# Let's Migrate to Cloud



#### What you are going to learn in this course!!!

- Why Migrate.
- AWS Migration Strategy.
- Most commonly used "Lift & Shift" Migration Strategy.
- Migration Pre-requisites.
- Step-by-step migration walkthrough that we are going to follow.
- Live implementation of the Migration walkthrough.



# Why Migrate?



### Factors that influence Migration

- High capital expenses.
- Complex management.
- Scalability challenges.
- Availability.
- Hardware that needs to be replaced every couple of years.





# AWS Migration Strategy.

# The 6R's of Migration

Repurchase aka – Drop & Shop

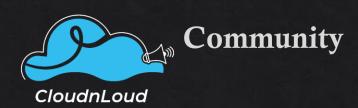
Rehost aka– Lift and Shift

Replatform aka– Lift, Tinker and Shift

Refactor or Re-Architect

Retire

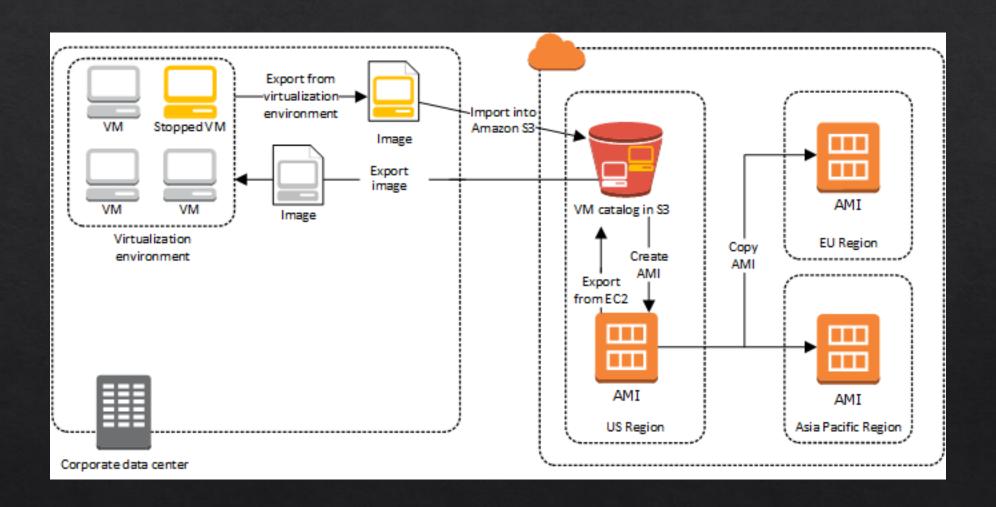
Retain



## Rehost ---- Lift & Shift



### Rehost – Import/Export-- Lift & Shift



# Import/Export-- Benefits

Migrate existing applications and workloads to Amazon EC2.

Import your VM image catalog to Amazon EC2.

Create a disaster recovery repository for VM images.





# AWS Migration Pre-requisites.

#### Things to consider before Migrating to Cloud

- Make sure the Disk images that you have exported are of AWS supported format
  - Ex: VMDK, VHD and OVA
- Check if the OS that you are trying to Migrate, Must be supported by AWS.



### Get Ready with the Pre-requisites!!!

- An AWS Account.
- An IAM user with Required Privileges (Admin privileges).
- One S3 bucket (We will be copying the disk images here)
- An IAM role named "vmimport".
- And finally the AWS CLI must be installed and configured on your local system or you can alternatively have an EC2 instance to perform the migration related commands.



### vmimport --- Role!!!

We first need to create the following policies before creating the vmimport role:

• We need to create file named trust-policy.json with following policy document.

aws iam create-role --role-name vmimport --assume-role-policy-document "file://C:\import\trust-policy.json"

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"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement":[
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetBucketLocation",
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:ListBucket"
      "Resource": [
         "arn:aws:s3:::disk-image-file-bucket",
        "arn:aws:s3:::disk-image-file-bucket/*"
  },
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetBucketLocation",
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:ListBucket",
        "s3:PutObject",
        "s3:GetBucketAc1"
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::export-bucket",
        "arn:aws:s3:::export-bucket/*"
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
         "ec2:ModifySnapshotAttribute",
        "ec2:CopySnapshot",
         "ec2:RegisterImage",
        "ec2:Describe*"
      "Resource": "*"
```

### vmimport --- Role!!!

• Now create a file name *role-policy.json* with the following policy.

aws iam put-role-policy --role-name vmimport --policy-name vmimport --policy-document "file://C:\import\role-policy.json"



### Step-by-Step Migration Walkthrough!!!

- Export the VM disk image in one of the supported format.
- Configure AWS CLI
- Upload the exported disk image/images to S3 bucket. (You can use CLI for better results.)
- Create the vmimport role with required policy documents.
- Then run the EC2 import image command to create the AMI out of Disk images stored in S3.
- Once we get the AMI, we can launch the EC2 machine or instance



### EC2 VM import image command.

aws ec2 import-image --description "My server VM" --disk-containers "file://C:\import\containers.json"

To monitor the import Image task run the following command: aws ec2 describe-import-image-tasks --import-task-ids import-ami-1234567890abcdef0





# Important AWS Documentation links.

Links...

How VM Import/Export works:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vm-import/latest/userguide/how-vm-import-export-works.html

VM Import/Export Requirements:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vm-import/latest/userguide/vmie\_prereqs.html

Importing a VM as an Image using VM Import/Export:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vm-import/latest/userguide/vmimport-image-import.html