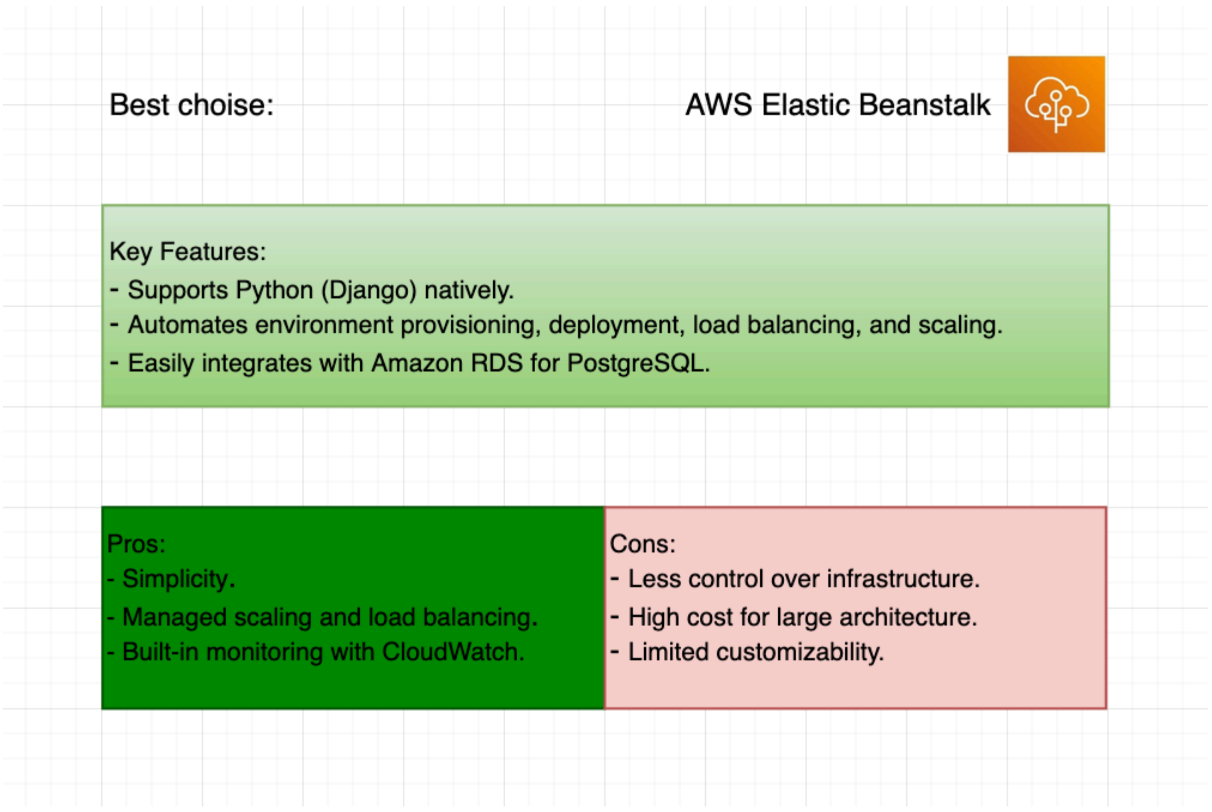
Task:

Find a way for deployment options for a Django-based website (excluding direct deployment on EC2), all suitable for serving a site that generates PDFs and uses PostgreSQL.

Best choise:

AWS Elastic Beanstalk is a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) that abstracts infrastructure management and handles the provisioning of resources like servers, load balancers, and autoscaling groups for web apps.



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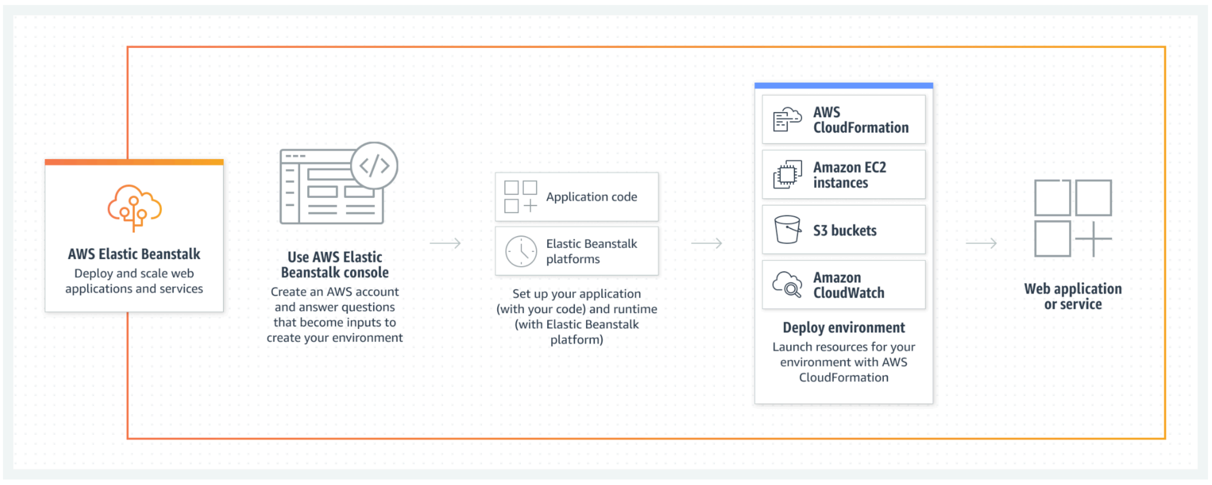
Key Features:
- Supports Python (Django) natively.
- Automates environment provisioning, deployment, load balancing, and scaling.
- Easily integrates with Amazon RDS for PostgreSQL.

Pros:	Cons:
- Simplicity.	- Less control over infrastructure.
- Managed scaling and load balancing.	- High cost for large architecture.
- Built-in monitoring with CloudWatch.	- Limited customizability.


AWS Elastic Beanstalk
Deploy and scale web applications and services
Use AWS Elastic Beanstalk console
Create an AWS account and answer questions that become inputs to create your environment
Application code
Elastic Beanstalk platforms
Set up your application (with your code) and runtime (with Elastic Beanstalk platform)
AWS CloudFormation
Amazon EC2 instances
S3 buckets
Amazon CloudWatch
Deploy environment
Launch resources for your environment with AWS CloudFormation
Web application or service

Other options:

AWS App Runner

AWS App Runner is a fully managed service by Amazon Web Services designed to make it easy to deploy containerized web applications and APIs—without needing to manage infrastructure. It sits between simple solutions like Elastic Beanstalk and more flexible ones like ECS or EKS.

Pros:

- Very simple setup
- Fully managed: No EC2 instances, no cluster configuration.
- Automatic scaling: Scales up/down based on traffic.
- Integrated with IAM, CloudWatch, and VPC.
- Supports custom domains.

Cons:

- Less control than ECS or EKS
- Cold starts can be noticeable if the app has no traffic for a while.
- Pricing can get expensive compared to EC2 for high-traffic apps.
- Still evolving: Fewer configuration options than mature services like ECS or Beanstalk.

AWS Fargate (via Amazon ECS) (Serverless)

AWS Fargate is a serverless container service that runs containers without requiring you to manage EC2 servers. You can deploy Django inside a Docker container and run it on Amazon ECS (Elastic Container Service) using Fargate.

Pros:

- No server management: Fargate handles scaling and infrastructure.
- More flexible than Beanstalk.
- Can isolate tasks.
- Works well with CI/CD tools like GitHub Actions or AWS CodePipeline.

Cons:

- More complex than Beanstalk.
- Requires creating and managing Docker containers.
- Debugging and local testing can be more complex.

AWS Lambda with API Gateway (Serverless)

Use AWS Lambda (Function-as-a-Service) to run parts of the Django app (e.g., PDF generation endpoints) in a serverless way, exposed via API Gateway. Django can be adapted using frameworks like Zappa, Chalice, or Serverless Framework.

Pros:

- Highly cost-effective for low-to-moderate traffic.
- Scales automatically without configuration.
- Ideal for event-driven parts (like PDF generation).
- No idle costs.

Cons:

- Cold start latency for infrequent requests.
- Limited execution time (15 mins), which might be tight for large PDFs.
- Django wasn’t designed for Lambda, so extra adaptation/config is needed.
- Not great for large, monolithic applications.