

AWS Cloud Practitioner (CLF-C02)

Last Minute Study Cheatsheet

How to use this PDF

- Review this 1–2 times before exam
 - Recognize keywords → instantly map to service → pick correct option
 - Focus on high-frequency services
 - Use as a last-day or last-hour revision booster
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High-weight services to master

- IAM
- S3
- EC2
- CloudWatch
- CloudTrail
- VPC Basics
- Route 53
- Billing (Budgets, Cost Explorer)
- Organizations
- GuardDuty
- Inspector
- Trusted Advisor
- CloudFront
- SNS / SQS / EventBridge
- Snow Family + Outposts + Storage Gateway

1. Well-Architected Framework Keywords

Pillar	Keywords
Reliability	Multi-AZ, Backup, Recovery
Performance Efficiency	Elasticity, Auto Scaling, Serverless
Operational Excellence	Monitoring, Automation, Rollback
Security	IAM, Least Privilege, MFA, KMS
Cost Optimization	Right Sizing, Reserved Instances, Spot Instances

2. Core Compute Services

Service	Keywords
EC2	Virtual Machine, SSH, Auto Scaling
Lambda	Serverless, Event-driven
Elastic Beanstalk	Application Deployment, Auto Management

3. Storage Services

Service	Keywords
S3	Object Storage, 99.999999999% durability
EFS	Shared File Storage, Linux
EBS	Block Storage, EC2 Persistent
Instance Store	Temporary Storage, Non-Persistent
Glacier	Archive, Low Cost, Retrieval Delay

4. Database Services

Service	Keywords
RDS	Relational Database, Managed
DynamoDB	NoSQL, Low Latency
Redshift	Data Warehouse, Analytics
Aurora	High Performance RDS Compatible

5. Security Services

Service	Keywords
IAM	Users, Roles, Policies
IAM Access Advisor	Permissions Last Used
IAM Access Analyzer	External Access Detection
GuardDuty	Threat Detection
Inspector	Vulnerability Management
Trusted Advisor	Security Checks, Best Practices
KMS	Encryption, Key Management

6. Networking & Content Delivery

Service	Keywords
VPC	Isolated Network
VPC Endpoints / PrivateLink	Private AWS Service Access
VPC Flow Logs	Network Traffic Monitoring
Direct Connect	Dedicated Line, Low Latency
Site-to-Site VPN	Encrypted Tunnel Over Internet
Client VPN	User VPN Access
Transit Gateway	Connect Multiple VPCs
CloudFront	CDN, Low Latency
Global Accelerator	Global App Performance Boost
Route 53	DNS, Domain Management

7. Management & Monitoring

Service	Keywords
CloudWatch	Monitoring, Metrics, Logs
CloudTrail	API Activity, Auditing
Systems Manager	Patch Management, Automation
Config	Resource Compliance
OpsHub	AWS Snow Family Management

8. Migration & Hybrid (Snow Family, Outposts)

Service	Keywords
Snowcone, Snowball, Snowmobile	Data Transfer to Cloud
Storage Gateway	Hybrid Cloud Storage
Outposts	AWS Services On-Prem
Local Zones	AWS Infra close to users
Wavelength	Ultra-low latency at edge

9. Application Integration & Messaging

Service	Keywords
SNS	Pub/Sub Notifications
SQS	Message Queue
EventBridge	Event Bus
Pinpoint	Marketing Communications

10. Billing & Support

Service	Keywords
Billing Dashboard	View Costs
Budgets	Set Spend Limits
Cost Explorer	Analyze Spend
Organizations	Multi-Account Management
Consolidated Billing	Pay Once for All Accounts
Support Plans	Basic, Developer, Business, Enterprise

Final Exam Tips (high-yield last minute)

- Read questions carefully → eliminate wrong options
- Keywords → map to service
- Watch for distractors → e.g. EC2 vs Lambda vs Beanstalk
- Know Billing / Security / IAM very well
- Use common sense + keywords → many answers are logical

Special Keywords to Remember

Inspector vs Trusted Advisor

- Inspector → Vulnerabilities, CVE scan
- Trusted Advisor → Cost, Security, Limits

IAM Access Advisor vs Access Analyzer

- Access Advisor → Permissions Last Used
- Access Analyzer → Public / Cross-Account Access

Direct Connect vs Site-to-Site VPN

- Direct Connect → Dedicated Line
- VPN → Encrypted Over Internet

Instance Store vs EBS vs EFS vs S3

- Instance Store → Temporary
- EBS → Block Storage for EC2
- EFS → Shared File System
- S3 → Object Storage

Closing Thought

💡 If you recognize **keywords**, you will easily map them to the right AWS service and choose the correct answer.

💡 Focus on the **intent of the question** → Cost? Performance? Security? Scalability?