AWS exam:

Section 1: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs):

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- **2.** A
- **3.** C
- **4.** A
- **5.** B
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- **7.** A
- **8.** B
- **9.** C
- **10.** C
- **11.** A

Research-based AWS Questions - using google only:

12. What are AWS Landing Zones, and how do they help with multi-account governance?

AWS Landing Zones:

a well-architected, multi account AWS environment that is a starting point from which you can deploy workloads and applications. It's a good baseline for multi-account architecture, identity and access management, governance, data security, network design and logging.

how they help with multi account governance:

enables enforcement of controls to ensure compliance with corporate guidelines, across multiple accounts in your environment. LZ is a recommended cloud environment that includes default accounts, account structure, network deployment and security.

13. Explain how AWS WAF protects web applications from common attacks.

WAF - web application firewall- a security tool, protect our web app by filtering, monitoring, and blocking any malicious HTTP/S traffic traveling to the web application, prevents any unauthorized data from leaving the app. how:

- WAF creates rules to filter web requests based on conditions like IP addresses, http structure, or custom URIs.
- monitor the application's login page for unauthorized access to user accounts using compromised credentials.
- create and maintain rules automatically and incorporate them into the development and design process.

14. What is AWS Snowball, and when should it be used?

AWS Snowball is a service that provides secure devices capable of storing large amounts of data (like 100 TB) with strong end-to-end encryption. It allows clients to bring AWS computing and storage capabilities to edge locations and transfer data securely into and out of AWS. The service accelerates the transfer of large amounts of data to and from the AWS cloud using physical storage devices for transport.

You should use AWS Snowball when you need to Run computing in rugged, austere, mobile, or disconnected environments, or when you transfer large-scale data when bandwidth is insufficient for high-speed online transfer.

What are the key differences between AWS Backup and manual snapshot backups?

AWS snapshot is a point of time copy of an Amazon EBS volume for an EC2 instance with limited storage and recovery options.

AWS ec2 backup is more comprehensive and flexible copy of your cloud workloads, offering reliable protection and ensuring fast and consistent recovery.

key differences:

purpose:

snapshot: quick recovery, testing, virtual environments backup: focus on data protection and disaster recovery

recovery speed:

snapshot: faster restoration

backup: slower restoration due to larger data volume

storage efficiency:

snapshot: stores changes since last snapshot

backup: Stores complete data regardless of changes

Risk of Data Loss:

snapshot: potential loss of interim data

customer resources DDoS attacks.

backup: minimal risk if backups are properly managed

15. How does AWS Shield help mitigate DDoS attacks?

AWS shield managed DDoS protection service by providing dynamic detection and automatic inline mitigation that minimize application downtime and latency. all AWS customers get am automatic protection with no additional cost. its always on monitoring, means the AWS shield continuously monitors AWS global network traffic, searching for possible signs of DDoS malicious activity or targeting

when AWS shield detect DDoS attack, it automatically deploy inline mitigations to remove malicious traffic and helps regular traffic to reach intended customer systems.

16. Explain the differences between AWS Transit Gateway and VPC Peering.

VPC peering is network connection between two VPC, enables to route traffic between them privately.

AWS Transit Gateway is service that connects VPCs and on premises networks throw a broker- central hub without relying on few point to point connections or transit VPC.

differences:

connection type:

AWS Transit Gateway: central hub connection VPC peering: direct connection between VPCs

Scalability:

AWS Transit Gateway: highly scalable, easily connects multiple of VPCs - good at connection many VPCs

VPC peering: complex as more VPCs added - best for connecting small numbers of VPCs

complexity:

AWS Transit Gateway: simpler-one connection to the transit gateway connects to all VPC peering:_more VPCs = more complex

cost:

AWS Transit Gateway: additional cost

VPC peering: no additional charge (beyond data transfer)

17. What is AWS Step Functions, and how does it help with workflow automation?

AWS step function is visual workflow, fully managed service that enable the orchestration of microservices and serverless applications.

the service enable developers to create and managed multi step application workflow in the cloud. It help you to coordinate individual tasks into visual workflow, makes you build and update applications quickly by coordinate multiple services automatically, handling transitions between tasks, without manual intervention.

The workflow defines each step as an AWS lambda function task.

It helps with workflow automation by coordinate multiple services automatically, handling transitions between tasks, without manual intervention. automate IT security and processes, running tasks in parallel, visual and easy to use, .

18. How does AWS Control Tower assist organizations in managing multiple AWS accounts?

AWS control tower used to be cloud administrator and design to set up and govern a secure, multi account AWS environment. It automate the creation of AWS account. The automatically implements allows. It assist organization in managing multiple AWS accounts by keep your organization and accounts from drift, it applies controls and guardrails. Give the ability to use controls to help ensure that security logs and necessary cross-account access permissions are created, and not altered. Enable end users in the distributed teams to provide new AWS account quickly by Configurable account templates in Account Factory.

19. What is the significance of AWS Outposts in hybrid cloud solutions?

AWS Outposts is offer the same virtual infrastructure, services, APIs and tools of AWS in on-premises data centers or colocation space for hybrid experience. Enable customers to build and run applications on premises using the same programming interfaces in AWS regions. AWS Outposts helps brings the gap between the on premises infrastructure and the public cloud.

20. Explain the key use cases for AWS Elastic File System (EFS) compared to S3 and EBS.

Amazon EFS is a file system, provides simple. Scalable, elastic file storage.

S3 is a static storage service, secure and highly scalable object storage, objects are stored in Buckets.

EBS is Amazon's block-level storage solution used with ec2 cloud service to store persistent data.

Type of storage:

EFS: file systems storage for multiple ec2-instance S3: object storage (like photos, videos, documents...)

EBS: block storage for an EC2 instance

durability:

EFS: stored redundantly across multiple az

S3: stored redundantly across multiple az, high durability

EBS: Stored redundantly in a single az

performance:

EFS: moderate- depends on network conditions

S3: lower- object based access

EBS: high- predictable i/o throughout

typical use cases:

EFS: application data, shared files, content management systems S3: backups, archives, static website content, big data analytics EBS: databases, operating systems, mission critical applications

max storage:

EFS: unlimited S3: unlimited

EBS: has limitations (16 TB for one volume)

scalability:

EFS: automatically grow and shrink as adding and remove files

S3: highly scalable

EBS: limited, manually increase or decrease the memory size, add and remove additional volumes to and from your EC2 instance when you need more space

service endpoint:

EFS: within VPC

S3: within or without VPC

EBS: within VPC

Section 2: Hands-on UI-Based Questions

1. S3 bucket:

finding s3 create bucket \rightarrow gives the bucket name: "moran-bucket" \rightarrow kept the default settings (bucket type, object ownership, Block Public Access settings for this bucket) \rightarrow chose enable in backet versioning

after creating bucket:



edit permission section and generate policy according to the mission:

Effect	Allow			
Principal	arn:aws:iam::504949722475			
	Use a comma to separate multiple values.			
AWS Service	Amazon S3	~	All Services (***)	
	Use multiple statements to add permissions for	or more than one service.		
Actions	1 Action(s) Selected	All Actions ('*')		
Amazon Resource Name (ARN)	arn:aws:s3:::moran-bucket			
	ARN should follow the following format: am:aws:s3:::\${BucketName}/\${KeyName}. Use a comma to separate multiple values.			
	Add Conditions (Optional)			
	Add Statement			

Copy our arn user:

arn:aws:iam::504949722475:user/jb-user

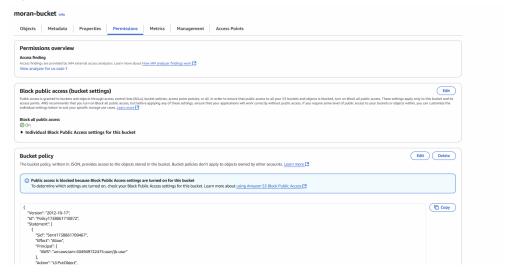


And create Jason file with the generastor:



with action "put object" only for upload objects (only upload objects).

final:

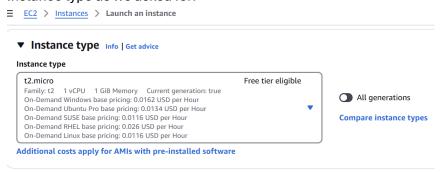


2. Launch ec2 instance:

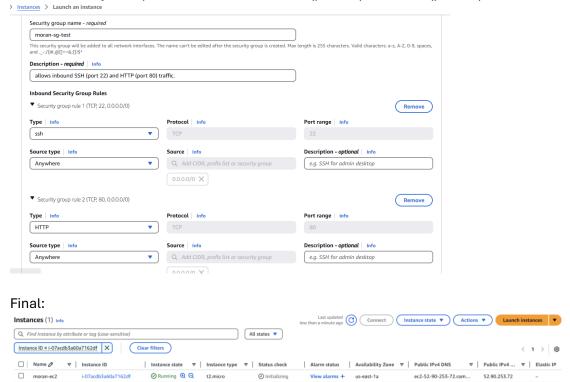
ec2 name: moran-instance amazon machine image in my decision



Instance type as we asked for:



Create Security Group that allows inbound SSH (port 22) and HTTP (port 80) traffic:



3. Configure an IAM User with S3 Access:

go to IAM and create new user named moran-user:

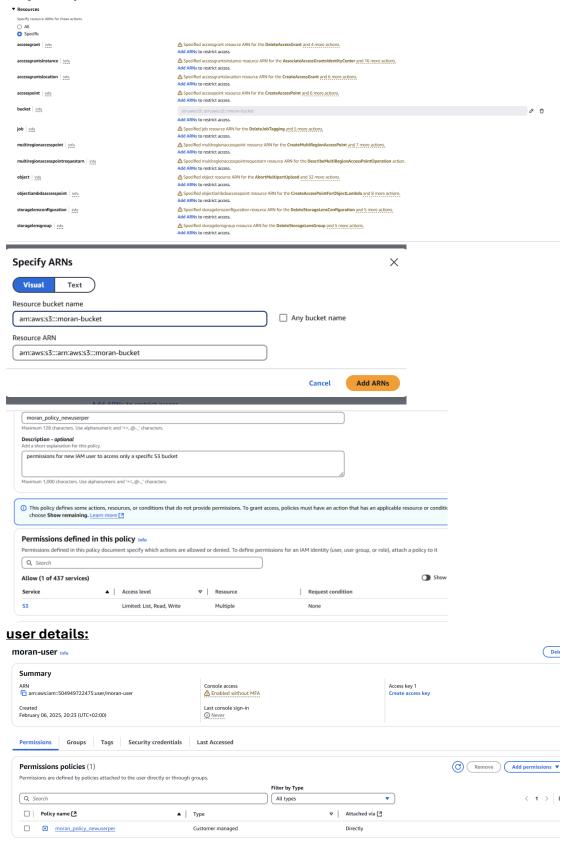


And create password, then create policy with specific perrmisions:



*list- only access to ListBucket, all the options for read and write.

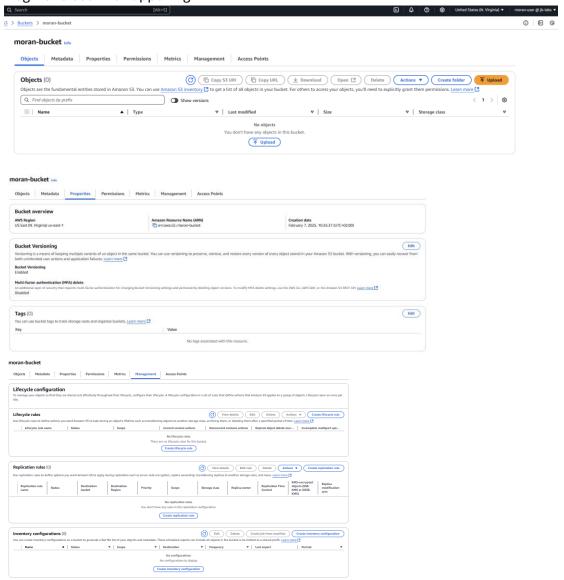
only one specific bucket:



How to verify the user has the correct permissions:

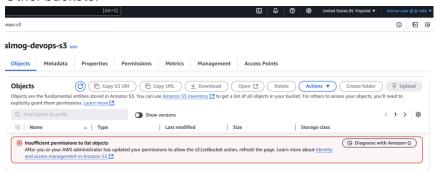
a possible solution can be to login to moran-user and check if the user have access

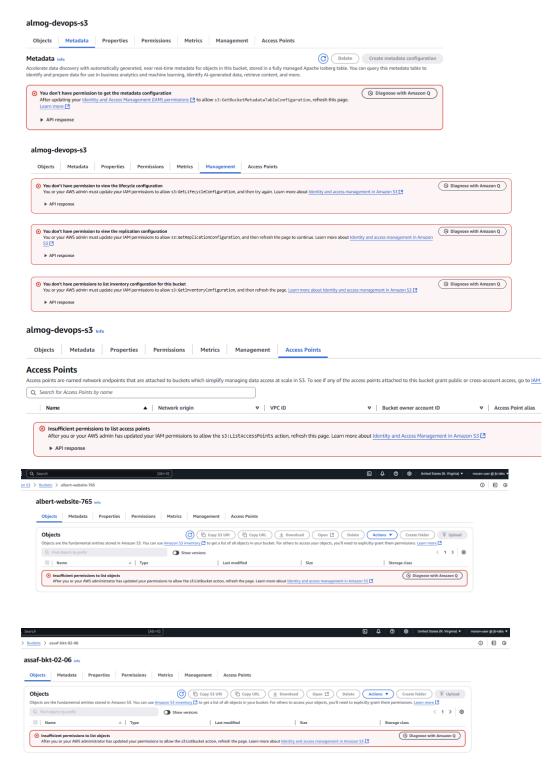
to moran-bucket and do not have permissions to the other buckets. I login and see this happening:



has permission!

Other buckets:





no permission! All the options are block.

4. Set Up a CloudWatch Alarm:

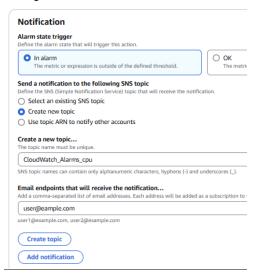
create -> select metric ec2 -> per instance metric -> CPUUtilization



Configuration of notification:

alarm state trigger- in alarm (when it does outside of the threshold)

Configure actions



final:

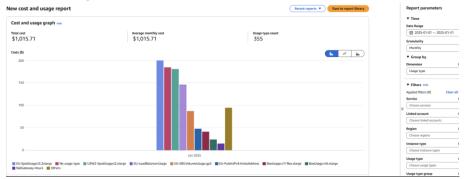


5. Identify AWS Billing Costs:

billing details from the last month:



analyze usage:



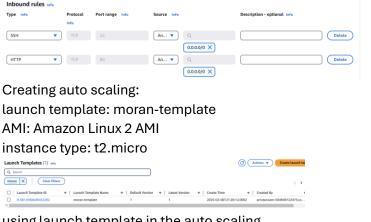
for example, if I filtered with S3 service, they spend 2.98\$ on January. For forecast costs, I chose in data range 1 month in the future – march, the forecast payment will be 2,012.61\$ avg.



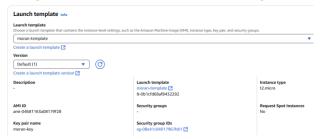
Section 3: Hands-on advanced:

1. Deploy an Auto Scaling Group with a Single EC2 Instance

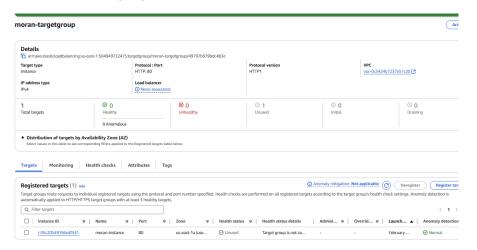
Creating security group called moran-sg with the inbound rules



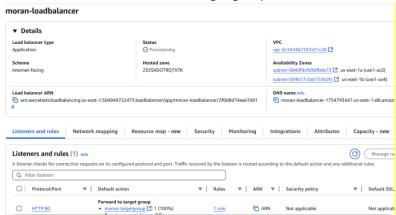
using launch template in the auto scaling



Create target group:

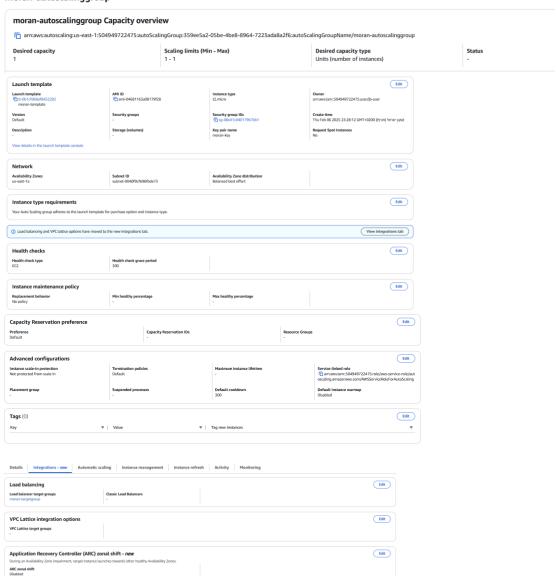


create load balancer with the target group:



auto scaling group information:

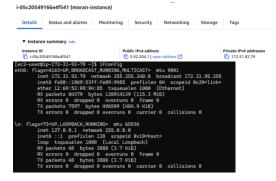
moran-autoscalinggroup



2. Connect to the EC2 Instance and Install Nginx

connecting to the machine with ssh:

checking same privet ip:



installing and running nginx and check that the curl works:

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-79 ~]$ systemctl status nginx

nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabled)
Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-02-06 22:16:46 UTC; 2min 6s ago

Main PID: 3616 (nginx)

CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service

-3616 nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx

-3617 nginx: worker process

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-79 ~]$ echo "<h1>Welcome to AWS Auto Scaling</h1>" | sudo tee /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html
<h1>Welcome to AWS Auto Scaling</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-79 ~]$ sudo systemctl start nginx
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-79 -]$ sudo systemctl enable nginx

Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/nginx.service to /usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-79 -]$ curl http://localhost:80
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3. Access the Web Page via the Load Balancer

Putting DNS name in the browser:

dns name: moran-loadbalancer-1754793447.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com



Welcome to AWS Auto Scaling

4. IAM User Setup for S3 Access: - same as section2-(3)

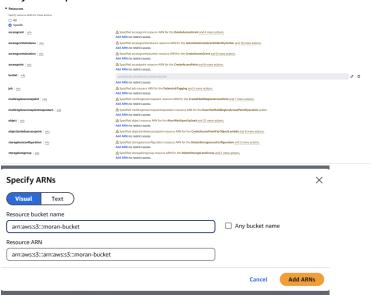
go to IAM and create new user named moran-user:

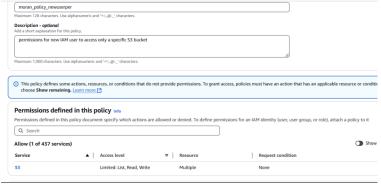


create password, then create policy with specific permissions: I decided to give read, write and list(only access to ListBucket to see the list buckets) permissions.

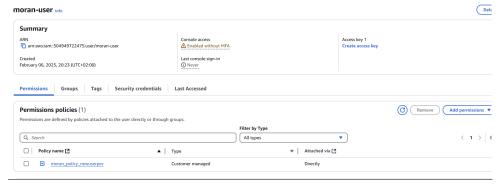
Policy editor			
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Δ	Dependent permissions not selected.		
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	 s3:CreateJob requires 1 more action. 		
	 s3-PutReplicationConfiguration requires 1 more action. 		
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only one specific bucket- moran-bucket:



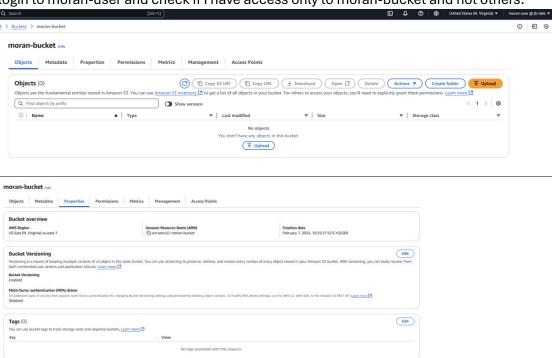


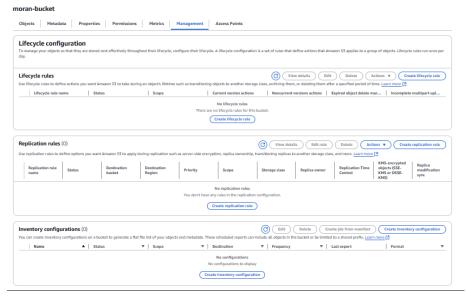
user details + we can see the attached policy:



Verify:

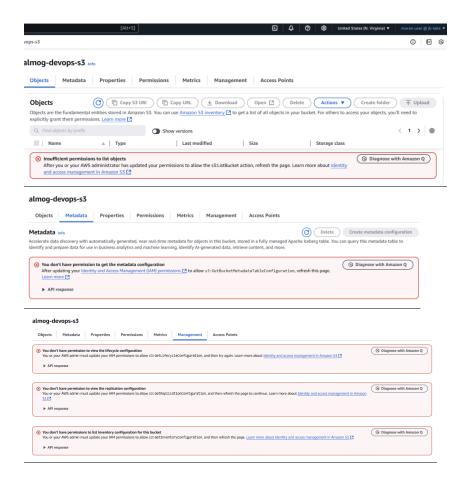
login to moran-user and check if I have access only to moran-bucket and not others:

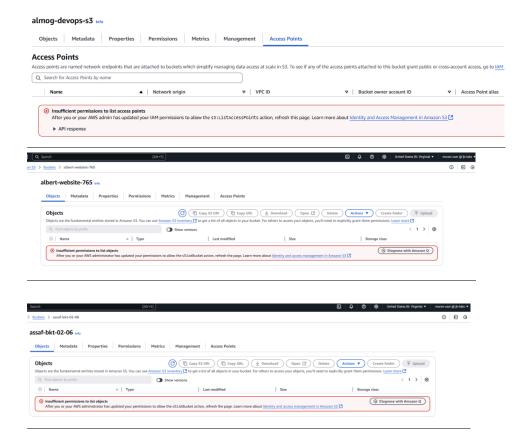




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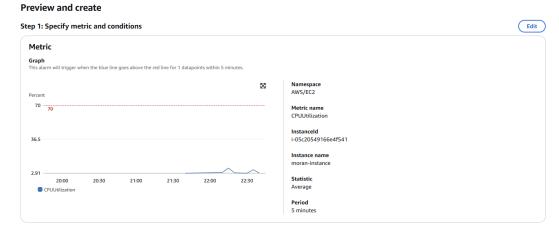




no permission! All the options are block.

5. Create a CloudWatch Alarm for CPU Usage:

CPU utilization exceeds 70% for 5 minutes.



Configure notifications via email (SNS).

