Compute Services Design

CHAPTER 4

EC2 Overview

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Compute Services

- EC2
- EBS

Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)

- Virtual machine in the cloud
- Pay as you go
- Integrates with storage, networking, and security

Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)

- FAST!!!!
 - Legacy models took weeks
 - From idea to inception in minutes

Supported Operating Systems

- Windows 2003 R2 through 2016
- Amazon Linux
- Debian
- SUSE
- CentOS
- Red Hat Enterprise
 Linux
- Ubuntu

EC2 Benefits

- Time to market
- Scalability
- Reliability
- Security
- Control
- Services integration
- Cost efficiency

EC2 Deployment

Select an
Amazon
Machine
Image (AMI)

Configure
networking
and security

Choose the instance type

Start the instance

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Attach storage (EBS)

5

Choose the Availability Zone (AZ)

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EC2 Instance Types

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General Purpose

- T2, M5, M4, and M3
- Provides a balance of memory and network resources

General Purpose

- T2 provides burst performance
 - Credits accrue during idle times
 - Credits used to burst performance
- M5, M4, and M3 have no burst option
 - Good for development, staging, etc.

Compute Optimized

- C5, C4, and C3
- Useful for CPUintensive applications
 - Media coding
 - Intensive batch jobs
 - Many concurrent users
 - Gaming servers
 - Anything computeintensive

Memory Optimized

- X1e, X1, R4, and R3
- Useful for high memory requirements
 - Processing large data sets
 - In-memory databases
 - Big data processing

Storage Optimized

- H1, I3, and D2
- Useful for high sequential read/writes to local storage
 - Relational databases
 - Data warehousing
 - Image storage and processing

Advanced Computing

- P3, P2, G3, and F1
- Useful for specialty hardware compute requirements
 - Graphic Processing Unit (GPU)
 - Field Programmable
 Gate Array (FPGA)

EC2 Instance Features

- Encryption
- Placement groups
- Multiple storage types

EC2 Pricing

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Pricing Categories

- On-demand
 - Charged for usage time at a flat rate
 - Billed in 60-second increments rounded up

Pricing Categories

- Reserved
 - Hours
 - Reserve usage minimum 1 year
 - Can be less expensive than on-demand

Pricing Categories

- Spot
 - Bid on unused compute time
 - Up to a 90% discount over on-demand

Reserved Instance Pricing

- 1 year
 - No up-front costs (\$\$\$\$\$)
 - Partial up-front costs (\$\$\$\$)
 - All up-front costs (\$\$\$\$)
- 3 years
 - No up-front costs (\$\$\$)
 - Partial up-front costs (\$\$)
 - All up-front costs (\$)

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Looking at pricing information

EBS and EC2

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EBS

- Persistent block storage
- Requires an EBSoptimized instance
- Magnetic or SSD
 - General purpose or PIOPS

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Creating an EBS-optimized instance