

## i. Utilizing Autoscaling Policies in AWS.

Autoscaling is vital for managing application availability and minimizing costs. It automatically adjusts the amount of computational resources based on the server load. Here's a detailed approach John can use:

1. **Create Autoscaling Groups:** An Autoscaling Group contains a collection of EC2 instances that are treated as a pool for scalability and management. John needs to specify parameters such as the minimum and maximum number of instances, desired capacity, and the types of instances to be used.

2. **Set up Scaling Triggers:** John can configure triggers based on CloudWatch alarms. For instance, if CPU utilization exceeds a certain threshold for a predefined period, an alarm triggers the autoscaling policy to either launch additional instances or terminate some, depending on the need.

3. Scheduled Scaling Actions: Recognizing Predictable Usage patterns. (e.g. higher traffic on weekends or during specific hours). John can schedule scaling actions to automatically scale out (add more instances) or scale in (remove instances) to handle the expected changes in application load without manual intervention.

4. Testing and Adjustments: After implementing autoScaling, it's crucial for John to monitor the system's behavior under different loads, analyze the performance, and adjust policies and parameters as necessary.

ii. Using AWS CloudFront for Enhanced Performance and Reliability.

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### 1. Setup and Configuration of Distributions:

John must configure a CloudFront distribution, which involves specifying the origin server (like Amazon S3 bucket or an HTTP server) from which CloudFront gets the content. He should select the distribution settings, such as whether to use the content caching behavior, and the geographical locations to serve.

### 2. Caching and Cache Invalidation: Efficient

caching is key to performance improvement. John should define how long each type of content is cached via Cache-Control headers or CloudFront caching policies. Sometimes, it may be necessary to remove content from the cache sooner than planned (cache invalidation) which can be managed through the CloudFront management console.

### 3. Security Features:

To enhance security, John can configure CloudFront to use HTTPS to secure data in transit and integrate it with AWS WAF, protecting the application from common web exploits. Additionally, he can utilize geo-restriction features to prevent users in specific

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### iii. Incorporating Docker in Development and Deployment

Docker simplifies deployment by allowing developers to package an application with all its dependencies into a standardized unit for software development known as a container.

#### 1. Consistent Development Environments:

Docker eliminates the "it works on my machine" problem by allowing developers to work in the same environment as the one that will host the application in production, reducing compatibility issues.

#### 2. Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD):

Docker integrates smoothly with CI/CD pipelines. Containers can be used to automatically build, test, and deploy applications in various stages of the development life cycle, enhancing the speed and reliability of deployment processes.