

Google Authenticator → used to create a virtual MFA

- What is the specific reason to create a bucket in same region?
- A: To reduce latency so that it takes less time to access data
It is also known as "storing it in edge location"
 - Can we create a bucket starting with no.?
 - A: Yes, we can, 3-63 characters & can start with lower case letter & no- & it should not start (or) have any spcl characters (or) Uppercase letters.
 - YAML is the other format used in CloudFormation other than JSON.
 - If we want to update stack then what should be done?
As By using AWS console / manually by using JSON editor
 - No. of resources in template -?.
 - It allows ~~access~~ customers to manage users & permissions in AWS.
 - Every user we create in the IAM system starts with no permissions
 - When accessing an organization, AWS use of API access credentials: Console passwords, Access keys & Signing certificates must be evaluated
 - IAM limit → 2 to 1,224 characters • Alphanumeric
 - Path names must begin & end with "/".
Forward without spaces
Can include symbols

Features of IAM:

- * 1. Shared access to your AWS account.
 - * 2. Granular permissions
 - * 3. Secured access to AWS resources for applicat's that run on EC2
 - * 4. MFA 5. Identity Federation 6. Free to use *
 - * 7. Eventually consistent
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- * Over 500 resource types are supported by CloudFormation covering over AWS Services
 - * Each CloudFormation account is limited to a max. 200 stacks.
 - * Limit can be removed by requesting mail

EC2: Elastic Cloud Compute.

AZ: Availability zones:
This is a webservice from Amazon which provides resizable compute services in the cloud.
Resizable bcz they can easily scale up/down.

Why Designed to make web-scale cloud computing easier for developers. Its simple web service interface allows you to obtain & configure capacity with minimal friction.

AMI (Amazon Machine Image): These are templates of OS & they provide the info. needed to launch an instance.

Types of EC2 instances: M5

1. General Instances: Balance of performance & cost - eg: email
2. Compute: lot of processing from CPU - eg: analysing data from streams
3. Memory: heavy in nature, require lot of RAM - eg: multitasking of data
4. Storage: huge in size/have a dataset occupies a lot of space
5. GPU: heavy graphics rendering - eg: 3D modelling, data generation

Free tier eligible instance is "t2-micro".

t1 & t2 belongs to General instances
From GPU → what is the initials?

IAM, EC2, Networking

- AMI: it is an image of a server - including an OS & often additional SW - which runs on AWS
 - + Preconfigured templates for creation of virtual servers (EC2 instances) in AWS environment.
 - + users can select an AMI provided by AWS, the user community, or through AWS marketplace.

Example for AMI:

If we want to use a hadoop SW then first we have to select ~~AMI~~ which contain that on it.

Cost of EC2 instance

What can I do with EC2

It allows you with complete control of your computing resources.

It reduces time required to obtain & boot new server instances to minutes, scale up/down as your computing requirements change.

upto 5 Gbps.

Use case for T3 instances: Microservices, low-latency interactive applicat'n's, small & medium dbs, virtual desktops, development environments, code repositories, business-critical applicat'n's.

It has burstable CPU.

- a) General \rightarrow A1, T3, T3a, T2, M6g, M5, M5a, M5n, M4.
- b) Compute \rightarrow C5, C5n, C4
- c) Memory \rightarrow R5, R5a, R5n, R54, X1e, X1, High memory, Z1d
- d) Storage \rightarrow I3, I3en, D2, H1.
- e) GPU \rightarrow Accelerated Computing \rightarrow P3, P2, Inf1, G4, G3, F1

1. Identity Federation: It is a method that uses an existing authentication solutⁿ to grant access & authorization to another solutⁿ without recreating user IDs and having multiple passwords to remember.

There are several types of authentication & several technologies that can be used to authenticate b/w independent solutions with a common & centralized authority source.

It comes in many forms but the objective & fundⁿs is pretty much the same. Use a central directory to maintain user IDs & passwords that can grant access to an independent solution without having to have multiple user stores.

Common purpose of it is to grant or revoke user access from a single locatⁿ to multiple services. This way, a user can come & go from the organizatⁿs. You don't have to administer the user accounts & authⁿ in every single system that u have in your enterprise. AWS is simply an extension of your enterprise. It should be treated as such so that u can control access to our new infrastructure services at AWS from a single federated source.

The concept of this is common & there are several underlying technologies that can be used to achieve this authⁿ from a single central locatⁿ.

Jayendra Patil's Blog

* AWS Identity Federation is the concept of using external authorization sources to permit access to AWS console & AWS resources.

~~Placement Groups~~

* Placement Groups: It determines how instances are placed on underlying hardware. These are logical groupings/clusters of instances in a particular AWS region. Mainly used for launching cluster compute instance types.

3 strategies: Cluster, Partition & Spread. high bandwidth

1. Cluster: Clusters instances into a low-latency group in a single AZ. It can span peered VPCs in same Region

2. Partition: Spreads instances across logical partitions, ensuring that instances in one partition do not share underlying h/w with instances in other partition. (There are 3 partitions).

3. Spread: Spreads instances across underlying h/w: (7 instances in same AZ)
→ A partition placement group can have partitions in multiple AZs in same Region

Rules:

1. Name should be unique for the region.

2. U can't merge pg's.

3. Only one instance can be launched at a time

* We can add 50 tags per pg.

* Max 8 clusters per AWS account in cluster (1)

what: Feature that enables EC2 instances to interact with each other via high bandwidth, low latency connectivity

* PGs is only available within a single AZ & across peered VPCs.

* EBS optimizations:

EBS supports single instance environments, with a single instance & auto scaling to maintain max/min instance.

→ EBS optimized instances deliver dedicated bandwidth to EBS. These uses an optimized configuration stack and provides additional, dedicated capacity for Amazon EBS I/O.

a1.medium*	a1.4xlarge	min: a1 → 3,500 min
a1.large*	a1.metal	c4 → 500,750
a1.xlarge*	c4.large	min: 437.5 → a1
a1.2xlarge*	c4.xlarge	62.5 → c4 93.75 → c4

* EBS snapshots:

Backup data on EBS volumes to S3 by snapshots.

→ These are incremental backups, which means only blocks on device that have changed after recent snapshot are saved.

→ Tracking the status of EBS snapshots can be done through CloudWatch events.

* Pricing: Charges for snapshots are based on amount of data stored.

→ It supports EBS encryption.

- If you copy & encrypt it to a new CMK, a completed copy is already created, resulting in additional delay & storage costs.
- A snapshot can be constrained to region where it was created.
- Can copy snapshots across Regions.

* Security Groups Vs (NACLs) (Network Access Control Lists):

- SG: Acts as firewall for associated Amazon instances controlling both inbound & outbound traffic at ^{1st layer of defense} instance level.
- ↳ NACLs: Acts as firewall for associated subnets, controlling both inbound & outbound traffic at subnet level ^{2nd layer of defense}.
- SG: Each instance within a subnet can be assigned a diff. set of SGs.
 - ↳ Instance can be assigned 5SGs with each SG having 5 rules.
 - ↳ Default SG allows no external inbound traffic but allows inbound traffic from instances with same SG, & allows all outbound traffic.
 - ↳ These can "specify" only allow rules, but not deny rules.
 - ↳ SG are stateful & associated with ENI (new interface).
- NACLs: It is an optional layer of security for the VPC.
 - ↳ These are not for granular control.
 - ↳ Have separate inbound & outbound rules, each rule can either allow (or) deny traffic.
 - ↳ Default ACL allows all inbound & outbound traffic.
 - ↳ Newly created ACL denies all traffic.

* NACL is a numbered list of rules that are evaluated in order to start with lowest numbered rule.
if NACLS are stateless.

* IAM users : It is an entity that we create in AWS.
Primary use of it is to give people the ability to sign in to console for interactive tasks & make programmatic requests to AWS services using CLI / API.

Default - Deny .

2 ways user authenticates against AWS:

a) API access key/ secret: Machine usage

b) Login/ Password - console usage

* In-line policy : A policy that lives in user & can only be used by user i.e., directly attached to the user & is permitted to that exact user.

This cannot be shared with other users, groups, roles

* Cannot have more than 2 API key / secret pairs assigned to user.

* User can belong to not more than 10 groups at same time

* Max 5000 Users can be created in an account

* IAM Groups: (Collection of users):

Instead of attaching policies to each user directly, groups will be formed & centralized authorization matrix for multiple IAM Users.

» Policies attached to group, donot limit but extend policies attached to User.

» If User has full access to S3 & Group has full access to EC2 then that user will have full Access to both EC2 & S3.

* IAM roles: Similar to user. It determines what identity can & cannot do in ACOS. Roles donot have any credentials.

- It can be created with some specific permissions.
- Instead of being uniquely associated with one person, a role is intended to be assumable by anyone who needs it.
- When u assume a role, it provides temporary security credentials for your role session.

STS: Security Token Service.

It provides short-term credentials.

* IAM Policies : Policy is a set of permissions which apply to a user, group / role.
It contains statements - Each statement contains:

- a) Effect - Allow/Deny
- b) Actⁿ - API calls.
- c) Resource - on which resource this statement has an effect
- d) Conditⁿ - in which circumstances this statement has applied.

6 types of policies

- 1. Identity based policies
- 2. Resource based policies
- 3. Permissions boundaries
- 4. Organizations SCPs (Service Control Policy)
- 5. Access Control Lists (ACLs)
- 6. Selection Policies.

Managed AWS managed
Customer managed

JSON Policy Structure: Series of elements.

Version
Statement
Sid (optional)

Effect

Principal

Actⁿ

Resource

Condition (optional)

→ Processed in milliseconds.

- AWS Lambda (Serverless Computing).
 - With serverless computing, application runs on servers, but all server management is done by AWS.
 - Pay per use basis.
 - It provides easy scaling & high availability to the code without additional effort on your part.
 - It runs many instances in parallel.
 - Lambda stores code in S3 & encrypts it at rest. It performs additional checks while the code is in use.
 - Time out is between 1 & 900 sec. Default is 3 sec.
 - Event source publishes events & Lambda function is a custom code that processes events.
 - Restrictions:
 - a) Inbound network connections are blocked by this.
 - b) Outbound network only TCP/IP sockets are supported.
 - Lambda automatically monitors functions, reporting real-time metrics through CloudWatch.
 - Lambda automatically integrates with CloudWatch logs.
 - Lambda function supports code written in:
Node.js
Python
Java
C#
Go

- For sensitive info, AWS recommends using client-side encryption using AWS key management service. & store resulting values as cipher text in environment variable.
- DO versioning of same funct.
- Versioning can be completed using Aliases.
- Aliases is a pointer to a specific function version with unique ARN.
- Aliases helps in rolling out new changes / rolling back to old versions.
- It can be configured to connect to private subnets in VPC in aws account.

* Def: AWS Lambda is a responsive cloud service that inspects actions within application & responds by deploying the user-defined codes known as functions.

- Never declare any functⁿ variable outside the scope of the handler.

Benefits:

- a) Lambda tasks need not to be registered like amazon SWF activity types.
- b) We can use existing lambda functions that have already defined in workflows.
- c) Lambda provides metrics & logs for tracking function executions.

Limits

* 3 types

a) Throttle limit: 100 concurrent lambda functions per account (can be increased by contacting support).

no. of concurrent executions for a funitⁿ =
(avg. duratⁿ of funtⁿ executⁿ) x (no. of request or
events processed by AWS Lambda)

b) Resources limit:

Resource	Default limit
Ephemeral disk Capacity ("tmp" space)	512MB
No. of file descriptors	1024
No. of processes + threads (combined total)	1024
Max. execut ⁿ durat ⁿ per request	300 sec.
Invoke request body payload size	6 MB
Invoke response body payload size	6 MB

c) Service limit:

Lambda funct ⁿ deployment package size (.zip/.jar file)	50MB
Size of code/dependencies that zip into deployment package (uncompressed zip/jar size)	250MB
Tot. size of all deployment packages that can be uploaded	1.5 GB
No. of unique event sources of Scheduled Event source type per account	50
No. of unique lambda functions u connect to each scheduled event	5

* EC2 Architectures

EC2 allow users to use virtual machines of diff config. as per their requirement.

