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# Architect for success with cloud foundations

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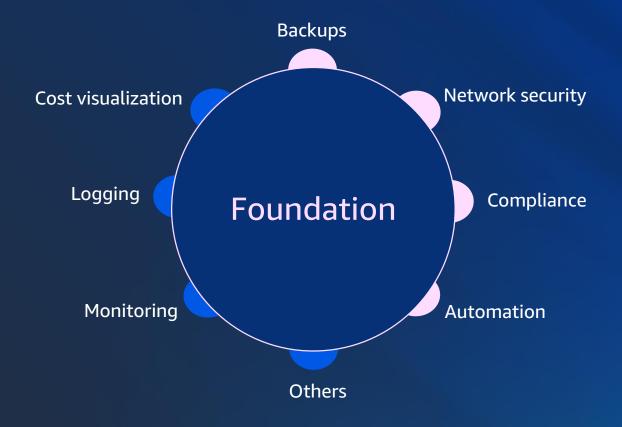
# Agenda

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- Why build a cloud foundation?
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### What is a cloud foundation

A cloud foundation refers to the core elements that ensure reliability, scalability, security and efficiency of a cloud based infrastructure





# Why build a cloud foundation?



## Misconfigurations seep into ad-hoc cloud environments

Cloud environments get misconfigured, when foundational aspects are not given due consideration

Misconfiguration symptoms

Change impacting across environment

Lack of clarity around compliance

Lack of clarity about inventory

Inability to experiment



# Business impacts of misconfigured environments

Misconfiguration in turn can become a cause for direct business impacts

Misconfiguration symptoms

Impacts of misconfiguration

Change impacting across environment

Extended outages & financial losses

Lack of clarity around compliance

Delayed audits, hampered integrations

Lack of clarity about inventory

Cost overruns & security risk

Inability to experiment

Lack of innovation



### Build a foundation to maximize benefits of cloud

Building a cloud foundation can remedy these issues by employing best practices

Misconfiguration symptoms

Impacts of misconfiguration

Avoid impacts by building a foundation

Change impacting across environment

Extended outages & financial losses

A Customer created isolated environment to accelerate development by 5x

Lack of clarity around compliance

Delayed audits, hampered integrations

A Customer used security incident response to monitor compliance and enable B2B audits

Lack of clarity about inventory

Cost overruns & security risk

A Customer gained 100% real time visibility into their infrastructure using Inventory & monitoring

Inability to experiment

Lack of innovation

A customer was able to foster innovation with isolated environments & policy based security.



# How to build a cloud foundation?



## Requirements, best practices and implementation

Finalize your requirements, map them to best practices and implement these using automation





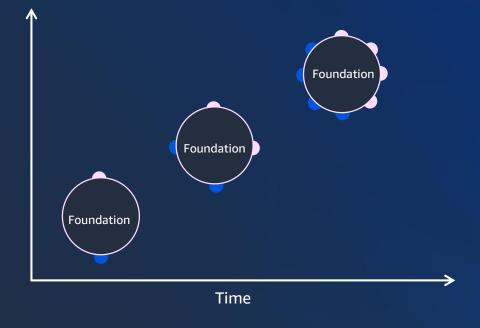




## Define the right foundation that meets your needs

There isn't a size fits all foundation. What makes up you foundation, is defined by your requirements

- Org Size & Complexity
- Industry regulation
- Cloud adoption maturity



**Cloud Foundation Maturity Map** 





# **Best Practices**

Requirements



**Best Practices** 



#### Implementation





## Map requirements to best practices



How do you determine, which best practices to use?



### **AWS Architecture Center: Cloud Foundations**

AWS Cloud Foundations defines 30 capabilities that span six categories to address different areas of challenges that customers face when establishing and operating a cloud environment.

A capability includes a definition, scenarios, opinionated guidance, and supporting automation





## Implementation

Establish a team & process for adoption of best practices at the outset to build a foundation

Requirements



**Best Practices** 



#### Implementation





## Get started with these 5 primary steps

Get started now with these 5 primary steps that can help you irrespective of the size of your organization, industry or state of cloud adoption

- 1. Establish the account as an operational unit
  - 2. Centralize security view, for response and remediation
    - 3. Simplify access using identity federation
      - 4. Classify and isolate workload environments
        - 5. Implement top down permission control

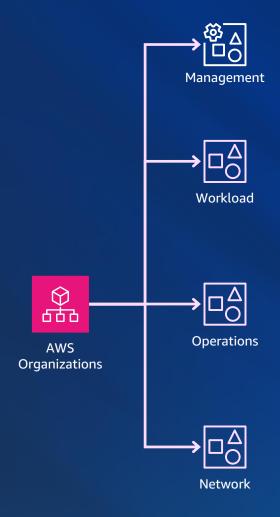


## 1. Establish the account as an operational unit

- Use a multi account strategy
- Use each account for only 1 function

#### <u>Benefits</u>

- Segregation of functions & responsibilities
- Easy implementation of the principal of least privilege

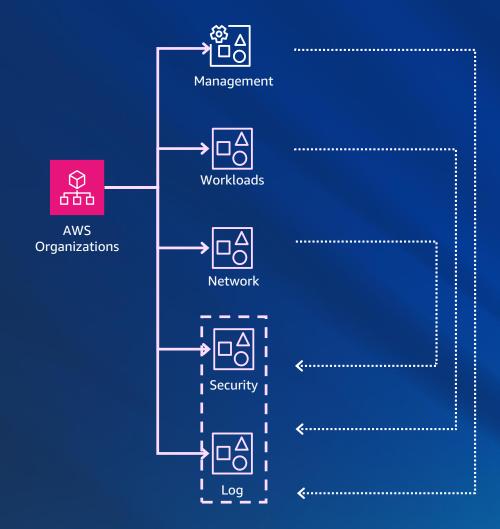




# 2. Centralize security view, for response and remediation

- Setup a dedicated account for log storage.
- Setup a dedicated account for hosting security tools

- Centralized logs to enable cross application and platform issue forensics
- Centralized security view for response and remediation

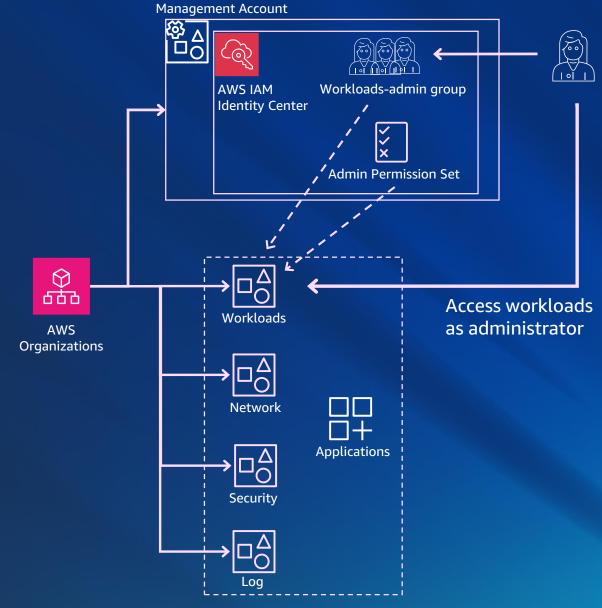




# 3: Simplify access using identity federation

Setup unified access control using AWS IAM Identity center

- Single pane for managing all human and programmatic access
- Use of one login in AWS and other supported applications

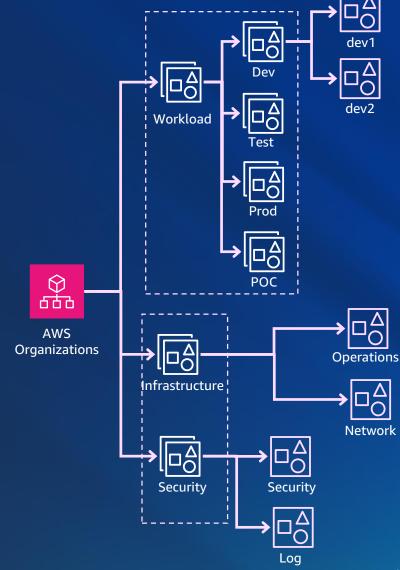




## 4. Classify and isolate workload environments

Create individual OUs for each workload environment

- Containment of blast radius for security issues and infrastructure misconfigurations
- Easy and fearless experimentation

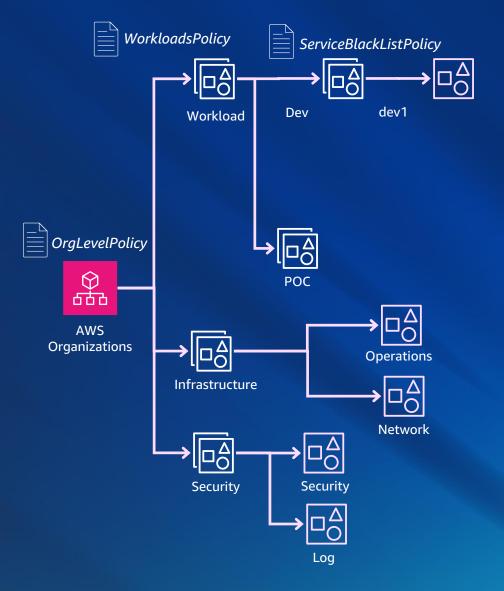




# 5. Implement top down permission control

- Implement policy based control using AWS Service Control Policies
- Implement Tag Policies to ensure minimum application of tags

- Overarching control on permissions in the environment irrespective of IAM permissions.
- Top down cost control





## **AWS Solutions Library**

#### Solutions For cloud foundations capabilities

#### <u>Infrastructure</u>

- Workload isolation boundary
- Network security
- Network connectivity

#### Security

- Application security
- Identity management & access control
- Security incident response

#### **Operations**

- Logging & monitoring
- Developer experience & tools

#### Governance, Risk & Compliance

- Change management
- Governance
- Log storage
- Tagging

#### **Finance**

- Cloud financial management
- Resource inventory management



## Implementation using solution or guidance





## Recap

- What: A cloud foundation refers to the core elements and principles that ensure reliability, scalability, security and efficiency of a cloud based infrastructure
- Why: Building a foundation helps you avoid misconfiguration and guard against potential negative impacts
- How: To build a cloud foundation you need to out together:

#### Requirements



- Industry
- Organization size
- Organizational complexity
- Cloud adoption maturity

#### Best practices



- 5 primary steps
- Capabilities and categories

#### **Implementation**



- AWS services
- Guidance
- Solutions

Get started today with 5 steps to build a simple multi-account foundation



## Next steps

- Learn more about the categories, capabilities, guidance and solutions
  - ✓ AWS Architecture Center Cloud Foundations
  - ✓ AWS Solutions Library Cloud Foundations
- Watch demos on 5 primary steps to get started
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Contact your AWS rep on guidance to built the cloud foundation customized for your needs



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