

Potential Failure Modes and Effects

Key Date N/A

Item / Function	Potential Failure Mode(s)	Potential Effect(s) of Failure	Sev	Potential Cause(s)/ Mechanism(s) of Failure	Prob	Current Design Controls	Det	RPN	Recommended Action(s)	Responsibility & Target Completion Date	Action Results				
											Actions Taken	How	When	Who	New RPN
Availability Zone Durability	Permanent destruction of zone	Total data loss in zone	8	Fire or flood inside building or destruction of datacenter building	2	Cross zone synchronous replication to over 10Km away	1	16	Ensure that system can run on two out of three zones						0
	Temporary loss of zone	Loss of compute capacity and non-durable state in zone	5	Power or cooling outage causes reboot of part or all of a datacenter building	3	Cross zone synchronous replication to over 10Km away	1	15	Ensure that system can run on two out of three zones						
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Region Connectivity	Address un-resolvable	Delay while DNS times out, slow fallback response	5	DNS configuration error, denial of service attack, or provider failure	1			0	Dual redundant DNS, fallback to local cache, hardcoded IP addresses. Endpoint monitoring and alerts						0
	Unreachable, request undeliverable	Fast fail, no response	4	Network route down	1			0	Failover to secondary region						0
	Request undeliverable	Connect timeout, slow fail, no response	4	Router frozen/not accepting connection	1			0	Failover to secondary region						0
	Request delivered, no response - stall	Application request timeout, slow fail, no response	4	Broken router, overloaded network or slow dependencies	1			0	Failover to secondary region						0
	Response undeliverable	Application request timeout, slow fail, no response	4	Network return route failure, dropped packets	1			0	Failover to secondary region						0
	Response received in time but empty or unintelligible	Fast fail, no response	3	Network response failure	2			0	Failover to secondary region						0
	Request delivered, response delayed beyond spec	Degraded response arrives too late, slow fallback response	6	Network overloaded dependent services responding slowly	2			0	Failover to secondary region						0
	Request delivered, degraded response delivered in time	Degraded timely response	2	Service overloaded, dependent services responding slowly	2			0	Alert operators						0