

X-Ray Concepts

- Segments: each application / service will send them
- Subsegments: if you need more details in your segment
- Trace: segments collected together to form an end-to-end trace
- Sampling: decrease the amount of requests sent to X-Ray, reduce cost
- Annotations: Key Value pairs used to **index** traces and use with **filters**
- Metadata: Key Value pairs, **not indexed**, not used for searching
- The X-Ray daemon / agent has a config to send traces cross account:
 - make sure the IAM permissions are correct – the agent will assume the role
 - This allows to have a central account for all your application tracing