



# Module 2: Cloud Economics and Billing

AWS Academy Cloud Foundations

# Module overview

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## Topics

- Fundamentals of pricing
- Total Cost of Ownership
- AWS Organizations
- AWS Billing and Cost Management
- Technical Support

## Demo

- Overview of the Billing Dashboard

## Activities

- AWS Pricing Calculator
- Support plans scavenger hunt



**Knowledge check**

# Module objectives

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After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Explain the AWS pricing philosophy
- Recognize fundamental pricing characteristics
- Indicate the elements of total cost of ownership
- Discuss the results of the AWS Pricing Calculator
- Identify how to set up an organizational structure that simplifies billing and account visibility to review cost data.
- Identify the functionality in the AWS Billing Dashboard
- Describe how to use AWS Bills, AWS Cost Explorer, AWS Budgets, and AWS Cost and Usage Reports
- Identify the various AWS technical support plans and features

# Section 1: Fundamentals of pricing

## Module 2: Cloud Economics and Billing

# AWS pricing model

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## Three fundamental drivers of cost with AWS

### Compute

- Charged per hour/second\*
- Varies by instance type

\*Linux only

### Storage

- Charged typically per GB

### Data transfer

- Outbound is aggregated and charged
- Inbound has no charge (with some exceptions)
- Charged typically per GB

# How do you pay for AWS?

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Pay for what you use



Pay less when you reserve



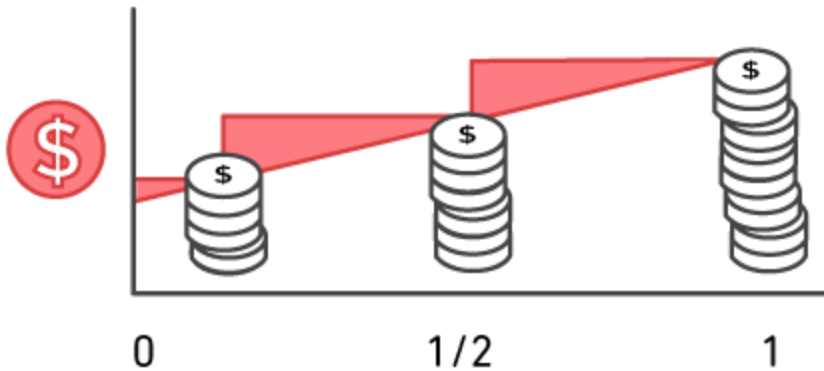
Pay less when you use more and as AWS grows



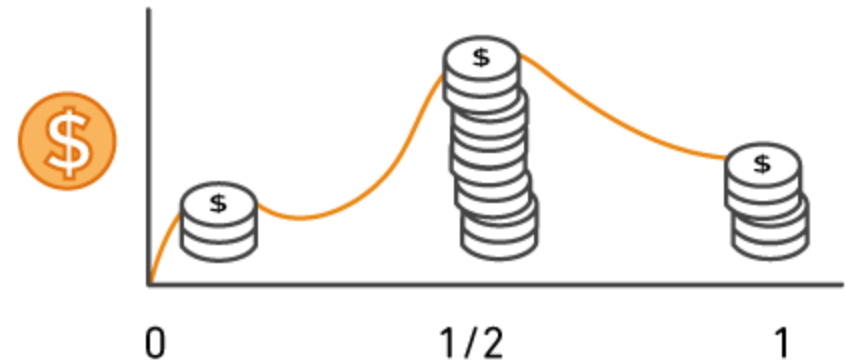
# Pay for what you use

Pay only for the services that you consume, with no large upfront expenses.

**On premises**



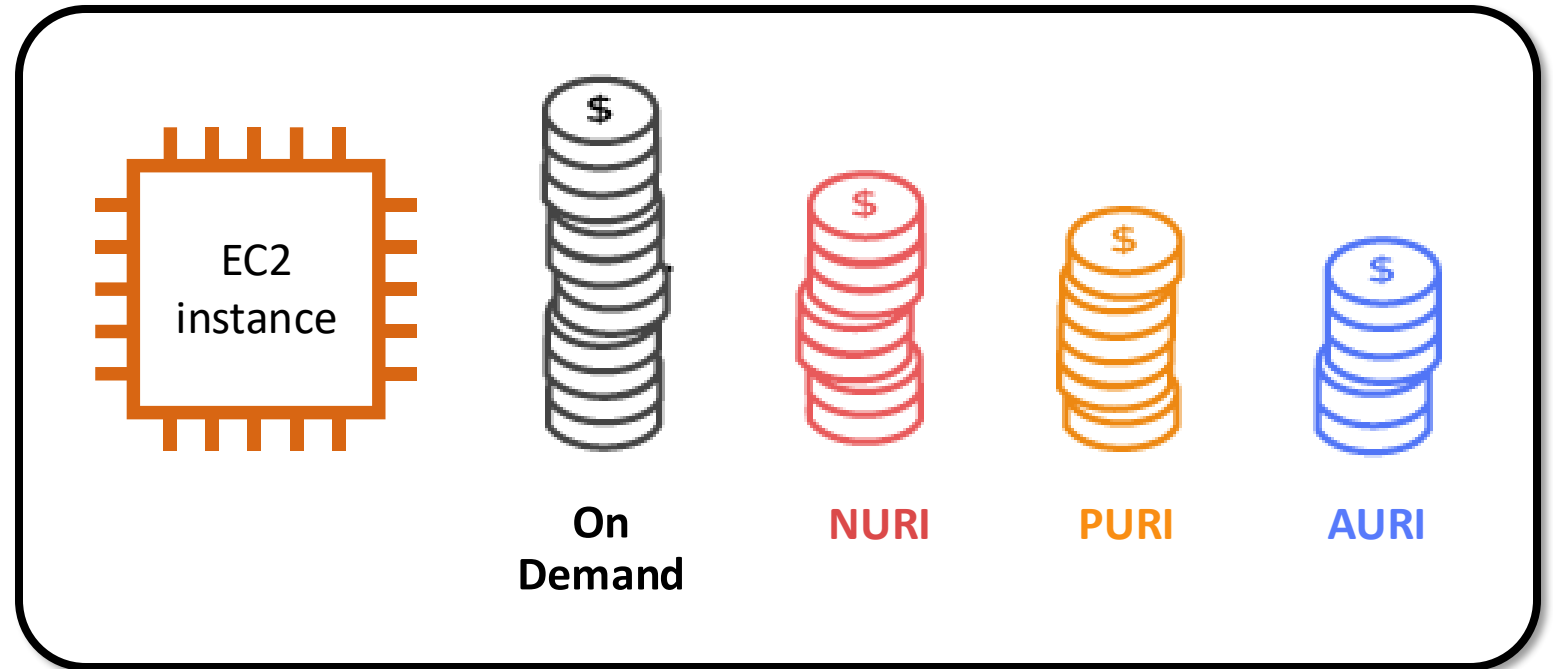
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# Pay less when you reserve

## Invest in Reserved Instances (RIs):

- Save up to 75 percent
- Options:
  - All Upfront Reserved Instance (**AURI**) → **largest discount**
  - Partial Upfront Reserved Instance (**PURI**) → **lower discounts**
  - No Upfront Payments Reserved Instance (**NURI**) → **smaller discount**

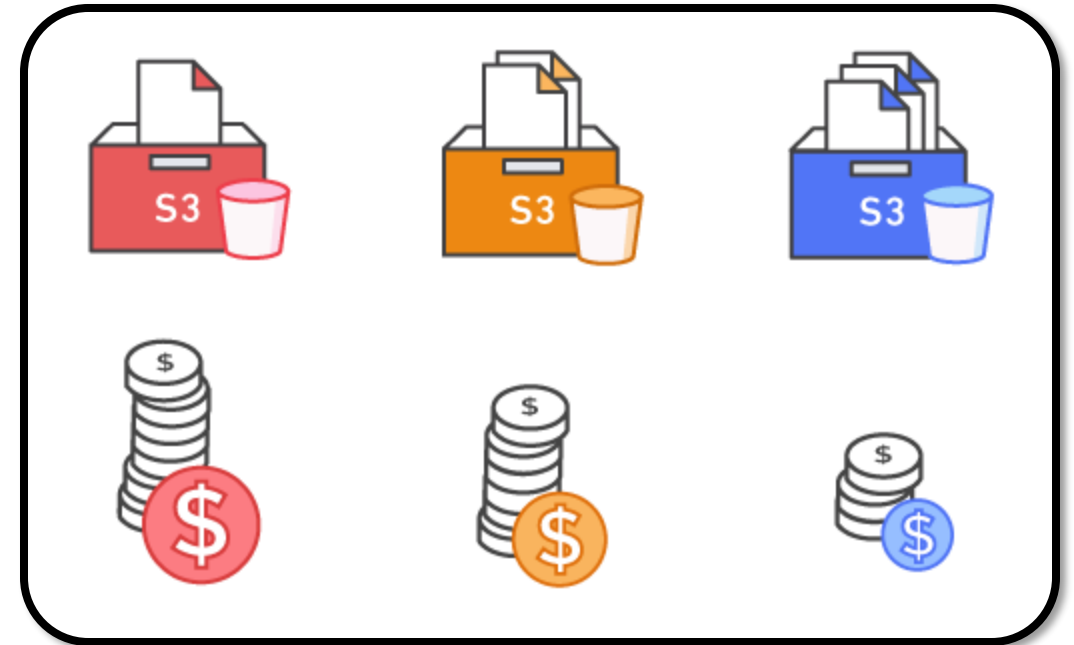




# Pay less by using more

Realize volume-based discounts:

- **Savings** as usage increases.
- **Tiered pricing** for services like Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3), Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS), or Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) → the more you use, the less you pay per GB.
- Multiple storage services deliver **lower** storage costs based on needs.

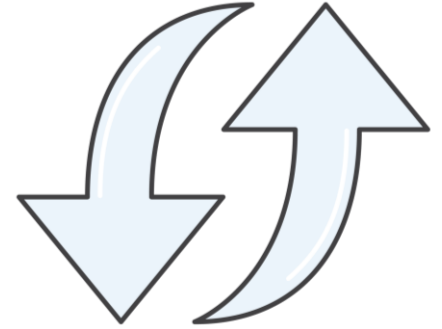


# Pay even less as AWS grows

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As AWS grows:

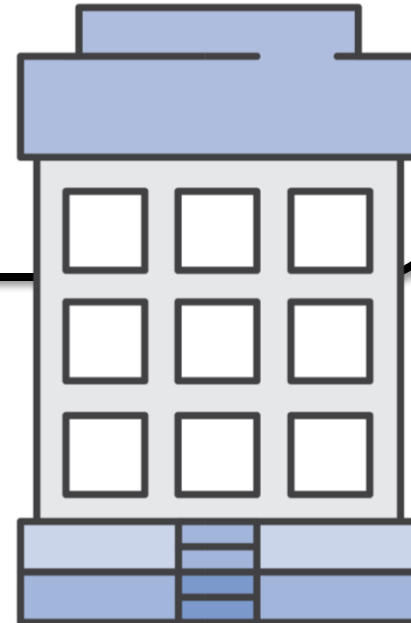
- AWS focuses on lowering cost of doing business.
- This practice results in AWS passing savings from economies of scale to you.
- Since 2006, AWS has **lowered pricing 75** times (as of September 2019).
- Future higher-performing resources replace current resources for no extra charge.



# Custom pricing

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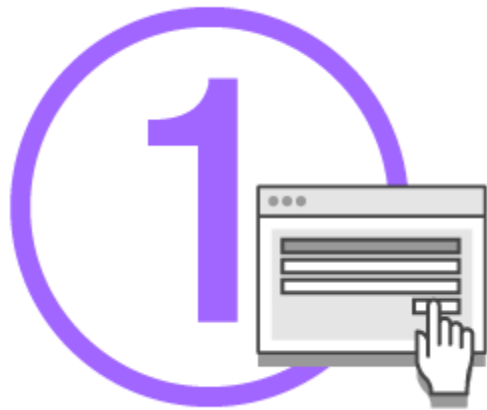
- Meet varying needs through custom pricing.
- Available for high-volume projects with unique requirements.



# AWS Free Tier

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Enables you to gain free hands-on experience with the AWS platform, products, and services. Free for 1 year for new customers.



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**Learn with 10-  
minute tutorials**



**Start building  
with AWS**

# Services with no charge

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Amazon VPC



Elastic Beanstalk\*\*



Auto Scaling\*\*



AWS CloudFormation\*\*



AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)

**\*\*Note:** There might be charges associated with other AWS services that are used with these services.

# Key takeaways



- There is no charge (with some exceptions) for:
  - Inbound data transfer.
  - Data transfer between services within the same AWS Region.
- Pay for what you use.
- Start and stop anytime.
- No long-term contracts are required.
- Some services are free, but the other AWS services that they provision might not be free.

# Section 2: Total Cost of Ownership

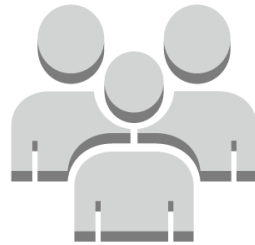
## Module 2: Cloud Economics and Billing

# On-premises versus cloud

## Traditional Infrastructure



Equipment



Resources and  
administration



Contracts



Cost



## AWS Cloud



No upfront  
expense—pay for  
what you use



Improve time to  
market and agility



Scale up  
and down



Self-service  
infrastructure



# What is Total cost of Ownership (TCO)?

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**Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)** is the financial estimate to help identify direct and indirect costs of a system.

Why use TCO?

- To compare the costs of running an **entire infrastructure environment or specific workload** on-premises versus on AWS
- To budget and **build the business case** for moving to the cloud



# TCO considerations

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## Server Costs

Hardware: Server, rack chassis power distribution units (PDUs), top-of-rack (TOR) switches (and maintenance)

Software: Operating system (OS), virtualization licenses (and maintenance)

Facilities cost

Space

Power

Cooling

2

## Storage Costs

Hardware: Storage disks, storage area network (SAN) or Fibre Channel (FC) switches

Storage administration costs

Facilities cost

Space

Power

Cooling

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## Network Costs

Network hardware: Local area network (LAN) switches, load balancer bandwidth costs

Network administration costs

Facilities cost

Space

Power

Cooling

4

## IT Labor Costs

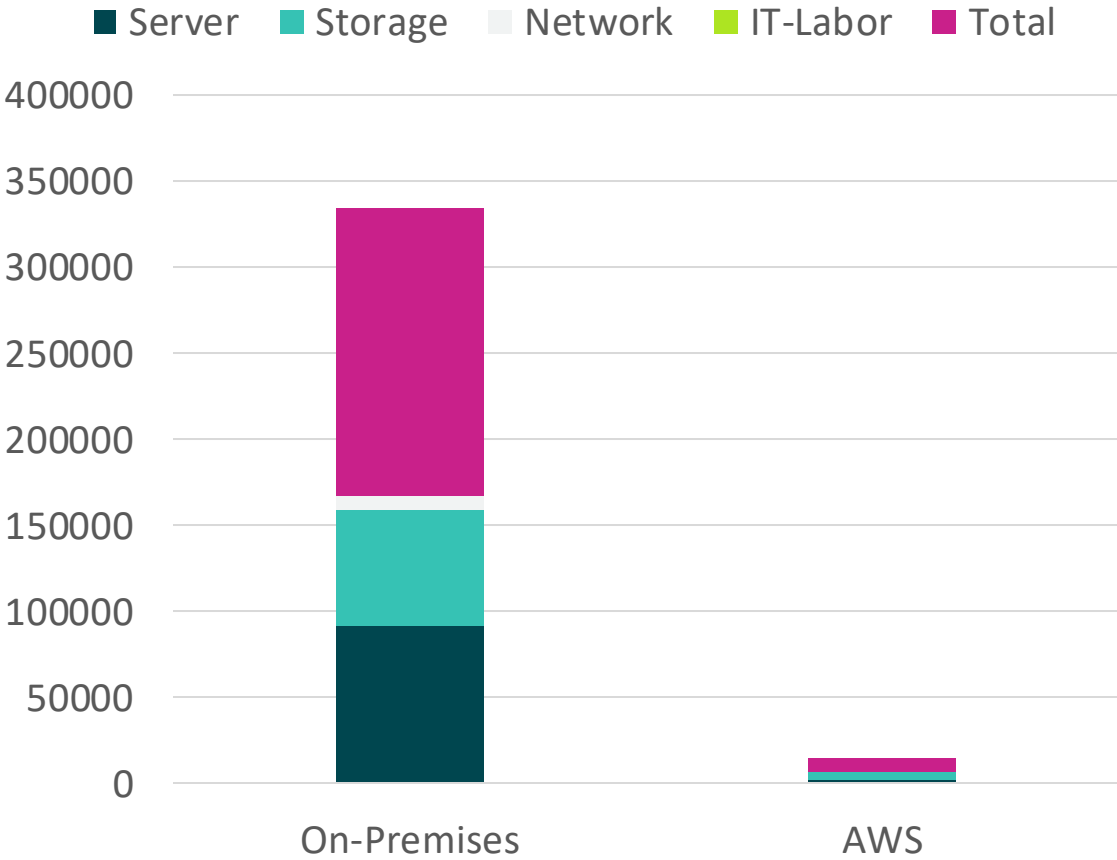
Server administration costs

# On-premises versus all-in-cloud

You could save up to **96 percent** a year by moving your infrastructure to AWS.  
Your 3-year total savings would be **\$159,913**.

3-Year Total Cost of Ownership		
	On-Premises	AWS
Server	\$91,922	\$2,547
Storage	\$67,840	\$4,963
Network	\$7,660	\$-----
IT – Labor	\$ ----- --	\$-----
Total	\$167, 422	\$7,509

AWS cost includes business-level support and  
a 3-year PURI EC2 instance



# AWS Pricing Calculator

Use the [AWS Pricing Calculator](#) to:

- Estimate monthly costs
- Identify opportunities to reduce monthly costs
- Model your solutions before building them
- Explore price points and calculations behind your estimate
- Find the available instance types and contract terms that meet your needs
- Name your estimate and create and name [groups](#) of services

The screenshot displays the AWS Pricing Calculator interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the title 'AWS Pricing Calculator' and the subtitle 'Estimate the cost for your architecture solution.' Below this, a light gray box titled 'How it works' shows a four-step process: 1. 'AWS Pricing Calculator' (Estimate the cost of AWS products and services), 2. 'Add services' (Search and add AWS services that you need), 3. 'Configure service' (Enter the details of your usage to see service costs), and 4. 'View estimate totals' (See estimated costs per service, service group, and totals). To the right of the header, a white box titled 'Create an estimate' includes the text 'Start your estimate with no commitment, and explore AWS services and pricing for your architecture needs.' and a 'Create estimate' button. Below this, a 'Getting started' section lists links for 'What is the AWS Pricing Calculator?', 'Getting started', and 'Generating estimates'. A 'More resources' section at the bottom lists links for 'User guide', 'FAQs', 'Pricing assumptions and variations', and a link to connect with an AWS certified expert.

Access the [AWS Pricing Calculator](#)

# Reading an estimate

Your estimate is broken into: first 12 months total, total upfront, and total monthly.

[AWS Pricing Calculator](#) > [My Estimate](#)

My Estimate [Info](#)

Add service

Add support

Add group

Clear estimate

Action ▼

Save and share

First 12 months total	Total upfront	Total monthly
886.92 USD	0.00 USD	73.91 USD

Services (2)

Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3)

Region: US East (Ohio)

Edit

Action ▼

S3 Standard storage (100 GB per month)

Monthly:

2.37 USD

Amazon EC2

Region: US East (Ohio)

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Quick estimate

Operating system (Linux), Quantity (1), Pricing strategy (EC2 Instance Savings Plans 1 Year No Upfront), Storage for each EC2 instance (General Purpose SSD (gp2)), Storage amount (100 GB), Instance type (t4g.xlarge)

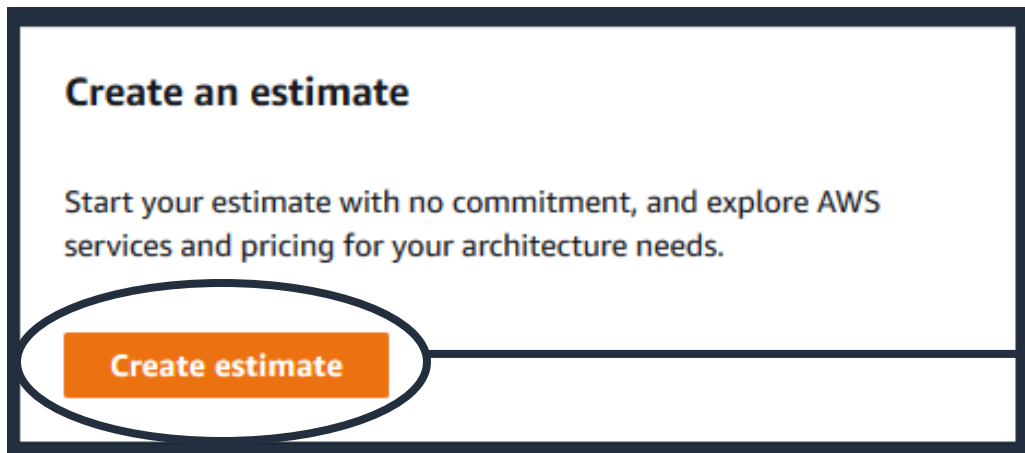
Monthly:

71.54 USD

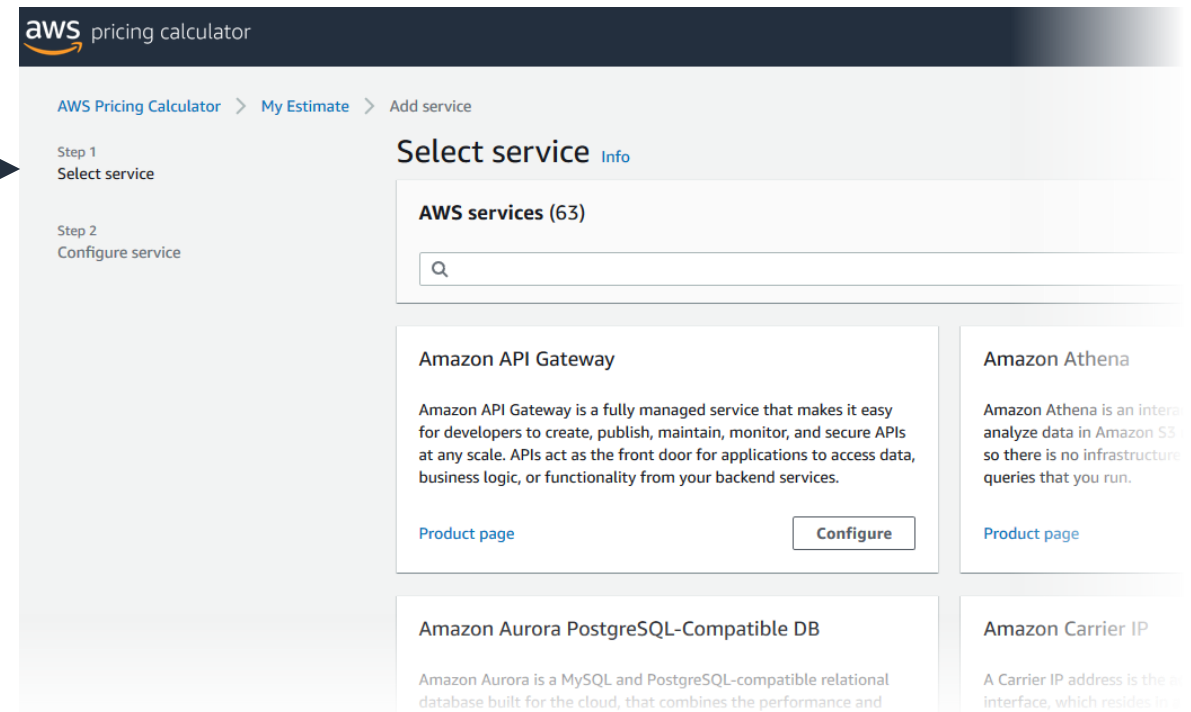


# Activity: AWS Pricing Calculator activity

- Break up into groups of four or five and use the [AWS Pricing Calculator](#) and specifications provided to develop a cost estimate.
- Be prepared to report your findings back to the class.



[AWS Pricing calculator website](#)



# Additional benefit considerations

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## Hard benefits

- Reduced spending on compute, storage, networking, security
- Reductions in hardware and software purchases (capex)
- Reductions in operational costs, backup, and disaster recovery
- Reduction in operations personnel



## Soft Benefits

- Reuse of service and applications that enable you to define (and redefine solutions) by using the same cloud service
- Increased developer productivity
- Improved customer satisfaction
- Agile business processes that can quickly respond to new and emerging opportunities
- Increase in global reach

# Case study: Total Cost Of Ownership (1 of 6)

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# Case study: Total Cost of Ownership (2 of 6)

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# Case study: Total Cost of Ownership (4 of 6)

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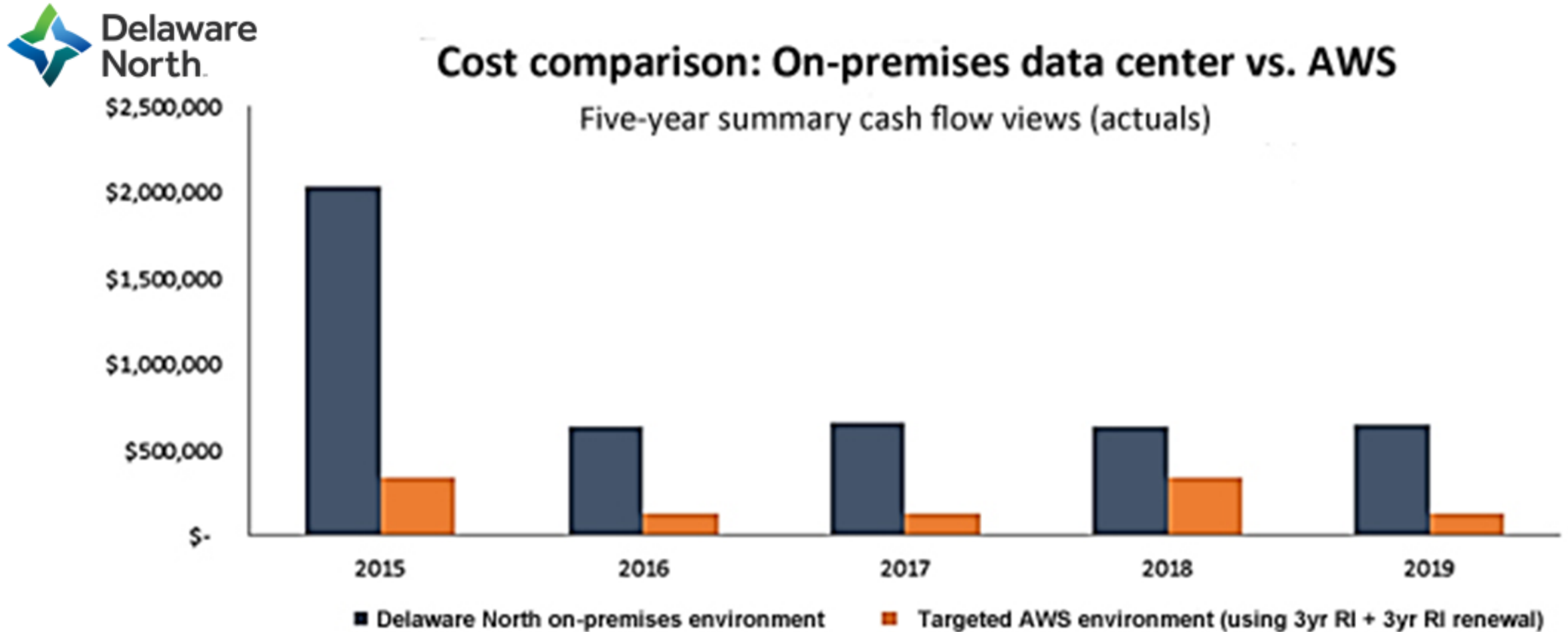
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## **Solution:**

- Moved their on-premises data center to AWS
  - Eliminated 205 servers (90 percent)
  - Moved nearly all applications to AWS
- Used 3-year Amazon EC2 Reserved Instances

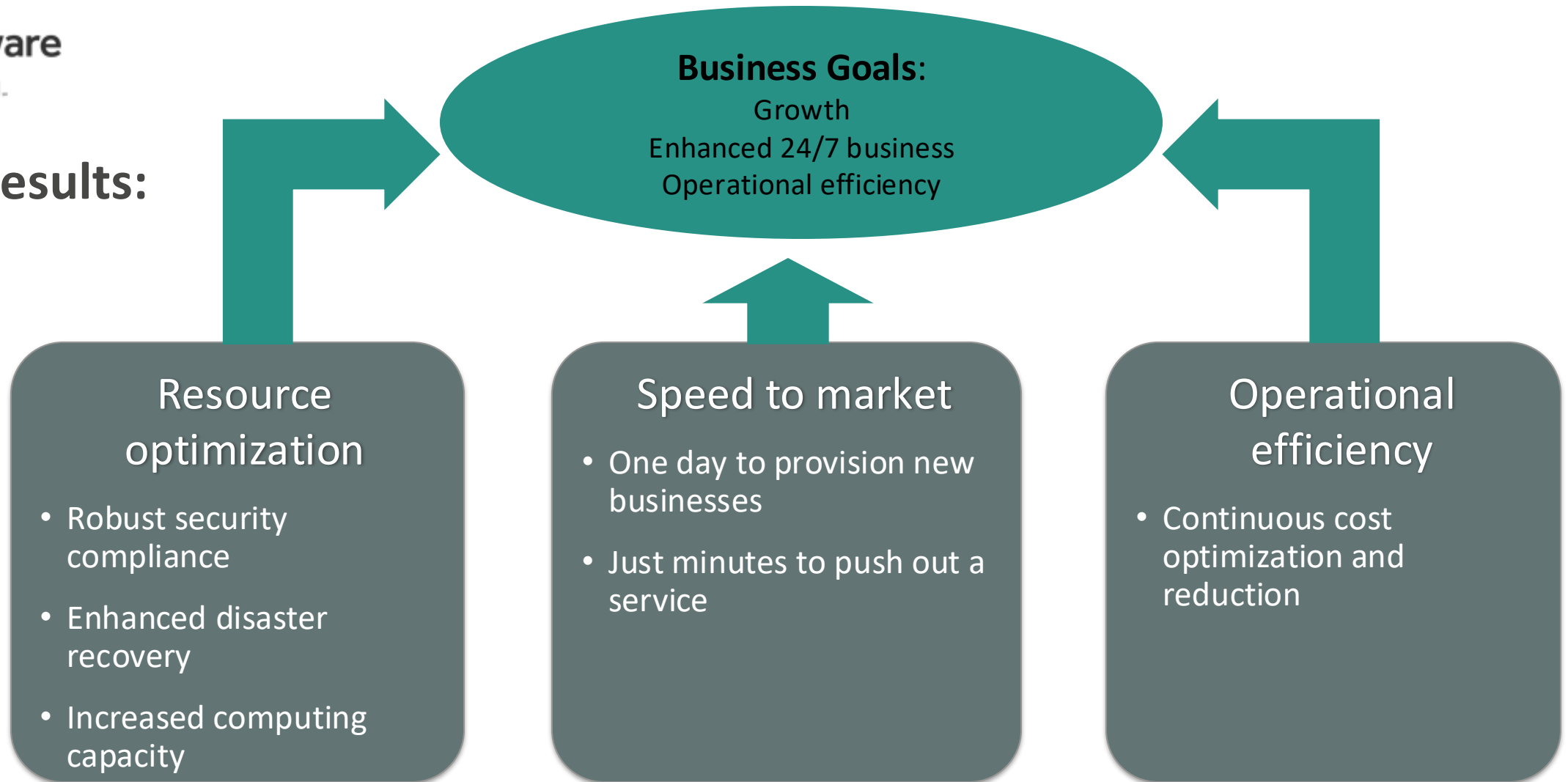
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# Case study: Total Cost of Ownership (6 of 6)



**Results:**

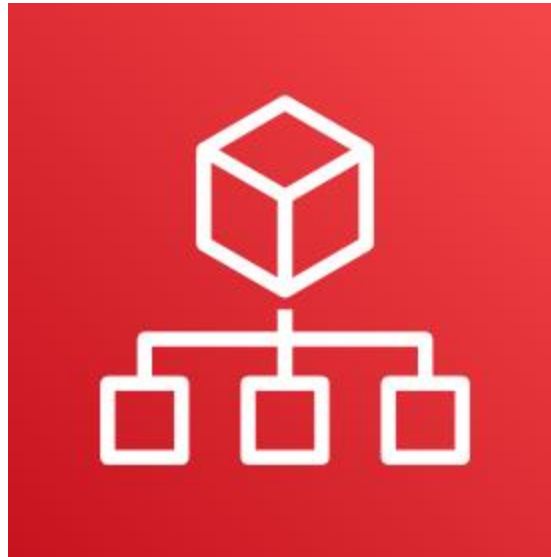


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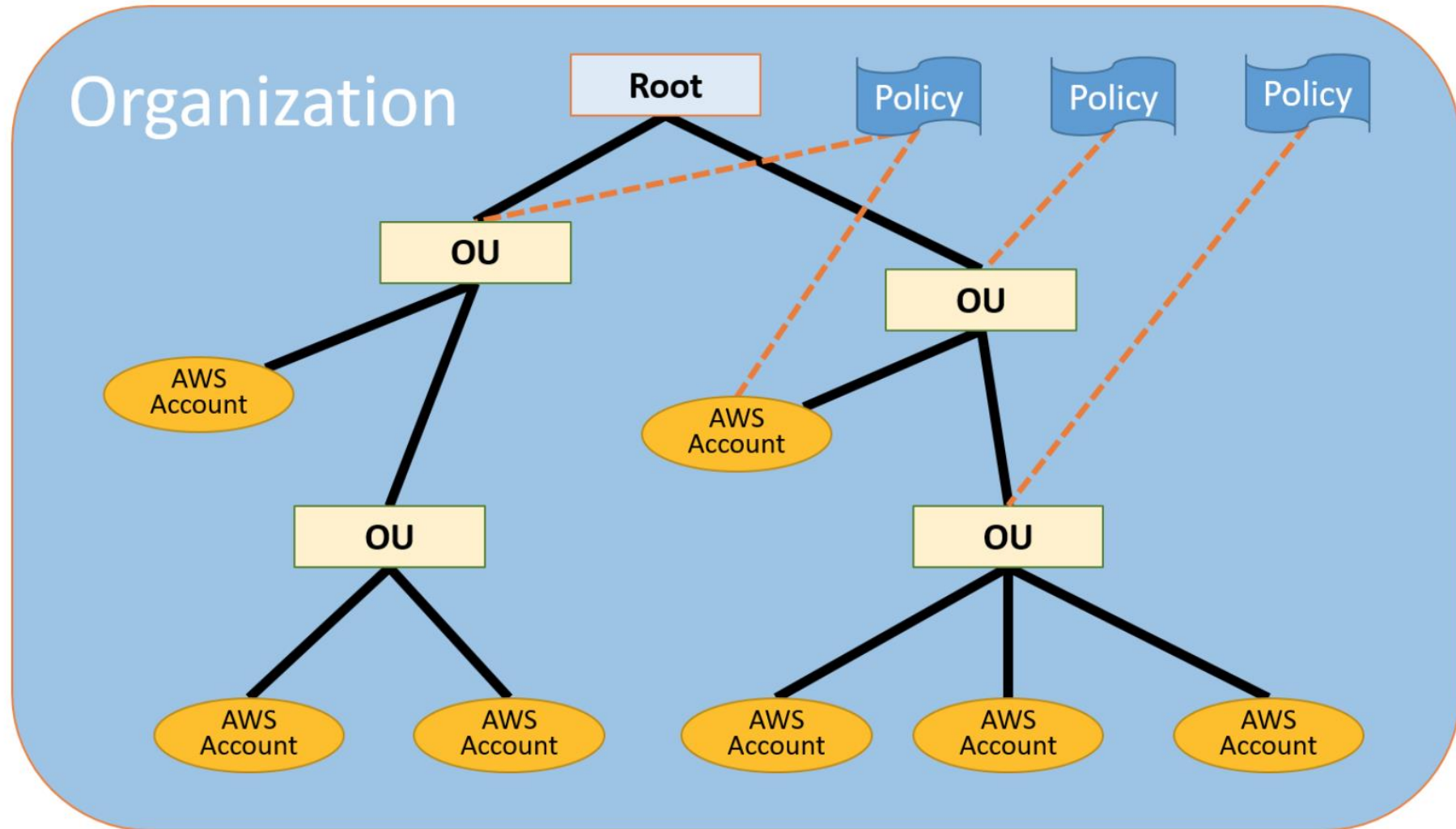
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AWS Organizations

# AWS Organizations terminology





# Key features and benefits

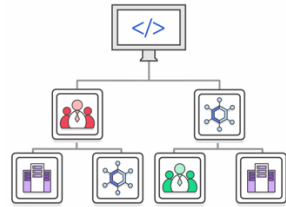
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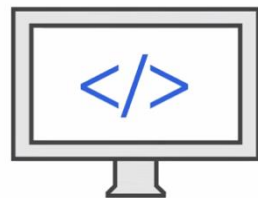
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Policy-based account management



Group based account management



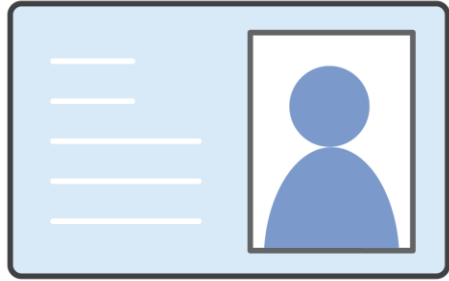
Application programming interfaces (APIs)  
that automate account management



Consolidated billing

# Security with AWS Organizations

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Control access with AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM).

IAM policies enable you to allow or deny access to AWS services for users, groups, and roles.



Service control policies (SCPs) enable you to allow or deny access to AWS services for individuals or group accounts in an organizational unit (OU).

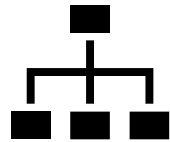
# Organizations setup

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## Step 1

Create  
Organization



## Step 2

Create  
organizational  
units



## Step 3

Create  
service  
control  
policies



## Step 4

Test  
restrictions

# Limits of AWS Organizations

Limits		
Limits on Names	Names must be composed of Unicode characters.	
	Names must not exceed 250 characters in length.	
Maximum and Minimum Values	Number of AWS accounts	Varies. Note: An invitation sent to an account counts against this limit.
	Number of roots	1
	Number of OUs	1,000
	Number of policies	1,000
	Maximum size of a service control policy document	5,120 bytes
	Maximum nesting of OUs in a root	5 levels of OUs under a root
	Invitations sent per day	20
	Number of member accounts you can create concurrently	Only five can be in progress at one time
	Number of entities to which you can attach a policy	Unlimited



# Accessing AWS Organizations

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AWS  
Organizations



AWS Management Console



AWS Command Line  
Interface (AWS CLI) tools



Software development kits  
(SDKs)



HTTPS Query application  
programming interfaces (API)

# Section 4: AWS Billing and Cost Management

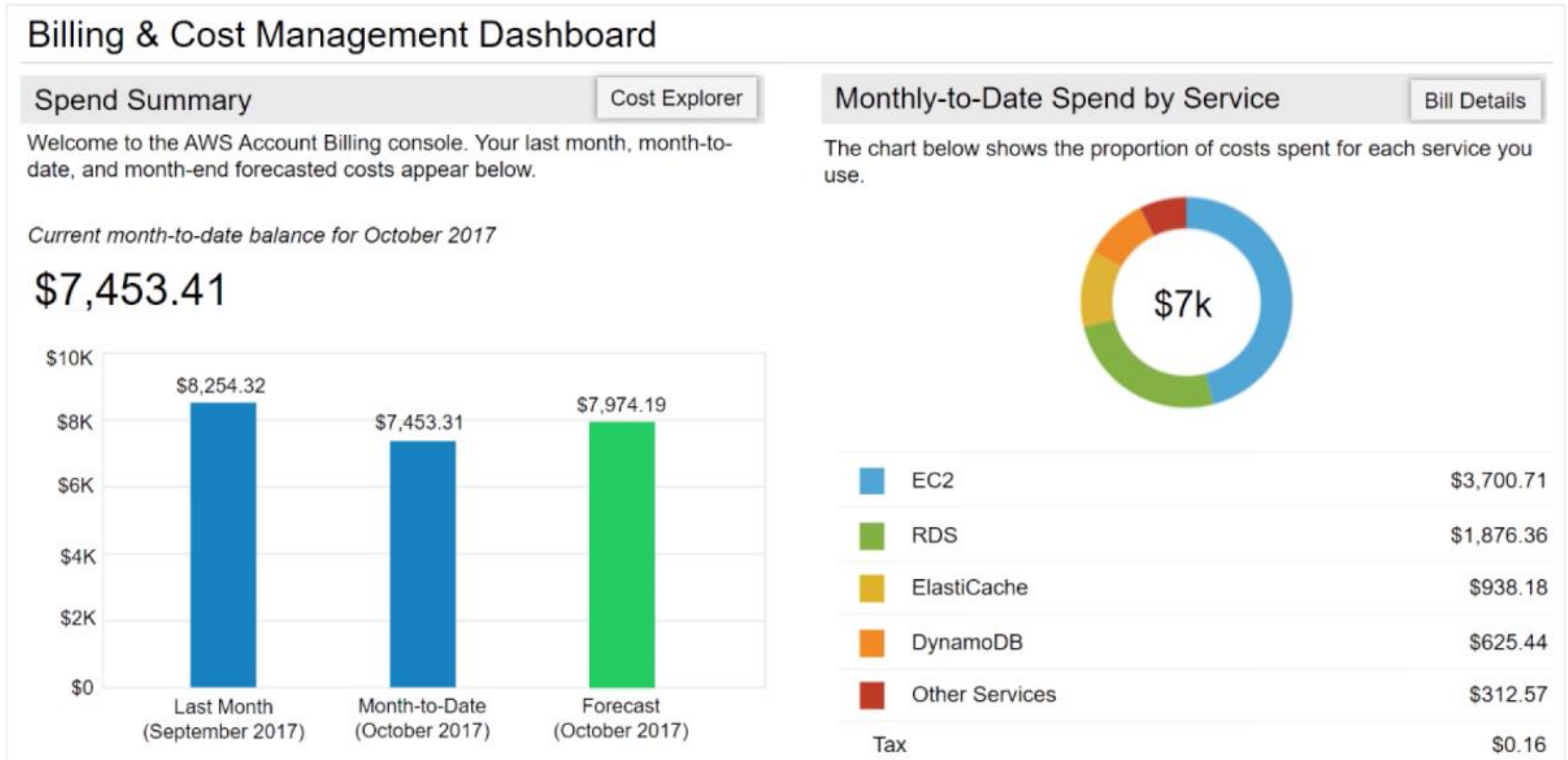
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# Introducing AWS Billing and Cost Management

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# AWS Billing Dashboard





# Tools

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AWS Budgets



AWS Cost and Usage Report



AWS Cost Explorer

# Monthly bills

**BILLS** | COST EXPLORER | BUDGETS | REPORTS

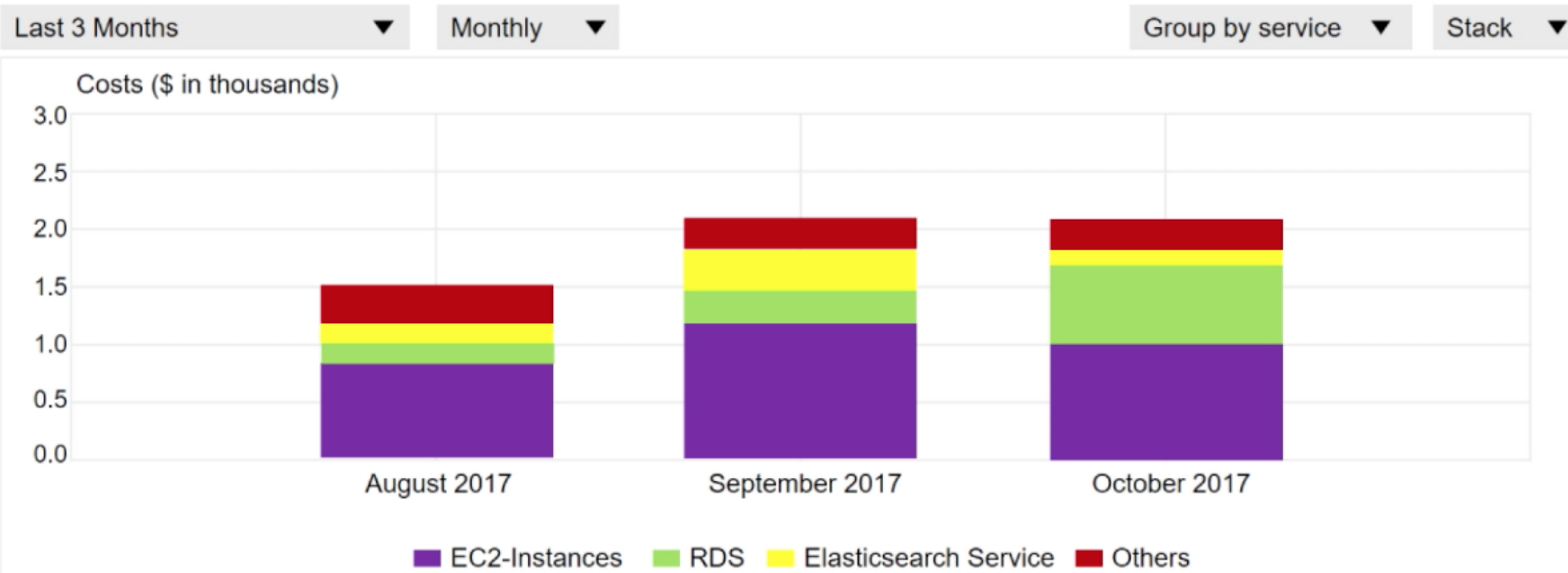
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# Cost Explorer

BILLS | **COST EXPLORER** | BUDGETS | REPORTS

## Monthly costs by service



# Forecast and track costs

BILLS | COST EXPLORER | **BUDGETS** | REPORTS

Create budgetCopyEditDeleteDownload CSV⚙️

Filter by budget name

		Budget name	Current	Forecasted	Budgeted	Current vs. budgeted	Forecasted vs. budgeted
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	Total Monthly Cost	\$760.27	\$787.44	\$1,000.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	▼	S3 Usage Bucket	2978.00 Req	3650.16 Req	3000.00 Req		

Budget details

Start date

10/01/17

End date

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Budget Period

Monthly

Variance analysis



# Cost and usage reporting

BILLS | COST EXPLORER | BUDGETS | **REPORTS**

Product Code	Usage Type	Operation	Availability Zone	Usage Amount	Currency Code	Line Item Description
Amazon S3	Requests – Tier 1	ListAllMyBuckets		2	USD	\$0.00 per request – PUT, COPY, POST, LIST under the global free tier
Amazon EC2	USW2-Boxusage:t2.micro	Runinstnaces:0002	us-west-2a	1	USD	\$0.00 per Windows t2.micro instance-hour under monthly free tier
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# Recorded demo: Amazon Billing dashboard



# Billing dashboard demonstration



## Getting Started with AWS Billing & Cost Management

- Manage your costs and usage using [AWS Budgets](#)
- Visualize your cost drivers and usage trends via [Cost Explorer](#)
- Dive deeper into your costs using the [Cost and Usage Reports](#) with [Athena integration](#)
- **Learn more:** Check out the [AWS What's New webpage](#)

### Do you have Reserved Instances (RIs)?

- Access the RI Utilization & Coverage reports—and RI purchase recommendations—via [Cost Explorer](#).

## Spend Summary

[Cost Explorer](#)

Welcome to the AWS Billing & Cost Management console. Your last month, month-to-date, and month-end forecasted costs appear below.

Current month-to-date balance for September 2019

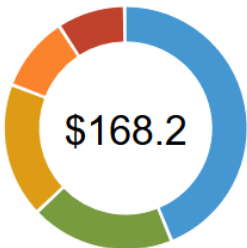
# \$168.20



## Month-to-Date Spend by Service

[Bill Details](#)

The chart below shows the proportion of costs spent for each service you use.



ES	\$74.52
DatabaseMigrationSvc	\$32.12
SageMaker	\$29.99
EC2	\$16.59
Other Services	\$14.98
Tax	\$0.00
Total	\$168.20

# Section 5: Technical support

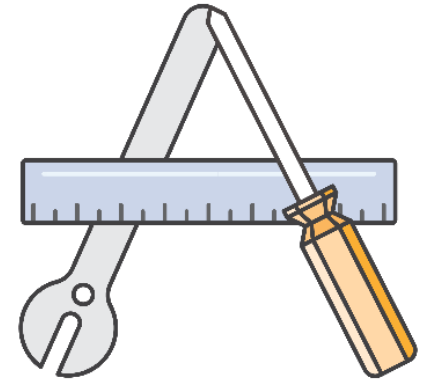
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# AWS support (1 of 2)

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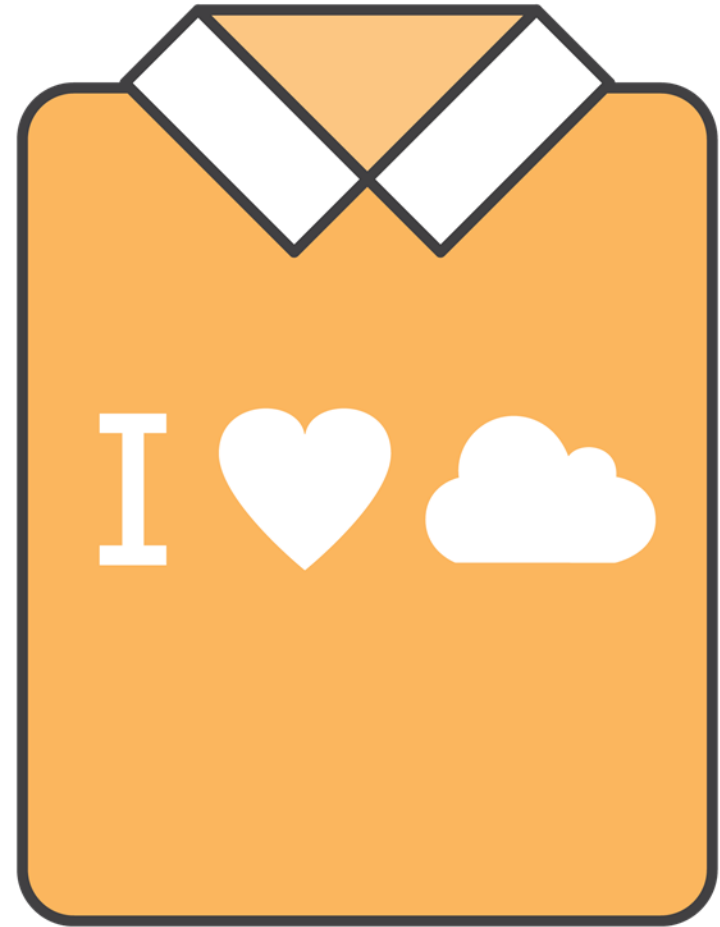
- Provide unique combination of tools and expertise:
  - AWS Support
  - AWS Support Plans
- Support is provided for:
  - Experimenting with AWS
  - Production use of AWS
  - Business-critical use of AWS



# AWS support (2 of 2)

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- Proactive guidance :
  - Technical Account Manager (TAM)
- Best practices :
  - AWS Trusted Advisor
- Account assistance :
  - AWS Support Concierge

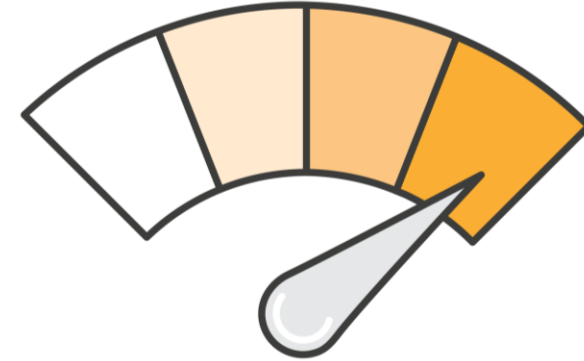


# Support plans

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AWS Support offers four support plans:

- **Basic Support** – Resource Center access, Service Health Dashboard, product FAQs, discussion forums, and support for health checks
- **Developer Support:** Support for early development on AWS
- **Business Support:** Customers that run production workloads
- **Enterprise Support:** Customers that run business and mission-critical workloads



# Case severity and response times

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	Critical	Urgent	High	Normal	Low
Basic	No Case Support				
Developer Plan (Business hours)				12 hours or less	24 hours or less
Business Plan (24/7)		1 hour or less	4 hours or less	12 hours or less	24 hours or less
Enterprise Plan (24/7)	15 minutes or less	1 hour or less	4 hours or less	12 hours or less	24 hours or less

## Activity: Support plan scavenger hunt

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- Break up into groups of four or five and develop a recommendation for the best support plan for one of the business cases that are provided.
- Be prepared to report your findings back to the class.

# Module wrap-up

## Module 2: Cloud Economics and Billing

# Module summary

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- Explored the fundamental of AWS pricing
- Reviewed TCO concepts
- Reviewed an AWS Pricing Calculator estimate
- Reviewed the Billing dashboard
- Reviewed Technical Support options and costs

# Complete the knowledge check





# Sample exam question

Which AWS service provides infrastructure security optimization recommendations?

Choice	Response
A	AWS Price List Application Programming Interface (API)
B	Reserved Instances
C	AWS Trusted Advisor
D	Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) Spot Fleet

# Sample exam question answer

Which AWS service provides infrastructure security optimization recommendations?

The correct answer is C.

The keyword in the question is “recommendations”.

# Additional resources

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- AWS Economics Center: <http://aws.amazon.com/economics/>
- AWS Pricing Calculator: <https://calculator.aws/#/>
- Case studies and research: <http://aws.amazon.com/economics/>
- Additional pricing exercises: <https://dx1572sre29wk.cloudfront.net/cost/>

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