



Survival Guide

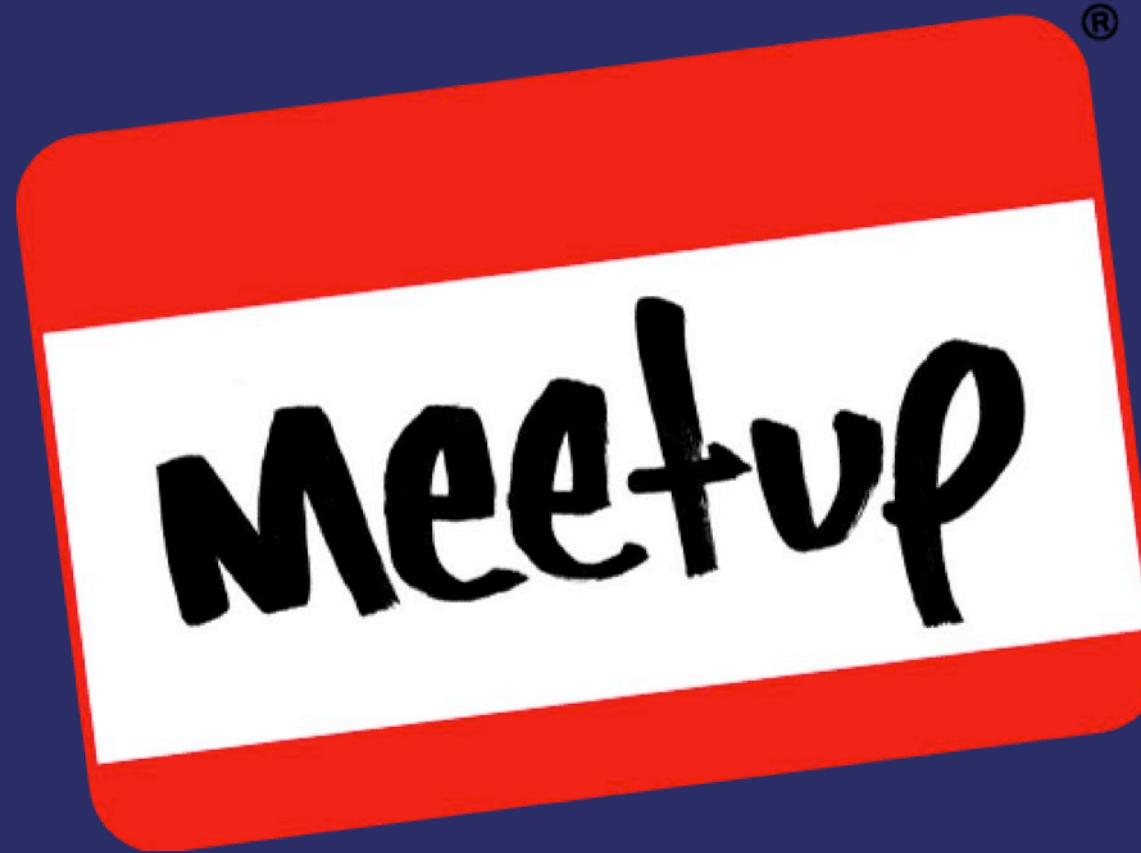
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**Electronic Data
Interchange (EDI)**



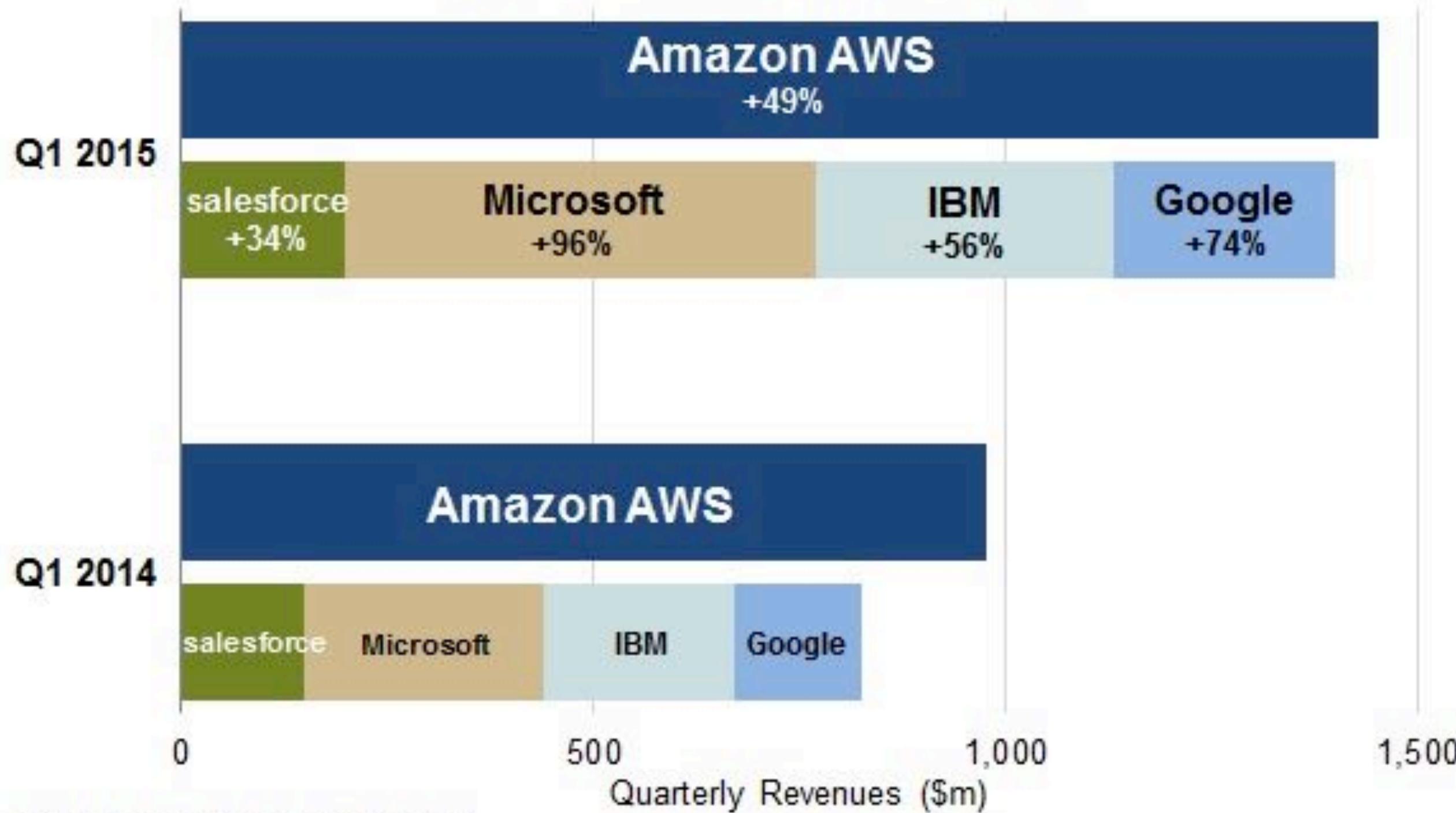
ViennaDB

Papers We Love Vienna

**Who uses
AWS, Azure,...?**

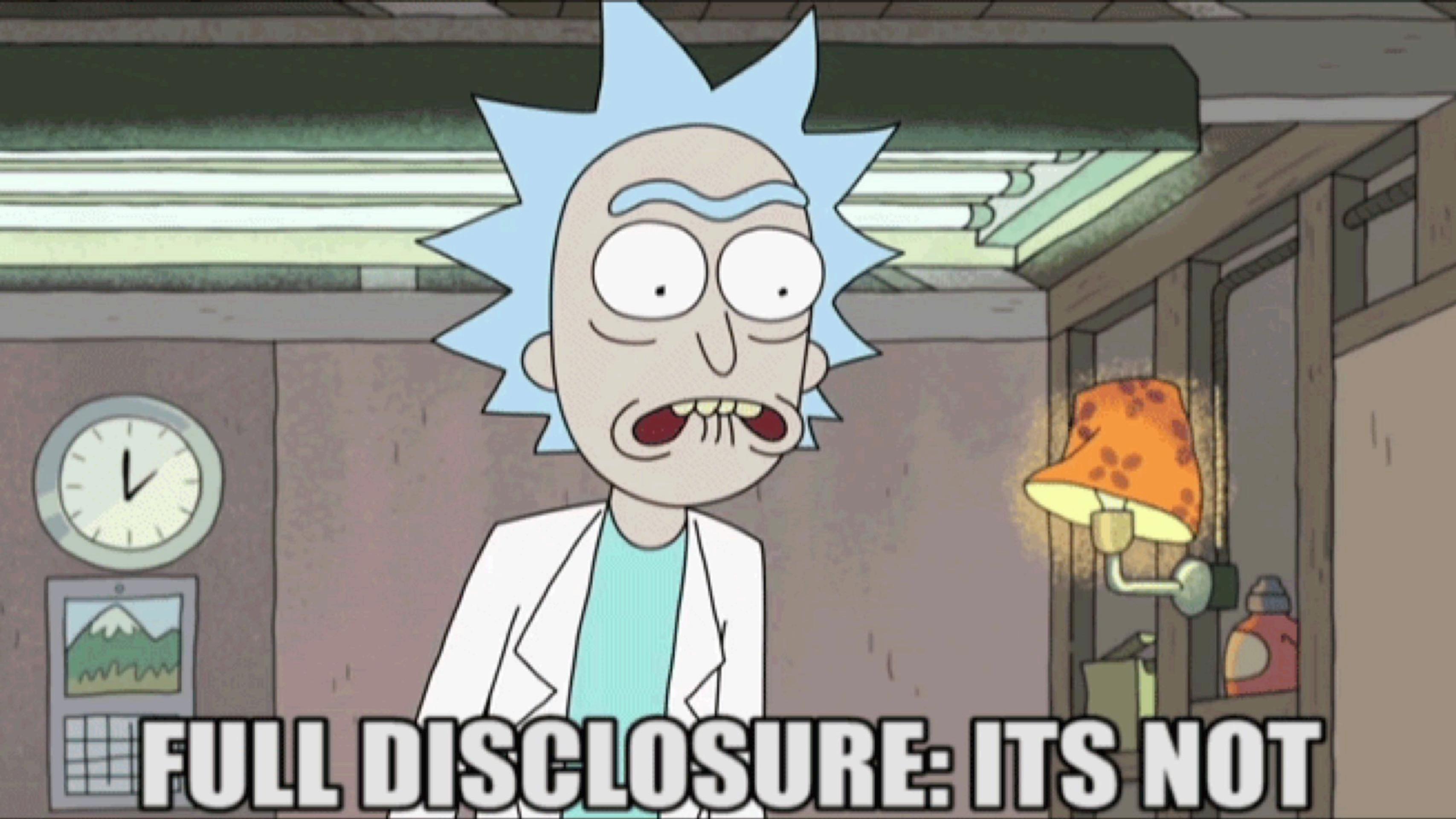
Cloud Infrastructure Services Revenue Growth

(IaaS, PaaS, Private & Hybrid services)



Source: Synergy Research Group

**Does the cloud solve all
your security issues?**



FULL DISCLOSURE: IT'S NOT

"We can operate more securely on AWS than we can in our own data centers" Rob Alexander of CapitalOne

#reinvent

– Adrian Cockcroft, <https://twitter.com/adrianco/status/651788241557942272>

AWS Security Bulletins

<https://aws.amazon.com/security/security-bulletins/>

Xen, Heartbleed,...

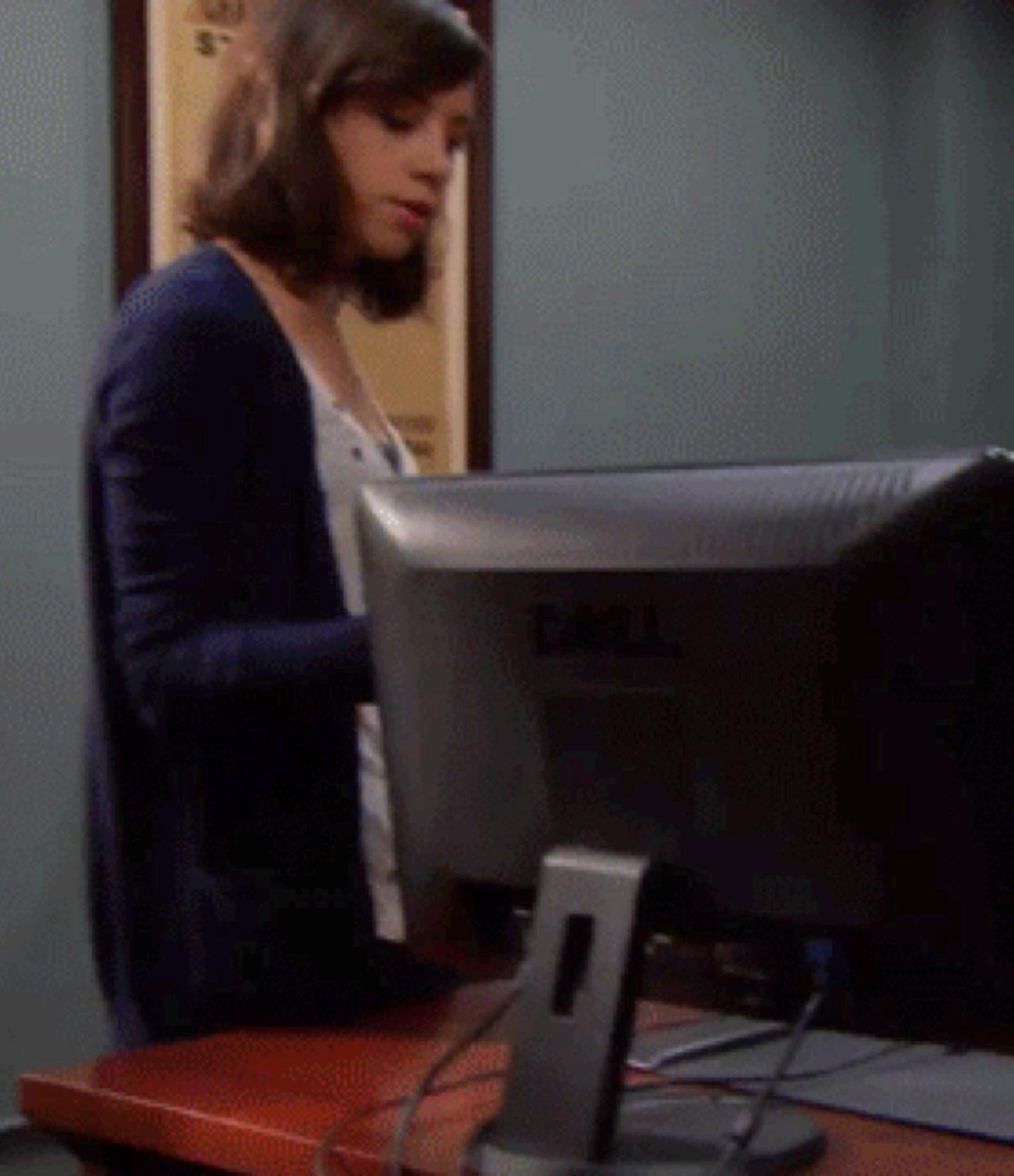
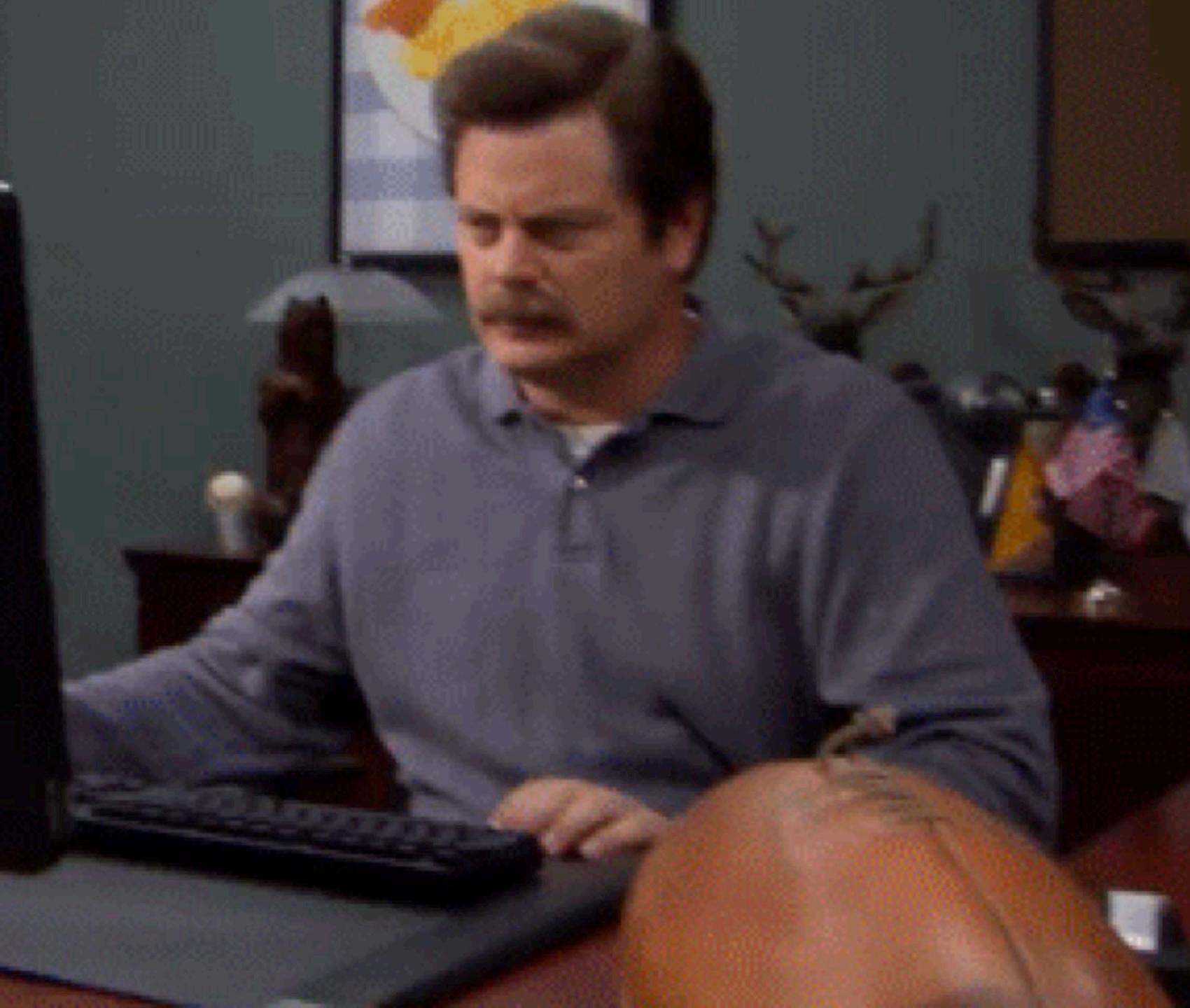
Securing your Infrastructure Account

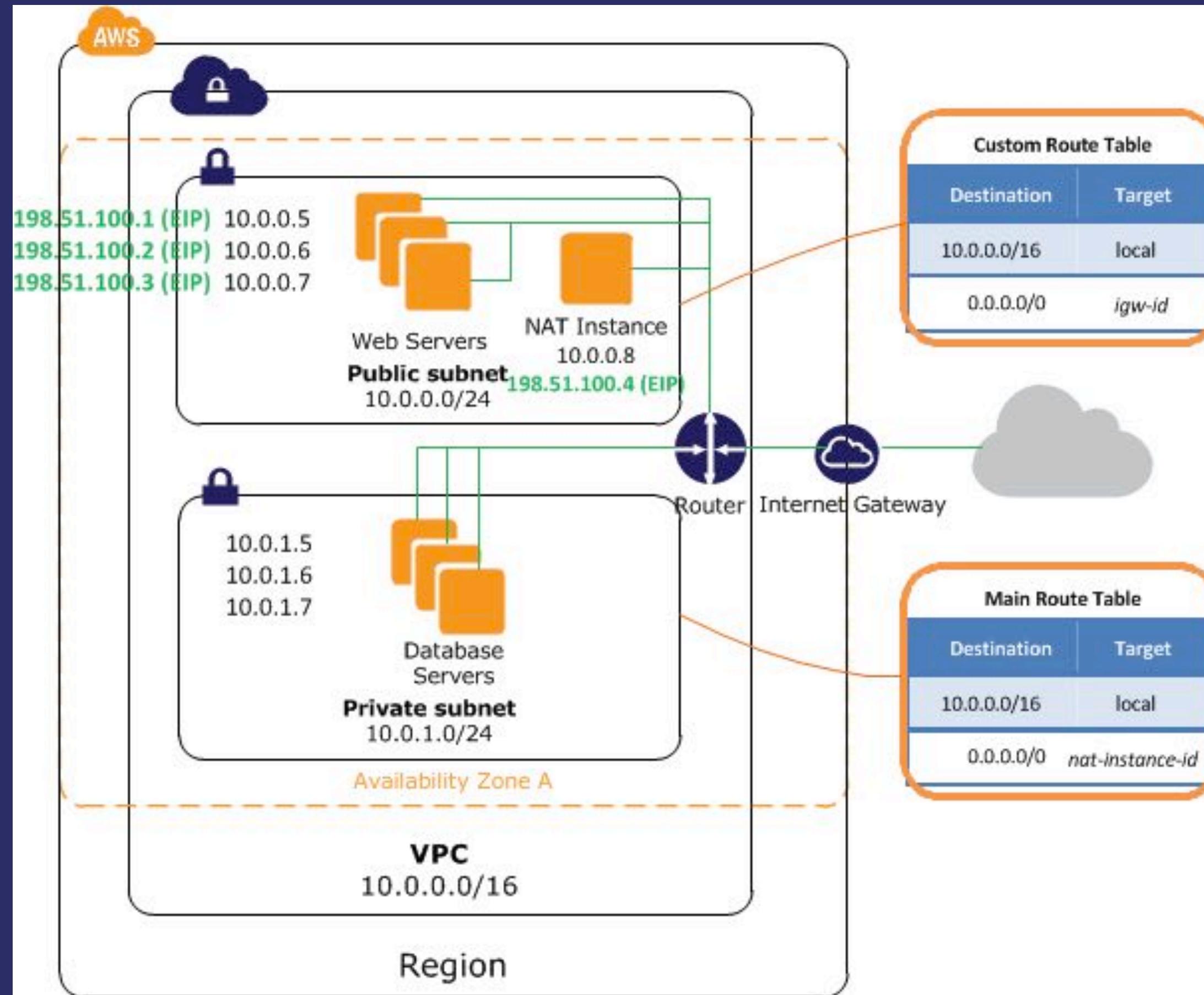
Infrastructure

VPC
Virtual Private Cloud

EC2 Classic

Private and public IP on every instance





Network /16

Production 10.0.*.*

Development 10.1.*.*

...

Availability Zones /18

A 10.*.0.0/18

B 10.*.64.0/18

Spare 10.*.128.0/18 & 10.*.192.0/18

Subnets /20

A public 10.*.0.0/20

A private 10.*.16.0/20

A spare 10.*.32.0/20 & 10.*.48.0/20

B public 10.*.64.0/20

B private 10.*.80.0/20

B spare 10.*.96.0/20 & 10.*.112.0/20

PS: Networking

No broadcasts or multicasts

No IPv6 yet

Security Group

Per instance

[Description](#)[Inbound](#)[Outbound](#)[Tags](#)[Edit](#)

Type <small>i</small>	Protocol <small>i</small>	Port Range <small>i</small>	Destination <small>i</small>
HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	11371	0.0.0.0/0
SSH	TCP	22	10.1.0.0/16
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	27017	10.1.0.0/16
SMTPS	TCP	465	0.0.0.0/0
MYSQL/Aurora	TCP	3306	10.1.0.0/16
Custom UDP Rule	UDP	123	0.0.0.0/0
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	587	0.0.0.0/0
HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0
All ICMP	All	N/A	0.0.0.0/0

Network ACL

Per subnet (optional)

Second layer of defense

Default allow incoming & outgoing

Allow and deny

Order matters

Stateless

IAM

Identity and Access Management



Users are managed in **Groups**

AWS services are assigned **Roles**

Policies define permissions

**Create an IAM user / role
for every person, service,
and action**

[https://awspolicygen.s3.amazonaws.com/
policygen.html](https://awspolicygen.s3.amazonaws.com/policygen.html)

Encryption at rest

S3, EBS, RDS,...

Transparent key management



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www.zalando.de

Microservices

**Technologies & AWS
account per team**

**OAuth for internal & external
communication**

Account

We are experiencing massive demand on our support capacity, we are going to get to everyone it will just take time.

Code Spaces : Is Down!

Dear Customers,

On Tuesday the 17th of June 2014 we received a well orchestrated DDOS against our servers, this happens quite often and we normally overcome them in a way that is transparent to the Code Spaces community. On this occasion however the DDOS was just the start.

An **unauthorised** person who at this point who is still unknown (All we can say is that we have no reason to think its anyone who is or was employed with Code Spaces) had gained access to our Amazon EC2 control panel and had left a number of messages for us to contact them using a hotmail address

Reaching out to the address started a chain of events that revolved around the person trying to extort a large fee in order to resolve the DDOS.

Upon realisation that somebody had access to our control panel we started to investigate how access had been gained and what access that person had to the data in our systems, it became clear that so far **no** machine access had been achieved due to the intruder not having our **Private Keys**.

*[...] our data, backups,
machine configurations and
offsite backups were either
partially or completely
deleted.*

– <http://www.codespaces.com>

Important announcement: A recent security breach and the end of DrawQuest

DrawQuesters,

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we must share two unfortunate pieces of news.

1. We were recently made aware of a security breach that affected all of our servers hosted with Amazon, which comprises the entirety of DrawQuest. The person(s) used our account to order hundreds of expensive servers, likely to mine Bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies. When we detected this activity, we immediately locked down the account.

Unfortunately we have no way of knowing what, if any, information was accessed by the attacker(s). It's possible they only used our account to order servers, however it's also possible they accessed our database, and thus user e-mail addresses, encrypted passwords, and other information.

2. As a result of this breach, we will be shutting down DrawQuest *effective immediately*. With no full-time employees on staff to repair our infrastructure and ensure its integrity, we feel the only

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– <http://blog.drawquest.com>

Service-wide outage

Incident Report for Bonsai

On Wednesday, June 19th, One More Cloud's services Websolr.com and Bonsai.io suffered a major extended outage. This outage was the result of an attack on our systems using a compromised API key.

We are so sorry for the severe impact to our customers and their businesses, and we regret the circumstances which made it possible.

Timeline

***This outage was the
result of an attack on our
systems using a
compromised API key.***

– <http://status.bonsai.io/incidents/qt70mqtjbf0s>



IMPERIALBEDROOMS

1001 easy steps

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Lock away your root
account and never use it

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**Always use an IAM
account**

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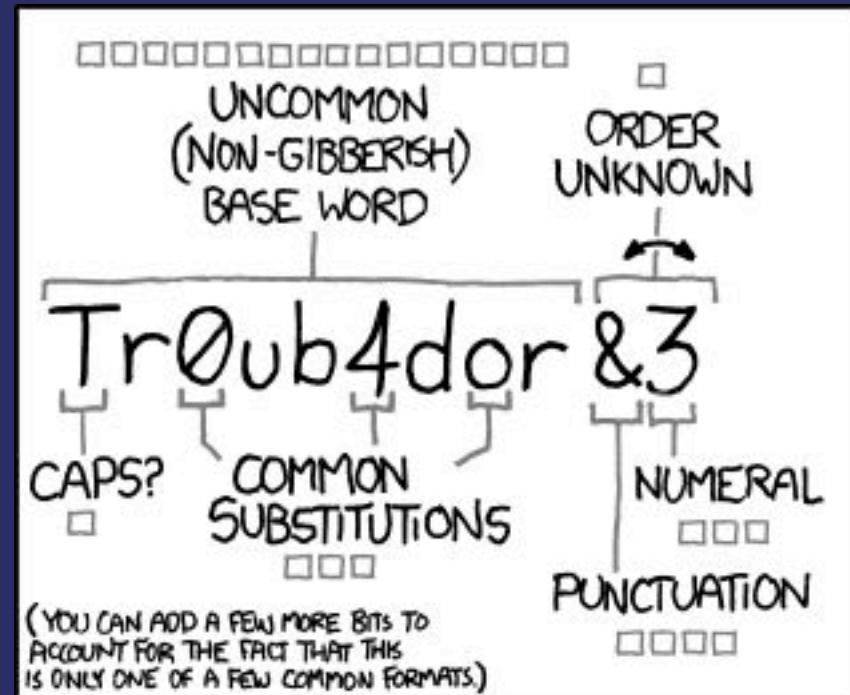
Only allow what is
necessary

Principle of the least access

```
{ "Statement": [
    {
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": "*",
        "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
        "Effect": "Deny",
        "Action": [
            "ec2:ReleaseAddress",
            "route53:DeleteHostedZone"
        ],
        "Resource": "*"
    }
] }
```

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Use strong passwords



~28 BITS OF ENTROPY

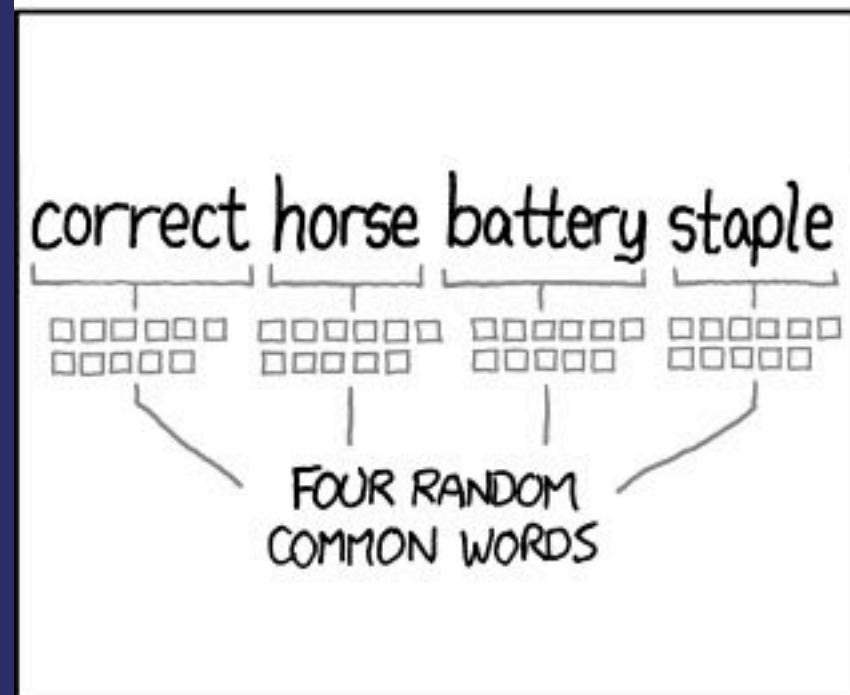
$2^{28} = 3$ DAYS AT 1000 GUESSES/SEC

(PLAUSIBLE ATTACK ON A WEAK REMOTE WEB SERVICE. YES, CRACKING A STOLEN HASH IS FASTER, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT THE AVERAGE USER SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.)

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: **EASY**

WAS IT TROMBONE? NO, TROUBADOR. AND ONE OF THE 0s WAS A ZERO?
AND THERE WAS SOME SYMBOL...

DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: **HARD**



~44 BITS OF ENTROPY

$2^{44} = 550$ YEARS AT 1000 GUESSES/SEC

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: **HARD**

THAT'S A BATTERY STAPLE.
CORRECT!

DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: YOU'VE ALREADY MEMORIZED IT

THROUGH 20 YEARS OF EFFORT, WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED EVERYONE TO USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE HARD FOR HUMANS TO REMEMBER, BUT EASY FOR COMPUTERS TO GUESS.

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Use Multi Factor
Authentication (MFA)



Account:

User Name:

Password:

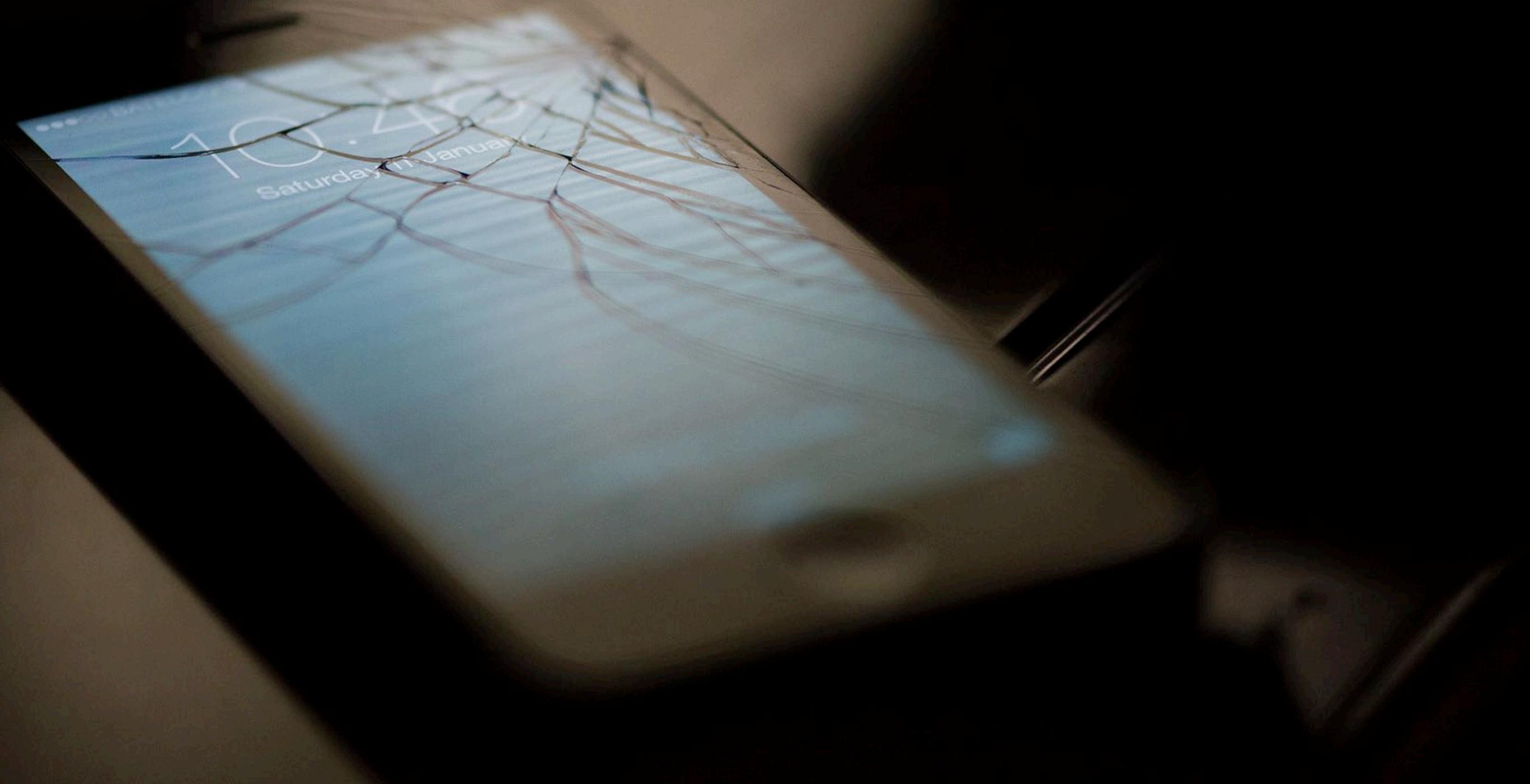
I have an MFA Token (more info)

MFA Code:

Sign In

[Sign-in using root account credentials](#)

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Never commit your
credentials

**Where to keep your
secrets?**

- 1. Environment variables**
- 2. Encrypted files in SCM**
- 3. Fancy tools**

[http://ejohn.org
/blog/keeping-passwords-in-source-control/](http://ejohn.org/blog/keeping-passwords-in-source-control/)



```
#!/bin/sh

FILE=$1
FILENAME=$(basename "$FILE")
EXTENSION="${FILENAME##*.}"
NAME="${FILENAME%.*}"

if [[ "$EXTENSION" != "aes256" ]]
then
    echo "Encrypting $FILENAME and removing the plaintext file"
    openssl aes-256-cbc -e -a -in $FILENAME -out ${FILENAME}.aes256
    rm $FILENAME
else
then
    echo "Decrypting $FILENAME"
    openssl aes-256-cbc -d -a -in $FILENAME -out $NAME
fi
```

```
$ ls  
truststore.jks.aes256
```

```
$ encrypt-decrypt.sh truststore.jks.aes256  
Contact operations@ecosio.com for the password  
Decrypting truststore.jks.aes256  
enter aes-256-cbc decryption password:
```

```
$ ls  
truststore.jks          truststore.jks.aes256
```

Tools

Ansible Vault, HashiCorp
Vault,...

Check your code

<https://github.com/michenriksen/gitrob>

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Enable IP restrictions

```
{ "Statement": [
    {
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": "*",
        "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
        "Effect": "Deny",
        "Action": "*",
        "Resource": "*",
        "Condition": {
            "NotIpAddress": {
                "aws:SourceIp": ["1.2.3.4/24", "5.6.7.8/28"]
            }
        }
    }
] }
```

EC2 Dashboard

- Events
- Tags
- Reports
- Limits
- INSTANCES**
 - Instances
 - Spot Requests
 - Reserved Instances

- IMAGES**
 - AMIs
 - Bundle Tasks

- ELASTIC BLOCK STORE**
 - Volumes
 - Snapshots

- NETWORK & SECURITY**
 - Security Groups
 - Elastic IPs
 - Placement Groups
 - Load Balancers
 - Key Pairs
 - Network Interfaces

Resources

You are using the following Amazon EC2 resources in the EU West (Ireland) region:

You are not authorized to describe Running Instances

You are not authorized to describe Volumes

You are not authorized to describe Key Pairs

You are not authorized to describe Placement Groups

You are not authorized to describe Elastic IPs

You are not authorized to describe Snapshots

You are not authorized to describe Load Balancers

You are not authorized to describe Security Groups

Create Instance

To start using Amazon EC2 you will want to launch a virtual server, known as an Amazon EC2 instance.

Launch Instance

Note: Your instances will launch in the EU West (Ireland) region

Service Health

Service Status:

✓ EU West (Ireland):
This service is operating normally

Availability Zone Status:

⚠ You are not authorized to perform this operation.
[Service Health Dashboard](#)

Scheduled Events

EU West (Ireland):

⚠ You are not authorized to describe instances and volumes

Account Attributes

Supported Platforms

EC2
VPC

Additional Information

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[Vyatta Virtual Router/Firewall/VPN](#)
Provided by Vyatta, Inc.
Rating
Pay by the hour for software and AWS usage
[View all Networking Software](#)
[Alert Logic Threat Manager for AWS](#)

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Enable billing alerts

ALARM: "BillingAlert" in US - N. Virginia



You are receiving this email because your estimated charges are greater than the limit you set for the alarm "BillingAlert" in AWS Account [REDACTED].

The alarm limit you set was \$ 2000.00 USD. Your total estimated charges accrued for this billing period are currently \$ [REDACTED] USD as of [Friday 01 August, 2014 01:54:21 UTC](#). The actual charges you will be billed in this statement period may differ from the charges shown on this notification. For more information, view your estimated bill at: <https://console.aws.amazon.com/billing/home#/bill?year=2014&month=8>

More details about this alarm are provided below:

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Amazon CloudWatch Alarm "BillingAlert" in the US - N. Virginia region has entered the ALARM state, because "Threshold Crossed: 2 datapoints were greater than or equal to the threshold (2000.0). The most recent datapoints: [REDACTED]. At ["Friday 01 August, 2014 01:54:21 UTC"](#).

View this alarm in the AWS Management Console:

<https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/home?region=us-east-1#s=Alarms&alarm=BillingAlert>

Alarm Details:

- Name: BillingAlert
- Description:
- State Change: INSUFFICIENT_DATA -> ALARM
- Reason for State Change: Threshold Crossed: 2 datapoints were greater than or equal to the threshold (2000.0). The most recent datapoints: [REDACTED].
- Timestamp: [Friday 01 August, 2014 01:54:21 UTC](#)
- AWS Account: [REDACTED]

Threshold:

- The alarm is in the ALARM state when the metric is GreaterThanOrEqualToThreshold 2000.00 for 3600 seconds.

Monitored Metric:

- MetricNamespace: AWS/Billing
- MetricName: EstimatedCharges

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Enable CloudTrail

```
{ "Records": [ { "eventVersion": "1.0", "userIdentity": { "type": "IAMUser", "principalId": "EX_PRINCIPAL_ID", "arn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/Alice", "accountId": "123456789012", "accessKeyId": "EXAMPLE_KEY_ID", "userName": "Alice" }, "eventTime": "2015-09-09T19:01:59Z", "eventSource": "ec2.amazonaws.com", "eventName": "StopInstances", "awsRegion": "eu-west-1", "sourceIPAddress": "205.251.233.176", "userAgent": "ec2-api-tools 1.6.12.2", "requestParameters": { "instancesSet": { "items": [ { "instanceId": "i-ebeaf9e2" } ] } }, "force": false }, ..., ... ] }
```

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**Check Your Security
Status**

Security Status

5 out of 5 complete.

- Activate MFA on your root account
- Create individual IAM users
- Use groups to assign permissions
- Apply an IAM password policy
- Rotate your access keys

Bonus

**Premium Support:
Trusted Advisor Security**

Dashboard

Cost Optimization

Performance

Security

Fault Tolerance

Preferences

Trusted Advisor Dashboard



Cost Optimization



4 ✓ 3 ▲ 0 !

0 excluded items

\$1,292.42

Potential monthly savings

Performance



5 ✓ 3 ▲ 0 !

0 excluded items

Security



5 ✓ 4 ▲ 2 !

7 excluded items

Fault Tolerance



9 ✓ 5 ▲ 1 !

1 excluded items

Recent Changes

✓ Idle Load Balancers

5/12/15

Checks: Trusted Advisor adds four new checks for Elastic Load Balancing

⚠ CloudFront Content Delivery Optimization

5/12/15

Features: Introducing Trusted Advisor Action Links

✓ Amazon EC2 Reserved Instances Optimization

5/12/15

Checks: Service Limits check improvements

Checks: AWS CloudTrail and 4 Amazon Route 53 checks

What's New

Conclusion

No Magic
Just do your homework

*140 servers running on my
AWS account. What? How? I
only had S3 keys on my
GitHub and they were gone
within 5 minutes!*

– <http://www.devfactor.net/2014/12/30/2375-amazon-mistake/>

**If a key is compromised,
rotate it!**

*How a bug in Visual Studio
2015 exposed my source
code on GitHub and cost me
\$6,500 in a few hours*

– <https://www.humankode.com/security/how-a-bug-in-visual-studio-2015-exposed-my-source-code-on-github-and-cost-me-6500-in-a-few-hours>

**And never commit your
credentials!**

Thank you!
Questions?

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