**Exam Readiness: AWS Solutions Architect Associate**

**Resources Links**

Note: The “Resources” section below shows the module numbers as found in the *Architecting on AWS* course (not the same modules you’ll find in the slide deck for the Exam Readiness course).

## Resources

The following resource links will provide more information and help reinforce topics covered during the course “Architecting on AWS”:

## Module 1: Introduction

* [AWS Well-Architected](https://aws.amazon.com/architecture/well-architected/)
* [Labs and Quests](https://wellarchitectedlabs.com/)
* [AWS Global Cloud Infrastructure (Interactive)](https://infrastructure.aws/)
* [Global Infrastructure](https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/global-infrastructure/)
* [How AWS Came to Be](https://techcrunch.com/2016/07/02/andy-jassys-brief-history-of-the-genesis-of-aws/)
* [Learn how we secure AWS data centers by design](https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/data-center/)

## Module 2: The Simplest Architectures

* [Amazon S3 Storage Classes](https://aws.amazon.com/s3/storage-classes/)
* [S3 Bucket URLs and the Different Formats](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/UsingBucket.html#access-bucket-intro)
* [Amazon S3 Transfer Acceleration](https://s3-accelerate-speedtest.s3-accelerate.amazonaws.com/en/accelerate-speed-comparsion.html)
* [AWS Policy Generator](https://awspolicygen.s3.amazonaws.com/policygen.html)
* [AWS Policy Simulator](https://policysim.aws.amazon.com/)
* [Amazon S3 pricing](https://aws.amazon.com/s3/pricing/)
* [Region Table](https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/global-infrastructure/regional-product-services/)
* [How do I add an S3 Bucket policy?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/user-guide/add-bucket-policy.html)
* [Restrictions and Limitations](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/BucketRestrictions.html)
* [Bucket Access](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/UsingBucket.html#access-bucket-intro)
* [Hosting a static website on Amazon S3](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/WebsiteHosting.html)
* [Multipart Upload Overview](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/mpuoverview.html)
* [Multipart Upload Limits](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/qfacts.html)
* [Amazon S3 Glacier Access Control with Vault Lock Policies](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazonglacier/latest/dev/vault-lock-policy.html)
* [Using Amazon S3 block public access](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/access-control-block-public-access.html)
* [Object lifecycle management](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/object-lifecycle-mgmt.html)
* [How do I block public access to S3 buckets?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/user-guide/block-public-access.html)
* [Locking objects using S3 Object Lock](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/object-lock.html)
* [Cross-origin resource sharing (CORS)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/cors.html)
* [AWS Snowball](https://aws.amazon.com/snowball/)
* [AWS Snowmobile](https://aws.amazon.com/snowmobile/)

## Module 3: Adding a Compute Layer

* [Amazon EC2 Instance Types](https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/instance-types/)
* [EC2 Instance Comparison](https://www.ec2instances.info/)
* [Amazon EBS volume types](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ebs-volume-types.html)
* [Spot Instance Advisor](https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/instance-advisor/)
* [Update to Spot Instances that allow Stop instead of Terminate](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-stop-resume-workloads-on-ec2-spot-instances/)
* [Instance metadata and user data](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-metadata.html)
* [Tagging Best Practices](https://aws.amazon.com/answers/account-management/aws-tagging-strategies/)
* [Amazon Machine Image (AMI)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AMIs.html)
* [Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AmazonEBS.html)
* [Amazon EFSHow It Works](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/efs/latest/ug/how-it-works.html)
* [SSD Instance Store Volumes](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ssd-instance-store.html)
* [New – Stop & Resume Workloads on EC2 Spot Instances](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-stop-resume-workloads-on-ec2-spot-instances/)
* [Amazon EC2 Spot Lets you Pause and Resume Your Workloads](https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2017/11/amazon-ec2-spot-lets-you-pause-and-resume-your-workloads/)
* [Compute Optimizer](https://aws.amazon.com/compute-optimizer/)

## Module 4: Adding A Database Layer

* [What Is AWS Database Migration Service?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/dms/latest/userguide/Welcome.html)
* [What is Amazon Aurora?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/CHAP_AuroraOverview.html)
* [Amazon DynamoDB](https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/)
* [Tutorial on DynamoDB](https://aws.amazon.com/getting-%20started/tutorials/create-nosql-table/)
* [Global TablesMulti-Region Replication with DynamoDB](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/GlobalTables.html)
* [Global Tables](https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/global-tables/)
* [Global Tables - More](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/globaltables_HowItWorks.html)
* [What Is the AWS Schema Conversion Tool?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/SchemaConversionTool/latest/userguide/CHAP_Welcome.html)
* [Getting Started with Amazon DynamoDB](https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/getting-started/)
* [Cache for DynamoDB](https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/dax/)
* [Best Practices for Designing and Architecting with DynamoDB](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/best-practices.html)
* [Amazon RDS for Oracle](https://aws.amazon.com/rds/oracle/)
* [Amazon DynamoDB Transactions](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-amazon-dynamodb-transactions/)
* [Snowball Edge](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/snowball/latest/developer-guide/whatisedge.html)

## Module 5: Networking In AWS Part 1

* [IP Addressing in your VPC](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/vpc-ip-addressing.html)
* [VPC and subnet sizing for IPv6](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/VPC_Subnets.html#vpc-sizing-ipv6)
* [CIDR.xyz](https://cidr.xyz/)
* [Subnetting Secret Book – free on Amazon.com with Kindle-Unlimited](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07KV7N8WS/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i5)
* [Another Day, Another Billion Packets](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qln2u1Vr2E)
* [A Day in the Life of a Billion Packets – Revision 3](https://youtu.be/St3SE4LWhKo)
* [Networking and Content Delivery on AWS](https://aws.amazon.com/products/networking)
* [Using DNS with your VPC](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/vpc-dns.html)
* [Building a Scalable and Secure Multi-VPC AWS Network Infrastructure](https://d1.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/building-a-scalable-and-secure-multi-vpc-aws-network-infrastructure.pdf)

## Module 6: Networking In AWS Part 2

* [AWS Global Transit Network](https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/aws-global-transit-network/)
* [What is AWS Site-to-Site VPN?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpn/latest/s2svpn/VPC_VPN.html)
* [AWS Site-to-site VPN – more info](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_VPN.htm)
* [AWS Direct Connect features](https://aws.amazon.com/directconnect/features/)
* [AWS Direct Connect Resiliency Recommendations](https://aws.amazon.com/directconnect/resiliency-recommendation/)
* [AWS Direct Connect does **not** encrypt traffic during transit](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/directconnect/latest/UserGuide/encryption-in-transit.html)
* [Assigning my own IP address space to instances created in a VPC](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/elastic-ip-addresses-eip.html)
* [Internet Gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/VPC_Internet_Gateway.html)
* [AWS Transit Gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/tgw/tgw-transit-gateways.html)
* [OSI model](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OSI_model)
* [Elastic Load Balancing features](https://aws.amazon.com/elasticloadbalancing/features/)
* [Deregistration Delay](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticloadbalancing/latest/application/load-balancer-target-groups.html#deregistration-delay)
* [Application Load Balancers now Support Advanced Request Routing](https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2019/03/application-load-balancers-now-support-advanced-request-routing/)
* [Amazon Route53](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/Route53/latest/DeveloperGuide/Welcome.html)
* [Amazon Route53 Health Checking](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/Route53/latest/DeveloperGuide/dns-failover-determining-health-%20of-endpoints)
* [AWS Global Accelerator FAQs](https://aws.amazon.com/global-accelerator/features)

## Module 7: AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)

* [AWS Identity & Access Management](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/introduction.html)
* [AWS Account Root User](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_root-user.html)
* [Identity Providers and Federation](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_roles_providers.html)
* [AWS Security Token Service](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/STS/latest/APIReference/Welcome.html)
* [Logging IAM and AWS STS API Calls with AWS CloudTrail](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/cloudtrail-integration.html)
* [AWS Federated Authentication with Active Directory Federation Services (AD FS)](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/aws-federated-authentication-with-active-directory-federation-services-ad-fs/)
* [AWS Service Catalog](https://aws.amazon.com/servicecatalog/?aws-service-catalog.sort-by=item.additionalFields.createdDate&aws-service-catalog.sort-order=desc)
* [AWS Landing Zone](https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/aws-landing-zone/)
* [Service control policies in AWS Organizations enable fine-grained permission controls](https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2019/03/service-control-policies-enable-fine-grained-permission-controls/)
* [How to Rotate Access Keys for IAM Users](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/how-to-rotate-access-keys-for-iam-users/)
* [Become an AWS IAM Policy Ninja in 60 Minutes or Less](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7-fAT3z8Lo&feature=youtu.be)
* [Policies and Permissions](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/access_policies.html)
* [IAM DeepDive Video re:Invent 2016 – Be an IAM Policy Ninja in 60 minutes or less](https://youtu.be/y7-fAT3z8Lo)
* [Root User Guide](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_root-user.html)
* [Federation with ADFS and SAML](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/enabling-federation-to-aws-using-windows-active-%20directory-adfs-and-saml-2-0/)
* [Federated Authentication with Active Directory - Blog](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/aws-federated-authentication-with-active-directory-%20federation-services-ad-fs/)
* [Cognito User Guide](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cognito/latest/developerguide/getting-started-with-cognito-user-%20pools.html)
* [AWS Landing Zone](https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/aws-landing-zone/)
* [Service Control Policies and AWS Organizations](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/organizations/latest/userguide/orgs_manage_policies_scp.html)
* [Which AWS Services Work with IAM?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/reference_aws-services-that-work-with-iam.html)

## Module 8: Elasticity, High Availability, and Monitoring

* [What Is Amazon CloudWatch?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/WhatIsCloudWatch.html)
* [What Is Amazon CloudWatch Logs?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/logs/WhatIsCloudWatchLogs.html)
* [Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights – Fast, Interactive Log Analytics](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-amazon-cloudwatch-logs-insights-fast-interactive-log-analytics/)
* [How Amazon CloudWatch Works](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/cloudwatch_architecture.html)
* [CloudWatch Metrics](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/CW_Support_For_AWS.html)
* [CloudWatch Metrics - More](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/metrics-collected-by-CloudWatch-agent.html)
* [Auto Scaling Creates CloudWatch Metrics](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/ec2/userguide/cloud-watch-events.html)
* [AWS CloudTrail](https://aws.amazon.com/cloudtrail/)
* [CloudTrail Supported Services and Integrations](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/awscloudtrail/latest/userguide/cloudtrail-aws-service-specific-topics.html)
* [CloudTrail Supported Services and Integrations](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/awscloudtrail/latest/userguide/cloudtrail-aws-service-specific-topics.html)
* [Scaling Your Amazon RDS Instance Vertically and Horizontally](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/scaling-your-amazon-rds-instance-vertically-and-horizontally/)
* [CDP:Sharding Write Pattern](http://en.clouddesignpattern.org/index.php/CDP:Sharding_Write_Pattern)
* [Amazon DynamoDB On-Demand – No Capacity Planning and Pay-Per-Request Pricing](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/amazon-dynamodb-on-demand-no-capacity-planning-and-pay-per-request-pricing/)
* [Best Practices for Designing and Using Partition Keys Effectively](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/bp-partition-key-design.html)
* [Designing Partition Keys to Distribute Your Workload Evenly](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/bp-partition-key-uniform-load.html)
* [AWS Auto Scaling](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/plans/userguide/what-is-aws-auto-scaling.html)
* [What Happens When Auto Scaling Policies Conflict?](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/latest/userguide/as-scaling-simple-step.html)
* [Auto Scaling Termination Policy](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/latest/userguide/as-instance-termination.html)
* [Step and Simple Scaling Policies for Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/ec2/userguide/as-scaling-simple-step.html)
* [Controlling Which Auto Scaling Instances Terminate During Scale In](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/ec2/userguide/as-instance-termination.html)
* [AWS Services That Publish CloudWatch Metrics](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/aws-services-cloudwatch-metrics.html)
* [Auto Scaling for Amazon DynamoDB](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-auto-scaling-for-amazon-dynamodb/)
* [Setting up a Billing Alarm for Your Account](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/monitor_estimated_charg%20es_with_cloudwatch.html)

## Module 9: Automation

* [AWS CloudFormation](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/Welcome.html)
* [CloudFormation Sample Templates](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-sample-templates.html)
* [Detect Drift on an Entire CloudFormation Stack](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/detect-drift-stack.html)
* [CloudFormation Limits](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cloudformation-limits.html)
* [Updating Stacks Using Change Sets](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks-changesets.html)
* [AWS Quick Starts](https://aws.amazon.com/quickstart/?quickstart-all.sort-by=item.additionalFields.updateDate&quickstart-all.sort-order=desc)
* [AWS System Manager](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/what-is-systems-manager.html)
* [AWS Systems Manager Patch Manage](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/systems-manager-patch.html)
* [AWS Systems Manager Maintenance Windows](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/systems-manager-maintenance.html)
* [AWS Systems Manager State Manager](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/systems-manager-state.html)
* [AWS Systems Manager Session Manager](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/session-manager.html)
* [AWS Systems Manager Inventory](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/systems-manager-inventory.html)
* [Walkthrough: Refer to resource outputs in another AWS CloudFormation stack](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/walkthrough-crossstackref.html)
* [AWS OpsWorks](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/welcome.html)
* [AWS Elastic Beanstalk](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/Welcome.html)

## Module 10: Caching

* [Caching Overview](https://aws.amazon.com/caching/)
* [Request and Response Behavior for Amazon S3 Origins](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudFront/latest/DeveloperGuide/RequestAndResponseBehaviorS3Origin.html)
* [What are AWS WAF, AWS shield, and AWS Firewall Manager?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/waf/latest/developerguide/what-is-aws-waf.html)
* [AWS Shield](https://aws.amazon.com/shield)
* [Amazon DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX)A Read-Through/Write-Through Cache for DynamoDB](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/amazon-dynamodb-accelerator-dax-a-read-throughwrite-through-cache-for-dynamodb/)
* [DAX FAQs](https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/faqs/#dax)
* [What Is Amazon CloudFront?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudFront/latest/DeveloperGuide/Introduction.html)
* [Amazon S3 + Amazon CloudFrontA Match Made in the Cloud](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/networking-and-content-delivery/amazon-s3-amazon-cloudfront-a-match-made-in-the-cloud/)
* [Amazon Elasticache](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticache/index.html)

## Module 11 Building Decoupled Architectures

* [Building Loosely Coupled, Scalable, C# Applications with Amazon SQS and Amazon SNS](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/building-loosely-coupled-scalable-c-applications-with-amazon-sqs-and-amazon-sns/)
* [Encrypting messages published to Amazon SNS with AWS KMS](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/encrypting-messages-published-to-amazon-sns-with-aws-kms/)
* [Can SNS Trigger Lambda Functions?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/with-sns-example.html)
* [Video: API Gateway (5/29/2018)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkDcBssNd1g)

## Module 12: Microservices and Serverless Architectures

* [Microservices](https://aws.amazon.com/microservices/)
* [AWS Cloud Map](https://aws.amazon.com/cloud-map/)
* [Introducing AWS Cloud Map and AWS App Mesh](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTE1PbdY3hY)
* [AWS App Mesh Features](https://aws.amazon.com/app-mesh/features/)
* [AWS Fargate](https://aws.amazon.com/fargate/)
* [Using AWS Lambda with CloudFront Lambda@Edge](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/lambda-edge.html)
* [Lambda Functions as Targets](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticloadbalancing/latest/application/lambda-functions.html)
* [AWS Lambda Examples](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-javascript/v2/developer-guide/lambda-examples.html)
* [Is Lambda Fast Enough to Respond to Real-Time Events?](https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/projects/build-serverless-real-time-data-processing-app-lambda-kinesis-s3-dynamodb-cognito-athena/)
* [AWS Lambda Getting Started](https://aws.amazon.com/lambda/getting-started/)
* [AWS Lambda - Customer Case Studies](https://aws.amazon.com/lambda/resources/customer-case-studies/)
* [AWS Lambda – Other Use Cases](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/use-cases.html)
* [Best Practices for Working with AWS Lambda Functions](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/best-practices.html)
* [Building API-Driven Microservices with Amazon API Gateway - AWS Online Tech Talks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkDcBssNd1g)
* [Using AWS Lambda with Other Services](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/lambda-services.html)
* [What are AWS WAF, AWS shield, and AWS Firewall Manager?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/waf/latest/developerguide/what-is-aws-waf.html)
* [Monitoring AWS WAF, AWS Firewall Manager, and AWS Shield Advanced](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/waf/latest/developerguide/monitoring_overview.html)

## Module 13: RTO\_RPO and Backup Recovery Setup

* [AWS DataSync](https://aws.amazon.com/datasync/?whats-new-cards.sort-by=item.additionalFields.postDateTime&whats-new-cards.sort-order=desc)
* [AWS Direct Connect Resiliency Recommendations](https://aws.amazon.com/directconnect/resiliency-recommendation/)
* [What Is AWS Storage Gateway?](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/storagegateway/latest/userguide/WhatIsStorageGateway.html)
* [AWS Storage Gateway (File, Volume, Tape)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/storagegateway/latest/userguide/create-gateways.html)
* [Large Scale Disaster Recovery Using AWS regions](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/startups/large-scale-disaster-recovery-using-aws-regions/)
* [Disaster Recovery Options with AWS - AWS Online Tech Talks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bkt7MssTlE)
* [RTO/RPO White Paper](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-whitepaper-use-aws-for-disaster-recovery/)
* [Large-Scale Recovery](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/startups/large-scale-disaster-recovery-using-aws-regions/)
* [Video: DR Options (11/25/2017)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bkt7MssTlE)

## Module 14: Optimization

* [Continuous Optimization](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/enterprise-strategy/continuous-optimization/)

**Additional Resources, Tools, and Links**

* [Compute Abstractions on AWS: A Visual Story](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/architecture/compute-abstractions-on-aws-a-visual-story/)
* [AWS Well-Architected - Learn, measure, and build using architectural best practices](https://aws.amazon.com/architecture/well-architected/)
* [AWS Well-Architected Framework](https://wa.aws.amazon.com/index.html)
* [Updates to the Well-Architected Framework (July 2020)](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/updates-to-security-pillar-aws-well-architected-framework/)
* [AWS Well-Architected Tool – Review Workloads Against Best Practices](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-aws-well-architected-tool-review-workloads-against-best-practices/)
* [AWS Well-Architected Tool – DEMO](https://d3nn3d4w2aqyem.cloudfront.net/mp4/Getting_started_video.mp4)
* [Amazon EC2 Instance Types](https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/instance-types/)
* [Spot Instance Advisor](https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/instance-advisor/)
* [Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling Lifecycle Hooks](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/ec2/userguide/lifecycle-hooks.html)
* [Running high-scale web applications on Amazon EC2 Spot Instances](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/running-high-scale-web-on-spot-instances/)
* [Amazon EBS Volume Types](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/EBSVolumeTypes.html)
* [Recovering files from an Amazon EBS volume backup](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/recovering-files-from-an-amazon-ebs-volume-backup/)
* [Amazon Aurora Backtrack – Turn Back Time](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/amazon-aurora-backtrack-turn-back-time/)
* [Best Practices for DynamoDB](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/best-practices.html)
* [Best Practices for Designing and Using Partition Keys Effectively](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/bp-partition-key-design.html)
* [Building resiliency at scale at Tinder with Amazon ElastiCache](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/building-resiliency-at-scale-at-tinder-with-amazon-elasticache/)
* [Introducing Amazon Elasticsearch Service as a target in AWS Database Migration Service](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/introducing-amazon-elasticsearch-service-as-a-target-in-aws-database-migration-service/)
* [Migration Complete – Amazon’s Consumer Business Just Turned off its Final Oracle Database](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/migration-complete-amazons-consumer-business-just-turned-off-its-final-oracle-database/)
* [Scaling Your Amazon RDS Instance Vertically and Horizontally](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/scaling-your-amazon-rds-instance-vertically-and-horizontally/)
* [Right-size Amazon RDS instances at scale based on Oracle performance metrics](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/right-sizing-amazon-rds-instances-at-scale-based-on-oracle-performance-metrics/)
* [Amazon S3 + Amazon CloudFront: A Match Made in the Cloud](https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/networking-and-content-delivery/amazon-s3-amazon-cloudfront-a-match-made-in-the-cloud/)
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