Introduction to Security and Architecture on AWS

AWS ARCHITECTURE CORE CONCEPTS



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Overview

Reviewing core concepts around security and architecture

Exploring the AWS Shared Responsibility Model

Introducing the AWS Well Architected Framework

Examining fault tolerance and high availability on AWS

Understanding provided tools for compliance

Acceptable Use Policy

AWS's policy for acceptable and unacceptable uses of their cloud platform. All users must agree with this policy to have an account on the platform. Acceptable Use Policy

Sending unsolicited mass emails is prohibited

Hosting or distributing harmful content is prohibited

Penetration tests are allowed for a list of specific services

Least Privilege Access

When granting permission for a user to access AWS resources, you should grant them the minimum permissions needed to complete their tasks and no more.



"Security and Compliance is a shared responsibility between AWS and the customer."

Amazon Web Services, Shared Responsibility Model

Shared Responsibility Summary

AWS Responsibility

AWS is responsible for the security of the cloud

Customer Responsibility

Customer is responsible for security in the cloud

Shared Responsibility Model

AWS Responsibility

Access & Training for Amazon Employees

Global Data Centers & Underlying
Network

Hardware for Global Infrastructure

Configuration Management for Infrastructure

Patching Cloud Infrastructure & Services

Customer Responsibility

Individual Access to Cloud Resources & Training

Data Security & Encryption (both in transit and at rest)

Operating System, Network, and Firewall Configuration

All Code Deployed onto Cloud Infrastructure

Patching guest OS and custom applications



AWS Well-architected Framework

The Well-architected Framework is a collection of best practices across five key pillars for how to best create systems that create business value on AWS.

Pillars of the Well-architected Framework

Operational Excellence

Running and monitoring systems for business value

Security

Protecting information and business assets

Reliability

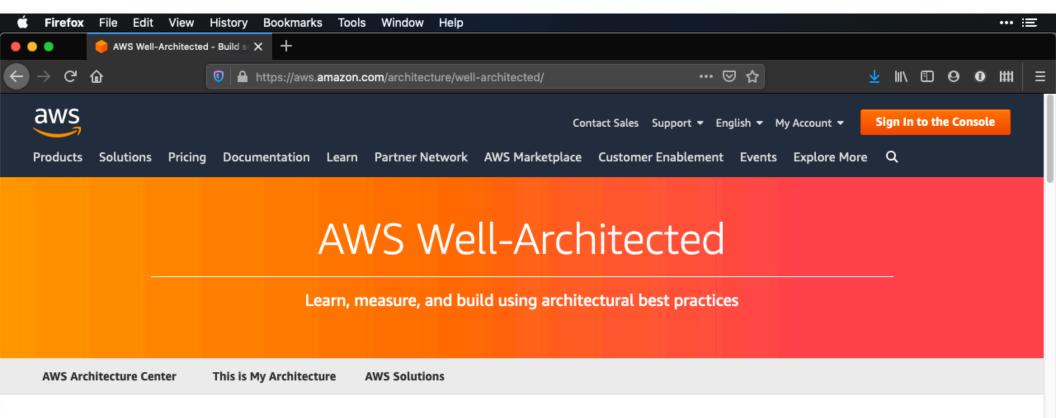
Enabling infrastructure to recover from disruptions

Performance Efficiency

Using resources efficiently to achieve business value

Cost Optimization

Achieving minimal costs for the desired value

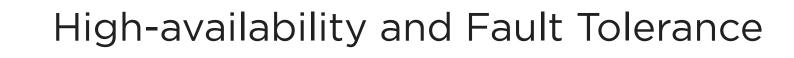


AWS Well-Architected

The Well-Architected Framework has been developed to help cloud architects build secure, high-performing, resilient, and efficient infrastructure for their applications. Based on five pillars — operational excellence, security, reliability, performance efficiency, and cost optimization — the Framework provides a consistent approach for customers and partners to evaluate architectures, and implement designs that will scale over time.

The AWS Well-Architected Tool is now available. The user guide can be located here.

APN Partners are available to help you along the way as you build and manage your workloads. Engage an AWS Well-Architected Partner. If you are an APN Partner interested in joining the Well-Architected Partner Program, click here.



"Everything fails all the time."

Werner Vogels - CTO, Amazon

Reliability on AWS

Fault Tolerance

Being able to support the failure of components within your architecture

High Availability

Keeping your entire solution running in the expected manner despite issues that may occur

Building Solutions on AWS Most managed AWS services provide high-availability out of the box

When building solutions directly on EC2 fault tolerance must be architected

Multiple availability zones should be leveraged

Some services can enable fault tolerance in your custom applications

- Simple Queue Service (SQS)
- Route 53

Compliance

Common Compliance Standards

PCI-DSS

Compliance standard for processing credit cards

HIPAA

Compliance standard for healthcare data

SOC 1, SOC 2, SOC 3

Third-party reviews of operational processes

FedRAMP

Standards for US government data handling

ISO 27018

Standard for handling Personally Identifiable Info

Compliance Services







AWS Config

Provides conformance packs for standards

AWS Artifact

Provides self-service access to reports

Amazon GuardDuty

Provides intelligent threat detection

Demo

Examining compliance reports in AWS Artifact

Exploring conformance packs in AWS Config





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They will be processing cards directly and not through a service

Their bank needs a PCI DSS compliance report for AWS

Where would Jane go to get the information?



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What would you tell Tim's CTO?



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