

From Bare Metal to Abstraction

A There and Back Again
Tale to the Heart of Cloud-
Native Computing.



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A long time ago, in a data center far, far
away...



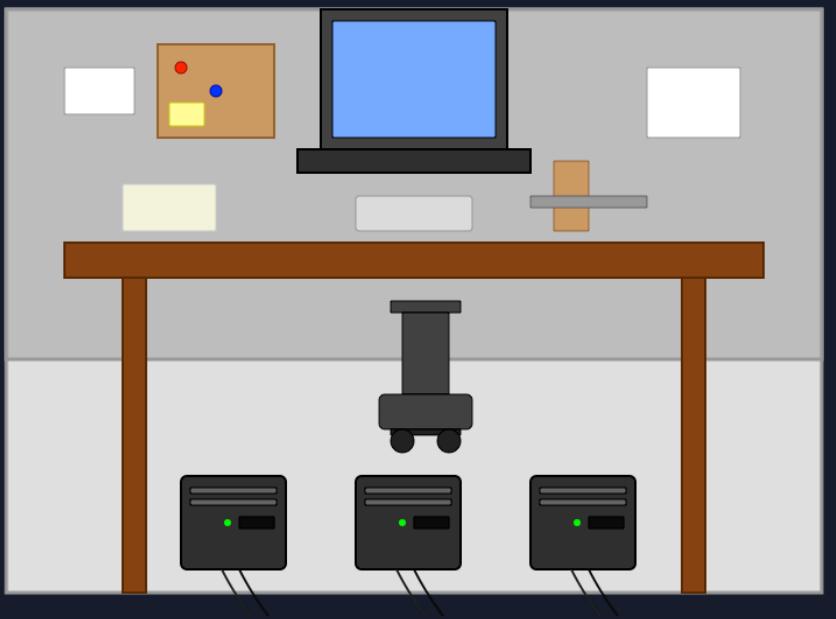
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The screenshot shows the Alamy website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Images, Videos, Creative, Editorial, Archive, Blog, Enterprise, About us, Sell, Our Licenses, Lightboxes, Cart, and Sign in. Below the navigation is a search bar with the query "1990s data center". The search results are displayed in a grid format. A sidebar on the left includes filters and a quick filters section. On the right, there are sorting options (Sort by Relevant) and pagination controls (Page 1 of 1). The images in the grid represent various scenes from the 1990s data center era, such as people working at computer terminals, server racks, and large stacks of magnetic tape.



BGP, the "Two Napkin Protocol"





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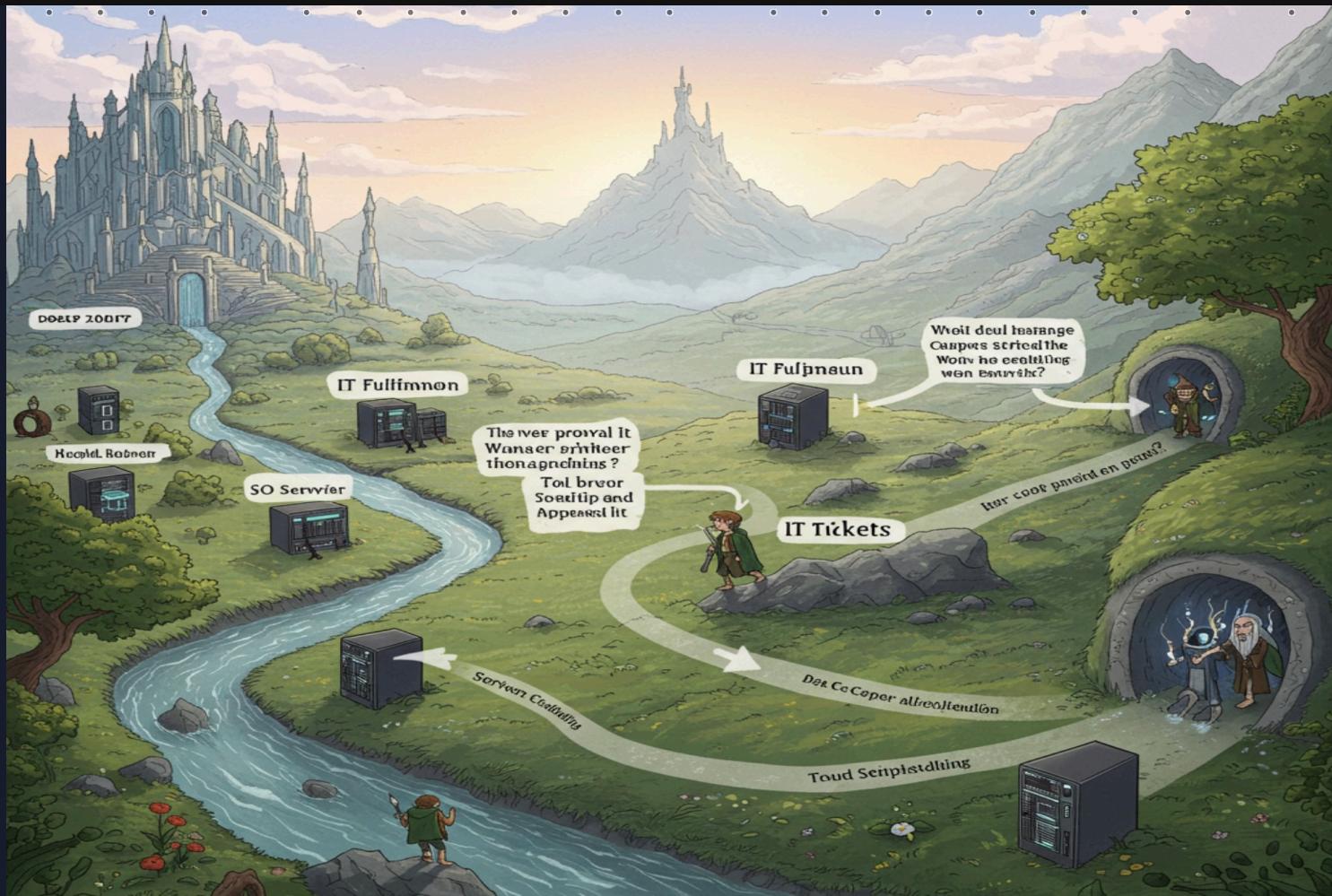
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SYSTEM OPTIONS

PowerEdge R900

PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core E7310 Xeon, 1.6GHz, 4M Cache, 80W, 1066MHz FSB

- PowerEdge R900, 2x Dual Core E7220 Xeon, 2.93GHz, 8M Cache, 80W, 1066MHz FSB [add \$800]
- PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core E7310 Xeon, 1.8GHz, 4M Cache, 80W, 1066MHz FSB [Included in Price]
- PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core E7320 Xeon, 2.13GHz, 4M Cache, 80W, 1066MHz FSB [add \$700]
- PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core E7330 Xeon, 2.4GHz, 6M Cache, 80W, 1066MHz FSB [add \$1,300]
- PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core E7340 Xeon, 2.4GHz, 8M Cache, 80W, 1066MHz FSB [add \$2,350]
- PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core L7345 Xeon, 1.86GHz, 8M Cache, 50W, 1066MHz FSB [add \$3,700]
- PowerEdge R900, 2x Quad Core X7350 Xeon, 2.93GHz, 8M Cache, 130W, 1066MHz FSB [add \$3,700]





The Dark Ages of IT

/r/sysadmin horror stories are fun, if not a bit triggering

BOFH. 'nuf said.

- No online documentation
- Power switch kicked off meant a 30-minute drive to the data center
- Data recovery bandwidth as fast as a car loaded with tapes could drive
- Didn't update things until something was broke
- Large binders of CDs for every OS and program in the company
- Hotswap was a myth (and no one really used SCSI back then 🤦)
- Sneakernet filesharing



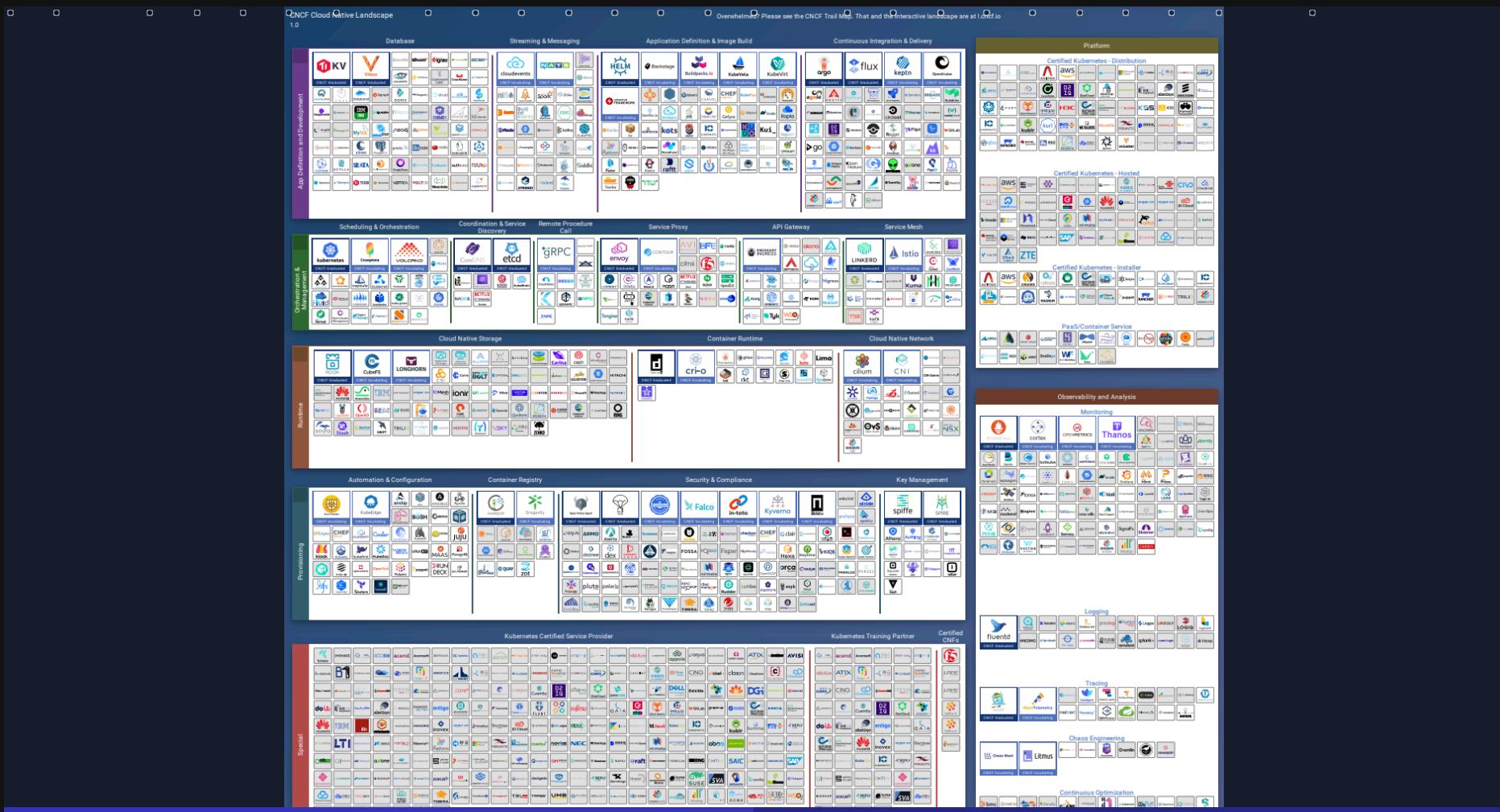
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"We are stuck with technology when what we really want is just stuff that works."

-Douglas Adams

The image shows two side-by-side cloud provider dashboards: Google Cloud Platform (left) and AWS (right).

Google Cloud Platform Dashboard:

- Project Info:** Shows Project ID, Project Name, and Project Number.
- Resources:** Lists App Engine, Storage, Cloud Functions, and BigQuery.
- Logs:** Shows trace data from the last 7 days.
- Getting started:** Includes links for AI Platform, Cloud Run, Cloud Functions, Cloud Build, and Cloud Run.

AWS Console Home Dashboard:

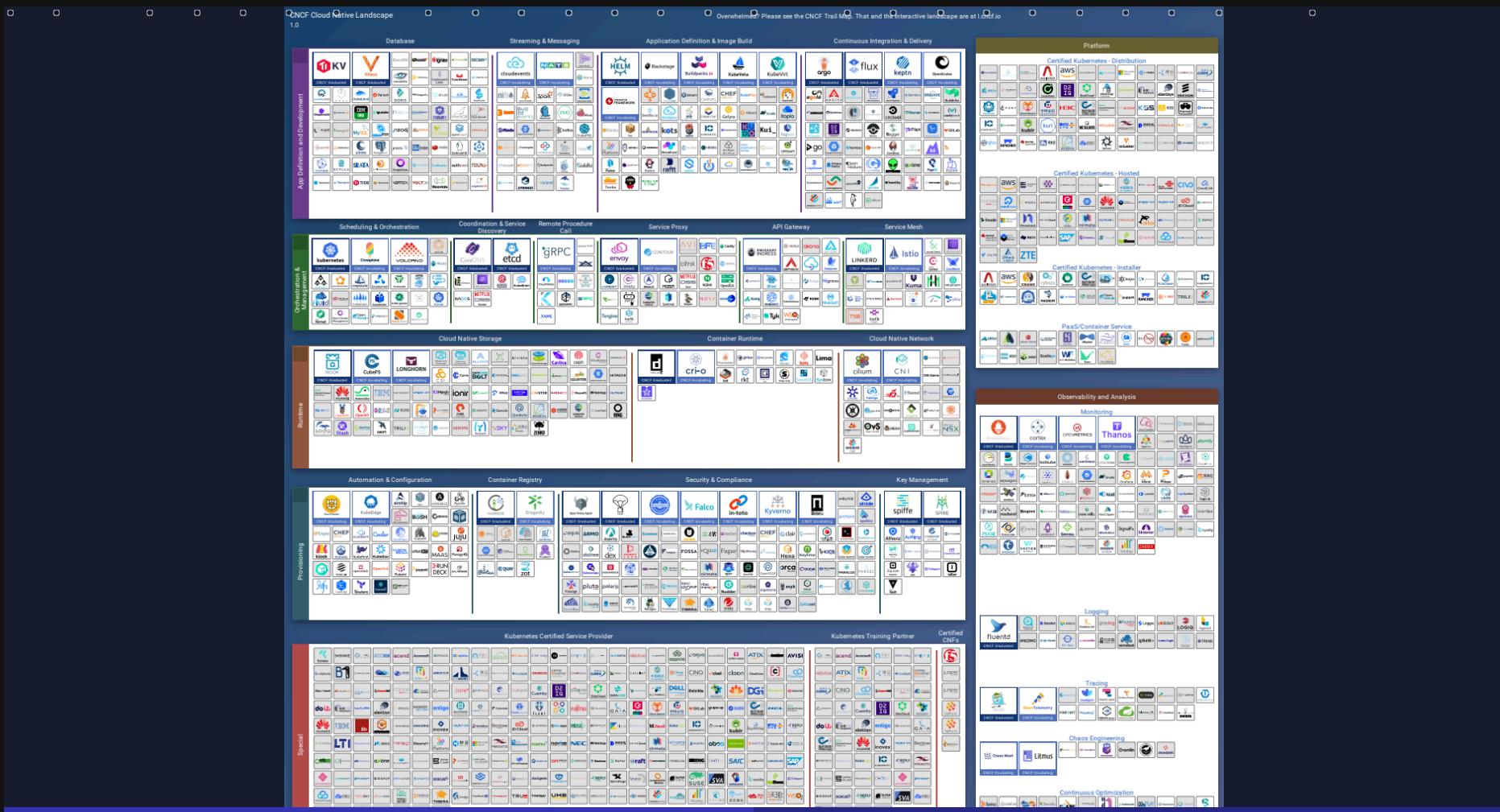
- Recently visited:** Lists IoT Core, RDS, DynamoDB, Device Farm, Amazon Bedrock, Security Hub, S3, Lambda, Route 53, CloudFront, CloudFormation, Secrets Manager, and Amazon Polly.
- Security:** Displays a security score of 75% (63/326), critical severity findings (11), and high severity findings (34).
- Welcome to AWS:** Offers links to Getting started with AWS, Training and certification, and What's new with AWS?
- Cost and usage:** Shows current month costs (\$31.10), forecasted month end costs (\$62.15), and savings opportunities.
- AWS Health:** Lists open issues (0), scheduled changes (2), and other notifications (2).



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Journey from Bare Metal to Cloud Native

- Limitations inherent in managing physical servers
- Adoption of virtualization to improve resource utilization
- Cloud computing brought on-demand compute resources (a virtual Rent-a-Center)
- DevOps movement pushed collaboration and automation, breaking down silos
- Docker & containerization provided a standardized way to package applications
- Orchestration platforms like Kubernetes emerged to manage containers at scale
- ...



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Core Foundational Elements

Automation

Past



Present

```
provider "aws" {
  alias  = "us_east_1"
  region = "us-east-1"
}

module "my_site" {
  source = "git::ssh://git@github.com/....."

  site_domain = "hello.example.com"
}

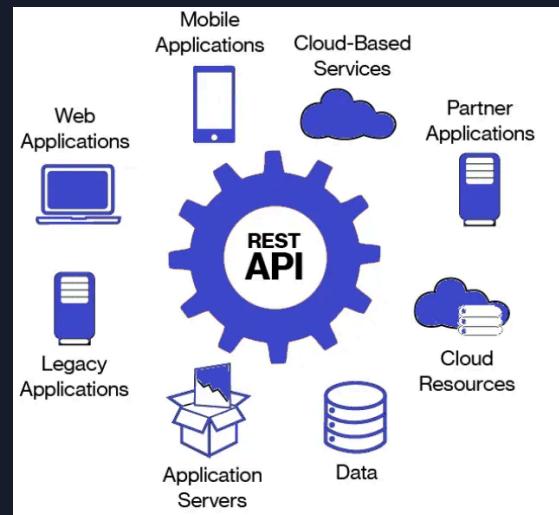
resource "aws_s3_bucket_object" "my_index" {
  bucket      = "${module.my_site.bucket_name}"
  key         = "index.html"
  content     = "<pre>Hello World!</pre>"
  content_type = "text/html; charset=utf-8"
}
```

Core Foundational Elements Standardization

Past



Present

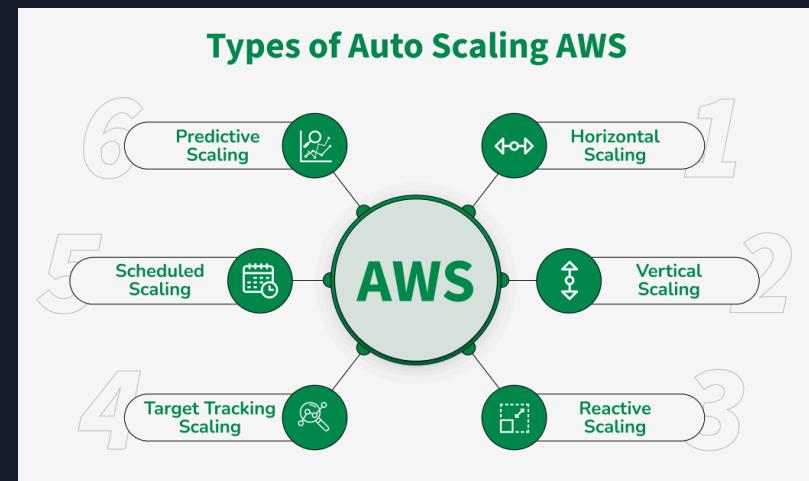


Core Foundational Elements

Scalability

Past

Present

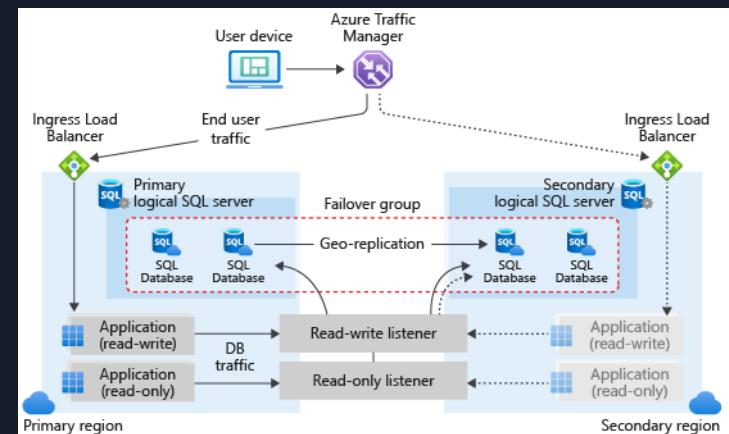


Core Foundational Elements

Resilience

Past

Present



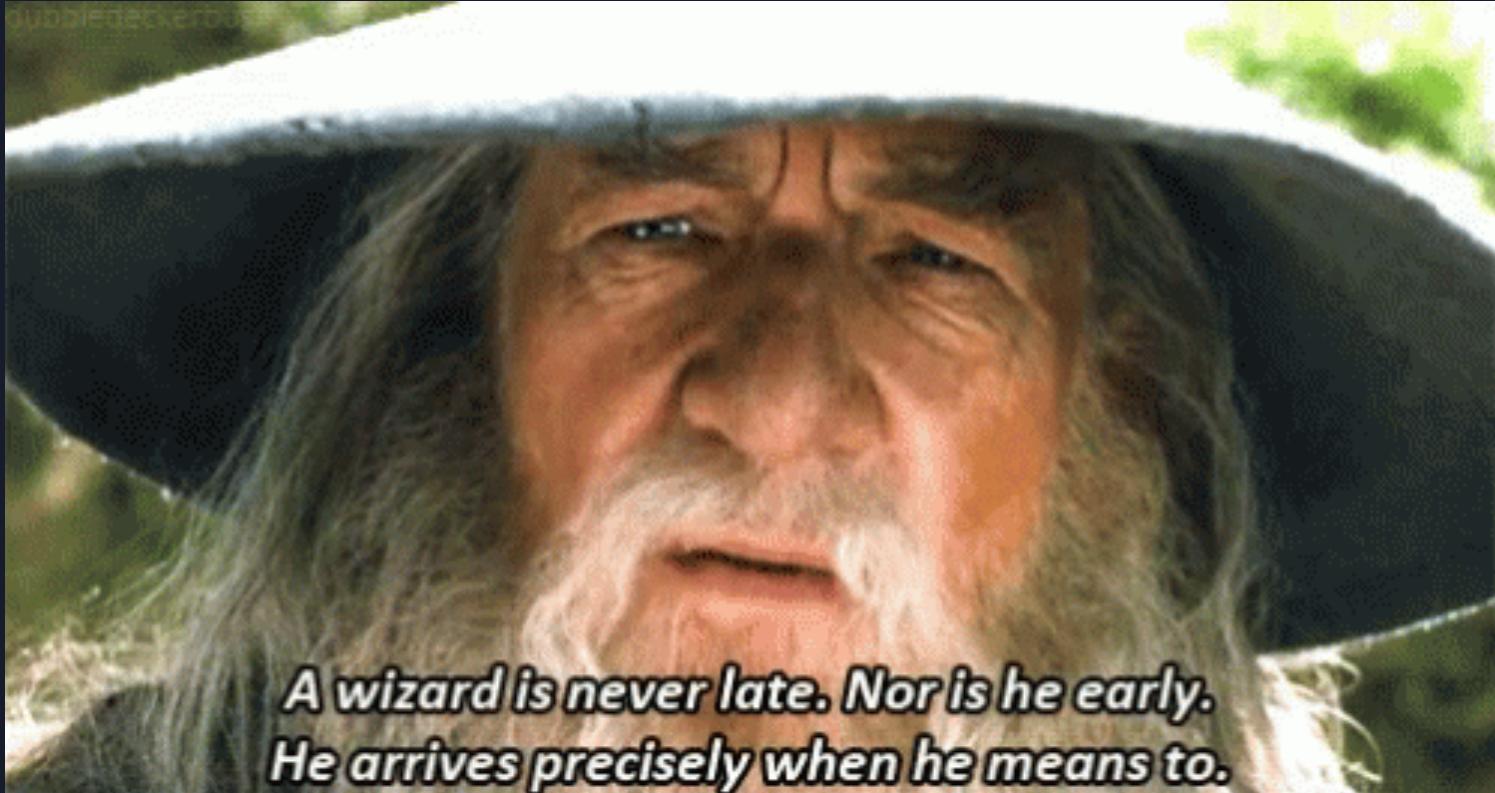
Core Foundational Elements

Security

Past

Present





*A wizard is never late. Nor is he early.
He arrives precisely when he means to.*

Future Challenges

- Practitioner Experience + AI-Driven Operations
- Expanding Cloud Boundaries
- Sustainability and Efficiency Focus
- Continued Open Ecosystem Growth

"I learned to always take on things I'd never done before.
Growth and comfort do not coexist."

-Ginni Rometty, former IBM CEO

Thank you!



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