

Mid-Curriculum Project

InnoMed Startup Company

Introduction and Overview



Introduction

- **InnoMed** is a startup software as a service (SaaS) company.
- It has built an online medical social networking and diagnosis assistance application for users in APAC, the US, and Europe.
- The application connects patients and doctors to allow online appointments, remote consultation, remote diagnosis, electronic prescription transfer, and payment services.
- The application allows customers to upload documents and images. Text is extracted from documents, and images are converted into multiple formats.
- The application has not yet been launched publically.

Overview – Current Environment

- InnoMed's development and test infrastructure is deployed with a server hosting company.
- InnoMed uses Microsoft Windows servers to host their web and application tiers with Microsoft SQL Server Standard Edition backend databases.
- The application launch date is coming soon and InnoMed expects many users to start using the application.
- InnoMed has decided to use cloud technologies to support its rapid growth.
- InnoMed has hired you to architect an infrastructure in AWS to meet their application needs.

Overview – Requirements

InnoMed plans to move their application into AWS.

The plan includes:

- Configuring access permissions to conform with AWS best practices.
- Configuring auditing to track all user actions.
- Building networks that conform to AWS best practices while providing all the necessary network services to the applications in their different environments.
- Building an architecture that matches the current architecture at the server hosting company and that can handle doubling the number of servers.
- Ensuring that no code changes are required.

Current Architecture



Current Architecture

Web Tier

- Two physical servers (Two CPUs / 4-GB memory)
- Microsoft Windows 2016 Base with IIS
- HAProxy load balancer used to balance traffic between the web servers

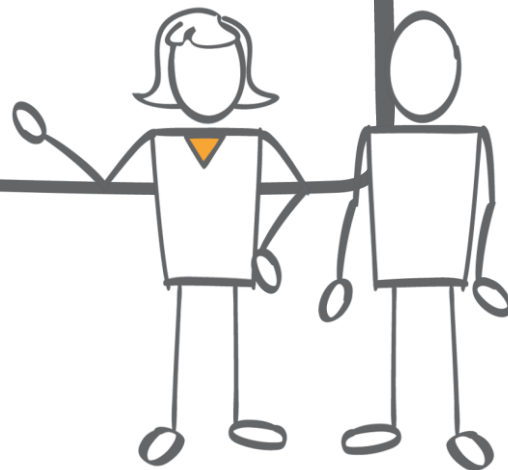
Application Tier

- Two physical servers (Four CPUs / 16-GB memory)
- Microsoft Windows 2016 Base with IIS
- HAProxy load balancer used to balance traffic between app servers

Database Tier

- One physical server (Eight CPUs / 32-GB memory / 5-TB storage)
- SQL Server Standard Edition – v12.xx
- Microsoft Windows 2016 Base
- DBAs access and manage the database, but no RDMBS or advanced configuration is required.

Requirements



Requirements – User Authentication (1 of 2)

- Users with access to AWS are in three groups:
 - System Administrator group: 2 users
 - Database Administrator group: 2 users
 - Monitor group: 4 users
 - Monitoring infrastructure resources for the application (EC2, S3, RDS)
- Follow AWS best practices for distributing permissions.
- The InnoMed application must read and write to S3 buckets.

Requirements – User Authentication (2 of 2)

- A password policy should enforce the following:
 - A password with at least 8 characters, 1 uppercase and 1 lowercase letter, 1 number, and 1 special character
 - Forced password change every 90 days
 - No re-use of the previous three passwords
- All administrators require programmatic access and AWS Management Console access.
 - When signing in to the console, each administrator is required to provide a user name, a password, and a random generated code provided by the Virtual MFA.
- All other users should only have AWS Management Console access, using a combination of user name and password.

Requirements – Auditing

Administrators must be able to track every AWS action in the account, including:

- Every service or object that was created or configured.
- The user who created the object or configured the service.
- The interface used for each creation or configuration action.
 - For example: AWS Management Console or CLI
- The source of each creation or configuration action.
 - For example: IP address or DNS alias

Requirements – Network and Security (1 of 2)

The new architecture must conform to AWS best practices.

This includes:

- Achieve high availability for all tiers to reduce downtime.
- Control access to the applications and limit public entry points.
- Minimize IP address usage to reduce the attack surface.
- Maintain separate networks for InnoMed's development/testing environment and production environment.

Requirements – Network and Security (2 of 2)

The new architecture must conform to AWS best practices.

This includes:

- The web tier load balancer can receive requests from the Internet on port 80.
- Web tier servers can receive requests from the web tier load balancer only on port 80.
- The Application Load Balancer can receive requests from web tier servers only on port 8080.
- Application tier servers can receive requests from the application tier load balancer only on port 80.
- Database servers can receive requests from application servers only on port 1433.

Requirements – Web Tier and Application Tier

- All the instance names in the web tier should be tagged as Key = Name and value = web-tier.
- All the instance names the in application tier should be tagged as Key = Name and value = app-tier.
- All instances in the application tier must support EBS optimization.
- Load balancers for web tier and application tier must support HTTP, HTTPS, and TCP protocols.

Requirements – Business Continuity

The new architecture should be designed for business continuity.

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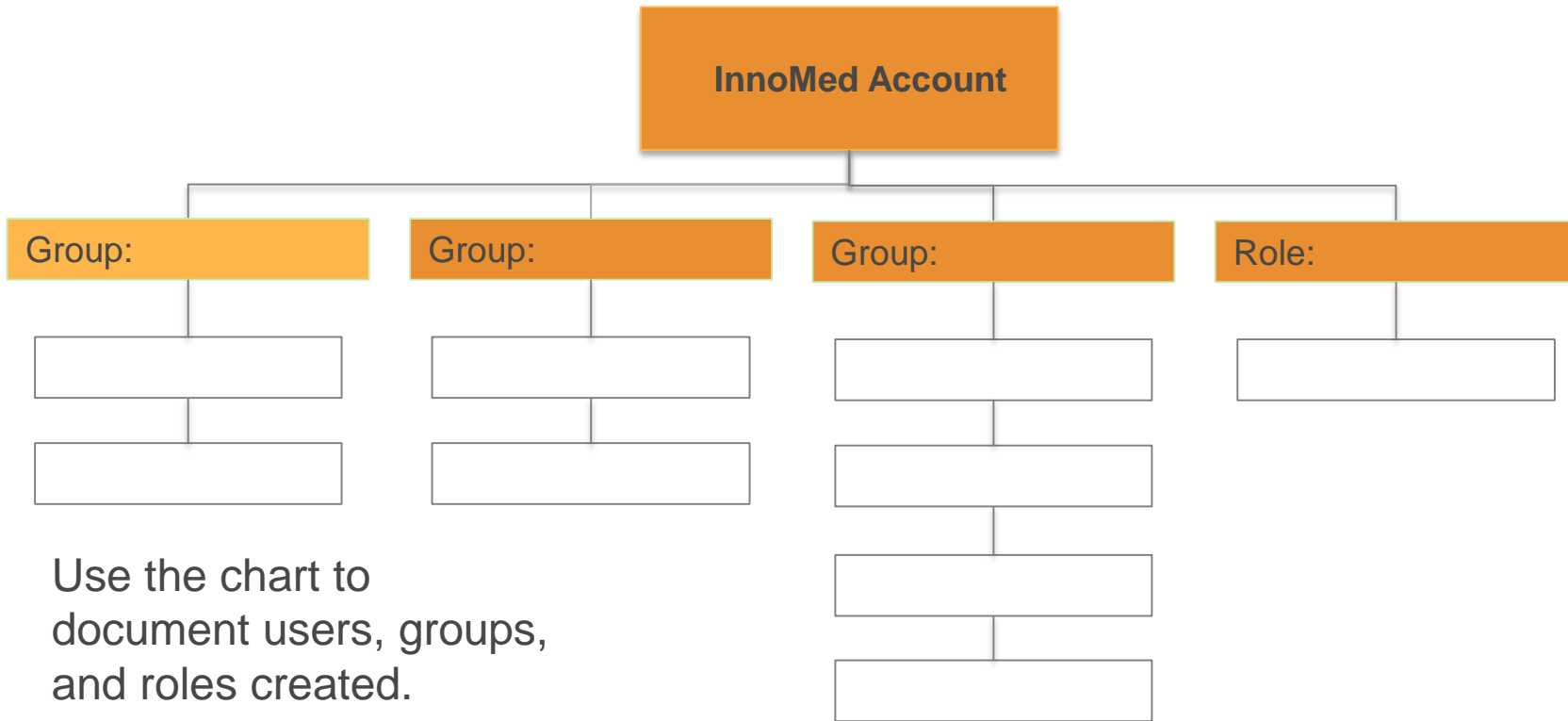
- The web and application tiers should be self-healing.
 - If a server becomes unavailable it will be replaced by a new server.
 - A server is considered to be unavailable if the operating system or application fails to respond.
- The database tier should support Multi-AZ deployment.
- The architecture should handle doubling the number of servers to support its rapid growth.

Solution Template



Which Services Will You Use?

Users, Groups, and Roles



Users, Groups, and Roles

Group/Role #	Group/Role Name	Permissions
Group		
Group		
Group		
Role		

Password Policy

Requirement	Solution
Should be at least 8 characters and have 1 uppercase, 1 lowercase, 1 special character, and a number.	
Change passwords every 90 days and ensure that the previous three passwords can't be re-used.	
Administrator sign-in to the AWS Management Console requires the use of Virtual MFA.	
All administrators require programmatic access	

VPC Details

VPC	Region	Purpose	Subnets	AZs	CIDR range
1					
2					

Production Subnet Details

Subnet Name	VPC	Subnet type (Public/private)	AZ	Subnet Address
	#1			
	#1			
	#1			
	#1			
	#1			
	#1			
	#1			
	#1			

Test/Dev Subnet Details

Subnet Name	VPC	Subnet type (Public/private)	AZ	Subnet Address
	#2			
	#2			
	#2			
	#2			
	#2			
	#2			
	#2			
	#2			

Instance Details

Describe the type, size, and justification for the instances you will use for each tier.

Tier	Tag*	OS	Type	Size	Justification	# of instances	User Data?
Web	Key = Name Value = web-tier						
App	Key = Name Value = app-tier						
DB	Key = Name Value = db-tier						

* Tags must be configured as shown to meet the lab objectives

Load Balancer and Instance Security Group Details

Load Balancer	Name*	External /Internal	Subnets	SG Name*	Rule	Source
For Web Tier	web-elb			web-elb-sg		
For App Tier	app-elb			app-elb-sg		

Instance Tier	SG Name*	Rule	Source
Web Tier	web-tier-sg		
App Tier	app-tier-sg		
Database Tier	db-tier-sg		

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Auto Scaling Launch Configuration

Tier	OS	Type	Size	Configuration Name*	Role	Security Group
Web				WebTier		
App				AppTier		

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Auto Scaling Group

Tier	Launch Configuration*	Group Name*	Group Size	VPC	Subnets	ELB	Tags
Web	WebTier	WebTier					
App	AppTier	AppTier					

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Auditing Options

Q. How do you configure an account to create an audit trail for all executed API calls?

Q. Where do you save your logs?

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