



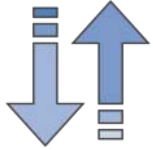
Being Well-Architected in the cloud

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Customer Challenges



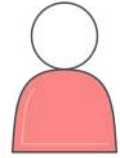
Faster response to change
in market



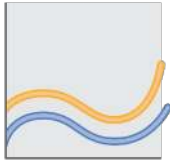
Delivery time



Change Management



Reduce human errors



Scaling to demand



Faster recovery

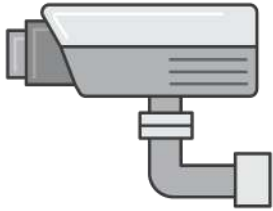


High availability



Automation

AWS Design Principles



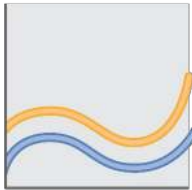
Security by design



Test systems at scale



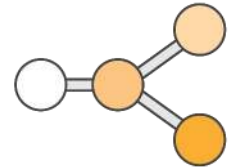
Data-driven architectures



Stop guessing
capacity needs



Automate to enable
experimentation



Allow for evolution

AWS Regions and AZs

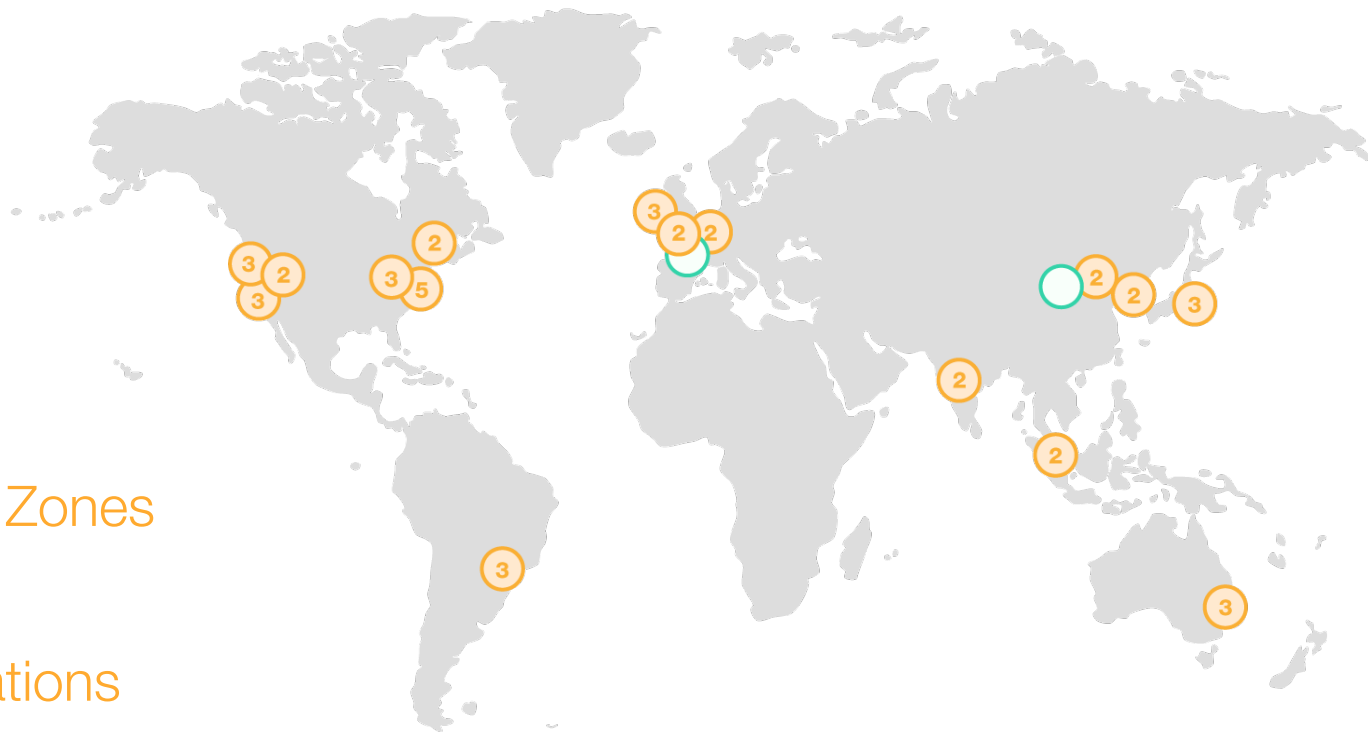
16 Regions

+2 coming



42 Availability Zones

68 Edge Locations



AWS well-architected framework

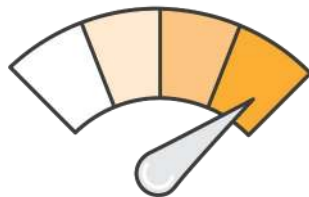
Set of questions you can use to evaluate how well an architecture is aligned to AWS best practices



Security



Reliability



Performance
efficiency



Cost optimization



Operational
excellence

The Security Pillar

Security pillar

Protect information, systems, and assets while delivering business value through risk assessments and mitigation strategies



Security at all layers



Enable traceability



Implement a principle of least privilege



Focus on securing system



Automate security best practices

Shared Responsibility



Customer applications & content

Platform, Applications, Identity & Access Management

Operating System, Network, and Firewall Configuration

Client-side Data
Encryption

Server-side Data
Encryption

Network Traffic
Protection

AWS Foundation Services

Compute

Storage

Database

Networking



**AWS Global
Infrastructure**

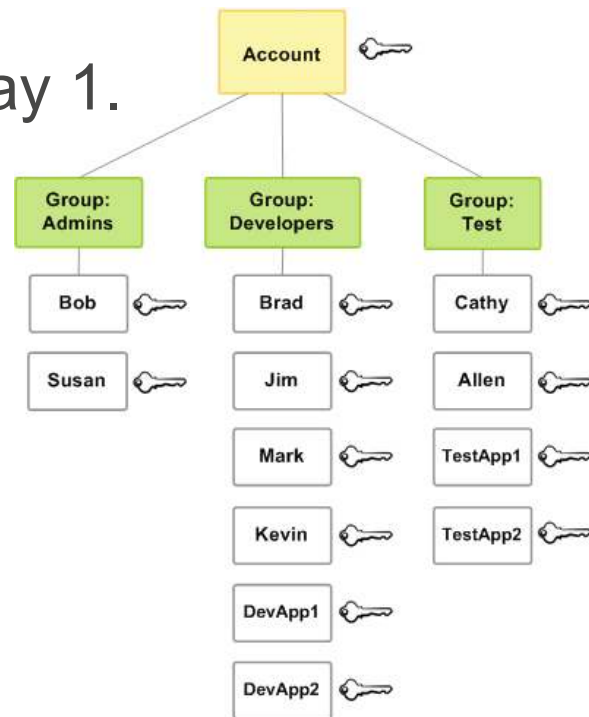
Availability Zones

Regions

Edge
Locations

Credentials

- Enforce MFA for everyone from day 1.
- Use AWS IAM Users and Roles from day 1.
- Enforce strong passwords.
- Protect and rotate credentials.
- No access keys in code.



EC2 Role

1: Create EC2 role

Create role in IAM service with limited policy



2: Launch EC2 instance

Launch instance with role



3: App retrieves credentials

Using AWS SDK application retrieves temporary credentials



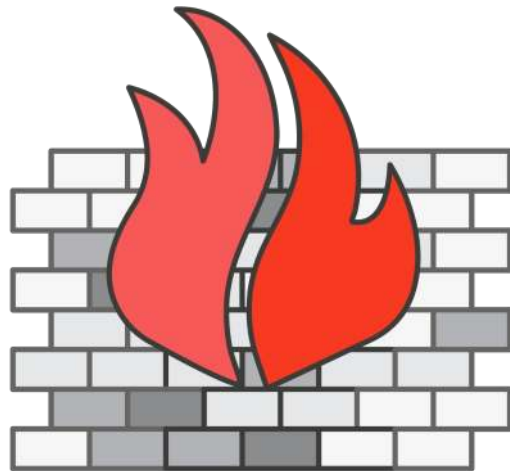
4: App accesses AWS resource(s)

Using AWS SDK application uses credentials to access resource(s)



Network and Boundary

- Security groups are built-in stateful firewalls
- Divide layers of the stack into subnets
- Use a bastion host for access
- Implement host based controls



Monitoring and Auditing

- Capture & audit AWS CloudTrail, Amazon VPC and Amazon CloudWatch logs.
- Collect all logs centrally.
- Setup alerts.



Amazon Virtual
Private Cloud



AWS
Identity &
Access
Manager



AWS Key
Management
Service



AWS
CloudTrail



AWS
Config

Monitoring and Auditing

- Amazon VPC Flow Logs – Developers Best Friend

Event Data

▼ 2	630247214269	eni-7c65750a	10.133.15.93	10.133.15.130	80	59533	6	5	5243	1460020448	1460020507	ACCEPT	OK
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Verify everything, always, with AWS Config









Rules

Status ?

Rules represent your desired configuration settings. AWS Config evaluates whether your resource configurations comply with relevant rules and summarizes the results in the following table.

+ Add rule

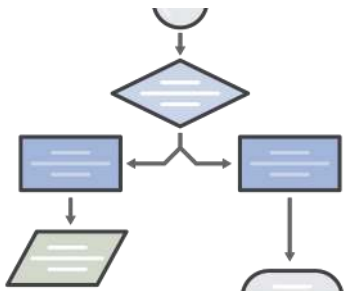


Rule name	Compliance	Edit rule
restricted-ssh	2 noncompliant resource(s)	
encrypted-volumes	1 noncompliant resource(s)	
iam-password-policy	Compliant	
rds-multi-az-support	Compliant	
ec2-instances-in-vpc	Compliant	
cloudtrail-enabled	Compliant	
root-account-mfa-enabled	Compliant	
restricted-common-ports	Compliant	

The Reliability Pillar

Reliability pillar

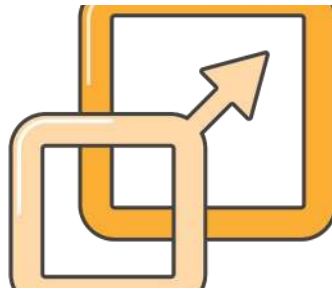
Ability of a system to recover from infrastructure or service disruptions, dynamically acquire computing resources to meet demand, and mitigate disruptions such as misconfigurations or transient network issues



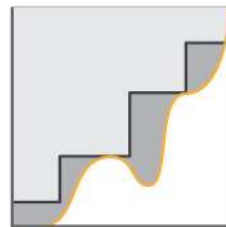
Test recovery
procedures



Automatically
recover from failure

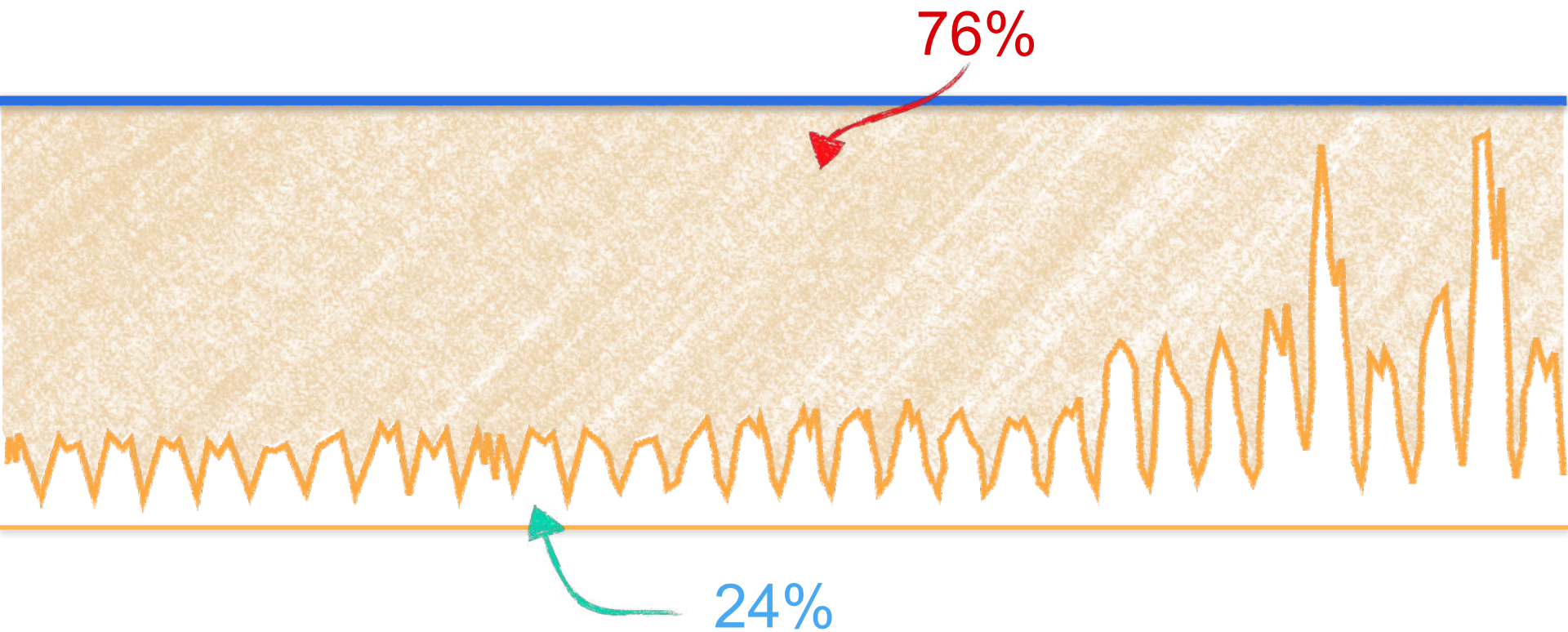


Scale horizontally to
increase availability



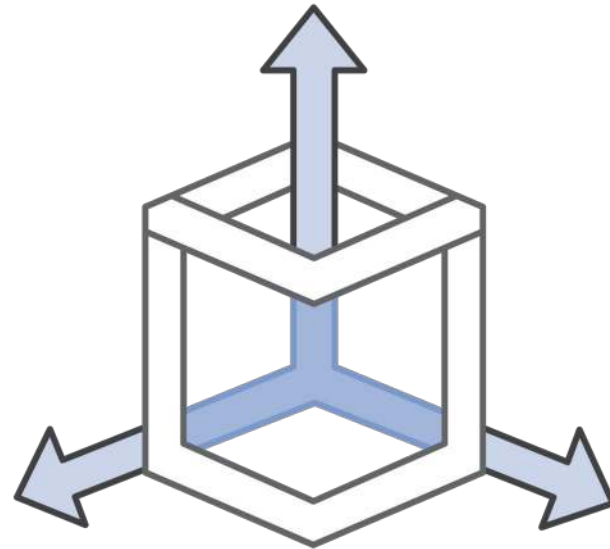
Stop guessing
capacity

Utilization vs Provisioned capacity

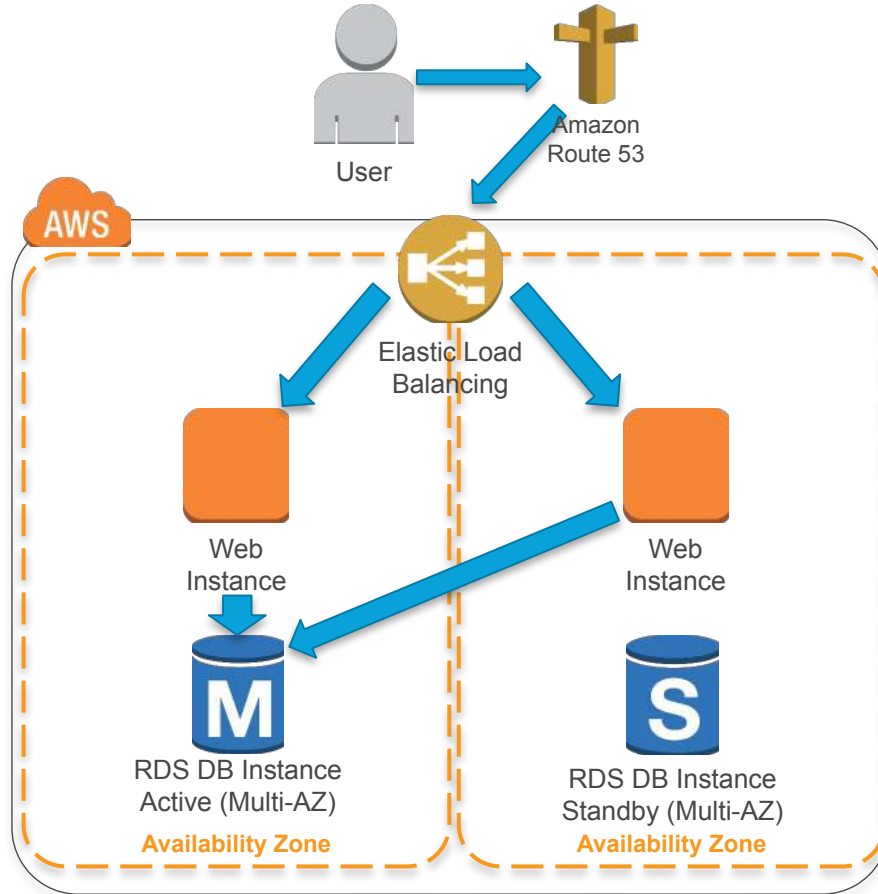


High Availability

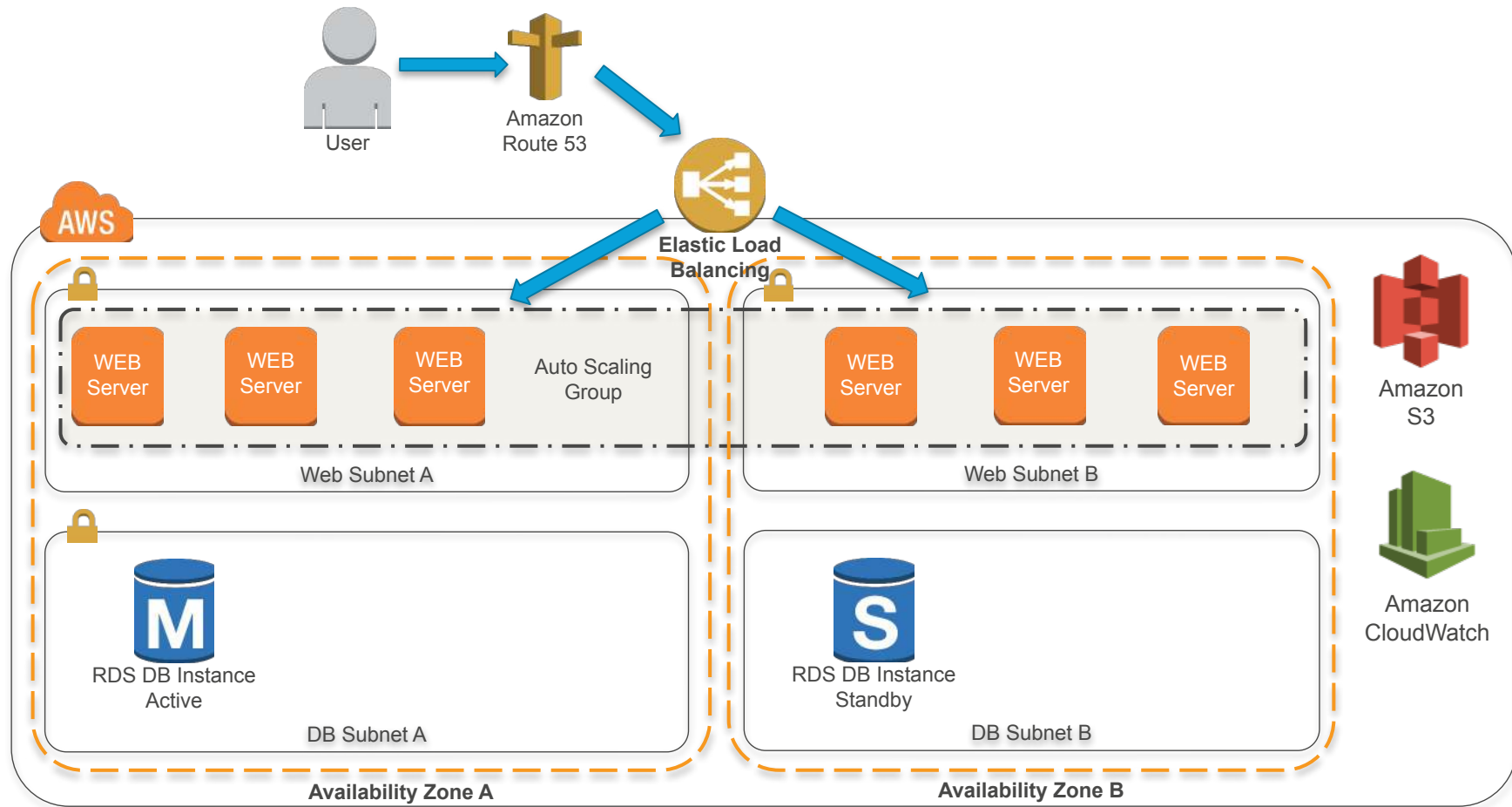
- No Single Point of Failure
- Multiple Availability Zones
- Load Balancing
- Auto Scaling and Healing



Multi-AZ Architecture



Multi-AZ, Load Balanced, Auto Scaled

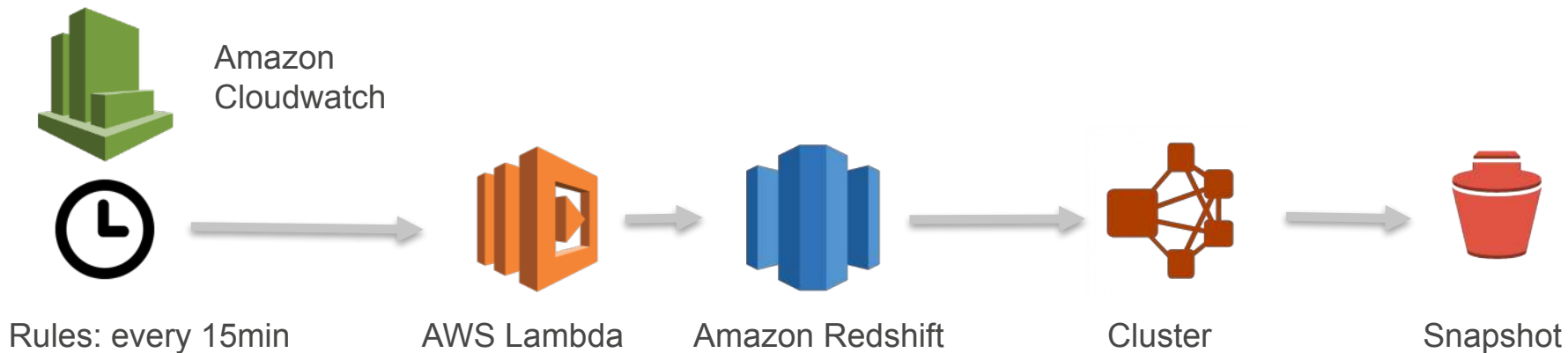


Backup and DR

- Define Objectives
- Backup Strategy
- Periodic Recovery Testing
- Automated Recovery
- Periodic Reviews



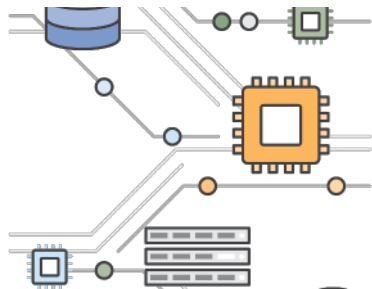
Automated backups using AWS Lambda



The Performance Pillar

Performance efficiency pillar

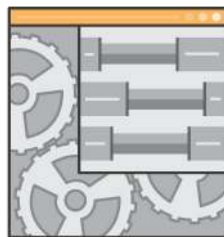
Efficiently use of computing resources to meet requirements, and maintaining that efficiency as demand changes and technologies evolve



Democratize
advanced
technologies



Go global in
minutes



Use server-less
architectures



Experiment more
often

Right Sizing

- Reference Architecture
- Quick Start Reference Deployments
- Benchmarking
- Load Testing
- Cost / Budget
- Monitoring and Notification



Proximity and Caching

- Content Delivery Network (CDN)
- Database Caching
- Reduce Latency
- Pro-active Monitoring and Notification



Amazon
CloudFront

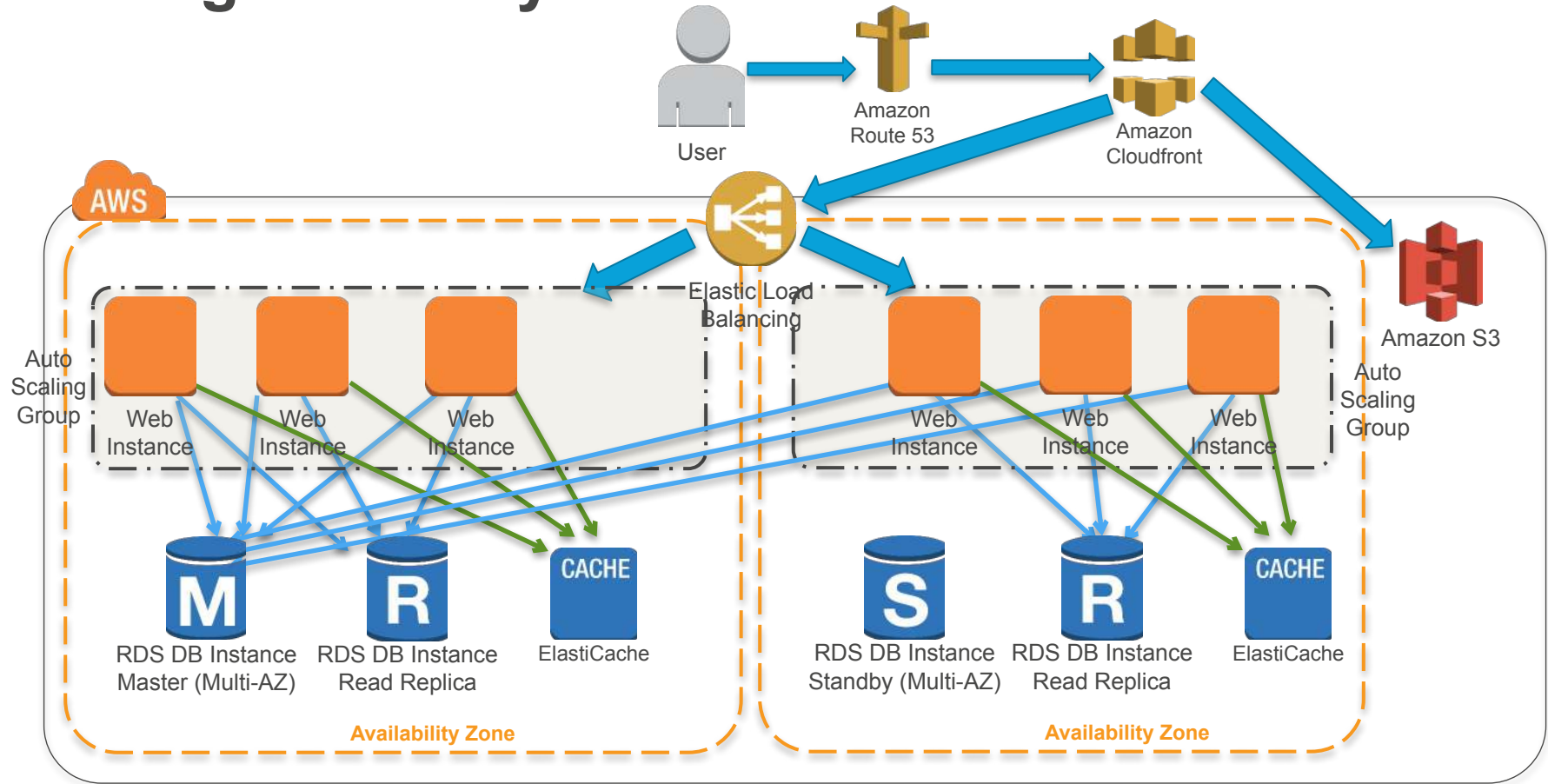


Amazon
ElastiCache

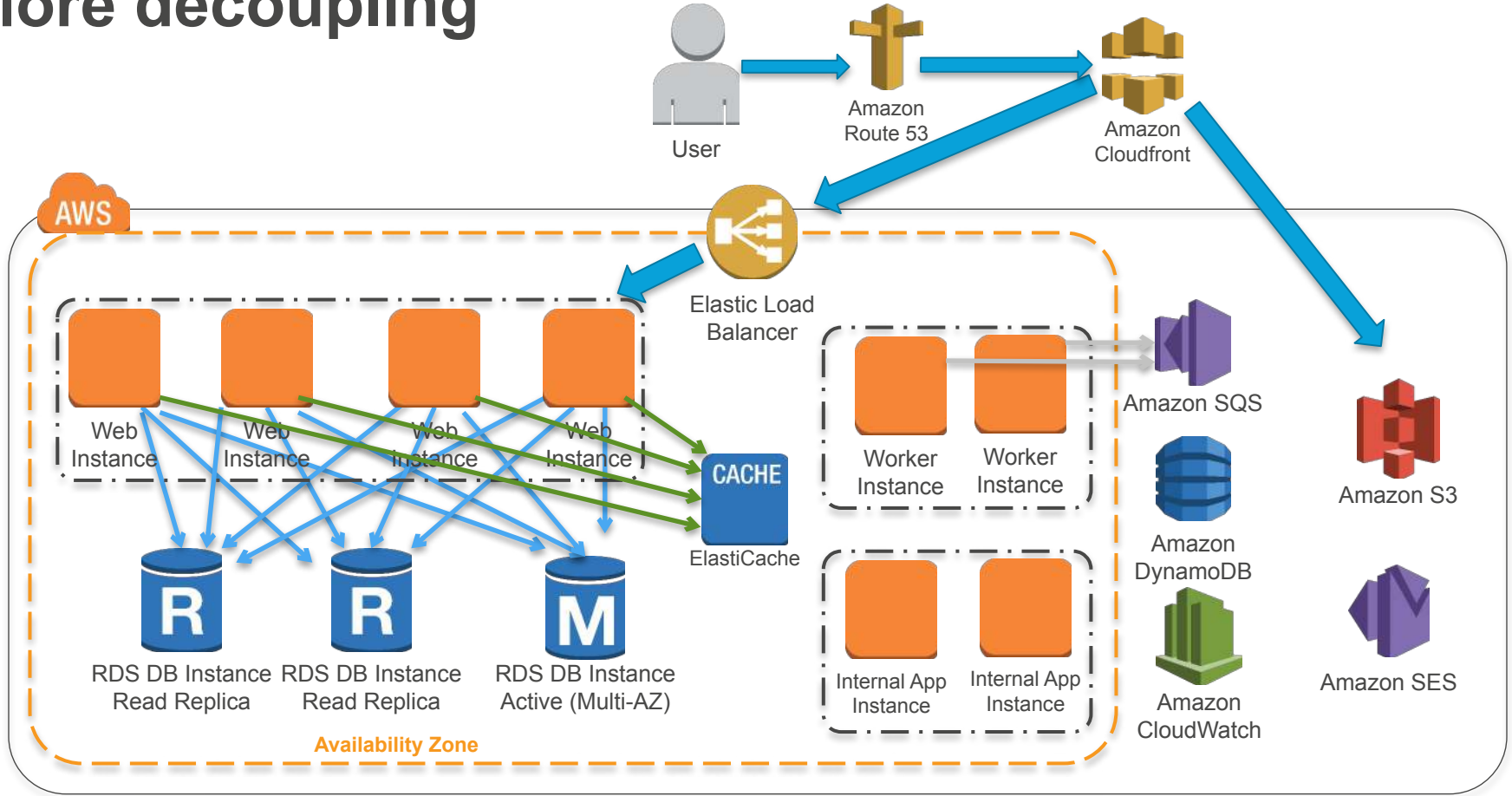


RDS DB
instance read
replica

Scaling all the layers



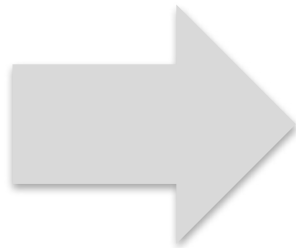
More decoupling



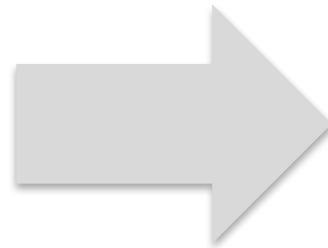
AWS Lambda

Functions are the unit of deployment and scaling.

Invocatio
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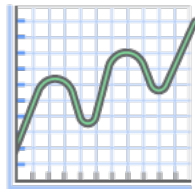
“Lambda
functions”



Actio
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No servers to
manage



Continuous
scaling

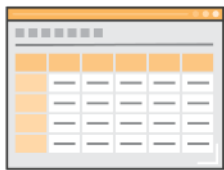


Never pay for idle
– no cold servers

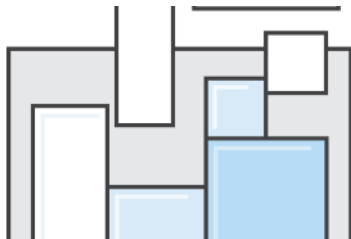
The Cost Optimization Pillar

Cost optimization pillar

Assess your ability to avoid or eliminate unneeded costs or suboptimal resources, and use those savings on differentiated benefits for your business



Analyze and attribute
expenditure



Managed services to
reduce TCO



Adopt a consumption
model



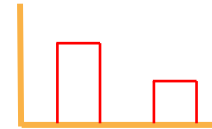
Benefits from
economies of scale



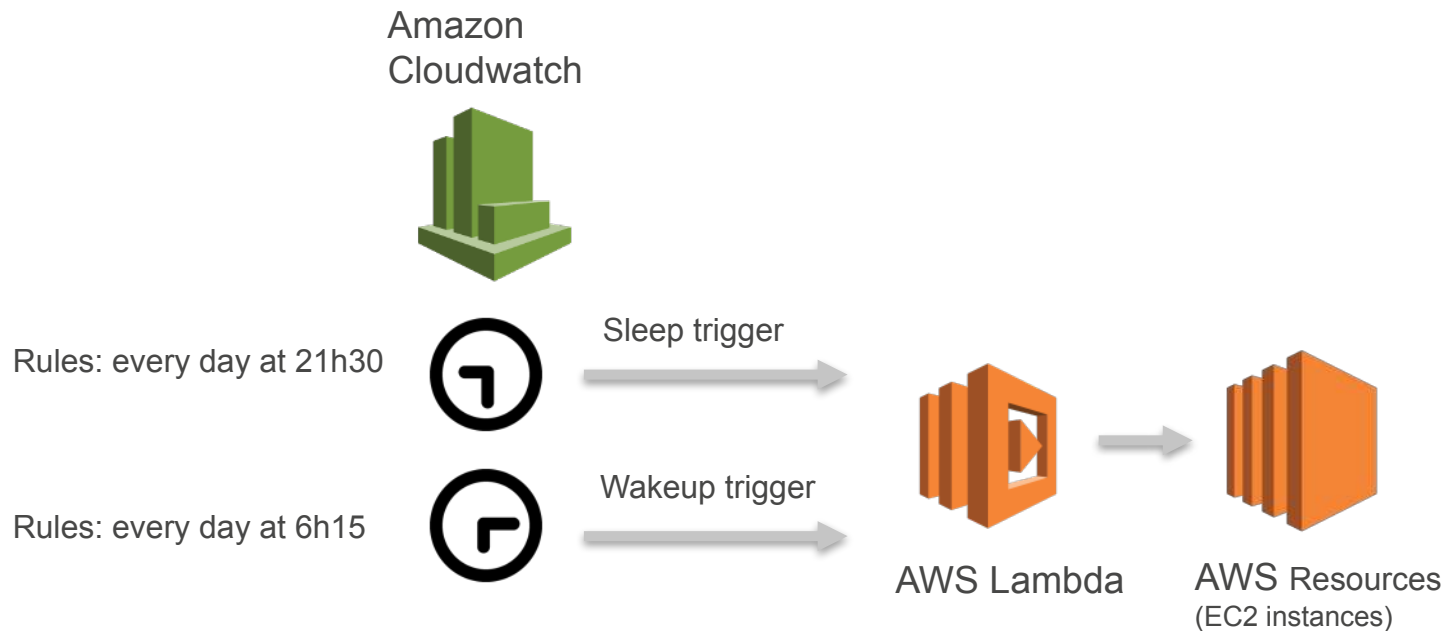
Stop spending money on
data center operations

Pricing Model

- On Demand
- Reserved
- Spot
- Dedicated



Auto Start/Shutdown of Instances



Managed Services

- Let AWS do the heavy lifting.
- Databases, caches and big data solutions.
- Application Level Services.



Amazon
RDS



Amazon
DynamoDB



Amazon
Redshift



Amazon
ElastiCache



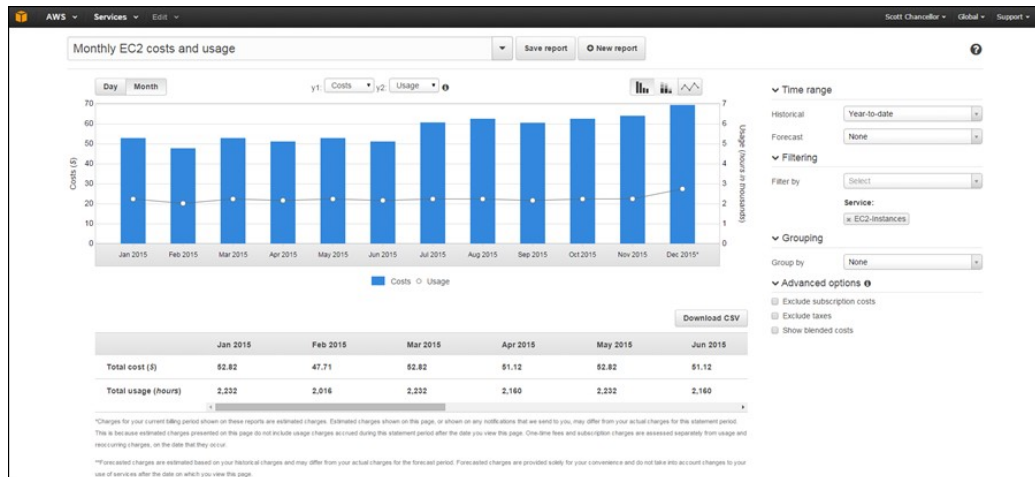
AWS
Elastic
Beanstalk



Amazon
Elasticsearch
Service

Manage Expenditure

- Tag Resources
- Track Project Lifecycle
- Profile Applications vs Cost
- Monitor Usage & Spend



Auto Tagging resources as they start



The Operational Excellence Pillar

Operational excellence pillar

Operational practices and procedures used to manage production workloads



Perform operations
with code



Align operations processes
to business objectives



Make regular, small,
incremental changes



Test for responses to
unexpected events



Learn from operational
events and failures



Keep operations
procedures current

Infrastructure-as-code workflow



“It’s all software”

- Create templates of your infrastructure.
- Version control/replicate/update templates like code.
- Integrates with development, CI/CD, management tools



AWS CloudFormation

Some tips ... from my own experience

- Architecture as code – code everything.
- Automate everything: “Invest time to save time”
- Don’t reinvent the wheel; managed services are your best friends.
- Embrace security early on.
- Test your DR strategy regularly.
- Serverless architectures free you from managing infrastructure.
- Did I mention automation?

And don't forget ...

Trusted Advisor

Cost Optimizing



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-  Low Utilization Amazon EC2 Instances
-  Underutilized Amazon EBS Volumes
-  Amazon EC2 Reserved Instances Optimization
-  Idle Load Balancers
-  Unassociated Elastic IP Addresses
-  Amazon RDS Idle DB Instances
-  Amazon Route 53 Latency Resource Record Sets
-  Underutilized Amazon Redshift Clusters
-  Amazon EC2 Reserved Instance Lease Expiration

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in potential monthly savings

Performance



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-  High Utilization Amazon EC2 Instances
-  Service Limits
-  CloudFront Content Delivery Optimization
-  Amazon EBS Provisioned IOPS (SSD) Volume Attachment Configuration
-  Large Number of Rules in an EC2 Security Group
-  Large Number of EC2 Security Group Rules Applied to an Instance
-  Amazon Route 53 Alias Resource Record Sets
-  Overutilized Amazon EBS Magnetic Volumes
-  CloudFront Header Forwarding and Cache Hit Ratio
-  Amazon EC2 to EBS Throughput Optimization
-  CloudFront Alternate Domain Names

Security



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-  Security Groups - Specific Ports Unrestricted
-  Security Groups - Unrestricted Access
-  Amazon S3 Bucket Permissions
-  MFA on Root Account
-  IAM Access Key Rotation
-  IAM Use
-  IAM Password Policy
-  Amazon RDS Security Group Access Risk
-  Amazon Route 53 MX Resource Record Sets and Sender Policy Framework
-  AWS CloudTrail Logging
-  ELB Listener Security
-  ELB Security Groups
-  CloudFront Custom SSL Certificates in the IAM Certificate Store
-  CloudFront SSL Certificate on the Origin Server
-  Exposed Access Keys

Fault Tolerance



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-  Amazon EBS Snapshots
-  Amazon EC2 Availability Zone Balance
-  Amazon S3 Bucket Logging
-  Amazon S3 Bucket Versioning
-  AWS Direct Connect Connection Redundancy
-  AWS Direct Connect Location Redundancy
-  AWS Direct Connect Virtual Interface Redundancy
-  Load Balancer Optimization
-  VPN Tunnel Redundancy
-  Auto Scaling Group Resources
-  Amazon RDS Backups
-  Amazon RDS Multi-AZ
-  Auto Scaling Group Health Check
-  Amazon Route 53 Name Server Delegations
-  Amazon Route 53 High TTL Resource Record Sets
-  Amazon Route 53 Failover Resource Record Sets
-  Amazon Route 53 Deleted Health Checks
-  ELB Cross-Zone Load Balancing
-  ELB Connection Draining

Resources

<https://aws.amazon.com/well-architected/>

AWS Well-Architected

The Well-Architected framework has been developed to help cloud architects build the most secure, high-performing, resilient, and efficient infrastructure possible for their applications. This framework provides a consistent approach for customers and partners to evaluate architectures, and provides guidance to help implement designs that will scale with your application needs over time.



Build and deploy faster

Stop guessing capacity needs, test systems at scale, and use automation to make experimentation easier by building cloud-native architectures.



Lower or mitigate risks

Understand where you have risks in your architecture, and address them before your applications are put into production.



Make informed decisions

Determine how architectural decisions and/or trade-offs might impact the performance and availability of your applications and business outcomes.



Learn AWS best practices

Access training and whitepapers that provide guidance based on what we have learned through reviewing thousands of customers' architectures on AWS.



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