

AWS2 →

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Availability Zone → is data center  
↓  
is a building filled with servers



Edge location → are endpoints for AWS that are used for  
caching content. This consists of CloudFront  
Amazon's CDN.

IAM is universal: It doesn't apply to regions at this time.  
The Root Account: it is created when you first set up your AWS  
account and it has complete admin access.

S3 is object-based storage

- ↳ provides secure, durable, highly scalable object storage
- ↳ allows you to store and retrieve any amount of data
- ↳ simple → is easy to use

\* high availability and durability

\* designed for frequent access

\* suitable for most workloads

\* all versions are stored in S3

Life cycle management: automates moving your objects between the different storage tiers, thereby maximizing cost effectiveness

S3 object lock

You can use it to store objects using a write once read many (WORM) model. It can help prevent objects from deleting or modifying for a fixed amount of time.  
→ use it to meet regulatory requirements that require WORM storage, or add an extra layer of protection against object changes and deletion.





### S3 object lock Modes

1)  **Governance Mode**: users can't overwrite or delete an object version or alter its lock setting unless they have special permissions.

- \* With Governance mode, you protect objects against being deleted by most users, but you can still grant some users permission to alter the retention settings or delete the object if necessary.

**Retention Periods**: protects an object version for a fixed amount of time.

Amazon S3 stores a timestamp in the object version's metadata to indicate when the retention period expires.

- \* After it expires, object version will be overwritten or deleted unless you placed **legal hold** on the object version.

→ Prevents an object version from being overwritten or deleted.

Can be placed and removed by any user who has `S3:PutObjectLegalHold` permission.

**Glacier Vault Lock**: to easily deploy and enforce compliance controls for individual S3 Glacier Vaults with a Vault Lock Policy.

- 2) **Compliance Mode**: a protected object version can't be overwritten or deleted by any user, including the root user in your AWS account.

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## Types of Encryption

(1) Encryption in Transit : SSL / TLS - HTTPS

(2) Encryption at Rest : Server-Side Encryption

SSE-S3 : managed keys using AES 256-bit encryption

SSE-KMS : AWS Key Management Service - managed keys

SSE-C : customer-provided keys.

(3) Encryption at Rest : Client-Side Encryption

You encrypt the files yourself before you upload them to S3

Enforcing Server-Side Encryption → by  
Console  
Bucket Policy

## S3 Replication

- 1- You can replicate objects from one bucket to another.
- 2- Objects in an existing bucket are not replicated automatically.
- 3- delete markers are not replicated by default.

Remember when you use roles :

- 1- Preferred option
- 2- Avoid Hard-coding your credentials
- 3- Policies
- 4- Updates
- 5- Attaching and detaching

## Security Groups

are virtual firewalls for your EC2 instance. By default everything is blocked to let everything in 0.0.0.0/0



Bootstrap Scripts: script that runs when instance first runs

User Data is simply bootstrap scripts

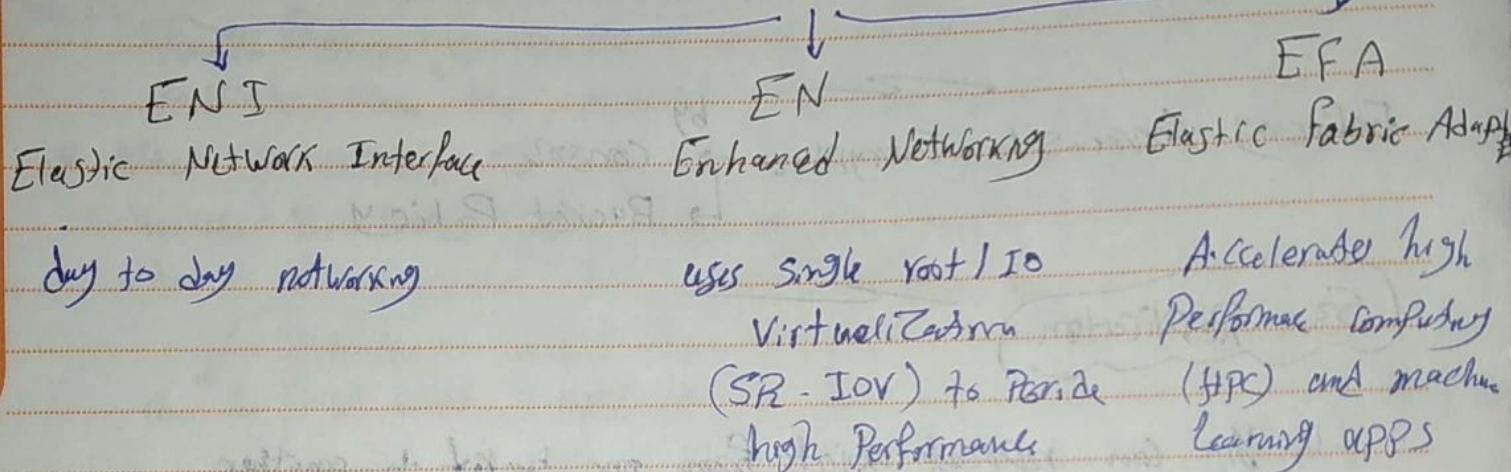
Metadata is about your EC2 instances.

You can use bootstrap scripts (User Data) to access metadata

### Networking with EC2

You can attach 3 different types of virtual networking cards

to your EC2 instances



### 3 Types of Placement Group

- \* cluster placement groups

- \* spread placement groups

- \* partition placement groups

- ↳ multiple EC2 instances in HDFS, HBase and Cassandra

- \* You can't merge placement group

- You can move an existing instance into a placement group

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**Spot Fleets**) is a collection of spot instances and optionally on demand instances.

↳ attempts to launch the number of spot instances and on-demand instances to meet the target capacity you specified in the request.

**EBS** → Elastic Block Store

Storage volumes you can attach to your EC2 instance

- ① **GP2**: General Purpose SSD  
suitable for boot disks and general apps. → up to 16000 IOPS per volume
- ② **GP3**: General Purpose SSD  
for high performance apps. → up to 3000 IOPS / 125 MiB of size
- ③ **io1**: Provisioned IOPS SSD.  
for OLTP and latency-sensitive apps. → 50 IOPS / GiB  
up to 64000 IOPS per volume
- ④ **io2**: Provisioned IOPS SSD  
for QTP, → 500 IOPS / GiB

Volumes are virtual hard disks.

You need a minimum of 1 volume per EC2 instance

↳ this is called the root device volume

**Snapshots**

exist on S3

are point in time

are incremental

### Encrypted volumes

- \* Data at rest is encrypted inside the volume
- \* All data in flight moving between the instance and the volume is encrypted
- \* All Snapshots are encrypted
- \* All volumes created from the snapshot are encrypted

### EC2 Hibernation

- \* When you hibernate an EC2 instance, the operating system is told to perform hibernation (suspend-to-disk)
- \* Hibernation saves the contents from the instance memory (RAM) to your Amazon EBS root volume.

### FSX for Windows

Provides a fully managed native Microsoft Windows file system so you can easily move your Windows file system-based applications that require file storage to AWS

EPS → managed NAS for EC2 instances based on Network File System (NFS)  
one of the first Network File Sharing Protocols native to Unix and Linux.

### FSX for Lustre

a fully managed file system → optimized for compute intensive workloads → High Performance, Machine learning, Medical Data

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OLAP

Online analytical Processing  
Processes complex queries to analyze historical data

OLTP

online transaction Processing  
process data from transactions in real time

Customer's orders, banking  
analyzing net profit figures  
from 3 years and sales forecasting  
is all about data analysis using  
large amount of data, as well as  
complex queries that take a long time  
to complete

customers order, banking transaction  
Payment, booking system  
is all about data processing and  
Completing large numbers of small trans

Read replica

\* is a read-only copy of your primary database.  
+ great for read-heavy workload and takes the load off your primary database.  
+ GPg databases in the same AZ, cross AZ or cross-region

Multi AZ

\* an exact copy of your production database in another Availability Zone, used for disaster recovery  
+ in the event of a failure, RDS will automatically fail over to the standby instance.

Aurora

\* is mySQL and PostgreSQL-compatible relational database engine that combines the speed and availability of high-end commercial databases with the simplicity and cost-effectiveness of open-source databases.

\* Scaling → Storage is also self-healing.





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\* You can share Aurora snapshots with other AWS accounts

\* 3 types of replica

Aurora replicas

: MySQL replicas

PostgreSQL replicas

## DynamoDB

\* It is a fast and flexible NoSQL database service for all apps  
\* It is a fully managed database and supports both document and key-value data models.

\* Stored on SSD storage, spread across 3 geographically distinct data centers  
eventually consistent reads

eventually consistent reads

Consist across all copies of data  
is usually reached within a second.

Strongly consistent reads

Returns a result that reflects all writes that received a successful response prior to the read

## Point in Time Recovery (PITR)

\* Restore to any point in last 35 days

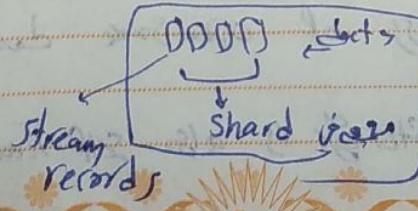
\* incremental backups

protects against accidental writes or deletes  
latest restorable: 5 minutes

## Streams

\* time ordered sequence of item-level changes in a table

stored for 24 hours



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## VPC

Virtual data center in the Cloud



- \* Isolated Part of AWS where you can define your own network
- \* Complete control of virtual network, including your own IP address

We can do with VPC :  
1- launch instances    2- Internet gateway  
3- custom IP Address    4- Route tables  
5- More control    6- Access Control lists

## NAT Gateways

You can use a network address translation to enable instances in a private subnet to connect to the internet or AWS services

- \* Security Groups are Virtual Firewalls for an EC2 instance  
By default everything is blocked

## ACL

- \* Your VPC automatically comes with a default network ACL
- \* You can create custom network ACLs
- \* ~ ~ block IP addresses by ACL
- \* each Subnet in your VPC must be associated with ACL

End Points → are virtual devices, they are horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available VPC components that allow communication between instances in your VPC and services without imposing availability risks or bandwidth constraints on your network traffic

## Interface End Points

is an elastic network interface with private IP address.

## Gateway End Points

Similar to NAT Gateway  
is a virtual device you provision





## AWS VPN CloudHub

If you have multiple sites, each with its own VPN connection.

You can use AWS VPN CloudHub to connect those sites together.

It is similar to VPC Peering in that it works on a hub-and-spoke model.

Direct-Connection is a cloud service solution that makes it easy to establish a dedicated network connection from your premises to AWS.

Private Connectivity using AWS Direct Connect. You can establish private connectivity between AWS and your data center or office.

Transit Gateway → connects VPCs and on-premises networks through a central hub.

DNS → to convert domain name into IP addresses.

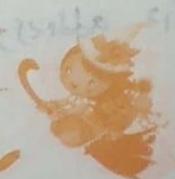
Address Record; is the fundamental type of DNS record.

IPV4  
32-bit  
only 4 billion address  
IPV6  
64-b.  
128 bits  
Created to solve this

It is used by computers to translate the name of the domain to an IP address.

TTL → Time to Live → length that DNS record is cached on either the resolving server or the user's own local PC is

equal to TTL in seconds.



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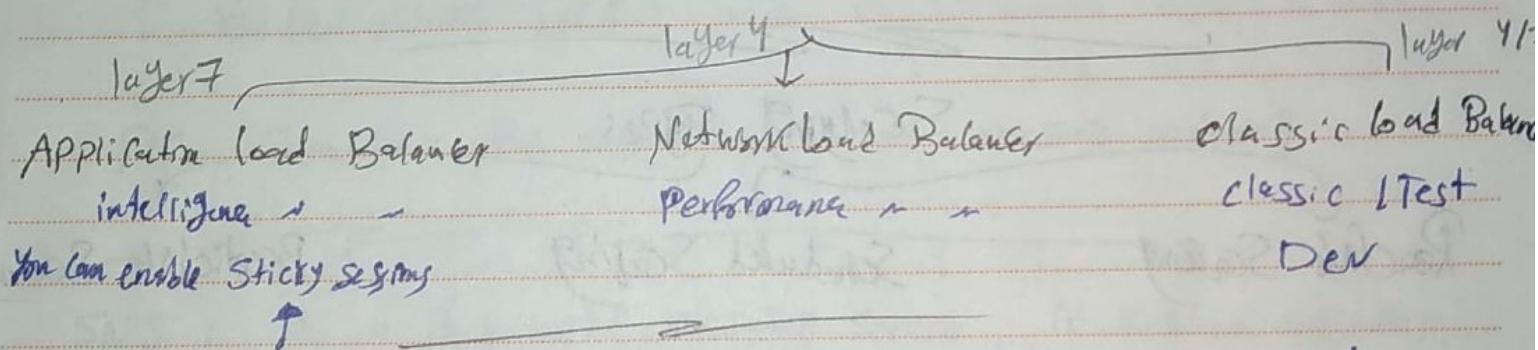
CNAME : Canonical name → can be used to resolve one domain name to another. Can't be used for naked domain names.

Alias Records : are used to map resource record sets in your hosted zone to load balancers or S3 buckets.  
Can be used for naked names

Weighted Routing Policy : allows you to split your traffic based on different weights assigned.

Failover Routing Policy : are used when you want to create an active / passive set up.

Elastic Load Balancing → automatically distributes incoming GPS traffic across multiple targets such as Amazon EC2 instances. This can be done across multiple AZs.



Sticky Sessions : allows you to bind a user's session to a specific EC2 instance

Deregistration Delay : allows load Balancer to keep existing connection open if the EC2 instances are de-registered or become unhealthy

- \* CloudWatch is the main tool for anything alarm related
- \* Not everything should go through CloudWatch. ~~We can't~~
- \* the Standard metric is delivered every 5 minutes, while detailed monitoring delivers data every 1 minute
- \* CloudWatch logs is the place for logs.

### Templates

More than autoScaling

Supports Versioning

More granularity

AWS recommended

### Configurations

only for autoScaling

Immutable

limited configuration options

don't use them

### Scaling Types

Reactive Scaling

Scheduled Scaling

Predictive Scaling

### Relational Database Scaling

- \* Read replicas
- \* Careful with storage
- \* Vertical Scaling
- \* Multi-AZ
- \* Aurora Everything

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SQS : Simple Queue Service is a messaging queue that allows asynchronous processing of work. One resource will write a message to an SQS queue and then another resource will retrieve that message from SQS.

SQS Setting :-

- delivery delay → up to 15 minutes
- message size → 256 KB

Encryption

message Retention : 4 days → can be set between 1 minute and 14 days  
long polling isn't the default

Queue Depth

DLQ : Dead Letter Queues are the best sideline

↳ Monitor

- ↳ It is not special → are just SQS queues + receive the rejected messages
- ↳ Some Retention windows up to 14 days
- ↳ Usable with SNS

Fifo Queue → the only option → to message ordering

SNS : is a Push-based messaging service. it deliver messages to the end points subscribed to it.

## The 3 V's of Big Data

Volume

ranges from terabytes  
of Petabytes of data

Variety

includes data from a  
wide range of sources  
and formats

Velocity

Businesses require  
speed. Data needs  
to be collected, stored  
processed and analyzed  
with a short period of  
time.

Redshift, is a fully managed, Petabyte-Scale data warehouse service in the cloud. It's a very large relational database traditionally used in big data ~~optons~~ apps

### Elastic MapReduce

EMR → is a managed big data platform that allows you to process vast amounts of data using open-source tools such as Spark, Hive, HBase, etc.

Kinesis → allows you to ingest, process and analyze real-time streaming data.

Data Streams

real time streaming for ingesting data

Data Pipeline

Data transfer tool to get information to S3, Redshift

\* You are responsible for creating the \* Plug and Play with AWS Architecture Consumer and Scaling the Stream

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Athena is an interactive query service that makes it easy to analyze data in S3 using SQL.

Glue: is a serverless data integration service that makes it easy to discover, prepare and combine data. It allows you to perform ETL workloads without managing underlying servers.

QuickSight: is a fully managed business intelligence (BI) data visualization service. It allows you to easily create dashboards and share them within your company.

Elastic Search: is a fully managed version of the open source search Elastic Search. It allows you to quickly search over your stored data and analyze the data you get back.

Fargate: a serverless compute engine for containers. It works with ECS and EKS.

Event bridge: - Serverless event bus. It allows you to pass events from a source to an end point. It is the glue that holds your serverless app together.

DDoS Attack: Distributed Denial of Service attack → attempts to make your website or app unavailable to your end users.

Layer 4 DDoS attack: referred to as a SYN flood. It works at the transport layer (TCP).

 SYN Flood uses the built-in algorithm of TCP stack to overwhelm a server by sending a large number of SYN packets and then ignoring the SYN-Acks returned by the server.

Layer 7 Attack: occurs when a web server receives a flood of GET or POST requests usually from a botnet or a large number of compromised computers.

CloudTrail → increase visibility into your user and resource activity by recording AWS Management Console actions and API calls.

Shield: free DDoS Protection

WAF: Web Application Firewall → lets you monitor HTTP and HTTPS requests.

GuardDuty is threat detection service that uses machine learning to continuously monitor for malicious behavior.

PII: Personally Identifiable Information

- \* Personal data used to establish an individual's identity
- \* this data could be exploited by criminals, used in identity theft and financial fraud
- \* Macie uses machine learning and pattern matching to discover sensitive data stored in S3



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Amazon Inspector :- is an automated security assessment service that helps improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS

KMS :- Key Management Service → makes it easy for you to create and control the encryption keys used to encrypt your data.

CMK:- customer master key

is a logical representation of a master key.  
+ CMK includes metadata, such as the key ID, creation date, description, and key state.

HSM: Hardware Security module; is a physical computing device that safeguards and manages digital keys and performs encryption and decryption functions.

\* All KMS CMK's have a key policy

Cloud HSM: is a cloud based HSM that enables you to easily generate and use your own encryption keys in the AWS Cloud.

Secret Manager: is a service that securely stores, encrypts and rotates your data like credentials and other secrets, to reduce risk of credentials being compromised.

Parameter Store : is a capability of AWS Systems Manager that provides secure, hierarchical storage for configurations, data management and secrets management.

\* All objects in S3 are private by default.

(ARNs)

Amazon Resource Name

arn : partition : service : region : account-id : <sup>resource type</sup>

aws   aws-ch	s3	us-east-1	12345678
	ec2		
	rds		

AWS Certificate Manager allows you to create, manage, deploy Public and Private SSL certificates for use with other AWS services.

DAX → to Dynamo DB, only when you store data in this service  
 ElastiCache → gives you a bit more flexibility. It can front just about any database.

Organizations : is a free governance tool → allows you to create and manage multiple AWS accounts.

\* You control your accounts from a single location rather than jumping from account to account.

AWS RAM → Resource Access Manager

is a free service that allows you to share AWS resources with other accounts.

### Cross-Account Role Access

as the number of AWS accounts increases, you will need to set up cross-account access.

- \* gives you the ability to set up temporary access you can easily control

Directory Service → allows you to offload the painful parts of keeping AD online to AWS while still giving you the full control and flexibility AD provides

Budgets → allows organization to easily plan and set expectation around cloud costs.

Snow-Family: is a set of secure appliances that provide Petabyte-Scale data collection and processing solutions at the edge and migrate large-scale data into and out of AWS.

Data-Sync, is an agent-based solution for migrating on-premises storage to AWS. it allows you to easily move data between NFS and SMB.

\* is a migration service

Transfer Family: allows you to easily move files in and out of S3 or EFS using secure file transfer protocol SFTP, FTPS, FTP

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Migration Hub : gives you a single place to track the progress of your application migration to AWS