

# **AWS Solutions Architecture Notes**

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# Chapter 1

## Course Introduction

**Pre-Introduction** The purpose of these notes are two-fold.

- Prepare for this exam in the future.
- Gain a high level overview of the services offered by one of the main cloud providers.
- Additionally it could be useful for generating Terraform examples.



## Chapter 2

# Identity & Federation

### 2.1 IAM - What should you know by now

- Users: Long term credentials - Groups - Roles: short-term credentials, uses STS - EC2 Instance Roles: Uses the EC2 metadata service. One role of a time per instance - Service Roles: API Gateways, CodeDeploy etc - Cross Account roles - Policies - AWS Managed - Customer Managed - Inline Policies - Resource Based Policies (S3 Bucket, SQS queues, etc.....)

#### 2.1.1 IAM Policies Deep Dive

- Anatomy of a policy: JSON doc with Effect, Action, Resource, Conditions, Policy Variables - Explicit DENY has precedence over ALLOW - Best practice: use least privilege for maximum security - Access Advisor: See permissions granted and when last accessed - Access Analyser: Analyse resources that are shared with external entity - Navigate Examples at:

#### 2.1.2 IAM AWS Managed Policies - Administrator Access example

Listing 2.1: Sample JSON Data

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "*",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

### 2.1.3 IAM Policies Conditions

### 2.1.4 IAM Policies Variables and Tags

### 2.1.5 IAM Roles vs Resource Based Policies

- Attach a policy to a resource (example: S3 bucket policy) versus attaching of a using a role as a proxy - When you assume a role (user, application or service), you give up your original permissions and take the permissions assigned to the role. - When using a resource-based policy, the principal doesn't have to give up any permissions - Example: User in account A needs to scan a DynamoDB table in Account A and dump it in an S3 bucket in Account B

### 2.1.6 IAM Permissions Boundaries

- IAM permission boundaries are supported for users and roles (not groups) - Advanced feature to use a managed policy to set the maximum permissions an IAM entity can get - Can be used in combinations of AWS organisations SCP

### 2.1.7 Use cases

- Delegate responsibilities to non administrators within their permission boundaries, for example create new IAM users
- Allow developers to self-assign policies and managed their own permissions while making sure they can't 'escalate' their privileges (i.e make themselves admin)
- Useful to restrict one specific user (instead of a whole account using Organisations and SCP)

### 2.1.8 IAM Access Analyser

- Find out which resources are shared externally - S3 Buckets - IAM Roles - KMS Keys - Lambda Functions and Layers - SQS queues - Secrets Manager Secrets - Define Zone of Trust = AWS Account or AWS Organisation - Access outside of zone trusts = findings

### 2.1.9 IAM Access Analyser

- IAM Access Analyser Policy Validation - Validates your policy against IAM policy grammar and best practices - General warnings, security warnings errors suggestions - Provides actionable recommendations - IAM Access Analyser Policy Generation - Generates IAM policy based on access activity - CloudTrail logs is reviewed to generate the policy with the fine-grained permissions and the appropriate Actions and Services - Reviews CloudTrail logs for up to 90 days

## 2.2 STS

### 2.2.1 Using STS to Assume a Role

- Define an IAM Role within your account or cross-account - Define which principals can access this IAM role - Using AWS STS (Security Token Service) to retrieve credentials and impersonate

the IAM role you have access to (AssumeRole API) - Temporary credentials can be valid between 15 to 12 hours.

### 2.2.2 Assuming a Role with STS

- Provide access for an IAM user in one AWS account that you own to access resources in another account that you own.
- Provide access to IAM users in AWS accounts owned by third parties
- Provide access for services offered by AWS to AWS resources
- Provide access for externally authenticated users (identity federation)
- Ability to revoke active sessions and credentials for a role (by adding a policy using a time statement - AWSRevokeOlderSessions)

When you assume a role (user, application or service), you give up your original permissions and take the permissions assigned to the role.

### 2.2.3 Providing Access to an IAM User in Yours or Another AWS Account That You Own

- You can grant your IAM users permissions to switch to roles within your AWS account or to roles defined in other AWS accounts that you own.
- Benefits:

  - You must explicitly grant your users permission to assume the role
  - Your users must actively switch to the role using the AWS management console or assume the role using the AWS CLI or AWS API
  - You can add multi-factor authentication (MFA) protection to the role so that only users who sign in with an MFA device can assume the role.
  - Least Privilege + auditing using CloudTrail

### 2.2.4 Providing Access to AWS Accounts Owned by Third Parties

- Zone of trust = accounts, organisations that you own
- Outside Zone ofTrust = 3rd parties
- Use IAM Access Analyser to find out which resources are exposed
- For granting access to a third party:

  - The third part AWS account ID
  - An External ID (secret between you and the third party)
  - To uniquely associate with the role between you and 3rd party
  - Must be provided when defining the trust and when assuming the role
  - Must be chosen by the third party
  - Define permissions in the IAM policy

### Session Tags in STS

- Tags that you pass when you assume an IAM Role or federate user in STS - aws:PrincipalTag Condition
- Compares the tags attached to the principal making the request with the tag you specified in the policy.
- Example: Allow a principal to pass session tags only if the principal making the request has the specified tags.

### STS Important APIs

- AssumeRole: access a role within your account or cross-account
- AssumeRoleWithSAML: return credentials for users logged with SAML
- AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity: return creds for users logged with an IdP
- Example providers include Amazon Cognito, Login with Amazon, Facebook, Google or any OpenID Connect-compatible identity provider.
- AWS Recommends using Cognito
- GetSessionToken: for MFA from a user or AWS account root user
- GetFederationToken: obtain temporary creds for a federated user, usually a proxy app that will give the creds for a federated user, usually a proxy app that will give the creds to a distributed app inside a corporate network.

## 2.2.5 Identity Federation in AWS

- Give users outside of AWS permissions to access AWS resources in your account - You don't need to create IAM Users (user management is outside AWS) - Use cases: - A corporate has its own identity system (e.g Active Directory) - Web / Mobile application that needs access to AWS resources - Identity Federation can have many flavours: - SAML 2.0 - Custom Identity Broker - Web Identity Federation With(out) Amazon Cognito - IAM Identity Centre

### SAML 2.0 Federation

- Security Assertion Markup Language 2.0 (SAML 2.0) - Open standard used by many identity providers (e.g ADFS) - Supports integration with Microsoft Active Directory Federations Services (ADFS) - Or any SAML 2.0 - compatible IdPs with AWS - Access the AWS Console, AWS CLI or AWS API using temporary credentials - No need to create IAM Users for each of your employees - Need to setup a trust between AWS IAM and SAML 2.0 Identity Provider (both ways) - Under-the-hood: Uses the STS API AssumeRoleWithSAML - SAML 2.0 Federation is the "old way", IAM Identity Center Federation is the new managed and simpler way

### SAML 2.0 Federation - AWS API Access

### SAML 2.0 Federation - AWS Console Access

### SAML 2.0 Federation - Active Directory DS (ADFS)

### Custom Identity Broker Application

- Use only if identity provider is NOT compatible with SAML 2.0 - The identity broker is NOT compatible with SAML 2.0 - The identity broker must determine the appropriate IAM Role - Uses the STS API AssumeRole or GetFederationToken

### Web Identity Federation - Without Cognito

- Not recommended by AWS - use cognito instead

### Web Identity Federation - With Cognito

- Preferred over for Web Identity Federation - Create IAM Roles using Cognito with the least privilege needed - Build trust between the OIDC IdP and AWS - Cognito benefits: - Supports anonymous users - Supports MFA - Data Synchronisation - Cognito replaces a Token Vending Machine (TVM)

### Web Identity Federation - IAM Policy

- After being authenticated with Web Identity Federation, you can identify the user with an IAM policy variable - Example:

## 2.2.6 AWS Directory Services (AD)?

- Found on any Windows Server with AD Domain Services - Database of objects: User Accounts, Computers, Printers, File Shares, Security Groups - Centralised security management, create account, assign permissions - Objects are organised in trees - A group of trees

### What is ADFS (AS Federation Services)?

- ADFS provides Single Sign-On across applications - SAML across 3rd party: AWS Console, Dropbox, Office365, etc.....

### AWS Directory Services

- AWS Managed Microsoft AD - Create your own AD in AWS, manage users, locally supports MFA - Establish "trust" connection with your own on premises - AD Connector - Directory Gateway (proxy) to redirect to on-premises AD, supports MFA - Users are managed on the on-premise AD - Simple AD - AD-compatible managed directory on AWS - Cannot be joined with on-premise AD

### AWS Directory Services and AWS Managed Microsoft AD

- Managed Service: Microsoft AD in your AWS VPC - EC2 Windows Instances: - EC2 Windows instances can join the domain and run traditional AD applications (sharepoint, etc) - Seamlessly Domain Join Amazon EC2 Instances from Multiple Accounts and VPCs - Integrations - RDS for SQL Server, AWS Workspaces, Quicksight..... - AWS SSO to provide access to third party applications - Standalone repository in AWS or joined to on-premises AD - Multi AZ deployment of AD in 2 AZ, of DC (Domain Controllers) can be increased for scaling - Automated backups - Automated Multi-Region replication of your directory

### AWS Microsoft Managed AD - Integrations

#### Connect to on-premise AD

- Ability to connect your on-premise Active Directory to AWS Managed Microsoft AD - Must establish a Direct Connection (DX) or VPN connection - Can setup three kinds of forest trust - One-way trust: AWS -> On-Premise - One-way trust: On-Premise -> AWS - Two-way forest: trust - AWS -> On-Premise - Forest trust is different than synchronisation (replication is not supported)

### Solution Architecture: Active Directory Replication

- You may want to create a replica of your AD on EC2 in the cloud to minimise latency of in case DX or VPN goes down - Establish trust between the AWS Managed Microsoft AD and EC2

### AWS Directory Services AD Connector

- AD Connector is a directory gateway to redirect director requests to your on premises Microsoft Active Directory - No caching capability - Managed users solely on-premise, no possibility of setting up a trust - VPN or Direct Connect - Doesn't work with SQL Server, doesn't do seamless joining, can't share director.

## **AWS Directory Services Simple AD**

- Simple AD is an inexpensive Active Directory-compatible service with the common directory features - Supports joining EC2 instances, manage users and groups - Does not support MFA, RDS SQL server, AWS SSO - Small: 500 users, large: 5000 users - Powered by Samba 4, compatible with Microsoft AD - lower cost, low scale, basic AD compatible or LDAP compatibility - No trust relationship

## **2.2.7 AWS Organisations**

### **AWS Organisations - OrganizationAccountAccessRole**

- IAM role which grants full administrator permissions in the Member account to the Management account - Used to perform admin tasks in the Member accounts (e.g - creating IAM users) - Could be assumed by IAM users in the Management account - Automatically added to all new Member account created with AWS organisations - Must be created manually if you invite an existing Member account

### **Multi Account Strategies**

- Create accounts per department, per cost centre, per dev / test / prod, based on regulatory restrictions (using SCP), for better resource isolation (ex:VPC), to have separate per-account service limits isolated account for logging. - Multi Account vs. On Account MultiVPC - Use tagging standards for billing purposes - Enable CloudTrail on all accounts, send logs to central S3 account - Send CloudWatch logs to central logging account - Strategy to create an account for security

### **Organisational Units (OU) - Examples**

#### **AWS Organisation - Feature Modes**

- Consolidated billing features: - Consolidated Billing across all accounts - single payment method - Pricing benefits from aggregated usage (volume discount for EC2, S3.....)

#### **All Features (Default)**

- Includes consolidated billing features, SCP - Invited accounts must approve enabling all features - Ability to apply an SCP to prevent member accounts from leaving the org - Can't switch back to Consolidated Billing Features only

#### **AWS Organisations - Reserved Instances**

- For billing purposes, the consolidated billing features of AWS organisations treats all the accounts in the organisation as one account. - The means that all accounts in the organisation can receive the hourly cost benefit of Reserved Instances that are purchased by any other account. - The payer account (Management account) of an organisation can turn off Reserved Instance (RI) discount and Saving Plans discount sharing for any accounts in that organisation, including the payer account. - This means that RIs and Saving Plans discounts aren't shared between any accounts that have sharing turned off. - To share an RI or Savings Plans discount with an account, both accounts must have sharing turned on.



## **AWS Organisation - Moving Accounts**

- Remove the member account from the AWS organisation - Send an invite to the member account from the AWS organisation - Accept the invite to the new Organisation from the member account.

## **Service Control Policies (SCP)**

- Define allowlist or blocklist IAM actions - Applied at the OU or Account level - Does not apply to the Management Account - SCP is applied to all the Users and Roles in the account, including Root user - The SCP does not affect Service-linked roles - Service-linked roles enable other AWS services to integrate with AWS organisations and can't be restricted by SCP's - SCP must have an explicit Allow from the root of each OU in the direct path to the target account (does not allow anything by default) - Use cases: - Restrict access to certain services (for example: can't use EMR) - Enforce PCI compliance by explicitly disabling services.

## **SCP Hierarchy**

- Management Account - Can do anything (no SCP apply) - Account A - Can do anything - EXCEPT S3 (explicit Deny from Sandbox OU) - EXCEPT EC2 (explicit deny) - Account B and C - Can do anything - EXCEPT S3 (explicit Deny from Sandbox OU) - Account D - Can access EC2 - Prod OU and Account E and F

## **SCP Examples - Blocklist and Allowlist strategies**

### **IAM Policy Evaluation Logic**

### **Restricting Tags with IAM policies**

- You can restrict specific tags on AWS resources - Using the aws:TagKeys Condition Key - Validate the Tag Keys attached to a resource against the Tag Keys in the IAM Policy - Example: Allow IAM users to create EBS Volumes only if it has the "Env" and "CostCenter" Tags - Use either ForAllValues (must have all keys) or ForAnyValue (must have any of these keys at a minimum)

## **Using SCP to restrict creating resources without appropriate tags**

- Prevent IAM Users/Roles in the affected member accounts from creating resources if they don't have a specific Tag

## **AWS Organisations - Tag Policies**

- Helps you standardise tags across resources in an AWS organisation - Ensure consistent tags, audit tagged resources, maintain proper resources categorisation - You define Tag keys and their allowed values - Helps with AWS Cost Allocation Tags and Attribute-based Access Control - Prevent any non-compliant tagging operations on specified services and resources - Generate a report that lists all tagged/ non compliant resources - Use Amazon EventBridge to monitor non-compliant tags

## **AWS Organisation - AI Service Opt-out Policies**

- Certain AWS AI services may use your content for continuous improvement of Amazon AI/ML services - Example: Amazon Lex, Amazon Comprehend, Amazon Polly..... - You can opt-out of having your content stored or used by AWS AI services - Create an Opt-out Policy that enforces this setting across all Member accounts and AWS Regions - You can opt-out all AI services or selected services - Can be attached to Organisation Root, specific OU or individual Member account

## **AWS Organisations - Backup policies**

- AWS Backup enables you to create Backup Plans that define how to backup your AWS resources - JSON Documents that define backup plans across an AWS Organisation - Gives you granular control over backup up your resources (e.g backup frequency, time window, backup region,.....) - Can be attached to Organisation Root, specific OU or individual Member account - Immutable backup plans appear in Member accounts (view only)

## **Using SCP to Deny a Region `aws:RequestRegion`**

### **2.2.8 AWS IAM Identity Center**

#### **AWS IAM Identity Center -successor to AWS Single Sign-On-**

- One login (single sign-on) for all your - AWS accounts in AWS organisations - Business cloud applications (e.g, Salesforce, Box, Microsoft 365) - SAML2.0 enabled applications - EC2 windows instances

- Identity Providers - Built-in identity store in IAM identity center - 3rd party Active Directory (AD), OneLogin, Okta

- AWS IAM Identity Center - Login Flow

## **AWS IAM Identity Center**

### **AWS IAM Identity Center - Fine-grained Permissions and Assignments**

- Multi-Account Permissions - Manage access across AWS accounts in your AWS Organisation - Permission Sets - a collection of one or more IAM policies assigned to users and groups to define AWS access - Application Assignments - SSO access to many SAML 2.0 business applications (Salesforce, Box, Microsoft 365) - Provide required URLs, certificates and metadata - Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC) - Fine-grained permissions based on users' attributes stored in IAM identity center identity store - Example: Cost center, title, locale - Use case: Define permission once, then modify AWS access by changing the attributes

## **AWS Control Tower**

- Easy way to setup and govern a secure and compliant multi-account AWS environment based on best practices - Benefits: - Automate the set up of your environment in a few clicks - Automate ongoing policy management using guardrails - Detect policy violations and remediate them

- Monitor compliance through an interactive dashboard - AWS ControlTower runs on top AWS Organisations: - It automatically sets up AWS Organisations to organise accounts and implement SCPs (Service Control Policies)

### **AWS Controller Tower - Account Factory**

- Automates account provisioning and deployments - Enables you to create pre-approved base-lines and configuration options for AWS accounts in your organisation (e.g VPC default configuration, subnets, region, ...) - Uses AWS service catalog to provision new AWS accounts

### **AWS Control Tower - Detect and Remediate Policy Violations**

- Guardrail - Provide ongoing governance for your Control Tower environment (AWS Accounts) - Preventive - using SCPs (e.g Disallow Creation of Access Keys for the Root User) - Detective - users AWS Config (e.g Detect Whether MFA for the Root User is Enabled) - Example: identify non-compliant resources (e.g, untagged resources)

### **AWS Control Tower - Guardrails Levels**

- Mandatory - Automatically enabled and enforced by AWS control tower - Example: Disallow public Read access to the Log Archive account - Strongly Recommended - Based on AWS best practices (optional) - Example: Enable encryption for EBS volumes attached to EC2 instances - Elective - Commonly used by enterprises (optional) - Examples: Disallow delete actions without MFA in S3 buckets

## **2.3 AWS Resource Access Manager (RAM)**

- Share AWS resources that you own with other AWS accounts - Share with any account or within your Organisation - Avoid resource duplication! - VPC Subnets - Allow to have all the resources launched in the same subnets - Must be from the same AWS organisations - Cannot share security groups and defaultVPC - Participants can manage their own resources in there - Participants can't view, modify, delete resources that belong to other participants or the owner - AWS Transit Gateway - Route 53 (Resolver Rules, DNS Firewall Rule Groups) - License Manager Configurations

### **AWS Resource Access Manager (RAM)**

- Aurora DB Clusters - ACM Private Certificate Authority - CodeBuild Project - EC2 (Dedicated Hosts, Capacity Reservation) - AWS Glue (Catalog, Database, Table) - AWS Network Firewall Policies - AWS Resources groups - Systems Manager Incident Manager (Contacts, Response Plans) - AWS Outposts (Outpost, Site)

### **Resource Access Manager - VPC example**

- Each account..... - Is responsible for its own resources - Cannot view modify or delete other resources in other accounts - Network is shared so..... - Anything deployed in the VPC can talk to other resources in the VPC - Applications are accessed easily across accounts, using a private

IP - Security groups from other accounts can be referenced for maximum security - Use cases - Applications within the same trust boundaries - Applications with a high degree of interconnectivity

### **Resource Access Manager Managed Prefix List**

- A set of one or more CIDR blocks - Makes it easier to configure and maintain Security Groups and Route Tables - Customer-Managed Prefix List - Set of CIDRs that you define and manage by you - Can be shared with other AWS accounts or AWS Organisation - Modify to update many security groups at once - AWS-Managed Prefix List - Set of CIDRs for AWS services - You can't create, modify, share or delete them.

### **Resource Access Manager Route 53 Outbound Resolver**

- Helps you scale forwarding rules to your DNS in case you have multiple accounts and VPC

## **2.4 Summary of Identity and Federation**

- Users and Accounts all in AWS
- AWS Organisations
- AWS Control Tower to setup secure and compliant multi-account AWS environment (best practices)
- Federation with SAML
- Federation without SAML with a custom IdP (GetFederationToken)
- IAM Identity Center to connect to multiple AWS Accounts (Organisation) and SAML apps
- Web Identity Federation (not recommended)
- Cognito for most web and mobile applications (has anonymous mode, MFA)
- AWS Directory Service:
  - Managed Microsoft AD - standalone or setup trust AD with on-premises, has MFA, seamless joins, RDS integration
  - AD Connector - proxy requests to on-premises
  - Simple AD - standalone and cheap AD-compatible with no MFA, no advanced capabilities
- AWS RAM to share resource (example VPC subnets)

# Chapter 3

## Security

### 3.1 CloudTrail

- Provides governance, compliance and audit for your AWS Account - CloudTrail is enabled by default. - Get a history of events / API calls made within your AWS Account by; - Console - SDK - CLI - AWS Services - Can put logs from CloudTrail into CloudWatch Logs or S3. - A trail can be applied to All Regions (default) or a single Region. - If a resource is deleted in AWS, investigate CloudTrail first

- Management Events: - Operations that are performed on resources in your AWS account - Examples: - Configuring security (IAM AttachRolePolicy) - Configuring rules for routing data (Amazon EC2 CreateSubnet) - Setting up logging (AWS CloudTrail CreateTrail) - By default, trails are configured to log management events. - Can separate Read Events (that don't modify resources) from Write Events (that may modify resources)

- Data Events: - By default, data events are not logged (because high volume operations) - Amazon S3 object-level activity (ex: GetObject, DeleteObject, PutObject): can separate Read and Write Events - AWS Lambda function execution activity (the Invoke API)

- CloudTrail Insights - Enable CloudTrail Insights to detect unusual activity in your account: - Inaccurate resource provisioning - Hitting service limits - Burst of AWS IAM actions - Gaps in periodic maintenance activity - CloudTrail Insights analyses normal management events to create baseline - And then continuously analyses write events to detect unusual patterns - Anomalies appear in the CloudTrail console - Event is sent to Amazon S3 - An EventBridge event is generated (for automation needs)

- CloudTrail Events Retention - Events are stored for 90 days in CloudTrail - To Keep events beyond this period, log them to S3 and use Athena

### 3.2 CloudTrail - EventBridge Integration

### 3.3 CloudTrail - SA Pro

S3 Enhancements: - Enable Versioning - MFA Delete Protection - S3 Lifecycle Policy (S3 IA, Glacier) - S3 Object Lock - SSE-S3 or SSE-KMS encryption - Feature to perform CloudTrail Log File Integrity validation (SHA-256 for hashing and signing)

Observations - The S3 Bucket policy is necessary for cross-account delivery - If Account A wants to access its CloudTrail files: - Option 1: Create a cross-account role and assume the role -

Option 2: edit the bucket policy

- Log filter metrics can be used to detect a high level of API happening - Ex: Count occurrences of EC2 TerminateInstances API - Ex: Count of API calls per user - Ex: Detect high level of Denied API calls

- The Organisational Trail is created in the management account.

CloudTrail: How to react to events the fastest? - Overall, CloudTrail may take up to 15 minutes to deliver events - EventBridge: - Can be triggered for any API call in CloudTrail - The fastest, most reactive way. - CloudTrail Delivery in CloudWatch Logs: - Events are streamed - Can perform a metric filter to analyse occurrences and detect anomalies - CloudTrail Delivery in S3 - Events are delivered every 5 minutes - Possibility of analysing logs integrity, deliver cross account, long-term storage.

### 3.4 KMS

AWS KMS (Key Management Service) - Anytime you hear "encryption" for an AWS service, it is most likely KMS - Easy way to control access to your data, AWS manages keys for us. - Fully integrated with IAM for authorisation - Seamlessly integrated into: - Amazon EBS: encrypt volumes - Amazon S3: Server-side encryption of objects - Amazon Redshift: Encryption of data - Amazon RDS: Encryption of data - Etc..... - Can also use the CLI / SDK

KMS - KMS - Key Types - Symmetric (AES-256 keys) - First offering of KMS, single encryption key that is used to Encrypt and Decrypt - AWS services that are integrated with KMS use Symmetric KMS keys - Necessary for envelope encryption - You never get access to the KMS key unencrypted (must call KMS API to use) - Asymmetric (RSA and ECC key pairs) - Public (Encrypt) and Private Key (Decrypt) pair - Used for Encrypt/Decrypt or Sign/Verify operations - The public key is downloadable but you can't access the Private Key unencrypted - Use case: encryption outside of AWS by users who can't call the KMS API

Types of KMS Keys - Customer Managed Keys - Create, manage and use. Can enable or disable - Possibility of rotation policy (new key generated every year, old key preserved) - Can add a Key Policy (resource policy) and audit in CloudTrail - Leverage for envelope encryption. - AWS Managed Keys - Used by AWS service (aws/s3, aws/ebs, aws/redshift) - Managed by AWS (automatically rotated every 1 year) - View Key Policy and audit in CloudTrail - AWS Owned Keys - Create and managed by AWS, use by some AWS services to protect your resources - Used in multiple AWS accounts but they are not in your AWS account - You can't view, use, track or audit.

Types of KMS keys

KMS Key Material Origin - Identifies the source of the key material in the KMS key - Can't be changed after creation

- *KMS(AWS\_KMS) – default – AWS KMS created and managed the key material in its own key store*

- External (EXTERNAL) - You import the key material into the KMS key - You're responsible for securing and managing this key material outside of AWS

- *Custom Key Store (AWS\_CLOUDHSM) – AWS KMS creates the key material in a custom key store (CloudHSM)*

KMS Key Source - Custom Key Store (CloudHSM) - Integrate KMS with CloudHSM cluster as a Custom Key Store - Key materials are stored in a CloudHSM cluster that you own and manage - The cryptographic operations are performed in the HSMs - Use cases: - You need direct control over the HSMs - KMS Keys need to be stored in a dedicated HSMs

KMS Key Store - External - Import your own key material into KMS key, Bring Your Own Key (BYOK) - You're responsible for key material's security, availability and durability outside of AWS - Supports both Symmetric and Asymmetric KMS keys - Can't be used with Custom Key Store

(CloudHSM) - Manually rotate your KMS key (Automatic and On-demand Key Rotation are NOT supported)

#### KMS Multi-Region Keys

- A set of identical KMS keys in different AWS Regions that can be used interchangeably (same KMS key in multiple Regions) - Encrypt in one Region and decrypt in other Regions (No need to re-encrypt or making cross-Region API calls) - Multi-Region keys have the same key ID, key material, automatic rotation.....
- KMS - Multi-Region are NOT global (Primary + Replicas)
- Each Multi-Region key is managed independently - Only one primary key at a time, can promote replicas into their own primary - Use cases: Disaster Recovery, Global Data Management (e.g DynamoDB, Global Tables), Active-Active Applications that span multiple Regions, Distributed Signing applications.

### 3.5 Parameter Store

SSM Parameter Store - Secure storage for configuration and secrets - Optional Seamless Encryption using KMS - Serverless, scalable, durable easy SDK - Version tracking of configurations / secrets - Security through IAM - Notifications with Amazon EventBridge - Integration with CloudFormation

#### SSM Parameter Store Hierarchy

##### Standard and advanced parameter tiers

Parameter Policies (for advanced parameters) - Allows to assign a TTL to a parameter (expiration date) to force updating or deleting sensitive data such as passwords. - Can assign multiple policies at a time.

### 3.6 Secrets Manager

AWS Secrets Manager - Meant for storing secrets (e.g passwords, API keys,.....) - Capability to force rotation of secrets every X days - Automate generation of secrets on rotation (uses Lambda) - Natively supports Amazon RDS (all supported DB engines) - Support other databases and services (custom Lambda function) - Control access to secrets using Resource-based Policy - Integration with other AWS services to natively pull secrets from Secrets Manager: CloudFormation, CodeBuild, ECS, EMR, Fargate, EKS, Parameter Store.....

SSM Parameter Store vs Secrets Manager - Secrets Manager (dollar) - Automatic rotation of secrets with AWS Lambda - Lambda function is provided for RDS, Redshift, DocumentDB - KMS encryption is mandatory - Can integrate with CloudFormation SSM Parameter Store (dollar) - Simple API - No secret rotation (can enable rotation using Lambda triggered by EventBridge) - KMS encryption is optional - Can integrate with CloudFormation - Can pull a Secrets Manager secret using the SSM parameter Store API

#### SSM Parameter Store vs Secrets Manager Rotation

### 3.7 RDS Security

- KMS encryption at rest for underlying EBS volumes / snapshots - Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) for Oracle and SQL Server - SSL Encryption to RDS is possible for all DB (in-flight) - IAM Authentication for MySQL, PostgreSQL and MariaDB - Authorisation still happens within RDS (not

in IAM) - Can copy an un-encrypted RDS snapshot into an encrypted one - CloudTrail cannot be used to track queries made within RDS

### 3.8 SSL Encryption, SNI, MITM

SSL/TLS - Basics - SSL refers to Secure Sockets Layer, used to encrypt connections - TLS refers to Transport Layer Security which is a newer version - Nowadays, TLS certificates are mainly used but people still refer as SSL - Public SSL certificates are issued by Certificate Authorities (CA) - Comodo, Symantec, GoDaddy, GlobalSign, DigiCert, Letencrypt, etc - SSL certificates have an expiration date (you set) and must be renewed

SSL Encryption - How it works - Asymmetric Encryption is expensive (SSL) - Symmetric encryption is cheaper - Asymmetric handshake is used to exchange a per-client random symmetric key. - Possibility of client sending an SSL certificate as well (two-way certificate)

SSL - Server Name Indication (SNI) - SNI solves the problem of loading multiple SSL certificates onto one web server (to serve multiple websites) - It's a "newer" protocol and requires the client to indicate the hostname of the target server in the initial SSL handshake - The server will then find the correct certificate or return the default one.

Note: - Only works for ALB and NLB (newer generation), CloudFront - Does not work for CLB (older gen)

SSL - Man in the middle attacks How to prevent 1 - Don't use public-facing HTTP, use HTTPS (meaning use SSL/TLS certificates) 2 - Use a DNS that has DNSSEC - To send a client to a pirate server, a DNS response needs to be "forged" by a server which intercepts them. - It is possible to protect your domain name by configuring DNSSEC - Amazon Route 53 supports DNSSEC for domain registration - Route 53 supports DNSSEC for DNS service as of December 2020 (using KMS) - You could also run a custom DNS server on Amazon EC2 for example (Bind is the most popular, dnsmasq, KnotDNS, PowerDNS)

### 3.9 AWS Certificate Manager - ACM

AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) - To host public SSL certificates in AWS, you can - Buy your own and upload them using the CLI - Have ACM provision and renew public SSL certificates for you (free of cost)

- ACM loads SSL certificates on the following integrations: - Load Balancers (including the ones created by ELB) - CloudFront distributions - APIs on API gateways

- SSL certificates is overall a pain to manually manage, so ACM is great to leverage in your AWS infrastructure

ACM - Good to know - Possibility of creating public certificates - Must verify public DNS - Must be issued by a trusted public certificate authority (CA) - Possibility of creating private certificates - For your internal applications - You create your own private CA - Your applications must trust your private CA - Certificate renewal: - Automatically done if generated/provisioned by ACM - Any manually uploaded certificates must be renewed manually and re-uploaded. - ACM is a regional service - To use with a global application (multiple ALB for example), you need to issue an SSL certificate - You cannot copy certs across regions



### 3.10 CloudHSM

- KMS = AWS manages the software for encryption - CloudHSM = AWS provisions encryption hardware - Dedicated Hardware (HSM = Hardware Security Module) - You manage your own encryption keys entirely (not AWS) - HSM device is tamper resistant, FIPS 140-2 Level 3 compliance
- Supports both symmetric and asymmetric encryption (SSL/TLS keys) - No free tier available - Must use the CloudHSM Client Software - Redshift supports CloudHSM for database encryption and key management - Good option to use with SSE-C encryption

CloudHSM Diagram - IAM permissions - CRUD an HSM Cluster - CloudHSM Software - Manage the Keys - Manage the Users

CloudHSM - High Availability - CloudHSM clusters are spread across Multi AZ (HA) - Great for availability

CloudHSM vs KMS

### 3.11 Solution Architecture - SSL on ELB

- You can offload SSL to CloudHSM (SSL Acceleration) - Supported by NGINX Apache Web servers and IIS for windows server - Extra security: the SSL private key never leaves the HSM device - Must setup a cryptographic user (CU) on the CloudHSM device

### 3.12 S3 Security

- SSE-S3: encrypts S3 objects using keys handled and managed by AWS - SSE-KMS: leverage KMS to manage encryption keys - Key usage appears in CloudTrail - objects made public can never be read - On s3:PutObject make the permission kms:GenerateDataKey is allowed - SSE-C: when you want to manage your own encryption keys - Client-Side Encryption

Glacier: all data is AES-256 encrypted, key under AWS control

Encryption in transit (SSL/TLS) - Amazon S3 exposes: - HTTP endpoint: non encrypted - HTTPS endpoint: encryption

- You're free to use the endpoint you want, but HTTPS is recommended - HTTPS is mandatory for SSE-C - To enforce HTTPS, use a bucket policy with aws:SecureTransport

Events in S3 Buckets - S3 Access Logs: - Detailed records for the requests that are made to a bucket - Might take hours to deliver - Might be incomplete (best effort) - S3 Event Notifications - Receive notifications when certain events happen in your bucket - E.g: new objects created, object removal, restore objects, replication events. - Destinations: SNS, SQS queue, Lambda - Typically delivered in seconds but can take minutes, notification for every object if versioning is enabled, else risk of one notification for two same objects write done simultaneously. - Trusted Advisor: - Check the bucket permission (is the bucket public?) - Amazon EventBridge - Need to enable CloudTrail object level logging on S3 first - Target can be Lambda, SQS, SNS, etc.....

S3 Security

- User based - IAM policies - which API calls should be allowed for a specific user from IAM console

- Resource Based - Bucket Policies - bucket wide rules from the S3 console - allows cross account - Object Access Control List (ACL) - finer grain - Bucket Access Control List (ACL) - less common

S3 Bucket Policies - Use S3 bucket for policy to: - Grant public access to the bucket - Force objects to be encrypted at upload - Grant access to another account (Cross Account) - Optional Conditions on: - SourceIp: Public IP or Elastic IP — VpcSourceIp: Private IP (through VPC Endpoint) - Source VPC or Source VPC Endpoint - only works with VPC Endpoints - CloudFront Origin Identity - MFA

S3 pre-signed URLs - Can generate pre-signed URLs using SDK or CLI - For downloads (easy can use the CLI) - For uploads (harder must use the SDK) - Valid for a default of 3600 seconds, can change timeout with `--expires-in[TIME_SECONDS]argument—Users given a pre-signed URL inherit the permission of the person who generated the URL for GET/PUT`

Examples: - Allow only logged-in users to download a premium video on your S3 bucket - Allow an ever changing list of users to download files by generating URLs dynamically - Allow temporarily a user to upload a file to a precise location in our bucket

VPC Endpoint Gateway for S3

S3 Object Lock and Glacier Vault Lock - S3 Object Lock - Adopt a WORM (Write once read many) model - Block an object version deletion for a specified amount of time - Glacier Vault Lock - Adopt a WORM (Write Once Read Many) model - Lock the policy for future edits (can no longer be changed) - Helpful for compliance and data retention

### 3.13 S3 Access Points

- Access Points simplify security management for S3 buckets - Each access point has: - its own DNS name (Internet Origin or VPC origin) - an access point policy (similar to bucket policy) - manage security at scale

S3 - Access Points - VPC Origin - We can define the access point to be accessible only from within the VPC - You must create a VPC Endpoint to access the Access Point (Gateway or Interface Endpoint) - The VPC Endpoint Policy must allow access to the target bucket and Access Point

### 3.14 S3 Multi-Region Access Points

- Provide a global endpoint that spans S3 buckets in multiple AWS regions - Dynamically route requests to the nearest S3 bucket (lowest latency) - Bi-directional S3 bucket replication rules are created to keep data in sync across regions - Failover Controls - allows you to shift request across S3 buckets in different AWS regions within minutes (Active-Active or Active-Passive)

Multi-Region Access Points - Failover Controls

### 3.15 S3 Multi-Region Access Points - Hands On

### 3.16 S3 Object Lambda

- Use AWS Lambda Functions to change the object before it is retrieved by the caller application - Only one S3 bucket is needed on top of which we create S3 Access Point and S3 Object Lambda Access Points - Use Cases: - Redacting personally identifiable information for analytics or non production environments - Converting across data formats, such as converting XML to JSON - Resizing and watermarking images on the fly using caller-specific details, such as the user who request the object

### 3.17 DDoS and AWS Shield

What is a DDoS

Types of Attacks on your infrastructure - Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) - When your service is unavailable because it is receiving too many requests - SYN Flood (Layer 4) - send too many TCP connection requests - UDP reflection (Layer 4) - get other servers to send many big UDP requests - DNS flood attack: Overwhelm the DNS so legitimate users can't find the site - Slow Loris attack: a lot of HTTP connections are opened and maintained (hmmmm consider websocket servers!!)

- Application Level Attacks: - more complex, more specific (HTTP level) - Cache bursting strategies: overload the backend database by invalidating the cache (clever)

DDoS Protection on AWS - AWS Shield Standard: Protects against DDoS attack for your website and applications, for all customers at no additional cost - AWS Shield Advanced: 24/7 premium DDoS protection - AWS WAF: Filter specific requests based on rules - CloudFront and Route 53: - Availability protection using global edge network - Combined with AWS shield: provides DDoS attack mitigation at the edge - Be ready to scale - leverage AWS Auto Scaling - Separate static resources (S3 / CloudFront) from dynamic ones (EC2 / ALB) - Read the whitepaper

Sample Reference Architecture

AWS Shield - AWS Shield Standard - Free service that is activated for every AWS customer - Provides protection from attacks such SYN/UDP Floods, Reflection attacks and other layer 3/layer 4 attacks - AWS Shield Advanced - Optional DDoS mitigation service (3000 dollars per month per organisation) - Protect against more sophisticated attack on Amazon EC2, Elastic Load Balancing (ELB), Amazon CloudFront, AWS Global Accelerator, Route 53 - 24/7 access to AWS DDoS response team (DRP) - Protect against higher fees during usage spikes due to DDoS

### 3.18 AWS WAF - Web Application Firewall

- Protects your web applications from common web exploits (Layer 7) - Deploy on Application Load Balancer (localised rules) - Deploy on API Gateway (rules running at the regional or edge level) - Deploy on CloudFront (rules on edge locations) - Used in front of other solutions: CLB, EC2 Instances, custom origins, S3 websites - Deploy on AppSync (protect your GraphQL APIs) - WAF is not for DDoS protection - Define Web ACL (Web Access Control List) - Rules can include IP addresses, HTTP headers, HTTP body, or URI strings - Protects from common attack - SQL injection and Cross-Site scripting (XSS) - Size constraints, Geo Match - Rate-based rules (to count occurrences of events) - Rule Actions: Count — Allow — Block — CAPTCHA — Challenge

AWS WAF - Managed Rules - Library of over 190 managed rules - Ready to use rules that are managed by AWS and AWS Marketplace Sellers

- Baseline Rule Groups - general protection from common threats - AWSManagedRulesCommonRuleSet, AWSManagedRulesAdminProtectionRuleSet,..... - Use-case Specific Rule Groups - Protection for many AWS WAF use cases - AWSManagedRulesSQLiRuleSet, AWSManagedRulesWindowsRuleSet, AWSManagedRulesPHPRuleSet, AWSManagedRulesWordPressRuleSet - IP Reputation Rule Groups - block requests based on source (e.g. malicious IPs) - AWSManagedRulesAmazonIpReputationList, AWSManagedRulesAnomymousIpList - Bot Control Managed Rule Group - block and manage requests from bots - AWSManagedRulesBotControlRuleSet

WAF - Web ACL - Logging - You can send your logs to an: - Amazon CloudWatch Logs log group - 5 MB per second - Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket - 5 minutes interval - Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose - limited by Firehose quotas

Solution Architecture - Enhance CloudFront Origin Security with AWS WAF and AWS Secrets Manager

### 3.19 AWS Firewall Manager

- Manage rules in all accounts of an AWS organisation - Security policy: common set of security rules - WAF rules (Application Load Balancer, API Gateways, CloudFront) - AWS Shield Advanced (ALB, CLB, NLB, Elastic IP, CloudFront) - Security Groups for EC2, Application Load Balancer and ENI resources in VPC - AWS Network Firewall (VPC Level) - Amazon Route 53 Resolver DNS Firewall - Policies are created at the region level

- Rules are applied to new resources as they are created (good for compliance) across all and future accounts in your Organisation

WAF vs Firewall Manager vs Shield - WAF, Shield and Firewall Manager are used together for comprehensive protection - Define your Web ACL rules in WAF - For granular protection of your resources, WAF along is the correct choice - If you want to use AWS WAF across accounts, accelerate WAF configuration, automate the protection of new resources use Firewall Manager with AWS WAF - Shield Advanced adds additional features on top of AWS WAF, such as dedicated support from the shield response team (SRT) and advanced reporting - If you're prone to frequent DDoS attacks, consider purchasing Shield Advanced

### 3.20 Blocking an IP Address

Blocking an IP address

Blocking an IP address - with an ALB

Blocking an IP address - with an NLB

Blocking an IP address - ALB + WAF

Blocking an IP address - ALB, CloudFront and WAF

### 3.21 Amazon Inspector

Amazon Inspector - Automated Security Assessments - For EC2 instances - Leveraging the AWS System Manager (SSM) agent - Analyse against unintended network accessibility - Analyse the running OS against known vulnerabilities - For container images push to Amazon ECR - Assessment of Container Images as they are pushed - For Lambda Functions - Identifies software vulnerabilities in function code and package dependencies - Assessment of functions as they are deployed

- Reporting and integration with AWS security hub - Send findings to Amazon Event Bridge

What does Amazon Inspector evaluate? - Remember: only for EC2 instances, Container Images and Lambda functions - Continuous scanning of the infrastructure, only when needed - Package vulnerabilities (EC2, ECR and Lambda) - database of CVE - Network reachability (EC2) - A risk score is associated with all vulnerabilities for prioritisation

## 3.22 AWS Config

AWS Config - Help with auditing and recording compliance of your AWS resources - Helps records configuration and changes over time - AWS Config rules does not prevent actions from happening (no deny) - Questions that can be solved by AWS config - Is there unrestricted SSH access to my security groups? - Do my buckets have any public access? - How has my ALB configuration changed over time? - You can receive alerts (SNS notifications) for any changes - AWS Config is a per-region service - Can be aggregated across regions and accounts

AWS config resource - View compliance of a resource over time

- View configuration of a resource over time

- View CloudTrail API calls if enabled

AWS Config Rules - Can use AWS managed config rules (over 75) - Can make custom config rules (must be defined in AWS Lambda) - Evaluate if each EBS disk is of type gp2 - Evaluate if each EC2 instance is t2.micro - Rules can be evaluated / triggered - For each config change - And / or: at regular time intervals - Trigger Amazon EventBridge if the rule is non-compliant (chain with Lambda) - Rules can have auto remediations through SSM Automations - If a resource is not compliant you can trigger an auto remediation - Ex: remediate security group rules, stop instances with non-approved tags

## 3.23 AWS Managed Logs

- Load Balancer Access Logs (ALB, NLB, CLB) -> S3 - Access logs for your Load Balancers - CloudTrail Logs -> to S3 and CloudWatch logs - Logs for API calls made within your account - VPC Flow Logs -> to S3, CloudWatch Logs, Kinesis Data Firehose - Information about IP traffic going to and from network interfaces in your VPC - Route 53 Access Logs -> to CloudWatch logs - Log information about the queries that Route 53 receives - S3 Access Logs -> to S3 - Server access logging provides detailed records for the requests that are made to a bucket - CloudFront Access Logs -> to S3 - Detailed information about every user request that CloudFront receives - AWS Config -> to S3

## 3.24 Amazon GuardDuty

- Intelligent Threat discovery to protect your AWS Account - Using Machine Learning algorithms, anomaly detection, 3rd party data - One click to enable (30 days trial) no need to install software - Input data includes: - CloudTrail Events Logs - unusual API calls, unauthorized deployments - CloudTrail Management Events - create VPC subnet, create trail - CloudTrail S3 Data Events - get object, list objects, delete object - VPC Flow logs - unusual internal traffic, unusual IP address - DNS Logs - compromised EC2 instances sending encoded data within DNS queries - Optional Feature - EKS Audit Logs, RDS and Aurora, EBS, Lambda, S3 Data Events..... - Can setup EventBridge rules to be notified in case of findings - EventBridge rules can target AWS Lambda or SNS - Can protect against Cryptocurrency attacks (has a dedicated "finding" for it)

Amazon GuardDuty

GuardDuty - Delegated Administrator - AWS organisation member accounts can be designated to be a GuardDuty Delegated Administrator - Have full permissions to enable and manage GuardDuty for all accounts in the Organisation - Can be done only using the Organisation Management Account

### 3.25 IAM Advanced Policies

IAM conditions

IAM for S3 - s3:ListBucket permission applies to arn:aws:s3:::test - bucket level permission

- s3:GetObject, s3:PutObject, s3:DeleteObject applies to arn:aws:s3:::test - Object level permissions

Resource Policies and aws:PrincipalOrgID - aws:PrincipalOrgID can be used in any resource policies to restrict access to accounts that are member of an AWS organisation

### 3.26 EC2 Instance Connect

EC2 Instance Connect (SendSSHPublicKey API)

### 3.27 AWS Security Hub

- Central security tool to manage security across several AWS accounts and automate security checks - Integrated dashboards showing current security and compliance status to quickly take actions - Automatically aggregates alerts in predefined or personal findings formats from various AWS services and AWS partner tools: - Config - GuardDuty - Inspector - Macie - IAM Access Analyser - AWS Systems Manager - AWS Firewall Manager - AWS Health - AWS Partner Network Solutions

Must first enable the AWS config service

### 3.28 Amazon Detective

- GuardDuty, Macie and Security Hub are used to identify potential security issues or findings. - Sometimes security findings require deeper analysis to isolate the root cause and take actions - it is a complex process - Amazon Detective analyses, investigates and quickly identifies the root cause of security issues or suspicious activities (using ML and graphs) - Automatically collects and processes events from VPC Flow Logs, CloudTrail, GuardDuty and creates a unified view. - Produces visualisations with details and context to get to the root cause.

# Chapter 4

## Compute & Load Balancing

### 4.1 Solution Architecture on AWS

- DNS Layer - Route 53 - Web Layer - CLB, ALB, NLB, API Gateway, Elastic IP - Compute Layer - EC2, ASG, Lambda, ECS, Fargate, Batch, EMR - CDN Layer - CloudFront - Caching / Session Layer - ElastiCache, DAX, DynamoDB, RDS - Database Layer - RDS, Aurora, DynamoDB, ElastiSearch, S3, Redshift - Decoupling Orchestration Layer - SQS, SNS, Kinesis, Amazon MQ, Step Functions - Storage Layer - EBS, EFS, Instance Store - Static Assets Layer (storage) - S3, Glacier

### 4.2 EC2

EC2 Instance Types - Main Ones - R: applications that need a long of RAM - in-memory caches - C: applicatoins that need good CPU - compute / databases - M: Applications that are balanced (think "medium") - general / web app - I: Applications that need good local I/O (instance storage) - databases - G: Applications that need a GPU - video rendering / machine learniing - T2 / T3: burstable instances (up to a capacity) - T2 / T3 - unlimited: unlimited burst

See link at <https://www.ec2instances.info>.

EC2 - Placement Groups - Control the EC2 instance placement strategy using placement groups - Group strategies - Cluster - cluster instances into a low-latency group in a single Availability Zone - Spread - spreads instances across undelying hardward (max 7 instances per group per AZ) - critical applications - Partition - spreads instances across many different partitions (which rely on different sets of racks) within an AZ. Scales to 100s of EC2 instances per group (Hadoop, Cassandra, Kafka) - You can move an instance into or out of a placement group - You first need to stop it - You then need to use the CLI (modify-instance placement) - You can then start your instances

Placement Groups Cluster - Pros: Greate network (10 Gbps bandwidth between instances with Enhanced Networking enabled - recommended) - Cons: If the rack fails, all instances fails at the same time. - Use case: - Big Data job that needs to complete fast - Applicatoins that needs extremely low latency and high network throughput

Placement Groups Spread - Pros - Can span across Availability Zones (AZ) - Reduced risk of simulataneous failure - EC2 Instances are on different pysical hardware - Cons - Limited to 7 instances per AZ per placement group - Use case: - Application that need to maximise high availability - Critical Applications where each instance must be isolated from failure from each other

Placement Groups Partition - Up to 7 partitions per AZ - Up to 100s of EC2 instances - The instances in a partition do not share racks with the instances in the other partitions - A partition failure can affect many EC2 instances but won't affect other partitions - EC2 instances get access to the partition information as metadata - Use cases: HDFS, HBase, Cassandra, Kafka

EC2 Instance Launch Types - On Demand Instances: Short workload, predictable pricing, reliable - Spot Instance: short workloads, for cheap, can lose instances (not reliable) - Reserved (Minimum 1 year) - Reserved Instances: Long workloads - Convertible Reserved Instances: Long workloads with flexible instances - Highest to lowest discount: All upfront payment, partial upfront payment, no upfront - Dedicated Instances: No other customers will share your hardware - Dedicated Hosts: book an entire physical server, control instance placement - Great for software licenses that operate at the core, or CPU socket level - Can define host affinity so that instance reboots are kept on the same host

EC2 Graviton - AWS Graviton Processors deliver the best price performance - Supports many Linux OS, Amazon Linux 2, RedHat, SUSE, Ubuntu - Not available for windows instances - Graviton2 - 40% better price performance over comparable 5th generation x86 based instances - Graviton3 - Up to 3x better performance compared to Graviton2 - Use cases: app servers, microservices, HPC, CPU-based ML, video encoding, gaming, in-memory caches,.....

EC2 included metrics - CPU: CPU Utilisations + Credit Usage / Balance - Network: Network In / Out - Status Check - Instance status = check the EC2 VM - System status = check the underlying hardware - Disk: Read / Write for Ops / Bytes (only for instance store) - RAM is not included in the AWS EC2 metrics

EC2 Instance Recovery - Status Check - Instance Status = check the EC2 VM - System status = check the underlying hardware - Recovery: Same Private, Public, Elastic IP, metadata, placement group

## 4.3 High Performance Computing (HPC)

- Cloud is good for HPC - Can create a very high number of resources in no time. - Can speed up time to results by adding more resources - You can pay only for the systems you have used — Examples: Genomics, computational chemistry, financial risk modelling, weather prediction, machine learning, deep learning, autonomous driving..... - Services which help HPC?

Data Management % Transfer - Aws Direct Connect - Move GBs of data to the cloud over a private secure network - Snowball - Move PB of data to the cloud - AWS DataSync - Move large amount of data between on-premise and S3, EFS, FSx for Windows

Computer and Networking - EC2 Instances: - CPU optimised, GPU optimised - Spot Instances / Spot Fleets for cost savings + Auto Scaling - EC2 Place Groups: Cluster for good network performance - EC2 Enhanced Networkin (SR-IOV) - Higher Bandwidth, higher PPS (packet per second), lower latency - Option 1: Elastic Network Adapted (ENA) up to 100 Gbps - Option 2: Intel 82599 up to 10Gbps - Legacy - Elastic Fabric Adapter (EFA) - Improved ENA for HPC only works for Linux - Great for inter-node communications, tightly coupled workloads - Leverages Message Passing interface (MPI) standard - Bypasses the underlying Linux OS to provide low-latency reliable transport

Storage - Instance-attached storage - EBS: scale up to 256000 IOPS with io2 Block Express - Instance Store: Scal to million of IOPS, linkedin to EC2 instance, low latency.

- Network Storage - Amazon S3: large blob, not a file system - Amazon EFS: scale IOPS based on total size or use provisioned IOPS - Amazon FSx for Lustre: - HPC optimised distributed file system, millions of IOPS - Backed by S3



Automation and Orchestration - AWS Batch - AWS Batch supports multi-node parallel jobs which enables you to run single jobs that span multiple EC2 instances - Easily schedule jobs and launch EC2 instances accordingly - AWS ParallelCluster - Open source cluster management tool to deploy HPC on AWS - Configure text files - Automate creation of VPC, Subnet, cluster type and instance types

## 4.4 Auto Scaling

Auto Scaling Groups - Dynamic Scaling Policies - Target Tracking Scaling - Most simple and easy to setup - Example: I want the average ASG CPU to stay at around 40% - Simple / Step Scaling - When a CloudWatch alarm is triggered (example CPU  $\geq$  70%) then add 2 units - When a CloudWatch alarm is triggered (example CPU  $\leq$  30%) then remove 1 - Scheduled Actions - Anticipate a scaling based on known usage patterns - Example: Increase the min capacity to 10 at 5pm on Fridays

Auto Scaling Groups - Predictive Scaling - Predictive Scaling: continuously forecast load and schedule scaling ahead

Good metrics to scale on - CPU Utilisation: Average CPU utilisation across your instances - RequestCountPerTarget: to make sure the number of requests per EC2 instances is stable - Average Network In / Out (if your application is network bound) - Any custom metric (that you push using CloudWatch)

Auto Scaling - Good to know - Spot fleet support (mix on Spot and On-Demand instances) - Lifecycle Hooks - Perform actions before an instance is in service, or before it is terminated - Example: Cleanup, log extraction, special health checks - To upgrade an AMI, must update the launch configuration / template - Then terminate instances manually (CloudFormation can help) - Or use EC2 instance refresh for Auto Scaling

Auto Scaling - Instance Refresh - Goal: Update launch template and then re-creating all EC2 instances - For this we can use the native feature of Instance Refresh - Setting of minimum healthy percentage - Specify warm-up time (how long until the instance is ready to use)

Auto Scaling - Scaling Processes - Launch: Add a new EC2 to the group, increasing the capacity - Terminate: Remove an EC2 instance from the group, decreasing the capacity - HealthCheck: Check the health of the instances - ReplaceUnhealthy: Terminate unhealthy instances and re-create them - AZRebalance: Balance the number of EC2 instances across AZ - Alarm Notification: Accept notification from CloudWatch - SchedulesActions: Performs scheduled actions that you create - AddToLoadBalancer: Add instances to the load balancer or target group. - InstanceRefresh: Perform an instance refresh — These processes can be suspended

Auto Scaling - Health Checks - Health Checks available: - EC2 Status Checks - ELB Health Checks (HTTP) - Customer Health Checks - send instances health to an ASG using AWS CLI or AWS SDK (set-instance-health) - ASG will launch a new instance after terminating an unhealthy one - Make sure the health check is simple and check the correct thing

## 4.5 Auto Scaling Update Strategies

Auto Scaling - Updating an application

Auto Scaling - Solution Architecture

## 4.6 Spot Instances and Spot Fleet

EC2 Spot Instances - Can get a discount of up to 90% compared to On-Demand - Define max spot price and get the instance while current spot price  $\leq$  max - The hourly spot price varies based on offer and capacity - If the current spot price  $>$  your max price you can choose to stop or terminate your instance with a two minutes grace period - Used for batch jobs, data analysis or workloads that are resilient to failures. —  $\leq$  Not great critical jobs or databases

Spot Fleets - Spot Fleets = set of Spot Instances + (optional) On-Demand Instances - The Spot Fleet will try to meet the target capacity with price constraints - Define possible launch pools: instance type (m5.large), OS, Availability Zone - Can have multiple launch pools, so that the fleet can choose - Spot fleets stops launching instances when reaching capacity or max cost. - Strategies to allocate spot instances - lowestPrice: form the pool with the lowest price (cost optimisation, short workload) - diversified: distribute across all pools (great for availability, long workloads) - capacityOptimised: pool with optimal capacity for the number of instances - priceCapacityOptimised (recommended): pools with highest capacity available then select the pool with the lowest price (best choice for most workloads) —  $\leq$  Spot fleets allow us to automatically requests spot instances with the lowest price

## 4.7 Amazon ECS - Elastic Container Service

What is Docker? - Docker is a software development platform to deploy apps - Apps are packaged in containers that can be run on any OS - Apps run the same, regardless of where they are run - Any machine (no compatibility issues, predictable behaviour) - Less work - Easier to maintain and deploy - Works with any language, any OS, any technology. - Control how much memory / CPU is allocated to your containers - Scale containers up and down very quickly (seconds) - More efficient than virtual machines

Docker Containers Management on AWS - To manage containers, we need a container management platform - Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) - Amazon's own container platform - Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS) - Amazon managed Kubernetes (open source) - AWS Fargate - Amazon's own Serverless container platform - Works with ECS and with EKS

Amazon ECS - Use cases - Run Microservices - Run multiple Docker containers on the same machine - Easy service discovery features to enhance communication - Direct integration with Application Load Balancer and Network Load Balancer - Auto Scaling capability - Run Batch Processing / Scheduled Tasks - Schedule ECS tasks to run on On-Demand / Reserved / Spot Instances - Migrate Applications to the Cloud - Dockerise legacy applications running on-premises - Move docker containers to run on Amazon ECS

Amazon ECS - Concepts - ECS Cluster - logical grouping of EC2 instances - ECS Service - defines how many tasks should run and how they should be run - Task definitions - metadata in JSON form to tell ECS how to run a Docker containers (image name, CPU, RAM) - ECS Task - an instance of a Task Definition, a running Docker containers - ECS IAM roles - EC2 Instance Profile - used by the EC2 instance (e.g make API calls to ECS, send logs) - ECSTask IAM Role - allow each task to have a specific role (e.g make API calls to S3, DynamoDB)

Amazon ECS - ALB Integration - We get Dynamic Port Mapping - Allows you to run multiple instances of the same application on the same EC2 instance - The ALB finds the right port on your EC2 instances - Use cases: - Increases resiliency even if running on one EC2 instance - Maximise utilisation of CPU cores - Ability to perform rolling upgrades without impacting app uptime

AWS Fargate - Launch Docker containers on AWS - You do not provision the infrastructure (no EC2 instances to manage) - Its all serverless - You create task definitions - AWS run containers for you based on the CPU / RAM you need - To scale, just increase the number of tasks—no more EC2 instances

Amazon ECS - Security and Networking - You can inject secrets and configurations as Environment Variable into running Docker containers - Integration with SSM parameter store and secrets manager - ECS Tasks Networking - none - no network connectivity, no port mappings - bridge - uses Docker's virtual container based network - host - bypass Docker's network uses the underlying host network interface - awsvpc - Every task launched on the instance gets it own ENI and a private IP adress - Simplified networking, enhanced security, Security Groups, monitoring, VPC Flow Logs - Default mode for Fargate tasks

Amazon ECS - Service Auto Scaling - Automatically increase / decrease the desired number of tasks - Amazon ECS leverages AWS application auto scaling - CPU and RAM is tracked in CloudWatch as the ECS Service level - Target Tracking - scale based on target value for a specific CloudWatch metrics - Step Scaling - scale based on a specified CloudWatch Alarm - Scheduled Scaling - scale based on a specified date/time (predictable changes) - ECS Service Auto Scaling (task level)  $\neq$  EC2 Auto Scaling (EC2 instance level) - Fargate Auto Scaling is much easier to setup (because Serverless)

Amazon ECS - Spot Instances - ECS Classic (EC2 Launch Type) - Can have the underlying EC2 instances as Spot Instances (managed by an ASG) - Instances may go into draining mode to remove running tasks - Good for cost savings, but will impact reliability - AWS Fargate - Specify minimum of tasks for on-demand baseline workload - Add tasks running on FARGATE.SPOT for cost-savings (can be reclaimed by AWS) - Regardless of On-demand or Spot, Fargate scales well based on load

## 4.8 Amazon ECR - Elastic Container Registry

- Store and manage Docker images on AWS - Private and Public repository (Amazon ECR Public Gallery <https://gallery.ecr.aws>) - Fully integration with ECS - Access is controlled through IAM (permission errors  $\Rightarrow$  check policy) - Supports image vulnerability scanning versioning, image tags, image lifecycle.....

Amazon ECR - Cross Region Replications - ECR Private registry supports both cross-Region and cross-account replication

Amazon ECR - Image Scanning - Manual Scan or Scan on Push - Basic Scanning - Common CVE - Enhanced Scanning - Leverages Amazon Inspector (OS and Programming Language vulnerabilities) - Scan results can be retrieved from within the AWS console

## 4.9 Amazon EKS - Elastic Kubernetes Service

- Amazon EKS = Amazon Elastic Kubernetete Service - It is a way to launch managed Kubernetes clusters on AWS - Kubernetes is an open-source system for automatic deployment, scaling and management of containerised (usually docker) application - It is an alternative to ECS, similar goal but different API - EKS supports EC2 if you want to deploy worker nodes or Fargate to deploy serverless containers - Use Case: If you company is already using Kubernetes on-premises or in another cloud and wants to migration to AWS using Kubernetes —  $\Rightarrow$  Kubernetes is cloud-agnostic

(can be used in any cloud - Azure, GCP) - For multiple regions, deploy on EKS cluster per region.  
- Collects logs and metrics using CloudWatch Container Insights

Amazon EKS - Diagram

Amazon EKS - Node Types - Managed Node Groups - Creates and manages Nodes (EC2 Instances) for you - Nodes are part of an ASG managed by EKS - Supports On-Demand or Spot Instances - Self-Managed Nodes - Nodes created by you and registered to the EKS cluster and managed by an ASG - You can use prebuilt AMI - Amazon EKS optimised AMI - Supports On-Demand or Spot Instances - AWS Fargate - No maintenance required; no nodes managed.

Amazon EKS - Data Volumes - Need to specify StorageClass manifest on your EKS cluster - Leverages a Container Storage Interface (CSI) compliant driver - Support - Amazon EBS - Amazon EFS (works with Fargate) - Amazon FSx for Lustre - Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

## 4.10 AWS App Runner

- Fully managed service that makes it easy to deploy web applications and APIs at scale - No infrastructure experience required - Start with your source code or container image - Automatically builds and deploys the web app - Automatic scaling highly available, load balancer, encryption - VPC access support - Connect to database, cache and message queue services - Use cases: web apps, APIs, microservices, rapid production deployments

Solution Architecture - App Runner Multi-Region Architecture

## 4.11 ECS Anywhere and EKS Anywhere

Amazon ECS Anywhere - Easily run containers on Customer-managed infrastructure (on-premises, VMs) - Allows customers to deploy native Amazon ECS tasks in any environment - Fully-managed Amazon ECS Control Plane - ECS Container Agent and SSM Agent needs to be installed - `EXTERNAL` Launch Type - Must have a stable connection to the AWS region - Use cases: - Meet compliance, regulatory and latency requirements - Run apps outside AWS regions and closer to their other services - On-premises ML, video processing, data processing.

Amazon EKS Anywhere - Create and operate Kubernetes clusters created outside AWS - Leverage the Amazon EKS Distro (AWS' bundled release of Kubernetes) - Reduce support costs and avoid maintaining redundant third party tools. - Install using the EKS Anywhere installer - Optionally use the EKS Connector to connect the EKS Anywhere clusters to AWS - Full Connected and Partially Disconnected: you can connect to Amazon EKS Anywhere clusters to AWS and leverage the EKS console - Fully Disconnected: Must install the EKS Distro and leverage open-source tools to manage your clusters.

## 4.12 AWS Lambda - Part 1

AWS Lambda Integration Main ones - API Gateway - Kinesis - DynamoDB - AWS S3 - Simple Storage Service - AWS IoT - Internet of Things - Amazon EventBridge - CloudWatch Logs - AWS SNS - AWS Cognito - Amazon SQS

AWS Lambda Language Support (runtimes) - node.js (javascript) - Python - Java - C (.NET Core) / Powershell - Ruby - Custom Runtime API (community supported, example Rust or Golang)

hmmmmmmmm..... - Lambda Container Image - The container image must implement the Lambda Runtime API - ECS / Fargate is preferred for running arbitrary Docker images

Lambda - Limits to know – RAM - 128 to 10,240 MB (10 GB) – CPU - is linked to RAM (cannot be set manually) - 2 vCPUs are allocated at 1,769 MB of RAM - 6 vCPUs are allocated at 10,240 MB of RAM - Timeout - up to 15 minutes - /tmp Storage - 10,240 MB - Deployment Package - 50 MB (zipped), 250 MB (unzipped) including layers - Concurrent Executions - 1000 (soft limit that can be increased) - Container Image Size - 10GB - Invocation Payload (request/ response) - 6 MB (sync), 256KB (async)

Lambda Concurrency and Throttling - Concurrency limit: up to 1000 concurrent executions - Can set a 'reserved concurrency' at the function level (=limit) - Each invocation over the concurrency limit will trigger a "Throttle" - Can request a quota increase in AWS Service Quotas

Lambda Concurrency Issue - If you don't reserve (=limit) concurrency, the following can happen

Lambda and CodeDeploy - CodeDeploy can help you automate traffic shift for Lambda aliases - Feature is integrated within the SAM framework - Linear: grow traffic every N minutes until 100% - Linear10PercentEvery3Minutes - Linear10PercentEvery10Minutes - Canary: try X percent then 100% - Canary10Percent5Minutes - Canary10Percent30Minutes - AllAtOnce: immediate - Can create Pre and Post Traffic Hooks to check the health of the Lambda function

AWS Lambda Logging, Monitoring and Tracing - CloudWatch: - AWS Lambda execution logs are stored in AWS CloudWatch Logs - AWS Lambda metrics are displayed in AWS CloudWatch Metrics (successful invocations, error rates, latency, timeouts, etc....) - Make sure your AWS Lambda function has an execution role with an IAM policy that authorises writes to CloudWatch Logs - X-Ray - It's possible to trace Lambda with X-Ray - Enable in Lambda configurations (runs the X-Ray daemon for you) - Use AWS SDK in Code - Ensure Lambda Function has correct IAM Execution Role

## 4.13 AWS Lambda - Part 2

Lambda in a VPC Note: Lambda: CloudWatch Logs works even without endpoint or NAT gateway

Lambda - Fixed Public IP for external comms

Lambda - Synchronous Invocations - Synchronous: CLI, SDK, API Gateway - Results is returned right away - Error handling must happen client side (retries, exponential backoff, etc)

Lambda - Asynchronous Invocation - S3, SNS, Amazon EventBridge - Lambda attempts to retry on errors (3 tries total) - Make sure the processing is idempotent (in case of retries) - Can define a DLQ (dead letter queue) - SNS or SQS for failed processing

Lambda - Architecture Discussion - Start immediately parallel executions - Amazon S3 -> Amazon SNS -> Lambda - Batched Executions Delay - Amazon S3 -> Amazon SNS -> Amazon SQS -> Lambda

## 4.14 Elastic Load Balancers - Part 1

Types of load balancer on AWS - AWS has 4 kinds of managed Load Balancers - Classic Load Balancer (v1 - old generation) - 2009 - CLB - HTTP, HTTPS, TCP, SSL (secure TCP) - Application Load Balancer (v2 - new generation) - 2016 - ALB HTTP, HTTPS, WebSocket - Network Load Balancer (v2 - new generation - 2017 - NLB) - TCP, TLS (secure TCP), UDP - Gateway Load Balancer - 2020 - GWLB - Operates a layer 3 (Network Layer) - IP Protocol

- Overall, it is recommended to use the newer generation load balancers as they provide more features - Some load balancers can be setup as internal (private) or external (public) ELBs

Classic Load Balancers (v1) - Health Checks can be HTTP (L7) or TCP (L4) based including with SSL - Supports only one SSL certificate - The SSL certificate can have many SAN (Subject Alternate Name), but the SSL certificate must be changed anytime a SAN is added / edited / removed - Better to use ALB with SNI (Server Name Indication) is possible - Can use multiple CLB if you want distinct SSL certificates - TCP - TCP passes all the traffic to the EC2 instance - Only way to use 2-way SSL authentication

Application Load Balancer (v2) - Application Load Balancers is Layer 7 (HTTP) - Load balancing to multiple HTTP applications across machines (target groups) - Load balancing to multiple applications on the same machine (ex: containers) - great fit with ECS and has dynamic port mapping - Support for HTTP/2 and WebSocket - Support redirects (from HTTP to HTTPS for example) - Routing Rules for path, headers, query string.

Application Load Balancer (v2) - HTTP Based Traffic

Application Load Balancer (v2) - Target Groups - EC2 Instances (can be managed by an Auto Scaling Group) - HTTP - ECS tasks (managed by ECS itself) - HTTP - Lambda functions - HTTP request is translated into a JSON event - IP Addresses - must be private IPs - ALB can route to multiple target groups - Health Checks are at the target group level

Network Load Balancer (v2) - Network load balancers (Layer 4) allow to: - Forward TCP and UDP traffic to your instances - Handles millions of request per seconds - Less latency (100 ms) (vs 400ms for ALB)

- NLB has one static IP per AZ and supports assigning Elastic IP (helpful for whitelising specific IP) - NLB are used for extreme performance, TCP or UDP traffic - Not included in the AWS free tier

Network Load Balancer - Target Groups - EC2 instances - IP Addresses - must be private IPs - Application Load Balancer

Network Load Balancer - Zonal DNS Name - Resolving Regional NLB DNS name returns the IP addresses for all NLB nodes in all enabled AZs - Zonal DNS Name - NLB has DNS names for each of its nodes - Use to determine the IP address of each node - Used to minimise latency and data transfer costs - You need to implement app specific logic

Gateway Load Balancer - Deploy, scale and manage a fleet of third party network virtual appliances in AS - Example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems, Deep Packet Inspection Systems, payload manipulation.... - Operates at Layer 3 (Network Layer) - IP Packets - Combines the following functions - Transparent Network Gateway - single entry/exit for all traffic - Load Balancer - distributes traffic to your virtual appliances - Uses the GENEVE protocol on port 6081

Gateway Load Balancer - Target Groups - EC2 Instances - IP Addresses - must be private IPs

## 4.15 Elastic Load Balancers - Part 2

Cross-Zone Load Balancing

- With cross zone load balancing - each load balancer instance distributes evenly across all registered instances in all AZ - Without Cross Zone Load Balancing - Requests are distributed in the instances of the node of the Elastic Load Balancer

- Classic Load Balancer - Disabled by default - No charges for inter AZ data if enabled - Application Load Balancer - Always on (can't be disabled) - No charges for inter AZ data - Network

Load Balancer - Disabled by default - You pay charges for inter AZ data if enabled - Gateway Load Balancer - Disabled by default - You pay charges for inter AZ data if enabled

Sticky Sessions (Session Affinity) - It is possible to implement stickiness so that the same client is always redirected to the same instance behind a load balancer - This works for Classic Load Balancers and Application Load Balancers - The "cookie" used for stickiness has an expiration data you control - Use case: make sure the user doesn't lose his session data - Enabled stickiness may bring imbalance to the load over the backend EC2 instances.

Request Routing Algorithms - Least Outstanding Requests - The next instances to receive the request is the instance that has the lowest number of pending / unfinished requests - Works with Application Load Balancer and Classic Load Balancer (HTTP / HTTPS)

Request Routing Algorithms - Round Robin - Equally choose the targets from the target group - Works with Application Load Balancer and Classic Load Balancer

Request Routing Algorithm - Flow Hash - Selects a target based on the protocol, source / destination IP address source/ destination port and TCP sequence number - Each TCP/ UDP connection is routed to a single target for the life of the connection - Works with Network Load Balancer

## 4.16 API Gateway

API Gateway - Overview - Helps expose Lambda, HTTP and AWS Services as an API - API versioning, authorisation, traffic management (API Keys, throttles), huge scale, serverless, req/resp transformations, OpenAPI spec, CORS - Limits to know - 29 Seconds timeout - 10 MB max payload size

API Gateway - Deployment Stages - API changes are deployed to "stages" (as many as you want) - Use the naming you like for stages (dev, test, prod) - Stages can be rolled back as a history of deployments is kept

API Gateway - Integrations - HTTP - Expose HTTP endpoints in the backend - Example: internal HTTP API on premise, Application Load Balancer - Why? Add rate limiting, caching, user authentication, API keys, etc..... - Lambda Function - Invoke Lambda function - Easy way to expose REST API backed by AWS lambda - AWS Service - Expose any AWS API through the API Gateway? - Example: Start an AWS Step Function workflow, post a message to SQS - Why? Add authentication, deploy publicly. rate control.....

Solution Architecture Discussion: API Gateway in front of S3

API Gateway - Endpoint Types - Edge-Optimised (default): For global clients - Requests are routed through the CloudFront Edge Locations (improves latency) - The API Gateway still lives in only one region - Regional: - For clients within the same region - Could manually combine with CloudFront (more control over the caching strategies and the distribution) - Private: - Can only be accessed from your VPC using an interface VPC endpoint (ENI) - Use a resource policy to define access

Caching API responses - Caching reduces the number of calls made to the backend - Default TTL is 300 seconds (min 0s, max is 3600s) - Caches are defined per stage - Possible to override cache settings —¿ per method - Clients can invalidate the cache with header: Cache-Control:max-age=0 (with proper IAM authorisation) - Able to flush the entire cache (invalidate it) immediately. - Cache encryption option - Cache capacity between 0.5GB to 237GB

API Gateway - Errors - 4xx means client errors - 400: Bad Request - 403: Access Denied: WAF filtered - 429: Quota exceeded, Throttle - 5xx means Server errors - 502: Bad Gateway Exception, usually for an incompatible output returned from a Lambda proxy integration backend

and occasionally for out-of-order invocations due to heavy loads. - 503: Service Unavailable Exception - 504: Integration Failure - ex Endpoint Request Timed-out Exception —¿ API Gateway requests time out after 29 seconds maximum

API Gateway - Security - Load SSL certificates and use Route53 to defined a CNAME - Resource Policy (S3 Bucket Policy) - control who can access the API - Users from AWS accounts, IP or CIDR blocks, VPC or VPC endpoints - IAM Execution Roles for API gateway at the API level - To invoke a Lambda Function, an AWS services..... - CORS (Cross-origin resources sharing) - Browser based security - Control which domains can call your API

API Gateway - Authentication - IAM based access (AWS IAM) — Good for providing access within your infrastructure  
*Pass IAM credential in header through SigV4 — Lambda Authoriser (formerly Customer Authoriser) — Use Lambda over fify custom OAuth/SAML/thridparty authentication — Cognito user pools — Client authentication*  
*Client passes the token to the API Gateway — API Gateway know out-of-the-box how to verify the token*

API Gateway - Logging, Monitoring, Tracing - CloudWatch logs: - Enabled CloudWatch logging at the Stage level (with Log Level - ERROR, INFO) - Can log full requests / responses data - Can send API Gateway Access Logs (customisable) - Can send logs directly into Kinesis Data Firehose (as an alternative to CW logs) - CloudWatch Metrics - Metrics are by stage, possibility to enable detailed metrics - Integration Latency, Latency, CacheHitCount, CacheMissCount - X-Ray: - Enable tracing to get extra information about requests min API Gateway - X-Ray API Gateway + AWS Lambda give you the full picture.

## 4.17 API Gateway - Part 2

AWS Gateway - Usage Plans and API Keys - If you want to make an API available as an offering to your customers - Usage Plan: - Who can access on or more deployed API stages and methods - how much and how fast they can access them - uses API keys to identify API clients and meter access - configure throttling limits and quota limits that are enforced on individual clients - API Keys: - alphanumeric string values to distribute to your customers - API key here..... - Can use with usage plans to control access - Throttling limits are applied to the API keys - Quota limits is the overall number of maximum requests - 429 Too Many Requests - Account level throttling across all APIs in a region - Clients must implement retry mechanisms

API Gateway - WebSocket API - Overview - What is a WebSocket? - Two-way interactive communication between a user's browser and a server - Server can push information to the client - This enables stateful application use cases - WebSocket APIs are often used in real-time applications such as chat applications, collaboration platforms, multiplayer games and financial trading platforms. - Works with AWS services (Lambda, DynamoDB) or HTTP endpoints.

Server to Client Messaging - @connections used for replies to clients

API Gateway - Private APIs - Can only be accessed from your VPC by using a VPC Interface Endpoint - Each VPC Interface Endpoint can be used to access multiple Private APIs

- API Gateway Resource Policy - Allow or deny access to API from selected VPCs and VPC Endpoints, including across AWS accounts - aws:SourceVpc and aws:SourceVpcE

## 4.18 AWS AppSync

- AppSync is a managed service that uses GraphQL - GraphQL makes it easy for applications to get exactly the data they need. - This includes combining data from one or more sources - NoSQL data stores, Relational databases, HTTP APIs..... - Integrates with DynamoDB, Aurora,



ElasticSearch and others - Customer sources with AWS Lambda - Retrieve data in real-time with WebSocket or MQTT or WebSocket - For mobile apps: local data access and data synchronisation - It all start with uploading a GraphQL Schema

AppSync Diagram

AppSync - Cognito Integration - Perform authorisation on Cognito users based on the groups they belong to. - In the GraphQL schema, you can specify the security for Cognito groups

## 4.19 Route 53 - Part 1

Route 53 - Record Types - A - maps a hostname to IPv4 - AAAA - maps a hostname to IPv6 - CNAME - maps a hostname to another hostname - The target is a domain name which must has an A or AAAA record - Can't create a CNAME record for the top node of a DNS namespace (Zone Apex) - Example: can't create example.com but you can create www.example.com - NS - Name Servers for the Hosted Zone - Control how traffic is routed for a domain

Route 53 - CNAME vs. Alias - AWS Resources (Load Balancer, CloudFront...) expose an AWS hostname: - CNAME - Points a hostname to any other hostname —¿ Only for non root domain!!! - Alias - Points a hostname to an AWS resource —¿ Works for root domain and non root domain - Free of charge - Native health check

Route 53 - Alias Records Targets - Elastic Load Balancers - CloudFront Distributions - API Gateway - Elastic Beanstalk environments - S3 Websites - VPC Interface Endpoints - Global Accelerator - Route 53 record in the same hosted zone —¿ You cannot set an ALIAS record for an EC2 DNS name

Route 53 - Records TTL (Time To Live) - High TTL - e.g 24hr - Less traffic on Route 53 - Possibly outdated records - Low TTL - e.g 60 seconds - More traffic on Route 53 —¿ more cost - Records are outdated for less time - Easy to change records - Except for alias records TTL is mandatory for each DNS record

Routing Policies - Simple - Typically route traffic to a single resource - Can't be associated with Health Checks - Can specify multiple values in the same record - If multiple values are returned, a random one is chose by the client.

Routing Policies - Weighted - Control the % of the requests that go to each specific resource - Can be associated with health checks - Use cases: load balancing between regions, testing new application versions.

Routing Policies - Latency based - Redirect the resource that has the least latency close to us - Super helpful when latency for users is a priority - Latency is based on traffic between users and AWS regions — Germany users may be directed to the US (if that is the lowest latency) — Can be associated with Health Checks (has failover capability)

Routing Policies - Failover (Active-Passive)

Routing Policies - Geolocation - Different from Latency-based - This routing is based on user location - Specify location by Continent, Country or by US State (if theres overlapping, most precise location selected) - Should create a "default" record (in case theres no match on location) - Use cases: website localisation, restrict content distribution, load balancing..... - Can be associate with Health Checks

Routing Policies - Geoproximity - Route traffic to your resources based on the geographic location of users and resources - Ability to shift more traffic to resources based on the defined bias - To change the size of the geographic region specify bias values: - To expand (1 to 99) - more traffic to the resource - To shrink (-1 to -99) - less traffic to the resource - Resources can be:

- AWS resources (specify AWS region) - Non-AWS resources (specify Latitude and Longitude) - You must use Route 53 Traffic Flow to use this feature

Route 53 - Traffic Flow - Simplify the process of creating and maintaining records in large and complex configurations - Visual editor to manage complex routing decision trees - Configurations can be saved as Traffic Flow Policy - Can be applied to different Route 53 Hosted Zones (different domain names) - Support versioning

Routing Policies - Multi-Value - Use when routing traffic to multiple resources - Route 53 return multiple values/resources - Can be associated with Health Checks (return only values for healthy resources) - Up to 8 healthy records are returned for each Multi-Value query - Multi-value is not a substitute for having a ELB

Routing Policies - IP- Based Routing - Routing is based on clients IP addresses - You provide a list of CIDRs for you clients and the corresponding endpoints/locations (user-IP-to-endpoint-mappings) - Use cases: Optimise performance, reduce network costs..... - Example: route end users from a particular ISP to a specific endpoint

## 4.20 Route 53 - Part 2

Route 53 - Hosted Zones - A container for records that define how to route traffic to a domain and its subdomain - Public Hosted Zones - contains records that specify how to route traffic on the Internet (public domain names) - Private Hosted Zone - contains records that specify how you route traffic within one or more VPCs (private domain names)

Route 53 - Public vs. Private Hosted Zones

Route 53 - Good to Know - For internal private DNS (Private Hosted Zone), you must enable the VPC settings enableDNSHostnames and enableDNSSupport - DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) - A protocol for securing DNS traffic, verifies DNS data integrity and origin - Protects against Man in the Middle (MITM) attacks - Route 53 supports both DNSSEC for Domain Registration and DNSSEC Signing - Works only with Public Hosted Zones - Route 53 with third registrar - you can buy the domain out of AWS and use Route 53 as the DNS provider - Update the NS records on the third party Registrar

Route 53 - Health Checks - HTTP Health Checks are only for public resources - Health Check - Automated DNS Failover: - Health checks that monitor an endpoint (application, server, other AWS resource) - Health checks that monitor other health checks (Calculated Health Checks) - Health checks that monitor CloudWatch Alarms – e.g throttles DynamoDB, alarms on RDS, customer metrics (useful for private resources) - Health Checks are integrated with CW metrics

Route 53 - Calculated Health Checks - Combine the results of multiple Health Checks into a single health check - You can use OR, AND or NOT - Can monitor up to 256 Child Health Checks - Specify how many of the health checks need to pass to make the parent pass. - Usage: perform maintenance to you website without causing all health checks to fail.

Health Checks - Monitor an Endpoint - About 15 global health checkers will check the endpoint health - Health Checks pass only when the endpoint responds with the 2xx and 3xx status codes. - Health Checks can be setup to pass / fail based on the text in the first 5120 bytes of the response.

Health Checks - Private hosted Zones - Route 53 health checkers are outside the VPC - They can't access private endpoints (private VPC or on-premises resource) - You can create a CloudWatch Metric and associate a CloudWatch Alarm then create a Health Check that checks the alarm itself.

Health Checks Solutions Architecture - RDS multi-region fail over

## 4.21 Route 53 - Resolvers and Hybrid DNS

- By default, Route 53 Resolver automatically answers DNS queries for: - Local domain names for EC2 instances - Records in Private Hosted Zones - Records in public Name Servers - Hybrid DNS - resolving DNS queries between VPC (Route 53 Resolver) and your networks (other DNS Resolvers) - Networks can be: - VPC itself / Peered VPC - On-premises Network (connected through Direct Connect or AWS VPN)

Route 53 - Resolver Endpoints - Inbound Endpoint - DNS Resolvers on your network can forward DNS queries to Route 53 Resolver - Allows you DNS Resolvers to resolve domain names for AWS resources (e.g. EC2 instances) and records in Route 53 Private Hosted Zones - Outbound Endpoint - Route 53 Resolver conditionally forwards DNS queries to you DNS Resolvers - Use Resolver Rules to forward DNS queries to you DNS Resolvers - Associated with one or more VPC's in the same AWS Region - Create in two AZs for high availability - Each Endpoint support 10,000 queries per second per IP address

Route 53 - Resolver Inbound Endpoints

Route 53 - Resolver Outbound Endpoints

Route 53 - Resolver Rules - Control which DNS queries are forwarded to DNS Resolvers on your network - Conditional Forwarding Rules (Forwarding Rules) - Forward DNS queries for specified domain and all its subdomains to target IP addresses - System Rules - Selectively overriding the behaviour defined in Forwarding Rules (e.g don't forward DNS queries for a subdomain acme.example.com) - Auto-Defined System Rules - Defines how DNS queries for selected domains are resolved (e.g AWS internal domain names, Private Hosted Zones) - If multiple rules matched, Route 53 Resolver chooses the most specific match. - Resolver Rules can be shared across accounts using AWS "RAM" - Manage them centrally in one account - Send DNS queries from multiple VPC to the target IP defined in the rule

## 4.22 AWS Global Accelerator

## 4.23 Comparison of Solution Architecture

## 4.24 AWS Outposts

## 4.25 AWS WaveLength

## 4.26 AWS Local Zones



# **Chapter 5**

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**5.11 AWS Data Exchange**

**5.12 AWS Transfer Family**

**5.13 AWS Storage Services Price Comparison**



# Chapter 6

## Caching

### 6.1 Cloudfront - Part 1

- Content Delivery Network (CDN) - Improves read performance, content is cached at the edge - 225+ Point of Presence globally (215+ Edge Locations and 13 Regional Edge Caches) - Protect against Network and Application layer attacks (e.g DDoS attacks) - Integration with AWS Shield, AWS WAF and route 53 - Can expose external HTTPS and can talk to internal HTTPS backends
- Supports WebSocket protocol

#### 6.1.1 CloudFront - Origins

- S3 Bucket - For distributing files - For uploading to S3 (using CloudFront as an ingress) - Enhanced security with CloudFront Origin Access Control (OAC) - MediaStore Container and MediaPackage Endpoint - To deliver Video on Demand (VOD) or live streaming video using AWS Media Services
- VPC Origin - For applications hosted in VPC private subnets - Application Load Balance / Network Load Balancer / EC2 Instances - Customer Origin (HTTP) - API Gateway (for more control... otherwise use API Gateway Edge) - S3 Bucket configured as a website (enable Static Website hosting) - Any HTTP backend you want

#### 6.1.2 CloudFront - S3 as an Origin

#### 6.1.3 CloudFront vs S3 Cross Region Replication

- CloudFront: - Global Edge network - Files are cached for a TTL (maybe a day) - Great for static content that must be available everywhere
  - S3 Cross Region Replication - Must be setup for each region you want replication to happen
- Files are updated in near real-time - Read only - Great for dynamic content that needs to be available at low-latency in few regions

#### 6.1.4 CloudFront - ALB or EC2 as an origin Using VPC Origins

- Allows you to deliver content from your applications hosted in your VPC private subnets (no need to expose them on the Internet) - Deliver traffic to private - Application Load Balancer - Network Load Balancer - EC2 Instances

### **6.1.5 CloudFront - EC2 or ALB as an origin**

### **6.1.6 CloudFront - Restrict Access to Application Load Balancers and Custom Origins**

- Prevent direct access to you ALB or Custom Origins (only access through CloudFront) - First, configurations CloudFront to add a CustomHTTPHeader to requests it sends to the ALB - Second, configure the ALB to only forward requests that contain that Customer HTTP Header - Keep the custom header name and value secret!

### **6.1.7 CloudFront - Origin Groups**

- To increase high-availability and do failover - Origin Group: one primary and one secondary - If the primary origin fail; the second one is used - Origins can be cross AWS regions

## **6.2 Cloudfront - Part 2**

### **6.2.1 CloudFront Geo Restrictions**

- You can restrict who can access your distribution - Allow list: Allow you users to access your content only if they're in one of the countries on a list of approved - Block list: Prevent your users from accessing your content if they're in one of the countries on a blacklist of banned countries..... lol - The "country" is determined using a third party Geo-IP database - Use case: Copyright Laws to control access to content - Note: the geo header CloudFront-Viewer-Country is in Lambda at Edge

### **6.2.2 CloudFront - Pricing**

- CloudFront Edge locations are all around the world - The cost of data out per edge location varies

### **6.2.3 CloudFront - Price Classes**

- You can reduce the number of edge locations for cost reductions - Three price classes - Price Class All: all regions - best performance - Price Class 200: most regions, but excludes the most expensive regions - Price Class 100: only the least expensive regions

### **6.2.4 CloudFront Signed URL Diagram**

- Signed URL with expiration to control access to content in CloudFront - The Signed URL are generated by an API call into CloudFront as a trusted signer

### **6.2.5 CloudFront Signed URL vs S3 Pre-Signed URL**

- CloudFront Signed URL: - Allow access to a path, no matter the origin - Account wide key-pair, only the root can manage - Can filter by IP, path, date, expiration - Can leverage caching features  
- S3 Pre-Signed URL: - Issue a request as the person who pre-signed URL - Uses the IAM key of the signed IAM principal - Limited lifetime



### 6.2.6 CloudFront - Custom Error Pages

- Return an object to the viewer (e.g. html) when your origin returns an HTTP 4xx or 5xx status code to CloudFront - Use Error Caching Minimum TTL to specify how long CloudFront caches the customer error pages

## 6.3 Lambda at Edge and CloudFront Functions

### 6.3.1 CloudFront - Customisation at the edge

- Many modern applications execute some form of the logic at the edge - Edge function: - A code that you write and attach to CloudFront distributions - Runs close to your users to minimise latency - Doesn't have any cache, only to change requests/ responses - CloudFront provides two types: CloudFront Functions and Lambda at Edge Use cases: - Manipulate HTTP requests and responses - Implement request filtering before reaching your application - User authentication and authorisation - Generate HTTP resources at the edge - A/B Testing - Bot mitigation - You don't have to manage any servers, deployed globally

### 6.3.2 CloudFront Functions and Lambda at Edge

### 6.3.3 CloudFront - CloudFront Functions

- Lightweight functions written in JavaScript - For high-scale latency-sensitive CDN customisation - Sub-ms startup times, million of requests per second - Run at Edge Locations - Processed-Based isolation - Used to change viewer requests and responses: - Viewer Requests: after CloudFront receives a request from a viewer - Viewer Response: before CloudFront forwards the response to the viewer - Native feature of CloudFront (manage code entirely within CloudFront)

### 6.3.4 CloudFront - Lambda at Edge

- Lambda functions written in NodeJS or Python - Scale to 1000s of requests/ second - Runs at the nearest Regional Edge Cache - VM-based isolation - Used to change CloudFront requests and responses - Viewer Request - after CloudFront receives a request from a viewer - Origin Request - before CloudFront forwards the response to the origin - Origin response - after CloudFront receives the response from the origin - Viewer Response - before CloudFront forwards the response to the viewer - Author your functions in one AWS Region (some region) then CloudFront replicates to its locations

### 6.3.5 CloudFront Functions with Lambda at Edge

CloudFront Functions and Lambda at Edge can be used together Note: You can't combine CloudFront Functions and Lambda at Edge in viewer events (viewer request and viewer response)

### 6.3.6 Using Lambda at Edge only

Use when you need some of the capabilities of Lambda at Edge that aren't available with CloudFront Functions (e.g. longer execution time, network access,....)

### 6.3.7 CloudFront Functions vs. Lambda at Edge

### 6.3.8 CloudFront Functions vs Lambda at Edge Use Cases

- CloudFront Functions - Cache key normalisation - Transform request attributes (headers, cookies, query string, URL) to create an optimal Cache Key - Header manipulation - Insert/modify/ delete HTTP headers in the request or response - URL rewrites or redirects - Request authentication and authorisation - Create and validate user-generated tokens (e.g JWT) to allow/deny requests

Lambda at Edge - Longer execution time (several ms) - Adjustable CPU or memory - Your code depends on a third libraries (e.g AWS SDK to access other AWS Services) - Network access to use external services for processing - File system access or access to the body of HTTP requests

### 6.3.9 CloudFront Functions vs. Lambda at Edge - Authentication and Authorisation

CloudFront Functions

Lambda at Edge

### 6.3.10 Lambda@Edge: Loading content based on User-Agent

### 6.3.11 Lambda at Edge - Global Application

## 6.4 Lambda at Edge Reduce Latency

### 6.4.1 Lambda at Edge - Route to different origin

## 6.5 Amazon ElastiCache

### 6.5.1 Amazon ElastiCache Overview

- The same way RDS is to get managed Relational Databases..... - ElastiCache is to get managed Redis or Memcached - Caches are in memory databases with really high performance and low latency - Helps reduce load off of databases for read intensive workloads - Helps make your application stateless - AWS takes care of OS maintenance / patching, optimisations, setup, configuration, monitoring failure recovery and backups. - **Using ElastiCache involves heavy application code changes**

### 6.5.2 ElastiCache Solution Architecture - DB Cache

- Applications queries ElastiCache, if not available, get from RDS and store in ElastiCache - Helps relieve load in RDS - Cache must have an invalidation strategy to make sure only the most current data is used there.

### 6.5.3 ElastiCache Solution Architecture - User Session Store

- User logs into any of the application - The application writes the session data into ElastiCache - The user hits another instance of our application - The instance retrieves the data the user is already logged in

#### **6.5.4 ElastiCache - Redis vs Memcached**

- Redis - Multi AZ with Auto-Failover - Read Replicas to scale reads and have high availability - Persistent, Data Durability: Append Only File (AOF), backup and restore features - Memcached - Multi-node for partitioning of data (sharding) - Non Persistent - Backup and restore (Serverless) - Mult-threaded architecture

### **6.6 Handling Extreme Rates**



## **Chapter 7**

# **Databases**

### **7.1 DyanamoDB**

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**11.7 AWS Systems Manager - SSM**

**11.8 AWS Cloud Map**



# Chapter 12

## Cost Control

### 12.1 Cost Allocation Tags

- With Tags we can track resources that relate to each other
- With Cost Allocation Tags we can enable detailed costing reports
- Just like Tags, but they show up as columns in Reports
- AWS Generated Cost Allocation Tags
  - Automatically applied to the resource you create
  - Start with Prefix aws: (e.g. aws: createdBy)
  - They're not applied to resources created before the activation
- User tags
  - Defined by the user
  - Start with Prefix user:
- Cost Allocation Tags just appear in the Billing Console
- Takes up to 24 hours for the tags to show up in the report

### 12.2 AWS Tag Editor

- Allows you to managed tags of multiple resources at once - You can add/update/delete tags - Search tagged/untagged resources in all AWS Regions

### 12.3 Trusted Advisor

- No need to install anything - high level AWS account assessment - Analyse your AWS accounts and provides recommendation - Cost Optimisation - Performance - Security - Fault Tolerance - Service Limits - Operational Excellence - Core Checks and recommendations - all customers - Can enable weekly email notification from the console - Full Trusted Advisor - Available for Business and Enterprise support plans - Ability to set CloudWatch alarms when reaching limits - Programmatic Access using AWS support API

Column1	Basic Support
AWS Trusted Advisor Best Practice Checks	7 Core Checks
Enhanced Technical Support	24x7 customer service, documentation, whitepapers and support
Case Severity / Response Times	Data12
Data16	Data17

Table 12.1: Example Table with 4 Rows and 5 Columns

### Trusted Advisor - Good to Know

- Can check if an S3 bucket is made public - But cannot check for S3 objects that are public inside of your bucket - Use Amazon EventBridge / S3 Events instead / AWS Config Rules
  - Service Limits - Limits can only be monitored in Trusted Advisor (cannot be changed) - Cases must be created manually in AWS Support Centre to increase limits - OR use the AWS Service quotas service

## 12.4 AWS Service Quotas

- Notify you when you're close to a service quota value threshold - Create CloudWatch Alarms on the Service Quotas console - Example: Lambda concurrent executions - Helps you know if you need to request a quota increase or shutdown resources before limit is reached

## 12.5 EC2 Launch Types and Savings Plans

- On Demand Instances - short workload, predictable pricing, reliable. - Spot Instances - short workloads for check, can lose instances (not reliable) - Reserved: (Minimum 1 year) - Reserved Instances - long workloads - Convertible Reserved Instances - long workloads with flexible instances - Dedicated Instances: no other customers will share you hardware - Dedicated Hosts: book an entire physical server, control instance placement - Great for software licenses that operate at the core, or socket level - Can define host affinity so that instance reboots are kept on the same host

### 12.5.1 AWS Savings Plan

- New pricing model to get a discount based on long-term usage - Commit to a certain type of usage: ex \$10 per hour for 1 to 3 years - Any usage beyond the savings plan is billed at the on-demand price
  - EC2 Instance Savings plan (72% - same discount as Standard RIs) - Select instance family and locked to a specific region - Flexible across size, OS (Windows to Linux) tenancy. (dedicated or default) - Compute Savings Plan - Ability to move between instance family, region, compute type and OS and tenancy - SageMaker Savings plan (up to 64% off)



## 12.6 S3 Cost Savings

### 12.6.1 S3 Storage Classes

- Amazon S3 Standard - General Purpose - Amazon S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (IA) - Amazon S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access - Amazon S3 Glacier Instant Retrieval - Amazon S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval - Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive - Amazon S3 Intelligent Tiering

Can move between classes manually or using S3 lifecycle configurations

### 12.6.2 S3 - Other Cost Savings

- S3 Lifecycle Rules: transition objects between tiers - Compress Objects - to save space - S3 Requester Pays: - In general, bucket owners pay for all Amazon S3 storage and data transfer costs associated with their bucket - With Requester Pays buckets, the requester instead of the bucket owner pays the cost of the request and the data downloaded from the bucket - The bucket owner always pays the cost of storing data - Helpful when you want to share large datasets with other accounts - If an IAM role is assumed the owner account of that role pays for the request

## 12.7 S3 Storage Classes - Reminder

### 12.7.1 S3 Storage Classes

- Amazon S3 Standard - General Purpose - Amazon S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (IA) - Amazon S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access - Amazon S3 Glacier Instant Retrieval - Amazon S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval - Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive - Amazon S3 Intelligent Tiering

Can move between classes manually or using S3 lifecycle configurations

### 12.7.2 S3 Durability and Availability

- Durability: - High Durability (99.999999999, 11 nines) of objects across multiple AZ - If you store 10,000,000 object with Amazon S3, you can on average expect to incur a loss of a single object once every 10,000 years (nice....but basic math) - Same for all storage classes

- Availability - Measures how readily available a service is - Varies depending on storage class

- Example: S3 standard has 99.99% availability = not available 53 minutes a year

S3 Standard - General Purpose - 99.99% Availability - Used for frequently accessed data - Low latency and high throughput - Sustain 2 concurrent facility failures - Use Cases: Big Data analytics, mobile and gaming applications, content and distribution

S3 Storage Classes - Infrequent Access - For data that is less frequently accessed, but requires rapid access when needed - Lower cost than S3 standard

Amazon S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (S3 Standard-IA) - 99.9% Availability - Use cases: Disaster Recovery, backups

Amazon S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access (S3 One Zone-IA) - High durability (99.999999999) in a single AZ; data lost when AZ is destroyed - 99.5% Availability - Use Cases: Storing secondary backup copies of on-premise data or data you can recreate

Amazon S3 Glacier Storage Classes - Low-cost object storage meant for archiving / backup - Pricing: price for storage + object retrieval cost

- Amazon S3 Glacier Instant Retrieval - Millisecond retrieval, great for data accessed once a quarter - Minimum storage duration of 90 days - Amazon S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval (Formerly

Amazon S3 Glacier) - Expedited (1 to 5 minutes), Standard (3 to 5 hours), Bulk (5 to 12 hours)  
- free - Minimum storage duration of 90 days - Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive - for long term storage - Standard (12 hours), Bulk (48 Hours) - Minimum Storage duration of 180 days

### **12.7.3 S3 Intelligent Tiering**

- Small monthly monitoring and auto-tiering fee - Moves objects automatically between Access Tiers based on usage - There are no retrieval charges in S3 Intelligent-Tiering
  - Frequent Access tier (automatic): default tier - Infrequent Access Tier (automatic): objects not accessed for 30 days - Archive Instant Access tier (automatic): objects not accessed for 90 days - Archive Access tier (optional): configurable from 90 days to 700+ days - Deep Archive Access tier (optional): config from 180 days to 700+ days

## **S3 Storage Classes Comparison**

### **S3 Storage Classes - Price Comparison**

## **12.8 AWS Budgets and Cost Explorer**

### **12.8.1 AWS Budgets**

- Create budget and send alarms when costs exceeds the budget - 4 Types of budgets: Usage, Cost, Reservation, Savings Plans - For Reserved Instances (RI) - Track utilisation - Supports EC2, ElastiCache, RDS, Redshift - Up to 5 SNS notifications per budget - Can filter by: Service, Linked Account, Tag, Purchase Option, Instance Type, Region, Availability Zone, API Operations, etc.....
- Same options as AWS Cost Explorer - 2 budgets are free than \$0.002 / day / budget

### **12.8.2 Budget Actions**

- Run actions on your behalf when a budget exceeds a certain cost or usage threshold - Supports 3 actions types - Applying an IAM Policy to a user, group or IAM role - Applying Service Control Policy (SCP) to an OU - Stop EC2 or RDS Instances - Actions can be executed automatically or require a workflow approval process - Reduced unintentional overspending in your account.

### **12.8.3 Centralised Budget Management**

### **12.8.4 DeCentralised Budget Management**

### **12.8.5 Cost Explorer**

- Visualise, understand and manage your AWS costs and usage over time - Create custom reports that analyse cost and usage data - Analyse you data at a high level: total costs and usage across all accounts - Or Monthly, hourly, resource level granularity - Choose an optimal Savings PLaN (to lower prices on your bill) - Forecast usage up to 12 months based on previous usage

## 12.9 AWS Compute Optimiser

- Reduce costs and improve performance by recommending optimal AWS resources for your workloads - Helps you choose optimal configurations and right-size your workloads (over/under provisioned) - Uses Machine Learning to analyse your resources configurations and their utilisation CloudWatch metrics - Supported resources - EC2 Instances - EC2 Auto Scaling Groups - EBS volumes - Lambda functions - Lower your costs by up to 25% - Recommendations can be exported to S3

### 12.9.1 Computer Optimiser - CloudWatch Agent

- Needed to analyse Memory Utilisation - Not needed for CPU, NetworkIn/Out, DiskReadOps, DiskWriteOps

## 12.10 EC2 Reserved Instance

- Reserved Instances in an AWS Organisation - All accounts share the Reserved Instances and Savings Plan - The payer account (Management account) of an organisation can turn off Reserved Instance (RI) discount and Savings Plans discount sharing for any accounts in that organisation, including the payer account. - Renewal of Reserved Instances - You can queue (schedule or reserve ahead of time) your reserved instances - To renew a RI, just queue an RI purchase whenever the previous one expires



## **Chapter 13**

# **Migration**

- 13.1 Cloud Migration Strategies - The 7Rs**
- 13.2 Storage Gateway**
- 13.3 Storage Gateway - Advanced Concepts**
- 13.4 Snow Family**
- 13.5 Snow Family - Improving Performance**
- 13.6 AWS DMS - Database Migration Services**
- 13.7 AWS CART - Cloud Adoption Readiness Tool**
- 13.8 Disaster Recovery**
- 13.9 AWS FIS - Fault Injection Simulator**
- 13.10 VM Migrations Services**
- 13.11 AWS Migration Evaluator**
- 13.12 AWS Backup**



# **Chapter 14**

## **VPC**

**14.1 VPC - Basics**

**14.2 VPC - Peering**

**14.3 Transit Gateway**

**14.4 VPC Endpoints**

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**14.5 VPC Endpoint Policies**

**14.6 PrivateLink**

**14.7 AWS S2S VPN**

**14.8 AWS Client VPN**

**14.9 Direct Connect**

**14.10 On-Premise Redundant Connections**

**14.11 VPC Flow Logs**

**14.12 AWS Network Firewall**





# Chapter 15

## Machine Learning

### 15.1 Rekognition Overview

- Find objects, people, text, scenes in images and videos using ML - Facial analysis and facial search to do user verification, people counting. - Create a database of "familiar faces" or compare against celebrities - Use cases: - Labeling - Content Moderation - Text Detection - Face Detection and Analysis (gender, age range, emotions....) - Face Search and Verification - Celebrity Recognition - Pathing (ex: for sports game analysis)

#### 15.1.1 Amazon Rekognition - Content Moderation

- Detect content that is inappropriate, unwanted or offensive (image and videos) - Used in social media, broadcast media, advertising and e-commerce situation to create a safer user experience - Set a Minimum Confidence Threshold for items that will be flagged - Flag sensitive content for manual review in Amazon Augmented AI (A2I) - Help comply with regulations

### 15.2 Transcribe Overview

- Automatically convert speech to text. - Uses a deep learning process called automatic speech recognition (ASR) to convert speech to text quickly and accurately. - Automatically remove Personally Identifiable Information (PII) using Redaction. - Supports Automatic Language Identification for multilingual audio - Use cases: - transcribe customer service calls - automate closed captioning and subtitling - generate metadata for media assets to create a fully searchable archive

### 15.3 Polly Overview

- Turn text into lifelike speech using deep learning - Allowing you to create applications that talk

#### 15.3.1 Amazon Polly - Lexicon & SSML

- Customise the pronunciation of words with Pronunciation lexicons - Stylized words: St3ph4ne =j "Stephane" - Acronyms: AWS =j "Amazon Web Services" - Upload the lexicons and use them in the SynthesizeSpeech operation. - Generate speech from plain text or from documents marked up with Speech Synthesis Markup Language (SSML) - enables more customisation -

Emphasising specific words or phrases. - Using phonetic pronunciation. - Including breathing sounds, whispering. - Using the Newscaster speaking style

## 15.4 Translate Overview

- Natural and accurate language translation - Allows you to localise content - such as websites and applications - for international users and to easily translate large volumes of text efficiently.

## 15.5 Lex + Connect Overview

- Amazon Lex: (same technology that powers Alexa) - Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) to convert speech to text - Natural Language Understanding to recognise the intent of text, callers - Helps build chatbots and call centre bots - Amazon Connect: - Receive calls, create contact flows, cloud-based virtual contact centre - Can integrate with other CRM systems of AWS - No upfront payments, 80% cheaper than traditional contact center solutions *Hmmmm.....*

## 15.6 Comprehend Overview

- For Natural Language Processing - NLP - Fully managed and serverless service - Uses machine learning to find insights and relationships in text - Language of the text - Extracts key phrases, places, people, brands or events - Understands how positive or negative the text is - Analyses text using tokenization and parts of speech - Automatically organises a collection of text files by topic - Sample use cases: - Analyse customer interactions (emails) to find what leads to a positive or negative experience - Create and groups articles by topics that Comprehend will uncover

## 15.7 Comprehend Medical Overview

- Amazon Comprehend Medical detects and returns useful information in unstructured clinical text: - Physician's notes - Discharge summaries - Test results - Case notes - Uses NLP to detect Protected Health Information (PHI) - DetectPHI API - Store your documents in Amazon S3, analyse real-time data with Kinesis Data Firehose or use Amazon Transcribe to transcribe patient narratives into text that can be analysed by Amazon Comprehend Medical.

## 15.8 SageMaker Overview

- Fully managed service for developers / data scientists to build ML models - Typically difficult to do all processes in one place + provision servers

## 15.9 Kendra Overview

- Fully managed document search service powered by Machine Learning - Extract answers from within a document (text, pdf, HTML, PowerPoint, MS Word, FAQs) - Natural language search

capabilities - Learn from user interactions / feedback to promote preferred results (Incremental Learning) - Ability to manually fine-tune search results (importance of data, freshness, customer)

## 15.10 Personalise Overview

- Fully managed ML-service to build apps with real-time personalised recommendations - Example: personalised product recommendations/re-ranking, customised direct marketing Example: User bought gardening tools, provide recommendations on the next one to buy. - Same technology used by Amazon.com - Integrates into existing websites, applications, SMS, email marketing systems..... - Implement in days, not months (don't need to build, train and deploy ML solutions) - Use cases; retail stores, media and entertainment

## 15.11 Textract Overview

- Automatically extracts text, handwriting and data from any scanned documents using AI and ML  
- Extract data from forms and tables - Read and process any type of document (PDFs, images) - Use cases: - Financial Services (e.g, invoices, financial reports) - Healthcare (e.g medical records, insurance claims) - Public Sector (e.g tax forms, ID documents, passports)

## 15.12 Machine Learning Summary

- Rekognition - face detection, labeling, celebrity recognition
- Transcribe - audio to text (ex: subtitles)
- Polly - text to audio
- Translate - translations
- Lex - build conversational bots - chatbots
- Comprehend - natural language processing
- SageMaker - Machine learning for every developer and data scientist
- Kendra - ML-powered search engine
- Personalise - real-time personalised recommendations
- Textract - detect text and data in documents



## **Chapter 16**

# **Other Services**

**16.1 Other Services**

**16.2 IMPORTANT: CodeCommit Discontinuation**

**16.3 CI/CD**

**16.4 Amazon CodeGuru**

**16.5 Alexa for Business, Lex and Connect**

**16.6 Kinesis Video Streams**

**16.7 AWS WorkSpaces**

**16.8 Amazon AppStream 2.0**

**16.9 AWS Device Farm**

**16.10 Amazon Macie**

**16.11 Amazon SES**

**16.12 Amazon Pinpoint**

**16.13 EC2 Image Builder**

**16.14 Other Services Summary**



## **Chapter 17**

# **Exam Preparation**