

IAM Section – Summary



- **Users:** mapped to a physical user, has a password for AWS Console
- **Groups:** contains users only
- **Policies:** JSON document that outlines permissions for users or groups
- **Roles:** for EC2 instances or AWS services
- **Security:** MFA + Password Policy
- **AWS CLI:** manage your AWS services using the command-line
- **AWS SDK:** manage your AWS services using a programming language
- **Access Keys:** access AWS using the CLI or SDK
- **Audit:** IAM Credential Reports & IAM Access Advisor

EC2 Section – Summary



- **EC2 Instance:** AMI (OS) + Instance Size (CPU + RAM) + Storage + security groups + EC2 User Data
- **Security Groups:** Firewall attached to the EC2 instance
- **EC2 User Data:** Script launched at the first start of an instance
- **SSH:** start a terminal into our EC2 Instances (port 22)
- **EC2 Instance Role:** link to IAM roles
- **Purchasing Options:** On-Demand, Spot, Reserved (Standard + Convertible + Scheduled), Dedicated Host, Dedicated Instance

EC2 Instance Storage - Summary

- **EBS volumes:**
 - network drives attached to one EC2 instance at a time
 - Mapped to an Availability Zones
 - Can use EBS Snapshots for backups / transferring EBS volumes across AZ
- **AMI:** create ready-to-use EC2 instances with our customizations
- **EC2 Image Builder:** automatically build, test and distribute AMIs
- **EC2 Instance Store:**
 - High performance hardware disk attached to our EC2 instance
 - Lost if our instance is stopped / terminated
- **EFS:** network file system, can be attached to 100s of instances in a region
- **EFS-IA:** cost-optimized storage class for infrequent accessed files
- **FSx for Windows:** Network File System for Windows servers
- **FSx for Lustre:** High Performance Computing Linux file system

ELB & ASG – Summary

- **High Availability vs Scalability** (vertical and horizontal) vs **Elasticity vs Agility** in the Cloud
- **Elastic Load Balancers (ELB)**
 - Distribute traffic across backend EC2 instances, can be Multi-AZ
 - Supports health checks
 - 3 types: Application LB (HTTP – L7), Network LB (TCP – L4), Classic LB (old)
- **Auto Scaling Groups (ASG)**
 - Implement Elasticity for your application, across multiple AZ
 - Scale EC2 instances based on the demand on your system, replace unhealthy
 - Integrated with the ELB

Amazon S3 – Summary

- **Buckets vs Objects:** global unique name, tied to a region
- **S3 security:** IAM policy, S3 Bucket Policy (public access), S3 Encryption
- **S3 Websites:** host a static website on Amazon S3
- **S3 Versioning:** multiple versions for files, prevent accidental deletes
- **S3 Access Logs:** log requests made within your S3 bucket
- **S3 Replication:** same-region or cross-region, must enable versioning
- **S3 Storage Classes:** Standard, IA, IZ-IA, Intelligent, Glacier, Glacier Deep Archive
- **S3 Lifecycle Rules:** transition objects between classes
- **S3 Glacier Vault Lock / S3 Object Lock:** WORM (Write Once Read Many)
- **Snow Family:** import data onto S3 through a physical device, edge computing
- **OpsHub:** desktop application to manage Snow Family devices
- **Storage Gateway:** hybrid solution to extend on-premises storage to S3

Databases & Analytics Summary in AWS

- Relational Databases - OLTP: RDS & Aurora (SQL)
- Differences between Multi-AZ, Read Replicas, Multi-Region
- In-memory Database: ElastiCache
- Key/Value Database: DynamoDB (serverless) & DAX (cache for DynamoDB)
- Warehouse - OLAP: Redshift (SQL)
- Hadoop Cluster: EMR
- Athena: query data on Amazon S3 (serverless & SQL)
- QuickSight: dashboards on your data (serverless)
- DocumentDB: “Aurora for MongoDB” (JSON – NoSQL database)
- Amazon QLDB: Financial Transactions Ledger (immutable journal, cryptographically verifiable)
- Amazon Managed Blockchain: managed Hyperledger Fabric & Ethereum blockchains
- Glue: Managed ETL (Extract Transform Load) and Data Catalog service
- Database Migration: DMS
- Neptune: graph database

Other Compute - Summary

- **Docker:** container technology to run applications
- **ECS:** run Docker containers on EC2 instances
- **Fargate:**
 - Run Docker containers without provisioning the infrastructure
 - Serverless offering (no EC2 instances)
- **ECR:** Private Docker Images Repository
- **Batch:** run batch jobs on AWS across managed EC2 instances
- **Lightsail:** predictable & low pricing for simple application & DB stacks

Lambda Summary

- Lambda is Serverless, Function as a Service, seamless scaling, reactive
- **Lambda Billing:**
 - By the time run x by the RAM provisioned
 - By the number of invocations
- **Language Support:** many programming languages except (arbitrary) Docker
- **Invocation time:** up to 15 minutes
- **Use cases:**
 - Create Thumbnails for images uploaded onto S3
 - Run a Serverless cron job
- **API Gateway:** expose Lambda functions as HTTP API

Deployment - Summary

- **CloudFormation:** (AWS only)
 - Infrastructure as Code, works with almost all of AWS resources
 - Repeat across Regions & Accounts
- **Beanstalk:** (AWS only)
 - Platform as a Service (PaaS), limited to certain programming languages or Docker
 - Deploy code consistently with a known architecture: ex, ALB + EC2 + RDS
- **CodeDeploy** (hybrid): deploy & upgrade any application onto servers
- **Systems Manager** (hybrid): patch, configure and run commands at scale
- **OpsWorks** (hybrid): managed Chef and Puppet in AWS

Developer Services - Summary

- **CodeCommit:** Store code in private git repository (version controlled)
- **CodeBuild:** Build & test code in AWS
- **CodeDeploy:** Deploy code onto servers
- **CodePipeline:** Orchestration of pipeline (from code to build to deploy)
- **CodeArtifact:** Store software packages / dependencies on AWS
- **CodeStar:** Unified view for allowing developers to do CI/CD and code
- **Cloud9:** Cloud IDE (Integrated Development Environment) with collab
- **AWS CDK:** Define your cloud infrastructure using a programming language

Global Applications in AWS - Summary



- **Global DNS: Route 53**

- Great to route users to the closest deployment with least latency
- Great for disaster recovery strategies



- **Global Content Delivery Network (CDN): CloudFront**

- Replicate part of your application to AWS Edge Locations – decrease latency
- Cache common requests – improved user experience and decreased latency



- **S3 Transfer Acceleration**

- Accelerate global uploads & downloads into Amazon S3



- **AWS Global Accelerator**

- Improve global application availability and performance using the AWS global network

Global Applications in AWS - Summary



- **AWS Outposts**

- Deploy Outposts Racks in your own Data Centers to extend AWS services



- **AWS WaveLength**

- Brings AWS services to the edge of the 5G networks
- Ultra-low latency applications



- **AWS Local Zones**

- Bring AWS resources (compute, database, storage, ...) closer to your users
- Good for latency-sensitive applications

Integration Section – Summary

- **SQS:**
 - Queue service in AWS
 - Multiple Producers, messages are kept up to 14 days
 - Multiple Consumers share the read and delete messages when done
 - Used to **decouple** applications in AWS
- **SNS:**
 - Notification service in AWS
 - Subscribers: Email, Lambda, SQS, HTTP, Mobile...
 - Multiple Subscribers, send all messages to all of them
 - No message retention
- **Kinesis:** real-time data streaming, persistence and analysis
- **Amazon MQ:** managed Apache MQ in the cloud (MQTT, AMQP. protocols)

Monitoring Summary

- **CloudWatch:**
 - **Metrics:** monitor the performance of AWS services and billing metrics
 - **Alarms:** automate notification, perform EC2 action, notify to SNS based on metric
 - **Logs:** collect log files from EC2 instances, servers, Lambda functions...
 - **Events (or EventBridge):** react to events in AWS, or trigger a rule on a schedule
- **CloudTrail:** audit API calls made within your AWS account
- **CloudTrail Insights:** automated analysis of your CloudTrail Events
- **X-Ray:** trace requests made through your distributed applications
- **Service Health Dashboard:** status of all AWS services across all regions
- **Personal Health Dashboard:** AWS events that impact your infrastructure
- **Amazon CodeGuru:** automated code reviews and application performance recommendations

Section Summary: Security & Compliance

- Shared Responsibility on AWS
- Shield: Automatic DDoS Protection + 24/7 support for advanced
- WAF: Firewall to filter incoming requests based on rules
- KMS: Encryption keys managed by AWS
- CloudHSM: Hardware encryption, we manage encryption keys
- AWS Certificate Manager: provision, manage, and deploy SSL/TLS Certificates
- Artifact: Get access to compliance reports such as PCI, ISO, etc...
- GuardDuty: Find malicious behavior with VPC, DNS & CloudTrail Logs
- Inspector: For EC2 only, install agent and find vulnerabilities

Section Summary: Security & Compliance

- **Config:** Track config changes and compliance against rules
- **Macie:** Find sensitive data (ex: PII data) in Amazon S3 buckets
- **CloudTrail:** Track API calls made by users within account
- **AWS Security Hub:** gather security findings from multiple AWS accounts
- **Amazon Detective:** find the root cause of security issues or suspicious activities
- **AWS Abuse:** Report AWS resources used for abusive or illegal purposes
- **Root user privileges:**
 - Change account settings
 - Close your AWS account
 - Change or cancel your AWS Support plan
 - Register as a seller in the Reserved Instance Marketplace

AWS 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
- **Connect:** cloud contact center
- **Comprehend:** natural language processing
- **SageMaker:** machine learning for every developer and data scientist
- **Forecast:** build highly accurate forecasts
- **Kendra:** ML-powered search engine
- **Personalize:** real-time personalized recommendations
- **Textract:** detect text and data in documents

Account Best Practices – Summary

- Operate multiple accounts using **Organizations**
- Use **SCP** (service control policies) to restrict account power
- Easily setup multiple accounts with best-practices with **AWS Control Tower**
- Use **Tags & Cost Allocation Tags** for easy management & billing
- **IAM guidelines**: MFA, least-privilege, password policy, password rotation
- **Config** to record all resources configurations & compliance over time
- **CloudFormation** to deploy stacks across accounts and regions
- **Trusted Advisor** to get insights, Support Plan adapted to your needs
- Send Service Logs and Access Logs to **S3** or **CloudWatch Logs**
- **CloudTrail** to record API calls made within your account
- **If your Account is compromised**: change the root password, delete and rotate all passwords / keys, contact the AWS support

Billing and Costing Tools – Summary



- **Compute Optimizer:** recommends resources' configurations to reduce cost
- **Pricing Calculator:** cost of services on AWS
- **Billing Dashboard:** high level overview + free tier dashboard
- **Cost Allocation Tags:** tag resources to create detailed reports
- **Cost and Usage Reports:** most comprehensive billing dataset
- **Cost Explorer:** View current usage (detailed) and forecast usage
- **Billing Alarms:** in us-east-1 – track overall and per-service billing
- **Budgets:** more advanced – track usage, costs, RI, and get alerts
- **Savings Plans:** easy way to save based on long-term usage of AWS

Advanced Identity - Summary

- **IAM**
 - Identity and Access Management inside your AWS account
 - For users that you trust and belong to your company
- **Organizations**: manage multiple AWS accounts
- **Security Token Service (STS)**: temporary, limited-privileges credentials to access AWS resources
- **Cognito**: create a database of users for your mobile & web applications
- **Directory Services**: integrate Microsoft Active Directory in AWS
- **Single Sign-On (SSO)**: one login for multiple AWS accounts & applications