



AWS Well-Architected Tool

# **AWS Well-Architected Tool Cruddur - AWS Well-Architected Framework Report**

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# Workload properties

**Workload name**

Cruddur

**ARN**

arn:aws:wellarchitected:us-east-1:790852[REDACTED]:workload/8be8b1a86ed80b60afd0684a11fd9327

**Description**

Workload is been used for running a microblogging platform in AWS

**Review owner**

Demy

**Industry type**

Other

**Industry**

Social Media

**Environment**

Pre-production

**AWS Regions**

US East (N. Virginia)

**Non-AWS regions**

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**Account IDs**

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**Architectural design**

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## Application

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# Lens overview

## Questions answered

58/58

## Version

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Pillar	Questions answered
Operational Excellence	11/11
Security	10/10
Reliability	13/13
Performance Efficiency	8/8
Cost Optimization	10/10
Sustainability	6/6

## Lens notes

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# Improvement plan

## Improvement item summary

High risk: 32

Medium risk: 15

Pillar	High risk	Medium risk
Operational Excellence	9	2
Security	3	4
Reliability	7	3
Performance Efficiency	6	0
Cost Optimization	7	2
Sustainability	0	4

## High risk

## Operational Excellence

- OPS 1.How do you determine what your priorities are?
- OPS 2.How do you structure your organization to support your business outcomes?
- OPS 3.How does your organizational culture support your business outcomes?
- OPS 4.How do you design your workload so that you can understand its state?
- OPS 5.How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?
- OPS 6.How do you mitigate deployment risks?
- OPS 8.How do you understand the health of your workload?
- OPS 9.How do you understand the health of your operations?
- OPS 11.How do you evolve operations?

## Security

- SEC 1.How do you securely operate your workload?
- SEC 2.How do you manage identities for people and machines?
- SEC 8.How do you protect your data at rest?



## Reliability

- REL 9.How do you back up data?
- REL 12.How do you test reliability?
- REL 8.How do you implement change?
- REL 11.How do you design your workload to withstand component failures?
- REL 2.How do you plan your network topology?
- REL 13.How do you plan for disaster recovery (DR)?
- REL 5.How do you design interactions in a distributed system to mitigate or withstand failures?

## Performance Efficiency

- PERF 1.How do you select the best performing architecture?
- PERF 7.How do you monitor your resources to ensure they are performing?
- PERF 2.How do you select your compute solution?
- PERF 4.How do you select your database solution?
- PERF 5.How do you configure your networking solution?
- PERF 8.How do you use tradeoffs to improve performance?

## Cost Optimization

- COST 1.How do you implement cloud financial management?
- COST 2.How do you govern usage?
- COST 3.How do you monitor usage and cost?
- COST 10.How do you evaluate new services?
- COST 6.How do you meet cost targets when you select resource type, size and number?
- COST 8.How do you plan for data transfer charges?
- COST 4.How do you decommission resources?

## Sustainability

No improvements identified

# Medium risk

## Operational Excellence

- OPS 7.How do you know that you are ready to support a workload?
- OPS 10.How do you manage workload and operations events?

## Security

- SEC 3.How do you manage permissions for people and machines?
- SEC 6.How do you protect your compute resources?
- SEC 9.How do you protect your data in transit?
- SEC 10.How do you anticipate, respond to, and recover from incidents?

## Reliability

- REL 6.How do you monitor workload resources?
- REL 7.How do you design your workload to adapt to changes in demand?
- REL 1.How do you manage service quotas and constraints?

## Performance Efficiency

No improvements identified

## Cost Optimization

- COST 5.How do you evaluate cost when you select services?
- COST 9.How do you manage demand, and supply resources?

## Sustainability

- SUS 2.How do you take advantage of user behavior patterns to support your sustainability goals?
- SUS 3.How do you take advantage of software and architecture patterns to support your sustainability goals?
- SUS 4.How do you take advantage of data access and usage patterns to support your sustainability goals?
- SUS 6.How do your development and deployment processes support your sustainability goals?

# Lens details

## Operational Excellence

### Questions answered

11/11

### Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 9
- ⚠ Medium risk: 2
- ✓ No improvements identified: 0
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- 🕒 Unanswered: 0

### Pillar notes

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## 1. How do you determine what your priorities are?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Evaluate external customer needs
- Evaluate compliance requirements
- Evaluate tradeoffs
- Manage benefits and risks

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Evaluate internal customer needs
- Evaluate governance requirements
- Evaluate threat landscape
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Evaluate internal customer needs](#)
- [Evaluate governance requirements](#)
- [Evaluate threat landscape](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 2. How do you structure your organization to support your business outcomes?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Team members know what they are responsible for
- Mechanisms exist to identify responsibility and ownership
- Responsibilities between teams are predefined or negotiated

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Resources have identified owners
- Processes and procedures have identified owners
- Operations activities have identified owners responsible for their performance
- Mechanisms exist to request additions, changes, and exceptions
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- Resources have identified owners
- Processes and procedures have identified owners
- Operations activities have identified owners responsible for their performance
- Mechanisms exist to request additions, changes, and exceptions

2. How do you structure your organization to support your business outcomes?

[Ask an expert](#)

### 3. How does your organizational culture support your business outcomes?

⊗ High risk

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Communications are timely, clear, and actionable
- Experimentation is encouraged
- Team members are enabled and encouraged to maintain and grow their skill sets
- Diverse opinions are encouraged and sought within and across teams

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Executive Sponsorship
- Team members are empowered to take action when outcomes are at risk
- Escalation is encouraged
- Resource teams appropriately
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

- [Executive Sponsorship](#)
- [Team members are empowered to take action when outcomes are at risk](#)
- [Escalation is encouraged](#)
- [Resource teams appropriately](#)



3. How does your organizational culture support your business outcomes?

[Ask an expert](#)

#### 4. How do you design your workload so that you can understand its state?

 High risk

##### **Selected choice(s)**

- Implement and configure workload telemetry
- Implement user activity telemetry
- Implement dependency telemetry

##### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement application telemetry
- Implement transaction traceability
- None of these

##### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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##### **Notes**

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##### **Improvement plan**

- [Implement application telemetry](#)
- [Implement transaction traceability](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 5. How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Test and validate changes
- Use build and deployment management systems
- Perform patch management
- Use multiple environments
- Make frequent, small, reversible changes

### Not selected choice(s)

- Use version control
- Use configuration management systems
- Share design standards
- Implement practices to improve code quality
- Fully automate integration and deployment
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Use version control](#)
- [Use configuration management systems](#)
- [Share design standards](#)

5. How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?

- [Implement practices to improve code quality](#)
- [Fully automate integration and deployment](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 6. How do you mitigate deployment risks?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Test and validate changes
- Use deployment management systems
- Test using limited deployments
- Deploy frequent, small, reversible changes
- Automate testing and rollback

### Not selected choice(s)

- Plan for unsuccessful changes
- Deploy using parallel environments
- Fully automate integration and deployment
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Plan for unsuccessful changes](#)
- [Deploy using parallel environments](#)
- [Fully automate integration and deployment](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 7. How do you know that you are ready to support a workload?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Ensure personnel capability
- Ensure consistent review of operational readiness
- Make informed decisions to deploy systems and changes

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Use runbooks to perform procedures
- Use playbooks to investigate issues
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Use runbooks to perform procedures](#)
- [Use playbooks to investigate issues](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 8. How do you understand the health of your workload?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Identify key performance indicators
- Collect and analyze workload metrics
- Learn expected patterns of activity for workload
- Alert when workload outcomes are at risk
- Alert when workload anomalies are detected

### Not selected choice(s)

- Define workload metrics
- Establish workload metrics baselines
- Validate the achievement of outcomes and the effectiveness of KPIs and metrics
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Define workload metrics](#)
- [Establish workload metrics baselines](#)
- [Validate the achievement of outcomes and the effectiveness of KPIs and](#)

8. How do you understand the health of your workload?

[metrics](#)

[Ask an expert](#)



## 9. How do you understand the health of your operations?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Identify key performance indicators
- Learn the expected patterns of activity for operations
- Alert when operations outcomes are at risk
- Validate the achievement of outcomes and the effectiveness of KPIs and metrics

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Define operations metrics
- Collect and analyze operations metrics
- Establish operations metrics baselines
- Alert when operations anomalies are detected
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- Define operations metrics
- Collect and analyze operations metrics
- Establish operations metrics baselines

## 9. How do you understand the health of your operations?

- [Alert when operations anomalies are detected](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 10. How do you manage workload and operations events?

 Medium risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Use processes for event, incident, and problem management
- Have a process per alert
- Enable push notifications
- Communicate status through dashboards
- Automate responses to events

### Not selected choice(s)

- Prioritize operational events based on business impact
- Define escalation paths
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Prioritize operational events based on business impact](#)
- [Define escalation paths](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 11. How do you evolve operations?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Have a process for continuous improvement
- Perform post-incident analysis
- Perform Knowledge Management
- Validate insights
- Document and share lessons learned
- Allocate time to make improvements

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement feedback loops
- Define drivers for improvement
- Perform operations metrics reviews
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Implement feedback loops](#)
- [Define drivers for improvement](#)
- [Perform operations metrics reviews](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

# Security

## Questions answered

10/10

## Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 3
- ⚠ Medium risk: 4
- ✓ No improvements identified: 3
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

## Pillar notes

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## 1. How do you securely operate your workload?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Separate workloads using accounts
- Secure AWS account
- Identify and validate control objectives
- Keep up to date with security recommendations
- Evaluate and implement new security services and features regularly

### Not selected choice(s)

- Keep up to date with security threats
- Automate testing and validation of security controls in pipelines
- Identify and prioritize risks using a threat model
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Keep up to date with security threats](#)
- [Automate testing and validation of security controls in pipelines](#)
- [Identify and prioritize risks using a threat model](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 2. How do you manage identities for people and machines?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Use strong sign-in mechanisms
- Use temporary credentials
- Leverage user groups and attributes

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Store and use secrets securely
- Rely on a centralized identity provider
- Audit and rotate credentials periodically
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Store and use secrets securely](#)
- [Rely on a centralized identity provider](#)
- [Audit and rotate credentials periodically](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

### 3. How do you manage permissions for people and machines?

 Medium risk

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Define access requirements
- Grant least privilege access
- Reduce permissions continuously
- Define permission guardrails for your organization
- Analyze public and cross account access

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Establish emergency access process
- Manage access based on life cycle
- Share resources securely
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

- [Establish emergency access process](#)
- [Manage access based on life cycle](#)
- [Share resources securely](#)

[Ask an expert](#)



#### 4. How do you detect and investigate security events?

✔ No improvements identified

##### **Selected choice(s)**

- Configure service and application logging
- Analyze logs, findings, and metrics centrally
- Implement actionable security events

##### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Automate response to events
- None of these

##### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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##### **Notes**

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##### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 5. How do you protect your network resources?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Create network layers
- Control traffic at all layers
- Implement inspection and protection

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Automate network protection
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 6. How do you protect your compute resources?

 Medium risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Perform vulnerability management
- Reduce attack surface
- Implement managed services
- Enable people to perform actions at a distance

### Not selected choice(s)

- Automate compute protection
- Validate software integrity
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Automate compute protection](#)
- [Validate software integrity](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 7. How do you classify your data?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Identify the data within your workload
- Define data protection controls
- Define data lifecycle management

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Automate identification and classification
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 8. How do you protect your data at rest?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Enforce encryption at rest
- Automate data at rest protection
- Enforce access control

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement secure key management
- Use mechanisms to keep people away from data
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Implement secure key management](#)
- [Use mechanisms to keep people away from data](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 9. How do you protect your data in transit?

 Medium risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Implement secure key and certificate management
- Enforce encryption in transit

### Not selected choice(s)

- Automate detection of unintended data access
- Authenticate network communications
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Automate detection of unintended data access](#)
- [Authenticate network communications](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 10. How do you anticipate, respond to, and recover from incidents?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Identify key personnel and external resources
- Develop incident management plans
- Pre-provision access
- Pre-deploy tools

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Prepare forensic capabilities
- Automate containment capability
- Run game days
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Prepare forensic capabilities](#)
- [Automate containment capability](#)
- [Run game days](#)

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# Reliability

## Questions answered

13/13

## Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 7
- ⚠ Medium risk: 3
- ✓ No improvements identified: 3
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

## Pillar notes

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## 1. How do you manage service quotas and constraints?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Aware of service quotas and constraints
- Manage service quotas across accounts and regions
- Accommodate fixed service quotas and constraints through architecture
- Ensure that a sufficient gap exists between the current quotas and the maximum usage to accommodate failover

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Monitor and manage quotas
- Automate quota management
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Monitor and manage quotas](#)
- [Automate quota management](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 2. How do you plan your network topology?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Prefer hub-and-spoke topologies over many-to-many mesh

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Use highly available network connectivity for your workload public endpoints
- Provision redundant connectivity between private networks in the cloud and on-premises environments
- Ensure IP subnet allocation accounts for expansion and availability
- Enforce non-overlapping private IP address ranges in all private address spaces where they are connected
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- Use highly available network connectivity for your workload public endpoints
- Provision redundant connectivity between private networks in the cloud and on-premises environments
- Ensure IP subnet allocation accounts for expansion and availability
- Enforce non-overlapping private IP address ranges in all private address

## 2. How do you plan your network topology?

spaces where they are connected

[Ask an expert](#)

### 3. How do you design your workload service architecture?

✔ No improvements identified

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Choose how to segment your workload
- Build services focused on specific business domains and functionality

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Provide service contracts per API
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

#### 4. How do you design interactions in a distributed system to prevent failures?

✔ No improvements identified

##### **Selected choice(s)**

- Identify which kind of distributed system is required
- Implement loosely coupled dependencies
- Make all responses idempotent

##### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Do constant work
- None of these

##### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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##### **Notes**

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##### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 5. How do you design interactions in a distributed system to mitigate or withstand failures?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Control and limit retry calls
- Make services stateless where possible
- Implement emergency levers

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement graceful degradation to transform applicable hard dependencies into soft dependencies
- Throttle requests
- Fail fast and limit queues
- Set client timeouts
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- Implement graceful degradation to transform applicable hard dependencies into soft dependencies
- Throttle requests
- Fail fast and limit queues
- Set client timeouts

5. How do you design interactions in a distributed system to mitigate or withstand failures?

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## 6. How do you monitor workload resources?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Monitor all components for the workload (Generation)
- Define and calculate metrics (Aggregation)
- Send notifications (Real-time processing and alarming)
- Analytics
- Monitor end-to-end tracing of requests through your system

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Automate responses (Real-time processing and alarming)
- Conduct reviews regularly
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Automate responses \(Real-time processing and alarming\)](#)
- [Conduct reviews regularly](#)

[Ask an expert](#)



## 7. How do you design your workload to adapt to changes in demand?

 Medium risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Use automation when obtaining or scaling resources
- Obtain resources upon detection that more resources are needed for a workload
- Load test your workload

### Not selected choice(s)

- Obtain resources upon detection of impairment to a workload
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Obtain resources upon detection of impairment to a workload](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 8. How do you implement change?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Integrate functional testing as part of your deployment
- Integrate resiliency testing as part of your deployment
- Deploy using immutable infrastructure

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Use runbooks for standard activities such as deployment
- Deploy changes with automation
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Use runbooks for standard activities such as deployment](#)
- [Deploy changes with automation](#)

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## 9. How do you back up data?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Identify and back up all data that needs to be backed up, or reproduce the data from sources
- Perform data backup automatically

### Not selected choice(s)

- Secure and encrypt backups
- Perform periodic recovery of the data to verify backup integrity and processes
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Secure and encrypt backups](#)
- [Perform periodic recovery of the data to verify backup integrity and processes](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 10. How do you use fault isolation to protect your workload?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Deploy the workload to multiple locations
- Select the appropriate locations for your multi-location deployment
- Use bulkhead architectures to limit scope of impact

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Automate recovery for components constrained to a single location
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 11. How do you design your workload to withstand component failures?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Monitor all components of the workload to detect failures
- Fail over to healthy resources
- Use static stability to prevent bimodal behavior
- Send notifications when events impact availability

### Not selected choice(s)

- Automate healing on all layers
- Rely on the data plane and not the control plane during recovery
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Automate healing on all layers](#)
- [Rely on the data plane and not the control plane during recovery](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 12. How do you test reliability?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Perform post-incident analysis
- Test functional requirements
- Test scaling and performance requirements

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Use playbooks to investigate failures
- Test resiliency using chaos engineering
- Conduct game days regularly
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Use playbooks to investigate failures](#)
- [Test resiliency using chaos engineering](#)
- [Conduct game days regularly](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

### 13. How do you plan for disaster recovery (DR)?

⊗ High risk

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Define recovery objectives for downtime and data loss
- Test disaster recovery implementation to validate the implementation

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Use defined recovery strategies to meet the recovery objectives
- Manage configuration drift at the DR site or Region
- Automate recovery
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

- [Use defined recovery strategies to meet the recovery objectives](#)
- [Manage configuration drift at the DR site or Region](#)
- [Automate recovery](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

# Performance Efficiency

## Questions answered

8/8

## Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 6
- ⚠ Medium risk: 0
- ✓ No improvements identified: 2
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

## Pillar notes

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## 1. How do you select the best performing architecture?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Understand the available services and resources
- Factor cost requirements into decisions
- Benchmark existing workloads
- Load test your workload

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Define a process for architectural choices
- Use policies or reference architectures
- Use guidance from your cloud provider or an appropriate partner
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Define a process for architectural choices](#)
- [Use policies or reference architectures](#)
- [Use guidance from your cloud provider or an appropriate partner](#)

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## 2. How do you select your compute solution?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Evaluate the available compute options
- Understand the available compute configuration options
- Determine the required configuration by right-sizing
- Use the available elasticity of resources
- Re-evaluate compute needs based on metrics

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Collect compute-related metrics
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Collect compute-related metrics](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

### 3. How do you select your storage solution?

✔ No improvements identified

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Understand storage characteristics and requirements
- Make decisions based on access patterns and metrics

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Evaluate available configuration options
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 4. How do you select your database solution?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Understand data characteristics
- Collect and record database performance metrics
- Choose data storage based on access patterns
- Optimize data storage based on access patterns and metrics

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Evaluate the available options
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Evaluate the available options](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 5. How do you configure your networking solution?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Evaluate available networking features
- Choose appropriately sized dedicated connectivity or VPN for hybrid workloads
- Leverage load-balancing and encryption offloading
- Choose your workload's location based on network requirements

### Not selected choice(s)

- Understand how networking impacts performance
- Choose network protocols to improve performance
- Optimize network configuration based on metrics
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Understand how networking impacts performance](#)
- [Choose network protocols to improve performance](#)
- [Optimize network configuration based on metrics](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 6. How do you evolve your workload to take advantage of new releases?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Stay up-to-date on new resources and services
- Evolve workload performance over time

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Define a process to improve workload performance
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 7. How do you monitor your resources to ensure they are performing?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Record performance-related metrics
- Analyze metrics when events or incidents occur
- Use monitoring to generate alarm-based notifications
- Monitor and alarm proactively

### Not selected choice(s)

- Establish Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure workload performance
- Review metrics at regular intervals
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Establish Key Performance Indicators \(KPIs\) to measure workload performance](#)
- [Review metrics at regular intervals](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 8. How do you use tradeoffs to improve performance?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Understand the areas where performance is most critical
- Identify how tradeoffs impact customers and efficiency

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Learn about design patterns and services
- Measure the impact of performance improvements
- Use various performance-related strategies
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Learn about design patterns and services](#)
- [Measure the impact of performance improvements](#)
- [Use various performance-related strategies](#)

[Ask an expert](#)



# Cost Optimization

## Questions answered

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## Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 7
- ⚠ Medium risk: 2
- ✓ No improvements identified: 1
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

## Pillar notes

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## 1. How do you implement cloud financial management?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Establish a cost optimization function
- Establish cloud budgets and forecasts
- Monitor cost proactively
- Keep up to date with new service releases

### Not selected choice(s)

- Establish a partnership between finance and technology
- Implement cost awareness in your organizational processes
- Report and notify on cost optimization
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Establish a partnership between finance and technology](#)
- [Implement cost awareness in your organizational processes](#)
- [Report and notify on cost optimization](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 2. How do you govern usage?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Implement an account structure
- Implement groups and roles

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Develop policies based on your organization requirements
- Implement goals and targets
- Implement cost controls
- Track project lifecycle
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Develop policies based on your organization requirements](#)
- [Implement goals and targets](#)
- [Implement cost controls](#)
- [Track project lifecycle](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

### 3. How do you monitor usage and cost?

⊗ High risk

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Identify cost attribution categories
- Configure billing and cost management tools
- Add organization information to cost and usage
- Allocate costs based on workload metrics

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Configure detailed information sources
- Establish organization metrics
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

- [Configure detailed information sources](#)
- [Establish organization metrics](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

#### 4. How do you decommission resources?

⊗ High risk

##### **Selected choice(s)**

- Implement a decommissioning process
- Decommission resources

##### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Track resources over their life time
- Decommission resources automatically
- None of these

##### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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##### **Notes**

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##### **Improvement plan**

- [Track resources over their life time](#)
- [Decommission resources automatically](#)

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## 5. How do you evaluate cost when you select services?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Identify organization requirements for cost
- Analyze all components of this workload
- Perform a thorough analysis of each component
- Perform cost analysis for different usage over time

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Select software with cost effective licensing
- Select components of this workload to optimize cost in line with organization priorities
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Select software with cost effective licensing](#)
- [Select components of this workload to optimize cost in line with organization priorities](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 6. How do you meet cost targets when you select resource type, size and number?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Select resource type, size, and number based on data
- Select resource type, size, and number automatically based on metrics

### Not selected choice(s)

- Perform cost modeling
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Perform cost modeling](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 7. How do you use pricing models to reduce cost?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Perform pricing model analysis
- Implement pricing models for all components of this workload
- Perform pricing model analysis at the master account level

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement regions based on cost
- Select third party agreements with cost efficient terms
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.



## 8. How do you plan for data transfer charges?

⊗ High risk

### Selected choice(s)

- Select components to optimize data transfer cost
- Implement services to reduce data transfer costs

### Not selected choice(s)

- Perform data transfer modeling
- None of these

### Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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### Notes

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### Improvement plan

- [Perform data transfer modeling](#)

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## 9. How do you manage demand, and supply resources?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Perform an analysis on the workload demand

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement a buffer or throttle to manage demand
- Supply resources dynamically
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Implement a buffer or throttle to manage demand](#)
- [Supply resources dynamically](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

## 10. How do you evaluate new services?

⊗ High risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Review and analyze this workload regularly

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Develop a workload review process
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Develop a workload review process](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

# Sustainability

## Questions answered

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## Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 0
- ⚠ Medium risk: 4
- ✓ No improvements identified: 2
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

## Pillar notes

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## 1. How do you select Regions to support your sustainability goals?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Choose Regions near Amazon renewable energy projects and Regions where the grid has a published carbon intensity that is lower than other locations (or Regions).

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 2. How do you take advantage of user behavior patterns to support your sustainability goals?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Stop the creation and maintenance of unused assets
- Optimize geographic placement of workloads for user locations
- Optimize team member resources for activities performed

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Scale infrastructure with user load
- Align SLAs with sustainability goals
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Scale infrastructure with user load](#)
- [Align SLAs with sustainability goals](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

### 3. How do you take advantage of software and architecture patterns to support your sustainability goals?

 Medium risk

#### **Selected choice(s)**

- Remove or refactor workload components with low or no use
- Optimize areas of code that consume the most time or resources
- Optimize impact on customer devices and equipment

#### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Optimize software and architecture for asynchronous and scheduled jobs
- Use software patterns and architectures that best support data access and storage patterns
- None of these

#### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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#### **Notes**

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#### **Improvement plan**

- [Optimize software and architecture for asynchronous and scheduled jobs](#)
- [Use software patterns and architectures that best support data access and storage patterns](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

#### 4. How do you take advantage of data access and usage patterns to support your sustainability goals?

 Medium risk

##### **Selected choice(s)**

- Use lifecycle policies to delete unnecessary data
- Minimize over-provisioning in block storage
- Use shared file systems or object storage to access common data
- Minimize data movement across networks

##### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Implement a data classification policy
- Use technologies that support data access and storage patterns
- Remove unneeded or redundant data
- Back up data only when difficult to recreate
- None of these

##### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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##### **Notes**

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##### **Improvement plan**

- [Implement a data classification policy](#)
- [Use technologies that support data access and storage patterns](#)
- [Remove unneeded or redundant data](#)
- [Back up data only when difficult to recreate](#)



4. How do you take advantage of data access and usage patterns to support your sustainability goals?

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## 5. How do your hardware management and usage practices support your sustainability goals?

✔ No improvements identified

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Use the minimum amount of hardware to meet your needs
- Use instance types with the least impact
- Use managed services
- Optimize your use of GPUs

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

## 6. How do your development and deployment processes support your sustainability goals?

 Medium risk

### **Selected choice(s)**

- Adopt methods that can rapidly introduce sustainability improvements
- Keep your workload up to date
- Increase utilization of build environments

### **Not selected choice(s)**

- Use managed device farms for testing
- None of these

### **Best Practices marked as Not Applicable**

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### **Notes**

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### **Improvement plan**

- [Use managed device farms for testing](#)

[Ask an expert](#)