

# Aws Cloud Practitioner Exam Guide

## AWS Cloud Practitioner Exam (CLF-C02) – Domain 1 Detailed Notes

### 1.1 Benefits of the AWS Cloud

- **Value proposition** – Pay only for what you use, scale instantly, and access a vast set of services without buying or maintaining physical hardware.
- **Economies of scale** – AWS operates at massive scale, lowering costs per unit of compute/storage so customers get cheaper pricing as usage grows.
- **Global infrastructure** – Dozens of Regions and Availability Zones let you deploy apps close to users worldwide for low latency and fast rollout.
- **High availability** – Services are built across multiple AZs to keep workloads running even if one location fails.
- **Elasticity** – Automatically add or remove resources to match demand, avoiding over- or under-provisioning.
- **Agility** – Quickly experiment, build, and deploy new features without long hardware lead times.

### 1.2 AWS Cloud Design Principles

- **AWS Well-Architected Framework** – A set of best practices for building secure, efficient, and cost-effective workloads.
- **Operational Excellence** – Continuously improve operations through monitoring, automation, and quick recovery from failure.
- **Security** – Protect data, systems, and assets with least-privilege access, encryption, and monitoring.
- **Reliability** – Design for fault tolerance and automatic recovery to meet uptime goals.

- **Performance Efficiency** – Use the right resources and architectures for optimal performance at minimal cost.
- **Cost Optimization** – Avoid unnecessary spend through right-sizing, managed services, and pricing models.
- **Sustainability** – Minimize environmental impact by using energy-efficient infrastructure.

## 1.3 Migration to AWS

- **Cloud adoption strategies** – Phased approaches like rehosting (lift-and-shift), replatforming, or refactoring to move workloads safely.
- **AWS Cloud Adoption Framework (CAF)** – Guidance that reduces risk, improves ESG (environmental, social, governance) outcomes, and boosts revenue and operational efficiency during migration.
- **Migration methods** – Database replication or using **AWS Snowball** devices to physically transfer large data sets when internet transfer is impractical.

## 1.4 Cloud Economics

- **Fixed vs. variable costs** – On-premises requires large upfront hardware (fixed), while AWS lets you pay only for actual use (variable).
- **On-prem vs. cloud costs** – Cloud removes expenses like data-center power, cooling, and hardware maintenance.
- **Rightsizing** – Continually adjust resource sizes to match actual demand and avoid overpaying.
- **Licensing options** – Bring Your Own License (BYOL) if you already own software licenses, or use AWS-included licenses for simplicity.
- **Automation benefits** – Tools like **AWS CloudFormation** automate provisioning/configuration to reduce manual effort and errors.
- **Managed services** – Services such as **Amazon RDS** (databases), **ECS/EKS** (container orchestration), and **DynamoDB** (NoSQL database) offload operations so you focus on applications, not infrastructure.

## Domain 2: Security & Compliance

### 2.1 AWS Shared Responsibility Model

- **Core idea** – Security is a partnership: AWS secures the cloud infrastructure; customers secure what they run **in** the cloud.
  - **AWS responsibilities** – Physical data centers, hardware, global network, and managed service infrastructure.
  - **Customer responsibilities** – Data, access control, OS & app configuration, network settings (e.g., Security Groups, NACLs).
  - **Shared responsibilities** – Some tasks overlap (patching, encryption) depending on the service.
  - **Service-dependent shift** – Managed services (e.g., RDS, Lambda) shift more security to AWS; self-managed (EC2) keeps more responsibility on the customer.
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### 2.2 Cloud Security, Governance & Compliance Concepts

- **AWS compliance & governance** – Frameworks and certifications (ISO, SOC, GDPR) that show AWS meets global and industry requirements.
- **Benefits of cloud security** – Built-in tools like encryption, isolated networks, and automated monitoring reduce risk.
- **Log capture & location** – Use CloudTrail, CloudWatch Logs, and S3 to store and analyze security logs.
- **Finding compliance info** – **AWS Artifact** provides audit reports and agreements on demand.
- **Regional/industry needs** – Some data (e.g., healthcare HIPAA, EU GDPR) must stay within specific regions.
- **Customer security tools** – Amazon Inspector (vulnerability scanning), Security Hub (central security view), GuardDuty (threat detection), AWS Shield (DDoS protection).

- **Encryption types** – Encryption **in transit** (TLS) vs. **at rest** (KMS-managed keys).
  - **Governance & compliance services** –
    - Monitoring: **CloudWatch**
    - Auditing: **CloudTrail, Audit Manager, Config**
    - Reporting: **IAM Access Analyzer** & access reports
  - **Service-specific compliance** – Some services (e.g., S3 vs. RDS) have unique security configurations to meet compliance standards.
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## 2.3 AWS Access Management

- **IAM fundamentals** – Manage users, groups, roles, and policies to control access.
  - **Root user protection** – Root has full account control; secure it with MFA and never use it for daily tasks.
  - **Least privilege principle** – Give only the permissions required for a specific task.
  - **IAM Identity Center (AWS SSO)** – Centralize user authentication across AWS accounts and apps.
  - **Credentials & policies** – Use strong password policies, rotate access keys, and store secrets in **Secrets Manager** or **Systems Manager Parameter Store**.
  - **Authentication methods** – Multi-factor authentication (MFA), IAM roles for cross-account access, and SAML/OIDC federation.
  - **Root-only tasks** – e.g., changing account settings, closing the AWS account, modifying billing info.
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## 2.4 Security Components & Resources

- **AWS security features** –
  - **Security Groups**: virtual firewalls for EC2 instances.
  - **Network ACLs**: subnet-level inbound/outbound rules.

- **AWS WAF:** protects web apps from common exploits (e.g., SQL injection).
- **Third-party tools** – Security products from AWS Marketplace can extend protection (e.g., advanced firewalls).
- **Security documentation & learning** – AWS Knowledge Center, Security Center, and official Security Blog provide best-practice guides.
- **Issue detection** – **AWS Trusted Advisor** checks for security gaps like open ports or weak IAM permissions.

## Domain 3: Cloud Technology & Services

### 3.1 Deployment & Operations in AWS

- **Provisioning methods** – Use the **Management Console** (web UI), **CLI**, **SDKs/APIs**, or Infrastructure as Code (**CloudFormation**, **Terraform**) to create resources.
  - **One-time vs repeatable** – Ad-hoc console changes work for testing; IaC provides automated, version-controlled deployments.
  - **Deployment models** –
    - **Cloud:** fully on AWS
    - **Hybrid:** mix of AWS + on-premises
    - **On-premises:** AWS Outposts or Snowball Edge bring AWS services to local data centers.
  - **Connectivity options** – Public internet access, **AWS Site-to-Site VPN** for secure tunnels, or **Direct Connect** for dedicated private links.
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### 3.2 AWS Global Infrastructure

- **Regions** – Separate geographic areas hosting multiple Availability Zones (AZs).

- **Availability Zones** – Independent data centers in a Region with isolated power/network; use multiple AZs for **high availability**.
  - **Edge locations** – Global points for caching and low-latency delivery via **CloudFront** or **Global Accelerator**.
  - **Multi-Region use** – Disaster recovery, business continuity, meeting data-sovereignty rules, or serving global users with low latency.
  - **Wavelength & Local Zones** – Extend AWS compute/storage closer to end users for ultra-low-latency applications like 5G or gaming.
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### 3.3 Compute Services

- **Amazon EC2** – Virtual servers with instance families (compute-optimized, memory-optimized, storage-optimized, etc.).
  - **Containers** – **ECS** (AWS-managed), **EKS** (Kubernetes), **Fargate** (serverless container compute).
  - **Serverless** – **AWS Lambda** runs code on demand without managing servers.
  - **Auto Scaling** – Adds/removes instances automatically for elasticity.
  - **Elastic Load Balancing (ELB)** – Distributes traffic across multiple instances or containers for reliability.
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### 3.4 Database Services

- **Managed relational** – **Amazon RDS** (supports MySQL, PostgreSQL, etc.) and **Amazon Aurora** (high-performance MySQL/PostgreSQL-compatible).
  - **NoSQL** – **Amazon DynamoDB** for key-value and document workloads.
  - **In-memory** – **Amazon ElastiCache** (Redis/Memcached) for fast caching.
  - **Migration tools** – **AWS Database Migration Service (DMS)** and **Schema Conversion Tool (SCT)** move and transform existing databases.
  - **Self-managed** – Run any DB engine yourself on EC2 if full OS control is required.
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### 3.5 Network Services

- **Amazon VPC** – Private virtual network; includes subnets, Internet/NAT Gateways, and routing tables.
  - **Security** – **Security Groups** (instance-level) and **Network ACLs** (subnet-level) control inbound/outbound traffic.
  - **Amazon Route 53** – Highly available DNS and domain registration.
  - **Edge services** – **CloudFront** (content delivery) and **Global Accelerator** (global traffic routing).
  - **Connectivity to AWS** – **VPN** for encrypted internet tunnels or **Direct Connect** for dedicated private circuits.
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### 3.6 Storage Services

- **Object storage** – **Amazon S3** stores unstructured data like media files or backups.
  - **S3 storage classes** – Standard, Standard-IA, One Zone-IA, Intelligent-Tiering, Glacier, and Glacier Deep Archive for cost/availability trade-offs.
  - **Block storage** – **Amazon EBS** for EC2 volumes; **Instance Store** for ephemeral high-speed storage.
  - **File storage** – **Amazon EFS** (Linux) and **Amazon FSx** (Windows or Lustre).
  - **Hybrid/cached** – **AWS Storage Gateway** integrates on-premises apps with S3.
  - **Lifecycle policies** – Automate data movement between S3 classes or to Glacier for cost savings.
  - **AWS Backup** – Centralized backup across AWS services.
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### 3.7 AI/ML & Analytics Services

- **AI/ML**
  - **Amazon SageMaker** – Build, train, deploy ML models.
  - **Amazon Lex** – Conversational chatbots.

- **Amazon Kendra** – Intelligent search across documents.
  - **Analytics**
    - **Amazon Athena** – Serverless SQL queries on S3 data.
    - **Amazon Kinesis** – Real-time streaming analytics.
    - **AWS Glue** – ETL (extract, transform, load) data prep.
    - **Amazon QuickSight** – Interactive BI dashboards.
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### 3.8 Other Key Service Categories

- **Application integration** – **Amazon EventBridge** (event bus), **SNS** (pub/sub messaging), **SQS** (message queues).
- **Business applications** – **Amazon Connect** (cloud contact center), **SES** (transactional email).
- **Customer engagement/support** – **AWS Activate** (startup credits), **AWS IQ** (on-demand experts), **AWS Managed Services (AMS)**, **AWS Support plans**.
- **Developer tools** – **CodeCommit** (Git repo), **CodeBuild**, **CodeDeploy**, **CodePipeline** (CI/CD), **Cloud9** (IDE), **CloudShell** (browser CLI), **AppConfig**, **CodeArtifact**, **CodeStar**, **X-Ray** (tracing).
- **End-user computing** – **Amazon AppStream 2.0**, **WorkSpaces**, **WorkSpaces Web** for delivering virtual desktops/apps.
- **Frontend & mobile** – **AWS Amplify** (full-stack web/mobile), **AppSync** (GraphQL APIs).
- **IoT** – **AWS IoT Core** (device connectivity) and **IoT Greengrass** (edge processing).

## Domain 4: Billing, Pricing & Support

### 4.1 AWS Pricing Models



- **Compute purchasing options**

- **On-Demand Instances** – Pay by the second/hour, no commitment; best for unpredictable workloads.
  - **Reserved Instances (RI)** – 1- or 3-year commitment for up to 72% savings; Standard or Convertible for flexibility.
  - **Savings Plans** – Similar savings as RI but apply across compute services when you commit to a \$/hr spend.
  - **Spot Instances** – Bid on unused capacity for up to 90% off; may be interrupted if AWS needs capacity.
  - **Dedicated Hosts/Instances** – Physical or single-tenant servers for compliance or license needs.
  - **Capacity Reservations** – Reserve capacity in a specific AZ for critical workloads without long-term pricing commitment.
- **Data transfer charges** – Inbound data to AWS is free; outbound (e.g., to internet or between Regions) is billed per GB.
  - **Storage tiers** – Each S3 class (Standard, IA, Glacier, etc.) has its own \$/GB and retrieval costs—match the class to access frequency.
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## 4.2 Billing, Budgets & Cost Management

- **AWS Budgets** – Set spending or usage limits and get alerts when thresholds are reached.
- **AWS Cost Explorer** – Visualize and analyze past spend and forecast future costs.
- **AWS Billing Conductor** – Create custom billing reports for different teams or customers.
- **AWS Pricing Calculator** – Estimate costs of architectures before you deploy.
- **AWS Organizations** – Consolidated billing lets multiple accounts share discounts and simplify cost tracking.
- **Cost allocation tags** – Key-value tags (user-defined or AWS-generated) let you group and report costs by project, team, or environment.

- **AWS Cost and Usage Report (CUR)** – Most detailed CSV of all account usage for in-depth analysis.
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## 4.3 AWS Technical Resources & Support Options

- **Documentation & guidance** – Whitepapers, blogs, and official docs on the AWS site; **AWS Prescriptive Guidance**, **Knowledge Center**, and **re:Post** community Q&A for best practices.
- **Support plans**
  - **Basic** – 24/7 customer service, documentation, re:Post.
  - **Developer** – Email support during business hours for dev/test.
  - **Business** – 24/7 phone/chat with engineers, Trusted Advisor full checks.
  - **Enterprise On-Ramp / Enterprise** – Dedicated Technical Account Manager (TAM), architecture reviews, proactive guidance.
- **Monitoring & optimization** –
  - **Trusted Advisor** – Cost optimization, security, and performance checks.
  - **AWS Health Dashboard & Health API** – Account-specific service health and maintenance alerts.
- **Trust & Safety team** – Report abuse or security incidents related to AWS resources.
- **AWS Partner Network (APN)** – Independent software vendors (ISVs) and system integrators that provide solutions, consulting, and marketplace products; benefits include training, certification, and partner discounts.
- **AWS Marketplace** – Curated third-party software with built-in billing, governance, and entitlement features.
- **Professional Services & Solutions Architects** – Hands-on technical help for complex migrations or designs.

# ▼ Technologies and concepts that might appear on the exam

## Core Concepts

Service / Term	Quick Explanation	Keywords
<b>APIs</b>	Interfaces that let apps call AWS services programmatically.	programmatic access, SDK, CLI
<b>Benefits of AWS Cloud</b>	Pay only for what you use, scale on demand, global reach, built-in security.	pay-as-you-go, scalability, elasticity
<b>AWS Cloud Adoption Framework (CAF)</b>	Guides organizations through people, process, and technology changes for cloud migration.	migration guide, six perspectives
<b>AWS Compliance</b>	AWS maintains certifications (ISO, SOC, HIPAA) you can review via AWS Artifact.	audits, standards, Artifact
<b>Compute</b>	Resources that run workloads such as EC2, Lambda, containers.	servers, processing power
<b>Cost Management</b>	Tools to monitor and control AWS spending.	Budgets, Cost Explorer, Pricing Calculator
<b>Databases</b>	Managed relational (RDS/Aurora) and NoSQL (DynamoDB) services.	RDS, Aurora, DynamoDB
<b>EC2 Instance Types</b>	On-Demand (flexible), Reserved (long-term discount), Spot (spare capacity), Dedicated (single tenant).	pricing options
<b>AWS Global Infrastructure</b>	Regions, Availability Zones, and Edge locations that deliver AWS services worldwide.	Regions, AZs, edge
<b>Infrastructure as Code (IaC)</b>	Define resources in templates for repeatable deployments.	CloudFormation, CDK
<b>AWS Knowledge Center</b>	Official troubleshooting articles and FAQs.	support articles

Service / Term	Quick Explanation	Keywords
<b>Machine Learning</b>	Services for building and deploying AI/ML models.	SageMaker, Rekognition
<b>Management &amp; Governance</b>	Monitor and manage AWS resources at scale.	CloudWatch, Config
<b>Migration &amp; Transfer</b>	Move workloads/data into AWS using tools like DMS and Snowball.	DMS, Snow Family
<b>Network Services</b>	Build secure networks and routing.	VPC, Route 53, CloudFront
<b>AWS Partner Network (APN)</b>	Certified partners providing AWS consulting and products.	partners, ISV, SI
<b>AWS Prescriptive Guidance</b>	Step-by-step best practices for migrations or builds.	playbooks, blueprints
<b>AWS Pricing Calculator</b>	Estimate monthly AWS costs.	cost estimate
<b>AWS Professional Services</b>	AWS experts to help with complex projects.	consulting
<b>AWS re:Post</b>	Community Q&A platform for AWS topics.	Q&A, community
<b>AWS SDKs</b>	Language libraries to access AWS APIs.	Python boto3, Java SDK
<b>Security</b>	IAM, encryption, monitoring, and compliance tools.	IAM, KMS, Shield
<b>AWS Security Blog / Center</b>	Latest AWS security updates and guidance.	security news
<b>Shared Responsibility Model</b>	AWS secures the cloud infrastructure; customers secure what they deploy.	AWS "of" the cloud, customer "in" the cloud
<b>AWS Solutions Architects</b>	Experts who design cost-effective, reliable architectures.	architecture advice
<b>Storage</b>	Object (S3), block (EBS), file (EFS/FSx), archival (Glacier) options.	S3, EBS, Glacier
<b>AWS Support Center / Plans</b>	Portal and tiers (Basic to Enterprise) for technical help.	Support tickets

Service / Term	Quick Explanation	Keywords
<b>Well-Architected Framework</b>	5 pillars: Operational Excellence, Security, Reliability, Performance, Cost Optimization.	5 pillars

## Key Services by Category

### Analytics

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Athena</b>	Run SQL queries directly on S3 data without servers.	serverless query, S3
<b>Data Exchange</b>	Share and subscribe to third-party datasets securely.	marketplace data
<b>EMR</b>	Managed Hadoop/Spark cluster for big data processing.	big data, Hadoop
<b>Glue</b>	ETL service with Data Catalog for analytics.	ETL, Data Catalog
<b>Kinesis</b>	Real-time data streaming and processing.	streams, real-time
<b>MSK</b>	Fully managed Apache Kafka clusters.	Kafka
<b>OpenSearch</b>	Search and analytics engine (formerly Elasticsearch).	full-text search
<b>QuickSight</b>	BI tool for dashboards and visual analytics.	business intelligence
<b>Redshift</b>	Data warehouse for large-scale SQL analytics.	data warehouse

### Application Integration

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>EventBridge</b>	Event bus to route app events.	event bus
<b>SNS</b>	Publish/subscribe push notifications.	pub/sub
<b>SQS</b>	Message queue to decouple apps.	queue
<b>Step Functions</b>	Serverless workflow orchestrator.	state machine

## Business Applications

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Connect</b>	Cloud contact center.	call center
<b>SES</b>	Send bulk or transactional email.	email service

## Cloud Financial Management

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Billing Conductor</b>	Custom cost allocation and chargeback.	chargeback
<b>Budgets</b>	Set and track spending limits.	budget alerts
<b>Cost &amp; Usage Report</b>	Detailed hourly billing data.	CUR
<b>Cost Explorer</b>	Visualize and analyze costs.	cost charts
<b>Marketplace</b>	Buy or sell pre-built AWS software.	third-party apps

## Compute

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Batch</b>	Run batch or HPC workloads.	batch jobs
<b>EC2</b>	Resizable virtual servers.	instances
<b>Elastic Beanstalk</b>	PaaS to deploy web apps quickly.	auto deploy
<b>Lightsail</b>	Simplified VPS for small apps.	simple VPS
<b>Local Zones</b>	AWS infra closer to end users for low latency.	metro edge
<b>Outposts</b>	AWS hardware on-premises.	on-prem AWS
<b>Wavelength</b>	5G edge compute with carriers.	mobile edge

## Containers

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>ECR</b>	Container image repository.	docker registry
<b>ECS</b>	AWS native container orchestration.	containers
<b>EKS</b>	Managed Kubernetes service.	Kubernetes

## Customer Engagement

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Activate</b>	Credits and guidance for startups.	startup credits
<b>AWS IQ</b>	On-demand certified experts.	hire experts
<b>Managed Services (AMS)</b>	AWS manages operations for you.	fully managed ops
<b>AWS Support</b>	24/7 technical/customer support.	tech help

## Databases

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Aurora</b>	High-performance MySQL/PostgreSQL.	relational DB
<b>DynamoDB</b>	NoSQL key-value DB, millisecond latency.	NoSQL
<b>MemoryDB</b>	Redis-compatible in-memory DB.	Redis
<b>Neptune</b>	Graph database for relationships.	graph DB
<b>RDS</b>	Managed relational database service.	MySQL, Postgres

## Developer Tools

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>AppConfig</b>	Safely roll out config changes.	config deploy
<b>CLI / CloudShell</b>	Command-line management tools.	terminal
<b>Cloud9</b>	Browser IDE for coding.	web IDE
<b>CodeArtifact</b>	Managed package repository.	package store
<b>CodeBuild</b>	Build/test code at scale.	build automation
<b>CodeCommit</b>	Private Git repositories.	Git service
<b>CodeDeploy</b>	Automated code deployment.	deploy
<b>CodePipeline</b>	CI/CD orchestration.	continuous delivery
<b>CodeStar</b>	Unified dev project management.	dev suite
<b>X-Ray</b>	Trace and debug distributed apps.	tracing

## End User Computing

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>AppStream 2.0</b>	Stream desktop apps to browsers.	app streaming
<b>WorkSpaces / Web</b>	Cloud virtual desktops.	VDI

## Frontend & Mobile

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Amplify</b>	Build/host full-stack web or mobile apps.	hosting
<b>AppSync</b>	Managed GraphQL APIs.	GraphQL
<b>Device Farm</b>	Test apps on real devices.	device testing

## IoT

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>IoT Core</b>	Secure device-to-cloud messaging.	MQTT
<b>IoT Greengrass</b>	Run AWS code on edge devices.	edge IoT

## Machine Learning

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Comprehend</b>	NLP text analysis (sentiment, entities).	NLP
<b>Kendra</b>	Intelligent enterprise search.	search
<b>Lex</b>	Conversational chatbot engine.	chatbot
<b>Polly</b>	Text-to-speech.	TTS
<b>Rekognition</b>	Image/video analysis.	face detect
<b>SageMaker</b>	Build/train/deploy ML models.	ML platform
<b>Textract</b>	Extract text from docs.	OCR
<b>Transcribe</b>	Speech-to-text.	transcription
<b>Translate</b>	Automatic language translation.	translation

## Management & Governance



Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Auto Scaling</b>	Adjust capacity automatically.	elasticity
<b>CloudFormation</b>	IaC templates for stacks.	template deploy
<b>CloudTrail</b>	API call logs for auditing.	audit
<b>CloudWatch</b>	Metrics, logs, and alarms.	monitoring
<b>Compute Optimizer</b>	Right-size EC2/RDS resources.	cost optimize
<b>Config</b>	Resource inventory & compliance.	drift detect
<b>Control Tower</b>	Set up secure multi-account env.	landing zone
<b>Health Dashboard</b>	AWS service status info.	outages
<b>Launch Wizard</b>	Guided app deployments.	setup wizard
<b>License Manager</b>	Track software licenses.	license
<b>Management Console</b>	Web UI for all AWS services.	console
<b>Organizations</b>	Multi-account billing & policy.	consolidated billing
<b>Resource Groups / Tag Editor</b>	Organize & tag resources.	tags
<b>Service Catalog</b>	Pre-approved app stacks.	catalog
<b>Systems Manager</b>	Patch and manage fleets.	SSM
<b>Trusted Advisor</b>	Cost/security best-practice checks.	recommendations
<b>Well-Architected Tool</b>	Review vs 5-pillar framework.	architecture review

## Migration & Transfer

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Application Discovery Service</b>	Inventory on-prem workloads.	discovery
<b>Application Migration Service</b>	Lift-and-shift servers to AWS.	rehost
<b>Database Migration Service (DMS)</b>	Move databases with minimal downtime.	DB migrate

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Migration Hub</b>	Track migration progress.	migration dashboard
<b>Schema Conversion Tool (SCT)</b>	Convert DB schema to new engines.	schema convert
<b>Snow Family</b>	Physical devices (Snowcone/Snowball) for large data transfer.	offline transfer
<b>Transfer Family</b>	Managed SFTP/FTP/FTPS service.	file transfer

## Networking & Content Delivery

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>API Gateway</b>	Create & manage REST/HTTP APIs.	API endpoint
<b>CloudFront</b>	Global CDN caching for content.	CDN
<b>Direct Connect</b>	Dedicated private network link.	private fiber
<b>Global Accelerator</b>	Anycast IP for faster global access.	static IP
<b>Route 53</b>	DNS routing & domain registration.	DNS
<b>VPC</b>	Private virtual network.	subnets
<b>VPN</b>	Secure site-to-site or client tunnels.	IPSec

## Security, Identity & Compliance

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Artifact</b>	Download compliance reports/certs.	compliance docs
<b>Audit Manager</b>	Automate audit evidence collection.	audit
<b>Certificate Manager (ACM)</b>	Provision/manage SSL/TLS certs.	certificates
<b>CloudHSM</b>	Hardware key management.	HSM
<b>Cognito</b>	User authentication & federation.	user pool
<b>Detective</b>	Analyze security findings.	investigation
<b>Directory Service</b>	Managed Microsoft AD.	Active Directory
<b>Firewall Manager</b>	Centralize WAF/firewall rules.	firewall
<b>GuardDuty</b>	Threat detection via logs.	threat detect

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>IAM</b>	Create users, groups, roles, policies.	access control
<b>IAM Identity Center (SSO)</b>	Single sign-on for AWS apps.	SSO
<b>Inspector</b>	Automated vulnerability scanning.	scan
<b>KMS</b>	Create & control encryption keys.	encryption keys
<b>Macie</b>	Discover & protect sensitive data.	PII
<b>Network Firewall</b>	Managed network firewall.	layer-3/4 firewall
<b>Resource Access Manager</b>	Share resources across accounts.	cross-account
<b>Secrets Manager</b>	Store & rotate secrets safely.	credentials
<b>Security Hub</b>	Central security dashboard.	posture
<b>Shield</b>	Managed DDoS protection.	DDoS
<b>WAF</b>	Web Application Firewall for HTTP/S.	web firewall

## Serverless

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Fargate</b>	Run containers without managing servers.	serverless containers
<b>Lambda</b>	Run code on events, no servers.	event-driven

## Storage

Service	Explanation	Keywords
<b>Backup</b>	Centralized, policy-based backups.	backup plan
<b>EBS</b>	Block storage for EC2 volumes.	persistent disk
<b>EFS</b>	Elastic NFS file system.	shared file
<b>Elastic Disaster Recovery</b>	Rapid failover for apps.	DR
<b>FSx</b>	Managed file systems (Windows, Lustre).	file share
<b>S3</b>	Scalable object storage.	buckets
<b>S3 Glacier</b>	Low-cost archival storage.	cold storage
<b>Storage Gateway</b>	Hybrid on-premises/cloud storage.	hybrid storage