

Top 50 AWS Interview Questions and Answers (2024)

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1) Explain what AWS is?

AWS stands for Amazon Web Service; it is a collection of remote computing services also known as a cloud computing platform. This new realm of cloud computing is also known as IaaS or Infrastructure as a Service.

2) Mention what the key components of AWS are?

The key components of AWS are

- **Route 53:** A DNS web service
 - **Simple E-mail Service:** It allows sending e-mail using RESTFUL [API](#) call or via regular SMTP
 - **Identity and Access Management:** It provides enhanced security and identity management for your AWS account
 - **Simple Storage Device or (S3):** It is a storage device and the most widely used AWS service
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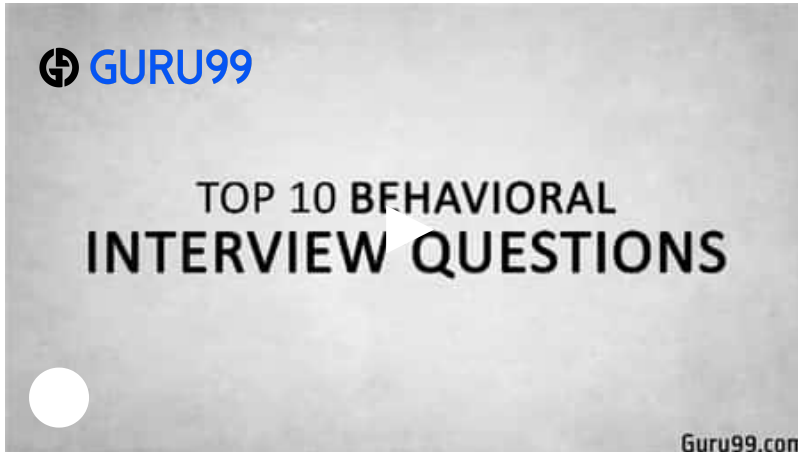
- **Elastic Block Store (EBS):** It offers persistent storage volumes that attach to EC2 to allow you to persist data past the lifespan of a single Amazon EC2 instance
 - **CloudWatch:** To monitor AWS resources, It allows administrators to view and collect keys. Also, one can set a notification alarm in case of trouble.
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3) Explain what S3 is?

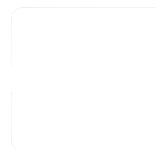
S3 stands for Simple Storage Service. You can use the S3 interface to store and retrieve any amount of data, at any time and from anywhere on the web. For S3, the payment model is "pay as you go."

4) What is AMI?

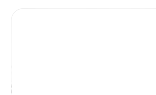
AMI stands for Amazon Machine Image. It's a template that provides the information (an [operating system](#), an application server, and applications) required to launch an instance, which is a copy of the AMI running as a virtual server in the cloud. You can launch instances from as many different AMIs as you need.



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5) Mention what the relationship between an instance and AMI is?

From a single AMI, you can launch multiple types of instances. An instance type defines the hardware of the host computer used for your instance. Each instance type provides



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6) What does an AMI include?

An AMI includes the following things

- A template for the root volume for the instance
- Launch permissions decide which AWS accounts can avail the AMI to launch instances
- A block device mapping that determines the volumes to attach to the instance when it is launched

7) How can you send a request to Amazon S3?

Amazon S3 is a REST service, and you can send a request by using the REST API or the AWS SDK wrapper libraries that wrap the underlying Amazon S3 REST API.

8) Mention what the difference between Amazon S3 and EC2 is?

The difference between EC2 and Amazon S3 is that

| EC2 | S3 |
|--|---|
| It is a cloud web service used for hosting your application | It is a data storage system where any amount of data can be stored |
| It is like a huge computer machine which can run either Linux or Windows and can handle applications like PHP, Python, | It has a REST interface and uses secure HMAC-SHA1 authentication keys |

9) How many buckets can you create in AWS by default?

By default, you can create up to 100 buckets in each of your AWS accounts.

10) Explain can you vertically scale an Amazon instance? How?

Yes, you can vertically scale on the Amazon instance. For that

- Spin up a new larger instance than the one you are currently running
 - Pause that instance and detach the root web volume from the server and discard
 - Then stop your live instance and detach its root volume
 - Note the unique device ID and attach that root volume to your new server
 - And start it again
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11) Explain what T2 instances is?

T2 instances are designed to provide moderate baseline performance and the capability to burst to higher performance as required by the workload.

12) In VPC with private and public subnets, database servers should ideally be launched into which subnet?

With private and public subnets in VPC, database servers should ideally launch into private subnets.

13) Mention what the security best practices for Amazon EC2 are?

For secure Amazon EC2 best practices, follow the following steps

- Use AWS identity and access management to control access to your AWS resources
- Restrict access by allowing only trusted hosts or networks to access ports on your instance

14) Explain how the buffer is used in Amazon web services?

The buffer is used to make the system more robust to manage traffic or load by synchronizing different components. Usually, components receive and process the requests in an unbalanced way. With the help of a buffer, the components will be balanced and will work at the same speed to provide faster services.

15) While connecting to your instance what are the possible connection issues one might face?

The possible connection errors one might encounter while connecting instances are

- Connection timed out
 - User key not recognized by the server
 - Host key not found, permission denied
 - An unprotected private key file
 - Server refused our key or No supported authentication method available
 - Error using MindTerm on Safari Browser
 - Error using Mac OS X RDP Client
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16) What are key-pairs in AWS?

Key-pairs are secure login information for your virtual machines. To connect to the instances, you can use key-pairs which contain a public-key and private-key.

17) What are the different types of instances?

Following are the types of instances:

- General purpose
- Computer Optimized
- Memory Optimized
- Storage Optimized

18) Is the property of broadcast or multicast supported by Amazon VPC?

No, currently Amazon VPC does not provide support for broadcast or multicast.

19) How many Elastic IPs are allowed to be created by AWS?

5 VPC Elastic IP addresses are allowed for each AWS account.

20) Explain default storage class in S3

The default storage class is a Standard frequently accessed.

21) What are the Roles?

Roles are used to provide permissions to entities which you can trust within your AWS account. Roles are very similar to users. However, with roles, you do not require to create any username and password to work with the resources.

22) What are the edge locations?

Edge location is the area where the contents will be cached. So, when a user is trying to access any content, the content will automatically be searched in the edge location.

23) What is VPC?

VPC stands for Virtual Private Cloud. It allows you to customize your networking configuration. It is a network which is logically isolated from another network in the cloud. It allows you to have your IP address range, internet gateways, subnet, and security groups.

24) Explain snowball

Snowball is a data transport option. It used source appliances to a large amount of data into and out of AWS. With the help of snowball, you can transfer a massive amount of data from one place to another. It helps you to reduce networking costs.

25) What is a redshift?

Redshift is a big [data warehouse](#) product. It is a fast and powerful, fully managed data warehouse service in the cloud.

26) What are the advantages of auto-scaling?

Following are the advantages of autoscaling

- Offers fault tolerance
 - Better availability
 - Better cost management
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A large section of IP Addresses divided into chunks is known as subnets.

28) Can you establish a Peering connection to a VPC in a different region?

Yes, we can establish a peering connection to a VPC in a different region. It is called inter-region VPC peering connection.

29) What is SQS?

Simple Queue Service is also known as SQS. It is distributed queuing service which acts as a mediator for two controllers.

30) How many subnets can you have per VPC?

You can have 200 subnets per VPC.

31) DNS and Load Balancer service comes under which type of cloud service?

DNS and Load Balancer and DNS services come under IAAS-storage cloud service.

32) What is the role of AWS CloudTrail?

CloudTrail is a specially designed tool for logging and tracking API calls. It helps to [audit](#) all S3 bucket accesses.

33) When was EC2 officially launched?

EC2 officially launched in the year 2006.

SimpleDB is a data repository of structure record which encourages data doubts and indexing both S3 and EC2 are called SimpleDB.

35) Explain Amazon ElasticCache

Amazon ElastiCache is a web service which makes it easy to deploy, scale and store data in the cloud.

36) What is AWS Lambda?

Lambda is an Amazon compute service which allows you to run code in the AWS Cloud without managing servers.

37) Name the types of AMI provided by AWS

The types of AMI provided by AWS are:

1. Instance store backed
 2. EBS backed
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38) Name the AWS service that exists only to redundantly cache data and images?

AWS Edge locations are services that redundantly cache data and images.

39) Explain Geo Restriction in CloudFront

A Geo-restriction feature helps you to prevent users of specific geographic locations from accessing content which you're distributing through a CloudFront web distribution.

40) What is Amazon EMR?

Services help you to investigate a large amount of data. You can prepare data for the analytics goals and marketing intellect workloads using Apache [Hive](#) and using other relevant open-source designs.

41) What is the boot time taken for the instance stored backed AMI?

The boot time for an Amazon instance store-backend AMI is less than 5 minutes.

42) Do you need an internet gateway to use peering connections?

Yes, the Internet gateway is needed to use VPC (virtual private cloud peering) connections.

43) How to connect EBS volume to multiple instances?

We can't be able to connect EBS volume to multiple instances. However, you can connect various EBS Volumes to a single instance.

44) List different types of cloud services

Various types of cloud services are:

- Software as a Service (SaaS),
 - Data as a Service (DaaS)
 - Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS).
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45) State the difference between An Instance and AMI

46) What are the different types of Load Balancers in AWS services?

Two types of Load balancers are:

1. Application Load Balancer
 2. Classic Load Balancer
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47) In which situation you will select provisioned IOPS over Standard RDS storage?

You should select provisioned IOPS storage over standard RDS storage if you want to perform batch-related workloads.

48) What are the important features of Amazon cloud search?

Important features of the Amazon cloud are:

- Boolean searches
- Prefix Searches
- Range searches
- Entire text search
- AutoComplete advice

49) Can vertically scaling is allowed in Amazon Instance?

Yes, you can vertically estimate one Amazon instance.

50) What is the use of lifecycle hooks in Autoscaling?

Lifecycle hooks are used for autoscaling to put an additional wait time to a scale in or scale out event.

51) What are the various layers of Cloud Architecture explained in AWS training?

Different layers of cloud architecture are:

- Cloud controller
 - Cluster controller
 - Storage Controller
 - Node Controller
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52) What are the storage class available in Amazon s3?

Storage classes available with Amazon s3 are:

- Amazon S3 standard
 - Amazon S3 standard-infrequent Access
 - Amazon S3 Reduced Redundancy Storage
 - Amazon Glacier
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53) Name some of the DB engines which can be used in AWS RDS

1. MS-SQL DB

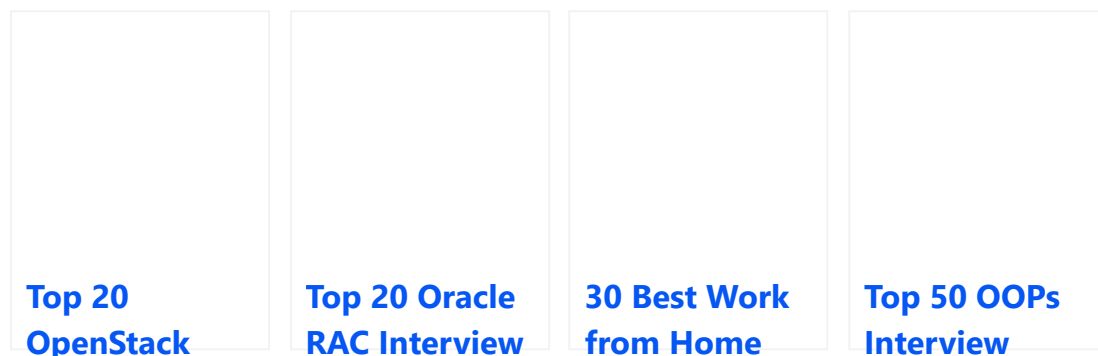
2. MySQL DB

5. PostgreSQL

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gutta naresh says:

nice,thnak u very much and i want to more interview questions on aws

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Roopal says:

Good questions . Thanks a lot!

Reply

Pritam says:

Ok i will do that

Reply

Venkat kammari says:

Very good thank you for nice explanation.

Reply

Manish Dixit says:

Question 46, types of load balancer... I think 3 types of load balancer... Application , network and classic

Reply

Yuvan Shankar says:

Now its 4?

Meraj says:

Actually 4 types

1 Classic LB

2 Network LB

3 Application LB

4 Gateway LB

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भुवन says:

Yes, you are right

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Pradeep N says:

thank you, very use full questions.

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Purushottam says:

One correction peering connection is possible in different reason

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Krishna says:

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Mani Kumar says:

Very very nice and good explanation..we need more questions on aws that can helpful for us..Thank you in Advance !..

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Prabhakar says:

Thanks so much for your interview questions on AWS. It is very helpful. Could you please upload scenario based questions and step by step process wise scenarios. It would be more helpful. Greatly appreciate. Thanks in advance..

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hemanth says:

this interview question is very use full to me

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Mahesh says:

Answer is incorrect for "Can you establish a Peering connection to a VPC in a different region?"

you can establish a peering connect across regions and accounts, it is possible.

Krishna says:

Thanks for writing. It is reviewed and updated.

Reply

ravindra naik says:

thank you very helpfull

Reply

Ramakrishna says:

I want to more aws questions pls provide

Thank you very much nice explanation

Reply

Ramakrishna says:

Thank you very much nice explanation

Reply

Roopal says:

Good questions . Thanks a lot!

Reply

prabhath says:

any one can explain about Peering connection

Reply

Piper says:

Thank you for this interview question and answer I would love to see more

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RamuNaik says:

well questions for revise subject but better to provide analitical questions on aws...

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Siddiq says:

Good Questions Thanks, but answers can be better described in a bit better English.

Reply

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Mahesha Chinnaswamy says:

For question no 28 – We can establish peering connection between VPCs in different regions.

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Krishna says:

Thanks for writing. It is updated.

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Mukund says:

Q28 VPC Peering between different regions is wrong. AWS allows for VPC peering where the VPC's are in different regions.

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Mukund says:

Also, Q29, SQL – I think you meant SQS – Simple Queue Service.

[Reply](#)

Thanks for writing. It is reviewed and updated.

Reply

Archana says:

I completed cloud aws beginner level course in udemy. Can you please guide me where to start learning for associate level. Also it will be very great to know any coaching centre suggestions. Thank you in advance

Reply

Manish Mukul says:

Very good thank you for nice explanation.

Reply

Aftab says:

28) Can you establish a Peering connection to a VPC in a different region?
No, It's only possible between VPCs in the same region.

Yes we can create vpc peering from one region to another region and also one account to another account

Reply

Krishna says:

Reply

Apurva says:

29) question needs correction- It should be – What is SQS*

Reply

Krishna says:

Thanks for writing. It is corrected.

Reply

Apurva says:

Many service features have updated since this is written and it needs to be updated.

Reply

Bile Bakshi says:

Answer of the question no 28. Is wrong. You can create peering connection between two different regions. Please review this answer of this question what I mentioned.

Thanks...

Reply

Thanks for writing. It is reviewed and updated.

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Amar says:

Thanks for compiling the list of questions. A quick observation – the content seems to be outdated.

Reply

Mohd majid Ahmed says:

Good content

Thanks alot

Reply

Mr. Scott says:

I appreciated all of the information. I'd recommend proofreading as there are a number of grammatical mistakes.

Reply

EJ says:

ves a number of kev mistakes: also. some out of date items. aet in touch with me and I

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Kp says:

Can I get Aws Q/@ dump

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Soumyadip Chatterjee says:

Excellent bunch of questions & answers , very helpful

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mayur says:

que no. 28 VPCs across accounts and AWS Regions can also be peered together
que. no. 29 it is SQS not SQL.

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Krishna says:

Hi, thanks for writing and drawing attention. Both the questions are reviewed and updated.

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Wonderful explanation, looking forward for more quizzes

Reply

Anil says:

Brilliant information, thanks much.....

Reply

Dilip Prajapati says:

Some of the answer not properly explained.

Like what are the roles?

Rather than explaining about roles

It's characteristics were explained.

Some typo mistake

29) what is SQL

Correct ans is structured query language

But here it's explained as simple queue service ...Which is wrong.

Reply

Krishna says:

Hi, thanks for writing and drawing attention. The content is reviewed and updated.

Reply

No SQs is one of AWS webservice ..so that is correcr

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Ankit Gautam says:

Why we are unable to add a DynamoDB trigger with read access to the lambda function ?

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Johny says:

Computer Optimized is typo error in types of instances, pls correct it to Compute Optimized

Reply

Neel says:

Really nice questions!!

Reply

Koti says:

Good, these help alot

Reply

CoderBoy says:

Thanks a lot!

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Piper says:

Thank you for the info very helpful

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Pete says:

Can u use parts of an heat treated vessel for example the head use it again and heat treat it again

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Ram shinde says:

Its very usefull to us

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