AWS - Global - Infra

The core components of the AWS global infrastructure are Regions, Availability Zones,
Edge Locations, and Regional Edge Caches. These components work together to
provide a reliable, scalable, and globally distributed cloud infrastructure.

AWS Global Infrastructure - Quick Notes

1. Regions

- Separate **geographic areas** with multiple data centers.
- Provide **redundancy** and **disaster recovery**.
- Examples: us-east-1 (N. Virginia), eu-west-1 (Ireland).

2. Availability Zones (AZs)

- Each Region has **multiple AZs** (typically 3+).
- AZs are **isolated** but connected with **low-latency links**.
- Enable fault-tolerant, highly available architectures.

3. Edge Locations

- Global Points of Presence (PoPs) used by CloudFront.
- Cache content closer to users for reduced latency.
- Ideal for static content delivery and dynamic acceleration.

4. Regional Edge Caches

- Larger caches located between edge locations and origin.
- Help serve **less frequently accessed** content faster.
- Reduce pressure on origin servers and improve latency.

Specialized AWS Infrastructure

5. Local Zones

- Extend AWS services to major metro areas.
- Support **ultra-low latency** use cases (e.g. gaming, media).
- Still managed by AWS, but closer to end-users.

6. Wavelength Zones

- AWS infrastructure **inside 5G networks** (with telecom providers).
- Enables ultra-low latency (single-digit ms) for 5G apps.
- Great for real-time use cases like AR/VR, IoT, autonomous driving.

7. AWS Outposts

- Bring AWS to your data center (fully managed hardware).
- Run AWS services **on-premises** with local low-latency needs.
- Ideal for **hybrid cloud** or **data residency** requirements.