

AWS ECS in detail

If we are using ECS, AWS is responsible for operations of cloud.

- Monitoring
- Availability
- Scaling
- Patching

We need to take care of.

- Deployment
- Cost Control
- Security

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If we are deploying our containers on EC2.

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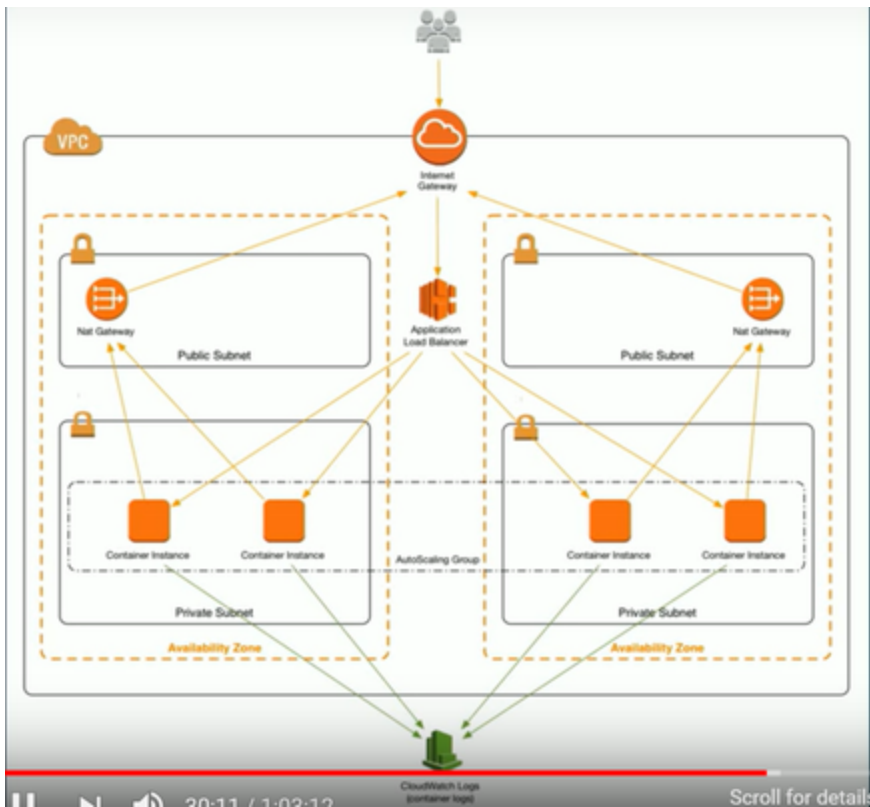
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ECS Container Instances.

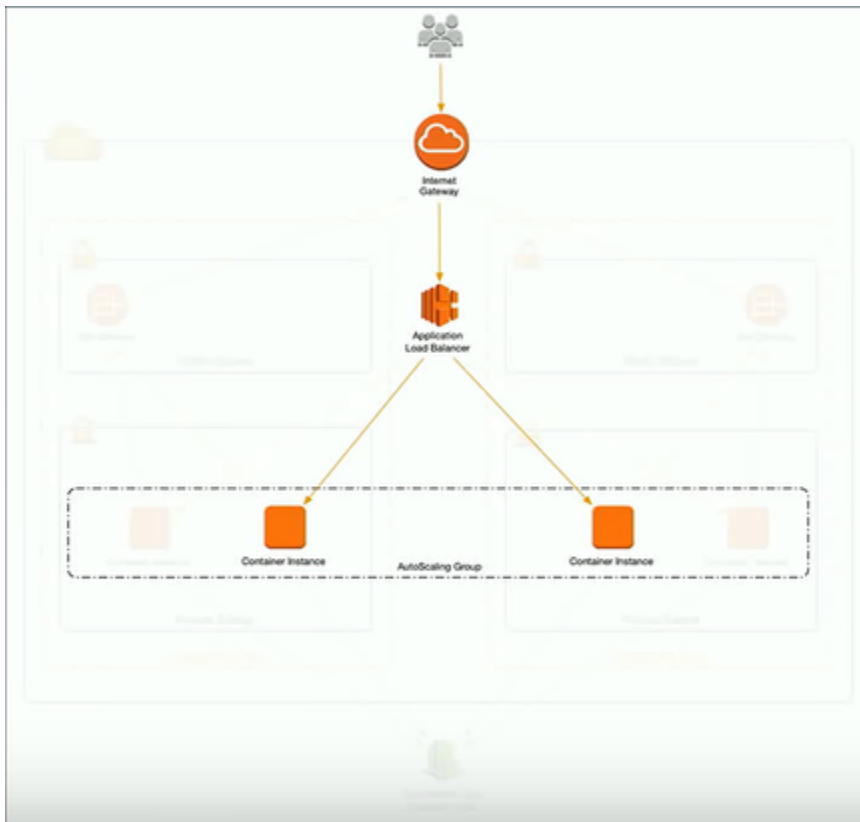
1. Highly available architecture, distributed across multiple availability zones.
2. VPC with public and private subnets
3. Application load balancer with path based routing for inbound traffic
4. NAT gateway for outbound traffic
5. Auto scaling group for container instances
6. Cloudwatch logs for centralized container logging

<https://github.com/aws-samples/ecs-refarch-cloudformation>



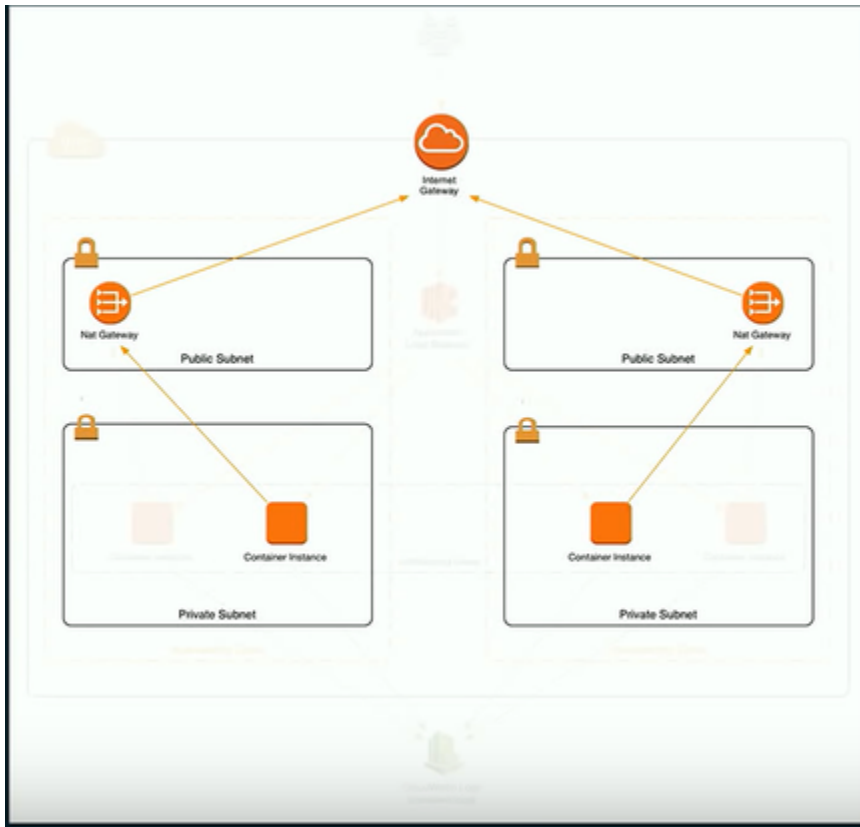
Inbound Traffic flow.

1. Incoming HTTP/HTTPS traffic comes in via the application load balancer in public subnets.
2. The ALB uses path based routing to route `/products/*` to the container instances in private subnets running our product's service.
3. Supports dynamic host port mapping, allowing multiple containers of the same type on each host.



Outbound traffic flow.

1. Our container instances are in private subnets, with no direct internet access.
2. At same point, they might need access to external services
3. NAT gateway provide a highly scalable and available solution.



Logging:

1. ECS integrates directly with cloudwatch logs
2. Centralized collection of container logs
3. Centralized collection of instances logs
4. Search, filter, and alert on log conditions

Scaling:

1. Use auto scaling groups
2. Set auto scaling group min, max, desired
3. Scale in and out based on Cloudwatch alarms

IAM roles.

1. Bound to the ECS container instance
2. Applied to all container running on the host
3. Pulling images from the ECR
4. Cloudwatch logs

IAM roles for tasks.

1. Bound to specific ECS tasks.
2. Task-specific access to AWS services

Container Instances: Building Blocks Provided

Deployment

CloudFormation

CLI

SDKs

etc...

Security

IAM

Inspector

VPC Flow Logs

etc...

Patching

Update your AMI, replace instances

Monitoring

CloudWatch

Scaling

Auto Scaling group

Availability

Cost Control

Reserved Instances

Spot Fleet

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