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Foundation	AWS Organizations only	AWS Control Tower	AWS Control Tower	AWS Control Tower with custom extensions
Account Structure	- Management account - 1 workload account	 Management account Log archive account Audit account 1+ workload accounts 	 Management account Log archive account Audit account Shared services account Separate Dev, Test, Prod accounts Separate business unit/app accounts 	 - Management account - Log archive account - Audit account - Security account - Shared services account - Network account - Separate Dev, Test, Stage, Prod accounts - Separate business unit/department/app accounts
Organizational Structure	Minimal AWS Organizations structure: - Root - Workloads OU	Basic AWS Organizations structure: - Root - Core OU (Log, Audit) - Workloads OU	More complex OU structure: - Root - Core OU (Log, Audit, Shared Services) - Prod OU - Non-Prod OU - Sandbox OU	Comprehensive OU structure: - Root - Infrastructure OU (Core, Network, Security) - Prod OU (by business unit) - Non-Prod OU (by business unit) - Sandbox OU - Suspended OU
Guardrails	- Basic SCPs - Manual AWS Config rules	- Basic SCPs - Control Tower mandatory guardrails - Few selected strongly recommended guardrails	- SCPs for each OU - All Control Tower guardrails - Custom AWS Config rules - Tag policies	 Granular SCPs for each OU All Control Tower guardrails Extensive custom AWS Config rules Custom Lambda functions for advanced policies Comprehensive tag policies and enforcement
Access Management	- IAM users and groups - Basic IAM policies	- AWS IAM Identity Center - Basic permission sets - Local user management	- AWS IAM Identity Center - Integration with customer's identity provider (e.g., Azure AD) - Custom permission sets - Attribute-based access control (ABAC)	- AWS IAM Identity Center - Integration with enterprise identity management - Fine-grained permission sets - Advanced ABAC - Custom IAM policies and roles - Automated access reviews
Networking	- Simple VPC setup - Basic VPN for on-	- Basic VPC setup - AWS Transit Gateway for	- Hub-and-spoke with AWS Transit Gateway	- Complex architecture with Transit Gateway

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	needed)	inter-VPC connectivity - Simple Direct Connect or VPN for on-premises connectivity	- Shared services VPC - Transit Gateway Network Manager - AWS Network Firewall - Direct Connect with backup VPN	- Multiple Transit Gateways for isolation - SD-WAN integration - AWS Network Firewall and Gateway Load Balancer - AWS WAF and Shield Advanced - Global Accelerator for optimized routing - Multiple Direct Connect connections with redundancy
Automation	Simple CloudFormation templatesBasic AWS CLI scripts	- Basic CloudFormation templates - AWS Systems Manager for patching and maintenance	- CloudFormation StackSets - AWS Systems Manager for config management - Basic CI/CD pipelines for infrastructure	- Control Tower Account Factory for Terraform (AFT) - Custom account vending machine - Advanced CI/CD pipelines for infrastructure and applications - AWS Systems Manager for comprehensive ops management - Custom automation runbooks
Security	- GuardDuty (optional) - Basic IAM policies - Manual security checks	- GuardDuty - Basic IAM policies - AWS Security Hub (basic features) - Amazon Inspector for vulnerability assessments	- GuardDuty with automated remediation - Security Hub with custom actions - Network Firewall - AWS Config advanced queries - Amazon Detective for security investigations - AWS Certificate Manager for SSL/TLS management	- GuardDuty with custom threat detection - Security Hub with multi-account aggregation - Network Firewall with complex rule sets - WAF with custom rules and managed rule sets - AWS Macie for sensitive data discovery - AWS KMS for centralized key management - Third-party security tool integration (e.g., Splunk, CrowdStrike)
Monitoring and Logging	management account	 Basic CloudWatch dashboards CloudTrail logs in central account Simple SNS/SES alerting 	Enhanced CloudWatch dashboards and alarmsCloudTrail logs with organization trailLog aggregation in	- Comprehensive monitoring with CloudWatch, CloudTrail, and X-Ray - Centralized logging with Kinesis Data Firehose - Advanced log analytics with

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			centralized account - Basic log analytics with Athena	Elasticsearch Service - Custom metrics and logs collection - Integration with enterprise monitoring tools (e.g., Datadog, New Relic)
Cost Management	- AWS Budgets (basic) - Cost Explorer (basic usage)	- AWS Budgets and Cost Explorer - Basic cost allocation tags	 - AWS Budgets and Cost Explorer - Detailed tagging strategy - AWS Cost and Usage Report - Savings Plans for compute savings 	- AWS Budgets and Cost Explorer with customizations - Comprehensive tagging strategy and enforcement - Savings Plans and Reserved Instances optimization - Detailed cost allocation and chargeback model - Integration with FinOps platforms (e.g., CloudHealth, Cloudability)
Compliance and Governance	- Manual compliance checks - AWS Artifact for accessing compliance reports	- Basic AWS Config rules - Manual compliance reporting - AWS Artifact for accessing compliance reports	- Custom AWS Config rules - AWS Audit Manager for assessments - Automated compliance reporting - Integration with GRC tools	 Extensive custom AWS Config rules AWS Audit Manager with custom frameworks Continuous compliance monitoring and remediation Custom dashboards for compliance status Integration with enterprise GRC platforms
Data Management	- Basic S3 bucket policies - Manual backups	- Basic S3 bucket policies - Simple backup strategy with AWS Backup	- S3 bucket policies and access points - AWS Backup with cross-region and cross-account strategies - Basic data lifecycle management	- Complex S3 bucket policies, access points, and lens - AWS Backup with advanced features and custom scripts - Comprehensive data lifecycle and archival strategies - Data catalog and classification using AWS Glue and Macie - Data lakes with Lake Formation
Disaster Recovery	- Basic backup strategy - Single-region deployment	Basic backup and restore strategySingle-region deployments	- Multi-region backup strategy - Pilot light or warm standby for critical applications	- Multi-region active-active deployments - Advanced DR strategies (e.g., hot standby, multi-site active-active)

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			- Basic disaster recovery	- Automated failover and failback
			runbooks	procedures
				- Regular DR testing and simulation
				exercises