

AWS Technical Essentials

Lesson 6—Deployment and Management



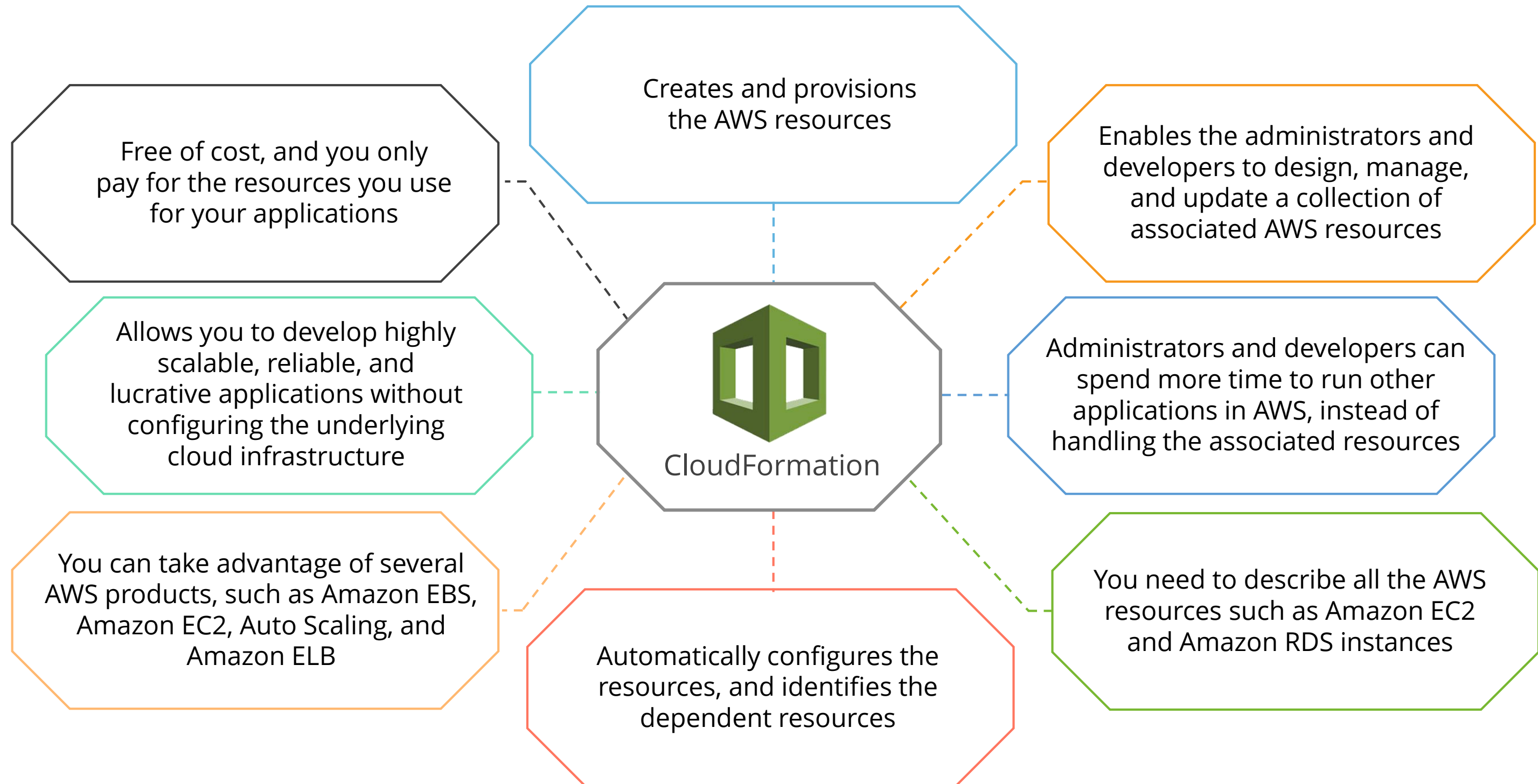
WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- AWS CloudFormation
- Creating templates and stacks to configure the resources in Amazon CloudFormation
- Amazon CloudWatch, Metrics, and Alarms
- Amazon Identity and Access Management (IAM)



AWS CloudFormation

AWS CloudFormation—Introduction



Three Key Benefits of Amazon CloudFormation

You are ensured of easy control and tracking of the infrastructure

You get to work with a simplified infrastructure management



You can easily and quickly replicate your infrastructure across regions

CloudFormation Components—Templates

The key components of AWS CloudFormation are templates and stacks.

```
template1
1 {
2   "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",
3   "Description": "AWS CloudFormation Sample Template VPC_Single_Instance_In_Subnet.",
4   "Parameters": {
5     "InstanceType": {
6       "Description": "WebServer EC2 instance type",
7       "Type": "String",
8       "Default": "t2.micro",
9       "AllowedValues": [
10        "t1.micro",
11      ],
12      "ConstraintDescription": "must be a valid EC2 instance type."
13    },
14    "KeyName": {
15      "Description": "Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instance.",
16      "Type": "AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName",
17      "ConstraintDescription": "must be the name of an existing EC2 KeyPair."
18    },
19  },
20  "Mappings": {
21    "AWSInstanceType2Arch": {
22      "t1.micro": {
23        "Arch": "PV64"
24      },
25    },
26  },
27  "Resources": {
28    "VPC": {
29      "Type": "AWS::EC2::VPC",
30      "Properties": {
31        "EnableDnsSupport": "true",
32        "EnableDnsHostnames": "true",
33        "CidrBlock": "10.0.0.0/16"
34      },
35    },
36  },
37  "InternetGateway": {
38    "Type": "AWS::EC2::InternetGateway",
39    "Metadata": {
40      "AWS::CloudFormation::Designer": {
41        "id": "a166c4f5-7cc4-429b-b9d8-2c8c43facc63"
42      }
43    }
44  },
45 }
```

Describes resources, their properties, and runtime parameters

Conforms to the JavaScript Object Notation

Depicts the AWS infrastructure

File extension: .txt, .json, or .template

A blueprint for creating and configuring your resources

Features of a Template

CloudFormation Components—Stacks

A Stack is an array of resources manageable as a single unit.



A stack can have all the resources needed to run a Web application, such as a Database or a Web Server.



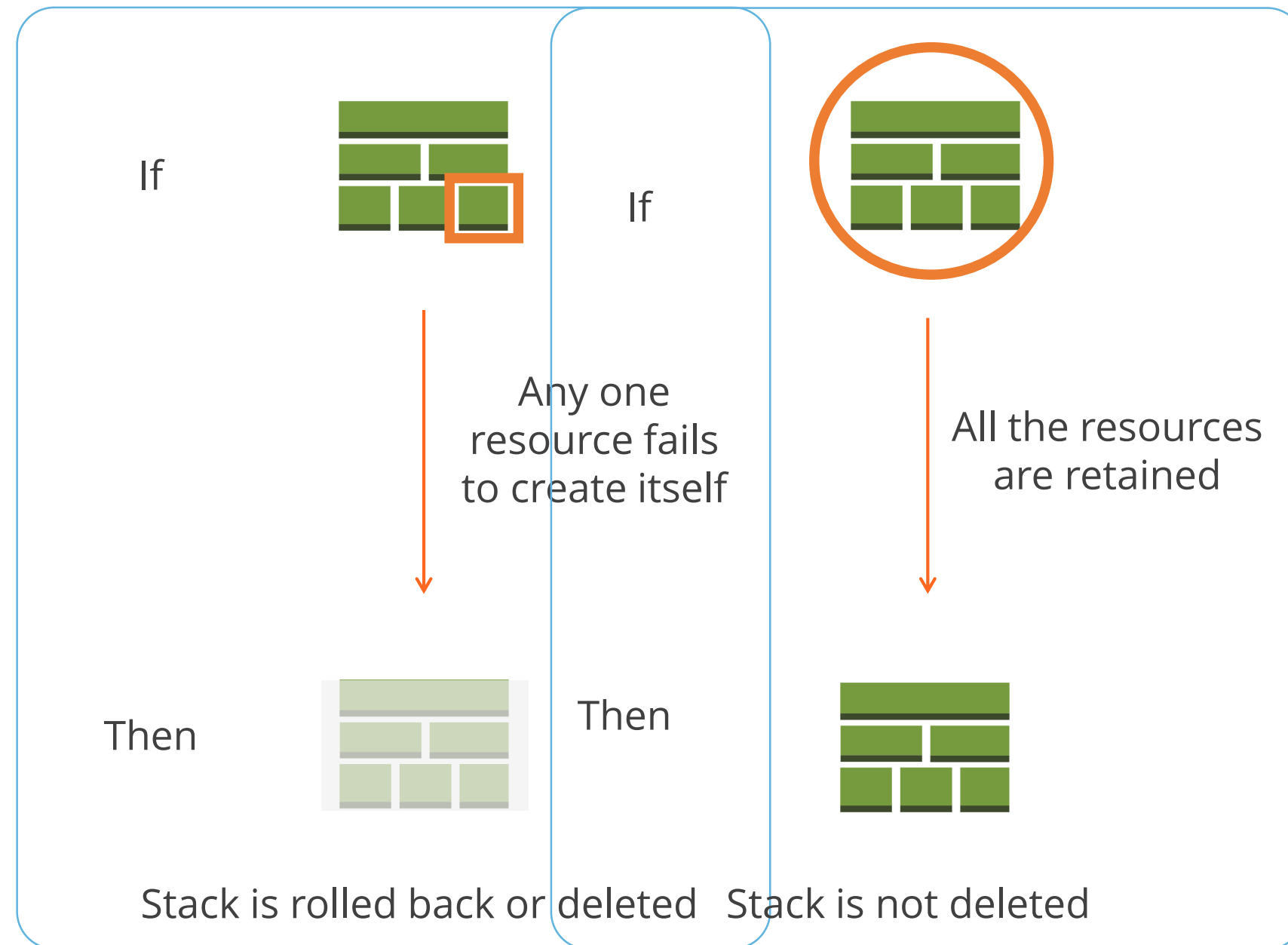
Stack



AWS CloudFormation creates, manages, and updates a collection of resources by creating, managing, and updating stacks.

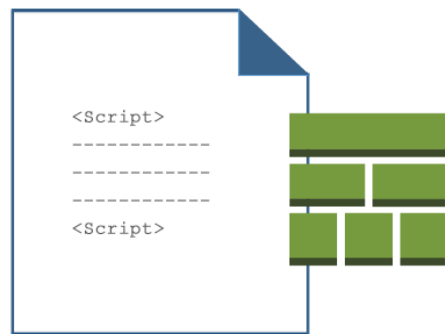
CloudFormation Components—Stacks

A Stack is handled as a single unit.



Template—Example

The AWS CloudFormation Console allows creating and updating templates along with the related collection of resources or stacks.



Stacks with Template

Describes

- Amazon EC2 instance
- Instance type
- Key pair name
- EBS volume
- Additional resources

Append



Template—Example

Creating Resources

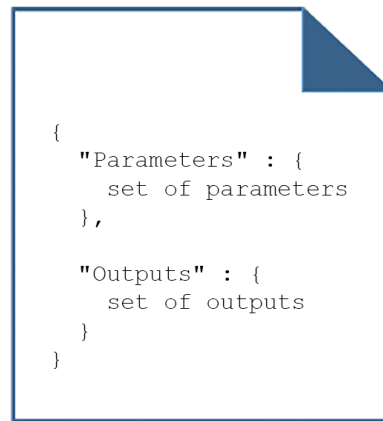
- Submit the template
- Form a stack
- Configure resources

Updating Stack

- Modify or update the resources
- Make necessary changes to the template
- Re-submit to AWS CloudFormation

Reusable Templates

You can create a template to reuse it.



Reusable Template






Specify input parameters

Determine parameter values at the time of creating the stack

Template Anatomy

Open Brace ←

```
template1   
   
1 {  
2   "Parameters": {  
3     "InstanceType": {  
4       "Description": "WebServer EC2 instance type",  
5       "Type": "String",  
6       "Default": "t2.micro",  
7       "AllowedValues": [  

```

Closed Brace ←

```
65     "MinLength": "9",  
66     "MaxLength": "18",  
67     "Default": "0.0.0.0/0",  
68     "AllowedPattern": "(\\d{1,3})\\. (\\d{1,3})\\. (\\d{1,3})\\. (\\d{1,3})/(\\d{1,2})",  
69     "ConstraintDescription": "must be a valid IP CIDR range of the form x.x.x.x/x."  
70   }  
71 }  
72 }  
  
Components Template
```

Eight Sections of Template Structure




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FormatVersion: It mentions the AWS template version.

Syntax:

```
"AWSTemplateFormatVersion" : "2010-09-09"
```

Example:

```
template1   
   
1 {  
2   "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",  
3   "Description": "AWS CloudFormation Sample Template VPC_Single_Instance_In_Subnet: Sample template showing how to create a VPC  
and add an EC2 instance with an Elastic IP address and a security group. **WARNING** This template creates an Amazon EC2  
instance. You will be billed for the AWS resources used if you create a stack from this template.",  
4   "Parameters": {  
5     "InstanceType": {  
6       "Description": "WebServer EC2 instance type",  
7       "Type": "String",  
8       "Default": "t2.micro",
```

Eight Sections of Template Structure

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Description: This follows the FormatVersion section, and contains a text string that describes the template.

Syntax:

```
"Description" : "Here are some details about the template."
```

Example:

```
template1   
   
1 {  
2   "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",  
3   "Description": "AWS CloudFormation Sample Template VPC_Single_Instance_In_Subnet: Sample template showing how to create a VPC  
and add an EC2 instance with an Elastic IP address and a security group. **WARNING** This template creates an Amazon EC2  
instance. You will be billed for the AWS resources used if you create a stack from this template.",  
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5     "InstanceType": {  
6       "Description": "WebServer EC2 instance type",  
7       "Type": "String",  
8       "Default": "t2.micro",
```

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Metadata Section: It provides extra information about the template.

Syntax:

```
"Metadata" : {  
  "Instances" : {"Description" : "Information about the instances"},  
  "Databases" : {"Description" : "Information about the databases"}  
}
```

Example:



The screenshot shows a JSON template snippet with line numbers 283 to 300. A section of the template is highlighted with an orange border and a yellow background. The highlighted section is the 'Metadata' block, which contains an 'AWS::CloudFormation::Designer' entry with an 'id' value. The snippet also includes a 'VpcId' block and an 'InternetGateway' block.

```
283  "VpcId": {  
284    "Ref": "VPC"  
285  }  
286  },  
287  "Metadata": {  
288    "AWS::CloudFormation::Designer": {  
289      "id": "3df467ad-673c-4c48-a41c-3ac1626961e3"  
290    }  
291  }  
292  },  
293  "InternetGateway": {  
294    "Type": "AWS::EC2::InternetGateway",  
295    "Metadata": {  
296      "AWS::CloudFormation::Designer": {  
297        "id": "a166c4f5-7cc4-429b-b9d8-2c8c43facc63"  
298      }  
299    }  
300  },
```


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Parameters Section: It contains values to be passed at runtime to the template. These values are passed while creating or updating a stack.

Syntax:

```
"Parameters" : {
  "InstanceTypeParameter" : {
    "Type" : "String",
    "Default" : "t1.micro",
    "AllowedValues" : ["t1.micro", "m1.small", "m1.large"],
    "Description" : "Enter t1.micro, m1.small, or m1.large. Default is t1.micro."
  }
}
```

Example:

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1 {
2   "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",
3   "Description": "AWS CloudFormation Sample Template VPC_Single_Instance_In_Subnet: Sample template showing how to create a VPC and add an EC2 instance with an Elastic IP address and a security group. **WARNING** This template creates an Amazon EC2 instance. You will be billed for the AWS resources used if you create a stack from this template.",
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6       "Description": "WebServer EC2 instance type",
7       "Type": "String",
8       "Default": "t2.micro",
9       "AllowedValues": [
10        "t1.micro",
11        "t2.micro",
12      ],
13       "ConstraintDescription": "must be a valid EC2 instance type."
14     },
15     "KeyName": {
```

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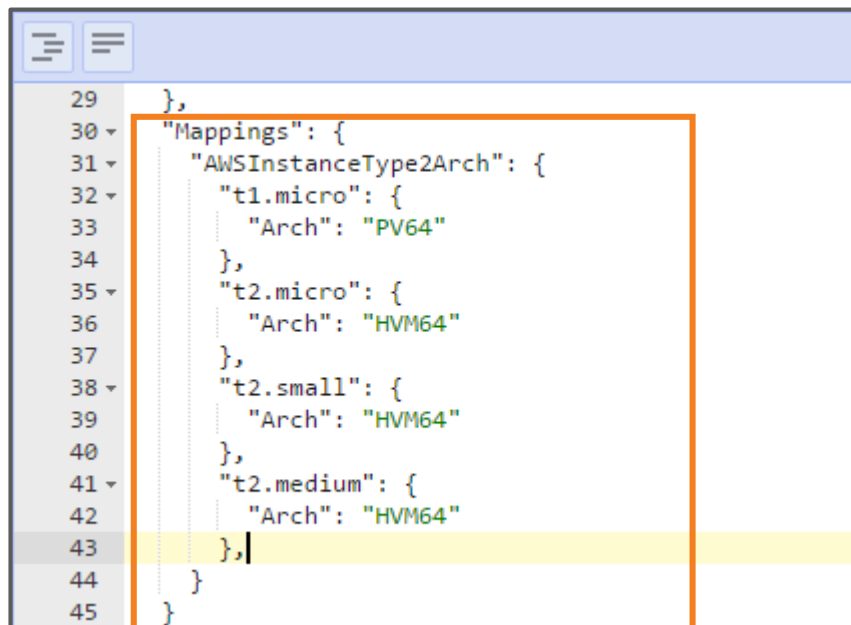
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Mappings Section: It includes mapping of keys. Their values are similar to a lookup table.

Syntax:

```
"Mappings" : {  
  "Mapping01" : {  
    "Key01" : { "Name" : "Value01" },  
    "Key02" : { "Name" : "Value02" },  
  }  
}
```

Example:



```
29 },  
30 "Mappings": {  
31   "AWSInstanceType2Arch": {  
32     "t1.micro": {  
33       "Arch": "PV64"  
34     },  
35     "t2.micro": {  
36       "Arch": "HVM64"  
37     },  
38     "t2.small": {  
39       "Arch": "HVM64"  
40     },  
41     "t2.medium": {  
42       "Arch": "HVM64"  
43     },  
44   }  
45 }
```

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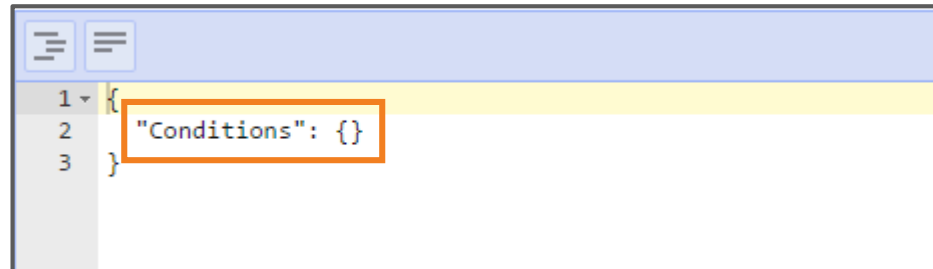
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Conditions Section: It specifies the conditions for creating some specific resources only when they are fulfilled.

Syntax:

```
"Conditions" : {  
  "Logical ID" : {Intrinsic function}  
}
```

Example:



```
1 {  
2   "Conditions": {}  
3 }
```

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Resources Section: It contains the stack resources along with their properties. Resources is the only mandatory section.

Syntax:

```
"Resources" : {  
  "Logical ID" : {"Type" : "Resource type",  
    "Properties" : {Set of properties}  
  }  
}
```

Example:



The screenshot shows a code editor with a template snippet. The 'Resources' section is highlighted with an orange box. The snippet is as follows:

```
45 }  
46 "Resources": {  
47   "VPC": {  
48     "Type": "AWS::EC2::VPC",  
49     "Properties": {  
50       "EnableDnsSupport": "true",  
51       "EnableDnsHostnames": "true",  
52       "CidrBlock": "10.0.0.0/16"  
53     },  
54     "Metadata": {  
55       "AWS::CloudFormation::Designer": {  
56         "id": "96a791f0-938b-4ebe-9f3c-b3fe2a588aee"  
57       }  
58     }  
59   },  
60 }
```

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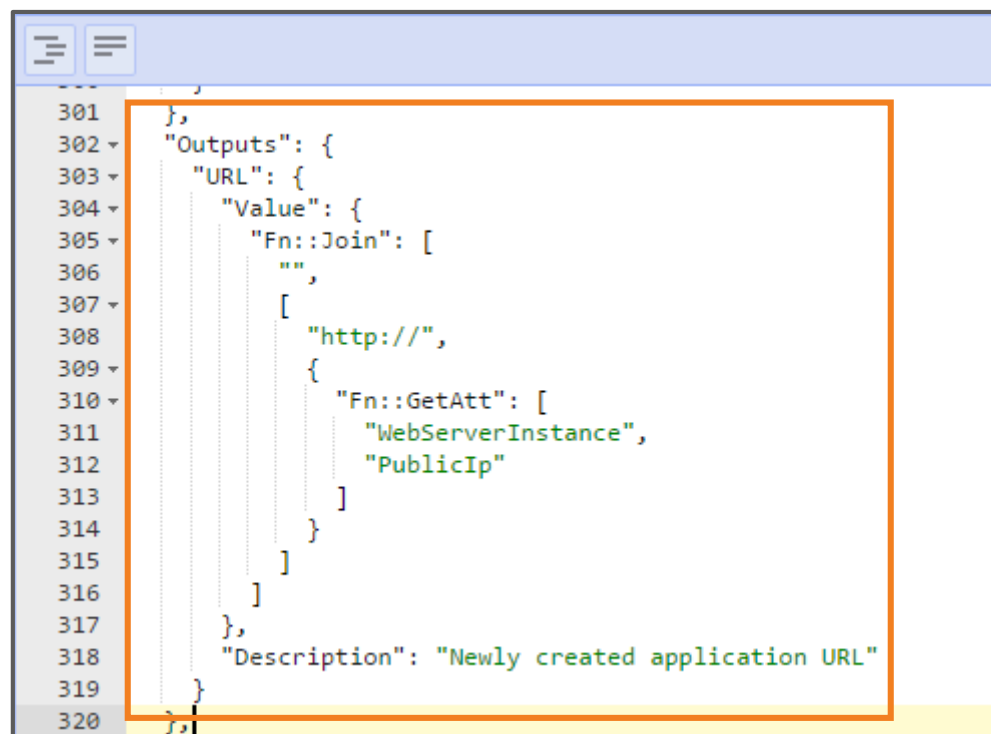
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Outputs Section: It contains the returned values while observing the stack's properties.

Syntax:

```
"Outputs" : {"Logical ID" : {  
  "Description" : "Information about the value",  
  "Value" : "Value to return"  
}  
}
```

Example:



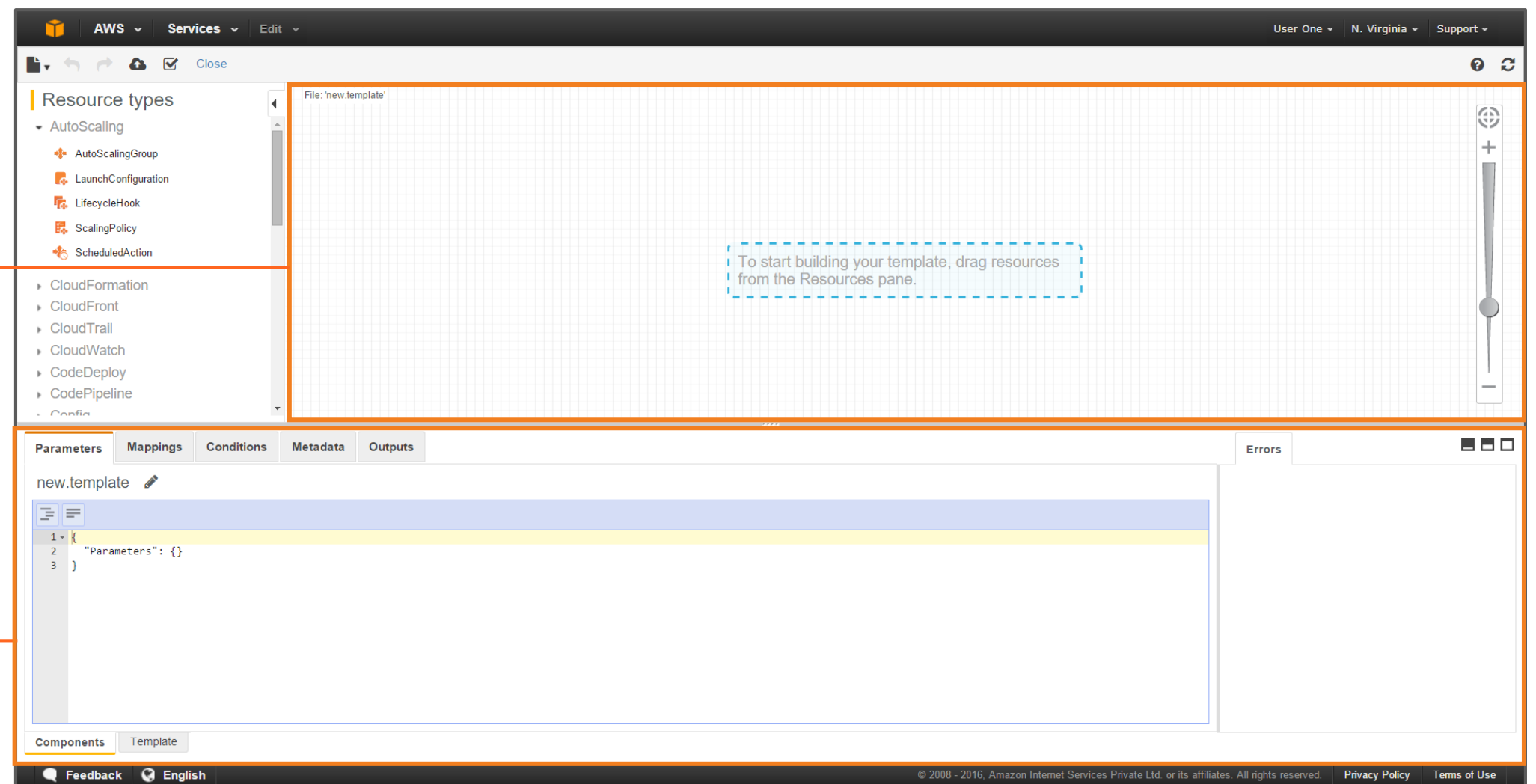
```
301 },  
302 "Outputs": {  
303   "URL": {  
304     "Value": {  
305       "Fn::Join": [  
306         "",  
307         [  
308           "http://",  
309           {  
310             "Fn::GetAtt": [  
311               "WebServerInstance",  
312               "PublicIp"  
313             ]  
314           }  
315         ]  
316       }  
317     },  
318     "Description": "Newly created application URL"  
319   }  
320 },
```

Creating a Template

To create a stack, create a template using either JSON Editor or AWS CloudFormation Designer tool. This enables you to create, view, and modify a template graphically.

AWS CloudFormation Designer tool

JSON Editor



Working of Amazon CloudFormation

When you create a stack, the **CloudFormation** service invokes the underlying services to configure the resources.



If you use a template describing an Amazon EC2 instance with a t2 dot micro type for creating a stack, the **CloudFormation** service invokes the Amazon EC2 create instance API, and states the type as t2 dot micro.

Specify Details

Specify a stack name and parameter values. You can use or change the default parameter values, which are defined in the AWS CloudFormation template. [Learn more.](#)

Stack name

Parameters

InstanceCount Number of Amazon EC2 instances (Must be a number between 1 and 3).

InstanceType Amazon EC2 instance type.

Steps to Create and Configure Resources



Create a template, or choose an existing template

1



Save the template with a suitable extension, Locally or in Amazon S3 bucket

2



Create a stack, and mention the template's location, which can be either your local computer or Amazon S3

3



Demo 01—Creating a Stack

(Refer to the E-Learning course: Screen Number – 6.3)



Knowledge Check

KNOWLEDGE
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Which of the following services creates and provisions AWS resources?

- a. AWS CloudWatch
- b. AWS CloudFormation
- c. AWS Identity and Access Management
- d. AWS CloudFront



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- d. AWS CloudFront



The correct answer is **b.**

Explanation: AWS CloudFormation service creates and provisions AWS resources.

KNOWLEDGE
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What is handled as a single unit?

- a. Templates
- b. Units
- c. Stack
- d. Resources



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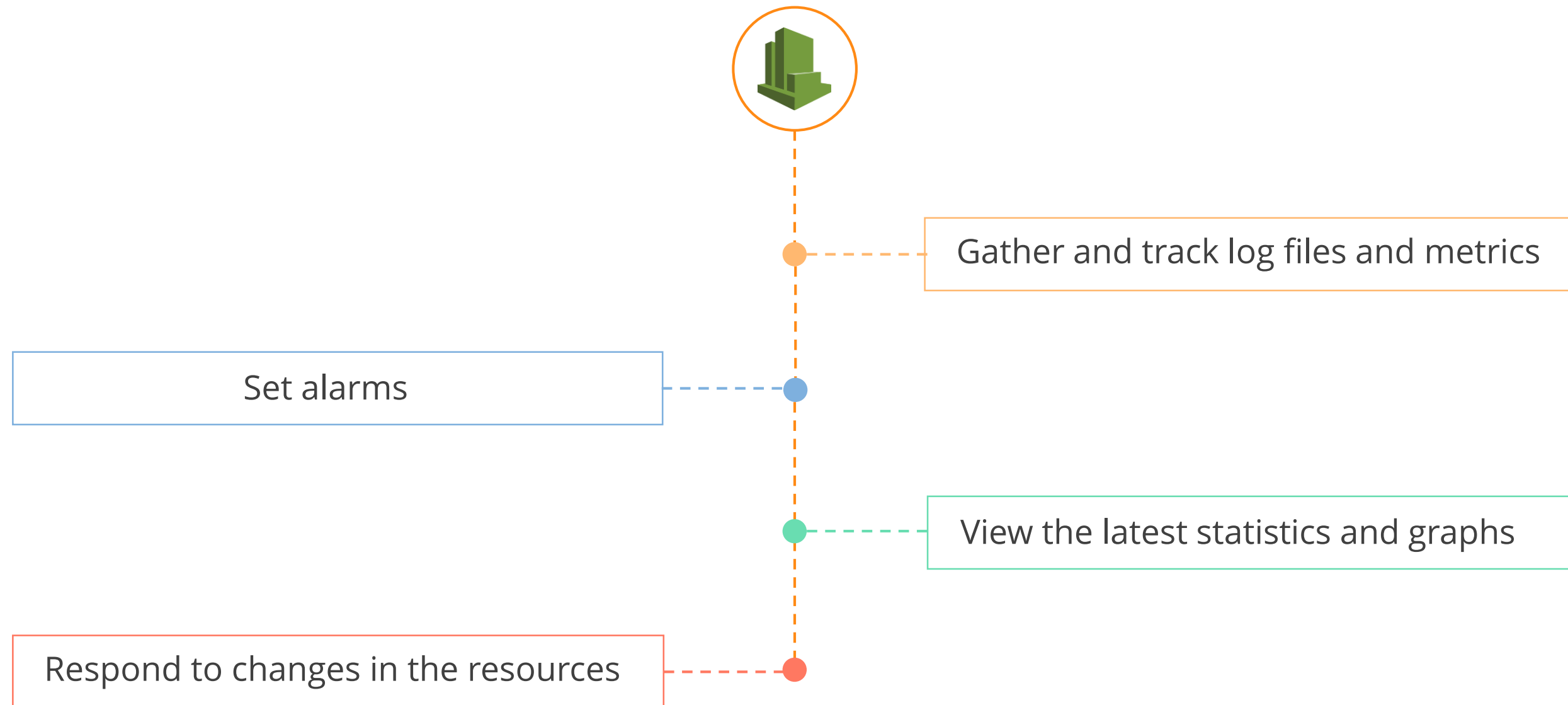
The correct answer is **c.**

Explanation: A stack is handled as a single unit.

Amazon CloudWatch Metrics

Introduction to Amazon CloudWatch

Amazon CloudWatch is a service that allows real-time monitoring of cloud resources such as, Amazon EC2, Amazon RDS instances, and other applications.



Goal of Amazon CloudWatch

The goal of Amazon CloudWatch is to give system-wide insights into the usage of resources, performance of applications, and status of conducted tasks.

View the trends

Troubleshoot systems

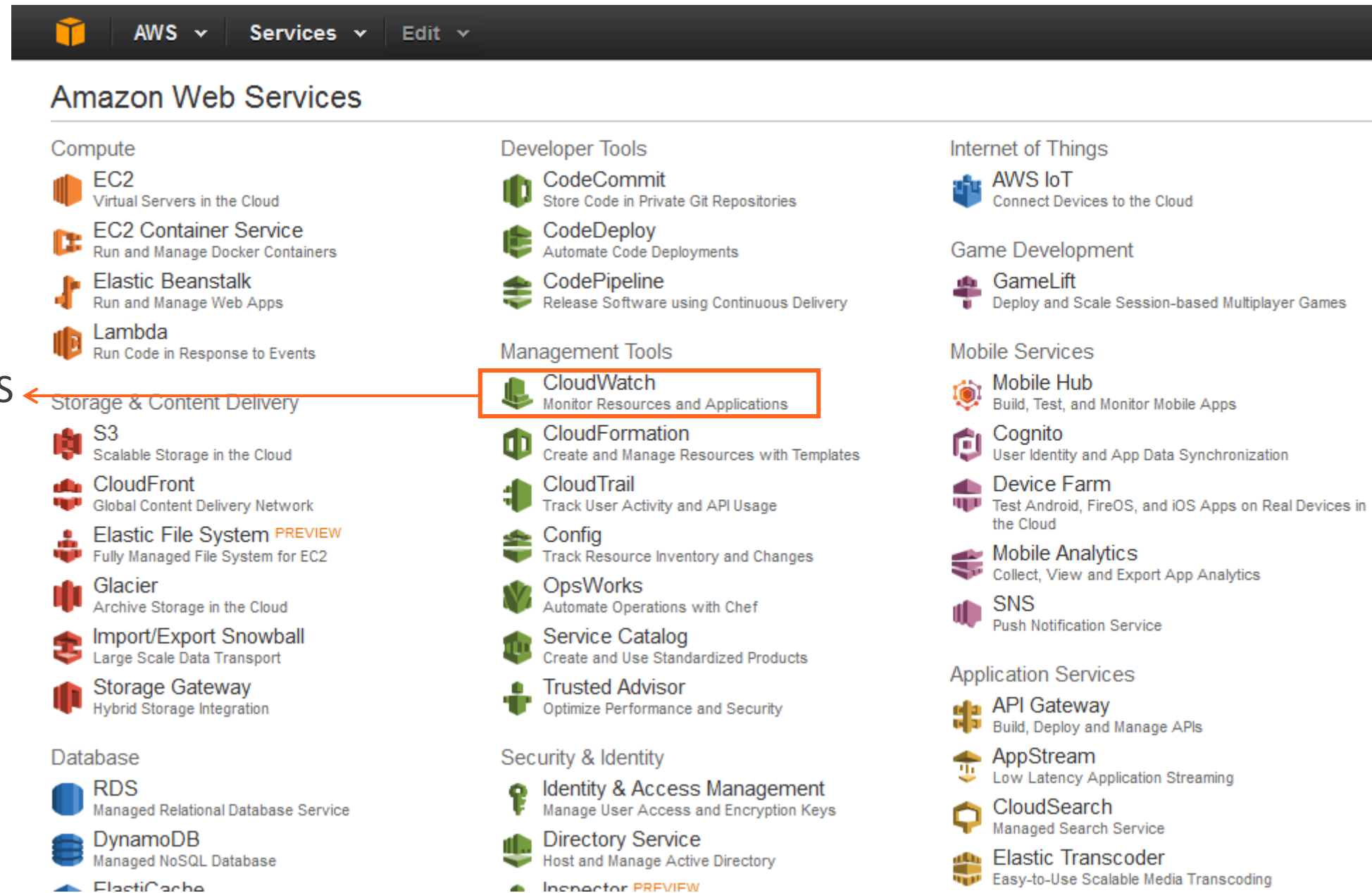
Set up an automated action



AWS CloudWatch eliminates the need to set up and manage your own monitoring systems.

Accessing Amazon CloudWatch

Click **CloudWatch**, under Management Tools in the AWS Management Console



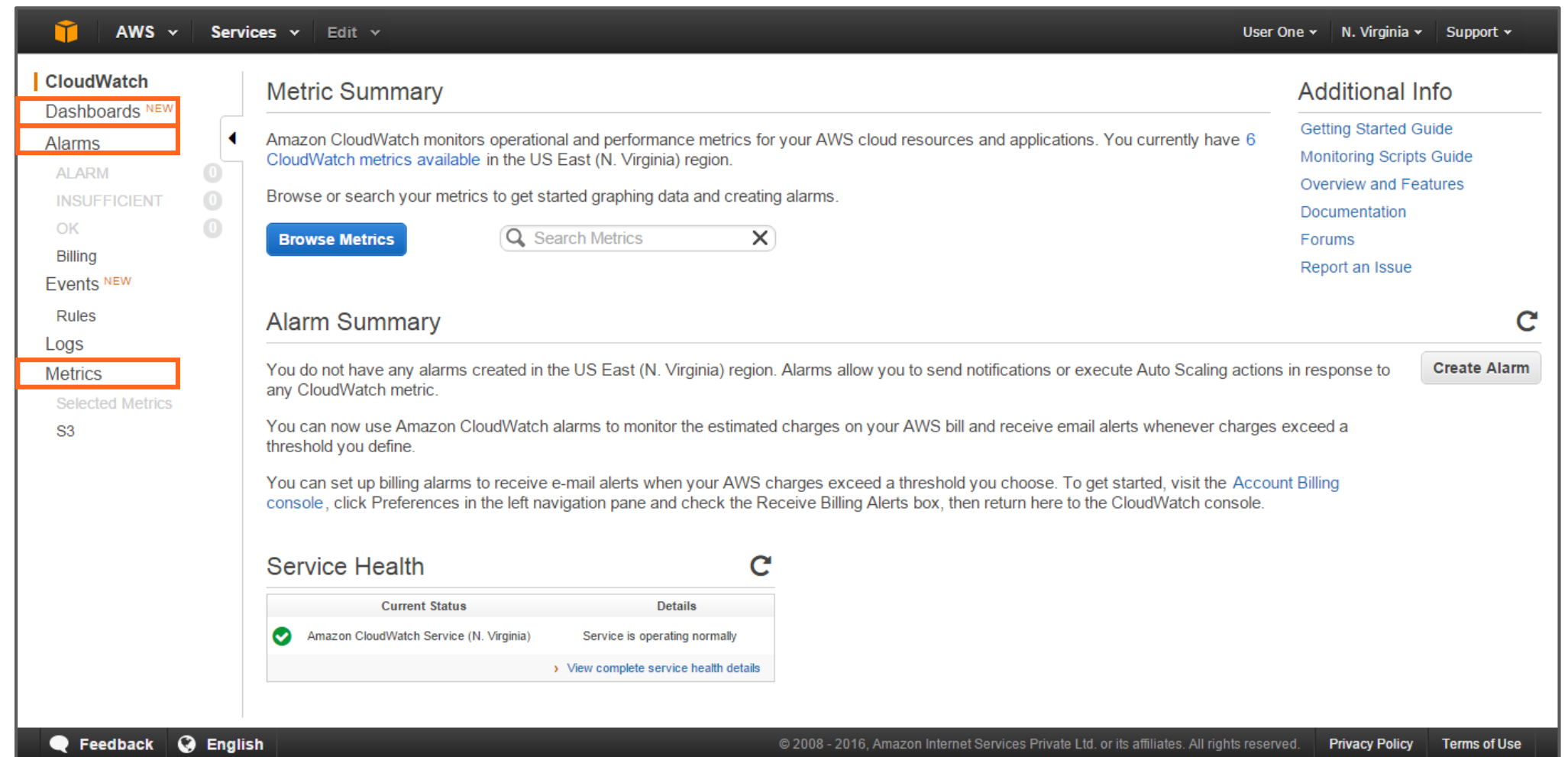
Using Amazon CloudWatch

Use Amazon CloudWatch under the AWS Free Tier.

The Free Tier includes:

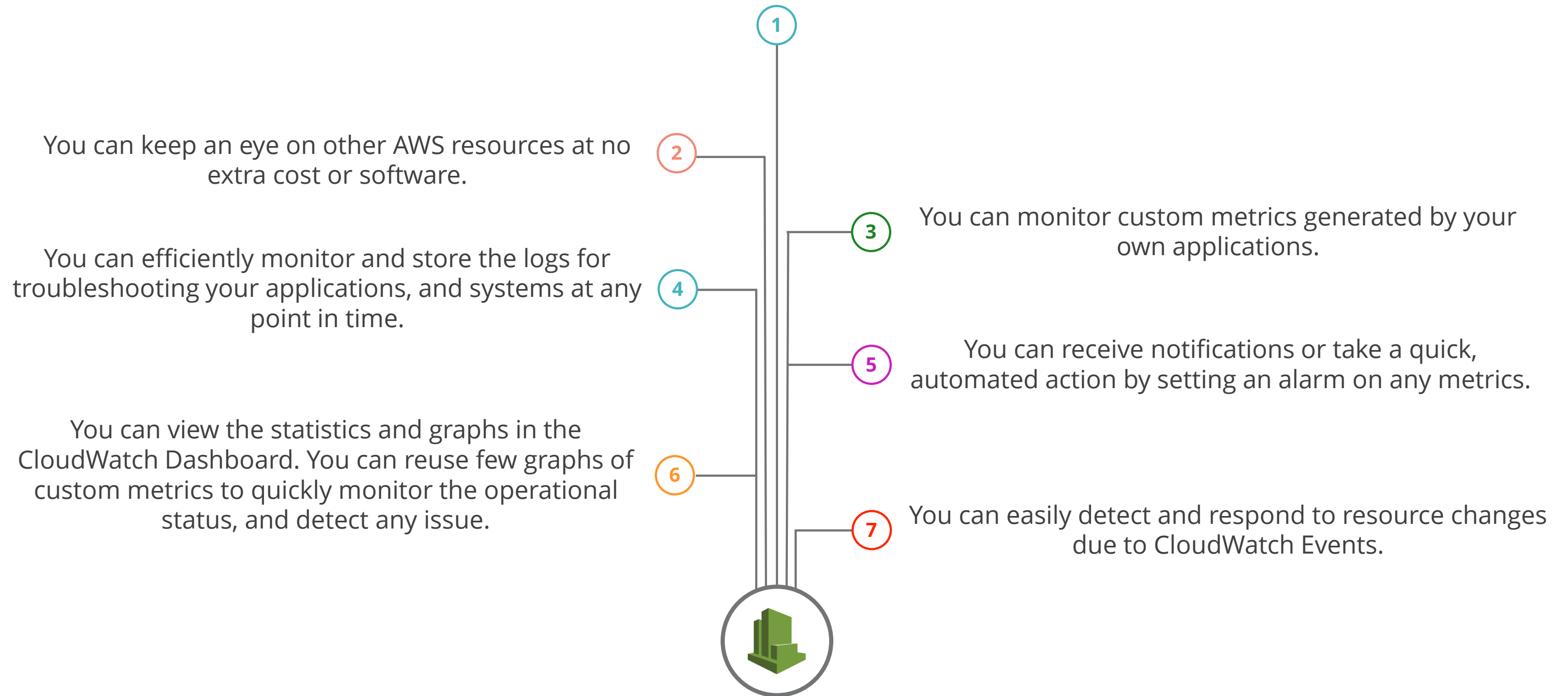
- 3 dashboards with 50 metrics each.
- 10 alarms.
- 10 detailed monitoring metrics.
- 1 million API requests.

It includes all the basic metrics for EC2, EBS, ELB, and RDS instances.



Benefits of Amazon CloudWatch

You can monitor the Amazon EC2 instance by viewing the basic metrics for disk and CPU usage, along with the data transfer rate at no extra cost.



Overview of Metrics

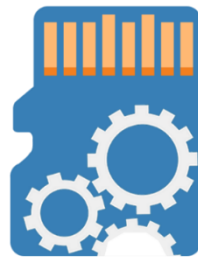
Metrics refer to indicators that signify the performance of employed AWS resources, and your applications in the cloud.



Metrics such as request count, latency, and CPU utilization exists for these resources.

Custom Metrics

Amazon CloudWatch monitors custom metrics generated by your applications which includes:



Memory Usage



Page Load Times



Error Rates

You can provide these metrics through a simple Application Program Interface, or API request.



You can set your applications to send a specific page load time through an API. All CloudWatch functionalities, such as statistics and alarms, are accessible at up to one-minute frequency.

Working with Metrics

Amazon CloudWatch is capable of loading all metrics into your AWS account. It enables you to:

- Search them
- Create graphs
- Set alarms

To view the metrics, click the **Metrics** menu on the left pane in the Amazon CloudWatch Console.

The screenshot displays the Amazon CloudWatch console interface. On the left sidebar, the 'Metrics' menu is highlighted with an orange box. The main content area shows search results for 'S3 > Storage Metrics'. A search bar at the top is also highlighted with an orange box. Below the search results, a table lists metrics for various S3 buckets. The 'NumberOfObjects' metric for the bucket 'cf-templates-16duxe71e7cpi-us-east-1' is selected. Below the table, a graph titled 'NumberOfObjects (Count)' is displayed, showing a constant value of 1 over a 1-day period. The graph area is highlighted with an orange box. On the right side of the graph, the 'Create Alarm' button is highlighted with an orange box.

BucketName	StorageType	Metric Name
<input type="checkbox"/> 24nov2015	AllStorageTypes	NumberOfObjects
<input type="checkbox"/> 24nov2015	StandardStorage	BucketSizeBytes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cf-templates-16duxe71e7cpi-us-east-1	AllStorageTypes	NumberOfObjects
<input type="checkbox"/> cf-templates-16duxe71e7cpi-us-east-1	StandardStorage	BucketSizeBytes
<input type="checkbox"/> cricjan162016	AllStorageTypes	NumberOfObjects
<input type="checkbox"/> cricjan162016	StandardStorage	BucketSizeBytes

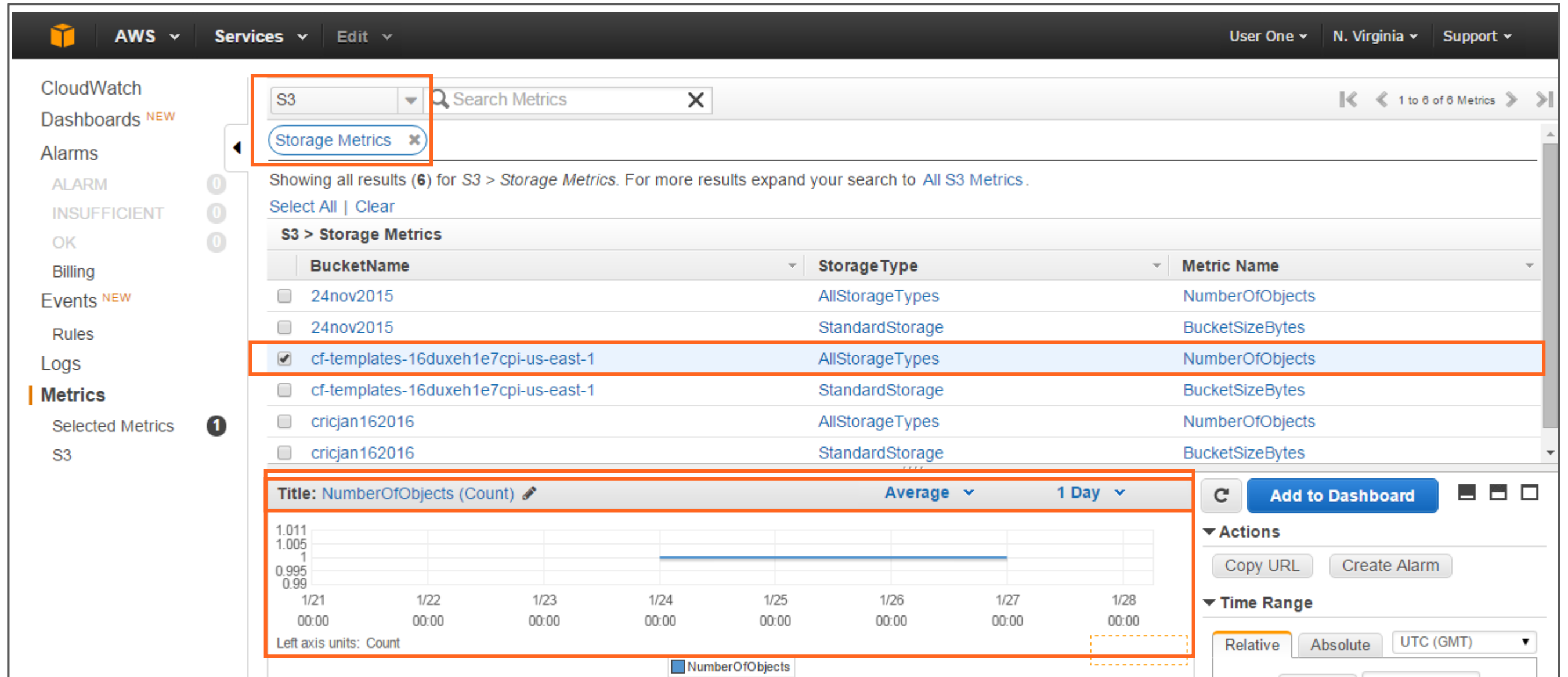
Graph Title: NumberOfObjects (Count) | Average | 1 Day

Left axis units: Count

Actions: Copy URL, Create Alarm

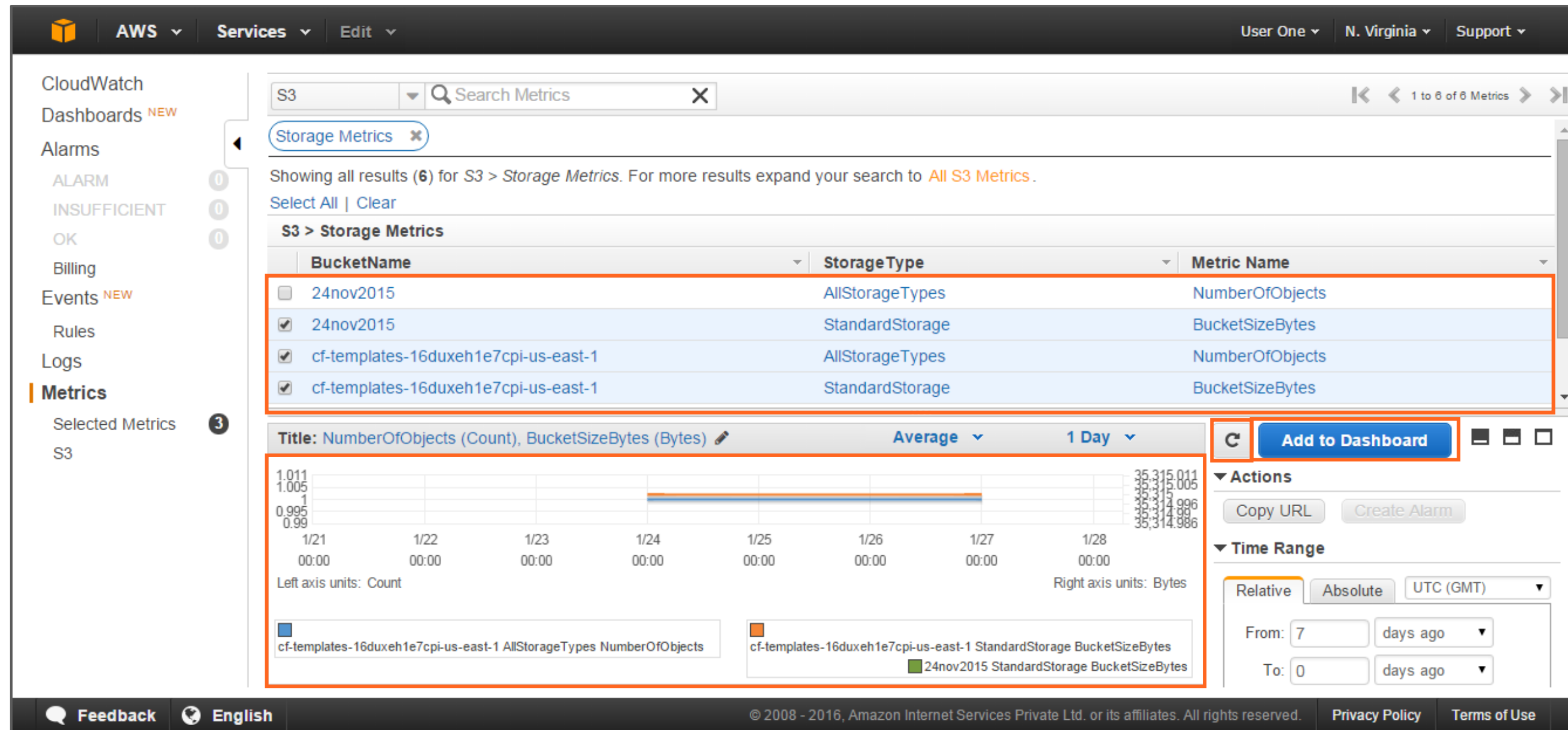
Working with Metrics

Select a metric of your choice to display an interactive graph in the bottom pane.
Also, you can change the Name, Statistic Value, and Period for the selected metrics.



Working with Metrics

You can view a graph showing correlated behavior or trend patterns for multiple metrics.



Selected multiple CloudWatch Metrics

(Refer to the E-Learning course: Screen Number – 6.6)

Alarms

Overview of Alarms

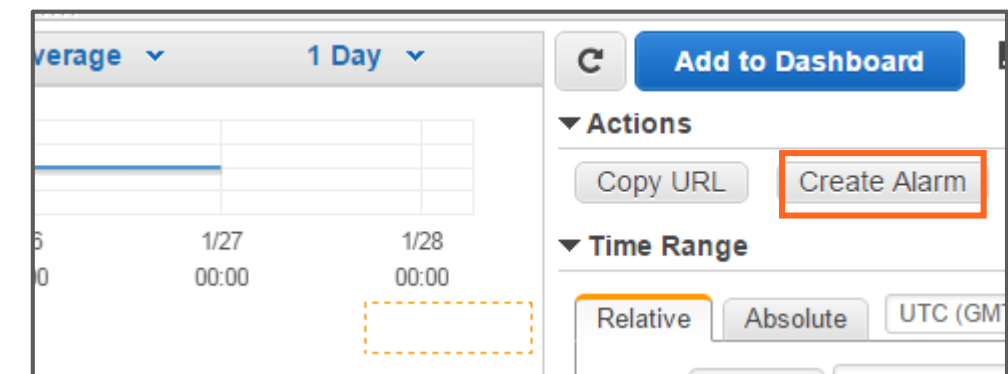
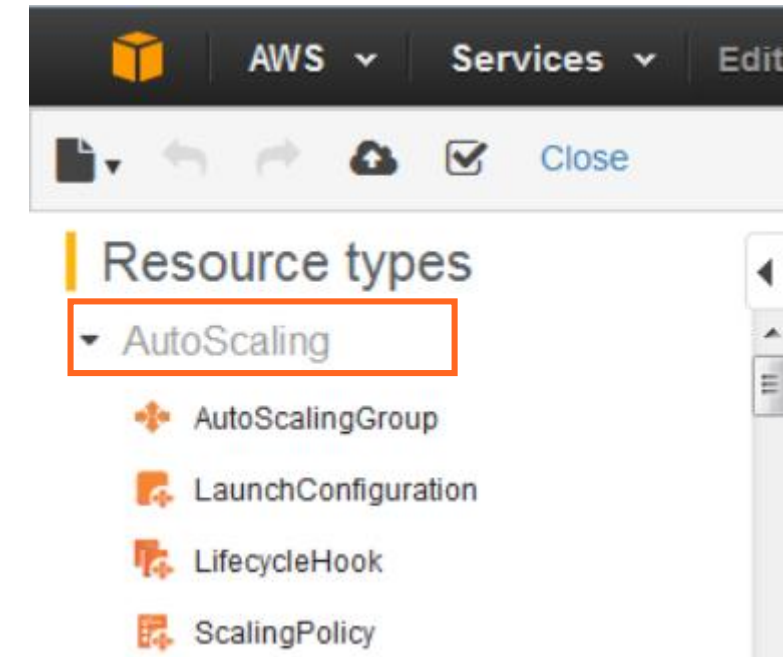
Alarms are set in any metric to obtain notifications, or respond automatically if a particular metric goes beyond the mentioned threshold.

Example 1:

If an Amazon EC2 metric extends beyond the alarm threshold, you can dynamically remove the instances using the Auto Scaling service.

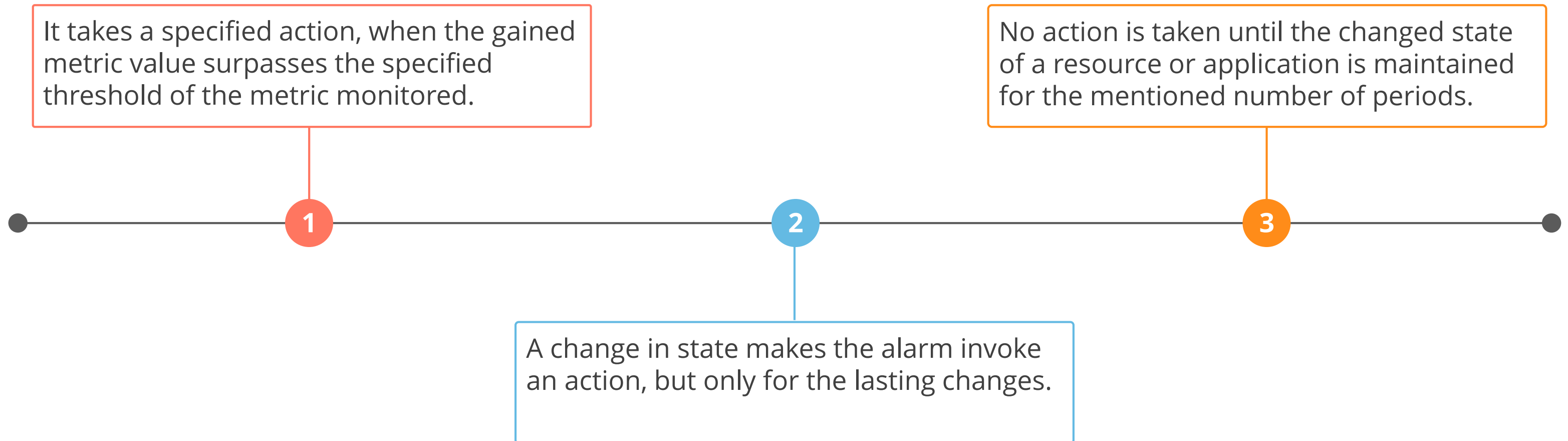
Example 2:

Set an alarm to shut down the underutilized or unused Amazon EC2 instances.



Working of Alarms

An alarm keeps a watch on a single metric for a specified period, and performs single or multiple actions.



Working of Alarms

Taking an action involves passing a notification to the Auto Scaling policy or the Amazon Simple Notification Service, or SNS topic.

Amazon SNS notifications

No extra actions taken.

Auto Scaling policy

AWS CloudWatch invokes an action every time a new state is sustained.



It is your responsibility to ensure the actions are performed. Because, CloudWatch is not designed to monitor the actions, or its resulting errors.

Alarm States

Metric value has surpassed the specified threshold

The gained metric value is within the specified threshold

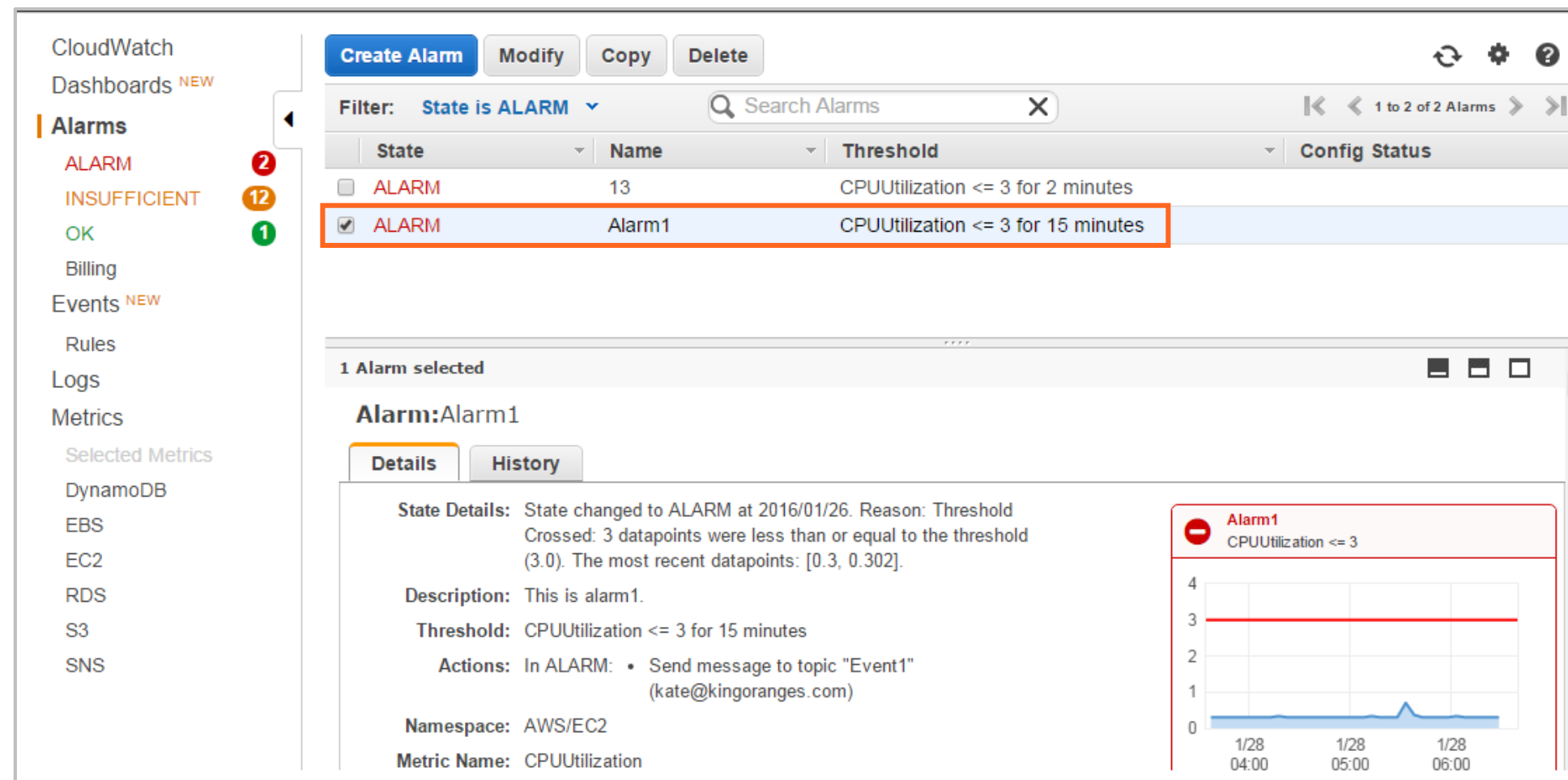
The screenshot displays the AWS CloudWatch Alarms console. On the left, a sidebar lists navigation options: CloudWatch, Dashboards, Alarms, Billing, Events, Rules, Logs, Metrics, and Selected Metrics. The 'Alarms' section is active, showing a list of alarms with their states: ALARM (1), INSUFFICIENT_DATA (14), and OK (0). A dropdown menu is open over the 'State' column, showing options: 'All alarms', 'State is ALARM', 'State is OK', and 'State is INSUFFICIENT'. The main panel shows a table of alarms with columns for Name, State, and Threshold. One alarm, 'Alarm1', is selected, and its details are shown below. The 'State Details' section indicates the state changed to ALARM at 2016/01/26 because the threshold was crossed (3 datapoints were less than or equal to the threshold of 3.0). The 'Description' is 'This is alarm1.' and the 'Threshold' is 'CPUUtilization <= 3 for 15 minutes'. The 'Actions' section shows an action for 'In ALARM' to send a message to a topic. On the right, a small graph shows the CPUUtilization metric over time, with a red line indicating the threshold at 3.

No enough data exists for the metric to figure out the alarm state

Example of ALARM State

Set an alarm for **CPUUtilization** of an EC2 instance. Here, if the threshold for **CPUUtilization** is less than or equal to 3 for 3 consecutive periods, the state of the alarm should be changed to **ALARM**. And the period is 5 minutes.

The **CloudWatch** service monitors the CPU utilization after every 5 minutes.



Example of ALARM State



Assuming the data point for the **CPUUtilization** value is monitored as 0.3 for 3 consecutive periods of 5 minutes.

The value for the threshold, **CPUUtilization** ≤ 3 becomes true. In this case, the alarm would change its state to **ALARM**.

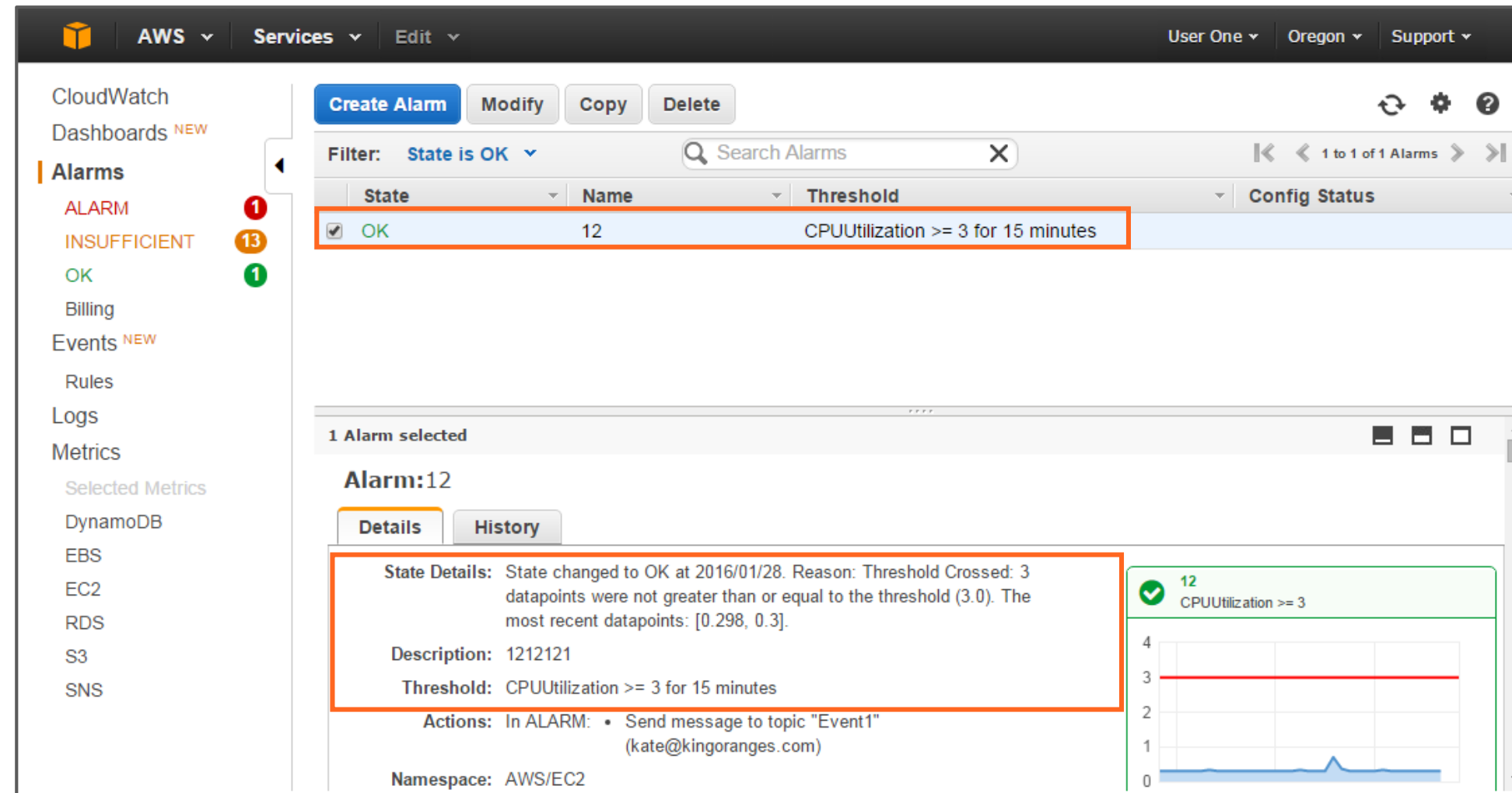
The screenshot displays the AWS CloudWatch Alarms console. The left sidebar shows navigation options: CloudWatch, Dashboards, Alarms (with a red '2' badge), INSUFFICIENT (with a yellow '12' badge), OK (with a green '1' badge), Billing, Events, Rules, Logs, Metrics, and Selected Metrics. The main content area shows a list of alarms filtered by 'State is ALARM'. The table lists two alarms: one with state 'ALARM' and name '13' (threshold 'CPUUtilization <= 3 for 2 minutes'), and another with state 'ALARM' and name 'Alarm1' (threshold 'CPUUtilization <= 3 for 15 minutes'). The 'Alarm1' row is highlighted with a red border. Below the table, the 'Alarm: Alarm1' details are shown under the 'Details' tab. The 'State Details' section states: 'State changed to ALARM at 2016/01/26. Reason: Threshold Crossed: 3 datapoints were less than or equal to the threshold (3.0). The most recent datapoints: [0.3, 0.302].'. The 'Description' is 'This is alarm1.' and the 'Threshold' is 'CPUUtilization <= 3 for 15 minutes'. The 'Actions' section shows 'In ALARM: Send message to topic "Event1" (kate@kingoranges.com)'. The 'Namespace' is 'AWS/EC2' and the 'Metric Name' is 'CPUUtilization'. On the right, a graph shows the 'CPUUtilization' metric over time, with a red line indicating the threshold at 3. The graph shows a blue line representing the metric value, which crosses the threshold at approximately 05:00 on 1/28.

Example of OK State



Assuming the data point for the **CPUUtilization** value is monitored as 0.3, and the required **CPUUtilization** condition is changed to greater than or equal to 3.

In this case, the value for the threshold, **CPUUtilization** ≥ 3 becomes false. So, the alarm would change its state to **OK**.



Example of INSUFFICIENT_DATA State



An alarm is set to monitor the Amazon EBS volume, and the EBS may not pass the metric data for that volume. This means, no activity occurs for monitoring the volume. In such a situation, the alarm may change its state to **INSUFFICIENT_DATA**.

The screenshot displays the AWS CloudWatch Alarms console. On the left sidebar, the 'Alarms' section is selected, showing a summary of alarm states: 1 ALARM, 13 INSUFFICIENT, and 1 OK. The main panel shows a list of alarms filtered by 'State is INSUFFICIENT'. The first alarm, '13', is highlighted with a red box. Below the list, the 'Alarm: 13' details are shown, including the state change reason, description, threshold, actions, namespace, and metric name.

State	Name	Threshold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INSUFFICIENT_DATA 13	CPUUtilization <= 3 for 2 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSUFFICIENT_DATA Books-ReadCapacityUnitsLimit-BasicAlarm	ConsumedReadCapacityUnits > 1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSUFFICIENT_DATA Purchase-ReadCapacityUnitsLimit-BasicAlarm	ConsumedReadCapacityUnits > 1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSUFFICIENT_DATA KTable2-ReadCapacityUnitsLimit-BasicAlarm	ConsumedReadCapacityUnits > 1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSUFFICIENT_DATA Books-WriteCapacityUnitsLimit-BasicAlarm	ConsumedWriteCapacityUnits > 1000

Alarm: 13

Details | History

State Details: State changed to INSUFFICIENT_DATA at 2016/01/28. Reason: Insufficient Data: 2 datapoints were unknown.

Description: 12121

Threshold: CPUUtilization <= 3 for 2 minutes

Actions: In ALARM: • Send message to topic "Event1" (kate@kingoranges.com)

Namespace: AWS/EC2

Metric Name: CPUUtilization

Demonstrate how to create an Alarm.



Knowledge Check

KNOWLEDGE
CHECK
1

You can have up to _____ alarms per AWS account.

- a. 3500
- b. 4000
- c. 5000
- d. 5500



KNOWLEDGE
CHECK

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The correct answer is **c.**

Explanation: You can have up to 5000 alarms per AWS account.

KNOWLEDGE
CHECK
2

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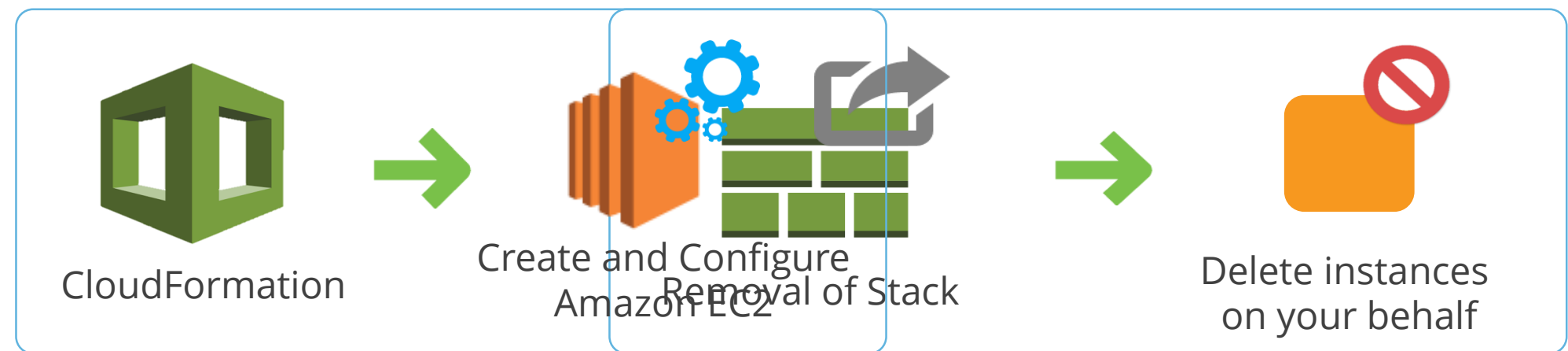
The correct answer is **d.**

Explanation: One of the significant benefits of using the Amazon CloudWatch service is that you can keep an eye on other AWS resources at no extra cost or software.

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)

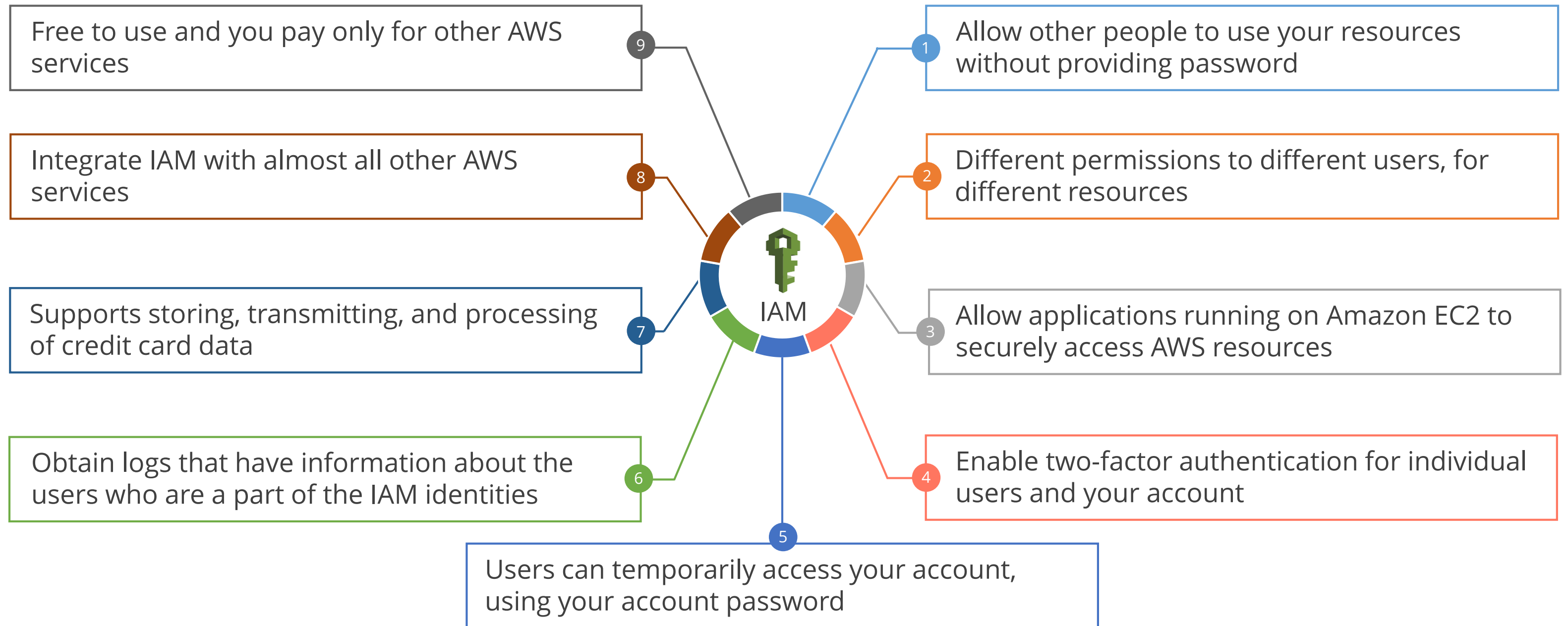
Need for AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)

AWS CloudFormation can only take those actions you are permitted to perform.



To manage such permissions, you use AWS Identity and Access Management, or IAM.

Nine Key Features of IAM



Functionality of Identity and Access Management

IAM allows you to manage the following three entities:

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IAM users and access



Manage users by giving individual credentials such as passwords and multi-factor authentication code, after creating them through IAM.

2

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Manage user roles by controlling permissions for the operations that they can perform, after creating them.

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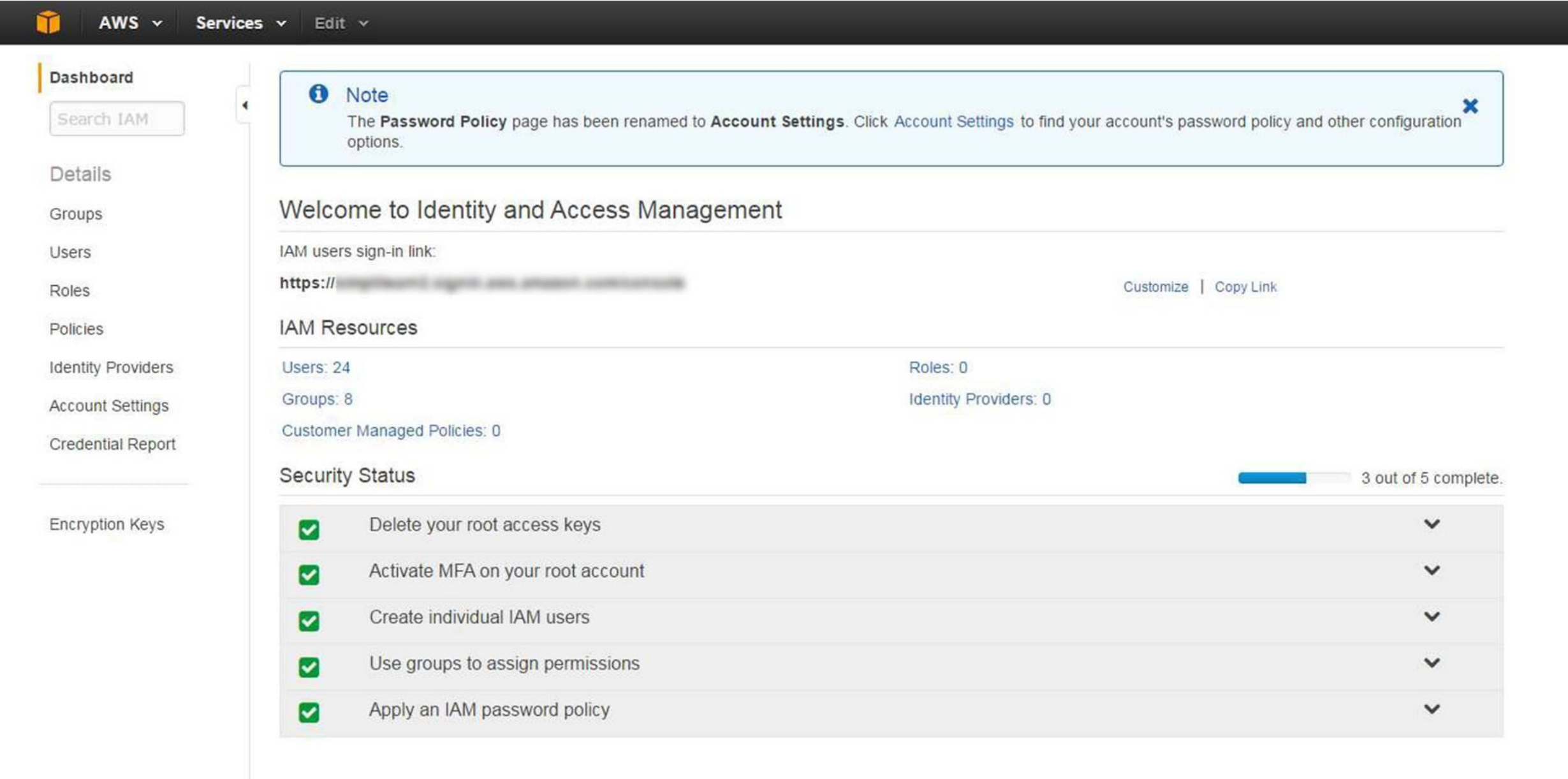
Federated users and permissions



Here use the feature of identity federation for enabling several identities without creating an IAM user for each identity.

Accessing AWS Identity and Access Management

To access IAM:
Click Identity and Access Management under the Security and Identity section of your AWS Management Console.



Identity and Access Management Users



Create single or several IAM users



Assign security credentials



One or more groups



Permissions for controlling



IAM users can be the end users who need to access cloud content, administrators who need to manage cloud resources, and systems that need programmatic cloud data access.

Need for an IAM User

Create an IAM user for the following reasons:

01

To prevent user from accessing your root account

02

To assign different authorization permissions or policies to some users accessing particular services and their resources

03

To use the AWS Command Line Interface

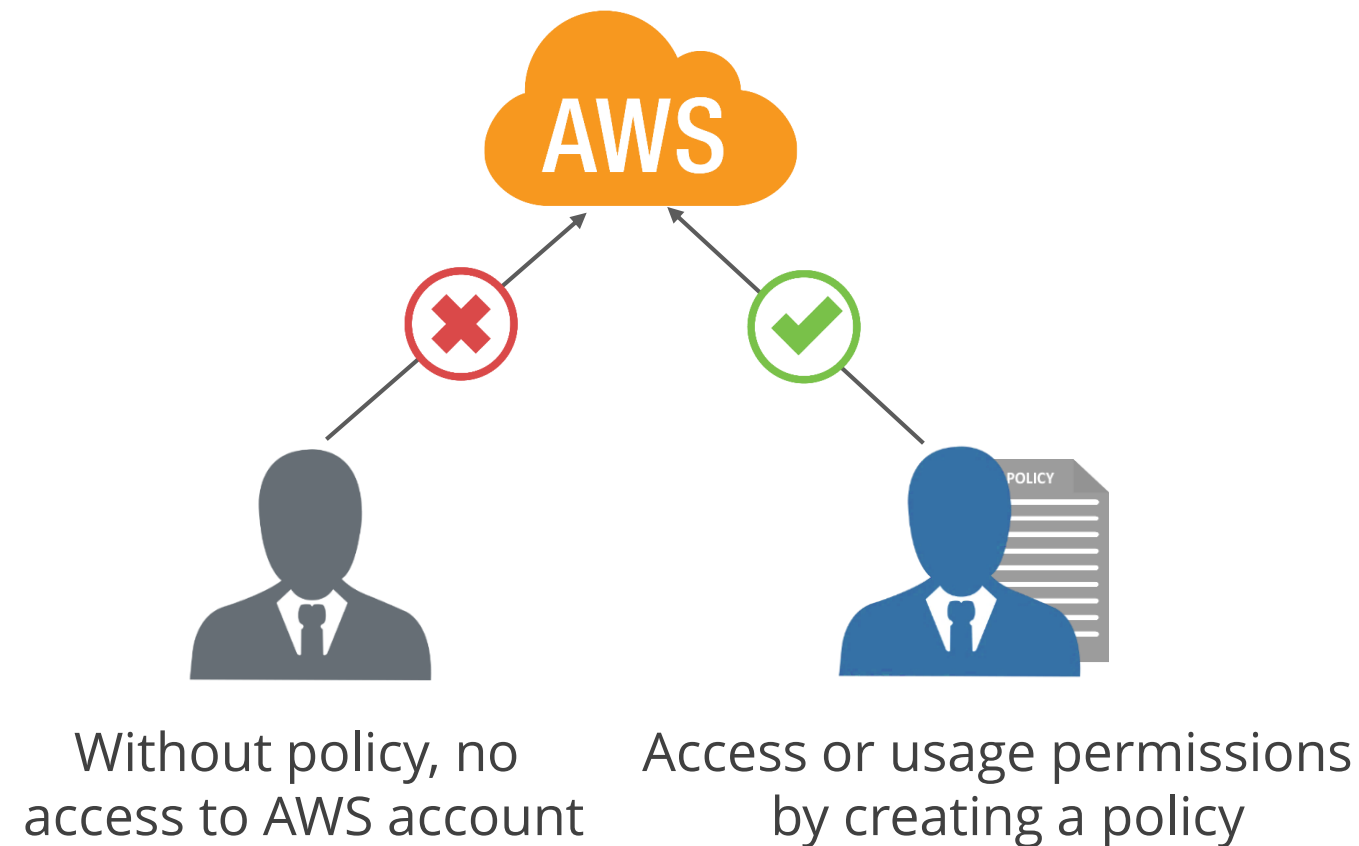
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To use a role

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To allow federated users or external identities to access resources securely

Policies and Users



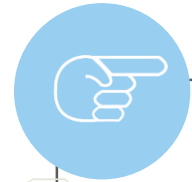
A policy refers to a document containing actions to be performed, and the resources on which those actions can be performed.



If a policy does not mention accessing the books table through an Amazon DynamoDB action, the user cannot access the table through any Amazon DynamoDB action.

User Groups

A group is a set of IAM users with common permissions assigned through a group policy.



- You can create a group called Warehouse Administrators, and provide suitable permissions to that group. Any group user automatically has the permissions you assign to the group.
- To grant administrator privileges to a user, add the user to the Warehouse Administrators group.
- If a user changes jobs in your company, move the user to the new group, instead of changing the permissions.



Demo 04—Creating the First IAM User

(Refer to the E-Learning course: Screen Number – 6.11)



Demo 05—Creating an Administrator Group

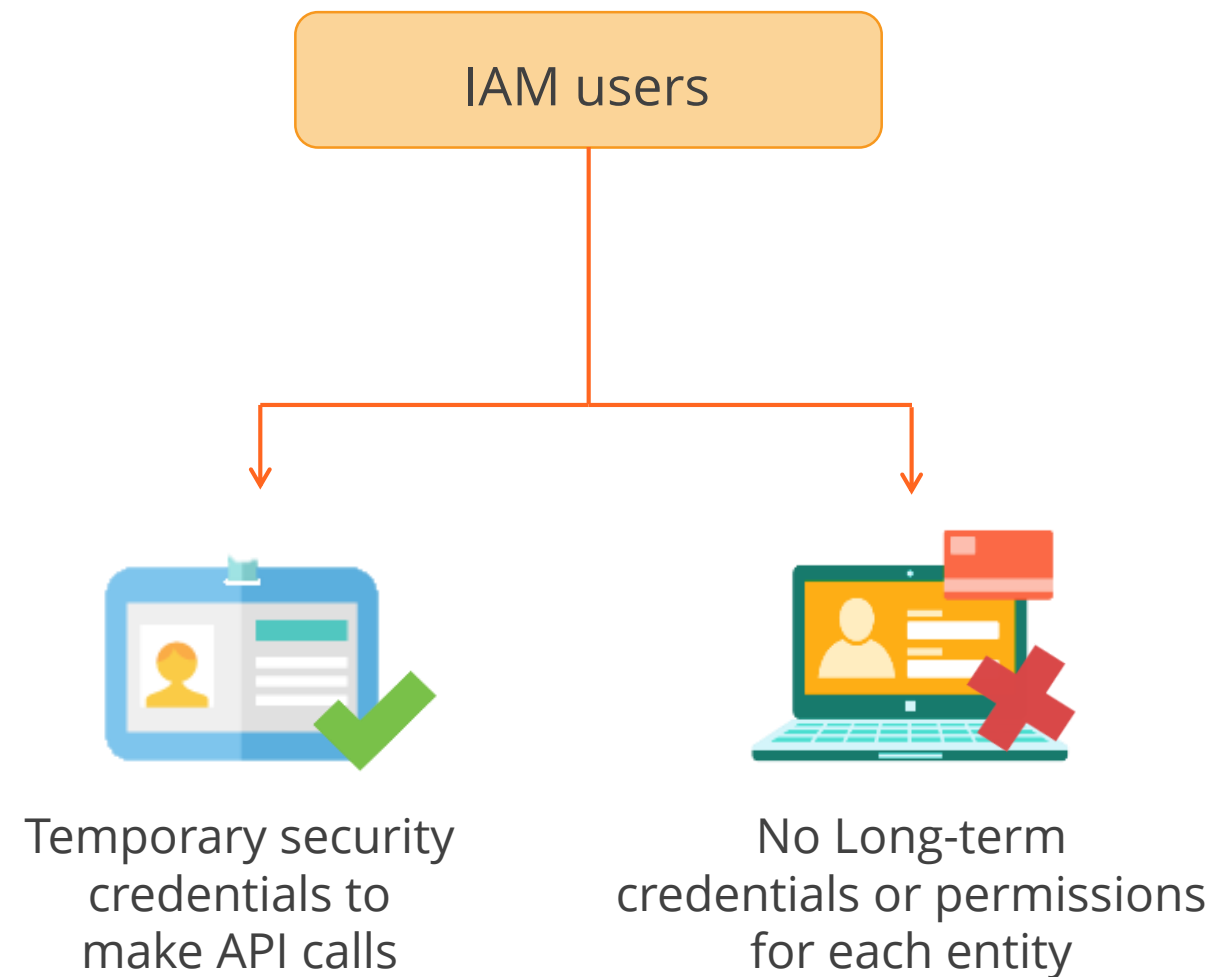
(Refer to the E-Learning course: Screen Number – 6.12)

Demo 06—Adding the user to the Administrator Group (Refer to the E-Learning course: Screen Number – 6.13)

IAM Roles

Roles

IAM roles are similar to users, but are AWS identities associated with permission policies that determine what the identity can perform. A role has no credentials associated with it. When you assign a role to a user, access keys are generated automatically and sent to the user.



Scenarios for Using Roles

IAM roles enable you to delegate or hand over access to applications, services, or users that do not have access to AWS resources.



You want to give users of an AWS account access to resources in the other account



You want a mobile app to use cloud resources, without embedding credentials in the application where users can extract them



You want to give access to users having identities outside AWS, such as in your business directory



You want to give the external parties access to your AWS account for auditing your resources

Demo 07—Creating a Role



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The correct answer is **d.**

Explanation: AWS CloudFormation service creates and provisions AWS resources.

QUIZ 2

A stack is handled as a _____.

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- c. storage device
- d. single unit



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The correct answer is **d.**

Explanation: A stack is handled as a single unit. So, the AWS CloudFormation service rolls back the stack, or deletes any created resources if even one resource fails to successfully create itself.

QUIZ 3

What does Amazon CloudWatch include while it monitors the custom metrics that applications generate?

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Explanation: Amazon CloudWatch monitors the custom metrics your applications generate, and this includes memory usage, page load times, and error rates.

QUIZ 4

What does IAM mean?

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- b. Service that allows access to CloudFormation
- c. Service that allows access to CloudWatch
- d. Service that allows access to EC2



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The correct answer is **a.**

Explanation: IAM is a free Web service that allows controlling access to AWS resources as well as services securely for the users.

QUIZ 5

What is a policy in IAM?

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- b. Document containing actions to be performed
- c. Document containing rules to be followed
- d. Document containing privacy information



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The correct answer is **b.**

Explanation: A policy refers to the document containing actions to be performed, and the resources on which those actions are performed.

Quiz
6

Any resource or action NOT mentioned in the policy is prohibited.

- a. False
- b. True



QUIZ
6

Any resource or action NOT mentioned in the policy is prohibited.

- a. False
- b. True



The correct answer is **b.**

Explanation: Any resource or action not mentioned in the policy is prohibited by default.

Quiz
7

What is a set of IAM users with common permissions assigned through a group policy?

- a. Stack
- b. Group
- c. Units
- d. Metrics



QUIZ 7

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The correct answer is **b.**

Explanation: A group is a set of IAM users with common permissions assigned through a group policy.

Key Takeaways

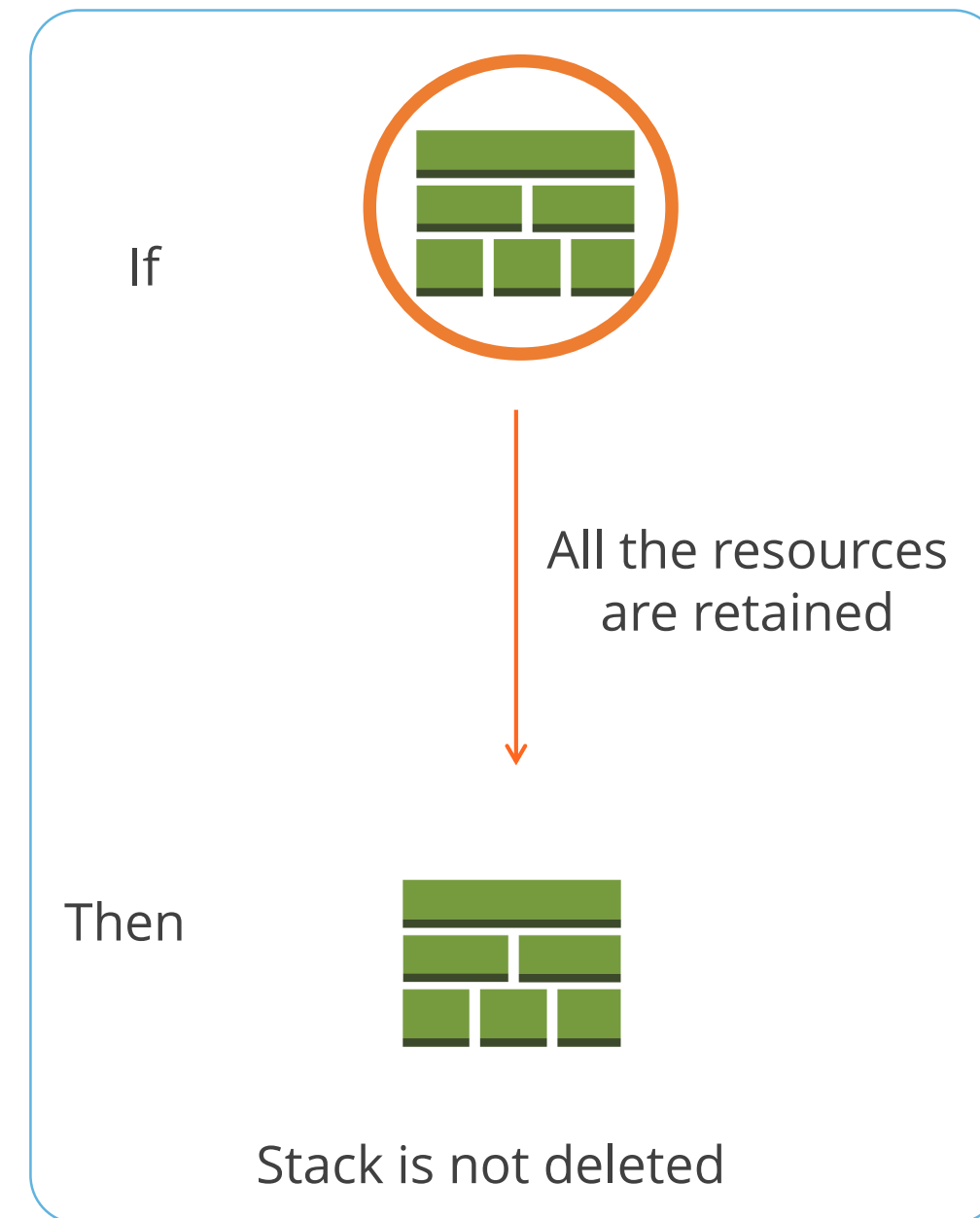
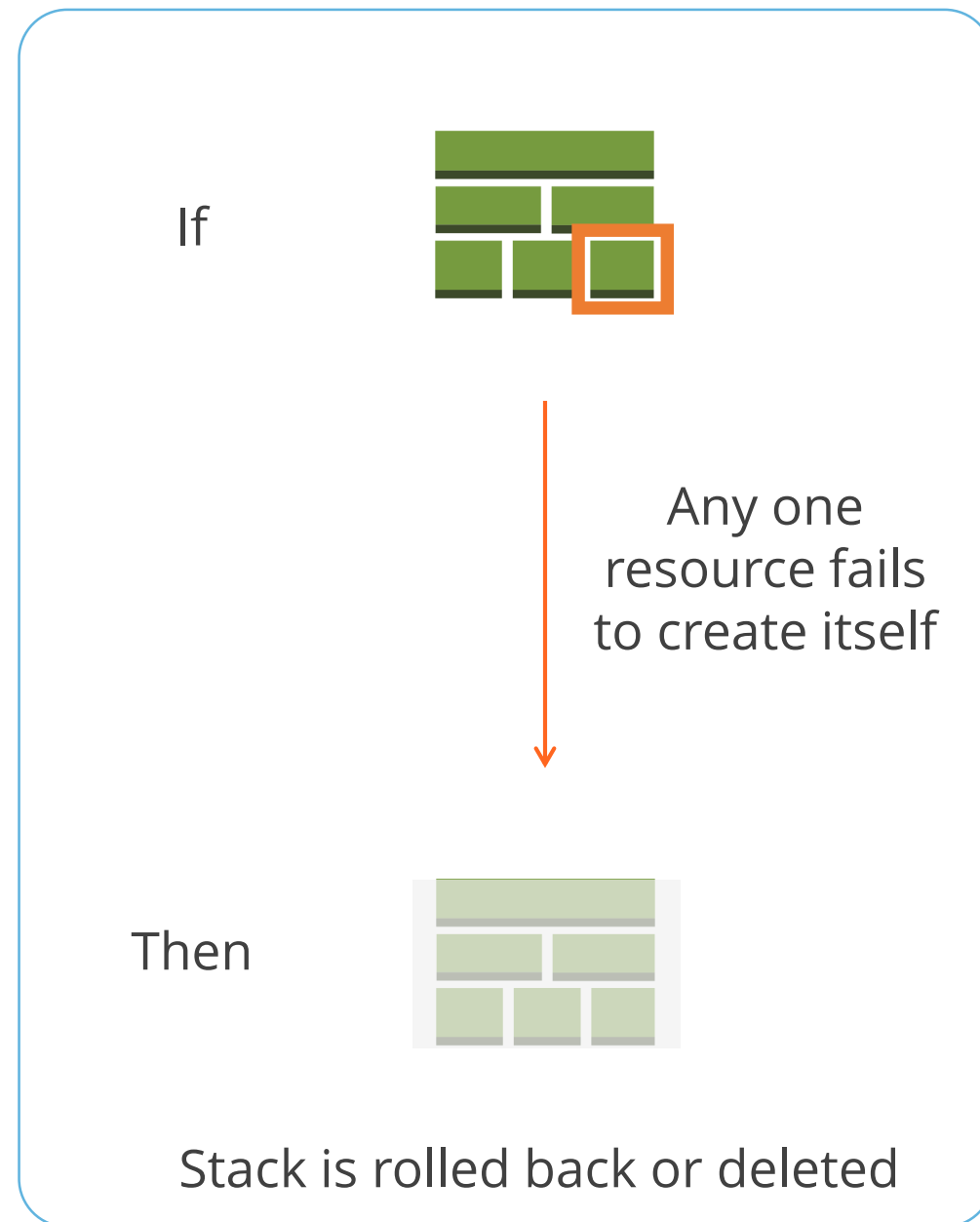
Key Takeaways

AWS CloudFormation creates, configures, manages, and updates AWS resources described in a JSON format template.

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template1 
1 {
2   "AWSTemplateFormatVersion": "2010-09-09",
3   "Description": "AWS CloudFormation Sample Template VPC_Single_Instance_In_Subnet.",
4   "Parameters": {
5     "InstanceType": {
6       "Description": "WebServer EC2 instance type",
7       "Type": "String",
8       "Default": "t2.micro",
9       "AllowedValues": [
10        "t1.micro",
11      ],
12      "ConstraintDescription": "must be a valid EC2 instance type."
13    },
14    "KeyName": {
15      "Description": "Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instance.",
16      "Type": "AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName",
17      "ConstraintDescription": "must be the name of an existing EC2 KeyPair."
18    },
19  },
20  "Mappings": {
21    "AWSInstanceType2Arch": {
22      "t1.micro": {
23        "Arch": "PV64"
24      },
25    },
26  },
27  "Resources": {
28    "VPC": {
29      "Type": "AWS::EC2::VPC",
30      "Properties": {
31        "EnableDnsSupport": "true",
32        "EnableDnsHostnames": "true",
33        "CidrBlock": "10.0.0.0/16"
34      },
35    },
36    "InternetGateway": {
37      "Type": "AWS::EC2::InternetGateway",
38      "Metadata": {
39        "AWS::CloudFormation::Designer": {
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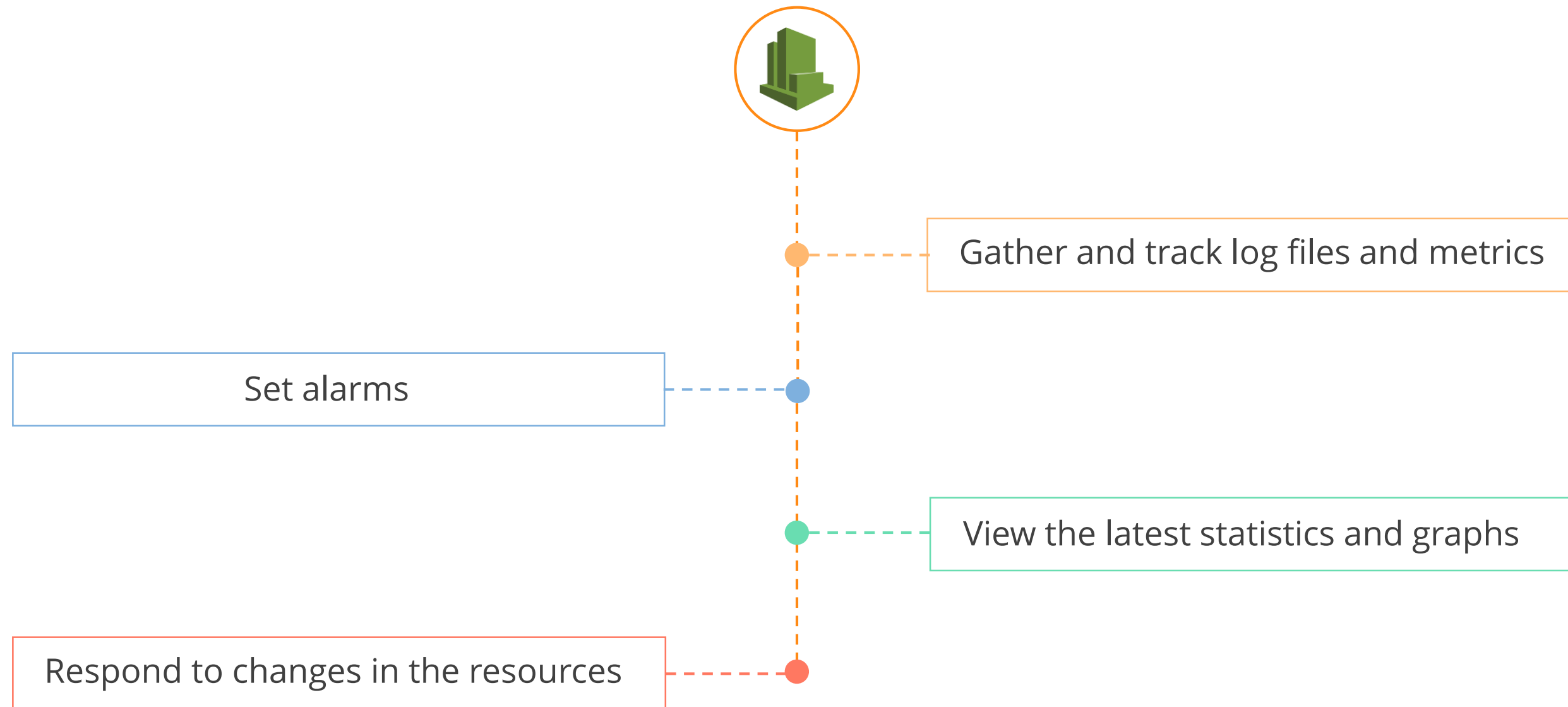
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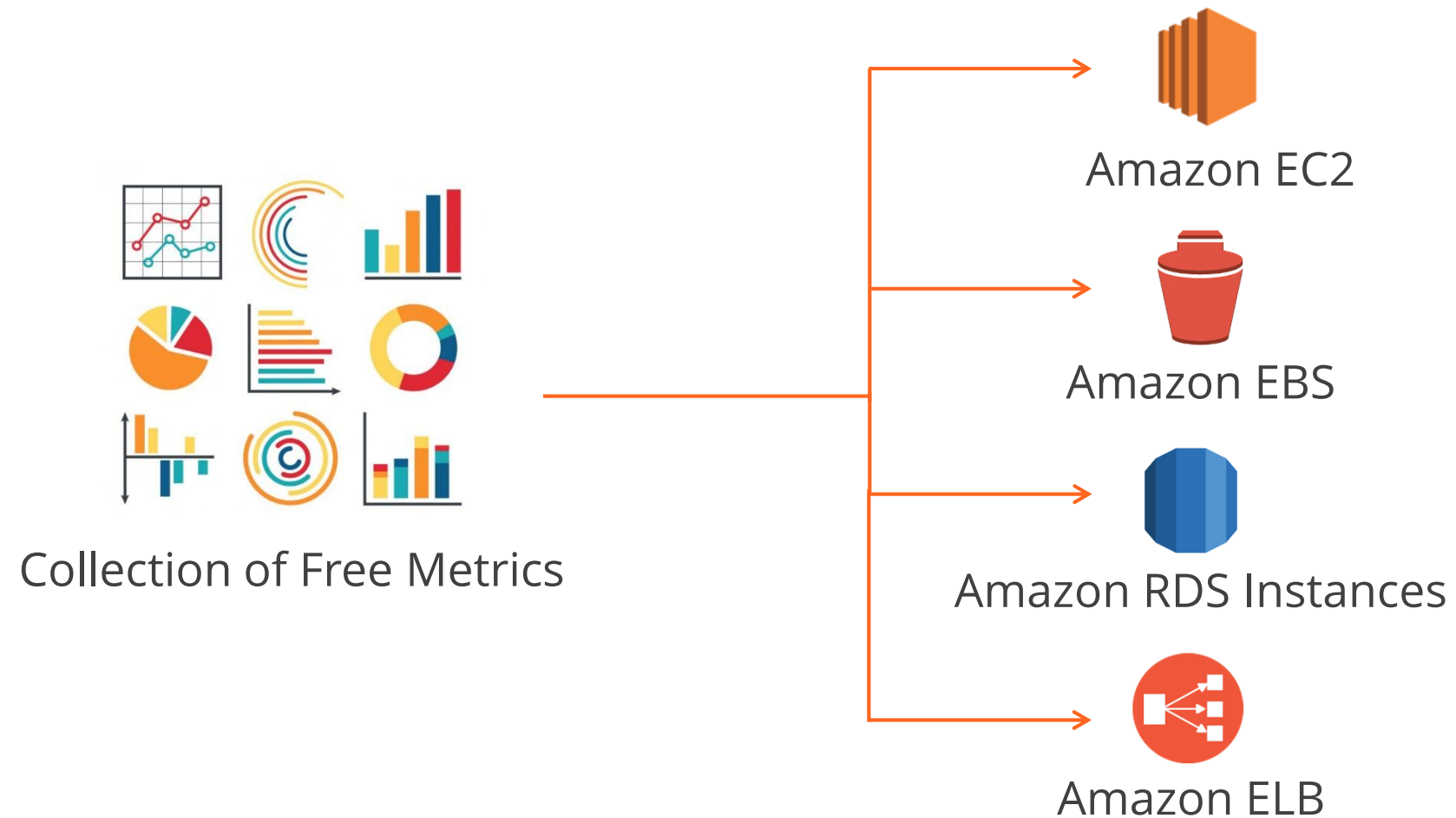
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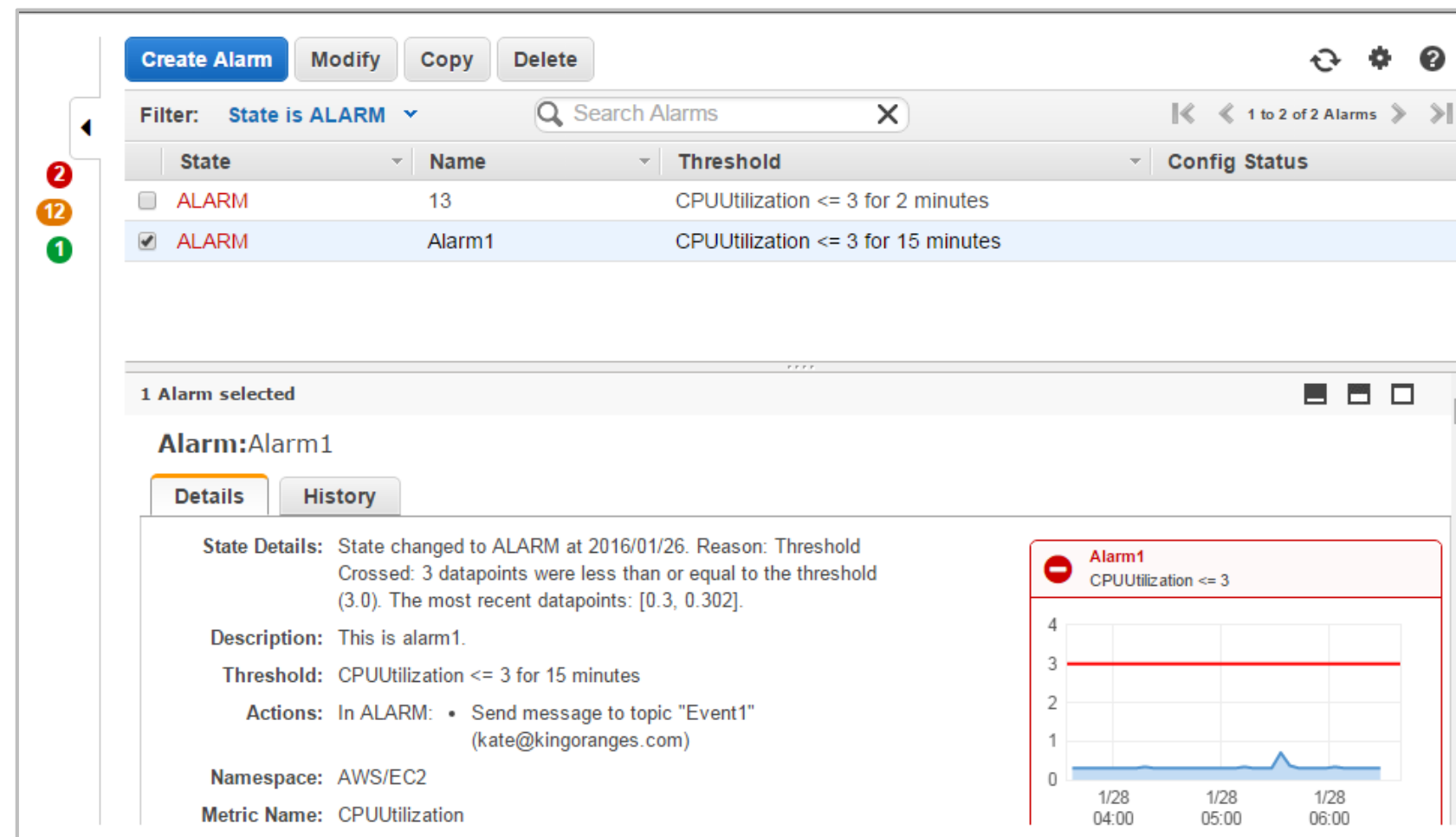
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State	Threshold
ALARM	CPUUtilization <= 3 for 15 minutes
INSUFFICIENT_DATA	CPUUtilization <= 3 for 15 minutes
INSUFFICIENT_DATA	CPUUtilization >= 1 for 15 minutes
INSUFFICIENT_DATA	ConsumedReadCapacityUnitsLimit-BasicAlarm
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Alarm: Alarm1

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Description: This is alarm1.

Threshold: CPUUtilization <= 3 for 15 minutes

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Alarm1
CPUUtilization <= 3

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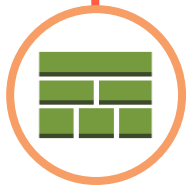


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This Concludes 'Deployment and Management.'

THANK YOU