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| Autoscaling: warm up | During a specified warm-up period, new instances are not counted toward the aggregated metrics of the group; this prevents excessive spin-up |
| Autoscaling: cool down | After a scale-up occurs, the ASG waits for a cooldown period to complete before any further scaling activities can start (only applies to simple scaling) |
| Autoscaling: notifications | Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling supports sending Amazon SNS notifications when the following events occur: |
| Autoscaling: launch configurations | A launch configuration that specifies things like: |
| Autoscaling: launch templates | A launch template is similar to a launch configuration, but it allows versioning; several versions can share some common configuration (e.g. the AMI), but differ in other configuration values (e.g. the instance type) |
| Security groups | A security group acts as a virtual firewall for your EC2 instances to control incoming and outgoing traffic. |
| Elastic IPs | a static public IPv4 address designed for dynamic cloud computing. |
| VPCs | A logically separated portion of the AWS cloud. Provides for: |
| Subnets: public | A public subnet is a subnet that's associated with a route table that has a route to an Internet gateway. |
| Internet gateway | An internet gateway is a horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available VPC component that allows communication between your VPC and the internet. |
| NAT gateway | You can use a network address translation (NAT) gateway to enable instances in a private subnet to connect to the internet or other AWS services, but prevent the internet from initiating a connection with those instances. |
| NACLs | Network ACL |
| ELB types | - Application Load Balancer (ALB) |
| ELB: LCU | Load Balancer Capacity Units - used for billing by Application and Network load balancers |
| ELB: internal vs external | An internal ELB has only a private IP address and routes traffic within the VPC. |
| ELB: listener | ALBs use listeners -- a listener is a process that checks for connection requests, using the protocol and port that you configure. |
| ELB: health check | The ELB periodically makes requests to the targets to determine their health. |
| ELB: multi zone | Need to enable the AZ for the ELB, and you need to add targets in the AZ |
| Lambda | Serverless platform |
| Lambda: API Gateway | API gateway routes HTTP requests to Lambda functions |
| Lambda functions | Basic settings: |
| Lambda: supported languages | Java, Go, PowerShell, Node.js, C#, Python, and Ruby |
| Lambda: layers | A layer is a ZIP archive that contains libraries, a custom runtime, or other dependencies. |
| Lambda: database proxies | You can define an RDS proxy for your function |
| Lambda: VPCs | When you connect a function to a VPC, Lambda creates an ENI for each combination of security group and subnet in your function's VPC configuration |
| Lambda: permissions | The execution role grants it permission to access AWS services and resources |
| Lambda: invocation | Invocation can be asynchronous or synchronous |
| Lambda: autoscaling | Autoscaling accomodates an intial burst, followed by a gradual scale-up |
| EC2 reserved instance types | Offering classes: |
| EC2 capacity reservation | reserved instances that are AZ-specific come with a capacity reservation |
| RDS | Relational Database Service |
| RDS Database Types | - Aurora |
| RDS Multi-AZ | - a standby replica of the database is maintained in another AZ |
| RDS Read Replicas | - read replicas are read-only replicas that allow you to horizontally scale up a read-heavy application |
| RDS Backup | - RDS creates and saves automated backups of your DB instance during the backup window of your DB instance |
| RDS authentication | All RDS DB types support password authentication. |
| Aurora | MySQL and PostgreSQL-compatible relational database |
| Aurora serverless | Fully auto-scaled; you don't specify a number of instances |
| Aurora Global Database | Aurora database replicated across regions |
| S3 Security | - Bucket policy (what principals can do what to this bucket) |
| DynamoDB | Fully managed NoSQL key/value and document database |
| DynamoDB consistency | - Eventually consistent reads (default) |
| DynamoDB durability/availability | data is stored on SSDs and is automatically replicated across multiple AZs within an AWS region |
| DynamoDB capacity modes | On-demand capacity mode: charged for data reads/writes on your tables |
| DynamoDB pricing | charged for: |
| DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX) | fully managed, highly available, in-memory cache for DynamoDB |
| DynamoDB Streams | Captures a time-ordered sequence of item-level modifications in a DynamoDB table and stores this information in a log for up to 24 hours |
| DynamoDB backup/restore | - on-demand backups: full backups of tables; charged per GB of data stored |
| DynamoDB encryption | All customer data is encrypted at rest by default |
| DynamoDB keys/indexes | - primary key |
| DynamoDB primary keys | - simple primary key: uses a single attribute to identify an item (e.g. OrderID) |
| DynamoDB local secondary indexes | - must be specified at table creation |
| DynamoDB global secondary indexes | - used to query items across partition keys |
| DynamoDB item types | - strings |
| ElastiCache | fully managed key/value storage (faster than DynamoDB, but not durable) |
| ElastiCache - Memcached | - useful for transient data like cache and session store |
| ElastiCache - Redis | - redis is similar to memcache, but it has much richer queries and data types |
| ElastiCache - Security | - runs in your VPC |
| Route53 | A highly available and scalable DNS service. Provides three main functions: |
| Route53: Simple Routing | Standard DNS records with no special routing (like weighted or latency) |
| Route53: Weighted Routing | Allows you to associate multiple resources with a single domain name and choose how much traffic is routed to each resource |
| Route53: Latency-based Routing | Cross-region routing - create latency records for your resources in multiple regions. |
| Route53: Failover Routing | Routes to a primary resource when it is healthy or to a secondary when the primary is not healthy. |
| Route53: Geolocation Routing | Lets you choose the resources that serve your traffic based on the geographic location of your users. |
| Route53: Geo-proximity Routing | Use the Traffic Flow UI to specify a location for each region, along with a bias |
| Route53: Multi-value Answer Routing | Returns multiple values (e.g. multiple IP addresses) for your web servers |

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| Route53: Traffic Flow | GUI that lets you build complex routing policies by chaining rules, turning on health checks, etc |
| Route53: Alias Record | Route53 alias records are a Route53-specific extension to DNS functionality |
| Route53 Resolver | Unifies DNS resolution in a hybrid cloud implementation: |
| Route53 Health Checks | Health checks monitor the health and performance of your resources. |
| Route 53 pricing | Small monthly cost for each zone |
| IAM | Identity and Access Management |
| IAM Identities | - Account root user - has full access to everything (and can't be reduced) |
| IAM Users | - MFA can be turned on by the user (can't be turned on by the admin for a user) |
| IAM Groups | - Policies attached to group apply to all users in the group |
| IAM Roles | An IAM identity with specific permissions |
| IAM Policies | Managed policies: standalone policy created and administered by AWS; designed to provide permissions for many common use cases (e.g. AmazonDynamoDB) or custom policies written by you |
| IAM Best practices | - Don't create access keys for your AWS account root user unless you absolutely need to |
| CloudWatch | Monitoring and observability for cloud applications |
| CloudWatch: Dashboards | Create re-usable graphs to visualize your cloud resources in a unified view |
| CloudWatch: Events | - can respond to an action (like a change in the AWS environment, or somebody using root credentials to sign in) |
| CloudWatch: Alarms | Allow you to set a threshold on metrics and trigger an action |
| CloudWatch: Logs | Monitor, store, and access log files from EC2 instances, CloudTrail, Route53 and other sources |
| CloudWatch: Metrics | - collects metrics from more than 70 AWS services (including EC2, DynamoDB, S3, etc) with no action on your part |
| CloudWatch: agent | Installed on the guest OS |
| CloudWatch pricing | - monthly cost per metric |
| CloudTrail | continuous monitoring of activity across your AWS infrastructure |
| CloudTrail: Events | Activity is recorded as CloudTrail events: |
| CloudTrail: CloudWatch Alarms | CloudWatch alarms can be tied to CloudTrail metrics to alert you when specific actions are taken (e.g. a bucket policy is changed) |
| CloudTrail: Security | Logs can be encrypted using KMS |
| CloudTrail: Athena | Use Athena to analyze CloudTrail logs |
| Kinesis | AWS solution for collecting, processing, analyzing real-time streaming data |
| Kinesis Data Streams | Durability: streaming data is replicated across three AZs; data is stored for 7 days |
| Kinesis Firehose | Data immediately disappears once processed |
| Kinesis Data Analytics | Allows you to perform queries in real-time against a Data Stream or Firehose input |
| Kinesis Video Streams | Securely ingests and stores video and audio , feeding it to consumers such as SageMaker, Rekognition, or other services |
| CloudFront | Cloudfront is AWS's CDN, primarily used for speeding up websites by providing cached static content to users at the edge |
| CloudFront edge locations | Over 200 points of presence. |
| CloudFront web distributions | Specifies things like: |
| CloudFront: writing to distributions | A distribution can be enabled to accept POST, PUT, DELETE, OPTIONS, and PATCH requests, allowing you to write content to the distribution |
| CloudFront: cache behaviors | A distribution has a default cache behavior, and you can add additional ones (e.g. a cache behavior that applies to images) |
| CloudFront: pricing | Customer is charged for the following: |
| CloudFront: distribution types | - web distribution (static web content) |
| CloudFront: origin access identity | OAI allows CloudFront to serve from non-public S3 buckets |
| CloudFront: restricted content | restrict access to files for selected users, for example, users who have paid a fee. |
| CloudFront: signed cookies | Signed cookies are best in these cases: |
| CloudFront: signed URLs | Signed URLs are best in these cases: |
| CloudFront: Lambda@Edge | Allows you to execute functions at the edge to customize the content delivered by CloudFront |
| CloudFront: distribution settings | - use an AWS WAF Web ACL |
| SQS | SAS is a fully managed message queuing service (like Sidekiq or RabbitMQ) |
| SQS: queue types | - standard queues: maximum throughput, best-effort ordering, at-least-once delivery |
| SQS: security | - use IAM to grant permission to read from and write to specific queues |
| SQS: pricing | Purely based on number of requests |
| SQS: long polling | Reduce extraneous polling and receive new messages as quickly as possible. |
| SQS: retries, DLQ | If the processing fails, the visibility timeout will expire and the message will be available again |
| SQS: visibility timeout | When a consumer receives and processes a message from a queue, the message remains in the queue |
| SQS: message retention | SQS can retain messages from 60 seconds to 14 days |
| SQS vs Amazon MQ | Amazon MQ is a managed Apache ActiveMQ service and supports queue and broadcast protocols like AMQP, JMS, etc. |
| SQS vs SNS | SNS is a distributed pub-sub system. All messages are pushed to all receivers |
| SNS | Fully managed pub/sub messaging service |
| SNS: supported receivers | - HTTP/HTTPS endpoints |
| SNS: security | - use IAM to grant permission to subscribe to and publish to specific topics |
| SNS: retries, DLQ | If an endpoint is not available, SNS will execute a retry policy. |
| SNS: availability | Data is replicated across AZs |
| SNS: AWS services with publishing support | Over 30 services support publishing to SNS, including: |
| SNS: message filtering | Subscribers can specify a filter policy so that it only gets a subset of the messages posted to a topic |
| SNS: pricing | Strictly pay-as-you go |
| CloudFormation | CloudFormation is a templating system which allows you to automate the provisioning of AWS resources and third-party resources |
| CloudFormation: devops | Can house your CloudFormation templates in a git repository and deploy to your AWS environment via a CI/CD pipeline |
| CloudFormation: NestedStacks | Allow you to break up your template into smaller reusable templates that can be composed together into a larger template |
| CloudFormation: template anatomy | - Description: text string describing the template |
| SWF | Simple Workflow Service |

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| SWF functionality | - SWF functionality state |
| SWF implementation | - define a workflow |
| OpsWorks | Configuration management service that provides managed instances of Chef and Puppet |
| Well-Architected Framework | Pillars: |
| Well-Architected Framework: | - perform operations as code |
| Well-Architected Framework: | - Implement a strong identity foundation |
| Well-Architected Framework: | - automatically recover from failure |
| Well-Architected Framework: | - democratize advanced technologies |
| Well-Architected Framework: | - implement cloud financial management |
| Well-Architected Framework: | - stop guessing your capacity needs |
| VPC Endpoints | Allow you to communicate with supported AWS services without the traffic traversing the public network (it all stays inside your VPC) |
| VPC Endpoints: Interface endpoint | An interface VPC endpoint (interface endpoint) enables you to connect to services powered by AWS PrivateLink. |
| VPC Endpoints: Gateway endpoint | A gateway that you specify as a target for a route in your route table for traffic destined to a supported AWS service. |
| PrivateLink | Provides private connectivity between VPCs and services hosted on AWS or on-premises, securely on the Amazon network. |
| EFA | An EFA is an Elastic Network Adapter (ENA) with added capabilities. It provides all of the functionality of an ENA, with an additional OS-bypass functionality. |
| Elastic Beanstalk | An orchestration service for applications leveraging various AWS services, including EC2, S3, SNS, CloudWatch, autoscaling, and Elastic Load Balancers |
| Elastic Beanstalk: supported languages | Go, Java, .NET, Node.js, PHP, Python, and Ruby |
| Elastic Beanstalk: components | - application: a logical container for the project |
| Security Token Service (STS) | A web service that enables you to request temporary, limited-privilege credentials for IAM users or for users that you authenticate (federated users) |
| DataSync: Verification | AWS DataSync locally calculates the checksum of every file in the source file system and the destination and compares them. |
| Server Migration Service | Automates the migration of your on-premises VMware vSphere, Microsoft Hyper-V/SCVMM, and Azure virtual machines to the AWS Cloud. |
| Autoscaling: termination policies | Governs the selection of instances to terminate in a scale-in situation |
| Autoscaling: lifecycle hooks | Lifecycle hooks enable you to perform custom actions by pausing instances as an Auto Scaling group launches or terminates them. |
| Autoscaling: mixing purchase options | An ASG can be comprised of on-demand and spot instances. |
| Organizations | Organizations helps you to centrally manage billing; control access, compliance, and security; and share resources across your AWS accounts. |
| Organizations: Resource Access Manager | RAM lets you share your resources with any account or through Organizations. |
| Organizations: Service Control Policies | SCPs are a type of organization policy that you can use to manage permissions in your organization |
| CloudFormation: drift detection | Detects any changes to the current stack configuration to the one specified in the template and reports differences. |
| EC2: billing (hours/seconds) | Per-second billing is available for Linux instances; per-hour for all other instance types |
| AWS Global Accelerator | Global Accelerator uses the AWS global network to route traffic to the optimal regional endpoint based on health, client location, and policies that you configure. |
| AWS Global Accelerator vs Route 53 | With Route 53 geolocation, you have to deal with DNS caching; Global Accelerator doesn't use DNS to route traffic. |
| Redshift | Amazon Redshift is a fully-managed petabyte-scale cloud based data warehouse product designed for large scale data set storage and analysis. It is also used to perform large scale database migrations. |
| AWS Key Management Service | KMS is a secure and resilient service that uses hardware security modules that have been validated under FIPS 140-2 (or are in the process of being validated) to protect your keys. |
| S3: Storage Class Analysis | Lets you analyze storage access patterns to decide when to transition the right data to the right storage class. |
| SQS: delay queue | Delay queues let you postpone the delivery of new messages to a queue for a number of seconds, for example, when your consumer application needs additional time to process messages. If you create a delay queue, any messages that you send to the queue remain invisible to consumers for the duration of the delay period. |
| Elastic Container Service | ECS is a fully managed container orchestration service. |
| Elastic Container Registry | A fully-managed Docker container registry, integrated with ECS |
| Fargate | Fargate is a serverless compute engine for containers that works with both Amazon Elastic Container Service (ECS) and Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS). |
| CloudTrail: cross-region | You can turn on a trail across all regions -- CloudTrail will deliver log files from all regions to the S3 bucket and an optional CloudWatch Logs log group you specified. |
| FSx | Fully managed filesystems |
| FSx for Windows File Server | Provides fully managed file storage that is accessible over the industry-standard Server Message Block (SMB) protocol. |
| FSx for Lustre | Lustre is a type of parallel distributed file system, generally used for large-scale cluster computing. |
| VPC Flow Logs | A feature that enables you to capture information about the IP traffic going to and from network interfaces in your VPC. |
| VPC Peering | A VPC peering connection is a networking connection between two VPCs that enables you to route traffic between them using private IPv4 addresses or IPv6 addresses. |
| AWS Config | AWS Config is a service that enables you to assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources. |
| Cognito | Cognito lets you add user sign-up, sign-in, and access control to your web and mobile apps quickly and easily. |
| Cognito: User Pools | A user pool is a user directory in Cognito. With a user pool, your users can sign in to your web or mobile app through Cognito. |
| Cognito: Identity Pools | Identity pools provide temporary AWS credentials for users who are guests (unauthenticated) and for users who have been authenticated and received a token. |
| Cognito: social identity providers | Users can sign in through social identity providers (IdP) like Facebook, Google, Amazon, and Apple. |
| S3: Presigned URLs | Allows the owner to share private objects with others by creating a presigned UR to grant time-limited permission to download the objects. |
| ClassicLink | ClassicLink allows you to link an EC2-Classical instance to a VPC in your account, within the same region. This allows you to associate the VPC security groups with the EC2-Classical instance, enabling communication between your EC2-Classical instance and instances in your VPC using private IPv4 addresses. |
| Database Migration Service | a cloud service that makes it easy to migrate relational databases, data warehouses, NoSQL databases, and other types of data stores. |
| Database Migration Service: Schema Conversion Tool | The Schema Conversion Tool makes heterogeneous database migrations predictable by automatically converting the source database schema and a majority of the database code objects, including views, stored procedures, and functions, to a format compatible with the target database. |
| Glacier Select | Allows you to perform filtering operations using simple Structured Query Language (SQL) statements directly on your data in S3 Glacier. |
| S3 Select | Filters the contents of an S3 object based on a simple structured query language (SQL) statement. |
| Glacier: restore | Restoring from Glacier and Glacier Deep Archive creates a temporary copy of the object in S3 (duration is user-specified). |
| Serverless Application Model | SAM is an open-source framework for building serverless applications. |
| EC2: Hibernation | Hibernation saves the contents from the instance RAM to the EBS root volume. EC2 persists the instance's EBS root volume and any attached EBS data volumes. |
| Secrets Manager | Service that encrypts and stores your secrets, and transparently decrypts and returns them to you in plaintext. |
| AWS Budgets | AWS Budgets allows you to set custom budgets to track your cost and usage from the simplest to the most complex use cases. |
| Redshift: Spectrum | Redshift Spectrum is a feature within Redshift that lets a data analyst conduct fast, complex analysis on objects stored in S3. |
| Inspector | An automated security assessment service that helps improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS. |
| Aurora: endpoints | - cluster endpoint (aka "writer endpoint"): connects to the current primary DB instance for that DB cluster |
| Macie | A fully managed data security and data privacy service that uses machine learning and pattern matching to discover and protect your sensitive data in AWS. |
| RDS: enhanced monitoring | Amazon RDS provides metrics in real time for the operating system (OS) that your DB instance runs on, using an agent installed on the instances. |
| Autoscaling: default policy | - filters for instances in the AZ with the most instances. |

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