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Architecting on AWS

Security and Compliance

Identify the correct statements:

Security and patching of the operating system and the application is the responsibility of the customer.

Penetration testing is a violation of the AWS Terms of Service.

Data on block storage devices (i.e., ephemeral storage and EBS) is encrypted by default.

Port scanning is performed by AWS to check for vulnerabilities in your application.

AWS is PCI DSS Level 1 certified, but customers are responsible for managing PCI compliance and certification for their own applications.

Each AWS Region has at least one Disaster Recovery Availability Zone.

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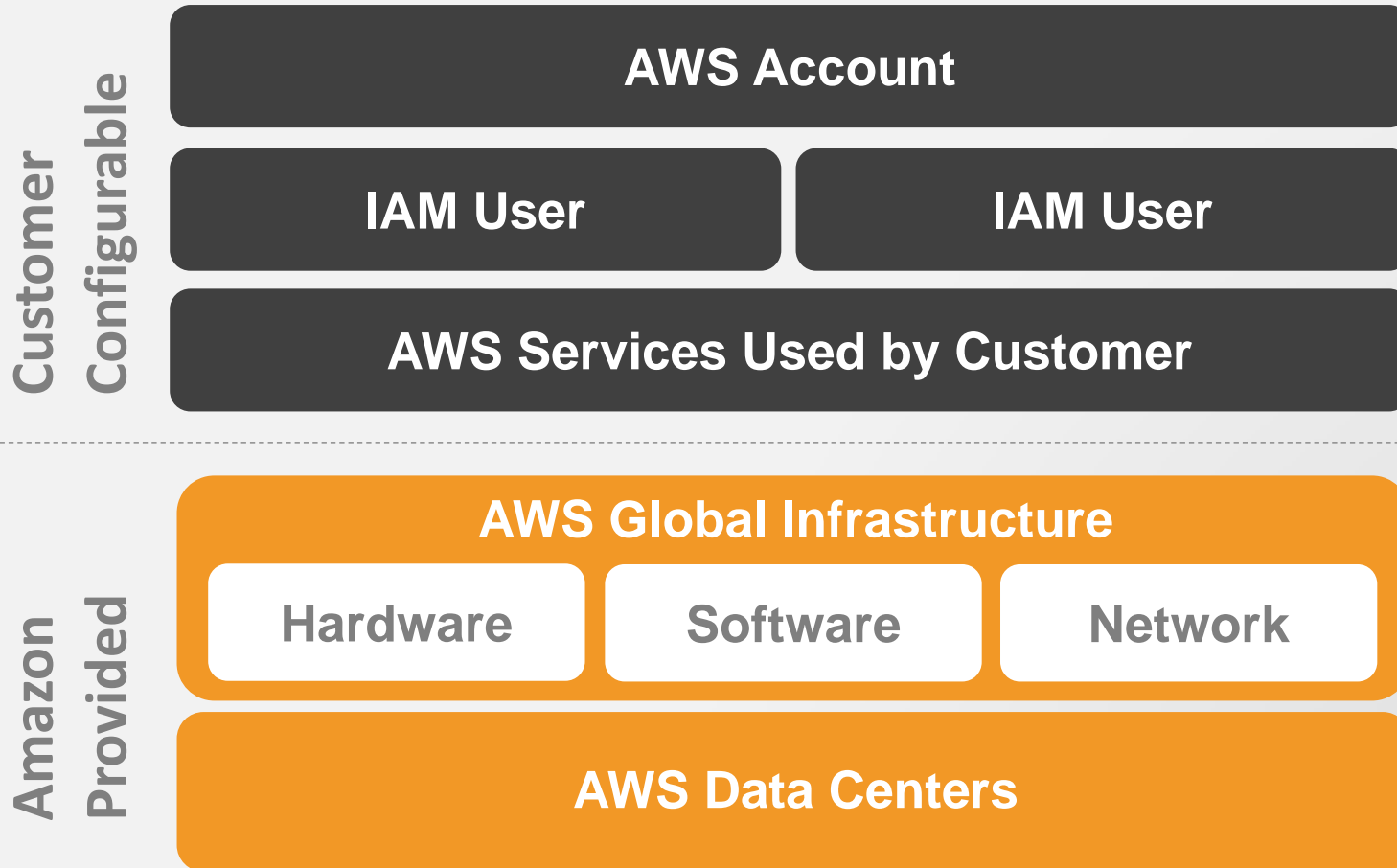
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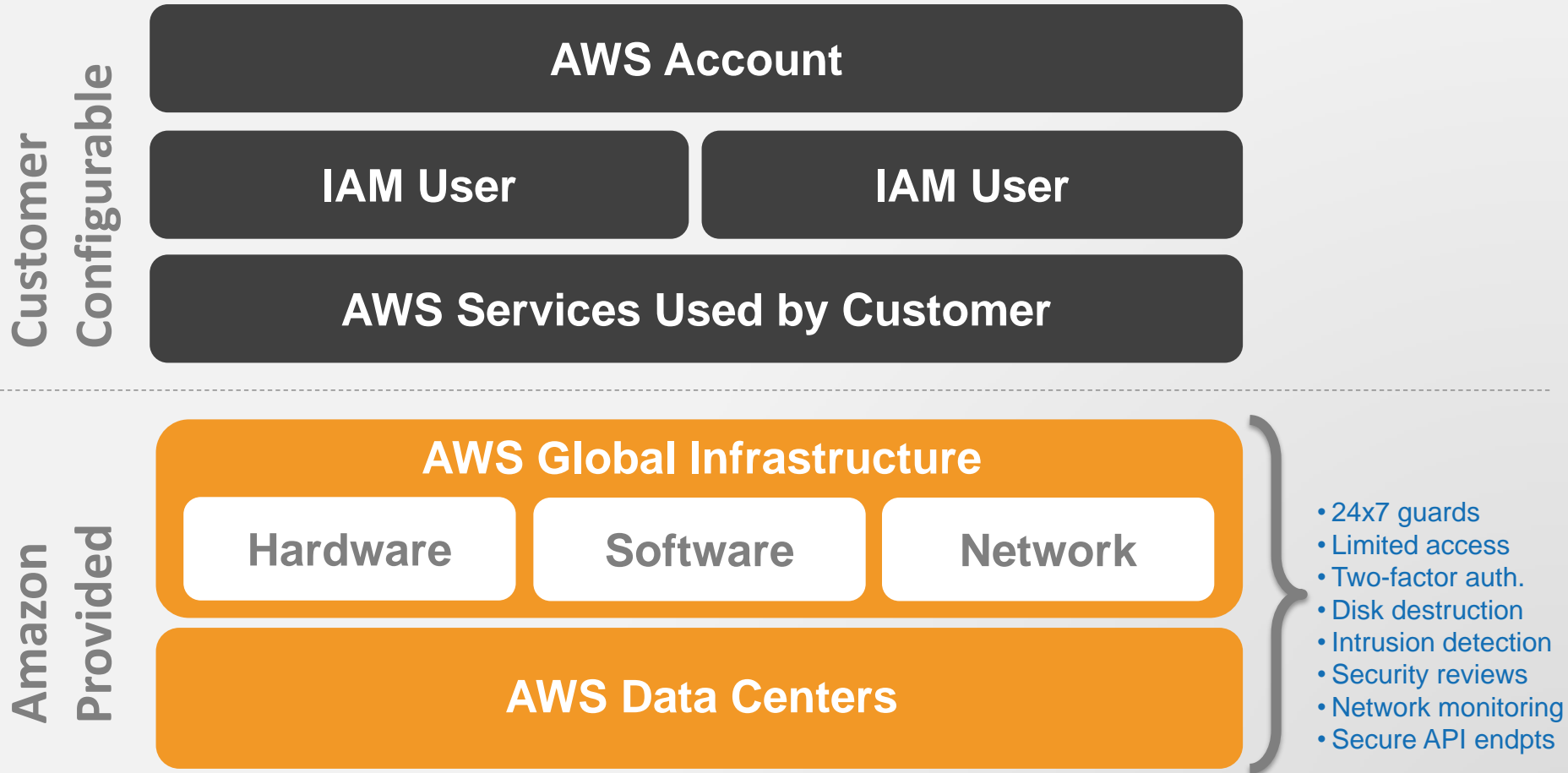
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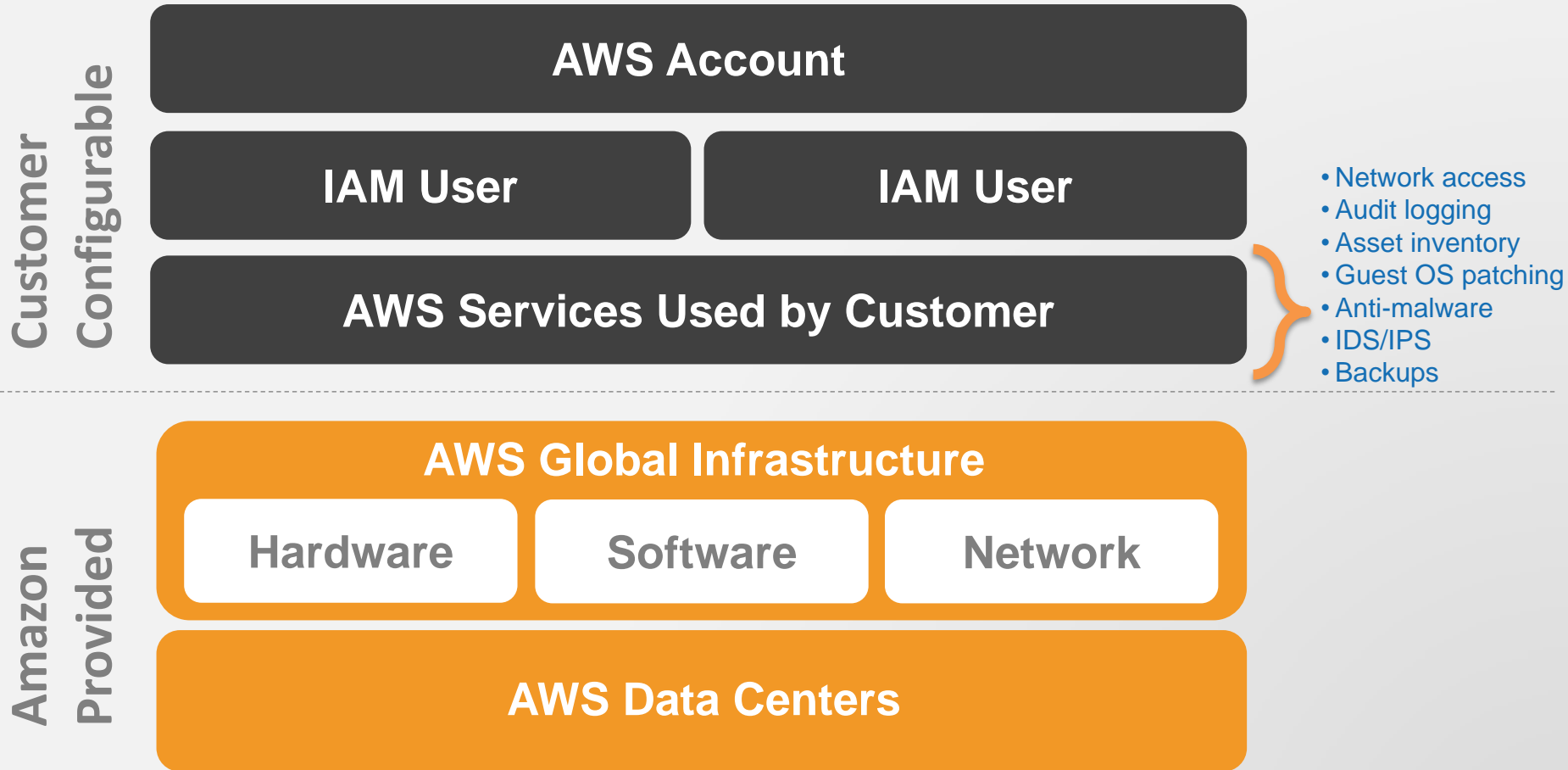
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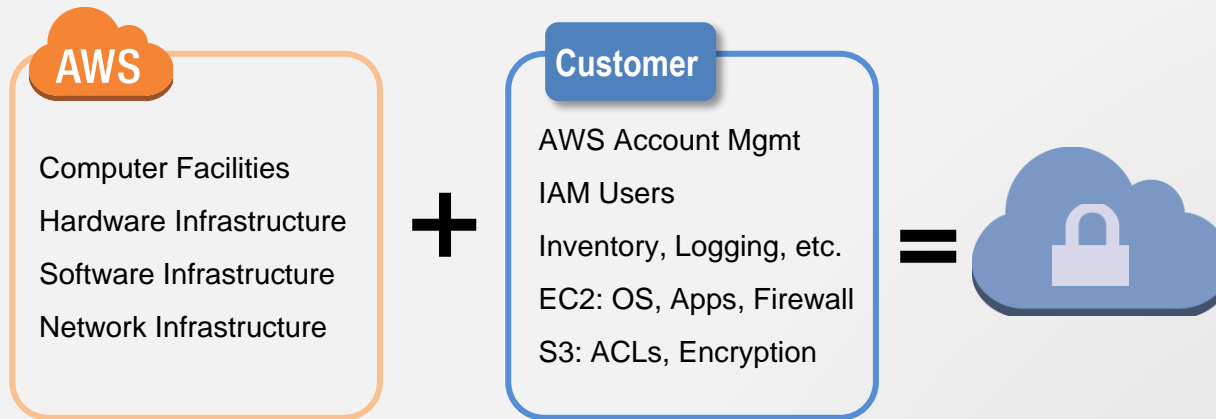
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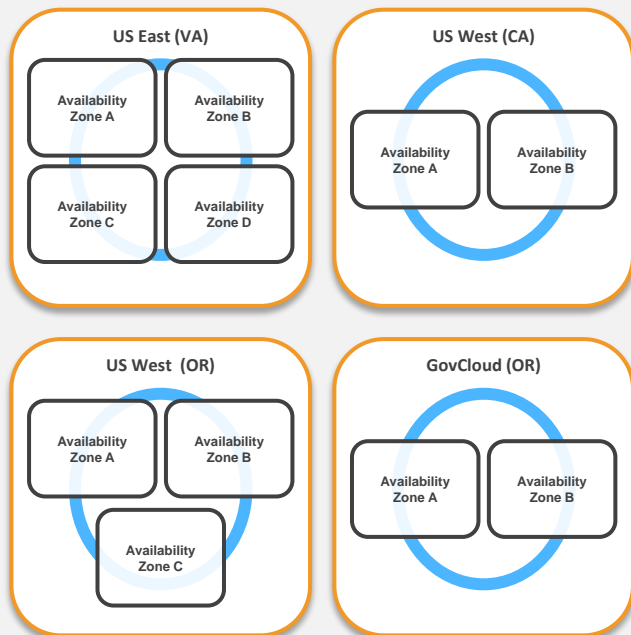
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 - Physical infrastructure
 - Network infrastructure
- Virtualization infrastructure
- Third-Party Attestations, Reports, and Certifications for the above

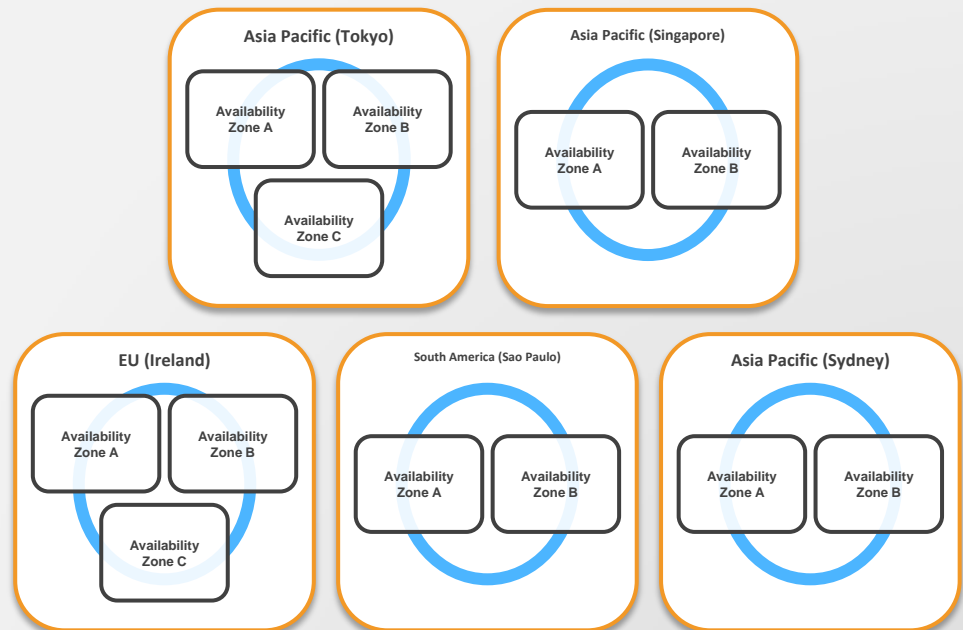
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US Regions



Global Regions



Physical Security of Data Centers

- Controlled, need-based access
 - All access is logged and reviewed
 - Multi-factor authentication
- Separation of Duties
 - Employees with physical access don't have logical access
- 24 x 7 security guards

Network Security

- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
 - Standard mitigation techniques in effect
- Man in the Middle (MITM)
 - All API endpoints protected by SSL
- IP Spoofing
 - Prohibited at host OS level

Network Security

- Unauthorized Port Scanning
 - Violation of TOS
 - Detected, stopped and blocked
- Packet Sniffing
 - Promiscuous mode ineffective
 - Protection at hypervisor level

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 - physically destroyed

Virtual Memory and Local Disk

- Proprietary disk management prevents one instance from reading disk contents of another
- Disk is wiped upon creation
- Disks can be encrypted by customer

AWS Third-Party Attestations, Reports, and Certifications

- AWS Environment
 - Service Organization Controls (SOC) Reports
 - SOC 1 Type II (SSAE 16/ISAE 3402/formerly SAS70)
 - SOC 2 Type II
 - SOC 3
 - Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) Level 1 Certification
 - ISO 27001 Certification
 - FedRAMPSM
 - DIACAP and FISMA
 - ITAR
 - FIPS 140-2

Additional information available at <https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/>.

AWS Third-Party Attestations, Reports and Certifications

- Customers have deployed various compliant applications:
 - Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX)
 - HIPAA (healthcare)
 - FedRAMPSM (US Public Sector)
 - FISMA (US Public Sector)
 - ITAR (US Public Sector)
 - DIACAP MAC III Sensitive IATO

Shared Responsibility: Half Way There

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- Now, let's talk about...

Security and Compliance | Your Role in Security

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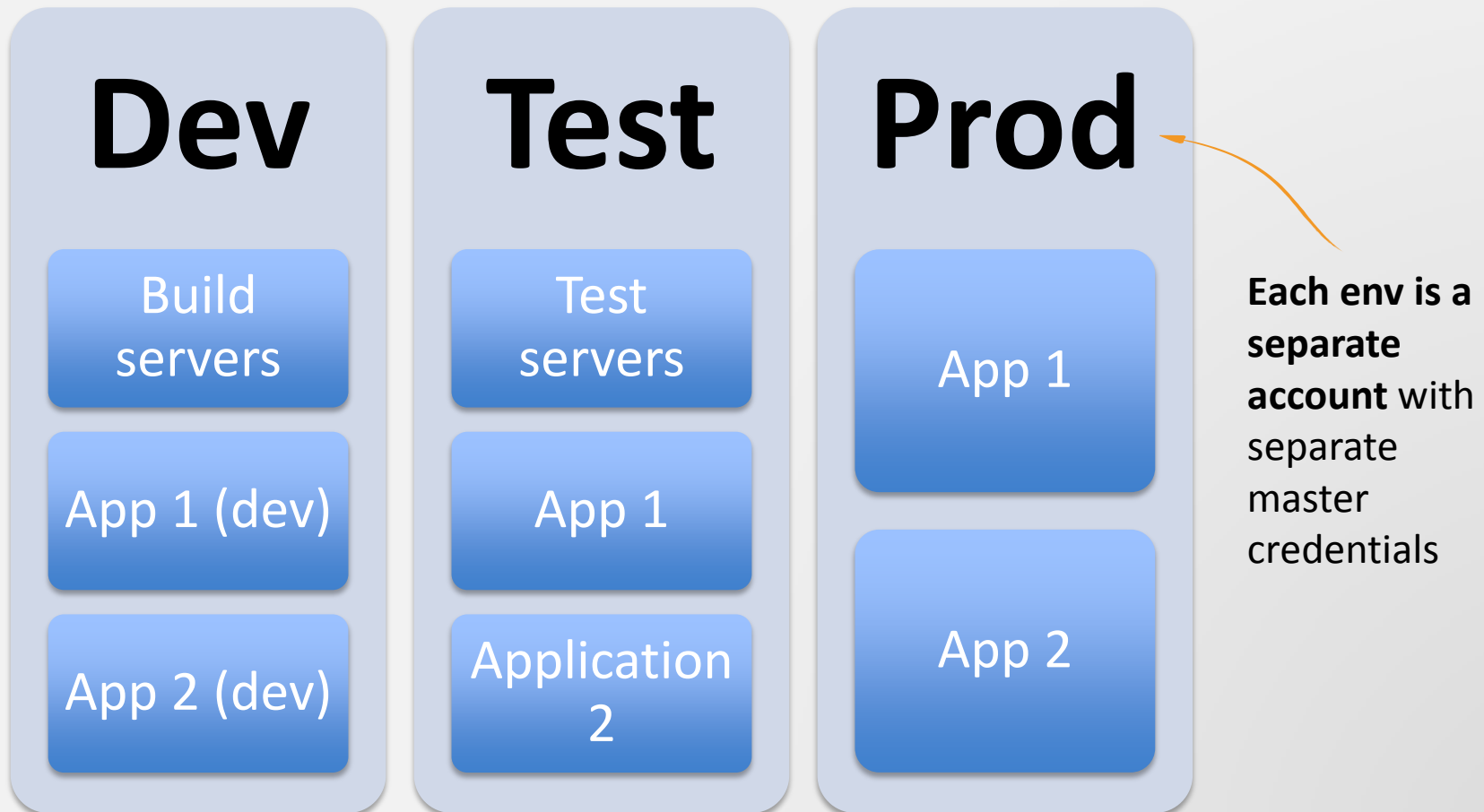
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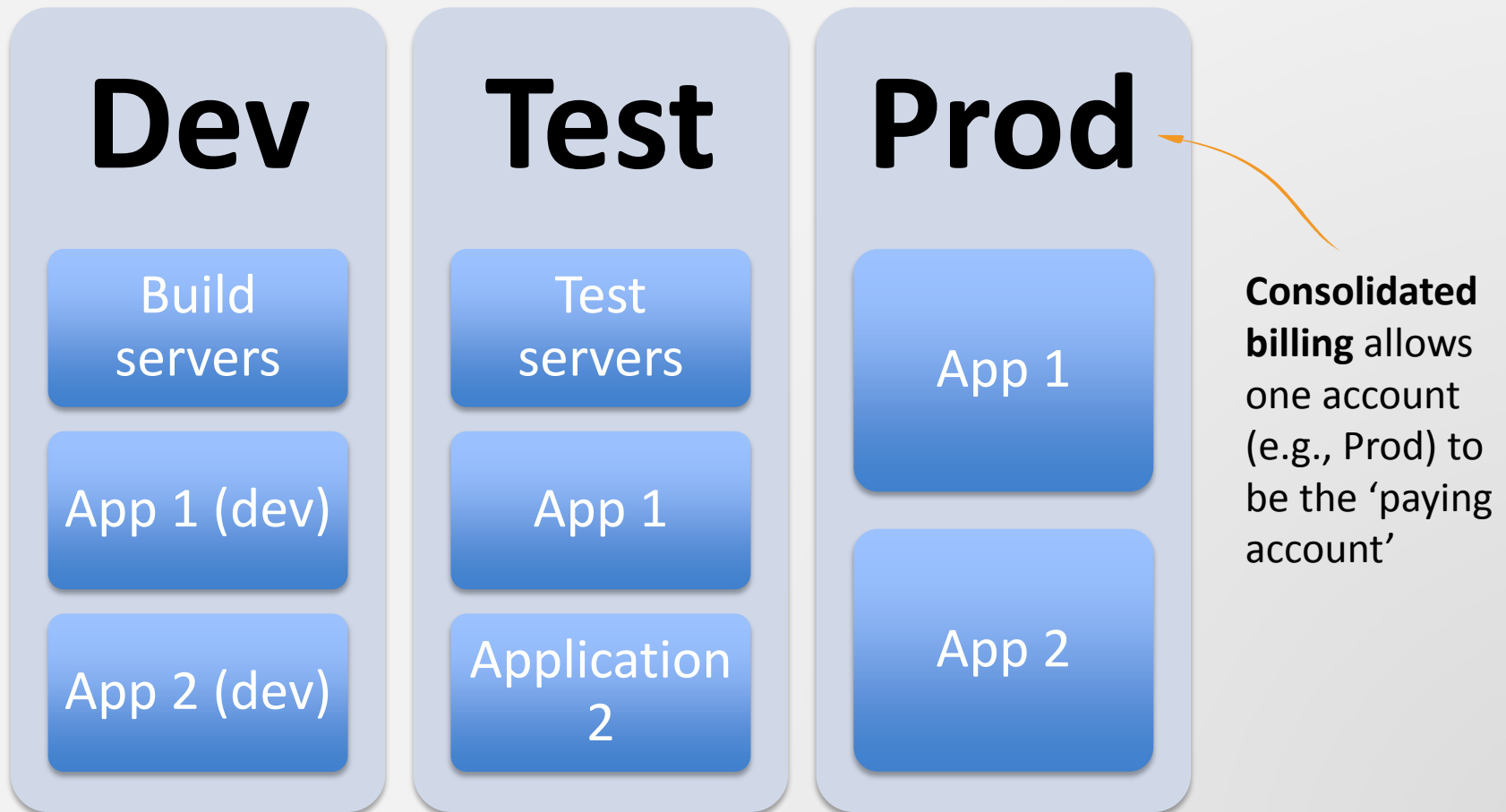
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Identity and Access Management



- Create Users and Groups within a master account

Identity and Access Management



Dev



John



Devs



Ops

Test



Devs



Jenkins

Prod



Finance



Prod
Owners

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- EC2 Key Pairs
 - You (and only you) have the private half of the key
 - You (and only you) can:
 - SSH to the instance (Linux)
 - Decrypt the Administrator password (Windows)

Operating system security

- You still need to patch
 - Most traditional tools will work
 - Emerging options
 - Chef (www.opscode.com/chef)
 - Puppet (www.puppetlabs.com)
 - Fabric/Cuisine (www.fabfile.org)
 - Capistrano (<https://github.com/capistrano/capistrano/wiki>)

Your Data

Protect privacy and enforce your policies with data encryption

- Encrypt data in transit
 - (SSL/TLS)
- Encrypt data at rest
 - Consider encrypted file systems for sensitive data
 - Encrypt objects before storing them
 - Encrypt records before writing in database

Your Data

- EBS and Ephemeral volumes can be encrypted
- Variety of options
 - EncFS, Loop-AES, dm-Crypt, TrueCrypt, etc...

Encryption: File Systems

Managing encryption keys

- Study key management capabilities of encryption product(s) you choose
- Establish a procedure that minimizes possibility of losing keys

Encryption: File Systems

Managing encryption keys

- AWS CloudHSM
 - Securely generate, store and manage cryptographic keys used for data encryption
 - Dedicated SafeNet Luna SA

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Security and Compliance

Network Security: **Security Groups**

- Control **inbound** traffic
- Apply many Security Groups to 1 instance
- Default group: no access

Network Security: **Security Groups**

Several services use Security Groups

- EC2
- VPC (more advanced features)
- RDS
- ElastiCache

Network Security: **Security Groups**

- When defining inbound rules, specify source by:
 - **CIDR address**
 - e.g. 0.0.0.0/0 for Internet, 10.0.0.0/16 for EC2 private, etc
 - **Security Group Name**
 - Restrict access to other EC2 instances in the specified security group

Network Security: **Security Groups**

Let's take a brief detour to explain CIDR notation...

Brief Detour: CIDR Notation

- Useful for expressing a range of IP addresses
- Consider this IP(v4) address:

216.173.122.34

Brief Detour: CIDR Notation

216.173.122.34



Each number can have a decimal value between 0 and 255.

Brief Detour: CIDR Notation

216.173.122.34



Each number is a single byte (8 bits).

Brief Detour: CIDR Notation

216.173.122.*



What if you wanted to express a firewall rule that allowed traffic from any address in the last octet?

Brief Detour: CIDR Notation

216.173.122.0



Specify the first valid number in the range. If we want to allow all values in the last octet, the first allowable value is 0.

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A few more examples...

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Match an exact address: 216.173.122.34

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216.173.122.34/32

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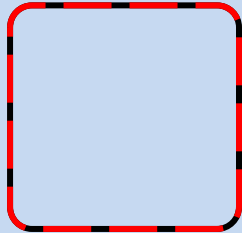
Example: Web Server Instance

- Design a security group for Apache web servers in your application's web tier

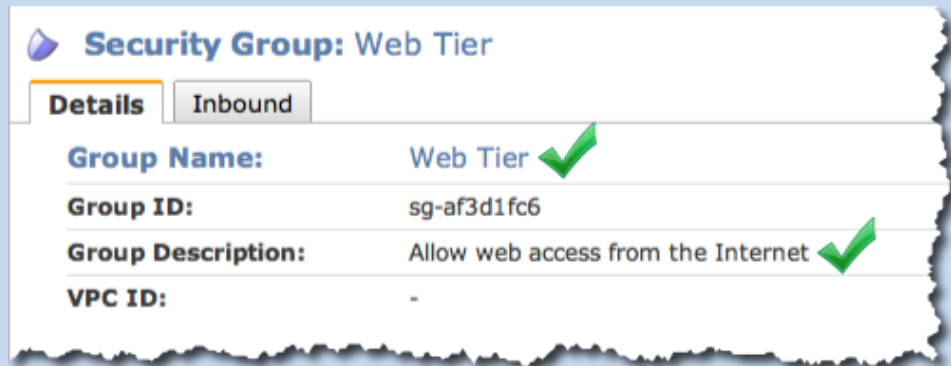
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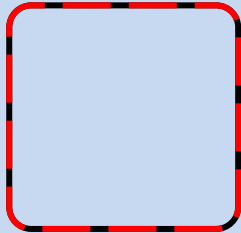
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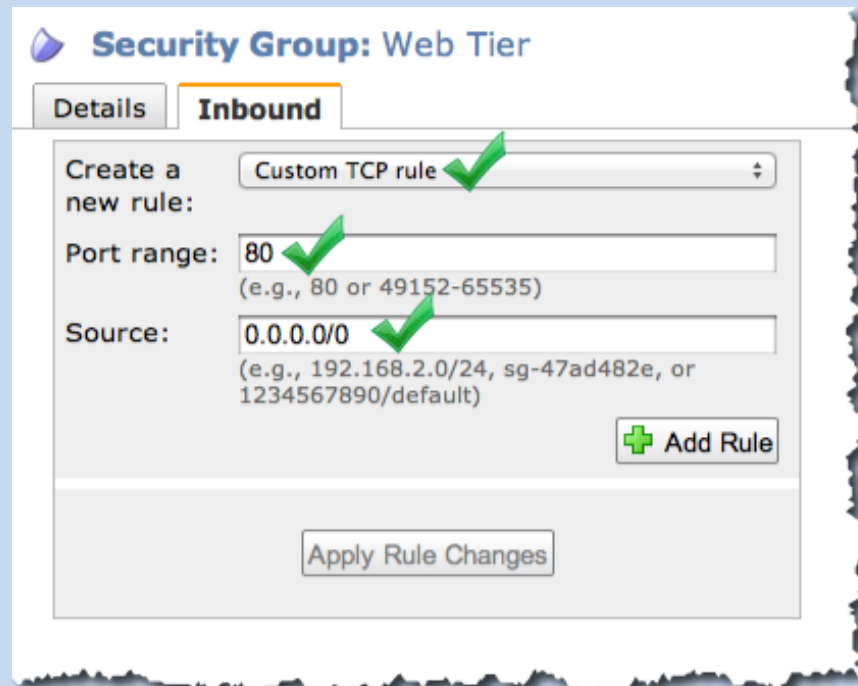
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Specify allowed port, protocol, and source



Security Group: Web Tier

Details **Inbound**

Create a new rule: Custom TCP rule ✓

Port range: 80 ✓
(e.g., 80 or 49152-65535)

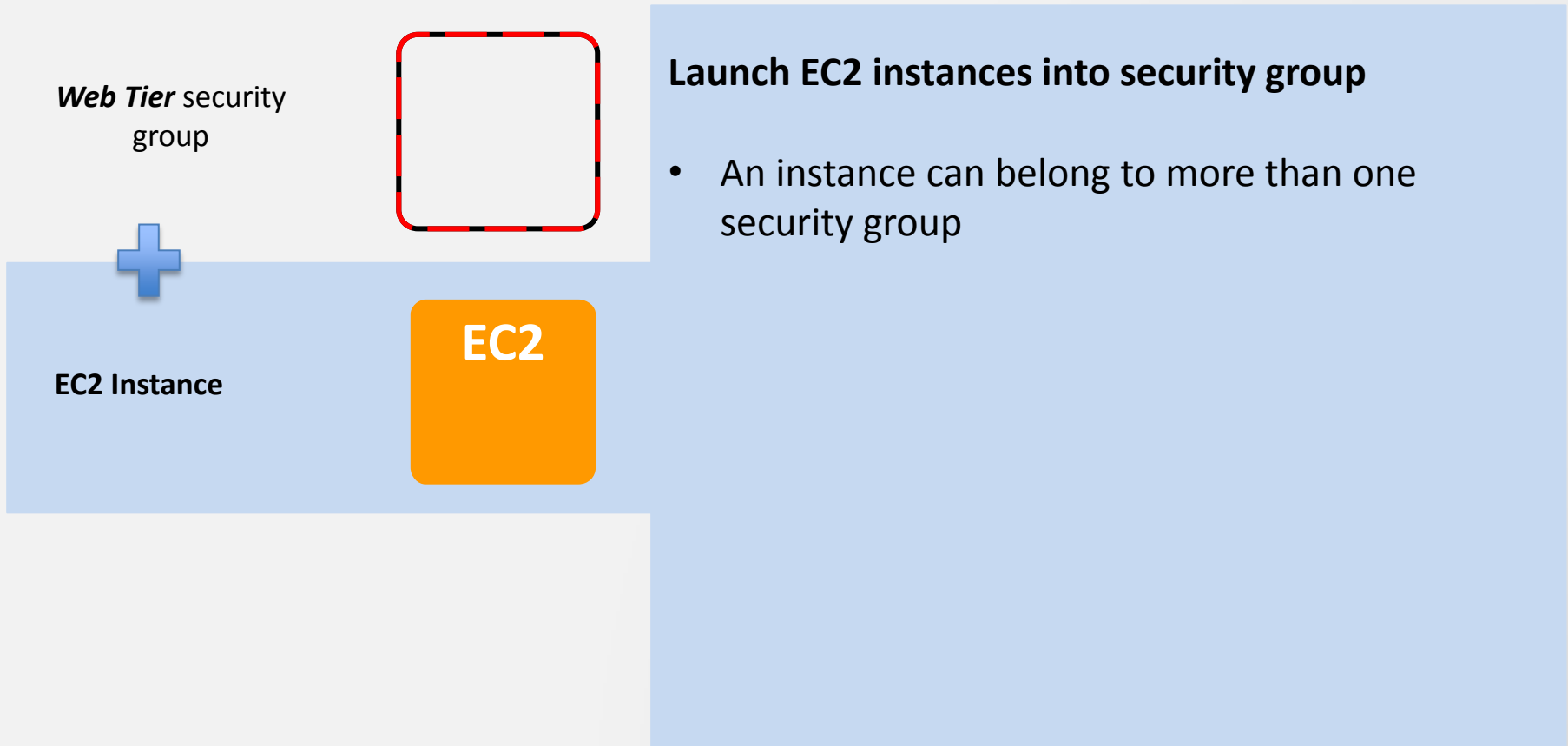
Source: 0.0.0.0/0 ✓
(e.g., 192.168.2.0/24, sg-47ad482e, or 1234567890/default)

+ Add Rule

Apply Rule Changes

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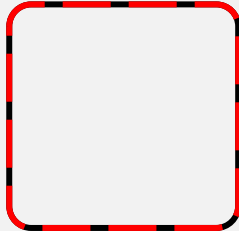
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EC2 Instance

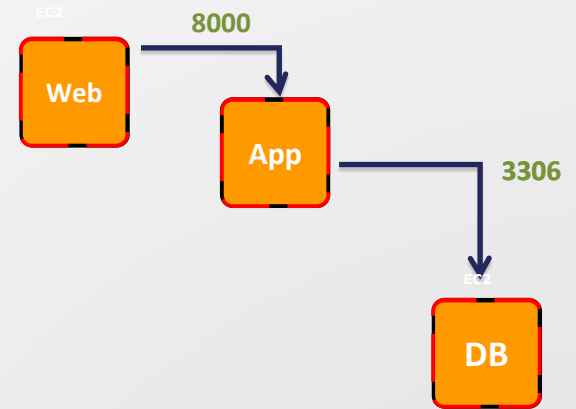


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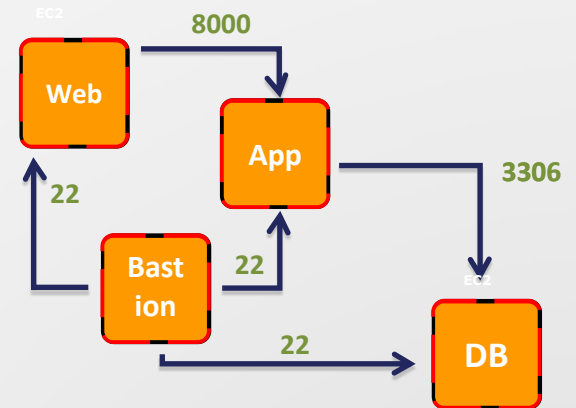


Rules can be added, modified or deleted “on the fly”

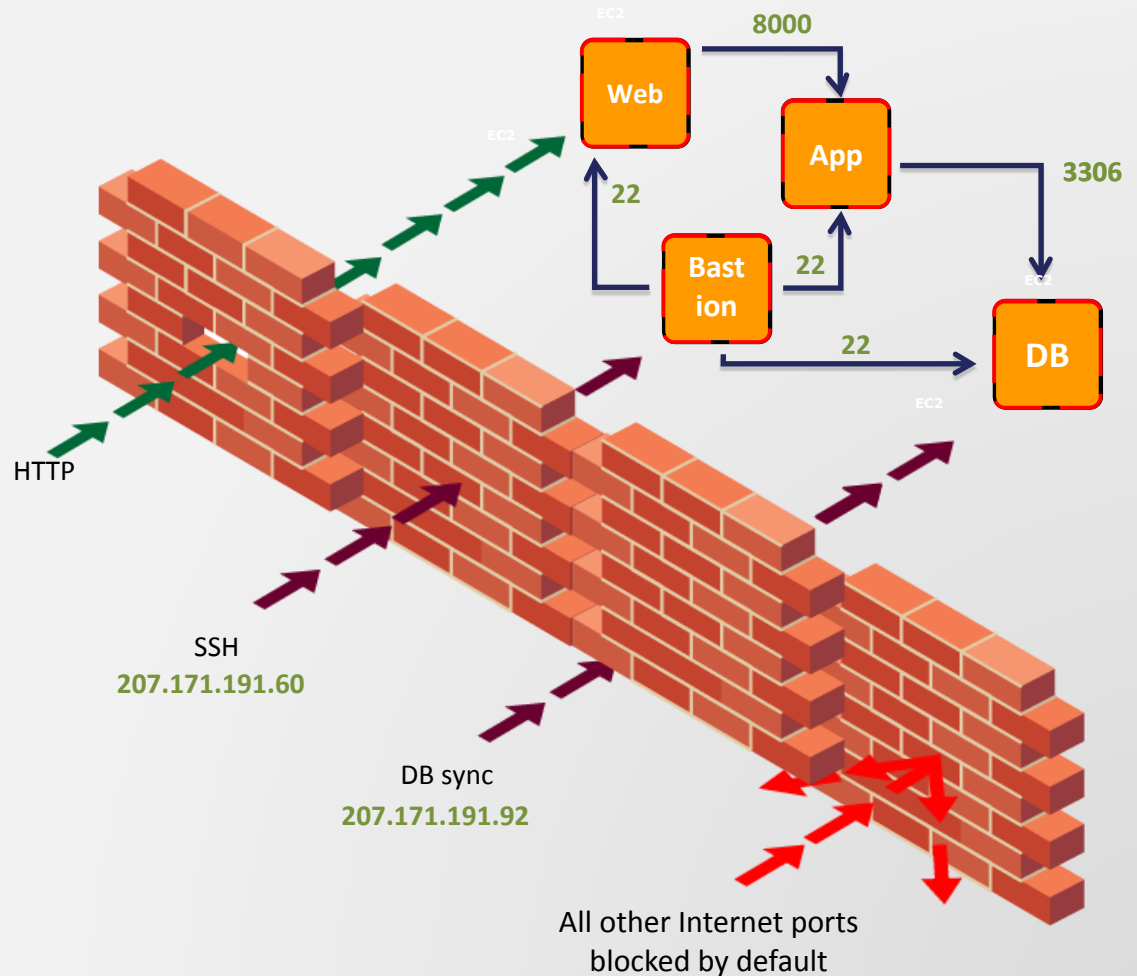
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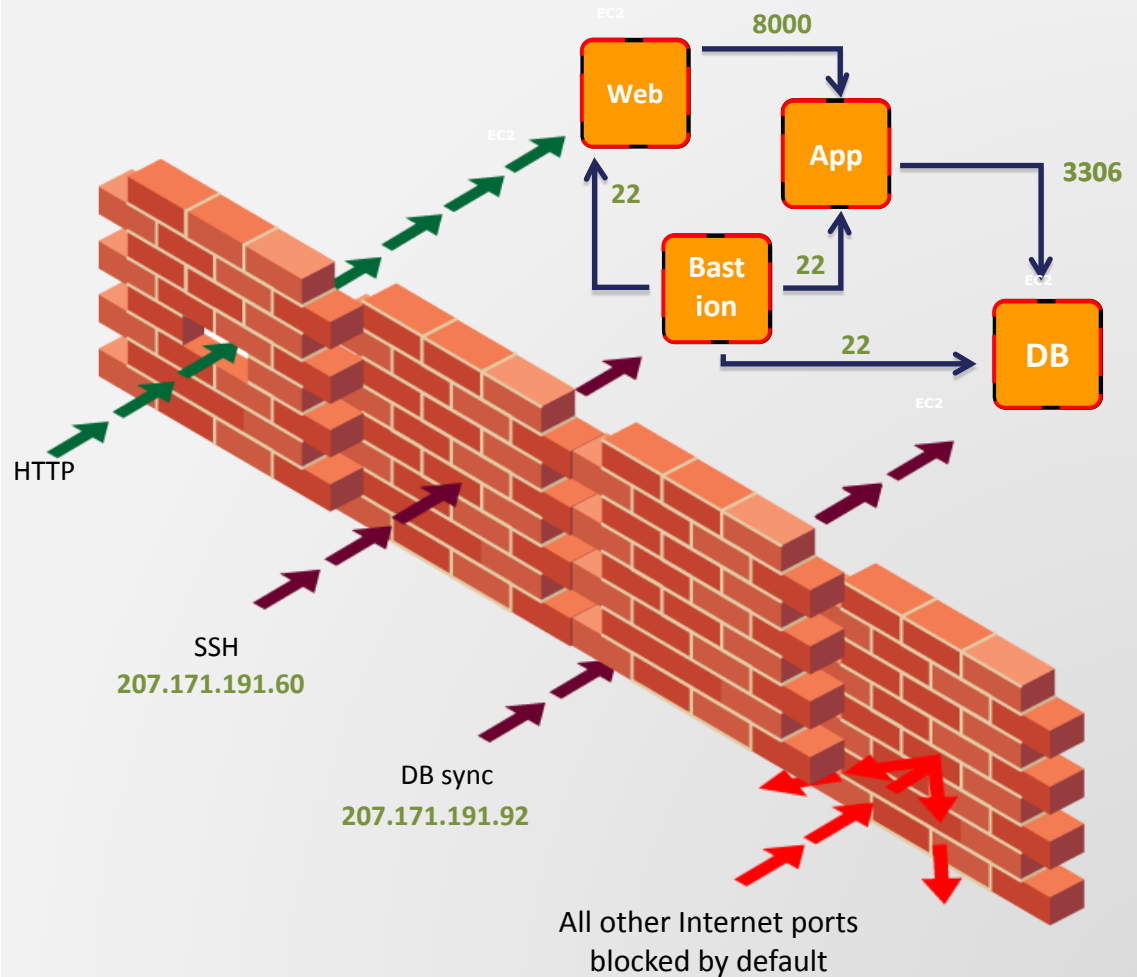


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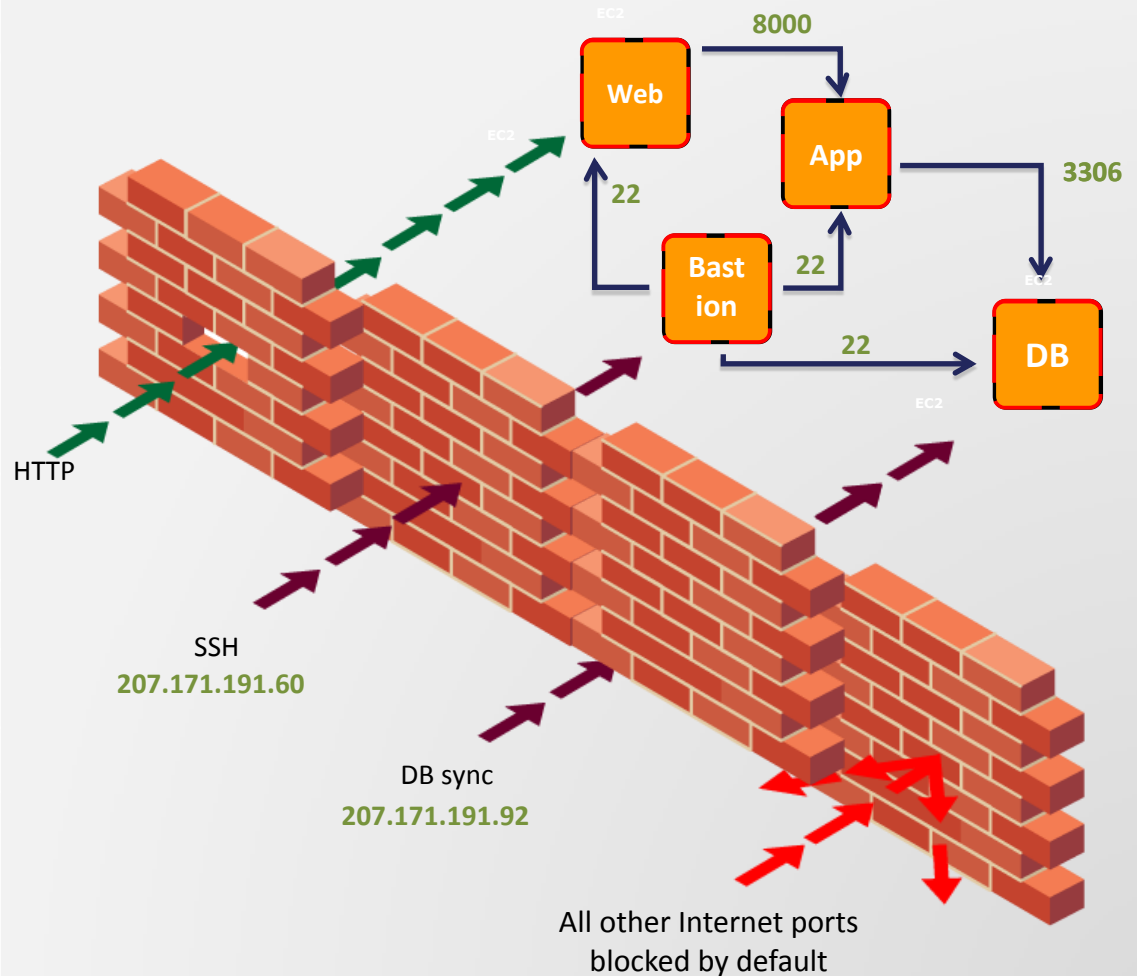
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App		
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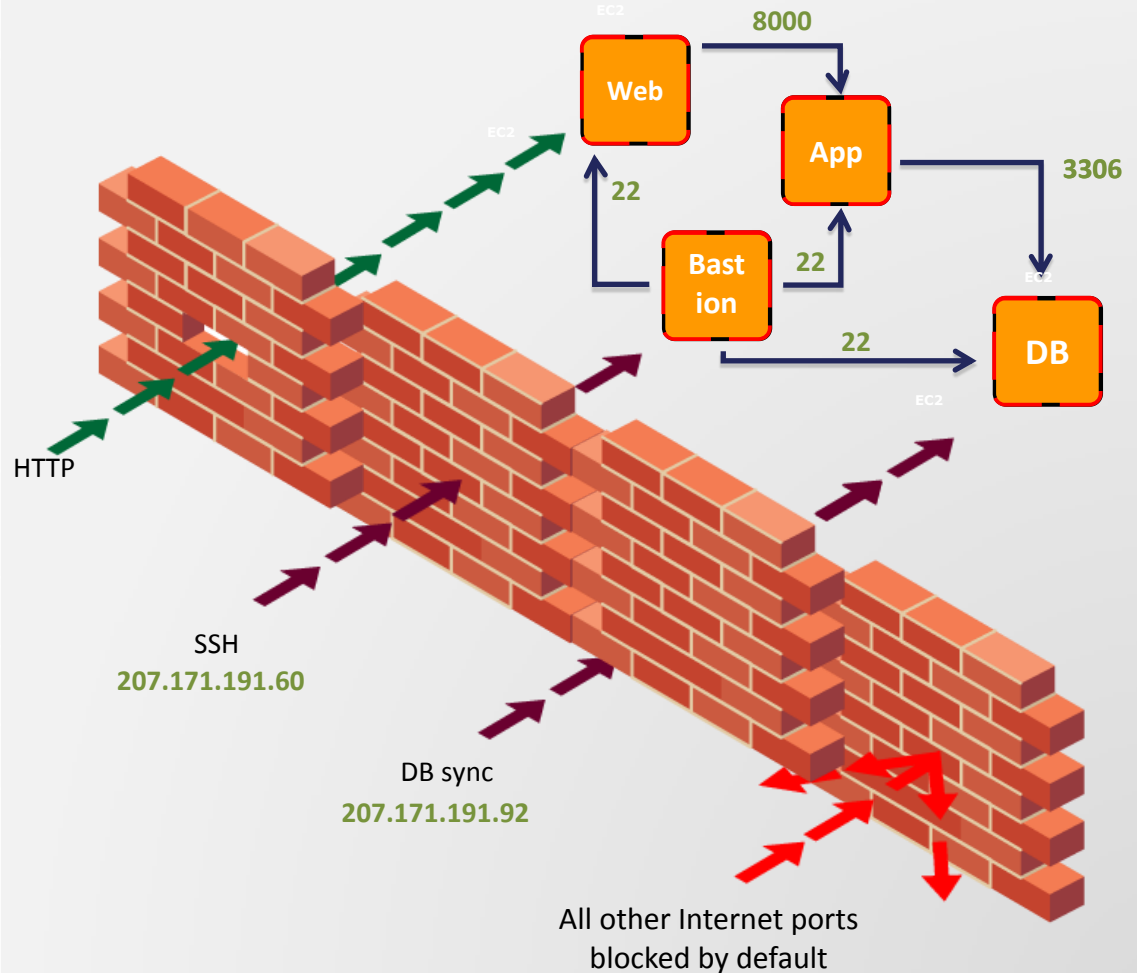
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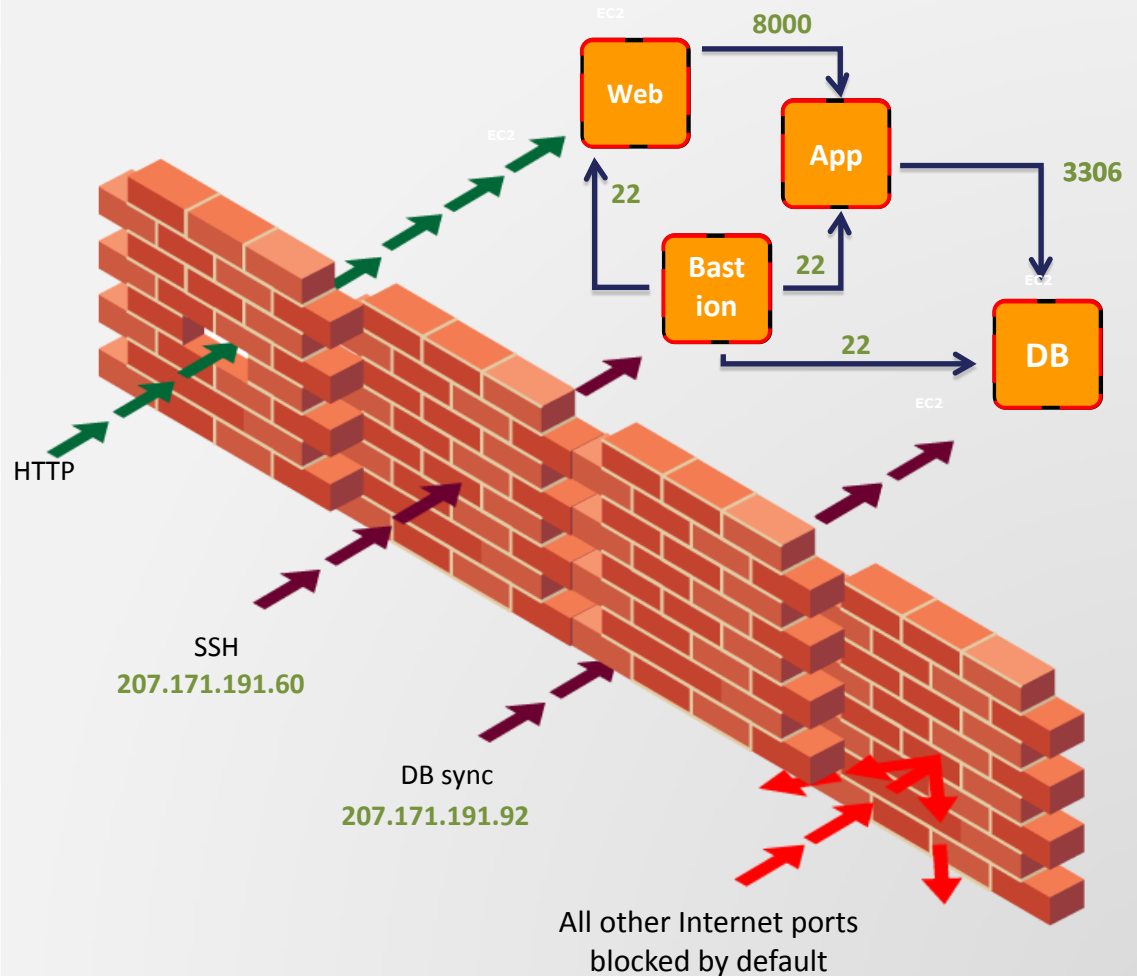
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DB	3306	207.171.191.92/32
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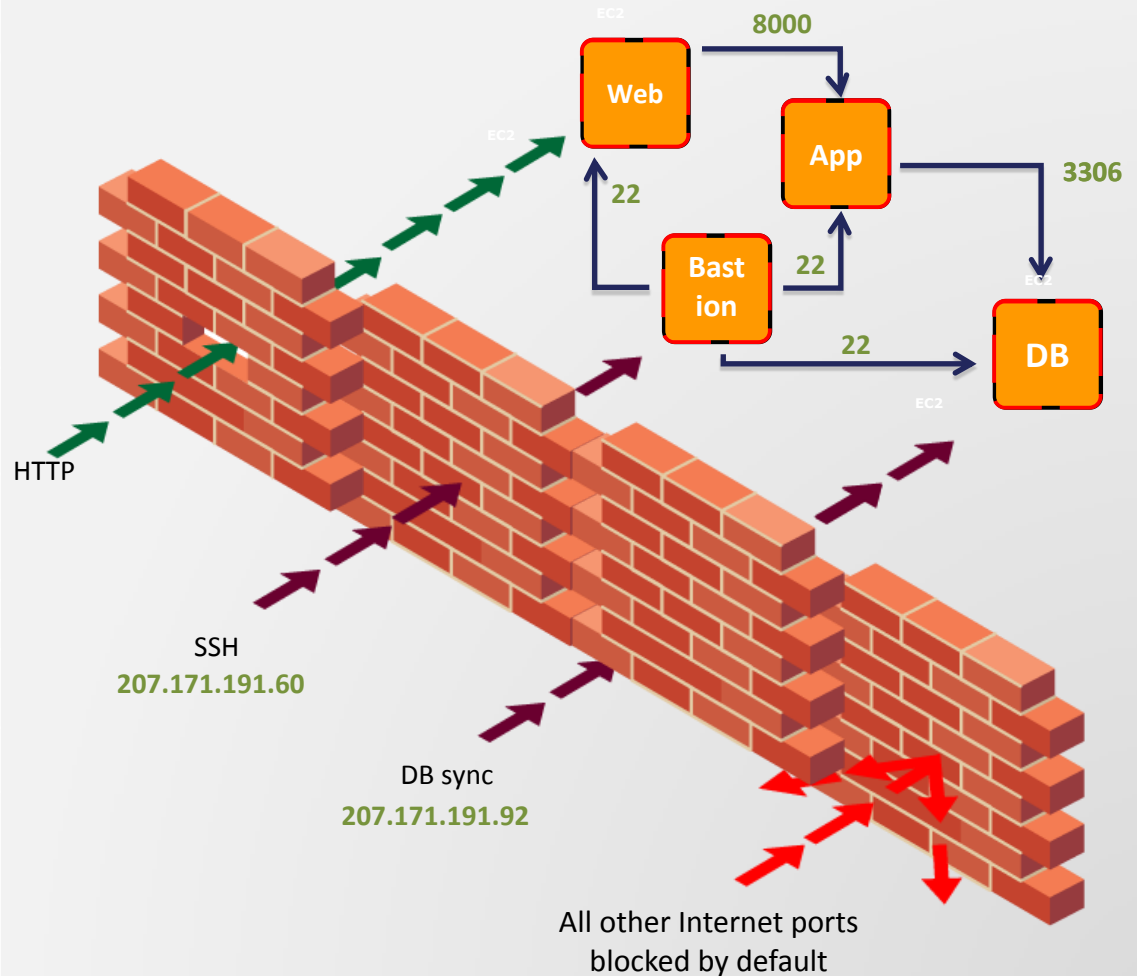
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Tier	Port	Source
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App	22	Bastion
	8000	Web
DB	3306	207.171.191.92/32
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	80	0.0.0.0/0
	443	0.0.0.0/0
	22	Bastion
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	8000	Web
	3306	207.171.191.92/32
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Most security best practices **still apply** in the Cloud

- Secure coding standards
- Perform penetration testing
 - <http://aws.amazon.com/security/penetration-testing>
- Antivirus where appropriate

Most security best practices **still apply** in the Cloud

- Intrusion Detection
 - Host-based Intrusion Detection (e.g., OSSEC)
- Log events
- Role-based access control
 - AWS Identity & Access Management
 - LDAP and/or Active Directory for Operating Systems & Applications

For review

- What are the five main layers of security for cloud architecture?
- What security model is used with AWS services
- What areas of security is AWS responsible for?
- What areas of security are you, the customer, responsible for?

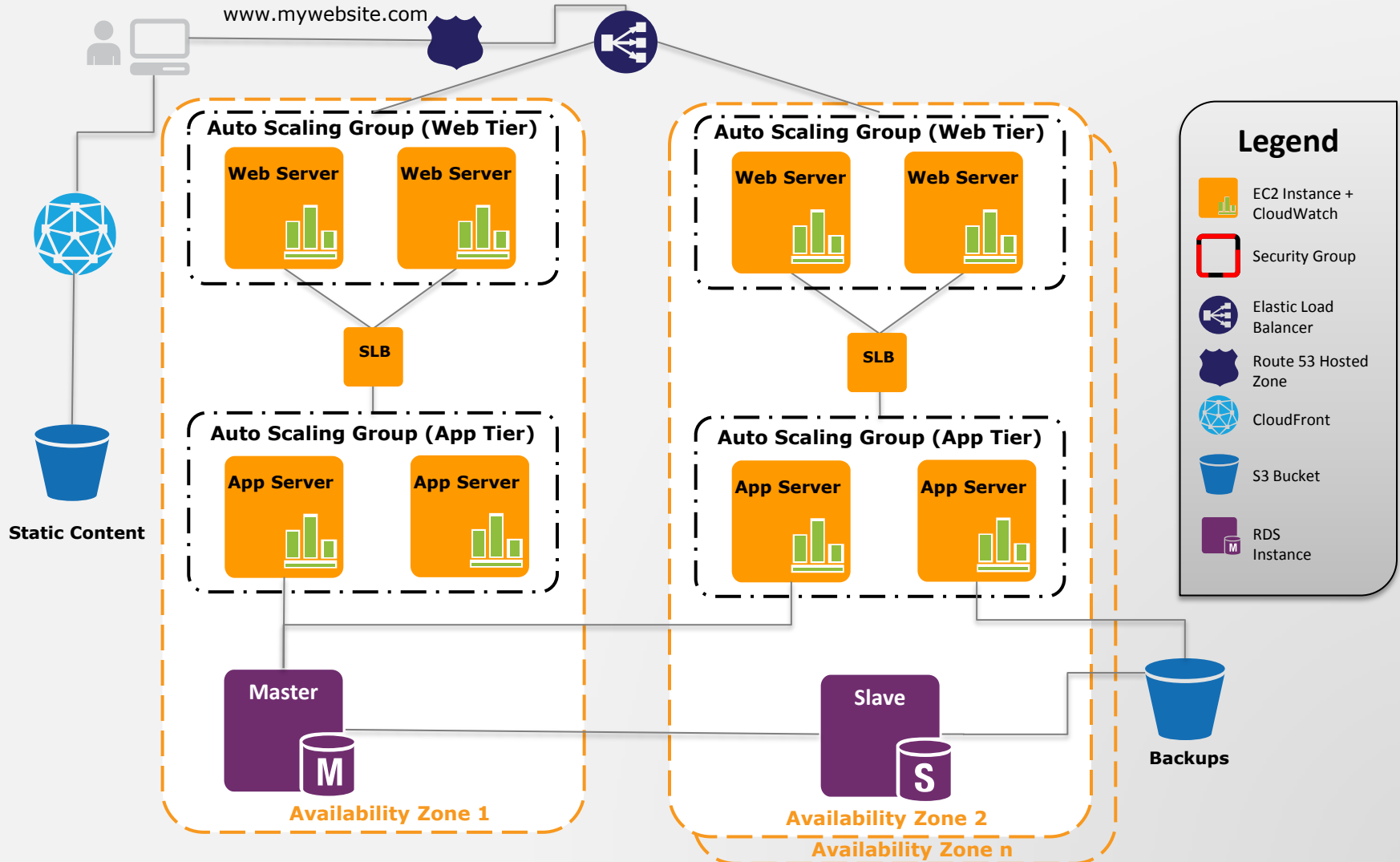
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Activity: Identify Security Mechanisms

Consider the architecture for a scalable web application. How do you secure it? Address the following aspects of security:

- Physical
- Network
- Data (in transit and at rest)
- Operating system
- Security credential management
- Logging

Build security in every layer



Security and Compliance | Activity—Identify Security Mechanisms

