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Optimize Cost and Efficiency on AWS: Tips and Tools (Level 200)

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Today's Speaker



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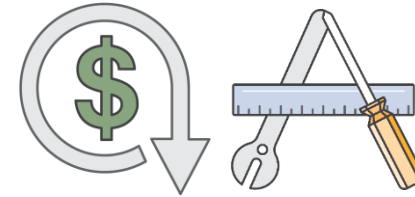
Helps customers optimise spend,
maximising business value

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Agenda



How AWS Helps You
Realize Value and Save
Cost



Cost Optimisation Levers
and Tools

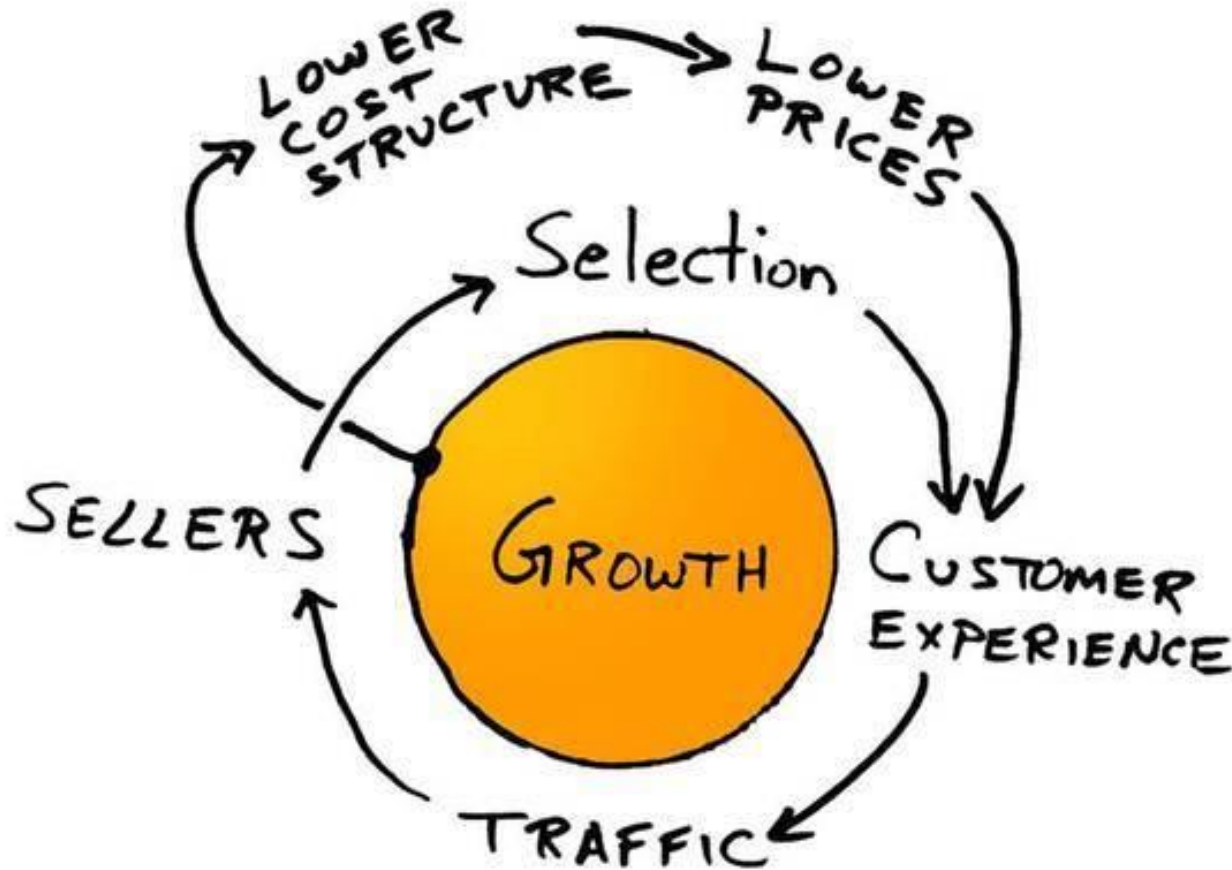


Cost Management and
Optimisation
Mechanisms

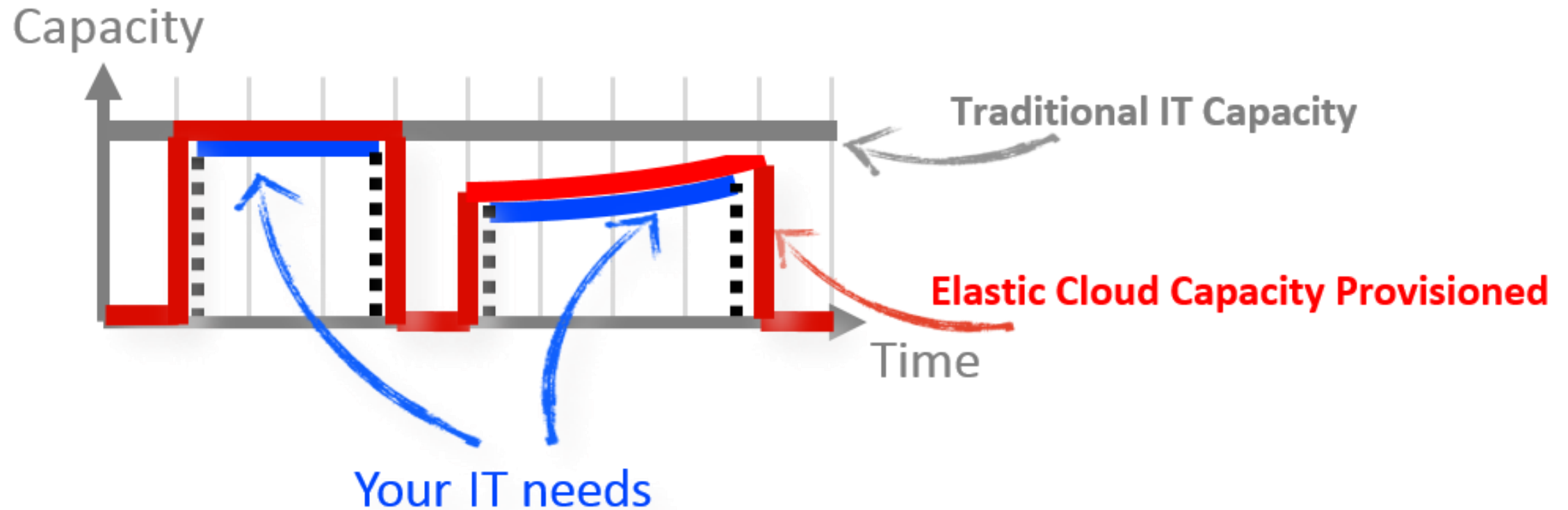
You can ask questions in the chat during the talk

How AWS Helps You Realize Value and Save Cost

AWS lowers prices over time

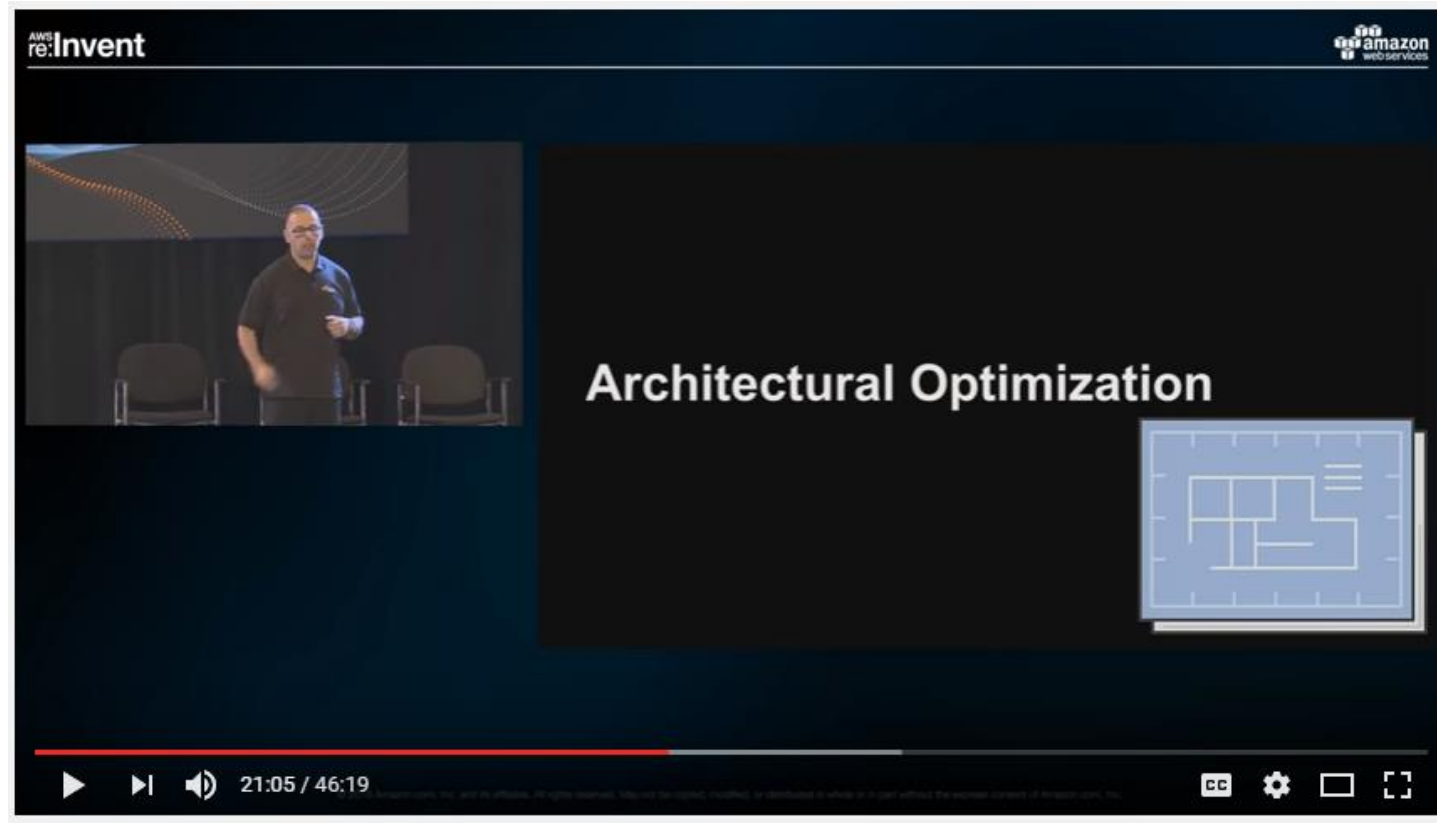


AWS allows you to fit spend to today's demand



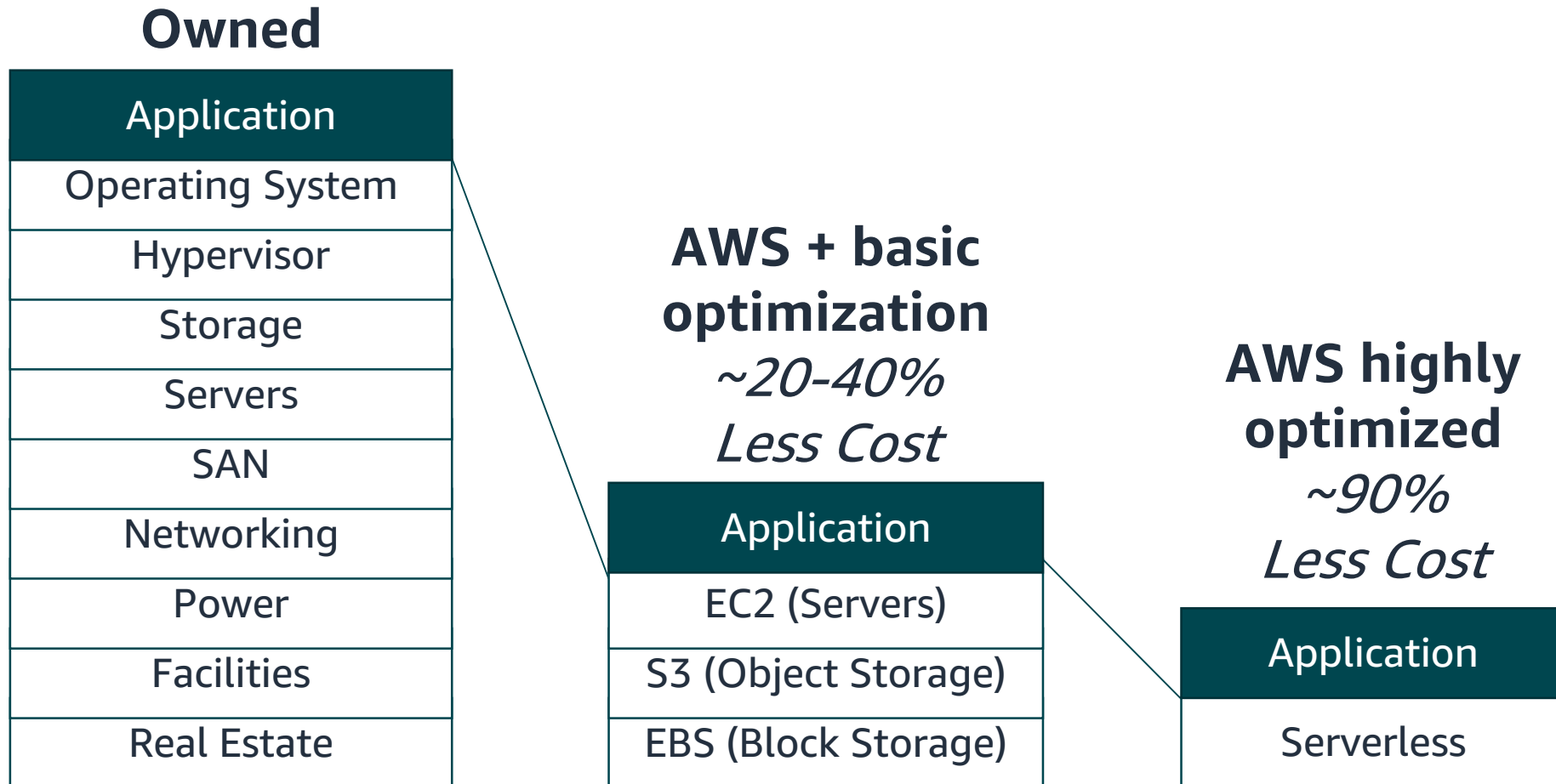
"Hug your workloads, not your servers!"

AWS shares how to save on your spend



AWS re:Invent 2016: Cost Optimizing Your Architecture:
Practical Design Steps For Savings (ARC310)

Optimization levers drive down costs over time



You can significantly reduce your Total Cost of Ownership on AWS compared to on-premises infrastructure

*"Three years on, we've saved over **\$100 million in avoided capital** and are about 65% in the cloud."*

Dominic Shine, CIO News Corp

News Corp



*Leveraging the AWS platform, we've been able to seamlessly scale our infrastructure, better serve our customers across the globe, and **reduce our fixed costs by 75% and operational costs by 83%.***

Valentino Volonghi, CIO AdRoll



*"We've realized a **52 percent reduction in TCO** ...
Ultimately these savings are a **by-product of doing the right thing.**"*

Ben Cabanas, CTO, GE Transportation

Cost savings are only the tip of the iceberg!

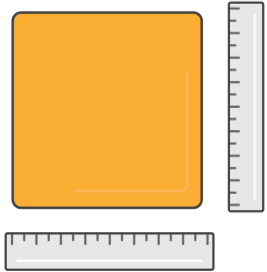


<https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/>

Cost Optimization Levers and Tools

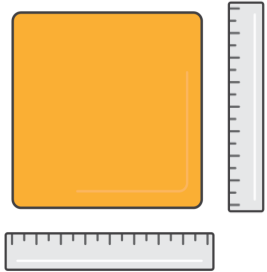
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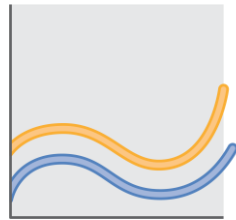


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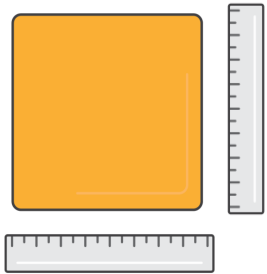


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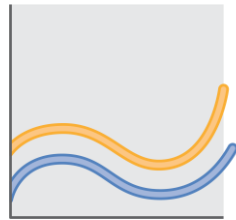


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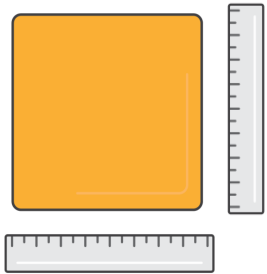


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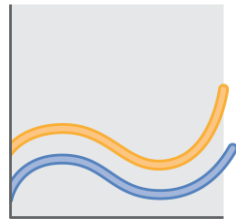


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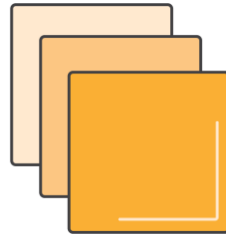
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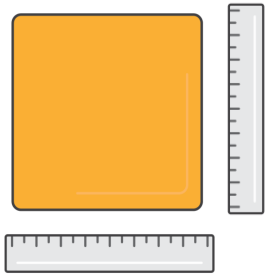


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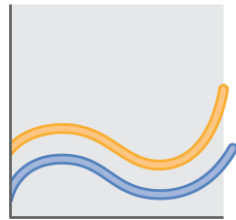


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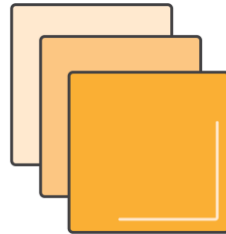
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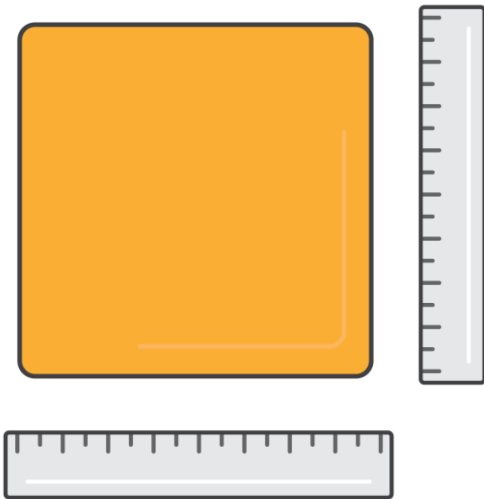


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Design for
Cost

Pillar 1: Right Size your Resources



Right Sizing

- Selecting the cheapest instance (e.g. size, family) while meeting performance needs
- Most commonly based on CPU, RAM, storage, and network needs
- Doing this before/during migration via discovery tools reduces overall effort

Right Sizing example

m4.4xlarge
\$1.72 per hr.

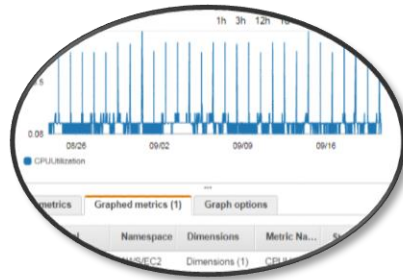
1. Migrate/provision &
Run



2. Check (CPU, RAM,
network, disc)

m4.large
\$0.215 per hr.

3. Right Size



4. Review Performance

87%
Saving

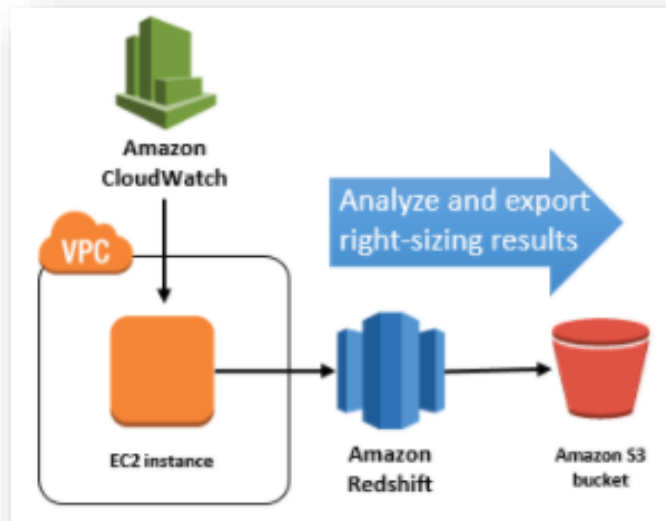
5. Save!

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-resize.html>

Right Sizing tools

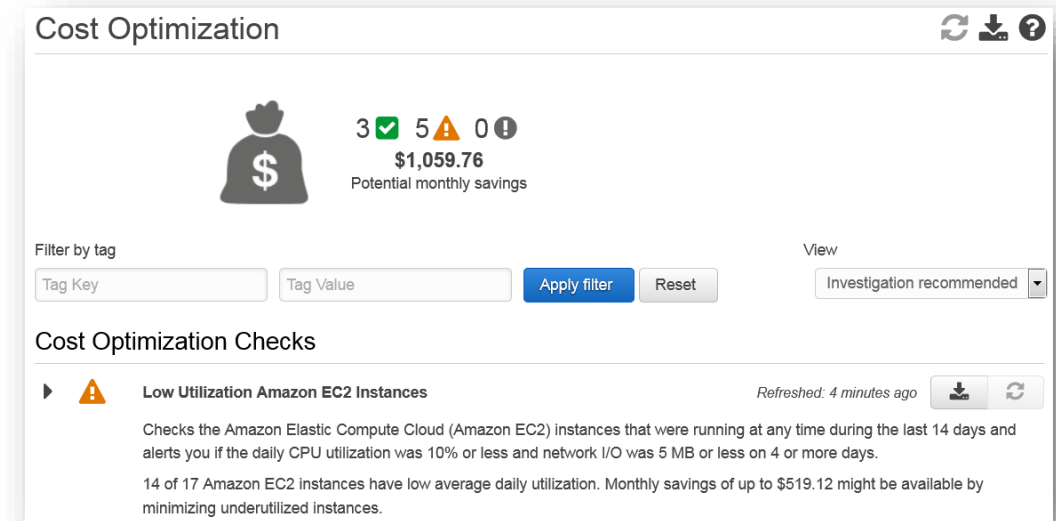
AWS EC2 Right Sizing Tool

<https://aws.amazon.com/answers/account-management/cost-optimization-ec2-right-sizing/>



AWS Trusted Advisor

Business and Enterprise support



Right Sizing demo

AWS Answers

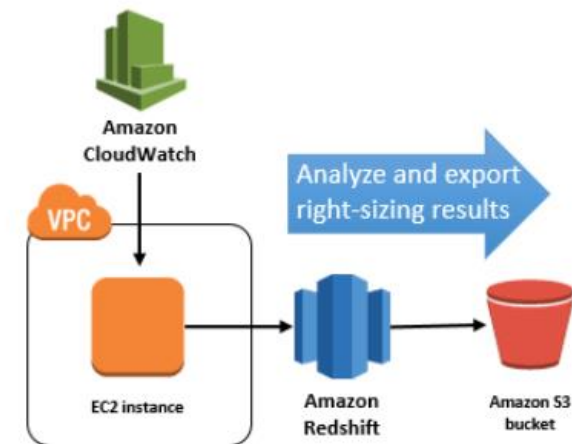
Cost Optimization: EC2 Right Sizing

Am I using the most cost-effective instances for my workloads?

Amazon Web Services (AWS) customers can access information in the AWS Management Console, Amazon CloudWatch, and AWS Trusted Advisor to gain insight into their service usage and estimated costs. This information can help organizations better understand how to leverage the elasticity and flexibility of the AWS Cloud to *optimize their costs* yet still meet their performance and capacity requirements.

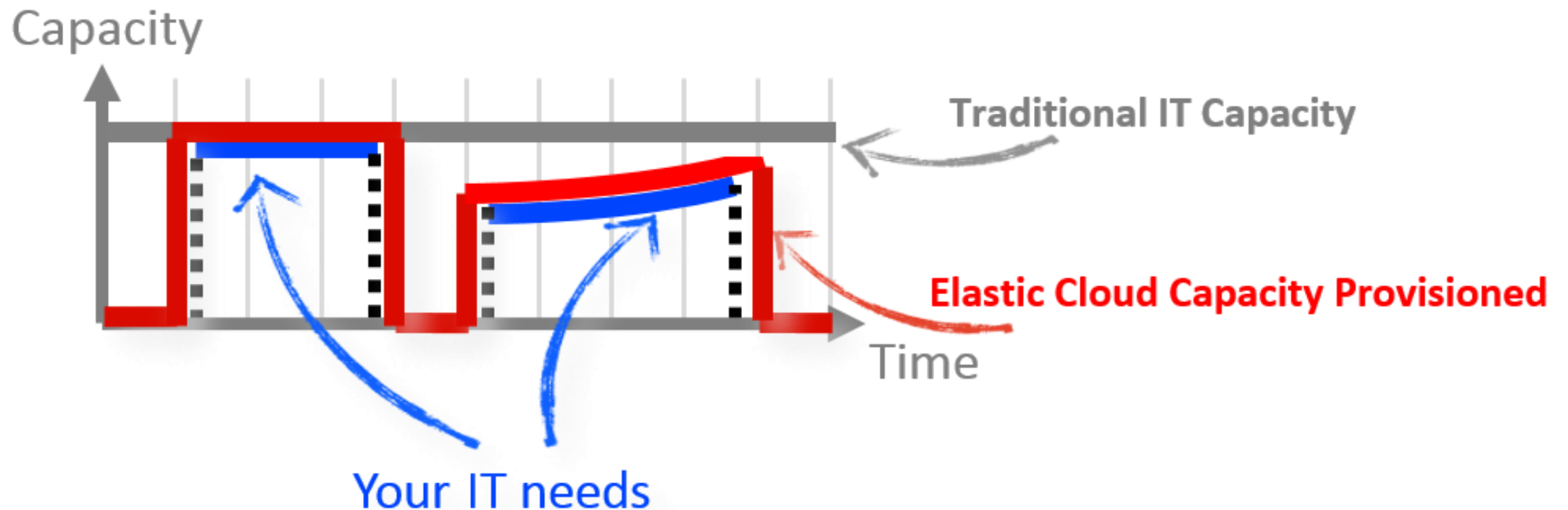
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) provides a wide selection of instance types and sizes, giving customers the flexibility to *right size* compute resources to meet their capacity needs at the lowest cost. Amazon EC2 also generates detailed usage data to help determine how to better right size instances to meet the technical requirements of a given workload.

AWS offers the Cost Optimization: EC2 Right Sizing (EC2 Right Sizing) solution, which uses managed services to perform a right-sizing analysis and offer detailed recommendations for more cost-effective instances. The following sections provide an overview of the solution as well as high-level best practices for optimizing your Amazon EC2 costs.

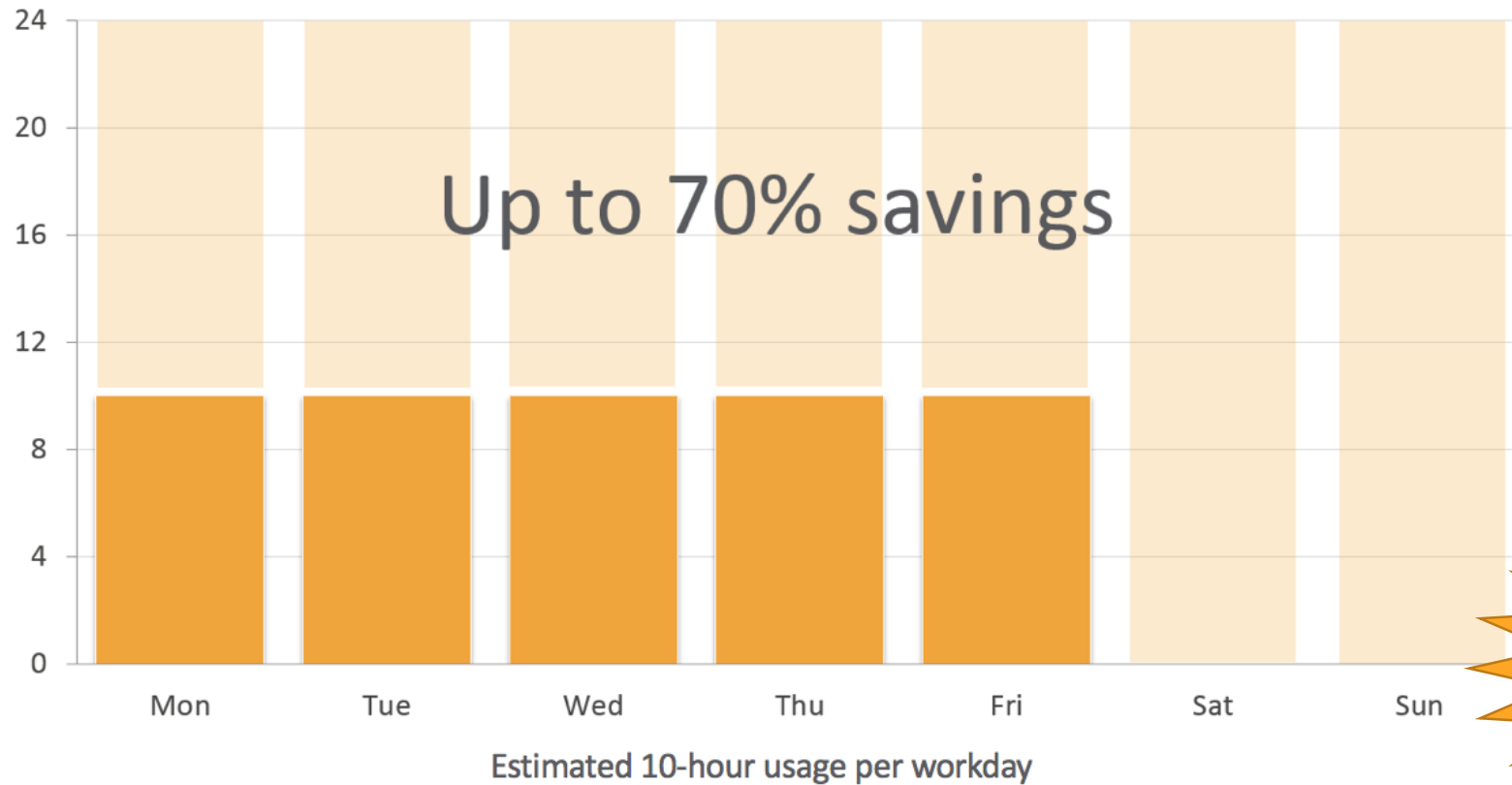


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Pillar 2: Increase Elasticity

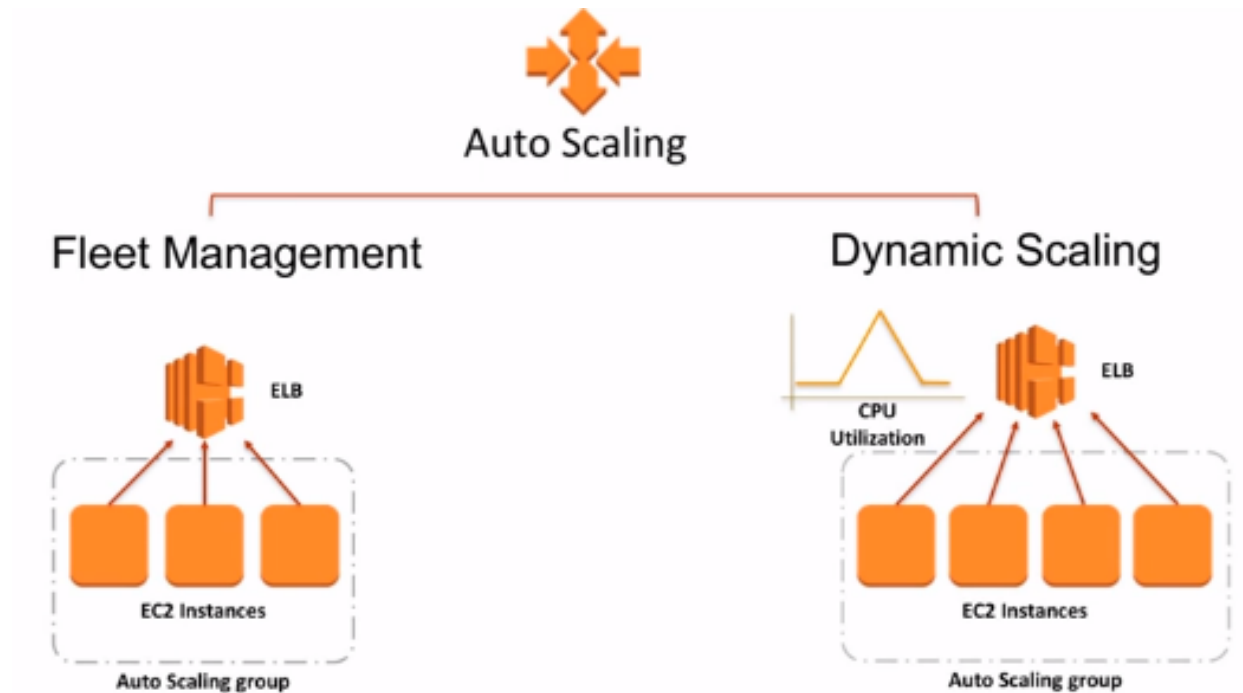


Reduce instance spend by 70% through scheduling



Fun fact: RDS can be turned off too

AWS Auto Scaling helps you match resources to demand



Elasticity Guides and Tools

AWS Auto Scaling

<https://aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/>

AWS Instance Scheduler

<https://aws.amazon.com/answers/infrastructure-management/instance-scheduler/>

3rd party options (including but not limited to)



AWS Instance Scheduler demo

AWS Answers

AWS Instance Scheduler

How do I automatically start and stop my Amazon EC2 and Amazon RDS instances?

Amazon Web Services (AWS) offers infrastructure on demand so that customers can control their resource capacity and pay only for what they consume. One simple method to reduce costs is to stop resources that are not in use, and then start those resources again when their capacity is needed.

The AWS Instance Scheduler is a simple AWS-provided solution that enables customers to easily configure custom start and stop schedules for their Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) and Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS) instances. The solution is easy to deploy and can help reduce operational costs for both development and production environments. Customers who use this solution to run instances during regular business hours can save up to 70% compared to running those instances 24 hours a day.

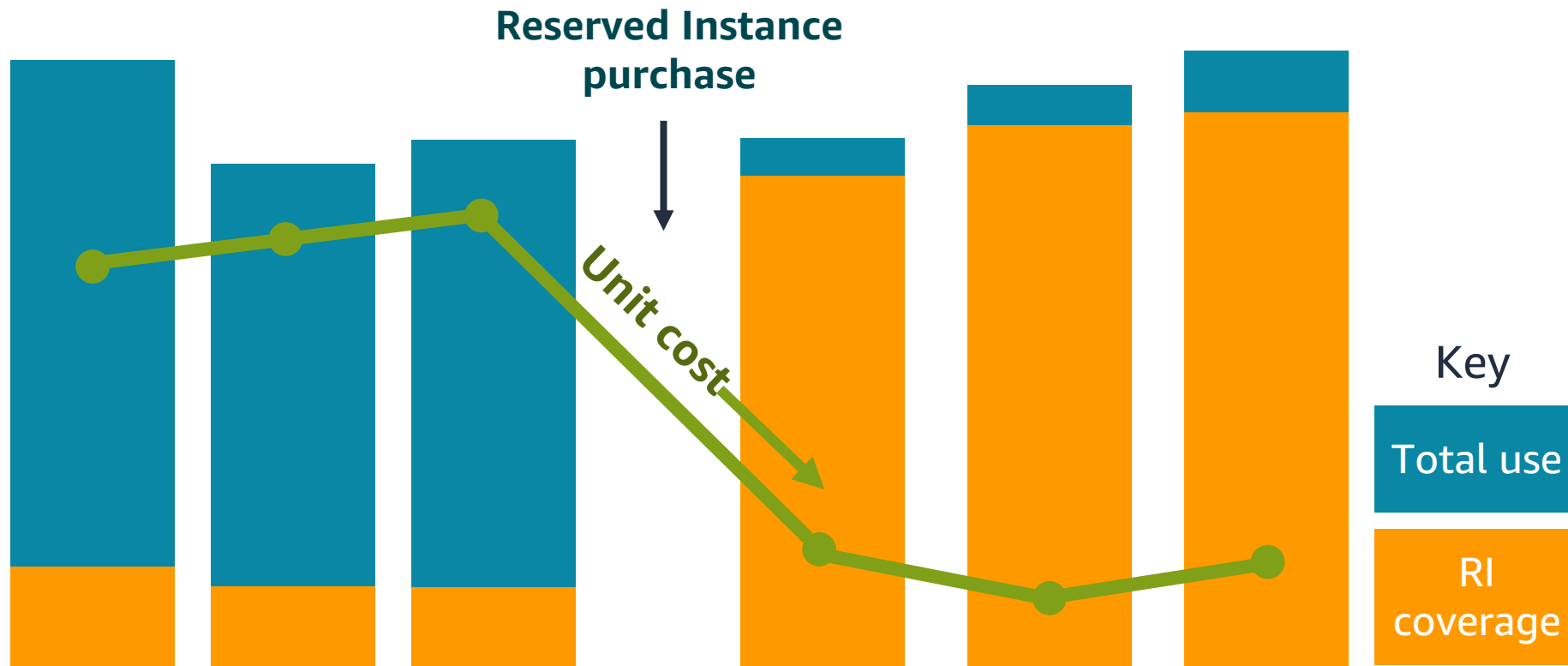
This webpage provides best practices for implementing automated actions on resources, as well as an overview of the Instance Scheduler design and functionality.



<https://aws.amazon.com/answers/infrastructure-management/instance-scheduler/>

Pillar 3: Use Reserved Instances (RIs)

Reserved Instances for one financial services customer resulted in a **39% decrease in unit cost**



What are Reserved Instances (RIs)?

RI coupon booklet



- RIs are a commitment in exchange for discount
- They behave like discount coupon booklets
- Each hourly coupon is matched to a running instance and used or expires at the end of each hour
- RIs are a financial construct/layer on top of your AWS infrastructure

RIs are best used for always-on instances (can still be used to save for non-always on)

Up to 75% savings

Approx. 20-40%
savings
for 1 year RIs

Commitment level

- 1 year (approx. payback 7-10 months)
- 3 year (approx. payback 10-20 months)

AWS services offering RIs

- Amazon EC2 & EC2 Hosts
- Amazon RDS
- Amazon Redshift
- Amazon ElastiCache
- Amazon Elasticsearch (new)
- Amazon DynamoDB*
- Amazon CloudFront*

*Discount for commitment, but not an RI

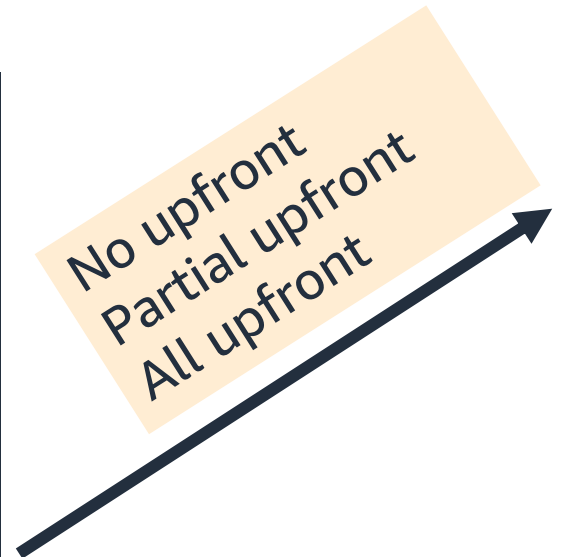
EC2 RI types cater to a range of customer needs

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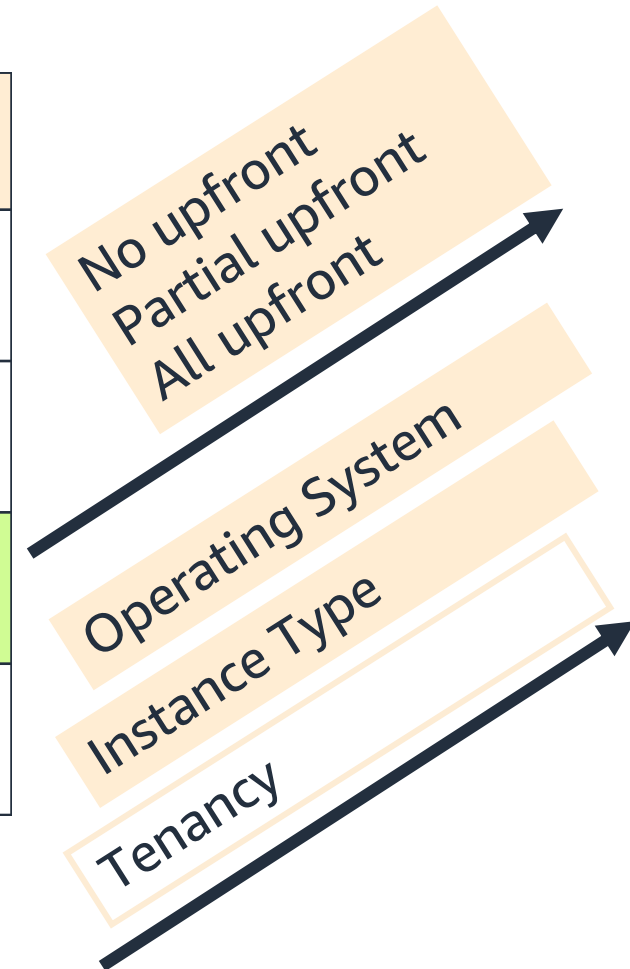


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Class	Convertible		Standard

Understanding Convertible Reserved Instances

With a Convertible Reserved Instance, you can modify your existing reservation across:



Instance families



Instance sizes



Operating Systems



Tenancy

AWS Cost Explorer and AWS Budgets RI Demo



Cost Explorer > Reserved Instance Recommendations

Reserved Instance Recommendations

\$1,733

Estimated Annual Savings*

34%

Savings vs. On-Demand

3

Purchase Recommendations

Based on your past 7 days of EC2 usage, we've identified **3 one-year, all-upfront, standard RI purchase recommendations** to save an estimated **\$1,733 annually**, representing a savings of **34% versus on-demand costs**. You can take action on these recommendations in the [EC2 RI Purchase Console](#).

Sort by:

Monthly Estimated Savings ▾

Download CSV

Purchase Recommendations (3)

Details

Buy 38 t2.nano reserved instances Size flexible**

Asia Pacific (Sydney) | Linux/UNIX | Shared

Based on your past 7 days of on-demand usage, we recommend purchasing 38 t2.nano reserved instances to cover 9.5 normalized units per hour of t2 family usage to maximize savings.

[View Associated EC2 Usage](#)

\$74.82 monthly savings

Upfront Cost: \$1,520.00

Recurring Monthly Cost: \$0.00

RI Recommendation Parameters ⓘ

RI term

- ☒ 1 year
- ☐ 3 years

Offering Class

- ☒ Standard
- ☐ Convertible

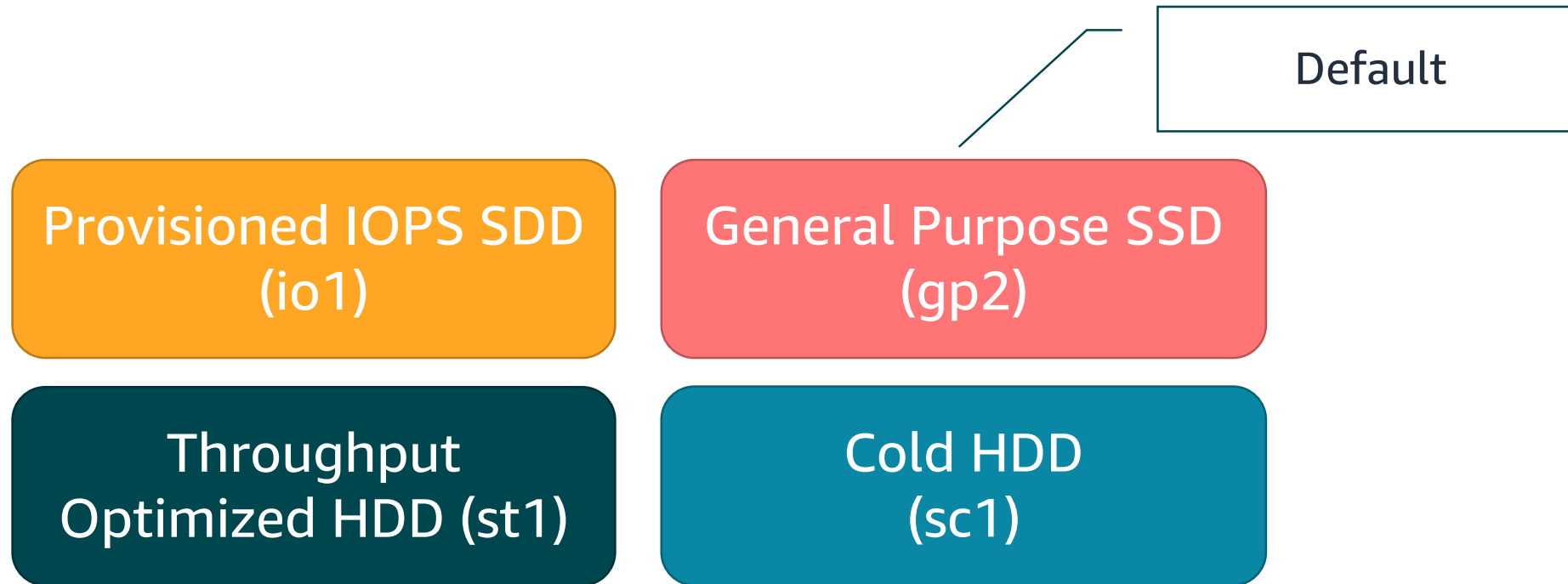
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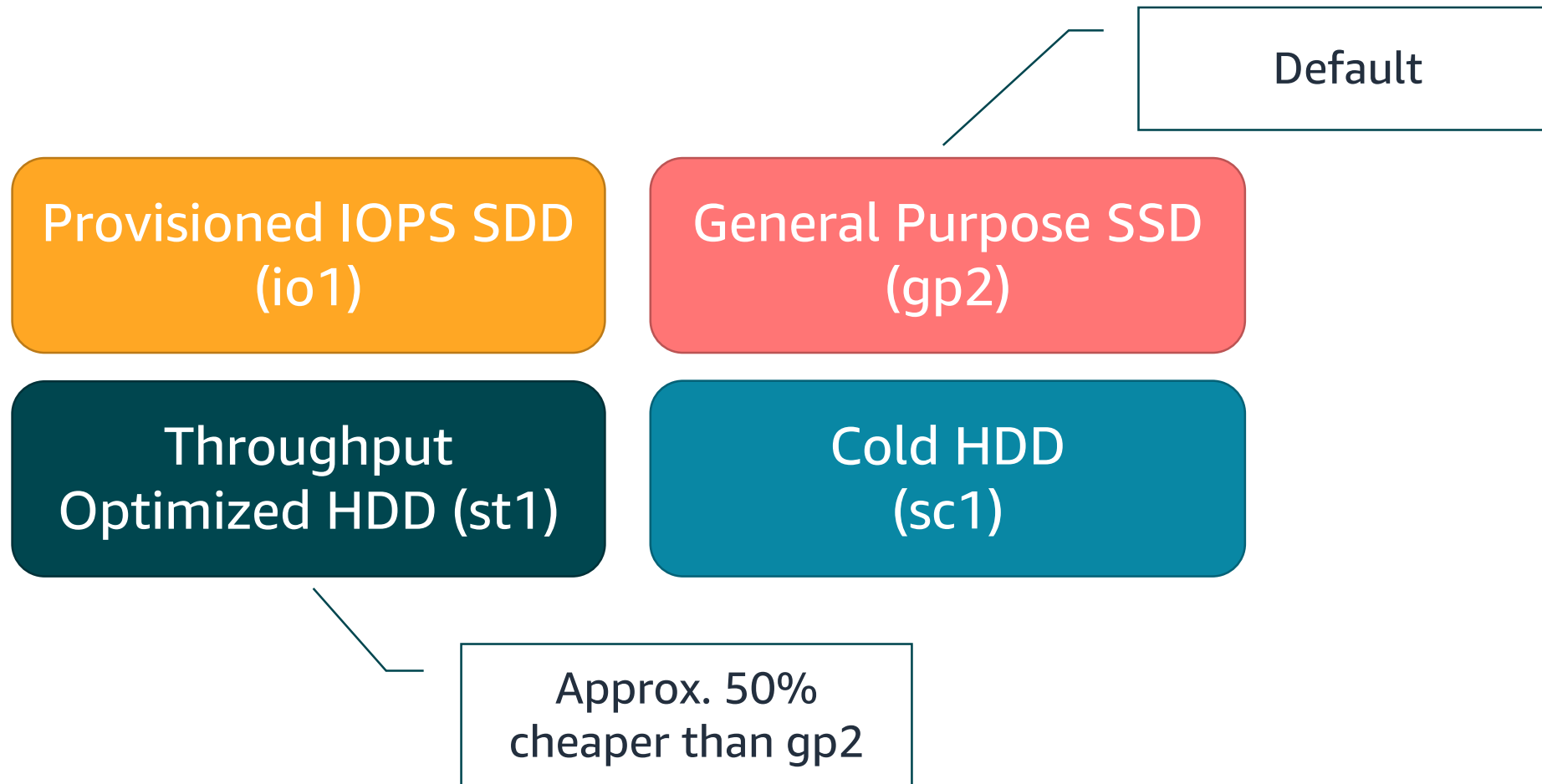
- ☒ 7 days
- ☐ 30 days
- ☐ 60 days

Pillar 4: Match Storage to Need



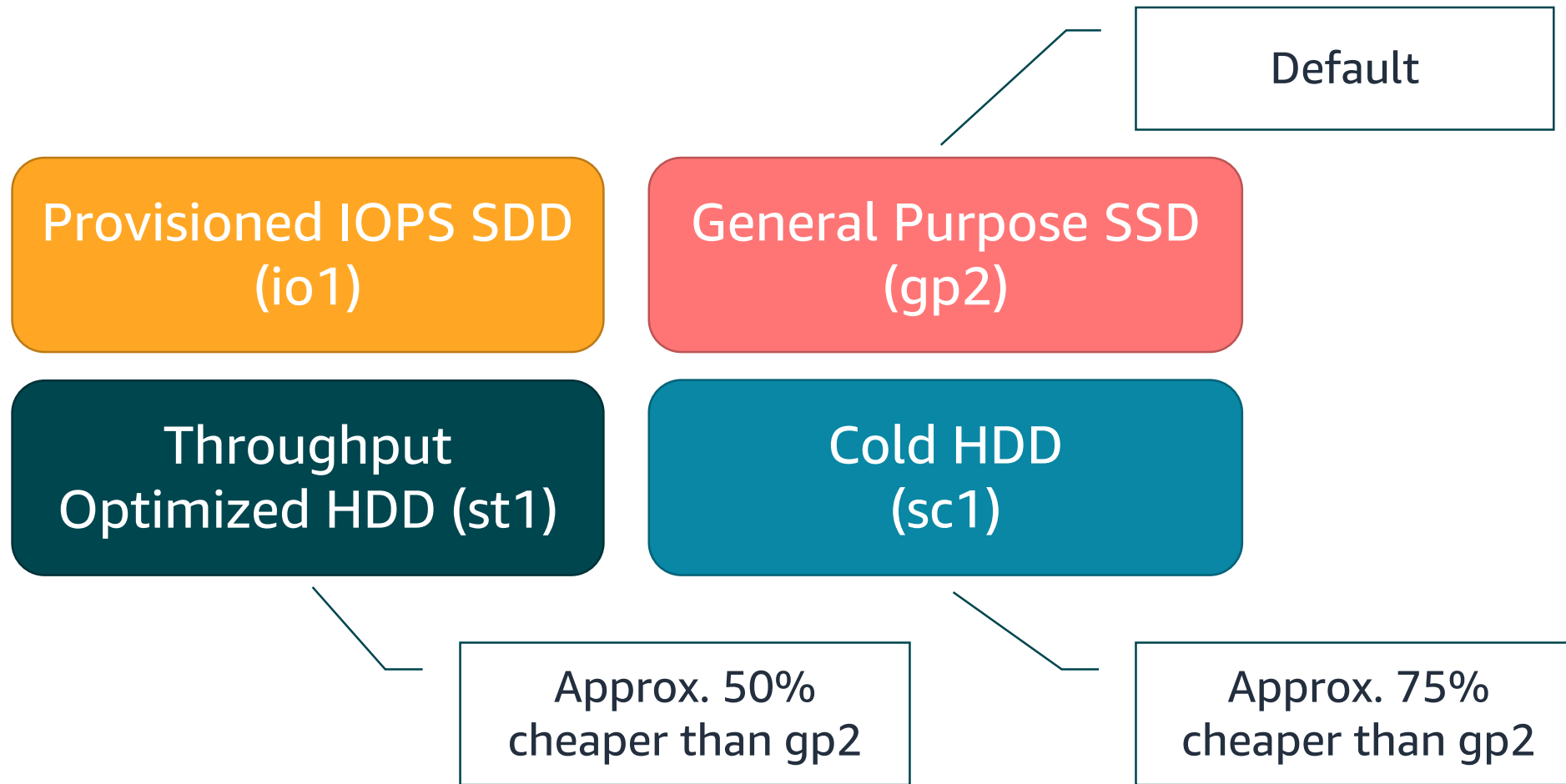
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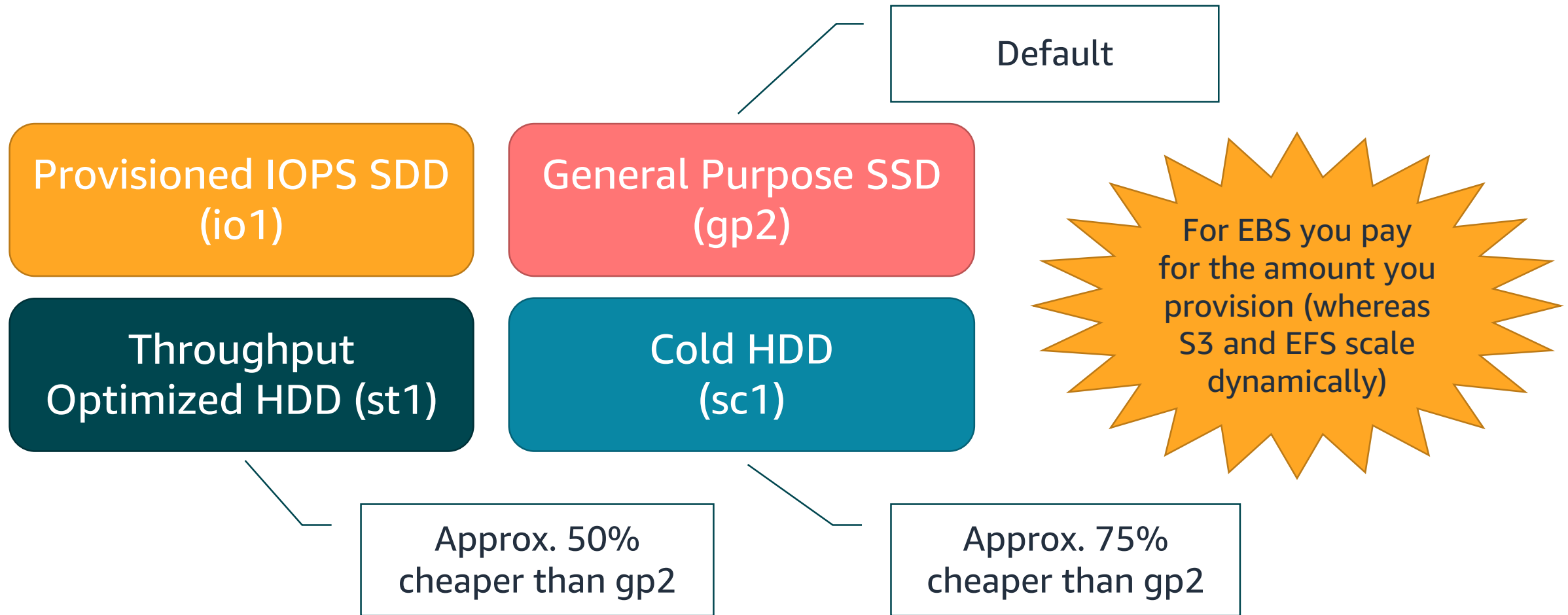
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Storage Classes on Simple Storage Service (S3)

Hot



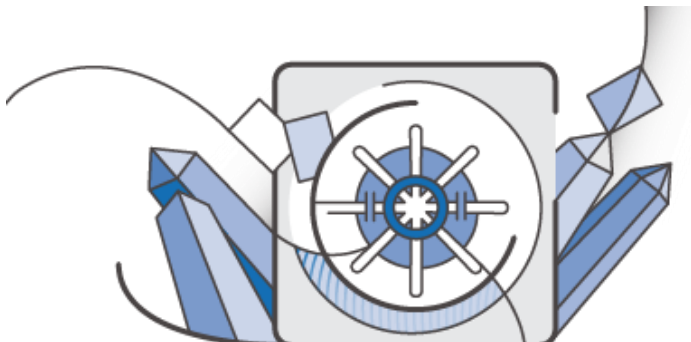
Standard (default)

Warm



Standard - Infrequent Access

Cold



Amazon Glacier

Active data

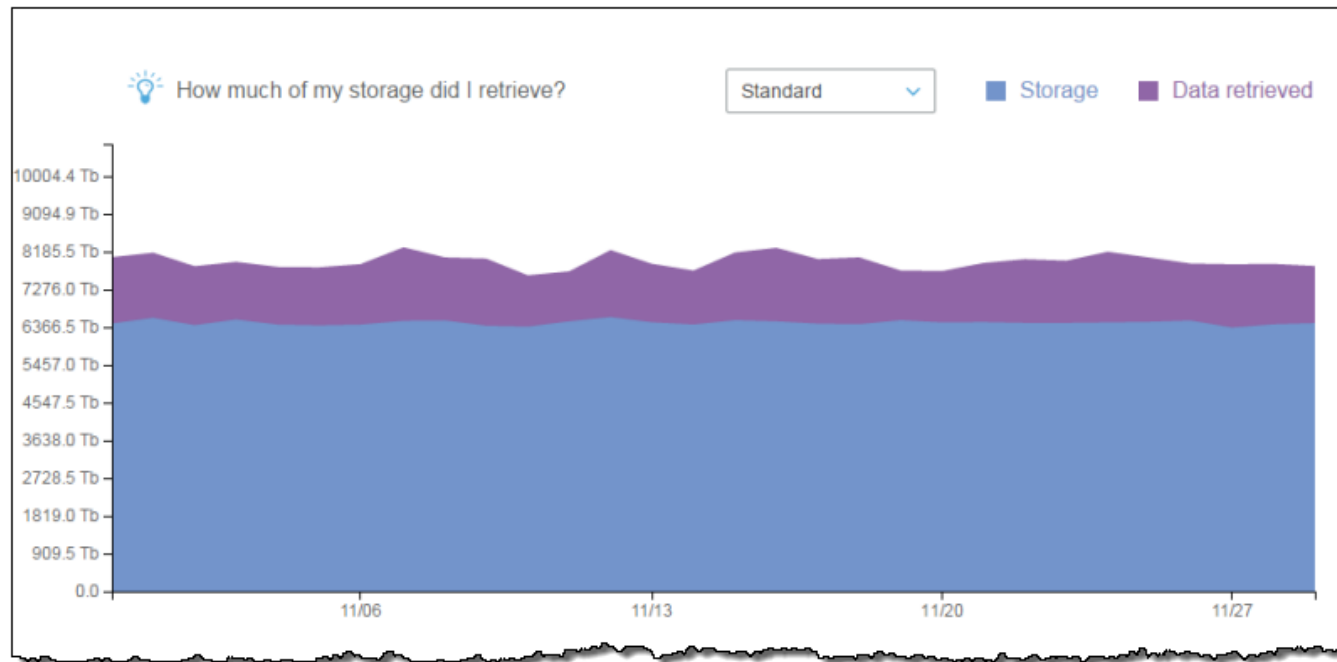
Infrequently accessed data

Archive data

Automatically transition infrequently accessed objects to S3-Infrequent Access via S3 Analytics

How Much of My Storage did I Retrieve?

The Amazon S3 console graphs how much of the storage in the filtered data set has been retrieved for the observation period as shown in the following example.



S3 Analytics Lifecycle policies also clean up incomplete multi-part uploads to S3, potentially saving thousands of dollars.

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/analytics-storage-class.html>

Pillar 5: Designing for cost – there are many methods



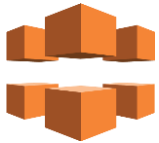
Static Web Hosting on S3
and using S3 Select



Consolidated billing (RI and
volume discount benefits)



Eliminated unused resources
(e.g. unused Elastic IPs)



Deliver content with AWS CloudFront
(lower compute and data transfer)



AWS CloudFormation
(Dev time saving)



Running resources in a cheaper
region



AWS EC2 Spot and
EC2 Fleet



Serverless &
AWS Lambda



Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) to
Application Load Balancer (ALB)



Containerisation
(higher productivity and utilisation)



Open source platforms &
databases (reduced licensing cost)



Low cost security monitoring
via AWS GuardDuty

AWS Trusted Advisor Demo

Trusted Advisor Dashboard

Cost Optimization



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\$1,934.10

Potential monthly
savings

Performance



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Security



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Fault Tolerance



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Service Limits



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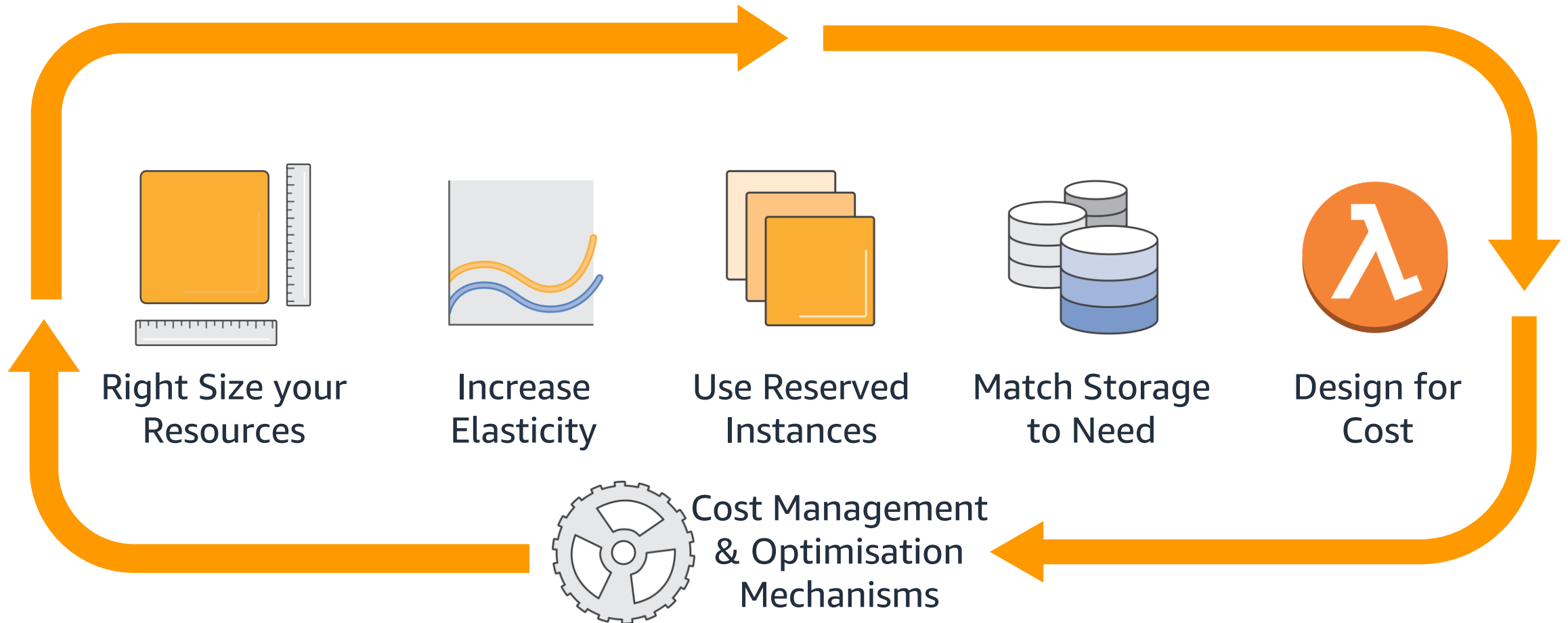
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Cost Management and Optimisation Mechanisms

"Good intentions never work, you need good mechanisms to make anything happen"

- Jeff Bezos

Cost Management & Optimisation Mechanisms drives action



Cost Management & Optimisation Mechanisms that makes saving money quicker and easier



Cost visibility, optimisation
metrics, and targets

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Cost visibility, optimisation metrics, and targets

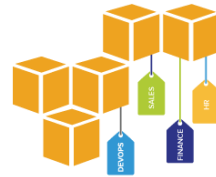


Defined & validated cost allocation tags

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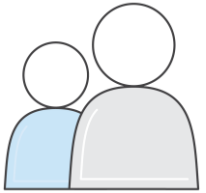


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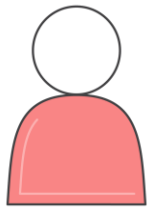
Cost Management & Optimisation tools

AWS Enterprise Support, AWS Professional Services, and AWS Partners can guide your Cost Management and Optimisation journey and initiatives, contact your AWS Account Manager for more info.



AWS Enterprise Support

<https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/enterprise-support/>



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