



AWS Well-Architected Tool

AWS Well-Architected Tool secure_app - AWS Well-Architected Framework - Alpha Release Report

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Milestone properties

Milestone name

Alpha Release

Date saved

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Workload name

secure_app

ARN

arn:aws:wellarchitected:us-west-2:006840835651:workload/0d3f580b3491387d5f13bc5c1f185612

Description

Secure app review

Review owner

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Industry type

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Industry

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Environment

Production

AWS Regions

US West (Oregon)

Non-AWS regions

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Account IDs

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Architectural design

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Lens overview

Questions answered

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Version

AWS Well-Architected Framework, 31st Mar 2022

Pillar	Questions answered
Operational Excellence	11/11
Security	10/10
Reliability	13/13
Performance Efficiency	8/8
Cost Optimization	10/10
Sustainability	6/6

Lens notes

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Improvement plan

Improvement item summary

High risk: 12

Medium risk: 12

Pillar	High risk	Medium risk
Security	2	3
Reliability	4	3
Performance Efficiency	2	1
Operational Excellence	3	2
Cost Optimization	1	2
Sustainability	0	1

High risk

Security
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEC 5.How do you protect your network resources?• SEC 6.How do you protect your compute resources?

Reliability

- REL 8.How do you implement change?
- REL 11.How do you design your workload to withstand component failures?
- REL 5.How do you design interactions in a distributed system to mitigate or withstand failures?
- REL 1.How do you manage service quotas and constraints?

Performance Efficiency

- PERF 7.How do you monitor your resources to ensure they are performing?
- PERF 5.How do you configure your networking solution?

Operational Excellence

- OPS 8.How do you understand the health of your workload?
- OPS 10.How do you manage workload and operations events?
- OPS 11.How do you evolve operations?

Cost Optimization

- COST 9.How do you manage demand, and supply resources?

Sustainability

No improvements identified

Medium risk

Security

- [SEC 3.How do you manage permissions for people and machines?](#)
- [SEC 4.How do you detect and investigate security events?](#)
- [SEC 10.How do you anticipate, respond to, and recover from incidents?](#)

Reliability

- [REL 6.How do you monitor workload resources?](#)
- [REL 10.How do you use fault isolation to protect your workload?](#)
- [REL 7.How do you design your workload to adapt to changes in demand?](#)

Performance Efficiency

- [PERF 6.How do you evolve your workload to take advantage of new releases?](#)

Operational Excellence

- [OPS 5.How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?](#)
- [OPS 6.How do you mitigate deployment risks?](#)

Cost Optimization

- [COST 2.How do you govern usage?](#)
- [COST 5.How do you evaluate cost when you select services?](#)

Sustainability

- [SUS 6.How do your development and deployment processes support your sustainability goals?](#)

Lens details

Operational Excellence

Questions answered

11/11

Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 3
- ⚠ Medium risk: 2
- ✓ No improvements identified: 5
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 1
- 🕒 Unanswered: 0

Pillar notes

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1. How do you determine what your priorities are?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Evaluate external customer needs
- Evaluate internal customer needs
- Evaluate governance requirements
- Evaluate compliance requirements
- Evaluate threat landscape
- Evaluate tradeoffs
- Manage benefits and risks

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

2. How do you structure your organization to support your business outcomes?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Resources have identified owners
- Processes and procedures have identified owners
- Operations activities have identified owners responsible for their performance
- Team members know what they are responsible for
- Mechanisms exist to identify responsibility and ownership
- Mechanisms exist to request additions, changes, and exceptions
- Responsibilities between teams are predefined or negotiated

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

3. How does your organizational culture support your business outcomes?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Executive Sponsorship
- Team members are empowered to take action when outcomes are at risk
- Escalation is encouraged
- Communications are timely, clear, and actionable
- Experimentation is encouraged
- Team members are enabled and encouraged to maintain and grow their skill sets
- Resource teams appropriately
- Diverse opinions are encouraged and sought within and across teams

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Notes

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

4. How do you design your workload so that you can understand its state?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Implement application telemetry
- Implement and configure workload telemetry
- Implement user activity telemetry
- Implement dependency telemetry
- Implement transaction traceability

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

5. How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Use version control
- Test and validate changes
- Make frequent, small, reversible changes

Not selected choice(s)

- Use configuration management systems
- Use build and deployment management systems
- Perform patch management
- Share design standards
- Implement practices to improve code quality
- Use multiple environments
- Fully automate integration and deployment
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Use configuration management systems](#)
- [Use build and deployment management systems](#)
- [Perform patch management](#)

5. How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?

- [Share design standards](#)
- [Implement practices to improve code quality](#)
- [Use multiple environments](#)
- [Fully automate integration and deployment](#)

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6. How do you mitigate deployment risks?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Plan for unsuccessful changes
- Test and validate changes
- Use deployment management systems
- Deploy frequent, small, reversible changes

Not selected choice(s)

- Test using limited deployments
- Deploy using parallel environments
- Fully automate integration and deployment
- Automate testing and rollback
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Test using limited deployments](#)
- [Deploy using parallel environments](#)
- [Fully automate integration and deployment](#)
- [Automate testing and rollback](#)

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7. How do you know that you are ready to support a workload?

⊖ Not Applicable: Out of Scope

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Ensure personnel capability
- Ensure consistent review of operational readiness
- Use runbooks to perform procedures
- Use playbooks to investigate issues
- Make informed decisions to deploy systems and changes
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

8. How do you understand the health of your workload?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Collect and analyze workload metrics
- Alert when workload outcomes are at risk
- Alert when workload anomalies are detected

Not selected choice(s)

- Identify key performance indicators
- Define workload metrics
- Establish workload metrics baselines
- Learn expected patterns of activity for workload
- Validate the achievement of outcomes and the effectiveness of KPIs and metrics
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- Identify key performance indicators
- Define workload metrics
- Establish workload metrics baselines

8. How do you understand the health of your workload?

- [Learn expected patterns of activity for workload](#)
- [Validate the achievement of outcomes and the effectiveness of KPIs and metrics](#)

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9. How do you understand the health of your operations?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Identify key performance indicators
- Define operations metrics
- Collect and analyze operations metrics
- Establish operations metrics baselines
- Learn the expected patterns of activity for operations
- Alert when operations outcomes are at risk
- Alert when operations anomalies are detected

Not selected choice(s)

- Validate the achievement of outcomes and the effectiveness of KPIs and metrics
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

10. How do you manage workload and operations events?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Use processes for event, incident, and problem management
- Communicate status through dashboards

Not selected choice(s)

- Have a process per alert
- Prioritize operational events based on business impact
- Define escalation paths
- Enable push notifications
- Automate responses to events
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Have a process per alert](#)
- [Prioritize operational events based on business impact](#)
- [Define escalation paths](#)
- [Enable push notifications](#)
- [Automate responses to events](#)

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11. How do you evolve operations?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Perform post-incident analysis
- Perform Knowledge Management
- Validate insights
- Document and share lessons learned
- Allocate time to make improvements

Not selected choice(s)

- Have a process for continuous improvement
- Implement feedback loops
- Define drivers for improvement
- Perform operations metrics reviews
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- Have a process for continuous improvement
- Implement feedback loops
- Define drivers for improvement
- Perform operations metrics reviews

11. How do you evolve operations?

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Security

Questions answered

10/10

Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 2
- ⚠ Medium risk: 3
- ✓ No improvements identified: 5
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

Pillar notes

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1. How do you securely operate your workload?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Separate workloads using accounts
- Secure AWS account
- Identify and validate control objectives
- Keep up to date with security threats
- Keep up to date with security recommendations
- Automate testing and validation of security controls in pipelines
- Identify and prioritize risks using a threat model
- Evaluate and implement new security services and features regularly

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

2. How do you manage identities for people and machines?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Use strong sign-in mechanisms
- Use temporary credentials
- Store and use secrets securely
- Rely on a centralized identity provider
- Audit and rotate credentials periodically
- Leverage user groups and attributes

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Notes

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

3. How do you manage permissions for people and machines?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Define access requirements
- Grant least privilege access
- Reduce permissions continuously
- Define permission guardrails for your organization
- Analyze public and cross account access
- Share resources securely

Not selected choice(s)

- Establish emergency access process
- Manage access based on life cycle
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Establish emergency access process](#)
- [Manage access based on life cycle](#)

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4. How do you detect and investigate security events?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Configure service and application logging
- Analyze logs, findings, and metrics centrally

Not selected choice(s)

- Automate response to events
- Implement actionable security events
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Automate response to events](#)
- [Implement actionable security events](#)

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5. How do you protect your network resources?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Control traffic at all layers
- Automate network protection
- Implement inspection and protection

Not selected choice(s)

- Create network layers
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Create network layers](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

6. How do you protect your compute resources?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Reduce attack surface
- Implement managed services
- Automate compute protection

Not selected choice(s)

- Perform vulnerability management
- Enable people to perform actions at a distance
- Validate software integrity
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Perform vulnerability management](#)
- [Enable people to perform actions at a distance](#)
- [Validate software integrity](#)

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7. How do you classify your data?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Identify the data within your workload
- Define data protection controls
- Define data lifecycle management

Not selected choice(s)

- Automate identification and classification
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

8. How do you protect your data at rest?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Implement secure key management
- Enforce encryption at rest
- Automate data at rest protection
- Enforce access control
- Use mechanisms to keep people away from data

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

9. How do you protect your data in transit?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Implement secure key and certificate management
- Enforce encryption in transit
- Automate detection of unintended data access
- Authenticate network communications

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

10. How do you anticipate, respond to, and recover from incidents?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Identify key personnel and external resources
- Develop incident management plans

Not selected choice(s)

- Prepare forensic capabilities
- Automate containment capability
- Pre-provision access
- Pre-deploy tools
- Run game days
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Prepare forensic capabilities](#)
- [Automate containment capability](#)
- [Pre-provision access](#)
- [Pre-deploy tools](#)
- [Run game days](#)

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Reliability

Questions answered

13/13

Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 4
- ⚠ Medium risk: 3
- ✓ No improvements identified: 1
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 5
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

Pillar notes

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1. How do you manage service quotas and constraints?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Monitor and manage quotas
- Automate quota management

Not selected choice(s)

- Aware of service quotas and constraints
- Manage service quotas across accounts and regions
- Accommodate fixed service quotas and constraints through architecture
- Ensure that a sufficient gap exists between the current quotas and the maximum usage to accommodate failover
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Aware of service quotas and constraints](#)
- [Manage service quotas across accounts and regions](#)
- [Accommodate fixed service quotas and constraints through architecture](#)
- [Ensure that a sufficient gap exists between the current quotas and the maximum usage to accommodate failover](#)

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2. How do you plan your network topology?

⊖ Not Applicable

Selected choice(s)

- Use highly available network connectivity for your workload public endpoints
- Ensure IP subnet allocation accounts for expansion and availability

Not selected choice(s)

- Provision redundant connectivity between private networks in the cloud and on-premises environments
- Prefer hub-and-spoke topologies over many-to-many mesh
- Enforce non-overlapping private IP address ranges in all private address spaces where they are connected
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

3. How do you design your workload service architecture?

⊖ Not Applicable: Architecture Constraints

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Choose how to segment your workload
- Build services focused on specific business domains and functionality
- Provide service contracts per API
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

4. How do you design interactions in a distributed system to prevent failures?

⊖ Not Applicable: Architecture Constraints

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Identify which kind of distributed system is required
- Implement loosely coupled dependencies
- Do constant work
- Make all responses idempotent
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

5. How do you design interactions in a distributed system to mitigate or withstand failures?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Throttle requests
- Control and limit retry calls
- Fail fast and limit queues
- Set client timeouts
- Make services stateless where possible

Not selected choice(s)

- Implement graceful degradation to transform applicable hard dependencies into soft dependencies
- Implement emergency levers
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- Implement graceful degradation to transform applicable hard dependencies into soft dependencies
- Implement emergency levers

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6. How do you monitor workload resources?

 Medium risk

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Monitor all components for the workload (Generation)
- Define and calculate metrics (Aggregation)

Not selected choice(s)

- Analytics
- Monitor end-to-end tracing of requests through your system
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Automate responses (Real-time processing and alarming)

Out of Scope

- Send notifications (Real-time processing and alarming)

Out of Scope

- Conduct reviews regularly

Out of Scope

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Improvement plan

- [Analytics](#)
- [Monitor end-to-end tracing of requests through your system](#)

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7. How do you design your workload to adapt to changes in demand?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Use automation when obtaining or scaling resources
- Obtain resources upon detection of impairment to a workload
- Obtain resources upon detection that more resources are needed for a workload

Not selected choice(s)

- Load test your workload
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Load test your workload](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

8. How do you implement change?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Integrate functional testing as part of your deployment
- Integrate resiliency testing as part of your deployment

Not selected choice(s)

- Use runbooks for standard activities such as deployment
- Deploy using immutable infrastructure
- Deploy changes with automation
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Use runbooks for standard activities such as deployment](#)
- [Deploy using immutable infrastructure](#)
- [Deploy changes with automation](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

9. How do you back up data?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Identify and back up all data that needs to be backed up, or reproduce the data from sources
- Secure and encrypt backups
- Perform data backup automatically
- Perform periodic recovery of the data to verify backup integrity and processes

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

10. How do you use fault isolation to protect your workload?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Deploy the workload to multiple locations
- Select the appropriate locations for your multi-location deployment
- Automate recovery for components constrained to a single location

Not selected choice(s)

- Use bulkhead architectures to limit scope of impact
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Use bulkhead architectures to limit scope of impact](#)

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11. How do you design your workload to withstand component failures?

⊗ High risk

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Monitor all components of the workload to detect failures

Not selected choice(s)

- Fail over to healthy resources
- Automate healing on all layers
- Use static stability to prevent bimodal behavior
- Send notifications when events impact availability
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Rely on the data plane and not the control plane during recovery

Out of Scope

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Improvement plan

- [Fail over to healthy resources](#)
- [Automate healing on all layers](#)
- [Use static stability to prevent bimodal behavior](#)
- [Send notifications when events impact availability](#)

[Ask an expert](#)

12. How do you test reliability?

⊖ Not Applicable: Out of Scope

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Use playbooks to investigate failures
- Perform post-incident analysis
- Test functional requirements
- Test scaling and performance requirements
- Test resiliency using chaos engineering
- Conduct game days regularly
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

13. How do you plan for disaster recovery (DR)?

⊖ Not Applicable: Out of Scope

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Define recovery objectives for downtime and data loss
- Use defined recovery strategies to meet the recovery objectives
- Test disaster recovery implementation to validate the implementation
- Manage configuration drift at the DR site or Region
- Automate recovery
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

Performance Efficiency

Questions answered

8/8

Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 2
- ⚠ Medium risk: 1
- ✓ No improvements identified: 5
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 0
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

Pillar notes

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1. How do you select the best performing architecture?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Understand the available services and resources
- Define a process for architectural choices
- Factor cost requirements into decisions
- Use policies or reference architectures
- Use guidance from your cloud provider or an appropriate partner
- Benchmark existing workloads
- Load test your workload

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

2. How do you select your compute solution?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Evaluate the available compute options
- Understand the available compute configuration options
- Collect compute-related metrics
- Determine the required configuration by right-sizing
- Use the available elasticity of resources
- Re-evaluate compute needs based on metrics

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

3. How do you select your storage solution?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Understand storage characteristics and requirements
- Evaluate available configuration options
- Make decisions based on access patterns and metrics

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

4. How do you select your database solution?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Understand data characteristics
- Evaluate the available options
- Collect and record database performance metrics
- Choose data storage based on access patterns
- Optimize data storage based on access patterns and metrics

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

5. How do you configure your networking solution?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Understand how networking impacts performance
- Evaluate available networking features
- Leverage load-balancing and encryption offloading
- Choose network protocols to improve performance
- Choose your workload's location based on network requirements

Not selected choice(s)

- Choose appropriately sized dedicated connectivity or VPN for hybrid workloads
- Optimize network configuration based on metrics
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Choose appropriately sized dedicated connectivity or VPN for hybrid workloads](#)
- [Optimize network configuration based on metrics](#)

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6. How do you evolve your workload to take advantage of new releases?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Stay up-to-date on new resources and services

Not selected choice(s)

- Define a process to improve workload performance
- Evolve workload performance over time
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Define a process to improve workload performance](#)
- [Evolve workload performance over time](#)

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7. How do you monitor your resources to ensure they are performing?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Record performance-related metrics
- Analyze metrics when events or incidents occur
- Review metrics at regular intervals

Not selected choice(s)

- Establish Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure workload performance
- Use monitoring to generate alarm-based notifications
- Monitor and alarm proactively
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Establish Key Performance Indicators \(KPIs\) to measure workload performance](#)
- [Use monitoring to generate alarm-based notifications](#)
- [Monitor and alarm proactively](#)

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8. How do you use tradeoffs to improve performance?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Understand the areas where performance is most critical
- Learn about design patterns and services
- Identify how tradeoffs impact customers and efficiency
- Measure the impact of performance improvements
- Use various performance-related strategies

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

Cost Optimization

Questions answered

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Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 1
- ⚠ Medium risk: 2
- ✓ No improvements identified: 5
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 2
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

Pillar notes

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1. How do you implement cloud financial management?

✔ No improvements identified

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Establish a cost optimization function
- Establish cloud budgets and forecasts
- Implement cost awareness in your organizational processes
- Report and notify on cost optimization
- Monitor cost proactively
- Keep up to date with new service releases

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Establish a partnership between finance and technology

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

2. How do you govern usage?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Develop policies based on your organization requirements
- Implement goals and targets
- Implement an account structure
- Implement groups and roles
- Track project lifecycle

Not selected choice(s)

- Implement cost controls
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Implement cost controls](#)

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3. How do you monitor usage and cost?

✔ No improvements identified

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Identify cost attribution categories
- Establish organization metrics
- Configure billing and cost management tools
- Allocate costs based on workload metrics

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Configure detailed information sources
- Add organization information to cost and usage

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

4. How do you decommission resources?

⊖ Not Applicable

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Track resources over their life time
- Implement a decommissioning process
- Decommission resources
- Decommission resources automatically
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

5. How do you evaluate cost when you select services?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Identify organization requirements for cost
- Analyze all components of this workload
- Perform a thorough analysis of each component
- Select components of this workload to optimize cost in line with organization priorities
- Perform cost analysis for different usage over time

Not selected choice(s)

- Select software with cost effective licensing
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Select software with cost effective licensing](#)

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6. How do you meet cost targets when you select resource type, size and number?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Perform cost modeling
- Select resource type, size, and number based on data
- Select resource type, size, and number automatically based on metrics

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

7. How do you use pricing models to reduce cost?

✔ No improvements identified

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Perform pricing model analysis
- Implement pricing models for all components of this workload
- Perform pricing model analysis at the master account level

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Implement regions based on cost
Out of Scope
- Select third party agreements with cost efficient terms
Out of Scope

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

8. How do you plan for data transfer charges?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Perform data transfer modeling
- Select components to optimize data transfer cost
- Implement services to reduce data transfer costs

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

9. How do you manage demand, and supply resources?

⊗ High risk

Selected choice(s)

- Implement a buffer or throttle to manage demand
- Supply resources dynamically

Not selected choice(s)

- Perform an analysis on the workload demand
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

- [Perform an analysis on the workload demand](#)

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10. How do you evaluate new services?

⊖ Not Applicable: Out of Scope

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Develop a workload review process
- Review and analyze this workload regularly
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

Sustainability

Questions answered

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Question status

- ⊗ High risk: 0
- ⚠ Medium risk: 1
- ✓ No improvements identified: 4
- ⊖ Not Applicable: 1
- ⌚ Unanswered: 0

Pillar notes

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1. How do you select Regions to support your sustainability goals?

☐ Not Applicable: Out of Scope

Selected choice(s)

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Not selected choice(s)

- Choose Regions near Amazon renewable energy projects and Regions where the grid has a published carbon intensity that is lower than other locations (or Regions).
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

Answer the question to view the improvement plan.

2. How do you take advantage of user behavior patterns to support your sustainability goals?

✔ No improvements identified

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Scale infrastructure with user load
- Stop the creation and maintenance of unused assets
- Optimize geographic placement of workloads for user locations
- Optimize team member resources for activities performed

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Align SLAs with sustainability goals

Out of Scope

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

3. How do you take advantage of software and architecture patterns to support your sustainability goals?

✔ No improvements identified

Selected choice(s)

- Optimize software and architecture for asynchronous and scheduled jobs
- Remove or refactor workload components with low or no use
- Optimize areas of code that consume the most time or resources
- Optimize impact on customer devices and equipment
- Use software patterns and architectures that best support data access and storage patterns

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

4. How do you take advantage of data access and usage patterns to support your sustainability goals?

✔ No improvements identified

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Implement a data classification policy
- Use technologies that support data access and storage patterns
- Use lifecycle policies to delete unnecessary data
- Remove unneeded or redundant data
- Use shared file systems or object storage to access common data
- Minimize data movement across networks

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Minimize over-provisioning in block storage

Architecture Constraints

- Back up data only when difficult to recreate

Out of Scope

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

5. How do your hardware management and usage practices support your sustainability goals?

✔ No improvements identified

*This question has best practices marked as not applicable by the reviewer

Selected choice(s)

- Use the minimum amount of hardware to meet your needs
- Use instance types with the least impact
- Use managed services

Not selected choice(s)

- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

- Optimize your use of GPUs

Architecture Constraints

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Improvement plan

No risk detected for this question. No action needed.

6. How do your development and deployment processes support your sustainability goals?

 Medium risk

Selected choice(s)

- Keep your workload up to date

Not selected choice(s)

- Adopt methods that can rapidly introduce sustainability improvements
- Increase utilization of build environments
- Use managed device farms for testing
- None of these

Best Practices marked as Not Applicable

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- [Adopt methods that can rapidly introduce sustainability improvements](#)
- [Increase utilization of build environments](#)
- [Use managed device farms for testing](#)

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