

AWS WELL ARCHITECTED

It's a tool to review architectures on AWS. It's based on a set of "pillars".

- Operational Excellence
- Security
- Reliability
- Performance
- Cost
- Sustainability

SCORPS

helps remember pillars.

Benefits

- ✓ move faster through automation
- ✓ reduce risks
- ✓ informed decision

Design principles

- Estimate, measure, capacity.
No guessing
- Test at production scale;
traffic, data, ...
! Thanks to serverless services
we can setup a production
environment and only pay when
we use it.

- Automate to enable easy +
parallel experimentation

Intent of WA

- Not an audit → work together.
- Best advice is proven designs.

⇒ Use well architected Tool!

① Operational Excellence

- Run workload efficiently
- gain insights into the run.
- continuous improve processes

How?

- use IAC (infrastr. as code)
and make small, frequent changes.
- Continuous process refinement.
Setup game days to review
and share procedures.
- Anticipate failure
 - auto scaling
 - fail over
 - have a post mortem procedure

⇒ look at AWS Incident Manager
after incident check this service
for advice (columns / playbooks)

② Reliability

Recover from disruptions

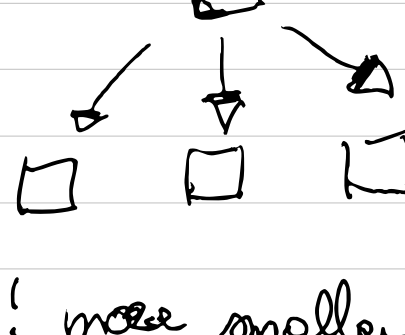
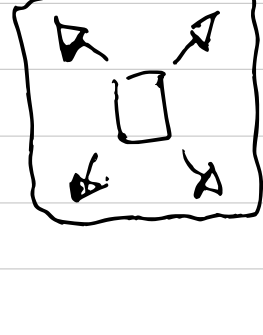
- Automated using thresholds
for example
- Stateless service for automatic
recovery
run → EC2

state → ElastiCache
↗ ↕ ↘
EC2 EC2' EC2"

⇒ AWS Fault Injection Simulator.

- Find perf. bottlenecks.
- Roll back to a pre-experiment
state.
- Define tests via templates

- Vertical vs. Horizontal scaling



! more smaller is more
reliable than fewer bigger

- Stop guessing capacity
- get insights in baseline
- configure scaling

↳ with 1 out of the box.
↳ use thresholds for trigger
with EC2

⇒ AWS SSM (Change Manager)

what did change?
for audit and reporting.

looks like only used for
EC2, RDS, S3, ALB, ...
no serverless services like
lambda

③ Security

- Identity
RBAC (role based access control)
Multi account setup → isolation
- Traceability
Monitor + remediate

⇒ Amazon Inspector
Checks for software vulnerabilities
and network exposure.
+ automatic remediation.

⇒ AWS Config
audit service configuration
and relationships.

- Automate security

Security via IAC

⇒ Inspector - Automate
⇒ Macie - Sensitive data on S3
⇒ Trusted Advisor - Best practices
⇒ Config
⇒ Guard Duty

- Data in transit / rest

⇒ Macie - Sensitive data on S3
⇒ KMS / Cloud HSM / SSE
⇒ Certificate manager

- Keep people away from data

- Prepare for security events

④ Performance

- Democratise advanced tech.
↳ By leveraging API's to abstract
away complexity.
- Go global in minutes
- Use serverless architecture
 - no physical servers
 - scale-to-zero
 - auto scale-out
 - experiment more often.
- Mechanical Sympathy
 - get the car to the end of
the race, adapt your driving
style
↳ Analogy of F1 racing