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How Zocdoc Achieved Security and Compliance at Scale With Infrastructure as Code

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Real patient-centered health care

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Founders: Oliver Kharraz (CEO), Nick Ganju, Cyrus Massoumi

Launched: 2007

Funding: \$230 million

Valuation: \$2 billion (PitchBook)

Disrupting: Health care, mobile

Rival: DocASAP



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We Started by Solving the Access Problem

Average wait time (U.S.)



24
days

The hidden supply of care



30%
Unbooked,
cancelled or
rescheduled

Zocdoc Brings Marketplace Efficiencies to Healthcare

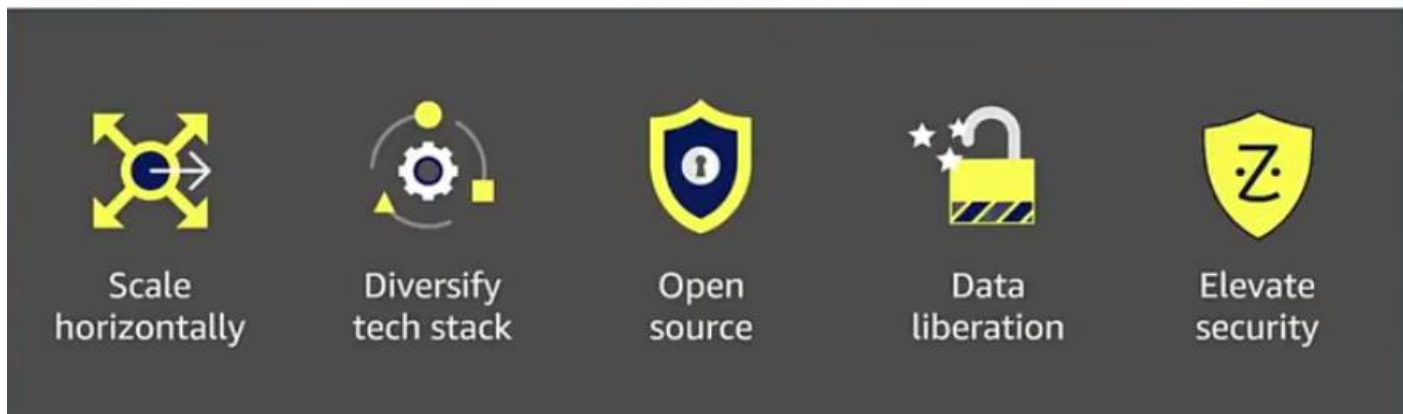


Building Our Supply of Care Since 2007



We started by going after local doctors and local practices, and we optimized our technology for that use case. But as we grew our architecture couldn't handle all the load and we started partnering with large health systems that also wanted to bring more patients into the health systems.

Zocdoc Amazon Web Services (AWS) Goals



Zocdoc 2.0



Typical Security Concerns



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We currently have over 6 million patient visits every month and we need to be able to maintain our HIPAA compliance in the cloud. We also wanted end-to-end visibility of our data.

Maintaining Compliance

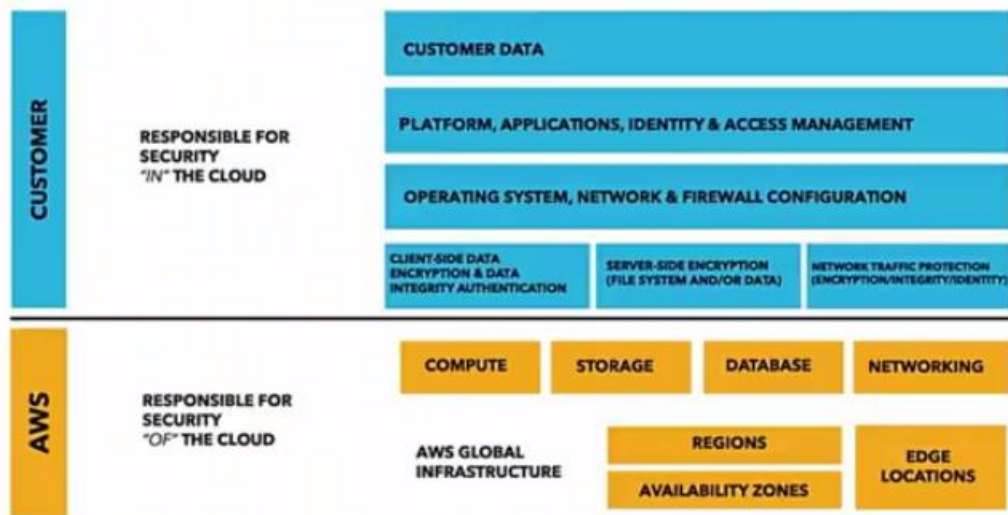


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Shared Responsibility



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Alliances

Alliance with AWS

- Business enablement
- Technical enablement



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Alliance within Zocdoc



Easier with AWS



Maintain
visibility



Access
control



Encryption &
key
management



Logging &
monitoring



Incident
response

Maintaining Visibility & Control with Agility

- Visibility of critical data
- Scope reduction
- Enhanced alerting
- Standardized configurations



Infrastructure Hardening

- Hardened AMIs
 - Packer
 - Logging agents
 - Host based intrusion detection
 - Antivirus
- Hardened containers using Docker



Infrastructure as Code



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In CF, we templated the CF templates using Ansible by using variables for customization. TeamCity is our CI/CD tool instead of Jenkins.

Access Control

- Granular controls
- Default minimal privilege
- Visibility for administrative activities
- Maintaining authentication tokens



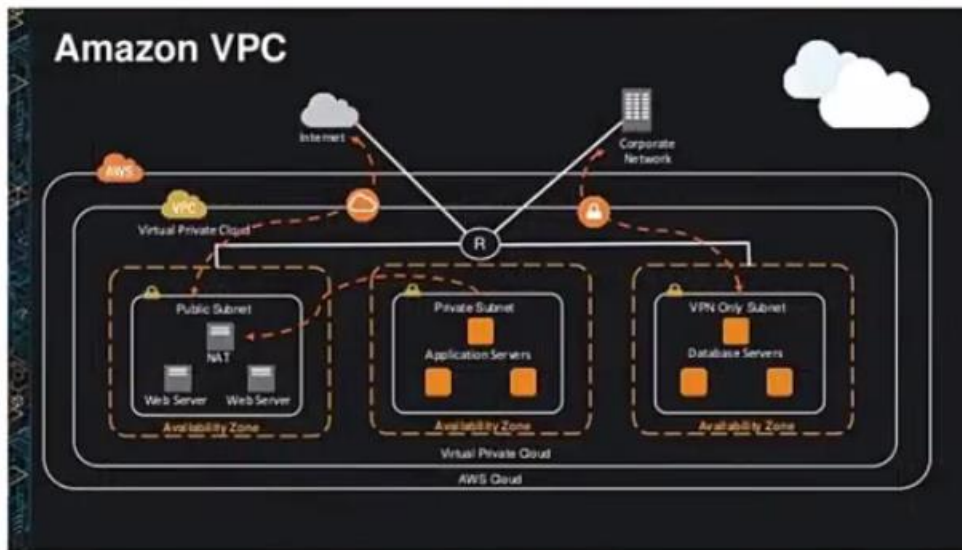
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VPC Segmentation



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We have many different VPCs for different groups of apps we run, this allows pure functionality segmentation and we restrict access between the VPCs.

Access Management



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We are using Policies, IAM Roles, and Security Groups to restrict and grant access for our users and service accounts limited access based on what they are allowed to see and use within the whole infrastructure.

Policy Control and Maintenance

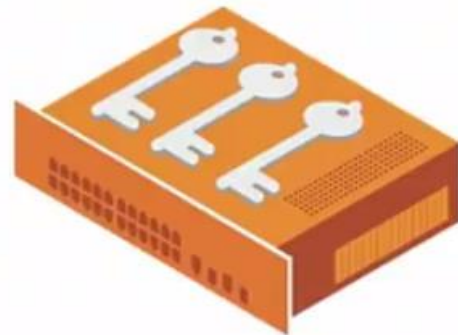
- Enforced MFA for users
- No public endpoints
- Encryption checks



Everything in transit is encrypted

Encryption & Key Management

- Data protection
- Maintain end-to-end encryption
- Centralize key management
- Maintain appropriate key rotation controls
- Restricted access to keys



Data Security at Rest



HashiCorp
Vault



- Segment keys across AWS services
- Encrypted Amazon S3 buckets
- Encrypted EBS volumes

We use KMS to generate keys for us automatically and also to rotate those keys automatically.

Enhanced Logging & Monitoring

- DDoS protection and front end alerting
- Detective controls
- Centralized logging
- Office to cloud environment visibility



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Protecting Ourselves



DDoS protection and
WAF



Data visibility



SIEM



Metrics monitoring



Application layer
firewalls in offices



Vulnerability scanning

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Incident Response & Disaster Recovery

- Incident response \geq existing response SLA
- Maintain pen test and tabletop exercise capabilities
- Environment resiliency \geq existing recovery SLA



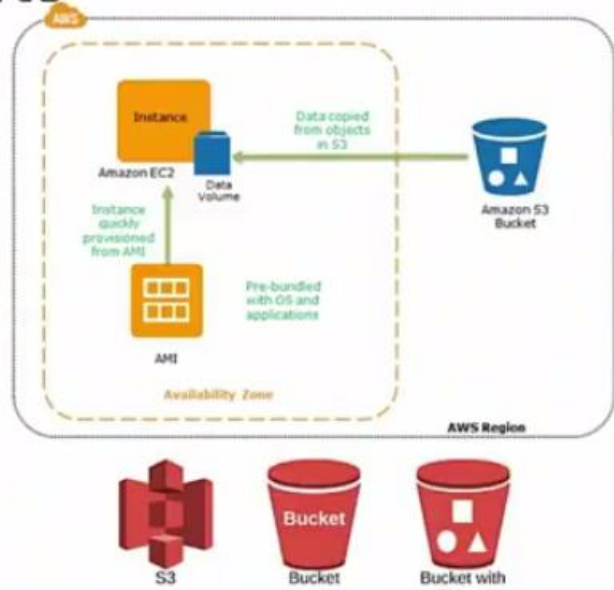
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Responding to Incidents

- Active disaster recovery site
- Remediating penetration test issues as high priority
- Collaborative tabletop exercises
- Encrypted offsite backups across Amazon S3 regions

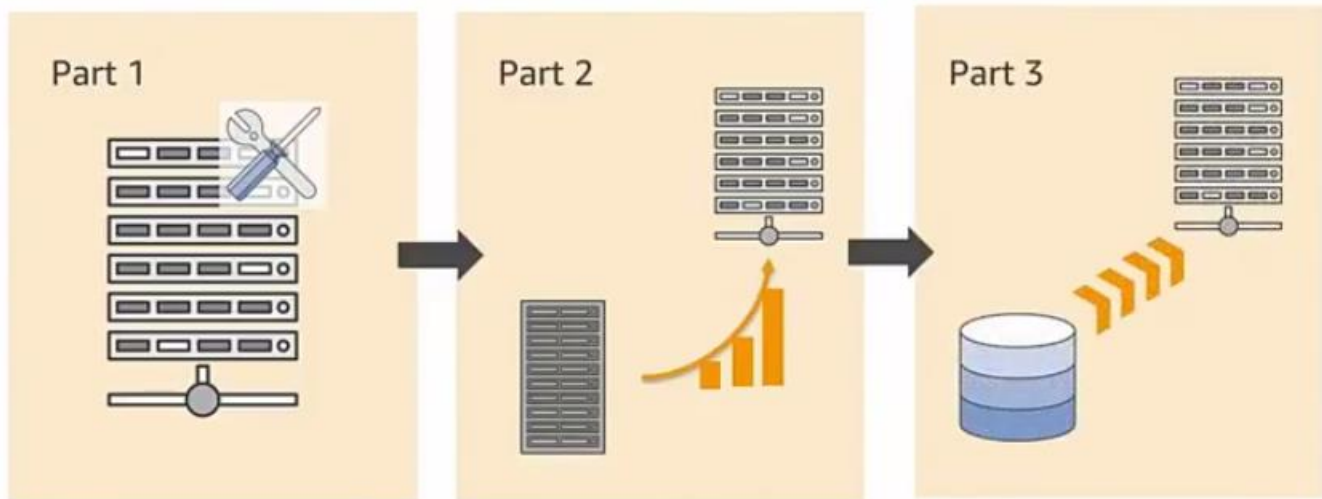


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Failover Mechanism



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Zocdoc AWS Goals



Scale
horizontally



Diversify
tech stack



Open
source



Data
liberation



Elevate
security

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Security Key Takeaways

- Available security controls
- Simplified security and compliance
- Enhanced visibility and control
- Faster security recover and delivery



Get yourself a
squad

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