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Cost Optimizing Your Architecture

Practical Design Steps To Get Big Savings

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What to Expect from the Session

We are going to dive RIGHT IN!

Assumed knowledge...You know a fair bit about AWS

Cover a LOT in a hurry!

Operational optimization

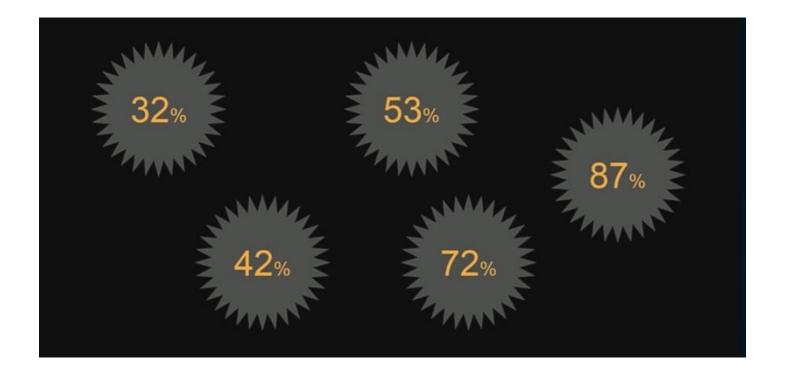
Infrastructure optimization

Architectural optimization

Plenty of FOOD FOR THOUGHT

All pricing shown will be for Asia Pacific (Sydney) Region

SHOW ME THE MONEY!!!



Quick Wins (The Obvious Stuff)

Use Reserved Instances For Stable Workloads

Standard Reserved Instances

- √ 1 or 3 year term
- ✓ Up to 75% cheaper than On-Demand price

Convertible Reserved Instances

- √ 3-year term
- ✓ Up to 45% cheaper than On-Demand price
- ✓ Change instance families, OS, or tenancy

Run your system for at least 3 months, get an understanding of what your workloads actually look like, spend some time tuning and optimizing your systems, then make your ROI commitment using reserved instances for your stable workloads.

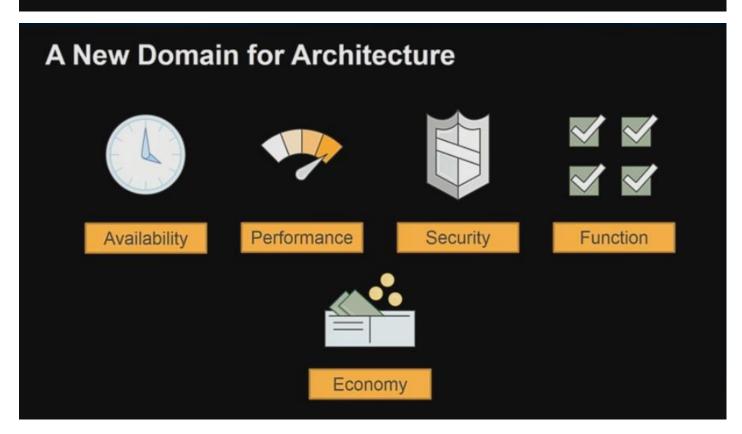
Use Consolidated Billing For Volume Discounts

Payer account combines usage from all sub-accounts

Many services offer volume pricing tiers across certain usage dimensions

E.g., EC2, S3, & CloudFront

Gives you a lower price overall whenever possible



You also need to look at the economy of your architecture because you have a lot of control over it

Economy of Architecture



Economy

- Same or better outcome for the lowest cost
- Trial and change <u>during</u> the lifetime of the system
- ✓ Radical changes are possible driven by economics
- Changes in services that can be consumed
- √ Transaction cost + operational cost

What is Your Per-Transaction cost?



Cost per query?

Cost per user?

Cost per processing unit?

Do you know it real time?

Do you track it?

Do you do this things for your favorite application or systems?

Actionable Steps



Beginner

Calculate by hand (Cost Explorer with tags)

Intermediate

Instrument your system to gather transaction volume Calculate based on tags & billing data periodically

Advanced

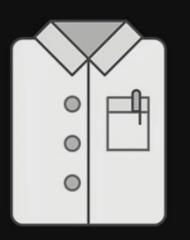
Monitor in real time

Display somewhere public

Drive the development team to optimize

You can automate the data using a service like Kinesis firehose, put the data on a display somewhere with updates every hour, then focus on how you can optimize and reduce the cost prices.

Operational Optimization



Operational Cost – By Country (median)

Skill	Country	Cost per Hour (USD)
Systems Administrator	USA	\$30
	Australia	\$26
	UK	\$18
	Japan	\$47
	Germany	\$24
	Brazil	\$32
	Singapore	\$17

*Source: payscale.com & indeed.com

Operational Cost - By Country (median)

Skill	Country	Cost per Hour (USD)
Database Administrator	USA	\$35
	Australia	\$25
	UK	\$19
	Japan	\$49
	Germany	\$31
	Brazil	\$45
	Singapore	\$19

*Source: payscale.com & indeed.com

What's the Admin Effort for a Minor DB Version Update?

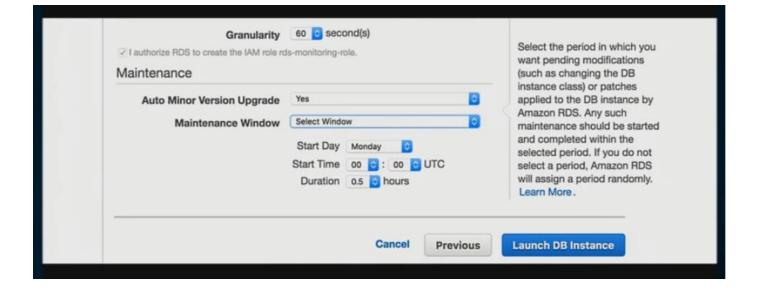
Self-managed

- Back up primary
- Back up secondary
- Back up server OS
- Assemble upgrade binaries
- Create change record
- · Create rollback plan
- Rehearse in development
- Run against staging
- · Run against production standby
- Verify
- Failover
- · Run in production
- Verify

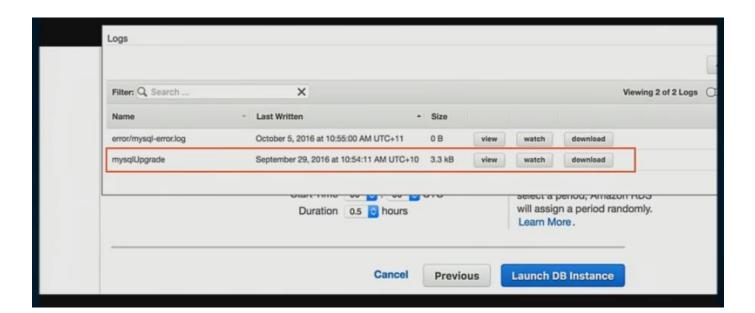
RDS - admin effort

- Verify Update Windows
- · Create "notification" change record
- Verify success in staging
- Verify success in production





8 Hours



Control – Without Operational Cost

Country	Self Managed @ 8 Hours	RDS @ 1 Hour	Saving
USA	\$280	\$35	\$245
Australia	\$200	\$25	\$175
UK	\$152	\$19	\$133
Japan	\$392	\$49	\$343
Germany	\$248	\$31	\$217
Brazil	\$360	\$45	\$315
Singapore	\$152	\$19	\$133

*Median Salary - USD

Infrastructure Optimization



Use Amazon S3 Storage Tiers



Take advantage of Infrequent Access (IA)

No code changes – immediate savings

Example

- ✓ Our app stores 100 TB of photos
- ✓ Each photo is about 10 MB
- ✓ Using Standard S3, we pay \$3,292.78 per month (SYD)

Let us see some ways to save money on your storage without any code change at all once you understand your usage patterns



You can create a policy that applies to your S3 bucket and moves stuff into more longer term, cheaper storage option like Glacier.

S3 - IA - Result!



Same 100 TB (20 TB Standard/80 TB IA) costs only \$2,220.65 per month (SYD)

Revisit & Right-Size EC2

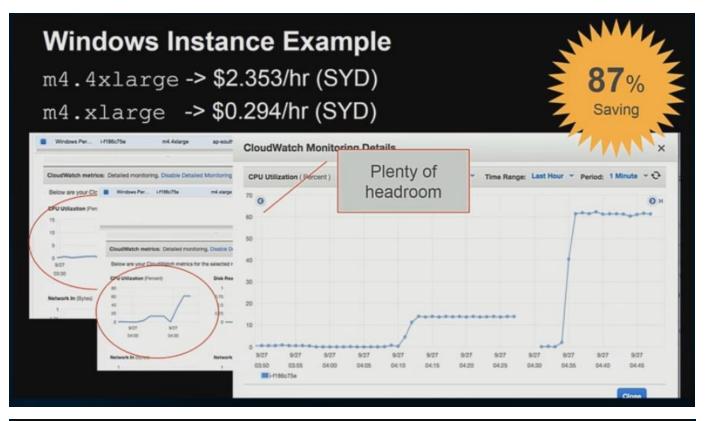


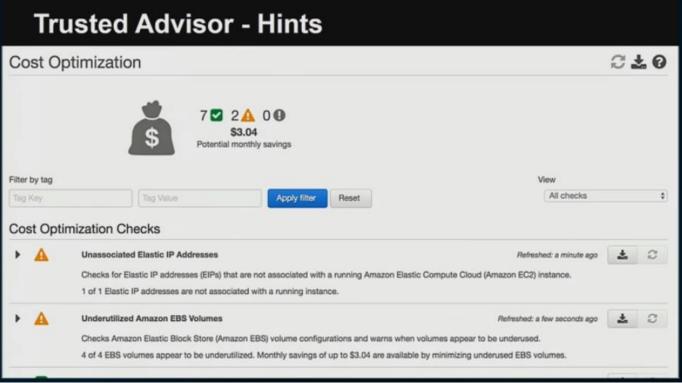
Revisit your EC2 instance choice at least every 6 months

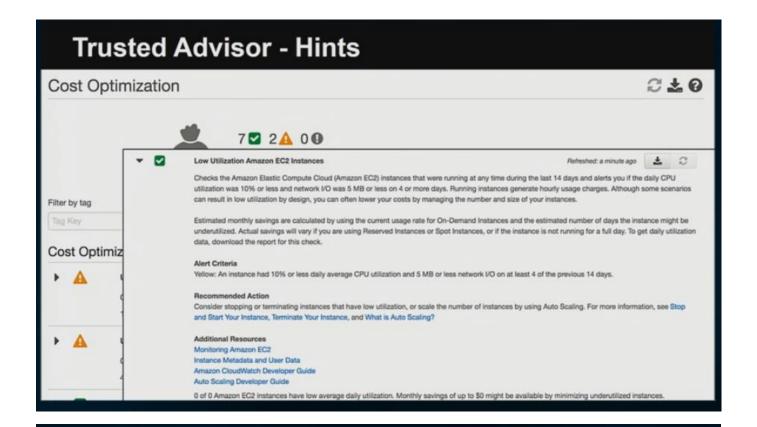
- √ Families change
- ✓ Workloads change

Cost savings available between EC2 families depending on your workload

Use Trusted Advisor for hints







Use Spot Instances



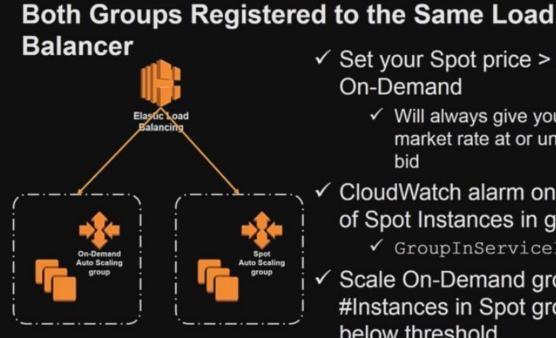
Incredible value for the right workloads

Build it into your Auto Scaling groups

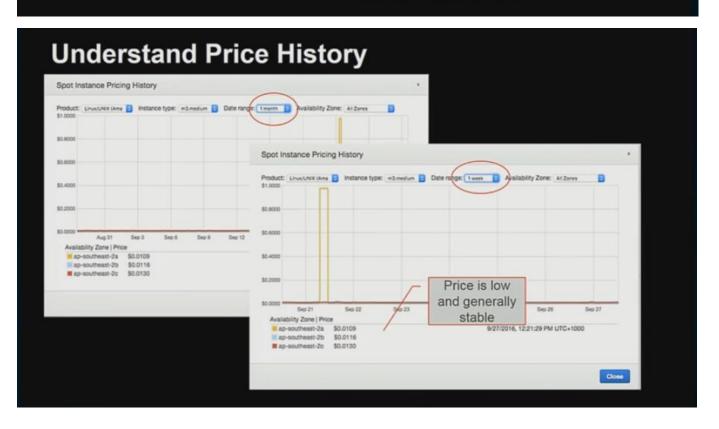
Can balance price & availability
Reserved + On-Demand + Spot

Auto Scaling Group Launch Configuration

Duplicate Auto Scaling Group - Add One Extra Line



- ✓ Set your Spot price > Market <</p> On-Demand
 - ✓ Will always give you the market rate at or under your bid
- ✓ CloudWatch alarm on number of Spot Instances in group
 - ✓ GroupInServiceInstances
- ✓ Scale On-Demand group if #Instances in Spot group drops below threshold



Spot Price vs On-Demand

Region:	Asia Pacific (S)	rdney) i			
	VCP	U ECU	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	Linux/UNIX Usage
General Pu	urpose - Currer	t Generation			
t2.nano	1	Variable	0.5	EBS Only	\$0.01 per Hour
t2.micro	1	Variable	1	EBS Only	\$0.02 per Hour
t2.small	1	Variable	2	EBS Only	\$0.04 per Hour
t2.medium	. 2	Variable	4	EBS Only	\$0.08 per Hour
12.large	2	Variable	8	EBS Only	\$0.16 per Hour
m4.targe	2	6.5	8	EBS Only	\$0.168 per Hour
m4.xlarge	4	13	16	EBS Only	\$0.336 per Hour
m4.2xlarg	o 8	26	32	EBS Only	\$0.673 per Hour
m4.4xlarg	e 16	53.5	64	EBS Only	\$1.345 per Hour
m4.10xlar	ge 40	124.5	160	EBS Only	\$3.363 per Hour
m3.mediu	m 1	3	3.75	1 x 4 SSD	\$0.093 per Hour
m3.large	2	6.5	7.5	1 x 32 SSD	\$0.186 per Hour
m3.xlarge	4	13	15	2 x 40 SSD	\$0.372 per Hour
m3.2xlarg	a 8	26	30	2 x 80 SSD	\$0.745 per Hour

Туре	Servers	Cost per Hour
On-Demand	12	\$0.093
Spot	0	\$0.013
TOTAL	12	\$1.17
Туре	Servers	Cost per Hour
Type On-Demand	Servers 2	
200		Hour



Anatomy of the Developer Work Week



"Your mileage may vary!"

Monday->Friday 10 hours per day = 50 Hours

✓ "Our devs work hard!"

Total hours available in the week = 168 Hours

Turning things off = immediate 70% saving

Automate Dev/Test Elasticity

A number of approaches (choose one that works for you):

- ✓ Tagging with script to shut down/start up
- ✓ Lambda to drive the shutdown/startup
- ✓ Start up based on time
- ✓ Start up based on request
- ✓ Scheduled Auto Scaling groups
- ✓ Tagging with different rules based on tags (e.g., run over weekends)

Be sure to use something...

An Incomplete List of Tools to Help You

Use AWS Lambda:

https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/creating-an-enterprise-scheduler-using-aws-lambda-and-tagging/

Use AWS Data Pipeline:

https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/stop-start-ec2-instances/

Use Amazon CloudWatch:

https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2013/01/08/use-amazon-cloudwatch-to-detect-and-shut-down-unused-amazon-ec2-instances/

Cache for Savings

Read-Intensive workloads in particular Handy whitepaper:

https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/performance-at-

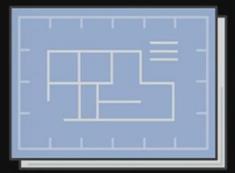
scale-with-amazon-elasticache.pdf

Example 30,000 reads per second

db.m3.large - 30,000 PIOPS - Single-AZ: \$3,889.68

cache.m3.large - 30,000 GETS per second: \$355.02

Architectural Optimization



New Levers to Pull



Code changes



Architectural tradeoffs



Immediate benefits

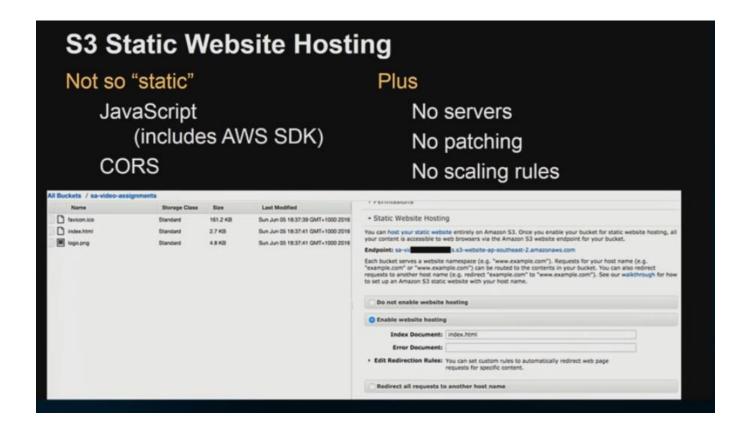
Eliminate Your Web Server Tier



How much work is your web server tier actually doing?

How much time do you spend on maintenance?

How secure is your web tier?



S3 - Cost Optimized Web Serving - Example

Average objects per page: 150

Average size per page: 2 MB

100,000 page views per day =

450,000,000 GETs per month

5.859 TB data transfer out per month

Total cost PER MONTH: \$1,139.43 (SYD)

S3 - Cost Optimized Web Serving

Cost avoidance

- ✓ Web server patching
- ✓ Capacity planning
- ✓ Security scanning
- ✓ Content rollouts/updates

Hours per month...

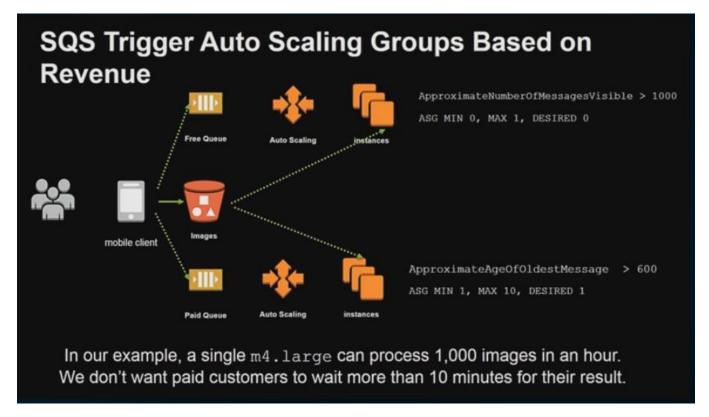
Queues – Not Just for Decoupling



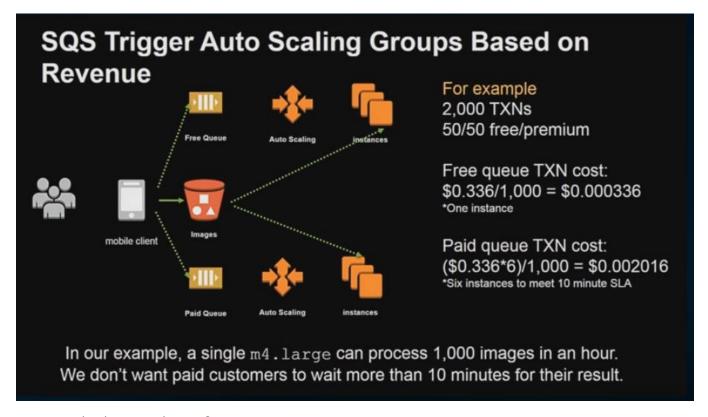
SQS gives you tremendous power to decouple your architecture

However, resilience is only one part of the story

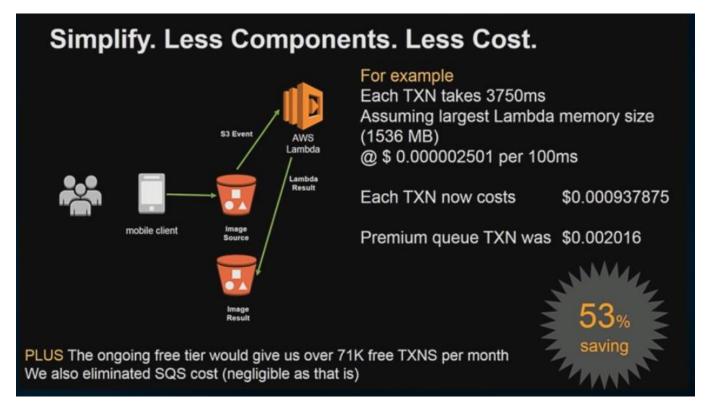
Use queues to manage cost



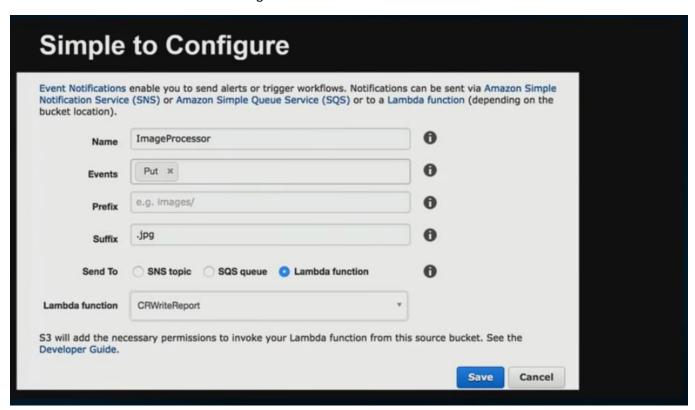
The auto-scaling group for the free tier queue only spins up to process the images when we have at least 1000 images in that free queue. For paid, customers, the queue uses the age of the oldest object in the queue that should not be more than 10 minutes.



Can we make this even cheaper?

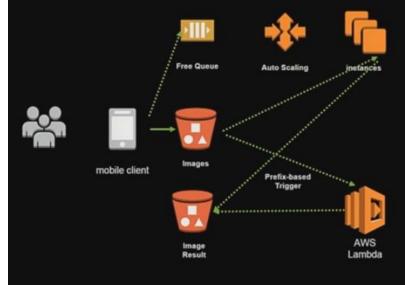


We instead move to a lambda based model, where we have 2 separate buckets. We receive an image in the receive bucket and do an S3 event that triggers a lambda function that does the work of processing the image and stores the result into the 2^{nd} result bucket. You also get a free tier with lambda



To set us an S3 notification, we do the above. We are creating an event notification function called *ImageProcessor* that responds to a *PUT* request in an S3 bucket and then triggers a lambda function called *CRWriteReport*.

Can Still Use SQS To Keep Free Tier Cheap



More optimization

Make free tier even cheaper using EC2 Spot Instances

Paid tier now gets instant response (remove the 10 minute delay/SLA) at low cost

We can now further optimize by having our Lambda function for our paid user tier and apply spot pricing to it also as above

Database Economic Architecture "Rules of Thumb"



Not everything is just relational or just NoSQL

Caches are usually more efficient and cost effective

✓ But you might have to do a little-more work up-front!

Do not conflate transactional DBs with analytical DBs

You will typically have "hot spot" tables or datasets – look to put these in NoSQL or Cache storage

Replace "Hot Spots" in RDS With DynamoDB

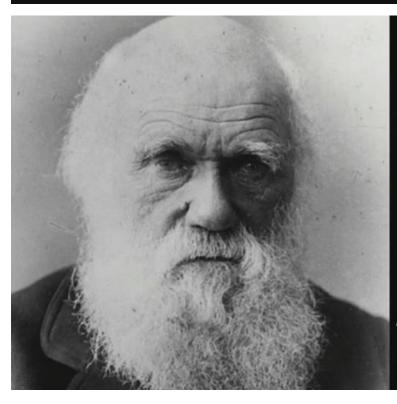
Example

10,000 IOPS (80% Read/20% Write) 3TB Capacity Multi-AZ RDS for MySQL

RDS: \$4,689.64

DynamoDB: \$2,887.70





Architectures can evolve...

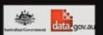
Example "Restroom Finder" API Microservice

Find me all the toilets in a particular postcode (zip code) in Australia!

Started with Python/Bottle/MySQL

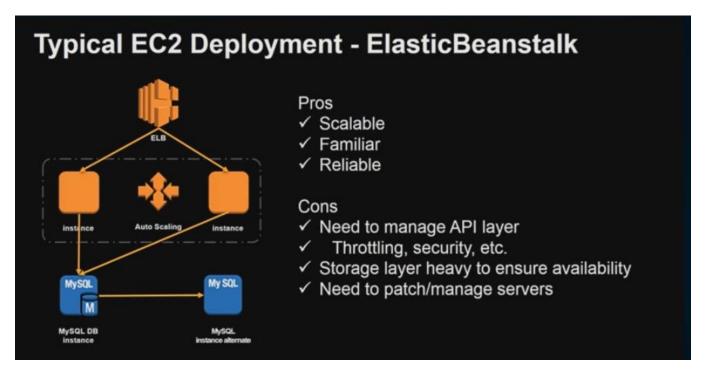
Lookup table with 18,408 records

http://data.gov.au/dataset/national-public-toilet-map

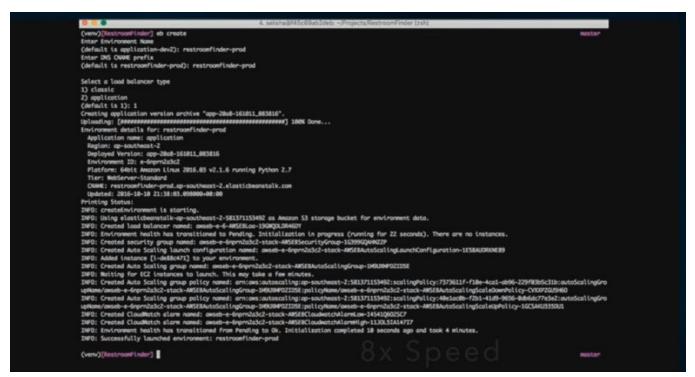


```
@route('/postcode/<postcode>')
     def postcode(postcode):
          returnData = "INVALID input"
          #Validate input - can only be 4 numerics
if len(postcode) == 4 and postcode.isdigit():
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               cnx = mysql.connector.connect(user='==
                                          host='toiletdata. database='toiletdata')
                                                                              .ap-southeast-2.rds.amazonaws.com',
               cursor = cnx.cursor()
               query = ("SELECT name, address1, town FROM toilets "
"WHERE postcode=" + postcode)
               cursor.execute(query)
               resultRow = ""
               for (name, address1, town) in cursor:
                    resultRow = resultRow + json.dumps({'name' : name, 'address1': address1, 'town': town}) + ","
               resultRow = string.rstrip(resultRow, ",")
               cursor.close()
               cnx.close()
               returnData = "[" + resultRow + "]"
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          return returnData
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This microservice simply takes in a postcode value, validates it, then runs a query against our RDS database to get the list of public data in that postcode, and returns the list back as JSON data.



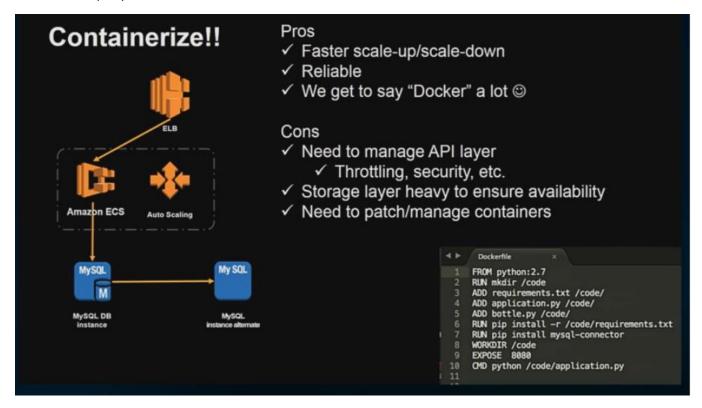
We then spin up ElasticBeanStalk EBS to deploy our new microservice into as above



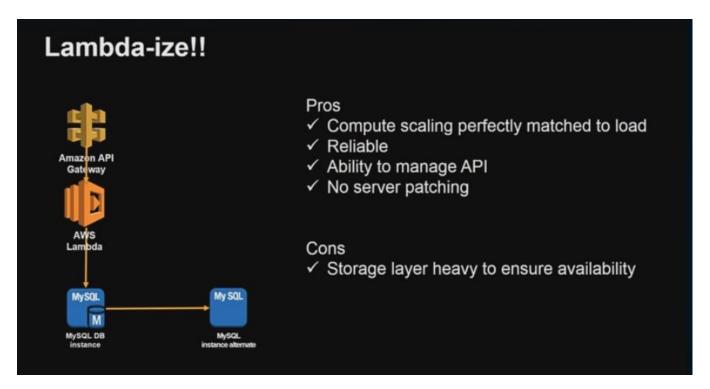
Use the **eb** create command to get the stack created in a few minutes



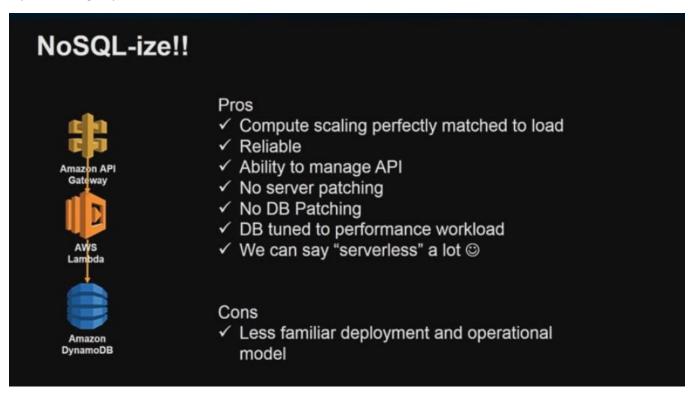
We can now query the service as above



We can take the code, convert it into a Docker container, put it into ECS, and deploy using the new architecture above. The instances now spin up faster but it is basically still the same



We are now serverless and only spin up compute only when we need to do some real work. But we still have the storage layer unchanged yet!



Now we use DynamoDB to go fully serverless.

This is the new code. We have replaced the MySQL call with a DynamoDB call. We are connecting into our DynamoDB table using the AWS Python SDK (or AWS NodeJS SDK), run a query get the items we need, and return the data back as JSON.



Zappa (like serverless) is an OSS deployment tool that can deploy to lambda using a config file

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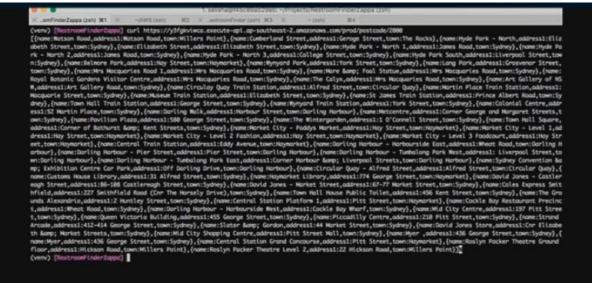
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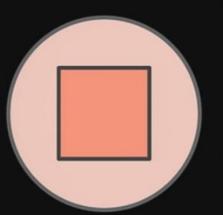
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We have the microservice deployed



We can now use curl to call the API Gateway endpoint as above



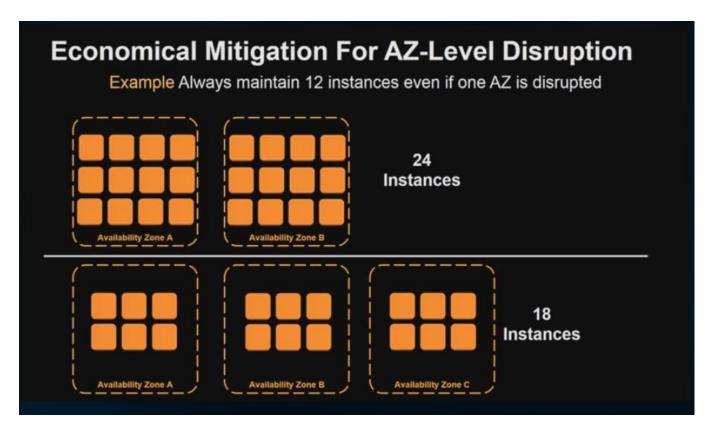


HA vs. Cost Optimization

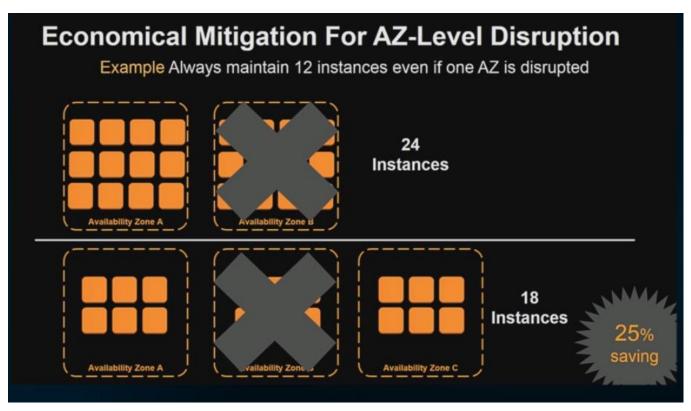
Product owners often push for cost optimization

- Ignoring their availability requirements
- · Until something fails

FIRST availability, THEN cost!



Always deploy in multi AZs for true HA configuration like above



We can remove the one shown to maintain HA by spending 25% more. This is a simple config change in your auto-scaling group to get this layout.

The Cost of Using Your DB as a BLOB Store

Databases (particularly RDBMSs) make poor BLOB stores!

Negative in terms of performance

Negative in terms of management

Negative in terms of cost

Storing Your BLOB in the RDBMS – Example

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TABLE

user_images
(userid int,
imageguid char(36),
image BLOB);

For example
Each Image = 2MB
2,049K per row
3 million rows = 5.862 TB

RDS MySQL cost = $3,279.56 (SYD)
per month (multi-AZ, Standard
Storage)
```

Assuming we are storing our BLOBs in a database table as above,

Store BLOB in S3, Metadata in RDS

CREATE OR REPLACE
TABLE user_images
(userid int,
imageguid char(36),
imageURL
VARCHAR(1000));

Per row we now store 2K in the RDBMS

3 Million rows = 5.722 GB

S3 Storage = 5.862TB = \$194.94 (storage) + 3MM Puts, 3MM Gets = \$212.93 (inclusive, GETs, PUTs, Storage)

RDS SQL cost = \$1,663.30 (SYD) per Month

Total: \$1,876.23



You then just point your code to point to where the BLOB is in S3 to get it from there.



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