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Course Introduction

Welcome to the AWS Certified DevOps Engineer - Professional Level course.

This course is designed to provide an experience DevOps Engineer with the resources to prepare for and pass the AWS Certified DevOps Engineer Professional level certification exam.

Topics in this course include:

1. Auto Scaling Deployment Concepts

How to configure Auto Scaling and deploy applications using Auto Scaling.

2. Deployment Concepts With EC2

Using EC2 in deployments including EC2 Logging and Backup Strategies.

3. CloudWatch For DevOps

Utilizing CloudWatch for DevOps including Monitoring and Logging.

4. CloudFormation For DevOps

Utilizing CloudFormation to deploy infrastructure on AWS.

5. Elastic Beanstalk For Devops

Using Elastic Beanstalk to quickly deploy applications on AWS.

6. Application Deployments With OpsWorks

Using OpsWorks to create and manage resources for our applications, as well as managing the applications themselves.

7. DynamoDB Concepts

Reviewing the basics of DynamoDB as well as understanding the role of DynamoDB and its use cases in Devops.

8. Data Pipeline With DynamoDB

We will use AWS Data Pipeline to retrieve data from a tab-delimited file in Amazon S3 to populate a DynamoDB table, use a Hive script to define the necessary data transformation steps, and automatically create an Amazon EMR cluster to perform the work.

9. S3 Concepts For DevOps

Utilizing S3 Buckets as a key repository for DevOps via Cross-Account Access.

10. A/B Testing

A/B Testing concepts for DevOps.

11. Blue/Green Deployments

Using Automation For Devops to Facilitate Blue/Green Deployments.



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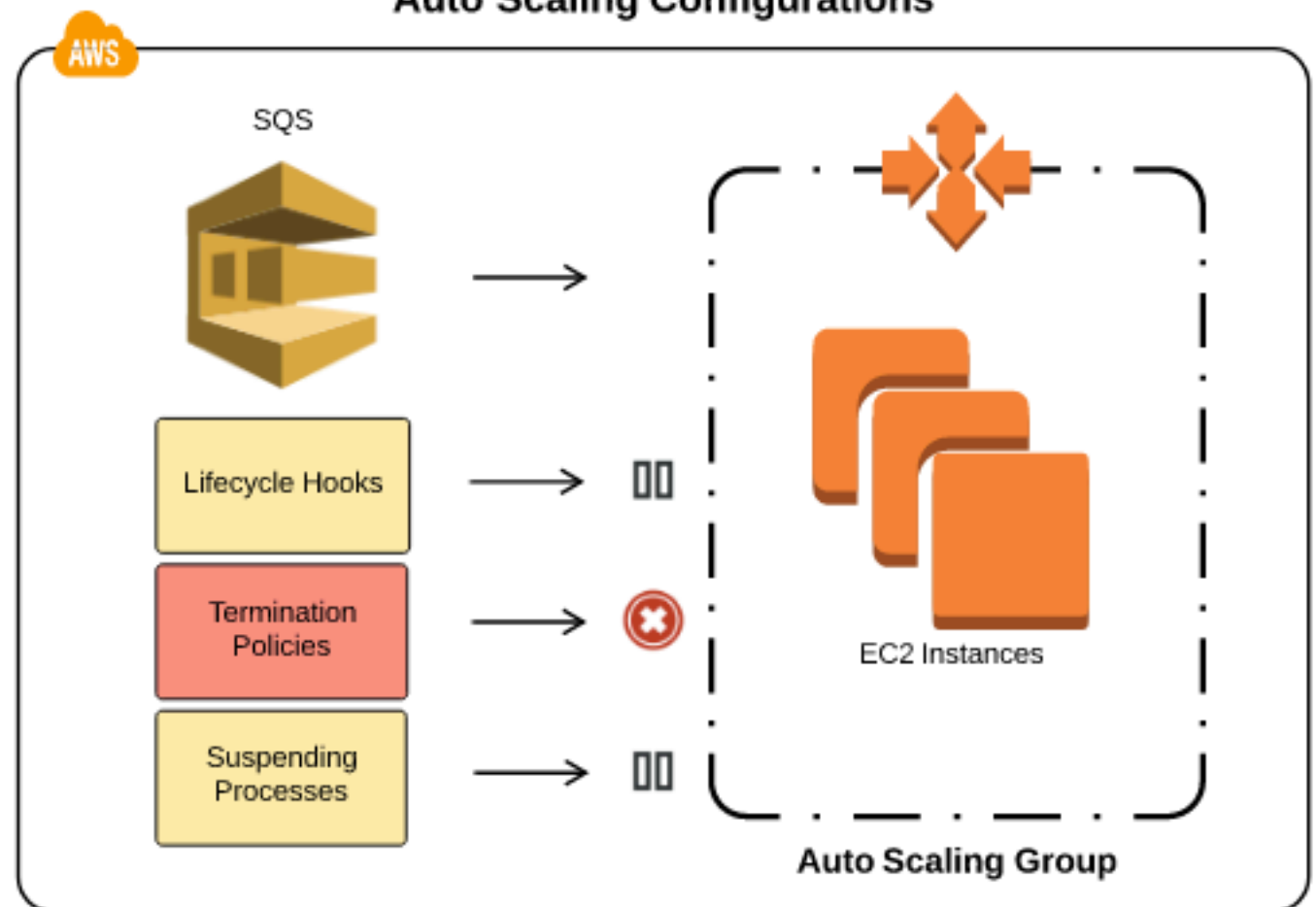
Auto Scaling Deployment Concepts

Scenario:

A DevOps Engineer will spend a great deal of time creating, monitoring, and tuning Auto Scaling Groups. They can be used in a variety of different ways and understanding various use cases and proper configuration is a key skill set. In this section the student will revisit the basics of Auto Scaling, Termination Policies, Suspending Auto Scaling processes, and take a deep dive into Lifecycle Hooks. Hooks are a powerful tool in controlling instance and application deployment.

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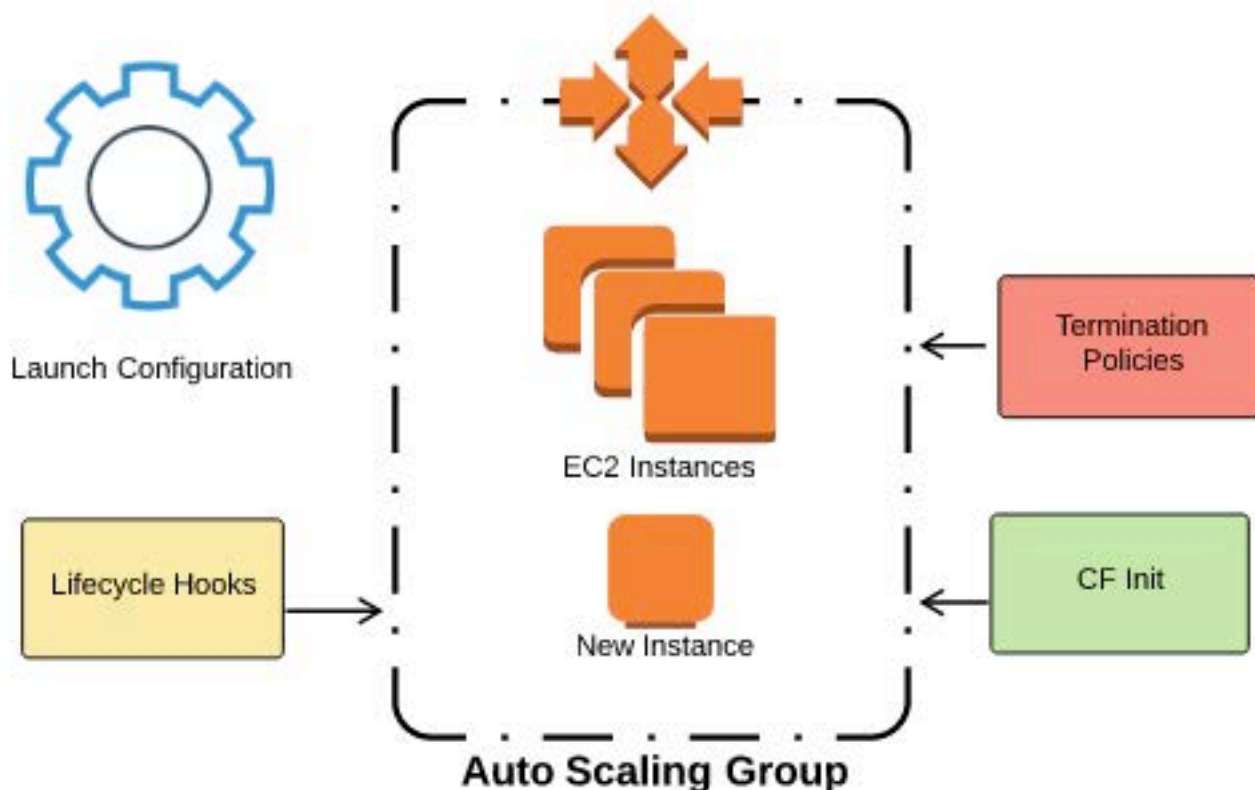
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Deployment Concepts With Auto Scaling



Deployment Concepts

- Auto Scaling can play a major role in deployments
- Avoid downtime during deployments
- How long to deploy code and configure an instance?
- How do you test new launch configurations?
- How do you phase out older launch configurations?
- Use Lifecycle Hooks for custom actions
- CloudFormation init scripts
- Cloud init scripts
- Scale Out/Scale In



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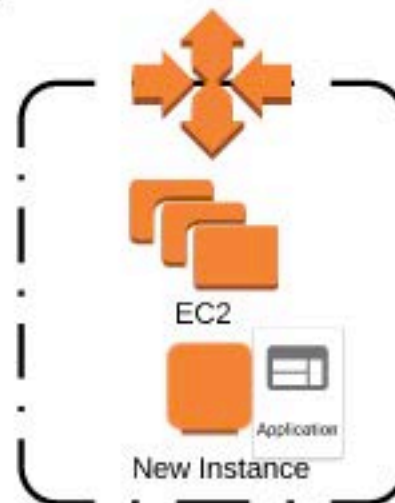
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Scenario: Bootstrapping instances in ASG takes 10 minutes. Instances are reported as in-service before bootstrapping completes and you are getting application alarms.

Solution





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Lifecycle
Hooks

pending:
wait

Solution: Create an ASG Lifecycle Hook to hold the instance in a pending:wait state until bootstrapping is complete. Move to pending:complete when bootstrapping is finished.



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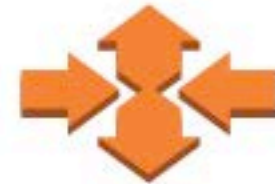
Auto Scaling Termination Policies



Launch Configuration



Termination Policies



EC2 Instances



Which instance to terminate?

Termination Policies

- **OldestInstance.** Terminate the oldest instance in the group. This option is useful when you're upgrading the instances in the Auto Scaling group to a new EC2 instance type.
- **NewestInstance.** Terminate the newest instance in the group. This policy is useful when you're testing a new launch configuration but don't want to keep it in production.
- **OldestLaunchConfiguration.** Terminate instances that have the oldest launch configuration. This policy is useful when you're updating a group and phasing out the instances from a previous configuration.
- **ClosestToNextInstanceHour.** Terminate instances that are closest to the next billing hour. This policy helps you maximize the use of your instances and manage your Amazon EC2 usage costs.
- **Default.** Terminate instances according to the default termination policy. This policy is useful when you have more than one scaling policy for the group.



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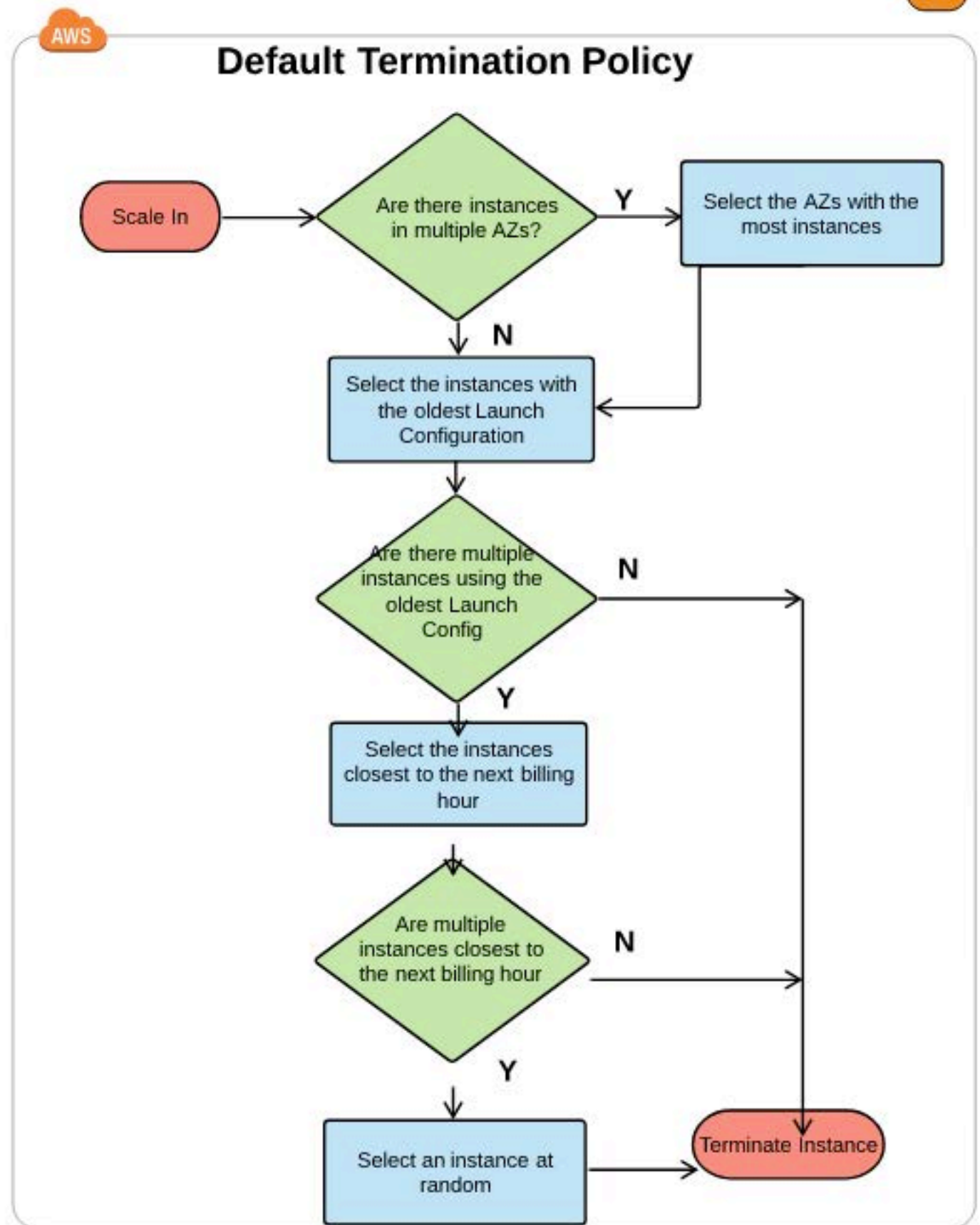
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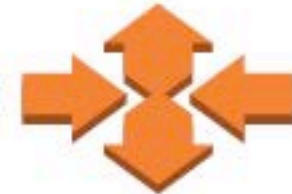
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Suspending Auto Scaling Processes



Launch Configuration

Suspend Auto Scaling Processes



EC2 Instances



Suspend Processes

Auto Scaling Group

Suspending Auto Scaling Processes

Auto Scaling Processes

- Launch - If you suspend Launch, this disrupts other processes.
- Terminate - If you suspend Terminate, this disrupts other processes.
- Health Check
- ReplaceUnhealthy
- AZRebalance
- AlarmNotification
- ScheduledActions
- AddToLoadBalancer



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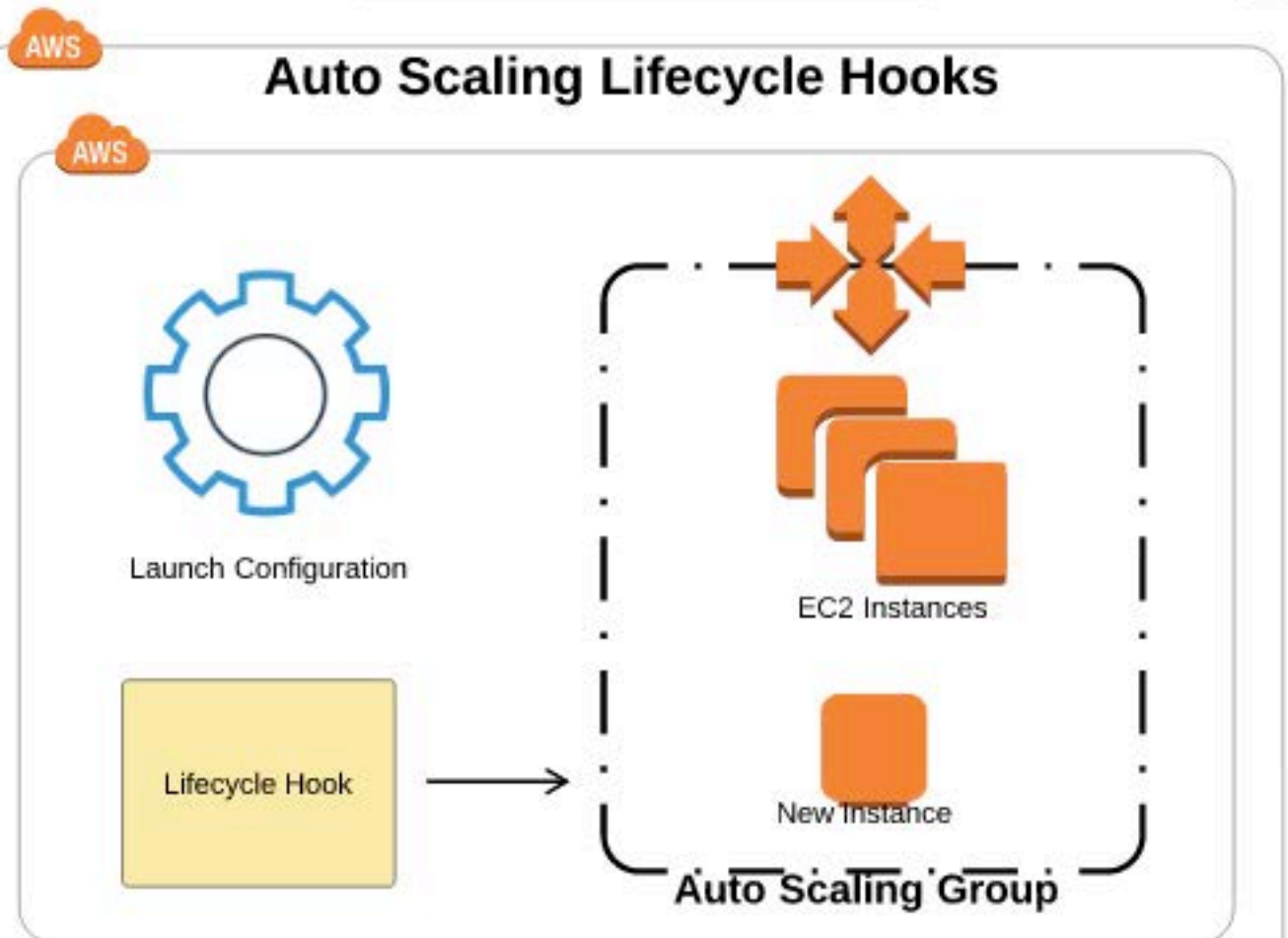
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Creating AutoScaling Lifecycle Hooks

Steps:

- 1) Create Launch Configuration
- 2) Create Auto Scaling Group
- 3) Create Lifecycle Hook
- 4) Launch an EC2 instance
- 5) Monitor the Lifecycle Status of the instance.
- 6) Verify successful installation of software on the instance.



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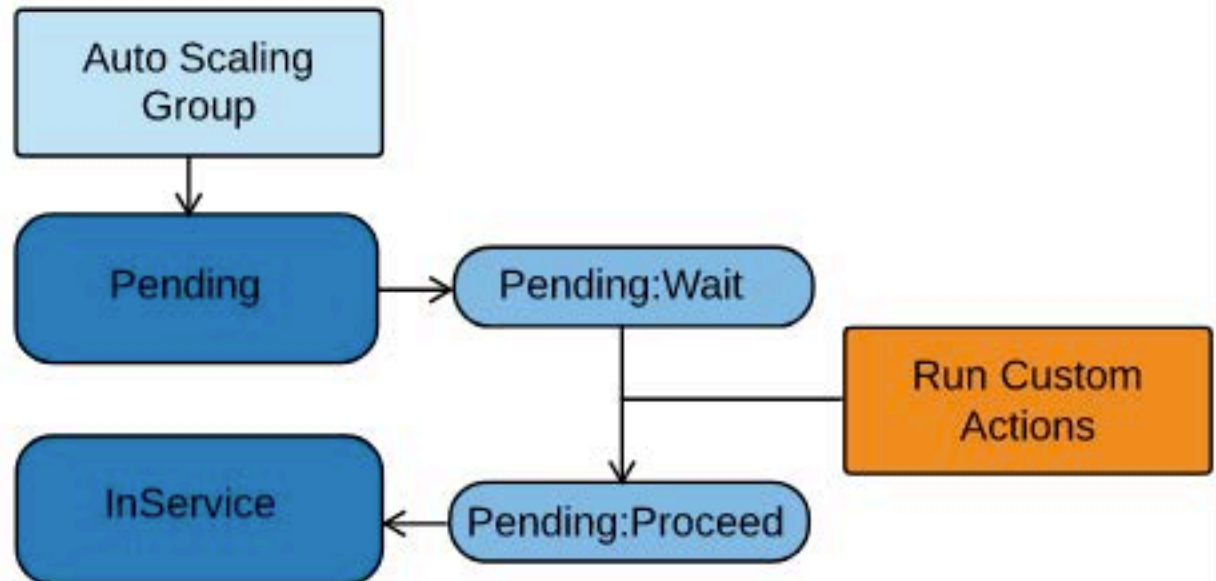
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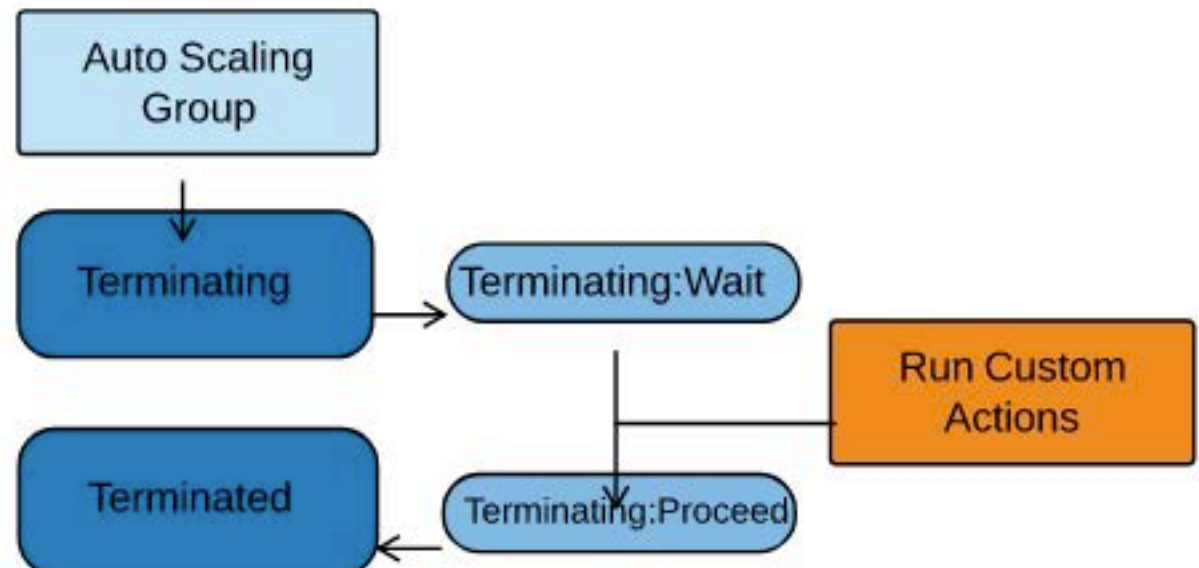
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Transitions Between Instance States

Scale Out



Scale In





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Auto Scaling API, CLI, and SDK Calls



Launch Configuration



AWS API



EC2 Instances

Auto Scaling API, CLI, and SDK Calls

- Common Auto Scaling API Calls.
- When using the CLI or different SDKs the method names might be different than the API call names.
- Find the API Auto Scaling Guide.
- Look at common API calls.
- Compare common API calls to the CLI or Restful name.
- Script calls for automation.
- CLI Name: put-life-cycle-hook vs API Name: PutLifecycleHook

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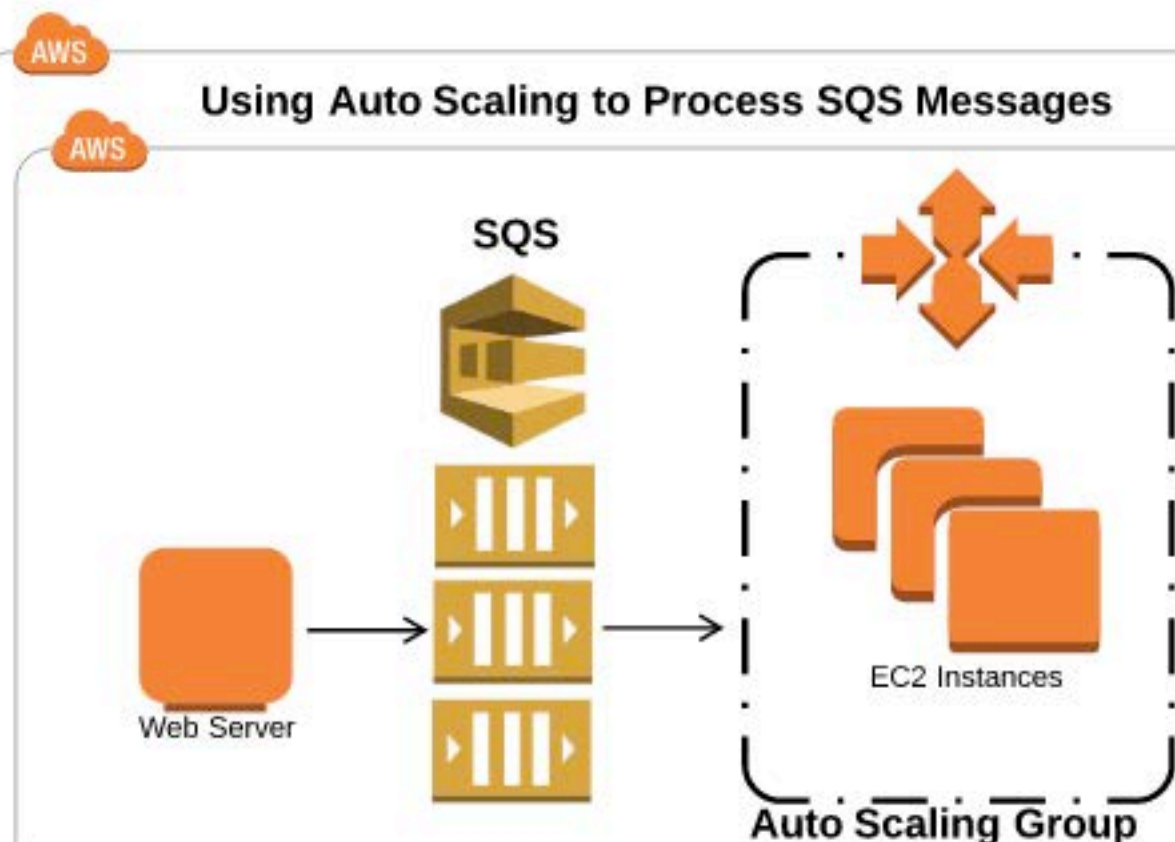
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Using Auto Scaling to Process SQS Messages

Scenario:

- Web App receives orders from customers.
- The app places the orders in an Amazon SQS queue until they are picked up for processing.
- Orders are processed.
- Processed orders sent back to the customer.
- Scale up/down based on request queue size.

Steps To Configure And Test:

- 1) Create the scaling policies
- 2) Create CloudWatch Alarms
- 3) Verify Your Scaling Policies and CloudWatch Alarms
- 4) Test Your Scale Out and Scale In Policies