



AWS Well-Architected

A man with a beard and balding head, wearing a dark suit, stands in a blurred city street holding a large white sign. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus view of a city with buildings, trees, and other people.

*“Are you Well-
Architected?”*

Werner Vogels

What Is The AWS Well-Architected Framework?



Pillars



Design
principles



Questions

The Five Pillars of the Well-Architected Framework



Operations



Security



Reliability



Performance
efficiency



Cost
optimization

Design Principles



General
design principles



Pillar-specific
design principles

General Design Principles

Stop guessing your capacity needs

Test systems at production scale

Automate to make architectural experimentation easier

Allow for evolutionary architectures

Drive architectures using data

Improve through game days



Pillar Question Structure

Foundations

REL 1: How are you managing AWS service limits for your accounts?

AWS accounts are provisioned with default service limits to prevent new users from accidentally provisioning more resources than they need. You should evaluate your AWS service needs and request appropriate changes to your limits for each Region used.

Best Practices:

- Monitor and manage limits: Evaluate your potential usage on AWS, increase your regional limits appropriately, and allow planned growth in usage.
- Set up automated monitoring: Implement tools, for example, SDKs, to alert you when thresholds are being approached.
- Be aware of fixed service limits: Be aware of unchangeable service limits and architect around these.
- Ensure there is a sufficient gap between your service limit and your max usage to accommodate for failover.
- Service limits are considered across all relevant accounts and Regions.

Pillar Area

Question Text

Question Context

Best Practices



Why be Well Architected?



Build and deploy
faster



Make informed
decisions



Lower or mitigate
risks



Learn AWS
best practices

A mechanism for your cloud journey



Learn

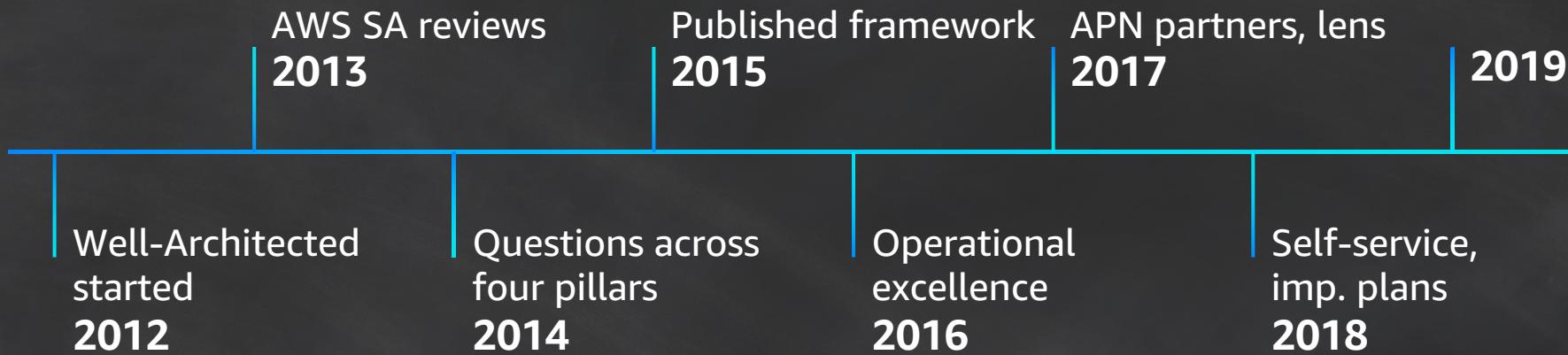


Measure



Improve

History of the Well-Architected Framework



Well-Architected Immersion Day

Security Pillar



Design Principles for Security



Implement a strong identity foundation

Enable traceability

Apply security at all layers

Automate security best practices

Protect data in transit and at rest

Keep people away from data

Prepare for security events



Security Pillar

Identity and access management

Detective control

Infrastructure security

Data protection

Incident response

Additional Resources

Considerations and key AWS Services for Security



- **How do you manage credentials and authentication?**
- **How do you control human access?**

Identity and access management

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)
Securely control access to AWS services and resources

AWS Organizations
Policy-based management for multiple AWS accounts

AWS Secrets Manager
Easily rotate, manage, and retrieve database credentials, API keys, and other secrets through their lifecycle

AWS Directory Service
Managed Microsoft Active Directory in the AWS Cloud

IAM Best practices

1. Lock down root account access
2. Use Federation
3. Set a password policy and rotate passwords regularly
4. Require MFA to login to AWS console
5. Store secret access keys in a safe repository (e.g. AWS Secrets Manager)
6. Grant least privilege via IAM policy
7. Use Groups to assign permissions to IAM Users
8. Use Roles for Applications that run on EC2 Instances
9. Use cross account Roles
10. Do not share Access keys

Considerations and key AWS Services for Security



- How do you detect and investigate security events?
- How do you defend against emerging security threats?

Detective control

AWS CloudTrail

Track user activity and API usage to enable governance, compliance, and operational/risk auditing of your AWS account

Amazon GuardDuty

Intelligent threat detection and continuous monitoring to protect your AWS accounts and workloads

VPC Flow Logs

Capture info about the IP traffic going to and from network interfaces in your VPC. Flow log data is stored using Amazon CloudWatch Logs

AWS Config

Record and evaluate configurations of your AWS resources to enable compliance auditing, resource change tracking, & security analysis

Amazon CloudWatch

Complete visibility of your cloud resources and applications to collect metrics, monitor log files, set alarms, and automatically react to changes

AWS Security Hub

Centrally view & manage security alerts & automate compliance checks

Considerations and key AWS Services for Security



- **How do you protect your networks?**
- **How do you protect your compute resources?**

Infrastructure security

Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)
AWS Shield

Managed DDoS protection service that safeguards web applications running on AWS

AWS WAF

Protects your web applications from common web exploits ensuring availability and security

AWS CloudFormation

Provision your cloud Infrastructure in an automated and secure manner

Considerations and key AWS Services for Security



- **How do you protect your data at rest?**
- **How do you protect your data in transit?**

Data protection

AWS Key Management Service (KMS)

Easily create and control the keys used to encrypt your data

AWS Certificate Manager

Easily provision, manage, and deploy SSL/TLS certificates for use with AWS services

Considerations and key AWS Services for Security



- How do you respond to an incident?

Incident response

Use Tags - this will allow the Operations team to quickly determine who to contact for remediation

Use Autoscaling and design a self healing system

AWS Lambda

Use our serverless compute service to run code without provisioning or managing servers so you can scale your programmed, automated response to incidents

AWS Support

Use the support engineers to help scale your team for experimentation to supporting a business critical application through access to a combination of tools and expertise.

Additional Resources

Security Pillar



AWS Marketplace

Complement your layers of defense with software and rulesets from the industry to build in additional resiliency

AWS Whitepapers

Learn from a comprehensive list of technical AWS whitepapers ranging from security best practices, workload and compliance specific topics

AWS Secure Initial Account Setup

<https://aws.amazon.com/answers/security/aws-secure-account-setup/>



Thank you!