

Presentation 7 – AWS M9 & AWS M10

AWS M9 - Cloud Architecture

AWS M10 - Automatic Scaling and Monitoring





Outline

- AWS Well-Architected Framework
- Reliability and high availability
- AWS Trusted Advisor
- Elastic Load Balancing
- Amazon CloudWatch
- Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling

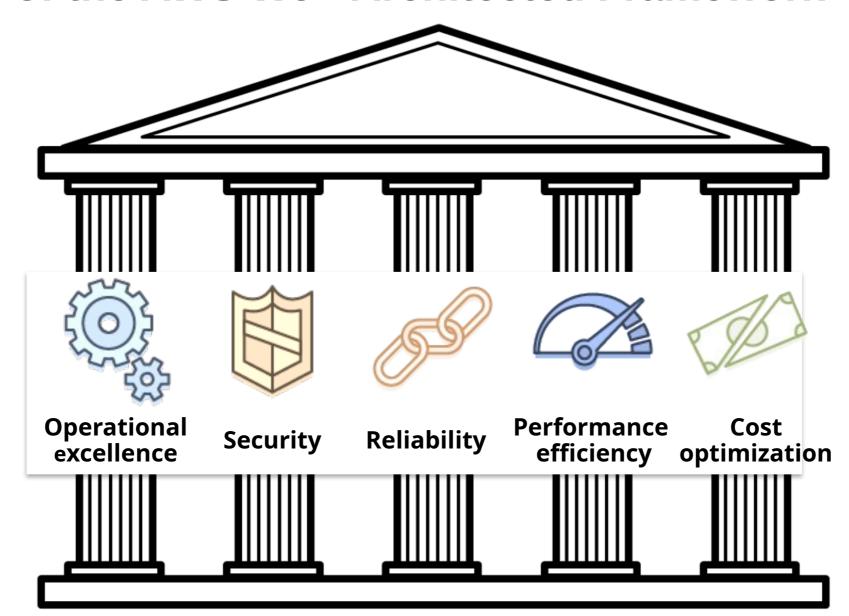


Well-Architected Framework

What is the AWS Well-Architected Framework?

- A guide for designing infrastructures that are:
 - Secure
 - High-performing
 - Resilient
 - Efficient
- A consistent approach to evaluating and implementing cloud architectures
- A way to provide best practices that were developed through lessons learned by reviewing customer architectures

Pillars of the AWS Well-Architected Framework





Operational Excellence pillar

Operational Excellence pillar

- Focus
 - Run and monitor systems to deliver business value, and to continually improve supporting processes and procedures.
- Key topics
 - Automating changes
 - Responding to events
 - Defining standards to manage daily operations

Operational Excellence pillar



Deliver business value

Operational excellence design principles

- Perform/define operations as code
- Make frequent, small, reversible changes
- Refine operations procedures frequently
- Anticipate failure
- Learn from all operational events and failures

Operational Excellence pillar



Deliver business value

Operational excellence questions

Organization

- How do you determine what your priorities are?
- How do you structure your organization to support your business outcomes?
- How does your organizational culture support your business outcomes?

Prepare

- How do you design your workload so that you can understand its state?
- How do you reduce defects, ease remediation, and improve flow into production?
- How do you mitigate deployment risks?
- How do you know that you are ready to support a workload?

Operate

- How do you understand the health of your workload?
- How do you understand the health of your operations?
- How do you manage workload and operations events?

Evolve

How do you evolve operations?



Security pillar

Security pillar

- Focus
 - Protect information, systems, and assets while delivering business value through risk assessments and mitigation strategies.
- Key topics
 - Protecting confidentiality and integrity of data
 - Identifying and managing who can do what
 - Protecting systems
 - Establishing controls to detect security events

Security pillar



Protect and monitor systems

Security pillar

- 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



Protect and monitor systems

Security questions

- Security
 - How do you securely operate your workload?
- Identity and access management
 - How do you manage identities for people and machines?
 - How do you manage permissions for people and machines?
- Detection
 - How do you detect and investigate security events?

Security questions (2)

- Infrastructure protection
 - How do you protect your network resources?
 - How do you protect your compute resources?
- Data protection
 - How do you classify your data?
 - How do you protect your data at rest?
 - How do you protect your data in transit?
- Incident response
 - How do you anticipate, respond to, and recover from incidents?



Reliability pillar

Reliability pillar

- Focus
 - Ensure a workload performs its intended function correctly and consistently when it's expected to.
- Key topics
 - Designing distributed systems
 - Recovery planning
 - Handling change

Reliability pillar



Recover from failure and mitigate disruption.

Reliability pillar

- Automatically recover from failure
- Test recovery procedures
- Scale horizontally to increase aggregate workload availability
- Stop guessing capacity
- Manage change in automation

Reliability pillar



Recover from failure and mitigate disruption.

Reliability questions

- Foundations
 - How do you manage service quotas and constraints?
 - How do you plan your network topology?
- Workload architecture
 - How do you design your workload service architecture?
 - How do you design interactions in a distributed system to prevent failure?
 - How do you design interactions in a distributed system to mitigate or withstand failures?

Reliability questions (2)

- Change management
 - How do you monitor workload resources?
 - How do you design your workload to adapt to changes in demand?
 - How do you implement change?
- Failure management
 - How do you back up data?
 - How do you use fault isolation to protect your workload?
 - How do you design your workload to withstand component failures?
 - How do you test reliability?
 - How do you plan for disaster recovery?



Performance Efficiency pillar

Performance Efficiency pillar

- Focus
 - Use IT and computing resources efficiently to meet system requirements and to maintain that efficiency as demand changes and technologies evolve.
- Key topics
 - Selecting the right resource types and sizes based on workload requirements
 - Monitoring performance
 - Making informed decisions to maintain efficiency as business needs evolve

Performance Efficiency pillar



Use resources sparingly.

Performance Efficiency pillar

- Democratize advanced technologies
- Go global in minutes
- Use serverless architectures
- Experiment more often
- Consider mechanical sympathy

Performance Efficiency pillar



Use resources sparingly.

Performance efficiency questions

- Selection
 - How do you select the best performing architecture?
 - How do you select your compute solution?
 - How do you select your storage solution?
 - How do you select your database solution?
 - How do you configure your networking solution?
- Review
 - How do you evolve your workload to take advantage of new releases?
- Monitoring
 - How do you monitor your resources to ensure they are performing?
- Tradeoffs
 - How do you use tradeoffs to improve performance?

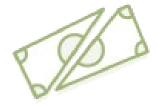


Cost Optimization pillar

Cost Optimization pillar

- Focus
 - Avoid unnecessary costs.
- Key topics
 - Understanding and controlling where money is being spent
 - Selecting the most appropriate and right number of resource types
 - Analyzing spend over time
 - Scaling to meeting business needs without overspending

Cost Optimization pillar



Eliminate unneeded expense.

Cost Optimization pillar

- Implement Cloud Financial Management
- Adopt a consumption model
- Measure overall efficiency
- Stop spending money on undifferentiated heavy lifting
- Analyze and attribute expenditure

Cost Optimization pillar



Eliminate unneeded expense.

Cost optimization questions

- Practice cloud financial management
 - How do you implement cloud financial management?
- Expenditure and usage awareness
 - How do you govern usage?
 - How do you monitor usage and cost?
 - How do you decommission resources?
- Cost-effective resources
 - How do you evaluate cost when you select services?
 - How do you meet cost targets when you select resource type, size, and number?
 - How do you use pricing models to reduce cost?
 - How do you plan for data transfer changes?
- Manage demand and supply resources
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- Optimize over time
 - How do you evaluate new services?



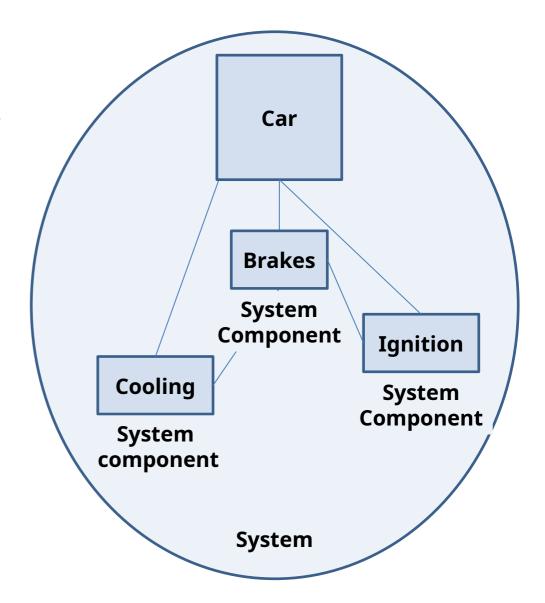
Reliability and availability

"Everything fails, all the time."

Werner Vogels, CTO, Amazon.com

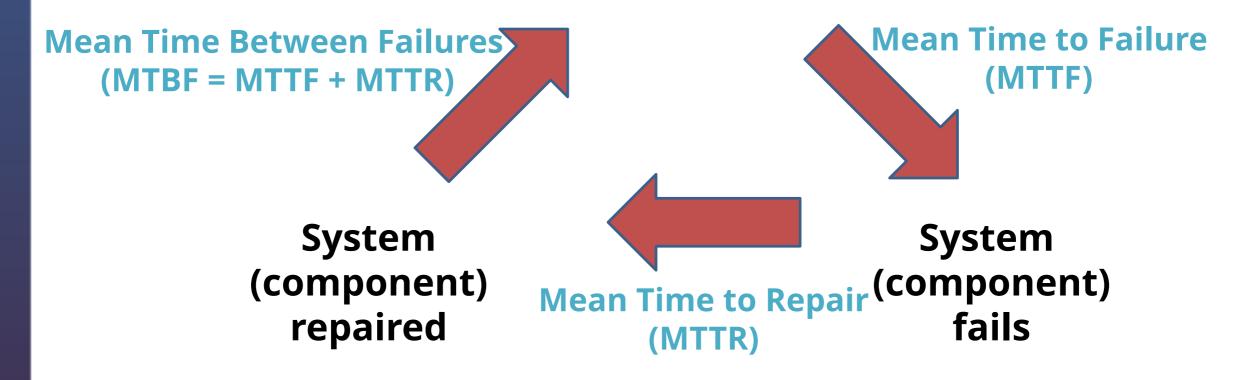
Reliability

- A measure of your system's ability to provide functionality when desired by the user.
- System includes all system components: hardware, firmware, and software.
- Probability that your entire system will function as intended for a specified period.
- Mean time between failures (MTBF) = total time in service/number of failures



Understanding reliability metrics

System brought online (system available)



Availability and High Availability (HA)

- Availavility
 - Normal operation time / total time
 - A percentage of uptime (for example, 99.9 percent) over time (for example 1 year)
 - Number of 9s Five 9s means 99.999 percent availability
- High Availability
 - System can withstand some measure of degradation while still remaining available.
 - Downtime is minimized.
 - Minimal human intervention is required.

Availability tiers

Availability	Downtime/Year	Downtime/Month	Downtime/Week	Downtime/Day
90%	36,53 days	73,05 hours	16,8 hours	2,4 hours
99%	87,6 hours	7,3 hours	101,077 minutes	14,4 Minutes
99,9%	8,76 hours	43,8 minutes	10,108 minutes	1,44 minutes
99,99%	52,56 minutes	4,38 minutes	1,011 minutes	8,64 seconds
99,999%	5,256 minutes	26,28 seconds	6,06 seconds	0,84 seconds
99,9999%	31,56 seconds	2,63 seconds	6,4 miliseconds	86,4 miliseconds
99,99999%	3,16 seconds	262,98 miliseconds	60,48 miliseconds	8,64 miliseconds
99,999999%	315,58 miliseconds	26,3 miliseconds	60,5 miliseconds	864 µseconds
99,9999999%	31,56 miliseconds	2,63 miliseconds	604,8 µseconds	86 µseconds

Factors that influence availability

- Fault tolerance
 - The built-in redundancy of an application's components and its ability to remain operational.
- Scalability
 - The ability of an application to accommodate increases in capacity needs without changing design.
- Recoverability
 - The process, policies, and procedures that are related to restoring service after a catastrophic event.



AWS Trusted Advisor



- Online tool that provides real-time guidance to help you provision your resources following AWS best practices.
- Looks at your entire AWS environment and gives you real-time recommendations in five categories.



Potential monthly savings

Activity: Interpret AWS Trusted Advisor recommendations

Trusted Advisor Dashboard

Potential monthly savings

MFA on Root Account

Description: Checks the root account and warns if multi-factor authentication (MFA) is not enabled. For increased security, we recommend that you protect your account by using MFA, which requires a user to enter a unique authentication code from their MFA hardware or virtual device when interacting with the AWS console and associated websites.

Alert Criteria: MFA is not enabled on the root account.

Recommended Action: Log in to your root account and activate an MFA device.



IAM Password Policy

Description: Checks the password policy for your account and warns when a password policy is not enabled, or if password content requirements have not been enabled. Password content requirements increase the overall security of your AWS environment by enforcing the creation of strong user passwords. When you create or change a password policy, the change is enforced immediately for new users but does not require existing users to change their passwords.

Alert Criteria: A password policy is enabled, but at least one content requirement is not enabled.

Recommended Action: If some content requirements are not enabled, consider enabling them. If no password policy is enabled, create and configure one. See Setting an Account Password Policy for IAM Users.

Security Groups – Unrestricted Access

Description: Checks security groups for rules that allow unrestricted access to a resource. Unrestricted access increases opportunities for malicious activity (hacking, denial-of-service attacks, loss of data).

Alert Criteria: A security group rule has a source IP address with a /0 suffix for ports other than 25, 80, or 443.)

Recommended Action: Restrict access to only those IP addresses that require it. To restrict access to a specific IP address, set the suffix to /32 (for example, 192.0.2.10/32). Be sure to delete overly permissive rules after creating rules that are more restrictive.

Region	Security Group Name	Security Group ID	Protocol	Port	Status	IP Range
us-east-1	WebServerSG	sg-xxxxxxx1 (vpc-xxxxxxx1)	tcp	22	Red	0.0.0.0/0
us-west-2	DatabaseServerSG	sg-xxxxxxx2 (vpc-xxxxxxx2)	tcp	8080	Red	0.0.0.0/0

• Amazon EBS Snapshots

Description: Checks the age of the snapshots for your Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volumes (available or in-use). Even though Amazon EBS volumes are replicated, failures can occur. Snapshots are persisted to Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) for durable storage and point-in-time recovery.

Alert Criteria:

Yellow: The most recent volume snapshot is between 7 and 30 days old.

Red: The most recent volume snapshot is more than 30 days old.

Red: The volume does not have a snapshot.

Recommended Action: Create weekly or monthly snapshots of your volumes

Region	Volume ID	Volume Name	Snapshot ID	Snapshot Name	Snapshot Age	Volume Attachment	Status	Reason
us-east-1	vol-xxxxxxxx	My-EBS-Volume				/dev/	Red	No snapshot



Amazon S3 Bucket Logging

Description: Checks the logging configuration of Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) buckets. When server access logging is enabled, detailed access logs are delivered hourly to a bucket that you choose. An access log record contains details about each request, such as the request type, the resources specified in the request, and the time and date the request was processed. By default, bucket logging is not enabled; you should enable logging if you want to perform security audits or learn more about users and usage patterns.

Alert Criteria:

Yellow: The bucket does not have server access logging enabled.

Yellow: The target bucket permissions do not include the owner account. Trusted Advisor cannot check it.

Recommended Action:

Enable bucket logging for most buckets.

If the target bucket permissions do not include the owner account and you want Trusted Advisor to

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	us-east-2	my-hello-world-bucket		No	No	No	Logging not enabled

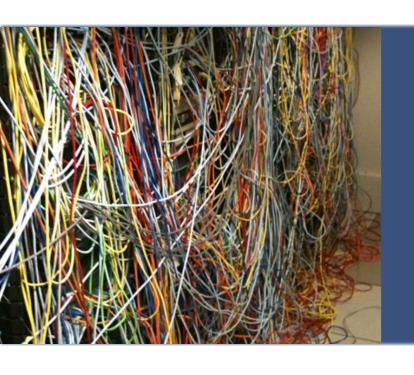
Sample exam question

A SysOps engineer working at a company wants to protect their data in transit and at rest. What services could they use to protect their data?

- A. Elastic Load Balancing
- B. Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS)
- C. Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3)
- D. All of the above

Additional resoures

- AWS Well-Architected website
- AWS Well-Architected Framework whitepaper
- AWS Well-Architected Labs
- AWS Trusted Advisor Best Practice Checks



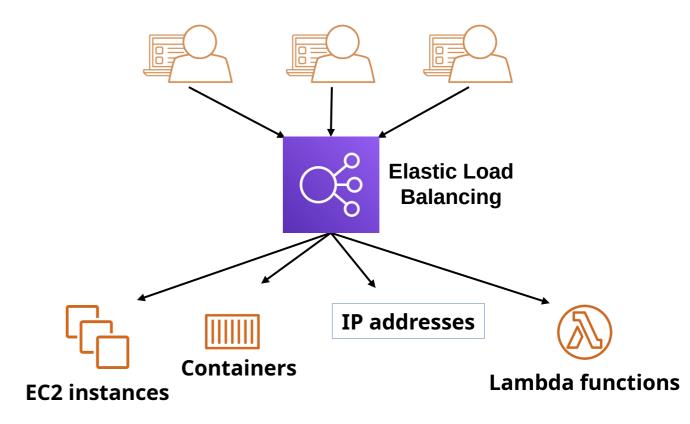
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Elastic Load Balancing

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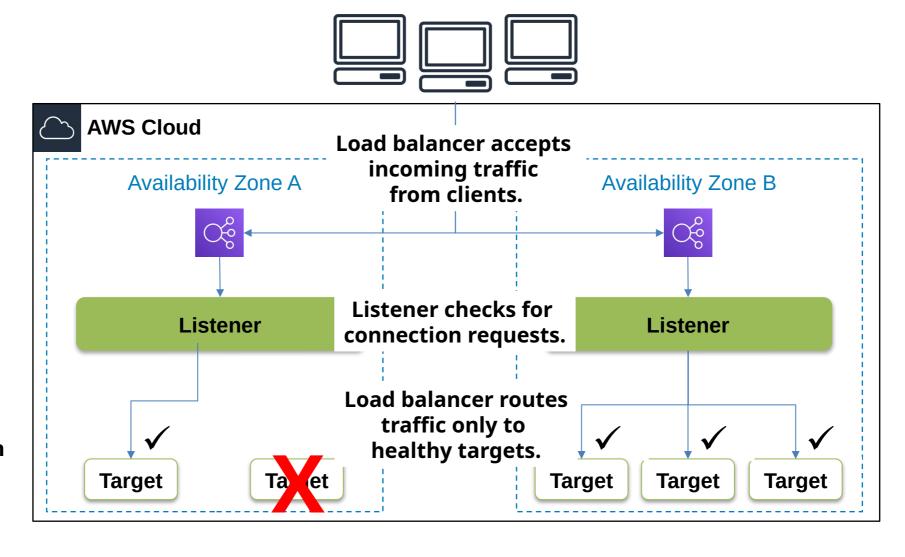
- Distributes incoming application or network traffic across multiple targets in a single Availability Zone or across multiple Availability Zones.
- Scales your load balancer as traffic to your application changes over time.



Types of load balancers

Application Load Balancer	Network Load Balancer	Classic Load Balancer (Previous Generation)
 Load balancing of HTTP and HTTPS traffic 	 Load balancing of TCP, UDP, and TLS traffic where extreme performance is required 	 Load balancing of HTTP, HTTPS, TCP, and SSL traffic
 Routes traffic to targets based on content of request Provides advanced request routing targeted at the delivery of modern application architectures, including microservices and containers 	 Routes traffic to targets based on IP protocol data Can handle millions of requests per second while maintaining ultra-low latencies Is optimized to handle sudden and volatile traffic patterns 	 Load balancing across multiple EC2 instances
 Operates at the application layer (OSI model layer 7) 	 Operates at the transport layer (OSI model layer 4) 	 Operates at both the application and transport layers.

How Elastic Load Balancing works



Load balancer performs health checks to monitor health of registered targets.

Activity: Elastic Load Balancing

You must support traffic to a containerized application.

Application Load Balancer

You have extremely spiky and unpredictable TCP traffic.

Network Load Balancer

You need simple load balancing with multiple protocols.

Classic Load Balancer

You need to support a static or Elastic IP address, or an IP target outside a VPC.

Network Load Balancer

You need a load balancer that can handle millions of requests per second while maintaining low latencies.

Network Load Balancer

You must support HTTPS requests.

Application Load Balancer



Amazon CloudWatch

Monitoring AWS resources

To use AWS efficiently, you need insight into your AWS resources:

• How do you know when you should launch more Amazon EC2 instances?

- Is your application's performance or availability being affected by a lack of sufficient capacity?
- How much of your infrastructure is actually being used?

Amazon CloudWatch

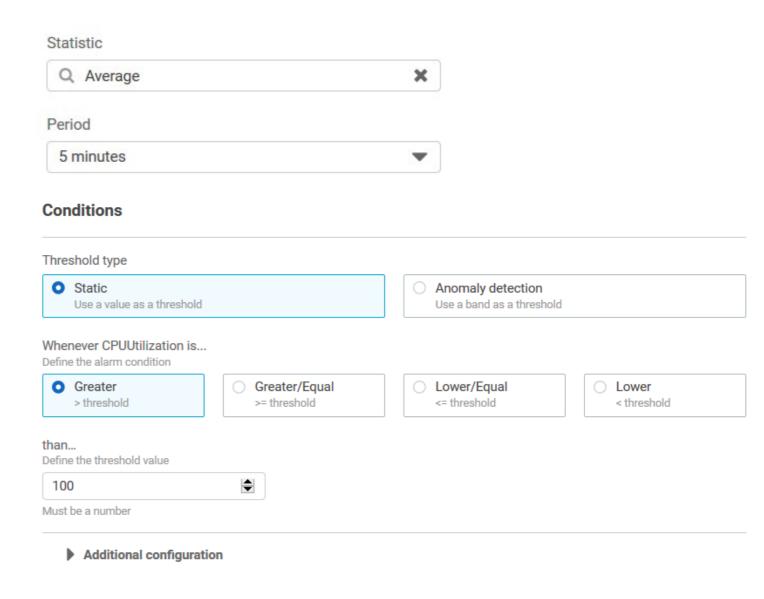


- AWS resources
- Applications that run on AWS
- Collects and tracks
 - Standard metrics
 - Custom metrics
- Alarms
 - Send notifications to an Amazon SNS topic
 - Perform Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling or Amazon EC2 actions
- Events
 - Define rules to match changes in AWS environment and route these events to one or more target functions or streams for processing



CloudWatch alarms

- Create alarms based on
 - Static threshold
 - Anomaly detection
 - Metric math expression
- Specify
 - Namespace
 - Metric
 - Statistic
 - Period
 - Conditions
 - Additional configuration
 - Actions



Activity: Amazon CloudWatch – What can I monitor?



Amazon EC2

If average CPU utilization is > 60% for 5 minutes...

Correct!

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Amazon RDS

If the number of simultaneous connections is > 10 for 1 minute...

Correct!



Amazon S3

If the maximum bucket size in bytes is around 3 for 1 day...

Incorrect. *Around* is not a threshold option. You must specify a threshold of >, >=, <=, or <.



Elastic Load Balancing

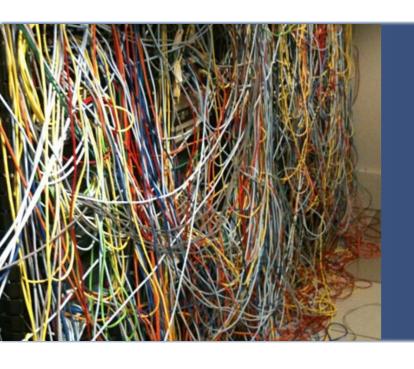
If the number of healthy hosts is < 5 for 10 minutes...

Correct!



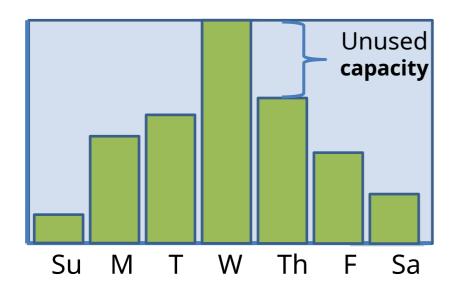
Amazon Elastic Block Store If the volume of read operations is > 1,000 for 10 seconds...

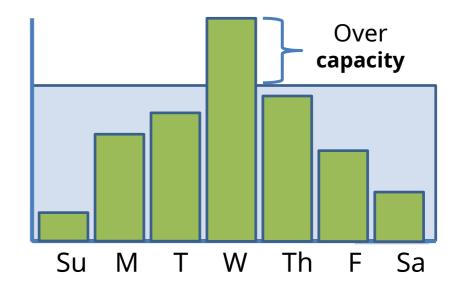
Incorrect. You must specify a statistic (for example, *average volume*).

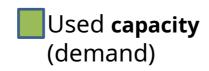


Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling

Why is scaling important?

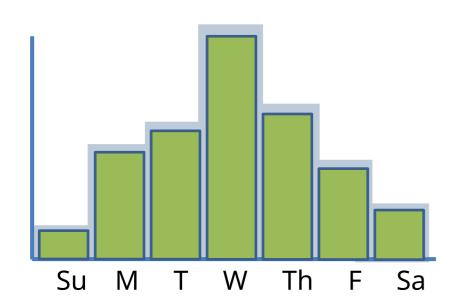






Provisioned capacity

Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling

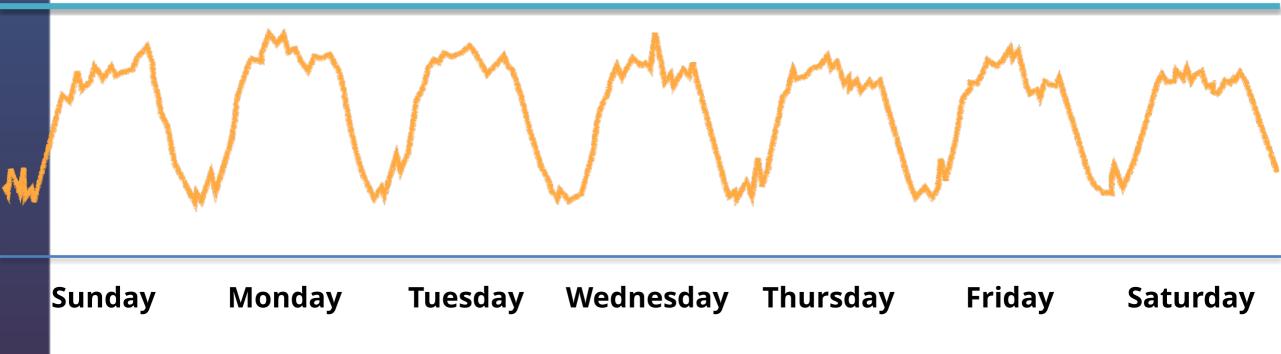


- Used capacity (demand)
- Provisioned capacity

- Helps you maintain application availability
- Enables you to automatically add or remove EC2 instances according to conditions that you define
- Detects impaired EC2 instances and unhealthy applications, and replaces the instances without your intervention
- Provides several scaling options Manual, scheduled, dynamic or ondemand, and predictive

Typical weekly traffic at Amazon.com

Provisioned capacity

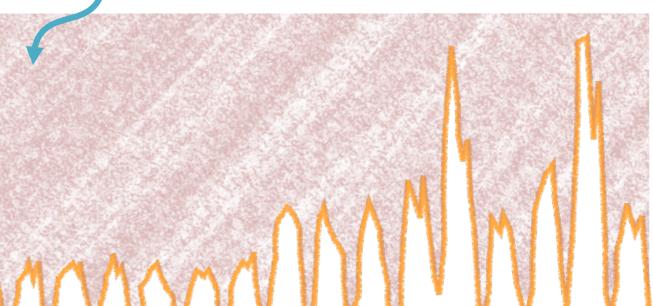


November traffic to Amazon.com

Provisioned capacity

The challenge is to efficiently guess the unknown quantity of how much compute capacity you need.

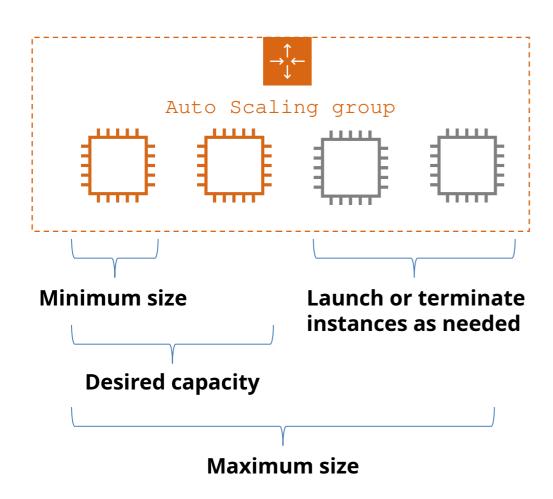
November



6 percent

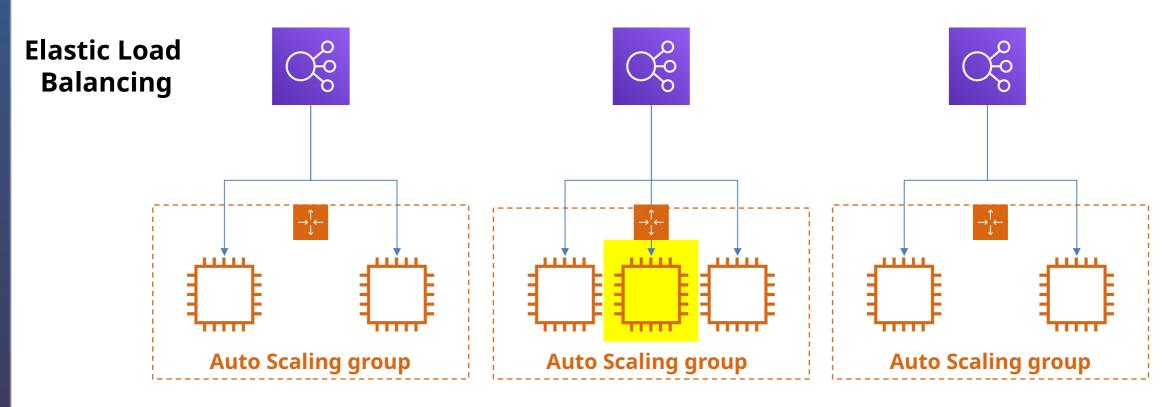
24 percent

Auto Scaling groups



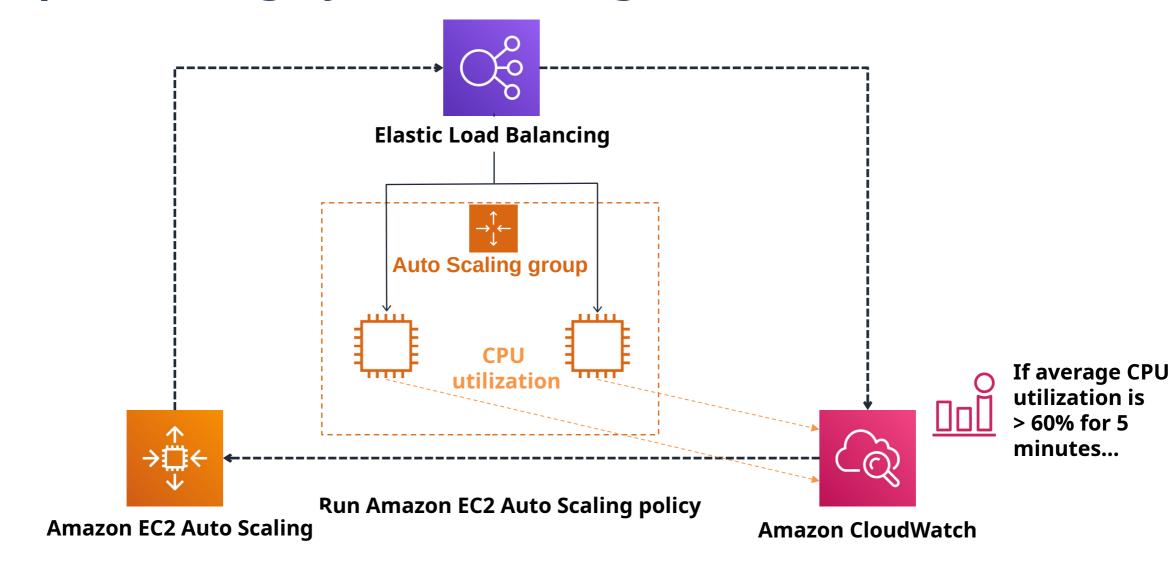
 An Auto Scaling group is a collection of EC2 instances that are treated as a logical grouping for the purposes of automatic scaling and management.

Scaling out versus scaling in



Base configuration Scale out Scale in (launch instance(x))erminate instances)

Implementing dynamic scaling



AWS Auto Scaling

- Monitors your applications and automatically adjusts capacity to maintain steady, predictable performance at the lowest possible cost
- Provides a simple, powerful user interface that enables you to build scaling plans for resources, including –
 - Amazon EC2 instances and Spot Fleets
 - Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) Tasks
 - Amazon DynamoDB tables and indexes
 - Amazon Aurora Replicas



Sample exam question

Which service would you use to send alerts based on Amazon CloudWatch alarms?

- A. Amazon Simple Notification Service
- B. AWS CloudTrail
- C. AWS Trusted Advisor
- D. Amazon Route 53



Thank you for your attention.



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