

Large Scale Data Engineering Cloud Computing



Cloud computing

• What?

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- Computing resources as a metered service ("pay as you go")
- Ability to dynamically provision virtual machines
- Why?
 - Cost: capital vs. operating expenses
 - Scalability: "infinite" capacity
 - Elasticity: scale up or down on demand
- Does it make sense?
 - Benefits to cloud users
 - Business case for cloud providers



- Utility computing = Infrastructure as a Service (laaS)
 - Why buy machines when you can rent cycles?
 - Examples: Amazon's EC2, Rackspace
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - Give me nice API and take care of the maintenance, upgrades
 - Example: Google App Engine
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
 - Just run it for me!
 - Example: Gmail, Salesforce

Several Historical Trends (1/3)

Shared Utility Computing

- 1960s MULTICS Concept of a Shared Computing Utility
- 1970s IBM Mainframes rent by the CPU-hour. (Fast/slow switch.)
- Data Center Co-location
 - 1990s-2000s Rent machines for months/years, keep them close to the network access point and pay a flat rate. Avoid running your own building with utilities!
- Pay as You Go
 - Early 2000s Submit jobs to a remote service provider where they run on the raw hardware. Sun Cloud (\$1/CPU-hour, Solaris +SGE) IBM Deep Capacity Computing on Demand (50 cents/hour)

Several Historical Trends (2/3)

Virtualization

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- 1960s OS-VM, VM-360 Used to split mainframes into logical partitions.
- 1998 VMWare First practical implementation on X86, but at significant performance hit.
- 2003 Xen paravirtualization provides much perf, but kernel must assist.
- Late 2000s Intel and AMD add hardware support for virtualization.

Several Historical Trends (3/3)

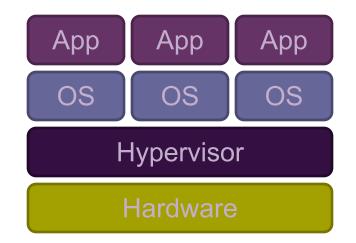
• Minicomputers (1960-1990)

- IBM AS/400, DEC VAX
- The age of the x86 PC (1990-2010)
 - IBM PC, Windows (1-7)
 - Linux takes the server market (2000-)
 - Hardware innovation focused on Gaming/Video (GPU), Laptop
- Mobile and Server separate (2010-)
 - Ultramobile (tablet,phone) .→ ARM
 - Server → x86 still but also own ARM and RISC-V
 - Large cloud providers build their own hardware
 - Amazon: ARM CPUs (Graviton), Nitro (security and resource limiting) in own motherboards, network cards, SSDs
 - Google: Tensor Processing Units (TPU) hardware for ML



Enabling technology: virtualisation





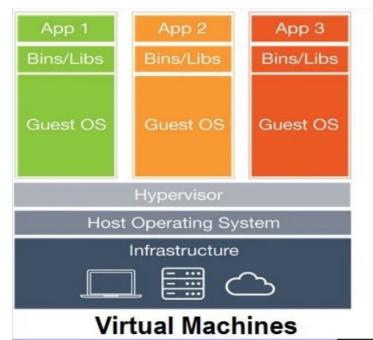
Enabling technology: containers

Most popular: Docker

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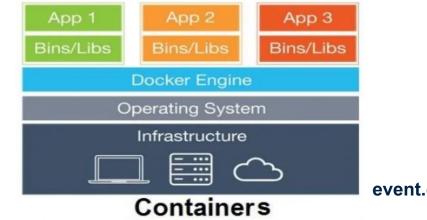
- Operating systems started to support **resource isolation**
 - Groups of processes that do not see each other
- Allows different versions of software libraries to co-exist
 - software distributed with all dependency libraries in one container
 - No need to install dependent libraries. No problems with version clashes



developments:

#1: containers replacing VMs (more fine-grained)

#2: containers running in VMs (e.g. in the cloud)



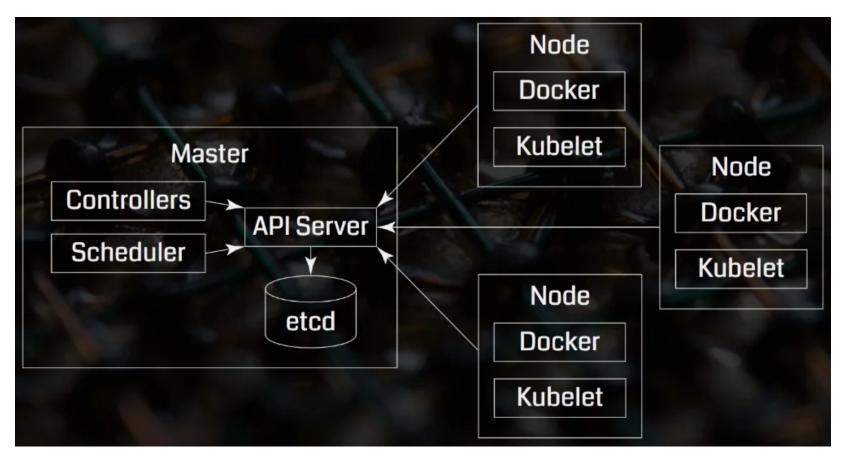
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Enabling technology: cluster orchestration

- Most popular: Kubernetes (originally from Google)
 - Cluster orchastration software to schedule VMs and containers



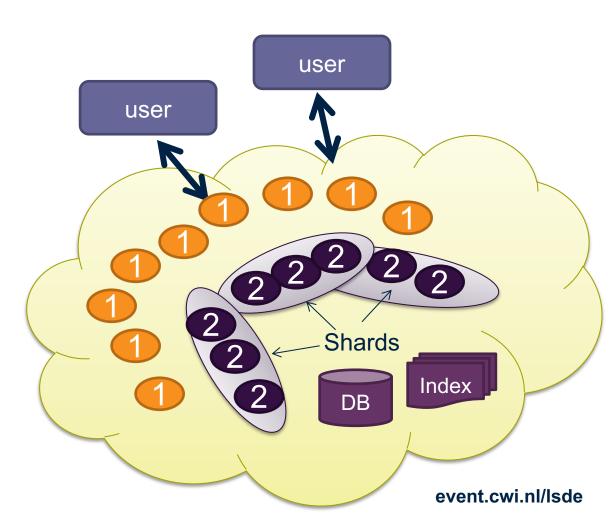
Seeks vs. scans

- Consider a 1TB database with 100 byte records
 - We want to update 1 percent of the records
- Scenario 1: random access
 - Each update takes ~30 ms (seek, read, write)
 - -10^8 updates = ~35 days
- Scenario 2: rewrite all records
 - Assume 100MB/s throughput
 - Time = 5.6 hours(!)
- Lesson: avoid random seeks!



Big picture overview

- Client requests are handled in the first tier by
 - PHP or ASP pages
 - Associated logic
- These lightweight services are fast and very nimble
- Much use of caching: the second tier





- Near the edge of the cloud focus is on vast numbers of clients and rapid response
 - Web servers, Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)
- Inside we find high volume services that operate in a pipelined manner, asynchronously
 - like Kafka (streaming data), Cassandra (key-value store)
- Deep inside the cloud we see a world of virtual computer clusters that are
 - Scheduled to share resources
 - Run frameworks like Hadoop and Spark (data analysis) or Presto (distributed databases)
 - Perform the heavy lifting

In the outer tiers replication is key

- We need to replicate
 - Processing
 - Each client has what seems to be a private, dedicated server (for a little while)
 - Data

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- As much as possible!
- Server has copies of the data it needs to respond to client requests without any delay at all
- Control information
 - The entire system is managed in an agreed-upon way by a decentralised cloud management infrastructure

What about the shards?

- The caching components running in tier two are central to the responsiveness of tier-one services
- Basic idea is to always used cached data if at all possible
 - So the inner services (here, a database and a search index stored in a set of files) are shielded from the online load
 - We need to replicate data within our cache to spread loads and provide fault-tolerance
 - But not everything needs to be fully replicated
 - Hence we often use shards with just a few replicas

Read vs. write

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- Parallelisation works fine, so long as we are reading
- If we break a large read request into multiple read requests for subcomponents to be run in parallel, how long do we need to wait?
 - Answer: as long as the slowest read
- How about breaking a large write request?
 - Duh... we still wait till the slowest write finishes
- But what if these are not sub-components, but alternative copies of the same resource?
 - Also known as replicas
 - We wait the same time, but when do we make the individual writes visible?

Replication solves one problem but introduces another

More on updating replicas in parallel

• Several issues now arise

- Are all the replicas applying updates in the same order?
 - Might not matter unless the same data item is being changed
 - But then clearly we do need some agreement on order
- What if the leader replies to the end user but then crashes and it turns out that the updates were lost in the network?
 - Data center networks are surprisingly lossy at times
 - Also, bursts of updates can queue up
- Such issues result in inconsistency

Eric Brewer's CAP theorem

- In a famous 2000 keynote talk at ACM PODC, Eric Brewer proposed that
 - "You can have just two from Consistency, Availability and Partition Tolerance"
- He argues that data centres need very fast response, hence availability is paramount
- And they should be responsive even if a transient fault makes it hard to reach some service
- So they should use cached data to respond faster even if the cached entry cannot be validated and might be stale!
- Conclusion: weaken consistency for faster response
- We will revisit this as we go along

Is inconsistency a bad thing?

- How much consistency is really needed in the first tier of the cloud?
 - Think about YouTube videos. Would consistency be an issue here?
 - What about the Amazon "number of units available" counters. Will people notice if those are a bit off?
 - Probably not unless you are buying the last unit
 - End even then, you might be inclined to say "oh, bad luck"

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Amazon AWS

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Grew out of Amazon's need to rapidly provision and configure machines of standard configurations for its own business.

- Early 2000s Both private and shared data centers began using virtualization to perform "server consolidation"
- 2003 Internal memo by Chris Pinkham describing an "infrastructure service for the world."
- 2006 S3 first deployed in the spring, EC2 in the fall. Infrastructure
- 2008 EBS (Elastic Block Store)
- 2009 Amazon RDS (hosted relational databases)
- 2012 DynamoDB (key-value store)
- 2013 Redshift (analytical database)
- 2013 Kinesis (data streaming service)
- 2013 Lambda (compute service)
- 2014 Aurora (transactional databases)
- 2016 Athena (analytics db)
- 2017 SageMaker (machine learning)

Platform

Software

(serverless)

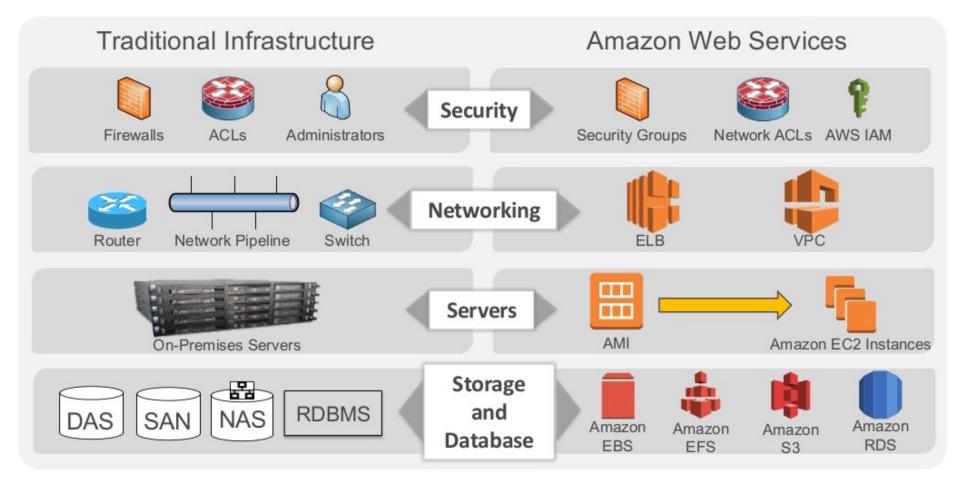
Terminology

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- Instance = One running virtual machine.
- Instance Type = hardware configuration: cores, memory, disk.
- Instance Store Volume = Temporary disk associated with instance.
- Image (AMI) = Stored bits which can be turned into instances.
- Key Pair = Credentials used to access VM from command line.
- Region = Geographic location, price, laws, network locality.
- Availability Zone = Subdivision of region the is fault-independent.

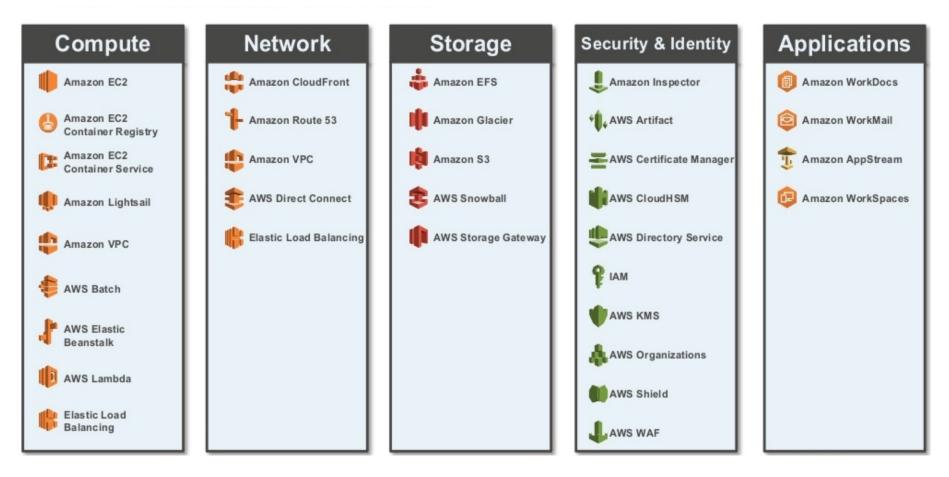


AWS Core Infrastructure and Services



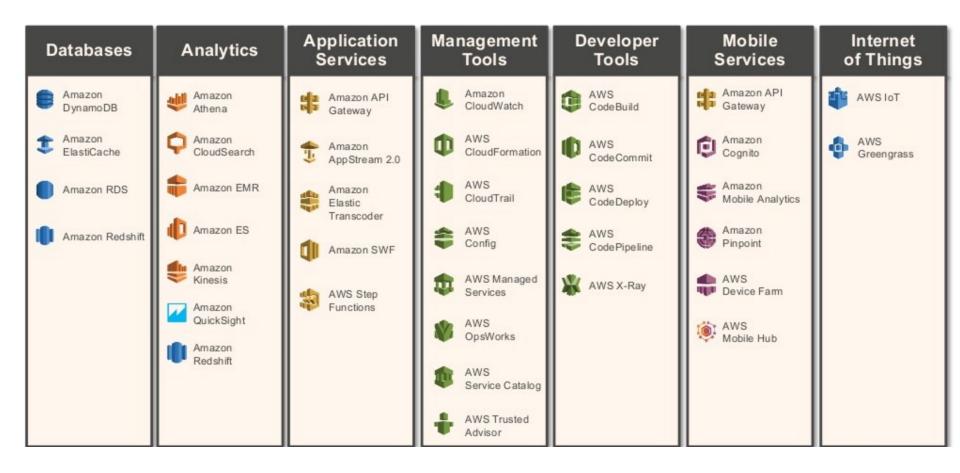
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AWS Foundation Services





AWS Platform Services





AWS Global Infrastructure



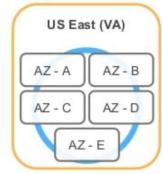


AWS Global Infrastructure

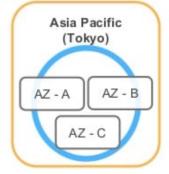
At least 2 Availability Zones per region.

Examples:

- US East (N. Virginia)
 - us-east-1a
 - us-east-1b
 - us-east-1c
 - us-east-1d
 - us-east-1e

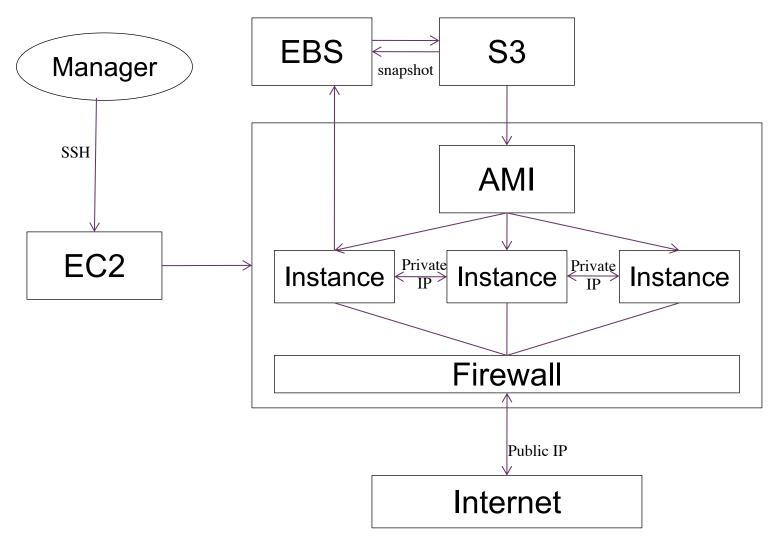


- Asia Pacific (Tokyo)
 - ap-northeast-1a
 - ap-northeast-1b
 - ap-northeast-1c





EC2 Architecture



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Model	vCPU	CPU Credits / hour	Mem (GiB)	Storage (GB)
t2.micro	1	6	1	EBS Only
t2.small	1	12	2	EBS Only
t2.medium	2	24	4	EBS Only

Model	vCPU	Mem (GiB)	SSD Storage (GB)
c3.large	2	3.75	2 x 16
c3.xlarge	4	7.5	2 x 40
c3.2xlarge	8	15	2 x 80
c3.4xlarge	16	30	2 x 160
c3.8xlarge	32	60	2 x 320

Use Cases

High performance front-end fleets, web-servers, on-demand batch processing, distributed analytics, high performance science and engineering applications, ad serving, batch processing, MMO gaming, video encoding, and distributed analytics.

Model	vCPU	Mem (GiB)	SSD Storage (GB)
m3.medium	1	3.75	1 x 4
m3.large	2	7.5	1 x 32
m3.xlarge	4	15	2 x 40
m3.2xlarge	8	30	2 x 80

Model	vCPU	Mem (GiB)	SSD Storage (GB)
r3.large	2	15.25	1 x 32
r3.xlarge	4	30.5	1 x 80
r3.2xlarge	8	61	1 x 160
r3.4xlarge	16	122	1 x 320
r3.8xlarge	32	244	2 x 320

Use Cases

We recommend memory-optimized instances for high performance databases, distributed memory caches, in-memory analytics, genome assembly and analysis, larger deployments of SAP, Microsoft SharePoint, and other enterprise applications.

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EC2 Pricing Model

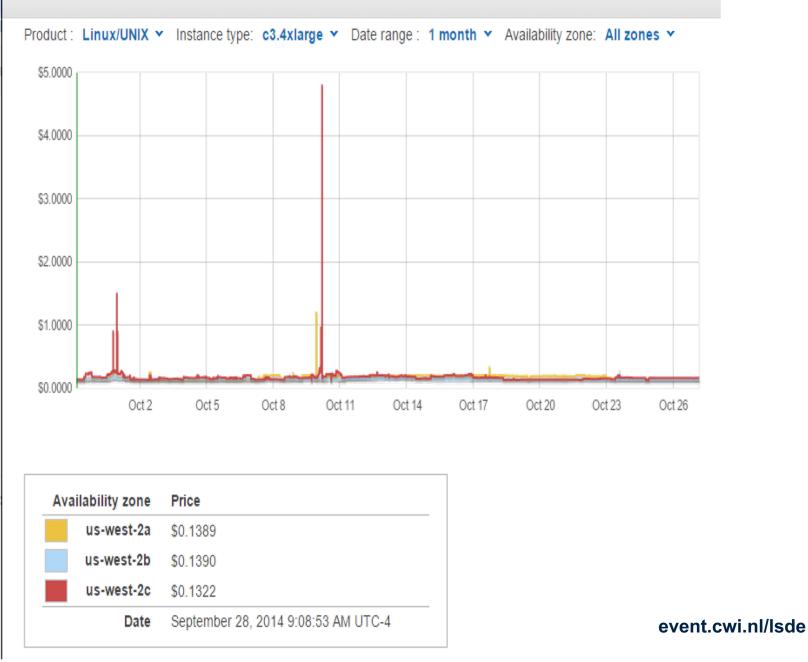
- Free Usage Tier
- On-Demand Instances
 - -Start and stop instances whenever you like, costs are rounded up to the nearest hour. (Worst price)
- Reserved Instances
 - -Pay up front for one/three years in advance. (Best price)
 - -Unused instances can be sold on a secondary market.
- Spot Instances
 - Specify the price you are willing to pay, and instances get started and stopped without any warning as the market changes.

Free Usage Tier

- 750 hours of EC2 running Linux, RHEL, or SLES t2.micro instance usage
- 750 hours of EC2 running Microsoft Windows Server t2.micro instance usage
- 750 hours of Elastic Load Balancing plus 15 GB data processing
- 30 GB of Amazon Elastic Block Storage in any combination of General Purpose (SSD) or Magnetic, plus 2 million I/Os (with Magnetic) and 1 GB of snapshot storage
- 15 GB of bandwidth out aggregated across all AWS services
- 1 GB of Regional Data Transfer



Spot Instance Pricing History



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Simple Storage Service (S3)

- A bucket is a container for objects and describes location, logging, accounting, and access control. A bucket can hold any number of objects, which are files of up to 5TB. A bucket has a name that must be globally unique.
- Fundamental operations corresponding to HTTP actions:
 - http://bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/object
 - POST a new object or update an existing object.
 - GET an existing object from a bucket.
 - DELETE an object from the bucket
 - LIST keys present in a bucket, with a filter.
- A bucket has a **flat directory structure** (despite the appearance given by the interactive web interface.)



S3 Weak Consistency Model

Direct quote from the Amazon developer API:

"Updates to a single key are atomic "

"Amazon S3 achieves high availability by replicating data across multiple servers within Amazon's data centers. If a PUT request is successful, your data is safely stored. However, information about the changes must replicate across Amazon S3, which can take some time, and so you might observe the following behaviors:

- A process writes a new object to Amazon S3 and immediately attempts to read it.
 Until the change is fully propagated, Amazon S3 might report "key does not exist."
- A process writes a new object to Amazon S3 and immediately lists keys within its bucket. Until the change is fully propagated, the object might not appear in the list.
- A process replaces an existing object and immediately attempts to read it. Until the change is fully propagated, Amazon S3 might return the prior data.
- A process deletes an existing object and immediately attempts to read it. Until the deletion is fully propagated, Amazon S3 might return the deleted data."



Storage Pricing

Region: US Standard

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	Standard Storage	Reduced Redundancy Storage	Glacier Storage
First 1 TB / month	\$0.0300 per GB	\$0.0240 per GB	\$0.0100 per GB
Next 49 TB / month	\$0.0295 per GB	\$0.0236 per GB	\$0.0100 per GB
Next 450 TB / month	\$0.0290 per GB	\$0.0232 per GB	\$0.0100 per GB
Next 500 TB / month	\$0.0285 per GB	\$0.0228 per GB	\$0.0100 per GB
Next 4000 TB / month	\$0.0280 per GB	\$0.0224 per GB	\$0.0100 per GB
Over 5000 TB / month	\$0.0275 per GB	\$0.0220 per GB	\$0.0100 per GB



Request Pricing

Region: US Standard	
	Pricing
PUT, COPY, POST, or LIST Requests	\$0.005 per 1,000 requests
Glacier Archive and Restore Requests	\$0.05 per 1,000 requests
Delete Requests	Free †
GET and all other Requests	\$0.004 per 10,000 requests
Glacier Data Restores	Free ‡

+ No charge for delete requests of Standard or RRS objects. For objects that are archived to Glacier, there is a pro-rated charge of \$0.03 per gigabyte for objects deleted prior to 90 days. Learn more.

‡ Glacier is designed with the expectation that restores are infrequent and unusual, and data will be stored for extended periods of time. You can restore up to 5% of your average monthly Glacier storage (pro-rated daily) for free each month. If you choose to restore more than this amount of data in a month, you are charged a restore fee starting at \$0.01 per gigabyte. Learn more.



Data Transfer Pricing

The pricing below is based on data transferred "in" to and "out" of Amazon S3.

Region: US Standard +	
	Pricing
Data Transfer IN To Amazon S3	
All data transfer in	\$0.000 per GB
Data Transfer OUT From Amazon S3 To	
Amazon EC2 in the Northern Virginia Region	\$0.000 per GB
Another AWS Region or Amazon CloudFront	\$0.020 per GB
Data Transfer OUT From Amazon S3 To Internet	
First 1 GB / month	\$0.000 per GB
Up to 10 TB / month	\$0.120 per GB
Next 40 TB / month	\$0.090 per GB
Next 100 TB / month	\$0.070 per GB



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EBS is approx. 3x more expensive by volume and 10x more expensive by IOPS than S3.

Cloud Computing101: summary

- Utility Computing Cloud Computing for rent
- Cloud Computing infrastructures

- Virtualization (Virtual Machines, Containers, Orchestration)
- Caching, Replication, Sharding
 - Eric Brewer' CAP theorem: can't have:
 - Consistency & Availability & Partition-tolerance
- Amazon Web Services tour:
 - Instance types, pricing models, & other terminology
 - Compute: EC2, Lambda
 - Storage: S3, EBS, Glacier
 - Data: RDS, Kinesis, DynamoDB, Aurora, Redshift, Athena