

TCSS 562:
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING
FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

AWS Overview/Demo
Cloud Enabling Technology

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OFFICE HOURS – FALL 2025

■ Thursdays:

■ 6:00 to 7:00 pm - CP 229 & Zoom

■ Friday – *** THIS WEEK ***

■ 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm – ONLINE via Zoom

■ Or email for appointment

➤ Office Hours set based on Student Demographics survey feedback

➤ * - Friday office hours may be adjusted or canceled due meeting conflicts or other obligations. Adjustments will be announced via Canvas.

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OBJECTIVES – 11/6

■ Questions from 11/4

■ Tutorials Questions

■ Class Presentations:
Cloud Technology or Research Paper Review

■ Ch. 5: Cloud Enabling Technology

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ONLINE DAILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

■ Daily Feedback Quiz in Canvas – Take After Each Class

■ Extra Credit
for completing

Announcements

Assignments

Discussions

Zoom

Grades

People

Pages

Files

Quizzes

Collaborations

UW Libraries

UW Resources

▼ Upcoming Assignments

Class Activity 1 – Implicit vs. Explicit Parallelism

Available until Oct 11 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 7 at 7:50pm | ~10 pts

Tutorial 1 - Linux

Available until Oct 19 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 15 at 11:59pm | ~20 pts

▼ Past Assignments

TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 10/5

Available until Dec 18 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 6 at 8:59pm | ~1 pts

TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 9/30

Available until Dec 18 at 11:59pm | Due Oct 4 at 8:59pm | ~1 pts

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TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 10/5

Started: Oct 7 at 1:13am

Quiz Instructions

Question 1

0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

12345678910

Mostly Review To MeEqual New and ReviewMostly New to Me

Question 2

0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

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SlowJust RightFast

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MATERIAL / PACE

Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (43 respondents, 28 in-person, 15 online):

1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new

Average - 6.36 (↓ - previous 6.55)

Please rate the pace of today's class:

1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast

Average - 5.19 (↑ - previous 5.18)

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FEEDBACK FROM 11/4

- **Unclear point:**
You should put a backslash behind double-quotation marks when assigning variables to JSON in BASH scripts
- To load JSON objects into BASH variables “escaping” double-quote marks is required
- This is because **JSON requires double quotes** for both keys and values. JSON does not support single quotes.

```
json={ "\name\"": "\Susan\u0020Smith\"" }
```

- Highlighted chars put the “ in the variable
- Unlimited quotes define keys and values

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TERM PROJECT PROPOSALS

- **14 Total term project proposals received**
- ***Project proposals are under review***
 - *6 remaining proposals to review*
- If asked for minor revisions, can simply address item(s) and submit a brief update
- **Status & Feedback to be provided:**
 - proposals accepted, or
 - revisions requested

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TUTORIAL 4 – DUE NOV 11

- Introduction to AWS Lambda with the Serverless Application Analytics Framework (SAAF)
https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2025_tutorial_4.pdf
- Set up Java development environment
- Introduction to Maven build files for Java
- Create and Deploy “hello” Java AWS Lambda Function
- Create API Gateway REST endpoint
- Sequential testing of “hello” AWS Lambda Function
 - API Gateway endpoint, AWS Lambda CLI Function invocation, AWS Function URL
- Profiling function performance with SAAF
- Concurrent function testing with faas_runner
- Performance analysis using faas_runner reports
- Two function pipeline development task: Caesar Cipher

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TUTORIAL 5 – DUE NOV 14

- Introduction to Lambda II: Working with Files in S3, Cloud Trail, and Amazon Event Bridge Rules
- https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2025_tutorial_5.pdf
- Customize the Request object (add getters/setters)
 - Why do this instead of HashMap ?
- Import dependencies (jar files) into project for AWS S3
- Create an S3 Bucket
- Give your Lambda function(s) permission to work with S3
- Write to the CloudWatch logs
- Use of CloudTrail to generate S3 events
- Creating Event Bridge rule to capture events from CloudTrail
- Have the Event Bridge rule trigger a Lambda function with a static JSON input object (hard-coded filename)
- **Optional:** for the S3 PutObject event, dynamically extract the name of the file put to the S3 bucket for processing

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TUTORIAL 6

- Introduction to Lambda III: Serverless Databases
- To be posted...

- Create and use Sqlite databases using sqlite3 tool
- Deploy Lambda function with Sqlite3 database under /tmp
- Compare in-memory vs. file-based Sqlite DBs on Lambda
- Create an Amazon Aurora “Serverless” v2 MySQL database
- Using an ec2 instance in the same VPC (Region + availability zone) connect and interact with the database using the mysql CLI app
- Deploy an AWS Lambda function that uses the MySQL “serverless” database

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TCSS 562 GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- TWO OPTIONS:
- *Cloud technology presentation*
- *Cloud research paper presentation*
 - Recent & suggested papers will be posted at:
<http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/papers/>
- Submit presentation type and topics (paper or technology) with desired dates of presentation via Canvas by:
Tuesday November 18th @ 11:59pm
- Presentation dates
 - Tuesday November 25
 - Tuesday December 2
 - Thursday December 4

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EARN ADDITIONAL AWS CREDITS

- Earn additional \$100 in AWS credits :
- Complete 5 activities from the “Explore AWS Widget”:

Explore AWS info

AI Agent Marketplace ⓘ
Buy and deploy AI agent solutions
with AWS Marketplace

Amazon Quick Suite ⓘ
Agentic AI-powered digital
workflows for business users

OpenAI open weight models...
Build and scale generative AI
applications with OpenAI

- Launch an instance using Amazon EC2
- Use a foundational model in the Amazon Bedrock playground
- Set up a cost budget using AWS Budgets
- Create a web app using AWS Lambda
- Create an Amazon RDS database

- <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/awsaccountbilling/latest/aboutv2/free-tier-plans-activities.html>

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LIST OF TOPICS

- AWS Management Console
- Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)
- Instance Storage: Virtual Disks on VMs
- Elastic Block Store: Virtual Disks on VMs
- Elastic File System (EFS)
- Amazon Machine Images (AMIs)
- EC2 Paravirtualization
- EC2 Full Virtualization (hvm)
- EC2 Virtualization Evolution

- (VM) Instance Actions
- EC2 Networking
- EC2 Instance Metadata Service
- Simple Storage Service (S3)
- AWS Command Line Interface (CLI)
- Legacy / Service Specific CLIs
- AMI Tools
- Signing Certificates
- Backing up live disks
- Cost Savings Measures
- Disk images and S3

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Services by category

Compute

EC2
LightSail
Lambda
Batch
Elastic Beanstalk
Serverless Application Repository
AWS Outposts
EC2 Image Builder
AWS App Runner
AWS Sinspase Weaver

Containers

Elastic Container Registry
Elastic Container Service
Elastic Kubernetes Service
Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS

Storage

S3
EFS
FSx
S3 Glacier
Storage Gateway
AWS Backup
AWS Elastic Disaster Recovery

Database

RDS
ElasticCache
Neptune
Amazon QLDB
Amazon DocumentDB
Amazon Keyspaces
Amazon Timestream
DynamoDB
Amazon MemoryDB for Redis

Migration & Transfer

AWS Migration Hub
AWS Application Migration Service
Application Discovery Service
Database Migration Service
AWS Transfer Family
AWS Snow Family
DataSync
AWS Mainframe Modernization

Networking & Content Delivery

VPC
CloudFront
Route 53
API Gateway

Customer Enablement

AWS IQ
Managed Services
Activate for Startups
Support

Robotics

AWS RoboMaker

Blockchain

Amazon Managed Blockchain

Satellite

Ground Station

Quantum Technologies

Amazon Braket

Management & Governance

AWS Organizations
CloudWatch
AWS Auto Scaling
CloudFormation
Config
OpsWorks
Service Catalog
Systems Manager
Trusted Advisor
Control Tower
AWS License Manager
AWS Well-Architected Tool
AWS Health Dashboard
AWS Chatbot
Launch Wizard
AWS Compute Optimizer
Resource Groups & Tag Editor
Amazon Grafana
Amazon Prometheus
AWS Resiliency Hub
Incident Manager
Service Quotas
AWS Proton
CloudTrail
AWS Resource Explorer
AWS User Notifications
AWS Textract Network Builder

Media Services

Kinesis Video Streams
MediaConvert
MediaLive
MediaPackage
MediaStore

Machine Learning

Amazon SageMaker
Amazon Augmented AI
Amazon CodeGuru
Amazon DevOps Guru
Amazon Comprehend
Amazon Forecast
Amazon Fraud Detector
Amazon Kendra
Amazon Personalize
Amazon Polly
Amazon Rekognition
Amazon Textract
Amazon Transcribe
Amazon Translate
AWS DeepComposer
AWS DeepLens
AWS DeepRecommender
AWS Panorama
Amazon Monitron
AWS HealthLake
Amazon Lookout for Vision
Amazon Lookout for Equipment
Amazon Lookout for Metrics
Amazon Lex
Amazon Comprehend Medical
AWS HealthOmics
Amazon Bedrock
AWS HealthImaging

Analytics

Athena
Amazon Redshift
CloudSearch
Amazon OpenSearch Service
Kinesis
QuickSight
Data Pipeline
AWS Data Exchange
AWS Lake Formation
MSK
AWS Glue DataBrew
Amazon FlinkSpace
AWS Glue
EMR
AWS Clean Rooms
Amazon DataZone
AWS Entity Resolution
Managed Apache Flink

Security, Identity, & Compliance

IAM
Resource Access Manager
Cognito

AWS Cost Management

AWS Cost Explorer
AWS Budgets
AWS Marketplace Subscriptions
AWS Application Cost Profiler
AWS Billing Conductor
Billing

Front-end Web & Mobile

AWS Amplify
AWS AppSync
Device Farm
Amazon Location Service

Application Integration

Step Functions
Amazon AppFlow
Amazon EventBridge
Amazon MQ
Simple Notification Service
Simple Queue Service
SWF
Managed Apache Airflow

Business Applications

Amazon Connect
Amazon Pinpoint
Amazon Honeycode
Amazon Chime
Amazon Simple Email Service
Amazon WorkDocs
Amazon WorkMail
AWS Supply Chain
AWS AppFabric
AWS Wicke
Amazon Chime SDK

End User Computing

WorkSpaces
AppStream 2.0
WorkSpaces Web

Internet of Things

IoT 1-Click
IoT Analytics
IoT Device Defender
IoT Device Management
IoT Greengrass
IoT SiteWise
IoT Core
IoT Events
AWS IoT FleetWise
IoT RoboRunner

AWS: provides an ever expanding array of cloud services...

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Slides by Wes J. Lloyd

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AWS EC2

- Elastic Compute Cloud
- Instance types: <https://instances.vantage.sh/>
 - On demand Instance – full price
 - Reserved Instance – contract based where customer guarantees VM rental for a fixed period of time (e.g. 1 year, 3 years, etc.)
Deeper discounts with longer term commitments
 - Spot Instance – portion of cloud capacity reserved for low cost instances, when demand exceeds supply instances are randomly terminated with 2-minute warning
 - Users can make diverse VM requests using different types, zones, regions, etc. to minimize instance terminations
 - Developers can design for failure because often only 1 or 2 VMs in a cluster fail at any given time. They then need to be replaced.
 - Dedicated host – reserved private HW (server)
 - Instance families -
General, compute-optimized, memory-optimized, GPU, etc.

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AWS EC2 - 2

- Storage types
 - Instance storage - ephemeral storage
 - Temporary disk volumes stored on disks local to the VM
 - Evolution: physical hard disk drives (HDDs)
 - Solid state drives (SSDs)
 - Non-volatile memory express (NVMe) drives (closer to DRAM speed)
 - EBS - Elastic block store
 - Remotely hosted disk volumes
 - EFS - Elastic file system
 - Shared file system based on network file system
 - VMs, Lambdas, Containers mount/interact with shared file system
 - Somewhat expensive

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INSTANCE STORAGE

- Also called ephemeral storage
- Persisted using images saved to S3 (simple storage service)
 - ~2.3¢ per GB/month on S3
 - 5GB of free tier storage space on S3
- Requires “burning” an image
- Multi-step process:
 - Create image files
 - Upload chunks to S3
 - Register image
- Launching a VM
 - Requires downloading image components from S3, reassembling them... is potentially slow
- VMs with instance store backed root volumes not pause-able
- Historically root volume limited to 10-GB max– **faster imaging...**

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ELASTIC BLOCK STORE

- EBS provides 1 drive to 1 virtual machine (**1 : 1**) (**not shared**)
- EBS cost model is different than instance storage (uses S3)
 - ~10¢ per GB/month for General Purpose Storage (GP2)
 - ~8¢ per GB/month for General Purpose Storage (GP3)
 - 30GB of free tier storage space
- EBS provides “live” mountable volumes
 - Listed under volumes
 - **Data volumes**: can be mounted/unmounted to any VM, dynamically at any time
 - **Root volumes**: hosts OS files and acts as a boot device for VM
 - In Linux drives are linked to a mount point “directory”
- Snapshots back up EBS volume data to S3
 - Enables replication (required for horizontal scaling)
 - EBS volumes not actively used should be snapshotted, and deleted to save EBS costs...

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EBS VOLUME TYPES - 2

- Metric: I/O Operations per Second (IOPS)
- General Purpose 2 (GP2)
 - 3 IOPS per GB, min 100 IOPS (<34GB), max of 16,000 IOPS
 - 250MB/sec throughput per volume
- General Purpose 3 (GP3 – new Dec 2020)
 - Max 16,000 IOPS, Default 3,000 IOPS
 - GP2 requires creating a 1TB volume to obtain 3,000 IOPS
 - GP3 all volumes start at 3000 IOPS and 125 MB/s throughput
 - 1000 additional IOPS beyond 3000 is \$5/month up to 16000 IOPS
 - 125 MB/s additional throughput is \$5/month up to 1000 MB/s throughput

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EBS VOLUME TYPES - 3

- Provisioned IOPS (IO1)
 - Legacy, associated with GP2
 - Allows user to create custom disk volumes where they pay for a specified IOPS and throughput
 - 32,000 IOPS, and 500 MB/sec throughput per volume MAX
- Throughput Optimized HDD (ST1)
 - Up to 500 MB/sec throughput
 - 4.5 ¢ per GB/month
- Cold HDD (SC1)
 - Up to 250 MB/sec throughput
 - 2.5 ¢ per GB/month
- Magnetic
 - Up to 90 MB/sec throughput per volume
 - 5 ¢ per GB/month

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ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (EFS)

- EFS provides 1 volume to many client (1 : n) shared storage
- Network file system (based on NFSv4 protocol)
- Shared file system for EC2, Fargate/ECS, Lambda
- Enables mounting (sharing) the same disk “volume” for R/W access across multiple instances at the same time
- Different performance and limitations vs. EBS/Instance store
- Implementation uses abstracted EC2 instances
- ~ 30 ¢ per GB/month storage – **default burstable throughput**
- Throughput modes:**
- Can modify modes only once every 24 hours
- Burstable Throughput Model:**
 - Baseline – 50kb/sec per GB
 - Burst – 100MB/sec pet GB (for volumes sized 10GB to 1024 GB)
 - Credits - .72 minutes/day per GB

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ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (EFS) - 2

- Burstable Throughput Rates**
 - Throughput rates: baseline vs burst
 - Credit model for bursting: maximum burst per day

Information subject to revision

File System Size (GiB)	Baseline Aggregate Throughput (MiB/s)	Burst Aggregate Throughput (MiB/s)	Maximum Burst Duration (Min/Day)	% of Time File System Can Burst (Per Day)
10	0.5	100	7.2	0.5%
256	12.5	100	180	12.5%
512	25.0	100	360	25.0%
1024	50.0	100	720	50.0%
1536	75.0	150	720	50.0%
2048	100.0	200	720	50.0%
3072	150.0	300	720	50.0%
4096	200.0	400	720	50.0%

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ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (EFS) - 3

▪ **Throughput Models**

▪ **Provisioned Throughput Model**

▪ For applications with:
high performance requirements, but low storage requirements

▪ Get high levels of performance w/o overprovisioning capacity

▪ \$6 MB/s-Month (Virginia Region)

- Default is 50kb/sec for 1 GB, .05 MB/s = 30 ¢ per GB/month

▪ If file system metered size has higher baseline rate based on size, file system follows default Amazon EFS Bursting Throughput model

- No charges for Provisioned Throughput below file system's entitlement in Bursting Throughput mode
- Throughput entitlement = 50kb/sec per GB

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ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (EFS) - 4

Performance Comparison, Amazon EFS and Amazon EBS

Information subject to revision

	Amazon EFS	Amazon EBS Provisioned IOPS
Per-operation latency	Low, consistent latency.	Lowest, consistent latency.
Throughput scale	10+ GB per second.	Up to 2 GB per second.

Storage Characteristics Comparison, Amazon EFS and Amazon EBS

	Amazon EFS	Amazon EBS Provisioned IOPS
Availability and durability	Data is stored redundantly across multiple AZs.	Data is stored redundantly in a single AZ.
Access	Up to thousands of Amazon EC2 instances, from multiple AZs, can connect concurrently to a file system.	A single Amazon EC2 instance in a single AZ can connect to a file system.
Use cases	Big data and analytics, media processing workflows, content management, web serving, and home directories.	Boot volumes, transactional and NoSQL databases, data warehousing, and ETL.

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EC2

■ EC2 Spot Instance Advisor:

- <https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/instance-advisor/>
- Provides sortable list of ec2 instance types with interruption (termination) frequencies
- Helps you choose an instance type that is less likely to be terminated

■ Best practices for using spot instances:

- <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/whitepapers/latest/cost-optimization-leveraging-ec2-spot-instances/spot-best-practices.html>

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EC2 - 2

- **On Amazon EC2, what is a “metal” Instance?**
- A bare metal server is not shared with anyone
- There is no virtualization hypervisor
(*program the contextualizes and hosts virtual machines*)
- The operating system is installed directly on the root disk and the machine is booted directly like a laptop or desktop computer
- The user can install any operating system and make configurations changes to the machine's base operating system
- The user can then install and control a virtualization hypervisor on bare metal servers
- Bare metal servers were offered on AWS starting in ~2017

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AMAZON MACHINE IMAGES

- AMIs
- Unique for the operating system (root device image)
- Two types
 - Instance store
 - Elastic block store (EBS)
- Deleting requires multiple steps
 - Deregister AMI
 - Delete associated data - (*files in S3*)
- Forgetting both steps leads to costly “orphaned” data
 - No way to instantiate a VM from deregistered AMIs
 - Data still in S3 resulting in charges

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EC2 VIRTUALIZATION HYPERVERSORS

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th generation → XEN-based
- 5th+ generation Instances → AWS Nitro virtualization
- XEN (pre-nitro) - two virtualization modes:
- XEN **Para-virtualization (PV)** “paravirtual”
 - 10GB Amazon Machine Image – base image size limit
 - Addressed poor performance of old XEN HVM mode
 - I/O performed using special XEN kernel with XEN paravirtual mode optimizations for better performance
 - Requires OS to have an available paravirtual kernel
 - PV VMs: use common **AKI** files on AWS – **Amazon kernel image(s)**

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EC2 VIRTUALIZATION - HVM

- **XEN HVM (hardware virtualization) mode:**
 - HVM just meant that virtualization used CPU extensions (Intel VT-x or AMD-V) to run an unmodified OS directly on the VM
 - Today HVM usually implies there is more than just native-CPU virtualization support, but also I/O-device support, etc.
 - Full virtualization – no special OS kernel required (no AKI)
 - Computer entirely simulated (... i.e. *slow*)
 - MS Windows pre-nitro ran in “HVM” mode
 - Allows work around: 10GB instance store root volume limit
 - Kernel is on the root volume (under /boot)
 - No AKIs (kernel images)
 - Commonly used today (*EBS-backed instances*)

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XEN PV VS HVM ON EC2

Feature	Paravirtual (PV)	Hardware Virtual Machine (HVM)
Guest OS Modification	Requires the guest OS to be modified (aware of the hypervisor).	Allows the use of unmodified guest OS, as if running on bare metal hardware.
Boot Method	Boots with a special boot loader called PV-GRUB, which then chain loads the kernel.	Boots by executing the master boot record of the root block device, like a physical machine.
Hardware Access	Relies on a patched kernel and specialized drivers (hypercalls) for I/O operations and direct communication with the hypervisor.	Emulates a full set of hardware and takes advantage of hardware virtualization extensions (Intel VT-x, AMD-V) for fast access to the underlying physical hardware.
Performance (Historically)	Historically offered better performance than early HVM instances due to the use of direct drivers for network/storage I/O.	Early HVM had more overhead due to hardware emulation.
Performance (Modern Legacy)	Performance is limited and lacks modern enhancements.	With the availability of PV drivers for HVM AMIs and hardware advancements, HVM instances provide better or superior performance for most workloads.
Feature Support	Does not support modern features like enhanced networking or GPU processing.	Required for advanced features such as enhanced networking, GPU instances, and specific instance types (e.g., i2 instances).

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EC2 VIRTUALIZATION - NITRO

- Nitro based on Kernel-based-virtual-machines
 - Stripped down version of Linux KVM hypervisor
 - Uses KVM core kernel module
 - I/O access has a direct path to the device
- Goal: provide indistinguishable performance from bare metal
- There are 5 Nitro versions (v2 to v6)
- Article describes features and provides links to instance families (m, c, r, etc.) where it is possible to check the Nitro version for specific instance types to understand feature evolution
- <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/ec2/latest/instancetypes/ec2-nitro-instances.html>

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EVOLUTION OF AWS VIRTUALIZATION

- From: <http://www.brendangregg.com/blog/2017-11-29/aws-ec2-virtualization-2017.html>

AWS EC2 Virtualization Types

Importance: Most → Least

CPU, Memory, Network I/O, Local Storage I/O, Remote Storage I/O, Interrupts, Timers, Motherboard, Boot

#	Tech	Type	With	CPU, Memory	Network I/O	Local Storage I/O	Remote Storage I/O	Interrupts, Timers	Motherboard, Boot
1	VM	Fully Emulated		VS	VS	VS	VS	VS	VS
2	VM	Xen PV 3.0	PV drivers	P	P	P	P	VS	VS
3	VM	Xen HVM 3.0	PV drivers	VH	P	P	P	P	VS
4	VM	Xen HVM 4.0.1	PVHVM drivers	VH	P	P	P	P	VS
5	VM	Xen AWS 2013	PVHVM + SR-IOV(net)	VH	VH	P	P	P	VS
6	VM	Xen AWS 2017	PVHVM + SR-IOV(net, stor.)	VH	VH	VH	P	P	VS
7	VM	AWS Nitro 2017		VH	VH	VH	VH	VH	VS
8	HW	AWS Bare Metal 2017		H	H	H	H	H	H
		Bare Metal		H	H	H	H	H	H

VM: Virtual Machine, HW: Hardware.
VS: Virt. in software, VH: Virt. in hardware, P: Paravirt. Not all combinations shown.
SR-IOV(net): igbena driver, SR-IOV(storage): nvme driver.

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INSTANCE ACTIONS

- Stop
 - Costs of “pausing” an instance
- Terminate
- Reboot

- Image management
- Creating an image
 - EBS (snapshot)
- Bundle image
 - Instance-store

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EC2 INSTANCE: NETWORK ACCESS

- Public IP address
- Elastic IPs
 - Costs: in-use FREE, not in-use ~12 ¢/day
 - Not in-use (e.g. “paused” EBS-backed instances)
- Security groups
 - E.g. firewall
- Identity access management (IAM)
 - AWS accounts, groups
- VPC / Subnet / Internet Gateway / Router
- NAT-Gateway

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SIMPLE VPC

Recommended when using Amazon EC2

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	igw-id

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VPC SPANNING AVAILABILITY ZONES

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local

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INSPECTING INSTANCE INFORMATION

- EC2 VMs run a local metadata service
- Can query instance metadata to self discover cloud config attributes
- **Version 2 (default) of the metadata service requires a token**
- Get Token:
TOKEN=`curl -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api /token" -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token-ttl-seconds: 21600"`
- Find your instance ID:
curl -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: \$TOKEN" http://169.254.169.254/

curl -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: \$TOKEN" http://169.254.169.254/latest/

curl -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: \$TOKEN" http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/

curl -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: \$TOKEN" http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/instance-id ; echo
See: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/configuring-instance-metadata-service.html#instance-metadata-retrieval-examples>

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SIMPLE STORAGE SERVICE (S3)

- Key-value blob storage
- What is the difference vs. key-value stores (NoSQL DB)?
- Can mount an S3 bucket as a volume in Linux
 - Supports common file-system operations
- Provides eventual consistency
- Can store Lambda function state for life of container.

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AWS CLI

- **Launch Ubuntu VM**
 - **Instances | Launch Instance**
- **Install the general AWS CLI**
 - `sudo apt install awscli`
- **Create config file**
[default]

```
aws_access_key_id = <access key id>
aws_secret_access_key = <secret access key>
region = us-east-1
```

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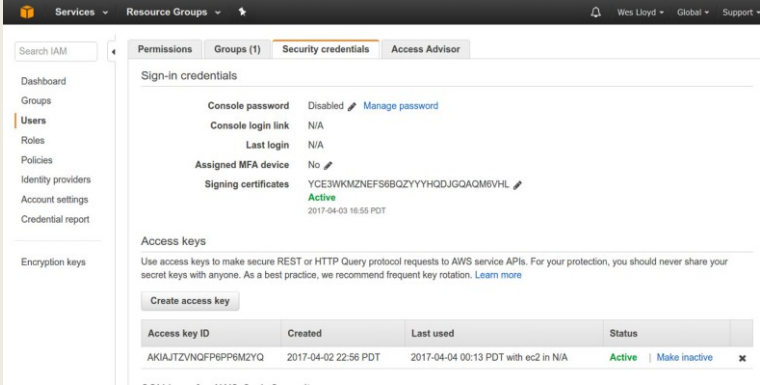
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AWS CLI - 2

- **Creating access keys: IAM | Users | Security Credentials | Access Keys | Create Access Keys**



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AWS CLI - 3

- Export the config file
 - Add to /home/ubuntu/.bashrc

```
export AWS_CONFIG_FILE=$HOME/.aws/config
```
- Try some commands:
 - `aws help`
 - `aws command help`
 - `aws ec2 help`
 - `aws ec2 describes-instances --output text`
 - `aws ec2 describe-instances --output json`
 - `aws s3 ls`
 - `aws s3 ls vmscaleruw`

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LEGACY / SERVICE SPECIFIC CLI(S)

- `sudo apt install ec2-api-tools`
- Provides more concise output
- Additional functionality
- Define variables in .bashrc or another sourced script:
 - `export AWS_ACCESS_KEY={your access key}`
 - `export AWS_SECRET_KEY={your secret key}`
- `ec2-describe-instances`
- `ec2-run-instances`
- `ec2-request-spot-instances`
- EC2 management from Java:
 - <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSJavaSDK/latest/javadoc/index.html>
- Some AWS services have separate CLI installable by package

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AMI TOOLS

- Amazon Machine Images tools
- For working with disk volumes
- Can create live copies of any disk volume
 - Your local laptop, ec2 root volume (EBS), ec2 ephemeral disk
- Installation:
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ami-tools-commands.html>
- AMI tools reference:
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ami-tools-commands.html>
- Some functions may require private key & certificate files

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PRIVATE KEY AND CERTIFICATE FILE

- Install openssl package on VM
- ```
generate private key file
$openssl genrsa 2048 > mykey.pk

generate signing certificate file
$openssl req -new -x509 -nodes -sha256 -days 36500 -key
mykey.pk -outform PEM -out signing.cert
```
- Add signing.cert to IAM | Users | Security Credentials |  
- - new signing certificate - -
  - From: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/setup-ami-tools.html?icmpid=docs\\_iam\\_console#ami-tools-create-certificate](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/setup-ami-tools.html?icmpid=docs_iam_console#ami-tools-create-certificate)

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PRIVATE KEY, CERTIFICATE FILE

- These files, combined with your `AWS_ACCESS_KEY` and `AWS_SECRET_KEY` and `AWS_ACCOUNT_ID` enable you to publish new images from the CLI
- Objective:
  1. Configure VM with software stack
  2. Burn new image for VM replication (**horizontal scaling**)
- An alternative to bundling volumes and storing in S3 is to use a containerization tool such as Docker. . .
- Create image script . . .

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SCRIPT: CREATE A NEW INSTANCE STORE  
IMAGE FROM LIVE DISK VOLUME

```
image=$1
echo "Burn image $image"
echo "$image" > image.id
mkdir /mnt/tmp
AWS_KEY_DIR=/home/ubuntu/.aws
export EC2_URL=http://ec2.amazonaws.com
export S3_URL=https://s3.amazonaws.com
export EC2_PRIVATE_KEY=${AWS_KEY_DIR}/mykey.pk
export EC2_CERT=${AWS_KEY_DIR}/signing.cert
export AWS_USER_ID={your account id}
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY={your aws access key}
export AWS_SECRET_KEY={your aws secret key}
ec2-bundle-vol -s 5000 -u ${AWS_USER_ID} -c ${EC2_CERT} -k ${EC2_PRIVATE_KEY}
--ec2cert /etc/ec2/amiutils/cert-ec2.pem --no-inherit -r x86_64 -p $image -i
/etc/ec2/amiutils/cert-ec2.pem
cd /tmp
ec2-upload-bundle -b tc562 -m $image.manifest.xml -a ${AWS_ACCESS_KEY} -s
${AWS_SECRET_KEY} --url http://s3.amazonaws.com --location US
ec2-register tc562/$image.manifest.xml --region us-east-1 --kernel aki-
88aa75e1
```

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## MAKE A DISK FROM AN IMAGE FILE

```
***** ON THE LOCAL COMPUTER *****
create 1200 MB virtual disk = 1,258,291,200 bytes
sudo dd if=/dev/zero of=vhd.img bs=1M count=1200
format the disk using the ext4 filesystem
sudo mkfs.ext4 vhd.img
mount the disk at "/mnt"
sudo mount -t auto -o loop vhd.img /mnt
check that the disk is mounted
df -h
create a hello file (or copy data) to the new virtual disk
cd /mnt
sudo echo "hello world !" > hello.txt
ls -l
cd
unmount the virtual disk
sudo umount /mnt
```

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## COMPRESS IMAGE, PUSH TO S3

```
compress the disk
bzip2 vhd.img

push the disk image to S3
aws s3 cp vhd.img.bz2 s3://tcss562-f21-images
```

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RESTORE ON THE CLOUD

```
***** ON THE AWS EC2 VM *****
with the awscli installed and configured

download the image from S3
aws s3 cp s3://tcss562-f21-images/vhd.img.bz2 vhd.img.bz2

uncompress the image
bzip2 -d vhd.img.bz2

we need to calculate the number of sectors for the
partition
disk sectors are 512 bytes each
divide the disk size by 512 to determine sectors
sectors = 1258291200 / 512 = 2459648

create a disk partition for this disk that is
2459648 sectors in size using the ephemeral drive or
a newly mounted EBS volume that is unformatted

sudo fdisk /dev/nvme1n1
```

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PARTITION THE DISK

Welcome to fdisk (util-linux 2.34).

Command (m for help): **n**

Partition type  
  p primary (0 primary, 0 extended, 4 free)  
  e extended (container for logical partitions)

Select (default p): **p**

Partition number (1-4, default 1): **1**

First sector (2048-97656249, default 2048): **2048**

Last sector, +/-sectors or +/-size{K,M,G,T,P} (2048-97656249, default 97656249): **2459648**

Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 1.2 GiB.

Command (m for help): **t**

Selected partition **1**

Hex code (type L to list all codes): 83

Changed type of partition 'Linux' to 'Linux'.

Command (m for help): **w (to write and exit)**

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## COPY DATA TO NEW DISK PARTITION

```
now check if the partition has been created.
it should be listed as /dev/nvme1n1p1:
ls /dev/nvme1n1*

now copy the data to the partition
sudo dd if=vhd.img of=/dev/nvme1n1p1

mount the disk
sudo mount /dev/nvme1n1p1 /mnt

and check if the hello file is there
cat /mnt/hello.txt

we were able to copy the disk image to the cloud
and we never had to format the cloud disk
this examples copies a filesystem from a local disk
to the cloud disk
```

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Example script:  
<https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/examples/copy-disk-to-cloud.sh>
- URLs:
  - <https://help.ubuntu.com/community/DriveImaging>
  - <https://www.tecmint.com/create-virtual-harddisk-volume-in-linux/>

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## COST SAVINGS MEASURES

- From Tutorial 3:
- #1: ALWAYS USE SPOT INSTANCES FOR COURSE/RESEARCH RELATED PROJECTS
- #2: NEVER LEAVE AN EBS VOLUME IN YOUR ACCOUNT THAT IS NOT ATTACHED TO A RUNNING VM
- #3: BE CAREFUL USING PERSISTENT REQUESTS FOR SPOT INSTANCES
- #4: TO SAVE/PERSIST DATA, USE EBS SNAPSHOTS AND THEN
- #5: DELETE EBS VOLUMES FOR TERMINATED EC2 INSTANCES.
- #6: UNUSED SNAPSHOTS AND UNUSED EBS VOLUMES SHOULD BE PROMPTLY DELETED !!
- #7: USE PERSISTENT SPOT REQUESTS AND THE “STOP” FEATURE TO PAUSE VMS DURING SHORT BREAKS

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## OBJECTIVES – 11/6

- Questions from 11/4
- Tutorials Questions
- Class Presentations:  
Cloud Technology or Research Paper Review
- Ch. 5: Cloud Enabling Technology

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