TCSS 562: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

Cloud Computing Concepts and Models

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TR 5:50-7:50 PM

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OFFICE HOURS – FALL 2022

- **THIS WEEK ONLY**
- **Tuesday:**
  - 4:30 to 5:30 pm - CP 229 and Zoom
- **Thursday***
  - 4:30 to 5:30 pm - CP 229 and Zoom
- Or email for appointment

** - Moved from Friday due to faculty meeting*

> Office Hours set based on Student Demographics survey feedback

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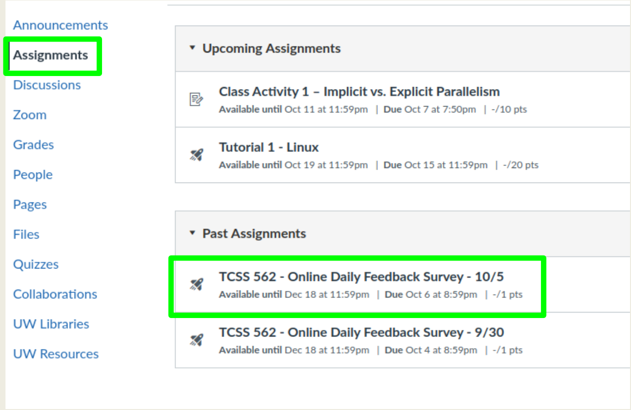
ONLINE DAILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

- Daily Feedback Quiz in Canvas – Take After Each Class
- Extra Credit for completing



▾ 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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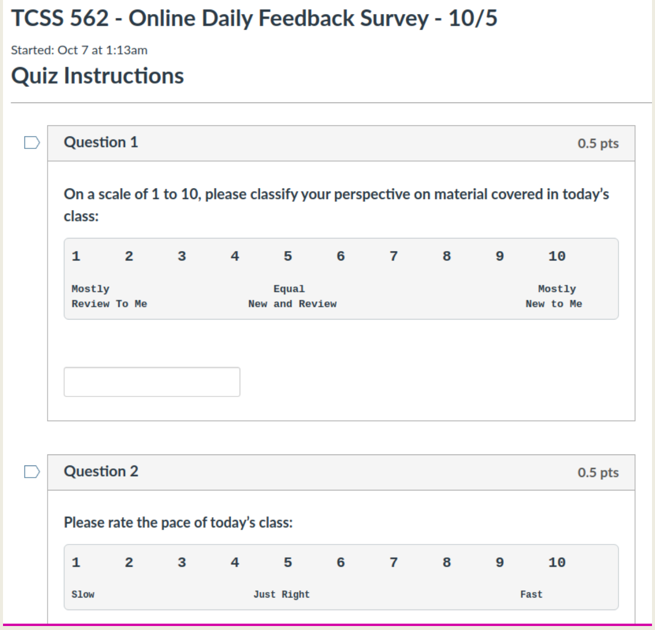


TCSS 562 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 10/5

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:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mostly Review To Me				Equal New and Review					Mostly New to Me

Question 2 0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

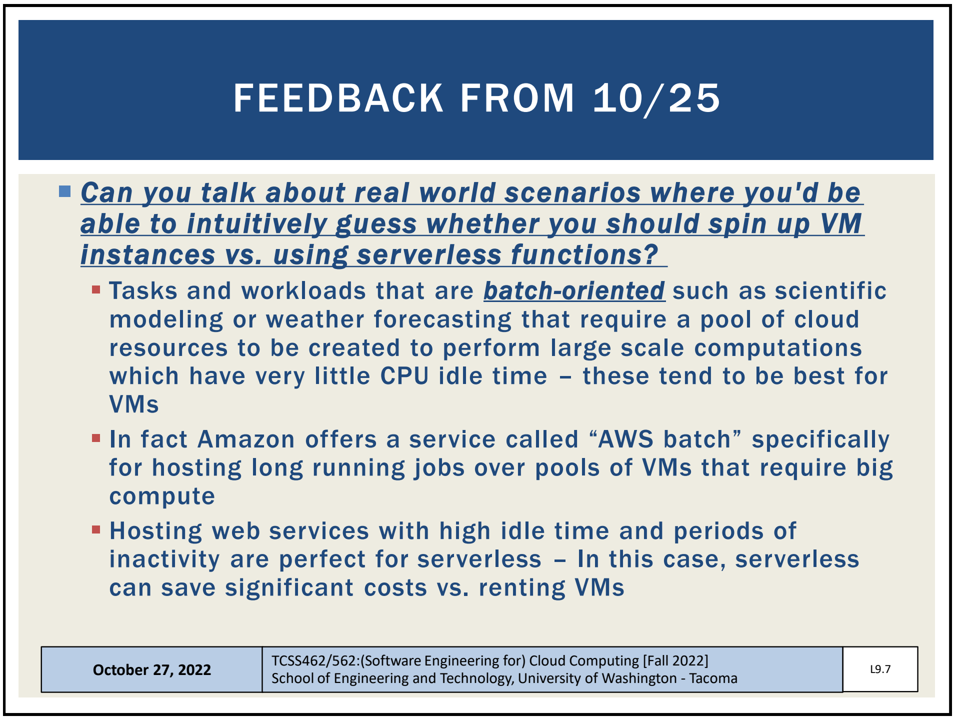
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Slow				Just Right					Fast

MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (**41** respondents):
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- **Average – 6.54 (↑ - *previous 6.54*)**

- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- **Average – 5.58 (↑ - previous 5.58)**

- **Response rates:**
- TCSS 462: 22/33 – 66.67%
- TCSS 562: 19/26 – 73.1%



FEEDBACK FROM 10/25

- ***Can you talk about real world scenarios where you'd be able to intuitively guess whether you should spin up VM instances vs. using serverless functions?***
  - Tasks and workloads that are ***batch-oriented*** such as scientific modeling or weather forecasting that require a pool of cloud resources to be created to perform large scale computations which have very little CPU idle time – these tend to be best for VMs
  - In fact Amazon offers a service called “AWS batch” specifically for hosting long running jobs over pools of VMs that require big compute
  - Hosting web services with high idle time and periods of inactivity are perfect for serverless – In this case, serverless can save significant costs vs. renting VMs

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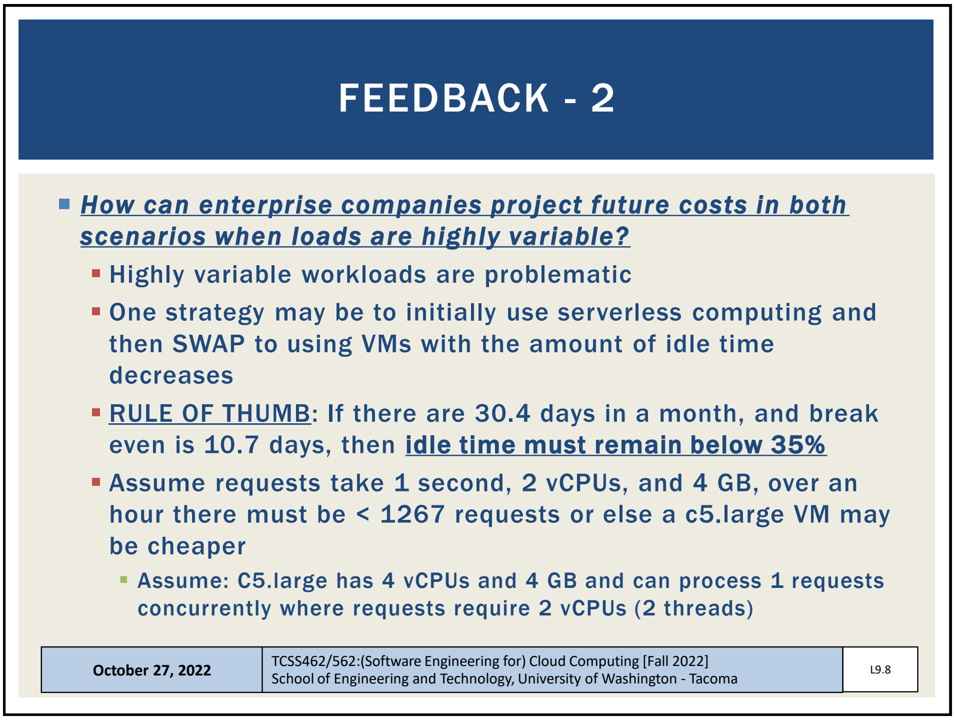

FEEDBACK - 2

- ***How can enterprise companies project future costs in both scenarios when loads are highly variable?***
  - Highly variable workloads are problematic
  - One strategy may be to initially use serverless computing and then SWAP to using VMs with the amount of idle time decreases
  - RULE OF THUMB: If there are 30.4 days in a month, and break even is 10.7 days, then **idle time must remain below 35%**
  - Assume requests take 1 second, 2 vCPUs, and 4 GB, over an hour there must be < 1267 requests or else a c5.large VM may be cheaper
    - Assume: C5.large has 4 vCPUs and 4 GB and can process 1 requests concurrently where requests require 2 vCPUs (2 threads)

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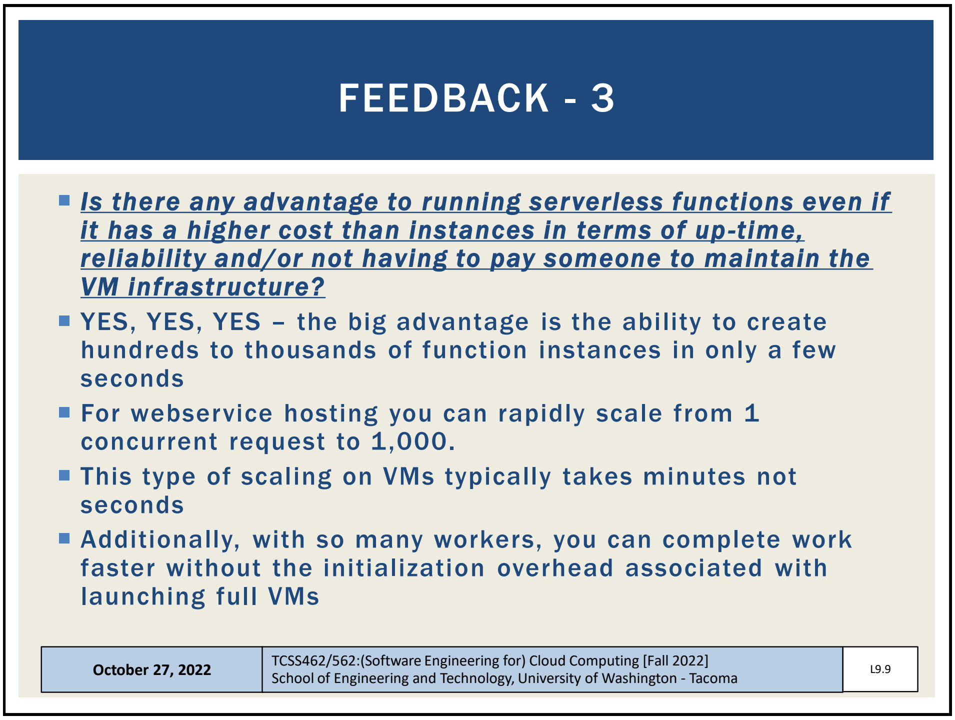

FEEDBACK - 3

- ***Is there any advantage to running serverless functions even if it has a higher cost than instances in terms of up-time, reliability and/or not having to pay someone to maintain the VM infrastructure?***
- YES, YES, YES – the big advantage is the ability to create hundreds to thousands of function instances in only a few seconds
- For webservice hosting you can rapidly scale from 1 concurrent request to 1,000.
- This type of scaling on VMs typically takes minutes not seconds
- Additionally, with so many workers, you can complete work faster without the initialization overhead associated with launching full VMs

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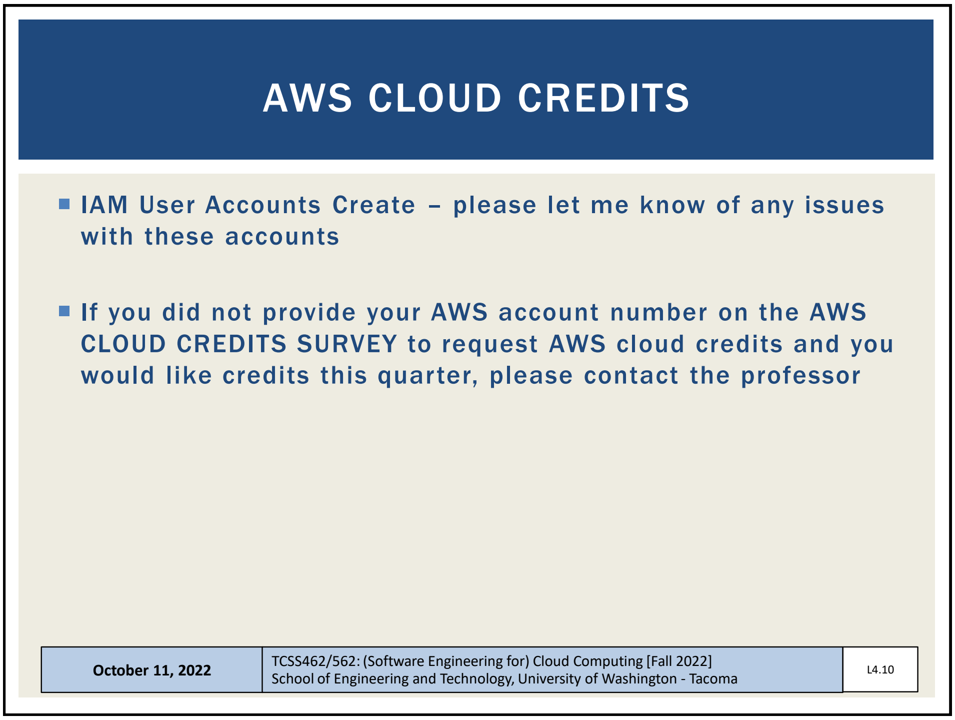

AWS CLOUD CREDITS

- IAM User Accounts Create – please let me know of any issues with these accounts
- If you did not provide your AWS account number on the AWS CLOUD CREDITS SURVEY to request AWS cloud credits and you would like credits this quarter, please contact the professor

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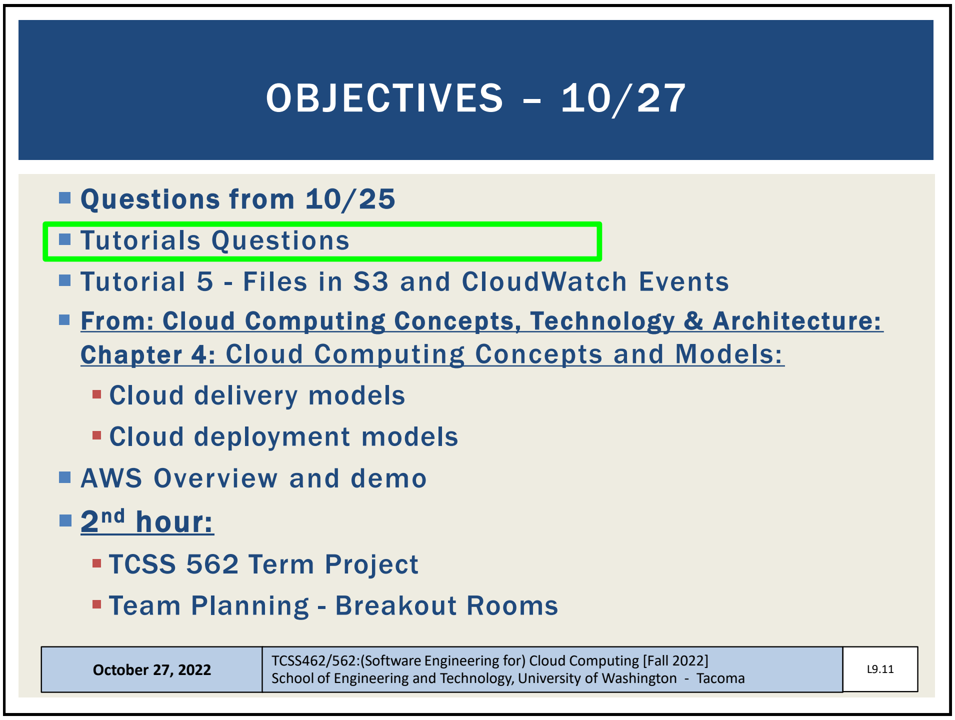

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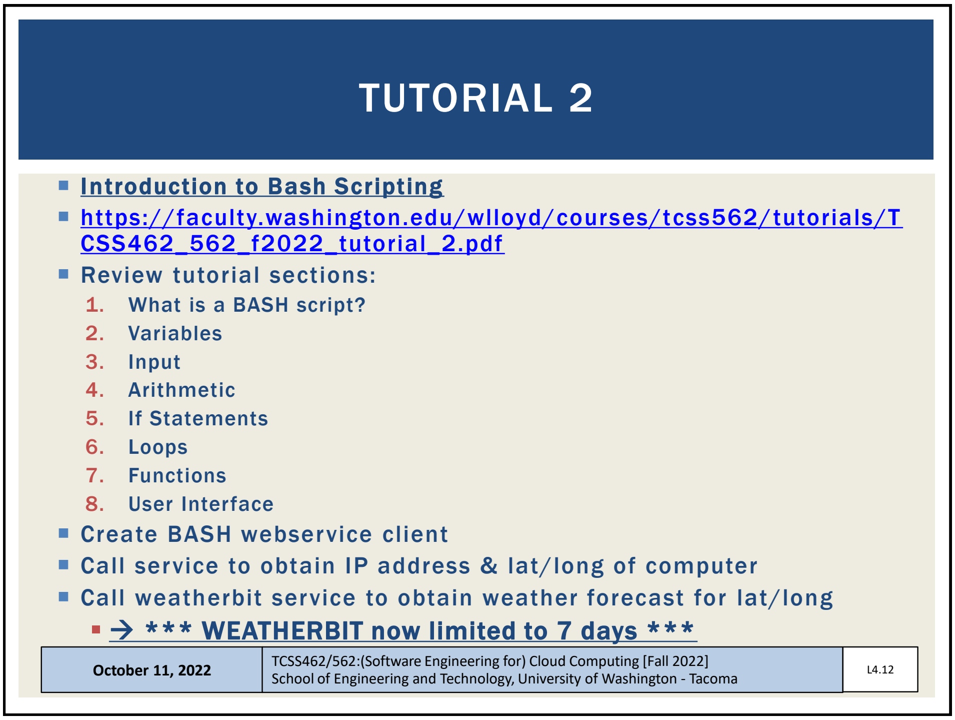

TUTORIAL 2

- **Introduction to Bash Scripting**
- https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2022_tutorial_2.pdf
- Review tutorial sections:
  1. What is a BASH script?
  2. Variables
  3. Input
  4. Arithmetic
  5. If Statements
  6. Loops
  7. Functions
  8. User Interface
- Create BASH webservice client
- Call service to obtain IP address & lat/long of computer
- Call weatherbit service to obtain weather forecast for lat/long
  - **→ *** WEATHERBIT now limited to 7 days *****

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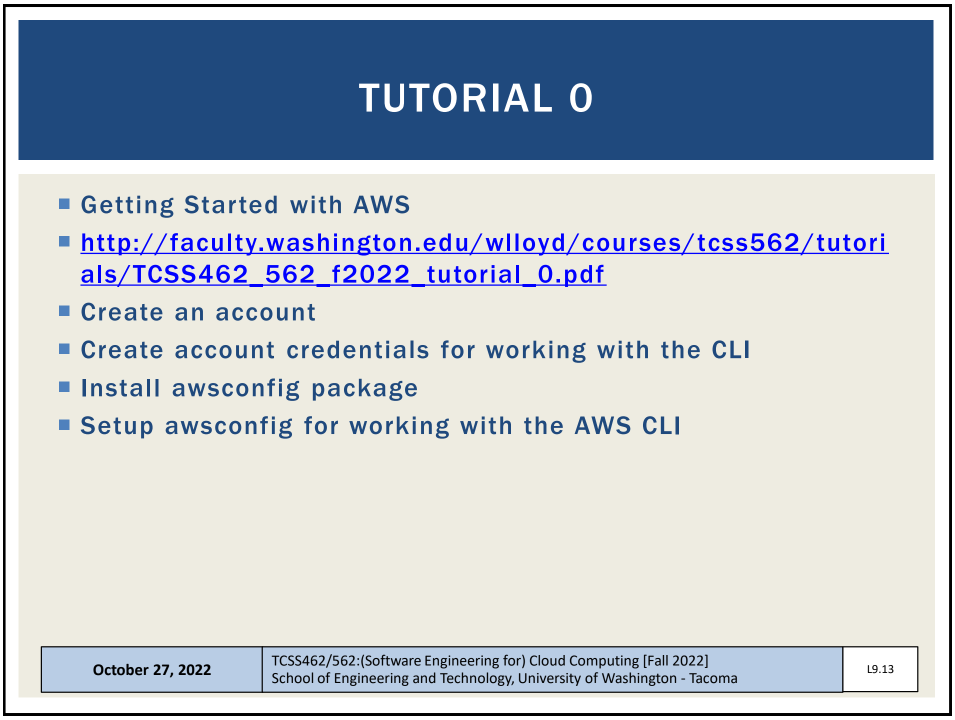

TUTORIAL 0

- Getting Started with AWS
- http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2022_tutorial_0.pdf
- Create an account
- Create account credentials for working with the CLI
- Install awsconfig package
- Setup awsconfig for working with the AWS CLI

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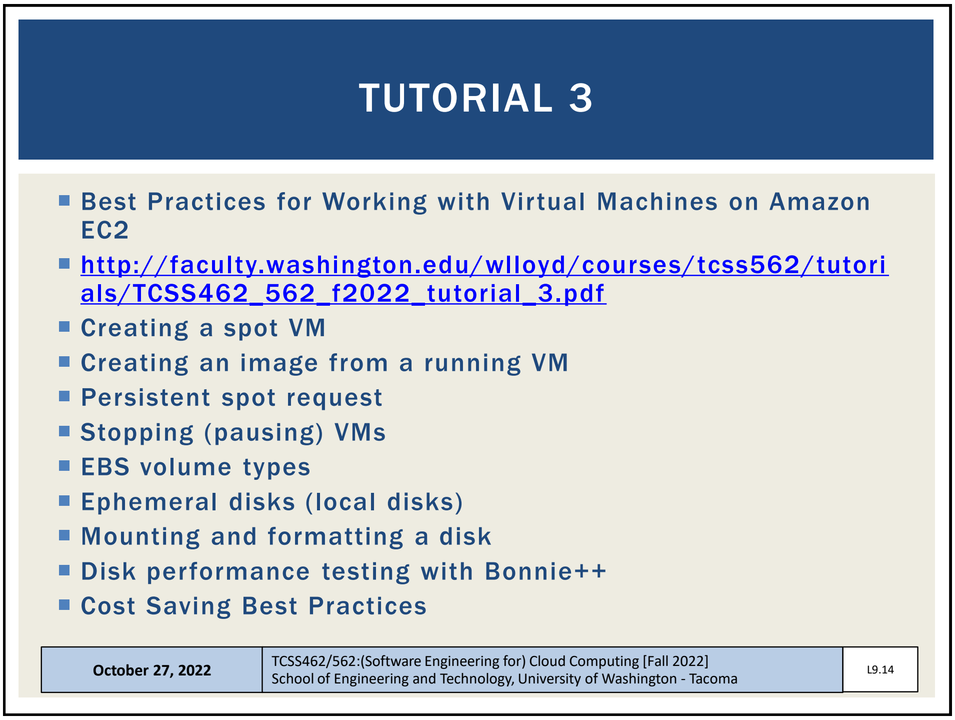

TUTORIAL 3

- Best Practices for Working with Virtual Machines on Amazon EC2
- http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2022_tutorial_3.pdf
- Creating a spot VM
- Creating an image from a running VM
- Persistent spot request
- Stopping (pausing) VMs
- EBS volume types
- Ephemeral disks (local disks)
- Mounting and formatting a disk
- Disk performance testing with Bonnie++
- Cost Saving Best Practices

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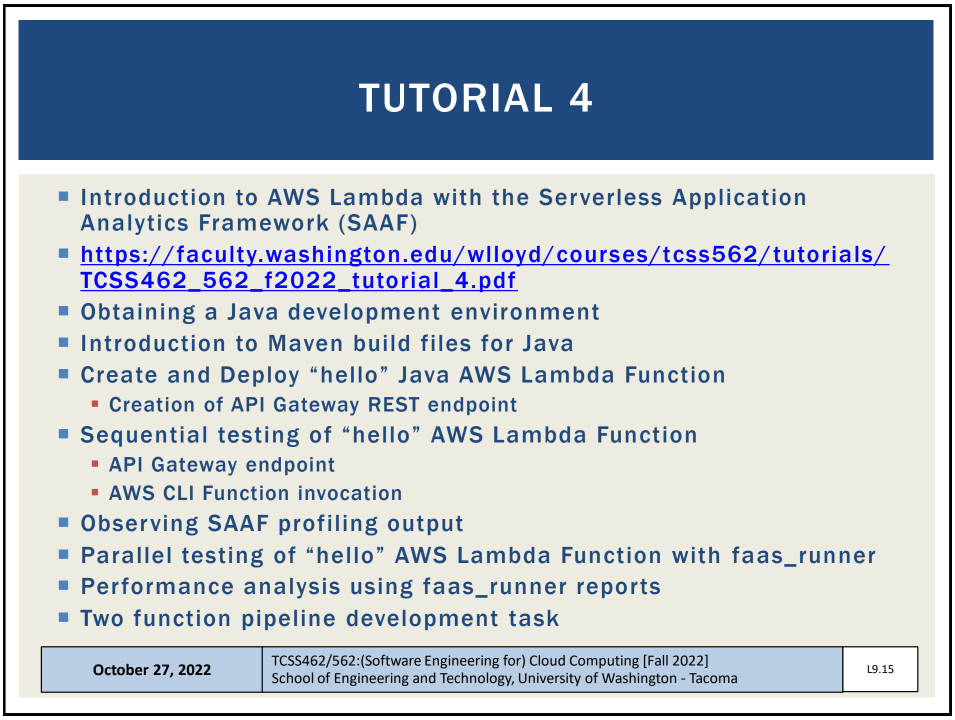
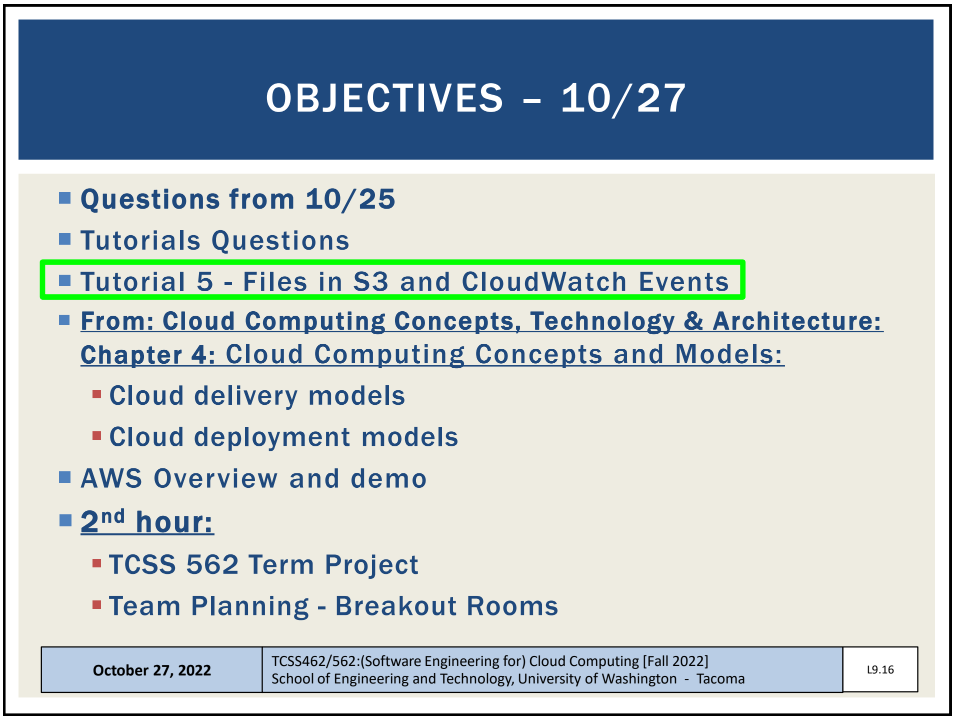


TUTORIAL 4

- Introduction to AWS Lambda with the Serverless Application Analytics Framework (SAAF)
- https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2022_tutorial_4.pdf
- Obtaining a Java development environment
- Introduction to Maven build files for Java
- Create and Deploy “hello” Java AWS Lambda Function
  - Creation of API Gateway REST endpoint
- Sequential testing of “hello” AWS Lambda Function
  - API Gateway endpoint
  - AWS CLI Function invocation
- Observing SAAF profiling output
- Parallel testing of “hello” AWS Lambda Function with faas_runner
- Performance analysis using faas_runner reports
- Two function pipeline development task



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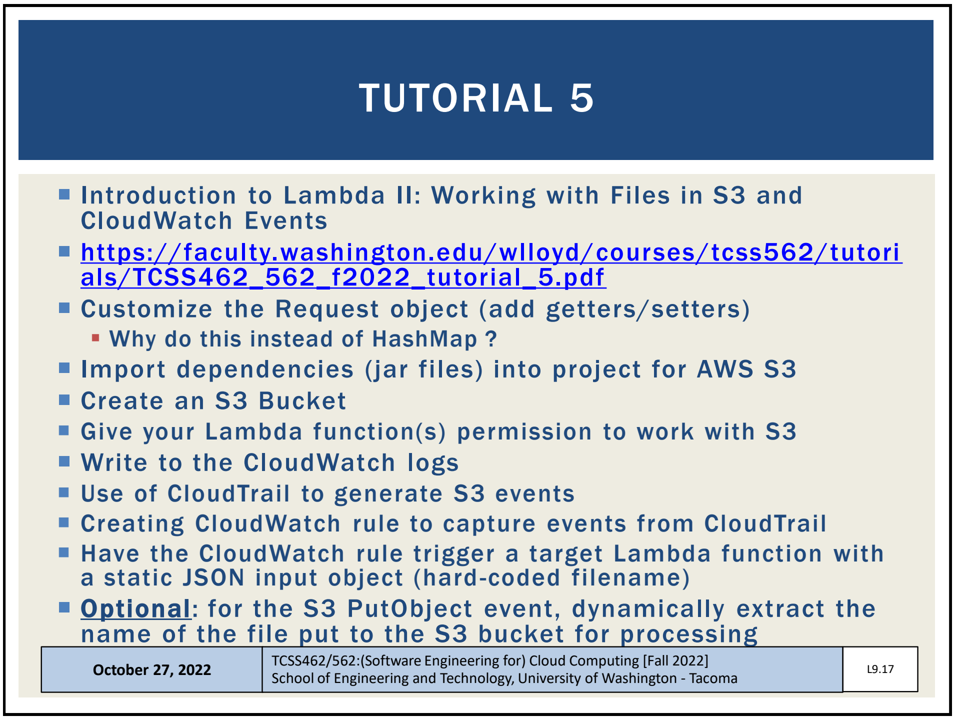

TUTORIAL 5

- Introduction to Lambda II: Working with Files in S3 and CloudWatch Events
- https://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562/tutorials/TCSS462_562_f2022_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 CloudWatch rule to capture events from CloudTrail
- Have the CloudWatch rule trigger a target 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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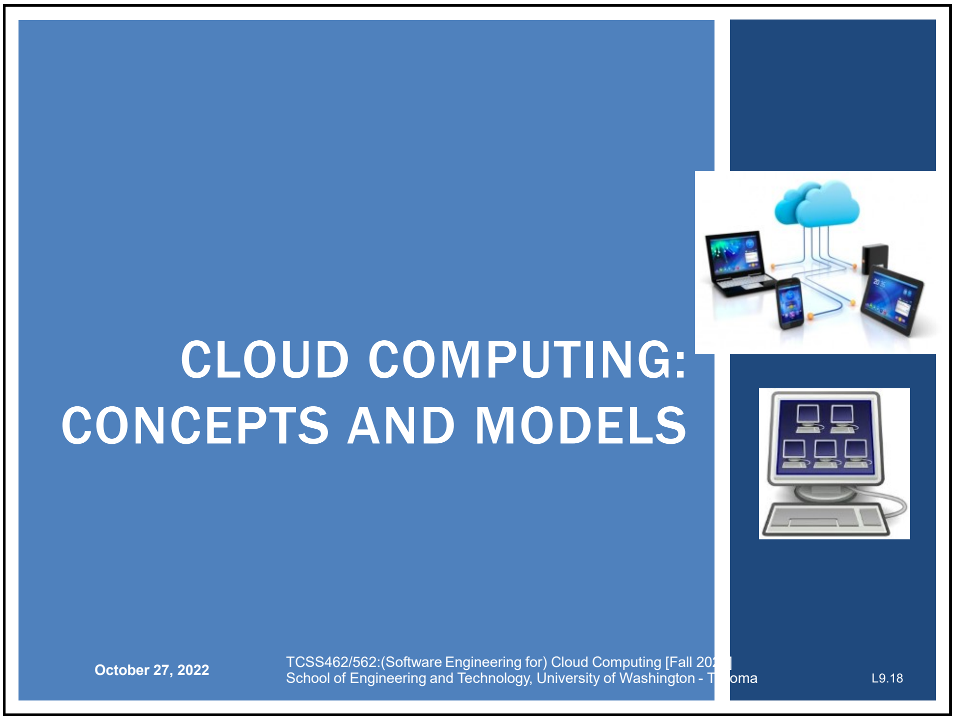

CLOUD COMPUTING: CONCEPTS AND MODELS

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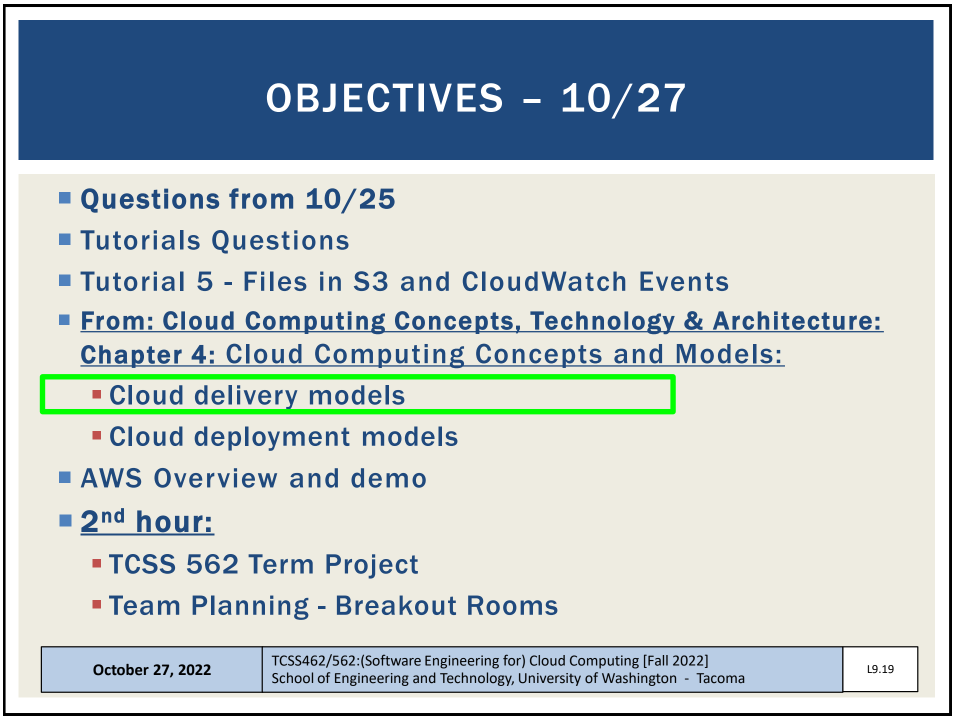

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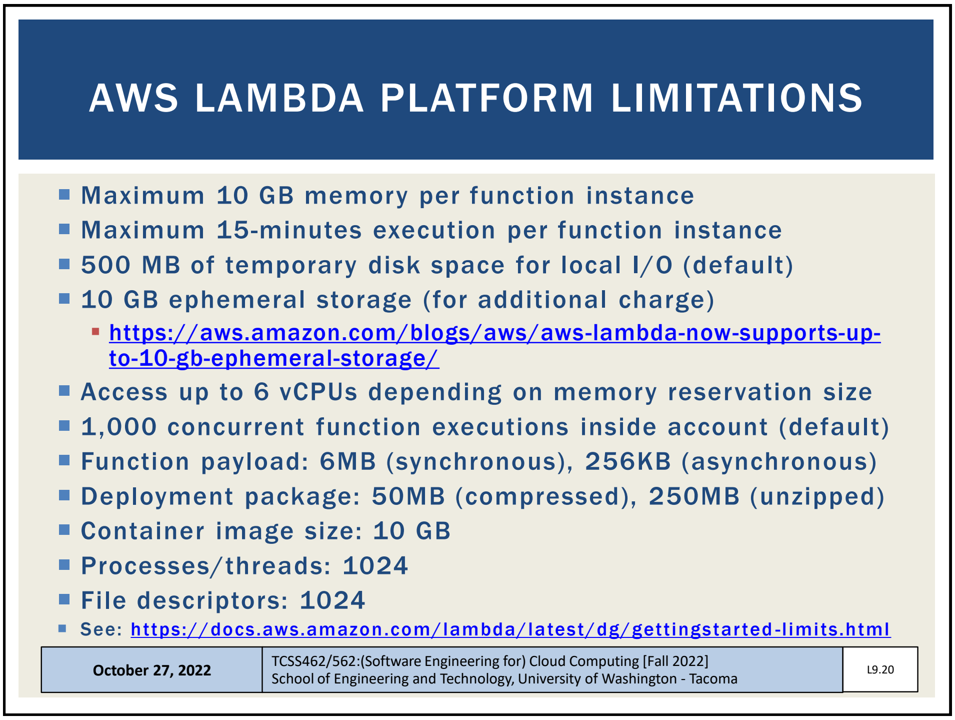

AWS LAMBDA PLATFORM LIMITATIONS

- Maximum 10 GB memory per function instance
- Maximum 15-minutes execution per function instance
- 500 MB of temporary disk space for local I/O (default)
- 10 GB ephemeral storage (for additional charge)
  - https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/aws-lambda-now-supports-up-to-10-gb-ephemeral-storage/
- Access up to 6 vCPUs depending on memory reservation size
- 1,000 concurrent function executions inside account (default)
- Function payload: 6MB (synchronous), 256KB (asynchronous)
- Deployment package: 50MB (compressed), 250MB (unzipped)
- Container image size: 10 GB
- Processes/threads: 1024
- File descriptors: 1024
- See: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/gettingstarted-limits.html

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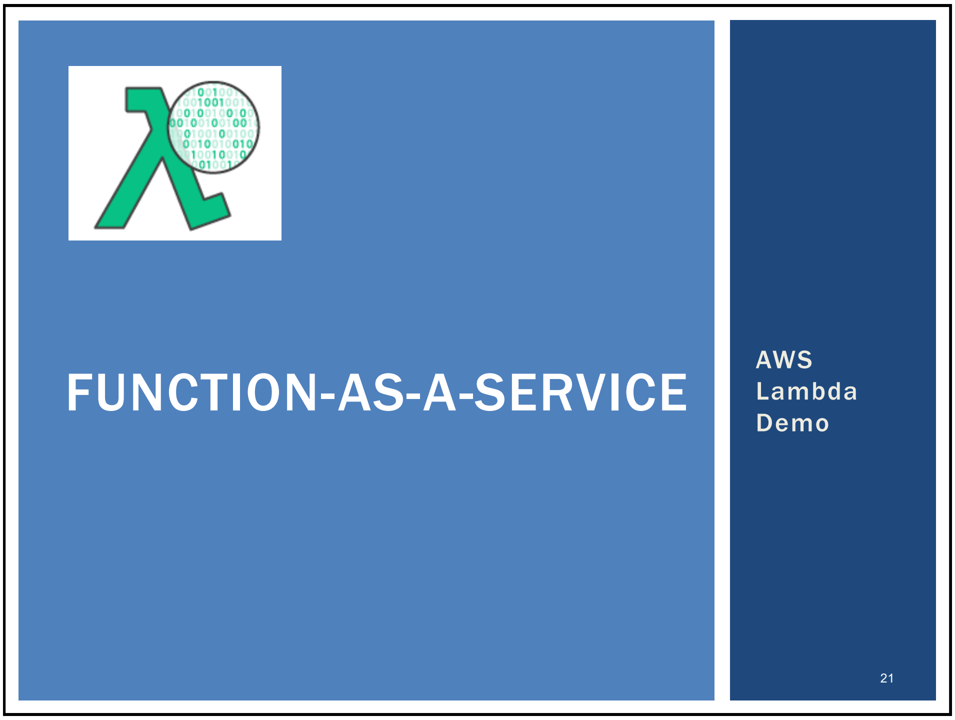

FUNCTION-AS-A-SERVICE

AWS Lambda Demo

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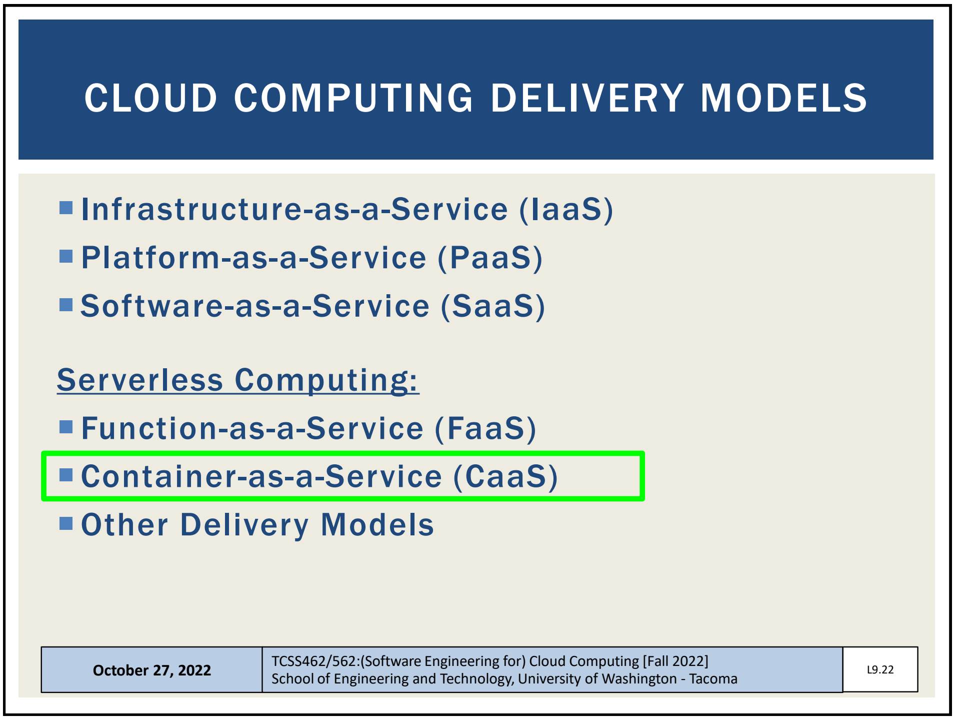

CLOUD COMPUTING DELIVERY MODELS

- Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS)
- Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)
- Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)

Serverless Computing:

- Function-as-a-Service (FaaS)
- Container-as-a-Service (CaaS)
- Other Delivery Models

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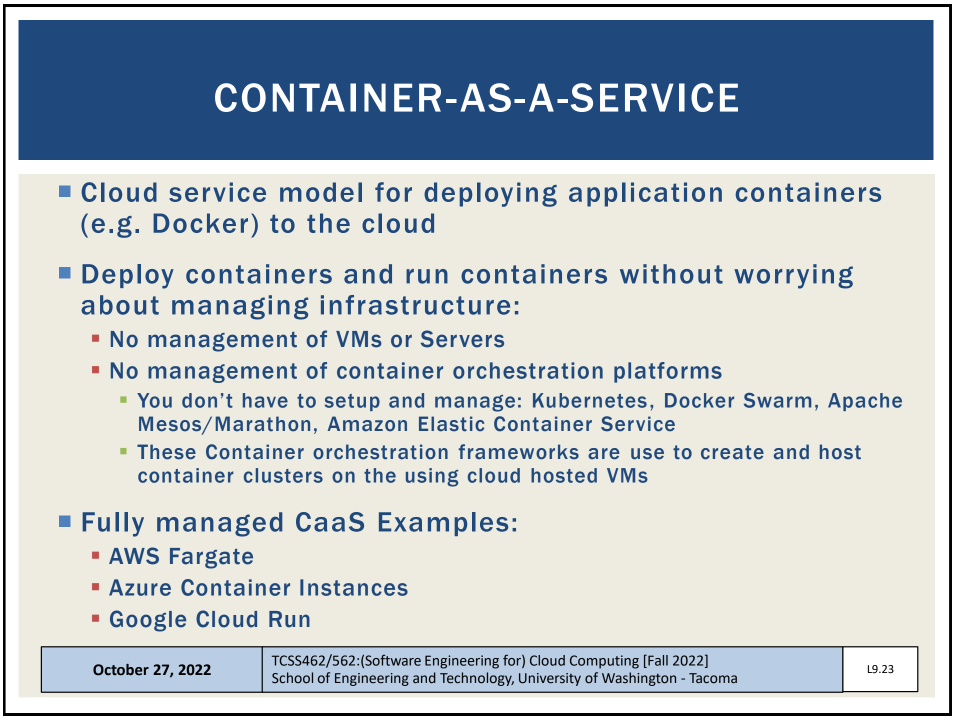

CONTAINER-AS-A-SERVICE

- Cloud service model for deploying application containers (e.g. Docker) to the cloud
- Deploy containers and run containers without worrying about managing infrastructure:
  - No management of VMs or Servers
  - No management of container orchestration platforms
    - You don't have to setup and manage: Kubernetes, Docker Swarm, Apache Mesos/Marathon, Amazon Elastic Container Service
    - These Container orchestration frameworks are use to create and host container clusters on the using cloud hosted VMs
- Fully managed CaaS Examples:
  - AWS Fargate
  - Azure Container Instances
  - Google Cloud Run

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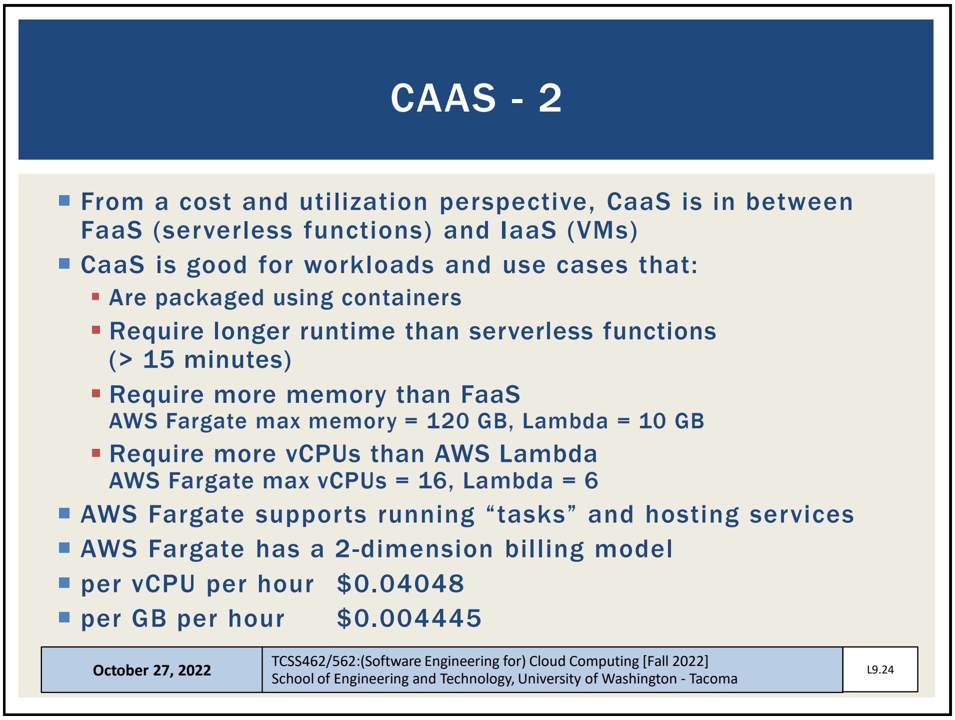

CAAS - 2

- From a cost and utilization perspective, CaaS is in between FaaS (serverless functions) and IaaS (VMs)
- CaaS is good for workloads and use cases that:
  - Are packaged using containers
  - Require longer runtime than serverless functions (> 15 minutes)
  - Require more memory than FaaS
    AWS Fargate max memory = 120 GB, Lambda = 10 GB
  - Require more vCPUs than AWS Lambda
    AWS Fargate max vCPUs = 16, Lambda = 6
- AWS Fargate supports running "tasks" and hosting services
- AWS Fargate has a 2-dimension billing model
- per vCPU per hour $0.04048
- per GB per hour $0.004445

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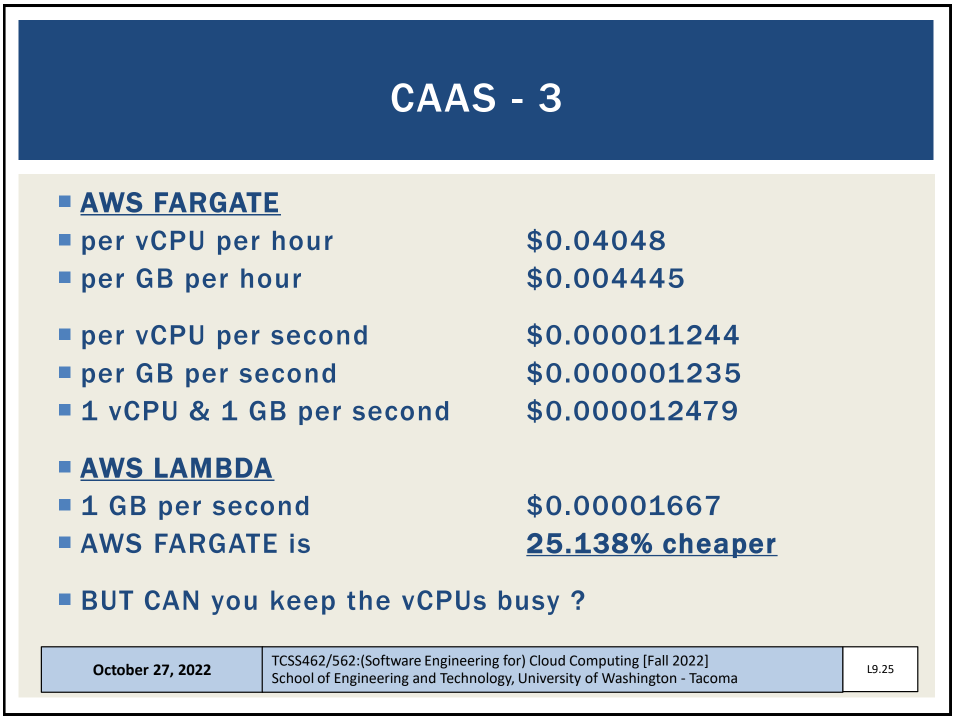

CAAS - 3

AWS FARGATE	
per vCPU per hour	$0.04048
per GB per hour	$0.004445
per vCPU per second	$0.000011244
per GB per second	$0.000001235
1 vCPU & 1 GB per second	$0.000012479
AWS LAMBDA	
1 GB per second	$0.00001667
AWS FARGATE is	**25.138% cheaper**

- BUT CAN you keep the vCPUs busy ?

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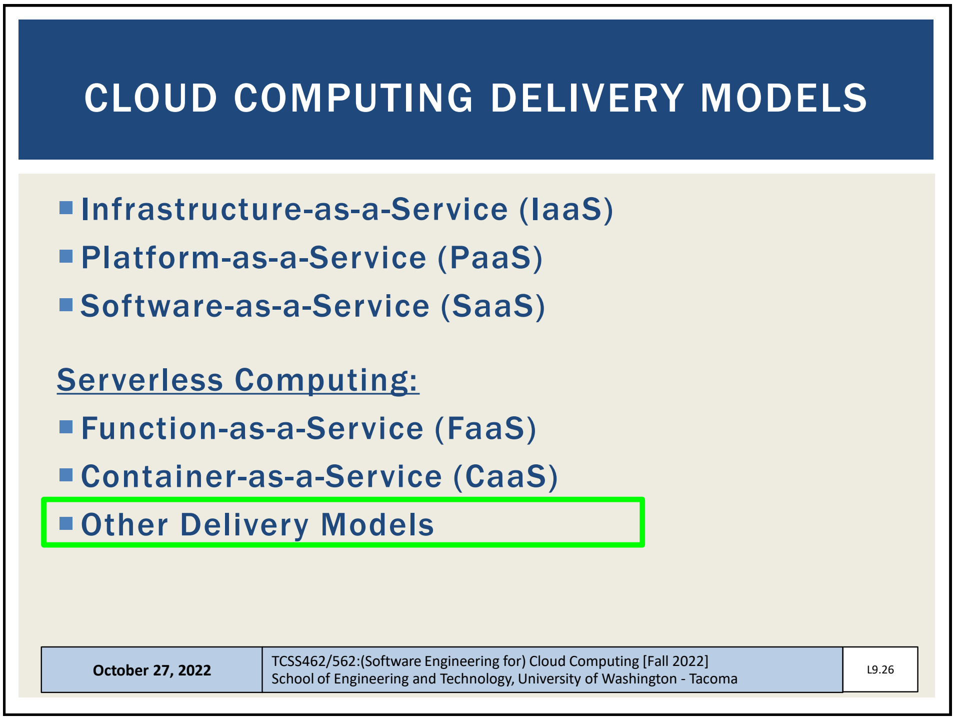

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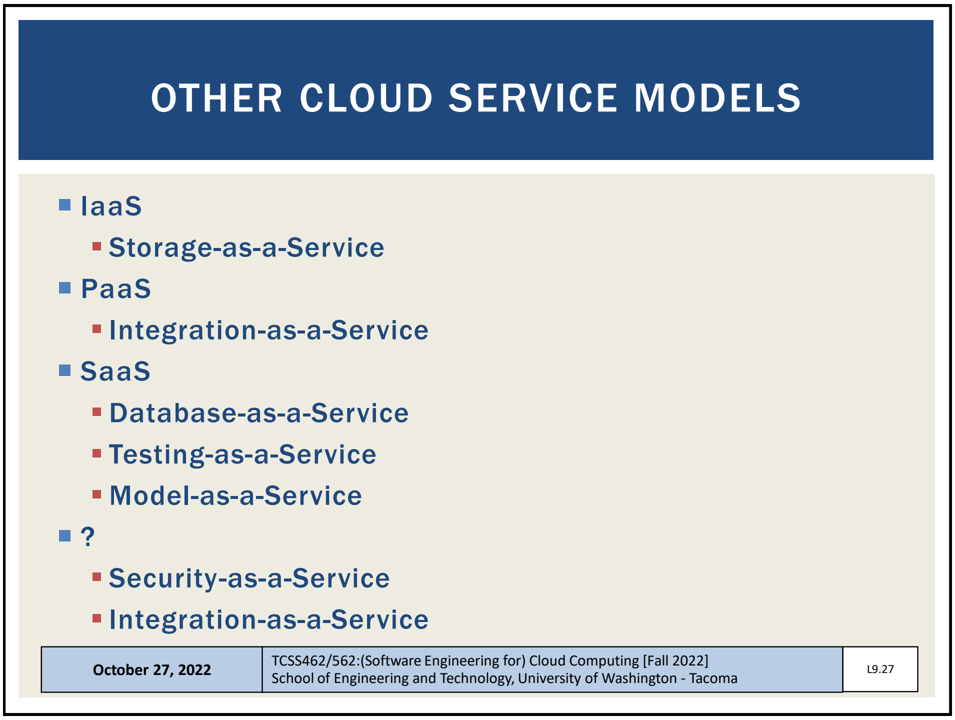

OTHER CLOUD SERVICE MODELS

- IaaS
  - Storage-as-a-Service
- PaaS
  - Integration-as-a-Service
- SaaS
  - Database-as-a-Service
  - Testing-as-a-Service
  - Model-as-a-Service
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  - Security-as-a-Service
  - Integration-as-a-Service

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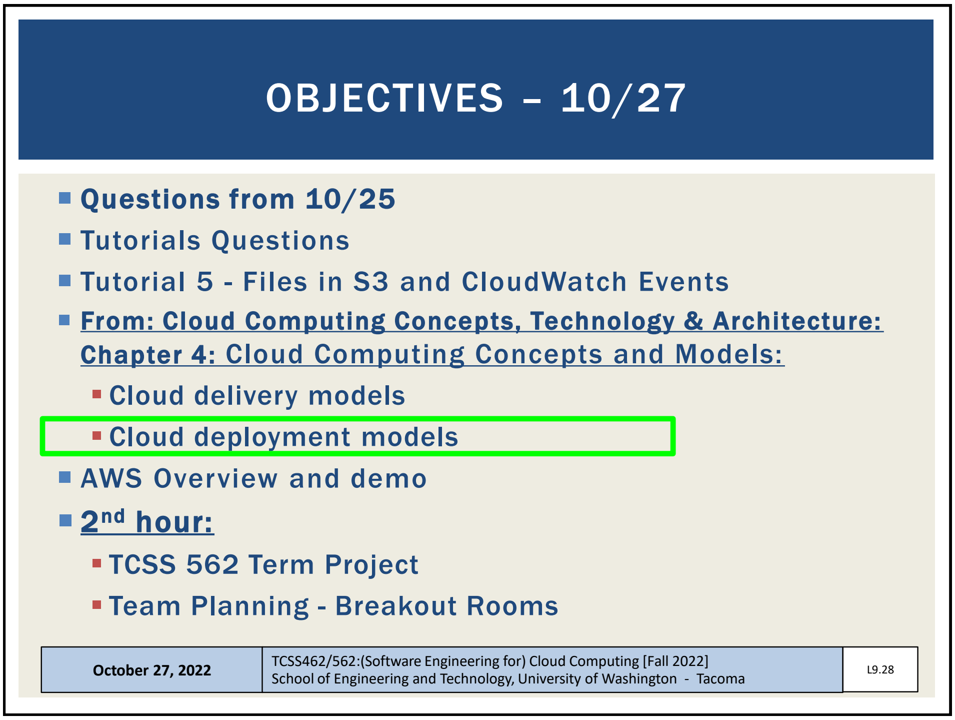

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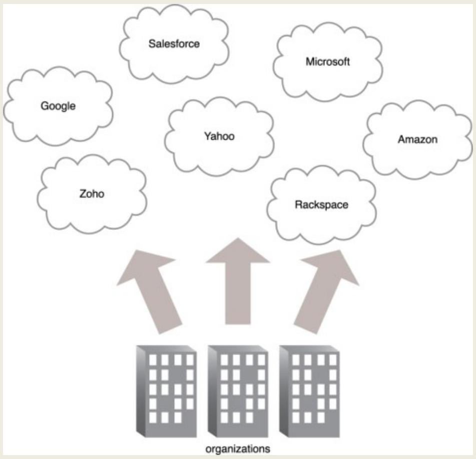
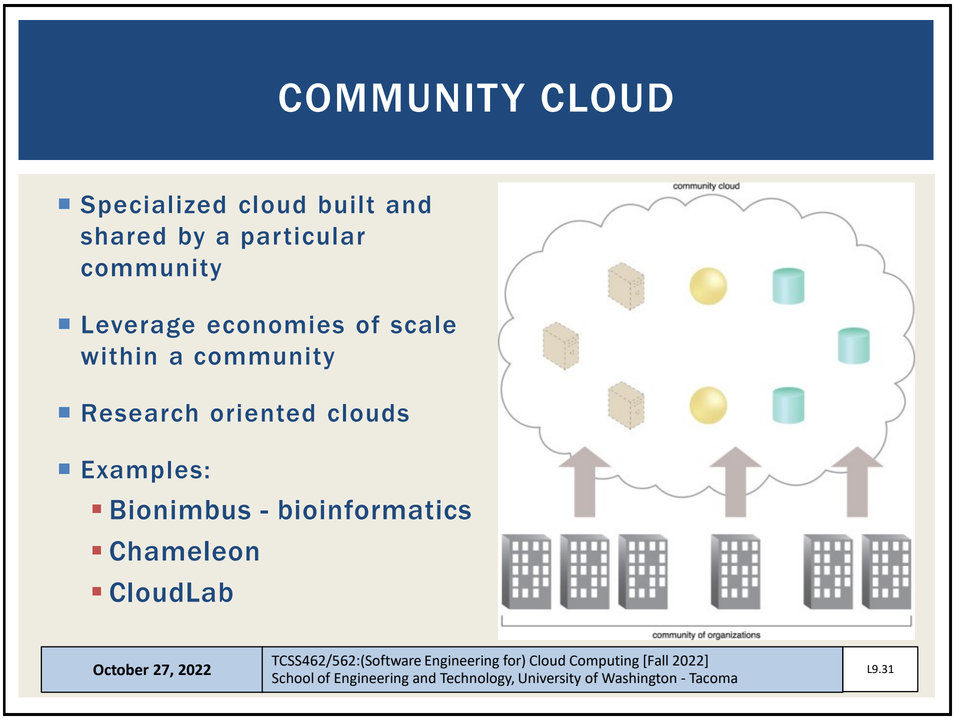
CLOUD DEPLOYMENT MODELS

- Distinguished by ownership, size, access

- Four common models
  - Public cloud
  - Community cloud
  - Hybrid cloud
  - Private cloud

PUBLIC CLOUDS





COMMUNITY CLOUD

- Specialized cloud built and shared by a particular community
- Leverage economies of scale within a community
- Research oriented clouds
- Examples:
  - Bionimbus - bioinformatics
  - Chameleon
  - CloudLab

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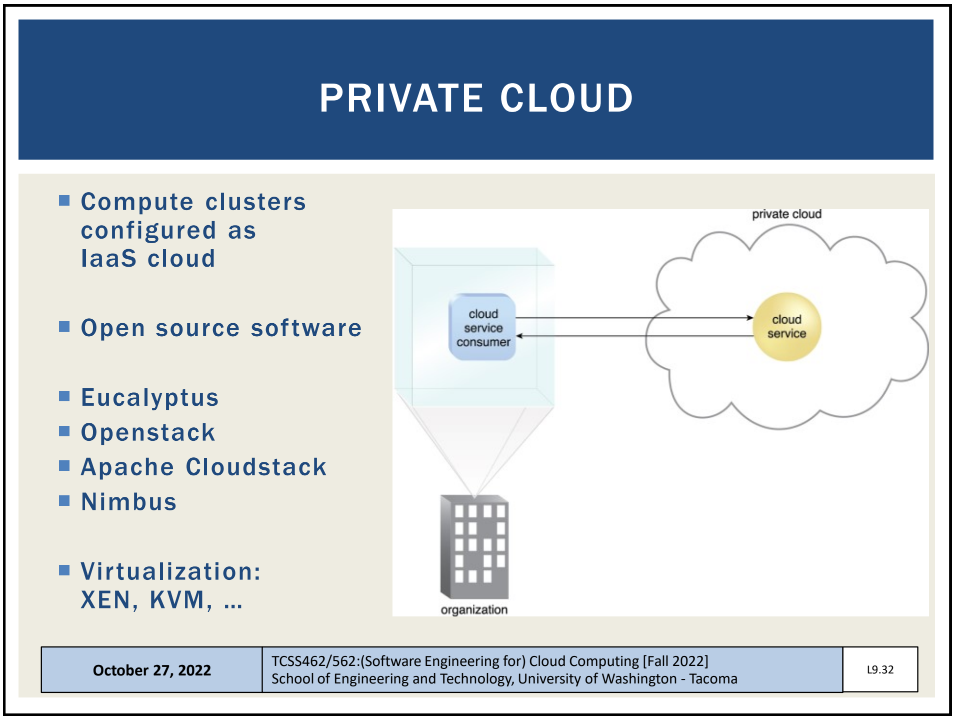

PRIVATE CLOUD

- Compute clusters configured as IaaS cloud
- Open source software
- Eucalyptus
- Openstack
- Apache Cloudstack
- Nimbus
- Virtualization: XEN, KVM, …

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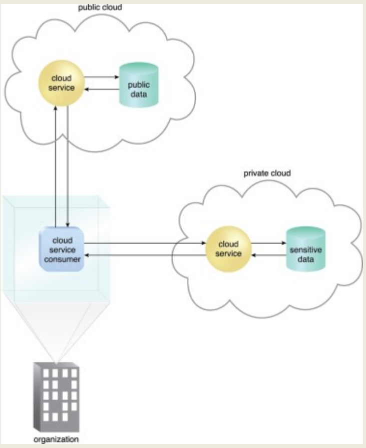
HYBRID CLOUD

- Extend private cloud typically with public or community cloud resources
- Cloud bursting:
  Scale beyond one cloud when resource requirements exceed local limitations
- Some resources can remain local for security reasons



OTHER CLOUDS

- Federated cloud
  - Simply means to aggregate two or more clouds together
  - Hybrid is typically private-public
  - Federated can be public-public, private-private, etc.
  - Also called inter-cloud
- Virtual private cloud
  - Google and Microsoft simply call these virtual networks
  - Ability to interconnect multiple independent subnets of cloud resources together
  - Resources allocated private IPs from individual network subnets can communicate with each other (10.0.1.0/24) and (10.0.2.0/24)
  - Subnets can span multiple availability zones within an AWS region

WE WILL RETURN AT 7:00 PM

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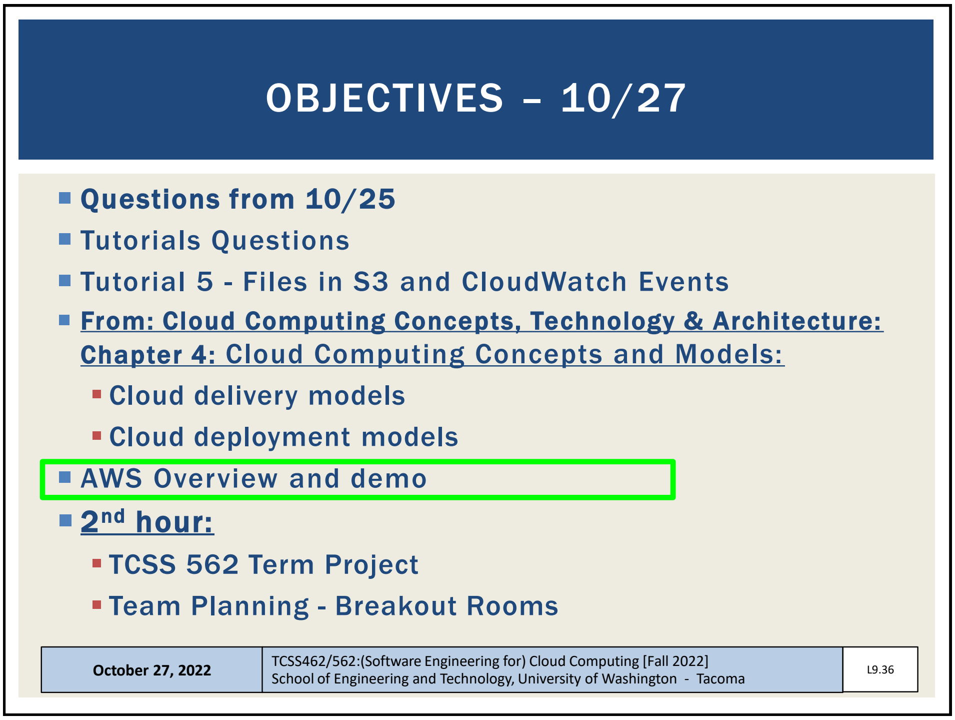

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AWS OVERVIEW AND DEMO

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ONLINE CLOUD TUTORIALS

- From the eScience Institute @ UW Seattle:
- https://escience.washington.edu/
- Online cloud workshops
- Introduction to AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud
- Task: Deploying a Python DJANGO web application
- Self-guided workshop materials available online:
- https://cloudmaven.github.io/documentation/

- AWS Educate provides access to many online tutorials / learning resources:
- https://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate/

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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
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- AWS Command Line Interface (CLI)
- Legacy / Service Specific CLIs
- AMI Tools
- Signing Certificates
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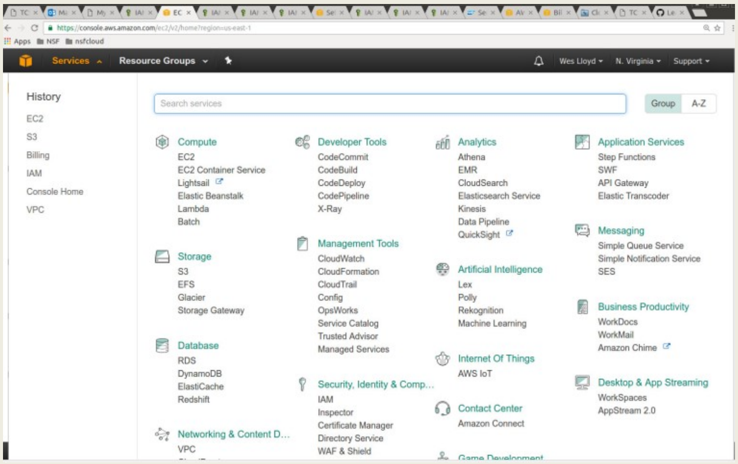
AWS MANAGEMENT CONSOLE



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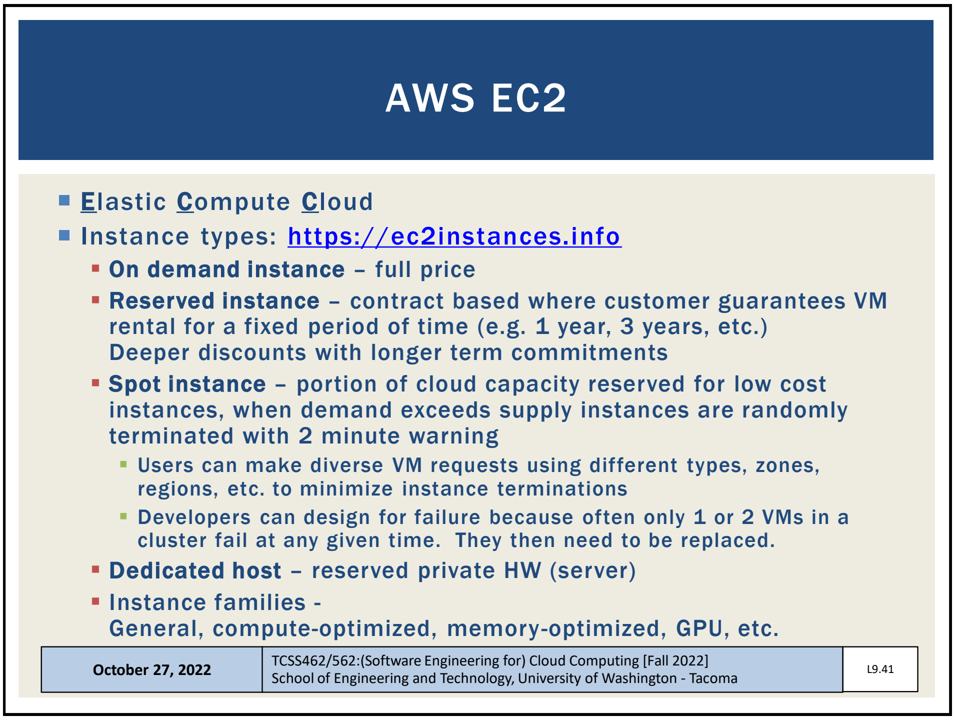
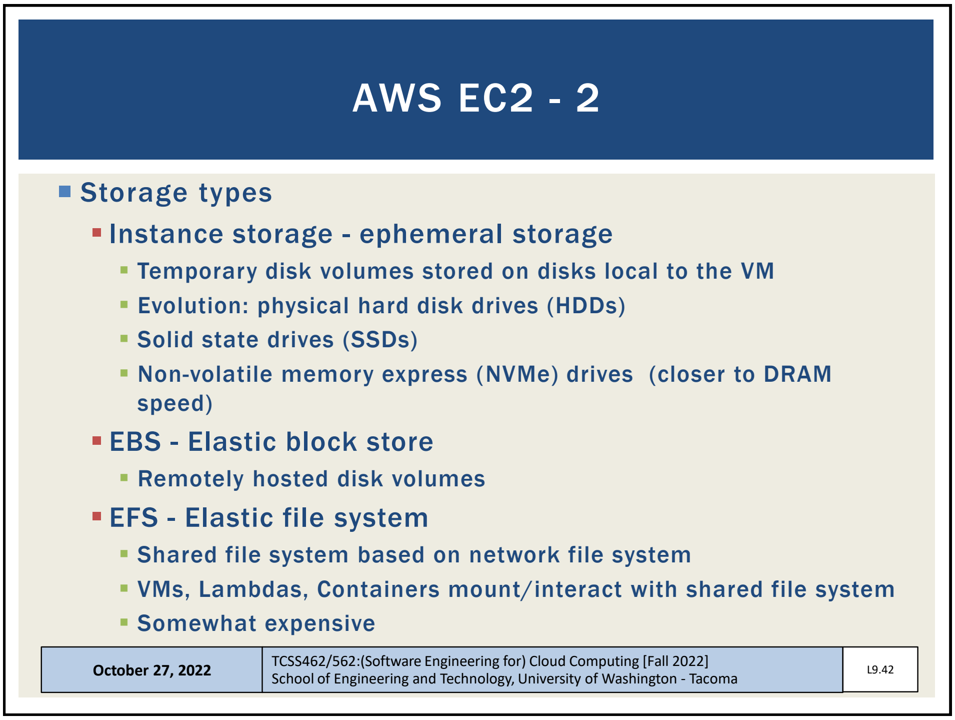


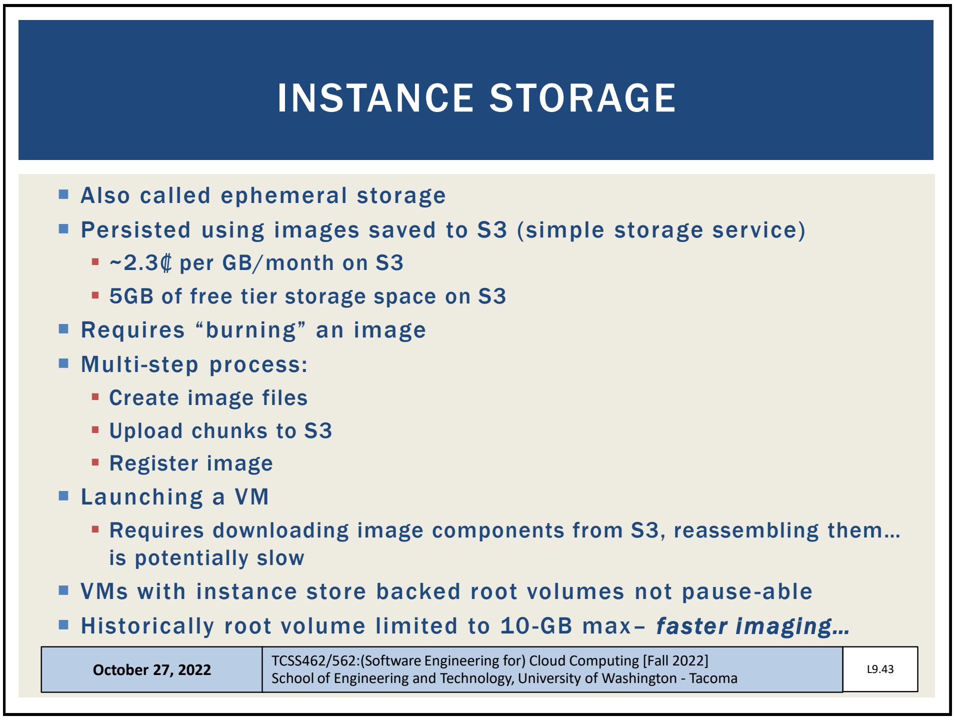
AWS EC2

- Elastic Compute Cloud
- Instance types: https://ec2instances.info
  - **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.



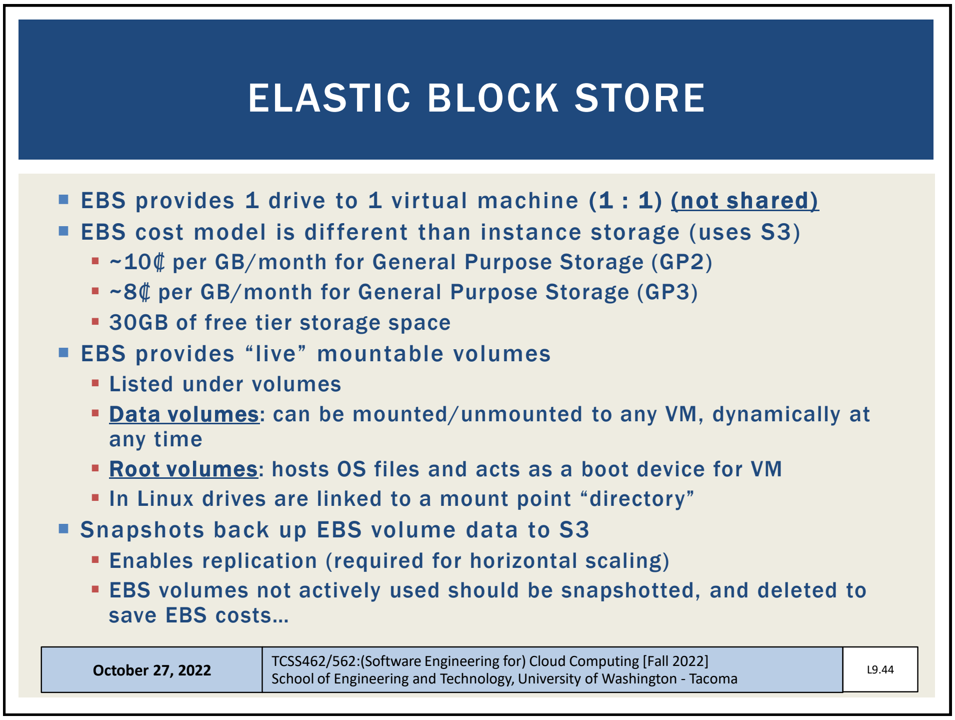
AWS EC2 - 2

- 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



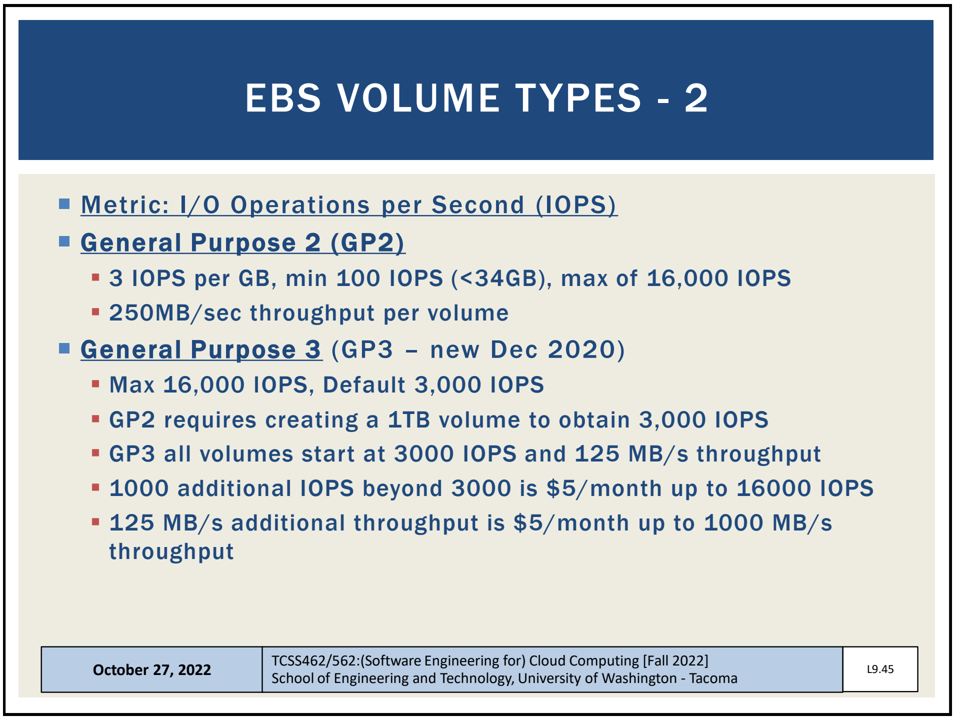
INSTANCE STORAGE

- 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…***



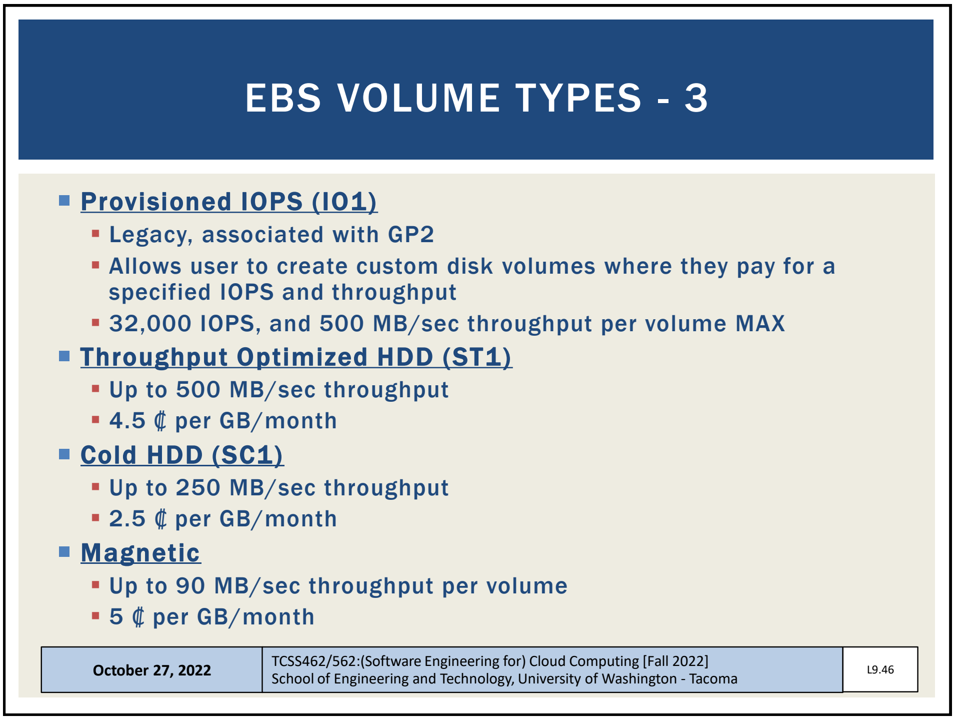
ELASTIC BLOCK STORE

- 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…



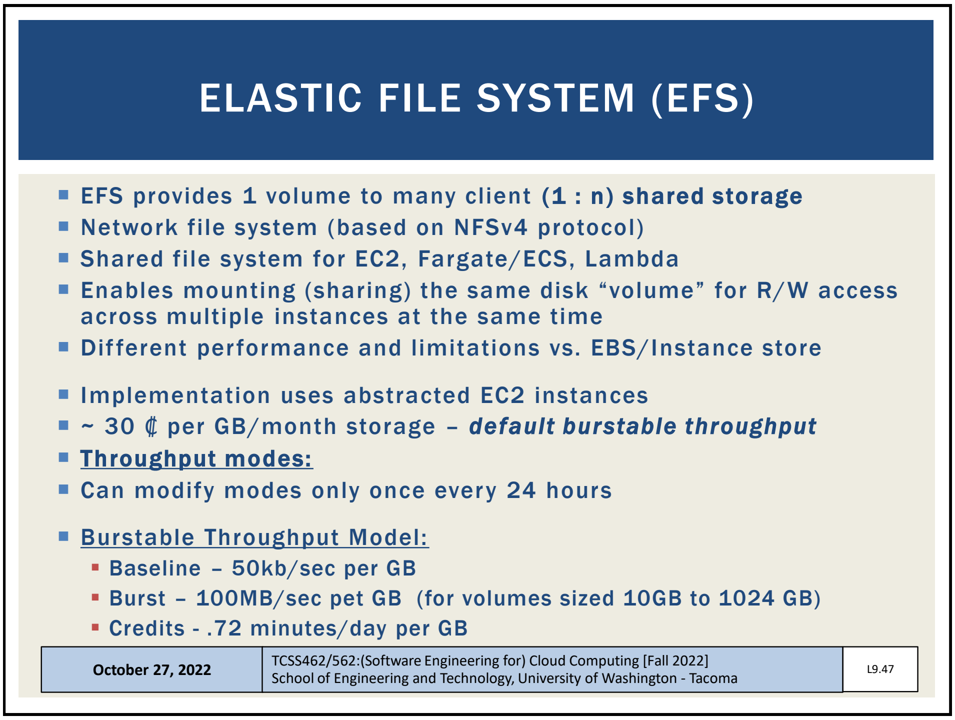
EBS VOLUME TYPES - 2

- **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



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



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***
- **<u>Throughput modes:</u>**
- Can modify modes only once every 24 hours

- <u>Burstable Throughput Model:</u>
  - 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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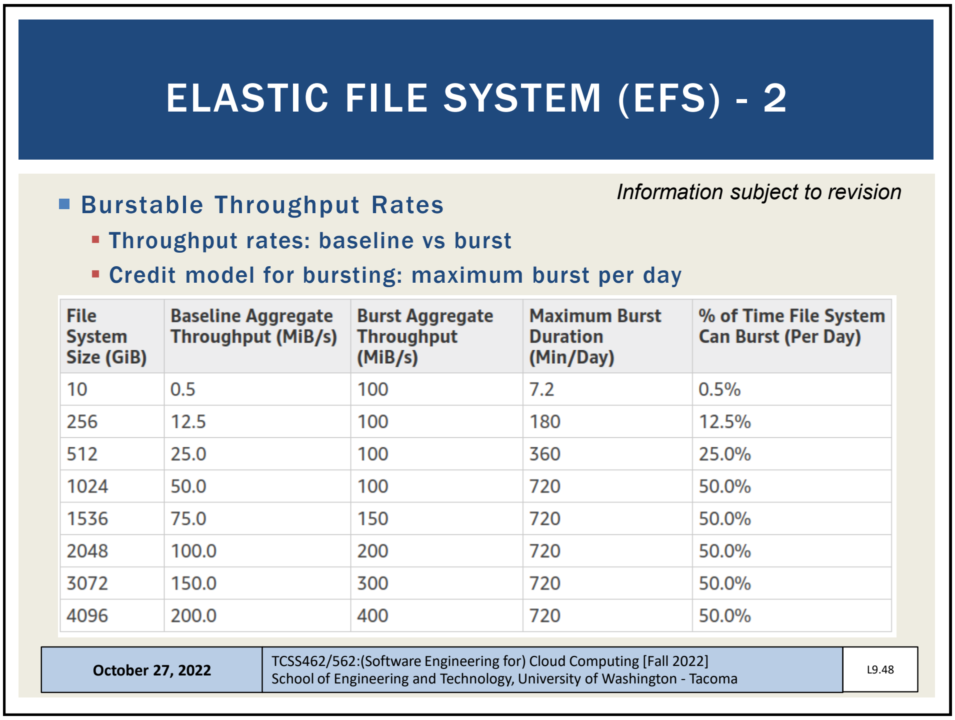

ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (EFS) - 2

Information subject to revision

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

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

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- **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

ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (EFS) - 4

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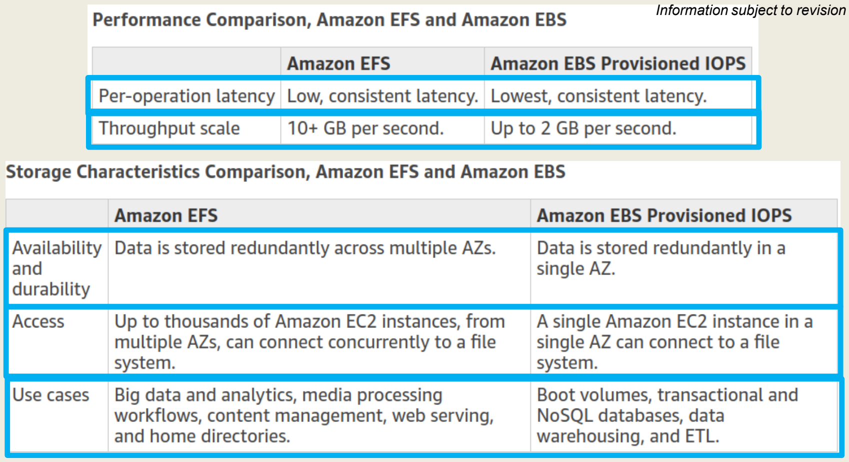
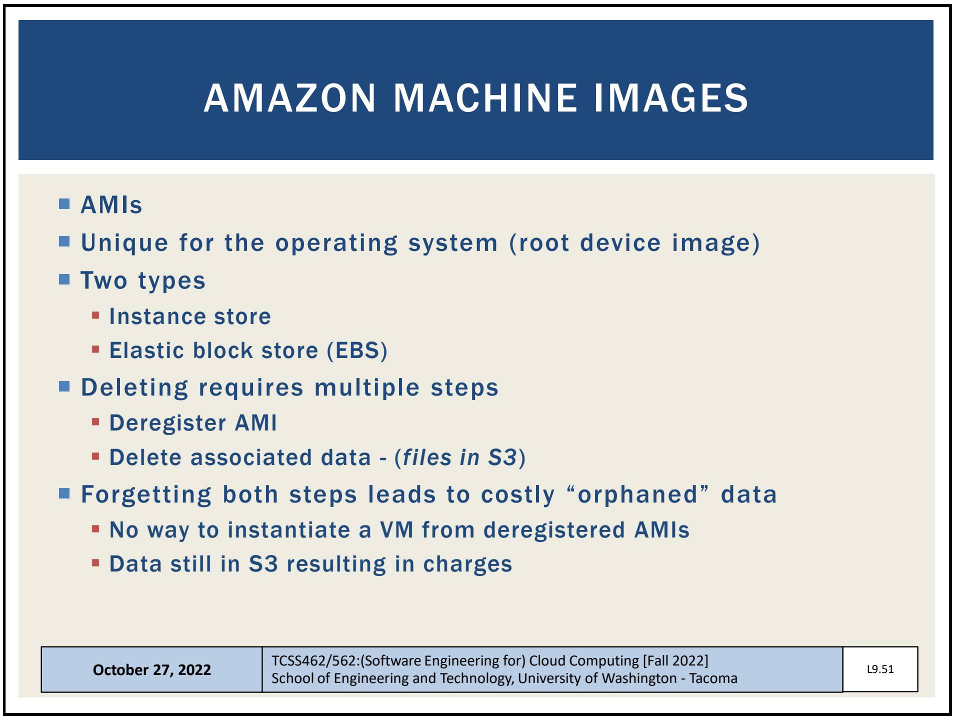


Performance Comparison, Amazon EFS and Amazon EBS

	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.

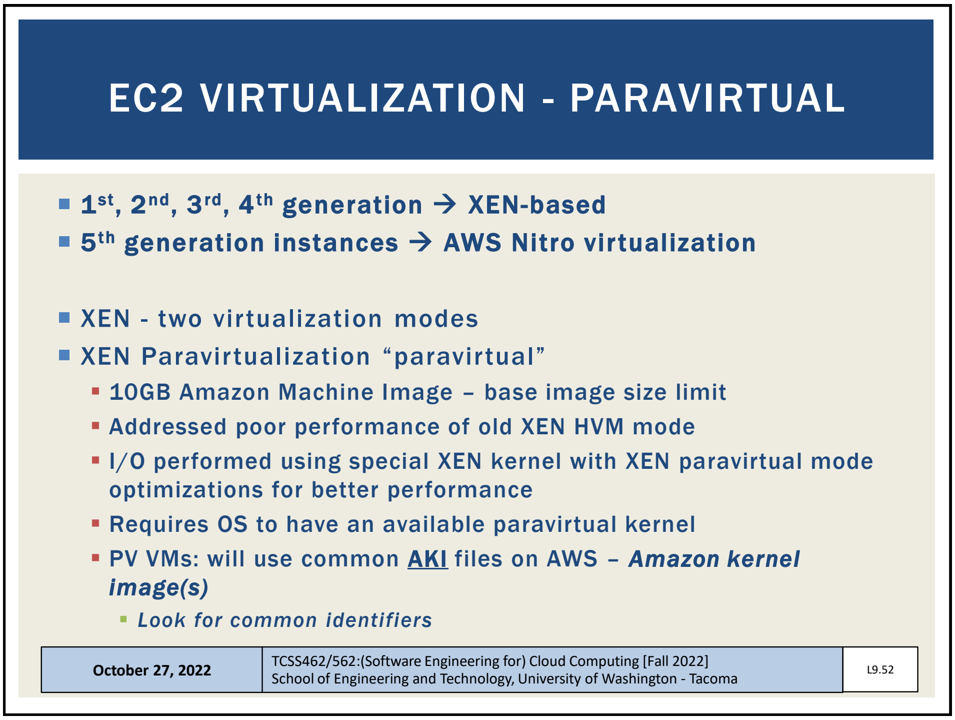
Storage Characteristics Comparison, Amazon EFS and Amazon EBS

	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.



AMAZON MACHINE IMAGES

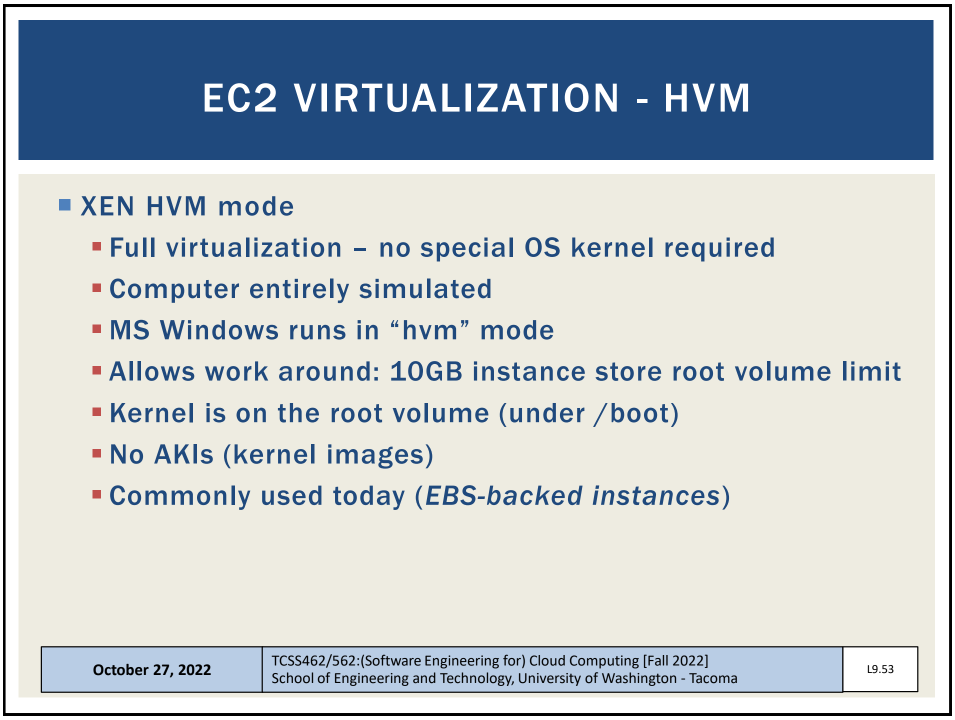
- AMIs
- Unique for the operating system (root device image)
- Two types
  - Instance store
  - Elastic block store (EBS)
- Deleting requires multiple steps
  - Deregister AMI
  - Delete associated data - (*files in S3*)
- Forgetting both steps leads to costly "orphaned" data
  - No way to instantiate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



EC2 VIRTUALIZATION - PARAVIRTUAL

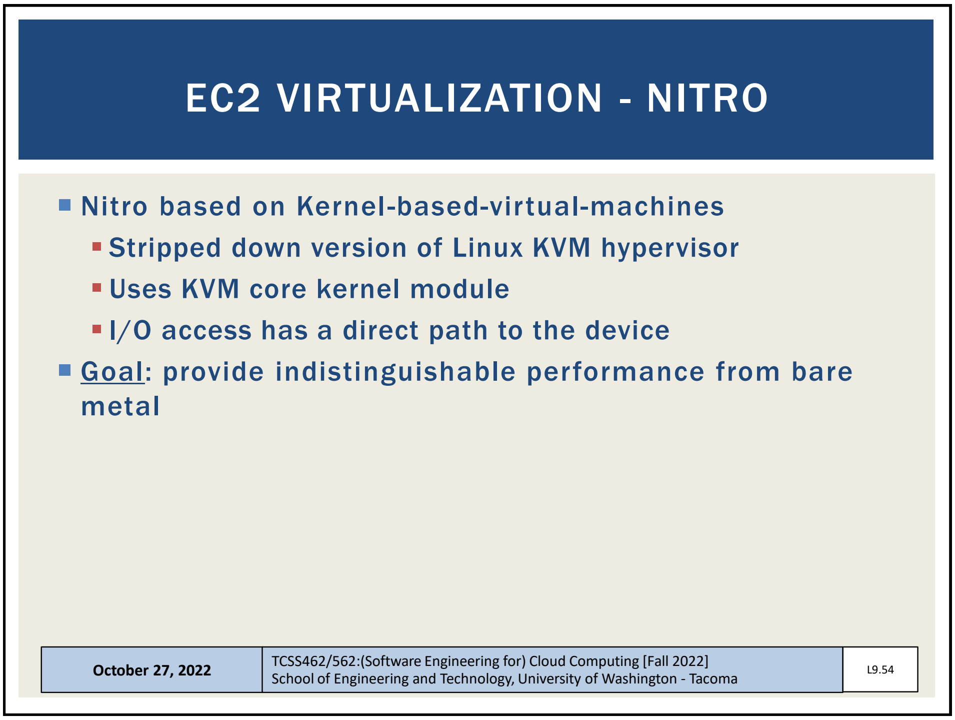
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th generation → XEN-based**
- **5th generation instances → AWS Nitro virtualization**

- XEN - two virtualization modes
- XEN Paravirtualization "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: will use common **AKI** files on AWS – ***Amazon kernel image(s)***
    - *Look for common identifiers*



EC2 VIRTUALIZATION - HVM

- XEN HVM mode
  - Full virtualization – no special OS kernel required
  - Computer entirely simulated
  - MS Windows runs 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*)

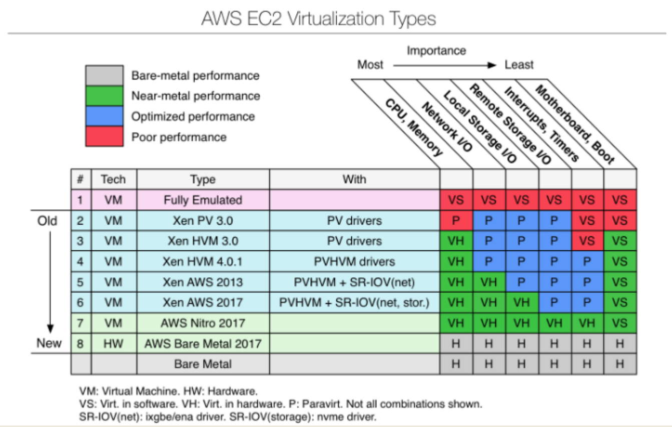


EC2 VIRTUALIZATION - NITRO

- 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

EVOLUTION OF AWS VIRTUALIZATION

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



AWS EC2 Virtualization Types

▨ Bare-metal performance
🟩 Near-metal performance
🟦 Optimized performance
🟥 Poor performance

Importance: Most → Least

	#	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
Old	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	VS	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
New	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): ixgbe/ena driver. SR-IOV(storage): nvme driver.

INSTANCE ACTIONS

- Stop
  - Costs of "pausing" an instance
- Terminate
- Reboot

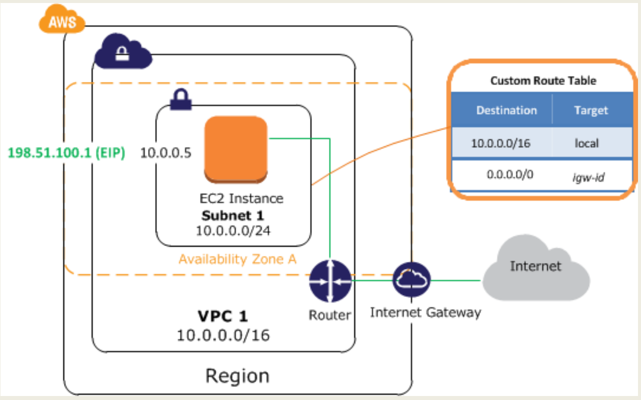
- Image management
- Creating an image
  - EBS (snapshot)
- Bundle image
  - Instance-store

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

SIMPLE VPC

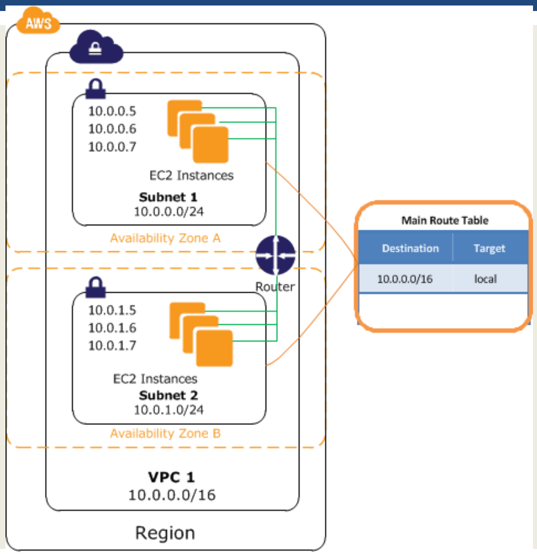
- Recommended when using Amazon EC2



Custom Route Table

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

VPC SPANNING AVAILABILITY ZONES



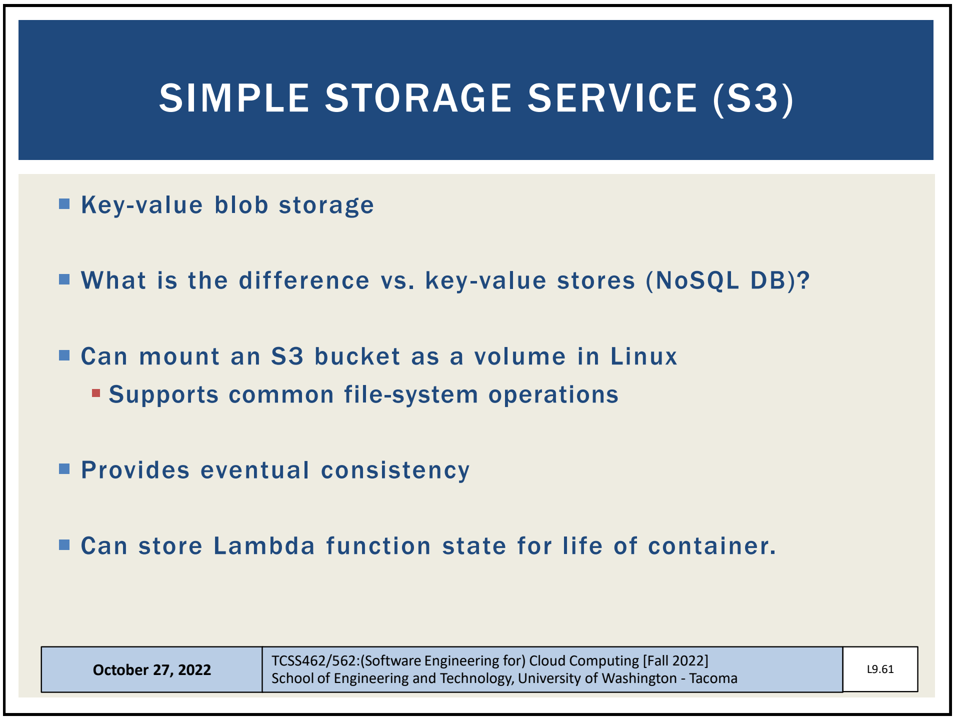
INSPECTING INSTANCE INFORMATION

- EC2 VMs run a local metadata service
- Can query instance metadata to self discover cloud configuration attributes

- Find your instance ID:

```
curl http://169.254.169.254/
curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/
curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/
curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/instance-id
; echo
```

- `ec2-get-info` command
- Python API that provides easy/formatted access to metadata



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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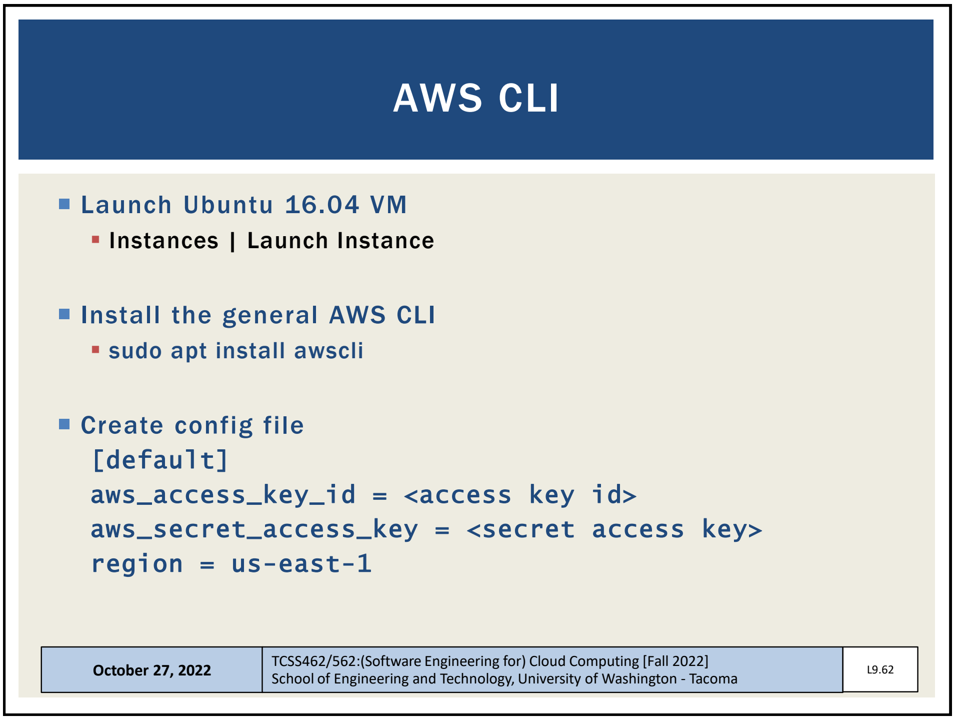

AWS CLI

- Launch Ubuntu 16.04 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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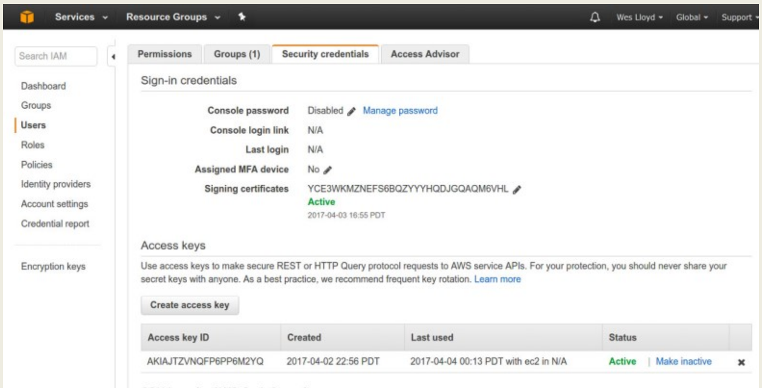
AWS CLI - 2

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



Sign-in credentials

Console password: Disabled
Console login link: N/A
Last login: N/A
Assigned MFA device: No
Signing certificates: YCE3WKMZNEFS6BQZYYYHQDJGQAQM6VHL
Active
2017-04-03 16:55 PDT

Access keys

Use access keys to make secure REST or HTTP Query protocol requests to AWS service APIs. For your protection, you should never share your secret keys with anyone. As a best practice, we recommend frequent key rotation. Learn more

Access key ID	Created	Last used	Status
AKIAJTZVNQFP6PP6M2YQ	2017-04-02 22:56 PDT	2017-04-04 00:13 PDT with ec2 in N/A	Active | Make inactive

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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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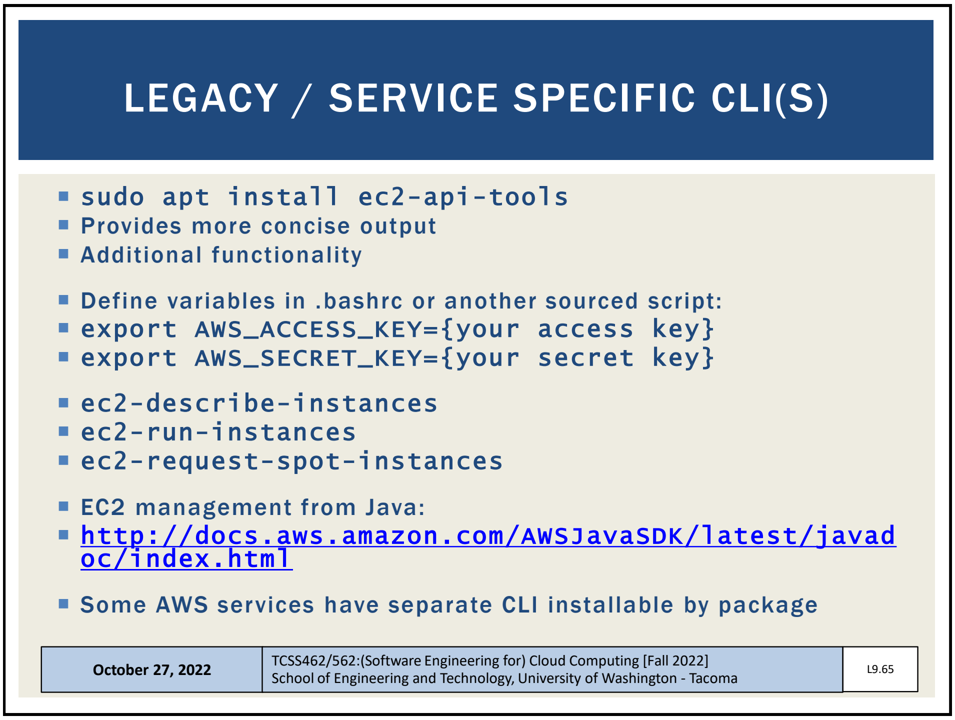

LEGACY / SERVICE SPECIFIC CLI(S)

- `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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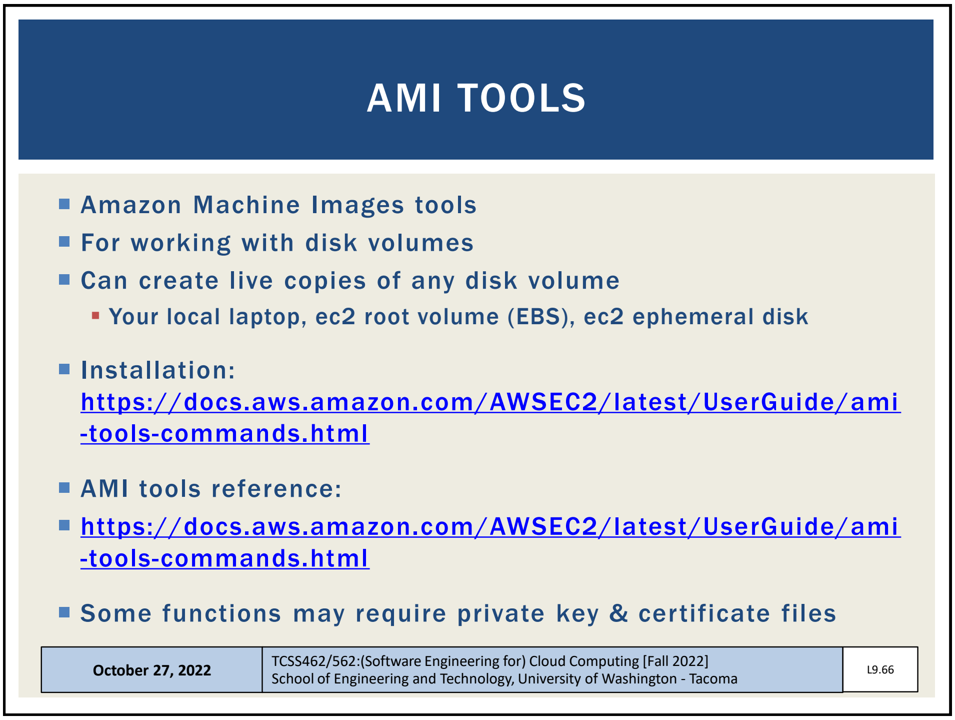

AMI TOOLS

- 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:
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- Some functions may require private key & certificate files

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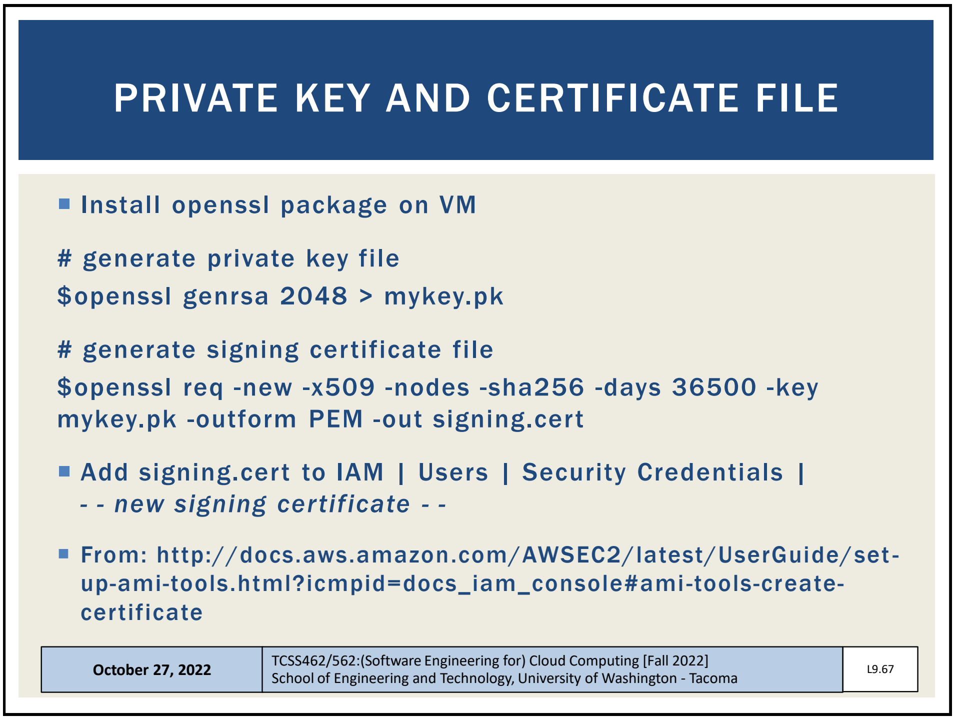

PRIVATE KEY AND CERTIFICATE FILE

- 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/set-up-ami-tools.html?icmpid=docs_iam_console#ami-tools-create-certificate

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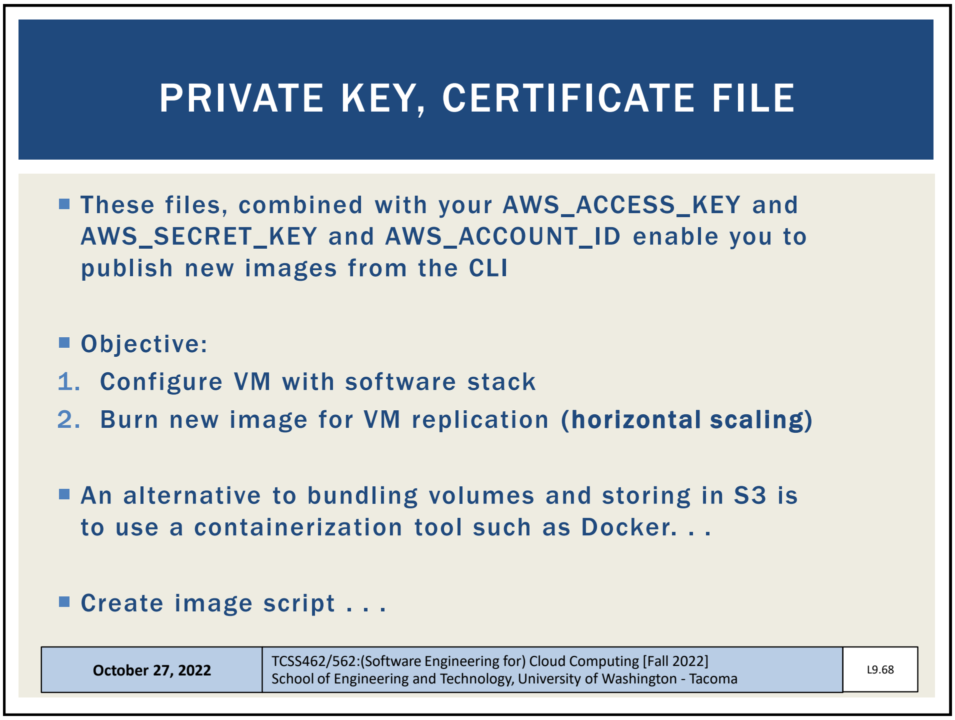

PRIVATE KEY, CERTIFICATE FILE

- 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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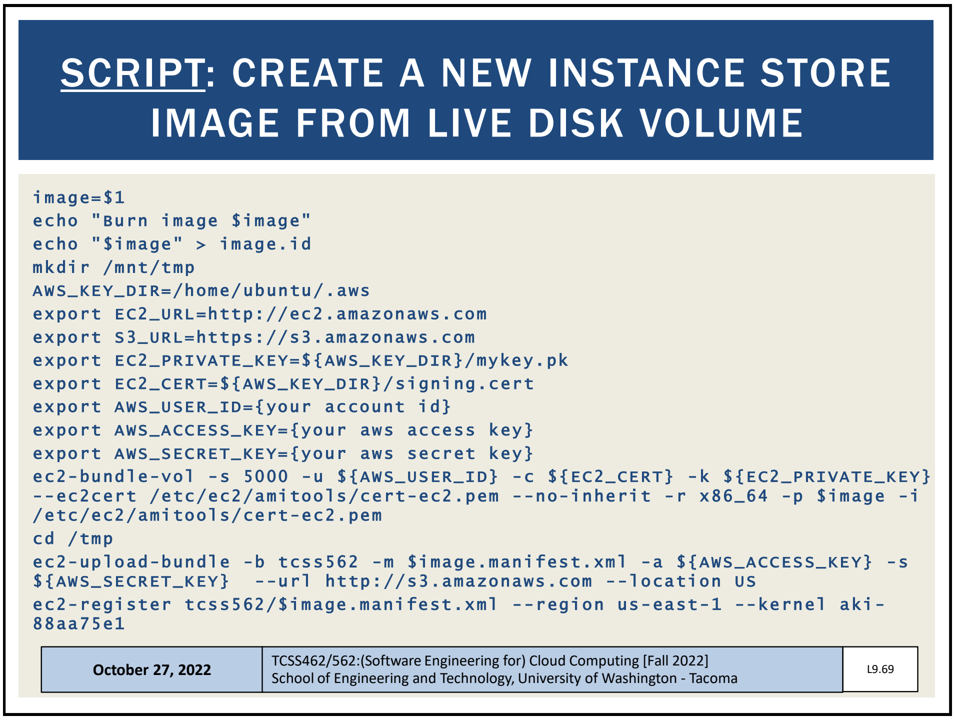

SCRIPT: CREATE A NEW INSTANCE STORE IMAGE FROM LIVE DISK VOLUME

```
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/amitools/cert-ec2.pem --no-inherit -r x86_64 -p $image -i
/etc/ec2/amitools/cert-ec2.pem
cd /tmp
ec2-upload-bundle -b tcss562 -m $image.manifest.xml -a ${AWS_ACCESS_KEY} -s
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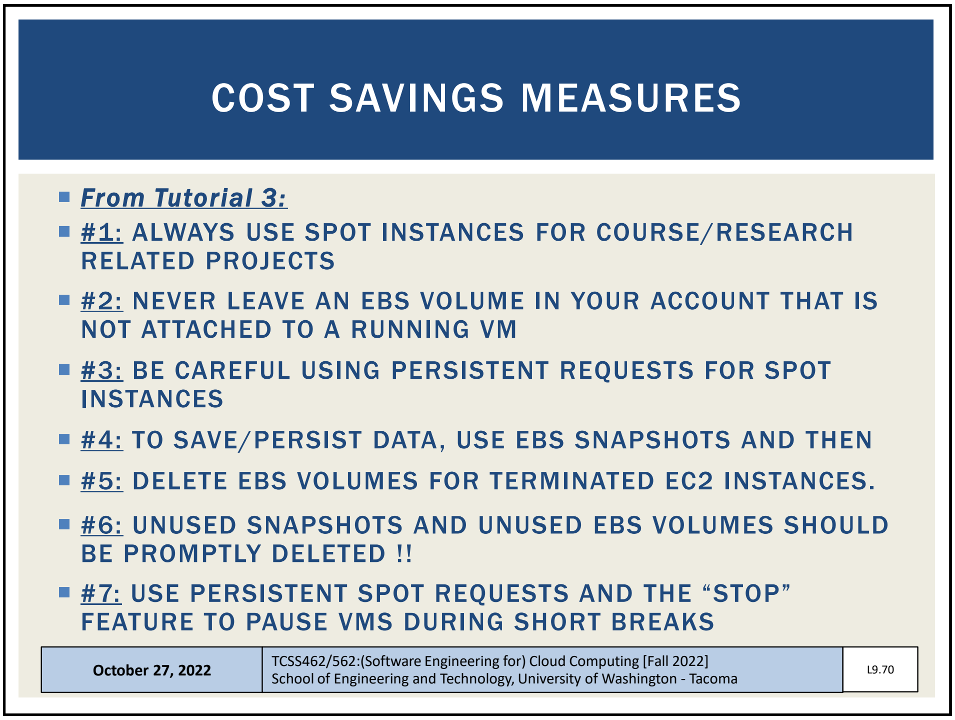

COST SAVINGS MEASURES

- ***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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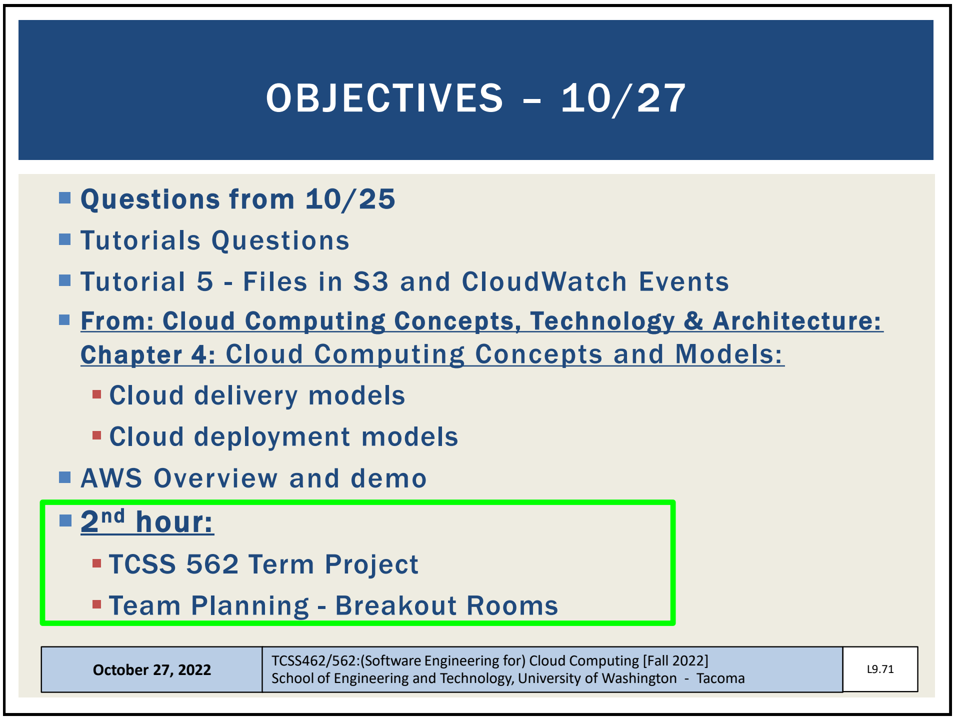

OBJECTIVES – 10/27

- **Questions from 10/25**
- Tutorials Questions
- Tutorial 5 - Files in S3 and CloudWatch Events
- **From: Cloud Computing Concepts, Technology & Architecture:**
  Chapter 4: Cloud Computing Concepts and Models:
  - Cloud delivery models
  - Cloud deployment models
- AWS Overview and demo
- **2nd hour:**
  - TCSS 562 Term Project
  - Team Planning - Breakout Rooms

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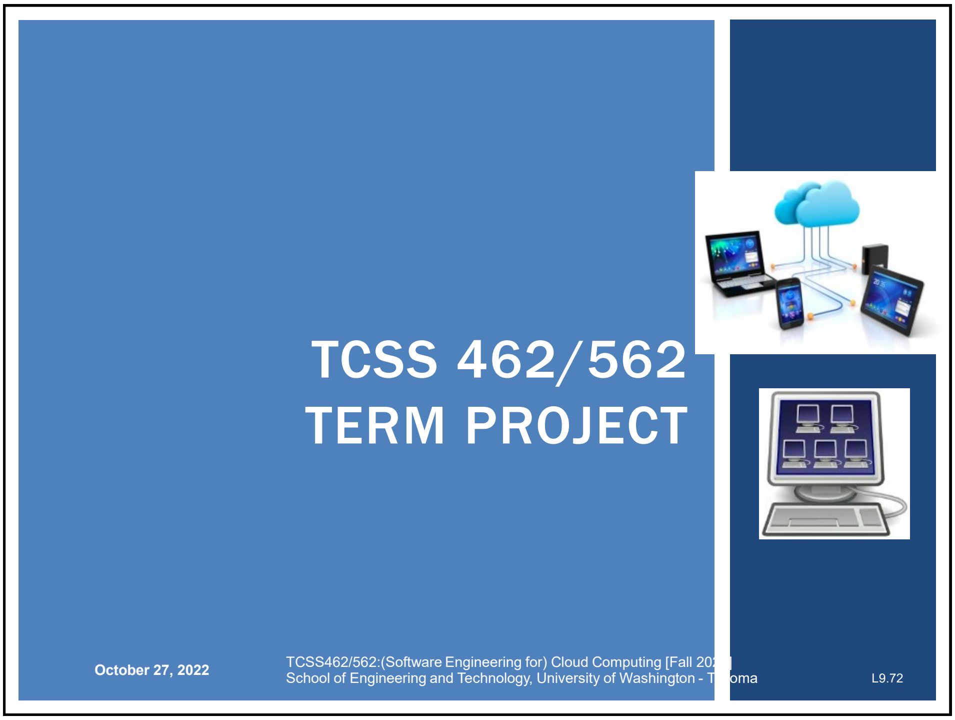

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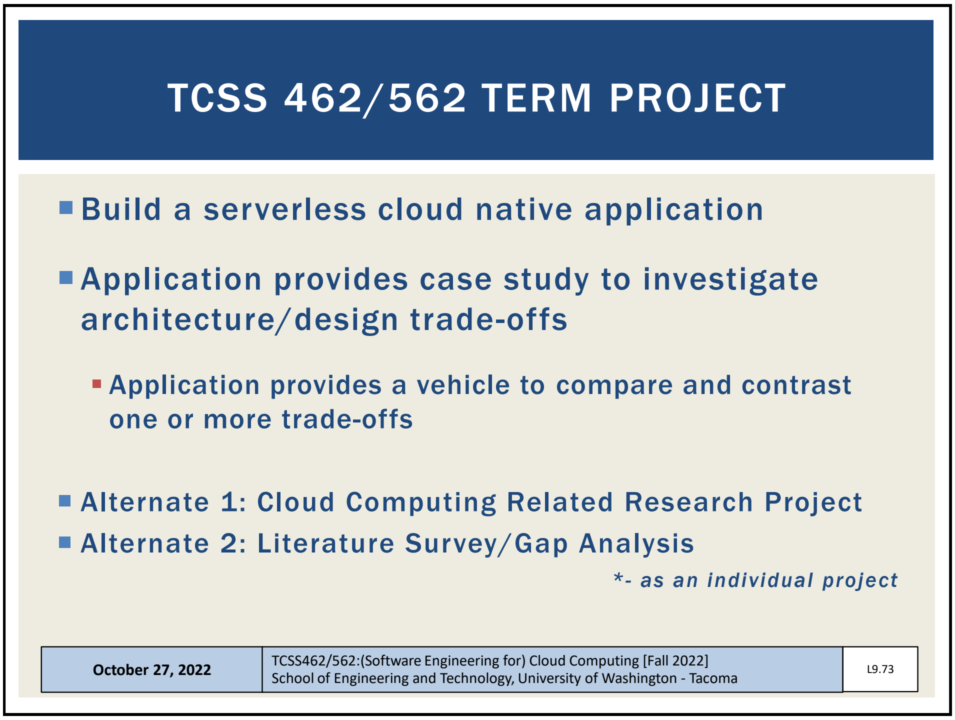

TCSS 462/562 TERM PROJECT

- Build a serverless cloud native application
- Application provides case study to investigate architecture/design trade-offs
  - Application provides a vehicle to compare and contrast one or more trade-offs
- Alternate 1: Cloud Computing Related Research Project
- Alternate 2: Literature Survey/Gap Analysis

**- as an individual project*

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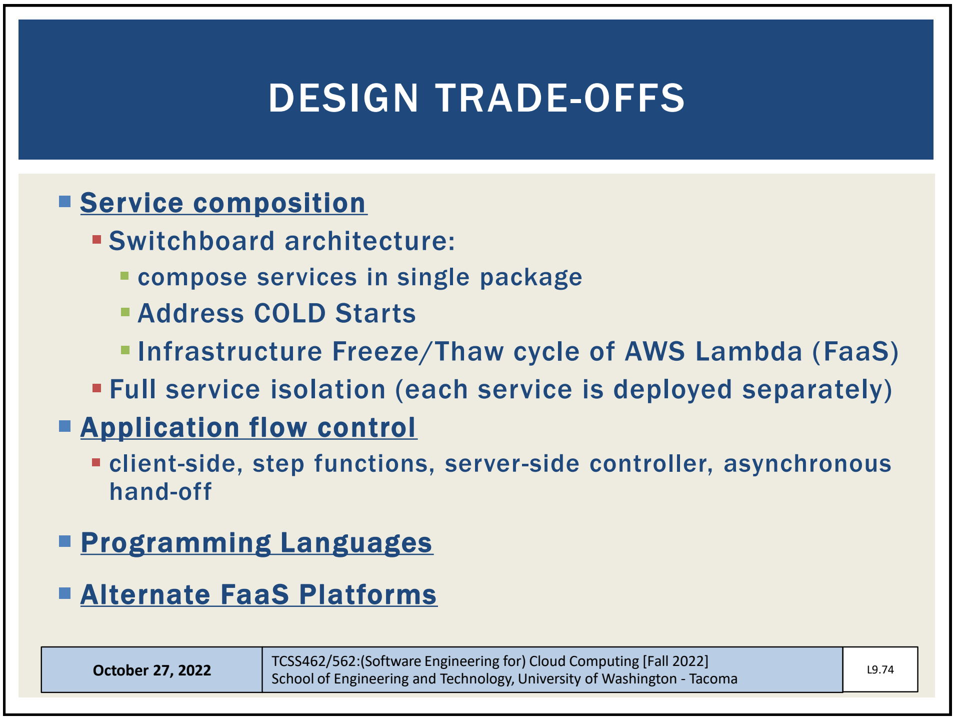

DESIGN TRADE-OFFS

- **Service composition**
  - Switchboard architecture:
    - compose services in single package
    - Address COLD Starts
    - Infrastructure Freeze/Thaw cycle of AWS Lambda (FaaS)
  - Full service isolation (each service is deployed separately)
- **Application flow control**
  - client-side, step functions, server-side controller, asynchronous hand-off
- **Programming Languages**
- **Alternate FaaS Platforms**

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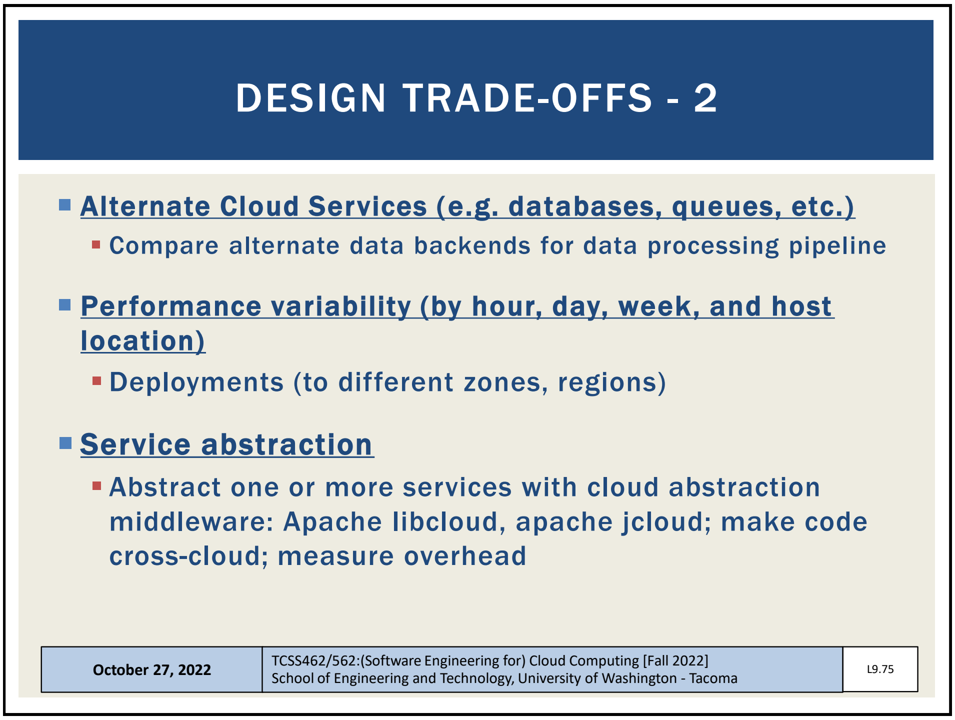
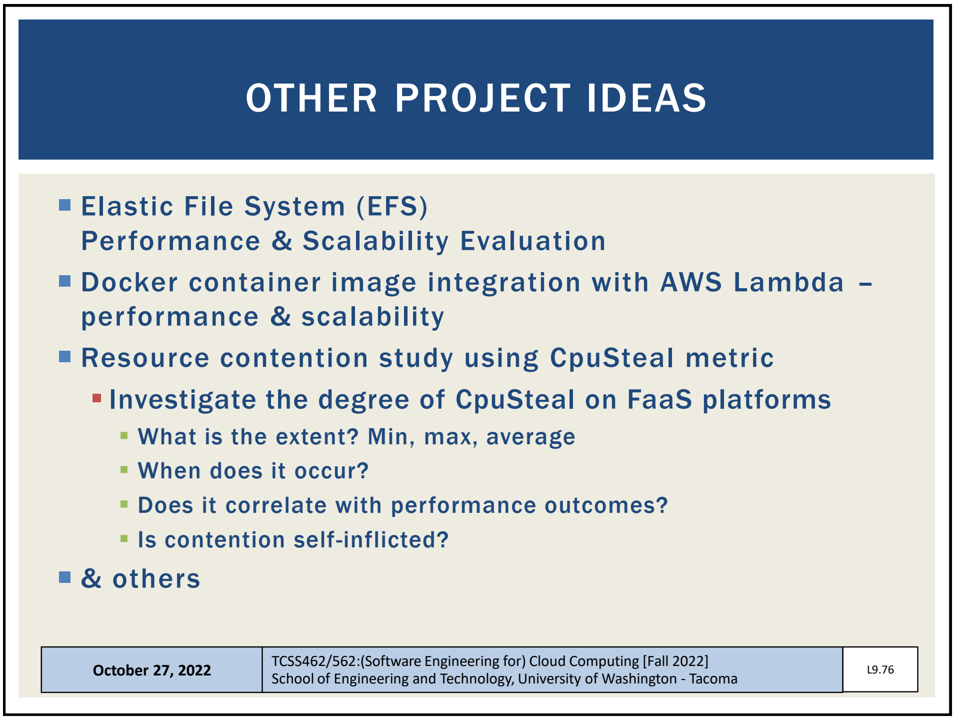


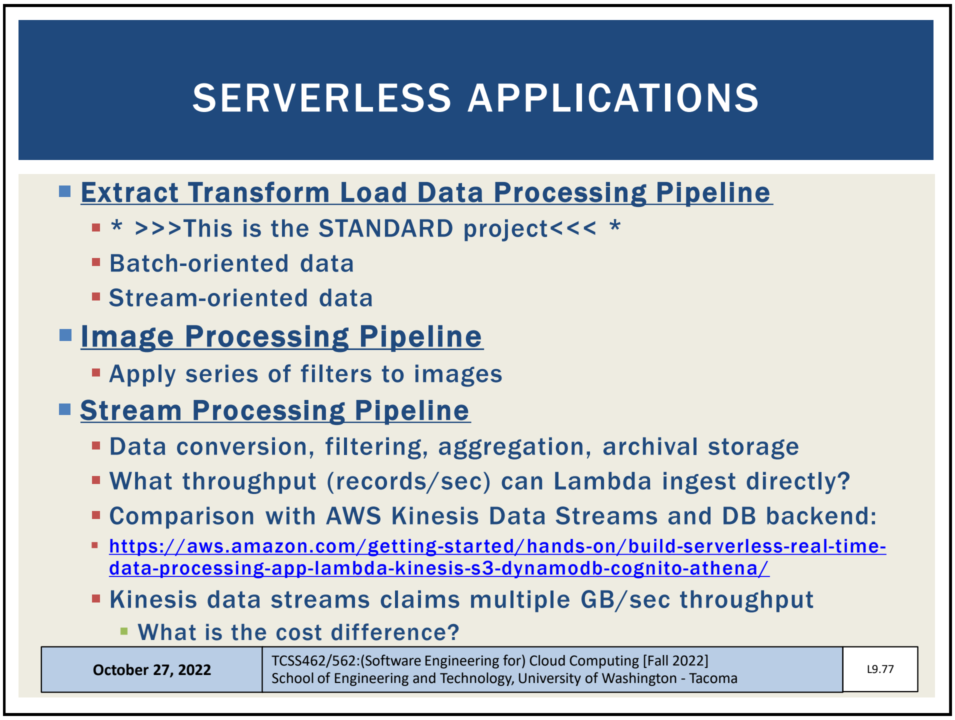
DESIGN TRADE-OFFS - 2

- **Alternate Cloud Services (e.g. databases, queues, etc.)**
  - Compare alternate data backends for data processing pipeline
- **Performance variability (by hour, day, week, and host location)**
  - Deployments (to different zones, regions)
- **Service abstraction**
  - Abstract one or more services with cloud abstraction middleware: Apache libcloud, apache jcloud; make code cross-cloud; measure overhead



OTHER PROJECT IDEAS

- Elastic File System (EFS)
  Performance & Scalability Evaluation
- Docker container image integration with AWS Lambda – performance & scalability
- Resource contention study using CpuSteal metric
  - Investigate the degree of CpuSteal on FaaS platforms
    - What is the extent? Min, max, average
    - When does it occur?
    - Does it correlate with performance outcomes?
    - Is contention self-inflicted?
- & others



SERVERLESS APPLICATIONS

- **Extract Transform Load Data Processing Pipeline**
  - * >>>This is the STANDARD project<<< *
  - Batch-oriented data
  - Stream-oriented data
- **Image Processing Pipeline**
  - Apply series of filters to images
- **Stream Processing Pipeline**
  - Data conversion, filtering, aggregation, archival storage
  - What throughput (records/sec) can Lambda ingest directly?
  - Comparison with AWS Kinesis Data Streams and DB backend:
  - https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/hands-on/build-serverless-real-time-data-processing-app-lambda-kinesis-s3-dynamodb-cognito-athena/
  - Kinesis data streams claims multiple GB/sec throughput
    - What is the cost difference?

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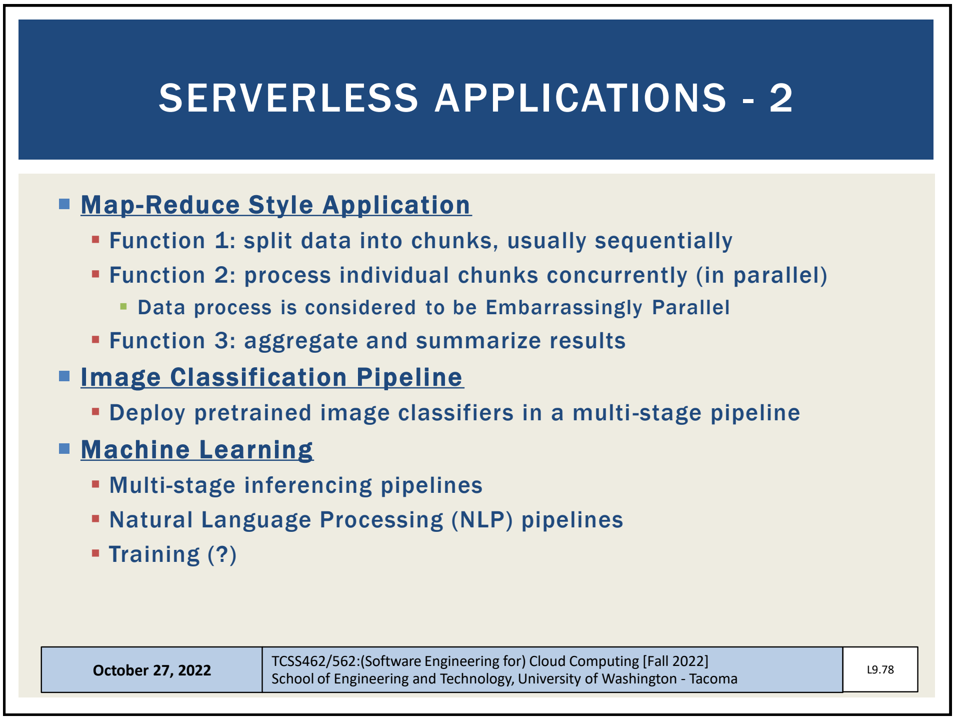

SERVERLESS APPLICATIONS - 2

- **Map-Reduce Style Application**
  - Function 1: split data into chunks, usually sequentially
  - Function 2: process individual chunks concurrently (in parallel)
    - Data process is considered to be Embarrassingly Parallel
  - Function 3: aggregate and summarize results
- **Image Classification Pipeline**
  - Deploy pretrained image classifiers in a multi-stage pipeline
- **Machine Learning**
  - Multi-stage inferencing pipelines
  - Natural Language Processing (NLP) pipelines
  - Training (?)

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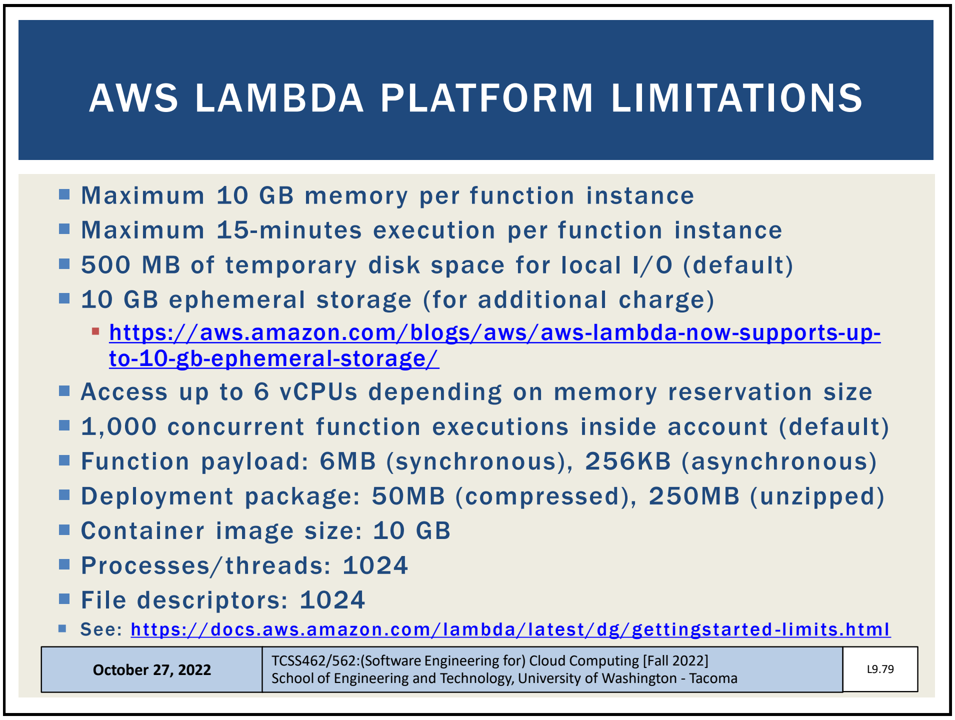
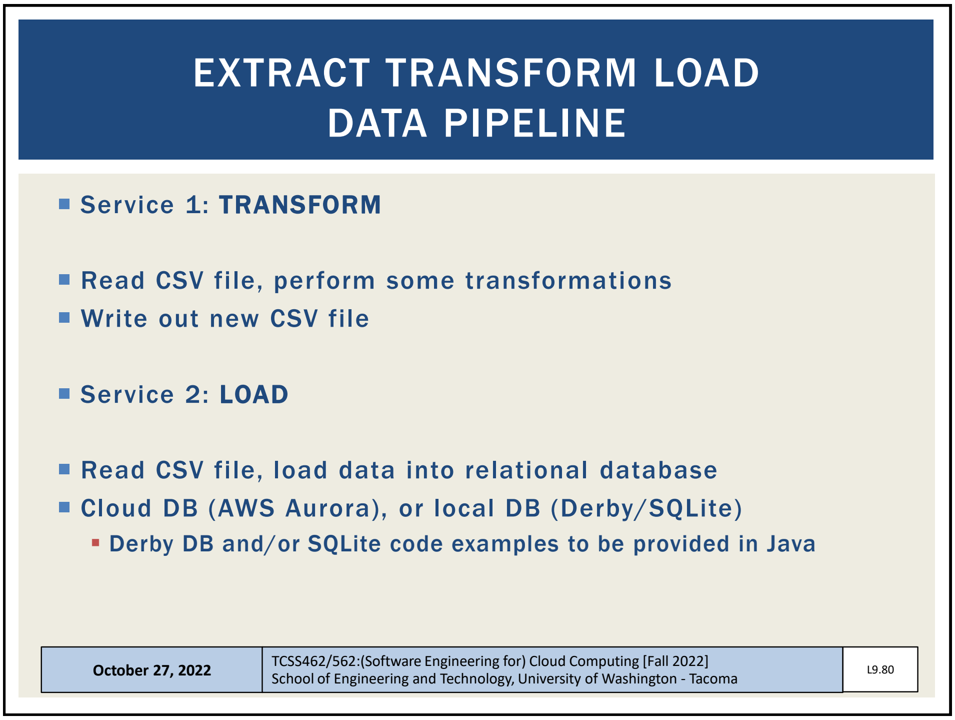


AWS LAMBDA PLATFORM LIMITATIONS

- Maximum 10 GB memory per function instance
- Maximum 15-minutes execution per function instance
- 500 MB of temporary disk space for local I/O (default)
- 10 GB ephemeral storage (for additional charge)
  - https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/aws-lambda-now-supports-up-to-10-gb-ephemeral-storage/
- Access up to 6 vCPUs depending on memory reservation size
- 1,000 concurrent function executions inside account (default)
- Function payload: 6MB (synchronous), 256KB (asynchronous)
- Deployment package: 50MB (compressed), 250MB (unzipped)
- Container image size: 10 GB
- Processes/threads: 1024
- File descriptors: 1024
- See: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/gettingstarted-limits.html



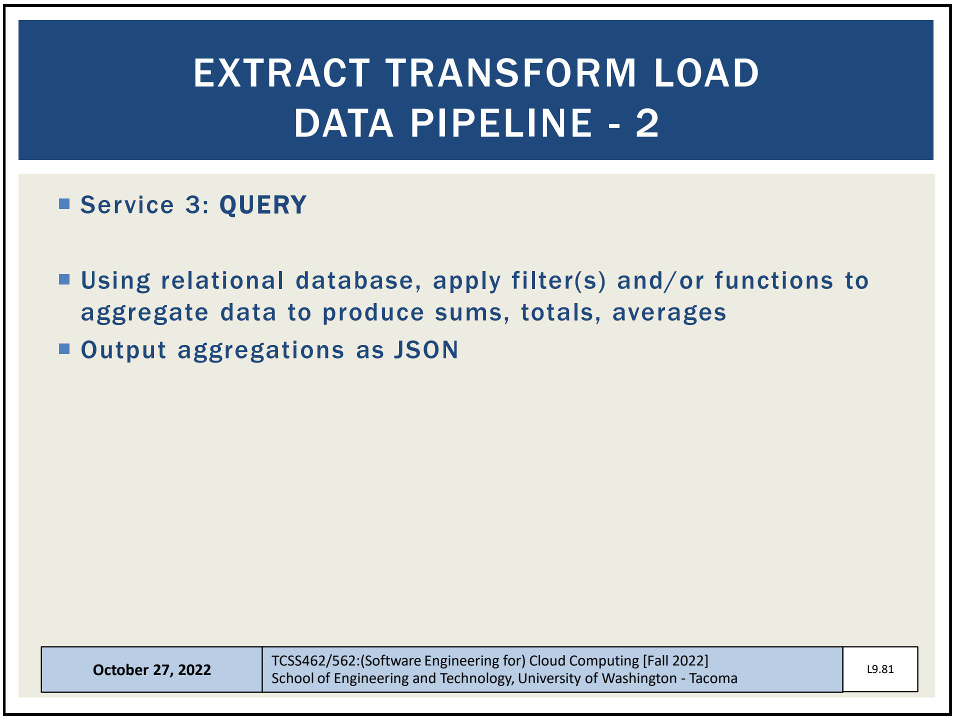
EXTRACT TRANSFORM LOAD DATA PIPELINE

- Service 1: **TRANSFORM**

- Read CSV file, perform some transformations
- Write out new CSV file

- Service 2: **LOAD**

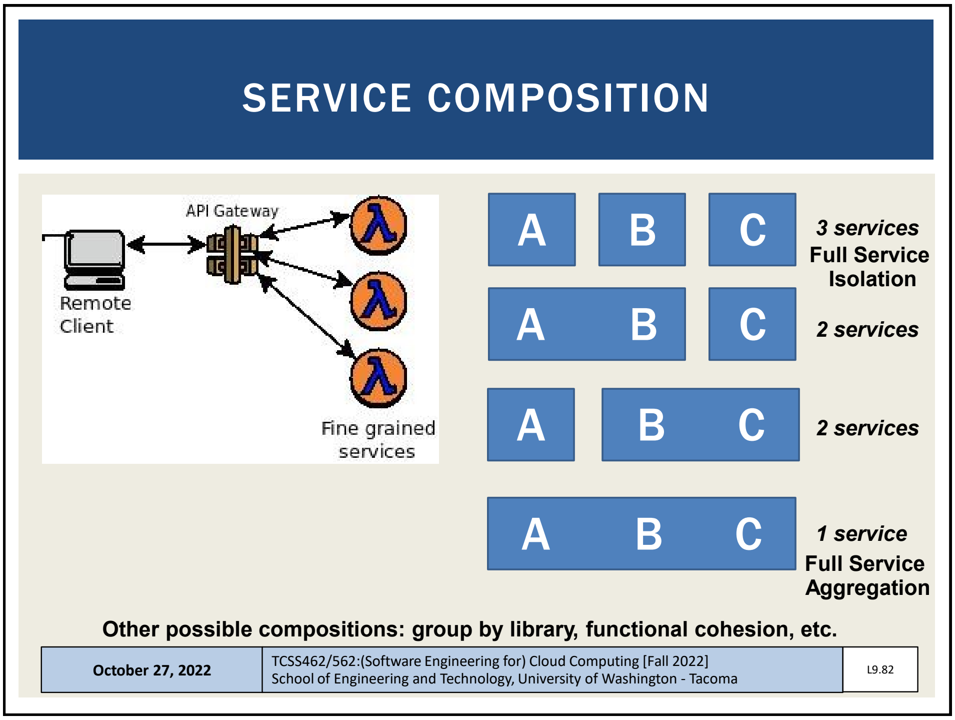
- Read CSV file, load data into relational database
- Cloud DB (AWS Aurora), or local DB (Derby/SQLite)
  - Derby DB and/or SQLite code examples to be provided in Java



EXTRACT TRANSFORM LOAD DATA PIPELINE - 2

- Service 3: **QUERY**

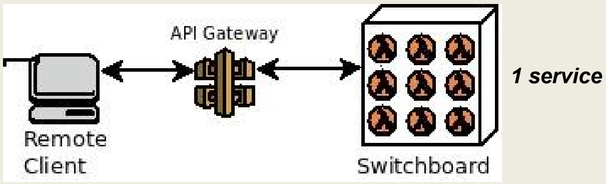
- Using relational database, apply filter(s) and/or functions to aggregate data to produce sums, totals, averages
- Output aggregations as JSON



SERVICE COMPOSITION

Other possible compositions: group by library, functional cohesion, etc.

SWITCH-BOARD ARCHITECTURE



Single deployment package with consolidated codebase (Java: one JAR file)

Entry method contains “switchboard” logic
Case statement that route calls to proper service

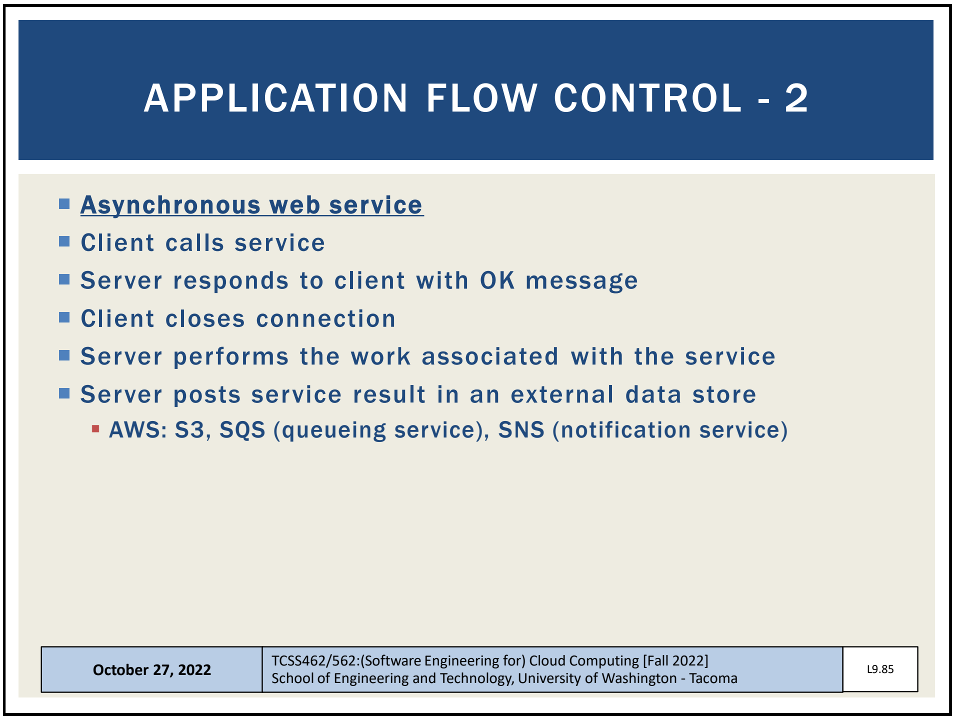
Routing is based on data payload
Check if specific parameters exist, route call accordingly

Goal: reduce # of COLD starts to improve performance

APPLICATION FLOW CONTROL

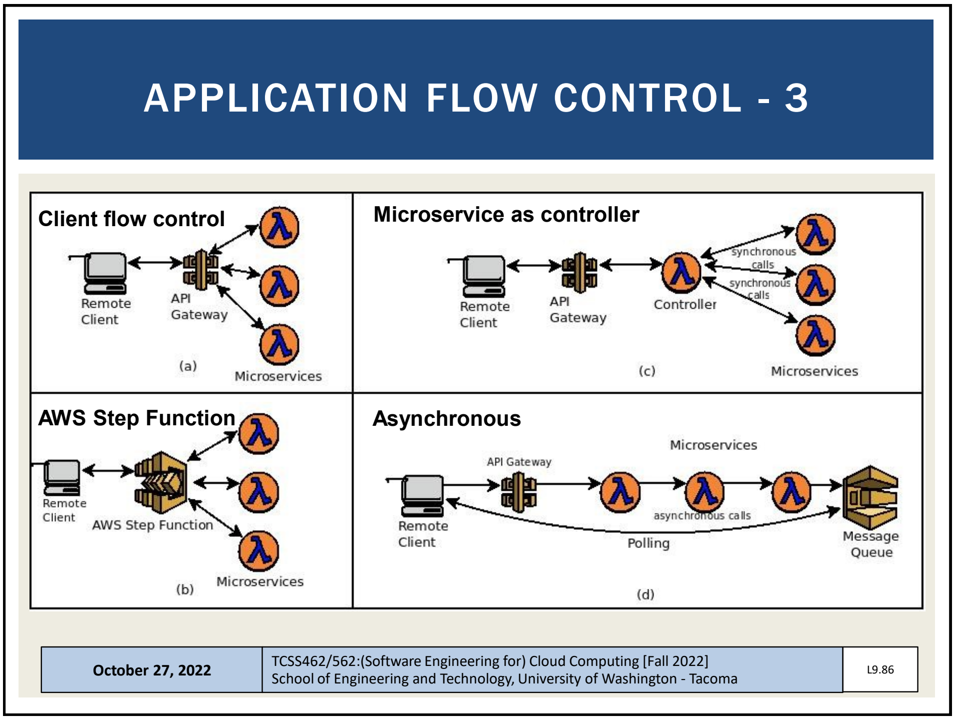
- **Serverless Computing:**
- AWS Lambda (FAAS: Function-as-a-Service)
- Provides HTTP/REST like web services
- Client/Server paradigm

- **Synchronous web service:**
- Client calls service
- Client blocks (freezes) and waits for server to complete call
- Connection is maintained in the “OPEN” state
- Problematic if service runtime is long!
  - Connections are notoriously dropped
  - System timeouts reached
- Client can’t do anything while waiting unless using threads



APPLICATION FLOW CONTROL - 2

- **Asynchronous web service**
- Client calls service
- Server responds to client with OK message
- Client closes connection
- Server performs the work associated with the service
- Server posts service result in an external data store
  - AWS: S3, SQS (queueing service), SNS (notification service)



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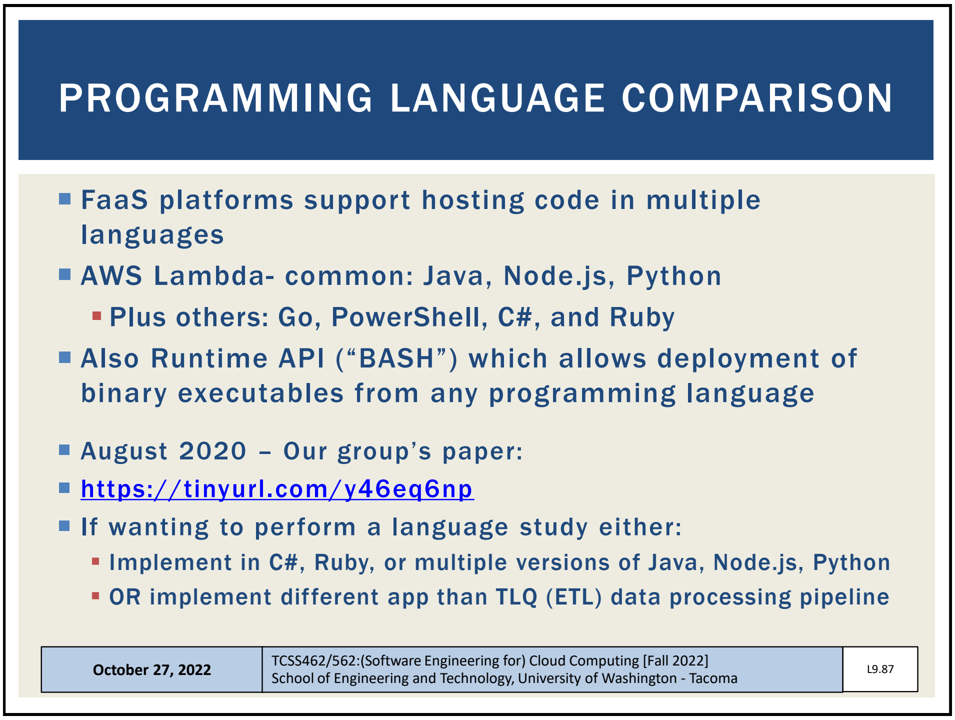
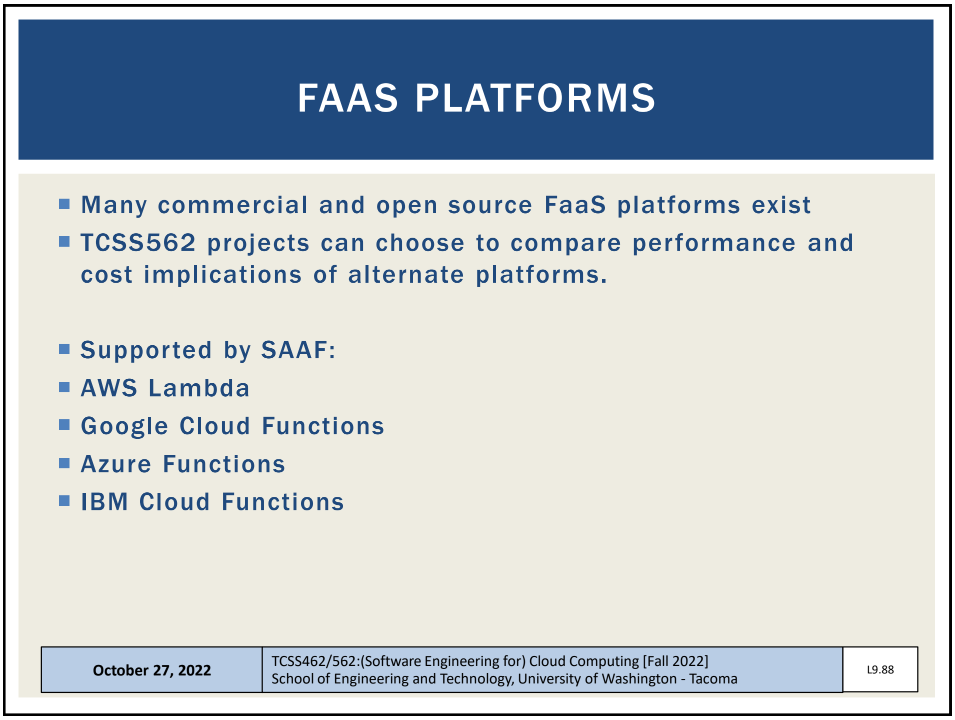


PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE COMPARISON

- FaaS platforms support hosting code in multiple languages
- AWS Lambda- common: Java, Node.js, Python
  - Plus others: Go, PowerShell, C#, and Ruby
- Also Runtime API ("BASH") which allows deployment of binary executables from any programming language

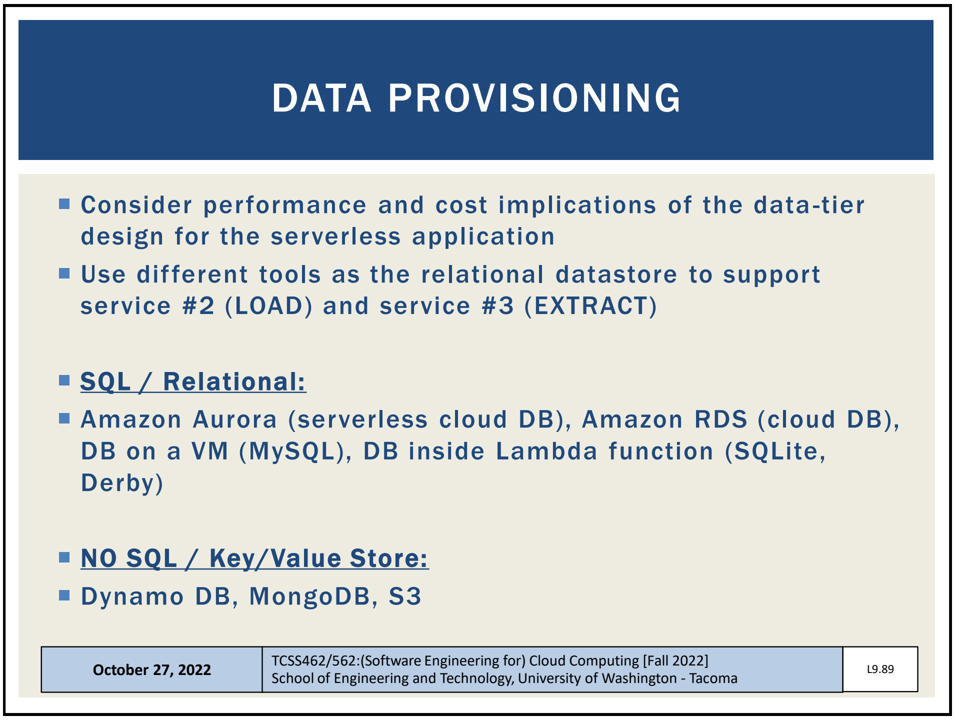
- August 2020 – Our group's paper:
- https://tinyurl.com/y46eq6np
- If wanting to perform a language study either:
  - Implement in C#, Ruby, or multiple versions of Java, Node.js, Python
  - OR implement different app than TLQ (ETL) data processing pipeline



FAAS PLATFORMS

- Many commercial and open source FaaS platforms exist
- TCSS562 projects can choose to compare performance and cost implications of alternate platforms.

- Supported by SAAF:
- AWS Lambda
- Google Cloud Functions
- Azure Functions
- IBM Cloud Functions



DATA PROVISIONING

- Consider performance and cost implications of the data-tier design for the serverless application
- Use different tools as the relational datastore to support service #2 (LOAD) and service #3 (EXTRACT)

- **SQL / Relational:**
- Amazon Aurora (serverless cloud DB), Amazon RDS (cloud DB), DB on a VM (MySQL), DB inside Lambda function (SQLite, Derby)

- **NO SQL / Key/Value Store:**
- Dynamo DB, MongoDB, S3

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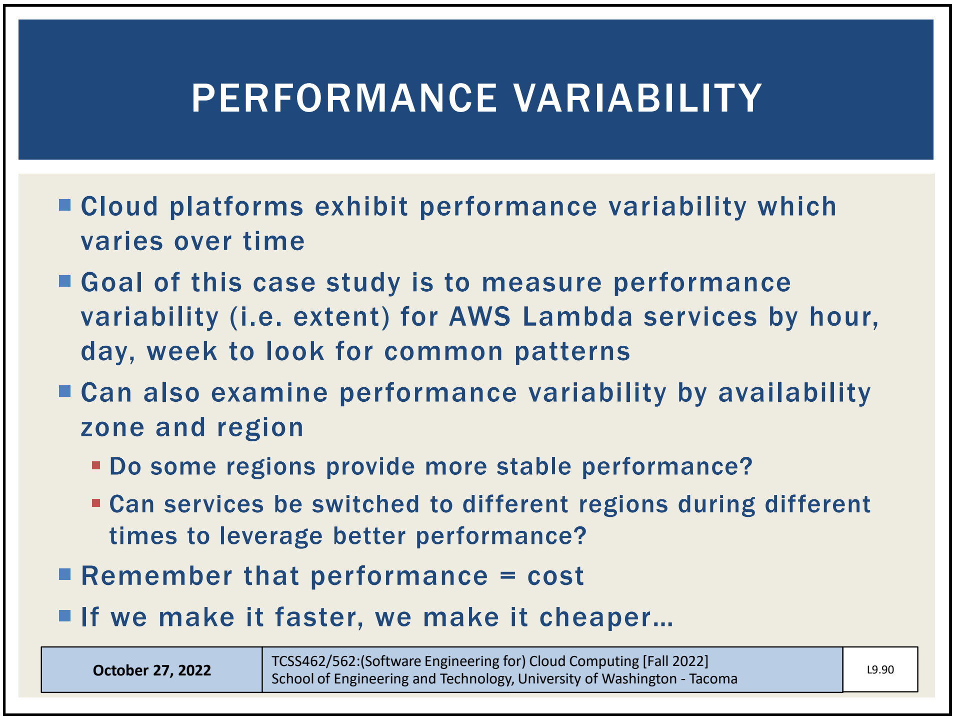

PERFORMANCE VARIABILITY

- Cloud platforms exhibit performance variability which varies over time
- Goal of this case study is to measure performance variability (i.e. extent) for AWS Lambda services by hour, day, week to look for common patterns
- Can also examine performance variability by availability zone and region
  - Do some regions provide more stable performance?
  - Can services be switched to different regions during different times to leverage better performance?
- Remember that performance = cost
- If we make it faster, we make it cheaper…

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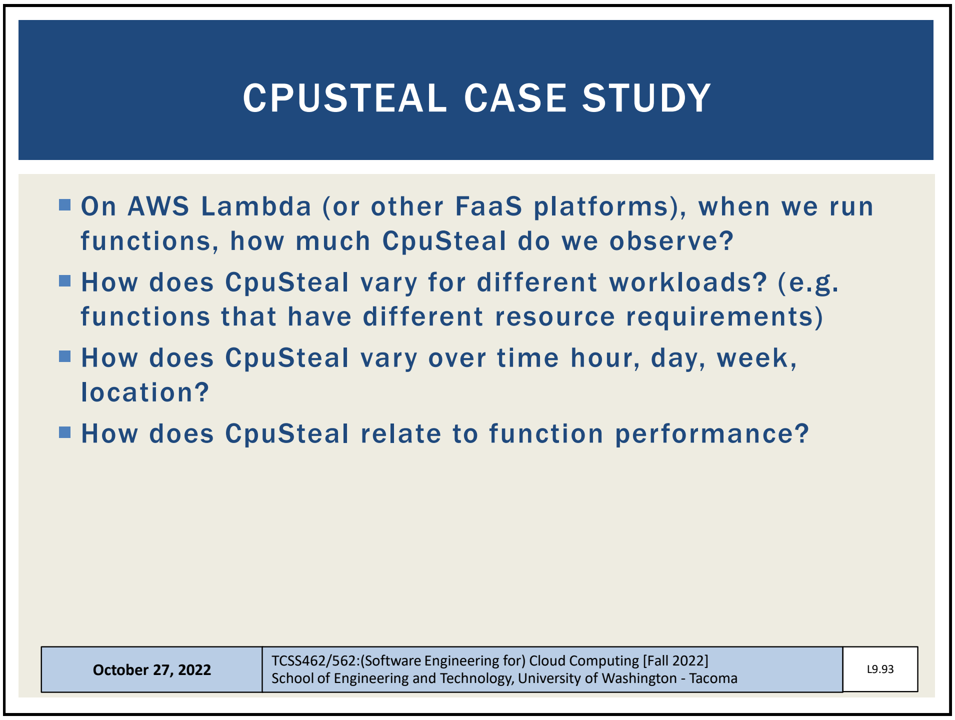
ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (AWS EFS)

- Traditionally AWS Lambda functions have been limited to 500MB of storage space
- Recently the Elastic File System (EFS) has been extended to support AWS Lambda
- The Elastic File System supports the creation of a shared volume like a shared disk (or folder)
  - EFS is similar to NFS (network file share)
  - Multiple AWS Lambda functions and/or EC2 VMs can mount and share the same EFS volume
  - Provides a shared R/W disk
  - Breaks the 500MB capacity barrier on AWS Lambda
- ***Downside: EFS is expensive: ~30 ¢/GB/month***
- **Project**: EFS performance & scalability evaluation on Lambda

CPUSTEAL

- *CpuSteal*: Metric that measures when a CPU core is ready to execute but the physical CPU core is busy and unavailable
- Symptom of over provisioning physical servers in the cloud
- Factors which cause *CpuSteal*:
  1. Physical CPU is shared by too many busy VMs
  2. Hypervisor kernel is using the CPU
     - On AWS Lambda this would be the Firecracker MicroVM which is derived from the KVM hypervisor
  3. VM's CPU time share <100% for 1 or more cores, and 100% is needed for a CPU intensive workload.
- Man procfs – press "/" – type "proc/stat"
  - CpuSteal is the 8th column returned
  - Metric can be read using SAAF in tutorial #4



CPUSTEAL CASE STUDY

- On AWS Lambda (or other FaaS platforms), when we run functions, how much CpuSteal do we observe?
- How does CpuSteal vary for different workloads? (e.g. functions that have different resource requirements)
- How does CpuSteal vary over time hour, day, week, location?
- How does CpuSteal relate to function performance?

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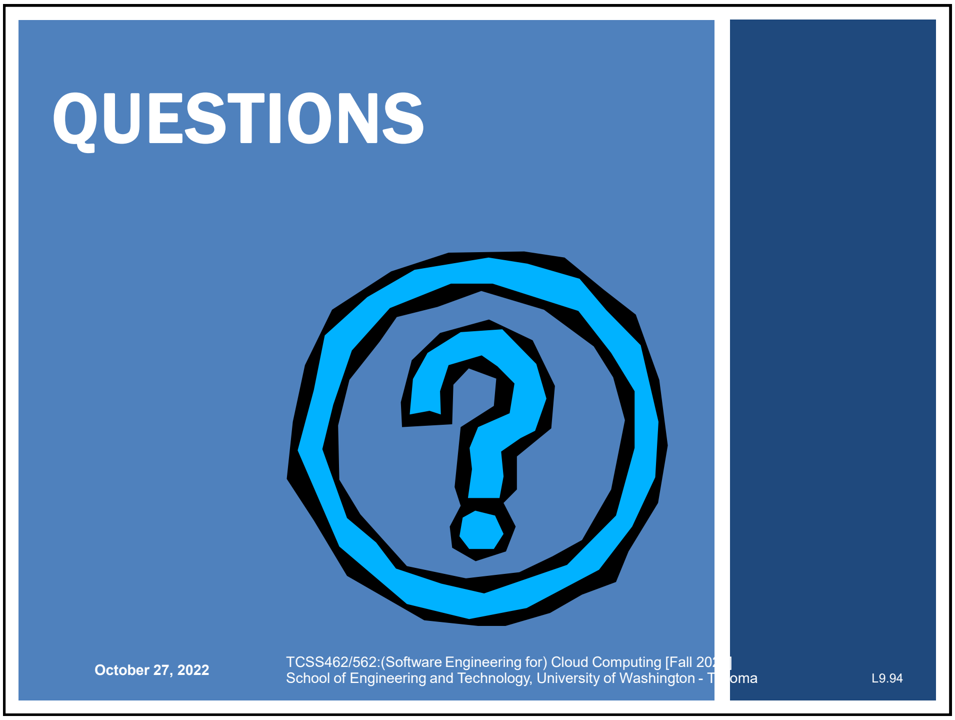

QUESTIONS

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