



AWS State, Local, and Education Learning Days

Building and Governing your Cloud Environment

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Why do we need a **Strong cloud governance**



How do we prepare our environment for a migration, a new project, or organization transitions?



How do we enable the right controls to adhere to our standards and/or regulatory requirements?



What can we do to drive efficiency and optimization for builders?

What we will cover today

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Overview of cloud governance

02

The Customer Journey

03

Cloud governance and Management best practices

Controls. Identity. Security. Network. Observability.
Cloud Financial Management

04

Q&A

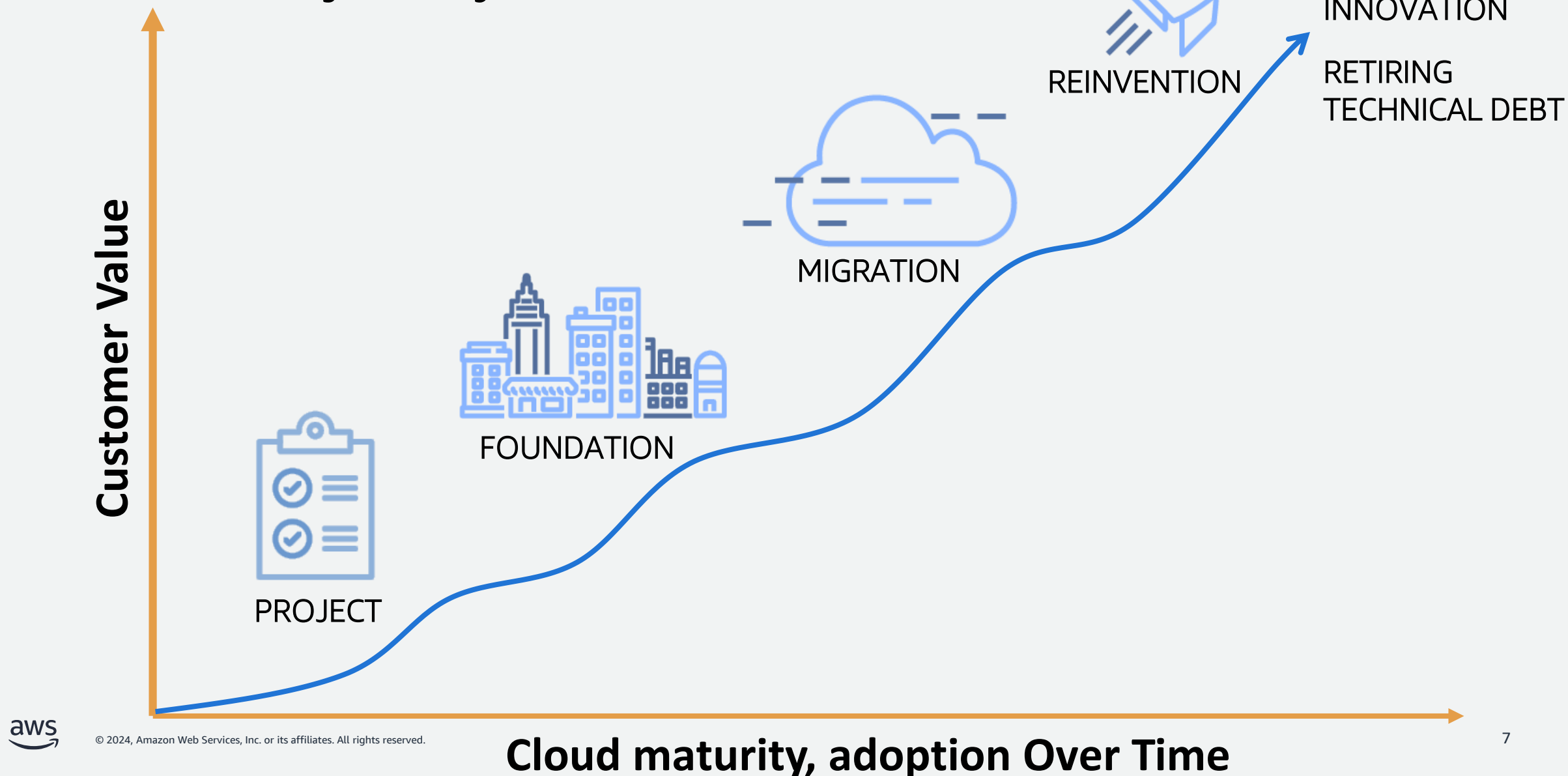
Overview of cloud governance



Cloud governance

is the set of rules, practices, and reports that help you align your cloud use to your business objectives

The customer journey



How to prepare a Cloud Ready Environment



Retire/Retain



Re-purchase



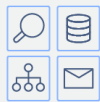
Re-platform
(Lift, Tinker & Shift)



Re-host
(Lift & Shift)



Re-factor/Re-architect
(Transform & Modernize)



Cloud Ready Environments

Migration Ready * Scale Ready * Optimized & Efficient



Interoperable Management & Governance Functions



Controls &
Guardrails



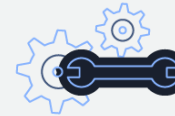
Network
Connectivity



Identity
Management



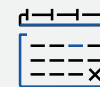
Security Operations



Service Mgmt
(ITSM)



Observability



Cloud Financial
Mgmt



Sourcing &
Distribution

AWS Well-Architected Pillars

Operational Excellence

Security

Reliability

Performance Efficiency

Cost Optimization

Cloud governance and management best practices



Best practice

01

Controls & Guardrails

Use accounts as
building blocks

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- Controls & Guardrails Best Practice | 01

Account limits

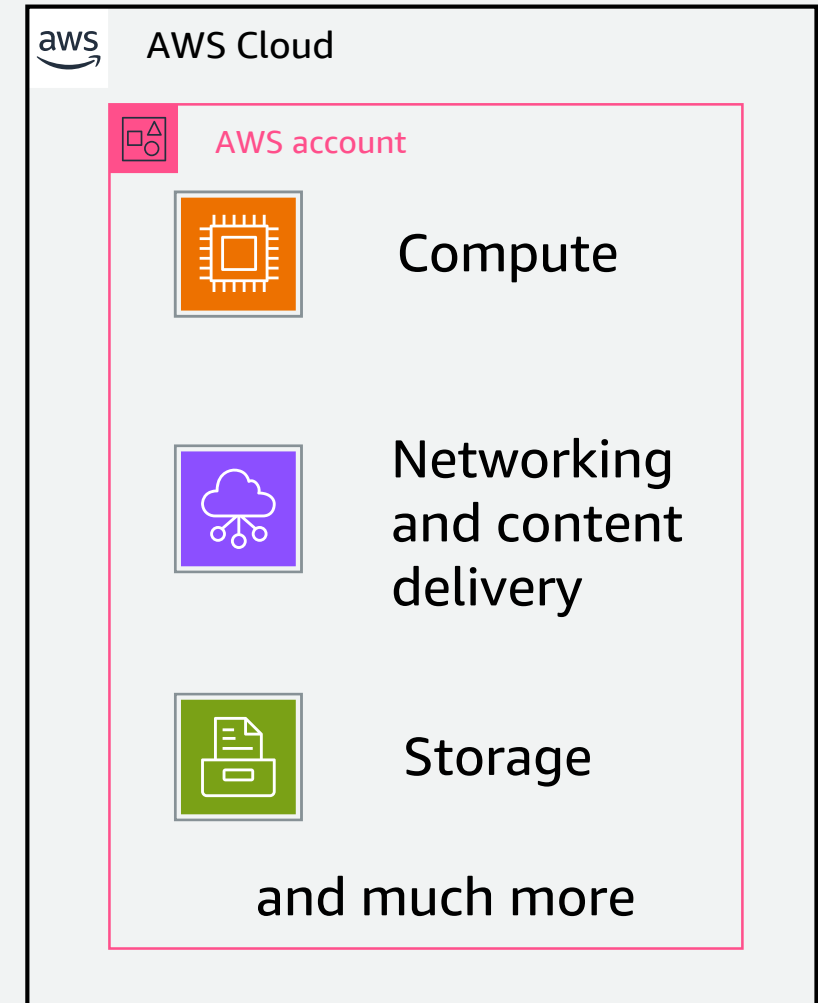
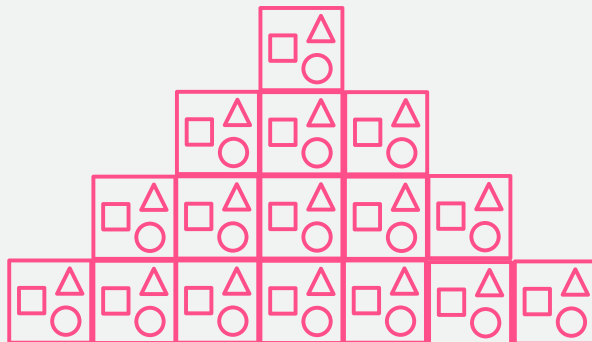
Quotas

Security

Natural boundaries,
isolation

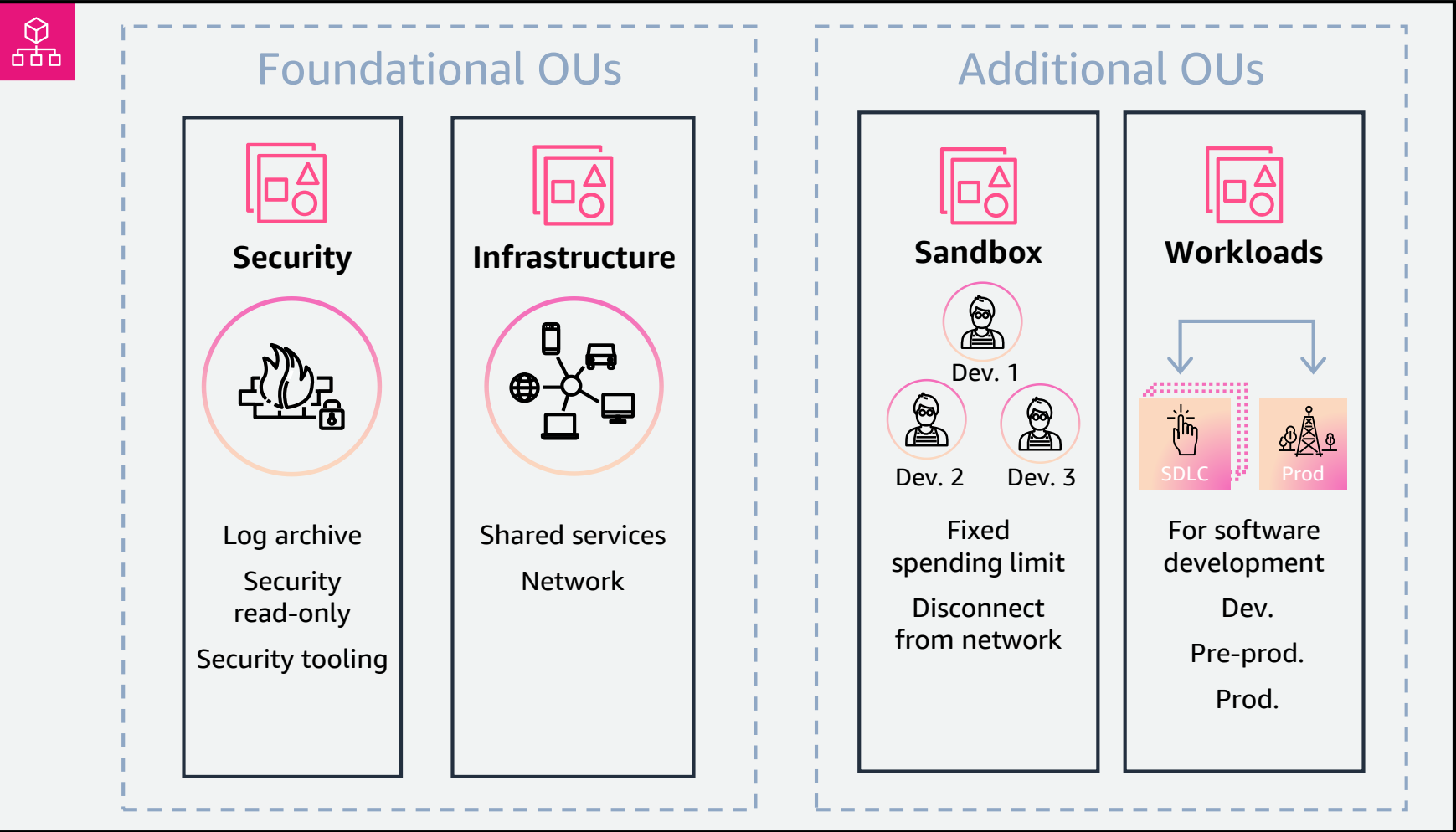
Compliance/ business processes

Billing, custom
requirements



Recommended OU structure

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Organizing your AWS environment using multiple accounts

Identity





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Identity

Apply the principle
of **least privilege**

Managing access permissions to AWS accounts

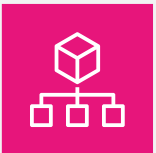
• Identity Best Practice | 02



IAM Identity Center



AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)



AWS Organizations

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Restrict access to the management account

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Require human users to use federation with an identity provider to access AWS using temporary credentials

03

Require MFA for users with elevated access

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Apply least-privilege permissions



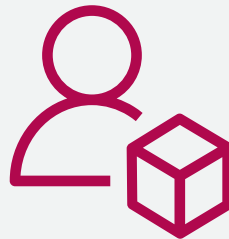
Security Best Practices in IAM

Establish a centralized identity provider for human identities

Native Identity (AWS IAM Identity Center)

Federation via 3rd Party Identity Providers

AWS IAM Identity Center can be used if you have no plans to use a third-party identity provider and need to setup identity federation.



AWS Account

With AWS SSO you can continue to use your existing third-party identity provider as an identity source; allowing the external provider to retain management of your user credentials.

Network connectivity





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Network Connectivity

Design your **network strategy**

Design your network strategy

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Plan your IP address space

Non-overlap, IPv6, environment

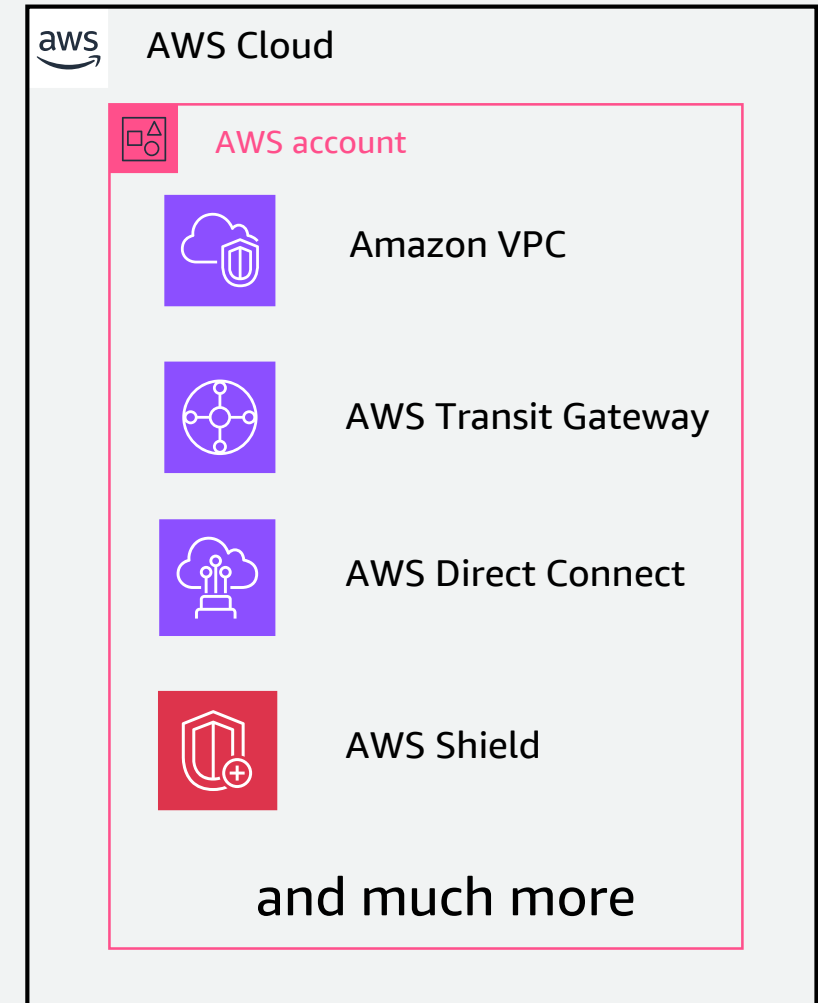
Network connectivity
On-prem, internet, internal, DNS

Network Security

Firewall, DDoS, WAF

Network Monitoring

Network traffic, access



Security



Security controls in the governance framework



Control types



Detective

Detect resources that violate your defined security policies

COMPLIANT

NONCOMPLIANT



Preventive

Disallow actions that would lead to violations of your security policies

ALWAYS COMPLIANT

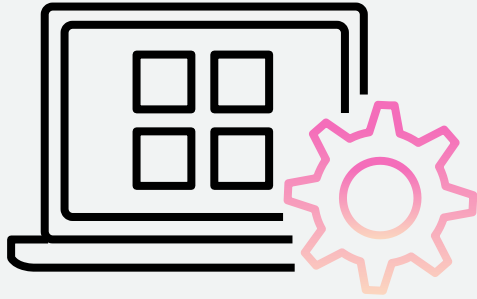


Proactive

Scans resources before they are provisioned, blocking provisioning if resources aren't compliant

APPROVED RESOURCES ONLY

ALWAYS COMPLIANT



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Security

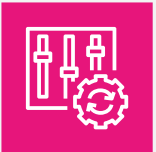
Align control objectives
to a **security framework**

Align control objectives to a security framework

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AWS Security Hub



AWS Config



AWS Control Tower

01

A security framework helps you establish a **consistent** and **repeatable foundation** for risk management

02

Well-defined control objectives and standards help establish a baseline for **measuring control effectiveness**



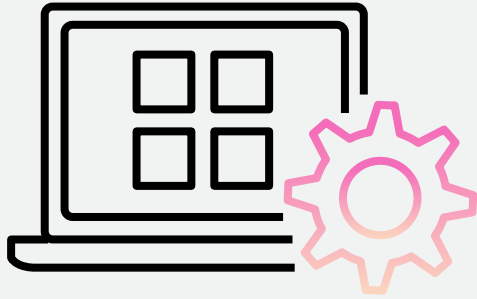
AWS Well-Architected Framework Security Pillar



Cloud Security Alliance Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM)



NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

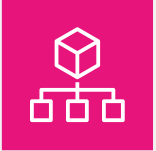


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Security

Use preventive controls
to **protect security
baselines** and proactive
controls to **stop security
misconfigurations from
being deployed**

Protect security baselines and stop cloud risks

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AWS Organizations



AWS Config



AWS Control Tower

01

Preventive controls help you to **enforce** and **safeguard** critical security baselines and invariants

02

Stopping security misconfigurations before they're deployed helps **reduce attack surface** and helps builders **quickly remediate violations**



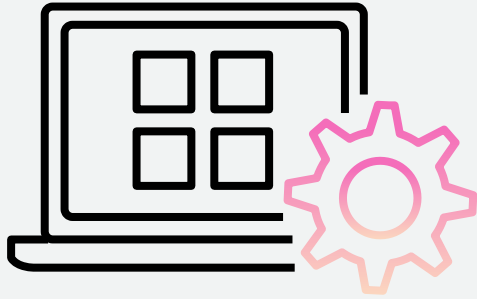
AWS Control Tower
Proactive Controls



AWS Security Control
Policy Examples Repository

Observability





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Observability

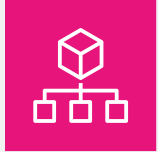
Continuously **monitor** and
test control effectiveness

Continuously monitor and test control effectiveness

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Amazon CloudWatch



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AWS CloudTrail



AWS Systems Manager



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Amazon GuardDuty

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Collect, aggregate, and protect event and log data

02

Build capabilities to analyze and visualize log events and traces

03

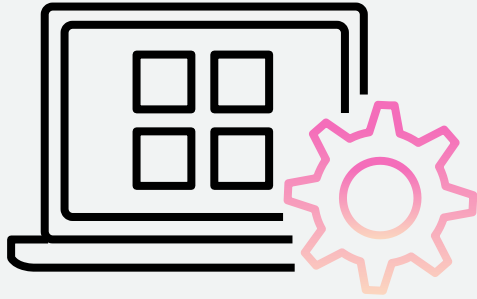
Add detection and alerts for anomalous patterns across environments

04

Define, automate, and measure response and remediation

Cloud Financial Model





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Cloud Financial
Management

Build your **cloud financial management** portfolio

Build your Cloud Financial Management Portfolio

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Plan



Plan and Evaluate

Migration Evaluator
AWS Pricing Calculator
AWS Budgets

Run



Manage and Control

AWS IAM
Billing Console
AWS Purchase Order Management
AWS Budgets (Actions)
AWS Cost Anomaly Detection

See



Track and Allocate

AWS Cost Explorer
AWS Cost & Usage Reports
AWS Cost Categories
AWS Billing Conductor
AWS Application Cost Profiler

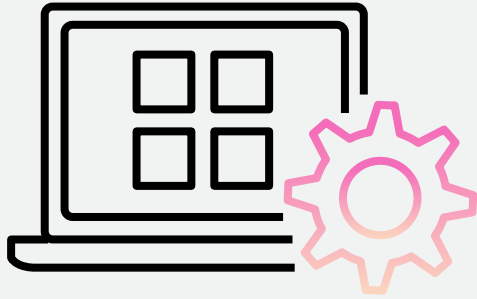
Save



Optimize and Save

Savings Plans
Reserved Instances
Recommendations





Best practice

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Cloud Financial
Management

Define a **tagging strategy**
and **enforce tagging**

Define your tagging strategy

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Identify Tag Requirements

Employ a Cross-Functional Team

Required and Conditionally Required Tags

Use Tags Consistently

Start Small; Less is More

Tagging Use Cases

AWS Console Organization and Resource Groups

Cost Allocation

Automation

Operations Support

Access Control

Security Risk Management

Tagging Schema

Define mandatory tag keys

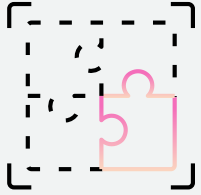
Define acceptable values and tag naming conventions

No personally identifiable information (PII)

Decide who can define and create new tag keys

Tag policies

Key takeaways



Use accounts as building blocks



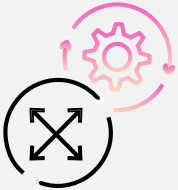
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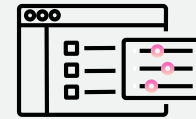
Design your network strategy



Build your cloud financial management portfolio



Align control objectives to a security framework



Define a tagging strategy and enforce tagging



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Security and Governance Track
Building and Governing Your Cloud Environment