



# AWS Well-Architected Framework

Enhancing Security in AWS Cloud with  
WAFR (Well-Architected Framework Review)



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# BRAIN STATION 23

## Market Served:

Bangladesh, UK, USA, Netherlands,  
Germany, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland,  
Spain, Australia, Canada, Japan, Turkey,  
Middle East

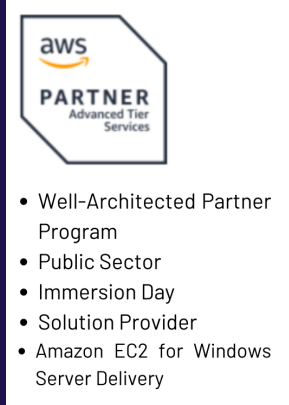
No of employees: **700+**

Certified Professionals: **150+**

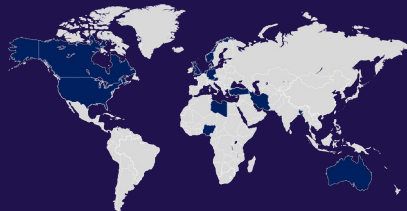
Project Delivered: **200+**

## AWS Service Offers:

- DevOps
- Consultancy
- Managed Service
- Migration
- Well-Architected Framework Review
- EC2 for windows delivery
- Startup packages
- Marketplace offers



Website: <https://cloud-23.com>



## Cloud As Service At A Glance

### We Provide All In One Cloud Solution

We've completed **30+** Well Architecte Review for AWS in last 8 months.

We've successfully done **20** Migration project on AWS.

We've **50+** DevOps resources engaged in various projects.

We're engaged in **20+** Managed Service projects for our clients.

We've multiple **Hybrid Cloud** projects running in **Telco & Banks**.

We've completed **10+** EC2 for windows/Linux delivery projects.

We've given consultancy support for **200+** customers as of yet.

We are trusted billing partner for **50+** clients as of now.



We've built largest live gaming knowledge-based quiz app for the leading telco provider in Bangladesh. Which could serve more than 3 million advertisement views every day. ([Link](#))

We've built & migrated the complex environment for a clinical-stage biotechnology company in Norway. Who are also one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. ([Link](#))

# AWS Well-Architected Framework



Operations



Security



Reliability



Performance  
efficiency



Cost  
optimization



Sustainability

# AWS Well-Architected Framework



## Pillars

| Name                   | Questions answered | High risks | Medium risks |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Operational Excellence | 0/11               | 0          | 0            |
| Security               | 0/11               | 0          | 0            |
| Reliability            | 0/13               | 0          | 0            |
| Performance Efficiency | 0/8                | 0          | 0            |
| Cost Optimization      | 0/11               | 0          | 0            |
| Sustainability         | 0/6                | 0          | 0            |



# Security

- Key Areas
  - Visibility
  - Auditability
  - Controllability
  - Agility



# Security is **Visible**

- Who is accessing the resources?
- Who took what action?
  - When?
  - From where?
  - What did they do?
  - Logs Logs Logs



# AWS CLOUDTRAIL



You are making  
API calls...



On a growing set of  
services around the  
world...



AWS CloudTrail  
is continuously  
recording API  
calls...

| User | Action  | Time   |
|------|---------|--------|
| Tim  | Created | 1:30pm |
| Sue  | Deleted | 2:40pm |
| Kat  | Created | 3:30pm |

And delivering  
log files to you



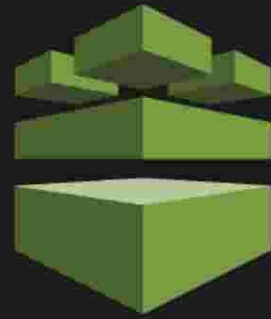
# Use cases enabled by CloudTrail

- Security Analysis
  - Use log files as an input into log management and analysis solutions to perform security analysis and to detect user behavior patterns
- Track Changes to AWS Resources
  - Track creation, modification, and deletion of AWS resources such as Amazon EC2 instances, Amazon VPC security groups and Amazon EBS volumes
- Troubleshoot Operational Issues
  - Identify the most recent actions made to resources in your AWS account
- Compliance Aid
  - Easier to demonstrate compliance with internal policies and regulatory standards

SECURITY IS **AUDITABLE**

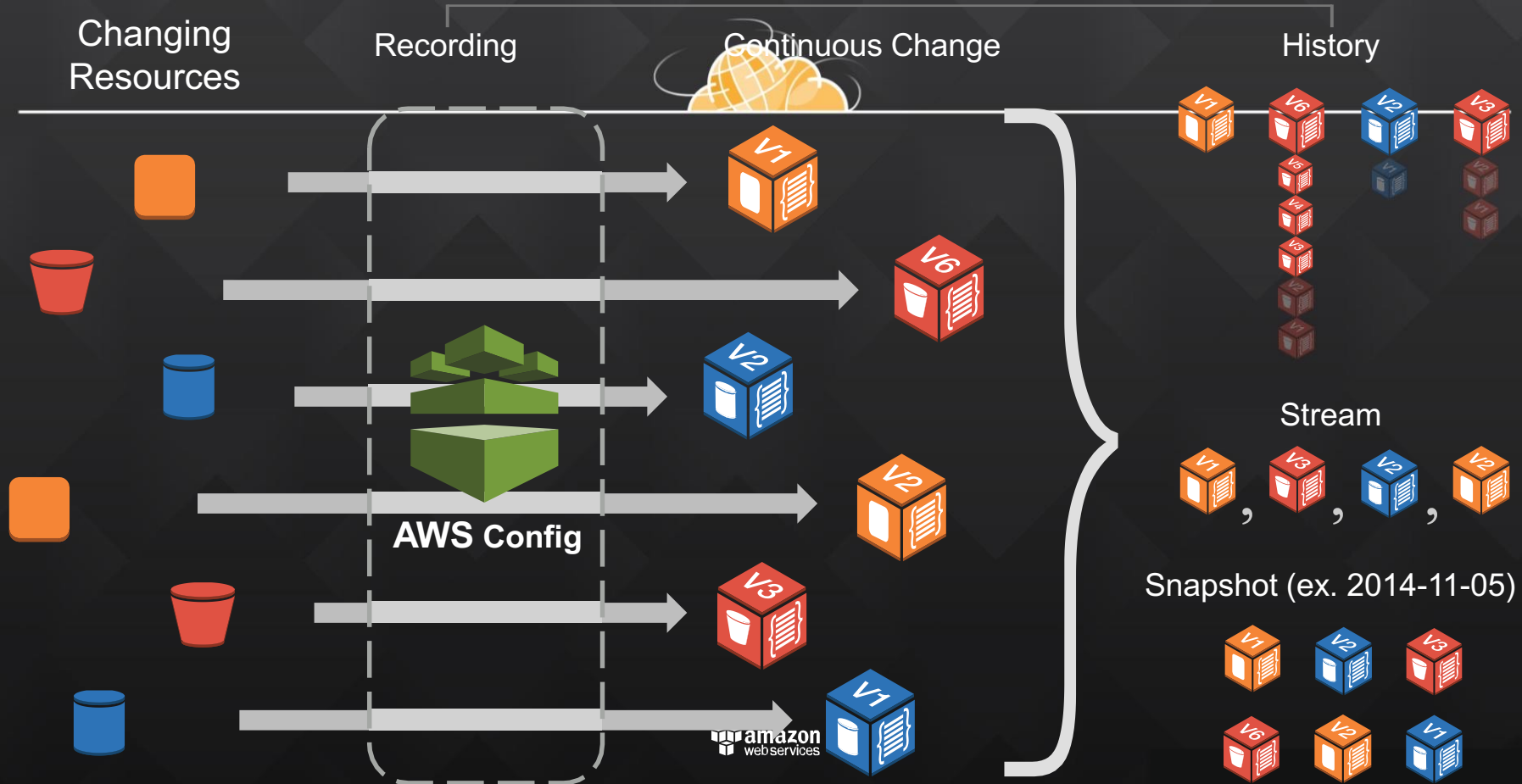


# AWS Config



*AWS Config is a fully managed service that provides you with an inventory of your AWS resources, lets you audit the resource configuration history **and notifies you** of resource configuration changes.*

# AWS Config



# Use cases enabled by Config

- Security Analysis: Am I safe?
- Audit Compliance: Where is the evidence?
- Change Management: What will this change affect?
- Troubleshooting: What has changed?



# Am I safe?

- Properly configured resources are critical to security
- Config enables you to continuously monitor the configurations of your resources and evaluate these configurations for potential security weaknesses





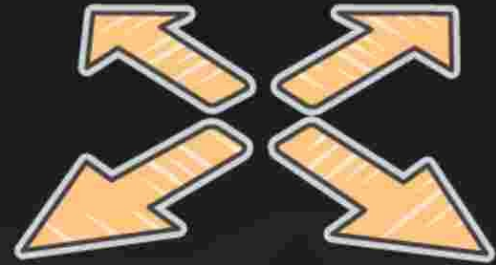
# Where is the evidence?

- Many compliance audits require access to the state of your systems at arbitrary times (i.e. PCI, HIPAA)
- A complete inventory of all resources and their configuration attributes is available for any point in time



# What will this change affect?

- When your resources are created, updated, or deleted, these configuration changes are streamed to Amazon SNS
- Relationships between resources are understood, so that you can proactively assess change impact



# SECURITY PROVIDES CONTROL



# First class security and compliance starts (but doesn't end!) with **encryption**



Automatic encryption with managed keys

Bring your own keys

Dedicated hardware security modules

# Encryption & Best Practices with AWS

Managed key encryption

Key storage with AWS CloudHSM

Customer-supplied key encryption

DIY on Amazon EC2

Create, store, & retrieve keys securely

Rotate keys regularly

Securely audit access to keys



# AWS Key Management Service



- A managed service that makes it easy for you to create, control, and use your encryption keys
- Integrated with AWS SDKs and AWS services including Amazon EBS, Amazon S3, and Amazon Redshift
- Integrated with AWS CloudTrail to provide auditable logs to help your regulatory and compliance activities



# AWS Key Management Service

## Integrated with AWS IAM Console



Services ▾

Edit ▾

Dashboard

Details

S  
Groups

Users

Roles

Identity Providers

Password Policy

Credential Report

Encryption Keys

Create Key

Key Actions ▾

Filter: US East (N. Virginia) ▾

Search

|  | Alias                  | Key ID                                | Status  |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
|  | HighlyConfidentialData | ake-723c7743-4b59-a609-110bc8011638   | Enabled |
|  | CriticalData           | ake-1f0af6eb3a-4226-ad1c-ca8a1a92204f | Enabled |
|  | ApplicationXYZ         | ake-1a-5a01-4268-9c27-853580d436af    | Enabled |
|  | aws/redshift:          | ake-5a1-1f05-493b-8232-670955563d5e   | Enabled |
|  | aws/ebs                | ake-5a1-1f05-4aa6-889f-d195f02123b0   | Enabled |
|  | aws/s3                 | ake-5a1-1f05-44fe-955c-80da16613921   | Enabled |

# AWS Key Management Service

## *Integrated with Amazon EBS*

### Create Volume

Type ⓘ  
General Purpose (SSD) ▾

Size (GiB) ⓘ  
100 (Min(MiB) 1 GiB; Max 1024 GiB)

IOPS ⓘ  
300 / 3000 (3000 IOPS bursts and baseline of 3 IOPS per GB)

Availability Zone ⓘ  
us-east-1b ▾

Snapshot ID ⓘ  
s-scrn-lease-insensitive

Encryption ⓘ  
☒ Encrypt this volume

Master Key ⓘ  
[Redacted]

Key Details

Description

This key protects critical data in my account

Account

This account ([Redacted])

KMS Key ID

[Redacted]-a0ec-33d40cacf295

Cancel

Create

SECURITY IS **AGILE**



Everyone's **an owner**

When the problem is “mine” rather than  
“hers” there's a much higher likelihood I'll do  
the right thing



## Preferred Culture:

Measure constantly, report regularly, and hold senior executives **accountable** for security – have them drive the right culture



## Culture:

Apply more effort to the “why” rather than the “how”

*Why is what really matters*

*When something goes wrong, ask the “five whys”*



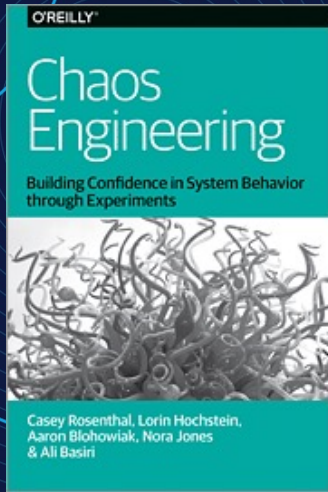


# Culture:

Test, **CONSTANTLY**

- Inside/outside
- Privileged/unprivileged
- Black-box/white-box
- Vendor/self





“Not what happens *IF* it fails,  
but what happens *WHEN* it fails.”

—Nora Jones, Author, and Sr. Chaos Engineer at Netflix





**Review your solution today!**  
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**Thank you!**

