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NEW QUESTION 1

What method should I use to author automation if I want to wait for a CloudFormation stack to finish completing in a script?

- A. Event subscription using SQS.
- B. Event subscription using SNS.
- C. Poll using `ListStacks` / `list-stacks`.
- D. Poll using `GetStackStatus` / `get-stack-status`.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Event driven systems are good for IFTTT logic, but only polling will make a script wait to complete. ListStacks / list-stacks is a real method, GetStackStatus / get-stack-status is not.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/reference/cloudformation/list-stacks.html>

NEW QUESTION 2

You are building a game high score table in DynamoDB. You will store each user's highest score for each game, with many games, all of which have relatively similar usage levels and numbers of players. You need to be able to look up the highest score for any game. What's the best DynamoDB key structure?

- A. HighestScore as the hash / only key.
- B. GameID as the hash key, HighestScore as the range key.
- C. GameID as the hash / only key.
- D. GameID as the range / only ke

Answer: B

Explanation:

Since access and storage for games is uniform, and you need to have ordering within each game for the scores (to access the highest value), your hash (partition) key should be the GameID, and there should be a range key for HighestScore.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/GuidelinesForTables.html#GuidelinesForTables.Partitions>

NEW QUESTION 3

What is server immutability?

- A. Not updating a server after creation.
- B. The ability to change server counts.
- C. Updating a server after creation.
- D. The inability to change server count

Answer: A

Explanation:

disposable upgrades offer a simpler way to know if your application has unknown dependencies. The underlying EC2 instance usage is considered temporary or ephemeral in nature for the period of deployment until the current release is active. During the new release, a new set of EC2 instances are rolled out by terminating older instances. This type of upgrade technique is more common in an immutable infrastructure.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 4

You are creating an application which stores extremely sensitive financial information. All information in the system must be encrypted at rest and in transit. Which of these is a violation of this policy?

- A. ELB SSL termination.
- B. ELB Using Proxy Protocol v1.
- C. CloudFront Viewer Protocol Policy set to HTTPS redirection.
- D. Telling S3 to use AES256 on the server-side

Answer: A

Explanation:

Terminating SSL terminates the security of a connection over HTTP, removing the S for "Secure" in HTTPS. This violates the "encryption in transit" requirement in the scenario.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/ElasticLoadBalancing/latest/DeveloperGuide/elb-listener-config.html>

NEW QUESTION 5

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk, the 'Swap Environment URLs' feature most directly aids in what?

- A. Immutable Rolling Deployments
- B. Mutable Rolling Deployments
- C. Canary Deployments
- D. Blue-Green Deployments

Answer: D

Explanation:

Simply upload the new version of your application and let your deployment service (AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS CloudFormation, or AWS OpsWorks) deploy a

new version (green). To cut over to the new version, you simply replace the ELB URLs in your DNS records. Elastic Beanstalk has a Swap Environment URLs feature to facilitate a simpler cutover process.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 6

You need your CI to build AMIs with code pre-installed on the images on every new code push. You need to do this as cheaply as possible. How do you do this?

- A. Bid on spot instances just above the asking price as soon as new commits come in, perform all instance configuration and setup, then create an AMI based on the spot instance.
- B. Have the CI launch a new on-demand EC2 instance when new commits come in, perform all instance configuration and setup, then create an AMI based on the on-demand instance.
- C. Purchase a Light Utilization Reserved Instance to save money on the continuous integration machine.
- D. Use these credits whenever you create AMIs on instances.
- E. When the CI instance receives commits, attach a new EBS volume to the CI machine.
- F. Perform all setup on this EBS volume so you don't need a new EC2 instance to create the AMI.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Spot instances are the cheapest option, and you can use minimum run duration if your AMI takes more than a few minutes to create.

Spot instances are also available to run for a predefined duration — in hourly increments up to six hours in length — at a significant discount (30-45%) compared to On-Demand pricing plus an additional 5% during off-peak times for a total of up to 50% savings.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/pricing/>

NEW QUESTION 7

When thinking of DynamoDB, what are true of Global Secondary Key properties?

- A. The partition key and sort key can be different from the table.
- B. Only the partition key can be different from the table.
- C. Either the partition key or the sort key can be different from the table, but not both.
- D. Only the sort key can be different from the table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Global secondary index — an index with a partition key and a sort key that can be different from those on the table. A global secondary index is considered "global" because queries on the index can span all of the data in a table, across all partitions.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/SecondaryIndexes.html>

NEW QUESTION 8

Your system automatically provisions EIPs to EC2 instances in a VPC on boot. The system provisions the whole VPC and stack at once. You have two of them per VPC. On your new AWS account, your attempt to create a Development environment failed, after successfully creating Staging and Production environments in the same region. What happened?

- A. You didn't choose the Development version of the AMI you are using.
- B. You didn't set the Development flag to true when deploying EC2 instances.
- C. You hit the soft limit of 5 EIPs per region and requested a 6th.
- D. You hit the soft limit of 2 VPCs per region and requested a 3rd.

Answer: C

Explanation:

There is a soft limit of 5 EIPs per Region for VPC on new accounts. The third environment could not allocate the 6th EIP.

Reference: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws_service_limits.html#limits_vpc

NEW QUESTION 9

To monitor API calls against our AWS account by different users and entities, we can use to create a history of calls in bulk for later review, and use for reacting to AWS API calls in real-time.

- A. AWS Config; AWS Inspector
- B. AWS CloudTrail; AWS Config
- C. AWS CloudTrail; CloudWatch Events
- D. AWS Config; AWS Lambda

Answer: C

Explanation:

CloudTrail is a batch API call collection service, CloudWatch Events enables real-time monitoring of calls through the Rules object interface.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/whitepapers/security-at-scale-governance-in-aws/>

NEW QUESTION 10

Which of these is not an intrinsic function in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. Fn::Equals
- B. Fn::If
- C. Fn::Not
- D. Fn::Parse

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the complete list of Intrinsic Functions...: Fn::Base64, Fn::And, Fn::Equals, Fn::If, Fn::Not, Fn::Or, Fn::FindInMap, Fn::GetAtt, Fn::GetAZs, Fn::Join, Fn::Select, Ref

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/intrinsic-function-reference.html>

NEW QUESTION 10

You are hired as the new head of operations for a SaaS company. Your CTO has asked you to make debugging any part of your entire operation simpler and as fast as possible. She complains that she has no idea what is going on in the complex, service-oriented architecture, because the developers just log to disk, and it's very hard to find errors in logs on so many services. How can you best meet this requirement and satisfy your CTO?

- A. Copy all log files into AWS S3 using a cron job on each instance
- B. Use an S3 Notification Configuration on the `PutBucket` event and publish events to AWS Lambda
- C. Use the Lambda to analyze logs as soon as they come in and flag issues.
- D. Begin using CloudWatch Logs on every service
- E. Stream all Log Groups into S3 object
- F. Use AWS EMR clusterjobs to perform ad-hoc MapReduce analysis and write new queries when needed.
- G. Copy all log files into AWS S3 using a cron job on each instance
- H. Use an S3 Notification Configuration on the `PutBucket` event and publish events to AWS Kinesis
- I. Use Apache Spark on AWS EMR to perform at-scale stream processing queries on the log chunks and flag issues.
- J. Begin using CloudWatch Logs on every service
- K. Stream all Log Groups into an AWS Elasticsearch Service Domain running Kibana 4 and perform log analysis on a search cluster.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The Elasticsearch and Kibana 4 combination is called the ELK Stack, and is designed specifically for real-time, ad-hoc log analysis and aggregation. All other answers introduce extra delay or require pre-defined queries.

Amazon Elasticsearch Service is a managed service that makes it easy to deploy, operate, and scale Elasticsearch in the AWS Cloud. Elasticsearch is a popular open-source search and analytics engine for use cases such as log analytics, real-time application monitoring, and click stream analytics. Reference:

<https://aws.amazon.com/elasticsearch-service/>

NEW QUESTION 14

You need to perform ad-hoc analysis on log data, including searching quickly for specific error codes and reference numbers. Which should you evaluate first?

- A. AWS Elasticsearch Service
- B. AWS RedShift
- C. AWS EMR
- D. AWS DynamoDB

Answer: A

Explanation:

Amazon Elasticsearch Service (Amazon ES) is a managed service that makes it easy to deploy, operate, and scale Elasticsearch clusters in the AWS cloud. Elasticsearch is a popular open-source search and analytics engine for use cases such as log analytics, real-time application monitoring, and click stream analytics.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticsearch-service/latest/developerguide/what-is-amazon-elasticsearch-service.html>

NEW QUESTION 17

For AWS Auto Scaling, what is the first transition state an existing instance enters after leaving steady state in Standby mode?

- A. Detaching
- B. Terminating:Wait
- C. Pending
- D. EnteringStandby

Answer: C

Explanation:

You can put any instance that is in an InService state into a Standby state. This enables you to remove the instance from service, troubleshoot or make changes to it, and then put it back into service. Instances in a Standby state continue to be managed by the Auto Scaling group. However, they are not an active part of your application until you put them back into service.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AutoScaling/latest/DeveloperGuide/AutoScalingGroupLifecycle.html>

NEW QUESTION 18

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk's model, which is true?

- A. Applications have many deployments, deployments have many environments.
- B. Environments have many applications, applications have many deployments.
- C. Applications have many environments, environments have many deployments.
- D. Deployments have many environments, environments have many application

Answer: C

Explanation:

Applications group logical services. Environments belong to Applications, and typically represent different deployment levels (dev, stage, prod, fo forth). Deployments belong to environments, and are pushes of bundles of code for the environments to run.
Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/\Nelcome.html>

NEW QUESTION 20

There are a number of ways to purchase compute capacity on AWS. Which orders the price per compute or memory unit from LOW to HIGH (cheapest to most expensive), on average?
(A) On-Demand (B) Spot (C) Reserved

- A. A, B, C
- B. C, B, A
- C. B, C, A
- D. A, C, B

Answer: C

Explanation:

Spot instances are usually many, many times cheaper than on-demand prices. Reserved instances, depending on their term and utilization, can yield approximately 33% to 66% cost savings. On-Demand prices are the baseline price and are the most expensive way to purchase EC2 compute time. Reference: https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/Cost_Optimization_with_AWS.pdf

NEW QUESTION 24

You run operations for a company that processes digital wallet payments at a very high volume. One second of downtime, during which you drop payments or are otherwise unavailable, loses you on average USD 100. You balance the financials of the transaction system once per day. Which database setup is best suited to address this business risk?

- A. A multi-AZ RDS deployment with synchronous replication to multiple standbys and read-replicas for fast failover and ACID properties.
- B. A multi-region, multi-master, active-active RDS configuration using database-level ACID design principles with database trigger writes for replication.
- C. A multi-region, multi-master, active-active DynamoDB configuration using application control-level BASE design principles with change-stream write queue buffers for replication.
- D. A multi-AZ DynamoDB setup with changes streamed to S3 via AWS Kinesis, for highly durable storage and BASE properties.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Only the multi-master, multi-region DynamoDB answer makes sense. IV|u|ti-AZ deployments do not provide sufficient availability when a business loses USD 360,000 per hour of unavailability. As RDS does not natively support multi-region, and ACID does not perform well/at all over large distances between regions, only the DynamoDB answer works. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/Streams.CrossRegionRepl.html>

NEW QUESTION 27

Which deployment method, when using AWS Auto Scaling Groups and Auto Scaling Launch Configurations, enables the shortest time to live for indMdual sewers?

- A. Pre-baking AMIs with all code and configuration on deploys.
- B. Using a Dockerfile bootstrap on instance launch.
- C. Using UserData bootstrapping scripts.
- D. Using AWS EC2 Run Commands to dynamically SSH into fileet

Answer: A

Explanation:

Note that the bootstrapping process can be slower if you have a complex application or multiple applications to install. Managing a fileet of applications with several build tools and dependencies can be a challenging task during rollouts. Furthermore, your deployment service should be designed to do faster rollouts to take advantage of Auto Scaling. Prebaking is a process of embedding a significant portion of your application artifacts within your base AMI. During the deployment process you can customize application installations by using EC2 instance artifacts such as instance tags, instance metadata, and Auto Scaling groups.
Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 28

Which of these techniques enables the fastest possible rollback times in the event of a failed deployment?

- A. Rolling; Immutable
- B. Rolling; Mutable
- C. Canary or A/B
- D. Blue-Green

Answer: D

Explanation:

AWS specifically recommends Blue-Green for super-fast, zero-downtime deploys - and thus rollbacks, which are redeploying old code. You use various strategies to migrate the traffic from your current application stack (blue) to a new version of the application (green). This is a popular technique for deploying applications with zero downtime. Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 29

Which of the following are not valid sources for OpsWorks custom cookbook repositories?

- A. HTTP(S)
- B. Git

- C. AWS EBS
- D. Subversion

Answer: C

Explanation:

Linux stacks can install custom cookbooks from any of the following repository types: HTTP or Amazon S3 archives. They can be either public or private, but Amazon S3 is typically the preferred option for a private archive. Git and Subversion repositories provide source control and the ability to have multiple versions.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/workingcookbook-installingcustom-enable.html>

NEW QUESTION 34

What is the maximum supported single-volume throughput on EBS?

- A. 320IV|iB/s
- B. 160MiB/s
- C. 40MiB/s
- D. 640MiB/s

Answer: A

Explanation:

The ceiling throughput for PIOPS on EBS is 320MiB/s.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/EBSVolumeTypes.html>

NEW QUESTION 35

For AWS Auto Scaling, what is the first transition state a new instance enters after leaving steady state when scaling out due to increased load?

- A. EnteringStandby
- B. Pending
- C. Terminating:Wait
- D. Detaching

Answer: B

Explanation:

When a scale out event occurs, the Auto Scaling group launches the required number of EC2 instances, using its assigned launch configuration. These instances start in the Pending state. If you add a lifecycle hook to your Auto Scaling group, you can perform a custom action here. For more information, see Lifecycle Hooks.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AutoScaling/latest/DeveloperGuide/AutoScalingGroupLifecycle.html>

NEW QUESTION 39

You need to know when you spend \$1000 or more on AWS. What's the easy way for you to see that notification?

- A. AWS CloudWatch Events tied to API calls, when certain thresholds are exceeded, publish to SNS.
- B. Scrape the billing page periodically and pump into Kinesis.
- C. AWS CloudWatch Metrics + Billing Alarm + Lambda event subscription
- D. When a threshold is exceeded, email the manager.
- E. Scrape the billing page periodically and publish to SN

Answer: C

Explanation:

Even if you're careful to stay within the free tier, it's a good idea to create a billing alarm to notify you if you exceed the limits of the free tier. Billing alarms can help to protect you against unknowingly accruing charges if you inadvertently use a service outside of the free tier or if traffic exceeds your expectations. Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/awsaccountbilling/latest/aboutv2/free-tier-alarms.html>

NEW QUESTION 42

Why are more frequent snapshots or EBS Volumes faster?

- A. Blocks in EBS Volumes are allocated lazily, since while logically separated from other EBS Volumes, Volumes often share the same physical hardware
- B. Snapshotting the first time forces full block range allocation, so the second snapshot doesn't need to perform the allocation phase and is faster.
- C. The snapshots are incremental so that only the blocks on the device that have changed after your last snapshot are saved in the new snapshot.
- D. AWS provisions more disk throughput for burst capacity during snapshots if the drive has been pre-warmed by snapshotting and reading all blocks.
- E. The drive is pre-warmed, so block access is more rapid for volumes when every block on the device has already been read at least one time.

Answer: B

Explanation:

After writing data to an EBS volume, you can periodically create a snapshot of the volume to use as a baseline for new volumes or for data backup. If you make periodic snapshots of a volume, the snapshots are incremental so that only the blocks on the device that have changed after your last snapshot are saved in the new snapshot. Even though snapshots are saved incrementally, the snapshot deletion process is designed so that you need to retain only the most recent snapshot in order to restore the volume.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ebs-creating-snapshot.html>

NEW QUESTION 47

For AWS CloudFormation, which stack state refuses UpdateStack calls?

- A. `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_FAILED`
- B. `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE`
- C. `UPDATE_CONIplete`
- D. `CREATE_COMPLETE`

Answer: A

Explanation:

When a stack is in the `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_FAILED` state, you can continue rolling it back to return it to a working state (to `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE`). You cannot update a stack that is in the `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_FAILED` state. However, if you can continue to roll it back, you can return the stack to its original settings and try to update it again.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks-continueupdaterollback.html>

NEW QUESTION 48

Which of these is not a Pseudo Parameter in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. `AWS::StackName`
- B. `AWS::AccountId`
- C. `AWS::StackArn`
- D. `AWS::NotificationARNs`

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the complete list of Pseudo Parameters: `AWS::AccountId`, `AWS::NotificationARNs`, `AWS::NoValue`, `AWS::Region`, `AWS::StackId`, `AWS::StackName`

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/pseudo-parameter-reference.html>

NEW QUESTION 49

What is the scope of an EBS volume?

- A. VPC
- B. Region
- C. Placement Group
- D. Availability Zone

Answer: D

Explanation:

An Amazon EBS volume is tied to its Availability Zone and can be attached only to instances in the same Availability Zone.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/resources.html>

NEW QUESTION 51

You meet once per month with your operations team to review the past month's data. During the meeting, you realize that 3 weeks ago, your monitoring system which pings over HTTP from outside AWS recorded a large spike in latency on your 3-tier web service API.

You use DynamoDB for the database layer, ELB, EBS, and EC2 for the business logic tier, and SQS, ELB, and EC2 for the presentation layer.

Which of the following techniques will NOT help you figure out what happened?

- A. Check your CloudTrail log history around the spike's time for any API calls that caused slowness.
- B. Review CloudWatch Metrics graphs to determine which component(s) slowed the system down.
- C. Review your ELB access logs in S3 to see if any ELBs in your system saw the latency.
- D. Analyze your logs to detect bursts in traffic at that time

Answer: B

Explanation:

Metrics data are available for 2 weeks. If you want to store metrics data beyond that duration, you can retrieve it using our GetMetricStatistics API as well as a number of applications and tools offered by AWS partners.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/faqs/>

NEW QUESTION 52

When thinking of AWS OpsWorks, which of the following is not an instance type you can allocate in a stack layer?

- A. 24/7 instances
- B. Spot instances
- C. Time-based instances
- D. Load-based instances

Answer: B

Explanation:

AWS OpsWorks supports the following instance types, which are characterized by how they are started and stopped. 24/7 instances are started manually and run until you stop them. Time-based instances are run by AWS OpsWorks on a specified daily and weekly schedule. They allow your stack to automatically adjust the number of instances to accommodate predictable usage patterns. Load-based instances are automatically started and stopped by AWS OpsWorks, based on specified load metrics, such as CPU utilization. They allow your stack to automatically adjust the number of instances to accommodate variations in incoming traffic. Load-based instances are available only for Linux-based stacks. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/welcome.html>

NEW QUESTION 54

Your team wants to begin practicing continuous delivery using CloudFormation, to enable automated builds and deploys of whole, versioned stacks or stack layers. You have a 3-tier, mission-critical system. Which of the following is NOT a best practice for using CloudFormation in a continuous delivery environment?

- A. Use the AWS CloudFormation `ValidateTemplate` call before publishing changes to AWS.
- B. Model your stack in one template, so you can leverage CloudFormation's state management and dependency resolution to propagate all changes.
- C. Use CloudFormation to create brand new infrastructure for all stateless resources on each push, and run integration tests on that set of infrastructure.
- D. Parametrize the template and use `Mappings` to ensure your template works in multiple Regions.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Putting all resources in one stack is a bad idea, since different tiers have different life cycles and frequencies of change. For additional guidance about organizing your stacks, you can use two common frameworks: a multi-layered architecture and service-oriented architecture (SOA).

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/best-practices.html#organizingstack>

NEW QUESTION 59

Your CTO has asked you to make sure that you know what all users of your AWS account are doing to change resources at all times. She wants a report of who is doing what over time, reported to her once per week, for as broad a resource type group as possible. How should you do this?

- A. Create a global AWS CloudTrail Trail
- B. Configure a script to aggregate the log data delivered to S3 once per week and deliver this to the CTO.
- C. Use CloudWatch Events Rules with an SNS topic subscribed to all AWS API call
- D. Subscribe the CTO to an email type delivery on this SNS Topic.
- E. Use AWS IAM credential reports to deliver a CSV of all uses of IAM User Tokens over time to the CTO.
- F. Use AWS Config with an SNS subscription on a Lambda, and insert these changes over time into a DynamoDB table
- G. Generate reports based on the contents of this table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

This is the ideal use case for AWS CloudTrail.

CloudTrail provides visibility into user activity by recording API calls made on your account. CloudTrail records important information about each API call, including the name of the API, the identity of the caller, the time of the API call, the request parameters, and the response elements returned by the AWS service. This information helps you to track changes made to your AWS resources and to troubleshoot operational issues. CloudTrail makes it easier to ensure compliance with internal policies and regulatory standards. Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/Cloudtrail/faqs/>

NEW QUESTION 64

Which is not a restriction on AWS EBS Snapshots?

- A. Snapshots which are shared cannot be used as a basis for other snapshots.
- B. You cannot share a snapshot containing an AWS Access Key ID or AWS Secret Access Key.
- C. You cannot share unencrypted snapshots.
- D. Snapshot restorations are restricted to the region in which the snapshots are created

Answer: A

Explanation:

Snapshots shared with other users are usable in full by the recipient, including but limited to the ability to base modified volumes and snapshots.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ebs-modifying-snapshot-permissions.html>

NEW QUESTION 68

You need to deploy a new application version to production. Because the deployment is high-risk, you need to roll the new version out to users over a number of hours, to make sure everything is working correctly. You need to be able to control the proportion of users seeing the new version of the application down to the percentage point.

You use ELB and EC2 with Auto Scaling Groups and custom AMIs with your code pre-installed assigned to Launch Configurations. There are no database-level changes during your deployment. You have been told you cannot spend too much money, so you must not increase the number of EC2 instances much at all during the deployment, but you also need to be able to switch back to the original version of code quickly if something goes wrong. What is the best way to meet these requirements?

- A. Create a second ELB, Auto Scaling Launch Configuration, and Auto Scaling Group using the Launch Configuration
- B. Create AMIs with all code pre-installed
- C. Assign the new AMI to the second Auto Scaling Launch Configuration
- D. Use Route53 Weighted Round Robin Records to adjust the proportion of traffic hitting the two ELBs.
- E. Use the Blue-Green deployment method to enable the fastest possible rollback if needed
- F. Create a full second stack of instances and cut the DNS over to the new stack of instances, and change the DNS back if a rollback is needed.
- G. Create AMIs with all code pre-installed
- H. Assign the new AMI to the Auto Scaling Launch Configuration, to replace the old one
- I. Gradually terminate instances running the old code (launched with the old Launch Configuration) and allow the new AMIs to boot to adjust the traffic balance to the new code
- J. On rollback, reverse the process by doing the same thing, but changing the AMI on the Launch Config back to the original code.
- K. Migrate to use AWS Elastic Beanstalk
- L. Use the established and well-tested Rolling Deployment setting AWS provides on the new Application Environment, publishing a zip bundle of the new code and adjusting the wait period to spread the deployment over time
- M. Re-deploy the old code bundle to rollback if needed.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Only Weighted Round Robin DNS Records and reverse proxies allow such fine-grained tuning of traffic splits. The Blue-Green option does not meet the requirement that we mitigate costs and keep overall EC2 fleet size consistent, so we must select the 2 ELB and ASG option with WRR DNS tuning. This method is called A/B deployment and/or Canary deployment.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 72

What is required to achieve gigabit network throughput on EC2? You already selected cluster-compute, 10GB instances with enhanced networking, and your workload is already network-bound, but you are not seeing 10 gigabit speeds.

- A. Enable biplane networking on your servers, so packets are non-blocking in both directions and there's no switching overhead.
- B. Ensure the instances are in different VPCs so you don't saturate the Internet Gateway on any one VPC.
- C. Select PIOPS for your drives and mount several, so you can provision sufficient disk throughput.
- D. Use a placement group for your instances so the instances are physically near each other in the same Availability Zone.

Answer: D

Explanation:

You are not guaranteed 10gigabit performance, except within a placement group.

A placement group is a logical grouping of instances within a single Availability Zone. Using placement groups enables applications to participate in a low-latency, 10 Gbps network. Placement groups are recommended for applications that benefit from low network latency, high network throughput, or both. Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/placement-groups.html>

NEW QUESTION 74

If I want CloudFormation stack status updates to show up in a continuous delivery system in as close to real time as possible, how should I achieve this?

- A. Use a long-poll on the Resources object in your CloudFormation stack and display those state changes in the UI for the system.
- B. Use a long-poll on the `ListStacks` API call for your CloudFormation stack and display those state changes in the UI for the system.
- C. Subscribe your continuous delivery system to an SNS topic that you also tell your CloudFormation stack to publish events into.
- D. Subscribe your continuous delivery system to an SQS queue that you also tell your CloudFormation stack to publish events into.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Use NotificationARNs.member.N when making a CreateStack call to push stack events into SNS in nearly real-time.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks-monitor-stack.html>

NEW QUESTION 79

From a compliance and security perspective, which of these statements is true?

- A. You do not ever need to rotate access keys for AWS IAM Users.
- B. You do not ever need to rotate access keys for AWS IAM Roles, nor AWS IAM Users.
- C. None of the other statements are true.
- D. You do not ever need to rotate access keys for AWS IAM Role

Answer: D

Explanation:

IAM Role Access Keys are auto-rotated by AWS on your behalf; you do not need to rotate them.

The application is granted the permissions for the actions and resources that you've defined for the role through the security credentials associated with the role.

These security credentials are temporary and we

rotate them automatically. We make new credentials available at least five minutes prior to the expiration of the old credentials.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/iam-roles-for-amazon-ec2.html>

NEW QUESTION 82

You need your API backed by DynamoDB to stay online during a total regional AWS failure. You can tolerate a couple minutes of lag or slowness during a large failure event, but the system should recover with normal operation after those few minutes. What is a good approach?

- A. Set up DynamoDB cross-region replication in a master-standby configuration, with a single standby in another region
- B. Create an Auto Scaling Group behind an ELB in each of the two regions DynamoDB is running in
- C. Add a Route53 Latency DNS Record with DNS Failover, using the ELBs in the two regions as the resource records.
- D. Set up a DynamoDB Multi-Region table
- E. Create an Auto Scaling Group behind an ELB in each of the two regions DynamoDB is running in
- F. Add a Route53 Latency DNS Record with DNS Failover, using the ELBs in the two regions as the resource records.
- G. Set up a DynamoDB Multi-Region table
- H. Create a cross-region ELB pointing to a cross-region Auto Scaling Group, and direct a Route53 Latency DNS Record with DNS Failover to the cross-region ELB.
- I. Set up DynamoDB cross-region replication in a master-standby configuration, with a single standby in another region
- J. Create a cross-region ELB pointing to a cross-region Auto Scaling Group, and direct a Route53 Latency DNS Record with DNS Failover to the cross-region ELB.

Answer: A

Explanation:

There is no such thing as a cross-region ELB, nor such thing as a cross-region Auto Scaling Group, nor such thing as a DynamoDB Multi-Region Table. The only option that makes sense is the cross-regional replication version with two ELBs and ASGs with Route53 Failover and Latency DNS.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/Streams.CrossRegionRepl.html>

NEW QUESTION 87

There is a very serious outage at AWS. EC2 is not affected, but your EC2 instance deployment scripts stopped working in the region with the outage. What might be the issue?

- A. The AWS Console is down, so your CLI commands do not work.
- B. S3 is unavailable, so you can't create EBS volumes from a snapshot you use to deploy new volumes.
- C. AWS turns off the `DeployCode` API call when there are major outages, to protect from system floods.
- D. None of the other answers make sense
- E. If EC2 is not affected, it must be some other issue

Answer: B

Explanation:

S3 stores all snapshots. If S3 is unavailable, snapshots are unavailable.

Amazon EC2 also uses Amazon S3 to store snapshots (backup copies) of the data volumes. You can use snapshots for recovering data quickly and reliably in case of application or system failures. You can also use snapshots as a baseline to create multiple new data volumes, expand the size of an existing data volume, or move data volumes across multiple Availability Zones, thereby making your data usage highly scalable. For more information about using data volumes and snapshots, see Amazon Elastic Block Store.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AmazonS3.html>

NEW QUESTION 90

What is a circular dependency in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. When a Template references an earlier version of itself.
- B. When Nested Stacks depend on each other.
- C. When Resources form a DependsOn loop.
- D. When a Template references a region, which references the original Template

Answer: C

Explanation:

To resolve a dependency error, add a DependsOn attribute to resources that depend on other resources in your template. In some cases, you must explicitly declare dependencies so that AWS CloudFormation can create or delete resources in the correct order. For example, if you create an Elastic IP and a VPC with an Internet gateway in the same stack, the Elastic IP must depend on the Internet gateway attachment. For additional information, see DependsOn Attribute.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/troubleshooting.html#troubleshooting-errors-dependence-error>

NEW QUESTION 94

You need to run a very large batch data processing job one time per day. The source data exists entirely in S3, and the output of the processing job should also be written to S3 when finished. If you need to version control this processing job and all setup and teardown logic for the system, what approach should you use?

- A. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS Elastic Beanstalk.
- B. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS CloudFormation.
- C. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS OpsWorks.
- D. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS CLI Compose

Answer: B

Explanation:

To declaratively model build and destroy of a cluster, you need to use AWS CloudFormation. OpsWorks and Elastic Beanstalk cannot directly model EMR Clusters. The CLI is not declarative, and CLI Composer does not exist.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-emr-cluster.html>

NEW QUESTION 99

You were just hired as a DevOps Engineer for a startup. Your startup uses AWS for 100% of their infrastructure. They currently have no automation at all for deployment, and they have had many failures while trying to deploy to production. The company has told you deployment process risk mitigation is the most important thing now, and you have a lot of budget for tools and AWS resources.

Their stack: 2-tier API

Data stored in DynamoDB or S3, depending on type. Compute layer is EC2 in Auto Scaling Groups. They use Route53 for DNS pointing to an ELB.

An ELB balances load across the EC2 instances.

The scaling group properly varies between 4 and 12 EC2 instances.

Which of the following approaches, given this company's stack and their priorities, best meets the company's needs?

- A. Model the stack in AWS Elastic Beanstalk as a single Application with multiple Environments.
- B. Use Elastic Beanstalk's Rolling Deploy option to progressively roll out application code changes when promoting across environments.
- C. Model the stack in 3 CloudFormation templates: Data layer, compute layer, and networking layer.
- D. Write stack deployment and integration testing automation following Blue-Green methodologies.
- E. Model the stack in AWS OpsWorks as a single Stack, with 1 compute layer and its associated ELB.
- F. Use Chef and App Deployments to automate Rolling Deployment.
- G. Model the stack in 1 CloudFormation template, to ensure consistency and dependency graph resolution.
- H. Write deployment and integration testing automation following Rolling Deployment methodologies.

Answer: B

Explanation:

AWS recommends Blue-Green for zero-downtime deploys. Since you use DynamoDB, and neither AWS OpsWorks nor AWS Elastic Beanstalk directly supports DynamoDB, the option selecting CloudFormation and Blue-Green is correct.

You use various strategies to migrate the traffic from your current application stack (blue) to a new version of the application (green). This is a popular technique for deploying applications with zero downtime. The deployment services like AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS CloudFormation, or AWS OpsWorks are particularly useful as they provide a simple way to clone your running application stack. You can set up a

new version of your application (green) by simply cloning current version of the application (blue). Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 101

What is the scope of an EBS snapshot?

- A. Availability Zone
- B. Placement Group
- C. Region
- D. VPC

Answer: C

Explanation:

An EBS snapshot is tied to its region and can only be used to create volumes in the same region. You can copy a snapshot from one region to another. For more information, see Copying an Amazon EBS Snapshot.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/resources.html>

NEW QUESTION 105

Your system uses a multi-master, multi-region DynamoDB configuration spanning two regions to achieve high availability. For the first time since launching your system, one of the AWS Regions in which you operate over went down for 3 hours, and the failover worked correctly. However, after recovery, your users are experiencing strange bugs, in which users on different sides of the globe see different data. What is a likely design issue that was not accounted for when launching?

- A. The system does not have Lambda Functor Repair Automations, to perform table scans and check for corrupted partition blocks inside the Table in the recovered Region.
- B. The system did not implement DynamoDB Table Defragmentation for restoring partition performance in the Region that experienced an outage, so data is served stale.
- C. The system did not include repair logic and request replay buffering logic for post-failure, to re-synchronize data to the Region that was unavailable for a number of hours.
- D. The system did not use DynamoDB Consistent Read requests, so the requests in different areas are not utilizing consensus across Regions at runtime.

Answer: C

Explanation:

When using multi-region DynamoDB systems, it is of paramount importance to make sure that all requests made to one Region are replicated to the other. Under normal operation, the system in question would correctly perform write replays into the other Region. If a whole Region went down, the system would be unable to perform these writes for the period of downtime. Without buffering write requests somehow, there would be no way for the system to replay dropped cross-region writes, and the requests would be serviced differently depending on the Region from which they were served after recovery. Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/Streams.CrossRegionRepl.html>

NEW QUESTION 107

Your application's Auto Scaling Group scales up too quickly, too much, and stays scaled when traffic decreases. What should you do to fix this?

- A. Set a longer cooldown period on the Group, so the system stops overshooting the target capacity
- B. The issue is that the scaling system doesn't allow enough time for new instances to begin servicing requests before measuring aggregate load again.
- C. Calculate the bottleneck or constraint on the compute layer, then select that as the new metric, and set the metric thresholds to the bounding values that begin to affect response latency.
- D. Raise the CloudWatch Alarms threshold associated with your autoscaling group, so the scaling takes more of an increase in demand before beginning.
- E. Use larger instances instead of lots of smaller ones, so the Group stops scaling out so much and wasting resources as the OS level, since the OS uses a higher proportion of resources on smaller instances.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Systems will always over-scale unless you choose the metric that runs out first and becomes constrained first. You also need to set the thresholds of the metric based on whether or not latency is affected by the change, to justify adding capacity instead of wasting money.

Reference: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AutoScaling/latest/DeveloperGuide/policy_creating.html

NEW QUESTION 110

Your CTO is very worried about the security of your AWS account. How best can you prevent hackers from completely hijacking your account?

- A. Use short but complex password on the root account and any administrators.
- B. Use AWS IAM Geo-Lock and disallow anyone from logging in except for in your city.
- C. Use MFA on all users and accounts, especially on the root account.
- D. Don't write down or remember the root account password after creating the AWS account

Answer: C

Explanation:

For increased security, we recommend that you configure multi-factor authentication (MFA) to help protect your AWS resources. MFA adds extra security because it requires users to enter a unique authentication code from an approved authentication device or SMS text message when they access AWS websites or services.

Reference: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_credentials_mfa.html

NEW QUESTION 115

If you're trying to configure an AWS Elastic Beanstalk worker tier for easy debugging if there are problems finishing queue jobs, what should you configure?

- A. Configure Rolling Deployments.

- B. Configure Enhanced Health Reporting
- C. Configure Blue-Green Deployments.
- D. Configure a Dead Letter Queue

Answer: D

Explanation:

Elastic Beanstalk worker environments support Amazon Simple Queue Service (SQS) dead letter queues. A dead letter queue is a queue where other (source) queues can send messages that for some reason could not be successfully processed. A primary benefit of using a dead letter queue is the ability to sideline and isolate the unsuccessfully processed messages. You can then analyze any messages sent to the dead letter queue to try to determine why they were not successfully processed. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/using-features-managing-env-tiers.html#worker-deadletter>

NEW QUESTION 117

You have a high security requirement for your AWS accounts. What is the most rapid and sophisticated setup you can use to react to AWS API calls to your account?

- A. Subscription to AWS Config via an SNS Topic
- B. Use a Lambda Function to perform in-flight analysis and react to changes as they occur.
- C. Global AWS CloudTrail setup delivering to S3 with an SNS subscription to the deliver notifications, pushing into a Lambda, which inserts records into an ELK stack for analysis.
- D. Use a CloudWatch Rule ScheduleExpression to periodically analyze IAM credential log
- E. Push the deltas for events into an ELK stack and perform ad-hoc analysis there.
- F. CloudWatch Events Rules which trigger based on all AWS API calls, submitting all events to an AWS Kinesis Stream for arbitrary downstream analysis.

Answer: D

Explanation:

CloudWatch Events allow subscription to AWS API calls, and direction of these events into Kinesis Streams. This allows a unified, near real-time stream for all API calls, which can be analyzed with any tool(s) of your choosing downstream.

Reference: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/DeveloperGuide/EventTypes.html#api_event_type

NEW QUESTION 120

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