



Cost Optimization with AWS

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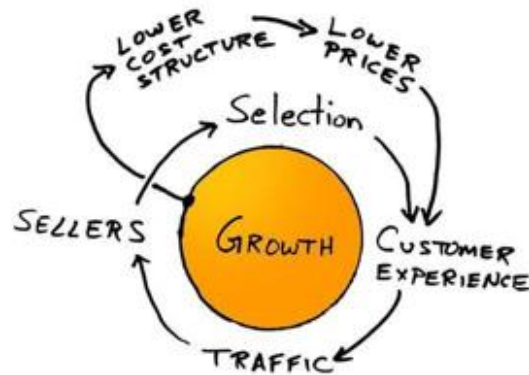
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AWS Cost Philosophy



AWS philosophy in cloud services pricing

A culture that believes on passing the economic efficiencies gained from our scale back to our customers...



went through **133**
Price Reductions since 2006

[Price reduction related AWS blog](#)

The perpetual drive to invent products that bring cost efficiencies to our customers...



Since the launch of S3 Intelligent Tiering,
customers saved over
\$1 Billion

Since 2018, AWS has released 3 generations
of **custom ARM chips**, named **Graviton**.



The latest Graviton 3 CPUs offer up to
40% better price/performance ratios
over conventional CPUs, for most
workloads.

Examples of cost savings enabled by Graviton (over x86 CPUs):

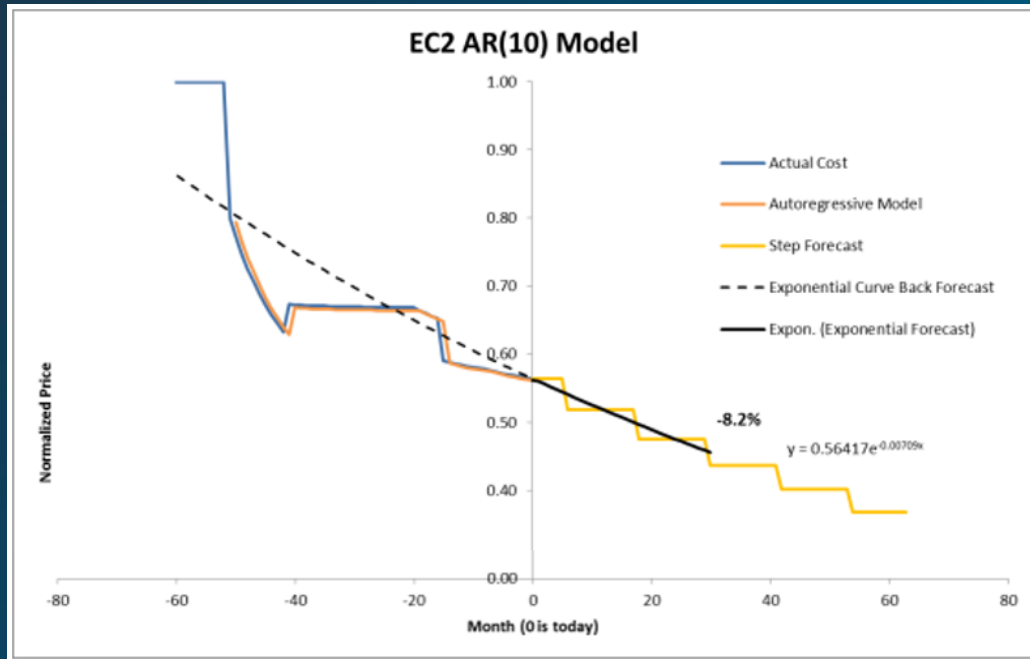
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|---|---|-------------------|
|  | 1. ML Inference (SageMaker) | – 70% lower price |
|  | 2. ML Training (SageMaker) | – 50% lower price |
|  | 3. Databases (Aurora, RDS) | – 50% lower price |
|  | 4. General purpose compute (EC2) | – 50% lower price |
|  | 5. Containers (Kubernetes, Docker) | – 40% lower price |
|  | 6. Serverless compute (Lambda) | – 34% lower price |
|  | 7. Big Data (EMR) | – 30% lower price |
|  | 8. NoSQL (Document, Graph) | – 30% lower price |



Third Party Public study Modeling AWS Pricing – Compute and Storage

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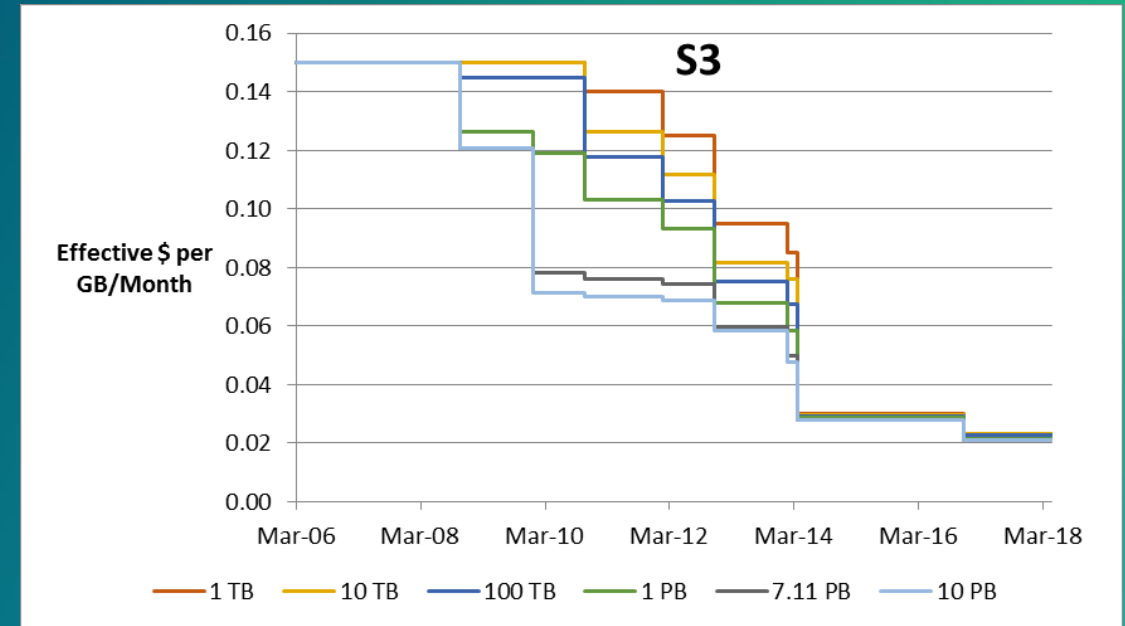
*“For the time period since 2010, EC2 Compute price analysis shows a **44% total price reduction**, equivalent to an annualized rate of **8.2%**. There were no price increases during this time.”*



Data range: from EC2 Service launch in 2010 to 2019

An in-depth public study of AWS pricing trends (conducted by US DoD – NRO office) concluded that:

*“Over a 12 year history, AWS has reduced their storage service costs **8 times** totaling **86%** cumulatively, equivalent to **14.9%** annually - quite a significant reduction over time. Additionally, there has never been a storage price increase.”*



Data range: from S3 Service launch in 2006 to 2019

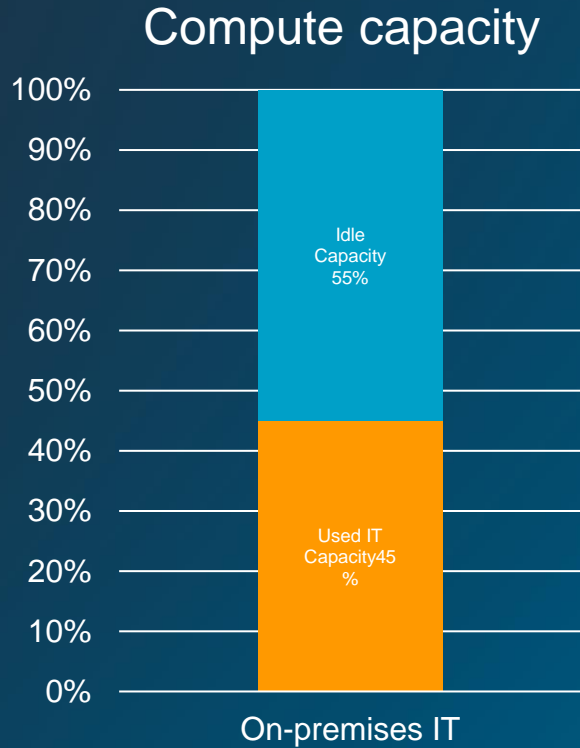


Business Case for AWS Migration

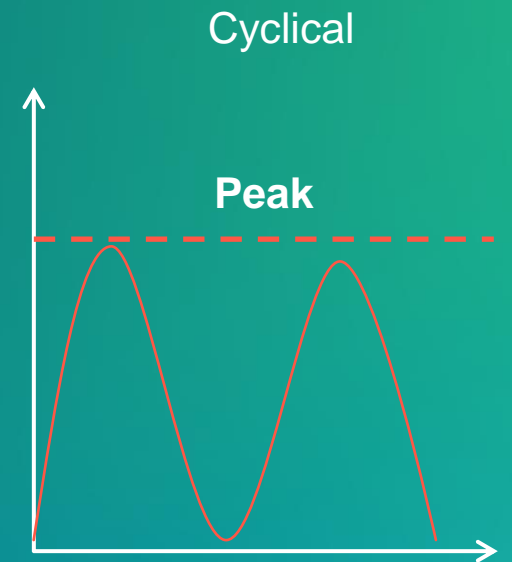
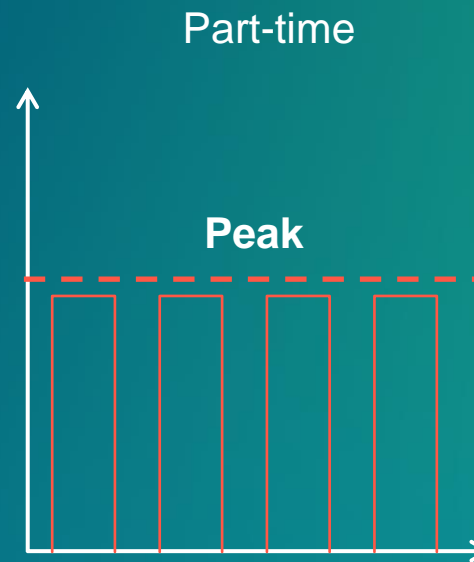
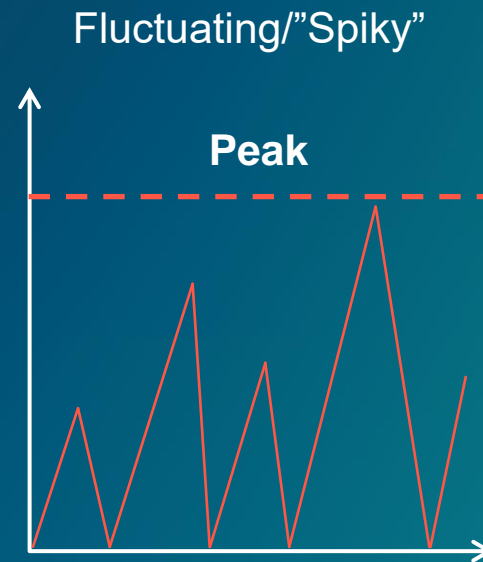


On-premises purchase for peak

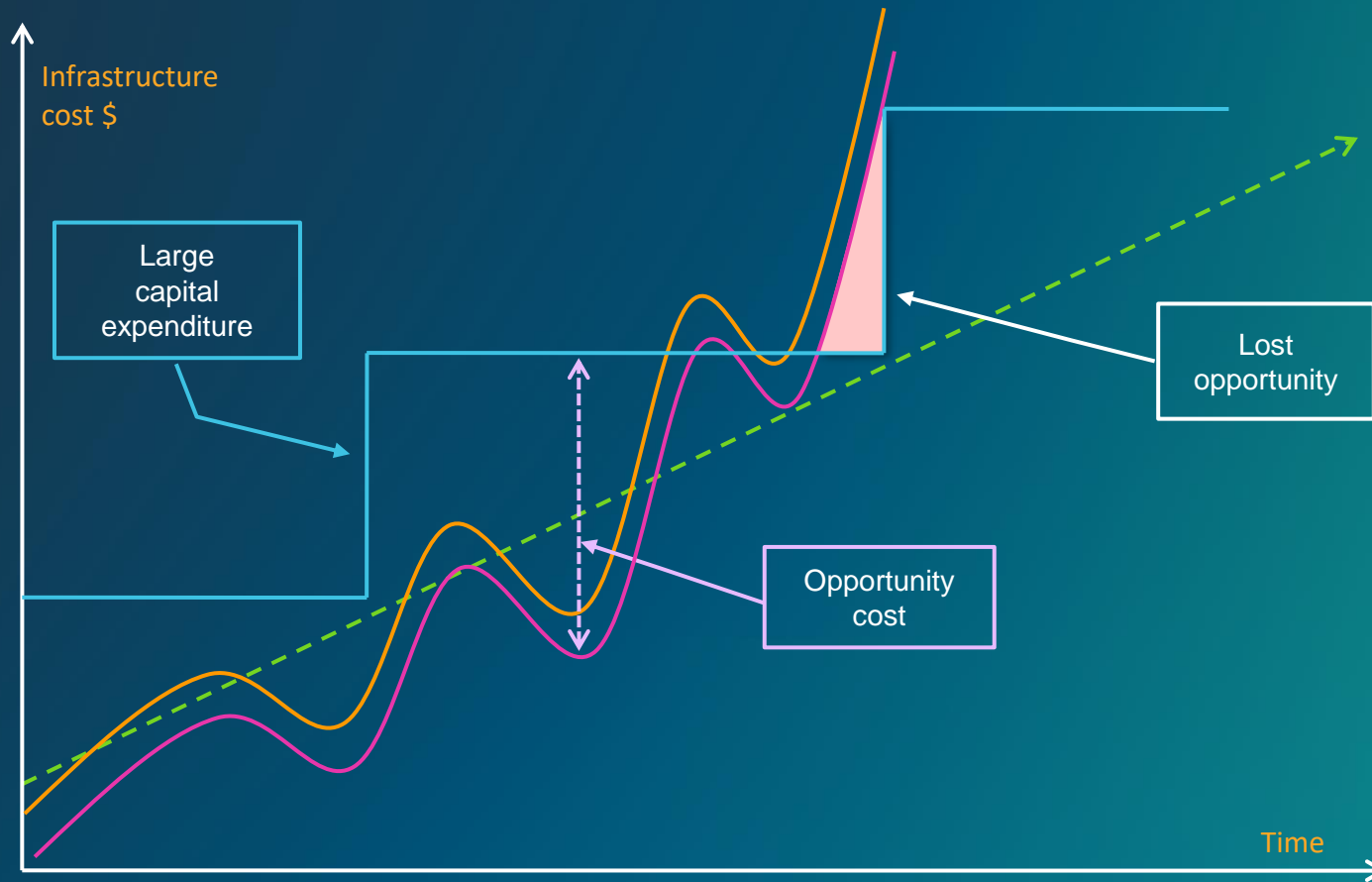
Studies by Gartner, McKinsey, and the Uptime Institute have stated that typical data centers are on average **less than 50% utilized**



Application/workload drivers



Cost Savings: Economics of the Cloud

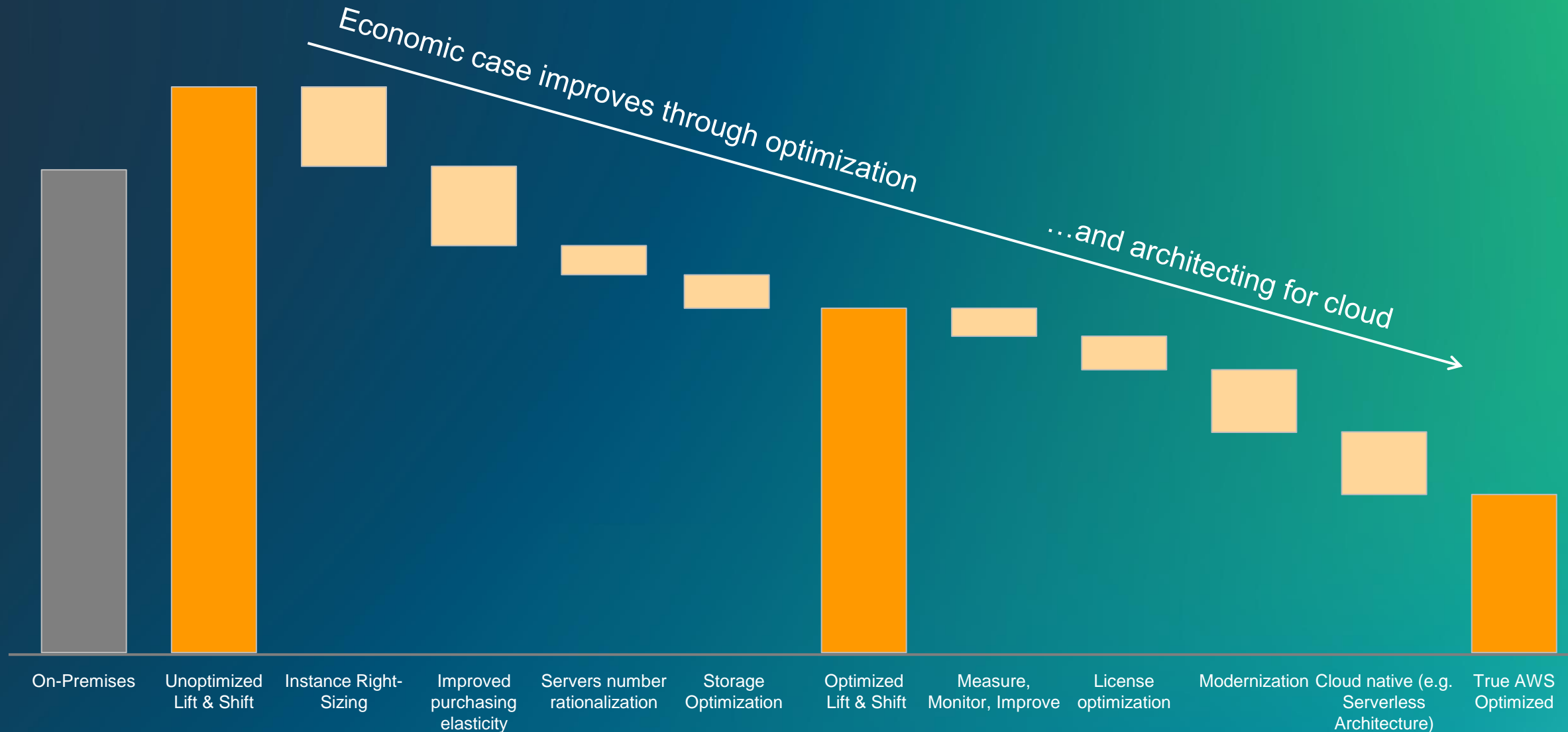


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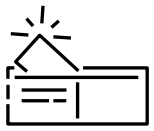
- Predicted demand
- Traditional hardware
- Actual demand
- AWS



Lowering TCO through optimization



Examples of value realized



Cost Savings (TCO)

DC footprint reduced from 8 to 3 (CapitalOne)

Storage costs reduced by up to 60% (ENEL)

Over 50% reduction in TCO (GE)

DC footprint from 45 to 6 (News Corp)

50% reduction in app costs (Time Inc.)

Cost savings of \$20M p.a. (FINRA)

Computational cost reduced by 20%+ (ENEL)

Cloud deployment has saved \$34M in CAPEX

and reduced OPEX by 85% (Samsung)

12% reduction in OPEX (RWE Czech)

Design and launch a security-compliant solution in three months while reducing our capital expenses by 30% (Vodafone)

Savings of \$1.5M p.a. (Trainline)

30% reduction in OPEX (MacMillan)



Staff Productivity

Average annual staffing savings of \$3M (Adroll)

Reduced management time by 80% compared to prior cloud platform, and redeployed 3 IT staff to development efforts (iFit)

Half the infrastructure team required to manage infrastructure (2C2P)

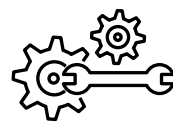
IT Infra consolidation completed in 20% of expected time (Hearst)

60% of IT working on data proliferation, lack of standards, security hardening all of which AWS is addressing (Intuit)

Over 500 hours per year of server configuration time saved (Sage)

39 years of computational chemistry condensed into 9 hours (Novartis)

"I haven't had a support callout in six months. Previously we'd have to work late at least once or twice a week. It's allowed us to refocus people's efforts onto more strategic tasks." (Graze)



Operational Resilience

Scaled to handle a 400% increase in page views (Kurt Geiger)

8,600 transactions/second (McDonalds)

Transfer of over 750 TB of data from pipeline inspection machinery (GE)

Processing over 75 billion market events daily (FINRA)

Critical applications run in multiple AZs, x-Regions for robust disaster recovery (Expedia)

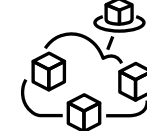
Supports over 300,000 requests per minute to its API (Easy Taxi)

60% reduced downtime (Trainline)

Migration of SAP on Oracle to AWS with zero unplanned downtime across five countries (Kellogg's)

Remediation time reduced from 3 days to 80 minutes (GE Appliances)

Automatic ISO27001, PCI DSS, and HIPAA certification (Medscheme)



Business Agility

80% reduction in software R&D times (Apeejay Styra & Svrán)

Time to launch digital campaigns cut from weeks to 24 hours (91App)

Calc and reporting time cut from 10 days to 10 minutes (Aon Benfield)

Time to market cut from weeks to hours (FlyDubai)

Clinical simulations 98% faster than on-premises (Bristol-Myers Squibb)

Time to deploy IT compute reduced to <5 minutes (Alcatel-Lucent)

R&D RFS times reduced from 6 months to 1 day (NewsCorp)

Provisioning time cut from 3–4 weeks to 2 days (ENEL)

Test-run time cut to 10 minutes, from up to 2 hours (Yelp)

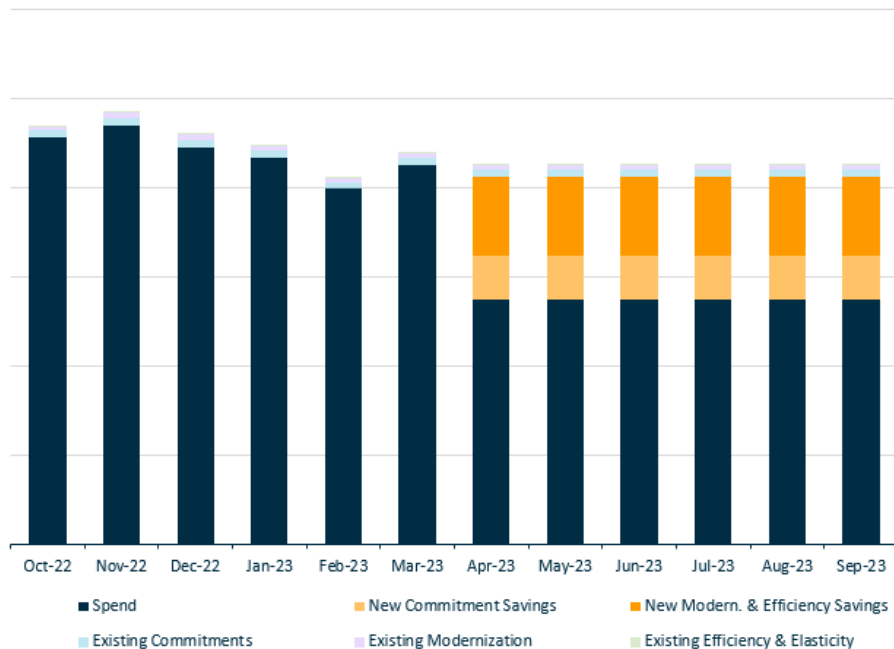
5M financial investment policies recalculated in minutes instead of overnight (ABSI)

Cost Management for AWS Users



Savings potentials for an existing AWS customer

potential monthly saving	potential saving vs monthly spend 33.06%	savings already achieved	top opportunity New Savings Plans and Reserved Instances	select Saving Plan/RI options One Year No Upfront
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	previous month	max potential savings	
COMMITMENTS			
New Savings Plans and Reserved Instances	0.00%	11.33%	
Increased utilization of existing commitments	1.90%	0.00%	
MODERNIZATION			
Adopting Graviton2 or latest instance families	0.76%	9.55%	🔄
Modernizing to latest EBS volumes generation	1.12%	0.06%	🔄
EFFICIENCY & ELASTICITY			
Rightsizing EC2 Environment	0.00%	7.56%	🔄
Stopping EC2 & RDS instances at weekends	0.12%	3.80%	🔄
Utilizing Spot Instances	0.00%	0.00%	
Adopting S3 & EFS Storage Lifecycle	0.29%	0.81%	🔄
Other Opportunities			
TOTAL	3.30%	33.06%	
POTENTIAL FURTHER AREAS OF INVESTIGATION			
Migrating EC2 & RDS environment to a cheaper region	0.00%	4.66%	



Cloud Financial Management

AWS Organizations



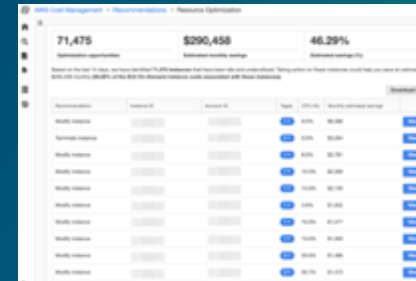
AWS Cost Allocation Tags



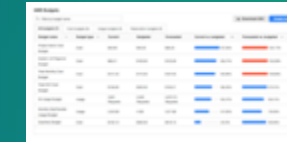
AWS Cost Explorer



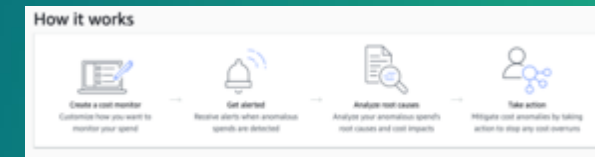
AWS Cost Explorer (EC2 Rightsizing Recommendations)



AWS Budgets



AWS Cost Anomaly Detection



1. CFM ownership

Identify an owner (individual or team) responsible for driving cloud financial management activities

2. Organizational partnership

Create a Finance and Technology partnership and establish a regular communication cadence to create and maintain alignment

3. Cost allocation

Implement an account structure, and tagging strategy to allow allocation of cost to lines of business, products or teams

4. Cost visibility

Report cloud costs to Technology teams in order to raise cost awareness, and establish efficiency KPIs for finance and business stakeholders

5. Cost optimization

Use services and tools to identify and implement cost savings opportunities

6. Cost forecasting and monitoring

Improve cost predictability and monitor spend variances

Continuous: Education

Identify cloud-focused training offerings from AWS Training and Certification to eliminate knowledge blind spots for stakeholders



Lyft Increases Cost Visibility to Cut Costs by 40% in 6 Months

Challenge

Lyft's annual rides grew from 53 million in 2015 to 160 million in 2016, and rides more than doubled in 2017. This growth led to increased AWS usage, which presented financial management challenges.

Solution

Lyft created a data pipeline that uses the AWS Cost and Usage Report, AWS APIs, and Lyft-specific data sources to create self-service dashboards that provide high-level metrics for business leaders and more detailed information for developers.

Benefits

- Reduced costs per ride by 40% in 6 months
- Delivered detailed cost metrics
- Reduced waste and verified spend decreases
- Allowed engineers to build new tools and save money



Company: Lyft
Industry: Transportation and Logistics
Country: United States
Employees: 5,380
Website: [lyft.com](https://www.lyft.com)

About Lyft

Lyft is a ridesharing company based in San Francisco, California. Lyft operates in 644 cities in the US and 12 cities in Canada. The company develops, markets, and operates the Lyft mobile app, offering car rides, scooters, a bicycle-sharing system, and a food-delivery service.

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We achieved high ROI by starting small and enabling baseline visibility. **This work allowed us to better understand our AWS footprint at a high level.**

– Engineering Manager, Capacity Team, Lyft

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MicroStrategy Uses Governance to Cut Cloud Costs by 30%

Challenge

As MicroStrategy began investing more in the cloud, it sought to control its growing AWS costs. To support a new initiative, MicroStrategy wanted to reduce its overall cloud spend by 20 percent year-over-year.

Solution

MicroStrategy used AWS Cost and Usage Report and its own internal analytics to optimize AWS usage. The company also designed and implemented an organizational hub-and-spoke model for Cloud Financial Management.

Benefits

- Reduces cloud spend by 30% year-over-year
- Saves \$250,000 annually
- Drives better internal visibility into cloud usage and spend
- Delivers 50% more training environments



Company: MicroStrategy
Industry: Professional Services
Country: United States
Employees: 2,259
Website: [microstrategy.com](https://www.microstrategy.com)

About MicroStrategy

MicroStrategy, the largest independent, publicly traded business intelligence company, offers a leading enterprise analytics platform. MicroStrategy provides modern analytics on an open, comprehensive enterprise platform used by many brands in the Fortune Global 500.

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Using the AWS Cost and Usage Report and our own analytics, we provided more transparency around cloud spend. Our notifications definitely helped create more cost-aware consumption.

– Clayton Myers, Vice President of Technology, MicroStrategy

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Thank you!

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