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Learning AWS
Design, build, and deploy responsive applications using AWS cloud components

About This Book

Build scalable and highly available real-time applications
Make cost-effective architectural decisions by implementing your product’s functional and non-functional requirements
Develop your skills with hands-on exercises using a three-tiered service oriented application as an example

Who This Book Is For

This book is targeted at expert programmers and architects wanting to learn AWS. Some familiarity with Spring, MySQL, and RESTful web services is assumed.

What You Will Learn

Multi-tenant design approaches for SaaS applications
Planning dev, test, staging, and production environments
Design considerations for scalability and high-availability
Planning for DR
The security considerations and implementation of AWS applications
Production deployment processes and tools
Monitoring AWS applications using CloudWatch
Automating infrastructure using CloudFormation

In Detail

With the increasing global interest in leveraging cloud infrastructure, AWS Cloud from offers a cutting-edge platform for architecting, building, and deploying web-scale cloud applications. The variety of features available within AWS can reduce overall infrastructure costs and accelerate the development process for both large enterprises and startups alike.

Beginning with basic cloud concepts, you’ll learn about the various cloud services models and the design implications of multi-tenant applications. You’ll then design, implement, and deploy a multi-tier, scalable, highly-available and secure application on the AWS platform. At every step, we explain the key guiding principles driving real-world production-ready application architectures. Finally, you will learn how to automate your cloud infrastructure, set up operations, application monitoring, and DevOps pipeline.

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After almost 10 years since the EC2 service was first launched, still securely controls the IaaS market, despite the number of contenders significantly increased since. This dominance resulted in legions of start-up entering the PaaS market, building their services on top of AWS, as well as in an abundance of blogs and books dedicated to it. Part of this literature covers a specific service and thus targets a small niche; other parts give instead an overview of the services or a good part of them. Learning AWS belongs in the latter category: it targets DevOps and Cloud Architects with little or no experience with the AWS and aims to teach them about the basic features of the key services, so that they can easily get started. Yea, yet another introduction to some of the services of the Web Services.

Writing a book that introduces the reader to the whole ecosystem is hard. Not because the services are hard to understand and/or their features keeps secret. On the contrary, the difficulty comes from the fact that, on the one hand, provides an excellent and very detailed documentation, which they often update; on the other hand, the internet and the bookstores are invaded by a horde of articles and books, respectively, that do the same. So, while the task per se is easy, it is instead very hard to provide the reader with value that make the purchase worth it.

The very first thing that grasps the attention of the enthusiast reading the book is the presence of two kinds of images: some are very detailed and colorful, while others are very spartan and all in black and white. The former are screenshots taken from (not sure if from an ad hoc session or from the official documentation itself), while the latter are made by the author.