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# Accelerate database performance and scalability with AWS storage

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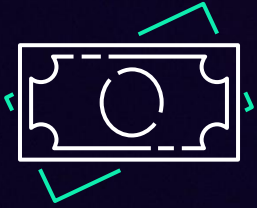
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# Why organizations are moving databases to AWS



Reduce  
cost



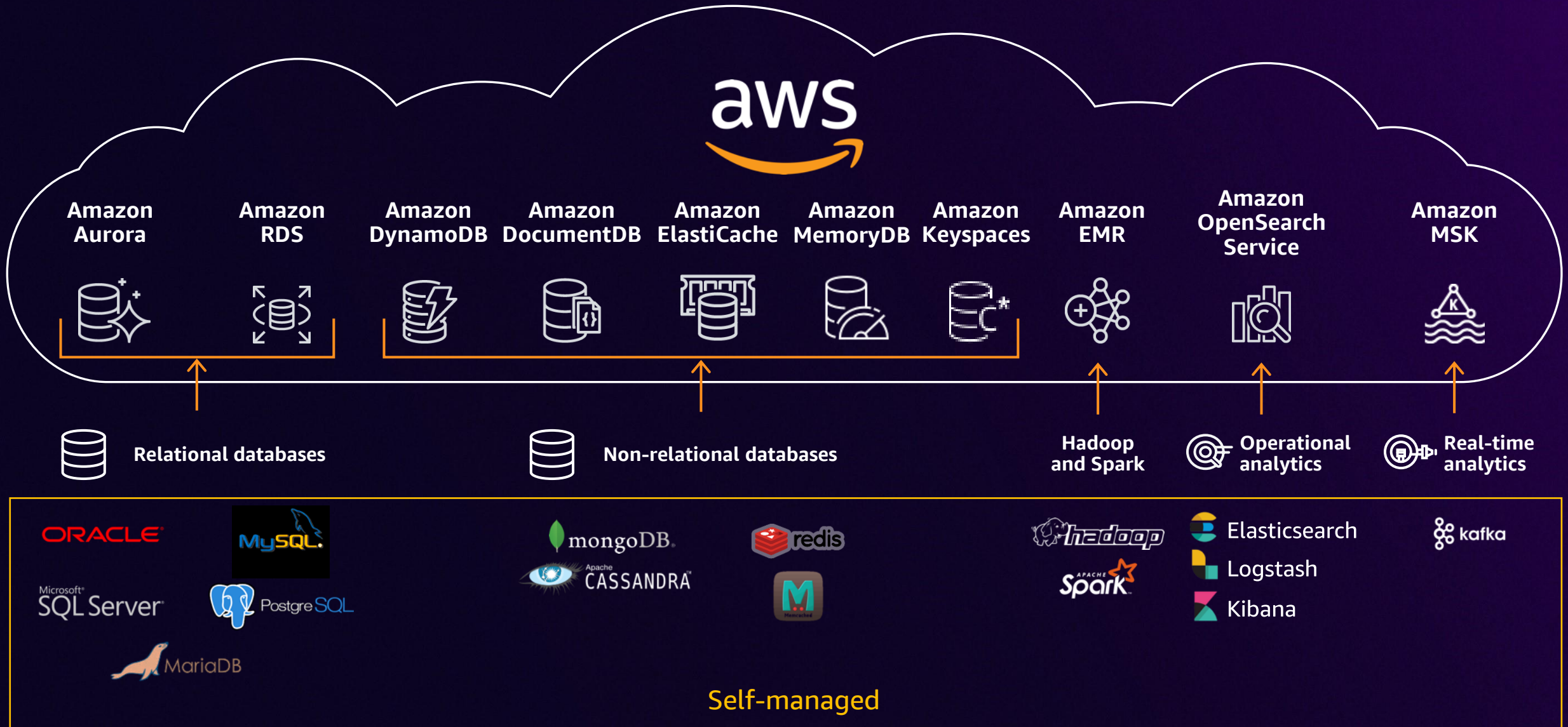
Innovate  
faster



Focus on high-value  
activities



# AWS provides many choices for databases



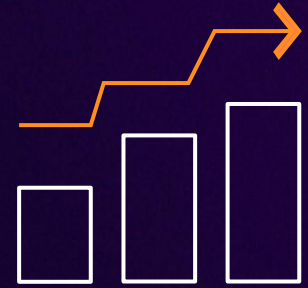
# Why self-managed databases?



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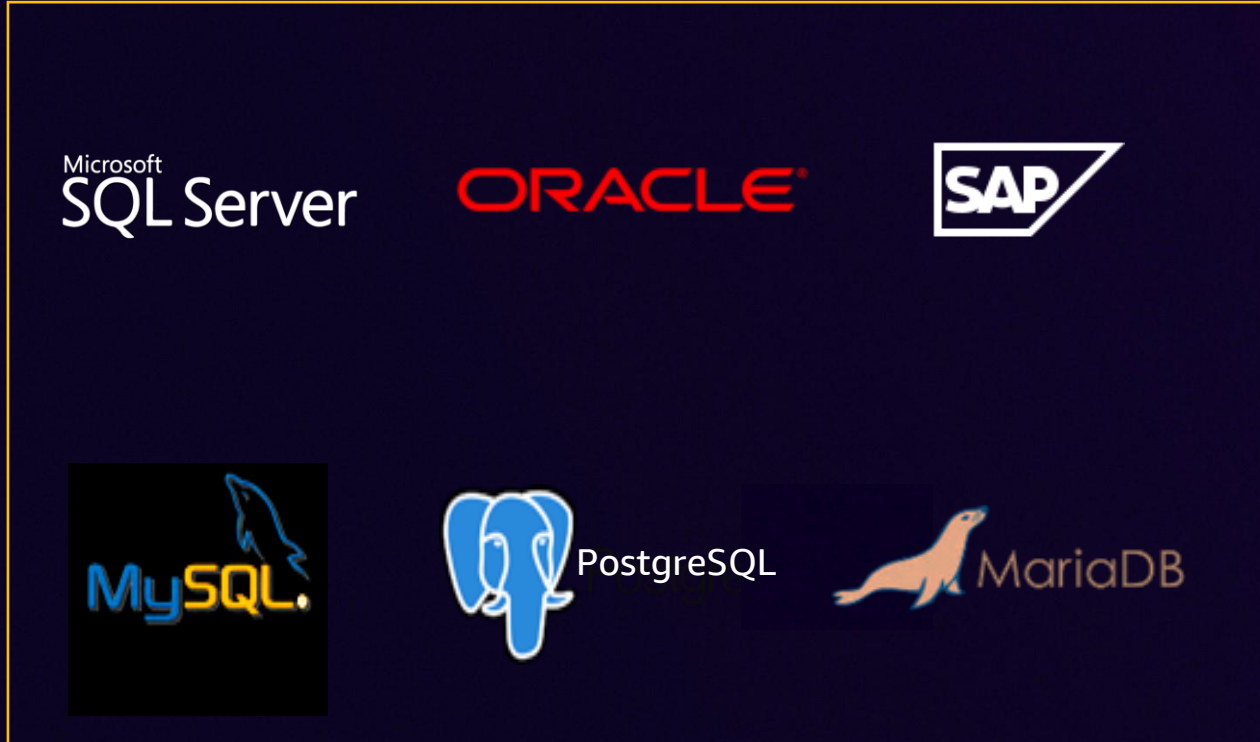


Flexibility

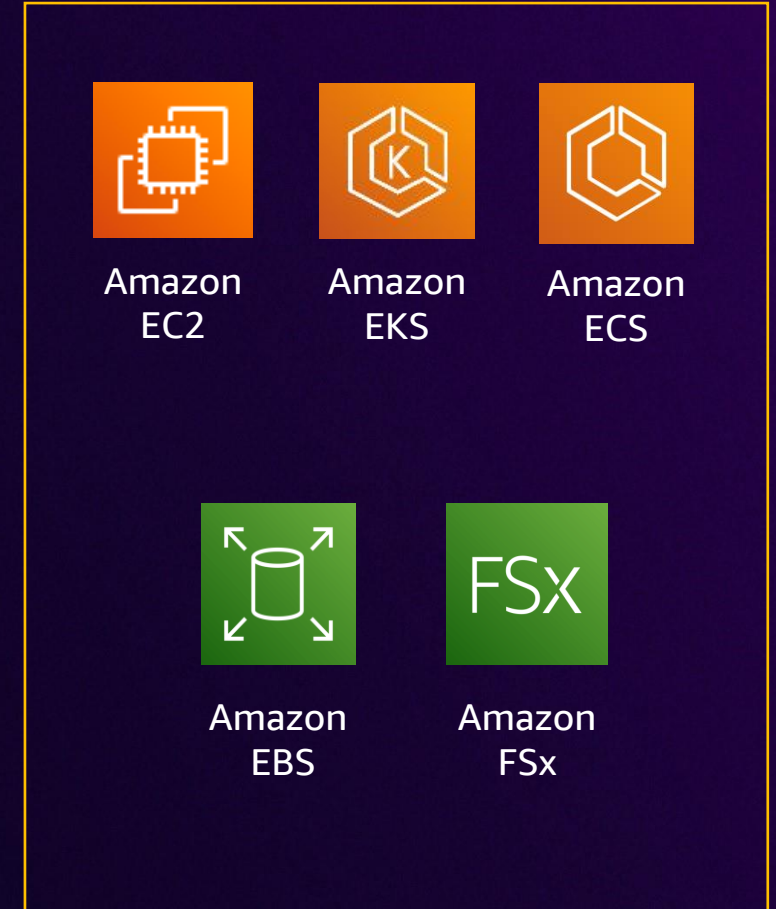


Scalability

# Self-managed database deployment in AWS



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Choose the right platform: compute, operating system, storage, and database(s)

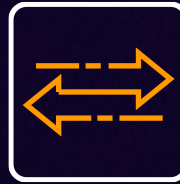


# Factors that influence database choice on AWS



## Performance

Instance sizes, Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling, bare metal vs. software layers



## Integration

Ease of use and deployment of software and associated data management



## Agility

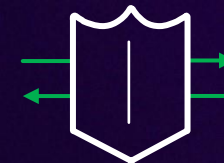
Portability across platforms

# Factors that influence storage choice on AWS



## Performance

Deliver high throughput  
at low latencies



## Resilience

Reduce RTO / RPO,  
SAZ/MAZ deployment,  
cross-Region replication



## Agility

Deploy quickly, simplify migration,  
refresh dev & test environments  
quickly, simplify DR testing

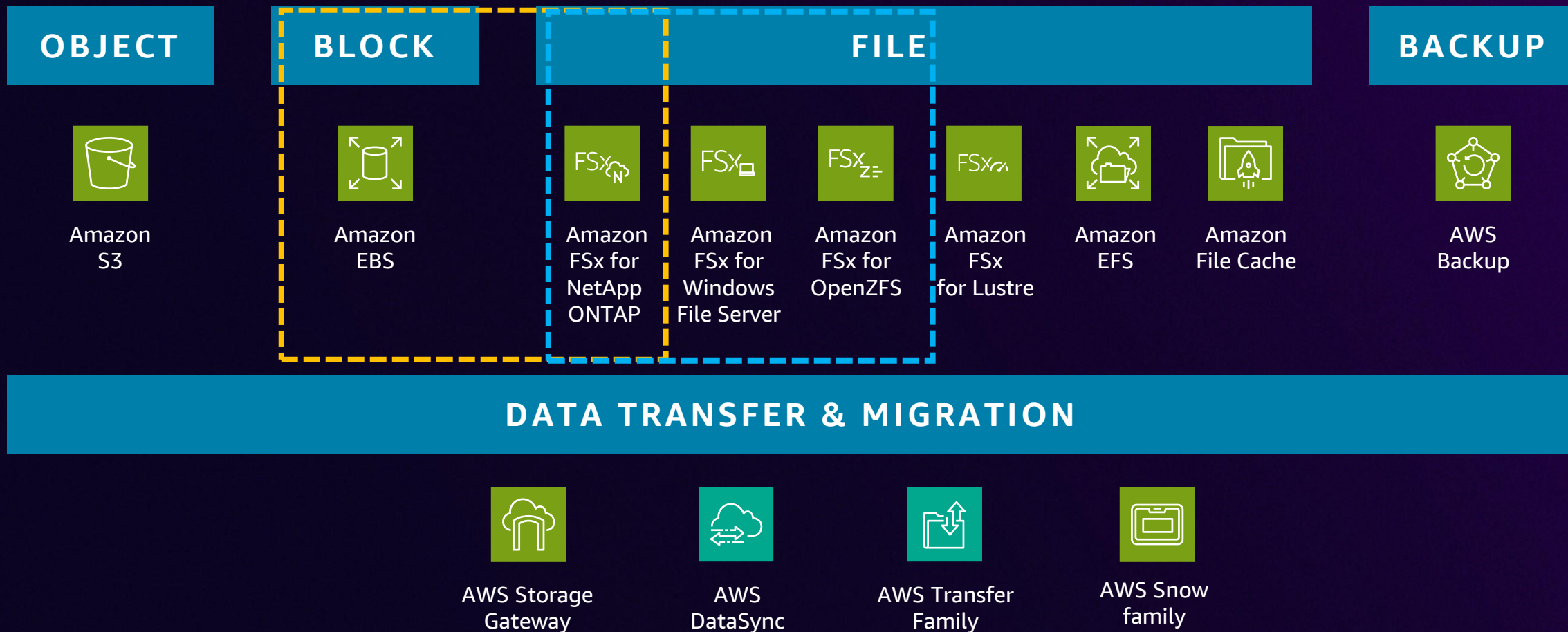


## TCO

Optimize costs



# The AWS storage portfolio



# Storage services for self-managed databases


Block



Amazon EBS

Simple, highest performance

Block & file



Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Rich data management

File



Amazon FSx for OpenZFS

File



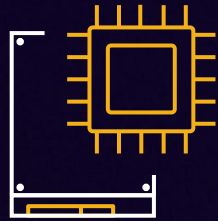
Amazon FSx for Windows File Server

- Each service has **unique** features and capabilities
- **Familiarity** may be a factor
- Match features and capabilities to **your business needs**

Familiarity, Multi-AZ HA and Single-AZ HA

# Popular Amazon EBS volume types for DB & analytics

DIFFERENT VOLUME TYPES FOR OPTIMAL PRICE AND PERFORMANCE

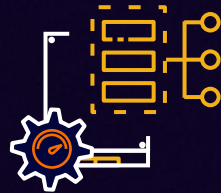


## SSD



**gp3**

General-purpose SSD



**io2 Block Express**

Provisioned IOPS SSD



## HDD



**st1**

Throughput-  
optimized HDD



**sc1**

Cold  
HDD



# EBS volumes for popular database use cases

Volume type	SSD		HDD	
	gp3 General purpose	io2 Block Express Provisioned IOPS	st1 Throughput optimized	sc1 Cold storage
Use-cases	Relational and non-relational databases, containers, big data, streaming, file system, media workflows	Performance-sensitive, mission-critical databases requiring sub-millisecond latencies and higher durability	Batch process reporting, big data workloads, data warehouses, log processing, test & dev	Database log stores, backup volumes, cost-sensitive workloads
Volume size	1 GB – 16 TB	4 GB – 64 TB	125 GB – 16 TB	125 GB – 16 TB
Max IOPS/volume	16,000	256,000	500	250
Max throughput/volume	1,000 MB/s	4,000 MB/s	500 MB/s	250 MB/s
Durability	99.8-99.9%	99.999%	99.8-99.9%	99.8-99.9%



# EBS snapshots for database backup, copying & AMI deployment

## Initial use case

**Backup and recovery  
for Amazon EBS  
volumes**

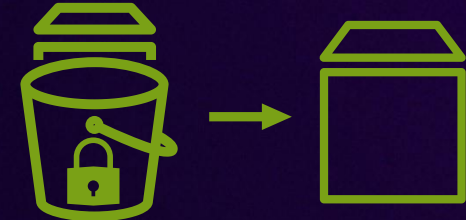


## Expanded use cases

**Share Amazon Machine  
Images (AMIs) to update  
instances/OS across  
accounts and Regions**



**Disaster recovery and  
ransomware protection  
across accounts and  
Regions**

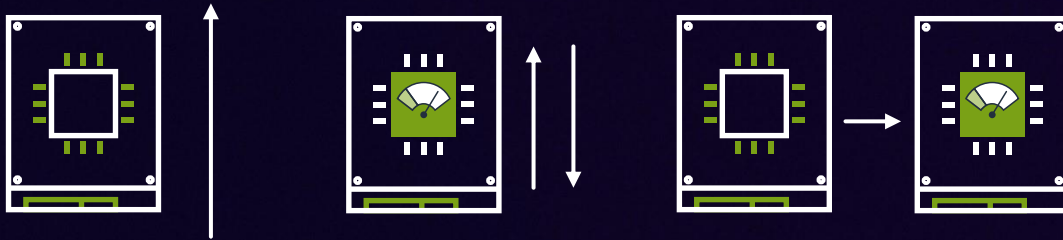


**Amazon Data Lifecycle Manager – Automation across use cases**

# Elastic Volumes and fast snapshot restore for database

## Elastic Volumes (EV)

### Online volume modification



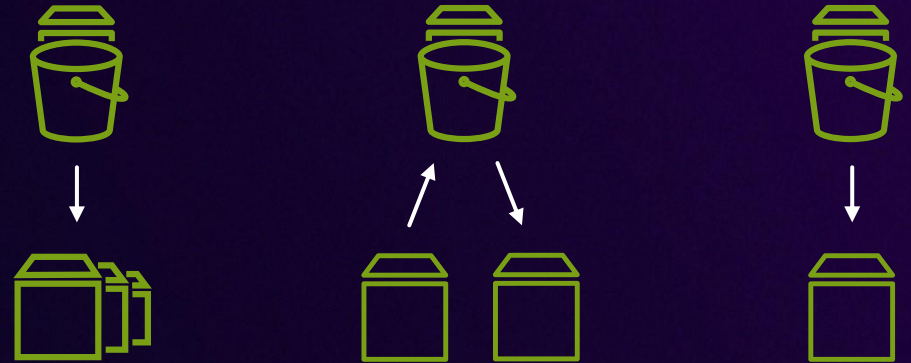
Increase volume size as footprint scales

Increase or decreases volume performance to handle changing demand

Change volume type to best fit your evolving needs

## Fast snapshot restore (FSR)

### Instantly create fully performant volumes from snapshot



Faster instance launches

Faster and predictable volume copy workflow

Faster and predictable volume recovery



# Mapping your database workloads to Amazon EBS

Relational and non-relational databases, containers, big data, streaming, file system, media workflows

**Amazon EBS**  
gp3 volumes



Performance-sensitive, mission-critical applications and databases requiring sub-millisecond latencies, failover within single AZ

**Amazon EBS**  
io2 Block Express



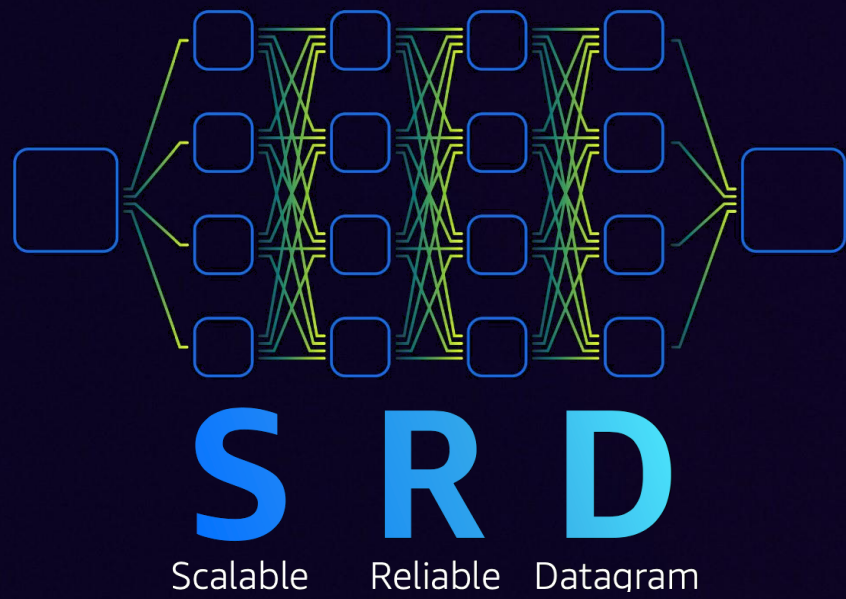
Batch-centric, cost-sensitive database workloads and log backups – not for interactive use

**Amazon EBS**  
st1/sc1 volumes  
(HDD backed)

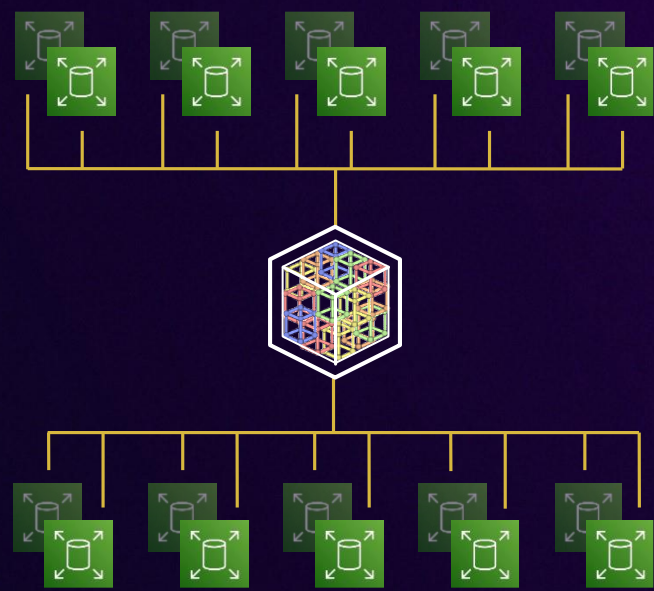


# Proprietary technology in Amazon EBS

## CLOUD-OPTIMIZED NETWORKING



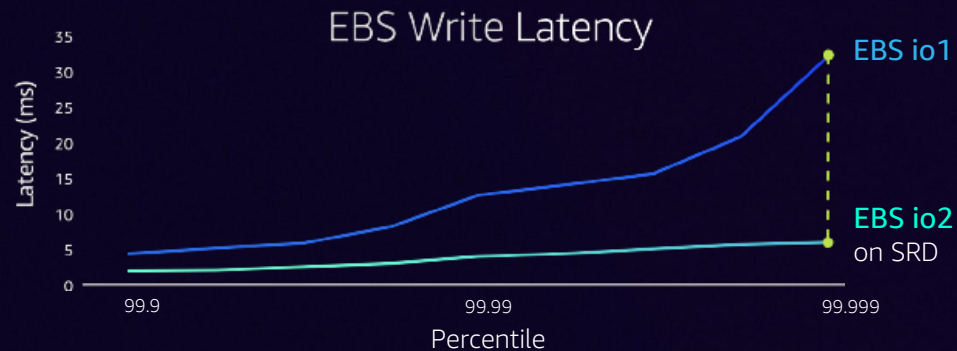
## EBS BUILT-IN DATA RESILIENCY



# SRD significantly lowers latency and increases throughput for database workloads

90%

Lower EBS tail latency with SRD



4x

EBS throughput with SRD

EBS io1

EBS io2  
on SRD

THROUGHPUT  
(IOPS, p99.9)



# When to choose EBS

Migrating from **compute-centric DB servers** on premises not leveraging storage array features

- Block access across multiple volume types (gp3, io2 Block Express, st1)

**Performance** using cloud-centric feature set

- Simple and fast
- Native AWS integration into EBS snapshots, AMI deployments, Elastic Volumes

Your database engine handles **resiliency / AZ failover**

- Database replication (e.g., Data Guard, SQL Server mirroring/AlwaysOn)
- **EBS** is **zonal**, snapshots can use DLM pre- and post-hooks



# Migrating a Mission-Critical SQL Server Workload to Amazon EBS io2 Block Express with Cvent

## Challenges

Cvent completed a major initiative in 2021 to retire its on-premises data centers and migrate all its workloads to AWS. It then needed to migrate its mission-critical, highly transactional SQL Server workload with minimal downtime.

## Solutions

Event and hospitality technology company Cvent migrated its mission-critical SQL workload to Amazon EBS io2 Block Express volumes, improving the speed and flexibility of its upgrades.

## Results

- Reduced service interruptions by 66% during upgrades
- Accelerated failover recovery by 80–90%
- Increased storage capacity up to 64 TB and improved scalability



**Using this new architecture based on Amazon EBS io2 Block Express and Always On availability groups, we reduced the impact to customers by 66%.**

**Mike Tiffany**

Senior Director of Database Engineering, Cvent



## CUSTOMER PROFILE



### INDUSTRY

**Software & Internet**

### REGION

**United States**

Cvent is a leading provider of meetings, events, and hospitality technology with over 21,000 customers worldwide. Cvent solutions optimize the event management value chain and have helped clients to manage millions of meetings and events.





# Marqeta: Scaling MySQL Databases to 256K IOPS & 64 TB across Regions using Amazon EBS

## Challenges

As credit card issuer Marqeta was experiencing a period of hyperscale, the company sought to increase database performance and capacity for its flagship card-payment product.

## Solutions

Marqeta turned to AWS solutions such as Amazon EBS io2 Block Express volumes and Amazon EC2 to migrate its most critical databases.

## Results

- Raised database IOPS limit, fixing replication lag
- Raised database storage capacity limit
- Enhanced availability of services via multi-Region
- Elevated engineer autonomy and productivity via IaC

“ The AWS experience has been key to solving our scaling problems quickly, providing the runway to invest in re-architecture. ”

Jason Zhao  
Principal Engineer, Marqeta

### CUSTOMER PROFILE



INDUSTRY  
Financial Services

REGION  
United States

Marqeta provides an open-API solution for card-issuing and card-processing services. Its mission is to set the global standard for modern card issuing, empowering builders to bring innovative products to the world.





# Mapping your database workloads to Amazon FSx

RELATIONAL & NON-RELATIONAL DATABASES; OPERATIONAL DATA STORES & DATA WAREHOUSES

SQL Server on Windows;  
SMB (file) access, ease of  
deployment

**Amazon FSx  
for Windows File Server**



Oracle, PostgreSQL on Linux;  
NFS (file) access, low latency,  
rich data management  
features

**Amazon FSx  
for OpenZFS**



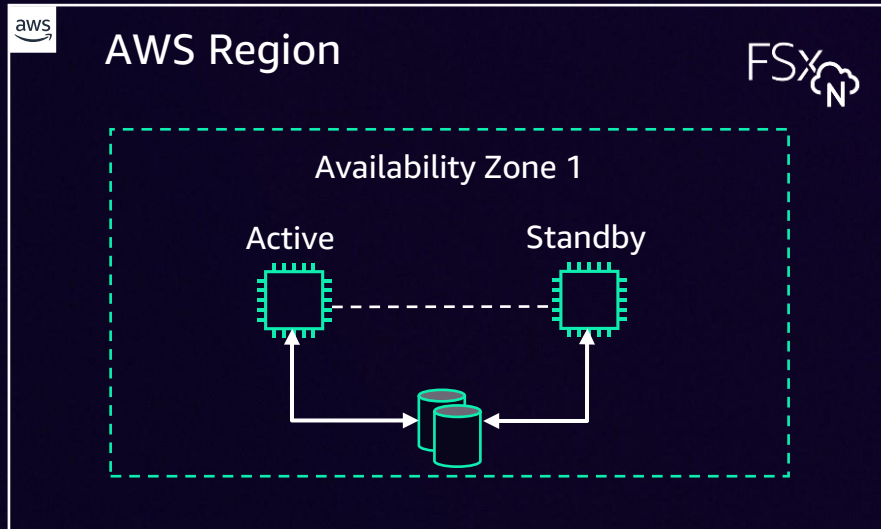
Any database; NVMe/TCP,  
iSCSI (block) and NFS, SMB  
(file) access, richest data  
management features

**Amazon FSx  
for NetApp ONTAP**



# Amazon FSx resiliency: Single-AZ & Multi-AZ options

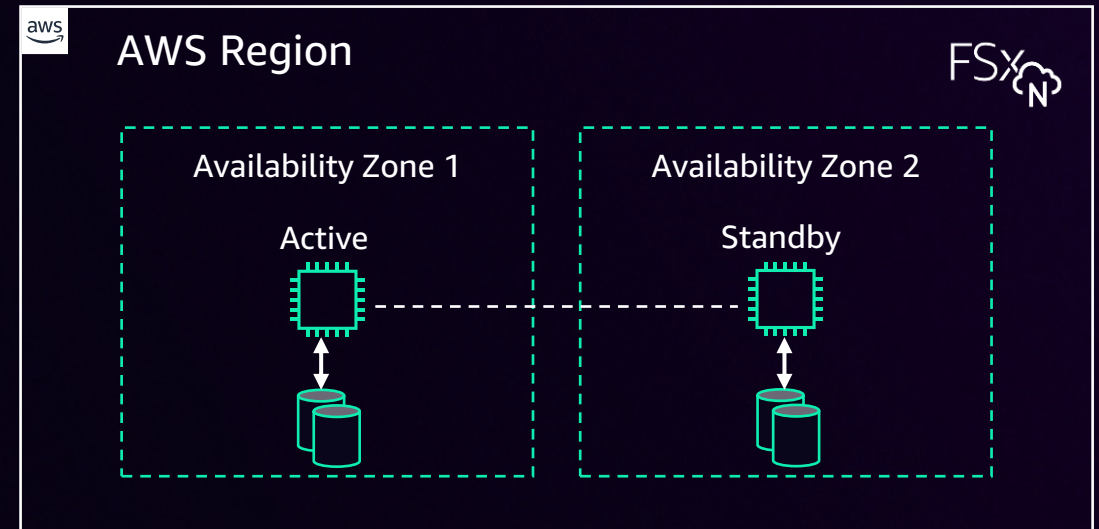
## Single-AZ



Equal or better availability and durability than a single data center implementation

Dev/test, DR copies, production workloads with application-level redundancy/replication

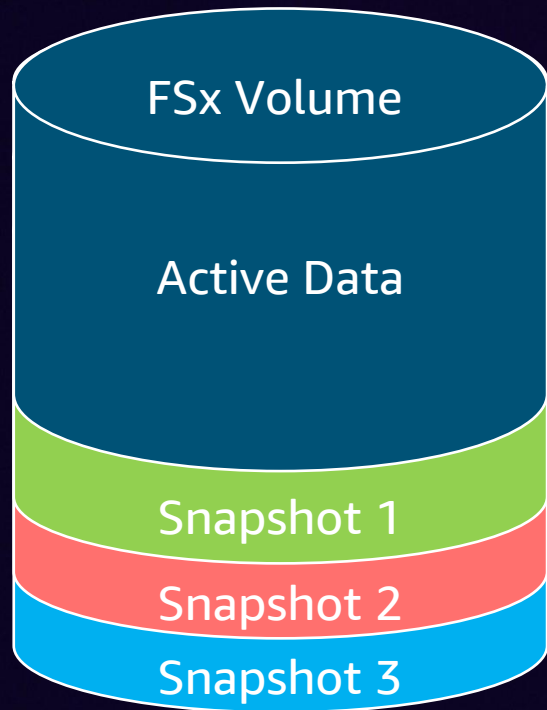
## Multi-AZ



Equal or better availability and durability than a multi-data center implementation

Production or other workloads that require cross-AZ resiliency in the same AWS Region

# Reduce your database RTO / RPO with Amazon FSx

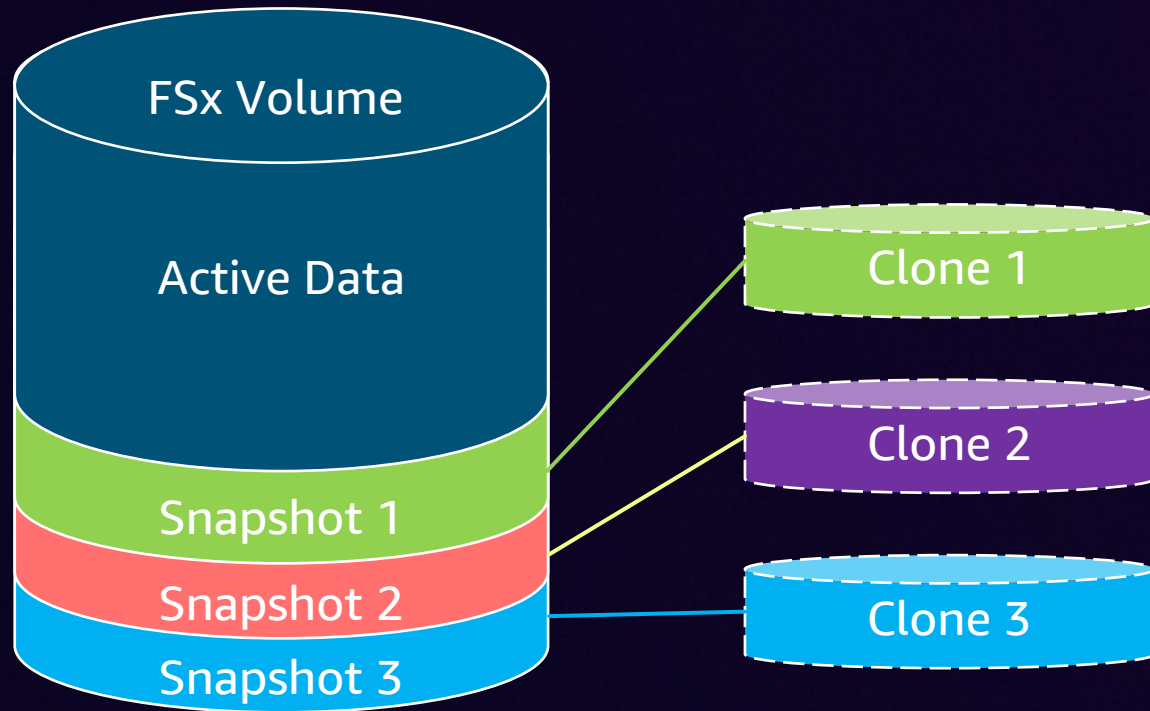


FSx for ONTAP and FSx for OpenZFS snapshots are **space-efficient** and create **no performance impact** regardless of database size

- Near-instantaneous creation
- Database-consistent
- Enable recoveries in minutes
- Can be efficiently replicated to another AWS Region



# Copy databases near-instantaneously with Amazon FSx



- For dev, test, training, and what-if scenarios
- Based on a database consistent point-in-time snapshot
- No capacity consumed until updates are made
- Split to make a full, independant copy



59%

QUICKER RECOVERY TIME  
THAN SLA MANDATED

60TB+

SAP S/4HANA  
ENVIRONMENT

One of the largest SAP 4/HANA  
installations in the world

*“Our business benefits from the sheer speed of the  
infrastructure enabled by Amazon FSx for ONTAP.”*

Dominik Meier, Sr. Dir. of Platform Engineering, adidas



# Amdocs simplifies database copy management with Amazon FSx for OpenZFS



## Challenge

The storage cost and time required to create database copies was unacceptable to the business, and database copies were complex to manage at scale

## Solution

Multi-AZ deployment for high resiliency

Hundreds of standby databases for reporting, data warehouse, and dev / test created using clones

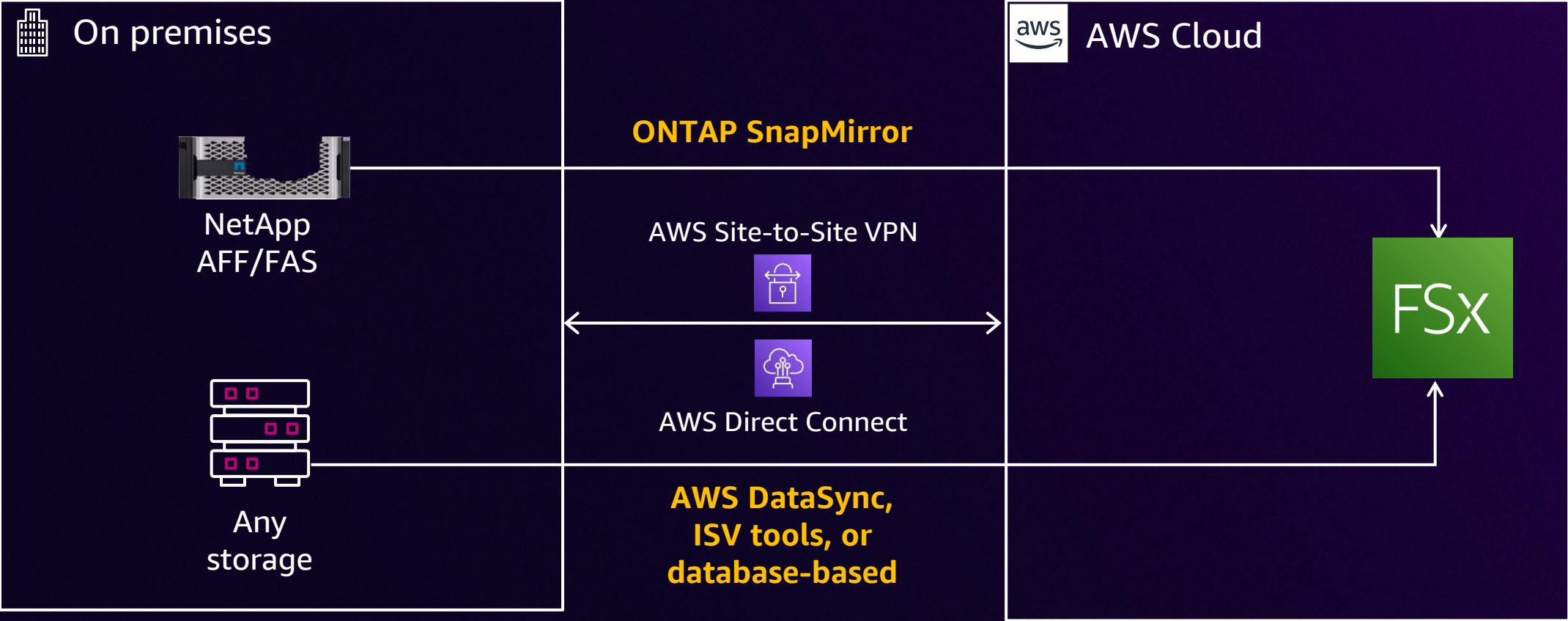
Snapshots, clones, and storage efficiencies

## Outcome

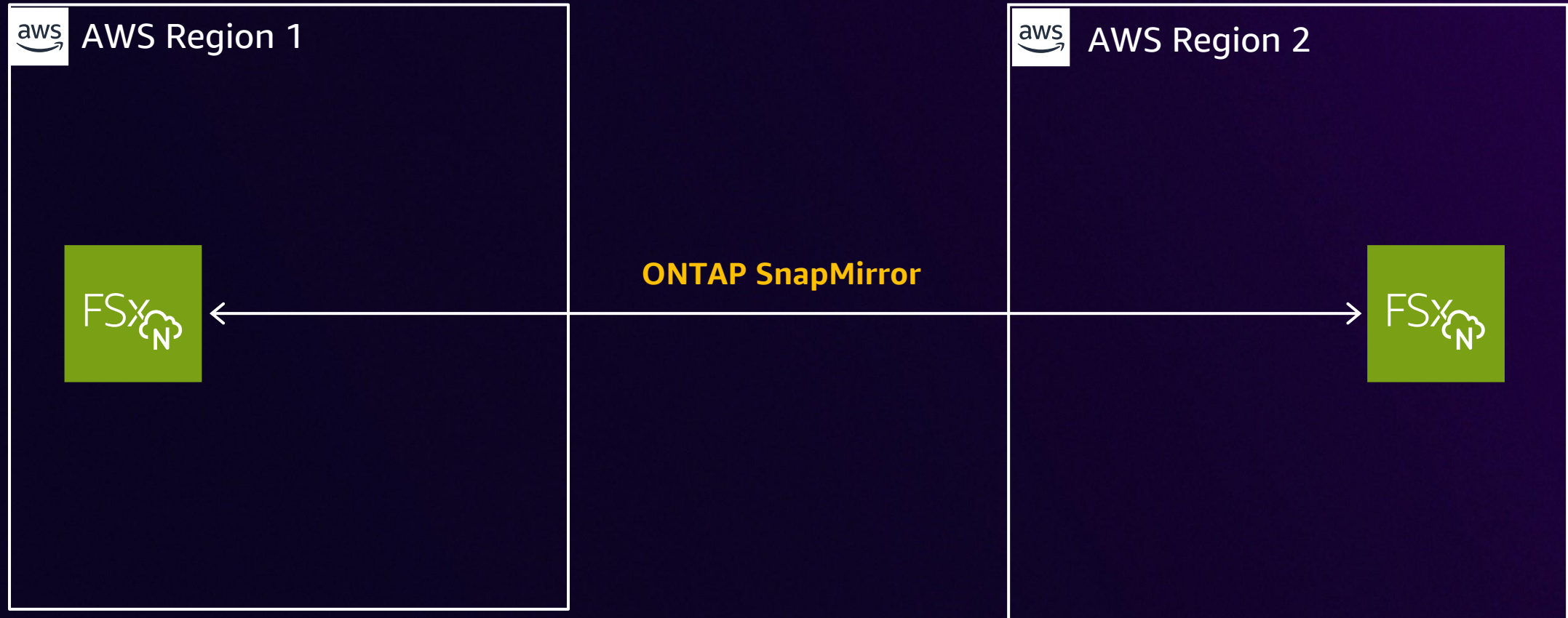
- ✓ Reduced operational complexity
- ✓ Reduced storage footprint by 60% due to clones and data compression



# Migrating to Amazon FSx



# Efficient cross-Region replication with ONTAP SnapMirror



# S&P Global Market Intelligence



100s

SQL SERVER DATABASES RUNNING  
FAILOVER CLUSTERS WITH iSCSI

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NEED FOR DATABASE-LEVEL  
REPLICATION

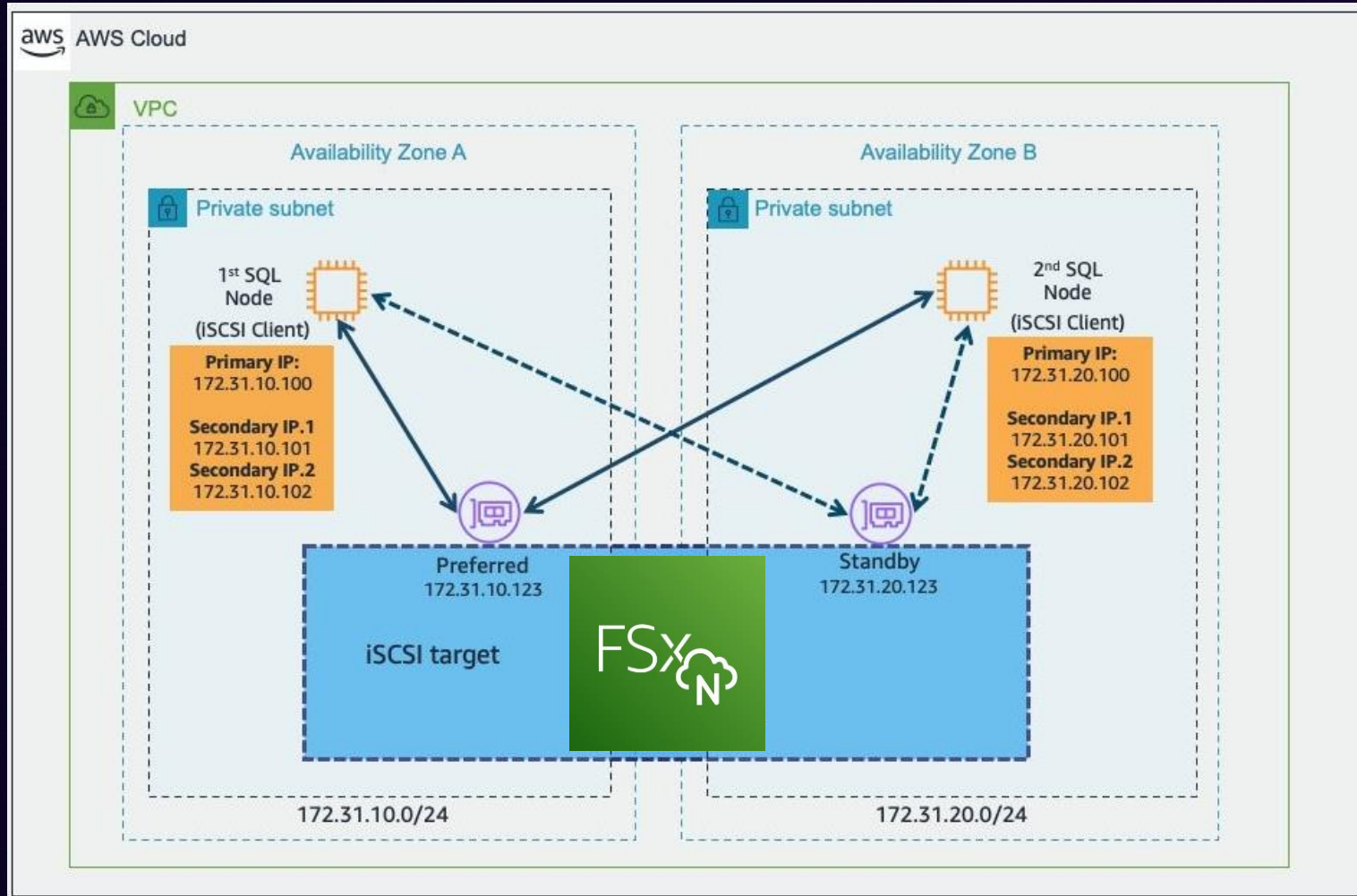
SnapMirror cross-Region replication reduces RPO,  
delivering cost-effective disaster recovery with built-in  
efficiencies (compression)

***“Amazon FSx for ONTAP SnapMirror greatly reduces our RPO.”***

Nishanth Charlakola, Associate Director - S&P Global Market Intelligence



# Deploy resilient SQL Server FCI databases on Amazon FSx



- Highly resilient with fast, automatic failover
- Storage-based replication reduces overhead (EC2, SQL Server)
- Storage efficiencies drive TCO reduction

40,000+

SUSTAINED IOPS PERFORMANCE

\$3.1M

SAVED IN SQL LICENSING COSTS

Achieved mission-critical RTO/RPO  
production requirements

***“We were able to get highly available and performant storage with Amazon FSx for Windows File Server.”***

Urs Bertschinger - VP, Research & Development Services, Change Healthcare

# Amazon FSx key capabilities

Capability	FSx for Windows File Server	FSx for OpenZFS	FSx for ONTAP
Infrastructure flexibility: Resilience	SAZ, MAZ	SAZ, MAZ	SAZ, MAZ
Infrastructure flexibility: Access protocols	SMB	NFS	NVMe/TCP, iSCSI, NFS, SMB
Infrastructure flexibility: Performance	Up to 10GB/sec; 400k IOPs; <1ms latency	Up to 10GB/sec; 400k IOPs; <0.5ms latency	Up to 72GB/sec; 2.4m IOPs; <1ms latency
Data protection: Create DB consistent backups	No	Seconds	Seconds
Data protection: Cross-Region replication	No	Yes	Yes
Data recovery: Reduce RTO/RPO	Minutes to hours	Minutes	Minutes
Copy / refresh databases: DB consistent clones	No	Seconds	Seconds
Reduce TCO: Storage efficiencies	Deduplication	Compression	Compression, deduplication, tiering



# When to choose Amazon FSx

FSx

A **familiar** storage experience relative to on premises

- ONTAP, Windows, OpenZFS
- Block or file access

**Storage resiliency** matters

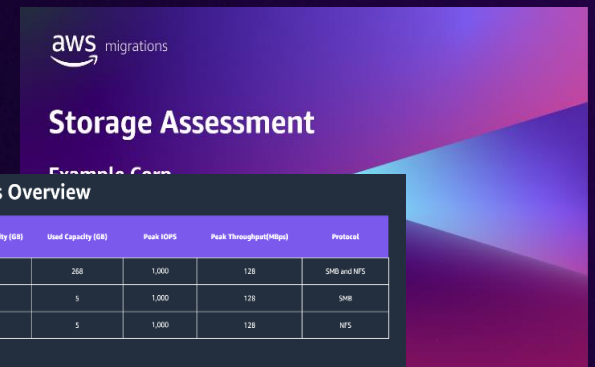
- **Multi-AZ** deployment option
- Storage-based cross-Region **replication**

**Rich features** create business value

- Back up in seconds, recover in **minutes**
- Refresh dev / test easily with near-instantaneous **clones**
- Reduce TCO with **capacity efficiencies** and **automated tiering**

# Where to begin: An AWS assessment

- 30-day discovery period
- Receive summary of your workloads
- Receive cost estimates (ARR) for recommended AWS infrastructure to migrate to
- Detailed output helps expedite migration planning



Storage Volumes Overview					
Storage Array/File Server	Allocated Capacity (GB)	Used Capacity (GB)	Peak IOPS	Peak Throughput(Mbps)	Protocol
NetApp	400	200	1,000	120	SMB and NFS
Unity	15	5	1,000	120	SMB
Silon	15	5	1,000	120	NFS

Storage TCO Summary		
Source	Target Mapping	Directional Cost Estimation (Annually)
NFS-File Storage	Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP	\$1,200
NFS-Windows File Servers	Amazon FSx for Windows	\$1,200
NFS-Linux File Servers	Amazon FSx	\$1,200
NFS-Linux File Servers	Amazon FSx for OpenZFS	\$1,200
NFS-Linux File Servers	Amazon FSx for Lustre	\$1,200
Block Disks	Amazon EBS	\$1,200
Backup	AWS Backup	\$1,200
Object Storage	Amazon S3	\$1,200
Backup Archive/Tapes	AWS Tape Gateway	\$1,200
Total		\$XXXX

Please note: This is only an estimate of fees and/or savings based on certain information you provided. Estimates do not include taxes that might apply. Your actual fees and savings depend on a variety of factors, including your actual usage of AWS services, which may vary from the estimates provided in the results of this analysis.

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9:00 am – 10:00 am							
10:00 am – 11:00 am	STG332 Breakout – Accelerate database performance and scalability with AWS storage   Mandalay Bay Ballroom L						
11:00 am – 12:00 pm							
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm			STG345 Chalk Talk – Balancing speed and durability with Amazon EBS and EC2 instance store   Wynn Lafite 1				
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm			STG329 Breakout – Maximizing performance for high-intensity workloads using Amazon EBS   MGM Chairmans 355		STG205 Breakout – Protect critical data with ease using Amazon EBS Snapshots   MGM Chairmans 355	CMP339 Chalk Talk – How customers optimize network and EBS workloads on Amazon EC2   Mandalay Bay South Seas D	
	STG330 Chalk Talk – Build resilient architectures with Amazon EBS   MGM 302						
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm							
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm			STG331 Chalk Talk – Best practices for deploying containerized applications with Amazon EBS   Caesar Palace Academy 411	STG401R1 Builders – Automate protection and backup compliance using EBS Snapshots   Caesar Palace Summit 232	STG401R2 Builders – Automate protection and backup compliance using EBS Snapshots   Mandalay Bay Surf B		
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# Thank you!

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