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Building Apps in the Cloud to reduce costs up to 90%

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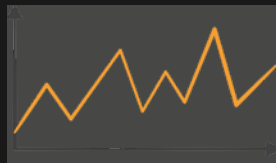


AWS EC2 Consumption Models

On-Demand

Pay for compute capacity by the hour with no long-term commitments

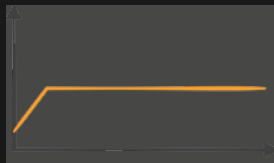
For spiky workloads, or to define needs



Reserved

Make a low, one-time payment and receive a significant discount on the hourly charge

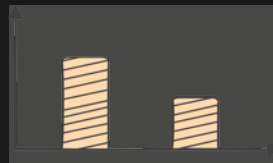
For committed utilization



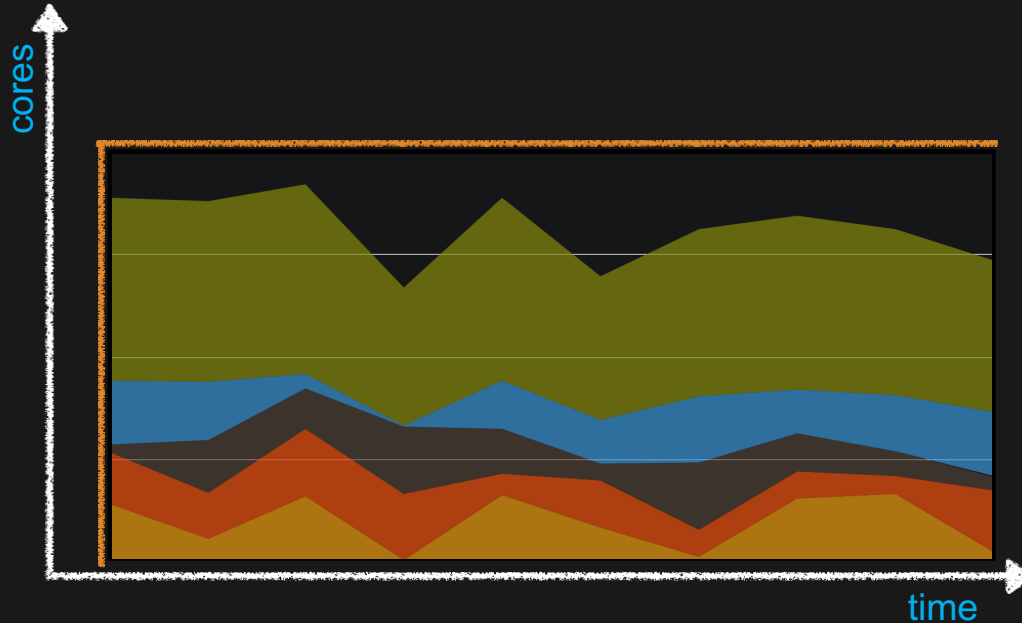
Spot

Bid for unused capacity, charged at a Spot Price which fluctuates based on supply and demand

For time-insensitive, transient, or stateless workloads



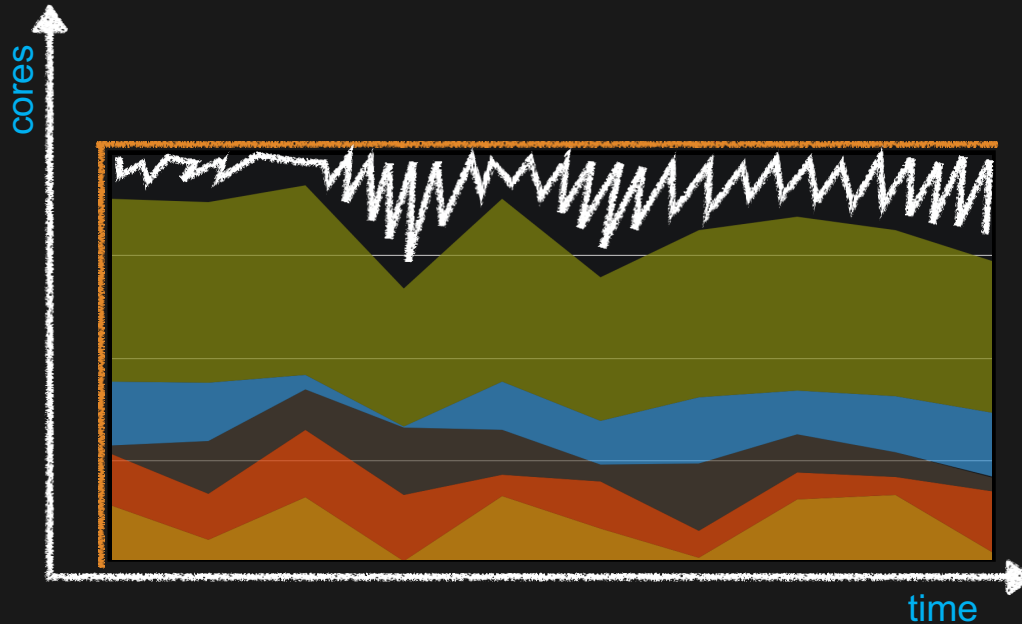
Miiiiiiiiillions of uncorrelated workloads



Collective action

When everyone comes together in the cloud to share the resource, and **only pays for what they use**, the efficiency is huge.

Spot Market



Spot Market

Our ultimate space filler.

Spot Instances allow you to name your own price for spare AWS EC2 computing capacity.

Great for workloads that aren't time sensitive (hint: **it's really cheap**).

The very simple rules of Spot



Markets where the price of compute changes based on supply and demand



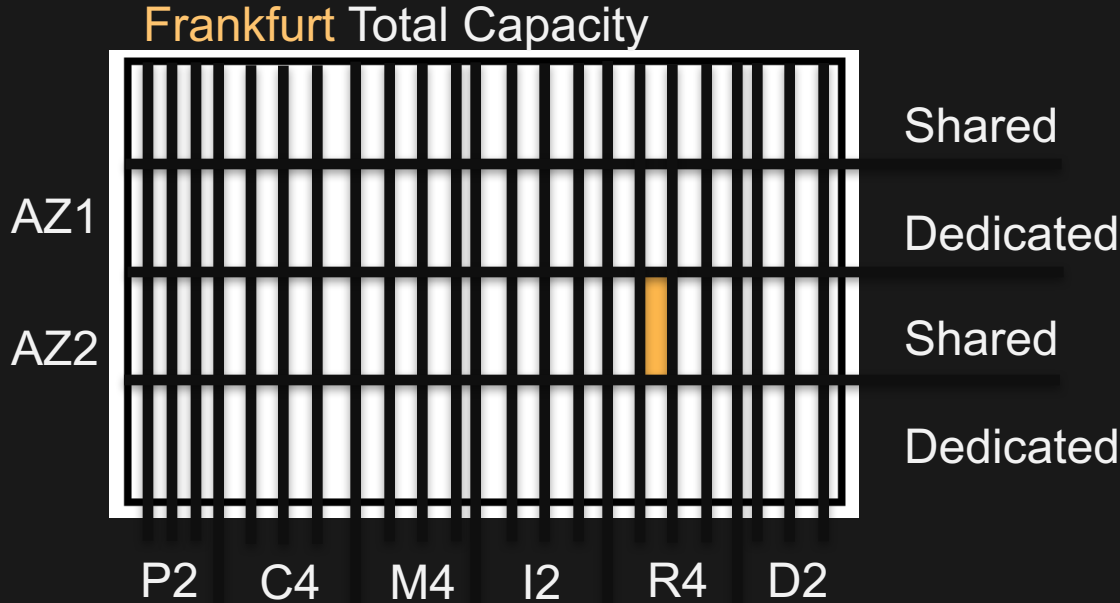
You'll never pay more than your bid. When the market exceeds your bid you get 2 minutes to wrap up your work

Get the best value for EC2 capacity

- Since Spot instances typically cost 50-90% less than On-Demand, you can **increase your compute capacity by 2-10x within the same budget**
- Or you could **save 50-90% on your existing workload**
- Either way, **you should try it!**



Understanding EC2 capacity



Capacity and Spot Markets recap

| C4 | 2a | 2b | 2c | On Demand |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 8XL | \$0.50 | \$0.27 | \$0.29 | \$1.76 |
| 4XL | \$0.21 | \$0.30 | \$0.16 | \$0.88 |
| 2XL | \$0.08 | \$0.07 | \$0.08 | \$0.44 |
| XL | \$0.04 | \$0.05 | \$0.04 | \$.22 |
| L | \$0.01 | \$0.01 | \$0.04 | \$0.11 |

Each instance family

Each instance size

Each Availability Zone

In every region

Is a separate *Spot Market*



Bid Price Vs Market Price

50% Bid



75% Bid

25% Bid

You pay the market price



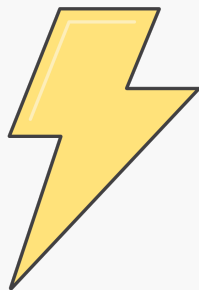
EC2 Spot best practices - Flexibility



Stateless



Fault tolerance



Multi-AZ



Loosely
coupled

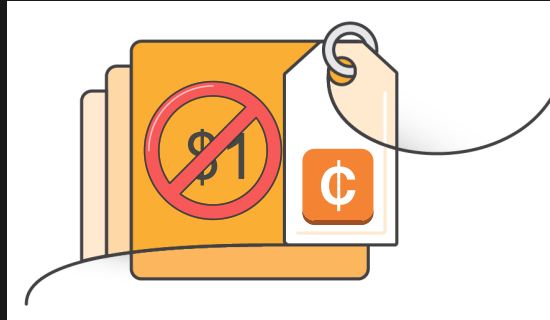


Instance
Flexibility

My instances cannot be interrupted!



Run continuously
for up to 6 hours



Save up to 50% off
On-Demand pricing

```
aws ec2 request-spot-instances --spot-price "0.626"  
--instance-count 5 --block-duration-minutes 360  
--type "one-time" --launch-specification file://specification.json
```

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RequestSpotInstances  
&SpotPrice = 0.626  
&InstanceCount = 2  
&Type = one-time  
&Block-Duration-Minutes = 360  
&LaunchSpecification.ImageId=ami-1a2b3c4d  
&LaunchSpecification.KeyName=my-key-pair  
&LaunchSpecification.SecurityGroup.1=webserv  
&LaunchSpecification.InstanceType=c3.2xlarge
```

Using a single
additional parameter

EC2 Spot fleet – significant features added



Weighted Bidding for EC2 Spot Instances [Aug 31, 2015]

Distribute Your Fleet Across Multiple Capacity Pools [Sep 15, 2015]

New Spot Console [June 16, 2016]

Auto scaling for Spot fleet [Sept 01, 2016]

New Spot advisor in Console [Feb 27, 2017]

It is easy!



```
aws ec2 request-spot-fleet --spot-fleet-request-config file://config.json { "IamFleetRole":
"arn:aws:iam::781603563322:role/fleet-role", "TargetCapacity": "100", "SpotPrice": "0.03", "ValidFrom": "2015-
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```



EC2 Spot Console



Amazon EC2 Spot Instances

Spot Instances allow you to name your own price for Amazon EC2 compute capacity, so you can reduce operating costs and increase application throughput.

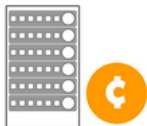
Get started

Getting started guide

Step 1: Find instance types

Step 2: Configure

Step 3: Review



Name Your Price

With Spot instances, you never pay more than your bid price. Since Spot instances run on spare Amazon EC2 capacity, you can save up to 90% compared to On Demand prices.

[Learn more about Spot instances](#)



Easily Provision Capacity

Select and request the instances that match your application and cost requirements, and optimize for lowest cost or even distribution.

[Check out the Spot Bid Advisor](#)

Select request type

Request type



Request

Submit a one-time Spot instance request



Request and Maintain

Request a fleet of Spot instances to maintain your target capacity



Reserve for duration

Request a Spot instance with no interruption for 1 to 6 hours (a Spot block)

Target capacity ⓘ

128

vCPUs ▾

AMI ⓘ

Amazon Linux AMI 2016.0

instances
vCPUs

Search for AMI

Instance type(s) ⓘ

c3.large (2 vCPU, 3.75 GiB, 2 x 16) ✕

c3.xlarge (4 vCPU, 7.5 GiB, 2 x 40) ✕

c4.large (2 vCPU, 3.75 GiB, EBS only) ✕

c4.xlarge (4 vCPU, 7.5 GiB, EBS only) ✕

Select

Amazon EC2 Spot Bid Advisor

Spot Bid Advisor

Region: US West (Northern California) OS: Linux/UNIX Bid Price: 50% On-Demand

Instance type filter:
vCPU (min): 4 Memory GiB (min): 7 Instance types supported by EMR

| Instance Type | vCPU | Memory GiB | Savings over On-Demand* | Frequency of being outbid (month) ▾ | Frequency of being outbid (week) |
|---------------|------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| m4.xlarge | 4 | 16 | 91% | Low | Low |
| m4.2xlarge | 8 | 32 | 91% | Low | Low |
| c3.xlarge | 4 | 7.5 | 82% | Low | Low |
| c3.4xlarge | 8 | 30 | 81% | Low | Low |
| c1.xlarge | 8 | 7 | 89% | Low | Low |
| c3.2xlarge | 8 | 15 | 83% | Medium | Medium |
| c3.xlarge | 4 | 15 | 90% | Medium | Low |
| c4.xlarge | 4 | 7.5 | 83% | Medium | Medium |
| c4.2xlarge | 8 | 15 | 87% | Medium | Medium |
| c4.4xlarge | 16 | 30 | 84% | Medium | Medium |

- 1) We make this easy using the Spot bid advisor
- 2) With deliberate pool selection and bidding, you will keep your Spot instance as long as you need to
- 3) And with new features like Spot fleet diversified we do the heavy lifting for you...



EC2 Spot Labs



<https://github.com/awslabs/aws-spot-labs>

get_spot_duration.py

get_spot_duration.py helps find capacity pools (defined as instance type and AZ) with lower price volatility by ordering these pools based on duration of time since the Spot price last exceeded the bid price. It uses [AWS CLI](#) to programmatically obtain Spot price history data.

Input:

- AWS EC2 region
- product-description
- combination of instance types and Spot bids prices for each instance type.

For example, for c3 family and bids equal to 50% of [On-demand price](#):

```
bash-3.2$ python get_spot_duration.py \  
--region us-east-1 \  
--product-description 'Linux/UNIX' \  
--bids c3.large:0.05,c3.xlarge:0.105,c3.2xlarge:0.21,c3.4xlarge:0.42,c3.8xlarge:0.84
```

```
ec2-user@ip-10-220-153-98:~/aws-spot-labs  
[ec2-user@ip-10-220-153-98 aws-spot-labs]$ python get_spot_duration.py --region eu-west-1 --product-description 'Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC)' --bids c4.4xlarge:1.004,c4.2xlarge:0.502,m3.2xlarge:0.585,r3.8xlarge:3.12  
Duration      Instance Type  Availability Zone  
168.0    r3.8xlarge     eu-west-1a  
168.0    r3.8xlarge     eu-west-1b  
168.0    r3.8xlarge     eu-west-1c  
168.0    c4.2xlarge     eu-west-1a  
168.0    c4.2xlarge     eu-west-1b  
168.0    c4.2xlarge     eu-west-1c  
168.0    m3.2xlarge     eu-west-1a  
168.0    m3.2xlarge     eu-west-1b  
168.0    m3.2xlarge     eu-west-1c  
168.0    c4.4xlarge     eu-west-1a  
168.0    c4.4xlarge     eu-west-1b  
168.0    c4.4xlarge     eu-west-1c  
[ec2-user@ip-10-220-153-98 aws-spot-labs]$
```


New Spot Advisor in Console

Spot Advisor

What kind of application or task will these instances support? [\(Learn more about Spot bids\)](#)

Web Service

MapReduce job

✓ Batch job

Your recommended fleet

The selected instance pools will be used interchangeably to fulfill and maintain your specified compute requirements. The actual instance pools and quantities used from this fleet are dynamic to ensure that your capacity is maintained and that your specified fulfillment priority is honored.

| Instance type | U = your base compute unit | | Average Spot price | Interruption likelihood |
|---|----------------------------|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cc2.8xlarge | 32 vCPU, 60.5GiB | U x1 | \$0.3069/hr | Medium |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r4.8xlarge | 32 vCPU, 244GiB | U x1 | \$0.3428/hr | Low |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> m4.16xlarge | 64 vCPU, 256GiB | U x2 | \$0.7656/hr | Low |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c4.8xlarge | 36 vCPU, 60GiB | U x1 | \$0.3858/hr | Low |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x1.32xlarge | 128 vCPU, 1952GiB | U x4 | \$1.9549/hr | Low |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x1.16xlarge | 64 vCPU, 976GiB | U x2 | \$1.0063/hr | Low |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r3.8xlarge | 32 vCPU, 244GiB | U x1 | \$0.5106/hr | Low |

Total (30 instance pools)

✓ Strong breadth of instance types to fulfill/maintain your request

Availability Zones

us-east-1a, us-east-1b, us-east-1c, us-east-1d, us-east-1e

Estimated fleet price

\$8.345 /hr
83% savings

Medium

Configure your fleet



Sample script – two minutes left!

```
$ if curl -s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-  
data/spot/termination-time | \  
  
grep -q .*T.*Z; then instance_id=$(curl -s  
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/instance-id); \  
aws elb deregister-instances-from-load-balancer \  
--load-balancer-name my-load-balancer \  
--instances $instance_id;  
/env/bin/flushsessiontoDBonterminationscript.sh; fi
```

- 1) Check for 2 minute warning
- 2) If YES, detach instance from ELB
- 3) OTHERWISE, do nothing
- 4) Sleep for 5 seconds

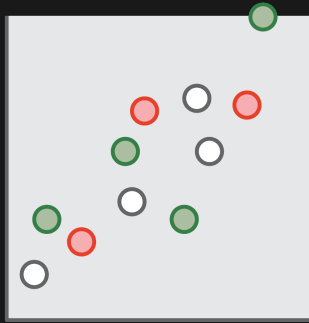
Let's see Spot fleet with Auto Scaling in action...

- Queue and Batch based processing
- Stateless Applications (e.g. web tiers)
- Amazon EC2 Container Service powered by Spot fleet

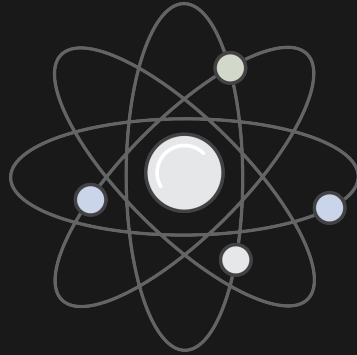


Batch Processing with Amazon EC2 Spot

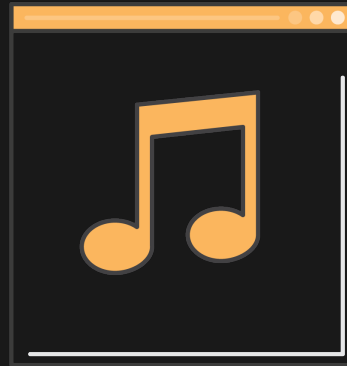
Batch oriented applications can leverage on-demand processing using EC2 Spot to save up to 90% cost:



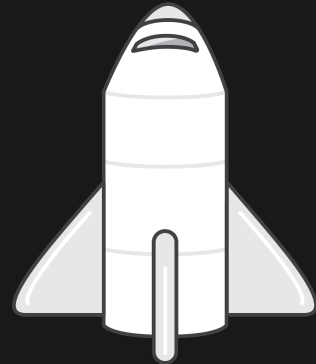
Monte Carlo
simulation



Molecular
modeling

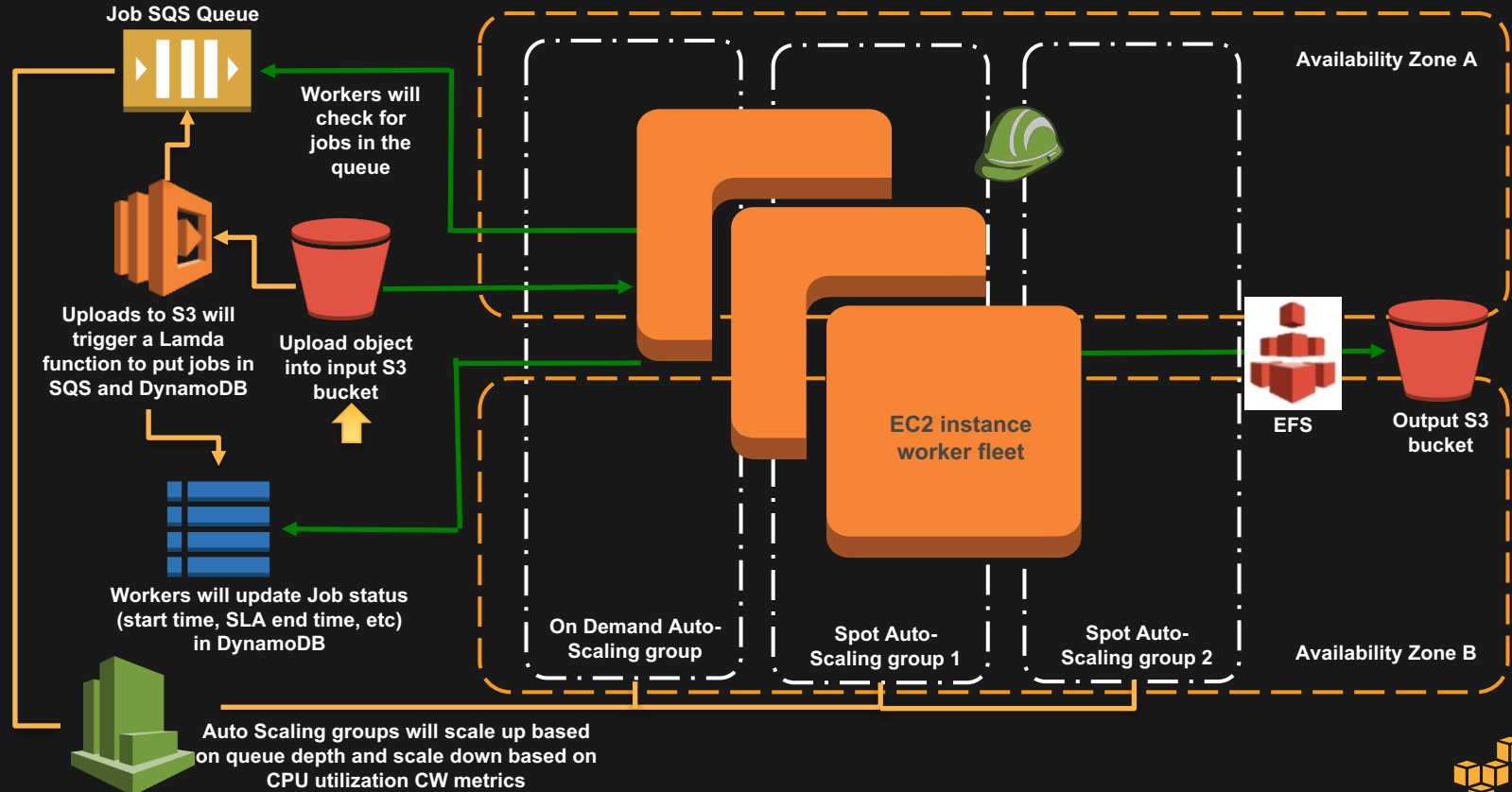


Media
processing

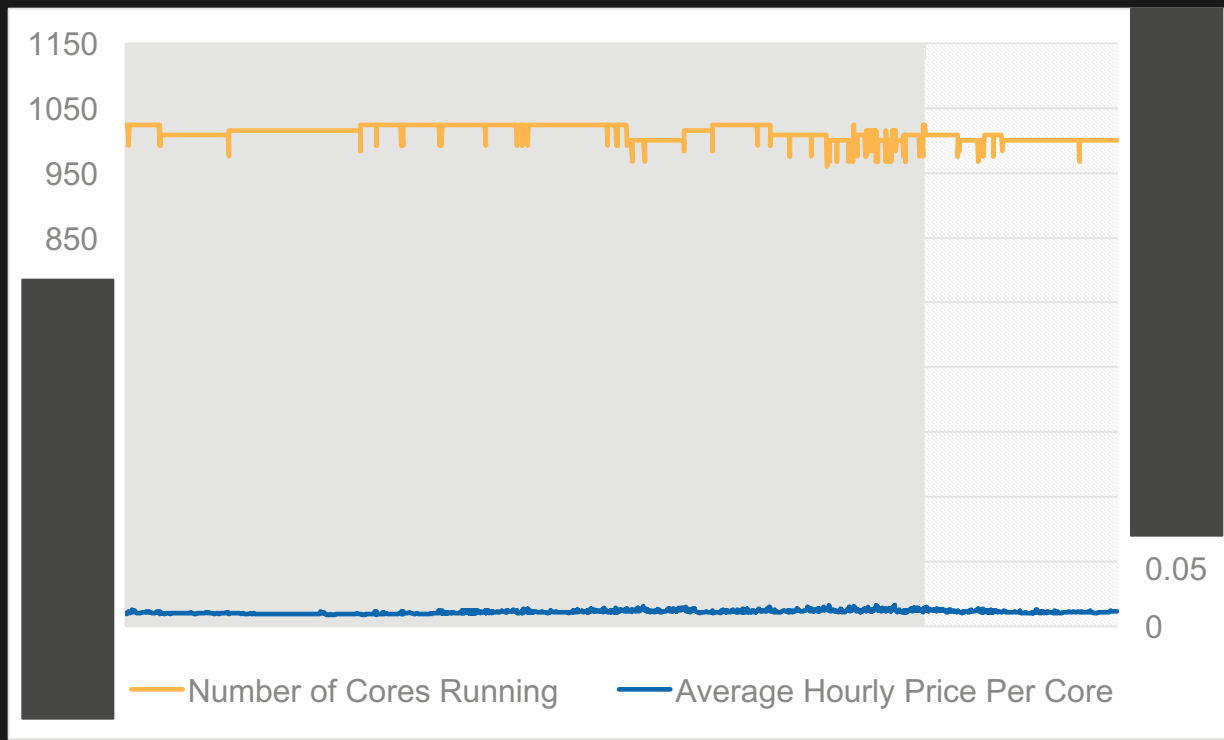


High energy
simulations

Queue based processing



Results – Batch processing



Requested 1000 vCores over 30 days

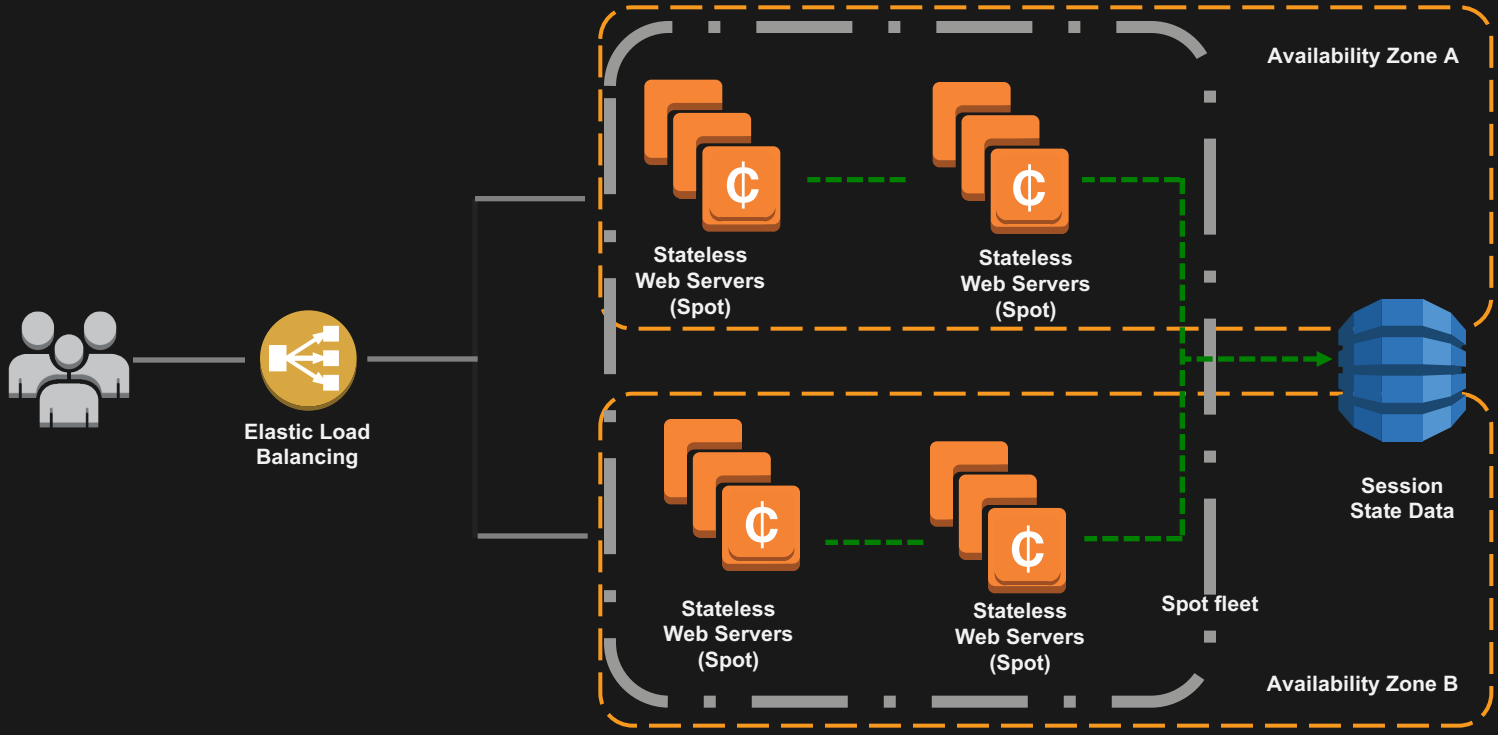
Minimum 960 vCores
Mode 1024 vCores
Average 1012 vCores

Average Price of \$0.012 per vCore

Savings of over 80%

1 15 30 Days

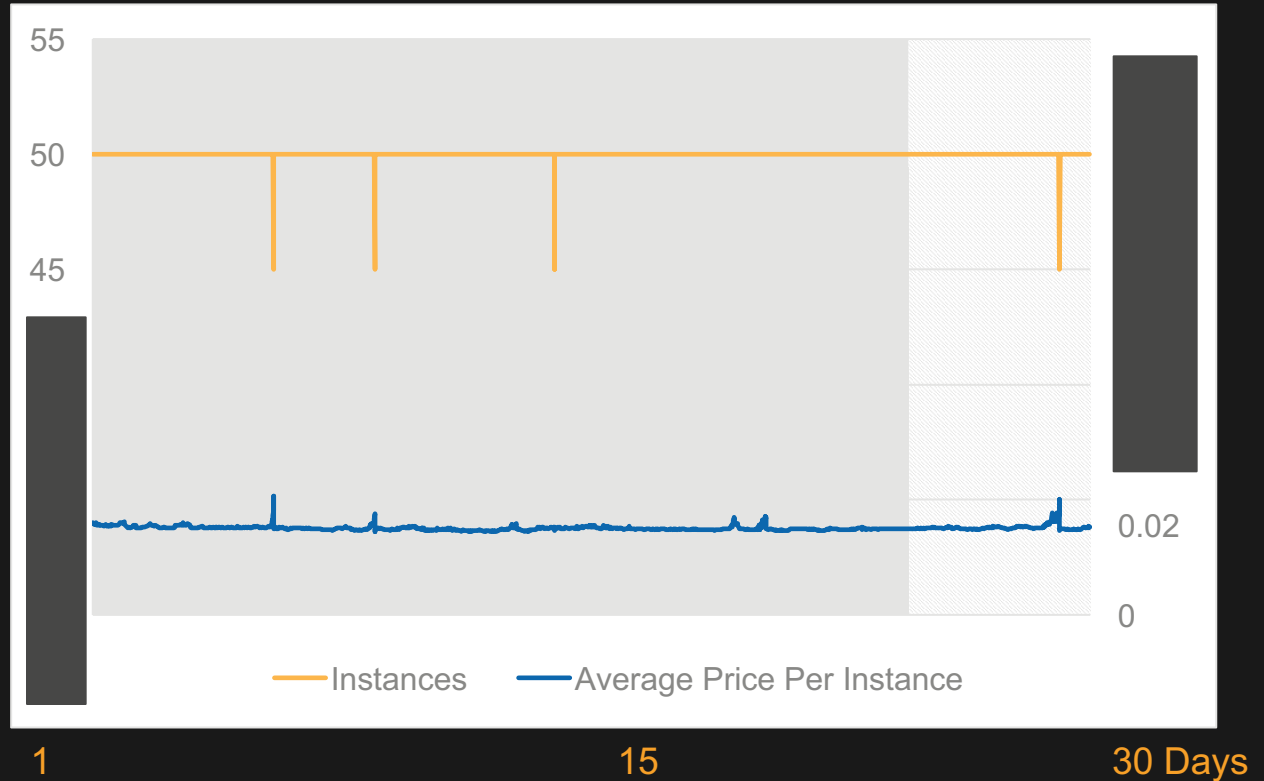
Stateless Web Application



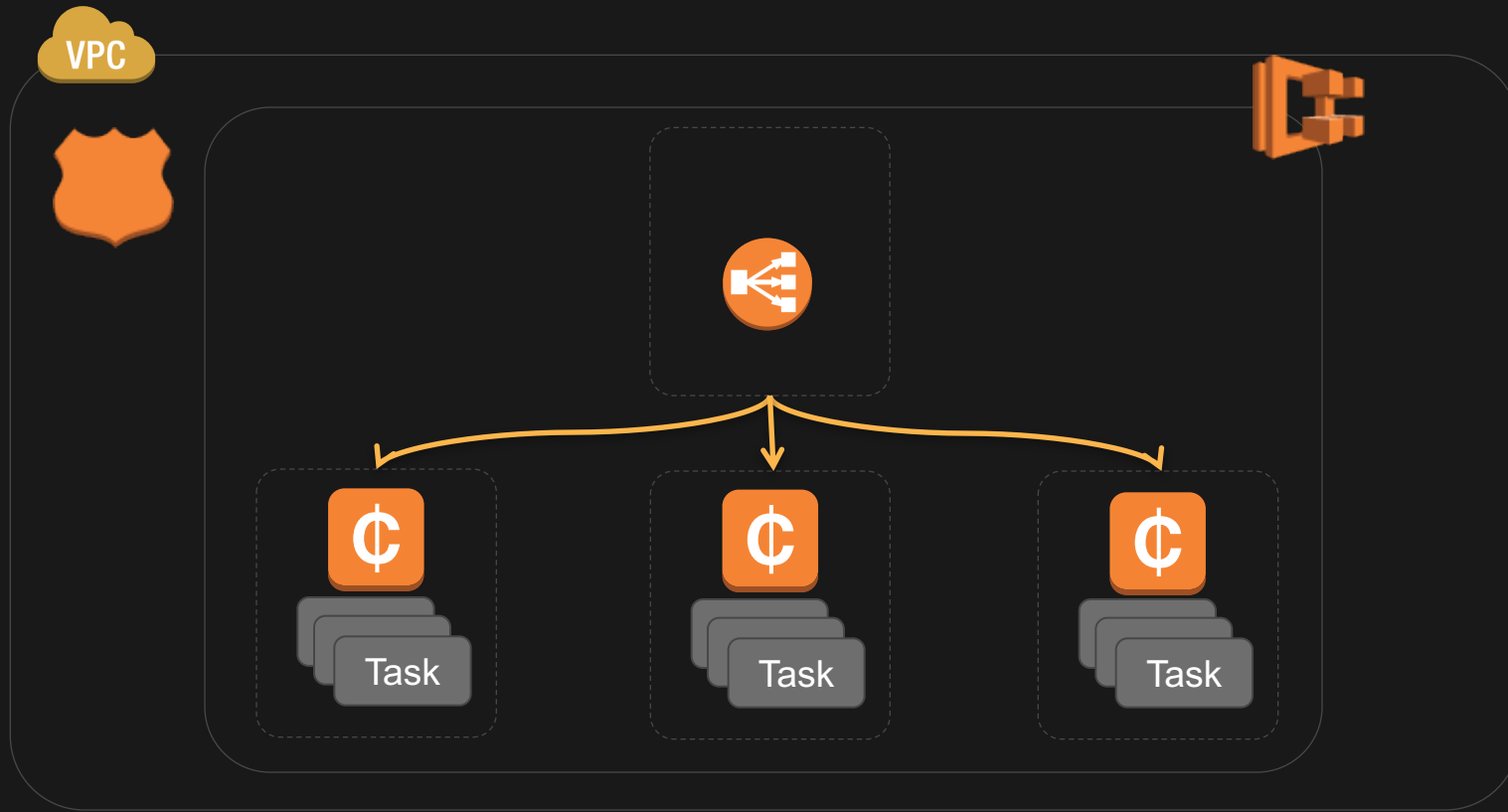
Results - Web Application



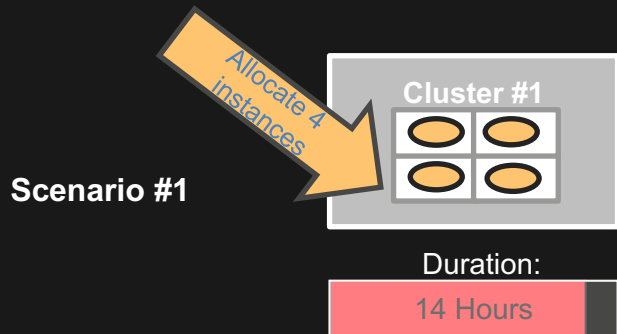
- 50 instances requested, over 30 days.
- Never dropped below 45 instances
- 85% discount if you wanted 50 and could withstand dropping to 45
- If you only wanted 45 the discount is still 83%



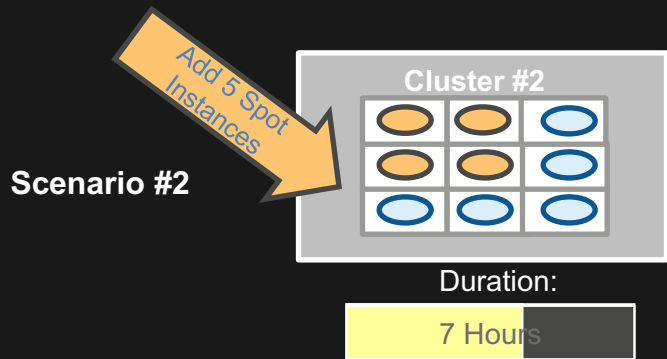
Amazon EC2 Container Service powered by Spot fleet



Amazon Elastic Map Reduce powered by Spot fleet



#1: Cost without Spot
4 instances * 14 hrs * \$0.45
Total = \$25.20



#2: Cost with Spot
4 instances * 7 hrs * \$0.45 = \$12.60 +
5 instances * 7 hrs * \$0.225 = \$7.875
Total = \$20.475

Mix Spot and On Demand EC2 Instances to maximize value and minimize processing time

Time Savings: 50%

Cost Savings: ~19%

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Thank you!



Appendix

Reference links

EC2 Spot Documentation:

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/>

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/bid-advisor/>

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/getting-started/>

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/faqs/>

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/spot/testimonials/>

User Guide

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/using-spot-instances.html>

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/spot-fleet.html>

Helpful AWS Blog Posts

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/focusing-on-spot-instances-lets-talk-about-best-practices/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/building-price-aware-applications-using-ec2-spot-instances/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/cost-effective-batch-processing-with-amazon-ec2-spot/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/dynamic-scaling-with-ec2-spot-fleet/>



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<https://github.com/awslabs/ec2-spot-labs>

Amazon EC2 Spot fleet Jenkins plugin:

<https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Amazon+EC2+Fleet+Plugin>

Deploy a Deep Learning Framework on Amazon ECS powered by EC2 Spot fleet

<https://github.com/awslabs/ecs-deep-learning-workshop>

