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# Meet Digital Sovereignty Requirements on AWS

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# Agenda

What is digital sovereignty

Our Sovereign-by-Design pillars

- Our capabilities today
- Our forward looking pledge

How we support local economies

Resources for you



# What is Digital Sovereignty?



# Digital Sovereignty themes



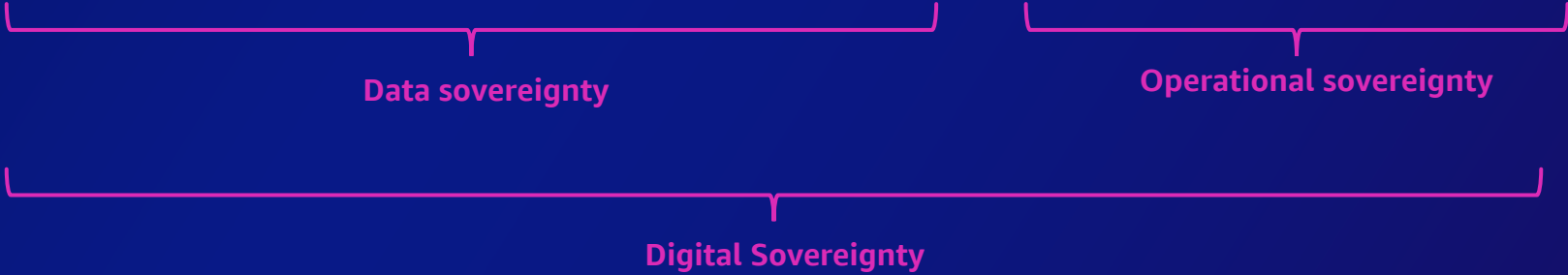
**Data residency**



**Operator Access  
Restriction**



**Resiliency and  
Survivability and  
Independence**



# Why is sovereignty important to you?

Do you have to follow regulations?

What other outcomes do you want to achieve in the Cloud?

Where do you want to be in the long term?

# Control without Compromise

AWS Security Blog

## AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge: Control without compromise

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# AWS Cloud is Sovereign- by-Design





# We pledge to give our customers

1. Control over the location of your data

3. The ability to encrypt everything everywhere



2. Verifiable control over data access

4. Resilience of the Cloud

# 1. Control over the location of your data

# Keep data in the AWS Region(s) selected



## United States (AZs)

### U.S. West

Oregon (4), Northern California (3)

### U.S. East

N. Virginia (6), Ohio (3)

### GovCloud (U.S.):

U.S.-East (3), US-West (3)



## Canada (AZs)

Central (3)

## Africa (AZs)

Cape Town (3)



## Europe (AZs)

Frankfurt (3)

Ireland (3)

London (3)

Milan (3)

Paris (3)

Spain (3)

Stockholm (3)

Zurich (3)



## Middle East (AZs)

Bahrain (3)

UAE (3)



## Asia Pacific (AZs)

Beijing (2)

Hong Kong (3)

Hyderabad (3)

Jakarta (3)

Mumbai (3)

Ningxia (3)

Osaka (3)

Seoul (4)

Singapore (3)

Tokyo (4)



## Australia (AZs)

Sydney (3)

Melbourne (3)



## South America (AZs)

São Paulo (3)

**Announced Regions:** 6 Regions and 18 AZs in Canada, Israel, Malaysia, New Zealand, Thailand, and Malaysia

# AWS Local Zones – expand your data locality



## North America

Atlanta  
Boston  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Denver  
Houston  
Kansas City  
Las Vegas  
Los Angeles  
Miami  
Minneapolis  
New York City  
Philadelphia  
Phoenix  
Portland  
Seattle  
Querétaro  
Toronto  
Vancouver



## Europe and Africa

Hamburg  
Copenhagen  
Helsinki  
Warsaw  
Lagos  
Amsterdam  
Athens  
Berlin  
Brussels  
Helsinki  
Johannesburg  
Lisbon  
Munich  
Nairobi  
Oslo  
Prague  
Vienna



## Asia Pacific

Delhi  
Taipei  
Bangkok  
Kolkata  
Bengaluru  
Chennai  
Delhi  
Hanoi  
Manila

	Available
	Announced



## South America

Buenos Aires  
Santiago  
Lima  
Bogotá  
Rio de Janeiro



## Australia and New Zealand

Perth  
Auckland  
Brisbane



# Transparency in Privacy Features of AWS

AWS service	Customer can encrypt	Customer can delete	Customer can monitor processing	No remote access*
Alexa for Business	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon API Gateway	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon AppFlow	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon AppStream 2.0	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon AppStream 2.0 User Pools	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon Athena	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon Augmented AI (A2I)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon Aurora	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon Braket	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon Chime	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon Cloud Directory	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon CloudFront	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon CloudWatch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon CloudWatch Logs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amazon CodeGuru Profiler	✓	✓	✓	✓

<https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/privacy-features/>



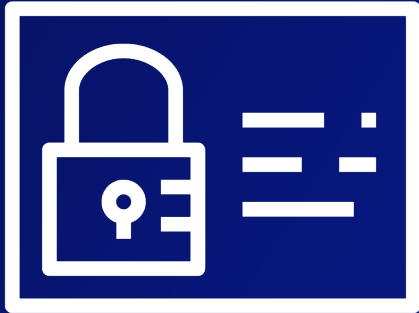
# Assurance on data residency



The CISPE Code requires cloud infrastructure service providers to give customers the **choice** to use services to **store and process customer data exclusively in the European Economic Area (EEA)**.



# AWS Control Tower Guardrails



Guardrails to provide more control over the physical location of where customer data is stored and processed.



# AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge:

*We will expand data residency controls for operational data, such as identity and billing information.*

# 2. Verifiable control over data access

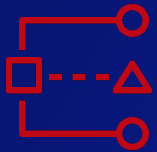
**“We prohibit -- and our systems are designed to prevent -- remote access by AWS personnel to customer data for any purpose, including service maintenance, unless that access is requested by you or unless access is required to prevent fraud and abuse, or to comply with law. ”**

**AWS**

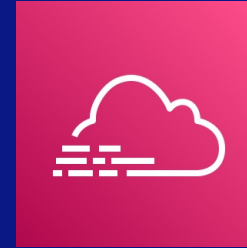
# Tools and services to help you monitor access



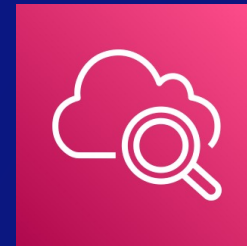
AWS Identity and  
Access Management  
(IAM)



AWS IAM Access  
Analyzer

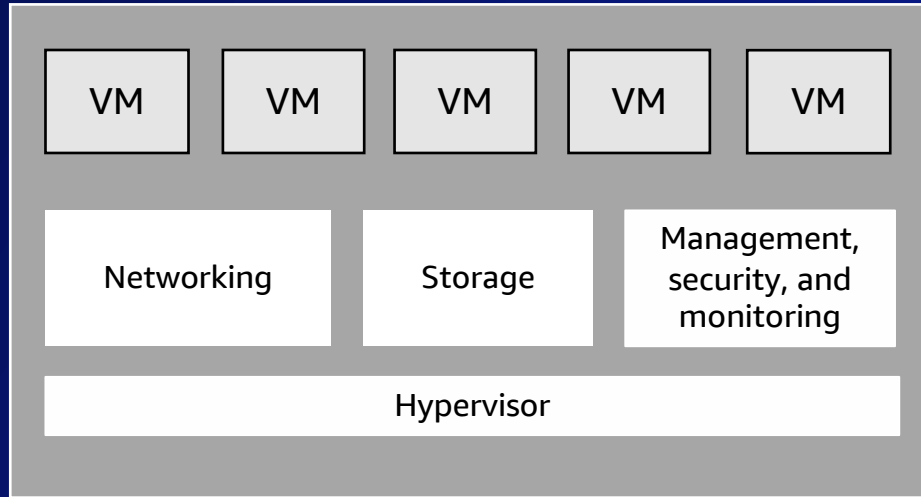


AWS CloudTrail



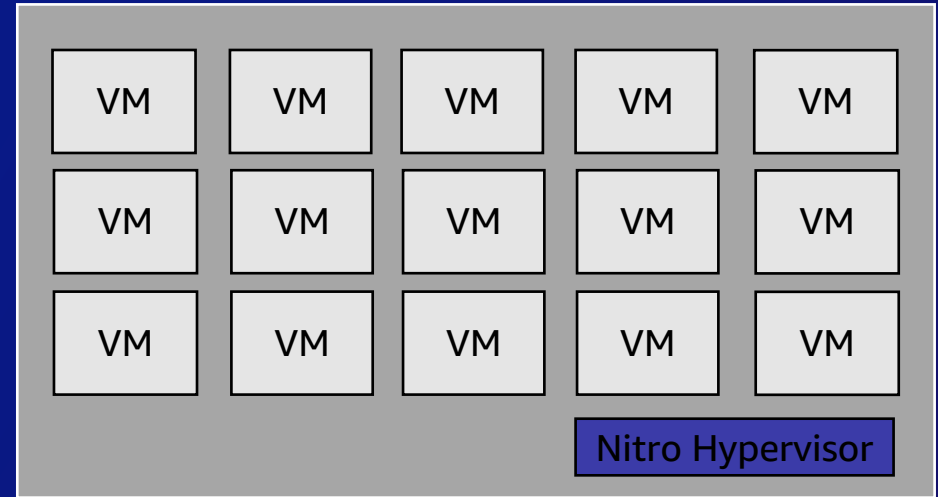
Amazon  
CloudWatch

# Reinventing virtualization with AWS Nitro



Host

Classical virtualization

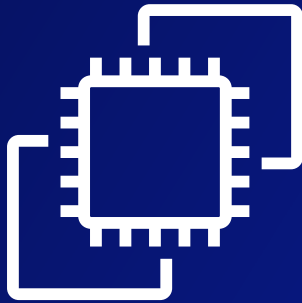


Amazon EC2 host

AWS Nitro System



# The Nitro Approach: Protection from cloud operators

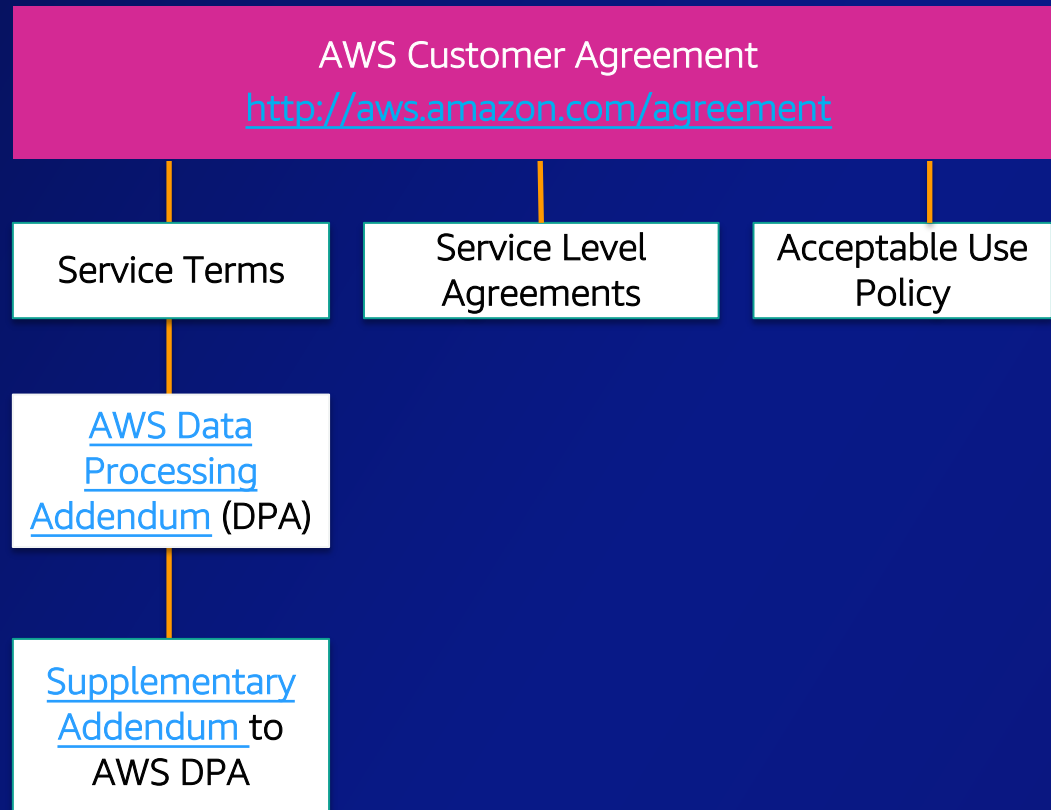


## AWS Nitro System



- No operator access
- No ability to read the memory of EC2 instances
- No access to any data stored on instance storage and encrypted EBS volumes.
- Maintenance carried out using a strictly limited set of authenticated, authorized, and audited administrative APIs, with cannot access customer data on the EC2 server
- No AWS operator can bypass these controls and protections

# Earning trust through contractual commitments



AWS challenges law enforcement requests that are overbroad, or where we have any appropriate grounds to do so.

# Earning trust through organizational transparency



AWS published bi-annual Information Request Report (IRR) describing the types and number of information requests AWS receives from law enforcement.

0  
Request

Resulted in the disclosure to the U.S. government of enterprise content or government content data located outside the United States since we started to collect this datapoint in July 2020.



# AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge:

*We commit to continue to build additional access restrictions that limit all access to customer data unless requested by the customer or a partner they trust.*

# 3. The ability to encrypt everything everywhere

# Power of AWS KMS and CloudHSM



AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS)



AWS CloudHSM



Ability to encrypt all your data, whether in transit, at rest, or in memory.



All services support encryption with customer managed keys that are inaccessible to AWS.

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**SOC 1 - Control 4.5:** *Customer master keys used for cryptographic operations in AWS KMS are logically secure so that no single AWS employee can gain access to the key material.*

# AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge:

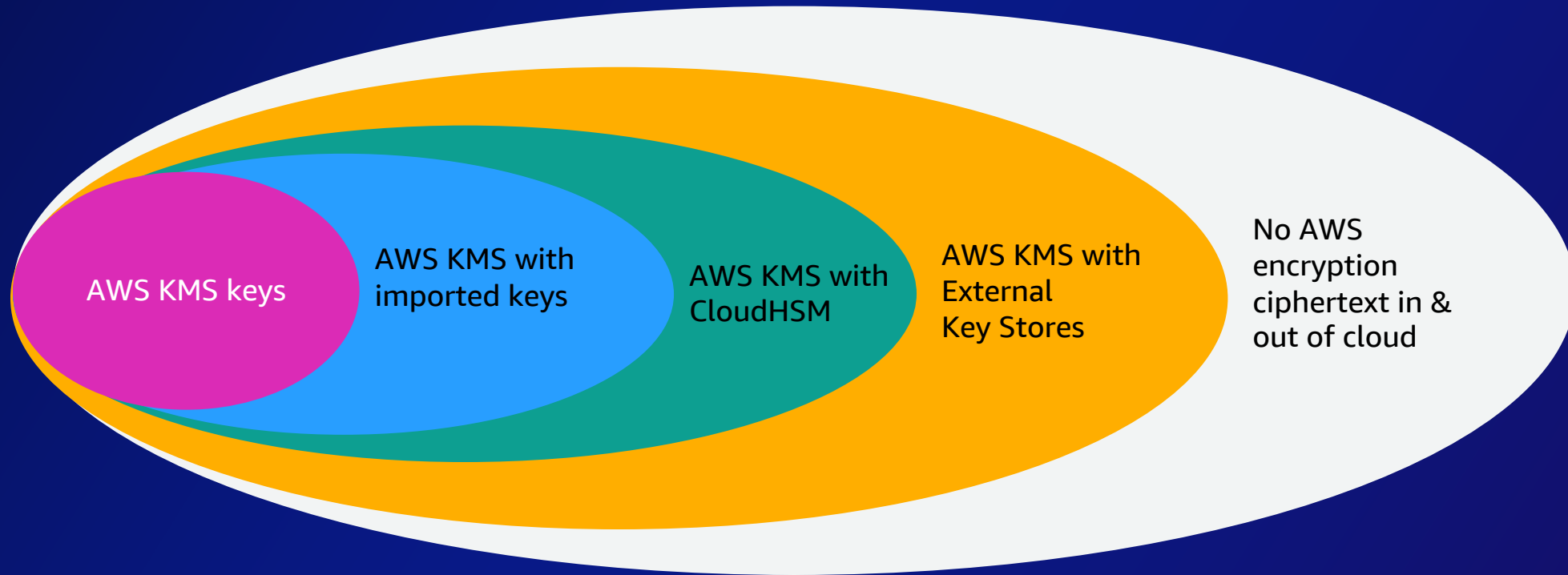
*We commit to continue to innovate and invest in additional controls for sovereignty and encryption features so that our customers can encrypt everything everywhere with encryption keys managed inside or outside the AWS Cloud.*

# More options to control the key: AWS KMS External Key Store (XKS)



- Full removal of root of trust from AWS KMS
- Transparent to AWS services and client apps
- Flexibility on which keys you choose to store in external key manager
- Customer owns the key in meaningful ways  
Serves as “kill switch”: Turn off XKS & AWS data becomes unreadable

# Control without compromising on performance



← Better performance, availability

→ Greater customer control

# Working with partners

THALES



ATOS

Fortanix

HashiCorp

ENTRUST

T Systems

Vendor support for AWS KMS XKS

# Navigating change as a team

Our trusted partners play a prominent role in bringing solutions to customers.

## AWS Partner Programs

- Authority to Operate (ATO) on AWS
- AWS ClearStart

## AWS Partner Competencies

- AWS Managed Security Service Provider
- AWS Security Competency

## Partnership Examples

- T-Systems (part of Deutsche Telekom) Data Protection as a Managed Service



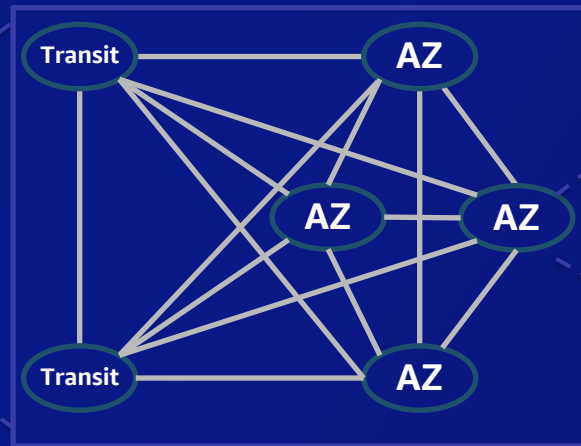
# 4. Resilience of the cloud

# Designed for resilience

AWS Regions are comprised of multiple AZs for **high availability, high scalability**, and high **fault tolerance**. Applications and data are replicated in real time and consistent in the different AZs. We use **statically stable** designs

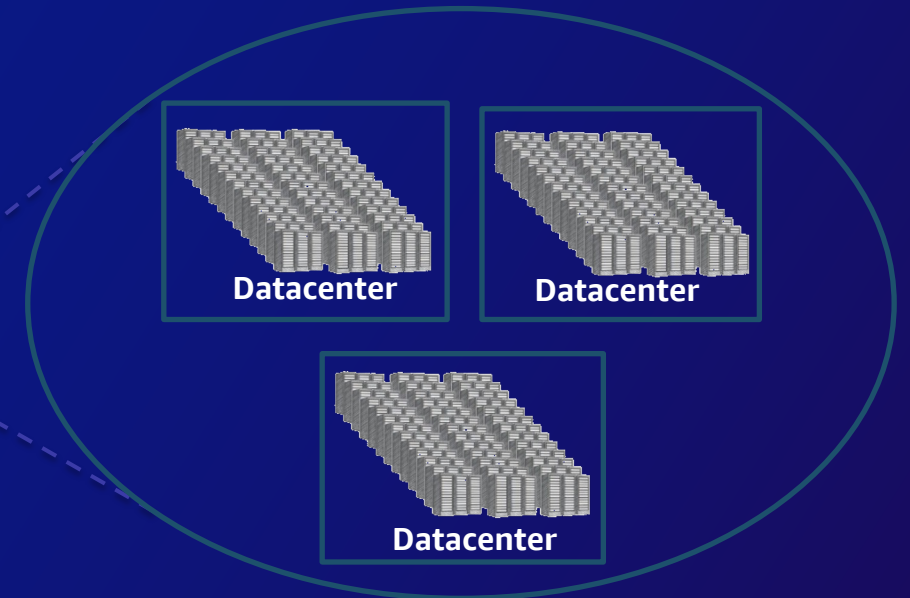


AWS Region



**A Region** is a physical location in the world where we have multiple **Availability Zones**.

AWS Availability Zone (AZ)



**Availability Zones** consist of one or more discrete data centers, each with redundant power, networking, and connectivity, housed in separate facilities.

# Meet customers where they are, physically and technologically

GLOBAL



AWS Regions

METRO CENTERS



AWS Local Zones  
Amazon CloudFront

5G NETWORKS



AWS Wavelength

ON-PREMISES



AWS Outposts

SMART DEVICES



Internet of Things

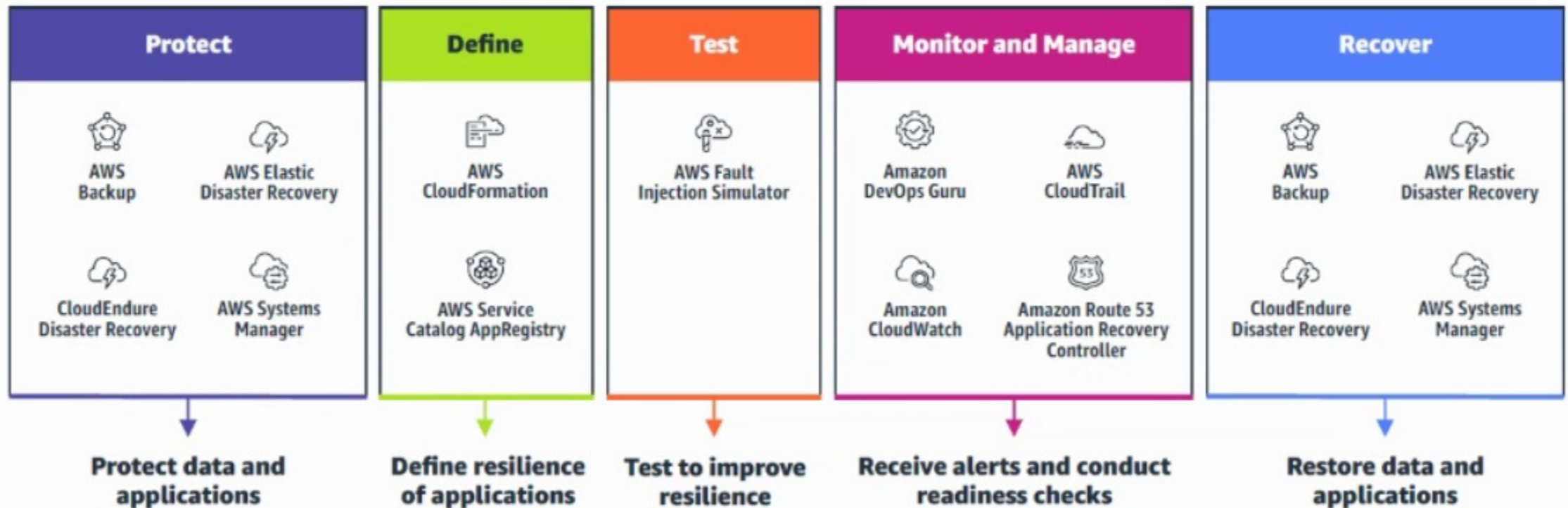
RUGGED EDGE



AWS Snow Family

# How AWS helps you design resilient workloads

## AWS Resilience Hub



# AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge:

*We commit to continue to enhance our range of sovereign and resilient options, allowing customers to sustain operations through disruption or disconnection.*

# Supporting local economy



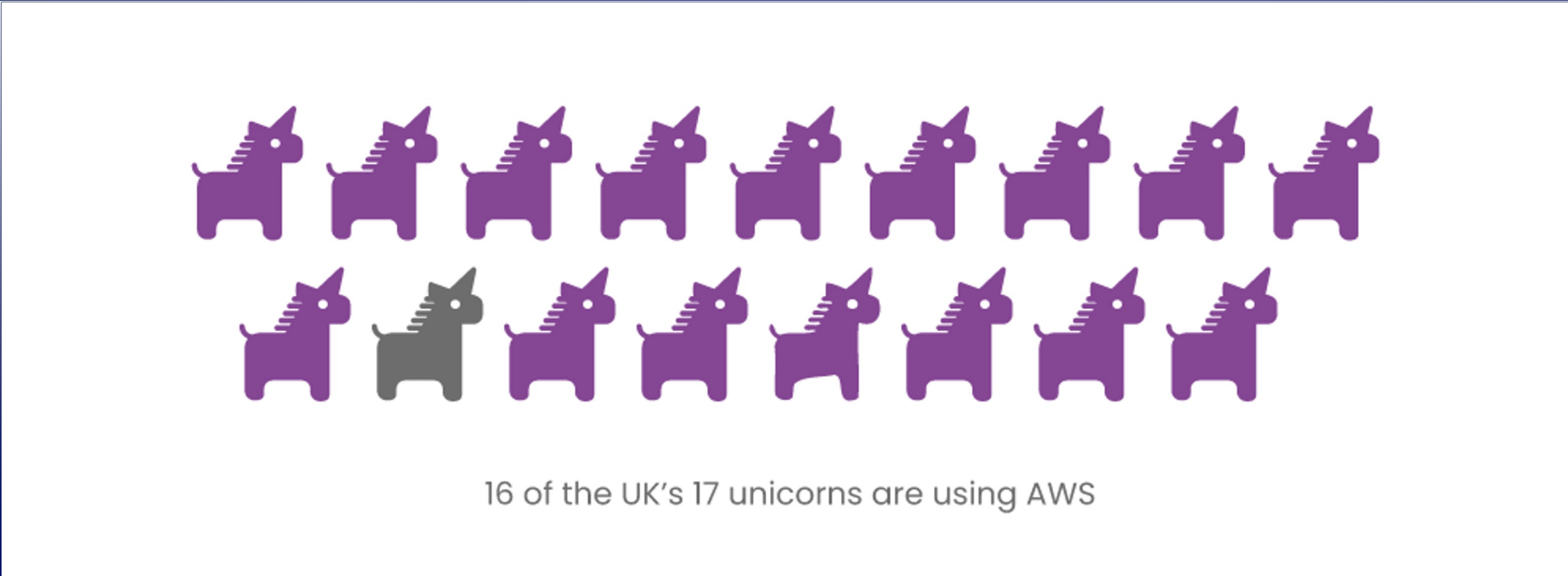
# Supporting European's Digital Growth

Achieving the Digital Decade goals could unlock **over €2.8 trillion in economic value**. This is equivalent to 21% of the EU's current economy. We estimate that a **majority (55%)** of this potential economic value is reliant on **cloud computing**.



Source: *Unlocking Europe's Digital Potential*; <https://awsdigitaldecade.publicfirst.co.uk/>

# Supporting European businesses and jobs



16 of the UK's 17 unicorns are using AWS

*Source: The Impact of AWS in the UK in 2020: <https://awsimpactreport.publicfirst.co.uk/>*





# Supporting local values and initiatives



# Further resources



# Learn more:

[AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge: Control Without Compromise \[Blog\]](#)

[AWS landing pages for data protection, GDPR center, and AWS Compliance \[Landing page\]](#)

[The Security Design of the AWS Nitro System \[Whitepaper\]](#)

[Announcing AWS KMS External Key Store \(XKS\) \[Blog\]](#)

[AWS cloud services adhere to CISPE code \[Blog\]](#)

[AWS Control Tower Data Residency Guardrails \[Page\]](#)

[Navigating Compliance with EU Data Transfer Requirements \[Whitepaper\]](#)

[New Standard Contractual Clauses now part of the AWS GDPR Data Processing Addendum for customers \[Blog\]](#)

# Summary



# Summary

- Think long-term
- Do not compromise with temporary solutions
- Ask what outcomes are important to you
- Don't miscalculate the risk!

# Thank you!

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