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Managing your Cloud Spend: without re-architecting

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Agenda : Managing your Cloud Spend

Principles of Cloud Economics

Reality of Cloud Cost Management

How to:

Understand your costs

Assess your maturity in Cloud Financial Management

Develop an action plan

Do you hear these questions?

Why is this month's AWS bill so high?

Why has our Cloud bill gone up so much?

Wouldn't it be cheaper to build / run this in our own data centre ?

Why is Cloud costing so much money?

Are we getting good value from AWS?

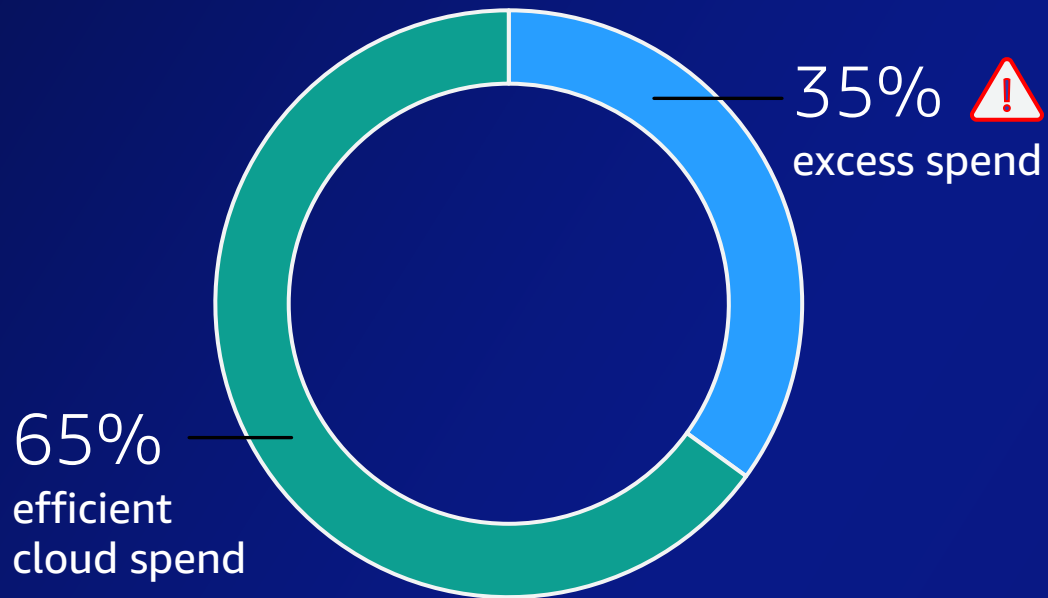
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Cloud is the new Data Center

... but it can't be used like a traditional data center

Traditional financial management processes cause up to \$10B+ in excess annual cloud spend¹



Poor cloud cost management impacts the business²

80% of respondents acknowledge that **poor financial management** related to cloud costs has had a **negative impact on their business**

Slows/halts cloud adoption (53%)

Cripples innovation (25%)

Lowers quality of service (38%)

Leads to sprawl/underutilization of resources (40%)

Increases cost (22%)

Sources:

1. RightScale 2020 State of the Cloud Report from Flexera;

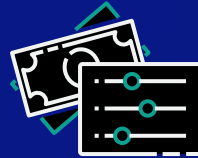
2. (451 Research Report) Cost Management in the Cloud Age Enterprise readiness threatens innovation. (451 Research study commissioned by Cloudability)

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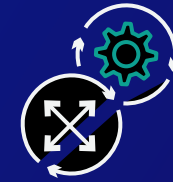
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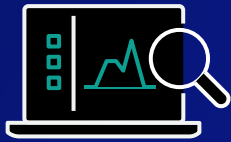
Managing access to
on-demand resources



Understanding cloud
pricing options



Selecting optimal services
and resource types/sizes



Predicting the cost
associated with
variable usage

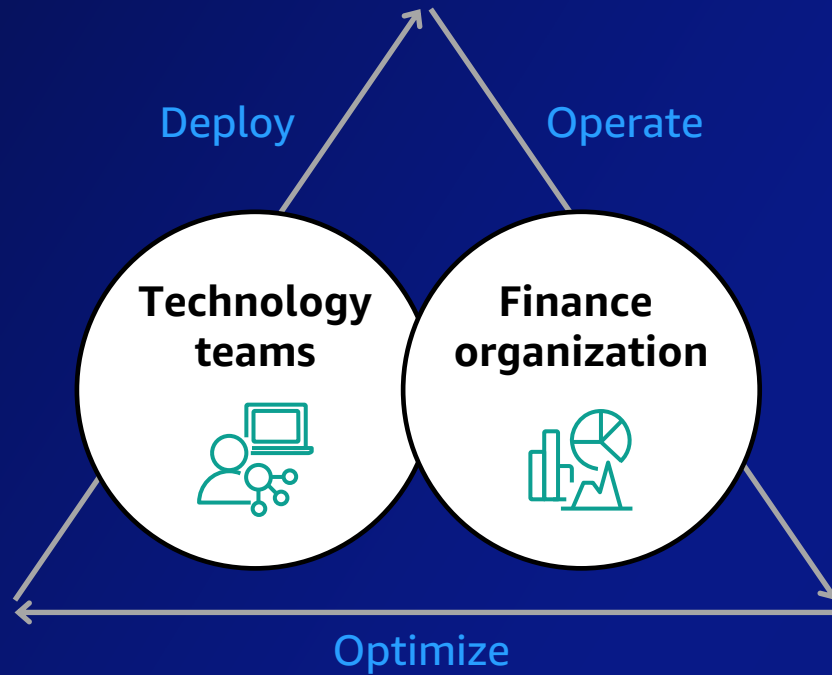


Awareness of resource costs



Cost governance in a
continuous manner

The FinOps Model



FinOps Model

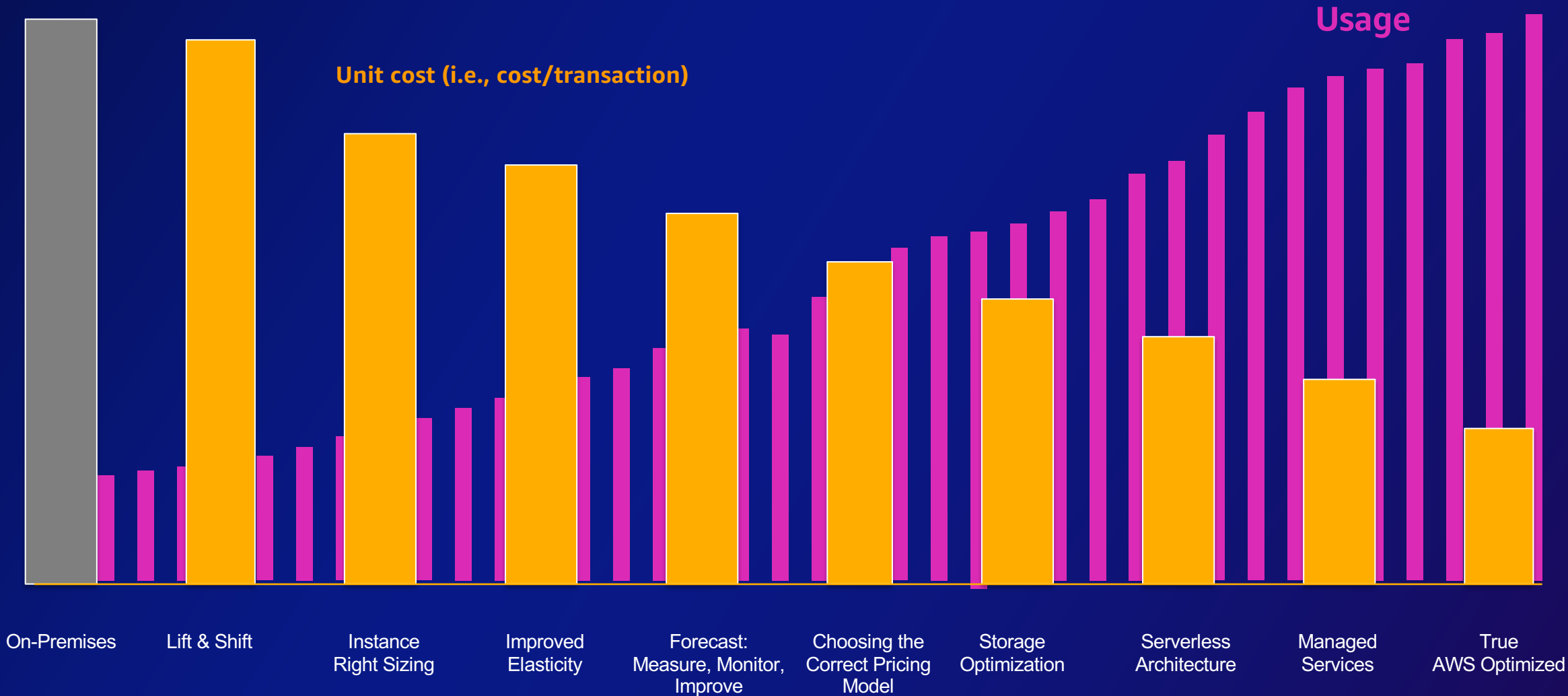
Engineers and Finance acting as one

Match capacity with demand

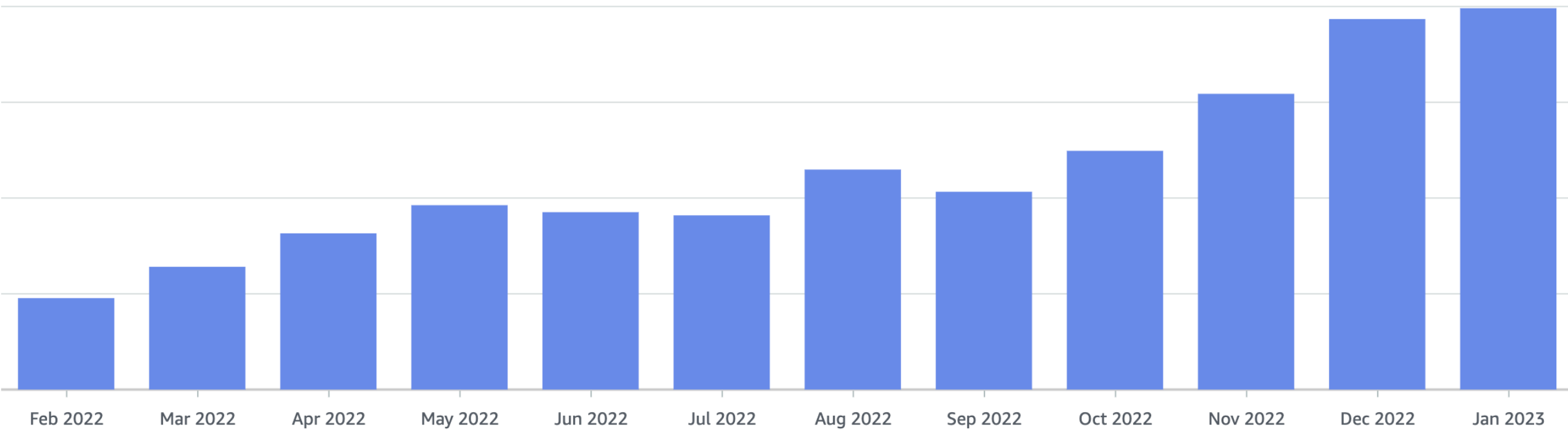
Procurement is instant

Low cost of failure

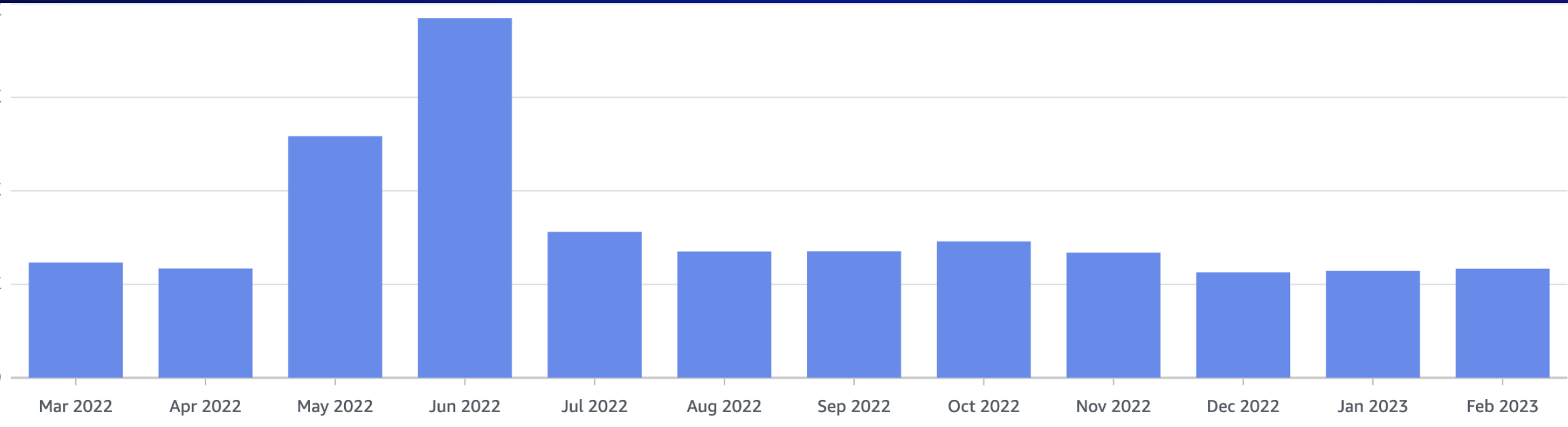
Cloud Economics



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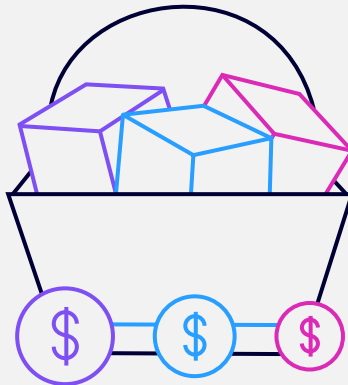
Economics of Cloud

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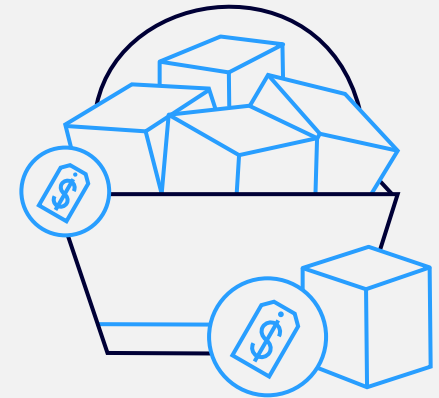
Pay for
what you use

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Pay less
when you reserve

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Pay less
by using more

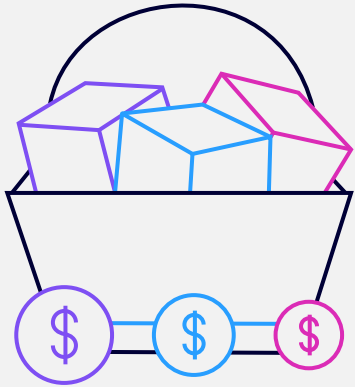
Economics of Cloud



Pay for
what you use

- Right tool for the right job
- Turning off when not in use
- Removing excess capacity
- Right sizing when demand changes
- Modernizing : architecture and latest generation
- Adopting an optimization culture

Economics of Cloud



Pay less
when you reserve

Savings Plans vs Reserved Instances

EC2, Fargate, Lambda

RDS, ElastiCache, OpenSearch.....

Sagemaker

Savings up to 72% of on-demand rates

Spot: Savings up to 90% of on-demand rates
spare EC2 capacity

Economics of Cloud

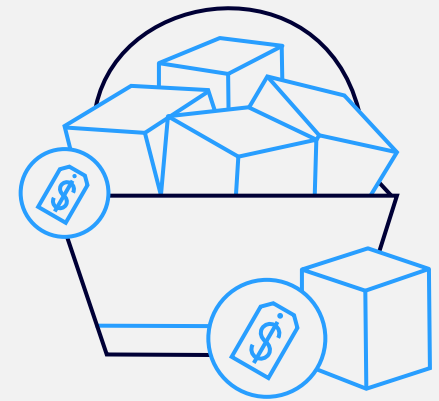
Volume Pricing Models

Private Pricing Agreement (PPA)

Enterprise Discount Program (EDP)

Optimisation Culture

FinOps and Cloud Financial Management



Pay less
by using more

$\text{cost} = \text{amount used} * \text{rate paid}$

AWS Cloud Value Framework



Cost savings (TCO)

What is it?

Infrastructure cost savings/ avoidance from moving to the cloud

20% reduction in IT infrastructure costs as a percentage of revenue



Staff productivity

What is it?

Efficiency improvement by function on a task-by-task basis

66% increase in VMs managed per server admin



Operational resilience

What is it?

Benefit of improving SLAs and reducing unplanned outage

69% reduction in unplanned downtime



Business agility

What is it?

Deploying new features/ applications faster and reducing errors

43% reduction in time-to-market for new application features



Sustainability

What is it?

Minimizing environmental impact of operations

88% reduction in workload carbon footprint

Tactical impact

Strategic impact



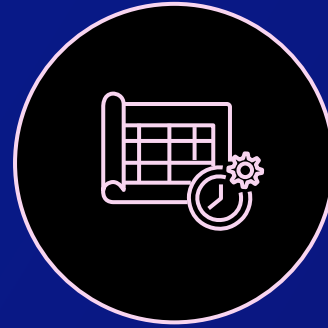
Getting Started on Financial Management



See
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accountability



Save
Cost
optimization



Plan
Planning and
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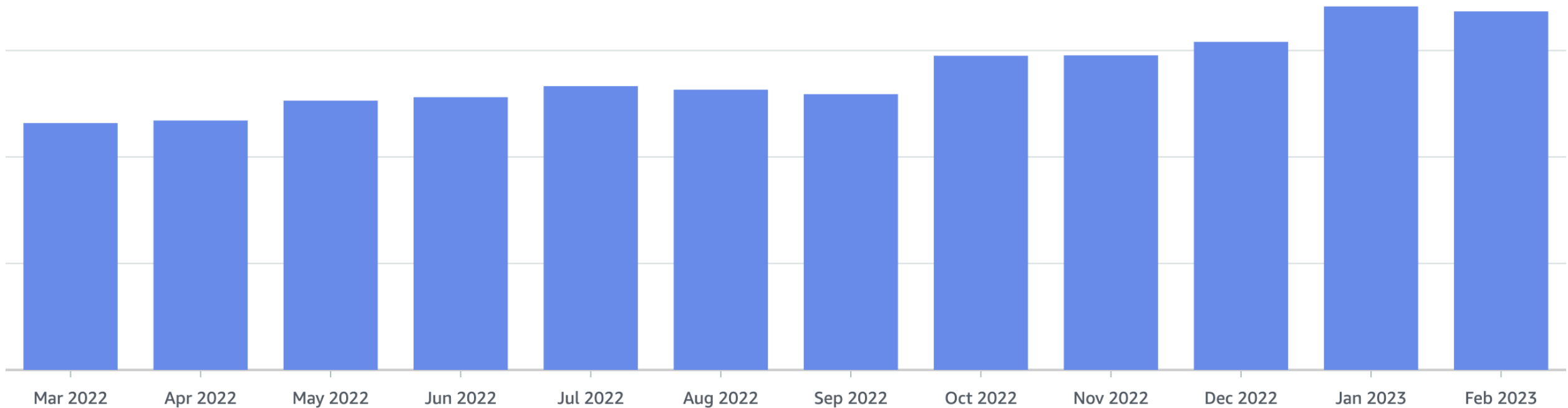


Run
Cloud financial
operations

Getting Started on Financial Management

1. Understand your Costs
2. Optimize your Costs

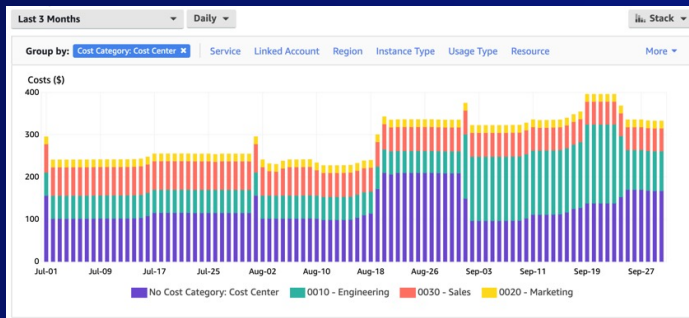
3. Assess your CFM Practices
4. Develop an Action Plan



Understanding your Costs

SELECT THE COST VISIBILITY TOOL THAT WORKS FOR YOU AND YOUR STAKEHOLDERS

AWS Cost Explorer



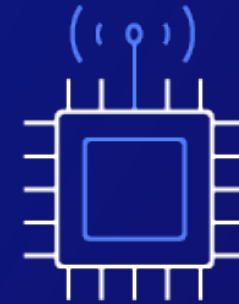
- ✓ Free console-based data visualization tool
- ✓ Graphs of your AWS cost and usage
- ✓ Consistent with cost and usage reports

Build your own



- ✓ Custom filtered views
- ✓ Multi-graph dashboards
- ✓ Optimization dashboards
- ✓ Customized KPIs
- ✓ Ongoing customization and maintenance

AWS Partner Network



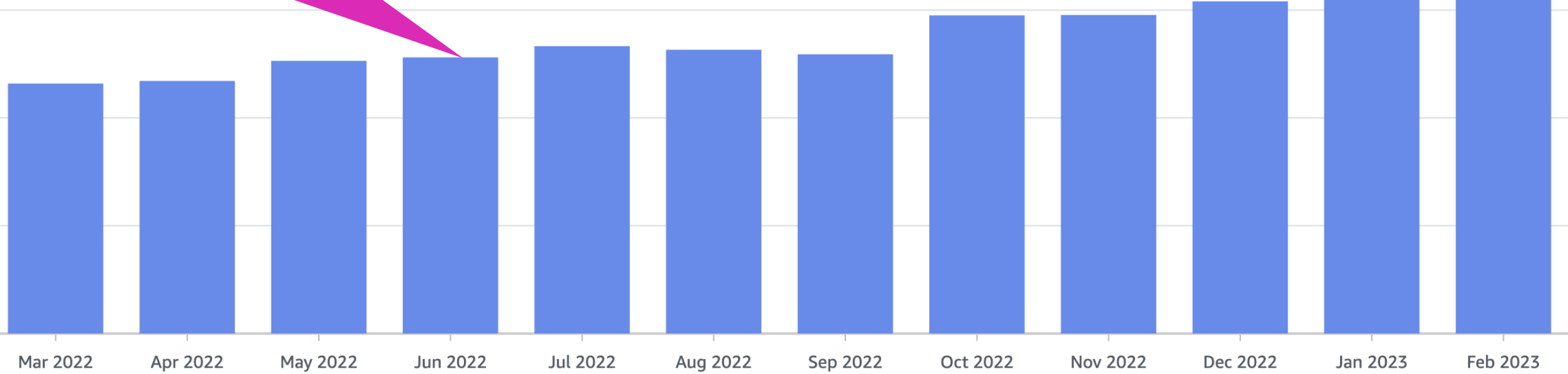
- ✓ AWS Cloud Management Tools Competency Partners
- ✓ Preconfigured tools to support cloud financial management needs

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Where are you spending most?

What cost are increasing most?

What is unexpected?

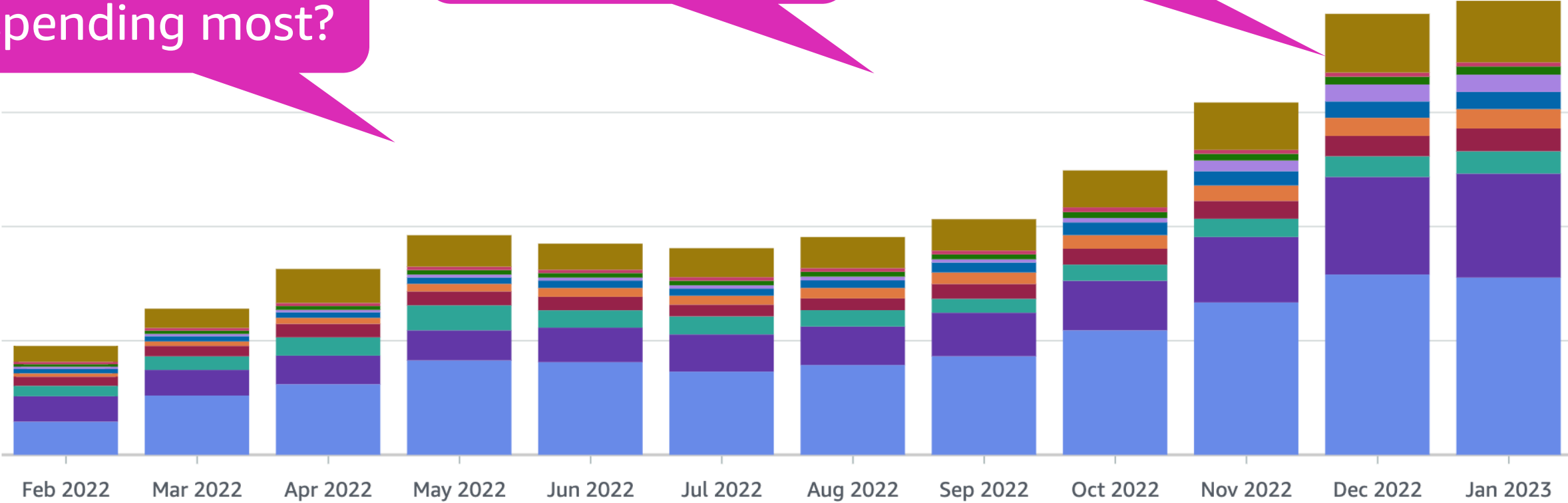


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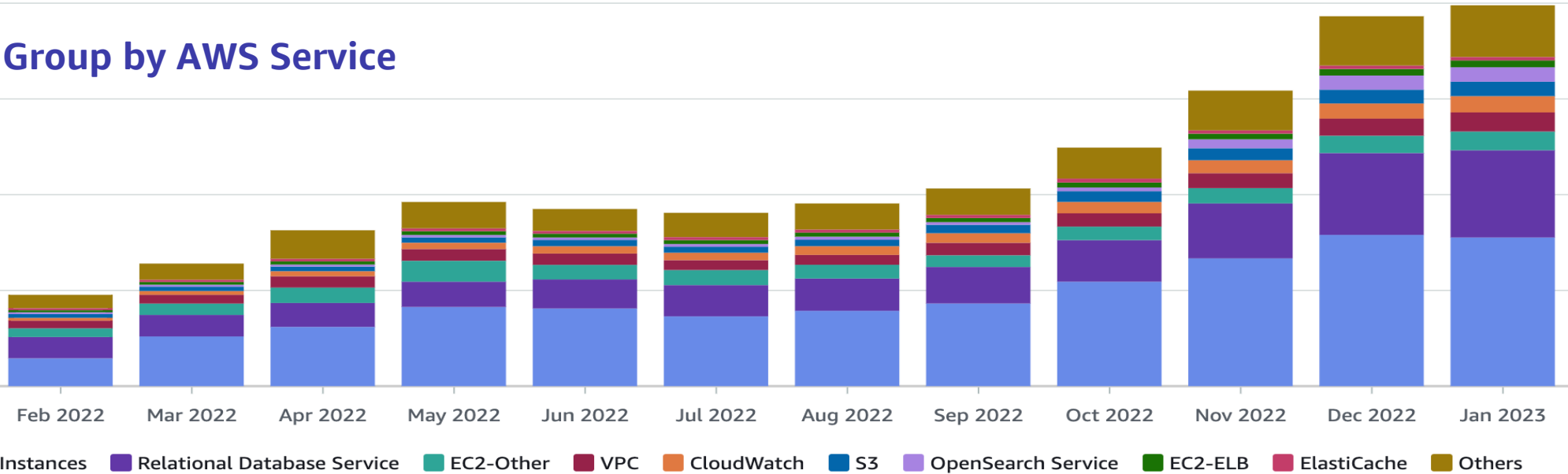


EC2-Instances Relational Database Service EC2-Other VPC CloudWatch S3 OpenSearch Service EC2-ELB ElastiCache Others

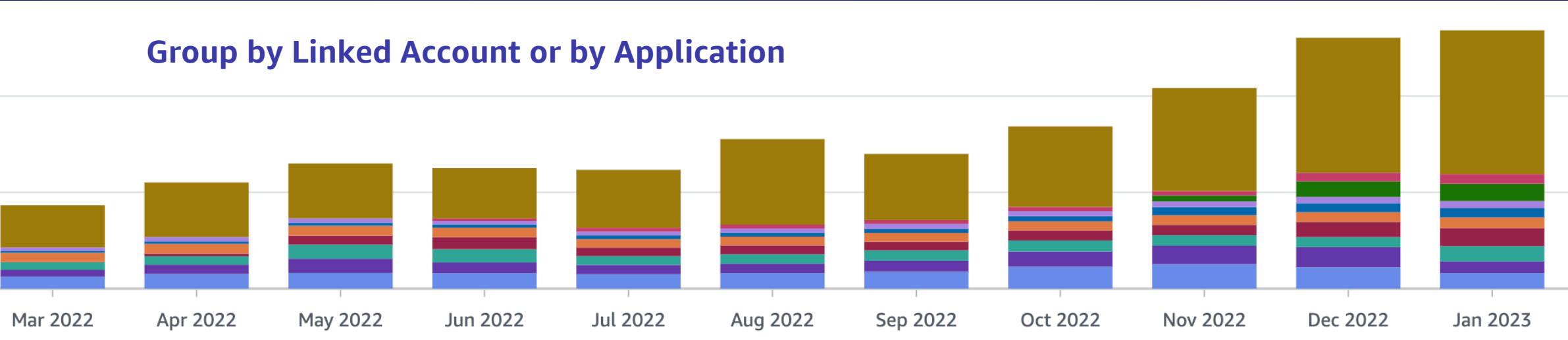


Understanding your Costs

Group by AWS Service



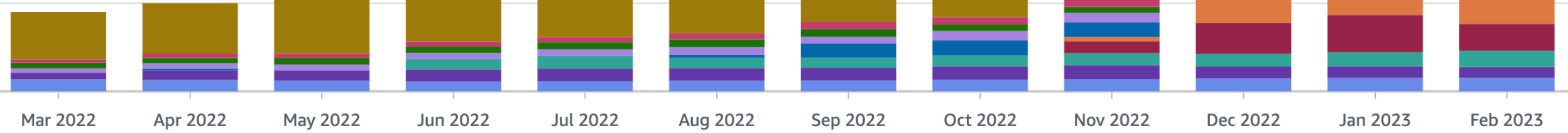
Group by Linked Account or by Application



Understanding your Costs



RDS Spend: Group by Linked Account (or by Application)

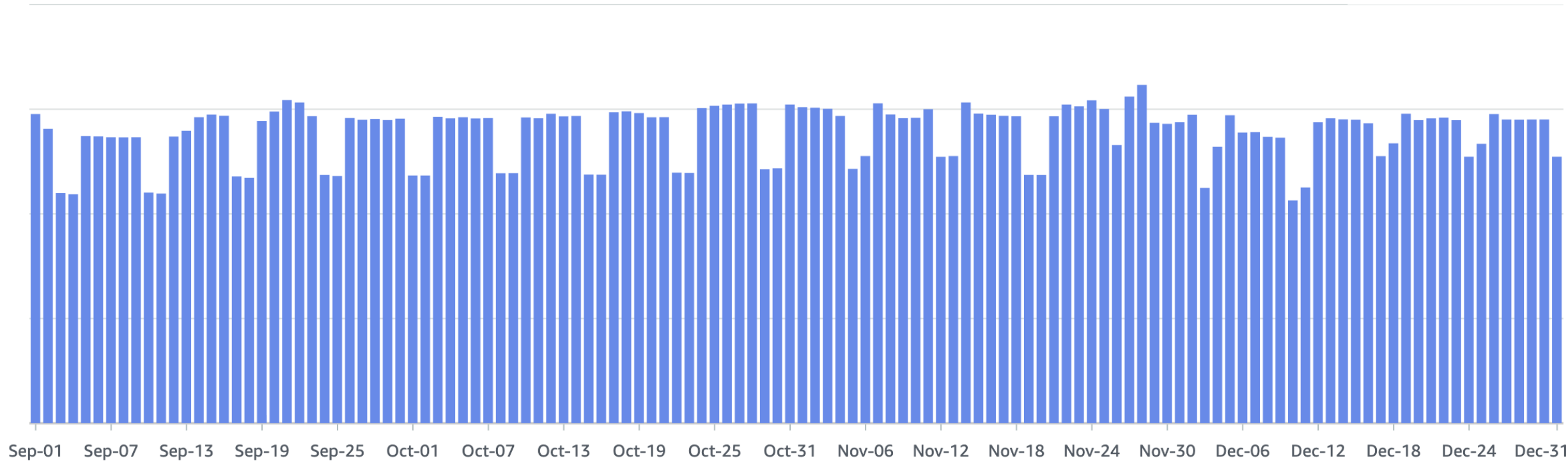


cost = amount used * rate paid

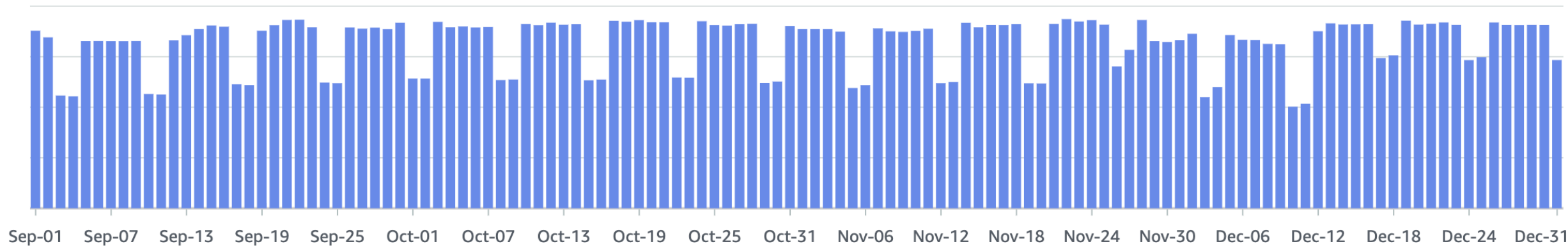
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Daily Granularity
Usage Type EC2 Running Hours

Costs (\$)



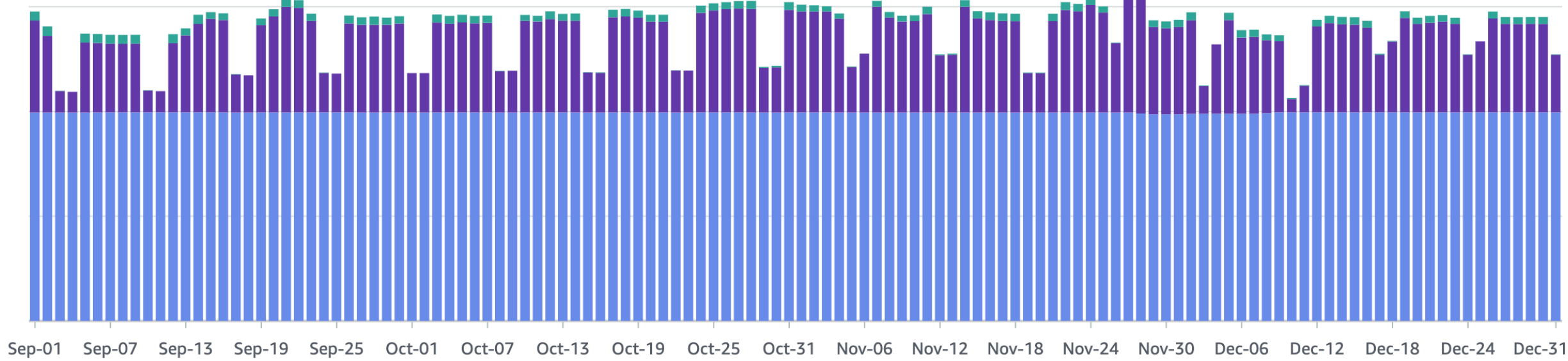
Usage (Hrs)



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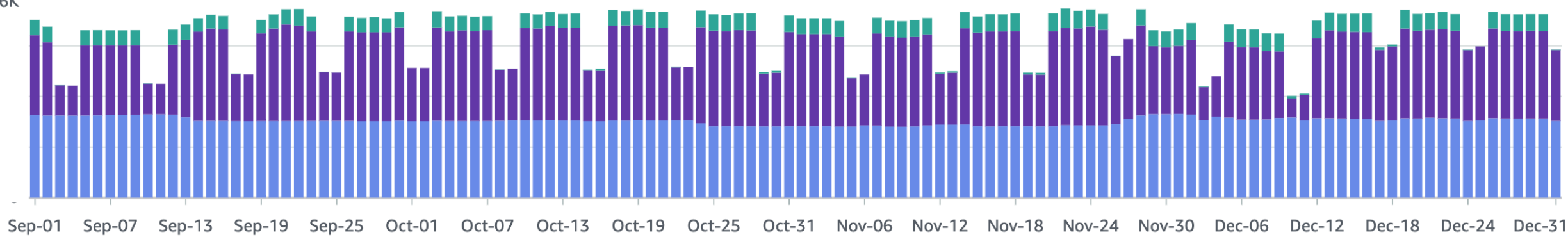
Daily Granularity
Usage Type EC2 Running Hours
Group by Purchase Option

Costs (\$)



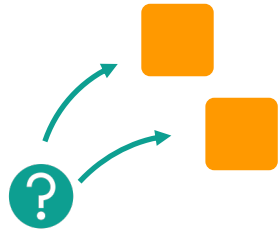
Usage (Hrs)

2.6K



Amazon EC2 Purchase Options

ON-DEMAND INSTANCES

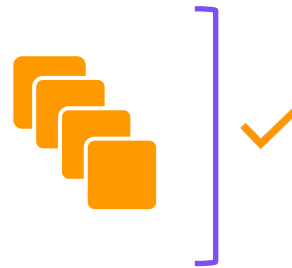


Pay for compute capacity by **the second** with no long-term commitments



Spiky *stateful* workloads, to define needs

SAVINGS PLANS

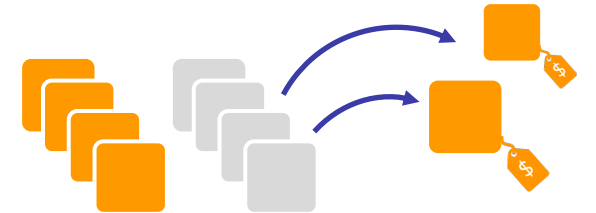


Make a 1 or 3 year commitment and receive a **significant discount** off On-Demand prices



Flexible across Compute

SPOT INSTANCES



Spare Amazon EC2 capacity at **savings of up to 90%** off On-Demand prices



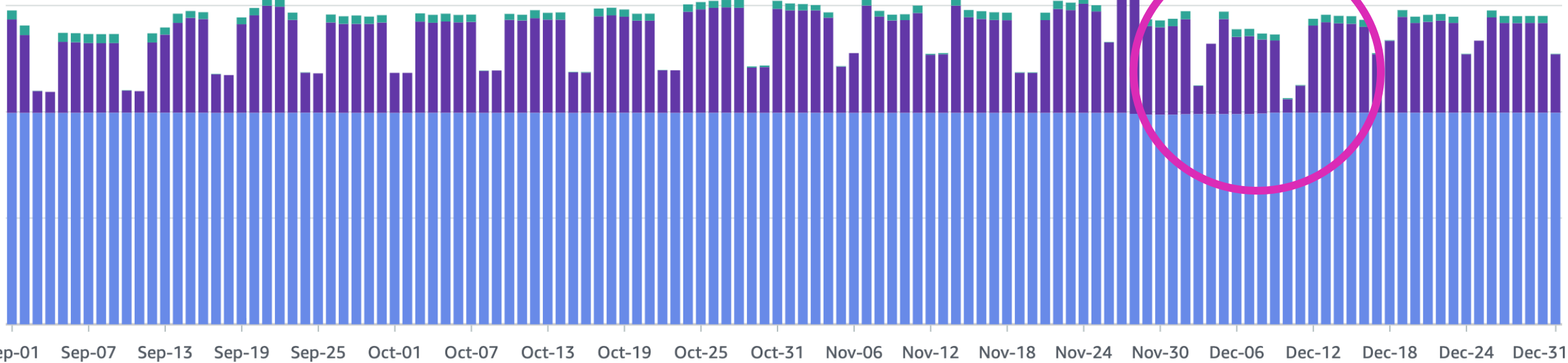
Fault-tolerant, flexible, *stateless* workloads

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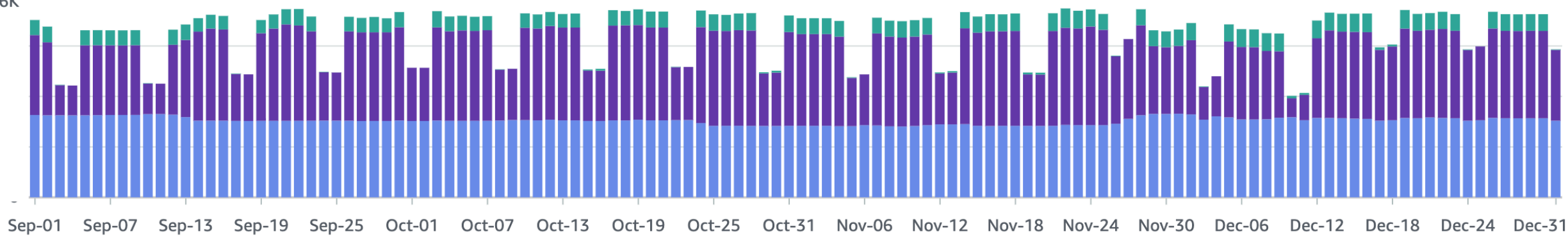
Costs (\$)

Savings Plans On Demand Spot



Usage (Hrs)

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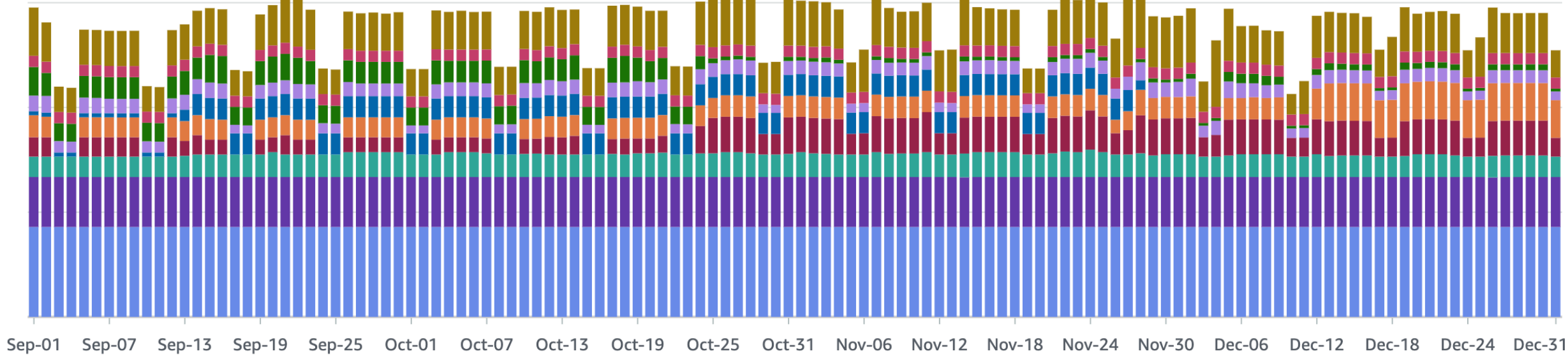


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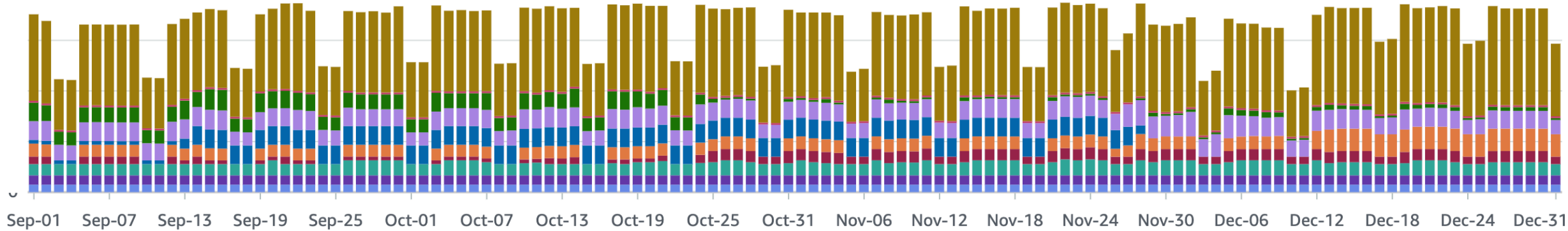
Daily Granularity
Usage Type EC2 Running Hours
Group by: Instance Type

Costs (\$)

c5.9xlarge c5.4xlarge r5.xlarge m5.2xlarge



Usage (Hrs)



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c5.9xlarge



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Compute Optimized

Memory Optimized

Accelerated Computing

Storage Optimized

HPC Optimized

Instance Features

Measuring Instance Performance

Compute Optimized

Compute Optimized instances are ideal for compute bound applications that benefit from high performance processors. Instances belonging to this family are well suited for batch processing workloads, media transcoding, high performance web servers, high performance computing (HPC), scientific modeling, dedicated gaming servers and ad server engines, machine learning inference and other compute intensive applications.

C7g C7gn C6i C6in C6a C6g C6gn C5 C5n C5a C4

[Amazon EC2 C6i](#) instances are powered by 3rd generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors and are an ideal fit for compute-intensive workloads.

Features:

Model	vCPU	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	Network Bandwidth (Gbps)***	EBS Bandwidth (Mbps)
c5.9xlarge	36	72	EBS-Only	10	9,500

Up to 50% higher memory bandwidth per vCPU compared to C5 instances

- Up to 50 Gbps of networking speed
- Up to 40 Gbps of bandwidth to the [Amazon Elastic Block Store](#)



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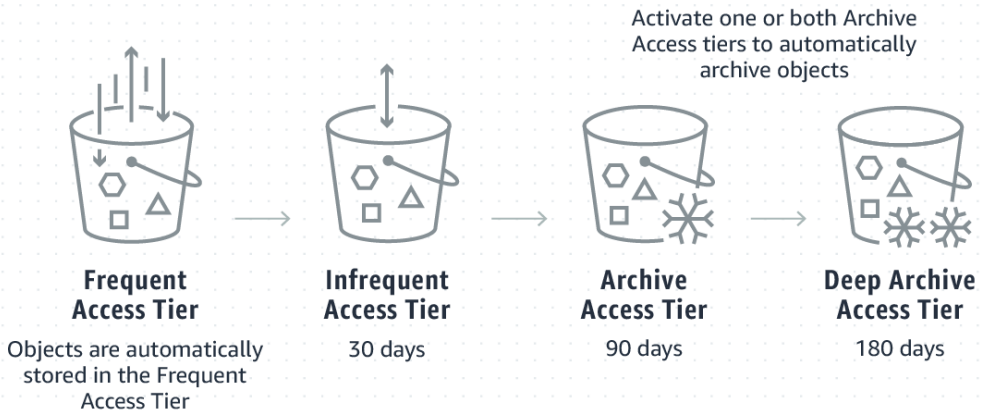
Understanding Your Costs: Storage



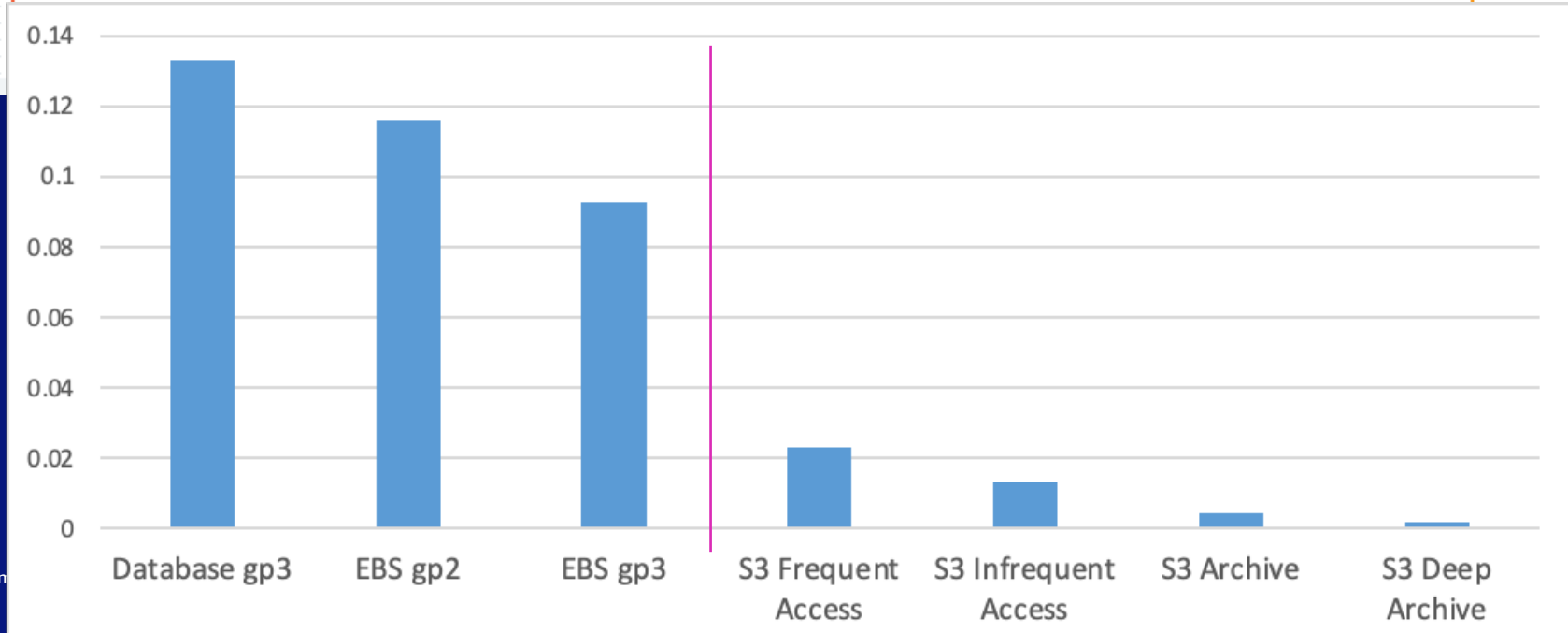
Amazon S3 Intelligent-Tiering
Optimizes costs by moving objects between four access tiers when access patterns change



Access patterns are monitored to automate object movement between access tiers



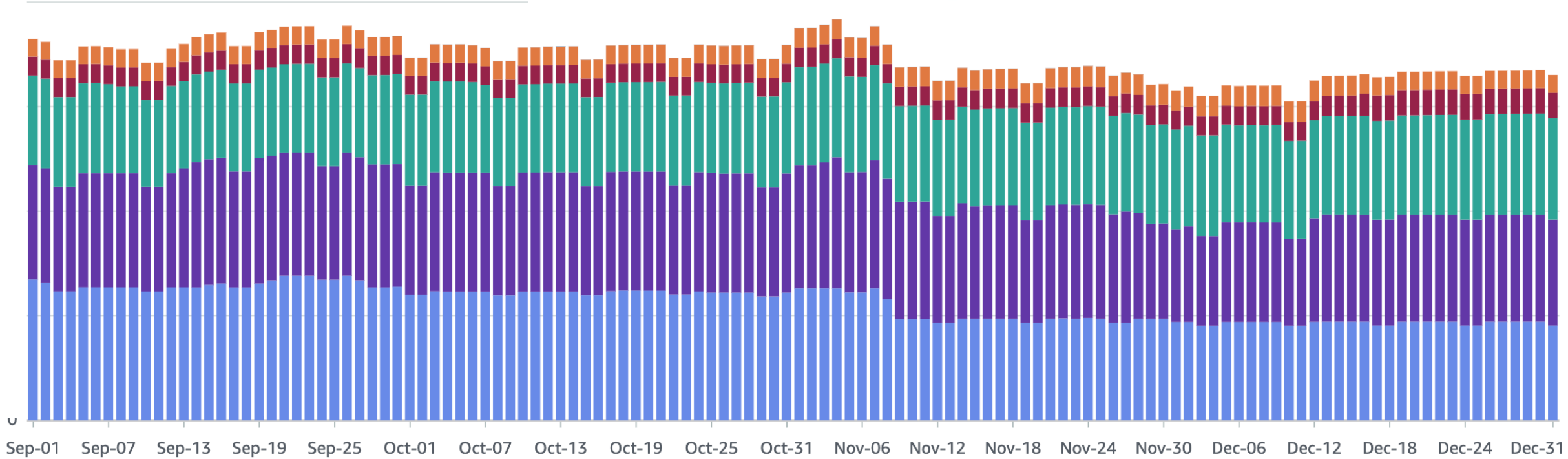
Data Access
Any time an object is accessed, S3 Intelligent-Tiering moves the object back to the Frequent Access Tier



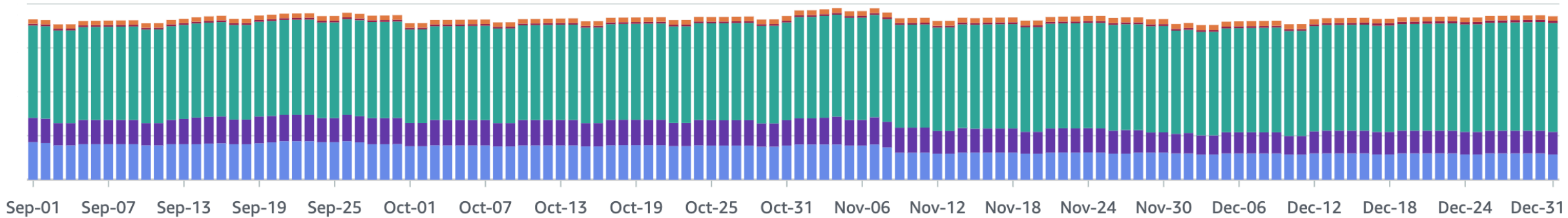
Understand Your Costs

Costs (\$)

EUW2-EBS:VolumeUsage.gp3 EUW2-EBS:VolumeUsage.gp2 EUW2-TimedStorage-ByteHrs EUW2-RDS:Multi-AZ-GP2-Storage
EUW2-RDS:ChargedBackupUsage EUW2-RDS:GP2-Storage EUW2-TimedStorage-GlacierByteHrs



Usage (GB-Month)



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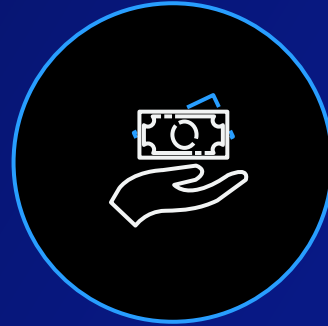


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Account and
tagging strategy

Cost reporting and
monitoring processes

Cost show/
chargeback

Efficiency/value KPIs

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Cost aware architecture,
design and service selection

Match capacity
with demand

Choose the right
purchasing model

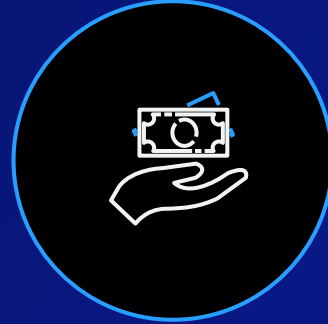
Identify resource waste

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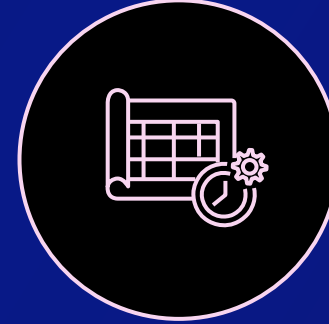
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Budgeting and forecasting
variable cloud usage

POC based
cost estimation

Business case/
value articulation

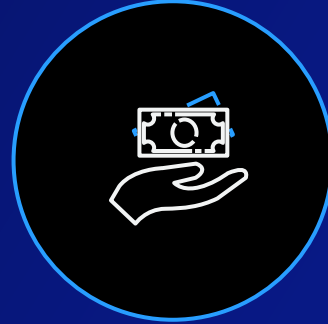
Strategic fit

Cloud Financial Management

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Run
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Secure executive
sponsorship

Partnership between finance
and technology organizations

Invest in people,
governance, and tools

Celebrate accomplishments

AWS services and features to support your Cloud Financial Management needs



Measurement and accountability

- Amazon Athena
- Amazon CloudWatch
- Amazon QuickSight
- AWS Application Cost Profiler
- AWS Billing Console
- AWS Budgets, AWS Budgets Reports
- AWS CloudFormation
- AWS CloudTrail
- AWS Config, AWS Config Rules
- AWS Control Tower
- AWS Cost Anomaly Detection
- AWS Cost Categories
- AWS Cost and Usage Report
- AWS Cost Explorer
- AWS Organizations
- AWS Resource Groups
- AWS Service Catalog
- AWS Tag Policies
- Cloud Intelligence Dashboards
- Consolidated billing feature
- Cost allocation tags



Cost optimization

- Amazon CloudWatch
- Amazon CloudFront Security Savings Bundle
- Amazon CodeGuru
- Amazon EC2 Spot Instances
- Amazon Elastic Container Service
- Amazon Elastic File System Intelligent-Tiering
- Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service
- Amazon Redshift (elastic resize)
- Amazon Redshift (pause and resume)
- Amazon S3 Intelligent-Tiering storage class
- Amazon Workspaces Cost Optimizer
- AWS Auto Scaling
- AWS Compute Optimizer
- AWS Cost Explorer Reserved Instance, Savings Plans and RightSizing Recommendations
- AWS Fargate
- AWS Graviton
- AWS License Manager
- AWS Managed Services
- AWS PrivateLink
- AWS Trusted Advisor
- AWS Well-Architected Tool
- Free Services, Free Tiers, Free Trials
- Instance Scheduler
- Per-second billing
- Reserved Instances
- Savings Plans
- Volume Discounts



Planning and forecasting

- Amazon QuickSight
- AWS Budgets, AWS Budgets Reports
- AWS Cost Explorer
- AWS License Manager
- AWS Migration Evaluator
- AWS Price List API
- AWS Pricing Calculator
- AWS pricing pages



Cloud financial operations

- Amazon CloudWatch
- AWS Billing Console
- AWS Budgets, AWS Budgets Reports, AWS Budgets Actions
- AWS CloudFormation
- AWS Config, AWS Config Rules
- AWS Cost Explorer
- AWS Identify and Access Management
- AWS License Manager
- AWS OpsWorks
- AWS Organizations
- AWS Purchase Order Management
- AWS Service Catalog
- AWS Systems Manager
- AWS Technical Essentials training
- AWS Cloud Essentials for Business Leaders training
- AWS Cloud Financial Management for Builders training
- AWS Cloud for Finance Professionals training
- Consolidated billing
- Cost allocation tags
- Private Marketplace

AWS Cost Anomaly Detection



What is it?

A new monitoring feature that leverages advanced Machine Learning technologies to identify anomalous spend and root causes. With three steps, create a contextualized cost monitor and receive alerts when any anomalous spend is detected.

- *And its free!*



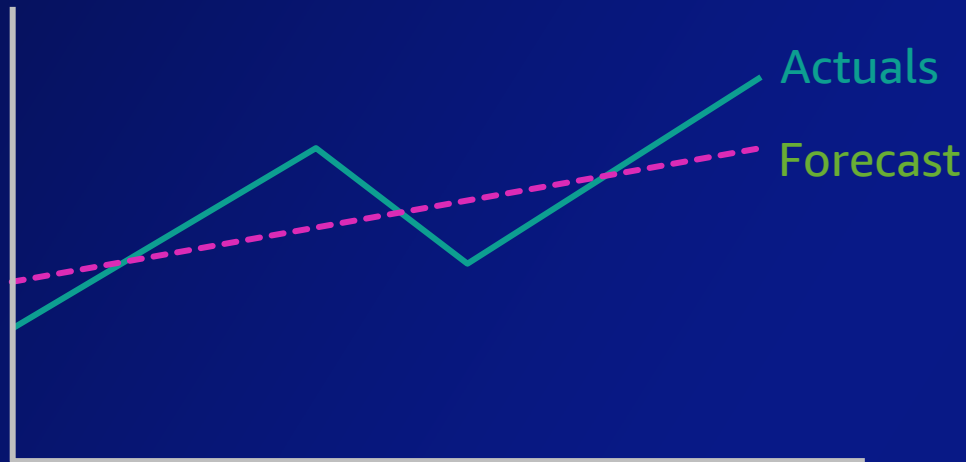
How does it work?

Based on selected spend segments, Cost Anomaly Detection automatically determines patterns each day by adjusting for organic growth and seasonal trends. It triggers an alert when spend seems abnormal. Providing feedback on the cost monitor notifications will increase accuracy over time.

Forecasting AWS spend

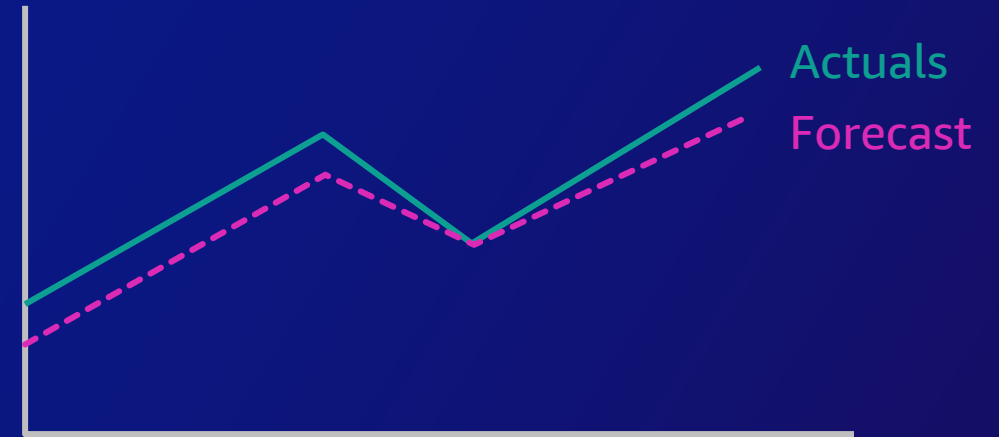
THE SELECTION OF A FORECASTING METHODOLOGY IS A BALANCE OF COMPLEXITY AND ACCURACY

Trend-based



- Forward-looking extrapolation of historic time-series data
- Good for forecasting organic growth of existing usage/cost

Driver-based



- Accounts for internal and external business demand drivers
- Ideal for dynamic and variable environments
- Improved long-term accuracy

Variables driving your forecast

Organic growth



- Existing workloads growth
- Compute, storage, networking growth
- Existing users consumption

Internal drivers



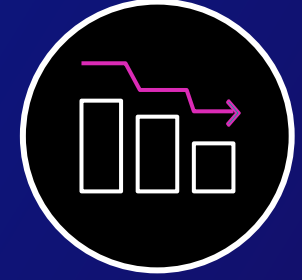
- Migrations
- Product development
- New environments
- New services
- Changes to existing workloads
- M&A

External drivers



- New users
- Sales events
- Promotions/Free trials
- Demos/POCs
- Seasonality

Optimization drivers



- Optimal service selection
- Technical and financial optimization
- Commercial terms
- Choose the right purchasing model

Cloud Financial Management

Outcomes



Reduce unit costs as you scale



Reinvest wasteful spend whilst increasing business agility

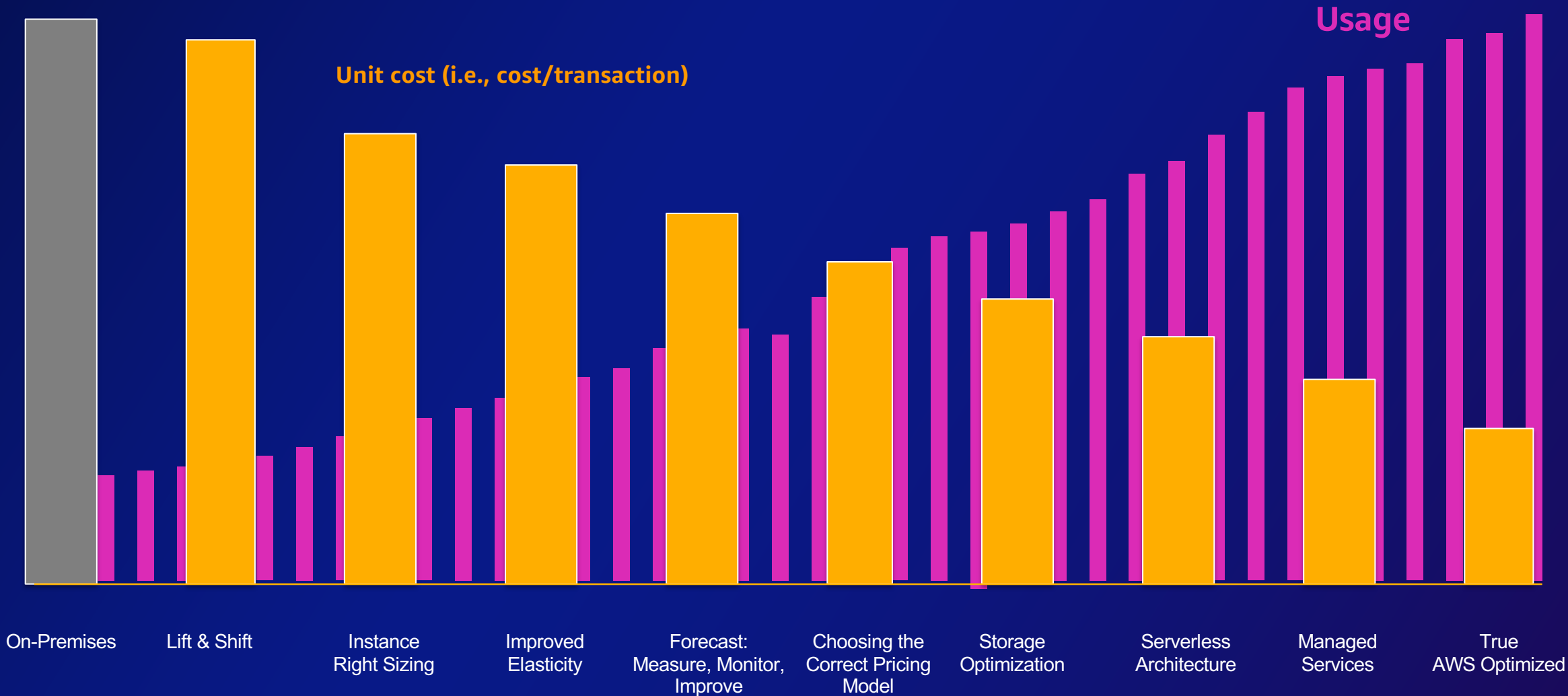


Improve financial predictability



Establish cost-aware behaviors and culture

Cloud Economics

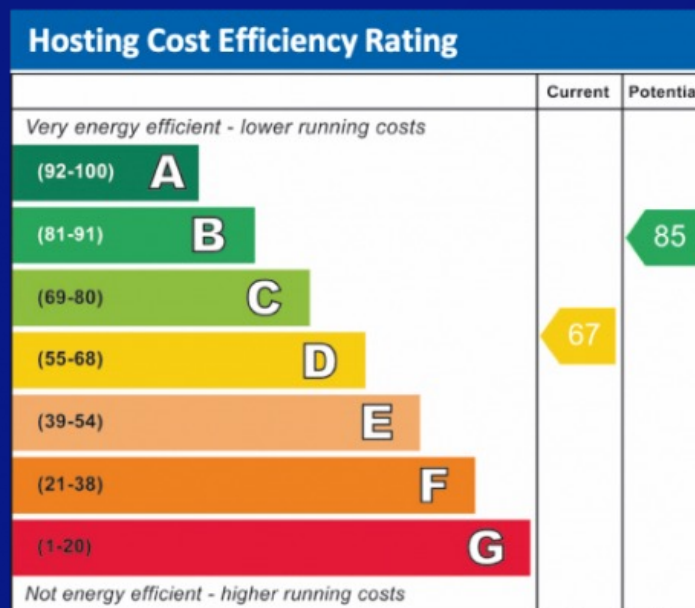
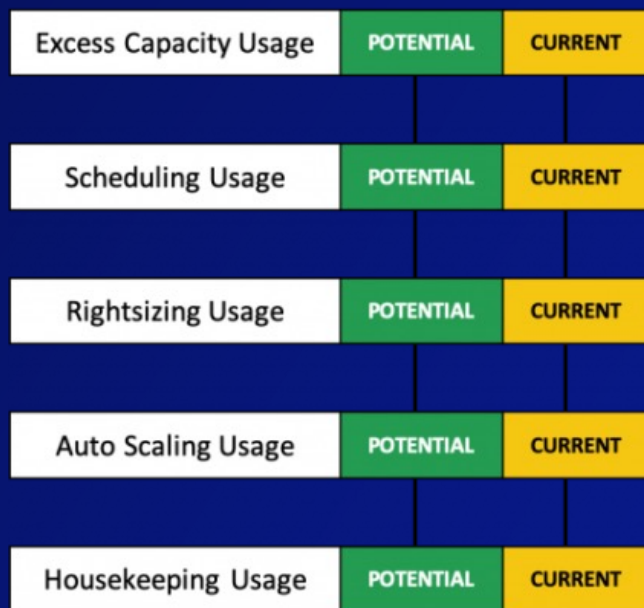


Customer Examples



Case study

How the Home Office's Immigration Technology department reduced its cloud costs by 40%



Seven tips to use cloud resources more efficiently:

1. Using excess capacity in the cloud
2. Scheduling services
3. Using autoscaling
4. 'Rightsizing' components
5. Re-architecting the service
6. Performing housekeeping tasks
7. Up-front usage commitments



Thank you!

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