

Cost Controls in the Cloud

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Goal

- Pay-as-you-go vs. up-front
- Adding hardware no longer a project
- Stick to budget without giving up flexibility



Cost Conscious Development

- Everything you do costs \$\$\$
 - Architecture choices impact system costs
 - Design choices impact system costs
 - Implementation choices impact system costs
- Cost Visibility
- Cost Controls



Cost Control Patterns

Cost Control

- Any monitoring, automated action or other tool that helps keep you from going over budget
- Internal vs. External
- Proactive vs. Reactive



Internal vs. External



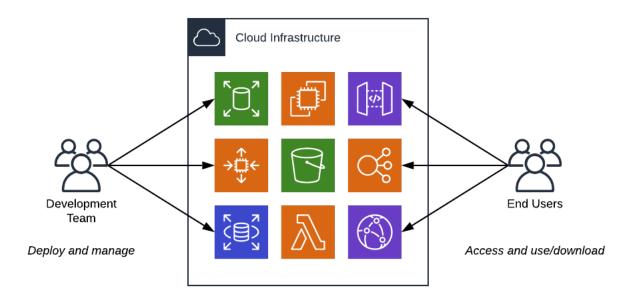


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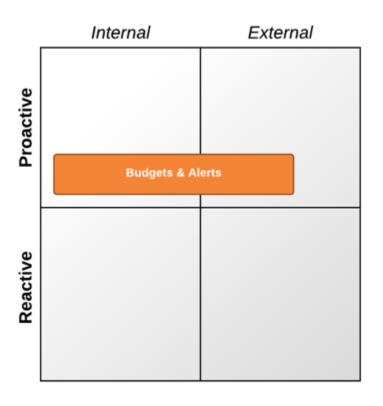
Proactive vs. Reactive

- "Always on" vs. activated
- Proactive: Prevent or limit costs
- Reactive: React to costs
- [Cost] Defense in Depth

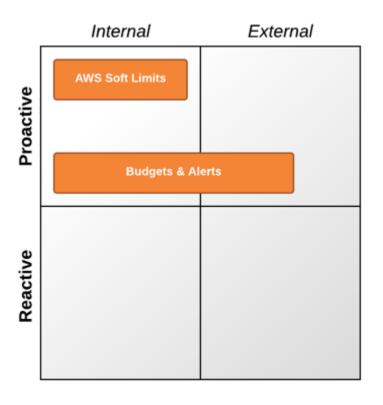


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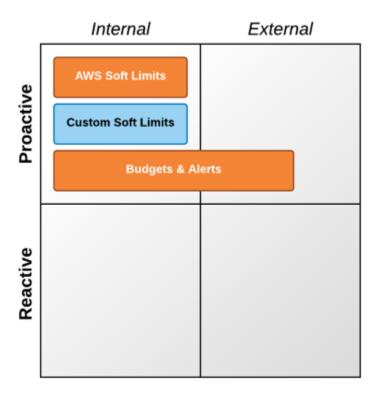




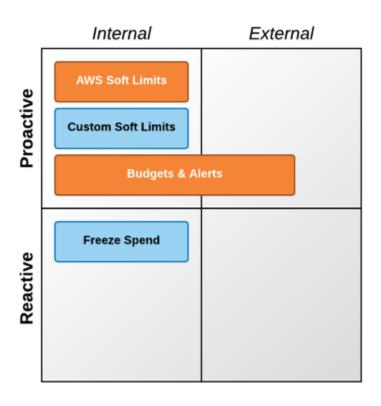




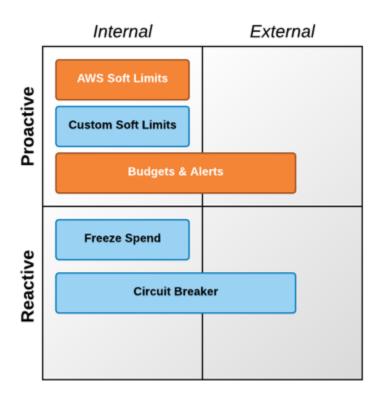




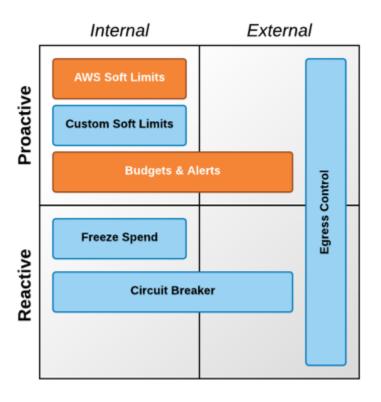














Controlling Egress

Why Egress Control?

- Not the biggest cost
- Harder to control
- Harder to predict



- Egress = any data going out that costs you \$\$\$
- EC2/S3
 - Out to internet, or across regions
- CloudFront
 - Caching CDN
 - Cheaper than EC2/S3, even w/o caching
 - Price depends on edge node locations



- Choose download mechanism based on user location
- Same region: unlimited, direct access
- Different region: limited, direct access
- Non-cloud: limited, through CloudFront



- Custom application logic
- IAM policies
- Lambda@Edge
- AWS Published IP Ranges
 - https://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws-ip-ranges.html



Throttling Egress

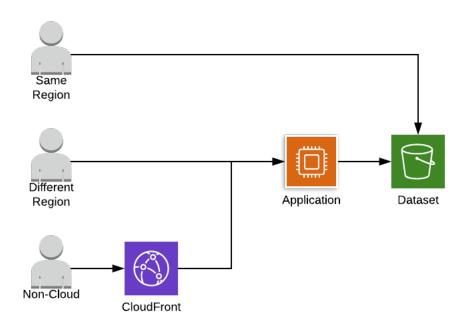
- Monitor request rates and bytes downloaded
- HTTP 429: Please Slow Down
 - Downside: users/scripts need to retry after a wait period
- Limit download bandwidth (proxy)



Throttling Egress

- EC2 instance limits
- Network-layer throttling
- Application-layer throttling
- Custom vs. COTS









Running Out

- Run out of money or run out of capacity
- Don't just plan for the happy path



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