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# Backup-and-restore and disaster-recovery solutions with AWS

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# Agenda

Why protect data

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Modernizing backup using the cloud

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Common customer backup models

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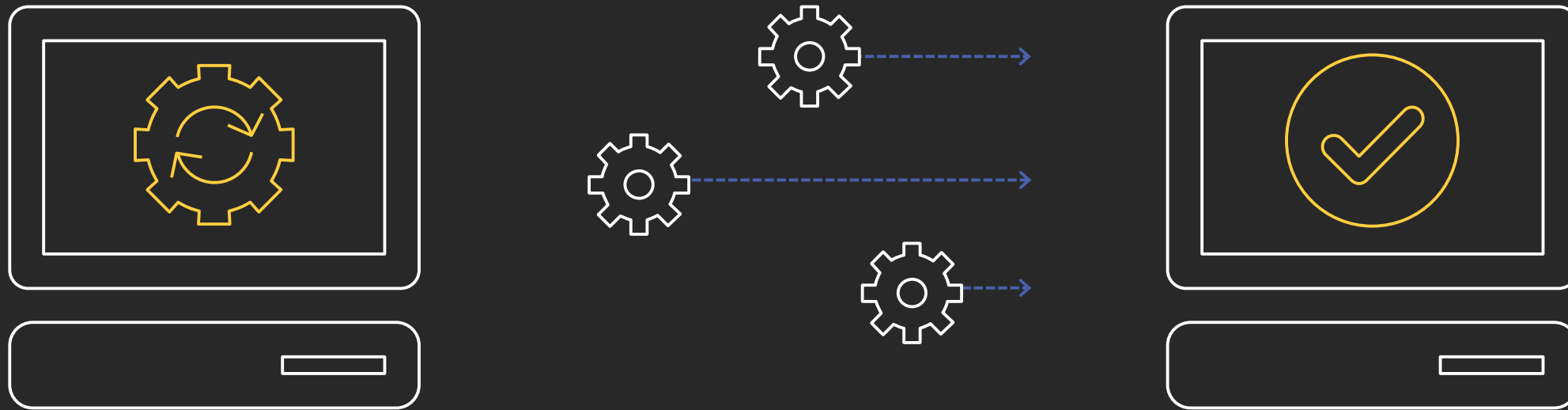
Disaster recovery approaches

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Q&A

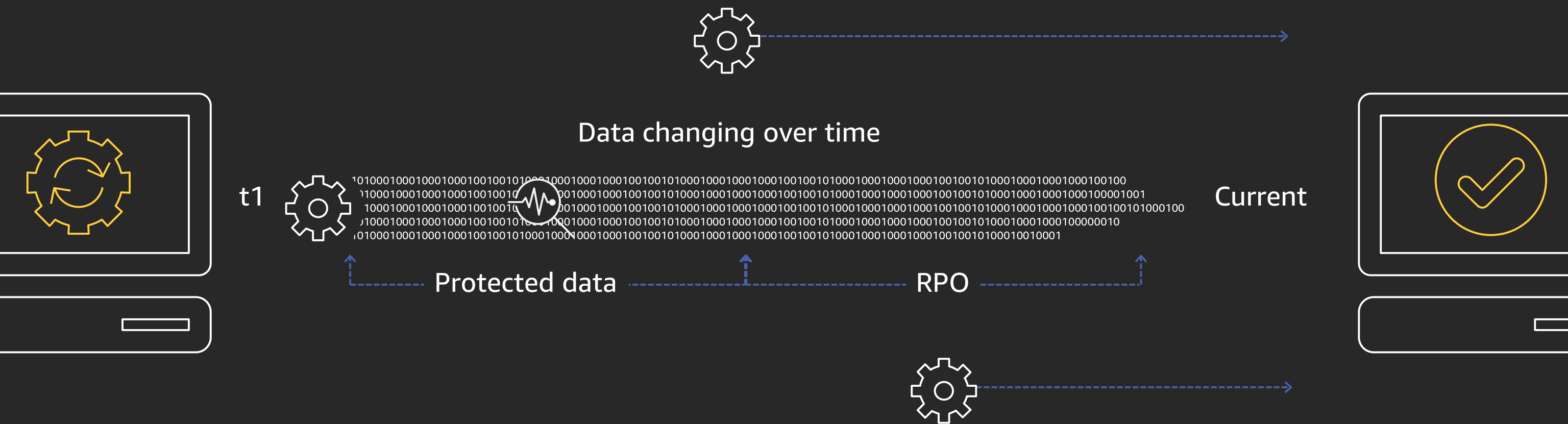
# Why do we backup data?

Minimize time to recover



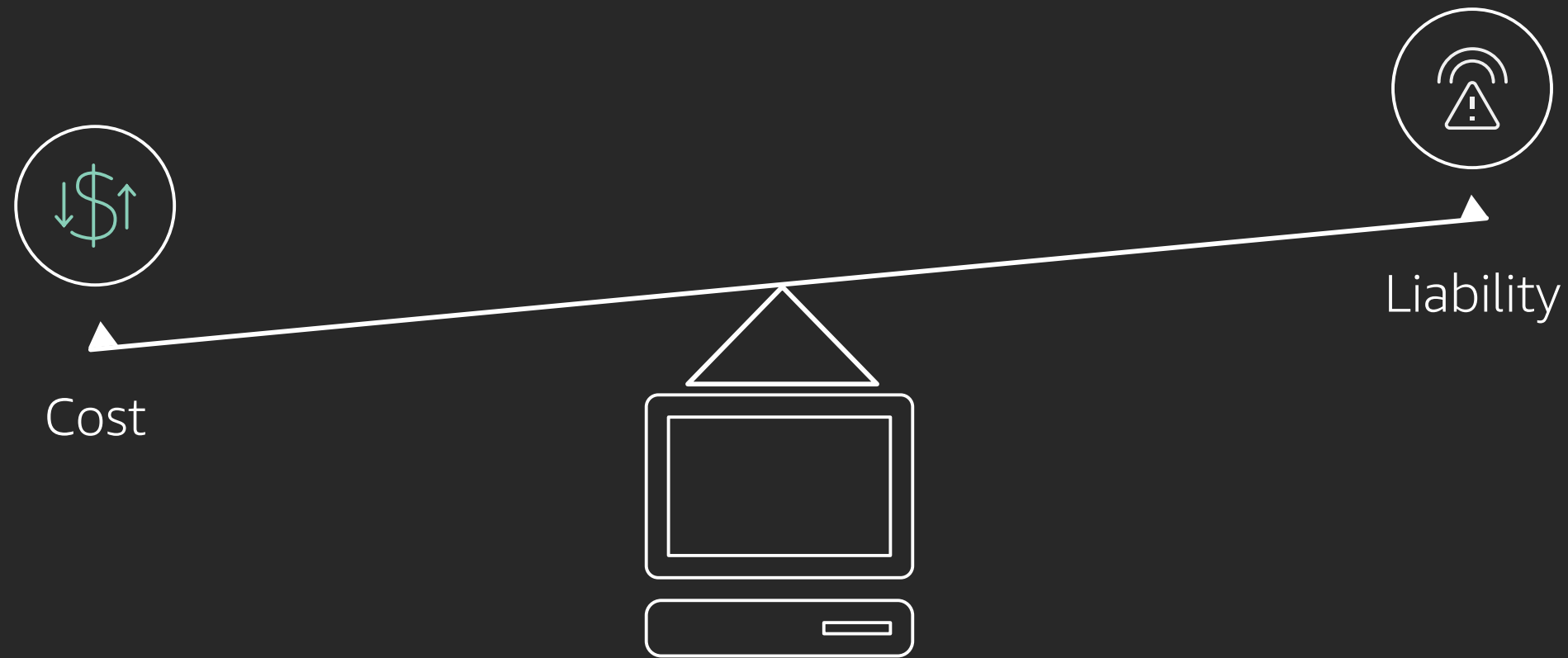
# Why do we backup data?

Minimize data loss



# Why do we backup data?

Balance cost with liability



# Initial questions to answer

How important are the applications to your business?

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What is the associated recovery point and time for these applications?

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How are you storing the data?

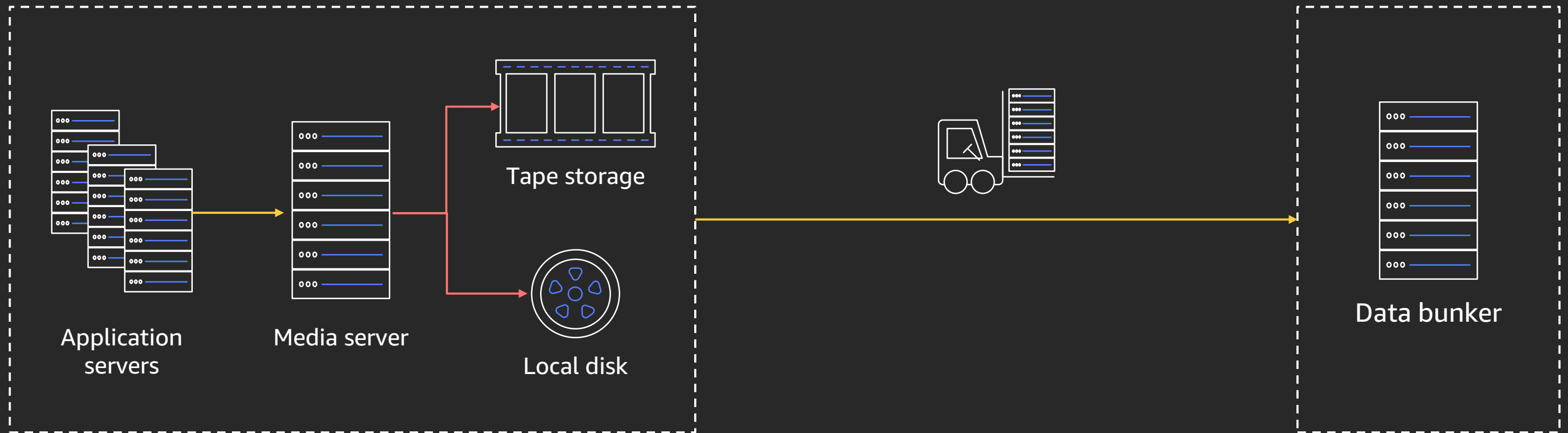
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Where are you storing the data?

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How are you restoring the application?

# Traditional backup environment



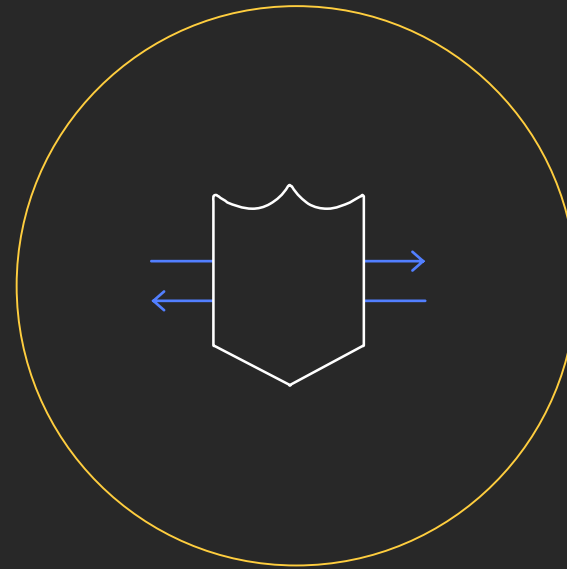


# Modernizing backup architectures using cloud



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API driven



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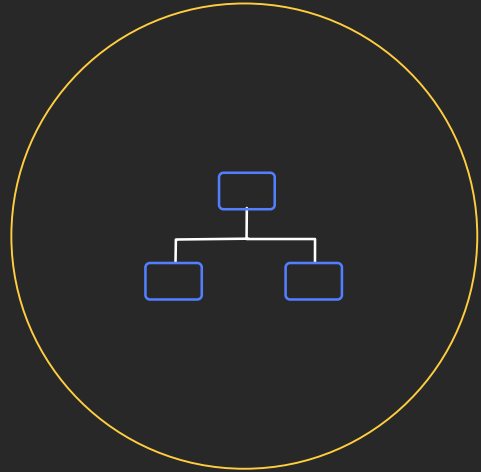
Simple, secure  
and durable



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Variable cost

# Immediate cloud backup benefits



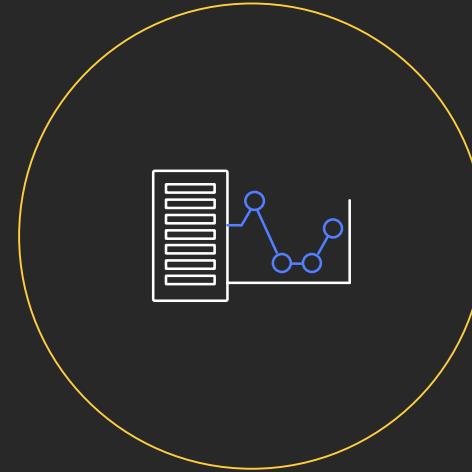
## Leverage existing investments in infrastructure

...cloud as a backup target integrates with existing backup frameworks



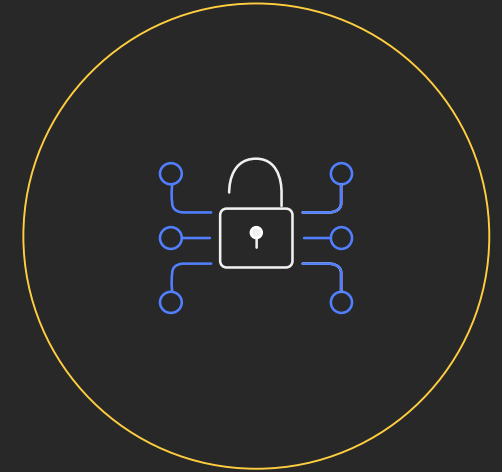
## Cost effective offsite storage alternatives

...with pay as you go pricing and no upfront capital investments



## Elimination of physical tape backups and administration

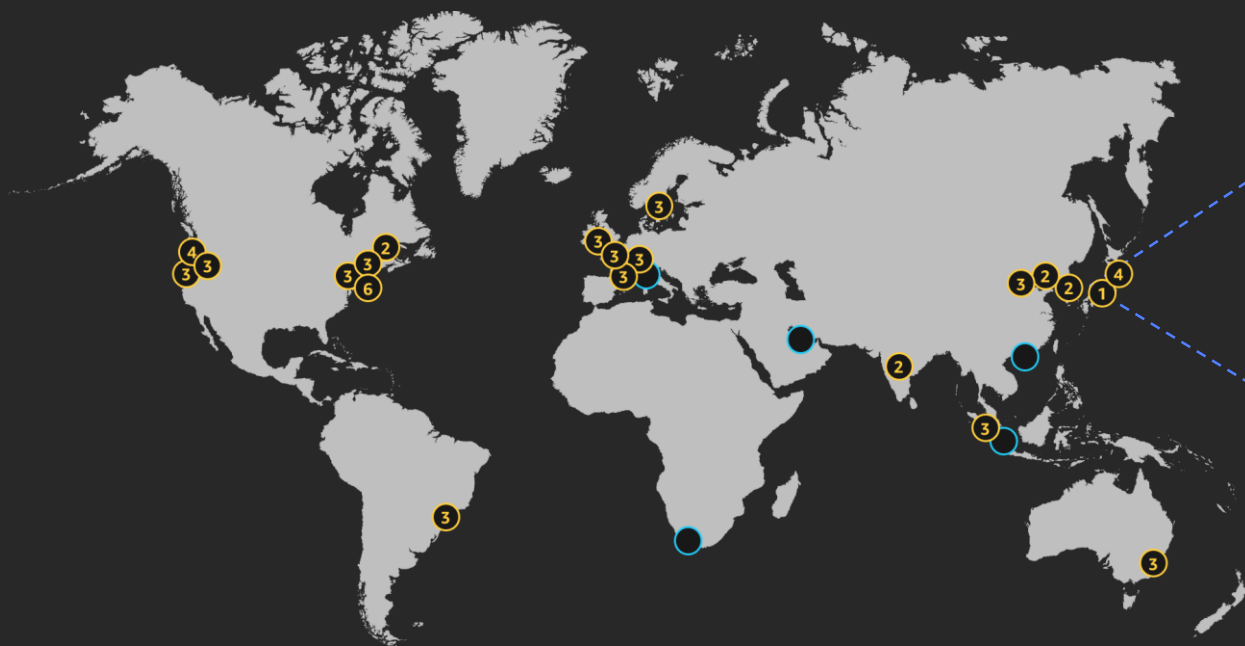
...for a low-cost, highly scalable virtual alternative with nominal disruptions to existing systems



## Unlocking insights from your data

...by applying analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning capabilities

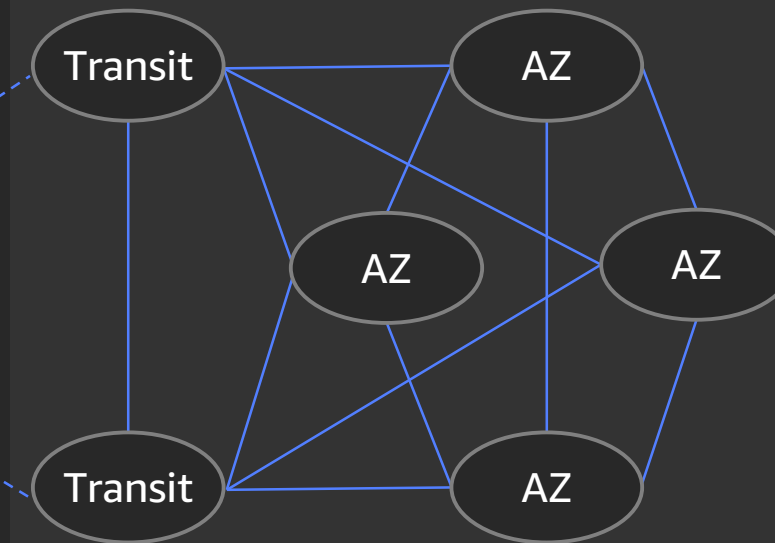
# Amazon S3 and Amazon S3 Glacier designed for 11 9s of durability (99.9999999999%)



## Region & number of Availability Zones

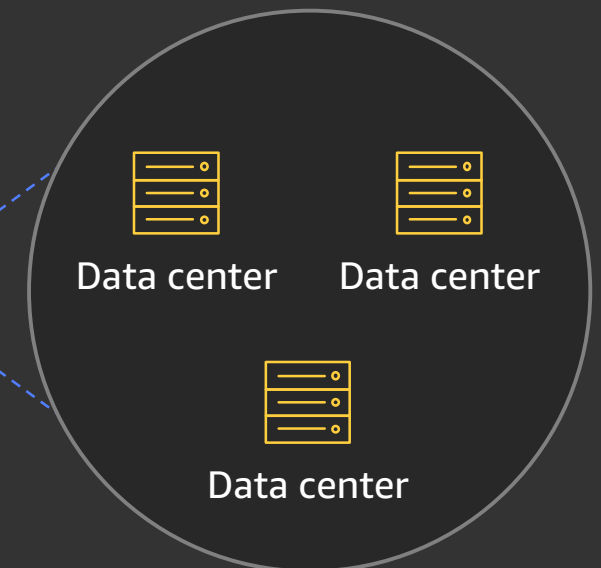
○ **Announced Regions**  
Bahrain, Cape Town,  
Jakarta, and Milan

## 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.

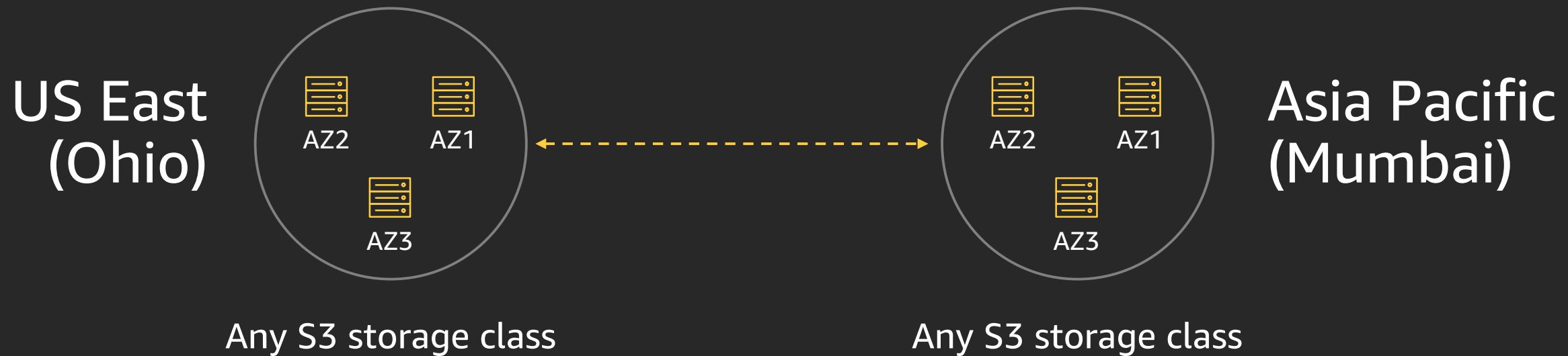
# Cross-region replication for compliance

## Flexibility to replicate data:

- At the bucket, prefix, or object level
- From any Region to any Region
- To any storage class
- Across AWS accounts

## Use cases:

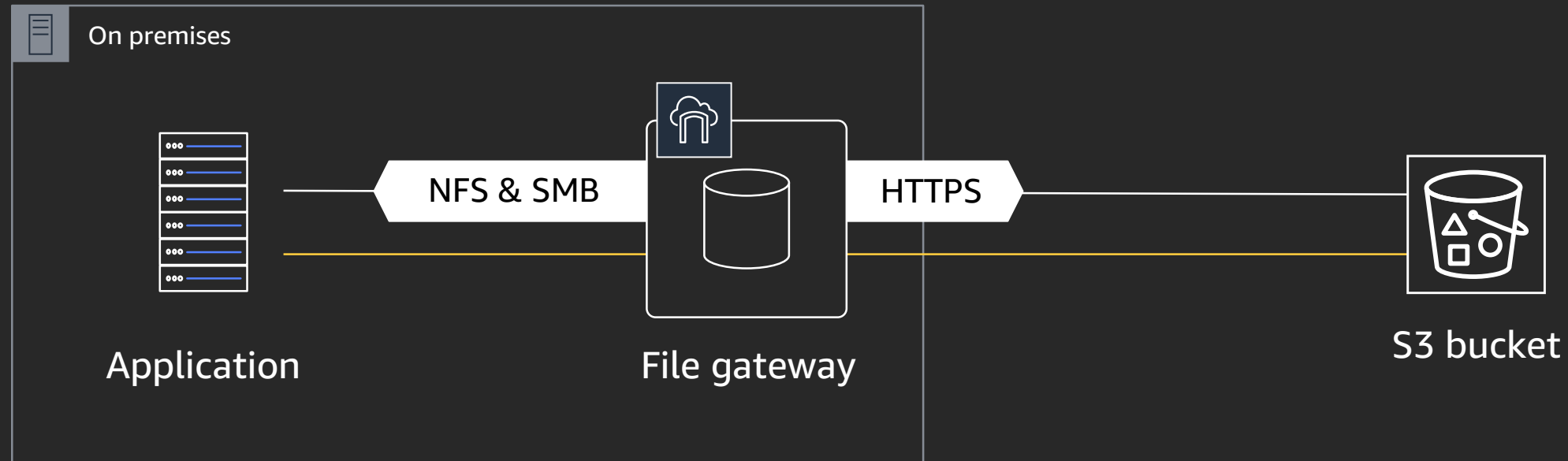
- **Compliance**—store data 100s of miles apart
- **Lower latency**—distribute data to remote customers
- **Security**—create remote replicas managed in separate accounts



# Backup patterns

# File gateway

Store and access objects in Amazon S3 from file-based applications with local caching



## Use cases

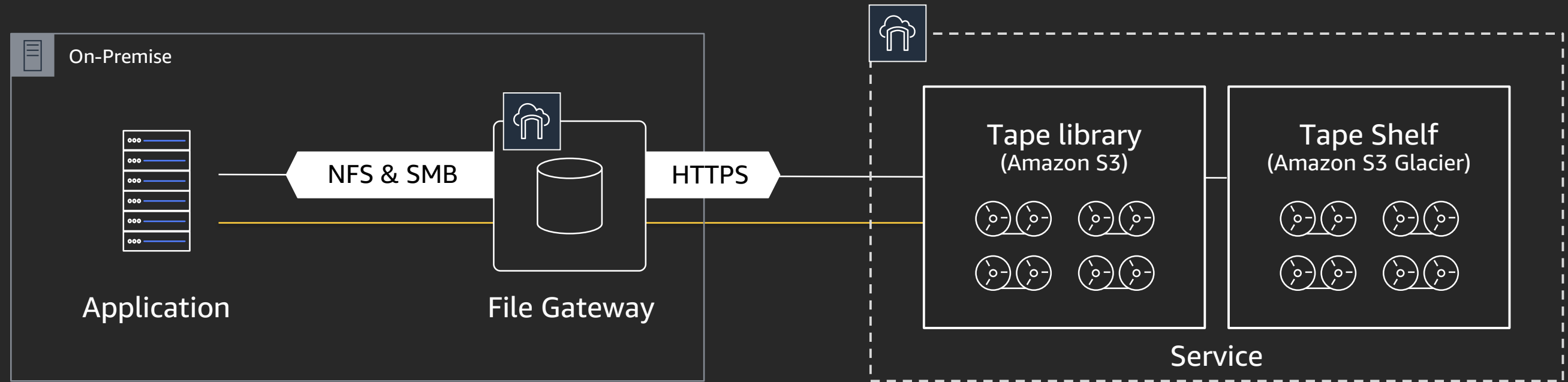
- Back up on-premises data to the cloud
- Hybrid cloud workflows
- Low-latency on-premises access to cloud storage
- Content distribution and collaboration via the cloud



Direct  
Supply

# Tape gateway

Virtual tapes presented to on-premises backup applications



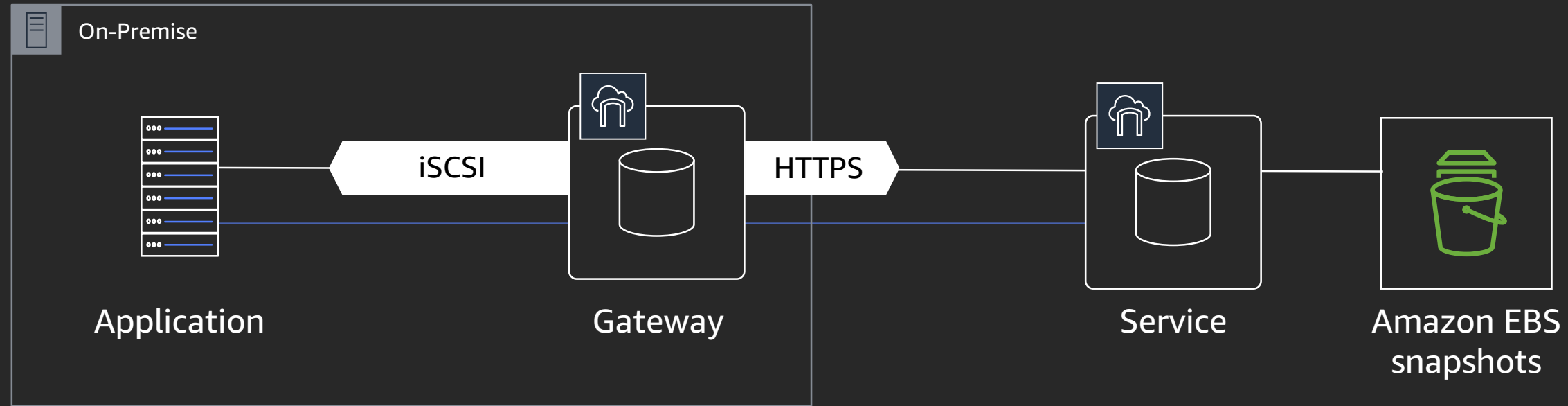
## Use cases

- Tape based backup with existing backup apps
- Archive to Amazon S3 Glacier



# Volume gateway

Block storage on-premises backed by cloud storage



## Use cases

- Backup on-premises data to the cloud
- Migration of volumes to the cloud
- DR to the cloud

Stemcell  
Technologies

**Robot**



# Amazon EBS Snapshots

Block storage data protection in AWS

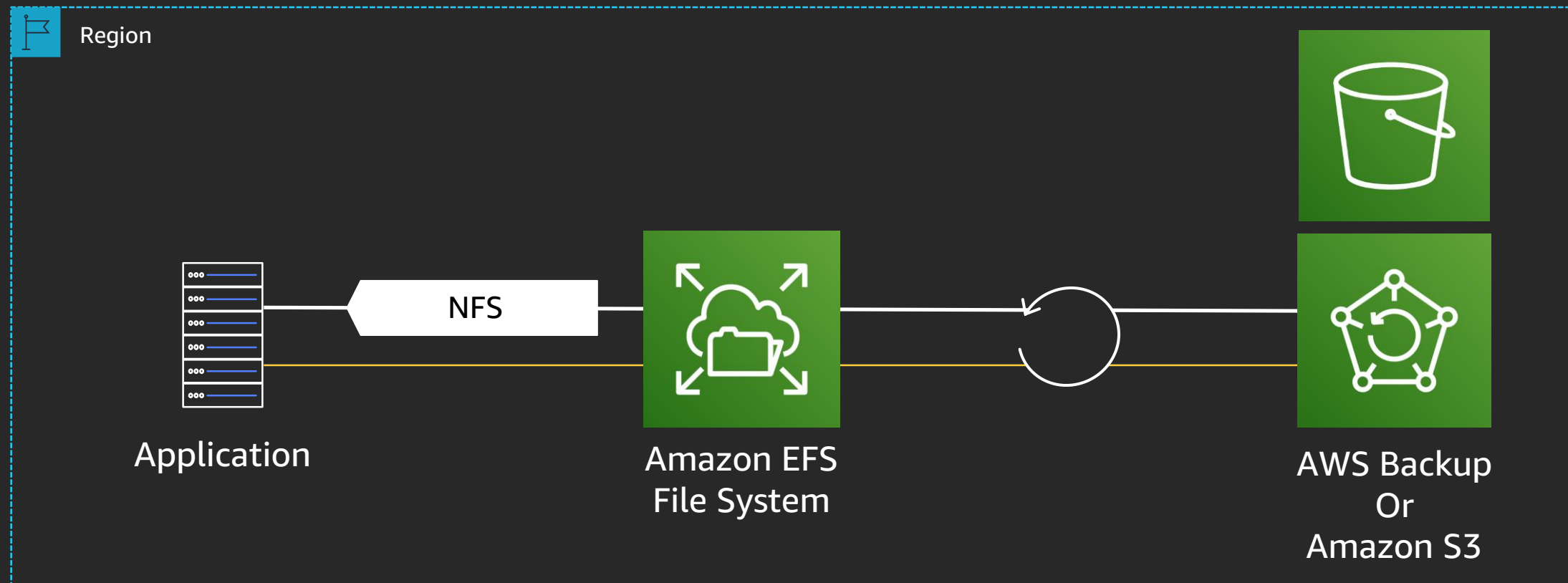


## Use cases

- Back up in the cloud
- Disaster recovery



# Amazon EFS: database backups



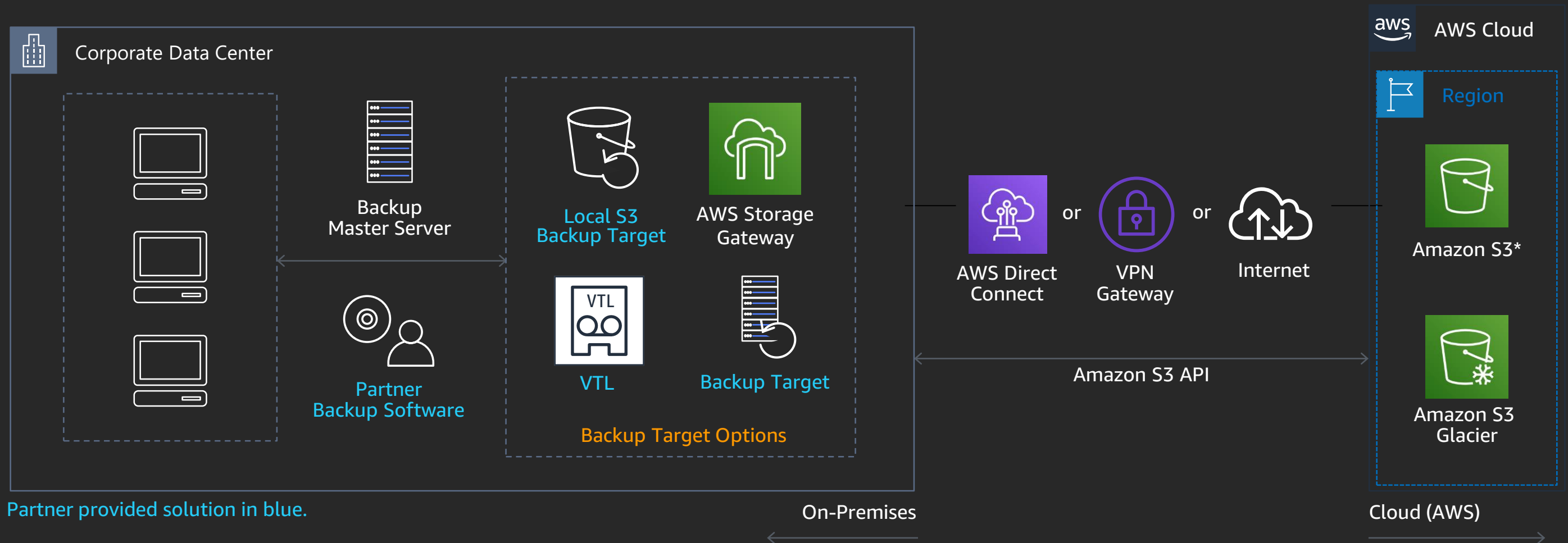
## Use cases

- Backup in cloud databases for warm recovery
- Utilize database backup tools from Oracle, IBM, SAP
- Move to Amazon EFS cold storage backup using AWS Backup or copy to S3



# Partner enabled solutions

# Backup from on-premises to AWS

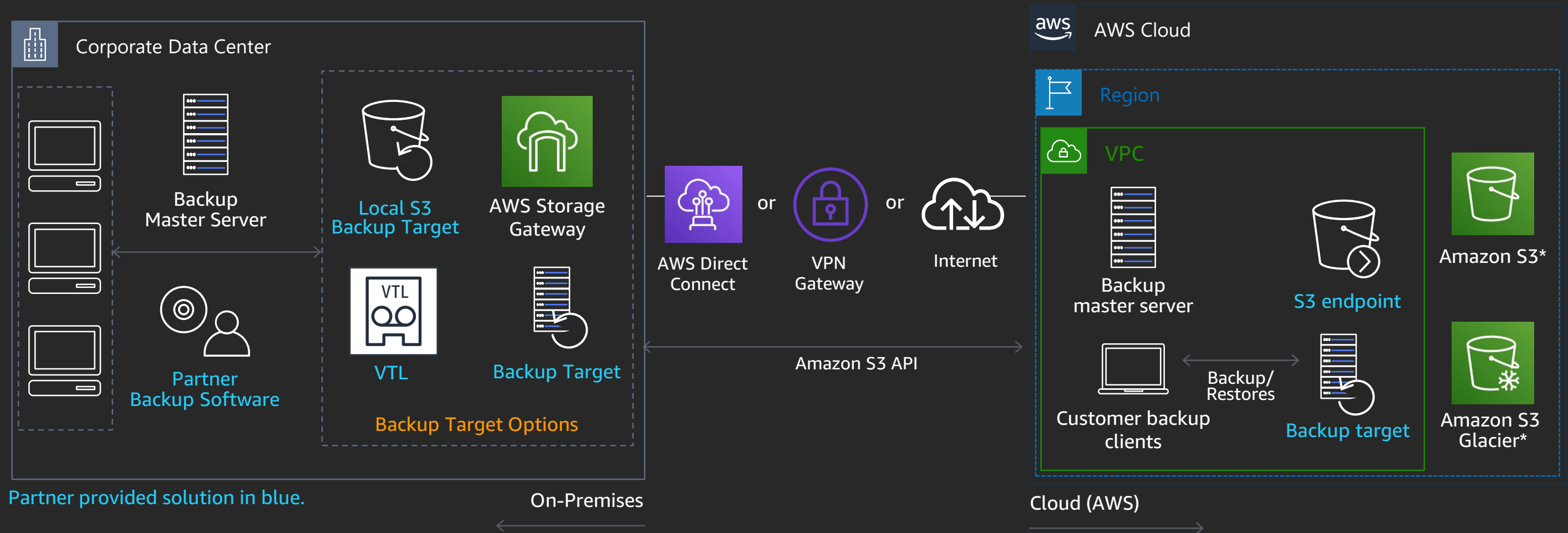


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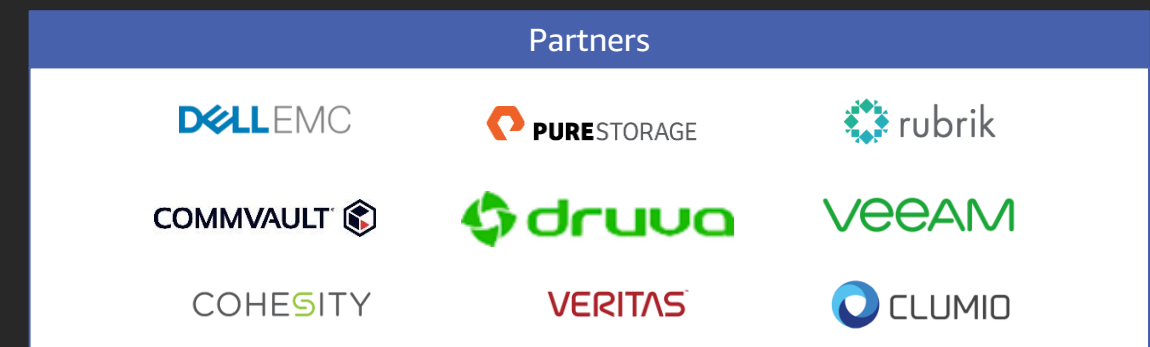
- Backup data flows from on-premises into AWS object storage services
- One of the most common use cases



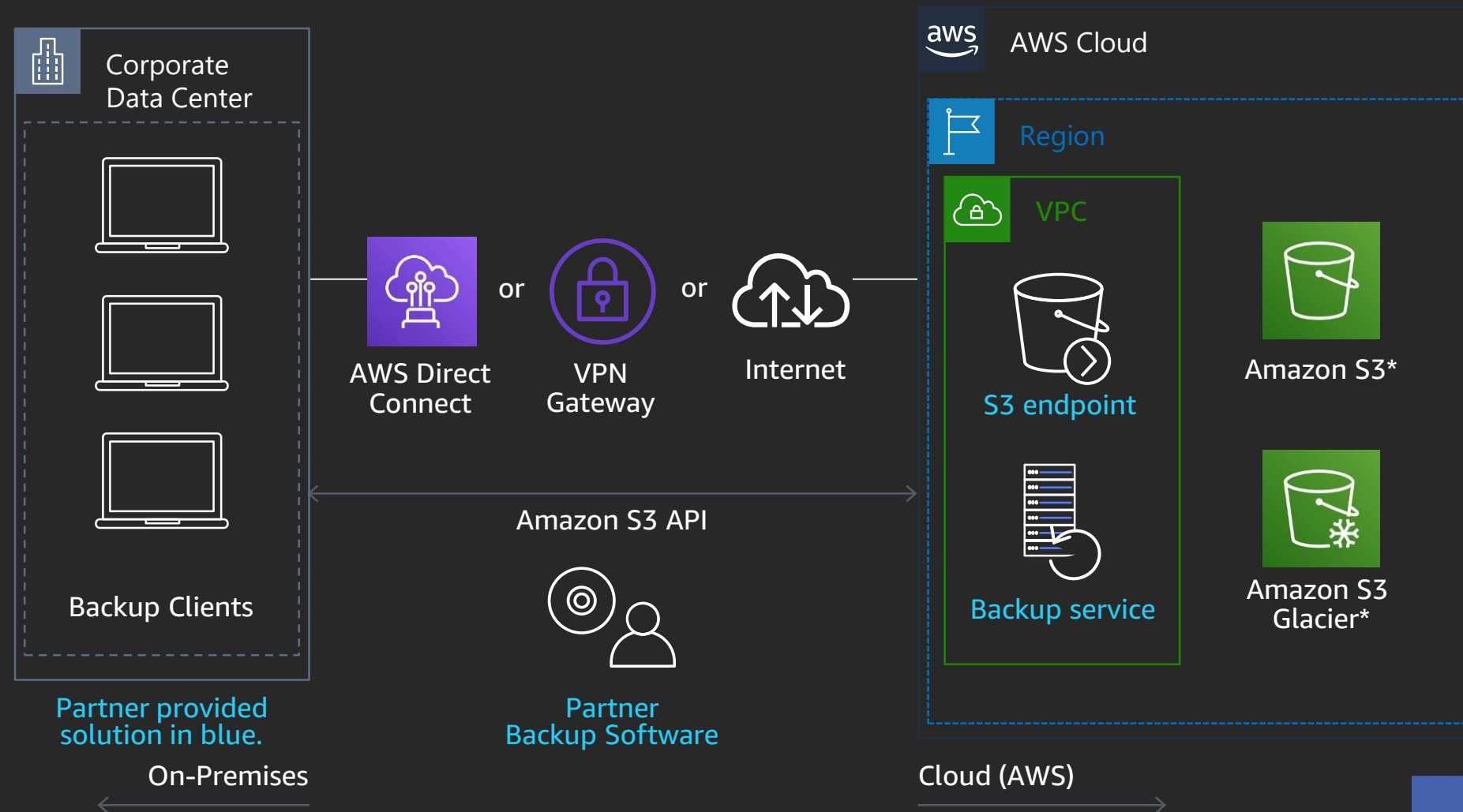
# Backup on-premises remote and branch offices to AWS



- Provides backup targets for on-premises while having central control in AWS
- Central backup server is protected from individual site issues
- Restores can be quickly redirected to other remote sites, or even within AWS



# SaaS backup model from on-premises to AWS

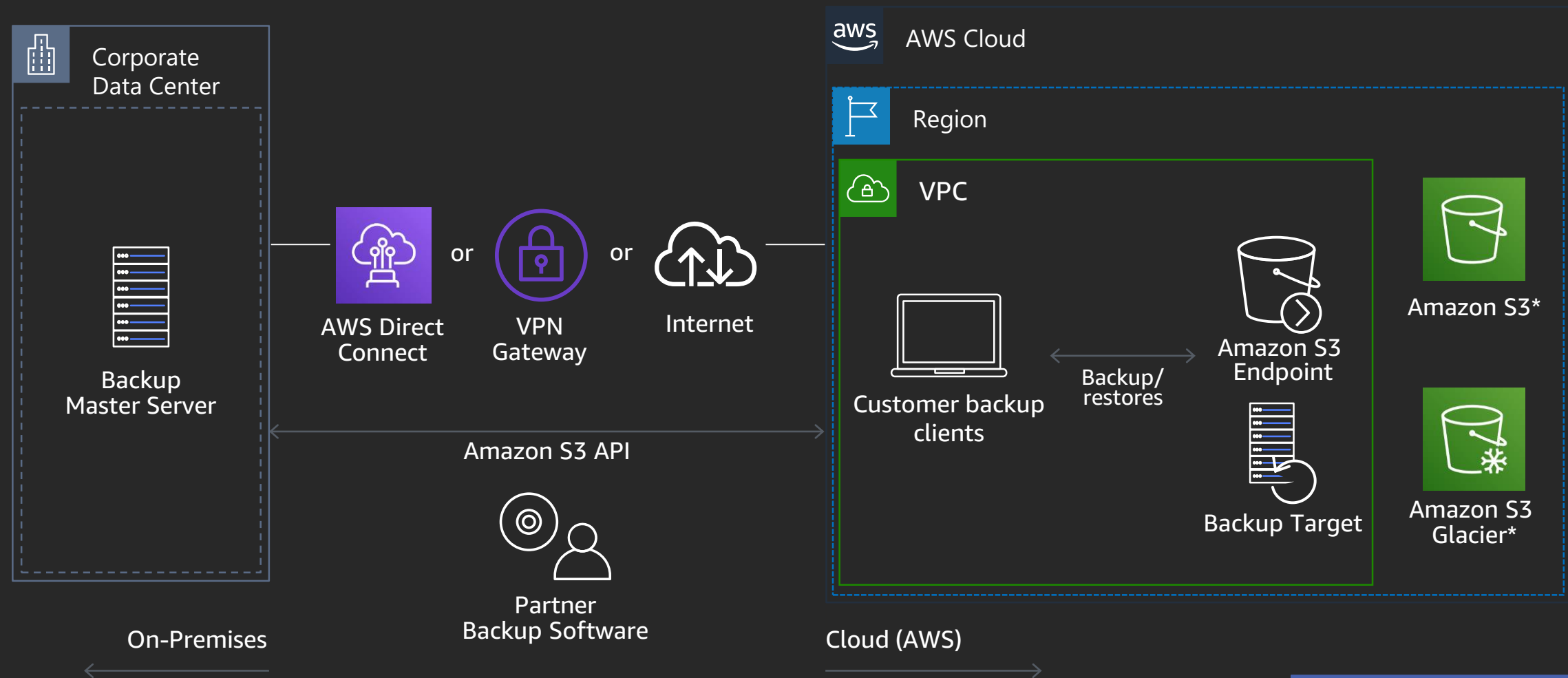


- Utility pricing
- No infrastructure requirement
- Scales on demand

## Partners



# Back up Amazon EC2 instances with on-premises hosted control

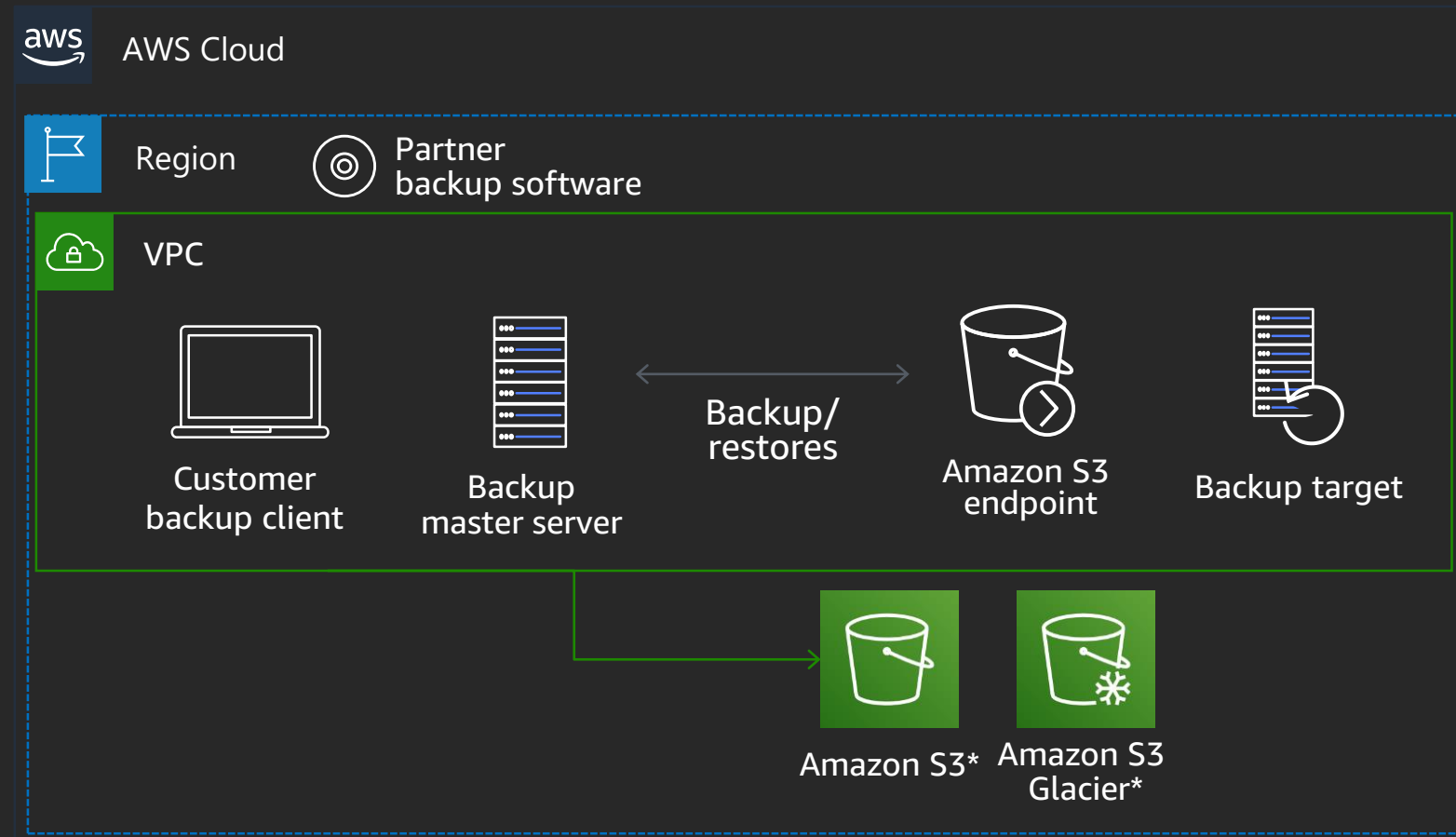


- Maintains local control of backup environment, including current operational practices
- Many AWS Regions can be backed up using a single central site
- Both AWS and on-premises environments can be controlled in a single pane of glass

\*And associated Amazon S3/Amazon S3 Glacier storage classes



# Back up Amazon EC2 instances with AWS-hosted control



Partner provided solution in blue.

- Fully encapsulated within AWS, also protects Amazon EC2 and Amazon EBS
- Requires no external resources
- Easy to expand and provision

## Partners



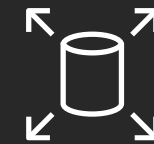


# AWS Backup: centralize compliance, automate backup, work across services



**AWS Backup**

1. Simplified backup scheduling and lifecycle management across AWS services
2. Centrally manage backup activities, security, and reporting
3. Achieve consistency and meet compliance requirements



**Amazon EBS**



**Amazon EFS**



**Amazon RDS**



**Amazon  
DynamoDB**



**AWS Storage  
Gateway**

# AWS Backup and APN backup partners

## Backup vendors

Backup on premises and in the cloud, advanced backup functionality, ability to utilize AWS Backup APIs to integrate with AWS services



AWS Backup

## API

Backup for AWS services,  
API access to multiple AWS services



Amazon EFS



AWS SGW



Amazon RDS



DynamoDB



Amazon EBS



Amazon S3



Amazon S3 Glacier

# Disaster recovery

# Every business requires data protection



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Natural disasters



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Infrastructure  
availability and access



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Rogue actors

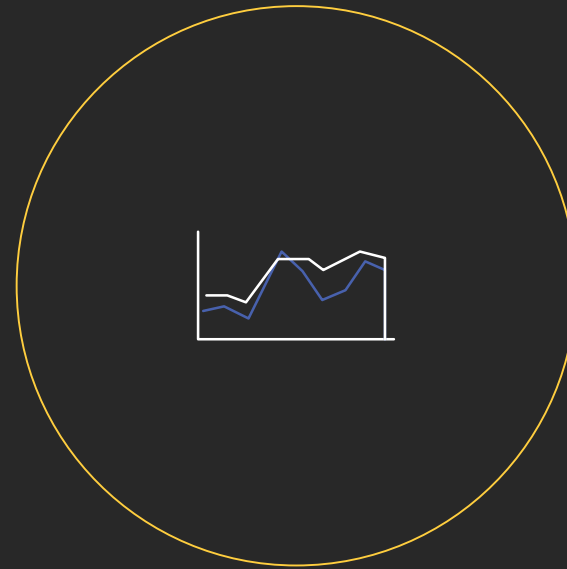
IDC estimates that up to half of all organizations would be unlikely to survive if hit by a disaster that rendered their datacenter unusable. In part, this is because, on average, fewer than half (48.4%) of applications are covered by a disaster recovery (DR) plan.

Source: IDC, 2019

# Modernizing DR architectures using cloud



API driven



Low overhead



Variable cost

# Cloud disaster recovery benefits



## Traditional disaster recovery

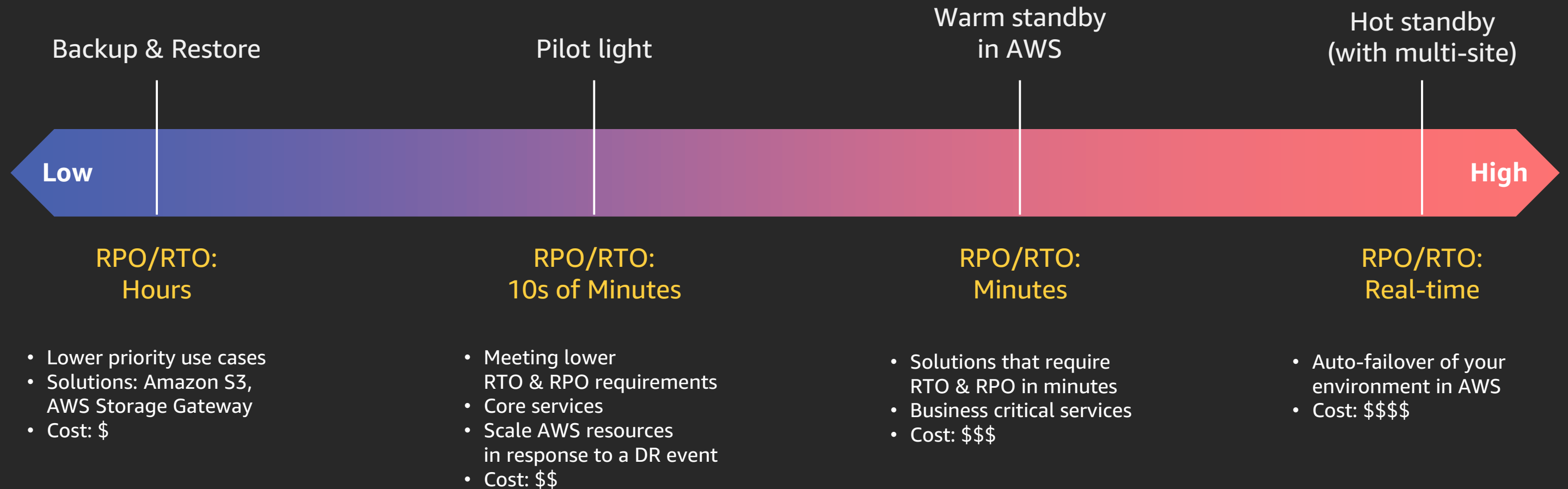
- Massive upfront investment in hardware & high ongoing costs
- Data growth increases hardware and operational costs
- Hard to actually test without business disruption
- Management and infrastructure overhead for globally distributed businesses
- Vulnerable to cyber threats/hacking



## DR in the cloud

- No upfront hardware investment needed
- Only pay for rightsized compute/storage when actually needed
- Lower IT management overhead
- (MUCH!) More automation
- Easy and repeatable testing
- Systems up in minutes (not hours/days!)

# AWS offers four levels of backup and DR support across a spectrum of complexity and time





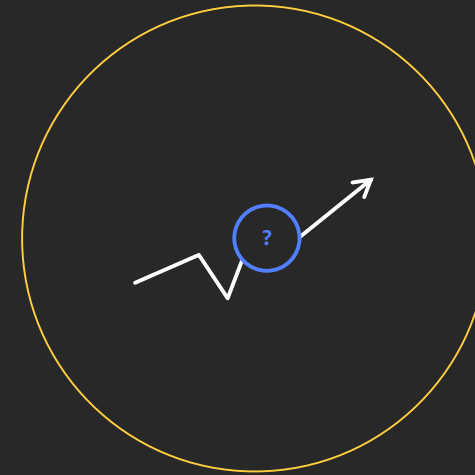
# Start with requirements



Identify applications  
to protect



Business  
impact analysis



Define RPO and RTO  
requirements



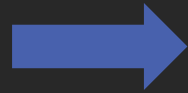
Compliance  
considerations

# Availability concepts



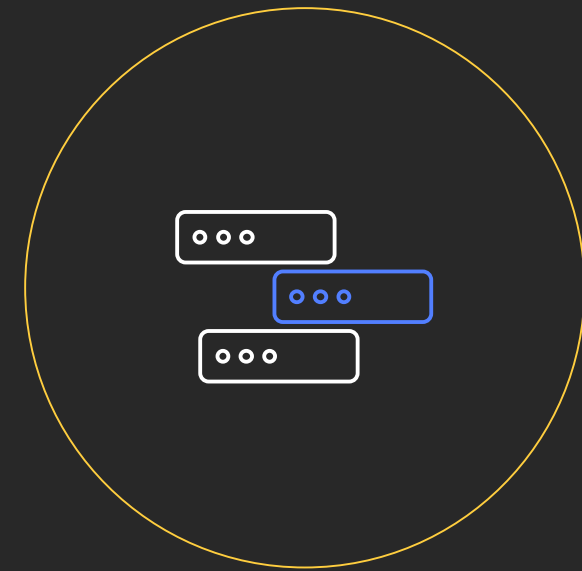
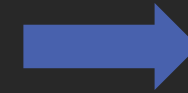
## High availability

Keep your applications  
running 24x7



## Backup

Make sure your  
data is safe



## Disaster recovery

Get your applications  
and data back after  
a major disaster

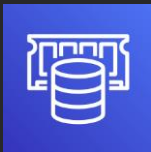
# High availability—keeping your applications running 24x7

## Between AZs

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Amazon RDS HA



Amazon ElastiCache



Amazon S3



Amazon Aurora



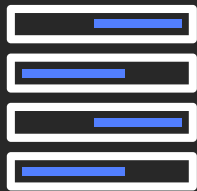
Application level replication



EC2 instance recovery

## Between Regions

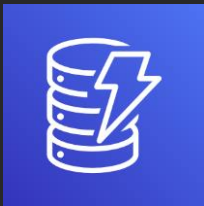
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Application level replication



Third party



Amazon DynamoDB

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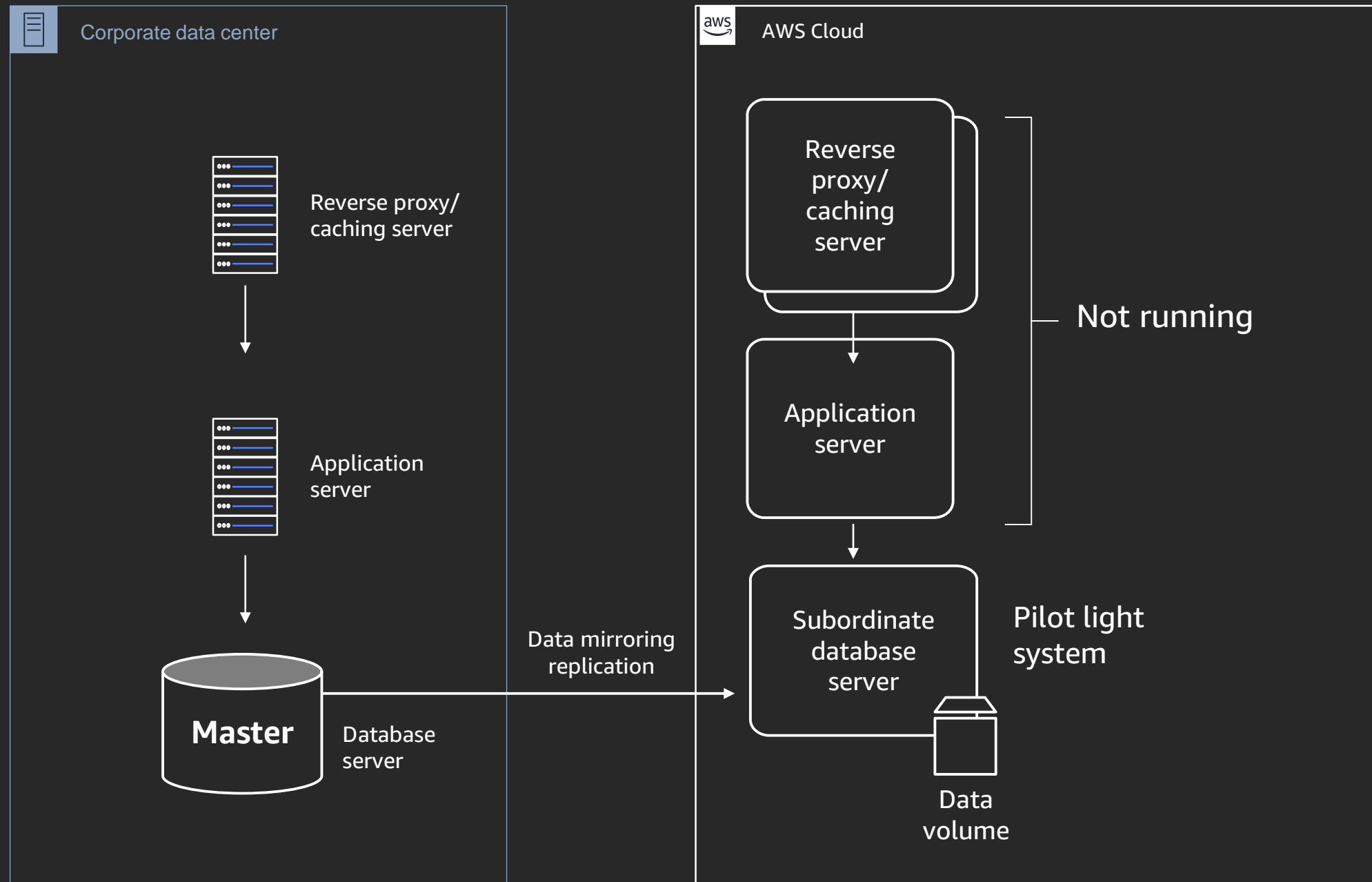
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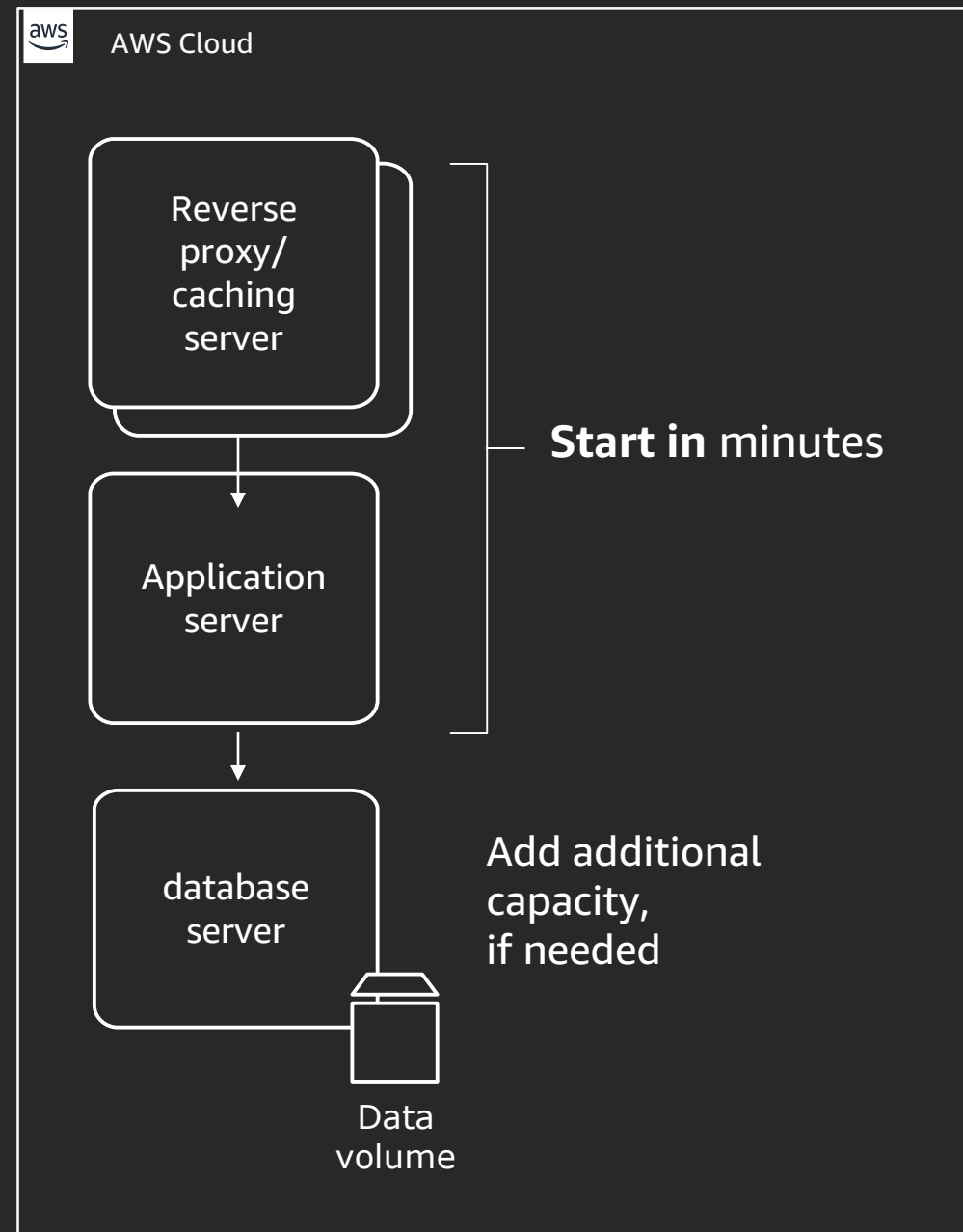
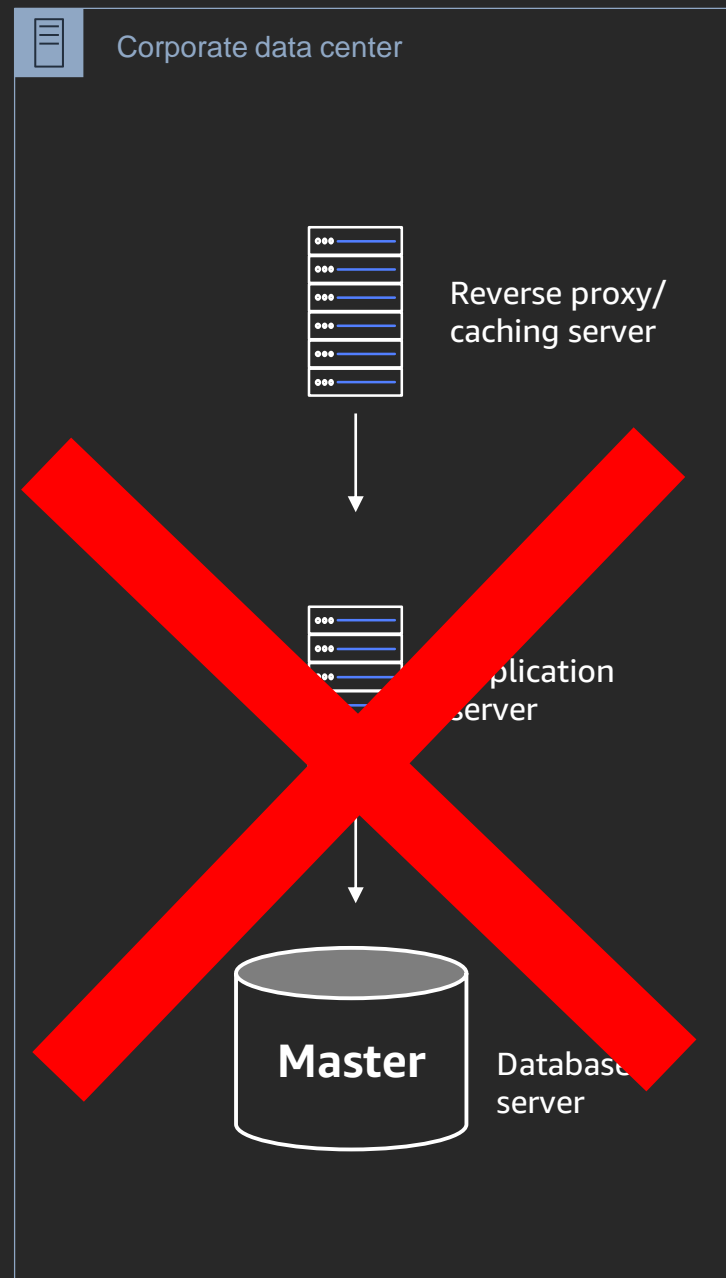
# Pilot light prep

[www.example.com](http://www.example.com)



# Pilot light recovery

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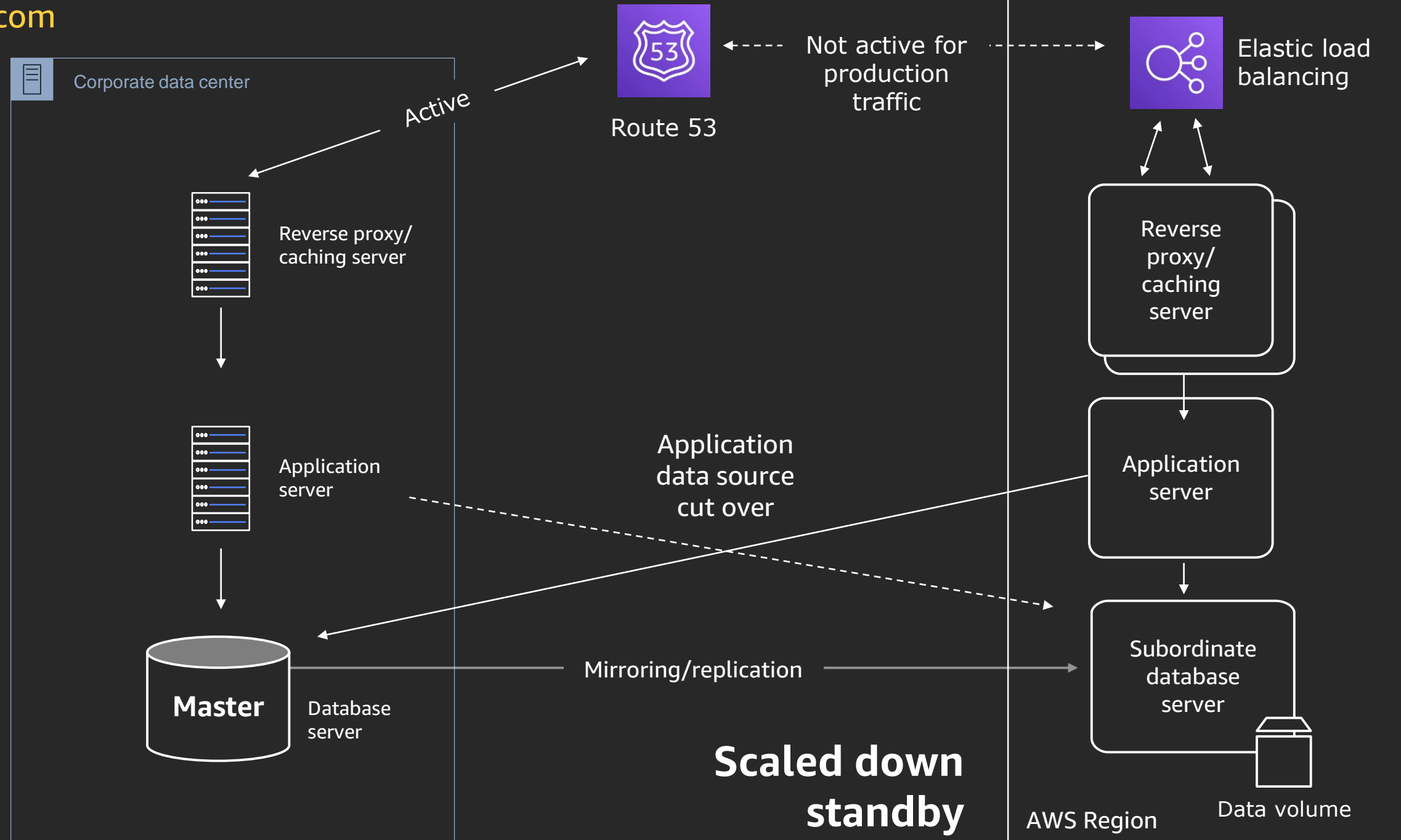
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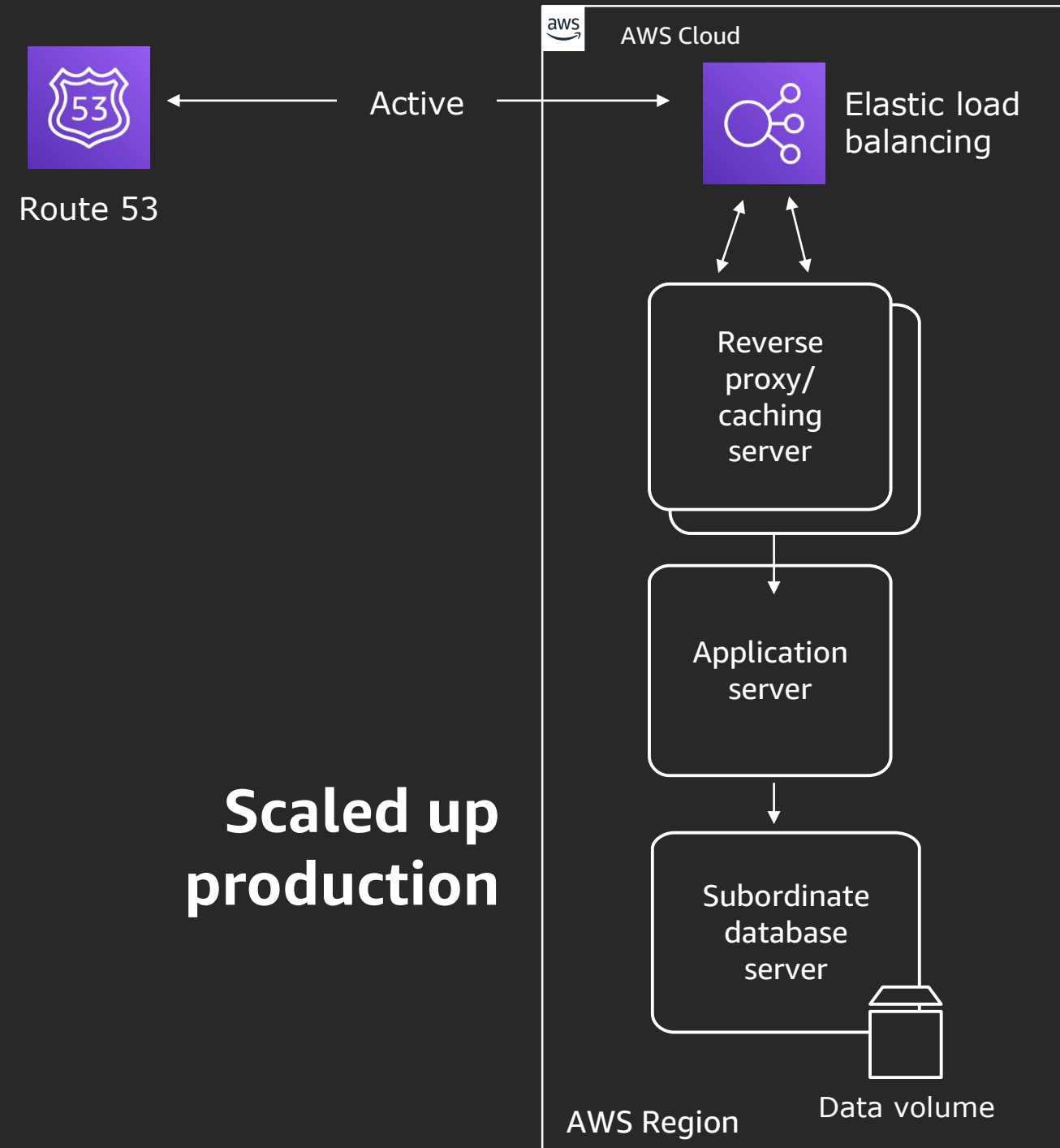
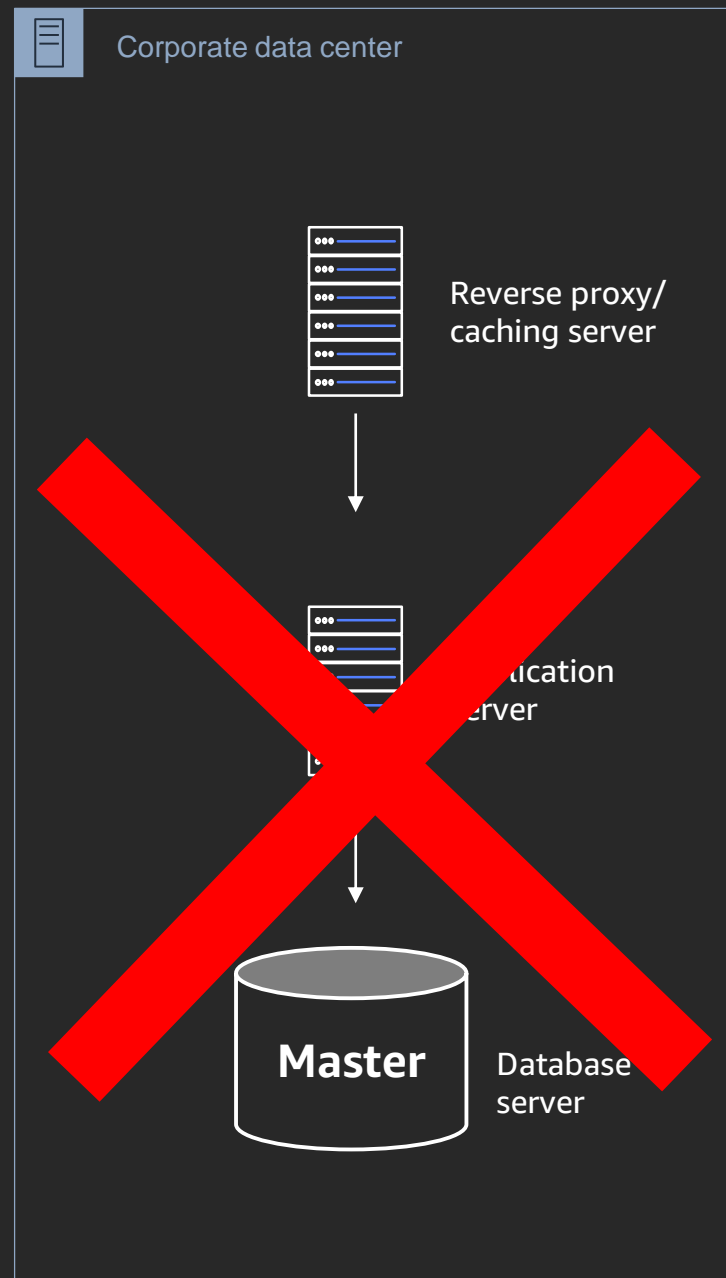
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# Warm standby recover

[www.example.com](http://www.example.com)



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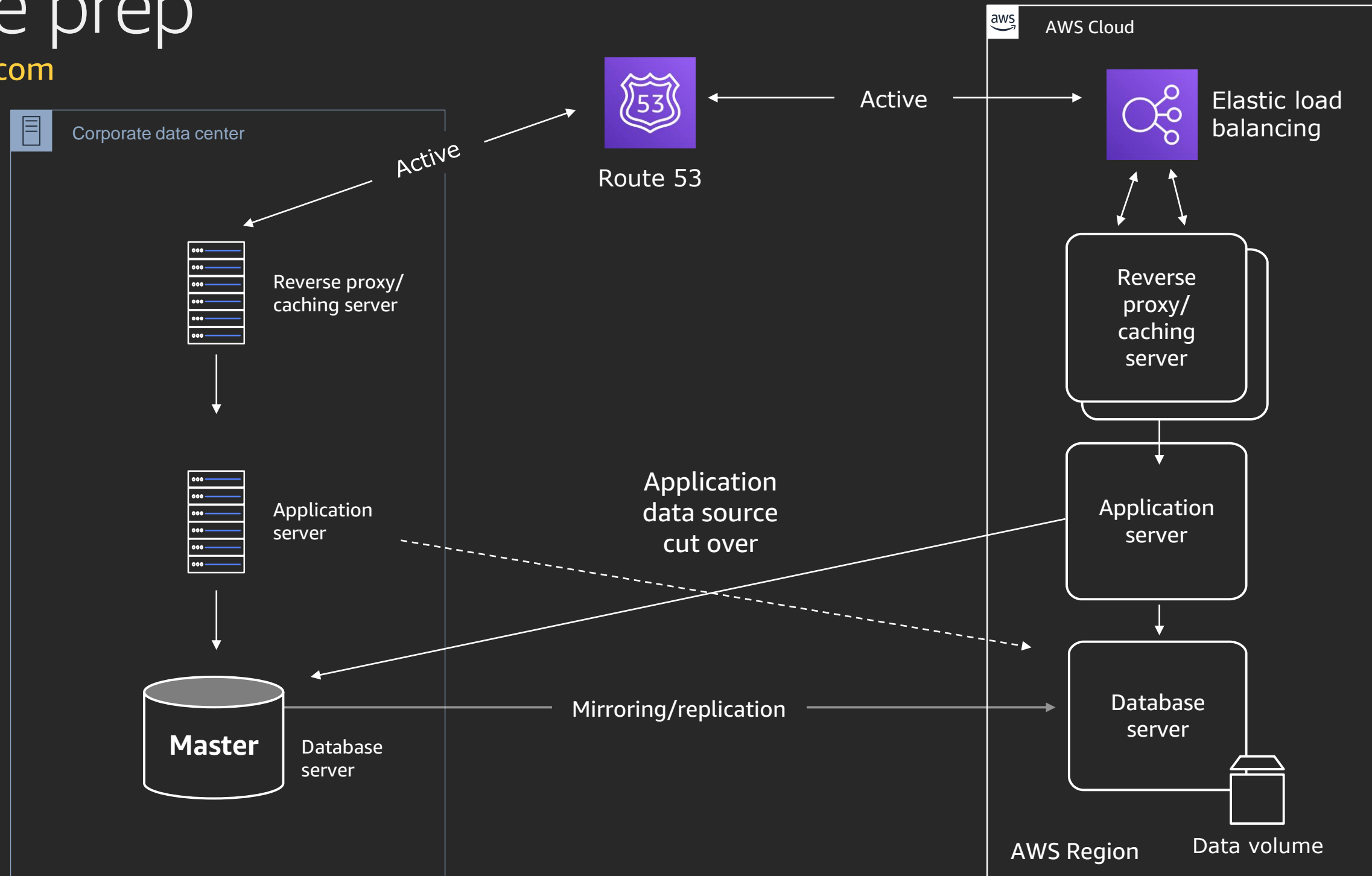
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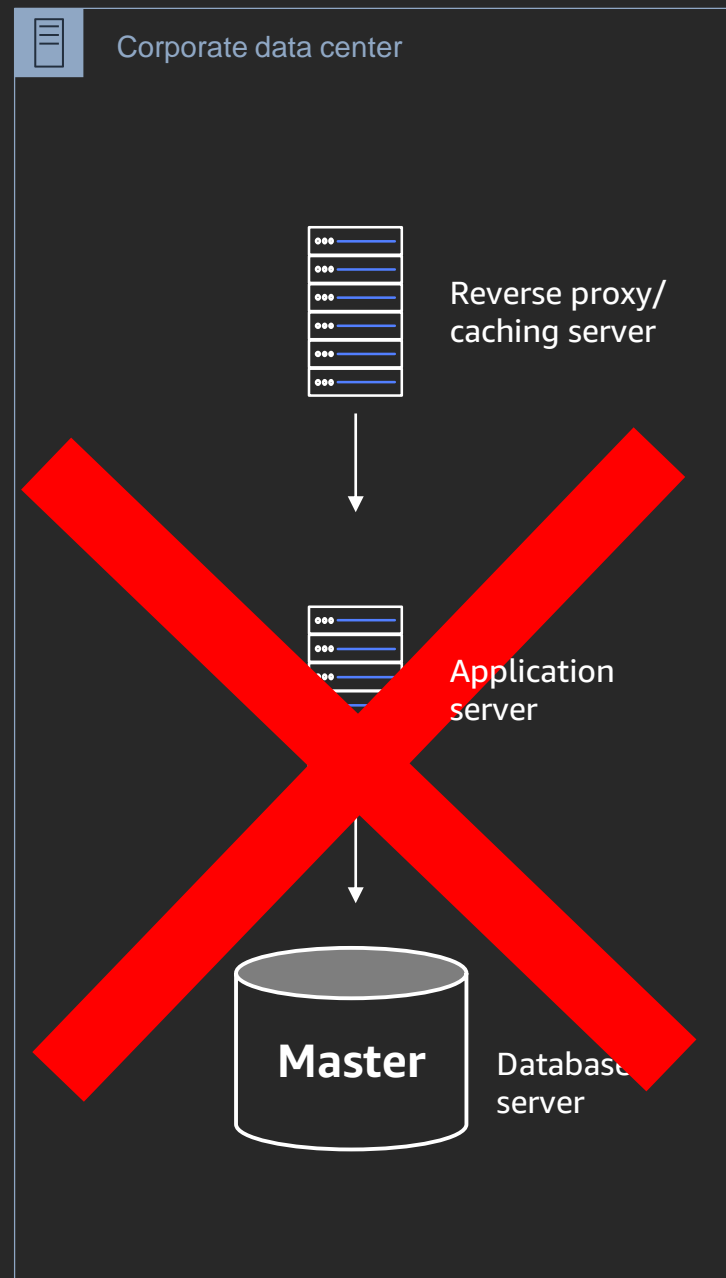
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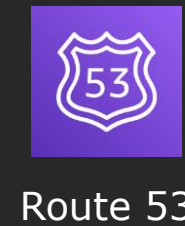


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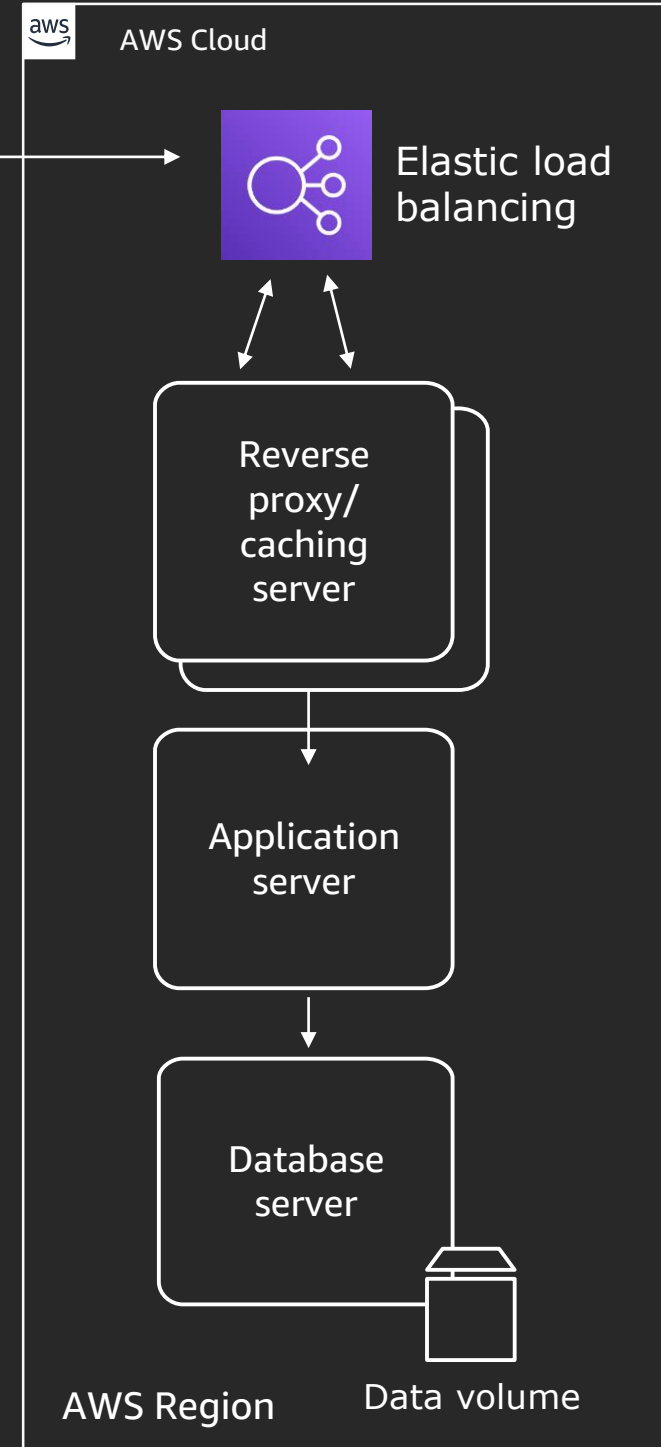
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**Scaled up  
for production use**



Active



# CloudEndure: Better, faster, more affordable disaster recovery

## Flexible



Replicate from  
any source



Wide range of OS,  
application, and  
database support



Failback to  
cloud/on-prem

## Reliable



Robust, predictable,  
non-disruptive  
continuous replication



RPO: subsecond  
RTO: minutes



Protection against  
ransomware, corruptions,  
and human errors

## Highly automated



Minimal skill set  
required to operate



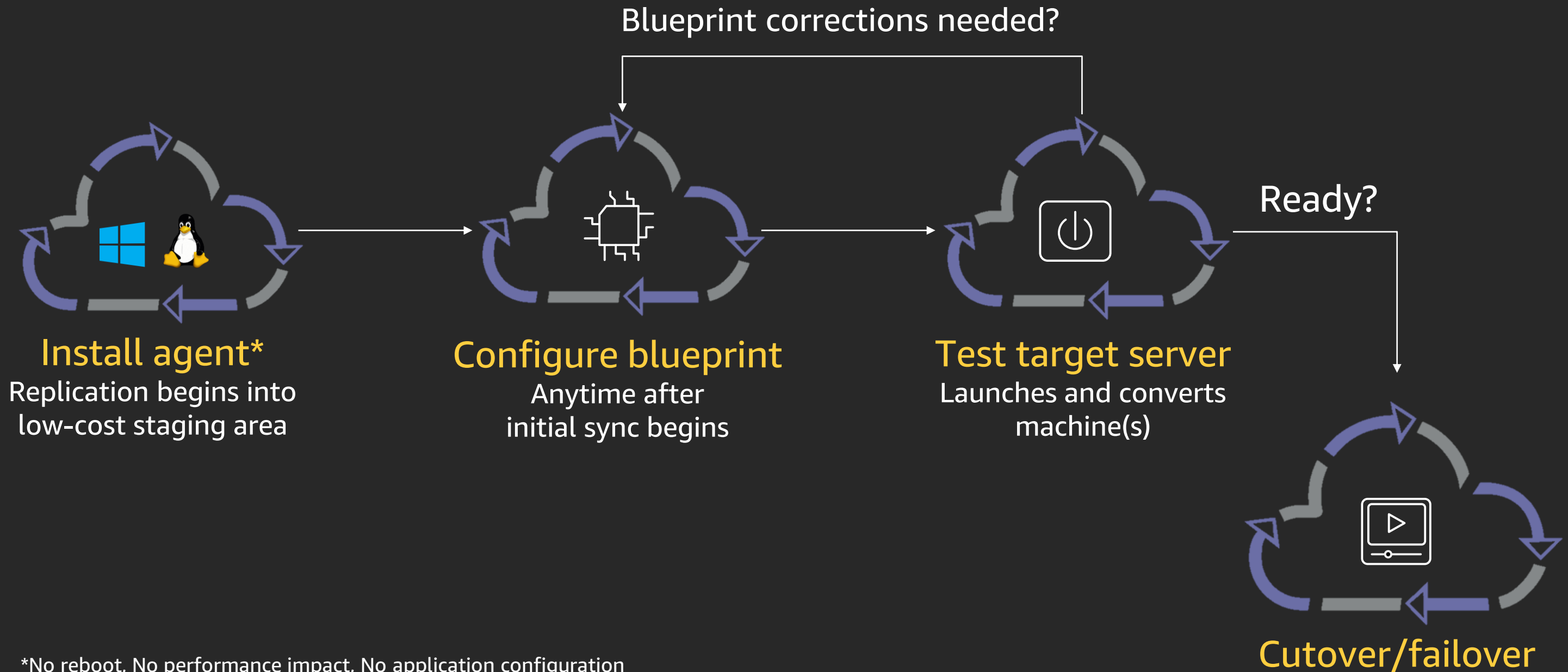
Easy, non-  
disruptive DR tests



Automated  
lightweight staging  
area reduces TCO

- Improve recovery objectives & reduce TCO
- Simple setup lets you start in minutes
- Same highly automated process for all workloads
- Minimizes complexity and reduces risk
- Easy failover and failback

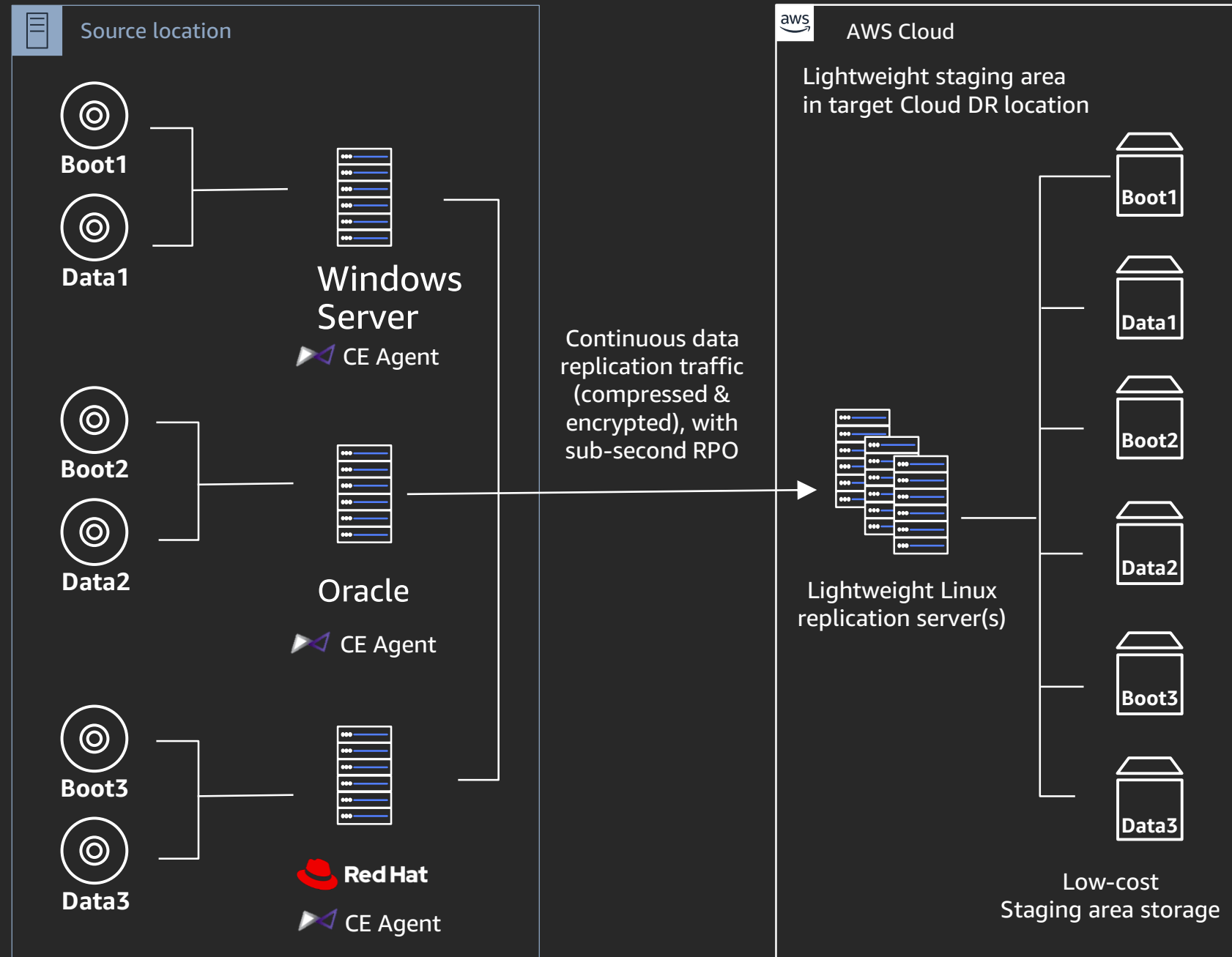
# CloudEndure: how does it work?



\*No reboot, No performance impact, No application configuration

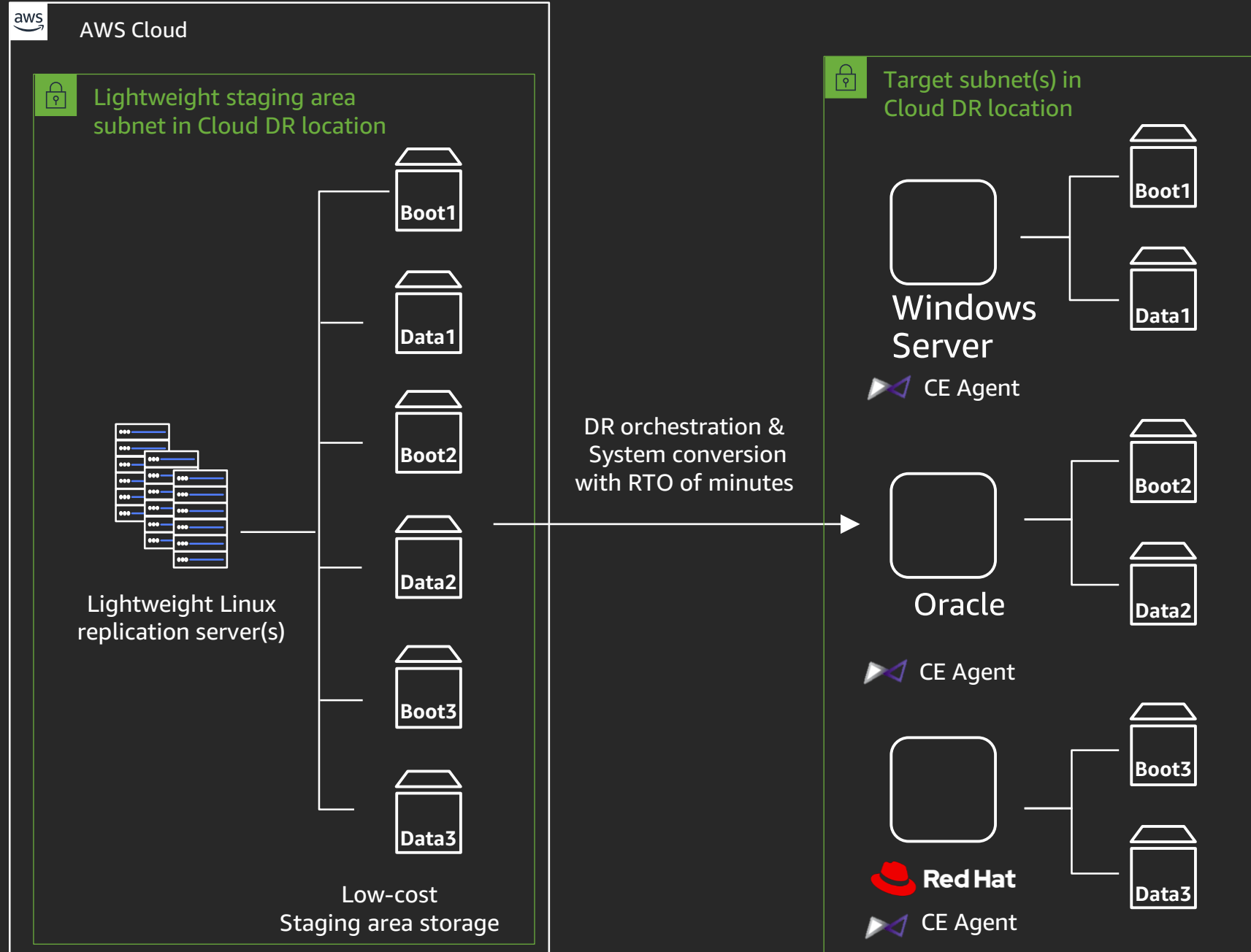
\*\*May be modified anytime after the CloudEndure agent is installed

# Lightweight staging



- Reduce DR site compute costs by 95%+
- Reduce DR site storage costs by 70%+
- Zero DR site duplicate OS license fees!
- Zero DR site software/DB license fees!
- Zero DR site networking equipment fees!
- Continuous replication with subsecond RPO

# Disaster event or test



- Rapid machine recovery (RTO of minutes)
- Self-service DR dashboard
- Unlimited free non-disruptive DR tests
- Built-in fail-back to any infrastructure
- Enable one-click future migration
- Enable cross-region/cross-cloud DR



# About Us



**BankUnited Inc.** (NYSE: BKU), headquartered in Miami Lakes, Florida, is a financial services company with \$33.0 billion in total assets as of September 30, 2019.

# About Me...

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VP, Data Center Manager

- 24 Years of IT experience
- 18 Years at BankUnited
- Manage Storage, Hypervisor, and IT Business Continuity

# Pre DR Modernization Architecture, Challenges, & Objectives

# Prior DR Architecture

- Two (2) physical data centers
  - Primary – Miami, FL
  - Secondary – Long Island, NY
- Multiple forms/methods of replication
  - vSphere
  - Storage Array (ZFS, NFS, etc.)
  - Database Replication
- High touch failover
  - Documented manual procedures
  - High complexity
  - Requires heightened levels of coordination between the business and IT



# Challenges

The primary challenges to the Bank's data center topology are as follows:



## Environmental

Environment prone to  
hurricanes and flooding



## Geographical

Physical locations situated  
in direct flight paths and  
close to major highways



## Facilities

Facilities requiring additional  
Investment (power, HVAC, etc.)  
to support ongoing DR  
operations

# Objectives

When BankUnited decided to move the DR facilities to the cloud, the Bank was working to understand the following objectives:



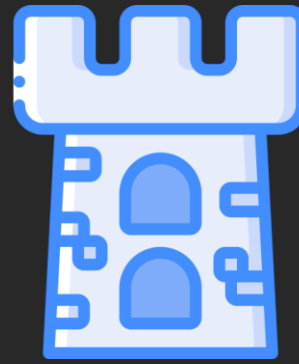
## Scalability

Ability to increase  
resources accordingly  
in order to meet  
customer/business  
demand



## Elasticity

Enable resources  
to be made  
available when needed  
and for only as long  
as needed in order  
to meet demand



## Resiliency

Increase the  
availability and  
survivability of the  
Bank's technology  
estate



## Efficiency

Enable the Bank  
to realize its  
objectives without  
incurring significant  
idle costs



## Enablement

Help enable the  
Bank's Digital  
Transformation

# Pre DR Modernization Questions & Solutions

# Problems to resolve

- Securely transport data to AWS
- Keep the data in sync once the initial seeding is complete
- Avoid paying for unused compute on top of the required storage
- Address multiple replication use cases
- Provision resources once a DR event has been enacted



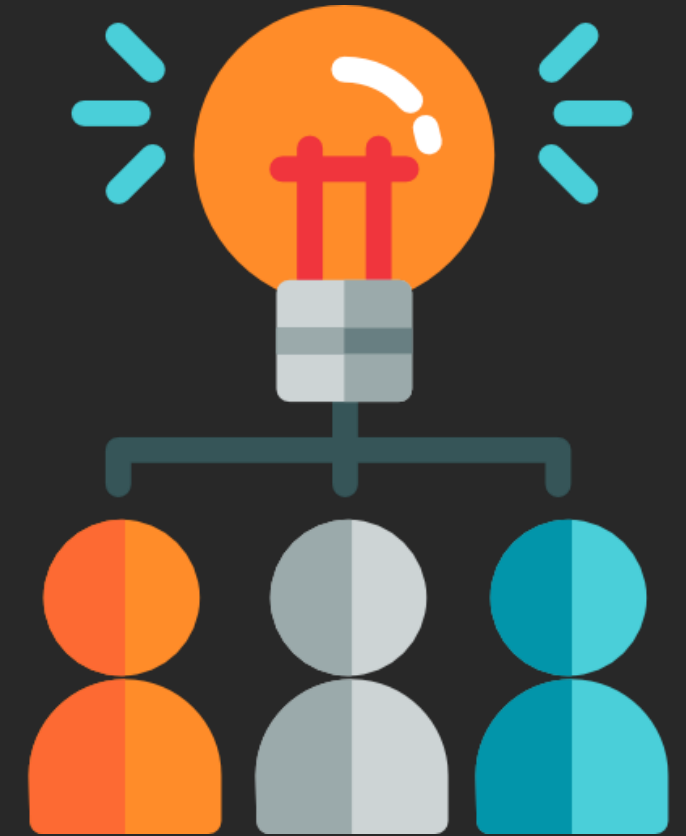
“We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal, and then leap in the darkness to our success.”

**Henry David Thoreau**



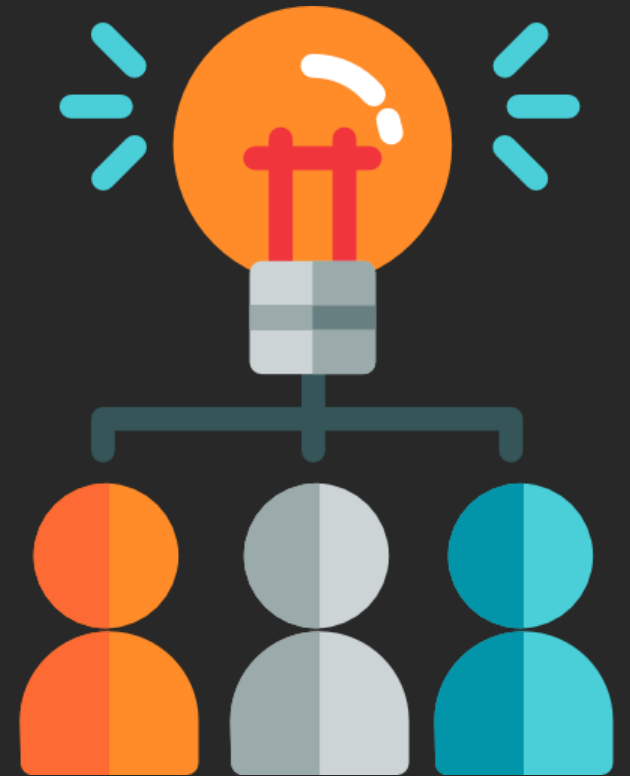
# Modernization of DR architecture = CloudEndure

- **Securely transport data to AWS**  
Direct Connect and CloudEndure encryption
- **Keep the data in sync once the initial seeding is complete**  
CloudEndure's Continuous Data Replication engine provides real-time, asynchronous, block-level replication
- **Avoid paying for unused compute on top of the required storage**  
CloudEndure maintains ongoing replication into a low-cost "staging area" in the target infrastructure.



# Modernization of DR architecture = CloudEndure

- **Address multiple replication use cases**  
CloudEndure replicates at the OS level enabling support of any type of source infrastructure
- **Provision resources once a DR event has been enacted**  
CloudEndure orchestration engine
- **Convert from on premises VMware hypervisor to Amazon EC2**  
CloudEndure machine conversion handles hypervisor and OS configuration, boot process changes, and guest agent installation



# Post DR Modernization Architecture

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## Benefits

- Leverage CloudEndure's blueprint settings
- Single pane of glass for recovery
- Snapshots (48 hours of protection):
  - Every 10 mins an hour for 24 hours
  - Every hour for 24 hours

## What changes in DR testing for BankUnited?

- Removed the need for constantly updating scripts to recover storage and VMs
- Removed the dependency on physical hardware

## Next Steps

- Leverage CloudEndure for Region to Region replication as workloads now become production on AWS



“There is no substitute for  
victory.”

**Douglas MacArthur**

# APN partner solutions for disaster recovery

Technology solutions vetted by the AWS Storage competency program

## BCDR

COHESITY

druva

NetApp®

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VERITAS™

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## Consulting

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SUNGARD®  
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# Conclusion

Using the cloud for backup and disaster recovery provides compelling benefits

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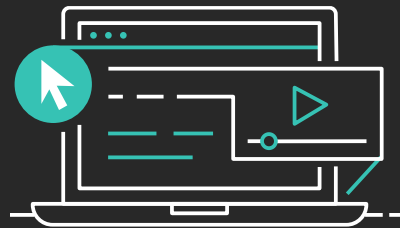
AWS provides services and tools for building reliable, fault-tolerant, and highly available systems in the cloud

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AWS has partnered with industry leaders in backup and DR to help our mutual customers modernize their practices

# Learn storage with AWS Training and Certification

Resources created by the experts at AWS to help you build cloud storage skills



45+ free digital courses cover topics related to cloud storage, including:

- Amazon S3
- AWS Storage Gateway
- Amazon S3 Glacier
- Amazon Elastic File Storage (Amazon EFS)
- Amazon Elastic Block Storage (Amazon EBS)



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