



AWS GameDay FAQ

Who should attend?

These learning opportunities are completely hands-on, so we recommend them to a technical audience. Participants should be prepared to work extensively in the AWS Management Console and use live AWS services to apply their technical knowledge to the challenges. The events cover a wide variety of cloud domains, so as long as you have some experience working on AWS, there will be loads of work for you to do! Past participants have spanned all industries and technical backgrounds. Common participant job titles include IT professional, system administrator, solutions architect, technical account manager, developer, and more.

Are events in-person or virtual?

All GameDay sessions will take place in-person in Las Vegas. There will be no virtual events.

Where is GameDay taking place?

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How many GameDay sessions are there at re:Invent?

10 total. 8 will be our historic 4.5-hour hack sessions and 2 will be our new game night format that will last 2 hours.

Are new GameDays getting debuted this year?

Yes, we are debuting 4 new versions of GameDay this year: Infinidash Ride-Hailing, Secure Legends, Sustainability, and Financial Services. Each version will run twice.

What are the participation requirements?

AWS will provide all of the infrastructure and technology that you need in order to work through the different scenarios. Participants just need to bring their drive and an open mind to learn and try new things, along with the following items:

- Computer for hands-on participation
- Firefox or Chrome browser

Recommended but not required:

- SSH client pre-installed: Putty (Windows) or SSH (Mac)
- AWS Command Line Tools (AWS CLI)
- Remote Desktop Client (RDP)

Will there be food and beverage?

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Will there be prizes and swag?

Top teams will earn prizes and all attendees will receive swag from AWS and our partners.

Do I need an AWS account to participate?

No. You will work in AWS accounts that we provide. We will provide each team with one AWS account to share. Communication and teamwork are crucial for your team to succeed.

How can I prepare?

Preparation is not a requirement, so do not stress! If you would like to brush up on some of your skills, read up on the relevant services for each version of GameDay listed on our website.

Can I reserve my seat?

Yes. GameDays are capped though, so log in to the attendee portal to reserve your seat. If you are unable to reserve a seat, there will be limited space available for walk-ups.

What are the team sizes?

4 per team.

How will I access the technical challenges?

Each team will be provided with login credentials at the event that will provide access to an AWS account. The game will kick off after a brief intro presentation delivered by the Unicorn.Rentals staff members.

How are teams formed?

We will form teams of 4 out of the queue waiting to enter our room. If you want to participate in a team of colleagues or friends, stand next to them and let the staff members know. We will seat you together. If you are flying solo, that is perfectly fine. We will add you to a team of new colleagues.

What is Unicorn.Rentals?

Unicorn.Rentals is the fictitious company we started in 2015 to provide added entertainment and a realistic narrative surrounding our GameDay events. We like to pretend that GameDay events are actually your first day on the job. During your “new hire orientation” you will hear from some company representatives, and maybe some special guests!

Where can I learn more about AWS GameDay?

<https://aws.amazon.com/gameday/>

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/awsgameday>

<https://www.twitch.tv/awsgameday>