AWS Workshop: Scaling Windows

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Why Automate?

- We all have to do more with less
- Consistently deliver stable, predictable environments
- Increase number of deployments, decrease time between deployments
- Deliver more secure environments
- Innovate faster

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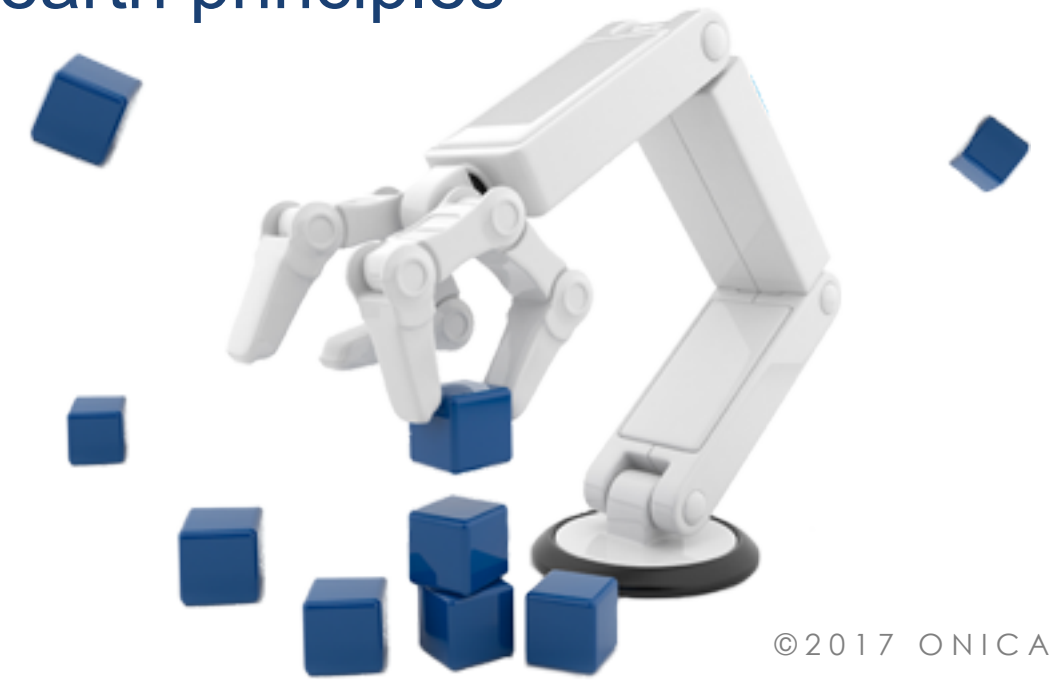
Patterns

- Automated end to end
- Automate “operating code” and “pushing code”
- Automate testing – don’t accept manual testing if at all possible
- Deployments should follow scorched earth principles
- Keep it as simple as possible
- Instrument everything
- Avoid remote access
- Start simple, and iterate



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Windows Challenges

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Legacy Security Models AD Dependencies

Reboots are a pain

Typically heavy software packages

We can bootstrap, to a point

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DevOps Processes

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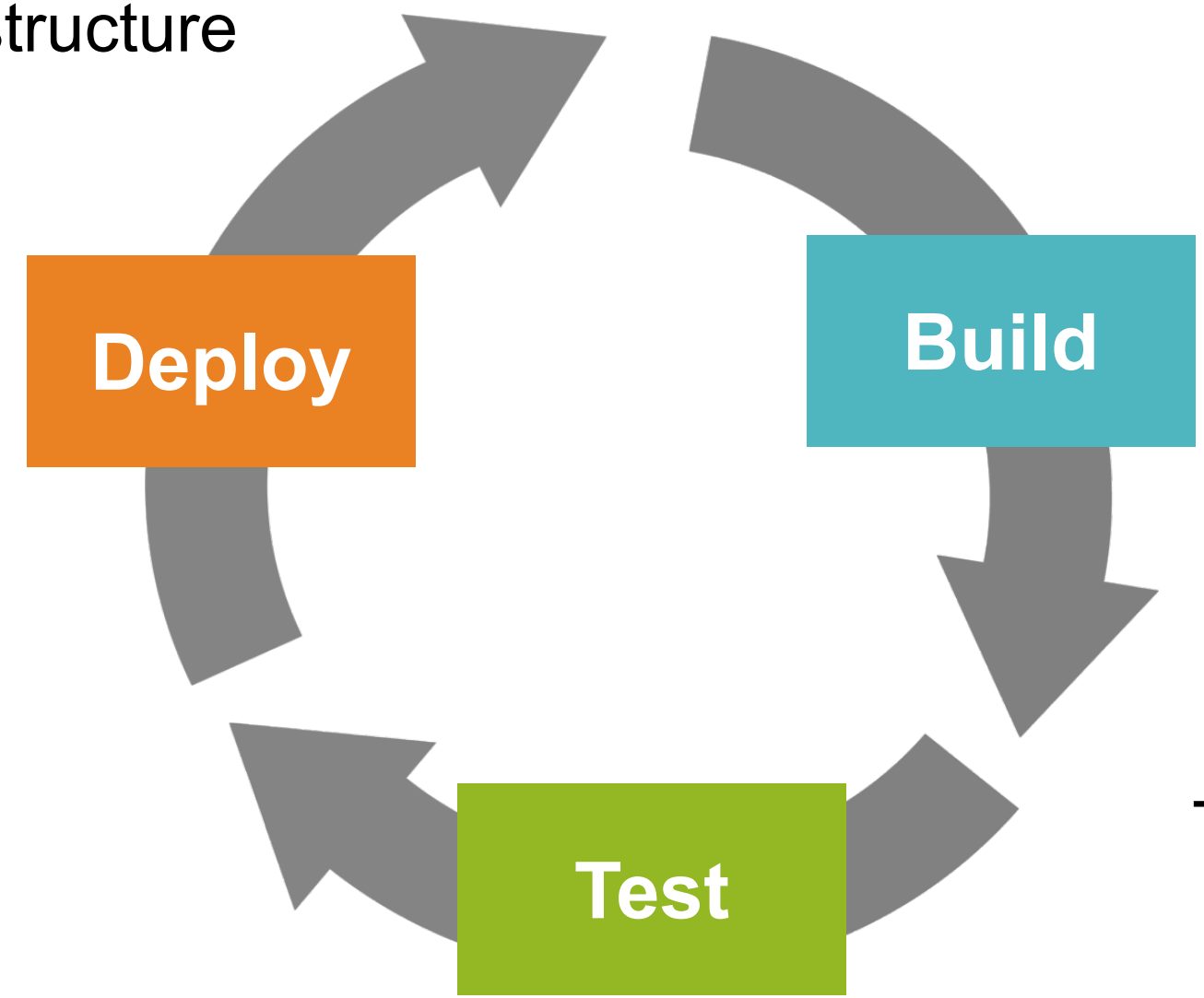
The Process

Think of infrastructure as code



Then follow a well defined pattern

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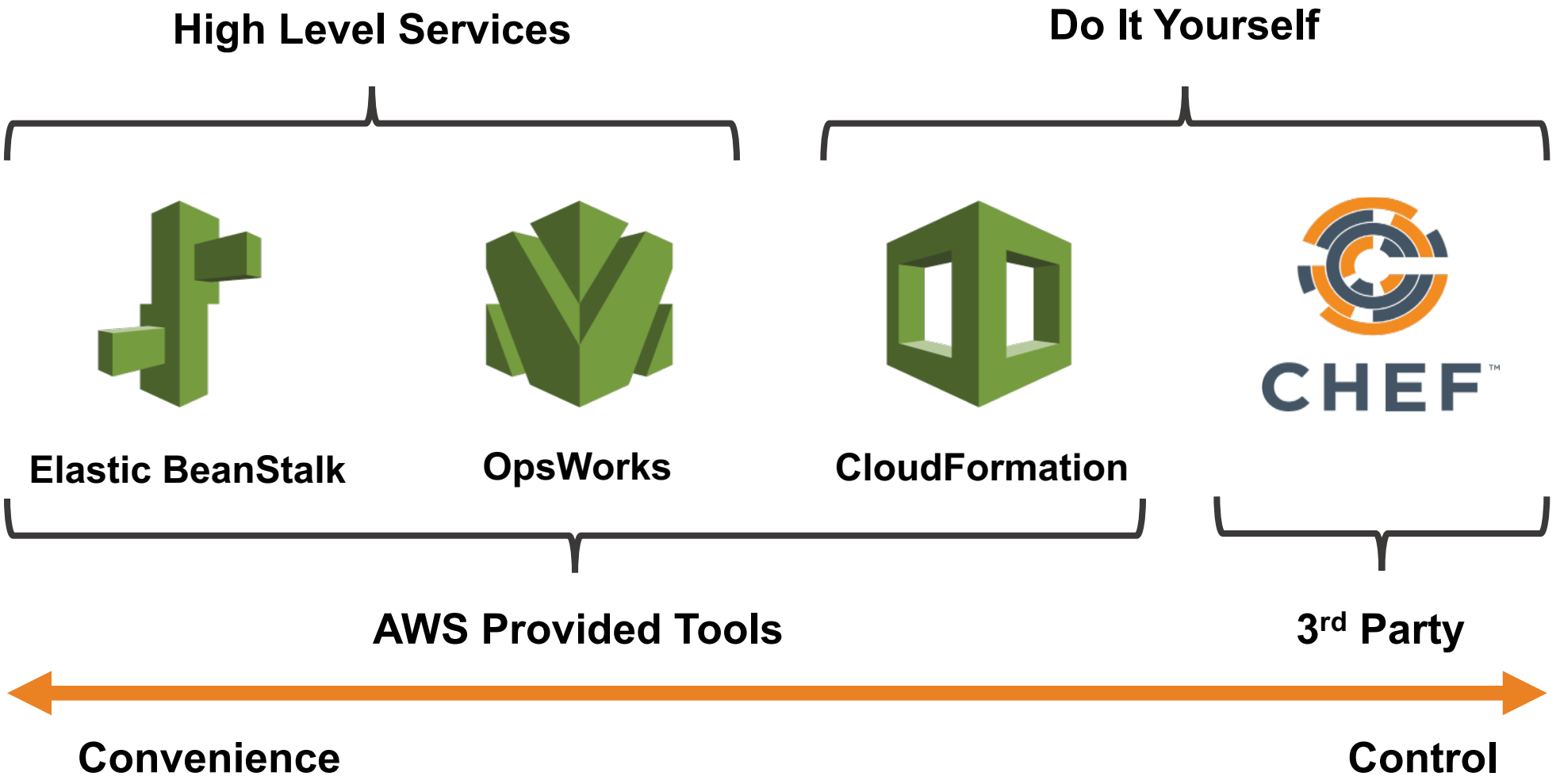
Decide between Control and Convenience



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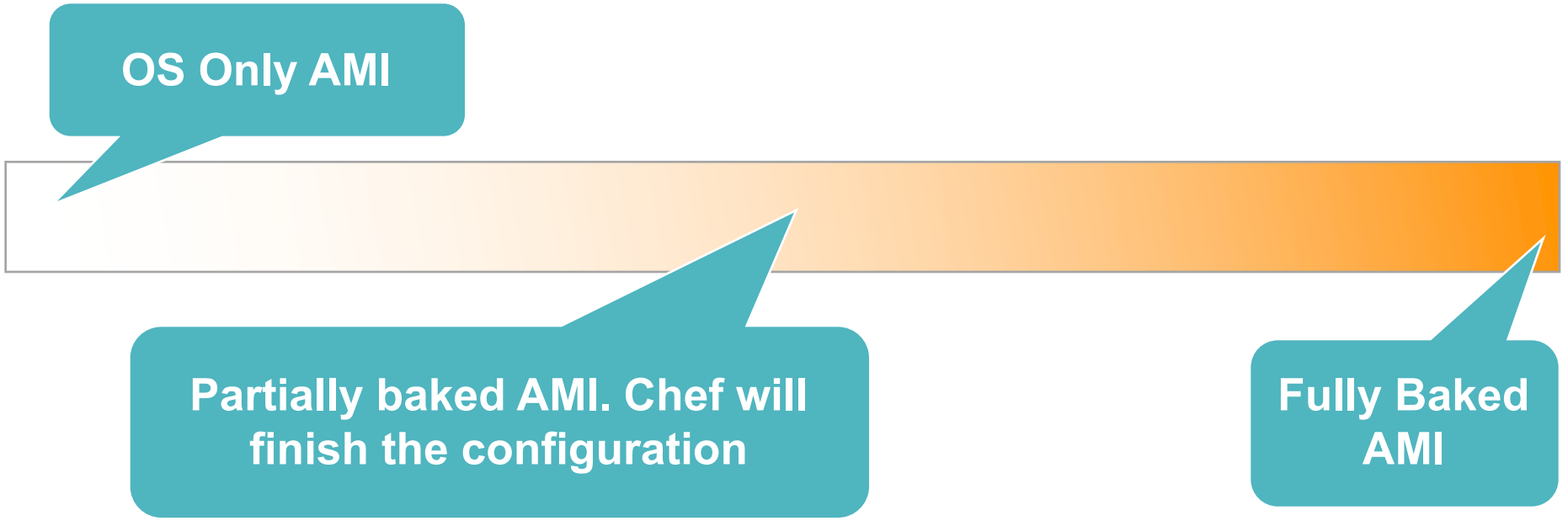
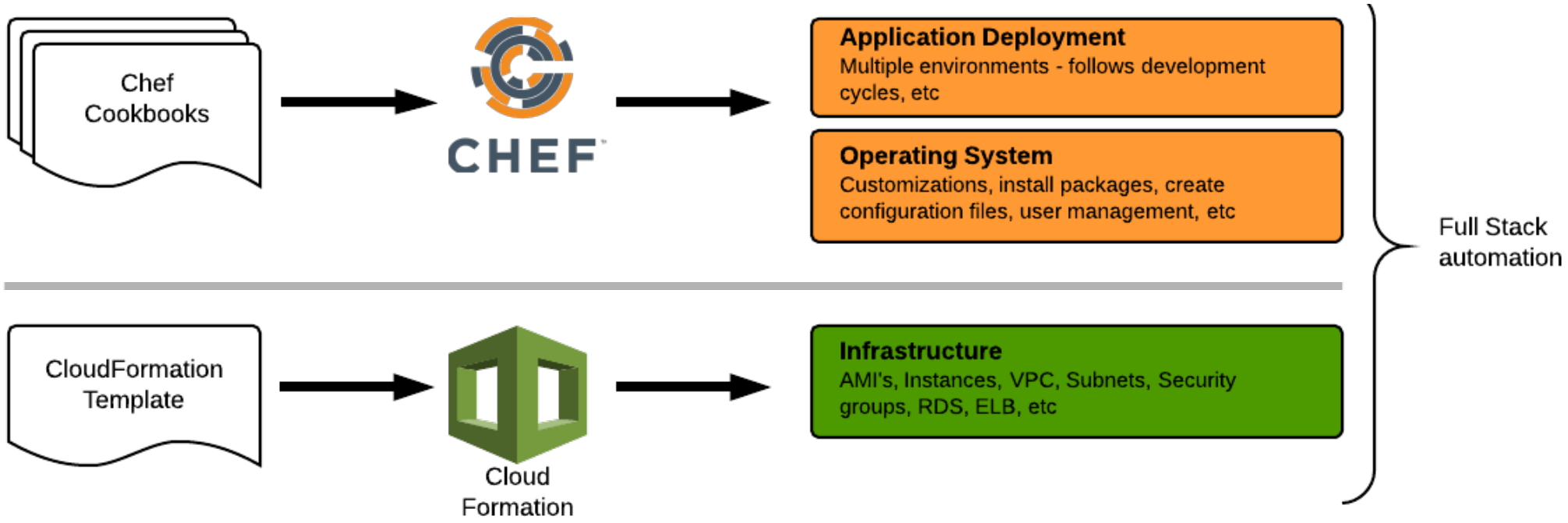
Bake vs Bootstrapping AMI's



Preconfiguring an AMI is known as baking the AMI. Baking can speed up time to starting a new instance, but the AMI could become dated quickly. Bootstrapping with Chef gives more flexibility. Virtusa is rich in experience helping customers find the right blend of automation. Use CI & CD methodologies to automate AMI creation and updating.

- **For shorter to time to deployment pre-bake as much as possible**
- **For a more automated (but potentially slower) deployment pre-bake and then bootstrap the rest**

Automation with Chef



- **Infrastructure expressed as code (Chef Cookbooks & CF Templates)**
- **Infrastructure is easily repeatable**
- **Version Control your Infrastructure**
- **No more tribal knowledge stuck in some SysAdmin's head**
- **OpsWorks leverages Chef cookbooks.**
- **Chef is "platform agnostic", use it in private data centers on physical or virtual infrastructure or on any cloud platform**

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Tools

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You've probably already heard of the most common tools

PowerShell is central to all these tools

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AWS Specific Tools

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AWS Specific Tools

AWS OpsWorks

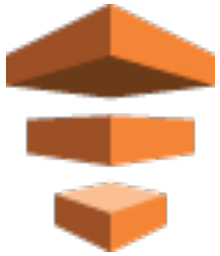
- Works with Windows (since 5/15)
- Reuse your Chef cookbooks!

EC2 Simple Systems Manager

- Run Command
- SSM Config

Elastic Beanstalk

CloudFormation



CodePipeline

CodeDeploy

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OpsWorks

A stack is a set of layers, instances and related AWS resources whose configuration you want to manage together.

Add stack

Which type of stack do you want to create?

Sample stack

Explore AWS OpsWorks with a sample Node.js app

Chef 12 stack

Bring your own cookbooks and use community cookbooks

Create a stack with Linux or Windows instances that run Chef 12

The more advanced experience. Bring your own cookbooks and use community cookbooks. isolate its internal cookbooks from yours. Learn more.

Stack name	
Region	US East (N. Virginia)
VPC	No VPC
Default Availability Zone	us-east-1a
Default operating system	Linux / Windows
	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 — *Need a different OS?*

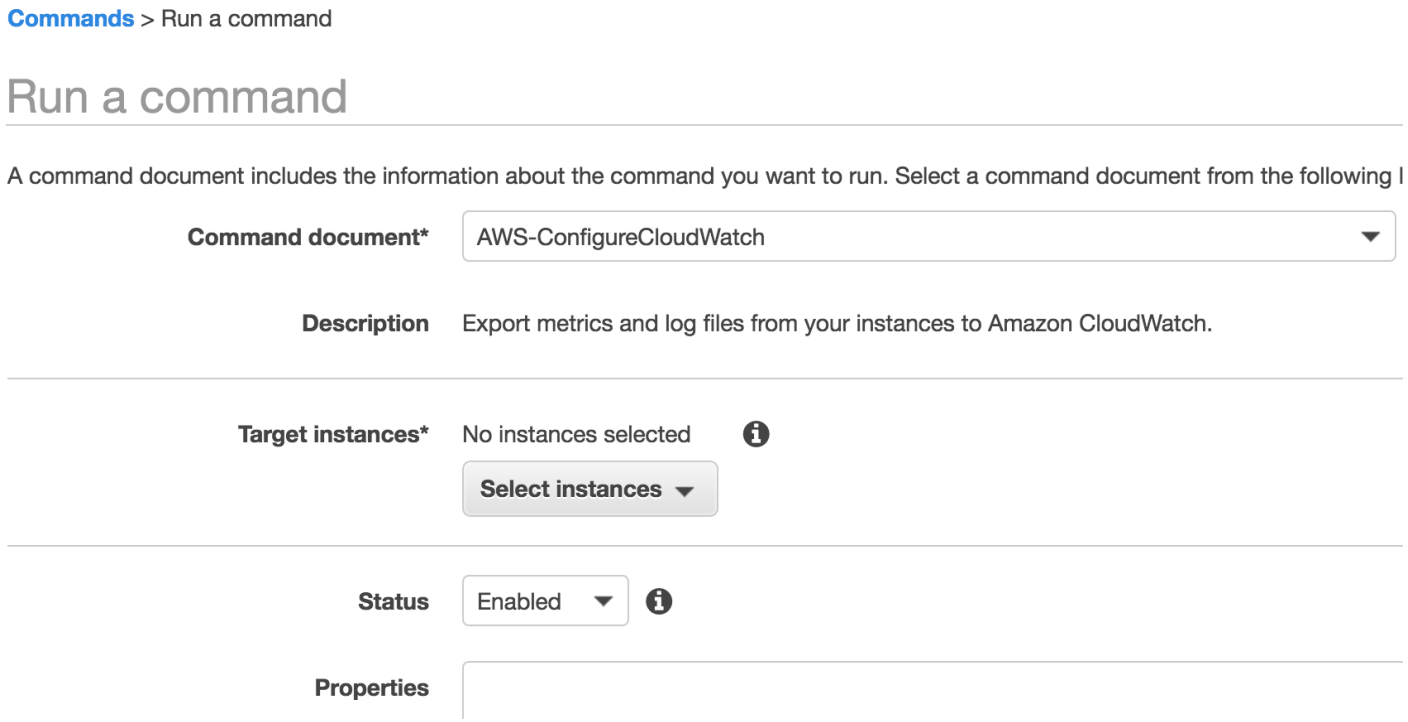
Deploy your Windows apps using OpsWorks

Define:

- Stacks
- Layers
- Apps

Deploy apps

EC2 Simple Systems Manager (SSM)



Agent based

Control Privileges via IAM

Run Command

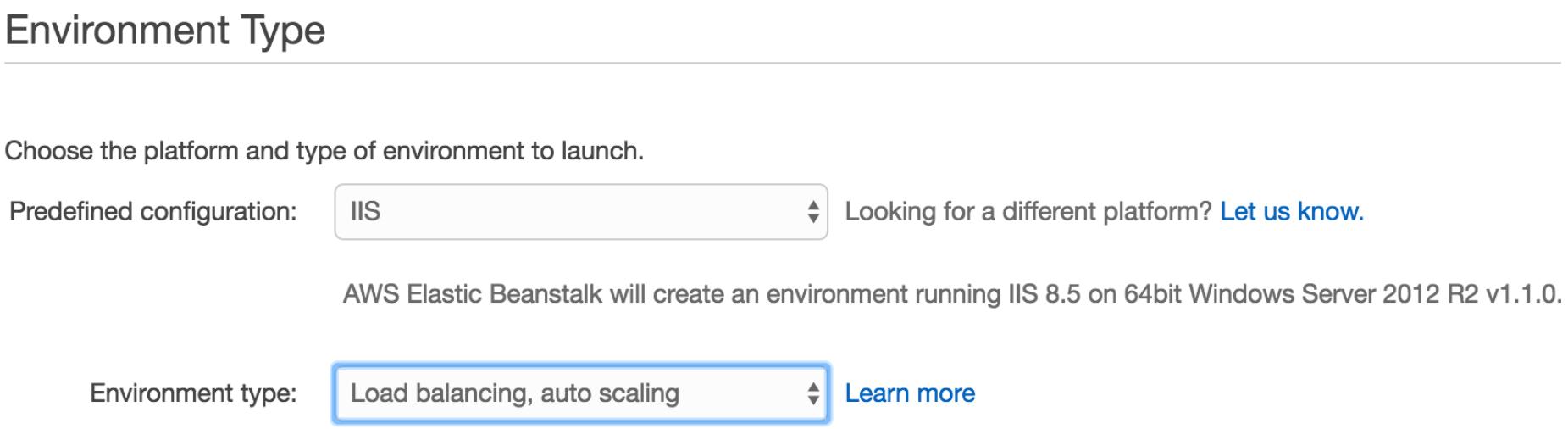
- Windows and Linux

SSM Config (Windows only)

- Join Domain
- Run PowerShell scripts
- Update EC2Config
- Configure Windows Update
- Install Applications
- Install PowerShell Module
- Configure CloudWatch

Elastic Beanstalk

- **Developers focus on code**
- **Beanstalk provisions the Infrastructure**
- **Blue / Green Deployments**



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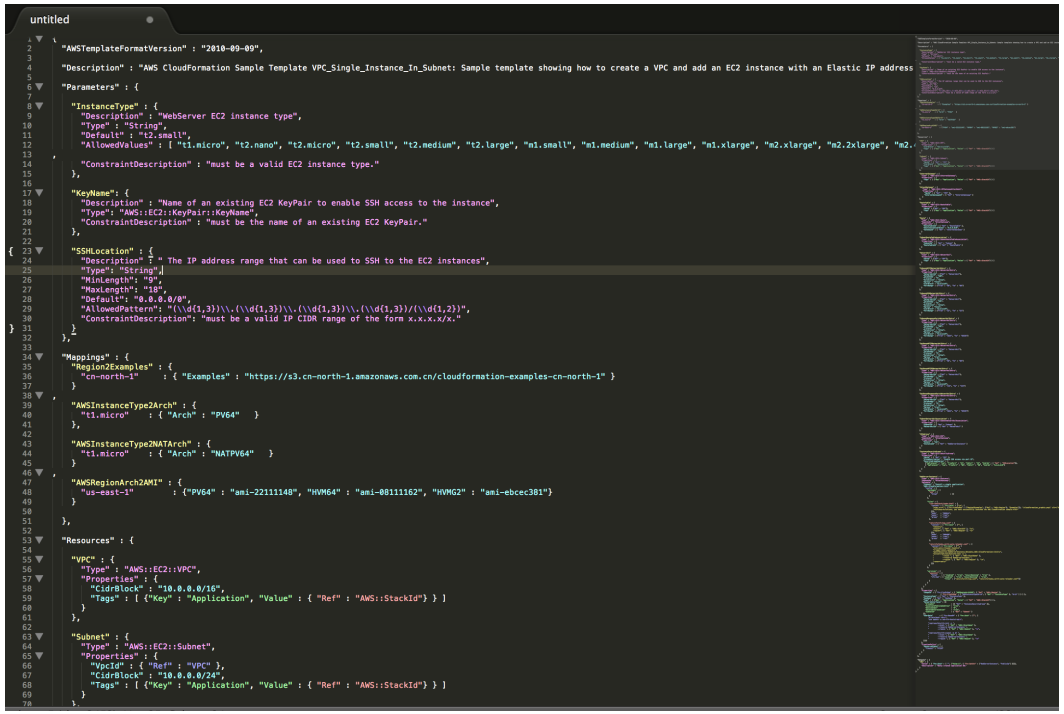

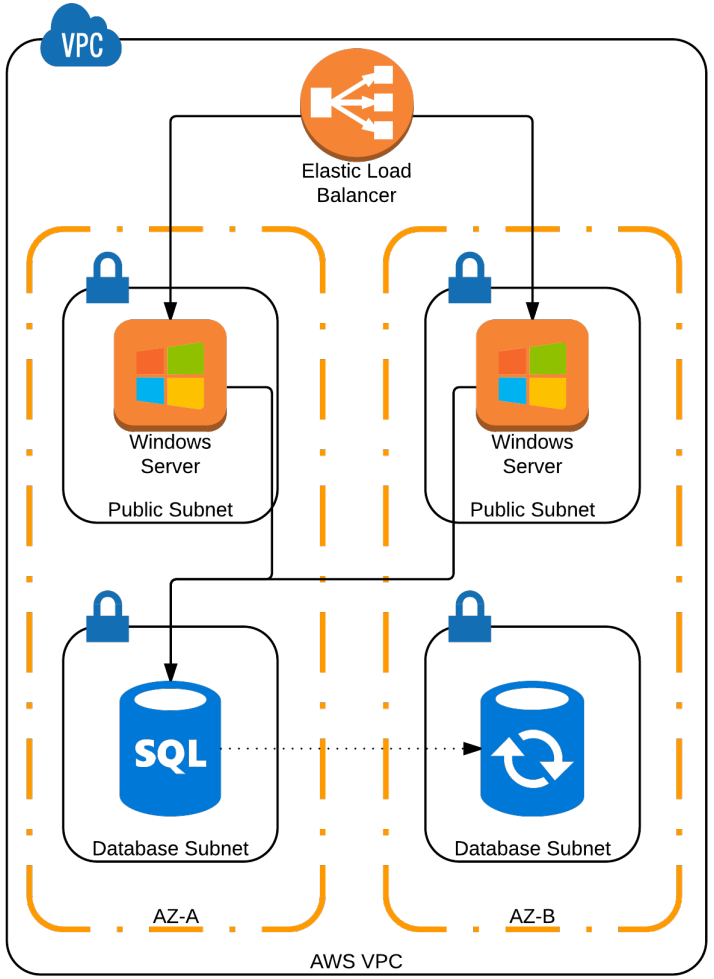

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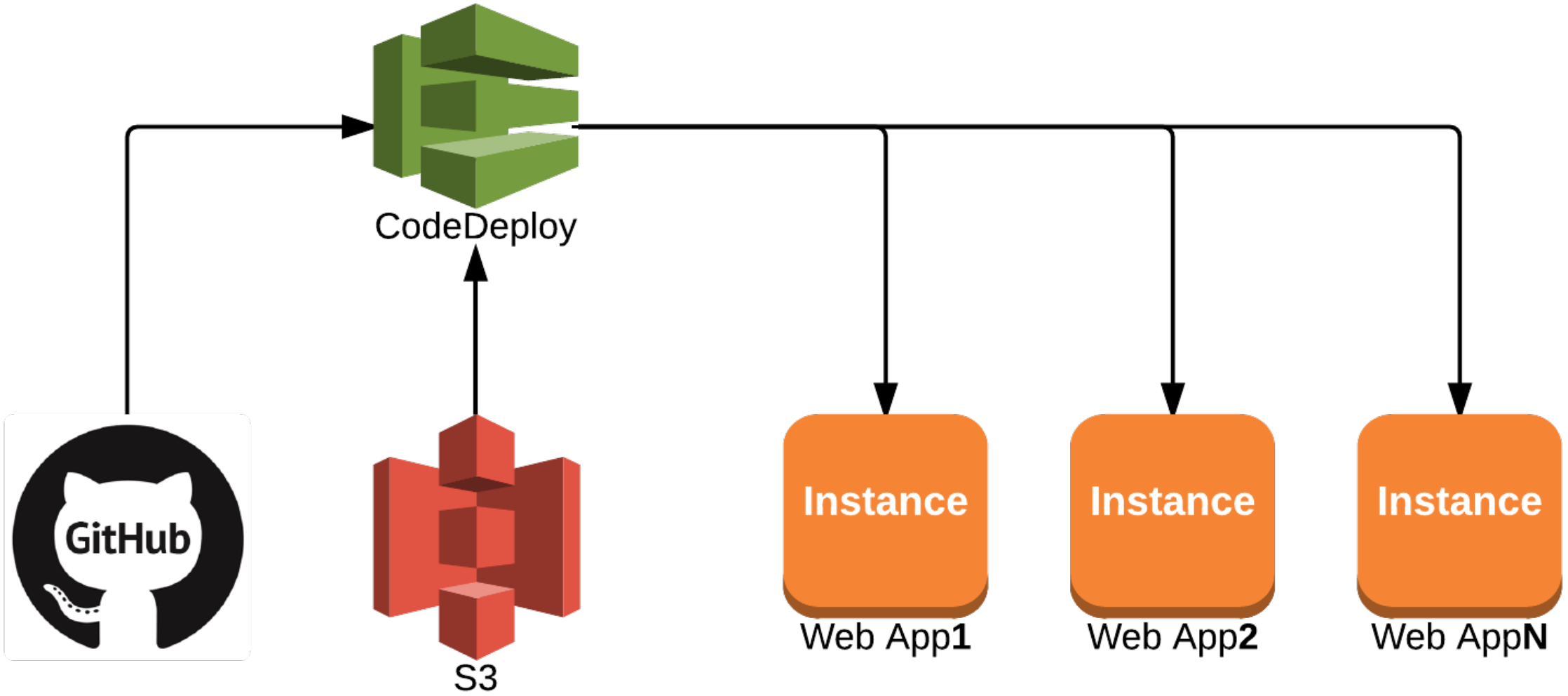

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Best Practices:
Managing Your AWS Environment

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2015

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Customers migrated to AWS

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AWS certifications & 8 Competencies

17,256

EC2 instances under management

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Launched industry leading CloudOps Pilot & Cloud Optimizer solutions

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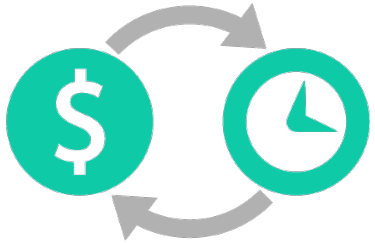
Cool Stuff



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“We believe we’re moving out of the Ice Age, the Iron Age, the Industrial Age, the Information Age, to the participation age. You get on the Net and you do stuff. You IM, you blog, you take pictures, you publish, you podcast, you transact, you distance learn, you telemedicine. You are participating on the Internet, not just viewing stuff. ”

– Scott McNealy, Former CEO Sun Microsystems

SOAP

Driving Force

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Services Over Server

Hardware is Passé

Sheep instead of pets

MEET BUSINESS NEEDS
NOT BE IN THE IT BUSINESS

Server Names Don't Matter!

Everything is ephemeral

ONLY PAY FOR WHAT YOU NEED

CONVENTION OVER CONFIGURATION

Don't bring me solutions... bring me problems and WE provide the solutions

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The Road to Full Service

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Success In Managed Services

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Tools

- CRM
- Ticketing
- Monitoring
- Costing
- Reporting
- APM

People

- Responder
- Implementers
- Support
- Security

Processes

- Incident Response
- Change Management
- Onboarding
- Security
- Monthly Reviews

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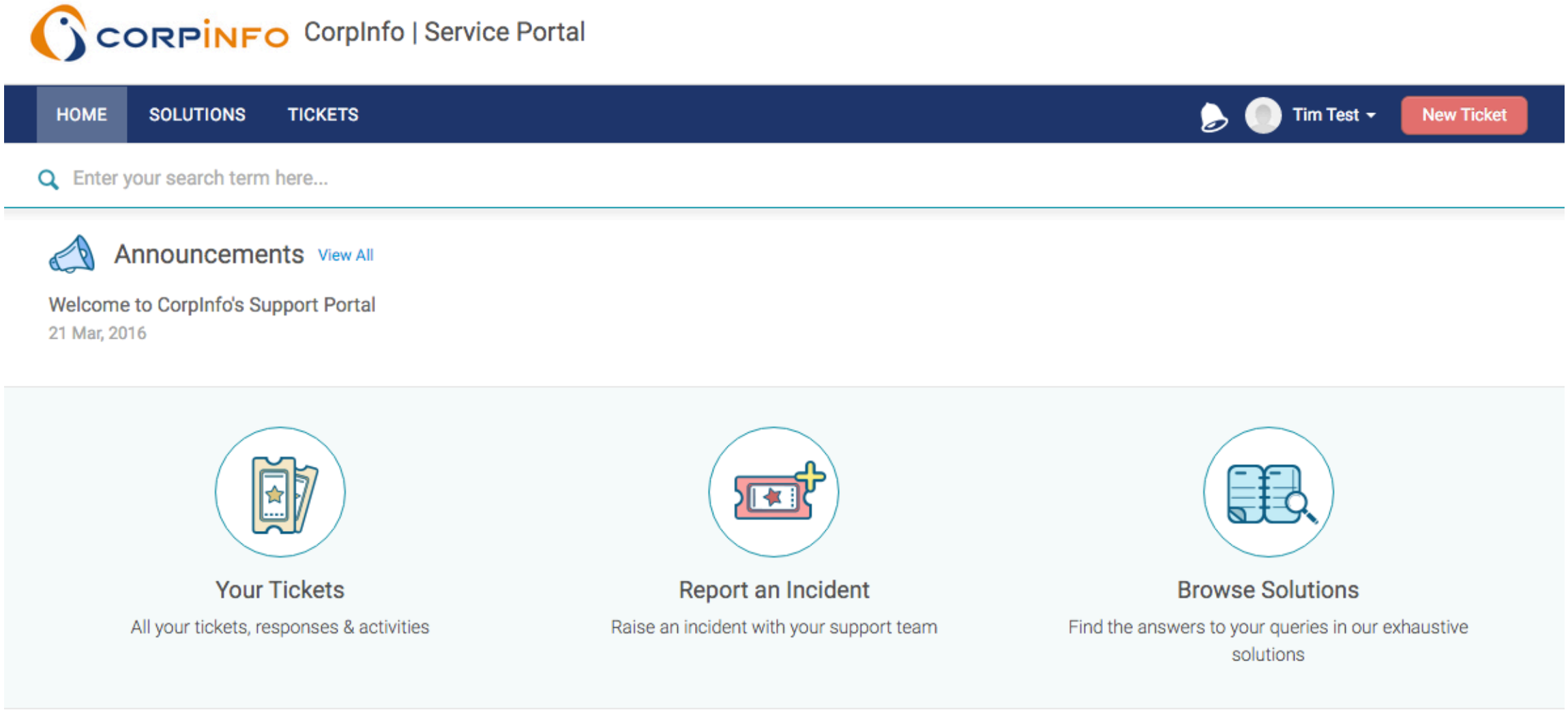
Support Portal – Service.CorpInfo.com



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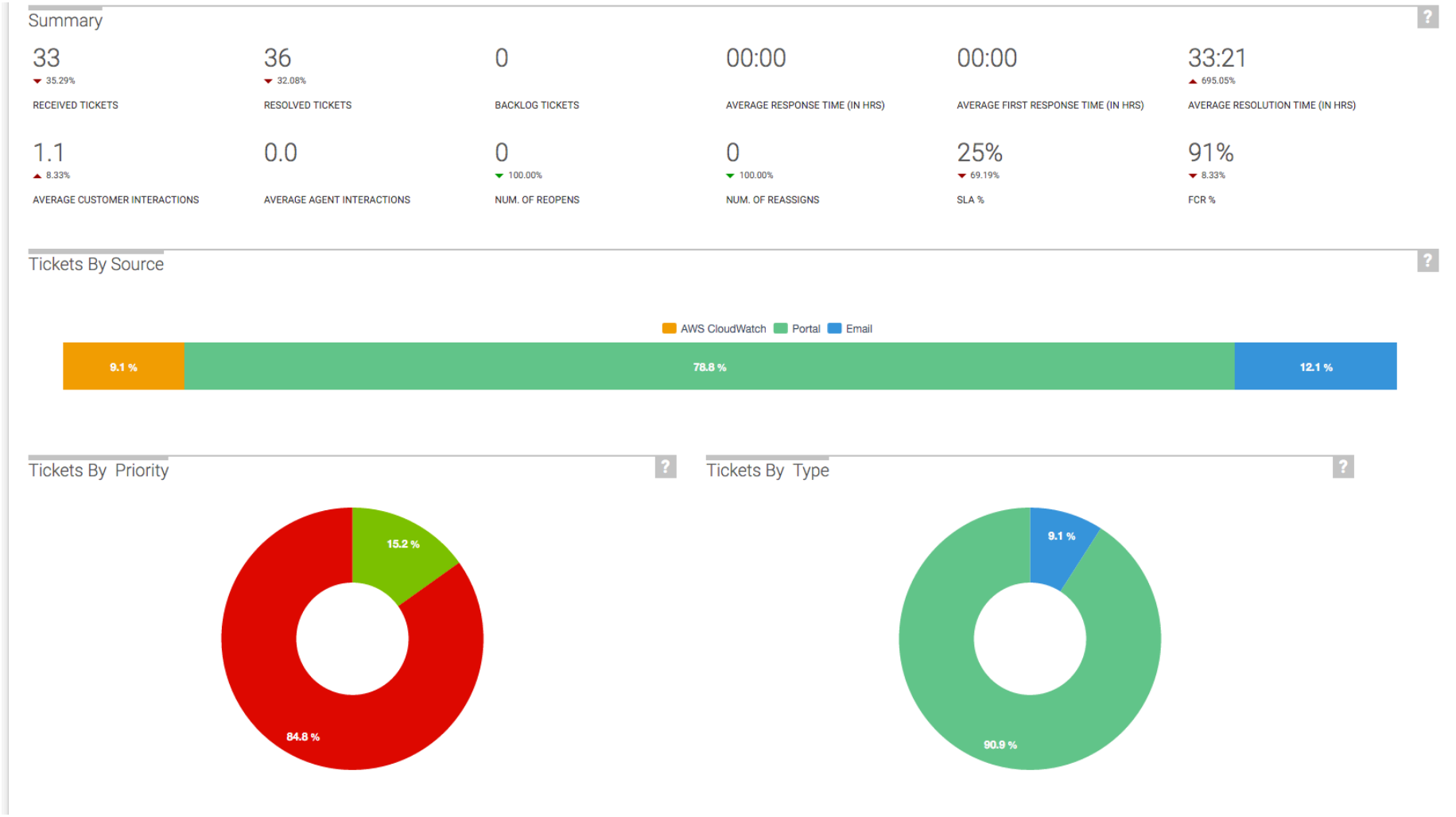

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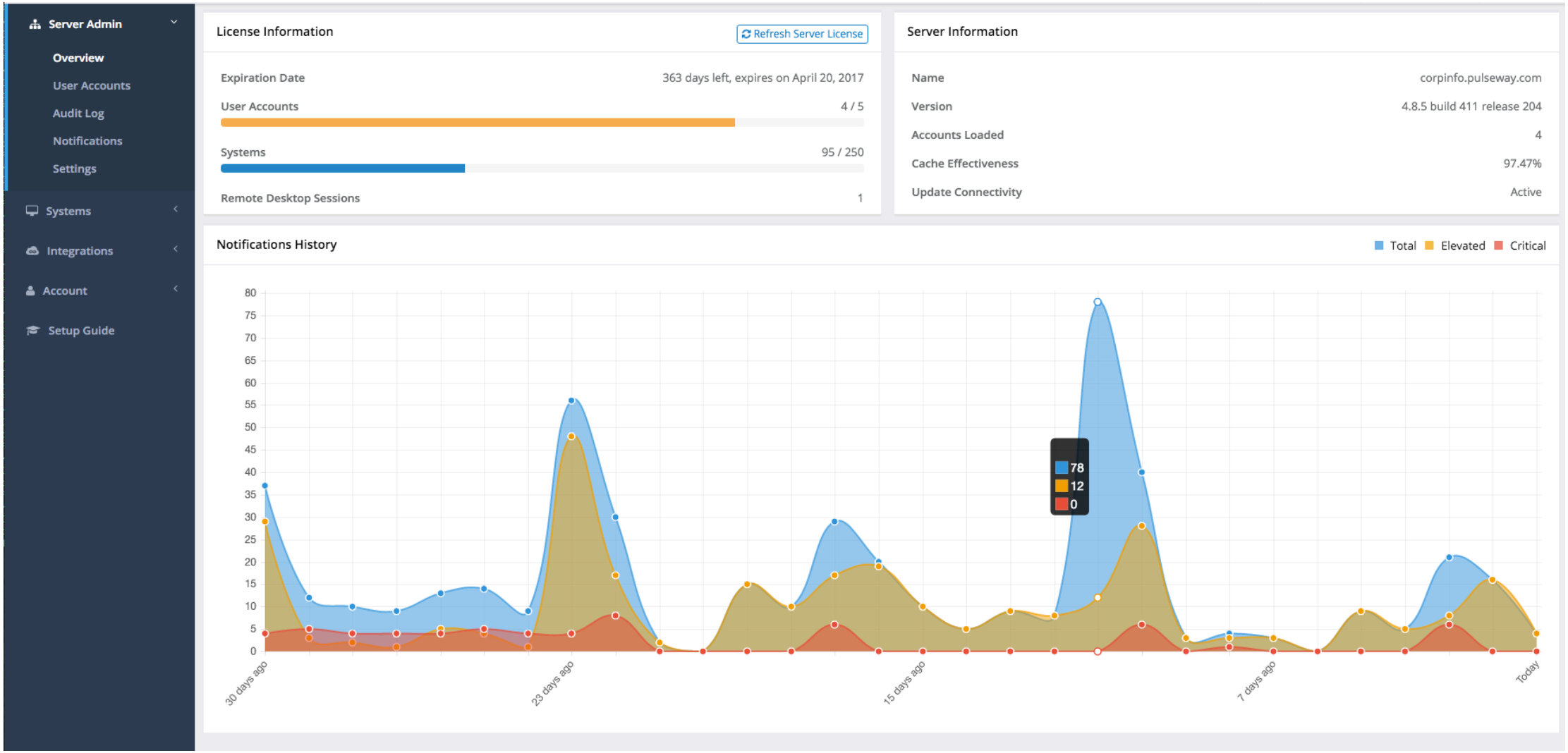
Remote Management & Monitoring



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Cost Management

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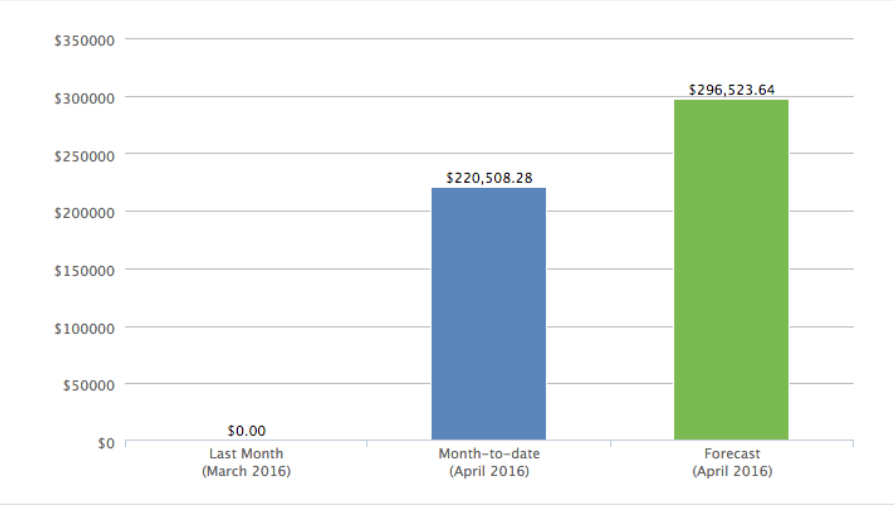
- Recently Viewed
- $ Savings
- Best Practices
- Alerts
- $ Cost
  - AWS Billing
    - **Dashboard**
    - Summary Reports
    - Custom Reporting
    - Other Features
  - Spend Analysis
  - Reserved Usage
  - Tags (from Detailed Billing)
  - AWS Partner Tools
- Inventory
  - Summary
  - Map Overlay
  - Tagged Resources
  - Untagged Resources
  - Custom Reports
  - Trending
  - EC2
  - S3
  - RDS

Billing & Cost Management Dashboard

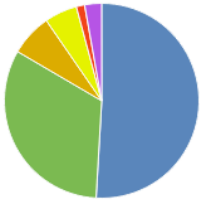
Current Month-to-date for April 2016

$220,508.28

Spend Summary



Month-to-Date Spend by Service



Services	Amount
EC2	$112,284.56
S3	$71,678.40
RDS	$15,323.82
Support Business	$11,981.08
SQS	$3,051.97
Others	$6,188.46
Total	$220,508.28

Help

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Issue Response

SUPPORT PROCESS V1 - MANAGED SERVICES

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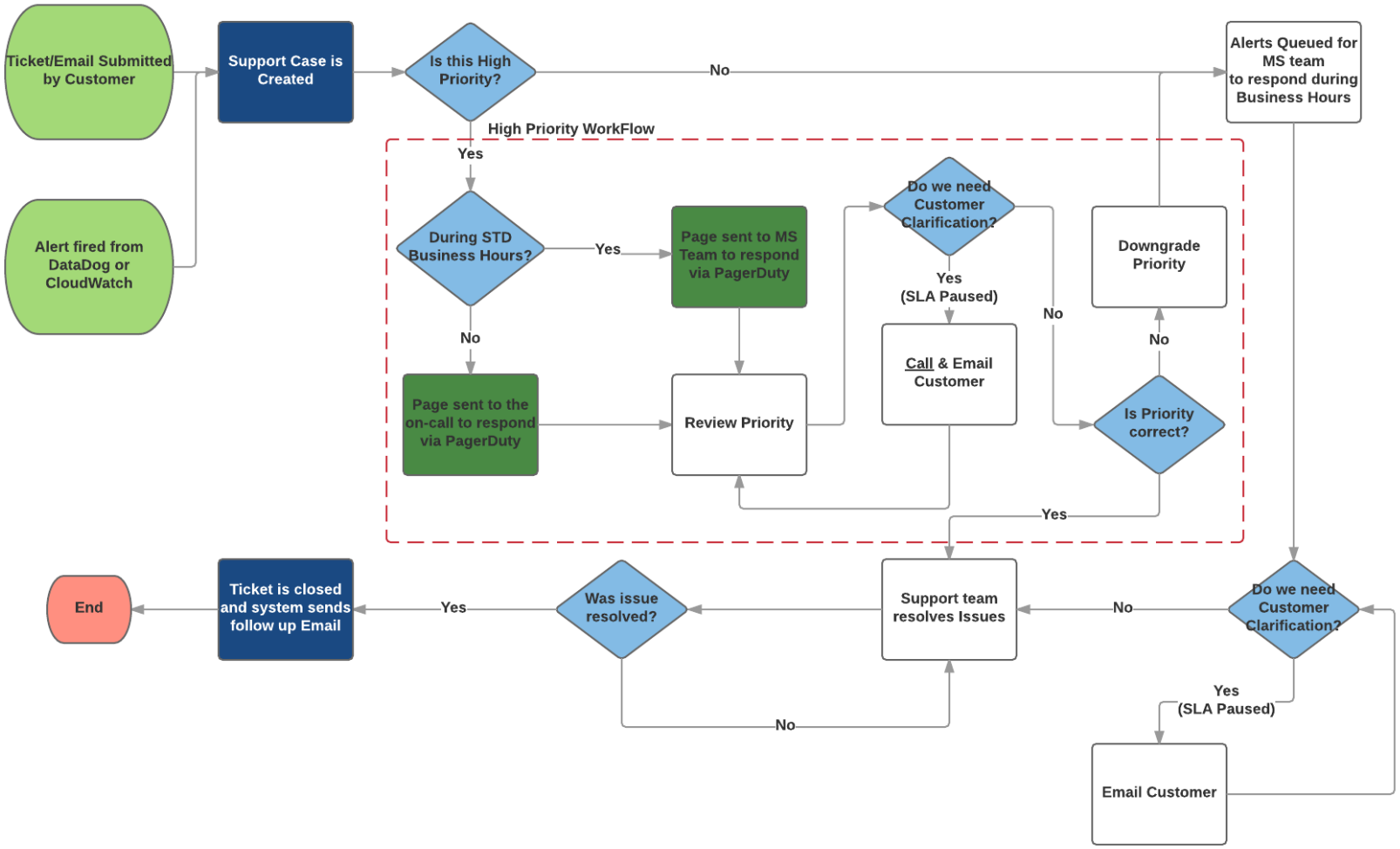

Onboarding

MANAGED SERVICES ON-BOARDING

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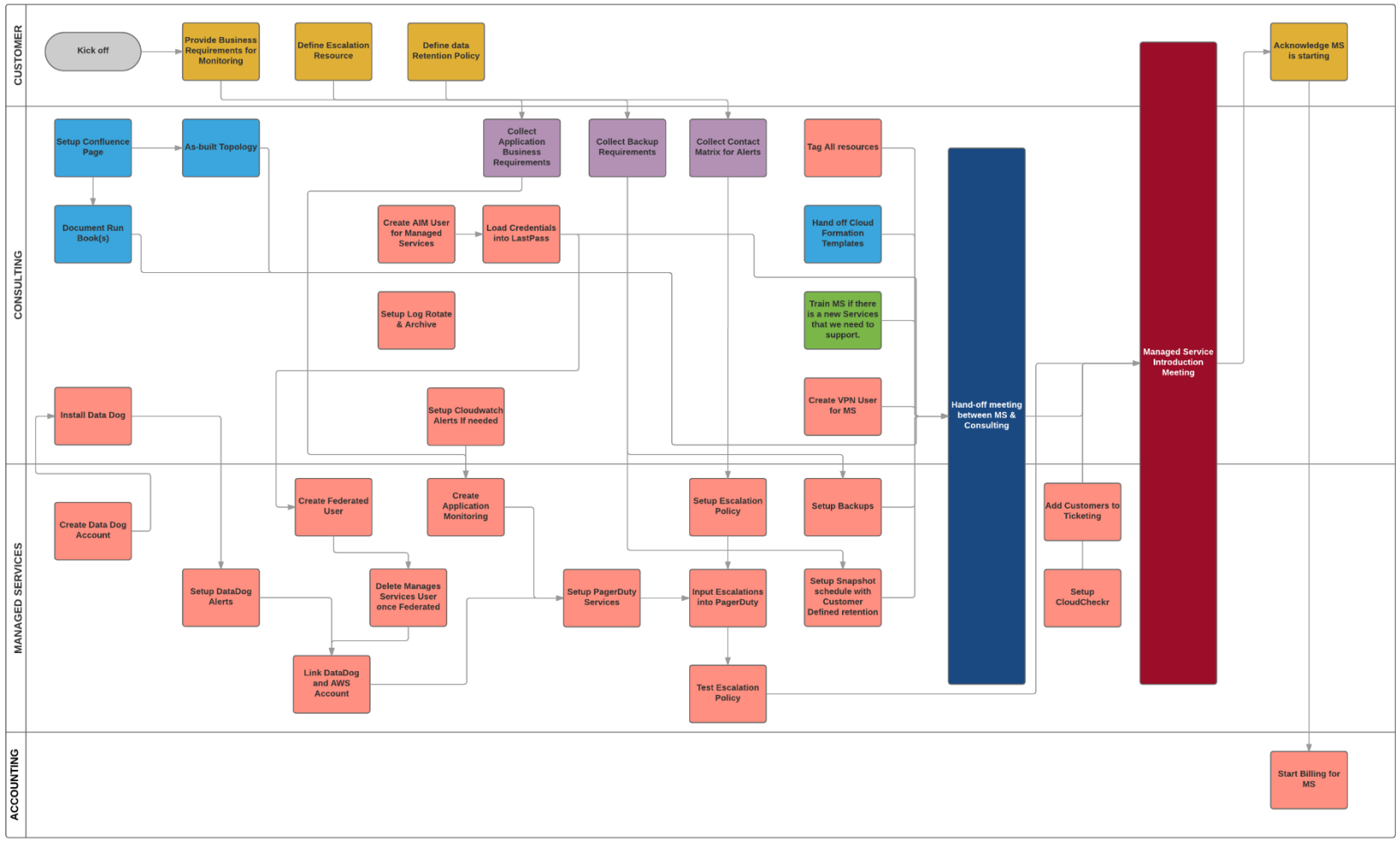

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Security Management

Standard Tool Sets
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Build Out Service Automation
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Monthly Cost Reviews
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