The Regulatory Challenge

Lessons learned after 1 billion trades processed



What is regulatory reporting?

From a technology point of view it is mostly plumbing.



The major challenge

Uncertainty

We do not currently know what questions we will be asked to answer 6-12 months from now.

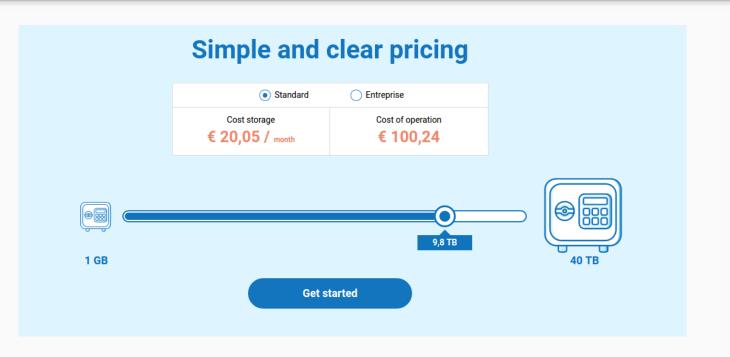
The usual approaches to architecting data warehouse solutions, even the most sophisticated ones, simply don't work.

The solution

Gather as much raw data as possible from as many sources as possible and store **everything**.

The general idea being that the raw data presumably required as input to answer any future questions will be already available in a central location (albeit in a very unstructured, opaque form).

An example ...



Making sense of a sea of data

Requires on demand massive processing power. Fits the cloud model well.

For time critical processes infrastructure can be scaled out on demand to thousands of CPUs running in parallel.

This resource elasticity enables an organization to answer ad hoc questions **efficiently** (most times) and unplanned processes can be introduced with relative ease.

As it turns out this is extremely useful to any data driven organization.

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Exception Management

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The Solution

Ensure processes and components are very lenient when receiving data and very strict when producing data

Maximize data visibility and ability to perform ad hoc queries

Keep processes and components composable

The Challenge

How do we ensure access to the client's data is limited to authorized personnel/entities? How do we ensure we maintain such controls?

How do we monitor and control ongoing development, product releases, configuration and infrastructure changes?

What is our business continuity plan?

Very hard to setup such processes.

The Solution

Code the infrastructure

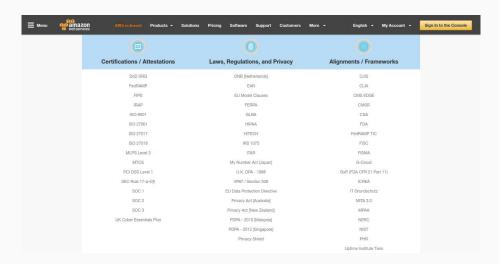
Requirements relating to physical components become irrelevant.

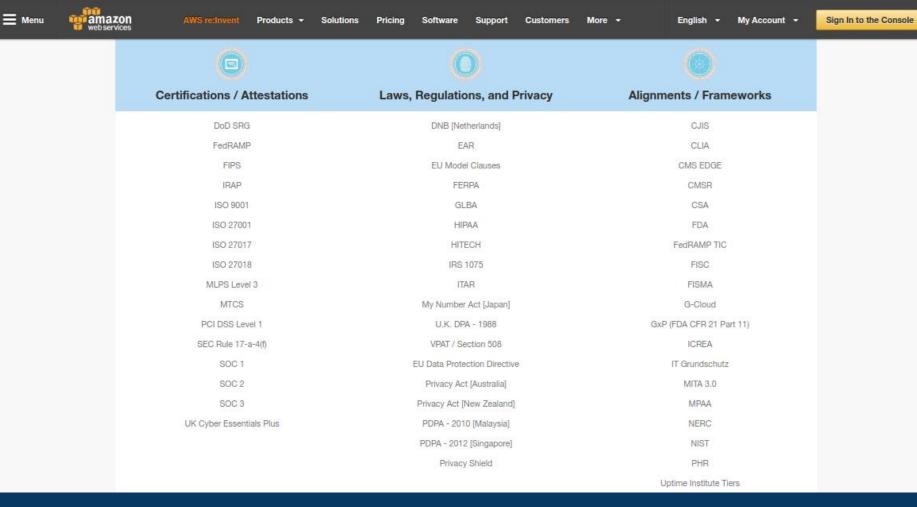
Implementing, documenting and managing complex manual processes is transformed into implementing, documenting and managing complex chunks of code. We know how to do that!

Allows for automatic deployment options and the transformation of infrastructure provisioning and disaster recovery processes into code. We know how to control and manage code and have very sophisticated

The Challenge

Compliance & Regulation!





The Solution

Though a cloud provider's compliance programs are in general not transferable to it's clients, in some cases they are. And more become available and transferable to us as cloud providers expand their offering up the stack, to higher level services and APIs.

Transforming rigid, physical processes into programmable systems and APIs is an

extraordinary

development.

