WHERE SHOULD YOU STORE YOUR AWS BACKUP SNAPSHOTS?
for cost-savings and availability

As your AWS cloud environment grows, you end up with hundreds of snapshots to manage. Luckily, you can balance availability with affordability by choosing where to store backup snapshots in AWS. Use this easy infographic to decide which one is best for your team!

How quickly do you need to be able to access your backup data?

- **SECONDS**
  - **YOUR BEST CHOICE:**
    - EBS Snapshots
    - Ideal for: short-term
    - RTO: ~30 seconds
    - Cost: $0.05-$0.1/GB

- **MINUTES**
  - Are your backup snapshots happening more frequently than once every 7 days?
    - **YES**
      - Will you be storing this for at least 3 months (minimum)?
        - **YES**
          - **YOUR BEST CHOICE:**
            - Amazon S3 Storage
            - Ideal for: medium-term
            - RTO: minutes to hours
            - Cost: ~$0.0125/GB
        - **NO**
          - **YOUR BEST CHOICE:**
            - S3 Infrequent Access
            - Ideal for: medium-term
            - RTO: minutes to hours
            - Cost: ~$0.00125/GB
    - **NO**
      - **YOUR BEST CHOICE:**
        - Glacier Storage
        - Ideal for: long-term
        - RTO: hours to days
        - Cost: ~$0.004/GB

- **HOURS**
  - Are you storing these for compliance purposes (or is cost is more important than speed of access)?
    - **YES**
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HOW TO DO THIS?
EASILY SETUP AUTOMATIC SNAPSHOT ARCHIVING POLICIES + SCHEDULES
with N2WS Backup & Recovery

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