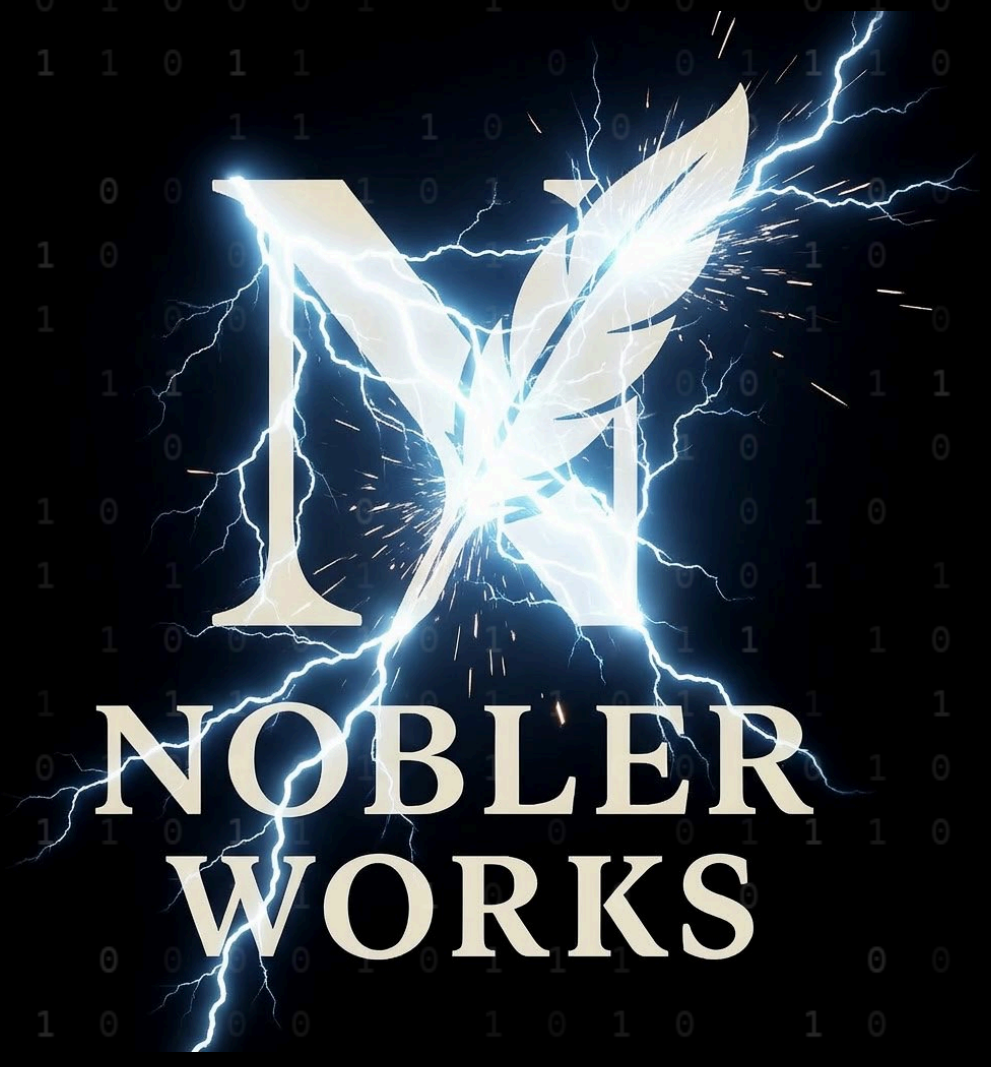


Your AWS bill doesn't spike. It drips.

Ten line items below the fold that nobody chose and nobody reads.

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The person who wrote the Terraform never reads the invoice.

Everyone checks EC2, RDS and S3. Those are the costs you chose.

The leaks live in the services you never chose. They don't break anything, so they survive for years.

01

NAT Gateway data processing

Every GB from a private subnet is metered, including traffic to S3 and DynamoDB.

Fix: Gateway endpoints for S3 and DynamoDB. They're free.

02

Cross-AZ data transfer

Billed per GB in both directions. It hides inside EC2, never as its own headline.

Fix: Keep chatty hot paths inside one zone.

03 Public IPv4 addresses

Since February 2024, every public IPv4 bills by the hour. Attached or not.

Fix: Count them. Release the idle ones. Front the rest.

04 Load balancers with no traffic

An ALB bills hourly whether it serves a million requests or zero.

Fix: Find the ones for environments that no longer exist.

05 Unattached EBS volumes and old snapshots

The instance was terminated. The disk and its backups weren't.

Fix: Delete what nobody will ever restore. Lifecycle the rest.

06 gp2 volumes that should be gp3

gp3 is cheaper per GB and you choose its performance.

Fix: Migrate in place. No downtime.

07 Incomplete S3 multipart uploads

Failed uploads leave parts behind. They never show in the bucket listing. You pay for them anyway.

Fix: One lifecycle rule to abort them.

08 CloudWatch log groups set to "Never expire"

That's the default. They grow forever and bill forever.

Fix: Set retention on every group.

09 Extended Support on RDS and EKS

Run a version past end of standard support and AWS adds a surcharge, automatically.

Fix: Put the upgrade on the roadmap before the date, not after.

10

The database sized for a launch that never came

Oversized RDS, Provisioned IOPS on a quiet table, a cluster with one tenant. Nothing breaks, so nobody looks.

Fix: Size to the last 30 days, not the launch plan. Then buy commitments.

Commitments come last. A Savings Plan on an oversized fleet locks in the waste.

Cost Explorer groups by service. Not by waste.

Finance sees a number that went up and assumes growth.

Engineering never sees the number at all.

The money leaks in the gap between the architecture and the invoice. Somebody has to own that gap.

One week. Line by line.

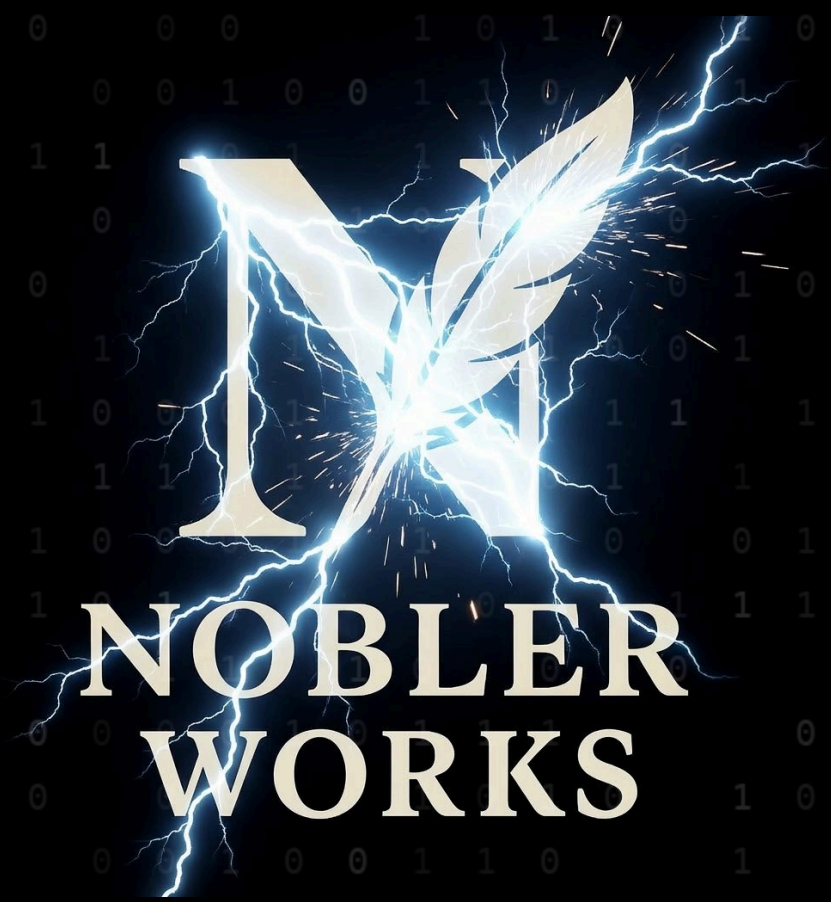
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