Deploying and running multi-tenant IdP, SP and FLR in Amazon AWS



Radiator Software

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Motivation and background

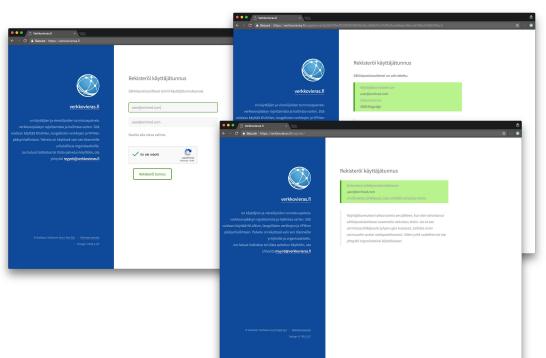
- Radiator as a service for organisations without RADIUS server or expertise to maintain one
- Easy way to participate in roaming federations such as roam.fi and eduroam



- Cloud based
- Turnkey subscription
- Simple user enrolment and optional guest accounts
- PAP and EAP (PEAP, TTLS and PWD) supported

User enrolment

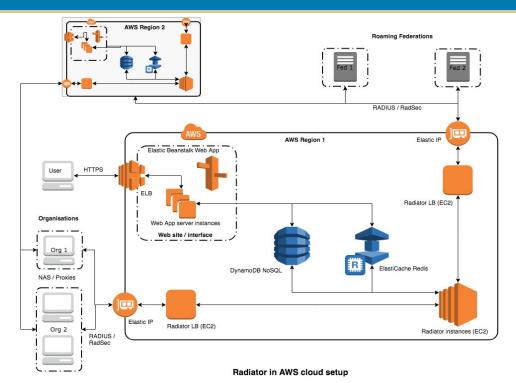
- Organisation's users enrol with their email address
- A verification link is sent to the email address
- After the verification, a password will be generated and shown



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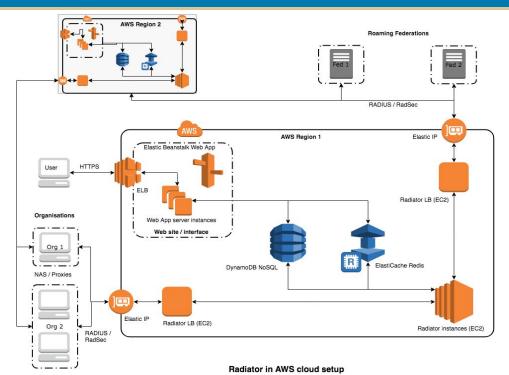
Architecture

- Multi-tenant
 - Organisations identified by source IP
- Two separate AWS regions for high availability
- Horizontal and vertical scaling for performance



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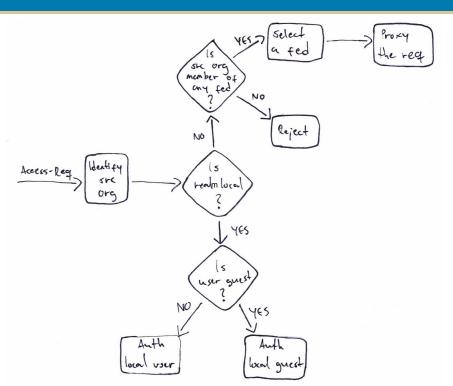
- Custom Radiator LB used for load balancing
- Web interface deployed as Elastic Beanstalk Web App
- Everything stored within DynamoDB NoSQL
 - Redis used as a faster cache



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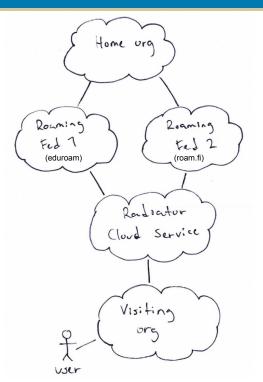
Request flow

- Access-Requests are labeled with a source organisation identifier
- Each organisation has a separately configurable policy for guest access and roaming
- An organisation can be a member of multiple roaming federations



Handling multiple roaming federations

- How to select a roaming federation when multiple options?
 - Eduroam used as a default "gateway"
- A novel approach, advertise (aggregated) realms over Status-Server VSAs



Experiences

- Custom AMI image for Radiator instances
 Replaced by AWS OpsWorks (chef) in the future
- DynamoDB is priced by IOPS
 Aurora SQL DB would be a better option for aggregating statistics
- Some connection problems with ElastiCache Redis time to time



Questions?

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