Big Picture

EC2 is the heart of AWS cloud computing, and was the very first compute service that AWS offered, starting in 2006. There are now many compute services on AWS, but EC2 remains the most important.

Automation and security best practices are critical when connecting EC2 to other AWS services, in order to minimize human error and create a path for automatic scaling in the future.

That why, in this lesson, you'll practice not only launching EC2 instances, but also configuring security and provisioning the instances automatically.

