# AWS: Amazon Web Services Lab Practice Guide

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### 1. About Author

Ankam Ravi Kumar has more than 10+ years of experience in Information Technology Operations and production support streams. He served more than 5 companies in his career and still continuing.

We provide server and data center related services from purchasing of underlying hardware to provisioning the applications.

Solid industry experience in Infrastructure Management/Customer Support/Operations and Training Domains. I love to help people by sharing my knowledge and skills. I always believe "Power is gained by Sharing Knowledge not hoarding it".

- Operating System Management Such has Linux Different Flavors, Red hat, Fedora, Ubuntu, AIX, Solaris and Windows
- Enterprise Server Management
- Installing and configuring Blade Servers
- Core Storage Management Dell-EMC, IBM and NetApp
- Database Management MSSQL, POSTGRESQL, MariaDB and MySQL
- Process Management ITIL
- Virtualization management RHEV, vSphere, VMware, KVM, Hyper-V and XEN
- Backup and Recovery Management NetVault, Commvault and Symantec Backup Exec
- Application Server Management and Storage Cluster Management
- Data Center Management and Hosting Solutions
- Programming Languages such as PHP and HTML
- · Scripting Languages Shell, Perl and Python

Specialized in managing and building the Teams for IT services delivery and Service Support, Training and Operations in both smaller and larger companies. Rich experience and strong exposure in IT Infrastructure & Data Center Management.

Implementation of monitoring solutions for Enterprise, Using Tools Nagios, NagiosXI, Cacti, Solarwinds and LogicMonitor.

# 2. Services we provide to our customers



### **Data Storage**

Any type of storage categories like DAS, NAS, SAN and Unified. Like Netapp, Dell-EMC, IBM, HP, Hitachi, Pure storage and Synology.



# **Backup and Recovery**

We provide solutions for Online and Offline data backup. RPO and RTO less than ~5Minutes for any disaster recovery.



### **Networking**

Switching and routing. Specialized in Paloalto firewall configurations and VPN. Spam filtering and proxy configurations.



### **Servers**

Starting from server hardware configuration, requirement gathering to installing and configuring. Racking, Operating system and application to production. All brands.



# **Tape Libraries**

We do provide tape library with backup software's. starting from LTO3, LTO4, LTO5, LTO6 and LTO7. Qualstar, Dell, Quantum, HP and IBM.



### **Telecommunication**

Like PRI Lines, SIP, VoIP Services. Software and Hardware solutions for Inband and outband.



### Virtualization

Virtualization environment implementation, configurations and migrations. Vmware, Hyper-V and RHEV.



# **Web Applications**

Web application development. web designing and web development.



# **Application Migrations**

We handle a large number of application migrations, data migrations from on-frame to cloud and cloud to on-frame. Any kind of old systems data CIFS shares, User data migrations we will handle with care.

# 3. Cloud Computing Models

There are three main models for cloud computing. Each model represents a different part of the cloud computing stack.

### 3.1.Infrastructure as a Service (laaS):

Infrastructure as a Service, sometimes abbreviated as IaaS, contains the basic building blocks for cloud IT and typically provide access to networking features, computers (virtual or on dedicated hardware), and data storage space. Infrastructure as a Service provides you with the highest level of flexibility and management control over your IT resources and is most similar to existing IT resources that many IT departments and developers are familiar with today.

### 3.2. Platform as a Service (PaaS):

Platforms as a service remove the need for organizations to manage the underlying infrastructure (usually hardware and operating systems) and allow you to focus on the deployment and management of your applications. This helps you be more efficient as you don't need to worry about resource procurement, capacity planning, software maintenance, patching, or any of the other undifferentiated heavy lifting involved in running your application.

# 3.3.Software as a Service (SaaS):

Software as a Service provides you with a completed product that is run and managed by the service provider. In most cases, people referring to Software as a Service are referring to end-user applications. With a SaaS offering you do not have to think about how the service is maintained or how the underlying infrastructure is managed; you only need to think about how you will use that particular piece software. A common example of a SaaS application is webbased email where you can send and receive email without having to manage feature additions to the email product or maintaining the servers and operating systems that the email program is running on.

### 4. Amazon Free Tier Account Creation

Read this conditions before creating a free tier account.

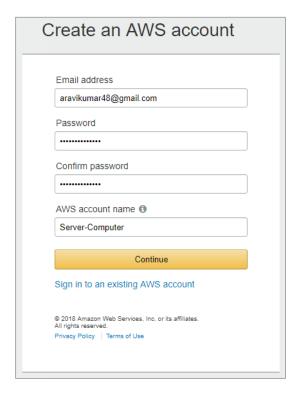
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## Prerequisites:

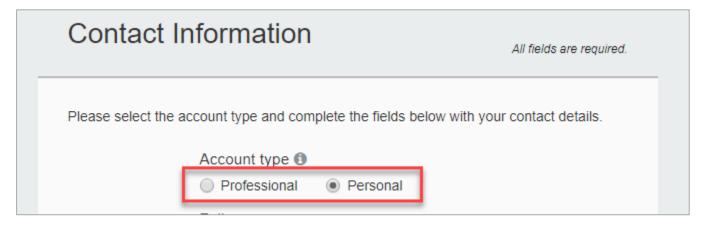
- Credit card with minimum 1\$ available balance
- Reachable mobile number for verification

https://aws.amazon.com/console/

Click on Create an AWS Account

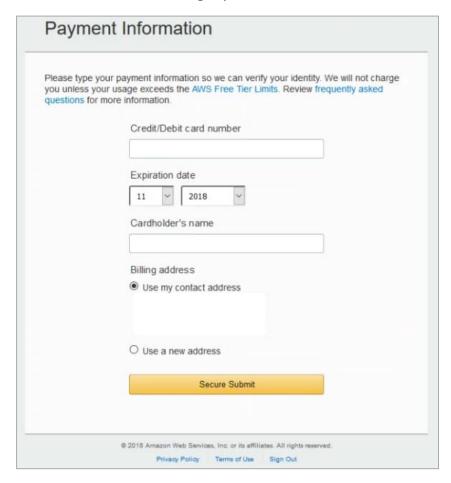


Fill the details example is shown above and click continue

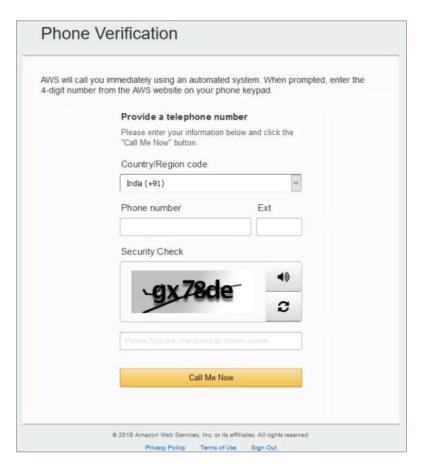


### Click on radio button

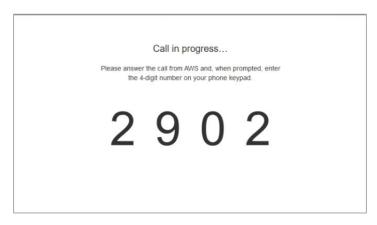
- Professional is for company
- Personal is for single person



Provide your credit card details correctly, Card Number, Expiry Date and Card Holder Name Click on <u>Secure Submit</u>



It will ask you to enter phone number, Security check then click on **Call Me Now** 



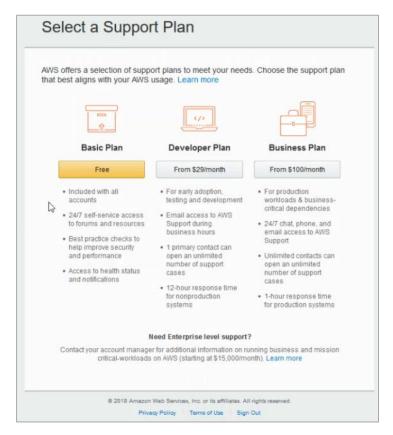
You will receive a call from AWS tele communication and ask you to enter the code displayed on screen.

**Note:** Listen All the Details carefully and proceed by entering code displayed on screen.

After successful verification



### **Continue**



# Select Support plan in this case select Free



You successfully completed Free Tier Account Creation. Login and Enjoy AWS Free Tier.

## **AWS Console**





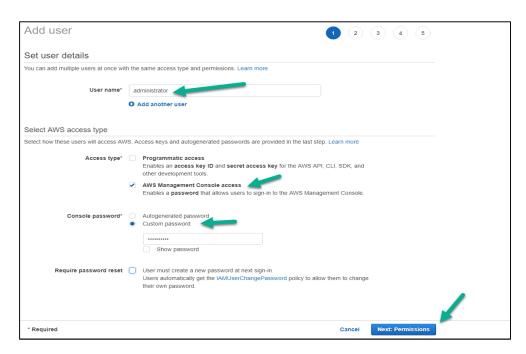
Provide your email address and password to **Sign In** 

# 5. Enabling Multi-Factor Authentication to Secure Your Access

Go To IAM under Services → Security, Identify & Compliance → IAM



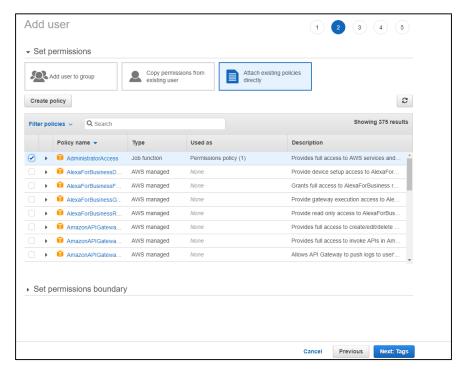
Click on Users → Add User



Provide user name, select access type

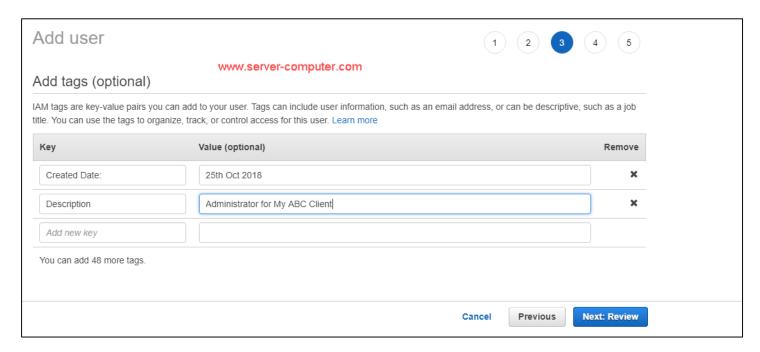
- Programmatic Access Required for automation, run any operation using programs
- AWS Management Console Access User will have web console access

### Click Next Permissions

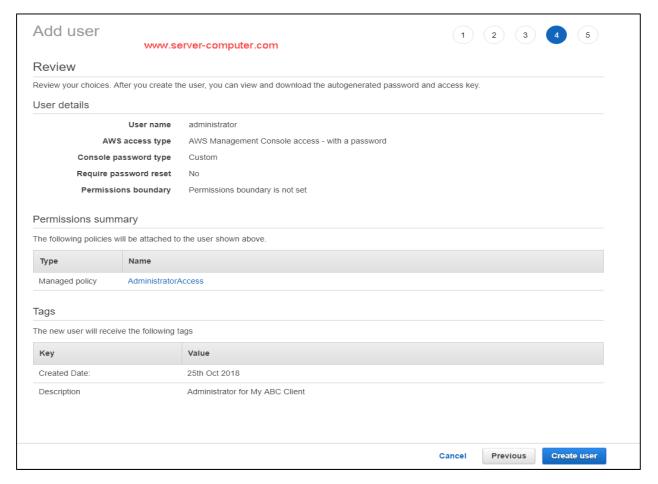


### Click Next: Tags

Add tags whatever required to identify user



### Click Next: Review



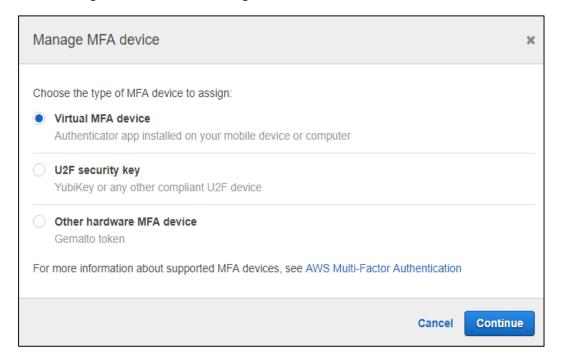
### Click Create User

User creation has been completed successfully now you will get on access URL with your account number. Note the URL.

Now Click on User name → Security credentials

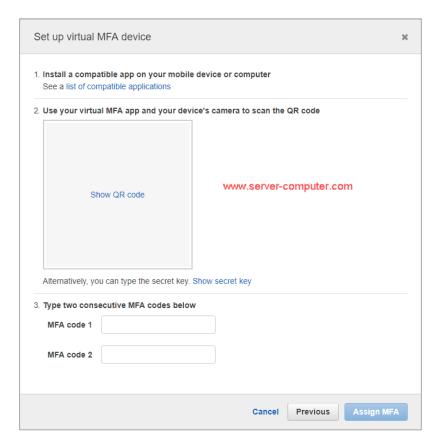


#### Click on Assigned MFA Device - Manage



Use any method based on your requirement. Here I am showing Virtual MFA Device method Install Google Authenticator in your smart phone and ready to pair

#### Click Continue



Click in Show QR Code and scan the same code from your Google authenticator App. It will generate 6 digit codes enter one code in first MFA code1 and second one in MFA Code 2 Click on <u>Assign MFA</u>



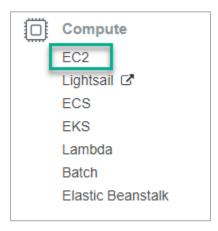
That's it, now you successfully enabled MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication).

Here after if you want to login you have to enter credentials and MFA code to Login.

# 6. Creating First Linux Instance

Login to AWS console, services drop down click on EC2

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### Click on Launch instance

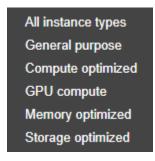




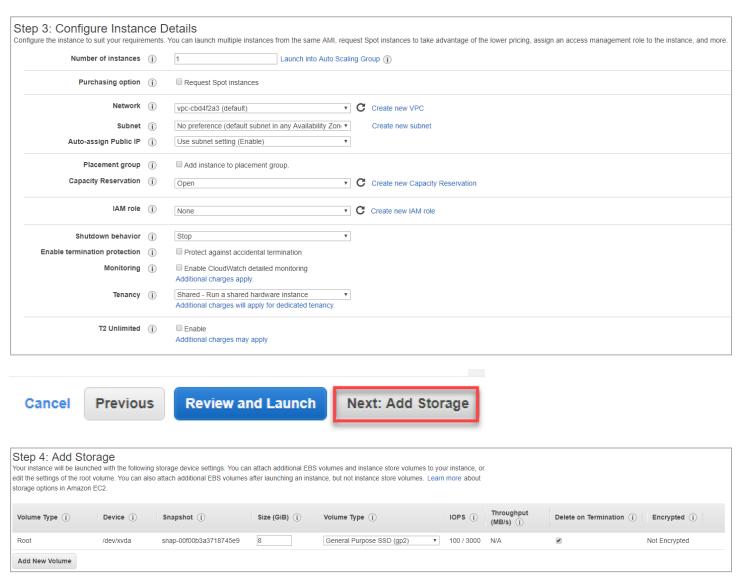
### I am selecting Free Tier instance Amazon Linux



### We have below types of instances







Add storage - EBS Elastic Block Storage volume will attached to your instance



Tags to identify the details about instance (Production/Test/Dev/Client Name)

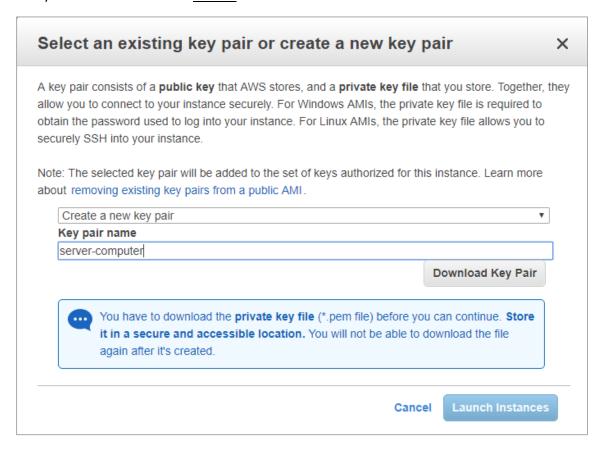




Using security group we can allow/deny any ports



Verify the details and click on Launch



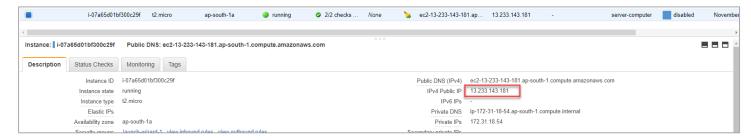
For the first time you create a new key pair and Download Key Pair

Server-computer.pem file will downloaded, keep it safe

#### **Launch Instances**

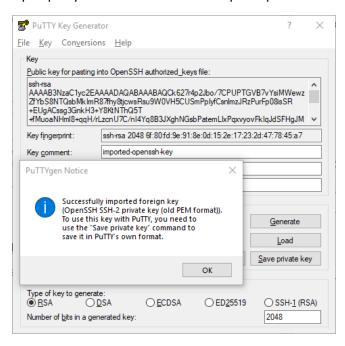
Go to EC2  $\rightarrow$  See the instances

Click on instance and copy the Public IP Address



Install putty msi installer you will get PuttyGen and Putty for accessing Linux machine

Open puttyGen and load server-computer.pem file

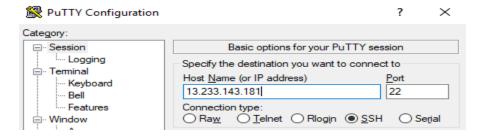


Click Ok.

#### **Save Private Key**

In this case, I have used server-computer1.ppk

Open putty application and type IP address as shown below



SSH Kex Host keys	Allow attempted changes of usemame in SSH-2 Private key file for authentication:
Cipher Auth	Browse

Expand SSH → Click on Auth → Browse and attach .ppk file

### Click on **Open**

You successfully logged into your Amazon Linux instance

As example, we are going to install web server in Linux server and access using web browser

```
sudo yum update
sudo yum install httpd
sudo service httpd start
sudo service httpd status
sudo chkconfig httpd on
```

Now go back to your EC2 → Security Groups and Add 80 port



Open browser and type your instance public IP address you can access web-server test page.

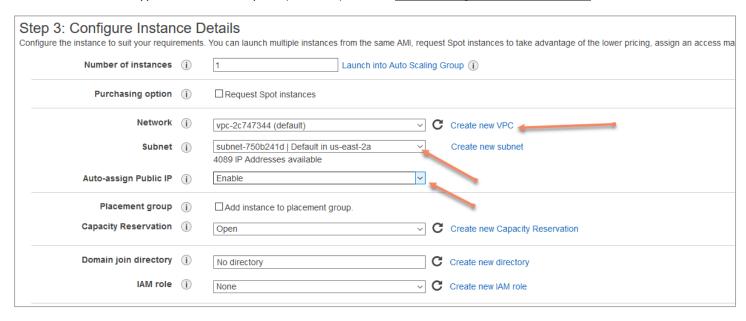
### 7. Create your First EC2 windows instance

Expand services EC2 → Launch Instance



### Select Windows Image

Choose an Instance Type → General Purpose (t2.micro) → Click Next: Configure Instance Details →



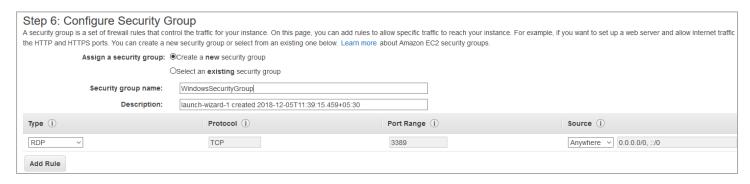
Select VPC, subnet and enable Public IP address.

### Click Next: Add Storage

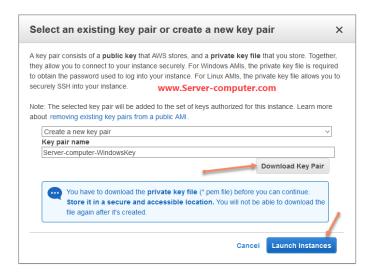
#### Click Next: Add Tags

Add Tags to identify instance details Like Name, Purpose, Account and so and so

### Click Next: Configure Security Group



Click Review and Launch



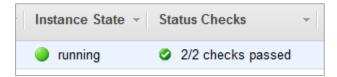
### **Download Key Pair** and **Launch Instance**

Note: Wait 4 Minutes instance to launch

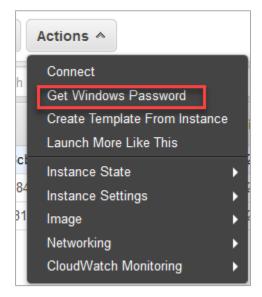
It should display the following:

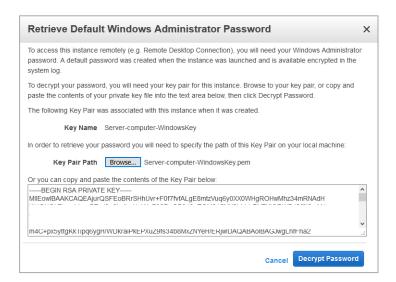
Instance State: running

Status Checks: 2/2 checks passed



Select instance you have launched → Actions





Browse server-computer-WindowsKey.pem file to decrypt and get password



Now you got password successfully. Click Close.

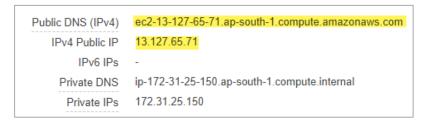
Go to your windows machine Start  $\rightarrow$  Run  $\rightarrow$  mstsc  $\rightarrow$  Ok



Click **connect** and type user name and password you are connected to your EC2 windows instance.

# 8. Assigning Elastic IP Addresses to Instance (Static IP Address)

Click on instance name and see instance details like Internal and external IP Address, Host name



However, after stop and start of instance assigned public IP address will release to the amazon free pool

If would like to assign an static public address then navigate to Elastic IP's

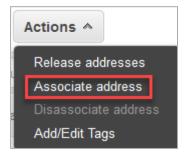


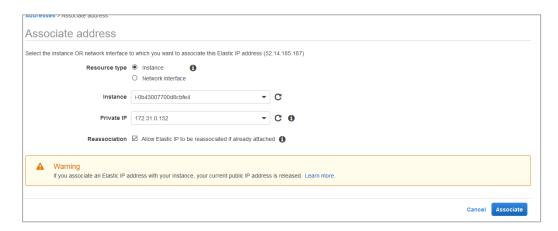
EC2 console right side bar go down → Elastic IPs → Allocate New Address



Click Allocate. Amazon allocate you static IP address

Select the IP from Elastic IPs console → Actions → Associate Address





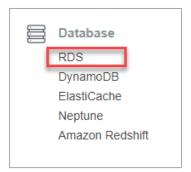
Select Instance ID check Instance ID before allocating. Click **Associate** 

<u>Note:</u> If you have, multiple interfaces to the instance click on Radio button **Network Interface** and select correct NIC card name and Local IP Address.

Now your existing instance has static Public IP address, if you restart your instance also you will get same IP address until you detach from instance.

## 9. Launching RDS Instance

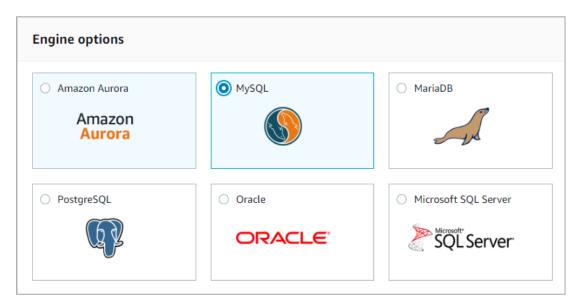
Login to AWS Console and Click on services to list all services. Navigate to **Database** → **RDS** 



Now we are going to create a new Database instance with empty database

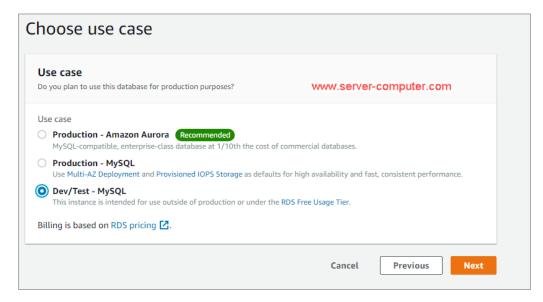


Amazon will support below 5 types of Relational database engines as managed services

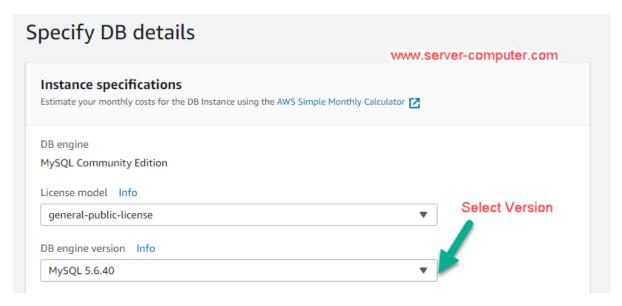


Select any one of the database engine, which you want to launch and Click Next

**Note:** Careful if you are using free tier account. MSSQL and Oracle are charged.



Choose appropriate usage of your instance. In this scenario, I am using Dev/Test instance Click Next



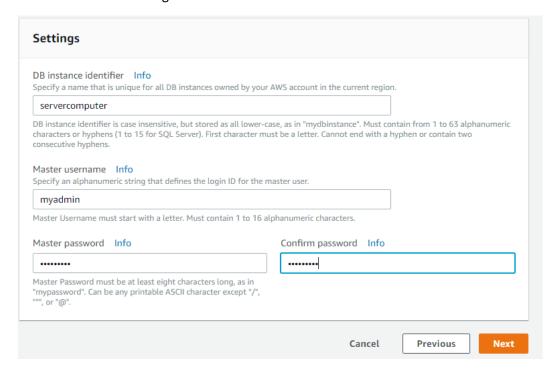
In drop down, select appropriate and required MySQL Version.

Note: If you select Free Tier. Selected version and options will overwritten free options.



- 1. Select DB Instance class like required CPU Cores and RAM.
- 2. Create Replica in Different Zone. (Which means database will be replicated to another available zone for redundant(data protection))
- 3. General purpose (SSD) or provisioned IOPS (SSD)
  - a. General purpose is for low through put applications

- b. Provisioned IOPS is for most read/write operations
- 4. Size of the storage

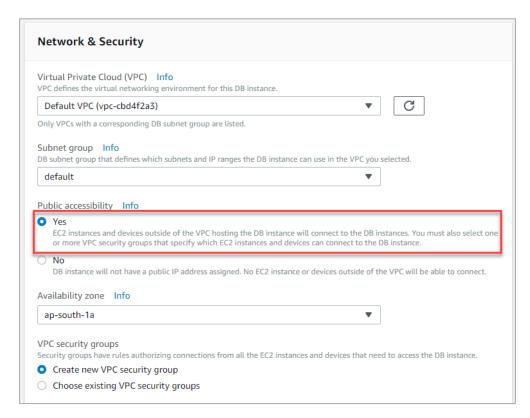


#### Provide

- Instance name should be unique
- Master username anything you can give without special characters
- Provide master password and remember



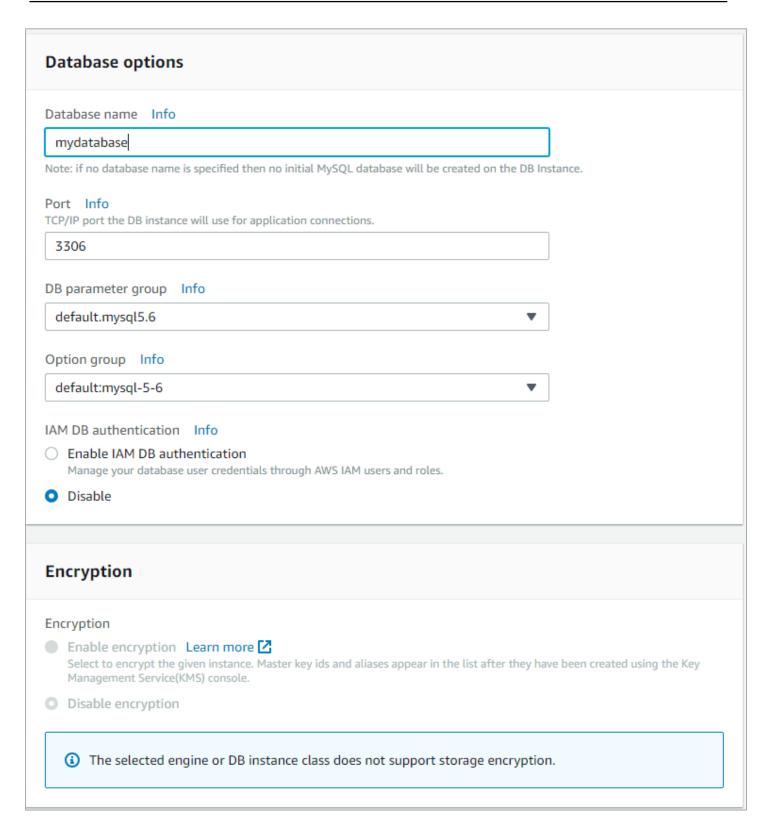
DO NOT FORGOT TO SELECT IF YOU'RE USING FREE TIER OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE CHARGED



Select appropriate VPC and Subnet group (If any)

If you want access database from remote machine put "Public Accessibility" Yes

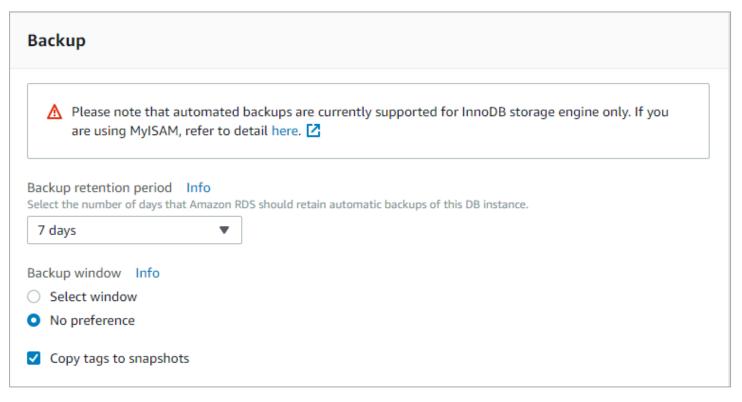
Choose existing VPC security groups if you have already or it will create new security group for this instance access.



Provide database name, default port number is 3306 you can even customize the port number if you want.

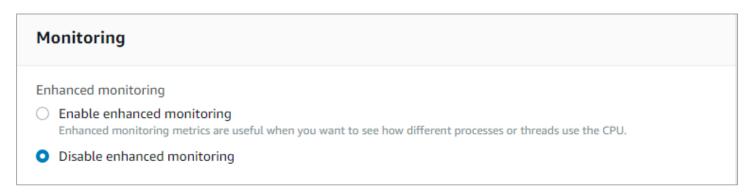
Enabling IAM DB Authentication. IAM Users also can access your instance based on IAM policies.

For free tier encryption option is disabled



If you want database backups select, the retention max is **35 Days** 

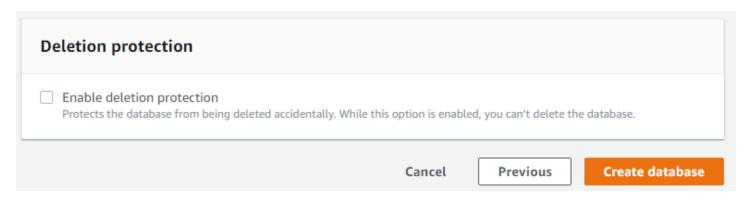
If you have particular backup window for database select it otherwise leave it default.



Enhanced monitoring will charged

Log exports		
Select the log types to publish to Amazon CloudWatch Logs		
☐ Audit log		
☐ Error log		
☐ General log		
☐ Slow query log		
IAM role The following service-linked role is used for publishing logs to CloudWatch Logs.		
RDS Service Linked Role		
Maintenance		
Auto minor version upgrade Info		
<ul> <li>Enable auto minor version upgrade</li> <li>Enables automatic upgrades to new minor versions as they are released. The automatic upgrades occur during the maintenance window for the DB instance.</li> </ul>		
Disable auto minor version upgrade		
Maintenance window Info Select the period in which you want pending modifications or patches applied to the DB instance by Amazon RDS.		
Select window		
No preference		

Select the options you required



Enabling database protection, you cannot delete database

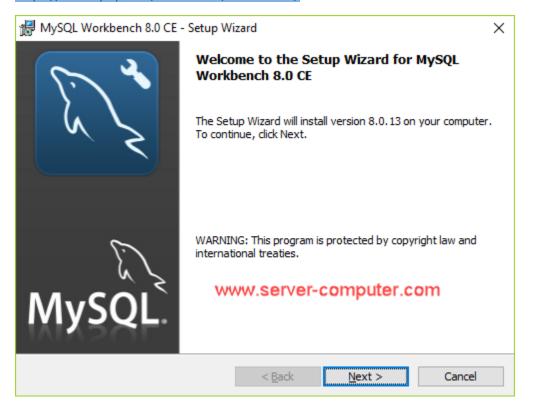
### Click Create Database

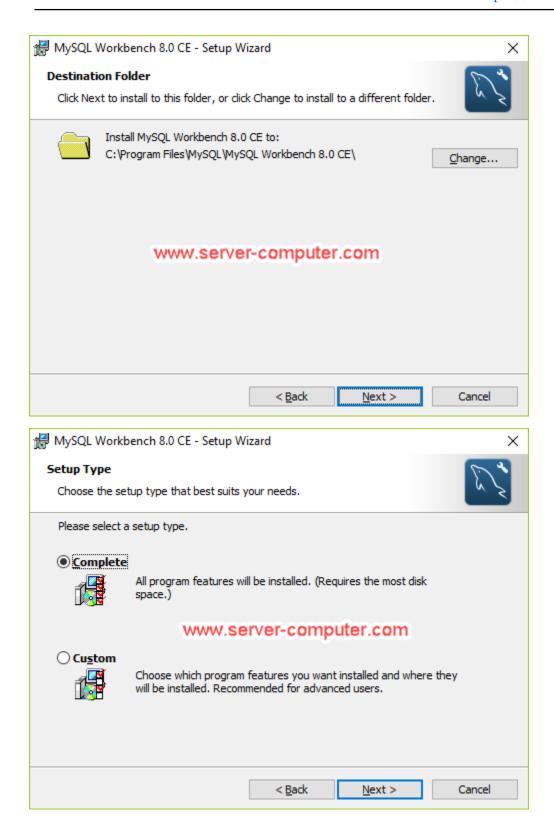
Note: Database instance creation will take at least 10minutes.

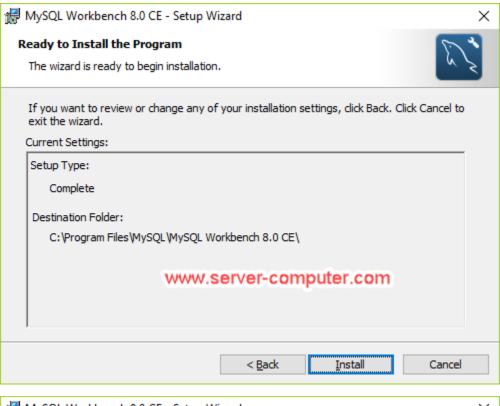
### 10. Accessing MySQL Instance Using Workbench

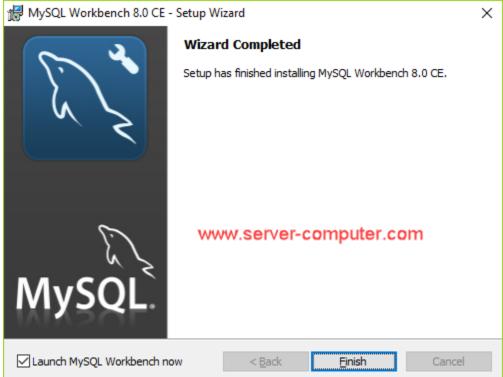
Download MySQL Workbench to access MySQL instance remotely

https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/workbench/









After successful creation you see like below

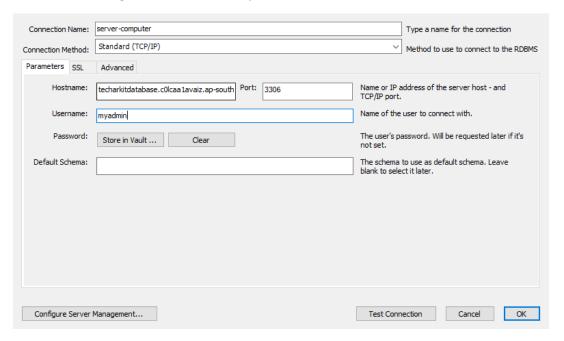


Click on Database name and come down copy the Endpoint URL

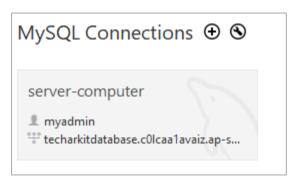
Open your MySQL workbench and create connection



Click on Plus (+) sign to create a New MySQL Connection

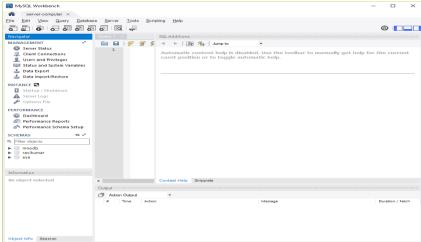


#### Click **OK**



After successful creation, Click on Connection it will ask you for the password





Successfully launched MySQL RDS Instance and accessed via MySQL Work bench.

Run below queries to create database and some tables on it.

```
create database 'DBNAME';
use DBNAME;
```

### Create Table using below query

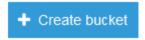
```
create table students(
    student_id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    student_title VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    student_author VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
    submission_date DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY ( student_id )
);
show databases;
use DBNAME;
show tables;
```

If you know much more database queries like select, insert and delete statement try doing more. Good Luck.

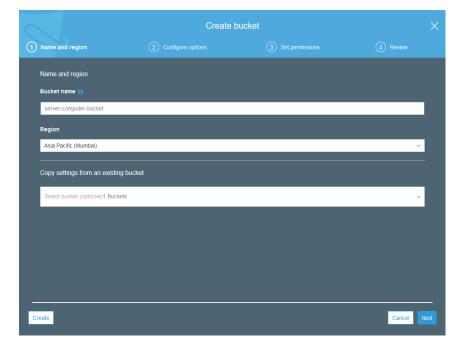
### 11. AWS S3 Bucket

Login to AWS Console and navigate to storage → S3

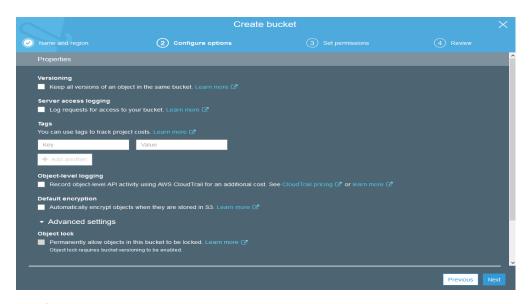




#### Click on

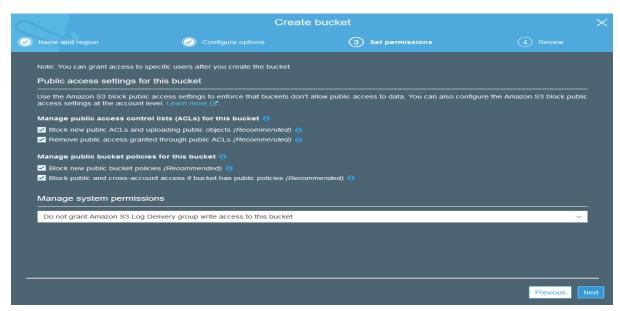


Provide bucket name, it should be a unique name. To Access your S3 bucket over internet it will create DNS entry.



- **Keep All Version of object** means it will not delete any files if you upload same file multiple times. It will keep all the files as multiple versions
- Log Requests for access to your bucket option will log all the actions users did on this particular S3 bucket
- Object-level Logging used to monitor all the object level modifications. Additional cost.
- **Encryption** You can encrypt S3 bucket data or Encrypt and upload the data either way your data is encrypted.
- Object Lock
- Cloudwatch request metrics for monitoring purpose

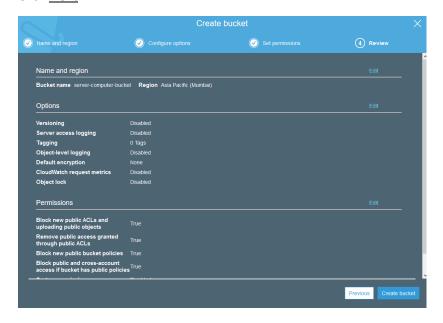
### Click Next



AWS recent update is to block public access by default, if you want to enable public access to your S3 bucket un-check all above tick marks.

Still you can provide access to other users on bucket level and object level.

#### Click Next



Final Step is to review selected options and Click Create bucket

Your S3 bucket created successfully. Click bucket name you will see all the options

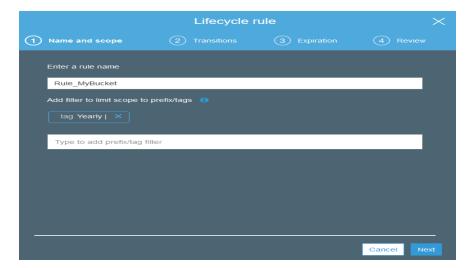
https://s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/server-computer-bucket

Above is the example URL to access your S3 bucket over internet

## 11.1. AWS S3 Lifecycle Management

#### Click on S3 Bucket → Management → Lifecycle

You can manage an objects lifecycle using this feature/rule, which defines



**Enter Rule Name** 

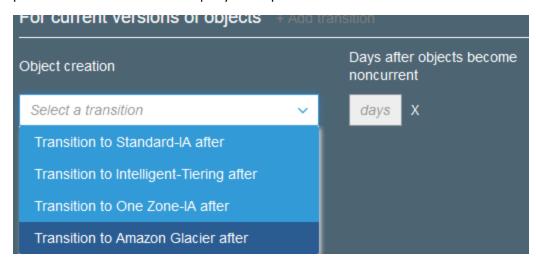
Tag Name if you do not want leave it blank

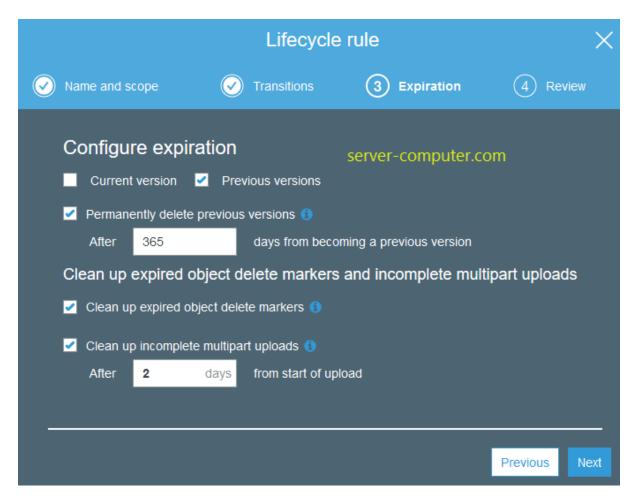
#### Click Next



- Current Versions
- Previous Versions

Based on selected versions action will be performed example if you want to keep current versions in A1 or maybe previous versions on Glacier as per your requirement





Explanation: Previous versions of files after 365 days means one year permanently delete from S3 bucket.

Clean up expired and incomplete uploads after 2 days.



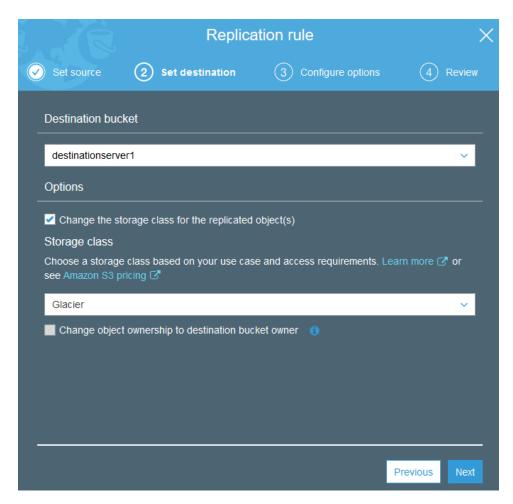
Click Save.

## 11.2. S3 Bucket Replication to Cross-Region

### S3 bucket Name → Management → Replication

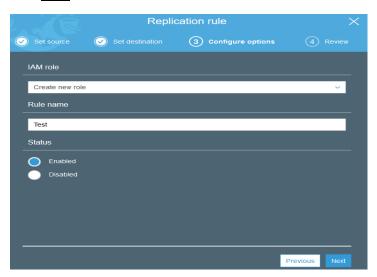
**Note:** In order to enable Replication for S3 bucket **Versioning** should enabled.





Select Destination bucket within same account or another account

Options to Change Storage class and permissions in destination



Select existing IAM Role or Create new for replication. In this case, I am creating new role for replication called Test Click **Next** 

Review final and Click Save

### 11.3. S3 Bucket Policies to control Access

Click on bucket Name → Permissions → bucket policy

https://awspolicygen.s3.amazonaws.com/policygen.html

Go to this above URL and generate policy if you do not know how to write a S3 bucket policy

```
Step 1: Select Policy Type

A Policy is a container for permissions. The different types of policies you can create are an IAM Policy, an S3 Bucket Policy, an SNS Topic Policy, a VPC Endpoint Policy, and an SQS Queue Policy.

Select Type of Policy S3 Bucket Policy

Step 2: Add Statement(s)

A statement is the formal description of a single permission. See a description of elements that you can use in statements.

Effect Allow Deny

Principal Selection

Principal Use a comma to separate multiple values.

AWS Service Amazon S3 Actions Actions Actions 1 Action(s) Selected All Actions (**)

Amazon Resource Name (ARN)

ARI should follow the following format: arniawe::3:::cbucket_name>/ckey_name>.

Add Conditions (Optional)

Add Statement
```

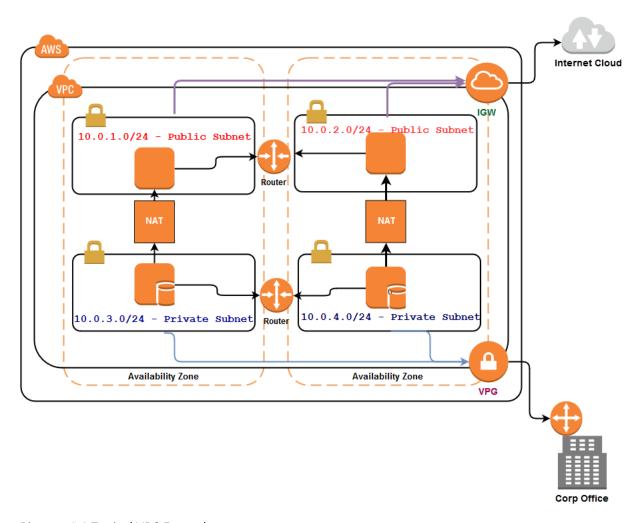
### Add Statement and click on Generate Policy

```
}
```

Same policy copy and paste it in policy editor and save

# 12. VPC – Virtual Private Cloud (isolated Network)

A **virtual private cloud** (VPC) is a virtual network dedicated to your AWS account. It is logically isolated from other virtual networks in the AWS Cloud. You can launch your AWS resources, such as Amazon EC2 instances, into your VPC.



Picture: 1.1 Typical VPC Example



Virtual Private Gateway

- Prouter
- Customer Gateway
- Internet Gateway
- Availability Zone
- VPC subnet

### **Architecture Explanation:**

- AWS in single region
- Two Availability zones
- One Virtual Private Cloud
- Four Subnets Two Are Public and Two Are Private subnets
- Four instances Two App Servers, Two Database Servers
- One Internet Gateway to access internet
- One Virtual Private Gateway to Connect Corporate Office
- > Two routers one is connected to private subnets, another is connected to public subnets

We would like to host web application with two web app servers and two Database servers. Two Tier architecture. Web app servers will serve to public, from public facing subnets. Database servers are in private network and only have access to app servers and corporate network (VPG).

When Database servers want to download any kind of files/patches from internet it routes through NAT Gateway and get the internet data from web app servers.



AWS Console → Services → Networking & Content Delivery → VPC → Your VPCs



VPC Name: MyVPC

IPv4 CIDR Block: 10.0.0.0/16 (Use this CIDR Calculator)

#### Click Create



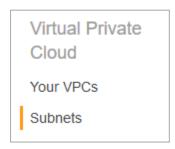
#### Create VPC



Your VPC created successfully.

## 12.1. Create subnets

Inside VPC to divide smaller blocks and separation





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In Similar way, create all four subnets

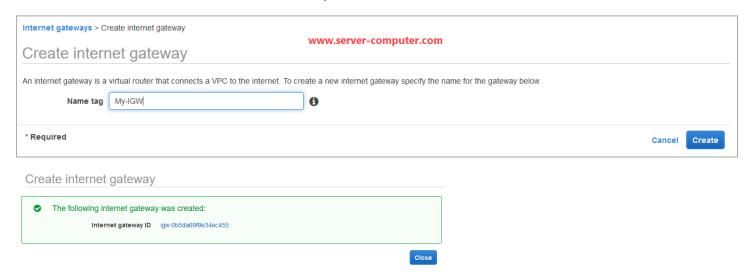
Subnet Name	Availability Zone	CIDR Block	Private/Public
S1-Private	Us-east-2a	10.0.1.0/24	Private
S2-Private	Us-east-2b	10.0.2.0/24	Private
S3-Public	Us-east-2a	10.0.3.0/24	Public
S4-Public	Us-east-2b	10.0.4.0/24	Public

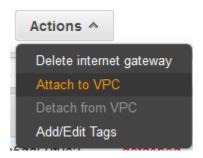


# 12.2. Create Internet gateway and attach to VPC

Internet Gateways. An internet gateway is a horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available VPC component that allows communication between instances in your VPC and the internet. It therefore imposes no availability risks or bandwidth constraints on your network traffic.

Attach to S3 and S4, after attach S3 and S4 become public subnets.





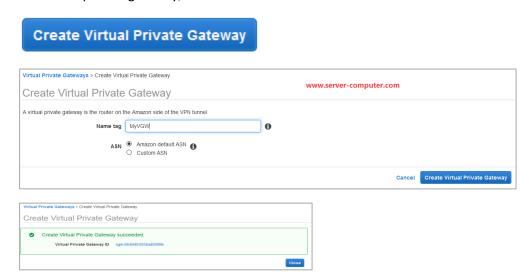
Now attach Internet Gateway to VPC

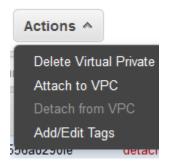


Select MyVPC in drop down menu Click Attach

## 12.3. Create Virtual Private Gateway and Attach to VPC

It can be a physical or software appliance. The anchor on the AWS side of the VPN connection is called a virtual private gateway. The following diagram shows your network, the customer gateway, the VPN connection that goes to the virtual private gateway, and the VPC.





### Attach VGW to MyVPC



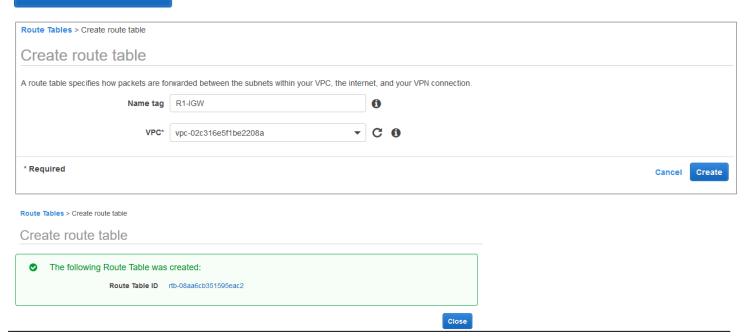
### 12.4. Create route tables and attach to subnets

Route Tables. A route table contains a set of rules, called routes that are used to determine where network traffic is directed. Each subnet in your VPC must be associated with a route table; the table controls the routing for the subnet.

One route for Internet gateway, another for Virtual private gateway (R1-IGW and R2-VGW)

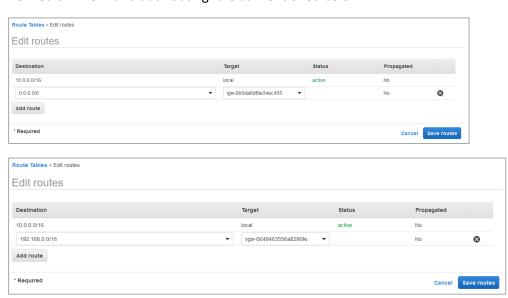
- Route 0.0.0.0/0 to IGW
- Route 192.168.0.0/16 to VGW

## Create route table

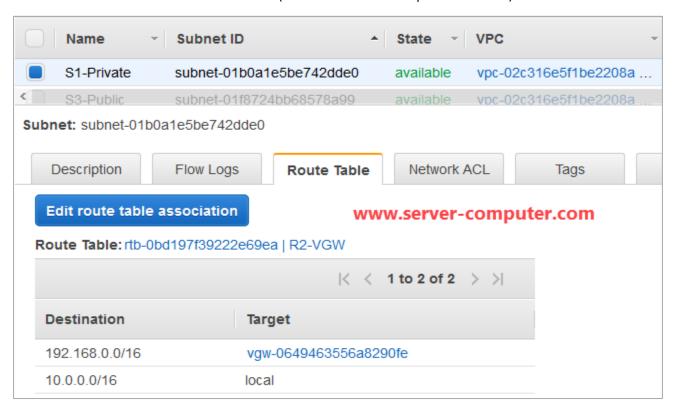


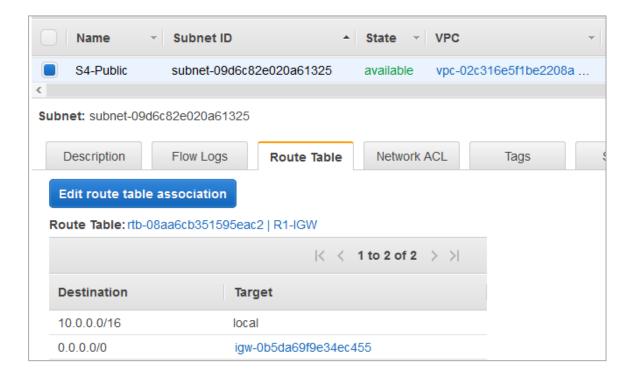


Now edit R1-IGW and add routing rule as mentioned below

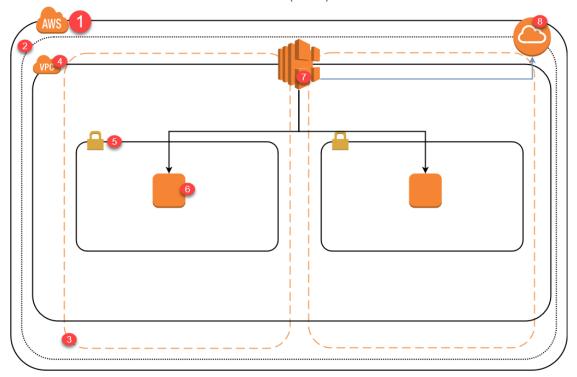


Attach routing tables to subnets. R1-IGW to S3-Public and S4-Public, public network required to have internet access. Attach R2-VGW to S1-Private and S2-Private (No internet become a private subnets)





## 13. AWS Elastic Load Balancer (ELB)



2.1 Elastic Load Balancer Typical Architecture

- 1. AWS Cloud
- 2. Region
- 3. Availability Zone
- 4. VPC Virtual Private Cloud
- 5. VPC Subnet
- 6. EC2 Instance Running Webserver
- 7. Elastic Load Balancer
- 8. Internet Gateway

**Elastic Load Balancing** (ELB) is a load-balancing service for Amazon Web Services (AWS) deployments. ELB automatically distributes incoming application traffic and scales resources to meet traffic demands.

### A Managed Load Balancing service

- Distributes load incoming application traffic across multiple targets, such as amazon EC2 instances, containers, and IP Addresses
- · Recognizes and responds to unhealthy instances
- Can be public or internal-facing
- Uses HTTP, HTTPS, TCP, and SSL Protocols
- Each Load Balancer is given a public DNS name
  - Internet-facing load balancers have DNS names which publicly resolve to the public IP Addresses of the load balancer of the load balancers nodes
  - Internal load balancers have DNS names, which publicly resolve to the private IP Addresses of the load balancers nodes.

#### **Types of ELB**

- 1. Application Load Balancer
- 2. Network Load Balancer
- 3. Classic Load Balancer

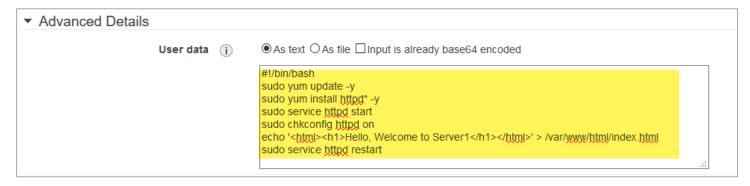
#### **ELB Practical**

- Launch two EC2 instances in different AZs
- Enable Web services
- Launch Load Balancer
- Add both instances under load balancer now check traffic

Follow **EC2 Linux instance launch steps** however in step two (configure Instance) go to down to the bottom in advanced section add below script will create auto webserver

```
#!/bin/bash
sudo yum update -y
sudo yum install httpd* -y
sudo service httpd start
sudo chkconfig httpd on
echo '<html><h1>Hello, Welcome to Server1</h1></html>' > /var/www/html/index.html
sudo service httpd restart
```

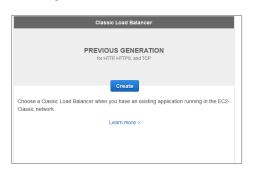
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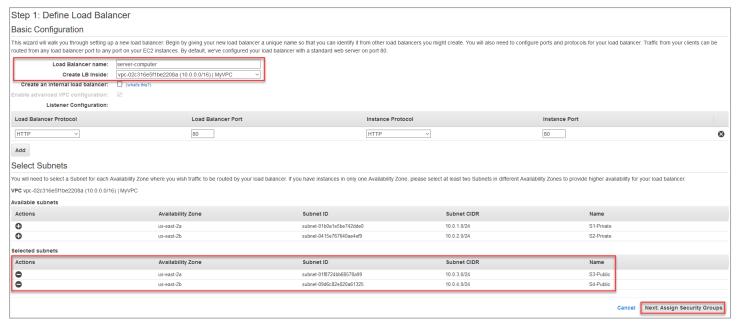


Note: while launching second instance change echo statement to server2

echo '<html><h1>Hello, Welcome to Server2</h1></html>' > /var/www/html/index.html

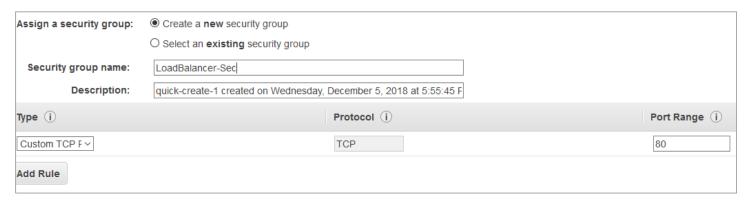
#### Creating Classic Elastic Load Balancer





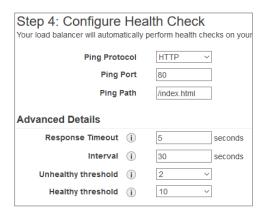
Click Next: Assign Security Groups

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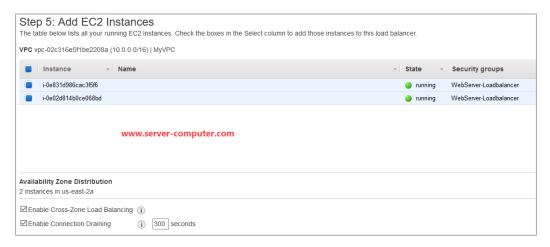
### Click Next: Security Settings

#### Click Next: Configure Health Checks



Specify your default web file in this example I am using /index.html

#### Click Next: Add EC2 Instances

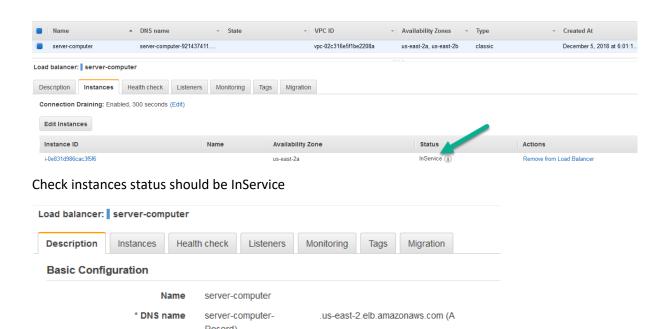


Click Next: Add Tags

#### **Click Review and Create**

#### Click Create

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Load Balancer DNS Name copy it and paste in web browser now fresh twice you will see response is coming from Server1 and Server2



Which concludes load balancer is working fine.