

Server Monitoring

Description:

Heaven Classics successfully creates an EC2 Server Instance for Windows 2022 Server. After launching the instance on the server, the next step was to monitor the operations.

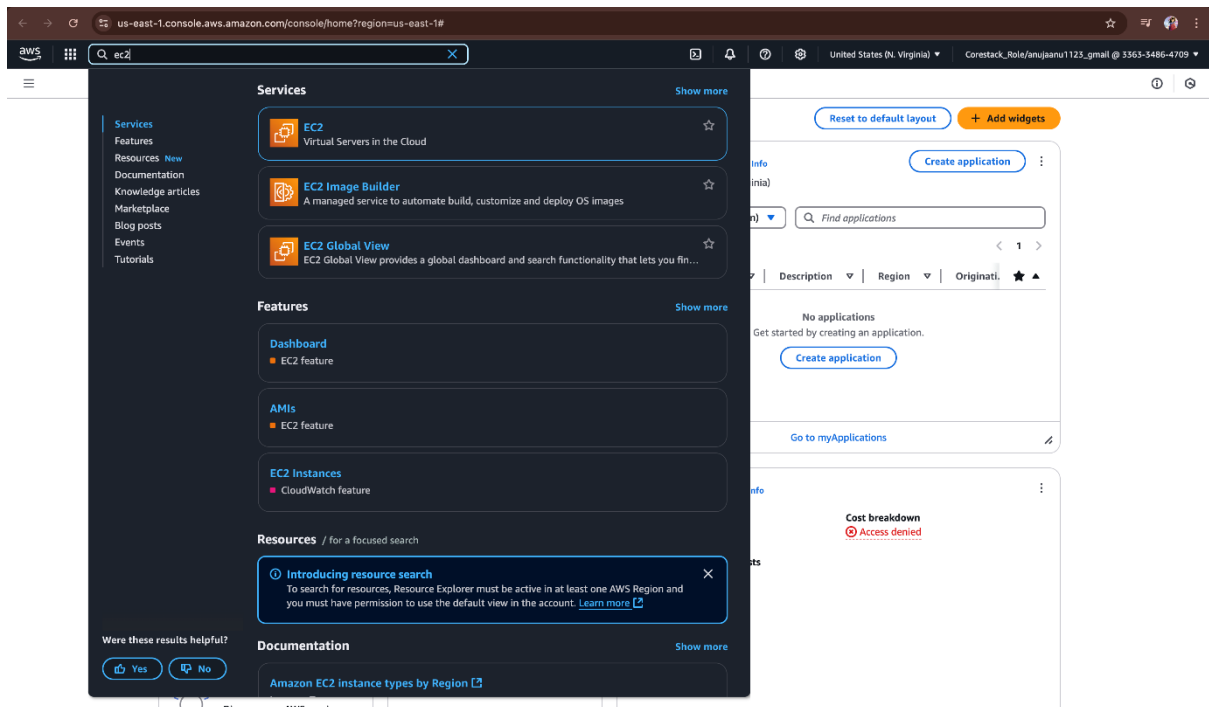
Monitoring is important to keep an eye on the performance of an EC2 instance. It helps gather data from all parts and is useful for debugging failure.

The monitoring team at Heaven Classics started monitoring activities using the CloudWatch Service in the AWS Management Console. The Heaven Classics support team were required to meet the following objectives:

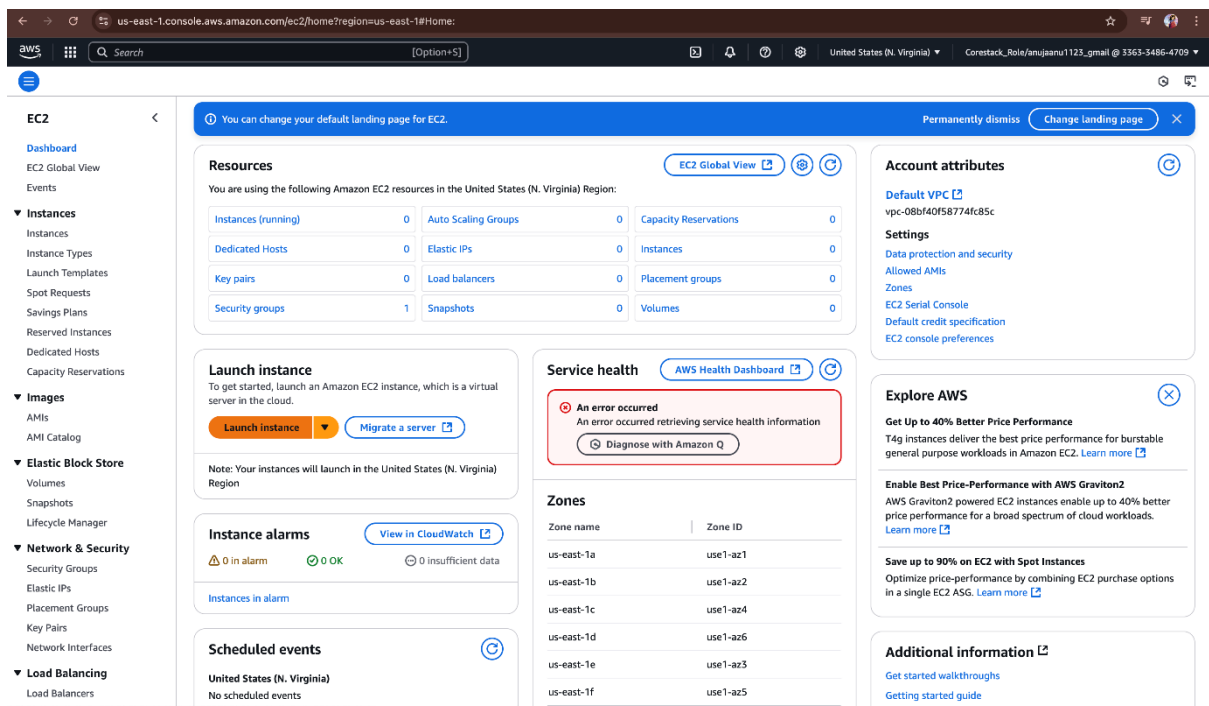
1. Check and observe the CPU utilization graph for the EC2 instance
2. Create and configure a CloudWatch alarm that sends an email notification to HCMonitor@HeavenClassics.com if the CPU utilization goes below the threshold of 3%, consecutively three times for five minutes
3. Create an IAM group named Administrator Group and attach the full administrator access policy to the group
4. Create a user for an employee of the company who requires administrator access to the company's AWS account and then add the user to the Administrator Group.

Here we are creating this requirement step by step

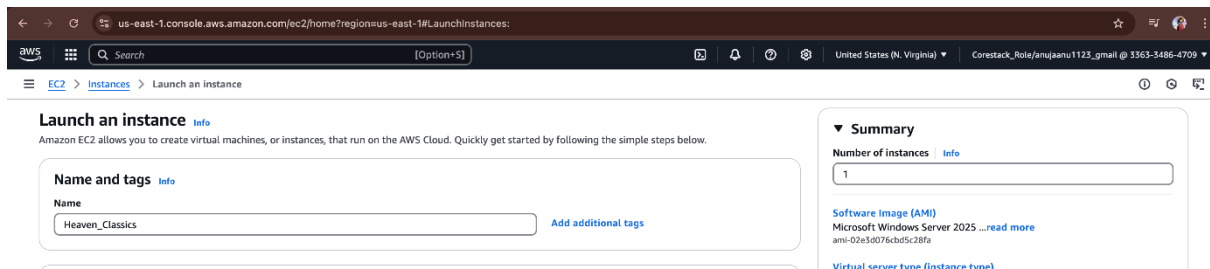
First we need to create a EC2 machine with the name of heaven classics so go to your amazon console and search for EC2.



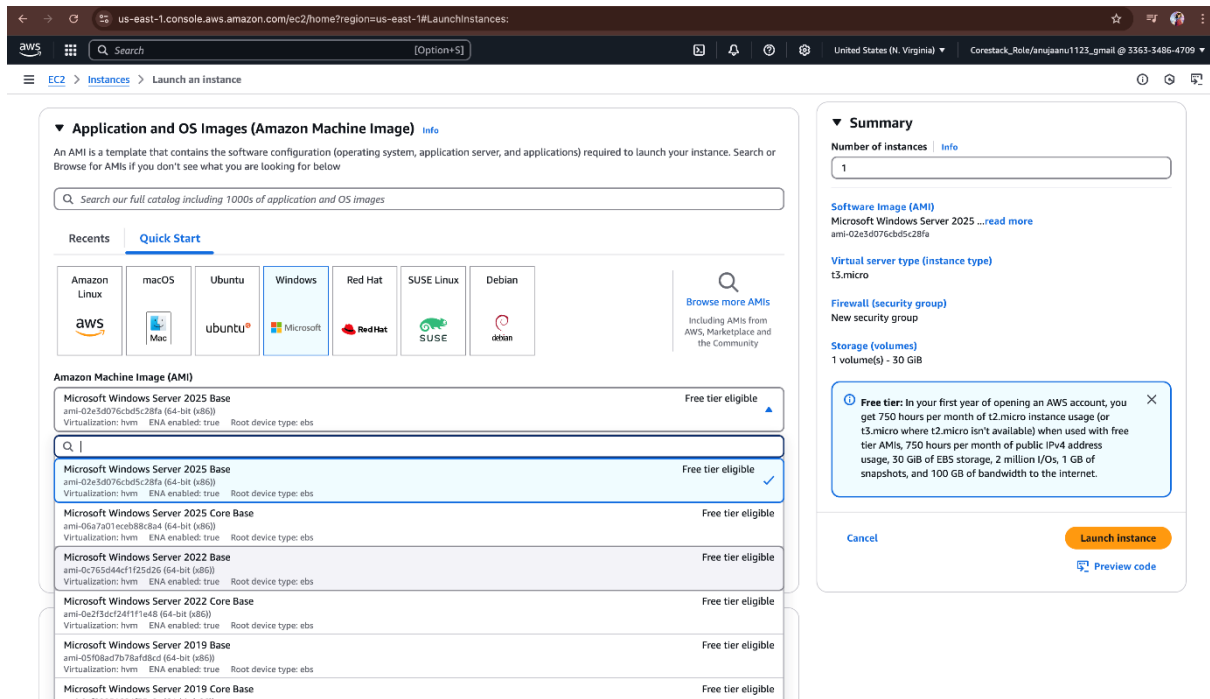
And then press launch instances.



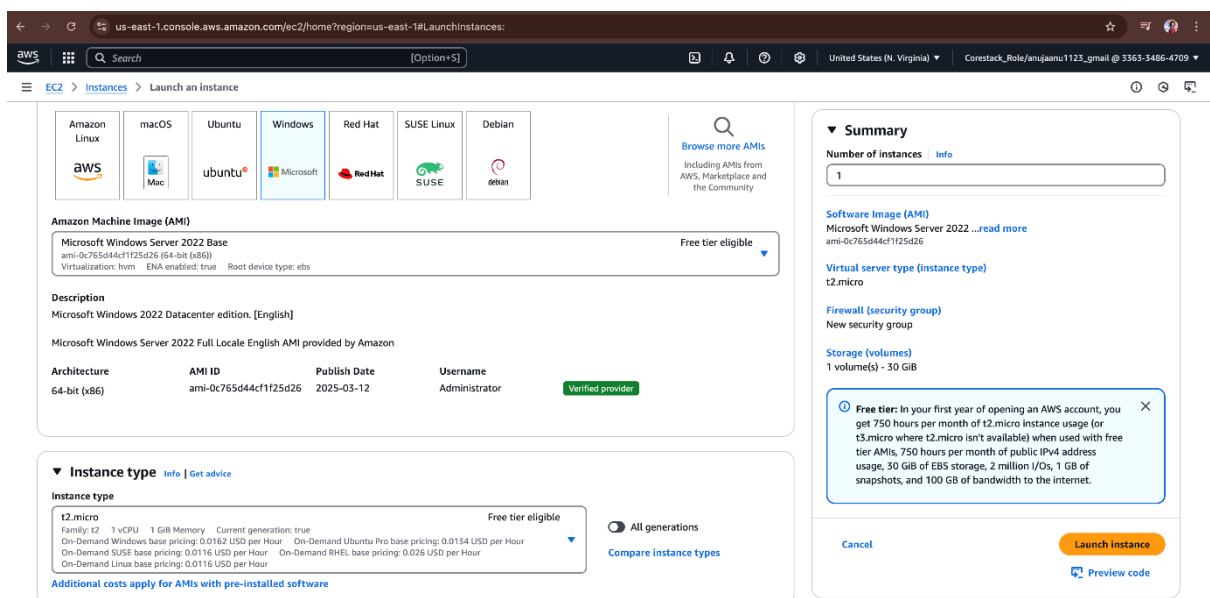
Now we need to name our instance as heaven classics mentioned above in the description.



And select the windows with 2022 base in application and OS image section.



And select instance type as t2.micro



And in keypair section select option as create new keypair.

▼ Key pair (login) [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - required

Select ▼ ↻ Create new key pair

For Windows instances, you use a key pair to decrypt the administrator password. You then use the decrypted password to connect to your instance.

▼ Network settings [Info](#) Edit

Then give your keypair a name and select .pem key to connect using open SSH. And click on create key pair.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchInstances:

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance

▼ Instance type [Info](#) | [Get advice](#)

Instance type: t2.micro

▼ Key pair (login) [Info](#)

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Key pair name - required

Select ▼ ↻ Create new key pair

For Windows instances, you use a key pair to decrypt the administrator password. You then use the decrypted password to connect to your instance.

▼ Network settings [Info](#)

Network: vpc-08b40f58774fc85c

Subnet: No preference (Default subnet in any availability zone)

Auto-assign public IP: Enable

Firewall (security groups): Create security group | Select existing security group

Summary

Number of instances: 1

Software image (AMI): Microsoft Windows Server 2022 ...read more

Virtual server type (instance type): t2.micro

Firewall (security group): New security group

Storage (volumes): 1 volume(s) - 30 GiB

Create key pair

Key pair name

Key pairs allow you to connect to your instance securely.

keypairforwindows

The name can include up to 255 ASCII characters. It can't include leading or trailing spaces.

Key pair type

☒ RSA
RSA encrypted private and public key pair

☐ ED25519
ED25519 encrypted private and public key pair (Not supported for Windows instances)

Private key file format

☒ .pem
For use with OpenSSH

☐ .ppk
For use with PuTTY

⚠ When prompted, store the private key in a secure and accessible location on your computer. You will need it later to connect to your instance. [Learn more](#)

Cancel Create key pair

In network settings keep it as default and launch Instance.

Network settings [Info](#) [Edit](#)

Network [Info](#)
vpc-08bf40f58774fc85c

Subnet [Info](#)
No preference (Default subnet in any availability zone)

Auto-assign public IP [Info](#)
Enable
Additional charges apply when outside of free tier allowance

Firewall (security groups) [Info](#)
A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.

☒ Create security group ☐ Select existing security group

We'll create a new security group called 'launch-wizard-1' with the following rules:

☒ Allow RDP traffic from Anywhere 0.0.0.0/0
Helps you connect to your instance

☐ Allow HTTPS traffic from the internet
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

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Rules with source of 0.0.0.0/0 allow all IP addresses to access your instance. We recommend setting security group rules to allow access from known IP addresses only.

Summary

Number of instances [Info](#)
1

Software Image (AMI)
Microsoft Windows Server 2022 ...[read more](#)
ami-0c765d44c11f25d26

Virtual server type (instance type)
t2.micro

Firewall (security group)
New security group

Storage (volumes)
1 volume(s) - 30 GiB

Free tier: In your first year of opening an AWS account, you get 750 hours per month of t2.micro instance usage (or t3.micro where t2.micro isn't available) when used with free tier AMIs, 750 hours per month of public IPv4 address usage, 30 GiB of EBS storage, 2 million I/Os, 1 GB of snapshots, and 100 GB of bandwidth to the internet.

[Cancel](#) [Launch instance](#) [Preview code](#)

Configure storage [Info](#) [Advanced](#)

After clicking on launch instance we can see our instance is creating it will take 2 to 3 mins to create our instance.

Instances (1) [Info](#)

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive) [All states](#)

	Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IPv4 DNS	Public IPv
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heaven_Classics	i-088b63bdd036acb4c	Running	t2.micro	Initializing	View alarms +	us-east-1b	ec2-44-202-59-138.co...	44.202.59

so we can see our instance is created and upon running now.

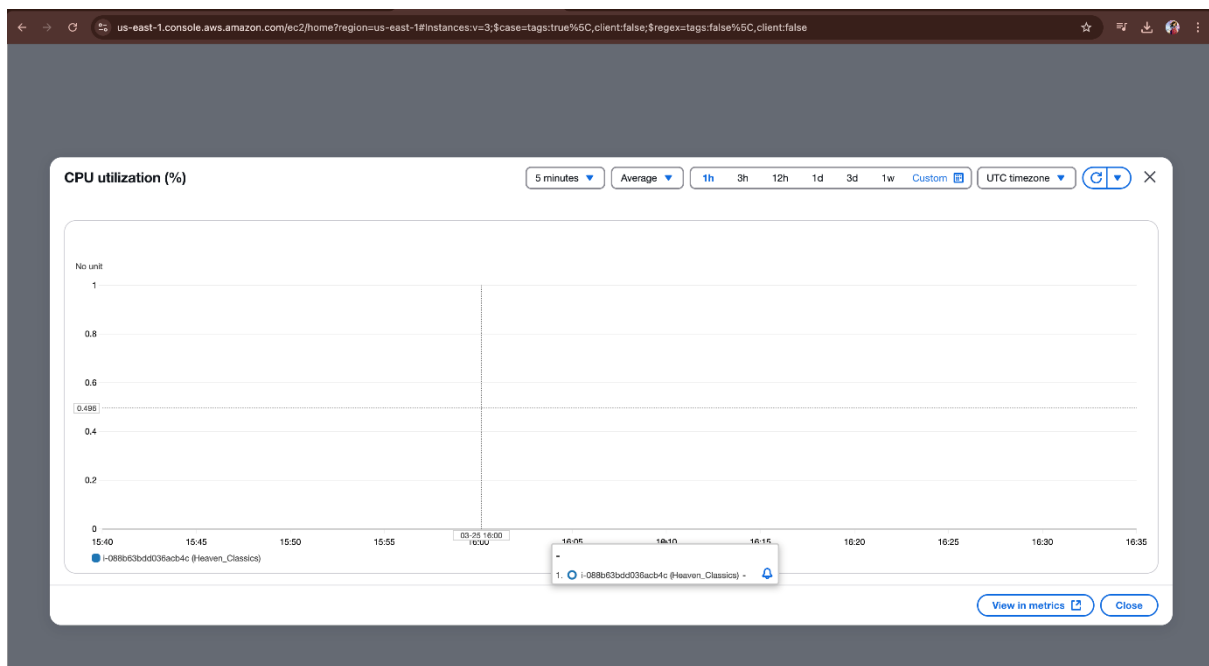
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Heaven_Classics	i-088b63bdd036acb4c	Running	t2.micro	2/2 checks passed	View alarms +	us-east-1b	ec2-44-202-59-138.co...	44.202.55

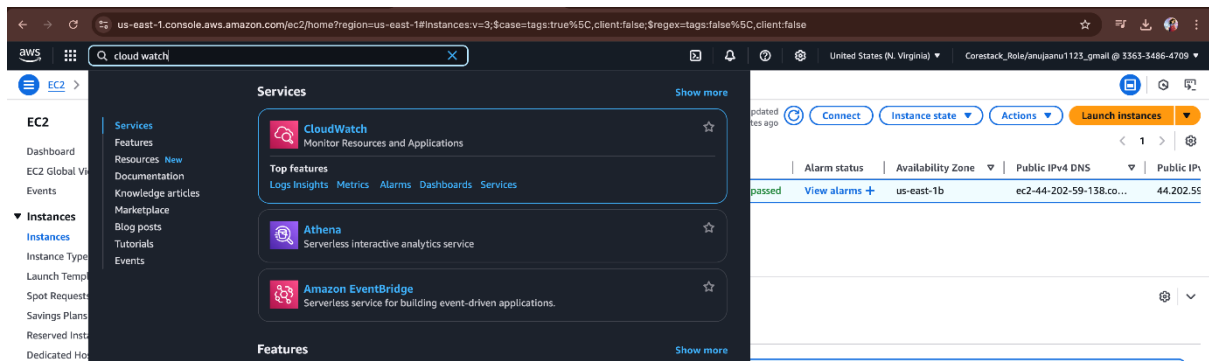
And the click on instance we can see down a tab called monitoring click on that you can see the CPU utilization for our EC2 instance.

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console for EC2 instances. On the left, the navigation menu includes sections for EC2, Images, Elastic Block Store, Network & Security, and Load Balancing. The main content area shows a list of instances with columns for Name, Instance ID, Instance state, Instance type, Status check, Alarm status, Availability Zone, Public IPv4 DNS, and Public IP. The instance 'Heaven_Classics' (i-088b63bdd036acb4c) is highlighted and its details are shown below. The 'Monitoring' tab is active, displaying a notification about CloudWatch agent metrics and a grid of eight metrics: CPU utilization (%), Network in (bytes), Network out (bytes), Network packets in (count), Network packets out (count), Metadata no token (count), CPU credit usage (count), and CPU credit balance (count). All metrics indicate 'No data available'.

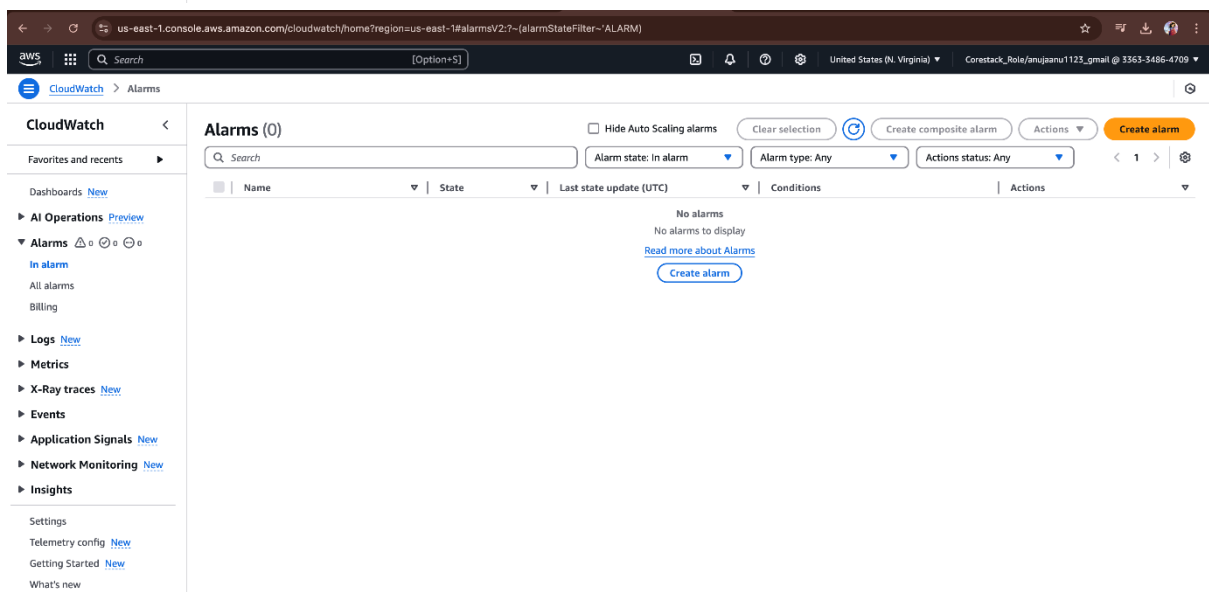
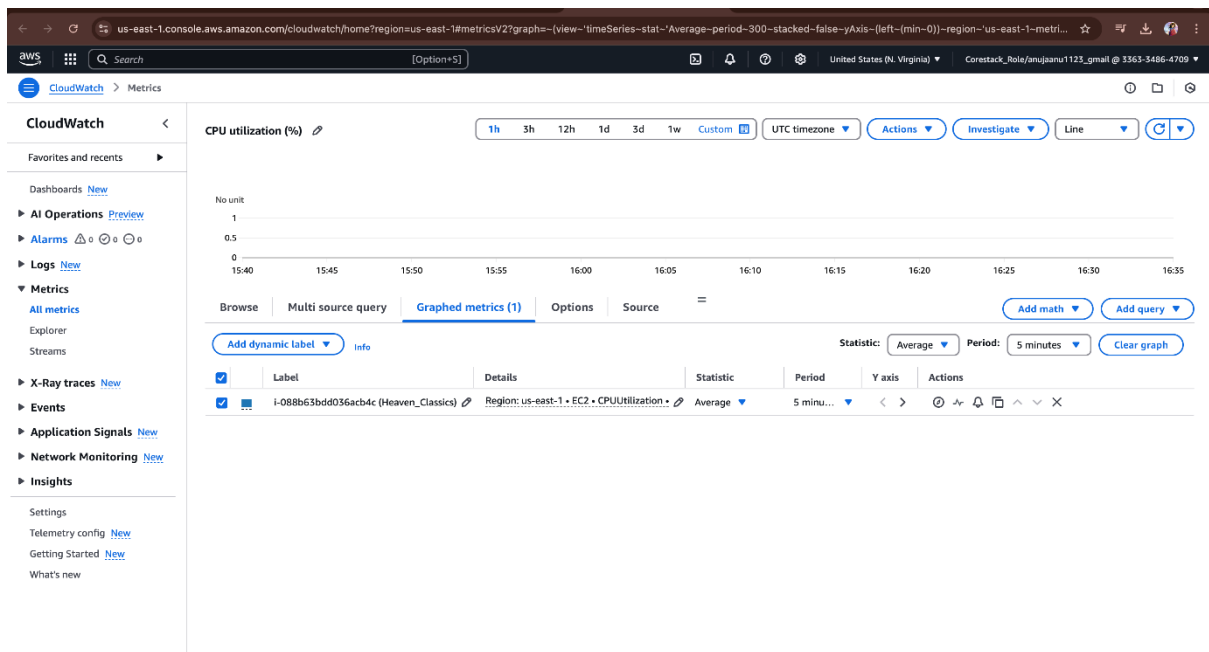


Creating cloud watch alarm:

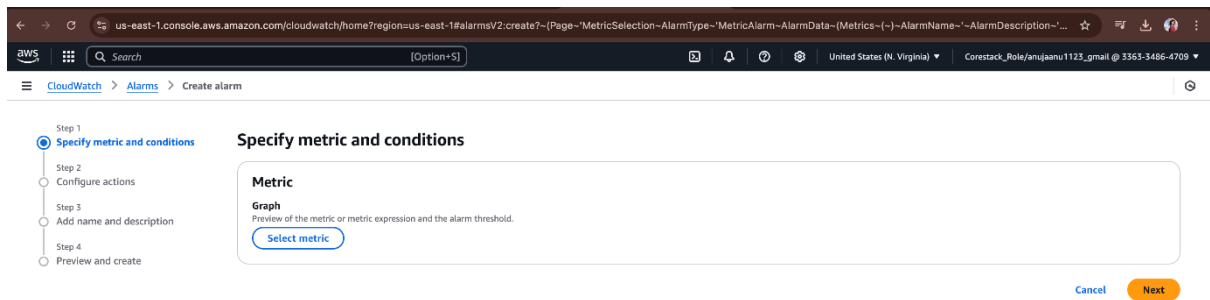
On search bar search for cloud watch. The press enter.



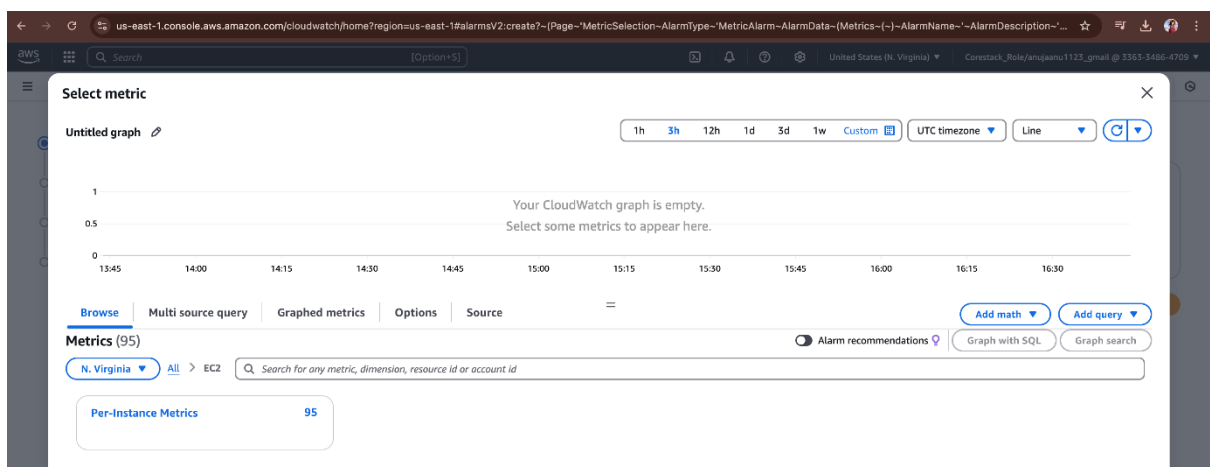
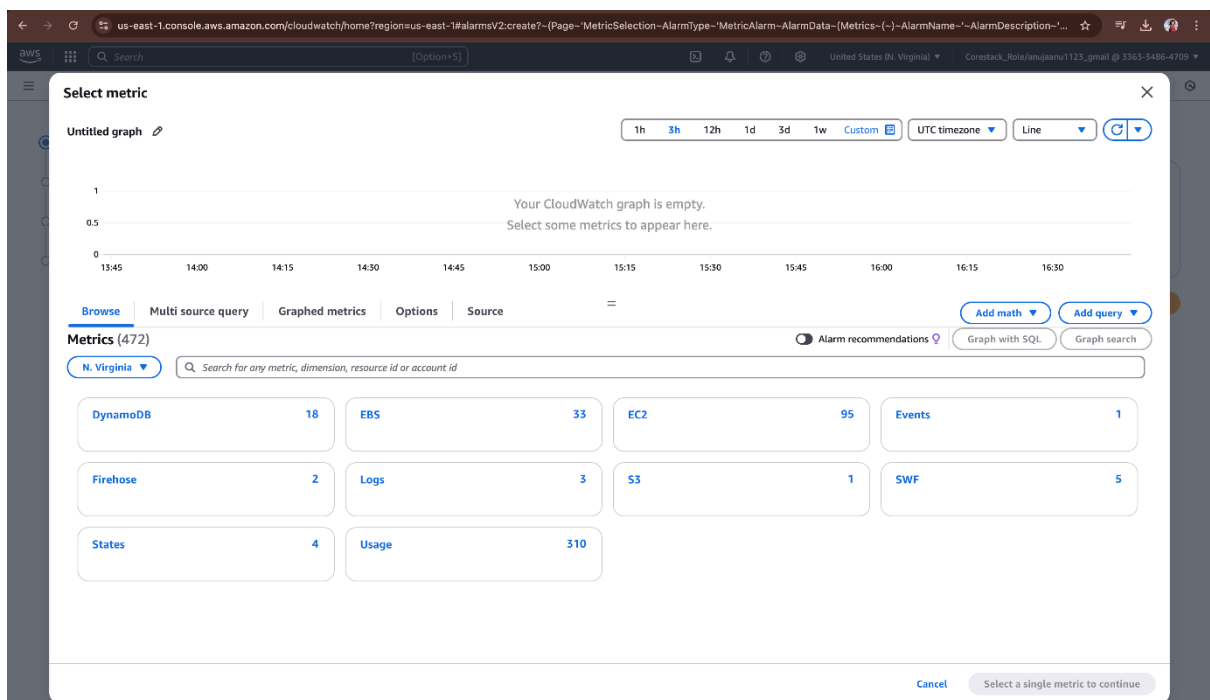
Press on Alarms then press on create alarm.



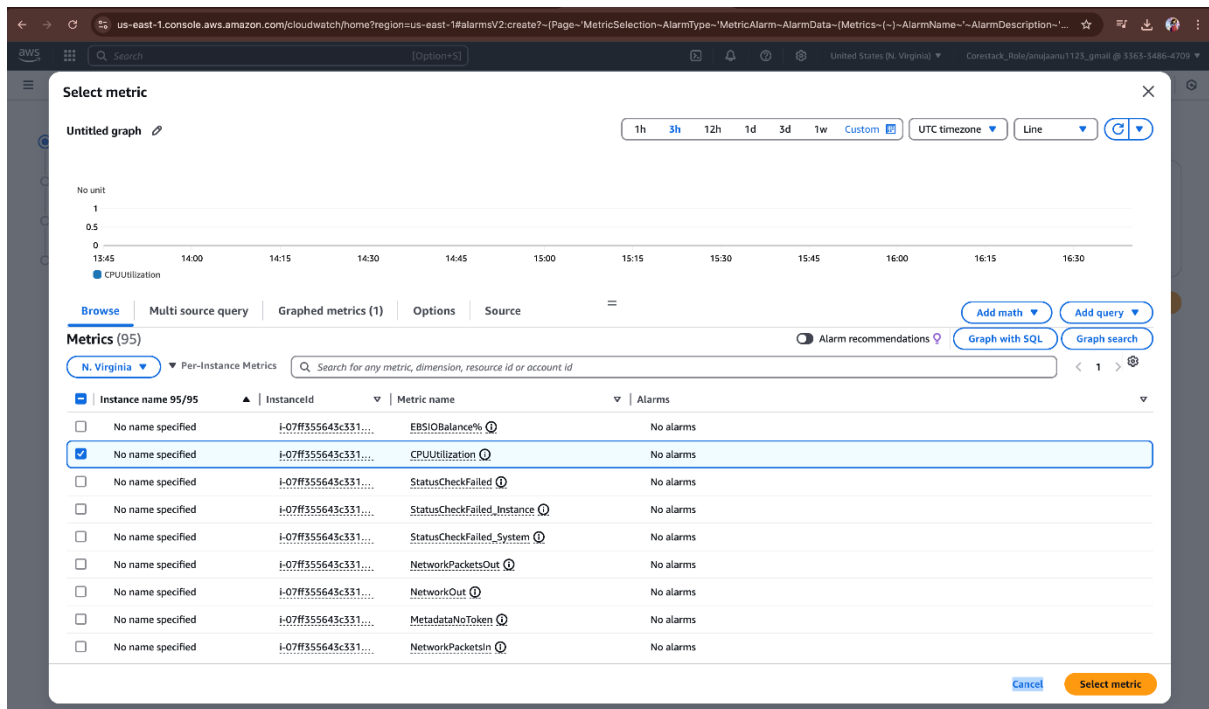
And specify the metrics and conditions and press on select metrics.



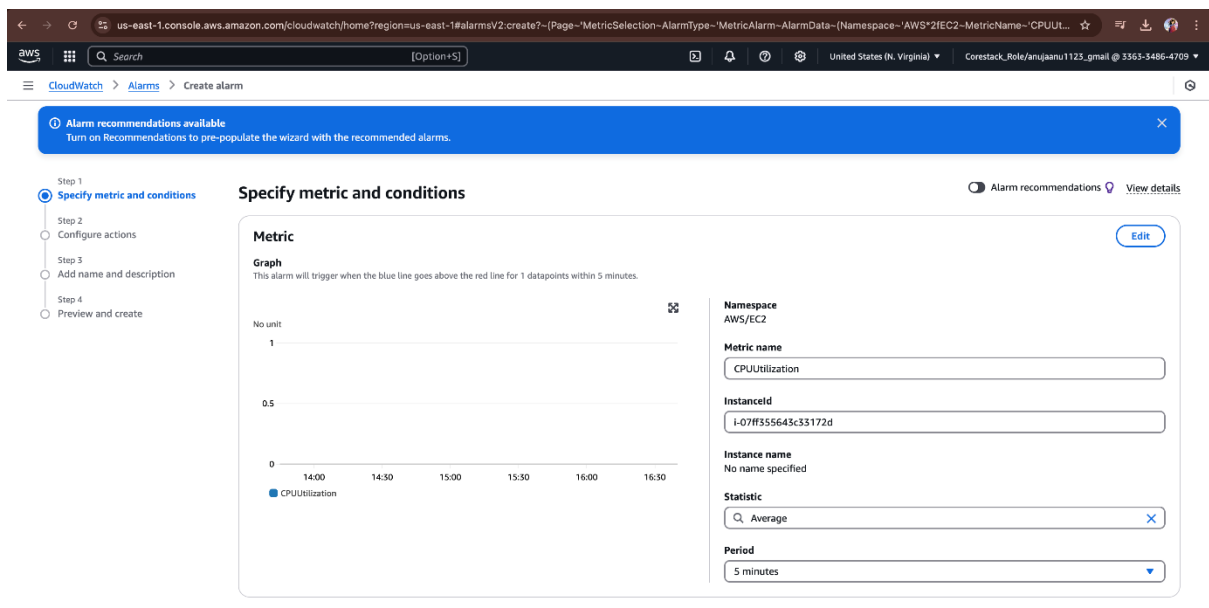
in select metrics select EC2



In that select metrics select CPU utilization. And press on select metrics.



Then the select metrics step will look like this



And select conditions in threshold type select static and select whenever CPU utilization is greater that 3 we need to get notification. And press next,

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/home?region=us-east-1#alarmsV2:create?~(Page~MetricSelection~AlarmType~MetricAlarm~AlarmData~(Namespace~AWS*2FEC2~MetricName~CPUUt...)

CloudWatch > Alarms > Create alarm

Metric

3

2

14:00 14:30 15:00 15:30 16:00 16:30

CPUUtilization

InstanceId

i-07ff355643c33172d

Instance name

No name specified

Statistic

Average

Period

5 minutes

Conditions

Threshold type

☒ Static
Use a value as a threshold

☐ Anomaly detection
Use a band as a threshold

Whenever CPUUtilization is...

Define the alarm condition.

☒ Greater
> threshold

☐ Greater/Equal
>= threshold

☐ Lower/Equal
≤ threshold

☐ Lower
< threshold

than...

Define the threshold value.

3

Must be a number

Additional configuration

Cancel Next

In configuration actions select alarm state trigger in alarm and send a notification to SNS topic select as create new topic and give alarm name and give email notification as

HCMonitor@HeavenClassics.com and press on create SNS topic.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/home?region=us-east-1#alarmsV2:create?~(Page~Actions~AlarmType~MetricAlarm~AlarmData~(Namespace~AWS*2FEC2~MetricName~CPUUtilization...))

CloudWatch > Alarms > Create alarm

Alarm recommendations available
Turn on Recommendations to pre-populate the wizard with the recommended alarms.

Configure actions

Notification

Alarm state trigger
Define the alarm state that will trigger this action.

☒ In alarm
The metric or expression is outside of the defined threshold.

☐ OK
The metric or expression is within the defined threshold.

☐ Insufficient data
The alarm has just started or not enough data is available.

Send a notification to the following SNS topic
Define the SNS (Simple Notification Service) topic that will receive the notification.

☐ Select an existing SNS topic

☒ Create new topic

☐ Use topic ARN to notify other accounts

Create a new topic...
The topic name must be unique.

Default_CloudWatch_Alarms_Topic

SNS topic names can contain only alphanumeric characters, hyphens (-) and underscores (_).

Email endpoints that will receive the notification...
Add a comma-separated list of email addresses. Each address will be added as a subscription to the topic above.

HCMonitor@HeavenClassics.com

user1@example.com, user2@example.com

Create topic

Add notification

And just review all the things and in additional configuration give datapoints to alarm as 3 why means in our description we have a condition like utilization goes below the threshold of 3%, consecutively three times for five minutes then we need to get email notification.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/home?region=us-east-1#alarmsV2.create?-(Page=Actions-AlarmType=MetricAlarm-AlarmData=(Namespace=AWS%2FEC2-MetricName=CPUUtilization...)

CloudWatch > Alarms > Create alarm

Alarm recommendations available
Turn on Recommendations to pre-populate the wizard with the recommended alarms.

Step 1
Specify metric and conditions

Step 2
Configure actions

Step 3
Add name and description

Step 4
Preview and create

Configure actions

Notification

Alarm state trigger
Define the alarm state that will trigger this action.

☒ In alarm
The metric or expression is outside of the defined threshold.

☐ OK
The metric or expression is within the defined threshold.

☐ Insufficient data
The alarm has just started or not enough data is available.

Remove

Send a notification to the following SNS topic
Define the SNS (Simple Notification Service) topic that will receive the notification.

☒ Select an existing SNS topic

☐ Create new topic

☐ Use topic ARN to notify other accounts

Send a notification to...

Default_CloudWatch_Alarms_Topic

X

Only topics belonging to this account are listed here. All persons and applications subscribed to the selected topic will receive notifications.

Email (endpoints)
HCMonitor@HeavenClassics.com - View in SNS Console

Add notification

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/home?region=us-east-1#alarmsV2.create?-(Page=Details-AlarmType=MetricAlarm-AlarmData=(Namespace=AWS%2FEC2-MetricName=CPUUtilization...)

CloudWatch > Alarms > Create alarm

Alarm recommendations available
Turn on Recommendations to pre-populate the wizard with the recommended alarms.

Step 1
Specify metric and conditions

Step 2
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Add name and description

Step 4
Preview and create

Add name and description

Name and description

Alarm name
HeavenClassics

Alarm description - optional View formatting guidelines

Edit Preview

This is an H1
double asterisks will produce strong character
This is [an example]https://example.com/ inline link.

Up to 1024 characters (0/1024)

Markdown formatting is only applied when viewing your alarm in the console. The description will remain in plain text in the alarm notifications.

Cancel

Previous

Next

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/home?region=us-east-1#alarmsV2.create?-(Page=MetricSelection-AlarmType=MetricAlarm-AlarmData=(Namespace=AWS%2FEC2-MetricName=CPUUtilization...)

CloudWatch > Alarms > Create alarm

Period
5 minutes

Conditions

Threshold type

☒ Static
Use a value as a threshold

☐ Anomaly detection
Use a band as a threshold

Whenever CPUUtilization is...

Define the alarm condition.

☒ Greater
> threshold

☐ Greater/Equal
>= threshold

☐ Lower/Equal
<= threshold

☐ Lower
< threshold

than...

Define the threshold value.

3

Must be a number

Additional configuration

Datapoints to alarm
Define the number of datapoints within the evaluation period that must be breaching to cause the alarm to go to ALARM state.

3 out of 3

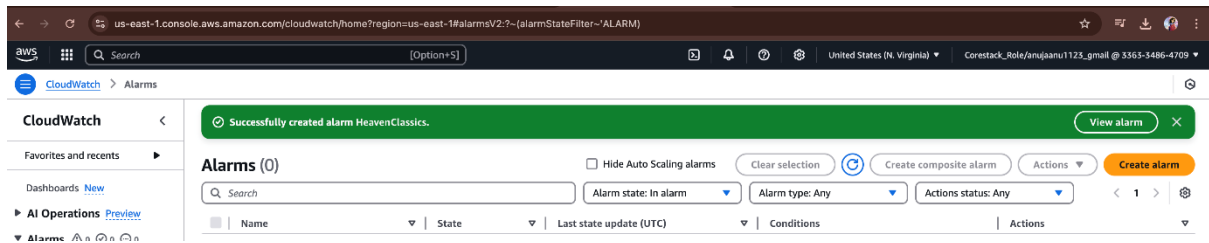
Missing data treatment
How to treat missing data when evaluating the alarm.

Treat missing data as missing

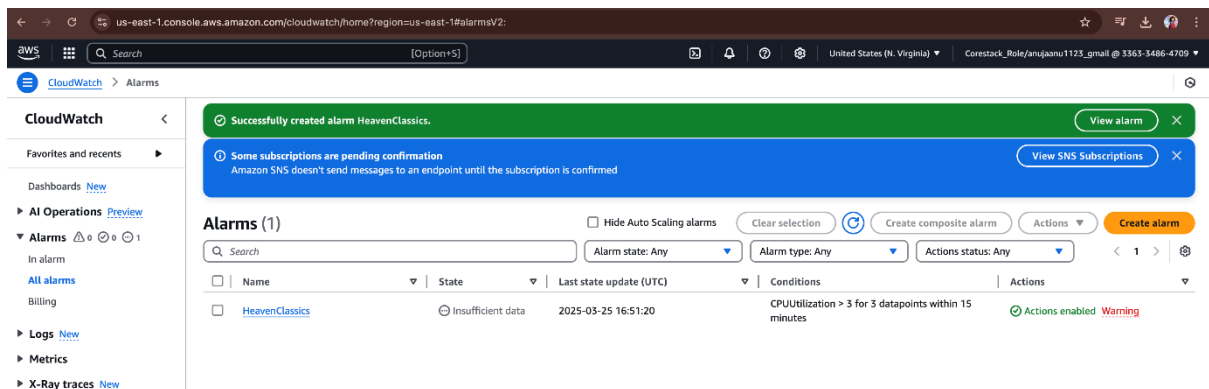
Cancel

Next

And finally press on create alarm.

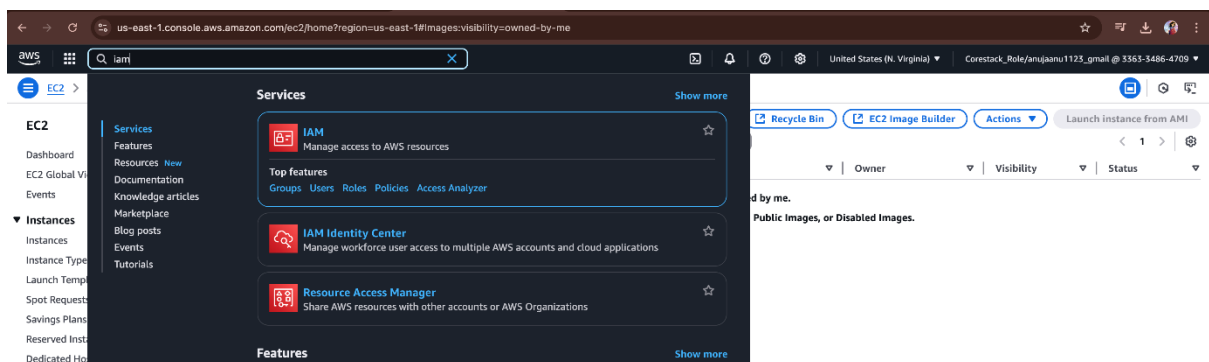


Then you need to verify your email then your SNS topic will be active.

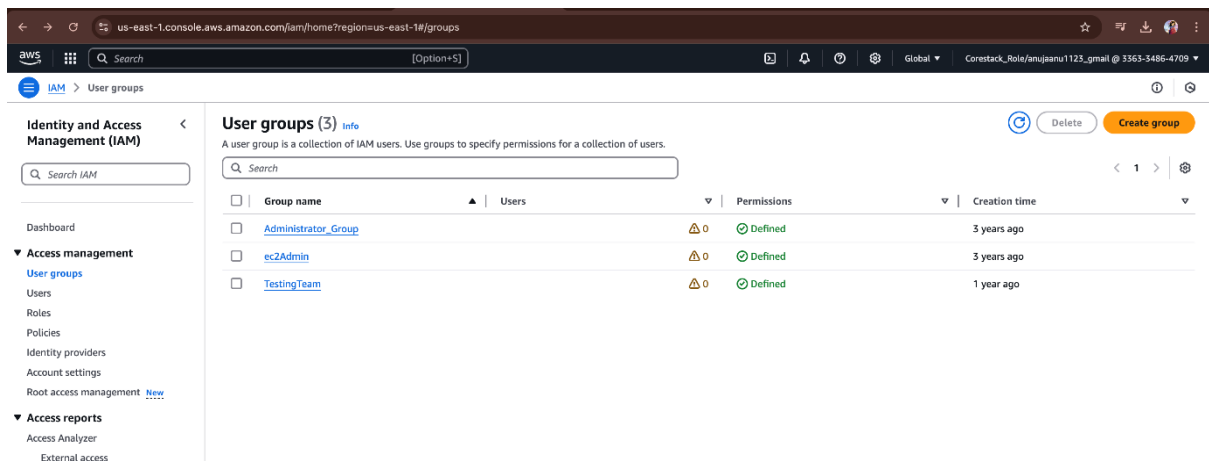
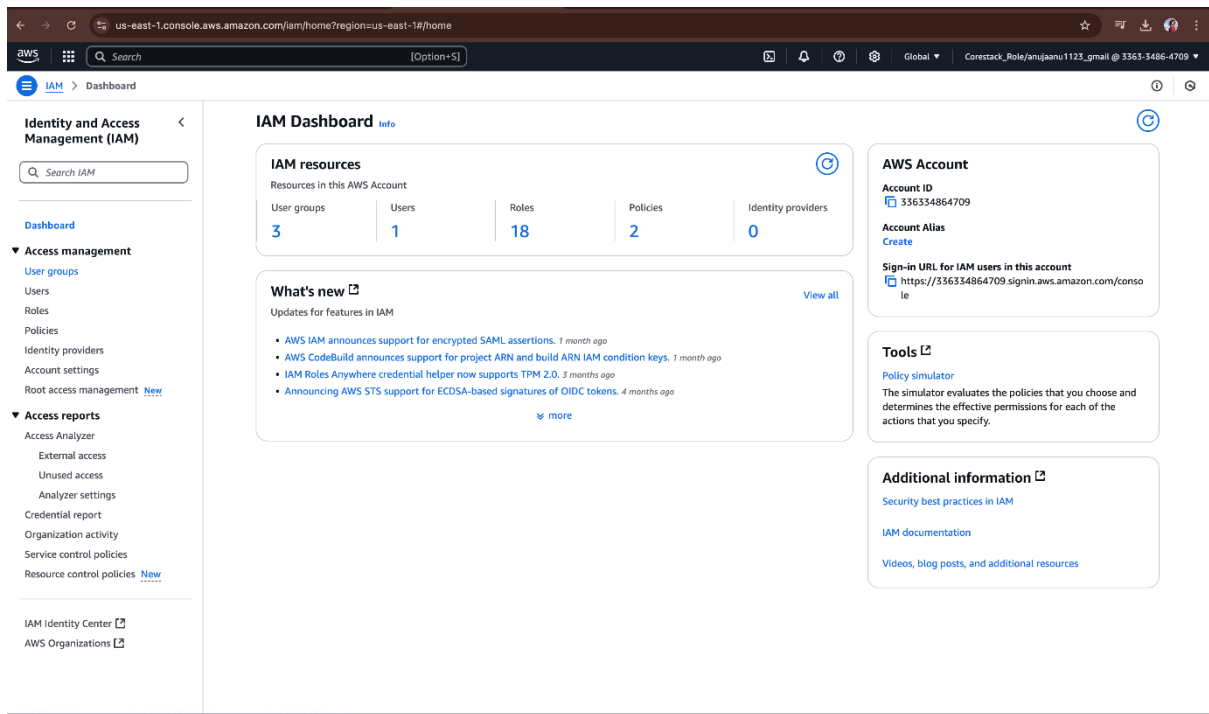


Creating a group and giving administrator access to new user in the group:

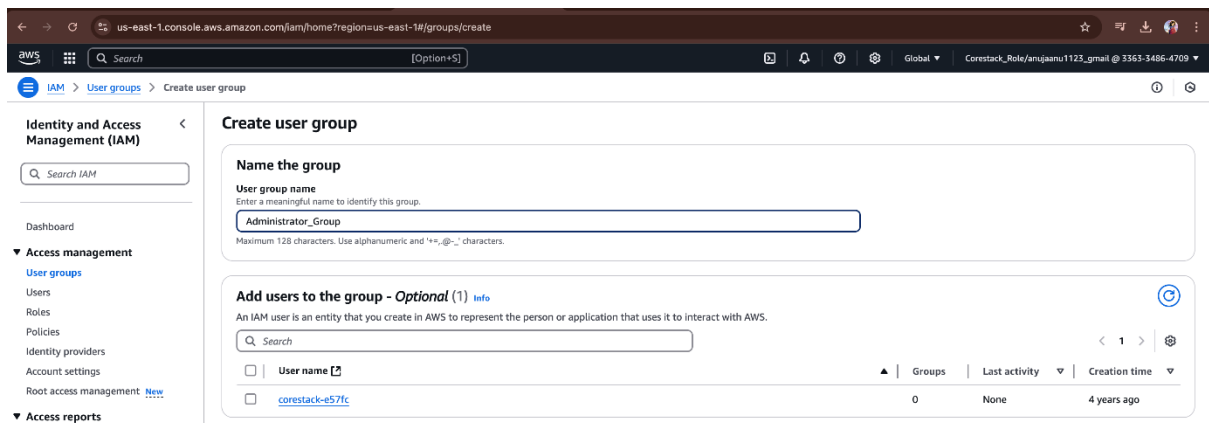
Open AWS console and click on IAM (Identity and access management) in search bar



Click on user group and create a new group.



And a name to your group.



And in attach permission column attach permission as **Administrator access** it will grant full administrator access. Then click on create group.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface for creating a new user group. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Identity and Access Management (IAM), Access management, Access reports, and IAM Identity Center. The main content area is titled 'Attach permissions policies - Optional (1/1040)' and includes a search bar with the text 'administrator'. A table lists 15 matches for policies, with 'AdministratorAccess' selected. The table columns are Policy name, Type, Used as, and Description. The 'AdministratorAccess' policy is highlighted in blue, indicating it is selected. Below the table are 'Cancel' and 'Create user group' buttons.

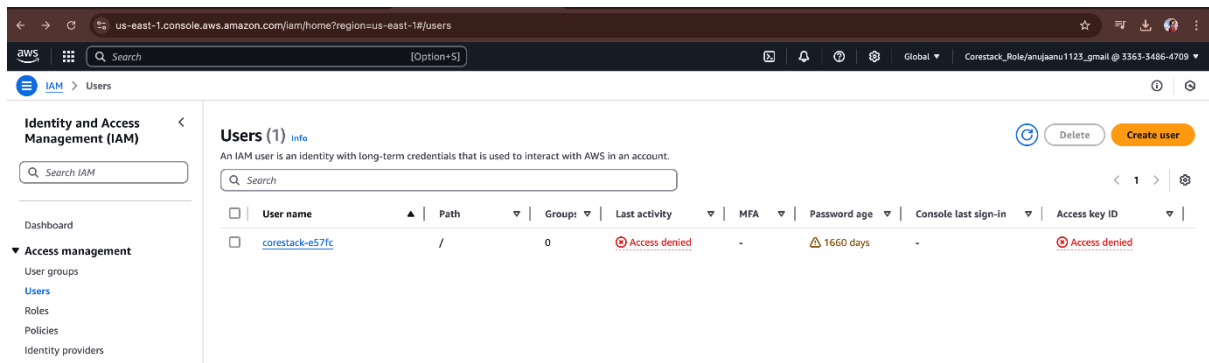
Policy name	Type	Used as	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AdministratorAccess	AWS managed - job function	Permissions policy (1)	Provides full access to AWS services and resources.
<input type="checkbox"/> AdministratorAccess-Amplify	AWS managed	None	Grants account administrative permissions while exp...
<input type="checkbox"/> AdministratorAccess-AWSElasticBeanstalk	AWS managed	None	Grants account administrative permissions. Explicitly...
<input type="checkbox"/> AmazonAPIGatewayAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Provides full access to create/edit/delete APIs in Am...
<input type="checkbox"/> AmazonSecurityLakeAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Provides full access to Amazon Security Lake and rel...
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSAppSyncAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Provides administrative access to the AppSync servic...
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSAuditManagerAdministratorAccess	AWS managed	None	Provides administrative access to enable or disable A...
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSCloud9Administrator	AWS managed	None	Provides administrator access to AWS Cloud9.
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSGrafanaAccountAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Provides access within Amazon Grafana to create an...
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSSSODirectoryAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Administrator access for SSO Directory
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSSSOMasterAccountAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Provides access within AWS SSO to manage AWS Or...
<input type="checkbox"/> AWSSSOMemberAccountAdministrator	AWS managed	None	Provides access within AWS SSO to manage AWS Or...
<input type="checkbox"/> DatabaseAdministrator	AWS managed - job function	None	Grants full access permissions to AWS services and rel...
<input type="checkbox"/> NetworkAdministrator	AWS managed - job function	None	Grants full access permissions to AWS services and a...
<input type="checkbox"/> SystemAdministrator	AWS managed - job function	None	Grants full access permissions necessary for resource...

It will create a new group. Now we need to create a user and need to attach in that group.

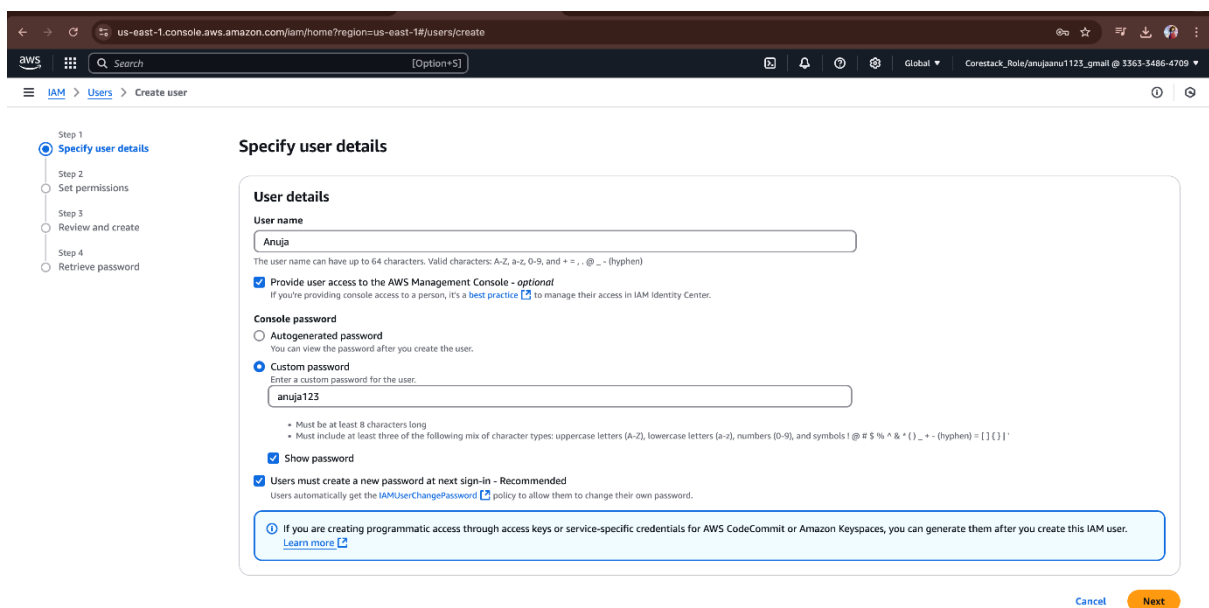
The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface for the 'User groups' page. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Identity and Access Management (IAM), Access management, Access reports, and IAM Identity Center. The main content area is titled 'User groups (1/4)' and includes a search bar. A table lists the user groups, with 'AdministratorGroup' selected. The table columns are Group name, Users, Permissions, and Creation time. The 'AdministratorGroup' is highlighted in blue, indicating it is selected. Below the table are 'Delete' and 'Create group' buttons.

Group name	Users	Permissions	Creation time
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator_Group		0 Defined	3 years ago
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AdministratorGroup		0 Defined	Now
<input type="checkbox"/> ec2Admin		0 Defined	3 years ago
<input type="checkbox"/> TestingTeam		0 Defined	1 year ago

click on user and create user.



Now we need to specify the user details like name and password after that press on next.



In set permission select add user to group and select your group name which you need to add this user.

By adding in that group our user will also get all the permissions which are there applicable for the group. And then press next.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/iam/home?region=us-east-1#/users/create

Search [Option+S]

Global Corestack_Role/amujaanu1123_gmail @ 3363-3486-4709

IAM > Users > Create user

Step 1 Specify user details
Step 2 Set permissions
Step 3 Review and create
Step 4 Retrieve password

Set permissions

Add user to an existing group or create a new one. Using groups is a best-practice way to manage user's permissions by job functions. [Learn more](#)

Permissions options

☒ **Add user to group**
Add user to an existing group, or create a new group. We recommend using groups to manage user permissions by job function.

☐ **Copy permissions**
Copy all group memberships, attached managed policies, and inline policies from an existing user.

☐ **Attach policies directly**
Attach a managed policy directly to a user. As a best practice, we recommend attaching policies to a group instead. Then, add the user to the appropriate group.

User groups (1/4) [Create group](#)

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	Group name	Users	Attached policies	Created
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrator_Group	0	AmazonS3FullAccess and Administrator...	2022-02-02 (3 years ago)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AdministratorGroup	0	AdministratorAccess	2025-03-25 (1 minute ago)
<input type="checkbox"/>	ec2Admin	0	AmazonEC2FullAccess	2021-05-05 (3 years ago)
<input type="checkbox"/>	TestingTeam	0	CloudFrontReadOnlyAccess	2023-07-24 (1 year ago)

► **Set permissions boundary - optional**

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Next](#)

Review and create the user.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/iam/home?region=us-east-1#/users/create

Search [Option+S]

Global Corestack_Role/amujaanu1123_gmail @ 3363-3486-4709

IAM > Users > Create user

Step 1 Specify user details
Step 2 Set permissions
Step 3 Review and create
Step 4 Retrieve password

Review and create

Review your choices. After you create the user, you can view and download the autogenerated password, if enabled.

User details

User name Anuja	Console password type Custom password	Require password reset Yes
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Permissions summary

Name	Type	Used as
AdministratorGroup	Group	Permissions group
IAMUserChangePassword	AWS managed	Permissions policy

Tags - optional
Tags are key-value pairs you can add to AWS resources to help identify, organize, or search for resources. Choose any tags you want to associate with this user.
No tags associated with the resource.

[Add new tag](#)
You can add up to 50 more tags.

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Create user](#)

After that your user name and password will visible please remember them.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/iam/home?region=us-east-1#/users/create

Search [Option+S]

Global Corestack_Role/anujaanu1123_email @ 3363-3486-4709

IAM > Users > Create user

User created successfully

You can view and download the user's password and email instructions for signing in to the AWS Management Console.

View user

Step 1 Specify user details
Step 2 Set permissions
Step 3 Review and create
Step 4 Retrieve password

Retrieve password

You can view and download the user's password below or email users instructions for signing in to the AWS Management Console. This is the only time you can view and download this password.

Console sign-in details

Console sign-in URL
<https://336334864709.signin.aws.amazon.com/console>

User name
Anuja

Console password
anuja@123 [Hide](#)

[Email sign-in instructions](#)

[Cancel](#) [Download .csv file](#) [Return to users list](#)

Finally you can able to see your user in the created and having administrator access.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/iam/home?region=us-east-1#/groups/details/AdministratorGroup?section=users

Search [Option+S]

Global Corestack_Role/anujaanu1123_email @ 3363-3486-4709

IAM > User groups > AdministratorGroup

AdministratorGroup

Info

[Delete](#)

Summary

User group name
AdministratorGroup

Creation time
March 25, 2025, 22:28 (UTC+05:30)

ARN
arn:aws:iam::336334864709:group/AdministratorGroup

[Edit](#)

Users (1) | **Permissions** | **Access Advisor**

Users in this group (1)

An IAM user is an entity that you create in AWS to represent the person or application that uses it to interact with AWS.

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	User name	Groups	Last activity	Creation time
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anuja	1	None	Now

[Add users](#)

Access management

User groups (1)

Users

Roles

Policies

Identity providers

Account settings

Root access management

Access reports

Access Analyzer

External access

Unused access

Analyzer settings

Credential report

Organization activity

Service control policies

Resource control policies

IAM Identity Center

AWS Organizations

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/iam/home?region=us-east-1#/users/details/Anuja?section=permissions

Search

[Option+5]

Global

Corestack_Role/anjuanu1123_gmail @ 3363-3486-4709

Identity and Access Management (IAM)

Search IAM

Dashboard

Access management

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Unused access

Analyzer settings

Credential report

Organization activity

Service control policies

Resource control policies

Anuja

Info

Delete

Summary

ARN
arn:aws:iam::336334864709:user/Anuja

Console access
Enabled without MFA

Access key 1
Create access key

Created
March 25, 2025, 22:30 (UTC+05:30)

Last console sign-in
Never

Permissions

Groups (1)

Tags

Security credentials

Last Accessed

Permissions policies (2)

Remove

Add permissions

Permissions are defined by policies attached to the user directly or through groups.

Search

Filter by Type
All types

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Policy name

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Type

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Attached via

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AdministratorAccess

AWS managed - job function

Group AdministratorGroup

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IAUserChangePassword

AWS managed

Directly

Permissions boundary (not set)