

Experiment-1

Date:

Aim:

To create a EC2 instance with Linux Operating System and explore its features.

Software Used:

Amazon Web Service Management Console

Background Information:

Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) provides on-demand, scalable computing capacity in the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud. Using Amazon EC2 reduces hardware costs to help develop and deploy applications faster. Amazon EC2 can be used to launch as many or as few virtual servers as required, configure security and networking, and manage storage. The user can add capacity (scale up) to handle compute-heavy tasks, such as monthly or yearly processes, or spikes in website traffic. When usage decreases, the user can reduce capacity (scale down) again providing elasticity.

The architecture of the EC2 is shown in the figure below. The Amazon EC2 instance deployed within an Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC). The EC2 instance is within an Availability Zone in the Region. The EC2 instance is secured with a security group, which is a virtual firewall that controls incoming and outgoing traffic. A private key is stored on the local computer and a public key is stored on the instance. Both keys are specified as a key pair to prove the identity of the user. In this scenario, the instance is backed by an Amazon EBS volume. The VPC communicates with the internet using an internet gateway.

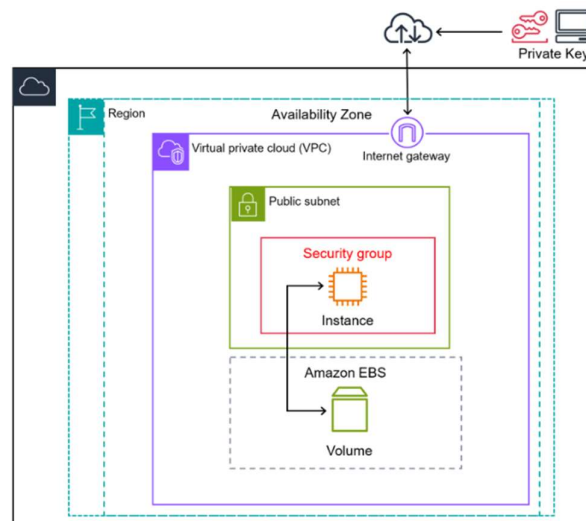


Figure 1 The architecture of EC2

The features of Elastic Cloud Compute are listed below:

- **Instances:** Virtual Servers.
- **Amazon Machine Images (AMIs):** Preconfigured templates for the instances that package the components you need for your server(including the operating system and additional software).
- **Instance types:** Various configurations of CPU, memory, storage, networking capacity, and graphics hardware for your instances.
- **Key pairs:** Secure login information for your instances. AWS stores the public key and you store the private key in a secure place.
- **Instance store volumes:** Storage volumes for temporary data that is deleted when you stop, hibernate, or terminate your instance.
- **Amazon EBS volumes:** Persistent storage volumes for your data using Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS).
- **Regions, Availability Zones, Local Zones, AWS Outposts, and Wavelength Zones:** Multiple physical locations for your resources, such as instances and Amazon EBS volumes.
- **Security groups:** A virtual firewall that allows you to specify the protocols, ports, and source IP ranges that can reach your instances, and the destination IP ranges to which your instances can connect.
- **Elastic IP addresses:** Static IPv4 addresses for dynamic cloud computing.
- **Tags:** Metadata that you can create and assign to your Amazon EC2 resources.
- **Virtual private clouds (VPCs):** Virtual networks you can create that are logically isolated from the rest of the AWS Cloud. You can optionally connect these virtual networks to your own network.

Procedure:

To launch an EC2 instance, following steps need to be followed:

Step 1: Log into AWS Management Console with your registered email address and password. Make sure to choose the root user option.



Sign in

☒ Root user

Account owner that performs tasks requiring unrestricted access. [Learn more](#)

☐ IAM user

User within an account that performs daily tasks. [Learn more](#)

Root user email address

ananta.walli@gmail.com

Next

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Figure 2 Login portal

Step 2: Once logged in, console home tab will be shown on the screen. Either select the EC2 option mentioned on the console home or search 'EC2' on the search bar located on the top of the screen.

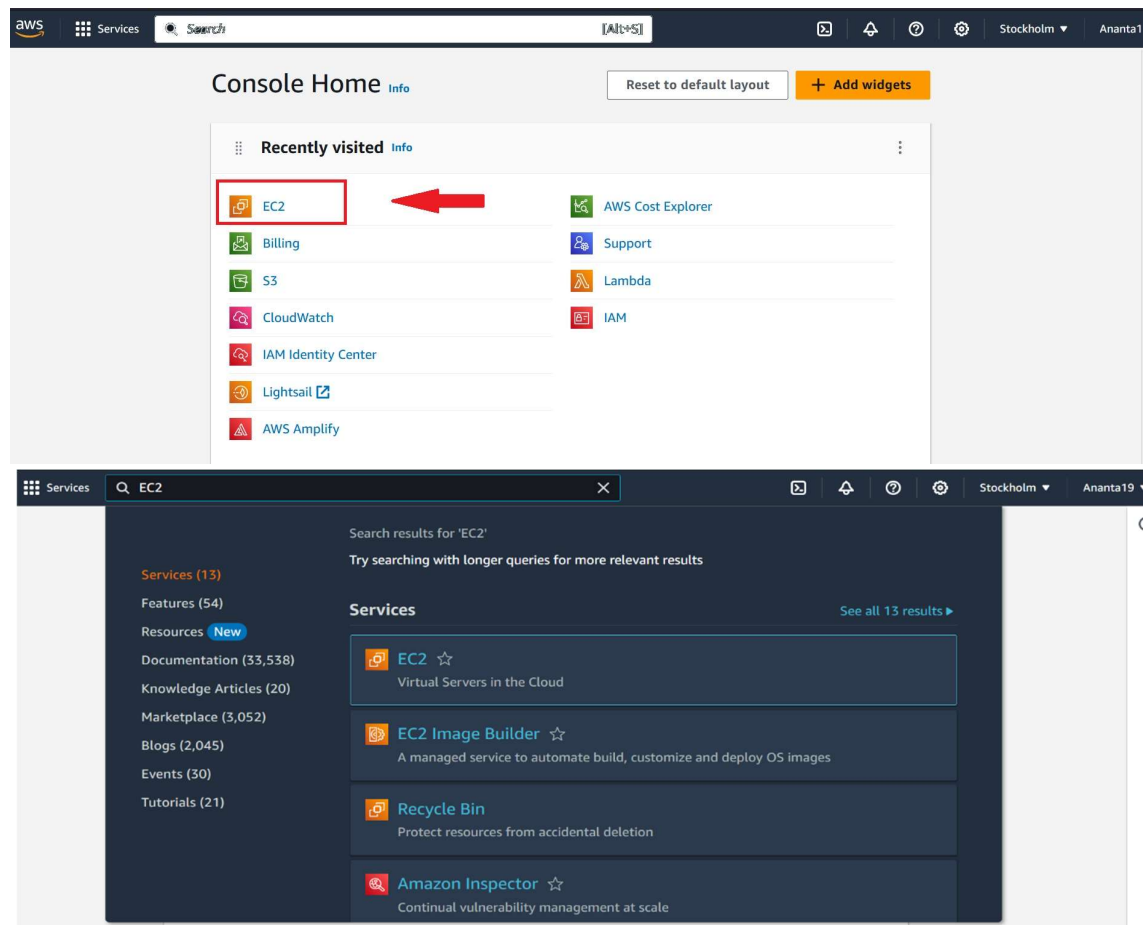


Figure 3 AWS Management Console menu

Step 3: After EC2 option was clicked, the screen will be redirected to EC2 dashboard, make sure to choose availability zone at this point. Any one can be chosen but in order to reduce latency, we will chose Mumbai (ap-south-1) for the instance.

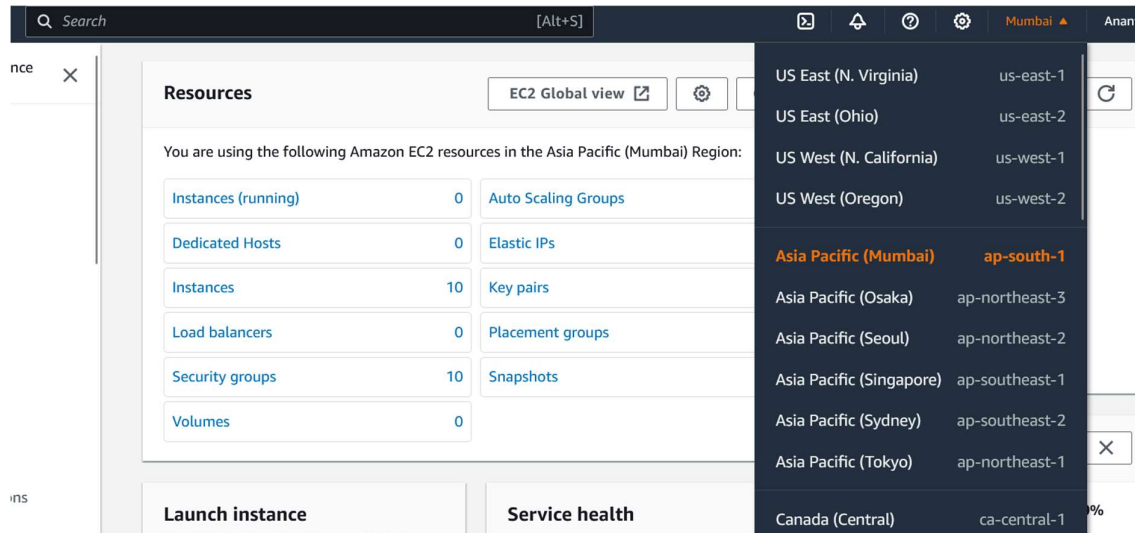


Figure 4 Availability Zone menu

Step 4: After Mumbai has been chosen, we will look into the left navigation panel and click on Instances.

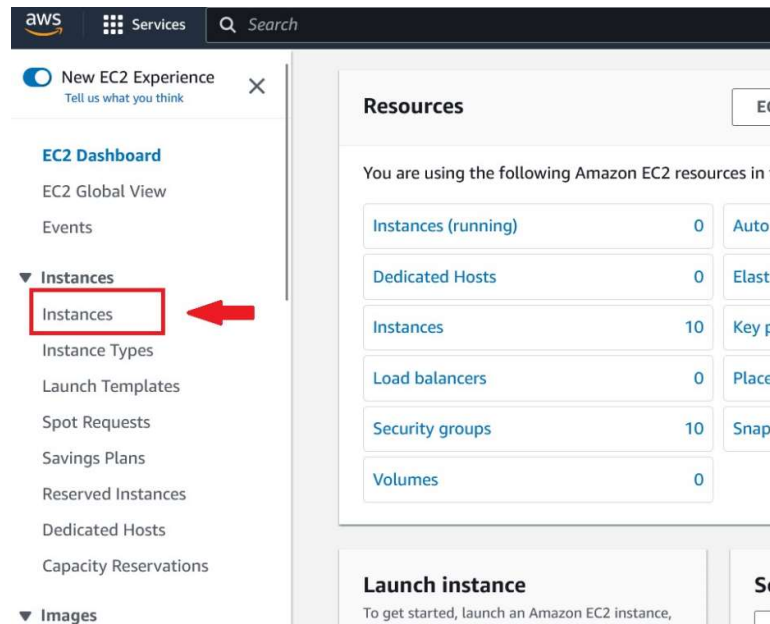


Figure 5 Navigation Panel(left)

Step 5: After clicking on the instances option, we will now click on Launch Instance button, located on the extreme right, to start creating the instance as required.

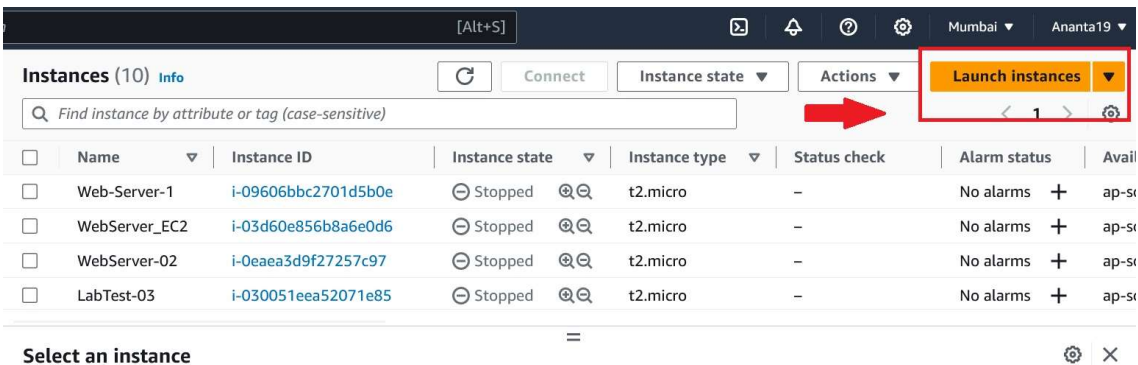


Figure 6 Instance Dashboard

Step6: The first step to launch an instance will be to name it. You can give it any name as required.

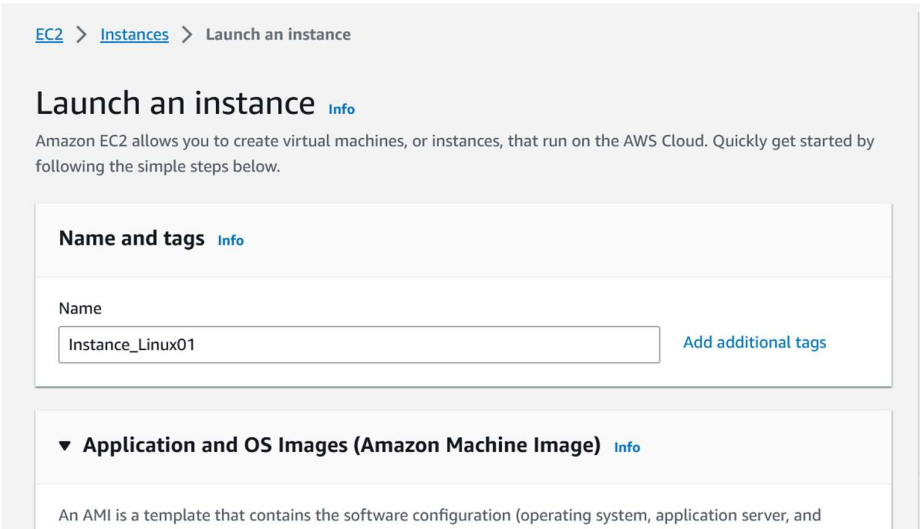


Figure 7 Naming The Instance

Step 7: Then we need an AMI for the instance to be created. For this experiment we need Linux, so we will choose the **Amazon Linux** option. In case we need some other, we can always click on the **browse more AMIs** option.

▼ Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) [Info](#)

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below

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Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

Amazon Linux 2023 AMI

ami-0c42696027a8ede58 (64-bit (x86)) / ami-0f677abdb602a68a2 (64-bit (Arm))

Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: true Root device type: ebs

Free tier eligible ▼

Description

Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.2.20231002.0 x86_64 HVM kernel-6.1

Architecture

AMI ID

Verified provider

64-bit (x86) ▼

ami-0c42696027a8ede58

Figure 8 Choosing AMI for Instance

Step 8: Now, its time to choose the Instance type. We are using the free tier version, so for that we will choose the t2.micro option .

▼ Instance type [Info](#)

Instance type

t2.micro

Family: t2 1 vCPU 1 GiB Memory Current generation: true

On-Demand Linux base pricing: 0.0124 USD per Hour

On-Demand Windows base pricing: 0.017 USD per Hour

On-Demand RHEL base pricing: 0.0724 USD per Hour

On-Demand SUSE base pricing: 0.0124 USD per Hour

Free tier eligible

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t2.nano

Family: t2 1 vCPU 0.5 GiB Memory Current generation: true

On-Demand SUSE base pricing: 0.0062 USD per Hour

On-Demand Linux base pricing: 0.0062 USD per Hour

On-Demand Windows base pricing: 0.0085 USD per Hour

t2.micro

Family: t2 1 vCPU 1 GiB Memory Current generation: true

On-Demand Linux base pricing: 0.0124 USD per Hour

On-Demand Windows base pricing: 0.017 USD per Hour

Free tier eligible

All generations

Compare instance types

access to the selected key

Figure 9 Choosing Instance Type

Step 9: For Instance, we need a key pair. We can either select any existing key pair used for other instance or we can create one. So, we are going to create a key pair for this instance. The key pair is a set of security credentials that you use to prove your identity when connecting to an Amazon EC2 instance.

▼ 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](#)

Create key pair

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Key pair name

Key pairs allow you to connect to your instance securely.

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The name can include upto 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

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

Figure 10 Creating Key Pair

For key pair type we will choose RSA and for the private key file format we are going to choose .pem file. Then we will click on create key pair and it will be downloaded on the system in the form of .pem file.

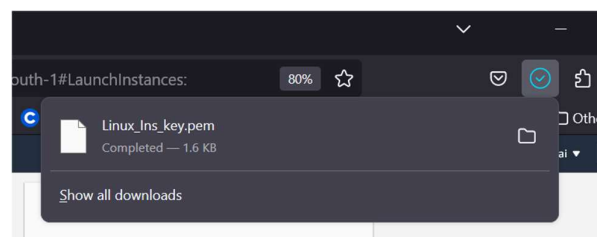


Figure 11 Key Pair Downloaded on System

Step 10: Now for the network setting, we are going to retain the default settings and go ahead with creating a security group for our instance. In case we are creating web servers, we will check mark HTTP and HTTPS so that this traffic is enabled. But we don't want web servers right now, so we will allow only SSH traffic.

▼ Network settings Info

Edit

Network Info

vpc-071a437325ae342c8

Subnet Info

No preference (Default subnet in any availability zone)

Auto-assign public IP Info

Enable

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-8' with the following rules:

☒ Allow SSH traffic from

Helps you connect to your instance

Anywhere
0.0.0.0/0

☐ Allow HTTPS traffic from the internet

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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.

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Figure 12 Configuring Network Settings For Instance

Step 11: Again for the volume, we are going to retain default settings and let 8Gib root volume be attached and created for the instance.

▼ Configure storage Info

Advanced

1x 8 GiB gp3 Root volume (Not encrypted)

Free tier eligible customers can get up to 30 GB of EBS General Purpose (SSD) or Magnetic storage

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Add new volume

0 x File systems

Edit

Figure 13 Root volume attached to Instance

Step 12: We will now click on launch instance button on the right and wait for 10 secs for it to be created.

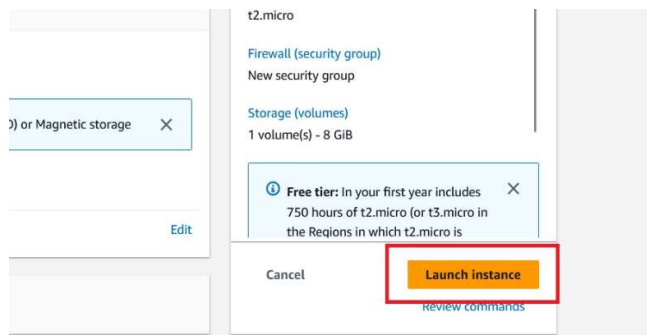


Figure 14 Launching of Instance

Step 13: It takes about 30 secs for an instance to come into Running state. After it reaches the running state, it will look something like this:

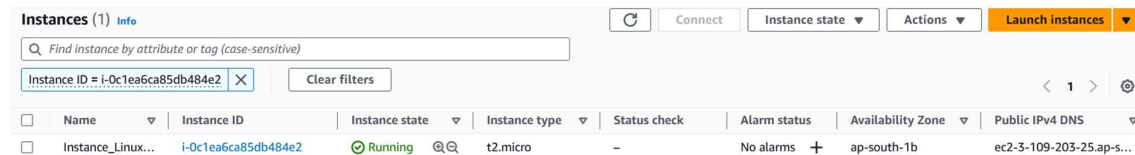


Figure 15 Checking the Instance State

Step 14: To now make the Linux machine run onto the system, we will download PuTTYgen, if not available on the system.

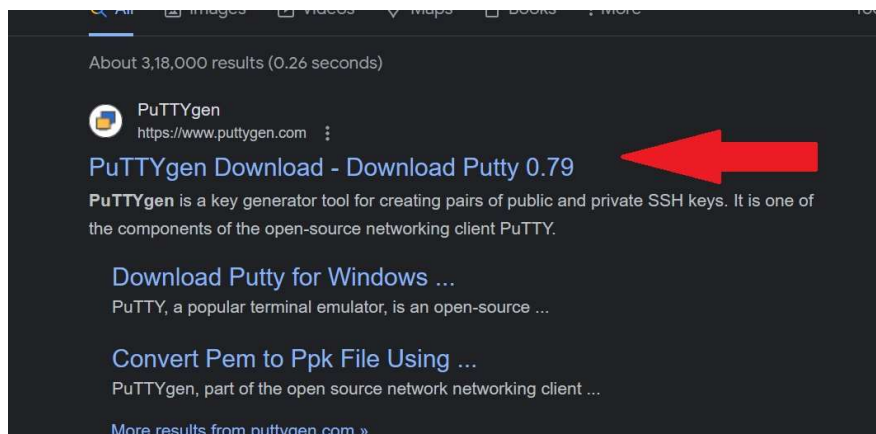


Figure 16 Downloading PuTTYgen on the System

Step 15: After downloading it, we will open up the PuTTYgen on the system. We will click on the load button and upload the .pem file of the key pair we had created while creating the instance.

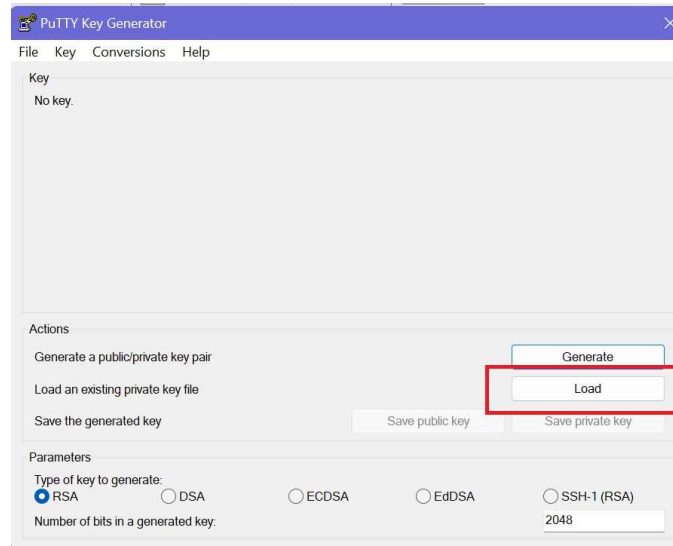


Figure 17 Opening PuTTY Key Generator

Step 16: The key pair will be loaded and we will click on the option to save it as private key on the system. This will save it as PuTTY private key file on the system.

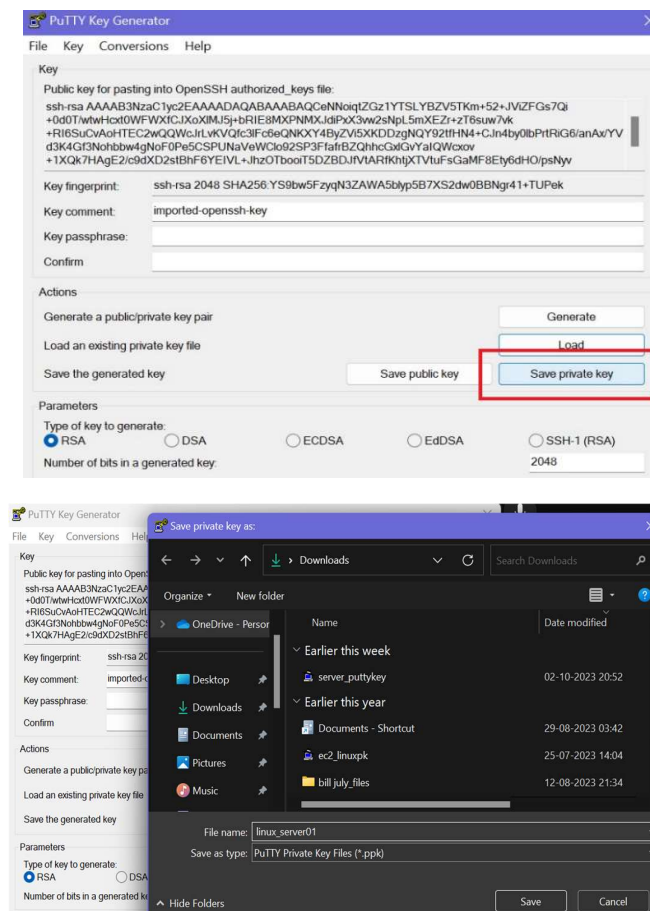


Figure 18 Saving the private key on system

Step 17: Next, we will open PuTTY on the system, we will click on Session->SSH->Auth->Credentials on the left pane and attach the private key that was just saved on the system. The file can be attached under the option **Private key file for authentication**.

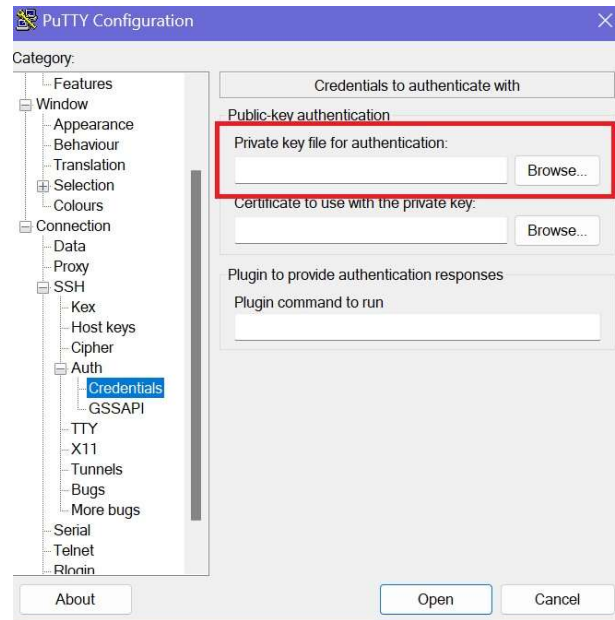


Figure 19 Opening up of private key for authentication

Step 18: We will now go to Session and copy paste the public IPv4 address of the instance created on AWS.

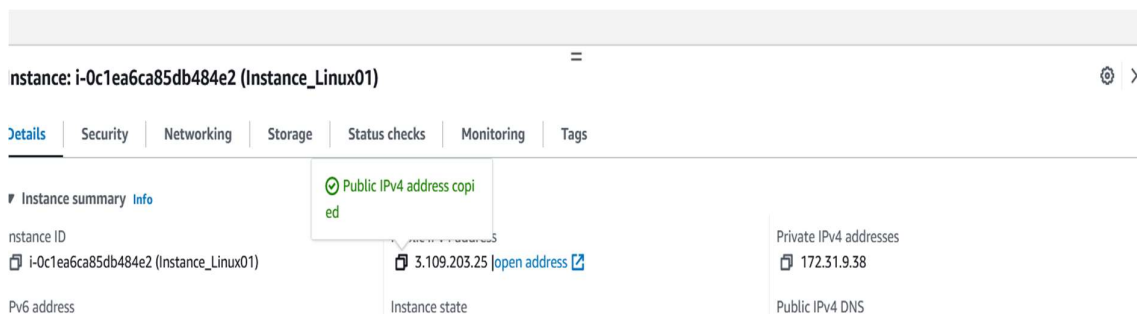


Figure 20 Copying the Public IPv4 address of Instance to be launched

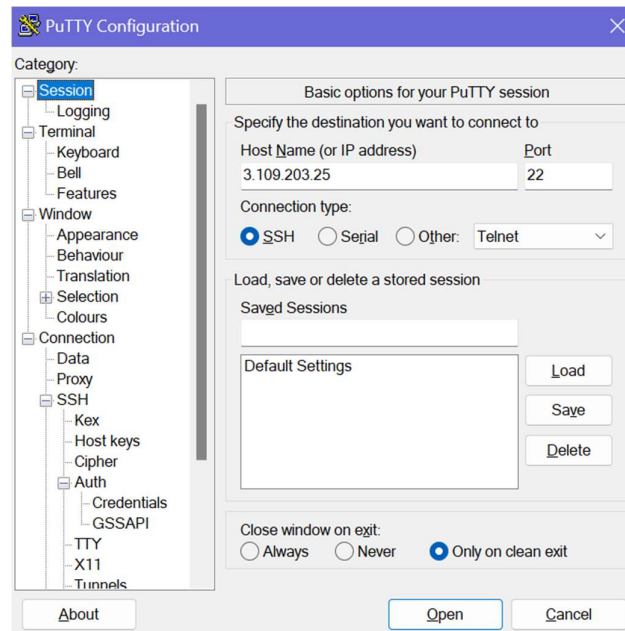


Figure 21 The Ip address is pasted under Host Name

Step 19: We will then click on the Open option at bottom and enter the command `ec2-user` and our Amazon Linux Server will successfully be launched.

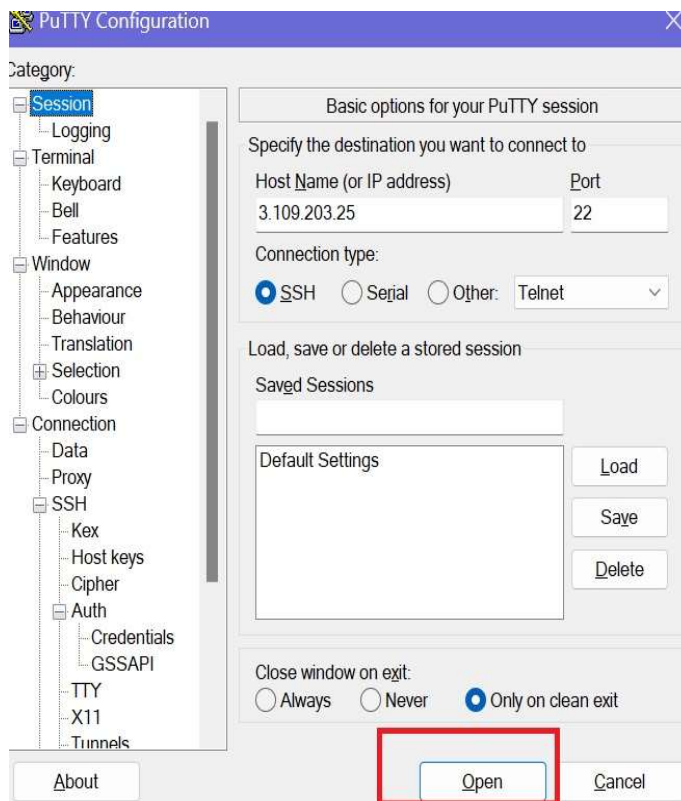


Figure 22 Clicking on the Open Button to launch Instance

