# **CLOUD CONCEPTS**

# (Elastic Block Storage and Elastic File System)

• In your system you have seen the hard disk drive (HDD) or SSD for data storage and installing OSes or other software. The types of the volume (alternate name of storage device) may vary but every type of hard drive (SSD, PATA, SCSI, and SATA) has a purpose.

 An EBS (Elastic Block Store) Volume is a network drive you can attach to your instances while they run

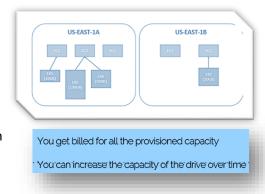
· It allows your instances to persist data

• **EBS** is a hard drive that is attached to the server when the server is launched (we have seen that). It is the root volume (main drive) which is deleted on termination (when checked while launching the server). In case of accidental deletion or unexpected termination if there is a backup recovery plan you will get an email through SNS (Simple Notification Service). The service monitoring and creating alarms is cloud watch. Sometimes you need to store the data somewhere...!



• EBS is a network drive which takes time due to the internet. You may see delays when it is attached to a server. It is important to note that EBS volume can be detached from the running server and attached with another server running in the same Availability Zone. Its server is

running in another Availability Zone, the volume cannot be attached to that server. To attach the volume cross region firstly create a snapshot (copy of volume). Volume has provisioned capacity in terms of size (GBs) and in terms of input output operations (IOPS). Generally, SSD (high speed) costs more than HDD. Capacity of volume can be extended on need basis other option is to attach a new volume (partitions can be created).



• SSD-backed volumes are optimized for transactional workloads involving frequent read/write operations with small I/O size, where the dominant performance attribute is IOPS. SSD-backed volume types include General Purpose SSD and Provisioned IOPS SSD. The following is a summary of the use cases and characteristics of SSD-backed volumes.

	General Purpose SSD volumes		Provisioned IOPS SSD volumes		
Volume type	gp3	gp2	io2 Block Express ‡	io2	io1
Durability	99.8% - 99.9% durability (0.1% - 0.2% annual failure rate)		99.999% durability (0.001% annual failure rate)		99.8% - 99.9% durability (0.1% - 0.2% annual failure rate)
Use cases	<ul> <li>Transactional workloads</li> <li>Virtual desktops</li> <li>Medium-sized, single-instance databases</li> <li>Low-latency interactive applications</li> <li>Boot volumes</li> <li>Development and test environments</li> </ul>		Workloads that require:  Sub-millisecond latency Sustained IOPS performance More than 64,000 IOPS or 1,000 MiB/s of throughput	<ul> <li>Workloads that require sustained IOPS performance or more than 16,000 IOPS</li> <li>I/O-intensive database workloads</li> </ul>	
Volume size	1 GiB - 16 TiB		4 GiB - 64 TiB		4 GiB - 16 TiB
Max IOPS per volume (16 KiB I/O)	16,000		256,000		64,000 †
Max throughput per volume	1,000 MiB/s	250 MiB/s *	4,000 MiB/s		1,000 MiB/s †
Amazon EBS Multi- attach	Not supported		Supported		
Boot volume	Supported				

 HDD-backed volumes are optimized for large streaming workloads where the dominant performance attribute is throughput. HDD volume types include Throughput Optimized HDD and Cold HDD. The following is a summary of the use cases and characteristics of HDDbacked volumes.

	Throughput Optimized HDD volumes	Cold HDD volumes		
Volume type	st1	sc1		
Durability	99.8% - 99.9% durability (0.1% - 0.2% annual failure rate)			
Use cases	<ul><li>Big data</li><li>Data warehouses</li><li>Log processing</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Throughput-oriented storage for data that is infrequently accessed</li> <li>Scenarios where the lowest storage cost is important</li> </ul>		
Volume size	125 GiB - 16 TiB			
Max IOPS per volume (1 MiB I/O)	500	250		
Max throughput per volume	500 MiB/s	250 MiB/s		
Amazon EBS Multi-attach	Not supported			
Boot volume	Not supported			

- Whenever the terms critical is used it means low latency and max number of I/O operations. If IOPs are less than 16K the volume is GP2 and if the IOPs are greater than 16K it refers to IO volume type. Both ST and SC are non-bootable and low-price volumes (HDD type) while GP and IO are bootable volumes and are bit expensive.
- create a copy of your volume. It is incremntal which means that if the snapshot of a volume is created when volume size is 8 GB, in case the volume size is expanded to 10 GB then snapshot will only be created of 2GB incremented. It is recommended to take the snapshot when internet traffic is low. This process can be automated through Amazon Data Lifecycle Manager that will create snap shot as schedulled say 12 am at night. The voulmes can be restored

- GP2 (SSD): General purpose SSD volume that balances price and performance for a wide variety of workloads
- IO1 (SSD): Highest-performance SSD volume for mission-critical low-latency or high-throughput workloads
- ST1 (HDD): Low cost HDD volume designed for frequently accessed, throughput- intensive workloads
- SC1 (HDD): Lowest cost HDD volume designed for less frequently accessed workloads

#### **EBS Snapshots**



- Incremental only backup changed blocks
- EBS backups use IO and you shouldn't run them while your application is handling a lot of traffic
- Snapshots will be stored in S3 (but you won't directly see them)
- Not necessary to detach volume to do snapshot, but recommended
- Max 100,000 snapshots
- Can copy snapshots across AZ or Region
- · Can make Image (AMI) from Snapshot
- EBS volumes restored by snapshots need to be pre-warmed (using fio or dd command to read the entire volume)
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from the snap shot available and AMI can also be created using from the snap shots.

#### **EBS Migration**

- EBS Volumes are only locked to a specific AZ
- To migrate it to a different AZ (or region):
- Snapshot the volume
- · (optional) Copy the volume to a different region
- · Create a volume from the snapshot in the AZ of your choice

#### Encryption: encrypt an unencrypted EBS volume

- Create an EBS snapshot of the volume
- Encrypt the EBS snapshot (using copy)
- Create new ebs volume from the snapshot (the volume will also be encrypted)
- Now you can attach the encrypted volume to the original instance

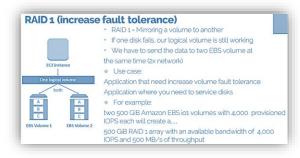
#### **EBS Encryption**

- · When you create an encrypted EBS volume, you get the following
- Data at rest is encrypted inside the volume
- All the data in flight moving between the instance and the volume is encrypted
- · All snapshots are encrypted
- All volumes created from the snapshot
- Encryption and decryption are handled transparently (you have nothing to do)
- Encryption has a minimal impact on latency
- EBS Encryption leverages keys from KMS (AES-256)
- · Copying an unencrypted snapshot allows encryption
- Snapshots of encrypted volumes are encrypted

#### **EBS RAID Options**

- EBS is already redundant storage (replicated within an AZ)
- But what if you want to increase IOPS to say 100 000 IOPS?
- · What if you want to mirror your EBS volumes?
- You would mount volumes in parallel in RAID settings!
- RAID is possible as long as your OS supports it
- · Some RAID options are:
- RAID o
- RAID 1
- RAID 5 (not recommended for EBS see documentation)
- RAID 6 (not recommended for EBS see documentation)
- KAID 6 (not recommended for EBS see documentation
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### Lab (Elastic Block Store)

1. Initially no volume is created and no server is running. Snapshots = 0.

# Resources You are using the following Amazon EC2 resources in the US East (Ohio) region: 0 Running Instances 0 Elastic IPs

Dedicated Hosts
 Volumes

3 Key Pairs

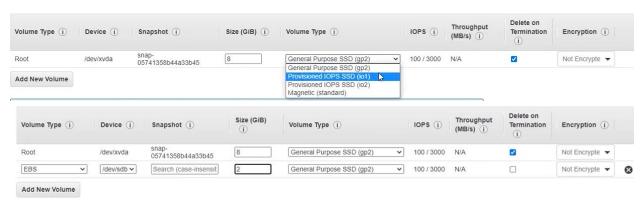
0 Placement Groups

0 Snapshots

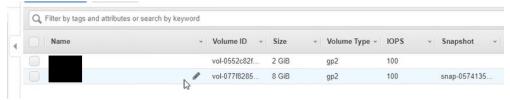
0 Load Balancers

6 Security Groups

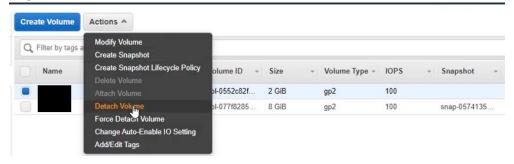
2. Launch a server with a simple script. See the default values of the attached volume. Add a new volume. Add tags, attach security groups and key pairs and launch the server. [Port 22 must be ON]

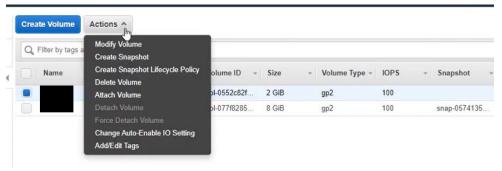


3. See volumes two volumes can be seen 8GB and 2GB.

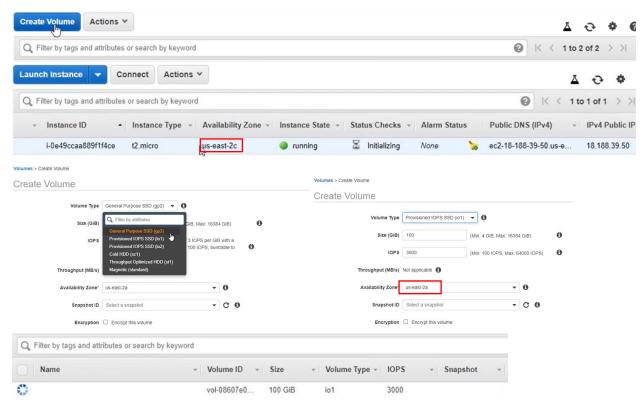


4. A volume attched with a running server can be detached. After detaching the volume don't forget to delete the volume.

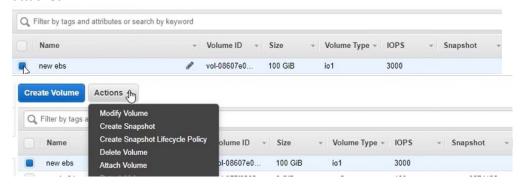


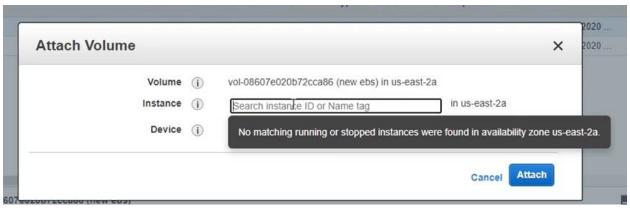


5. A new volume can be created by clicking on create volume. Set the type of volume and define the size. Check encryption if required. Create volume in different AZ i.e., different from the AZ of server. Click on Create Volume.

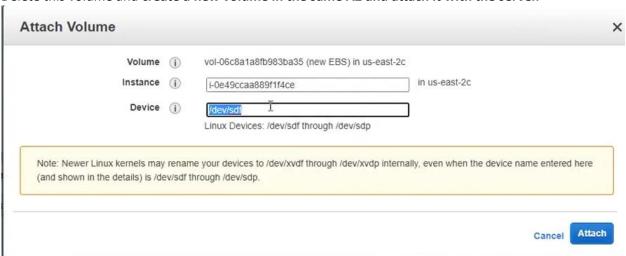


6. Name the new volume and attach it with the running server. It will show no instances running as the AZ of running server and the AZ of created volume are different. SO the server cannot be attached.





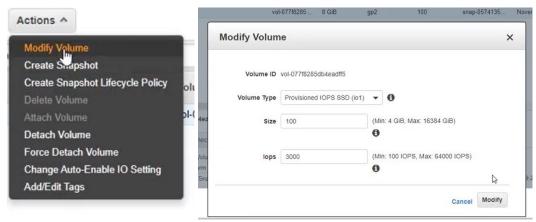
7. Delete this volume and create a new volume in the same AZ and attach it with the server.



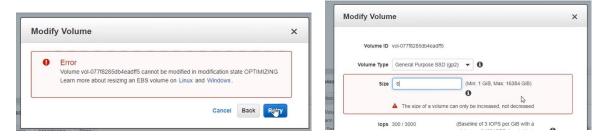
8. See the properties of new attached volume.



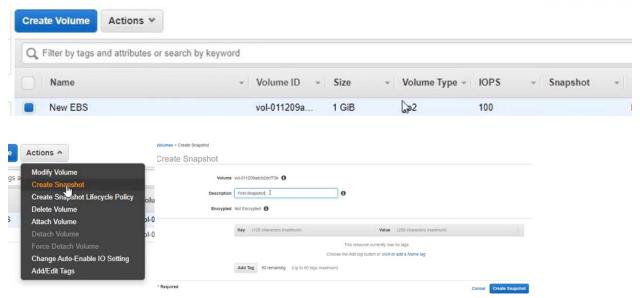
9. Now increase the capacity of the initial volume (8GB). Detach and dlete the other volumes. Select the volume, click on Action and Modify Volume. Set the values and change the volume type (if required). The volume will be modified while the server is running.



It is not recommended to increase the size of the volume if requirement is temporary. It is better to create a new volume and delete it when requirements are fulfilled. Amazon allows the increase in size but do not allow to decrease the size. Even further increment will require a gap of 6hrs. Error may vary from what is shown.



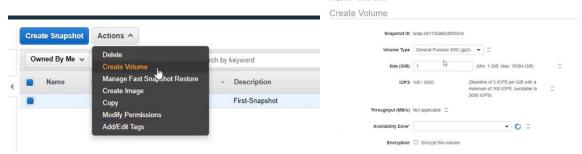
10. Create the snapshot of a volume. It is better to use 1GB size minimum to quickly create a copy. Larger the capacity greater will be the time. Click on Create Snapshot and write the description.



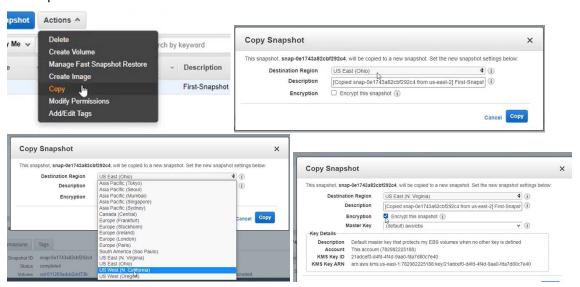
11. Click on snapshots to see the snapshots created.



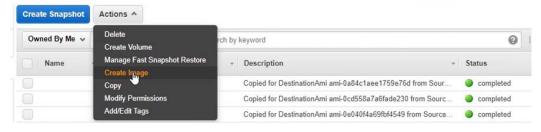
12. A new volume can be created from the created snap shot.

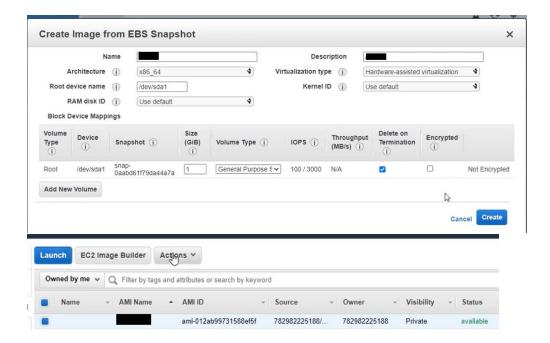


13. To migrate the snap shot, click Copy and select the region where you want the volume copy to be migrated (cuurently in Ohio, other region is North virginia). Encryption option is also available at this point.



- 14. Switch the region to see the snapshot in that region. Now you can create the machine image from this snapshot (seen in AMI) and launch the server using same steps.
  - **DONOT FORGET TO DETACH VOLUMES, DELETE SNAPSHOTS/VOLUME and DEREGISTER AND DELETE AMIs and TERMINATE THE SERVERS.**

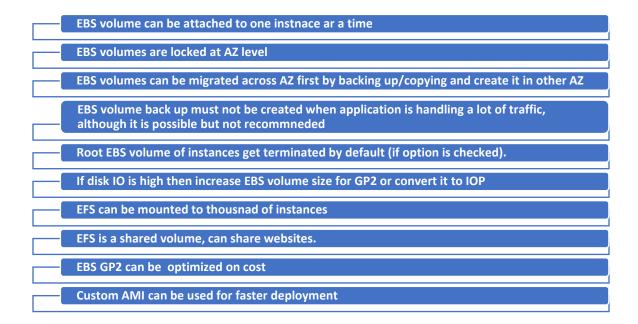




- **EFS** is like a shared drive that can be attached with multiple servers in different availablity zones. Securtiy groups are very important in EFS as they will define the servers to which this drive can be attached. It is not compatible with windows, can only be configured with linux AMI. Since this drive is used with multiple instances hences many input output operations are performed on this drive.
  - Managed NFS (network file system) that can be mounted on many EC2
  - EFS works with EC2 instances in multi-AZ
  - Highly available, scalable, expensive (3x gp2), pay per use
- On premise means ones own physical data center. If the on premise data is to be shared with cloud data store EFS is synced.

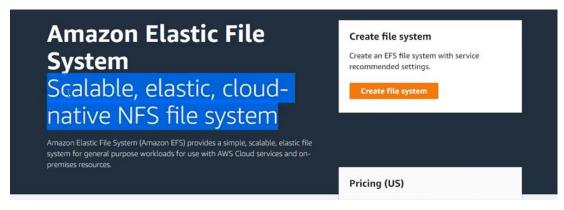


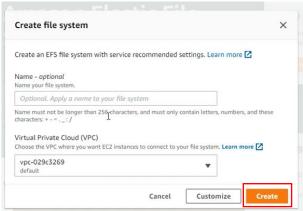
Use cases: content management, web serving, data sharing, Wordpress
Uses NFSv4.1 protocol
Uses security group to control access to EFS
Compatible with Linux based AMI (not Windows)
Performance mode:
General purpose (default)
Max I/O – used when thousands of EC2 are using the EFS
EFS file sync to sync from on-premise file system to EFS
Backup EFS-to-EFS (incremental – can choose frequency)
Encryption at rest using KMS



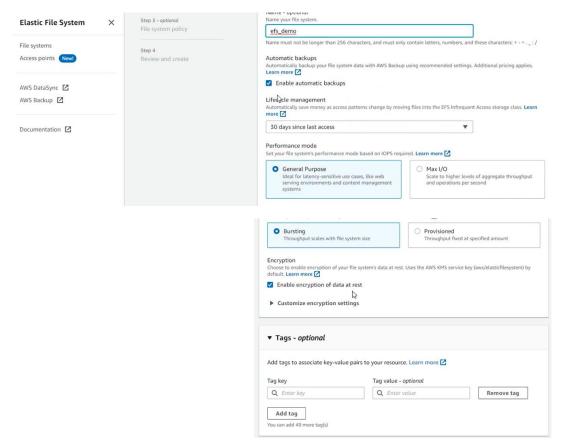
# Lab (Elastic File System)

 Search for EFS and click on create file system. You can simply dive the name with default values and create the volume. To explore other options, click on customize.



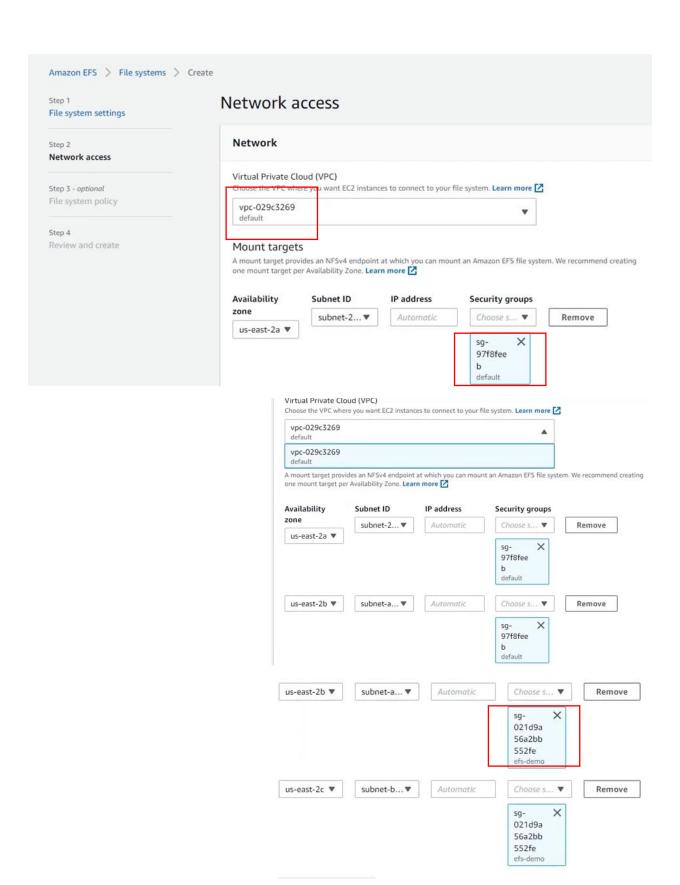


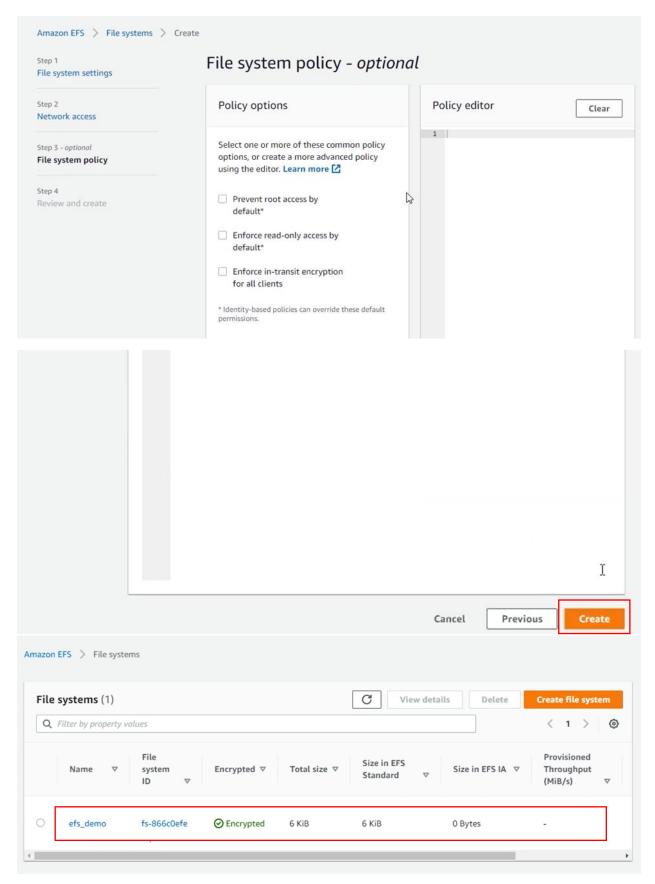
Write the name and check enable automatic backup option if backup is to be created else it can
be unchecked. By default this option is checked. Life cycle management will help to keep the cost
optimized if files are not accessed in X time move it in infrequent access storage. GP or IO type
can be selected. TAG if required.



- In next step VPC is selected. Default VPC is selected, you can select your own created VPC as
  well. Depending on the region you are in AZ can be selected remove the SG (def with VPC-def)
  from the AZs and attach your created security group. Proceed to next step, tag and click on
  create.
  - Required: Create a security group with outbound rules with all the traffic enabled.

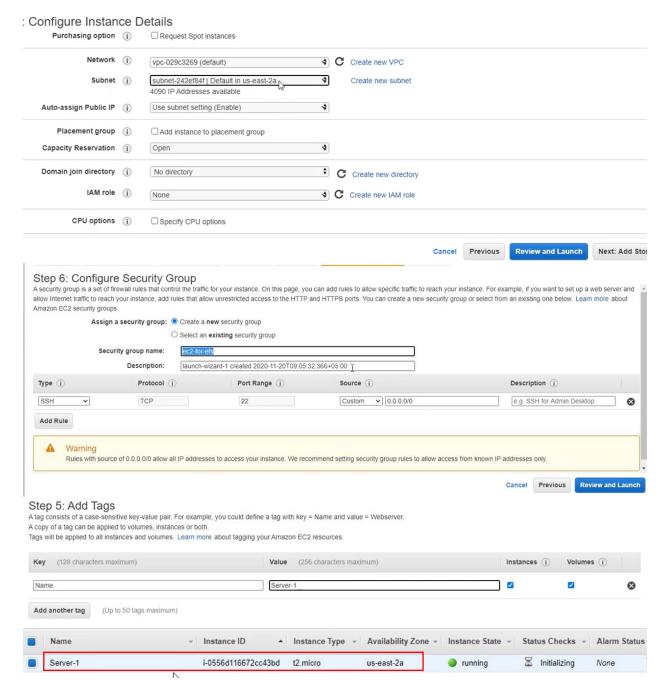




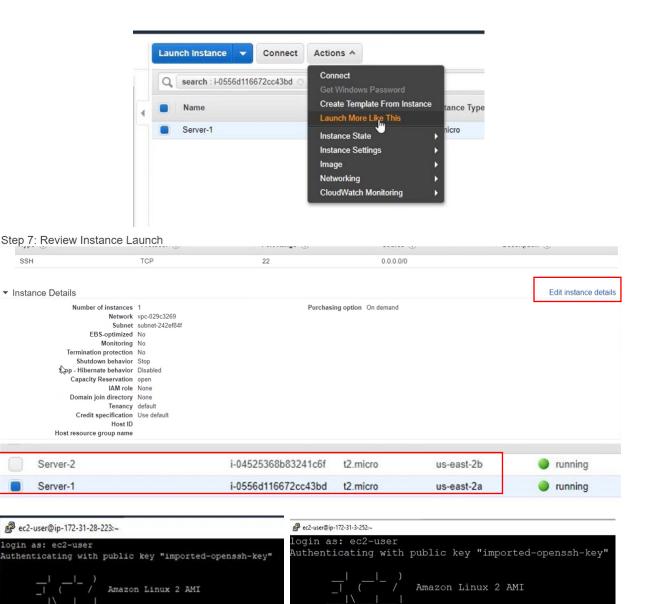


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• Launch two servers in different availablity zones. With SG as shown.



• You can duplicate the instance by clicking on Actions. Change the name and follow the default configuration, just change the AZ different from the previous one. Acess both servers through there public IP through SSH (power shell/putty).



• Now to create a shared file that will be automatically shared with other server when created.

sudo yum install -y amazon-efs-utils
sudo mkdir /efs
sudo mount -t efs fs-866c0efe:/ /efs

cd /efs

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- mkdir is used to create a directory.
- mount is used to attach the volume with servercd will chage the present working directory.

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Run the following commands on both servers.

• Then create a directory on **both servers**.

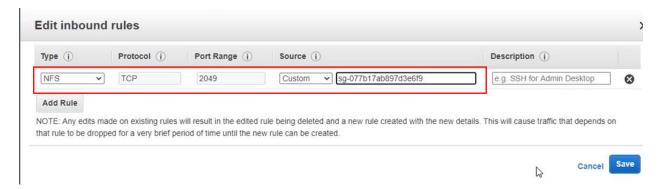
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@ ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252:~

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ sudo mkdir /efs
```

Now attach the EFS using the command on both servers as shown. Please note that you must write the id of your created EFS volume. NOTE that no output will be shown. It is due to the attached security group where no inbound rule is defined. For this edit the attached security group with EFS and ON the port for NFS (Network File System). Attach the security group create for EC2 instances with that port as source. This will sync both servers through security group any modification in EFS will be shared with both servers.





• Press Ctrl+C to stop the running command (putty) and run the same command on both servers after configuring SG inbound rule.

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@ ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252:~
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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ sudo mkdir /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-866c0efe:/ /efs
CTraceback (most recent call last):
 File "/sbin/mount.efs", line 1988, in <module>
   main()
 File "/sbin/mount.efs", line 1984, in main
   mount_nfs(dns_name, path, mountpoint, options)
 File "/sbin/mount.efs", line 1009, in mount_nfs
   out, err = proc.communicate()
 File "/usr/lib64/python2.7/subprocess.py", line 483, in communicate
   return self. communicate(input)
 File "/usr/lib64/python2.7/subprocess.py", line 1124, in communicate
   stdout, stderr = self. communicate with poll(input)
 File "/usr/lib64/python2.7/subprocess.py", line 1178, in communicate with pol
   ready = poller.poll()
KeyboardInterrupt
ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-866c0efe:/ /efs
```

Now change the current directory to efs directory created in mounted EFS volume.

```
@ ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252:/efs

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ cd /efs

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]$
```

If you run any command then it will not be executed. Permission Denied. Error...!

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ cd /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]$ echo "Welcom toEFS" > hello.txt[
-bash: hello.txt: Permission denied
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]$
```

Now be a super user, from ec2 user to a root user and execute the commands.

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@ root@ip-172-31-3-252/efs

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 ~]$ cd /efs

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]$ echo "Welcom toEFS" > hello.txt

-bash: hello.txt: Permission denied

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]$ sudo su

[root@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]# echo "Welcome to EFS" > hello.txt

[root@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]# cat hello.txt

Welcome to EFS

[root@ip-172-31-3-252 efs]# 

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Echo is used to print what is written to screen or to a file
 > is used to write to a file
 cat will display the contents of the file

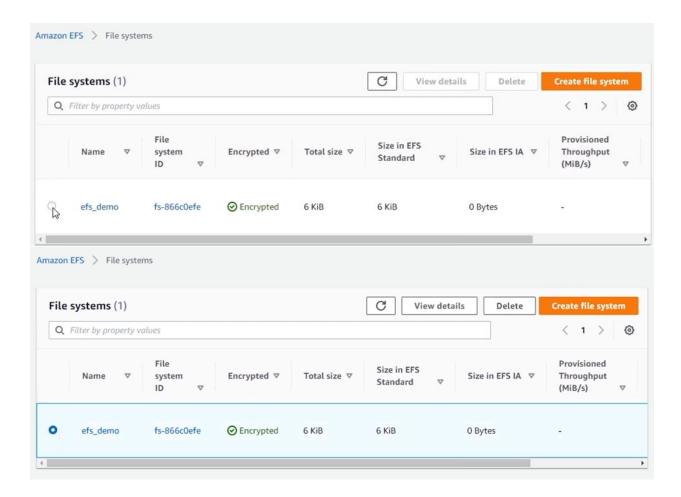
Now go to server 2 and run the commands as shown. You will see that file created through the
server 1 is also available in server 2. It is because both servers are synced via SG. It is important to
note that only servers attached SG for EC2 instances will have the file access. No other port is
open ...!

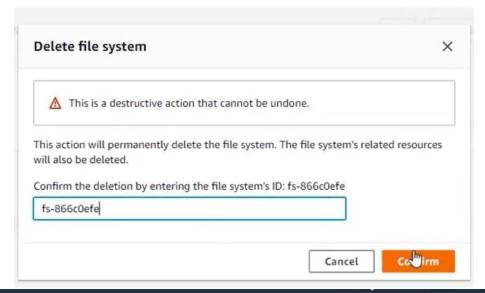
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root@ip-172-31-28-223:/efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 ~]$ sudo mkdir /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-866c0efe:/ /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 ~]$ cd /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 efs]$ sudo su
[root@ip-172-31-28-223 efs]$ cat hello.txt
Welcome to EFS
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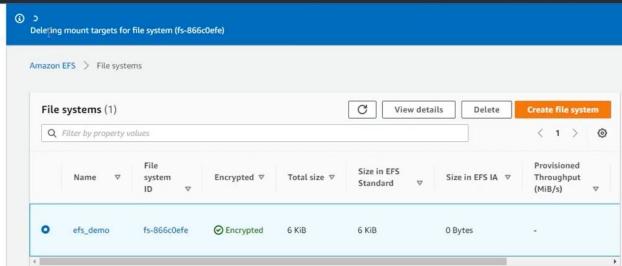
Now create a file in server two and access it from server 1 to see the syncing.

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proot@ip-172-31-28-223:/efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 ~]$ sudo mkdir /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-866c0efe:/ /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 ~]$ cd /efs
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-223 efs]$ sudo su
[root@ip-172-31-28-223 efs]$ cat hello.txt
Welcome to EFS
[root@ip-172-31-28-223 efs]$ echo "Welcome to Cloud Computing" > abc.txt
[root@ip-172-31-28-223 efs]$ cat abc.txt
Welcome to Cloud Computing
```

 Close the sessions, delete the security groups of server or terminate the servers and delete all other SGs







- You might get this error if the servers to which EFS is mounted is not terminated. So firslty delete the instances and then delete the mounted voulme.
  - $oldsymbol{\otimes}$  The file system could not be deleted; first delete its mount targets.