

Programme

Diploma in Cloud Engineering (120 Credits)

Course

DCE03: Open-source Integration (Level 7, 30 Credits, Version 1.3)

Assessment Title

Research and Implement a Practical Demonstration (Amazon Linux)

DCE-03 | Assessment-3.1

Weighting within course **50%**

Objective:

- The objective of Task 1 is to research and implement an open-source cloud-based Linux infrastructure for deploying a web server on Amazon Web Services (AWS). The implementation will focus on creating a cloud-ready environment using multiple Virtual Cloud Platform (VPC) peering connections. The aim is to ensure a high level of security while facilitating seamless communication between VPCs, thereby maintaining a secure, scalable, and efficient cloud infrastructure for the web server.
- The objective of Task 2 is to test and implement the cloud-based infrastructure set up in Task 1 before moving it into a production environment. This will involve maintaining the security and high availability of the website content using SAMBA Server-Client concepts on the Amazon Linux operating system platform. The task will ensure that the virtualized infrastructure is properly configured for file sharing, security, and optimal availability of website resources.
- These tasks aim to both design and verify the deployment of secure, scalable, and efficient infrastructure using AWS cloud services, ensuring the infrastructure is ready for production deployment with a focus on security and high availability.

Course Learning Outcomes (LOs) covered:

LO1: Implement and manage an open-source infrastructure to facilitate a cloud-ready environment.

LO2: Discuss and develop strategies to mitigate security risks of open source and cloud-based components.

Qualification Graduate Profile Outcomes (GPOs) covered:

GPO1: Demonstrate advanced knowledge of a range of technologies in a cloud-based environment that meet organisational needs for storage, compute, and networking.

GPO3: Critically assess risks for security and isolation in a cloud environment to meet organisational requirements and use specialised knowledge to implement and manage multi tenancy.

Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcome and GPOs Mapping:

LO	GPO	Task	Task Component	Weighting
LO1: Implement and manage an open-source infrastructure to facilitate a cloud-ready	GPO1	Task 1:Understanding Open-Source Infrastructure.	Task 1: Research and Implement Scenario-Based Practical Demonstration-1.	50%
environment. LO2: Discuss and develop strategies to mitigate security risks of open source and cloudbased components.	GPO3	Task 2: Discuss and develop strategies to mitigate the security risks of open source	Task 2: Discuss and Implement Scenario-Based Practical Demonstration-2.	50%
			Total	100%

Recommended Tasks Completion Timeline:

Week	Progress	Submission
Week 14	Assessment is to be released, and the student will start working (Task 1)	
Week 15	Assessment is to be released, and the student will start working (Task 2)	
Week 16	Recommend completing Assessment (Task 1, 2) by the end of the week	Assessment Due

Grading:

The final grade will be determined by the score achieved in this assessment based on the following table. Should a second or third attempt be required the maximum contribution toward the overall mark for the tasks that required a second or third assessment attempt is 50%. A late submission is considered a second attempt, so the contribution will be capped at 50%.

To pass this assessment, you must meet the requirements of each of the learning outcomes (irrespective of the numerical grade awarded).

Grade	Range
A +	Meet all course requirements, range (90—100%)
A	Meet all course requirements, range (85—89%)
A -	Meet all course requirements, range (80—84%)
B +	Meet all course requirements, range (75—79%)
В	Meet all course requirements, range (70—74%)
В-	Meet all course requirements, range (65—69%)
C +	Meet all course requirements, range (60—64%)
С	Meet all course requirements, range (55—59%)
C -	Meet all course requirements, range (50—54%)
D	Did not meet all course requirements, range (40—49%)
E	Did not meet all course requirements, mark range (0—39%)

Candidate's Assessment Instructions:

- This assessment is an open-book activity; you can use your course and review notes, and offline or online resources, such as textbooks or online journals.
- You can always ask your online tutor if you need further explanation if the instructions are unclear.
- Your work should not be plagiarised. Plagiarism includes copying material without acknowledging it, copying from
 another student, getting another person to help you with your assessment, using material from commercial essays
 or assignment services, or using AI to create the answers.
- The purpose of this assessment is to assess your knowledge. In the event Yoobee suspects collusion, this will be addressed. For more information on plagiarism, please refer to the Student Handbook.
- Submit your completed assessment online in the correct space provided.
- Marks and feedback will be returned within 15 days of the submission date.
- By completing and submitting an assessment, you are authenticating that the work is original and does not violate
 plagiarism or copyright law. Authenticity is checked where any breaches of academic integrity are suspected. Please
 refer to the Student Handbook for further information.

Submission Instructions:

Submit one PDF report document to the LMS by the specified due date.

Your report should:

- Include your name and ID number
- Include the AWS account login details, a cover page, and a report index for verification purposes in your report.
- Use a standard citation format if external sources are referenced
- · Clearly label tasks and subtasks
- Include screenshots of each practical step in sequence, naming and numbering the screenshots. Screenshots must display the relevant settings or outputs for each step.
- Include your answers to the assessment questions for each task, describing choices, configurations, and learned insights with an appropriate practical and theoretical understanding.

Assessment Tasks

Task 1: Research and implement open-source infrastructure to facilitate a cloud-ready environment. Practical Demonstration-1.

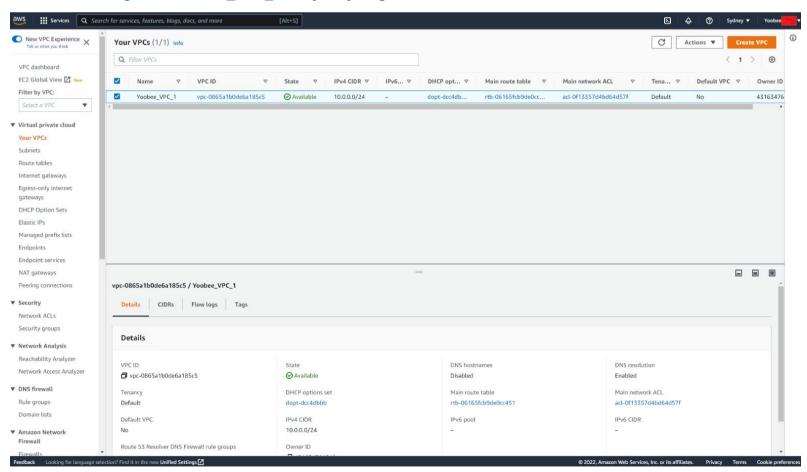
Scenario:1

Yoobee School of Technology's IT department decided to deploy their web-based content using an open-source platform, using Amazon Linux provided by the Amazon cloud service's ready environment. You need to design your Virtual Private Cloud (VPC), Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2-Linux Instance), and require subcomponents of these services, including CIDR, IP address, Internet Gateway, Route Table, etc., to deploy a sample website.

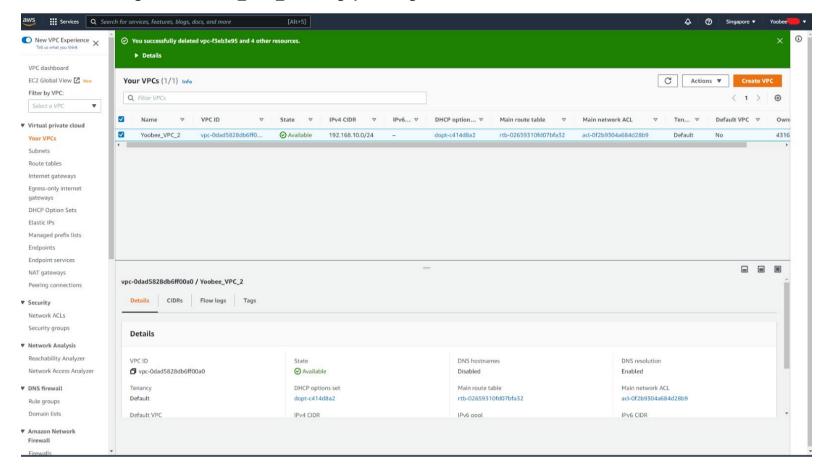
- 1. Delete the default virtual private cloud (VPC) provided by Amazon and create two VPCs in different regions using your own AWS Management console account login and allocate different CIDR blocks in both VPCs to prepare a range of IP addresses. (Take screenshots as Appendix-1 submission image 1.1 to 1.4)
- 2. Deploy one EC2 Linux instance in VPC1 with public IP enabled and a second EC2 Linux instance in VPC2 with Private IP enabled in the Availability zone where subnets are associated. Also, attached required subcomponents, including Internet Gateway, Subnets, Route Table, etc., to access EC2 Linux instances outside of the Virtual Private Cloud. (Take screenshots as Appendix-1 submission image 2.1 and 2.2)
- 3. Connect VPC1 Linux instance using the SSH port from your local system or laptop while your VPC2 Linux instance is not accessible. Explain why? In your report. (Take screenshots as Appendix-1 submission image 3.1 to 3.3)
- 4. Create VPC peering by knowing the other VPC account ID using the acceptor/requester process. Edit the subnet in both VPC's vice versa, in the route table using the gateway as VPC peering. (Take screenshots as Appendix-1 submission image 4.1 to 4.3)
- 5. Write a brief report in step-by-step practical implementation, including all images as shown in Appendix 1.

Appendix-1

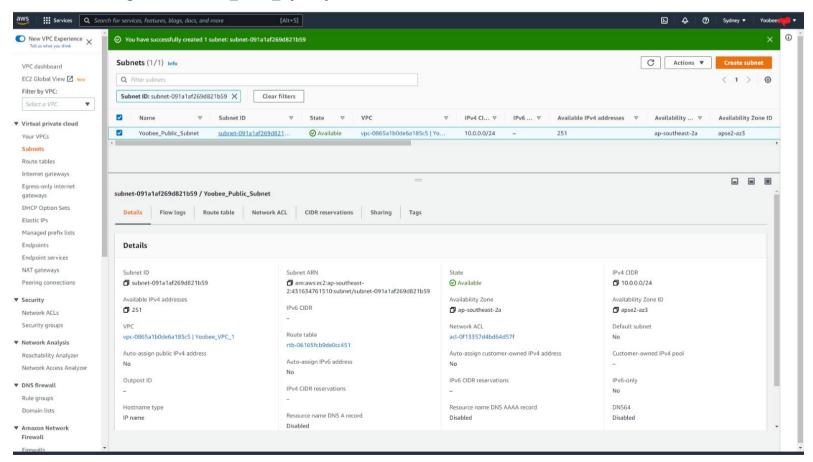
Submission Image-1.1: Yoobee_VPC_1 in Sydney Region



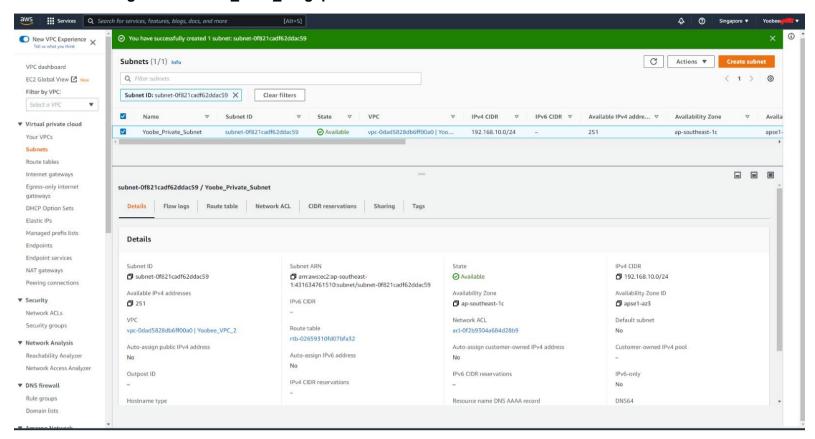
Submission Image-1.2: Yoobee_VPC_2 in Singapore Region



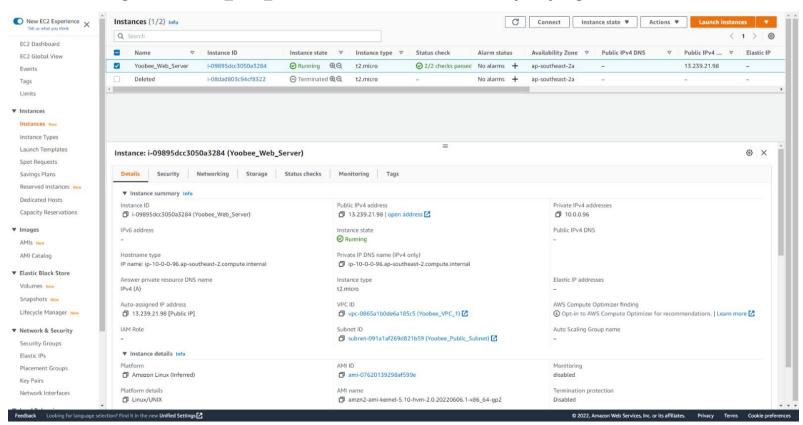
Submission Image-1.3: Yoobee_VPC _Sydney Subnet



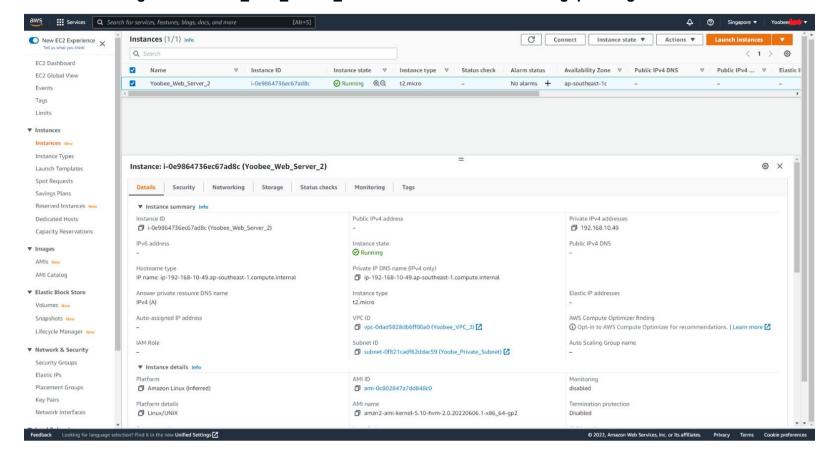
Submission Image-1.4: Yoobee_VPC _Singapore Subnet



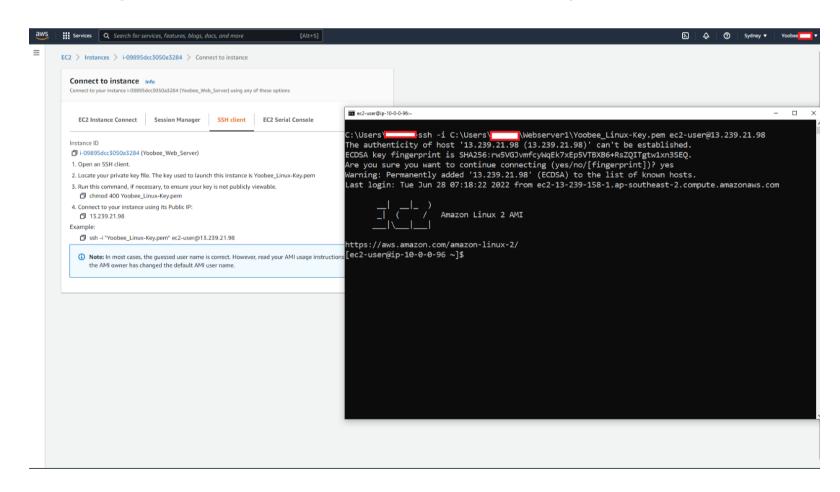
Submission Image-2.1: Yoobee_Web_Server EC2 Linux instance at the Sydney region



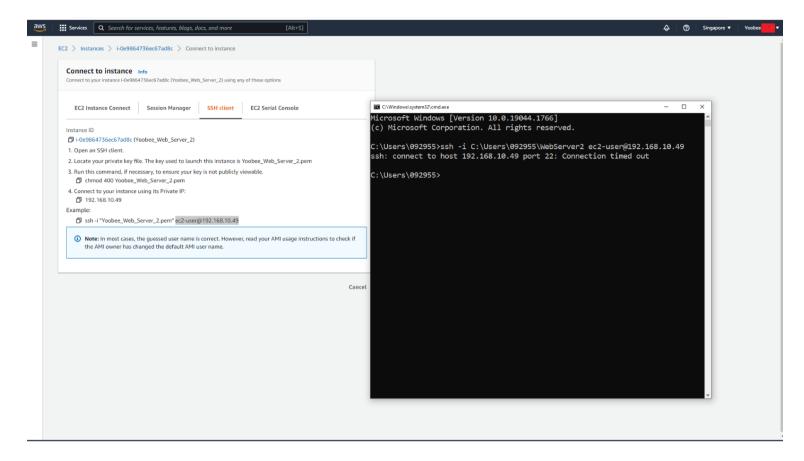
Submission Image-2.2: Yoobee_Web_Server_2 EC2 Linux instance at the Singapore region



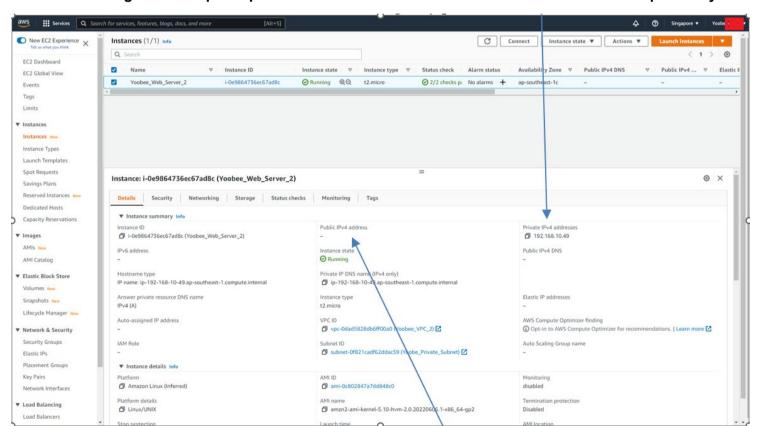
Submission Image-3.1: Yoobee_Web_Server EC2 Linux instance accessible using SSH port.



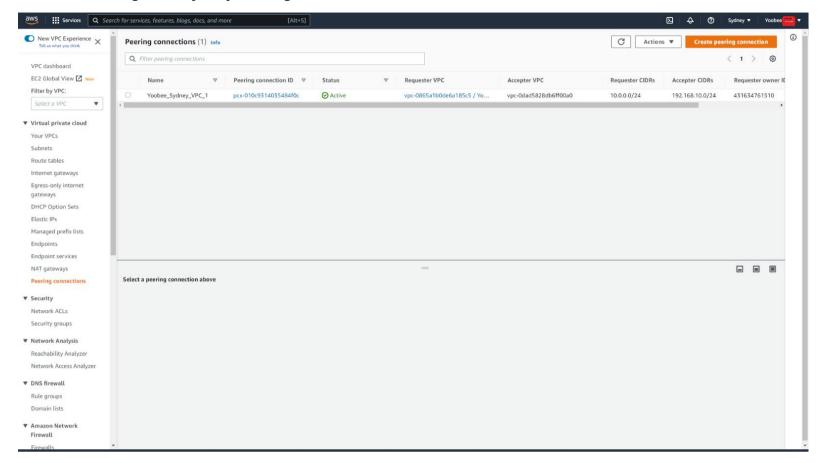
Submission Image-3.2: Yoobee_Web_Server_2 EC2 Linux instance not accessible using SSH port.



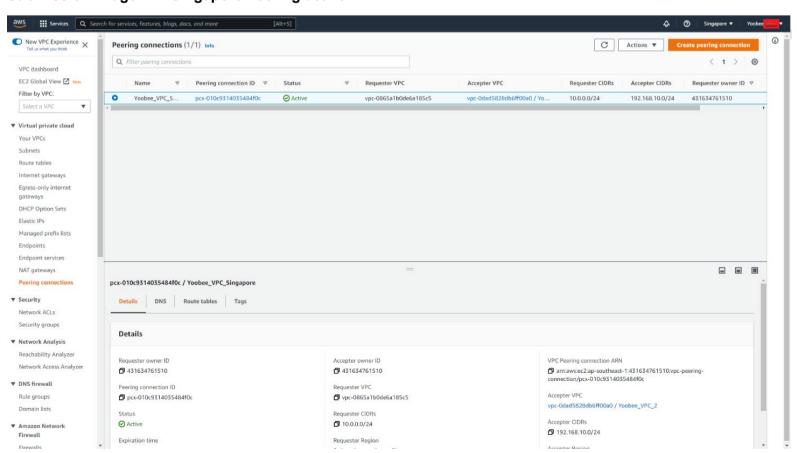
Submission Image-3.3: Sample Explanation: The VPC2 Linux instance is not accessible. Explain why?



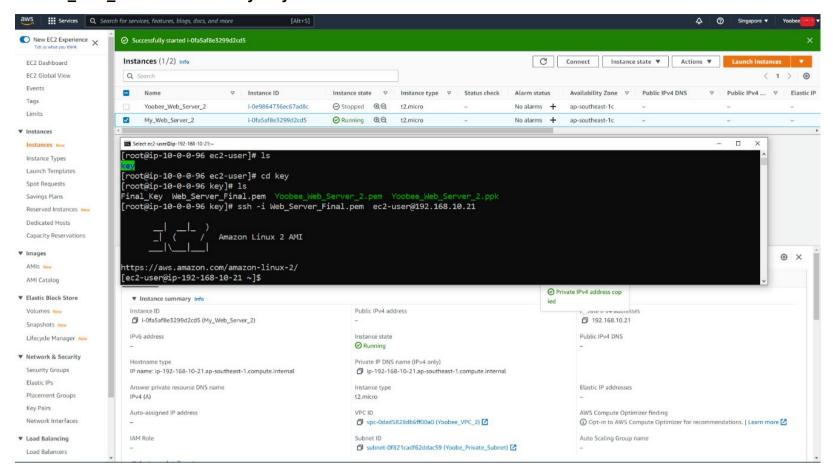
Submission Image-4.1: Sydney Peering active



Submission Image-4.2: Singapore Peering active



Submission Image-4.3: Yoobee_Web_Server_2 EC2 Linux instance accessible using SSH port from EC2 Linux Yoobee_Web_Server located in Sydney VPC.



Task 2: Discuss and develop strategies to mitigate security risks of open source and cloud-based components. Practical Demonstration-2

Scenario 2: Implement a SAMBA server in one of the Linux instances to access data from a Microsoft-based operating system using Elastic IP as cross-platform data migration. Similarly, exchange your data from Linux to Microsoft using Public IP, which requires proof of concept to mitigate the security risks of the open-source Linux platform.

Create an EFS (Elastic) file system for your organisation. The organisation is currently having issues with data breaches in its file systems. The CTO (Chief Technology Officer) realized that the security groups of the EC2 instances and EFS file system are not working as desired, while the data inflow and outflow.

As the Cloud support team member, you will now ensure that the EFS only connects to the data travelling from the EC2 instances and not from else within your VPC. This will help in mitigating your current issue of not allowing data from other resources.

Draw the topology and create the process of connecting your EC2 instances to your EFS file system. Minimum two instances are required to show the connectivity and the change. Also, in your report, explain how the SG modification helped your organisation to mitigate the risk.

1. Create two Linux EC2 instances using a common security group and deploy both instances as Web servers.

Configure shared storage using EFS service with security group outbound any and inbound NFS TCP 2049 only rule to share website content between multiple Linux instances to implement web server security.

(Do not use the default web page design sample website using any convenient scripting language.)

(Take screenshots as Appendix-2, including Design Topology and submission image 2.1 to 2.3)

2. Implement an NFS server in one instance and configure shared storage between multiple Linux.

(Take screenshots as Appendix-2, including Design Topology and submission image 2.4)

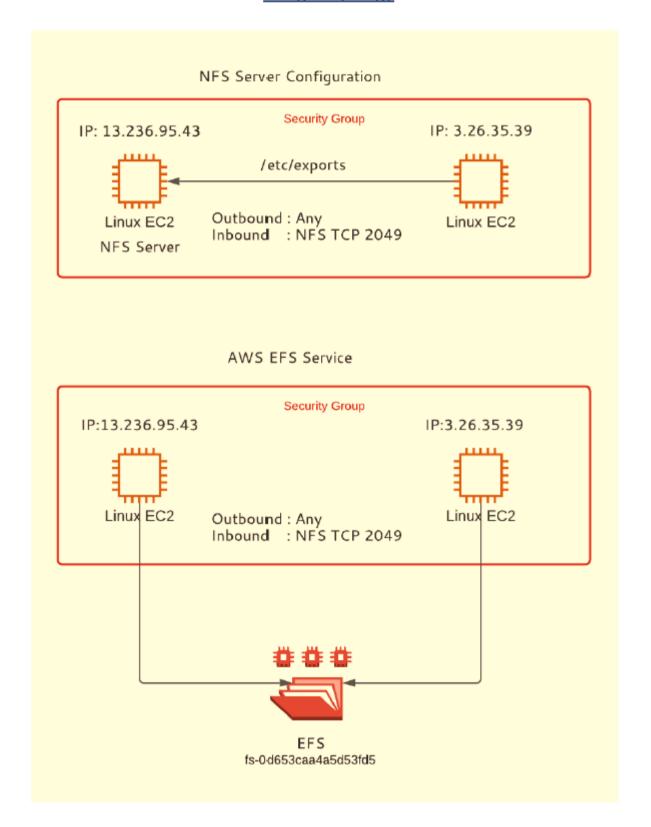
- **3.** Discuss the difference between the AWS EFS service and NFS Server configuration, in brief, and explain in your report with required referencing.
- **4.** Make a Samba server and share a folder to access from a Microsoft Windows EC2 instance using an Elastic IP. You can use existing Linux instances or create new ones, depending on your troubleshooting skills, to mitigate the security risk of open-source and cloud-based components.

(Take screenshots as Appendix-2, including Design Topology and submission images 4.1 and 4.2)

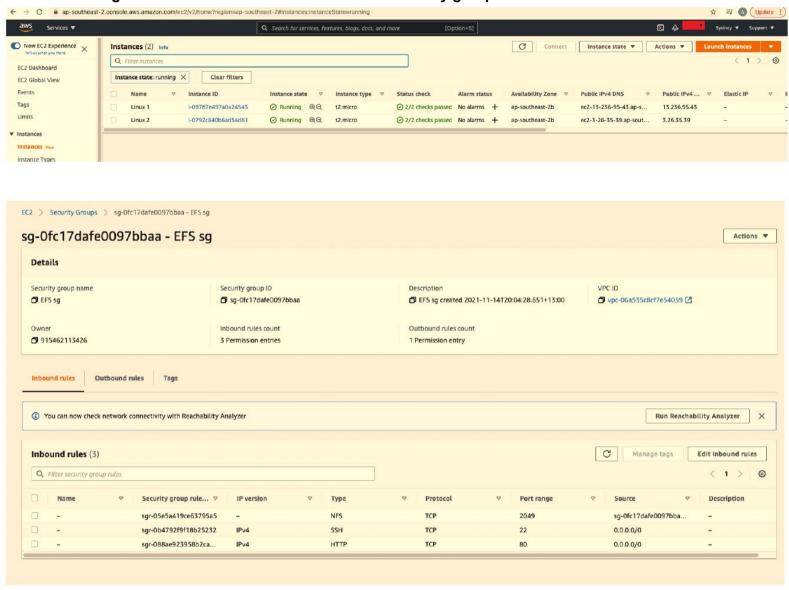
5. Assessment submitted with detailed research and step-by-step practical explanation. **Submission 5.1:** Report Writing and Submission

Appendix-2

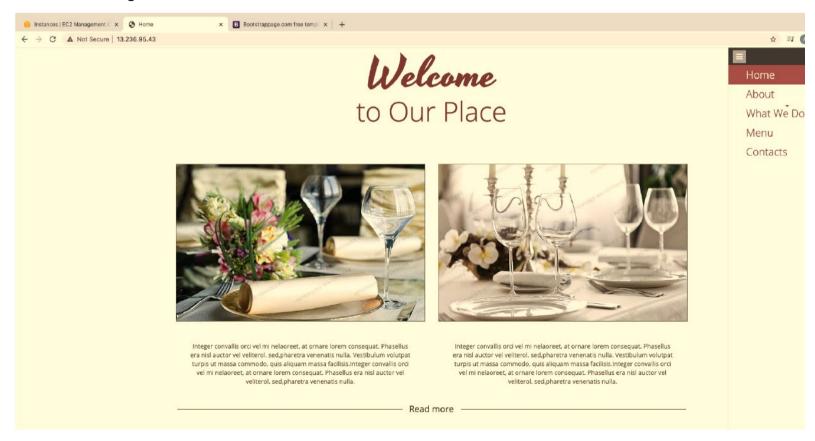
Design Topology



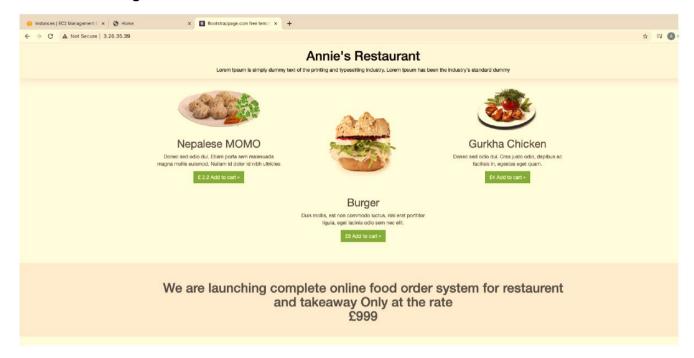
Submission Image: 2.1 EC2 Linux instances in common security group



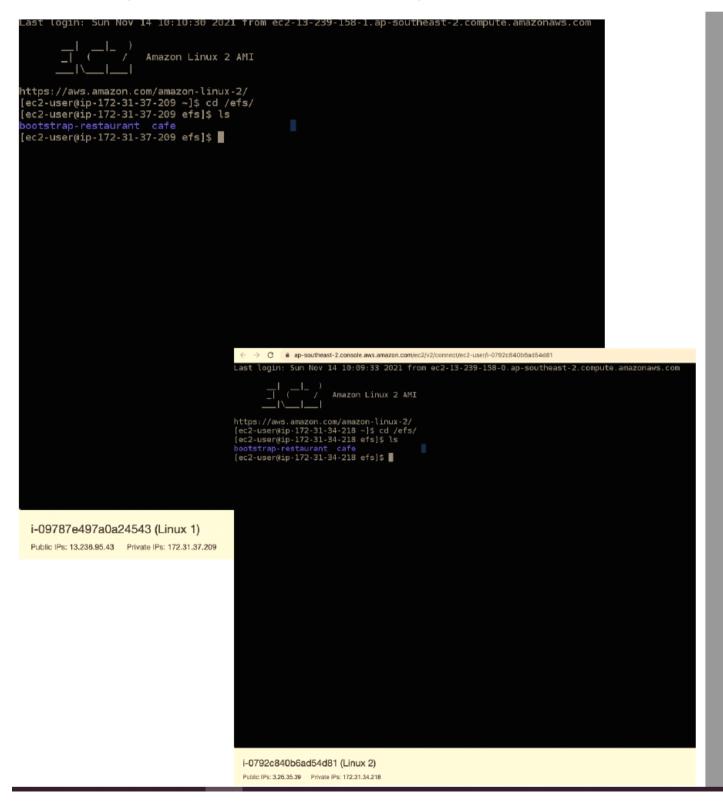
Submission Image: 2.2 EC2 Linux Web Server-1



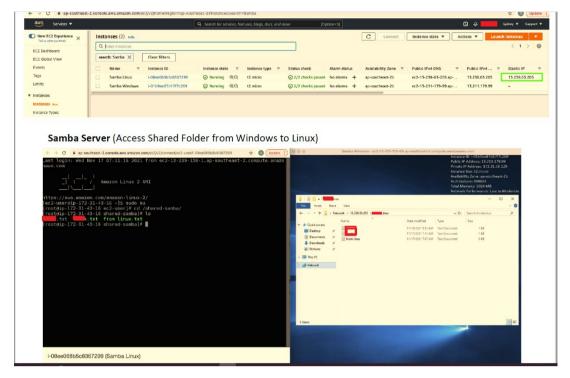
Submission Image: 2.3 EC2 Linux Web Server-2



Submission Image: 2.4 Sample file access in shared storage.

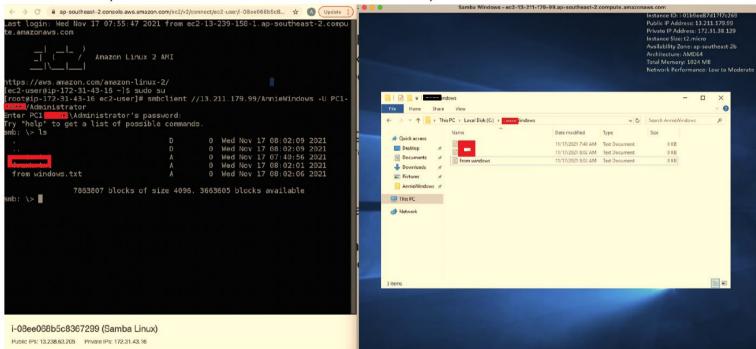


Submission Image: 4.1 Sample file access with SAMBA Server



Submission Image: 4.2 Sample file access in Windows

Samba Client (Access Shared Folder from Linux to Windows)



Marking Rubric

To pass this assessment, you must meet the requirements of each of the learning outcomes (irrespective of the numerical grade awarded).

Criterion		Evidence					
Task and Weightage		A-, A, A+ (80-100%)	B-, B, B+ (65-79%)	C-, C, C+ (50-64%)	D (40-49%)	E (0-39%	
Task 1:	1. VPC Creation and Configuration	VPCs created with correct CIDR, subnets, and route tables, documented with clear and correct screenshots.	VPCs are created with the correct CIDR, but minor issues in subnetting or route table configuration. Screenshots provided.	VPC creation is done but, missing some subcomponents or incorrect CIDR allocation. Screenshots are partially clear.	VPC created, but major issues in configuration, CIDR allocation, or route tables. Screenshots are unclear or missing.	VPC creation is incomplete or incorrect. No screenshots or poor-quality screenshots provided.	
	2. EC2 Instance Deployment	EC2 instances deployed with correct settings (Public/Private IP) and associated subcomponents. Fully documented with screenshots.	EC2 instances are deployed correctly with minor misconfigurations. Screenshots provided.	EC2 instances deployed with some missing subcomponents. Screenshots are clear, but some configurations are incomplete.	with significant misconfigurations or	EC2 instances are not deployed correctly or with significant missing components. No screenshots or poor-quality screenshots.	
Research and Implement Scenario-Based Practical Demonstration-1. (LO1) (50%)	3. VPC Connectivity and SSH Access	Successful SSH connection to VPC1 EC2, with a thorough explanation of why VPC2 is inaccessible. Well documented.	SSH connection successful for VPC1 EC2 with a basic explanation for VPC2.	SSH connection to VPC1 works, but an explanation for VPC2 is vague or missing.	SSH connection to VPC1 is not working or the explanation for VPC2 is incomplete.	No SSH connection or unclear explanation for VPC2.	
	4. VPC Peering Setup	VPC peering is established and documented accurately, including subnet routing changes. Screenshots included	VPC peering setup with minor issues, but overall functionality documented. Screenshots provided.	VPC peering setup, but incomplete or partially incorrect subnet routing configuration. Screenshots unclear.	The VPC peering setup is incomplete or incorrect with significant configuration issues. Screenshots are missing or unclear.	No VPC peering set up or major errors in the configuration. No screenshots provided.	
	5. Report Writing and Submission	Report well-structured, clear, and comprehensive. Step-by-step practical implementation and solutions are well documented.	The report is clear and structured, with a few minor gaps in explanation. Some practical steps are documented.	lacks clarity or has incomplete documentation	Report disorganized or incomplete, lacking important practical steps.	Report missing or extremely incomplete, with little to no practical documentation.	

Criterion		Evidence				
Task and Weightage		A-, A, A+ (80-100%)	B-, B, B+ (65-79%)	C-, C, C+ (50-64%)	D (40-49%)	E (0-39%
Task 2: Discuss and Implement Scenario-Based Practical Demonstration-2. (LO2)	EFS and EC2 Instance Configuration	EFS is correctly set up with EC2 instances in a shared security group, website content served, with clear step-by-step explanation and screenshots.	EFS setup with EC2 instances in a shared security group, minor issues in the configuration. Clear screenshots and explanations.	EFS setup is partially correct but with some issues in configuration or security groups. Screenshots provided.	EFS setup with significant configuration issues or missing security group rules. Screenshots unclear.	No EFS setup or major errors in configuration. Screenshots not provided or unclear.
(50%)	NFS Server Configuration	NFS server implemented correctly, with shared storage working as expected across multiple instances. Screenshots provided.	NFS server set up with minor issues, but shared storage works. Screenshots are clear.	The NFS server is set up with partial functionality or missing configurations. Screenshots are somewhat clear.	NFS server set up with significant issues or functionality not working as expected. Screenshots are unclear or incomplete.	No NFS server set up or major issues in functionality. Screenshots not provided.
	EFS vs NFS Discussion	Clear and detailed discussion on the differences between AWS EFS and NFS server configurations. Well-referenced.	Good discussion with minor gaps in detail or referencing.	Satisfactory discussion, missing some details or unclear explanation of differences.	Basic discussion with major gaps in explanation or missing references.	No discussion or major gaps in understanding of EFS vs NFS.
	SAMBA Server Configuration	SAMBA server fully configured, with shared folder accessible from a Windows instance via Elastic IP. Security risks mitigated. Detailed screenshots provided.	SAMBA server set up with minor issues or missing configurations. Clear screenshots and basic risk mitigation explanation.	SAMBA server is set up with some issues in its configuration. Screenshots are partially clear.	SAMBA server is set up with significant configuration issues or incomplete security measures. Screenshots are unclear or incomplete.	No SAMBA server set up or significant errors. No screenshots or poor-quality screenshots provided.
	Report Writing and Submission	Report well-structured, clear, and comprehensive. Step-by-step practical implementation and solutions well documented.	The report is clear and structured, with a few minor gaps in explanation. Some practical steps are documented.	The report is satisfactory but lacks clarity or has incomplete documentation of steps.	Report disorganized or incomplete, lacking important practical steps.	Report missing or extremely incomplete, with little to no practical documentation.