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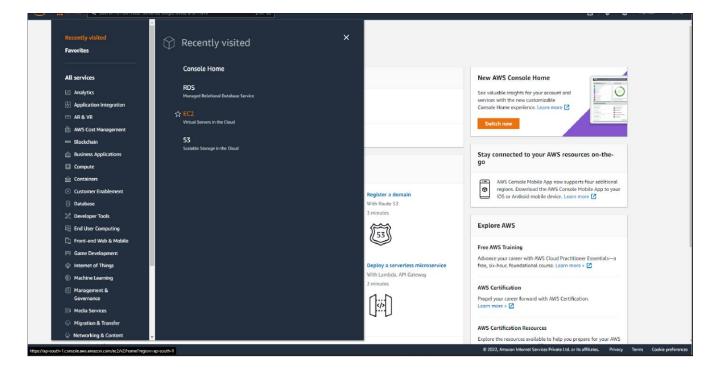
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Aim: To demonstrate auto- scaling on AWS

• Step 1 :Create EC2 instance on AWS.

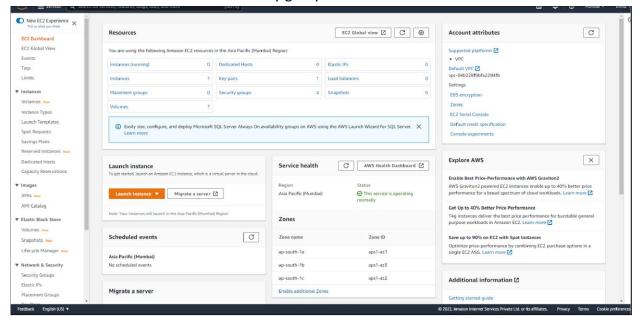
Create AWS account with proper credentials

Go to the Services section in the left corner and select EC2



The below page would appear which is called as the EC2 Dashboard We must click on "Launch Instance" to create the instance

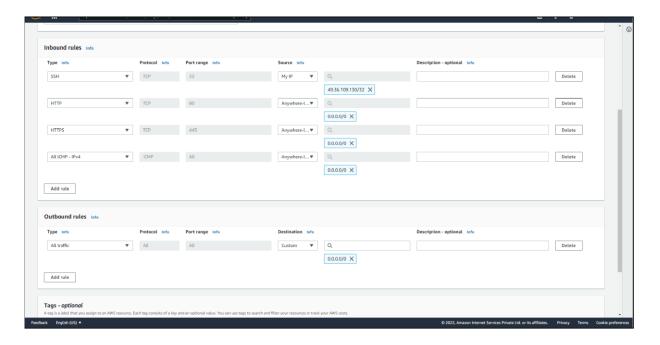
But before that lets create security groups for our instance



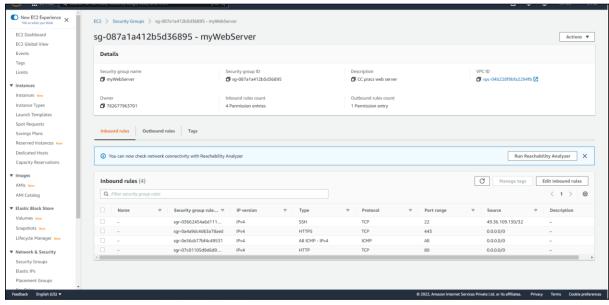
Click on "Security Groups" in Network & Security and click on CREATE SECURITY GROUP in the right corner

Give name and description(optional) to the security group and enter the following inbound and outbound rules

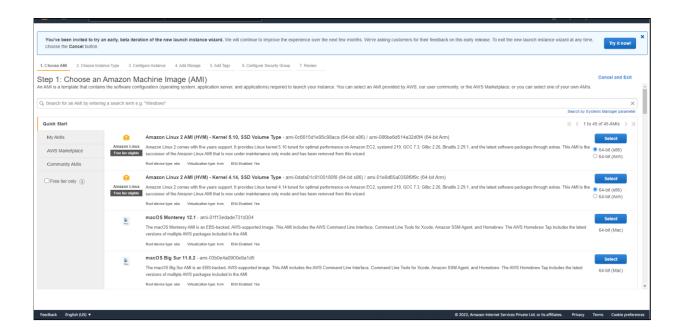
Click on create



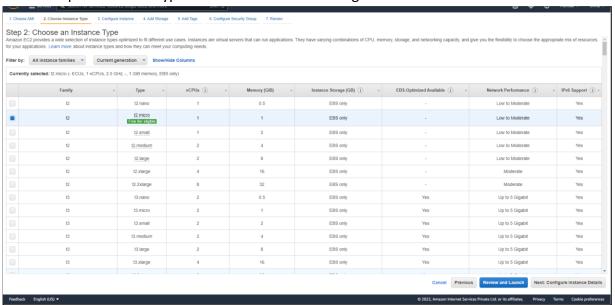
Once you click on the security group you created you will see all the rules that you added as shown in figure below



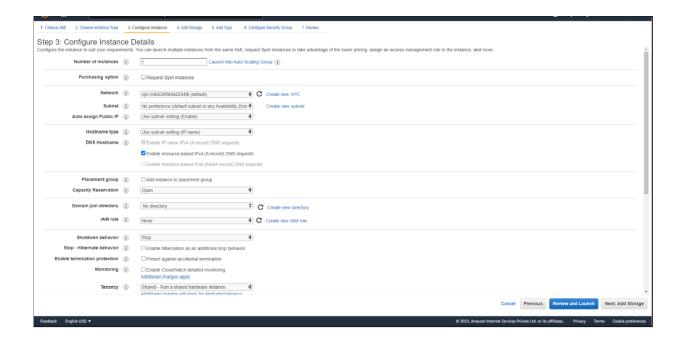
Now coming back to creating the instance, once you clicked on Launch Instance you have to undergo 7 steps as shown here Step 1: Choose AMI



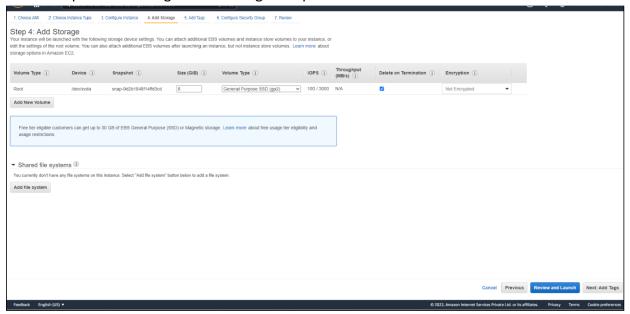
Step 2: Instance Type -> Free Tier -> Next Configure Instance Details



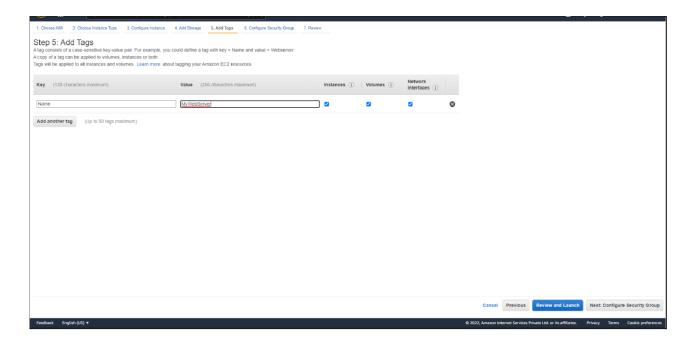
Step 3: Instance Details, choose according to your requirements and then Next



Step 4: Add Storage -> according to requirements -> next



Step 5: Add tags -> Enter Key-value pair as Name and xyz -> Next

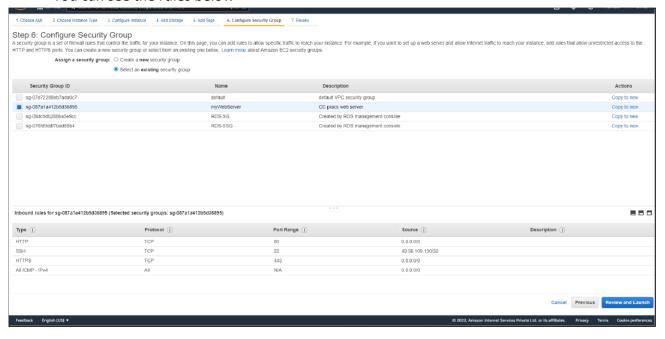


Step 6: Configure Security Group (this is where we'll select the security group that was created previously)

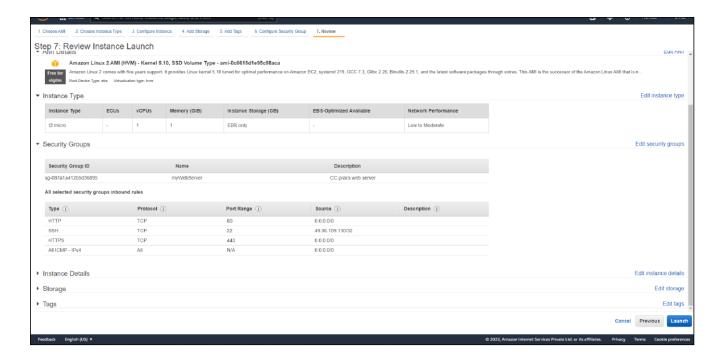
Tick the Select an existing security group

Select the desired security group

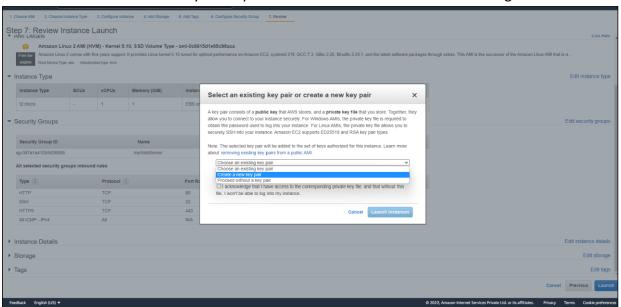
You can see the rules below



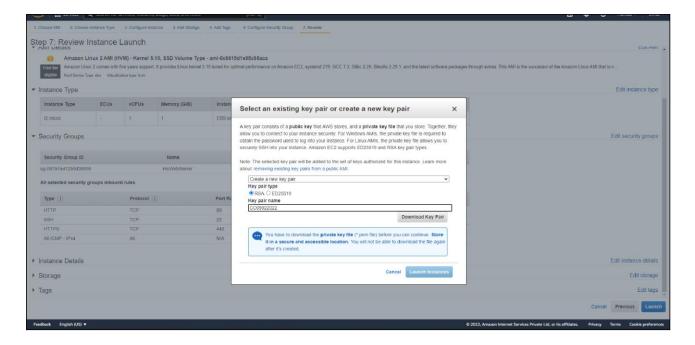
Step 7: Review and LAUNCH



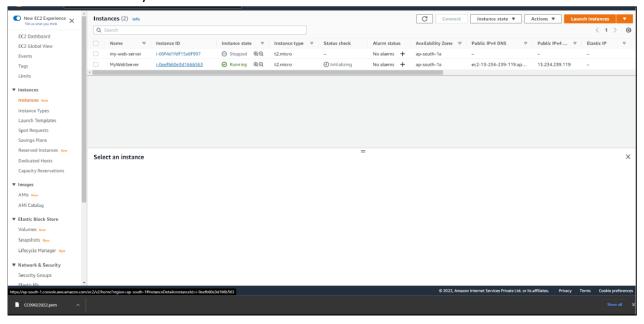
After you launch, you will see a pop-up like this
We have to select a key value pair or create a new one if its not existing



Select RSA -> give name to the key pair and download it The downloaded file will be in .pem format

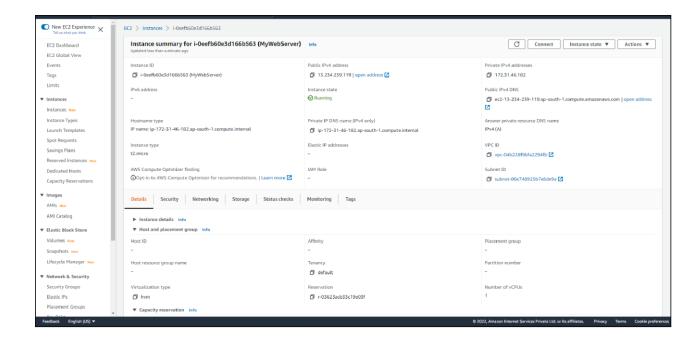


You can view your instance in the "Instances" and check the status



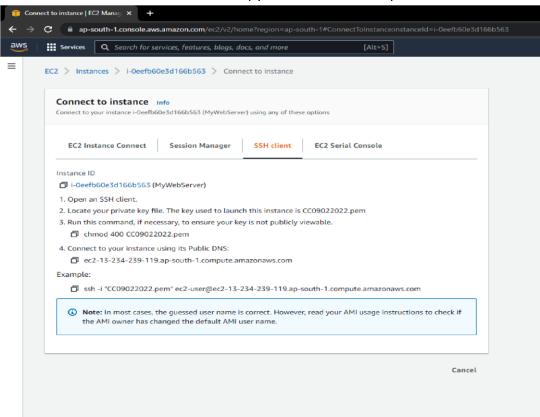
You can see this after the instance is launched successfully

This consists of Public and Private IP addresses along with their DNS address



Connecting instance:

Click on "CONNECT" present on the right side Go to the SSH Client tab and copy the line after Example



Open command prompt on your desktop and paste the command copied there It will ask for confirmation to which say yes Now you are ready to run commands on your EC2 instance.

 Step 2: Log in to the created AWS instance using a SSH client. Step 3: <u>Install NodeJS on the server</u>. Step 4: Creating a simple WebAPI application.
For the Web API creation, <u>Hapi</u> can be used.
1) Create a new NodeJS application.
2) Go inside the project folder.
3) Install Hapi
4) Create an index.js file.
1) npm init
2) cd api
3) npm install @hapi/hapi
4) nano index.js
5) Update the index.js using the below code snippet.index.js

6) Update the package.json as below.package.json

7) Run the project using — 'npm start'

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ec2-user@ip-172-31-9-178:~/api

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-9-178 api]$ npm start

> api@1.0.0 start /home/ec2-user/api
> node index.js

Server running on http://0.0.0.0:8080
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Running the API

8) Try to hit the instance's IPV4 public IP from outside. (IP + :8080) It will show themessage "API is running!" in the browser.

What if you try to restart the server and hit the API from outside. It will timeout your request since the API is not running anymore. In order to fix this problem, PM2 can be used. PM2 will allow to run the API in the background.

- 9) Install PM2 globally.
- 10) Start the API using PM2.
- 11) If you want to auto start the WebAPI once the server is restarted, PM2 startupcommand can be used. Once you run the startup command, It will print a code in the console. Copy the startup code, paste it in the console window and hit enter.
- 12) Save the PM2 script.
- 9) npm install pm2@latest -g
- 10) pm2 start index.js

11) pm2 startup

11.1) sudo env PATH=\$PATH:/home/ec2-user/.nvm/versions/node/v13.10.1/bin/home/ec2-user/.nvm/versions/node/v13.10.1/lib/node_modules/pm2/bin/pm2 startup systemd -u ec2-user --hp /home/ec2-user

12)pm2 save

Now restart the server. Copy the newly assigned IP, append the port number and call it using a browser. You can see the API is running.

As the next step, it is required to have a clone of the created server in order to create the Auto Scaling API.

• Step 5 : Creating an Image (AMI).

Right click on the AWS instance -> Image -> Create Image.

Add a name and leave others as default.



Image of the instance

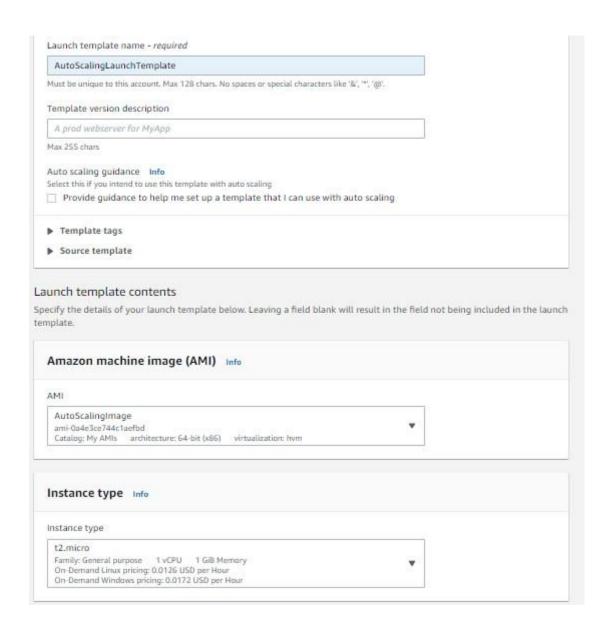
• Step 6 : Creating a Launch Template.

Go to Instances -> Launch Templates -> Create a new Launch Template

Add a name

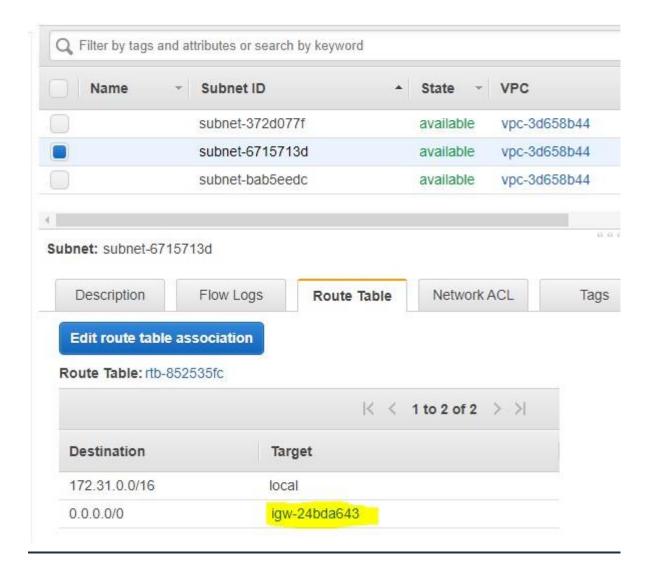
In Amazon machine image (AMI), select the image created above. Select instance type as t2.micro.

Make sure to select the Network Settings -> Security Groups -> Select the Security group which belongs to your main instance.



Creation of the Launch Template Leave others as default and create the Launch Template. Stop 7 : Setting up an Auto Scaling Group. Go to Instances -> Auto Scaling -> Auto Scaling Groups Press "Create Auto Scaling Group" Select "Launch Template" & select the created Launch Template Press Next, type the group name Select the subnets from the list, In this case, you should select a public subnet. How to check whether the subnet is public or not? Search for VPC, in the find services text box. Click on Subnets. From the opened subnet list, click on one of the subnets.

Scroll down, there is tab called "Route Table".



IGW denotes a public subnet.

Back to Auto Scaling Group Configuration.

Press "Next: Configure Scaling Policies".

Select "Use scaling policies to adjust the capacity of this group".

Keep this group at its	initial size
Use scaling policies	to adjust the capacity of this group
Scale between 1 ar	ad 3 instances. These will be the minimum and maximum size of your group.
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Scale Group Size	e
Scale Group Siz	ScaleWhenCPUHits50
Name:	ScaleWhenCPUHits50
Metric type:	ScaleWhenCPUHits50 Average CPU Utilization

Configuring the Auto Scaling Group

Metric type can be selected based on the application's nature. In this scenario, the scale group size should be increased by creating instances one by one if the Average CPU Utilisation is more that 50% and the API needs 10 seconds to come to the functioning stage. The maximum number of instances can be created is 3.

Important: Please note that, if the "Disable scale-in" is checked, it wont terminate the servers even after the scaling is no longer required.

Leave the other steps as default and Create the Auto Scaling Group.

Check the status of the created Auto Scaling Group.



It will show the number of instances as 0, and desired as 1. This is because the scaling group is about to create an instance since the min instance count is 1. Go to the instances window.



It is about to spawn another instance and its in the initialisation stage. This is the instance that is created by auto scaling groups.

Go to the Auto Scaling Groups.



Auto Scaling Groups

Is it showing that the Instance count is now 1 since one instance is automatically created based on the added policies.

Lets try to overload the CPU. The scaling group will create another instance when the CPU load > 50%. For this, lets alter the NodeJS API that is already in the instance that automatically created through the scaling groups.

Login to the new server which created automatically.

Fire "pm2 Is"

This will show the pm2 processors running and the server can be seen as running which we configured to run in startup.



The CPU Utilization can be seen. In this scenario its 0.6%. Lets increase it up to 50% in order to check the auto creation of instances.

Install the infinite-loop npm package.

npm install infinite-loop

Stop running the API on PM2 using the below command.

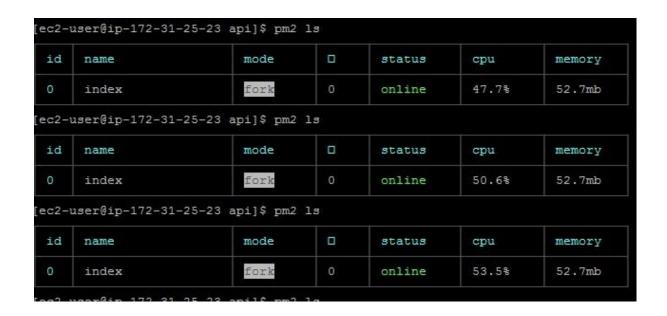
pm2 stop 0

Modify the index.js using the below code.

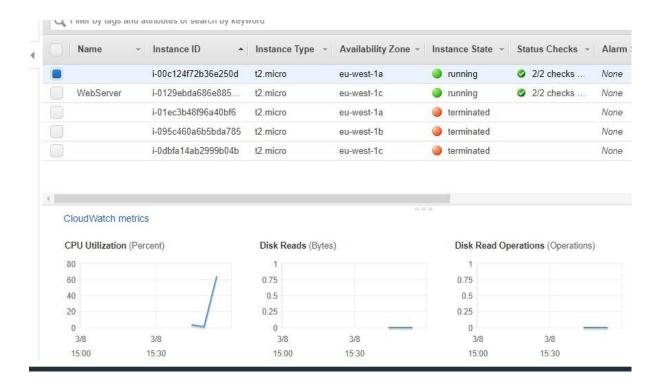
Run "pm2 start 0".

Run "pm2 ls"

It will show CPU process is increasing as below.



Go to the instance and check the CPU Utilization in CloudWatch metrics as below. It will show a graphical view how the CPU load increases.



From this point onward, the Auto Scaling Group starts deciding to spawn up an another instance as below. Desired count starts to increase.



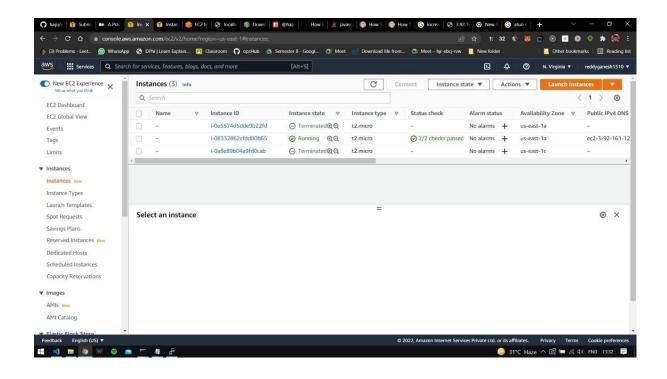
EC2 starts to spawn an instance as below.

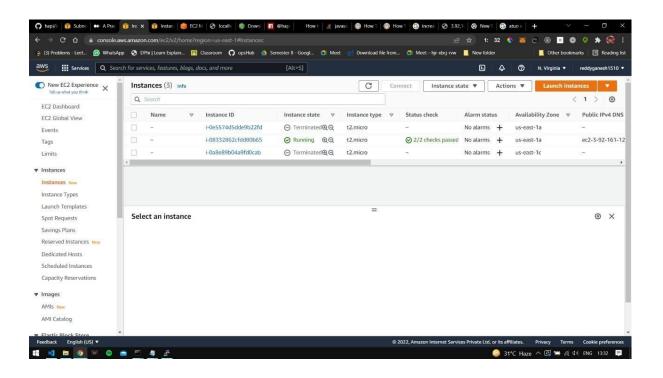


Finally Auto Scaling Groups setting the instance count as 2.



Once the load is restored to normal i.e. by switching the ec2 instance which has infinite loop then the required ec2 instance which was deployed gets terminated as follows.





Postlab Questions:

1. Explain advantages of opting for Auto Scaling

When we use Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling, your applications gain the following benefits:

- Better fault tolerance- Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling can detect when an instance is unhealthy, terminate it, and launch an instance to replace it. You can also configure Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling to use multiple Availability Zones. If one Availability Zone becomes unavailable, Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling can launch instances in another one to compensate.
- Better availability- Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling helps ensure that your application always has the right amount of capacity to handle the current traffic demand.
- Better cost management- Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling can dynamically increase and decrease capacity as needed. We save money by launching instances when they are needed and terminating them when they aren't.

2. What is an Auto Scaling group?

An Auto Scaling group contains a collection of Amazon EC2 instances that are treated as a logical grouping for the purposes of automatic scaling and management. An Auto Scaling group also enables you to use Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling features such as health check replacements and scaling policies.

3. On which Metrics does AWS provide Auto Scaling?

A metric represents a time-ordered set of data points. Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling publishes data points to CloudWatch about your Auto Scaling groups. The metrics are available at one-minute granularity at no additional charge, but you must enable them

Auto scaling metrics are -

Metric	Description
GroupMinSize	The minimum size of the Auto Scaling group. Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupMaxSize	The maximum size of the Auto Scaling group. Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupDesiredCapacity	The number of instances that the Auto Scaling group attempts to maintain. Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupInServiceInstances	The number of instances that are running as part of the Auto Scaling group. This metric does not include instances that are pending or terminating.
	Reporting criteria : Reported if metrics collection is enabled.

GroupPendingInstances	The number of instances that are pending. A pending instance is not yet in service. This metric does not include instances that are in service or terminating. Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupStandbyInstances	The number of instances that are in a Standby state. Instances in this state are still running but are not actively in service. Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupTerminatingInstances	The number of instances that are in the process of terminating. This metric does not include instances that are in service or pending. Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupTotalInstances	The total number of instances in the Auto Scaling group. This metric identifies the number of instances that are in service, pending, and terminating.
	Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.

GroupInServiceCapacity	The number of capacity units that are running as part of the Auto Scaling group.
	Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupPendingCapacity	The number of capacity units that are pending.
	Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupStandbyCapacity	The number of capacity units that are in a Standby state.
	Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupTerminatingCapacity	The number of capacity units that are in the process of terminating.
	Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.
GroupTotalCapacity	The total number of capacity units in the Auto Scaling group.
	Reporting criteria: Reported if metrics collection is enabled.

- 4. You have a content management system running on an Amazon EC2 instance that is approaching 100% CPU utilization. Which option will reduce load on the Amazon EC2 instance? (Explain your Choice)
 - a. Create a load balancer, and register the Amazon EC2 instance with it
 - b. Create a CloudFront distribution, and configure the Amazon EC2instance as the origin
 - c. Create an Auto Scaling group from the instance using the CreateAutoScalingGroup action
 - **d.** Create a launch configuration from the instance using the Create Launch Configuration Action

Ans - Option B

Option A – Create ELB and register the instance, but only one instance still the same load

Option B – Cloudfront will have multiple endpoints and cache the files, relieving the load

Option C – autoscaling without ELB don't reduce the load

Option D – lauch configuration is just a configuration setting for autoscaling