AWS: Use of an Elastic Load Balancer

Goal:

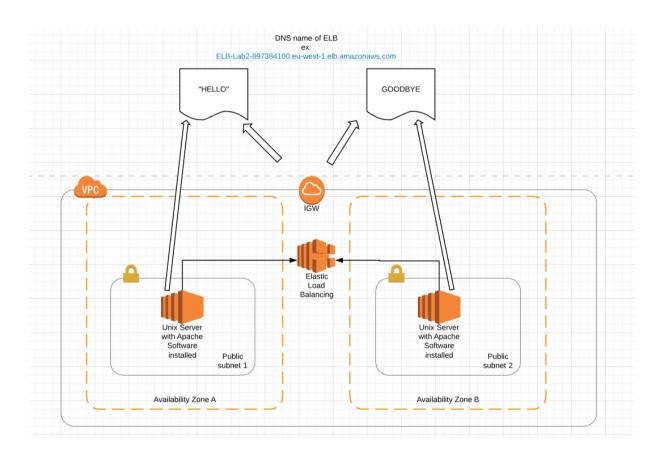
Create an architecture, with 2 instances in 2 different subnets.

Each EC2 is an Apache Web Server, with a different content, managed by an ELB.

On the Web Brower, according to the refresh, we will the content of one Server or the content of the other.

PART 1: THE 2 INSTANCES ARE IN PUBLIC SUBNET

Architecture looks like as below:



Step 1: Create the VPC with the 2 Subnets

VPC -> Start VPC Wizard

Select VPC Configuration: VPC with a Single Public Subnet

Step 2: VPC with a Single Public Subnet

IPv4 CIDR block:* 10.0.0.0/16 (65531 IP addresses available)

IPv6 CIDR block: No IPv6 CIDR Block
Amazon provided IPv6 CIDR block

VPC name: VPC_ELB

Public subnet's IPv4 CIDR:* 10.0.0.0/24 (251 IP addresses available)

Availability Zone:* eu-west-1a
Subnet name: Public subnet 1|

You can add more subnets after AWS creates the VPC.

Service endpoints

Add Endpoint

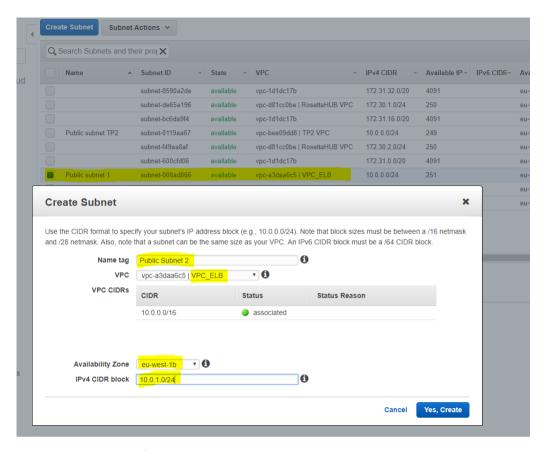
Enable DNS hostnames:* Yes No
Hardware tenancy:* Default

Default

Step 2: Add the second Public Subnet

• Subnet -> Create Subnet

In the correct VPC, and in a different AZ than the "Public Subnet 1"



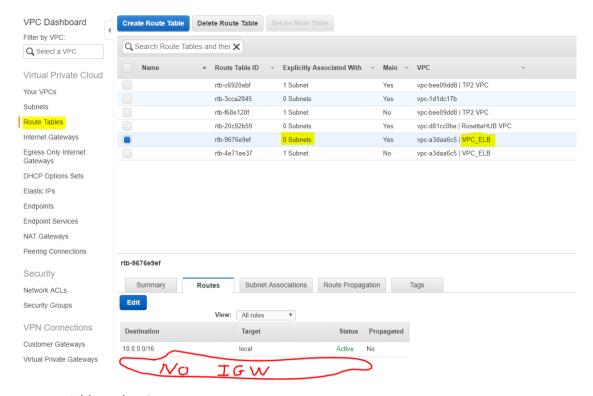
Step 3: Attach the 2nd subnet to the IGW, to be able to communicate with outside

By default, the Public Subnet just created is not connected to an Internet Gateway.

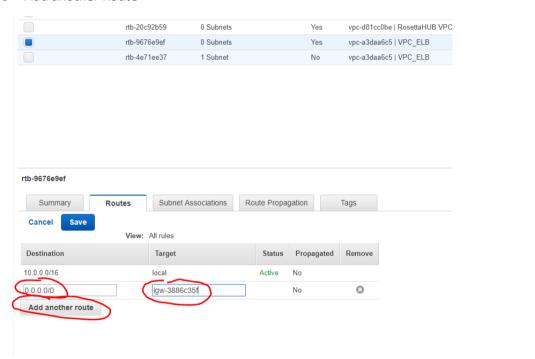
We have to configure it manually.

To do this:

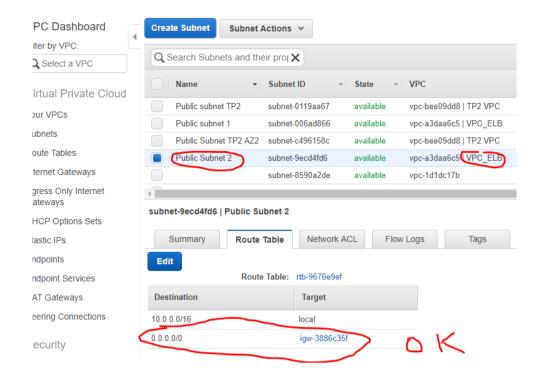
- o go to Route Table on the right Dashboard.
- Select the Route of our "VPC_ELB", which is not associated to a Subnet: "Explicit Associated With 0 Subnets" or Main to "yes"



o Add another Route



Check if "Public Subnet 2" is now correctly associated to IGW



Step 4: Create the 1st Instance (in Public Subnet 1) with Apache Server

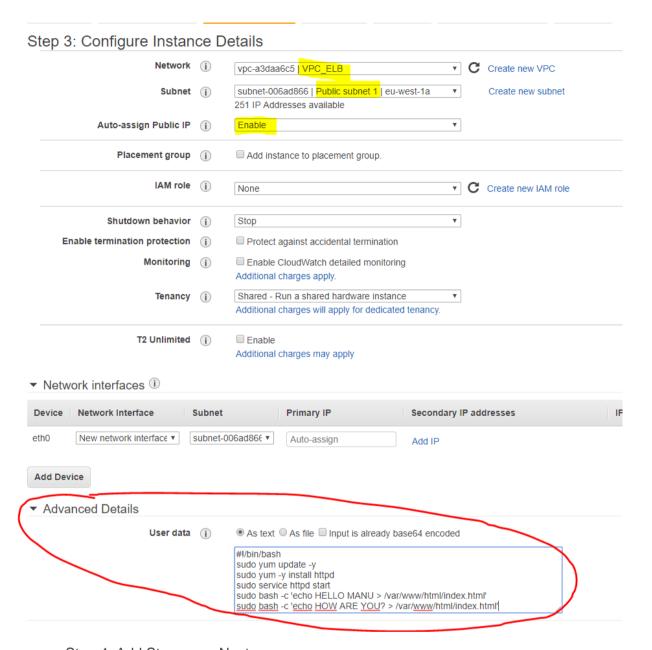
In the AWS console:

- Services -> EC2
- Launch Instance
- Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) -> Amazon Linux AMI
- Step 2: Choose an Instance Type -> t2.micro
- Step 3: Configure Instance Details: as below

Do Not Forget to set the "Advanced Details" section, with following text, in order to install Apache:

```
#!/bin/bash
sudo yum update -y
sudo yum -y install httpd
sudo service httpd start
sudo bash -c 'echo HELLO MANU > /var/www/html/index.html'
sudo bash -c 'echo HOW ARE YOU? >> /var/www/html/index.html'
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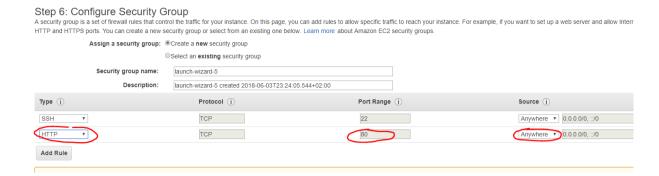
This code allows to install Apache.



- Step 4: Add Storage -> Next
- Step 5: Add Tags :



 Step 6: Configure Security Group : Add Rule, to allow set up your web server: port HTTP



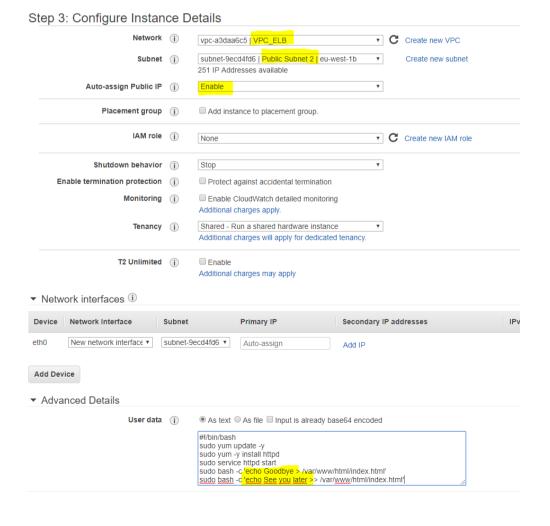
Step 7: Review Instance Launch

Select an existing key pair or create a new one

And Launch Instances

Step 5: Create the 2nd Instance (in Public Subnet 2) with Apache Server

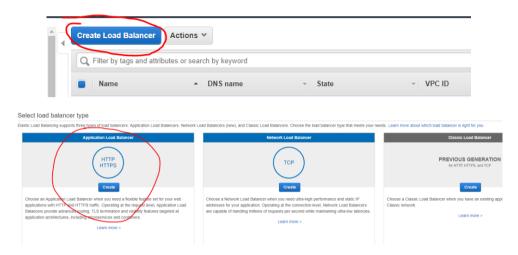
Repeat the same steps than **Step 4**, but for the Public Subnet 2, and specify a different message printed on your web server, to differentiate when we will refresh



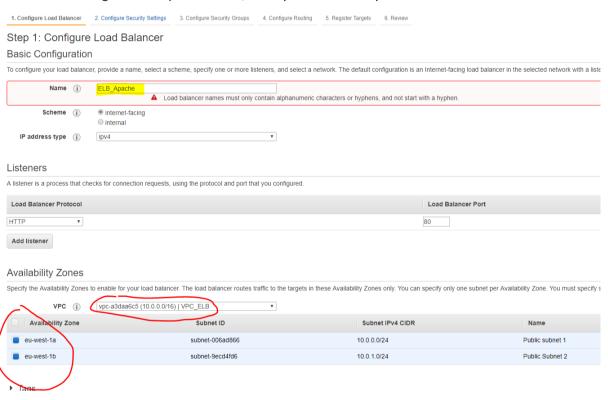
Step 6: Create and Configure ELB

In the AWS console, on EC2 Dashboards, Select Load Balancers

And Create Load Balancer



• And Configure as snapshot below, mainly the Availability Zones and the 2 Subnets:



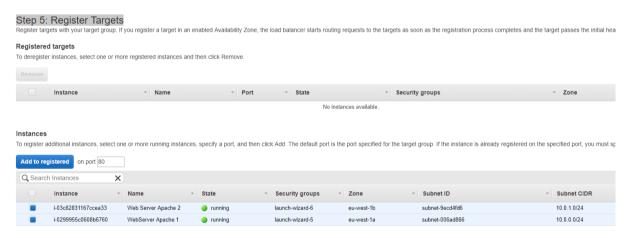
Configure Security Groups



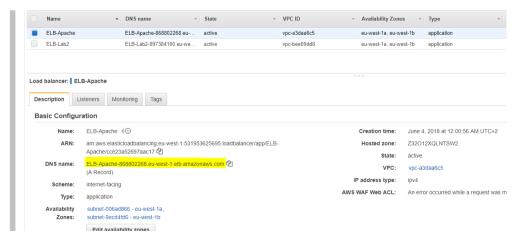
• Configure Routing, as default:

Step 4: Configure Routing Your load balancer routes requests to the largets in this target group using the protocol and port that you specify, and performs heal Target group Target group (i) New target group ELB-TARGET Name (i) ▲ TargetGroup name cannot contain characters that are not letters, or digits of HTTP Protocol (i) Port (i) Target type (i) instance Health checks ۳ Protocol (i) HTTP Path (i) Advanced health check settings

Register Targets: Add our 2 instances in the target group



Step 8: Open in a new web Brower, the DNS of the ELB just created:



Here we go:



HOW ARE YOU?

After few refresh



Goodbye See you later

PART 2: THE 2 INSTANCES ARE IN PRIVATE SUBNET

Now the instances have to be in the private subnets, and no more instances in the public.

So ,we need:

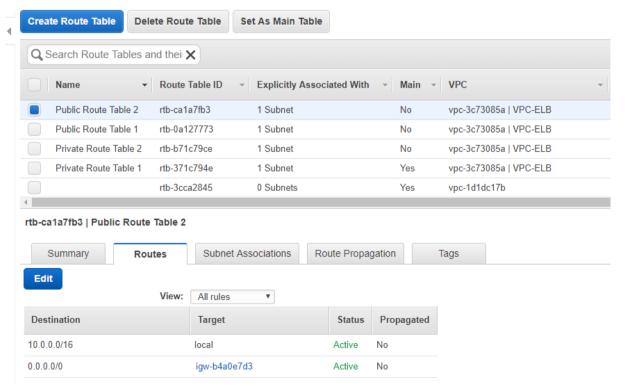
- > The VPC and Internet Gateway
- 2 Availability Zones: eu-west-1a and eu-west-1b
- ➤ 4 subnets: 2 in each AZ : 1 public, 1 private:



2 NAT Gateways: one in each AZ and <u>public</u> subnet. Each NAT Gateway associated to 1 Elastic IP

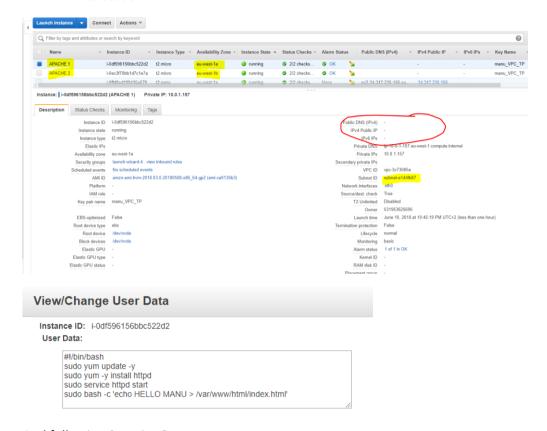


➤ 4 route tables: one route table for each subnet

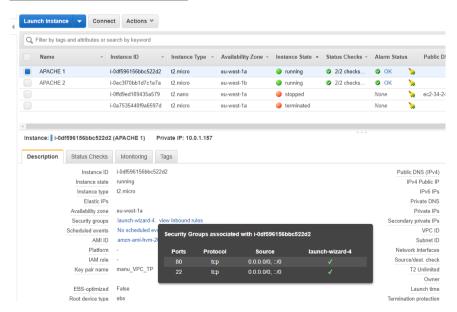


- o Edit the tab "Routes" and:
 - Add IGW for public subnet

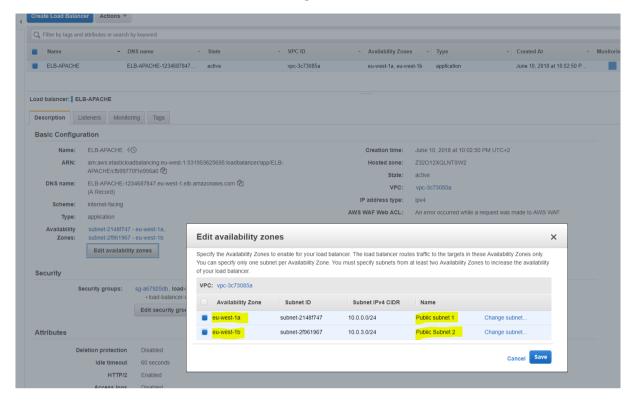
- Add NAT for the private subnet
- o Edit the tab "Subnet Associations" and associate the corresponding subnet
- ➤ 1 instance in each Private Subnet, with the script/commands to install Apache Server in User Data section:



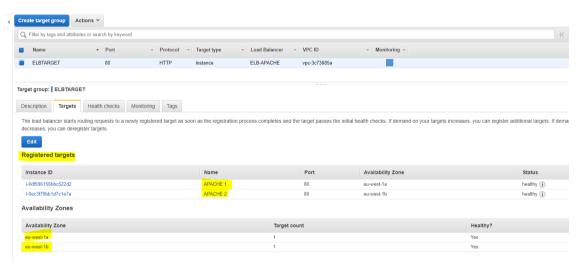
And following Security Group:



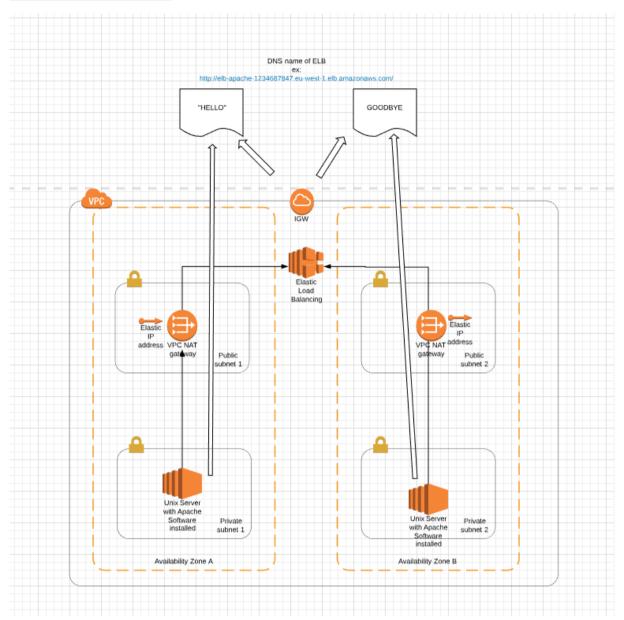
> The ELB, between our 2 AZs and selecting the **Public Subnet**



And register the 2 instances, which are in the Private Subnet



Here the final architecture:



Copy paste the DNS name of the Load Balancer in a brower:



HELLO MANU



Goodbye