

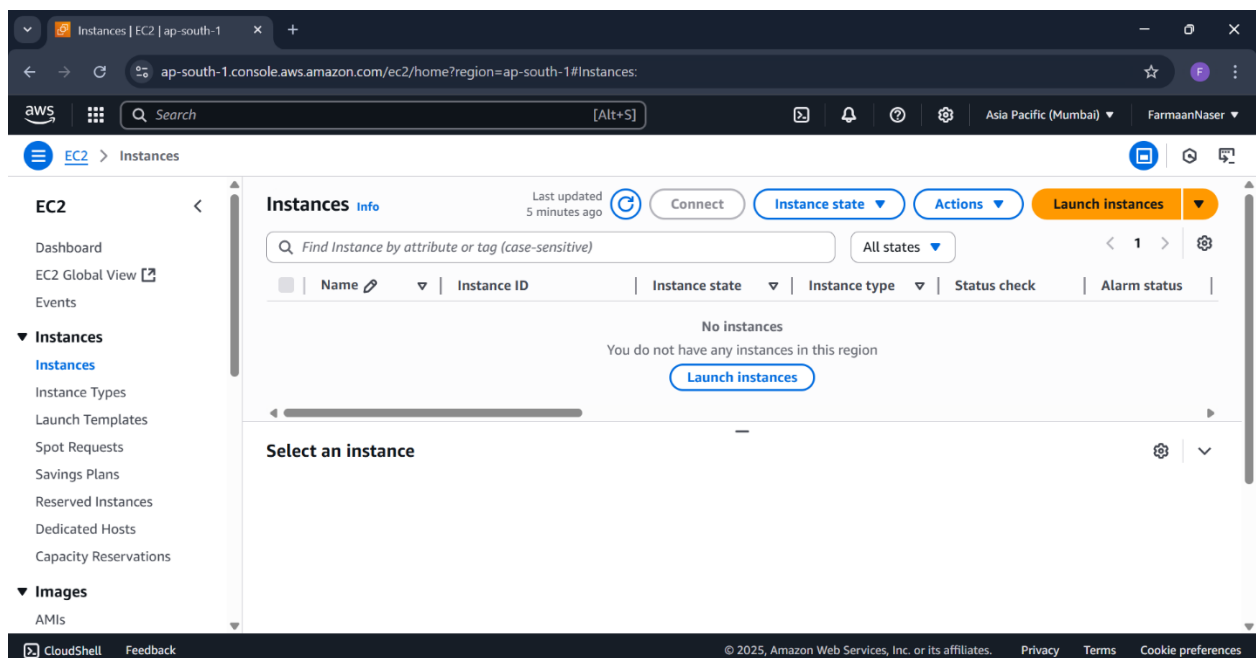
Host a Static Website on AWS Linux Server

Prerequisites:

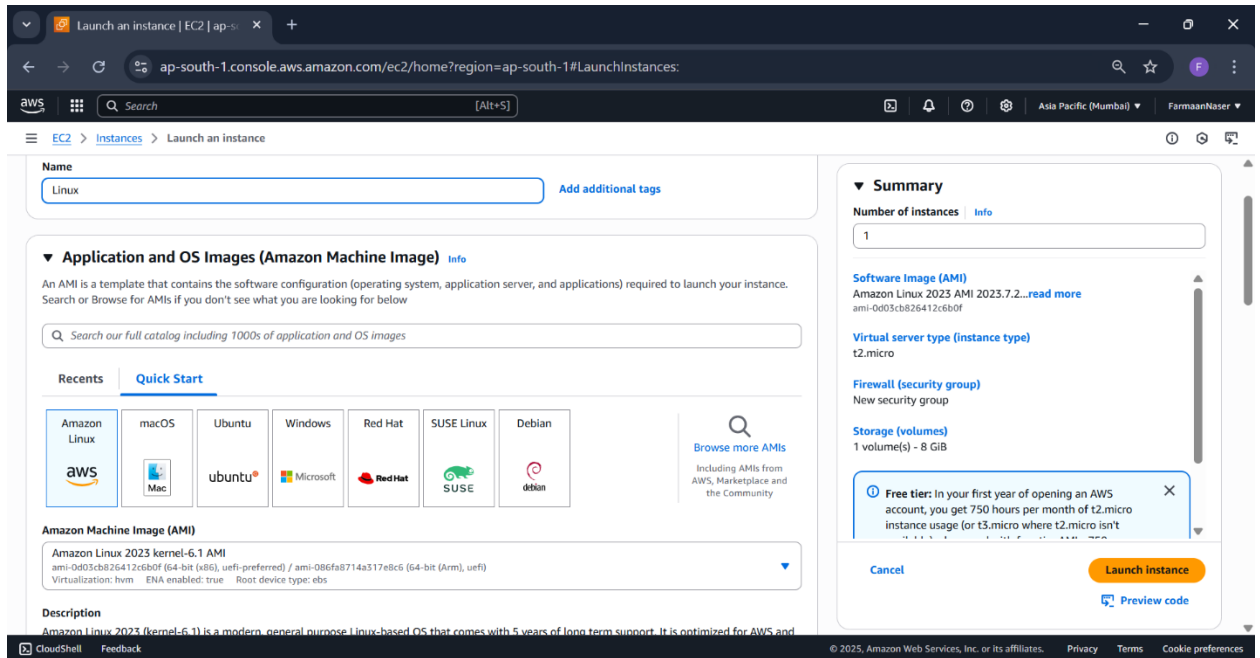
- An AWS account
- Basic understanding of Linux command line
- Your static website files (HTML, CSS, JS, images)

Step-by-Step Guide:

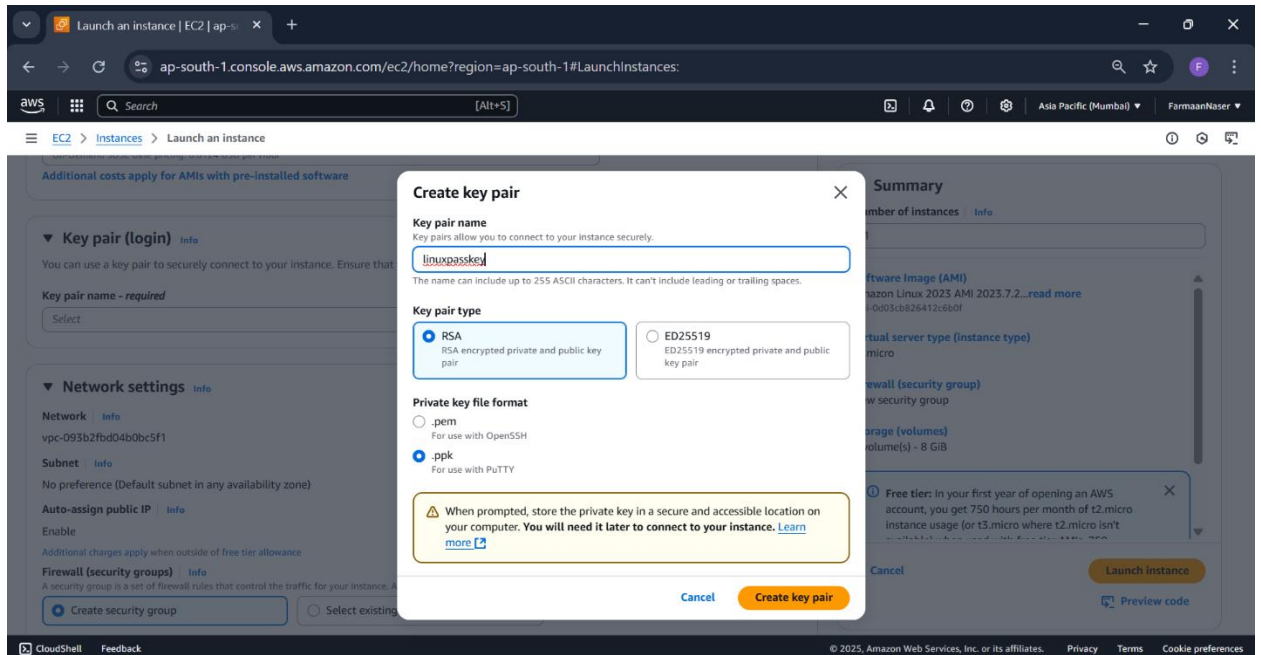
1. Launch EC2 Linux instance by clicking on the 'Launch instance' button.



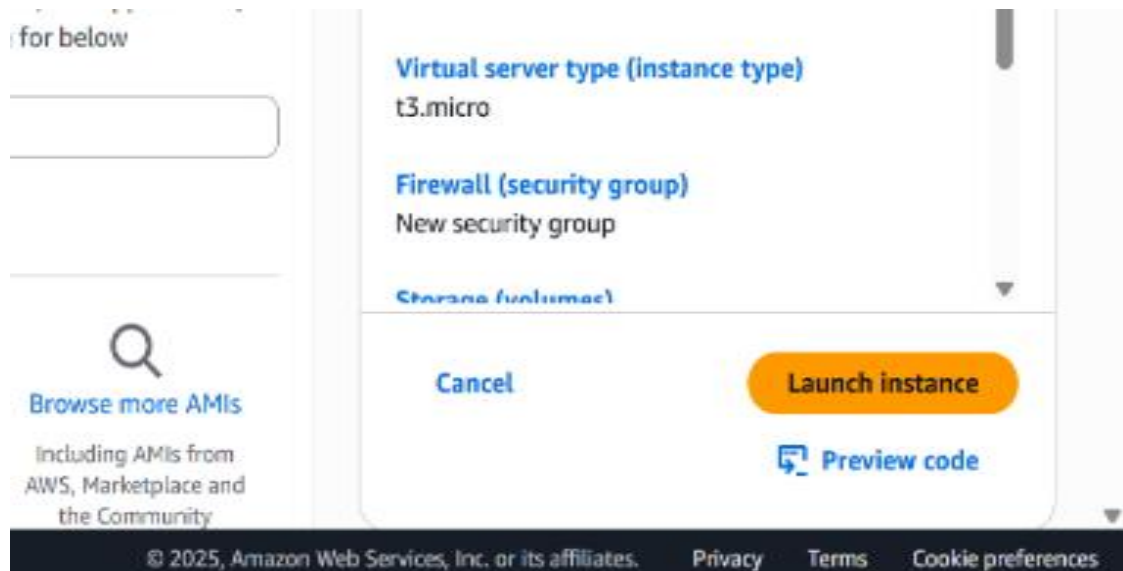
2. Then set your instance name (e.g., 'Linux') and select an Amazon Linux Machine Image (AMI).



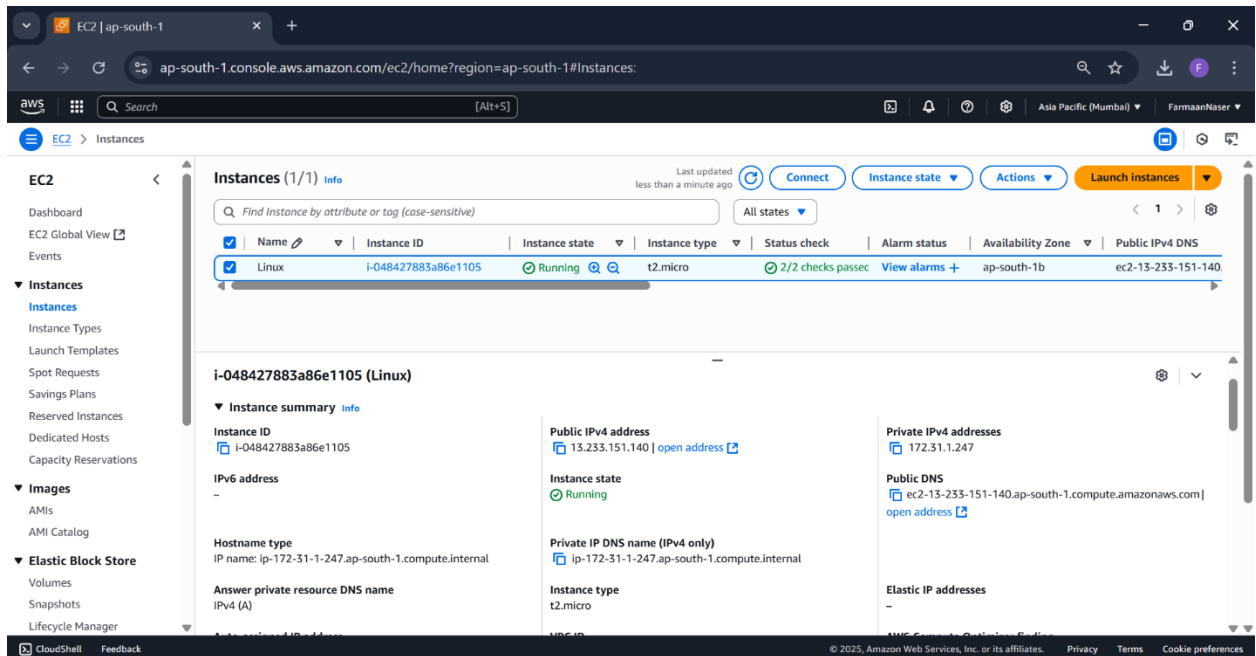
3. Select your required Instance configuration (e.g., 't2.micro') and create a new key pair or choose an existing one. This key pair is crucial for SSH access. Choose .ppk key file format for Linux.



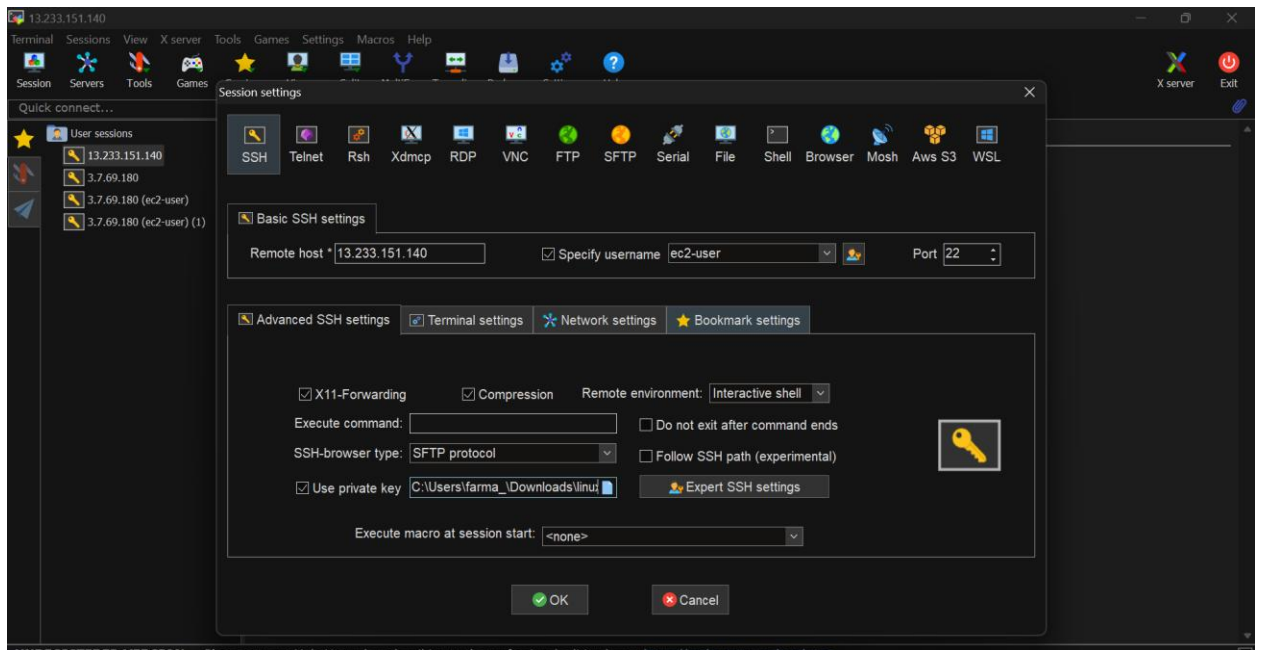
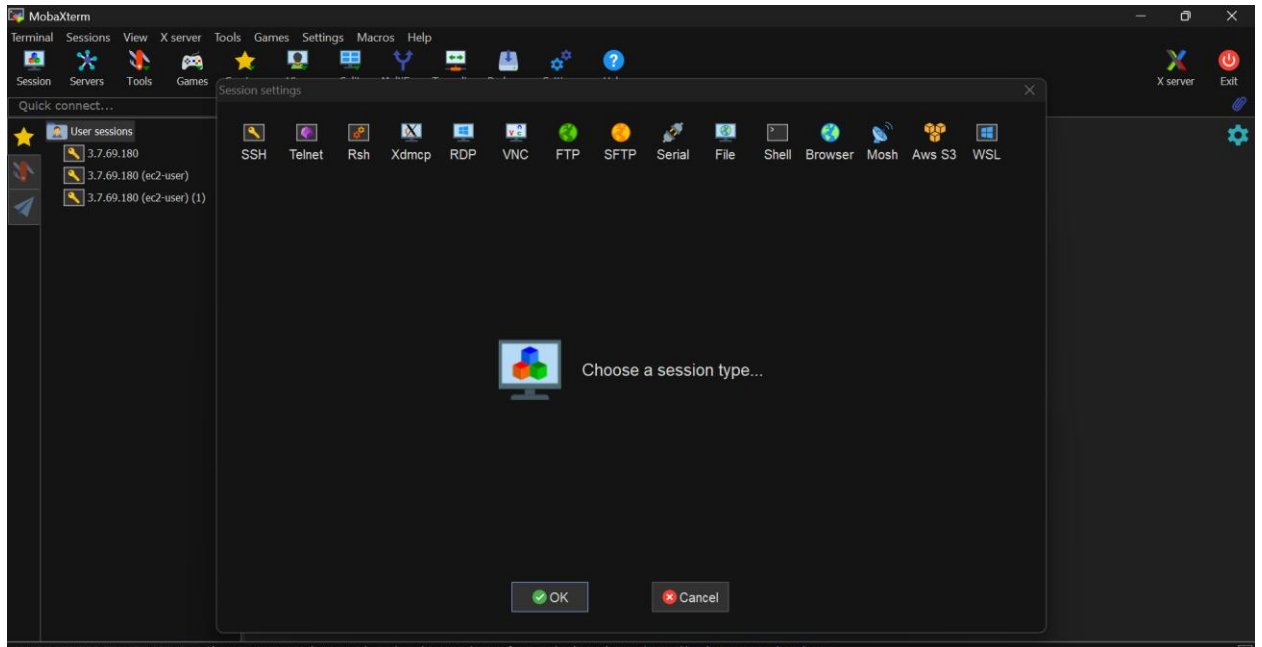
- i) **Configure network settings.** Ensure that "Allow HTTP traffic from the internet" are checked to allow web access.
- ii) **Click on 'Launch instance' button on the right corner.** Then click on the instance link to go to the instances dashboard.



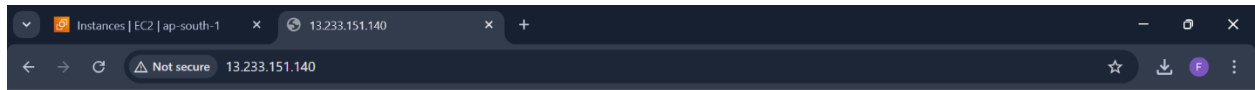
4. **Wait until you get '2/2 checks passed' for the instance status.** Once the checks pass, copy the 'Public IP Address'.



5. **Connect to your Linux EC2 instance using MobaXterm.**
- Open MobaXterm.**
 - Click on 'Session' in the top left corner.
 - Select 'SSH' as the session type.
 - In the 'Remote host' field, paste the **Public IP Address** of your EC2 instance.
 - Check the 'Specify username' box and enter ec2-user.
 - Under 'Advanced SSH settings', check 'Use private key' and then click the folder icon to browse and select your .pem key pair file that you downloaded earlier.
 - Click 'OK' to establish the SSH connection.



Or else paste the public ip address of the EC2 instance into your Web Browser.If it is active it shows the below,



It works!

ii) To activate the Web server Apache:

“ systemctl start httpd “

A screenshot of a terminal window titled "13.233.151.140 (ec2-user)". The terminal shows the following commands and output:

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[root@ip-172-31-1-247 ec2-user]# systemctl start httpd
bash: systemctl: command not found
[root@ip-172-31-1-247 ec2-user]# systemctl status httpd
○ httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
  Active: inactive (dead)
  Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
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● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
  Active: active (running) since Tue 2025-07-08 15:42:29 UTC; 2s ago
  Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
  Main PID: 26477 (httpd)
  Status: "Started, listening on: port 80"
  Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
  Memory: 13.0M
  CPU: 61ms
  CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
          └─26477 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
            └─26478 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              └─26479 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                └─26480 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                  └─26481 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Jul 08 15:42:29 ip-172-31-1-247.ap-south-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
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[root@ip-172-31-1-247 ec2-user]#
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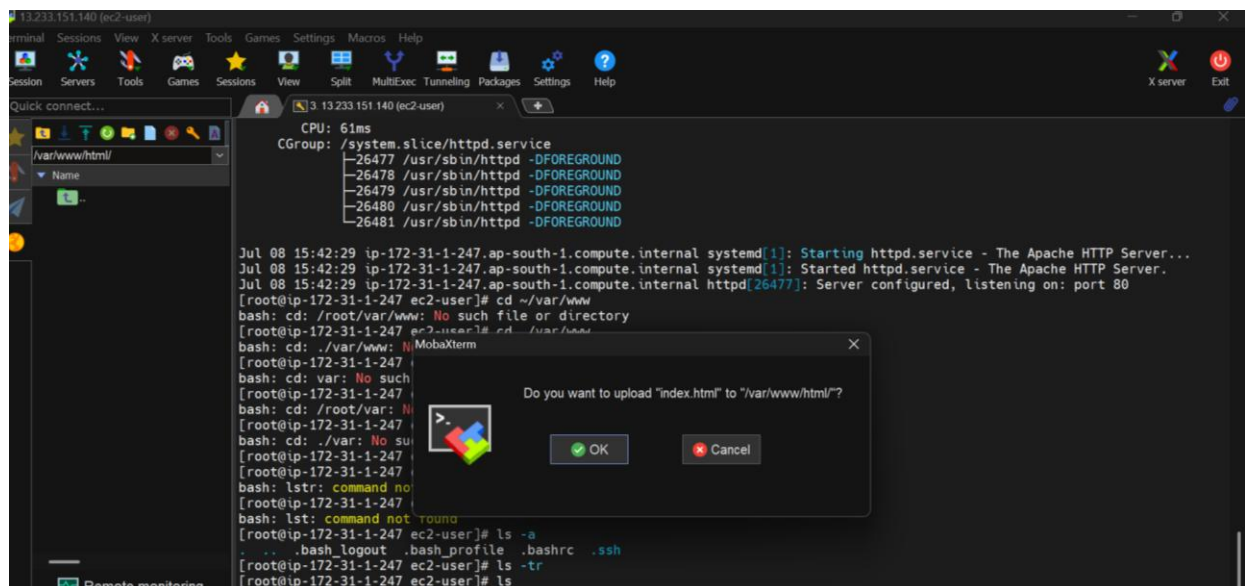
7. **Prepare the web root directory /var/www/html and ensure correct file permissions.**

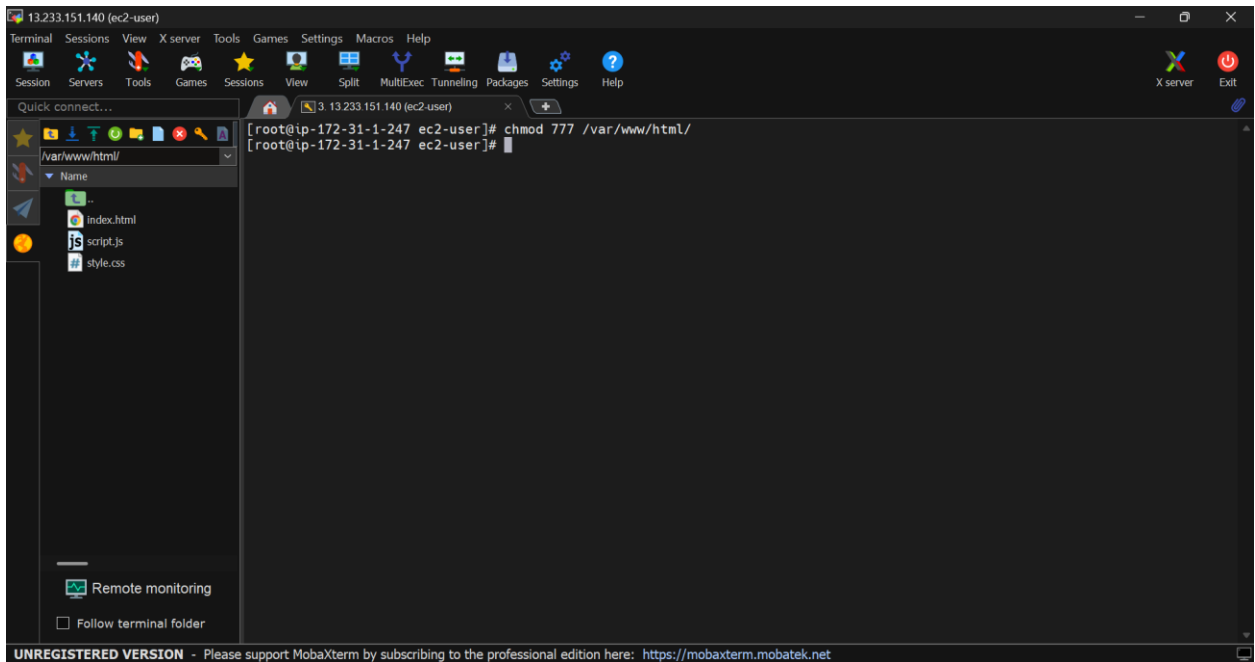
This step is crucial for your website files to be served correctly by Apache.

“ `chmod -R 755 /var/www/html` “

8. **Upload your static HTML website files to /var/www/html.** MobaXterm provides a convenient SFTP browser pane on the left side of the terminal when you connect via SSH.

- i) In the MobaXterm, navigate to /var/www/html on your EC2 instance.
- ii) **Delete any existing default index.html file** that Apache might have placed there (e.g., `rm /var/www/html/index.html`).
- iii) From your local machine (using the left-hand side of the SFTP browser, or by dragging from your desktop), **drag and drop all your website files (e.g., index.html, styles.css, script.js, image folders, etc.) into the /var/www/html directory** on your EC2 instance.





9. Now, paste your Public IP Address into your web browser to view your website hosted on AWS Linux Server

