

AWS:

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) is a subsidiary of Amazon.com that provides on-demand cloud computing platforms to individuals, companies and governments.
- The technology allows subscribers to have at their virtual cluster
 - of computers, available all the time, through the Internet.
- Cloud computing is the on-demand delivery of compute power, database storage, applications, and other IT resources through a cloud services platform via the internet with pay-as-you-go pricing.
- AWS provides instances in the following regions:
 - US East (N. Virginia, Ohio)
 - US West (N. California, Oregon)
 - Asia Pacific (Mumbai, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Osaka-Local)
 - Canada (Central)
 - China (Beijing, Ningxia)
 - Europe (Frankfurt, Ireland, London, Paris)
 - South America (Sao Paulo)
- AWS is the number 1 cloud computing company worldwide.

EC2

- Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) is a web service that provides secure, resizable compute capacity in the cloud.
- It is designed to make web-scale cloud computing easier for developers.
- Amazon EC2's simple web service interface allows you to obtain and configure capacity with minimal friction.
- It provides you with complete control of your computing resources and lets you run on Amazon's proven computing environment.
- Amazon EC2 reduces the time required to obtain and boot new server instances to minutes, allowing you to quickly scale capacity, both up and down, as your computing requirements change.
- Amazon EC2 changes the economics of computing by allowing you to pay only for capacity that you actually use.
- Amazon EC2 provides developers the tools to build failure resilient applications and isolate them from common failure scenarios.
- EC2 offers many types operating systems including:
 - ALI (Amazon Linux distribution), RHEL (Red hat enterprise linux), SUSE, Ubuntu and Windows.
- EC2 offers many machines types with different CPU, Storage and networking capabilities
- Pricing can go as high as \$24.48 per Hour
- For our usage we will use instances which are offered for 1 free year.
<https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/>

Launching an AWS EC2 instance

- Go to EC2 page (Services → EC2) → Instances (on the left menu panel).
- Press Launch instance button → Choose Amazon Linux 2 AMI, which is free for first year → keep t2.micro which is free and launch instance by pressing Review and launch button and launch
- In order to have the ability to SSH into our server, we will need to
- create a key, just choose: Create a new key pair → give the key a name → press Download Key Pair



Create a new key pair

Key pair name

my_key

Download Key Pair

- Make sure to keep this key in a secure location, without this key you will not be able to connect to your server!
- Press launch instances scroll down and press view instances.



- Wait a few minutes until you see this:

<https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/getting-started/>

Connecting to an AWS EC2 instance

- To connect to our EC2 instance, we will need to use the key (.pem) file, we created earlier.
- Find the EC2 instance public IP address or public DNS in the EC2 console:



- Open CMD / Terminal and navigate to the folder containing the
- .pem file (using CD)
- Type the following command:

```
$ ssh -i <pem file name> <public IP / DNS>
```

- For example:

```
$ ssh -i ec2.pem ec2-user@18.205.46.80
```

- You will then be asked:

```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)?
```

- Obviously answer - yes

Cloud deployment

- Once we are logged in, let's install Docker:
- `$ sudo yum install docker`
- Start Docker service by typing:
`$ sudo systemctl start docker`
- Let's run Nginx image on port 80 –
- `$ docker run --name docker-nginx -p 80:80 -d nginx`
- Open a browser on the instance public address... it will not work...
- The reason for that, is because we didn't exposed the instance port 80 to the world...
- To fix the issue, go to Security groups → Choose one of the launch-wizards
- Scroll to inbound and press Edit → press add rule → Choose port 80 and source anywhere
→ Save



A screenshot of the AWS Management Console showing the configuration for a new inbound rule in a security group. The rule type is 'Custom TCP', the protocol is 'TCP', the port range is '80', and the source is 'Anywhere'. The '80' and 'Anywhere' fields are highlighted with red boxes. To the right of the configuration fields are three vertically stacked dots indicating more options.

- Go back to your instance → press Actions drop down → Networking → Change security groups → Choose the wizard you used earlier → Assign security groups
- Refresh the browser on your public address...

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Elastic IP (EIP)

- Go to EC2 page (Services → EC2) → Instances (on the left menu panel).
- When an instance is launched into EC2, Amazon will randomly assign it a public IP address.
- Amazon has a pool of public IP addresses that's been reserved for use within EC2.
- An Elastic IP (EIP) is an IP address that you can reserve from AWS for your account.
- Once you've created an Elastic IP, you can assign it to any instance of your choice.
- Once you reserve an Elastic IP, nobody else can use that IP address.
- There is no cost for Elastic IP addresses while in use.
- You only pay for the Elastic IP when it's not attached to an instance.
- To associate an EIP, we will first need to allocate an IP address by
 - going to Elastic Ips under Network & Security sub-menu → Allocate new address → Allocate.
- Go to Actions → Associate address → choose your instance and private IP and Associate
- Once, you finished with instance, you should disassociate the IP through Actions menu

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/elastic-ip-addresses-eip.html>

IAM (Identity and Access Management)

- When you first create an AWS account, you begin with a single sign-in identity that has complete access to all AWS services and resources in the account.
- This identity is called the AWS account root user and is accessed by signing in with the email address and password that you used to create the account.
- IAM works with groups and users.
- A group is a collection of users who have similar responsibilities.
- For example, one group is for administrators (it's called Admins), another one will be for Developers group (called dev).
- Each group has multiple users.
- Each user can be in more than one group.
- Policies are used to grant permissions to groups.

<https://aws.amazon.com/iam/>

IAM roles

- An IAM role is similar to a user, in that it is an AWS identity with permission policies that determine what the identity can and cannot do in AWS.
- However, instead of being uniquely associated with one person, a role is intended to be assumable by anyone who needs it.
- Also, a role does not have standard long-term credentials (password or access keys) associated with it.
- Instead, if a user assumes a role, temporary security credentials are created dynamically and provided to the user.
- We can think of IAM Roles as capabilities. You give an IAM User capabilities (e.g. "can create Lambda function", "can upload to S3").

IAM setup

- To create a security group, go to Services → IAM
- Enter groups (left panel) → Create New Group → give it a name. In this example we will grant permissions to EC2, to do so, find
- AmazonEC2FullAccess → press next step → Create group Next we will create a user to add to our new group.
- Enter Users (left panel) → Add user → Give it a name → choose AWS Management Console access which will allow users to
- sign-in to the AWS Management Console.
- Choose a password / auto generated password → Choose the
- group we created earlier → Review → Create user.
- When logging in with the new user you will be using the new credentials and the IAM alias number, which is showing in the IAM page.

AWS CLI

- The AWS Command Line Interface (CLI) is a unified tool to manage your AWS services.
- With just one tool to download and configure, you can control multiple AWS services from the command line and automate them through scripts.
- The AWS Command Line Interface User Guide walks you through installing and configuring the tool.
- After that, you can begin making calls to your AWS services from the command line.

```
$ aws ec2 describe-instances
```

```
$ aws ec2 start-instances --instance-ids i-1348636c
```

```
$ aws sns publish --topic-arn arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:546419318123:OperationsError --message "Script Failure"
```

```
$ aws sqs receive-message --queue-url https://queue.amazonaws.com/546419318123/Test
```

AWS CLI Installation

1. Create access key and secret key
 - a. Login to AWS -> Go to IAM service -> Under Users find your user
 - b. Go to Security Credentials -> Click Generate Access key and save the output.
2. Install AWS CLI
 - a. pip install awscli
 - b. Aws configure
 - c. Enter the access keys credentials we created.

AWS CLI Files

- `~/.aws/credentials` - Contains our secret and access key for different profiles
- `~/.aws/config` - General AWS CLI configurations such as region and preferred output (json or text lines).

AWS Command Structure:

aws	ec2	describe-instances
Command	service	operation

- At any time we can type `aws <service name> <operation> help` and discover more about how to use the command properly.
- If we want to override the credentials stored in `~/.aws/credentials` we can always send `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` as environment variables.
- If we want to specify a profile name in the `awscli` command we can add to the command `--profile <profile name>`
- If we want to set the output for a specific command we can use `--output <output type: text/json/table>`

- **AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID** – AWS access key.
- **AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY** – AWS secret key. Access and secret key variables override credentials stored in credential and config files.
- **AWS_SESSION_TOKEN** – Specify a session token if you are using temporary security credentials.
- **AWS_DEFAULT_REGION** – AWS region. This variable overrides the default region of the in-use profile, if set.
- **AWS_DEFAULT_OUTPUT** – Change the AWS CLI's output formatting to json, text, or table.
- **AWS_PROFILE** – name of the CLI profile to use. This can be the name of a profile stored in a credential or config file, or default to use the default profile.
- **AWS_CA_BUNDLE** – Specify the path to a certificate bundle to use for HTTPS certificate validation.
- **AWS_SHARED_CREDENTIALS_FILE** – Change the location of the file that the AWS CLI uses to store access keys.
- **AWS_CONFIG_FILE** – Change the location of the file that the AWS CLI uses to store configuration profiles.

- `--filter`
 - Done on the server side
 - Only available for certain operations
 - Use this when expecting a large answer
 - Also support `--page-size` for paging.
- `--query`
 - Done on the client side
 - Available on all commands
 - Used to show only specific columns

Filtering Example:

```
aws ec2 describe-instances --filter Name=instance-type,Values=t2.micro
{
  "Reservations": [
    {
      "Instances": [
        {
          "Monitoring": {
            "State": "disabled"
          },
          "PublicDnsName": "ec2-34-228-84-177.compute-1.amazonaws.com",
          "State": {
            "Code": 16,
            "Name": "running"
          },
          "EbsOptimized": false
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Querying Example:

```
$ aws iam list-users --query 'Users[*].[UserName, CreateDate, PasswordLastUsed, Arn]'
```

```
[
  [
    "leoZh",
    "2013-08-04T17:24:01Z",
    "2017-11-07T00:15:03Z",
    "arn:aws:iam::179442201234:user/leoZh"
  ],
  [
    "Billing",
    "2015-03-17T03:31:45Z",
    "2015-03-17T18:47:44Z",
    "arn:aws:iam::179442201234:user/billing"
  ]
]
```

- AWS Aliases - Contains common AWS CLI aliases and shortcuts for easier use.
- <https://github.com/aws-labs/awscli-aliases>

```
$ aws whoami
{
  "Account": "179442201234",
  "UserId": "AIDAIXV2V6G4AEXAMPLE",
  "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::179442201234:user/leoZh"
}

$ aws amazon-linux-amis
ami-6057e21a amzn-ami-hvm-2017.09.1.20171103-x86_64-gp2 Amazon Linux AMI 2017.09.1.20171103 x86_64 HVM
ami-8c1be5f6 amzn-ami-hvm-2017.09.0.20170930-x86_64-gp2 Amazon Linux AMI 2017.09.0.20170930 x86_64 HVM
ami-5e8c9625 amzn-ami-hvm-2017.09.rc-0.20170913-x86_64-gp2 Amazon Linux AMI 2017.09.rc-0.20170913 x86_64 GP2
ami-4fffc834 amzn-ami-hvm-2017.03.1.20170812-x86_64-gp2 Amazon Linux AMI 2017.03.1.20170812 x86_64 HVM
```