

Homework #7 Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Web Services

This semester we are allowing all students to explore cloud computing as offered by Amazon's Web Services. Using the instructions below one can establish a website at AWS. Once established, you will be able to move your PHP program developed for Assignment #6 to your AWS website and have it execute there.

1. Sign up for AWS

To sign up for AWS, you need a credit card. If you do not have one, buy a \$25 American Express Gift card at Ralphs or other grocery store.

To sign up go to:

<http://aws.amazon.com>

and click on **Sign In to the Console**. Follow the instructions to create your AWS account using the "AWS Free Usage Tier".

After you are signed up, from the drop down next to your name, select **My Account**. In the *Account Settings* section, you will notice the *Account ID*. This is the *AWS Account ID* to be used next when signing up for AWS Educate.

Please note that many of the URLs listed from now on will only be available if you are signed up to AWS.

2. Sign up for AWS Educate

To sign up for AWS Educate and get a \$100 credit (USC is a member of AWS Educate) go to:

<http://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate>

Click on the *Apply Now* button.

Click on the *Apply for AWS Educate for Students* button.

On Step 1, select **I am a Student**.

On Step 2, fill out the form appropriately. In the *AWS Account ID* field, enter the ID from your initial AWS signup.

Click **Next** and finish the sign up process.

After your application is reviewed and approved, you will receive a welcome e-mail from AWS Educate Support, which includes details about the \$100 promotional credit, as shown below:

AWS Promotional Credit

It's our pleasure to issue you an Amazon Web Services (AWS) promotional credit code in the amount listed below.

Credit Amount: \$100.00

Credit Code: PC26S89AM7I7EMY

3. Apply the \$100 credit

Once you have completed signing up for both AWS and AWS Educate, login to your AWS account.

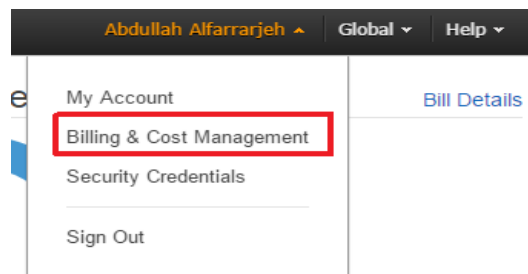
Then go to the URL:

<http://aws.amazon.com/awscredits/>

Click **Redeem Credit**. Enter the Credit Code that was provided to you in the e-mail in the Promo Code field. Enter the displayed characters for the Security Check, and click the **Redeem** button. The Promo Code details (expiration date, credit used, credit remaining, etc.) will be displayed in the table at the bottom.

4. Provide Credit Card or Gift Card Information

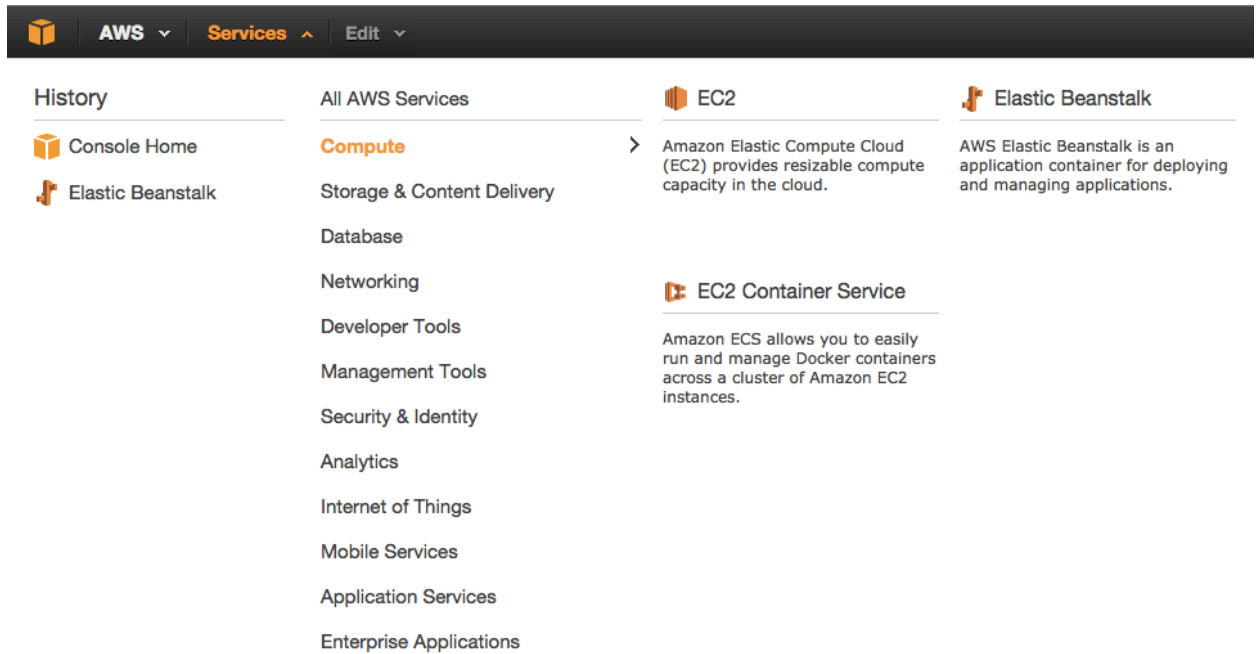
- In the top menu, click on your name and select **Billing & Cost Management** in the drop down menu.



- In the left menu select **Payment Methods**
- Click on **Add a Card** button
- Provide your card information (Credit Card Number, Name of Cardholder, Expiration Date)

5. Set up the Default Elastic Beanstalk Application

- From the **Services** drop down, under the top left **History** column, select **Console Home**.
- From the list of Amazon Web Services, select **Elastic Beanstalk**, under **Compute**.



- Select **Create New Application** in the top right, right underneath your account name, and follow the Wizard.
- In the **Application name** field, enter a name for your application. Click **Next**.
- In the **New Environment** section click on the **Create Web Server** button

New Environment

AWS Elastic Beanstalk has two types of environment tiers to support different types of web applications. Web servers are standard applications that listen for and then process HTTP requests, typically over port 80. Workers are specialized applications that have a background processing task that listens for messages on an Amazon SQS queue. Worker applications post those messages to your application by using HTTP.

Web Server Environment

Provides resources for an AWS Elastic Beanstalk web server in either a single instance or load-balancing, auto scaling environment. [Learn more](#).

Create web server

- In the **Environment type** section choose the following options in the drop-down list:
 - Predefined Configuration: **PHP**
 - Environment Type: **Single Instance**.
 Then click on **Next**.

Environment Type

Choose the platform and type of environment to launch.

Predefined configuration:

Looking for a different platform? [Let us know.](#)

AWS Elastic Beanstalk will create an environment running PHP 5.5 on 64bit Amazon Linux 2014.09 v1.2.0. [Change platform version.](#)

Environment type:

[Learn more](#)

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- In the **Application Version** section, select **Sample Application**. Click **Next**.

Application Version

Select a source for your application version.

Source: ☒ Sample application

☐ Upload your own ([Learn more](#))

No file chosen

☐ S3 URL

(e.g. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/s3Bucket/s3Key>)

- In the **Environment Information** section, select an **Environment URL** (use the default or check availability of your own subdomain of elasticbeanstalk.com). Click on “Check availability” button. Your URL should be green. Otherwise you should change the environment URL. Click **Next**.

Environment Information

Enter your environment information. [Learn more.](#)

Environment name:

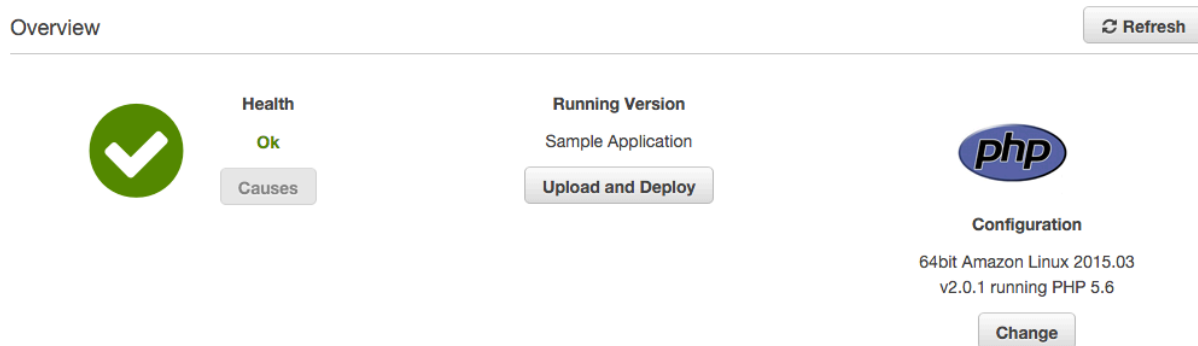
Environment URL:

Description: Optional: 200 character maximum

- In the **Additional Resources** section leave all boxes **unchecked**. Click **Next**.
- In the **Configuration Details** section. Accept the default configuration (e.g., make no changes) and click **Next**.
- In the **Environment Tags** section click **Next**.
- In the **Permissions** section leave the default values alone, and click **Next**. In the Role Summary window keep all values as given (i.e., “Create an IAM role”). Then click on the **Allow** button.
- In the **Review** section click **Launch**, the default "My First Elastic Beanstalk Application" will be created.

You will need to wait for several minutes as your Linux + Apache + PHP-5 instance is created and launched. You will see a *rotating wheel* next to the “**Monitor**” button. Once creation and launch are completed, you will see the wheel turn into a green round

circle with a check mark in the middle.



Beside “Default-Environment” subtitle there is a link such as *YourAppName-env.elasticbeanstalk.com*, click on it. You should see the “Congratulations” page. If you see it so your application and environment have been created properly. Then go back to Elastic Beanstalk console.



6. Upload your PHP application

Develop your PHP server application, and make sure that you name the file **index.php**. Compress the file with ZIP so that the resulting file is named **index.php.zip**. On a Mac you can use zip (i.e., “zip index.php.zip index.php”). On Windows there are several free programs, such as 7-Zip or FreeZip, etc. that you can use.

From the Elastic Beanstalk console, select your environment and click on the **Upload and Deploy** button.

The **Upload and Deploy** popup will display. Enter a Version **label** (e.g., version 1.0). Click on the **Choose File** button and select the **index.php.zip** file. Then click on Deploy button. Again wait several minutes for the *rotating wheel* to finish and the green circle with checkmark to appear. Click again on the link “**YourAppName-env.elasticbeanstalk.com**”. Check that your PHP app is running correctly.

- **Important Note:** in the future if you want to upload an updated version of

index.php, you should enter a different version label. Otherwise, you will get an error. It is recommended that you use increasing version numbers (2.0, 2.1, 3.0, etc.)

To browse how your web service and application has been set up, go to the **Services** console (which is located in the top menu of Elastic Beanstalk console) and select the **EC2** Service. You should see that you have 1 **Running Instance** (the 64-bit Linux service), 1 **Volume** (the 8GiB disk hosting your instance), 1 **Elastic IP**, zero or 1 **Load Balancer** (managing port 80), and 2 **Security Groups**.

Also note that if you deploy the `php_info.php` file from the PHP installation on `cs-server.usc.edu` (after renaming it `index.php`), you will discover that, among many additions, **OpenSSL 1.0 is enabled**.

7. Set up Exploring Your Instance (Optional)

If you want to explore your Instance and create your own domain based URL with SSH control, you can add the following steps.

7.1 Get and Setup SSH

Once the PHP app with SSH-enabled environment is running, you can get access using SSH. You can use `ssh` on a Mac running OS X, or Putty when running on Windows.

On a Mac, SSH is built into OSX X and can be accessed through the **Terminal** app and there is no additional setup needed.

On a Windows PC, you will need to download the complete PuTTY distribution at:

<http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html>

You should download the file **putty.zip** that contains all the binaries, including **PuTTYgen** as see in this snapshot from the website above:

Binaries

The latest release version (beta 0.65)

This will generally be a version I think is reasonably likely to work well. If you have a problem with the release version, it might be worth trying out the latest development snapshot (below) to see if I've already fixed the bug, before reporting it to me.

The last release was signed using the old release keys (before the 2015 rollover), so it has separate RSA and DSA signatures.

For Windows on Intel x86

PuTTY:	putty.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
PuTTYtel:	puttytel.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
PSCP:	pscp.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
PSFTP:	psftp.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
Plink:	plink.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
Pageant:	pageant.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
PuTTYgen:	puttygen.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)

A ZIP file containing all the binaries (except PuTTYtel), and also the help files

Zip file:	putty.zip	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
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A Windows installer for everything except PuTTYtel

Installer:	putty-0.65-installer.exe	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
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Checksums for all the above files

MD5:	md5sums	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
SHA-1:	sha1sums	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
SHA-256:	sha256sums	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)
SHA-512:	sha512sums	(or by FTP)	(RSA sig)	(DSA sig)

PuTTY needs additional setup as it needs to use a converted version of the private key. The instructions on how to perform such conversion are available here:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/putty.html>





The major step is to use **PuTTYgen** to convert your private key format (.pem) generated by Amazon EC2 into the required PuTTY format (.ppk).

7.2 Create a Key Pair




- From the **Services** drop down in the top right select **Console Home**.
- Under the **Compute** section, select the **EC2** dashboard.

Amazon Web Services

Compute

-  **EC2**
Virtual Servers in the Cloud
-  **EC2 Container Service**
Run and Manage Docker Containers
-  **Elastic Beanstalk**
Run and Manage Web Apps
-  **Lambda**
Run Code in Response to Events

Developer Tools



-  **CodeCommit**
Store Code in Private Git Repositories
-  **CodeDeploy**
Automate Code Deployments
-  **CodePipeline**
Release Software using Continuous Delivery

Management Tools

Internet of Things

-  **AWS IoT BETA**
Connect Devices to the cloud


Mobile Services

-  **Mobile Hub BETA**
Build, Test, and Monitor Mobile apps
-  **Cognito**
User Identity and App Data Synchronization

- Under **NETWORK AND SECURITY** select **Key Pairs**.
- Click on the button **Create Key Pair**.
- Enter a name like **phphosts** (you must have your own random name!) and click on **Create**.
- A download of your private key should start automatically. Save the key, like **phphosts.pem**, in an appropriate location.

7.2.1 Associate your Instance to the Key Pair

- You now need to associate your Instance with the just created key pair.
- Select the **Elastic Beanstalk** under **Services**.
- Select your application environment.
- Click on **Configuration** on the left menu.
- Click on the settings wheel next to **Instances**.
- Select the key pair you just created for the **EC2 key pair** field. Click **Refresh**.

EC2 key pair: Refresh 
Enables remote login to your instances.











- Hit **Apply** and then **Save** and wait for a few minutes for the configuration changes to take place. You may get warnings during this time.
- Go back to your EC2 instance after some time and check under **Key Name**, you should now see your associated key pair.

7.3 Open port 22

To open port 22, which is needed by SSH, follow these steps:

1. In the EC2 Management Console, click on **Instances**.
2. Under **NETWORK & SECURITY**, click on **Security Groups**.
3. Select the security group (present as a link) configured for your instance.
4. For the security group, edit the "Inbound rules" (**Inbound** tab present on the bottom of the pane) by clicking the **Edit** button.
5. Add a new rule for Type = SSH, Protocol = TCP, Port Range = 22, Source = My IP. Click **Save**.

Edit inbound rules ✕

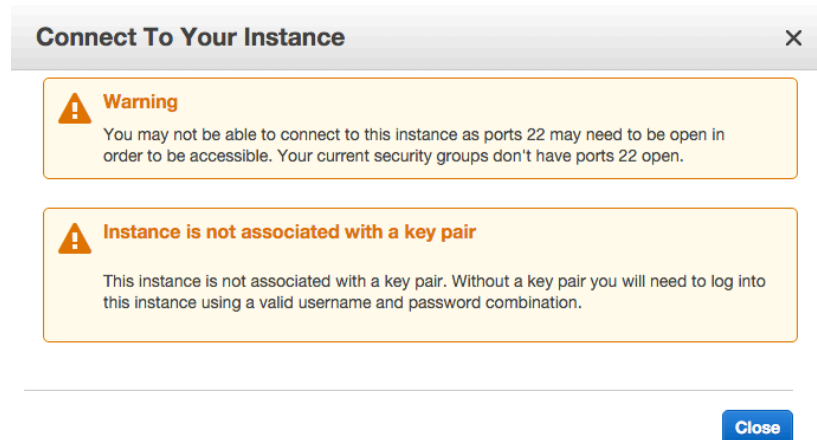
Type 	Protocol 	Port Range 	Source 	
HTTP 	TCP	80	Anywhere 	0.0.0.0/0 
SSH 	TCP	22	My IP 	159.83.115.1 

Add Rule

Cancel Save

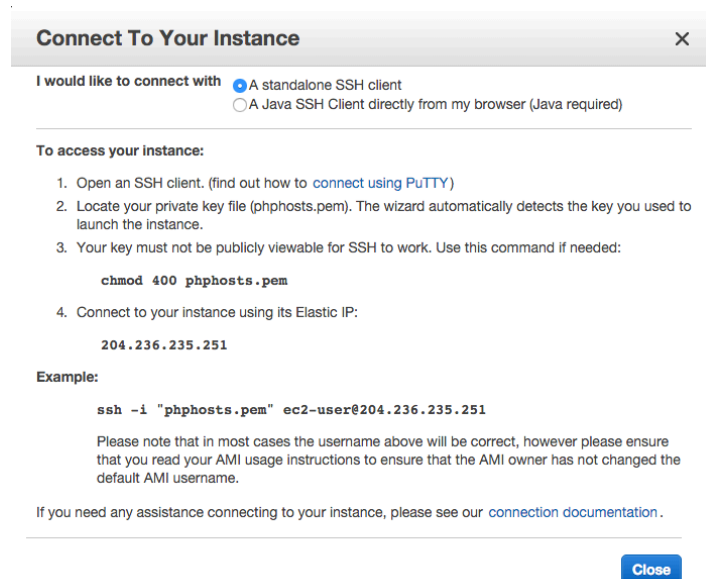
7.3.1 Errors when Connecting

If you fail to either open port 22 or associate your instance to a key pair, you will get an error popup when you try to **Connect to Your Instance** using EC2 Dashboard >> INSTANCES >> Instances >> select instance >> Connect, as show in the picture below.



7.4 Access your Linux Instance with SSH

- To see how to launch your SSH client go to **Services** and select **EC2**.
- Under the **INSTANCES** section in the navigation pane on the left, select **Instances**.
- Select your instance in the table (the check box turns **blue**) and select the **Connect** button next to Launch Instance.
- The **Connect To Your Instance** popup will display. Select the radio button **A Standalone SSH Client**. Notice the hyperlink “connect using PuTTY” (see section 7.4.2). See the snapshot below, showing Elastic IP connection string.



7.4.1 Mac running OS X / ssh

On a Mac you will need to enter a command like this one (when using **Public DNS**):


```
ssh -i phphosts.pem ec2-user@ec2-54-235-60-138.compute-1.amazonaws.com
```

or this one (when using **Elastic IP**)

```
ssh -i phphosts.pem ec2-user@204.236.235.251
```

type **yes**, when asked. Make sure that you are executing the ssh command in the same folder that contains the key. You should see output similar to this one (using **Public DNS**):

```
$ ssh -i "phphosts.pem" ec2-user@ec2-204-236-235-251.compute-1.amazonaws.com
Last login: Tue Oct 27 16:22:06 2015 from 159.83.115.214
```



This EC2 instance is managed by AWS Elastic Beanstalk. Changes made via SSH WILL BE LOST if the instance is replaced by auto-scaling. For more information

on customizing your Elastic Beanstalk environment, see our documentation [here](#):

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/customize-containers-ec2.html>

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-30-13-153 ~]$
```

Or output like this (using **Elastic IP**):


```
marcopapa$ ssh -i "phphosts.pem" ec2-user@204.236.235.251
```

```
The authenticity of host '204.236.235.251 (204.236.235.251)' can't be
established.
```

ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:j4I3q03uqRCH9uYP5EwZTIWKk8EtmLEf6Ve0jnYctDY.

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

```
Warning: Permanently added '204.236.235.251' (ECDSA) to the list of known
hosts.
```



This EC2 instance is managed by AWS Elastic Beanstalk. Changes made via SSH WILL BE LOST if the instance is replaced by auto-scaling. For more information

on customizing your Elastic Beanstalk environment, see our documentation here:
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/customize-containers-ec2.html>
[ec2-user@ip-10-30-13-153 ~]\$

You can find more info here:

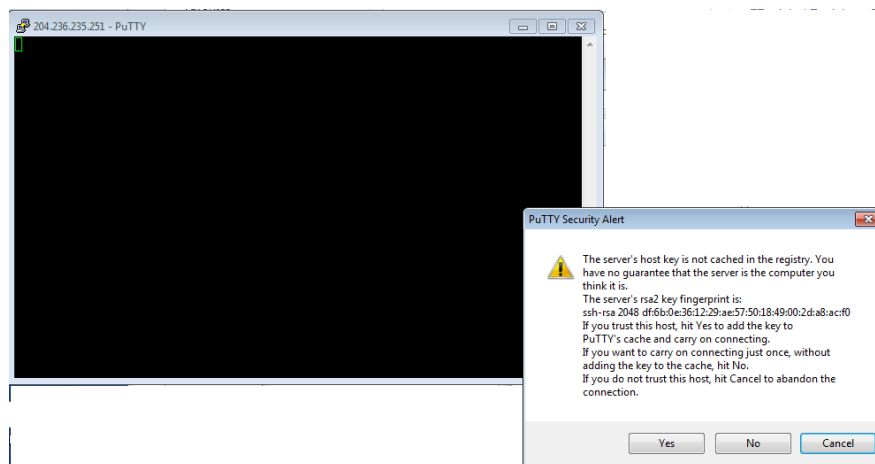
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AccessingInstances.html?console_help=true

7.4.2 PC running Windows / PuTTY

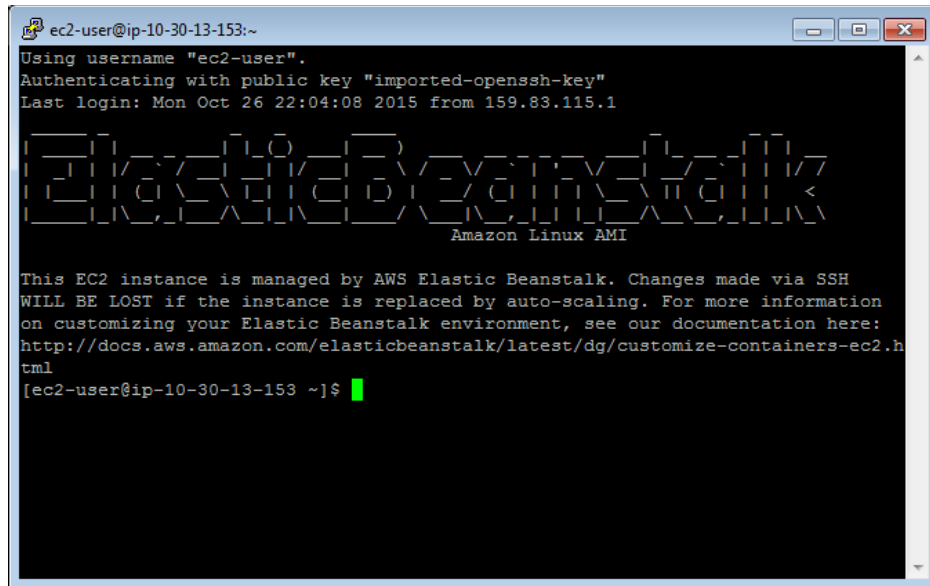
In the popup windows titled **Connect To Your Instance**, click on **Connect using PuTTY**. You will be redirected to the URL.

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/putty.html>

Follow the steps under **Starting a PuTTY Session** to connect to your the Linux instance using PuTTY. The first time you connect by clicking **Open** to start the session, PuTTY displays a **PuTTY Security Alert** dialog box, as show in the following snapshot. Click the **Yes** button.



Once connected, PuTTY will open, and log you in, as shown in the next snapshot.



As with SSH, you can either use tout Public DNS or your Elastic IP to log in.

7.5 Explore

You can now explore your Instance. When you login with SSH, your account home directory will be located at:

`/home/ec2-user`

That folder is empty, and is not where your apache / PHP files are. Run '`ps -ax`', and you should see several instances of **httpd**:

```
1940 ?          S        0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
1941 ?          S        0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
1942 ?          S        0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
1944 ?          S        0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
1945 ?          S        0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
```

To see your mounted volumes, run '`df -h`':

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 sbin]$ df -h
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
/dev/xvda1      7.9G  1.3G  6.6G  17% /
tmpfs           298M    0  298M   0% /dev/shm
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 sbin]$
```

To see your document root, run '`ls /var/www/html/`':

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$ ls -l /var/www/html
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 16 Mar 22 20:38 /var/www/html ->
/var/app/current
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$
```

To see your uploaded index.php file:

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 sbin]$ cd /var/www/html
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$ ls -l
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 webapp webapp 3723 Feb  5 02:09 index.php
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$
```

To see your php.ini file, 'ls -l /etc/php.ini':

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$ ls -l /etc/php.ini
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 65782 Mar 22 20:38 /etc/php.ini
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$
```

Have fun exploring AWS!!