



Placement Empowerment Program

Cloud Computing and DevOps Centre

Write a Shell Script to Manage Cloud Resources: Create a script to launch, stop, and terminate cloud VMs using the CLI.

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Introduction:

- This POC focuses on creating a shell script to automate the management of cloud virtual machines (VMs) using a Command-Line Interface (CLI). By leveraging this script, users can easily launch, stop, and terminate VMs, streamlining operations and reducing manual effort. This approach not only saves time but also ensures consistency and reliability in managing cloud infrastructures.

Overview:

- The shell script is designed to automate cloud virtual machine (VM) management, enabling efficient interaction with cloud providers using the CLI.
- It simplifies routine cloud operations by providing options to launch, stop, and terminate VMs with minimal manual intervention.
- By automating repetitive tasks, the script reduces the risk of human error and saves time, ensuring reliable cloud resource management.
- This script is adaptable to various cloud platforms and can be integrated into larger automation workflows for managing complex infrastructures.


Objectives:


The key objectives of this task are:

- ❖ **Purpose:** Automate the management of cloud virtual machines (VMs) by creating a shell script that interacts with the cloud provider's CLI.
- ❖ **Functionality:** The script will enable users to perform key actions such as launching, stopping, and terminating VMs, simplifying routine cloud operations.
- ❖ **Efficiency:** Reduces manual effort and errors by automating repetitive tasks, ensuring consistency in managing cloud resources.
- ❖ **Scalability:** Provides a reusable and customizable solution that can be adapted to different cloud environments or integrated into larger automation workflows.

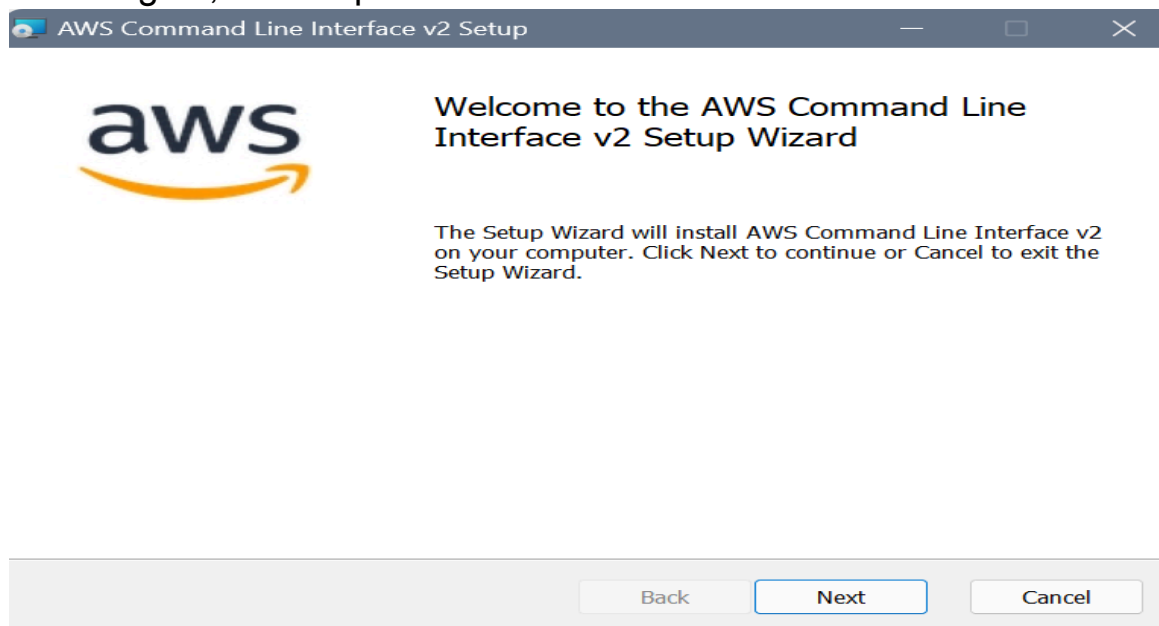
Step-by-Step Overview:

1. Set Up AWS CLI

 **Install AWS CLI:** Follow the installation guide for your operating system.

 **Configure AWS CLI:** Run the following command and enter your AWS credentials:

- ☐ First create an EC2 Instance in your console
- ☐ You will need your AWS Access Key ID, Secret Access Key, region, and output format



2. Set up your AWS CLI with your credentials

You'll be prompted to enter your:

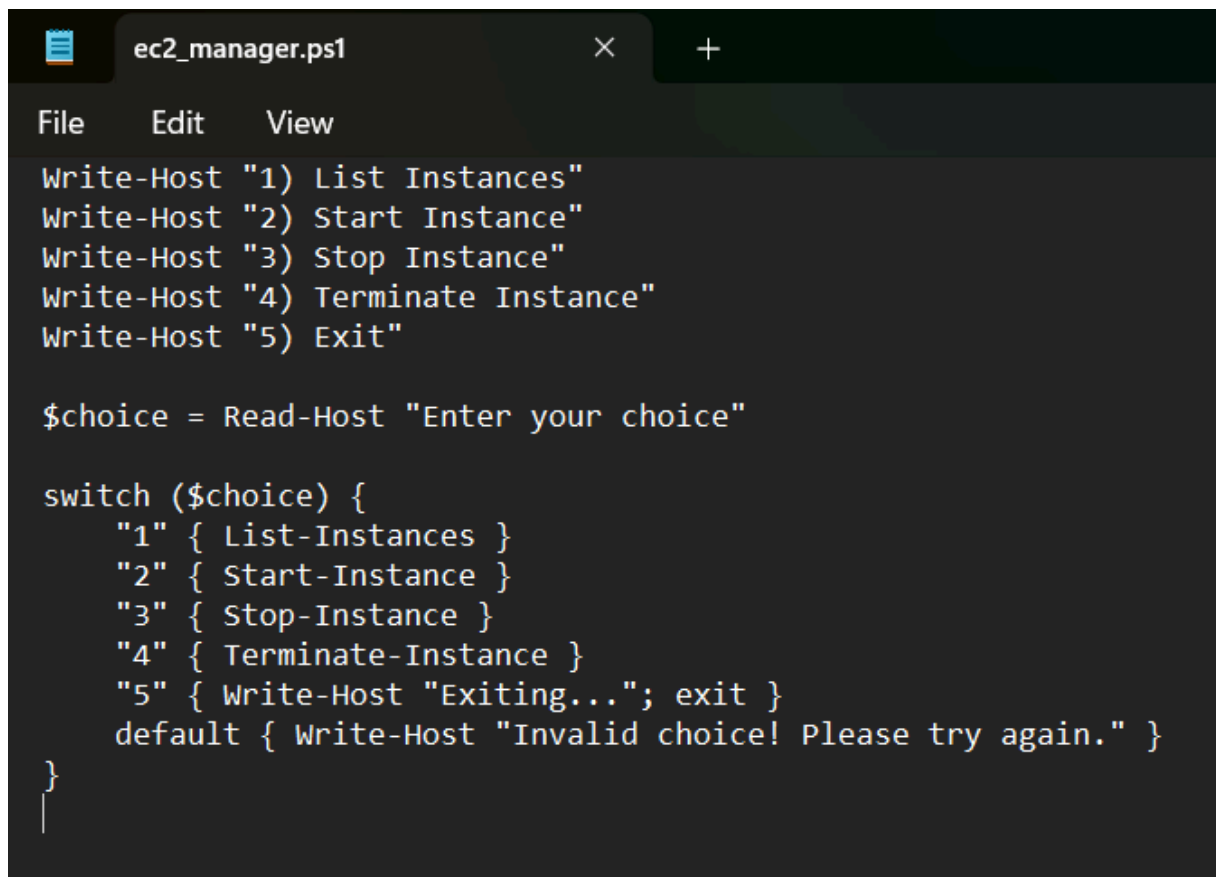
- AWS Access Key ID
- AWS Secret Access Key
- Default region name
- Default output format (e.g., json)

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AWS Secret Access Key [*****SI20]: Vkk7DU 02xxA5eC +1iTBtkWA00 Fy3KPsS 0
Default region name [ap-south-1]: ap-south-1
Default output format [None]: json
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3. Write the script

Now, write the following script in a notepad and save it as 'ec2_manager.ps1'.

Then, save this file in a folder named script.

A screenshot of a code editor window titled 'ec2_manager.ps1'. The editor has a dark theme and shows a PowerShell script. The script lists five options: '1) List Instances', '2) Start Instance', '3) Stop Instance', '4) Terminate Instance', and '5) Exit'. It prompts the user to 'Enter your choice' and uses a switch statement to execute the corresponding action. The switch statement includes cases for each option and a default case that displays an error message: 'Invalid choice! Please try again.'

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Write-Host "1) List Instances"
Write-Host "2) Start Instance"
Write-Host "3) Stop Instance"
Write-Host "4) Terminate Instance"
Write-Host "5) Exit"

$choice = Read-Host "Enter your choice"

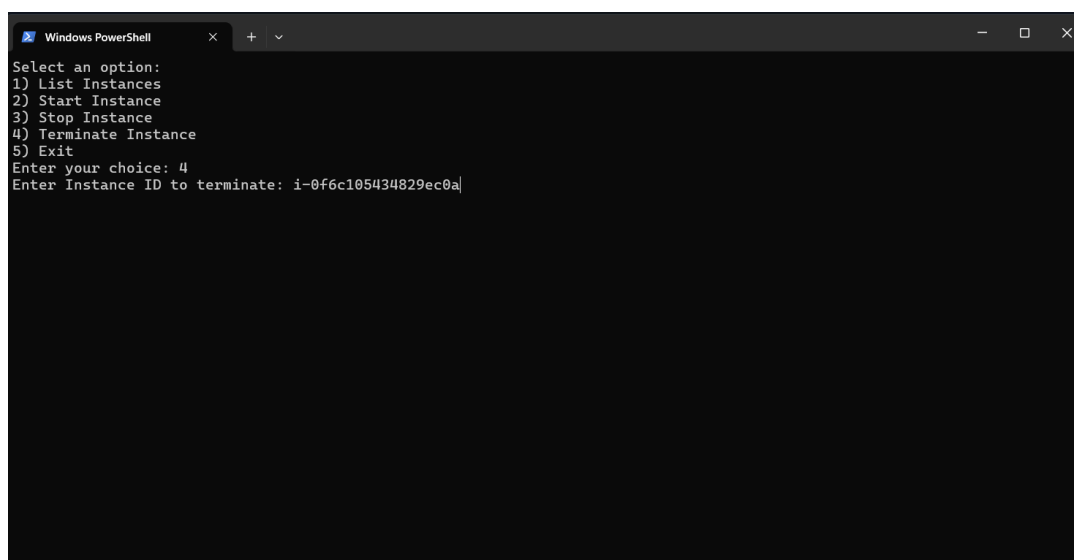
switch ($choice) {
    "1" { List-Instances }
    "2" { Start-Instance }
    "3" { Stop-Instance }
    "4" { Terminate-Instance }
    "5" { Write-Host "Exiting..."; exit }
    default { Write-Host "Invalid choice! Please try again." }
}
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4. Run the script

Now, right click on the file and click on run with powershell.

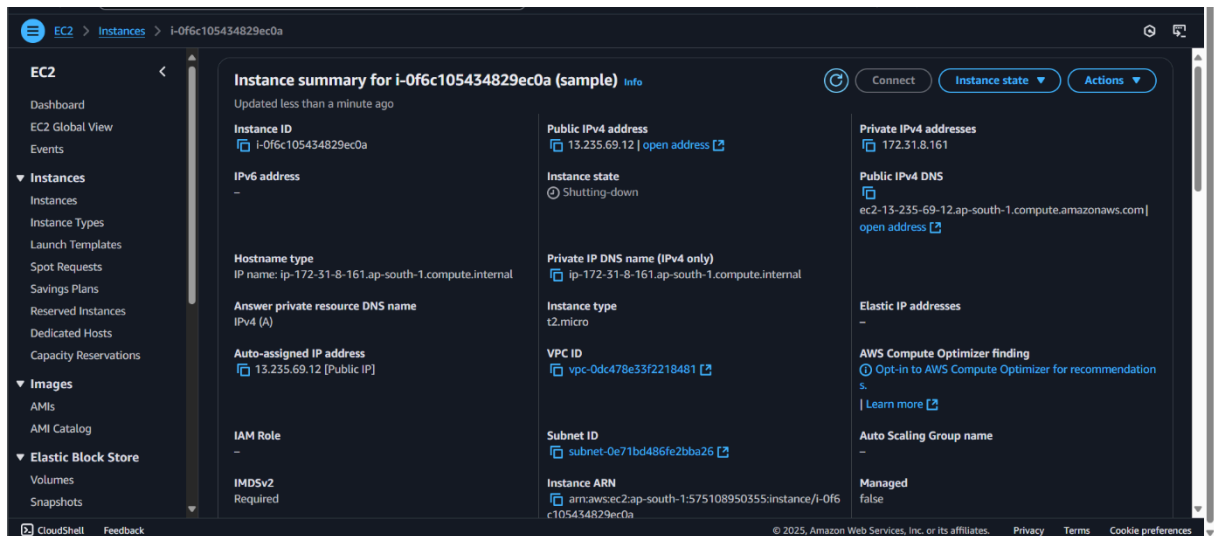
Now, the script is executed in a powershell window.

Select the required option and give the instance id of the ec2 instance you previously created.

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window. The window title is 'Windows PowerShell'. The prompt 'Select an option:' is followed by the same five options as in the script: '1) List Instances', '2) Start Instance', '3) Stop Instance', '4) Terminate Instance', and '5) Exit'. The user has entered '4' for their choice. The prompt 'Enter your choice: 4' is shown. Below that, the prompt 'Enter Instance ID to terminate:' is followed by the user input 'i-0f6c105434829ec0a'.

5. Verifying

Now, check the console to verify if the following actions are being performed on your given instance.



Outcome :

By completing this Proof of Concept (PoC) to write a Shell Script to Manage Cloud Resources

1. Improved Automation

- Eliminates manual steps for VM management.
- Saves time by executing predefined commands automatically.

2. Efficient Resource Management

- Start or stop VMs based on usage.
- Resize or reallocate resources dynamically.

3. Enhanced Monitoring

- Regularly check VM health, disk usage, CPU, and memory utilization.
- Send alerts when thresholds are exceeded.

4. Security and Access Control

- Implement SSH key-based access.
- Automate security updates and backups.

5. Cost Optimization

- Automatically stop unused VMs to save cloud costs.
- Schedule VM operations based on workload demands