

ACHAAR HOUSE

Traditional Flavours , Delivered Fresh

Project Description:

ACHAAR HOUSE — Taste the Best is a cloud-based culinary platform revolutionizing access to authentic, handcrafted pickles and snacks. Addressing the growing demand for preservative-free, traditional recipes, this initiative combines artisanal craftsmanship with cutting-edge technology to deliver farm-fresh flavours directly to consumers. Built on Flask for backend efficiency and hosted on AWS EC2 for scalable performance, the platform offers seamless browsing, ordering, and subscription management. DynamoDB ensures real-time inventory tracking and personalized user experiences, while fostering sustainability through partnerships with local farmers and eco-friendly packaging. From tangy regional pickles to wholesome snacks, every product celebrates heritage recipes, nutritional integrity, and convenience—proving that tradition and innovation can coexist deliciously. "Preserving Traditions, One Jar at a Time."

Scenario 1: Scalable Order Management for High Demand

A cloud-based system ensures seamless order processing during peak user activity. For instance, during a promotional event, hundreds of users simultaneously access the platform to place orders. The backend efficiently processes requests, updates inventory in real-time, and manages user sessions. The cloud infrastructure handles traffic spikes without performance degradation, ensuring smooth transactions and minimizing wait time.

scenario 2: Real-Time Inventory Tracking and Updates

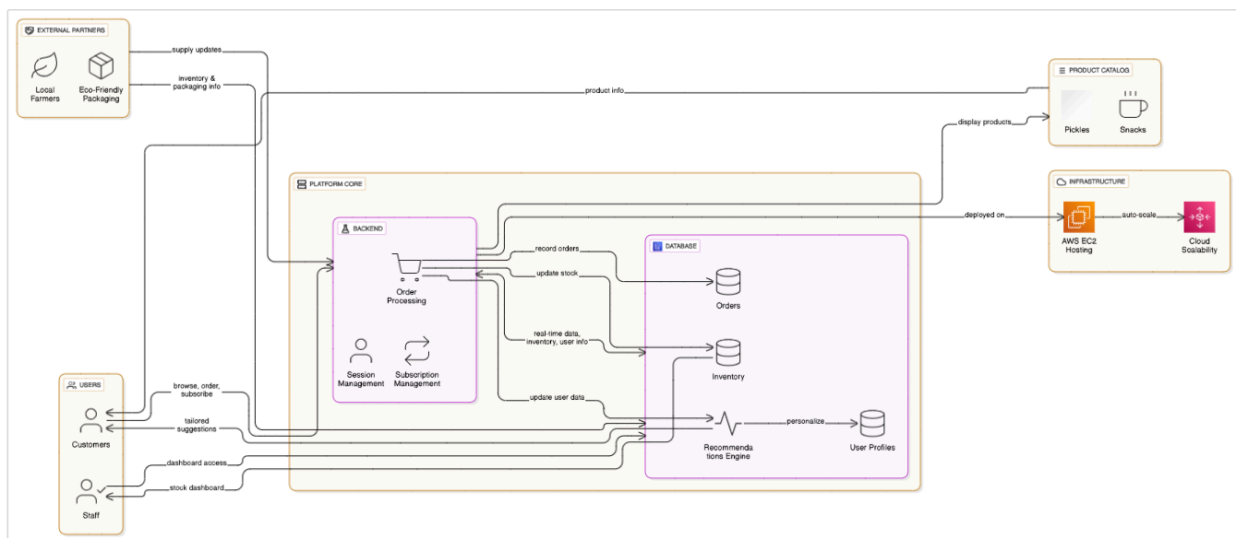
When a customer places an order for a product, the system instantly

updates stock levels and records transaction details. For example, a user purchases an item, triggering automatic inventory deduction and order confirmation. Staff members receive updated dashboards to monitor stock availability and fulfillment progress, ensuring timely restocking and minimizing overselling risk

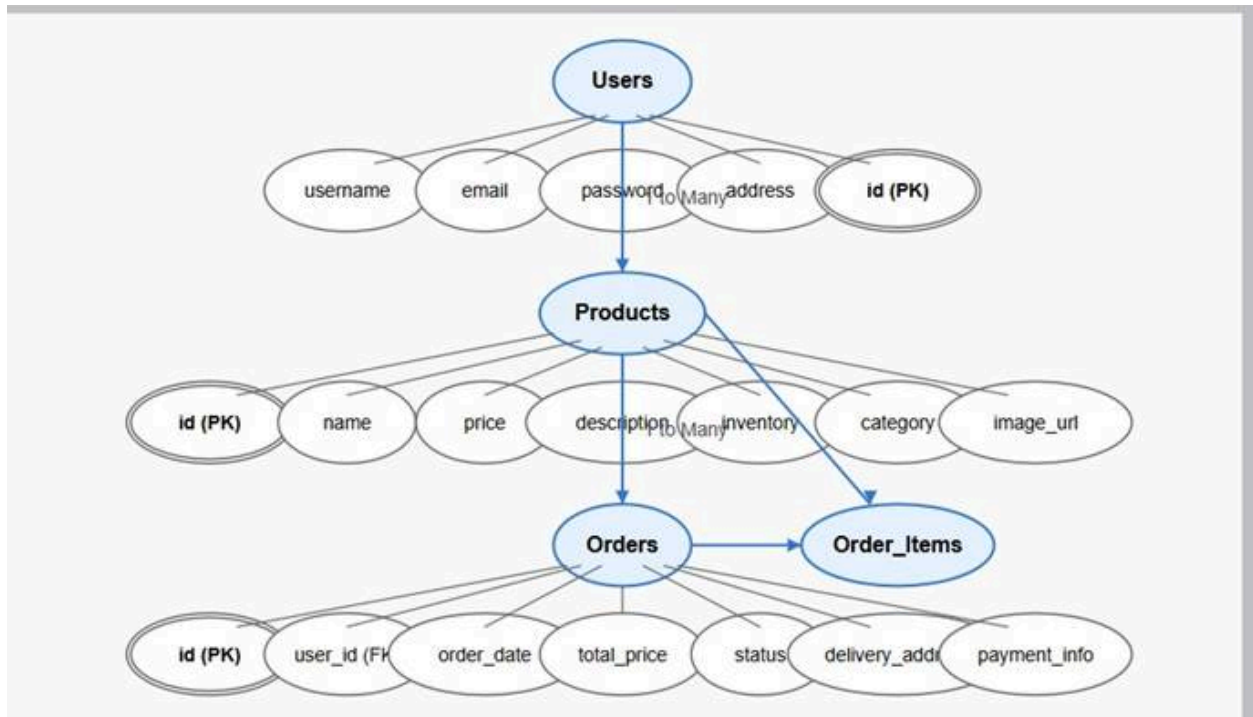
Scenario 3: Personalized User Experience and Recommendations

The platform leverages user behavior data to enhance engagement. A returning customer, for instance, views tailored recommendations based on past purchases and browsing history. The system dynamically adjusts suggestions in real-time, while maintaining fast response rates even during high traffic, creating a frictionless and intuitive shopping experience.

AWS ARCHITECTURE



Entity Relationship (ER)Diagram:



Pre-requisites:

- **AWS Account Setup:**
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/accounts/latest/reference/getting-started.html>
- **AWS IAM (Identity and Access Management):**
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/introduction.html>
- **AWS EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud):**
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/concepts.html>
- **AWS DynamoDB:**

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/Introduction.html>

- **Git Documentation:**
<https://git-scm.com/doc>
- **VS Code Installation: (download the VS Code using the below link or you can get that in Microsoft store)**
<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>

Project WorkFlow:

Milestone 1. Backend Development and Application Setup

- Develop the Backend Using Flask.
- Integrate AWS Services Using boto3.

Milestone 2. AWS Account Setup and Login

- Set up an AWS account if not already done.
- Log in to the AWS Management Console

Milestone 3. DynamoDB Database Creation and Setup

- Create a DynamoDB Table.
- Configure Attributes for User Data and Book Requests.

Milestone 4. SNS Notification Setup

- Create SNS topics for book request notifications.
- Subscribe users and library staff to SNS email notifications.

Milestone 5. IAM Role Setup

- Create IAM Role
- Attach Policies

Milestone 6. EC2 Instance Setup

- Launch an EC2 instance to host the Flask application.
- Configure security groups for HTTP, and SSH access.

Milestone 7. Deployment on EC2

- Upload Flask Files
- Run the Flask App

Milestone 8. Testing and Deployment

- Conduct functional testing to verify user signup, login, buy/sell stocks

and notifications.

Milestone 1 : Web Application Development and Setup

Backend Development and Application Setup focuses on establishing the core structure of the application. This includes configuring the backend framework, setting up routing, and integrating database connectivity. It lays the groundwork for handling user interactions, data management, and secure access.

Important Instructions:

- Start by creating the necessary HTML pages and Flask routes (app.py) to build the core functionality of your application.
- During the initial development phase, store and retrieve data using Python dictionaries or lists locally. This will allow you to design, test, and validate your application logic without external database dependencies.
- Ensure your app runs smoothly with local data structures before integrating any cloud services.

Post Troven Access Activation:

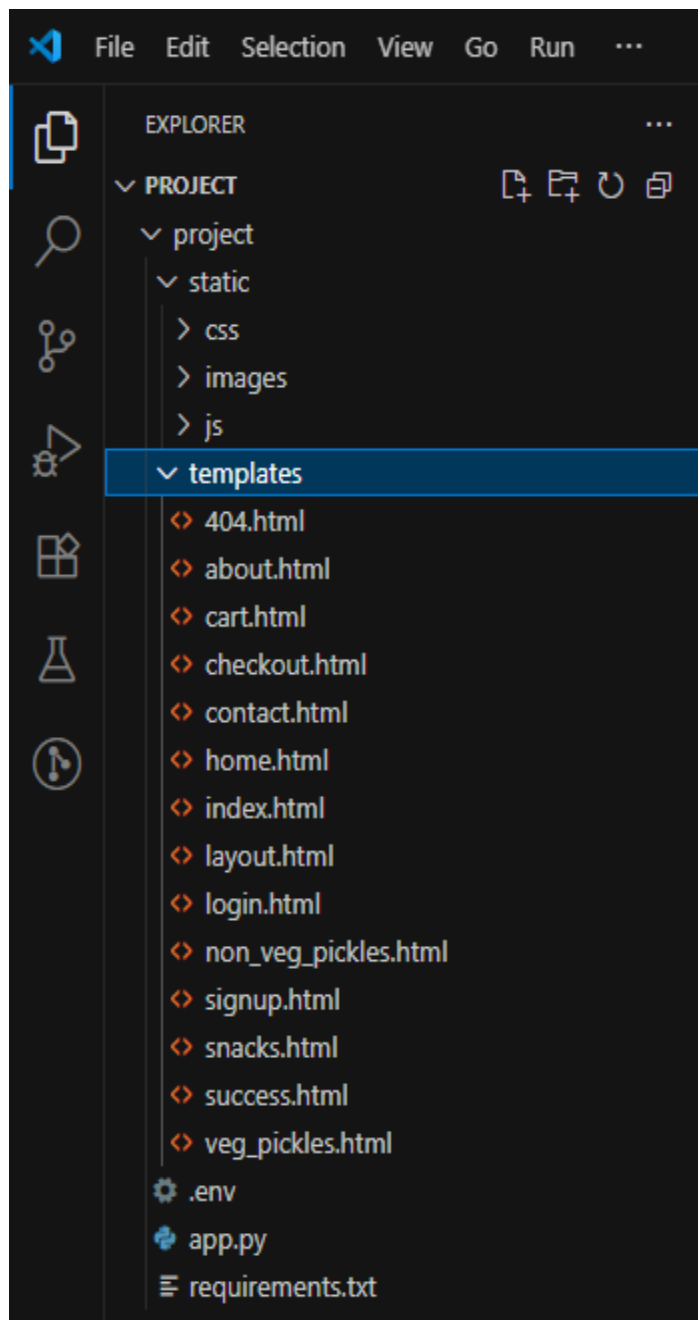
- Once Troven Labs access is provided (valid for 3 hours), you must immediately proceed with Milestone 1 of your Guided Project instructions.
- At this point, modify your app.py and replace local dictionary/list operations with AWS services (such as DynamoDB, RDS, or others as per project requirements).
- Using the temporary credentials provided by Troven Labs, securely connect your application to AWS resources.

- Since the AWS configuration is lightweight and already instructed in the milestones, you should be able to complete the cloud integration efficiently within the allotted time.

LOCAL DEPLOYMENT

- Flask app initialisation and file explorer structure

```
app.py X
project > app.py > ...
1  #-- Libraries ---
2  from flask import Flask, jsonify, render_template, request, redirect, url_for, session
3  from werkzeug.security import generate_password_hash, check_password_hash
4  import boto3
5  import uuid
6  import smtplib
7  from email.mime.text import MIMEText
8  from email.mime.multipart import MIMEMultipart
9  import os
10 import boto3
11 from datetime import datetime
12 import json, uuid
13
14 from dotenv import load_dotenv
15 load_dotenv() # This loads the environment variables from .env file
16
17 #####
18 # ----- Flask App Configuration ----- ###
19 #####
20
```



use boto3 to connect to DynamoDB for handling user registration, order details database operations and also mention region_name where DynamoDB tables are created


```
## ----- Product Routes -----##
# Make sure this exists exactly like this
@app.route('/non_veg_pickles')
def non_veg_pickles():
    if not session.get('logged_in'):
        return redirect(url_for('login'))
    return render_template('non_veg_pickles.html', products=products['non_veg_pickles'])
@app.route('/veg_pickles') # Make sure this exists exactly like this
def veg_pickles():
    if not session.get('logged_in'):
        return redirect(url_for('login'))
    return render_template('veg_pickles.html', products=products['veg_pickles'])
@app.route('/snacks') # Make sure this exists exactly like this
def snacks():
    if not session.get('logged_in'):
        return redirect(url_for('login'))
    return render_template('snacks.html', products=products['snacks'])
```

Login Route (GET/POST): Verifies user credentials, increments login count, and redirects to the dashboard on success.

```
project > app.py > home
184 #####
185 @app.route('/login', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
186 def login():
187     # Hardcoded demo credentials
188     DEMO_CREDENTIALS = {
189         'demo1': 'password1',
190         'demo2': 'password2',
191         'admin': 'admin123'
192     }
193
194     if request.method == 'POST':
195         username = request.form['username']
196         password = request.form['password']
197
198         # First check demo credentials
199         if username in DEMO_CREDENTIALS and DEMO_CREDENTIALS[username] == password:
200             session['logged_in'] = True
201             session['username'] = username
202             session['is_demo'] = True # Mark as demo user
203             return redirect(url_for('home'))
204
205         # Then check database users
206         try:
207             response = users_table.get_item(Key={'username': username})
208             if 'Item' not in response:
209                 return render_template('login.html', error='User not found')
210
211             user = response['Item']
212             if 'password' not in user:
213                 return render_template('login.html', error='Password not found in database')
214
215             if check_password_hash(user['password'], password):
```

- SignUp route: Collecting registration data, hashes the password, and stores user details

in the database.

```
#----- Signup -----#
#####

@app.route('/signup', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def signup():
    if request.method == 'POST':
        username = request.form['username'].strip()
        email = request.form['email'].strip()
        password = request.form['password']
        try:
            # Validate input
            if not username or not email or not password:
                return render_template('signup.html', error='All fields are required')

            response = users_table.get_item(Key={'username': username})
            if 'Item' in response:
                return render_template('signup.html', error='Username already exists')

            hashed_password = generate_password_hash(password)

            users_table.put_item(
                Item={
                    'username': username,
                    'email': email,
                    'password': hashed_password
                }
            )
            return redirect(url_for('login'))
        except Exception as e:
            return render_template('signup.html', error='Registration failed: ' + str(e))
    return render_template('signup.html')
```

- Logout route: The user can Logout so that the user can get back to the Login Page

```
# Logout
@app.route('/logout')
def logout():
    session.clear()
    return redirect(url_for('home'))
```

Home Route: Home page contains the routing for different categories which are Veg_pickles, Non_Veg_pickles, Snacks.

```

# Home Page Route
@app.route('/home')
def home():
    if not session.get('logged_in'):
        return redirect(url_for('login'))

    # Get featured products (first 4 from each category)
    featured_non_veg = products['non_veg_pickles'][:4]
    featured_veg = products['veg_pickles'][:4]
    featured_snacks = products['snacks'][:4]

    return render_template('home.html',
                           non_veg_pickles=products['non_veg_pickles'],
                           veg_pickles=products['veg_pickles'],
                           snacks=products['snacks'],
                           featured_non_veg=featured_non_veg,
                           featured_veg=featured_veg,
                           featured_snacks=featured_snacks)

```

Check out Route:

```

# Checkout page route
@app.route('/checkout', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def checkout():
    if not session.get('logged_in'):
        return redirect(url_for('login'))

    if session.get('is_demo'):
        return render_template('checkout.html',
                               error="Demo accounts cannot place real orders. Please sign up for a real account.")

    if request.method == 'POST':
        try:
            # Get form data
            name = request.form.get('name', '').strip()
            address = request.form.get('address', '').strip()
            phone = request.form.get('phone', '').strip()
            payment_method = request.form.get('payment', '').strip()

            # Validate inputs
            if not all([name, address, phone, payment_method]):
                return render_template('checkout.html',
                                       error="All fields are required.",
                                       name=name,
                                       address=address,
                                       phone=phone)

```

Milestone 2 : AWS Account Setup

Important Notice: Use Troven Labs for AWS Access

Students are strictly advised not to create their own AWS accounts, as doing so may incur charges. Instead, we have set up a dedicated section called “Labs” on the Troven platform, which provides temporary and cost-free access to AWS services.

Once your website is locally deployed and fully functional, you must proceed with integrating AWS services only through the Troven Labs environment. This ensures secure, controlled access to AWS resources without any risk of personal billing.

All steps involving AWS (such as deploying to EC2, connecting to DynamoDB, or using SNS) must be carried out within the Troven Labs platform, as we've configured temporary credentials for each student.

Reminder: You must complete the Web Development task before gaining access to Troven. Once accessed, the AWS Console via Troven is available for only 3 hours—please plan your work accordingly.

Please follow the provided guidelines and access AWS exclusively through Troven to avoid unnecessary issues.

Please refer the below link -

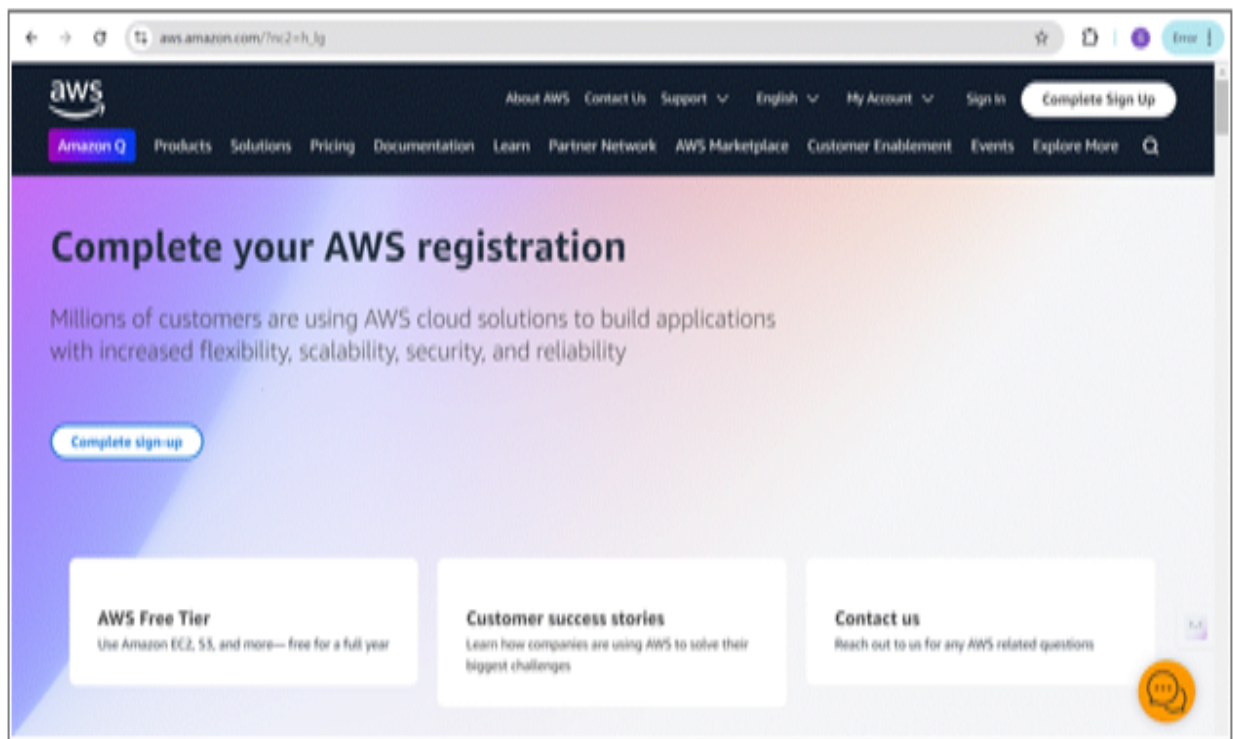
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AWS Account Setup and Login

This is for your understanding only, please refrain from creating an AWS account. A temporary account will be provided via Troven.

- Go to the AWS website (<https://aws.amazon.com/>).
- Click on the "Create an AWS Account" button.
- Follow the prompts to enter your email address and choose a password.
- Provide the required account information, including your name, address, and phone number.


- Enter your payment information. (Note: While AWS offers a free tier, a credit card or debit card is required for verification.)
- Complete the identity verification process.
- Choose a support plan (the basic plan is free and sufficient for starting).
- Once verified, you can sign in to your new AWS accounts.





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Sign up for AWS

Root user email address
Used for account recovery and as described in the [AWS Privacy Notice](#)


AWS account name
Choose a name for your account. You can change this name in your account settings after you sign up.

Verify email address

OR

Sign in to an existing AWS account

- Log in to the AWS Management Console
- After setting up your account, log in to the [AWS Management Console](#)



Sign in

☒ **Root user**
Account owner that performs tasks requiring unrestricted access. [Learn more](#)

☐ **IAM user**
User within an account that performs daily tasks. [Learn more](#)

Root user email address

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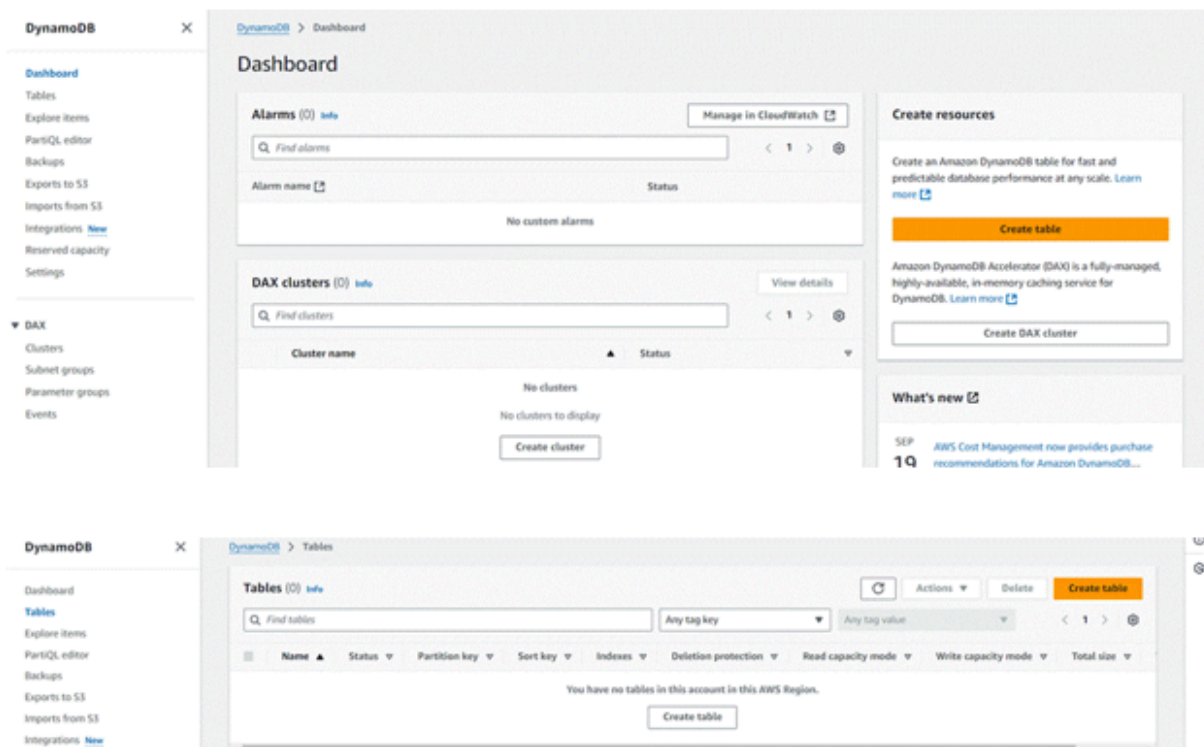
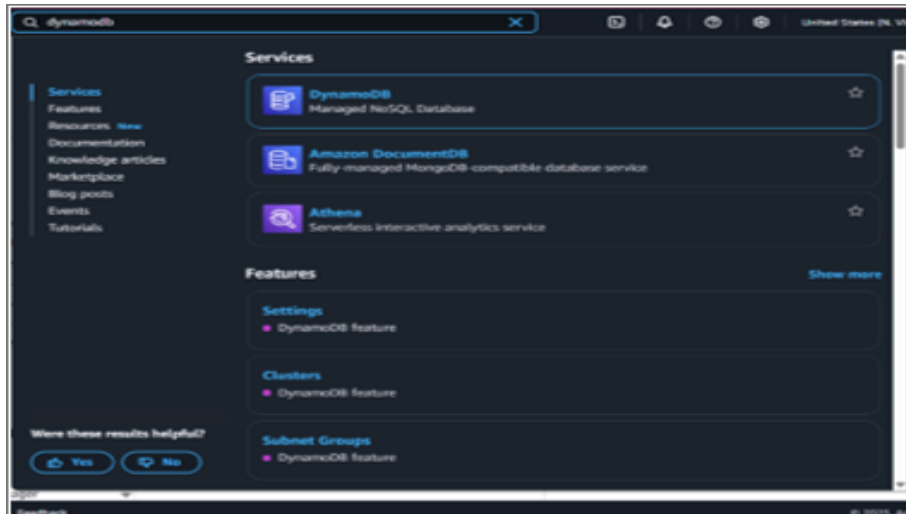
Milestone 3 : DynamoDB Database Creation and Setup

Database Creation and Setup involves initializing a cloud-based NoSQL database to store and manage application data efficiently. This step includes defining tables, setting

primary keys, and configuring read/write capacities. It ensures scalable, high-performance data storage for seamless backend operations.

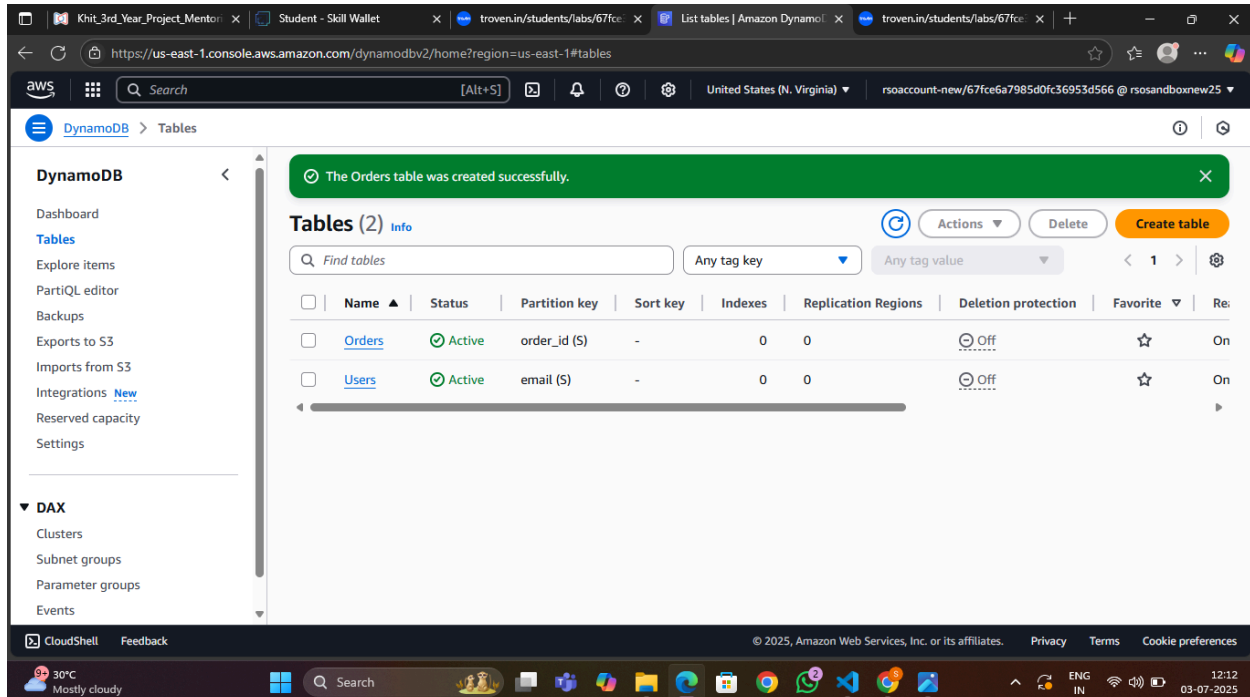
Navigate to the DynamoDB

- In the AWS Console, navigate to DynamoDB and click on create tables.



Create a DynamoDB table for storing data

- Create Users table and orders table with partition keys "email" and "order_id" with type String and click on create tables.



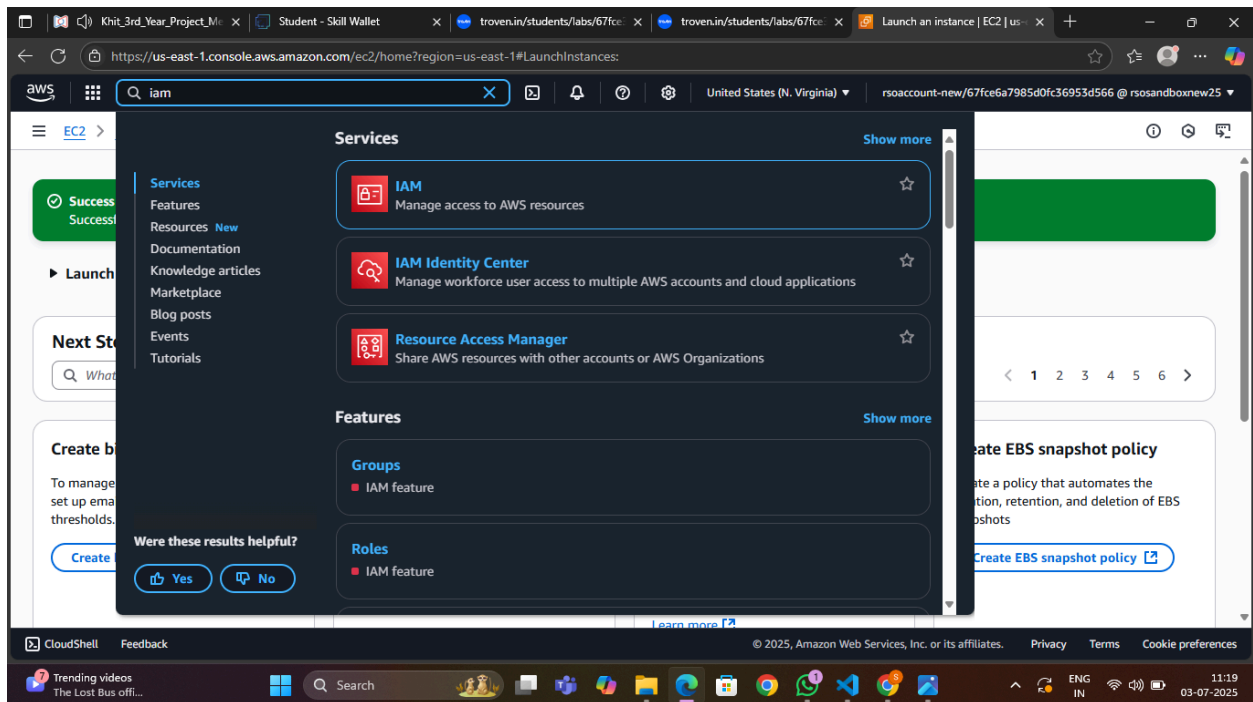
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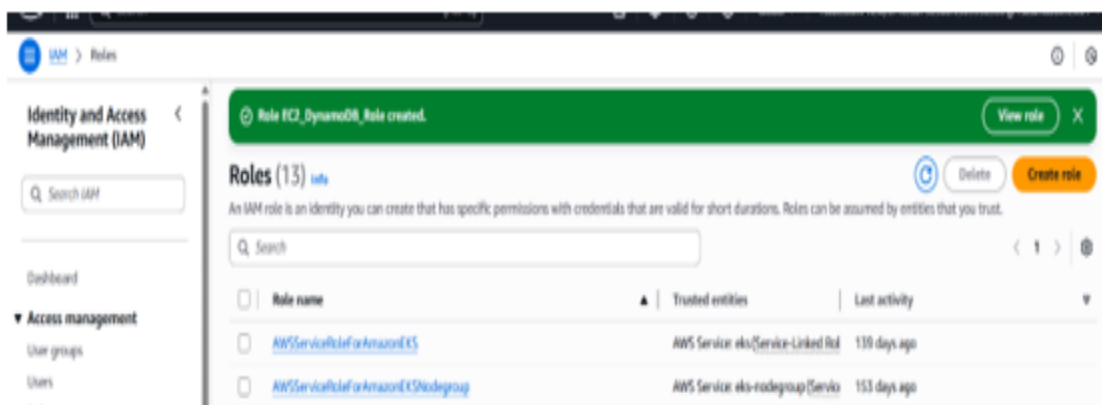
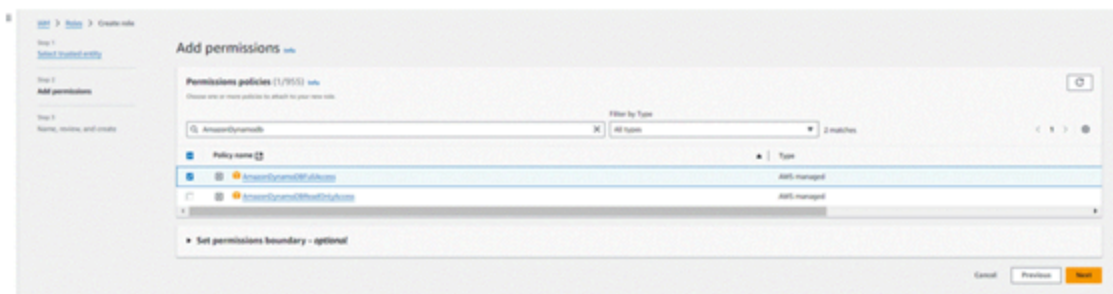
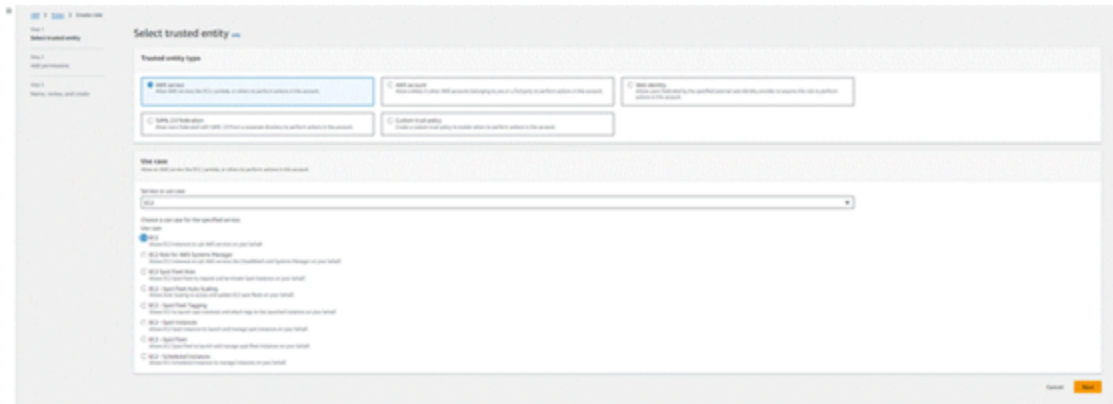
IAM (Identity and Access Management) role setup involves creating roles that define specific permissions for AWS services. To set it up, you create a role with the required policies, assign it to users or services, and ensure the role has appropriate access to resources like EC2, S3, or RDS. This allows controlled access and ensures security best practices in managing AWS resources.

Create IAM Role.

- In the AWS Console, go to IAM and create a new IAM Role for EC2 to interact

with DynamoDB.

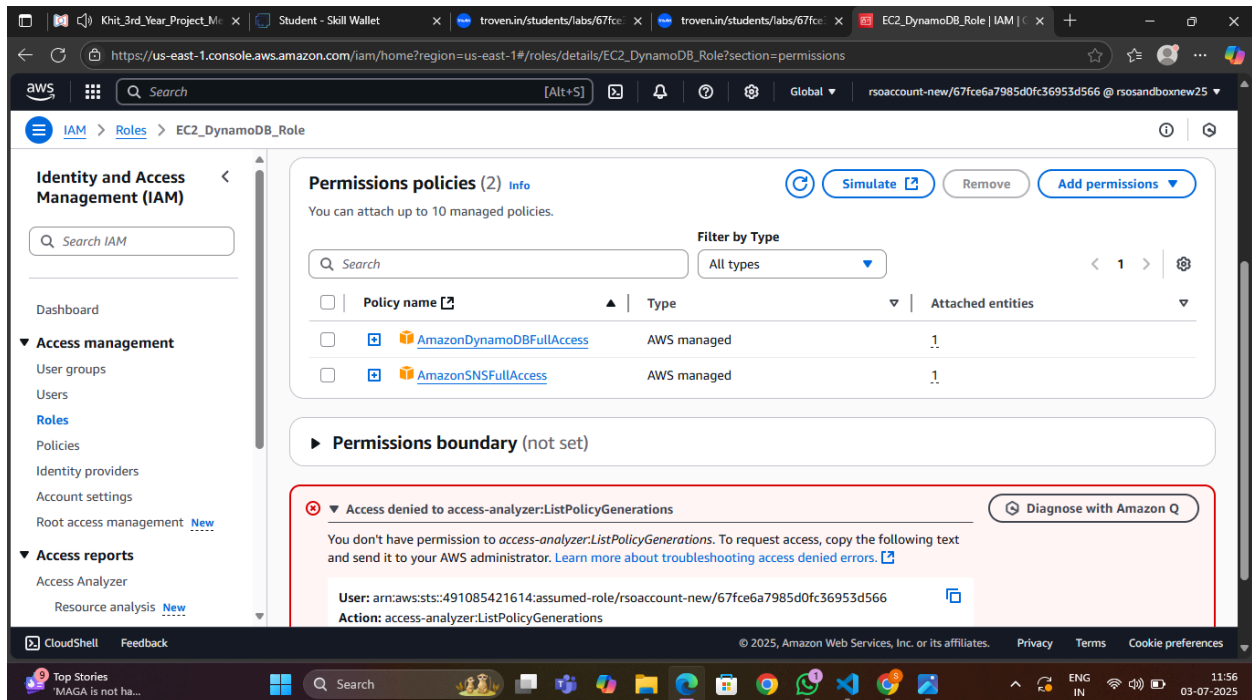




Attach Policies

Attach the following policies to the role:

- AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess: Allows EC2 to perform read/write operations on DynamoDB.



Milestone 5 : EC2 Instance Setup




To set up a public EC2 instance, choose an appropriate Amazon Machine Image (AMI) and instance type. Ensure the security group allows inbound traffic on necessary ports (e.g., HTTP/HTTPS for web applications). After launching the instance, associate it with an Elastic IP for consistent public access, and configure your application or services to be publicly accessible.






- Note: Load your Flask app and Html files into GitHub repository.


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static	the Final update 2.0	last week
templates	the Final update 2.0	last week
app.py	Update app.py	last week
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

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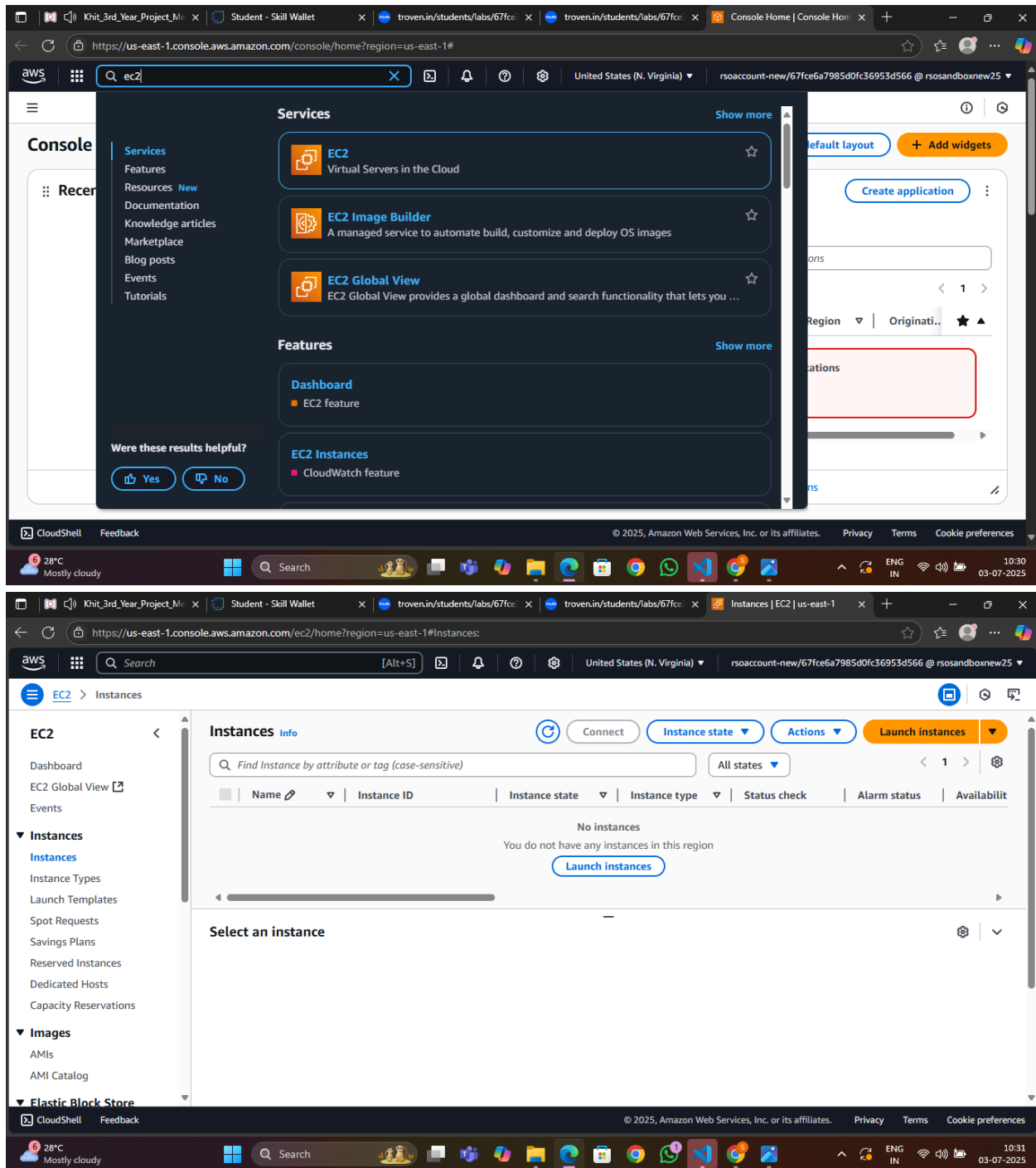
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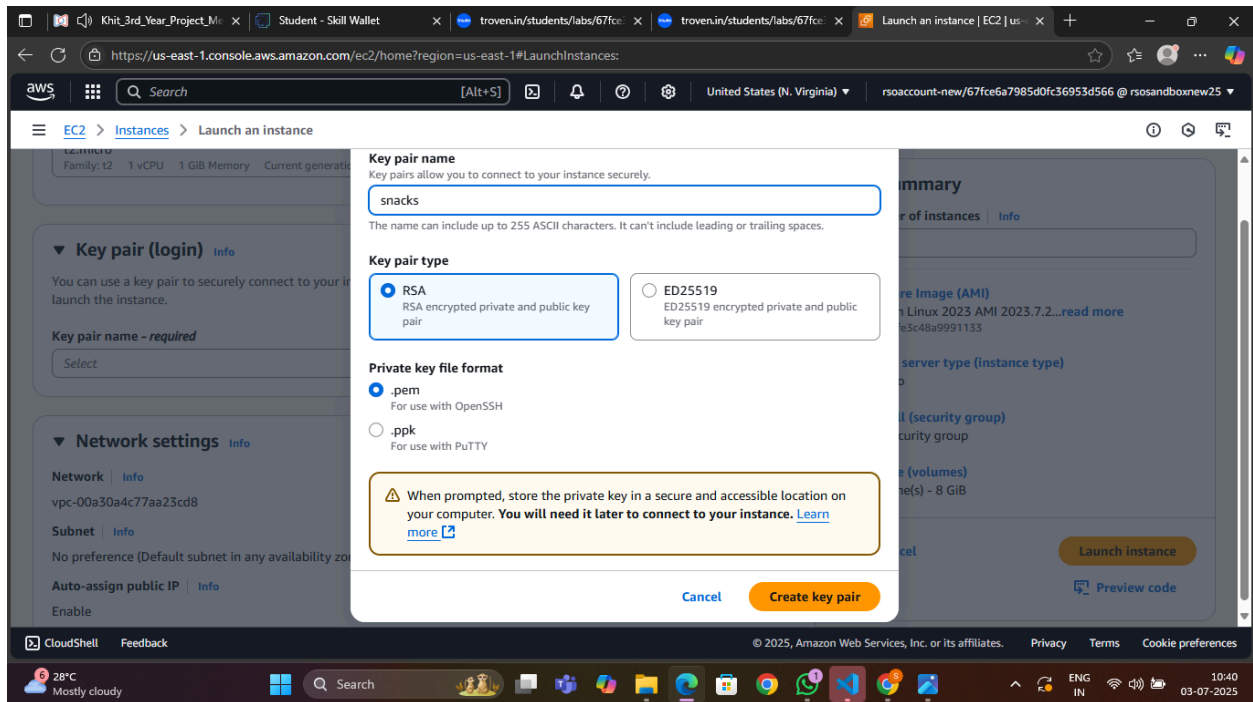
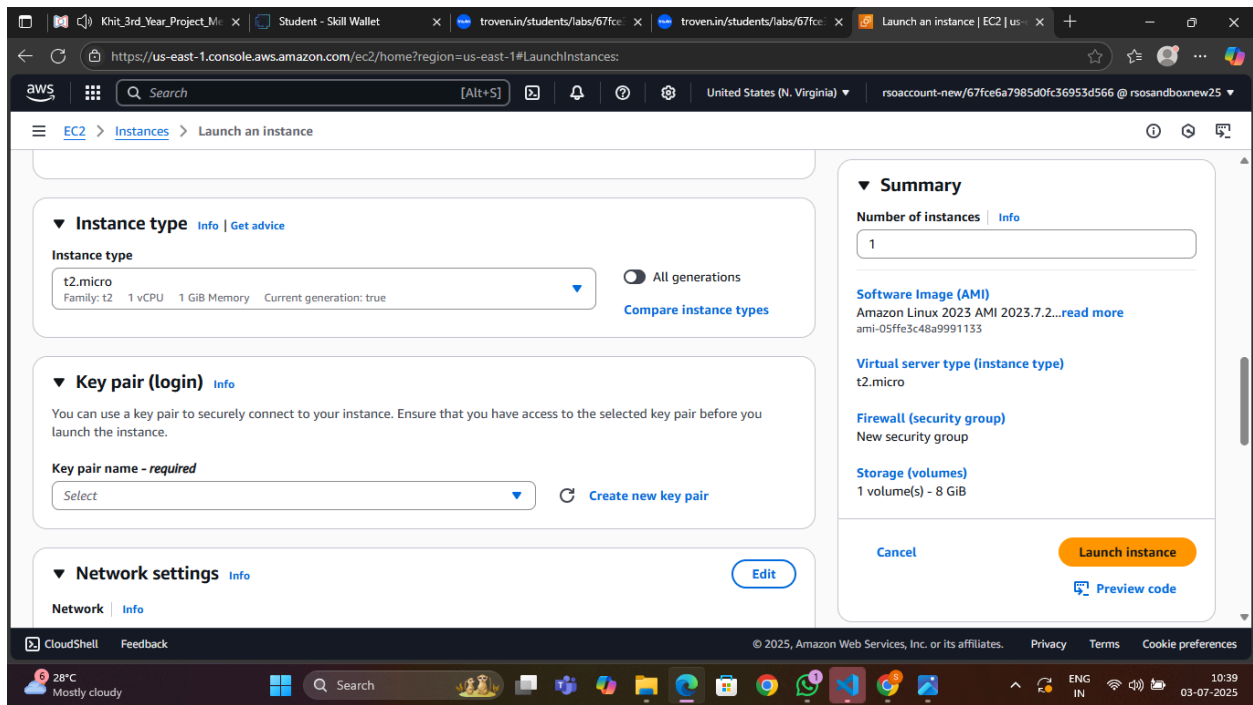
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Launch an EC2 instance to host the Flask

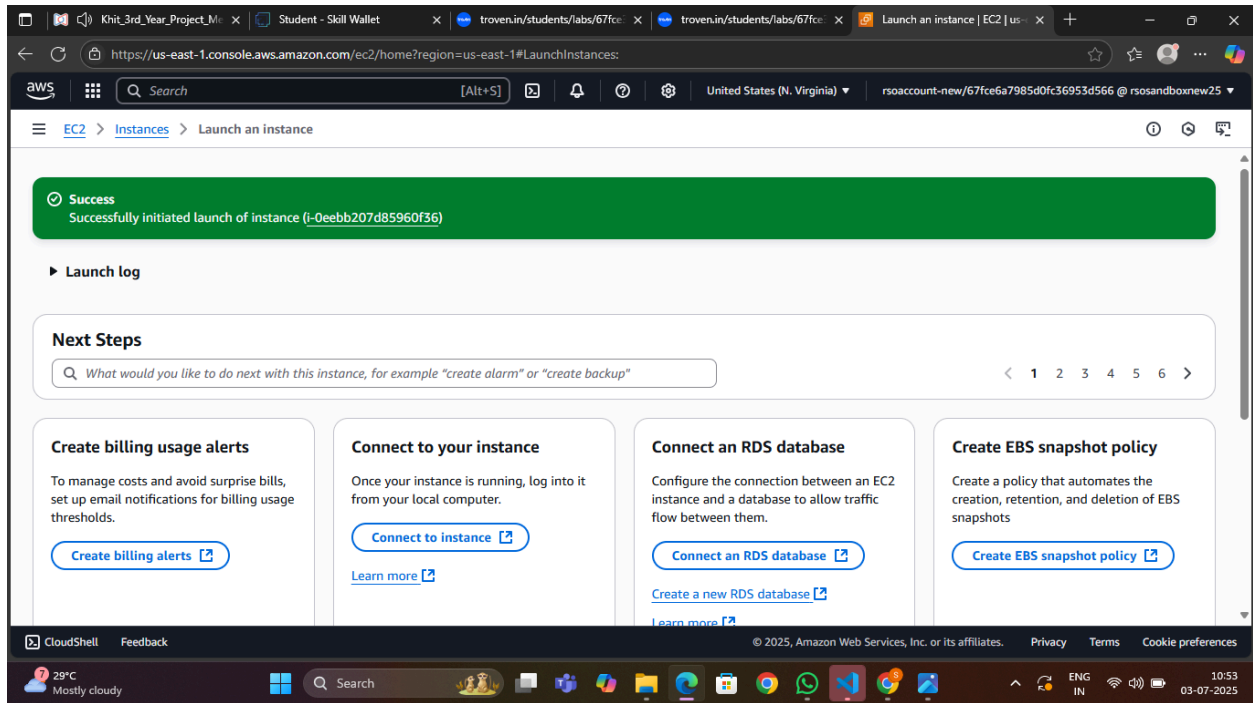
- Launch EC2 Instance
- In the AWS Console, navigate to EC2
- After navigating into EC2 launch a new instance.
- Click on launch instance to launch EC2 instance



Choose Amazon Linux 2 or Ubuntu as the AMI and t2.micro as the instance type (free-tier eligible).



- Create and download the key pair for Server access.



Configure security groups for HTTP, and SSH access.

- To connect to EC2 using EC2 Instance Connect, start by ensuring that an IAM role is attached to your EC2 instance. You can do this by selecting your instance, clicking on Actions, then navigating to Security and selecting Modify IAM Role to attach the appropriate role. After the IAM role is connected, navigate to the EC2 section in the AWS Management Console. Select the EC2 instance you wish to connect to. At the top of the EC2 Dashboard, click the Connect button. From the connection methods presented, choose EC2 Instance Connect.

Finally, click Connect again, and a new browser-based terminal will open, allowing you to access your EC2 instance directly from your browser.

[EC2](#) > [Instances](#) > [i-001861022fbcac290](#) > [Modify IAM role](#)

Modify IAM role Info

Attach an IAM role to your instance.

Instance ID

 i-001861022fbcac290 (InstantLibraryApp)

IAM role

Select an IAM role to attach to your instance or create a new role if you haven't created any. The role you select replaces any roles that are currently attached to your instance.

sns_Dynamodb_role



[Create new IAM role](#) 

[Cancel](#)

[Update IAM role](#)

Connect to instance Info

Connect to your instance i-001861022fbcac290 (InstantLibraryApp) using any of these options

[EC2 Instance Connect](#)

[Session Manager](#)

[SSH client](#)

[EC2 serial console](#)



Port 22 (SSH) is open to all IPv4 addresses

Port 22 (SSH) is currently open to all IPv4 addresses, indicated by **0.0.0.0/0** in the inbound rule in [your security group](#). For increased security, consider restricting access to only the EC2 Instance Connect service IP addresses for your Region: 13.233.177.0/29. [Learn more](#).

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
☒ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect**

Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a public IPv4 or IPv6 address.

☐ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect Endpoint**

Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a private IPv4 address and a VPC endpoint.

☒ **Public IPv4 address**


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☐ **IPv6 address**

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Username

Enter the username defined in the AMI used to launch the instance. If you didn't define a custom username, use the default username, ec2-user.

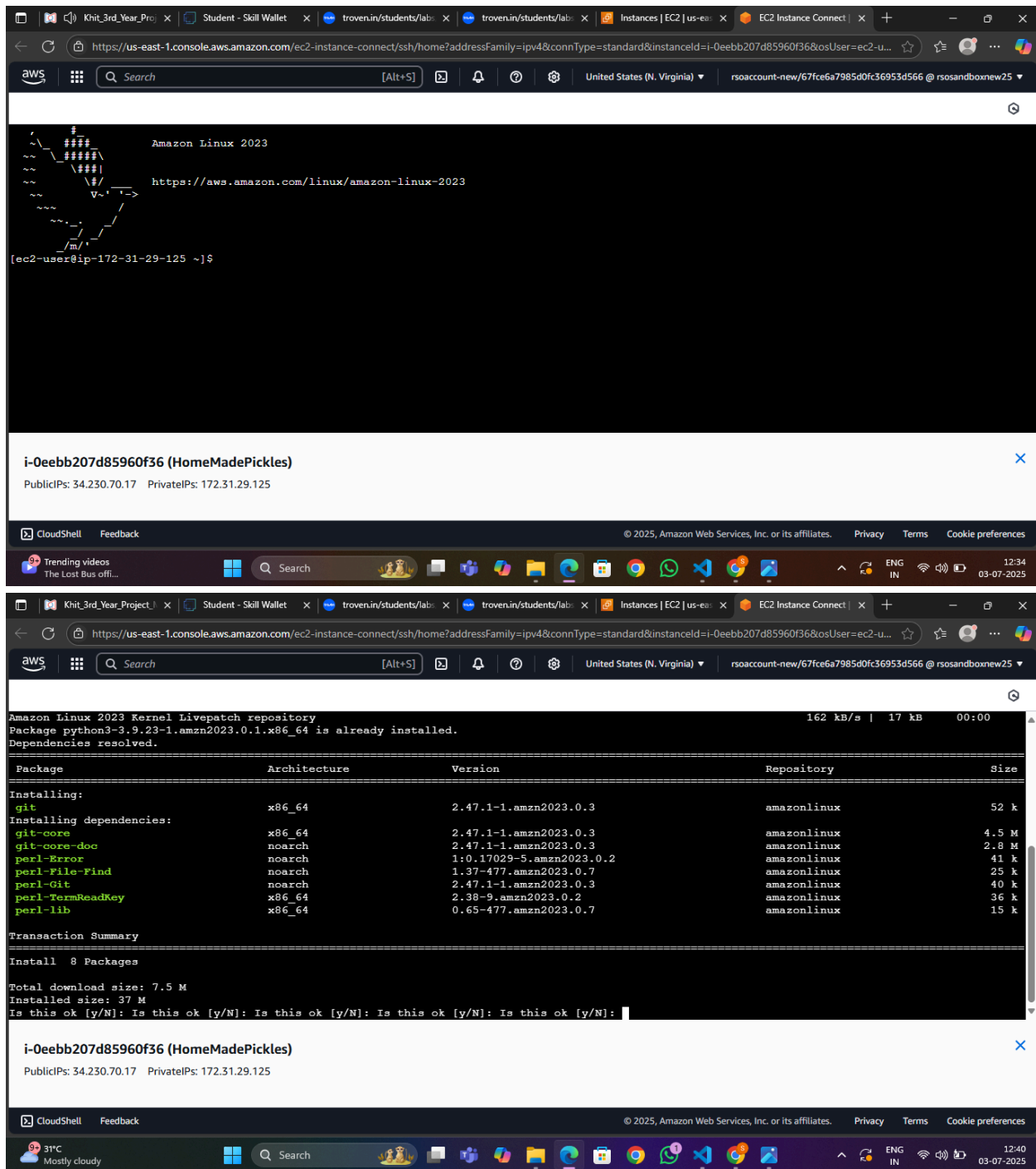
 ec2-user



Note: In most cases, the default username, ec2-user, is correct. However, read your AMI usage instructions to check if the AMI owner has changed the default AMI username.

[Cancel](#)

[Connect](#)



Milestone 6 : Deployment on EC2

Deployment on an EC2 instance involves launching a server, configuring security groups for public access, and uploading your application files. After setting up

necessary dependencies and environment variables, start your application and ensure it's running on the correct port. Finally, bind your domain or use the public IP to make the application accessible online.

Install Software on the EC2 Instance

Install Python3, Flask, and Git:

On Amazon Linux 2:

- `sudo yum update -y`
- `sudo yum install python3 git`
- `sudo pip3 install flask boto3`

Verify Installations:

- `flask --version`
- `git --version`

Clone Your Flask Project from GitHub

Clone your project repository from GitHub into the EC2 instance using Git.

- Run <https://github.com/Lavanya-959/ACHAR-HOUSE.git>
- Note: change your-github-username and your-repository-name with your credentials,
- This will download your project to the EC2 instance.
- To navigate to the project directory, run the following command

```
cd ACHAR-HOUSE  
cd project
```

Create a Virtual Environment:

- `python3 -m venv venv`
- `source venv/bin/activate`

- `sudo yum install python3 git`
- `sudo pip3 install flask boto3`

Once inside the project directory, configure and run the Flask application by executing the following command with elevated privileges:

- Run the Flask Application
- `sudo flask run --host=0.0.0.0 --port=5000`

Verify the Flask app is running:

`http://your-ec2-public-ip`

- Run the Flask app on the EC2 instance

Access the website through:

public ips: `http://34.230.70.17:5000/`

Milestone 7 : Testing and Deployment

Testing and deployment involve verifying that your application works as expected before making it publicly accessible. Start by testing locally or on a staging environment to catch bugs and ensure functionality. Once tested, deploy the application to an EC2 instance, configure necessary services, and perform a final round of live testing to confirm everything runs smoothly in the production environment.

Conclusion

ACHAAR HOUSE platform has been meticulously crafted to deliver a seamless and delightful experience for food enthusiasts seeking authentic, handcrafted flavors. By leveraging modern web technologies such as Flask for backend logic, secure user authentication, and dynamic cart management, the platform ensures a user-friendly interface for browsing, customizing, and

ordering artisanal pickles and snacks.

The integration of cloud-ready architecture (e.g., AWS for future scalability) and robust session management allows the platform to handle high traffic efficiently while maintaining real-time updates for orders and inventory. Features like weight-based pricing, category-specific searches, and instant checkout streamline the shopping process, empowering customers to explore a diverse range of traditional and innovative recipes with ease.

This project addresses the growing demand for homemade, preservative-free food products by bridging the gap between small-scale producers and discerning customers. The platform's intuitive design and secure payment workflows enhance trust and convenience, while backend tools enable effortless inventory tracking and order fulfillment for administrators.

By combining time-honored recipes with modern e-commerce capabilities, this website not only preserves culinary heritage but also adapts to the digital age, ensuring that every jar of pickle or snack reaches customers with the same care and quality as a homemade meal. As the platform evolves, it stands ready to scale, introduce new product lines, and foster a community of food lovers united by a passion for authentic flavors.

In essence, this project redefines the way homemade delicacies are shared and enjoyed, offering a flavorful bridge between tradition and technology.