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## Windows Users - Environment Preparation

## Authentication with AWS EC2

- Usually, when we hear authentication, we think of username and password
- With AWS EC2 instances, authentication is done differently
  - Username
  - Key Pair file (\*.ppk)
- Amazon EC2 uses public-key cryptography to encrypt and decrypt login information; public key to encrypt a piece of data, then the recipient uses the private key to decrypt the data. The public and private keys are known as a key pair.

## Windows OS Tools

- Create a Key Pair in AWS exported in \*.pem format
  - Use Putty Key Generator to \*.pem -> \*.ppk (Putty)
  - Use Putty or MobaXterm to SSH into EC2
- Install a Text Editor
  - i.e. Notepad++

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## Thank you