Develop a CloudFormation Template

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```

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template will need parameters for:

- The type of instance they need to run, including a default selection of "t2.small."
- A name, password, username, and root password for the MySQL database that will be installed on the server. Defaults need to be included for these as well.
- Paste the following code into the document, on the line immediately following the previous entry:

```
"Parameters" : {

"KeyName": {

"Description" : "Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instances",
```

```
Type": "AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName",
"ConstraintDescription": "must be the name of an existing EC2 KeyPair."
"InstanceType" : {
'Description" : "WebServer EC2 instance type",
Type": "String",
"Default" : "t2.small",
'AllowedValues" : [ "t2.small" ],
"ConstraintDescription" : "must be a valid EC2 instance type."
"DBName" : {
"Default": "wordpressdb",
'Description" : "The WordPress database name",
Type": "String",
'MinLength": "1",
"MaxLength": "64",
'AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]*",
"ConstraintDescription": "must begin with a letter and contain only alphanumeric characters."
"DBUser" : {
'Default": "wordpress",
'Description": "The WordPress database admin account username",
'Type": "String",
'MinLength": "1",
'MaxLength": "16",
```

```
'AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]*",
"ConstraintDescription": "must begin with a letter and contain only alphanumeric characters."
"DBPassword" : {
'Default": "wordpress",
Description": "The WordPress database admin account password",
'Type": "String",
'MinLength": "8",
'MaxLength": "41",
'AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z0-9]*",
"ConstraintDescription": "must contain only alphanumeric characters."
'DBRootPassword" : {
'Default": "wordpress",
Description": "MySQL root password",
Type": "String",
MinLength": "8",
'MaxLength": "41",
'AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z0-9]*",
'ConstraintDescription": "must contain only alphanumeric characters."
```

With the parameters in place, you'll now add a mappings section that will allow the template to dynamically select the correct AMI when creating an EC2 instance. The mapping should be based on the instance type and the region where the stack is being created.

Paste the following code into your document, again after the previously entered code:

```
"Mappings" : {

"AWSInstanceType2Arch" : {

"t2.small" : { "Arch" : "HVM64" }

},

"AWSRegionArch2AMI" : {

"us-east-1" : { "HVM64" : "ami-032930428bf1abbff" },

"us-east-2" : { "HVM64" : "ami-027cab9a7bf0155df" },

"us-west-1" : { "HVM64" : "ami-088c153f74339f34c" },

"us-west-2" : { "HVM64" : "ami-01fee56b22f308154" }

},
```

After the mappings section you'll next add a section for resources. Your template needs to include resources for an EC2 Instance and Security Group. The Security Group needs to allow SSH access on port 22 and HTTP access on port 80.

5. Paste the following code into your document:

```
"Resources": {

"WebServerSecurityGroup": {

"Type": "AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup",

"Properties": {

"GroupDescription": "Enable HTTP access via port 80, SSH access via port 22",

"SecurityGroupIngress": [

{"IpProtocol": "tcp", "FromPort": "80", "ToPort": "80", "CidrIp": "0.0.0.0/0"},

{"IpProtocol": "tcp", "FromPort": "22", "ToPort": "22", "CidrIp": "0.0.0.0/0"}

]
```

```
},
}
```

Next is a resource for an EC2 Instance. This resource will configure all aspects of the server, including:

- Setting instance properties like SSH key and security group.
- Installing PHP, Apache, and MySQL.
- Creating a database for the Wordpress site using the parameters passed into the template.
- o Installing Wordpress and configuring it to use the database.
- 6. Paste the following code into your document:

```
"WebServer": {
 Type": "AWS::EC2::Instance",
'Metadata" : {
'AWS::CloudFormation::Init" : {
configSets" : {
'wordpress_install" : ["install_cfn", "install_wordpress", "configure_wordpress"]
"install_cfn" : {
"files": {
"/etc/cfn/cfn-hup.conf": {
'[main]\n",
"region=", { "Ref": "AWS::Region" }, "\n"
]]},
"mode": "000400",
 owner": "root",
group" : "root"
```

```
"/etc/cfn/hooks.d/cfn-auto-reloader.conf": {
'[cfn-auto-reloader-hook]\n",
'triggers=post.update\n",
 'path=Resources.WebServer.Metadata.AWS::CloudFormation::Init\n",
"action=/opt/aws/bin/cfn-init -v ",
 --stack ", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackName" },
' --resource WebServer ",
'--configsets wordpress_install ",
" --region ", { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" }, "\n"
]]},
"mode" : "000400",
'owner" : "root",
'group" : "root"
"services" : {
'sysvinit" : {
"cfn-hup" : {        "enabled" : "true",        "ensureRunning" : "true",
"files": ["/etc/cfn/cfn-hup.conf", "/etc/cfn/hooks.d/cfn-auto-reloader.conf"]}
"install_wordpress" : {
```

```
'packages" : {
"yum" : {
"php73" : [],
'php73-mysqlnd" : [],
"mysql57" : [],
 'mysql57-server" : [],
"mysql57-devel" : [],
'mysql57-libs" : [],
"httpd24" : []
"sources" : {
"/var/www/html" : "http://wordpress.org/latest.tar.gz"
"files" : {
"/tmp/setup.mysql" : {
"CREATE USER '", { "Ref" : "DBUser" }, "'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY '", { "Ref" : "DBPassword" },
"';\n",
"GRANT ALL ON ", { "Ref" : "DBName" }, ".* TO '", { "Ref" : "DBUser" }, "'@'localhost';\n",
"FLUSH PRIVILEGES;\n"
]]},
"mode": "000400",
'owner" : "root",
'group" : "root"
```

```
"/tmp/create-wp-config" : {
'#!/bin/bash -xe\n'',
cp/var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config-sample.php/var/www/html/wordpress/wp-
config.php\n",
"sed -i \"s/'database_name_here'/'",{ "Ref" : "DBName" }, "'/g\" wp-config.php\n",  
"sed -i \"s/'username_here'/'",{ "Ref" : "DBUser" }, "'/g\" wp-config.php\n",
"sed -i \"s/'password_here'/'",{ "Ref" : "DBPassword" }, "'/g\" wp-config.php\n"
]]},
'mode" : "000500",
'owner" : "root",
'group" : "root"
'services" : {
"sysvinit" : {
'mysqld" : {        "enabled" : "true",        "ensureRunning" : "true" }
"configure_wordpress" : {
'commands" : {
'01_set_mysql_root_password" : {
"command": \{"Fn:: Join": ["", ["mysqladmin - u root password"], \{"Ref": "DBRootPassword"\}, """]]\}, \\
```

```
"test" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["$(mysql ", { "Ref" : "DBName" }, " -u root --password='", { "Ref" : "DBRootPassword" }, "' >/dev/null 2>&1 </dev/null); (( $? != 0 ))"]]}
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command" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["mysql -u root --password='", { "Ref" : "DBRootPassword" }, "' <
/tmp/setup.mysql"]]},
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'03_configure_wordpress" : {
'command" : "/tmp/create-wp-config",
"cwd":"/var/www/html/wordpress"
'Properties": {
{ "Fn::FindInMap" : [ "AWSInstanceType2Arch", { "Ref" : "InstanceType" }, "Arch" ] } ] },
'InstanceType" : { "Ref" : "InstanceType" },
SecurityGroups" : [ {"Ref" : "WebServerSecurityGroup"} ],
'#!/bin/bash -xe\n'',
'yum update -y aws-cfn-bootstrap\n",
'/opt/aws/bin/cfn-init -v ",
```

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--stack ", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackName" },
 ' --resource WebServer ",
 '--configsets wordpress_install ",
 ' --region ", { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" }, "\n",
 '/opt/aws/bin/cfn-signal -e $? ",
 ' --stack ", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackName" },
" -- resource WebServer ",
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]]}}
"CreationPolicy" : {
 'ResourceSignal" : {
 Timeout": "PT15M"
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7. Paste the following code into the document. Note that this code includes rightside curly brackets that close the Resource section as well as the left-side curly bracket that opened the JSON document:

```
"Outputs" : {

"WebsiteURL" : {

"Value" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["http://", { "Fn::GetAtt" : [ "WebServer", "PublicDnsName" ]},

"/wordpress" ]]},
```

```
"Description" : "WordPress Website"
}
}
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8. Save your document.

You now have a JSON document containing a CloudFormation template. Move on

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Use the CloudFormation Template to

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- Use the Services dropdown at the top of the page to navigate to the CloudFormation service, then click the button labeled Create stack.
- 3. In the **Prerequisite** section, select **Template is ready**. In the **Specify template** section, select **Upload a template file**. Click the button labeled **Chose file**, then in the file selector that opens, choose your local copy of the

- wordpress_cloudformation_template.json file you created in the previous challenge. Select the file and click **Open**.
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Under the section labeled **Stack name**, enter a name for your stack. Note that the name is restricted to letters (A-Z and a-z), numbers (0-9), and dashes (-).
- Under the Parameters section, take note of the default entries for DBName, DBPassword, DBRootPassword, DBUser, and InstanceType. For the KeyName parameter, use the dropdown to select default-cloudformation-sshkey.
- 7. Click Next.
- On the Configure stack options screen under the Tags section, add a tag using Name for the Key and demo for the Value. Leave all other options as-is and click Next.
- 9. On the **Review** screen, review your selections, then click **Create stack**.
- 10. While the stack is being created, monitor the **Events** tab using the refresh button.

The CloudFormation console will indicate **CREATE_COMPLETE** in green letters once the resources for the stack have been successfully created. If your stack creation fails, check your JSON template for errors and try the stack creation process again.

Click the **Resources** tab and confirm that two resources have been created: an EC2 instance and a Security Group.

Click the outputs tab. Confirm that a URL labeled "WebsiteURL" is present. You'll use that URL in the next challenge to complete the Wordpress installation.

Install Wordpress

The CloudFormation stack generates a URL for the Wordpress site as output. To complete your testing, you need to open the URL and enter the values needed to complete the Wordpress installation.

- 1. View the **Outputs** tab of the CloudFormation stack you just created, and open the **WebsiteURL** in a new tab.
- In that new tab, under the Information needed section, enter the following for the specified fields:
 - o Site Title: Demo Site
 - o Username: demo
 - Password: developerdemosite!!
 - Your Email: demo@example.com
 - Search engine visibility: selected
- 3. Click the button labeled Install Wordpress.
- On the Success! screen, click the button labeled Log in. Enter the username and password for the demo user and click the button labeled Log in. This opens the administrative dashboard for the site.

The Wordpress admin dashboard is the interface that the developers will use to install their themes and plugins. By completing the Wordpress installation, you've confirmed that the CloudFormation template is complete and ready for use by the development team. Now that you are ready to share the template with them, you need to delete the demo stack you created. You'll

do that in the next challenge.

Delete the CloudFormation Stack

Now that your CloudFormation template has been developed and tested, you can remove the stack and its resources.

- 1. Go back to the CloudFormation tab and open the **Events** tab of your stack.
- 2. Click the button labeled **Delete**.
- Confirm that you are deleting the stack by clicking the button labeled **Delete** stack.
- 4. While the stack is being deleted, monitor the **Events** tab by occasionally clicking the refresh button to update the screen.
- 5. Note the **DELETE_IN_PROGRESS** and **DELETE_COMPLETE** status messages for each of the stack's resources.

Once the stack has been deleted, you can view it by going to the **Stacks** page of the CloudFormation console and filtering on **Deleted**. Click the stack's name to view the stack and any of its details.

Congratulations! You have authored a CloudFormation template and used it to deploy a stack. By using this template, the development team will have a consistent deployment method for their Wordpress sites and an easy way to manage all of the site's resources.

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      "KeyName": {
        "Description" : "Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH
  access to the instances",
        "Type": "AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName",
        "ConstraintDescription" : "must be the name of an existing EC2
  KeyPair."
      "InstanceType" : {
        "Description" : "WebServer EC2 instance type",
        "Type" : "String",
        "Default" : "t2.small",
        "AllowedValues" : [ "t2.small" ],
        "ConstraintDescription" : "must be a valid EC2 instance type."
      "DBName" : {
```

```
"DBName" : {
      "Default": "wordpressdb",
      "Description" : "The WordPress database name",
      "Type": "String",
      "MinLength": "1",
      "MaxLength": "64",
      "AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]*",
      "ConstraintDescription" : "must begin with a letter and contain
only alphanumeric characters."
    "DBUser" : {
      "Default": "wordpress",
      "Description" : "The WordPress database admin account username",
      "Type": "String",
      "MinLength": "1",
      "MaxLength": "16",
      "AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]*",
```

```
"ConstraintDescription" : "must begin with a letter and contain
only alphanumeric characters."
    "DBPassword" : {
      "Default": "wordpress",
      "Description" : "The WordPress database admin account password",
      "Type": "String",
      "MinLength": "8",
      "MaxLength": "41",
      "AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z0-9]*",
      "ConstraintDescription" : "must contain only alphanumeric
characters."
    "DBRootPassword" : {
      "Default": "wordpress",
      "Description" : "MySQL root password",
      "Type": "String",
     "Minlongth": "9"
```

```
"Description" : "MySQL root password",

"Type": "String",

"MinLength": "8",

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"AllowedPattern" : "[a-zA-Z0-9]*",

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"us-east-1" : {"HVM64" : "ami-032930428bf1abbff"},

"us-east-2" : {"HVM64" : "ami-027cab9a7bf0155df"},

"us-west-1" : {"HVM64" : "ami-088c153f74339f34c"},

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After the mappings section you'll next add a section for resources. Your template needs to include resources for an EC2 Instance and Security Group. The Security Group needs to allow SSH access on port 22 and HTTP access on port 80.

5. Paste the following code into your document:

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"Resources" : {

"WebServerSecurityGroup" : {

    "Type" : "AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup",

    "Properties" : {

        "GroupDescription" : "Enable HTTP access via port 80, SSH access via port 22",

        "SecurityGroupIngress" : [
```

```
"SecurityGroupIngress" : [

{"IpProtocol" : "tcp", "FromPort" : "80", "ToPort" : "80",

"CidrIp" : "0.0.0.0/0"},

{"IpProtocol" : "tcp", "FromPort" : "22", "ToPort" : "22",

"CidrIp" : "0.0.0.0/0"}

}
```

Next is a resource for an EC2 Instance. This resource will configure all aspects of the server, including:

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"Type" : "AWS::EC2::Instance",
```

```
"Metadata" : {
        "AWS::CloudFormation::Init" : {
          "configSets" : {
            "wordpress_install" : ["install_cfn", "install_wordpress",
"configure_wordpress" ]
          "install_cfn" : {
            "files": {
              "/etc/cfn/cfn-hup.conf": {
                "content": { "Fn::Join": [ "", [
                 "[main]\n",
                 "stack=", { "Ref": "AWS::StackId" }, "\n",
                 "region=", { "Ref": "AWS::Region" }, "\n"
                ]]},
                "mode" : "000400",
                "owner" : "root",
               "group" : "root"
```

```
"group" : "root"
            "services" : {
             "sysvinit" : {
                "cfn-hup" : { "enabled" : "true", "ensureRunning" :
"true",
                             "files" : ["/etc/cfn/cfn-hup.conf",
"/etc/cfn/hooks.d/cfn-auto-reloader.conf"] }
          "install_wordpress" : {
            "packages" : {
             "yum" : {
                                : [],
                "php73"
                "php73-mysqlnd" : [],
```

```
"GRANT ALL ON ", { "Ref" : "DBName" }, ".* TO '", {
"Ref" : "DBUser" }, "'@'localhost';\n",
                  "FLUSH PRIVILEGES;\n"
                ]]},
                "mode" : "000400",
                "owner" : "root",
                "group" : "root"
              "/tmp/create-wp-config" : {
                "content" : { "Fn::Join" : [ "", [
                  "#!/bin/bash -xe\n",
                  "cp /var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config-sample.php
/var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config.php\n",
                  "sed -i \"s/'database_name_here'/'",{ "Ref" :
"DBName" }, "'/g\" wp-config.php\n",
                  "sed -i \"s/'username_here'/'",{ "Ref" : "DBUser" },
"'/g\" wp-config.php\n",
                  "sed -i \"s/'password_here'/'",{ "Ref" : "DBPassword"
}, "'/g\" wp-config.php\n"
```

```
]]},
                "mode" : "000500",
               "owner" : "root",
                "group" : "root"
            "services" : {
              "sysvinit" : {
               "httpd" : { "enabled" : "true", "ensureRunning" :
"true" },
               "mysqld" : { "enabled" : "true", "ensureRunning" :
"true" }
          "configure_wordpress" : {
            "commands" : {
             "01_set_mysql_root_password" : {
```

```
"command" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["mysqladmin -u root
password '", { "Ref" : "DBRootPassword" }, "'"]]},
                "test" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["$(mysql ", { "Ref" :
"DBName" }, " -u root --password='", { "Ref" : "DBRootPassword" }, "'
>/dev/null 2>&1 </dev/null); (( $? != 0 ))"]]}
              "02_create_database" : {
                "command" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["mysql -u root --
password='", { "Ref" : "DBRootPassword" }, "' < /tmp/setup.mysql"]]},
                "test" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["$(mysql ", { "Ref" :
"DBName" }, " -u root --password='", { "Ref" : "DBRootPassword" }, "'
>/dev/null 2>&1 </dev/null); (( $? != 0 ))"]]}
              }, |
              "03_configure_wordpress" : {
                "command" : "/tmp/create-wp-config",
                "cwd" : "/var/www/html/wordpress"
              }
          }
```

```
"Properties": {
        "ImageId" : { "Fn::FindInMap" : [ "AWSRegionArch2AMI", { "Ref"
: "AWS::Region" },
                          { "Fn::FindInMap" : [ "AWSInstanceType2Arch",
{ "Ref" : "InstanceType" }, "Arch" ] } ] },
        "InstanceType" : { "Ref" : "InstanceType" },
        "SecurityGroups" : [ {"Ref" : "WebServerSecurityGroup"} ],
                         : { "Ref" : "KeyName" },
        "KeyName"
        "UserData" : { "Fn::Base64" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", [
                       "#!/bin/bash -xe\n",
                       "yum update -y aws-cfn-bootstrap\n",
                       "/opt/aws/bin/cfn-init -v ",
                                --stack ", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackName"
```

```
--resource WebServer ",
                                 --configsets wordpress_install ",
                                 --region ", { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" },
"\n",
                       "/opt/aws/bin/cfn-signal -e $? ",
                                --stack ", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackName"
},
                                 --resource WebServer ",
                                --region ", { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" },
       ]]]}}
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        "ResourceSignal" : {
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    }
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},

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    "WebsiteURL" : {
        "Value" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["http://", { "Fn::GetAtt" : [
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     }
}
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You've drafted a template to create the resources needed to create a stand-alone Wordpress site. Before handing it off to the development team, you need to test it by creating a stack with the CloudFormation interface in the AWS console.

 If you haven't yet logged in to the AWS console, click on the Open AWS console button to the right of these instructions, then use the credentials provided to log in to AWS.

Note: The **Open AWS console** button will automatically place you in the **US West (Oregon)** region after logging in; if you did not use this button to log in to the AWS console, ensure that you are in the **US West (Oregon)** region by using the region selector in the top right corner of the console.

- Use the Services dropdown at the top of the page to navigate to the CloudFormation service, then click the button labeled Create stack.
- 3. In the Prerequisite section, select Template is ready. In the Specify template section, select Upload a template file. Click the button labeled Chose file, then in the file selector that opens, choose your local copy of the wordpress_cloudformation_template.json file you created in the previous challenge. Select the file and click Open.
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- 5. Under the section labeled **Stack name**, enter a name for your stack. Note that the name is restricted to letters (A-Z and a-z), numbers (O-9), and dashes (-).
- 6. Under the Parameters section, take note of the default entries for DBName, DBPassword, DBRootPassword, DBUser, and InstanceType. For the KeyName parameter, use the dropdown to select default-cloudformation-ssh-key.
- 7. Click Next.
- 8. On the **Configure stack options** screen under the **Tags** section, add a tag using

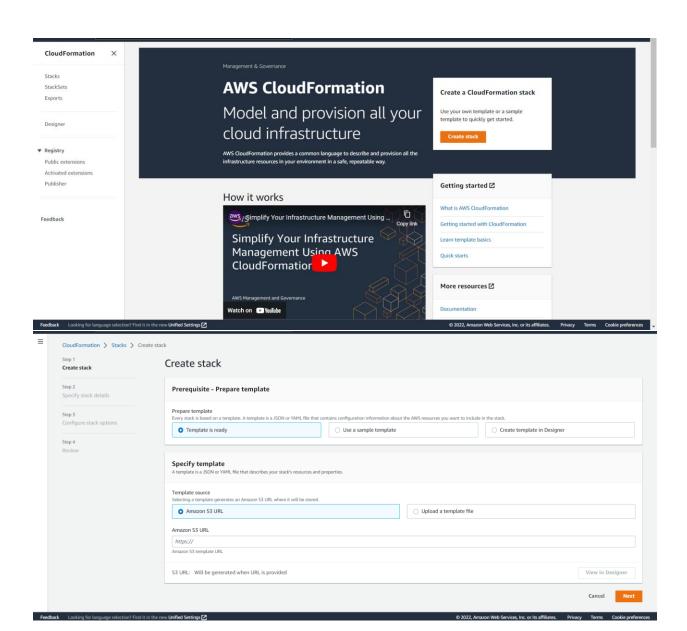
 Name for the **Key** and demo for the **Value**. Leave all other options as-is and click

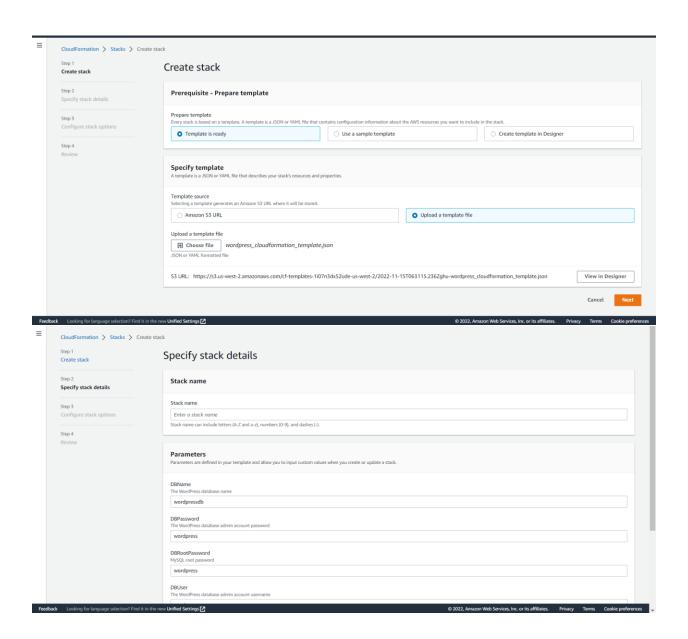
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- 9. On the **Review** screen, review your selections, then click **Create stack**.
- 10. While the stack is being created, monitor the **Events** tab using the refresh button.

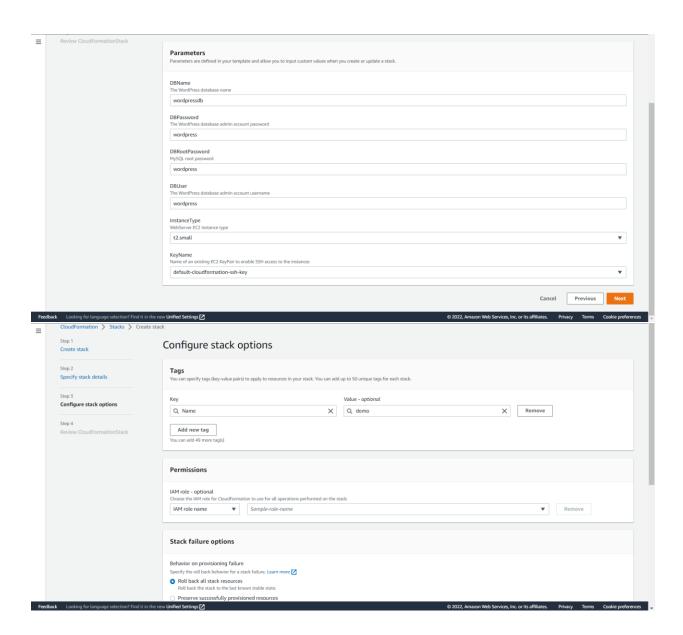
The CloudFormation console will indicate **CREATE_COMPLETE** in green letters once the resources for the stack have been successfully created. If your stack creation fails, check your JSON template for errors and try the stack creation process again.

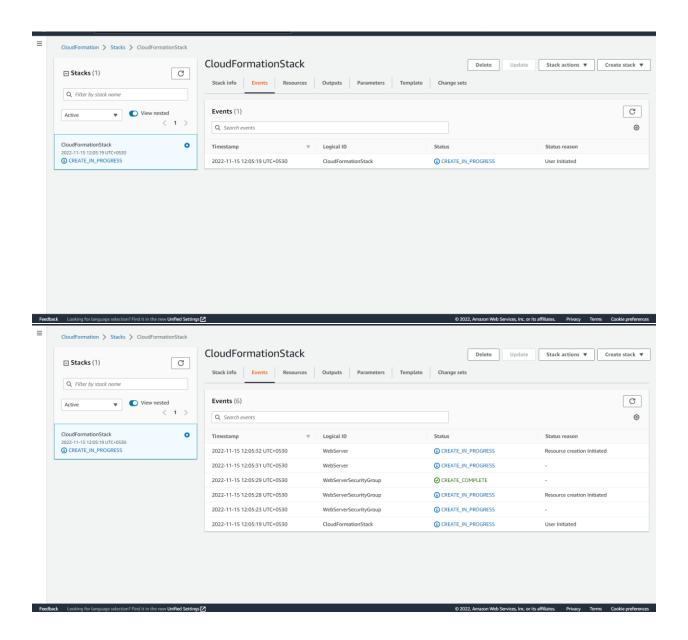
Click the **Resources** tab and confirm that two resources have been created: an EC2 instance and a Security Group.

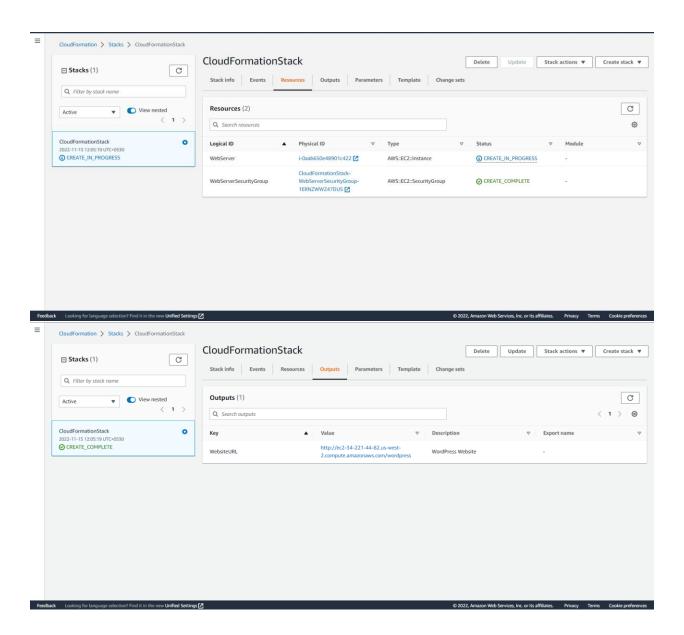
Click the **Outputs** tab. Confirm that a URL labeled "WebsiteURL" is present. You'll use that URL in the next challenge to complete the Wordpress installation.

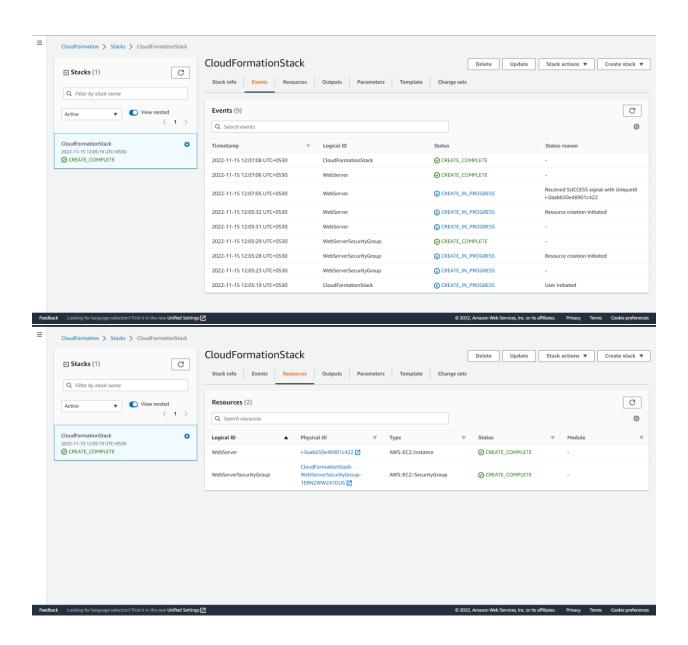












Install Wordpress

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- 2. In that new tab, under the **Information needed** section, enter the following for the specified fields:

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Username: demo

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• Your Email: demo@example.com

• Search engine visibility: selected

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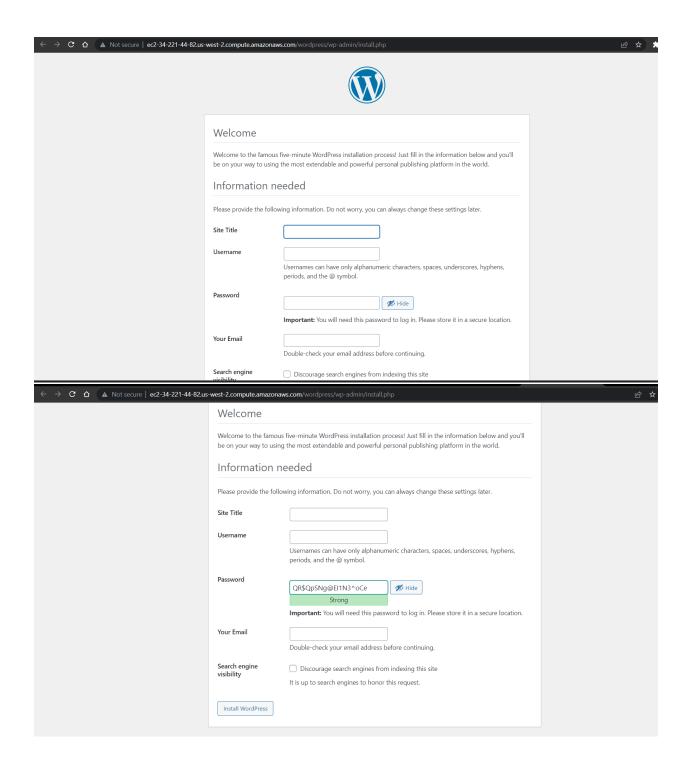
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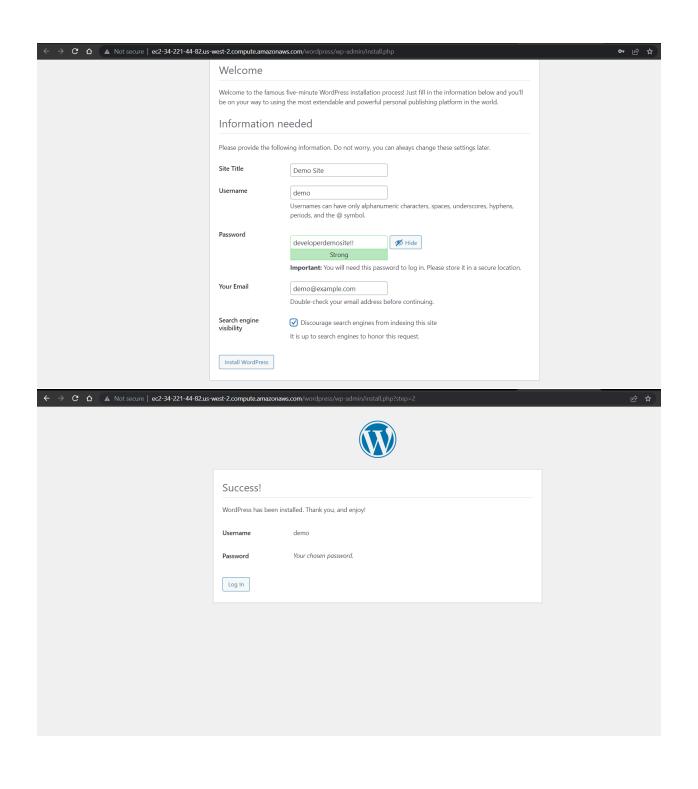
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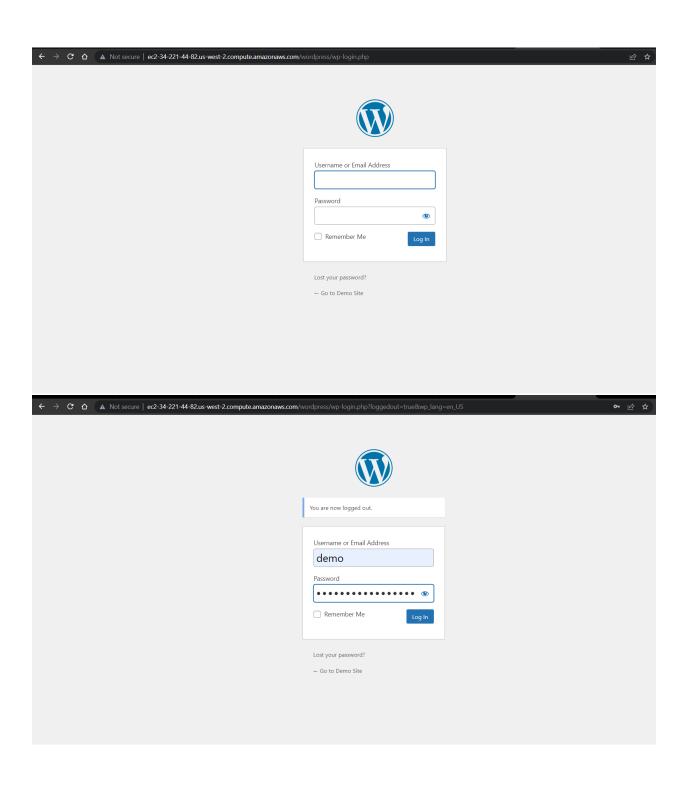
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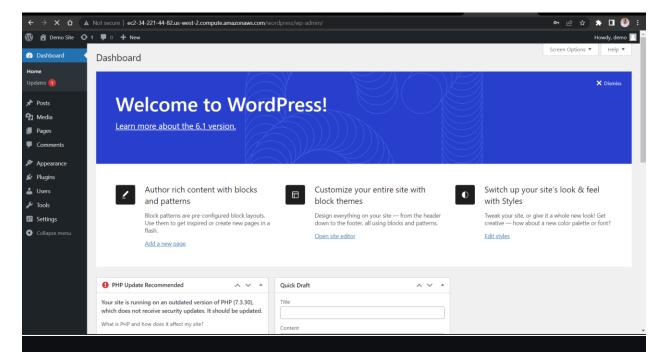
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The Wordpress admin dashboard is the interface that the developers will use to install their themes and plugins. By completing the Wordpress installation, you've confirmed that the CloudFormation template is complete and ready for use by the development team. Now that you are ready to share the template with them, you need to delete the demo stack you created. You'll do that in the next challenge.









Delete the CloudFormation Stack

Now that your CloudFormation template has been developed and tested, you can remove the stack and its resources.

- 1. Go back to the CloudFormation tab and open the **Events** tab of your stack.
- 2. Click the button labeled **Delete**.
- 3. Confirm that you are deleting the stack by clicking the button labeled **Delete stack**.
- 4. While the stack is being deleted, monitor the **Events** tab by occasionally clicking the refresh button to update the screen.
- 5. Note the **DELETE_IN_PROGRESS** and **DELETE_COMPLETE** status messages for each of the stack's resources.

Once the stack has been deleted, you can view it by going to the **Stacks** page of the CloudFormation console and filtering on **Deleted**. Click the stack's name to view the stack and any of its details.

Congratulations! You have authored a CloudFormation template and used it to deploy a stack. By using this template, the development team will have a consistent deployment method for their Wordpress sites and an easy way to manage all of the site's resources.

