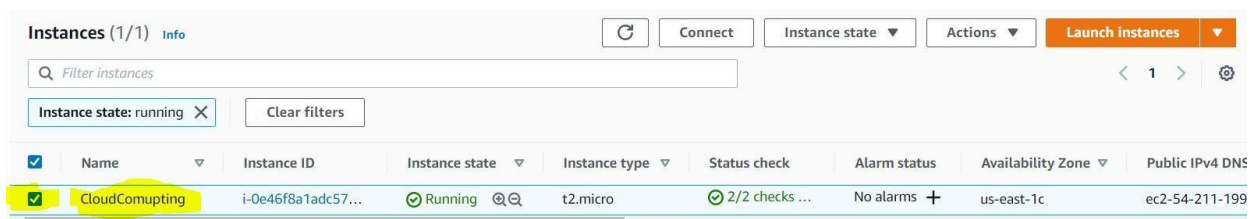


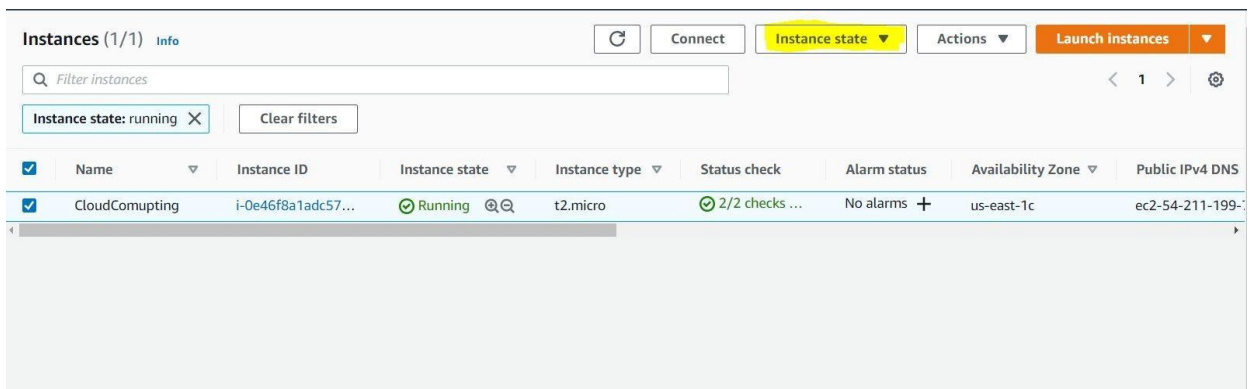
# Stop an EC2 Instance

This document will list the steps that you need to follow to stop an EC2 instance.

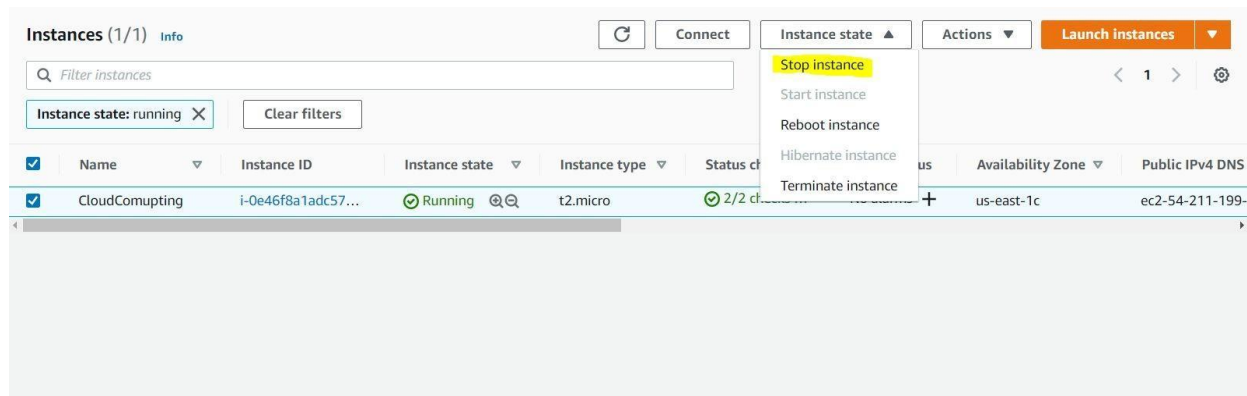
1. Select the EC2 instance that you want to stop by clicking on the check box next to the name of the instance as shown below.



2. Next click on the **Instance state** dropdown.



3. From the various options that appear select the **Stop instance** option as shown below.



4. A prompt will appear. Click on **Stop**.



5. You will see that from **Running** state now the instance has changed to **Stopping** state.



6. It will take some time to stop the instance. **You should not close the tab until the state changes to stopped as shown below.**

