

Use case

Docker App Deployment to ECS Fargate

Use case Description

Dockerize a Flask app and push to Amazon ECR.

Deploy app on ECS Fargate with load balancing and auto-scaling.

Approach :

1. Create an EC2 instance
2. SSH into the instance and install docker
3. Create a Flask app
4. Connect to ECR and push the docker container
5. Deploy to Fargate in ECS with autoscaling

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for an EC2 instance. At the top, a table lists instances, with 'docker-host' (ID: i-0a64b2704956644e9) in a 'Stopped' state. Below this, the 'Details' tab for the instance is open, showing a summary of its configuration. The instance is a t2.micro type, located in the ap-south-1b availability zone. It has a public IPv4 address of 172.31.6.178 and a private IP address of 172.31.6.178. The instance is associated with the vpc-0b408ac844bffa015 VPC and the subnet-0b408ac844bffa015 subnet. The instance is currently in a 'Stopped' state. The console also shows links for 'View alarms', 'Launch instances', and 'Connect'.

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IPv4 DNS	Public IPv4 ...	Elastic IP	IPv6 IPs	Mo
docker-host	i-0a64b2704956644e9	Stopped	t2.micro	-	View alarms +	ap-south-1b	-	-	-	-	disi

i-0a64b2704956644e9 (docker-host)

Instance summary

Instance ID
i-0a64b2704956644e9

IPv6 address
-

Hostname type
IP name: ip-172-31-6-178.ap-south-1.compute.internal

Answer private resource DNS name
IPv4 (A)

Auto-assigned IP address
-

IAM Role

Public IPv4 address
-

Instance state
Stopped

Private IP DNS name (IPv4 only)
ip-172-31-6-178.ap-south-1.compute.internal

Instance type
t2.micro

VPC ID
vpc-0b408ac844bffa015

Subnet ID

Private IPv4 addresses
172.31.6.178

Public DNS
-

Elastic IP addresses
-

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Auto Scaling Group name

SSH & INSTALL DOCKER ON EC2 INSTANCE

```
PS C:\Users\dkarasu\desktop\AWS\CloudPractitioner\UseCases\Docx\UC-20> ssh -i
.\MumbaiRegion.pem ec2-user@43.204.110.200
The authenticity of host '43.204.110.200 (43.204.110.200)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:IKKgghvDJf/wSnFWghaXq0n8BkApKrOPeQQbZ+kB9EL0.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? y
Please type 'yes', 'no' or the fingerprint: yes
Warning: Permanently added '43.204.110.200' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.

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~~ \##|_ https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023
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```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ sudo yum update -y
Amazon Linux 2023 Kernel Livepatch repository 161 kB/s | 17
kB 00:00
Last metadata expiration check: 0:00:01 ago on Wed Jul 9 11:35:02 2025.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ sudo yum install docker -y
Last metadata expiration check: 0:00:12 ago on Wed Jul 9 11:35:02 2025.
Dependencies resolved.
```

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=====
Package Architecture Version Repository
Size
=====
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Installing:
docker x86_64 25.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.4 amazonlinux
44 M
Installing dependencies:
container-selinux noarch 3:2.233.0-1.amzn2023 amazonlinux
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ sudo service docker start
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl start docker.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ sudo usermod -aG docker ec2-user
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ exit
logout
```

```
PS C:\Users\dkarasu\desktop\AWScloudPractitioner\UseCasesDocx\UC-20> ssh -i
.MumbaiRegion.pem ec2-user@43.204.110.200
```

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```

```
Last login: Wed Jul 9 11:34:38 2025 from 103.183.203.20
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ docker --version
```

```
Docker version 25.0.8, build 0bab007
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ docker run hello-world
```

```
Unable to find image 'hello-world:latest' locally
```

```
latest: Pulling from library/hello-world
```

```
e6590344b1a5: Pull complete
```

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Digest: sha256:940c619fbd418f9b2b1b63e25d8861f9cc1b46e3fc8b018ccfe8b78f19b8cc4f
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```
Status: Downloaded newer image for hello-world:latest
```

```
Hello from Docker!
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```
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.
```

SETUP FLASK APP

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ mkdir flask-app
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 ~]$ cd flask-app
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ nano app.py
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ nano app.py
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ echo "Flask==2.0.1" > requirements.txt
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ nano Dockerfile
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ docker build -t flask-app .
[+] Building 10.6s (10/10) FINISHED
```

```
from flask import Flask
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/')
def hello():
    return "Hello from Docker on EC2!"

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=5000)
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ docker run -d -p 5000:5000 flask-app  
7185f9d72be24e4396125ed243c9eec51ba833c81285a22dd3642fc9dd30dec8  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ docker ps
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS
7185f9d72be2	flask-app	"python app.py"	11 seconds ago	Up 10 seconds	
0.0.0.0:5000->5000/tcp, :::5000->5000/tcp		elated_germain			

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ aws ecr create-repository --repository-name  
flask-app-repo --region ap-south-1
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ aws ecr create-repository --repository-name flask-app-repo --region ap-south-1
```

```
{
  "repository": {
    "repositoryArn": "arn:aws:ecr:ap-south-1:770424767712:repository/flask-app-repo",
    "registryId": "770424767712",
    "repositoryName": "flask-app-repo",
    "repositoryUri": "770424767712.dkr.ecr.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/flask-app-repo",
    "createdAt": "2025-07-09T12:04:46.553000+00:00",
    "imageTagMutability": "MUTABLE",
    "imageScanningConfiguration": {
      "scanOnPush": false
    },
    "encryptionConfiguration": {
      "encryptionType": "AES256"
    }
  }
}
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ aws ecr get-login-password --region ap-south-1 | docker
login --username AWS --password-stdin 770424767712.dkr.ecr.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com
WARNING! Your password will be stored unencrypted in /home/ec2-user/.docker/config.json.
Configure a credential helper to remove this warning. See
https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/login/#credentials-store
```

Login Succeeded

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ docker tag flask-app
770424767712.dkr.ecr.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/flask-app-repo
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-6-178 flask-app]$ docker push
770424767712.dkr.ecr.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/flask-app-repo
Using default tag: latest
```



The screenshot shows the Amazon ECR console interface. On the left, there's a navigation menu with 'Amazon Elastic Container Registry' and 'Private registry'. The main area is titled 'Private repositories (1)' and contains a table with the following data:

Repository name	URI	Created at	Tag immutability	Encryption type
flask-app-repo	770424767712.dkr.ecr.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/flask-app-repo	July 09, 2025, 17:34:46 (UTC+05:5)	Mutable	AES-256

Amazon Elastic Container Service

Clusters > flask-fargate-cluster-2 > Services

Cluster overview

ARN: arn:aws:ecs:ap-south-1:770424767712:cluster/flask-fargate-cluster-2

Status: Active

CloudWatch monitoring: Container Insights with enhanced observability

Registered container instances: -

Services

Draining: -

Active: 1

Tasks

Pending: -

Running: 1

Services (1)

Filter services by value

Filter launch type: Any launch type

Filter service type: Any service type

Service name	ARN	Status	Service type	Created at	Deployments and tasks	Last deployment	Task definition
flask-task-def-service-asp44o58	arn:aws:ecs:ap-south-1:770424767712:task-definition/flask-task-def-service-asp44o58	Active	REPLICA	21 hours ago	1/1 Tasks running	Completed	View

Amazon Elastic Container Service

Clusters > flask-fargate-cluster-2 > Services > flask-task-def-service-asp44o58 > Update

Service auto scaling - optional

Automatically adjust your service's desired count up and down within a specified range in response to CloudWatch alarms. You can modify your service auto scaling configuration at any time to meet the needs of your application.

You can now configure predictive scaling for your ECS services by using the service auto scaling section on the [Service detail page](#). This dedicated section enables you to configure all types of scaling policies, set up scheduled scaling actions, and track scaling activities. [Learn more](#)

Use service auto scaling

Configure service auto scaling to adjust your service's desired count

Minimum number of tasks

The lower boundary to which service auto scaling can adjust the desired count of the service.

Maximum number of tasks

The upper boundary to which service auto scaling can adjust the desired count of the service.

Scaling policy

Scaling policy type: Target tracking

Policy name: flask-cpu-target-50

ECS service metric: ECSServiceAverageCPUUtilization

Target value: 50

Scale-out cooldown period: 60

Scale-in cooldown period: 60

Turn off scale-in

Amazon Elastic Load Balancing

Load balancers

Load balancers (1/1)

Elastic Load Balancing scales your load balancer capacity automatically in response to changes in incoming traffic.

Filter load balancers

Name	DNS name	State	VPC ID	Availability Zones	Type	Date created
flask-target-load-balancer	flask-target-load-balancer-...	Active	vpc-0b408ac844bf9a015	3 Availability Zones	application	July 9, 2025, 18:20 (UTC+05:30)

Load balancer: flask-target-load-balancer

Details

Load balancer type: Application

Status: Active

Scheme: Internet-facing

Hosted zone: ZP978AFLX7N2K

VPC: vpc-0b408ac844bf9a015

Availability Zones: ap-south-1c (aps1-aaz2), ap-south-1a (aps1-aaz1), ap-south-1b (aps1-aaz3)

Load balancer IP address type: IPv4

Date created: July 9, 2025, 18:20 (UTC+05:30)

Load balancer ARN: arn:aws:elasticloadbalancing:ap-south-1:770424767712:loadbalancer/app/flask-target-load-balancer/5471bbdfaf17bdb5

DNS name info: flask-target-load-balancer-1278756371.ap-south-1.elb.amazonaws.com (A Record)