

# Create a Stack using an AWS CloudFormation Template

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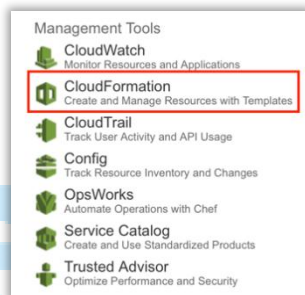
## Overview

This guide introduces you to AWS CloudFormation. In this lab you will use a pre-configured sample template that creates an Amazon EC2 instance and installs WordPress with a local MySQL database for storage on it.

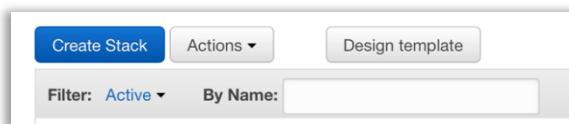
## Topics Covered

By end of this lab, you will be able to:

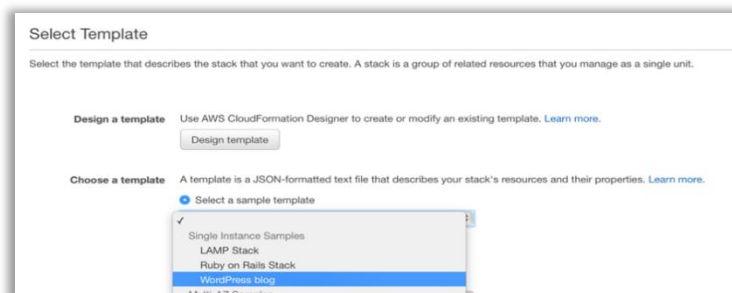
- Create a stack using an AWS CloudFormation template
  - Monitor the progress of stack creation
  - Use the stack resources
1. On AWS Management Console, click **CloudFormation** within **Management Tools**.



2. Click the blue **Create Stack** button to start the Create Stack wizard.



3. From the drop-down menu, under "Select a sample template", select the **WordPress blog** template.



4. Click **Next**.

## On the Specify Details page:

5. Name your stack **WordPressStack**.
6. Enter a **DBPassword**.
7. Enter a **DBRootPassword**.
8. Specify the **DBUser** username.
9. In the **KeyName** drop down, select the name of your Amazon EC2 key pair.
10. The rest of the parameters are automatically populated from the template. Click **Next** to continue.

**Review**

**Template**

Template URL: [https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/cloudformation-templates-us-west-1/WordPress\\_Single\\_Instance.template](https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/cloudformation-templates-us-west-1/WordPress_Single_Instance.template)

Description: AWS CloudFormation Sample Template WordPress\_Single\_Instance: WordPress is web software you can use to create a beautiful website or blog. This template installs WordPress with a local MySQL database for storage. It demonstrates using the AWS CloudFormation bootstrap scripts to deploy WordPress. "WARNING" This template creates an Amazon EC2 instance. You will be billed for the AWS resources used if you create a stack from this template.

Estimate cost: [Cost](#)

**Details**

Stack name: WordPressStack

DBName: wordpressdb

DBPassword: .....

DBRootPassword: .....

DBUser: .....

InstanceType: t2.small

KeyName: linuxec2-kp

SSHLocation: 0.0.0.0/0

**Options**

**Tags**

No tags provided

**Advanced**

Notification Timeout: none

Rollback on failure: Yes

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Create](#)

AWS CloudFormation creates the resources that are specified in the template.

You are automatically taken to the AWS CloudFormation console, which shows a list of stacks. Your stack's status should be **CREATE\_IN\_PROGRESS**.

Filter: <b>Active</b> By Name: <input type="text"/>		Showing 1 stack	
Stack Name	Created Time	Status	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WordPressStack	2016-07-21 21:29:07 UTC+0550	<b>CREATE_IN_PROGRESS</b>	AWS CloudFormation Sample Template WordPress_Single_Instance: WordPress is web software you can use to create a beautiful website or blog.

## Monitoring Stack Creation

It is easy to see the progress of your stack being created.

The Events tab displays each major event in the creation of the stack sorted by the time of each event, with the latest events on top. You can see different events and their status, such as **CREATE\_IN\_PROGRESS** or **CREATE\_COMPLETE**.

After AWS CloudFormation successfully creates a stack, the status of the stack changes to **CREATE\_COMPLETE**.

Stack Name	Created Time	Status	Description
WordPressStack	2016-07-21 21:29:07 UTC+0550	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS CloudFormation Sample Template WordPress_Single_Instance: WordPress is web s

Overview	Outputs	Resources	Events	Template	Parameters	Tags	Stack Policy	Change Sets
2016-07-21								
▶ 21:31:46 UTC+0550	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::CloudFormation::Stack	WordPressStack	Status reason				
▶ 21:31:42 UTC+0550	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::EC2::Instance	WebServer					
▶ 21:31:40 UTC+0550	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	AWS::EC2::Instance	WebServer	Received SUCCESS signal with Uniquelid i -aaa8a1f				
▶ 21:29:32 UTC+0550	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	AWS::EC2::Instance	WebServer	Resource creation Initiated				
▶ 21:29:31 UTC+0550	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	AWS::EC2::Instance	WebServer					
▶ 21:29:27 UTC+0550	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup	WebServerSecurityGroup	Resource creation Initiated				
▶ 21:29:27 UTC+0550	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup	WebServerSecurityGroup					
▶ 21:29:11 UTC+0550	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup	WebServerSecurityGroup					
▶ 21:29:07 UTC+0550	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	AWS::CloudFormation::Stack	WordPressStack	User Initiated				

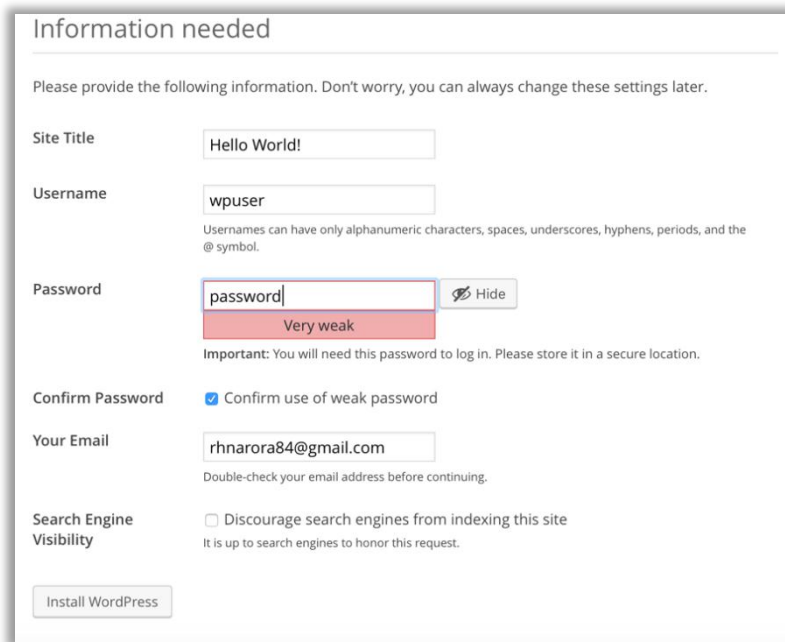
## Using the Stack

This sample template creates a WordPress website. To complete the WordPress installation:

11. On the **Outputs** tab, click the value for the Website URL.

Overview	Outputs	Resources	Events	Template	Parameters	Tags	Stack Policy	Change Sets	
Key				Value				Description	
WebsiteURL				<a href="http://ec2-54-183-242-99.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com/wordpress">http://ec2-54-183-242-99.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com/wordpress</a>				WordPress Website	

12. Enter **Site Title**, **Username**, **Password** and **Your Email**. Click **Install WordPress**.



The image shows the 'Information needed' form for installing WordPress. It includes fields for Site Title (Hello World!), Username (wpuser), Password (password), Confirm Password (checked), Your Email (rhnarora84@gmail.com), and Search Engine Visibility (unchecked). A 'Very weak' password warning is shown for the password field. An 'Install WordPress' button is at the bottom.

Information needed

Please provide the following information. Don't worry, you can always change these settings later.

Site Title: Hello World!

Username: wpuser  
Usernames can have only alphanumeric characters, spaces, underscores, hyphens, periods, and the @ symbol.

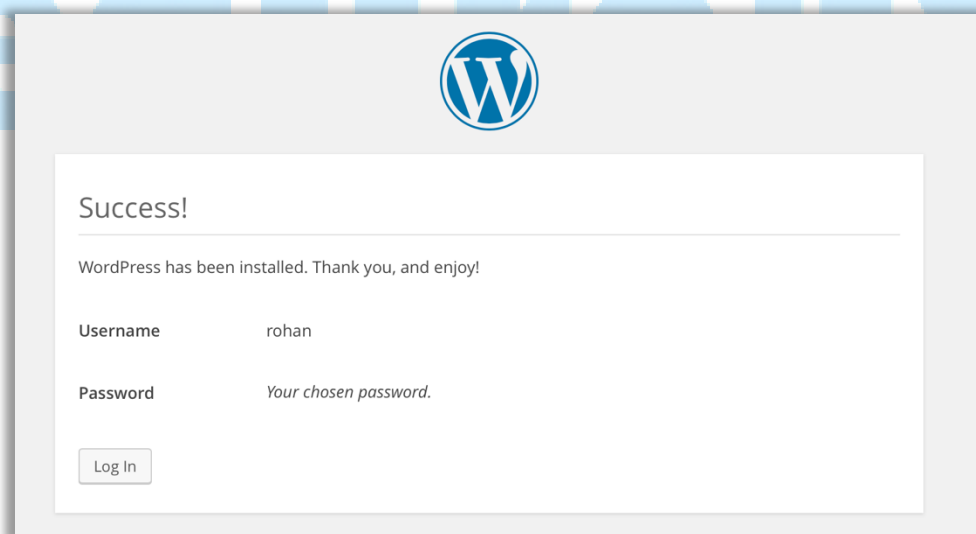
Password: password Hide  
**Very weak**  
**Important:** You will need this password to log in. Please store it in a secure location.

Confirm Password: ☒ Confirm use of weak password

Your Email: rhnarora84@gmail.com  
Double-check your email address before continuing.

Search Engine Visibility: ☐ Discourage search engines from indexing this site  
It is up to search engines to honor this request.

13. Post Installation, you will be directed to login page.



The image shows the 'Success!' message after WordPress installation. It displays the WordPress logo, the text 'WordPress has been installed. Thank you, and enjoy!', and the login credentials: Username (rohan) and Password (Your chosen password.). A 'Log In' button is at the bottom.

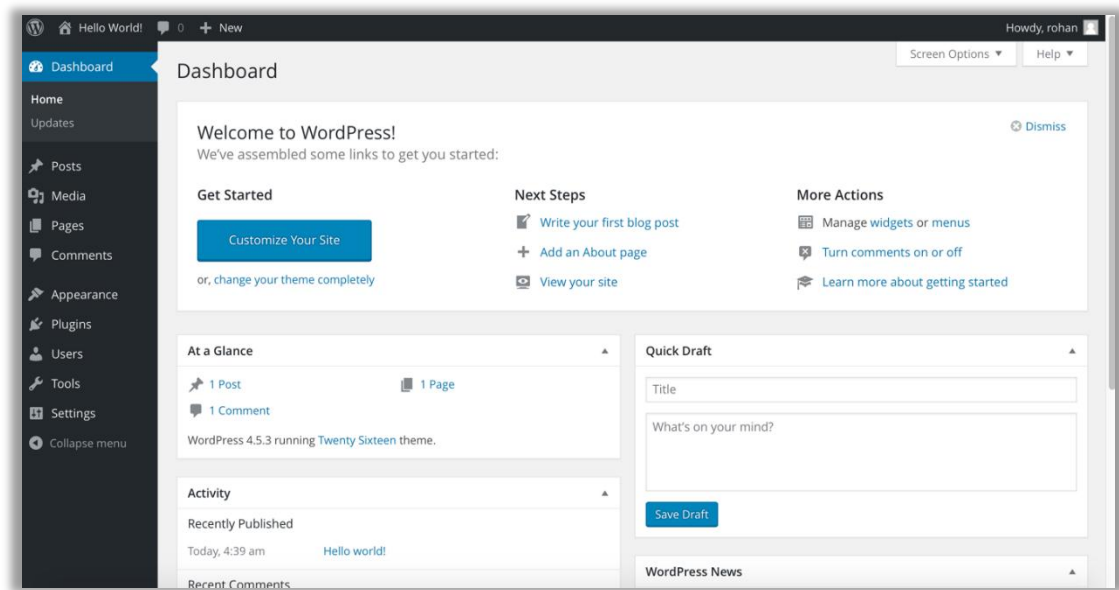
Success!

WordPress has been installed. Thank you, and enjoy!

Username: rohan

Password: Your chosen password.

You will then have a WordPress dashboard appear in front of you where you can set additional options for your WordPress blog.



## Conclusion

Congratulations! You have now successfully:

- Created a Stack using a CloudFormation template.
- Monitored the progress of stack creation.
- Used the stack resources.