AWS S3 & EC2

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- AWS Overview
- S3
- EC2





Some Advice...

We are about to use some technologies that have a semi steep learning curve for some. Create a big data reference folder on your machine. In it, keep:

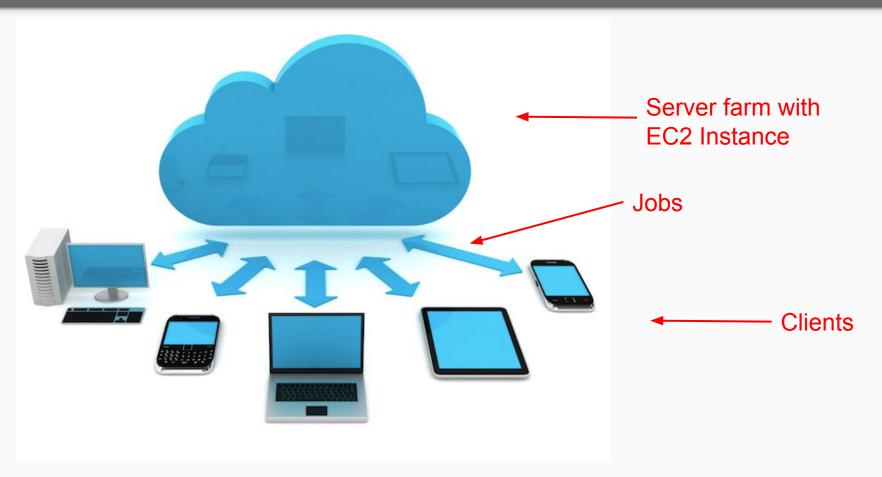
- Screen shots or files containing common actions (copying a file to an instance)
- Instructions of common workflows (setting up an EC2, EMR, etc.)
- Problems encountered and how you solved them
- GitHub repos that have useful materials (feel free to fork: https://github.com/brent-lemieux/aws_scripts, https://github.com/ewellinger/spark-talk, etc.)

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Cloud Computing - Pros/Cons

- Accessibility from anywhere
- Can scale easily
- Storage
- Maintenance
- Cost *

- Security a third party owns the server
- Cost *

* Depending on your size and needs cost can be a pro or a con

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Why AWS?

- Many instance types
- A lot of traction over the years
- LIbraries and tools built around it
- Behemoth in the cloud computing sector
 - ~30% market share

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AWS Command Line Interface

\$ pip install awscli --upgrade --user

\$ aws configure

- Enter AWS Access Key ID
- Enter AWS Secret Key
- Enter region ----> us-east-1
- Press enter

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.ssh folder and config file

- Check to see if you have a **.ssh** folder in your home directory
- If not, make one

- Check to see if you have a **config** file in your .ssh folder
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Keep the config file open, this will save us a lot of time when we start using EC2

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EC2 - (Elastic Cloud Compute)

- Virtual machine in the cloud
- Can choose type of machine to launch
 - Ubuntu (Linux)
 - RedHat (Linux)
 - ... and many more
- We use our local terminal as the client to access the remote machine

Step 1: Amazon Machine Image

This is where we specify the type of Machine Image we want to launch. We can choose one of the default AMIs (Amazon Machine Images) or we can choose from the Community AMIs.

- Community AMIs are essentially templates with packages pre-installed (these may need to be updated)
- Today, let's use the DSI-Template3 (only available in the N. Virginia Region)
- In the future, you may want access to a GPU... Use DSI-DeepLearning3



Step 2: Choose an Instance Type

This is where we will choose what kind of resources our machine will have including the number of CPUs, GPUs, and Memory. Each instance will have a varying hourly cost associated with it that fluctuates with current demand.

As a rough guideline, a m3.xlarge instance which has 4 CPUs and 15 GB of memory costs approximately \$0.25 - \$0.30 per hour.



Step 3: Configuration

- Spot instances are available to reduce price starting from m3.medium
- Bid the machine with the price you set (as max)
- Takes longer to start
- Cannot stop and restart instance
- Much cheaper in general
- Otherwise expensive to use larger instances



Step 4: Storage

- By default we will have a root EBS volume (more on this later) for storing OS and other files
- We can choose to up this or add on other hard drives



Step 5: Tagging

- First Key is by default "Name"
- This controls the name that shows up in the Instances section of your EC2 dashboard
- All this does is help you keep track of which machine is which



Step 6: Security Group

- Here we will configure the security settings of our instance
- For example we could configure our instance to only accept ssh connections from our home or work IP Addresses



Creating/Using .pem files

In order to access our machine through ssh we need to have a pem file which is essentially a cryptographic key.

CAUTION: Make sure you have the .pem file locally, otherwise create a new key pair

\$ mv key_pair.pem ~/.ssh/

\$ chmod 400 key_pair.pem



Accessing Instance

Add to **config** file in .ssh folder

Note: sub User for whatever OS you chose and Hostname for your instances domain

This instance could be accessed by:

\$ ssh my_instance_name

Or...

\$ ssh -i key_pair.pem ubuntu@ec2-53-205-213-56.compute-1.amazonaws.com



Copying files and folders to instance

In the terminal on your local machine:

\$ scp -i key_pair.pem file.txt User@Domain:/path/where/file/should/go/

\$ scp -i key_pair.pem -r folder User@Domain:/path/where/folder/should/go/

User = ubuntu (or other OS)

Domain = IP Address (i.e. ec2-53-205-213-56.compute-1.amazonaws.com)



Running Scripts and Multiplexers

Check out screens -- easy to use multiplexer:

- Allows us to basically have multiple terminal windows open on instance
- We can still use our instance while it is running scripts
- We are going to use screen (tmux is a more powerful, but harder to use multiplexer)



screen

Install: \$ sudo apt-get install screen

Create a session called my-session: \$ screen -S my-session

Detach the session: \$ ctrl + a + d

List the running sessions: \$ screen -ls

Reattach a specific session: \$ screen -R my-session



screen - What is it good for?

Allows us to use our remote machine while it simultaneously:

- Trains a model
- Hosts a mongo/SQL database
- Hosts a web app
- Runs a jupyter notebook (need a special script to do this)
- etc.



Stopping/Terminate Instances

Make sure you do this!!!

You can do this via the AWS GUI or using AWS Command Line Interface

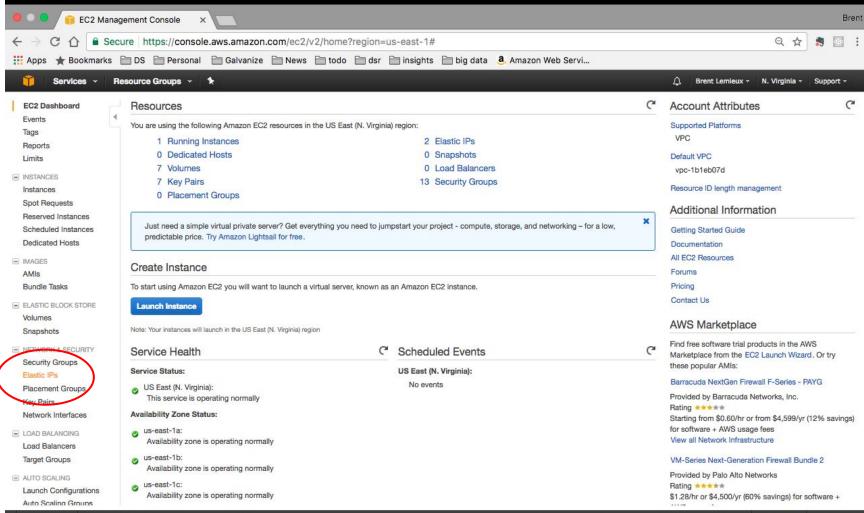
Even if you are running on the free tier, be aware that there are usage limits dictating when a free tier becomes paid

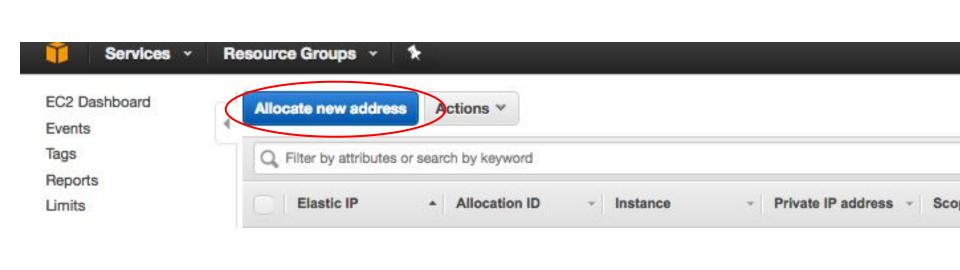


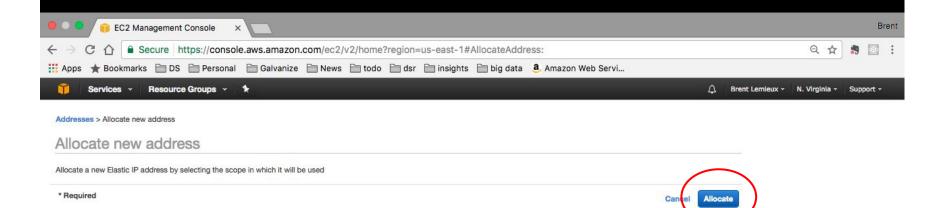
AWS Elastic IP Address

One problem with stopping and starting instances is that the IP Address changes each time... This means we have to edit our **~/.ssh/config** file each time.

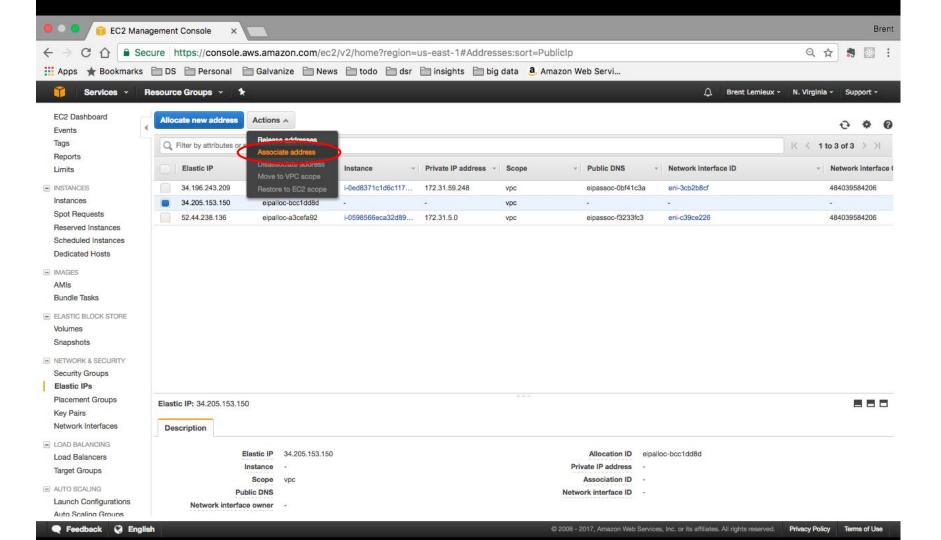
Elastic IPS are our way around this

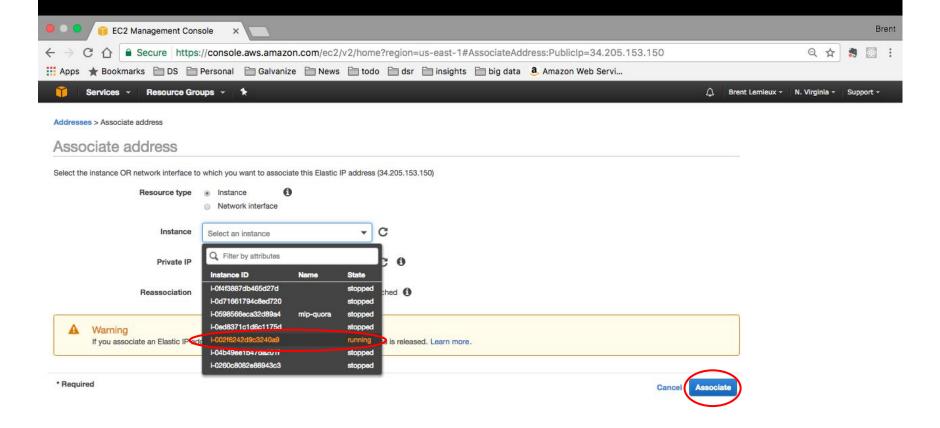






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Elastic IP Address - Last Step

Set the new domain or IP Address in your .config file...

Now you can access this instance easily from the command line without changing anything



AWS CLI

Start new instance...

```
$ aws ec2 run-instances --image-id ami-xxxxxxxx --count 1 --instance-type t1.micro --key-name MyKeyPair --security-groups my-sg
```

Start existing instance...

```
$ aws ec2 start-instances --instance-ids i-1234567890abcdef0
```

Stop existing instance...

```
$ aws ec2 stop-instances --instance-ids i-1234567890abcdef0
```



S3 (Simple Storage Service)

- Storage space for big data
- S3 Storage -> Permanent and big data
- EBS (Elastic Block) Storage -> Temporary and small data
- Operations:
 - Upload
 - Download
 - Read
 - Write

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S3 Cost

- Very cheap
- First 1TB per month is approximately \$0.03 per GB



S3 Buckets

- Where your data is stored
- Can contain folders and files
- Permissions can be set to dictate access for other users
 - If data is not sensitive, you can set read privileges for public
 - CAUTION: Don't give public write permissions!!!



S3 Bucket Names

- Bucket name must be unique -- no one has used it before
- Must be all lowercase
- No underscores allowed (use dashes instead)



Buckets Uploading/Downloading Data

Can be done through AWS GUI -- but this is annoying.

Use Python instead!

- Pandas
- Boto3
 - http://boto3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/guide/migrations3.html
 - https://github.com/brent-lemieux/aws_scripts some scripts to get you started



Pandas S3

Pandas allows us to read files easily... Don't forget to configure AWS CLI first...

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.read_csv('s3a://my_bucket/my_file.csv')

# Or, if the data set is too large, use the chunksize argument

data_chunks = pd.read_csv('s3a://my_bucket/my_file.csv', chunksize=50000)
df_chunk = data_chunks.get_chunk()
```



Boto3

\$ pip install boto3

Boto3 - Allows us to manage our buckets... More functionality than Pandas.

https://github.com/brent-lemieux/aws_scripts



When to use S3/EC2

- When data is too big to fit locally
- Scripts that take a long time to run
- Have to run continuously (Hosting Web Apps)

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Workflow

- 1. Upload/Access data on S3
- 2. Use pandas/boto to pull a subset down to local
- 3. Develop script locally
- 4. Upload script to EC2
- 5. Run script on EC2 on full set
- 6. Write results to S3



Assignment

Use boto3 instead of boto!