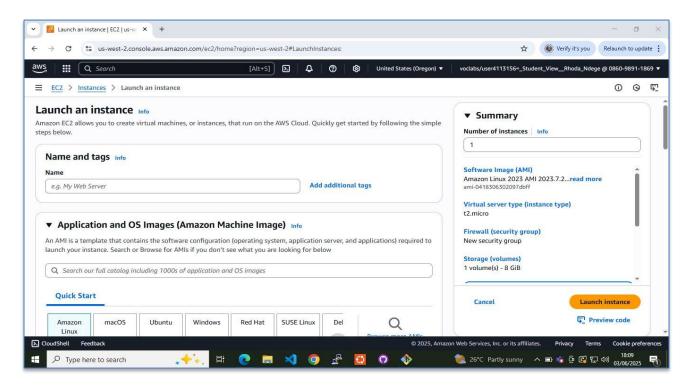
## How to Launch and Manage EC2 Instances using AMIs in AWS

# Step 1: Log In to AWS Management Console.

- Go to Cloud Computing Services Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Sign In with your Credentials

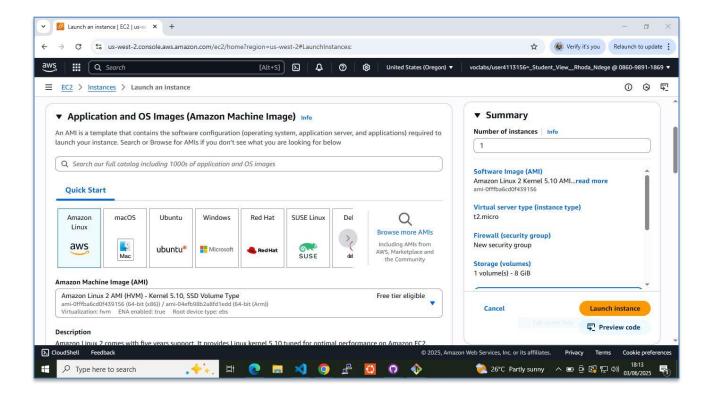
## **Step 2: Launch an Instance**

- 1. Go to the EC2 Dashboard
- 2. Click Launch Instance
- 3. Under **Name and Tags**, Enter the **Name** of your Instance (e.g. *FirstInstance*)



### Step 3: Choose an AMI

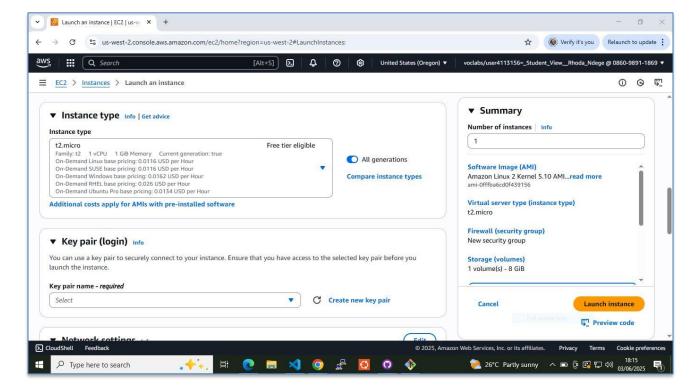
Under **Application and OS Images** (**Amazon Machine Images**), choose from available AMIs. *An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance.* 



## **Step 4: Choose Instance Type & Key Pair (login)**

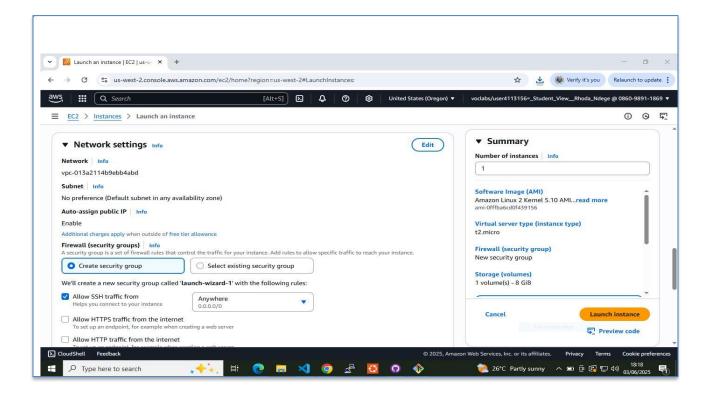
- 1. Select an **Instance Type** (e.g. *t2.micro* for free tier)
- Under Key pair (Login), for Key pair name, choose an existing key pair, or Click Create a new Key pair to create your own Key pair.

Key pairs allow you to connect securely to your instance.



## **Step 5: Configure Network Settings**

- 1. Network: Default VPC
- 2. Subnet: Default or Custom
- 3. Security Group: Add rules for **SSH** (**port 22**) to allow access. Optionally add **HTTP/HTTPS** if you're hosting a web server.
- 4. Leave the rest as default unless otherwise required. If so, Click **Edit** to Update the network settings.

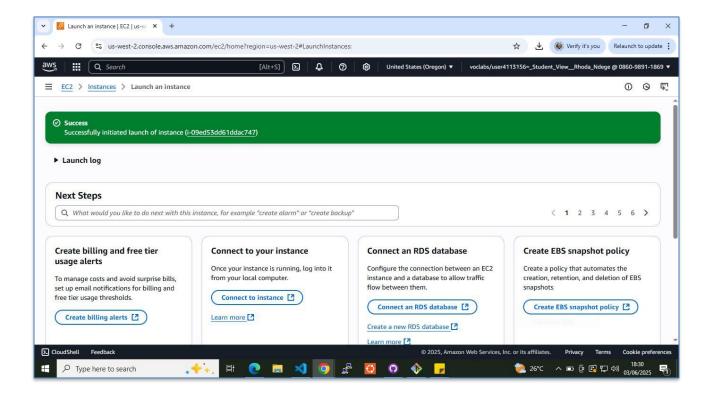


### **Step 6: Configure Storage**

Configure the root volume and not the data volume. This is great for testing.

### Step 7: Review & Launch

- 1. On the **Summary Panel:** Review your Instance configuration.
- 2. Click Launch

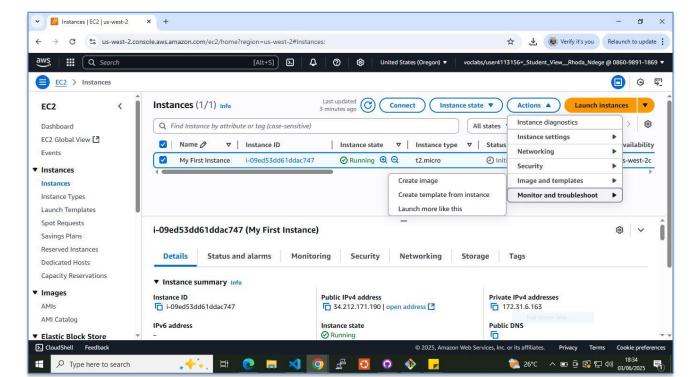


Click **View Instances** if the Instance is Successfully Launched. Open the Instances page and monitor the status of the launched instance.

#### **Steps of Creating and Using AMI Templates**

### Creating an AMI from your own Instance (like your FirstInstance)

- 1. Click the checkbox next to your running Instance (*FirstInstance*)
- 2. Go to Actions Images and Templates Create Image

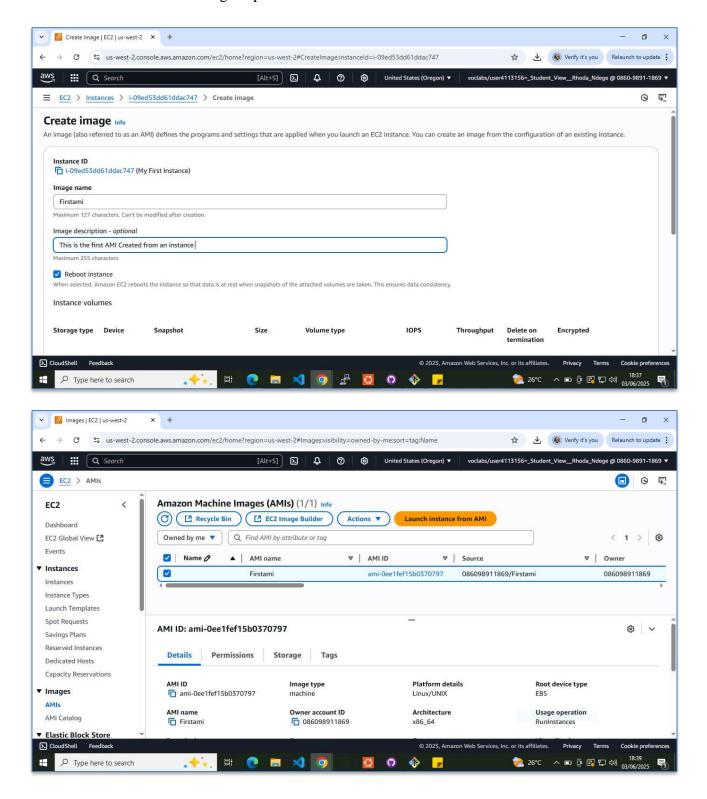


#### Fill In:

- Image Name (e.g., newami)
- Description (optional)
- The rest of the configurations should be left as default unless you want to reboot.

### Click Create Image

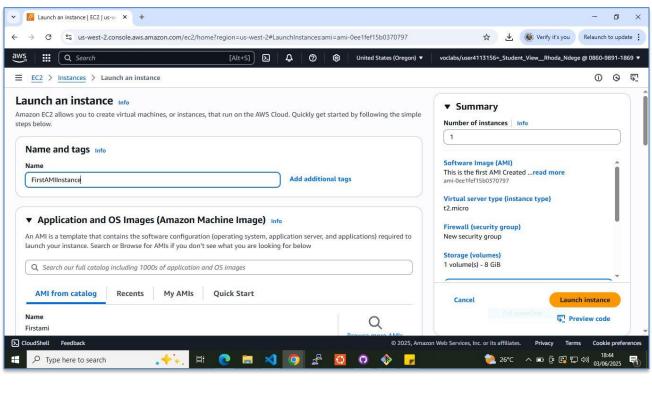
• AWS will start making snapshots

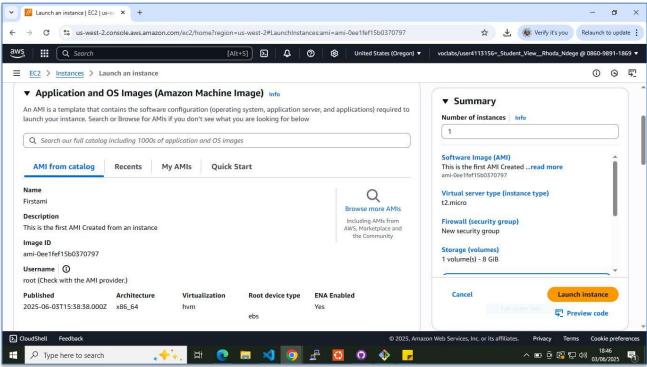


#### Launch a New Instance From that AMI

Once the AMI Image is ready

- 1. On the Left Panel, Go to AMIs Images section
- 2. Select your custom AMI.
- 3. Click Launch Instance from Image
- 4. Choose Instance Type, Storage & Security Group
- 5. Click Launch Instance.





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