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Using Amazon ElastiCache Redis V1.01



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About the Lab

These lab notes are to support the instructional videos on Using AWS ElastiCache Redis in the BackSpace AWS Certified Solutions Architect course.

In this lab we will:

- Create an ElastiCache Redis cluster using the console.
- Connect to an ElastiCache Redis cluster from EC2 using the Redis CLI.
- Read and Write to an ElastiCache Redis cluster.

Please refer to the AWS JavaScript SDK documentation at:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSJavaScriptSDK/latest/AWS/ElastiCache.html>

Please refer to the Redis command documentation at:

<http://redis.io/commands>

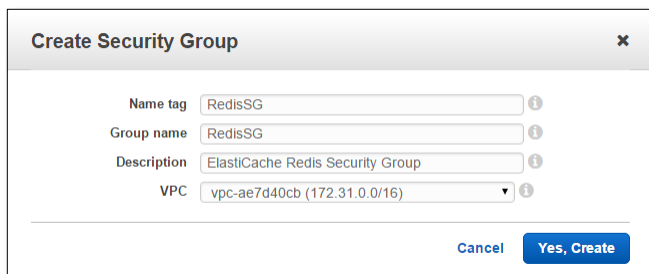
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Launch an ElastiCache Redis Cluster

In this section we will create an ElastiCache Redis cluster using the console.

Go to the VPC console

Create a new security group in the default VPC and call it RedisSG



Create Security Group

Name tag: RedisSG

Group name: RedisSG

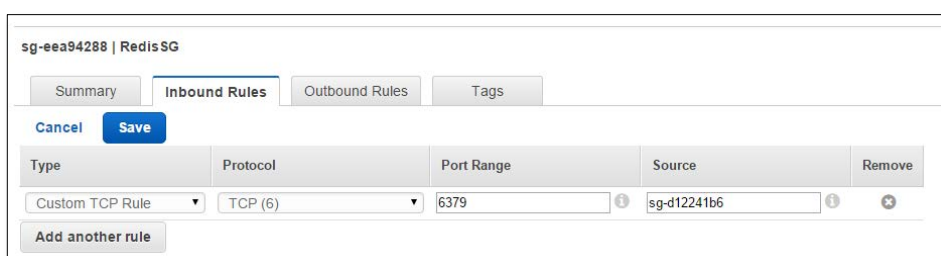
Description: ElastiCache Redis Security Group

VPC: vpc-ae7d40cb (172.31.0.0/16)

Buttons: Cancel, Yes, Create

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name tag	Group ID	Group Name	VPC	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RedisSG	sg-eea94288	RedisSG	vpc-ae7d40cb (172.31.0.0/16)	ElastiCache Redis Security Group
<input type="checkbox"/>		sg-d12241b6	WebServerSG	vpc-ae7d40cb (172.31.0.0/16)	Web Server Security Group
<input type="checkbox"/>		sg-65f9c601	default	vpc-ae7d40cb (172.31.0.0/16)	default VPC security group
<input type="checkbox"/>		sg-46001522	default	vpc-c684bfa3 (10.0.0.0/16)	default VPC security group

Create a custom TCP rule for the ElastiCache Redis port 6379 and the WebServerSG security group.



sg-eea94288 | RedisSG

Summary Inbound Rules Outbound Rules Tags

Buttons: Cancel, Save

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Remove
Custom TCP Rule	TCP (6)	6379	sg-d12241b6	

Add another rule

Click Save

Create a custom TCP outbound rule for the ElastiCache Redis port 6379 and the WebServerSG security group.

sg-eea94288 | RedisSG

Summary Inbound Rules **Outbound Rules** Tags

Cancel Save

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Destination	Remove
Custom TCP Rule	TCP (6)	6379	sg-d12241b6	

Add another rule

Go to the ElastiCache console.

The screenshot shows the AWS ElastiCache console dashboard. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Edit', and user information 'Paul Coady' in 'N. Virginia' with a 'Support' link. The left sidebar lists the 'ElastiCache Dashboard' and various resources: Cache Clusters, Replication Groups, Reserved Cache Nodes, Snapshots, Cache Parameter Groups, Cache Subnet Groups, Cache Events, and ElastiCache Cluster Client. The main content area features the ElastiCache logo and a description: 'ElastiCache is a web service that makes it easier to launch, manage, and scale a distributed in-memory cache in the cloud.' Below this is a 'Get Started Now' button. Three large icons represent the workflow: 'Launch a Cache Cluster' (server icon with a plus), 'Connect' (stack of servers with a link), and 'Manage' (monitor icon with a cursor). Each icon has a brief description below it. The footer contains 'Feedback', 'English', copyright information '© 2008 - 2015, Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates. All rights reserved.', and links for 'Privacy Policy' and 'Terms of Use'.

Click on Cache Subnet Groups

This screenshot shows a close-up of the left sidebar of the ElastiCache console. The 'ElastiCache Dashboard' is selected and highlighted with an orange bar. Below it, the following menu items are listed: Cache Clusters, Replication Groups, Reserved Cache Nodes, Snapshots, Cache Parameter Groups, Cache Subnet Groups, Cache Events, and ElastiCache Cluster Client.

Click Create Cache Subnet Group
 Give it a name
 Select the default VPC and an AZ and subnet.
 Click Add
 Click Create

Create Cache Subnet Group

To create a new Subnet Group give it a name, description, and select an existing VPC below. Once you select an existing VPC, you will be able to add subnets related to that VPC.

Name* ⓘ

Description* ⓘ

VPC ID ⓘ

Add Subnet(s) to this Subnet Group. You may add subnets one at a time below or [add all the subnets](#) related to this VPC. You may make additions/edits after this group is created.

Availability Zone	Subnet ID	CIDR Block	Action
<input type="text" value="us-east-1a"/>	<input type="text" value="subnet-a63478d1"/>	None added	

Click ElastiCache Dashboard
 Click "Get Started Now"

Select Redis

Step 1: Select Engine


Step 2: Specify Cluster Details


Step 3: Configure Advanced Settings

Step 4: Review

Select Engine

To get started, choose the DB Engine below and click Next.

 **Redis**



*Required

Click Next

Call the cluster backspace-lab-redis
 Uncheck Enable replication for the lab
 Select the t2 micro node type

Specify Cluster Details

Cluster Specifications

Engine: Redis ⓘ

Engine Version: 2.8.21 ⓘ

Port*: 6379 ⓘ

Parameter Group: default.redis2.8 ⓘ

Enable Replication: ☐ ⓘ

Configuration

Cluster Name*: backspace-lab-redis ⓘ

Node Type: cache.t2.micro (555 MB me...) ⓘ

S3 Location of Redis RDB file: myBucket/myFolder/objectName ⓘ

*Required

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Next](#)

Click Next

Select your Subnet Group created previously

Select default VPC

Select your Security Group created previously

Configure Advanced Settings

Network & Security

Cache Subnet Group: backspace-lab-sn-group (v... ⓘ

Availability Zone(s): No Preference ⓘ

VPC Security Group(s): RedisSG (vpc-ae7d40cb) ⓘ
WebServerSG (vpc-ae7d40cb)
default (vpc-ae7d40cb)

Maintenance

Maintenance Window: ☐ Select Window ☒ No Preference ⓘ

Topic for SNS Notification*: Disable Notifications ⓘ [Manual ARN input](#) ⓘ

*Required

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Next](#)

Click Next

Review

Cluster Specifications

Engine	redis
Engine Version	2.8.22
Port	6379
Parameter Group	default.redis2.8
Enable Replication	No

Configuration

Cluster Name	backspace-lab-redis
Node Type	cache.t2.micro(555 MB memory)
S3 Snapshot ARN	None Provided

Network & Security

Cache Subnet Group	backspace-lab-sn-group
Availability Zone(s)	No Preference
VPC Security Group(s)	RedisSG (sg-eea94288)

Maintenance

Maintenance Window	No Preference
Notification ARN	Disable Notifications

*Required [Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Launch Cache Cluster](#)

Launch Cache Cluster

Success

Cache Cluster **backspace-lab-redis** is being created.

Note: It may take a few minutes to launch.

*Required [Close](#)

Click Close

Cache Cluster	Engine	Nodes	Node Type	Zone	Configuration Endpoint (Memcached)	Replication Group (Redis)	Status
backspace-lab-redis	redis	1 node	cache.t2.micro				creating

Cache Cluster ID: backspace-lab-redis

Configuration Endpoint: N/A

Engine: redis

Cache Node Type: cache.t2.micro

Number of Cache Nodes: 1

Nodes Pending Deletion: -

Cache Parameter Group: default.redis2.8 (in-sync)

Security Group(s): sg-eea94288 (VPC)(active)

Maintenance Window: sun:05:30-sun:06:30

Backup Window: N/A

Tags

Tag information is not currently available.

Creation Time:

Status: creating

Engine Version: 2.8.22

Availability Zone(s):

Number of Nodes Pending Creation: -

Replication Group: -

Cache Subnet Group: backspace-lab-sn-group

Notification ARN: Disabled

Backup Retention Period: N/A

▶ Using ElastiCache Redis with The Redis CLI

In this section we will read and write to an ElastiCache Redis cluster using the Redis Command Line Interface (CLI).

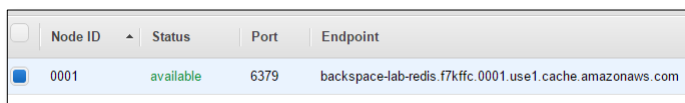
From the console go to Cache Clusters

Click on the Cluster Node in your Cache Cluster



	Cache Cluster	Engine	Nodes
	backspace-lab-redis	redis	1 node

Copy the endpoint and the port, we will need this to connect to the node.



Node ID	Status	Port	Endpoint
0001	available	6379	backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.use1.cache.amazonaws.com

Connect into your NodeJS Amazon Linux EC2 instance using Putty

Input the following commands to install GCC and the Redis-CLI utility:

```
sudo yum install gcc
wget http://download.redis.io/redis-stable.tar.gz
tar xvzf redis-stable.tar.gz
cd redis-stable
make
```

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-5-213: ~/redis-stable
CC crc64.o
CC bitops.o
CC sentinel.o
CC notify.o
CC setproctitle.o
CC blocked.o
CC hyperloglog.o
CC latency.o
CC sparkline.o
LINK redis-server
INSTALL redis-sentinel
CC redis-cli.o
LINK redis-cli
CC redis-benchmark.o
LINK redis-benchmark
CC redis-check-dump.o
LINK redis-check-dump
CC redis-check-aof.o
LINK redis-check-aof

Hint: It's a good idea to run 'make test' ;)

make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/redis-stable/src'
ec2-user@ip-172-31-5-213 redis-stable$
```

Now connect to your Redis cluster (with your endpoint):

```
src/redis-cli -h YOUR_ENDPOINT_GOES_HERE -p 6379
```

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-5-213 redis-stable$ src/redis-cli -h backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com -p 6379
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379>
```

Now run a command to set a key myHighScore to 1000:

```
set myHighScore 1000
```

```
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379> set myHighScore 1000
OK
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379>
```

Now read the key:

```
get myHighScore
```

```
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379> set myHighScore 1000
OK
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379> get myHighScore
"1000"
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379>
```

Now set an expiry time of 30s for the key:

```
expire myHighScore 30
```

It will return:

- 1 if the timeout was set.
- 0 if key does not exist or the timeout could not be set.

```
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379> expire myHighScore 30
(integer) 1
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379>
```

Now wait 30 s and read the key:

```
get myHighScore
```

If 30s has past it will return (nil)

```
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379> get myHighScore
(nil)
backspace-lab-redis.f7kffc.0001.usel.cache.amazonaws.com:6379>
```

Now clean up the lab by deleting your cluster in the console.