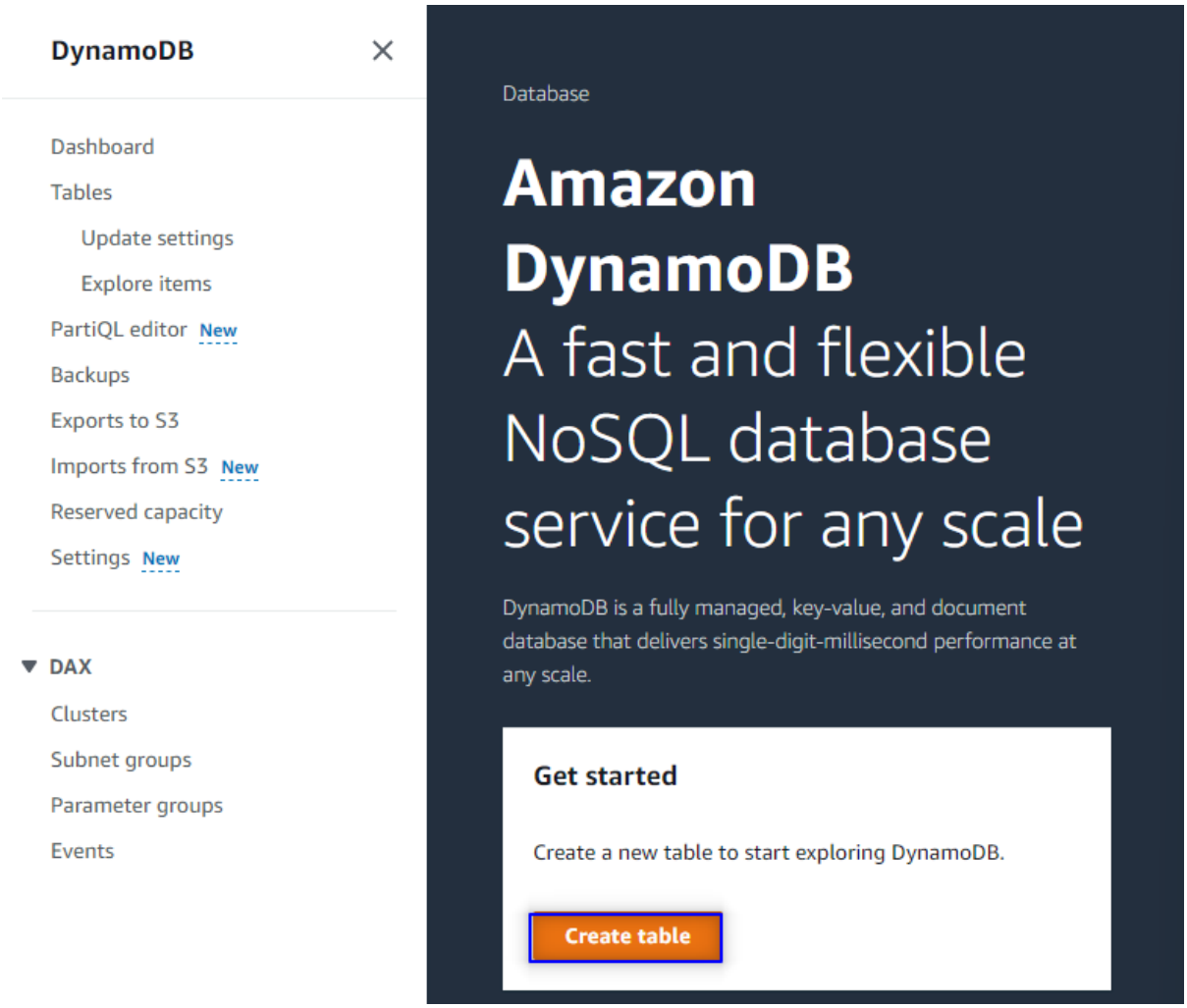
Phase 1: Create the DynamoDB Table.

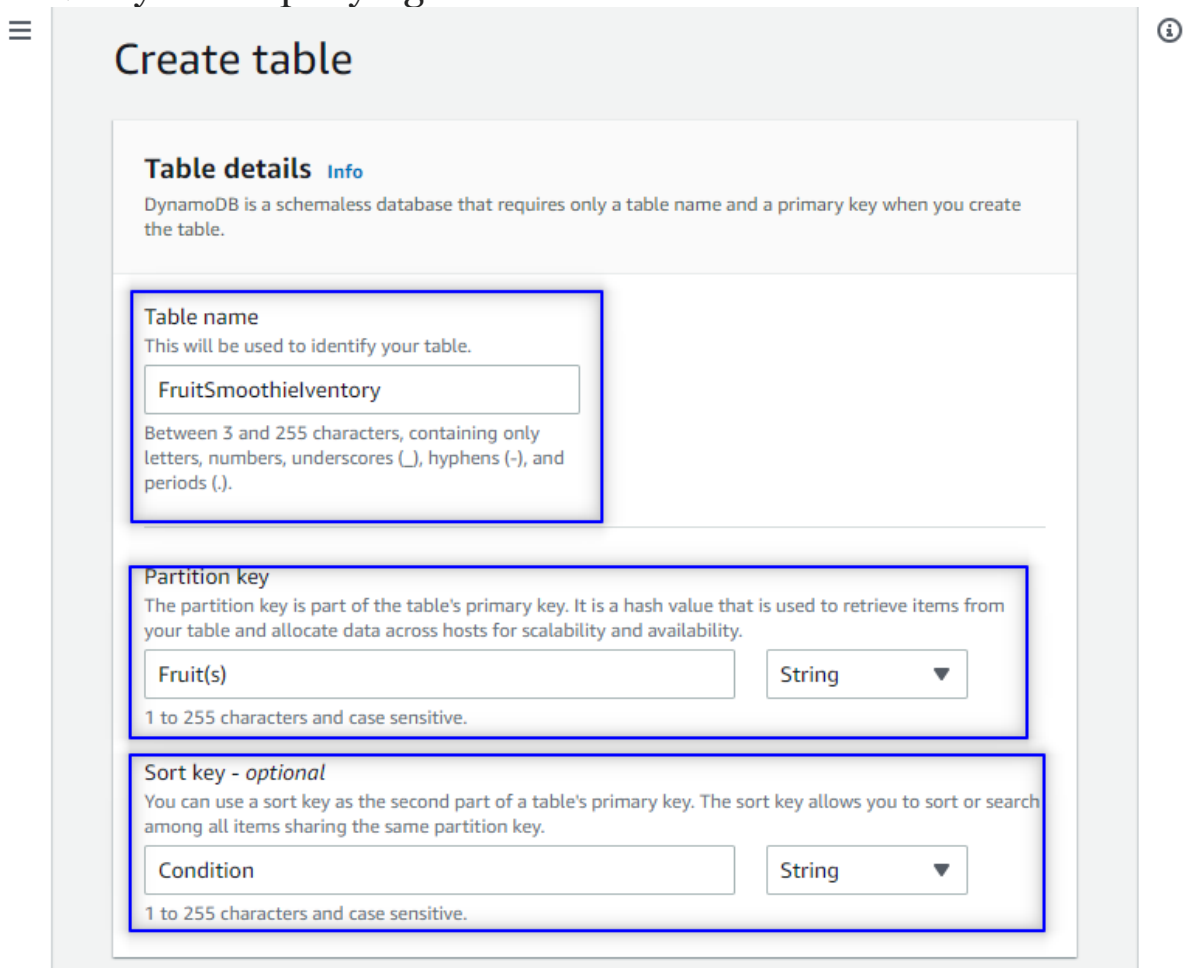
Step 1: Navigate to the **DynamoDB Dashboard** and click *Create table*.

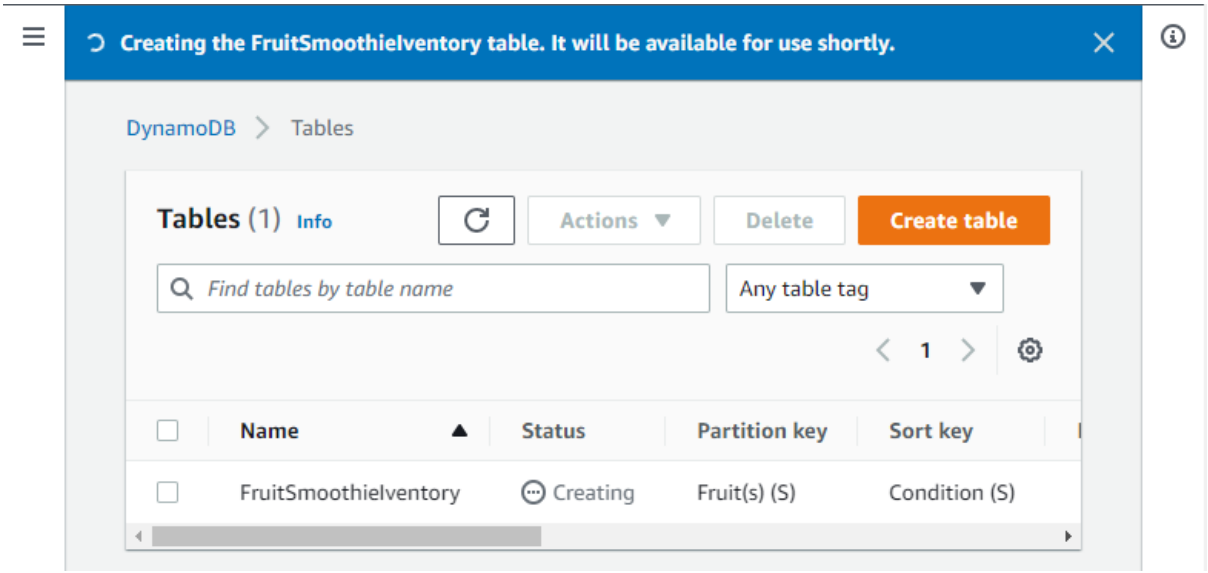


Step 2: Now we'll create the table by putting in names for the *Table*, *Partition key* and *Sort key*. Leave all the default settings then click *Create Table*.

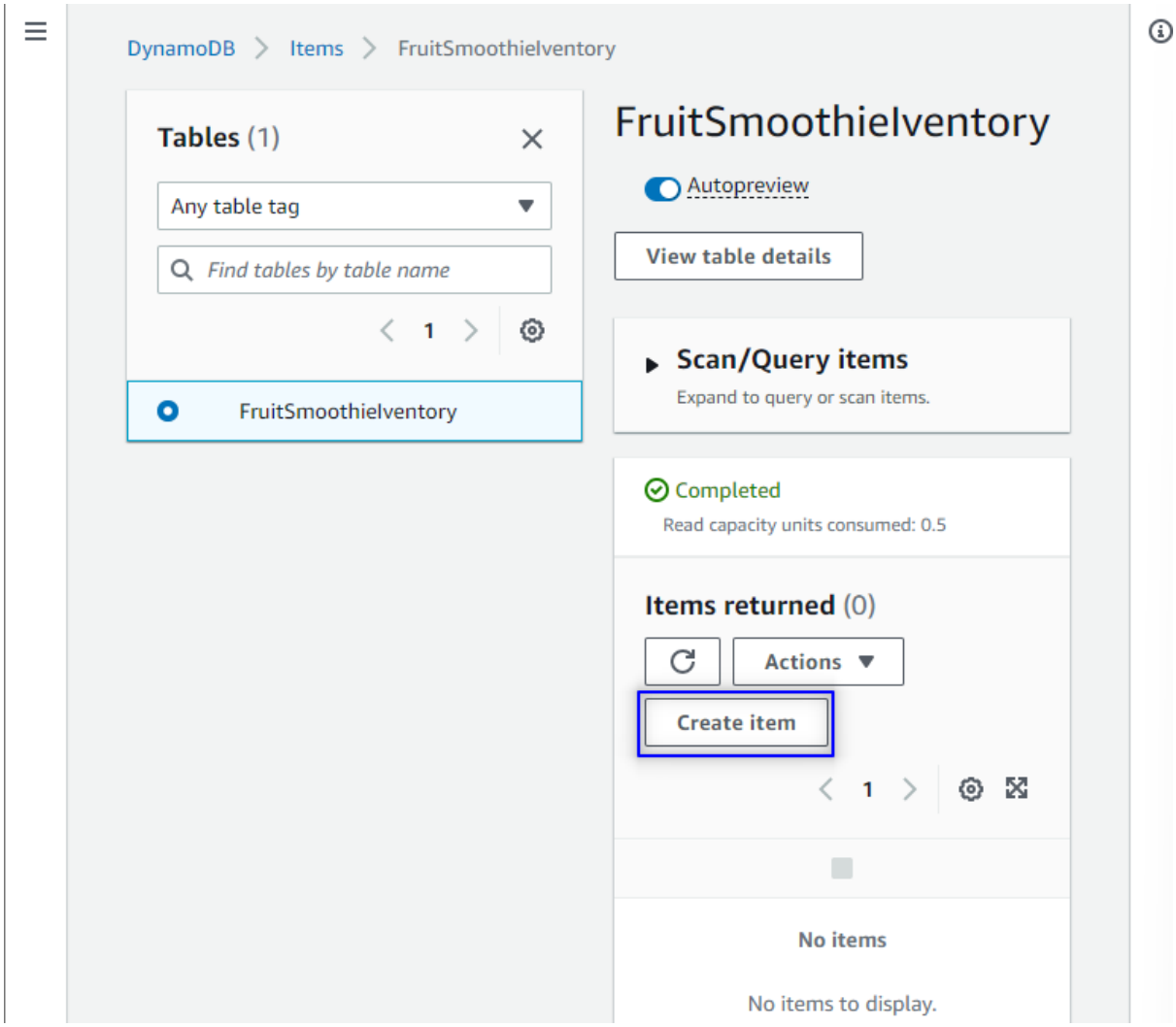
What are these keys? A ***Partition key*** is essentially the primary key of the table. It must be unique because it logically separates the

table into different partitions (physical storage internal to Dynamo DB). A ***Sort key*** is used when duplicate partition keys exist. The sort keys must be different for the duplicate partitions and together they make a ***Composite key***. A composite key gives additional flexibility when querying data.

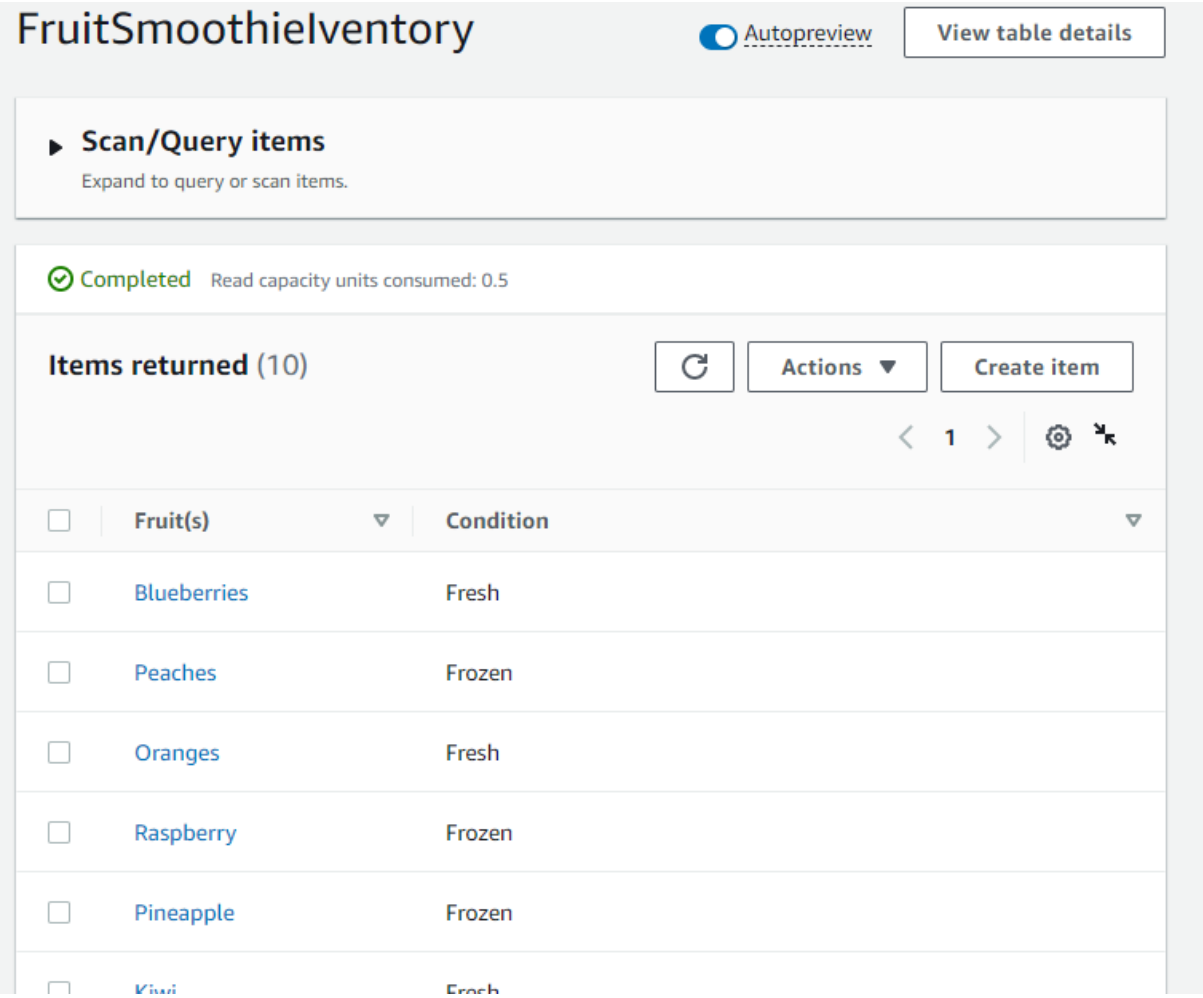




Step 3: In the DynamoDB menu click *Explore Items*, select the table then click *Create Item*.



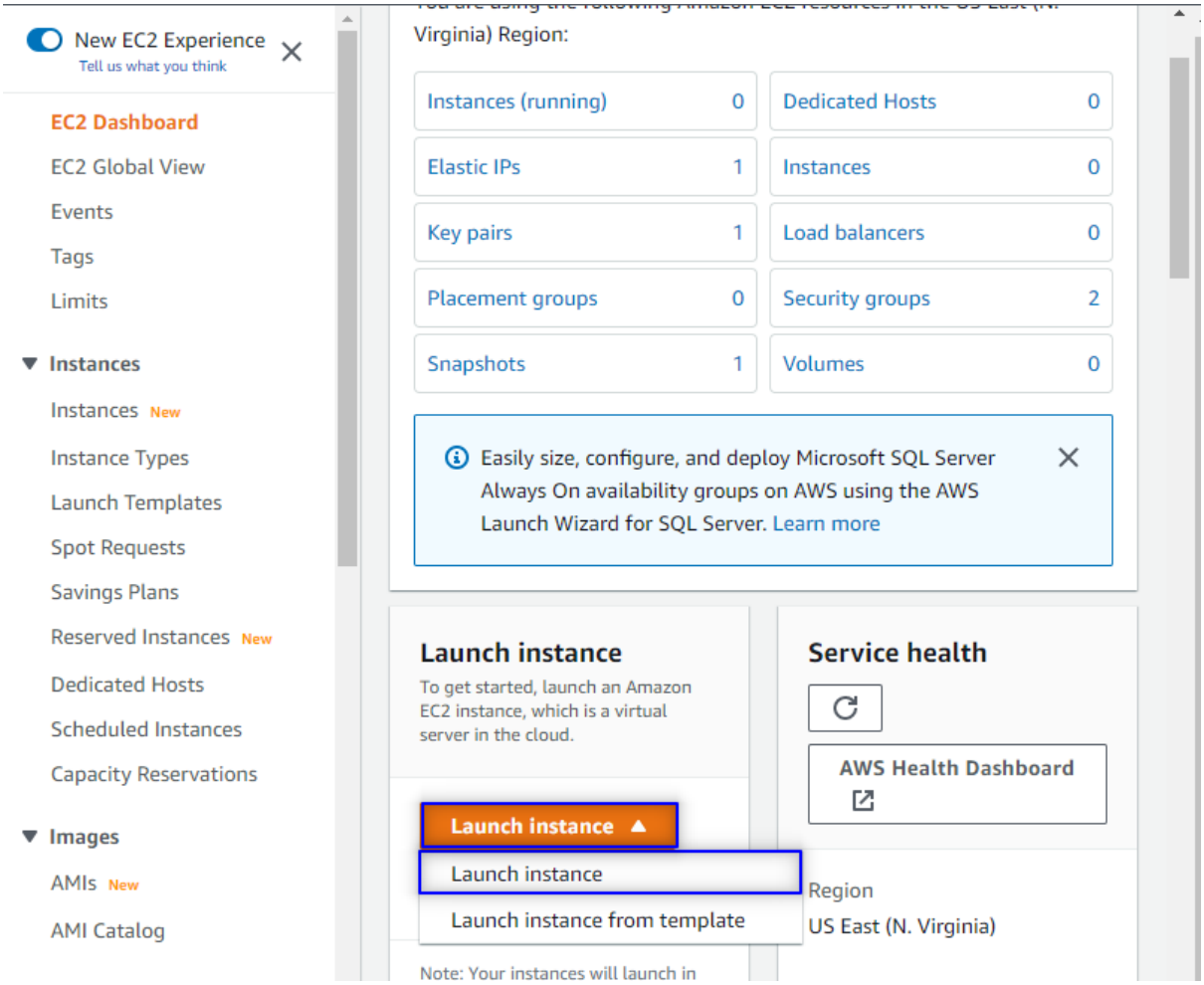
Step 4: Input all 10 of your items into the table.



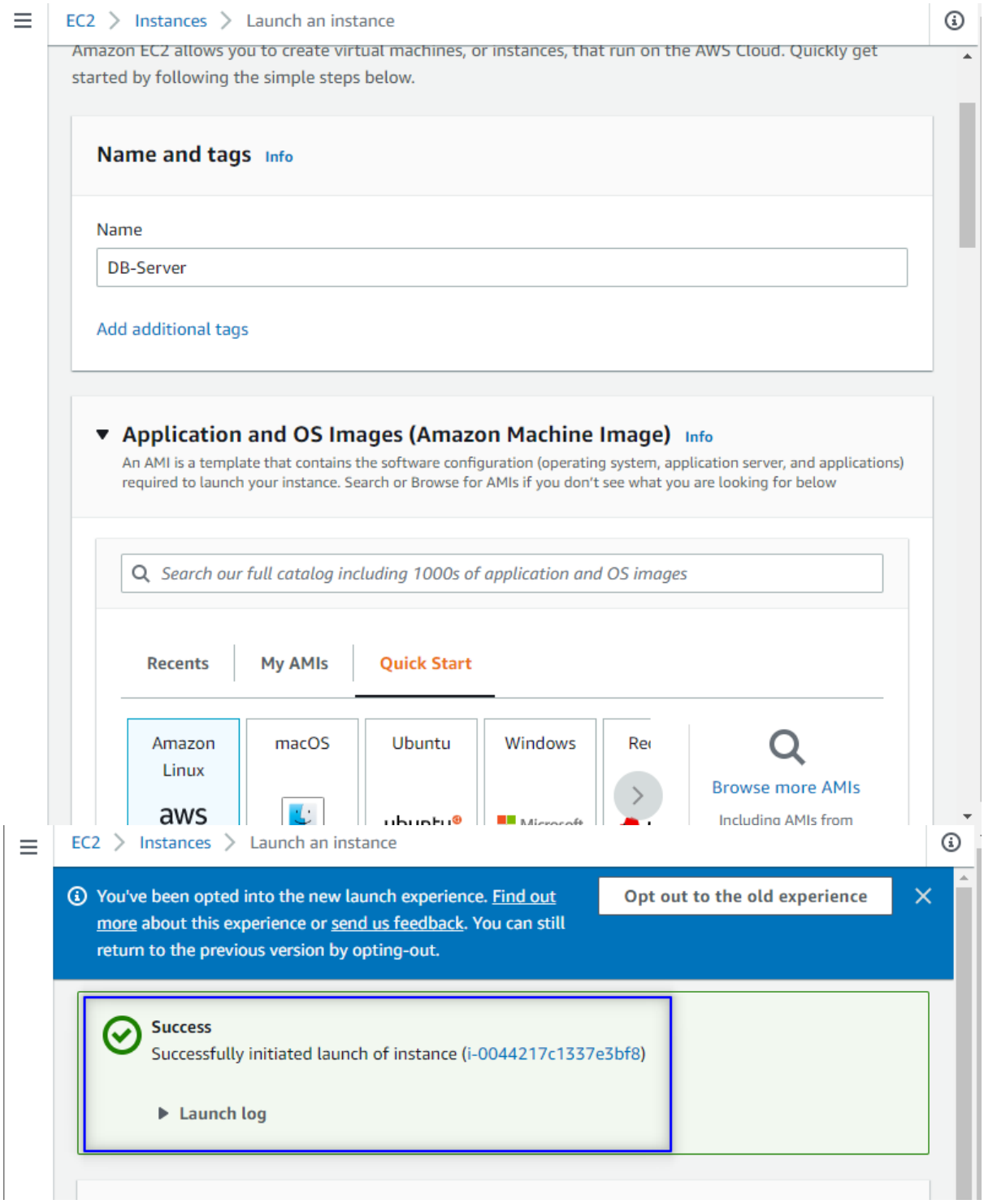
Completed Table

Phase 2: Create a t2.micro EC2 Instance along with IAM role.

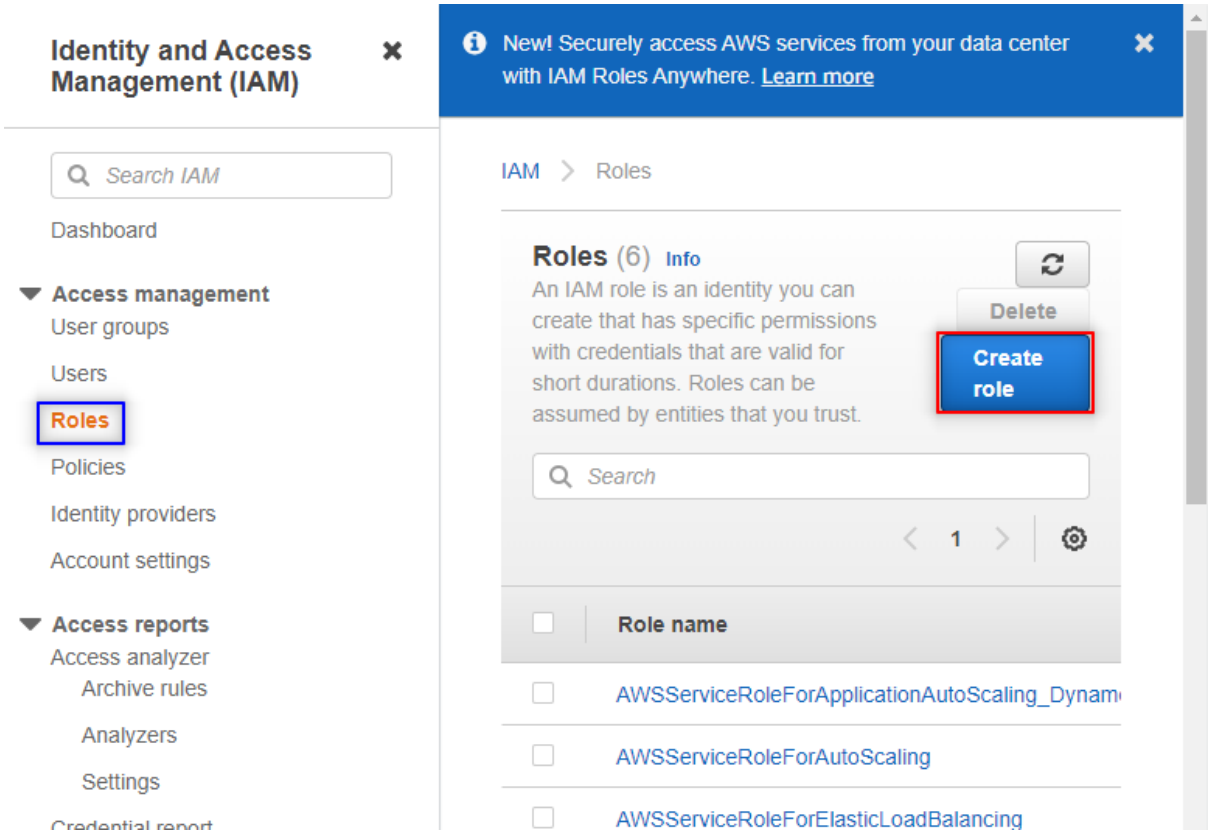
Step 1: In the AWS Management Console head over to the **EC2 Dashboard** and click *Launch Instance*.



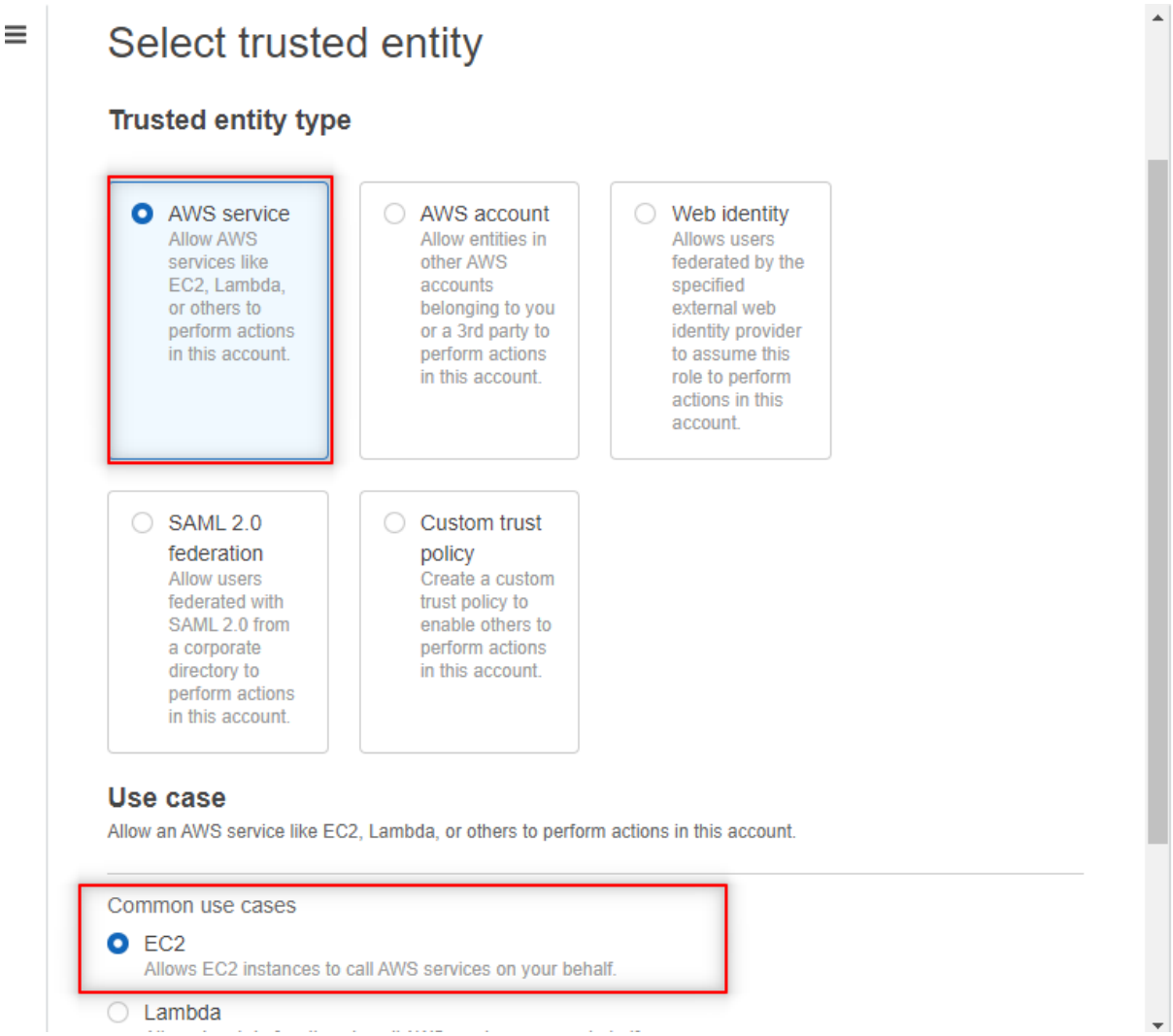
Step 2: Name your server and choose the appropriate configurations. You can reference this article to see how it's done [Installing Apache Web Server on AWS EC2](#).



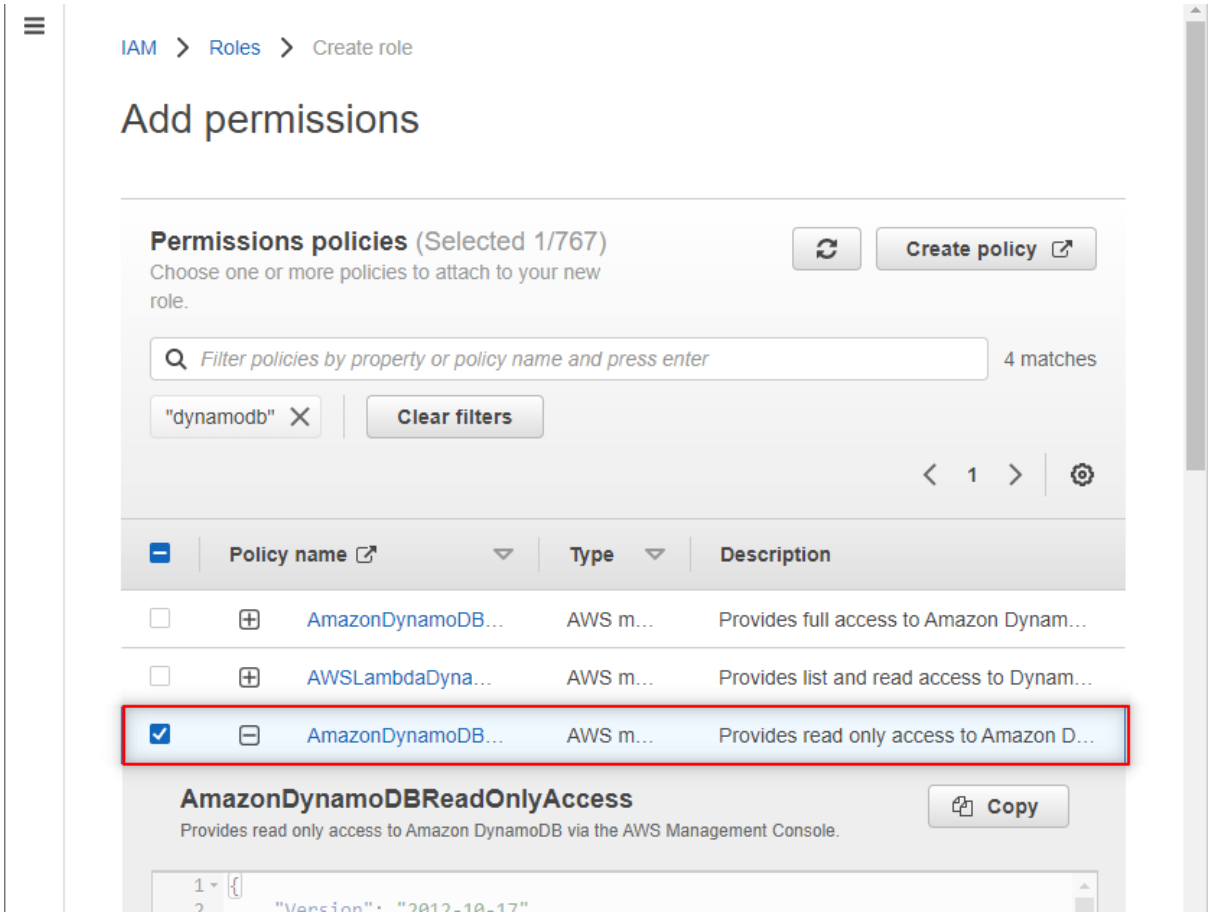
Step 3: Navigate to IAM Dashboard and select *Roles* then click *Create Role*.



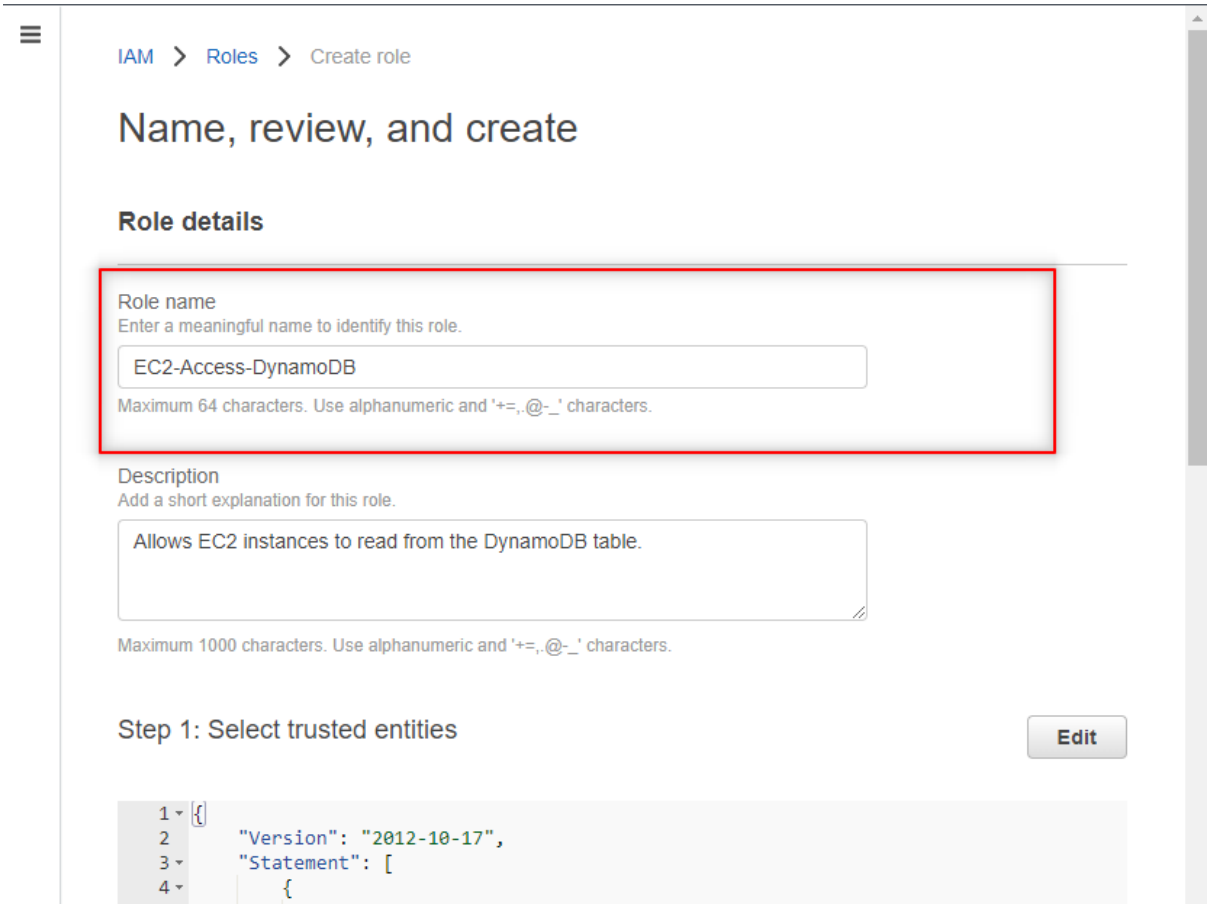
Step 4: Select *AWS service* as the **Trusted entity type** and *EC2* as the **Use Case**.



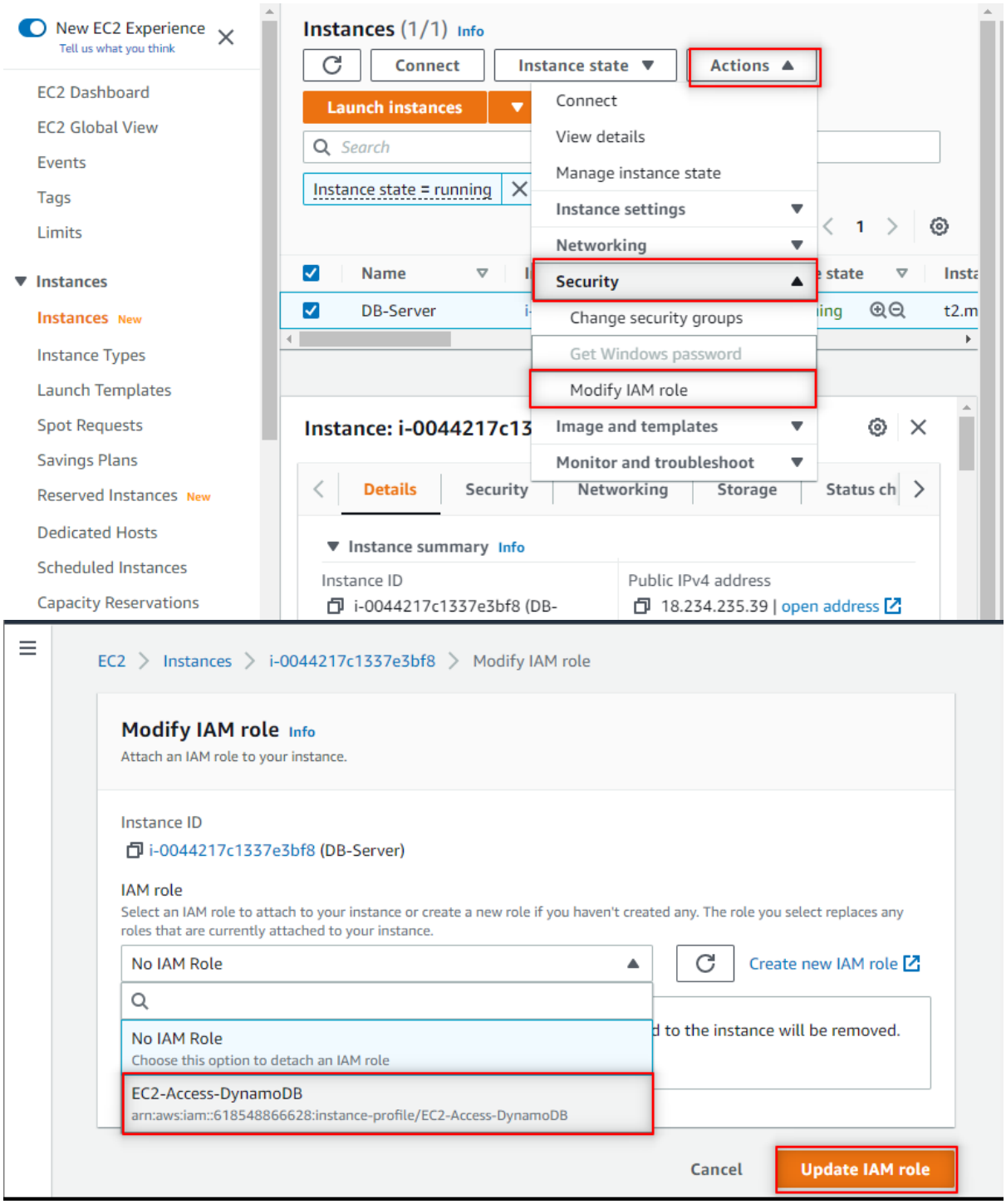
Step 5: Choose the necessary permission for this case (we only need read access to the DynamoDB table from the EC2 Instance). {AmazonDynamoDBReadOnlyAccess}



Step 6: Name the role then click *Create role*.



Step 7: Head back to the EC2 Dashboard and select the newly created instance. Click *Actions* > *Security* > *Modify IAM role*.

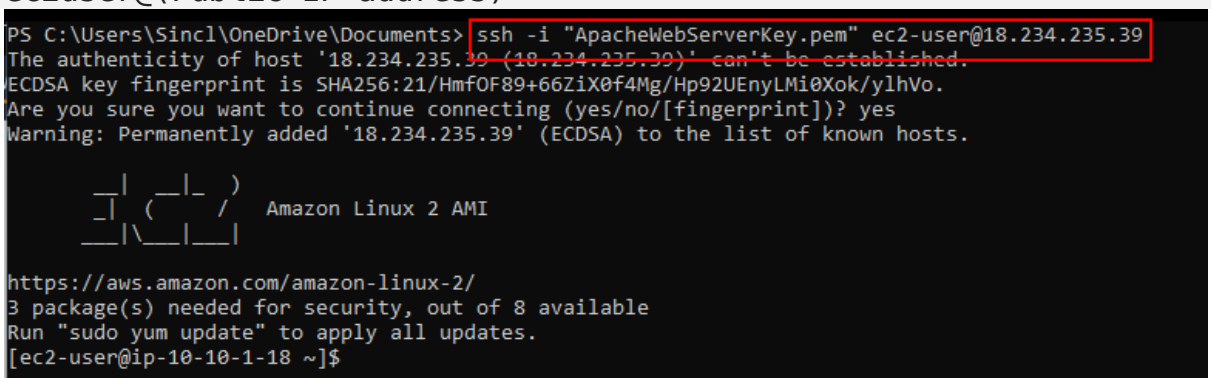


Select the IAM Role

Phase 3: From the CLI scan the table and confirm permissions.

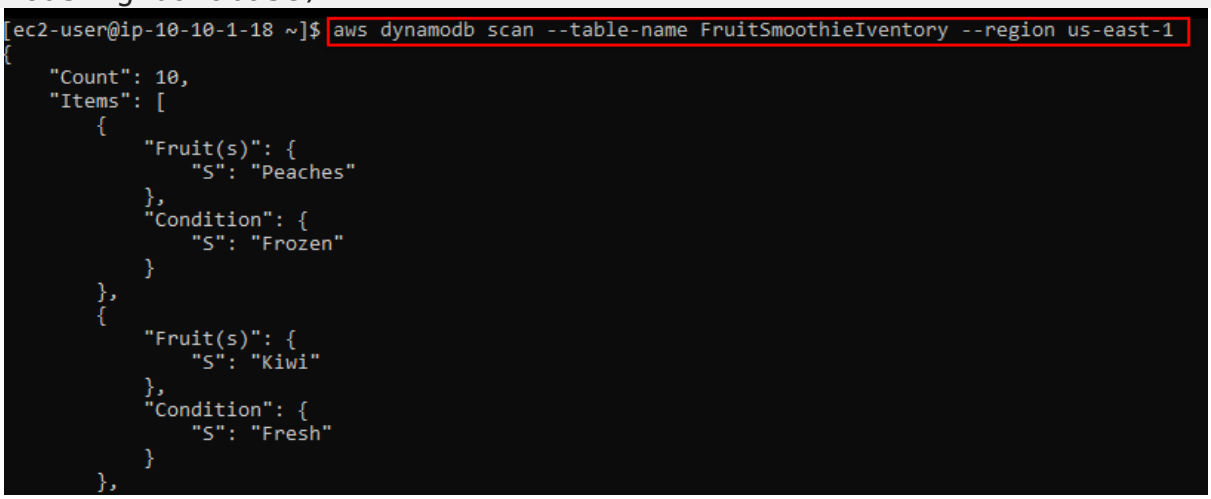
Step 1: With windows Powershell, ssh into the instance from your local machine.

```
cd (Directory containing Key Pair)ssh –i "Key Pair name"
ec2user@(Public IP address)
```



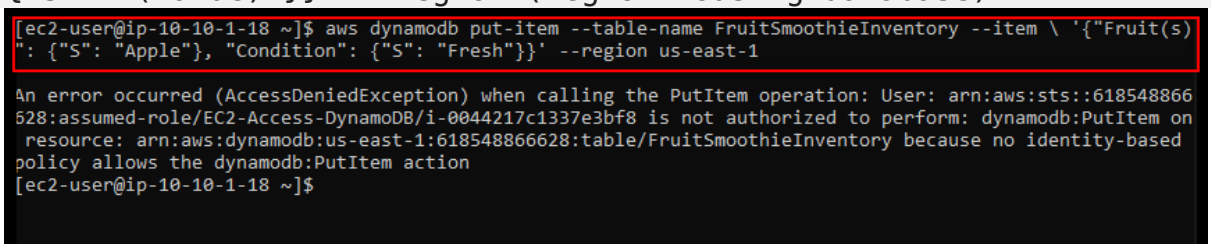
Step 2: Run command to scan the DynamoDB Table we created earlier

```
aws dynamodb scan –-table–name (name of table) –-region (Region
housing database)
```



Final Step: Let's attempt to write an item to the table to validate the IAM Role is operating correctly

```
aws dynamodb put–item –-table–name (Table Name) –-item \
'{"(Partition key name)": {"S": "(Value)"}, "(Sort key name)":
{"S": "(Value)"}}' –-region (Region housing database)
```



Error message

Because we made an ***API call*** to create an item in the table, we received an error message. The IAM Role attached to the EC2 instance has only read permissions associated, so the Instance will fail to do anything but read the database.