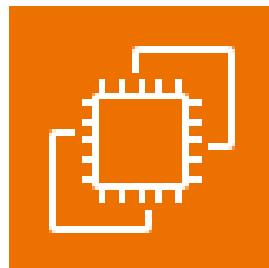


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Objective

An AWS Network Load Balancer (NLB) is a highly scalable and high-performance Layer 4 (TCP/UDP) load balancing service provided by Amazon Web Services (AWS). It is designed to handle millions of requests per second while maintaining ultra-low latencies, making it ideal for applications that require high availability and fault tolerance at the transport layer.

Key Features of AWS Network Load Balancer:

1. **Layer 4 Load Balancing:** NLB operates at the Transport Layer (Layer 4) of the OSI model, meaning it forwards network packets based on IP protocol (TCP, UDP, or TLS), and it can efficiently balance traffic for any application protocol that operates at this layer.
2. **High Availability and Scalability:** NLB automatically scales to handle increasing traffic volumes. It distributes incoming traffic across multiple targets (EC2 instances, containers, IP addresses) within one or more availability zones.
3. **Static IP Support:** NLB provides a single static IP address for each availability zone, which simplifies DNS management. You can also associate an Elastic IP (EIP) with the NLB to maintain a static, publicly reachable IP address.
4. **TLS Termination:** NLB supports TLS termination (encrypted traffic), allowing secure connections from clients to be offloaded at the load balancer. This reduces the burden on backend servers.
5. **Health Checks:** NLB performs health checks on targets to ensure traffic is only forwarded to healthy instances. If a target becomes unhealthy, traffic is redirected to healthy targets.
6. **High Throughput:** Designed to handle millions of requests per second, NLB is optimized for performance and can be used for real-time applications, such as gaming, IoT, and financial applications that require very low latencies.
7. **Connection-based Load Balancing:** NLB uses the client's IP address and port to route traffic, maintaining the source IP, which can be beneficial in some use cases like logging and monitoring.
8. **Cross-Zone Load Balancing:** By default, cross-zone load balancing is enabled, which means traffic is distributed evenly across all available targets in all availability zones. You can disable it if you want to control traffic distribution more finely.



NLB Architecture:

1. **Listeners:** A listener is a process that checks for connection requests. When a request arrives at the NLB, it listens on a specific port (e.g., port 80 for HTTP, port 443 for HTTPS) and forwards the request to an appropriate target group.
2. **Target Groups:** A target group is a set of EC2 instances, containers, or IP addresses that will receive the traffic forwarded by the NLB. You can configure health checks for each target group to monitor the health of your resources.
3. **Target Registration:** Targets (e.g., EC2 instances) need to be registered with the NLB. These targets can be in any available zone in the region, and the NLB will distribute traffic based on their health and availability.

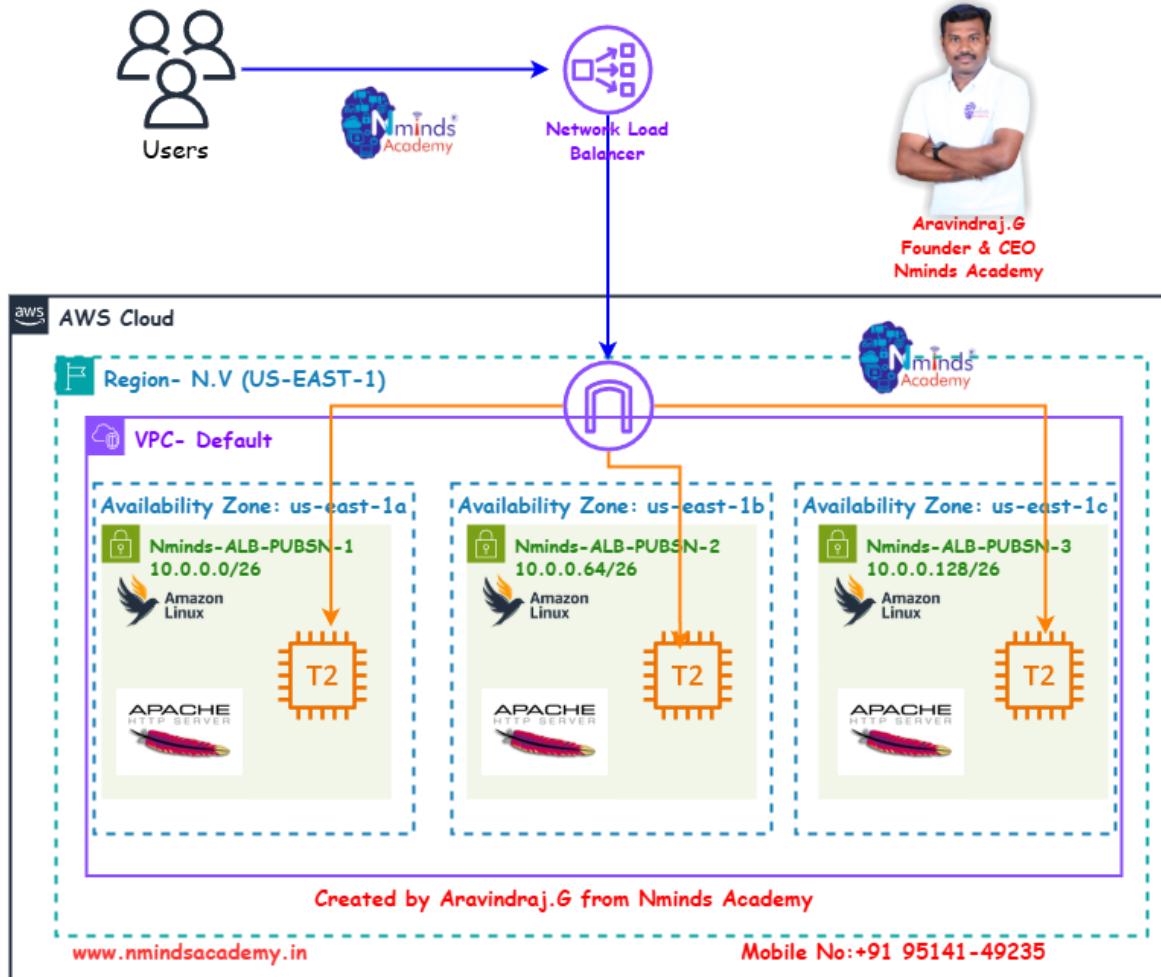
Benefits:

- **Fast performance:** Designed for low latency and high throughput.
- **Highly scalable:** Can handle millions of requests per second.
- **Fault tolerance:** Automatically redirects traffic to healthy targets.
- **Support for IP address-based routing:** Retains the original IP of the client request.



Topology

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Execution Tasks:

Step 1: Create three instances

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instances Launch an instance page. A green success message at the top states: "Success Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-017bcfa58ea92714f)". Below this, a "Launch log" section is collapsed. Under "Next Steps", there are eight cards: "Create billing and free tier usage alerts", "Connect to your instance", "Connect an RDS database", "Create EBS snapshot policy", "Manage detailed monitoring", "Create Load Balancer", "Create AWS budget", and "Manage CloudWatch alarms". Each card has a "Learn more" link and a blue "Create" button.

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instances Launch an instance page. A green success message at the top states: "Success Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-0f673f9532c150eb4)". Below this, a "Launch log" section is collapsed. Under "Next Steps", there are eight cards: "Create billing and free tier usage alerts", "Connect to your instance", "Connect an RDS database", "Create EBS snapshot policy", "Manage detailed monitoring", "Create Load Balancer", "Create AWS budget", and "Manage CloudWatch alarms". Each card has a "Learn more" link and a blue "Create" button.



The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instances Launch an instance page. A green success message at the top states: "Success: Successfully initiated launch of instance i-04a9132f74d9a33f4". Below this, there's a "Launch log" section. Under "Next Steps", there are several cards: "Create billing and free tier usage alerts", "Connect to your instance", "Connect an RDS database", "Create EBS snapshot policy", "Manage detailed monitoring", "Create Load Balancer", "Create AWS budget", and "Manage CloudWatch alarms". At the bottom, there are links for CloudShell and Feedback.

Step 2: Verify Instances

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instances dashboard. On the left, a sidebar lists navigation options like Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Instances (selected), Instance Types, Launch Templates, Spot Requests, Savings Plans, Reserved Instances, Dedicated Hosts, Capacity Reservations, Images, AMIs, AMI Catalog, Elastic Block Store, Volumes, Snapshots, Lifecycle Manager, and Network & Security. The main area displays a table titled "Instances (3/5) Info" with columns: Name, Instance ID, Instance state, Instance type, Status check, Alarm status, Availability Zone, and Public IPv4. Three instances are selected: Web-Server-2, Web-Server-1, and Web-Server-3. Below the table, a section titled "3 instances selected" shows monitoring data for CPU utilization (%), Network in (bytes), Network out (bytes), and Network packets in (c...). There are also buttons for "Configure CloudWatch agent" and "Explore related".

Step 3: Install Apache on Each Instance



```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe + - 129 k
apr x86_64 1.7.5-1.amzn2023.0.4 amazonlinux 98 k
apr-util x86_64 1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 19 k
generic-logos-httplib noarch 18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3 amazonlinux 1.4 M
httpd-core x86_64 2.4.62-1.amzn2023 amazonlinux 14 k
httpd-filesystem x86_64 2.4.62-1.amzn2023 amazonlinux 81 k
httpd-tools x86_64 2.4.62-1.amzn2023 amazonlinux 315 k
libbrotli x86_64 1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 33 k
mailcap noarch 2.1.49-3.amzn2023.0.3 amazonlinux 17 k
Installing weak dependencies:
apr-util-openssl x86_64 1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 166 k
mod_http2 x86_64 2.0.27-1.amzn2023.0.3 amazonlinux 61 k
mod_lua x86_64 2.4.62-1.amzn2023 amazonlinux

Transaction Summary
Install 12 Packages

Total download size: 2.3 M
Installed size: 6.9 M
Downloading Packages:
(1/12): apr-1.7.5-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64.rpm 3.1 MB/s | 129 kB 00:00
(2/12): apr-util-openssl-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64.rpm 362 kB/s | 17 kB 00:00
(3/12): apr-util-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64.rpm 1.6 MB/s | 98 kB 00:00
(4/12): generic-logos-httplib-18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3.noarch.rpm 879 kB/s | 19 kB 00:00
(5/12): httpd-4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm 2.2 MB/s | 48 kB 00:00
(6/12): httpd-filesystem-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm 647 kB/s | 14 kB 00:00
(7/12): httpd-tools-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm 2.7 MB/s | 81 kB 00:00
(8/12): httpd-xmlconfig-4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm 2.7 MB/s | 1 kB 00:00
(9/12): mailcap-2.1.49-3.amzn2023.0.3.noarch.rpm 1.8 kB/s | 33 kB 00:00
(10/12): libbrotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64.rpm 6.0 kB/s | 315 kB 00:00
(11/12): mod_http2-2.0.27-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64.rpm 5.3 kB/s | 166 kB 00:00
(12/12): mod_lua-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm 2.6 kB/s | 61 kB 00:00
Total 11 MB/s | 2.3 MB 00:00

Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded.
Running transaction
Preparing : 1/12
Installing : apr-1.7.5-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64 1/12
Installing : apr-util-openssl-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64 2/12
Installing : apr-util-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64 3/12
Installing : generic-logos-httplib-18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3.noarch 4/12
Installing : httpd-tools-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 5/12
Installing : libbrotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 6/12
Running scriptlet: httpd-filesystem-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.noarch 7/12
Installing : httpd-filesystem-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.noarch 7/12
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```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~ + - v
C:\Users\donpr\Downloads>ssh -i "load-key-pair.pem" ec2-user@3.85.56.228
  _#
 /_###_ Amazon Linux 2023
  \###\
   \###
    \#/  https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023
     \v-->
      \
      \
      \m/
Last login: Thu Apr 17 13:49:19 2025 from 42.104.211.110
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ sudo yum update -y
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
sudo systemctl enable httpd
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 0:30:09 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
=====
WARNING: A newer release of "Amazon Linux" is available.

Available Versions:
Version 2023.7.20250414:
Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.7.20250414:
dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414

Release notes:
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:30:10 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 30min ago
     Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
   Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
   Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0; Bytes served/sec: 0 B/sec"
      Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
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ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~ + - v
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
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Release notes:
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=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:30:10 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 30min ago
     Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
   Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
   Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0; Bytes served/sec: 0 B/sec"
      Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
      Memory: 13.0M
        CPU: 1.00%
       CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
               ├─4160 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
               ├─4246 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
               ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
               ├─4254 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
               └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$
```



```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~ + - 
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ ssh -i "Load-key-pair.pem" ec2-user@87.193.154
Warning: Identity file Load-key-pair.pem not accessible: No such file or directory.
The authenticity of host '3.87.193.154' (3.87.193.154) can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:RtWuyzFZLsy1DMXUfkuMkjtwb1j9c5C++LQPLp0A.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '3.87.193.154' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
[ec2-user@87.193.154: Permission denied (publickey,gssapi-keyex,gssapi-with-mic).
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ sudo yum update -
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
sudo systemctl enable httpd
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 0:31:43 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
=====
WARNING:
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Available Versions:
Version 2023.7.20250414:
Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.7.20250414:
dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414
Release notes:
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:31:44 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 31min ago
     Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
 Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
    Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0; Bytes served/sec: 0 B/sec"
      Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
     Memory: 13.0M
        CPU: 1.099s
       CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
```

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~ + - 
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
sudo systemctl enable httpd
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 0:31:43 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
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Release notes:
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=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:31:44 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
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   Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 31min ago
     Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
 Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
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      Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
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        CPU: 1.099s
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              ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              ├─4254 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$
```



```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~] + - x
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal sshd[160]: listening on port 22
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ ssh -l "load-key-pair.pem" ec2-user@44.285.246.194
Warning: Identity file load-key-pair.pem not accessible: No such file or directory.
The authenticity of host '44.285.246.194 (44.285.246.194)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:UvJLgkqMMyQzCFe+tedKrdslsX3X983uqV.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '44.285.246.194' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ Permission denied (publickey,gssapi-keyex,gssapi-with-mic).
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ sudo yum update
[sudo] password for ec2-user:
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
sudo systemctl enable httpd
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
=====
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Available Versions:
Version 2023.7.20250414:
Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.7.20250414:
dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414
Release notes:
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====
Dependencies resolved:
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved:
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 32min ago
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
   Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
      Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
     Memory: 13.8M
        CPU: 0.177s
       CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
           ├─4160 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
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           ├─4254 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
           └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~] + - x
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
sudo systemctl enable httpd
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
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dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414
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https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====
Dependencies resolved:
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
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Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 32min ago
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
   Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
      Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
     Memory: 13.8M
        CPU: 0.177s
       CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
           ├─4160 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
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           ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
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           └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 1</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ |
```

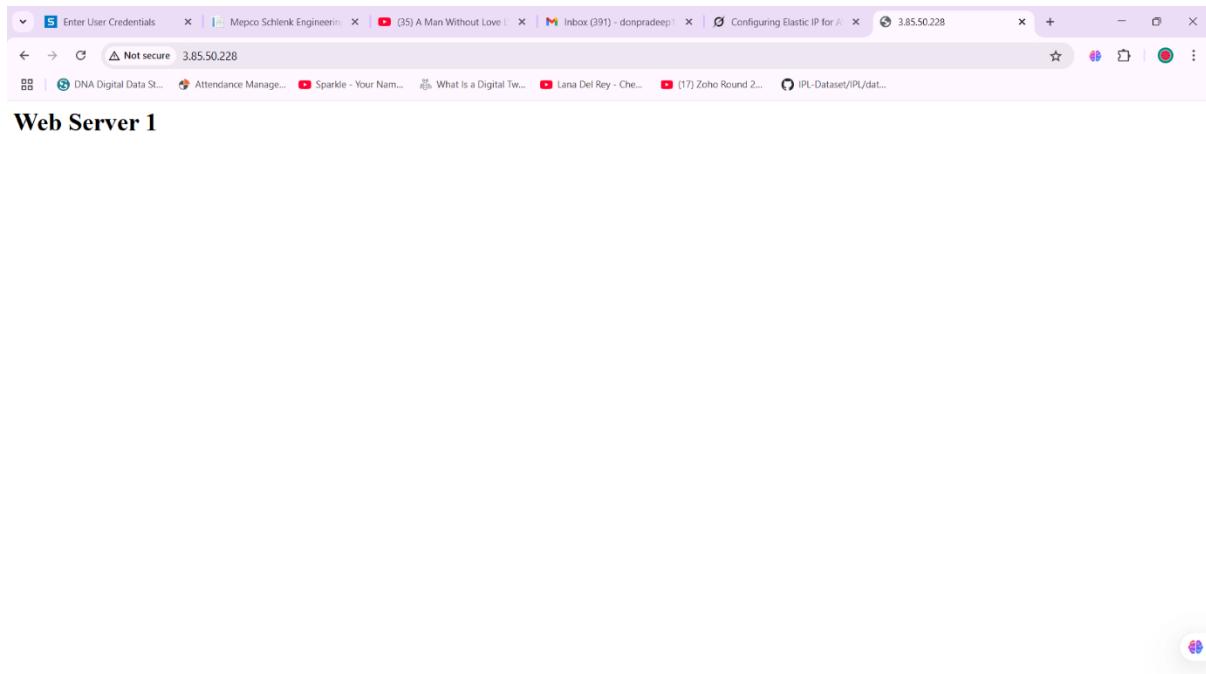


Step 4 :Test Apache

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~ + 
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl start httpd
sudo systemctl enable httpd
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
=====
WARNING:
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Available Versions:
Version 2023.7.20250414:
Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.7.20250414:
dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414
Release notes:
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 32min ago
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
      Main PID: 4168 (httpd)
        Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
      Memory: 13.7M
         CPU: 1.37s
      CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
              ├─4168 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              ├─4246 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
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              └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4168]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 1</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$
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ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213:~ % + -
systemctl status httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 8:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
=====
WARNING:
  A newer release of "Amazon Linux" is available.

Available Versions:
  Version 2023.7.20250414;
    Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.7.20250414:
      dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414

  Release notes:
    https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====

Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 8:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
  Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 32min ago
    Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
      Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0; Bytes served/sec: 0 B/sec"
        Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
       Memory: 13.0M
          CPU: 1.137s
         CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
                 ├─4160 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                 ├─4246 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                 ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                 ├─4254 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                 └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 1</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 2</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 3</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 3</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ 

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Web Server 2



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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213: ~] + - 
Version 2023.7.20250414:
Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.7.20250414:
dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.7.20250414

Release notes:
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html

=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
Package httpd-2.4.62-1.amzn2023.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 32min ago
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
   Main PID: 4160 /usr/sbin/httpd
      Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0; Bytes served/sec: 0 B/sec"
         Tasks: 177 (limit: 1111)
        Memory: 1.137s
        CPU: 1.137s
      CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
              ├─4160 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              ├─4161 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              ├─4254 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
              └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 1</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 2</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 3</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 3</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 2</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 2</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$
```



Web Server 1

Step 5: Repeat for Web-Server-2 and Web-Server-3:



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ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213: ~ + - 
Release notes:
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.7.20250414.html
=====
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:32:52 ago on Thu Apr 17 13:49:42 2025.
http://ip-172-31-83-213.x86_64 already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded /usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-04-17 13:49:46 UTC; 32min ago
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
      Main PID: 4160 (httpd)
        Status: "Total requests: 0; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0; Bytes served/sec: 0 B/sec"
         Tasks: 1/7 (limit: 1111)
        Memory: 13.8M
          CPU: 1.13%ts
        CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
            └─4160 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                ├─4246 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                ├─4253 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                ├─4254 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
                └─4255 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Apr 17 13:49:46 ip-172-31-83-213.ec2.internal httpd[4160]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 1</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 2</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 3</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 3</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 2</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 2</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ echo "<h1>Web Server 1</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ curl http://localhost
<h1>Web Server 1</h1>
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-213 ~]$ 

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Step 6: Configure Network Load Balancer

Create Network Load Balancer

The Network Load Balancer distributes incoming TCP and UDP traffic across multiple targets such as Amazon EC2 instances, microservices, and containers. When the load balancer receives a connection request, it selects a target based on the protocol and port that are specified in the listener configuration, and the routing rule specified as the default action.

Network Load Balancer now supports UDP for Dualstack
Set your IP address type as dualstack and enable prefix for IPv6 source NAT. Then configure UDP-based listeners to route to IPv6 targets.

How Network Load Balancers work

Basic configuration

Load balancer name
Name must be unique within your AWS account and can't be changed after the load balancer is created.

Scheme
Scheme can't be changed after the load balancer is created.

Internet-facing

- Serves internet-facing traffic.
- Has public IP addresses.
- DNS name resolves to public IPs.
- Requires a public subnet.

Internal

- Serves internal traffic.
- Has private IP addresses.
- DNS name resolves to private IPs.

Load balancer IP address type [Info](#)
Select the front-end IP address type to assign to the load balancer. The VPC and subnets mapped to this load balancer must include the selected IP address types.

IPv4



Screenshot of the AWS EC2 Create Network Load Balancer wizard. Step 1: Set up your load balancer. The VPC dropdown shows 'vpc-04869f3ce79a982fc' with CIDR '172.31.0.0/16'. Under 'Availability Zones and subnets', 'us-east-1a (use1-az1)' is selected. Subnet 'subnet-0f3bb8dccc250c54af' (CIDR 172.31.0.0/20) is chosen. Under 'IPv4 address', 'Assigned by AWS' is selected. Other options like 'us-east-1b (use1-az2)', 'us-east-1c (use1-az4)', and 'us-east-1d (use1-az6)' are shown but not selected.

Screenshot of the AWS EC2 Create target group wizard. Step 1: Register targets. It shows three instances registered: 'Web-Server-3', 'Web-Server-2', and 'Web-Server-1', all in 'Running' state under 'Security groups' 'launch-wizard-4', 'launch-wizard-3', and 'launch-wizard-2' respectively, located in 'us-east-1b'. A port range '80-65535' is specified for traffic routing. An 'Include as pending below' button is present.



The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Target Groups - Web-Targets page. A green success message at the top states: "Successfully created the target group: Web-Targets. Anomaly detection is automatically applied to all registered targets. Results can be viewed in the Targets tab." The left sidebar shows navigation options like Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Instances, Images, Elastic Block Store, and Network & Security. The main content area displays the "Web-Targets" configuration. Under "Details", it shows the ARN: arn:aws:elasticloadbalancing:us-east-1:120742835816:targetgroup/Web-Targets/2a5464603884d5e8, Target type: Instance, Protocol: Port: HTTP: 80, Protocol version: HTTP1, and VPC: vpc-04869f3ce79a982fc. Below this, tabs for Targets, Monitoring, Health checks, Attributes, and Tags are present. The "Targets" tab shows a table for "Registered targets (0)" with columns for Instance ID, Name, Port, Zone, Health status, Health status details, Administ..., and Overall. A note says: "Target groups route requests to individual registered targets using the protocol and port number specified. Health checks are performed on all registered targets according to the target group's health check settings. Anomaly detection is automatically applied to HTTP/HTTPS target groups with at least 3 healthy targets." Buttons for Deregister and Register targets are available.

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Target Groups - Web-NLB page. A green success message at the top states: "Successfully created the target group: Web-NLB." The left sidebar shows navigation options like Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Instances, Images, Elastic Block Store, and Network & Security. The main content area displays the "Web-NLB" configuration. Under "Details", it shows the ARN: arn:aws:elasticloadbalancing:us-east-1:120742835816:targetgroup/Web-NLB/d2e57645e17231d8, Target type: Instance, Protocol: Port: TCP: 80, VPC: vpc-04869f3ce79a982fc, and IP address type: IPv4. Below this, a table shows metrics for Total targets (0), Healthy (0), Unhealthy (0), Unused (0), Initial (0), and Draining (0). Below the table, tabs for Targets, Monitoring, Health checks, Attributes, and Tags are present. The "Targets" tab shows a table for "Registered targets (0)" with columns for Instance ID, Name, Port, Zone, Health s..., Health stat..., Administ..., Overrid..., and Launch A note says: "No registered targets." Buttons for Deregister and Register targets are available.



The screenshot shows the AWS Cloud Console interface for creating a Network Load Balancer (NLB). The main title is "Web-NLB". Key details shown include:

- Load balancer type:** Network
- Status:** Provisioning
- VPC:** vpc-04869f5ce79a982fc
- Hosted zone:** Z26RNL4JYFTOTI
- Availability Zones:** subnet-043ee758b31cad02 (us-east-1b), subnet-0f3b8dcc250c544f (us-east-1a)
- Load balancer ARN:** arn:aws:elasticloadbalancing:us-east-1:120742835816:loadbalancer/net/Web-NLB/94f6729844900316
- DNS name:** Web-NLB-94f6729844900316.elb.us-east-1.amazonaws.com (A Record)

The "Listeners" tab is selected, showing one listener configured for port 80.

