

# Homework #1 Web Application

Serverless Seekers

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This document provides a comprehensive guide on setting up, deploying, and cleaning up an AWS-based web application that utilizes AWS Directory Service for authentication and role-based access control. The application was deployed using AWS Elastic Beanstalk and integrated with AWS AD for secure authentication and authorization.

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## Setup Details

### 1. AWS Directory Service Setup

- Signed up for AWS Directory Service Free Trial.
- Created an AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance in a specified VPC.
- Configured users and groups to manage role-based access.
- Enabled security groups to allow LDAP/LDAPS traffic.

### 2. Elastic Beanstalk Deployment

- Created an Elastic Beanstalk application for hosting the web app.
  - Configured the environment to use a custom VPC and subnets.
  - Set environment variables for LDAP authentication.
  - Ensured security group settings allowed communication with AWS Directory Service.
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## Implementation

### 1. Authentication Setup (LDAP)

Code Snippet:

```
const LDAP_OPTIONS = {  
  server: {  
    url: process.env.LDAP_URL || 'ldap://your-directory.example.com:389',  
  },  
};
```

```

bindDN: process.env.LDAP_BIND_DN ||  

'CN=readonly,OU=Users,DC=example,DC=com',  

bindCredentials: process.env.LDAP_BIND_PASSWORD || 'password',  

searchBase: 'OU=Users,DC=example,DC=com',  

searchFilter: '(sAMAccountName={{username}})'  

}  

};  


```

## 2. Role-Based Access Control

### Middleware to Check User Roles:

```

function checkRole(requiredGroup) {  

return (req, res, next) => {  

const groups = Array.isArray(req.user.memberOf) ? req.user.memberOf :  

[req.user.memberOf];  

const hasRole = groups.some(group => group.includes(requiredGroup));  

hasRole ? next() : res.status(403).send('Access Denied');  

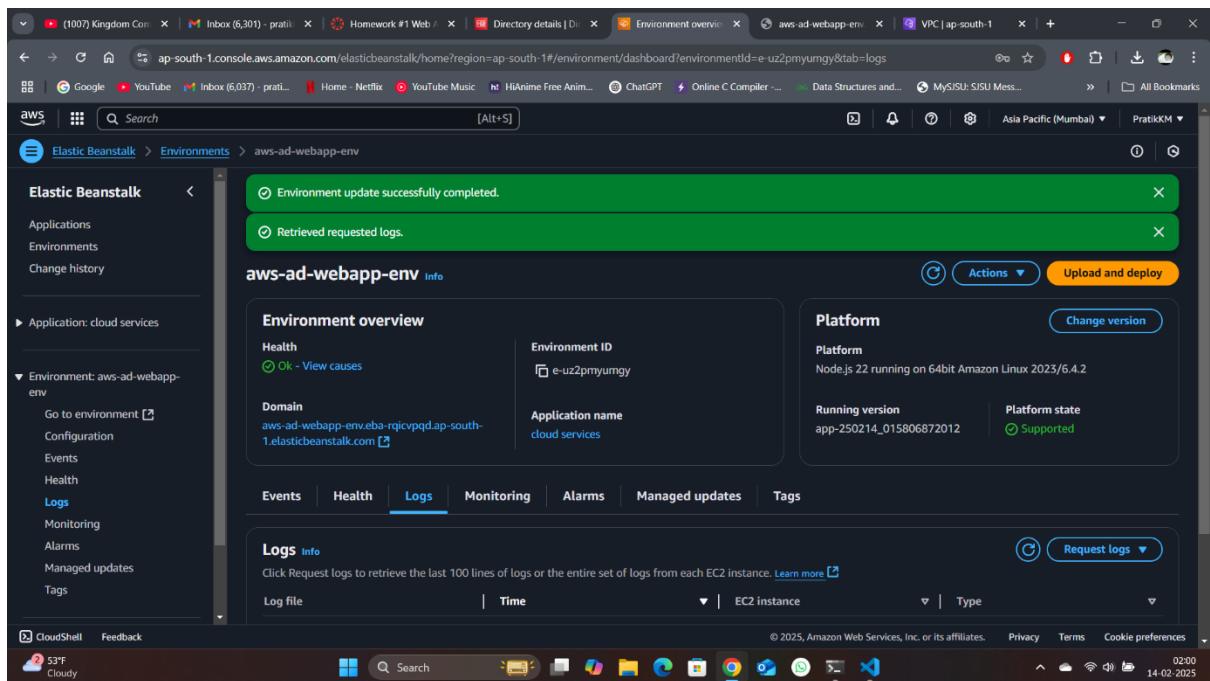
  

};  

}

```

## 3. Screenshots



Screenshot of the AWS Elastic Beanstalk Configuration page for the 'aws-ad-webapp-env' environment. The 'Capacity' section is selected.

**Auto scaling group**

**Environment type**: Load balanced

**Instances**: Min: 1, Max: 4

**Fleet composition**: On-Demand instances

**Spot allocation strategy - new**: Capacity optimized

**Metric**: NetworkOut

**Statistic**: Average

**Unit**: Bytes

**Period**: 5 Min

**Breach duration**: 5 Min

**Upper threshold**: 6000000

**Scale up increment**: 1 EC2 instances

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The screenshot shows the AWS Elastic Beanstalk Configuration page for an environment named 'aws-ad-webapp-env'. The 'Instance traffic scaling' tab is selected. The configuration includes:

- Min**: 5
- Breach duration**: The amount of time a metric can exceed a threshold before triggering a scaling operation. Value: 5 Min.
- Upper threshold**: 6000000
- Scale up increment**: 1 EC2 instances
- Lower threshold**: 2000000 capacity
- Scale down increment**: -1 EC2 instances

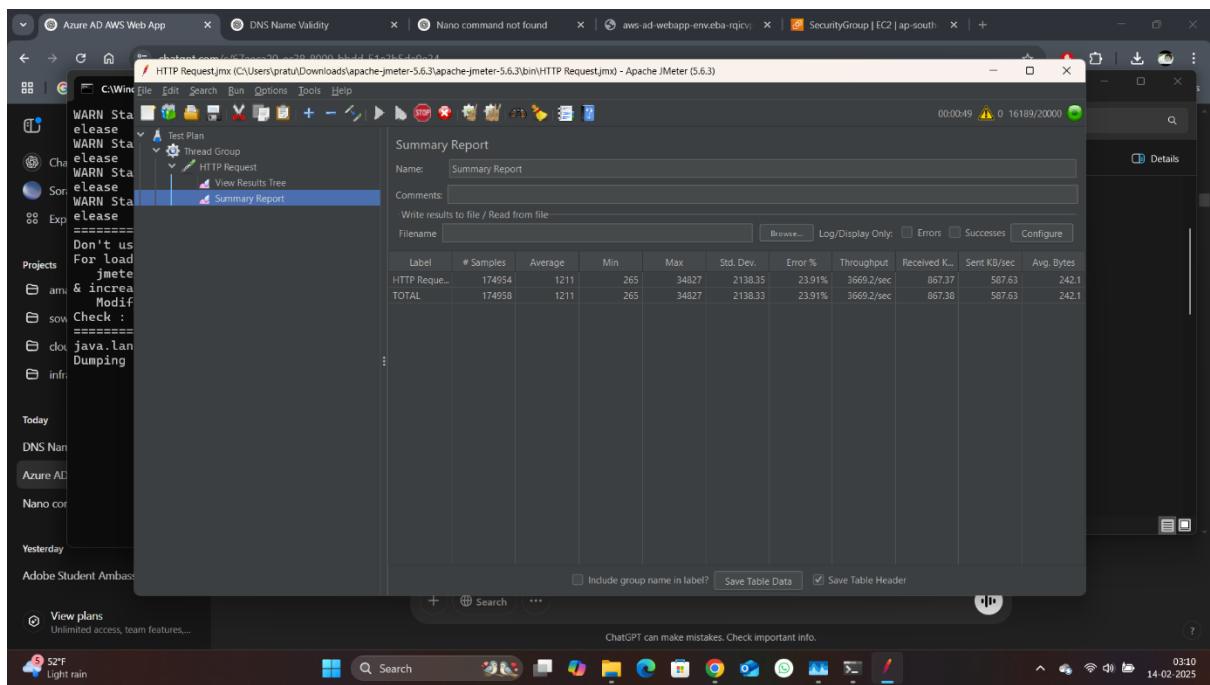
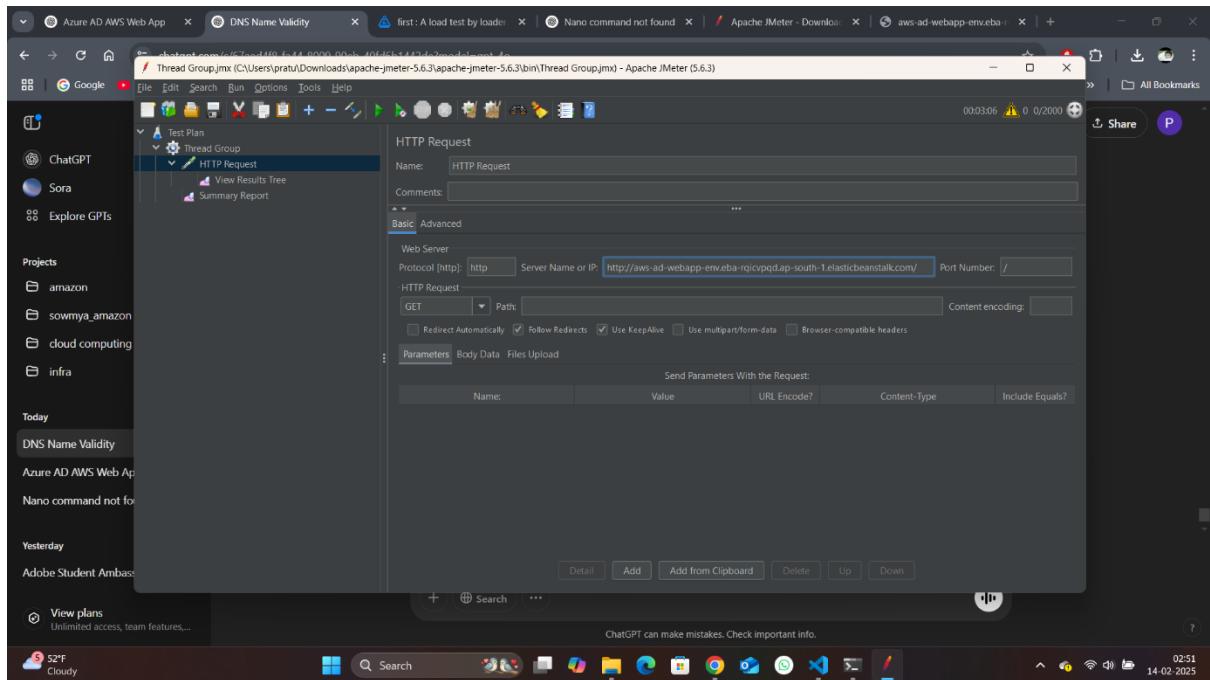
**Time-based scaling**  
Use the following settings to control time-based scaling actions.

**Current status**  
1 Instance(s) in service, Min: 1, Max: 4

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The screenshot shows the AWS Elastic Beanstalk Environment overview page for the 'aws-ad-webapp-env' environment. The URL in the address bar is 'aws-ad-webapp-env.eba-rqicvpqd.ap-south-1.elasticbeanstalk.com'. The page displays the message "Hello World!".

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Screenshot of the AWS CloudWatch Activity history for an Auto Scaling group.

**EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > awseb-e-uz2pmymg-stack-AWSEBAutoScalingGroup-yLvafrtCx31B**

**Activity history (2)**

Status	Description	Cause	Start time
Successful	Launching a new EC2 instance: i-Oba558d225b0e65e0	At 2025-02-14T11:04:28Z a monitor alarm awseb-e-uz2pmymg-stack-AWSEBCloudwatchAlarmHigh-JOHileNyDWN in state ALARM triggered policy awseb-e-uz2pmymg-stack-AWSEBAutoScalingScaleUpPolicy-UygaZa114R8 changing the desired capacity from 1 to 2. At 2025-02-14T11:04:37Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 1 to 2.	2025 February 14, 03:04:39 AM -08:00
Successful	Launching a new EC2 instance: i-0dc57ef9b5d886e17	At 2025-02-14T07:59:44Z a user request update of AutoScalingGroup constraints to min: 1, max: 4, desired: 1 changing the desired capacity from 0 to 1. At 2025-02-14T07:59:55Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 0 to 1.	2025 February 13, 11:59:57 PM -08:00

**CloudShell Feedback**

Screenshot of the AWS VPC dashboard showing two VPCs.

**VPC dashboard**

**Your VPCs (1/2) info**

Name	VPC ID	State	Block Public...	IPv4 CIDR	IPv6 CIDR
-	vpc-0ab45e582b522cc57	Available	Off	172.31.0.0/16	-
project-vpc	vpc-0ee79a799526ad4eb	Available	Off	10.0.0.0/16	-

**vpc-0ab45e582b522cc57**

**Details**

VPC ID: vpc-0ab45e582b522cc57	State: Available	Block Public Access: Off	DNS hostnames: Enabled
DNS resolution: Enabled	Tenancy: default	DHCP option set: dopt-0a37f1976rf0348rc	Main route table: rtb-092f317vf700725R7

Screenshot of the AWS VPC console showing the details of a VPC named 'vpc-0ee79a799526ad4eb'. The VPC is in an 'Available' state and has a main route table 'rtb-01d46d3da5fa139a0'. It includes four subnets, four route tables, and four network ACLs.

**VPC Details:**

Setting	Value
VPC ID	vpc-0ee79a799526ad4eb
State	Available
Tenancy	default
Main network ACL	acl-0c81fe468b0f2bb4e
IPv6 CIDR (Network border group)	-
Block Public Access	Off
DHCP option set	dopt-0a32f1976cf0348ce
IPv4 CIDR	10.0.0.16
Network Address Usage metrics	Disabled
Route 53 Resolver DNS Firewall rule groups	-
DNS hostnames	Enabled
Main route table	rtb-01d46d3da5fa139a0
IPv6 pool	-
Owner ID	783764597369

**Resource Map:** Shows the VPC, Subnets (4), Route tables (4), and Network ACLs (4).

Screenshot of the AWS EC2 Instances page. It shows four terminated instances: 'aws-ad-webapp...', 'aws-ad-webapp...', 'test', and 'aws-ad-webapp...'. The 'Instances' section is selected in the sidebar.

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IP
aws-ad-webapp...	i-0dc57ef9b5d886e17	Terminated	t3.micro	-	View alarms +	ap-south-1c	-
aws-ad-webapp...	i-09fe34e7c437bebc8	Terminated	t3.micro	-	View alarms +	ap-south-1c	-
test	i-02ff1519ebc9cf822	Stopped	t2.micro	-	View alarms +	ap-south-1b	-
aws-ad-webapp...	i-0ba58d225b0e65e0	Terminated	t3.micro	-	View alarms +	ap-south-1b	-

The screenshot shows the AWS Directory Service console with the URL <https://ap-south-1.console.aws.amazon.com/directoryservicev2/home?region=ap-south-1&tab=users#/directories/d-9f677909ff?tab=groups>. The page displays the 'Directory details' for the Microsoft AD directory 'd-9f677909ff'. Key information includes:

Setting	Value
Directory type	Microsoft AD
Edition	Standard
Operating system version	Windows Server 2019
Directory DNS name	serverlesseekers123.com
Directory NetBIOS name	serverlesseeker
Directory ID	d-9f677909ff
Description	-
User and group management	Enabled

Below the details, there are tabs for 'Users', 'Groups', 'Networking & security', 'Scale & share', 'Application management', and 'Maintenance'. The 'Users' tab is selected, showing a list of 5 users, including 'Administrator'. The status of all users is 'Enabled'.

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Directory ID	Directory name	Type	Size	Multi-Region	Status	Launch date
d-9f677909ff	serverlesseekers123.com	Microsoft AD	Standard	Not applicable	Active	Feb 13, 2025

Below the table, there are buttons for 'Actions' and 'Set up directory'. The navigation bar at the top shows the path 'Directory Service > Directories'.

Homework #1 Web Application | Directory details | Directory Service | Environments | Elastic Beanstalk | Instances | EC2 | ap-south-1

ap-south-1.console.aws.amazon.com/directoryservicev2/home?region=ap-south-1#/directories/d-9f677909ff

aws Search [Alt+S]

Directory Service > Directories > d-9f677909ff

Actions

**Directory details**

Directory type Microsoft AD	Directory DNS name serverlesseekers123.com	Directory ID d-9f677909ff
Edition Standard	Directory NetBIOS name serverlesseeker	Description - Edit -
Operating system version Windows Server 2019	Directory administration EC2 instance(s) -	User and group management - Disable Enabled

Users Groups Networking & security Scale & share Application management Maintenance

**Users (0) Info**

Viewing a list of accounts that users can sign in to, so they can access their assigned applications.

Find users User logon name First name Last name Status

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The screenshot shows the AWS Directory Service console. A navigation bar at the top includes links for Homework #1 Web Application, Directory details, Environments, Elastic Beanstalk, Instances, EC2, and ap-south-1. Below the bar, a search field and a bookmark section for Asia Pacific (Mumbai) are visible. The main content area displays the 'Directory details' for directory 'd-9f677909ff'. It lists the directory type as Microsoft AD, the DNS name as 'serverlesseekers123.com', and the ID as 'd-9f677909ff'. The edition is Standard, and the operating system version is Windows Server 2019. Under the 'Users' tab, it shows 0 users. At the bottom, there's a 'Wind advisory' message and standard AWS footer links.

Homework #1 Web Application | Directory Service | ap-south-1 | Environments | Elastic Beanstalk | Instances | EC2 | ap-south-1

ap-south-1.console.aws.amazon.com/directoryservicev2/home?region=ap-south-1&tab=groups#/directories/d-9f677909ff/groups/Admins

aws Search [Alt+S]

Directory Service > Directories > d-9f677909ff > Groups > Admins

Members Parent groups Properties

**Group members (3)**

Viewing a list of users and child groups that belong to this group.

Find group members Member name Member type

Admin User

Administrator User

AWS\_4AGunUBbXmP User

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The screenshot shows the AWS Directory Service console, specifically the 'Groups' section for the 'Admins' group under directory 'd-9f677909ff'. It lists three members: 'Admin', 'Administrator', and 'AWS\_4AGunUBbXmP', all categorized as 'User'. The 'Members' tab is selected. The 'Properties' tab shows the group's distinguished name as 'CN=Admins,OU=AWS Delegated Groups,DC=serverlesseekers123,DC=com' and its group security identifier (SID) as 'S-1-5-21-1517241812-1241655471-1452599685-1114'. The 'Group scope' is set to 'DomainLocal'. The 'Last updated' date is Friday, February 14, 2025. The 'Permissions' section indicates 'AWS Delegated'. The bottom of the screen shows a 'Wind advisory' message and the standard AWS footer.

The screenshot shows the AWS Directory Service Groups page. The URL is <https://ap-south-1.console.aws.amazon.com/directoryservicev2/home/?region=ap-south-1&tab=groups#/directories/d-9f67790ff/groups/Admins>. The page displays the 'Admins' group details under the 'AWS Delegated' tab. The group name is 'Admins', and its display name is also 'Admins'. The description states: 'Legacy Administrators Group: Still used for WorkDocs GorillaBoy/Administrator group, please use AWS Delegated Administrators'. The group type is 'Security', and the scope is 'DomainLocal'. It was last updated on Friday, February 14, 2025. The 'Members' tab is selected, showing three members: 'GorillaBoy', 'Administrator', and 'AWS Delegated Administrators'. There are buttons for 'Remove' and 'Add member'.

The screenshot shows the AWS Elastic Beanstalk Environment overview - events page. The URL is <https://ap-south-1.console.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/home/?region=ap-south-1#/environment/dashboard?environmentId=uz2pmuyumg>. A green notification bar at the top says 'Environment successfully terminated.' The main section is titled 'Events (100)' and lists 100 events. The events table has columns for Time, Type, and Details. The details column shows log entries related to the termination of the environment, such as deleting SNS topics, security groups, and validating EC2 instances. The environment ID is 'uz2pmuyumg'.

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudShell interface with the following details:

- Top Bar:** Shows multiple tabs including "Azure AD AWS Web App", "DNS Name Validity", "Nano command not found", "aws-ad-webapp-env.eba-rqjcv", and "Directories | Directory Service".
- CloudShell Header:** Includes "CloudShell", "Feedback", and a search bar.
- CloudShell Icons:** Shows various icons for file operations like Open, Save, Copy, Paste, etc.
- CloudShell Status Bar:** Displays "03:55", "14-02-2025", and other system information.
- Content Area:** A dark-themed web browser window titled "Directory Service > Directories". It displays a message: "The directory serverlesseekers123.com (d-9f677909ff) is being deleted. No changes can be made to this directory." Below this, a table lists one directory entry:

Actions	Set up directory

Directory ID	Directory name	Type	Size	Multi-Region	Status	Launch date
d-9f677909ff	serverlesseekers123.com	Microsoft AD	Standard	Not applicable	Deleting	Feb 13, 2025

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface with the following details:

- Code Editor:** The active file is "server.js" containing the following Node.js code:

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.use(express.static('public'));
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.send("Hello world!");
});
const port = process.env.PORT || 3000;
app.listen(port, () => {
  console.log(`Server running on port ${port}`);
});
```
- Explorer:** Shows the project structure under "CLOUD SERVICES" including ".elasticbeanstalk", ".platform", "aws-ad-webapp", "node\_modules", "package-lock.json", "package.json", "views", and files like "index.ejs", "login.ejs", "profile.ejs".
- Terminal:** Shows the command "PS C:\Users\pratu\OneDrive\Desktop\cloud\_services>".
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows "Ln 14, Col 1" and "01:47 15-02-2025".

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## Deployment Steps

### 1. Upload Code to Elastic Beanstalk

- Used AWS CLI: eb init and eb deploy commands.

### 2. Verify Application Logs

- Checked application and health logs in AWS Elastic Beanstalk.

### 3. Load Balancer Health Check

- Configured health checks for proper request routing.

### 4. Environment Variables Setup

- Defined LDAP-related credentials and configurations securely.
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## Scalability (Extra Credit)

- Configured AWS Elastic Beanstalk to auto-scale instances based on traffic load.
  - Integrated Amazon CloudWatch for real-time monitoring and alerts.
  - Performed a load test using Loader.io to simulate user traffic.
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## Resource Cleanup

To ensure no unnecessary AWS costs, the following resources were deleted:

### 1. Delete Elastic Beanstalk Environment

```
aws elasticbeanstalk terminate-environment --environment-name aws-ad-webapp-env
```

### 2. Delete Elastic Beanstalk Application

```
aws elasticbeanstalk delete-application --application-name my-app
```

### 3. Delete RDS Database (if created)

```
aws rds delete-db-instance --db-instance-identifier mydatabase --skip-final-snapshot
```

### 4. Delete S3 Buckets

```
aws s3 rb s3://my-bucket-name --force
```

### 5. Delete Security Groups & IAM Roles

```
aws ec2 delete-security-group --group-id sg-12345678
```

```
aws iam delete-role --role-name aws-elasticbeanstalk-ec2-role
```

**6. Delete Load Balancers (if left behind)**

```
aws elb delete-load-balancer --load-balancer-name my-load-balancer
```

**7. Delete VPC (If created for this project)**

```
aws ec2 delete-vpc --vpc-id vpc-12345678
```

**8. Final Billing Check**

- Verified AWS **Billing Dashboard** to ensure all resources were removed.
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**Link to Code Repository**

- <https://github.com/PratikKM2002/Web-Application>