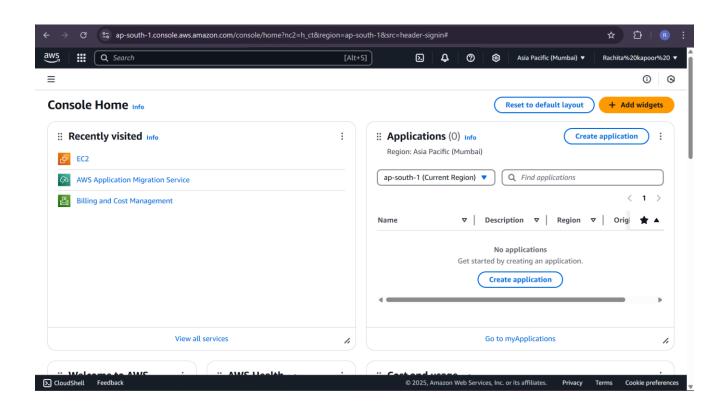
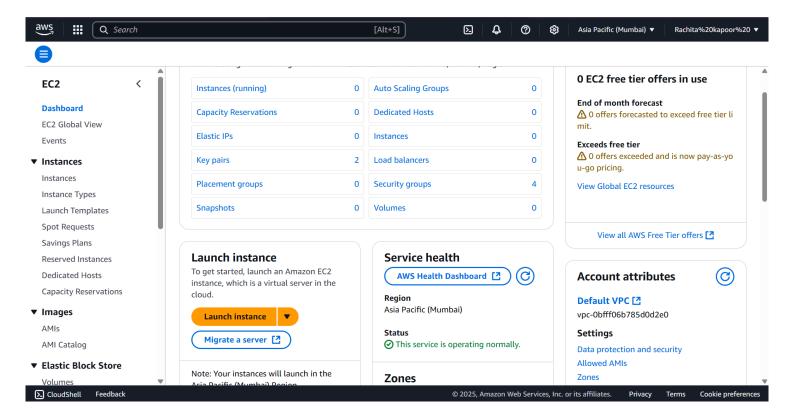
Server Monitoring Dashboard using AWS EC2 & CloudWatch

1. INTRODUCTION

A cloud-based project demonstrating real-time server monitoring using AWS EC2 and CloudWatch. This project involves setting up an EC2 instance, configuring CloudWatch for logs and metrics, and setting alarms for server health monitoring.





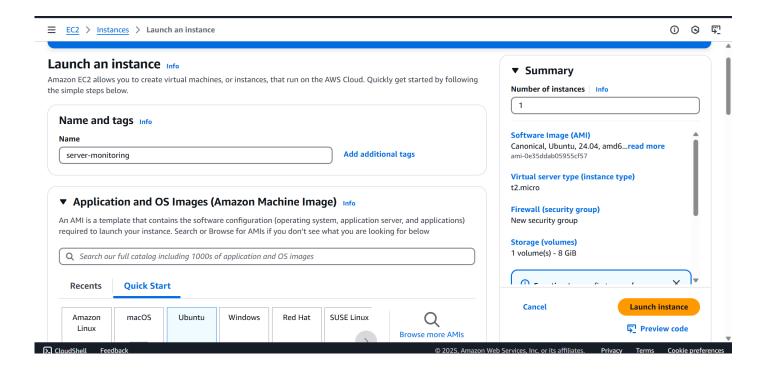
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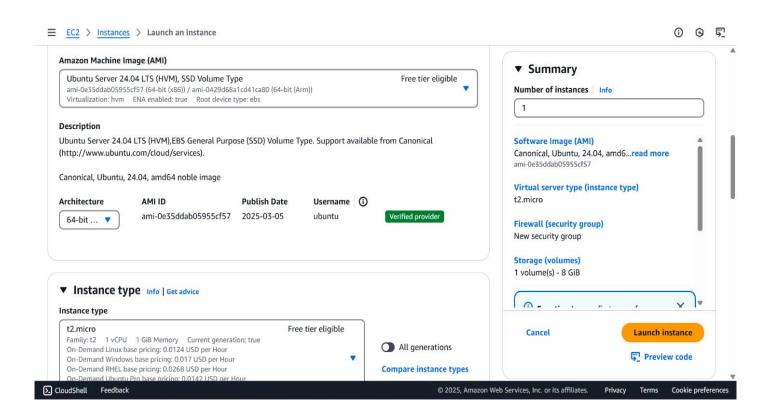
- Deploy an EC2 instance on AWS.
- Connecting EC2 Instance via SSH.
- Configure CloudWatch for real-time monitoring.
- Set up CloudWatch alarms for system health.
- Generate test loads to verify the monitoring setup.

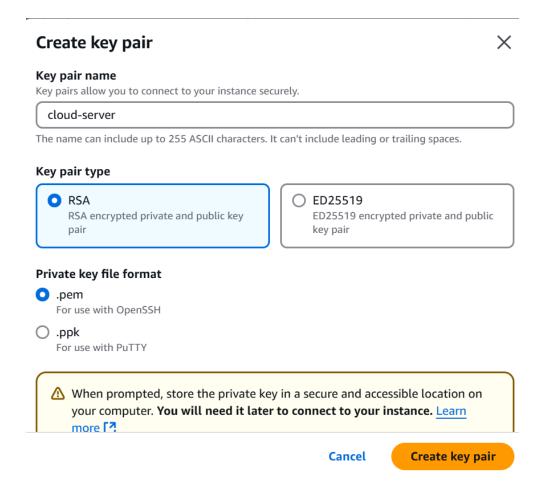
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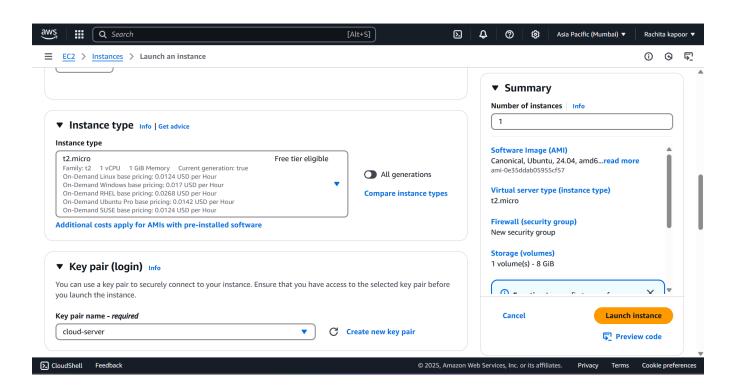
Step 1: Creating an EC2 Instance

Launched an EC2 instance using AWS Free Tier.

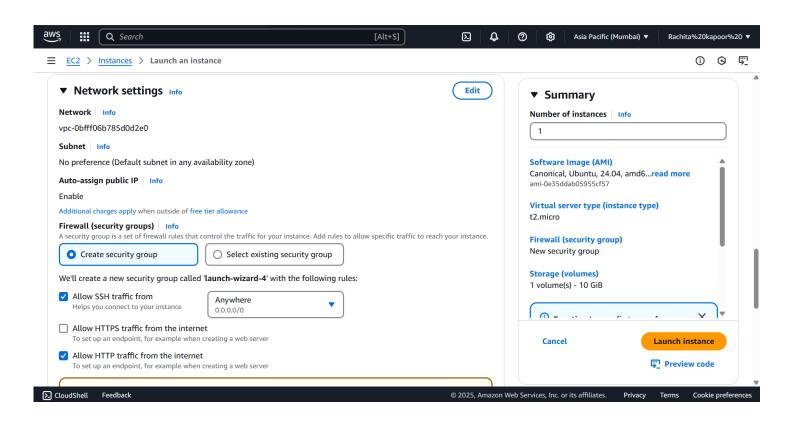


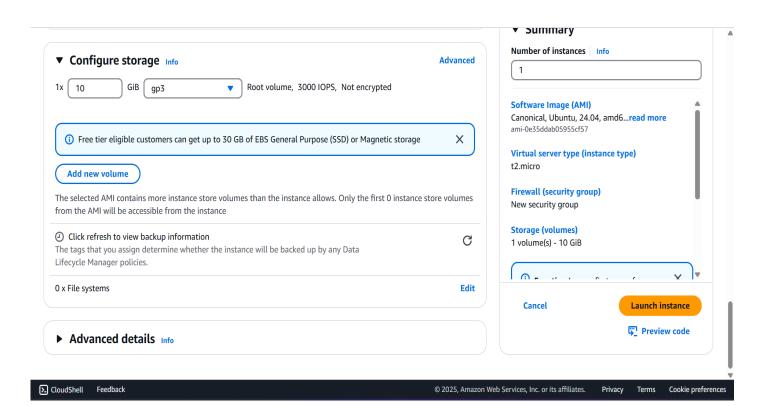


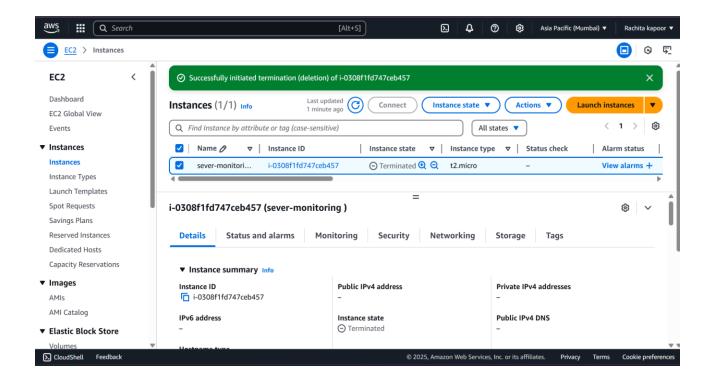




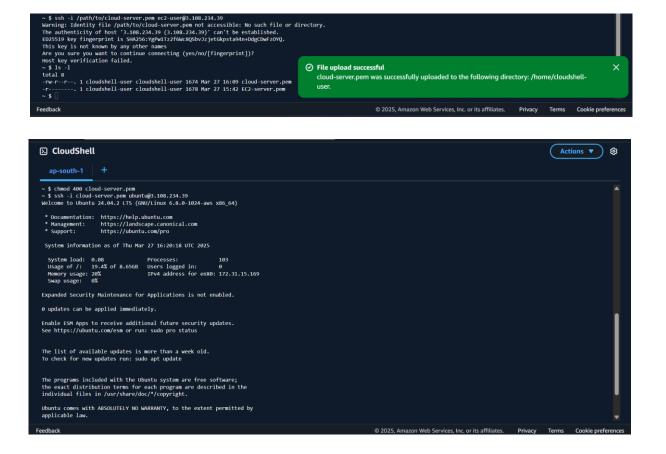
Configured security groups and SSH access.







Connected to the instance using SSH.



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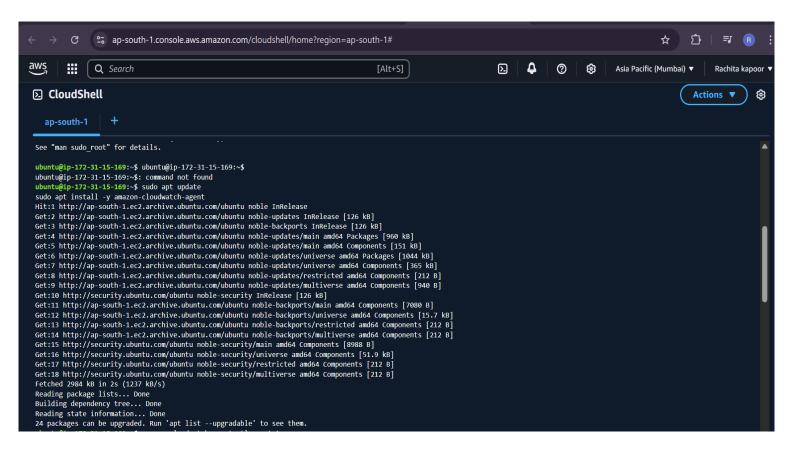
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".

See "man sudo_root" for details.

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Step 2: Installing and Configuring CloudWatch

- Installed CloudWatch Agent on the instance.
- Created CloudWatch dashboards for visual monitoring.



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buntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ ^[[200~sudo apt update sudo: command not found buntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ sudo apt install -y amazon-cloudwatch-agent keading package lists... Done suilding dependency tree... Done keading state information.
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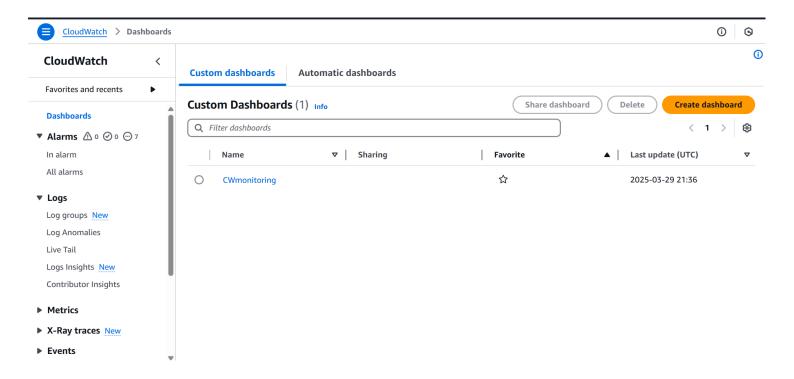
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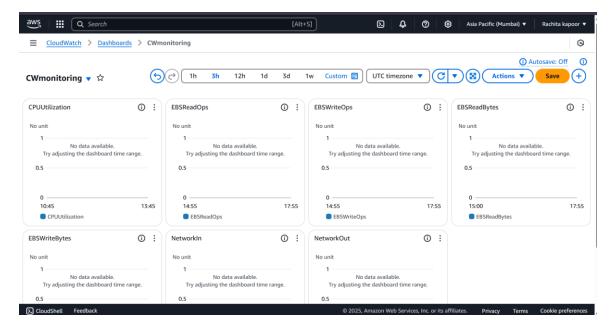
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  "status": "running",
"starttime": "2025-03-29T08:41:52+00:00",
"configstatus": "configured",
"version": "1.300053.0b1046"
   untu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$
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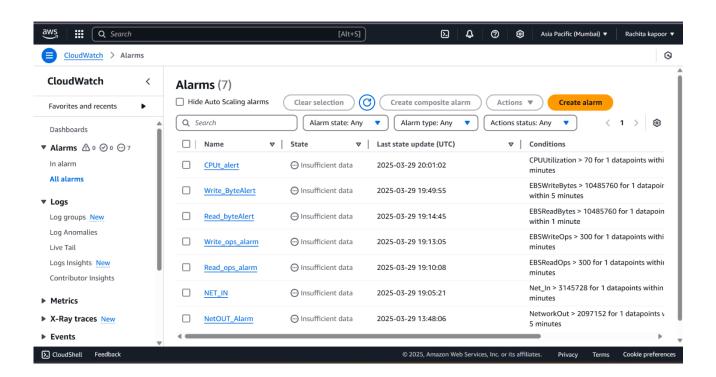
- Configured CloudWatch to track:
 - **CPU Utilization**
 - **Memory Usage**
 - Disk I/O
 - **Network Traffic**
- Created CloudWatch dashboards for visual monitoring.

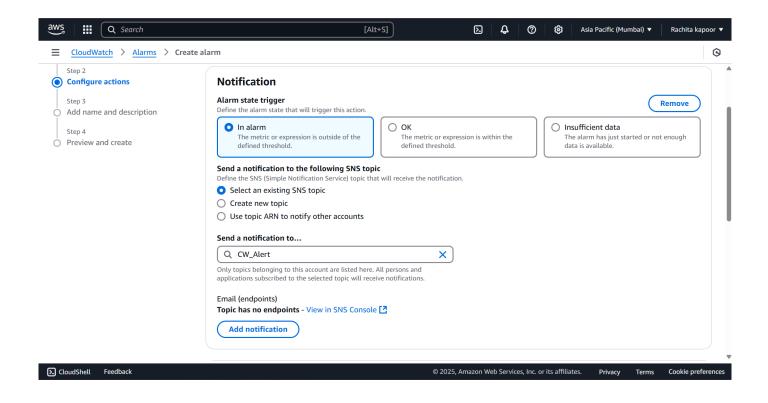


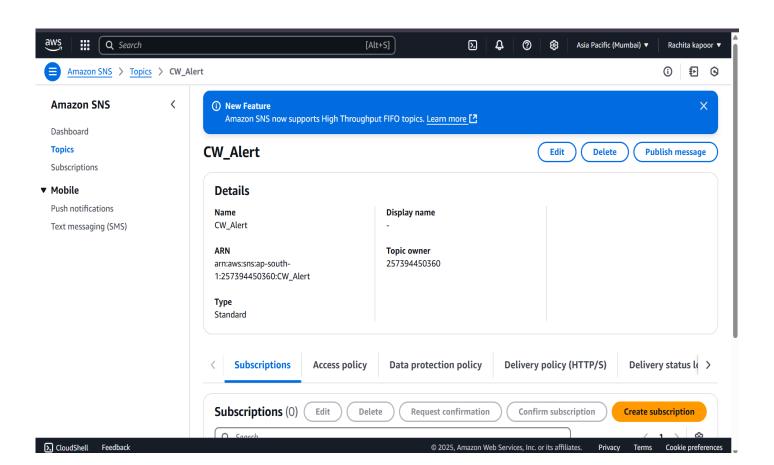


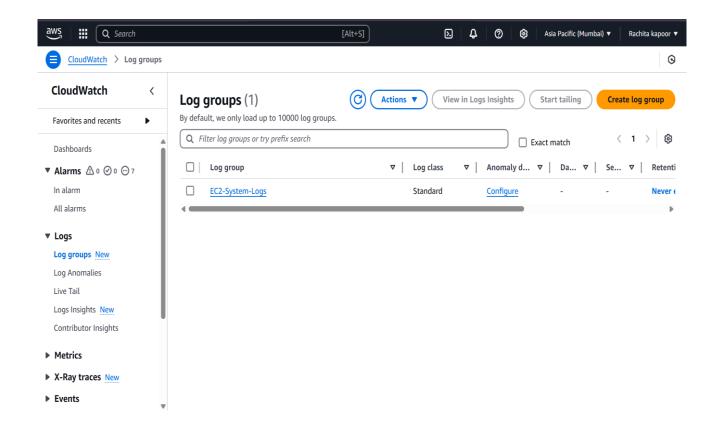
Step 3: Setting Up Alarms

- Configured alarms for:
 - High CPU usage
 - o Disk read/write operations
 - Network traffic spikes
- Set up notifications using Amazon SNS.
- Set up logs for maintain records.







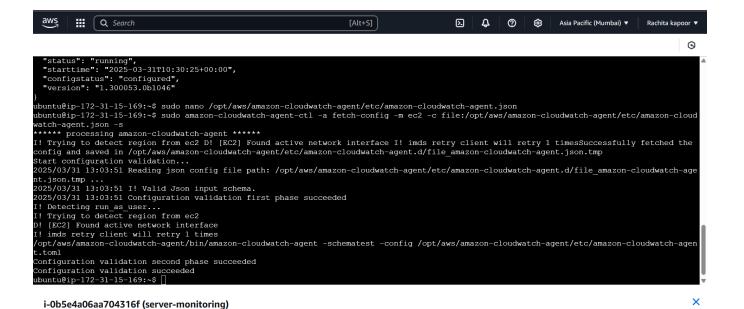


- Verifying the CloudWatch Agent

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                               ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ ssh -i cloud-server.pem ubuntu@15.206.88.11
The authenticity of host '15.206.88.11 (15.206.88.11)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:YqPw1Tz2f6Wc8QSbvJzjetGkpsta94n+DdqCDwFzOYQ.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
   ~/.ssh/known hosts:1: [hashed name]
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '15.206.88.11' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
WARNING: UNPROTECTED PRIVATE KEY FILE!
Permissions 0664 for 'cloud-server.pem' are too open.
It is required that your private key files are NOT accessible by others.
This private key will be ignored.
Load key "cloud-server.pem": bad permissions
ubuntu@15.206.88.11: Permission denied (publickey).
ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ chmod 400 cloud-server.pem
ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ ls -l cloud-server.pem
    ---- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 1674 Mar 31 12:06 cloud-server.pem
ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ chmod 400 cloud-server.pem
ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$
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ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ ssh -i "cloud-server.pem" ubuntu@15.206.88.11
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.8.0-1025-aws x86 64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:
                  https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:
                  https://ubuntu.com/pro
System information as of Mon Mar 31 12:55:21 UTC 2025
 System load: 0.0
                                  Processes:
                                                         109
 Usage of /:
               29.4% of 8.65GB
                                  Users logged in:
                                  IPv4 address for enX0: 172.31.15.169
 Memory usage: 22%
 Swap usage:
 * Ubuntu Pro delivers the most comprehensive open source security and
  compliance features.
  https://ubuntu.com/aws/pro
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.
21 updates can be applied immediately.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
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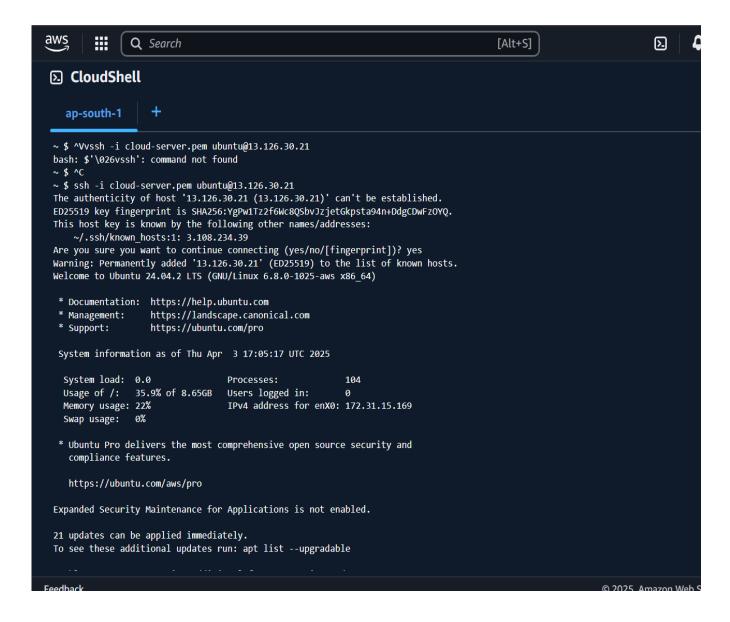
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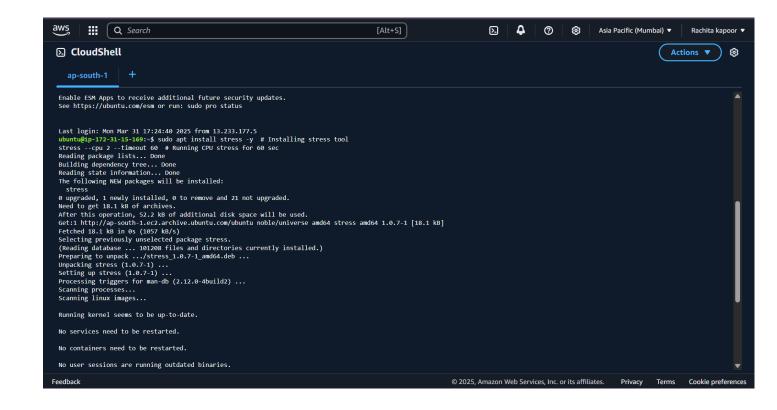
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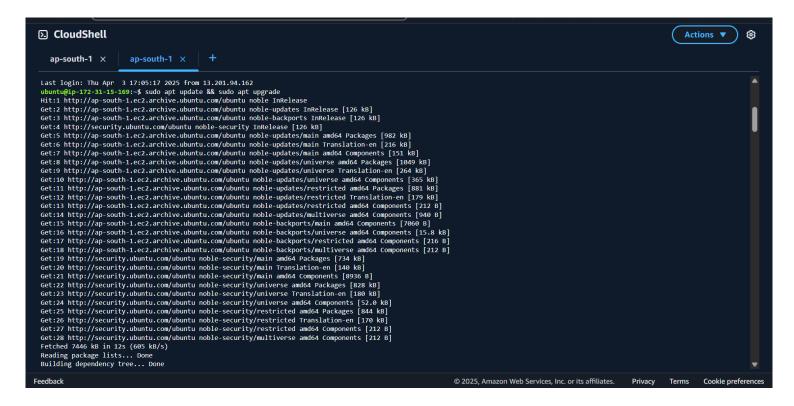
4. Testing the Setup

- Generated CPU load to trigger CPU utilization alarms.
- **Simulated network traffic** to test NetworkIn & NetworkOut alarms.
- Performed disk activity tests for EBS read/write operations.
- Verified real-time logs and metrics in CloudWatch.





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No containers need to be restarted.
  No user sessions are running outdated binaries.
  No VM guests are running outdated hypervisor (qemu) binaries on this host.
 wbuntu@ip-172-31-15-150:~$ wget http://speed.hetzner.de/100MB.bin
--2025-04-03 17:06:54-- http://speed.hetzner.de/100MB.bin
Resolving speed.hetzner.de (speed.hetzner.de)... 88.198.248.254, 2a01:4f8:0:59ed::2
Connecting to speed.hetzner.de (speed.hetzner.de)|88.198.248.254|:80... connected.
  HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
  Length: 1059 (1.0K) [text/html]
Saving to: '100MB.bin'
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  2025-04-03 17:06:54 (171 MB/s) - '100MB.bin' saved [1059/1059]
  ubuntu@ip-172-31-15-169:~$ dd if=/dev/zero of=testfile bs=1M count=100
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  100+0 records out
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(Dummy load generation for cpu)

Verified real-time metrics in CloudWatch.

