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AWS for Test Automation

Duration: 5 Hours (Instruction) + 3 Hours (Hands-on)

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of test automation frameworks

Target Audience: QA Engineers with no cloud experience

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, you will:

- Understand cloud computing basics from a QA perspective
- Set up AWS account with proper security
- Deploy test automation on EC2 instances
- Store and manage test artifacts in S3
- Use Lambda for scheduled smoke tests
- Integrate AWS with CI/CD pipelines
- Optimize costs and monitor usage

Cloud Computing Fundamentals for QA Engineers



Your Office → Physical Servers → Install OS → Setup Software → Run Tests
Problems:

- Expensive upfront **cost** (\$10,000+ for servers)
- Limited **scalability** (max 10 parallel tests)
- Maintenance **overhead** (updates, patches)
- Space and power costs

Cloud Computing:

Laptop → Internet → Cloud Provider → Virtual Machines → Run Tests

Benefits:

- Pay only for what you **use** (\$5-50/month)
- Scale **instantly** (1 to 1000+ parallel tests)
- No **maintenance** (provider manages hardware)
- Available **worldwide** (test from any region)

Why QA Engineers Need Cloud?

Problem 1: Slow Test Execution

Traditional: 500 tests × 2 minutes = 1000 minutes (16+ hours)

Cloud: 500 tests ÷ 10 machines = 100 minutes (1.6 hours)

Problem 2: Limited Resources

Office: 5 laptops = 5 parallel tests max

Cloud: 100 instances = 100 parallel tests

Problem 3: Cross-Browser Testing

Office: Install Chrome, Firefox, Safari manually

Cloud: Pre-configured with all browsers

Problem 4: CI/CD Integration



Cloud Service Models

1. IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service)

- **What:** Virtual machines, storage, networking
- **Example:** AWS EC2, Azure VMs
- **QA Use:** Run Selenium Grid, Playwright tests
- **You Manage:** OS, software, tests
- **Provider Manages:** Hardware, networking

2. PaaS (Platform as a Service)

- **What:** Ready platform for apps
- **Example:** AWS Elastic Beanstalk, Heroku
- **QA Use:** Deploy test APIs, mock servers
- **You Manage:** Application, tests
- **Provider Manages:** OS, runtime, hardware

3. SaaS (Software as a Service)

- **What:** Ready-to-use software
- **Example:** BrowserStack, Sauce Labs
- **QA Use:** Cloud testing platforms
- **You Manage:** Test scripts only
- **Provider Manages:** Everything else

For QA Engineers, we primarily use IaaS (EC2) and SaaS (BrowserStack)

AWS vs Traditional Setup



Initial Cost	\$10,000+	\$0 (Free tier)
Monthly Cost	\$500+	\$20-100
Setup Time	1-2 weeks	15 minutes
Scalability	Limited to hardware	Unlimited
Maintenance	Your responsibility	AWS manages
Availability	Office hours only	24/7
Global Testing	One location	25+ regions

AWS Basics – Step by Step

Understanding AWS Services for Testing

Think of AWS as a supermarket for IT resources:

Compute (EC2) = Virtual Computers

- Like renting laptops in the cloud
- Use for: Running Playwright, Cypress, Selenium
- Pricing: ~\$0.01/hour (t2.micro)

Storage (S3) = Cloud File Cabinet

- Like Google Drive for test artifacts
- Use for: Reports, screenshots, videos, logs
- Pricing: \$0.023/GB/month

Functions (Lambda) = Pay-per-run Code



- Pricing: \$0.20 per 1M requests

Monitoring (CloudWatch) = Dashboard

- Like Google Analytics for infrastructure
- Use for: Logs, metrics, alerts
- Pricing: \$0.30/GB logs

AWS Global Infrastructure

AWS has **25+ regions** worldwide:

US: us-east-1 (Virginia), us-west-2 (Oregon)

Europe: eu-west-1 (Ireland), eu-central-1 (Frankfurt)

Asia: ap-south-1 (Mumbai), ap-southeast-1 (Singapore)

Why this matters for QA:

- Test latency from different regions
- Compliance (data must stay in specific countries)
- Cost optimization (prices vary by region)

Best Practice: Start with **us-east-1** (cheapest, most services)

Setting Up AWS Account (For Beginners)

Step 1: Create AWS Account

Complete Guide:

1. Visit <https://aws.amazon.com>
2. Click "Create an AWS Account"



Email: your.email@company.com

Account Name: TestAutomation-YourName

Password: Strong **password** (save it!)

4. Contact Information:

✓ Select: Professional

Company: Your Company Name

Phone: +91-XXXXXXXXXX (with country code)

Address: Complete address

5. Payment Method:

- Add credit/debit card
- AWS charges \$1 (refunded) to verify
- **Don't worry:** Free tier = \$0 charges for 12 months

6. Identity Verification:

- Receive automated call/SMS
- Enter 4-digit code shown on screen

7. Select Support Plan:

- Choose: **Basic Support (Free)**
- Don't select Developer (\$29/month) yet

8. Congratulations! Account created

Important: You'll receive:

- Account ID (12 digits) - Save this!
- Root user email - Don't use for daily work!

Understanding Free Tier

12 Months Free (from signup date):



S3: 5 GB storage
= ~5000 test reports
= ~500 screenshots
= ~50 test videos

Lambda: 1 Million requests/month
= 100 health checks every 5 minutes for free

Always Free (forever):

Lambda: 1M requests/month
CloudWatch: 10 custom metrics, 10 alarms
DynamoDB: 25 GB storage

Step 2: Secure Your Account (CRITICAL!)

Problem: Root account has unlimited access

- Can delete everything
- Can spend unlimited money
- High security risk

Solution: Create IAM users

Security Analogy:

Root Account = Master Key to Office
IAM User = Individual Employee Badge

Enable MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication):

1. Install Authenticator App:

- Google Authenticator (Mobile)
- Authy (Mobile/Desktop)



AWS Console → Account (top right)
→ Security Credentials → MFA
→ Activate MFA → Virtual MFA device
→ Scan QR code with app
→ Enter two consecutive codes

3. Now login requires:

- Password + 6-digit code from phone
- Much more secure!

Step 3: Create IAM User for Daily Work

Why: Never use root account for testing!

Create Test Automation User:

1. Navigate: IAM Dashboard → Users → Add users

2. User Details:

Username: test-automation-user

Access type:

- ✓ Programmatic access (for CLI/scripts)
- ✓ AWS Management Console access (for web)

Console password:

- Autogenerated password
- ✓ Custom password: YourStrongPassword123!

- ✓ Require password reset (uncheck for learning)

3. Set Permissions:

For Learning (Full Access):

Attach existing policies directly:

- ✓ AdministratorAccess



Create policy with only needed permissions:

- EC2: Start/Stop instances
- S3: Read/Write specific bucket
- Lambda: Invoke functions
- CloudWatch: View logs

4. Tags (Optional but Recommended):

Key: Department, Value: QA

Key: Project, Value: TestAutomation

5. Review and Create

6. IMPORTANT: Download credentials.csv

User, Password, Access key ID, Secret access key, Console login link
test-automation-user, Pass123!, AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE, wJal...

Save this file securely! You can't retrieve it later.

Step 4: Install AWS CLI

AWS CLI = Command line tool to manage AWS from terminal

Check if Already Installed:

```
aws --version
# If installed: aws-cli/2.x.x ...
# If not: command not found
```

Installation:

Windows:

```
# Download installer from:
# https://awscli.amazonaws.com/AWSCLIV2.msi
```



```
# Verify:  
aws --version
```

macOS:

```
# Using Homebrew:  
brew install awscli  
  
# Or direct download:  
curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/AWSCLIV2.pkg" -o "AWSCLIV2.pkg"  
sudo installer -pkg AWSCLIV2.pkg -target /  
  
# Verify:  
aws --version
```

Linux (Ubuntu/Debian):

```
# Download installer  
curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip" -o "awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip"  
  
# Unzip  
unzip awscliv2.zip  
  
# Install  
sudo ./aws/install  
  
# Verify  
aws --version
```

Step 5: Configure AWS CLI

Basic Configuration:

```
aws configure  
  
# You'll be prompted for:  
AWS Access Key ID [None]: AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE  
AWS Secret Access Key [None]: wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxRfi...
```



Where to find credentials:

- Access Key ID: From downloaded credentials.csv
- Secret Access Key: From downloaded credentials.csv
- Region: us-east-1 (cheapest, most services)
- Output: json (most common)

Verify Configuration:

```
# Check who you are  
aws sts get-caller-identity
```

```
# Output:  
{  
    "UserId": "AIDAI3QEXAMPLE",  
    "Account": "123456789012",  
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/test-automation-user"  
}
```

```
# List S3 buckets (should be empty for new account)  
aws s3 ls
```

```
# Check EC2 instances (should be empty)  
aws ec2 describe-instances
```

Configuration Files Location:

```
~/.aws/credentials (Linux/Mac)  
%USERPROFILE%\aws\credentials (Windows)
```

Contains:

```
[default]  
aws_access_key_id = AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE  
aws_secret_access_key = wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxRfi...
```



What is EC2?

EC2 = Elastic Compute Cloud = Virtual Computers in Cloud

Real-World Analogy:

Buying a Laptop:

- Cost: \$1000
- Fixed **specs** (8GB **RAM**, 256GB)
- Depreciates over time
- You maintain it

Renting **EC2**:

- Cost: \$20/month
- Changeable **specs** (upgrade anytime)
- Stop paying when not using
- **AWS** maintains it

When to Use EC2 for Testing?

Scenario	Use EC2?	Why?
Daily regression (500+ tests)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Cost-effective, scalable
CI/CD automated tests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Always available
Load testing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Scale to 100+ instances
Local quick testing	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Use local machine
BrowserStack already used	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Duplicate effort

EC2 Instance Types Explained

Instance Naming: `t2.micro`



- **micro** = Size (nano < micro < small < medium < large)

For Test Automation:

t2.micro (Free Tier):

- 1 vCPU, 1 GB RAM
- Best for: Small test suites (50-100 tests)
- Cost: FREE (750 hours/month)
- Use case: Learning, small projects

t2.small:

- 1 vCPU, 2 GB RAM
- Best for: Medium suites (100-300 tests)
- Cost: \$0.023/hour = \$17/month
- Use case: Daily regression

t2.medium:

- 2 vCPU, 4 GB RAM
- Best for: Large suites (300-500 tests)
- Cost: \$0.046/hour = \$34/month
- Use case: Parallel execution (2-3 browsers)

t2.large:

- 2 vCPU, 8 GB RAM
- Best for: Heavy suites (500+ tests)
- Cost: \$0.094/hour = \$69/month
- Use case: Parallel execution (4-5 browsers)

c5.xlarge (Compute Optimized):

- 4 vCPU, 8 GB RAM
- Best for: Performance testing
- Cost: \$0.17/hour = \$125/month
- Use case: Maximum parallel execution

Cost Optimization Tips:

Strategy 1: Stop when not testing

- Running 24/7: \$69/month (t2.large)
- Running 8 hrs/day: \$23/month (67% savings!)

Strategy 2: Use Spot Instances

- On-demand: \$0.094/hour



Strategy 3: Reserved Instances (if used daily)

- 1-year commitment: 40% discount
- 3-year commitment: 60% discount

Launching Your First EC2 Instance

Method 1: AWS Console (Visual, Beginner-Friendly)

Step-by-Step:

1. Navigate to EC2:

AWS Console → Services → EC2 → Dashboard

2. Launch Instance:

Click: Launch Instance (Orange button)

3. Name Your Instance:

Name: PlaywrightTestServer

Tags:

Key: Environment, Value: Testing

Key: Project, Value: Automation

4. Choose AMI (Operating System):

✓ Ubuntu Server 22.04 LTS (Free tier eligible)

Other options:

- Amazon Linux 2023 (AWS optimized)
- Windows Server (not free tier)
- Red Hat, CentOS (enterprise)

5. Choose Instance Type:



6. Create Key Pair (IMPORTANT!):

This is how you'll **SSH** into the instance!

Click: Create new **key** pair

Key pair name: playwright-test-key

Key pair type: RSA

Private key format: .pem (for Mac/Linux)

.ppk (for Windows/PuTTY)

Click: Create key pair

⚠ SAVE THE FILE! You can't download it again!

Save to: ~/Downloads/playwright-test-key.pem

7. Configure Network:

Create new **security group**:

Security group name: test-automation-sg

Description: Security group for test automation

Inbound rules:

- ✓ SSH (port 22) from My IP (your current IP)
- ✓ HTTP (port 80) from Anywhere (optional - for viewing reports)

8. Configure Storage:

- ✓ 8 GB gp3 (Free tier eligible)

For heavy testing:

- 30 GB gp3 (for lots of screenshots/videos)

9. Advanced Details (Optional):

You can add a startup script to auto-install software
(We'll do this manually first for learning)



CLICK: Launch instance

Wait **2-3** minutes for instance to initialize

Status: Running ✓

Method 2: AWS CLI (Fast, Scriptable)

```
# Step 1: Create key pair and save to file
aws ec2 create-key-pair --key-name playwright-test-key --query 'KeyMat'

# Set proper permissions (Mac/Linux only)
chmod 400 playwright-test-key.pem

# Step 2: Create security group
aws ec2 create-security-group --group-name test-automation-sg --descri

# Get your public IP
MY_IP=$(curl -s http://checkip.amazonaws.com)

# Step 3: Allow SSH from your IP
aws ec2 authorize-security-group-ingress --group-name test-automation-sg

# Step 4: Launch instance
aws ec2 run-instances --image-id ami-0c7217cdde317cfec \ # Ubuntu 22.04
--count 1 --instance-type t2.micro --key-name playwright-test-key
```

Connecting to Your EC2 Instance

Find Instance IP:

Console Method:

EC2 Dashboard → Instances → Click your instance
→ Copy "Public IPv4 address"
Example: 54.123.45.67

CLI Method:



```
.. Output ..  
# -----  
# | DescribeInstances |  
# +-----+-----+  
# | 54.123.45.67 | running |  
# +-----+-----+
```

SSH Connection:

Mac/Linux:

```
# Navigate to key file location  
cd ~/Downloads  
  
# Connect  
ssh -i playwright-test-key.pem ubuntu@54.123.45.67  
  
# First time you'll see:  
# Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)?  
# Type: yes  
  
# You're now in the EC2 instance!  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-xx-xx:~$
```

Windows (PowerShell):

```
# Using OpenSSH (Windows 10+)  
ssh -i playwright-test-key.pem ubuntu@54.123.45.67  
  
# Or using PuTTY:  
# Convert .pem to .ppk using PuTTYgen  
# Open PuTTY  
# Host: ubuntu@54.123.45.67  
# Connection → SSH → Auth → Browse .ppk file  
# Click Open
```

Troubleshooting Connection Issues:

```
# Error: Permission denied (publickey)  
# Solution: Check key file permissions
```



```
# Solution: Check security group allows SSH from your IP  
aws ec2 describe-security-groups --group-names test-automation-sg
```

```
# Error: Connection refused
```

```
# Solution: Instance might still be initializing, wait 1-2 minutes
```

Setting Up Test Environment on EC2

Manual Setup (Learning)

Once connected via SSH:

```
# Update system packages  
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y  
  
# Install Node.js 20.x  
curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_20.x | sudo -E bash -  
sudo apt install -y nodejs  
  
# Verify installation  
node --version # Should show v20.x.x  
npm --version # Should show 10.x.x  
  
# Install Git  
sudo apt install -y git  
git --version  
  
# Install Chrome  
wget https://dl.google.com/linux/direct/google-chrome-stable_current_amd64  
sudo apt install -y ./google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb  
google-chrome --version  
  
# Install Playwright  
npm install -g @playwright/test  
npx playwright install chromium firefox webkit  
npx playwright install-deps  
  
# Create workspace  
mkdir -p ~/test-automation
```



```
npx playwright --version
```

Automated Setup (Production)

Create `setup-ec2.sh` :

```
#!/bin/bash
set -e # Exit on any error

echo "🚀 Setting up Test Automation Environment..."

# Update system
echo "📦 Updating system packages..."
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

# Install Node.js
echo "📦 Installing Node.js 20.x..."
curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_20.x | sudo -E bash -
sudo apt install -y nodejs

# Install Git
echo "📦 Installing Git..."
sudo apt install -y git

# Install Chrome
echo "🌐 Installing Google Chrome..."
wget -q https://dl.google.com/linux/direct/google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb
sudo apt install -y ./google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb
rm google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb

# Install Playwright globally
echo "🎭 Installing Playwright..."
sudo npm install -g @playwright/test

# Install browsers
echo "🌐 Installing Playwright browsers..."
npx playwright install chromium firefox webkit

# Install browser dependencies
echo "📦 Installing browser dependencies..."
npx playwright install-deps

# Create workspace
```



```
# Print versions
echo "✅ Setup complete!"
echo "📊 Installed versions:"
echo "Node: $(node --version)"
echo "npm: $(npm --version)"
echo "Chrome: $(google-chrome --version)"
echo "Playwright: $(npx playwright --version)"
echo ""
echo "💡 Navigate to workspace: cd ~/test-automation"
```

Copy and run on EC2:

```
# On your local machine:
scp -i playwright-test-key.pem setup-ec2.sh ubuntu@54.123.45.67:~

# On EC2:
chmod +x setup-ec2.sh
./setup-ec2.sh
```

Running Tests on EC2

Example 1: Simple Test

Create test on EC2:

```
# SSH into EC2
ssh -i playwright-test-key.pem ubuntu@54.123.45.67

# Navigate to workspace
cd ~/test-automation

# Initialize Node project
npm init -y

# Install Playwright locally
npm install @playwright/test
```



```
const { test, expect } = require('@playwright/test');

test('google search', async ({ page }) => {
  await page.goto('https://www.google.com');
  await page.locator('[name="q"]').fill('Playwright');
  await page.locator('[name="q"]').press('Enter');
  await expect(page).toHaveTitle(/Playwright/);
});

EOF

# Run test
npx playwright test

# View report
npx playwright show-report
```

Example 2: Deploy Your Actual Tests

On your local machine:

```
# Navigate to your test project
cd ~/my-playwright-tests

# Package your tests (excluding node_modules)
tar -czf tests.tar.gz --exclude='node_modules' --exclude='playwright-r

# Copy to EC2
scp -i playwright-test-key.pem tests.tar.gz ubuntu@54.123.45.67:~/test-aut

# SSH to EC2
ssh -i playwright-test-key.pem ubuntu@54.123.45.67

# Extract and setup
cd ~/test-automation
tar -xzf tests.tar.gz
npm install

# Run tests
npm test
```

Example 3: Scheduled Tests



```
# Edit crontab
crontab -e

# Add line (daily at 9 AM UTC):
0 9 * * * cd ~/test-automation && npm test > ~/logs/test-$(date +\%Y\%m\%d)

# Create logs directory
mkdir -p ~/logs

# View cron logs
ls -lh ~/logs/
cat ~/logs/test-20240130.log
```

S3 for Test Artifacts - Deep Dive

What is S3?

S3 = Simple Storage Service = Cloud Hard Drive

Key Concepts:

- Bucket = Folder (top level)
- └ Contains: Objects (files)
- └ Name: Globally unique (test-automation-yourname)
- └ Region: us-east-1, ap-south-1, etc.
- └ Access: Public or Private

- Object = File
- └ Key: reports/2024-01-30/index.html
- └ Value: File content
- └ Metadata: Content type, test-run, etc.
- └ Size: 0 bytes to 5 TB

Creating S3 Bucket

Method 1: Console



Bucket Settings

Name: test-automation-artifacts-yourname

Region: us-east-1 (same as EC2)

3. Object Ownership:

✓ ACLs disabled (recommended)

4. Block Public Access:

✓ Block all public access (keep private)

5. Bucket Versioning:

✓ Enable (keeps file history)

6. Encryption:

✓ Server-side encryption (SSE-S3)

7. Create bucket

Method 2: CLI

```
# Create bucket
```

```
aws s3 mb s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname --region us-east-1
```

```
# Enable versioning
```

```
aws s3api put-bucket-versioning --bucket test-automation-artifacts-yourn
```

```
# Enable encryption
```

```
aws s3api put-bucket-encryption --bucket test-automation-artifacts-yourn
```

```
    "Rules": [
```

```
        "ApplyServerSideEncryptionByDefault": {
```

```
            "SSEAlgorithm": "AES256"
```

```
        }
```

```
    ]
```

```
}
```

Organizing Test Results

Recommended Folder Structure:

```
s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname/
```

```
|
```



```
|- | | └── run-001/
|- | |   └── index.html
|- | |     └── assets/
|- | |       └── run-002/
|- | └── 2024-01-31/
|- |   └── latest/ (symlink to most recent)
|
|   └── cypress/
|     └── allure/
|
└── screenshots/
    ├── 2024-01-30/
    |   ├── test1-failed.png
    |   └── test2-failed.png
    └── 2024-01-31/
|
└── videos/
    ├── 2024-01-30/
    |   ├── test1.webm
    |   └── test2.webm
    └── 2024-01-31/
|
└── logs/
    ├── 2024-01-30-execution.log
    └── 2024-01-31-execution.log
|
└── test-data/
    ├── users.json
    └── products.csv
```

Uploading Files from EC2

Method 1: AWS CLI (Simple)

```
# On EC2, after tests complete:

# Upload single file
aws s3 cp playwright-report/index.html s3://test-automation-artifacts-yo

# Upload entire directory
aws s3 cp playwright-report/ s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname/rep

# Sync (only upload changed files)
```



```
aws s3 cp report.html s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname/reports/
```

Method 2: Node.js SDK (Programmatic)

```
# On EC2, install AWS SDK
npm install @aws-sdk/client-s3
```

Create `upload-results.js`:

```
const { S3Client, PutObjectCommand } = require('@aws-sdk/client-s3');
const fs = require('fs');
const path = require('path');

const s3Client = new S3Client({ region: 'us-east-1' });
const bucketName = 'test-automation-artifacts-yourname';

async function uploadFile(filePath, s3Key) {
    const fileContent = fs.readFileSync(filePath);
    const contentType = getContentType(filePath);

    const command = new PutObjectCommand({
        Bucket: bucketName,
        Key: s3Key,
        Body: fileContent,
        ContentType: contentType,
        Metadata: {
            'test-run': process.env.BUILD_NUMBER || 'local',
            'environment': process.env.TEST_ENV || 'staging',
            'upload-time': new Date().toISOString()
        }
    });

    try {
        await s3Client.send(command);
        console.log(`✓ Uploaded: ${s3Key}`);
    } catch (error) {
        console.error(`✗ Failed: ${s3Key}`, error.message);
    }
}

async function uploadDirectory(dirPath, s3Prefix) {
    const files = getAllFiles(dirPath);
```



```

const s3Key = `${s3Prefix}/${relativePath}`;
await uploadFile(file, s3Key);
}

}

function getAllFiles(dirPath, arrayOfFiles = []) {
  const files = fs.readdirSync(dirPath);

  files.forEach(file => {
    const filePath = path.join(dirPath, file);
    if (fs.statSync(filePath).isDirectory()) {
      arrayOfFiles = getAllFiles(filePath, arrayOfFiles);
    } else {
      arrayOfFiles.push(filePath);
    }
  });
}

return arrayOfFiles;
}

function getContentType(filePath) {
  const ext = path.extname(filePath).toLowerCase();
  const types = {
    '.html': 'text/html',
    '.css': 'text/css',
    '.js': 'application/javascript',
    '.json': 'application/json',
    '.png': 'image/png',
    '.jpg': 'image/jpeg',
    '.webm': 'video/webm',
    '.log': 'text/plain'
  };
  return types[ext] || 'application/octet-stream';
}

// Usage
const date = new Date().toISOString().split('T')[0];
uploadDirectory('playwright-report', `reports/playwright/${date}`);

```

Run after tests:

```
npx playwright test
node upload-results.js
```



```
# Generate URL valid for 7 days
aws s3 presign  s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname/reports/playwrig
# Output:
https://test-automation-artifacts-yourname.s3.amazonaws.com/reports/...?X-
```

Share this URL with your team!

Lifecycle Policies (Auto-Cleanup)

Create `lifecycle.json`:

```
{
  "Rules": [
    {
      "Id": "DeleteOldReports",
      "Status": "Enabled",
      "Filter": {
        "Prefix": "reports/"
      },
      "Expiration": {
        "Days": 30
      }
    },
    {
      "Id": "ArchiveScreenshots",
      "Status": "Enabled",
      "Filter": {
        "Prefix": "screenshots/"
      },
      "Transitions": [
        {
          "Days": 7,
          "StorageClass": "GLACIER_INSTANT_RETRIEVAL"
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "Id": "DeleteOldLogs",
      "Status": "Enabled",
    }
  ]
}
```



```
"Expiration": {  
    "Days": 90  
}  
}  
]  
}
```

Apply lifecycle:

```
aws s3api put-bucket-lifecycle-configuration --bucket test-automation-a
```

What this does:

- Reports: Auto-delete after 30 days
- Screenshots: Move to cheaper storage after 7 days
- Logs: Delete after 90 days

Savings: ~60% on storage costs!

Lambda for Serverless Testing

What is Lambda?

Lambda = Run Code Without Servers

Traditional:

EC2: \$0.01/hour × 24 hours × 30 days = \$7.20/month
(Even if code runs 1 minute/day!)

Lambda:



Example: Health check running 1000 times/day
= 30,000 requests/month = \$0.006/month
= Almost FREE!

Real-World Use Cases for QA

Perfect for Lambda:

- API health checks
- Smoke tests (critical flows)
- Data validation
- Scheduled lightweight tests
- WebHook testing

Not for Lambda:

- Full UI testing (15-min limit)
- Heavy browser automation
- Tests with dependencies
- Long-running tests

Creating Lambda Function

Example: API Health Check

Create `health-check.js`:

```
exports.handler = async (event) => {
  const apiEndpoint = process.env.API_ENDPOINT || 'https://api.example.com'

  console.log(`🌐 Checking health of: ${apiEndpoint}`);

  try {
    const response = await fetch(apiEndpoint, {
      method: 'GET',
    })
    if (response.status === 200) {
      return { statusCode: 200, body: 'OK' }
    } else {
      return { statusCode: response.status, body: `Error: ${response.statusText}` }
    }
  } catch (error) {
    return { statusCode: 500, body: 'Internal Server Error' }
  }
}
```



```
const data = await response.json();

if (response.ok && data.status === 'healthy') {
    console.log('✅ API is healthy');
    return {
        statusCode: 200,
        body: JSON.stringify({
            message: 'API is healthy',
            endpoint: apiEndpoint,
            responseTime: response.headers.get('X-Response-Time'),
            timestamp: new Date().toISOString()
        })
    };
} else {
    console.error('❌ API returned unhealthy status');
    throw new Error(`Unhealthy status: ${data.status}`);
}
} catch (error) {
    console.error('❌ Health check failed:', error.message);

    // Send alert (SNS, email, Slack)
    await sendAlert(error.message);

    return {
        statusCode: 500,
        body: JSON.stringify({
            message: 'Health check failed',
            error: error.message,
            endpoint: apiEndpoint,
            timestamp: new Date().toISOString()
        })
    };
};

async function sendAlert(message) {
    // TODO: Implement alert mechanism
    // Options: SNS, email, Slack webhook, PagerDuty
}
```

Deploy Lambda:



```
# Create IAM role for Lambda
aws iam create-role --role-name lambda-health-check-role --assume-role

# Attach basic execution policy
aws iam attach-role-policy --role-name lambda-health-check-role --poli

# Create Lambda function
aws lambda create-function --function-name api-health-check --runtime
```

Scheduling Lambda (EventBridge)

Run every 5 minutes:

```
# Create EventBridge rule
aws events put-rule --name health-check-every-5-min --schedule-express

# Add Lambda as target
aws events put-targets --rule health-check-every-5-min --targets "Id"=

# Grant permission
aws lambda add-permission --function-name api-health-check --statement
```

Schedule Expressions:

rate(5 minutes)	# Every 5 minutes
rate(1 hour)	# Every hour
rate(1 day)	# Daily
cron(0 9 * * ? *)	# Daily at 9 AM UTC
cron(0 18 * * ? *)	# Daily at 6 PM UTC
cron(0 9 ? * MON-FRI *)	# Weekdays at 9 AM
cron(0/10 * * * ? *)	# Every 10 minutes

Complete End-to-End Example



1. Tests on local machine
2. Deploy to EC2
3. Run tests daily
4. Upload results to S3
5. Health check with Lambda

Implementation:

Step 1: Create deployment script `deploy-to-aws.sh` :

```
#!/bin/bash
set -e

EC2_HOST="ubuntu@YOUR_EC2_IP"
KEY_FILE="playwright-test-key.pem"
S3_BUCKET="test-automation-artifacts-yourname"
DATE=$(date +%Y-%m-%d)
TIMESTAMP=$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S)

echo "🚀 Deploying tests to AWS EC2..."

# Package tests
echo "📦 Packaging tests..."
tar -czf tests.tar.gz --exclude='node_modules' --exclude='playwright-r

# Copy to EC2
echo "📤 Uploading to EC2..."
scp -i $KEY_FILE tests.tar.gz $EC2_HOST:~/test-automation/

# Deploy and run on EC2
echo "🏃 Running tests on EC2..."
ssh -i $KEY_FILE $EC2_HOST << 'ENDSSH'
cd ~/test-automation
tar -xzf tests.tar.gz
npm install

# Run tests
echo "🧪 Executing test suite..."
npm test
```



```

TIMESTAMP=$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S)

aws s3 sync playwright-report/      s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname/
# Generate and save report URL
REPORT_URL=$(aws s3 presign      s3://test-automation-artifacts-yourname/
echo "✅ Tests complete!"
echo "📊 Report: $REPORT_URL"
ENDSSH

echo "✅ Deployment complete!"

```

Step 2: Schedule with cron

```

# Edit crontab
crontab -e

# Add: Run daily at 9 AM
0 9 * * * /path/to/deploy-to-aws.sh >> ~/logs/aws-tests.log 2>&1

```

Step 3: Create GitHub Actions workflow .github/workflows/aws-tests.yml :

```

name: AWS Test Execution

on:
  push:
    branches: [ main ]
  schedule:
    - cron: '0 9 * * *' # Daily at 9 AM UTC

jobs:
  deploy-and-test:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4

      - name: Configure AWS credentials
        uses: aws-actions/configure-aws-credentials@v4
        with:
          aws-access-key-id: ${{ secrets.AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID }}

```



```

- name: Start EC2 instance
  run: |
    aws ec2 start-instances --instance-ids ${{ secrets.EC2_INSTANCE_ID }}
    aws ec2 wait instance-running --instance-ids ${{ secrets.EC2_INSTANCE_ID }}

- name: Get EC2 IP
  id: ec2-ip
  run: |
    IP=$(aws ec2 describe-instances --instance-ids ${{ secrets.EC2_INSTANCE_ID }} | jq '.Reservations[0].Instances[0].PublicIpAddress' | tr -d '"')
    echo "ip=$IP" >> $GITHUB_OUTPUT

- name: Deploy tests
  run: |
    # Create SSH key file
    echo "${{ secrets.EC2_SSH_KEY }}" > key.pem
    chmod 400 key.pem

    # Package and upload
    tar -czf tests.tar.gz .
    scp -i key.pem -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no tests.tar.gz ubuntu@${{ steps.ec2-ip.outputs.ip }}:~/test-automation

- name: Run tests
  run: |
    ssh -i key.pem -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no ubuntu@${{ steps.ec2-ip.outputs.ip }} cd ~/test-automation
    cd ~/test-automation
    tar -xzf tests.tar.gz
    npm install
    npm test
  ENDSSH

- name: Upload results to S3
  run: |
    ssh -i key.pem ubuntu@${{ steps.ec2-ip.outputs.ip }} "cd ~/test-automation && aws s3 sync . s3://test-automation-artifacts-your-project-name"

- name: Generate report URL
  id: report-url
  run: |
    URL=$(aws s3 presign s3://test-automation-artifacts-your-project-name)
    echo "url=$URL" >> $GITHUB_OUTPUT

- name: Comment PR with results
  if: github.event_name == 'pull_request'
  uses: actions/github-script@v7
  with:
    script: |

```



```

repo: context.repo.repo,
body: '📝 Test Results: [${{ steps.report-url.outputs.url }}]'
})

- name: Stop EC2 instance
  if: always()
  run:
    aws ec2 stop-instances --instance-ids ${secrets.EC2_INSTANCE_ID}
  
```

Cost Optimization Strategies

Understanding Costs

Typical Monthly Costs:

Scenario 1: Learning (Free Tier):

- └─ EC2 t2.micro: \$0 (750 hours free)
- └─ S3: \$0 (5 GB free)
- └─ Lambda: \$0 (1M requests free)
- └─ Total: \$0/month ✅

Scenario 2: Small Team:

- └─ EC2 t2.medium (8 hrs/day): \$11
- └─ S3 (50 GB): \$1.15
- └─ Lambda (100K requests): \$0.02
- └─ Data transfer: \$0.90
- └─ Total: ~\$13/month

Scenario 3: Large Team:

- └─ EC2 t2.large (24/7): \$69
- └─ EC2 spot instances (5x): \$35
- └─ S3 (500 GB): \$11.50
- └─ Lambda (1M requests): \$0.20
- └─ Data transfer: \$9
- └─ Total: ~\$125/month

Traditional Setup: \$500-1000/month ❌



```
# Automate stop at night
0 19 * * * aws ec2 stop-instances --instance-ids i-xxxxxx

# Auto-start in morning
0 8 * * * aws ec2 start-instances --instance-ids i-xxxxxx

# Savings: ~70% ($69 → $20/month)
```

2. Use Spot Instances

```
# Regular price: $0.094/hour
# Spot price: $0.028/hour (70% discount)

aws ec2 request-spot-instances --spot-price "0.05" --instance-count 1

# Risk: Can be terminated (rare, <5% chance)
# Best for: Non-critical test runs
```

3. S3 Lifecycle Policies

```
{
  "Rules": [
    {
      "Id": "OptimizeStorage",
      "Status": "Enabled",
      "Transitions": [
        {
          "Days": 7,
          "StorageClass": "INTELLIGENT_TIERING"
        },
        {
          "Days": 30,
          "StorageClass": "GLACIER_INSTANT_RETRIEVAL"
        }
      ],
      "Expiration": {
        "Days": 90
      }
    }
  ]
}
```



4. Set Billing Alerts

```
# Create SNS topic
aws sns create-topic --name billing-alerts

# Subscribe email
aws sns subscribe --topic-arn arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:ACCOUNT:billing-aler

# Create billing alarm
aws cloudwatch put-metric-alarm --alarm-name MonthlyBudget --alarm-des
```

5. Right-Size Instances

Too Small → Tests timeout, frustration

Too Large → Waste money

Finding the Right Size:

1. Start with t2.micro (free tier)
2. Monitor CPU/memory during test run
3. If >80% utilized → upgrade one size
4. If <30% utilized → downgrade

Tools: CloudWatch metrics, AWS Compute Optimizer

Monitoring Costs

AWS Cost Explorer:

AWS Console → Cost Management → Cost Explorer

View:

- Daily costs by service
- Forecasted monthly bill
- Cost trends
- Recommendations

CLI Method:



```
# Output:  
{  
    "EC2": 15.23,  
    "S3": 1.45,  
    "Lambda": 0.02  
}
```

Practice Exercises

Exercise 1: Setup Complete Environment (30 min)

1. Create AWS account
2. Enable MFA
3. Create IAM user
4. Install and configure AWS CLI
5. Verify access

Deliverable: Screenshot of `aws sts get-caller-identity`

Exercise 2: Launch and Configure EC2 (45 min)

1. Launch t2.micro instance
2. Create and configure security group
3. SSH into instance
4. Run setup script
5. Verify installations

Deliverable: Screenshot showing Node, Chrome, Playwright versions

Exercise 3: Deploy and Run Tests (60 min)



3. Run tests remotely
4. Capture results

Deliverable: Test execution log from EC2

Exercise 4: S3 Artifact Management (45 min)

1. Create S3 bucket
2. Upload test report
3. Set lifecycle policy
4. Generate presigned URL
5. Share with instructor

Deliverable: Working presigned URL to your report

Exercise 5: Lambda Health Check (60 min)

1. Create Lambda function
2. Test manually
3. Set up EventBridge schedule (every 5 min)
4. Monitor CloudWatch logs
5. Verify automated execution

Deliverable: CloudWatch logs showing scheduled executions

Troubleshooting Common Issues

Issue 1: Can't Connect to EC2

Error: Connection timed out



3. Wrong IP address
4. Key file permissions incorrect

Solutions:

```
# Check instance state  
aws ec2 describe-instances --instance-ids i-xxxxxx  
  
# Verify security group  
aws ec2 describe-security-groups --group-ids sg-xxxxxx  
  
# Check key permissions  
chmod 400 key.pem  
  
# Get current IP  
curl ifconfig.me
```

Issue 2: Tests Fail on EC2 but Work Locally

Common causes:

1. Browser dependencies missing
2. Different Node version
3. Network restrictions
4. Insufficient memory

Solutions:

```
# Install all Playwright dependencies  
npx playwright install-deps  
  
# Check Node version matches  
node --version # Should be 18+  
  
# Check available memory  
free -h  
  
# Run headless  
npm test -- --headed=false
```

Issue 3: S3 Upload Permission Denied



Solutions:
Configure AWS CLI on EC2
aws configure

Or assign IAM role to EC2
aws iam create-role...
aws iam attach-role-policy...
aws ec2 associate-iam-instance-profile...

Verify bucket permissions
aws s3 ls s3://your-bucket/

Issue 4: Lambda Timeout

Error: Task timed out after 3.00 seconds

Solutions:

Increase timeout (max 15 minutes)
aws lambda update-function-configuration --function-name your-function

Optimize code
- Reduce wait times
- Parallel requests
- Cache results

Summary & Next Steps

Key Takeaways

Cloud Benefits for QA:

- Scalability (1 to 1000 instances)
- Cost-efficiency (pay-per-use)
- Global reach (test worldwide)
- No maintenance overhead



- S3: Unlimited artifact storage
- Lambda: Serverless health checks
- CloudWatch: Monitoring and logging

Best Practices:

1. Never use root account
2. Enable MFA always
3. Tag all resources
4. Set billing alerts
5. Stop unused instances
6. Use lifecycle policies
7. Monitor costs regularly

Cost Management:

- Free tier: \$0 for 12 months
- Typical cost: \$13-125/month
- Traditional setup: \$500-1000/month
- Savings: 85-95%!

What's Next?

Day 13: CI/CD & Test Reporting

- GitHub Actions with AWS
- Jenkins integration
- ReportPortal setup
- Automated notifications

Day 14: AI in Test Automation

- AI-powered locators
- Self-healing tests



Day 15: Framework Design & Capstone

- Complete framework architecture
 - Best practices
 - Final project
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Additional Resources

AWS Free Tier Calculator

<https://calculator.aws/>

AWS Documentation

- EC2: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/ec2/>
- S3: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/s3/>
- Lambda: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/>

Tutorials

- AWS Getting Started: <https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/>
- EC2 for Beginners: <https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/getting-started/>

Community

- AWS Forums: <https://forums.aws.amazon.com/>
- Stack Overflow: [aws] tag
- Reddit: r/aws

End of Day 12 - AWS for Test Automation



- Deploy tests on EC2
- Store artifacts in S3
- Create Lambda health checks
- Optimize costs
- Integrate with CI/CD

Next: Day 13 - CI/CD & Test Reporting

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