This is another simple script but one has to start somewhere and I'm hoping that this leads to bigger things when it comes to controlling EC2 instances from my local machine. It works great now but is a work in progress should any of the script commands fail . Ideally I'd like to recognise the command that fails and return some custom error message as well as take appropriate action as far as issuing new commands goes. If any of the commands do fail I see the error on my local machines terminal so I can take appropriate action but that response has not been automated yet.