## EE 542 - Laboratory Assignment #2: AWS Bring UP and Queuing

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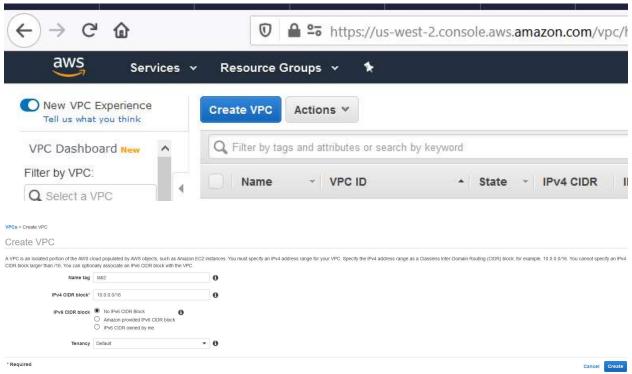
## **SETTING UP AWS**

The first step is to set up AWS.

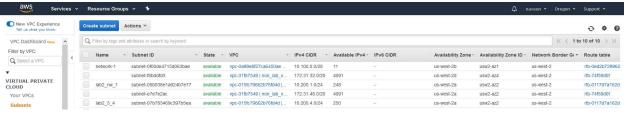
Log into AWS free tier account and select an AWS region of us-west-2(Oregon) and then go to VPC console tab by going to:

https://us-west-2.console.aws.amazon.com/vpc

Create a new VPC here in subnet 10.0.0.0/16 by selecting create VPC and configure as per below.



After this you need to create four subnets. One subnet is for client, other subnet for server and other two subnet are for public ip access over internet to client, server, router EC2 instance. Go to subnet tab in leftmost corner and select create subnet. Map this subnet to your newly created VPC. Create 4 subnet as per below configurations.

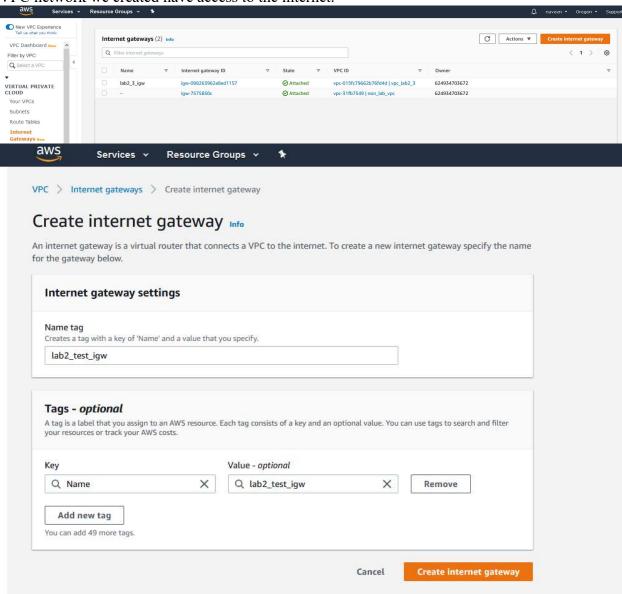


Configurations:

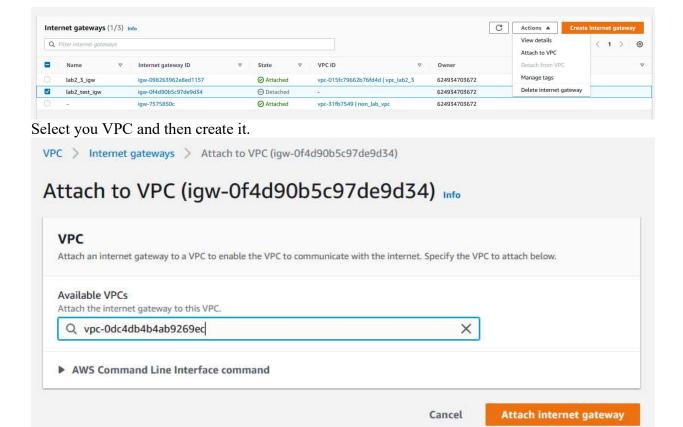


Repeat this for 10.0.2.0/24, 10.0.3.0/24, 10.0.4.0/24 subnets. Explore more about CIDR subnetting.

Now go to internet gateway tab on left most corner and create one. This is required so that the VPC network we created have access to the internet.



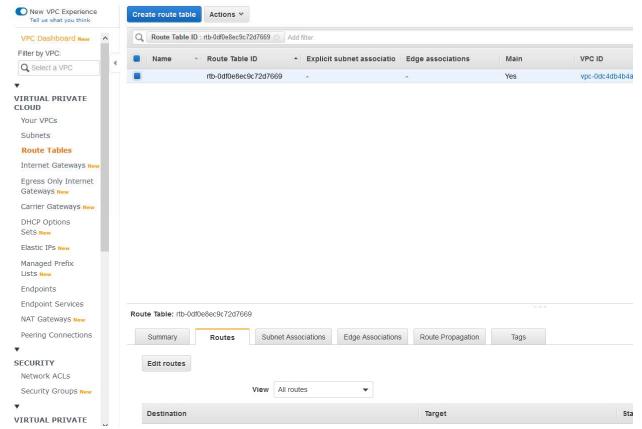
Now you need to attach this internet gateway to the corresponding VPC. Go back to Internet gateway tab and select the corresponding the IGW you created and select actions->attach to VPC.



Now go to your VPC tab and select the vpc you have created. Explore more on dhcp option set, Main route table, and network ACL by going to below link:

- https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/working-with-vpcs.html
- https://docs.aws.amazon.com/appstream2/latest/developerguide/createconfigure-new-vpc-with-private-public-subnets-nat.html
- https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/VPC DHCP Options.html
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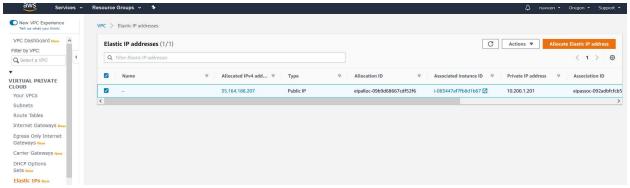
In the vpc tab, identify the main routing table the vpc is using and select that. Now configure a default route to point to the internet gateway we have created in the previous step. This is done fore internet access to all EC2 instance belonging to that VPC through the subnet.



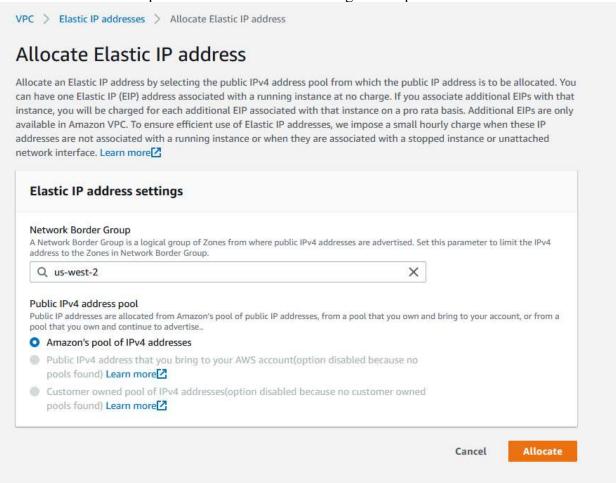
Click "edit routes" and add default routes with 0.0.0.0/0 and select "save routes". Explore more on the different target visible under the drop-down selection and what each signifies. Now your VPC should have internet access.



Now you need to create three "elastic IPs" for your three VM's. Explore more on what elastic ip means. This would be your public ip reachable over internet through which you ssh. Make note that you would be billed for elastic ip usage if your ec2 instance is stopped and elastic ip is not associated with it. So, be mindfull of that. When stopping an ec2 instance, you should also disassociate the elastic ip and release the elastic ip back to the IP pool, since global ip's are less. <a href="https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/elastic-ip-addresses-eip.html">https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/elastic-ip-addresses-eip.html</a>



Select "allocate elastic ip address". Select us-west-2 region and press allocate.



When you have instance created, you can attach it to your instance or n/w interface. We will be using n/w interface to attach the global ip. After attaching ip to your network interface, you cannot do any operations that would the change the interface characteristic such as changing IP or bringing down interface etc.

Question: How is amazon able to convert your public IP and reach your private IP on the interface?

If you face network packet drops, make sure to look at network ACL list and security group of your instance. These both acts as firewall. Now we are done with networking part. Now we have to create EC2 instance.

EC2 instances are VMs which run over xen hypervisor in bare metal hardware

Research more on AWS IAM, how the permission is granted for different users etch and how to create new one from:

https://aws.amazon.com/iam/

https://docs.amazonaws.cn/en us/IAM/latest/UserGuide/introduction.html

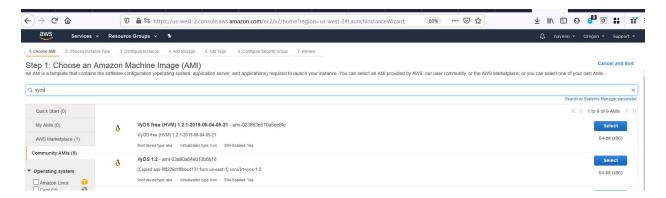
Go to your EC2 console tab by going to:

https://us-west-2.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2

Go to instances and select "launch instance".

1. First, we need to select OS image. For **vyos**, it should be selected from Community Ami's. Select **vyOS** free (HVM) 1.2.1-2019-06-04-05-21 (ami-023863e610a5ee8fe) image. Explore more on what AMI means in AWS. With this way, you can install your own OS image on AWS servers.

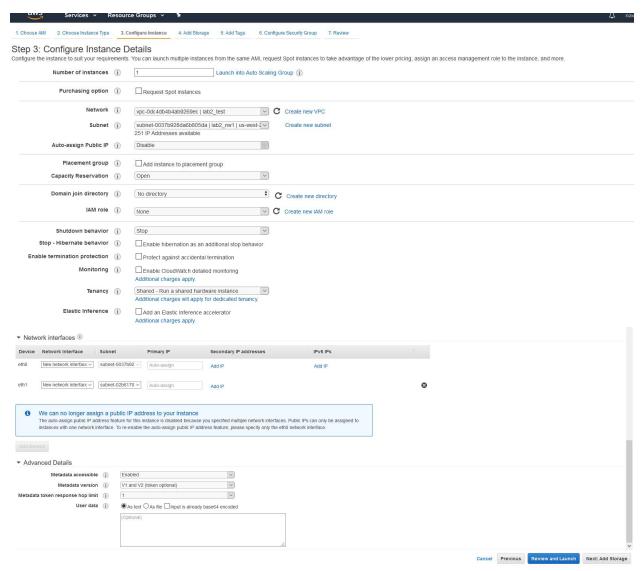
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AMIs.html



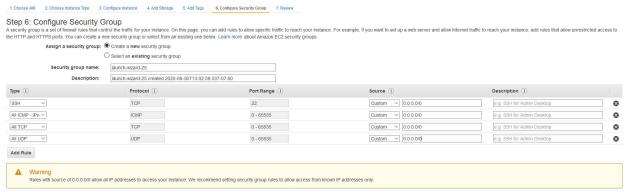
2. Then press select. In next window select "t2.micro" for your instance type. We have chosen this type because it's free under free tier limit. Here is where you will select the hardware configurations for your VM. Explore more on different type supported and its cost per hour.



3. select "next: configure instance details" on bottom right most corner and configure your instance details here. Here under network you have to select your newly created VPC in previous step. In subnet tab, select the subnet belonging to 16.0.1.0/24. Keep rest of the configuration same. Now in the "network interface" section, select "add device". This creates one more additional network adapter. You can assign static ip or get your ip from AWS DHCP server, which will be always running on VPC. Attach your newly created network adapter to 16.0.2.0/24 subnet. You can see a warning message that now public ip won't be assigned by AWS. This is why we need elastic IP to attach to one of these network adapters.

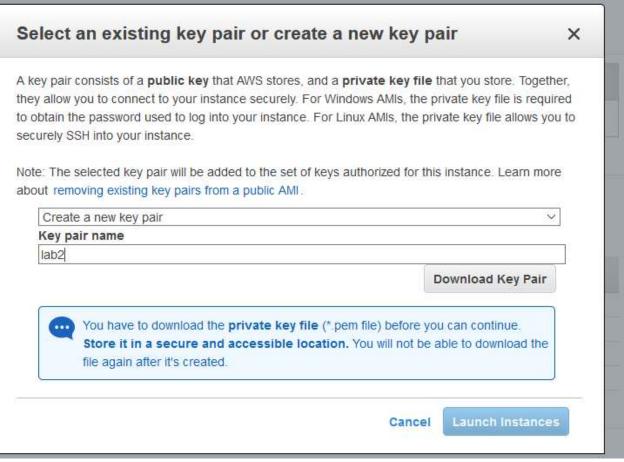


4. Now select next, next and again select next to reach "configure security group". If you want to change storage configurations you can do in these respective tabs. In "Security group", You have to add firewall rules for your respective traffic to allow. By default, SSH is enabled. Configure in below way to allow ping, iperf and tcp, udp packet exchange.



- 5. Now press "review and launch" and then select "launch" to start your new VM which would be visible under your instance tab.
- 6. Here you would have to create ssh public, private key for logging into your ssh session. Give a name and download your key-pair. Never ever loss the private key as this key cannot be

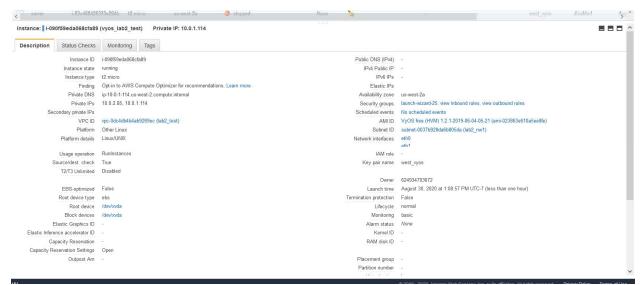
regenerated again and you won't be able to access instance again. You can use the same private key for multiple instances instead of choosing "create a new key pair".



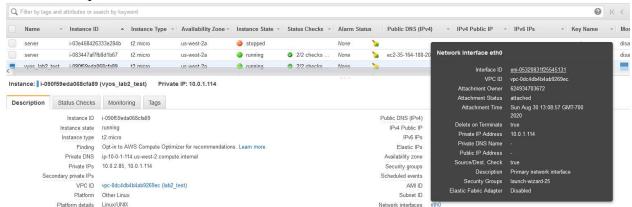
Explore more on ways to connect to your instance by going to below link: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AccessingInstances.html

7. Give a name for your instance and observe what all configuration it shows by selecting your instance. From the description info you should be able to reach your VPC, security group, identify network interface adapter id etc.

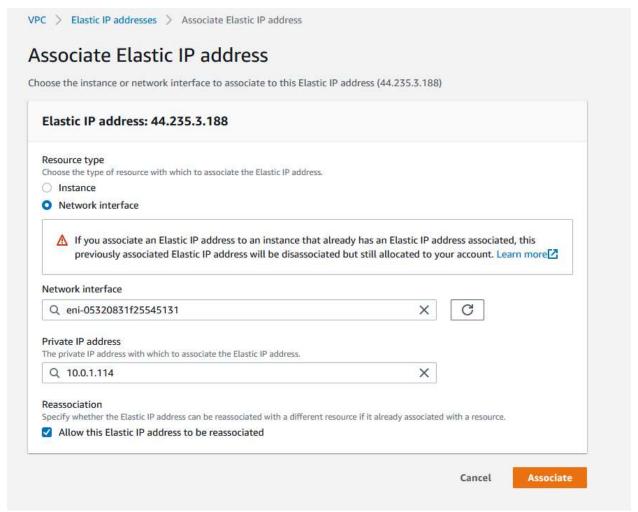




8. Now we need to associate one of the elastic IP we created in previous steps to this instance. Go to VPC tab and then "elastic IP". Associate this elastic IP with your network interface adapter of the EC2 instance.

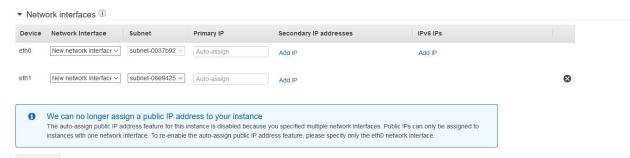


Get the network interface ip first and give that ip in the elastic IP tab. Select "allow the elastic IP to be re-associated" and then select associate. Check first whether you are able to ping this IP. Ig you are not able to ping then detach this IP from the instance and again re-associate with the next network adapter ID. This way, if you are not able to SSH session to interface issue, you can recover VM in this way.

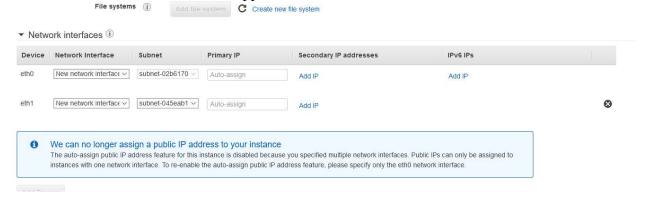


9. Now similarly create a client, server VM by using ubuntu "16.04" image. In the "configure instance details" tab you would have to accordingly choose one subnet which belongs to the vyos VM as done in LAB1 so that the router to client, router to server VM connectivity is established. All these VMs should be under same VPC. We choose the second interface for global elastic IP mapping to private IP for SSH connectivity so that we can play around with Linux commands on first network adapter interface eth0 under VM.



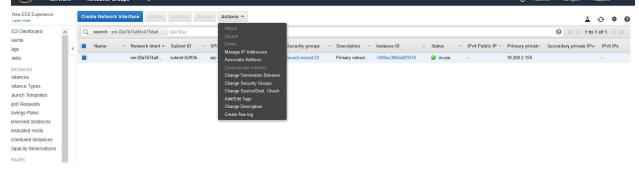


- 10. If you try to change any configuration of you elastic IP mapped network interface, your ssh would go down. So, don't do any configuration on that interface. This is why we created two n/w interface for client, server VM.
- 11. If you are not able to SSH, dissociate elastic IP from one network interface and connect to other. This could be due to that IP is not assigned for that network interface, since dhcp client would have to be manually started on the second interface eth1. So, it would be better to connect elastic IP to first interface always and after logging in and setting IP statically using ifconfig eth1 (static ip would be available from instance tab, you can even set these while you are in crating n/w interface tab when new instance is being created) and then change elastic IP mapping to this interface. Ensure that AWS private IP shown and the actual VM IP of that interface matches. (You can assign static IP in "Primary IP" tab).
- 12. Similarly, do the above steps for server VM, with subnet properly chosen for one n/w interface and other n/w interface mapped to last subnet where elastic IP would be matched.



Now that we have created the topology, its time to login to all of your client, server, vyos VM through SSH. You will observe that there is no user/pass prompt here. This is because we are using certificate which employ asymmetric key cryptography for authentication.

13. Also, you would have to change network interface adapter setting of "Source/dest check" to allow traffic to pass over vyos router. Make this setting to Disable. What does this setting do? Explain.



14. Now you would have to change routing table of Client, Server VM to redirect the traffic to VYos VM as by default AWS set's a default route in all of the VM to redirect traffic to its default router. Explore how to do this with help of ip route commands. Ensure ping from client to server VM is passing through vyos VM with help of tepdump listening on each interface. Explore more on tepdump command from below:

https://opensource.com/article/18/10/introduction-tcpdump

- 15. Can you answer why SSH goes down if IP is changed on that interface?
- 16. What can be used in vyos Vm to start dhelient in Vyos VM?
- 17. If interface adapter is not visible in your instance you have to do: ifconfig <intf> up
- 18. Also check:

/etc/network/interfaces.d/50-cloud-init.cfg, for cloud override scripts. This is how OS get's its IP automatically on AWS.

19. Next step is to install iperf, iperf3 on client, server VM. You would observe that VMs are not able to contact internet. Why is this? Explain. How can you correct it?

To solve it, look at /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/base file.

20. You would also have to do "sudo apt update". What does this command do?

## MEASUREMENT WITH IPERF

1. Execute:

iperf3 -s on server VM and iperf3 -u -c <server IP> -b <br/>bw> on client VM  $\,$ 

to test bandwidth of your connection over udp. Explore tcp throughput measurement also by using iperf. What is the max throughput and bandwidth you were able to achieve? Why if there is any difference in measurement between these two readings over same link?

2. Now set:

sudo tc qdisc add dev eth0 root netem delay 100ms.

on client, server VM and again do step 21. Were there any change in readings. If there is a change why is it?. (add -> when first time creating, change -> to update).

3. Now set:

sudo to qdisc change dev eth0 root netem delay 0ms loss 10% and take another measurement. What is your observation.

4. Run

dmesg -wH

in background to get kernel logs, for observing any kernel errors while you are executing the above commands and for hints to correct it. Also note the mtu of the interface and what is its significance on your readings. (you can change mtu using ifconfig and repeat iperf).

5. Execute:

sudo tc qdisc del dev eth1 root

for deleting the set configuration.

6. Execute:

 $\,$  sudo to qdisc add dev eth0 root tbf rate 100mbit latency 1ms burst 9015

Then run again step 21. What is your observations? What is the significance of the above command and how it effects performance?

7. Execute

sudo ethtool -s eth0 speed 10

Did you get any error and why is it not allowed in AWS? Explain.

8. Now delete all the above set configuration on interfaces on client, server VM and do the same steps on vyos VM on interface not mapped to elastic ip. Were you able to get the same observations as before in this configuration? Comment.

Refer below link for more understanding on queuing disciplines in Linux network stack.

https://tldp.org/HOWTO/Traffic-Control-HOWTO/overview.html https://tldp.org/HOWTO/Traffic-Control-HOWTO/elements.html https://tldp.org/HOWTO/Traffic-Control-HOWTO/components.html https://tldp.org/HOWTO/Traffic-Control-HOWTO/classless-qdiscs.html

Make a brief report on your understanding of AWS and how it works along with the commands you have tried out and the issues you have debugged to make it work. Also explain the readings you have got from iperf in different scenarios by executing the above mentioned "tc" commands on Linux. Also, make sure to answer questions posed in the steps mentioned in the document and any errors you have faced which you have resolved.