Deploying a Static Website on AWS EC2 using Apache and nano

Create a Key Pair (Console)

Sign in to the AWS Console \rightarrow **EC2**.

Left nav \rightarrow Key pairs \rightarrow Create key pair.

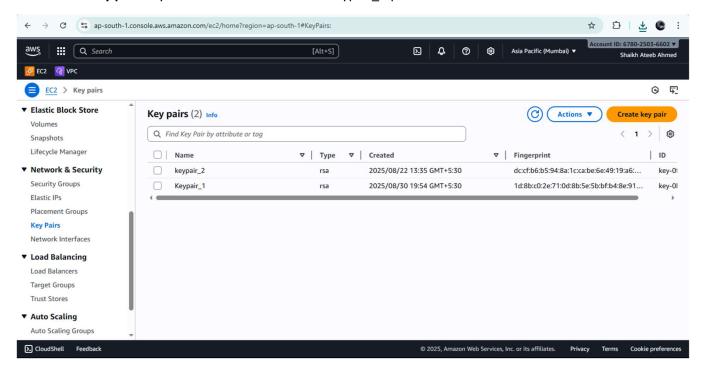
Set fields:

Name: Keypair_1.

Type: RSA.

Private key file format: .pem

Click **Create key pair** → your browser will download Keypair_1.pem.



Create a Security Group (Console)

Console \rightarrow EC2 \rightarrow left nav Security Groups \rightarrow Create security group.

Fields:

Security group name: Web-SG.

Description: Allow SSH from my IP and HTTP from anywhere.

VPC: default.

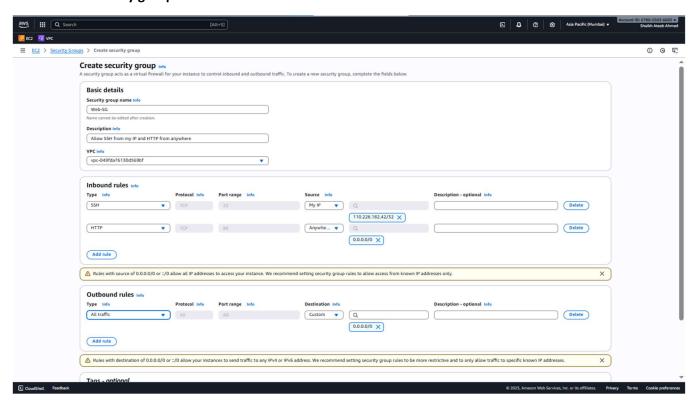
Inbound rules — add:

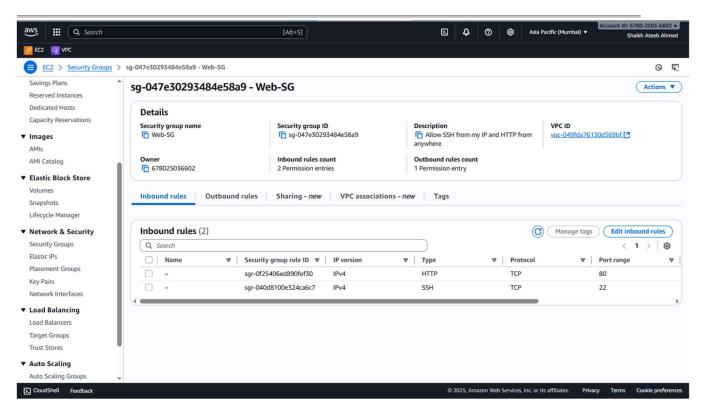
SSH (Type: SSH, Port range: 22) \rightarrow **Source**: **My IP** (select **My IP**).

HTTP (Type: HTTP, Port range: 80) \rightarrow **Source**: Anywhere IPv4 0.0.0.0/0 (allows everyone to browse your site).

Leave **Outbound** as default.

Click Create security group.





Open the VPC Console

Console \rightarrow Services \rightarrow VPC \rightarrow Subnets.

Create the subnet

Click Create subnet.

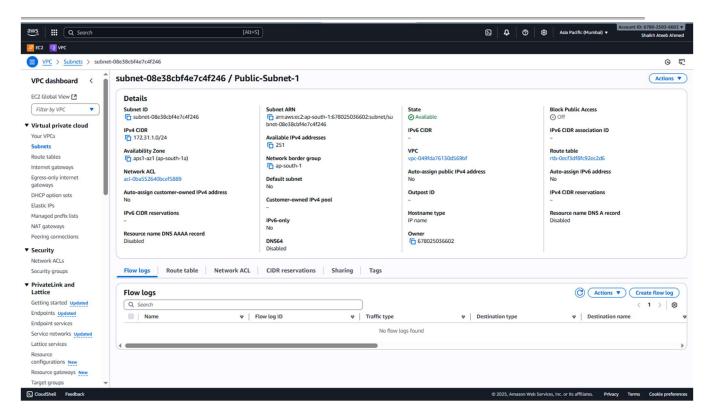
Select the **VPC** you want.

Name tag: Public-Subnet-1.

Availability Zone: pick one (e.g., us-east-1a).

IPv4 CIDR block: choose a non-overlapping CIDR, e.g. 172.31.1.0/24.

Click Create subnet.



Launch EC2 Instance (Console)

Open EC2. In the EC2 dashboard click Launch instances.

Name and tags For Name enter: apache-web-01.

Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

Select Ubuntu Server.

Choose instance type

Select **t3.micro** (Free Tier eligible in many accounts).

Configure instance details / Networking

Network (VPC): choose your default VPC (or the VPC you want to use).

Subnet: pick a subnet (one that auto-assigns public IPs or where you can enable it).

Auto-assign Public IPv4: Enable (so the instance gets a public IP).

Leave other defaults unless you need specific options.

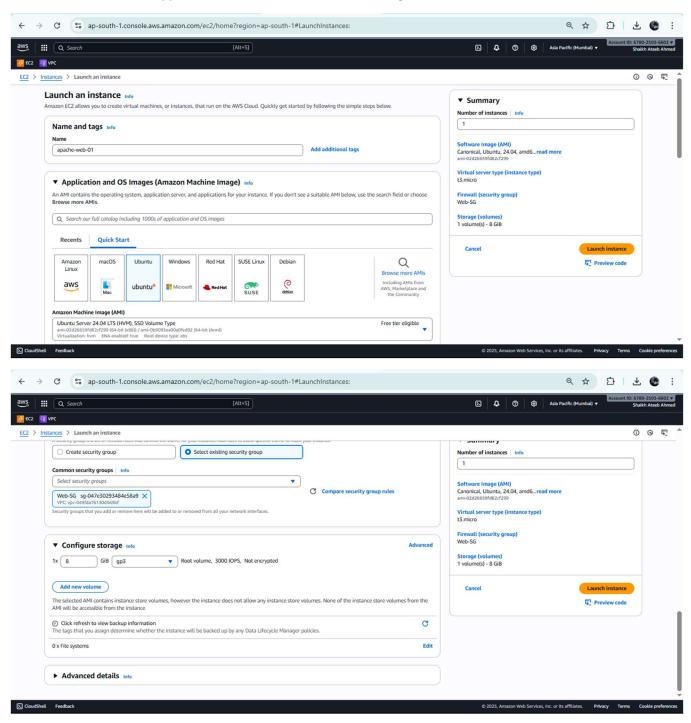
Add storage Root volume: set **8 GiB** (or 16 GiB) with gp3 or gp2 - 8 GiB is fine for a simple web host.

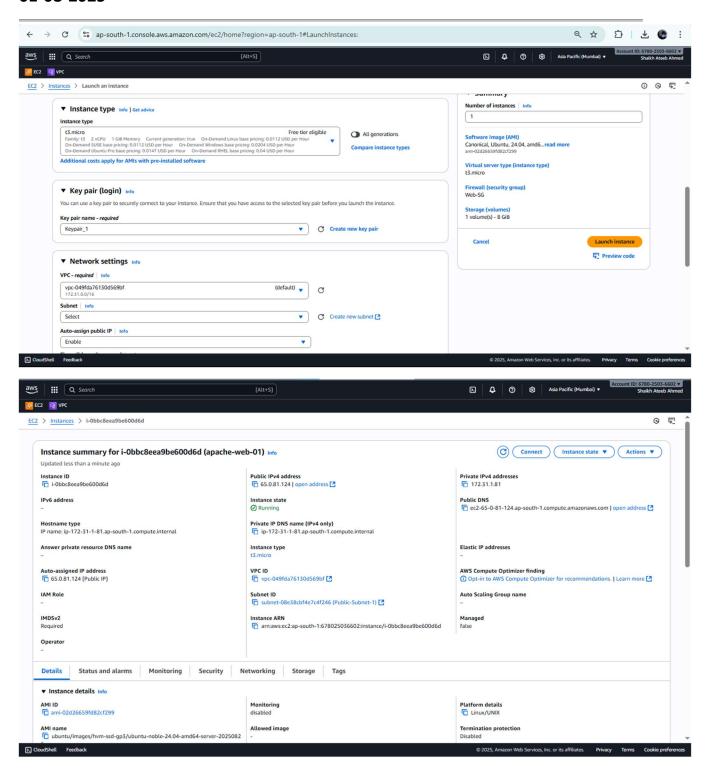
Security group Choose security group that you have created

Key pair choose **Keypair_1**.

Review & Click Launch instance.

Wait for the instance to appear in Instances list and reach running state.





Connect to Your Instance (SSH)

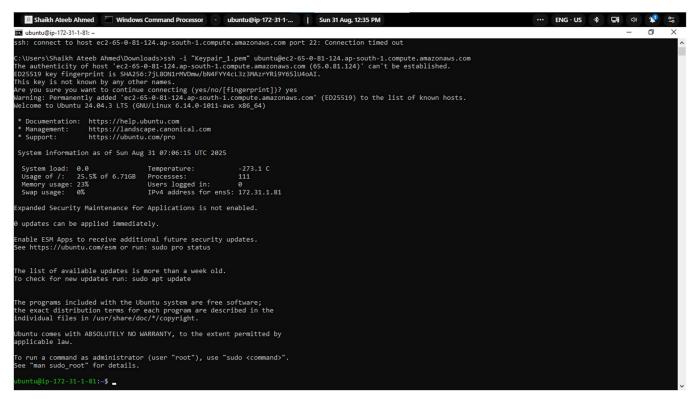
Open cmd Windows PowerShell

Get the Public IPv4 Console \rightarrow EC2 \rightarrow Instances \rightarrow select your instance \rightarrow copy **Public IPv4 address** (e.g. 13.234.225.154).

Run the SSH command ssh -i "Keypair_1.pem" ubuntu@ec2-65-0-81-124.ap-south-1.compute.amazonaws.com

If asked The authenticity of host ... are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? type yes and press Enter.

You're in — you should see a shell prompt on the remote host. Use sudo for admin tasks



Install & Start Apache (Ubuntu)

Update package lists (and upgrade if you want):

sudo apt update

Install Apache:

sudo apt install apache2 -y

Start the server and enable it at boot:

sudo systemctl start apache2

sudo systemctl enable apache2

Check the service status:

sudo systemctl status apache2

Look for active (running) in the output.

View the default page from your browser:

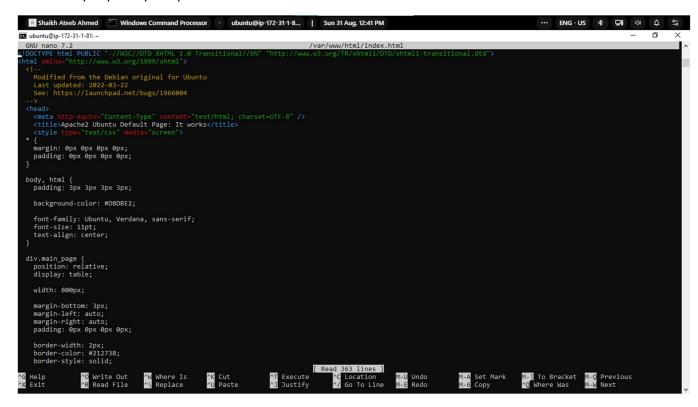
Open http://<PUBLIC_IP> (use the instance Public IPv4). You should see the Apache default page.



Create your homepage with nano

Open the file in nano (root required because /var/www/html is root-owned):

sudo nano /var/www/html/index.html



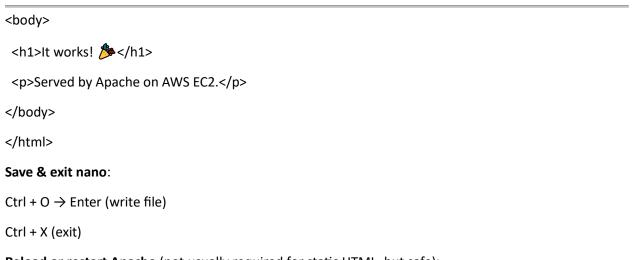
Select all existing content:

Press Ctrl + K repeatedly to delete existing lines.

Write Your HTML Code

Once nano is open, type your HTML code. Here's a simple example:

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<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
<title>My AWS Apache Site</title>
<style>body{font-family:system-ui;margin:2rem;}</style>
</head>
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Reload or restart Apache (not usually required for static HTML, but safe):

sudo systemctl reload apache2 OR (if reload fails) sudo systemctl restart apache2

Verify from your computer/browser:

open http://65.0.81.124/

