AWS EC2 Server Creation Documentation

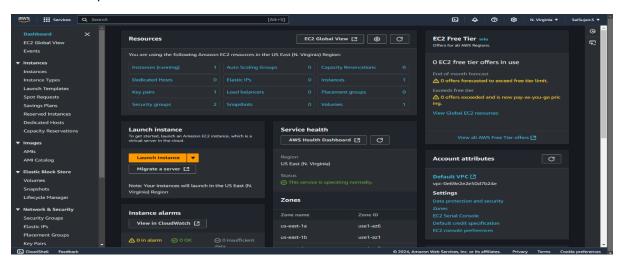
This document guides you through the process of creating and launching an Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance on AWS.

Step 1: Log in to AWS Management Console

- 1. Navigate to the <u>AWS Management Console</u>.
- 2. Log in with your credentials (username and password).

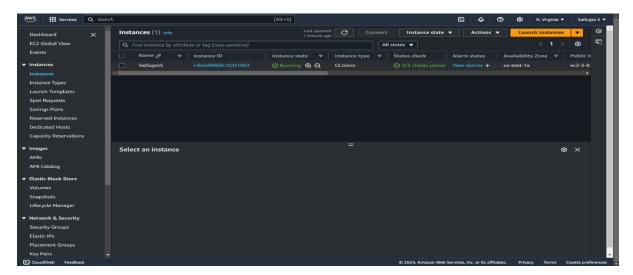
Step 2: Open the EC2 Dashboard

- 1. In the AWS Console, search for **EC2** in the search bar.
- 2. Select EC2 to open the EC2 Dashboard.

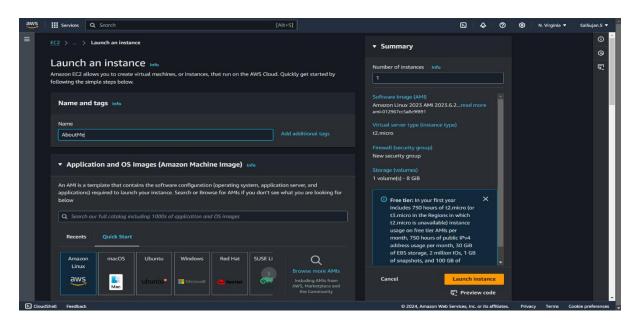


Step 3: Launch an EC2 Instance

1. Click Launch Instances on the EC2 Dashboard.

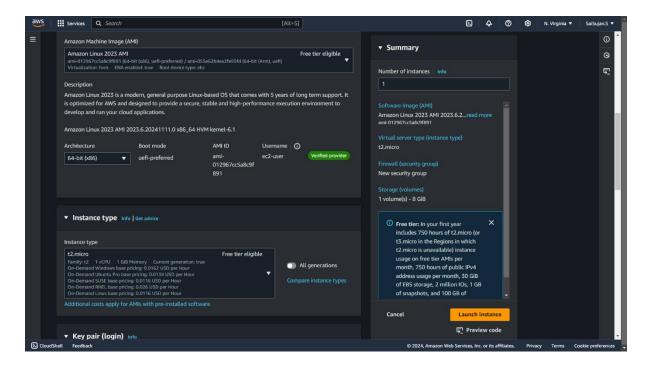


- 2. Enter an **Instance Name** (e.g., "MyServer").
- 3. Select an Amazon Machine Image (AMI):
 - Choose the operating system you want for the instance (e.g., Amazon Linux, Ubuntu, Windows Server).



4. Select an **Instance Type**:

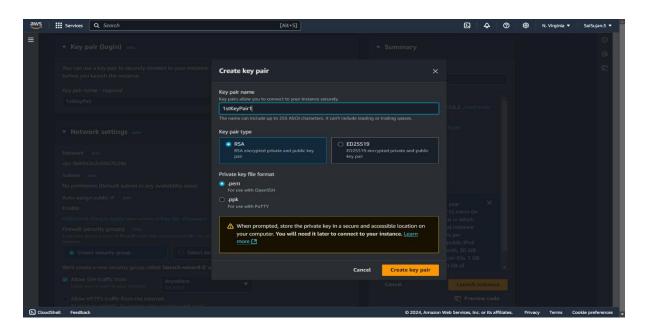
o For basic usage, choose **t2.micro** (eligible for Free Tier).



5. Configure **Key Pair**:

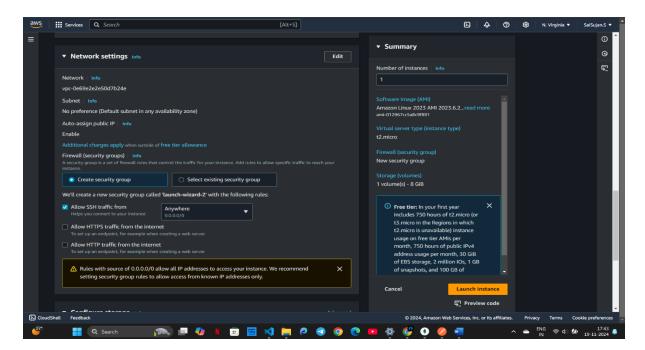
o Create a new key pair or use an existing one.

 Download the private key file (.pem) and keep it safe; it will be required to access the instance.



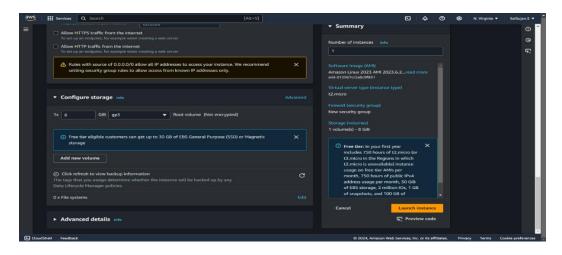
6. Configure Network Settings:

- Default VPC and Subnet will be selected automatically.
- Enable Auto-assign Public IP.
- Set up Security Groups:
 - Allow SSH (port 22) for Linux or RDP (port 3389) for Windows.
 - Optionally, allow other protocols (HTTP/HTTPS for web servers).



7. Add Storage:

o Use the default storage (8GB for most AMIs) or customize as needed.

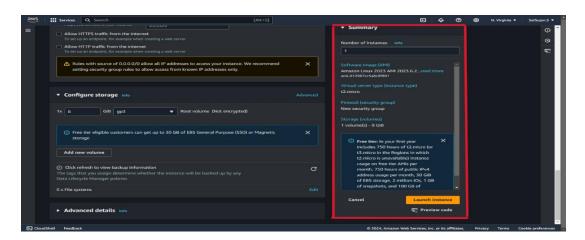


8. Add Advanced details (optional):

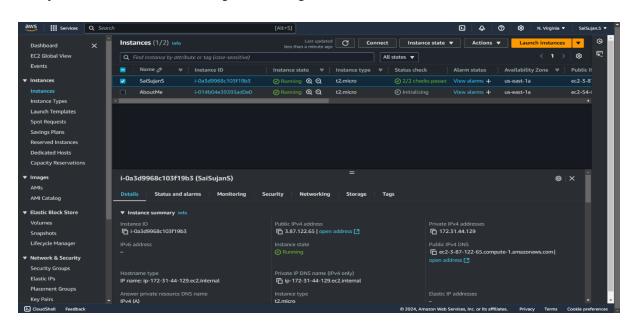
- In It Navigate to the last section where you will able to type the code or choose the file.
- o Type the modules you need to install or give any index.html content.
 - #!/bin/bash //bash says its linux
 yum install httpd -y // Install httpd module using yum
 systemctl status httpd // Verify that httpd is installed
 systemctl enable httpd // Enable the httpd server
 systemctl start httpd // Start the httpd server
 yum install git -y // Install git module
 git --version // Verify that git is installed

Step 4: Review and Launch

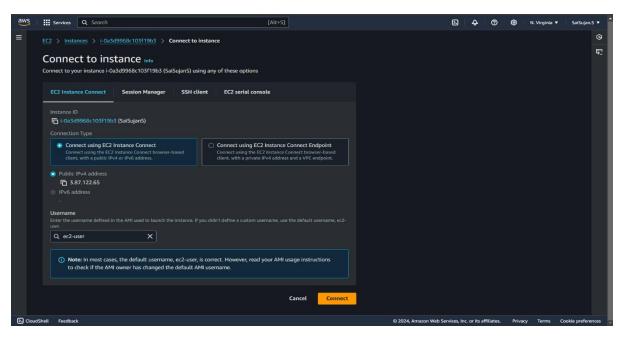
- 1. Review your instance configuration.
- 2. Click Launch Instance.



3. Wait for the instance state to change to **Running** on the EC2 Dashboard.



Step 5: Access the EC2 Instance



For Linux Instances:

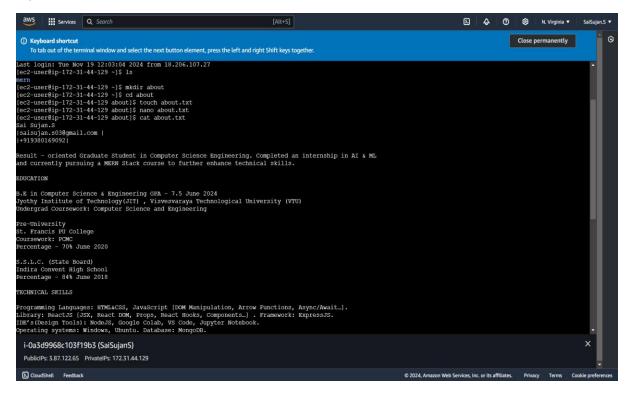
- 1. Open a terminal (Linux/macOS) or a tool like PuTTY (Windows).
- 2. Use the following command to connect via SSH:

bash

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ssh -i /path/to/your-key.pem ec2-user@<Public IP>

Replace /path/to/your-key.pem with the path to your private key file and <Public_IP> with your instance's public IP.



For Windows Instances:

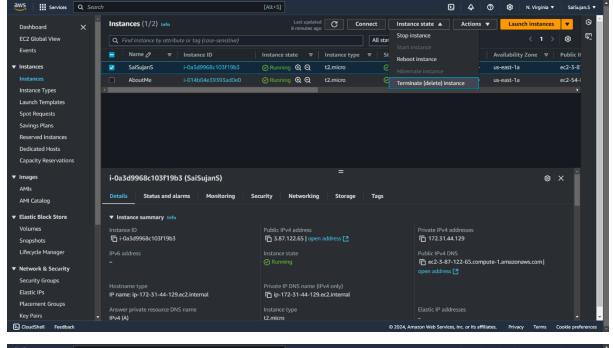
- 1. Use Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) to connect.
- 2. Retrieve the password:
 - In the EC2 Dashboard, select the instance, click Actions > Security > Get Windows Password.
 - o Decrypt the password using your private key.
- 3. Open RDP client, enter the public IP, and use the retrieved password.

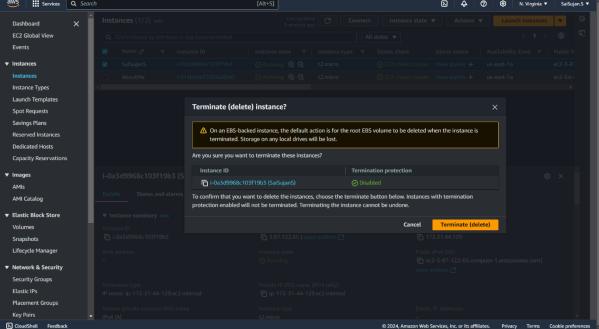
Step 6: Manage the EC2 Instance

- 1. Monitor your instance in the EC2 Dashboard (CPU, memory usage, etc.).
- 2. Modify instance settings as needed (e.g., stop/restart, resize).

Step 7: Terminate the Instance (Optional)

- 1. To stop incurring costs, terminate the instance when not in use:
 - o In the EC2 Dashboard, select the instance.
 - Click Actions > Instance State > Terminate.





Step 8: To use the AWS instance in the Windows Command Prompt

- 1. Navigate to the path where your key pair file is stored and type cmd and enter in the path bar
- 2. Then type ssh -i <keypairname>.pem <UserName>@<Public IPv4 Address> and enter.



Step 9: To Create Security Group

- 1. Navigate to Security Groups section in sidebar of EC2 and then
- 2. Click the **Create security group** button.

Fill in the details:

Security group name: Provide a meaningful name (e.g., MyWebServerSG).

Description: Add a description for the security group (e.g., Security group for my web server).

VPC: Select the appropriate VPC for your instance.

3. Add Inbound Rules:

Specify the inbound traffic you want to allow:

For a web server (HTTP), add:

Type: HTTP

Protocol: TCP

Port Range: 80

Source: Custom (e.g., 0.0.0.0/0 to allow traffic from all IPs).

For SSH access:

Type: SSH

Protocol: TCP

Port Range: 22

Source: Custom (e.g., your IP 203.0.113.25/32 for secure access).

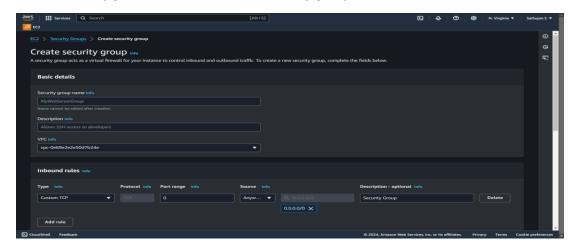
Click **Add Rule** to add multiple rules as needed.

4. Add Outbound Rules (Optional):

AWS allows all outbound traffic by default. Modify if necessary.

5. Review and Create:

Review the configuration and click **Create security group**.



Step 10: To Deploy the files into the server using shellscript / command prompt

- 1. Ensure you are the root user of the EC2 instance by
 - whoami in shellscript.cmd you should be seeing root
 - If you are not the root user then type sudo su, then you will be the root user.
- 2. Then run the following command

```
    yum install httpd -y // Install httpd module using yum
    systemctl status httpd // Verify that httpd is installed
    systemctl enable httpd // Enable the httpd server
    systemctl start httpd // Start the httpd server
    yum install git -y // Install git module
    git --version // Verify that git is installed
```

- 3. Copy the files if you have them already or create a file and type it there itself
 - To copy the files
 - cp [path_to_your_file or filename] /var/www/html/
 - Now the file is deployed.
- 4. Now to access the webpage/website type your public id/address in the browser.

```
1 yum install httpd
2 systemctl status httpd
3 systemctl enable httpd
4 systemctl start httpd
5 yum install git -y
6 git --version
7 cp index.html /var/www/html/
```

Step 11: Using Redirection Commands (> and >>)

- 1. After accessing your EC2 instance, you can use redirection commands to manage files and output data.
- 2. Using > (Overwrite Output)

The > command is used to redirect command output to a file, overwriting the file if it already exists.

Example - 1:

bash

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echo "Hello, World!" > example.txt

Creates (or overwrites) example.txt with the text Hello, World!.

Example - 2:

echo "<h1>Hello World<h1>" > /var/www/html/index.html

Access the Result using your Public IP address.

3. Using >> (Append Output)

The >> command is used to append command output to a file without overwriting it.

Example - 1

bash

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echo "This is an appended line." >> example.txt

Adds the line This is an appended line. to the end of example.txt.

Example – 2

echo "This is appended line." >> /var/www/html/index.html

Access the Result using your Public IP address.

[root@ip-172-31-87-59 ec2-user]# echo "<h1>This is Done Using Overwrite Output</h1>" > /var/www/html/index.html [root@ip-172-31-87-59 ec2-user]# echo "<h1>This is Done Using Appending Output</h1>" >> /var/www/html/index.html

Notes:

- Always ensure your private key file (.pem) is secure.
- Monitor your AWS billing to avoid unexpected charges.
- Use the AWS Free Tier to avoid costs for eligible resources (e.g., t2.micro).

For more details, refer to the <u>AWS EC2 Documentation</u>.