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Executive Summary

This assignment focuses on designing and deploying a secure, highly available, and scalable multi-tier web infrastructure on Amazon Web Services (AWS) using Terraform.

The infrastructure consists of:

- A Nginx reverse proxy/load balancer
- Multiple Apache backend web servers
- A secure VPC-based network
- Automated server configuration scripts
- Caching, SSL, security headers, rate limiting, and health checks

Terraform was used to provision all cloud resources in an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) approach, ensuring repeatability and consistency.

The system was tested for load balancing, fault tolerance, security, and performance.

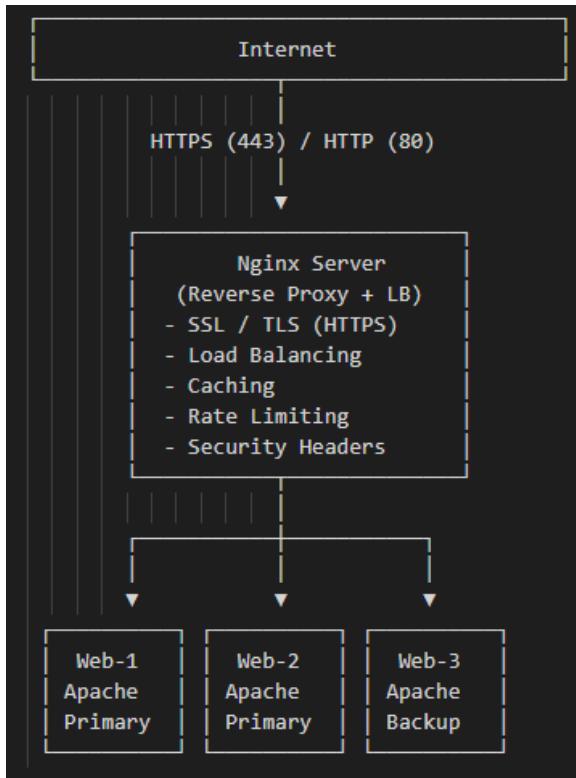
Key Achievements:

- Fully automated AWS infrastructure using Terraform
- Nginx HTTPS load balancer with SSL
- Multiple Apache backend servers with dynamic metadata display
- Secure networking using security groups
- Bonus features: rate limiting, health checks, caching, and security headers

Architecture Design

Architecture Overview

The architecture follows a three-tier design where traffic from the internet first reaches the Nginx load balancer, which then distributes requests to backend Apache servers.



Component Descriptions

Nginx Server

- ❖ Acts as a reverse proxy and load balancer
- ❖ Terminates SSL (HTTPS)
- ❖ Forwards requests to backend servers
- ❖ Implements caching and rate limiting
- ❖ Adds security headers

Backend Web Servers (Apache)

- ❖ Serve dynamic HTML pages
- ❖ Display instance metadata (IP, hostname, timestamp)
- ❖ Identified as web-1, web-2, and web-3
- ❖ web-3 acts as a backup server

Networking Components

- ❖ VPC
- ❖ Subnet

- ❖ Internet Gateway
- ❖ Route Table

Network Topology

- ❖ All servers are deployed inside a single VPC
- ❖ Public subnet allows internet access
- ❖ Security groups restrict traffic between layers
- ❖ Backend servers only accept traffic from Nginx

Security Design

- ❖ SSH access restricted to personal IP
- ❖ Backend servers not publicly exposed
- ❖ HTTPS encryption using SSL certificates
- ❖ Security headers enabled
- ❖ Rate limiting to prevent abuse

Implementation Details

Part 1: Infrastructure Setup

1.1 Project Structure

```

└── main
    ├── id_ed25519
    │   ├── id_ed25519.pub
    ├── locals.tf
    ├── main.tf
    └── main.tf.save
    ├── networking
    │   ├── main.tf
    │   ├── outputs.tf
    │   └── variables.tf
    ├── routes
    │   ├── main.tf
    │   ├── outputs.tf
    │   └── variables.tf
    ├── www
    │   ├── main.tf
    │   ├── outputs.tf
    │   └── variables.tf
    ├── outputs.json
    ├── outputs.tf
    └── scripts
        ├── apache-setup.sh
        ├── nginx-setup.sh
        ├── terraform.state
        ├── terraform.state.backup
        ├── terraform.tfvars
        └── variables.tf
1091 directories, 7618 files
@Umer-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ ls
README.md  .awscli2.zip  locals.tf  main.tf  main.tf.save  outputs.json  outputs.tf  terraform  terraform.state  terraform.state.backup  terraform.tfvars  variables.tf

```

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

```

@Umer-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ cat .gitignore
# Terraform
.terraform/
terraform.state
terraform.state.backup
*.tfvars

# SSH Keys
keys/

# Backup / temp files
*.save

# Generated outputs
outputs.json

```

1.2 Variable Configuration

File: variables.tf

```
@Umber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ cat variables.tf
variable "vpc_cidr_block" {
  description = "CIDR block for the VPC"
  type        = string

  validation {
    condition   = can(cidrnetmask(var.vpc_cidr_block))
    error_message = "VPC CIDR block must be a valid CIDR range."
  }
}

variable "subnet_cidr_block" {
  description = "CIDR block for the public subnet"
  type        = string

  validation {
    condition   = can(cidrnetmask(var.subnet_cidr_block))
    error_message = "Subnet CIDR block must be a valid CIDR range."
  }
}

variable "availability_zone" {
  description = "Availability zone for resources"
  type        = string
}

variable "env_prefix" {
  description = "Environment prefix (e.g., dev, prod)"
  type        = string
  default     = "dev"
}

variable "instance_type" {
  description = "EC2 instance type"
  type        = string
  default     = "t3.micro"
}

variable "public_key" {
  description = "Path to public SSH key"
  type        = string
}

variable "private_key" {
  description = "Path to private SSH key"
  type        = string
  sensitive   = true
}

variable "backend_servers" {
```

File: terraform.tfvars

```
@Umber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ cat terraform.tfvars
vpc_cidr_block      = "10.0.0.0/16"
subnet_cidr_block   = "10.0.10.0/24"
availability_zone   = "me-central-1a"

env_prefix          = "prod"
instance_type        = "t3.micro"

public_key          = "~/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub"
private_key          = "~/.ssh/id_ed25519"

backend_servers = [
  {
    name      = "web-1"
    script_path = "scripts/apache-setup.sh"
  },
  {
    name      = "web-2"
    script_path = "scripts/apache-setup.sh"
  },
  {
    name      = "web-3"
    script_path = "scripts/apache-setup.sh"
  }
]

@Umber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $
```

1.3 Networking Module

File: modules/networking/variables.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
variable "vpc_cidr_block" {
  description = "CIDR block for the VPC"
  type        = string
}

variable "subnet_cidr_block" {
  description = "CIDR block for the public subnet"
  type        = string
}

variable "availability_zone" {
  description = "Availability zone for subnet"
  type        = string
}

variable "env_prefix" {
  description = "Environment prefix for tagging"
  type        = string
}
```

File: modules/networking/main.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
resource "aws_vpc" "this" {
  cidr_block = var.vpc_cidr_block

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-vpc"
  }
}

resource "aws_subnet" "this" {
  vpc_id          = aws_vpc.this.id
  cidr_block      = var.subnet_cidr_block
  availability_zone = var.availability_zone
  map_public_ip_on_launch = true

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-public-subnet"
  }
}

resource "aws_internet_gateway" "this" {
  vpc_id = aws_vpc.this.id

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-igw"
  }
}

resource "aws_route_table" "this" {
  vpc_id = aws_vpc.this.id

  route {
    cidr_block = "0.0.0.0/0"
    gateway_id = aws_internet_gateway.this.id
  }

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-route-table"
  }
}

resource "aws_route_table_association" "this" {
  subnet_id      = aws_subnet.this.id
  route_table_id = aws_route_table.this.id
}
```

File: modules/networking/outputs.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
modules/networking/outputs.tf *
output "vpc_id" {
  value = aws_vpc.this.id
}

output "subnet_id" {
  value = aws_subnet.this.id
}

output "igw_id" {
  value = aws_internet_gateway.this.id
}

output "route_table_id" {
  value = aws_route_table.this.id
}
```

1.4 Security Module

File: modules/security/variables.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
modules/security/variables.tf *
variable "vpc_id" {
  description = "VPC ID where security groups will be created"
  type        = string
}

variable "env_prefix" {
  description = "Environment prefix for naming and tagging"
  type        = string
}

variable "my_ip" {
  description = "Your public IP address for SSH access (x.x.x.x/32)"
  type        = string
}
```

File: modules/security/main.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
modules/security/main.tf *
resource "aws_security_group" "backend_sg" {
  name            = "${var.env_prefix}-backend-sg"
  description     = "Security group for backend web servers"
  vpc_id          = var.vpc_id

  ingress {
    description = "SSH from my IP"
    from_port   = 22
    to_port     = 22
    protocol    = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = [var.my_ip]
  }

  ingress {
    description     = "HTTP from Nginx only"
    from_port      = 80
    to_port        = 80
    protocol       = "tcp"
    security_groups = [aws_security_group.nginx_sg.id]
  }

  egress {
    description = "Allow all outbound traffic"
    from_port   = 0
    to_port     = 0
    protocol    = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }

  tags = [
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-backend-sg"
  ]
}
```

File: modules/security/outputs.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
modules/security/outputs.tf *
output "nginx_sg_id" {
  value = aws_security_group.nginx_sg.id
}

output "backend_sg_id" {
  value = aws_security_group.backend_sg.id
}
```

AWS Console

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Security Groups console. On the left, there's a navigation sidebar with options like Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Instances, Images, and Elastic Block Store. The main area displays a table titled 'Security Groups (1/4)'. It lists four security groups: 'assignment-nginx-sg' (sg-04e39b84043359c02), 'default' (sg-0003ebf18d6c2fc5d), 'sg-098a24309603d702', and 'assignment-backend-sg' (sg-01811265c9c83254b). Below this, a specific security group, 'sg-01811265c9c83254b - assignment-backend-sg', is selected and its details are shown. The 'Inbound rules' tab is active, displaying two rules: one for SSH (TCP port 22 from 39.58.139.171/32) and one for HTTP (TCP port 80 from sg-04e39b84043359c02). There are also tabs for Outbound rules, Sharing, VPC associations, and Tags.

1.5 Locals Configuration

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
locals.tf *
#####
# Get public IP dynamically
#####
data "http" "my_ip" {
  url = "https://icanhazip.com"
}

#####
# Local values
#####
locals {
  # Dynamic IP For SSH access
  my_ip = "$chomp(data.http.my_ip.response_body)/32"

  # Common tags for all resources
  common_tags = {
    Environment = var.env_prefix
    Project     = "Assignment-2"
    ManagedBy   = "Terraform"
  }

  # Naming convention
  name_prefix = "${var.env_prefix}-assignment"

  # Backend servers configuration
  backend_servers = [
    {
      name      = "web-1"
      suffix    = "1"
      script_path = "./scripts/apache-setup.sh"
    },
    {
      name      = "web-2"
      suffix    = "2"
      script_path = "./scripts/apache-setup.sh"
    },
    {
      name      = "web-3"
      suffix    = "3"
      script_path = "./scripts/apache-setup.sh"
    }
  ]
}
```

Part 2: Webserver Module

2.1 Module Design

File: modules/webserver/variables.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
modules/webserver/variables.tf *

variable "instance_suffix" {
  description = "Unique suffix for instance"
  type        = string
}

variable "instance_type" {
  description = "EC2 instance type"
  type        = string
}

variable "availability_zone" {
  description = "Availability zone"
  type        = string
}

variable "vpc_id" {
  description = "VPC ID"
  type        = string
}

variable "subnet_id" {
  description = "Subnet ID"
  type        = string
}

variable "security_group_id" {
  description = "Security group ID"
  type        = string
}

variable "public_key" {
  description = "Public SSH key path"
  type        = string
}

variable "script_path" {
  description = "User data script path"
  type        = string
}

variable "common_tags" {
  description = "Common resource tags"
  type        = map(string)
}
```

File: modules/webserver/main.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
modules/webserver/main.tf *

# AMI (Amazon Linux 2023)
#####
data "aws_ami" "amazon_linux" {
  most_recent = true
  owners      = ["amazon"]

  filter {
    name  = "name"
    values = ["al2023-ami-*-x86_64"]
  }
}

#####
# Key Pair (unique per instance)
#####
resource "aws_key_pair" "this" {
  key_name = "${var.env_prefix}-${var.instance_name}-${var.instance_suffix}-key"
  public_key = file(var.public_key)

  tags = merge(
    var.common_tags,
    {
      Name = "${var.env_prefix}-${var.instance_name}-key"
    }
  )
}

#####
# EC2 Instance
#####
resource "aws_instance" "this" {
  ami           = data.aws_ami.amazon_linux.id
  instance_type = var.instance_type
  availability_zone = var.availability_zone
  subnet_id     = var.subnet_id
  vpc_security_group_ids = [var.security_group_id]
  key_name      = aws_key_pair.this.key_name
  associate_public_ip_address = true

  user_data = file(var.script_path)

  tags = merge(
    var.common_tags,
    {
      Name = "${var.env_prefix}-${var.instance_name}-${var.instance_suffix}"
    }
  )
}
```

File: modules/webserver/outputs.tf

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2                                         modules/webserver/outputs.tf *
output "instance_id" {
  value = aws_instance.this.id
}

output "public_ip" {
  value = aws_instance.this.public_ip
}

output "private_ip" {
  value = aws_instance.this.private_ip
}
```

2.2 Module Usage

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2                                         main.tf *
source = "./modules/webserver"

env_prefix      = var.env_prefix
instance_name   = "nginx-proxy"
instance_type   = var.instance_type
availability_zone = var.availability_zone

vpc_id          = module.networking.vpc_id
subnet_id       = module.networking.subnet_id
security_group_id = module.security.nginx_sg_id

public_key      = var.public_key
script_path     = "./scripts/nginx-setup.sh"
instance_suffix = "nginx"

common_tags = local.common_tags
}

#####
# Backend Web Servers
#####
module "backend_servers" {
  for_each = {
    for server in local.backend_servers :
    server.name => server
  }

  source = "./modules/webserver"

  env_prefix      = var.env_prefix
  instance_name   = each.value.name
  instance_type   = var.instance_type
  availability_zone = var.availability_zone

  vpc_id          = module.networking.vpc_id
  subnet_id       = module.networking.subnet_id
  security_group_id = module.security.backend_sg_id

  public_key      = var.public_key
  script_path     = each.value.script_path
  instance_suffix = each.value.suffix

  common_tags = local.common_tags
}
```

Part 3: Server Configuration Scripts

3.1 Apache Backend Server Script

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
#!/bin/bash
set -e

# Update system
yum update -y

# Install Apache
yum install httpd -y

# Start and enable Apache
systemctl start httpd
systemctl enable httpd

# Get metadata token (IMDSv2)
TOKEN=$(curl -s -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token" \
-H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token-ttl-seconds: 21600")

# Fetch instance metadata
PRIVATE_IP=$(curl -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN" \
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/local-ipv4)

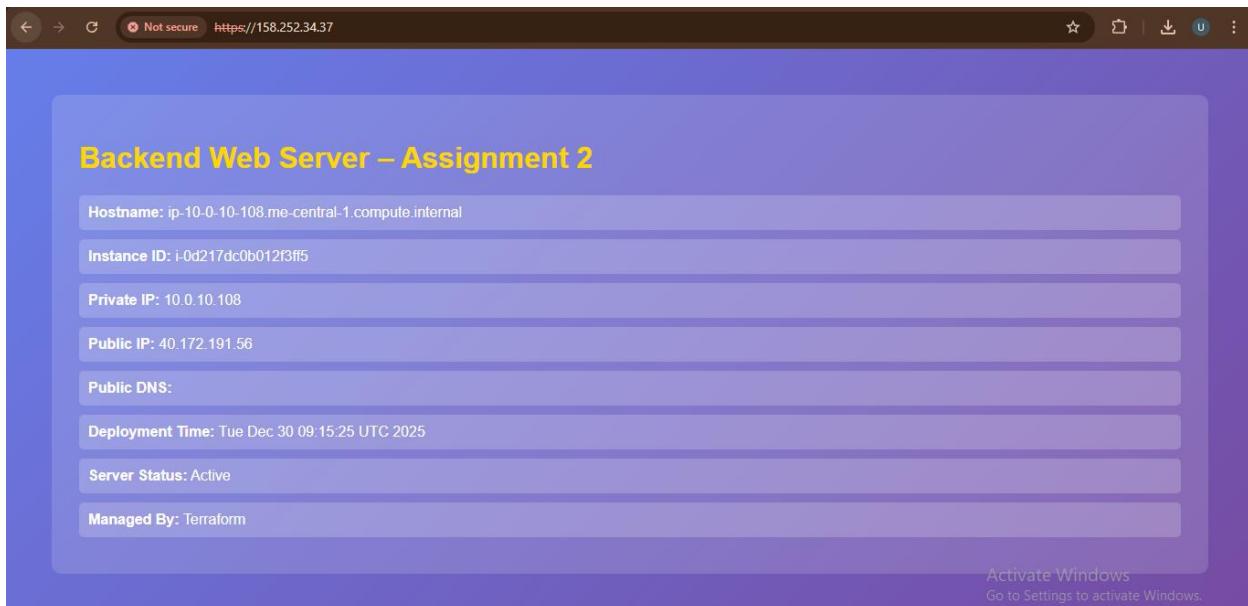
PUBLIC_IP=$(curl -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN" \
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-ipv4)

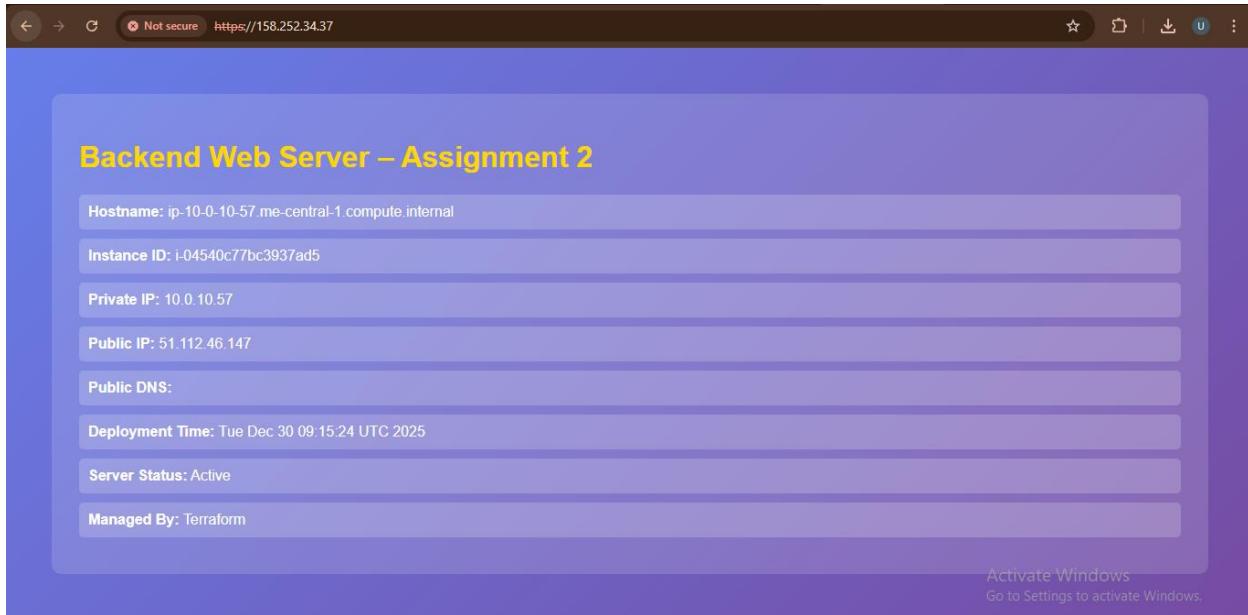
PUBLIC_DNS=$(curl -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN" \
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-hostname)

INSTANCE_ID=$(curl -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN" \
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/instance-id)

HOSTNAME=$(hostname)

# Create HTML page
cat > /var/www/html/index.html <> EOF
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    title Backend Web Server</title>
    style>
        body {
            font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
            background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%);
            color: white;
            margin: 50px;
        }
        .container {
            width: 500px;
            margin: auto;
            padding: 20px;
            border-radius: 10px;
            background-color: #fff;
            text-align: center;
        }
        h1 {
            font-size: 2em;
            margin-bottom: 10px;
        }
        p {
            font-size: 1.2em;
            margin-bottom: 10px;
        }
        a {
            font-size: 1.2em;
            color: #764ba2;
            text-decoration: none;
        }
        a:hover {
            color: #667eea;
        }
    </style>
</head>
<body>
    <div class="container">
        <h1>Backend Web Server – Assignment 2</h1>
        <p>Hostname: ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal</p>
        <p>Instance ID: i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5</p>
        <p>Private IP: 10.0.10.108</p>
        <p>Public IP: 40.172.191.56</p>
        <p>Public DNS:</p>
        <p>Deployment Time: Tue Dec 30 09:15:25 UTC 2025</p>
        <p>Server Status: Active</p>
        <p>Managed By: Terraform</p>
    </div>
</body>
</html>
```





3.2 Nginx Server Setup Script

```
Windows PowerShell
GNU nano 7.2
scripts/nginx-setup.sh *
proxy_cache_key "$scheme$request_method$host$request_uri";
proxy_cache_bypass $http_cache_control;
add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status;

# Timeouts
proxy_connect_timeout 60s;
proxy_send_timeout 60s;
proxy_read_timeout 60s;
}

# Health check endpoint
location /health {
    access_log off;
    return 200 "Nginx is healthy\n";
    add_header Content-Type text/plain;
}
}

# HTTP Server (redirect to HTTPS)
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name _;

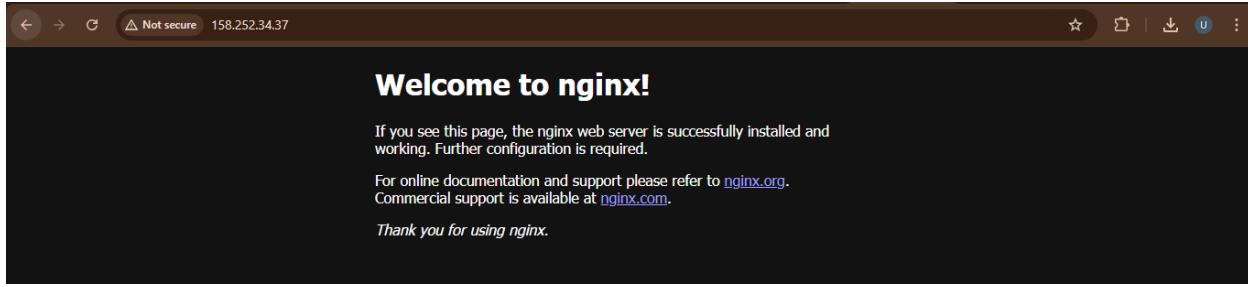
    location / {
        return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
    }

    # Allow health checks over HTTP
    location /health {
        access_log off;
        return 200 "Nginx is healthy\n";
        add_header Content-Type text/plain;
    }
}
EOF

# Create cache directory
mkdir -p /var/cache/nginx
chown -R nginx nginx /var/cache/nginx

# Test and restart Nginx
nginx -t && systemctl restart nginx

echo "Nginx setup completed successfully!"
echo "Remember to update backend server IPs in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf"
```



Part 4: Infrastructure Deployment

4.1 Initial Deployment

```
@umber-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ ls keys/  
id_ed25519  id_ed25519.pub
```

```
@umber-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ terraform init  
Initializing the backend...  
Initializing modules...  
Initializing provider plugins...  
- Reusing previous version of hashicorp/http from the dependency lock file  
- Reusing previous version of hashicorp/aws from the dependency lock file  
- Using previously-installed hashicorp/http v3.5.0  
- Using previously-installed hashicorp/aws v6.27.0
```

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands should now work.

If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform, rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.

```
@umber-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $
```

```
@umber-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ terraform validate  
Success! The configuration is valid.
```

```
Windows PowerShell  
Location: /etc/nginx/  
    location / {  
        access_log off;  
        return 200 "Nginx is healthy\n";  
        add_header Content-Type text/plain;  
    }  
    # HTTP Server (redirect to HTTPS)  
    server {  
        listen 80;  
        server_name _;  
        location / {  
            return 301 https://$host$request_uri;  
        }  
        # Allow health checks over HTTP  
        location /health {  
            access_log off;  
            return 200 "Nginx is healthy\n";  
            add_header Content-Type text/plain;  
        }  
    }  
    EOF  
    # Create cache directory  
    mkdir -p /var/cache/nginx  
    chown -R nginx:nginx /var/cache/nginx  
    # Test and restart Nginx  
    nginx -t && systemctl restart nginx  
    echo "Nginx setup completed successfully!"  
    echo "Remember to update backend server IPs in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf"  
EOT  
# (38 unchanged attributes hidden)  
# (9 unchanged blocks hidden)  
}  
Plan: 0 to add, 1 to change, 0 to destroy.  
Changes to Outputs:  
~ nginx_public_ip      = "158.252.34.37" -> (known after apply)
```

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

```

plumber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ terraform apply -auto-approve
data.http.my_ip: Reading...
data.http.my_ip: Read complete after 0s [id=https://icanhazip.com]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Reading...
module.backend_servers["web-1"].data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Reading...
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_key_pair.this: Refreshing state... [id=prod-web-2-2-key]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_key_pair.this: Refreshing state... [id=prod-web-3-3-key]
module.networking.aws_vpc.this: Refreshing state... [id=vpc-04511a88ada/de218]
module.nginx_server.data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Reading...
module.nginx_server.aws_key_pair.this: Refreshing state... [id=prod-nginx-proxy-nginx-key]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_key_pair.this: Refreshing state... [id=prod-web-1-1-key]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Read complete after 0s [id=ami-009ce8169fc88edf5]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Read complete after 0s [id=ami-009ce8169fc88edf5]
module.nginx_server.data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Read complete after 0s [id=ami-009ce8169fc88edf5]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].data.aws_ami.amazon_linux: Read complete after 0s [id=ami-009ce8169fc88edf5]
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Refreshing state... [id=igw-009165a8629936870]
module.networking.aws_subnet.this: Refreshing state... [id=subnet-07717b21f184256f4]
module.security.aws_security_group.nginx_sg: Refreshing state... [id=sg-034f3c09a82c0d381]
module.networking.aws_route_table.this: Refreshing state... [id=rtb-01c8923928a660e8c]
module.security.aws_security_group.backend_sg: Refreshing state... [id=sg-0cd23536fc056207]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Refreshing state... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a]
module.networking.aws_route_table_association.this: Refreshing state... [id=rtbassoc-000990dfac1f05b7c]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Refreshing state... [id=i-04540c77bc3937ad5]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_instance.this: Refreshing state... [id=i-08e586a0daf87c199]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Refreshing state... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5]

No changes. Your infrastructure matches the configuration.

Terraform has compared your real infrastructure against your configuration and found no differences, so no changes are needed.

Apply complete! Resources: 0 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

```

4.2 Output Configuration

```

plumber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ terraform output
backend_servers_info = {
  "web-1" = {
    "instance_id" = "i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5"
    "private_ip" = "10.0.10.108"
    "public_ip" = "40.172.191.56"
  }
  "web-2" = {
    "instance_id" = "i-04540c77bc3937ad5"
    "private_ip" = "10.0.10.57"
    "public_ip" = "51.112.46.147"
  }
  "web-3" = {
    "instance_id" = "i-08e586a0daf87c199"
    "private_ip" = "10.0.10.31"
    "public_ip" = "158.252.79.165"
  }
}
configuration_guide = <<EOT
=====
DEPLOYMENT SUCCESSFUL!
=====

Next Steps:
1. SSH into Nginx server: ssh ec2-user@3.28.185.216
2. Edit Nginx config: sudo vim /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
3. Update backend IPs in upstream block:
  - BACKEND_IP_1: 10.0.10.108
  - BACKEND_IP_2: 10.0.10.57
  - BACKEND_IP_3: 10.0.10.31
4. Restart Nginx: sudo systemctl restart nginx
5. Test: https://3.28.185.216

Backend Servers:
- web-1: 40.172.191.56 (private: 10.0.10.108)
  - web-2: 51.112.46.147 (private: 10.0.10.57)
  - web-3: 158.252.79.165 (private: 10.0.10.31)

EOT
nginx_instance_id = "i-006f45446d9906a9a"
nginx_public_ip = "3.28.185.216"
subnet_id = "subnet-07717b21f184256f4"
vpc_id = "vpc-04511a88ada/de218"
plumber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $

```

```
elumber-qasim 2 /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ terraform output -json > outputs.json
elumber-qasim 2 /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $
```

4.3 AWS Console Verification

Name	VPC ID	State	Encryption	Block Public...
prod-vpc	vpc-04511a88ada7de218	Available	-	Off

Name	Subnet ID	State	IPv4 CIDR	Block Public...
-	subnet-008a6375773a6d67d	Available	vpc-0d2fb78883682acc	Off
-	subnet-0e2b03348f83d9464	Available	vpc-0d2fb78883682acc	Off
prod-public-subnet	subnet-07717b21f184256f4	Available	vpc-04511a88ada7de218 prod-vpc	Off
-	subnet-005aaaf45b7679f681	Available	vpc-0d2fb78883682acc	Off

Name	Security group ID	Security group name	VPC ID	Description
-	sg-0003efbf18dc6fc5d	default	vpc-04511a88ada7de218	default VPC se
-	sg-098e2430f9603d702	default	vpc-0d2fb78883682acc	default VPC se
prod-backend-sg	sg-0dcd2556f056207	prod-backend-sg	vpc-04511a88ada7de218	Security group
prod-nginx-sg	sg-034f3c09a82cd5d81	prod-nginx-sg	vpc-04511a88ada7de218	Security group

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instances page. The left sidebar is collapsed, and the main area displays a table titled "Instances (4) Info". The table has columns for Name, Instance ID, Instance state, Instance type, Status check, Alarm status, Availability Zone, and Public IP. All four instances are listed as "Running".

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IP
prod-web-3-3	i-08e586a0daf87c199	Running	t3.micro	3/3 checks passed	View alarms +	me-central-1a	-
prod-web-1-1	i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5	Running	t3.micro	3/3 checks passed	View alarms +	me-central-1a	-
prod-nginx-pr...	i-006f45446d9906a9a	Running	t3.micro	3/3 checks passed	View alarms +	me-central-1a	-
prod-web-2-2	i-04540c77bc3937ad5	Running	t3.micro	3/3 checks passed	View alarms +	me-central-1a	-

Part 5: Nginx Configuration & Testing

5.1 Update Nginx Backend Configuration

```
@umber-qasim ~/workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ ssh -i keys/id_ed25519 ec2-user@3.28.185.216
The authenticity of host '3.28.185.216 (3.28.185.216)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:4VvttnqeK76e4bDlPKqx0hM4jTeu7fS48nUIxVaVRjXA.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
~/.ssh/known_hosts:1: [hashed name]
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '3.28.185.216' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.

,
      #
~\_ #####
~~ \#####\
~~ \###|
~~  \#/ __ Amazon Linux 2023 (ECS Optimized)
~~   V~' '-->
~~   /
~~  _/
~/m/'
```

For documentation, visit <http://aws.amazon.com/documentation/ecs>
Last login: Tue Dec 30 10:14:24 2025 from 4.240.39.197
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]\$

```

> ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192:~
user nginx;
worker_processes auto;
error_log /var/log/nginx/error.log notice;
pid /run/nginx.pid;

events {
    worker_connections 1024;
}

http {
    # Logging
    log_format main '$remote_addr - $remote_user [$time_local] "$request" '
                    '$status $body_bytes_sent "$http_referer" '
                    '"$http_user_agent" "$http_x_forwarded_for" '
                    'Cache: $upstream_cache_status';

    access_log /var/log/nginx/access.log main;

    # Basic settings
    sendfile on;
    tcp_nopush on;
    keepalive_timeout 65;
    types_hash_max_size 4096;

    include /etc/nginx/mime.types;
    default_type application/octet-stream;

    # Gzip compression
    gzip on;
    gzip_vary on;
    gzip_types text/plain text/css application/json application/javascript text/xml application/xml;

    # Cache configuration
    proxy_cache_path /var/cache/nginx
        levels=1:2
        keys_zone=my_cache:10m
        max_size=1g
        inactive=60m
        use_temp_path=off;

    # Upstream backend servers
    # PLACEHOLDER: Update these IPs after deployment
    upstream backend_servers {
        # Primary servers (active load balancing)
        server 10.0.10.108:80;
        server 10.0.10.57:80;

        # Backup server (only used when primary servers are down)
        server 10.0.10.31:80 backup;
    }

    # HTTPS Server
    server {
        "/etc/nginx/nginx.conf" 118L, 3503B
    }
}

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo nginx -t
nginx: [warn] the "listen ... http2" directive is deprecated, use the "http2" directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf:54
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl restart nginx
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl status nginx
● nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Tue 2025-12-30 11:38:47 UTC; 5s ago
     Process: 39284 ExecStartPre=/usr/bin/m -f /run/nginx.pid (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
    Process: 39285 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
    Process: 39286 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
      Main PID: 39287 (nginx)
        Tasks: 1 (limit: 1065)
       Memory: 4.3M
          CPU: 60ms
         CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
             ├─39287 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx"
             ├─39288 "nginx: worker process"
             ├─39289 "nginx: worker process"
             ├─39290 "nginx: cache manager process"
             └─39291 "nginx: cache loader process"

Dec 30 11:38:47 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
Dec 30 11:38:47 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[39285]: nginx: [warn] the "listen ... http2" directive is deprecated, use the "http2" directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf:54
Dec 30 11:38:47 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[39285]: nginx: the configuration file '/etc/nginx/nginx.conf' syntax is ok
Dec 30 11:38:47 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[39285]: nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
Dec 30 11:38:47 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[39286]: nginx: [warn] the "listen ... http2" directive is deprecated, use the "http2" directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf:54
Dec 30 11:38:47 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server.
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

5.2 Test Load Balancing

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL <https://3.28.185.216>. The page displays a large red warning icon with an exclamation mark. Below it, the text 'Your connection is not private' is centered. A note below states: 'Attackers might be trying to steal your information from **3.28.185.216** (for example, passwords, messages or credit cards). [Learn more about this warning](#)'.

NET::ERR_CERT_AUTHORITY_INVALID

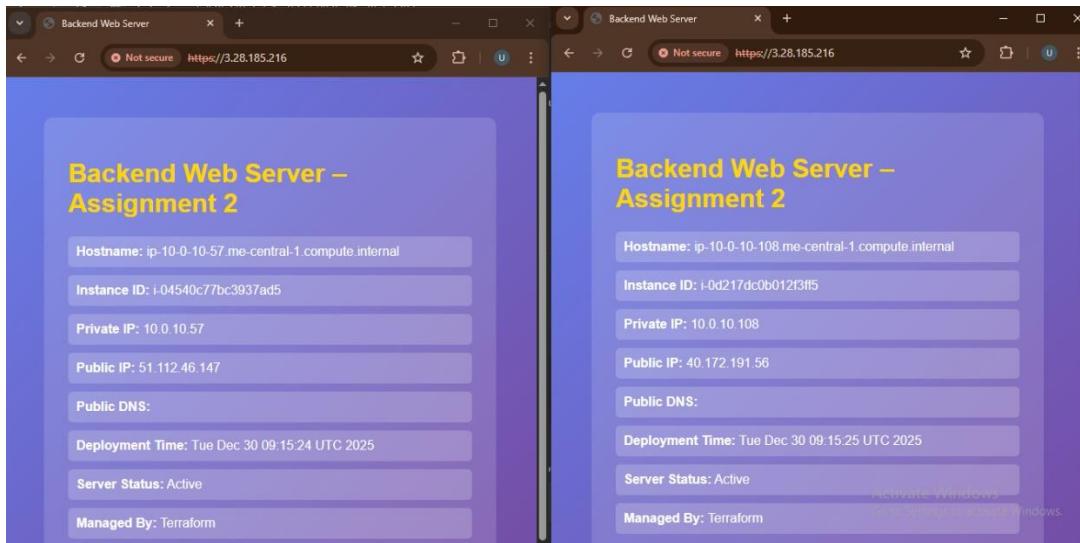
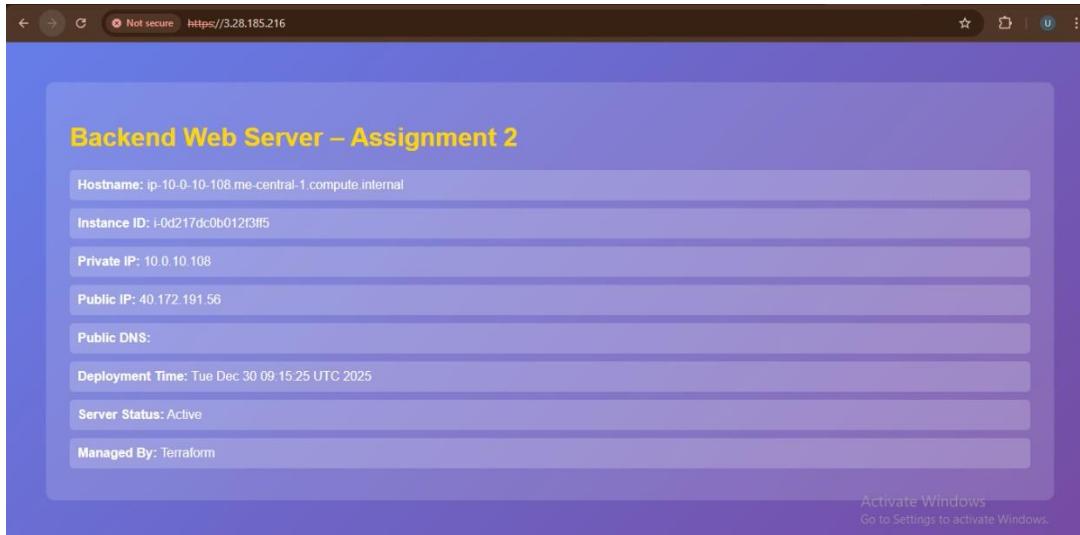
Advanced Back to safety

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

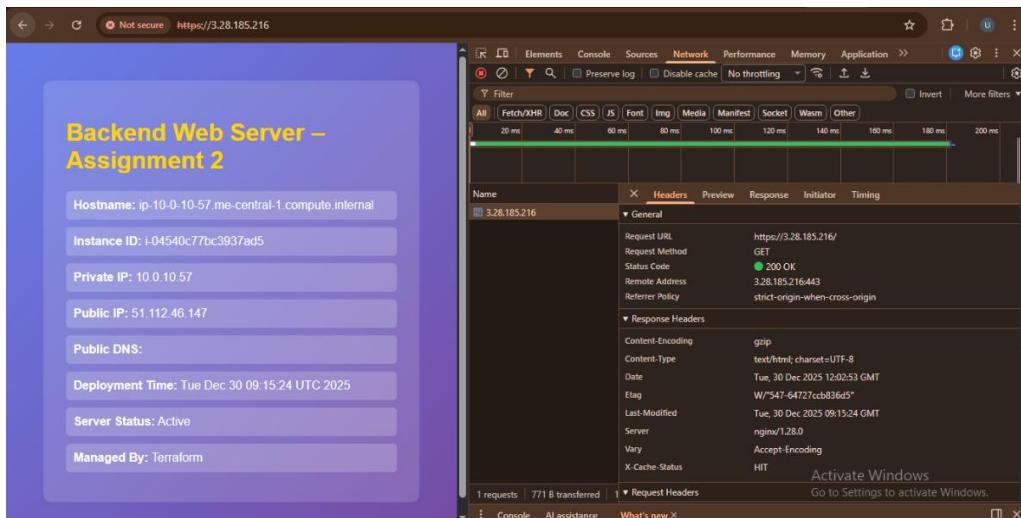
The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL <https://3.28.185.216>. The page has a purple header with the title 'Backend Web Server – Assignment 2'. Below the header, there is a list of server details in a table-like format:

Hostname:	ip-10-0-10-57 me-central-1.compute internal
Instance ID:	i-04540c77bc3937ad5
Private IP:	10.0.10.57
Public IP:	51.112.46.147
Public DNS:	
Deployment Time:	Tue Dec 30 09:15:24 UTC 2025
Server Status:	Active
Managed By:	Terraform

Activate Windows



5.3 Test Cache Functionality



```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo vi /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ [ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl restart nginx
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ ls -la /var/cache/nginx/
total 0
drwxr-xr-x. 6 nginx nginx 42 Dec 30 11:42 .
drwxr-xr-x. 9 root  root  94 Dec 30 09:15 ..
drwx-----. 3 nginx nginx 16 Dec 30 11:42 2
drwx-----. 3 nginx nginx 16 Dec 30 10:22 8
drwx-----. 3 nginx nginx 16 Dec 30 10:22 c
drwx-----. 3 nginx nginx 16 Dec 30 11:42 f
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-10-192-1]~$ sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/access.log
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:02:13 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:02:29 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:02:37 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:02:39 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:02:49 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:02:53 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:03:56 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:04:33 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36" "-"
[Cache: HIT]
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:04:44 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux aarch64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 CrKey/1.54.2
50320" "- Cache: HIT
39.58.139.171 - [30/Dec/2025:12:04:53 +0000] "GET / HTTP/2.0" 200 594 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux aarch64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/143.0.0.0.8/Safari/537.36 CrKey/1.54.2
50320" "- Cache: HIT
```

5.4 Test High Availability (Backup Server)

```

connection to host lost!
$ Umber-gasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ ssh -i keys/id_ed25519 ec2-user@40.172.191.56
The authenticity of host '40.172.191.56 (40.172.191.56)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:cUEHueQexS3TQeS/f2ye6obMor0ujxHor3R1uc4FBgU.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '40.172.191.56' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.

      #_
      ~\_ ####_
      ~~ \#####\
      ~~  \###|
      ~~   \#/ __ Amazon Linux 2023 (ECS Optimized)
      ~~   V~' '-'>
      ~~~   /
      ~~.~_. /_
      _/_ /_
      _/m/'_

For documentation, visit http://aws.amazon.com/documentation/ecs
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-108 ~]$ sudo systemctl stop httpd
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-108 ~]$ sudo systemctl status httpd
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: inactive (dead) since Tue 2025-12-30 12:10:10 UTC; 6s ago
     Duration: 2h 54min 44.851s
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
    Process: 2156 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/httpd $OPTIONS -DFOREGROUND (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 2156 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Status: "Total requests: 28; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0.00267; Bytes served/sec: 6 B/sec"
        CPU: 10.727s

Dec 30 09:15:24 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Dec 30 09:15:24 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Dec 30 09:15:24 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal httpd[2156]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
Dec 30 12:10:09 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Stopping httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Dec 30 12:10:10 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: httpd.service: Deactivated successfully.
Dec 30 12:10:10 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Stopped httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Dec 30 12:10:10 ip-10-0-10-108.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: httpd.service: Consumed 10.727s CPU time.
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-108 ~]$
```

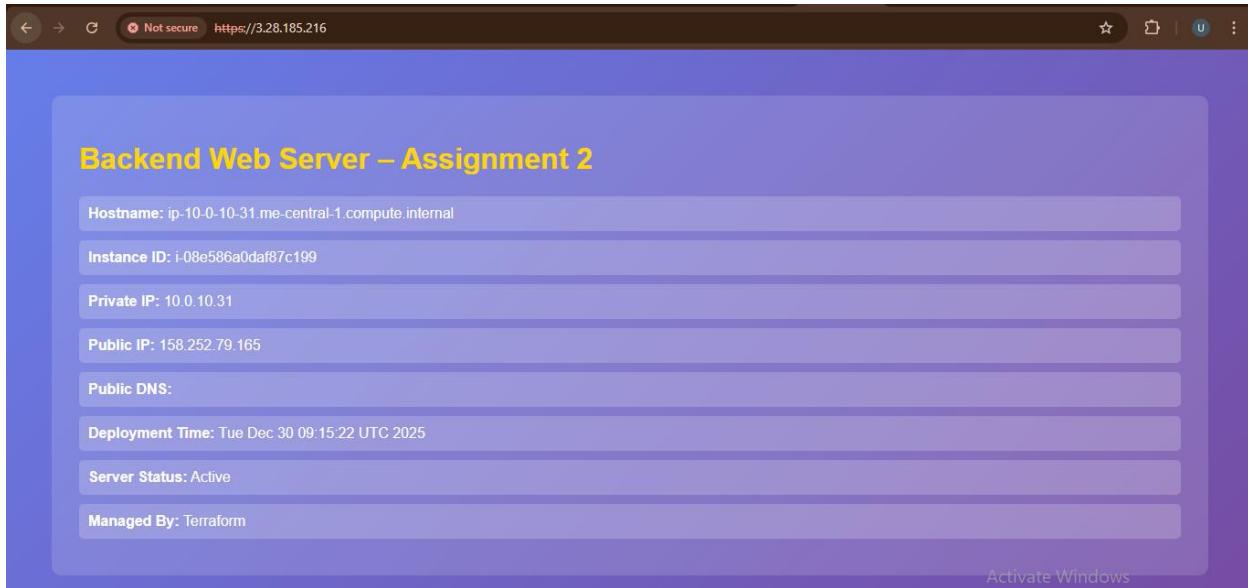
```

$ Umber-gasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ ssh -i keys/id_ed25519 ec2-user@51.112.46.147
The authenticity of host '51.112.46.147 (51.112.46.147)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:TEWBF3ZDohHrkSYzBtBECKj8OeDUYBRUq1SSInfYdw.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '51.112.46.147' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.

      #_
      ~\_ ####_
      ~~ \#####\
      ~~  \###|
      ~~   \#/ __ Amazon Linux 2023 (ECS Optimized)
      ~~   V~' '-'>
      ~~~   /
      ~~.~_. /_
      _/_ /_
      _/m/'_

For documentation, visit http://aws.amazon.com/documentation/ecs
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-57 ~]$ sudo systemctl stop httpd
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-57 ~]$ sudo systemctl status httpd
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: inactive (dead) since Tue 2025-12-30 12:11:50 UTC; 7s ago
     Duration: 2h 56min 25.146s
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
    Process: 2156 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/httpd $OPTIONS -DFOREGROUND (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 2156 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Status: "Total requests: 25; Idle/Busy workers 100/0;Requests/sec: 0.00236; Bytes served/sec: 5 B/sec"
        CPU: 9.964s

Dec 30 09:15:23 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Dec 30 09:15:23 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Dec 30 09:15:23 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal httpd[2156]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
Dec 30 12:11:49 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Stopping httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Dec 30 12:11:50 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: httpd.service: Deactivated successfully.
Dec 30 12:11:50 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Stopped httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Dec 30 12:11:50 ip-10-0-10-57.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: httpd.service: Consumed 9.964s CPU time.
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-57 ~]$
```



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```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/error.log
2025/12/30 12:42:36 [notice] 96652#96652: start cache loader process 96656
2025/12/30 12:42:40 [error] 96653#96653: *3 connect() failed (111: Connection refused) while connecting to upstream, client: 39.58.139.171, server: _, request: "GET / HTTP/2.0", upstream: "http://10.0.10.108:80", host: "3.28.185.216"
2025/12/30 12:42:40 [warn] 96653#96653: *3 upstream server temporarily disabled while connecting to upstream, client: 39.58.139.171, server: _, request: "GET / HTTP/2.0", upstream: "http://10.0.10.108:80", host: "3.28.185.216"
2025/12/30 12:42:40 [error] 96653#96653: *3 connect() failed (111: Connection refused) while connecting to upstream, client: 39.58.139.171, server: _, request: "GET / HTTP/2.0", upstream: "http://10.0.10.108:80", host: "3.28.185.216"
2025/12/30 12:42:40 [warn] 96653#96653: *3 upstream server temporarily disabled while connecting to upstream, client: 39.58.139.171, server: _, request: "GET / HTTP/2.0", upstream: "http://10.0.10.108:80", host: "3.28.185.216"
2025/12/30 12:42:40 [crit] 96653#96653: *7 SSL do_handshake() failed (SSL: error:0A000172:SSL routines::wrong signature type) while SSL handshaking, client: 66.175.208.116, server: 0.0.0.0:443
2025/12/30 12:43:36 [notice] 96656#96656: http file cache: /var/cache/nginx 0.004M, bsize: 4096
2025/12/30 12:43:36 [notice] 96652#96652: signal 17 (SIGCHLD) received from 96656
2025/12/30 12:43:36 [notice] 96652#96652: cache loader process 96656 exited with code 0
2025/12/30 12:43:36 [notice] 96652#96652: signal 29 (SIGIO) received
```

Activate Windows

Go to Settings to activate Windows.

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl status nginx
● nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Tue 2025-12-30 12:42:36 UTC; 8min ago
     Process: 96648 ExecStartPre=/usr/bin/rm -f /run/nginx.pid (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Process: 96650 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Process: 96651 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Main PID: 96652 (nginx)
   Tasks: 4 (limit: 1065)
      Memory: 5.5M
         CPU: 81ms
      CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
              ├─96652 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx"
              ├─96653 "nginx: worker process"
              ├─96654 "nginx: worker process"
              └─96655 "nginx: cache manager process"

Dec 30 12:42:36 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
Dec 30 12:42:36 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[96650]: nginx: [warn] the 'listen ... http2' directive is deprecated, use the 'http2' directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
Dec 30 12:42:36 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[96650]: nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
Dec 30 12:42:36 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[96650]: nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
Dec 30 12:42:36 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[96651]: nginx: [warn] the 'listen ... http2' directive is deprecated, use the 'http2' directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
Dec 30 12:42:36 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server.
```

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```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ ssh -i keys/id_ed25519 ec2-user@3.28.185.216
Last login: Tue Dec 30 12:55:50 2025 from 4.249.39.197
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl restart nginx
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl status nginx
● nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Tue 2025-12-30 13:00:42 UTC; 5s ago
     Process: 113059 ExecStartPre=/usr/bin/rm -f /run/nginx.pid (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Process: 113060 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
     Process: 113062 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Main PID: 113062 (nginx)
   Tasks: 5 (limit: 1065)
      Memory: 5.7M
         CPU: 61ms
      CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
              ├─113062 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx"
              ├─113063 "nginx: worker process"
              ├─113064 "nginx: worker process"
              ├─113065 "nginx: cache manager process"
              └─113066 "nginx: cache loader process"

Dec 30 13:00:42 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
Dec 30 13:00:42 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[113060]: nginx: [warn] the 'listen ... http2' directive is deprecated, use the 'http2' directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
Dec 30 13:00:42 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[113060]: nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
Dec 30 13:00:42 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[113060]: nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
Dec 30 13:00:42 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal nginx[113061]: nginx: [warn] the 'listen ... http2' directive is deprecated, use the 'http2' directive instead in /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
Dec 30 13:00:42 ip-10-0-10-192.me-central-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server.

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ sudo systemctl start nginx
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

Activate Windows

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5.5 Security & Performance Analysis

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192:~]
00:b1:ee:c8:be:f3:0c:f6:37:1e:de:e9:ea:9f:3d:
f4:a0:d6:07:78:8e:a3:c0:f0:84:21:a9:06:66:25:
cd:08:b2:f6:68:ce:44:0c:5f:04:b7:fe:4a:2c:dd:
1a:f6:4b:ed:e5:2c:61:23:ea:d4:55:f9:46:66:bb:
36:2e:7f:35:b0:64:93:45:a0:43:b1:54:a0:0a:06:
2b:a5:00:77:98:e7:0c:4e:22:ca:b3:84:ab:dc:b4:
ea:46:68:b9:e8:b1:3b:06:cc:70:d2:49:ec:10:75:
6d:16:46:3c:22:e2:6c:82:4a:b8:db:94:2f:38:dc:
24:8b:08:b8:d2:2b:74:50:25:74:76:ae:5a:08:68:
28:7b:cc:f3:0a:bb:46:b0:16:dc:5c:31:e7:3e:f9:
82:c9:3c:90:8b:74:9d:0c:05:d3:40:61:85:e8:fd:
63:01:d2:73:26:cc:af:4d:d5:79:de:04:cc:16:7a:
bc:af:a8:93:d4:38:48:1a:e4:0f:93:4e:35:d0:33:
65:bc:dd:66:59:41:6d:85:cb:22:53:f1:29:68:99:
fb:12:a9:6b:0d:a5:87:69:3e:22:07:db:da:7b:09:
78:28:84:2c:f6:45:f2:ea:b4:6b:e3:33:77:9d:d2:
c4:66:b1:06:fb:f6:30:ed:8c:c3:23:f4:c3:03:87:fa:
42:7b
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
4B:51:D3:37:18:07:ED:45:81:12:58:AE:62:36:26:70:07:26:00:3B
X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
4B:51:D3:37:18:07:ED:45:81:12:58:AE:62:36:26:70:07:26:00:3B
X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
IP Address:158.252.34.37
X509v3 Basic Constraints:
CA:FALSE
X509v3 Key Usage:
Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
X509v3 Extended Key Usage:
TLS Web Server Authentication
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
Signature Value:
56:e3:06:1d:d4:c5:c1:69:c9:a8:0d:8d:75:95:9c:4d:e9:97:
1f:9a:67:bf:80:5b:5e:b1:b5:19:1a:7e:28:a1:79:c8:fa:65:
da:47:9b:98:a5:50:54:72:c4:2f:aa:5d:72:ce:01:ea:0a:2a:
25:0d:96:00:7f:dc:fc:42:99:71:e6:f1:01:37:54:35:80:f9:
f1:4c:f4:97:92:86:4a:c9:a1:89:05:06:d2:d4:d3:61:1a:91:
3f:3c:9c:7a:70:42:32:b2:d7:55:d2:48:f7:9d:3a:93:f4:90:
dd:5c:a8:d8:a0:63:58:77:c2:d7:4a:04:92:74:b1:85:49:f3:
1a:8f:cc:9f:4c:d5:16:a3:ee:52:e6:16:d2:3d:b3:fd:6c:44:
cc:61:cd:6d:4a:1a:2d:f3:3e:09:b8:7a:60:85:56:52:e9:65:
d3:8d:c6:ff:3f:30:37:98:47:c5:bc:0f:b2:c8:5b:0a:b0:8a:
4d:a9:95:09:5d:7d:a6:11:9e:51:e2:87:73:0c:cd:8e:d1:e8:
5b:03:55:ed:bb:75:2b:8d:11:cb:db:dc:59:e5:34:5c:ae:00:
b3:6d:e9:56:c9:7d:12:c0:94:55:2f:29:8d:f9:9b:95:88:8d:
e7:d9:c4:d5:d3:6c:b0:23:15:c7:df:e0:0a:75:14:6b:4c:30:
54:1a:1a:02
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

```
@Jumber-qasim ② /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ curl -I -k https://3.28.185.216
HTTP/2 200
server: nginx/1.28.0
date: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 17:36:05 GMT
content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
content-length: 1351
vary: Accept-Encoding
last-modified: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 09:15:24 GMT
etag: "547-64727ccb836d5"
x-cache-status: MISS
accept-ranges: bytes
```

```
@Umber-qasim @ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ curl -I -k http://3.28.185.216
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
Server: nginx/1.28.0
Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 17:37:37 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 169
Connection: keep-alive
Location: https://3.28.185.216/
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ ps aux | grep nginx
root      113062  0.0  0.1  27032  1768 ?          Ss   13:00   0:00 nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx
nginx     113063  0.0  0.8  27808  8168 ?          S    13:00   0:00 nginx: worker process
nginx     113064  0.0  0.8  27808  7764 ?          S    13:00   0:00 nginx: worker process
nginx     113065  0.0  0.3  27204  3304 ?          S    13:00   0:00 nginx: cache manager process
ec2-user   365569  0.0  0.2  222328  2104 pts/0    S+   17:41   0:00 grep --color=auto nginx
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

Bonus Tasks

Bonus 1: Custom Error Pages



Oops! Page Not Found (404)

Umber, check the URL again!



Server is Busy (502/503)

Backend servers are sleeping right now.

Bonus 2: Implement Rate Limiting

```
ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192:~  
user nginx;  
worker_processes auto;  
  
events {  
    worker_connections 1024;  
}  
  
http {  
    include      mime.types;  
    default_type application/octet-stream;  
  
    # BONUS 2: Rate limit zone (1 request per second per IP)  
    limit_req_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=mylimit:10m rate=1r/s;  
  
    # Backend servers (PRIVATE IPs)  
    upstream backend_servers {  
        server 10.0.10.108;  # web-1  
        server 10.0.10.57;  # web-2  
        server 10.0.10.192 backup; # web-3 (backup)  
    }  
  
    # HTTP → HTTPS redirect  
    server {  
        listen 80;  
        server_name _;  
        return 301 https://$host$request_uri;  
    }  
  
    # HTTPS server  
    server {  
        listen 443 ssl;  
        server_name _;  
  
        ssl_certificate      /etc/ssl/certs/selfsigned.crt;  
        ssl_certificate_key  /etc/ssl/private/selfsigned.key;  
  
        # Security headers  
        add_header X-Frame-Options "SAMEORIGIN" always;  
        add_header X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block" always;  
        add_header X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff" always;  
  
        # BONUS 2: 429 status  
        limit_req_status 429;  
  
        location / {  
            # Rate limiting applied HERE  
            limit_req zone=mylimit burst=5 nodelay;  
  
            proxy_pass http://backend_servers;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192:~]
```

```
Server: nginx/1.28.0
Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 19:44:16 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 169
Connection: keep-alive
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff

HTTP/1.1 429 Too Many Requests
Server: nginx/1.28.0
Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 19:44:16 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 169
Connection: keep-alive
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff

HTTP/1.1 429 Too Many Requests
Server: nginx/1.28.0
Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 19:44:16 GMT
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Content-Length: 169
Connection: keep-alive
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
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X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff

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Server: nginx/1.28.0
Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2025 19:44:16 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 169
Connection: keep-alive
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

Bonus 3: Health Check Automation

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$ cat health_check.sh
#!/bin/bash

BACKENDS=("10.0.10.108" "10.0.10.57")
LOG_FILE="/home/ec2-user/health_check.log"

echo "---- Health Check Started: $(date) ---" >> $LOG_FILE

for IP in "${BACKENDS[@]}"
do
    if curl -s --head --connect-timeout 5 http://$IP | grep "200 OK" > /dev/null
    then
        echo "$(date): Server $IP is UP" >> $LOG_FILE
    else
        echo "$(date): ALERT - Server $IP is DOWN! Attempting restart..." >> $LOG_FILE
        ssh -o ConnectTimeout=5 $IP "sudo systemctl start httpd"
    fi
done
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

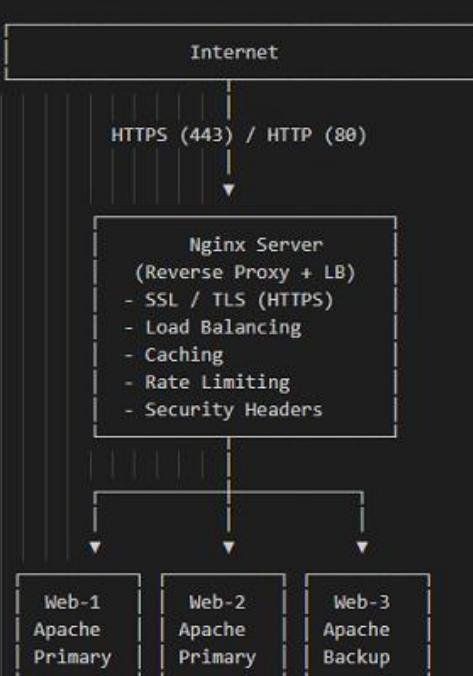
```
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:15:31 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:15:31 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.108 is UP
Tue Dec 30 20:15:31 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.57 is UP
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:16:01 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:16:01 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.108 is UP
Tue Dec 30 20:16:01 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.57 is UP
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:16:31 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:16:31 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.108 is UP
Tue Dec 30 20:16:31 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.57 is UP
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:17:02 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:17:02 UTC 2025: ALERT - Server 10.0.10.108 is DOWN! Attempting restart...
Tue Dec 30 20:17:07 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.57 is UP
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:17:32 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:17:32 UTC 2025: ALERT - Server 10.0.10.108 is DOWN! Attempting restart...
Tue Dec 30 20:17:37 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.57 is UP
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:18:01 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:18:01 UTC 2025: ALERT - Server 10.0.10.108 is DOWN! Attempting restart...
Tue Dec 30 20:18:06 UTC 2025: Server 10.0.10.57 is UP
---- Health Check Started: Tue Dec 30 20:18:31 UTC 2025 ---
Tue Dec 30 20:18:31 UTC 2025: ALERT - Server 10.0.10.108 is DOWN! Attempting restart...
Tue Dec 30 20:18:36 UTC 2025: ALERT - Server 10.0.10.57 is DOWN! Attempting restart...
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-10-192 ~]$
```

Part 6: Documentation & Cleanup

6.1 README Documentation

```
C: > Users > Dell > Downloads > ⓘ README.md > abc # Log Locations
1  # Assignment 2 - Multi-Tier Web Infrastructure
2
3  ## Project Overview
4
5  This project demonstrates the deployment of a **multi-tier web infrastructure**
6  on **AWS**, simulating a real-world web application architecture.
7
8  An **Nginx server** is used as a **reverse proxy and load balancer** to distribute
9  incoming client traffic across multiple **Apache backend web servers**.
10
11  ### Key Features
12  - Load Balancing
13  - Traffic Handling
14  - Fault Tolerance
15  - Scalability
16  - Performance Optimization
17
18  ---
19
20  ## Architecture Overview
21
```

```
1  # Assignment 2 - Multi-Tier Web Infrastructure
3  ## Project Overview
19
20  ## Architecture Overview
21
22
23  Internet
24
25
26  HTTPS (443) / HTTP (80)
27
28
29
30  Nginx Server
31  (Reverse Proxy + LB)
32  - SSL / TLS (HTTPS)
33  - Load Balancing
34  - Caching
35  - Rate Limiting
36  - Security Headers
37
38
39
40
41
42  Web-1
43  Apache
44  Primary
45
46  Web-2
47  Apache
48  Primary
49
50  Web-3
51  Apache
52  Backup
```



```

1 # Assignment 2 – Multi-Tier Web Infrastructure
20 ## Architecture Overview
47
48 ## Components Description
49
50 ### Nginx Server (Load Balancer)
51
52 - Entry point for all client traffic
53 - Distributes requests to backend servers
54 - Implements:
55   - Reverse Proxy
56   - HTTPS Termination
57   - Caching (`proxy_cache`)
58   - Rate Limiting (`limit_req`, `limit_conn`)
59
60 ---
61
62 ### Backend Servers (Web-1, Web-2, Web-3)
63
64 - Run Apache HTTP Server
65 - Host the web application
66 - Web-1 and Web-2 act as **primary servers**
67 - Web-3 acts as a **backup server**
68
69 ---
70
71 ## Terraform
72
73 ### Infrastructure as Code (IaC) Tool
74
75 - Automates provisioning of AWS infrastructure
76 - Defines infrastructure components

```

```

1 # Assignment 2 – Multi-Tier Web Infrastructure
71 ## Terraform
73 ### Infrastructure as Code (IaC) Tool
74
75 - Automates provisioning of AWS infrastructure
76 - Defines infrastructure components
77 - Enables repeatable and consistent deployments
78 - Improves security and scalability
79
80 ---
81
82 ## Prerequisites
83
84 ## Required Tools
85
86 - Terraform
87 - AWS CLI
88 - SSH Client
89
90 ---
91
92 ## AWS Credentials Setup
93
94 ````bash
95 aws configure
96
97
98 Provide:
99 - AWS Access Key: AKI*****L*****
100 - AWS Secret Key: LUhx*****L*****
101 - Region: me-central-1
102 - Output format: json
103

```

```
1 # Assignment 2 – Multi-Tier Web Infrastructure
137
138 # Reload Nginx:
139 sudo systemctl reload nginx
140
141 # Nginx Configuration Explanation
142 # proxy_pass - forwards requests to backend servers
143 # load balancing - distributes incoming traffic
144 # limit_req - enforces rate limiting
145 # error_page - handles custom error responses
146
147 ---
148
149 ## Testing
150
151 ```bash
152 curl http://3.28.185.216
153 ```
154
155 # Test Rate Limiting:
156 for i in {1..20}; do curl -I http://3.28.185.216; done
157
158 # Verify Cache:
159 Check response headers for cache status.
160 ---
161
162 ## Architecture Details
163
164 # Network Topology
165 Single VPC
166 Public subnet for Nginx
167 Backend servers accessible only through Nginx
```

```
1 # Assignment 2 – Multi-Tier Web Infrastructure
106 ## SSH Key Setup
106 Creating a new EC2 key pair: keys
109
110 ---
111
112 ## Deployment Instructions
113
114 ```bash
115 git clone git@github.com:Umber-qasim/Assignment-2.git
116 cd Assignment-2
117 terraform init
118 terraform validate
119 terraform apply
120 ```
121
122 Type **yes** when prompted.
123
124 ---
125
126 ## Configuration Guide
127
128 Update backend IPs in Nginx:
129
130 ```nginx
131 upstream backend_servers {
132     server 10.0.10.57;
133     server 10.0.10.108;
134     server 10.0.10.31; backup;
135 }
136 ...
```

```

138 # Reload Nginx:
139 sudo systemctl reload nginx
140
141 # Nginx Configuration Explanation
142 # proxy_pass - forwards requests to backend servers
143 # load balancing - distributes incoming traffic
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145 # error_page - handles custom error responses
146
147 ---
148
149 ## Testing
150
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152 curl http://3.28.185.216
153 ```
154
155 # Test Rate Limiting:
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159 Check response headers for cache status.
160 ---
161
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165 Single VPC
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167 Backend servers accessible only through Nginx
168

```

```

164 # Network Topology
165
166 # Security Group Setup
167 Nginx Security Group: Allow HTTP (80), Allow SSH (22)
168 Backend Security Group: Allow HTTP from Nginx only, Allow SSH for administration
169
170 # Load Balancing Strategy
171 Nginx round-robin load balancing
172 Backup server activated if primary servers fail
173
174 # Troubleshooting
175
176 # Common Issues and Solutions
177
178 Backend not responding:
179 - sudo systemctl status httpd
180 - curl 3.28.185.216 – Verify backend IP addresses. Ensure Apache is running on backend servers.
181
182 # Log Locations
183 Nginx access log: /var/log/nginx/access.log
184 Nginx error log: /var/log/nginx/error.log
185

```

6.2 Infrastructure Cleanup

➤ Windows PowerShell

```
- backend_servers_info = {
    - web-1 = {
        - instance_id = "i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5"
        - private_ip = "10.0.10.108"
        - public_ip = "40.172.191.56"
    }
    - web-2 = {
        - instance_id = "i-04540c77bc3937ad5"
        - private_ip = "10.0.10.57"
        - public_ip = "51.112.46.147"
    }
    - web-3 = {
        - instance_id = "i-08e586a0daf87c199"
        - private_ip = "10.0.10.31"
        - public_ip = "158.252.79.165"
    }
} -> null
- configuration_guide = <<-EOT
=====
DEPLOYMENT SUCCESSFUL!
=====

Next Steps:
1. SSH into Nginx server: ssh ec2-user@3.28.185.216
2. Edit Nginx config: sudo vim /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
3. Update backend IPs in upstream block:
    - BACKEND_IP_1: 10.0.10.108
    - BACKEND_IP_2: 10.0.10.57
    - BACKEND_IP_3: 10.0.10.31
4. Restart Nginx: sudo systemctl restart nginx
5. Test: https://3.28.185.216

Backend Servers:
- web-1: 40.172.191.56 (private: 10.0.10.108)
    - web-2: 51.112.46.147 (private: 10.0.10.57)
    - web-3: 158.252.79.165 (private: 10.0.10.31)

=====
EOT -> null
- nginx_instance_id = "i-006f45446d9906a9a" -> null
- nginx_public_ip = "3.28.185.216" -> null
- subnet_id = "subnet-07717b21f184256f4" -> null
- vpc_id = "vpc-04511a88ada7de218" -> null

Do you really want to destroy all resources?
Terraform will destroy all your managed infrastructure, as shown above.
There is no undo. Only 'yes' will be accepted to confirm.

Enter a value: yes
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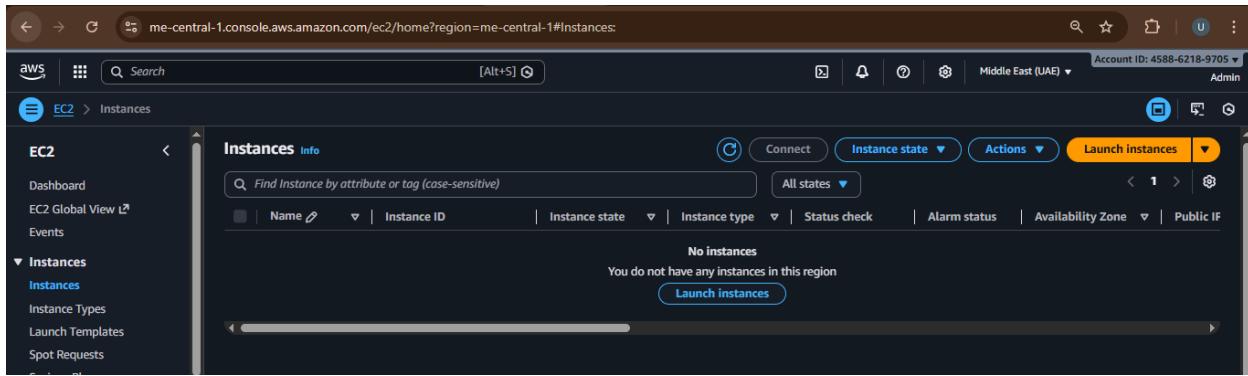
❯ Windows PowerShell
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-08e586a0daf87c199, 00m20s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-04540c77bc3937ad5, 00m20s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a, 00m20s elapsed]
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Still destroying... [id=igw-009165a8629936870, 00m20s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-08e586a0daf87c199, 00m30s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5, 00m30s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-04540c77bc3937ad5, 00m30s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a, 00m30s elapsed]
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Still destroying... [id=igw-009165a8629936870, 00m30s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-08e586a0daf87c199, 00m40s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5, 00m40s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-04540c77bc3937ad5, 00m40s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a, 00m40s elapsed]
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Still destroying... [id=igw-009165a8629936870, 00m40s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-08e586a0daf87c199, 00m50s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5, 00m50s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-04540c77bc3937ad5, 00m50s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a, 00m50s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_instance.this: Destruction complete after 5s
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_key_pair.this: Destroying... [id=prod-web-3-3-key]
module.backend_servers["web-3"].aws_key_pair.this: Destruction complete after 0s
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Still destroying... [id=igw-009165a8629936870, 00m50s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5, 01m00s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-04540c77bc3937ad5, 01m00s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a, 01m00s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_instance.this: Destruction complete after 1m0s
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_key_pair.this: Destroying... [id=prod-web-2-2-key]
module.backend_servers["web-2"].aws_key_pair.this: Destruction complete after 1s
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Still destroying... [id=igw-009165a8629936870, 01m00s elapsed]
module.networking.aws_internet_gateway.this: Destruction complete after 1m8s
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5, 01m10s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-006f45446d9906a9a, 01m10s elapsed]
module.nginx_server.aws_key_pair.this: Destroying... [id=prod-nginx-proxy-nginx-key]
module.nginx_server.aws_key_pair.this: Destruction complete after 1s
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Still destroying... [id=i-0d217dc0b012f3ff5, 01m20s elapsed]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_instance.this: Destruction complete after 1m21s
module.security.aws_security_group.backend_sg: Destroying... [id=sg-0dcfd23536fc056207]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_key_pair.this: Destroying... [id=prod-web-1-1-key]
module.networking.aws_subnet.this: Destroying... [id=subnet-07717b21f184256f4]
module.backend_servers["web-1"].aws_key_pair.this: Destruction complete after 0s
module.networking.aws_subnet.this: Destruction complete after 0s
module.security.aws_security_group.backend_sg: Destruction complete after 0s
module.security.aws_security_group.nginx_sg: Destroying... [id=sg-034f3c09a82c0d381]
module.security.aws_security_group.nginx_sg: Destruction complete after 1s
module.networking.aws_vpc.this: Destroying... [id=vpc-04511a88ada7de218]
module.networking.aws_vpc.this: Destruction complete after 1s

Destroy complete! Resources: 15 destroyed.
@Umber-qasim ⚡ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $
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@Umber-qasim ⚡ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) $ cat terraform.tfstate
{
  "version": 4,
  "terraform_version": "1.14.3",
  "serial": 56,
  "lineage": "79d35338-6378-d15b-5623-bb3b415b5e56",
  "outputs": {},
  "resources": [],
  "check_results": [
    {
      "object_kind": "var",
      "config_addr": "var.subnet_cidr_block",
      "status": "unknown",
      "objects": null
    },
    {
      "object_kind": "var",
      "config_addr": "var.vpc_cidr_block",
      "status": "unknown",
      "objects": null
    }
  ]
}
```

@Umber-qasim ⚡ /workspaces/Assignment-2 (main) \$



Challenges & Solutions

Challenge 1: SSH Key Errors

Solution: Regenerated key pairs and updated Terraform variables

Challenge 2: Backend Not Reachable

Solution: Corrected security group rules

Challenge 3: Rate Limiting Not Triggering

Solution: Reduced request rate threshold and tested using loops

Lessons Learned

- ❖ Importance of IaC
- ❖ Security-first cloud design
- ❖ Debugging cloud networking issues

Conclusion

This assignment successfully demonstrated the deployment of a production-like multi-tier architecture using AWS and Terraform.

It enhanced practical skills in:

- Cloud infrastructure
- Linux server automation
- Security and performance optimization
- Troubleshooting real-world issues

Future Improvements

- Use ACM certificates instead of self-signed
- Auto Scaling Groups
- Monitoring with CloudWatch
- CI/CD integration

Appendices

Included

- Complete Terraform code
- Apache and Nginx scripts
- Configuration files
- Screenshots

References:

- AWS Documentation
- Terraform Documentation
- Nginx Official Docs