

Amazon EC2

- EC2 is one of the most popular of AWS offerings
- EC2 = Elastic Compute Cloud = Infrastructure as a Service
- It mainly consists in the capability of:
 - Renting Virtual Machines (EC2)
 - Storing data on Virtual drives (EBS)
 - Distributing load across machines (ELB)
 - Scaling the services using an auto-scaling group (ASG)
- * knowing EC2 is fundamental to understand how the cloud works

* EC2 Sizing & Configuration Options.

- Operating System (OS): Linux, Windows or MacOS
- How much compute power & cores (CPU)
- How much random-access memory (RAM)
- How much storage space:
 - N/w-attached (EBS & EFS)
 - Hardware (EC2 instance store)
- Network card: speed of the card, public IP address

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- Firewall rules : security group
- Bootstrap script (configure at first launch):
EC2 user data

EC2 User Data

- It is possible to bootstrap our instances using an EC2 user data script.
- bootstrapping means launching commands when machine starts.
- that script is only run once at the instance first start.
- EC2 user data is used to automate boot tasks such as:
 - Installing updates
 - Installing software
 - Downloading common files from the internet
 - Anything you can think of
- The EC2 User Data Script runs with the root user.

EC2 Instance Types -

① General Purpose :-

① Great for a diversity of workloads such as web servers or code repositories.

② Balance between: Compute

Memory

Networking

③ In the ~~cord~~ course, we will be using the t2.micro which is a general Purpose EC2 instance.

* General purpose instances provide a balance of compute, memory & networking resources, & can be used for variety of diverse workloads. The instances are ideal for applications that use these resources in equal proportions such as web servers & code repositories.

② Compute Optimized :->

* Great for compute-intensive tasks that require high performance processors:

- ① Batch processing workloads
- ② Media transcoding
- ③ High performance web servers
- ④ High performance computing (HPC)
- ⑤ Scientific modeling & machine learning
- ⑥ Dedicated gaming servers.

③ Memory Optimized :-

* Fast performance for workloads that process large data sets in memory.

* Use cases:

- ① High performance, relational/non-relational DB
- ② Distributed web scale cache stores
- ③ In-memory databases optimized for BI
- ④ Applications performing real-time processing of big unstructured data.

④ Storage Optimized :->

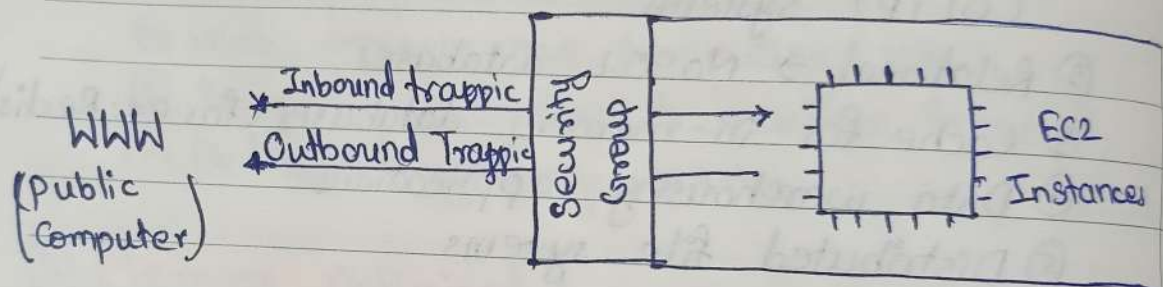
Created for storage-intensive tasks that require high, sequential read & write access to large data sets on local storage.

* Use Cases :

- ① High frequency online transaction processing (OLTP) systems
- ② Relational & NoSQL databases.
- ③ Cache for in-memory databases (for ex: Redis)
- ④ Data warehousing applications
- ⑤ Distributed file systems

Introduction to Security Groups :->

- ① Security Groups are the fundamental of network security in AWS.
- ② They control how traffic is allowed into or out of our EC2 instances.



- ③ Security groups only contain **allow** rules
- ④ Security groups rules can reference by IP or by security groups.

Security Groups :-

- * Security groups are acting as a **"firewall"** on EC2 instances.
- * They regulate :
 - ① **Access to ports**
 - ② **Authorised IP ranges - IPV4 & IPV6**
 - ③ **Control of inbound n/w**
(from other to the instance)
 - ④ **Control of outbound n/w** (from the instance to other)

ex of security rule

Type	Protocol	Port Range	source	destination
HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0	test http page

Port Range :- Where the traffic can go through on the instance

source :- which represents an IP address range
& 0.0.0.0/0 means everything.

Good to know

- ① Can be attached to multiple instances
- ② Locked down to a region / VPC combination
- ③ Does live "outside" the EC2 - in traffic is blocked, the EC2 instance won't see it.
- ④ It's good to maintain one separate security group for ssh access
- ⑤ If your applications is not accessible (time out) then it's a security group issue
- ⑥ If your appl" gives a "connection refused" error, then it's an appl" error or it is not launched.

- ⑦ All inbound traffic is blocked by default.
- ⑧ All outbound traffic is authorised by default.

* Repeating

* Referencing other security groups Diagram

* Suppose we have one EC2 instance and has a security group 1 inbound and has ~~two rules~~ Authorizing security group 1 & group 2.

* Now we have 3 more EC2 instances which has security group 2 all, group 1, group 3 attached to them respectively.

* Now these 3 instances are trying to connect to instance through port 123.

* As, ^{of} 2 instances out of 3 has security group 2 & 1 attached respectively. Firewall will allow this connection, but 3rd instance will get rejected as ~~referred~~ attached security group to itself is not there in instance to which it is trying to connect.

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Classic Ports to know

① 22 = SSH (Secure Shell) - log into a Linux instance

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② 21 = FTP (File Transfer Protocol) - upload files into file share

③ 22 = SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol)
- upload files using SSH

④ 80 = HTTP - access unsecured websites

⑤ 443 = HTTPS - access secured websites

⑥ 3389 = RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol)
- log into a windows instance

SSH Overview

How do you connect inside of your servers to perform some maintenance or action:

for this for Linux servers we can use SSH to do secure shell into our servers

	SSH	Putty	EC2 Instance Connect
MAC	✓		✓
Linux	✓		✓
Windows < 10		✓	✓
Windows ≥ 10	✓	✓	✓

EC2 instance uses web browser to connect to EC2 instance.

- but it works only with Amazon MX2

EC2 Instances Purchasing Options

① **On-Demand Instances** - short workload, predictable pricing, pay by second

② **Reserved (1 & 3 Year)** (upto 72% discount)

Reserved Instances - long workloads

Convertible Reserved Instances - Long workloads with flexible instances

→ (upto 66% discount)

③ **Saving Plans (1 & 3 Years)** - commitment to an amount of usage, long workloads

④ **Spot Instances** - short workloads, cheap, can lose instances (less reliable)

⑤ **Dedicated Hosts** - book an entire physical server, control instance placement.

⑥ **Capacity Reservations** - reserve capacity in a specific AZ for any duration.

① EC2 on Demand :-

- ① Pay for what you use:
- Linux or Windows - billing per second, after the first minute
 - All other operating systems - billing per hour

② Has the highest cost but no upfront payment

③ No long-term commitment

④ Recommended for short-term & un-interrupted workloads, where you can't predict how applⁿ will behave

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- ① Upto 72% discount compared to on-demand
- ② You reserve a specific instance attributes (Instance type, Region, Tenancy, OS)
- ③ Reservation Period - 1 Year (+ discount) or 3 years (+++ discount)
- ④ Payment Options - No upfront (+), Partial Upfront (++) , All upfront (+++)
- ⑤ Reserved Instance's scope - Regional or Zonal (reserve capacity in an AZ)
- ⑥ Recommended for steady-state usage appl's (think database)
- ⑦ You can buy & sell in the Reserved Instance Marketplace

→ Convertible Reserved Instance :- Can change the EC2 instance type, instance family, OS, scope & tenancy. → Upto 66% discount.

③ EC2 Saving Plans :-

- ① Get discounts based on long-term usage
(upto 72% same as RIs)
- ② Commit to a certain type of usage (
- ③ Usage beyond EC2 savings Plans is billed at the on-demand price
- ④ Locked to a specific instance family & AWS region.
- ⑤ Flexible across -
 - i) Instance size (e.g. m5.xlarge, m5.2xlarge)
 - ii) OS (Linux, Windows)
 - iii) Tenancy (Host, Dedicated, default)

④ EC2 Spot Instances :-

- ① Can get a discount of upto 90% compared to on-demand.
- ② Instances that you can "lose" at any point of time if your max price is less than the current spot price.
- ③ The most cost-efficient instances in AWS.
- ④ Useful for workloads that are resilient to failure :- Batch jobs
 - * data analysis
 - * Image processing
 - * Any distributed workloads
 - * workloads with flexible start & ending
- ⑤ Not suitable for critical work.

⑤ EC2 dedicated Host :-

① A physical server with EC2 instance capacity fully dedicated to your use.

② Allows you to address compliance requirements & use your existing server bound software licenses (per-socket, per-core, per-VM software licenses)

③ Purchasing Options:

On-demand - pay per second for active dedicated host

Reserved - 1 or 3 years

④ Most expensive option

⑤ Useful for software that have complicated licensing model (BYOL - Bring your own license)

⑥ Or for companies that have strong regulatory or compliance needs

⑥ EC2 dedicated Instances :-

- ① Instances run on hardware that's dedicated to you.
- ② May share hardware with other instances in same account.
- ③ No control over instance placement
(can move hardware after stop/start)

④ EC2 Capacity Reservations :-

- ① Reserve on-demand instances capacity in a specific AZ for any duration
- ② You always have access to EC2 capacity when you need it.
- ③ No time commitment (create/cancel anytime),
no billing discounts
- ④ Combine with Regional Reserved Instances & savings plans to benefit from billing discounts
- ⑤ You are charged at on-demand rate whether you run instances or not
- ⑥ Suitable for short-term, uninterrupted workloads that needs to be in a specific AZ

Shared Responsibility Model for EC2

AWS

User

① Infrastructure (global network security)

② Isolation on physical hosts

③ Replacing faulty hardware on the EC2 instance

④ Compliance validation.

① Security groups rules

② Operating-system patches & updates.

③ software & utilities installed

④ IAM Roles assigned to EC2 & IAM roles user access management.

⑤ Data security on your instance.

EC2 Section Summary

- EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud): IaaS
- EC2 Instance: AMI (OS) + Instance Size (CPU + RAM) + Storage + Security Groups + EC2 User Data
- Security Groups: Firewall attached to the EC2 instance
- EC2 User Data: Script launched at the first start up of an instance.
- SSH: start a terminal into our EC2 instance (Port 22)
- EC2 Instance Role: link to IAM Roles
- Purchasing Options: On-Demand, Spot, Reserved (In std, convertible), Dedicated Host, Dedicated Instance.