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**Experiment No. 9** 

# Aim

To study and implement Security as a Service on AWS/Azure

# **Theory**

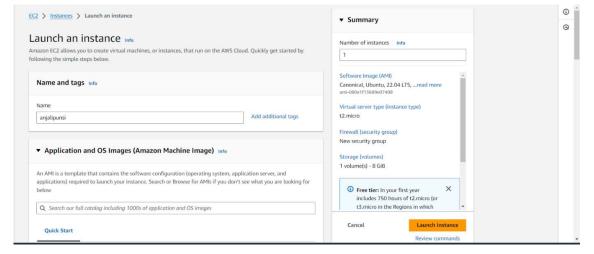
Security as a Service (SECaaS) is a cloud computing model that delivers security services over the internet. It allows organizations to access a wide range of security services without the need to maintain on-premises hardware or software. SECaaS providers typically offer services such as antivirus, intrusion detection, encryption, and identity and access management.

In the context of AWS and Azure, Security as a Service involves leveraging the security services provided by these cloud providers to secure your applications and data. AWS Offers services such as AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM), AWS Key Management Service (KMS), AWS Shield for DDoS protection, and AWS Inspector for security assessment. Azure provides services like Azure Active Directory for identity and access management, Azure Key Vault for key management, and Azure Security Center for threat detection and response.

By implementing Security as a Service on AWS/Azure, organizations can benefit from scalable, cost-effective security solutions that help protect their data and applications from cyber threats.

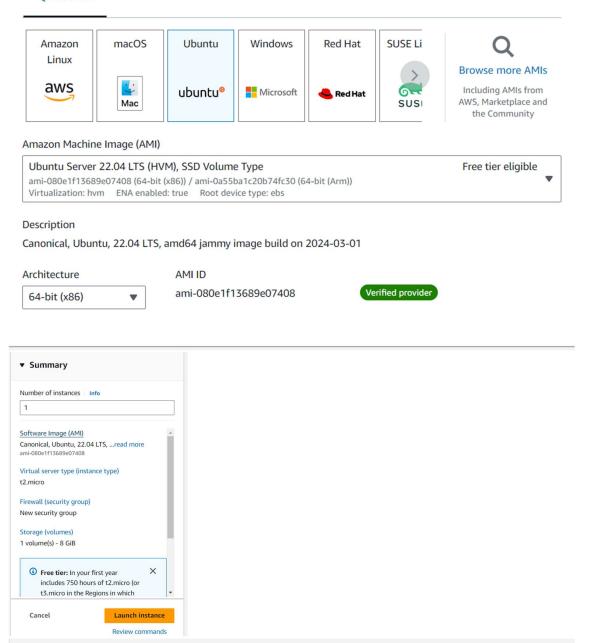
## Steps and Output:-

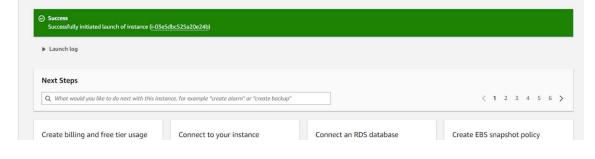
Steps 1 :- Login to your AWS Management Console and Create a new AWS EC2 instance with Ubuntu OS.



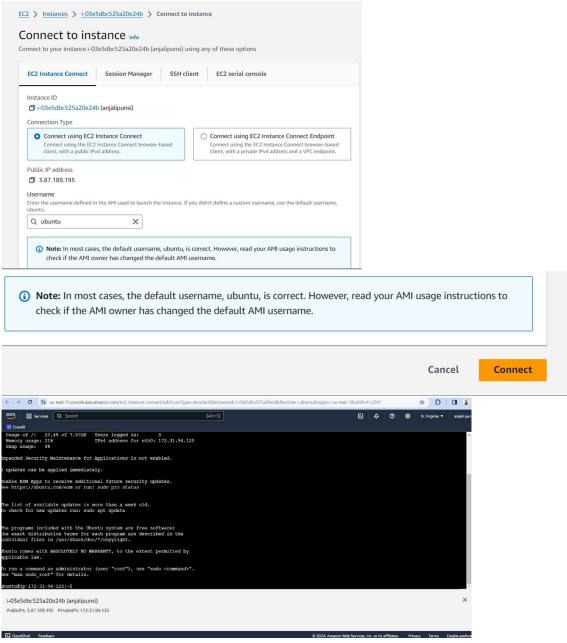
#### **Quick Start**

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance





Connect with the EC2 instance using the AWS built in console.



# **Step 2:-**

Create a backup of the file using the following cp command: sudo cp /etc/ssh/sshd\_config /etc/ssh/sshd\_config.bak
This will save a backup copy of the file to /etc/ssh/sshd\_config.bak.

```
Last login: Wed Mar 20 11:04:00 2024 from 18.206.107.27
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-125:~$ sudo su
root@ip-172-31-94-125:/home/ubuntu# sudo cp /etc/ssh/sshd_config /etc/ssh/sshd_config.bak
root@ip-172-31-94-125:/home/ubuntu#
```

Step 3:- run the following command: sudo sshd -T

```
root@ip-172-31-94-125:/home/ubuntu# sudo sshd
port 22
addressfamily any
listenaddress [::]:22
listenaddress 0.0.0.0:22
usepam yes
logingracetime 120
x11displayoffset 10
maxauthtries 6
maxsessions 10
clientaliveinterval 0
clientalivecountmax 3
streamlocalbindmask 0177
permitrootlogin without-password
ignorerhosts yes
ignoreuserknownhosts no
hostbasedauthentication no
hostbasedusesnamefrompacketonly no
pubkeyauthentication yes
kerberosauthentication no
kerberosorlocalpasswd yes
kerberosticketcleanup yes
gssapiauthentication no
gssapicleanupcredentials yes
gssapikeyexchange no
gssapistrictacceptorcheck yes
gssapistorecredentialsonrekey no
```

Step 5:- sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd\_config : the PermitRootLogin option to no by uncommenting or editing the line in sshd\_config:

PermitRootLogin no

```
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa key
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key

# Ciphers and keying
#RekeyLimit default none
#SyslogFacility AUTH
#LogLevel INFO

# Authentication:
#LoginGraceTime 2m
PermitRootLogin no
#StrictModes yes
#MaxAuthTries 6
#MaxSessions 10

#PubkeyAuthentication yes
# Expect .ssh/authorized keys2 to be disregarded by default in future.
```

Step 6:- Next, you can limit the maximum number of authentication attempts for a particular login session by configuring the MaxAuthTries option in sshd\_config

MaxAuthTries 3

```
#LoginGraceTime 2m
PermitRootLogin no
#StrictModes yes
MaxAuthTries 3
#MaxSessions 10
```

Step 7 :- LoginGraceTime 20

```
LoginGraceTime 20m
PermitRootLogin no
#StrictModes yes
MaxAuthTries 3
#MaxSessions 10

#PubkeyAuthentication yes
#AuthorizedPrincipalsFile none
```

 $Step \ 8 :- \ {\tt PasswordAuthentication} \ \ {\tt no}$ 

```
# To disable tunneled clear text passwords, change to no here!
PasswordAuthentication no
#PermitEmptyPasswords no
```

Step 9 :- PermitEmptyPasswords no

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PasswordAuthentication no

PermitEmptyPasswords no

# Change to yes to enable challenge-response passwords (beware issues with
```

Step 10 :- If these are not required, you can disable them to further reduce the attack surface of your SSH server in sshd\_config ChallengeResponseAuthentication no KerberosAuthentication no GSSAPIAuthentication no

```
# Kerberos options
KerberosAuthentication no
#KerberosOrLocalPasswd yes
#KerberosTicketCleanup yes

GSSAPIAuthentication no
#GSSAPICleanupCredentials yes
#GSSAPIStrictAcceptorCheck yes
#GSSAPIKeyExchange no
```

Step 11:- X11Forwarding no

```
#AllowTcpForwarding yes
#GatewayPorts no
X11Forwarding no
#X11DisplayOffset 10
#X11UseLocalhost yes
#PermitTTY yes
```

Step 12:- PermitUserEnvironment no

```
#PrintLastLog yes
#TCPKeepAlive yes
PermitUserEnvironment no
#UseDNS no
#PidFile /run/sshd.pid
#MaxStartups 10:30:100
#PermitTunnel no
#ChrootDirectory none
#VersionAddendum none
```

<u>Step 13 :- Implementing an IP Address Allowlist :-</u> You can identify the IP address that you're currently connecting to your server with by using the w command:

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:~$ w
15:08:09 up 21 min, 1 user,
                                load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
                                                             PCPU WHAT
USER
         TTY
                   FROM
                                     LOGIN@
                                               IDLE JCPU
         pts/0
                   13.233.177.5
ubuntu
                                     15:07
                                               1.00s 0.02s 0.00s w
Step 14:- Locate your user account in the list and take a note of the connecting IP address.
Here we use the example IP of 13.233.177.5
Restrict all users to a specific IP address:
AllowUsers *@203.0.113.1
Port 22
```

```
#Port 22
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::
AllowUsers *@13.233.177.5
```

Step 15 :- AllowUsers \*@203.0.113.0/24

```
GNU nano 6.2 /etc/ssh/sshd_config *

#Port 22

#AddressFamily any

#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0

#ListenAddress ::

AllowUsers *@13.233.177.5/24
```

Step 16 :- AllowUsers \*@203.0.113.\*

```
GNU nano 6.2 /etc/ssh/sshd_config *

#Port 22

#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0

#ListenAddress ::

AllowUsers *@13.233.177.5.*
```

Step 17:- AllowUsers \*@203.0.113.1 \*@203.0.113.2 \*@192.0.2.0/24 \*@172.16.\*.1

```
GNU nano 6.2 /etc/ssh/sshd_config *
#Port 22
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::
AllowUsers *@13.233.177.5 *@13.233.177.6 *@192.0.2.0/24
```

Step 18:- AllowUsers sammy@203.0.113.1 alex@203.0.113.2

```
GNU nano 6.2 /etc/ssh/sshd_config *

#Port 22

#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0

#ListenAddress ::

AllowUsers krishna@13.233.177.5 ninad@13.233.177.5
```

Step 19:- Match User ashley AllowUsers ashley@203.0.113.1

```
GNU nano 6.2 /etc/ssh/sshd_config *

#Port 22

#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0

#ListenAddress ::

Match User krishna
AllowUsers ninad@13.233.177.5
```

Step 20 :- Save and close the file, and then proceed to test your syntax: sudo sshd -t Step 21 :- sudo systemctl reload sshd.service

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$ sudo systemctl reload sshd.service
```

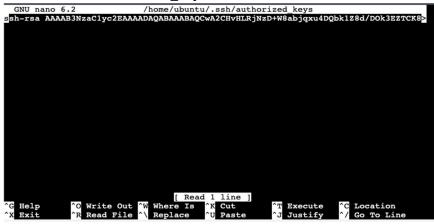
Step 22 :- To create a new user with the nologin shell, use the following command: sudo adduser --shell /usr/sbin/nologin krishna

Step 23 :- sudo su alex

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$ sudo su krishna
This account is currently not available.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-148:-$
```

Despite the rejection message on interactive logins, other actions such as file transfers will still be allowed.

Step 24 : Begin by opening your .ssh/authorized\_keys file in nano or your preferred editor: nano ~/.ssh/authorized keys



Step 25 :- You can apply these to disable specific SSH features for specific keys. For example, to disable agent forwarding and X11 forwarding for a key, you would use the following configuration:

```
GNU nano 6.2 /home/ubuntu/.ssh/authorized_keys *
no-agent-forwarding,no-X11-forwarding_ssh-rsa_AAAAB3NzaClyc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCwA2C>
```

Step 26:- server configuration file is overwritten, edited, and so on. For example, to force users authenticating using a specific key to execute a specific command upon login, you can add the following configuration:

```
command="top" ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCwA2CHvHLRjNzD+W8abjqxu4DQbk1
```

Step 27: Finally, to best use the per-key restrictions for the SFTP-only user that you created, you can use the following configuration:

```
GNU nano 6.2 /nome/ubuntu/.ssn/autnorized_keys *
restrict,command="false" ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaClyc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCwA2CHvHLRjNzD+W8a>
```

The restrict option will disable all interactive access, and the command="false" option acts as a second line of defense in the event that the ForceCommand option or nologin shell were to fail. Save and close the file to apply the configuration. This will take effect immediately for all new logins, so you don't need to reload OpenSSH manually.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, you reviewed your OpenSSH server configuration and implemented various hardening measures to help secure your server. The options that you configured have reduced the overall attack surface of your server by disabling unused features and locking down the access of specific users.