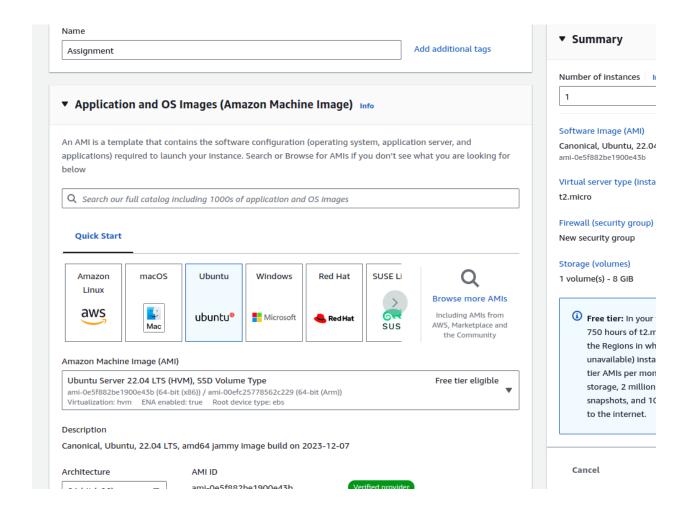
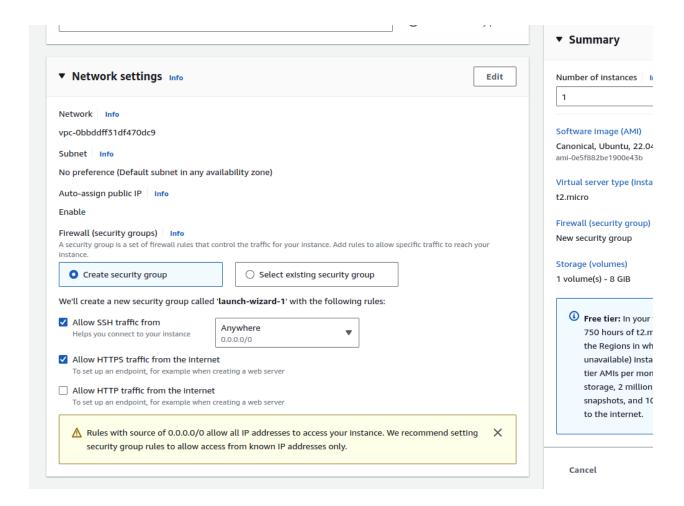
Server Provisioning:

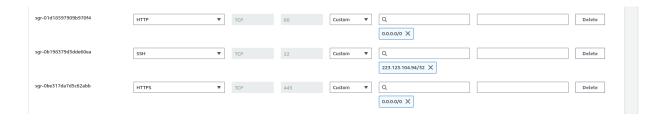
- 1: Provision a Virtual Private Server (VPS) with a major cloud provider (e.g., AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, or DigitalOcean) to host the WordPress website.
- 2. Configure the VPS with a secure Linux distribution (e.g., Ubuntu 22.04) and ensure that all necessary firewall rules are applied.

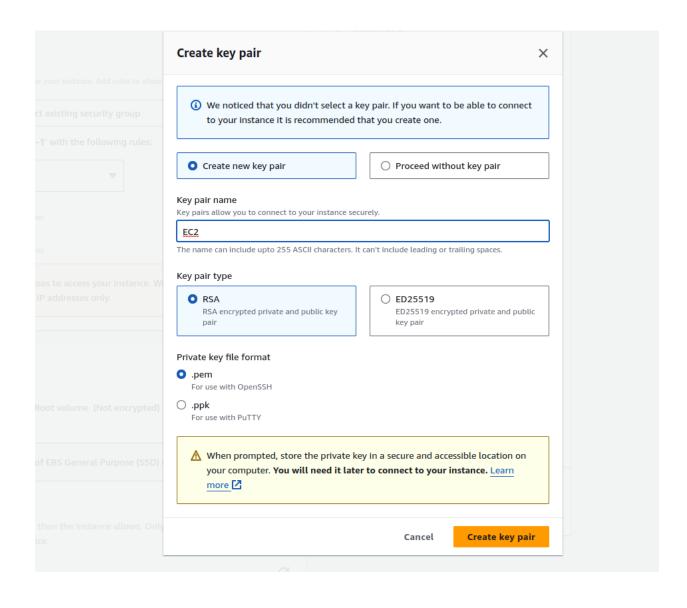
Created EC2 instance on AWS (Ubuntu server = 22.04 LTS)





Later on modified SSH traffic to my IP only:





do-areeka-1674@do-areeka-1674:~/Downloads\$ ssh -i EC2.pem ubuntu@3.11.200.60 Welcome to Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.2.0-1017-aws x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com * Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Tue Dec 26 19:17:21 UTC 2023

System load: 0.0 Processes: 109
Usage of /: 33.7% of 7.57GB Users logged in: 1

Memory usage: 63% IPv4 address for eth0: 172.31.13.221

Swap usage: 0%

* Ubuntu Pro delivers the most comprehensive open source security and compliance features.

https://ubuntu.com/aws/pro

Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.

7 updates can be applied immediately.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable

3 additional security updates can be applied with ESM Apps.

Learn more about enabling ESM Apps service at https://ubuntu.com/esm

Last login: Tue Dec 26 19:0<u>8</u>:15 2023 from 223.123.104.94

3: Install and configure Nginx as the web server, MySQL/MariaDB as the

database, and PHP for processing dynamic content.

Update packages

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:~$ sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Get:2 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease [119 kB]
Get:3 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease [109 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [110 kB]
Get:5 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 Packages [14.1 MB]
Get:6 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe Translation-en [5652 kB]
Get:7 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 c-n-f Metadata [286 kB]
Get:9 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/multiverse amd64 Packages [217 kB]
Get:10 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/multiverse amd64 c-n-f Metadata [8372 B]
Get:11 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 Packages [1263 kB]
Get:12 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main Translation-en [260 kB]
Get:13 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/restricted amd64 Packages [1250 kB]
Get:14 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/restricted Translation-en [203 kB]
Get:15 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe amd64 Packages [100 kB]
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Get:19 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe Translation-en [200 k
```

Install Nginx

```
ubuntuBip-17-31-13-221:-$ sudo apt install nginx
Reading package lists... Done

Be following additional packages will be installed:
fontconfig config fonts-dejavu-core libdeflated libfontconfig1 libgd3 libjbig0 libjpeg-turbo8 libjpeg8 libmginx-mod-http-geoip2 libmginx-mod-http-image-filter libmginx-mod-http-steral libmginx-mod-stream libmginx-mod-stream geoip2 libtiff5 libwebp7 libxpm4 nginx-common nginx-core
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fontconfig config fonts-dejavu-core libupraded.

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Do you want to continuer [Y/nl) y
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Get:2 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 libpeg-turbo8 libpe
```

Install MySQL server

```
ubuntuBip-172-3:-13-221:-$ sudo apt install -y mysql-server
Reading package lists...Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
Libcq:-fast-perl Libcq:-perperl Libctone-perl Libbencode-locale-perl Libbencode-locale-
```

Install PHP

```
ubunt@ip-172-31-13-221:-$ sudo apt install -y php-fpm
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading package lists information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
bzip2 mailcap mime-support php-common php8.1-cli php8.1-common php8.1-fpm php8.1-opcache php8.1-readline
Suggested packages:
bzip2-doc php-pear
The following NEW packages will be installed:
bzip2 mailcap mime-support php-common php-fpm php8.1-cli php8.1-common php8.1-fpm php8.1-opcache php8.1-readline
0 upgraded, 10 newly installed, 0 to remove and 26 not upgraded.
Need to get 5256 kB of archives.
After this operation, 21.7 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get: 1 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 bzip2 amd64 1.0.8-5build1 [34.8 kB]
Get: 2 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 mime-support all 3.66 [3696 B]
Get: 3 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 php8.1-common and64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.14 [1127 kB]
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Get: 10 http://eu-west-2.ec2.archiv
                                                        ntu@ip-172-31-13-221:~$ sudo apt install -y php-fpm
```

Installed the required PHP modules.

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```

Configured Nginx

Inside of the existing location / block, let's adjust the try_files list. Comment out the default setting by prepending the line with a pound sign (#) and then add the highlighted line. This way, instead of returning a 404 error as the default option, control is passed to the index.php file with the request arguments.

This should look something like this:

Website Configuration:

1: Set up a WordPress website on the VPS and secure it following best practices(e.g., strong passwords, limited user privileges, etc.).

Domain is linuxisfun.ddns.net

Admin: http://linuxisfun.ddns.net/input

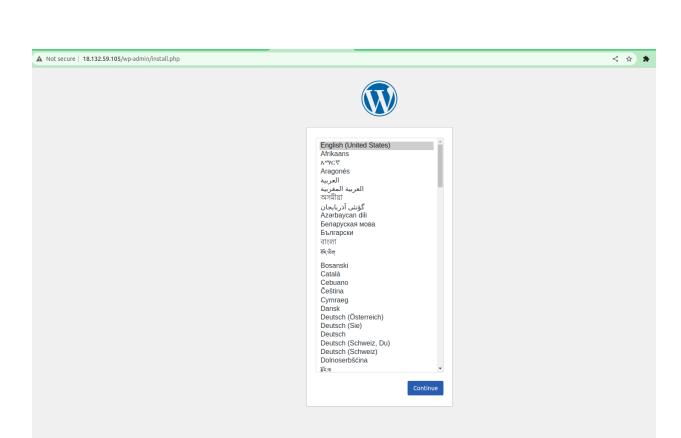
Username: areeka-nankani-CE Password: YioVSKvNIIQaobhrp2

Created DB, setup admin rights and grant access

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:~$ sudo mysqladmin create wordpress
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:~$ sudo mysql
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 9
Server version: 8.0.35-0ubuntu0.22.04.1 (Ubuntu)
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affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective
owners.
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
mysql> CREATE USER wordpress@localhost identified by 'wordpress123';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
mysql> GRANT ALL on wordpress.* to wordpress@localhost;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> exit
Bye
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:~$
```

Install Wordpress

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx/sites-available$ ls -al
total 23924
                                 4096 Dec 22 16:28 .
4096 Dec 22 15:08 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root
                    root
drwxr-xr-x 8 root
                    root
                                 2520 Dec 22 16:19 default
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                    root
drwxr-xr-x 5 nobody nogroup
                                 4096 Nov 7 19:25 wordpress
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                            24480560 Dec 22 16:26
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx/sites-available$ sudo mv wordpress/* /var/www/html
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx/sites-available$ sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /var/www/htm
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx/sites-available$
```





Welcome Welcome to the famous five-minute WordPress installation process! Just fill in the information below and you'll be on your way to using the most extendable and powerful personal publishing platform in the world. Information needed Please provide the following information. Do not worry, you can always change these settings later. Site Title Linux is Fun Username areeka-nankani-CE Usernames can have only alphanumeric characters, spaces, underscores, hyphens, periods, and the @ symbol. Password YioVSKvNlIQaobhrp2 **%** Hide Strong Important: You will need this password to log in. Please store it in a secure location. Your Email areeka.nankani@gmail.com Double-check your email address before continuing. Search engine visibility Discourage search engines from indexing this site It is up to search engines to honor this request. Install WordPress

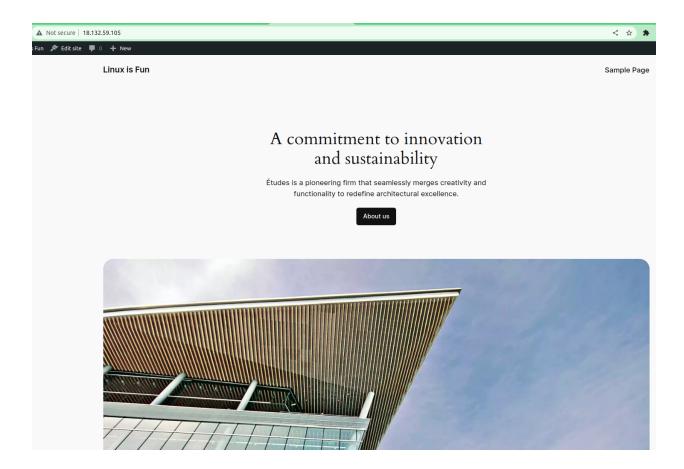
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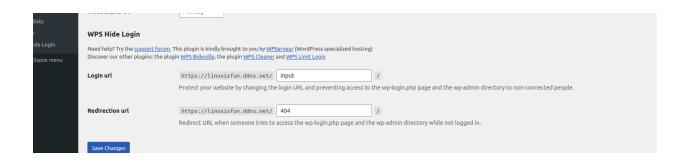


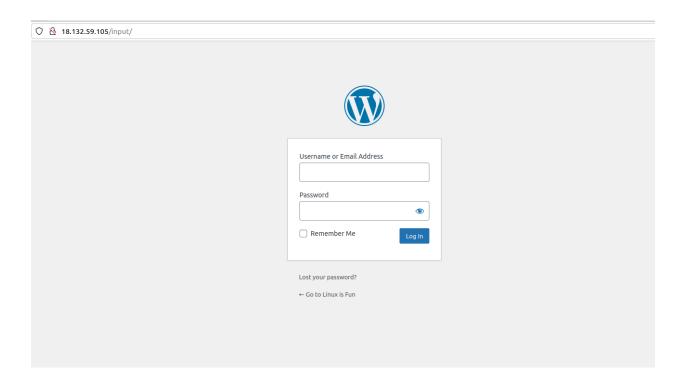
<u>Log In</u>



- Installed security plugin, changed wp-admin url using wps-hide-login and setup difficult login details for security.
- While creating user, we can setup roles and privileges accordingly.
- For best practices we should keep plugins/themes/wordpress updated.
- wp-rocket cache plugin for better performance of site.

ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/var/				<u>.</u>
name		update	version	
wordfence enhance-wp-rocket-loadcss wps-hide-login	active active active	none	7.11.0 1.5 1.9.10	





To grab secure values from the WordPress secret key generator, type:

curl -s https://api.wordpress.org/secret-key/1.1/salt/

We will get back unique values that look something like this:

```
#define(
              'AUTH_KEY'
                                           'put your unique phrase here
            'SECURE_AUTH_KEY',
'LOGGED_IN_KEY',
#define(
                                          'put your unique phrase here'
#define
                                           'put your unique phrase here'
            'NONCE_KEY',
'AUTH_SALT',
#define(
                                           'put your unique phrase here'
#define(
                                           'put your unique phrase here
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#define( 'LOGGED_IN_SALT',
                                           'put your unique phrase here'
                                           'put your unique phrase here
#define( 'NONCE_SALT',
                                           'put your unique phrase here'
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  define('LOGGED_IN_KEY',
  define('NONCE_KEY',
  define('AUTH_SALT',
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  define('NONCE_SALT',
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                                       /**#@-*/
```

2: Implement SSL/TLS certificate using Let's Encrypt for secure communication between the server and clients.

Registered domain, created elastic IP and associate it with EC2 instance.

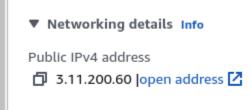
Step 1: Allocate an Elastic IP

- 1. Go to the AWS Management Console and navigate to the EC2 Dashboard.
- From the navigation bar, click on "Elastic IPs" under "Network & Security."
- 3. Click on "Allocate new address" and choose "Amazon's pool of IPv4 addresses."
- 4. Click on "Allocate" to create a new Elastic IP.

Step 2: Associate the Elastic IP with your EC2 Instance

- 1. From the Elastic IPs list, select the newly allocated Elastic IP.
- 2. Click on "Actions" and choose "Associate IP address."
- 3. In the "Associate Elastic IP address" dialog, select your EC2 instance from the drop-down menu.
- 4. Click on "Associate" to link the Elastic IP with your EC2 instance.

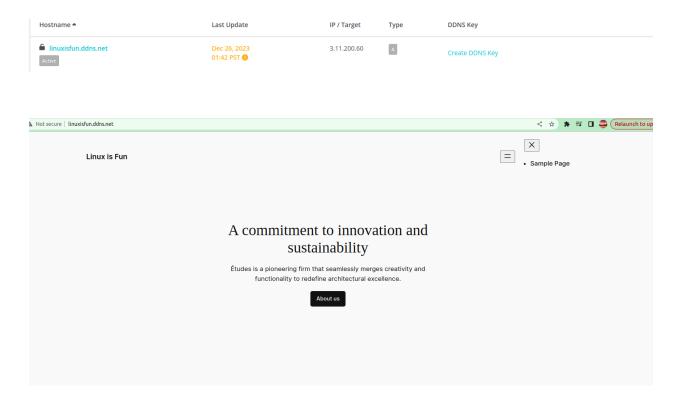
You will notice that IPv4 public address and elastic IP address will be the same.





Step 3: Update DNS Records with Domain Registrar

- 1. Log in to your domain registrar's website (where you registered the domain).
- 2. Locate the DNS management settings for domain.
- 3. Add an "A" record with a blank or "@" hostname, pointing to the Elastic IP address you just associated with your EC2 instance.
- 4. Save the changes to update your DNS records.



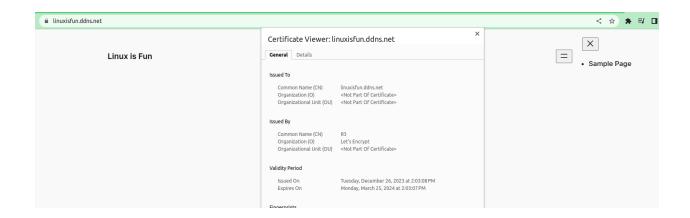
Installing Let's Encrypt certificate.

- Connect to your EC2 instance via SSH.
- Update package lists: sudo apt update
- Install Certbot: sudo apt install certbot python3-certbot-nginx

- sudo certbot --nginx -d linuxisfun.ddns.net
- Restart Nginx to apply changes: sudo systemctl restart nginx

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221-3 sudo apt install certbot python3-certbot-nginx
Reading package list... Done
Reading state information.. Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
python3-acme python3-certbot python3-configargparse python3-icu python3-parsedatetime python3-requests-toolbelt python3-rfc3339 python3-zope.component python3-zope.component python3-zope.bookalle
Suggested packages:
python3-certbot python3-certbot-apache python-acme-doc python-certbot-nginx-doc
The following NKW packages will be installed:
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```
Saving debug to /var/log/letsencrypt/letsencrypt.log
Enter email address (used for urgent renewal and security notices)
(Enter 'c' to cancel): areeka.nankani@gmail.com
Please read the Terms of Service at
https://letsencrypt.org/documents/LE-SA-v1.3-September-21-2022.pdf. You must
agree in order to register with the ACME server. Do you agree?
(Y)es/(N)o: y
Would you be willing, once your first certificate is successfully issued, to share your email address with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a founding partner of the Let's Encrypt project and the non-profit organization that develops Certbot? We'd like to send you email about our work encrypting the web,
EFF news, campaigns, and ways to support digital freedom.
(Y)es/(N)o: y
Account registered.
Requesting a certificate for linuxisfun.ddns.net
Successfully received certificate.
Certificate is saved at: /etc/letsencrypt/live/linuxisfun.ddns.net/fullchain.pem
Key is saved at: /etc/letsencrypt/live/linuxisfun.ddns.net/privkey.pem
This certificate expires on 2024-03-25.
These files will be updated when the certificate renews.
Certbot has set up a scheduled task to automatically renew this certificate in the background.
Deploying certificate
Successfully deployed certificate for linuxisfun.ddns.net to /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/default
Congratulations! You have successfully enabled HTTPS on https://linuxisfun.ddns.net
```



3: Optimize the Nginx server configuration to enhance website performance (e.g., caching, gzip compression, etc.).

Added gzip compression

```
# `gzip` Settings
gzip on;
gzip disable "msie6";
gzip_vary on;
gzip_proxied any;
gzip_comp_level 6;
gzip_buffers 16 8k;
gzip_http_version 1.1;
gzip_min_length 256;
gzip_types
  application/atom+xml
 application/geo+json
 application/javascript
 application/x-javascript
 application/json
 application/ld+json
 application/manifest+json
 application/rdf+xml
 application/rss+xml
 application/xhtml+xml
 application/xml
 font/eot
 font/otf
 font/ttf
 image/svg+xml
 text/css
 text/javascript
 text/plain
 text/xml;
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx$ sudo vim nginx.conf
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx$ sudo nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx$ sudo systemctl restart nginx
ubuntu@ip-172-31-13-221:/etc/nginx$
```

linuxisfun.ddns.net

Results for: http://linuxisfun.ddns.net/

Redirects to: https://linuxisfun.ddns.net/

Gzip Is Enabled

Original Size:	81.97 KB	
Gzip Size (compressed):	14.17 KB	
Compression %:	82.72% is compressed	
HTTP Status:	200	
Request Time:	1.582 ms	

GitHub Repository Setup:

- 1: Create a GitHub repository and set up a GitHub Actions workflow for the automated deployment of the WordPress website to the VPS.
- 2:Ensure that the GitHub Actions workflow includes the necessary steps to install dependencies, build the project, and securely transfer files to the server.

3:Include a README.md file in the GitHub repository with clear instructions on how to set up the environment locally and deploy the website using the GitHub

Actions workflow.

Created repository: https://github.com/areekaa/wordpress-vps-deployment
Unfortunately issue persists due to SSH connection and yaml file as I do not have experience with on github actions. I have experience on AWS though but have been reading document and working on it while resolving errors one by one to make it work.