



AWS Web Application Firewall (WAF)



Step 1: Create launch template.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for Launch Templates. The left sidebar contains navigation links for EC2 Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Console-to-Code, and various EC2 instance types and reservations. The main content area displays the 'Launch Templates (1/1)' page, which includes a table of launch templates and a detailed view of the selected template 'temp-1'.

Launch Template ID	Launch Template Name	Default Version	Latest Version	Create Time	Created By
lt-08a1ccfa71f8f2a8f	temp-1	1	1	2024-03-10T17:40:10.000Z	arn:aws:iam:...:root

temp-1 (lt-08a1ccfa71f8f2a8f)

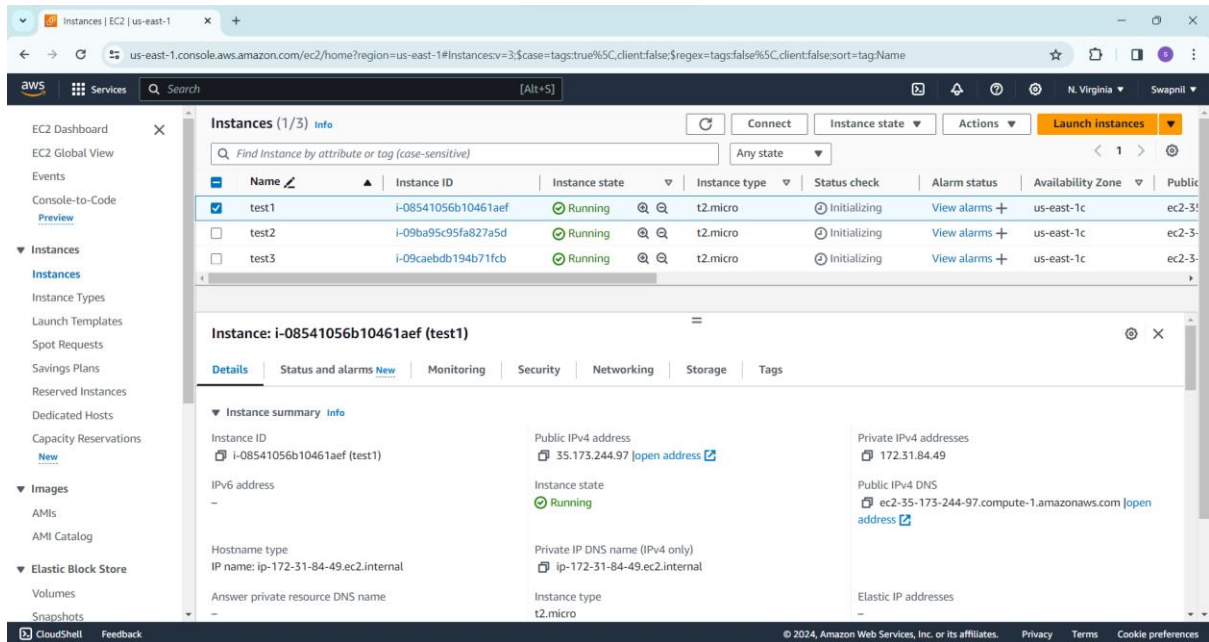
Launch template details

Launch template ID	Launch template name	Default version	Owner
lt-08a1ccfa71f8f2a8f	temp-1	1	arn:aws:iam:891377111868:root

Launch template version details

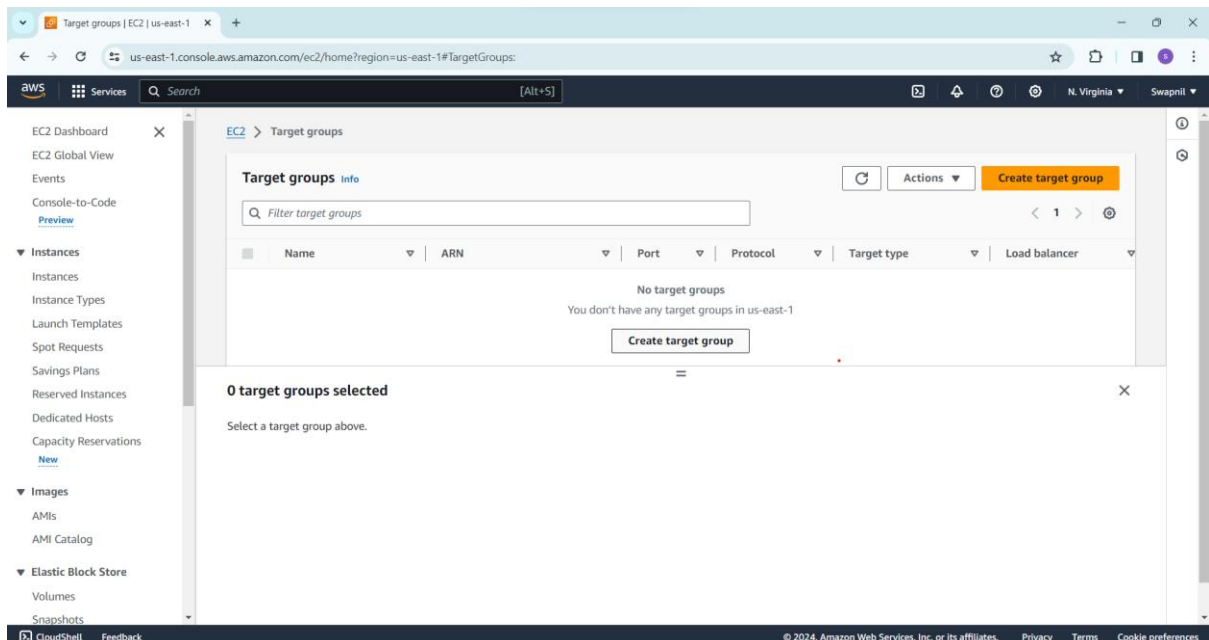
Version	Created Time	Created By
1	2024-03-10T17:40:10.000Z	arn:aws:iam:891377111868:root

Step 2: Launch an instance from launch template.



The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console for the 'us-east-1' region. The left sidebar contains navigation links for EC2 Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Console-to-Code, and a list of services including Instances, Instance Types, Launch Templates, Spot Requests, Savings Plans, Reserved Instances, Dedicated Hosts, Capacity Reservations, Images, AMIs, AMI Catalog, Elastic Block Store, Volumes, and Snapshots. The main content area displays the 'Instances (1/3) Info' page. A table lists three instances: 'test1' (ID: i-08541056b10461aef, state: Running), 'test2' (ID: i-09ba95c95fa827a5d, state: Running), and 'test3' (ID: i-09caebdb194b71fcb, state: Running). Below the table, the details for instance 'test1' are shown, including its Instance ID, IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, Hostname type, IP name, Answer private resource DNS name, Public IPv4 address (35.173.244.97), Private IPv4 addresses (172.31.84.49), Public IPv4 DNS (ec2-35-173-244-97.compute-1.amazonaws.com), Private IP DNS name (ip-172-31-84-49.ec2.internal), and Instance type (t2.micro).

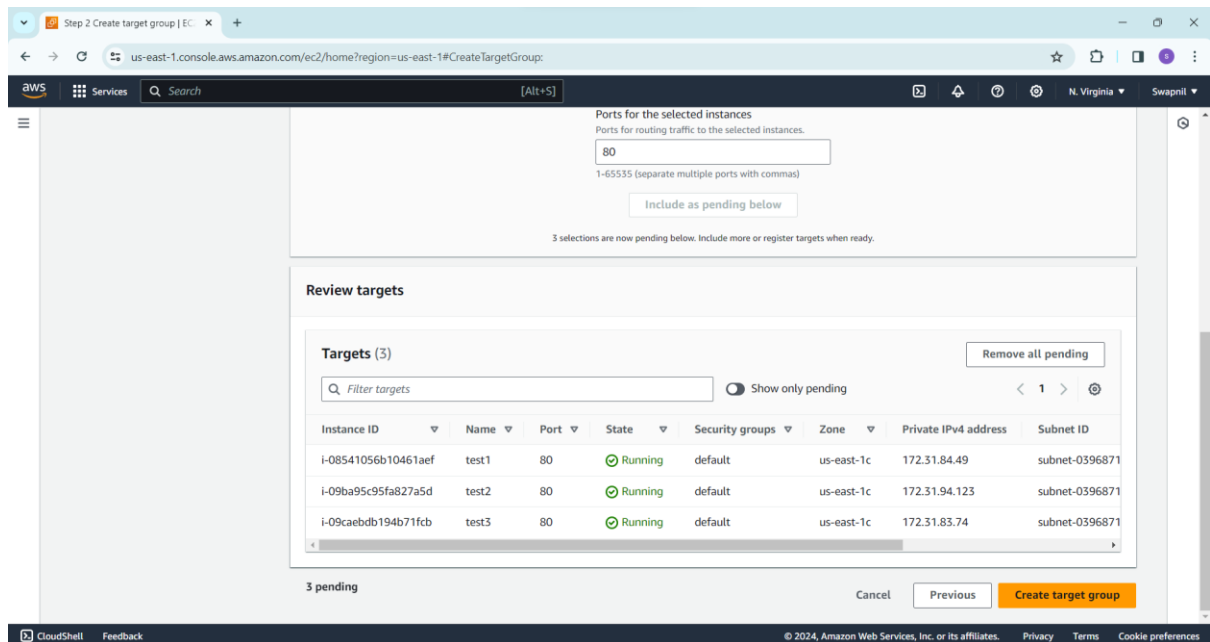
Step 3: Create a target group



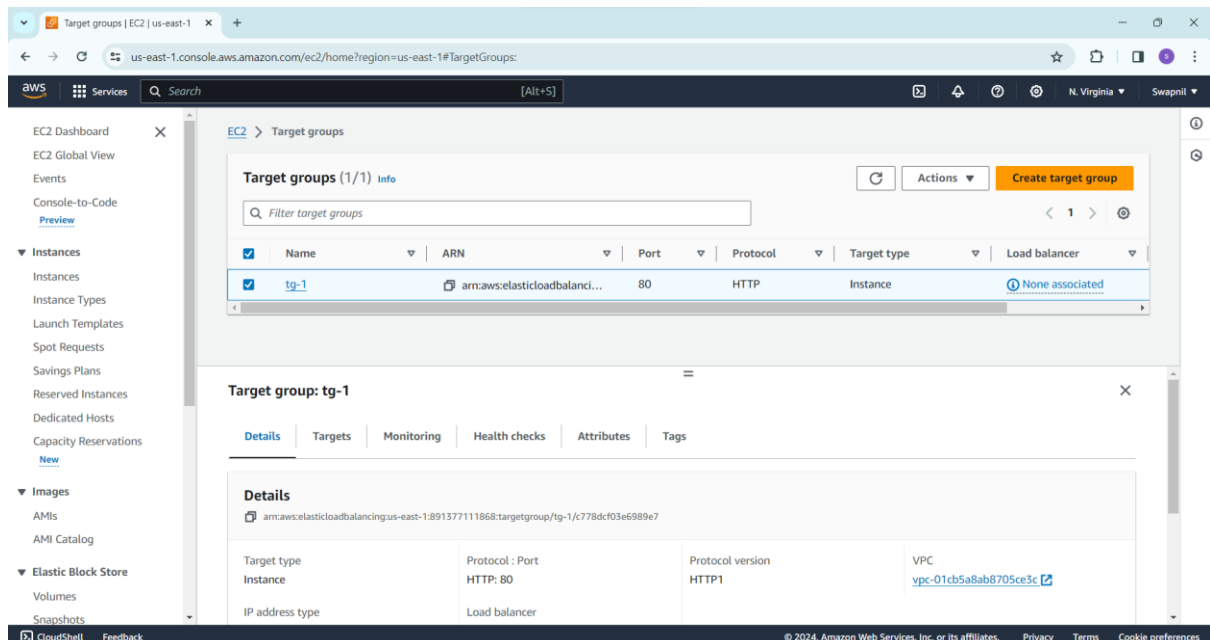
The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console for the 'us-east-1' region, specifically the 'Target groups' page. The left sidebar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area displays the 'Target groups' page with a search bar and a table with columns: Name, ARN, Port, Protocol, Target type, and Load balancer. The table is empty, and a message states: 'No target groups. You don't have any target groups in us-east-1.' Below this message is a 'Create target group' button. At the bottom of the page, a notification bar indicates '0 target groups selected' and prompts the user to 'Select a target group above.'

Step 4: Enter the target group detail.

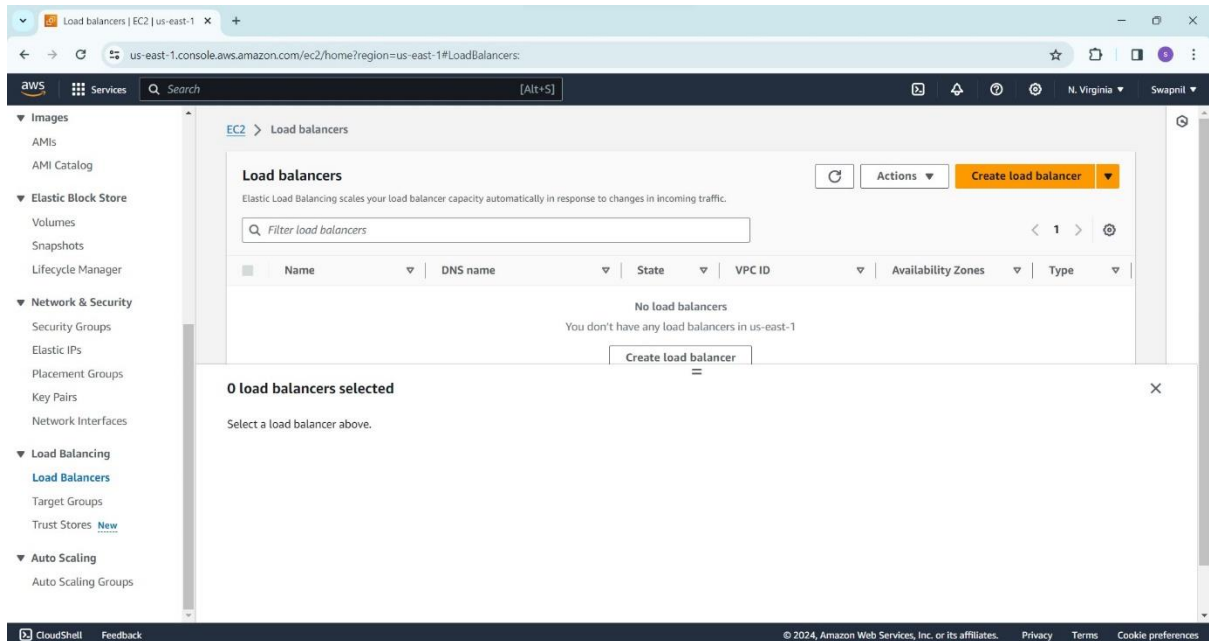
➤ Click on create target group.



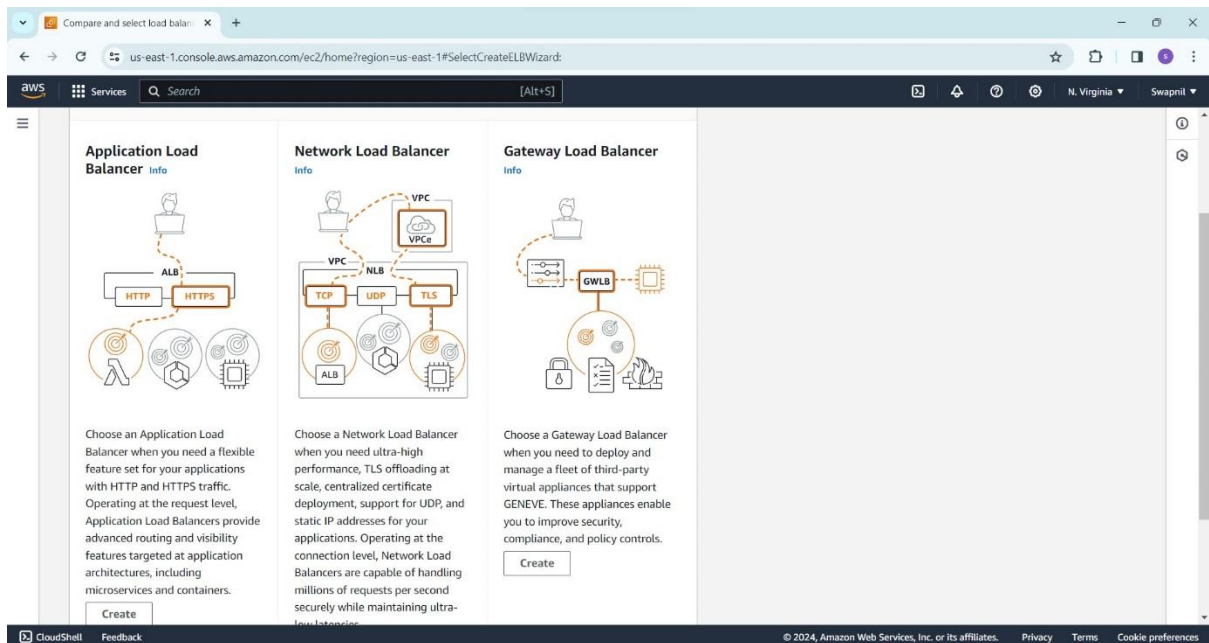
Step 5: Target group is created.



Step 6: Associated application load balancer to target group

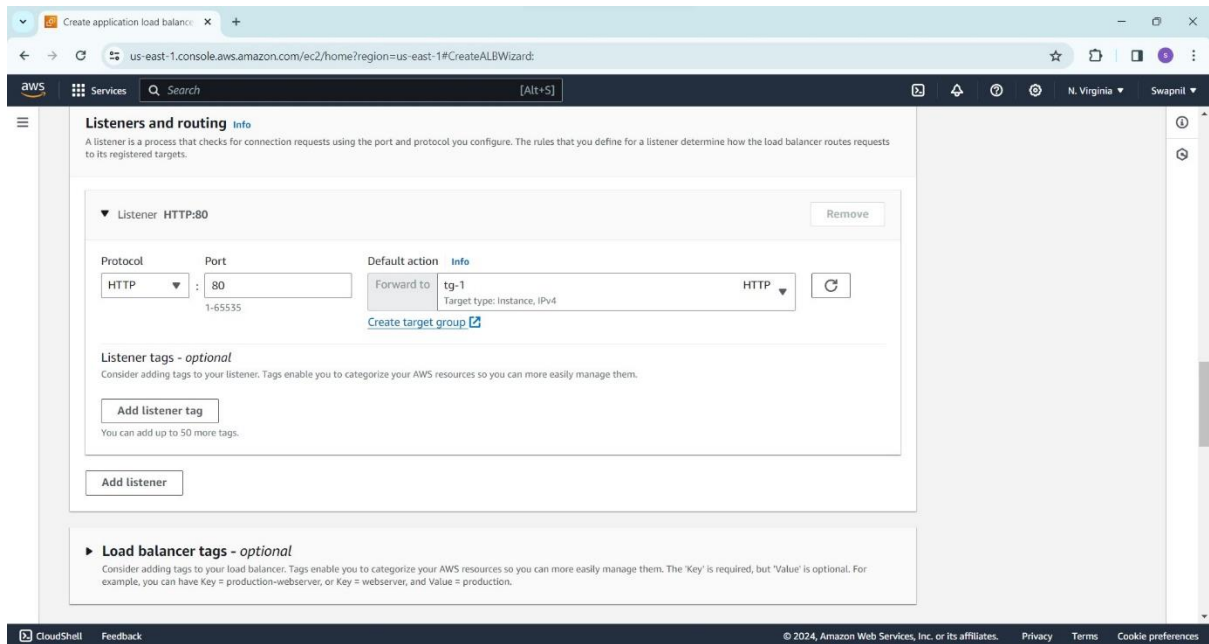


Step 7: Create application load balancer.

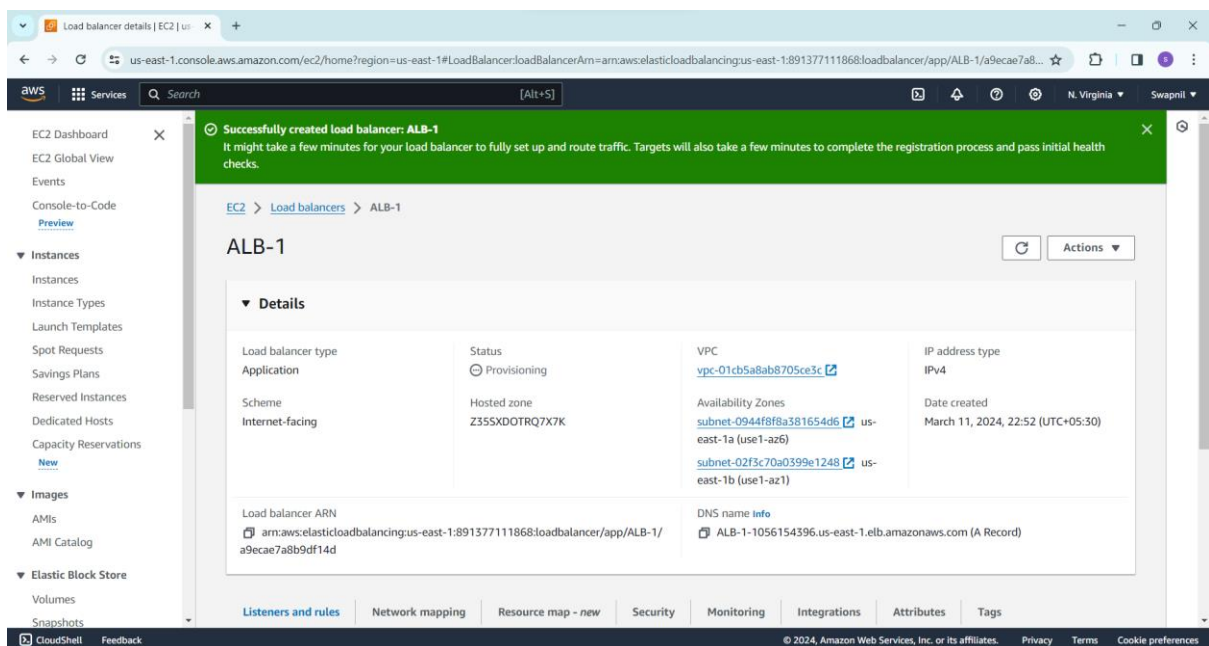


Step 8: Create load balancer

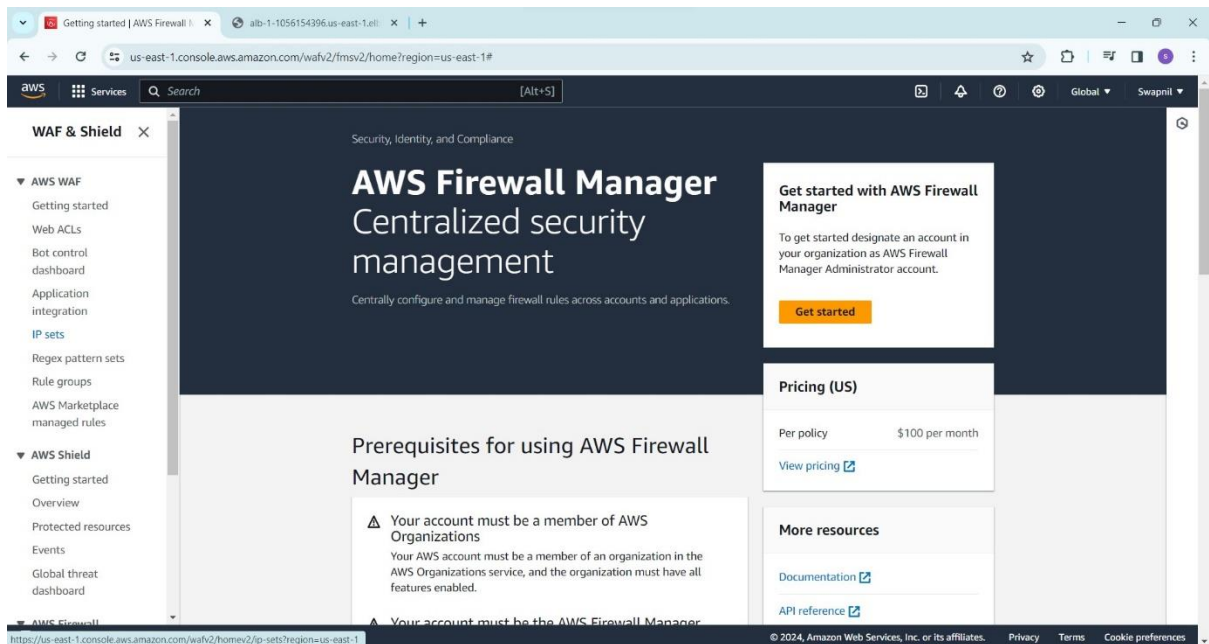
- Ente basic detail
- Add target group
- Click on create load balancer



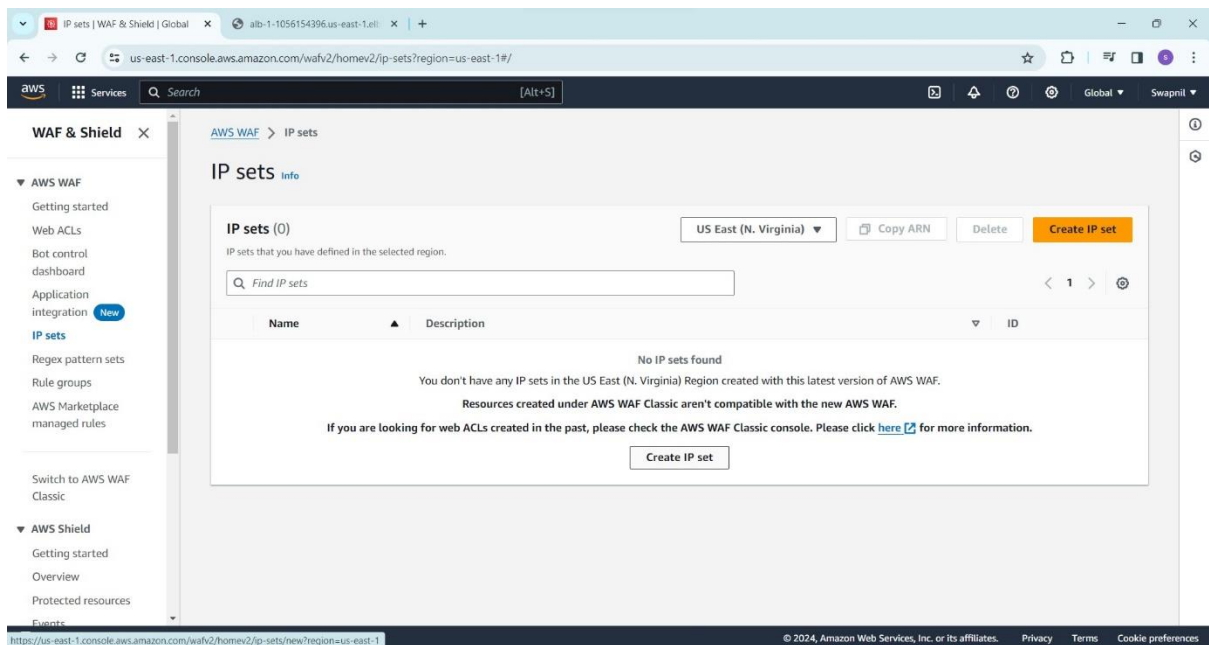
Step 9: Check application load balancer is created.



Step 10: Go to the navigation panel and select WAF.



Step 11: Create IP sets.



Step 12: IP set details.

- Enter IP set rule name
- Choose region and IP version
- Add the IP address list

The screenshot shows the 'IP set details' page in the AWS console. The page has a left sidebar with a menu and a main content area. The main content area contains the following fields:

- IP set name:** A text input field with the value 'ip_rule'. Below it, a note states: 'The name must have 1-128 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, -, and _ (underscore).' There is also a 'Description - optional' text input field.
- Region:** A dropdown menu showing 'US East (N. Virginia)'.
- IP version:** Two radio buttons: 'IPv4' (selected) and 'IPv6'.
- IP addresses:** A text area containing the IP address '103.162.158.172/31'. Below the text area, a note states: 'Enter one IP address per line in CIDR format.'

The bottom of the page shows the AWS footer with 'CloudShell', 'Feedback', and copyright information.

Step 13: Create web ACL (access control list)

The screenshot shows the 'Web ACLs' page in the AWS console. The page has a left sidebar with a menu and a main content area. The main content area contains the following elements:

- Header:** 'Web ACLs' with an 'Info' link.
- Message:** 'New AWS WAF dashboards are now available. Check them out by selecting any of your web ACLs.'
- Web ACLs (0):** A section showing 'Web ACLs that you have defined in the selected region.' It includes a search bar with the placeholder 'Find web ACLs' and a 'Create web ACL' button.
- Table:** A table with columns 'Name', 'Description', and 'ID'. It is currently empty.
- Message:** 'No web ACLs found. You don't have any web ACLs in the US East (N. Virginia) Region created with this latest version of AWS WAF. Resources created under AWS WAF Classic aren't compatible with the new AWS WAF. If you are looking for web ACLs created in the past, please check the AWS WAF Classic console. Please click [here](#) for more information.' There is a 'Create web ACL' button at the bottom.

The bottom of the page shows the AWS footer with 'CloudShell', 'Feedback', and copyright information.

Step 14: Describe web ACL and associate it to AWS resources

Web ACL details

Resource type
Choose the type of resource to associate with this web ACL. Changing this setting will reset the page.

☐ Amazon CloudFront distributions

☒ Regional resources (Application Load Balancers, Amazon API Gateway REST APIs, Amazon App Runner services, AWS AppSync GraphQL APIs, Amazon Cognito user pools and AWS Verified Access Instances)

Region
Choose the AWS Region to create this web ACL in. Changing this setting will reset the page.

US East (N. Virginia)

Name
ACL-1
The name must have 1-128 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, -, (hyphen), and _ (underscore).

Description - optional

The description can have 1-256 characters.

CloudWatch metric name
ACL-1
The name must have 1-128 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, -, (hyphen), and _ (underscore).

Associated AWS resources - optional (1) Remove Add AWS resources

➤ Add AWS resources

Add AWS resources

Resource type
Select the resource type and then select the resource you want to associate with this web ACL.

☒ Application Load Balancer ☐ Amazon API Gateway REST API ☐ Amazon App Runner service

☐ AWS AppSync GraphQL API ☐ Amazon Cognito user pool ☐ AWS Verified Access

Select the resources you want to associate with the web ACL.

Find AWS resources to associate

☒ Name

☒ ALB-1

Cancel Add

Step 15: Add rule and rule groups

The screenshot shows the AWS WAF console interface for Step 2: 'Add my own rules and rule groups'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with steps: Step 1 (Describe web ACL and associate it to AWS resources), Step 2 (Add my own rules and rule groups), Step 3 (Set rule priority), Step 4 (Configure metrics), and Step 5 (Review and create web ACL). The main content area is titled 'Add my own rules and rule groups' and contains three sections: 'Rule type', 'Rule', and 'IP set'. The 'Rule type' section has three radio buttons: 'IP set' (selected), 'Rule builder', and 'Rule group'. The 'Rule' section has a 'Name' input field with the value 'rule-1' and a note: 'The name must have 1-128 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, - (hyphen), and _ (underscore)'. The 'IP set' section has an 'IP set' dropdown menu with the value 'ip_rule' and a note: 'IP address to use as the originating address. When a request comes through a CDN or other proxy network, the source IP address identifies the proxy and the original IP address is sent.'

Rule type

Rule type

☒ **IP set**
Use IP sets to identify a specific list of IP addresses.

☐ **Rule builder**
Use a custom rule to inspect for patterns including query strings, headers, countries, and rate limit violations.

☐ **Rule group**
Use a rule group to combine rules into a single logical set.

Rule

Name

rule-1

The name must have 1-128 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, - (hyphen), and _ (underscore).

IP set

IP set

ip_rule

IP address to use as the originating address
When a request comes through a CDN or other proxy network, the source IP address identifies the proxy and the original IP address is sent.

Step 16: Set rule priority.

The screenshot shows the AWS WAF console interface for Step 3: 'Set rule priority'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with steps: Step 1 (Describe web ACL and associate it to AWS resources), Step 2 (Add rules and rule groups), Step 3 (Set rule priority), Step 4 (Configure metrics), and Step 5 (Review and create web ACL). The main content area is titled 'Set rule priority' and contains a section 'Rules (1/1)' with a table of rules. The table has three columns: 'Name', 'Capacity', and 'Action'. There is one rule with the name 'rule-1', capacity '1', and action 'Block'. Above the table are 'Move up' and 'Move down' buttons. Below the table are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons.

Set rule priority

Rules (1/1)

If a request matches a rule, take the corresponding action. The rules are prioritized in order they appear.

Name	Capacity	Action
rule-1	1	Block

Cancel Previous Next

Step 17: Configure metrics

The screenshot shows the 'Configure metrics' step in the AWS WAF console. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with steps 1 through 5. Step 4, 'Configure metrics', is the current step. The main content area has a title 'Configure metrics' with an 'Info' icon. Below the title is a section 'Amazon CloudWatch metrics' with a description. It contains a table with two columns: 'Rules' and 'CloudWatch metric name'. The 'rule-1' rule is selected with a checkbox, and its metric name is 'rule-1'. Below this is a section 'Request sampling options' with a description. It contains a table with two columns: 'Options' and 'Request sampling options'. The 'Enable sampled requests' option is selected with a radio button. At the bottom right are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons.

Step 1
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Step 2
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Step 3
[Set rule priority](#)

Step 4
Configure metrics

Step 5
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Configure metrics Info

Amazon CloudWatch metrics
CloudWatch metrics allow you to monitor web requests, web ACLs, and rules.

Rules	CloudWatch metric name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rule-1	<input type="text" value="rule-1"/>

Request sampling options
If you disable request sampling, you can't view requests that match your web ACL rules.

Options	Request sampling options
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enable sampled requests	
<input type="radio"/> Disable sampled requests	
<input type="radio"/> Enable sampled requests with exclusions	

Cancel Previous **Next**

Step 18: Review and create web ACL

The screenshot shows the 'Review and create web ACL' step in the AWS WAF console. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with steps 1 through 5. Step 4, 'Configure metrics', is the current step. The main content area has a title 'Token domain list (0)' with a 'Name' column. Below the title is a section 'Step 4: Configure metrics' with an 'Edit step 4' button. It contains a table with two columns: 'Rules' and 'CloudWatch metric name'. The 'rule-1' rule is selected with a checkbox, and its metric name is 'rule-1'. Below this is a section 'Sampled requests' with a description. It contains a table with two columns: 'Sampled requests' and 'Sampled requests for web ACL default actions'. The 'Enabled' option is selected with a radio button. At the bottom right are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Create web ACL' buttons.

Token domain list (0)

Name
No items No items to display

Step 4: Configure metrics [Edit step 4](#)

Amazon CloudWatch metrics (1)

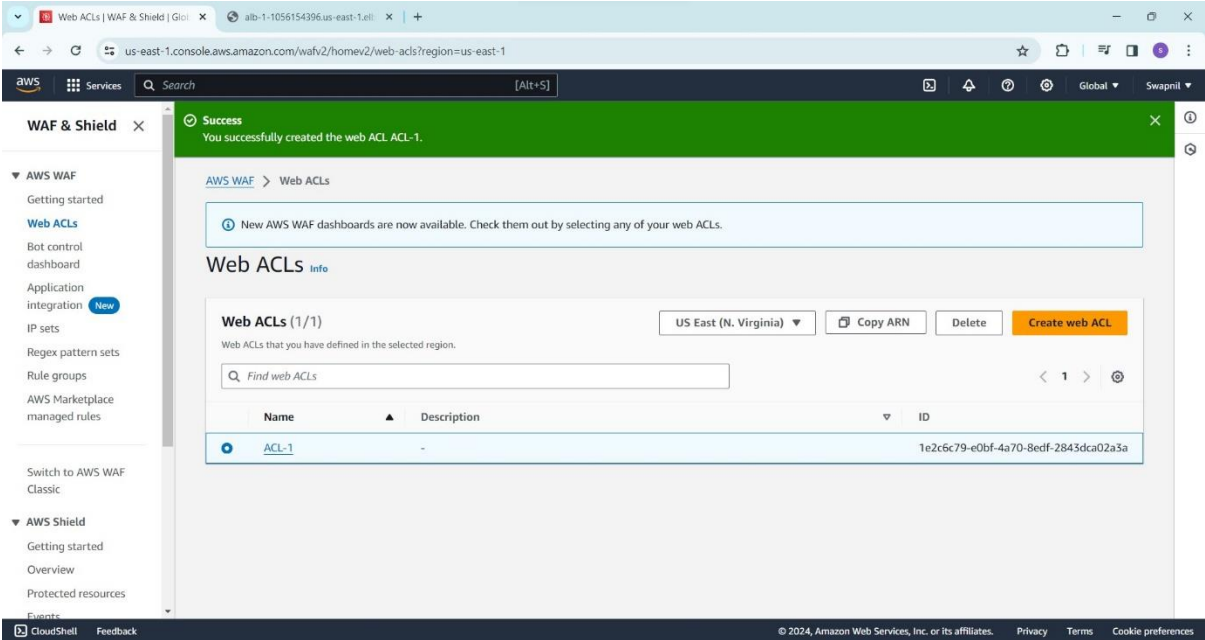
Rules	CloudWatch metric name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rule-1	rule-1

Sampled requests
Sampled requests for web ACL default actions

Sampled requests	Sampled requests for web ACL default actions
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled	Enabled

Cancel Previous **Create web ACL**

Step 19: web ACL is created

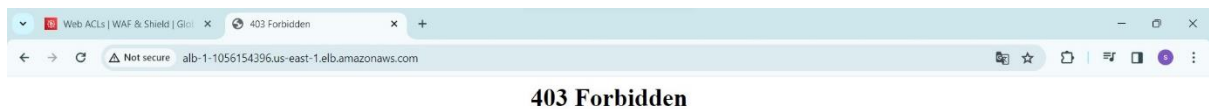


Step 20: Check the result

Try to access a load balancer from the IP which is define in the IP sets rules group

We get 403 forbidden message because WAF block that IP.

403 Forbidden error, it means that you do not have permission to view the requested file or resource.



Step 21:

From WEB ACL we filter the traffic and check all details

Like blocked, allowed IP, Sample of bot detection, client device types, attack type, top 10 countries, etc.

