



Immersion Day

Creating an Elastic Load Balancer

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Overview

This lab will walk the user through creating an ALB to load balance traffic across several EC2 nodes in a single Availability Zone.

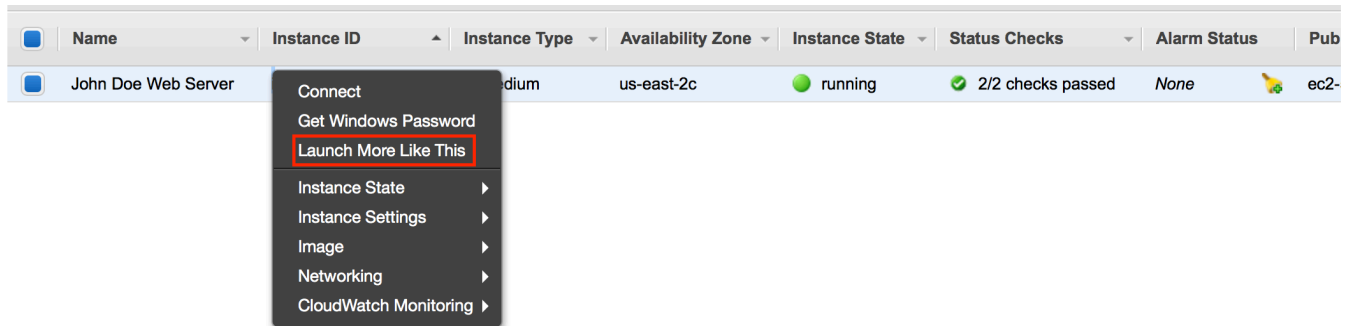


This lab has a prerequisite of Immersion Day – Getting Started with EC2 and assumes that you have already launched your first web server. This lab will demonstrate configuring a farm of web servers from the Immersion Day – Getting Started with EC2 lab to use ALB for its load balancing needs.

Launch a Second Web Server

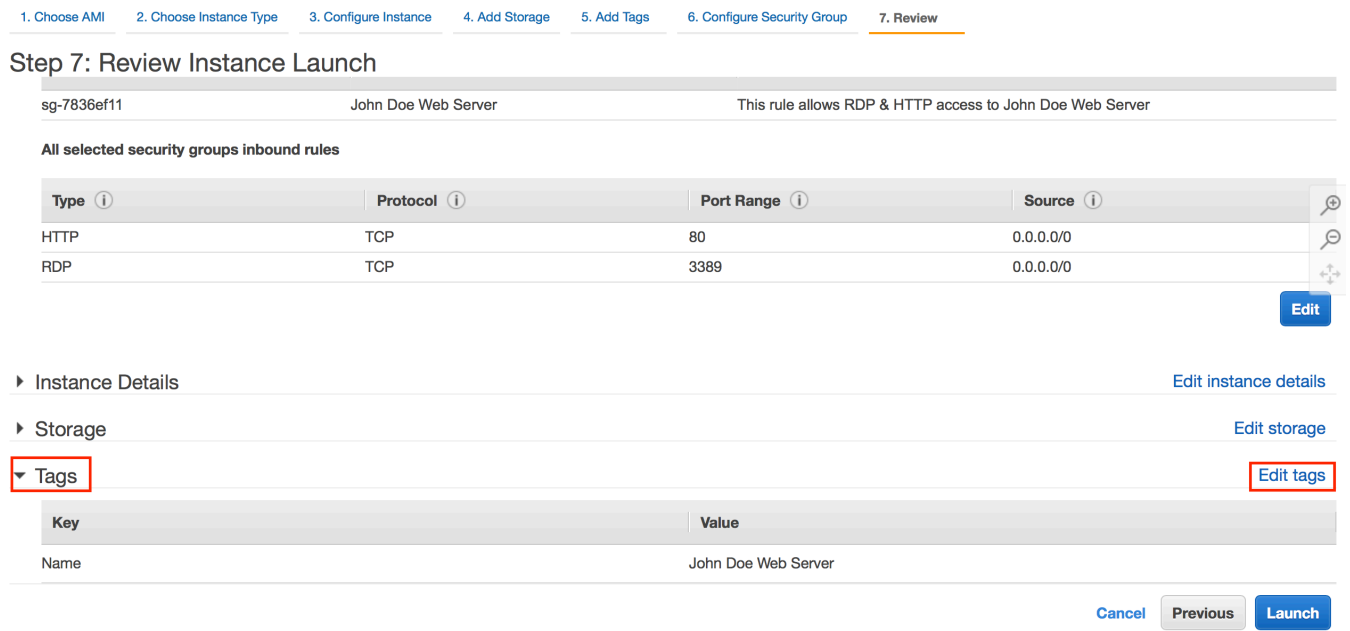
Let's launch another web server, similar to our existing web server instance.

1. Right click your web server and choose **Launch More Like This**. As it implies, this feature will launch another web server similar to the existing web server.



(Please note that launch more like this does not clone the instance. It only replicates configuration details so any webserver configuration on the instance will need to be supplied via AMI or user data. For more details, please check the reference in the end of the document)

2. On the next screen, scroll down to the **Tags** section and click **Edit Tags**.



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3. Change the **Value** of the **Name** tag to something different than the first instance, like

Step 5: Add Tags

A tag consists of a case-sensitive key-value pair. For example, you could define a tag with key = Name and value = Webserver. [Learn more](#) about tagging your Amazon EC2 resources.

Key (127 characters maximum)	Value (255 characters maximum)
Name	John Doe Web Server 2

[Add another tag](#) (Up to 50 tags maximum)

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[Your name] Webserver 2. Click **Next: Configure Security Group**

4. Click the **Review and Launch** button to continue to the next screen where you'll launch the additional server.

1. Choose AMI 2. Choose Instance Type 3. Configure Instance 4. Add Storage 5. Add Tags 6. Configure Security Group 7. Review

Step 6: Configure Security Group

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. On this page, you can add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance. For example, if you want to set up a web server and allow Internet traffic to reach your instance, add rules that allow unrestricted access to the HTTP and HTTPS ports. You can create a new security group or select from an existing one below. [Learn more](#) about Amazon EC2 security groups.

Assign a security group: ☐ Create a new security group

☒ Select an existing security group

Security Group ID	Name	Description	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> sg-a7ca3ace	default	default VPC security group	Copy to new
<input type="checkbox"/> sg-826e91eb	ElasticMapReduce-master	Master group for Elastic MapReduce created on 2016-10-07T00:40:09.889Z	Copy to new
<input type="checkbox"/> sg-856e91ec	ElasticMapReduce-slave	Slave group for Elastic MapReduce created on 2016-10-07T00:40:09.889Z	Copy to new
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sg-7836ef11	John Doe Web Server	This rule allows RDP & HTTP access to John Doe Web Server	Copy to new
<input type="checkbox"/> sg-8f2cf5e6	launch-wizard-1	launch-wizard-1 created 2016-12-12T13:07:17.312-08:00	Copy to new

Inbound rules for sg-a7ca3ace (Selected security groups: sg-7836ef11)

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source
All traffic	All	All	sg-a7ca3ace (default)

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Step 7: Review Instance Launch

⚠ Your instance configuration is not eligible for the free usage tier
To launch an instance that's eligible for the free usage tier, check your AMI selection, instance type, configuration options, or storage devices. Learn more about [free usage tier](#) eligibility and usage restrictions.

[Don't show me this again](#)

⚠ Improve your instances' security. Your security group, John Doe Web Server, is open to the world.
Your instances may be accessible from any IP address. We recommend that you update your security group rules to allow access from known IP addresses only. You can also open additional ports in your security group to facilitate access to the application or service you're running, e.g., HTTP (80) for web servers. [Edit security groups](#)

AMI Details

[Edit AMI](#)



Windows_Server-2012-R2_RTM-English-64Bit-Base-2016.11.23 - ami-e999c38c

Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 RTM 64-bit Locale English AMI provided by Amazon

Root Device Type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm

If you plan to use this AMI for an application that benefits from Microsoft License Mobility, fill out the [License Mobility Form](#). [Don't show me this again](#)

Instance Type

[Edit instance type](#)

Instance Type	ECUs	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available	Network Performance
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5. Click on **Launch** to launch your additional instance. Like your first instance, this newly launched instance will take a few minutes to boot and configure itself.

6. Please select the existing key pair that you created and click Launch Instances.

Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair



A key pair consists of a **public key** that AWS stores, and a **private key file** that you store. Together, they allow you to connect to your instance securely. For Windows AMIs, the private key file is required to obtain the password used to log into your instance. For Linux AMIs, the private key file allows you to securely SSH into your instance.

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about [removing existing key pairs from a public AMI](#).

Choose an existing key pair

Select a key pair

JohnDoe-keypair

☒ I acknowledge that I have access to the selected private key file (JohnDoe-keypair.pem), and that without this file, I won't be able to log into my instance.

[Cancel](#)

[Launch Instances](#)

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- Once the second web server has passed its status checks, confirm the web server is operational by browsing to its web site using its public DNS. You'll see both instances listed in your console as shown below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Instance ID	Instance Type	Availability Zone	Instance State	Status Checks	Alarm Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Doe Web Server	i-062ef25652624ef41	t2.medium	us-east-2c	● running	✔ 2/2 checks passed	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Doe Web Server 2	i-0cc759b74162d8df3	t2.medium	us-east-2c	● running	✔ 2/2 checks passed	None

Create an ALB

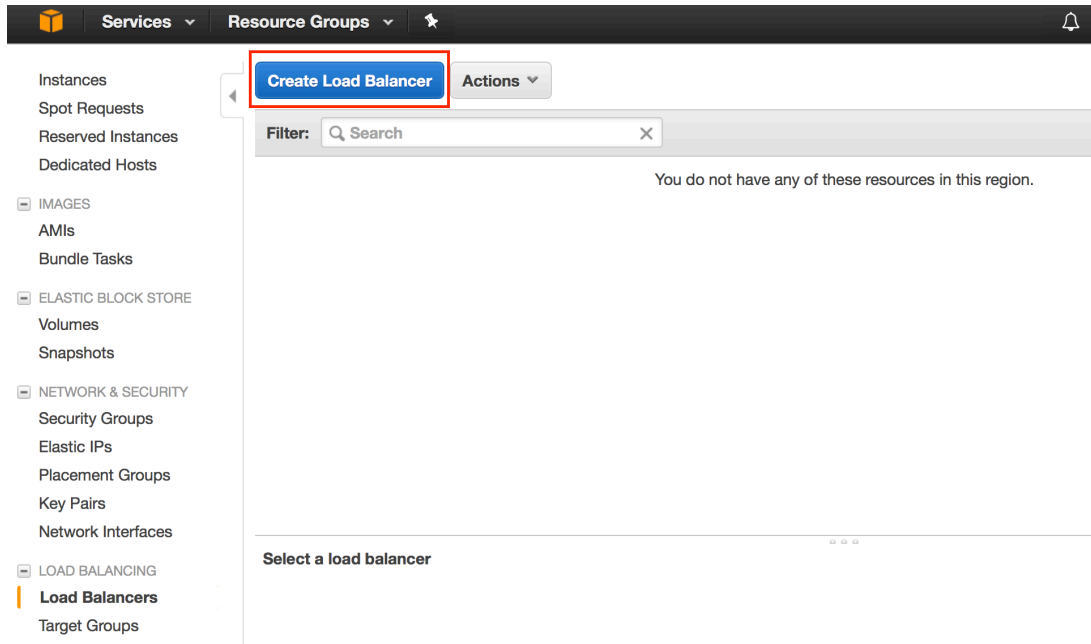
You now have two web servers, but you need a load balancer in front of these servers to give your users a single location for accessing both servers and to balance user requests across your web server farm.

- Click on the **Load Balancers** link in the EC2 Console.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. On the left-hand navigation menu, the 'LOAD BALANCING' section is expanded, and the 'Load Balancers' link is highlighted with a red rectangle. The main content area displays a table of EC2 instances, including 'John Doe Web Server' and 'John Doe Web Server 2', both in a 'running' state. Above the table, there are buttons for 'Launch Instance', 'Connect', and 'Actions'. Below the table, a message says 'Select an instance above'.

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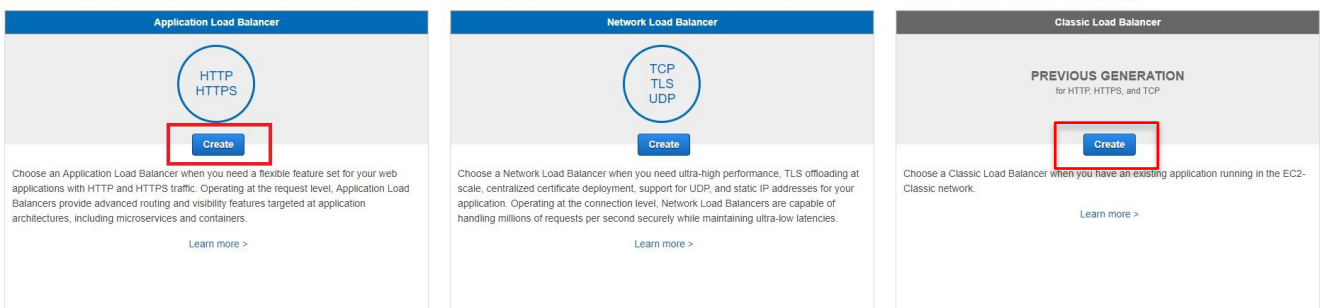


2. Click on **Create Load Balancer** button.

3. We will be creating a Application Load Balancer today, so please select that option and click **Continue** to proceed to the next step.

Select load balancer type

Elastic Load Balancing supports three types of load balancers: Application Load Balancers, Network Load Balancers (new), and Classic Load Balancers. Choose the load balancer type that meets your needs. [Learn more about which load balancer is right for you](#)



4. For the load balancer name, type a name like [YourName]-ALB, keep scheme as “internet-facing”, and IP address type as “ipv4”. Verify that HTTP is selected for the load balancer protocol with load balancer port 80. Select the VPC and subnet where the web server is running in, then click **Next: Assign Security Groups**.

Note: Please note that spaces are not allowed in the ALB name.

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Step 1: Configure Load Balancer

Basic Configuration

To configure your load balancer, provide a name, select a scheme, specify one or more listeners, and select a network. The default configuration is an Internet-facing load balancer in the selected network with a listener that receives HTTP traffic on port 80.

Name

Scheme ☒ Internet-facing ☐ Internal

IP address type

Listeners

A listener is a process that checks for connection requests, using the protocol and port that you configured.

Load Balancer Protocol	Load Balancer Port
HTTP	80

[Add listener](#)

Availability Zones

Specify the Availability Zones to enable for your load balancer. The load balancer routes traffic to the targets in these Availability Zones only. You can specify only one subnet per Availability Zone. You must specify subnets from at least two Availability Zones to increase the availability of your load balancer.

VPC

Availability Zones

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> us-west-2a	<input type="text" value="subnet-57cecd3f"/>	IPv4 address <input type="text" value="Assigned by AWS"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> us-west-2b	<input type="text" value="subnet-55cecd3d"/>	IPv4 address <input type="text" value="Assigned by AWS"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> us-west-2c	<input type="text" value="subnet-56cecd3e"/>	IPv4 address <input type="text" value="Assigned by AWS"/>

[Cancel](#) [Next: Configure Security Settings](#)

- On the next screen, it shows the load balancer is not using secure listener. In production environment it is recommended to use HTTPS protocol for front-end connection. In this lab, we will skip that part. Click **Next: Configure Security Groups**.
- On the next screen we'll create a new security group for our ALB. Name your security group something like **[Your Name] ALB SG**, and allow HTTP traffic to be passed to your instances by creating a rule of type **HTTP** for port 80, then click **Next: Configure Routing**.

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Step 3: Configure Security Groups

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic to your load balancer. On this page, you can add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your load balancer. First, decide whether to create a new security group or select an existing one.

Assign a security group: ☒ Create a new security group ☐ Select an existing security group

Security group name:

Description:

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source
HTTP	TCP	80	Custom <input type="text" value="0.0.0.0/0::0"/>

[Add Rule](#)

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Next: Configure Routing](#)

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- On the next screen you will configure the target group and health check. Name the target group like something **[Your Name]targetgroup**, then select target type as Instance. Keep Protocols and Port as default(HTTP & 80) Verify health checks protocol is HTTP and Path is /. Then click **Next:Register Targets**.

Note: Please note that spaces are not allowed in the Target group name.

Step 4: Configure Routing

Your load balancer routes requests to the targets in this target group using the protocol and port that you specify, and performs health checks on the targets using these health check settings. Note that each target group can be associated with only one load balancer.

Target group

Target group (i) New target group

Name (i) JohnDoeTargetGroup

Target type

- ☒ Instance
- ☐ IP
- ☐ Lambda function

Protocol (i) HTTP

Port (i) 80

Health checks

Protocol (i) HTTP

Path (i) /

Advanced health check settings

Port (i) ☒ traffic port ☐ override

Healthy threshold (i) 5

Unhealthy threshold (i) 2

Timeout (i) 5 seconds

Interval (i) 30 seconds

Success codes (i) 200

Cancel Previous **Next: Register Targets**

- Select both your Web Servers you created and click **Add to registered** to add them to your ALB and click **Next:Review**.

Step 5: Register Targets

Register targets with your target group. If you register a target in an enabled Availability Zone, the load balancer starts routing requests to the targets as soon as the registration process completes and the target passes the initial health checks.

Registered targets

To deregister instances, select one or more registered instances and then click Remove.

Remove

<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance	Name	Port	State	Security groups	Zone
<input type="checkbox"/>	i-bbb62bb1	John Doe Web Server	80	running	default	us-west-2b
<input type="checkbox"/>	i-03d10a07e2e8cd26c	John Doe Web Server 2	80	running	OpenVPN	us-west-2b

Instances

To register additional instances, select one or more running instances, specify a port, and then click Add. The default port is the port specified for the target group. If the instance is already registered on the specified port, you must specify a different port.

Add to registered on port 80

Search Instances X

<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance	Name	State	Security groups	Zone	Subnet ID	Subnet CIDR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i-bbb62bb1	John Doe Web Server	running	default	us-west-2b	subnet-55cecd3d	172.31.32.0/20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i-03d10a07e2e8cd26c	John Doe Web Server 2	running	OpenVPN	us-west-2b	subnet-55cecd3d	172.31.32.0/20

Cancel Previous **Next: Review**

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9. Review your ALB settings and click **Create** (followed by clicking **Close**).

Step 6: Review
Review and load balancer details before continuing

▼ Load balancer Edit

Name JohnDoeALB
Scheme Internet-facing
Listeners Port:80 - Protocol:HTTP
IP address type ipv4
VPC vpc-54cecd3c
Subnets subnet-57cecd3f, subnet-55cecd3d, subnet-56cecd3e
Tags

▼ Security groups Edit

Security groups Joe Doe ALB SG

▼ Routing Edit

Target group New target group
Target group name JohnDoeTargetGroup
Port 80
Target type instance
Protocol HTTP
Health check protocol HTTP
Path /
Health check port traffic port
Healthy threshold 5
Unhealthy threshold 2
Timeout 5
Interval 30
Success codes 200

▼ Targets Edit

Instances i-bbb62bb1 (John Doe Web Server):80, i-03d10a07e2e8c26c (John Doe Web Server 2):80

Cancel Previous **Create**

10. AWS is now creating your ALB. It will take a couple of minutes to establish your load balancers, attach your web servers, and pass a couple of health checks. **Click** on your load balancer, once the State is showing active, **Click** target Groups *and* then select Targets tab, you should see both of your web servers are healthy.

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Instances
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ELASTIC BLOCK STORE
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Create target group Actions

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Name	Port	Protocol	Target type	Load Balanc	VPC ID	Monitoring
JohnDoeTargetGroup	80	HTTP	instance	JohnDoe-A...	vpc-54cecd3c	

Target group: JohnDoeTargetGroup

Description Targets Health checks Monitoring Tags

The load balancer starts routing requests to a newly registered target as soon as the registration process completes and the target passes the initial health checks. If demand on your targets increases, you can register additional targets. If demand on your targets decreases, you can deregister targets.

Edit

Registered targets

Instance ID	Name	Port	Availability Zone	Status
i-0df8a61e8d51abe48	John Doe Web Server	80	us-west-2b	healthy ⓘ
i-04b6b0512a305b789	John Doe Web Server 2	80	us-west-2b	healthy ⓘ

Availability Zones

Availability Zone	Target count	Healthy?
us-west-2b	2	Yes

11. Switch back to Load Balancers, Under the Description tab, copy the ALB's DNS name.

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The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for creating and managing an Elastic Load Balancer. The left sidebar contains navigation links for INSTANCES, IMAGES, ELASTIC BLOCK STORE, NETWORK & SECURITY, LOAD BALANCING, and AUTO SCALING. The main content area displays the 'Create Load Balancer' button and a table of existing load balancers. Below this, the 'Basic Configuration' tab is selected for the 'JohnDoe-ALB' load balancer. The configuration details are as follows:

Property	Value
Name	JohnDoe-ALB
ARN	arn:aws:elasticloadbalancing:us-west-2:872983841534:loadbalancer/app/JohnDoe-ALB:4094d60b70ec6f5
DNS name	JohnDoe-ALB-1163350537.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com (A Record)
State	active
Type	application
Scheme	internet-facing
IP address type	ipv4
VPC	vpc-54cecd3c
Availability Zones	subnet-35cecd3d - us-west-2b

12. Open the ALB URL in a new browser tab. Hit the browser refresh button and you should cycle through your web servers (you may need to do a “Shift-F5” or “Shift-Refresh” as some browsers like Chrome are pretty aggressive in locally caching web pages).

john DOE-alb-1163350537.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com



LOAD TEST		RDS	
Meta-Data		Value	
Instanceid		i-04b6b0512a305b789	
Availability Zone		us-west-2b	
Current CPU Load: 0%			

john DOE-alb-1163350537.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com



LOAD TEST		RDS	
Meta-Data		Value	
InstanceId		i-0df8a61e8d51abe48	
Availability Zone		us-west-2b	
Current CPU Load: 0%			

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13. Congratulations, you've created a load balanced website.

ⁱ <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/launch-more-like-this.html>