Homework #7 Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Web Services

This semester we are allowing all students to explore cloud computing as offered by Amazon's Web Services. Using the instructions below one can establish a website at AWS. Once established, you will be able to move your PHP program developed for Assignment #6 to your AWS website and have it execute there.

1. Sign up for AWS

To sign up for AWS, you need a credit card. If you do not have one, buy a \$25 American Express Gift card at Ralphs or other grocery store.

To sign up go to:

http://aws.amazon.com

and click on **Sign In to the Console**. Follow the instructions to create your AWS account using the "AWS Free Usage Tier".

After you are signed up, from the drop down next to your name, select **My Account**. In the *Account Settings* section, you will notice the *Account Id*. This is the *AWS Account ID* to be used next when signing up for AWS Educate.

Please note that many of the URLs listed from now on will only be available if you are signed up to AWS.

2. Sign up for AWS Educate

To sign up for AWS Educate and get a \$100 credit (USC is a member of AWS Educate) go to:

http://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate

Click on the Join AWS Educate Today button.

Click on the Apply for AWS Educate for Students button.

On Step 1, select I am a Student.

On Step 2, fill out the form appropriately. Leave Promocode field empty and go to the next step.

On Step 3, Fill out the AWS Account ID field, enter the ID from your initial AWS signup.

Click **Next** and finish the sign-up process.

After your application is reviewed and approved, you will receive a welcome e-mail from

AWS Educate Support, which includes details about the \$100 promotional credit, as shown below:

AWS Promotional Credit

It's our pleasure to issue you an Amazon Web Services (AWS) promotional credit code in the amount listed below.

Credit Amount: \$100.00

Credit Code: PC26S89AM7I7EMY

3. Apply the \$100 credit

Once you have completed signing up for both AWS and AWS Educate, login to your AWS account.

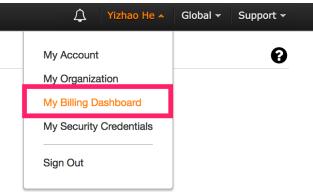
Then go to the URL:

http://aws.amazon.com/awscredits/

Click **Redeem Credit**. Enter the Credit Code that was provided to you in the e-mail in the Promo Code field. Enter the displayed characters for the Security Check, and click the **Redeem** button. The Promo Code details (expiration date, credit used, credit remaining, etc.) will be displayed in the table at the bottom.

4. Provide Credit Card or Gift Card Information

 In the top menu, click on your name and select My Billing Dashboard in the drop-down menu.

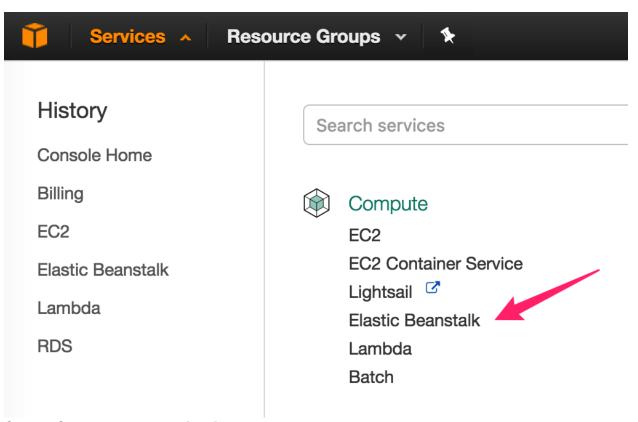


- In the left menu select Payment Methods
- Click on Add a Card button
- Provide your card information (Credit Card Number, Name of Cardholder, Expiration Date)
- Optionally Edit your billing address.

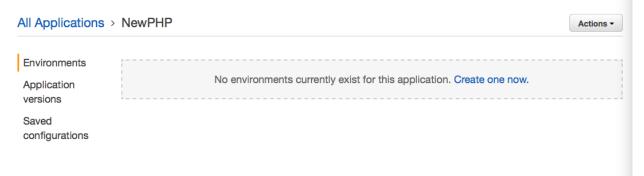
5. Set up the Default Elastic Beanstalk Application

• Click the top left menu Services

 From the list of Amazon Web Services, select Elastic Beanstalk, under Compute.



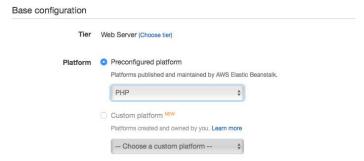
- Select Create New Application in the top right, right underneath your account name, and follow the Wizard.
- In the **Application name** field, enter a name for your application. Click **Create**.
- In the **Environment** section click on the **Create One Now** hyperlink



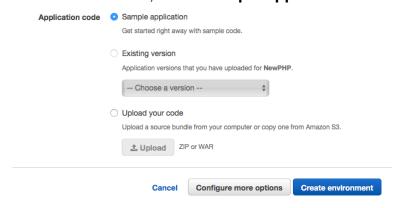
- In the Choose an environment tier dialog select Web server environment, and click on Select button.
- In the Environment Information section, select an Domain (use the default or check availability of your own subdomain of elasticbeanstalk.com). Click on "Check availability" button. Your URL should be green. Otherwise you should change the environment URL.

Create a new environment Launch an environment with a sample application or your own code. By creating an environment, you allow AWS Elastic Beanstalk to manage AWS resources and permissions on your behalf. Learn more Environment information Choose the name, subdomain, and description for your environment. These cannot be changed later. Application name NewPHP Environment name NewPhp-env Domain Ssci571-php .us-east-1.elasticbeanstalk.com Check availability csci571-php.us-east-1.elasticbeanstalk.com is available.

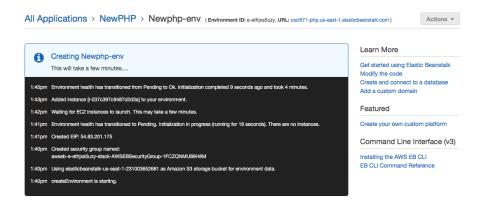
- In the Base configuration section, choose the Preconfigured platform, and one of the following options in the drop-down list:
 - Platform: PHP or Node.js
 - Environment Type: Single Instance.



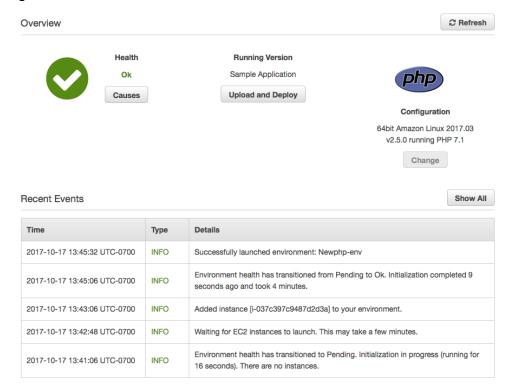
• In the Application Code section, select Sample application.



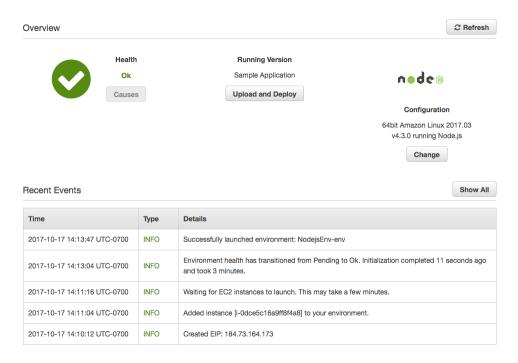
- Click Create environment.
- After a minute or so the "Creating <environment-name>" dialog appears, with the message "This will take a few minutes..."



You will need to wait for several minutes as your Linux + Apache + PHP or Linux + Nginx + Node.js instance is created and launched. You will see several messages appear as the instance is being created and deployed. a *rotating wheel* next to **the** "Monitor" button. Once creation and launch are completed, you will see the wheel turn into a green round circle with a check mark in the middle.



PHP Instance Dashboard



Node.js Instance Dashboard

Beside "<YourEnvironment>" subtitle there is a **URL** such as *YourAppName-env.*elasticbeanstalk.com, click on it. You should see the "*Congratulations*" page. If you see it as shown below, your application and environment have been created properly. Then go back to Elastic Beanstalk console.



PHP Sample Application



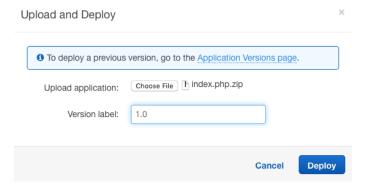
Node.js Sample Application

6. Upload your PHP application

Develop your PHP server application, and make sure that you name the file **index.php**. Compress the file with ZIP so that the resulting file is named **index.php.zip**. On a Mac, you can right click the file and choose compress. On Windows, there are several free programs, such as 7-Zip or FreeZip, etc. that you can use.

From the Elastic Beanstalk console, select your environment and click on the **Upload** and **Deploy** button.

The **Upload and Deploy** popup will display. Enter a Version **label** (e.g., version 1.0). Click on the **Choose File** button and select the **index.php.zip** file. Then click on **Deploy** button.



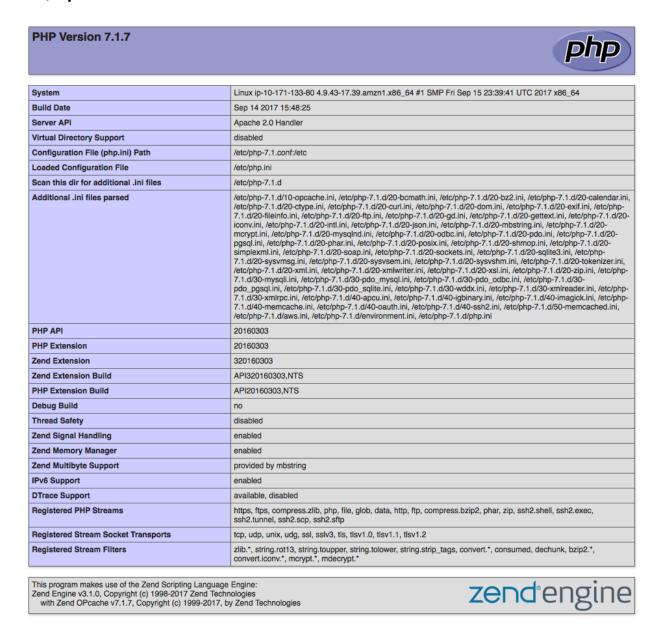
Again, wait several minutes for the *rotating wheel* to finish and the green circle with checkmark to appear. Click again on **the link** "YourAppName-env.elasticbeanstalk.com". Check that your PHP app is running correctly.

• **Important Note:** in the future if you want to upload an updated version of *index.php*, you should enter a different version label. Otherwise, you will get an error. It is recommended that you use increasing version numbers (2.0, 2.1, 3.0,

etc.)

To browse how your web service and application has been set up, go to the **Services** console (which is in the top menu of Elastic Beanstalk console) and select the **Compute EC2** Service. You should see that you have 1 **Running Instance**, 1 **Volume**, 1 **Elastic IP**, zero or 1 **Load Balancer** (managing port 80), and 1 (or 2) **Security Groups**.

Also note that if you deploy the phpinfo.php file from the PHP installation on cs-server.usc.edu (after renaming it index.php), you will discover that, among many addons, **OpenSSL 1.0** is enabled.



7. Upload your Node.js application

Develop your Node.js server application, and make sure that you name the command used to start the Node.js application **server.js** or **app.js**. Compress the file with ZIP so that the resulting "source bundle" is named something like **nodejs-v1.zip**. On a Mac, you can right click the file or folder and choose compress. On Windows, there are several free programs, such as 7-Zip or FreeZip, etc. that you can use.

While PHP on AWS comes with all needed libraries included, Node.js comes bare, with no libraries (also known as "packages") installed. You can include a **package.json** file in your source bundle to install packages during deployment. You use a package.json file in the root of your project source to use **npm** to install packages that your application requires. This is an example package.json file:

```
"name": "my-app",
  "version": "0.0.1",
  "private": true,
  "dependencies": {
      "ejs": "latest",
      "aws-sdk": "latest",
      "express": "latest",
      "body-parser": "latest"
},
  "scripts": {
      "start": "node app.js"
}
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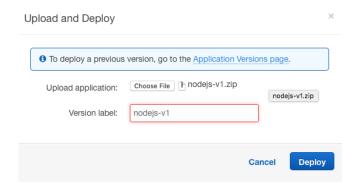
When a package.json file is present in your bundle, Elastic Beanstalk runs npm install to install dependencies.

The Node.js platform on AWS includes a proxy server to serve static assets, forward traffic to your application, and compress responses. The default proxy server is **Nginx**.

7.1 Upload and Deploy

From the Elastic Beanstalk console, select your environment and click on the **Upload** and **Deploy** button.

The **Upload and Deploy** popup will display. Enter a Version **label** (e.g., version 1.0). Click on the **Choose File** button and select the **nodejs-v1.zip** file. Then click on **Deploy** button.



Again, wait several minutes for the *rotating wheel* to finish and the green circle with checkmark to appear. Click again on **the link** "YourAppName-env.elasticbeanstalk.com". Check that your Node.js app is running correctly.

• **Important Note:** in the future if you want to upload an updated version of the source bundle *nodejs-v1.zip*, you should enter a different version label. Otherwise, you will get an error. It is recommended that you use increasing version numbers (2.0, 2.1, 3.0, or labels such as nodejs-v1, nodejs-v2, etc.)

For additional information, please check the AWS Developer Guide article titled "Using the AWS Elastic Beanstalk Node.is Platform" at:

http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/create_deploy_nodejs.container.html

8. Set up Exploring Your Instance (Optional)

If you want to explore your Instance and create your own domain based URL with SSH control, you can add the following steps.

8.1 Get and Setup SSH

Once the PHP app with SSH-enabled environment is running, you can get access using SSH. You can use SSH on a Mac running MacOS, or Putty when running on Windows.

On a Mac, SSH is built into MacOS and can be accessed through the **Terminal** app and there is no additional setup needed.

On a Windows PC, you will need to download the complete PuTTY distribution at:

http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sqtatham/putty/download.html

You should download the file **putty.zip** that contains all the binaries, including **PuTTYgen** as see in this snapshot from the website above:



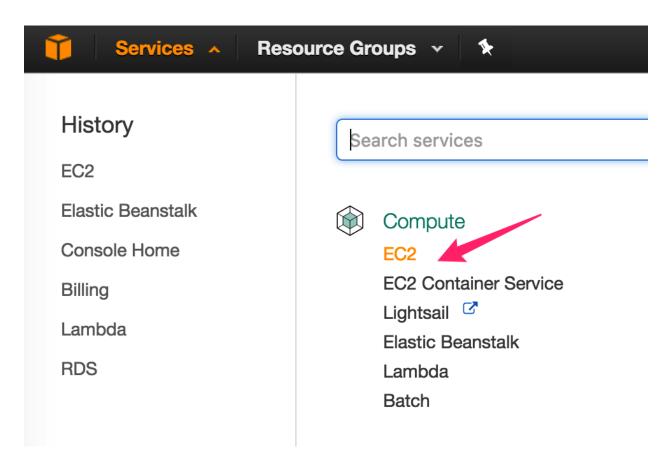
PuTTY needs additional setup as it needs to use a converted version of the private key. The instructions on how to perform such conversion are available here:

http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/putty.html

The major step is to use **PuTTYgen** to convert your private key format (.pem) generated by Amazon EC2 into the required PuTTY format (.ppk).

8.2 Create a Key Pair

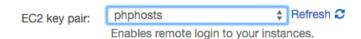
From the Services drop down, under the Compute section, select the EC2.



- Under NETWORK AND SECURITY select Key Pairs.
- Click on the button Create Key Pair.
- Enter a name like *phphosts* (you must have your own random name!) and click on Create.
- A download of your private key should start automatically. Save the key, like phphosts.pem, in an appropriate location.

8.2.1 Associate your Instance to the Key Pair

- You now need to associate your Instance with the just created key pair.
- Select the Elastic Beanstalk under Services.
- Select your application environment, but clicking anywhere in the "green" rectangle.
- Click on **Configuration** on the left menu.
- Click on the settings wheel next to Instances.
- Select the key pair you just created for the **EC2 key pair** field. Click **Refresh**.



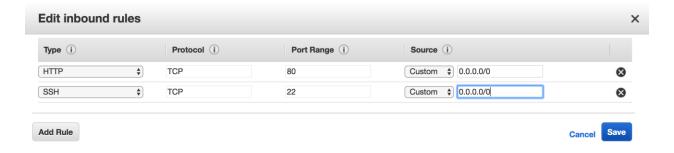
- Hit Apply and then Save and wait for a few minutes for the configuration changes to take place. You may get INFO, WARN and sometimes SEVERE messages during this time. Wait until the update of the environment has completed, and Health is back to Ok.
- Go back to your EC2 instance after some time and check under Key Name, you should now see your associated key pair.



8.3 Open port 22

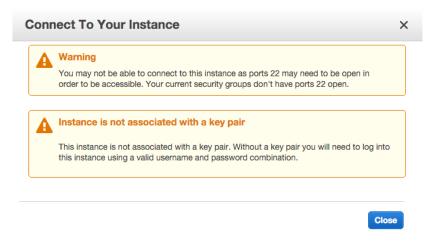
To open port 22, which is needed by SSH, follow these steps:

- 1. In the EC2 Management Console, click on **Instances**.
- 2. Under NETWORK & SECURITY, click on Security Groups.
- 3. Select the security group (present as a link) configured for your instance.
- 4. For the security group, edit the "Inbound rules" (**Inbound** tab present on the bottom of the pane) by clicking the **Edit** button.
- 5. Add a new rule for Type = SSH, Protocol = TCP, Port Range = 22, Source = Custom 0.0.0.0/0. Click **Save**.



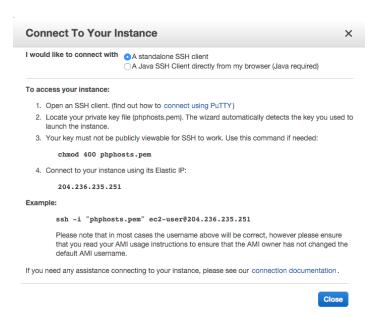
8.3.1 Errors when Connecting

If you fail to either open port 22 or associate your instance to a key pair, you will get an error popup when you try to **Connect to Your Instance** using EC2 Dashboard >> INSTANCES >> Instances >> select instance >> Connect, as show in the picture below.



8.4 Access your Linux Instance with SSH

- To see how to launch your SSH client go to Services and select EC2.
- Under the **INSTANCES** section in the navigation pane on the left, select **Instances**.
- Select your instance in the table (the check box turns blue) and select the Connect button next to Launch Instance.
- The Connect To Your Instance popup will display. Select the radio button A Standalone SSH Client. Notice the hyperlink "connect using PuTTY" (see section 7.4.2). See the snapshot below, showing Elastic IP connection string.



8.4.1 Mac running OS X / ssh

Change the permission of phphosts.pem first:

chmod 400 phphosts.pem

On a Mac you will need to enter a command like this one (when using **Public DNS**):

ssh -i phphosts.pem ec2-user@ec2-54-235-60-138.compute-1.amazonaws.com

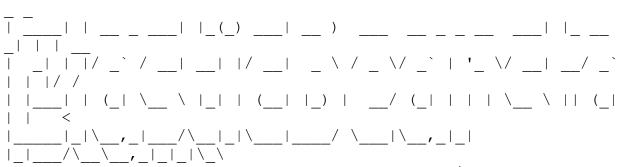
or this one (when using **Elastic IP**)

ssh -i phphosts.pem ec2-user@204.236.235.251

type **yes**, when asked. Make sure that you are executing the ssh command in the same folder that contains the key. You should see output like this one (using **Public DNS**):

\$ ssh -i "phphosts.pem" ec2-user@ec2-204-236-235-251.compute-1.amazonaws.com

Last login: Tue Oct 27 16:22:06 2015 from 159.83.115.214



Amazon Linux AMI

This EC2 instance is managed by AWS Elastic Beanstalk. Changes made via SSH

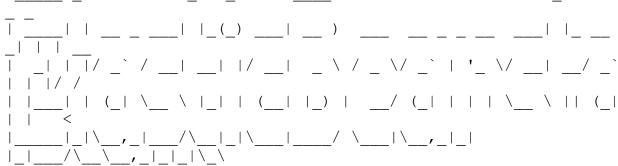
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on customizing your Elastic Beanstalk environment, see our documentation here:

http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/customizecontainers-ec2.html [ec2-user@ip-10-30-13-153~]\$

Or output like this (using **Elastic IP**):

marcopapa\$ ssh -i "phphosts.pem" ec2-user@204.236.235.251
The authenticity of host '204.236.235.251 (204.236.235.251)'
can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is
SHA256:j4I3q03uqRCH9uYP5EwZTIWKk8EtmLEf6Ve0jnYctDY.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '204.236.235.251' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.



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You can find more info here:

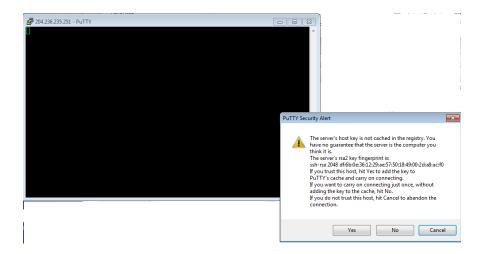
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8.4.2 PC running Windows / PuTTY

In the popup windows titled **Connect To Your Instance**, click on **Connect using PuTTY**. You will be redirected to the URL.

http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/putty.html

Follow the steps under **Starting a PuTTY Session** to connect to your the Linux instance using PuTTY. The first time you connect by clicking **Open** to start the session, PuTTY displays a **PuTTY Security Alert** dialog box, as show in the following snapshot. Click the **Yes** button.



Once connected, PuTTY will open, and log you in, as shown in the next snapshot.



As with SSH, you can either use tout Public DNS or your Elastic IP to log in.

8.5 Explore

You can now explore your Instance. When you login with SSH, your account home directory will be located at:

/home/ec2-user

That folder is empty, and is not where your apache / PHP files are. Run 'ps -ax', and you should see several instances of **httpd**:

```
1940 ? S 0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -D FOREGROUND
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1942	?	s 0:0	0 /	/usr/sbin/httpd	-D	FOREGROUND
1944	?	S 0:0	00/	/usr/sbin/httpd	-D	FOREGROUND
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To see your mounted volumes, run 'df -h':

To see your document root, run 'ls /var/www/html/':

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$ ls -l /var/www/html
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 16 Mar 22 20:38 /var/www/html ->
/var/app/current
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$
```

To see your uploaded index.php file:

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 sbin]$ cd /var/www/html
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$ ls -1
total 4
-rw-r--r- 1 webapp webapp 3723 Feb 5 02:09 index.php
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html]$
```

To see your php.ini file, 'ls -l /etc/php.ini':

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html] $ ls -l /etc/php.ini
-rw-r--- 1 root root 65782 Mar 22 20:38 /etc/php.ini
[ec2-user@ip-10-158-56-168 html] $
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Have fun exploring AWS!!