



Creating a Security Group

A **security group** is a virtual firewall for your virtual machines. It contains a set of rules to filter the incoming and outgoing traffic for an instance or machine. Security groups act at an instance level.

This document describes how to create a security group.

1. To create a new security group, on the left-hand panel, you need to scroll down to the **SECURITY** section and click on **Security Groups** as shown below.

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NAT Gateways New

Peering Connections



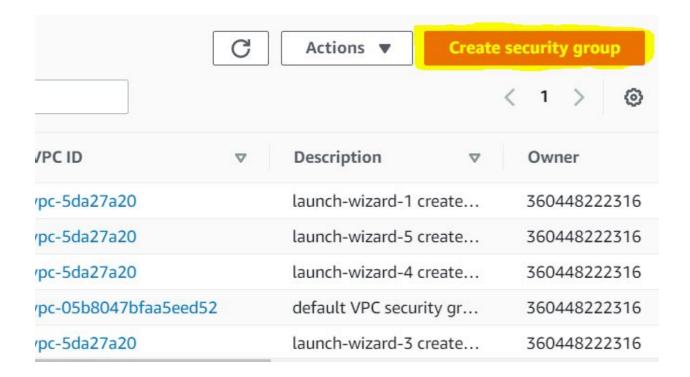
Network ACLs New

Security Groups New

2. This will take you to the security groups page. On this page, you will see some of the security groups are created by default for each VPC associated with your AWS account. To create a new group, click on the **Create security group** button on the top-right corner as shown below.







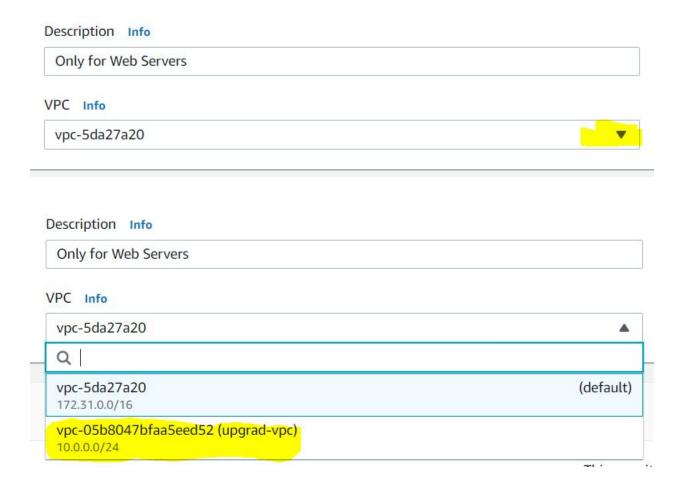
3. You will be taken to a new page. On this page, you need to specify the details for the security group that you want to create. Under the **Basic details** section, you need to specify the name, description and the VPC for which you want to create this security group. In the name, you can enter any name of your choice or you can enter **UpgradWebServers**. In the description, you can write **Only for Web Servers**.







4. Next, you need to select the VPC that you want to attach this security group. Click on the dropdown and select the **upgrad-vpc** or the VPC that you created earlier.



5. So the **Basic details** section will look as shown below.







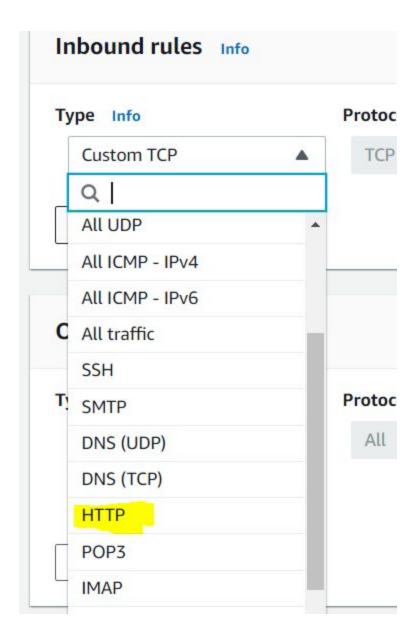
6. Next, you need to specify the **Inbound rules** for this security group. To add a new rule, click on the **Add rule** button.



7. In the type section, click on the dropdown and select HTTP.







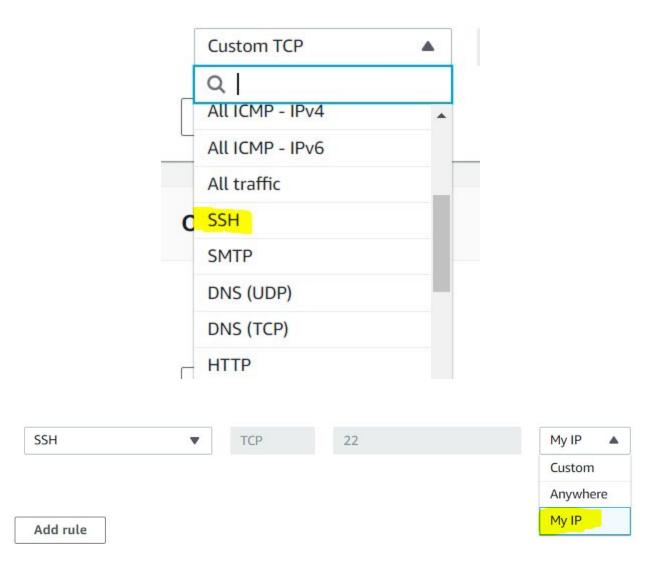
8. In the Source section select My IP as shown below.







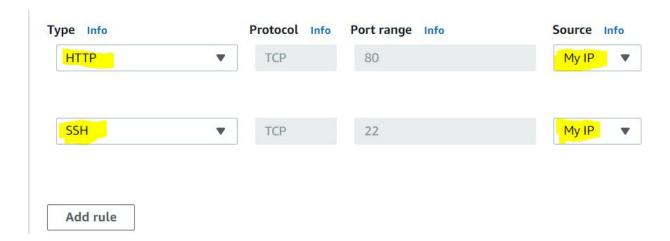
9. Similarly, click on the **Add rule** button and add one more rule. In the **Type** section select **SSH** and in the **Source** section select **My IP**.



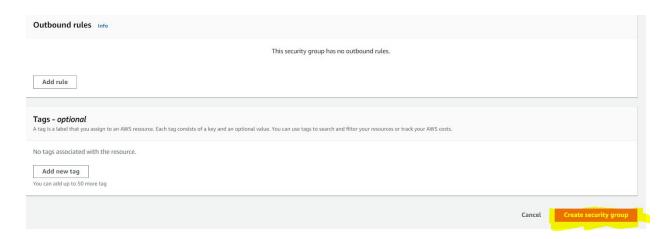
10. Two-port numbers will be opened and they can only be accessed from your computer's IP address. The final setting for inbound rules will be something as shown below.







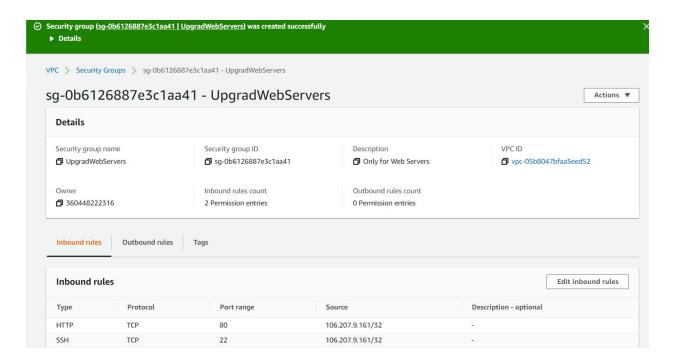
11. You do not need to change anything in the **Outbound rules** section. Finally, to create this security group click on the **Create security group** button from the bottom right corner of the screen.



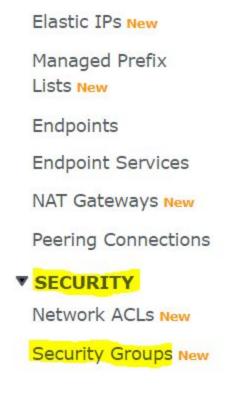
12. A new page will appear which says that the security group creation is successful and it will have all the details that you specified earlier.







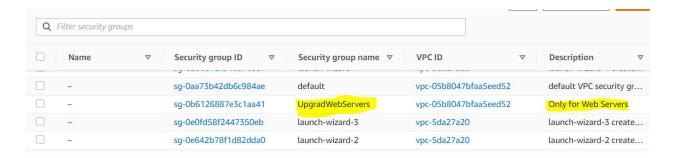
13. To view your newly created security group click on the **Security Groups** option from the left-hand panel as shown below.







14. On this page, you would see that the security group gets created with the name and description that you specified earlier.



With this, you have successfully created a new security group.