LAMP STACK PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The main aim for this project is to explain the DevOps concepts and processes using a LAMP web stack. Some developers use this set of framework and tools to develop a software products .We would be carrying out this project in the AWS platform

LAMP is an acronym of sets of technology used to develop a technical software product.

Linux

Apache

MySQL

PHP

Please note : (P could also stand for Python or Perl)

Apache server used is the apache2 version

Pre-requisite for the projects is the following.

1) Fundamental Knowledge of Installing and downloading software
2) Basic Understanding of Linux Commands
3) AWS account login with EC2 instance
4) Internet connection

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

i)   Ensure you login with your details to your AWS console via the
        https://aws.amazon.com
ii)   Click on the EC2 link to create instances.
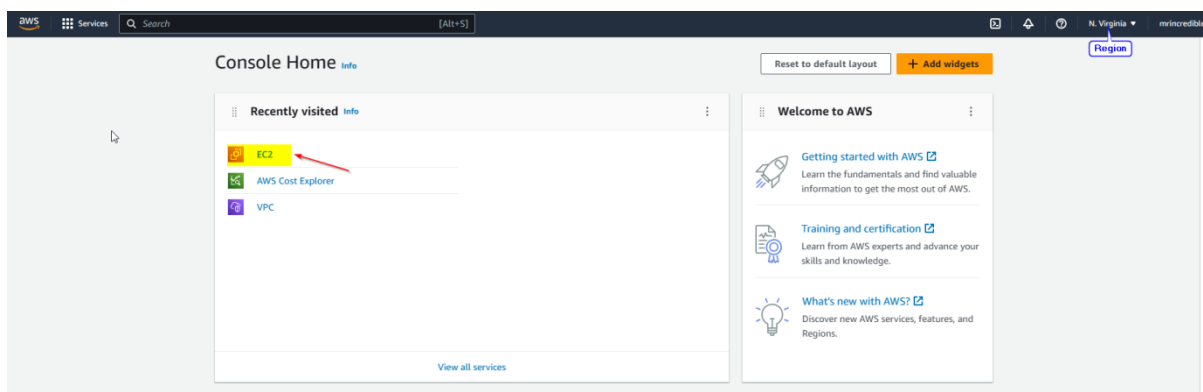
iii)Click on launch instance dropdown button and select launch instance .
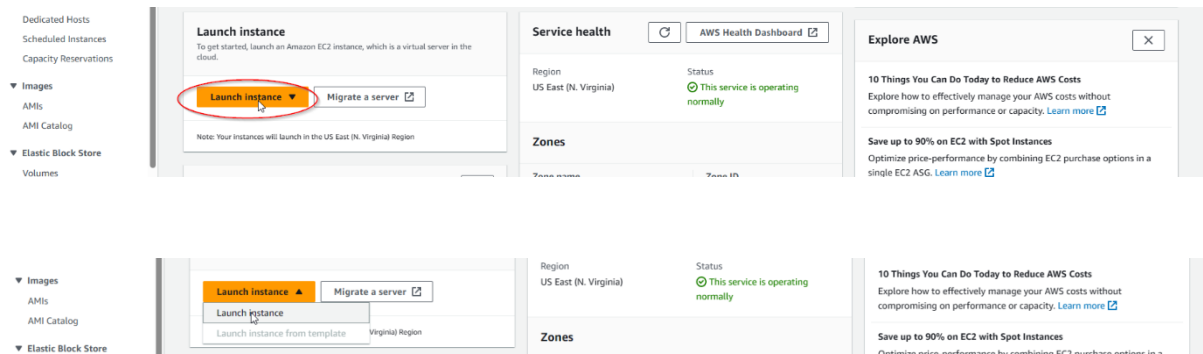
iv)Fill in all relevant details to the lamp project such as :

Type in the name and additional tag to the project (lamp) .Selected ubuntu from the quick start option .Also note that the Amazon machine image selection varies from user to user

Select Ubuntu server 22.04 LTS (HVM),SSD Volume Type (Free Tier)
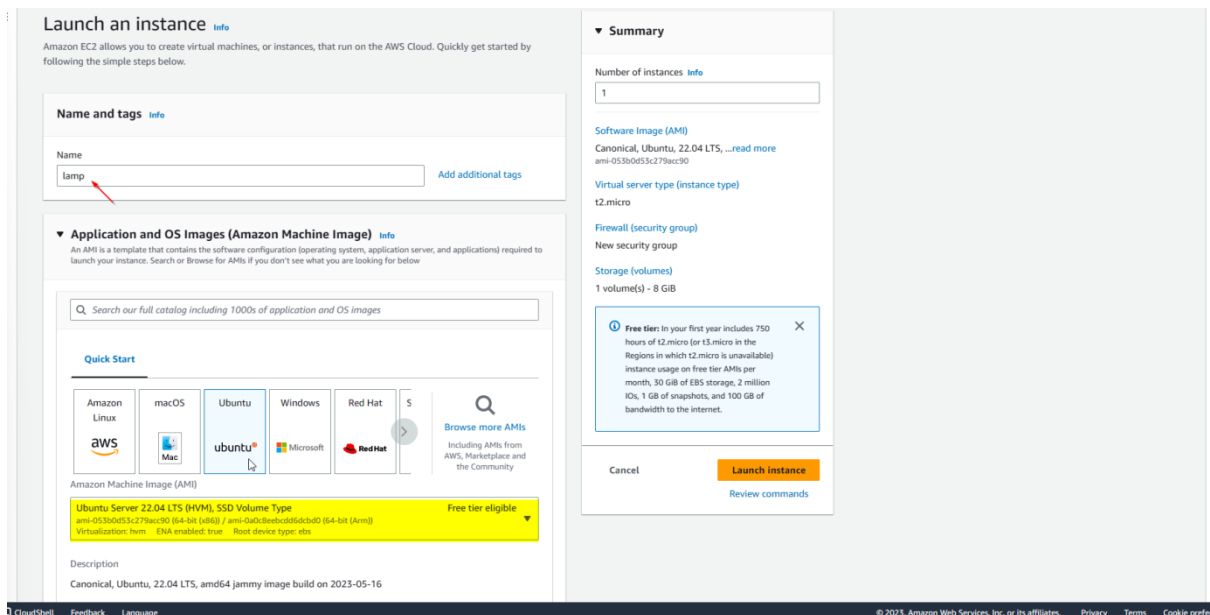
v)The instance type selected in the configuration is the t2 micro -free tier.

Click on the "Create new key pair" link.

Ensure the Checkbox remains on the "Create security group".

vi)Typed in the key pair name, chose the default key pair type and private key file format (rsa and .pem) and clicked the "Create key pair button"

Key pair name
Key pairs allow you to connect to your instance securely.

lamp

The name can include upto 255 ASCII characters. It can't include leading or trailing spaces.

Key pair type

○ **RSA**
RSA encrypted private and public key pair

○ **ED25519**
ED25519 encrypted private and public key pair

Private key file format

○ **.pem**
For use with OpenSSH

○ **.ppk**
For use with PuTTY

⚠ When prompted, store the private key in a secure and accessible location on your computer. **You will need it later to connect to your instance.** Learn more ⧉

Cancel   **Create key pair**

vii)The .pem file was downloaded successfully.
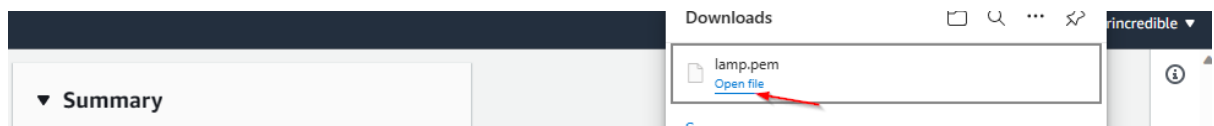
viii)I have deliberately chosen default settings to allow SSH traffic from anywhere as well as the storage volume given by AWS. Then proceed to launch our instance finally.

ix)Instance successfully launched.

x)Select checkboxes to view more details about the instance created.

The public IP address shown on the screenshot should be copied as we would be using it on the console.
Open git bash on visual studio code or whichever console is convenient to use .

We are using git bash here with Visual Studio Code

Type YES ,to connect

You have successful connected to the EC2 instance launched on AWS via ssh

Type clear to have a clear console and proceed to updating the lists of packages in the package manager

Then we run apache2 installation and click yes to complete installation

We have to verify that Apache is running in our Operating System.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo systemctl status apache2
● apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Tue 2023-05-30 21:56:40 UTC; 58s ago
       Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
    Main PID: 2401 (apache2)
```

To proceed by launching the web server in the AWS Cloud, we need to navigate back to the security group on the platform to add a new rule for TCP port 80 which is the default for web browsers .
Once done we can access the web page on internet.

Click on security button.

Instance: i-0985728291f6ac2e9 (lamp)

| Details | Security | Networking | Storage | Status checks | Monitoring | Tags |

▼ Instance summary Info

| Instance ID | Public IPv4 address |

And click the security group link

Instance: i-0985728291f6ac2e9 (lamp)

| IAM Role | Owner ID | Launch time |
| – | 416591745024 | Tue May 30 2023 21:57:31 GMT+0100 (British Summer Time) |

Security groups
sg-061bc0432406fccd8 (launch-wizard-16)

▼ Inbound rules

Q Filter rules

| Name | Security group rule ID | Port range | Protocol | Source | Security groups | Description |
| – | sgr-055fada5b7870f0a8 | 22 | TCP | 0.0.0.0/0 | launch-wizard-16 | – |
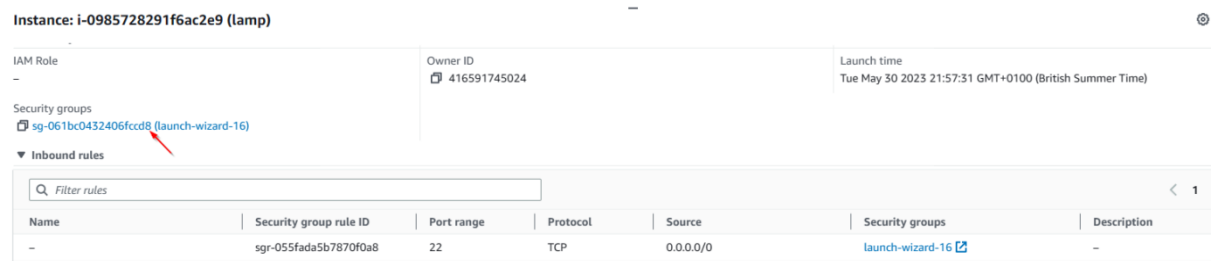
Click on "Edit inbound rules " in order to add a new rule for port 80
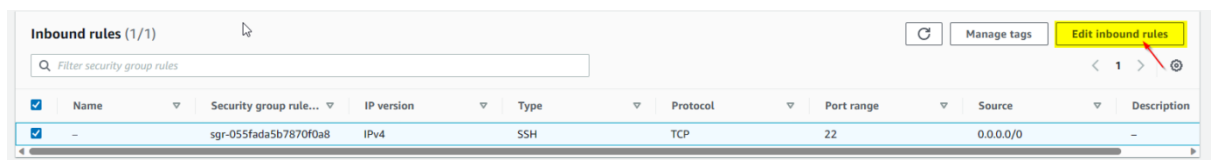
Inbound rules (1/1)   C   Manage tags   Edit inbound rules

Q Filter security group rules

| | Name | Security group rule... | IP version | Type | Protocol | Port range | Source | Description |
| ☑ | – | sgr-055fada5b7870f0a8 | IPv4 | SSH | TCP | 22 | 0.0.0.0/0 | – |

Add a new rule

Type in the port range and click "Anywhere ipv4"

Click the "Save rules" Button

Inbound rule successfully modified.

Open any browser of your choice and access the URL
http://34.201.134.152:80
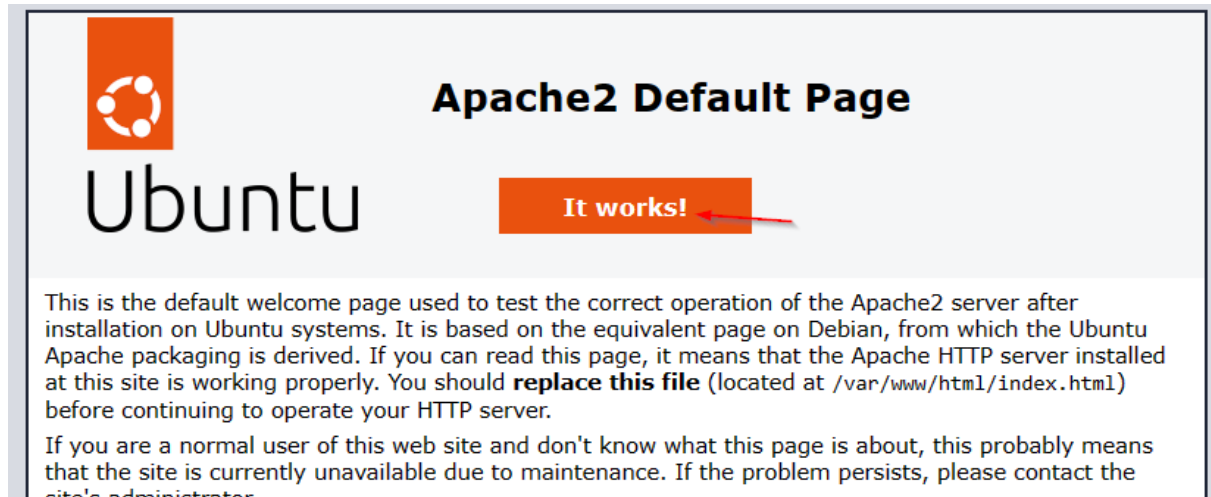
Apache2 default page successfully displayed.

From the LAMP stack, we have implemented with Linux and got Apache ready .

Next step would be to get the MySQL installed.

MYSQL INSTALLATION
Now that our web server is running, we need a relational database uses within the PHP environment hence we install MySQL server

Type "Y" and enter.

When installation is finished, Log in to connect to the MySQL server as the administrator user root so that you can have access to the sudo command.

It is important to set up a password for the user root using mysql_native_password as a default authentication method. Please note, Password not revealed for security purpose
Exit MySQL

```
mysql> ALTER USER 'root'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password BY
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> exit
Bye
```

Interactive script is started, and all modifications are answered with a Y/N response

Root user password was set Validate password: No
Change password: No
Remove anonymous user: No


```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo mysql_secure_installation

Securing the MySQL server deployment.

Enter password for user root:

VALIDATE PASSWORD COMPONENT can be used to test passwords
and improve security. It checks the strength of password
and allows the users to set only those passwords which are
secure enough. Would you like to setup VALIDATE PASSWORD component?

Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No: No
Using existing password for root.
Change the password for root ? ((Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : No

 ... skipping.
By default, a MySQL installation has an anonymous user,
allowing anyone to log into MySQL without having to have
a user account created for them. This is intended only for
testing, and to make the installation go a bit smoother.
You should remove them before moving into a production
environment.

Remove anonymous users? (Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : No

 ... skipping.
```

Disallow remote login: No

Remove test data base and access to it: No

Reload Privilege tables: Yes.

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Normally, root should only be allowed to connect from
'localhost'. This ensures that someone cannot guess at
the root password from the network.

Disallow root login remotely? (Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : No

 ... skipping.
By default, MySQL comes with a database named 'test' that
anyone can access. This is also intended only for testing,
and should be removed before moving into a production
environment.


Remove test database and access to it? (Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : No

 ... skipping.
Reloading the privilege tables will ensure that all changes
made so far will take effect immediately.

Reload privilege tables now? (Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : Y
Success.

All done!
```

Verify login details to ensure all details were inputted correctly and exiting MySQL


```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo mysql -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 11
Server version: 8.0.33-0ubuntu0.22.04.2 (Ubuntu)

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owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> exit
Bye
```

MySQL server was correctly installed and secured.

Next, we proceed to the PHP installation which is the final component of the LAMP STACK

PHP INSTALLATION

PHP is the component that would process the codes to display dynamic content to the end user. Hence, we would need to install 3 packages namely :

1)PHP package 2) libapache2-mod-php 3) php-mysql .

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php php-mysql
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
```

Installation continues.

```
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/timers.target.wants/phpsessionclean.timer → /lib/systemd/system/phpsessionclean.timer.
Setting up php8.1-common (8.1.2-1ubuntu2.11) ...

Creating config file /etc/php/8.1/mods-available/calendar.ini with new version

Creating config file /etc/php/8.1/mods-available/ctype.ini with new version

Progress: [ 56%] [########################.....................]
```

After installing, we check the PHP version.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ php -V
PHP 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.11 (cli) (built: Feb 22 2023 22:56:18) (NTS)
Copyright (c) The PHP Group
Zend Engine v4.1.2, Copyright (c) Zend Technologies
    with Zend OPcache v8.1.2-1ubuntu2.11, Copyright (c), by Zend Technologies
```

At this point the LAMP STACK implementation is completed and fully operational

We need to test our set up with a PHP script and this needs a proper APACHE virtual host to keep your website files and folder .Multiple website can be hosted on a single machine and the users would not notice

CREATING AN APACHE VIRTUAL HOST FOR OUR WEBSITE TO USE .

Next step, making a directory for the site directory, running below

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo mkdir /var/www/projectlamp
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$  sudo chown -R $USER:$USER /var/www/projectlamp
```

Then proceed to edit a new site directory to input the virtual host information.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo vi /etc/apache2/sites-available/projectlamp.conf
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ 
```

Put the edited file in an insert mode by typing "i" without quotes and add the config files, press ESC ,save and exit with " :wq" command

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName projectlamp
    ServerAlias www.projectlamp
    ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
    DocumentRoot /var/www/projectlamp
    ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
    CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
</VirtualHost>
~
```

Next check the content of the sites-available directory and you would see 3 configurations files on here .

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo ls /etc/apache2/sites-available
000-default.conf  default-ssl.conf  projectlamp.conf
```

With this configuration files, we would need to DISABLE the 000-default config file and ENABLE the new directory we created using the following command

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo a2ensite projectlamp
Enabling site projectlamp.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
  systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo a2dissite 000-default
Site 000-default disabled.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
  systemctl reload apache2
```

After enabling and disabling done successfully, we would verify that there are no syntax errors with the command below

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo apache2ctl configtest
Syntax OK
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$
```
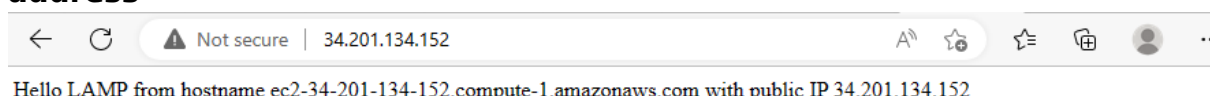
 Then we proceed by reloading the Apache server to make these changes take effects.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$
```

The new website is now active but the projectlamp has empty file .We create an index.html file in that location so that we can test our virtual host is performing as expected .

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo echo "Hello LAMP from hostname" $(curl
-s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-hostname) 'with pub
lic IP' $(curl -s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-ipv4)
> /var/www/projectlamp/index.html
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$
```

Proceed to the browser and open the previous website using the ip address

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```

Hello LAMP from hostname ec2-34-201-134-152.compute-1.amazonaws.com with public IP 34.201.134.152

Echo successfully displayed but this is just to test the website.

Type "clear" command to clear screen.

ENABLE PHP ON THE WEBSITE

We would need to set up an index.php file to replace the index.html file from the document root as it needs to override the default settings. This is a very useful maintenance page in PHP application

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo vim /etc/apache2/mods-enabled/dir.conf

ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ []
```

Files are edited correctly while index.php and index.html are in that order respectively.

```
<IfModule mod_dir.c>
        DirectoryIndex index.php index.html  index.cgi index.pl  inde
x.xhtml index.htm
</IfModule>
```

Edited successfully and the Apache needs to be reloaded again by the command below.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ █
```

Finally we would create the PHP script to test that PHP is correctly installed and configured on the server .The importance is to be able to handle and process request for PHP files with the command below

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ vim /var/www/projectlamp/index.php
ubuntu@ip-172-31-91-102:~$ []
```

Put the edited file in an insert mode by typing "i" without quotes and add the valid PHP code files, press ESC ,save and exit with " :wq" command

```
<?php
phpinfo();
```

Refresh the web page and you would see the web page server in a PHP perspective.

```
←  C   ⚠ Not secure  |  34.201.134.152
```

PHP Version 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.11	php

System	Linux ip-172-31-91-102 5.19.0-1025-aws #26~22.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Mon Apr 24 01:58:15 UTC 2023 x86_64

This is the minimum requirement to set up an AWS instance with LINUX ,APACHE,MYSQL AND PHP for a web project.

Please note: Remember to terminate your EC2 instance.