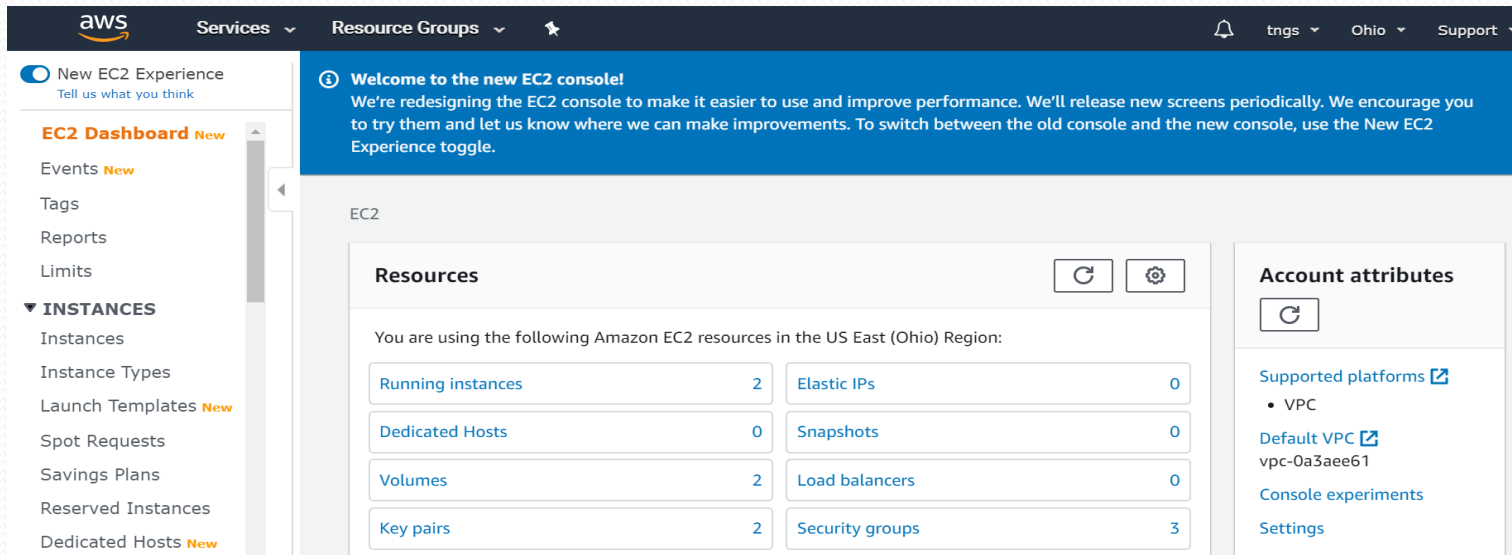


7-Connecting to Instances

CONNECTING TO WINDOWS INSTANCE

Under Services drop down list, choose EC2 from compute section, then make sure you are in the region where you created the instances.



EC2 Dashboard New

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Instances

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Welcome to the new EC2 console!

We're redesigning the EC2 console to make it easier to use and improve performance. We'll release new screens periodically. We encourage you to try them and let us know where we can make improvements. To switch between the old console and the new console, use the New EC2 Experience toggle.

Resources

You are using the following Amazon EC2 resources in the US East (Ohio) Region:

Resource	Count
Running instances	2
Elastic IPs	0
Dedicated Hosts	0
Snapshots	0
Volumes	2
Load balancers	0
Key pairs	2
Security groups	3

Account attributes

Supported platforms

- VPC

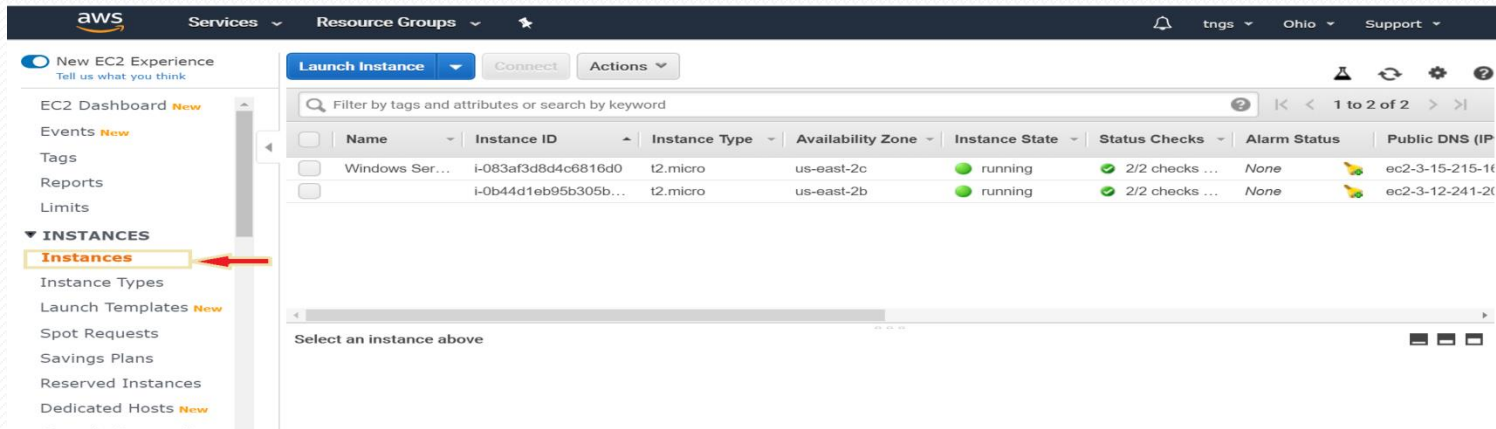
Default VPC

vpc-0a3aee61

Console experiments

Settings

Next, from the left pane select Instances under INSTANCES section to list the instances.



Launch Instance **Connect** **Actions**


Filter by tags and attributes or search by keyword




	Name	Instance ID	Instance Type	Availability Zone	Instance State	Status Checks	Alarm Status	Public DNS (IP)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows Ser...	i-083af3d8d4c6816d0	t2.micro	us-east-2c	running	2/2 checks ...	None	ec2-3-15-215-11
<input type="checkbox"/>		i-0b44d1eb95b305b...	t2.micro	us-east-2b	running	2/2 checks ...	None	ec2-3-12-241-21

Select an instance above

Next, select your windows instance from the instances list then Click on Connect.

Instances (1/1) [Info](#)

 **Connect** Instance state ▼

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name ▼	Instance ID	Instance state ▼	Instance type ▼	Status check	Alarm status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	windows Server	i-08c85535c63a38a35	 Running	t3a.small	 2/2 checks passed	 1 alarms +

Select **RDP Client**. Copy username and save on a notepad. Click on **Get password**

EC2 > Instances > i-0ce1a91350a3e4a22 > Connect to instance

Connect to instance [Info](#)
Connect to your instance i-0ce1a91350a3e4a22 (Windows Servers) using any of these options

Session Manager | **RDP client** | EC2 Serial Console


Instance ID
i-0ce1a91350a3e4a22 (Windows Servers)

Connection Type



☒ **Connect using RDP client**
Download a file to use with your RDP client and retrieve your password.

☐ **Connect using Fleet Manager**
To connect to the instance using Fleet Manager Remote Desktop, the SSM Agent must be installed and running on the instance. For more information, see [Working with SSM Agent](#)

You can connect to your Windows instance using a remote desktop client of your choice, and by downloading and running the RDP shortcut file below:

 [Download remote desktop file](#)

When prompted, connect to your instance using the following details:

Public DNS  ec2-54-183-151-37.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com	User name  Administrator
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Password [Get password](#)

If you've joined your instance to a directory, you can use your directory credentials to connect to your instance.

Cancel

Click on Browse and select your PEM key pair.

EC2 > Instances > i-0ce1a91350a3e4a22 > Get Windows password

Get Windows password [Info](#)

Retrieve and decrypt the initial Windows administrator password for this instance.


To decrypt the password, you will need your key pair for this instance.



Key pair associated with this instance

Cali_Keypair

Browse to your key pair:

 Browse

Or copy and paste the contents of the key pair below:

Cancel

Decrypt password

Next, click on Decrypt Password to get the password.

Retrieve Default Windows Administrator Password

To access this instance remotely (e.g. Remote Desktop Connection), you will need your Windows Administrator password. A default password was created when the instance was launched and is available encrypted in the system log.

To decrypt your password, you will need your key pair for this instance. Browse to your key pair, or copy and paste the contents of your private key file into the text area below, then click Decrypt Password.

The following Key Pair was associated with this instance when it was created.

Key Name test

In order to retrieve your password you will need to specify the path of this Key Pair on your local machine:

Key Pair Path test.pem

Or you can copy and paste the contents of the Key Pair below:

-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEpAIBAAKCAQEAImTepIqrFuTErw/B1SsidJERzfYdl4Hcx1sHBXDWYjVG7FezZ2ZlVb4ijFm8
6XbrsAjUj5h5SRVzKkqnZp1vtOoWfzpxyCMdom3ixapi43zYj6uQ9e+L8r996me8rZttU7rNJePXP
ZDyD/ZPQ+Gi8IEUIUT7mFQCaxm6Uul7T5e9AxTYNW8eXMnDhO3xDUk1ijv7sAhbmLCMiDqVikEWs
e6nLMEnIWjtHipyVgN8zZFFQDleCEn4Wv1JqJ3mRmlojxCw5+aBSyY2XPVPHNv0kv7kYJ0588SnD
uROj1OeREt5m0xEyhGvOkI2WaUfTRNxdW4Sn9YRcmSC9xkkRf1IWRQIDAQABAolBAESmrqJSCU7X

Cancel

Decrypt Password

You will get the credential information to connect to the windows instance.

Retrieve Default Windows Administrator Password

Password Decryption Successful

The password for instance i-083af3d8d4c6816d0 (Windows Server) was successfully decrypted.

Password change recommended

We recommend that you change your default password. Note: If a default password is changed, it cannot be retrieved through this tool. It's important that you change your password to one that you will remember.

You can connect remotely using this information:

Public DNS

ec2-3-15-215-166.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com

User name

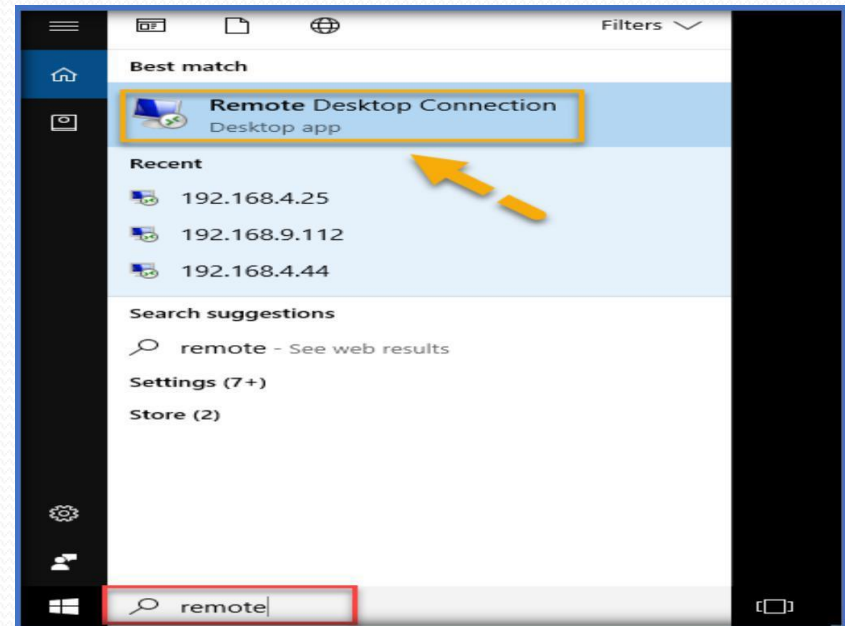
Administrator

Password

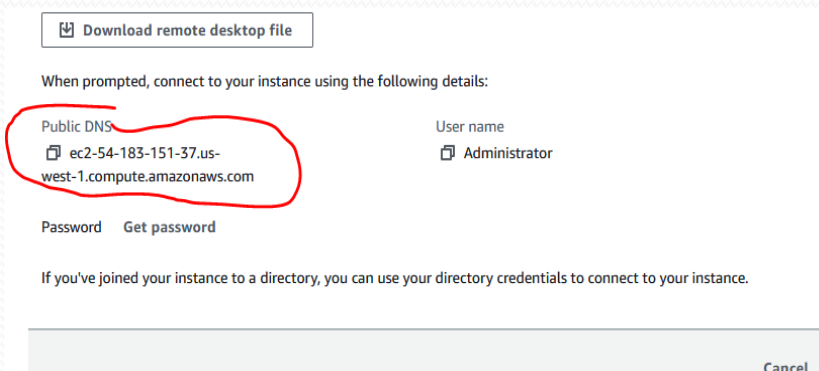
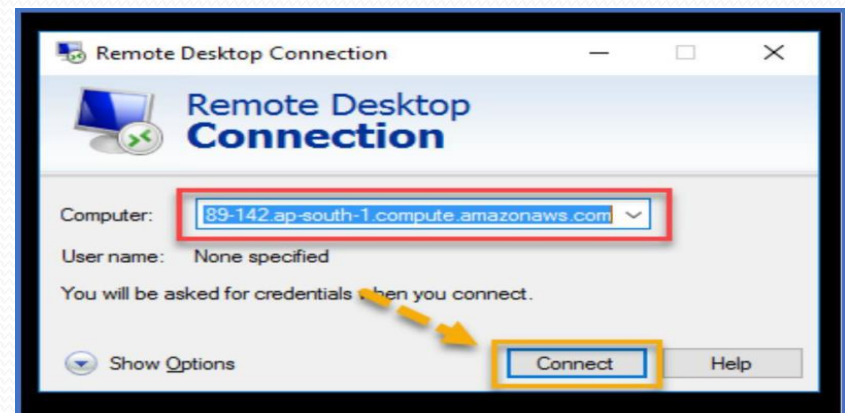
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Close

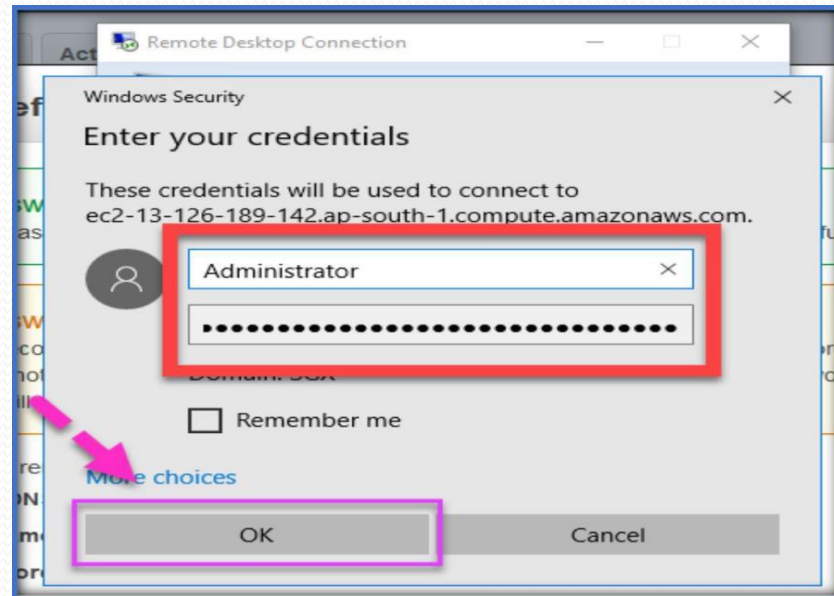
Now open remote desktop app in your desktop to connect to the windows instance on AWS. To open the remote desktop app, search for remote desktop in the windows search like below.



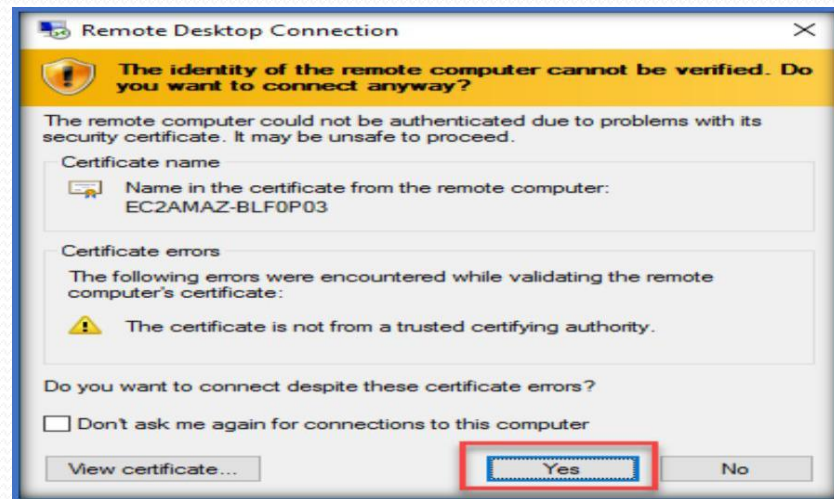
Once remote desktop app opened, copy and paste the public DNS in the computer text box and click on connect to connect to the instance.



Specify the username and password in the respective fields and choose OK to connect.



Then choose yes to connect.



CONNECTING TO LINUX INSTANCE

To connect to Linux instance, we need an app like remote desktop for windows. There are two applications called putty or mobaxterm, we can use any one to access the Linux instances.

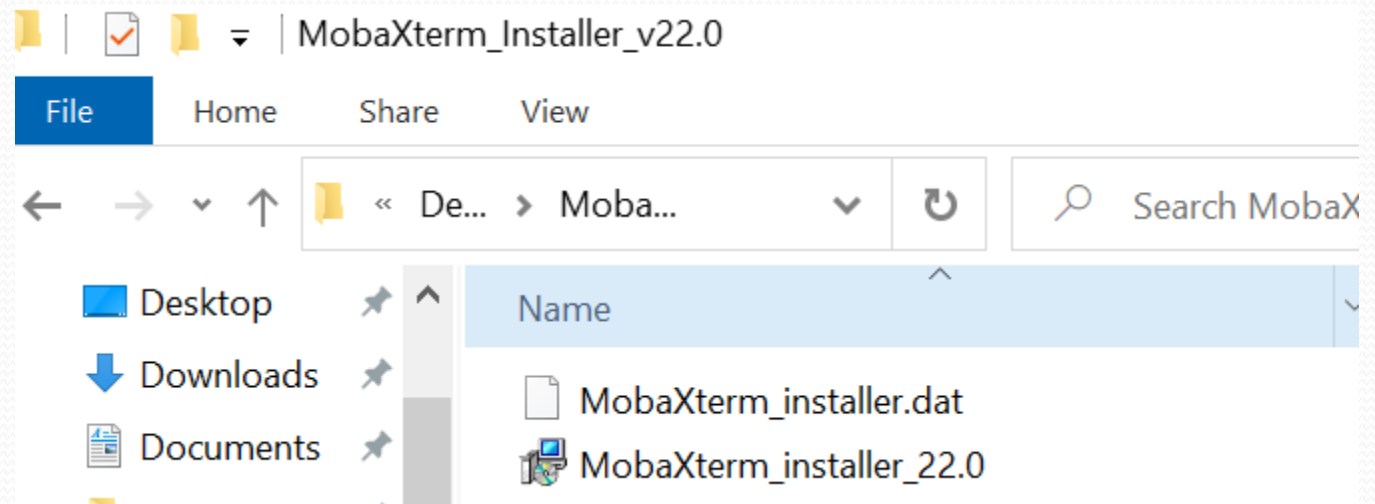
ACCESSING USING MOBAXTERM:

You can download the mobaxterm app from below link.

[Download MobaxTerm](#)

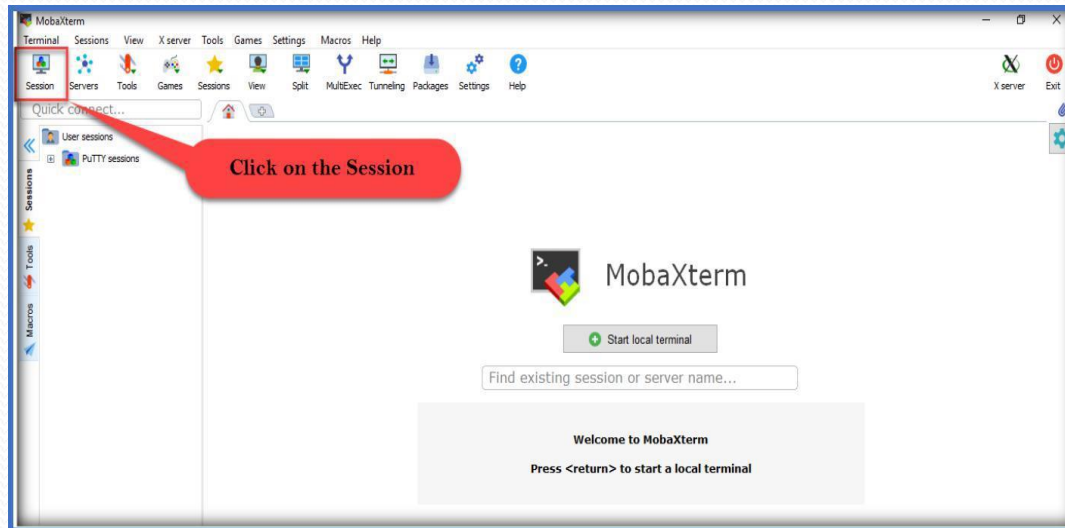
Once opened click on download, unzip the file to desktop and click into the unzipped folder.

Double Click on MobaXterm_installer_22.0 and follow the instructions on the screen to install

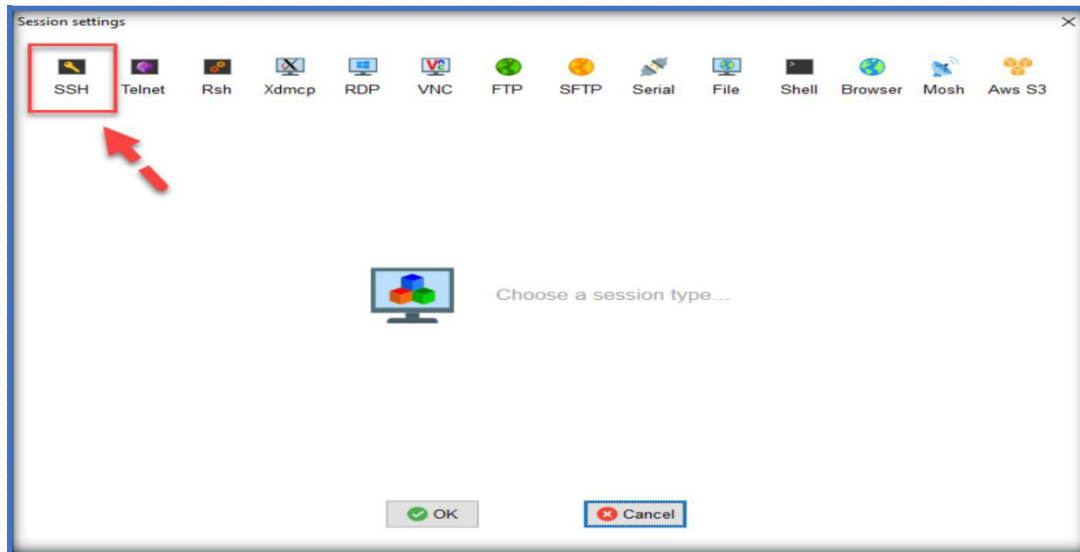


Once installation is completed, Search for Mobaxterm on your PC and open

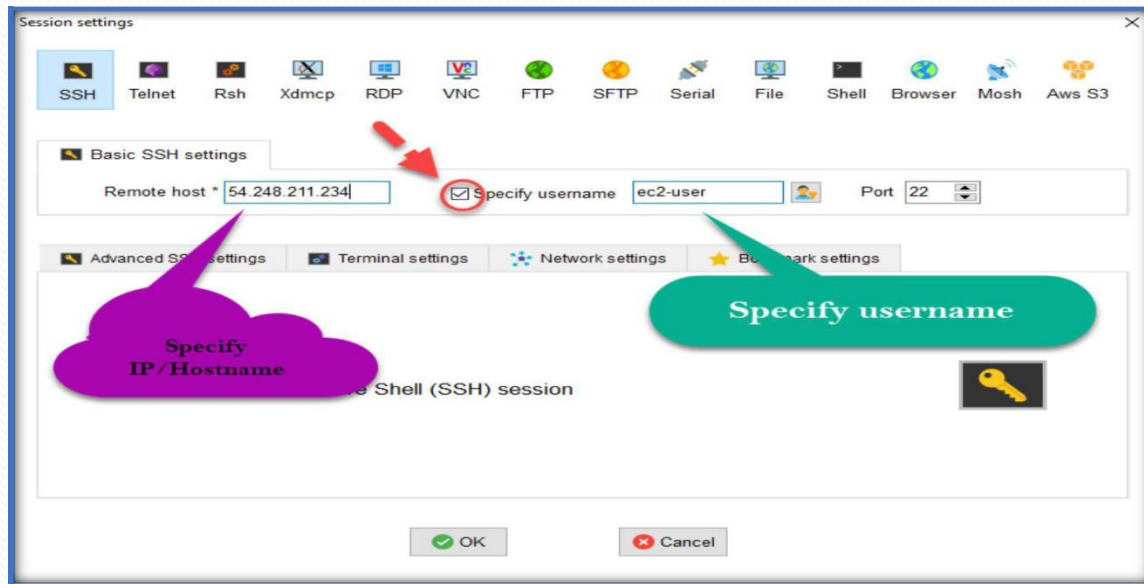
Once app opened, click on the Session on the left side top corner of app.



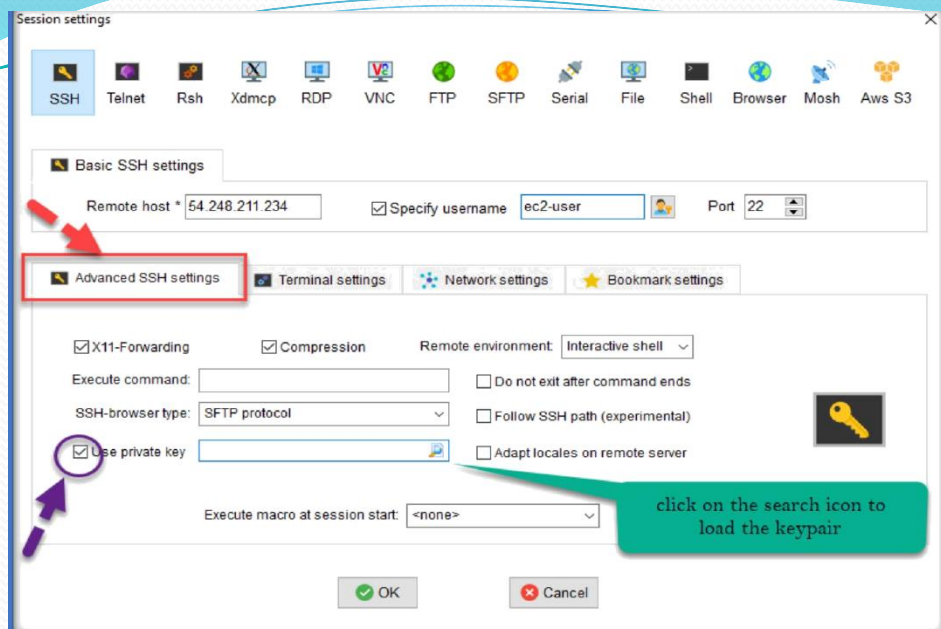
Choose SSH from the session settings wizard.



Specify the IP/Hostname at the Remote host text box, Select the Specify username option and fill the username.

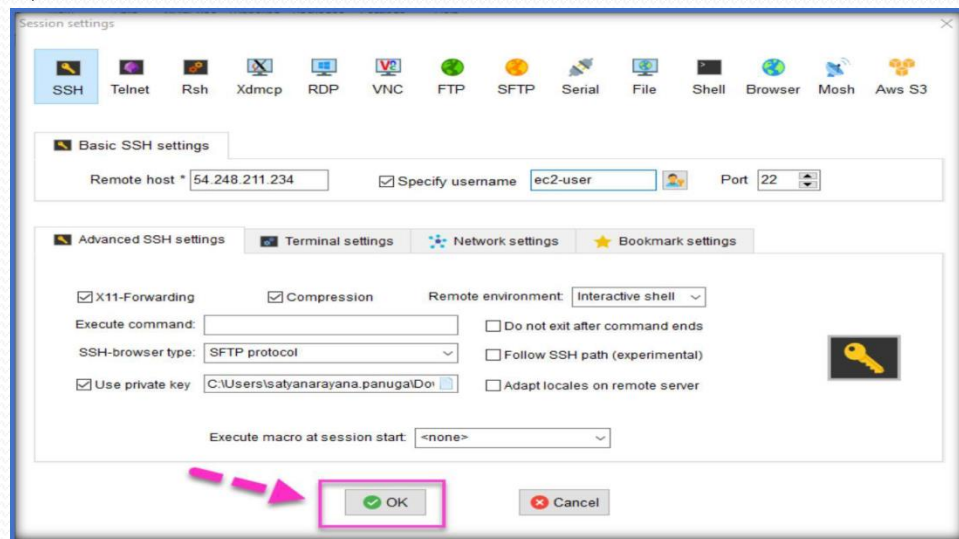


Select advanced SSH Settings bar, select use private key, then mouse over to the end of the text box, you will find a search icon click on it to load the key pair.

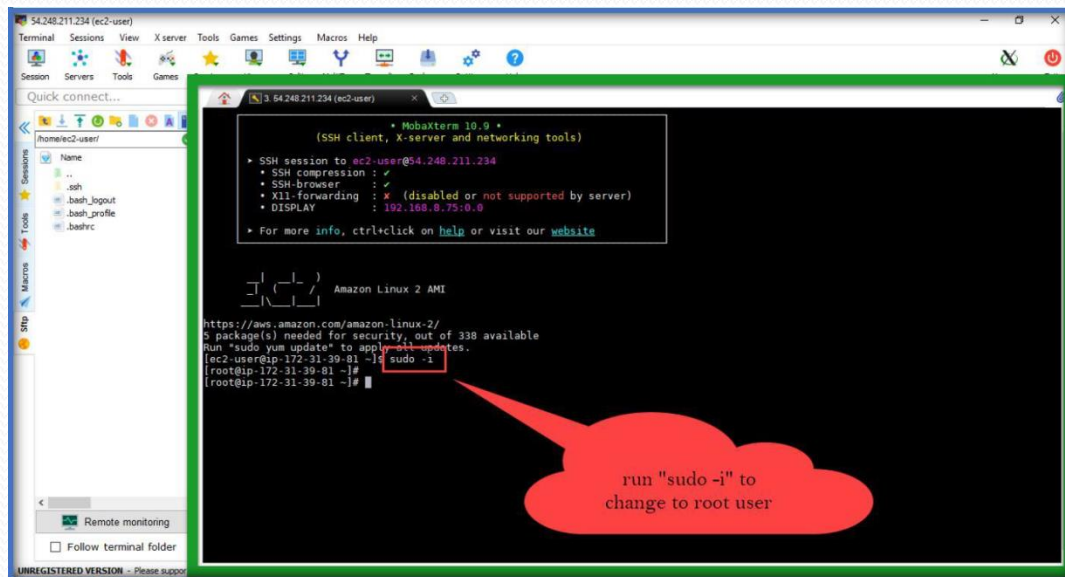


Choose the PEM file click on open

Next, click on OK to connect to the Linux server



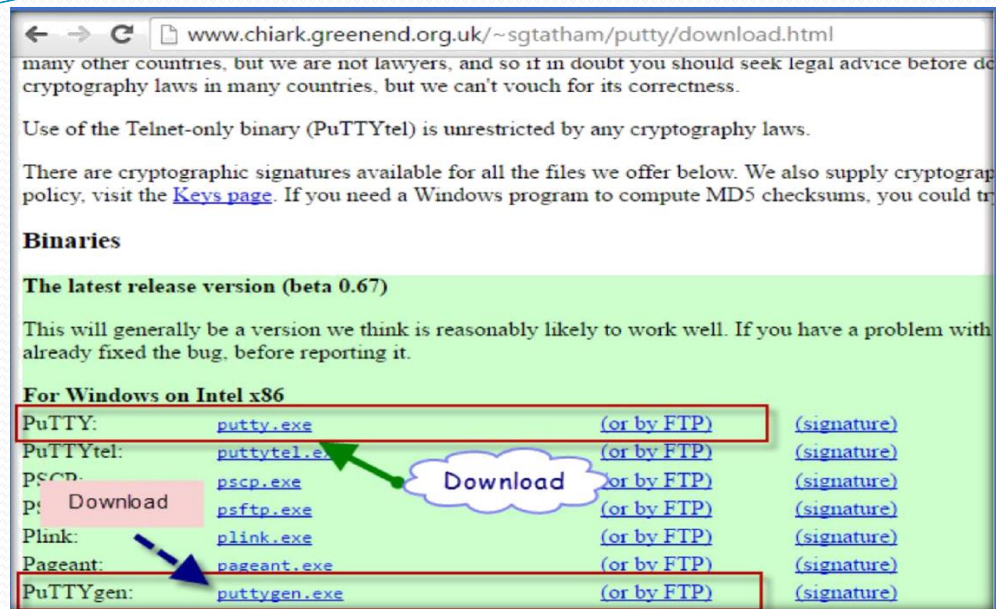
Once clicked on OK, you will be connected to Linux server, then use “sudo -i” command to log in to root user.



CONNECT USING PUTTY APPLICATION:

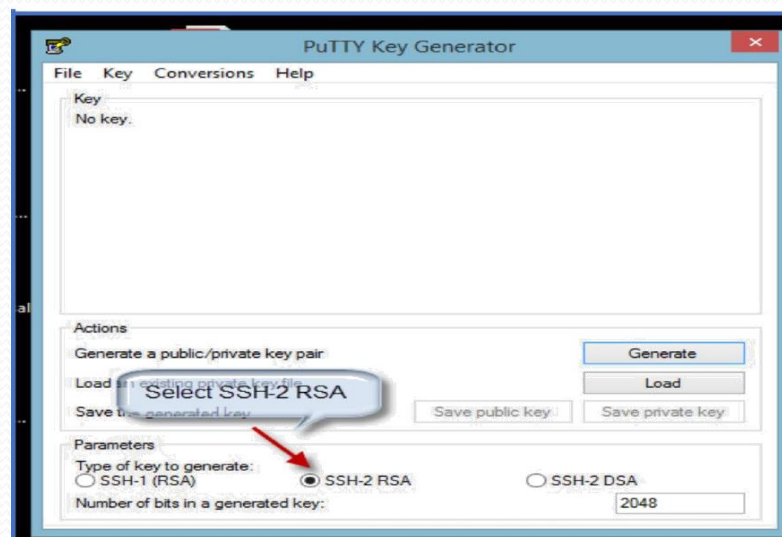
Download Putty.exe and Puttygen.exe from below URL and open it.

<http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html>

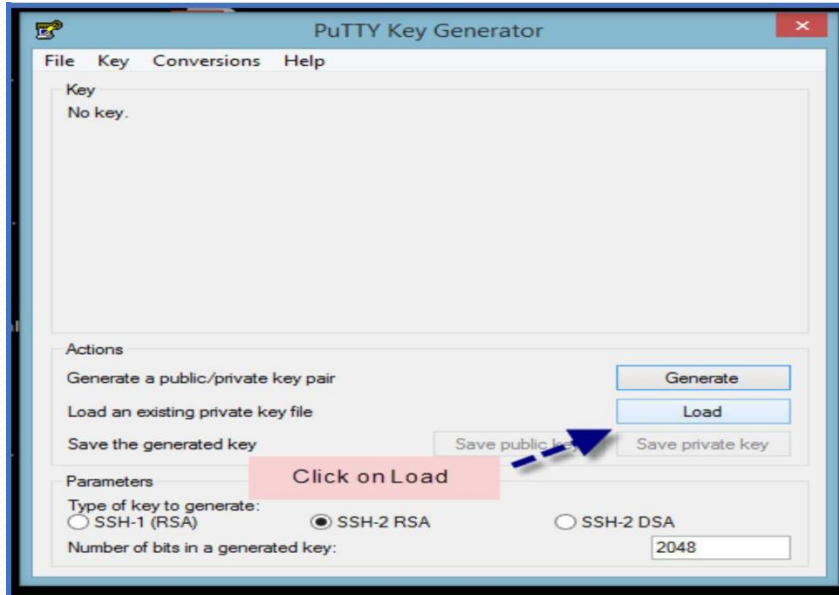


Then, putty does not support PEM file authentication, so we have to convert PEM to PPK by using a app called PuTTYgen, as we have already downloaded. Once downloaded double click on the app will open, no need to install.

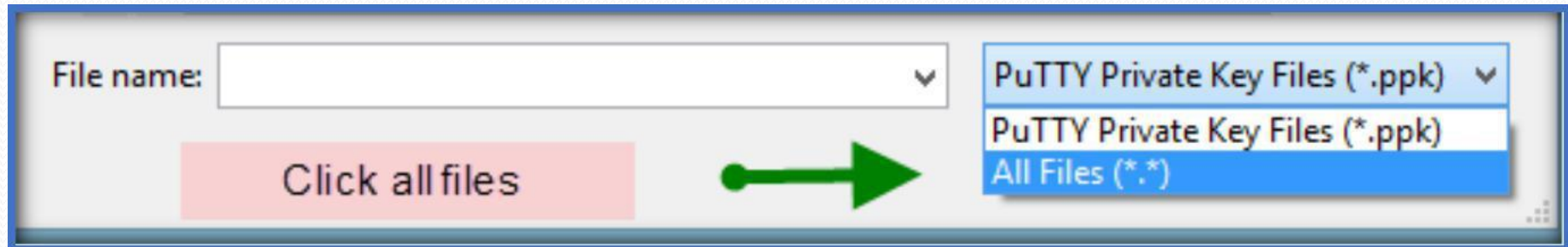
Open Puttygen.exe and select SSH-2 RSA in the below.



Click on Load to load the PEM file.



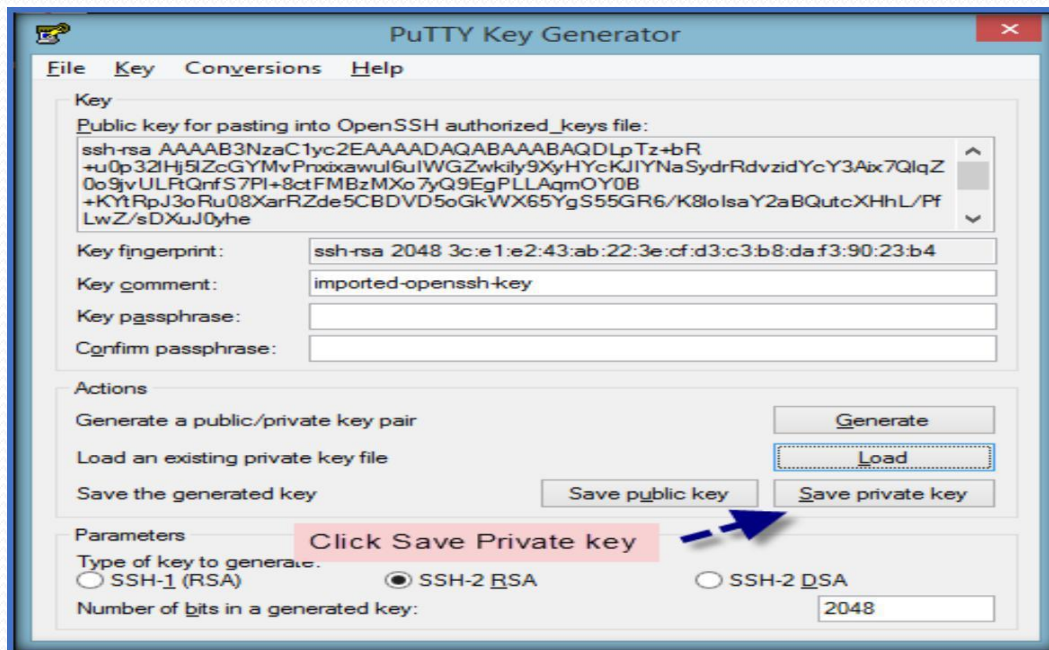
Once you click on Load, by default, Puttygen displays only files with extension. ppk. To locate your .pem file, select the option to display files of all types



Select your .pem file for the key pair that you specified when you launch your instance, and then click Open. Click OK to dismiss the confirmation dialog box

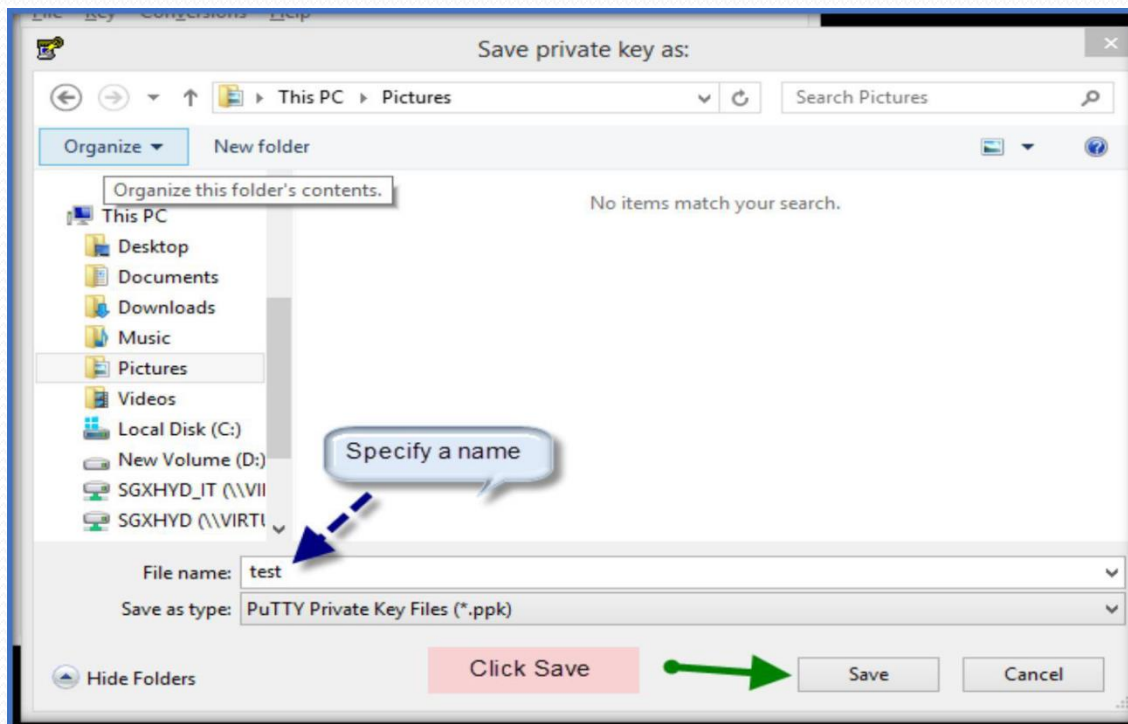


Click Save private key to save the key in the format that PuTTY can use. PuTTYgen displays a warning about saving the key without a passphrase. Click Yes

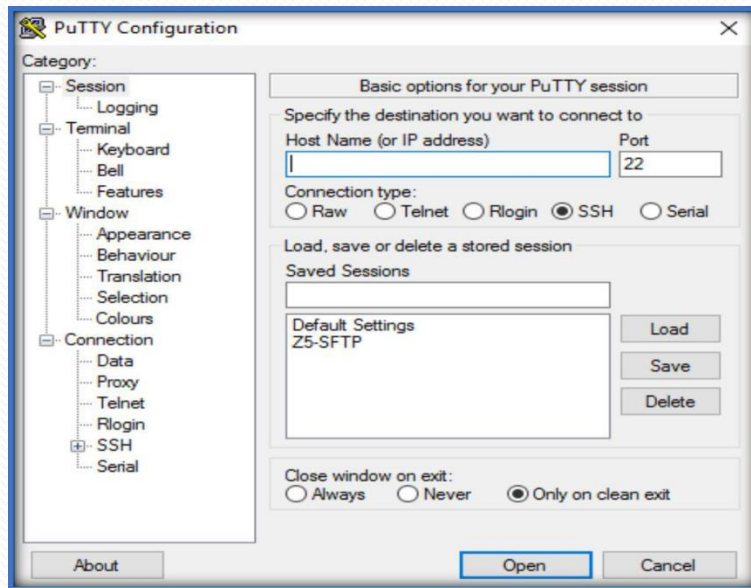




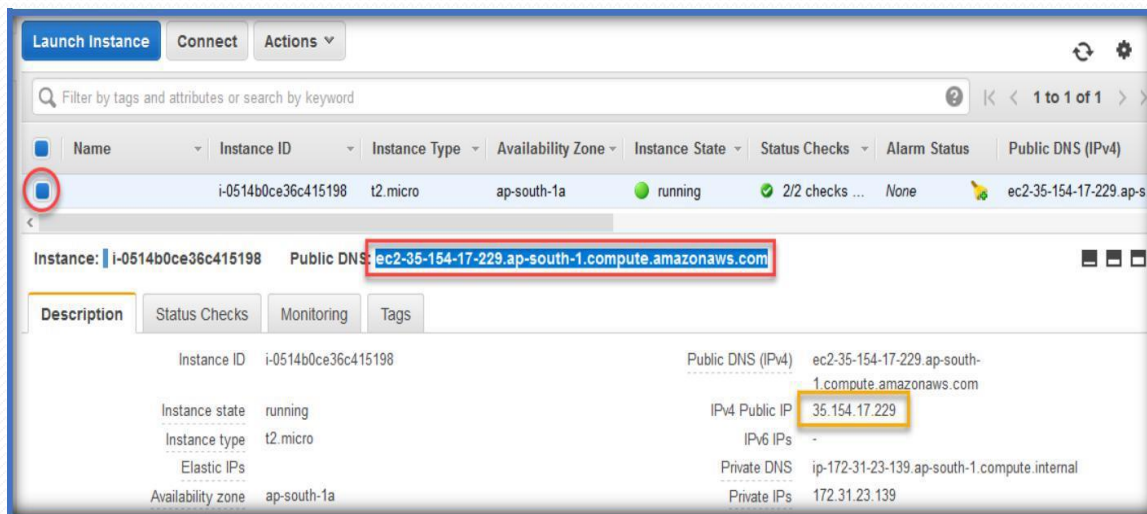
Then specify a name to the ppk file and click save.



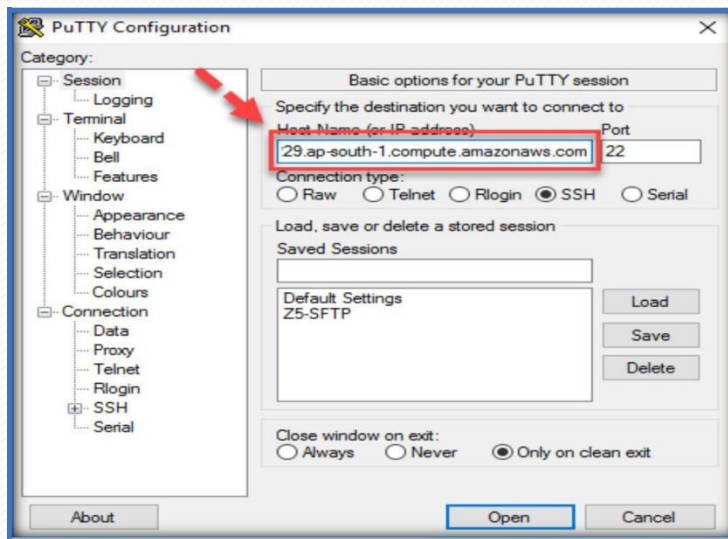
Now open the PuTTY app to start connecting to Linux instance, by double click on it.



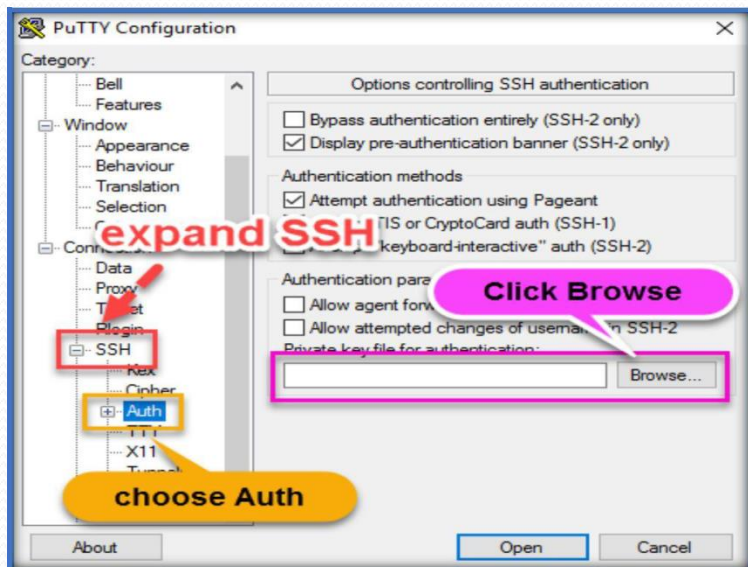
Then go to AWS management console, select the instance and copy either Public DNS or Public IP.



Then paste that in the Hostname or IP Address text box in the PuTTY app.

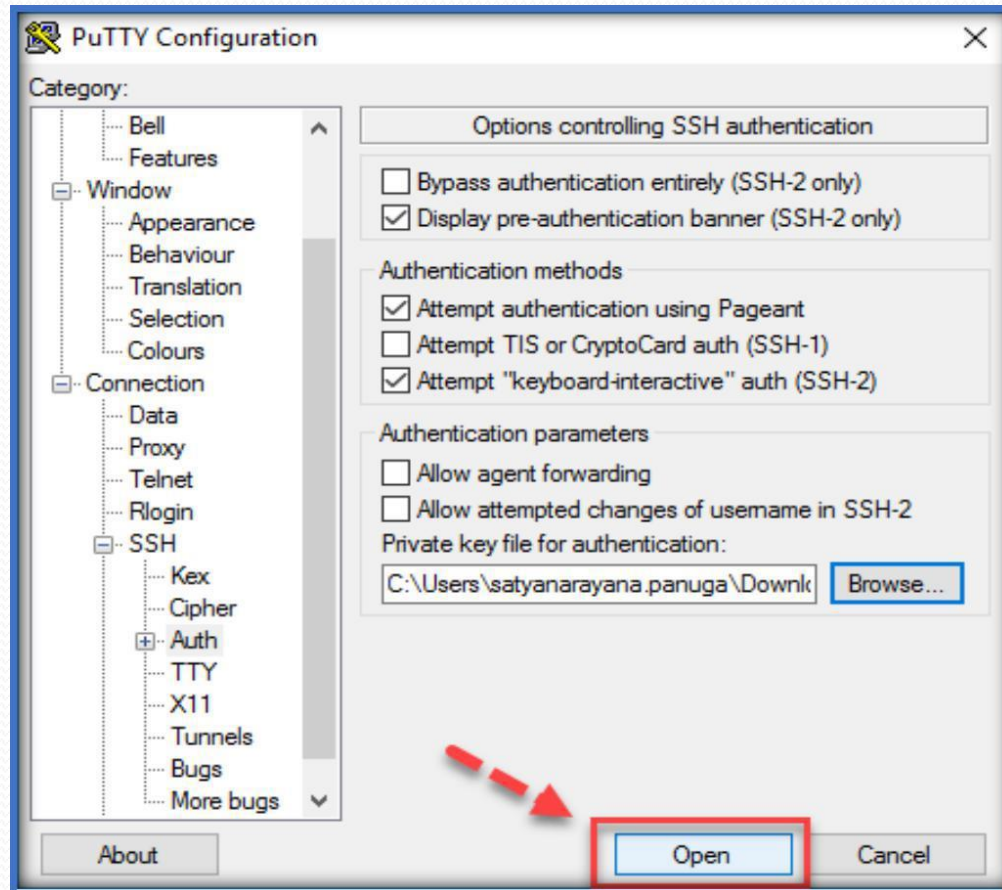


Then expand SSH under Connection, Choose Auth, then click on Browse from left

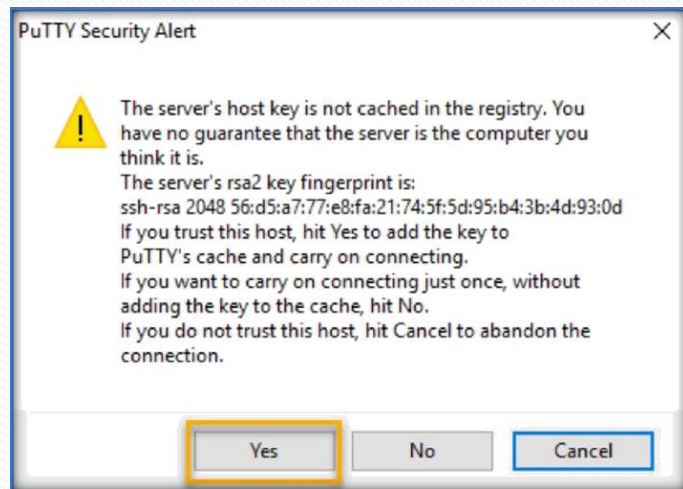


Choose the PPK file which we converted and click on open.

Next, choose Open on the PuTTY app, to connect to the Linux instance.



Next, choose yes.



Now enter the username based on the Linux distro and enter to connect.

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-139:~  
login as: ec2-user  
Authenticating with public key "imported-openssh-key"  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-139 ~]$
```

Find the below default usernames for the different Linux distributions.

LINUX DISTRO	DEFAULT USERNAME
AMAZON LINUX	ec2-user
REDHAT	ec2-user
CENTOS	root
UBUNTU	ubuntu
SUSE	ec2-user
DEBIAN	admin