

## **Load Balancing and its Significance in Cloud Environment**

Load balancing is the process of distributing incoming network traffic across multiple servers to ensure no single server bears too much load. This technique helps to optimize resource use, maximize throughput, minimize response time, and avoid overload on any single resource. In a cloud environment, load balancing is crucial for maintaining high availability and reliability of applications.

Significance in Cloud Environment:

- **High Availability:** Load balancers ensure that applications remain available even when individual servers or components fail by rerouting traffic to healthy servers.
- **Scalability:** By distributing traffic among multiple servers, load balancers allow applications to scale out seamlessly as demand increases.
- **Performance:** Load balancers help optimize application performance by balancing the load evenly and reducing the risk of performance bottlenecks.
- **Flexibility:** Cloud load balancers can dynamically adjust to traffic patterns and scale resources up or down based on demand.
- **Maintenance:** Load balancing allows for maintenance and updates without downtime by diverting traffic from servers being updated to those that are operational.

### **Load Balancing Services Available in AWS, Azure, and GCP**

**AWS:**

- Elastic Load Balancing (ELB): This service offers three types of load balancers:
- Application Load Balancer (ALB): Designed for HTTP and HTTPS traffic, ideal for microservices and container-based applications.
- Network Load Balancer (NLB): Handles TCP traffic and is optimized for performance, ideal for high-throughput workloads.
- Classic Load Balancer: Legacy option that supports HTTP, HTTPS, and TCP, suitable for applications built within the EC2-Classic network.

#### **Azure:**

- Azure Load Balancer: Provides high availability and network performance to applications. It offers two types:
- Public Load Balancer: Distributes incoming internet traffic to virtual machines.
- Internal Load Balancer: Distributes traffic among virtual machines within a virtual network.
- Azure Application Gateway: A layer 7 load balancer that includes SSL termination, URL-based routing, and web application firewall.
- Azure Traffic Manager: A DNS-based traffic load balancer that distributes traffic across Azure regions, improving performance and availability.

#### **GCP (Google Cloud Platform):**

- Google Cloud Load Balancing: Provides global load balancing services:
- HTTP(S) Load Balancing: A global load balancer that distributes traffic among multiple instances, supports advanced traffic management features.
- SSL Proxy Load Balancing: Terminates SSL connections and forwards traffic to instances.
- TCP Proxy Load Balancing: Optimized for non-SSL TCP traffic.
- Network Load Balancing: Distributes TCP/UDP traffic among instances within a region.

# CREATED TWO INSTANCES 2348521\_EC2\_VM1 AND 2348521\_EC2\_VM2

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface. At the top, a green success banner reads: "Success Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-0071bd45cfa1771c7)". Below this, the "Next Steps" section provides guidance on managing the instance, including creating billing alerts, connecting to the instance, connecting an RDS database, and creating an EBS snapshot policy. The main content area shows a list of instances under the "Instances (2) Info" tab. The table lists two instances: 2348521\_EC2\_VM1 (i-0071bd45cfa1771c7) and 2348521\_EC2\_VM2 (i-05bc62b363abf31c0), both in a "Running" state. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with categories like EC2 Dashboard, Images, Elastic Block Store, and Network & Security. The bottom of the screen shows the footer with copyright information for Amazon Web Services, Inc.

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchInstances:

Success  
Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-0071bd45cfa1771c7)

Launch log

Next Steps

What would you like to do next with this instance, for example "create alarm" or "create backup"

Create billing and free tier usage alerts  
To manage costs and avoid surprise bills, set up email notifications for billing and free tier usage thresholds.  
Create billing alerts

Connect to your instance  
Once your instance is running, log into it from your local computer.  
Connect to instance  
Learn more

Connect an RDS database  
Configure the connection between an EC2 instance and a database to allow traffic flow between them.  
Connect an RDS database  
Create a new RDS database  
Learn more

Create EBS snapshot policy  
Create a policy that automates the creation, retention, and deletion of EBS snapshots  
Create EBS snapshot policy

Manage detailed monitoring  
Create Load Balancer  
Create AWS budget  
Manage CloudWatch alarms

Instances (2) Info

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

	Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IP
<input type="checkbox"/>	2348521_EC2...	i-0071bd45cfa1771c7	Running	t2.micro	Initializing	View alarms	us-east-1a	ec2-54...
<input type="checkbox"/>	2348521_EC2...	i-05bc62b363abf31c0	Running	t2.micro	Initializing	View alarms	us-east-1a	ec2-34...

Select an instance

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# CREATING HTML FILES IN BOTH THE INSTANCES SEPARATELY

## VM1:

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2-instance-connect/ssh?connType=standard&instanceId=i-05bc62b363abf31c0&osUser=ec2-user&region=us-east-1&sshPort=22#

aws

Search

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N. Virginia

vdcdabs/user3346276@gmail.com:basheer@mscam.christianuniversity.in@...

Nothing to do.  
Complete!  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-18-82 ~]\$ sudo yum install httpd  
Last metadata expiration check: 0:10:39 ago on Tue Jul 9 04:43:49 2024.  
Dependencies resolved.

Package	Architecture	Version	Repository
Installing:			
httpd	x86_64	2.4.59-2.amzn2023	amazonlinux
Installing dependencies:			
apr	x86_64	1.7.2-2.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux
apr-util	x86_64	1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux
generic-logos-httpd	noarch	18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3	amazonlinux
httpd-core	x86_64	2.4.59-2.amzn2023	amazonlinux
httpd-filesystem	noarch	2.4.59-2.amzn2023	amazonlinux
httpd-tools	x86_64	2.4.59-2.amzn2023	amazonlinux
libbrotli	x86_64	1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux
mailcap	noarch	2.1.49-3.amzn2023.0.3	amazonlinux
Installing weak dependencies:			
apr-util-openssl	x86_64	1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux
mod_http2	x86_64	2.0.27-1.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux
mod_lua	x86_64	2.4.59-2.amzn2023	amazonlinux

Transaction Summary

Install 12 Packages

Total download size: 2.3 M

Installed size: 6.9 M

Is this ok [y/N]:

i-05bc62b363abf31c0 (2348521\_EC2\_VM1)

PublicIPs: 34.229.88.187 PrivateIPs: 172.31.18.82

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You are in as

Lab Exercise - 2

Launch AWS Academy

Launch an instance

Launch an instance


Instance details | EC2

EC2 Instance Connect

Not secure 34.229.88.187

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# Porsche 911 by Ismaaeeee!!!!



The Porsche 911 is a classic high-performance sports car that has been capturing hearts and minds for decades. Its iconic design and exhilarating driving experience make it a timeless favorite among car enthusiasts.

Whether it's on the road or the racetrack, the Porsche 911 continues to set new standards for performance, handling, and style.


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## VM2:

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us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2-instance-connect/ssh?region=us-east-1&connType=standard&instanceId=i-0071bd45cfa1771c7&osUser=ec2-user&sshPort=22#/  
aws Services Search [Alt+S] N. Virginia voclabs/user3346276=ismail.basheer@msam.christuniversity.in @...  
Installing : httpd-core-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 8/12  
Installing : mod_http2-2.0.27-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 9/12  
Installing : mod_lua-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 10/12  
Installing : generic-logos-httpd-18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3.noarch 11/12  
Installing : httpd-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 12/12  
Running scriptlet: httpd-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 12/12  
Verifying : apr-1.7.2-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 1/12  
Verifying : apr-util-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64 2/12  
Verifying : apr-util-openssl-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64 3/12  
Verifying : generic-logos-httpd-18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3.noarch 4/12  
Verifying : httpd-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 5/12  
Verifying : httpd-core-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 6/12  
Verifying : httpd-filesystem-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.noarch 7/12  
Verifying : httpd-tools-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 8/12  
Verifying : libbrotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 9/12  
Verifying : mailcap-2.1.49-3.amzn2023.0.3.noarch 10/12  
Verifying : mod_http2-2.0.27-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 11/12  
Verifying : mod_lua-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64 12/12  
  
Installed:  
apr-1.7.2-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 apr-util-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64 apr-util-openssl-1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64  
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mailcap-2.1.49-3.amzn2023.0.3.noarch mod_http2-2.0.27-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 mod_lua-2.4.59-2.amzn2023.x86_64  
  
Complete!  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-154 ~]$ sudo systemctl start httpd  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-154 ~]$ sudo systemctl enable httpd  
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/httpd.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service.  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-154 ~]$ sudo nano /var/www/html/index2.html  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-154 ~]$ sudo nano /var/www/html/index2.html  
  
i-0071bd45cfa1771c7 (2348521_EC2_VM2)  
PublicIPs: 54.144.66.108 PrivateIPs: 172.31.27.154  
22°C Partly sunny
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us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2-instance-connect/ssh?region=us-east-1&connType=standard&instanceId=i-0071bd45cfa1771c7&osUser=ec2-user&sshPort=22#/  
aws Services Search [Alt+S] N. Virginia voclabs/user3346276=ismail.basheer@msam.christuniversity.in @...  
GNU nano 5.8 /var/www/html/index.html Modified  
<h1>Range Rover by Ismaeel!!</h1>  
</header>  
<div class="container">  
  
<p>The Range Rover is a luxury SUV known for its superior off-road capability, elegant design, and advanced technology. It offers an unparalleled driving exp</p>  
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## CREATING A LOAD BALANCER with name (christ2348521)

us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#CreateTargetGroup:protocol=HTTP;vpc=vpc-0e2f3196551c18677

EC2 > Target groups > Create target group

Step 1  
Specify group details

Step 2  
Register targets

### Register targets

This is an optional step to create a target group. However, to ensure that your load balancer routes traffic to this target group you must register your targets.

Available instances (2/2)

Filter instances

Instance ID	Name	State	Security groups
i-0071bd45cfa1771c7	2348521_EC2_VM2	Running	launch-wizard-10
i-05bc62b363abf31c0	2348521_EC2_VM1	Running	launch-wizard-9

2 selected

Ports for the selected instances

Ports for routing traffic to the selected instances.

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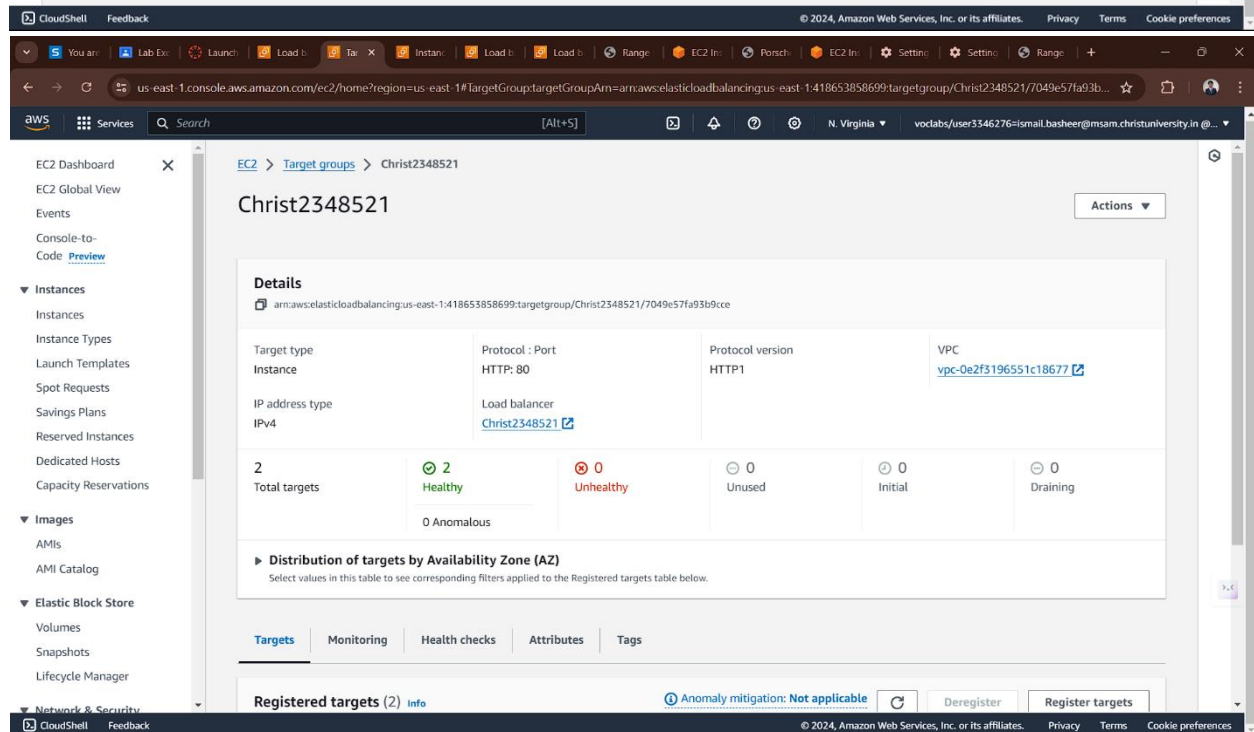
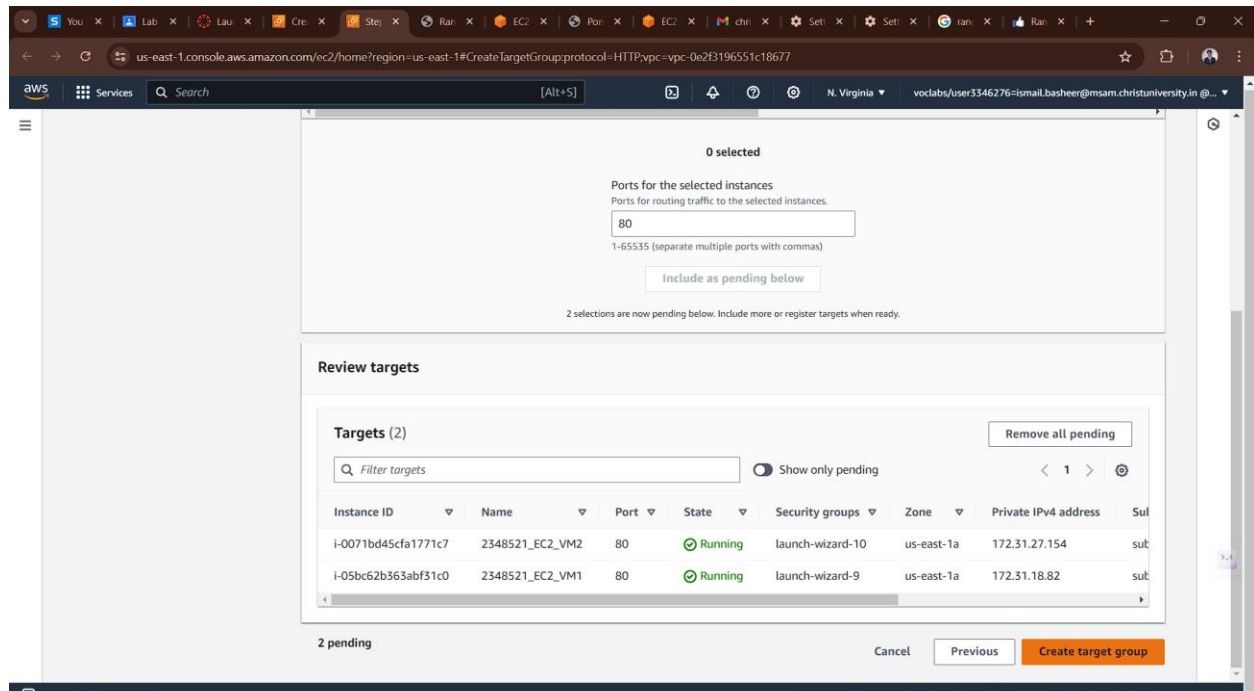
1-65535 (separate multiple ports with commas)

Include as pending below

Review targets

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The image consists of two screenshots from the AWS Management Console, showing the configuration of an Elastic Load Balancing (ELB) instance.

**Top Screenshot: Load Balancers Overview**

- Page Title:** EC2 > Load balancers
- Section:** Load balancers (1)
- Description:** Elastic Load Balancing scales your load balancer capacity automatically in response to changes in incoming traffic.
- Table:** A table with columns: Name, DNS name, State, VPC ID, Availability Zones, and Type. It lists one load balancer: **Christ2348521** with state **Active**, VPC ID **vpc-0e2f3196551c186...**, and 2 Availability Zones.
- Message:** 0 load balancers selected. Select a load balancer above.

**Bottom Screenshot: Load Balancer Details**

- Page Title:** EC2 > Load balancers > Christ2348521
- Section:** Christ2348521
- Details:**
  - Load balancer type:** Application
  - Status:** Active
  - VPC:** vpc-0e2f3196551c18677
  - Load balancer IP address type:** IPv4
  - Scheme:** Internet-facing
  - Hosted zone:** Z35SXDOTRQ7X7K
  - Availability Zones:** subnet-0e74059b272bf838 us-east-1b (use 1-az6), subnet-096dfde4148d66ae1 us-east-1a (use 1-az4)
  - Date created:** July 9, 2024, 11:46 (UTC+05:30)
  - Load balancer ARN:** arn:aws:elasticloadbalancing:us-east-1:1418653858699:loadbalancer/app/Christ2348521/068f891961a5ea26
  - DNS name:** Christ2348521-1783504974.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com (A Record)
- Listeners and rules:** Listeners and rules (1) Info. A listener checks for connection requests on its configured protocol and port. Traffic received by the listener is routed according to the default action and any additional rules.

During the creation of the load balancer we have to ensure that the security groups of our instances are properly mentioned.

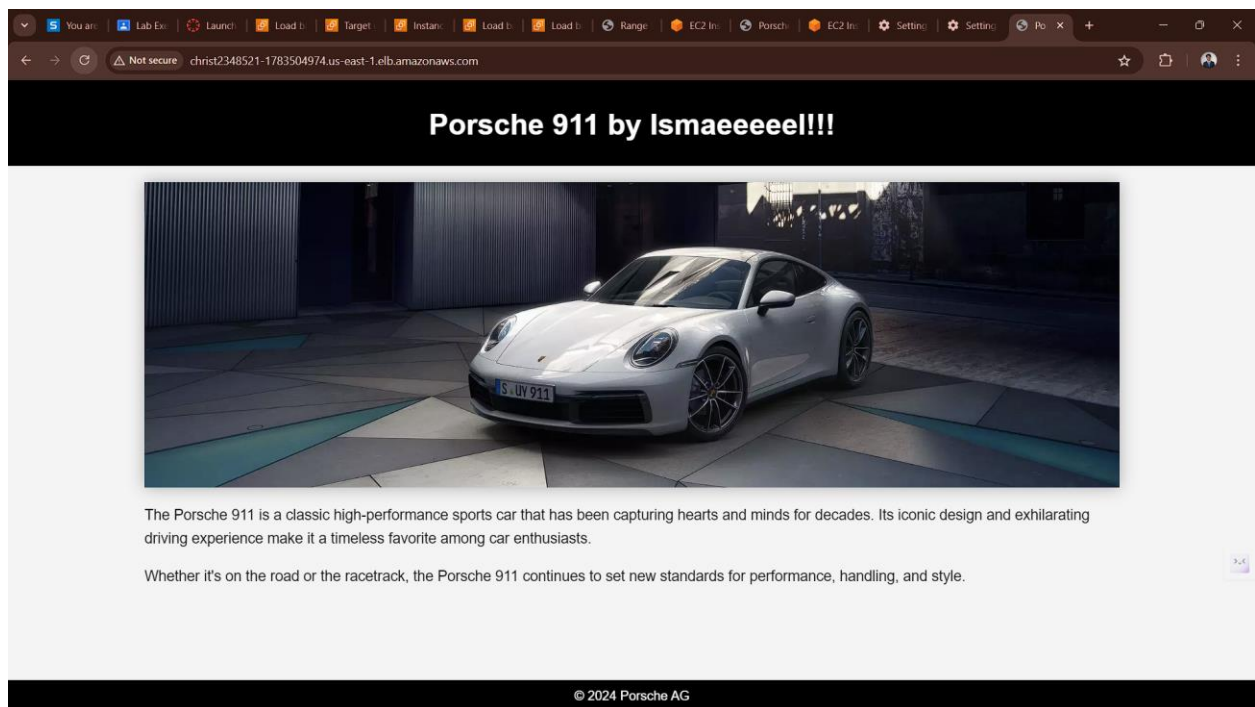


Also the availability zones should be the same as the instance's zone, here I used (us-east-1b and us-east-1a). The protocol is HTTP-80.

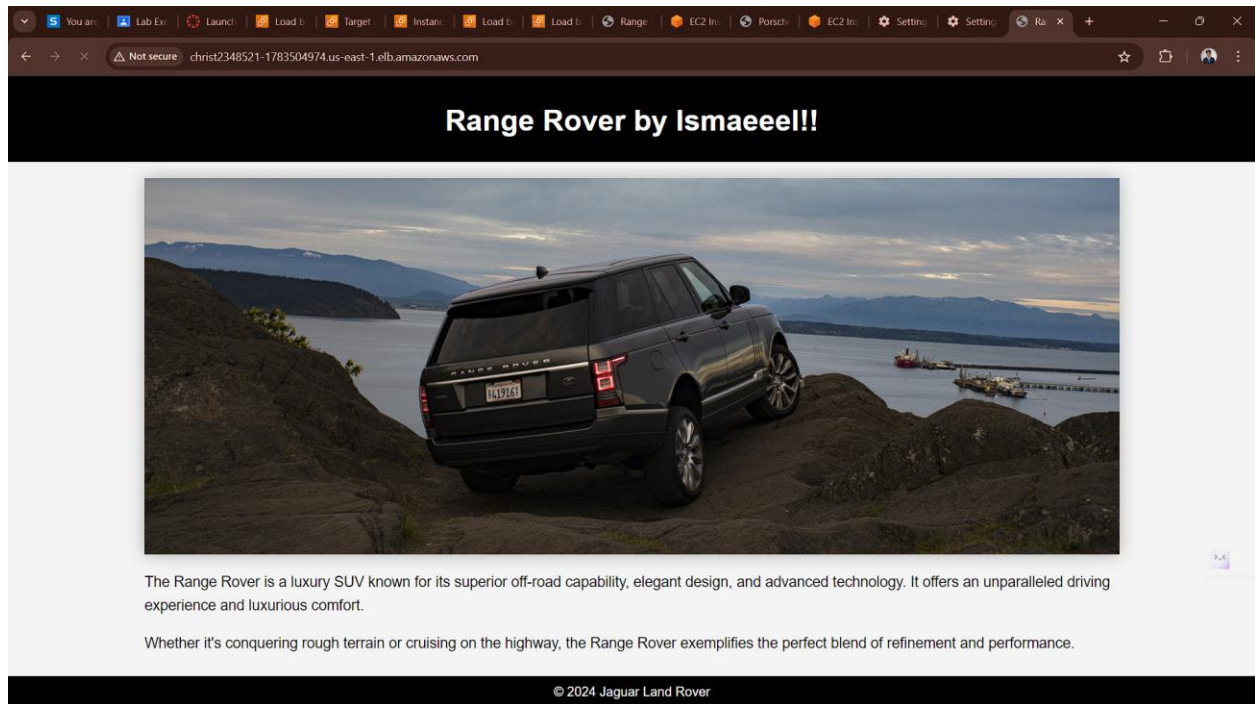
During target group creation both the instances should be included in the same target group, with ipv4 and HTTP 80 port.

## NOW ACCESSING THE 2 INSTANCES USING THE DNS NAME OF THE LOAD BALANCER

### ACCESSING VM1 WEBPAGE



### AFTER REFRESHING WE GET VM2 WEBPAGE



If you look carefully by checking the URL we can see the load balancer is switching from 2348521\_EC2\_VM1 to 2348521\_EC2\_VM2.

## SUMMARY:

On accessing the load balancer we get the webpage on vm1, but on refreshing the webpage we get the webpage on vm2. This indicates that our load balancer is working properly as it is switching from instance vm1 to vm2 and vice versa to balance the load efficiently.