WEB STACK-IMPLEMENTATION (LAMP)

The goal of this project is to describe the concepts and process of Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery / Deployment and DevOps practices using a Lamp web stack.

Never heard about LAMP stack? No - Okay.

LAMP => LINUX, APACHE, MySQL, PHP

All together it's called a stack, just like when you have heard some developers describe themselves as Mern or Mean stack developers.

Mern => Mongodb, express, reactjs and nodejs

Lemp => Linux, nginx, mysql and php

Mean => Mongodb, express, angularis and nodejs

Pern => Postgresqldb, express, react and nodejs

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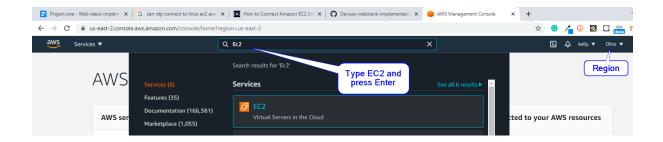
#Video link

Prerequisites:

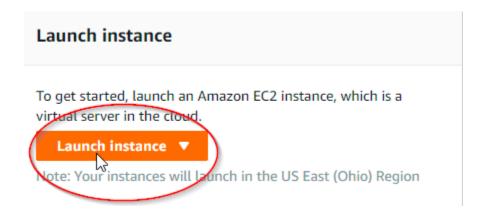
- Aws account running an EC2 instance
- Internet connection
- Fundamental Knowledge of downloading and installing
- Basics Linux skills

Implementation

- Open your PC browser and login to https://aws.amazon.com/
- A region is selected by default (change if necessary), from the search bar type EC2 and click.

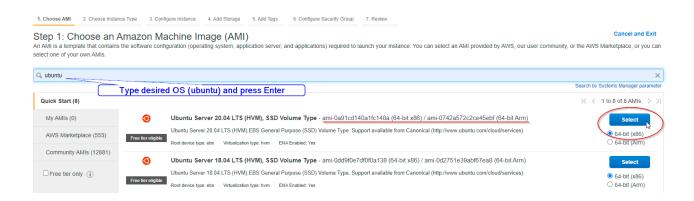


• From the Ec2 dashboard, click on the button "Launch instance" to start using a virtual server.

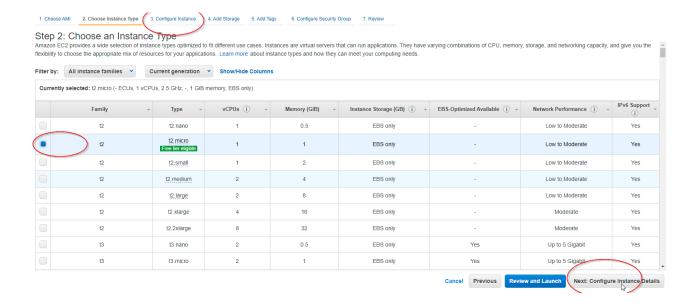


• An AMI window displays, type "Ubuntu" on the search bar and hit enter, or scroll down to select "Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type" based on your system architecture.

Note: the AMI (Amazon machine image) is always different from user to user



- The next step of configuring our EC2 is to select the instance type, preferably a **t2 micro**
 - Free tier. Then click (3) configure instance showing at the top or click next configuration details at the bottom.

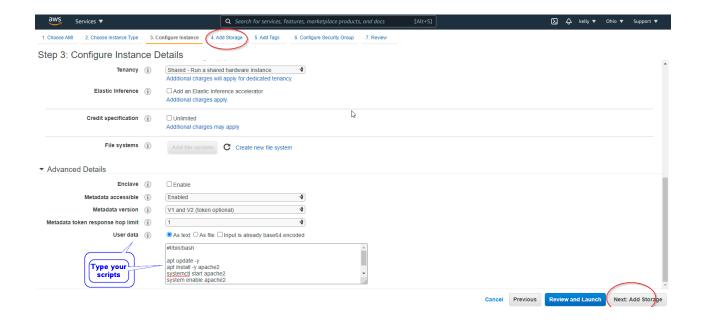


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• To configure the instance, we will leave all default but scroll to the bottom and on the advanced details section, in the user data column add below script as shown on the screenshot.

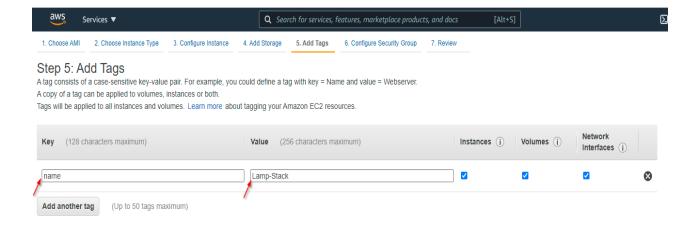


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 Move to tab 5 to Add tags to our EC2 instance, I have deliberately skipped tab 4 to choose the default storage volume given by AWS.

Tags are key-value paired fields and help to categorize your AWS resource, now click ADD TAG to assign a unique name and move to next.



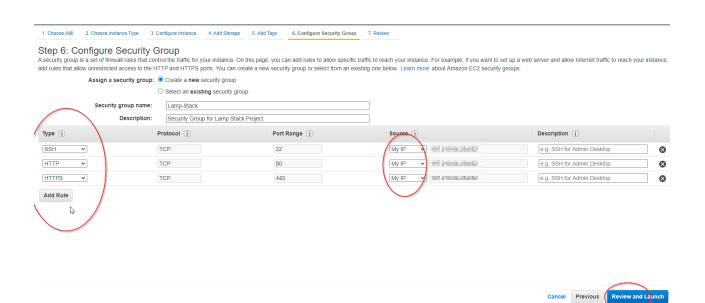
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• We will modify the default security group by giving access to **port 80, 22 and 443**.

Reason: The security Group are set of firewall rules which denies and grant access to our EC2 instance,

To access the EC2 instance with a console, we

You may add descriptions on the last column.



Click review and launch

You will get a Prompt to Create a Private Key File, feel free to choose an existing one, if it already exists on the same PC.

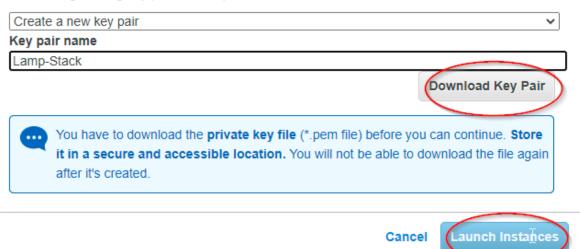
Download the key file to a good location, to be used later, Then Launch.

Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair

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A key pair consists of a **public key** that AWS stores, and a **private key file** that you store. Together, they allow you to connect to your instance securely. For Windows AMIs, the private key file is required to obtain the password used to log into your instance. For Linux AMIs, the private key file allows you to securely SSH into your instance.

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about removing existing key pairs from a public AMI.





Initiating Instance Launches

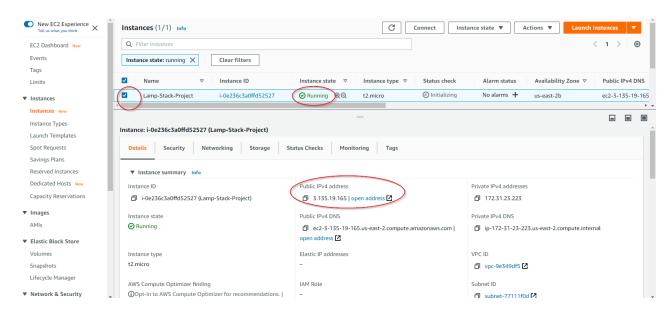
Please do not close your browser while this is loading

Creating security groups... Successful

Authorizing inbound rules... Successful

Initiating launches...

Done? Good Job, let's get to business now.



Copy your own Public IP as shown on the above screenshot, nowit's time to use the console

Yay!!!

Open git bash or putty or mobaxterm, whichever console is suitable, else download.

We are using git bash here:

MINGW64:/c/Users/USER/Downloads

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USER@LENOVO MINGW64 /
$ cd ~/Downloads/
USER@LENOVO MINGW64 ~/Downloads
$ ssh -i lamp-stack.pem ubuntu@3.135.19.165
```

Type YES, to connect.

The authenticity of host '3.135.19.165 (3.135.19.165)' can't be established. ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:70sM5D2ixIuyUIiRMpBYMRU/Wxw0v6RAYWUo3uWwa0o. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes

You have now connected to the EC2 instance via SSH

Type clear, to have a neat console and proceed.

We will now check if our userdata scripts were loaded.

Type: curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/user-data

By default EC2 user is given sudo privilege

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/user-data
#!/bin/bash
apt update -y
apt install -y apache2
systemctl start apache2
system enable apache2
      "Hello buddy, salutations to you from $(hostname -f)" > /var/www/html/index.htmlubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo systemctl is-enabled apache2.service
enabled
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$|
```

Run this code:

\$ sudo systemctl is-enabled apache2
or
\$ sudo systemctl status apache2

To check if apache has been installed and visit http://public ip on browser to confirm.



Hello buddy, salutations to you from ip-172-31-23-223.us-east-2.compute.internal

Great!

So from the LAMP stack, we have got Linux and Apache ready, let's get MySQL running now.

Run this code:

\$ sudo apt install MySQL-server -y

Next, we need to configure MySQL to secure authentication.

Run this code:

\$ sudo mysql_secure_installation

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🥎 ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223: ~
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Securing the MySQL server deployment.

Connecting to MySQL using a blank password.

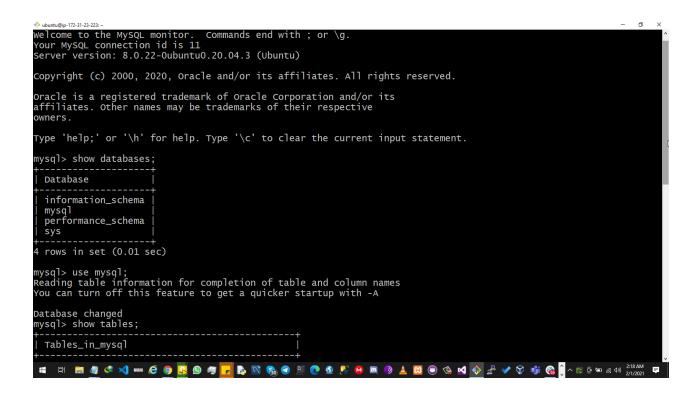
VALIDATE PASSWORD COMPONENT can be used to test passwords and improve security. It checks the strength of password and allows the users to set only those passwords which are secure enough. Would you like to setup VALIDATE PASSWORD component?

Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No:|

Type yes to continue, on the next prompt choose o or 2 and enter desired password to continue, then type y or yes to continue for ALL prompt.

Great MYSQL is installed and configured for use, we could test by running below code:

\$ sudo MySQL



Type exit to leave MySQL console editor.



PHP INSTALLATION

Linux, Apache and MySQL checked, now let's install PHP and required dependencies using below command:

```
$ sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php php-MySQL -y
```

Now it's installed, check PHP version using this command:

```
php -version
```

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ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ php -version

PHP 7.4.3 (cli) (built: Oct 6 2020 15:47:56) ( NTS )

Copyright (c) The PHP Group

Zend Engine v3.4.0, Copyright (c) Zend Technologies

with Zend OPcache v7.4.3, Copyright (c), by Zend Technologies

ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo mkdir /var/www/lampstack

ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ echo $USER

ubuntu
```

ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~\$ sudo vi /etc/apache2/sites-available/lampstack.conf

ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~\$ sudo chown -R \$USER:\$USER /var/www/lampstack

Next step, let's make a dir. for our site directory, Run below Command

```
$ sudo mkdir /var/www/lampstack
$ sudo chown -R $USER:$USER /var/www/lampstack
```

Run below command, this is done to edit the new site directory:

\$ sudo vi /etc/apache2/sites-available/lampstack.conf

Type "I" without the quotes to type the below virtual host file in the config created, then press ESC and exit with ":wq" command

<VirtualHost *:80>

ServerName lampstack

ServerAlias www.lampstack

ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost

DocumentRoot /var/www/lampstack

ErrorLog \${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log

CustomLog \${APACHE LOG DIR}/access.log combined

</VirtualHost>

Next check the content of that directory using below command

\$ sudo ls /etc/apache2/sites-available

Result => 000-default.conf default-ssl.conf lampstack.conf

We need to tell apache to enable this new directory to serve our site and disable the default site directory:

```
$ sudo a2ensite lampstack
$ sudo a2dissite ooo-default
$ sudo apache2ctl configtest
$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
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ubuntu@ip-1/2-31-23-223:~$ sudo a2ensite lampstack
Enabling site lampstack.

To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
   systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo a2dissite 000-default
Site 000-default disabled.

To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
   systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo apache2ctl configtest
Syntax OK
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$
```

Good, finally, let's add an index file content to our new site directory

```
$ sudo echo 'Hello, call me LAMP STACK, I am from hostname' $(curl -s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-hostname) 'with public IP' $(curl -s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-ipv4) > /var/www/lampstack/index.html
```

Refresh browser and check now, Hola!!!



http://<public ip>:80 is set.

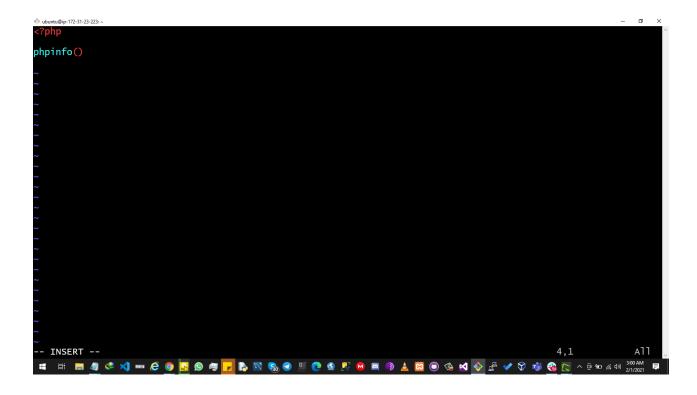
To cap it all up, if you need to serve php files, then we need to tweak a file, and make index.php the first directory index as shown below.

Run this command

\$ sudo vi /etc/apache2/mods-enabled/dir.conf

Then, let's edit the index.php file to add contents, Run below command

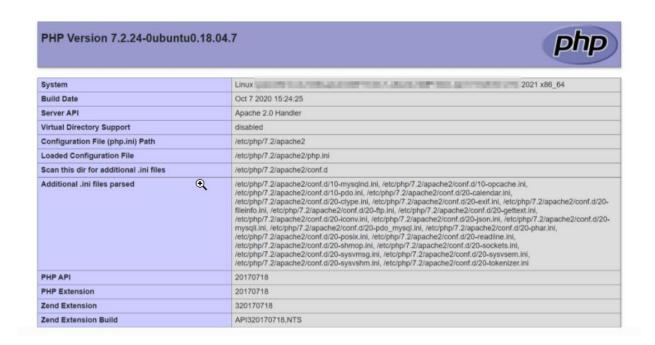
\$ vi /var/www/lampstack/index.php



Then reload apache to effect change at reboot.

\$ sudo systemctl reload apache2

Then refresh and check your browser.



Thank you, this is the minimum requirement to set up an AWS instance with Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP for a web project.

Hope this was informative.

PS: Remember to terminate your EC2 instance.

