

WEB STACK-IMPLEMENTATION (LAMP)

The goal of this project is to describe the concepts of Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery / Deployment and DevOps on 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

Mean => mongodb, express, angularjs and nodejs

Pern => postgresql, express, react and nodejs

Tldr;

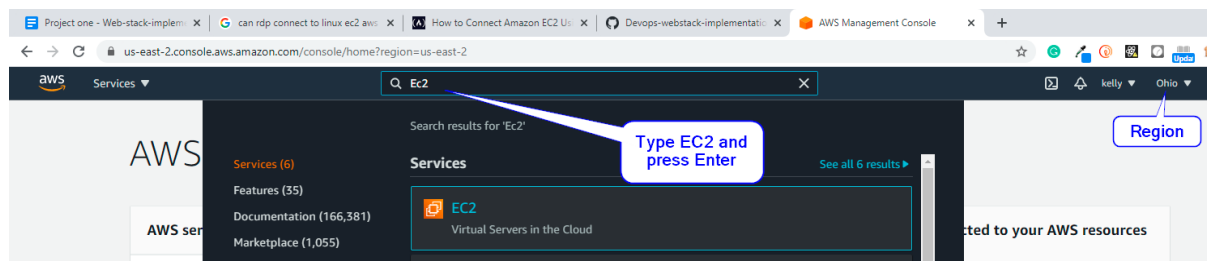
#Video link

Prerequisites:

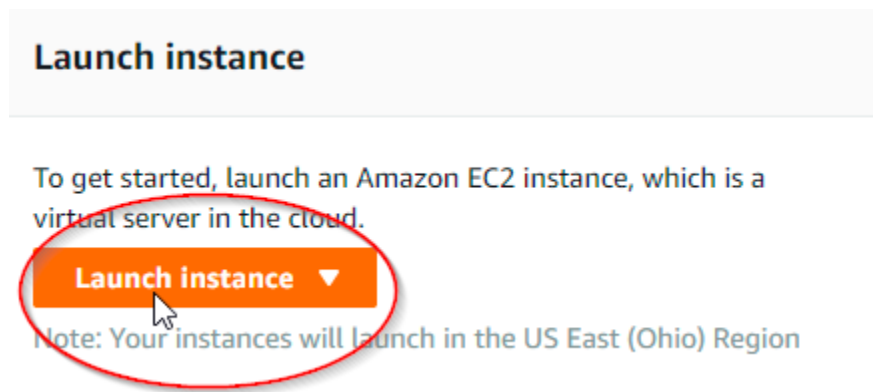
- Aws account running an EC2 instance
- Internet connection
- Fundamental Knowledge of downloading and installing
- Basics Linux skills

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

1. Choose AMI 2. Choose Instance Type 3. Configure Instance 4. Add Storage 5. Add Tags 6. Configure Security Group 7. Review

Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) Cancel and Exit

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. You can select an AMI provided by AWS, our user community, or the AWS Marketplace, or you can select one of your own AMIs.

Search by Systems Manager parameter

Search: ubuntu

Type desired OS (ubuntu) and press Enter

Quick Start (8)

My AMIs (0)

AWS Marketplace (553)

Community AMIs (12881)

☐ Free tier only

Free tier eligible Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type - ami-0a91cd140a1fc148a (64-bit x86) / ami-0742a572c2ce45ebf (64-bit Arm)

Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS (HVM), EBS General Purpose (SSD) Volume Type. Support available from Canonical (<http://www.ubuntu.com/cloud/services>).

Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm ENA Enabled: Yes

Select

☒ 64-bit (x86)

☐ 64-bit (Arm)

Free tier eligible Ubuntu Server 18.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type - ami-0dd9f0e7df0f0a138 (64-bit x86) / ami-0d2751e39abf67ea8 (64-bit Arm)

Ubuntu Server 18.04 LTS (HVM), EBS General Purpose (SSD) Volume Type. Support available from Canonical (<http://www.ubuntu.com/cloud/services>).

Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm ENA Enabled: Yes

Select

☒ 64-bit (x86)

☐ 64-bit (Arm)

- 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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Step 2: Choose an Instance Type

Amazon EC2 provides a wide selection of instance types optimized to fit different use cases. Instances are virtual servers that can run applications. They have varying combinations of CPU, memory, storage, and networking capacity, and give you the flexibility to choose the appropriate mix of resources for your applications. [Learn more](#) about instance types and how they can meet your computing needs.

Filter by: All instance families Current generation Show/Hide Columns

Currently selected: t2.micro (- ECUs, 1 vCPUs, 2.5 GHz, ~, 1 GiB memory, EBS only)

	Family	Type	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available	Network Performance	IPv6 Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.nano	1	0.5	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.micro Free tier eligible	1	1	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.small	1	2	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.medium	2	4	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.large	2	8	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.xlarge	4	16	EBS only	-	Moderate	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t2	t2.2xlarge	8	32	EBS only	-	Moderate	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t3	t3.nano	2	0.5	EBS only	Yes	Up to 5 Gigabit	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	t3	t3.micro	2	1	EBS only	Yes	Up to 5 Gigabit	Yes

Cancel Previous Review and Launch Next: Configure Instance Details

Move to next step

- 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.

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
apt update -y
```

```
apt install -y apache2
```

```
systemctl start apache2
```

```
system enable apache2
```

```
echo "Hello buddy, salutations to you from $(hostname -f)" > /var/www/html/index.html
```

Move to next step

aws Services Search for services, features, marketplace products, and docs [Alt+S] kelly Ohio Support

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Step 3: Configure Instance Details

Tenancy ☒ Shared - Run a shared hardware instance
Additional charges will apply for dedicated tenancy.

Elastic Inference ☐ Add an Elastic Inference accelerator
Additional charges apply.

Credit specification ☐ Unlimited
Additional charges may apply.

File systems

▼ Advanced Details

Enclave ☐ Enable

Metadata accessible ☒ Enabled

Metadata version

Metadata token response hop limit

User data ☒ As text ☐ As file ☐ Input is already base64 encoded

Type your scripts

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
apt update -y  
apt install -y apache2  
systemctl start apache2  
system enable apache2
```

Cancel Previous Review and Launch Next: Add Storage

- 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.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the 'Add Tags' step. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo and a search bar. Below it, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Choose AMI, 2. Choose Instance Type, 3. Configure Instance, 4. Add Storage, 5. Add Tags (highlighted), 6. Configure Security Group, and 7. Review. The main heading is 'Step 5: Add Tags'. Below the heading, there's explanatory text: 'A tag consists of a case-sensitive key-value pair. For example, you could define a tag with key = Name and value = Webserver. A copy of a tag can be applied to volumes, instances or both. Tags will be applied to all instances and volumes. [Learn more](#) about tagging your Amazon EC2 resources.' Below this text is a table with columns: Key (128 characters maximum), Value (256 characters maximum), Instances (with an info icon), Volumes (with an info icon), and Network Interfaces (with an info icon). The first row has 'name' in the Key column, 'Lamp-Stack' in the Value column, and checkmarks in the Instances, Volumes, and Network Interfaces columns. A red arrow points to the 'name' input field, and another red arrow points to the 'Lamp-Stack' input field. At the bottom left of the table, there's a button 'Add another tag' and the text '(Up to 50 tags maximum)'.

Key (128 characters maximum)	Value (256 characters maximum)	Instances ⓘ	Volumes ⓘ	Network Interfaces ⓘ
name	Lamp-Stack	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[Add another tag](#) (Up to 50 tags maximum)

Move to Next

- 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.

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Step 6: Configure Security Group

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. On this page, you can add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance. For example, if you want to set up a web server and allow Internet traffic to reach your instance, add rules that allow unrestricted access to the HTTP and HTTPS ports. You can create a new security group or select from an existing one below. [Learn more](#) about Amazon EC2 security groups.

Assign a security group: ☒ Create a new security group
☐ Select an existing security group

Security group name:

Description:

Type ⓘ	Protocol ⓘ	Port Range ⓘ	Source ⓘ	Description ⓘ
SSH ▾	TCP	22	My IP ▾	e.g. SSH for Admin Desktop ✕
HTTP ▾	TCP	80	My IP ▾	e.g. SSH for Admin Desktop ✕
HTTPS ▾	TCP	443	My IP ▾	e.g. SSH for Admin Desktop ✕

- 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



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](#).

Create a new key pair ▼

Key pair name

Lamp-Stack

Download Key Pair



You have to download the **private key file** (*.pem file) before you can continue. **Store it in a secure and accessible location.** You will not be able to download the file again after it's created.

Cancel

Launch Instances



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.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. On the left, there's a navigation menu with options like 'EC2 Dashboard', 'Events', 'Tags', 'Limits', 'Instances', 'Images', 'Elastic Block Store', and 'Network & Security'. The main area displays a list of instances. One instance, 'Lamp-Stack-Project', is highlighted. Its details are shown below, including the instance ID, state (Running), type (t2.micro), and public IPv4 address (3.135.19.165). The public IPv4 address is circled in red.

Copy your own Public IP as shown on the above screenshot, now it'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

```
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

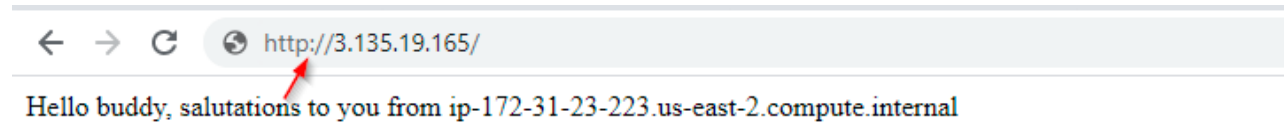
```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223: ~  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/user-data  
#!/bin/bash  
  
apt update -y  
apt install -y apache2  
systemctl start apache2  
system enable apache2  
echo "Hello buddy, salutations to you from $(hostname -f)" > /var/www/html/index.htmlubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$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

```
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.



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
```

ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223: ~

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo mysql_secure_installation
```

```
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 0 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
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 11  
Server version: 8.0.22-0ubuntu0.20.04.3 (Ubuntu)  
  
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affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective  
owners.  
  
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql> show databases;  
+-----+  
| Database |  
+-----+  
| information_schema |  
| mysql |  
| performance_schema |  
| sys |  
+-----+  
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)  
  
mysql> use mysql;  
Reading table information for completion of table and column names  
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A  
  
Database changed  
mysql> show tables;  
+-----+  
| Tables_in_mysql |  
+-----+
```

Type exit to leave MySQL console editor.

```
MySQL> exit
```

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
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223: ~  
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 chown -R $USER:$USER /var/www/lampstack  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-23-223:~$ sudo vi /etc/apache2/sites-available/lampstack.conf
```

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 000-default

$ sudo apache2ctl configtest

$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
```

```

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

```

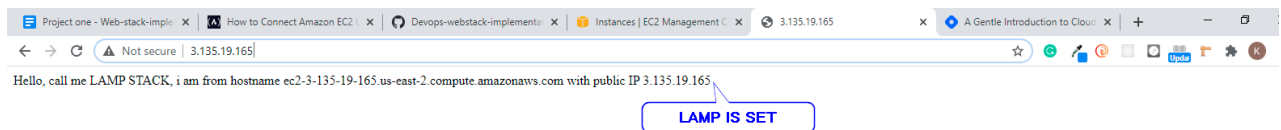
```

$ 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

```

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

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
```

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

# vim: syntax=apache ts=4 sw=4 sts=4 sr noet
~
```

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

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


[illegible]


Then reload apache to effect change at reboot.

```
$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
```

Then refresh and check your browser.

PHP Version 7.2.24-0ubuntu0.18.04.7



System	Linux	2021 x86_64
Build Date	Oct 7 2020 15:24:25	
Server API	Apache 2.0 Handler	
Virtual Directory Support	disabled	
Configuration File (php.ini) Path	/etc/php/7.2/apache2	
Loaded Configuration File	/etc/php/7.2/apache2/php.ini	
Scan this dir for additional .ini files	/etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d	
Additional .ini files parsed	 /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/10-mysqld.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/10-opcache.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/10-pdo.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-calendar.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-ctype.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-exif.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-fileinfo.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-ftp.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-gettext.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-iconv.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-json.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-mysql.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-pdo_mysql.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-phar.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-posix.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-readline.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-shmop.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-sockets.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-sysvmsg.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-sysvsem.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-sysvshm.ini, /etc/php/7.2/apache2/conf.d/20-tokenizer.ini	
PHP API	20170718	
PHP Extension	20170718	
Zend Extension	320170718	
Zend Extension Build	API320170718,NTS	

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.

