

Application Support Engineer

Assignment

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Key points

- AWS EC2 instance is a **t2.micro RHEL** environment
- Status of the commands run in the script are echo'd to the terminal for easy reference of the user.
- AWS CLI has been configured on external machine using Access key ID, Secret Access Key and the Region to give access to IAM user from external machine. (screenshots attached below)
- SMTP server has been configured on the external machine to send emails. (screenshots attached below)
- Bash scripts were created part by part for different questions, later added them altogether to create 2 final scripts for Question 3 and Question 4.

Considered Security Points

- All the procedures are done using an IAM user. Root user is not used unless it's necessary
- A security group is configured with only access to 22 and 80 ports which can be accessed externally.
- Changed the access permission of the private key using # chmod 400 key.pem
- Private key less login method has been configured between the external machine and EC2 instance.
- Access key ID and Secret Access key are used to configure AWS CLI on external machine.

Logging Mechanisms used

- In script 1 all the log data along with a timestamp are uploaded into DynamoDB.
- For both script 1 and script 2 a log file is maintained inside the directory where script is running. The logs are stored in these text files for easy reference of the user.
- Every step is checked with an if statement and if any error pops while running the script, it is displayed in the terminal and it sends an email to application support team as well.

Enterprise Architecture Diagram

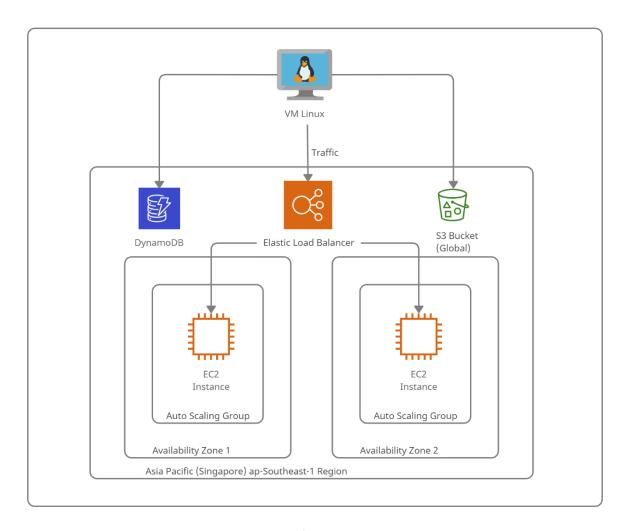


Figure 1

Q1 - Creating a new server with public access

- 1. Create a new free AWS root account if already not.
- 2. Using that root account, create an IAM account on AWS
- 3. Create a new EC2 instance
 - 3.1. Go to services and select EC2

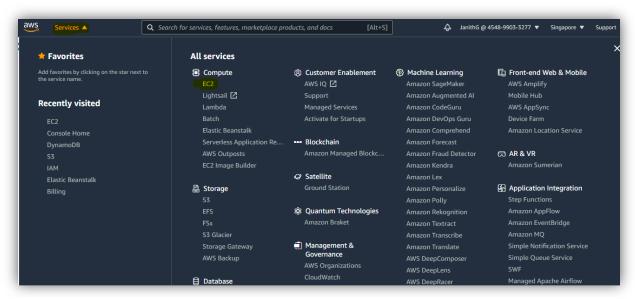


Figure 2

- 3.2. Select "Launch Instance"
- 3.3. Choose the preferred Amazon Machine Image (AMI) to install

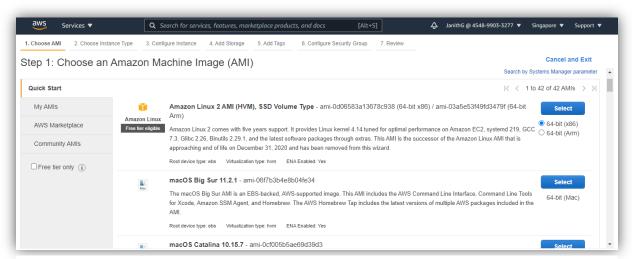


Figure 3

3.4. Choose an Instance Type

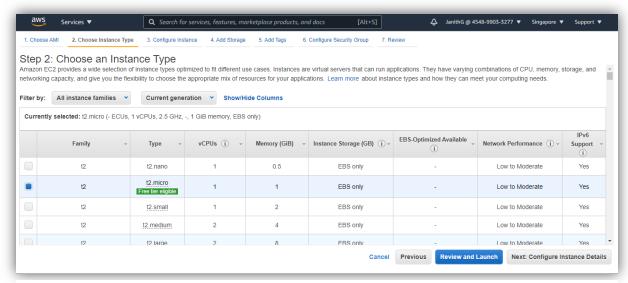


Figure 4

3.5. Configure the instance

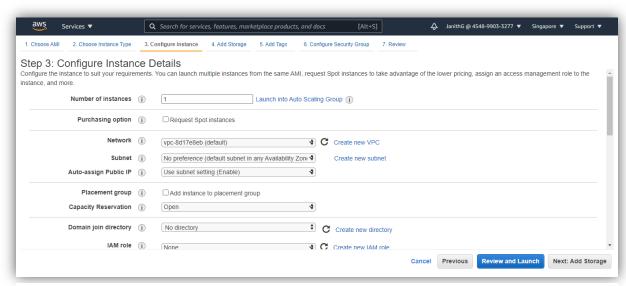


Figure 5

3.6. Add storage and tags

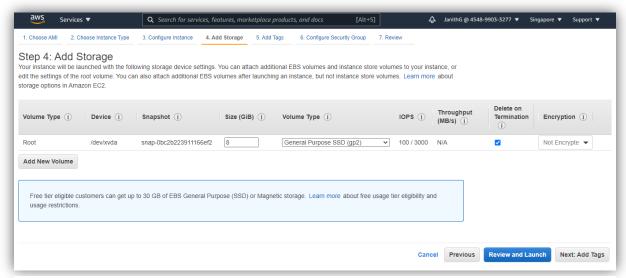


Figure 6

3.7. Configure a Security Group

- 3.7.1. Allow HTTP, SSH and ICMP-IPv4 protocols from anywhere to access the server publicly
 - HTTP Access the web service
 - SSH Access the EC2 instance externally via SSH
 - ICMP Ipv4 To activate ping

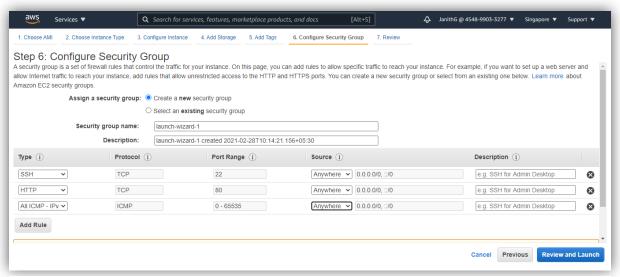


Figure 7

3.8. Create a new key pair (Public and Private key) and save it safe. This key is needed to access the sever from externally.

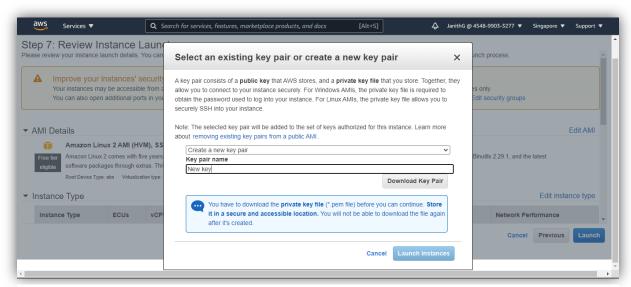


Figure 8

3.9. Review and launch the new Instance

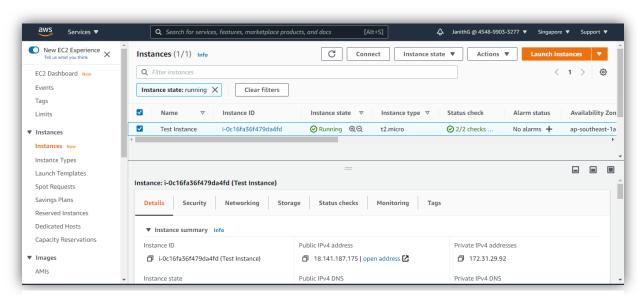


Figure 9

Checking if the newly created EC2 instance can be accessed publicly (SSH using putty)

- 1. Install PuTTY
- 2. Open PuTTYgen and load the .pem key which downloaded earlier

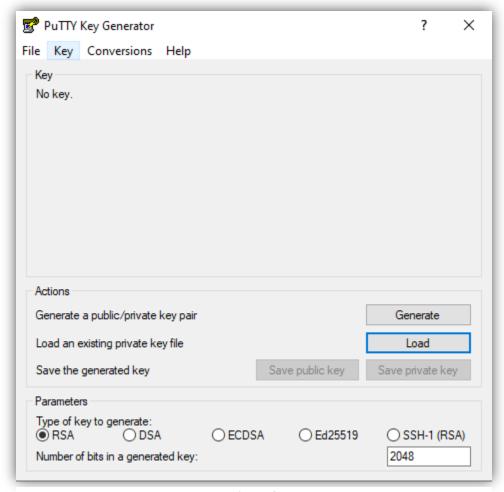


Figure 10

3. Click "Save private key" to save the converted .ppk file using the same file name

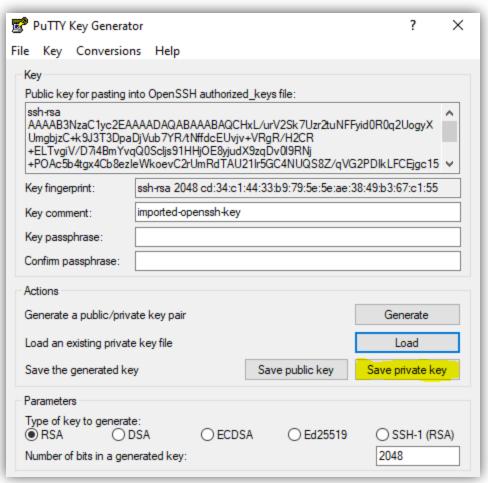


Figure 11

- 4. Open PuTTY and enter the following data then click "open"
 - Hostname copy the public IPv4 DNS from EC2 instance
 - Connection type SSH
 - Connection -> SSH -> Auth and select .ppk private key file
 - Connection -> Data -> Enter login username as "ec2-user"

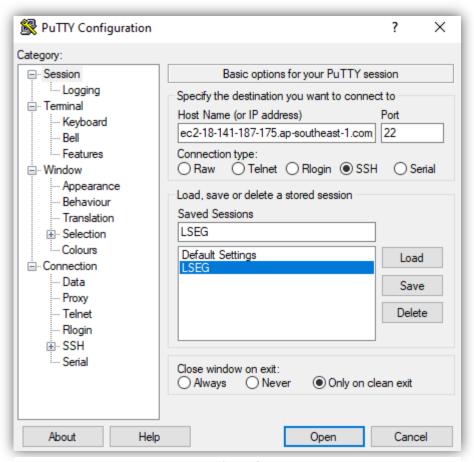


Figure 12

5. Successful connection will display the following window

Figure 13

Q2 - Installing Apache server on EC2 instance

1. Update the server in the first launch

sudo yum update

```
sudo yum update -
Redirecting to '/usr/bin/dnf update -y' (see 'man yum2dnf')
Last metadata expiration check: 2:50:07 ago on Tue Jul 11 07:14:53 2017.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
$ yum list installed
Redirecting to '/usr/bin/dnf list installed' (see 'man yum2dnf')
Last metadata expiration check: 6 days, 6:11:04 ago on Wed Jul 5 04:14:26 2017.
Installed Packages
GConf2.x86_64
GeoIP.x86_64
GeoIP-GeoLite-data.noarch
                                                                   3.2.6-16.fc24
                                                                   1.6.11-1.fc25
                                                                   2017.04-1.fc25
_ibRaw.x86_64
                                                                   0.17.2-1.fc25
                                                                    1.6.4-1.fc25
ModemManager.x86 64
ModemManager-glib.x86_64
                                                                   1.6.4-1.fc25
                                                                   1:1.4.4-5.fc25
NetworkManager.x86_64
NetworkManager-adsl.x86 64
                                                                    1:1.4.4-5.fc25
NetworkManager-bluetooth.x86 64
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NetworkManager-config-connectivity-fedora.x86 64
                                                                   1:1.4.4-5.fc25
NetworkManager-config-confiectivi
NetworkManager-l2tp.x86_64
NetworkManager-libnm.x86_64
NetworkManager-libreswan.x86_64
                                                                   1:1.4.4-5.fc25
                                                                    1.2.6-1.fc25
                                                                    1:1.4.4-5.fc25
                                                                    1.2.4-1.fc25
```

Figure 14

- 2. Install the HTTP server
 - # sudo yum -y install httpd
 - # systemctl start httpd
 - # systemctl enable httpd

```
[root@host ~] # yum install httpd
Loaded plugins: fastestmirror
Loading mirror speeds from cached hostfile
  * base: mirror.1000mbps.com
  * extras: mirror.prolocation.net
  * updates: centos.mirror.triple-it.nl
Setting up Install Process
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
---> Package httpd.i686 0:2.2.15-26.el6.centos will be installed
--> Processing Dependency: httpd-tools = 2.2.15-26.el6.centos for p
--> Processing Dependency: libaprutil-1.so.0 for package: httpd-2.2
--> Processing Dependency: libapr-1.so.0 for package: httpd-2.2.15-
--> Processing Dependency: apr-util-ldap for package: httpd-2.2.15-
--> Processing Dependency: /etc/mime.types for package: httpd-2.2.15-
```

Figure 15

3. Check the status of the http service

systemctl status httpd

4. Go to /var/www/html and edit the index.html file

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<title>WELCOME</title>
<body>
<h1>HELLO WORLD !</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

Figure 16

5. Open web browser and type the public IP and press Enter to display the message

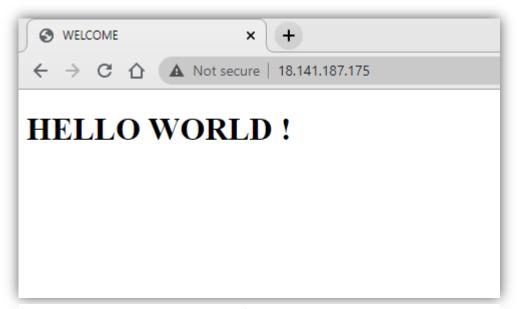


Figure 17

- 1. Create access to EC2 instance from outside without private key
 - 1.1. Generate SSH key -

```
# ssh-keygen-trsa-m PEM
```

1.2. Check for the key saved in ~/.ssh folder -

```
# Is -lah ~/.ssh
```

1.3. Copy the public key to EC2 instance –

```
# cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub | sudo ssh -i /home/janith/Downloads/key.pemec2-user@ec2-
18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "cat >> /home/ec2-
user/.ssh/authorized keys"
```

1.4. Try SSH into server without key –

SSH ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com
Last login: Sun Feb 28 06:29:42 2021 from 112.135.42.193

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```

Figure 18

2. SSH into the EC2 instance Linux server and run the below command to get the number of lines returned for the process status of the web server

```
# ps -ef | grep -c httpd
```

3. If the count is equal to 1, then the web services are down. If the count is greater than 2, then the web services are up and running.

```
if [ "$count" -gt 2 ]
then
echo "HTTP Service is Running"
else
echo "HTTP Service is Not Running"
fi
```

4. If the web services are down, using the below command, services can be started.

sudo systemctl start httpd

5. Following script is created to process the above tasks at once

```
#!/bin/bash

count=$(ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "ps -ef | grep -c httpd")

if [ "$count" -gt 2 ]

then

echo "HTTP Service is Running"

echo "HTTP Service is Not Running"

echo "HTTP Service is starting..."

ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "sudo systemctl start httpd"

echo "HTTP Service has now started"

fil

~
```

Figure 19

6. Follow image shows the result of above script

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh
HTTP Service is Running
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 20

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh
HTTP Service is Not Running
HTTP Service is starting...
HTTP Service has now started
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 21

Q3 (ii) – Check if the web server is serving the content and return 200 code

- Run the following command to get the details of the HTTP server
 # curl -I http://localhost
- Below command will check the top row for the status code "200" and return the word count
 # curl -I http://localhost 2>/dev/null | head -n 1 | grep 200 | wc -I
- 3. Check the above result in an if condition. If the word count is equal to 1, then the web server is serving the content.

Figure 22

4. Above script will return the below result

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 23

Q3 (iii) – Save the script result in a database

- 1. DynamoDB in AWS is used for this section
- 2. Create a new table with required fields and their respected data types

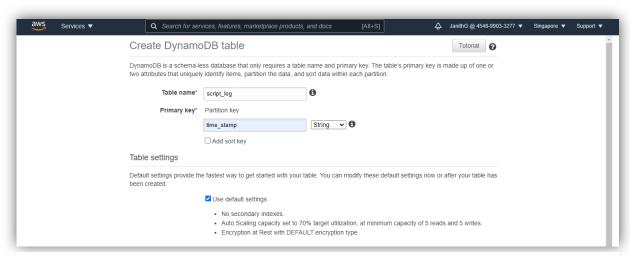


Figure 24

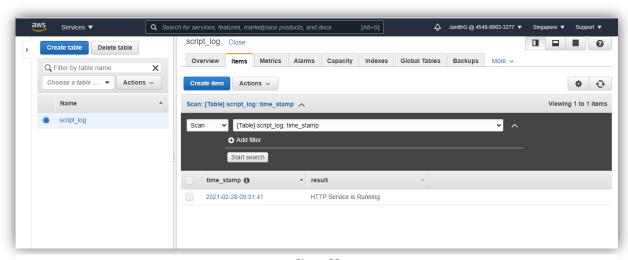


Figure 25

- 3. Configure AWS CLI in the server to perform rest of the commands
 - Enter the Key ID for the AWS user
 - Enter the Secret Access Key provided for the user
 - Enter the region name used for the AWS services and configure

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>cd\

C:\>cd program files

C:\Program Files>cd amazon

C:\Program Files\Amazon>cd awscli

C:\Program Files\Amazon\AWSCLI>aws configure

AWS Access Key ID [None]:

AWS Secret Access Key [None]:

Default region name [None]:

Default output format [None]:

C:\Program Files\Amazon\AWSCLI>
```

Figure 26

4. Data can be inserted into this DynamoDB using below command

```
aws dynamodb put-item \
--table-name script_log \
--item \
-'item \
'{"time_stamp": {"S": \"" + $dt + "\"}, "result": {"S": "HTTP Service is Running"}}' \
--return-consumed-capacity TOTAL
~
~
```

Figure 27

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh
{
     "ConsumedCapacity": {
         "TableName": "script_log",
          "CapacityUnits": 1.0
     }
}
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 28

Figure 29

5. Pushed data is stored in the DynamoDB

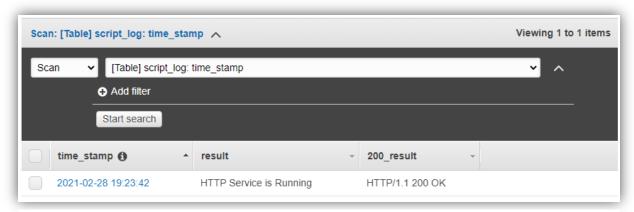


Figure 30

Q3 (iv) - Sending email to the App Support Team with suitable error message

1. Configuring SMTP in the server – Install SMTP

sudo apt-get install ssmtp

2. Go to /etc/ssmtp/ and edit ssmtp.conf file with below configurations

mailhub=smtp.gmail.com:587
useSTARTTLS=YES
AuthUser=username-here
AuthPass=password-here
TLS_CA_File=/etc/pki/tls/certs/ca-bundle.crt

3. Use the below command to send emails to the App Support Team

-e "to: gedarawatta.j@gmail.com\nsubject:Scrip Failed\An error has occurred while executing the script" | ssmtp gedarawatta.j@gmail.com

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash sc.sh
HTTP Service is Running
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
An error occurred (ResourceNotFoundException) when calling the PutItem operation: Requested resource not found
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 31

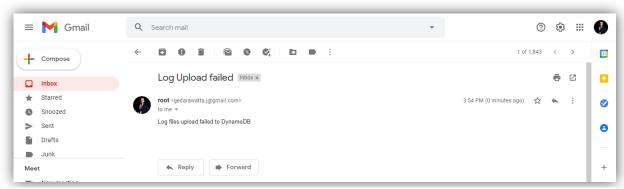


Figure 32

Q4 (i) – Collect log files of the web server daily and create a compressed file

1. Access the log files of HTTP server

cd /var/log/httpd/

2. Create a compressed file of daily log files in location /tmp/ renaming it to current date

sudo tar -czf /tmp/http_logs_`date '+%F'`.tar.gz /var/log/httpd/

Figure 33

Q4 (ii) – Move the compressed file to the location of the script

1. Following command will copy the above created compressed file to the location where script is running

ssh -tt ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com"sudo tar -czf /tmp/http_logs_`date '+%F'`.tar.gz /var/log/httpd/";

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh
http_logs_2021-02-28.tar.gz 100% 8817 112.3KB/s 00:00
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# ls
complete.sh nttp_logs_2021-02-28.tur.gz key.pem sc.sh t.sh
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 34

Q4 (iii) – Upload the compressed file to S3 bucket

1. Create a S3 bucket in AWS

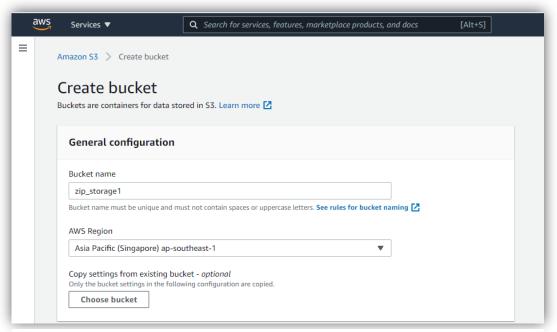


Figure 35

2. Apply below settings to access the S3 bucket from externally

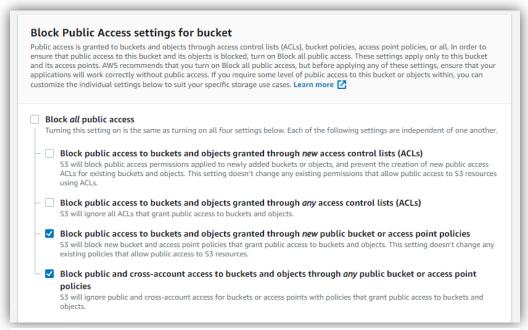


Figure 36

- 3. After creating the S3 bucket, files can be uploaded to is externally using the below command # aws s3 cp http_logs_`date '+%F'`.tar.gz s3://zip-upload-storage/--acl public-read
- 4. Below script will upload the compressed file into the S3 bucket successfully

Figure 37

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh
upload: ./http_logs_2021-02-28.tar.gz to s3://zip-upload-storage/http_logs_2021-02-28.tar.gz
UPLOAD SUCCESS
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 38

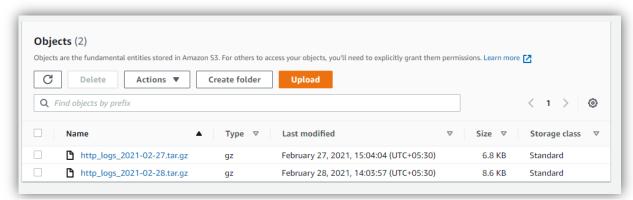


Figure 39

Q4 (iv) — Delete the compressed file if successful and send the email if not successful

1. Below command will delete the compressed file from the location

```
# rm -rf http_logs_`date '+%F'`.tar.gz
```

2. Below command will send an email to Application Support Team if the upload was unsuccessful

echo-e "to: gedarawatta.j@gmail.com\nsubject:Zip File Upload Failed\nhttp_logs_`date '+%F'`.tar.gz - file upload failed" | ssmtp gedarawatta.j@gmail.com

3. Below script will run the above commands

Figure 40

```
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads# bash t.sh

The user-provided path http_logs_2021-02-28.tar.gz does not exist.

UPLOAD FAIL
root@J-ubuntu:/home/janith/Downloads#
```

Figure 41

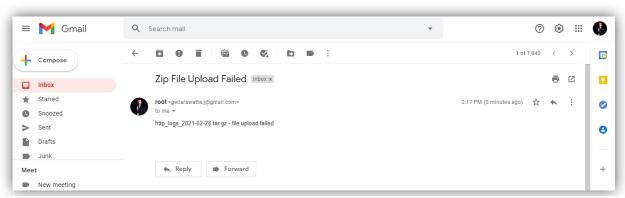


Figure 42

Complete Script for Question 03

Figure 43

Figure 44

Complete Script for Question 04

Figure 45

Script for updating server and installing HTTP server

```
#!/bin/bash

# Update the server
ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "sudo yum update -y";

# Install http server
ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "sudo yum install httpd";

# Start http services
ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "sudo systemctl start httpd";

# Enable http services
ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "sudo systemctl enable httpd";

# Insert data into index.html
ssh ec2-user@ec2-18-141-187-175.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com "echo "Hello World" > /var/www/html/index.html"
```

Figure 46

Steps to run the scripts

In order to perform the above scripts following setup should be configured

- AWS EC2 instance Linux
- External machine Linux/Ubuntu
- Open ports of 22 and 80 on EC2 instance
- HTTP services installed on EC2 instance
- S3 bucket
- DynamoDB table
- Keyless SSH to EC2 instance from external machine
- AWS CLI configured on external machine
- SMTP server configured on external machine

Order of running the scripts

- 1. Run terraform to provision
 - # terraform plan
 - # terraform apply
- 2. Run **httpconf.sh** to Update the newly created EC2 instance server and install HTTP service
 - # bash httpconf.sh
- 3. Run script1.sh which contains the commands for Question 3
 - # bash script1.sh

Note: #bash script1.sh > log_script1.txt will collect the log files to log_script1.txt

- 4. Run script2.sh which contains the commands for Question 4
 - # bash script2.sh

Note: #bash script2.sh > log_script2.txt will collect the log files to log_script2.txt

Automating the setup

- Infrastructure provisioning is automated with terraform for EC2, Security groups, S3 Bucket, and DynamoDB instances.
- Installing HTTP related configurations in provisioned EC2 remote host can be done through running the script.
- Part one of the assignment can be fulfilled by running the first bash script.
- Part two of the assignment can be fulfilled by running the second bash script.
- In order to facilitate the Business requirement of make the website available 9*5, cronjobs are configured to run the scripts on daily, at the start of the day.

Key Points of high availability and reliability of the proposed enterprise architecture

- In order to ensure the availability of the architecture, with minimized downtime, the
 architecture can be deployed into multiple availability zones inside a single region,
 unless the multi-region deployment is necessary.
- Furthermore, in order to distribute the incoming traffic to web servers across
 multiple Availability Zones, internet facing load balancer can be used. Load Balancer
 is not only capable of distributing the load between instances, but also it will
 recognize and respond to unhealthy instances.
- Also to ensure that the architecture can handle changes in demand, the web server
 instances can be placed inside auto-scaling group. It will launch and terminate
 instances based on the specified conditions. The auto scaling groups also need to be
 registered with the load balancer.

Technologies Used

- Linux
- Ubuntu
- Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Identify and Access Management (IAM)
- Amazon Machine Images (AMI)
- Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3)
- Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)
- DynamoDB
- Terraform