

# **L1 -Project Report**

## **Centralized File Sharing and Backup System**

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## 1. Introduction:

The Centralized File Sharing and Backup System is designed to enable seamless collaboration between two EC2 instances by providing a shared storage environment using Amazon EFS. Both instances access the same directory structure, ensuring consistent project data. To maintain reliable backups and prevent data loss, all changes within the shared directory are automatically replicated to Amazon S3 within seconds.

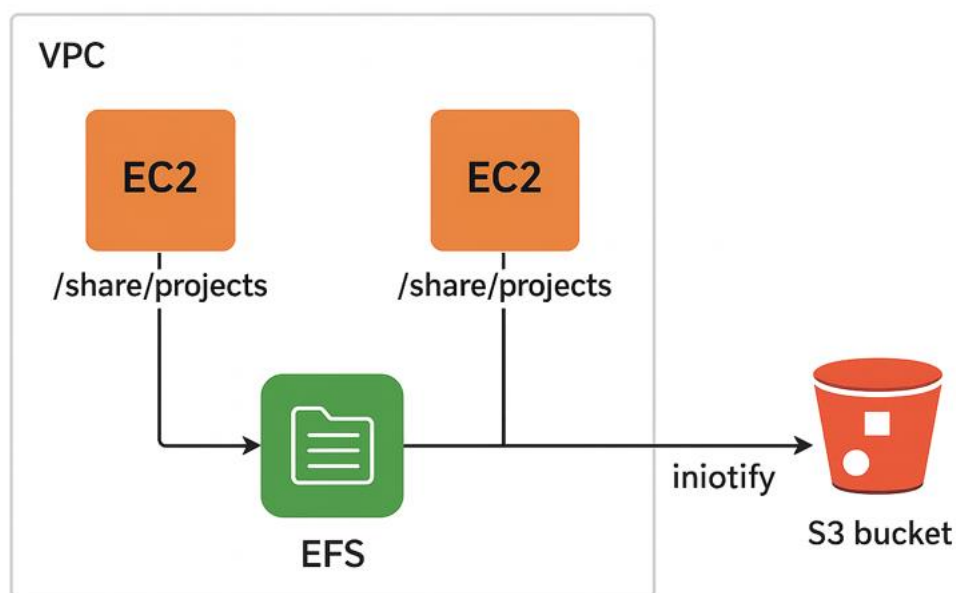
## 2. Objectives:

The objective of this project is to design and implement an AWS architecture where two EC2 instances, hosted in a custom VPC, share an Amazon EFS file system. Any file or directory created or modified inside the mount point `/share/projects` on either instance must be automatically uploaded to an Amazon S3 bucket within seconds.

## 3. Services used:

- Amazon EC2
- Amazon VPC
- Amazon EFS
- Amazon S3
- IAM

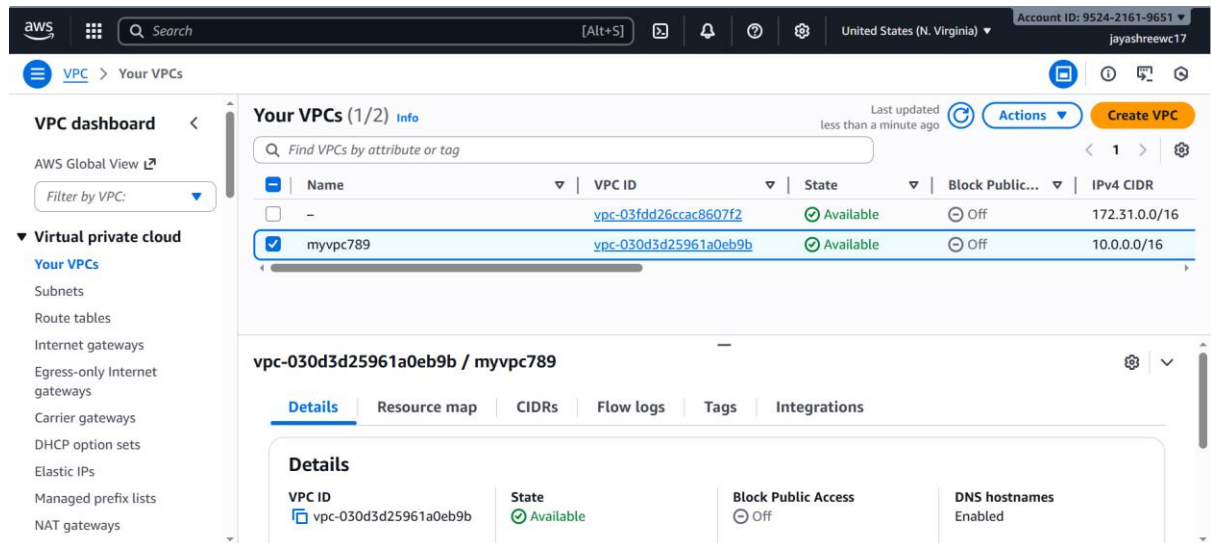
## 4. Architecture



## 5. Project Implementation details

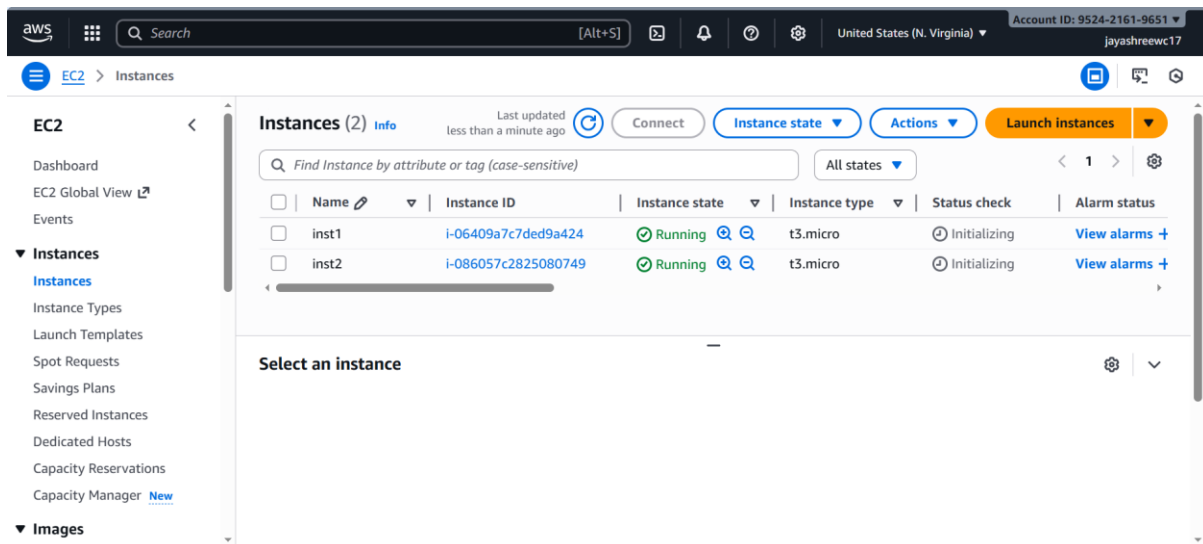
### Step 1: Setup VPC and EC2 Instances

#### 1. Create a custom VPC



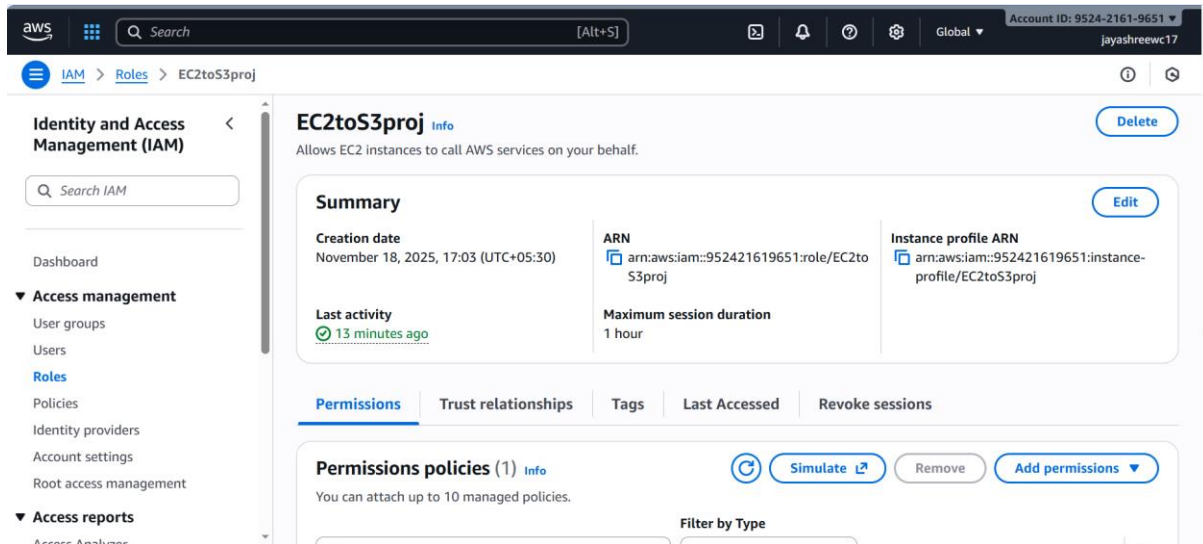
#### 2. Launch two EC2 instances in this VPC.

- Choose AMI: Amazon Linux
- Create instance1 in subnet -1 and instance 2 in subnet- 2.

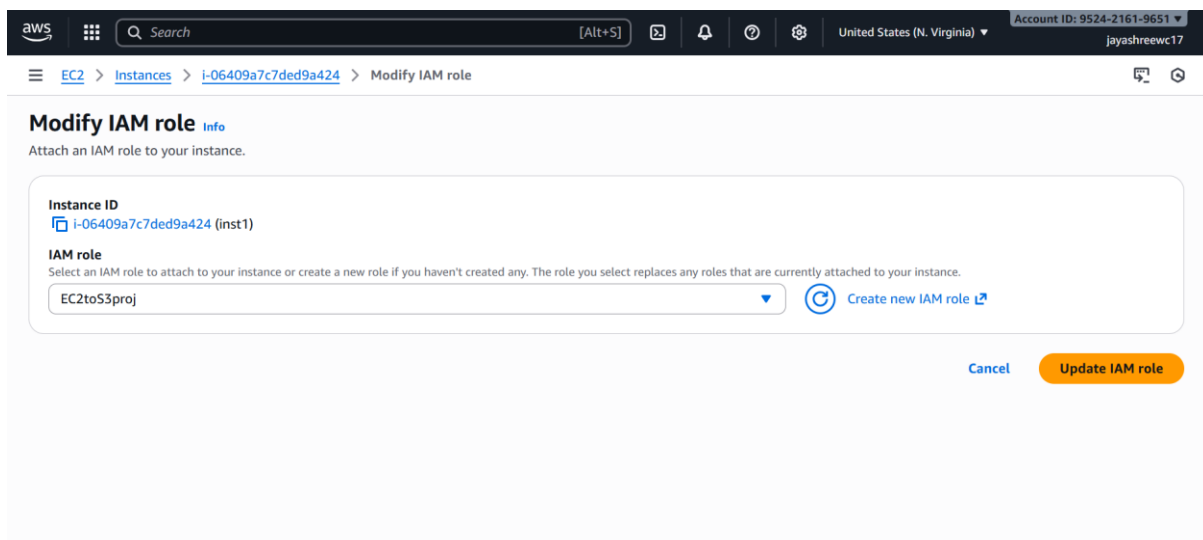
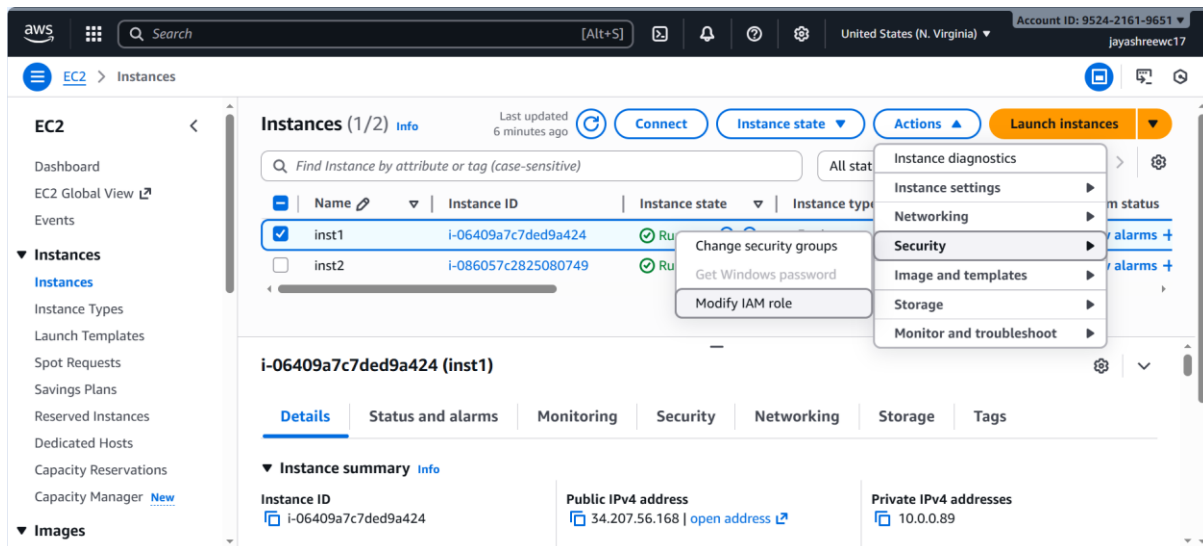


### Step 2 : Create an IAM role

Create an IAM role with AmazonS3Fullaccess permission.

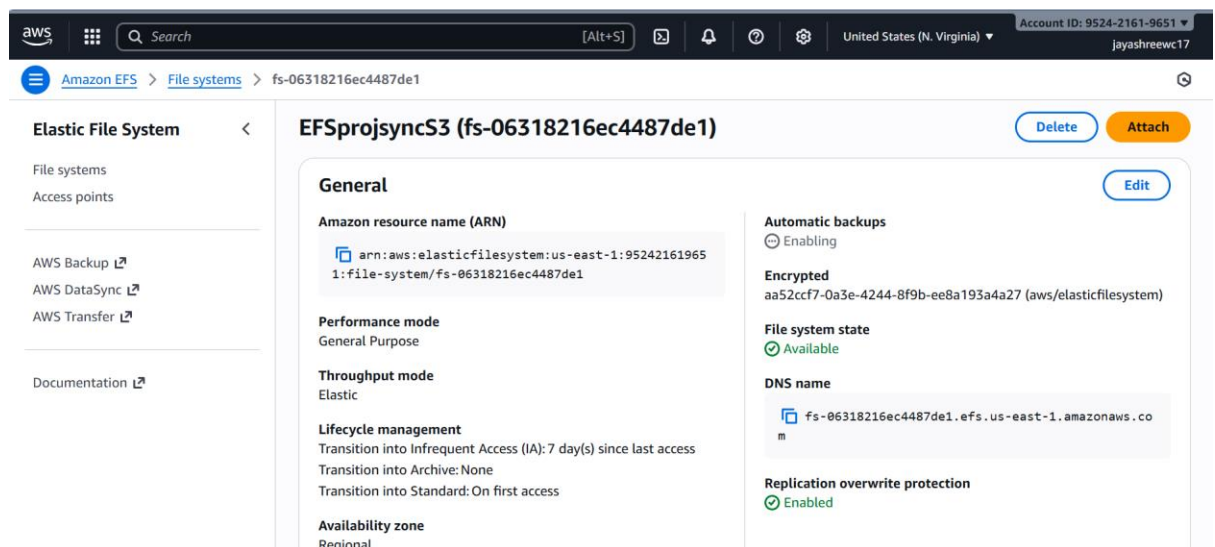
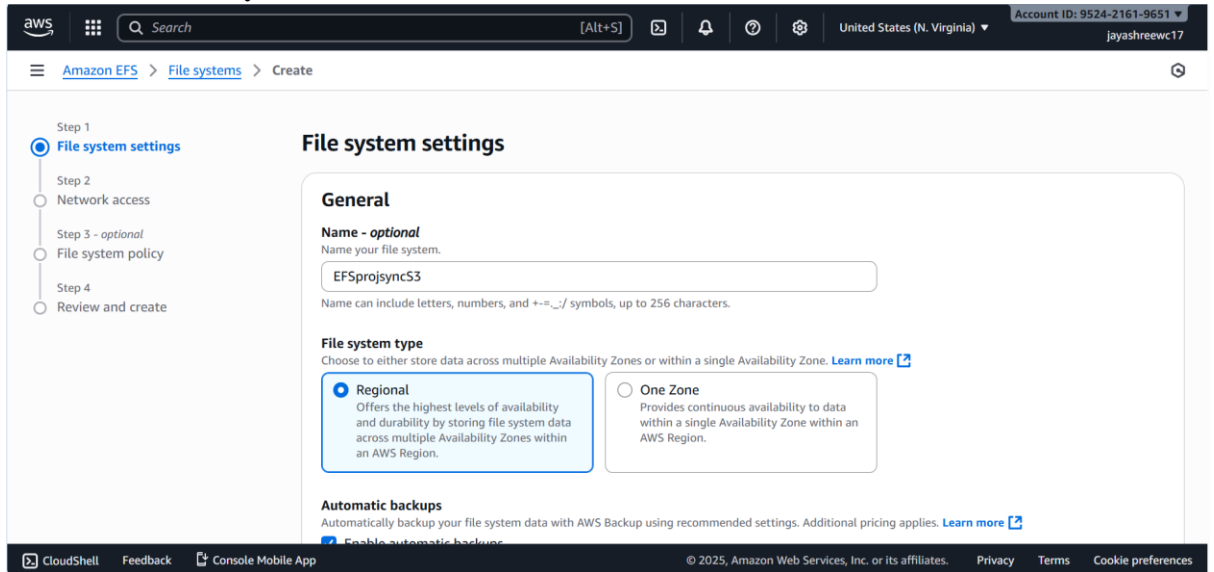


and attach the role to the two EC2 instances created already.



### Step 3: Create and Mount EFS

1. Create an EFS file system in the same VPC.



2. Create a **mount target** in the same subnet as your EC2s.
3. Mount EFS on both EC2 instances:

```
sudo yum install -y amazon-efs-utils # Amazon Linux
```

```
sudo mkdir -p /share/projects
```

```
sudo mount -t efs fs-xxxxxx:/ /share/projects
```

- /share/projects will be our **centralized folder**.

```
aws
Search [Alt+S]
United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

Total 35 MB/s | 4.9 MB 00:00
Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded.
Running transaction
Preparing : 1/1
Installing : stunnel-5.58-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 1/2
Running scriptlet: stunnel-5.58-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 1/2
Installing : amazon-efs-utils-2.4.0-1.amzn2023.x86_64 2/2
Running scriptlet: amazon-efs-utils-2.4.0-1.amzn2023.x86_64 2/2
Verifying : amazon-efs-utils-2.4.0-1.amzn2023.x86_64 1/2
Verifying : stunnel-5.58-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 2/2

Installed:
amazon-efs-utils-2.4.0-1.amzn2023.x86_64 stunnel-5.58-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64

Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mkdir -p /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-06318216ec4487del:/ /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$
```

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PublicIPs: 34.207.56.168 PrivateIPs: 10.0.0.89

#### 4. Make the folder writable:

```
aws
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Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded.
Running transaction
Preparing : 1/1
Installing : stunnel-5.58-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64 1/2
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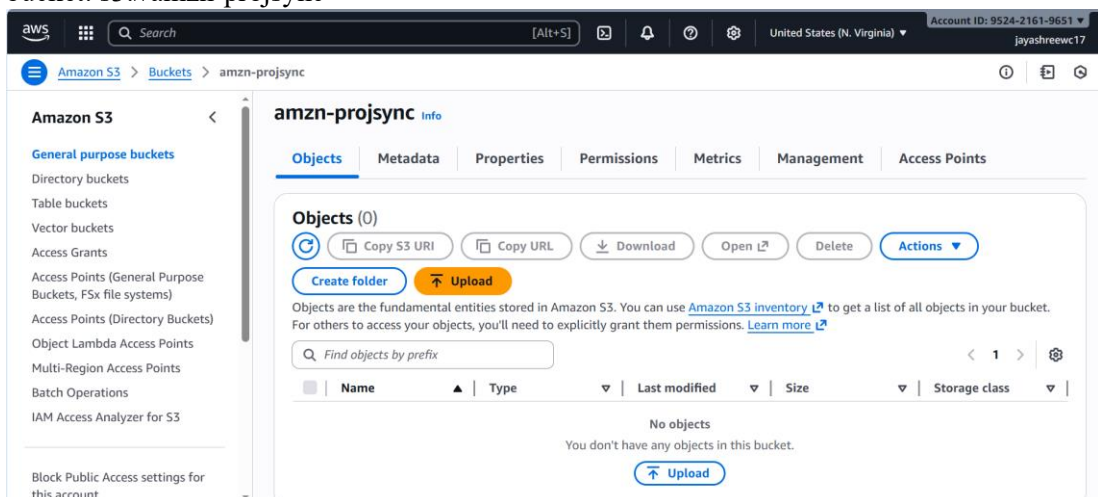
Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mkdir -p /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-06318216ec4487del:/ /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo chown -R ec2-user:ec2-user /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo chmod -R 777 /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$
```

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### Step 4: Create an S3 Bucket

- bucket: s3://amzn-projsync



- Make sure EC2 **IAM role** can access it.

## Step 5: Install Dependencies

`sudo yum install -y inotify-tools`

```

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mkdir -p /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-06318216ec4487de1:/ /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo chown -R ec2-user:ec2-user /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo chmod -R 777 /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo yum install -y inotify-tools
Last metadata expiration check: 0:04:12 ago on Wed Nov 19 18:37:32 2025.
Dependencies resolved.
=====
Package                Architecture      Version           Size              Repository
-----
Installing:
inotify-tools           x86_64            3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023      61 k              amazonlinux
Transaction Summary
-----
Install 1 Package

Total download size: 61 k
Installed size: 144 k
Downloading Packages:
inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm                                1.6 MB/s | 61 kB | 00:00
=====
i-06409a7c7ded9a424 (inst1)
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```

which aws

- Ensure AWS CLI works with our IAM role:

`aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync`

```

Downloading Packages:
inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64.rpm                                1.6 MB/s | 61 kB | 00:00
-----
Total                                892 kB/s | 61 kB | 00:00
Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded.
Running transaction
  Preparing      :                                1/1
  Installing     : inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64      1/1
  Running scriptlet: inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64      1/1
  Verifying      : inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64      1/1

Installed:
  inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64

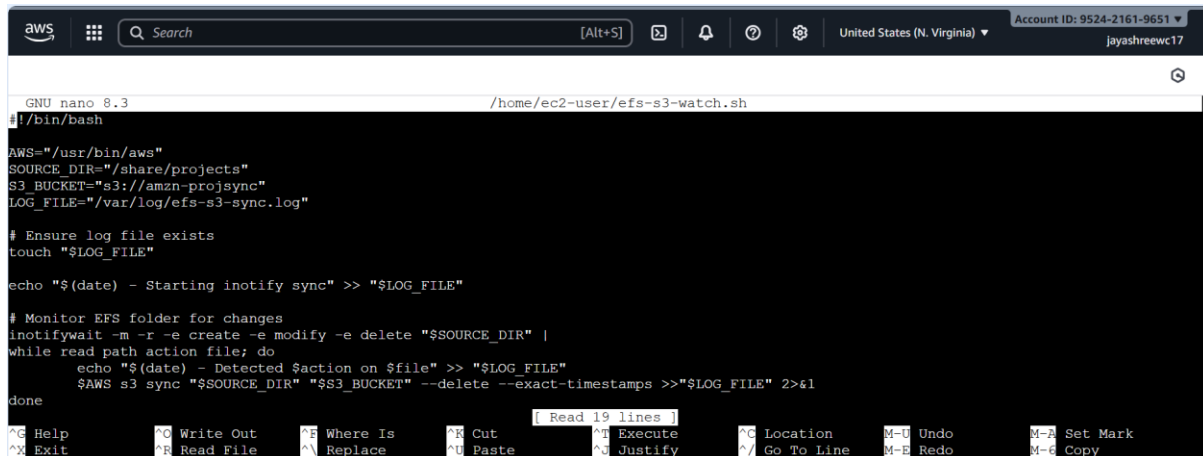
Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ which aws
/usr/bin/aws
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$
i-06409a7c7ded9a424 (inst1)
PublicIPs: 34.207.56.168 PrivateIPs: 10.0.0.89
  
```

## Step 6: Create Inotify Sync Script

. Implement a near real-time sync mechanism using inotify-based monitoring

1. Create the script file:

`nano /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh`



```
GNU nano 8.3 /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
#!/bin/bash

AWS="/usr/bin/aws"
SOURCE_DIR="/share/projects"
S3_BUCKET="s3://amzn-projsync"
LOG_FILE="/var/log/efs-s3-sync.log"

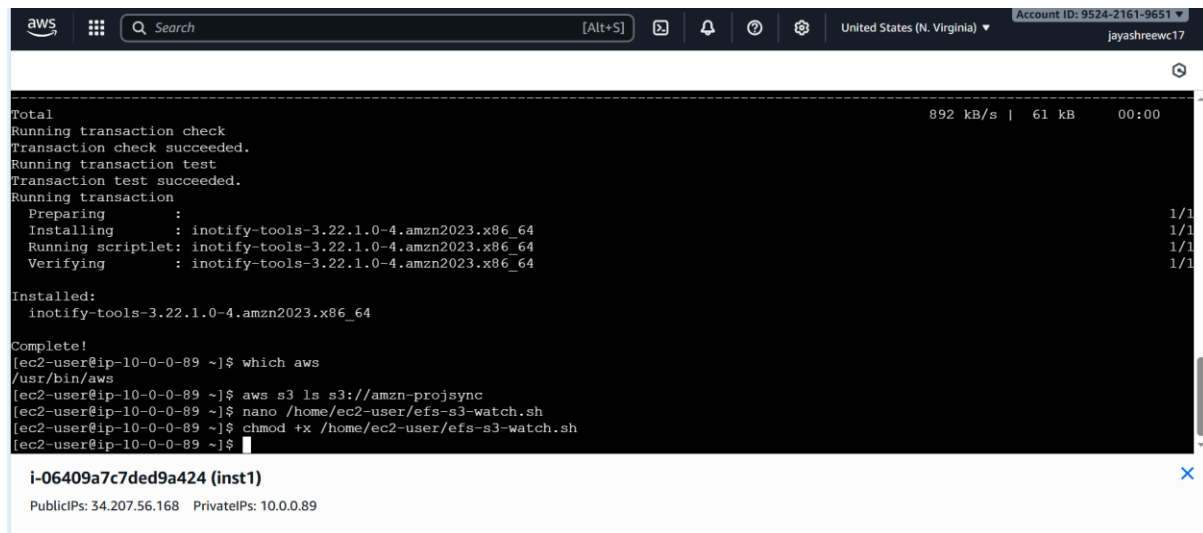
# Ensure log file exists
touch "$LOG_FILE"

echo "$(date) - Starting inotify sync" >> "$LOG_FILE"

# Monitor EFS folder for changes
inotifywait -m -r -e create -e modify -e delete "$SOURCE_DIR" |
while read path action file; do
    echo "$(date) - Detected $action on $file" >> "$LOG_FILE"
    $AWS s3 sync "$SOURCE_DIR" "$S3_BUCKET" --delete --exact-timestamps >>"$LOG_FILE" 2>&1
done
```

2. Make it executable:

`chmod +x /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh`



```
Total 892 kB/s | 61 kB 00:00
Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded.
Running transaction
  Preparing      : 
  Installing     : inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64 1/1
  Running scriptlet: inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64 1/1
  Verifying      : inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64 1/1

Installed:
  inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64

Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ which aws
/usr/bin/aws
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nano /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ chmod +x /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$
```

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## Step 7: Run the Script in Background

`nohup /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh &`

- This keeps it running after you log out.
- Check that it's running:

`ps aux | grep efs-s3-watch.sh`



```
aws
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United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

Installing      : inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64 1/1
Running scriptlet: inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64 1/1
Verifying       : inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64 1/1

Installed:
  inotify-tools-3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023.x86_64

Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ which aws
/usr/bin/aws
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nano /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ chmod +x /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nohup /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh &
[1] 28581
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nohup: ignoring input and appending output to 'nohup.out'

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ ps aux | grep efs-s3-watch.sh
ec2-user 28581 0.0 0.3 222964 3400 pts/0    S   18:55   0:00 /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
ec2-user 28585 0.0 0.1 222964 1668 pts/0    S   18:55   0:00 /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
ec2-user 28656 0.0 0.2 222336 2236 pts/0    S+  18:55   0:00 grep --color=auto efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$

i-06409a7c7ded9a424 (inst1)
PublicIPs: 34.207.56.168 PrivateIPs: 10.0.0.89
```

## Step 8: Test Automatic Sync

1. Create a file in EFS:

```
echo "Hello from EC2-1" > /share/projects/testfile1.txt
```

2. Wait a few seconds.
3. Check S3:

```
aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
```

- File should appear automatically.
- Check log:

```
cat /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
```

## Step 9: Repeat on Second EC2 Instance

- Mount the same EFS on EC2-2.
- Run the **same inotify script** there.

```
aws
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United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-4 ~]$ sudo mkdir -p /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-4 ~]$ sudo mount -t efs fs-06318216ec4487de1:/ /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-4 ~]$ sudo chown -R ec2-user:ec2-user /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-4 ~]$ sudo chmod -R 777 /share/projects
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-4 ~]$ sudo yum install -y inotify-tools
Last metadata expiration check: 0:05:19 ago on Wed Nov 19 18:37:35 2025.
Dependencies resolved.
=====
Package                        Architecture      Version           Repository        Size
-----
Installing:
inotify-tools                  x86_64            3.22.1.0-4.amzn2023  amazonlinux        61
Transaction Summary
-----
Install 1 Package

i-086057c2825080749 (inst2)
PublicIPs: 35.170.78.67 PrivateIPs: 10.0.1.4
```

## Step 10: Make Script Start on Boot (systemd service)

1. Create a systemd service file:

`sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/efs-s3-sync.service`

```
aws [Search] [Alt+S] [Icons] [Settings] United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nano /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ chmod +x /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nohup /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh &
[1] 28581
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ nohup: ignoring input and appending output to 'nohup.out'

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ ps aux | grep efs-s3-watch.sh
ec2-user 28581 0.0 0.3 222964 3400 pts/0 S 18:55 0:00 /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
ec2-user 28585 0.0 0.1 222964 1668 pts/0 S 18:55 0:00 /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh
ec2-user 28656 0.0 0.2 222336 2236 pts/0 S+ 18:55 0:00 grep --color=auto efs-s3-watch.sh
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ echo "Hello from EC2-1" > /share/projects/testfile1.txt
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ cat /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
cat: /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log: No such file or directory
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ ^C
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo mkdir -p /var/log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo touch /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo chmod 666 /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ cat /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ LOGFILE="/var/log/efs-s3-sync.log"
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/efs-s3-sync.service
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$
```

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```
aws [Search] [Alt+S] [Icons] [Settings] United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

GNU nano 8.3 /etc/systemd/system/efs-s3-sync.service Modified
[Unit]
Description=EFS to S3 Automatic Sync
After=network.target
[Service]
Type=simple
User=ec2-user
ExecStart=/usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh Restart=always [Install] WantedBy=multi-user.target

NG Help      ^O Write Out  ^S Where Is   ^K Cut       ^T Execute   ^G Location  ^U Undo      ^M Set Mark
XX Exit      ^R Read File  ^N Replace   ^V Paste     ^J Justify   ^_ Go To Line  ^E Redo      ^C Copy
```

3. Enable and start:

```
aws [Search] [Alt+S] [Icons] [Settings] United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo touch /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo chmod 666 /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ cat /var/log/efs-s3-sync.log
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ LOGFILE="/var/log/efs-s3-sync.log"
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/efs-s3-sync.service
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo systemctl enable efs-s3-sync.service
The unit files have no installation config (WantedBy=, RequiredBy=, Also=,
Alias= settings in the [Install] section, and DefaultInstance= for template
units). This means they are not meant to be enabled using systemctl.

Possible reasons for having this kind of units are:
* A unit may be statically enabled by being symlinked from another unit's
  .wants/ or .requires/ directory.
* A unit's purpose may be to act as a helper for some other unit which has
  a requirement dependency on it.
* A unit may be started when needed via activation (socket, path, timer,
  D-Bus, udev, scripted systemctl call, ...).
* In case of template units, the unit is meant to be enabled with some
  instance name specified.
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo systemctl start efs-s3-sync.service
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ sudo systemctl status efs-s3-sync.service
```

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If the service is *active (running)*, Now test file sync.

```
aws
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United States (N. Virginia) Account ID: 9524-2161-9651 jayashreewc17

Active: active (running) since Wed 2025-11-19 19:05:48 UTC; 7s ago
Main PID: 29637 (bash)
Tasks: 3 (limit: 1012)
Memory: 816.0K
CPU: 7ms
CGroup: /system.slice/efs-s3-sync.service
└─29637 /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh Restart=always "[Install]" WantedBy=multi-user.target
   29644 inotifywait -m -r -e create -e modify -e delete /share/projects
   29647 /usr/bin/bash /home/ec2-user/efs-s3-watch.sh Restart=always "[Install]" WantedBy=multi-user.target

Nov 19 19:05:48 ip-10-0-0-89.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started efs-s3-sync.service - EFS to S3 Automatic Sync.
Nov 19 19:05:48 ip-10-0-0-89.ec2.internal bash[29644]: Setting up watches. Beware: since -r was given, this may take a while!
Nov 19 19:05:48 ip-10-0-0-89.ec2.internal bash[29644]: Watches established.
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ echo "test" > /share/projects/test.txt
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
2025-11-19 19:07:28      5 test.txt
2025-11-19 19:07:27     17 testfile1.txt
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$ aws s3 ls s3://amzn-projsync
2025-11-19 19:07:28      5 test.txt
2025-11-19 19:10:09      5 test2.txt
2025-11-19 19:07:27     17 testfile1.txt
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-89 ~]$
```

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## 6. Output screenshots

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Amazon S3 > Buckets > amzn-projsync

**Amazon S3**

- General purpose buckets
- Directory buckets
- Table buckets
- Vector buckets
- Access Grants
- Access Points (General Purpose Buckets, FSx file systems)
- Access Points (Directory Buckets)
- Object Lambda Access Points
- Multi-Region Access Points
- Batch Operations
- IAM Access Analyzer for S3

Block Public Access settings for this account

**Objects (3)**

Copy S3 URI Copy URL Download Open Delete Actions

Create folder Upload

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)

Find objects by prefix

	Name	Type	Last modified	Size	Storage class
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">test.txt</a>	txt	November 20, 2025, 00:37:28 (UTC+05:30)	5.0 B	Standard
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">test2.txt</a>	txt	November 20, 2025, 00:40:09 (UTC+05:30)	5.0 B	Standard
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">testfile1.txt</a>	txt	November 20, 2025, 00:37:27 (UTC+05:30)	17.0 B	Standard