AWS - X-Ray

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## **AWS X-Ray**

 AWS X-Ray makes it easy for developers to analyze the behavior of their distributed applications by providing request tracing, exception collection, and profiling capabilities.



#### TRACE REQUESTS

AWS X-Ray traces requests made to your application. X-Ray collects data about the request from each of the underlying application services it passes through.

#### RECORD TRACES

X-Ray combines the data gathered from each service into singular units called traces.

#### VIEW SERVICE MAP

View the service map to see trace data such as latencies, HTTP statuses, and metadata for each service.

#### **ANALYZE ISSUES**

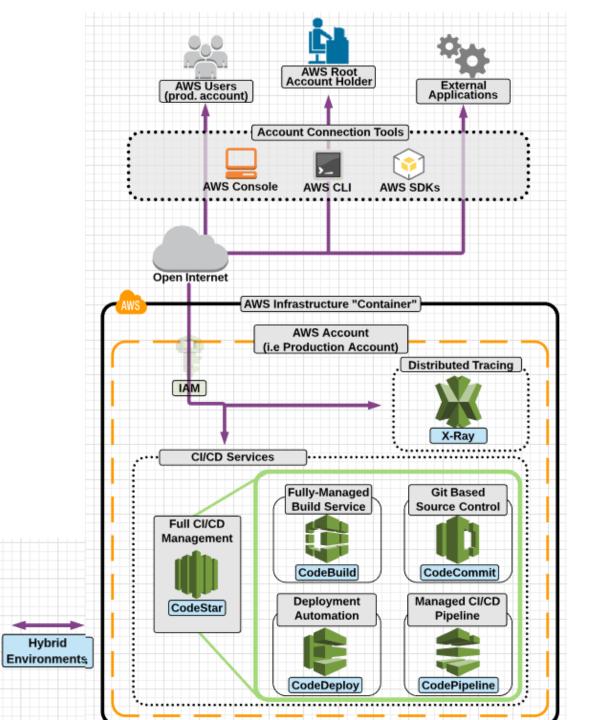
Drill into the service showing unusual behavior to identify the root issue.

- AWS X-Ray traces requests as they move through your applications.
- It collects data and makes it available to view, filter, and sort.
- You can then use the data to gain insights and identify potential optimizations to make inside your application.

### X-Ray concepts:

- a. Segments Data about the work done by your application(Can include data on: the request, the response, subsegments, and issues)
- b. Subsegments A more granular view of data inside of segments
- c. Service Graph A JSON document that contains information about how your application's services and resources interact(this can create a visualized service map)
- d. Traces Trace ID's track requests as they go through your applications:
- a. The first X-Ray supported service to interact with a request adds an HTTPS trace ID header
- b. The trace ID header propagates downstream to track the request as it moves through the system

- e. Sampling X-Ray applies an alogorithm to sample request data but you can configure the frequncy of sampling(e.g. to reduce it on high-volume or lower-volume requests)
- f. Tracing Header Examples : X-Amzn-Trace-id: Root=1-.5759e988;Sampled=1
- g. Filter Expressions used in the X-Ray console to search through your traces by different characteristics(e.g. Specific trace ids, partial URL paths, annotations)
- h. Annotations and Metadata Additional way to store searchable annotations and non-searchable metadata data about traces.
- i. Errors, Faults, and Exceptions X-Ray tracks application errors and categorizes them as:
  - a. Error Client errors (400 series errors)
  - b. Fault Server faults (500 series errors)
  - c. Throttle Throttling errors (429 too many requests)



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## Step by Step X-Ray Service Practical Steps



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Resource Groups 🔻



#### Getting started with AWS X-Ray

#### Step 1: Options

Step 2: Language

Step 3: Implementation

#### Select sample or your own application

- Launch a sample application (Node.js)
- Instrument your application

Cancel

Next

## Click on "Launch Sample Application"

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#### Launch the sample application

The sample application uses AWS CloudFormation to create an Elastic Beanstalk application that generates sample data for you to view in the AWS X-Ray console. Click here to learn more about the sample application and view the source code.

- 1. Choose Launch sample application to open the template in the CloudFormation console.
- 2. Choose Next.
- 3. Optionally, edit the Stack name. Choose Next.
- 4. Optionally, add tags to the sample stack. Choose Next.
- 5. Confirm that IAM resources will be created, and then choose Create
- 6. It takes a few minutes for CloudFormation to create the resources used in the sample. When the status of your stack transitions to **CREATE COMPLETE**, select it from the list and choose the **Output** tab.
- 7. Find the ElasticBeanstalkEnvironmentURL key. Copy the value into your web browser to visit the sample application.
- 8. Return to this page and choose Done to proceed to the service map.

#### Cleaning up

To delete the resources created in this sample, open the CloudFormation console, select the sample stack from the list, and then for **Actions**, choose **Delete Stack**.

Cancel

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Launch sample application

## Click on "Next"



Specify an Amazon S3 template URL

#### Create stack

#### Select Template

Specify Details

Options

Review

#### Select Template

Select the template that describes the stack that you want to create. A stack is a group of related resources that you manage as a single unit.

Design a template

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A template is a JSON/YAML-formatted text file that describes your stack's resources and their properties. Learn more.

Select a sample template

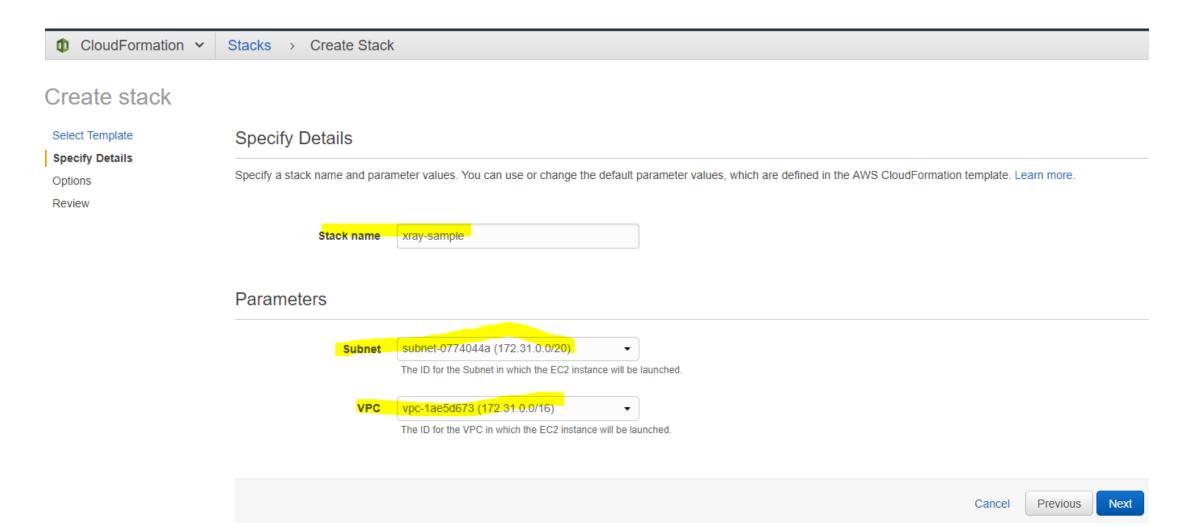
Upload a template to Amazon S3

Choose File No file chosen

https://s3.amazonaws.com/aws-xray-assets.ap-south-1/samples/aws-xray-sample-template.yaml

View/Edit template in Designer

## Click on "Next"



## Review

Stacks > Create Stack Create stack Select Template Review Specify Details Options Template Review Template URL https://s3.amazonaws.com/aws-xray-assets.ap-south-1/samples/aws-xray-sample-template.yaml Description Estimate cost Link is not available Details Stack name: xray-sample Subnet subnet-0774044a VPC vpc-1ae5d673 Options Tags No tags provided Rollback Triggers No monitoring time provided No rollback triggers provided

## Click on "Create"

#### Rollback Triggers

No monitoring time provided

No rollback triggers provided

#### Advanced

Notification

Termination Protection Disabled

Timeout none

Rollback on failure Yes

#### Capabilities



#### The following resource(s) require capabilities: [AWS::IAM::Role]

This template contains Identity and Access Management (IAM) resources that might provide entities access to make changes to your AWS account. Check that you want to create each of these resources and that they have the minimum required permissions. Learn more.

I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources.

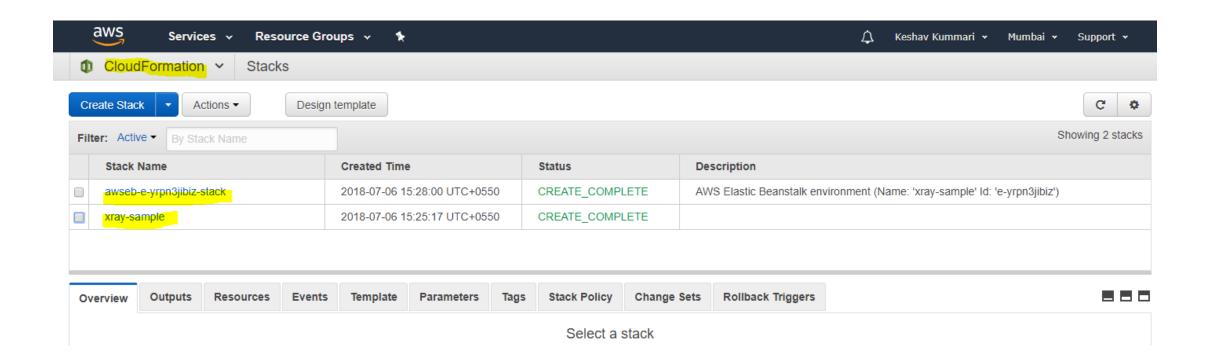
Quick Create Stack (Create stacks similar to this one, with most details auto-populated)

Cancel

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Create

## It has created two cloudFormation stacks



### Go to >> Elastic Beanstalk and check Xray Sample Application is created



#### All Applications > xray-sample

Environments

Application versions

Saved configurations

xray-sample

Environment tier: Web Server

Platform: Node.js running on 64bit Amazon Linux/4.5.1

Running versions:

Last modified: 2018-07-06 15:28:00 UTC+0530

URL:

### Click on "URL: xray-sample.fjmpmkahga.ap-south-1.elasticbeanstalk.com"



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xray-sample -

#### All Applications > xray-sample > xray-sample (Environment ID: e-yrpn3jibiz, URL: xray-sample.fjmpmkahga.ap-south-1.elasticbeanstalk.com)



#### Creating xray-sample

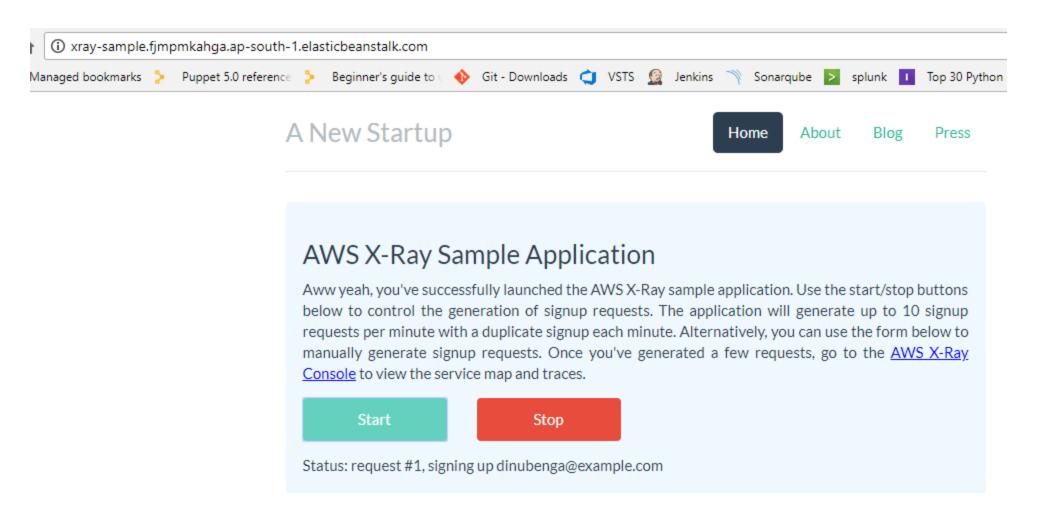
This will take a few minutes....

- 3:30pm Added instance [i-0f83e8c3a27cb6264] to your environment.
- 3:29pm Waiting for EC2 instances to launch. This may take a few minutes.
- 3:28pm Created EIP: 13.232.159.196
- 3:28pm Created security group named:

sg-a104fccb

- 3:28pm Environment health has transitioned to Pending. Initialization in progress (running for 2 seconds). There are no instances.
- 3:27pm Using elasticbeanstalk-ap-south-1-727203166843 as Amazon S3 storage bucket for environment data.
- 3:27pm createEnvironment is starting.

## Click on "Start" button



## "nodejs" application has been deployed

All Applications > xray-sample > xray-sample (Environment ID: e-yrpn3jibiz, URL: xray-sample.fjmpmkahga.ap-south-1.elasticbeanstalk.com)

Actions -

Dashboard

Configuration

Logs

Health

Monitoring

Alarms

Managed Updates

**Events** 

Tags

#### Overview



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#### Running Version

xray-sampleelasticbeanstalkapplicationversion -1s3lfy2p1u4fb

Upload and Deploy



Node.js running on 64bit Amazon Linux/4.5.1

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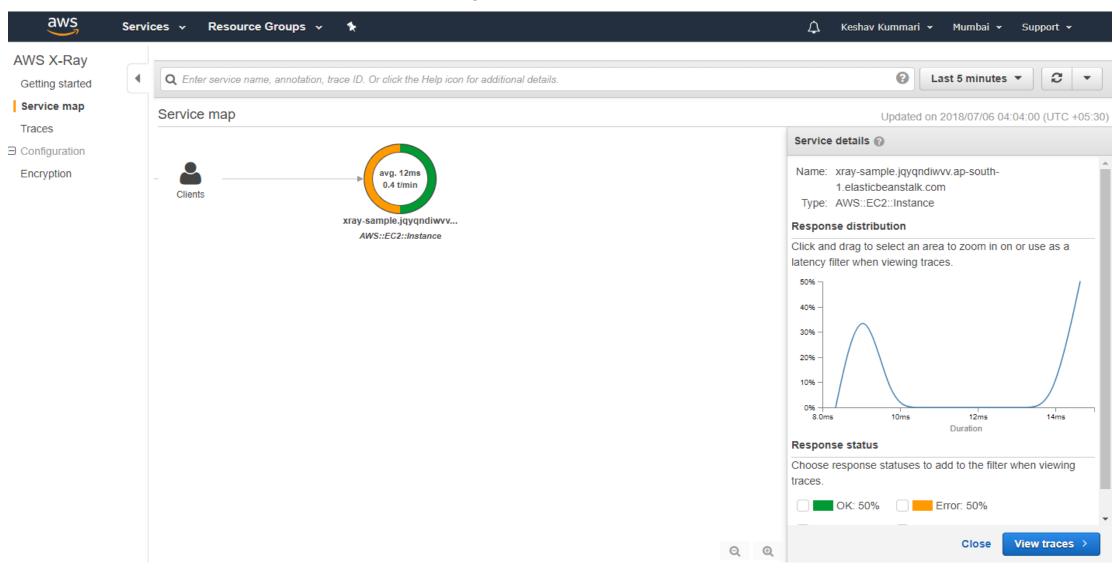
Change

#### Recent Events

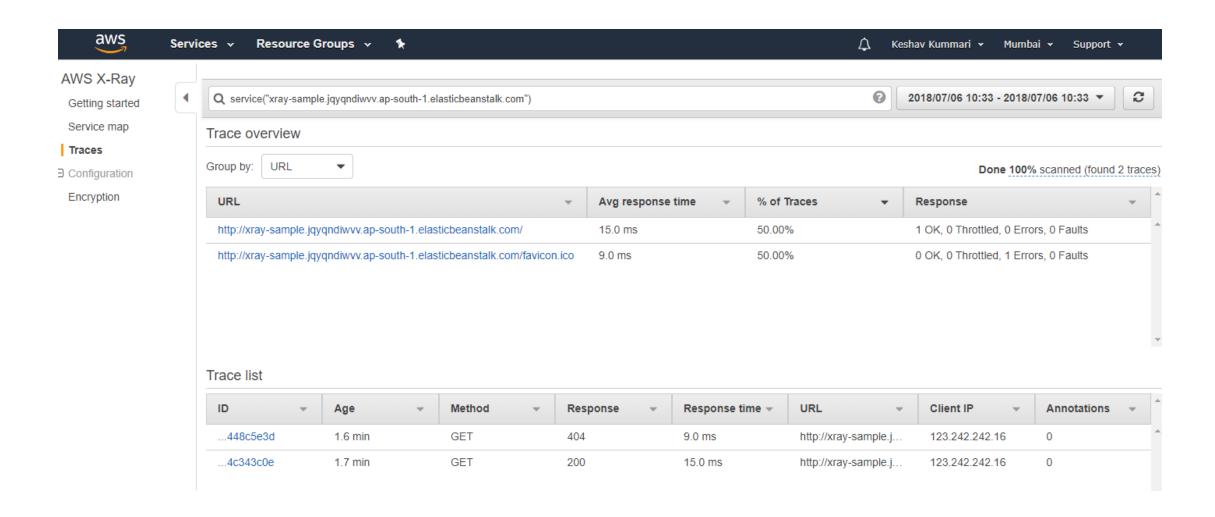
Show All

Time	Туре	Details
2018-07-06 15:31:25 UTC+0530	INFO	Successfully launched environment: xray-sample
2018-07-06 15:31:08 UTC+0530	INFO	Environment health has transitioned from Pending to Ok. Initialization completed 44 seconds ago and took 2 minutes.
2018-07-06 15:30:09 UTC+0530	INFO	Added instance [i-0f83e8c3a27cb6264] to your environment.
2018-07-06 15:29:36 UTC+0530	INFO	Waiting for EC2 instances to launch. This may take a few minutes.
2018-07-06 15:28:31 UTC+0530	INFO	Created EIP: 13.232.159.196

## Check the Service Map



## Click on "Traces" and cross check the trace info



# Thank you so much