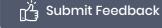


### **Support Documents**

- 1. FAQs and Troubleshooting
- 2. SSH into EC2 Instance
- 3. Labs Instructions and Guidelines
- 4. SSH into EC2 Instance using Putty

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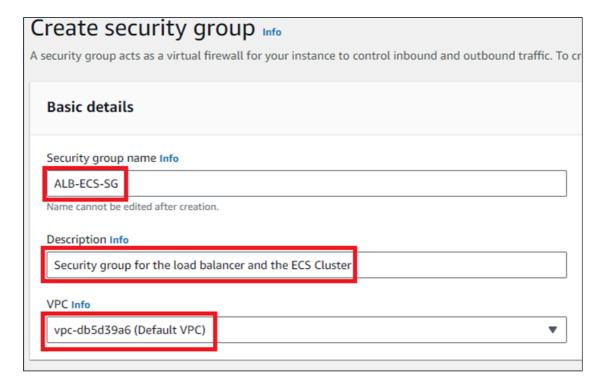
# **Lab Steps**

### Task 1: Sign in to AWS Management Console

- Click on the Open Console button, and you will get redirected to AWS Console in a new browser tab.
- 2. On the AWS sign-in page,
  - Leave the Account ID as default. Never edit/remove the 12 digit Account ID present in the AWS Console. otherwise, you cannot proceed with the lab.
  - Now copy your User Name and Password in the Lab Console to the IAM
     Username and Password in AWS Console and click on the Sign in button.
- 3. Once Signed In to the AWS Management Console, Make the default AWS Region as **US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1.**

### Task 2: Create a Security Group for the Load balancer and the ECS Cluster

- 1. Make sure you are in the **N.Virginia** Region.
- 2. Navigate to **EC2** by clicking on the **Services** menu available under the **Compute** section.
- 3. On the left panel menu, Select the **Security Groups** under the **Network & Security** section.
- 4. Click on the **Create security group** button.
- 5. We are going to create a Security group for the ECS cluster and load balancer
  - Security group name: Enter ALB-ECS-SG
  - Description: Enter Security group for the load balancer and the ECS Cluster
  - VPC: Select **Default VPC**



• Click on the Add rule button under Inbound rules.

Type: Select SSH

• Source: Select Custom

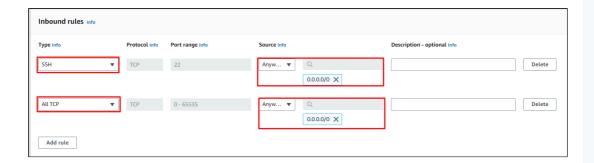
• In the textbox add 0.0.0.0/0

• Click on the Add rule under Inbound rules.

• Type: Select ALL TCP



- Source : Select Custom
- In the textbox add 0.0.0.0/0

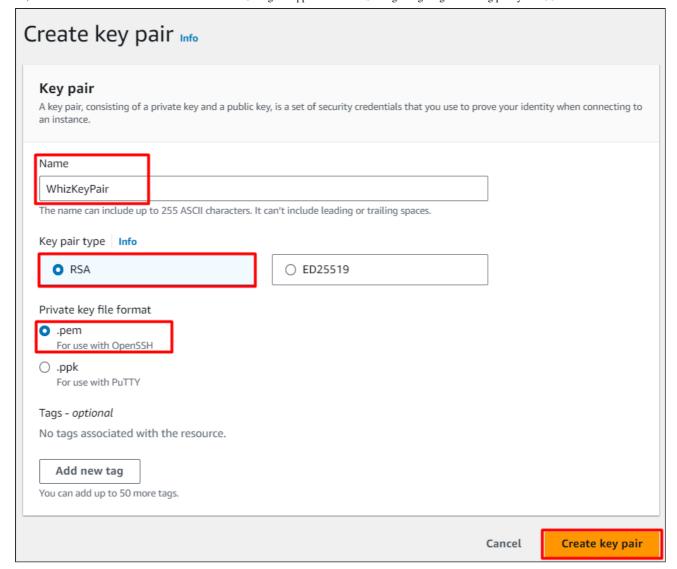


6. Leave everything as default and click on the Create security group button.

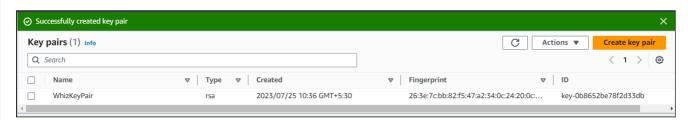
### Task 3: Create a Key Pair for the EC2 instances, inside the ECS Cluster

- 1. In the left navigation pane (scroll down) within **Network & Security**, click on the **Key Pairs**
- 2. To create a new key pair, click on the **Create key pair** button.
- 3. Fill in the details below:
  - Name: Enter WhizKeyPair
  - File format: pem (Linux & Mac Users) or ppk (Windows users)
  - Leave other options as default.
  - Click on the Create key pair button.



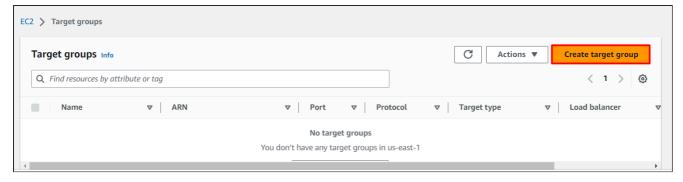


- 4. After clicking on the Create key pair, you will get a pop-up to download the key pair in your local, save that file.
  - 5. Key pair will be created.



# Task 4: Creating the Target Group and Load Balancer

- In the EC2 Console, Navigate to Target Groups, present in the left panel under Load Balancing.
- 2. Click on the **Create target group** button.

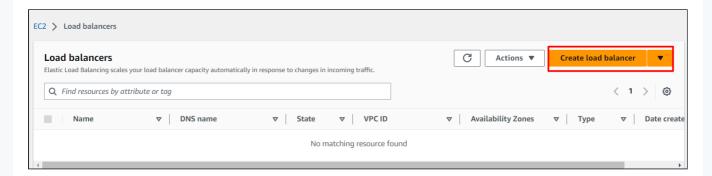


### 3. For Step 1, Specify group details

- Under Basic configurations,
  - Choose a target group: Choose Instances
  - Target group name: Enter ecs-TG
- · Keep all the settings as default.
- Scroll to the end of the page and click on the **Next** button.

### 4. For Step 2, Register targets

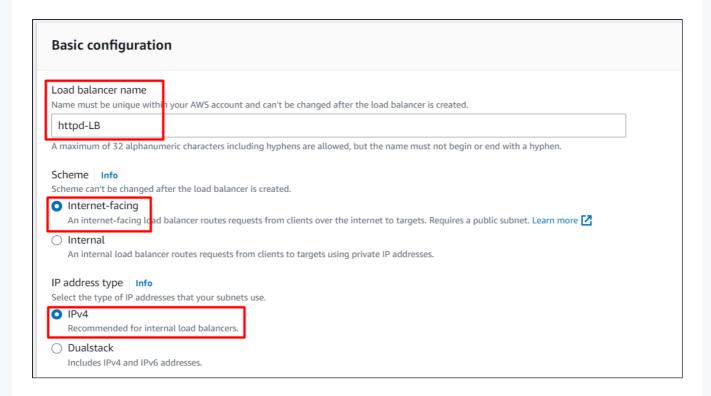
- Keep all the settings as default.
- Click on the Create target group button.
- 5. Navigate to Load Balancers in the left-side navigation panel.
- 6. Click on **Create load balancer** button at the top-left to create a new load balancer for our web servers.



- 7. Compare and select load balancer type: Under the Application load balancer, click on Create button.
  - 8. To create an Application load balancer, configuring the load balancer as below
    - For the Basic configuration section,
      - Load balancer name: Enter httpd-LB



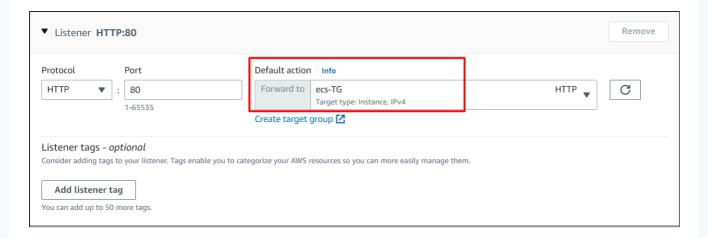
- Scheme: Select Internet-facing
- IP address type: Choose IPv4



- For the Network mapping section:
  - VPC: Leave it as default
  - Mappings: Select all the availability zones.
- For the Security groups section,
  - Select the ALB-ECS-SG from the dropdown and remove the default security group.



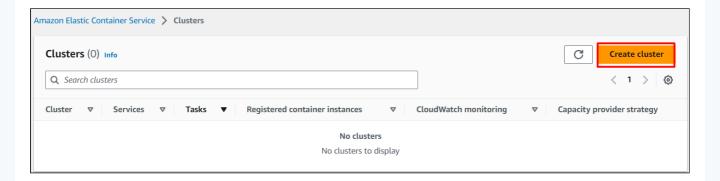
- For the Listeners and routing section,
  - The listener is already present with Protocol HTTP and Port 80.
    - Select the target group ecs-TG for the Default action forwards to option.



- 9. Keep the tags as default and click on the Create load balancer button.
- 10. You have successfully created the Application Load balancer. Click on the View load balancers button. Wait for 2 to 3 minutes for the load balancer to become Active.

### Task 5: Launching an ECS Cluster

- 1. Navigate to **Elastic Container Service** by clicking on the **Services** menu in the top, then click on **Elastic Container Service** in the **Containers** section.
- 2. On the left sidebar, click on the **Clusters** option present under the **Amazon ECS** section.
- 3. Click on Create cluster button.

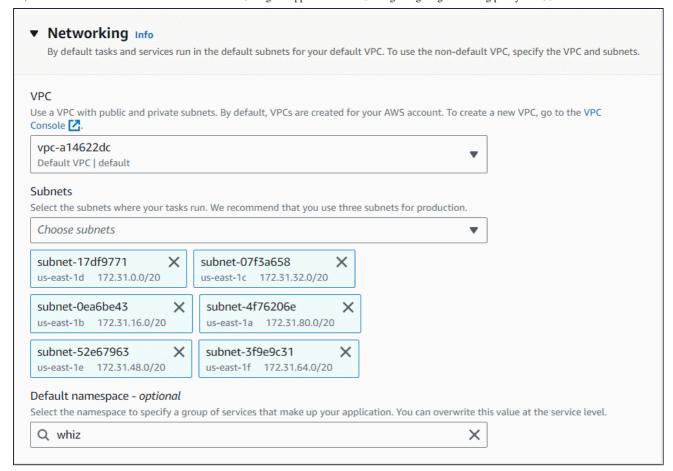


- 4. Create cluster:
  - For Step 1: Cluster Configuration
    - Cluster name: Enter whiz



	Cluster configuration		
	Cluster name		
	whiz		
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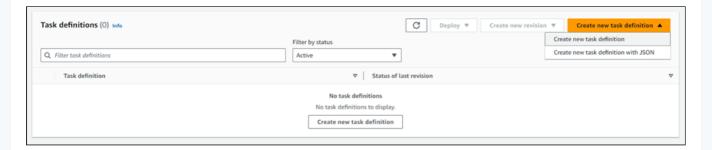
- For Step 2: In Infrastructure Section:
  - Check Amazon EC2 Instances checkbox:
    - Auto Scaling group (ASG): Select Create new ASG
    - Operating System/Architecture: Select Amazon Linux 2
    - EC2 instance type : Select **t2.small**
    - Desired capacity:
      - Minimum: Enter 1
      - Maximum: Enter 3
    - SSH Key pair: Select WhizKeyPair
- For Step 3: In **Networking** section:
  - VPC: Keep it as default.
  - Subnets: Select all the subnets



 Click on the Create button to create the whiz ECS cluster. Whiz ECS Cluster will be created with 1 Container instances.

### Task 6: Create Task Definitions

- 1. On the left sidebar, click on the **Task Definitions** option present under the **Amazon ECS** section.
- 2. Click on the Create new Task Definition button.

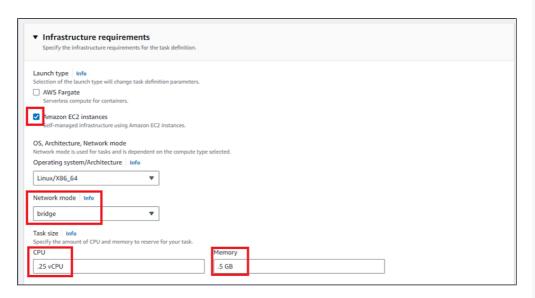


- 3. Configure task definition and containers:
  - For Step 1: Task definition configuration
    - Task definition family: Enter ecs-whiz



# Configure task definition and containers Task definition configuration Task definition family Info Specify a unique task definition family name. ecs-whiz Up to 255 letters (uppercase and lowercase), numbers, hyphens, and underscores are allowed.

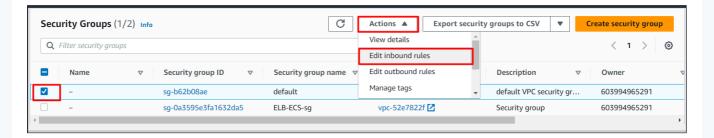
- For Step 2: Infrastructure requirements
  - App Environment: Remove AWS Fargate and Select Amazon EC2 Instances
  - Network Mode: Select Bridge
  - In the Task size section,
    - CPU: .25 vCPU
    - Memory: .5 GB



- For Step 3: Container 1:
  - Name: Enter **httpd**
  - Image URI: Enter httpd:latest
  - In the **Port mappings** field, fill the following information:
    - Container port: Enter 80
    - Protocol: TCP
    - App Protocol: Select None
- Scroll down and Click on Create button.
- 4. Task Definition ecs-whiz is now created.

### Task 7: Update the default security group

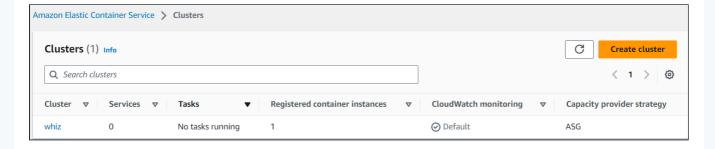
- 1. Make sure you are in the **N.Virginia** Region.
- Navigate to EC2 by clicking on the Services menu available under the Compute section.
- 3. On the left panel menu, Select the **Security Groups** under the **Network & Security** section.
- 4. Select the default security group and go to Actions and click on Edit inbound rules.



- 5. Scroll down and Click on Add Rule button.
  - Type: Select ALL TCP
  - Source: Select Custom
  - In the textbox add 0.0.0.0/0
- 6. Click on Save rules button.

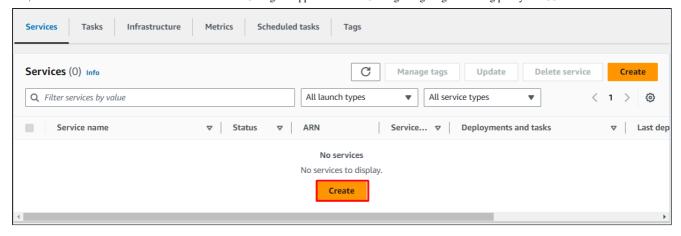
### Task 8: Create a Service and start HTTPD container in ECS

- On the left sidebar, click on the Clusters option present under the Amazon ECS section.
- 2. whiz ECS Cluster will be listed here, Click on the whiz.



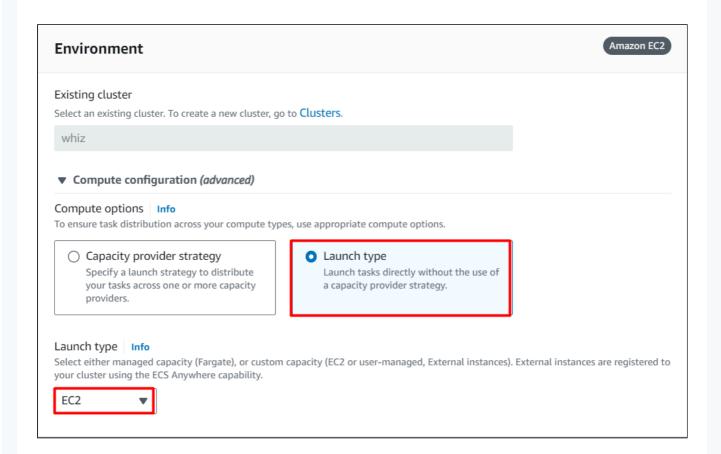
3. To create a service, click on the Create button.





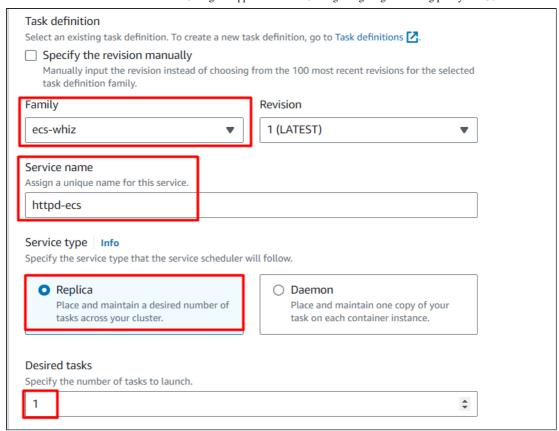
### 4. For Step 1: Environment

- Compute options: Select Launch Type
- Launch type: Select EC2



- Family: ecs-whiz
- Revision: 1 (latest). [It can be different for you]
- Service name: Enter httpd-ecs
- Service type: REPLICA
- Desired tasks: 1





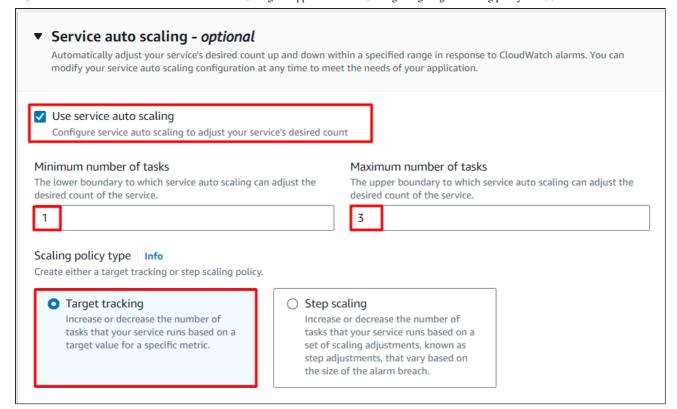
### 5. Under Load balancing

- Load balancer type: Select Application Load Balancer
- Application Load Balancer: Select Use an existing load balancer
- Load balancer: Select httpd-LB
- Listener: Choose Use an existing Listener
- Listener port : Choose 80:HTTP
- Target group: Select Use an existing target group
- Target group name: Select ecs-tg

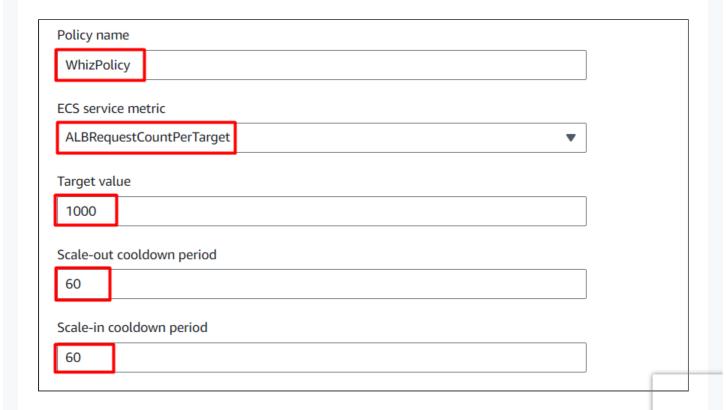
	Tags – optional Info Tags help you to identify and organize your resources.
	ets you customize how tasks are placed on instances within your cluster. Different placement strategies are available to optimize for evailability and efficiency.
<b>•</b> 7	Task Placement Info
	nodify your service auto scaling configuration at any time to meet the needs of your application.
	Service auto scaling - optional Automatically adjust your service's desired count up and down within a specified range in response to CloudWatch alarms. You can
► I	Load balancing - optional
1	Furn off Service Connect to remove the configuration.
	Furn on Service Connect Info
	Configure this service in a namespace to create and resolve endpoints. Services can resolve endpoints within the same namespace vithout task or application configuration.

6. For Step 3: Set Auto Scaling (optional),

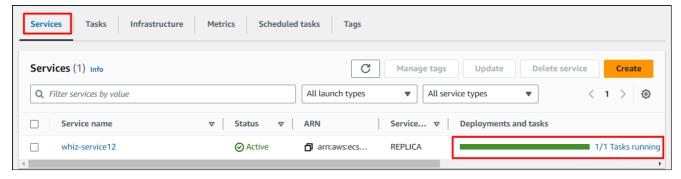
- Check the Use Service Auto Scaling checkbox
- Minimum number of Tasks: 1
- Maximum number of Tasks: 3
- Scaling policy type: Target tracking



- Policy name: Enter WhizPolicy
- ECS Service metric: ALBRequestCountPerTarget
- Target value: 1000
- Scale-out cooldown period: 60 seconds between scaling actions
- Scale-in cooldown period: 60 seconds between scaling actions

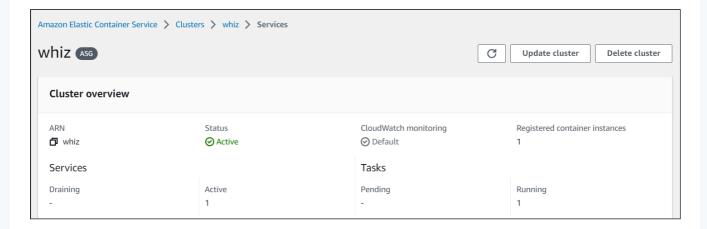


7. Click on **Create** button.

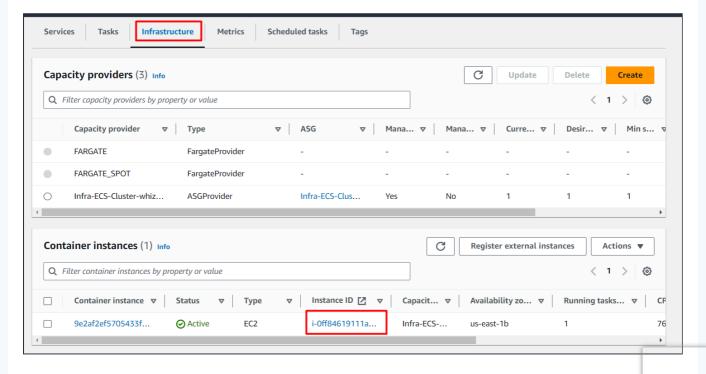


### Task 9: Navigate to the cluster instance

- On the left sidebar, click on the Clusters option present under the Amazon ECS section.
- 2. whiz ECS Cluster will be listed here, Click on the whiz cluster.



3. To view the ECS Instance, Navigate to Infrastructure tab and scroll down to see the Container instances. Click on the Instance ID.



## Task 10: SSH into the underlying EC2 instance

1. Please follow the steps in SSH into EC2 Instance

### Task 11: Trigger scaling activity

1. Get the root access using the following command:



2. Now run the updates using the following command:



3. Check the Docker version by running the following command:



4. Check all the docker processes running in the ECS Cluster



• Install **httpd-tools** for ApacheBench (**ab**) utility to make thousands of HTTP requests to your load balancer in a short period of time.

```
yum install -y httpd-tools
```

• Run the following command, substituting your load balancer's DNS name.

```
ab -n 1000000 -c 1000 http://httpd-lb-558473488.us-east-
1.elb.amazonaws.com/
```

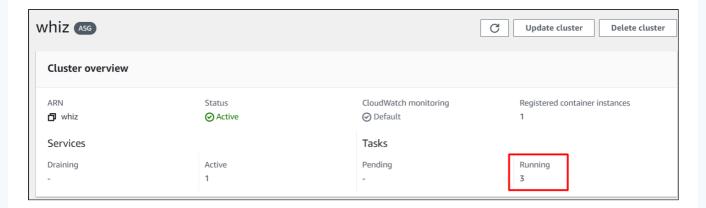
- While substituting your load balancers name make sure to add / at the end
- Wait for your ab HTTP requests to trigger the scale-out alarm in the
  CloudWatch console. You should see your Amazon ECS service scale-out
  and add two tasks to your service's desired count. Shortly after
  your ab HTTP requests complete (between 1 and 2 minutes), your scale in
  alarm should trigger and the scale in policy reduces your service's
  desired count back to 1.
- Scaling activity might take longer than 5 minutes.

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-84 ec2-user]# ab -n 100000 -c 1000 http://httpd-LB-558473488.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com/
This is ApacheBench, Version 2.3 <$Revision: 1879490 $>
Copyright 1996 Adam Twiss, Zeus Technology Ltd, http://www.zeustech.net/
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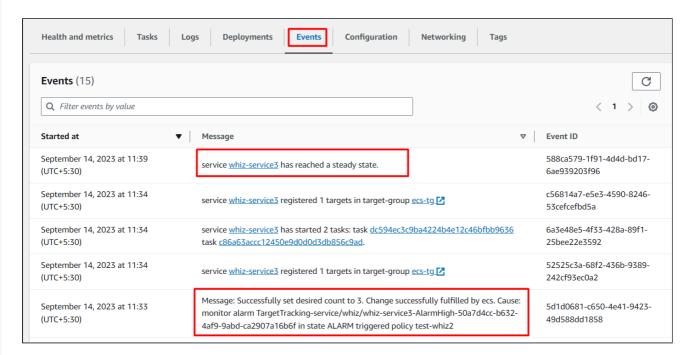
Benchmarking httpd-LB-558473488.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com (be patient)
Completed 10000 requests
Completed 20000 requests
```

### Task 12: Check the scaling activities in service events

- 1. On the left sidebar, click on the **Clusters** option present under the **Amazon ECS** section.
- 2. whiz ECS Cluster will be listed here, Click on the whiz cluster.
- 3. You can see the running tasks are 3 now.



- 4. Scroll down and click on the service
- 5. Navigate to the Events tab, Autoscaling has triggered the Alarm, and the desired count is now 3.

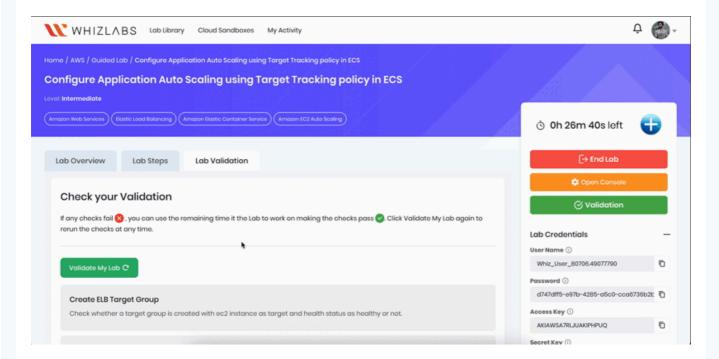


# Do you know?

Behind the scenes, ECS target tracking policies leverage CloudWatch alarms to monitor the specified metrics. When the metric breaches the defined target, ECS takes scaling actions accordingly.

### Task 13: Validation test

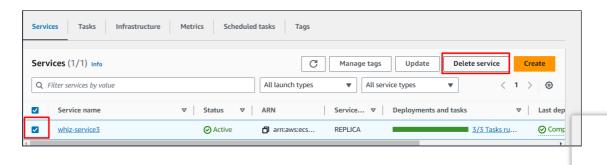
- Once the lab steps are completed, please click on the Validation button on the rightside panel.
- 2. This will validate the resources in the AWS account and displays whether you have completed this lab successfully or not.
- 3. Sample output:



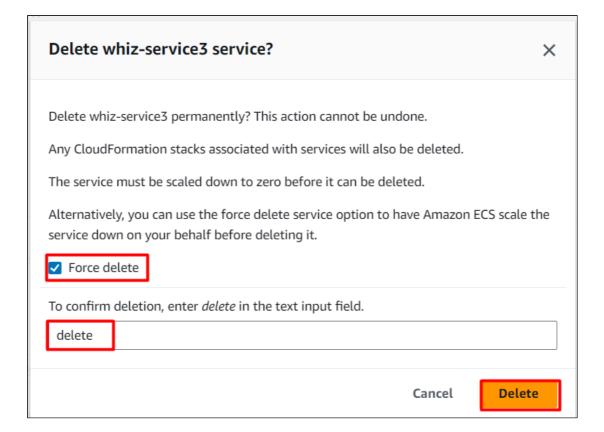
### Task 14: Delete AWS resources

# 14.1 Deleting ECS Cluster Service

- On the left sidebar, click on the Clusters option present under the Amazon ECS section.
- 2. whiz ECS Cluster will be listed here, Click on the whiz.
- 3. To delete the service, do the following task:
  - Select the present Service,
  - Click on the Delete service button.

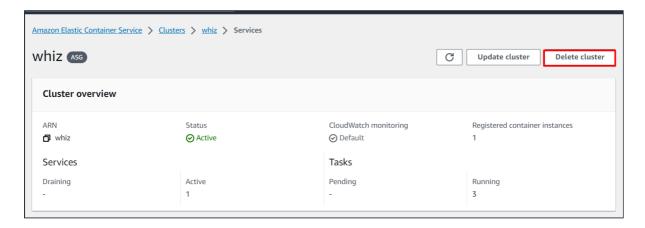


4. Check the **Force delete** checkbox. Confirm the deletion by typing the **delete** phrase in the required field, and click on the Delete button.

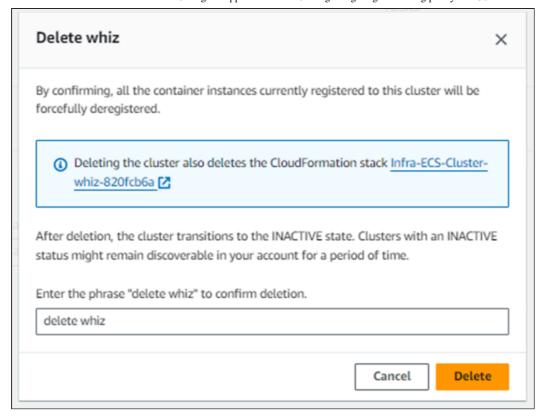


# 14.2 Deleting ECS Cluster

1. Click on the **Delete Cluster** option.



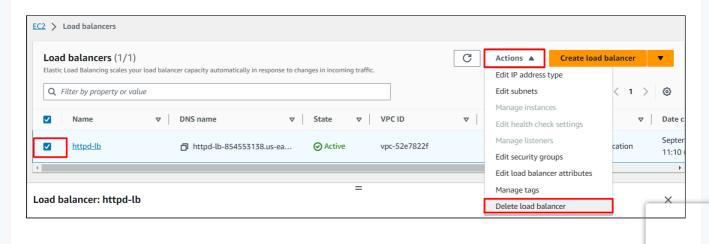
2. Confirm the deletion by entering the phrase **delete me** in the pop-up window. Click on **Delete** button.



3. Deletion will take up to 3 minutes.

# 14.3 Deleting Load balancer

- 1. In the EC2 console, navigate to **Load Balancer** in the left-side panel.
- 2. httpd-LB will be listed here.
- 3. To **delete** the load balancer, need to perform the following actions:
  - Select the load balancer,
  - Click on the Actions button.
  - Select the Delete load balancer option.



4. Type **confirm** and click on **Delete** button. **httpd-LB** will be deleted immediately.

# 14.4 Deleting Target group

- 1. In the EC2 console, navigate to **Target Groups** in the left-side panel.
- 2. ecs-TG will be listed here.
- 3. To **delete** the target group, need to perform the following actions:
  - Select the target group,
  - Click on the Actions button.
  - Select the Delete option.
- 4. Confirm by clicking on the Yes, Delete button when a pop-up is shown.
- 5. The target group will be deleted immediately.

# **Completion and Conclusion**

- 1. You have successfully created and launched Amazon ECS Cluster.
- 2. You have successfully created an HTTPD container.
- 3. You have successfully created an Application load balancer and Target group.
- 4. You have successfully created an auto-scaling and triggered the activity.

# **End Lab**

- 1. Sign out of AWS Account.
- 2. You have successfully completed the lab.
- 3. Once you have completed the steps, click on **End Lab** from your Whizlabs lab console and wait till the process gets completed.

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