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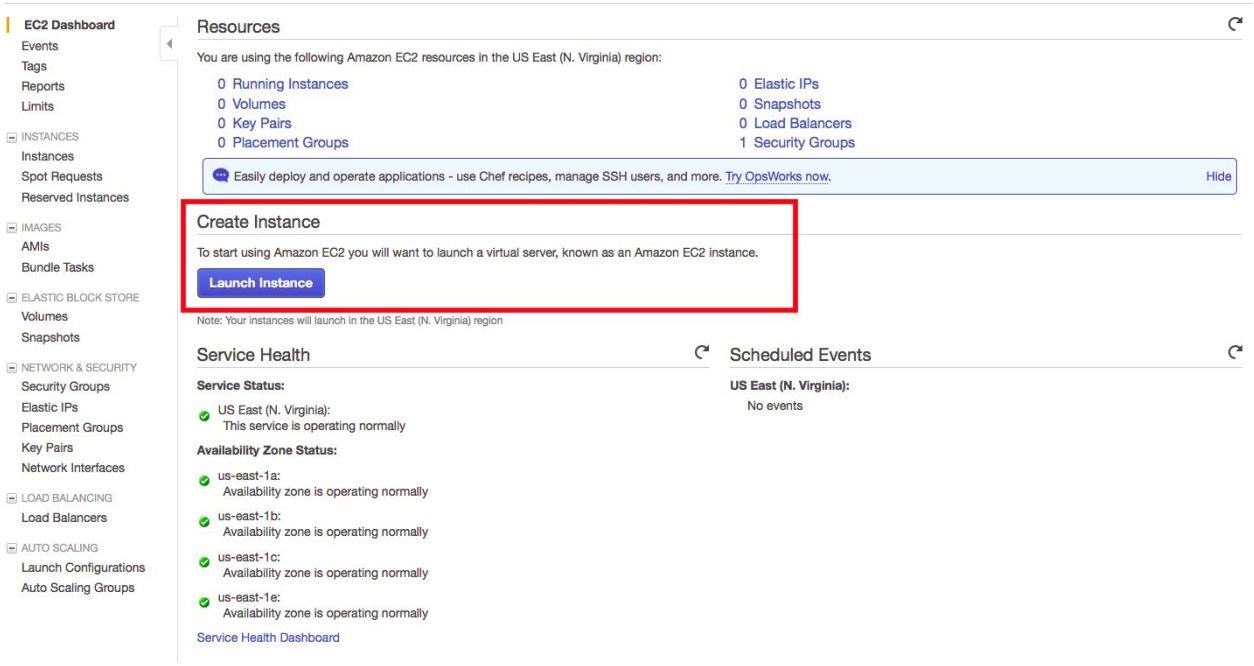
Launch a Linux Virtual Machine

Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) is the Amazon Web Service you use to create and run virtual machines in the cloud (we call these virtual machines 'instances'). This step-by-step guide will help you successfully launch a Linux virtual machine on Amazon EC2 within our AWS Free Tier.

Step 1: Launch an Amazon EC2 Instance

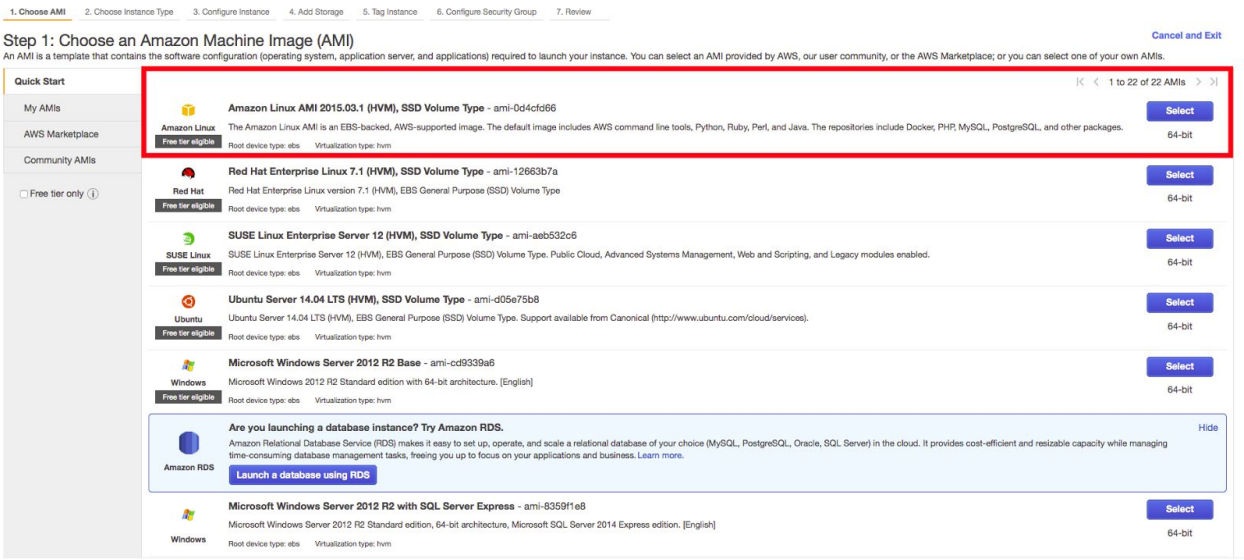
a. Click here to open the Amazon EC2 console and then click **Launch Instance** to create and configure your virtual machine.



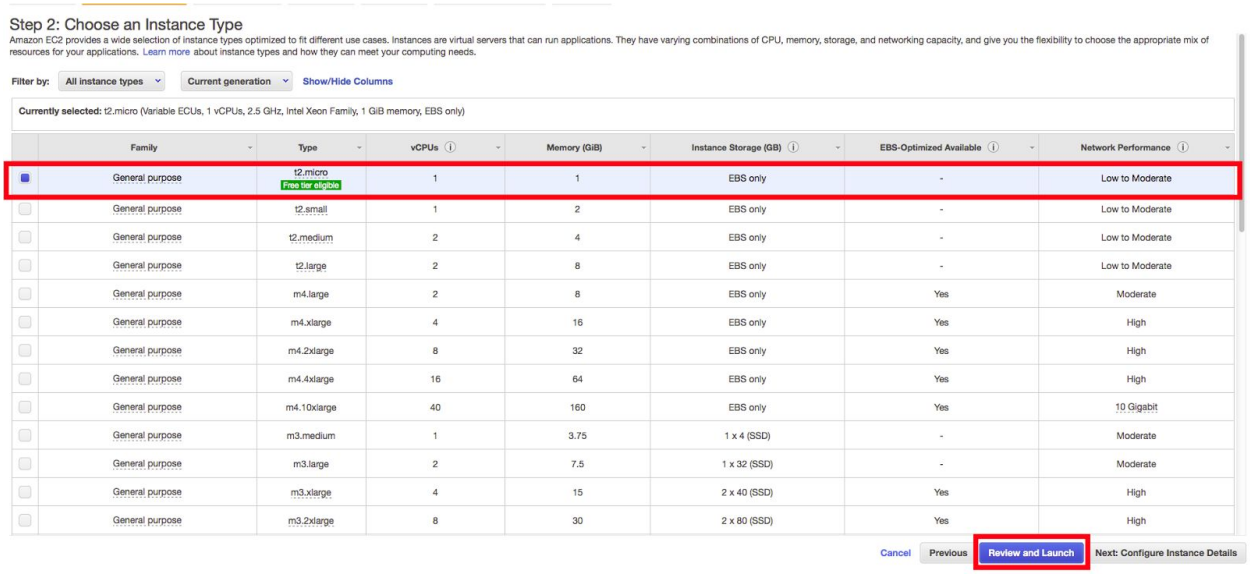
Step 2: Configure your Instance

You are now in the EC2 Launch Instance Wizard, which will help you configure and launch your instance.

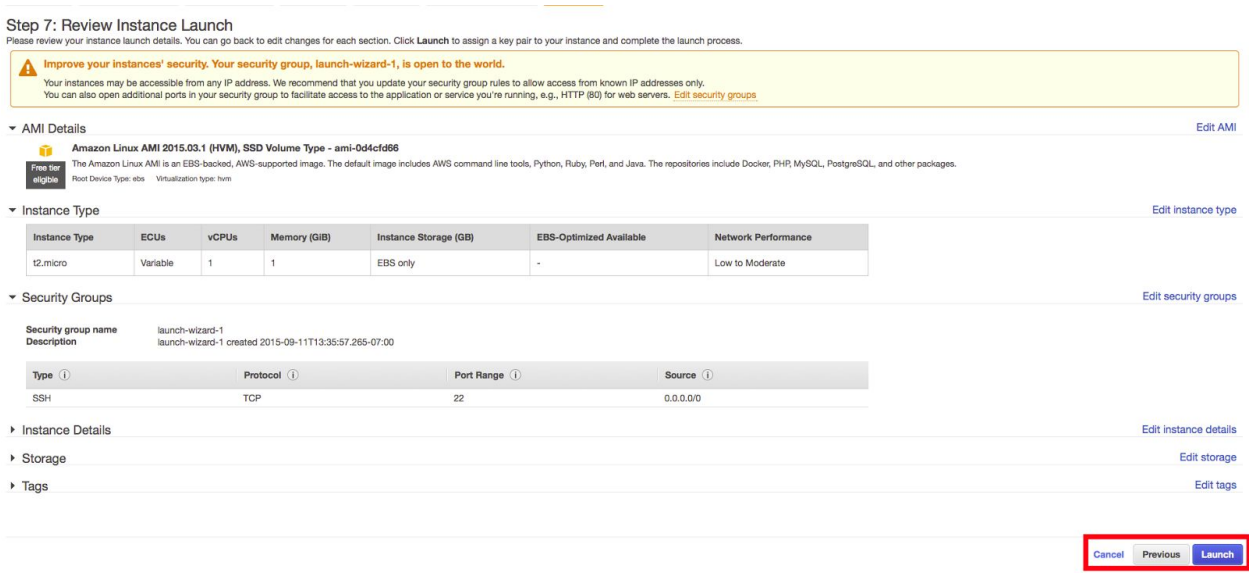
a. With Amazon EC2, you can specify the software and specifications of the instance you want to use. In this screen, you are shown options to choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI), which is a template that contains the software configuration (e.g. an operating system, an application server, and applications). From an AMI, you launch an instance, which is a copy of the AMI running as a virtual server in the cloud.
For this tutorial, find *Amazon Linux AMI* and click **Select**



b. You will now choose an instance type. Instance types comprise of varying combinations of CPU, memory, storage, and networking capacity so you can choose the appropriate mix for your applications. For more information, see Amazon EC2 Instance Types.
The default option of *t2.micro* should already be checked. This instance type is covered within the Free Tier and offers enough compute capacity to tackle simple workloads. Click Review and Launch at the bottom of the page.

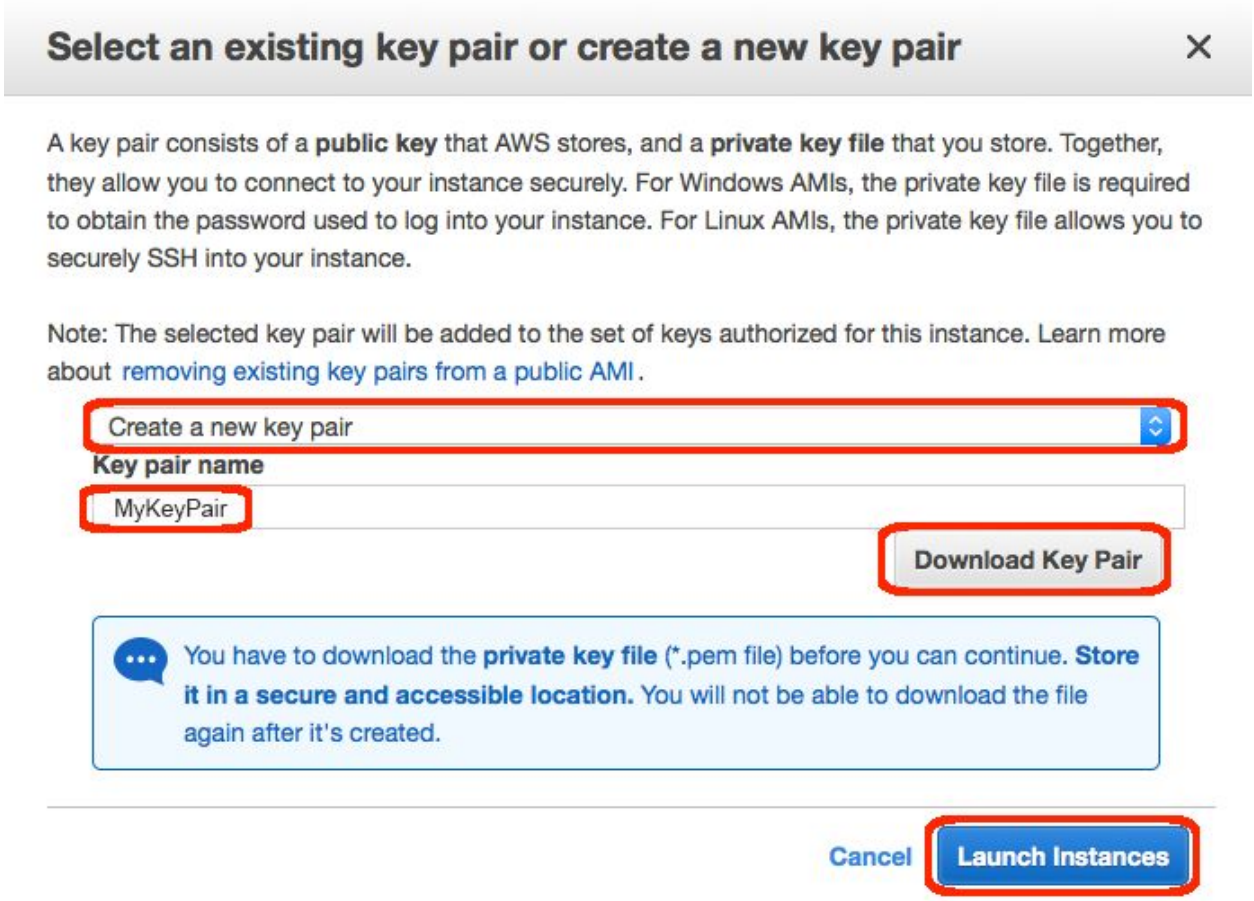


c. You can review the configuration, storage, tagging, and security settings that have been selected for your instance. While you have the option to customize these settings, we recommend accepting the default values for this tutorial.
Click Launch at the bottom of the page.



d. On the next screen you will be asked to choose an existing key pair or create a new key pair. A key pair is used to log into your instance (just like your house key is used to enter your home). Select Create a new key pair and give it the name MyKeyPair. Next click the Download Key Pair button.

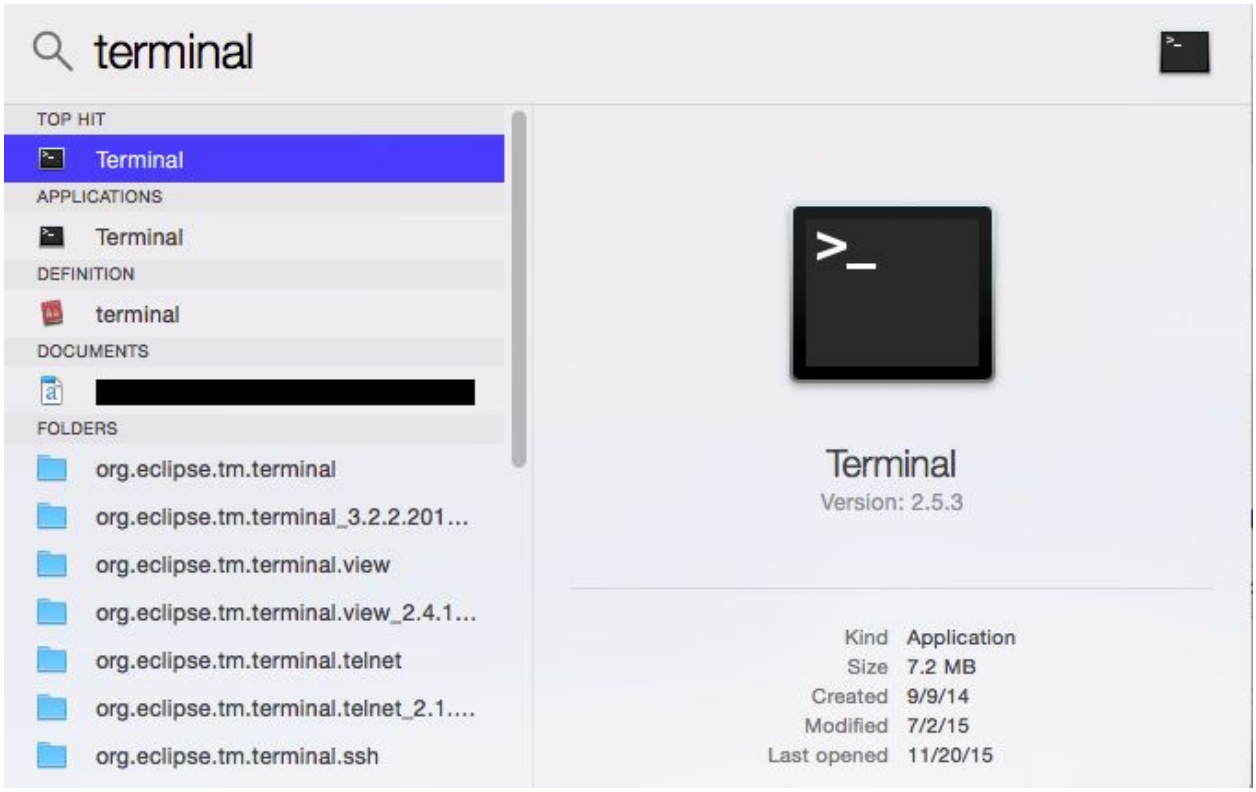
Be sure to save the key pair in a safe location on your computer. If you don't remember where you store your SSH private key (the file you are downloading), you won't be able to connect to your virtual machine.
Windows users: We recommend saving your key pair in your user directory in a sub-directory called .ssh (ex. *C:\user\{yourusername}\.ssh\MyKeyPair.pem*).
Note: You can't use Windows Explorer to create a folder with a name that begins with a period unless you also end the folder name with a period. After you enter the name (.ssh.), the final period is removed automatically.
Mac/Linux users: We recommend saving your key pair in the .ssh sub-directory from your home directory (ex. *~/.ssh/MyKeyPair.pem*).
Note: On Mac, the key pair is downloaded to your Downloads directory by default. To move the key pair into the .ssh sub-directory, enter the following command in a terminal window: mv ~/Downloads/MyKeyPair.pem ~/.ssh/MyKeyPair.pem
After you have stored your key pair, click Launch Instance to start your Linux instance.



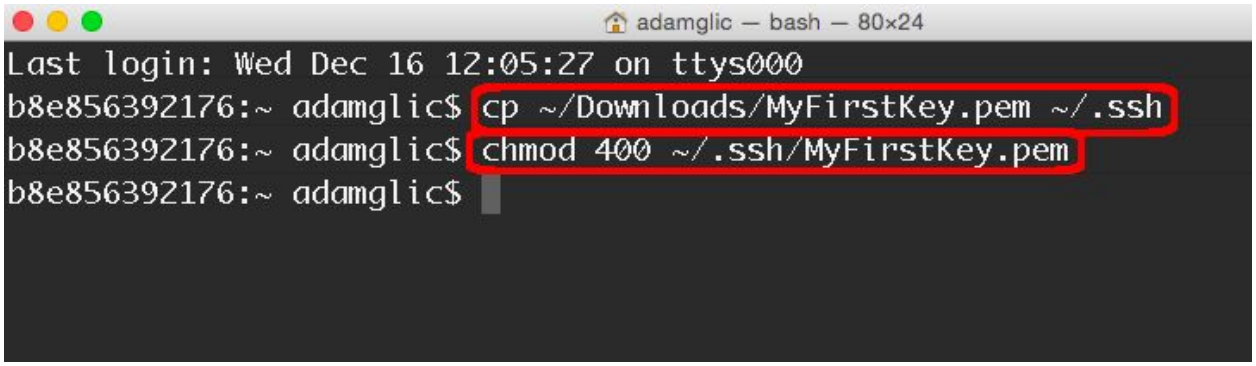
Step 3: Connect to your Instance

After launching your instance, it's time to connect to it.
Windows users: Select Windows below to see instructions for installing Git Bash.
Mac/Linux user: Select Mac / Linux below to see instructions for opening a terminal window.

Your Mac or Linux computer most likely includes an SSH client by default. You can check for an SSH client by typing ssh at the command line. If your computer doesn't recognize the command, the OpenSSH project provides a free implementation of the full suite of SSH tools that you can download.
a. Mac users: Open a terminal window by pressing Command + Space and typing terminal in the search window. Then press enter to open the terminal window.
Linux users: Open a terminal window.



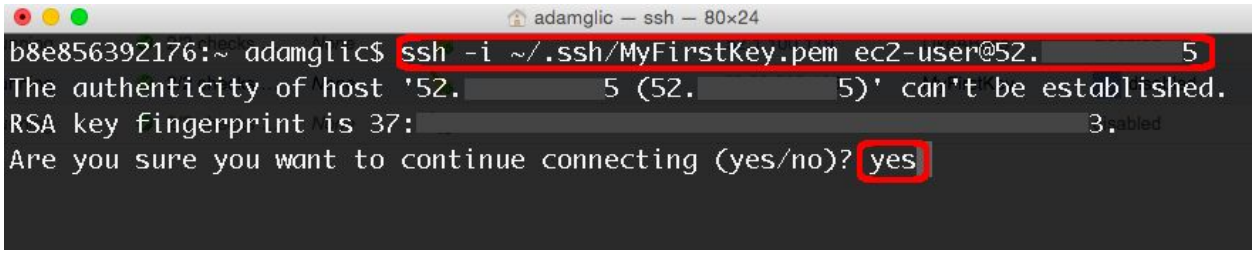
b. Use the chmod command to make sure your private key file is not publicly viewable by entering the following command: chmod 400 ~/.ssh/mykeypair.pem to restrict permissions to your private SSH key.
Note: You do not need to do this every time you connect to you instance, you only need to set this once per SSH key that you have.



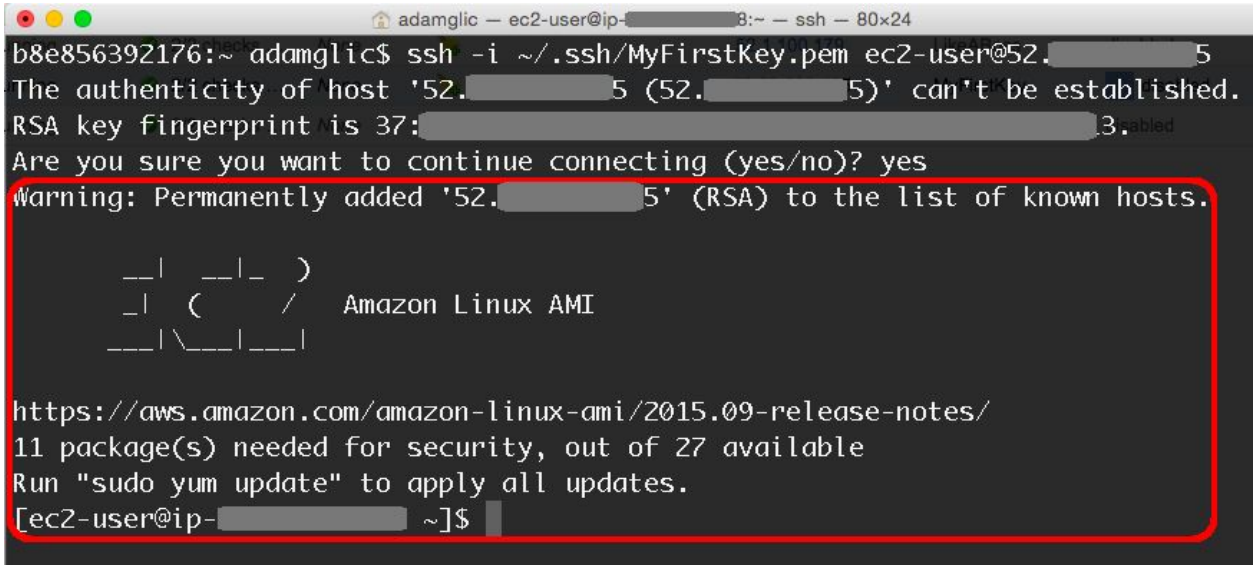
c. Use SSH to connect to your instance. In this case the user name is ec2-user, the SSH key is stored in the directory we saved it to in step 2 part d, and the IP address is from step 2 part f. The format is *ssh -i {full path of your .pem file} ec2-user@{instance IP address}*.
Windows users: Enter ssh -i 'c:\Users*yourusername*\.ssh\MyKeyPair.pem' ec2-user@*{IP_Address}* (ex. *ssh -i 'c:\Users\adamglic\.ssh\MyKeyPair.pem' ec2-user@52.27.212.125*)
Mac/Linux users: Enter ssh -i ~/.ssh/MyKeyPair.pem ec2-user@*{IP_Address}* (ex. ssh -i ~/.ssh/MyKeyPair.pem ec2-user@52.27.212.125)

> **Note: if you started a Linux instance that isn't Amazon Linux, there may by a different user name that is used. common user names include *ec2-user*, *root*, *ubuntu*, and *fedora*. If you are unsure what the login user name is, check with your AMI provider.**

You'll see a response similar to the following:
The authenticity of host 'ec2-198-51-100-1.compute-1.amazonaws.com (10.254.142.33)' can't be established. RSA key fingerprint is 1f:51:ae:28:df:63:e9:d8:cf:38:5d:87:2d:7b:b8:ca:9f:f5:b1:6f. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)?
Type yes and press enter.



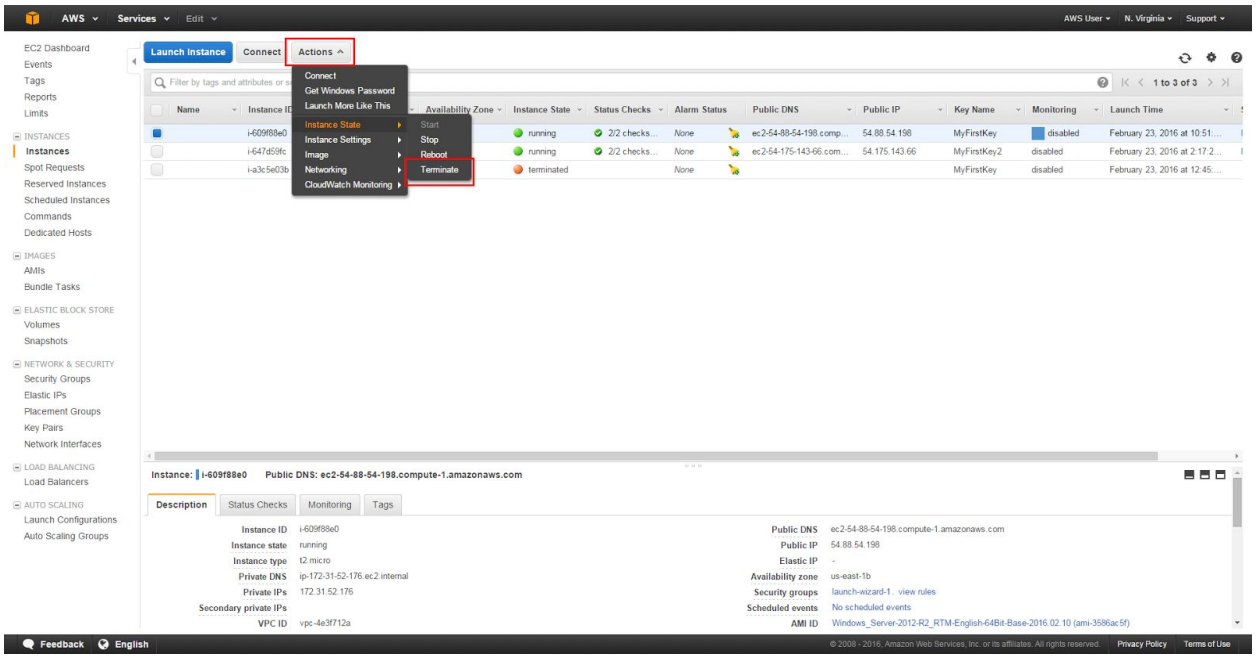
You'll see a response similar to the following:
Warning: Permanently added 'ec2-198-51-100-1.compute-1.amazonaws.com' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
You should then see the welcome screen for your instance and you are now connected to your AWS Linux virtual machine in the cloud.



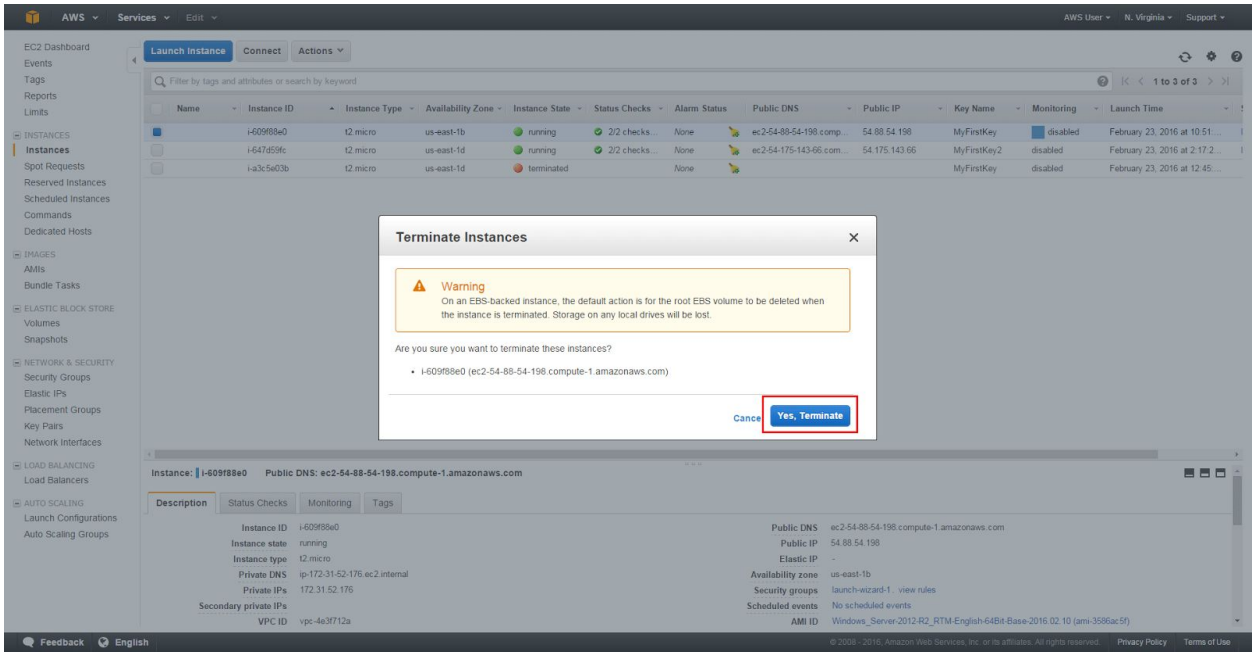
Step 4: Terminate Your Instance

You can easily terminate the instance from the EC2 console. In fact, it is a best practice to terminate instances you are no longer using so you don't keep getting charged for them.

a. Back on the EC2 Console, select the box next to the instance you created. Then click the Actions button, navigate to *Instance State,* and click Terminate.



b. You will be asked to confirm your termination - select Yes, Terminate.
Note: This process can take several seconds to complete. Once your instance has been terminated, the Instance State will change to *terminated* on your EC2 Console.



Launch a WordPress Website

This step-by-step guide will help you get a website up and running with WordPress*, installed on an Amazon EC2 virtual machine (also known as an "instance"). You will go through how to configure and launch an EC2 instance, how to get your WordPress username and password, and how to log into your WordPress admin portal. Everything done in this tutorial is free-tier eligible.

> ***Note: This guide results in an architecture for a basic WordPress website intended for personal use or learning. This tutorial is not recommended for business-level websites with high scalability needs. For a more advanced tutorial, see the Build a Wordpress Website Project or Wordpress: Best Practices on AWS.**

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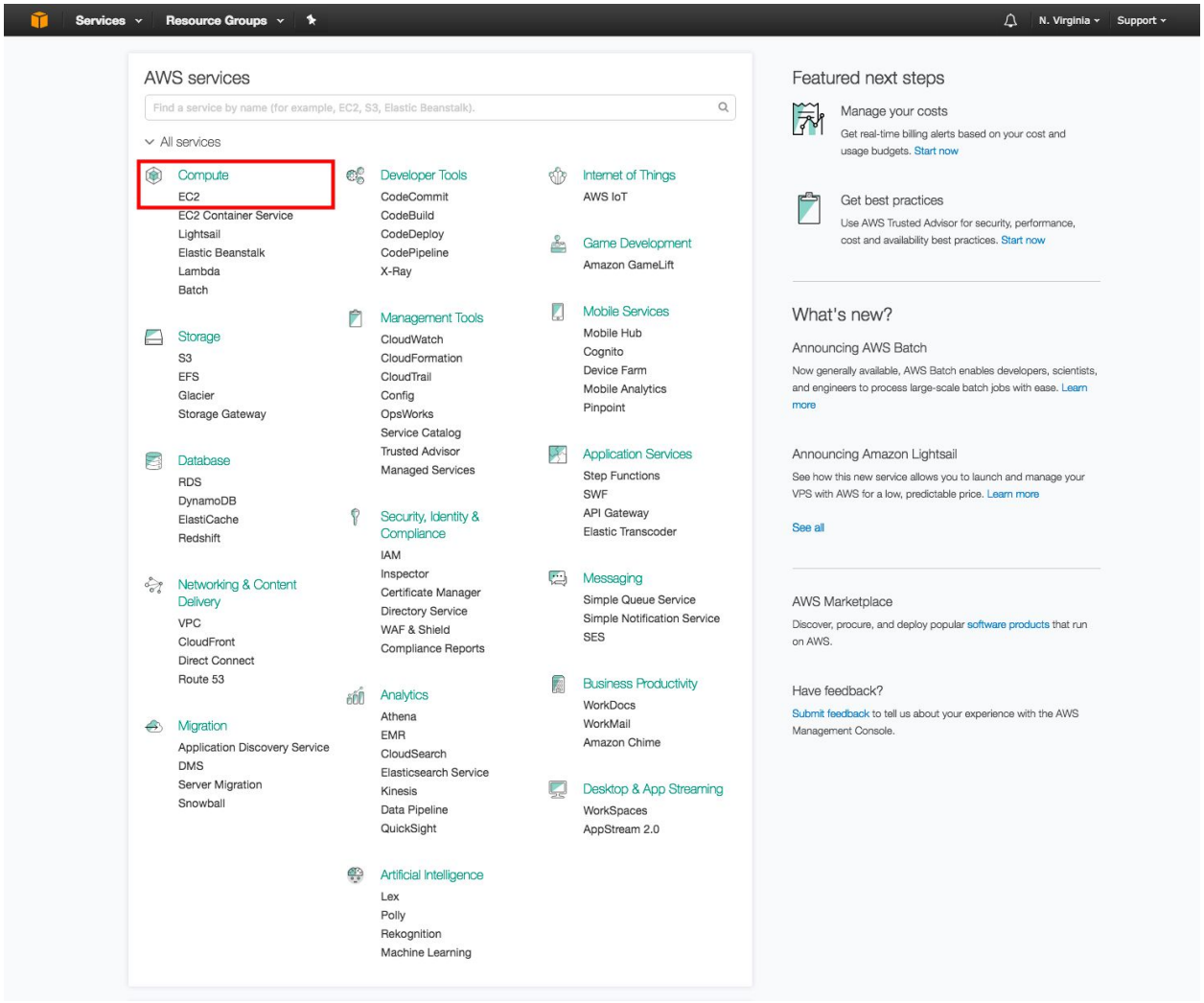
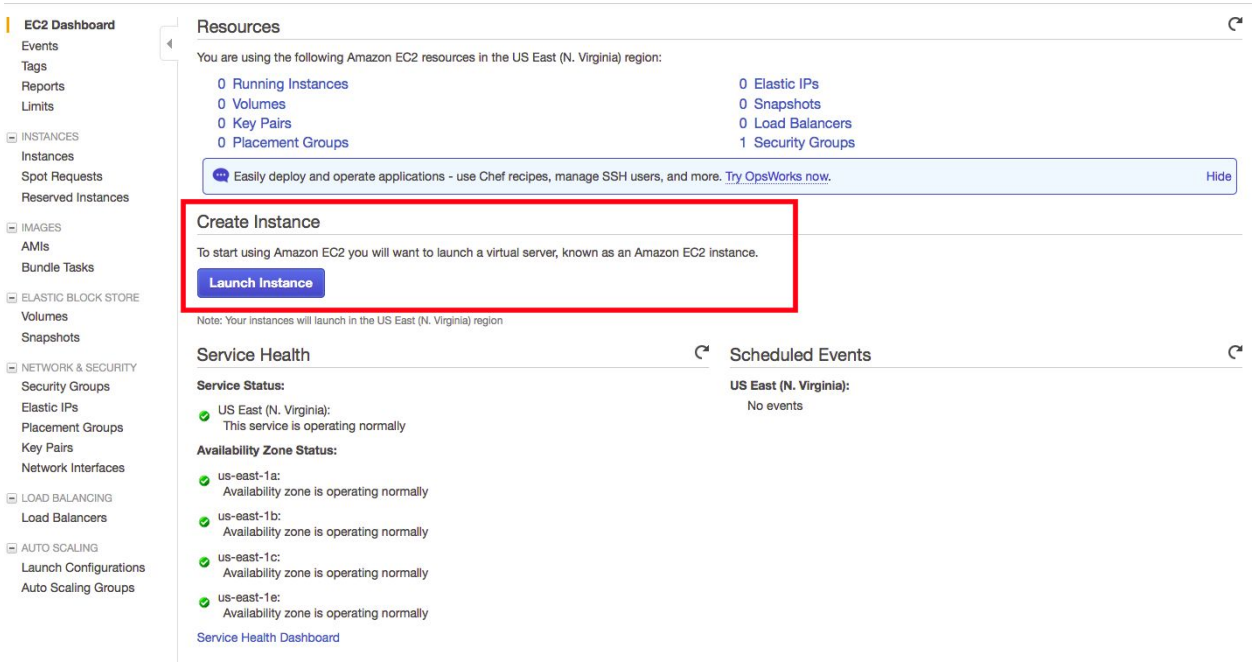
Open the AWS Management Console and you can keep this step-by-step guide open. When the screen loads, enter your user name and password to get started. Then find EC2 under *Compute*, and double click to open the dashboard.



Step 1: Launch an Amazon EC2 Instance

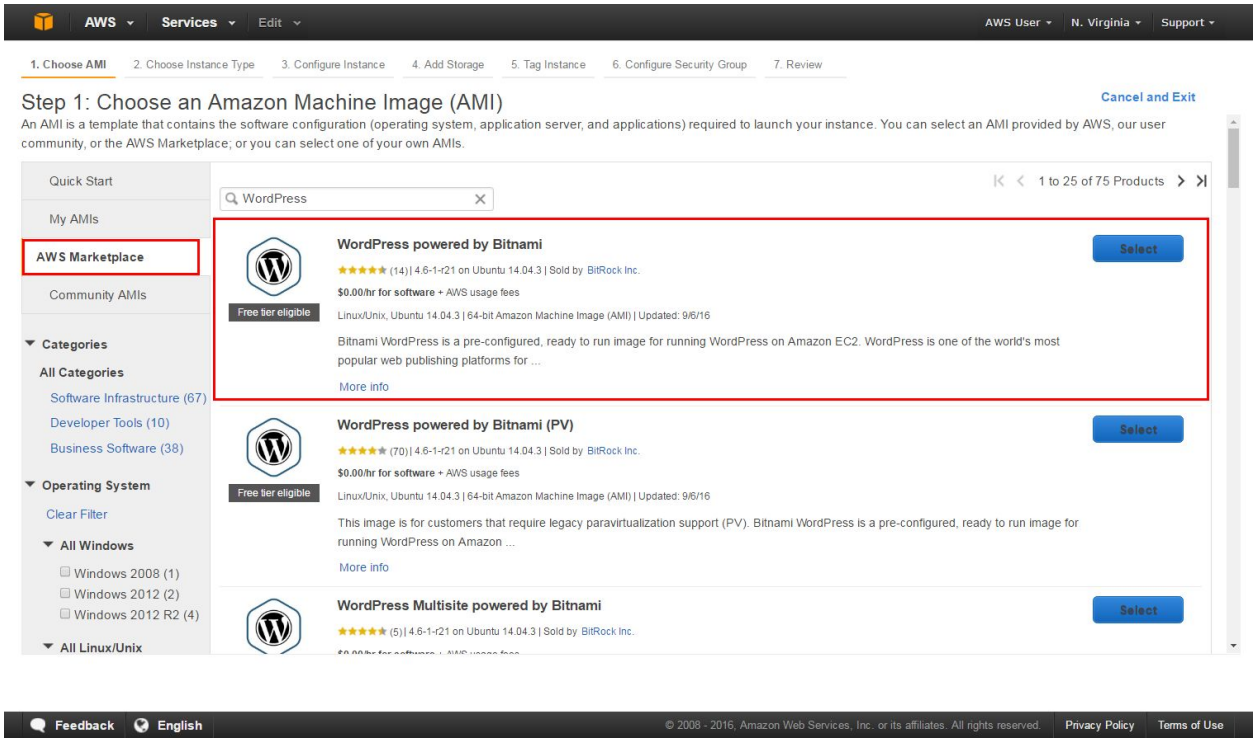
Now you are in the EC2 dashboard, click Launch Instance from the dashboard to create and configure your virtual machine.



Step 2: Configure your Instance

Now you're in the Amazon EC2 configuration wizard, we will be using an existing Amazon Machine Image (AMI) from the AWS Marketplace that has WordPress already installed. The AWS Marketplace provides access to thousands of pre-configured images for common pieces of software.

1. Click on AWS Marketplace on the left-hand side, search for WordPress, look for *WordPress powered by BitNami*, then click Select.



2. You will be presented a detailed pricing page. In this case, the price will be $0.00 for the software regardless of the size of the instance that you use.
Scroll to the bottom and click Continue.

R3 Double Extra Large	$0.00	$0.665	**$0.665/hr**
R3 Quadruple Extra Large	$0.00	$1.33	**$1.33/hr**
R3 Eight Extra Large	$0.00	$2.66	**$2.66/hr**
C4 Large	$0.00	$0.105	**$0.105/hr**
C4 Extra Large	$0.00	$0.209	**$0.209/hr**
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C4 Quadruple Extra Large	$0.00	$0.838	**$0.838/hr**
C4 Eight Extra Large	$0.00	$1.675	**$1.675/hr**
G2 Eight Extra Large	$0.00	$2.60	**$2.60/hr**
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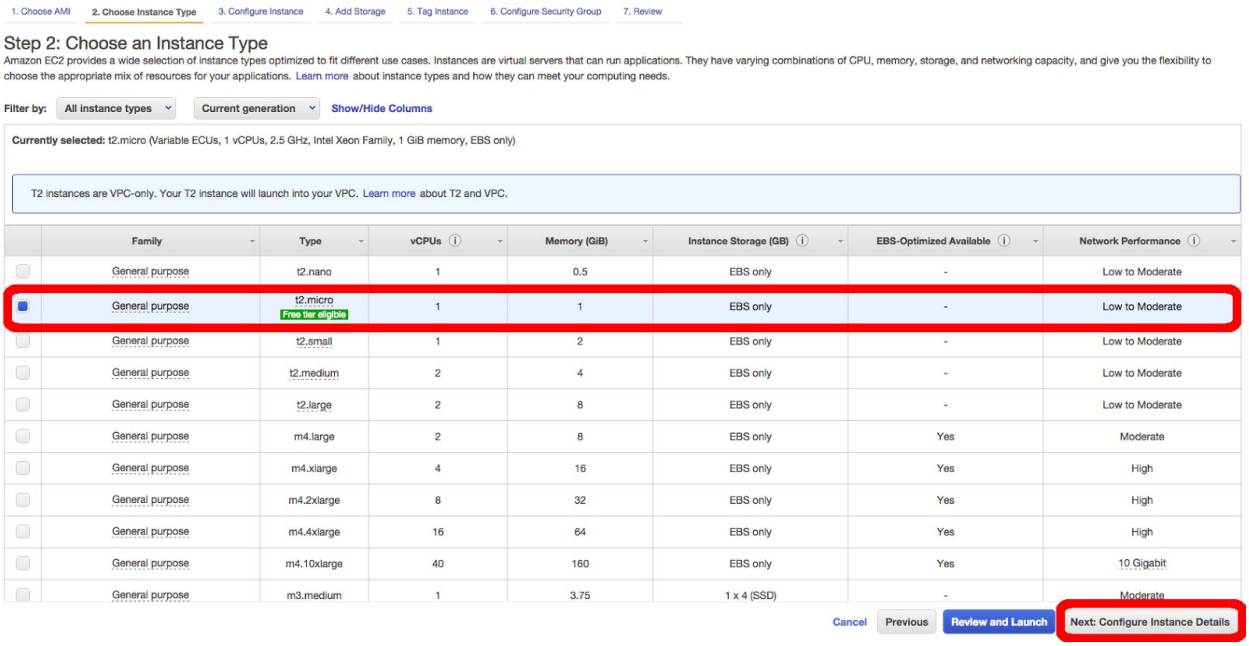
D2 Eight Extra Large	$0.00	$5.52	**$5.52/hr**
T2 Large	$0.00	$0.104	**$0.104/hr**
M4 Large	$0.00	$0.12	**$0.12/hr**
M4 Extra Large	$0.00	$0.239	**$0.239/hr**
M4 Double Extra Large	$0.00	$0.479	**$0.479/hr**
M4 Quadruple Extra Large	$0.00	$0.958	**$0.958/hr**
M4 Ten Extra Large	$0.00	$2.394	**$2.394/hr**
T2 Nano	$0.00	$0.007	**$0.007/hr**
X1 32 Extra Large	$0.00	$13.338	**$13.338/hr**

EBS General Purpose (SSD) volumes
$0.10 per GB-month of provisioned storage

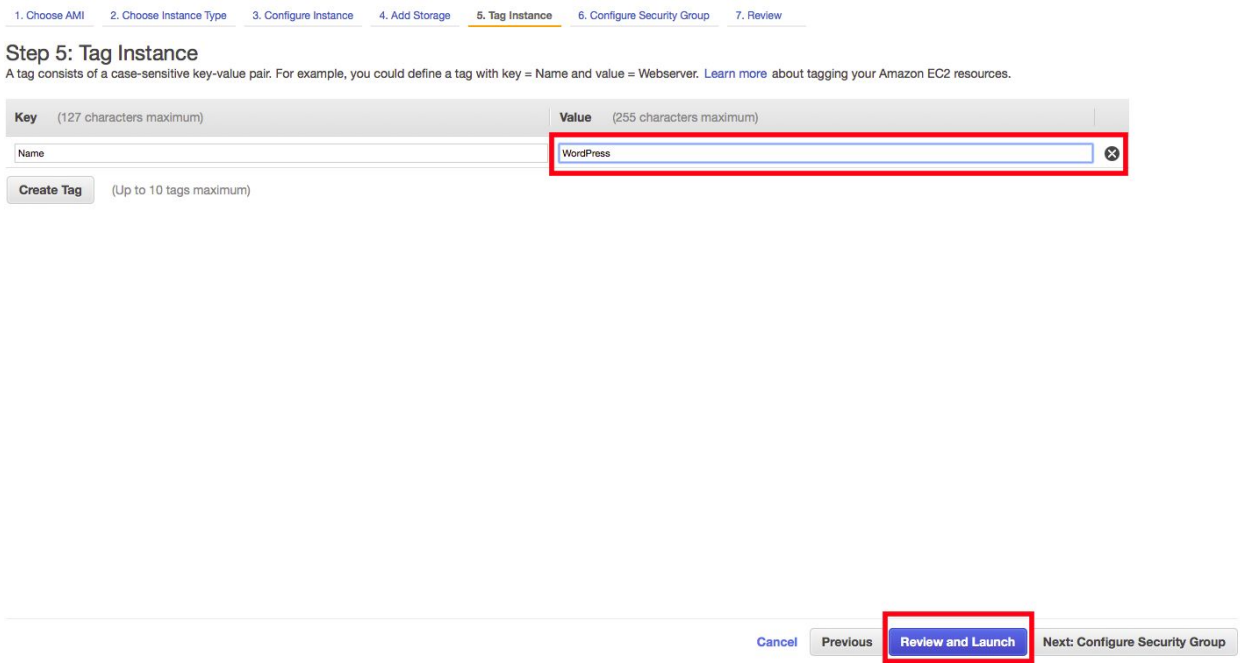
You will not be charged until you launch this instance.

Cancel Continue

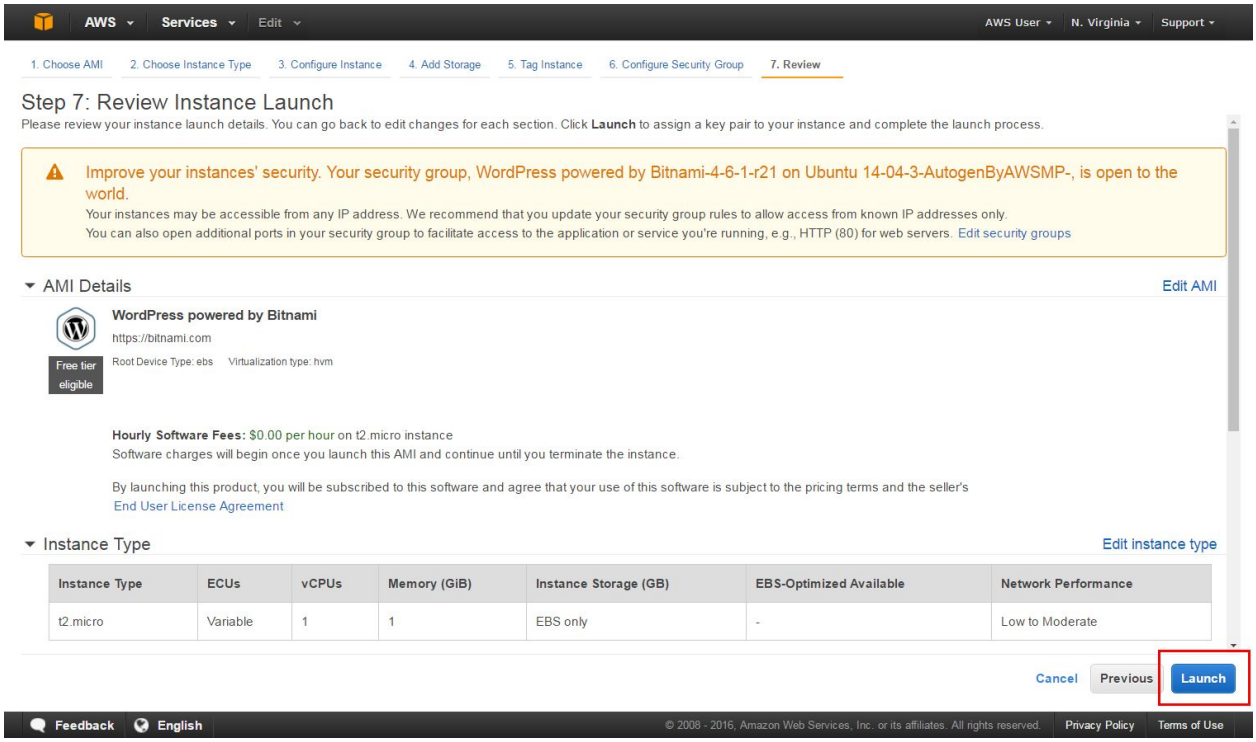
3. For this tutorial, we will be using a free-tier eligible t2.micro instance. Click on t2.micro in the *Type* column (it should be the first one), then click Next: Configure Instance Details. It may take a few seconds to load.
On the following screens, click Next: Add Storage and then Next: Tag Instance.



4. We will set a name for your instance in this step. Enter WordPress in the Value box next to the Name box. Click Review and Launch to continue.



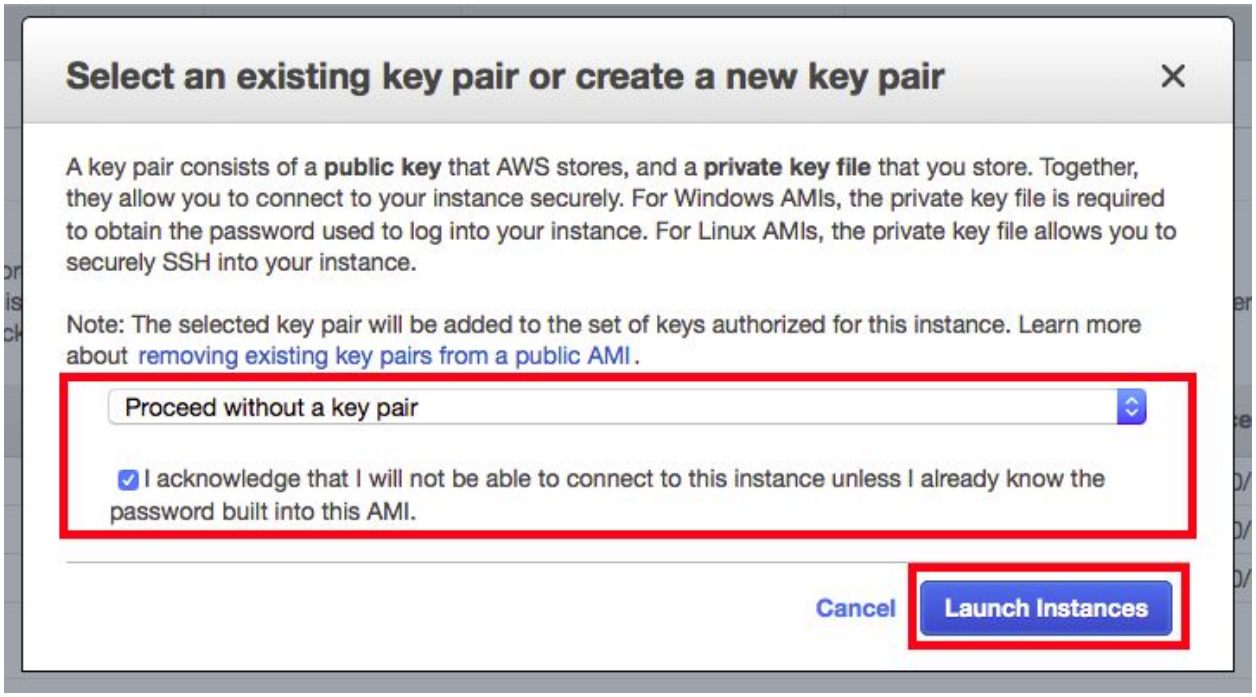
5. You can review your instance configurations, then click Launch when you're ready to start your Amazon EC2 instance running WordPress.



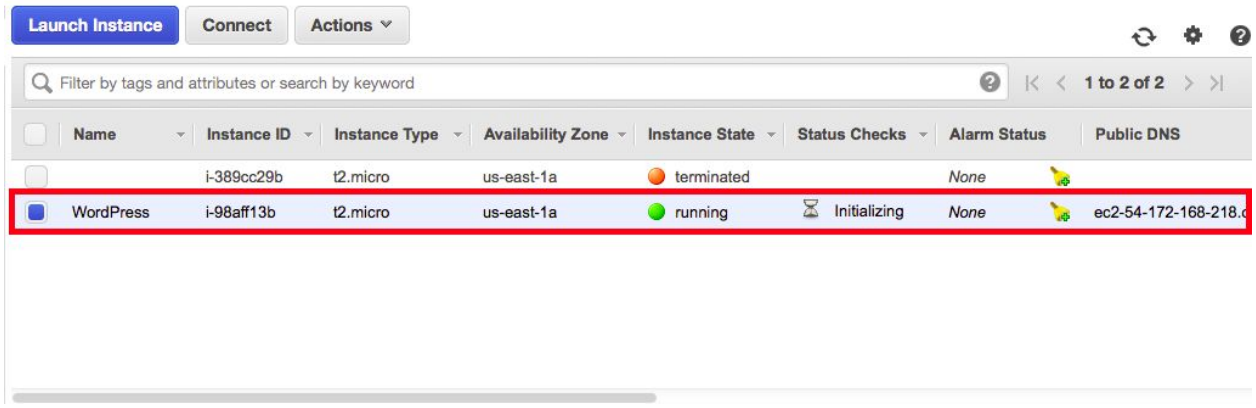
6. The next screen deals with key-pairs. Key-pairs are how you can connect to your EC2 instances via a terminal program using Secure Shell (SSH). Select Proceed without a key pair, and check the box acknowledging that you know you need this key to access your EC2 instance.

Click Launch Instances to launch your instance. Be aware that starting the instance up may take a few minutes.

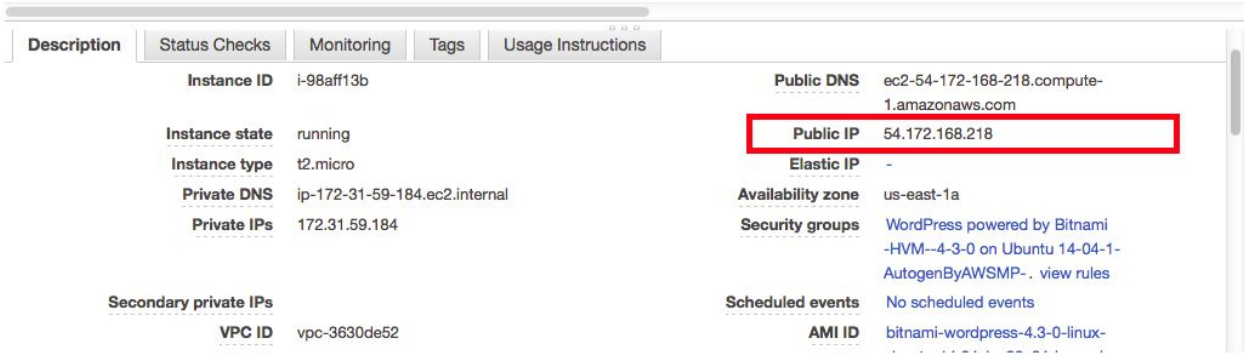
Note: To connect to your instance directly, you will need to create a new key pair. For instructions on creating a key pair and connecting to an instance, see steps 2 d.-2 f. and 3 of the tutorial: Launch a Linux Virtual Machine.



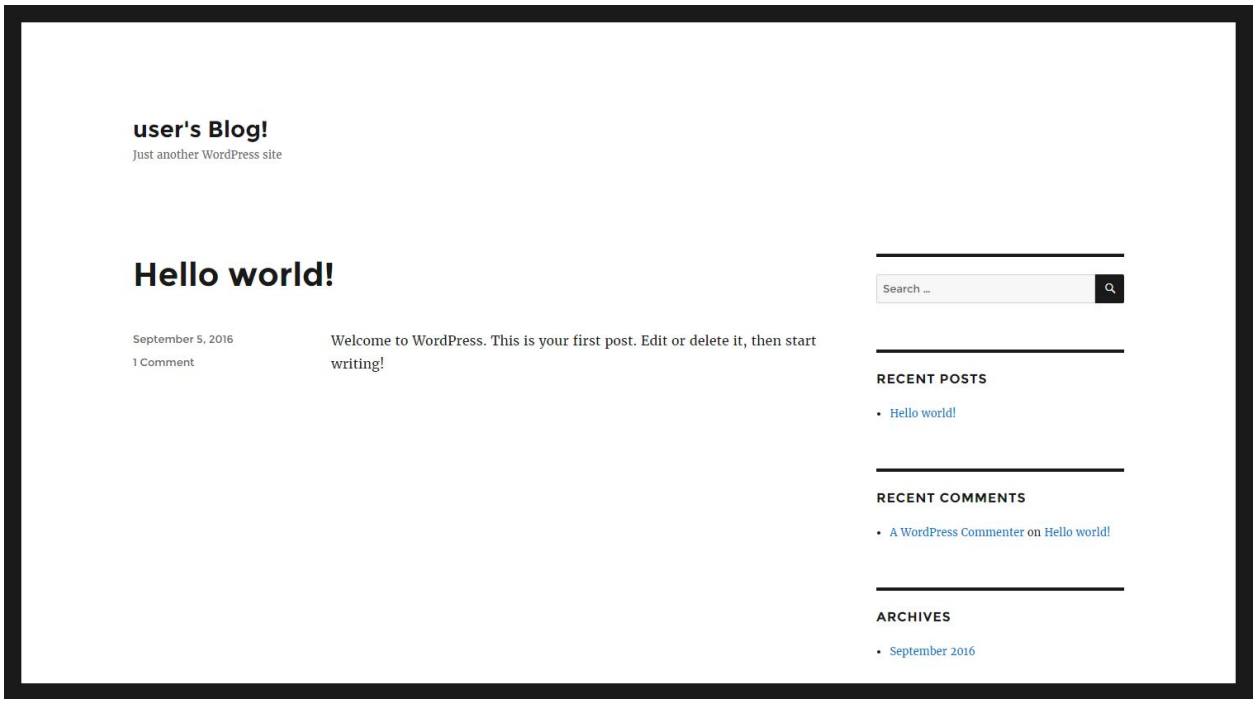
7. Click View *Instances* on the bottom right of the page (you may need to scroll down to see it). Then select the WordPress instance, make sure the *Instance State* says *running*. If Instance State says *launching* then AWS is still preparing your WordPress instance.



8. Once your instance is running, you can now test your WordPress website. Find the Public IP for your instance at the bottom of this page.



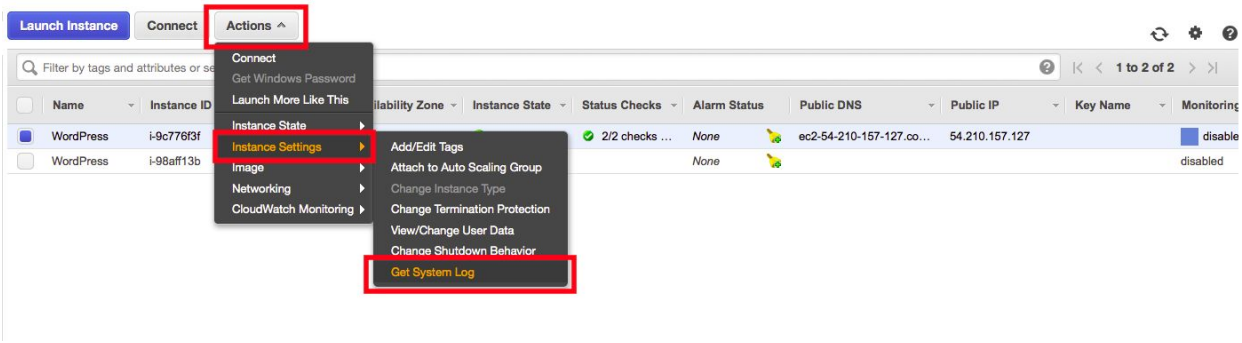
9. Copy the Public IP into a new tab in your web browser, and you should see a *Hello World* blog page appear.



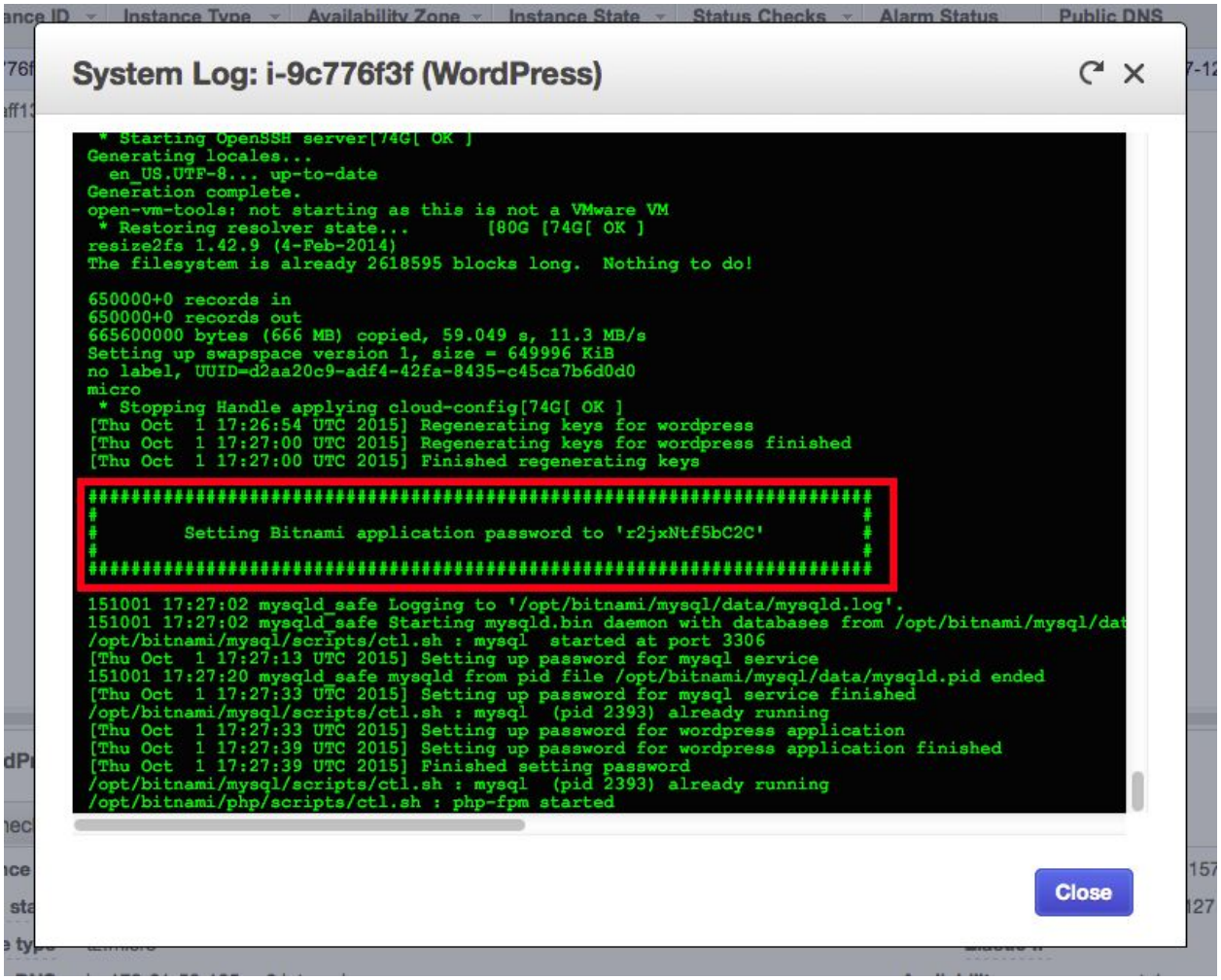
Step 3: Make Changes to Your Website

Now that you have your WordPress site up and running, it's time to log into its administration page so you can customize your site. To find your password, please follow the steps below:

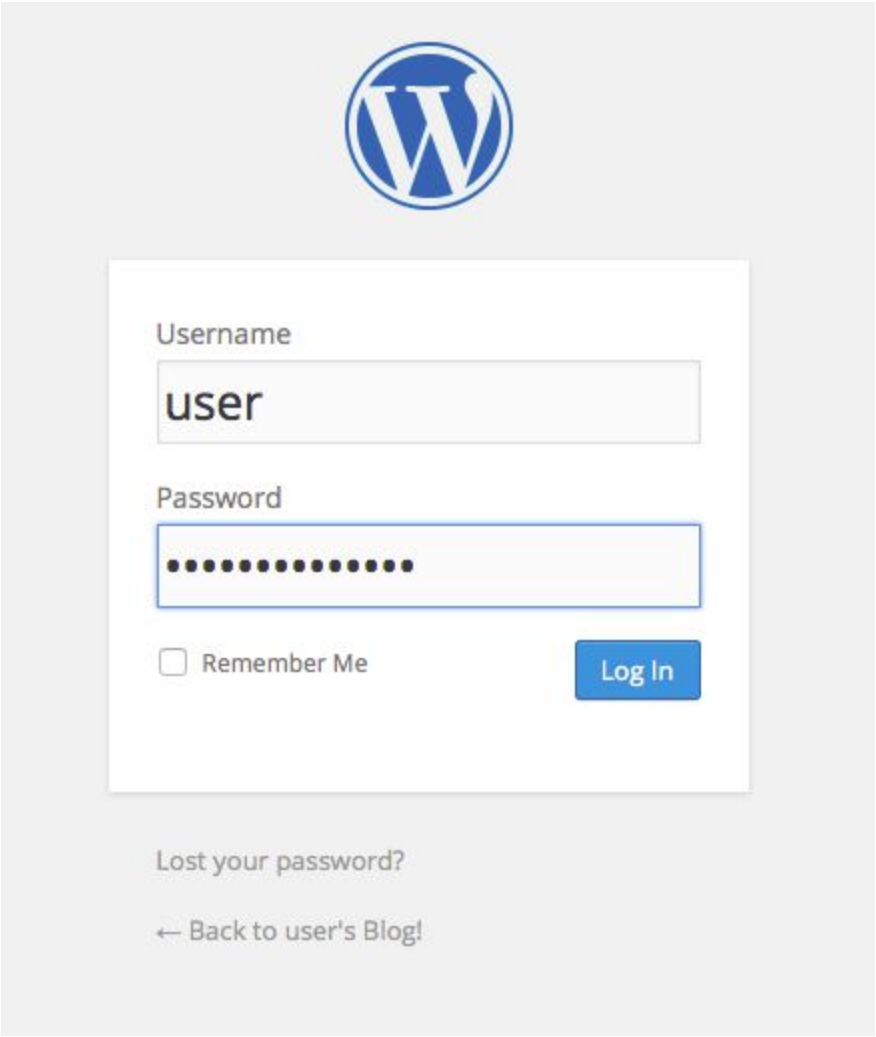
1. Switch back to your EC2 management console in your web browser. Select WordPress instance, and click the Actions button. In the drop down menu, select Instance Setting, and choose Get System Log.



2. In the system log window, scroll through to the bottom to find the *password* that's surrounded by hash marks.



3. Now that you have your password, switch back to the tab that you used to access the WordPress Hello World page. Add /admin to the end of the URL so it looks something like 54.192.32.144/admin. Hit enter.
Enter the Username user and the Password that you read from the log file.



Congratulations! You now have your WordPress site up and running. You can now manage, customize, and configure it as you like

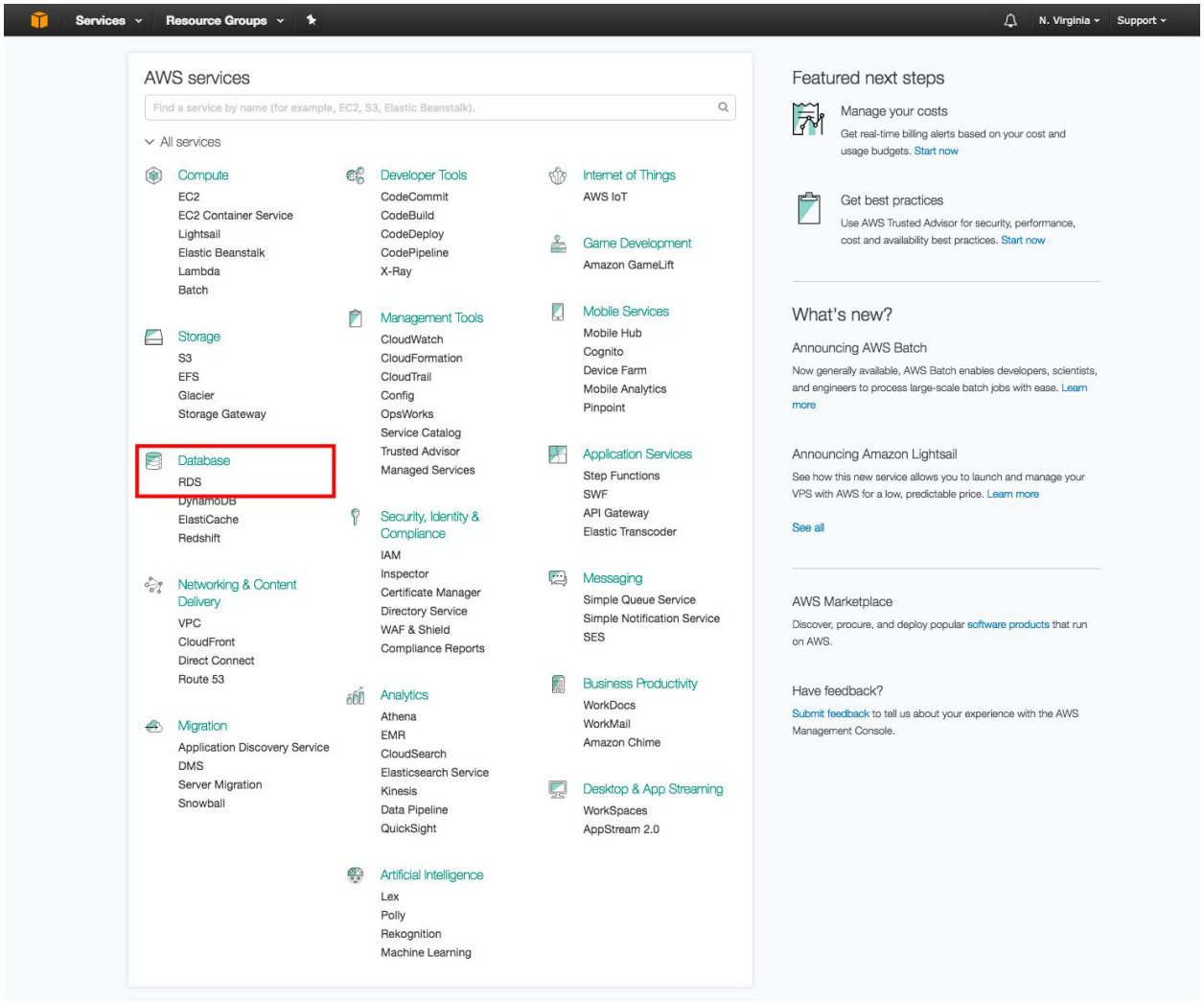
Create and Connect to a MySQL Database

with Amazon RDS or We can use

- **DynamoDB**
- **ElastiCache**
- **Redshift**

In this tutorial, you will learn how to create an environment to run your MySQL database (we call this environment an 'instance'), connect to the database, and delete the DB instance. We will do this using Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS) and everything done in this tutorial is free-tier eligible.

When you click here, the AWS management console will open in a new browser window, so you can keep this step-by-step guide open. When this screen loads, find RDS under *Database* and click to open the Amazon RDS Console.

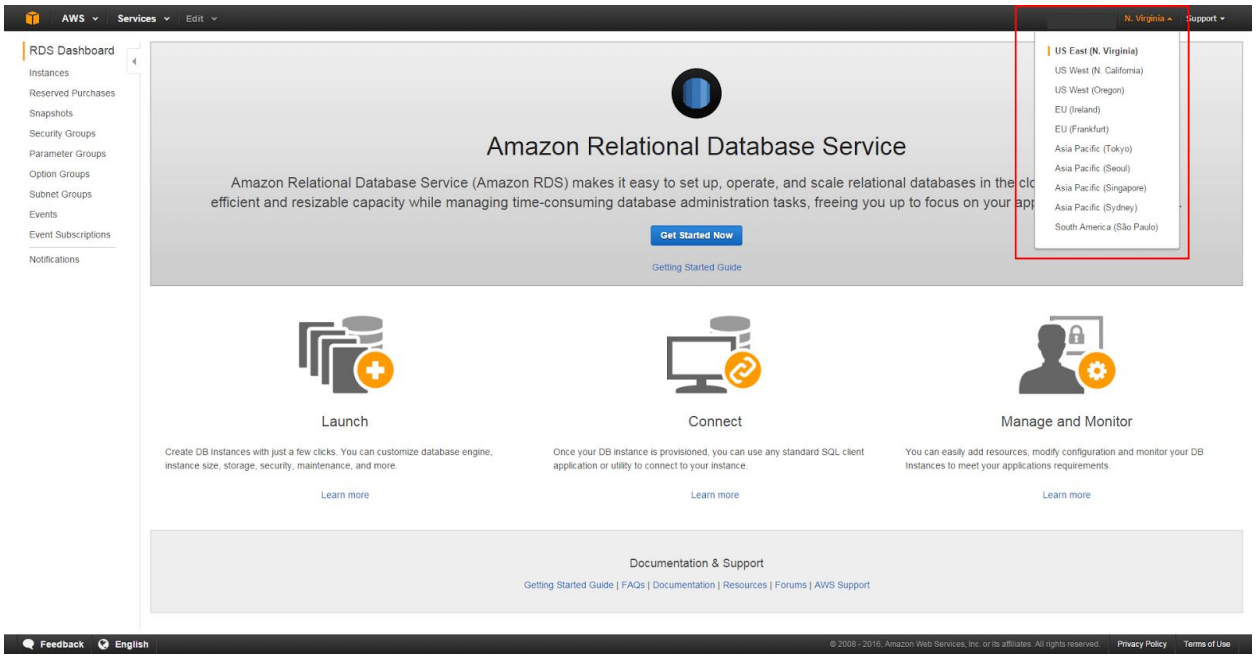


Step 1: Create a MySQL DB Instance

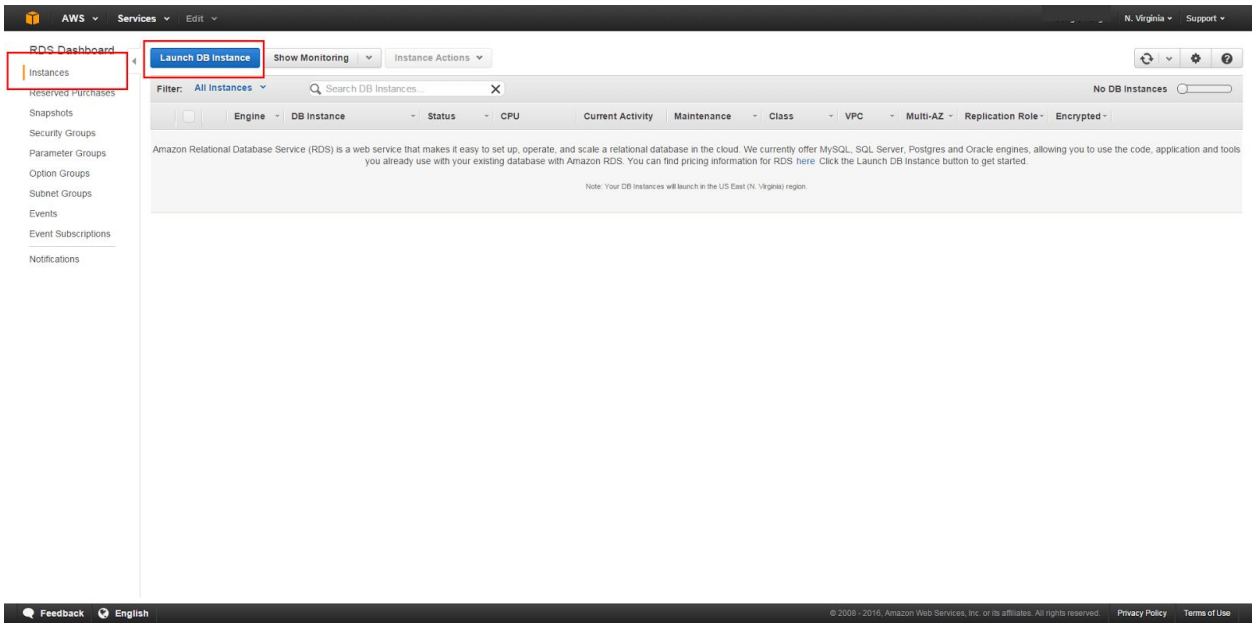
In this step, we will use Amazon RDS to create a MySQL DB Instance with db.t2.micro DB instance class, 5 GB of storage, and automated backups enabled with a retention period of one day. As a reminder, all of this is free tier eligible.

a. In the top right corner of the Amazon RDS console, select the *Region* in which you want to create the DB instance.

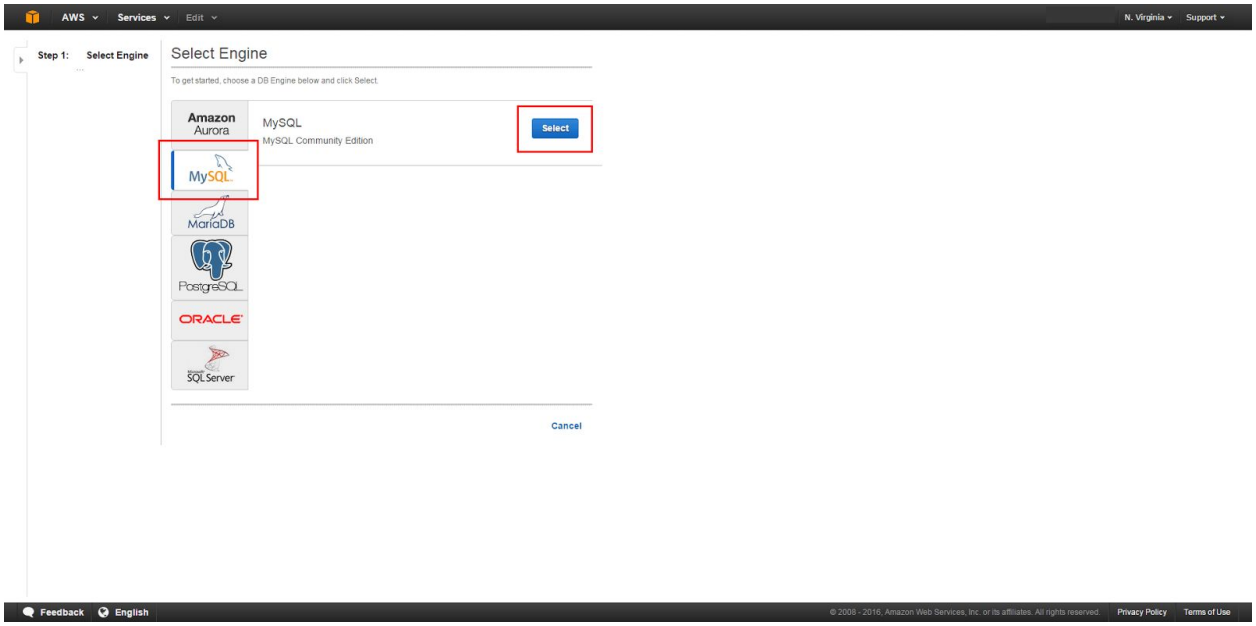
> **Note: Amazon cloud computing resources are housed in highly available data center facilities in different areas of the world. Each Region contains multiple distinct locations called 'Availability Zones,' or AZs. You have the ability to choose which Region to host your Amazon RDS activity in.**



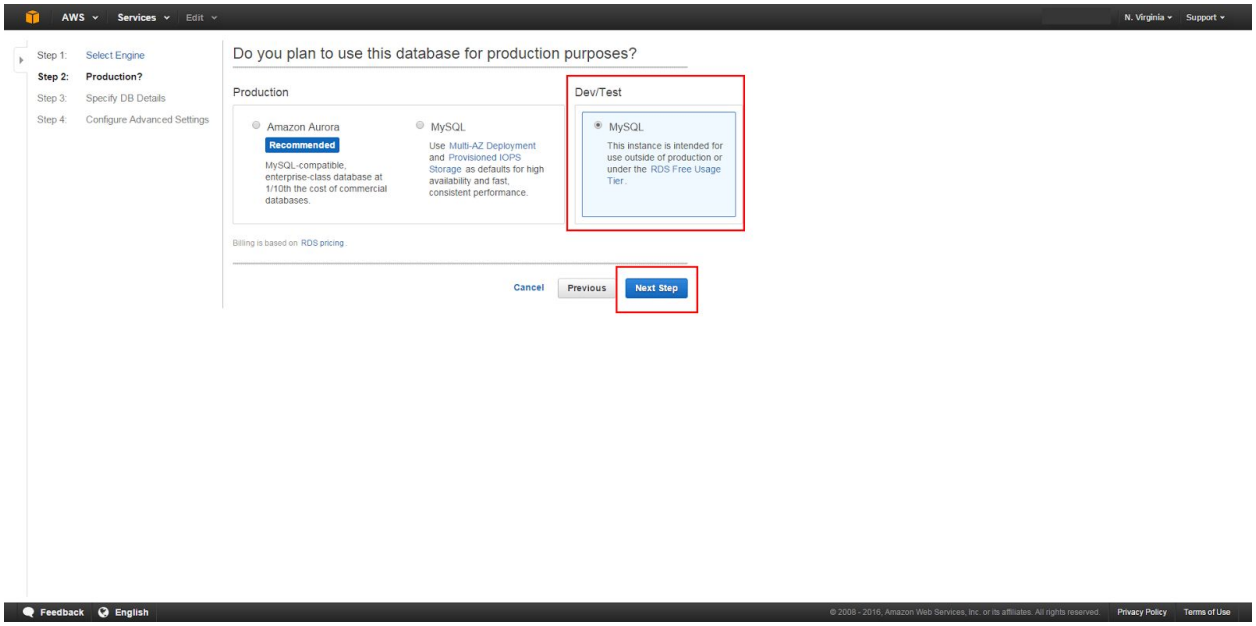
b. In the navigation pane on the left, click Instances. Then click Launch DB Instance.



c. You now have options to select your engine. For this tutorial, click the *MySQL icon* and then click Select.



d. The next screen gives you options to choose your environment. Select the MySQL option under Dev/Test and click Next Step.



e. You will now configure your DB instance. The list below shows the example settings you can use for this tutorial:
Instance Specifications:

- **License Model: Select the default *general-public-license* to use the general license agreement for MySQL. MySQL has only one license model.**

- **DB Engine Version: Select the default version of MySQL. Note that Amazon RDS supports multiple versions of MySQL in some Regions.**
- **DB Instance Class: Select *db.t2.micro --- 1vCPU, 1 GIB RAM*. This equates to 1 GB memory and 1 vCPU. To see a list of supported instance classes, see Amazon RDS Product Details.**
- **Multi-AZ Deployment: Select *No* to create your DB instance in a single Availability Zone for this tutorial. Using a Multi-AZ Deployment will automatically provision and maintain a synchronous standby replica in a different Availability Zone. Note that you will have to pay for Multi-AZ Deployment. For more information, see High Availability Deployment.**
- **Storage Type: Select *General Purpose (SSD)*. For more information about storage, see Storage for Amazon RDS.**
- **Allocated Storage: Type 5 to allocate 5 GB of storage for your database. You can scale up to a maximum of 6 TB with Amazon RDS for MySQL.**
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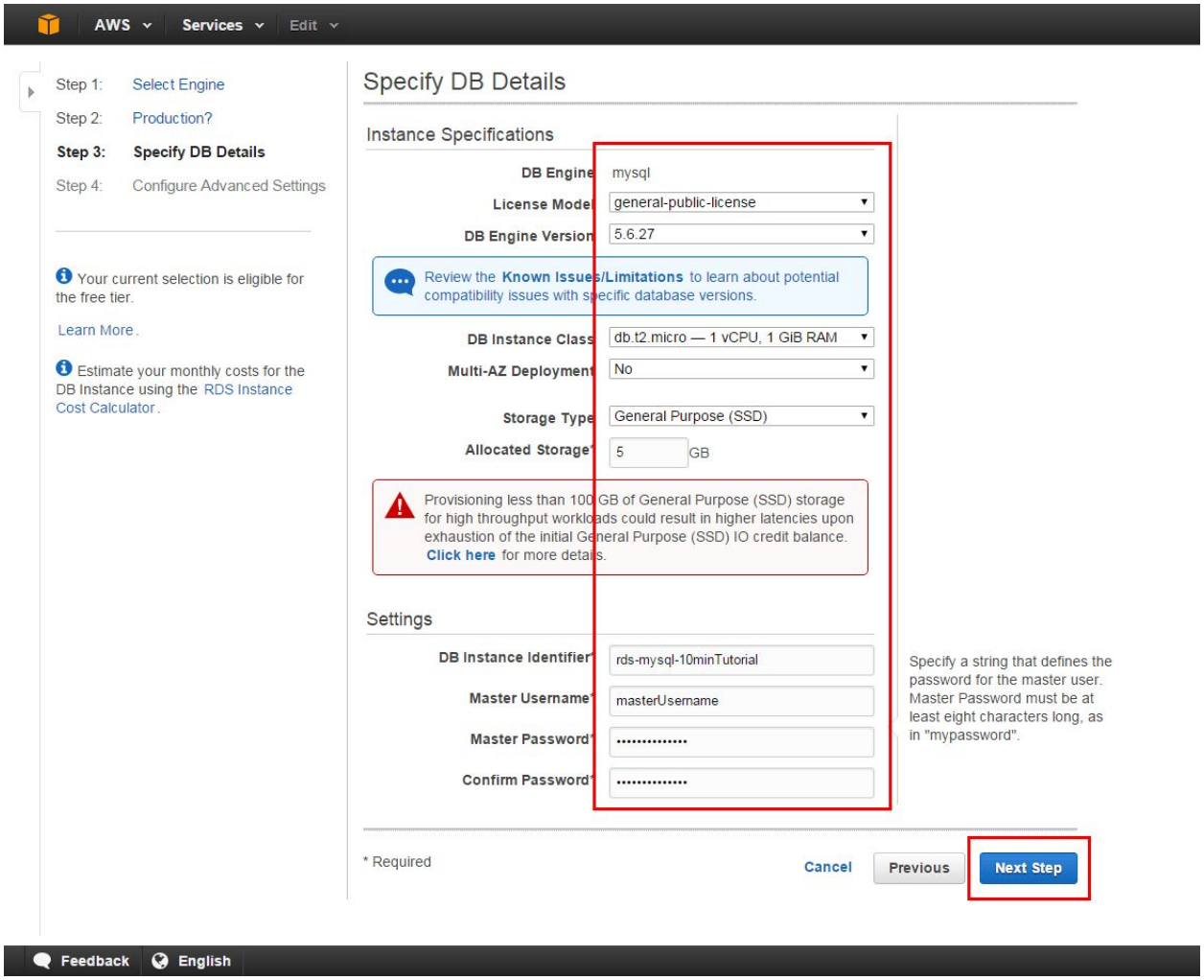
Settings:

- **DB Instance Modifier: Type a name for the DB instance that is unique for your account in the Region you selected. For this tutorial, we will name it *rds-mysql-10minTutorial*.**
- **Master Username: Type a username that you will use to log in to your DB instance. We will use *masterUsername* in this example.**
- **Master Password: Type a password that contains from 8 to 41 printable ASCII characters (excluding /,", and @) for your master user password.**
- **Confirm Password: Retype your password**
- **Allocated Storage: Type 5 to allocate 5 GB of storage for your database. For more information about storage allocation, see Amazon Relational Database Service Features. (switch ordering, its after storage type)**

Click Next Step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Step 1: Select Engine
Step 2: Production?
Step 3: Specify DB Details
Step 4: Configure Advanced Settings
Your current selection is eligible for the free tier.
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Estimate your monthly costs for the DB Instance using the RDS Instance Cost Calculator.
Specify DB Details
Instance Specifications
DB Engine
mysql
License Model
general-public-license
DB Engine Version
5.6.27
Review the Known Issues/Limitations to learn about potential compatibility issues with specific database versions.
DB Instance Class
db.t2.micro — 1 vCPU, 1 GiB RAM
Multi-AZ Deployment
No
Storage Type
General Purpose (SSD)
Allocated Storage
5
GB
Provisioning less than 100 GB of General Purpose (SSD) storage for high throughput workloads could result in higher latencies upon exhaustion of the initial General Purpose (SSD) IO credit balance. Click here for more details.
Settings
DB Instance Identifier
rds-mysql-10minTutorial
Master Username
masterUsername
Master Password
Confirm Password
Specify a string that defines the password for the master user. Master Password must be at least eight characters long, as in "mypassword".
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