**Step 1: Log in to AWS Management Console**

1. Go to [AWS Console](https://aws.amazon.com/console/).
2. Log in with your AWS credentials.

**Step 2: Open EC2 Dashboard**

1. In the **AWS Console**, search for **EC2** in the search bar and click **EC2**.
2. Click **Launch Instance**.

**Step 3: Configure the EC2 Instance**

1. **Enter a Name**: Give your instance a name (e.g., MyAmazonLinuxInstance).
2. **Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)**:
   * Click **Browse AMIs** and search for **Amazon Linux**.
   * Select **Amazon Linux 2023 (HVM), SSD Volume Type** (Free tier eligible).
3. **Choose an Instance Type**:
   * Select t2.micro (Free tier eligible).
4. **Create or Select a Key Pair**:
   * Click **Create New Key Pair** (if you don’t have one).
   * Download the .pem file and keep it safe.
5. **Configure Network Settings**:
   * Enable SSH (port 22) for your IP.
   * Add HTTP (port 80) if you plan to run a web server.
6. **Configure Storage**:
   * Keep the default 8 GiB (or increase if needed).

**Step 4: Launch the Instance**

1. Click **Launch Instance**.
2. Wait for a few seconds, then go to **Instances** → Check **Instance State** (Running).

**Step 5: Connect to Your EC2 Instance**

1. Select your instance.
2. Click **Connect** → **SSH Client**.
3. Copy the SSH command (Example: ssh -i "your-key.pem" ec2-user@your-instance-public-ip).
4. Open a terminal and run the command.