

OpenStack Labs

Lab 09: Customizing Instances



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Introduction

In this lab, you will use the ${\tt cloud-init}$ utility to customize OpenStack instances.



Objectives

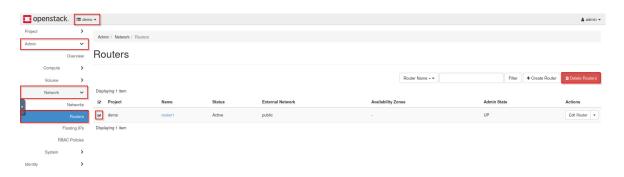
- Customize an instance with cloud-init.
- Verify instance customization.



1 Creating Customized Instances

In this task, you will customize two instances using cloud-init capabilities and features. You will log into the first instance to confirm cloud-init is up and running.

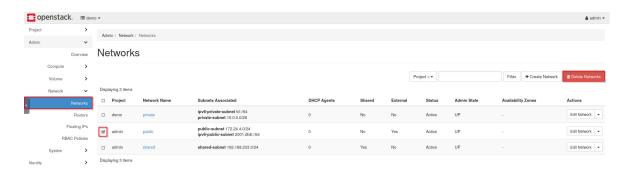
- 1. Open the web browser and navigate to **192.168.1.20**. Log into the dashboard as **admin** with the password **secret**.
- 2. Switch to the **demo** project. Navigate to **Admin**→**Network**→**Routers**. Check the box in the same row as **router1**, then click **Delete Routers**.



3. In the *Confirm Delete Routers* dialog box that pops up, click **Delete Routers**.



4. Now, navigate to **Networks**. Check the box in the same row as **public**, then click **Delete Networks**.



5. In the Confirm Delete Networks dialog box that pops up, click **Delete Networks**.



Confirm Delete Networks You have selected: "public". Please confirm your selection. This action cannot be undone. Cancel Delete Networks

6. Leave the web browser open and open a terminal window. Source the keystone credentials for the **admin** user.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ source ~/keystonerc-admin
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ source ~/keystonerc-admin
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

7. A few resources need to be created to help with customizing the instances. First, create an external network named **external**. Set the network type to **flat** and the physical network to **public**. Set the network as shared and external.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack network create external \
> --external --share \
> --provider-network-type flat \
> --provider-physical-network public
```



```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack network create external \
 --external --share \
 --provider-network-type flat \
 --provider-physical-network public
 Field
                             | Value
 admin state up
                              UP
 availability zone hints
 availability zones
 created at
                              2023-11-28T22:04:20Z
 description
 dns domain
                              9413be91-6d77-4bd3-a206-d4b0d51e107a
 id
 ipv4 address scope
                              None
 ipv6 address scope
                              None
 is_default
                              False
 is_vlan_transparent
                              None
                              1500
 mtu
 name
                              external
 port_security_enabled
                              True
 project id
                              c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
 provider:network type
                              flat
 provider:physical network
                              public
 provider:segmentation id
                              None
 gos policy id
                              None
 revision number
 router:external
                              External
 segments
                              None
                              True
 shared
 status
                              ACTIVE
 subnets
 tags
 updated at
                              2023-11-28T22:04:20Z
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

Tip

WHen typing the command, make sure there is a space between external and the \ character, and press **Enter** to get the > and continue typing the rest of the command.

8. Create a subnet named **subext** in the **external** network. Give the subnet a range of **172.25.250.60** to **172.25.250.80**. Disable DHCP services for the subnet and use the address **172.25.250.254** as the gateway as well as the DNS name server.



```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack subnet create \
> --subnet-range 172.25.250.0/24 \
> --no-dhcp \
> --gateway 172.25.250.254 \
> --dns-nameserver 172.25.250.254 \
> --allocation-pool start=172.25.250.60,end=172.25.250.80 \
> --network external \
> subext
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack subnet create \
> --subnet-range 172.25.250.0/24 \
 --no-dhcp \
> --gateway 172.25.250.254 \
> --dns-nameserver 172.25.250.254 \
 --allocation-pool start=172.25.250.60,end=172.25.250.80 \
 --network external \
 subext
 Field
                    | Value
                    172.25.250.60-172.25.250.80
 allocation pools
  cidr
                      172.25.250.0/24
                      2023-11-28T22:06:04Z
  created at
 description
                      172.25.250.254
  dns nameservers
  enable dhcp
                      False
                      172.25.250.254
  gateway ip
 host routes
                      1fc4acf4-704b-4a61-bbf3-cc8db40497ec
  ip version
  ipv6 address mode
                      None
 ipv6 ra mode
                      None
  name
                      subext
                      9413be91-6d77-4bd3-a206-d4b0d51e107a
  network id
                      c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
  project id
  revision number
  segment id
                      None
  service_types
  subnetpool id
                      None
  tags
                      2023-11-28T22:06:04Z
  updated at
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

9. From the floating IP pool in the **external** network, create a floating IP.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack floating ip create external
```



```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack floating ip create external
 Field
                     | Value
                    | 2023-11-28T22:06:29Z
| created at
 description
 fixed ip address | None
 floating_ip_address | 172.25.250.78
 floating network id | 9413be91-6d77-4bd3-a206-d4b0d51e107a
 id
                     | dea3c2c7-fd39-4d9a-9835-2444cf2dfa7e
                     | 172.25.250.78
 name
                    None
 port id
                    c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
 project id
 gos policy id
                    None
                    0
 revision number
                     None
 router id
                     DOWN
 status
 subnet id
                     I None
 updated at
                     2023-11-28T22:06:29Z
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

10. Create a router named **exercise-router**.

ubuntu@workstation:~\$ openstack router create exercise-router

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack router create exercise-router
                        | Value
 admin state up
 availability_zone_hints |
 availability zones
 created at
                        2023-11-29T19:33:59Z
 description
                        False
 distributed
 external gateway info
                        None
 flavor id
                         None
                         False
 ha
 id
                         c8ed3b3a-f70c-418e-a00f-la8f8dca6161
                        | exercise-router
 name
 project_id
                        c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
 revision number
 routes
                        ACTIVE
 status
 tags
 updated_at
                        2023-11-29T19:33:59Z
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```



11. Connect the router to the **shared-subnet** subnet.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack router add subnet \
> exercise-router shared-subnet
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack router add subnet \
> exercise-router shared-subnet
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

12. Set the **external** network as the gateway for the router.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack router set \
> --external-gateway external \
> exercise-router
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack router set \
> --external-gateway external \
> exercise-router
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

13. Create the key pair **dev-keypair** and save the private key to the file ~/**Downloads/dev-keypair.pem**.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack keypair create \
> dev-keypair > ~/Downloads/dev-keypair.pem
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack keypair create \
> dev-keypair > ~/Downloads/dev-keypair.pem
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

14. the chmod command with a mode of **600** to make it so that the **ubuntu** user has read/write permissions on the file, and groups and other users have no permissions to the file.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ chmod 600 ~/Downloads/dev-keypair.pem
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ chmod 600 ~/Downloads/dev-keypair.pem
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```



15. Create the **dev-secgroup** security group.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack security group \
> create dev-secgroup
```

16. Add a security rule in the **dev-secgroup** security group to allow remote ICMP traffic.

```
ubuntu@workstation: openstack security group \
> rule create \
> --protocol icmp \
> dev-secgroup
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack security group \
 rule create \
 --protocol icmp \
 dev-secgroup
 Field
                     Value
                      2023-11-28T22:09:51Z
 created at
 description
 direction
                      ingress
 ether type
                      IPv4
                      d38364cb-c1ba-4710-8561-3243de310569
 id
                      None
 name
                      None
 port range max
 port range min
                      None
 project id
                      c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
 protocol
                      icmp
 remote group id
                      None
  remote ip prefix
                      0.0.0.0/0
  revision number
  security group id
                      bf6127bb-edab-44c8-a470-20cc9c3c4f6c
 updated at
                      2023-11-28T22:09:51Z
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

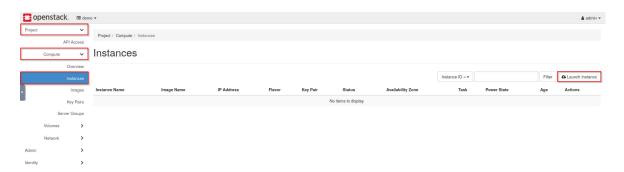
17. Add another security rule to allow remote connection using SSH on the default port 22.



```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack security group \
> rule create \
> --protocol tcp \
> --dst-port 22 \
> dev-secgroup
```

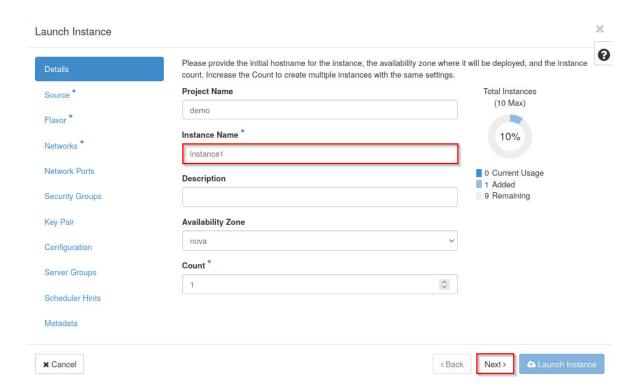
```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack security group \
 rule create \
 --protocol tcp \
 --dst-port 22 \
 dev-secgroup
 Field
                     Value
 created at
                      2023-11-28T22:10:34Z
 description
 direction
                      ingress
 ether type
                      IPv4
 id
                      ae97b392-7583-4f00-8cde-c544fd4b8195
                      None
 name
 port range max
                      22
                      22
 port range min
                      c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
 project id
 protocol
                      tcp
  remote group id
                      None
  remote ip prefix
                      0.0.0.0/0
  revision number
                      bf6127bb-edab-44c8-a470-20cc9c3c4f6c
  security group id
  updated at
                      2023-11-28T22:10:34Z
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

18. Now that the necessary resources have been created, focus back to the web browser. Navigate to **Project**→**Compute**→**Instances**, then click **Launch Instance**.



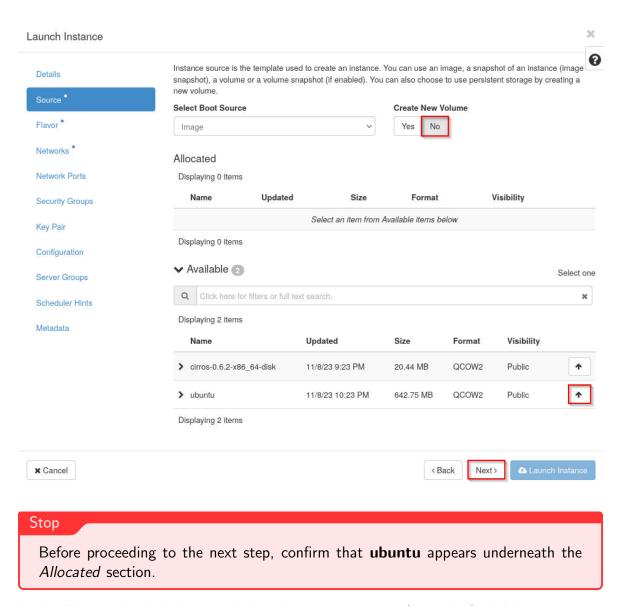
19. In the *Details* tab, enter **instance1** in the *Instance Name* field and click **Next**.





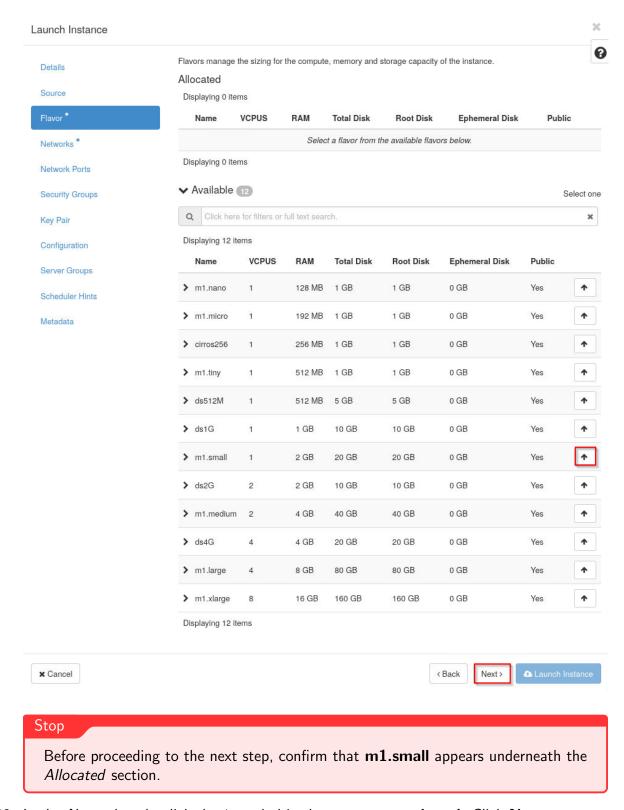
20. In the *Source* tab, make sure **Image** is selected in the *Select Boot Source* dropdown and click **No** under *Create New Volume*. Select the **ubuntu** image by clicking the ↑ symbol in the same row. Click **Next**.





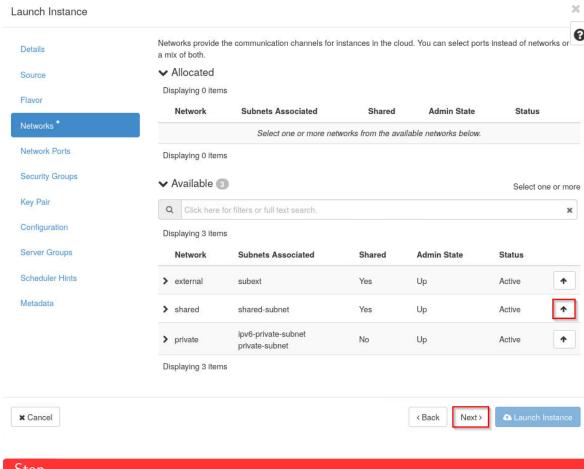
21. In the *Flavor* tab, click the ↑ symbol in the same row as **m1.small**. Click **Next**.





22. In the *Networks* tab, click the \(\gamma\) symbol in the same row as **shared**. Click **Next**.



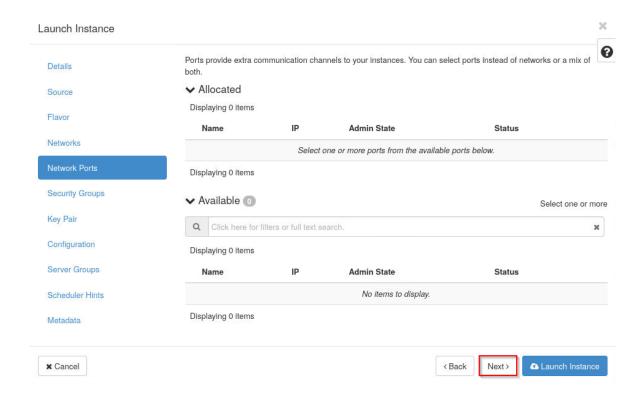


Stop

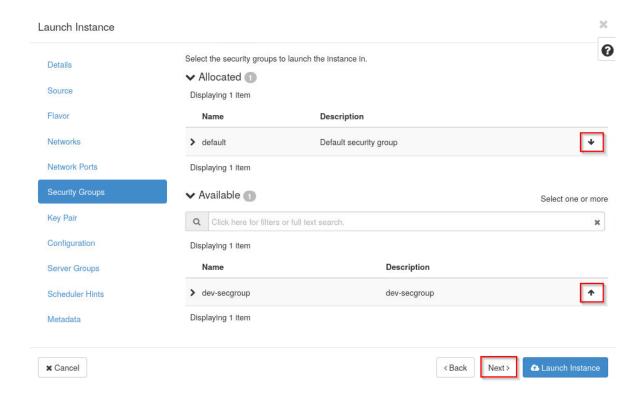
Before proceeding to the next step, confirm that shared appears underneath the Allocated section.

23. In the Network Ports tab, click Next.





24. In the *Security Groups* tab, click the ↓ symbol in the same row as **default**, and click the ↑ symbol in the same row as **dev-secgroup**. Click **Next**.

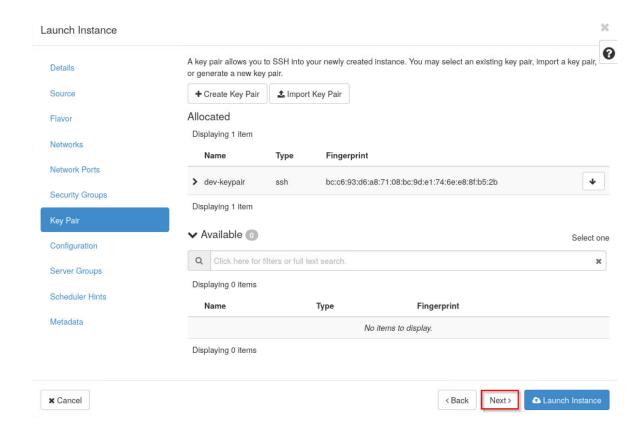




Stop

Before proceeding to the next step, confirm that only **dev-secgroup** appears underneath the *Allocated* section.

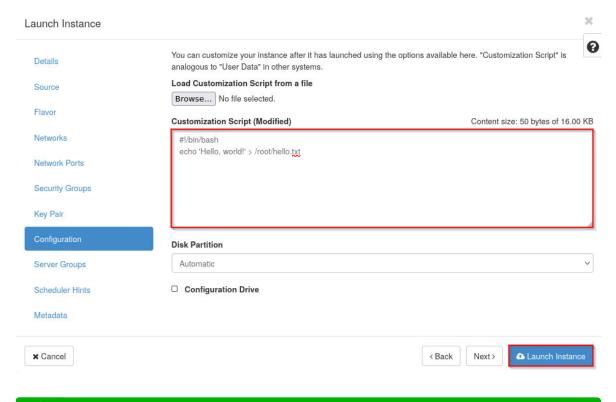
25. In the *Key Pair* tab, ensure that the key pair **dev-keypair** has been selected and is underneath the *Allocated* section. Click **Next**.



26. In the *Configuration* tab, populate the **Customization Script** field with the content below. Once finished, click **Launch Instance**.

```
#!/bin/bash
echo 'Hello, world!' > /root/hello.txt
```

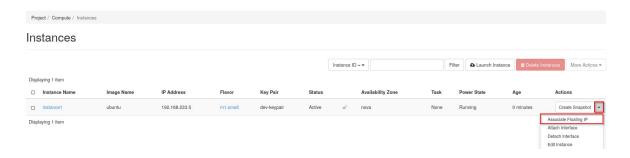




Tip

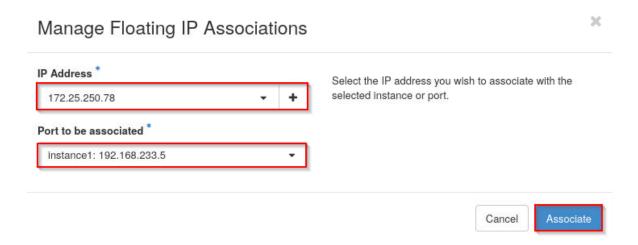
A customization script can be used to perform many commands automatically upon instance creation, such as installing packages, configuring a host name, etc. The simple script above is just an example.

27. Once the status for **instance1** is **Active**, attach a floating IP address to it. Select **Associate Floating IP** from the dropdown menu next to **Create Snapshot** in the row for the instance.

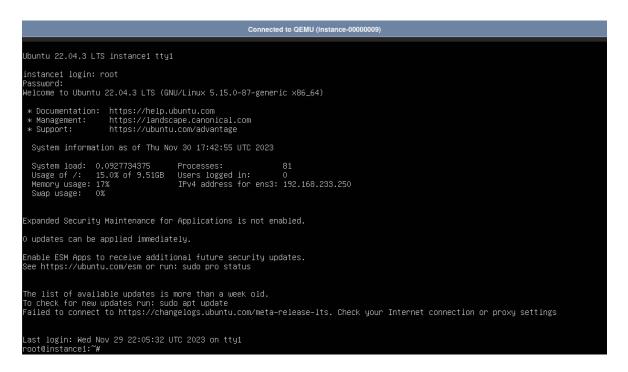


28. Select any one of the IP addresses from the IP Address dropdown and select **instance1**: **192.168.233.XYZ** as the *Port to be associated*. Click **Associate**.





29. To verify that the customization script worked, first click on **instance1** under the *Instance Name* column, then navigate to the *Console* tab if you are not directed there automatically. Log into the instance as **root** with the password **secret**.



30. Check /var/log/cloud-init.log to confirm that cloud-init ran. Use the tail command to print the last 10 lines of the log.

```
root@instance:~# tail /var/log/cloud-init.log
```



```
Connected to QEMU (Instance-0000009)

root@instance1: "# sudo tail /var/log/cloud-init.log
sudo: unable to resolve host instance1: Temporary failure in name resolution
2023-11-30 17:32:30,843 - util.py[DEBUG]: Writing to /var/lib/cloud/instance/boot-finished - wb: [644] 70 bytes
2023-11-30 17:32:30,852 - handlers.py[DEBUG]: finish: modules-final/config-final_message: SUCCESS: config-final_message ran succ
essfully
2023-11-30 17:32:30,853 - main.py[DEBUG]: Ran 11 modules with 0 failures
2023-11-30 17:32:30,860 - atomic_helper.py[DEBUG]: Atomically writing to file /var/lib/cloud/data/status.json (via temporary fil
e /var/lib/cloud/data/tmppufil6z_) - w: [644] 530 bytes/chans
2023-11-30 17:32:30,867 - atomic_helper.py[DEBUG]: Atomically writing to file /var/lib/cloud/data/result.json (via temporary fil
e /var/lib/cloud/data/tmppugmsadmy) - w: [644] 87 bytes/chars
2023-11-30 17:32:30,870 - util.py[DEBUG]: Creating symbolic link from '/run/cloud-init/result.json' > '.../../var/lib/cloud/data/
/result.json'
2023-11-30 17:32:30,870 - util.py[DEBUG]: Reading from /proc/uptime (quiet=False)
2023-11-30 17:32:30,877 - util.py[DEBUG]: Read 12 bytes from /proc/uptime
2023-11-30 17:32:30,877 - util.py[DEBUG]: cloud-init mode 'modules' took 3.172 seconds (3.17)
2023-11-30 17:32:30,878 - handlers.py[DEBUG]: finish: modules-final: SUCCESS: running modules for final
root@instance1: "#_
```

31. Ensure that the **/root/hello.txt** file exists and has the correct content.

```
root@instance:~# cat /root/hello.txt
```

```
Connected to QEMU (instance-0000000b)

root@instance1:~# cat /root/hello.txt

Hello, world!

root@instance1:~# _
```

- 32. Log out of the *Horizon Dashboard* and close the web browser.
- 33. Focus back on the terminal and delete **instance1**.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack server delete instance1
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack server delete instance1
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

34. Another instance will be created and customized using the *OpenStack Unified CLI*. First, create a **user-data** script that will be attached to the instance at creation. Create a script called ~/set_hostname that matches the content shown below. Press CTRL+X, then Y to accept the file changes. Press Enter to confirm and exit back to the terminal.

```
ubuntu@workstation: nano ~/set_hostname
```

```
GNU nano 2.9.3 /home/ubuntu/set_hostname Modified

#!/bin/bash
hostnamectl set-hostname nexus
```

35. Launch an instance using the **user-data** option with the previously created script to perform the customization. Use the **ubuntu** image, the **m1.small** flavor, the **shared** network, the **dev-secgroup** security group, and the **dev-keypair** key pair.



```
ubuntu@workstation: openstack server create \
> --image ubuntu \
> --flavor m1.small \
> --nic net-id=shared \
> --security-group dev-secgroup \
> --key-name dev-keypair \
> --user-data ~/set_hostname \
> --wait instance2
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack server create \
  --image ubuntu \
  --flavor m1.small \
--nic net-id=shared \
  --security-group dev-secgroup \
  --key-name dev-keypair \
  --user-data ~/set hostname \
  --wait instance2
  Field
                                               Value
 OS-DCF:diskConfig
OS-EXT-AZ:availability_zone
                                               MANUAL
                                               nova
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:host
OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:hypervisor_hostname
                                               devstack
                                               devstack
  OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:instance name
                                               instance-0000000c
  OS-EXT-STS:power_state
OS-EXT-STS:task_state
                                               Running
                                               None
  OS-EXT-STS:vm_state
OS-SRV-USG:launched_at
                                               active
                                               2023-11-30T18:31:03.000000
  OS-SRV-USG:terminated_at
                                               None
  accessIPv4
  accessIPv6
                                               shared=192.168.233.47
  addresses
  adminPass
                                               5G5xNceVrXus
  config_drive
  created
                                               2023-11-30T18:31:00Z
                                               m1.small (2)
151e314f6e3cfc8b4db0b1f6035cc4b68cb1e6c9aa97163a575f9f6c
  flavor
  hostId
                                               d178095d-49e4-4e05-9729-0e320cfe5309
ubuntu (10d986bd-8501-47be-b9d9-d72eab219920)
  id
  image
  key_name
name
                                               dev-keypair
                                               instance2
  progress
project_id
                                               c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
  properties
  security_groups
                                               name='dev-secgroup'
  status
                                               ACTIVE
                                               2023-11-30T18:31:04Z
  updated
  user id
                                               b4bdeae0865449e1905fc5e639007753
  volumes_attached
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

36. Verify that the status of the **instance2** instance is **ACTIVE**.

```
ubuntu@workstation: openstack server list
```



37. Generate another floating IP address to assign to this instance. Take note of the IP address generated, which is listed in the *name* row in the output from the below command.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack floating ip create external
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack floating ip create external
 Field
                       Value
                        2023-11-29T22:29:11Z
 created at
 description
 fixed ip address
                        None
 floating_ip_address
                        172.25.250.63
 floating network id
                        9413be91-6d77-4bd3-a206-d4b0d51e107a
                        61840770-30bb-4bed-83c2-9cb95c7a831f
 id
                        172.25.250.63
 name
 port id
                        None
 project id
                        c524eaead1f74d4f9141f71b280e0237
 gos policy id
                        None
 revision number
                        0
 router id
                        None
                        DOWN
 status
 subnet id
                        None
                        2023-11-29T22:29:11Z
 updated at
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

38. Assign the floating IP generated from the last step to **instance2**.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack server add floating ip \instance2 172.25.250.63
```

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ openstack server add floating ip \
> instance2 172.25.250.63
ubuntu@workstation:~$
```

Note

The actual value of your floating IP address may be different.



2 Verify Customized Instances

In this task, you will verify that cloud-init has correctly customized the two instances created in the previous section.

- 1. If a terminal window is not already open, open one and source the admin credentials from the ~/keystonerc-admin file.
- 2. Determine the floating IP address associated with **instance1**. Remember that the floating IP address is in the **172.25.250.0/24** subnet.

```
ubuntu@workstation: openstack server show instance1 \
> | grep address
```

Note

The floating IP addresses in your output may differ from these examples.

3. Now, use this command again to determine the floating IP address associated with **instance2**.

```
ubuntu@workstation: openstack server show instance2 \
> | grep address
```