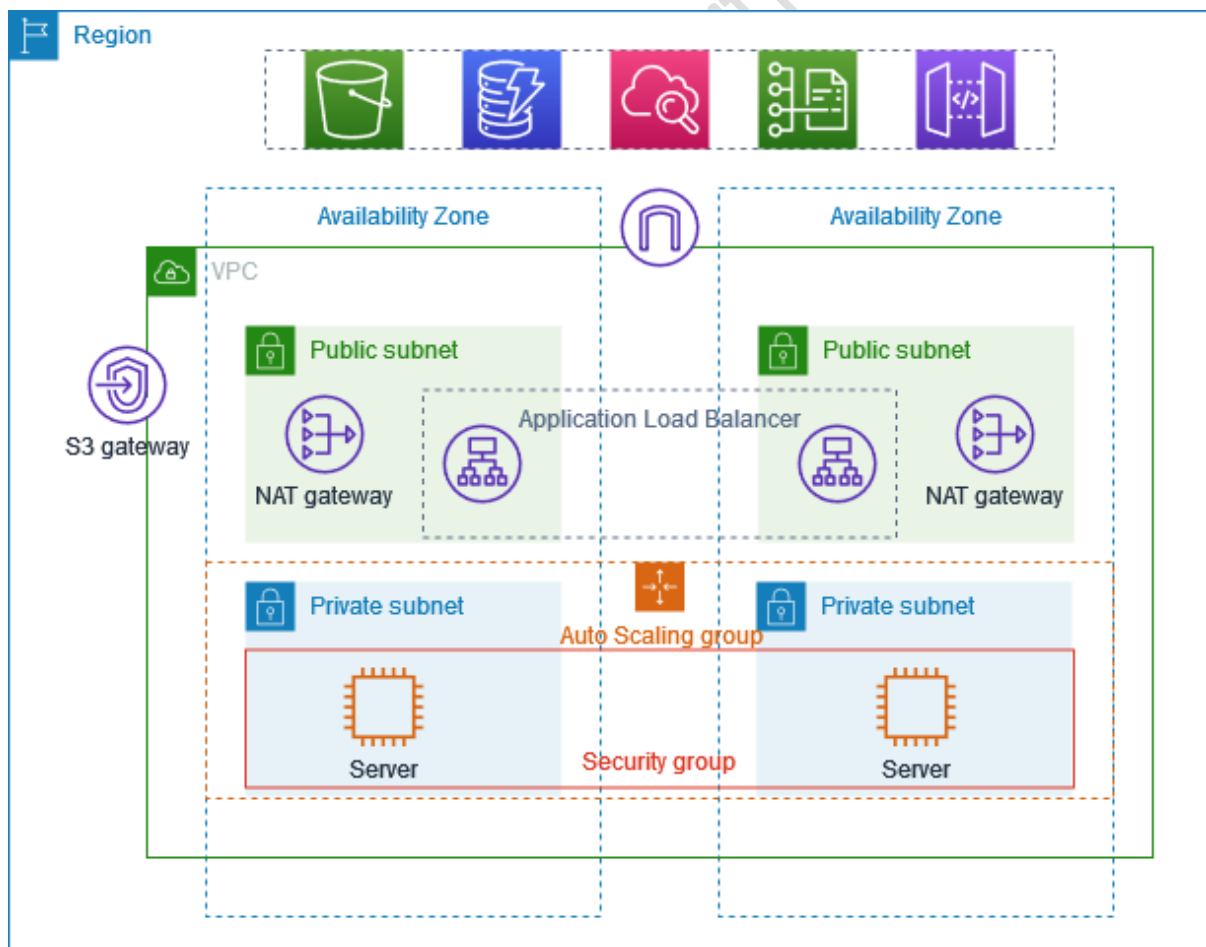


AWS 2-Tier Architecture Setup for Production Environments

VPC with public-private subnet in Production

About the Project:

This example demonstrates how to create a VPC that you can use for servers in a production environment. To improve resiliency, you deploy the servers in two Availability Zones, by using an Auto Scaling group and an Application Load Balancer. For additional security, you deploy the servers in private subnets. The servers receive requests through the load balancer. The servers can connect to the internet by using a NAT gateway. To improve resiliency, you deploy the NAT gateway in both Availability Zones.



Overview:

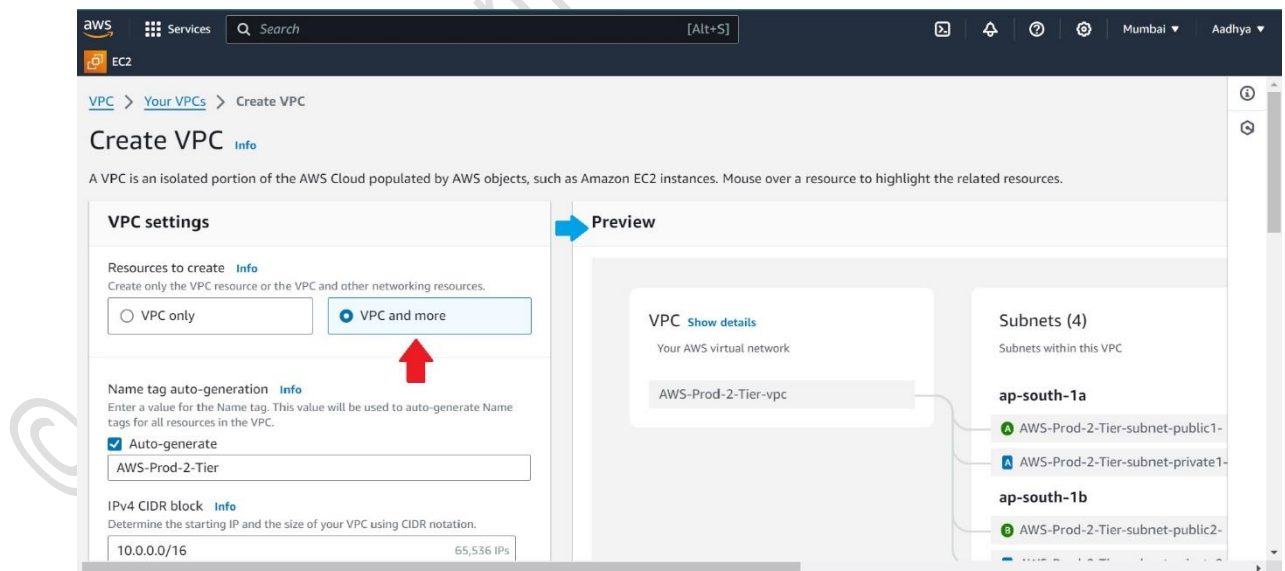
- The VPC has public subnets and private subnets in two Availability Zones.
- Each public subnet contains a NAT gateway and a load balancer node.
- The servers run in the private subnets, are launched and terminated by using an
- Auto Scaling group, and receive traffic from the load balancer.
- The servers can connect to the internet by using the NAT gateway.

Resources required:

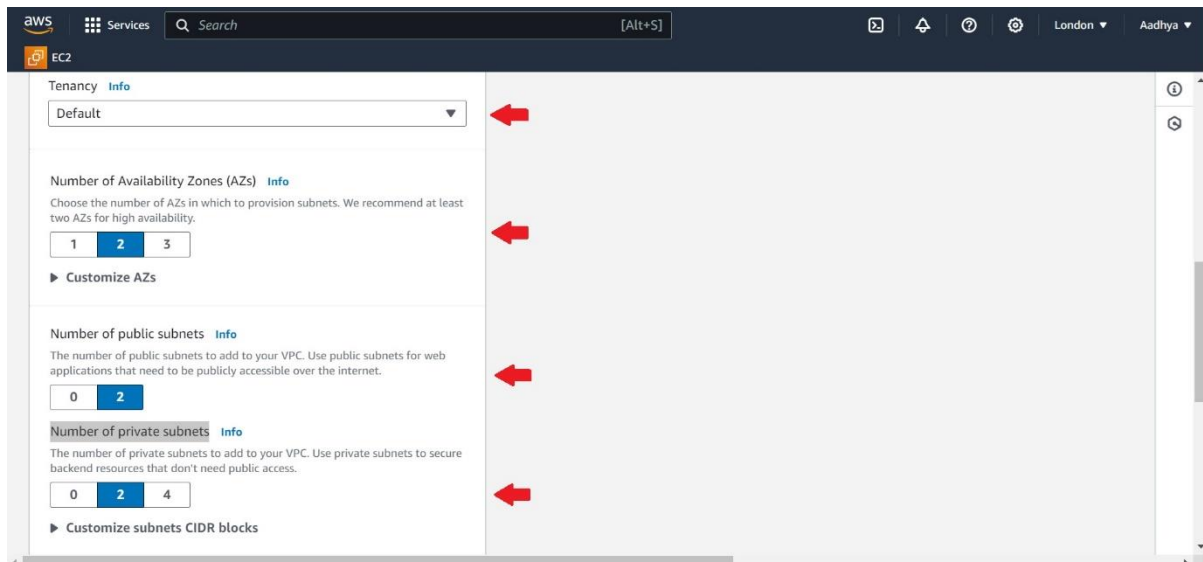
- Auto Scaling Group
- Load Balancer
- Target Group
- Bastion Host or Jump Server

Steps:

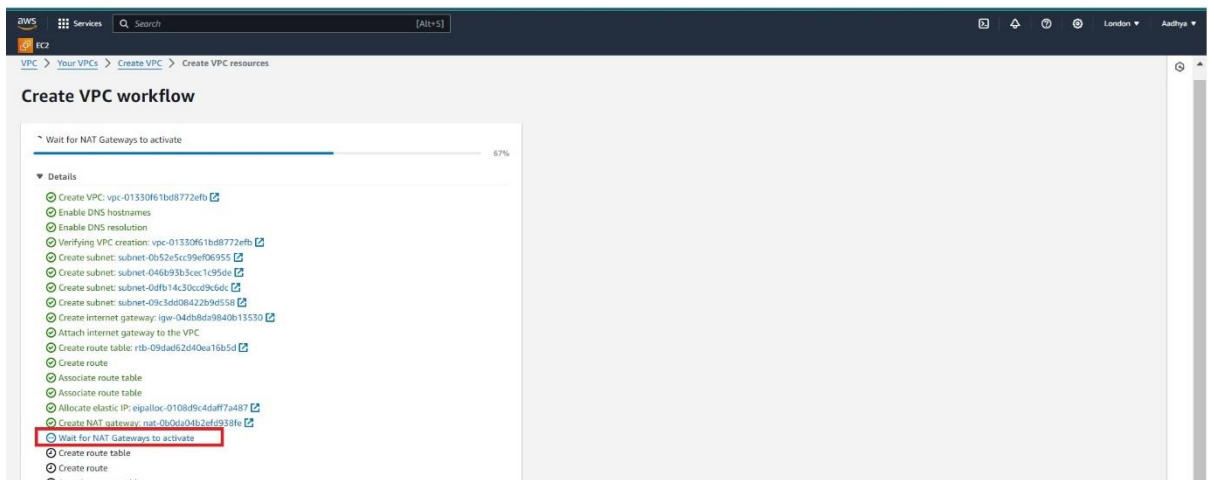
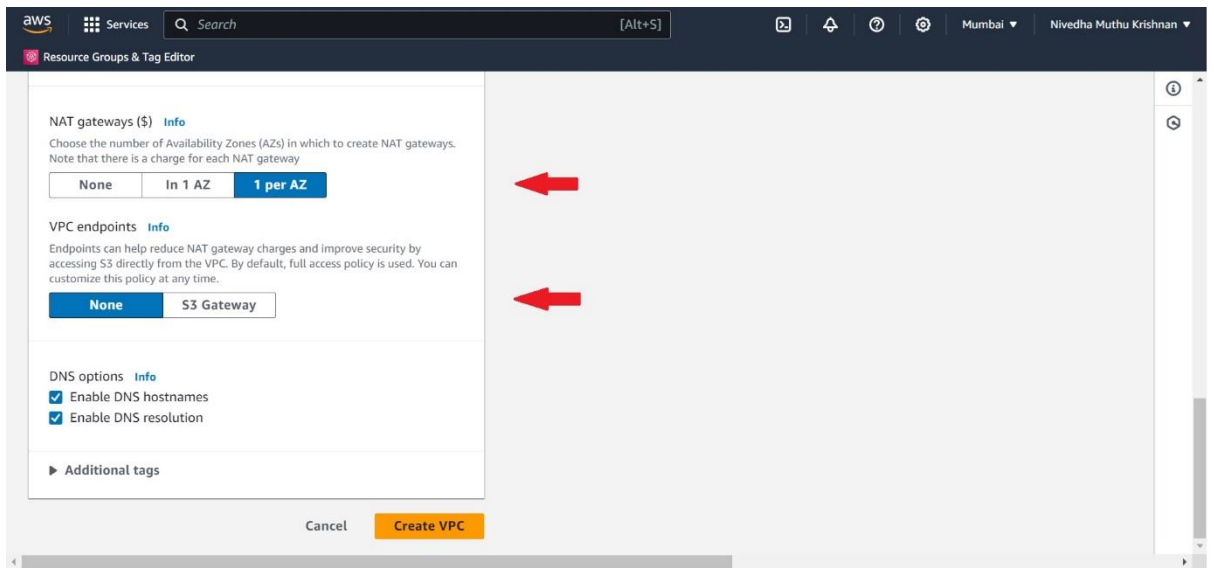
1. Login into AWS console and go to VPC dashboard to create VPC.
2. Click on Create VPC.
3. In VPC settings, select VPC and more. Once you select VPC and more you can see a preview diagrammatic representation at the right side.
4. Select the name of the project – AWS-Prod-2-Tier. In IPv4 CIDR Block range as 10.0.0.0/16.



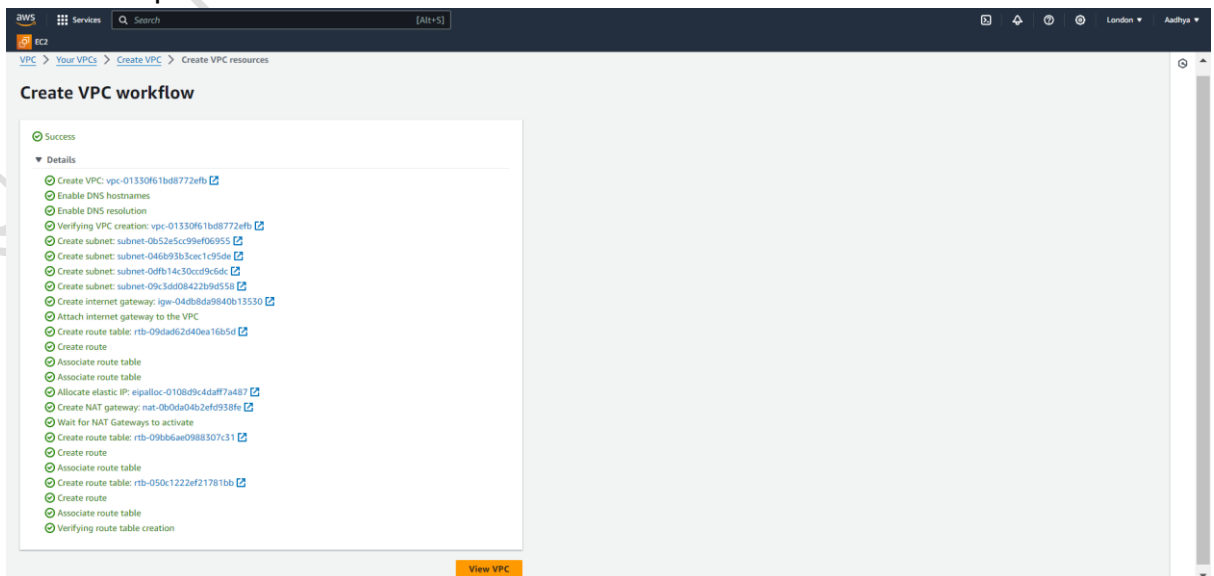
5. Keep the Tenancy as Default itself.
6. Select 2 from all Number of Availability Zones (AZs), Number of public subnets & Number of private subnets.



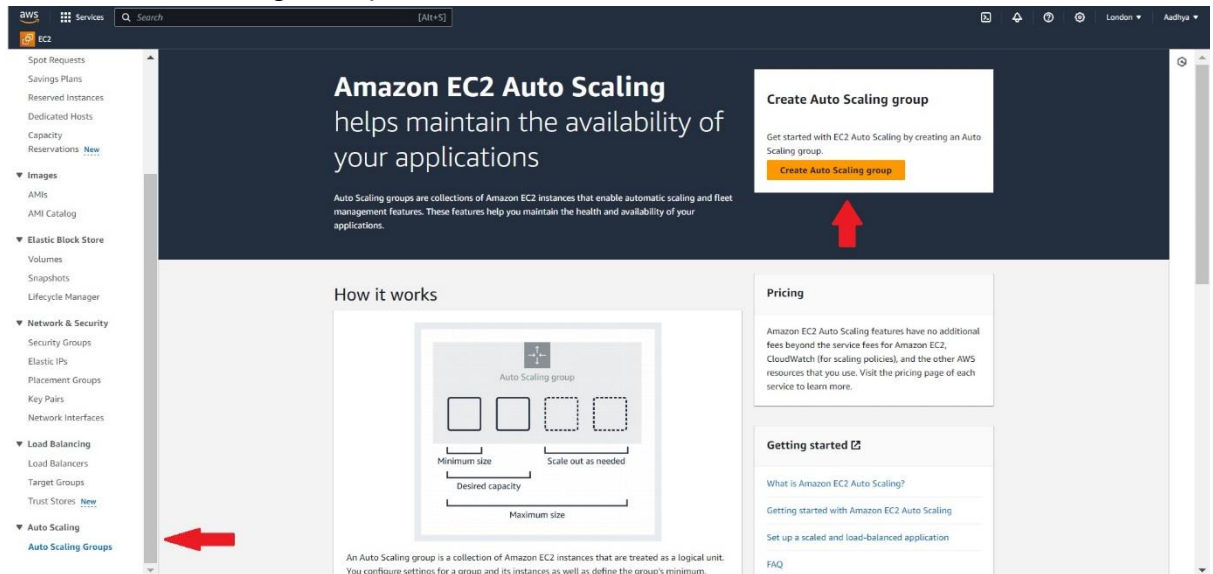
7. In NAT gateways, select - In 1 AZ.
8. Select None in VPC endpoints.
9. Keep all other options as same and click on Create VPC.
10. Now you can see VPC is getting created, and in while creating NAT gateway it takes time so wait till it gets completed.



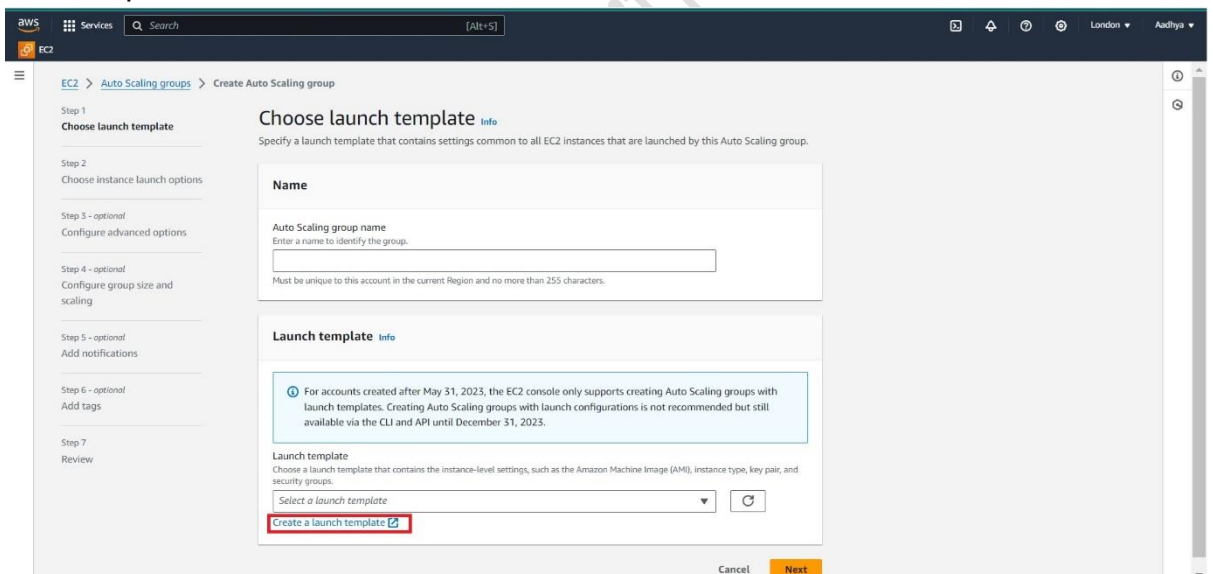
11. Now you can see VPC has been created successfully. Just check if all we created is present or not.



12. Now go to EC2 dashboard, to find ASG(Auto Scaling Group) and then click on Create Auto Scaling Group.



13. Once you are in to ASG page, we have to create ASG template so click on Create a launch template it will automatically redirects to a new tab to create a new template.



14. In ASG Template page, Launch template name required- AWS-Prod-2-Tier, Template version description- Proof of concept for app deploy in AWS private subnet.

Create launch template

Creating a launch template allows you to create a saved instance configuration that can be reused, shared and launched at a later time. Templates can have multiple versions.

Launch template name and description

Launch template name - required
 AWS-Prod-2-Tier

Template version description
 Proof of concept for app deploy in AWS private subnet

Auto Scaling guidance
 Select this if you intend to use this template with EC2 Auto Scaling
☒ Provide guidance to help me set up a template that I can use with EC2 Auto Scaling

Template tags
 Source template

Summary

Software Image (AMI)
 -

Virtual server type (instance type)
 -

Firewall (security group)
 -

Storage (volumes)
 -

Free tier: In your first year includes 750 hours of t2.micro (or t3.micro in the Regions in which t2.micro is unavailable) instance usage on free tier AMIs per month, 750 hours of public IPv4 address usage per month, 30 GiB of EBS storage, 2 million I/Os, 1 GB of snapshots, and 100 GB of bandwidth to the internet.

Cancel Create launch template

15. Select Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) – required- as Ubuntu AMI.

Launch template contents

Specify the details of your launch template below. Leaving a field blank will result in the field not being included in the launch template.

Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) - required

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below.

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Recents Quick Start

Amazon Linux macOS Ubuntu Windows Red Hat SUSE Linux

Amazon Machine Image (AMI)
 Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type
 ami-053a617c6207ecc7b (64-bit (x86)) / ami-048f9747493d1f6b3 (64-bit (ARM))
 Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: true Root device type: ebs

Description
 Canonical, Ubuntu, 24.04 LTS, amd64 noble image build on 2024-04-23

Architecture
 64-bit (x86)

AMI ID
 ami-053a617c6207ecc7b

Free tier eligible

Summary

Software Image (AMI)
 Canonical, Ubuntu, 24.04 LTS, ...read more
 ami-053a617c6207ecc7b

Virtual server type (instance type)
 -

Firewall (security group)
 -

Storage (volumes)
 1 volume(s) - 8 GiB

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Cancel Create launch template

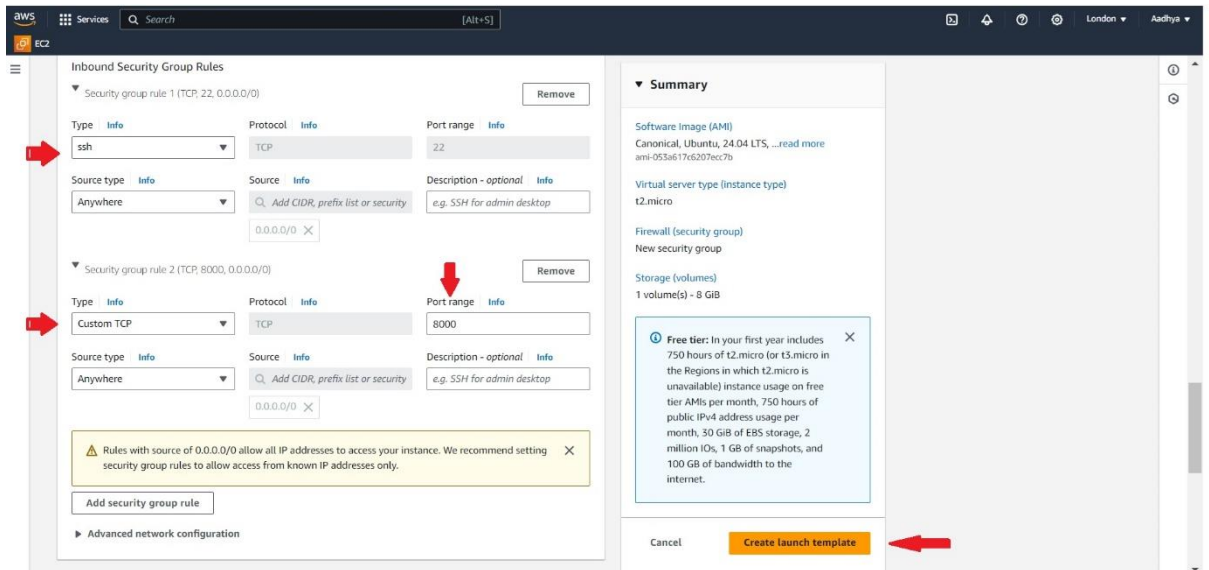
16. In Instance type select t2.micro. Select the available keypair or you can also create new.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console for the EC2 instance configuration. The 'Instance type' section is expanded, showing 't2.micro' as the selected instance type, which is 'Free tier eligible'. The 'Key pair (login)' section is expanded, showing 'Ubuntu-London-AZ' as the selected key pair. The 'Network settings' section is expanded, showing 'Don't include in launch template' as the selected subnet. The 'Summary' section on the right shows the configuration details, including the Software Image (AMI), Virtual server type (instance type), Firewall (security group), and Storage (volumes). A 'Create launch template' button is visible at the bottom right.

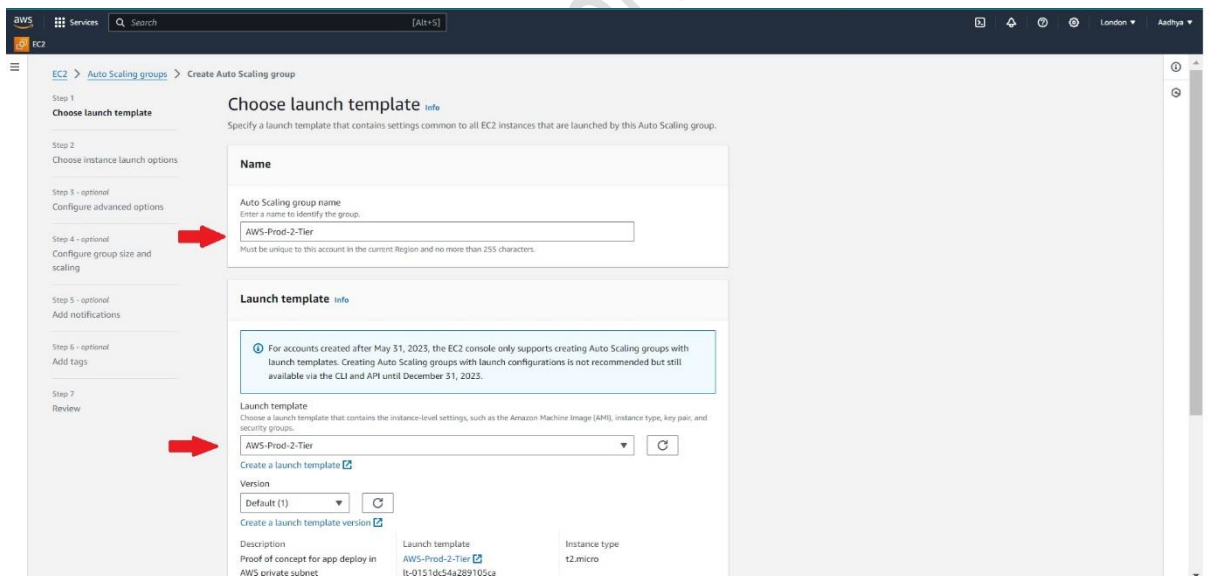
17. In Network settings, don't touch any subnet configuration. Select Create security group and give the sg name as AWS-Prod-2-Tier-SG, description as Allow SSH access. Select the VPC(AWS-Prod-2-Tier) which we created earlier.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console for the EC2 instance configuration. The 'Network settings' section is expanded, showing the 'Firewall (security groups)' section. The 'Create security group' button is selected, with a red arrow pointing to it. The 'Security group name' field is filled with 'AWS-Prod-2-Tier-SG', the 'Description' field is filled with 'Allow SSH access', and the 'VPC' dropdown is set to 'vpc-01330f61bd8772efb (AWS-Prod-2-Tier-vpc)'. The 'Summary' section on the right shows the configuration details, including the Software Image (AMI), Virtual server type (instance type), Firewall (security group), and Storage (volumes). A 'Create launch template' button is visible at the bottom right.

18. In Inbound Security Group Rules, add SSH(from anywhere) and custom TCP with port range 8000(from anywhere). Leave all other configurations untouched and click on Create launch template.



19. Now go back to ASG page and refresh once so that you can see the created template in the options. Give the Auto Scaling group name - AWS-Prod-2-Tier and then click on Next.



20. In Network, select the VPC created and in Availability Zones and subnets – select the 2 available private subnets. Now click on Next.

Configure advanced options

Step 4 - optional
[Configure group size and scaling](#)

Step 5 - optional
[Add notifications](#)

Step 6 - optional
[Add tags](#)

Step 7
[Review](#)

Launch template: AWS-Prod-2-Tier
Version: Default
Description: Proof of concept for app deploy in AWS private subnet

Instance type: t2.micro

Network info

For most applications, you can use multiple Availability Zones and let EC2 Auto Scaling balance your instances across the zones. The default VPC and default subnets are suitable for getting started quickly.

VPC
Choose the VPC that defines the virtual network for your Auto Scaling group.
vpc-01330f61b8772efb (AWS-Prod-2-Tier-vpc)
10.0.0.0/16

Availability Zones and subnets
Define which Availability Zones and subnets your Auto Scaling group can use in the chosen VPC.
Select Availability Zones and subnets
eu-west-2a | subnet-0cfb14c30cd9c6dc (AWS-Prod-2-Tier-subnet-private1-eu-west-2a)
eu-west-2b | subnet-09c3d08422b9d558 (AWS-Prod-2-Tier-subnet-private2-eu-west-2b)

Cancel Skip to review Previous **Next**

21. Configure advanced options – optional page don't change any. Leave as it is and click on Next.

22. Give 2 in Desired capacity and in Scaling Min as 1 and maximum as 4. Don't touch automatic scaling configurations. Click on Next.

Choose instance launch options

Step 3 - optional
[Configure advanced options](#)

Step 4 - optional
[Configure group size and scaling](#)

Step 5 - optional
[Add notifications](#)

Step 6 - optional
[Add tags](#)

Step 7
[Review](#)

Group size info

Set the initial size of the Auto Scaling group. After creating the group, you can change its size to meet demand, either manually or by using automatic scaling.

Desired capacity type
Choose the unit of measurement for the desired capacity value. vCPUs and Memory (GiB) are only supported for mixed instances groups configured with a set of instance attributes.
Units (number of instances)

Desired capacity
Specify your group size.
2

Scaling info

You can resize your Auto Scaling group manually or automatically to meet changes in demand.

Scaling limits
Set limits on how much your desired capacity can be increased or decreased.

Min desired capacity: 1
Max desired capacity: 4

Automatic scaling - optional
Choose whether to use a target tracking policy.
☒ No scaling policies
☐ Target tracking scaling policy

Cancel Skip to review Previous **Next**

23. Don't touch any other options and directly click on Create Auto Scaling group.

Instance maintenance policy

Replacement behavior	Min healthy percentage	Max healthy percentage
No policy	-	-

Instance scale-in protection

Enable instance protection from scale in

Step 5: Add notifications

Notifications

No notifications

Step 6: Add tags

Tags (0)

Key	Value	Tag new instances
No tags		

Cancel Previous Create Auto Scaling group

24. Make sure if the instances are created and also see if it is created in two different AZ's.

Instances (1/2) Info

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IPv4 DNS	Public IPv4 ...	Elastic IP
AWS-2-Tier-1	i-0b352e9a8fd90556	Running	t2.micro	Initializing	View alarms +	eu-west-2b	-	-	-
AWS-2-Tier-2	i-0a6aed38ea00e0515	Running	t2.micro	Initializing	View alarms +	eu-west-2a	-	-	-

i-0b352e9a8fd90556 (AWS-2-Tier-1)

Details Status and alarms Monitoring Security Networking Storage Tags

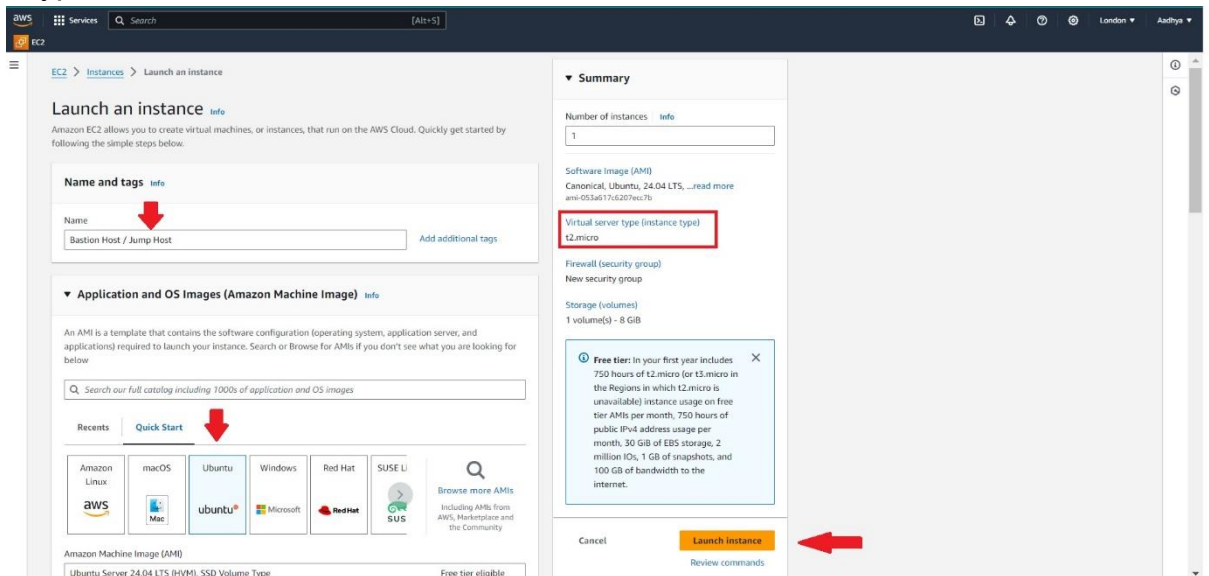
Instance summary Info

Instance ID	i-0b352e9a8fd90556 (AWS-2-Tier-1)	Public IPv4 address	-	Private IPv4 addresses	10.0.147.208
IPv6 address	-	Instance state	Running	Public IPv4 DNS	-
Hostname type	IP name: ip-10-0-147-208.eu-west-2.compute.internal	Private DNS name (IPv4 only)	ip-10-0-147-208.eu-west-2.compute.internal	Elastic IP addresses	-
Answer private resource DNS name	-	Instance type	t2.micro	AWS Compute Optimizer finding	Opt-in to AWS Compute Optimizer for recommendations. Learn more
Auto-assigned IP address	-	VPC ID	vpc-01350f61bd8772efb (AWS-Prod-2-Tier-vpc)	Auto Scaling Group name	AWS-Prod-2-Tier
IAM Role	-	Subnet ID	subnet-09c3dd08422b9d558 (AWS-Prod-2-Tier-subnet-private2-eu-west-2b)		
IMDSv2	Required				

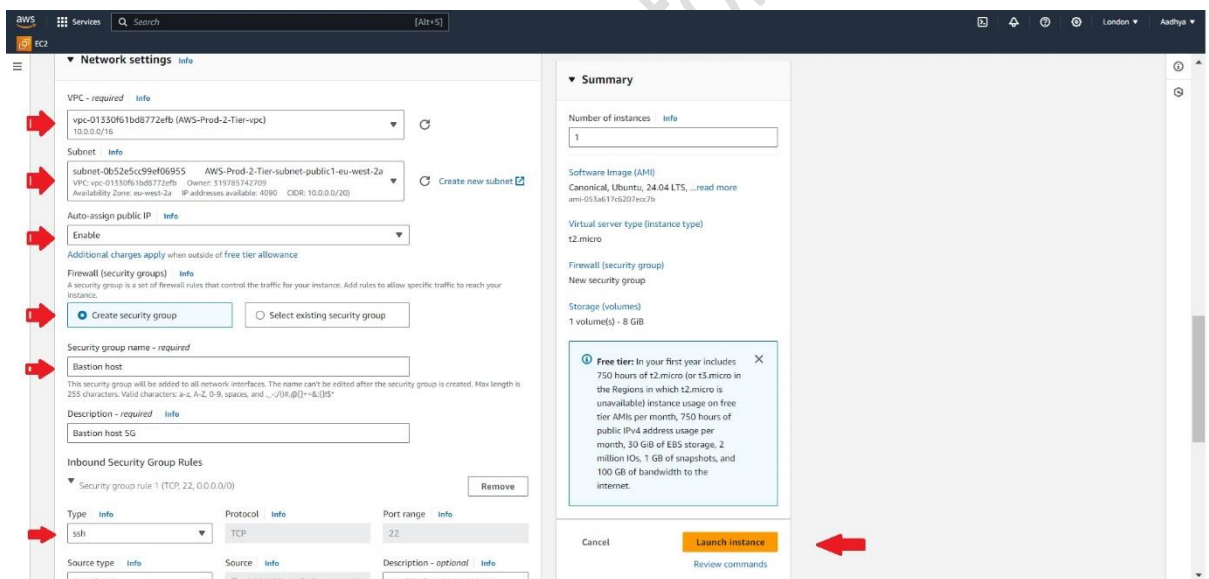
Now to login into the private instances we need a bastion host.

25. Go to EC2 Dashboard, click on Launch Instance. Give the name as Bastion Host / Jump Host, select ubuntu AML, instance type t2.micro and provide

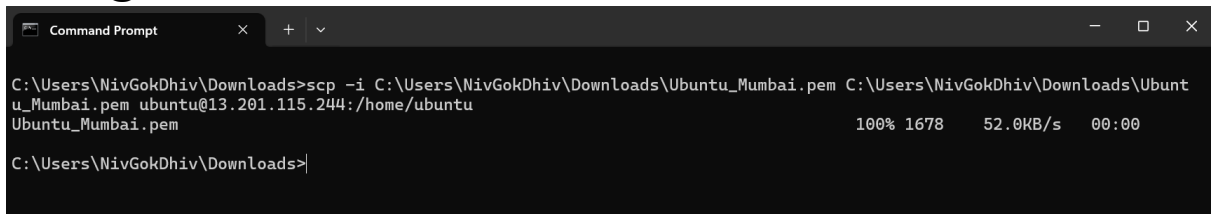
keypair.



26. In network settings, select the created VPC, make sure it is in public subnet, Auto-assign public IP – Enable, Create security group and make sure ssh is added. Now click on Launch instance.



27. Now open CMD and type the below command to
scp -i C:\Users\NivGokDhiv\Downloads\Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem
C:\Users\NivGokDhiv\Downloads\Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem
ubuntu@13.201.115.244:/home/ubuntu



```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-1-45: ~  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-1-45:~$ ls  
Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-1-45:~$
```

28. Change the permission of the pem file into 600 using the below command.

Chmod 600 Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem

29. Now to login into the private instance, copy any one of the private instance IP- 10.0.153.230 and do ssh from bastion host with the below command via putty.

ssh -I Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem ubuntu@10.0.153.230

30. Now you can notice that the IP has been changed from Bastion to private IP as shown in the below screenshot.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230: ~  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-1-45:~$ chmod 600 Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-1-45:~$ ssh -I Ubuntu_Mumbai.pem ubuntu@10.0.153.230  
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.8.0-1008-aws x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/pro  
  
System information as of Thu May 16 22:18:11 UTC 2024  
  
System load:  0.0          Processes:    104  
Usage of /:   23.1% of 6.71GB  Users logged in:  0  
Memory usage: 19%          IPv4 address for enx0: 10.0.153.230  
Swap usage:   0%  
  
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.  
  
0 updates can be applied immediately.  
  
Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.  
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status  
  
The list of available updates is more than a week old.  
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update  
  
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;  
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the  
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.  
  
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by  
applicable law.  
  
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".  
See "man sudo_root" for details.  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$
```

31. Now once u logged inside the private IP, create a index.html file using the below command and give the contents of HTML inside it.

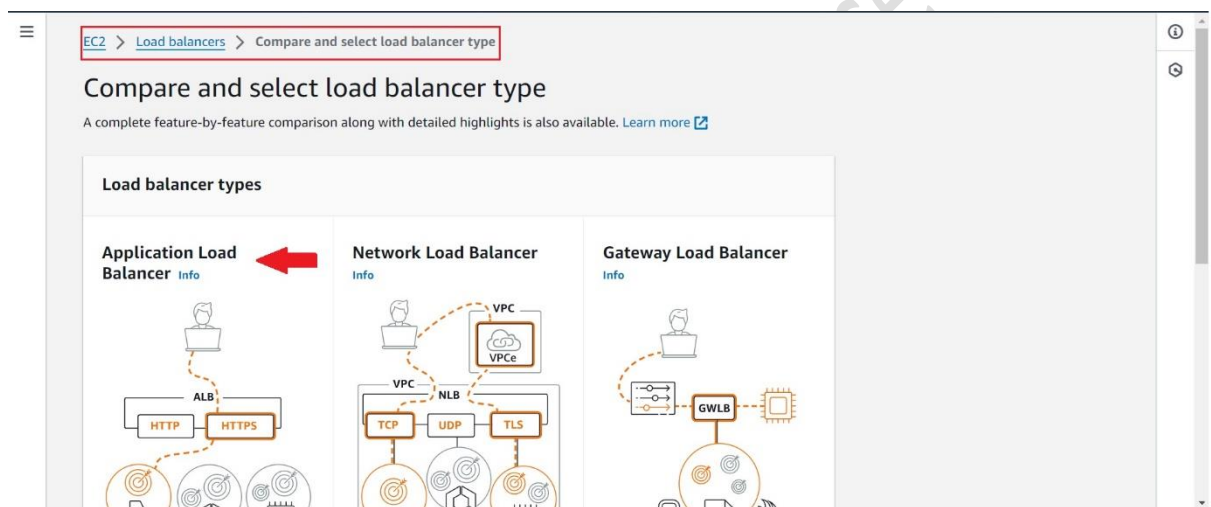
```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230: ~  
  
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>  
  
<h1>AWS 2-Tier Project</h1>  
<p>VPC with public-private subnet in Production.</p>  
<p>Private Instance-1.</p>  
  
</body>  
</html>  
~
```

32. Now install the python application and run port 8000 in it using the below command.

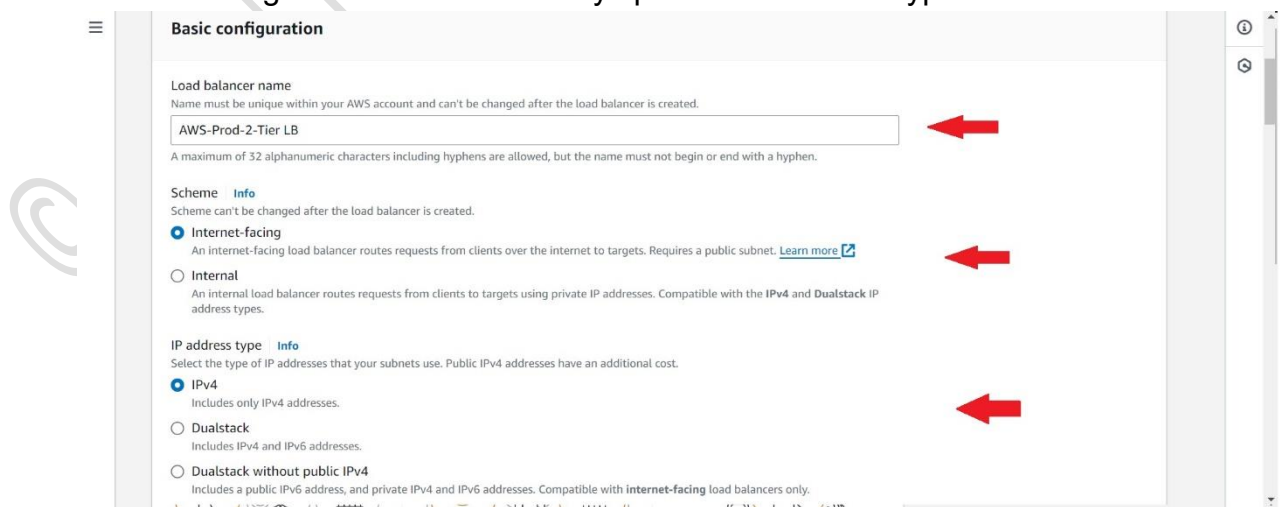
python3 -m http.server 8000

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230: ~  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$ vim index.html  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$ vim index.html  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$ python3 -m http.server 8000  
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...  
█
```

33. Now to balance the load between two private instances now we have to create Load Balancers. Go to EC2 Dashboard, select Load balancers from the left panel, select Application Load Balancer and click on Next.



34. Give the Load balancer name AWS-Prod-2Tier-LB, keep the scheme as internet-facing as LB should be always public. IP address type is IPv4.



35. In Network Mapping, select the created VPC. Select the available mappings and make sure both mappings are in public subnets, if not change it public subnet from the dropdown.

Network mapping [Info](#)

The load balancer routes traffic to targets in the selected subnets, and in accordance with your IP address settings.

VPC [Info](#)

Select the virtual private cloud (VPC) for your targets or you can [create a new VPC](#). Only VPCs with an internet gateway are enabled for selection. The selected VPC can't be changed after the load balancer is created. To confirm the VPC for your targets, view your [target groups](#).

AWS-Prod-2-Tier-vpc
vpc-0e8648a7ce2e61e9d
IPv4 VPC CIDR: 10.0.0.0/16

Mappings [Info](#)

Select at least two Availability Zones and one subnet per zone. The load balancer routes traffic to targets in these Availability Zones only. Availability Zones that are not supported by the load balancer or the VPC are not available for selection.

☒ **ap-south-1a (aps1-az1)**

Subnet
subnet-092c4fc8702a2248b AWS-Prod-2-Tier-subnet-public1-ap-south-1a

IPv4 address
Assigned by AWS

☒ **ap-south-1b (aps1-az3)**

Subnet
subnet-0bd610c6d57fdeb4e AWS-Prod-2-Tier-subnet-public2-ap-south-1b

36. Select the VPC security group. In Listeners and Routing, Click on Create target group.

Security groups

Select up to 5 security groups

AWS-Prod-2-Tier
sg-0ce80cd2b818cbad7 VPC: vpc-0e8648a7ce2e61e9d

Listeners and routing [Info](#)

A listener is a process that checks for connection requests using the port and protocol you configure. The rules that you define for a listener determine how the load balancer routes requests to its registered targets.

▼ Listener HTTP:80 [Remove](#)

Protocol Port Default action [Info](#)

HTTP : 80 Forward to Select a target group

1-65535

[Create target group](#)

Listener tags - optional

Consider adding tags to your listener. Tags enable you to categorize your AWS resources so you can more easily manage them.

37. In the target group page, specify the basic configuration as Instances, in Protocol-Port select HTTP and give 8000 in it.

Specify group details

Your load balancer routes requests to the targets in a target group and performs health checks on the targets.

Basic configuration

Settings in this section can't be changed after the target group is created.

Choose a target type:

- ☒ **Instances**
 - Supports load balancing to instances within a specific VPC.
 - Facilitates the use of [Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling](#) to manage and scale your EC2 capacity.
- ☐ **IP addresses**
 - Supports load balancing to VPC and on-premise IP addresses.
 - Facilitates routing to multiple IP addresses and network interfaces on the same instance.
 - Offers flexibility with microservice-based architectures, simplifying inter-application communication.
 - Supports IPv4 targets, enabling end-to-end IPv4 communication, and IPv6 to IPv4 NAT.
- ☐ **Lambda function**
 - Facilitates routing to a single Lambda function.
 - Accessible to Application Load Balancers only.
- ☐ **Application Load Balancer**
 - Offers the flexibility for a Network Load Balancer to accept and route TCP requests within a specific VPC.
 - Facilitates using static IP addresses and IP addresses with an Application Load Balancer.

Target group name:

A maximum of 32 alphanumeric characters including hyphens are allowed, but the name must not begin or end with a hyphen.

Protocol: Port

Choose a protocol for your target group that corresponds to the Load Balancer type that will route traffic to it. Some protocols now include anomaly detection for the targets and you can set integration options once your target group is created. This choice cannot be changed after creation.

HTTP

IP address type

Only targets with the indicated IP address type can be registered to this target group.

- ☒ **IPv4**
 - Each instance has a default network interface (ENI) that is assigned the primary private IPv4 address. The instance's primary private IPv4 address is the one that will be applied to the target.
- ☐ **IPv6**
 - Each instance you register must have an assigned primary IPv6 address. This is configured on the instance's default network interface (ENI). [Learn more](#)

38. Select the two instances other than bastion host and click on include as pending below. In the ports for the selected instances give port number as 8000.

Register targets

This is an optional step to create a target group. However, to ensure that your load balancer routes traffic to this target group you must register your targets.

Available instances (2/3)

Filter instances

Instance ID	Name	State	Security groups	Zone
<input type="checkbox"/> i-040a8aefbe17b1921	Bastion Host	Running	launch-wizard-1-Bastion	ap-south-1a
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i-0a0aefcb1ebb9332	Server-1 AWS-Prod-2-Tier	Running	AWS-Prod-2-Tier	ap-south-1b
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i-085fc0a71de588fd5	Server-2 AWS-Prod-2-Tier	Running	AWS-Prod-2-Tier	ap-south-1a

2 selected

Ports for the selected instances

Ports for routing traffic to the selected instances.

1-65535 (separate multiple ports with commas)

39. Now to LB page again refresh it and select the created target group, and create the Load balancer directly without changing any other options.

Listener HTTP:80

Protocol: HTTP Port: 80 Default action: Info

Forward to: Select a target group

Create target group

Listener tags - optional

Add listener tag

Add listener

Load balancer tags - optional

Optimize with service integrations - optional

AWS Web Application Firewall (WAF) info

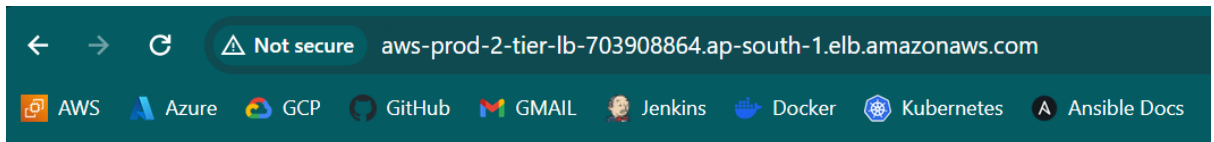
Optimizes: Security

Additional charges apply

☐ Include WAF security protections behind the load balancer

40. Now once the LB is active copy the DNS name and paste it in web page now you can see the index.html files. Now once you see the output repeat the same in server 2 also.

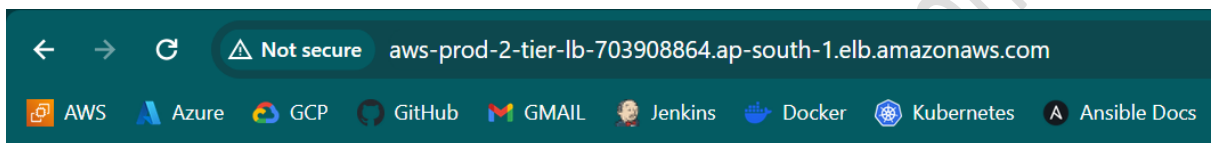
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ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230: ~  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$ vim index.html  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$ vim index.html  
ubuntu@ip-10-0-153-230:~$ python3 -m http.server 8000  
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...  
10.0.19.189 - - [16/May/2024 22:49:04] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
10.0.5.61 - - [16/May/2024 22:49:09] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
10.0.19.189 - - [16/May/2024 22:49:34] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
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10.0.5.61 - - [16/May/2024 22:50:25] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
10.0.5.61 - - [16/May/2024 22:50:25] code 404, message File not found  
10.0.5.61 - - [16/May/2024 22:50:25] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -  
10.0.19.189 - - [16/May/2024 22:50:34] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
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VPC with public-private subnet in Production.

Private Instance-1.



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Private Instance-2.

Deletion of Resources:

41. Delete the LB(along with the created Target group)
42. Delete the ASG(along with the created Template)
43. Terminate all 3 instances.
44. Now coming to delete the VPC follow the below steps-
45. NAT Gateway
46. Then directly delete the VPC(It will automaticall delete the Subnets, SG and SG)
47. Don't forget to release the Elastic IP.