# Version 9.6.1 HotFix 2 Informatica on Amazon EC2 Quick Start Guide

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# Informatica Installation on Amazon EC2

## Informatica on Amazon EC2

You can install Informatica services and Informatica client tools on an Amazon EC2 instance.

When you install Informatica on Amazon EC2, you use the Amazon cloud infrastructure instead of relying on the on-premise hardware in your network. You can scale up and scale down the environment based on your requirement with zero investment on hardware.

You can also create a mixed environment that contains on-premise machines and Amazon EC2 instances. You can also setup Informatica services on Amazon EC2 and use Informatica clients from your on-premise machines.

You can choose to run an AWS CloudFormation script that installs Informatica services and creates a multi-node Informatica domain on Amazon EC2 or you can install Informatica services manually on an Amazon EC2 AMI.

# Informatica on EC2 with AWS CloudFormation Scripts

You can create an Informatica domain on Amazon EC2 with AWS CloudFormation scripts.

The scripts create a VPC infrastructure for a single availability zone, multi-tier deployment of PowerCenter in a DMZ tier with an Oracle database on a private database tier within the VPC. You can choose to set up an Informatica domain that has one, two, three, or four nodes. You can choose whether to setup Informatica services on a Linux AMI or a Windows AMI. The scripts create a PowerCenter Repository Service and a PowerCenter Integration Service. You can create other services based on the license key.

To create an Informatica domain on Amazon EC2, perform the following steps:

- Launch an existing m3.large or greater Amazon EC2 instance to copy the Informatica installation files and configure the shell scripts that install Informatica services. Create an AMI of the instance.
- Upload the AWS CloudFormation scripts to Amazon S3.
- Create a stack on Amazon CloudFormation that runs the CloudFormation scripts to create an Informatica domain.

## Creating an AMI to Launch Informatica Domain on Windows

You must configure a Windows instance on Amazon EC2 and create an AMI of that instance. You can use the AMI to launch a stack that deploys Informatica domain on Amazon EC2.

- 1. Log in to an existing Windows instance on Amazon EC2. Ensure the the instance type is m3.large or greater.
- 2. Copy the Informatica installation file and the license key to the following location: C:\infainstaller
- 3. Extract the installer to the following location: C:\Informatica9.6.1
- 4. Rename the folder source in the extracted files to source1 and create the following folder hierarchy:C:\Informatica9.6.1\source\java\bin\jar.
- 5. Create the following directory:C:\InfaEc2Scripts
- 6. Copy the powershell scripts, winInfaEc2Installer.ps1 and generateTnsOra.ps1 to the following location:C:\InfaEc2Scripts
- 7. Open the following file in a text editor: C:\Program Files\Amazon\Ec2Config\config.xml
- 8. Set the following State tag of the following plugins as Enabled in config.xml:
  - · Ec2SetPassword
  - Ec2SetComputerName
  - Ec2HandleUserData

The following snippet shows the edited section of the XML file:

- 9. Save the changes you made to config.xml.
- 10. Open the firewall options and disable the Guest or public networks firewall.
- 11. Install Oracle client and set TNS\_ADMIN as recommended by Oracle. Ensure that you install the version compatible with Informatica.
- 12. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
- 13. Right-click the instance and select Image > Create Image.
- 14. Enter a name and description, and click Create Image.
- 15. After the AMI is available, copy the AMI ID and replace the AMI ID in the region map of the AWS CloudFormation script.

The following snippet shows an example:

```
"Mappings" : {
   "RegionMap" : {
```

```
"us-east-1" : { "32" : "ami-6411e20d"},
    "us-west-1" : { "32" : "ami-c9c7978c"},
    "eu-west-1" : { "32" : "ami-37c2f643"},
    "ap-southeast-1" : { "32" : "ami-66f28c34"},
    "ap-northeast-1" : { "32" : "ami-9c03a89d"}
}
```

## **Creating an AMI to Launch Informatica Domain on Linux**

You must configure a Linux instance on Amazon EC2 and create an AMI of that instance. You can use the AMI to launch a stack that deploys Informatica domain on Amazon EC2.

- 1. Log in to an existing Linux instance on Amazon EC2. Ensure the the instance type is m3.large or greater.
- 2. Increase the root volume partition to a larger size. Set the partition size as at least 50 GB.
- 3. Download cfn helper scripts for RedHat Enterprise Linux from the following location: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-helper-scripts-reference.htm
- 4. Copy the Informatica installation file and the license key to the following location:/home/ec2-user/infainstaller
- 5. Extract the installer to the following location:/home/ec2-user/Informatica/9.6.1
- 6. Rename the folder source in the extracted files to source1.
- 7. Create the following folder hierarchy:/home/ec2-user/Informatica/9.6.1/source/java/bin/jar
- 8. Create the following directory:/home/ec2-user/InfaEc2Scripts
- 9. Copy the shell scripts, linInfaEc2Installer.sh and generateTnsOra.sh to the following location:/ home/ec2-user/InfaEc2Scripts
- 10. Install Oracle client and set TNS\_ADMIN as recommended by Oracle. Ensure that you install the version compatible with Informatica.
- 11. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
- 12. Right-click the instance and select Image > Create Image.
- 13. Enter a name and description, and click Create Image.
- 14. After the AMI is available, copy the AMI ID and replace the AMI ID in the region map of the AWS CloudFormation script.

The following snippet shows an example:

## Creating an AMI for PowerCenter client tools on Windows

You must configure a Windows instance on Amazon EC2 and create an AMI of that instance. You can use the AMI to launch a stack that deploys PowerCenter client tools on Amazon EC2.

- 1. Log in to an existing Windows instance on Amazon EC2. Ensure the the instance type is m3.large or greater.
- 2. Copy the Informatica installation file to the following location: C:\clientinstaller
- 3. Extract the installer to the following location: C:\Informatica9.6.1
- 4. Create the following directory: C:\clientEc2Scripts
- 5. Copy the powershell script winInfaEc2Installer.ps1 to the following location:C:\InfaEc2Scripts
- 6. Open the following file in a text editor: C:\Program Files\Amazon\Ec2Config\config.xml
- 7. Set the following State tag of the following plugins as Enabled in config.xml:
  - Ec2SetPassword
  - Ec2SetComputerName
  - Ec2HandleUserData

The following snippet shows the edited section of the XML file:

- 8. Save the changes you made to config.xml.
- 9. Open the firewall options and disable the Guest or public networks firewall.
- Open the Amazon EC2 console.
- 11. Right-click the instance and select Image > Create Image.
- 12. Enter a name and description, and click Create Image.
- 13. After the AMI is available, copy the AMI ID and replace the AMI ID in the region map of the AWS CloudFormation script.

The following snippet shows an example:

## **Uploading AWS CloudFormation Scripts to Amazon S3**

You must upload the AWS CloudFormation scripts to Amazon S3 before you can deploy the script in Amazon CloudFormation.

- 1. Open the Amazon S3 console.
- 2. Select a bucket to which you want to upload the scripts.
- 3. Click **Upload**. and select the instance template script.
- 4. Browse and select the instance template, click Start Upload.
- 5. Click the properties tab and copy the link URL for the instance template.
- 6. Open the master template script and update the TemplateURL value of the PCInstances property with the link URL.

The following snippet shows an example:

```
"PCInstances" : {
    "Type" : "AWS::CloudFormation::Stack",
    "DependsOn" : "RDSInstance",
    "Properties" : {
        "TemplateURL" : "https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/infatemplates/
linux/1node/1nodepc-instance.template",
```

7. Upload the updated master template.

## **Deploying the Informatica Domain with Amazon CloudFormation**

You can deploy the Informatica Domain on Amazon EC2 when you run the master template script on Amazon CloudFormation.

- 1. Open the Amazon CloudFormation console.
- 2. Click Create New Stack.
- 3. Enter a name for the stack.
- 4. Select **Specify an Amazon S3 template URL** and enter the URL of the master template that you uploaded in Amazon S3.
- 5. Enter the following parameters and click**Next**:
  - AZ1 Name of the Availabilty Zone that contains the public and private subnets.
  - AZ2 Name of the secondary Availabilty Zone that contains the public and private subnets.
  - Database Type The type of database that you want to use for the Informatica domain database and PowerCenter repository database. You can use only Oracle on Amazon RDS. Amazon CloudFormation creates a database on Amazon RDS.
  - DBPassword The database user password for the Oracle RDS database.
  - DBUser Database user name for the Oracle RDS database.
  - InformaticaDomainPassword Password to access the Informatica domain that you deploy.
  - Key Name Public/private key pairs that allow you to securely connect to the instance.
  - PassKeyPhrase Pass phrase for the site specific key.
  - PlacementGroupName Placement group to which you want to assign the instance.
- 6. Optionally, you can specify tags for resources and set stack policy. Click **Next**.

Review the details of the stack and click Create.
 Amazon CloudFormation launches the instances and the scripts install Informatica services.

#### **Informatica Domain Information**

After you deploy the domain you can get the log in details of the instance from the Amazon EC2 console.

After you log in to the instance, configure the security group to allow traffic from your machine. The port for the first node in the domain is 6005 and the port for other worker nodes is 7005.

You can view the following logs on the machine:

- Installation error log You can view the installation error log, silentError.log in C:\ on Windows and / root/ on Linux.
- Installation command log You can view the installation command logs in C:\Informatica\9.6.1\ on Windows and /home/ec2-user/Informatica/9.6.1 on Linux.
- Service creation log You can view the service creation log, InfaServiceLog.log in C:\ on Windows and /root/ on Linux.
- CloudFormation log and user data You can view the CloudFormation log and user data in C: \Program Files\Amazon\Ec2ConfigService\Logs\Ec2ConfigLog on Windows and /home/ec2-user/ InfaServiceLog.log on Linux.

## Prerequisites for Manual Installation

You must complete the prerequisites before you install Informatica on an Amazon EC2 instance.

Perform the following tasks before you install Informatica on an Amazon EC2 instance:

- Ensure that you have the requisite permissions to create Amazon Machine Instances in the Amazon EC2 console.
- Place the Informatica installation files and in a location accessible by the Amazon EC2 instance.
- Review the requirements to install Informatica services and ensure that the Amazon EC2 instance that you use meet all the hardware and operating system requirements.

# **Amazon EC2 Instance Configuration**

Create and configure an Amazon EC2 instance from an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) before you install Informatica services.

Perform the following configurations when you create an Amazon EC2 instance:

- Region. The region to which the instance belongs.
- AMI. The Amazon Machine Image to use for the instance.
- Hardware information. The hardware configuration of the instance.
- Storage details. The storage details of the instance.
- Security group. The security group to which the instance belongs on Amazon EC2.
- Key pairs. The private key public key configuration to get the instance password.

After you configure the instance, you can login to the instance with Remote Desktop Connection on Windows and with SSH on Linux.

# **Instance Detail Configuration**

You must configure the properties of the instance before you launch an instance.

The following table describes the properties that you must configure before you launch an instance:

Property	Description
Number of instances	The number of instances that you want to launch.
Network	The network on which the instance runs. Amazon provides EC2-classic and EC2-VPC platforms.
Shutdown behavior	You can choose whether to terminate or stop the instance when you shut down the instance.
Enable termination protection	Provides protection to prevent accidental termination.
Monitoring	Monitors the instance with Amazon CloudWatch.
EBS-Optimized instance	Amazon EBS-optimized instance has an optimized configuration stack and provides additional, dedicated capacity for Amazon EBS I/O operations.
Tenancy	Tenancy refers to the hardware on which your instance runs. You can choose between default tenancy or dedicated tenancy. If the instance uses default tenancy, the instance runs on shared hardware. If you launch the instance into a VPC, you can select dedicated tenancy to run the instance on isolated, dedicated hardware.
Network interfaces	Network interfaces to use for the network.  If you launch the instance into a VPC and select a subnet, you can specify up to two network interfaces.
Kernel ID	ID for the kernel that you want to use in the instance. You can use a specific kernel or choose the default kernel.
RAM disk ID	ID for the RAM disk that you want to use in the instance.  If you chose a specific kernel, you might need to select a specific RAM disk with drivers to support the kernel. You can choose default RAM disk ID if you choose default kernel.

Property	Description
Placement group	Logical grouping for your cluster instances. You can select an existing placement group or create a placement group. This option is available only if you select an instance type that supports placement groups. For better performance, ensure that all the nodes that you create belong to the same placement group.
User data	User data to configure an instance during launch or to run a configuration script.

## **Network Configuration**

When you configure the instance, you must enter the details of Amazon EC2 network on which the instance runs.

Amazon provides the following network options:

#### EC2-classic

If you launch the instance in EC2-classic, you must select the availability zone. If you want Amazon AWS to choose an availability zone, select **No Preference**.

#### EC2-VPC

If you launch the instance in EC2-VPC, you can launch the instance into your default VPC, select an existing VPC, or create a new VPC.

You must also select a subnet into which to launch the instance. If you want Amazon AWS to choose a subnet, select **No Preference**. You can also create a new subnet. You can also choose to request whether the instance receives a public IP address.

If you launch the instance into a VPC and select a subnet, you can specify up to two network interfaces. You can assign more than one IP address to the selected interface. If you choose to use public IP, you can only assign a public IP address to a single, new network interface with the device index of eth0.

## **Storage Configuration**

You can specify the volumes and configure the properties of storage in the instance.

The following table lists the properties of storage available in the Amazon EC2 instance:

Property	Description
Туре	You can select instance store or Amazon EBS volumes to associate with your instance. The type of volume available in the list depends on the instance type.
Device	You can choose from a list of devices available for the volume.
Snapshot	Name or ID of the snapshot from which to restore a volume. You can also search for public snapshots by typing text into the <b>Snapshot</b> field. <b>Note:</b> Snapshot descriptions are case-sensitive.
Size	Storage space for Amazon EBS volumes.  Note: If you select an AMI and instance that are eligible for the free usage tier, you need to keep under 30 GB of total storage to stay within the free usage tier.
Volume type	You can choose between a Standard or Provisioned IOPS volume for Amazon EBS volumes.
IOPS	Number of I/O operations per second (IOPS) that the volume can support. Applicable if you choose Provisioned IOPS.
Delete on termination	You can choose whether to delete an Amazon EBS volume when you terminate the instance.

## **Hard Disk Expansion in Linux**

In Linux, you can use a file system-specific command to resize the file system to a larger size of the new volume.

You can use the resize2fs command for ext2, ext3, and ext4 file systems. The command works even if the volume you want to extend is the root volume.

If you are unsure of which file system you are using, you can use the file -s command to list the file system data for a device.

The following example shows how to use the file -s command:

```
[Ec2-user~]$ sudo file -s /dev/xvda1
/dev/xvda1: Linux rev 1.0 ext4 filesystem data.....
```

The following example shows how to extend the volume with the resize2fs command:

```
[Ec2-user~]$ sudo resize2fs /dev/xvda1
```

## **Security Group Configuration**

A security group defines the firewall rules for your instances.

When you launch an Amazon EC2 instance, you can configure the security group of the instance. The system automatically defines the launch-wizard-x security group to allow you to connect to your instance. By default, the launch-wizard-x security group allows traffic on either SSH (port 22) for Linux instances or RDP (port 3389) for Windows instances.

**Note:** By default, the launch-wizard-*x* security group enables all IP addresses to access your instance over SSH and RDP ports. For a secure production environment, you must authorize a specific IP address or a range of IP addresses to access the instance.

You can modify the default rules of the launch-wizard-x security group. For example, to use the instance as a web server, open ports 80 (HTTP) and 443 (HTTPS) to allow internet traffic.

To add the public IP address of your client computers, select **My IP** from the source list in the **Configure Security Group** page. If you connect through an ISP or from behind a firewall without a static IP address, you must enter the range of IP addresses used by the client computers.

## Launching an Amazon EC2 Instance from an AMI

You can launch an Amazon EC2 instance from an AMI through the Amazon EC2 console.

- 1. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
- 2. Select the region for the instance from the navigation bar at the top of the screen.
- 3. In the Amazon EC2 console dashboard, click **Launch Instance**.

The Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) page appears.

- 4. From the left pane, choose one of the following types of AMI:
  - Quick Start. List of popular AMIs to help you get started quickly. AWS marks the AMIs that are available in the free usage tier.
  - My AMIs. Private AMIs that you own or the AMIs shared with you.
  - Community AMIs. List of public AMIs that AWS community members have made available for others to use.
- 5. Click Select.

The Choose an Instance Type page appears.

6. Select the hardware configuration and size of the instance to launch and click **Next: Configure Instance Details**.

Choose t1.micro instance to stay within the free tier.

The **Configure Instance Details** page appears.

- 7. Click Advanced details and configure the instance details.
- 8. Click Next: Add Storage.

The **Add Storage** page appears.

9. Configure the storage details and click **Next: Tag Instance**.

The **Tag Instance** page appears.

10. Enter tags for the instance by providing key and value combinations.

Click **Create Tag** to add more than one tag to your resource.

11. Click Next: Configure Security Group when you are finished

The Configure Security Group page appears.

12. Configure the security group, and click Review and Launch.

The system defines the launch-wizard-x security group to allow you to connect to the instance. You can change the default rules.

The **Review Instance Launch** appears.

13. Review the details of the instance and make required changes. Click **Launch**.

The Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair dialog box appears.

14. In the **Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair** dialog box, you can select an existing key pair or create a key pair.

**Note:** Do not use the **Proceed without key pair** option unless you create your own AMI and do not need to connect to the instance.

15. To launch the instance, select the acknowledgment check box, and then click **Launch Instances**.

# Generating the Password and Logging into a Windows Instance

After you launch the Amazon EC2 instance, you must retrieve the initial password to log in to the instance. The user name is Administrator.

1. On the Amazon EC2 console, in the **Navigation** pane, click **Instances**.

The My Instances pane appears.

2. Right-click the instance and click **Get Windows Password**.

You can download and save a .pem file.

3. On the **Retrieve Default Windows Administrator Password** page, click **Browse** and browse to the location on your computer where you saved the .pem file.

The contents of the file appear in the window.

4. Click Decrypt Password.

The password appears on the screen.

Note: It is recommended that you can log in to the instance and change the default password.

You can log in to the Windows instance with Remote Desktop Connection.

# Generating the password for a Linux Instance with PuTTYgen

PuTTY does not natively support the .pem file that Amazon EC2 generates. Use PuTTYgen to convert the .pem file to the native .ppk file before you connect to your Linux instance with PuTTY.

- 1. Start PuTTYgen.
- 2. Select **SSH-2RSA** as the type of key to generate.

Use the default value 1024 as the number of bits in the generated key.

3. Click Load.

By default, PuTTYgen displays only .ppk files. To locate your .pem file, select the option to display files of all types.

- 4. Select the .pem file and click **Open** and then click **OK** to confirm.
- 5. Click Save private key to save the key as a .ppk file.

**Note:** PuTTYgen displays a warning about saving the key without a passphrase. A passphrase is an additional security for the private key. If you use a passphrase, you must enter the passphrase when you log in to the machine or copy files to the instance, which can decrease automation performance.

6. Specify the same name for the key that you used for the key pair and save the .ppk file.

## Logging into a Linux instance with PuTTY

You can use .ppk file that you generated with PuTTY gen to log in to a Linux instance.

- 1. Start PuTTY.
- 2. In the Category pane, select Session.
- 3. Enter root@IP as the host name.
- 4. Select SSH as the connection type and ensure that the port is 22.
- 5. In the Category pane, select Connection > SSH > Auth and click Browse.
- 6. Select the .ppk file that you generated for your key pair, and click **Open** to start the SSH session with the Linux instance.

#### Manual Installation of Informatica on an Amazon EC2 Instance

You can install Informatica services and Informatica client tools on an Amazon EC2 instance.

Before you install the Informatica services and Informatica client tools, copy the binaries to a shared folder on the Amazon EC2 instance. You can set up all the services like an on-premise installation. For more informatica about installing Informatica tools and setting up application services, see Informatica Installation and Configuration Guide.

#### **Best Practices**

When you use Informatica on Amazon EC2, you can employ certain best practices to improve the quality of service.

Use the following guidelines when you use Informatica services on Amazon EC2:

- In a multi-node setup, ensure that all the instances belong to the same availability zone.
- Set the JVM heap of the Model repository to 1 GB for a single user, 2 GB for up to five users, and 4 GB for more than five users.
- Set the Database Open Cursors property as at least 1000 when you deploy an application.
- Response time is faster if you run the client on the same instance as Informatica services.

- For best performance, use Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle databases on Amazon RDS for the Informatica domain database or for the services. If you want to use on premise databases, use VPN and Amazon VPC to avoid performance issues.
- If the client is on an on-premise machine, at least 32Mbps of bandwidth is recommended.
- Use Amazon Direct Connect when you connect a client over a WAN.
- For better performance, use Amazon EBS Provisioned IOPS.
- Informatica services on Amazon EC2 environment is well suited for instances with network I/O intensive operations like read/write.