

# Project - 1: Deploying a Multi-Tier Website Using AWS EC2

## Problem Statement:

Company ABC wants to move their product to AWS. They have the following things set up right now:

1. MySQL DB
2. Website (PHP)

The company wants high availability on this product, therefore wants Auto Scaling to be enabled on this website

## Solution:

- Steps To Solve:**
1. Launch an EC2 Instance
  2. Enable Auto Scaling on these instances (minimum 2)
  3. Create an RDS Instance
  4. Create Database & Table in RDS instance:
    - a. Database name: intel
    - b. Table name: data
    - c. Database password: intel123
  5. Change hostname in website
  6. Allow traffic from EC2 to RDS instance
  7. Allow all-traffic to EC2 instance

Here's a step-by-step guide to move Company ABC's product to AWS, ensuring high availability with Auto Scaling for the PHP website and setting up an RDS MySQL database:

### Step 1: Launch an EC2 Instance

1. **Log in to AWS Management Console.**
2. **Navigate to the EC2 Dashboard.**
3. **Click on "Launch Instance".**

#### 4. Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

##### Launch an instance [Info](#)

Amazon EC2 allows you to create virtual machines, or instances, that run on the AWS Cloud. Quickly get started by following the simple

**Name and tags** [Info](#)

Name  [Add additional tags](#)

▼ **Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)** [Info](#)

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

Search our full catalog including 1000s of application and OS images

Recents **Quick Start**

Amazon Linux aws	macOS Mac	Ubuntu ubuntu	Windows Microsoft	Red Hat Red Hat	SUSE Linux SUSE	Debian debian
---------------------	--------------	------------------	----------------------	--------------------	--------------------	------------------

Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

#### 5. Select an instance type, e.g., t2.micro.

▼ **Instance type** [Info](#) | [Get advice](#)

Instance type

t2.micro Free tier eligible

Family: t2 1 vCPU 1 GiB Memory Current generation: true On-Demand Linux base pricing: 0.0124 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows base pricing: 0.017 USD per Hour On-Demand RHEL base pricing: 0.0268 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Ubuntu Pro base pricing: 0.0142 USD per Hour On-Demand SUSE base pricing: 0.0124 USD per Hour

[Additional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software](#)

▼ **Key pair (login)** [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - required  [Create new key pair](#)

#### 6. Configure instance details:

- Add the instance to an Auto Scaling group later.

#### 7. Add Storage:

- Configure storage settings as required.

▼ **Configure storage** [Info](#)

1x  GiB  Root volume 3000 IOPS (Not encrypted)

[Free tier eligible customers can get up to 30 GB of EBS General Purpose \(SSD\) or Magnetic storage](#)

[Add new volume](#)

The selected AMI contains more instance store volumes than the instance allows. Only the first 0 instance store volume

#### 8. Add Tags:

- Tag your instance for easier identification.

#### 9. Configure Security Group:

- Allow HTTP (port 80) and SSH (port 22) from anywhere.

[Additional charges apply](#) when outside of [free tier allowance](#)

#### Firewall (security groups) [Info](#)

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.

☒ Create security group

☐ Select existing security group

We'll create a new security group called 'launch-wizard-2' with the following rules:

☒ Allow SSH traffic from  
Helps you connect to your instance

Anywhere  
0.0.0.0/0

☐ Allow HTTPS traffic from the internet  
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

☒ Allow HTTP traffic from the internet  
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

## 10. Review and Launch:

- Select an existing key pair or create a new one for SSH access.

## 11. Click "Launch Instances".

Instances (1) <a href="#">Info</a>							
Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)							
	Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone
<input type="checkbox"/>	my-server	i-0671471fca4f60543	Running	t2.micro	Initializing	<a href="#">View alarms +</a>	ap-south-1b

## Step 2: Enable Auto Scaling

### 1. Create a Launch Template:

- Go to the EC2 Dashboard > Launch template > Create Launch template.

[EC2](#) > [Launch templates](#) > Create launch template

### 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

my-template

Must be unique to this account. Max 128 chars. No spaces or special characters like '&', '\*', '/', '@'.

Template version description

A prod webserver for MyApp

Max 255 chars

#### Auto Scaling guidance [Info](#)

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

#### Recent [Quick Start](#)

Amazon Linux, Ubuntu, Windows, Red Hat, SUSE Linux, Debian

#### Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS (HVM), 64-bit ARM (UEFI)

Free tier eligible

#### Description

Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS (HVM), 64-bit ARM (UEFI) Volume Type: Support available from Canonical (<https://www.ubuntu.com/cloud/instances>)

Architecture: x86\_64 (HVM)

AMI ID: ami-0751c3f15a6a71

Username: ubuntu

Verified provider

#### Instance type [Info](#) [Get details](#)

Instance type

t2.micro

Free tier eligible

Compare instance types

#### Network settings [Info](#)

Subnet

Don't include in launch template

When you create a subnet, a network interface is automatically added to your template.

Firewall (security group) [Info](#)

Select existing security group

launch-wizard-2

Create new security group

#### Storage (volumes) [Info](#)

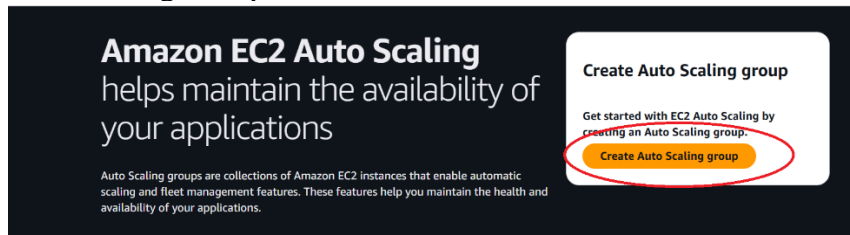
EBS Volumes

Volume 1 (HVM Root (S3))

- Use the same settings as your EC2 instance.

### 2. Create an Auto Scaling Group:

- Go to the EC2 Dashboard > Auto Scaling > Auto Scaling Groups > Create Auto Scaling Group.



- Select the launch template created earlier.

EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > Create Auto Scaling group

Step 1: Choose launch template

### Choose launch template

Specify a launch template that contains settings common to all EC2 instances that are launched by this Auto Scaling group.

**Name**  
 Auto Scaling group name  
 Enter a name to identify the group.  
 my-server-group  
 (Must be unique to this account in the current Region and no more than 255 characters.)

**Launch template**  
 Choose a launch template that contains the instance-level settings, such as the Amazon Machine Image (AMI), instance type, key pair, and security groups.  
 my-template  
 (Choose a launch template)

**Version**  
 Default (1)  
 (Create a launch template version)

**Description**  
 Launch template: my-template  
 Instance type: t2.micro

Step 2: Choose instance launch options

### Choose instance launch options

Choose the VPC network environment that your instances are launched into, and customize the instance types and purchase options.

**Instance type requirements**  
 You can keep the same instance attributes or instance type from your launch template, or you can choose to override the launch template by adding instance types.  
 Launch template: my-template  
 Version: Default  
 Instance type: t2.micro

**Network**  
 For most applications, you can use multiple Availability Zones and let EC2 Auto Scaling balance your instances across the zones. The default is to launch in one Availability Zone.  
 VPC: vpc-0ed4fb8863de2b7ae  
 (Create a VPC)  
 Availability Zones and subnets: Select Availability Zones and subnets  
 (Create a subnet)  
 Availability Zone distribution - new  
 Auto Scaling automatically distributes instances across Availability Zones. If launch failures occur in a zone, select a strategy:  
 Balanced best effort (selected) - If launches fail in one Availability Zone, Auto Scaling will attempt to launch in another healthy Availability Zone.  
 Balanced only - If launches fail in one Availability Zone, Auto Scaling will not launch in that zone.

- Set the desired capacity, minimum, and maximum number of instances (e.g., Min: 2, Max: 4).

Step 4: Configure group size and scaling

### Configure group size and scaling - optional

Define your group's desired capacity and scaling limits. You can optionally add automatic scaling to adjust the size of your group.

**Group size**  
 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 MemoryGB are only supported for mixed instance groups configured with a set of instance attributes.  
 (Units: number of instances)  
 Desired capacity: my-group-size  
 2

**Scaling**  
 You can resize your Auto Scaling group manually or automatically to meet changes in demand.  
 Scaling limits: Choose the minimum and maximum capacity that your desired capacity can be increased or decreased.  
 Min desired capacity: 1  
 Max desired capacity: 4  
 (Equal to or greater than desired capacity)

**Automatic scaling - optional**  
 Choose whether to use a target tracking policy.  
 No scaling policies (selected) - Your Auto Scaling group will remain at its initial size and will not dynamically resize to meet demand.  
 Target tracking scaling policy - Choose a CloudWatch metric and target value and let the scaling policy adjust the desired capacity in proportion to the metric's value.

- Configure scaling policies as needed.

### Step 3: Create an RDS Instance

1. **Navigate to the RDS Dashboard.**
2. **Click on "Create Database".**

The screenshot shows the Amazon RDS Dashboard. On the left is a navigation menu with options like Databases, Query Editor, Performance insights, Snapshots, Exports in Amazon S3, Automated backups, Reserved instances, Proxies, Subnet groups, Parameter groups, Option groups, Custom engine versions, Zero-ETL integrations, Events, Event subscriptions, Recommendations, and Certificate update. The main content area is titled 'Resources' and shows usage for DB Instances, DB Clusters, Reserved instances, Snapshots, Manual, Automated, Recent events, and Event subscriptions. Below this is the 'Create database' section, which includes a description of Amazon RDS and a 'Create database' button circled in red. There is also a 'Restore from S3' button and a note about the region.

3. **Select MySQL as the database engine.**

The screenshot shows the 'Create database' wizard. The first step is 'Choose a database creation method', with 'Standard create' selected. The second step is 'Engine options', where 'MySQL' is selected under the 'Engine type' section. Other options include Aurora (MySQL Compatible), Aurora (PostgreSQL Compatible), PostgreSQL, MariaDB, and Oracle.

4. **Configure the DB instance:**
  - Choose a DB instance class (e.g., `db.t2.micro`).
  - Set Master username as `admin` and password as `intel123`.

- Set the DB name as intel.

**▼ Credentials Settings**

**Master username** [Info](#)  
Type a login ID for the master user of your DB instance.  
admin

1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. The first character must be a letter.

**Credentials management**  
You can use AWS Secrets Manager or manage your master user credentials.

☐ Managed in AWS Secrets Manager - most secure  
RDS generates a password for you and manages it throughout its lifecycle using AWS Secrets Manager.

☒ Self managed  
Create your own password or have RDS create a password that you manage.

☐ Auto generate password  
Amazon RDS can generate a password for you, or you can specify your own password.

**Master password** [Info](#)  
\*\*\*\*\*

**Password strength** [Weak](#)

Minimum constraints: At least 8 printable ASCII characters. Can't contain any of the following symbols: / ' " @

**Confirm master password** [Info](#)  
\*\*\*\*\*

## 5. Configure advanced settings:

- Ensure the DB is in the same VPC and subnets as your EC2 instances.

## 6. Create the DB instance.

**Amazon RDS** <

Dashboard  
**Databases**  
Query Editor  
Performance insights  
Snapshots  
Exports in Amazon S3  
Automated backups  
Reserved instances

**Databases (1)** [Filter by databases](#)

☒ Group resources [Modify](#) [Actions](#) [Res](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	DB identifier	Status	Role	Engine	Region ...	Size
<input type="radio"/>	<a href="#">database-1</a>	Available	Instance	MySQL Co...	ap-south-1b	db.t4g.micro

## Step 4: Create Database & Table in RDS

1. Connect to the RDS instance using the endpoint provided in the RDS dashboard.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-9-68:~$ mysql -h database-1.ctqcowwaizjf.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u admin -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 29
Server version: 8.0.39 Source distribution

Copyright (c) 2000, 2024, Oracle and/or its affiliates.

Oracle is a registered trademark of Oracle Corporation and/or its
affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective
owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql>
```

2. Create the database and table:

sql

```
CREATE DATABASE intel;
USE intel;
CREATE TABLE data (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
);
```

```
mysql> CREATE DATABASE intel;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> USE intel;
Database changed
mysql> CREATE TABLE data (
  ->     id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  ->     name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
  -> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)

mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_intel |
+-----+
| data             |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

## Step 5: Change Hostname in Website

1. **Connect to your EC2 instance via SSH.**
2. **Update the hostname:**

```
sudo hostnamectl set-hostname new-hostname
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-9-68:~$ hostname
ip-172-31-9-68
ubuntu@ip-172-31-9-68:~$ sudo hostnamectl set-hostname poulomi
ubuntu@ip-172-31-9-68:~$ hostname
poulomi
ubuntu@ip-172-31-9-68:~$
```

3. **Update the website configuration** if needed.

## Step 6: Allow Traffic from EC2 to RDS Instance

1. **Modify the Security Group of the RDS instance:**
  - o Allow inbound MySQL/Aurora traffic (port 3306) from the security group of your EC2 instances.

Security group rules (3)		
Q Filter by Security group rules		
Security group	Type	Rule
<a href="#">default (sg-0bd78c21e3f8f022a)</a>	EC2 Security Group - Inbound	sg-0f4dda968c7ab5e42
<a href="#">default (sg-0bd78c21e3f8f022a)</a>	CIDR/IP - Outbound	0.0.0.0/0
<a href="#">rds-ec2-1 (sg-002b21de00edb4e70)</a>	EC2 Security Group - Inbound	sg-07c142e6fbaff0c51

Details

Status and alarms

Monitoring

Security

Networking

Storage


Tags

▼ Security details

IAM Role

-


Owner ID


 010526284257

Launch time

Fri Jan 03 2025 15:22:14 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)

Security groups



 sg-07c142e6fb0c51 (ec2-rds-1)

 sg-0d8cee70944c43cd1 (launch-wizard-2)

▼ Inbound rules

Q Filter rules

< 1 >




Name	Security group rule ID	Port range	Protocol	Source	Security groups
-	sg-02cb101d70fda6b44	22	TCP	0.0.0.0/0	<a href="#">launch-wizard-2</a> 
-	sg-0e1c03d5278205ec4	80	TCP	0.0.0.0/0	<a href="#">launch-wizard-2</a> 

< 1 >

▼ Outbound rules

Q Filter rules

< 1 >

Name	Security group rule ID	Port range	Protocol	Destination	Security groups
-	sg-0b1de56ed031a3326	3306	TCP	<a href="#">sg-002b21de00ed4e70</a> 	<a href="#">ec2-rds-1</a> 
-	sg-0fbeb12466c60b8b9	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	<a href="#">launch-wizard-2</a> 

< 1 >

## Step 7: Allow All-Traffic to EC2 Instance

1. **Update the Security Group of the EC2 instances:**
  - Allow all necessary inbound traffic. For high availability, ensure HTTP (port 80) and HTTPS (port 443) are open.

## Step 8: Download PHP file and enable connection between db and PHP file.

1. **Connect to your EC2 instance and update package and download apache**

sudo apt update

sudo apt install apache2 -y

```
aws
[Alt+S]
Enabling module authz_host.
Enabling module authn_core.
Enabling module auth_basic.
Enabling module access_compat.
Enabling module authn_file.
Enabling module authz_user.
Enabling module alias.
Enabling module dir.
Enabling module autoindex.
Enabling module env.
Enabling module mime.
Enabling module negotiation.
Enabling module setenvif.
Enabling module filter.
Enabling module deflate.
Enabling module status.
Enabling module reqtimeout.
Enabling conf charset.
Enabling conf localized-error-pages.
Enabling conf other-vhosts-access-log.
Enabling conf security.
Enabling conf serve-cgi-bin.
Enabling site 000-default.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/apache2.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/apache-htcacheclean.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/apache-htcacheclean.service.
Processing triggers for ufw (0.36.2-6) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.12.0-4build2) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.39-0ubuntu8.3) ...
Scanning processes...
Scanning linux images...

Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.

No services need to be restarted.

No containers need to be restarted.

No user sessions are running outdated binaries.
```

2. Go to `cd /var/www/html` and we can see a index file. We need to remove the file.  
`rm index.html`



```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-1-26:~$ cd /var/www/html
ubuntu@ip-172-31-1-26:/var/www/html$ ll
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jan 19 17:11 ./
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jan 19 17:11 ../
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10671 Jan 19 17:11 index.html
ubuntu@ip-172-31-1-26:/var/www/html$
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-1-26:/var/www/html$ sudo su
root@ip-172-31-1-26:/var/www/html# rm index.html
root@ip-172-31-1-26:/var/www/html# ll
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jan 19 17:18 ./
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jan 19 17:11 ../
root@ip-172-31-1-26:/var/www/html#
```

3. Create a new index file and paste the PHP code in it. Vi index.php and paste the contents.

[illegible]

- 4. Go to your database and copy the endpoint and paste the endpoint in the server name provided in the php file. Save and exit**



Name:

Email:

```
mysql> use intel;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> select * from data;
+-----+-----+
| name  | email                |
+-----+-----+
| Mithun | mithun@gmail.com    |
+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```