





CloudFormation



Infrastructure as Code

- Currently, we have been doing a lot of manual work
- All this manual work will be very tough to reproduce:
 - In another region
 - In another AWS account
 - Within the same region if everything was deleted
- Wouldn't it be great, if all our infrastructure was... code?
- That code would be used to create / update / delete our infrastructure

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What is CloudFormation

- CloudFormation is a declarative way of outlining your AWS Infrastructure, for any resources (most of them are supported).
- For example, within a CloudFormation template, you say:
 - I want a security group
 - I want two EC2 machines using this security group
 - I want two Elastic IPs for these EC2 machines
 - I want an S3 bucket
 - I want a load balancer (ELB) in front of these machines
- Then CloudFormation creates those for you, in the right order, with the exact configuration that you specify





Benefits of AWS CloudFormation (1/2)

- Infrastructure as code
 - No resources are manually created, which is excellent for control
 - The code can be version controlled for example using git
 - Changes to the infrastructure are reviewed through code

Cost

- Each resources within the stack is tagged with an identifier so you can easily see how much a stack costs you.
- You can estimate the costs of your resources using the CloudFormation template
- Savings strategy: In Dev, you could automate the deletion of templates at 5
 PM and recreated at 8 AM, safely

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Benefits of AWS CloudFormation (2/2)

- Productivity
 - Ability to destroy and re-create an infrastructure on the cloud on the fly
 - Automated generation of Diagram for your templates!
 - Declarative programming (no need to figure out ordering and orchestration)
- Separation of concern: create many stacks for many apps, and many layers. Ex:
 - VPC stacks
 - Network stacks
 - App stacks
- Don't re-invent the wheel
 - Leverage existing templates on the web!
 - Leverage the documentation



How CloudFormation Works

- Templates have to be uploaded in S3 and then referenced in CloudFormation
- To update a template, we can't edit previous ones. We have to reupload a new version of the template to AWS
- Stacks are identified by a name
- Deleting a stack deletes every single artifact that was created by CloudFormation.



Deploying CloudFormation templates

- Manual way:
 - Editing templates in the CloudFormation Designer
 - Using the console to input parameters, etc
- Automated way:
 - Editing templates in a YAML file
 - Using the AWS CLI (Command Line Interface) to deploy the templates
 - Recommended way when you fully want to automate your flow



CloudFormation Building Blocks

Templates components

- Resources: your AWS resources declared in the template (MANDATORY)
- Parameters: the dynamic inputs for your template
- Mappings: the static variables for your template
- · Outputs: References to what has been created
- Conditionals: List of conditions to perform resource creation
- Metadata

Templates helpers:

- References
- Functions



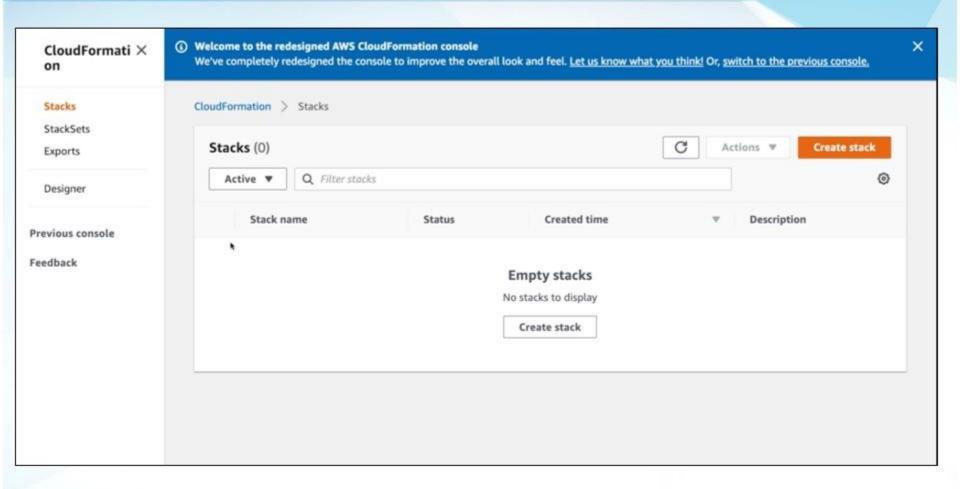
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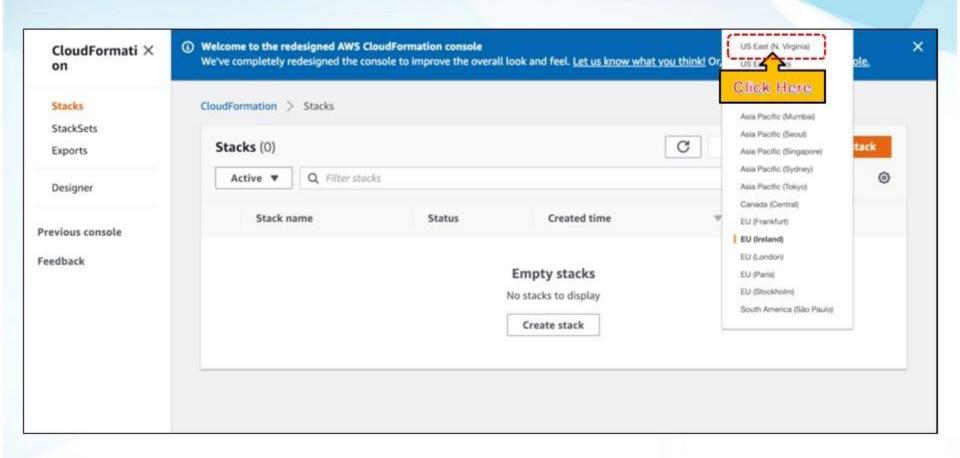


CloudFormation Hands-On

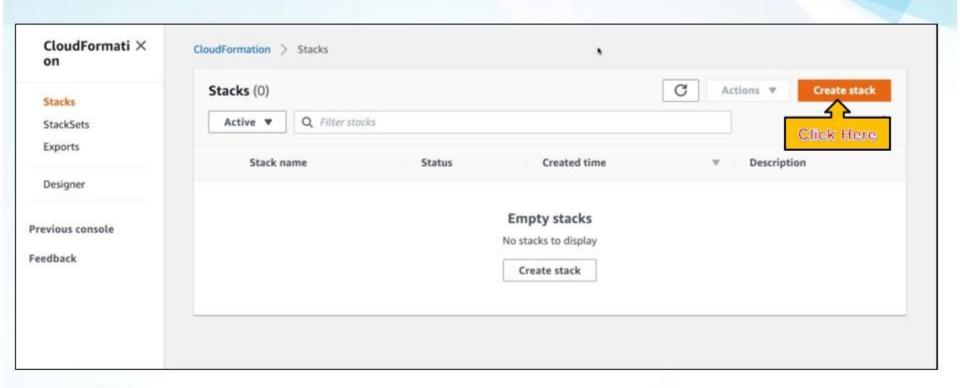




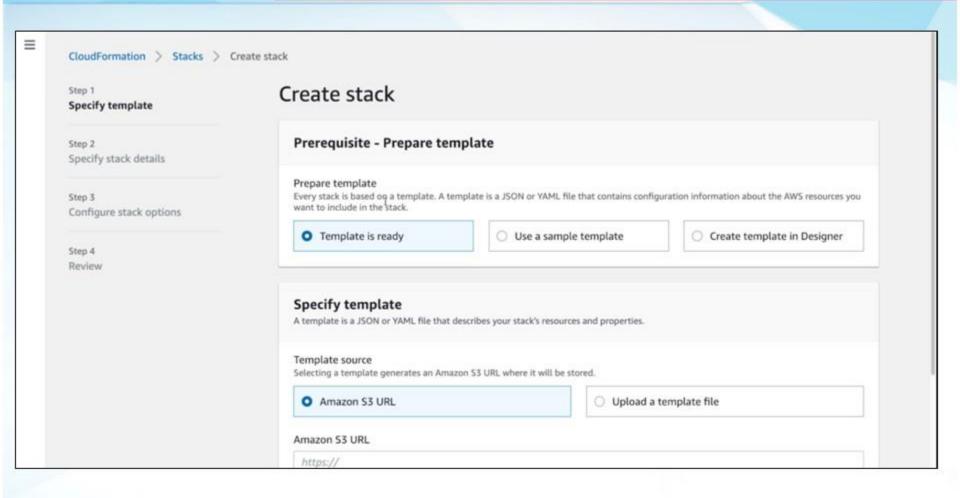




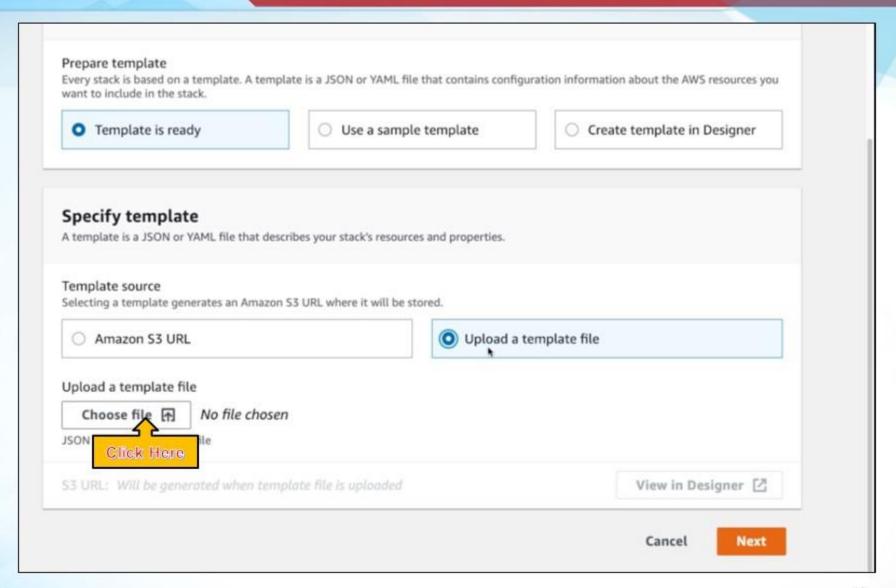




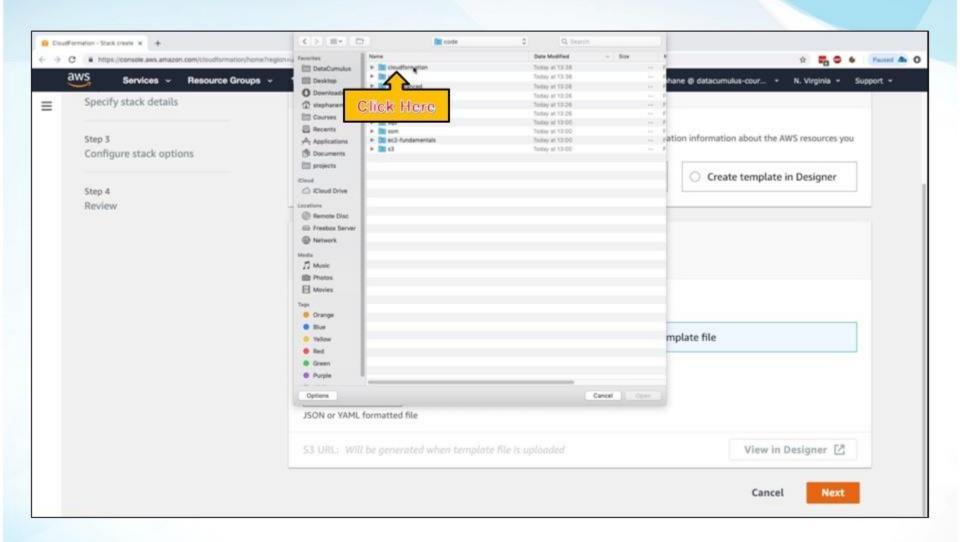




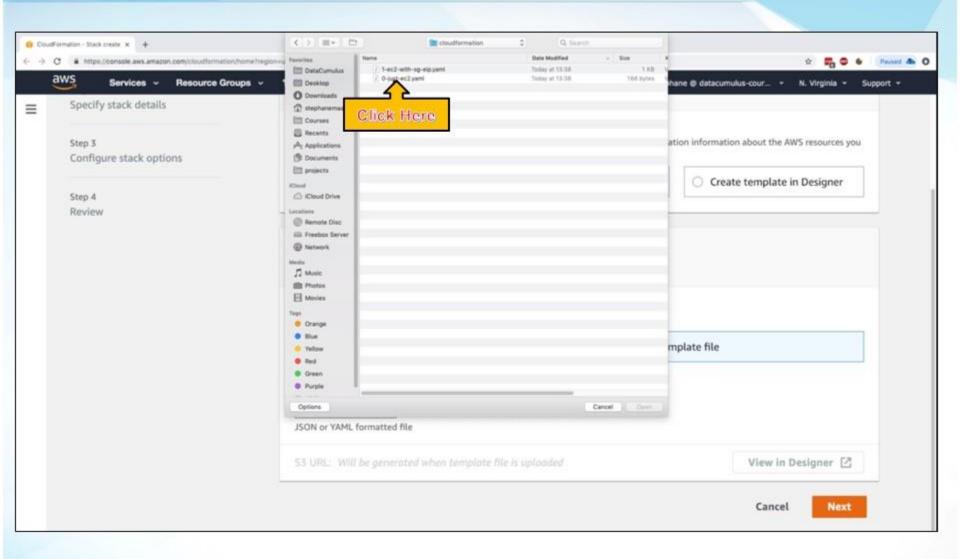




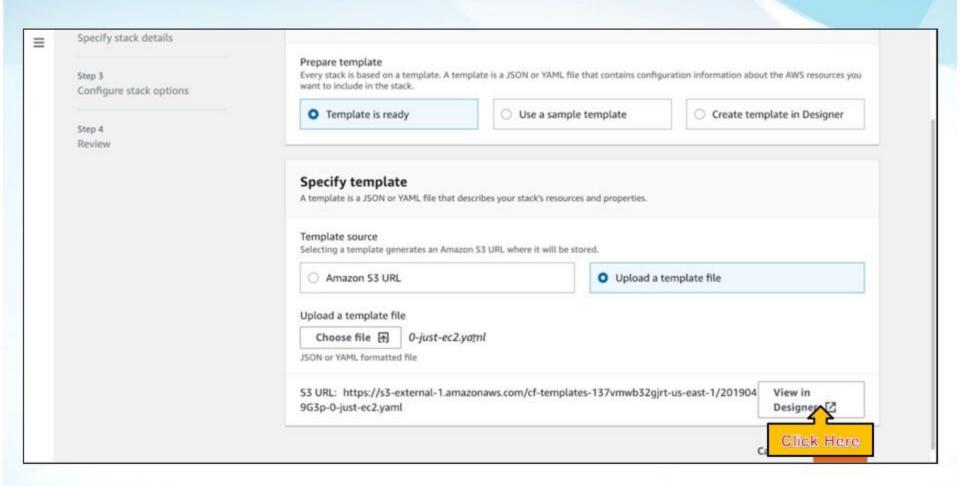




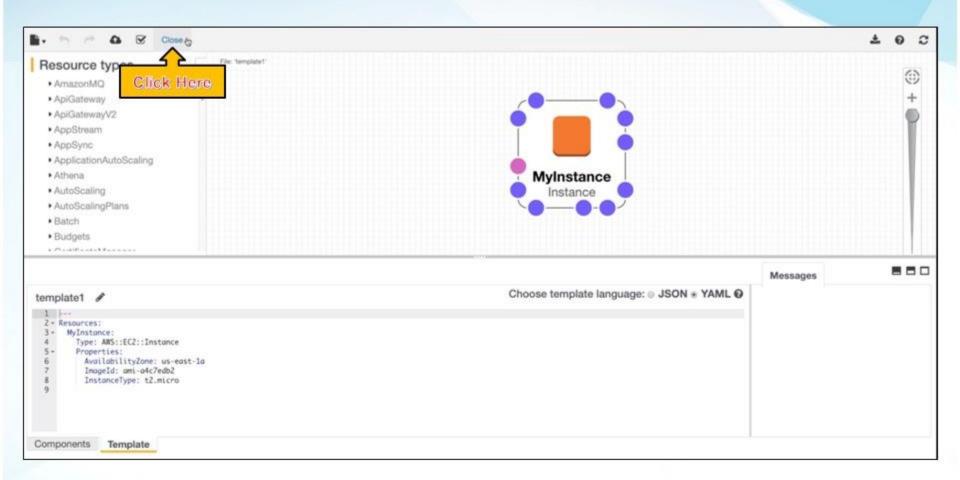




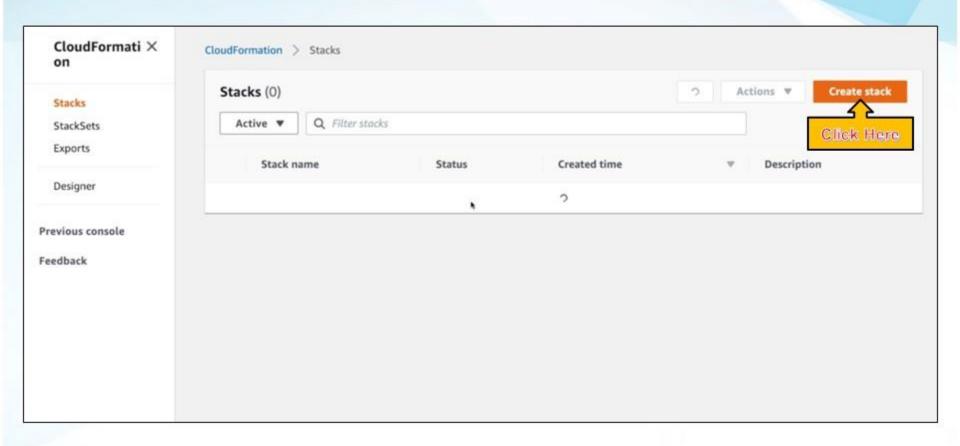




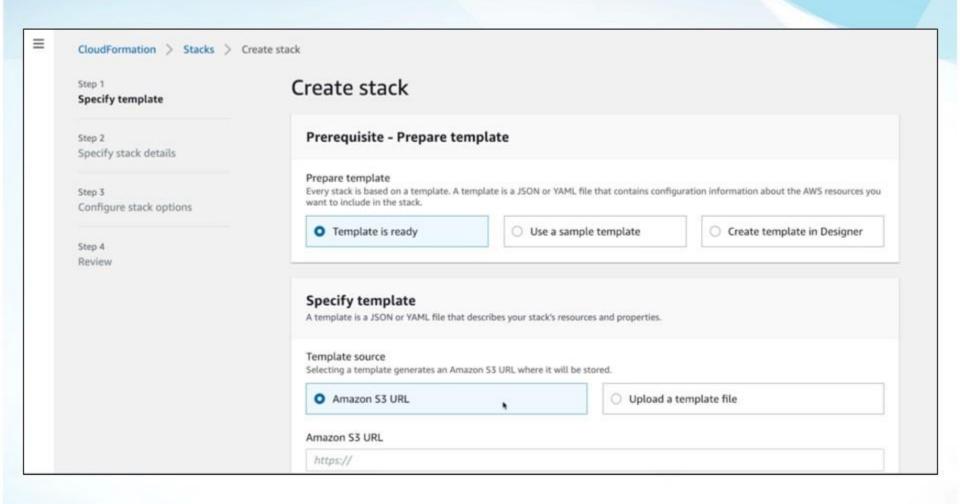
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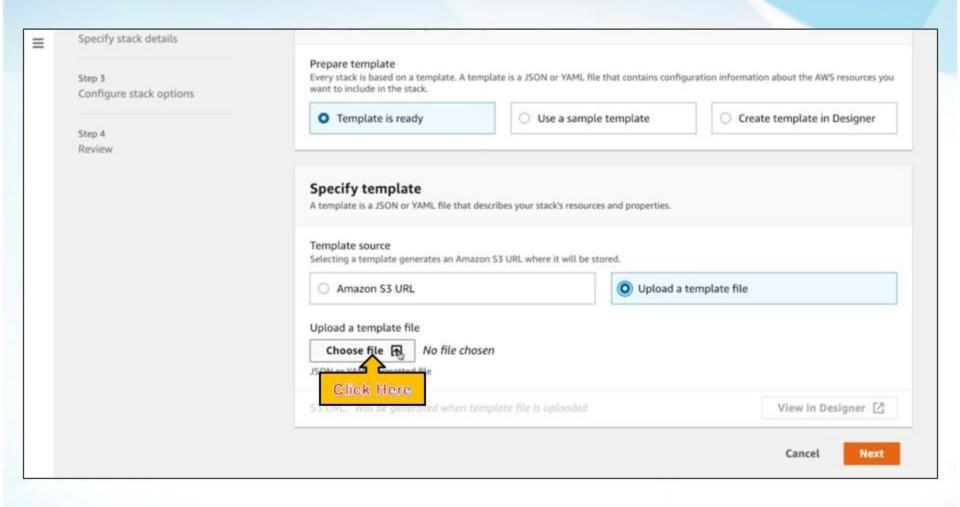




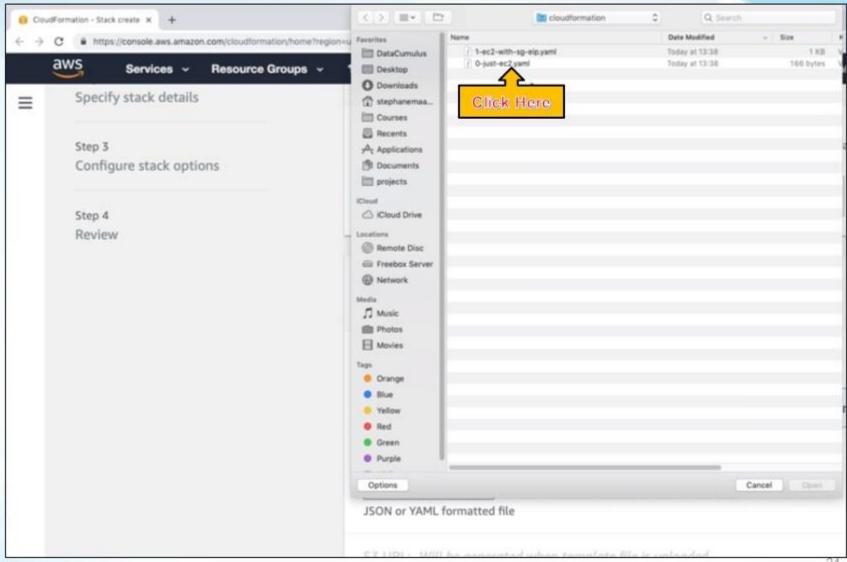




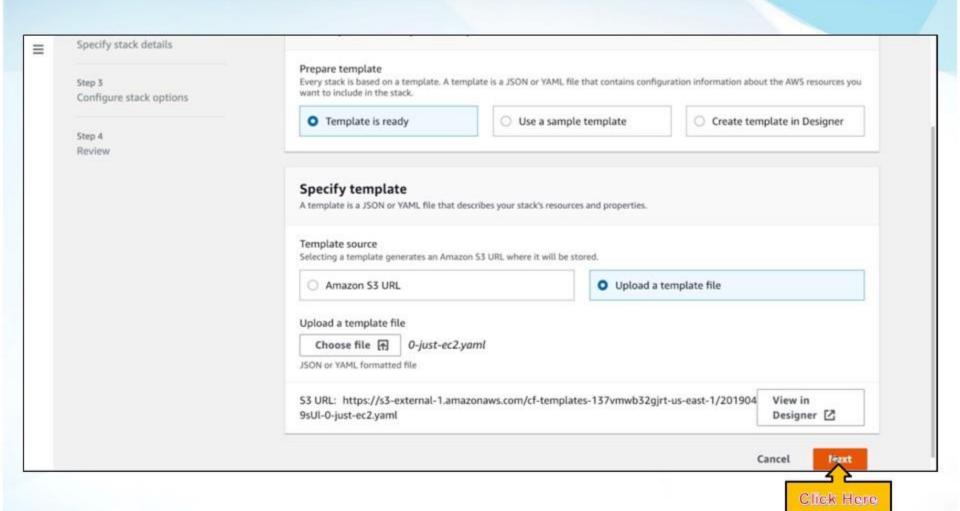




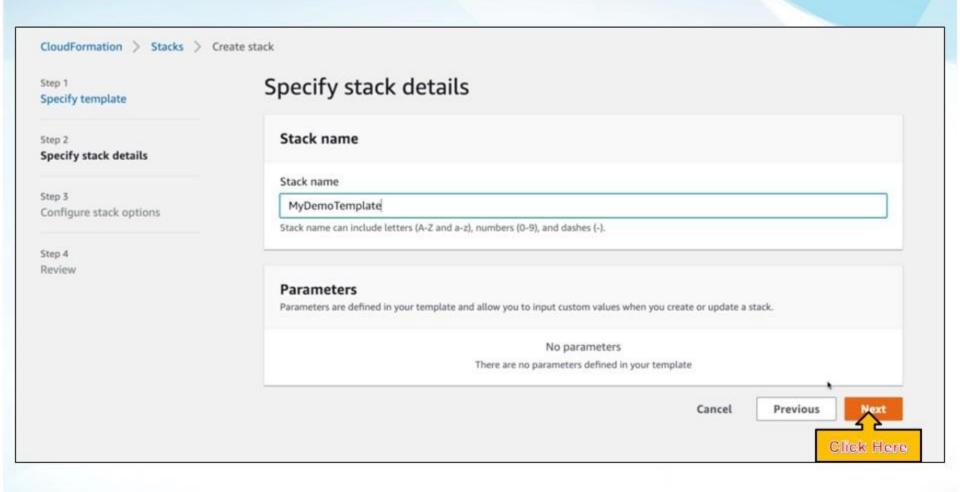














Advanced options

You can set additional options for your stack, like notification options and a stack policy. Learn more.

Stack policy

Defines the resources that you want to protect from unintentional updates during a stack update.

Rollback configuration

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- Notification options
- ▶ Stack creation options

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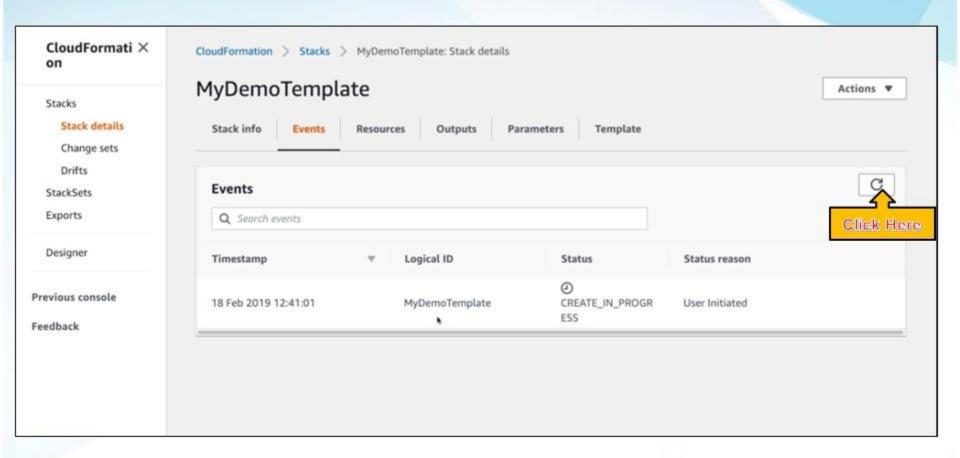


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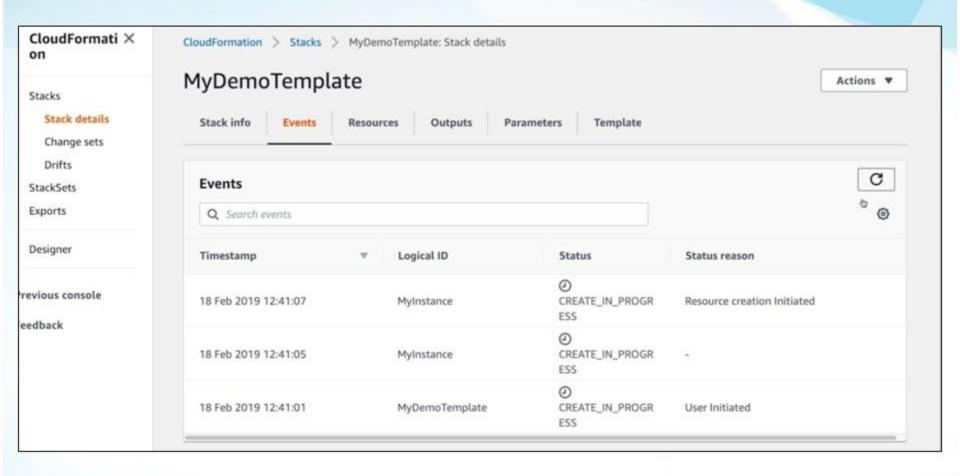


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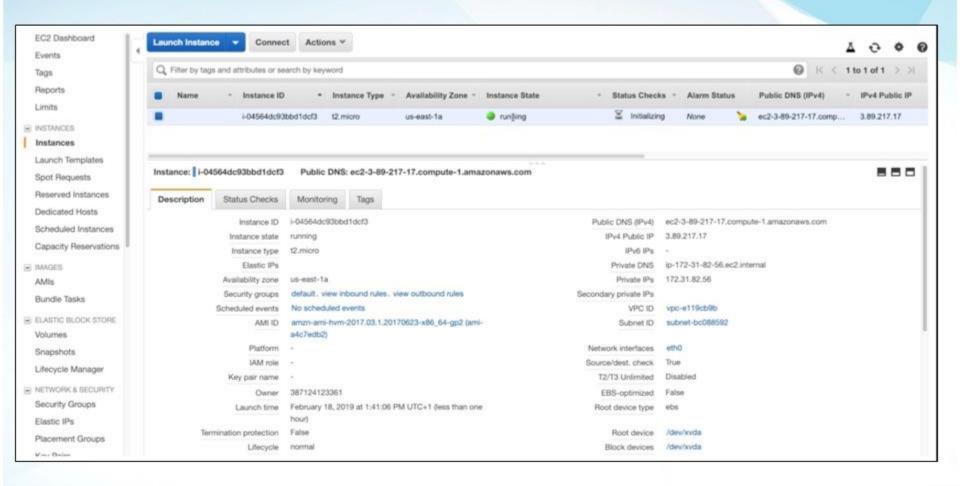




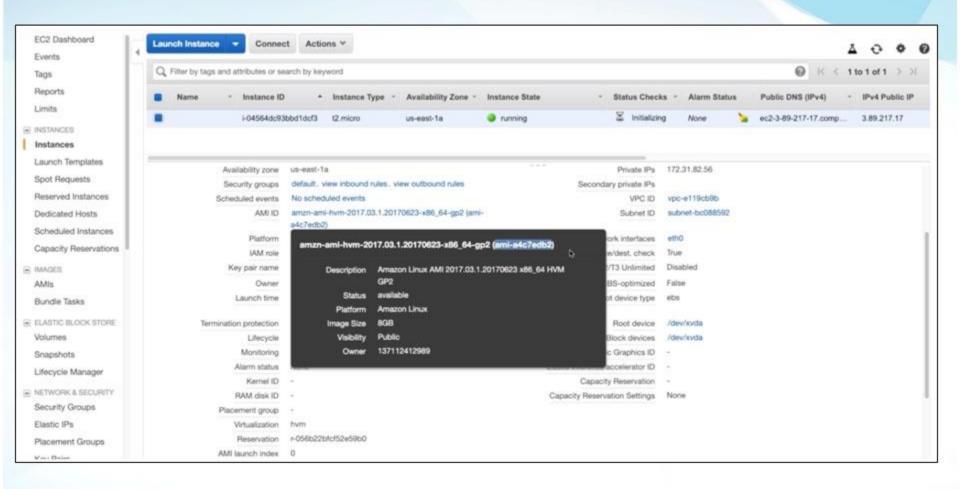




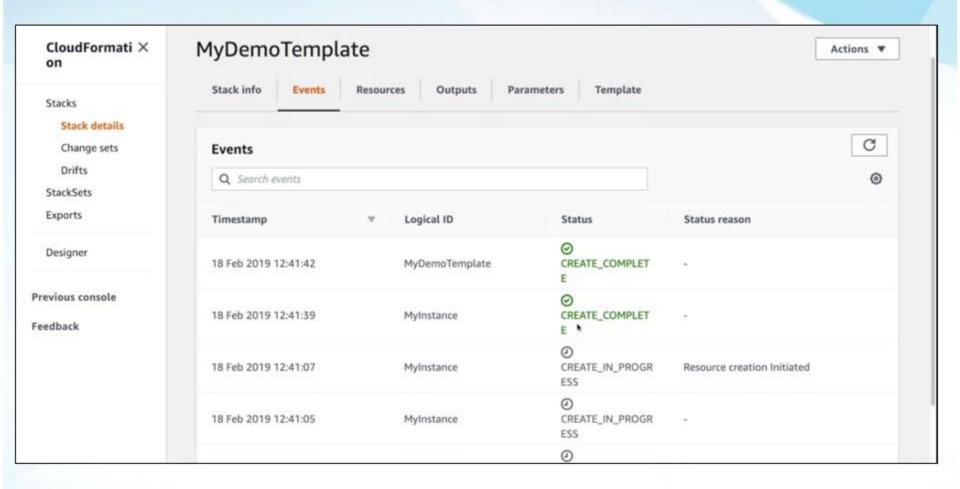




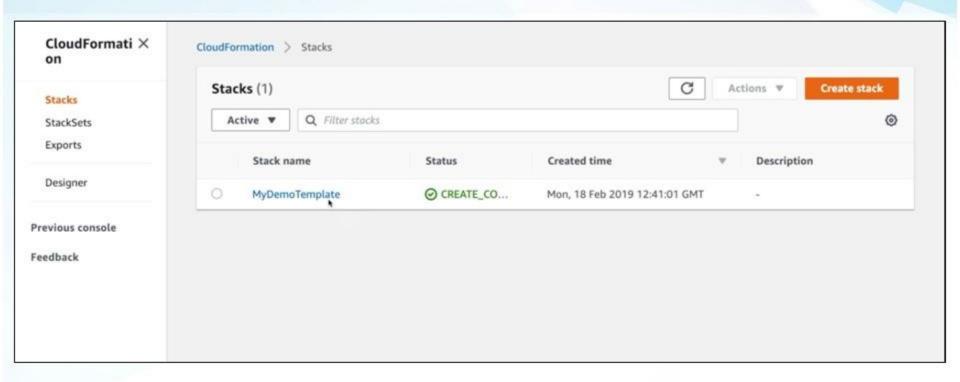




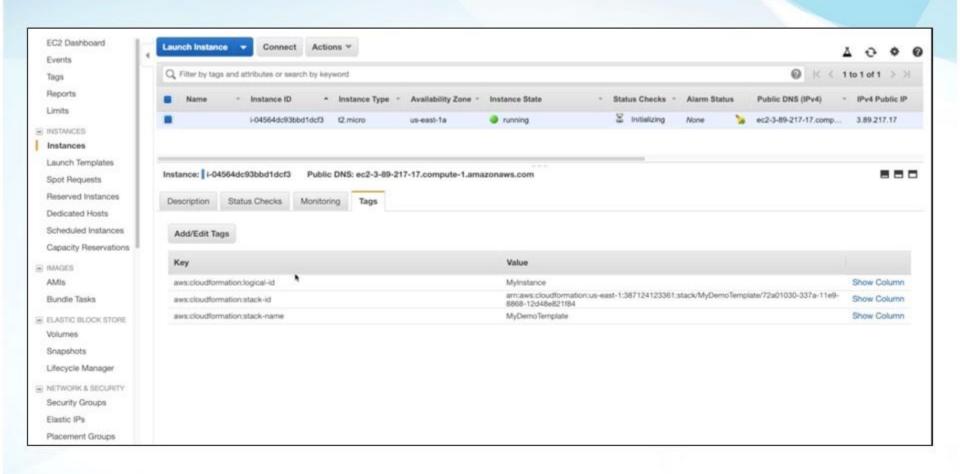




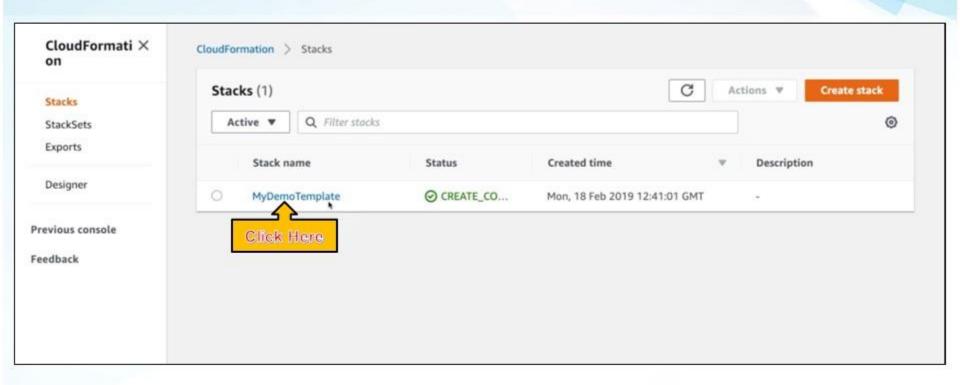




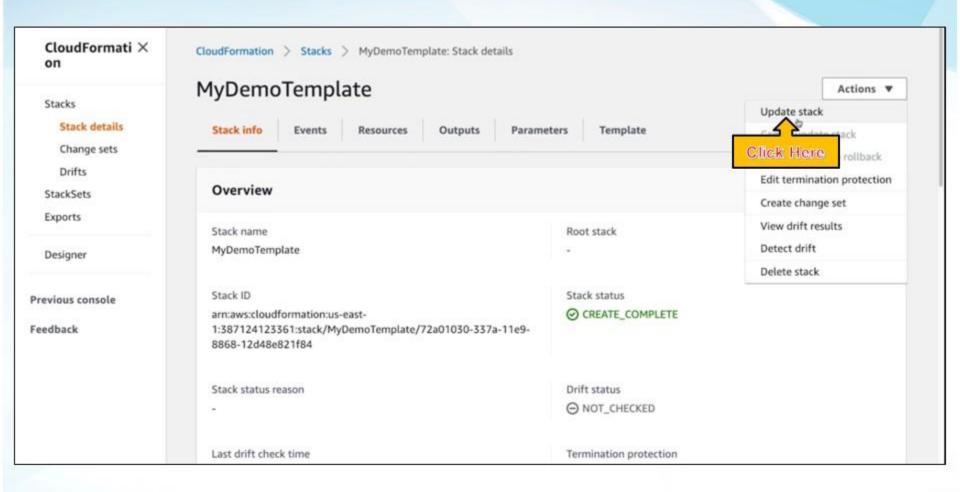




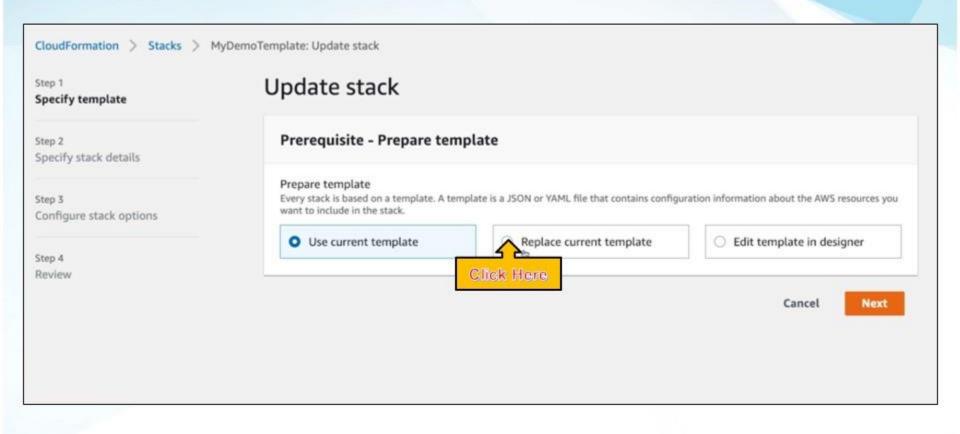




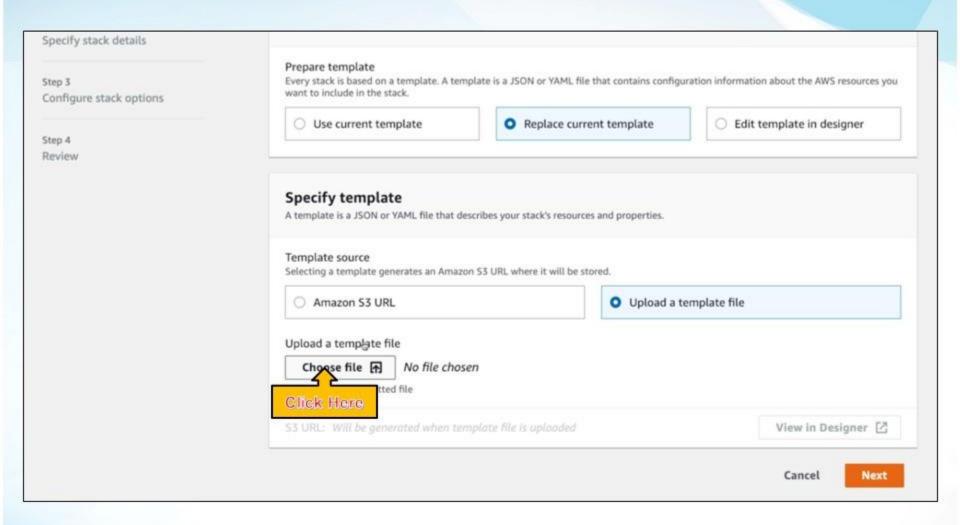




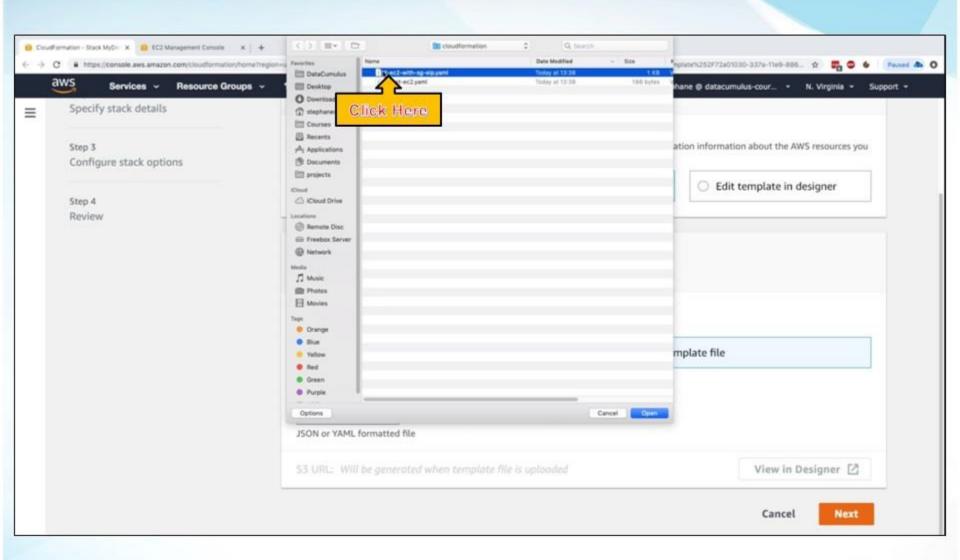




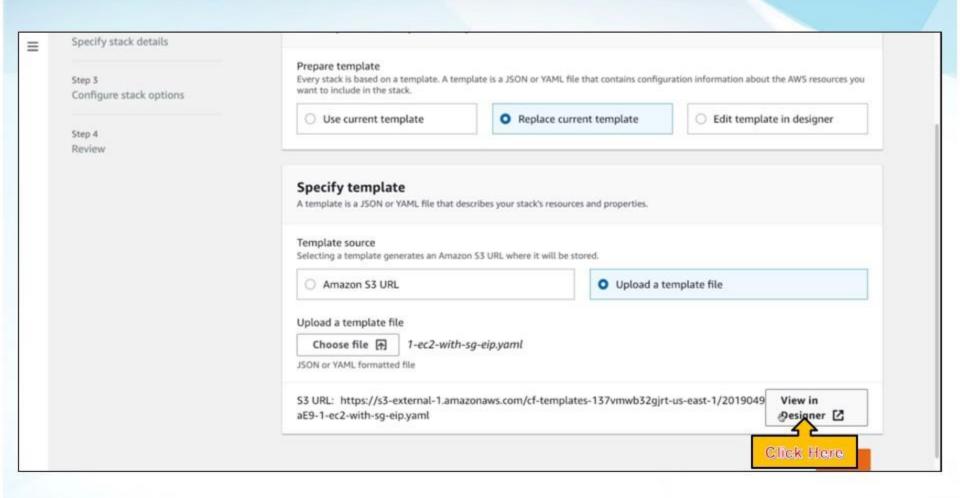


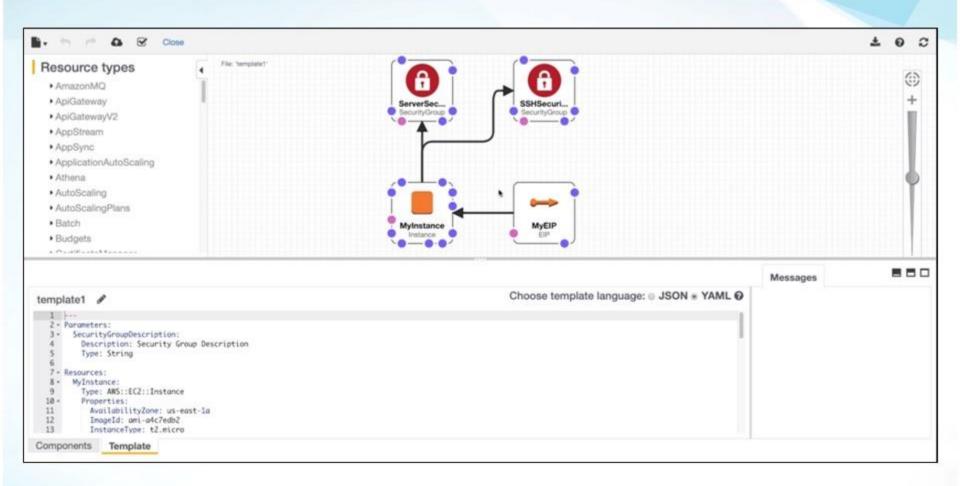








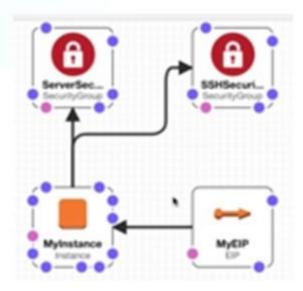


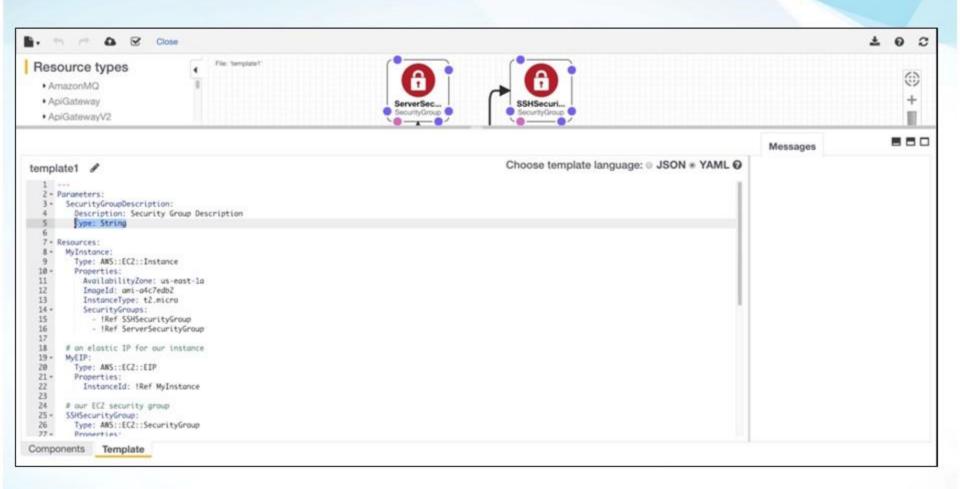




Exercise

- Modify the CloudFormation Template
 - Make EC2 Instance accessible to all via SSH.
 - Make EC2 Instance accessible to all via HTTP (80).
 - Attach an Elastic IP to your EC2 Instance.

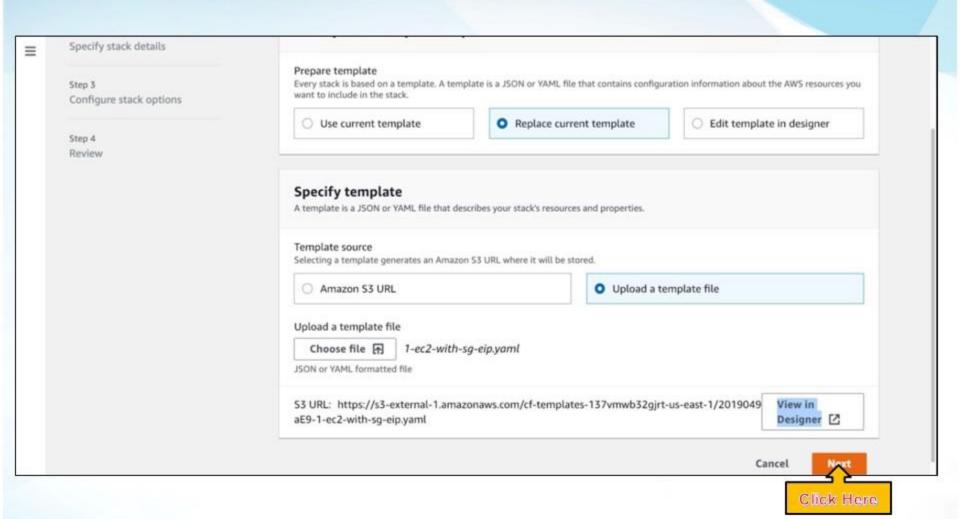




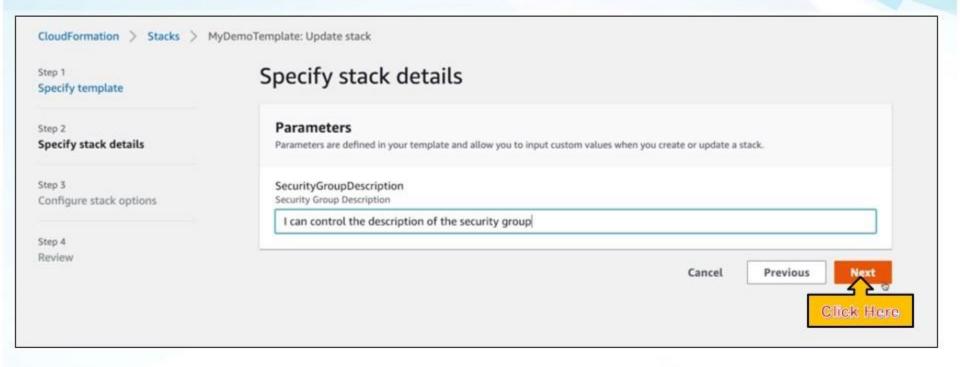
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         Properties:
           InstanceId: !Ref MyInstance
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       # our EC2 security group
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       SSHSecurityGroup:
         Type: AWS::EC2::SecurityGroup
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         Properties:
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           GroupDescription: Enable SSH access via port 22
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             FromPort: $2
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       # our second EC2 security group
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         Properties:
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           GroupDescription: !Ref SecurityGroupDescription
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          Description: Elastic IP Value
          Value: !Ref MyEIP
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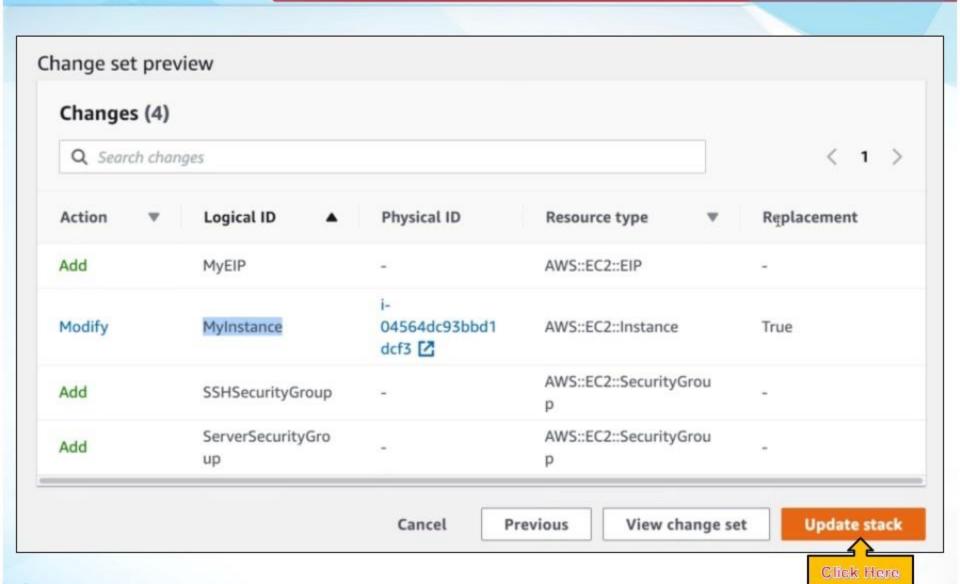
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▶ Notification options

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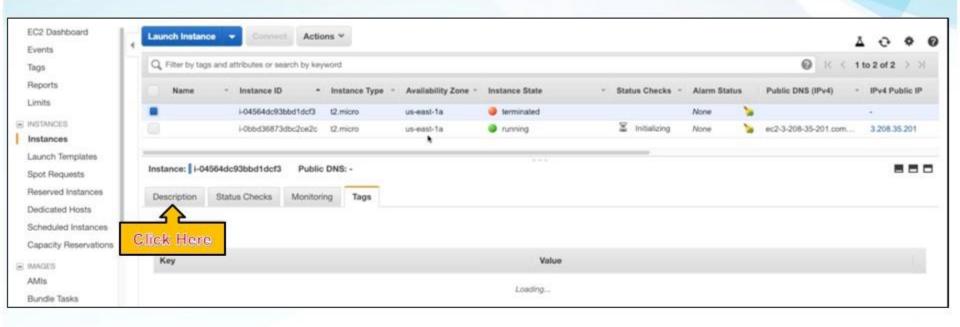


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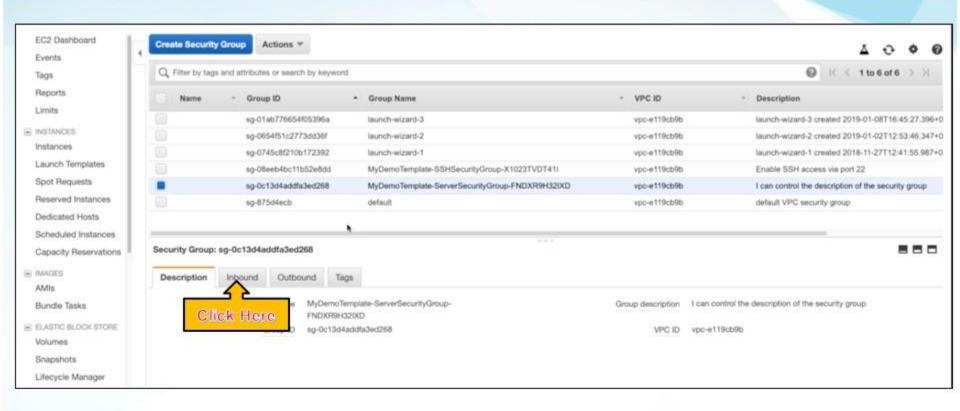




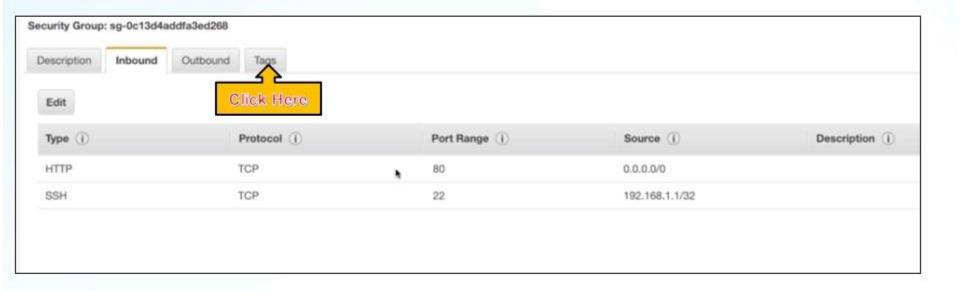


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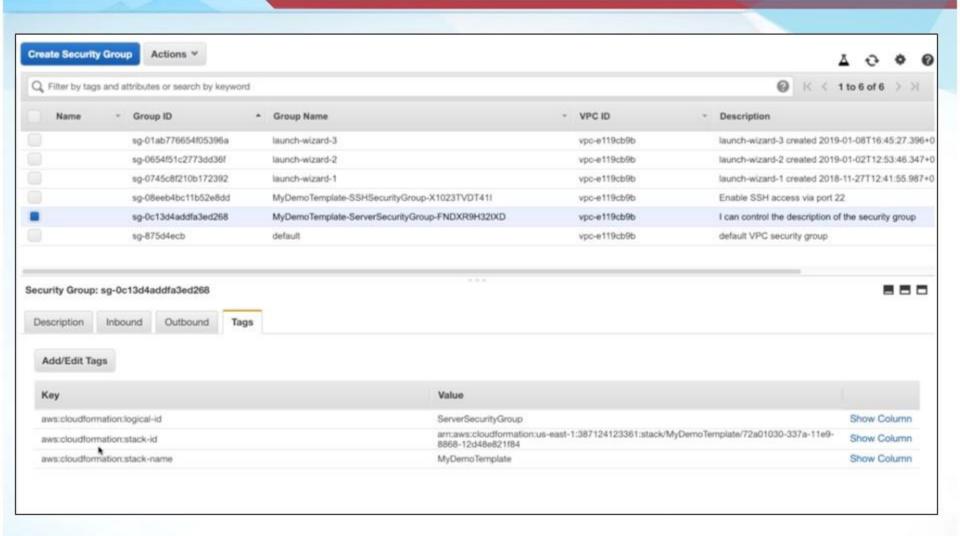




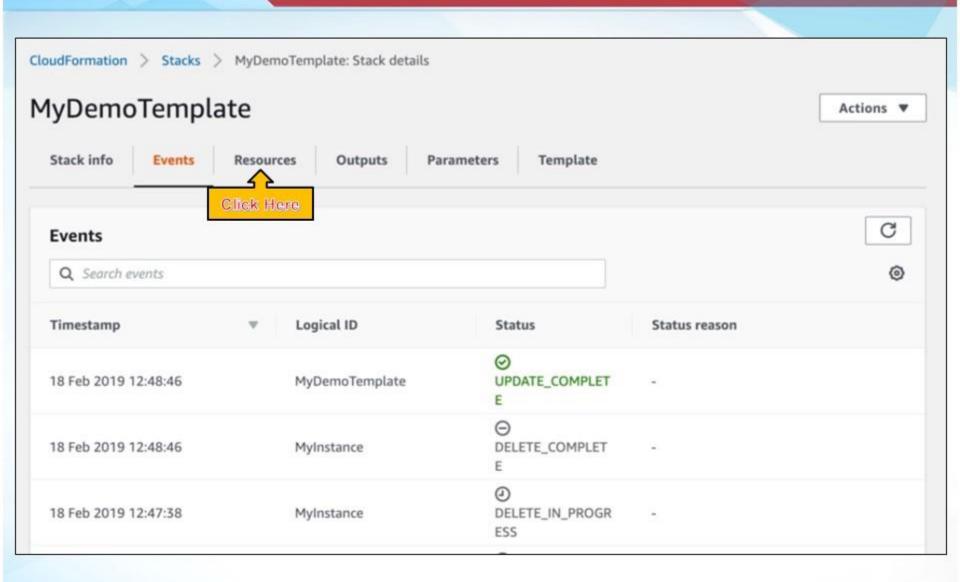




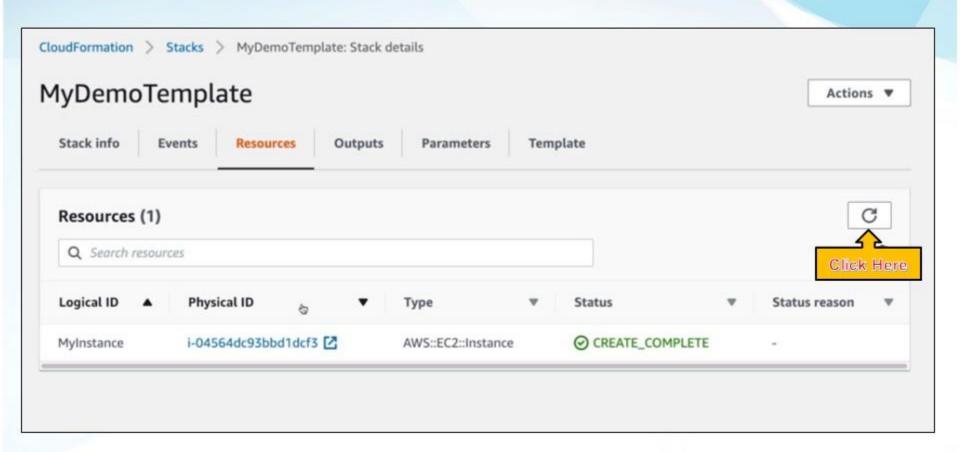




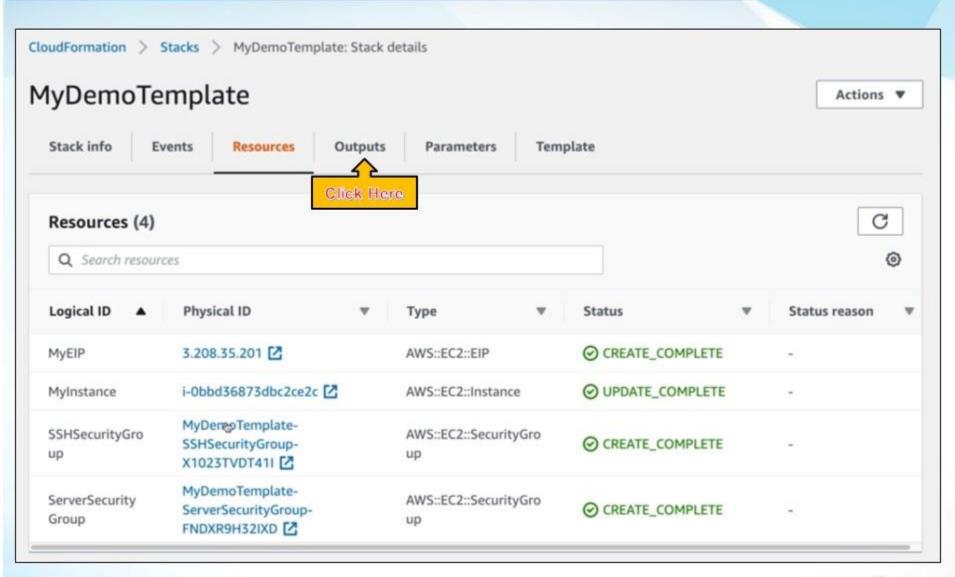




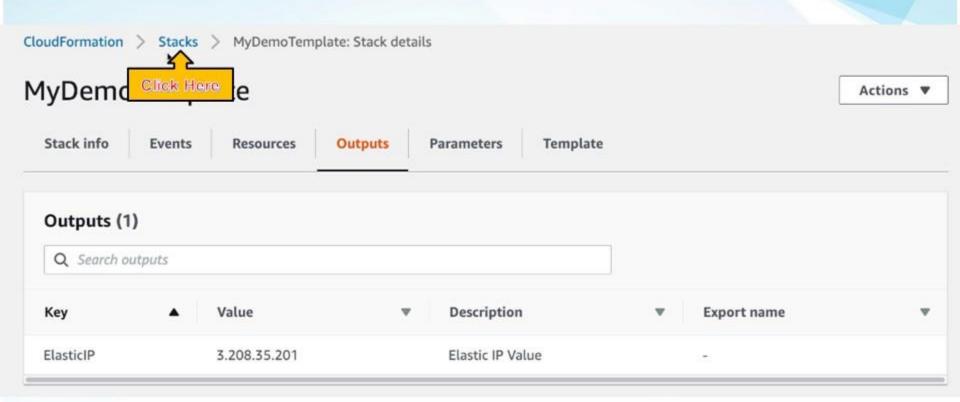










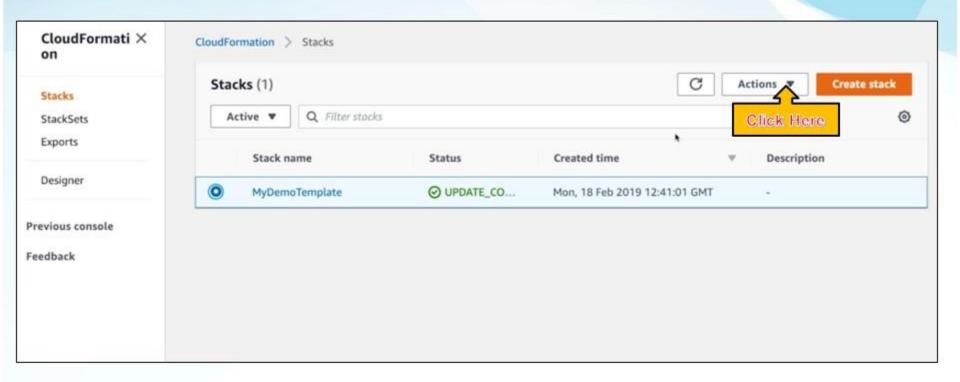




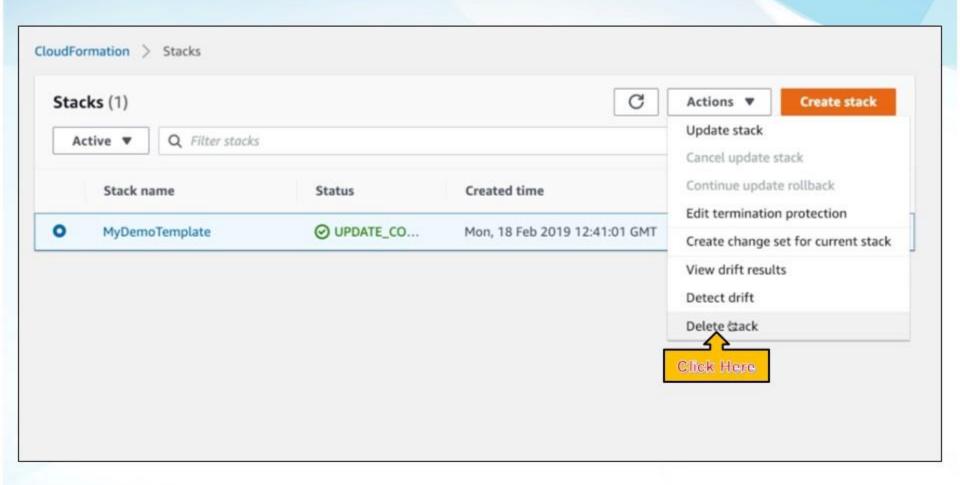
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 - Remove Elastic IP.
 - Add another security group for ELB.
 - Make ELB accessible to all via HTTP (80)
 - Make sure communication to EC2 is allowed only from ELB.
 - Login to EC2 Instance, If it is not accessible figure out the reason and make it accessible.
- Modify the CloudFormation Template for Mumbai Region.

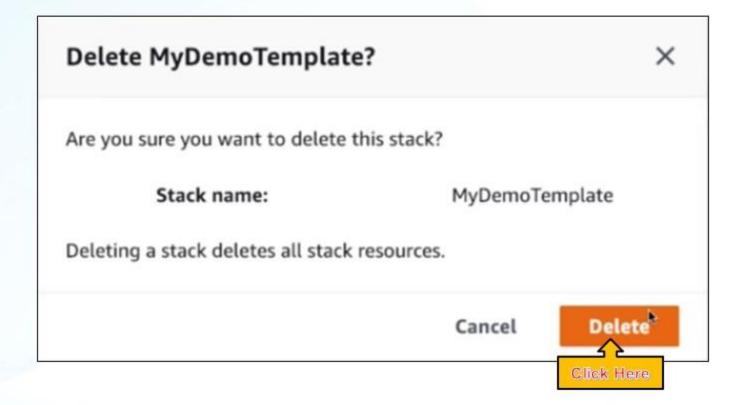














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