

Lab Brief

Course: Cloud Computing on AWS

EC2 Autoscaling | Shell Scripting with CLI

(Deploy multiple EC2 instances using Autoscaling with load balancing & target groups. Write a shell script to list resources in AWS.)

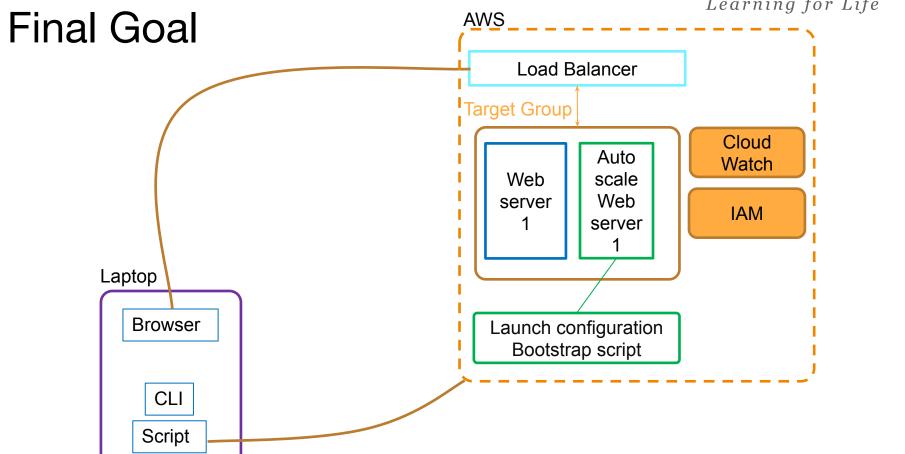


Learning Outcomes

- 1. Be able to create autoscale group
- 2. Create a launch configuration
- 3. Create a target group (TG) and push EC2 instances to it via Autoscale
- 4. Attach the autoscale TG to the Loadbalancer
- 5. Use bootstrap scripts to install and configure the EC2 instance
- 6. Create an IAM API user to be used with CLI
- 7. Write a shell script using CLI and execute in your laptop

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What is needed?

- 1. AWS Account Credentials
- 2. EC2 Instances (Linux)
- 3. Load Balancer with Target Group
- 4. Launch configuration, autoscale group, bootstrap script
- 5. Linux Terminal for ssh access from your laptop
- 6. Shell script environment (any text editor of your choice)



Command reference - 1

```
#To be used with the manually created EC2 instance
#!/bin/bash
yum update -y
yum install httpd -y
service httpd start
chkconfig httpd on
IP_ADDR=$(curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-ipv4)
echo "Manual instance with IP $IP_ADDR" > /var/www/html/index.html
echo "ok" > /var/www/html/health.html
```



Command reference - 2

```
#To be used with the autoscale launch configuration
#!/bin/bash
yum update -y
yum install httpd -y
service httpd start
chkconfig httpd on
IP_ADDR=$(curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-ipv4)
echo "Autoscale instance with IP $IP_ADDR" > /var/www/html/index.html
echo "ok" > /var/www/html/health.html
```



Command reference - 3

The following URL is a great resource that will help you in your scripting https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/reference/index.html

Use the following to install the CLI on Mac sudo easy_install pip sudo pip install awscli --upgrade --ignore-installed six



How to do it? - 1

- 1. Create 1 EC2 instance using the 7 step workflow (use t2.micro / t2.small instance type only)
 - a) Use the usual Amazon Linux AMI in AZ1
 - b) Use the bootstrap script to install the http server & to create the htmls
 - c) No PEM is needed as we are not going to SSH
- 2. Create a LB with TG
 - a) Associate the EC2 instance to it
 - b) Ensure all AZ are selected when creating the TG
 - c) Once the instance turns "healthy" hit the LB to ensure the page is being served
- 3. Create a launch config & autoscaling group
 - a) Use the bootstrap script for the autoscale launch config, tag = "autoscale"
 - b) Min instance = 1, max = 2
 - c) Setup the cloud watch alarm (add 1 instance if cpu>80, remove when <30)
 - d) No notifications are needed
 - e) Document your observations once the setup is completed
- 4. Hit the LB again and state your observations
- 5. Manually terminate the autoscale EC2 instance, wait for 2-3 mins and state your observations



How to do it? - 2

- 1. Go to IAM
 - a) Create the user for the CLI access, name it "apiuser"
 - b) Attach the AWS managed policy "Administrator"
 - c) Download the access key + secret CSV
- 2. CLI setup
 - a) Use the above information to configure the AWS CLI
 - b) Run "aws ec2 describe-instances" to check the CLI setup
- 3. Write a small script to list/describe (capture the output in the document)
 - a) Only the instance IDs of the EC2 instances
 - b) The load balancers available in the account
 - c) The target group in the account
 - d) The autoscale group
 - e) Launch configuration
 - f) IAM users available in the account