WEB APP – SINGLE SERVER TO ELASTIC EVOLUTION (Final Stage) BY ADRIAN CANTRILL

Note: The project instructions are detailed in Adrian's GitHub repository.

Project Link Source:
https://github.com/acantril/learn-cantrill-io-labs/tree/master/aws-elastic-wordpress-evolution

In this section, we construct the **Final Stage** of the project, unifying all the elements we've learned from previous stages and infusing it with adaptability.

Objectives:

- Offload the **Database** from the **WordPress instance** by migrating it to an **RDS instance.** This ensures that in the event of an instance crash, the database can survive, or vice versa.
- Offload the **wp-content** from the **WordPress instance** by migrating it to an **AWS EFS.** This ensures that in the event of an instance crash, the **application media** and **UI** can survive.
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- Incorporating autoscaling and a load balancer into the project

Instructions:

1. Log in to your AWS Console. Ensure that your account has Administrator Access..
2. Copy and paste the following link into your browser https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudformation/home?region=us-east-1#/stacks/quickcreate?templateURL=https://learn-cantrill-labs.s3.amazonaws.com/aws-elastic-wordpress-evolution/A4LVPC.yaml&stackName=A4LVPC.

   This CloudFormation template will create the infrastructure for our **WordPre**ss app. Click "**I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources,**" then click "**Create stack**." Wait for the stack to move into the "**CREATE_COMPLETE**" state before continuing.

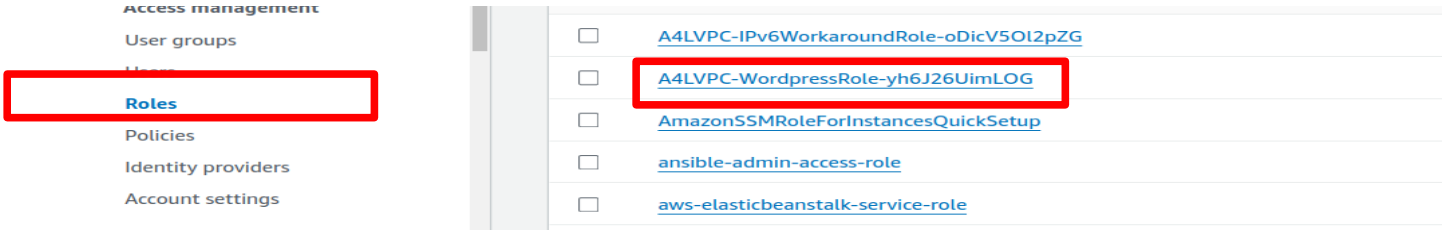
3. Download the CloudFormation template from this link: *https://github.com/robudexIT/awsdevopsproject/blob/cloudformation/cloudformation/wordpress/wordpress_instance_rds_efs.yaml*

Note: You can skip step 2 if you already created the stack

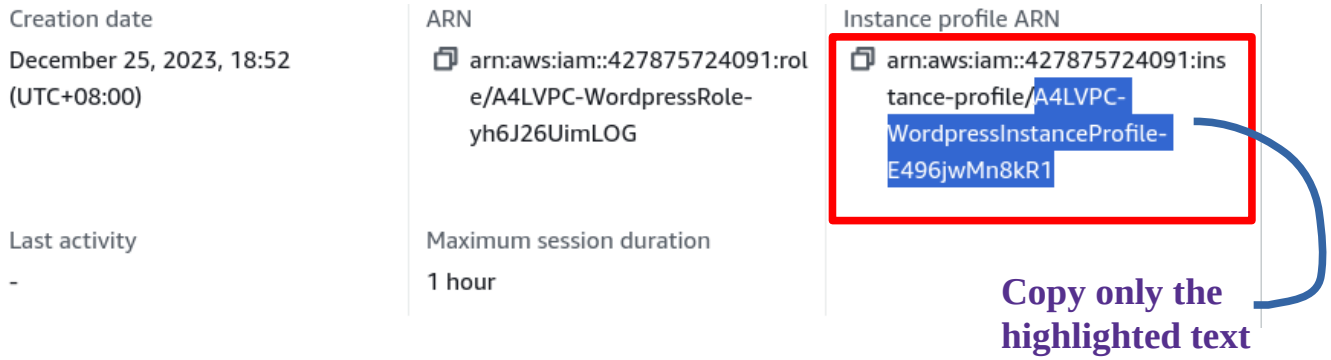
This CloudFormation template contains the same instructions as in **Stage 4**

4. **Stage4 Instructions Cloudformation:**

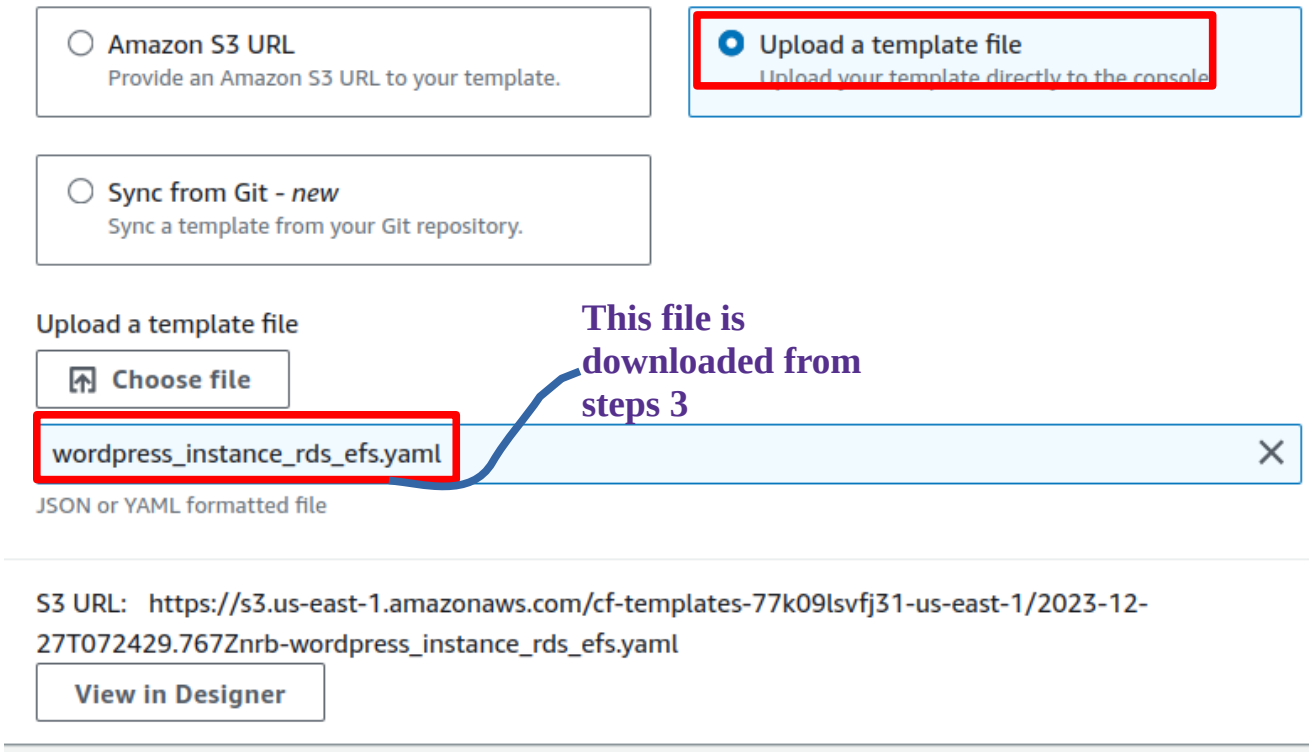
- Goto https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/iam/home?region=us-east-1#/roles and look for A4LVPC-WordpressRole Roles and click it.



- **Copy the Instance Profile Name to your notes**



- **Goto Cloudformation and create stack:**



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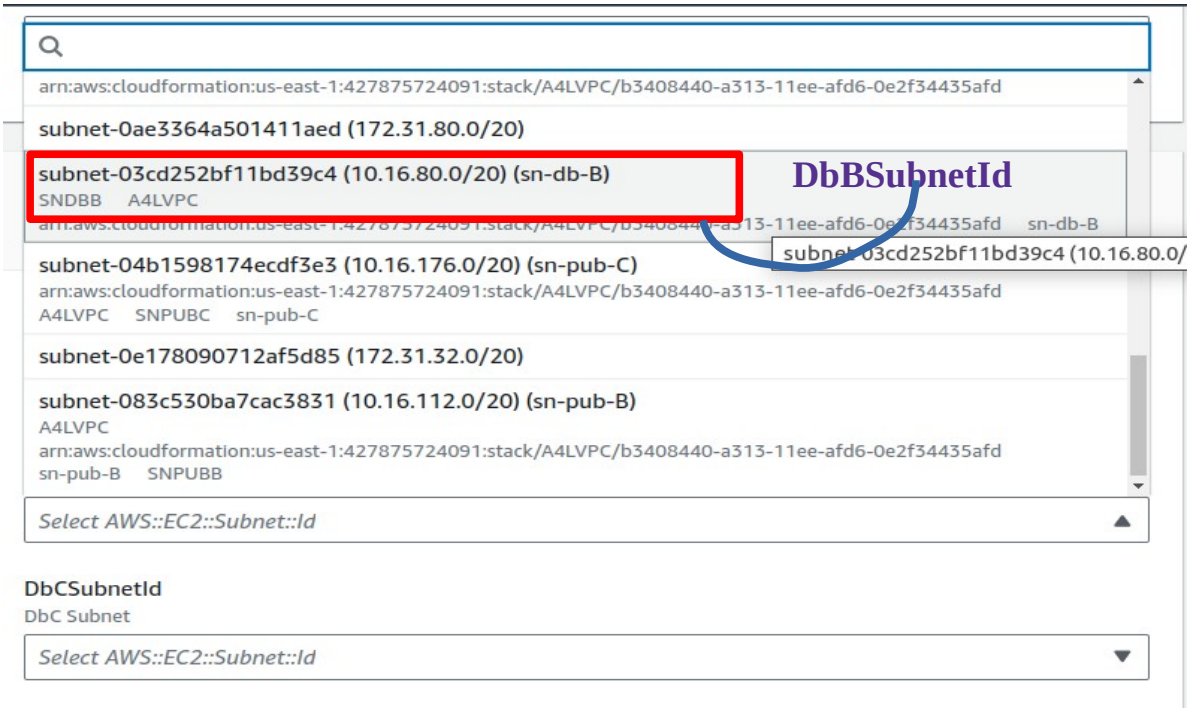
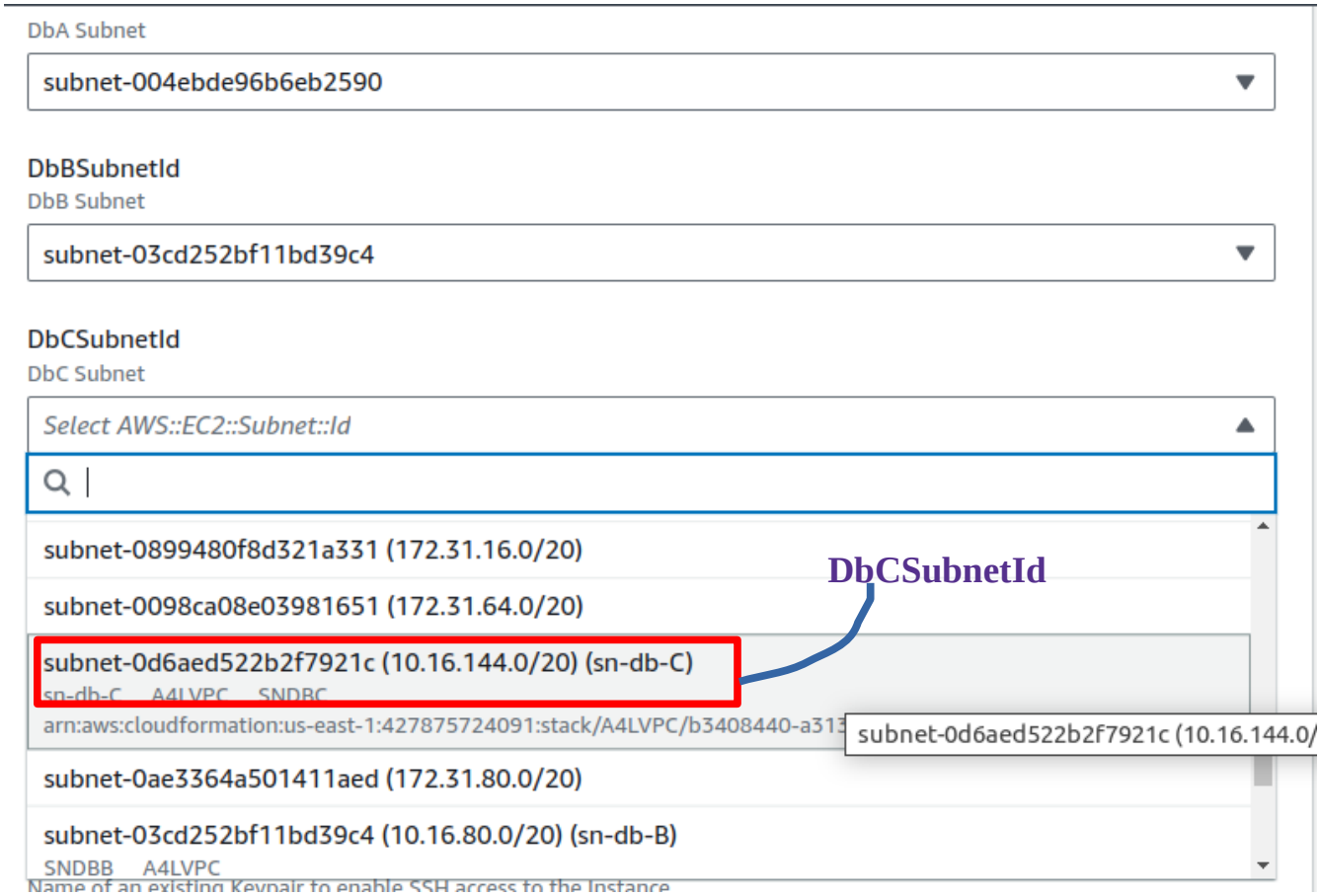
Provide a stack name

Stack name

wordpress-rds-efs-stack

Stack name can include letters (A-Z and a-z), numbers (0-9), and dashes (-).

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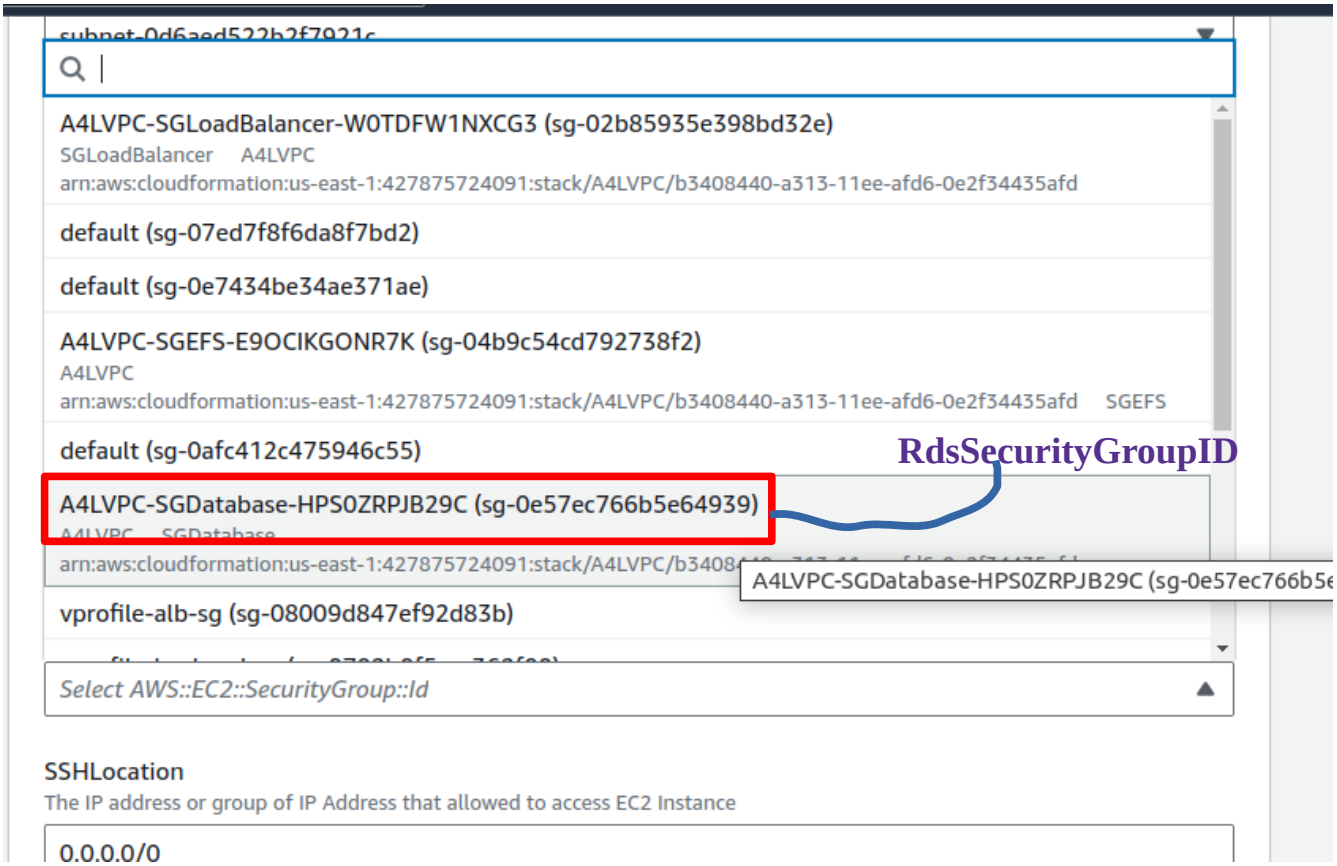
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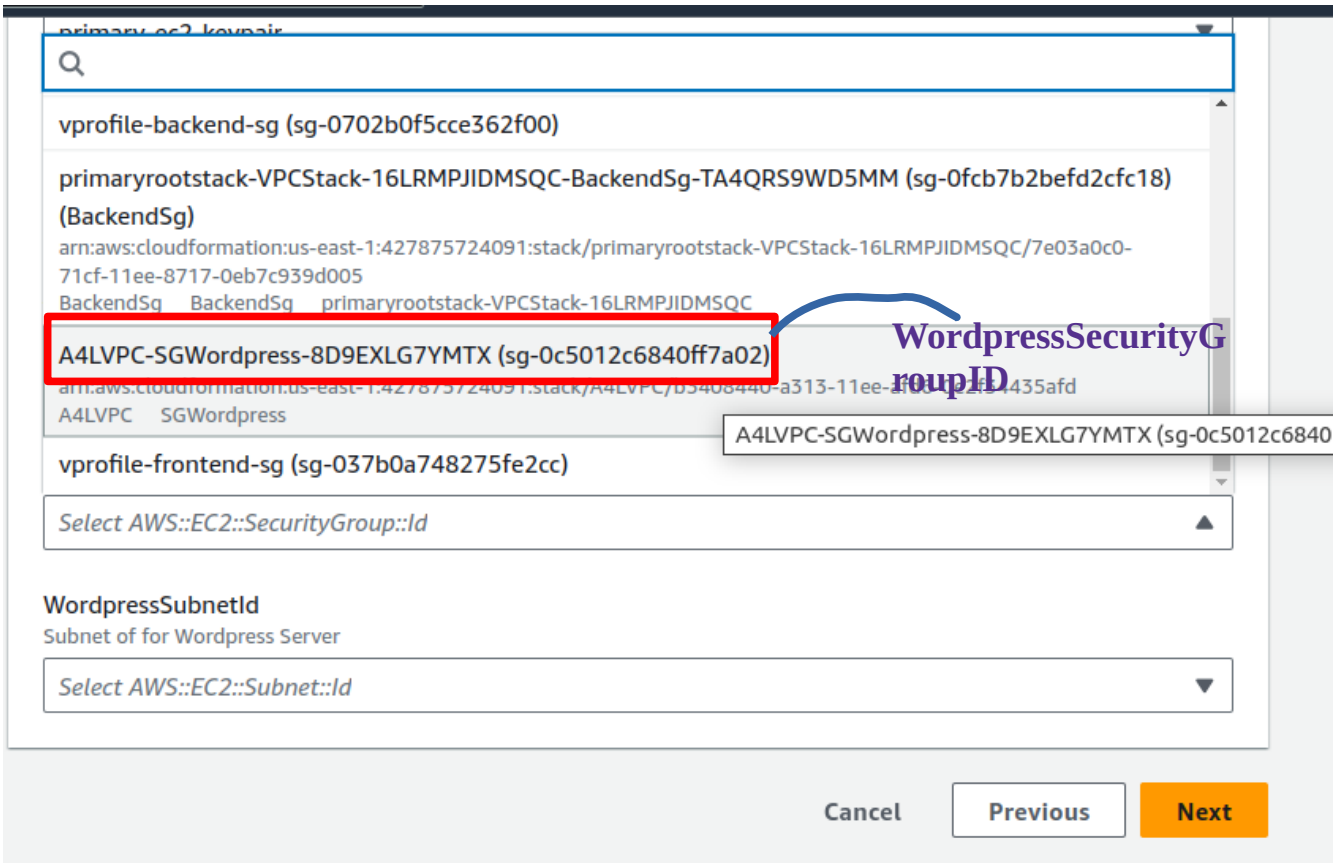
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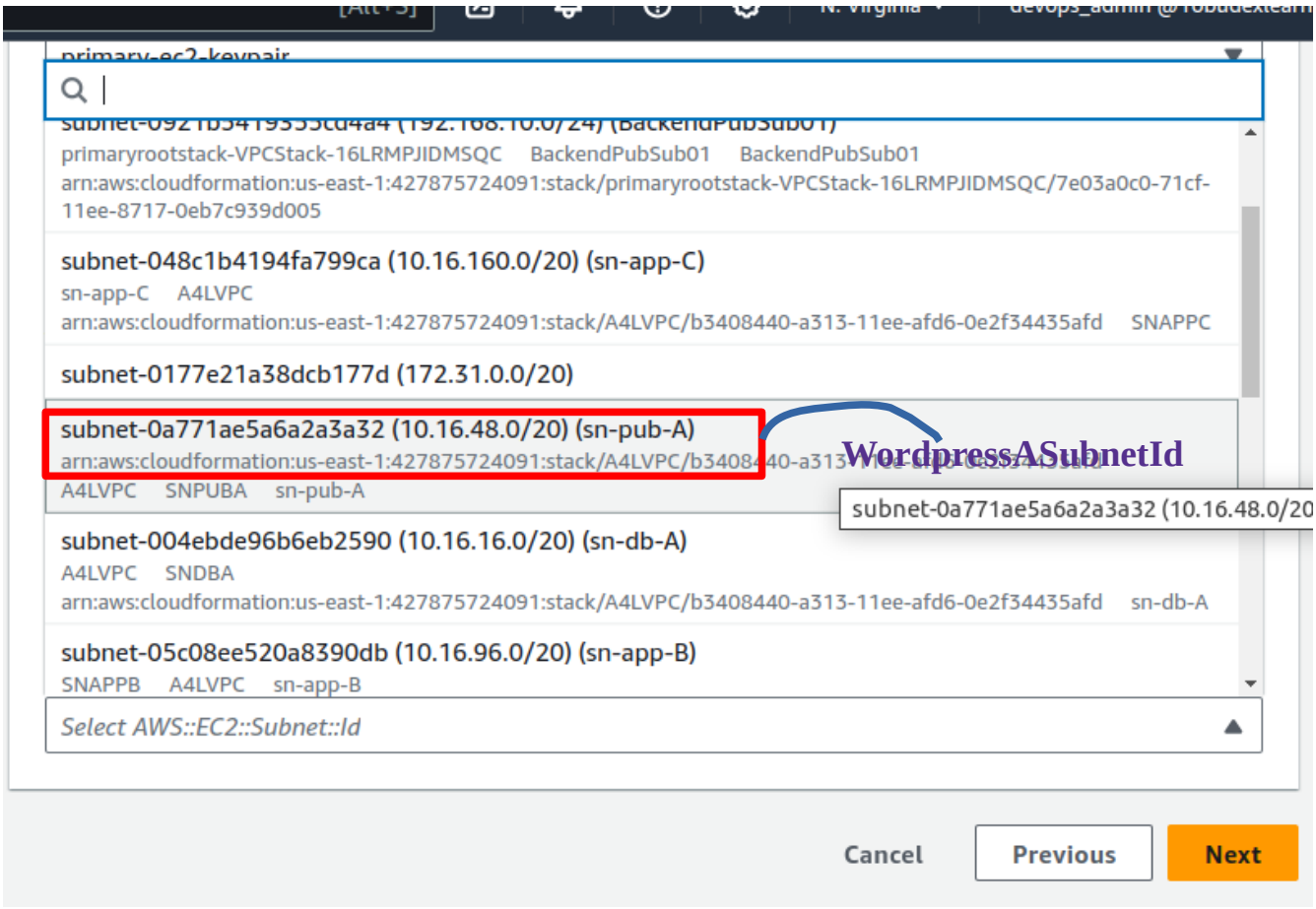
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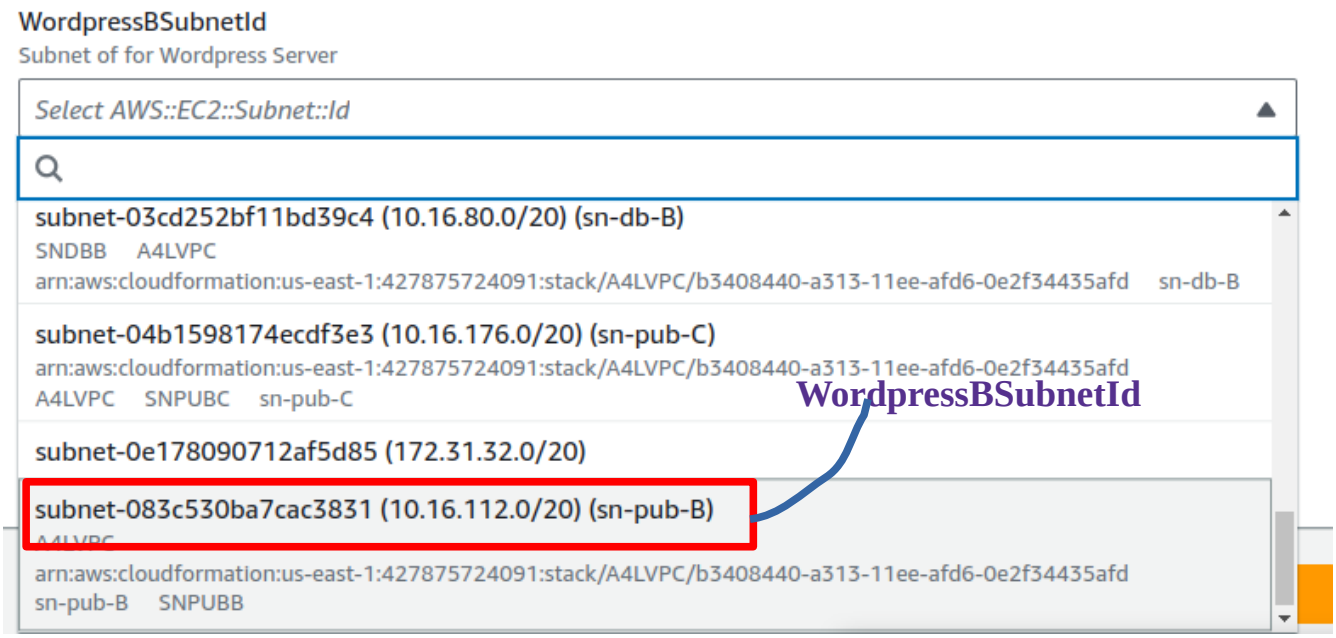
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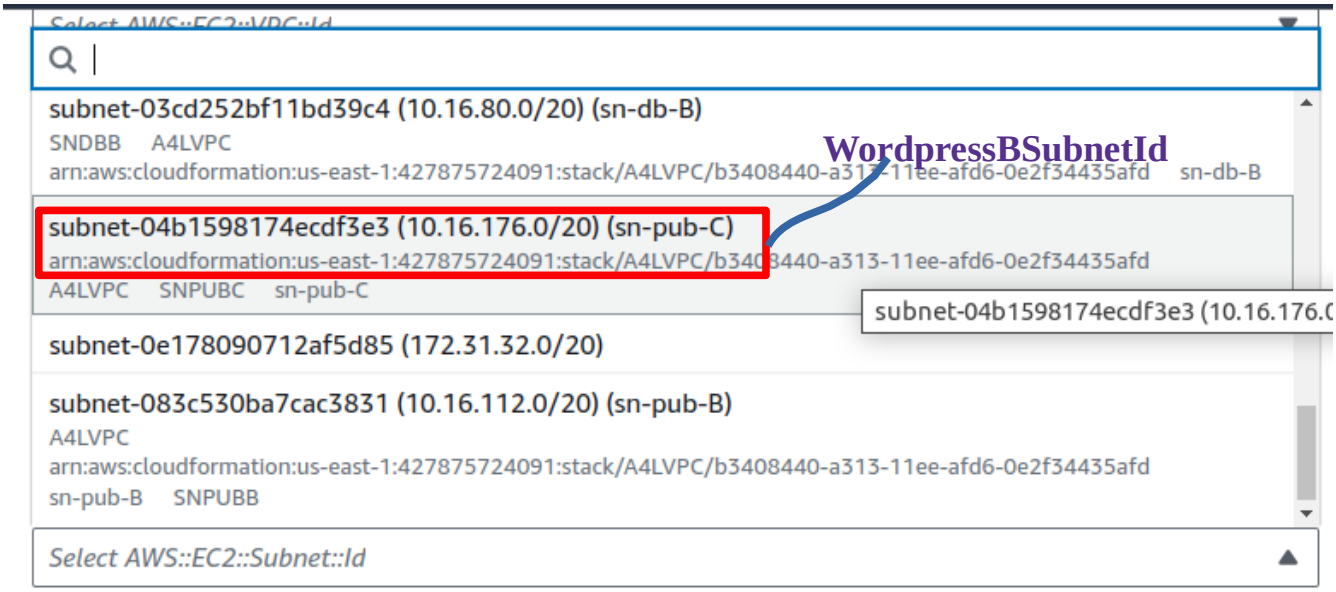
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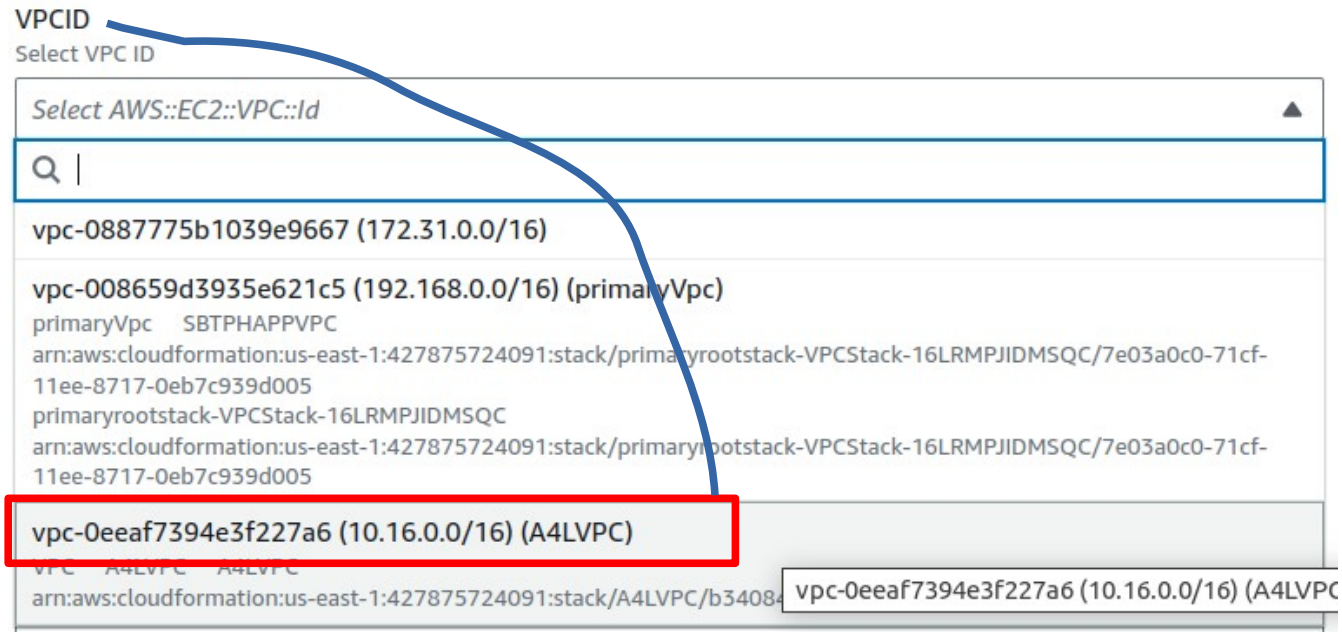
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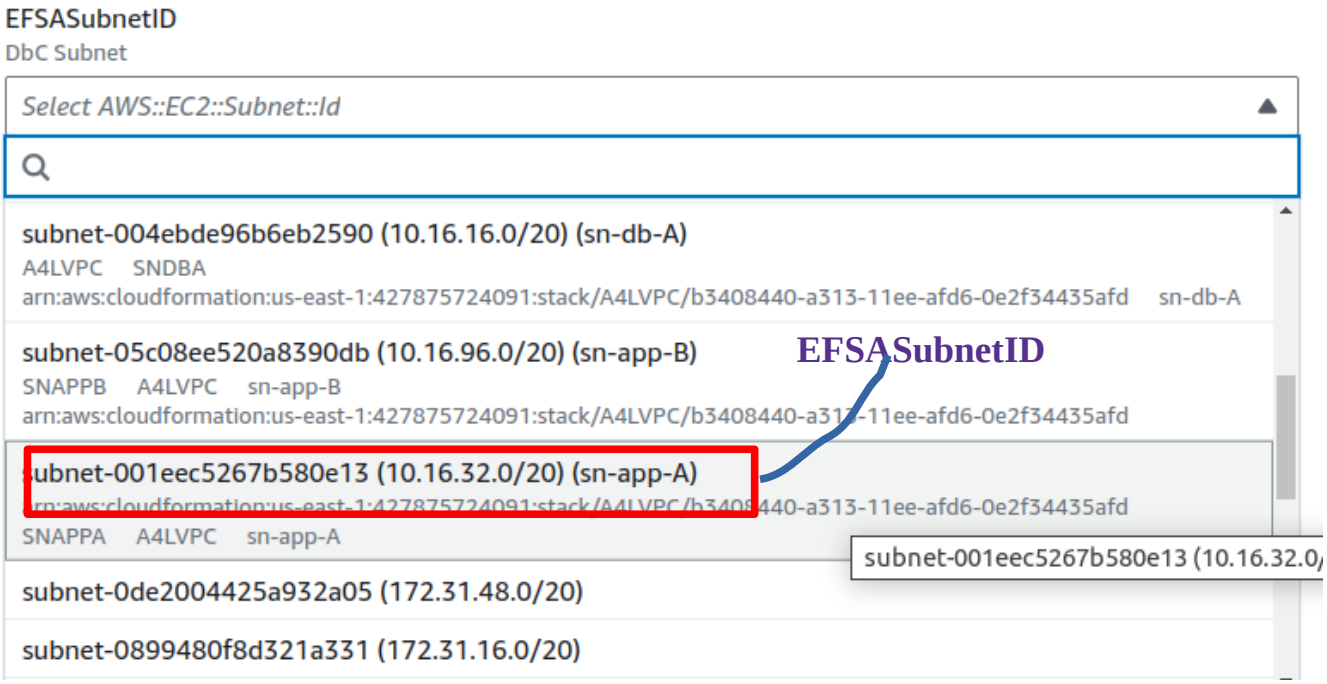
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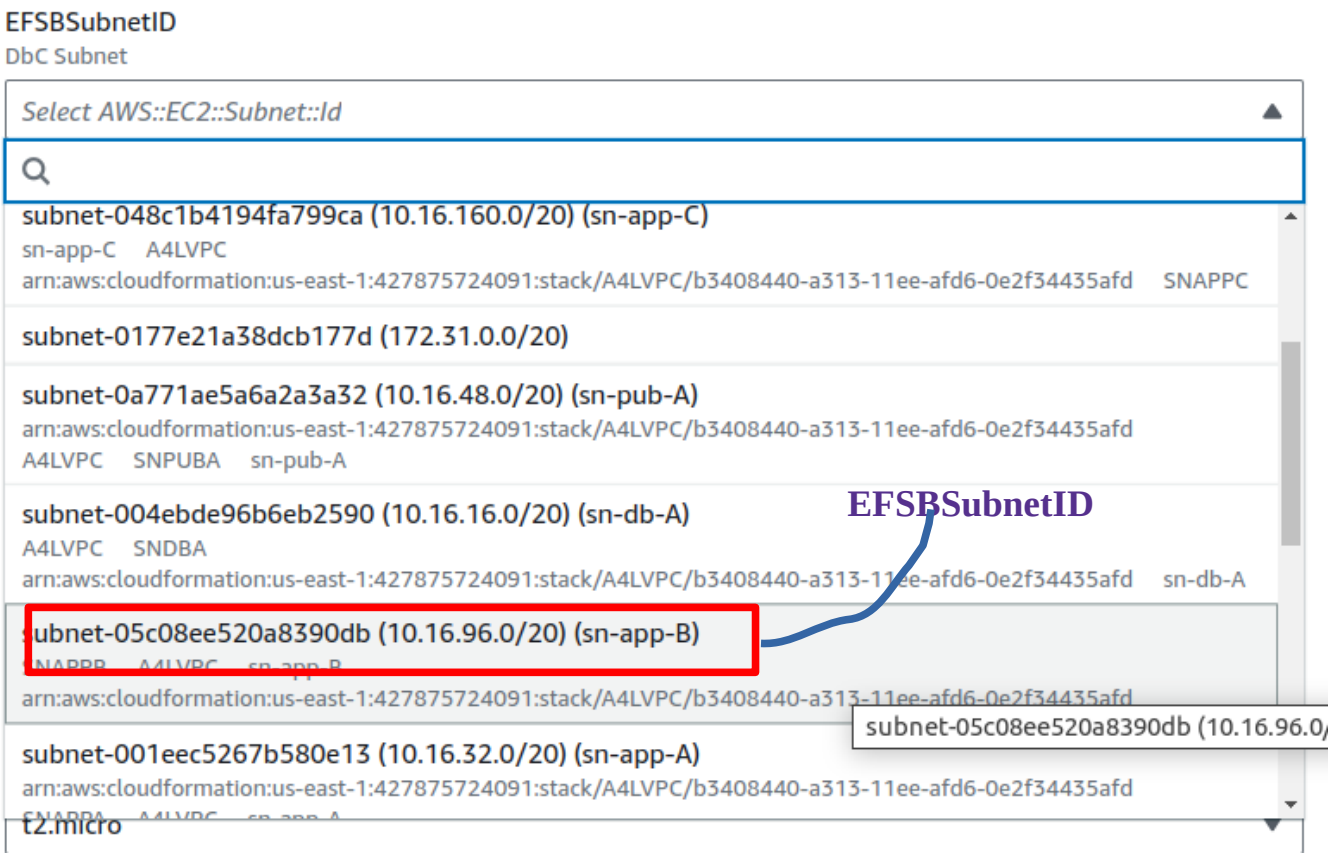
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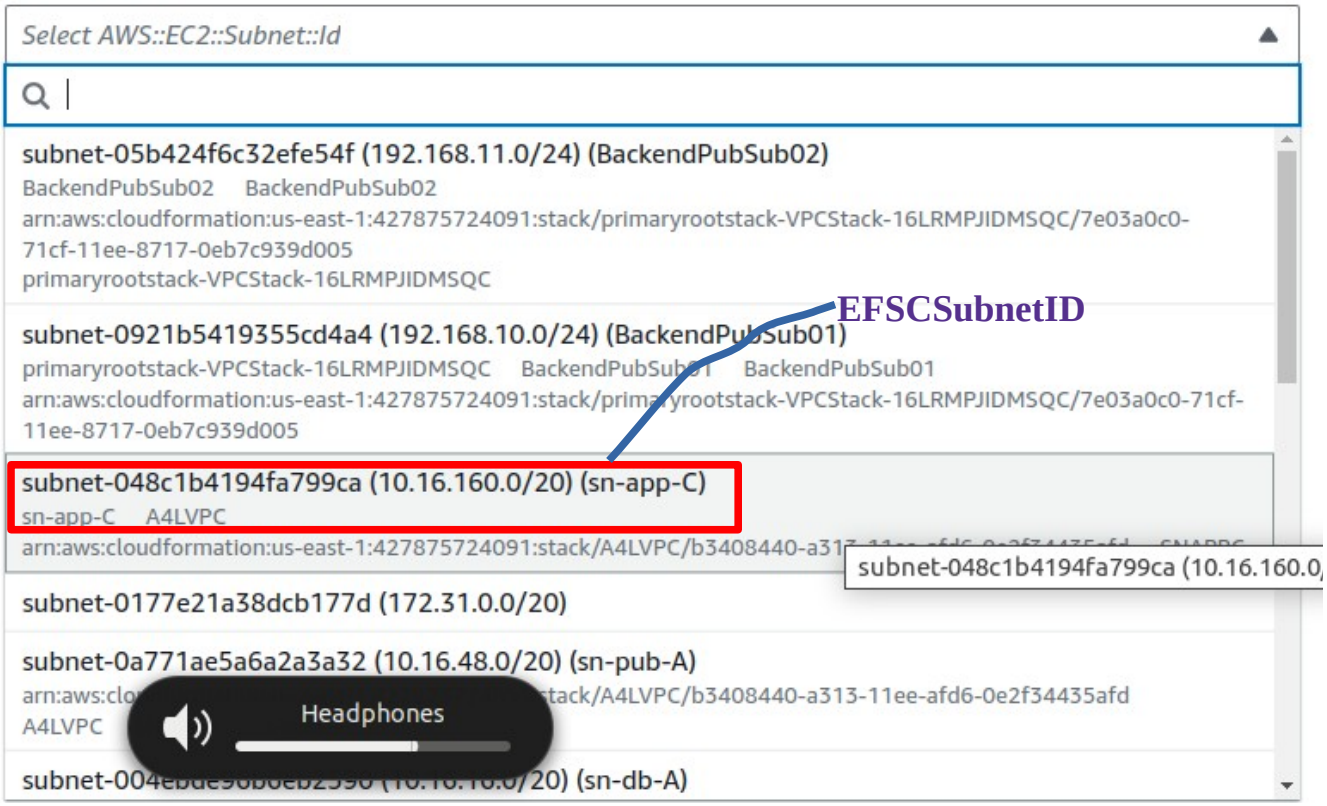

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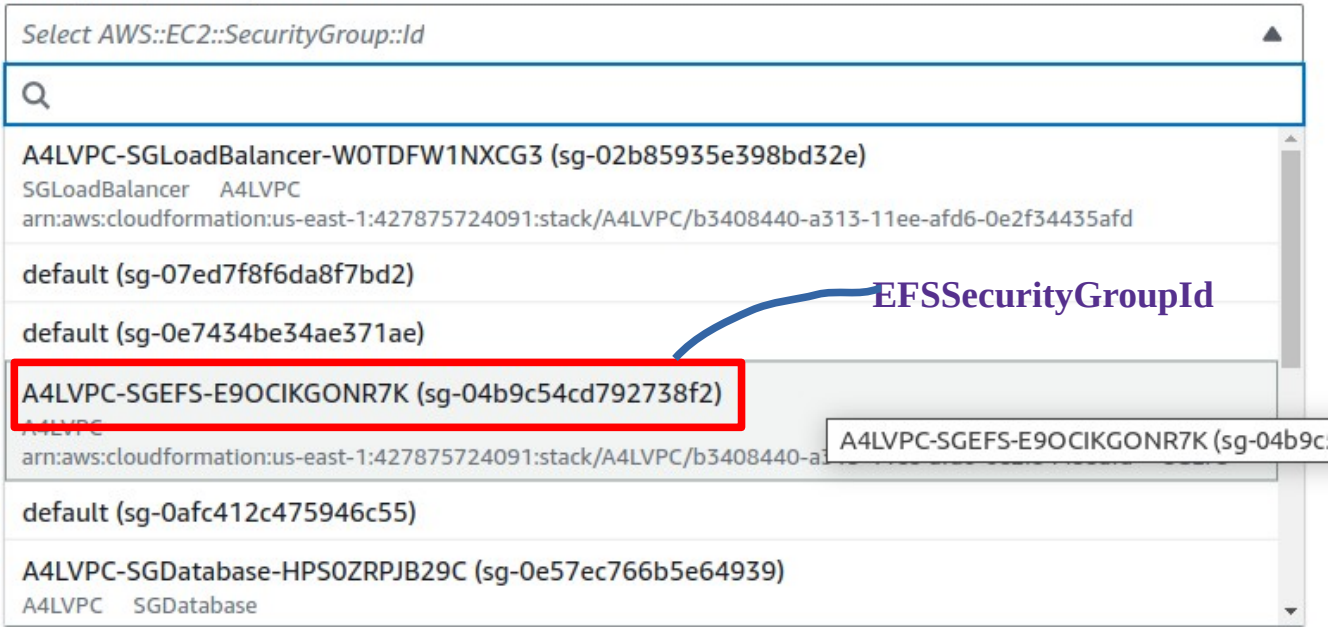

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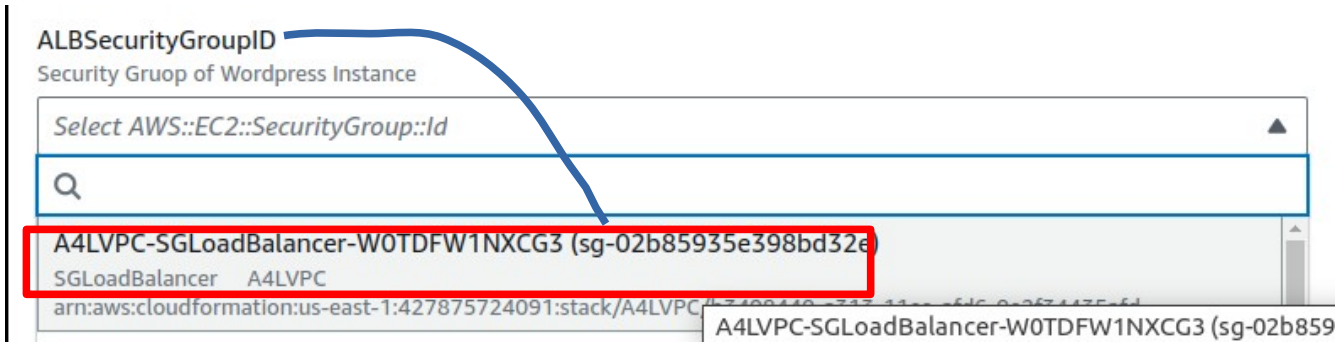
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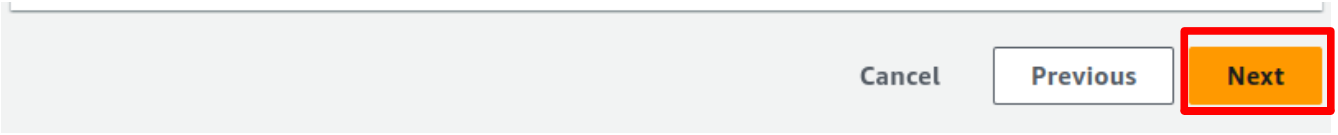
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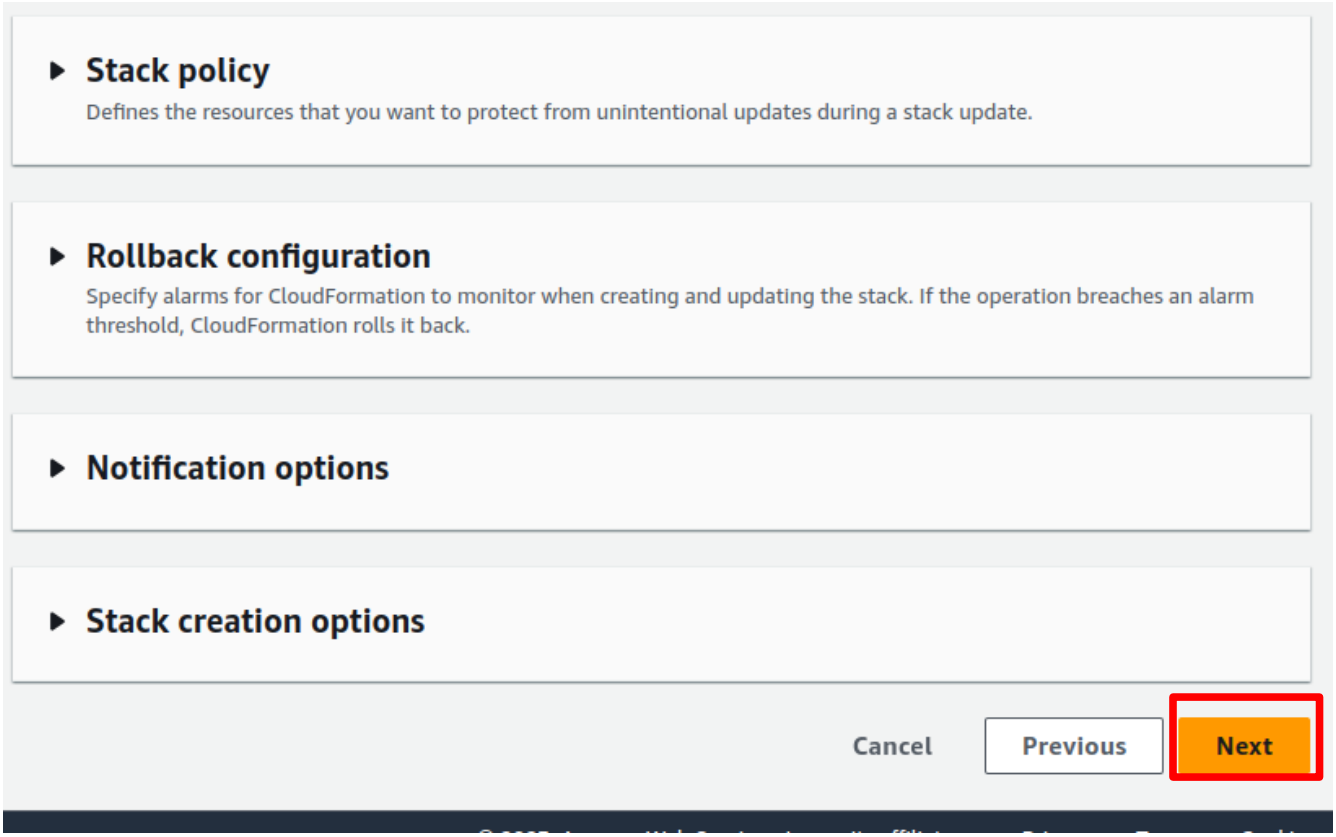
Stack policy
Defines the resources that you want to protect from unintentional updates during a stack update.
Rollback configuration
Specify alarms for CloudFormation to monitor when creating and updating the stack. If the operation breaches an alarm threshold, CloudFormation rolls it back.
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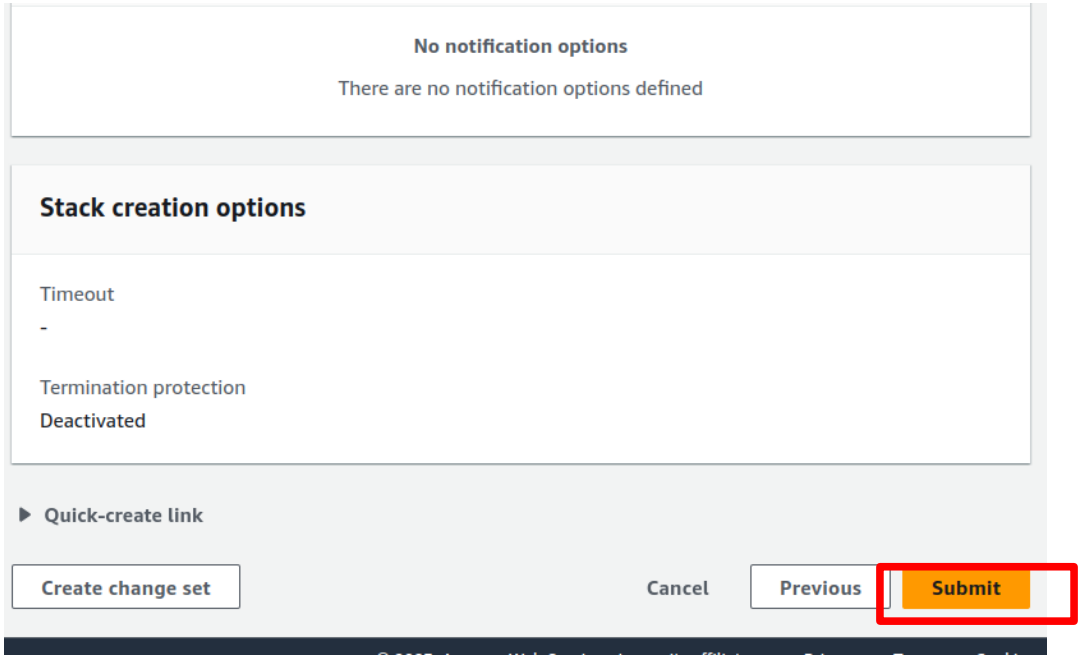
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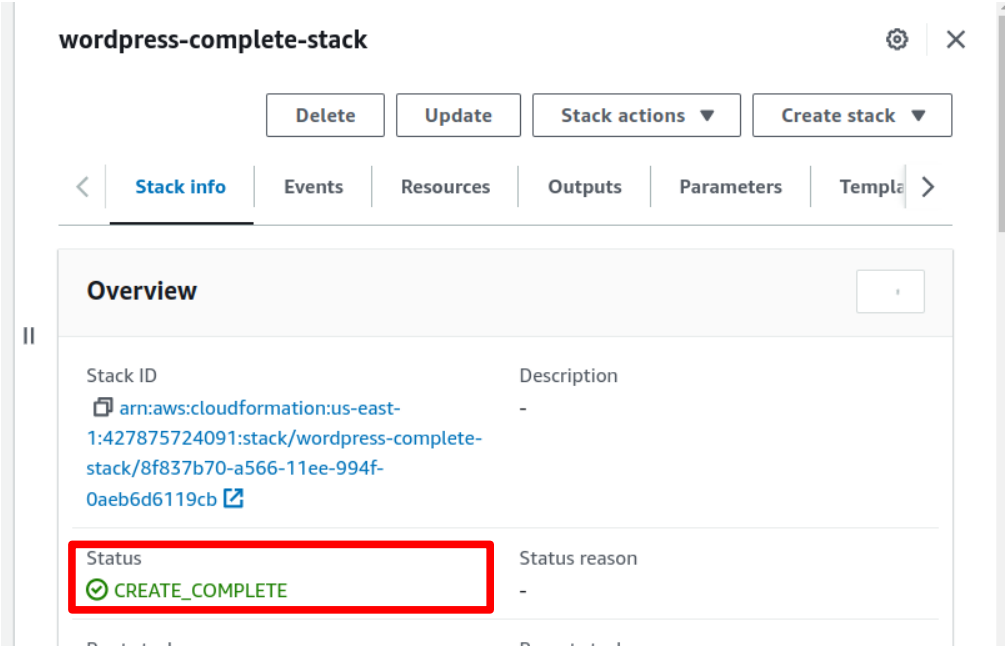
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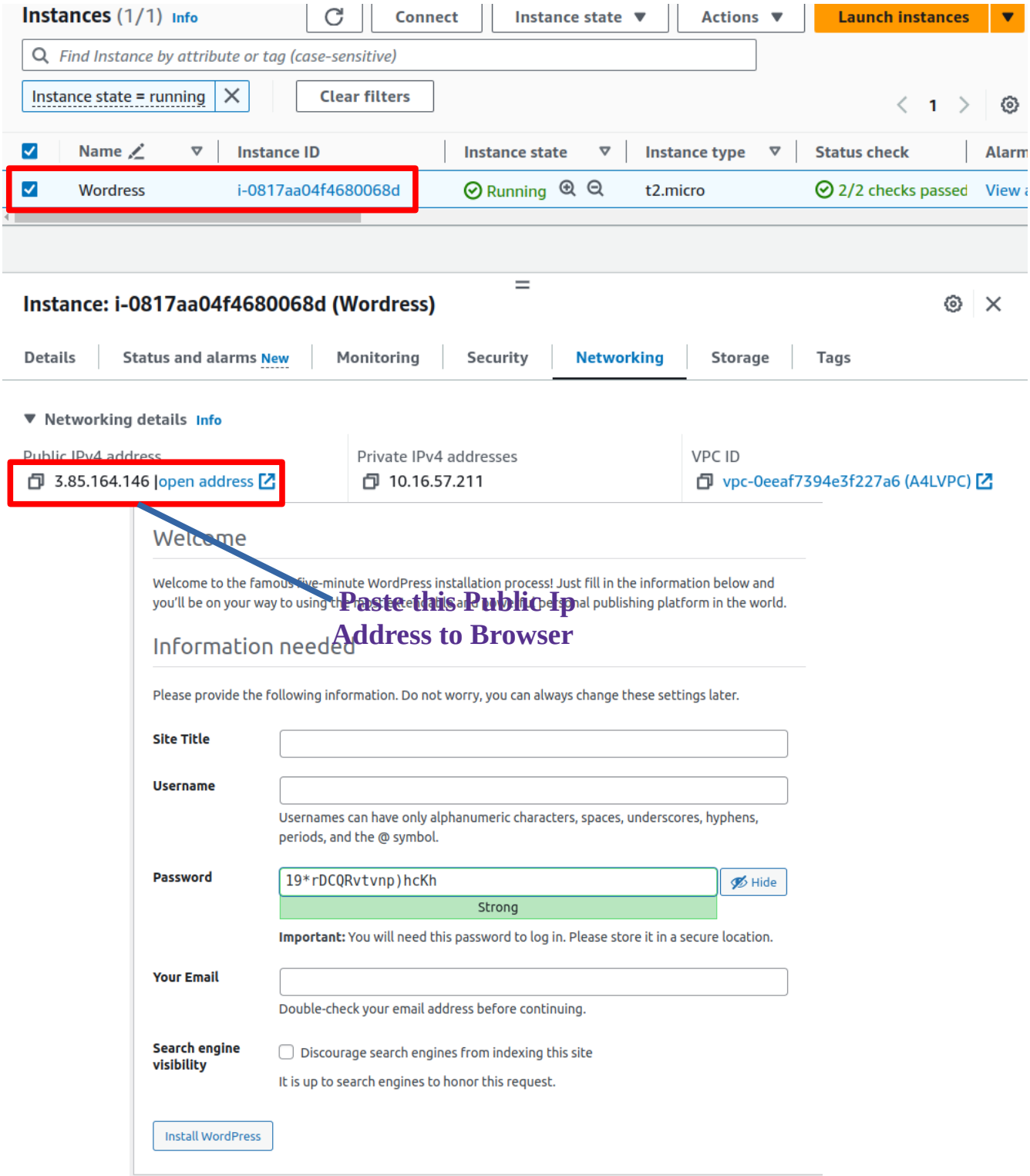
- Go to https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/v2/home?region=us-east-1#Instances:sort=desc:tag:Name
- Select the Wordpress Instance and copy the Public IP Address and paste it to browser address bar
- If this page will appear that means the wordpress setup is successful



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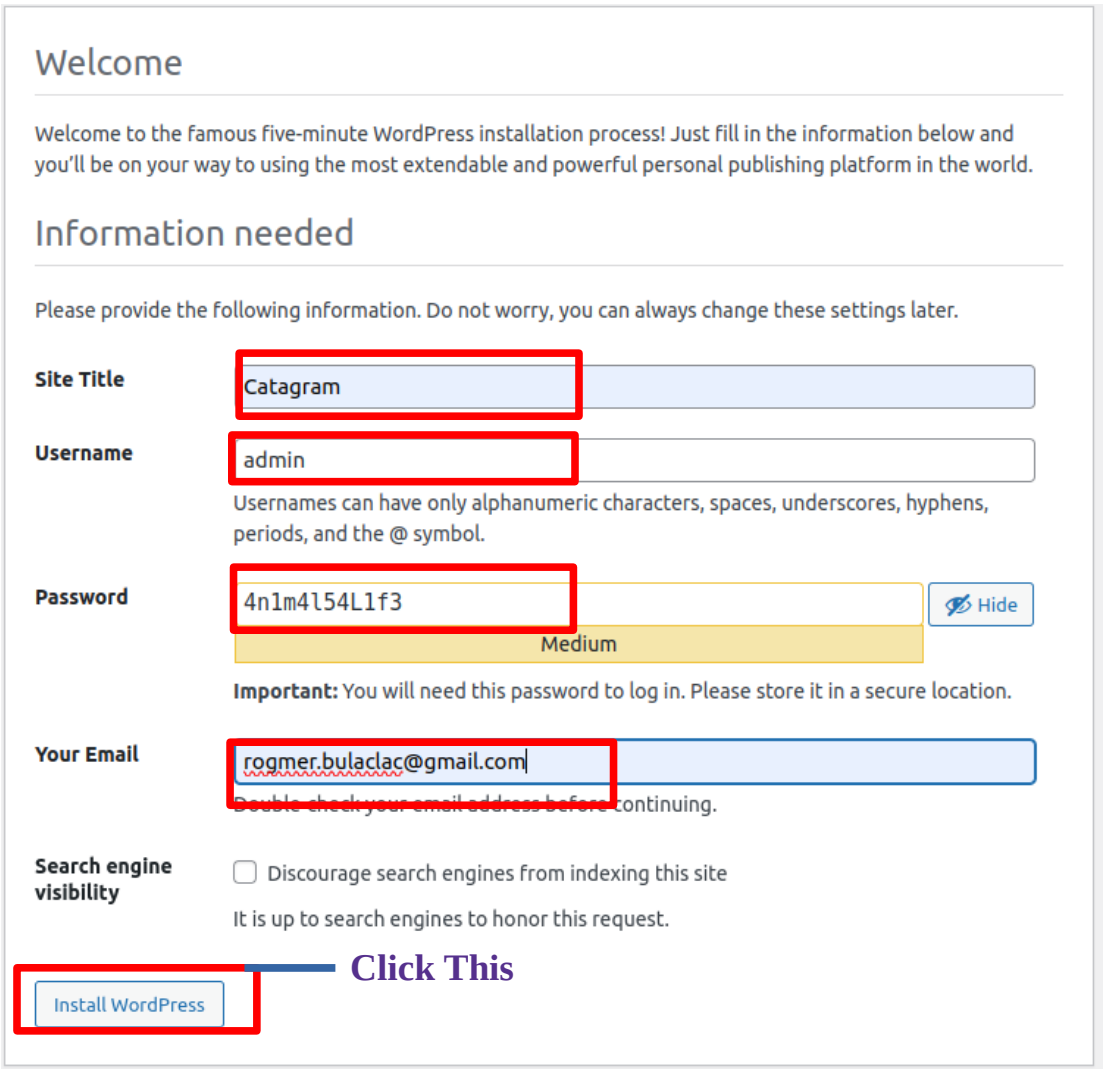
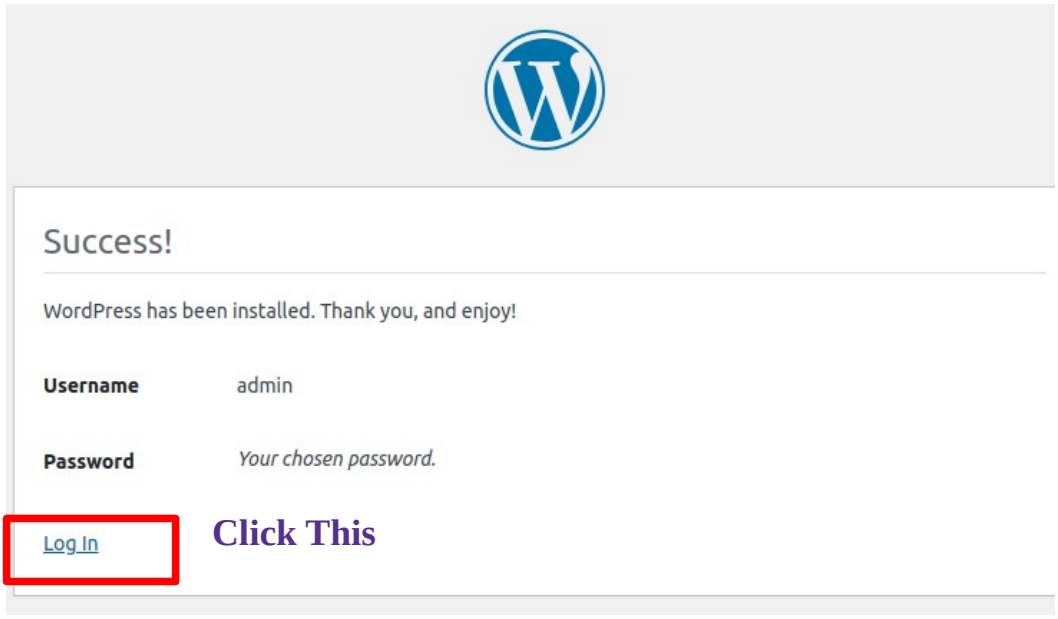
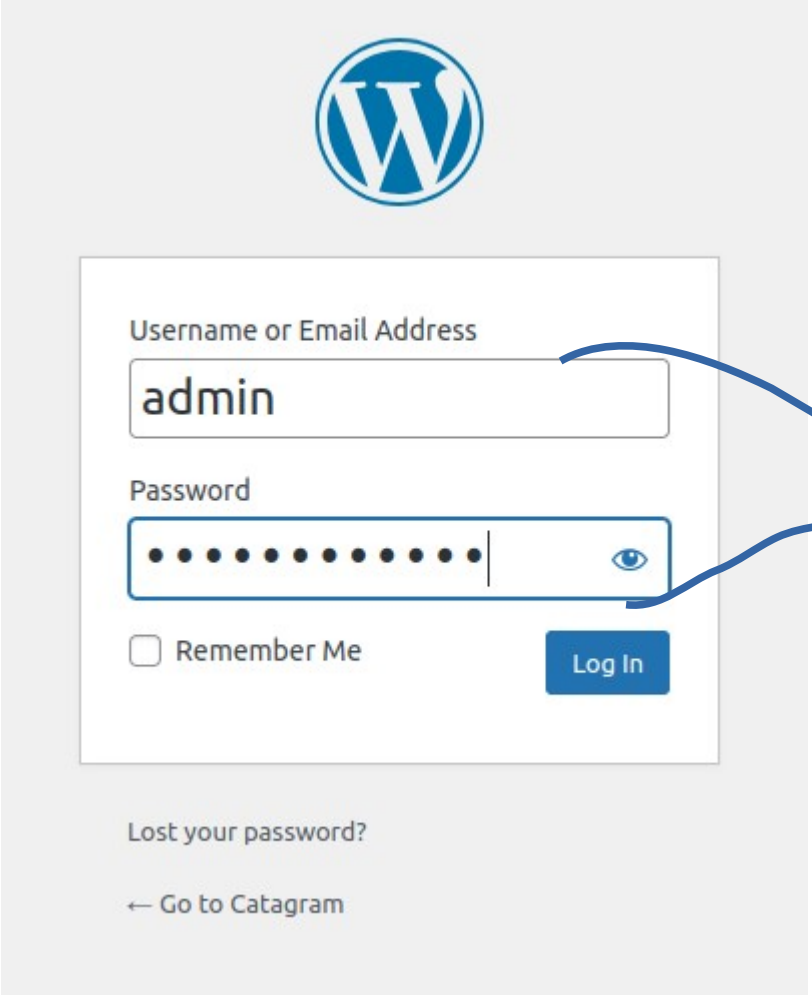




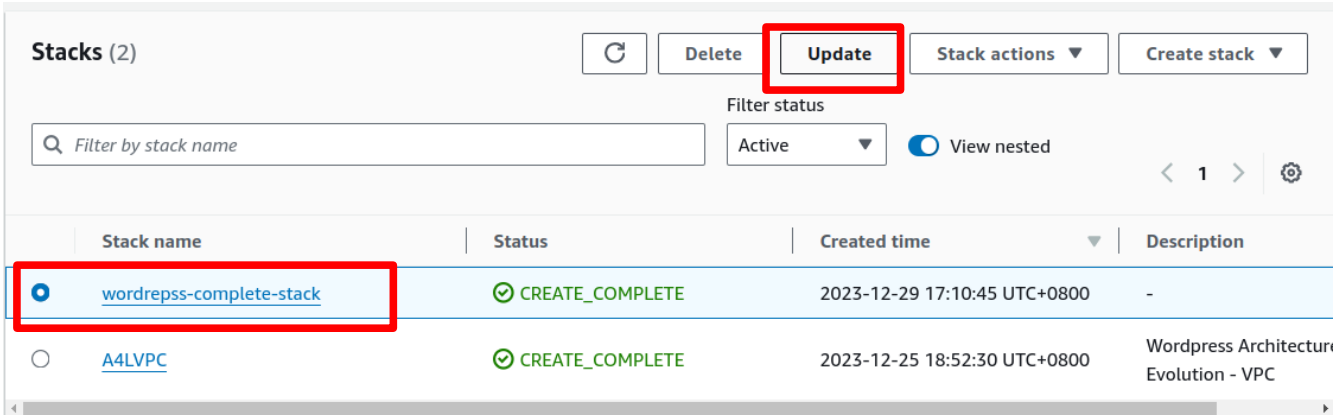


- Click Posts in the menu on the left
- Select Hello World! Click Bulk Actions and select Move to Trash Click Apply
- Click Add New
- If you see any popups close them down
- For title The Best Animal(s)!
- Click the + under the title, select Gallery Click Upload
- Select some animal pictures.... if you dont have any use google images to download some Upload them
- Click Publish
- Click Publish Click view Post

- **Now that our Initial Wordpress Setup was done and uploads some photos. Its time change our AutoScaling Health Check to ELB. Open the wordpress_complete.yaml locate the WordpressASG resource, on the HealthCheckType, check the value from EC2 to ELB**

Note*: Initially, we set the *WordpressASG HealthCheckType to EC2* due to our initial setup. Setting it to *ELB* during creation would result in *continuous termination of instances* because the ASG relies on ELB health checks. Since *WordPress* is not yet set up, the *ELB Target Group* would mark the instance as *unhealthy*. This is because checking the instance at the / path would return HTTP error codes *404 or 500

- **Go to Cloudformaton, select wordpress-complete-stack and Click Update**



Update stack

Prerequisite - Prepare template

Prepare template

Every stack is based on a template. A template is a JSON or YAML file that contains configuration information about the AWS resources you want to include in the stack.

- ○ Use current template
- ◉ Replace current template
- ○ Edit template in designer

Template source

Selecting a template generates an Amazon S3 URL where it will be stored.

- ○ Amazon S3 URL
- ◉ Upload a template file

Upload a template file

Choose file

wordpress_complete.yaml

JSON or YAML formatted file

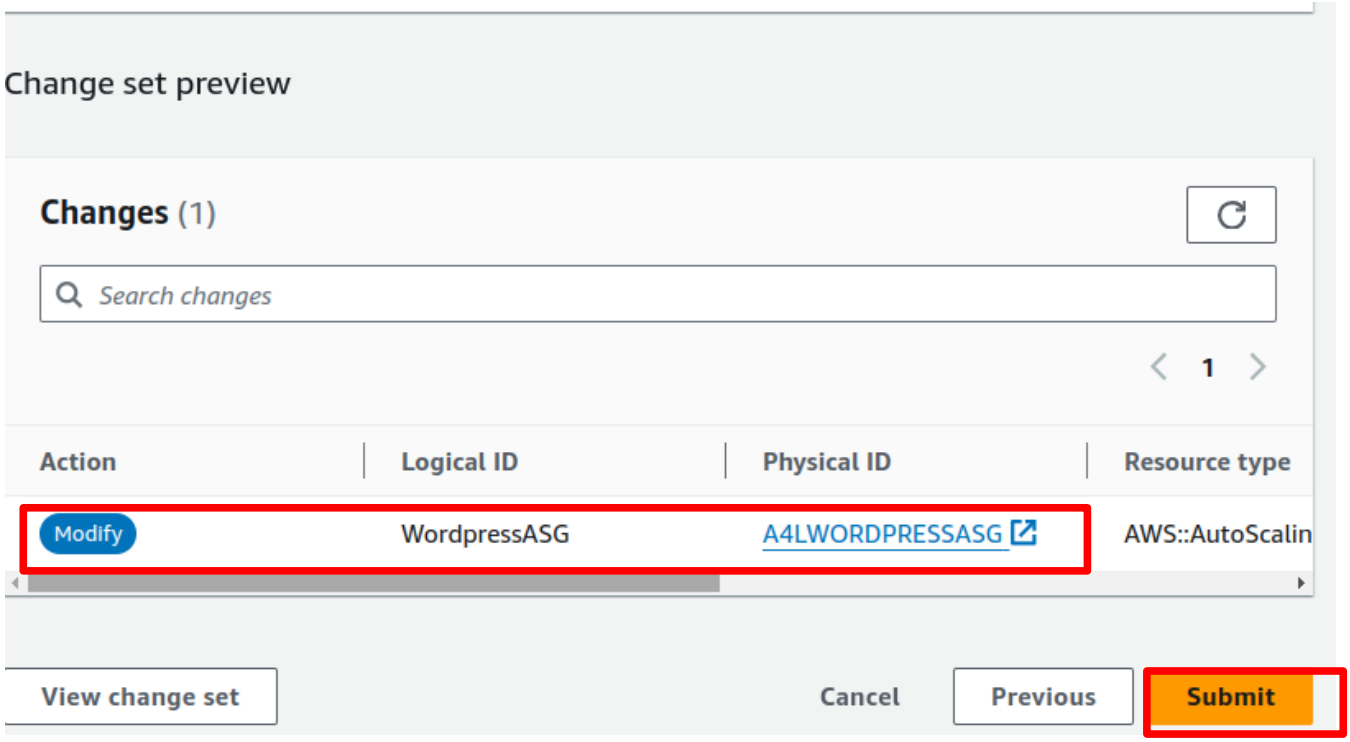
S3 URL: https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/cf-templates-77k09lsvfj31-us-east-1/2023-12-29T093821.724Z1gc-wordpress_complete.yaml

View in Designer

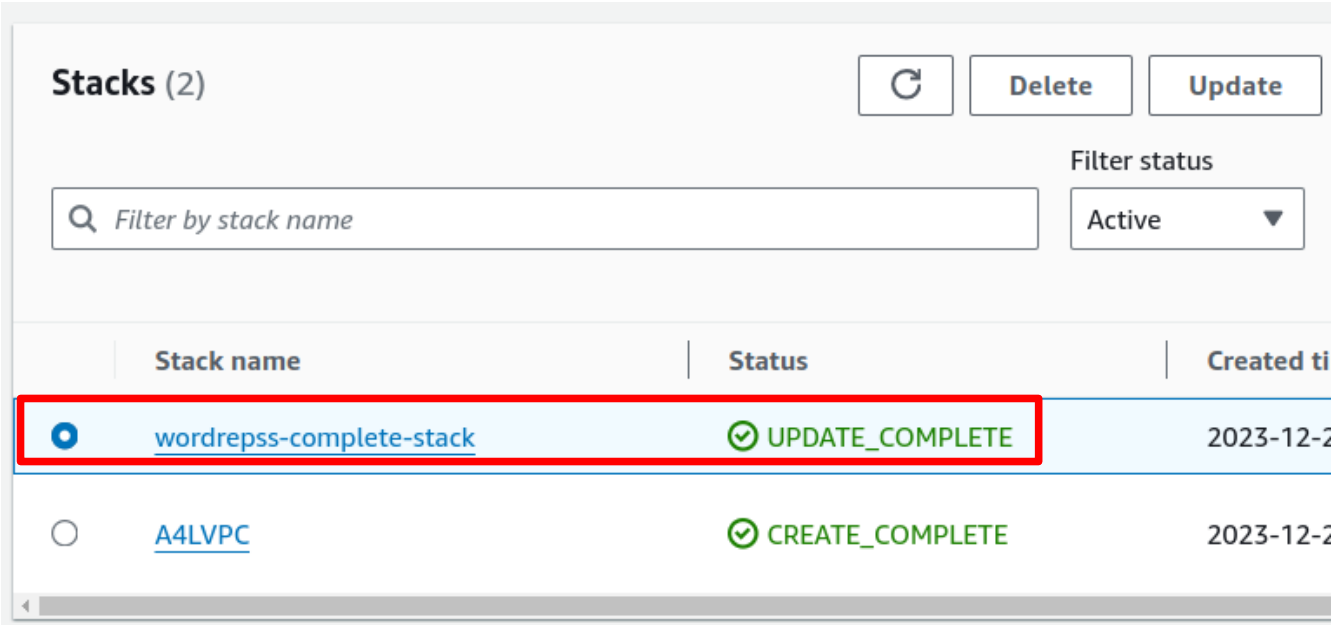
Cancel

Next

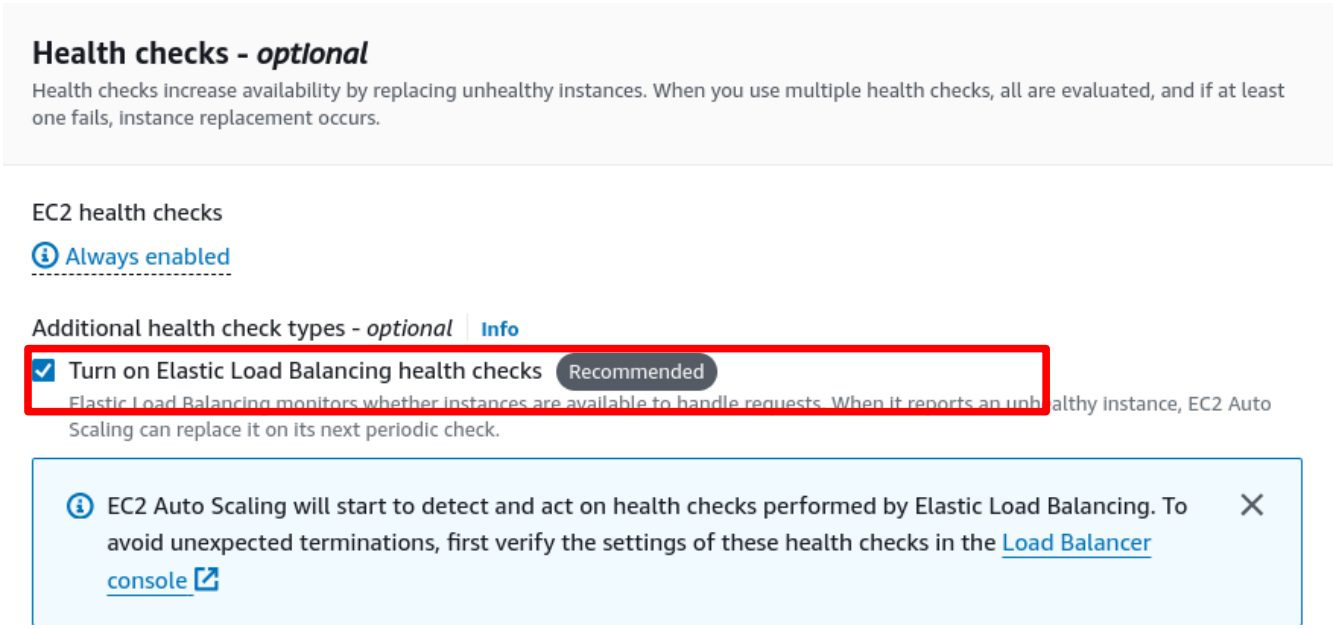
- **As observed in the change set preview, please note that the action will only modify the WordpressASG**



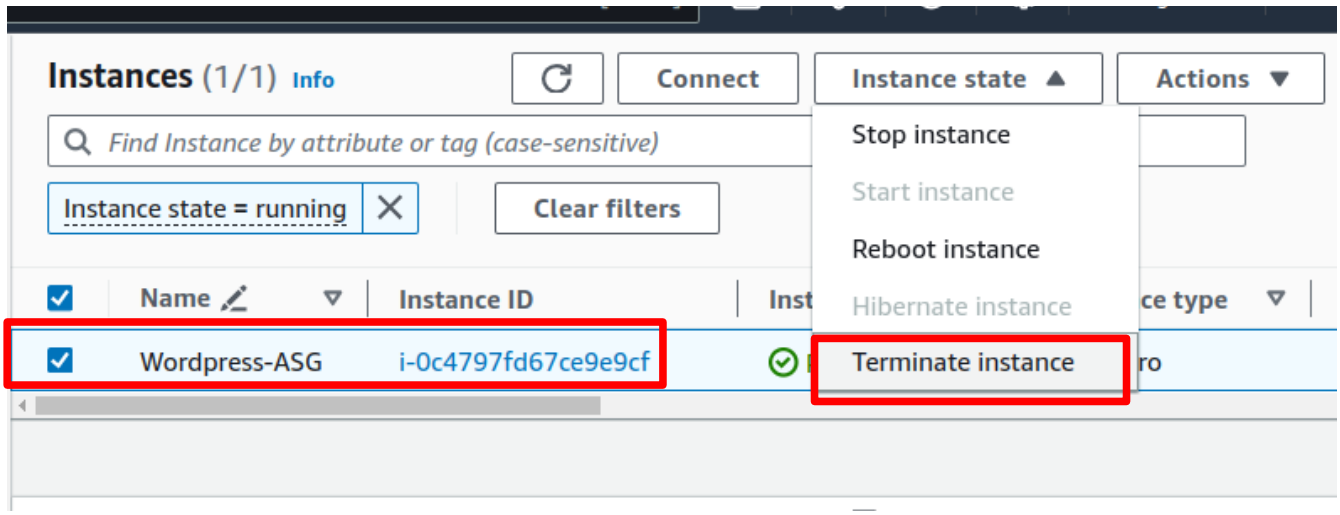
- **Wait Until Stack Update is compete**



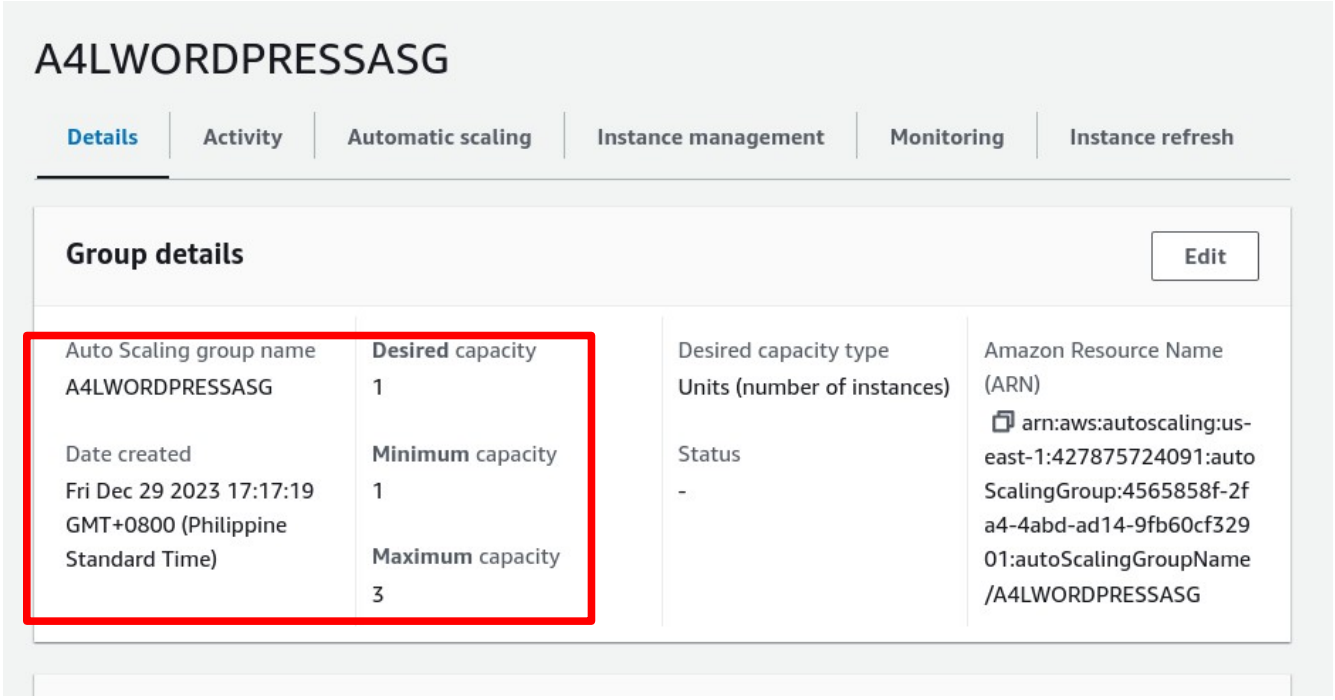
- **Let check the ASG Health Check if it is updated**

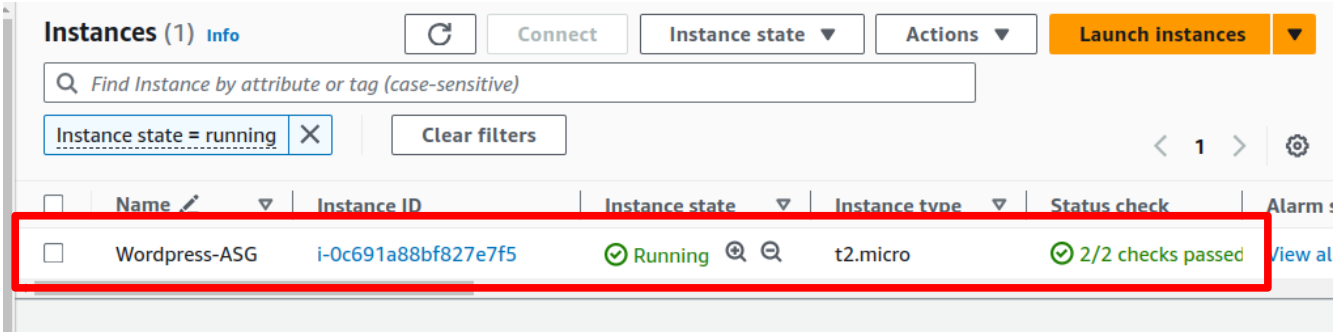


- **Lets do our first test, Let terminate the existing instance**

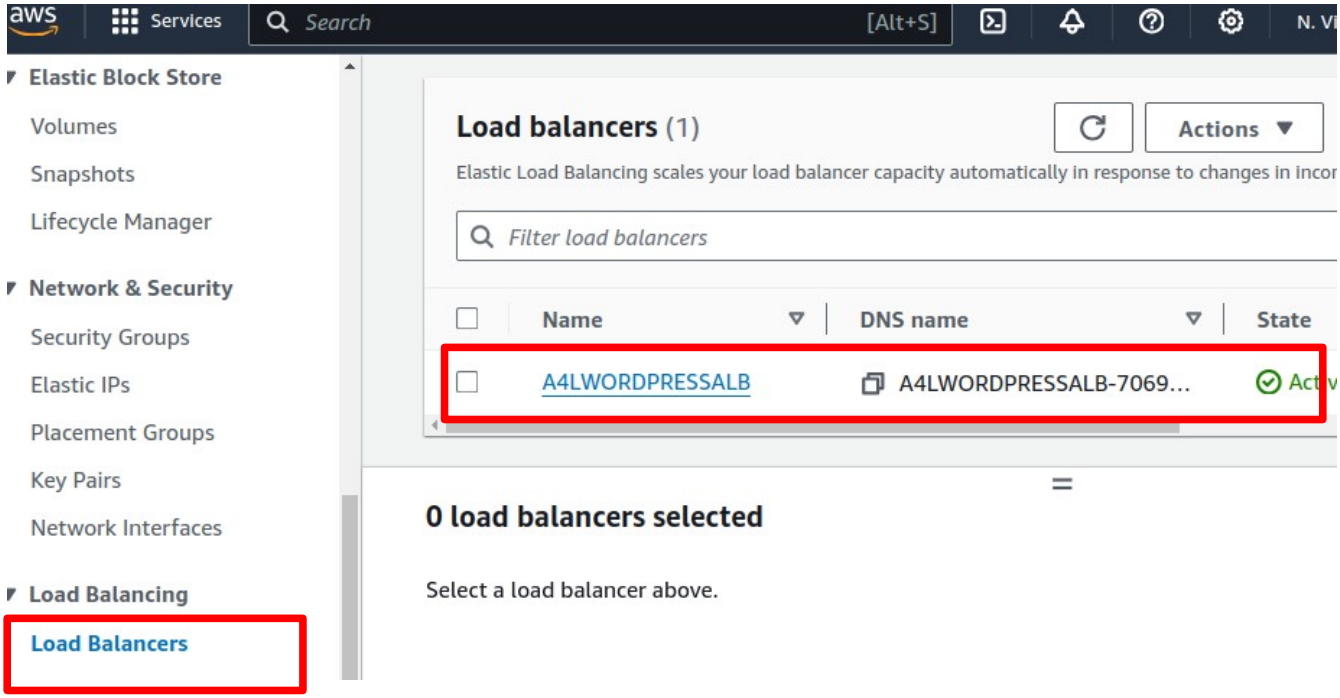


- **After several minutes, the Auto Scaling Group (ASG) detected the change and launched a new instance in accordance with its capacity settings**



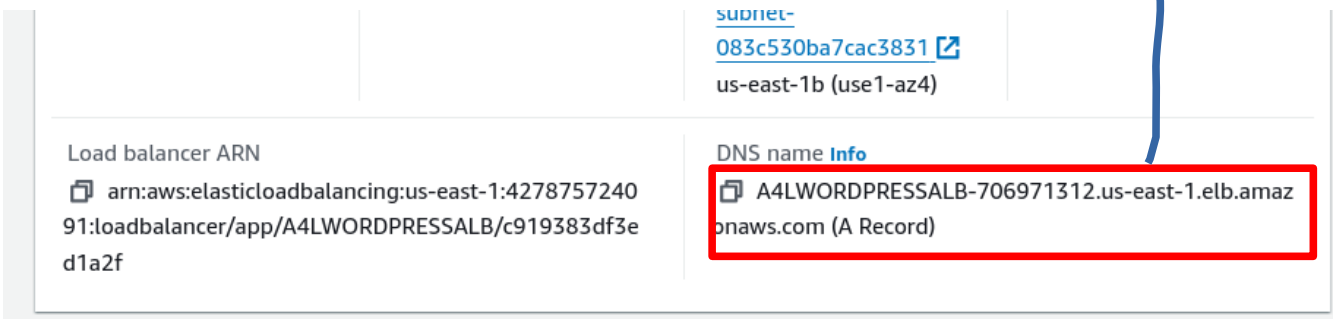


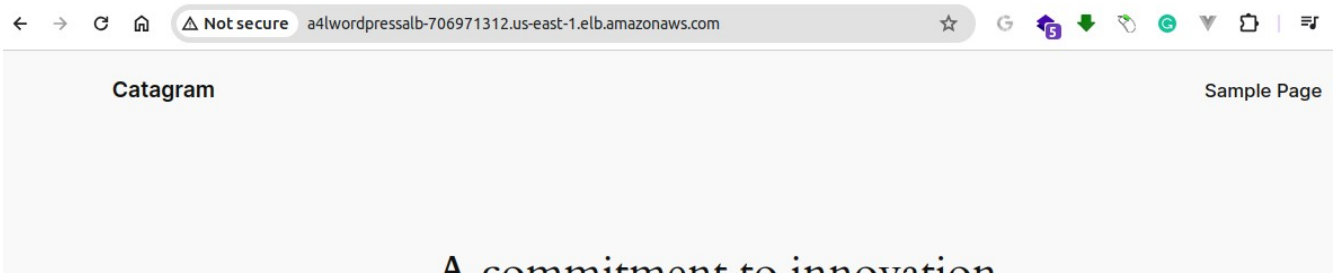
Let's check the Load Balancer to ensure it functions as expected. Navigate to EC2, select "Load Balancers," and click on "A4WORDRESSALB.



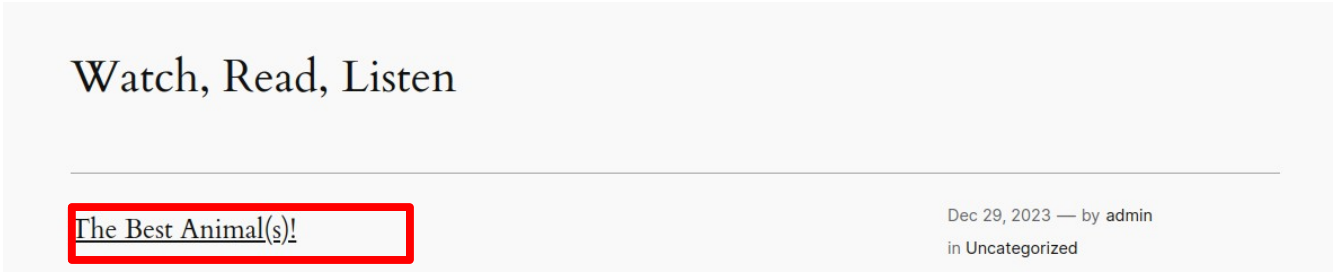
Paste this to browser

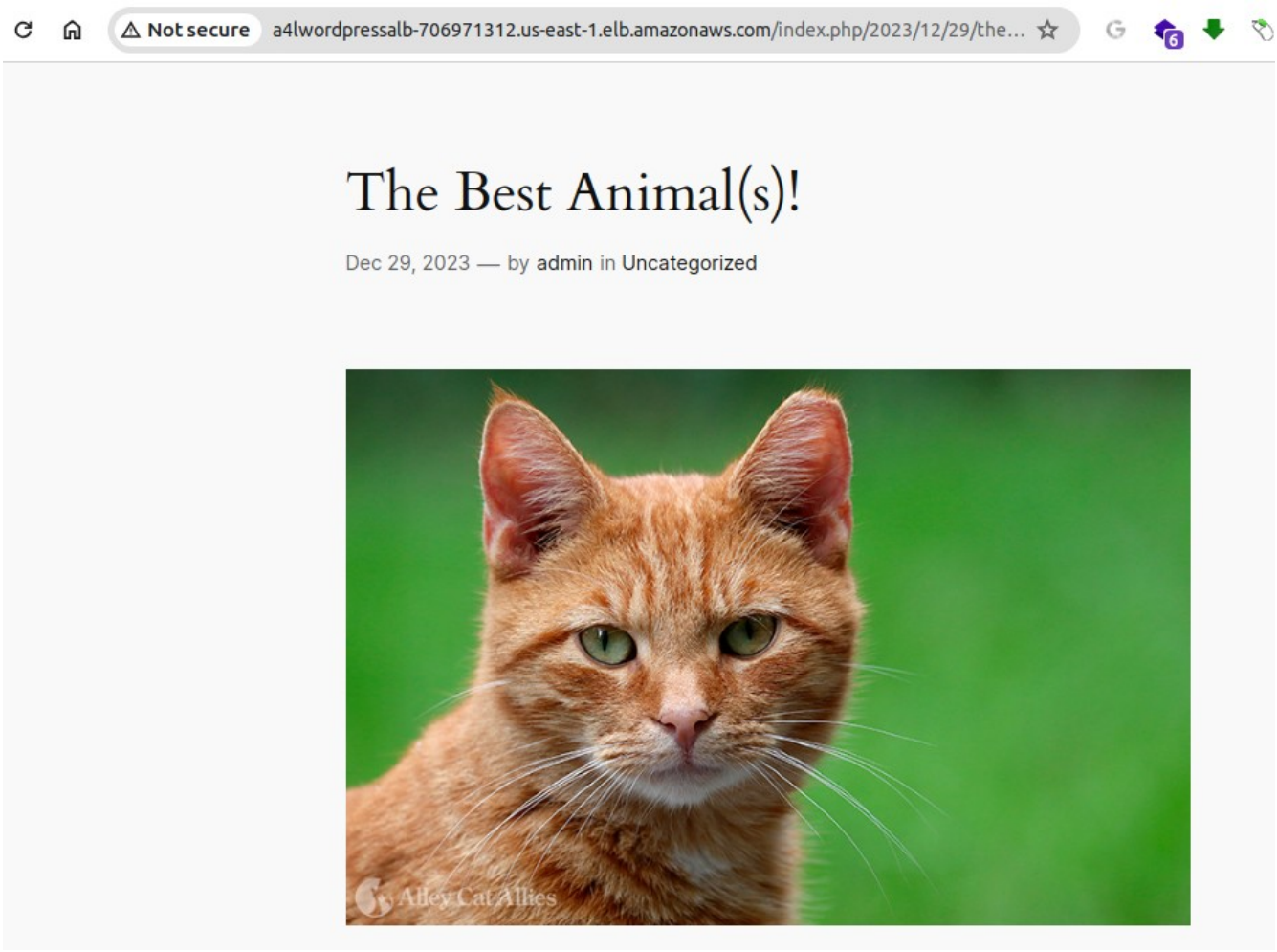
- **Copy the DNS name and paste to web browser:**





- **Scroll Down and click the Post you Initially created**





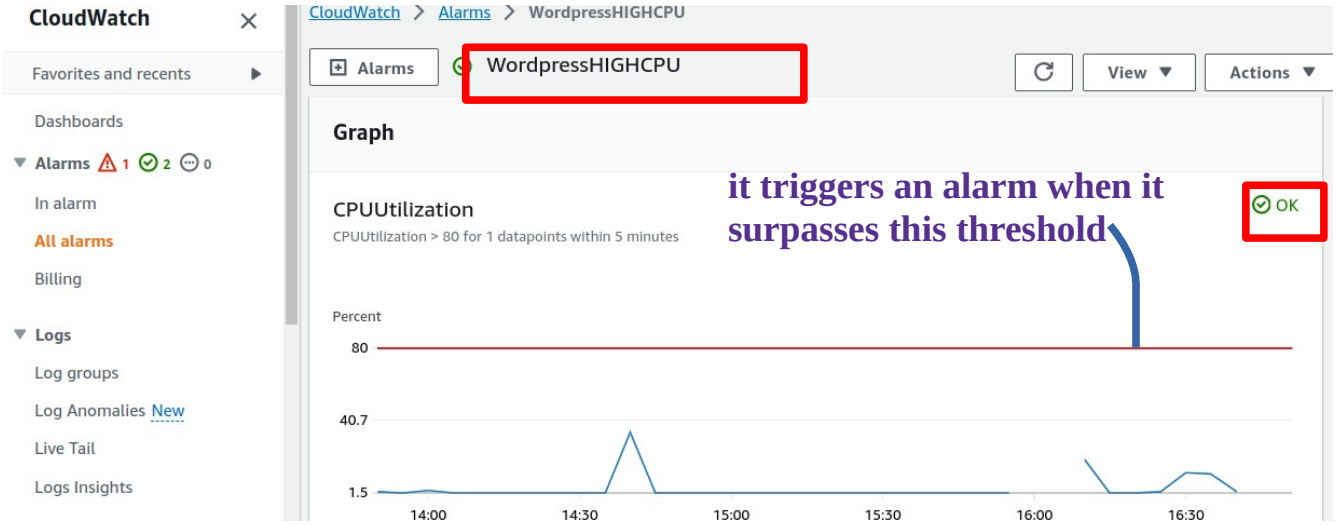
As you can see, the our LoadBalancer is working....

- **Now, let's shift our attention to the elasticity and scalability of our project. Connect to the instance, and let's put stress on the CPU**

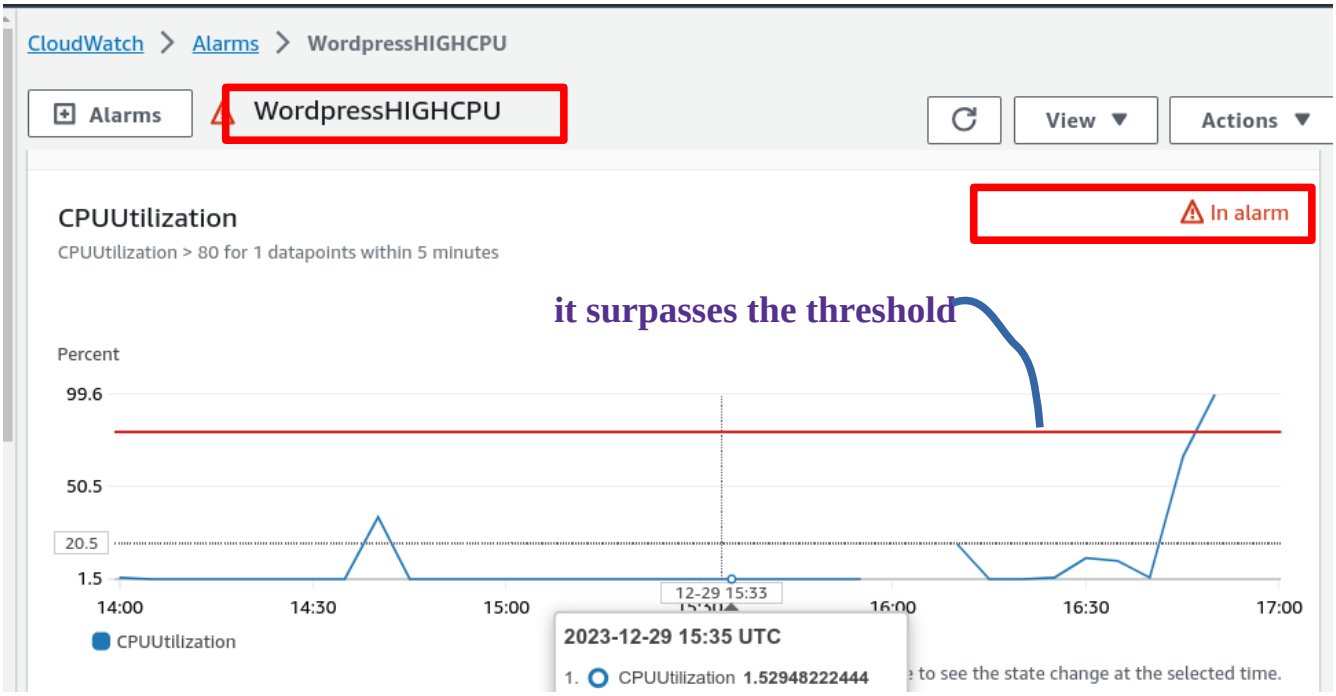
Stress command

```
sh-5.2$ sudo su
[root@ip-10-16-50-53 bin]# stress -c 2 -v -t 3000
stress: info: [34616] dispatching hogs: 2 cpu, 0 io, 0 vm, 0 hdd
stress: dbug: [34616] using backoff sleep of 6000us
stress: dbug: [34616] setting timeout to 3000s
stress: dbug: [34616] --> hogcpu worker 2 [34617] forked
stress: dbug: [34616] using backoff sleep of 3000us
stress: dbug: [34616] setting timeout to 3000s
stress: dbug: [34616] --> hogcpu worker 1 [34618] forked
```

Goto Cloudwatch and Select WordpressHIGHCPU Alarm



- **After several minutes, it transitions from "OK" to "In Alarm," prompting our Auto Scaling Group (ASG) to detect the change and spawn a new instance to respond to the increased demands**


CloudWatch > Alarms > WordpressHIGHCPU
Alarms
WordpressHIGHCPU
View
Actions
CPUUtilization
In alarm
CPUUtilization > 80 for 1 datapoints within 5 minutes
it surpasses the threshold
Percent
99.6
50.5
20.5
1.5
14:00
14:30
15:00
12-29 15:33
16:00
16:30
17:00
CPUUtilization
2023-12-29 15:35 UTC
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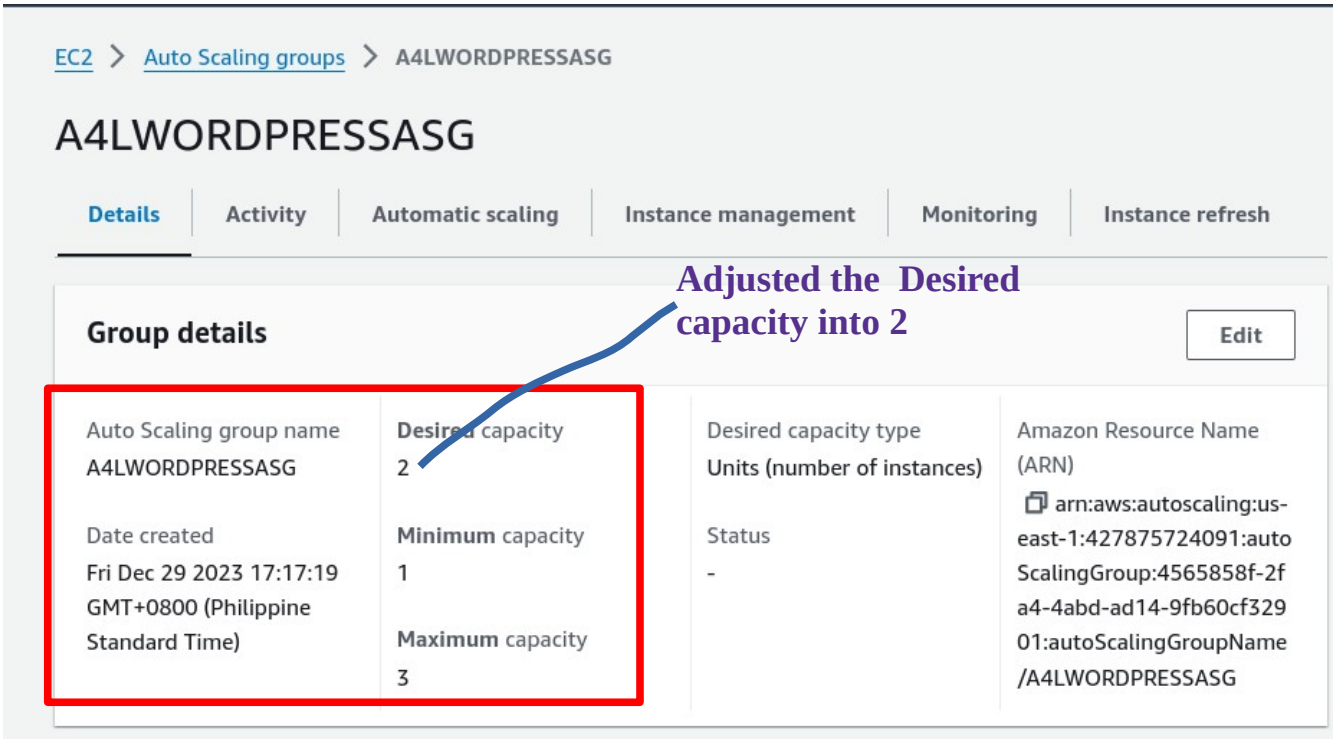
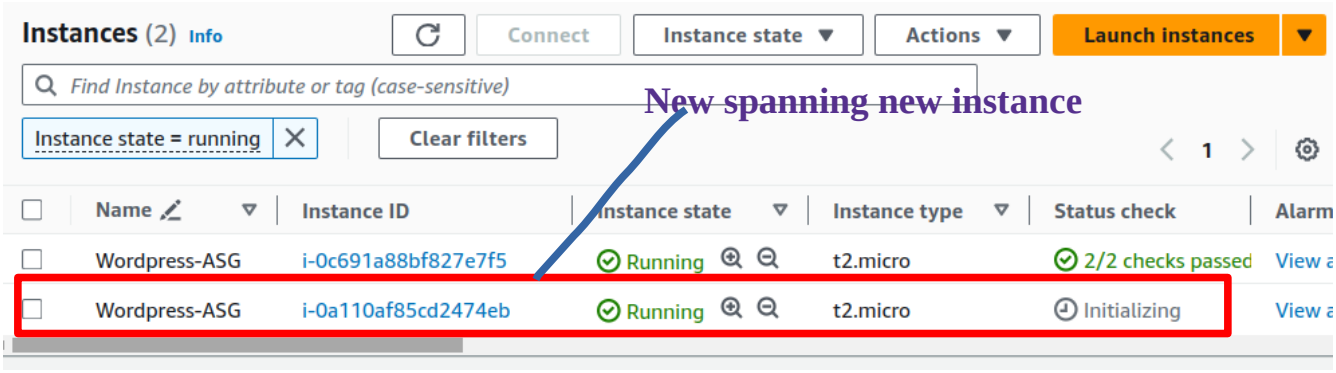
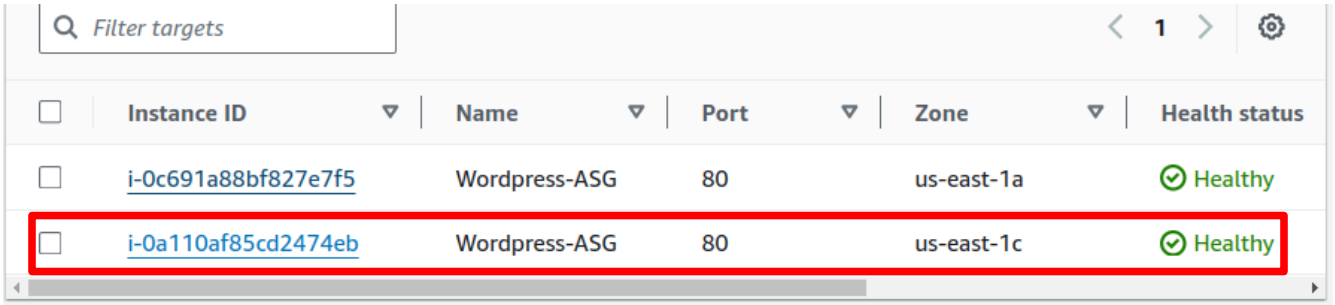
to see the state change at the selected time.


EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > A4LWORDPRESSASG
A4LWORDPRESSASG
Details
Activity
Automatic scaling
Instance management
Monitoring
Instance refresh
Group details
Edit
Adjusted the Desired capacity into 2
Auto Scaling group name
A4LWORDPRESSASG
Date created
Fri Dec 29 2023 17:17:19 GMT+0800 (Philippine Standard Time)
Desired capacity
2
Minimum capacity
1
Maximum capacity
3
Desired capacity type
Units (number of instances)
Status
-
Amazon Resource Name (ARN)
arn:aws:autoscaling:us-east-1:427875724091:autoScalingGroup:4565858f-2fa4-4abd-ad14-9fb60cf32901:autoScalingGroupName/A4LWORDPRESSASG





- **Lets stop the stress command**

```
sh-5.2$ sudo su
[root@ip-10-16-50-53 bin]# stress -c 2 -v -t 3000
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stress: dbug: [34616] --> hogcpu worker 1 [34618] forked
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[1]+  Stopped                 stress -c 2 -v -t 3000
[root@ip-10-16-50-53 bin]#
```
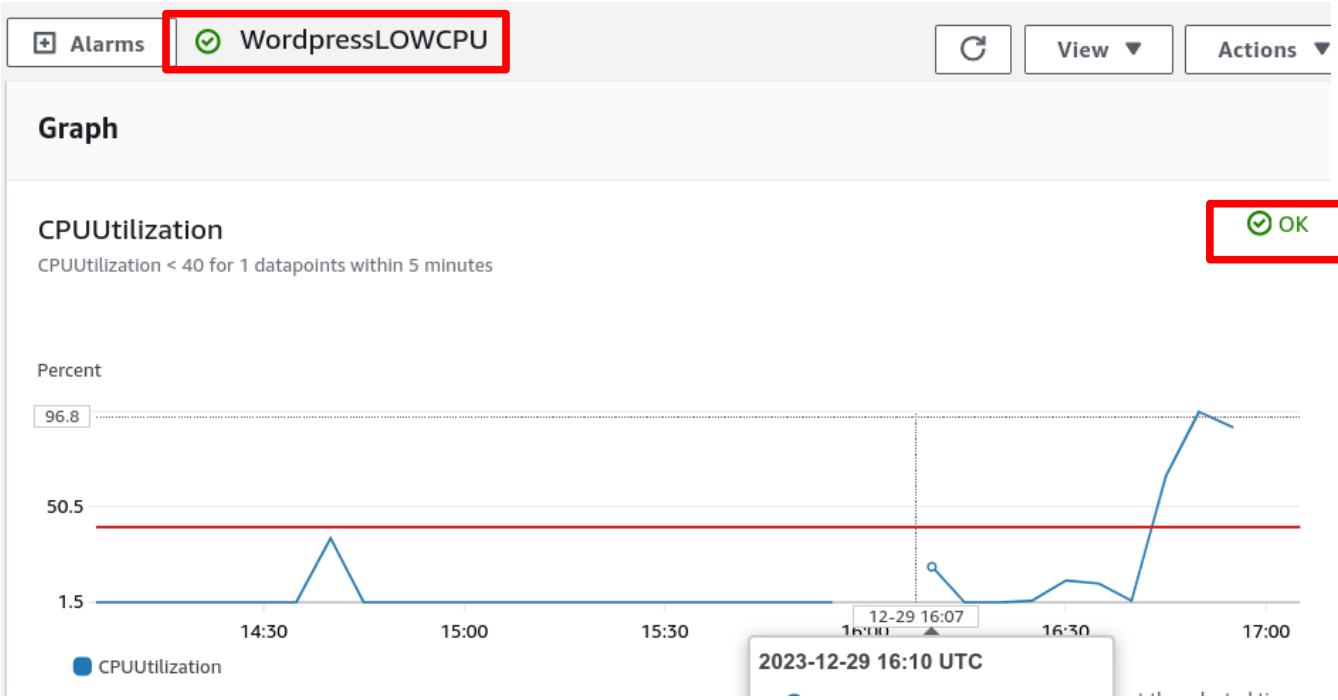
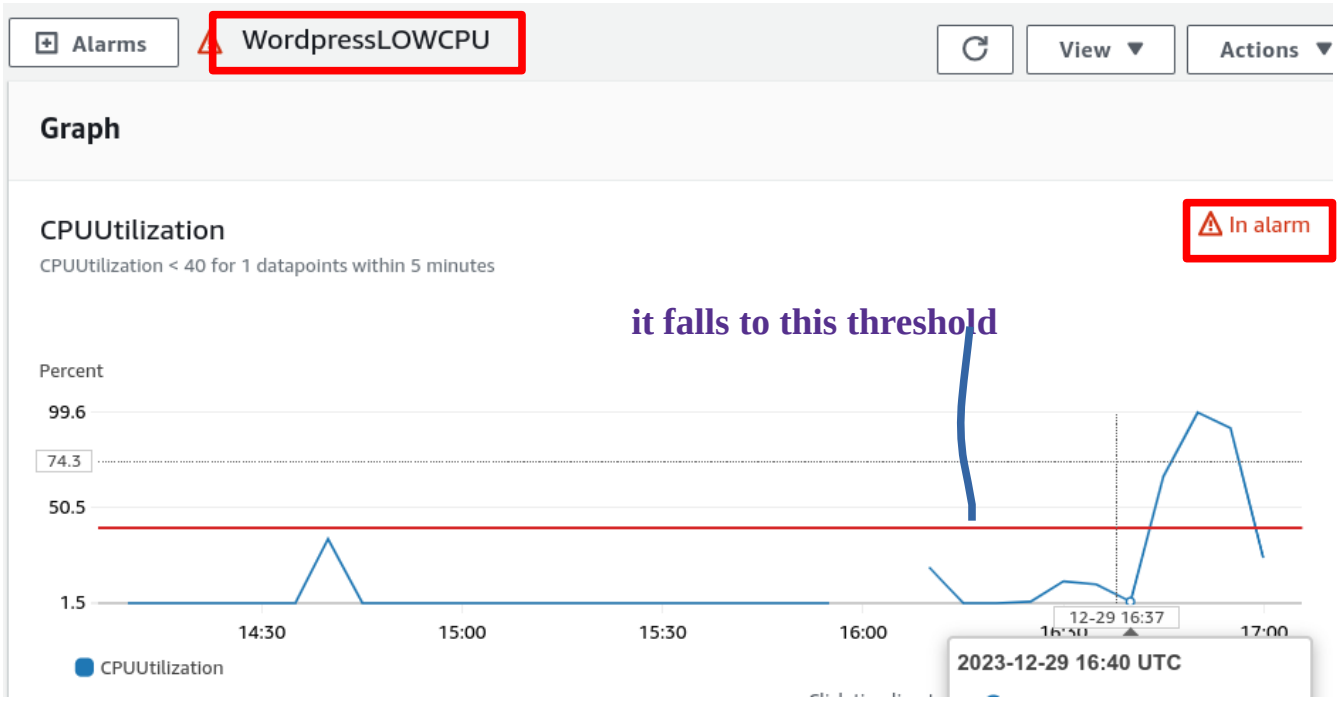
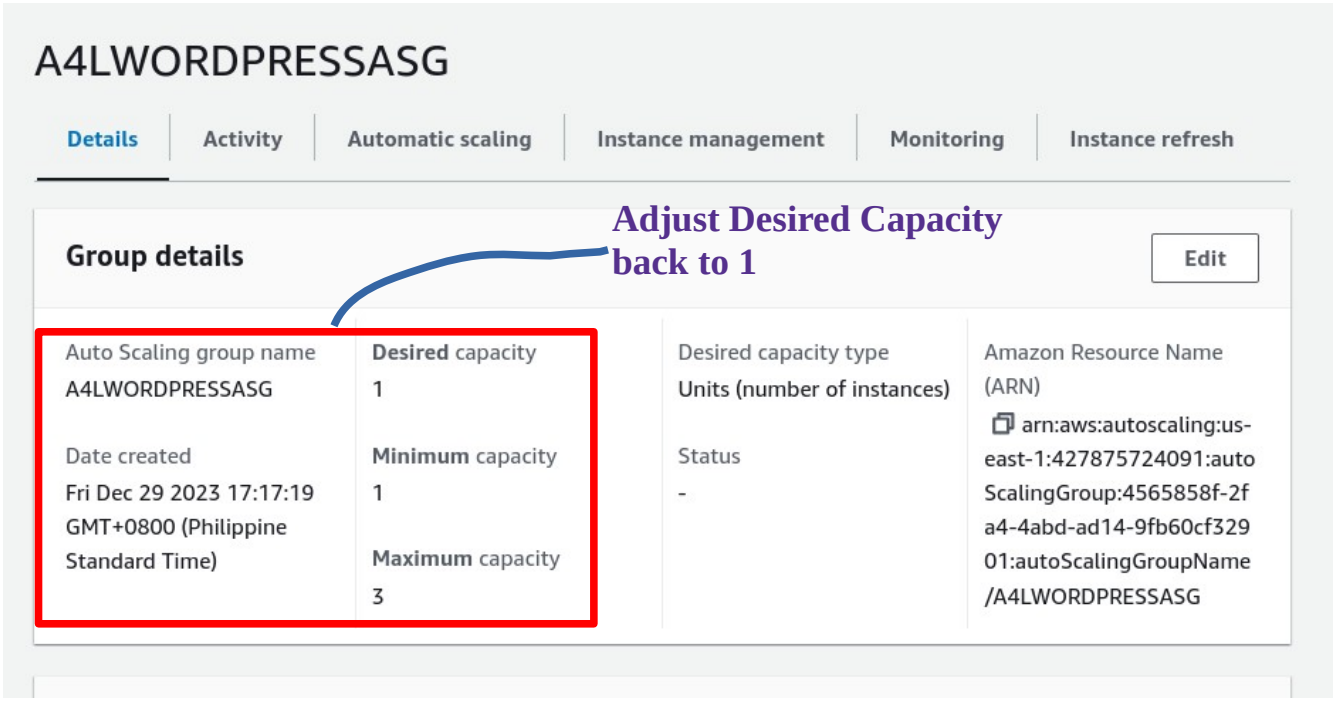

- **Goto Cloudwatch and Select WordpressLOWCPU Alarm**



- **After several minutes, it change from OK to In alarm, and our ASG detects it that there is no high cpu demand, so it terminate intances leave only number instance base on the scalling capacity settings**




A4LWORDPRESSASG
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Instance refresh
Adjust Desired Capacity back to 1
Group details
Edit
Auto Scaling group name
A4LWORDPRESSASG
Date created
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Desired capacity
1
Minimum capacity
1
Maximum capacity
3
Desired capacity type
Units (number of instances)
Status
-
Amazon Resource Name (ARN)
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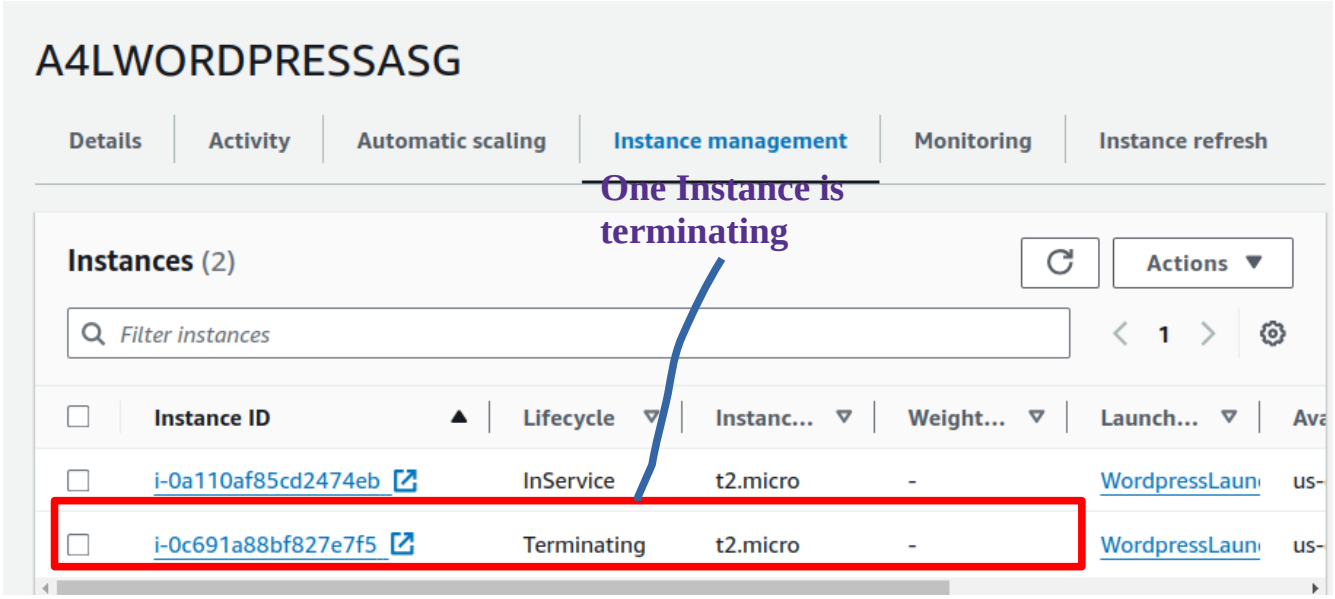
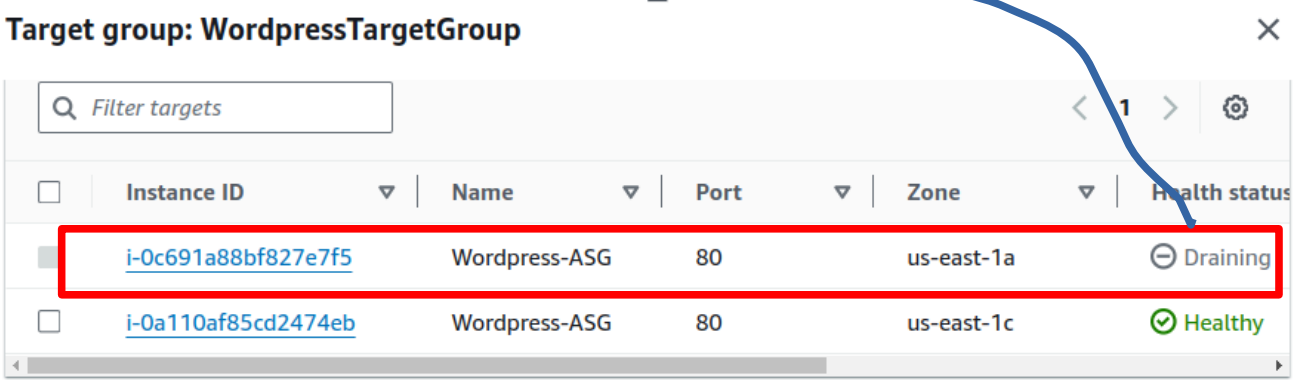

A4LWORDPRESSASG
Details
Activity
Automatic scaling
Instance management
Monitoring
Instance refresh
One Instance is terminating
Instances (2)
Actions
Filter instances
1
Instance ID
Lifecycle
Instanc...
Weight...
Launch...
i-0a110af85cd2474eb
InService
t2.micro
-
WordpressLaun
i-0c691a88bf827e7f5
Terminating
t2.micro
-
WordpressLaun

Draining before it will terminated



Thats Conclude the Final Stage or the Stage 5 .....
Stage 6 is about Cleanup, since we build this project using Cloudformation, Deleting our project is easy.

First Delete worpress-complete-stack when its done
Delete the A4VPC stack