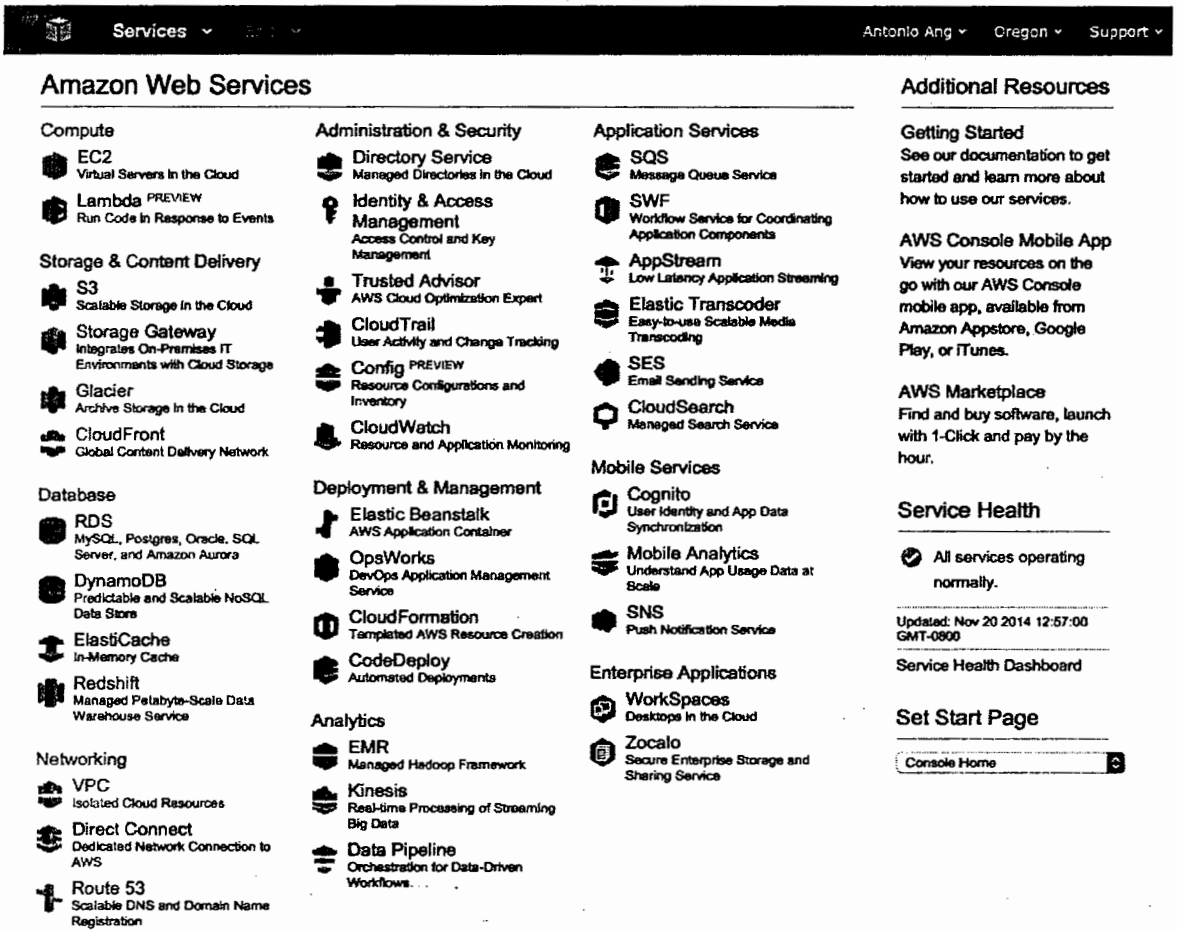
Lab 17

DEPLOY A PHP APPLICATION USING ELASTIC BEANSTALK

STEP 1: Log In to the Amazon Web Service Console

This laboratory experience is about Amazon Web Services and you will use the AWS Management Console in order to complete all the lab steps.



The AWS Management Console is a web control panel for managing all your AWS resources, from EC2 instances to SNS topics. The console enables cloud management for all aspects of the AWS account, including managing security credentials, or even setting up new IAM Users.

Log in to the AWS Management Console

In order to start the laboratory experience, open the Amazon Console by clicking this button:

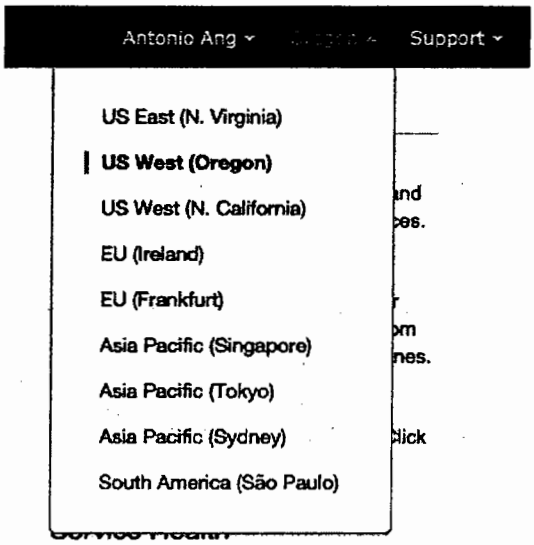
Open AWS Console

Log in with the username **xxxx** and the password **xxxx**

Select the right AWS Region

Amazon Web Services is available in different regions all over the world, and the console lets you provision resources across multiple regions. You usually choose a region that best suits your business needs to optimize your customer's experience, but you must use the region **US West (Oregon)** for this laboratory.

You can select the **US West (Oregon)** region using the upper right dropdown menu on the AWS Console page.



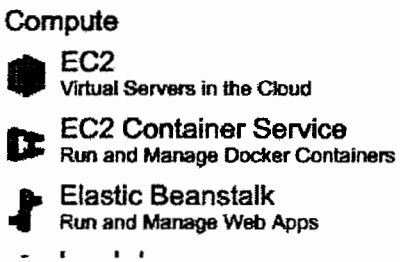
STEP 2: Deploy a sample Beanstalk application

Amazon's Elastic Beanstalk has been around for a while -- since 2011 -- but it's still a very viable Platform-as-a-Service. Beanstalk itself costs nothing, as AWS only charges for the underlying resources. In the case of a simple application, that's just the load balancers, EC2 instances, and network bandwidth to host your app.

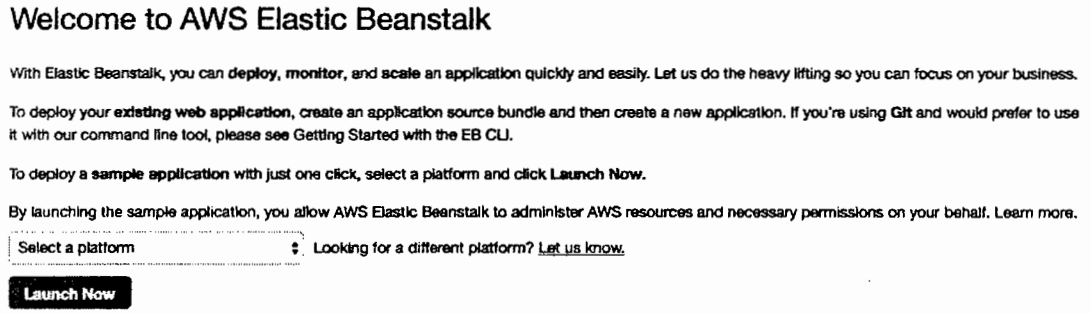
In this lab, we'll start by deploying an example app, written in PHP, then update the code and redeploy to see Beanstalk's automation in action.

Running a web application in AWS and building automation yourself isn't necessary with Elastic Beanstalk, but it ties together EC2, RDS, Elastic Load Balancer, and more. It also comes with a deploy system, and the ability to roll back versions.

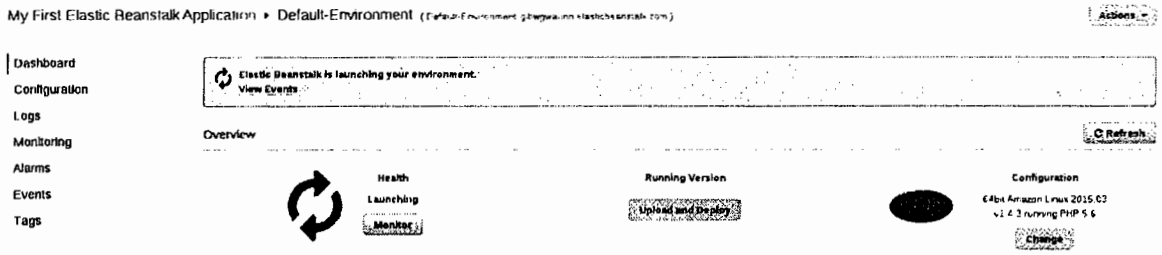
To get started, click on the Beanstalk icon from the AWS console.



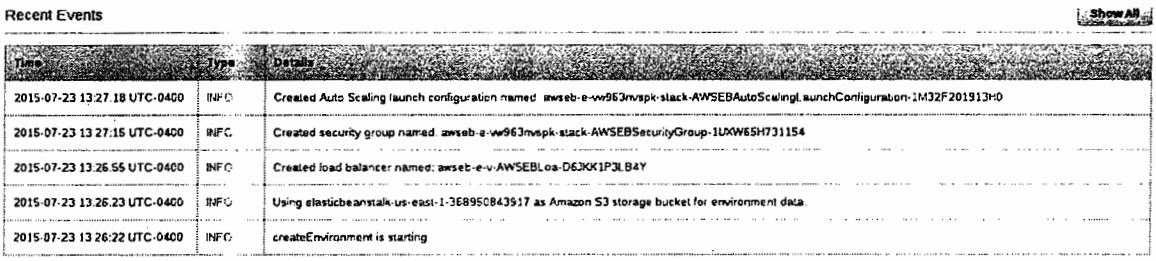
In Elastic Beanstalk, an **application** is a web application supplied in a specific format. An application can be deployed to multiple environments. In this lab we'll use a single environment but you may want to have production, staging, and testing environments.



Hit "Launch Now" after selecting **PHP** from the dropdown menu.



The new application will start launching immediately, and soon you should see progress on the dashboard.



You can watch in the logs as each needed resource is created. In addition to an EC2 instance, Beanstalk must create a load balancer, autoscaling group, and network security groups. The S3 bucket is created to hold deploy artifacts (versions of the application).

While we wait for Elastic Beanstalk to create the infrastructure, we can take a tour of the different tabs in the next step.

STEP 3: Tour of the Beanstalk Console

On the left side, head to the "Events" tab.

When you redeploy, or want to see what's happening in the infrastructure, this is the first place to check. You'll see that the infrastructure for our demo app is still in progress, but that the instance it will run on has started.

Severity TRACE 2015-06-04 13:28:00 UTC-0400 201

Time	Type	Details
2015-07-23 13:30:14 UTC-0400	INFO	Adding instance 'i-3db42091' to your environment.
2015-07-23 13:30:02 UTC-0400	INFO	Added EC2 instance 'i-3db42091' to Auto Scaling Group 'awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBAutoScalingGroup-WIOZSUMCP880'
2015-07-23 13:28:31 UTC-0400	INFO	Created CloudWatch alarm named: awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBCloudwatchAlarmHigh-14UHJKXGZLMAJ
2015-07-23 13:28:30 UTC-0400	INFO	Created CloudWatch alarm named: awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBCloudwatchAlarmLow-1R18HHPHUWJSJ

Now head over to the configuration tab, and we can see the available options for your deployment.

Web Tier

Scaling

Environment type: Load balanced, auto scaling
Number instances: 1 - 4
Scale based on Average network out
Add instance when > 6000000
Remove instance when < 2000000

Instances

Instance type: t1.micro
Availability Zones: Any

Software Configuration

Log publication: Off
Allow URL fopen: On
Display errors: Off
Max execution time: 60
Memory limit: 256M
Zlib output compression: Off

Updates and Deployments

Application deployment batch size: 100%
Rolling updates are disabled

We can see that there are options to change the resources allocated to PHP, change when the app should scale up or down, or make each instance larger. Beanstalk has no shortage of features to tweak. If there's a setting you'd like to modify that Beanstalk doesn't have, you can accomplish this in the specific console for that service. Everything in Elastic Beanstalk is a standard AWS resource, but is managed for you.

Switch back to the main environment page. By now the deployment should be finished and you should see a big green checkmark for the application health.

Overview

Health
Green
Monitor

Find the URL for your application by checking the event log. Look for a line like this:

2015-07-23 13:30:49 UTC-0400	INFO	Application available at Default-Environment-gibwgwaunn.elasticbeanstalk.com.

Copy that URL into your browser, and you should get the default application page.

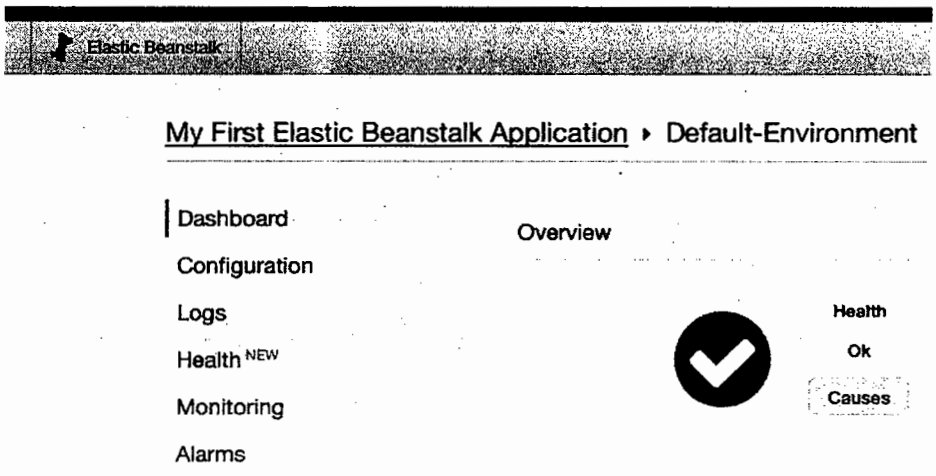
Now that your deployment is working, let's make a code change and deploy a new version.

STEP 4: Deploy a New Version

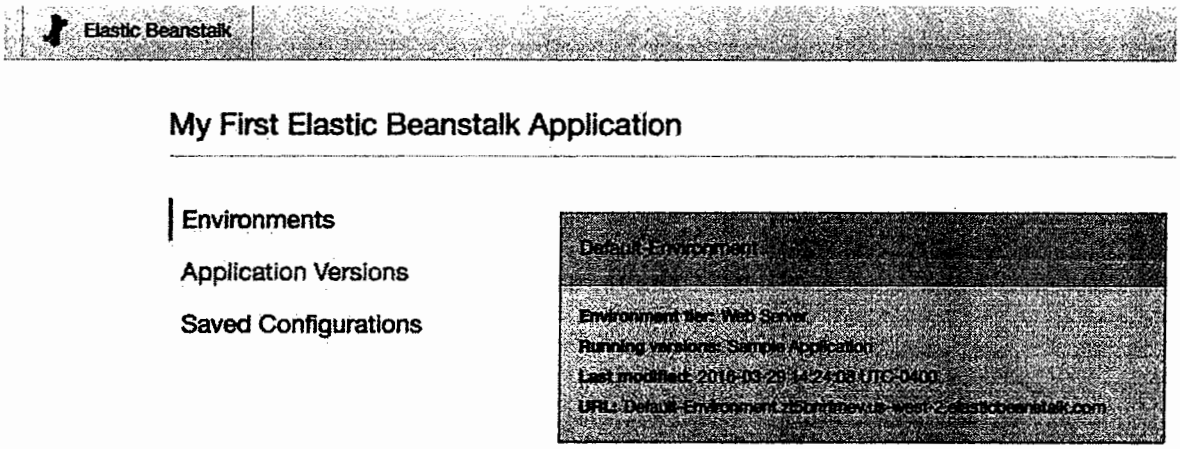
The code for the next version (really just a small change) of the sample application is available on Vepsun's Github, including a zipfile of the new code. Elastic Beanstalk stores each version as its own artifact -- which is a zip file including the code and some Elastic Beanstalk configurations.

In the new version, you can see we've changed "Congratulations" to "New version is deployed!" Download the zip file and we'll see how to deploy the new code.

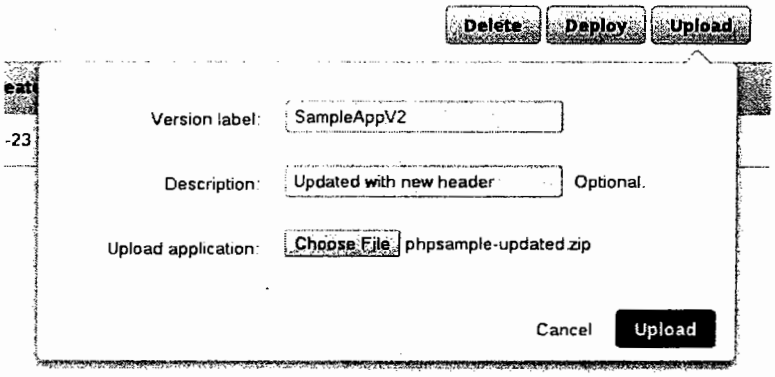
Click on **My First Elastic Beanstalk Application**



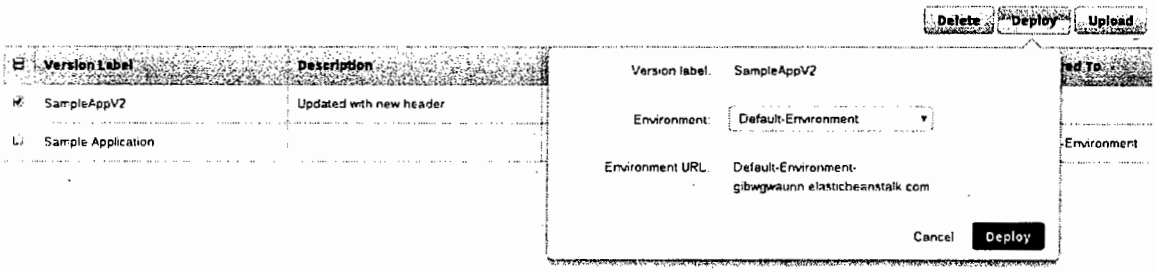
Then select the "Application Versions" option from the application menu.



In the upper right, there's an **Upload** button where you can add new versions of your code. Click it and put in a version name for the changes.



Once the upload is successful, you're ready to deploy. Select the V2 we uploaded, and click**Deploy**



You can go back to the Events page or the Environment Dashboard to watch as Beanstalk deploys the new code. You should see an "update successful" message within a few minutes.

Recent Events

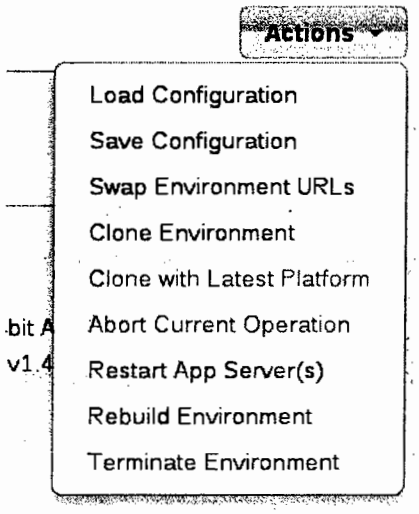
Time	Type	Details
2015-07-23 13:57:09 UTC-0400	INFO	Environment update completed successfully.
2015-07-23 13:57:09 UTC-0400	INFO	New application version was deployed to running EC2 instances.
2015-07-23 13:56:24 UTC-0400	INFO	Deploying new version to instance(s).
2015-07-23 13:55:41 UTC-0400	INFO	Environment update is starting.

Now that your deploy is complete, go back to the application URL you opened earlier to see the new version in action.

STEP 5: Delete the Application

Now that we've created and updated our application, it's time to clean up the AWS resources we used.

Go to the "Actions" menu to terminate the environment.

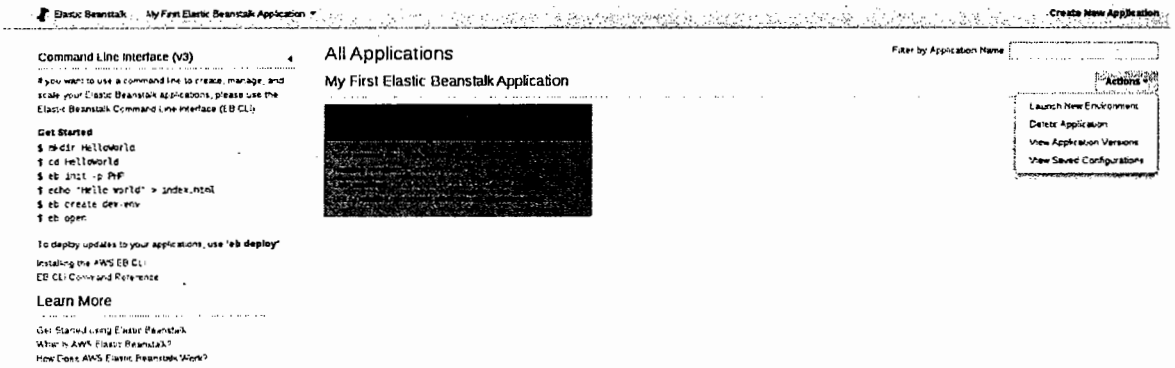


It can take up to 10 minutes to delete all the resources (including the EC2 instance). You can watch the progress in the Events tab.

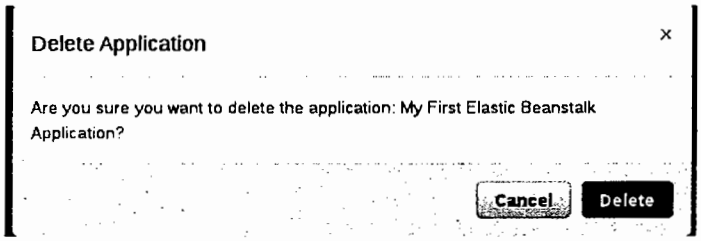
Severity: TRACE | 2015-06-04 14:14:00 UTC-0400 | 2015

Time	Type	Details
2015-07-23 14:13:47 UTC-0400	INFO	Waiting for EC2 instances to terminate. This may take a few minutes.
2015-07-23 14:13:46 UTC-0400	INFO	Deleted Auto Scaling group policy named: arn:aws:autoscaling:us-east-1:368950843917:scalingPolicy:5a3e50e6-05a4-4053-ad6a-36094e338b9d:autoScalingGroupName/awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBAutoScalingGroup-WIOZSUMCP880:policyName/awseb-e-vw9 AWSEBAutoScalingScaleUpPolicy-1OSV6MOEGOY2U
2015-07-23 14:13:45 UTC-0400	INFO	Deleted Auto Scaling group policy named: arn:aws:autoscaling:us-east-1:368950843917:scalingPolicy:4759a4b8-5769-4da1-8fb9-77b30ba96080:autoScalingGroupName/awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBAutoScalingGroup-WIOZSUMCP880:policyName/awseb-e-vw9 AWSEBAutoScalingScaleDownPolicy-1XI8HKG7E0I58
2015-07-23 14:13:43 UTC-0400	INFO	Deleted CloudWatch alarm named: awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBCloudwatchAlarmHigh-14UHJKXGZLMAJ
2015-07-23 14:13:42 UTC-0400	INFO	Deleted CloudWatch alarm named: awseb-e-vw963nvspk-stack-AWSEBCloudwatchAlarmLow-1R18HHPHUWJSJ
2015-07-23 14:13:31 UTC-0400	INFO	terminateEnvironment is starting.

After the environment is deleted, do the same for the application. An application can have many environments, such as production, staging, and testing.



You'll need to confirm this because Elastic Beanstalk will be deleting the code we uploaded and all prior versions.



Congratulations! You've finished the full lab.

In review, we've learned that Elastic Beanstalk lets you focus on building your application by handling infrastructure for you. It manages scaling, provisioning, and deployments without requiring your intervention (well, except writing the code).