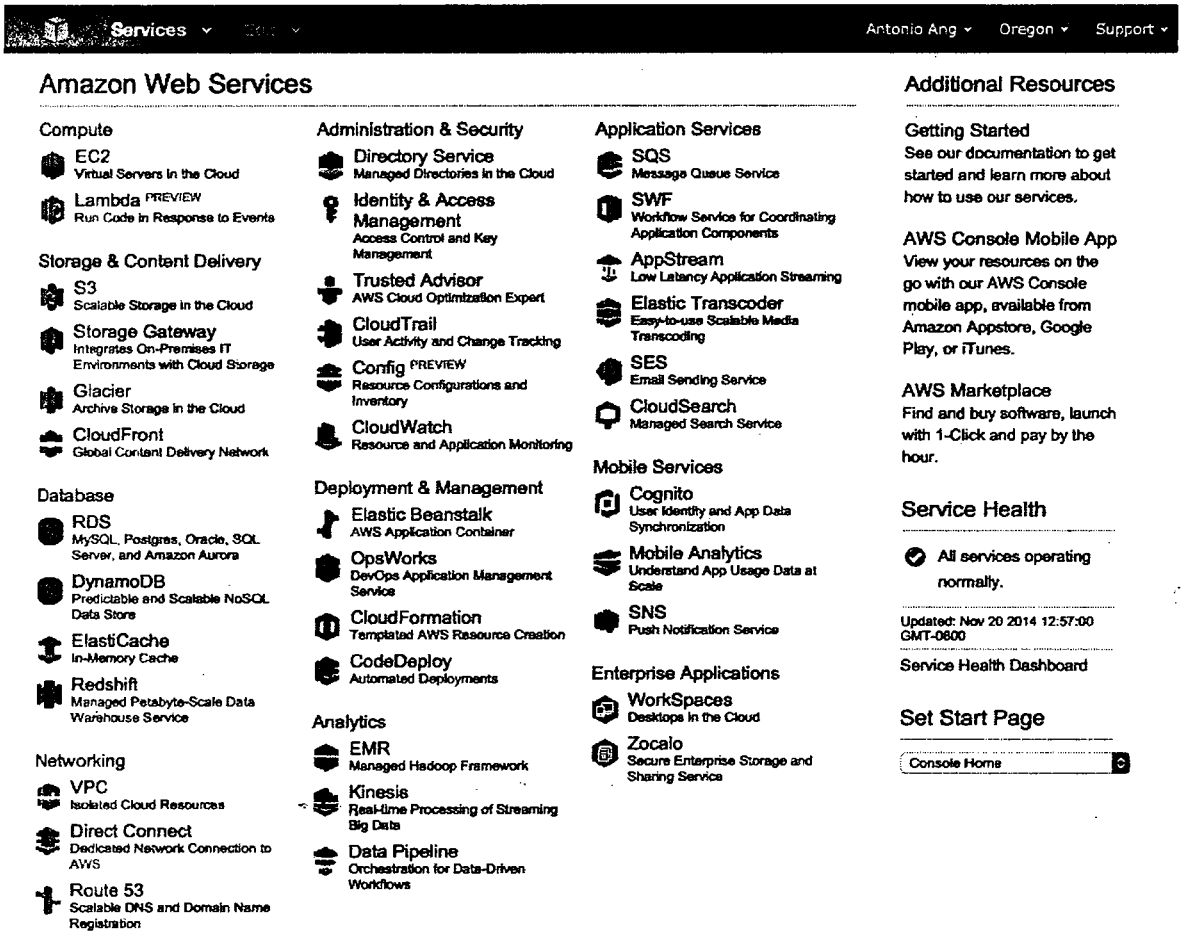
Lab 7

INTRODUCTION TO VIRTUAL PRIVATE CLOUD (VPC)

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:

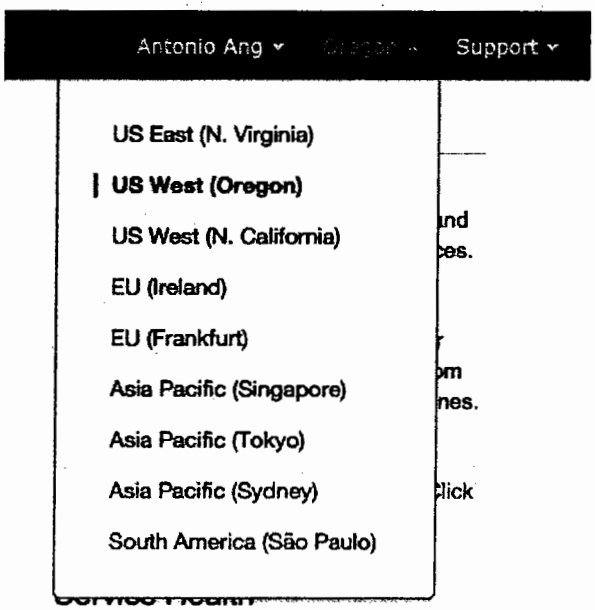
Open AWS Console

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: Create a VPC

Amazon OpsWorks lets you easily orchestrate the different parts of your application using**Chef** to perform the actual automation. It presents the different AWS resources that make up your app as multiple layers, each composed of resources. A typical app might have two layers, an app server layer (where your Ruby/NodeJS/Python/PHP app actually runs) and a database layer (backed by RDS). Typically, you'd manage each instance and RDS installation separately, but with OpsWorks you can manage all instances in the "app server" layer together.

The advantage of using Chef is that you can use AWS' published OpsWorks cookbooks, open source community cookbooks, build your own, or mix and match. AWS publishes cookbooks for typical Rails applications, Nginx proxies, memcached servers, monitoring, haproxy, and more.

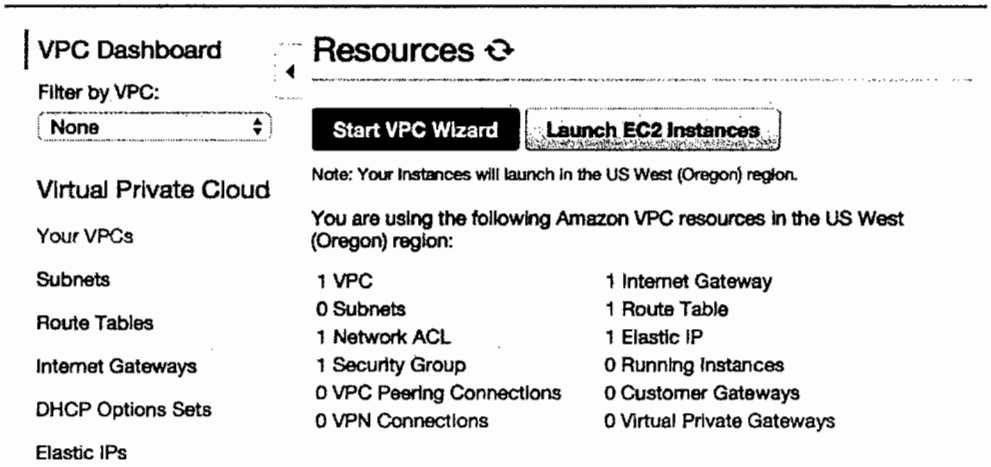
But before we get started building our first OpsWork stack, I'd like to remind you that it is just a collection of resources, and often doesn't create underlying resources like VPC networks automatically do. So we'll need to digress and make a VPC for all our instances to inhabit first.

Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC) enables you to launch AWS resources into a virtual network that you've defined. This virtual network closely resembles a traditional network that you'd operate in your own data center -- with the benefits of using the scalable infrastructure of AWS. It is logically isolated from other virtual networks in the AWS cloud.

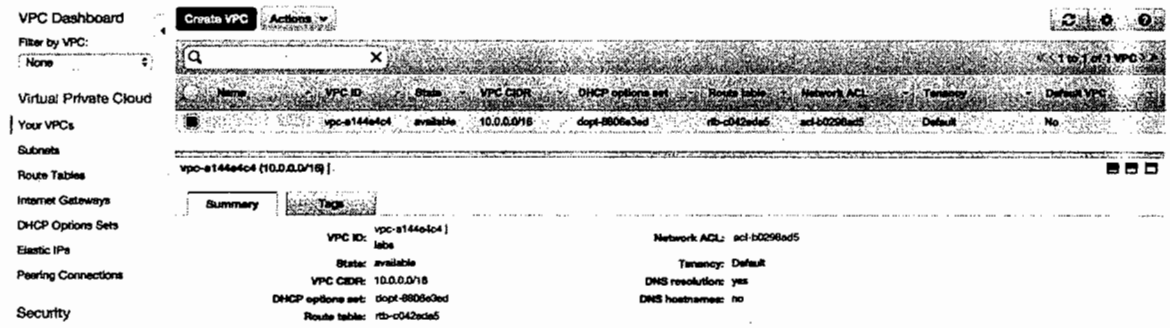
You can create a new VPC using the AWS Management Console.

Select the VPC service from the Management Console dashboard:

From the VPC dashboard, click on **Your VPCs** link in the sidebar menu.

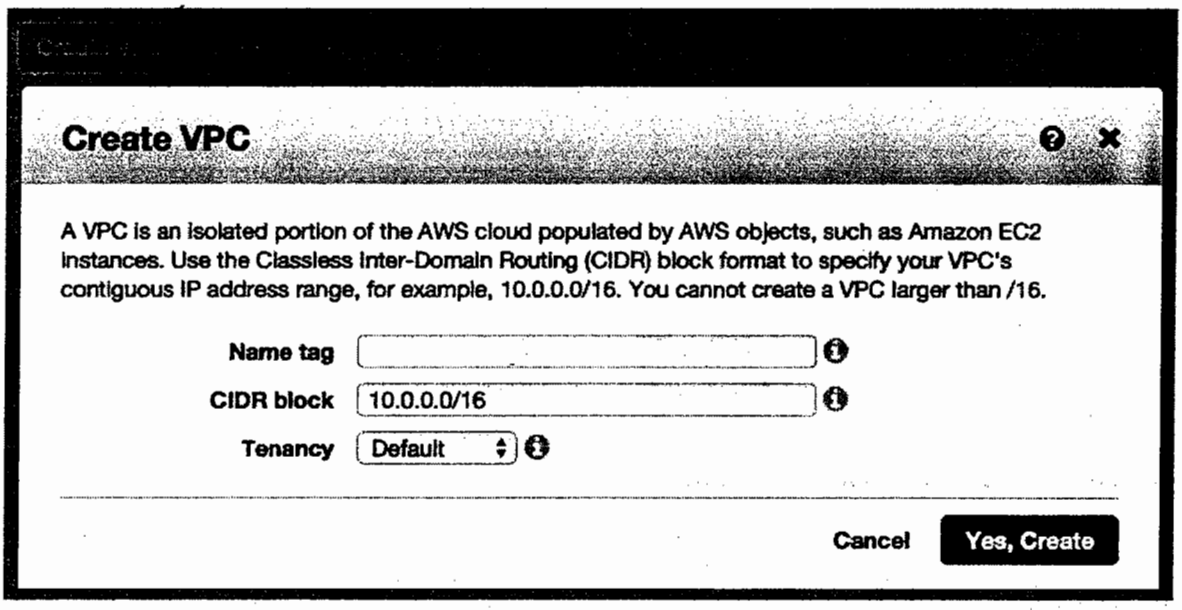


Your VPCs page lists all previously created VPCs (any new AWS account comes with a default fully-working VPC); click on the **Create VPC** blue button to begin creating a new VPC.



In the Create VPC dialog box, specify the following VPC details as necessary, then click **Yes, Create**.

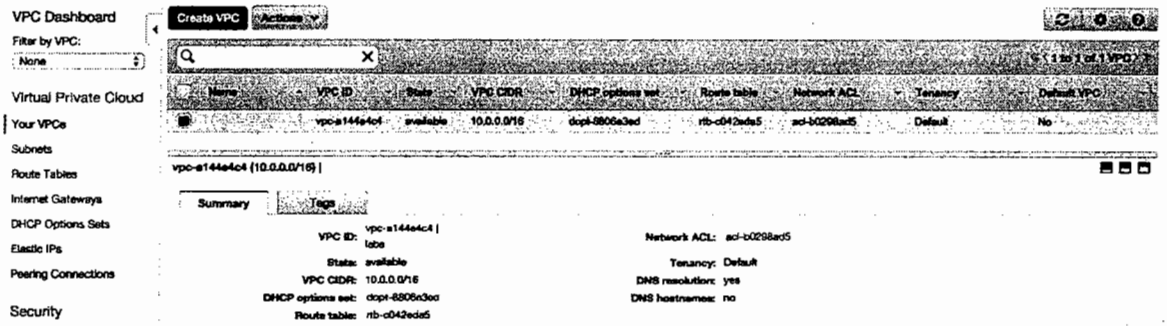
- ✓ **Name tag**: **vepsun-labs**. This is the name for your VPC; doing so creates a tag with a key of Name and the value that you specify.
- ✓ **CIDR block**: **10.0.0.0/16**. You should specify a CIDR block from the private (non-publicly routable) IP address ranges as specified in RFC 1918.
- ✓ **Tenancy**: **default**. Dedicated tenancy ensures your instances run on single-tenant hardware.



Amazon creates the requested VPC and the following linked services:

- ✓ a **DHCP options set** (this set enables DNS for instances that need to communicate over the VPC's Internet gateway)
- ✓ a **Route Table** (it contains a set of rules, called *routes*, that are used to determine where network traffic is directed)
- ✓ a **Network ACL** (it is a list of rules to determine whether traffic is allowed in or out of any subnet associated with the network ACL)

Note that no Subnets or Internet Gateways are automatically created -- you need to add them autonomously.



Now you are ready to create your VPC subnets and customize the routing table.

STEP 3: Create a VPC subnet

A **VPC subnet** is a range of IP addresses in your VPC. You can add one or more subnets in each Availability Zone, but each subnet must reside entirely within one Availability Zone and cannot span zones. **Availability Zones** are distinct locations that are engineered to be isolated from failures in other Availability Zones. By launching instances in separate Availability Zones, you can protect your applications from the failure of a single location.

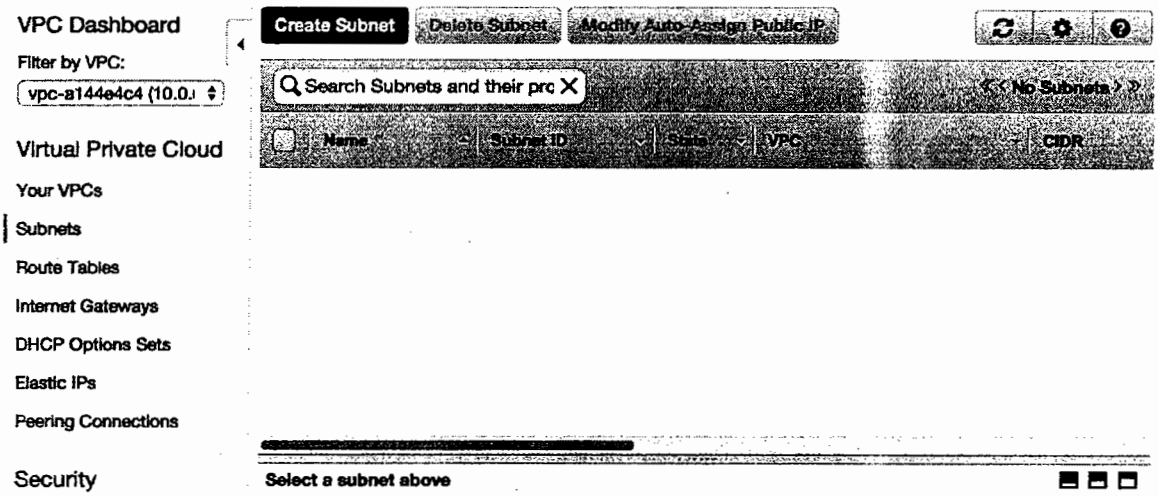
You can create a new subnet for your previously created VPC using the AWS Management Console.

Select the VPC service from the Management Console dashboard:

From the VPC dashboard, click the **Subnets** link in the sidebar menu.

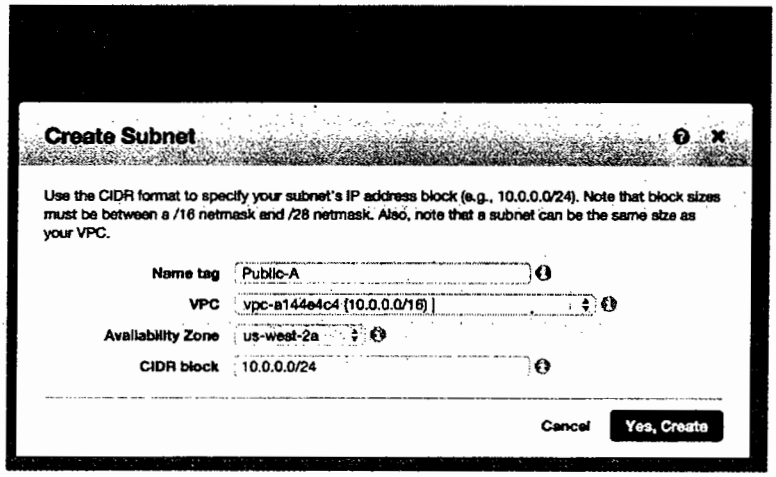
Your Subnets page lists all previously created subnets, you can use the **Filter by VPC** feature for listing only the services linked to a specific VPC.

Click on the **Create Subnet** blue button to begin creating a new subnet.

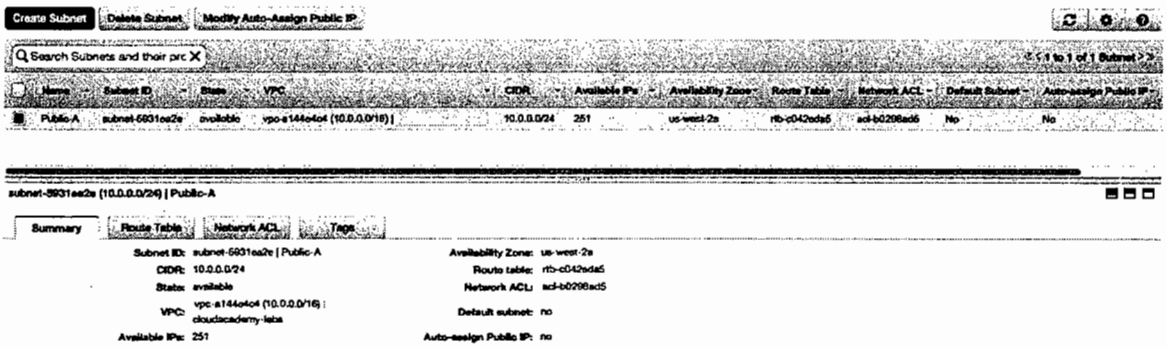


In the Create Subnet dialog box, specify the following Subnet details then click **Yes, Create**.

- ✓ **Name tag**: **Public-A**. This is the name for your subnet; doing so creates a tag with a key of Name and the value that you specify.
- ✓ **VPC**: **vepsun-labs**.
- ✓ **Availability Zone**: **us-west2a**.
- ✓ **CIDR block**: **10.0.0.0/24**. You should specify a CIDR block in the selected VPC.



As you can see, the created subnet is automatically attached to the default VPC Route table and the default Network ACL.



STEP 4: Create a VPC Internet Gateway

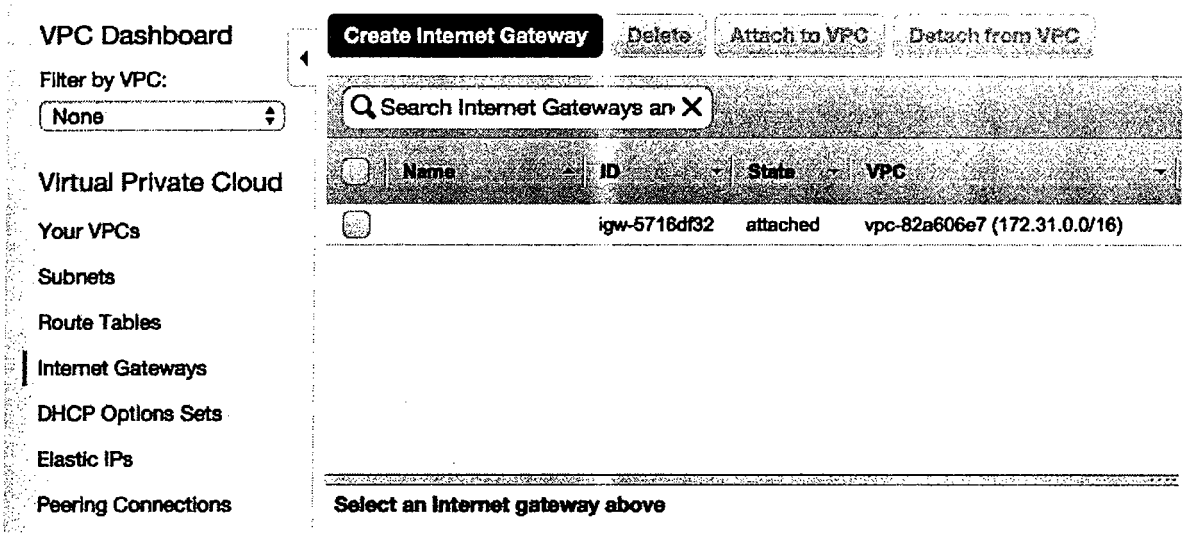
An **Internet Gateway** is a horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available VPC component that allows communication between instances in your VPC and the Internet. It imposes no availability risks or bandwidth constraints on your network traffic. An Internet gateway serves two purposes: to provide a target in your VPC route tables for Internet-routable traffic, and to perform network address translation (NAT) for instances that have been assigned public IP addresses.

You can create a new **Internet Gateway** for your previously created VPC using the AWS Management Console.

Select the VPC service from the AWS Management Console dashboard:

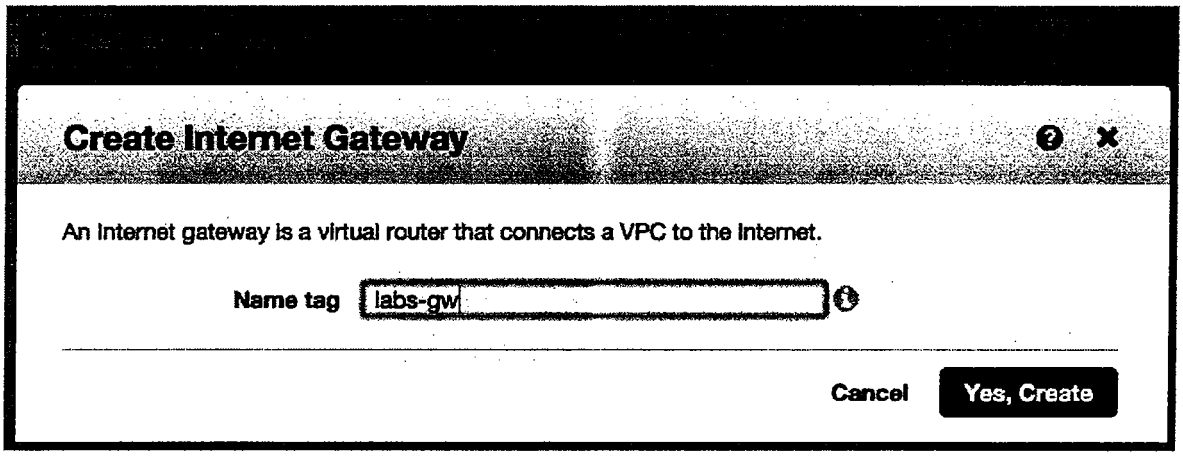
From the VPC dashboard, click the **Internet Gateways** link in the sidebar menu.

The **Internet Gateways** page lists all previously created gateways. Click on the **Create Internet Gateway** blue button to begin creating a new gateway.



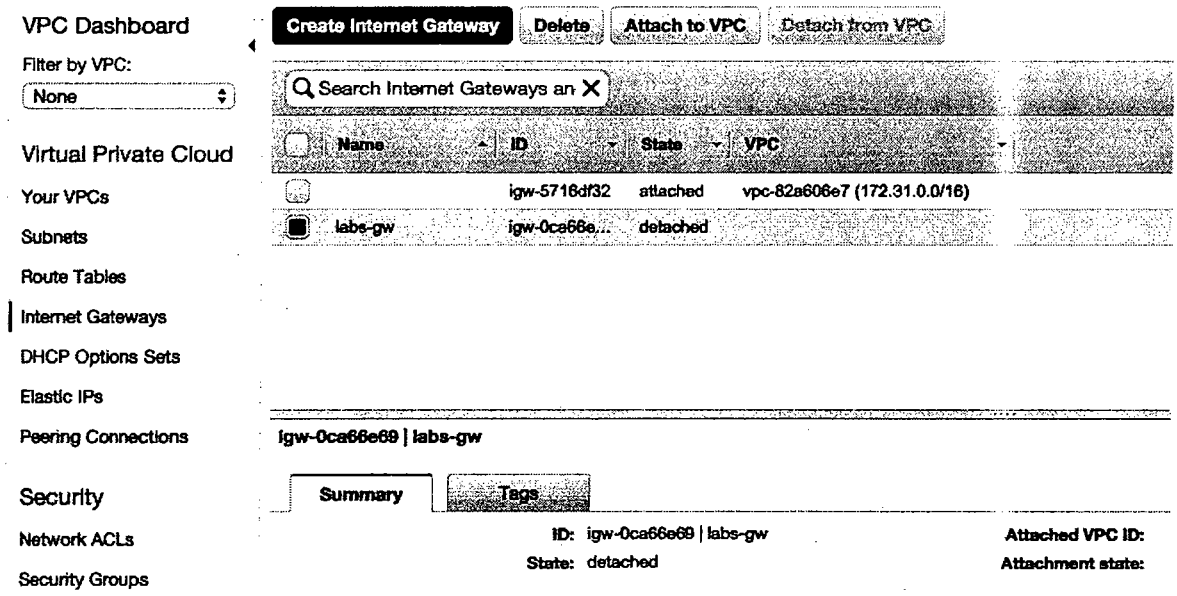
Creating a gateway is a onestep operation, you only need to choose a meaningful name.

Use **labs-gw** as **Name tag** and then click **Yes, Create**.

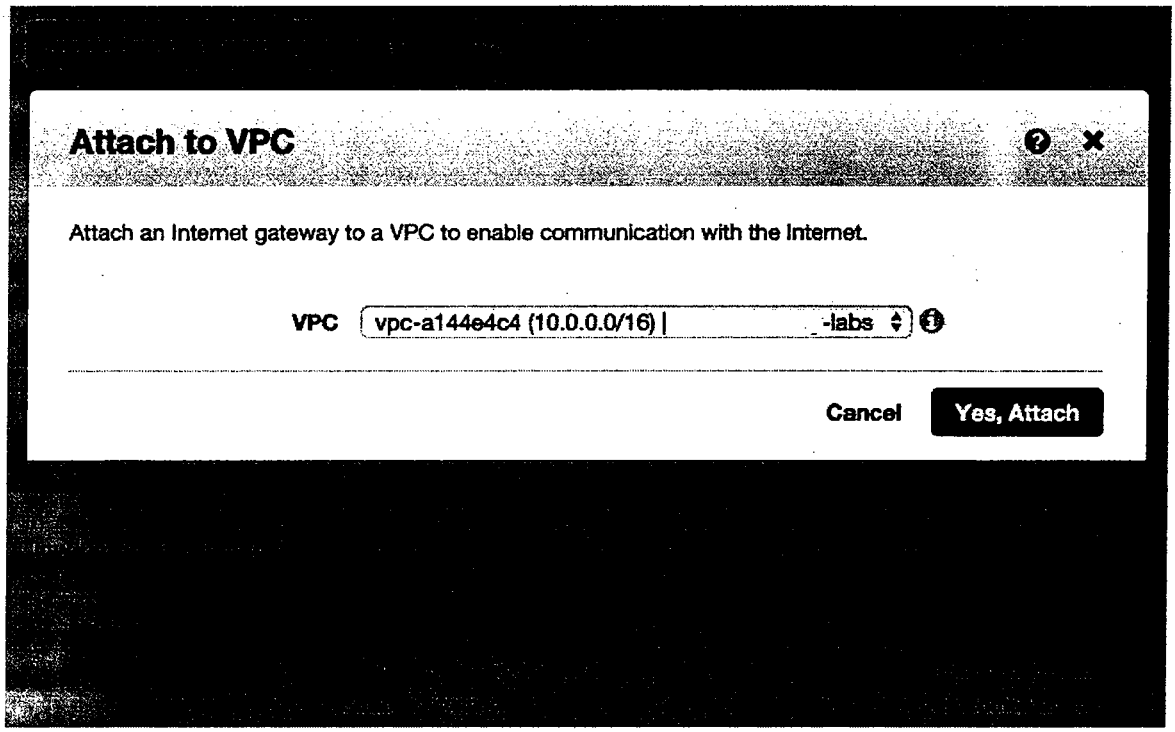


How to attach the Internet Gateway to a VPC

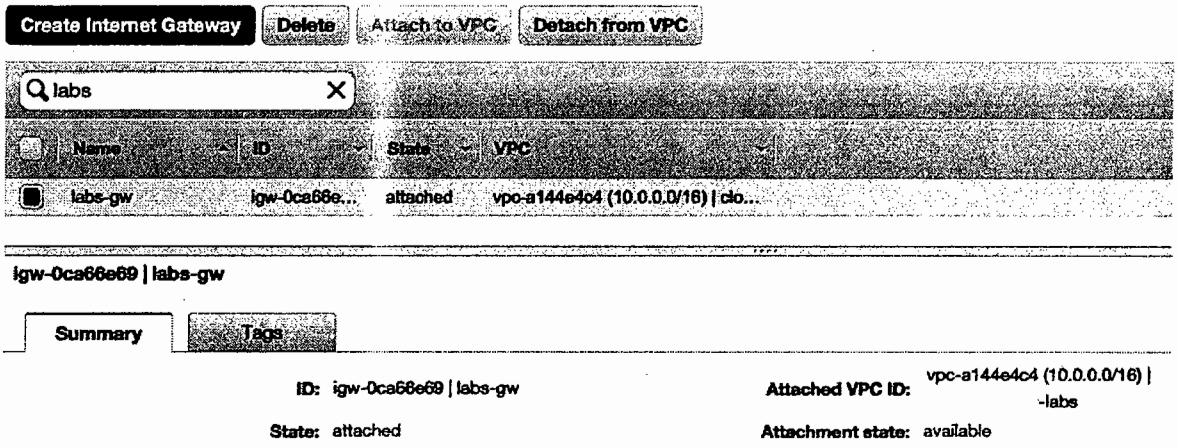
Select the Internet gateway that you just created, and then click **Attach to VPC**.



In the Attach to VPC dialog box, select the VPC **vepsun-labs** from the list, and then click **Yes, Attach**.



Your new Internet Gateway is ready to be used by the EC2 instances of the selected VPC.



STEP 5: Connect the Internet Gateway to the VPC Route Table

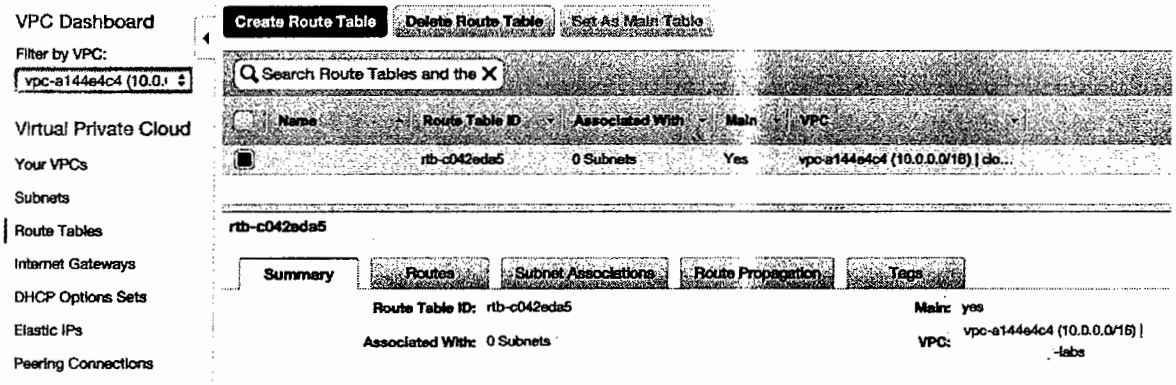
To use an **Internet gateway** your subnet's **route table** must contain a route that directs Internet-bound traffic to the Internet gateway. You can scope the route to all destinations not explicitly known to the route table (0.0.0.0/0), or you can scope the route to a narrower range of IP addresses; for example, the public IP addresses of your company's public endpoints outside of AWS, or the Elastic IP addresses of other Amazon EC2 instances outside your VPC. If your subnet is associated with a route table that has a route to an Internet gateway, it's known as a**public subnet**.

You can add routes to your previously created VPC **Route Table** using the AWS Management Console.

Select the VPC service from the AWS Management Console dashboard:

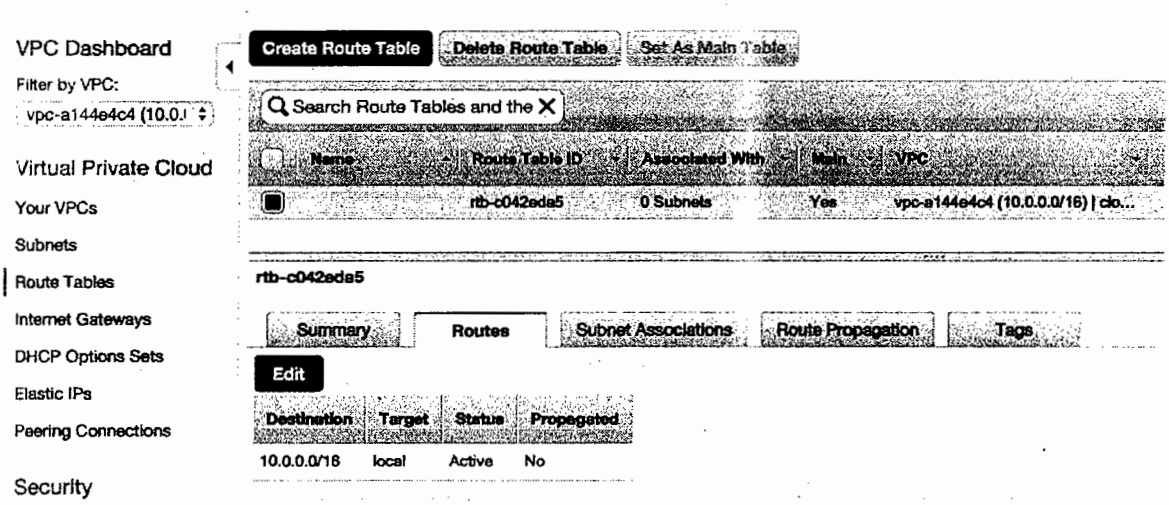
From the VPC dashboard, click the **Route tables** link in the sidebar menu.

The **Route tables** page lists all previously created route tables. In order to select the Route Table of your **vepsun-labs** VPC, you can check the VPC column or use the **Filter by VPC**feature in the left sidebar for listing the Route Tables attached to **vepsun-labs**.

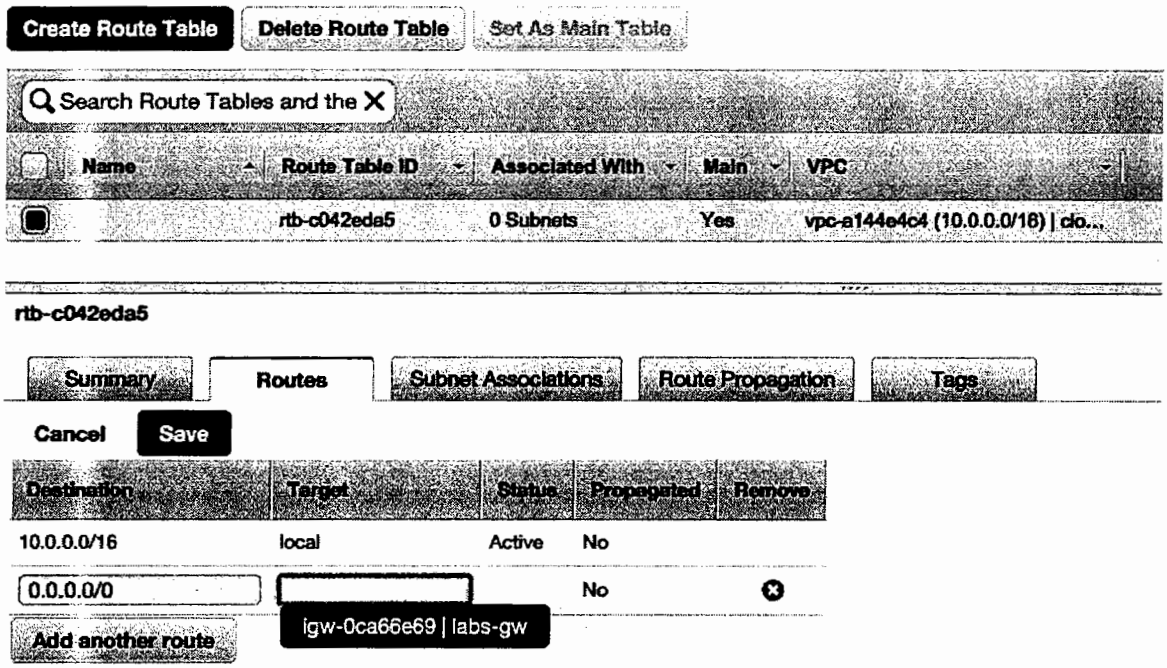


Select the **Main** route table to show its detailed information and then select the **Routes** tab pane.

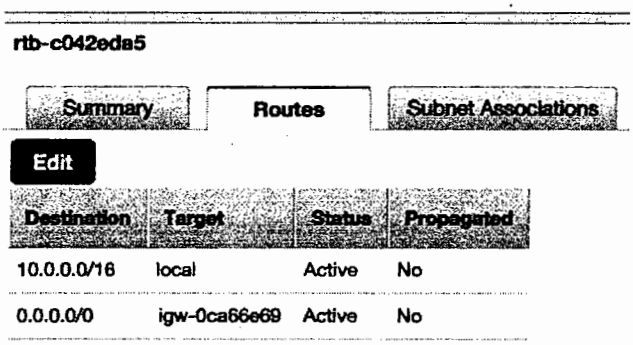
Routes is set of rules which are used to determine where network traffic is directed. For adding a new route, click the blue **Edit** button.



Enter **0.0.0.0/0** a destination CIDR block and then select the previously created Internet Gateway from the Target list. Click **Save** when you're done.



Thanks to the new route rule, all VPC external traffic will be routed to the Internet Gateway and then to the Internet.

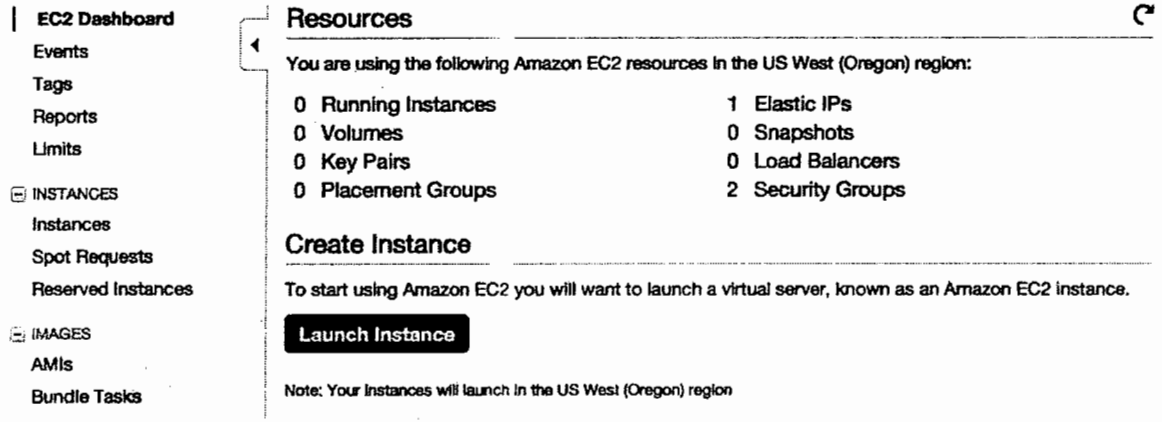


STEP 6: Create an EC2 instance

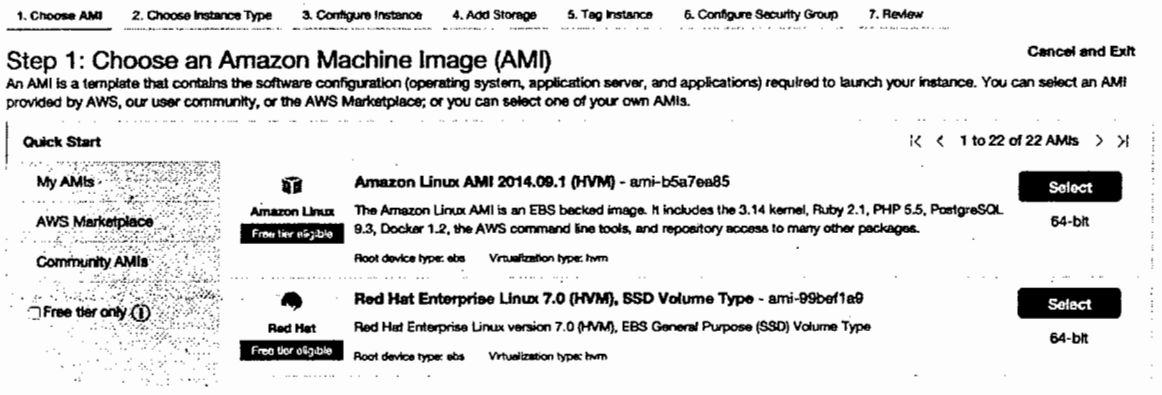
You can launch an EC2 instance using the EC2 launch wizard.

Select the EC2 service from the Management Console dashboard:

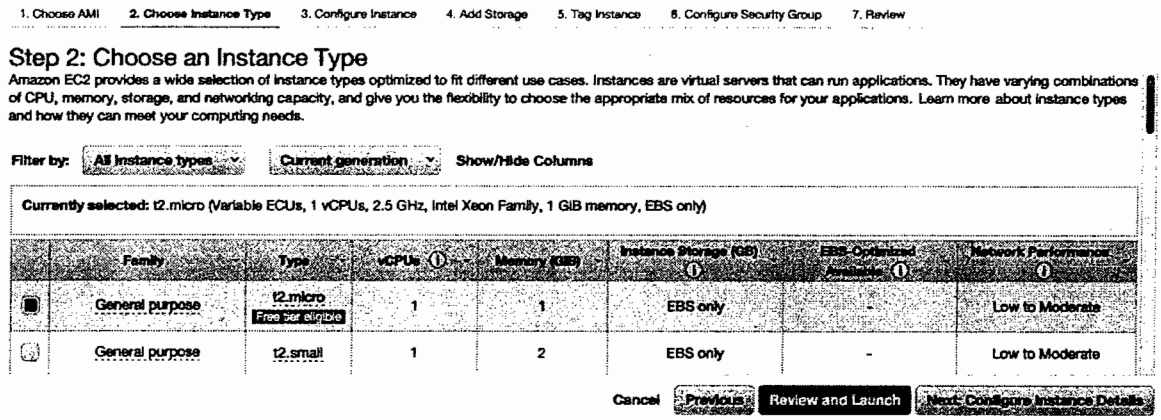
From the EC2 dashboard, click **Launch Instance**.



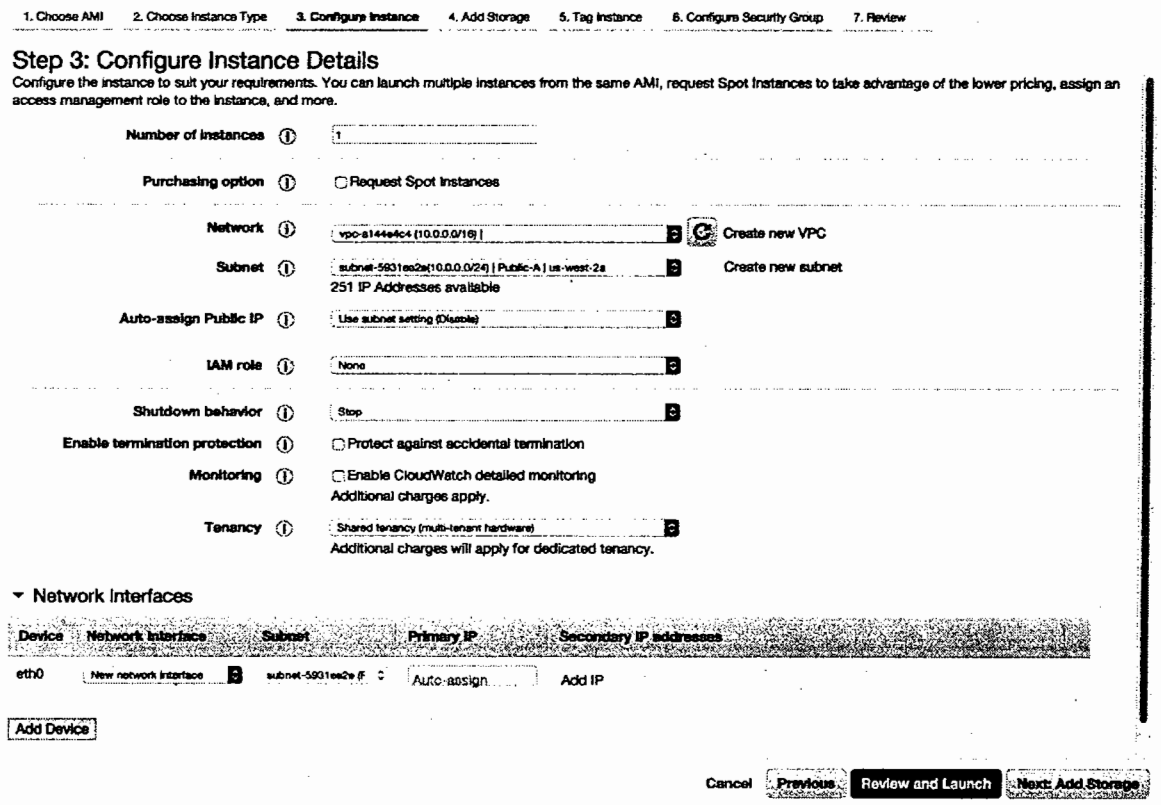
The **Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)** page displays a list of basic configurations called **Amazon Machine Images (AMIs)** that serve as templates for your instance. Select the first listed 64-bit **Amazon Linux AMI**.



On the **Choose an Instance Type** page, do **not** change any options and click **Next: Configure Instance Details.**



On the **Configure Instance Details** tab, check the selected **Network (VPC)** and **Subnet**. Change them, if needed, and then click **Next: Add Storage**.



On the **Add Storage** tab, do **not** change any options, and click the **Review and Launch** button.

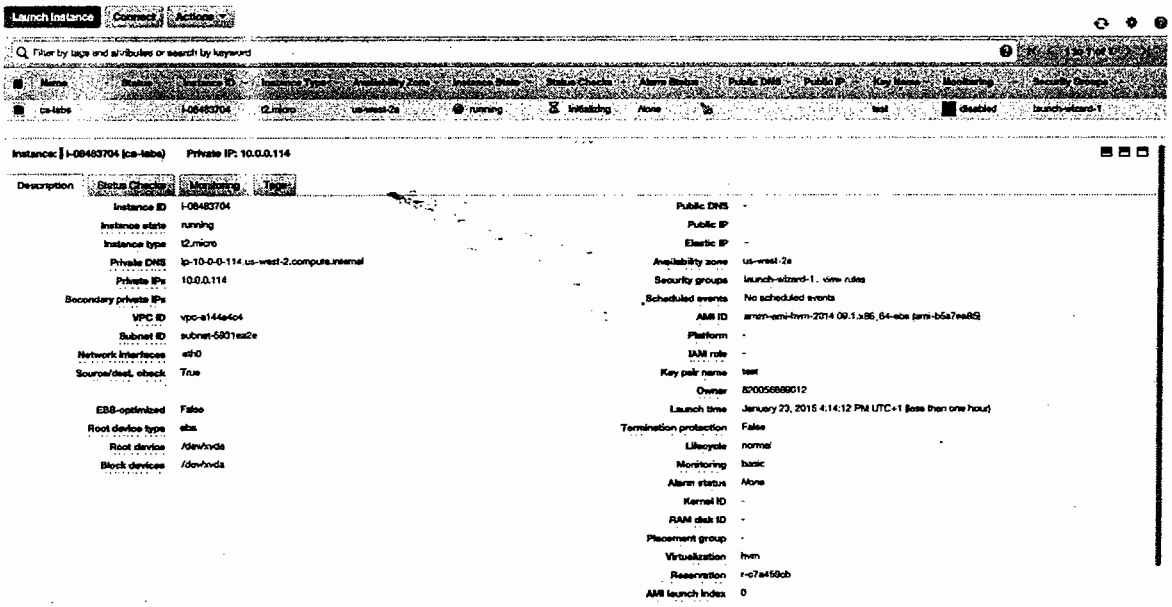
On the Review Instance Launch page, click **Launch**.

In the **Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair** dialog box, select **Create a new key pair**, then type a KeyPair name (e.g., "TestKeys") and download it.

Select the acknowledgment checkbox, and then click **Launch Instances**.

A confirmation page will let you know that your instance is launching. Click **View Instances** to close the confirmation page and return to the console.

On the Instances Screen, you can view the status of your instance. It will take a short time for your instance to be launched. When you launch an instance, its initial state defaults to *pending*. After the instance starts, its Instance State changes to *running*, and it receives a public DNS name.

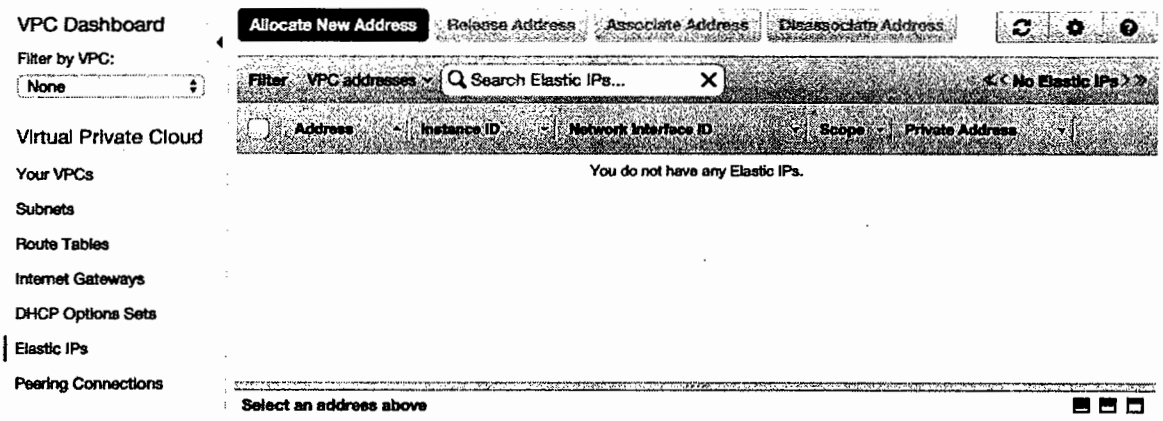


STEP 7: Allocate and Associate an Elastic IP

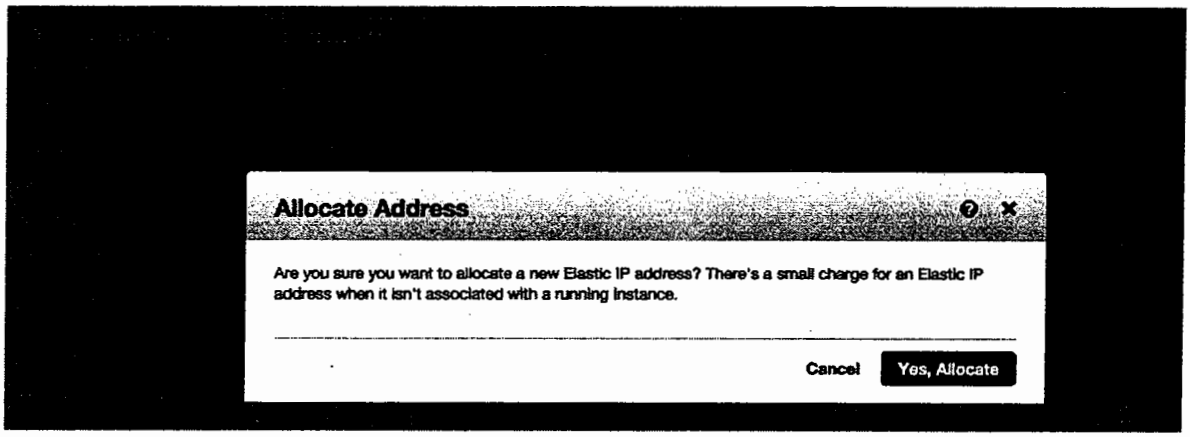
An **Elastic IP address (EIP)** is a static and public IP address that you can associate with an EC2 instance. You can allocate an Elastic IP address using the AWS Management Console.

Select the VPC service from the Management Console dashboard:

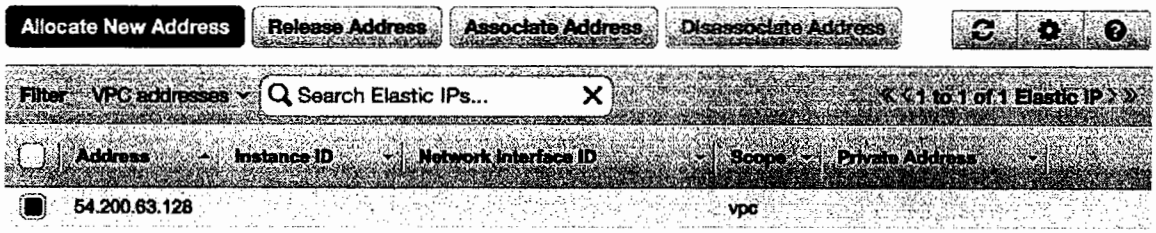
From the VPC dashboard, click on **Elastic IPs** link in the sidebar menu.



Click **Allocate New Address** and then click **Yes, Allocate**.



A new Elastic IPs is now ready to be associated with an EC2 instance.



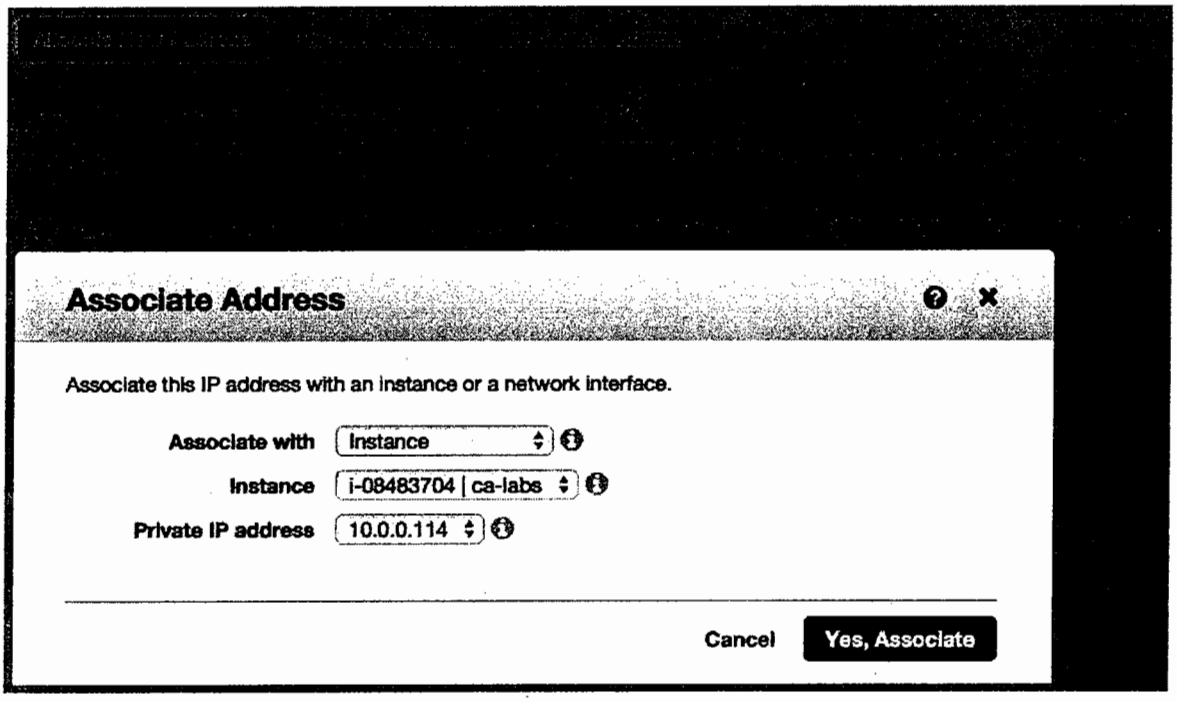
Associate the Elastic IP to an existing EC2 instance

In order to use the allocated EIP, you need to associate it with a previously launched instance or network interface.

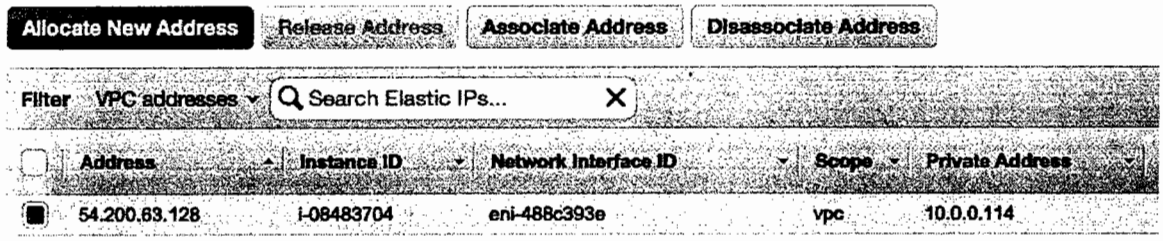
Click **Associate Address** and then select the following values:

- ✓ Associate with: instance
- ✓ Instance: ca-labs

Click **Yes, Associate** to associate the EIP to the selected EC2 instance.



The Elastic IPs page now lists the EIP associated to the ca-labs.

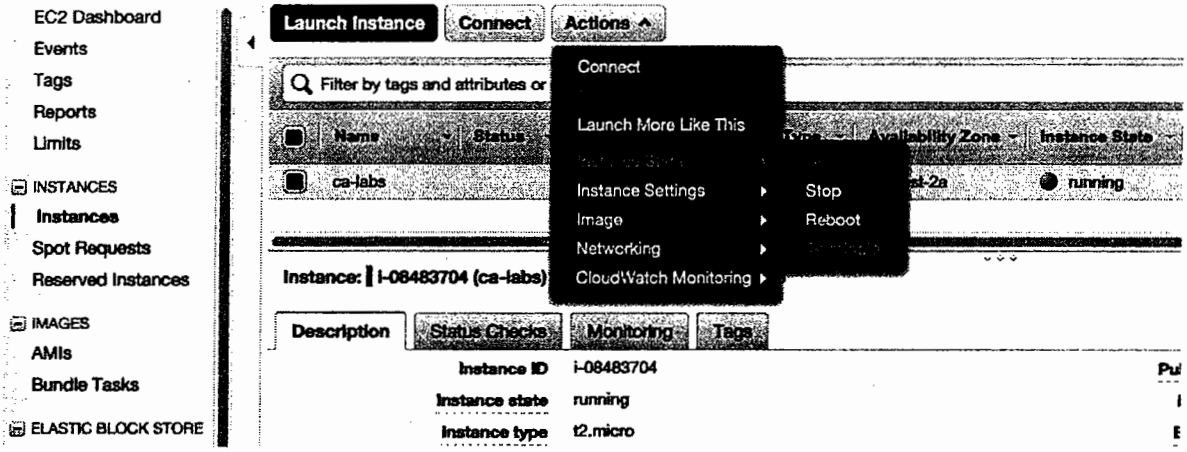


STEP 8: Terminate an EC2 instance

When you've decided that you no longer need an instance, you can terminate it.

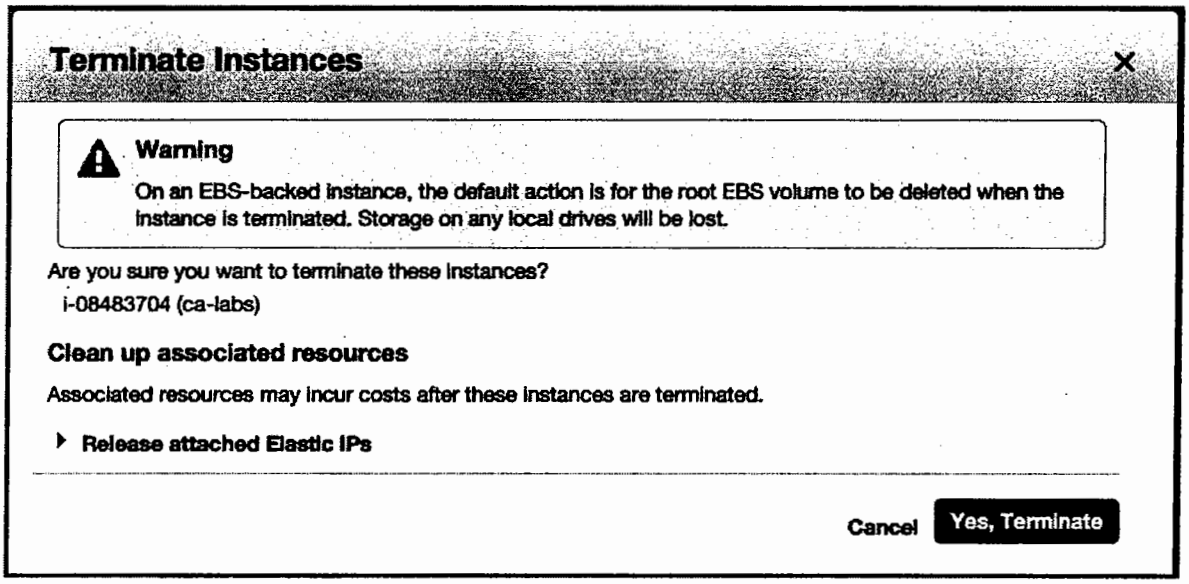
Select the EC2 service from the Management Console dashboard:

In the navigation pane, click **Instances**.

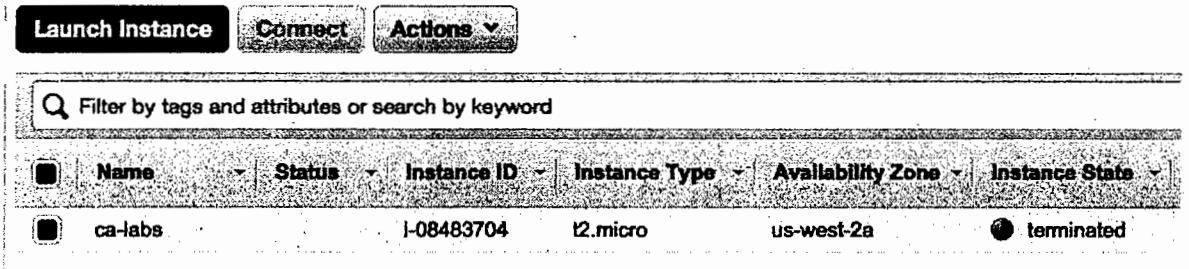


Select the instance ca-labs, click **Actions**, select **Instance State**, and then click **Terminate**.

Click **Yes, Terminate** when prompted for confirmation.



Now your instance is completely destroyed.



STEP 9: Destroy a VPC

You can delete your VPC at any time, but you must terminate all instances in the VPC first. You don't need to delete all VPC components (subnets, security groups, network ACLs, route tables, Internet gateways, VPC peering connections, and DHCP options) one-by-one if you use the AWS Management Console.

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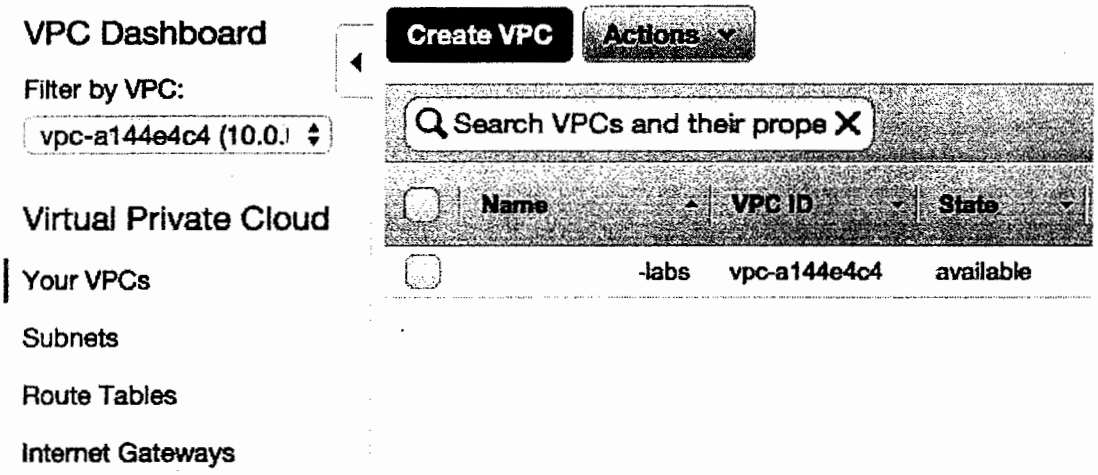
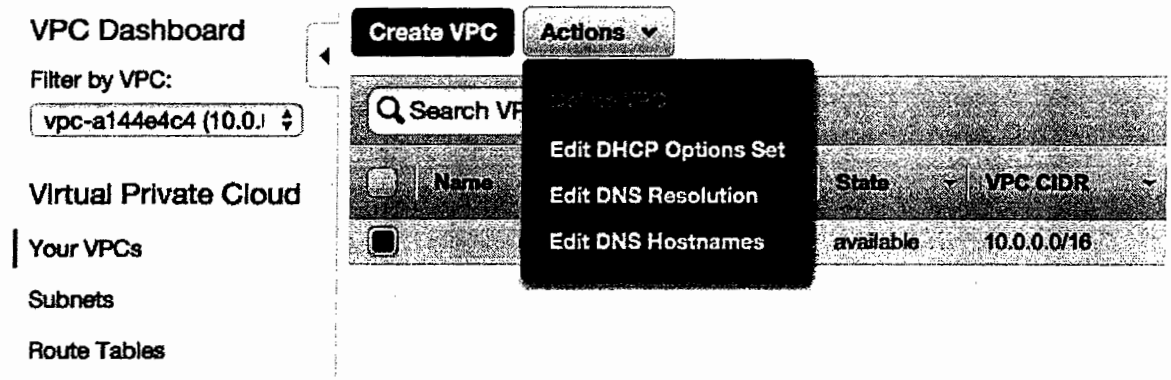


Select the VPC vepsun-labs, and then click **Actions**, and select **Delete VPC**.



If you need to delete the **VPN connection**, select the option to do so, otherwise, leave it unselected. Click **Yes, Delete.**