

Overview: This runbook will outline the steps required to configure an ubuntu instance on AWS with an NGINX application.

## Creating Ubuntu Server in AWS

1. Create a new instance by using the Amazon EC2
    - a. Under the AMI, select Ubuntu 20.04 LTS in the Quick Start section
    - b. Make sure to create a Key pair
    - c. Under Network Settings, find the Firewall section & click “create security group”
      - i. Check all three boxes to create rules for SSH, HTTPs & HTTP traffic
- ☒ Allow SSH traffic from  
Helps you connect to your instance

Anywhere  
0.0.0.0/0

☒ Allow HTTPs traffic from the internet  
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

☒ Allow HTTP traffic from the internet  
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server
- d. Use default settings for everything else and then click “Launch instance”
  - e. Connect the Instance to the Ubuntu server by clicking on “Connect” that is located in the Instance summary

## Add a New User and Directory in Ubuntu

2. Add a new user
  - a. From the Ubuntu user, move to the home directory and add a <USERNAME>

```
sudo adduser <USERNAME>
```

3. Add the new user to the ‘sudoers’ directory
  - a. This is needed in order to install nginx in our user directory

```
sudo adduser <USERNAME> sudo
```

4. Switch into the user

```
su - <USERNAME>
```

5. Create a directory in your user directory
  - a. This is where we can create our app directory

```
mkdir <DIRECTORY-NAME>
```

## Downloading and Configuring NGINX

6. In the new user directory, download NGINX
  - a. Run these commands. When complete, type in the command quit

```
sudo -s
nginx=stable # use nginx=development for latest development version
add-apt-repository ppa:nginx/$nginx
apt update
apt install nginx
```

- b. Verify the installation with `nginx -v`
    - i. It'll display the software version nginx version: `nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)`
7. Enable and start the NGINX landing page

- a. Start by checking the status where it will display `active (running)`

```
sudo systemctl status nginx
```

- i. If NGINX is not running, run the following `sudo systemctl start nginx`
- b. Load when the system starts

```
sudo systemctl enable nginx
```

- c. Allow NGINX traffic and grant access to the firewall

```
sudo ufw app list
sudo ufw allow 'nginx full'
sudo ufw reload
```

8. Deploying the NGINX Page
  - a. Open a new web browser with the IP address from the Connect instance page
  - b. It should look like this, where the localhost is the IP address

