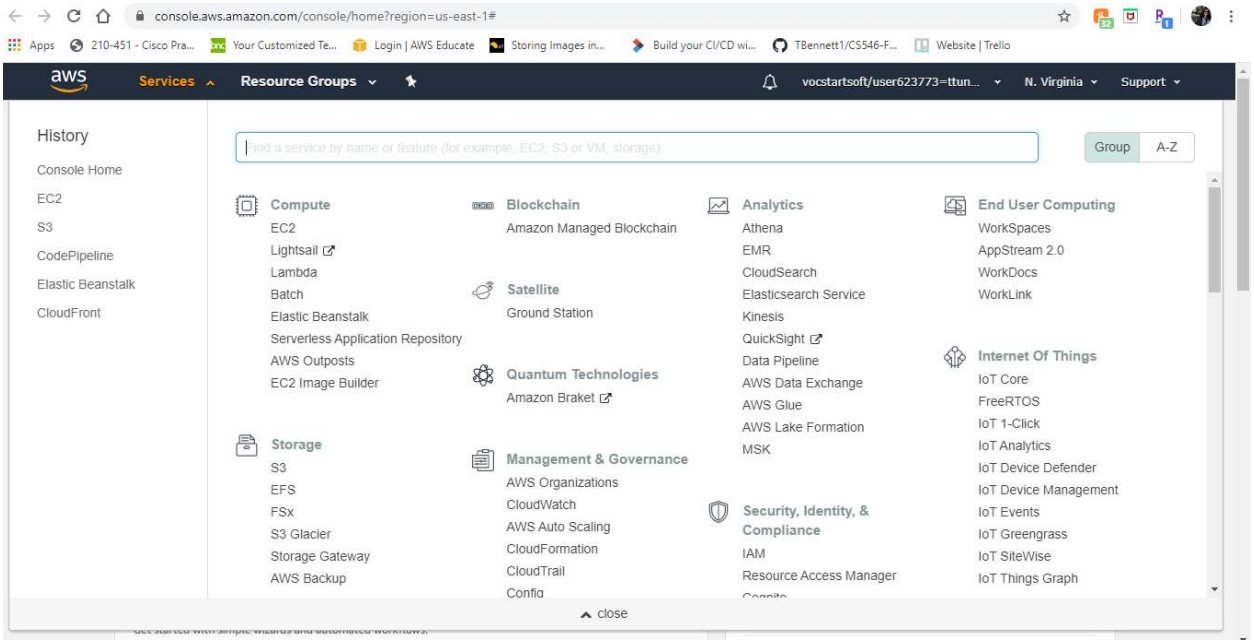
CS 524 Lab # 4

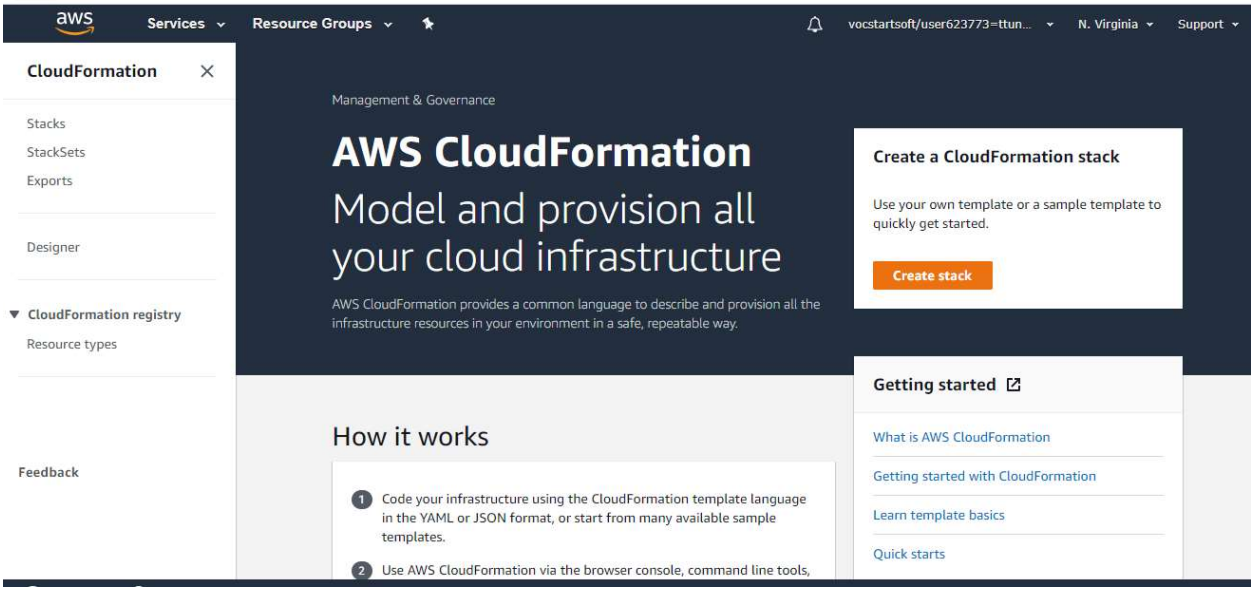
1) Creating a Stack on AWS CloudFormation:

Step 1:

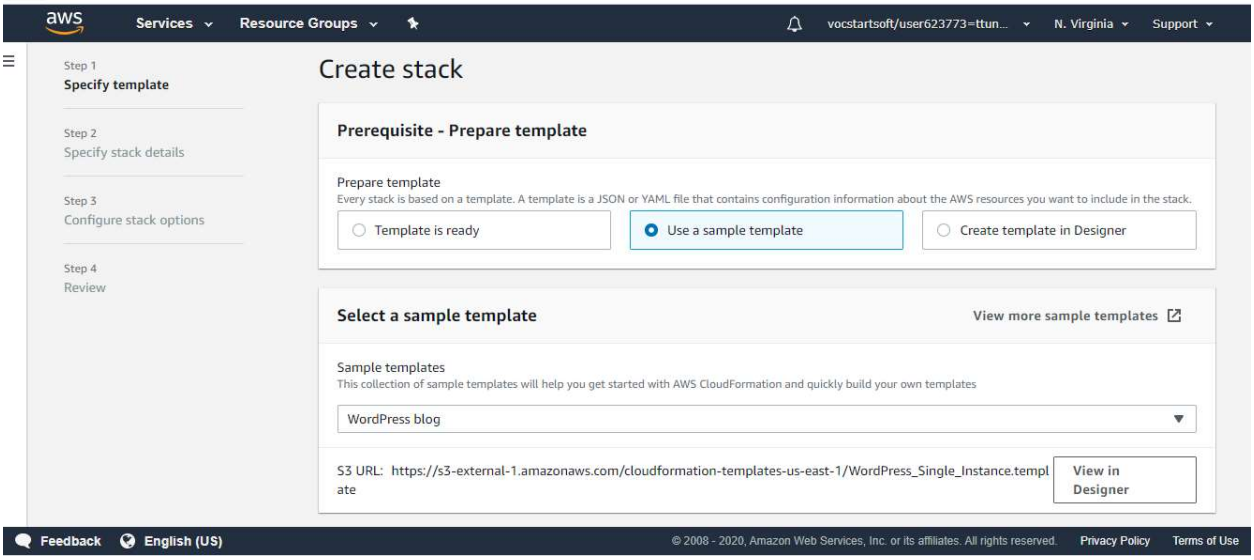
Login to Amazon account and go to Services dropdown and select CloudFormation.



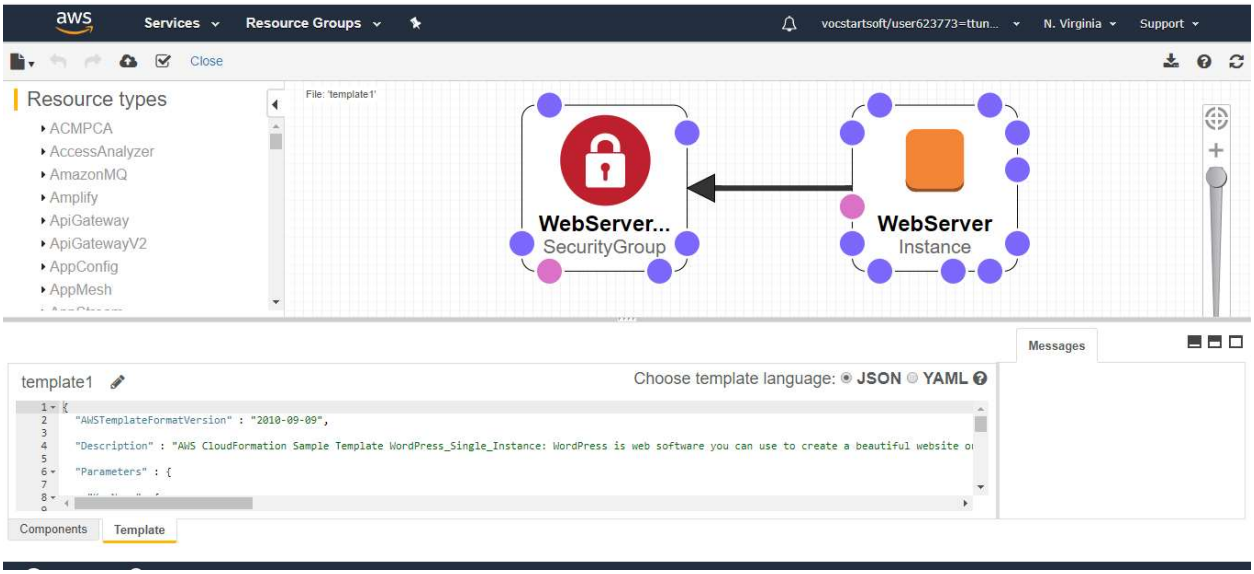
Select CloudFormation and you will be redirected to the page shown below:



Click on Create stack button:



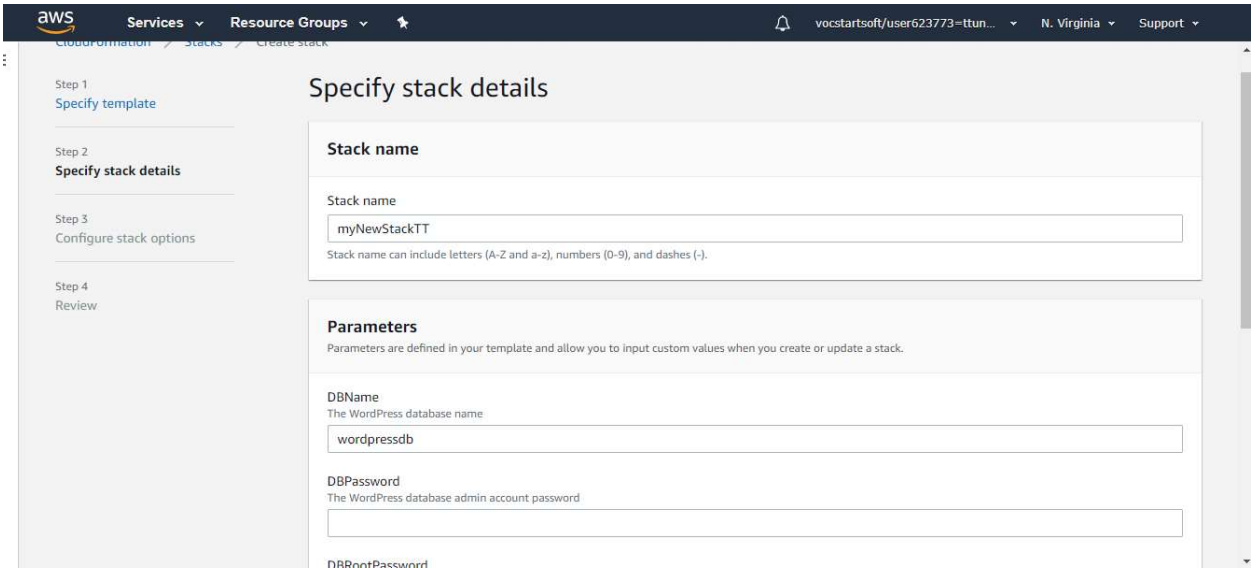
Select Use a sample template and then I selected a WordPress blog. If you click on View In designer button, the following page is displayed.



Go back to the creating stack page and click Next.

You will be asked for: stack name.

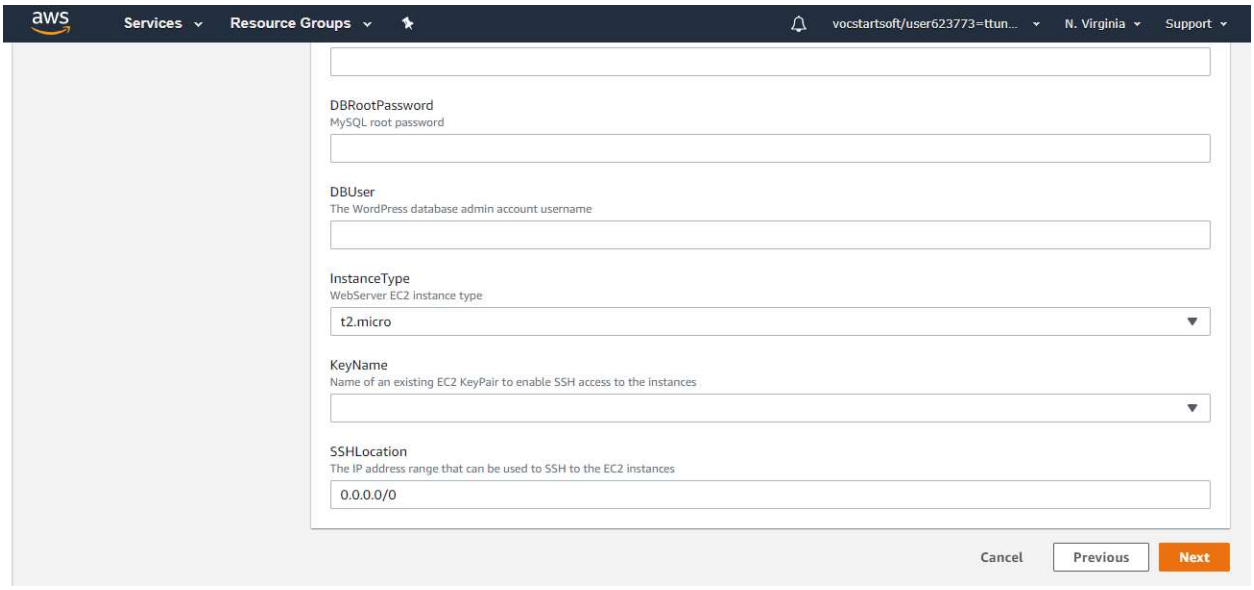
The stack name is an identifier that helps you find a particular stack from a list of stacks.



So I have named my stack.

I did not give the database any password.

I selected t2.micro as type of instance.

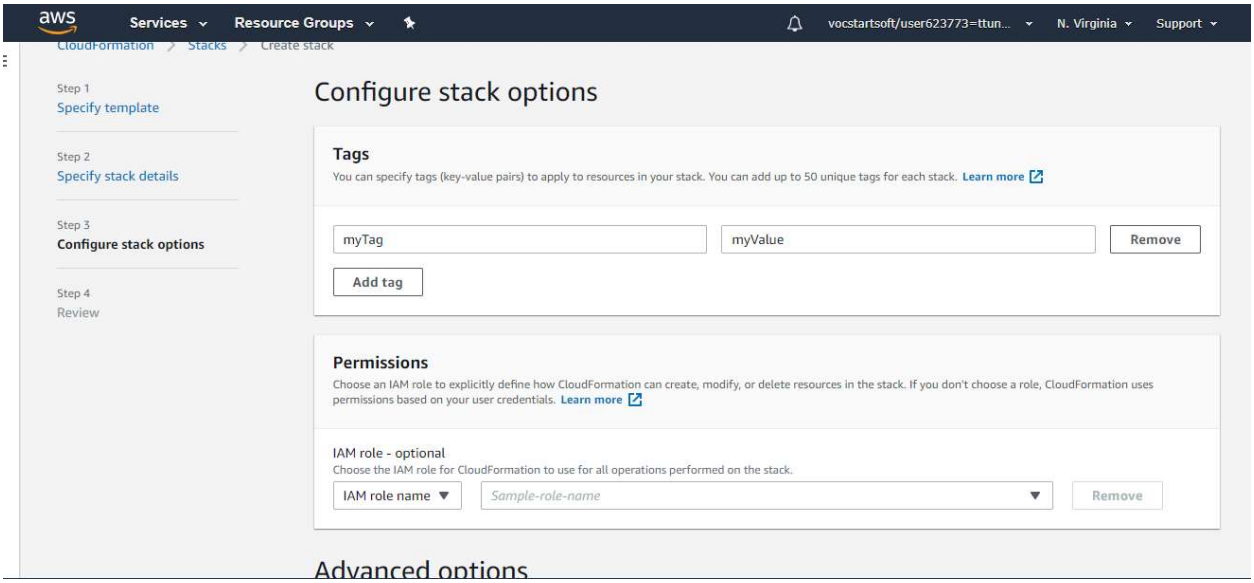


Click Next.

You will be asked to specify tags, if any.

Tags are arbitrary key-value pairs that can be used to identify your stack for purposes such as cost allocation.

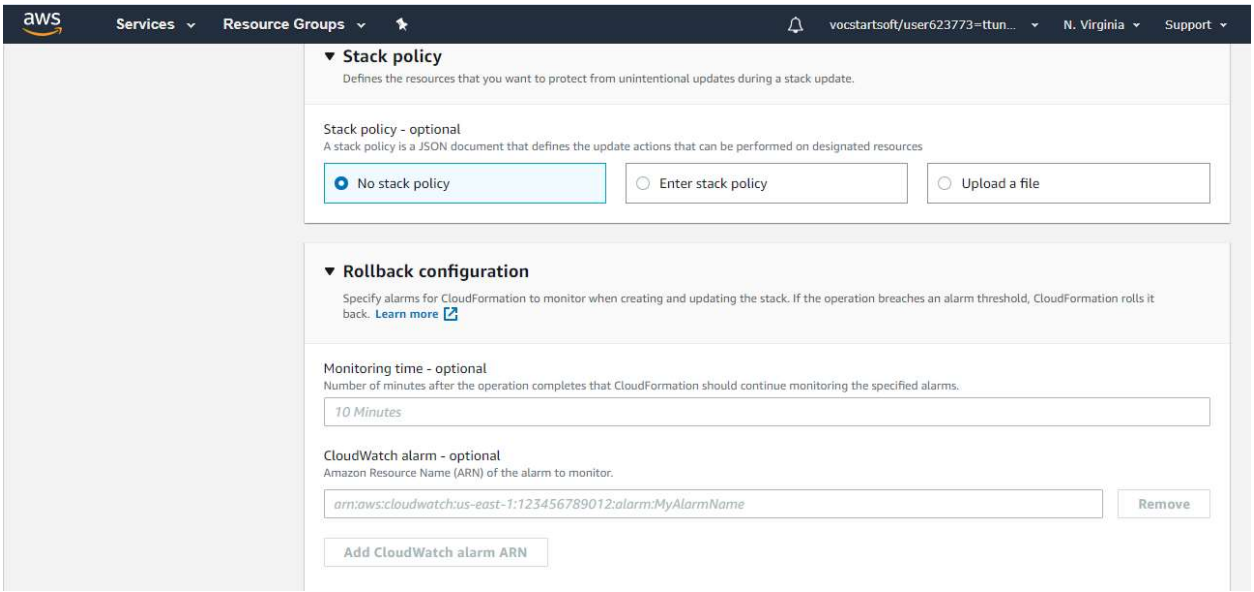
Permissions can also be given. An existing AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) service role that AWS CloudFormation can assume. I will leave it as is.



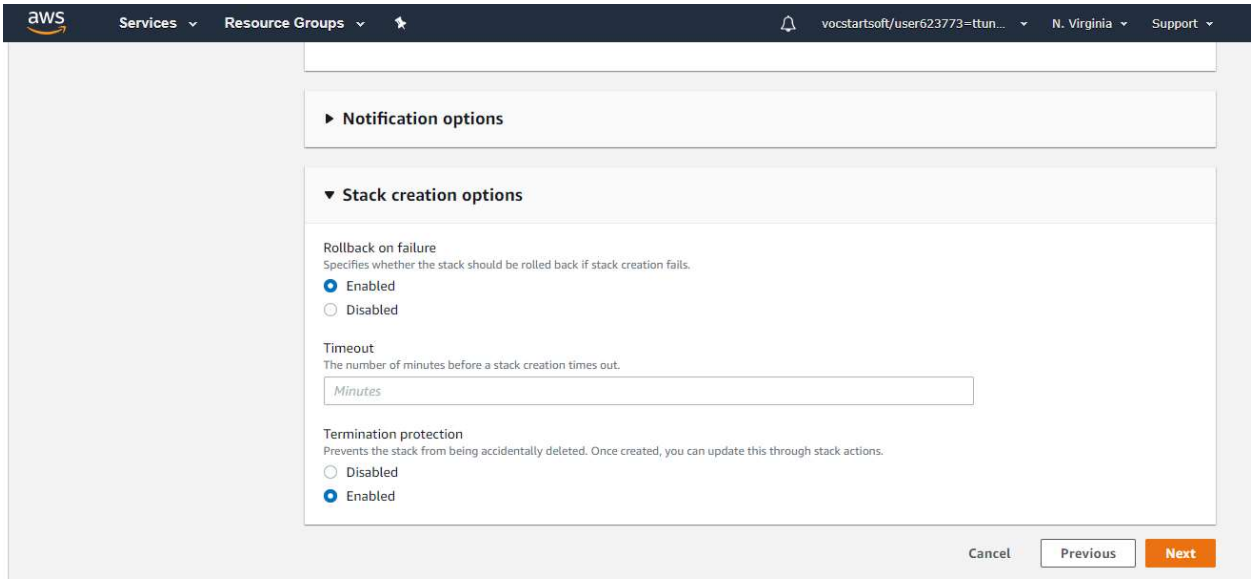
Scroll down and you will see Advanced Options.

Stack Policy: Defines the resources that you want to protect from unintentional updates during a stack update. By default, all resources can be updated during a stack update.

Rollback Configuration: Enables you to have AWS CloudFormation monitor the state of your stack during stack creation and updating, and to roll back that operation if the stack breaches the threshold of any of the alarms you've specified.



I have kept these to default.

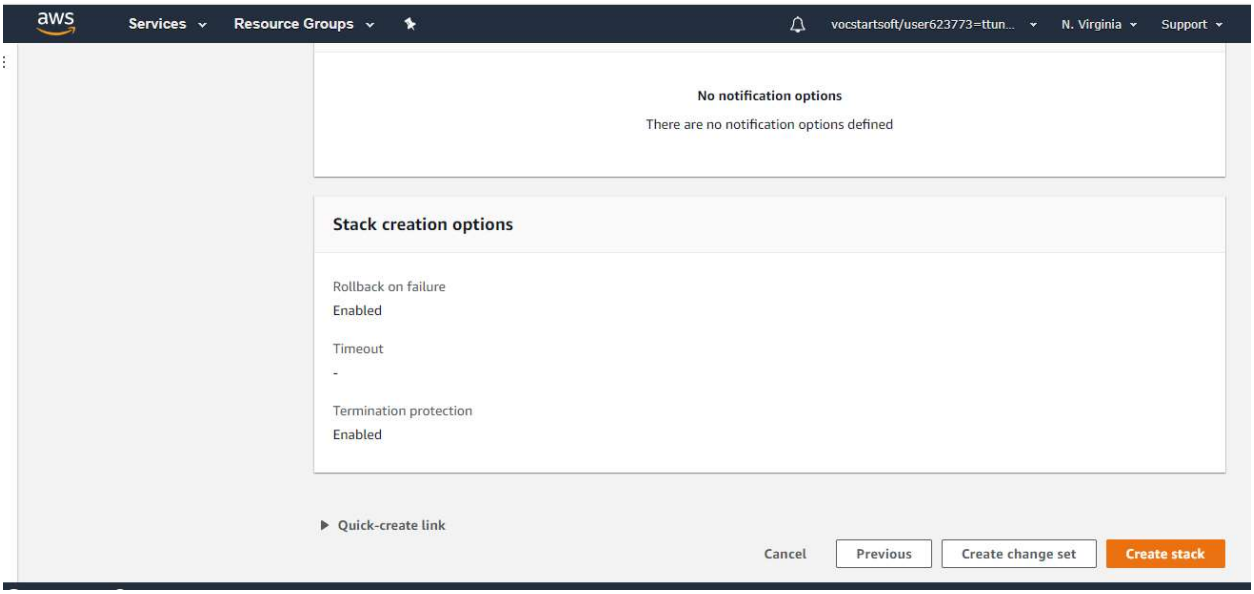


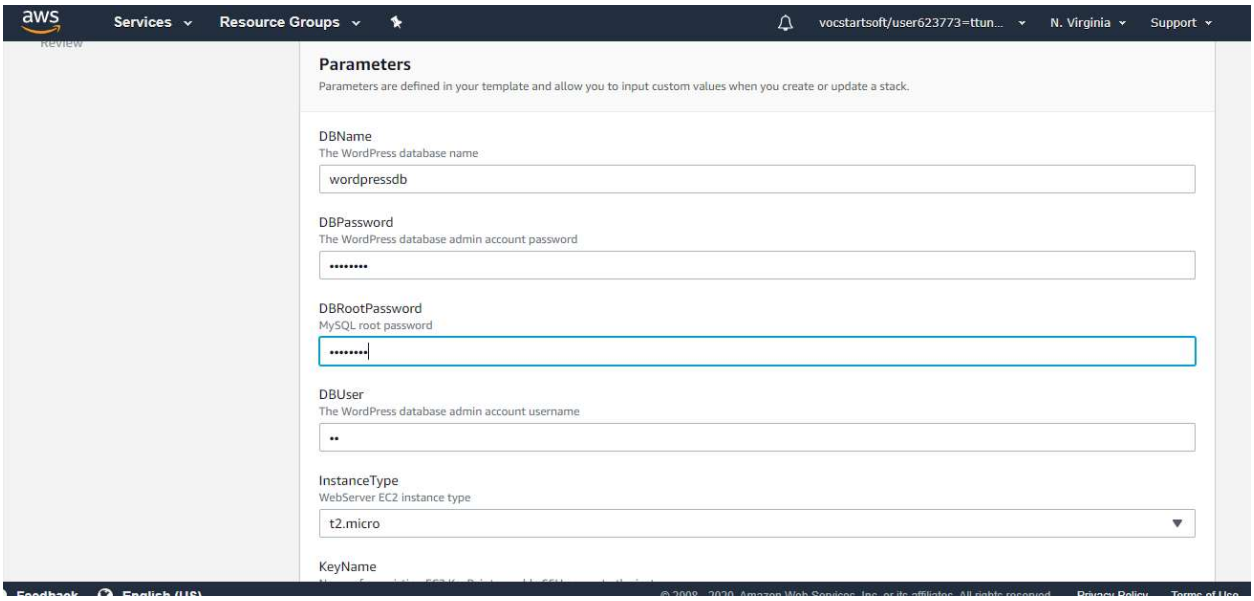
Rollback on failure: Specifies whether the stack should be rolled back if stack creation fails. Typically, you want to accept the default value of Enabled. Select Disabled if you want the stack's state retained even if creation fails, such as when you are debugging a stack template.

Termination protection: Prevents a stack from being accidently deleted. By default, it is disabled. I have set it to Enabled.

Click Next.

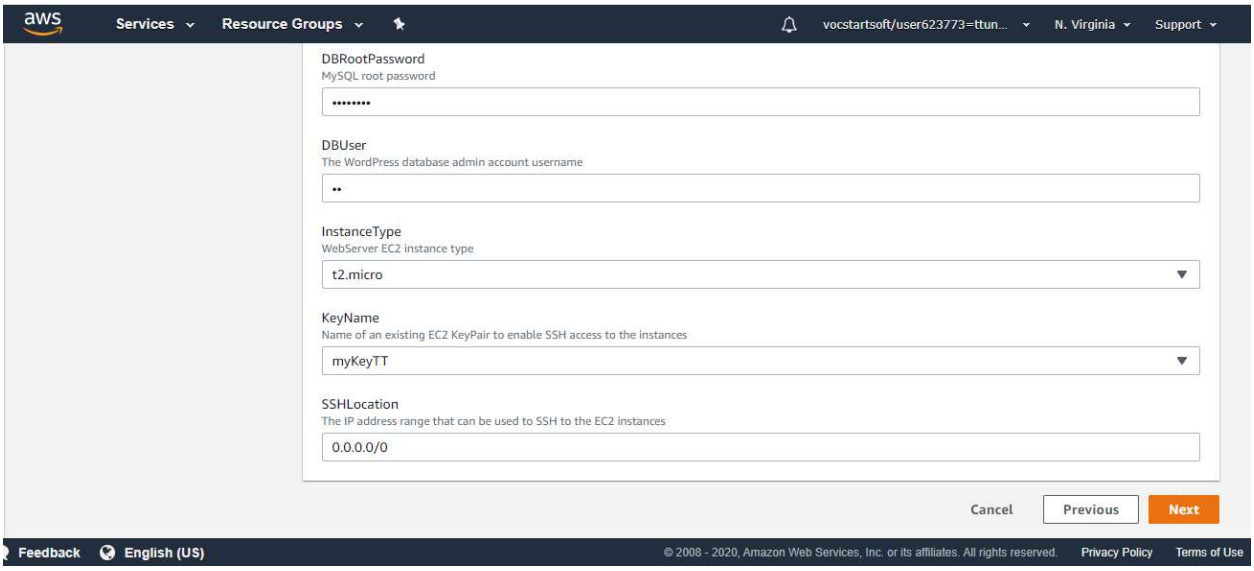
Review all the setting and parameters and click on Create Stack.

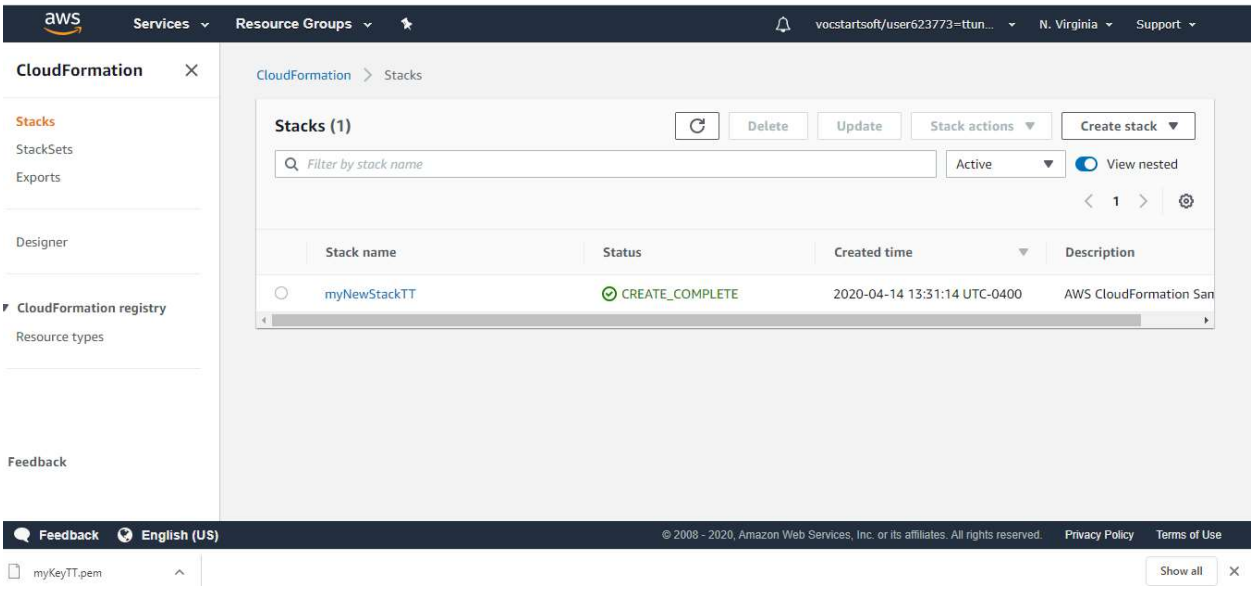




So my password is abcdefgh and dbuser is tt. You have to set the dbpassword to be atleast 8 characters ; same applies to dbrootpassword. You can check these contraints are listed in the JSON file of wordpress that you created in the previous step. I had already a key named myKeyTT so I used it.

Click next and click on Create stack.

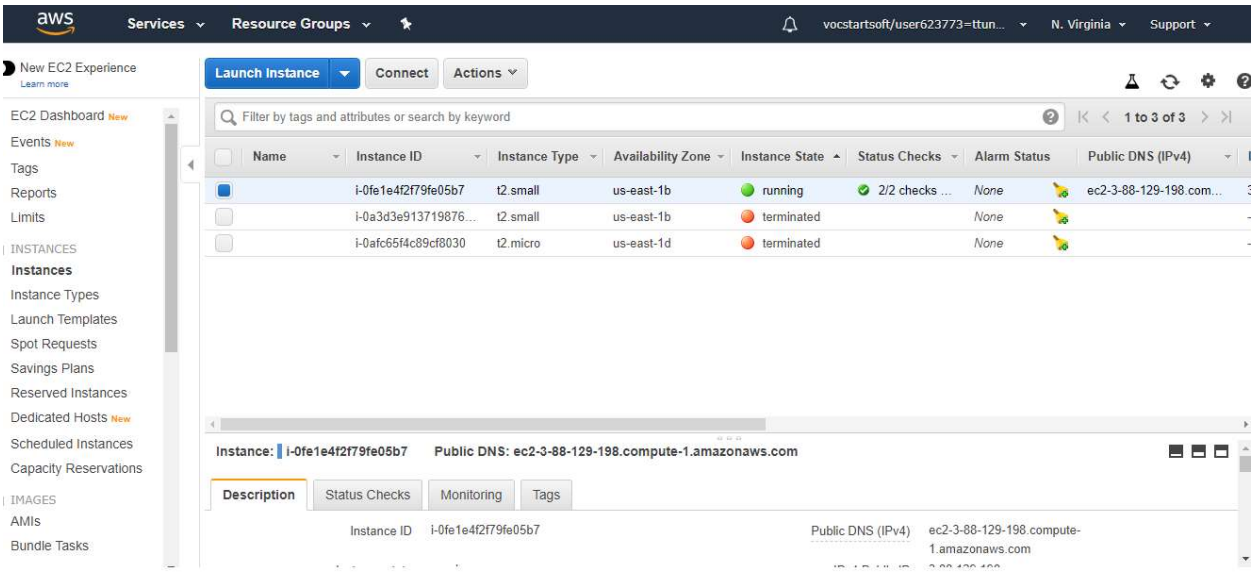




The stack has been created successfully!

In the EC2 dashboard, an instance has automatically been created by my new stack.

Go to EC2 Dashboard and under Instances:



So I had changed my instance to t2.small. Also, my server has Amazon Linux running on it instead of Amazon Linux 2. The WordPress website uses PHP version 5.6 and higher and my server had PHP version 5.3. So I uninstalled it using $ sudo yum remove -y httpd24 php56 mysql55-server php56-mysqlnd perl-DBD-MySQL56

Then I had to install the current version of PHP using:

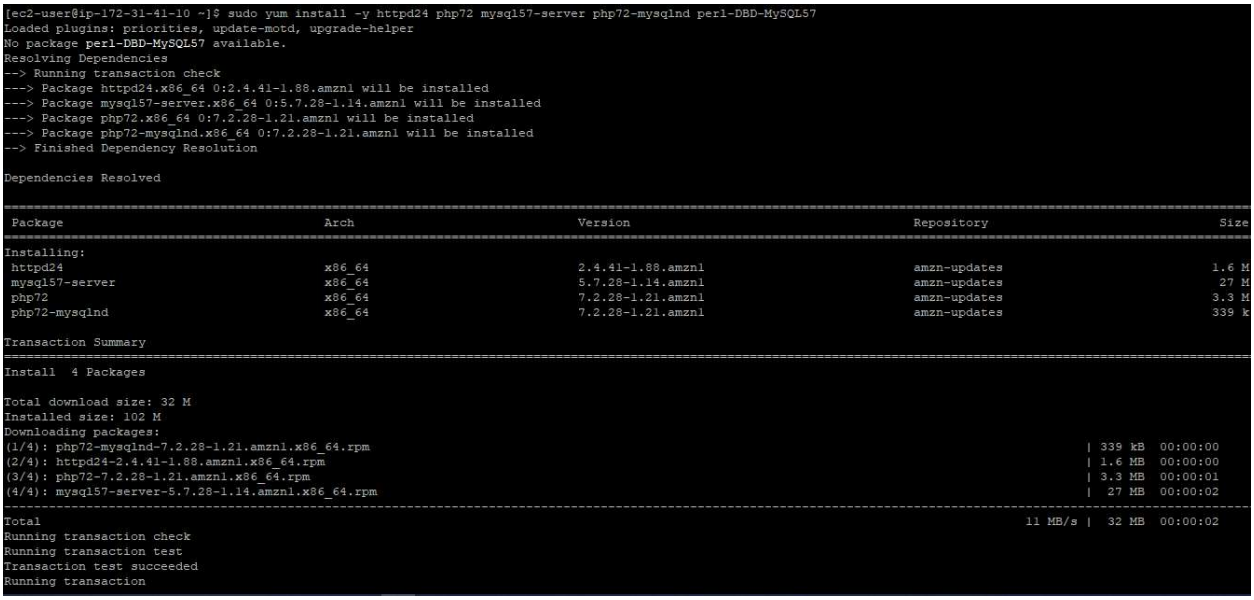
$ sudo yum install -y httpd24 php72 mysql57-server php72-mysqlnd perl-DBD-MySQL57

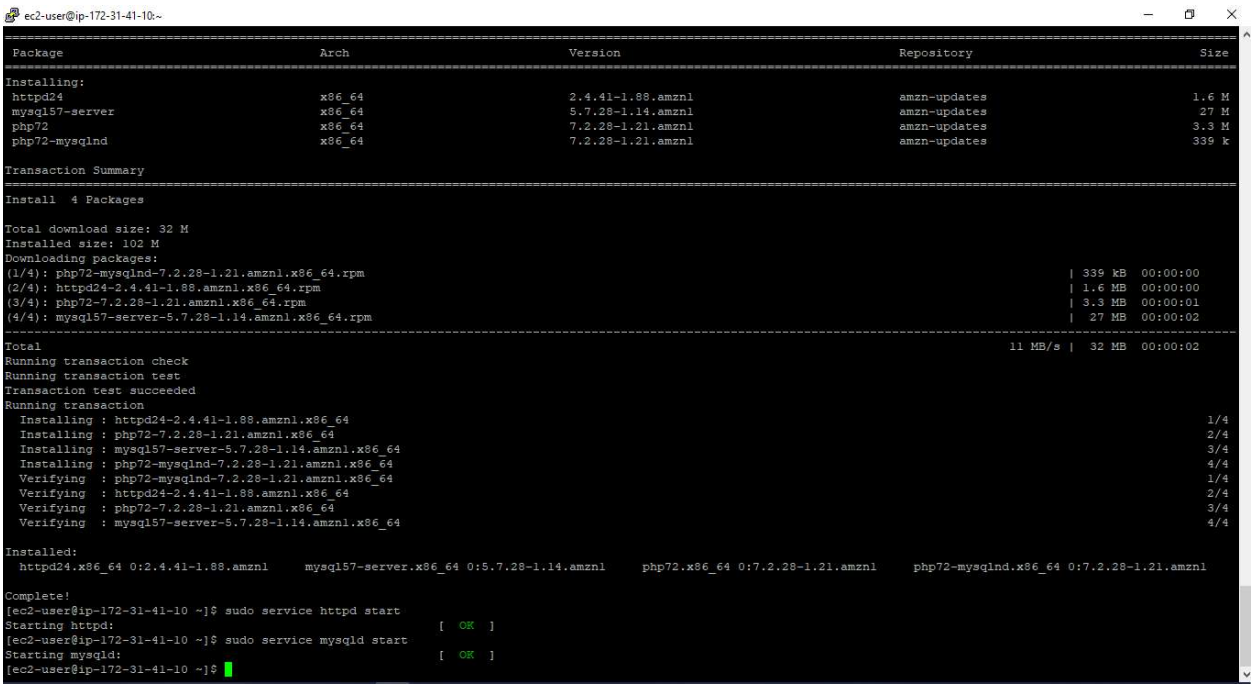
Then after it is successfully installed, I had to restart my httpd and mysqld services using commands:

$ sudo service httpd start

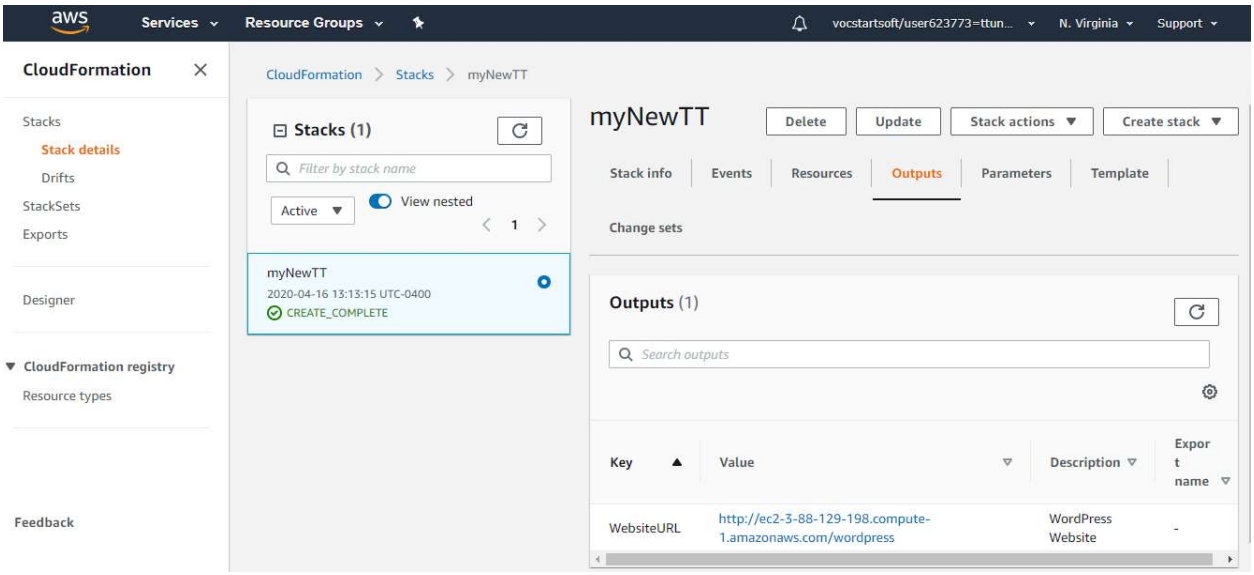
$ sudo service mysqld start

After running these commands, I got the desired WordPress website running.

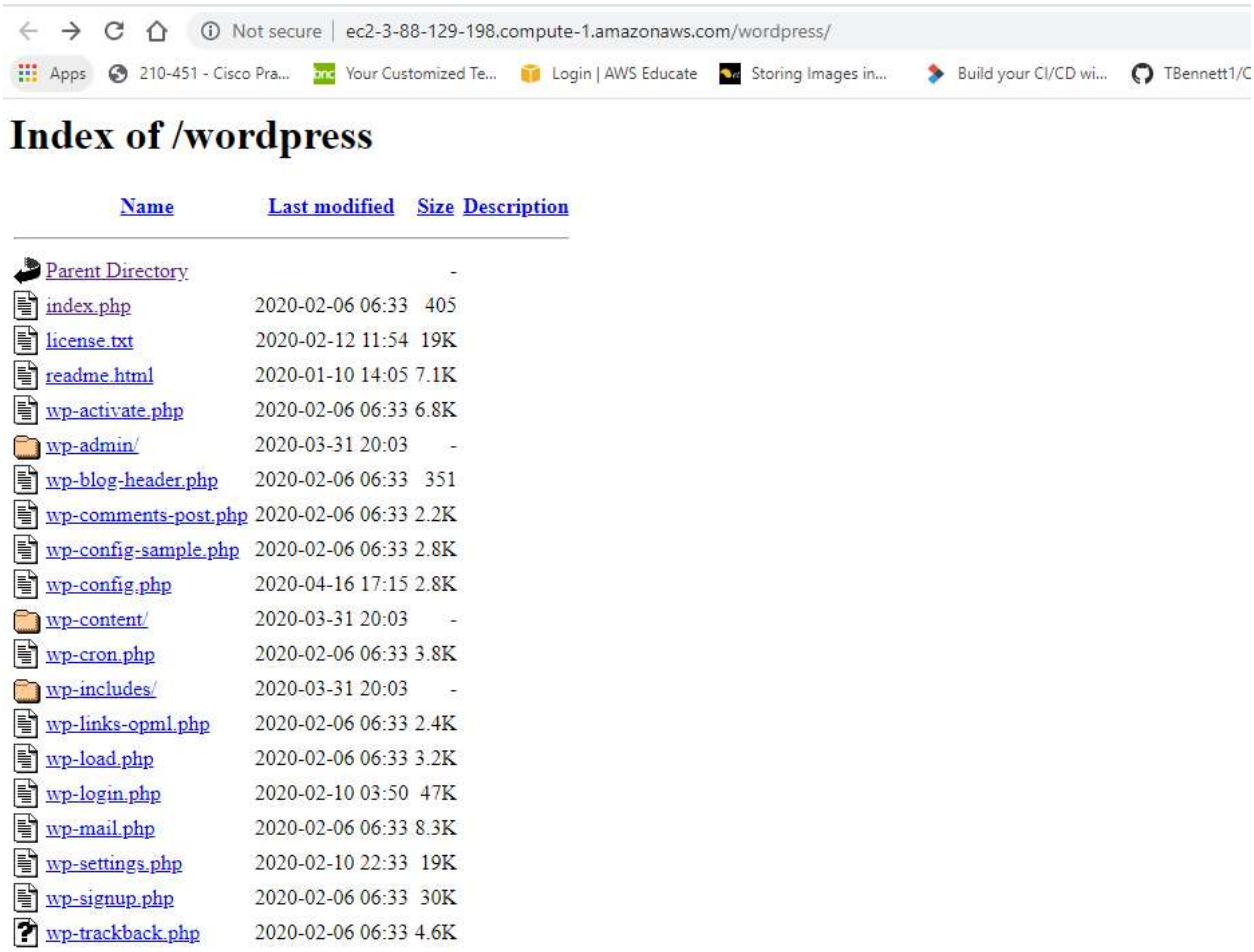




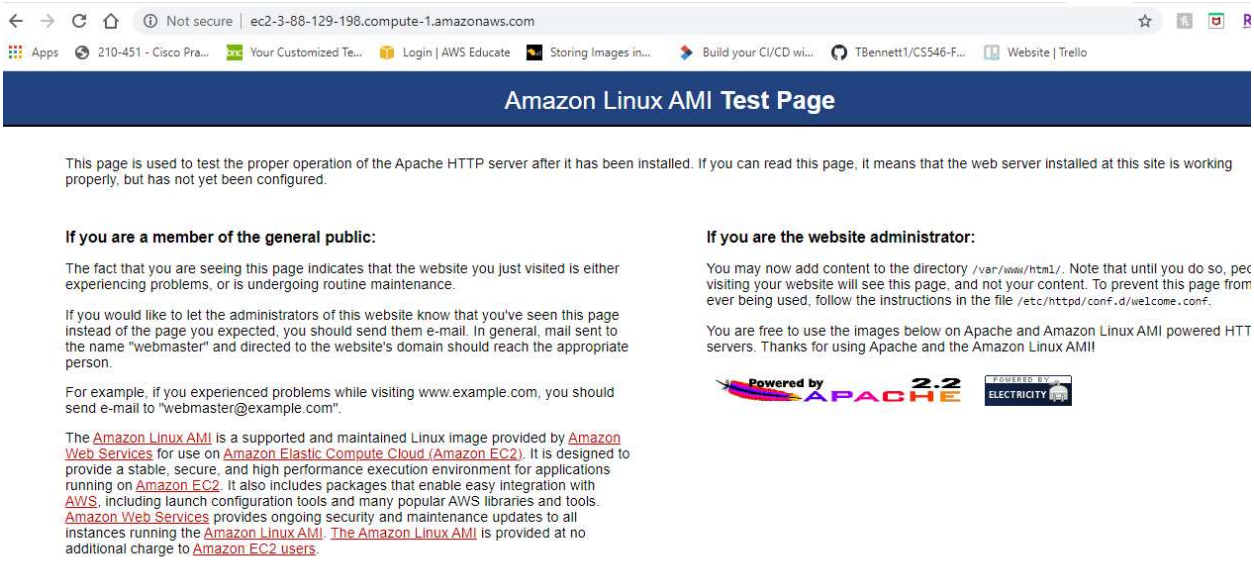
Now accessing the WordPress website from Stacks>Click on the name of your stack and navigate to Outputs tab:



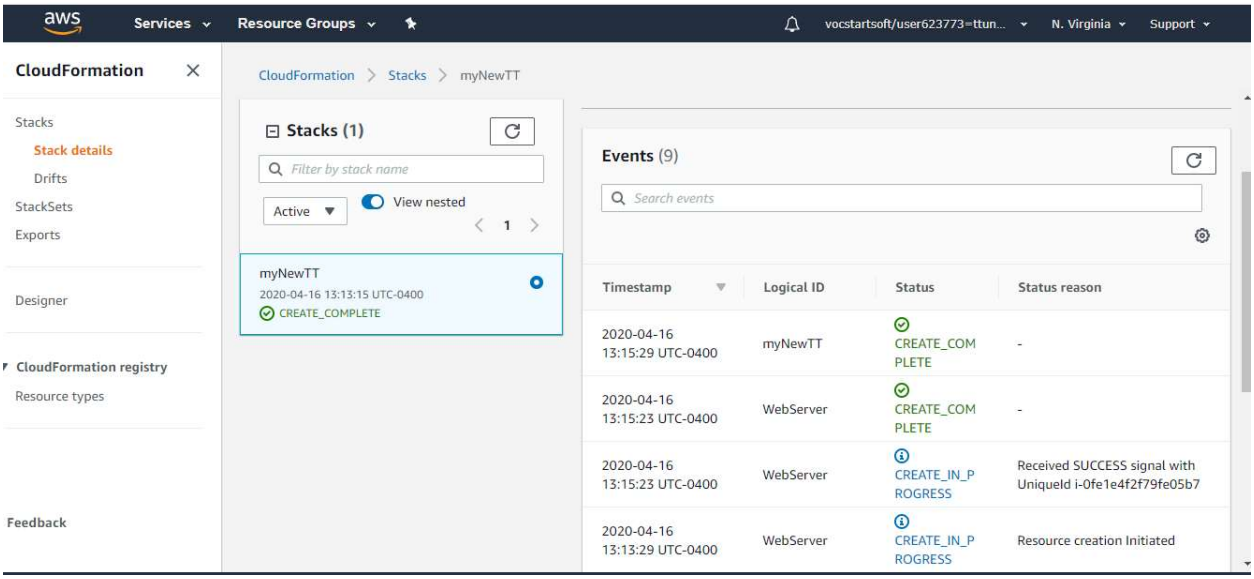
Copy the Website URL and input it in the browser:



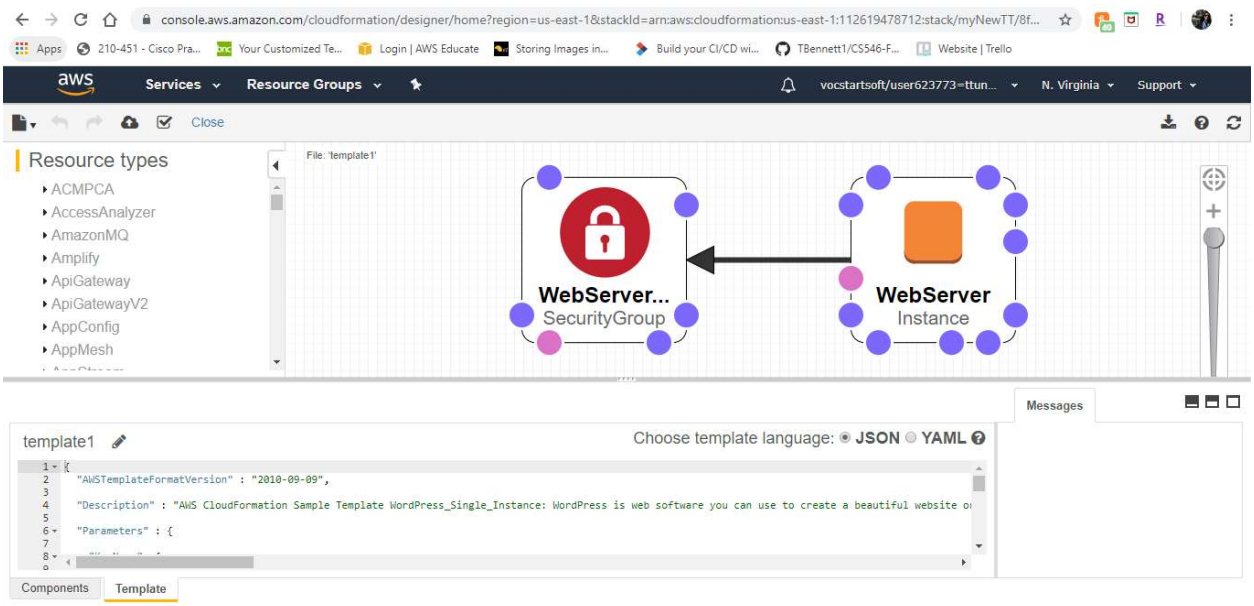
In your instances, if you put the public DNS in the browser, you should get the following output:



You will not get this page if httpd service is not running. Also, if the mysqld service is not running, your website will give you an error: Error connecting to database. So make sure to start these two services.



If you go in Designer View you will see the template as:



The template has to be modified:

```
{
  "AWSTemplateFormatVersion" : "2010-09-09",

  "Description" : "AWS CloudFormation Sample Template WordPress_Single_Instance: WordPress is web software you can use to create a beautiful website or blog. This
template installs WordPress with a local MySQL database for storage. It demonstrates using the AWS CloudFormation bootstrap scripts to deploy WordPress. **WARNING**
This template creates an Amazon EC2 instance. You will be billed for the AWS resources used if you create a stack from this template.",

  "Parameters" : {

    "KeyName": {
      "Description" : "Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instances",
      "Type": "AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName",
      "ConstraintDescription" : "must be the name of an existing EC2 KeyPair."
    },

    "InstanceType" : {
      "Description" : "WebServer EC2 instance type",
      "Type" : "String",
      "Default" : "t2.small",
      "AllowedValues" : [ "t1.micro", "t2.nano", "t2.micro", "t2.small", "t2.medium", "t2.large", "m1.small", "m1.medium", "m1.large", "m1.xlarge", "m2.xlarge",
"m2.2xlarge", "m2.4xlarge", "m3.medium", "m3.large", "m3.xlarge", "m3.2xlarge", "m4.large", "m4.xlarge", "m4.2xlarge", "m4.4xlarge", "m4.10xlarge", "c1.medium",
"c1.xlarge", "c3.large", "c3.xlarge", "c3.2xlarge", "c3.4xlarge", "c3.8xlarge", "c4.large", "c4.xlarge", "c4.2xlarge", "c4.4xlarge", "c4.8xlarge", "g2.2xlarge",
"g2.8xlarge", "r3.large", "r3.xlarge", "r3.2xlarge", "r3.4xlarge", "r3.8xlarge", "i2.xlarge", "i2.2xlarge", "i2.4xlarge", "i2.8xlarge", "d2.xlarge", "d2.2xlarge",
"d2.4xlarge", "d2.8xlarge", "hi1.4xlarge", "hs1.8xlarge", "cr1.8xlarge", "cc2.8xlarge", "cg1.4xlarge"]
,
      "ConstraintDescription" : "must be a valid EC2 instance type."
    },

    "SSHLocation": {
      "Description": "The IP address range that can be used to SSH to the EC2 instances",
      "Type": "String",
      "MinLength": "9",
      "MaxLength": "18",
      "Default": "0.0.0.0/0",
      "AllowedPattern": "(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})/(\\d{1,2})",
      "ConstraintDescription": "must be a valid IP CIDR range of the form x.x.x.x/x."
    },
```

I added the following code in this template:

```
"WebServerGroup" : {
      "Type" : "AWS::AutoScaling::AutoScalingGroup",
      "Properties" : {
        "AvailabilityZones" : { "Fn::GetAZs" : ""},
        "LaunchConfigurationName" : { "Ref" : "LaunchConfig" },
        "MinSize" : "1",
        "MaxSize" : "3",
        "LoadBalancerNames" : [ { "Ref" : "ElasticLoadBalancer" } ],
```

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        "NotificationConfiguration" : {
          "TopicARN" : { "Ref" : "NotificationTopic" },
          "NotificationTypes" : [ "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH",
                                  "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH_ERROR",
                                  "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE",
                                  "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE_ERROR"]
        }
      },


    "LaunchConfig" : {
      "Type" : "AWS::AutoScaling::LaunchConfiguration",
      "Metadata" : {
        "Comment" : "Install a simple application",
        "AWS::CloudFormation::Init" : {
          "config" : {
            "packages" : {
              "yum" : {
                "httpd" : []
              }
            },

            "files" : {
              "/var/www/html/index.html" : {
                "content" : { "Fn::Join" : ["\n", [
                  "<img src=\"", {"Fn::FindInMap" : ["Region2Examples",
{"Ref" : "AWS::Region"}, "Examples"]}, "/cloudformation_graphic.png\"
alt=\"AWS CloudFormation Logo\"/>",
                  "<h1>Congratulations, you have successfully launched the
AWS CloudFormation sample.</h1>"
                ]]},
                "mode"    : "000644",
                "owner"   : "root",
                "group"   : "root"
              },

              "/etc/cfn/cfn-hup.conf" : {
                "content" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", [
                  "[main]\n",
                  "stack=", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackId" }, "\n",
                  "region=", { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" }, "\n"
                ]]},
                "mode"    : "000400",
                "owner"   : "root",
                "group"   : "root"
              },

              "/etc/cfn/hooks.d/cfn-auto-reloader.conf" : {
                "content": { "Fn::Join" : ["", [
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                  "[cfn-auto-reloader-hook]\n",
                  "triggers=post.update\n",

"path=Resources.LaunchConfig.Metadata.AWS::CloudFormation::Init\n",
                  "action=/opt/aws/bin/cfn-init -v ",
                  "         --stack ", { "Ref" : "AWS::StackName" },
                  "         --resource LaunchConfig ",
                  "         --region ", { "Ref" : "AWS::Region" }, "\n",
                  "runas=root\n"
                ]]}
              }
            },

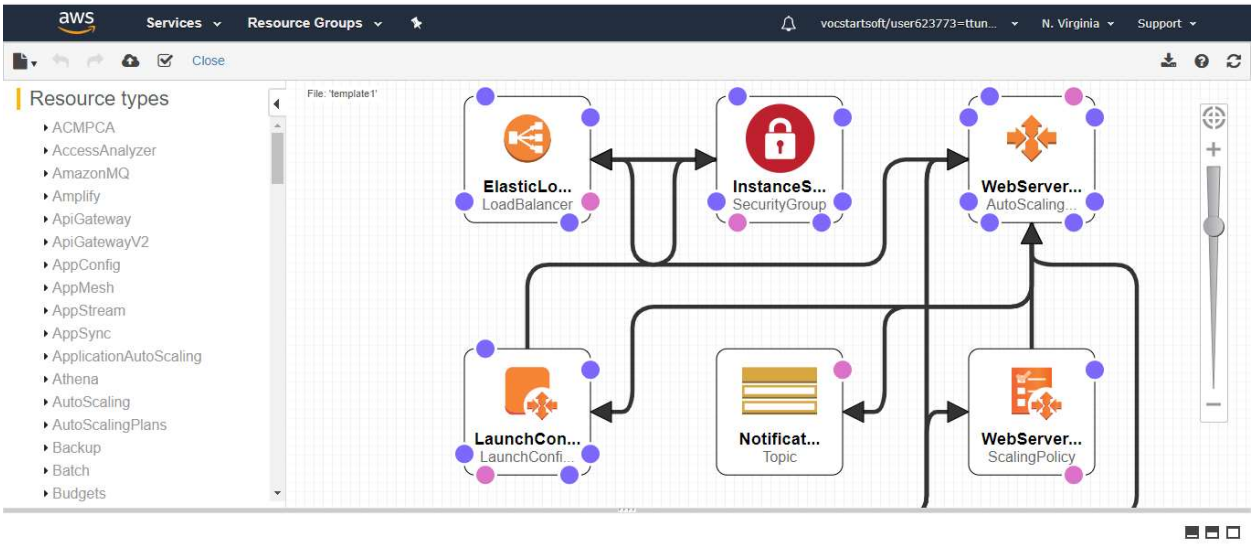
            "services" : {
              "sysvinit" : {
                "httpd"    : { "enabled" : "true", "ensureRunning" : "true"
},
                "cfn-hup" : { "enabled" : "true", "ensureRunning" : "true",
                              "files" : ["/etc/cfn/cfn-hup.conf",
"/etc/cfn/hooks.d/cfn-auto-reloader.conf"]}
              }
            }
          }
        },



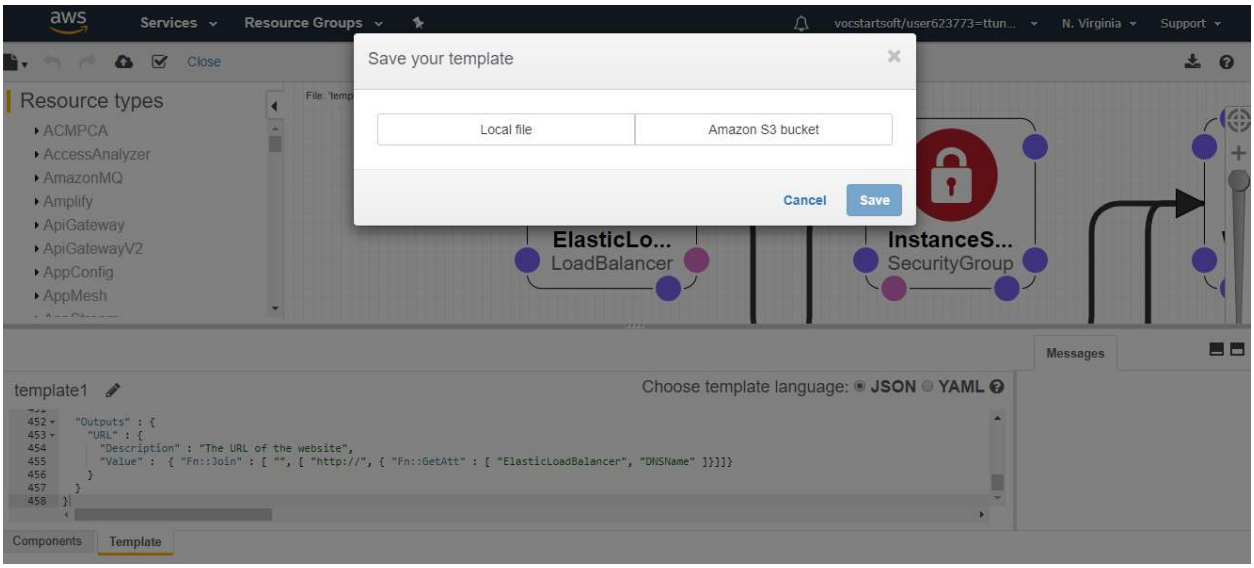
"ElasticLoadBalancer" : {
      "Type" : "AWS::ElasticLoadBalancing::LoadBalancer",
      "Properties" : {
        "AvailabilityZones" : { "Fn::GetAZs" : "" },
        "CrossZone" : "true",
        "Listeners" : [ {
          "LoadBalancerPort" : "80",
          "InstancePort" : "80",
          "Protocol" : "HTTP"
        } ],
        "HealthCheck" : {
          "Target" : "HTTP:80/",
          "HealthyThreshold" : "3",
          "UnhealthyThreshold" : "5",
          "Interval" : "30",
          "Timeout" : "5"
        }
      }
    },
```

```
  "Outputs" : {
    "WebsiteURL" : {
      "Value" : { "Fn::Join" : ["", ["http://", { "Fn::GetAtt" : [ "ElasticLoadBalancer", "DNSName" ]} ]]},
      "Description" : "WordPress Website"
    }
  }
```

The design looks like this:

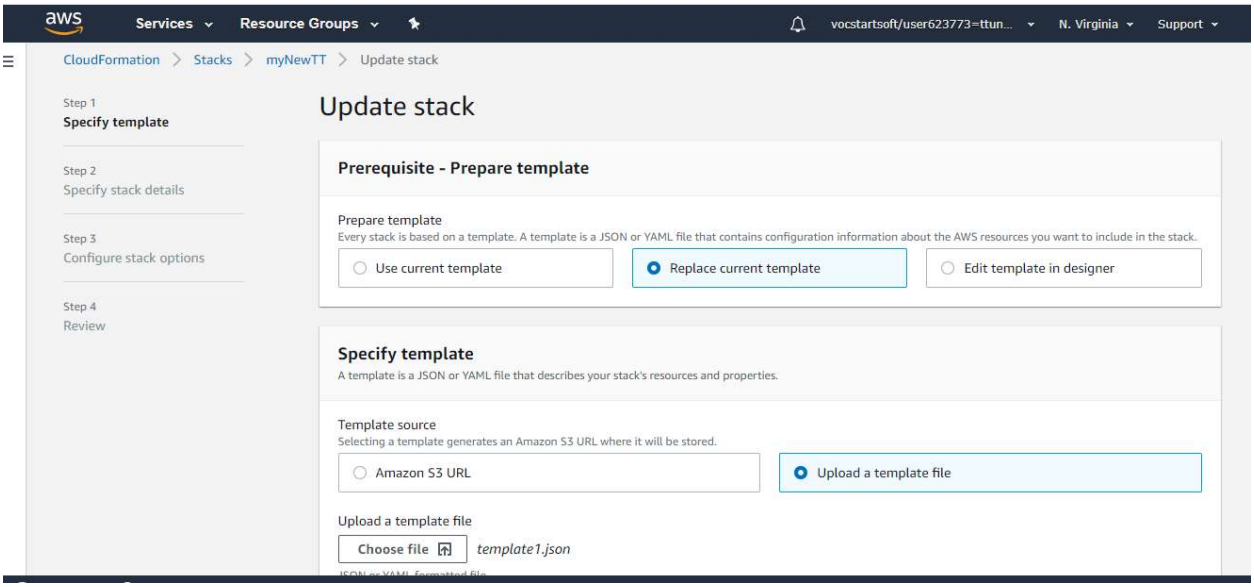


Save it on S3 bucket or as a local .json file.

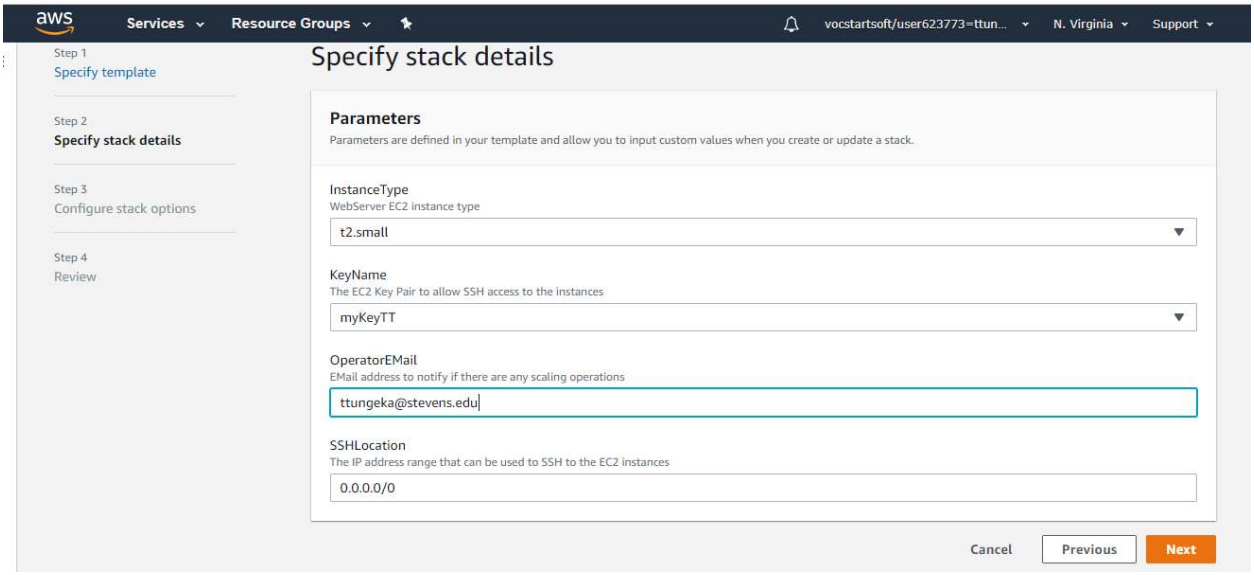


Now go to Services> CloudFormation> Stacks and click on the stack you created.

Click on Update button and replace the template by uploading the newly created template:

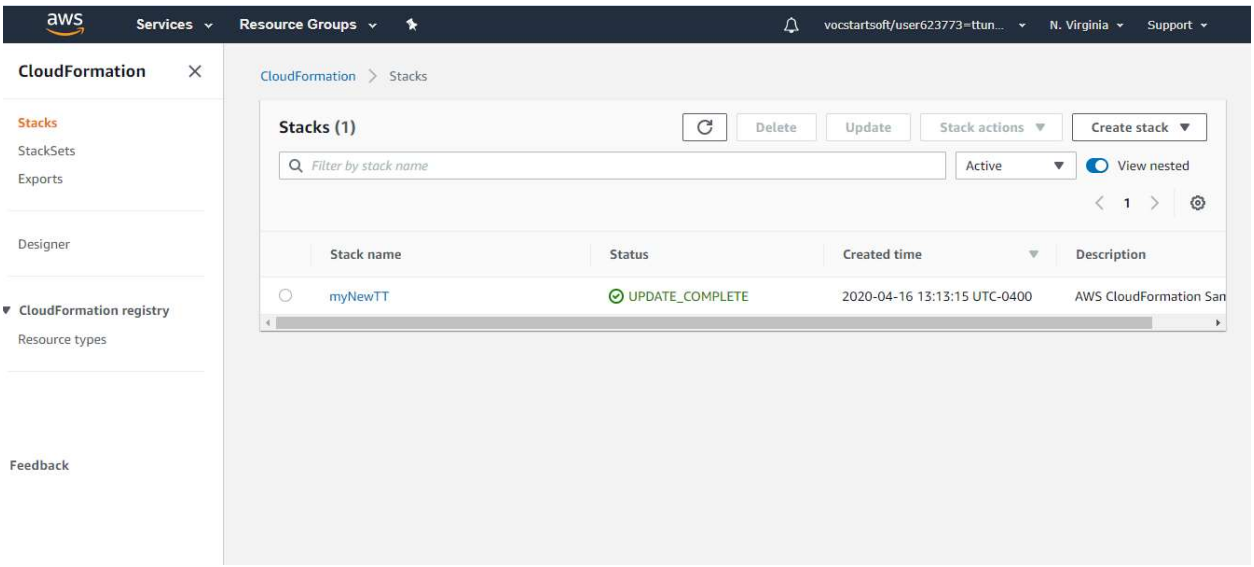


You need to provide an email id after clicking next:



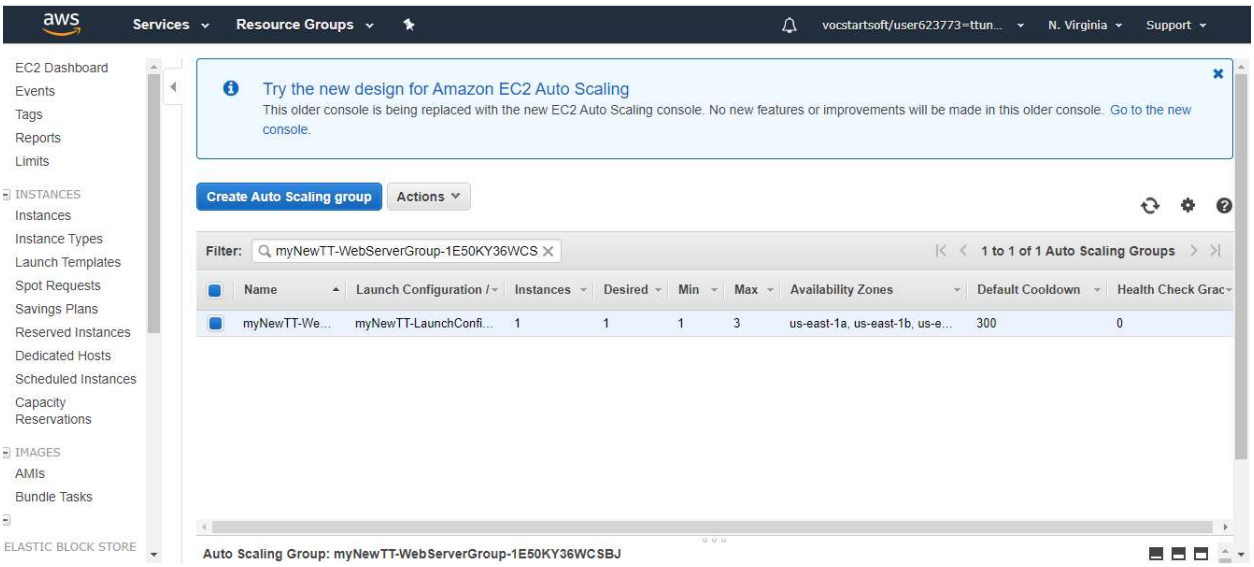
Click on Next and then select Update Stack.

Since you have provided your email address as the operator email address, you will receive a confirmation when the stack is autoscaled.

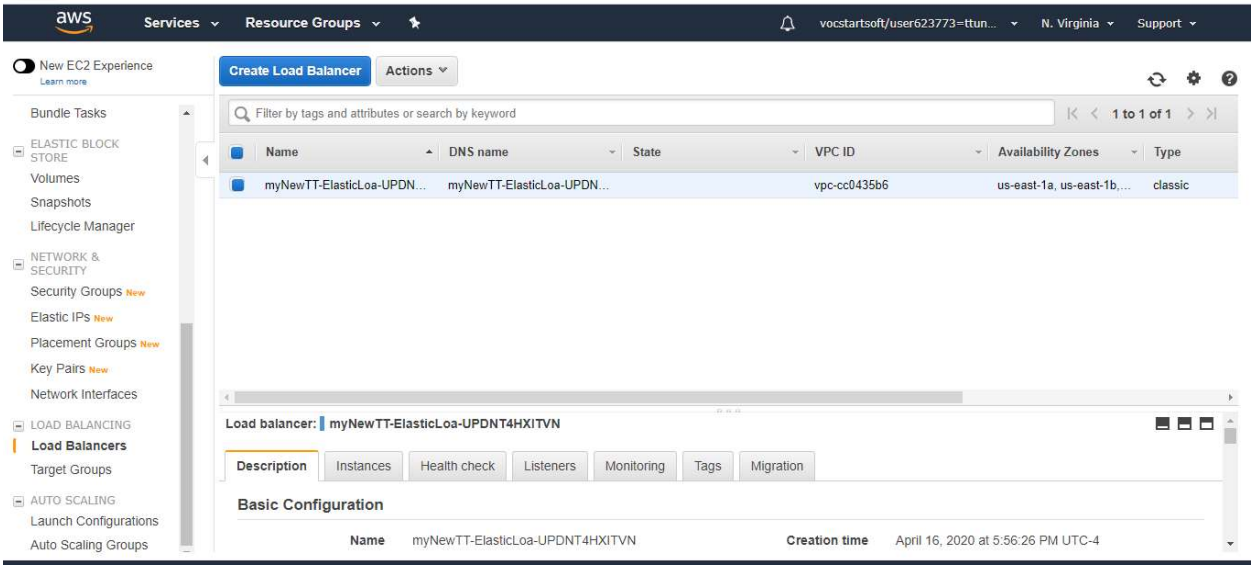


The stack has been updated successfully!

The Auto-Scaling group looks like this:



MinSize and MaxSize set the minimum and maximum number of EC2 instances in the Auto Scaling group.



The template of load balancer

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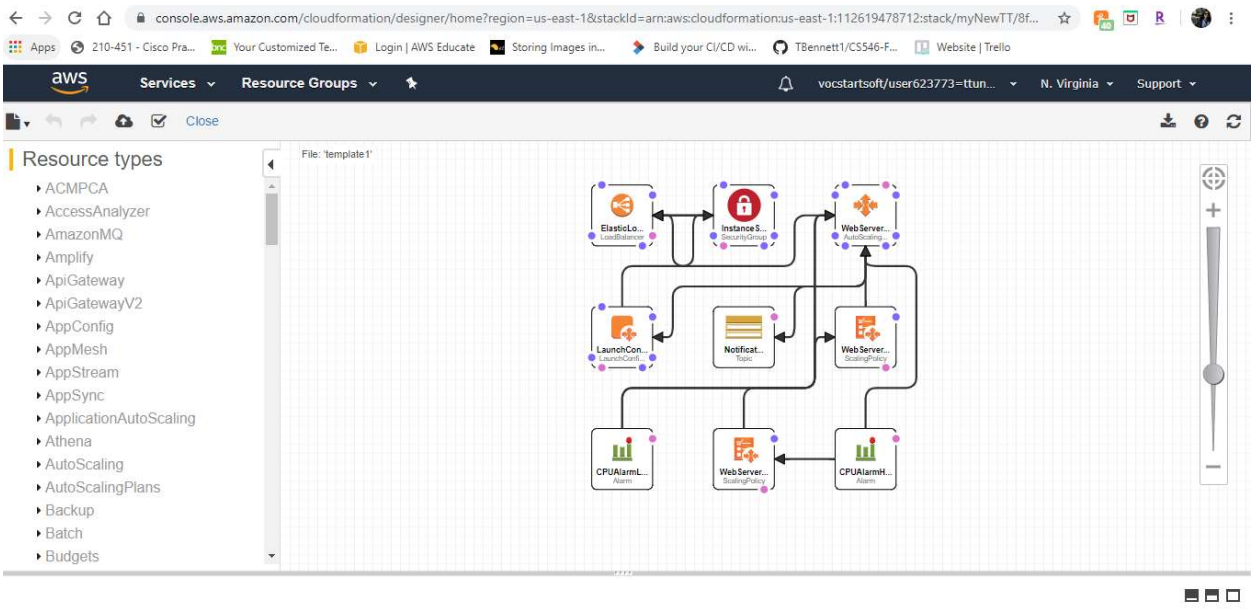
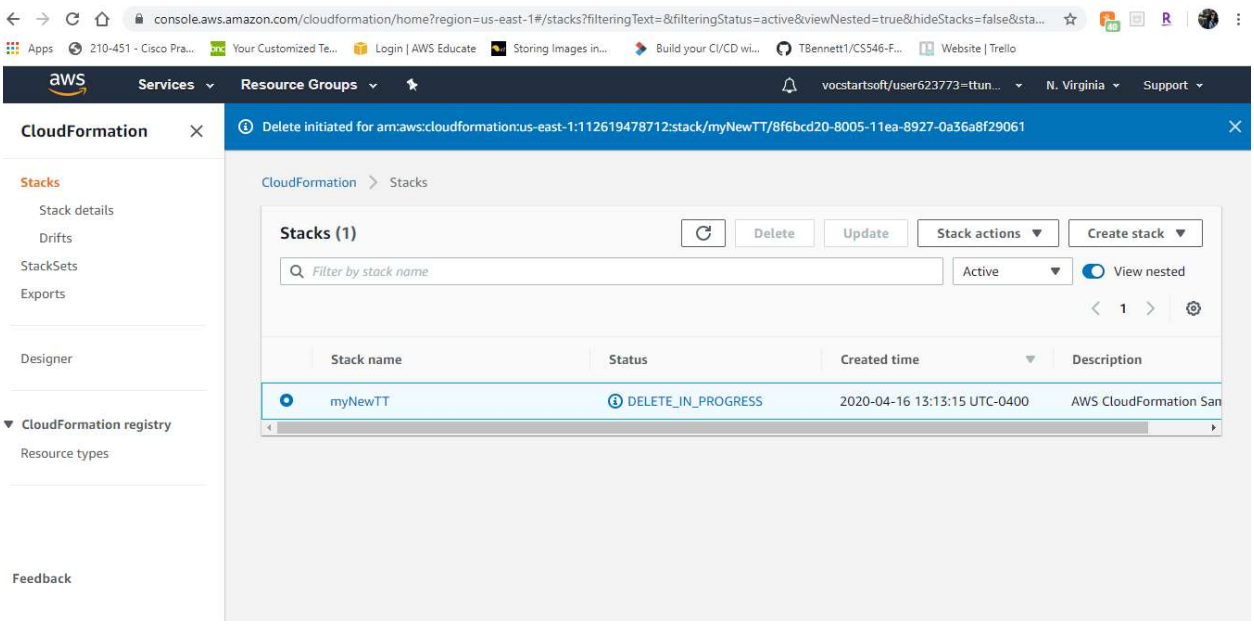
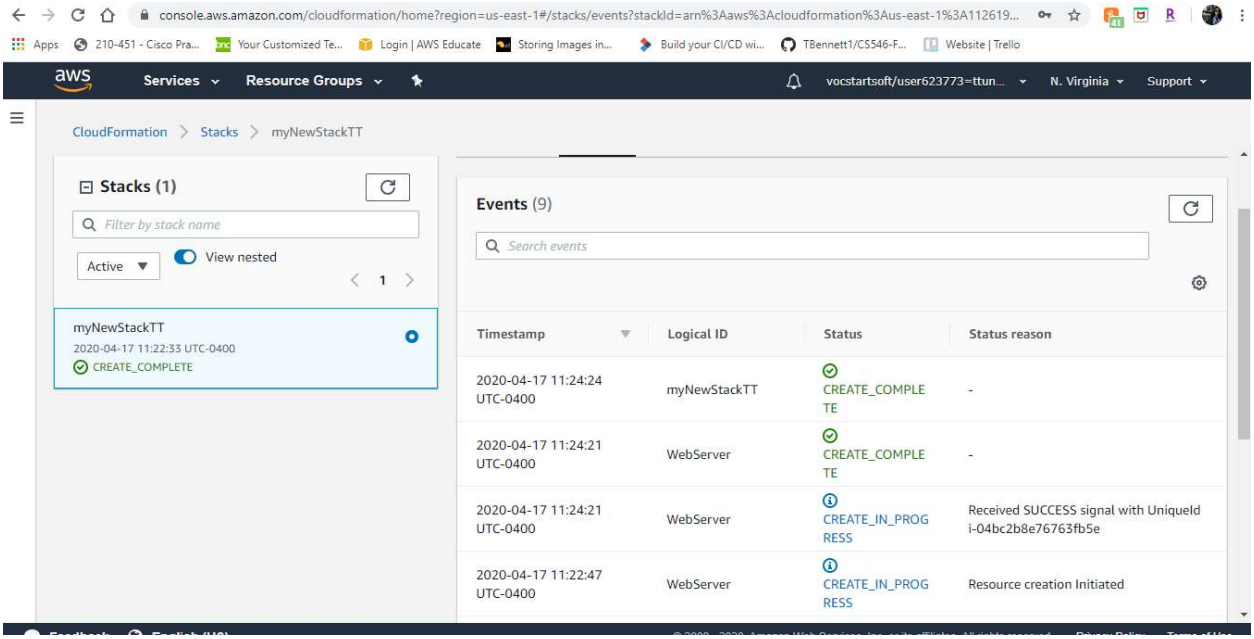


Delete Stack after these steps:



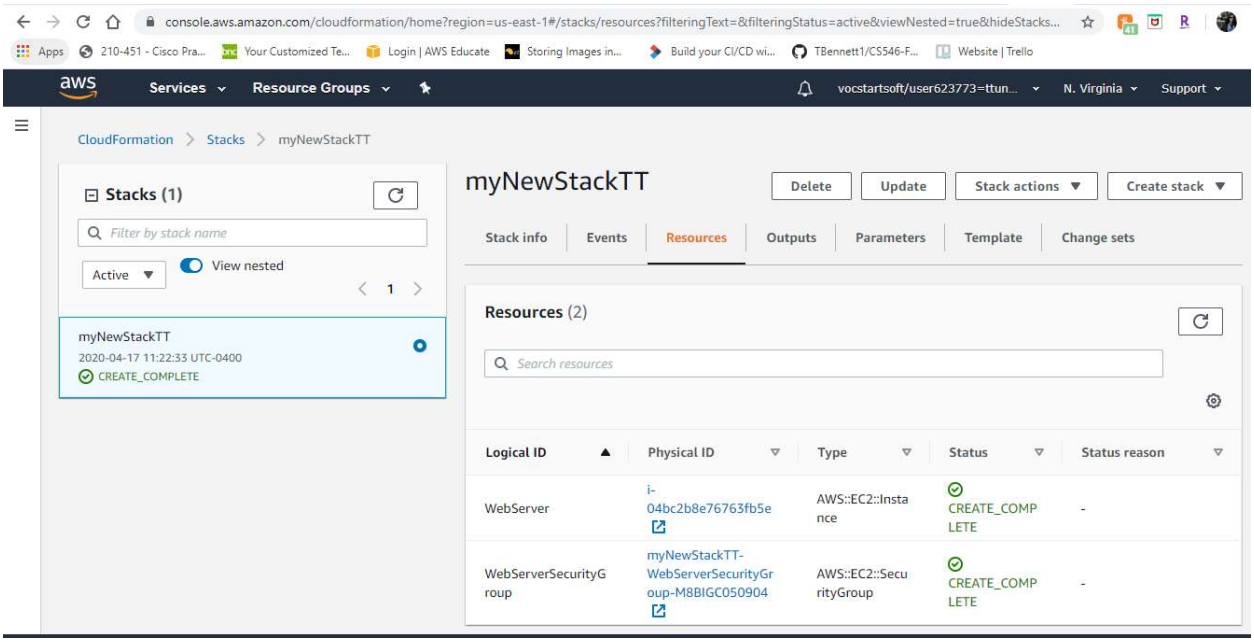
Since I deployed a LoadBalancer, my initial WordPress website has been overridden.

So I created a new stack using same steps described above:

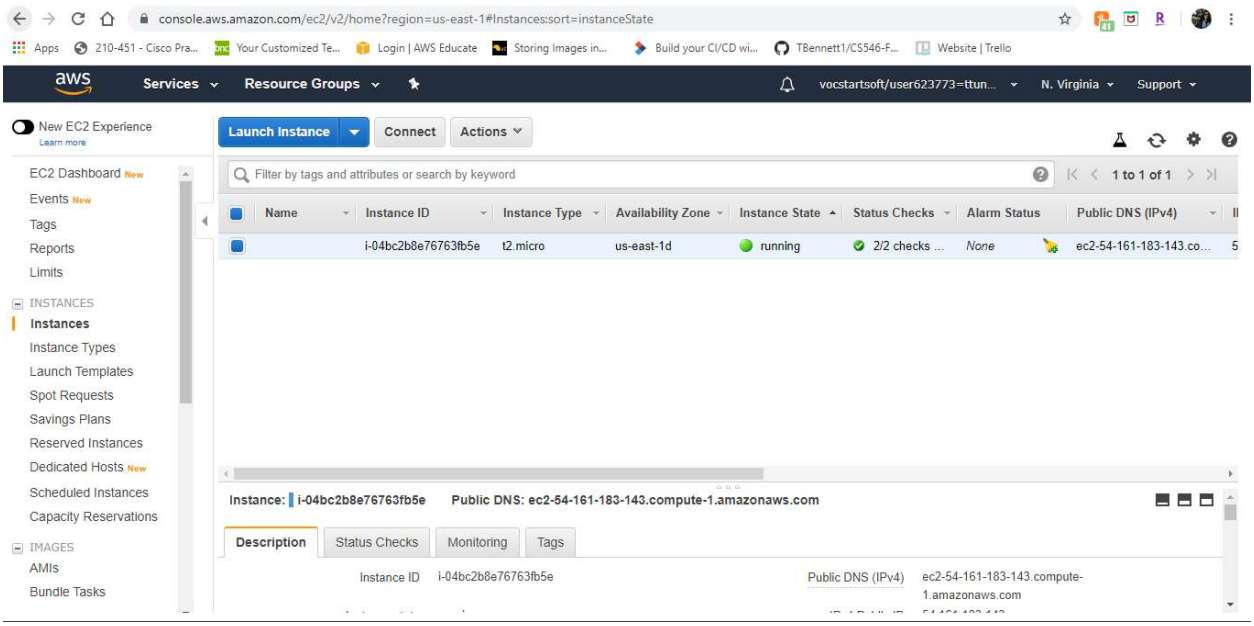


The worpress URL can be found in the Outputs tab of the Stack:

So the instance created in the backend is again Linux AMI ☹ instead of Linux 2. So I will have to install the new PHP version by connecting to the machine through Putty.

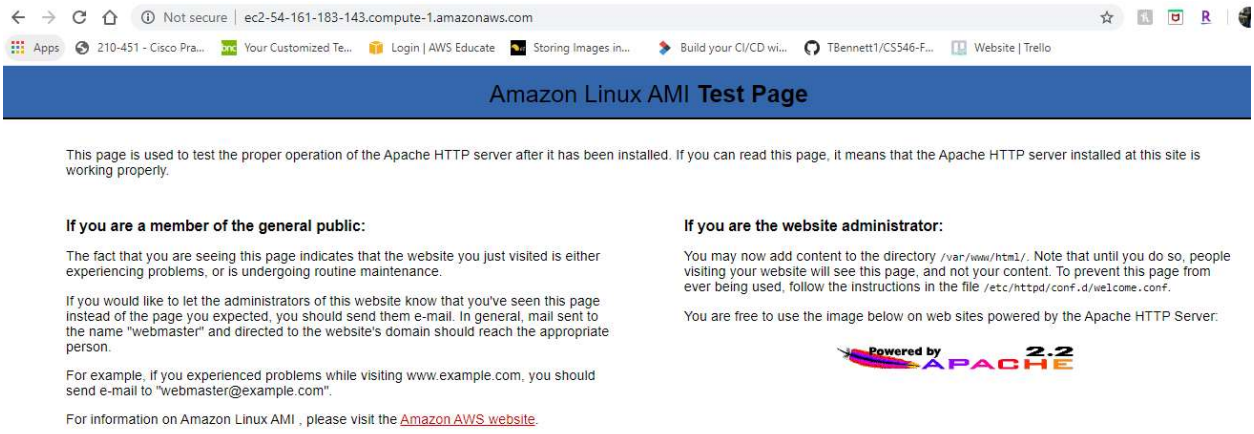


The WebServer is the instance created in EC2.

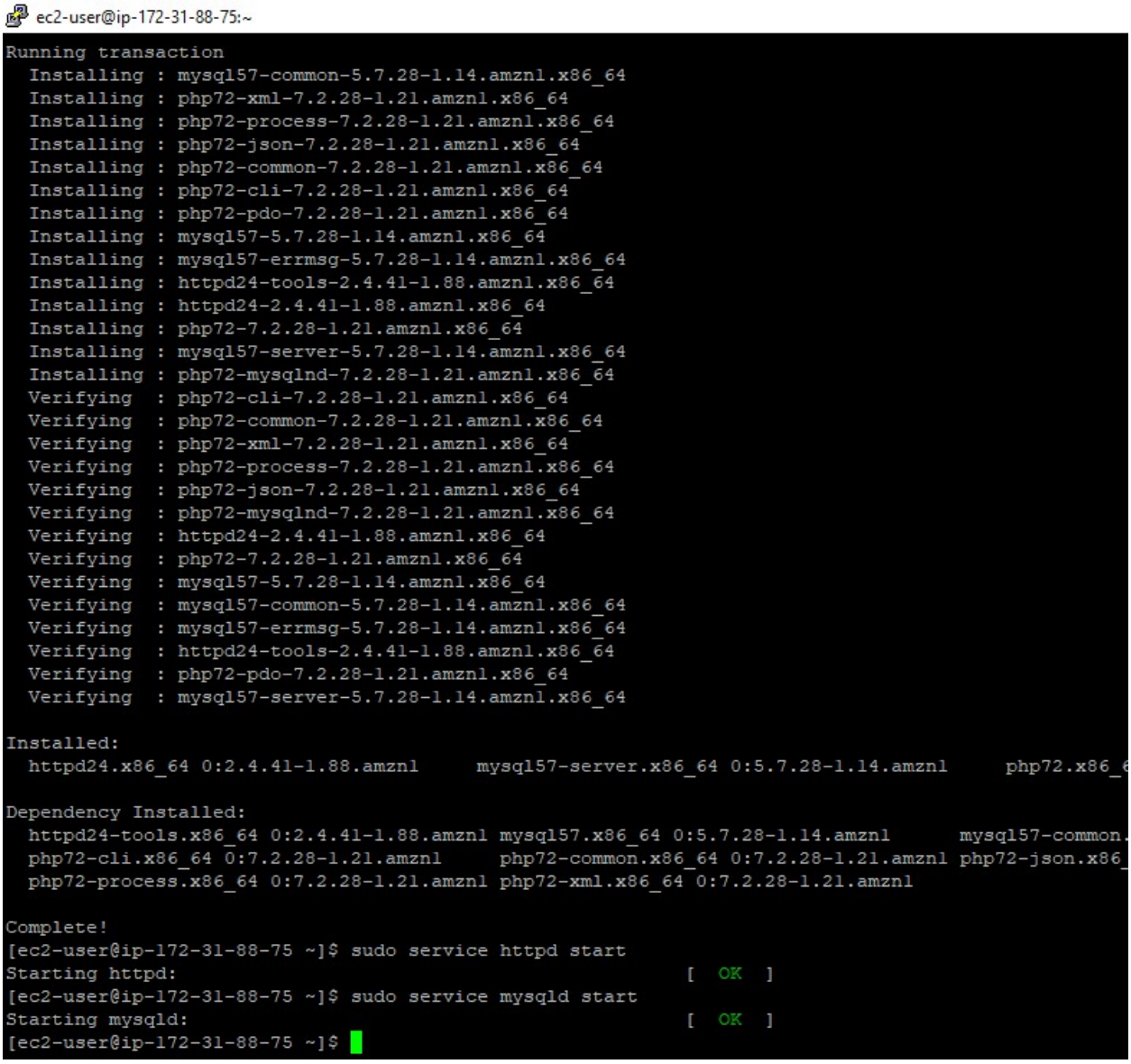


This instance was created by the CloudFormation service.

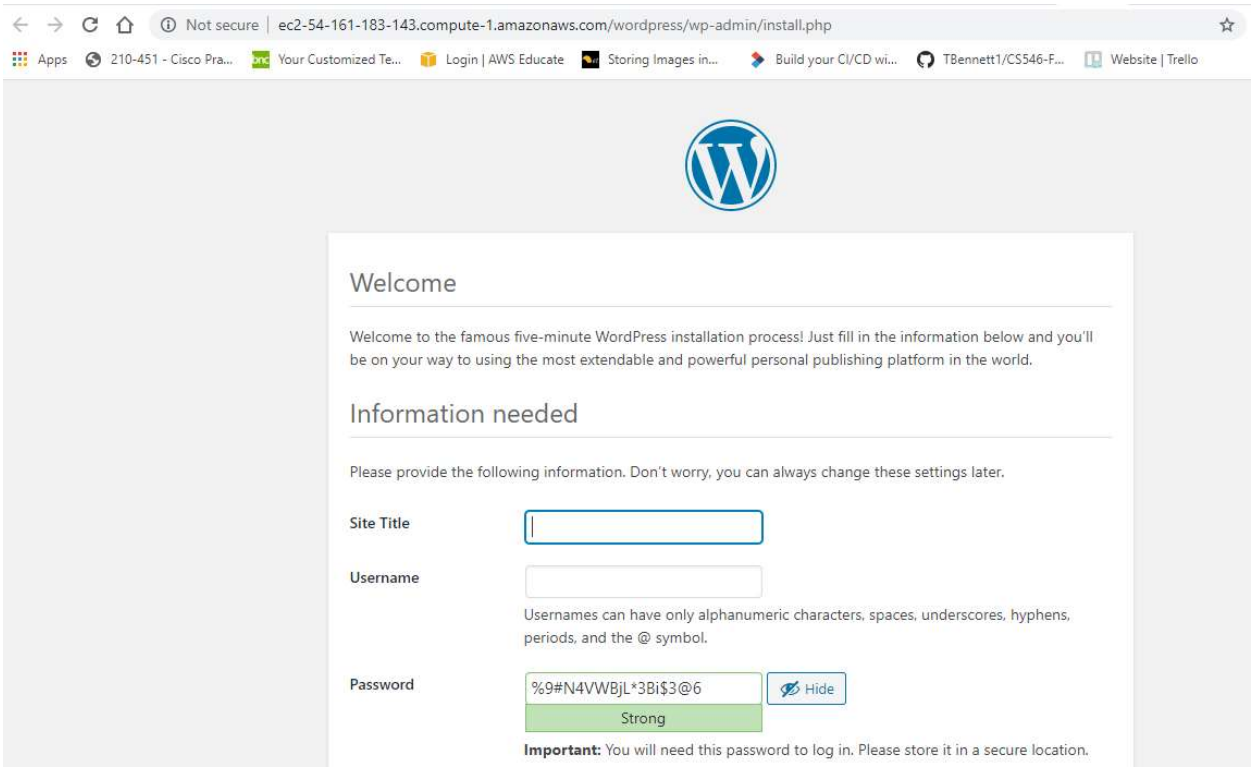
I already have myKeyTT to connect to this machine using putty.



After installing php 7.2 and restarting httpd and mysqld services:

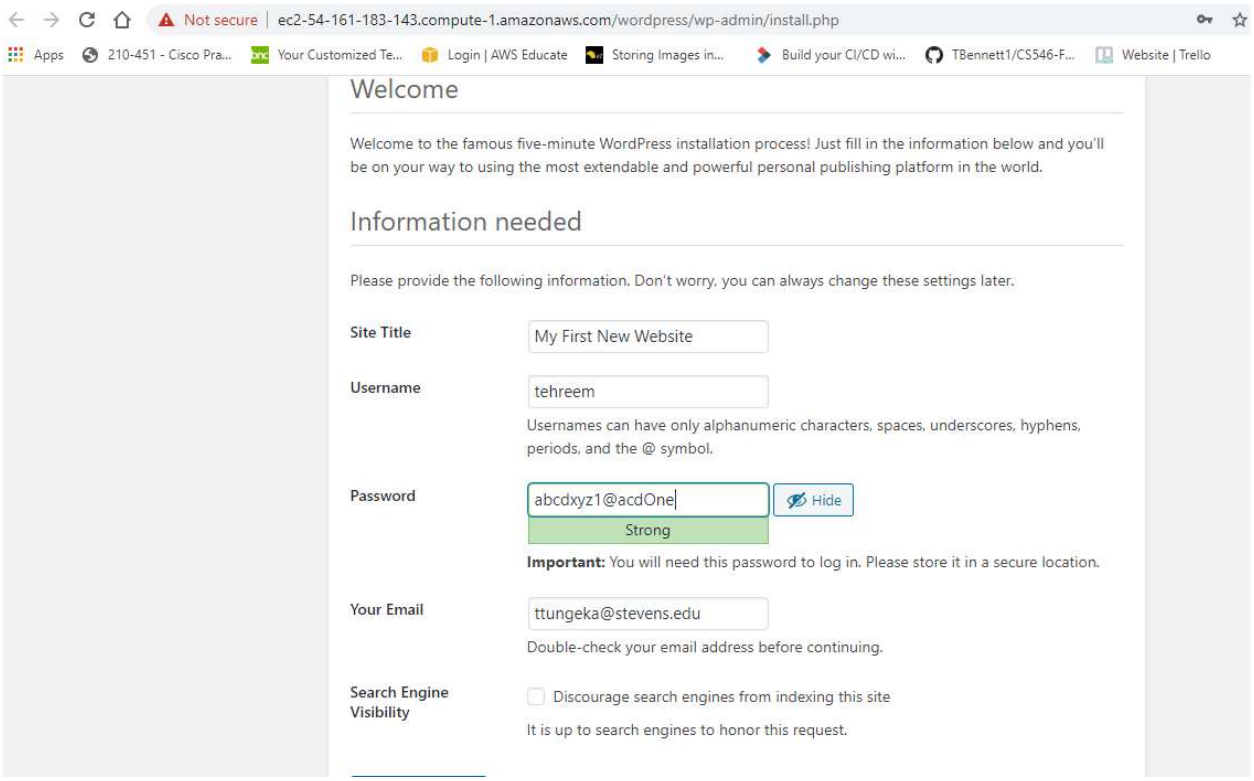


Copy the URL of WordPress website and paste it in the browser:



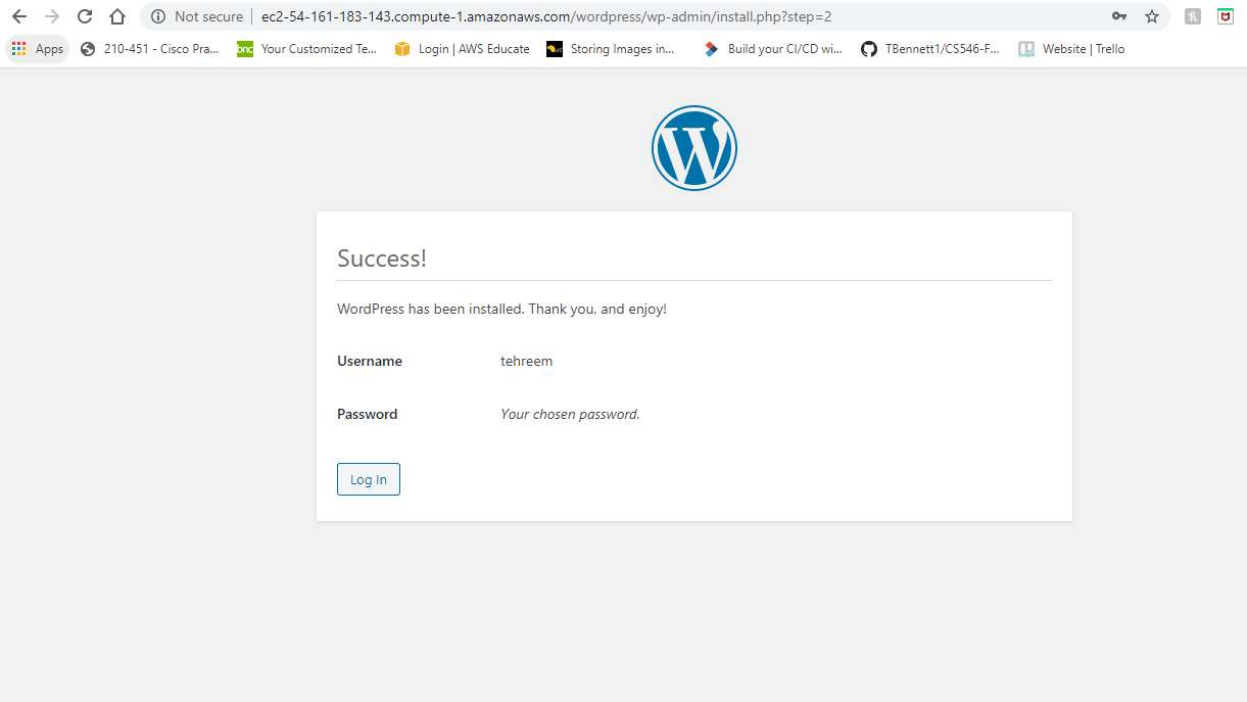
So the website is running successfully!

WordPress lets you create blogs and it is widely used on the web.

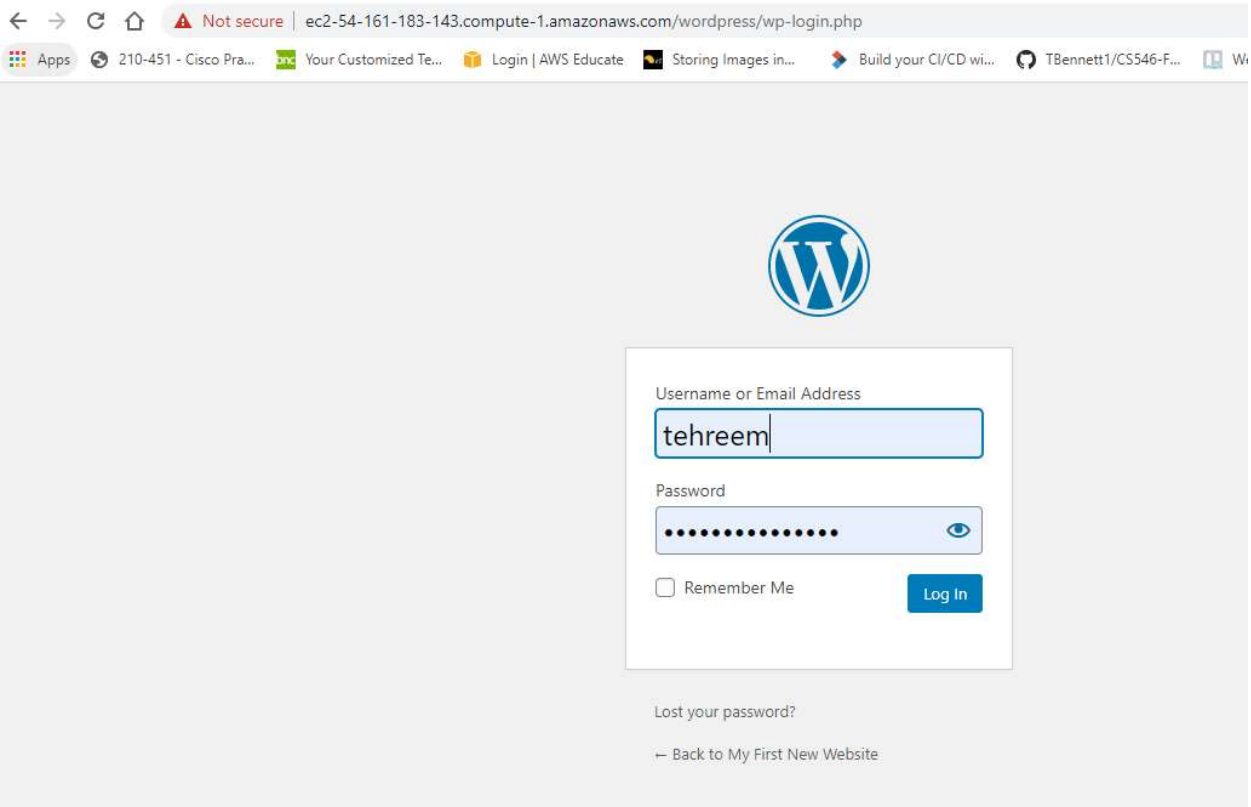


Don’t check the search engine visibility checkbox else traffic to your website will be lost.

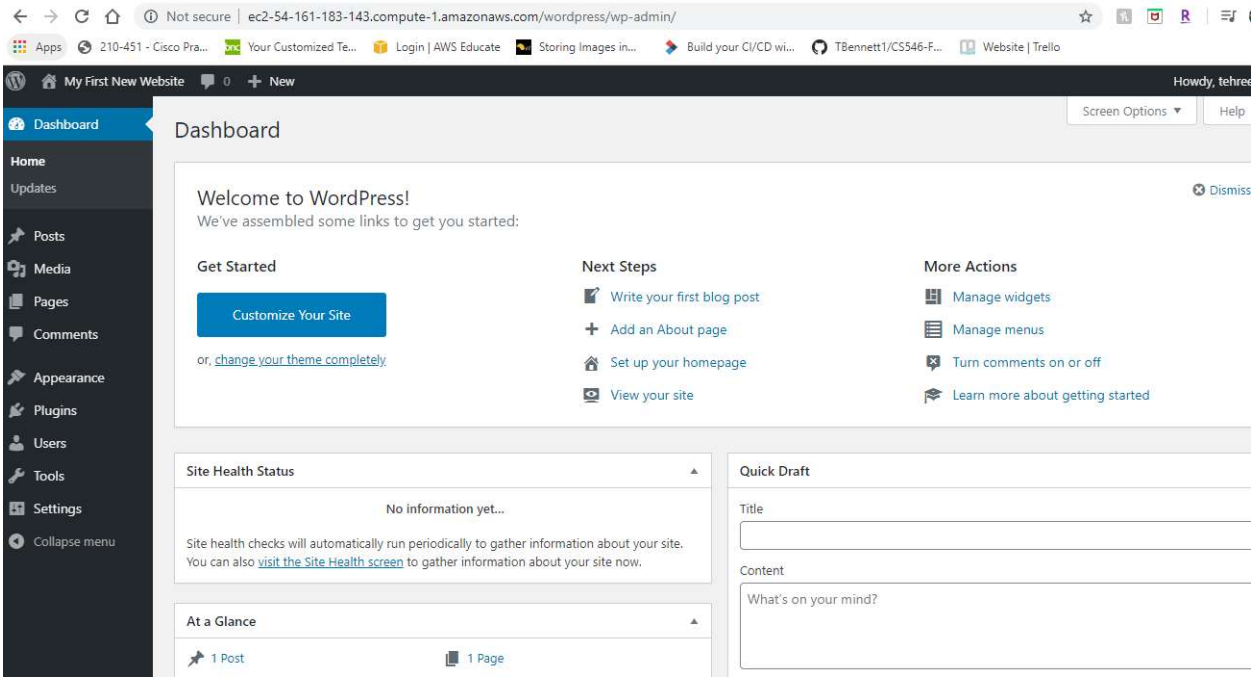
Click on Install WordPress.



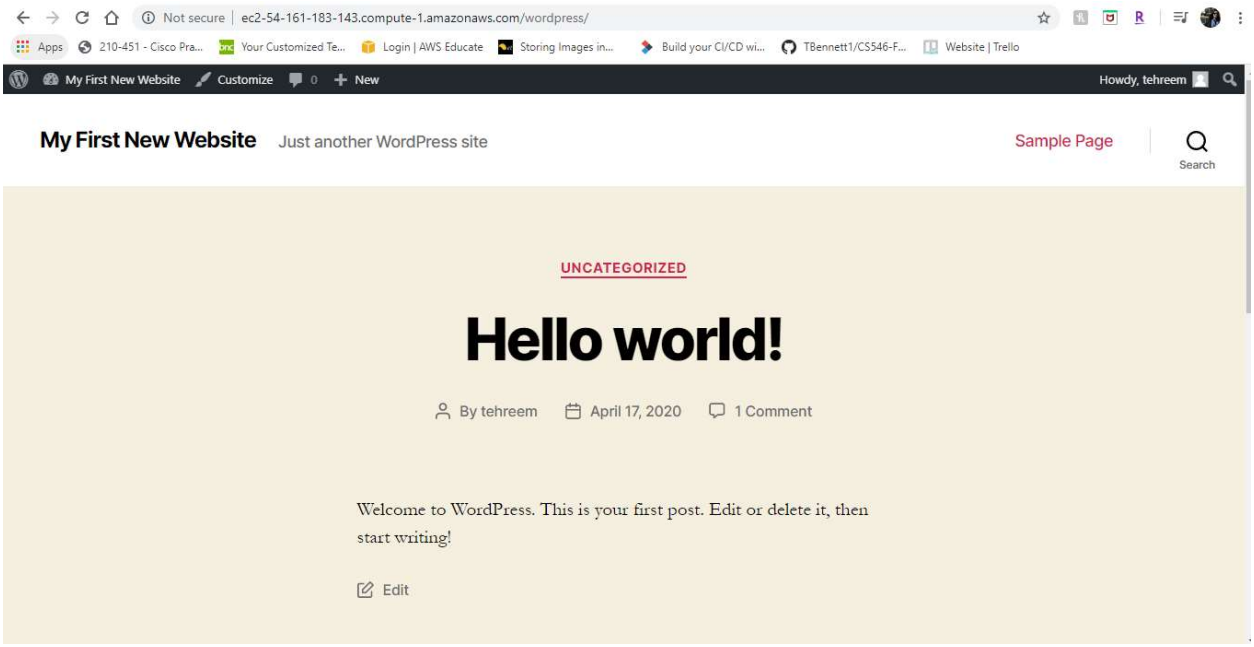
Click on Log in.



Click on Log in after entering your username and password. You will be redirected to WordPress dashboard.



Click on the Home button on the top-left corner – My first Website and Click on Visit.



In the terminal, put this command so that you can install other themes without giving any credentials for FTP.

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-75 ~]$ sudo chown -R apache:apache /var/www/html/wordpress/
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-75 ~]$
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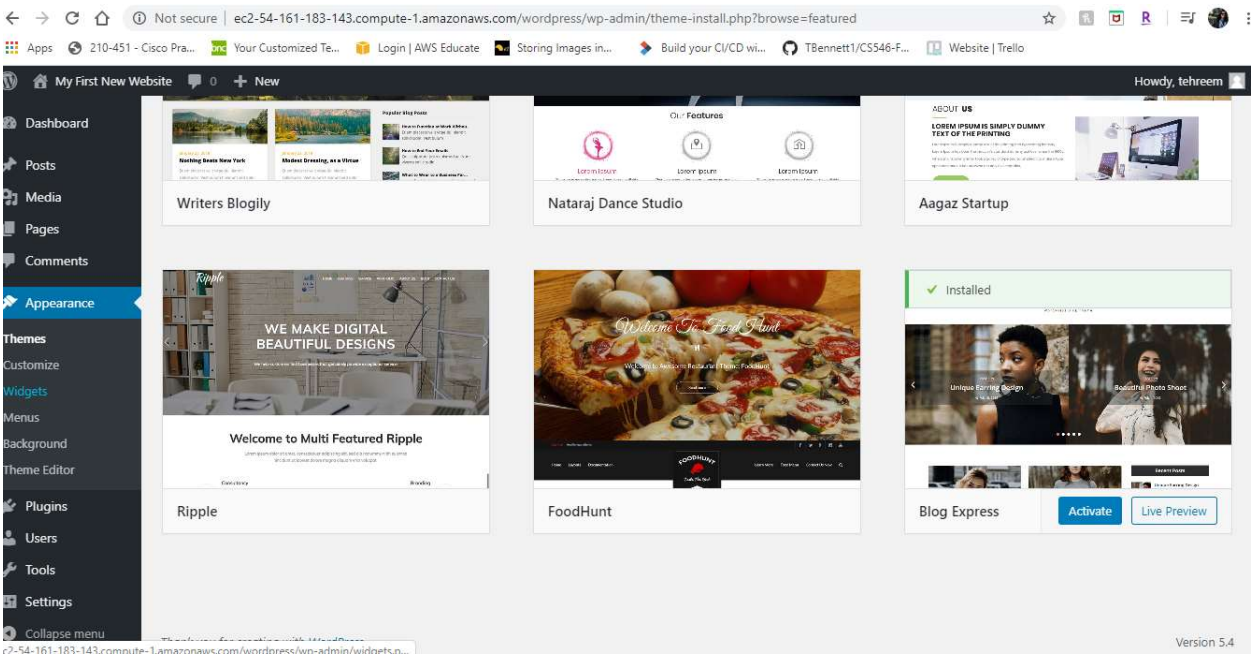
Now install any theme of your choice:

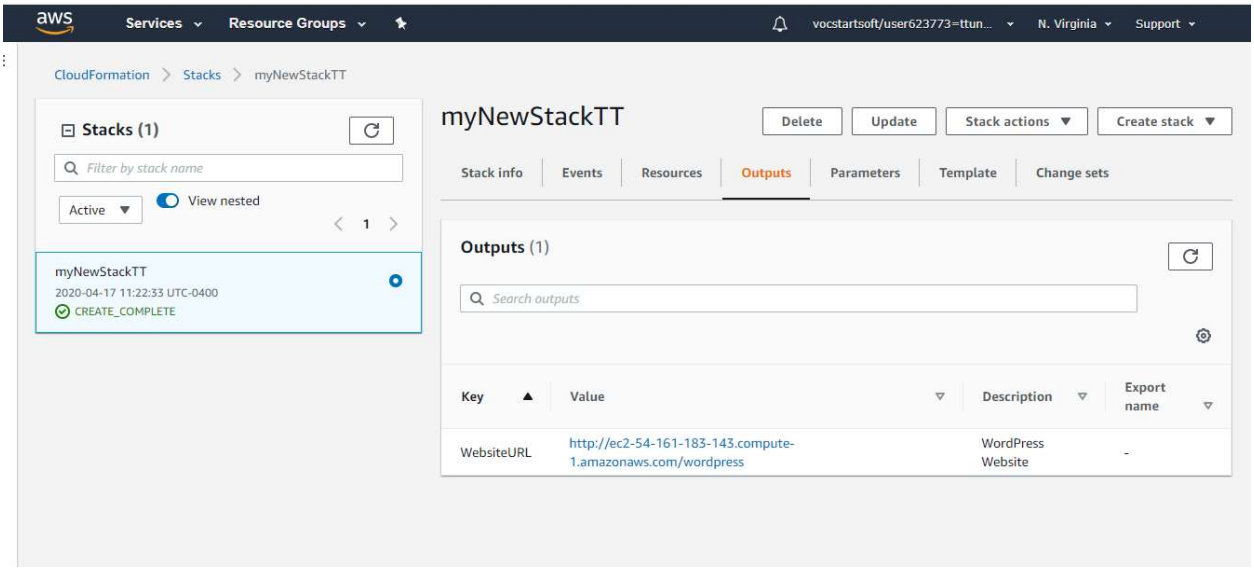


I have installed Blog Express Theme.

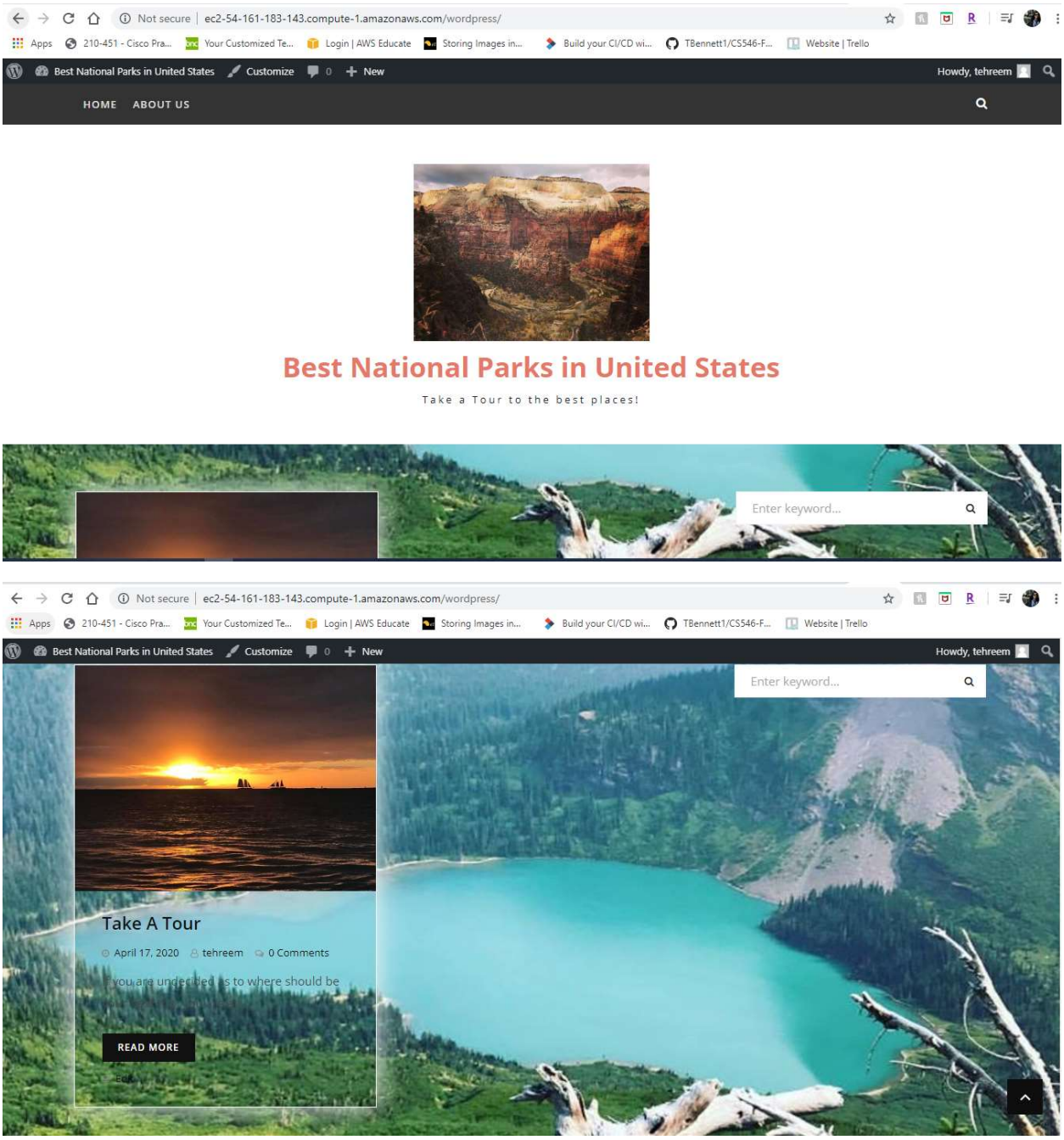
Click on Activate.

So I have edited and customized my website.

Now go to CloudFormation from Services:

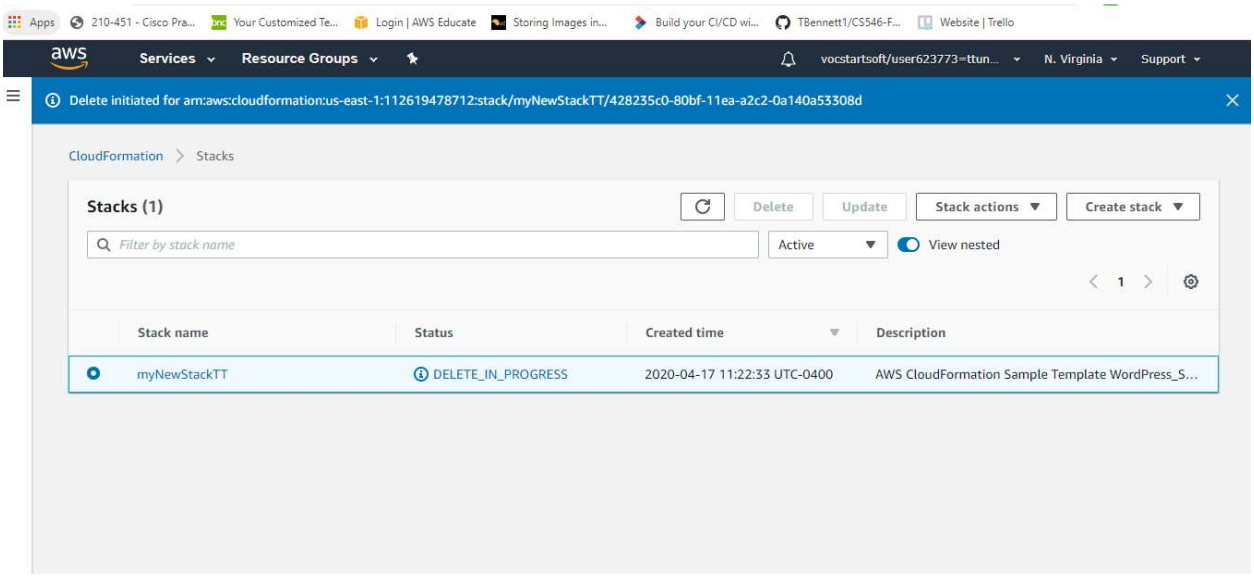


Click on the website URL in the Outputs tab:



The WordPress website has been successfully deployed.

Now go to Stacks and Delete the stack. The instance associated with the stack will be deleted automatically.



The EC2 Instance has been terminated in the backend: