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Creating an Amazon EKS (Elastic Kubernetes Service) cluster

1. Set up IAM roles for EKS.

- Go to aws IAM service and create a new role for the EKS

Role details

Role name

Enter a meaningful name to identify this role.

EKS

Maximum 64 characters. Use alphanumeric and "+, @, _" characters.

Description

Add a short explanation for this role.

Allows access to other AWS service resources that are required to operate clusters managed by EKS.

Maximum 1000 characters. Use alphanumeric and "+, @, _" characters.

Step 1: Select trusted entities

Trust policy

```
1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Effect": "Allow",
6       "Principal": {
7         "Service": [
8           "eks.amazonaws.com"
9         ]
10      },
11      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
12    }
13  ]
14 }
```

Step 2: Add permissions

Permissions policy summary

Policy name 🔗	▲ Type	▼ Attached as
AmazonEKSClusterPolicy	AWS managed	Permissions policy

Step 3: Add tags

Add tags - optional [info](#)

Tags are key-value pairs that you can add to AWS resources to help identify, organize, or search for resources.

No tags associated with the resource.

2. Create an EKS cluster.

- Open the Amazon EKS console.
- Click on “Create Cluster” and choose the “AWS management Console” method.

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Cluster configuration

Info

Name

Enter a unique name for this cluster. This property cannot be changed after the cluster is created.

eks-cluster

The cluster name should begin with letter or digit and can have any of the following characters: the set of Unicode letters, digits, hyphens, and underscores. Maximum length of 100.

Kubernetes version

Info

Select Kubernetes version for this cluster.

1.29

Kubernetes version 1.29 reaches the end of standard support on March 23, 2025. If you don't update your cluster to a later version before that date, it will automatically enter extended support. After the extended support preview ends, clusters on versions in extended support will be subject to additional fees. [Learn more](#)

Cluster service role

Info

Select the IAM role to allow the Kubernetes control plane to manage AWS resources on your behalf. This property cannot be changed after the cluster is created. To create a new role, follow the instructions in the [Amazon EKS User Guide](#).

EKS

Cluster access

Info

Control how IAM principals can access this cluster.

Bootstrap cluster administrator access

Info

Choose whether the IAM principal creating the cluster has Kubernetes cluster administrator access.

☒ Allow cluster administrator access

Allow cluster administrator access for your IAM principal.

☐ Disallow cluster administrator access

Disallow cluster administrator access for your IAM principal.

Cluster authentication mode

Info

Configure which source the cluster will use for authenticated IAM principals.

☐ EKS API

The cluster will source authenticated IAM principals only from EKS access entry APIs.

☒ EKS API and ConfigMap

The cluster will source authenticated IAM principals from both EKS access entry APIs and the aws-auth ConfigMap.

☐ ConfigMap

The cluster will source authenticated IAM principals only from the aws-auth ConfigMap.

Secrets encryption

Info

Once turned on, secrets encryption cannot be modified or removed.

☒ Turn on envelope encryption of Kubernetes secrets using KMS

Envelope encryption provides an additional layer of encryption for your Kubernetes secrets.

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IP address family and service IP address range cannot be changed after cluster creation.

VPC [Info](#)

Select a VPC to use for your EKS cluster resources. To create a new VPC, go to the [VPC console](#).

vpc-068411b0881678b32 | Default

Subnets [Info](#)

Choose the subnets in your VPC where the control plane may place elastic network interfaces (ENIs) to facilitate communication with your cluster. To create a new subnet, go to the corresponding page in the [VPC console](#).

Select subnets

subnet-0fcd06f9aef67306
us-east-1a 172.31.32.0/20

subnet-03f4f8a42e867d6d8
us-east-1b 172.31.0.0/20

subnet-08b484af69cdfc12a
us-east-1c 172.31.80.0/20

subnet-0ad16a103b0dc06ed
us-east-1d 172.31.16.0/20

subnet-03f43ba4fc1545ec3
us-east-1f 172.31.64.0/20

Security groups [Info](#)

Choose the security groups to apply to the EKS-managed Elastic Network Interfaces that are created in your control plane subnets. To create a new security group, go to the corresponding page in the [VPC console](#).

Select security groups

sg-0e4257957d44bffa5

Choose cluster IP address family [Info](#)

Specify the IP address type for pods and services in your cluster.

☒ IPv4

☐ IPv6

☐ Configure Kubernetes service IP address range [Info](#)

Specify the range from which cluster services will receive IP addresses.

Cluster endpoint access [Info](#)

Configure access to the Kubernetes API server endpoint.

☒ Public

The cluster endpoint is accessible from outside of your VPC. Worker node traffic will leave your VPC to connect to the endpoint.

☐ Public and private

The cluster endpoint is accessible from outside of your VPC. Worker node traffic to the endpoint will stay within your VPC.

☐ Private

The cluster endpoint is only accessible through your VPC. Worker node traffic to the endpoint will stay within your VPC.

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Metrics

Prometheus

Info

☐

Send Prometheus metrics to Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus

Monitor your application and infrastructure metrics with Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus. These metrics include system health and performance data.

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Agentless Prometheus metrics collection requires the cluster API server to be available privately. To make the following toggle available, select either the Public and private option or the Private option for Cluster endpoint access in Specify networking.

CloudWatch

Info

☐

You can enable CloudWatch Observability in your clusters through the CloudWatch Observability add-on. After your cluster is created, navigate to the add-ons tab and install CloudWatch Observability add-on to enable CloudWatch Application Signals and Container Insights and start ingesting telemetry into CloudWatch.

Control plane logging

Info

Send audit and diagnostic logs from the Amazon EKS control plane to CloudWatch Logs.

☐ API server

Logs pertaining to API requests to the cluster.

☐ Audit

Logs pertaining to cluster access via the Kubernetes API.

☐ Authenticator

Logs pertaining to authentication requests into the cluster.

☐ Controller manager

Logs pertaining to state of cluster controllers.

☐ Scheduler

Logs pertaining to scheduling decisions.

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Extended support for Kubernetes versions pricing

New prices for extended support will start in the April billing cycle. For more information, see the [blog post](#).

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Select add-ons

Review the add-ons from multiple categories, then select add-ons to enhance your cluster.

Amazon EKS add-ons (5)

Info

CoreDNS

Info

☒

Enable service discovery within your cluster.

Category: networking

Installed by default

kube-proxy

Info

☒

Enable service networking within your cluster.

Category: networking

Installed by default

Amazon VPC CNI

Info

☒

Enable pod networking within your cluster.

Category: networking

Installed by default

Amazon EKS Pod Identity Agent

Info

☒

Install EKS Pod Identity Agent to use EKS Pod Identity to grant AWS IAM permissions to pods through Kubernetes service accounts.

Category: security

Amazon GuardDuty EKS Runtime Monitoring

Info

☐

Install EKS Runtime Monitoring add-on within your cluster. Ensure to enable EKS Runtime Monitoring within Amazon GuardDuty.

Category: security

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Configure the add-ons for your cluster by selecting settings.

CoreDNS [Info](#)

Category
networking

Status
🟢 Installed by default

Version
Select the version for this add-on.

v1.11.1-eksbuild.4 ▼

kube-proxy [Info](#)

Category
networking

Status
🟢 Installed by default

Version
Select the version for this add-on.

v1.29.0-eksbuild.1 ▼

Amazon VPC CNI [Info](#)

Category
networking

Status
🟢 Installed by default

Version
Select the version for this add-on.

v1.16.0-eksbuild.1 ▼

Amazon EKS Pod Identity Agent [Info](#)

Remove add-on

Category
security

Status
🟢 Ready to install

Version
Select the version for this add-on.

v1.2.0-eksbuild.1 ▼

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Step 1: Cluster

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Cluster configuration

Name	Kubernetes version
eks-cluster	1.29
Cluster service role	Kubernetes cluster administrator access
arn:aws:iam::339712780864:role/EKS	Allow cluster administrator access
Authentication mode	
EKS API and ConfigMap	

Tags (0)

Tags that you've added. Each tag consists of a key and an optional value.

< 1 >

Key	Value
No tags	
This cluster does not have any tags.	

Step 2: Networking

Edit

Networking

These properties cannot be changed after the cluster is created.

VPC	Subnets	Security groups
vpc-068411b0881678b32	subnet-0fed06f9aacf67306	sg-0e4257957d44bffa5
	subnet-03f4f8a42a867d6d8	
Cluster IP address family	subnet-08b484af69cdfc12a	
IPv4	subnet-0ad16a103b0dd06ed	
	subnet-03f43ba4fc1545ec3	

Cluster endpoint access

3. Set up IAM roles for EC2.

Role details

Role name
Enter a meaningful name to identify this role.

ekss

Maximum 64 characters. Use alphanumeric and "+,=, @, _" characters.

Description
Add a short explanation for this role.

Allows EC2 instances to call AWS services on your behalf.

Maximum 1000 characters. Use alphanumeric and "+,=, @, _" characters.


Step 1: Select trusted entities

Trust policy

```
1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Effect": "Allow",
6       "Action": [
7         "sts:AssumeRole"
8       ],
9       "Principal": {
10        "Service": [
11          "ec2.amazonaws.com"
12        ]
13      }
14    ]
15  }
16 }
```

Step 2: Add permissions

Permissions policy summary

Policy name 	Type
AmazonEKS_CNI_Policy	AWS managed
AmazonEKSClusterPolicy	AWS managed
AmazonEKSServicePolicy	AWS managed
AmazonEKSWorkerNodePolicy	AWS managed

4. Configure the AWS Cloudshell.

- Open aws cloudshell & configure aws.

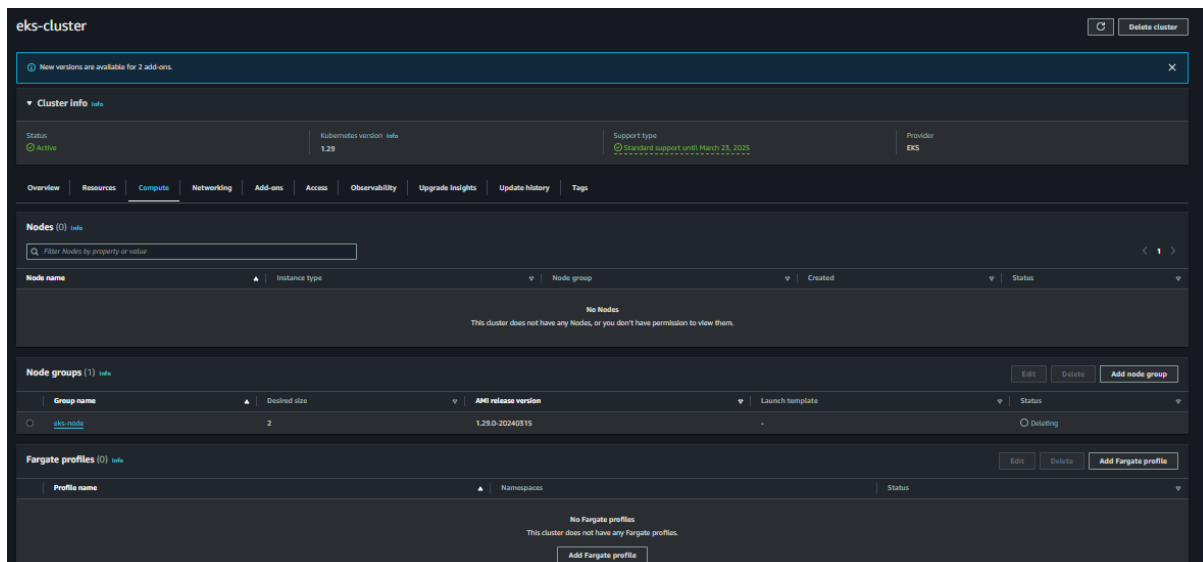
```
CloudShell

us-east-1

[cloudshell-user@ip-10-138-160-224 ~]$ aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [None]: AKIAU6GDVVJAFYQB5C5G
AWS Secret Access Key [None]: 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
Default region name [None]:
Default output format [None]:
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-138-160-224 ~]$
```

5. Add worker nodes.

- In the AWS EKS console select your cluster.
- In cluster go to compute service.



- Click on “Ad Node Group”.
- Select the “Name” & “IAM ROLE”.

EKS > Clusters > eks-cluster > Node groups > Add node group

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Configure node group Info

A node group is a group of EC2 instances that supply compute capacity to your Amazon EKS cluster. You can add multiple node groups to your cluster.

Node group configuration

These properties cannot be changed after the node group is created.

Name
Assign a unique name for this node group.

eks-node

The node group name should begin with letter or digit and can have any of the following characters: the set of Unicode letters, digits, hyphens and underscores. Maximum length of 63.

Node IAM role Info
Select the IAM role that will be used by the nodes. To create a new role, go to the [IAM console](#).

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- Click on next.
- Select the values for the node configuration a below.

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Node group compute configuration

These properties cannot be changed after the node group is created.

AMI type Info
Select the EKS-optimized Amazon Machine Image for nodes.

Amazon Linux 2 (AL2_x86_64)

Capacity type
Select the capacity purchase option for this node group.

On-Demand

Instance types Info
Select instance types you prefer for this node group.

Q Enter an instance type

t3.medium
vCPU: 2 vCPUs Memory: 4 GiB Network: Up to 5 Gigabit Max ENI: 3 Max IPs: 18

- Click on next.
- Select the subnets.

Specify networking

Node group network configuration

These properties cannot be changed after the node group is created.

Subnets [Info](#)

Specify the subnets in your VPC where your nodes will run. To create a new subnet, go to the corresponding page in the [VPC console](#).

Select subnets

subnet-0fcd06f9aeaf67306 ✕

subnet-03f4f8a42e867d6d8 ✕

subnet-08b484af69cdfc12a ✕

subnet-0ad16a103b0dc06ed ✕

subnet-03f43ba4fc1545ec3 ✕

☐ Configure remote access to nodes [Info](#)

- Click on “next” and then “Create”

6. Verify the cluster.

- Open cloudshell and execute the following commands.
aws eks update-kubeconfig --region <region> --name <cluster-name>
kubectl cluster-info

```
[root@ip-10-130-66-138 ~]# aws eks update-kubeconfig --region us-east-1 --name eks-cluster
An error occurred (AccessDeniedException) when calling the DescribeCluster operation: User: arn:aws:iam::339712780864:user/vaibhav is not authorized to perform: eks:DescribeCluster on resource: arn:aws:eks:us-east-1:339712780864:cluster/eks-cluster
[root@ip-10-130-66-138 ~]# aws eks update-kubeconfig --region us-east-1b --name eks-cluster
[root@ip-10-130-66-138 ~]# kubectl cluster-info
Kubernetes control plane is running at https://17f99EDAC682E40DFB9D4226F2A3EEA7.gr7.us-east-1.eks.amazonaws.com
CoreDNS is running at https://17f99EDAC682E40DFB9D4226F2A3EEA7.gr7.us-east-1.eks.amazonaws.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kube-dns:proxy
```