

HA JENKINS WITH AWS AUTO-SCALING GROUP, EFS AND ELB FOR SMALL TEAMS:

Creating JENKINS AMI for Auto-scaling group:

1. Login into AWS account and Launch an EC2 instance with the following details:

Name: JENKINS_AMI (You can give any thing)

OS_Type: Amazon Linux

instance_Type: t2.micro

Create a key-pair to login from your local system:

- Click on Create new pair hyperlink in the EC2 Launch page.
- Give name and leave other options as default and click on create key pair button.

Enter the name of the key pair below. When prompted, store the private key in a secure and accessible location on your computer. **You will need it later to connect to your instance.** [Learn more](#) [?]

Key pair name

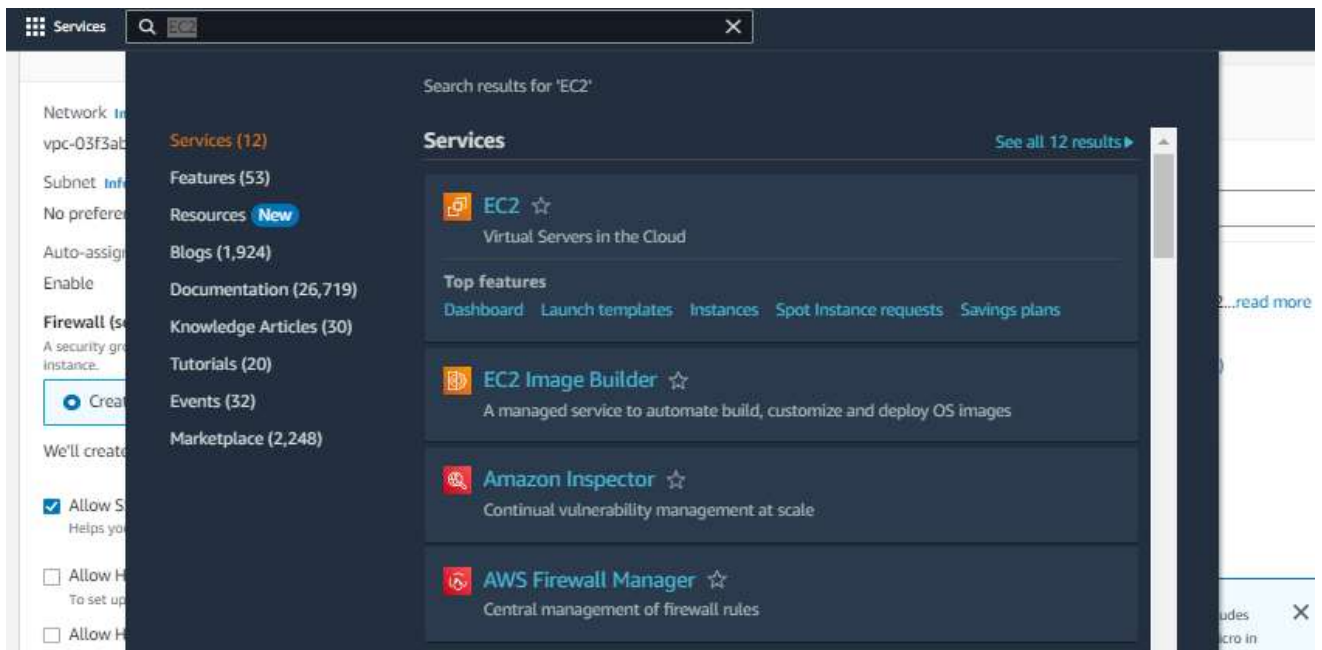
The name can include up to 255 ASCII characters. It can't include leading or trailing spaces.

Key pair type:
☒ RSA
RSA encrypted private and public key pair
☐ ED25519
ED25519 encrypted private and public key pair (Not supported for Windows instances)

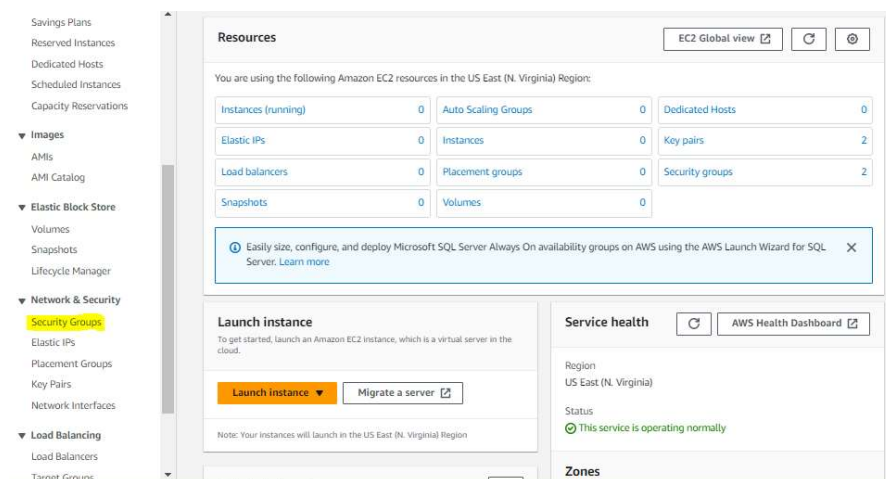
Private key file format:
☒ .pem
For use with OpenSSH
☐ .ppk
For use with PuTTY

Cancel Create key pair

- Key-pair will download to our local.
 - Select the key-pair that you have created in the previous step.
2. In the Network settings, Select your VPC. I am using the default VPC.
3. Lets create a security group:
- Search for EC2 service on search bar, and Open it in a new tab as shown below:

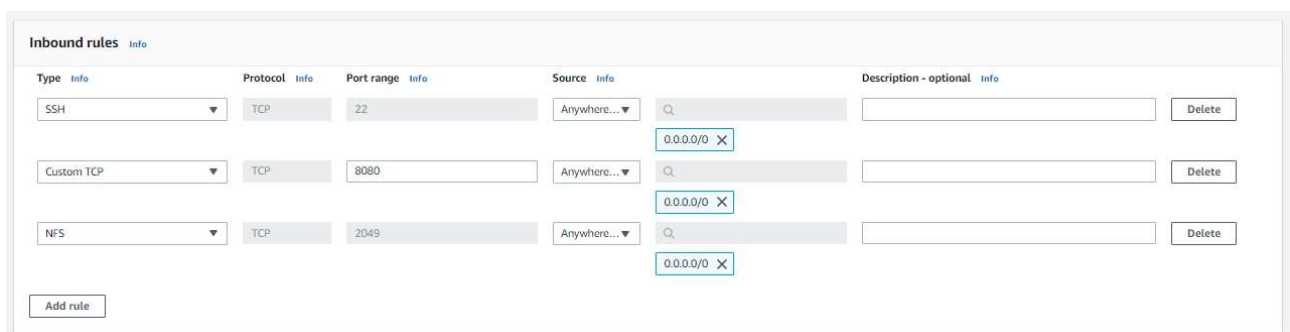


- Click on create a security group

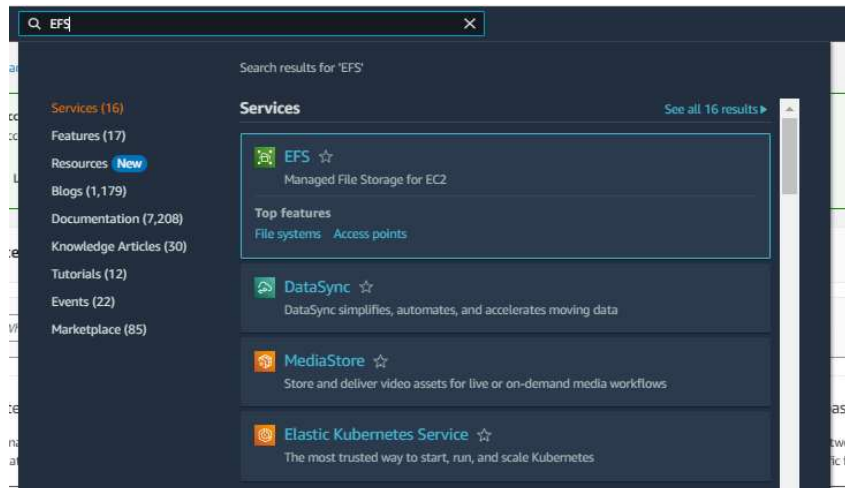


- Add security group name and give description

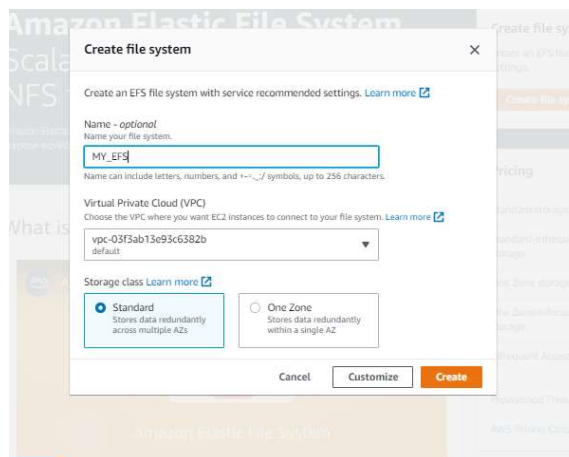
- click on add rule below in inbound rules and add rules as shown below:



- Port 22 is to connect ec2 instance from our local machine and Port 8080 exposes our jenkins and Port 2049 is for EFS mount. You can fine tune source IP's, If you want. I have allowed anywhere.
 - Come back to previous tab and select the existing security groups and click on refresh button.
 - Select the security group that you have created.
 - Leave all the remaining options as default and click on Launch instance.
4. Lets create a EFS for our jenkins instances. Meanwhile, the jenkins instance will get started.
- Search EFS on search bar and click on it as shown below:



- Click on create EFS and give name for EFS and select the vpc that you are using.
- Select standard for storage class as we will run instances in different AZs.



- Click on create and EFS will be created

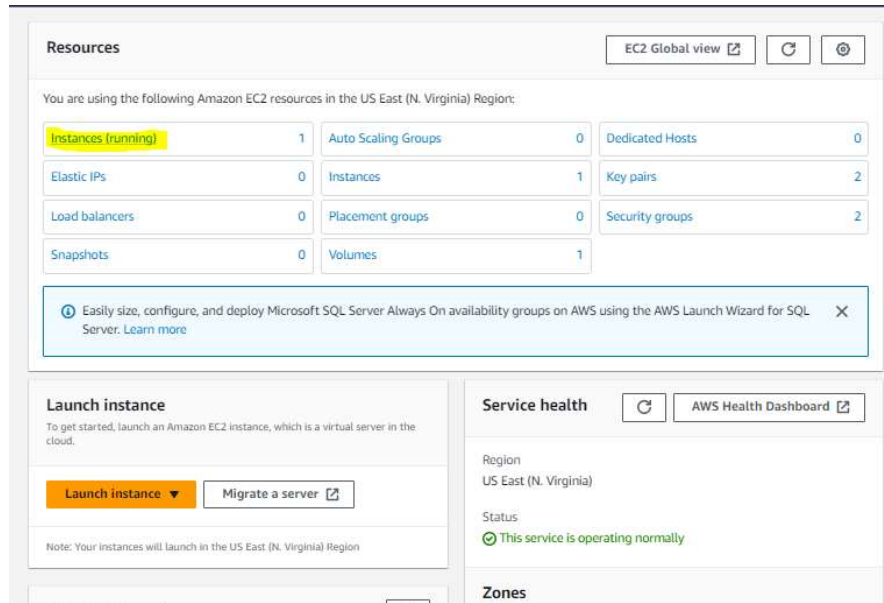
Amazon EFS > File systems

File systems (1)

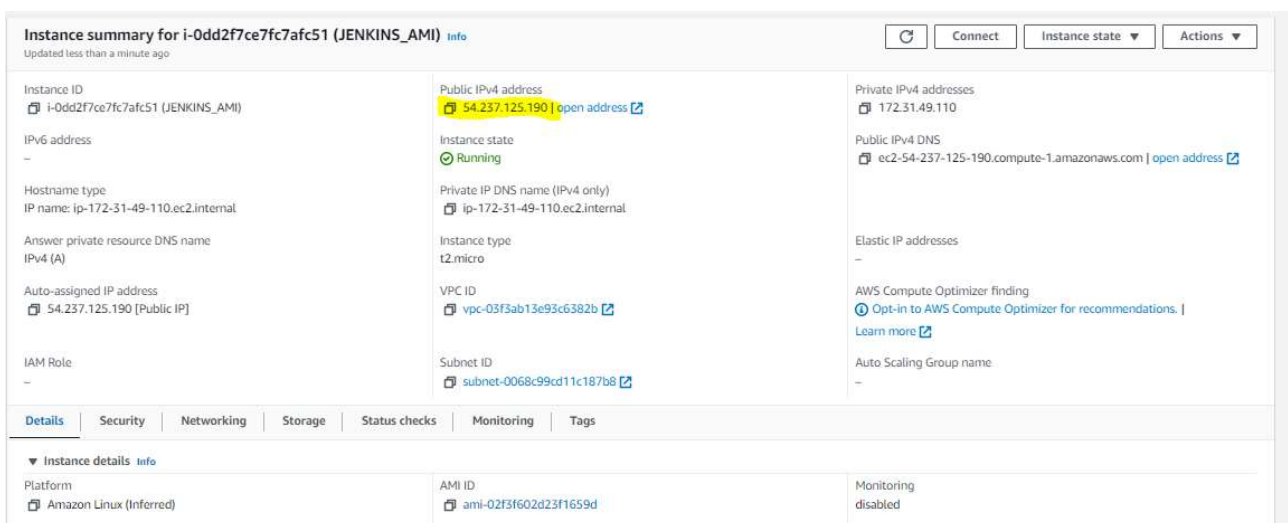
Filter by property values

	Name	File system ID	Encrypted	Total size	Size in Standard / One Zone	Size in Standard-IA / One Zone-IA	Provisioned Throughput (MiB/s)	File system state	Creation time	Availability Zone
<input type="radio"/>	MY_EFS	fs-0e17e0b4a783e2db4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encrypted	6.00 KiB	6.00 KiB	0 Bytes	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	Fri, 17 Mar 2023 16:44:55 GMT	Standard

5. Open Gitbash in the path where your key-pair is downloaded.
6. Connect to the EC2 with that key-pair and public IP of EC2 using the following steps:
 - Open the EC2 service in AWS console and click on instances as shown below:



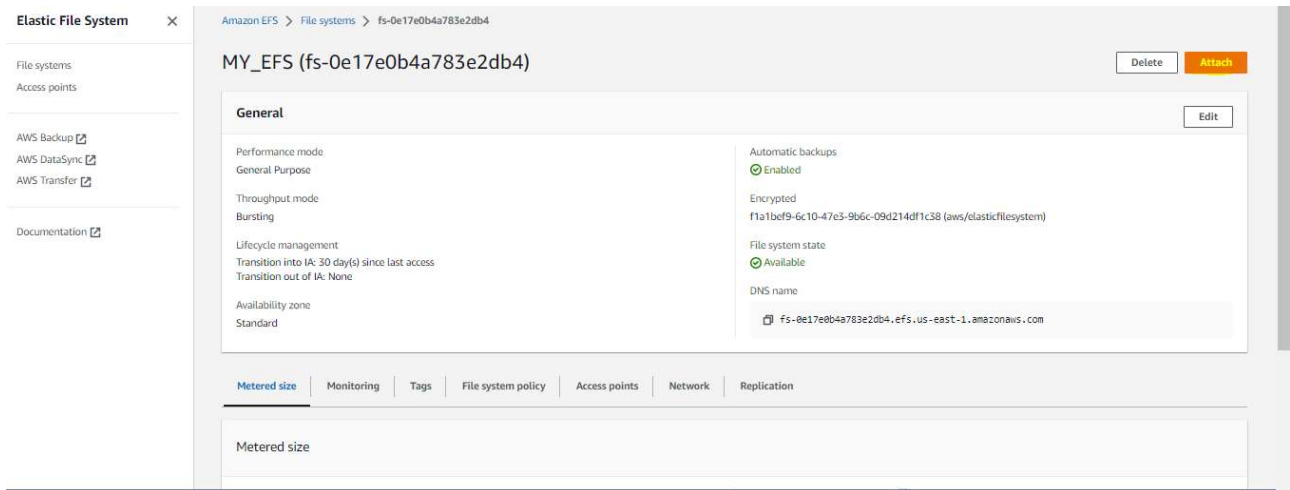
- Click on the instance that you created and copy the public IP of EC2 as shown below:



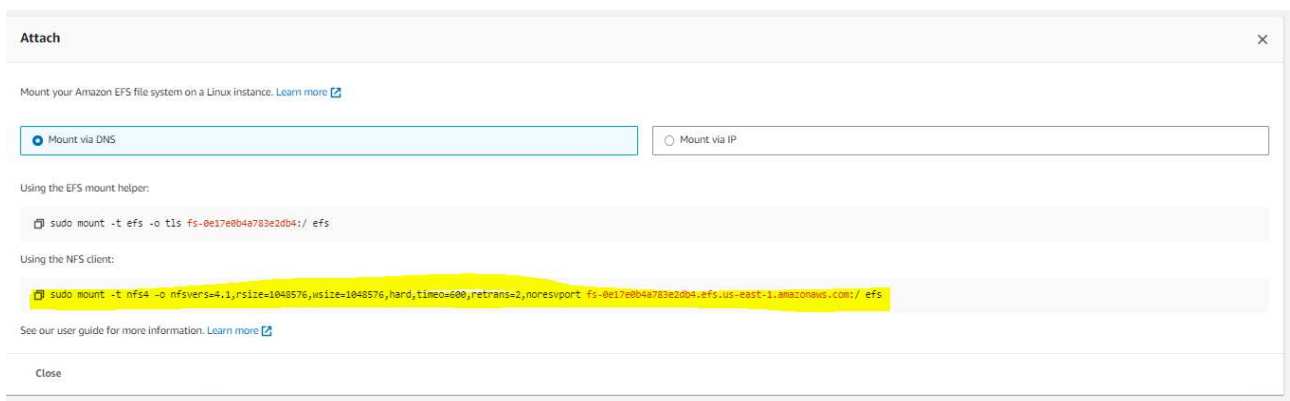
- Connect to EC2 with the following command in your git bash:

```
$ ls -al | grep login-key-pair
$ ssh -i login-key-pair.pem ec2-user@54.237.125.190
```

then type yes and hit enter, You will be logged into the ec2 as shown below:

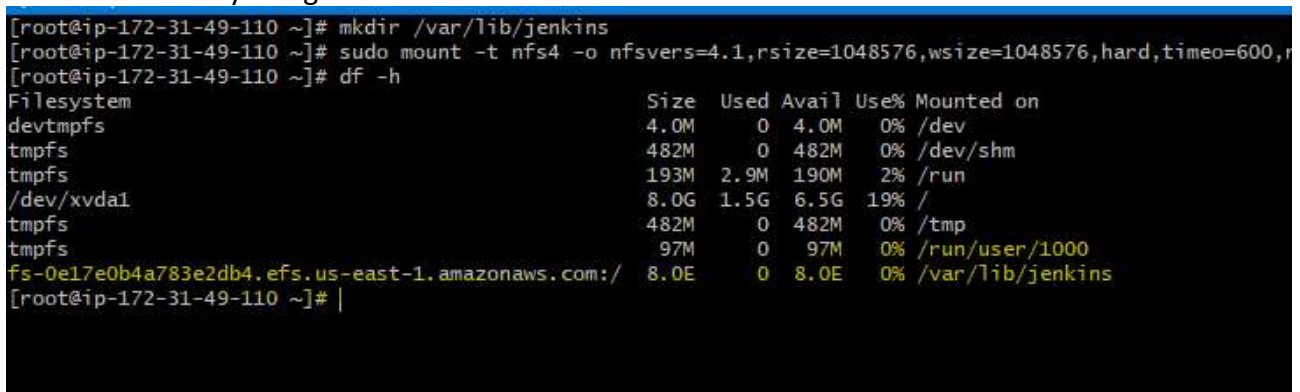


- Copy the command in the page as shown in below and edit the path efs to /var/lib/jenkins as shown below:



```
$ sudo mount -t nfs4 -o
nfsvers=4.1,rsize=1048576,wsiz=1048576,hard,timeo=600,retrans=2,noresvport fs-
0e17e0b4a783e2db4.efs.us-east-1.amazonaws.com:/ /var/lib/jenkins
```

- You can check by using the cmd 'df -h' as shown below:



- Install the jenkins by running following cmds:
 - \$ sudo wget -O /etc/yum.repos.d/jenkins.repo https://pkg.jenkins.io/redhat-stable/jenkins.repo
 - \$ sudo rpm --import https://pkg.jenkins.io/redhat-stable/jenkins.io.key
 - \$ sudo yum upgrade
 - \$ sudo yum install java-11-amazon-corretto-headless -y
 - \$ sudo yum install jenkins -y
 - \$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload
 - \$ sudo systemctl start jenkins
- Now you can check the status of jenkins as shown below:
 - \$ sudo systemctl status jenkins

```

root@ip-172-31-49-110:~
[root@ip-172-31-49-110 ~]# sudo systemctl status jenkins
● jenkins.service - Jenkins Continuous Integration Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/jenkins.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2023-03-17 17:31:48 UTC; 30s ago
     Main PID: 27364 (java)
        Tasks: 43 (Limit: 1125)
      Memory: 365.9M
         CPU: 40.765s
    CGroup: /system.slice/jenkins.service
            └─27364 /usr/bin/java -Djava.awt.headless=true -jar /usr/share/java/jenkins.war --webroot=/var/cache/jenkins/war --httpPort=8080

Mar 17 17:31:18 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: 3d01824077444b02a49eb71b9775ffaf
Mar 17 17:31:18 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: This may also be found at: /var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword
Mar 17 17:31:18 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: *****
Mar 17 17:31:18 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: *****
Mar 17 17:31:18 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: *****
Mar 17 17:31:48 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: 2023-03-17 17:31:48.129+0000 [id=29] INFO jenkins.InitReactorRunner$1onR
Mar 17 17:31:48 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: 2023-03-17 17:31:48.207+0000 [id=22] INFO hudson.lifecycle.Lifecycle#onR
Mar 17 17:31:48 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started jenkins.service - Jenkins Continuous Integration Server.
Mar 17 17:31:48 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: 2023-03-17 17:31:48.272+0000 [id=44] INFO h.m.DownloadService$Downloadab
Mar 17 17:31:48 ip-172-31-49-110.ec2.internal jenkins[27364]: 2023-03-17 17:31:48.272+0000 [id=44] INFO hudson.util.Retrier#start: Per
lines 1-20/20 (END)

```

- Open jenkins page by http://PUBLIC_IP:8080/
- setup the jenkins with one admin account and install all the plugins by following the jenkins dashboard.
- Now Jenkins is up. Login into Jenkins and download the cli to EC2 instance by following the steps:
 - Go to Manage Jenkins > click on Jenkins CLI > Copy the jenkinscli link address
- make a directory as 'jenkins_sync' in root path and download jenkinscli by following cmd:

Jenkins CLI

You can access various features in Jenkins through a command-line tool. See [the documentation](#) for more details of th download [jenkins-cli.jar](#), and run it as follows:

```
java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://54.237.125.190:8080/ -webSocket help
```

Available Commands

Name	Description
add-job-to-view	Adds jobs to view.
build	Builds a job, and optionally waits until its completion.

```

$ mkdir /root/jenkins_sync
$ cd /jenkins_sync
$ curl -O http://localhost:8080/jnlpJars/jenkins-cli.jar
$ touch reload.sh
$ echo '#!/bin/bash' > reload.sh
$ echo 'java -jar /root/jenkins_sync/jenkins-cli.jar -s http://localhost:8080/ -auth
ADMIN:admin reload-configuration' >> reload.sh

```

- Replace the ADMIN:admin with the your jenkins user and password.
- Change the permissions of reload.sh file

```
$ chmod 744 reload.sh
```
- Lets run this reload.sh file every minute to be in sync with cronjob in all jenkins instances after configuring with Autoscaling group.
 - Add the following line in the /etc/crontab file.
 - * * * * * root /root/jenkins_sync/reload.sh
 - execute the following cmds:

```

$ yum install cronie -y
$ systemctl start crond
$ systemctl enable crond

```
- Now, we are good with Jenkins installation. Lets remove the efs and create AMI.
- Run the below cmds:

```

$ sudo systemctl stop jenkins
$ sudo umount /var/lib/jenkins
$ df -h

```

```

[root@ip-172-31-49-110 ~]# systemctl stop jenkins
[root@ip-172-31-49-110 ~]# sudo umount /var/lib/jenkins
[root@ip-172-31-49-110 ~]# df -h

```

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
devtmpfs	4.0M	0	4.0M	0%	/dev
tmpfs	482M	0	482M	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	193M	2.9M	190M	2%	/run
/dev/xvda1	8.0G	2.0G	6.0G	25%	/
tmpfs	482M	0	482M	0%	/tmp
tmpfs	97M	0	97M	0%	/run/user/1000

```

[root@ip-172-31-49-110 ~]# |

```

8. Lets create an AMI, Go

to EC2 console and click on your EC2 instance. Click on " Actions > image and template > create image " as shown below:

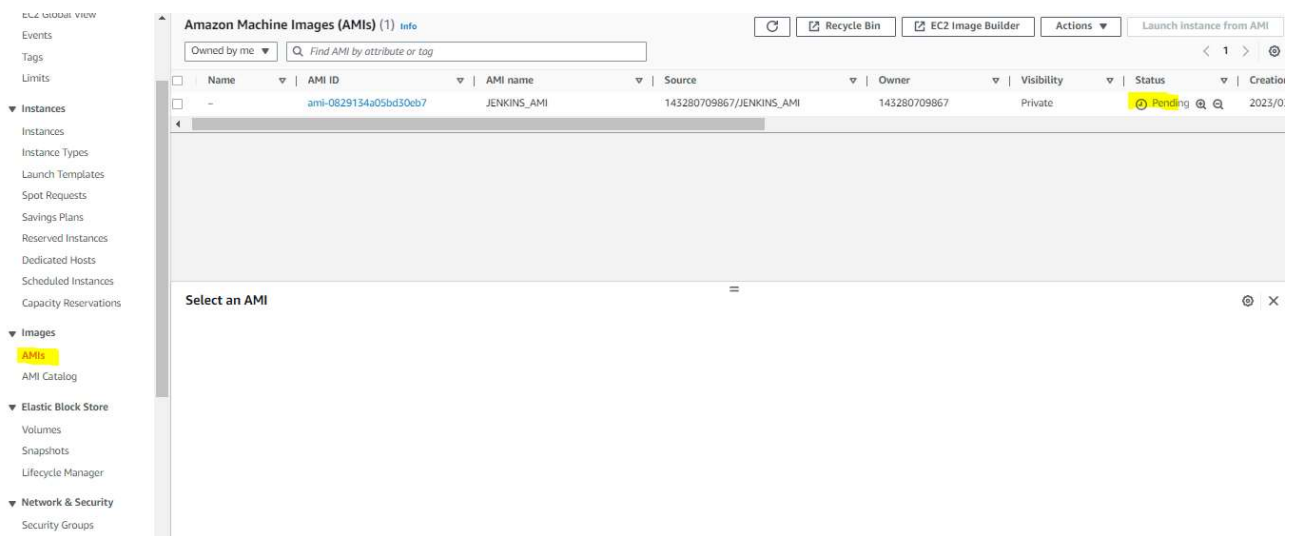
Instance summary for i-02af248c7f9eee5c3 (JENKINS_AMI) [Info](#)

Updated less than a minute ago

Instance ID i-02af248c7f9eee5c3 (JENKINS_AMI)	Public IPv4 address 3.86.7.77 open address	Private IPv4 addresses 172.31.61.23	Instance state Running
IPv6 address -	Private IP DNS name (IPv4 only) ip-172-31-61-23.ec2.internal	Public IPv4 DNS ec2-3-86-7-77.compute-1.amazonaws.com	Instance type t2.micro
Hostname type IP name: ip-172-31-61-23.ec2.internal	VPC ID vpc-03f3ab13e93c6382b	Auto Scaling Group name -	Subnet ID subnet-0068c99cd11c187b8
Answer private resource DNS name IPv4 (A)	Subnet ID subnet-0068c99cd11c187b8	AWS Compute Optimizer finding Opt-in to AWS Compute Optimizer for recommendations. Learn more	Auto Scaling Group name -
Auto-assigned IP address 3.86.7.77 [Public IP]	Subnet ID subnet-0068c99cd11c187b8	Connect Manage instance state Instance settings Networking Security Image and templates Monitor and troubleshoot	Actions Create image Create template from instance Launch more like this

Details | Security | Networking | Storage | Status checks | Monitoring | Tags

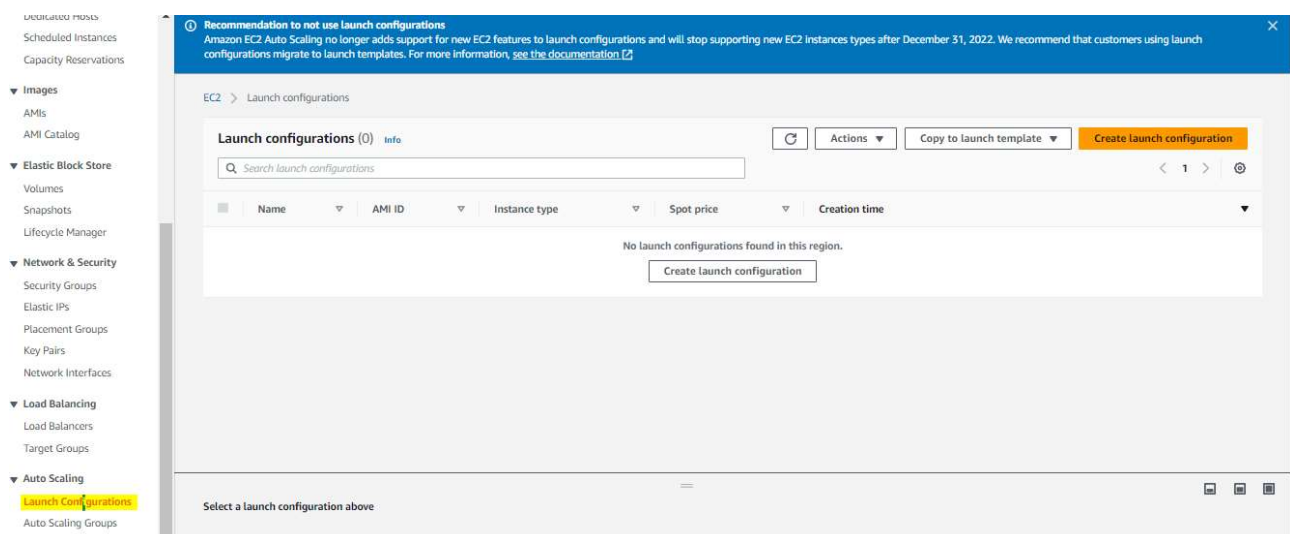
- Give name and description, leave remaining values as it is and click on create image.
- Click on AMI's and you can see the status of AMI as shown below:



- Terminate your EC2 once the AMI image is available.

Creating the Jenkins servers Launch Configuration:

1. Once your AMI is created, we will use it to configure the Autoscaling group.
2. Go to EC2 console and click on Launch configuration as shown below:



3. Click on Create Launch configuration and select the AMI image (created image), security groups and key-pair login.

4. Click on advance settings and give the below cmds in user data as shown below:

```
#!/bin/bash
sudo systemctl stop jenkins
rm -rf /var/lib/jenkins
mkdir /var/lib/jenkins
sudo mount -t nfs4 -o
```

nfsvers=4.1,rsize=1048576,wsiz=1048576,hard,timeo=600,retrans=2,noresvport fs-01d6e34d4fcfa691a.efs.us-east-1.amazonaws.com:/ /var/lib/jenkins

```
sudo systemctl start jenkins
sudo systemctl enable jenkins
```

RAM disk ID [Info](#)
Use default

Metadata accessible [Info](#)
Don't include in launch configuration

Metadata version [Info](#)
Don't include in launch configuration

Metadata response hop limit [Info](#)
Don't include in launch configuration

User data [Info](#)
☒ As text
☐ As file

#!/bin/bash
sudo systemctl stop jenkins
rm -rf /var/lib/jenkins

☐ Input is already base64 encoded

IP address type [Info](#)
☒ Only assign a public IP address to instances launched in a subnet with auto-assign public IP enabled (default)
☐ Assign a public IP address to every instance.
☐ Do not assign a public IP address to any instances.
Note: this option only affects instances launched into an Amazon VPC

5. click on Launch configuration. Now we are ready with Launch configuration.

Creating Auto-Scaling Group :

1. Go to EC2 console, and click Autoscaling group as shown below:

Dedicated Hosts
Scheduled Instances
Capacity Reservations

▼ Images
AMIs
AMI Catalog

▼ Elastic Block Store
Volumes
Snapshots
Lifecycle Manager

▼ Network & Security
Security Groups
Elastic IPs
Placement Groups
Key Pairs
Network Interfaces

▼ Load Balancing
Load Balancers
Target Groups

▼ Auto Scaling
Launch Configurations
Auto Scaling Groups

Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling

helps maintain the availability of your applications

Auto Scaling groups are collections of Amazon EC2 instances that enable automatic scaling and fleet management features. These features help you maintain the health and availability of your applications.

Create Auto Scaling group

Get started with EC2 Auto Scaling by creating an Auto Scaling group.

[Create Auto Scaling group](#)

How it works

Auto Scaling group

Minimum size

Scale out as needed

Desired capacity

Pricing

Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling features have no additional fees beyond the service fees for Amazon EC2, CloudWatch (for scaling policies), and the other AWS resources that you use. Visit the pricing page of each service to learn more.

Getting started

[What is Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling?](#)

[Get started with Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling](#)

2. Give name for ASG and Click on switch to Launch configuration and select the previous configured launch configuration as shown below:

Choose launch template or configuration [Info](#)

Specify a launch template that contains settings common to all EC2 instances that are launched by this Auto Scaling group. If you currently use launch configurations, you might consider migrating to launch templates.

Name

Auto Scaling group name
Enter a name to identify the group.

JENKINS_ASG

Must be unique to this account in the current Region and no more than 255 characters.

Launch template [Info](#)

Launch template
Choose a launch template that contains the instance-level settings, such as the Amazon Machine Image (AMI), instance type, key pair, and security groups.

Select a launch template

[Create a launch template](#)

[Switch to launch configuration](#)

Cancel **Next**

3. Select the VPC and Subnet regions on which you need to run these Jenkins servers. I have selected two regions as shown below:

Network [Info](#)

For most applications, you can use multiple Availability Zones and let EC2 Auto Scaling balance your instances across the zones. The default VPC and default subnets are suitable for getting started quickly.

VPC
Choose the VPC that defines the virtual network for your Auto Scaling group.

vpc-03f3ab13e93c6382b
172.31.0.0/16 Default

[Create a VPC](#)

Availability Zones and subnets
Define which Availability Zones and subnets your Auto Scaling group can use in the chosen VPC.

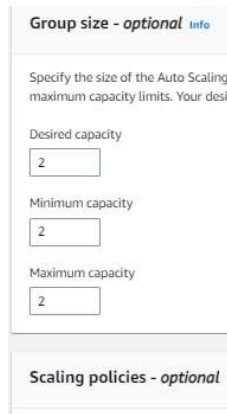
Select Availability Zones and subnets

us-east-1a | subnet-039fac6afef8f36c
172.31.16.0/20 Default

us-east-1b | subnet-05912bcd588c6353b
172.31.32.0/20 Default

[Create a subnet](#)

4. Give instances group size as shown below:



Group size - *optional* [Info](#)

Specify the size of the Auto Scaling maximum capacity limits. Your desired

Desired capacity

Minimum capacity

Maximum capacity

Scaling policies - *optional*

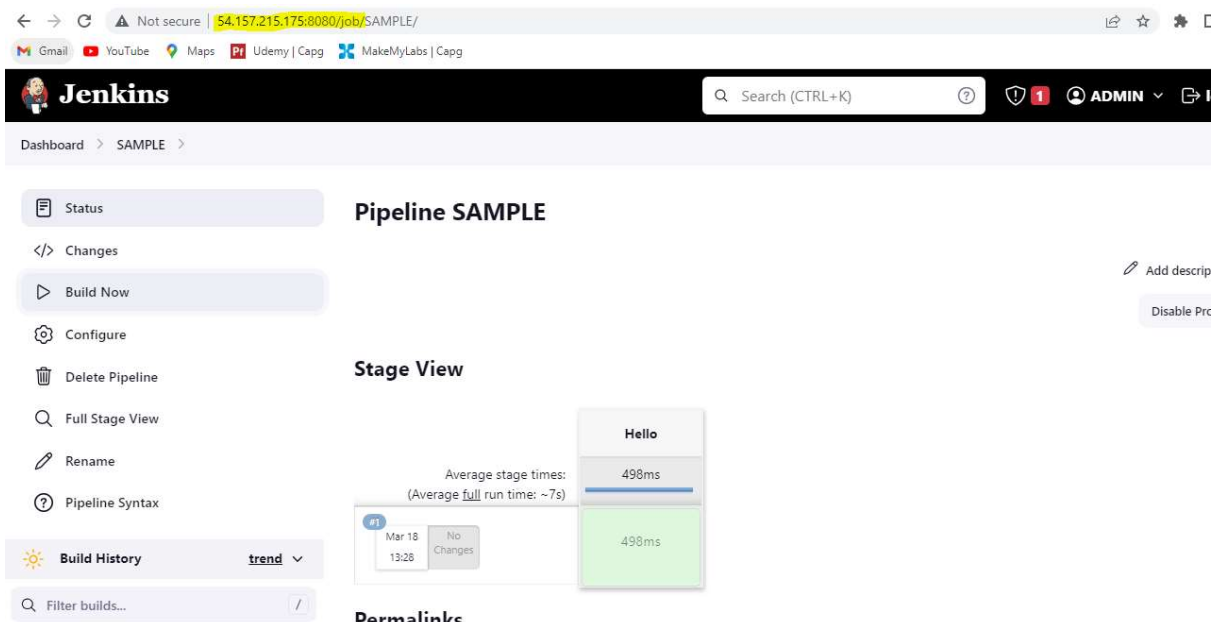
5. Leaving all the options as default, Click Next continuously and Launch ASG.

6. It will take time to launch jenkins servers. Go to EC2 console and wait for instances.

Lets Open both server jenkins with their public ip:

1. Go to EC2 console, you will find your EC2 instances there and copy the public ip and open jenkins using `http://PUBLIC_IP:8080/`

2. create a job and run in first jenkins as shown below:



Dashboard > SAMPLE >

Pipeline SAMPLE

Search (CTRL+K) ADMIN

Build Now

Configure

Delete Pipeline

Full Stage View

Rename

Pipeline Syntax

Build History trend

Filter builds...

Stage View

Average stage times:
(Average full run time: ~7s)

Stage	Time	Status
1	498ms	No Changes

Permalinks

3. You will be able to see the same job in the second server also as shown below:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins web interface. At the top, the address bar displays '54.209.248.82:8080/job/SAMPLE/'. The Jenkins logo and a search bar are in the header. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Dashboard > SAMPLE >'. On the left sidebar, the 'Status' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'Pipeline SAMPLE' and shows a 'Stage View' for a stage named 'Hello'. The stage view includes a bar chart showing the average stage time as 498ms and the average full run time as ~7s. Below the chart, a build history table shows a single build from March 18 at 13:28 with 'No Changes'. At the bottom, there is a 'Permalinks' section.

4. This sync will be done by the cronjob that we have configured previously.

Attaching LoadBalancer:

1. Go to EC2 console and click on the Autoscaling group.
2. Select the Autoscaling group and click on edit as shown below:

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console 'Auto Scaling groups' page. The breadcrumb trail is 'EC2 > Auto Scaling groups'. The page title is 'Auto Scaling groups (1/1) Info'. There are buttons for 'Edit', 'Delete', and 'Create an Auto Scaling group'. A search bar is present. Below is a table with columns: Name, Launch template/configuration, Instances, Status, Desired capacity, Min, Max, and Availability Zones. The table contains one entry: 'JENKINS_ASG' with launch template 'JENKINS_LC', 2 instances, status '-', desired capacity 2, min 2, max 2, and availability zones 'us-east-1a, us-east-1b'.

3. Go to Load balancer options. Click on Add new load balancer.
4. Give loadbalancer name, select internet-facing, select VPC, subnets, port as 8080 as shown below:

Your new load balancer will be created using the same VPC and Availability Zone selections as your Auto Scaling group. You can select different subnets and add subnets from additional Availability Zones.

VPC
vpc-03f3ab13e93c6382b

Availability Zones and subnets
You must select a single subnet for each Availability Zone enabled. Only public subnets are available for selection to support DNS resolution.

☒ us-east-1b subnet-05912bcd588c6353b

☒ us-east-1a subnet-039fac6afefe8f36c

☐ us-east-1f Select a subnet

☐ us-east-1d Select a subnet

☐ us-east-1c Select a subnet

☐ us-east-1e Select a subnet

Listeners and routing
If you require secure listeners, or multiple listeners, you can configure them from the Load Balancing console after your load balancer is created.

Protocol HTTP **Port** 8080 **Default routing (forward to)** Select new or existing target group

Tags - optional
Consider adding tags to your load balancer. Tags enable you to categorize your AWS resources so you can more easily manage them.

Add tag
50 remaining

5. Click on default routing drop down and click on create a new target group. Give a name to target group and Click on Update.

6. Wait for some time and Check the load balancer status and Target groups by clicking on the tabs as shown below:

Select values in this table to see corresponding filters applied to the Registered targets table below.

Targets | Monitoring | Health checks | Attributes | Tags

Registered targets (2) Refresh Deregister

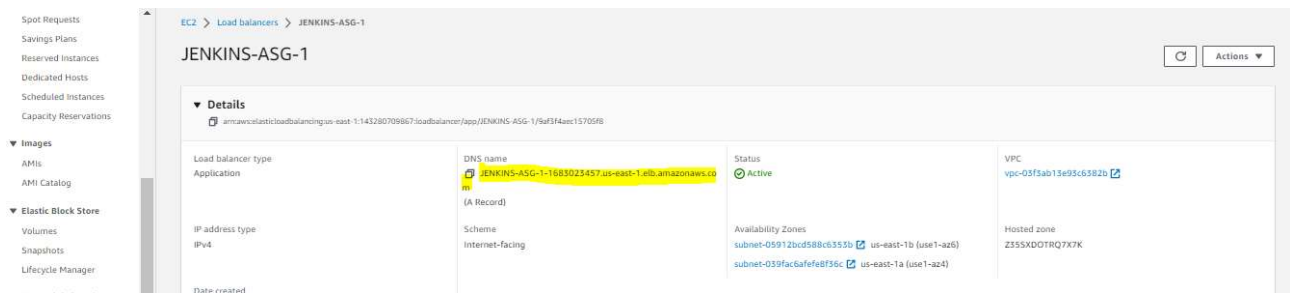
Filter resources by property or value

<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance ID	Name	Port	Zone	Health status	Health status details
<input type="checkbox"/>	i-01762ed58cc6f7ee9		8080	us-east-1b	⊙ initial	Target registration is in progress
<input type="checkbox"/>	i-0c9f1e2b99695af40		8080	us-east-1a	⊙ initial	Target registration is in progress

Load Balancing
Load Balancers
Target Groups

Auto Scaling

7. Once they are ready, Go to load balancer and copy the url as shown below:



8. Open in a new tab as http://LOAD_BALANCER_URL:8080/, You will be at jenkins login page as shown below:




Welcome to Jenkins!

Username

Password

☐ Keep me signed in

Sign in

Finally, we have launched our jenkins with autoscaling group. If one of the jenkins server is down, ELB will serve the requests from other available jenkins server. All the jobs run/configuration changes in one server will be synced with other services with the cronjob that we have configured.

DELETE ALL RESOURCES CREATED IN AWS.

- Make all the below resources are deleted.
- Delete ASG group will delete EC2 instances also.
- Delete Load balancer
- Delete Target groups
- Delete EFS
- Delete AMI
- Delete EBS snapshot
- Delete security groups
- Delete key-pair login