

Deploying WordPress Template using CloudFormation

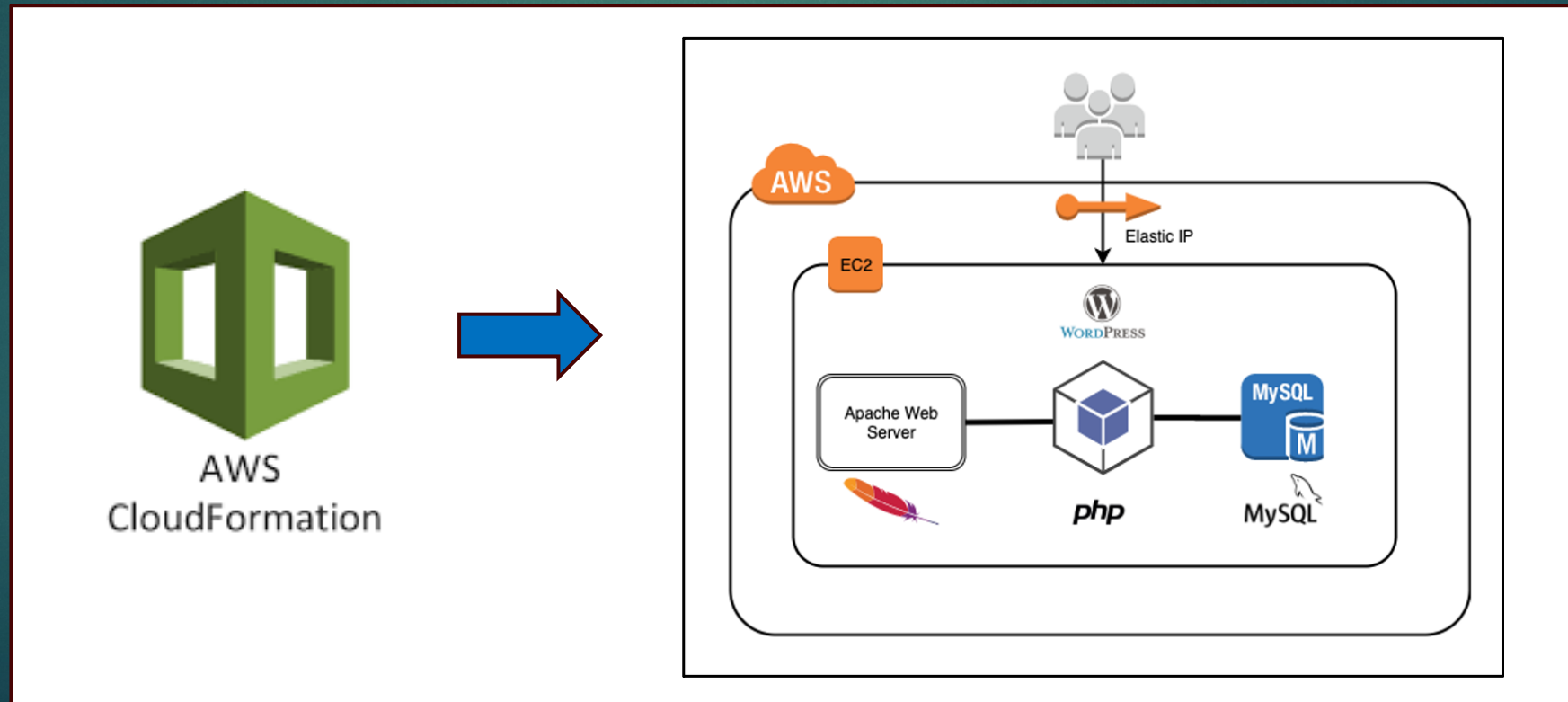
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Overview

- ▶ In this activity (worth 1 point), you will be using CloudFormation to automatically setup and install WordPress
- ▶ This similar to a previous activity that required several manual steps



Go to AWS Console

- ▶ Select “CloudFormation”
- ▶ Click “Create stack > With new resources (standard)”

CloudFormation > Stacks

Stacks (1)

Filter by stack name ☒ View nested

	Stack name	Status	Created time	Description
<input type="radio"/>	c56787a97454712398600t1w70289762 2105	✔ CREATE_COMPLETE	2022-07-16 14:26:02 UTC-0400	associate Learner Lab template

CloudFormation

- ▶ Copy the WordPress template (WPTemplate.json) from **Assignments > Activity #5 – Deploying WordPress Template using CloudFormation**. Save to hard drive.
- ▶ Under “Specify a template”, select “Upload a template file” and upload the template file
- ▶ Click “Next”

Create stack

Prerequisite - Prepare template

Prepare template
Every stack is based on a template. A template is a JSON or YAML file that contains configuration information about the AWS resources you want to include in the stack.

☒ Template is ready ☐ Use a sample template ☐ Create template in Designer

Specify template
A template is a JSON or YAML file that describes your stack's resources and properties.

Template source
Selecting a template generates an Amazon S3 URL where it will be stored.

☐ Amazon S3 URL ☒ Upload a template file

Upload a template file
Choose file No file chosen
JSON or YAML formatted file

S3 URL: Will be generated when template file is uploaded

[View in Designer](#)

Cancel **Next**

CloudFormation – Specify Details

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Stack name

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WordPress-CF

Stack name can include letters (A-Z and a-z), numbers (0-9), and dashes (-).

Parameters

Parameters are defined in your template and allow you to input custom values when you create or update a stack.

DBName
The WordPress database name

wordpressdb

DBPassword
The WordPress database admin account password

DBRootPassword
MySQL root password

DBUser
The WordPress database admin account username

InstanceType
WebServer EC2 instance type

t2.micro

KeyName
Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instances

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SSHLocation
The IP address range that can be used to SSH to the EC2 instances

0.0.0.0/0

Cancel Previous Next

Specify a name

Specify a password (must be at least 8 characters)

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Pick an account name (e.g. **admin**)

Change the instance to **t2.micro**

Specify your key pair

► Click “Next” and “Next” again

CloudFormation – Review

- ▶ Click “Submit” and wait a few minutes while the infrastructure is built

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudFormation console interface. On the left, a sidebar displays a list of stacks under the heading 'Stacks (1)'. The 'WordPress-CF' stack is selected, showing its creation timestamp '2020-07-19 17:07:54 UTC-0400' and status 'CREATE_IN_PROGRESS'. The main panel is titled 'WordPress-CF' and has tabs for 'Stack info', 'Events', 'Resources', 'Outputs', 'Parameters', 'Template', and 'Change sets'. The 'Events' tab is active, showing a table of events. A notification 'New events available' with a refresh icon is present. A callout box with an arrow points to this refresh icon, containing the text 'Click to refresh'.

CloudFormation > Stacks > WordPress-CF

Stacks (1)

Filter by stack name

Active View nested

WordPress-CF
2020-07-19 17:07:54 UTC-0400
CREATE_IN_PROGRESS

WordPress-CF

Delete Update Stack actions Create stack

Stack info **Events** Resources Outputs Parameters Template Change sets

Events (1)

New events available


Search events

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Status reason
2020-07-19 17:07:54 UTC-0400	WordPress-CF	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	User Initiated

CloudFormation – Created

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CloudFormation > Stacks > WordPress-CF

Stacks (1) 

Filter by stack name

Active ☒ View nested

WordPress-CF
2020-07-19 17:07:54 UTC-0400
✔ CREATE_COMPLETE

Make sure this is Complete

WordPress-CF

Delete Update Stack actions ▼ Create stack ▼

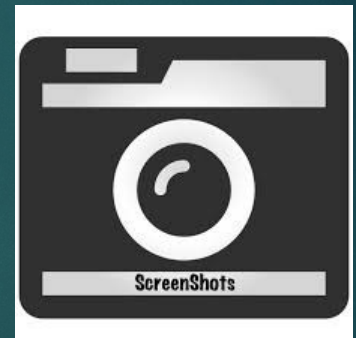
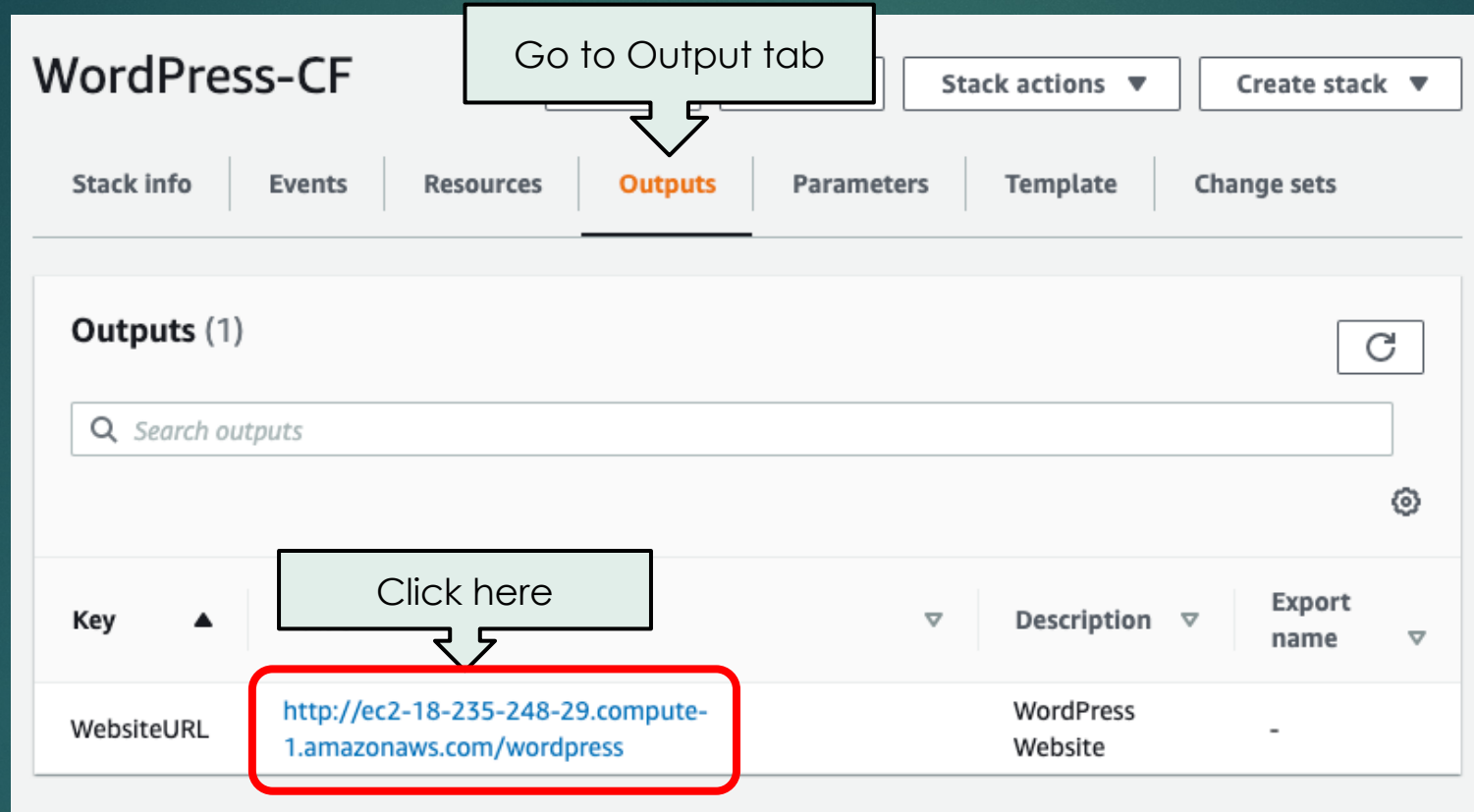
Stack info **Events** Resources Outputs Parameters Template Change sets

Events (9)

Search events

Timestamp ▼	Logical ID	Status	Status reason
2020-07-19 17:10:08 UTC-0400	WordPress-CF	✔ CREATE_COMPLETE	-
2020-07-19 17:10:06 UTC-0400	WebServer	✔ CREATE_COMPLETE	-


CloudFormation – Launch WordPress



- ▶ Go to “Outputs” and take a screenshot of the above and upload to Assignments > Activity #5 – Deploying WordPress Template using CloudFormation
- ▶ Click the URL...

Congratulations...wasn't that easier?

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Welcome

Welcome to the famous five-minute WordPress installation process! Just fill in the information below and you'll be on your way to using the most extendable and powerful personal publishing platform in the world.

Information needed

Please provide the following information. Don't worry, you can always change these settings later.

Site Title

Username
Username can have only alphanumeric characters, spaces, underscores, hyphens, periods, and the @ symbol.

Password Strong [Hide](#)
Important: You will need this password to log in. Please store it in a secure location.

Your Email
Double-check your email address before continuing.

Search Engine Visibility ☐ Discourage search engines from indexing this site
It is up to search engines to honor this request.

[Install WordPress](#)



- ▶ When done, go back into CloudFormation and select “Delete” to delete the stack
- ▶ Confirm by clicking “Delete”

CloudFormation > Stacks

Stacks (1) [Refresh](#) **Delete** [Update](#) [Stack actions](#) [Create stack](#)

[Active](#) [View nested](#)

Stack name	Status	Created time	Description
WordPress-CF	CREATE_COMPLETE	2020-07-19 17:07:54 UTC-0400	AWS CloudFormation Sample Templa...