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1. Introduction

Case study overview:

In this project, we automated the deployment of a simple web application using AWS services, including AWS CodePipeline, CodeBuild, CodeDeploy, S3, and EC2. The process involved storing a web application in an S3 bucket, building it through AWS CodeBuild,, and automating the deployment using AWS CodePipeline to deploy the application to an EC2 instance via CodeDeploy. We configured the EC2 instance with the CodeDeploy agent, set up Nginx as the web server, and used an AppSpec file to manage the deployment lifecycle. we successfully deployed the application, demonstrating AWS's capabilities for continuous integration and deployment automation.

Key features:

S3 Bucket: Stored the web application (index.html) for easy retrieval during deployment.

EC2 Instance: Hosted the deployed web application with Nginx configured as the web server. IAM Roles: Enabled secure access to services like S3 and CodeDeploy for the EC2 instance and AWS services.

AWS CodeBuild: Compiled the web application and prepared it for deployment.

AWS CodePipeline: Automated the deployment process, integrating various stages such as source, build, and deployment.

AWS CodeDeploy: Managed the deployment of the application to the EC2 instance, ensuring efficient updates.

CodeDeploy Agent: Installed on the EC2 instance to facilitate application deployment and handle lifecycle events.

AppSpec File: Defined the deployment structure and instructions for CodeDeploy to execute the deployment process.

Application:

This project demonstrates the automation of deploying a web application using AWS services, ensuring smooth, continuous integration and deployment. It shows how cloud infrastructure can manage builds, handle deployments across distributed environments, and enable scalable and efficient web application delivery.

2. Demonstration

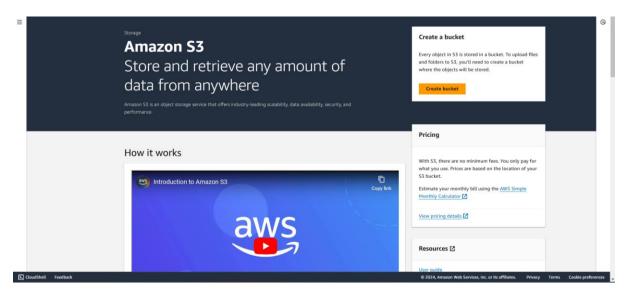
Problem Statement:

"Build a simple web application using AWS CodeBuild and deploy it to an S3 bucket. Then, automate the deployment process using AWS CodePipeline, ensuring the application is deployed on an EC2 instance. Use a sample index.html page for demonstration."

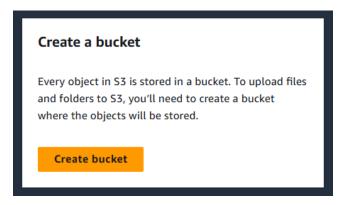
Step 1: Create an S3 Bucket

In the AWS Management Console, navigate to **S3** by searching for it in the search bar at the top.

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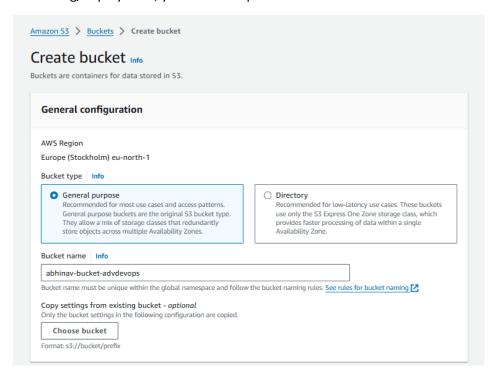


Click Create bucket.



Give your bucket a unique name (e.g., my-app-bucket). If you want the content of your web app (like the index.html file) to be publicly accessible, uncheck Block all public access.

For testing/deployment, you can allow public access



Object Ownership Info

Control ownership of objects written to this bucket from other AWS accounts and the use of access control lists (ACLs). Object ownership determines who can specify access to objects.

ACLs disabled (recommended)

All objects in this bucket are owned by this account. Access to this bucket and its objects is specified using only policies.

ACLs enabled

Objects in this bucket can be owned by other AWS accounts. Access to this bucket and its objects can be specified using ACLs.

Object Ownership

Bucket owner enforced

Block Public Access settings for this bucket

Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, access point policies, or all. In order to ensure that public access to this bucket and its objects is blocked, turn on Block all public access. These settings apply only to this bucket and its access points. AWS recommends that you turn on Block all public access, but before applying any of these settings, ensure that your applications will work correctly without public access. If you require some level of public access to this bucket or objects within, you can customize the individual settings below to suit your specific storage use cases. Learn more 🔼

□ Block	k <i>all</i> pub	lic access
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Turning this setting on is the same as turning on all four settings below. Each of the following settings are independent of one another.

☐ Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* access control lists (ACLs)

S3 will block public access permissions applied to newly added buckets or objects, and prevent the creation of new public access ACLs for existing buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing permissions that allow public access to S3 resources using ACLs.

☐ Block public access to buckets and objects granted through any access control lists (ACLs)

S3 will ignore all ACLs that grant public access to buckets and objects

☐ Block public access to buckets and objects granted through new public bucket or access point policies

S3 will block new bucket and access point policies that grant public access to buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing policies that allow public access to S3 resources.

☐ Block public and cross-account access to buckets and objects through any public bucket or access point

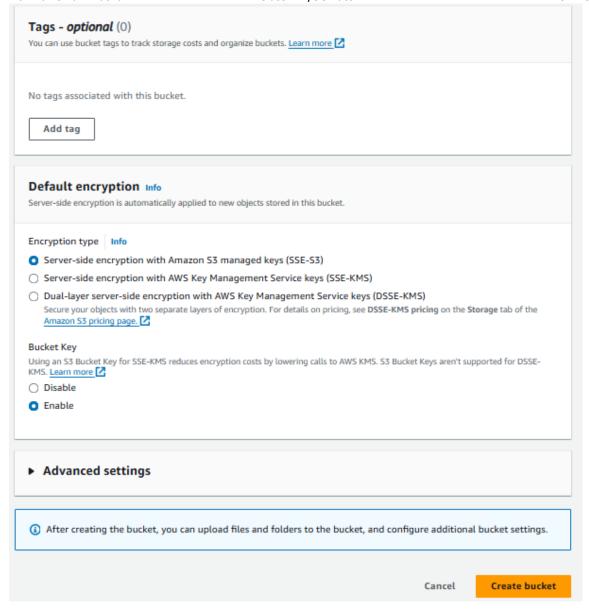
S3 will ignore public and cross-account access for buckets or access points with policies that grant public access to buckets and objects.



Turning off block all public access might result in this bucket and the objects within becoming public

AWS recommends that you turn on block all public access, unless public access is required for specific and verified use cases such as static website hosting.

I acknowledge that the current settings might result in this bucket and the objects within becoming public.

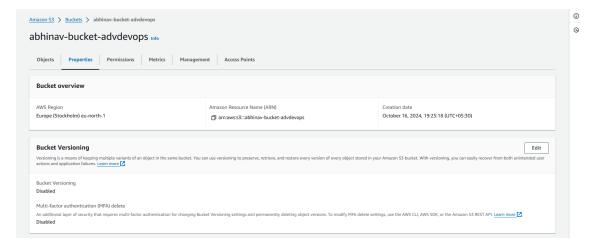


Enable Versioning on Your S3 Bucket

To do this

Select Your Bucket: Click on your bucket named (abhinav-bucket-advdevops.)

Go to Properties: In the bucket settings, click on the "Properties" tab.

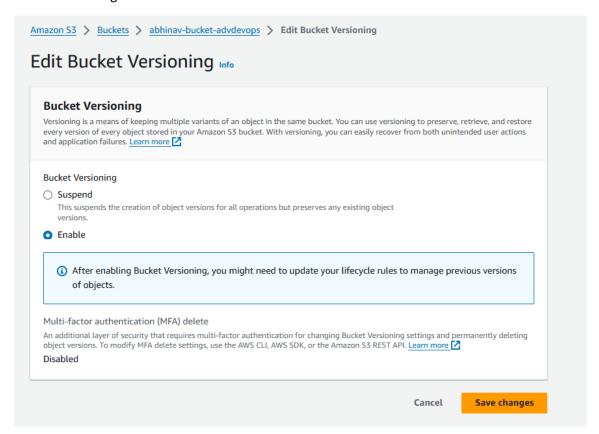


Scroll down to the "Bucket Versioning" section.

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Select "Enable" for versioning.

Click "Save changes".

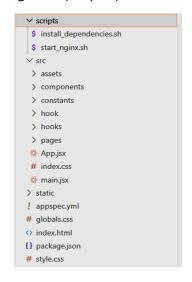


Step 2: Create a Simple Web Application (index.html)

On your local machine, create a new file called index.html.

Add the following simple HTML code into the file: index.html
This is necessary for a basic web app. I implemented my Project Integration (shop.co)





Create the following

appspec.yml (configuration file listing instructions to execute when the application is deployed)

```
version: 0.0
os: linux
files:
- source: /
destination: /usr/share/nginx/html
overwrite: true
hooks:
BeforeInstall:
- location: scripts/install_dependencies.sh
timeout: 300
runas: ec2-user
AfterInstall:
- location: scripts/start_nginx.sh
timeout: 300
runas: ec2-user
```

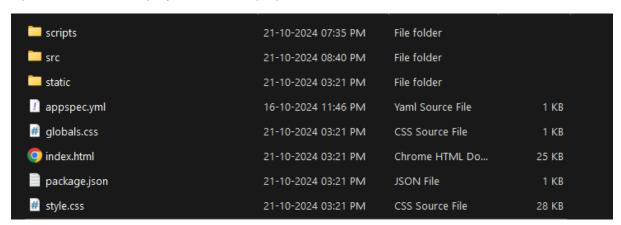
scripts\install_dependencies.sh (update your system & install nginx)

```
#!/bin/bash
sudo yum update -y
sudo yum install -y nginx
```

scripts\start_nginx.sh (restart nginx service)

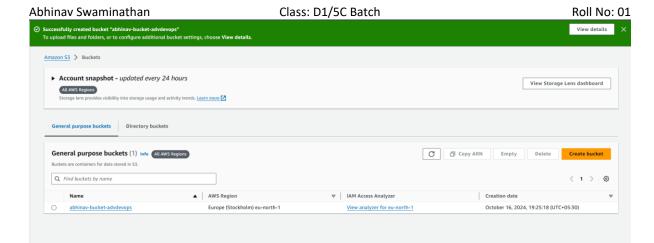
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#!/bin/bash
sudo service nginx restart
```

Zip all into webapp.zip (project files for deployment).

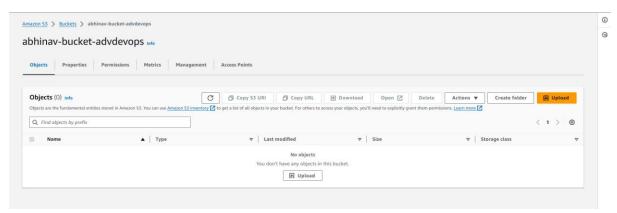


Step 3: Upload the Web App (webapp.zip) to S3

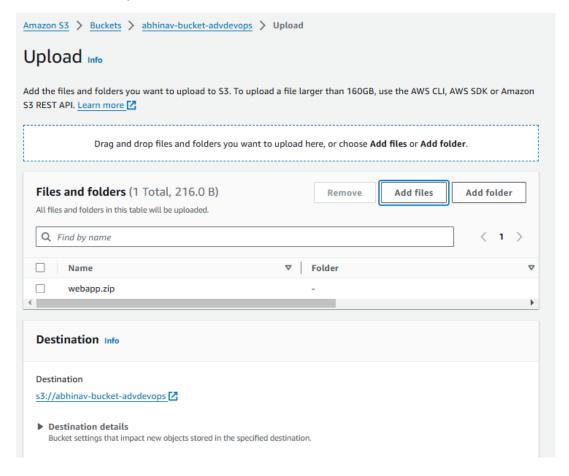
Go back to the S3 Console. Click on the bucket you created in Step 1

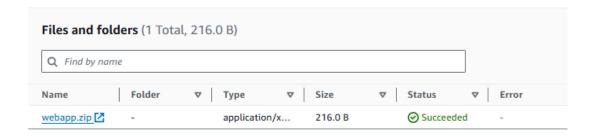


In the bucket, click Upload.



Click **Add files**, then select the webapp.zip file from your local machine. Leave all other options as default and click **Upload**.

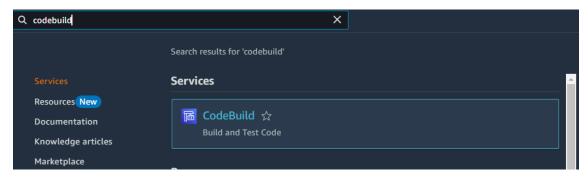




Tasks: Set up AWS CodeBuild for the web app.

Step 4: Set Up AWS CodeBuild for the Web App

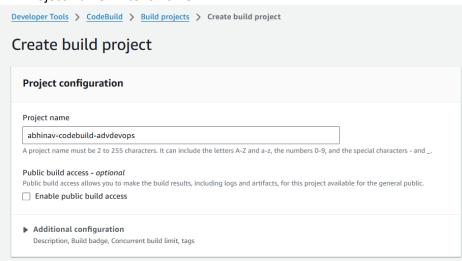
In the AWS Management Console, navigate to **CodeBuild** by searching for it in the top search bar.



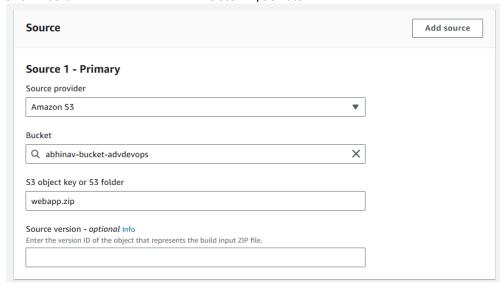
Click Create build project.

Project Configuration:

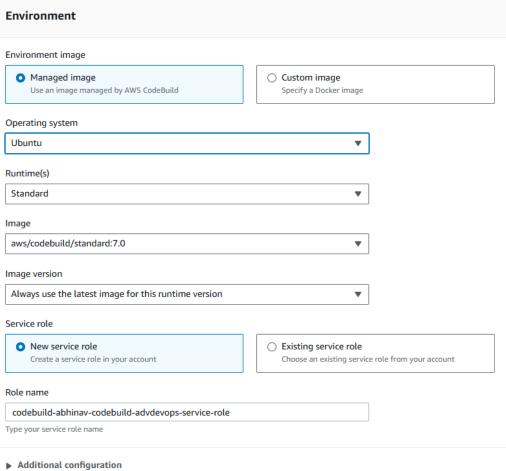
• Project Name: Enter a name



- Source Provider: Select Amazon S3.
- Bucket: Select the bucket (your bucket name) you created earlier.
- Object Key: Select the webapp.zip file you uploaded.

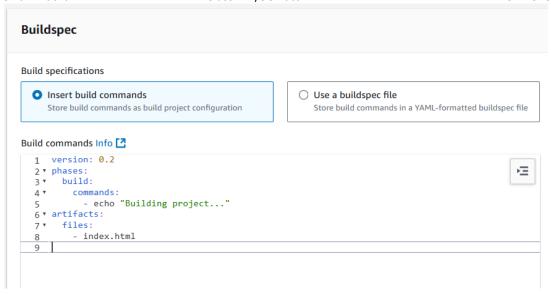


• Operating System: Select Ubuntu.

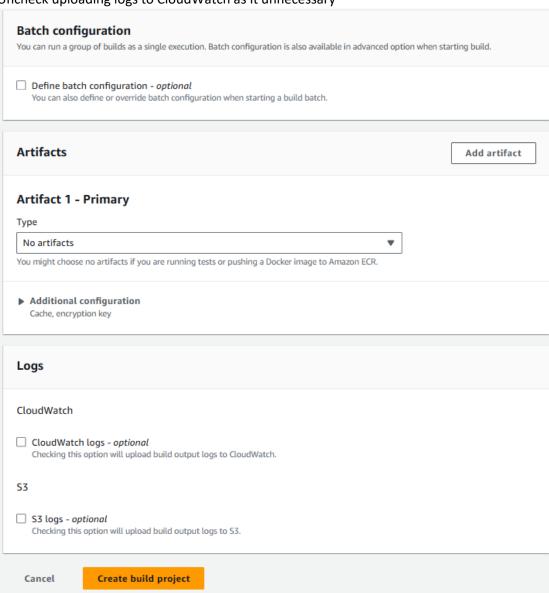


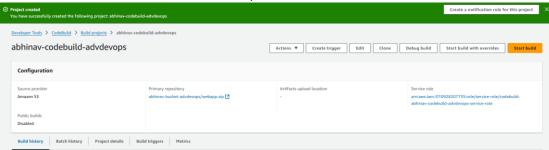
Timeout, privileged, certificate, VPC, compute type, environment variables, file systems

Buildspec: Select "Insert build commands" and enter the following YAML script: (Switch to editor)



Uncheck uploading logs to CloudWatch as it unnecessary



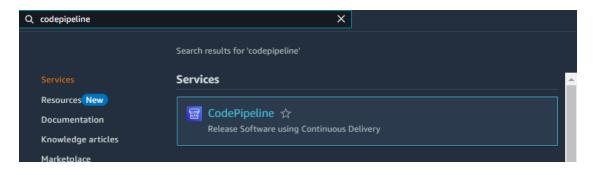


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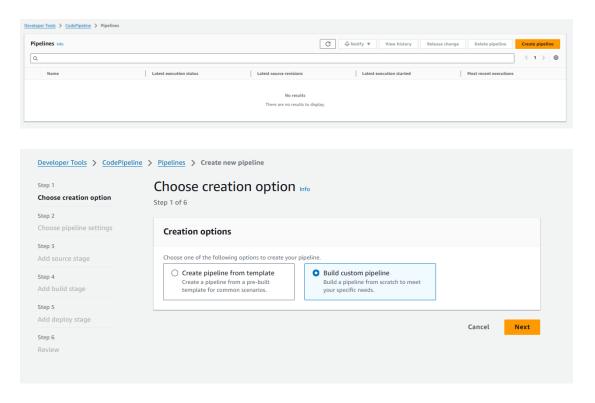
O Create a pipeline that deploys to an S3 bucket.

Step 5: Set Up AWS CodePipeline

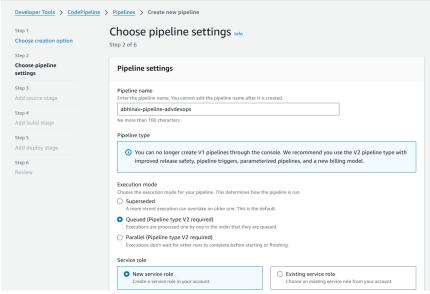
In the AWS Management Console, search for CodePipeline and click on it.



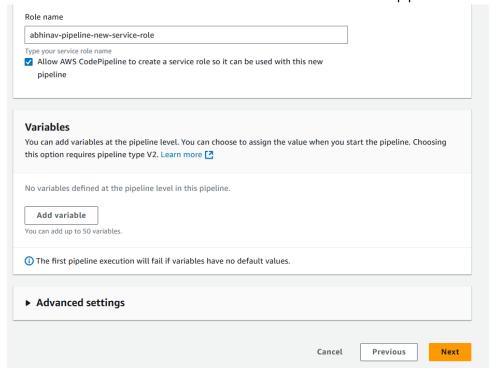
Click Create Pipeline.



• Pipeline Name: Enter a name

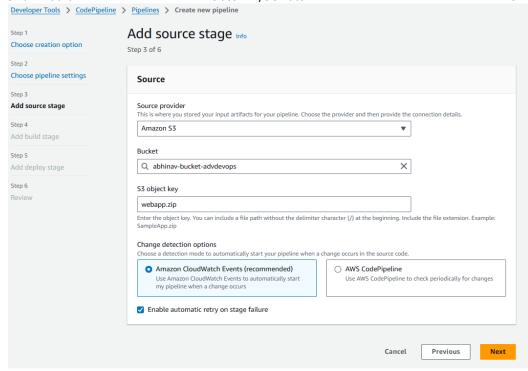


• Service Role: Select New service role to create a new role for this pipeline.

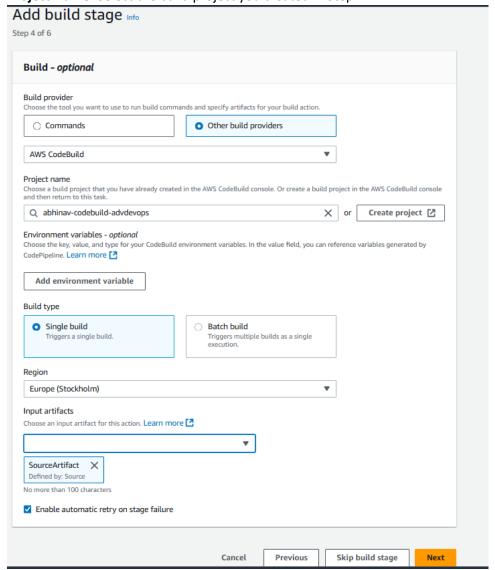


Source Provider: Select Amazon S3.

Bucket: Select the same S3 bucket you used earlier. **S3 object key:** Enter webapp.zip as the source file.

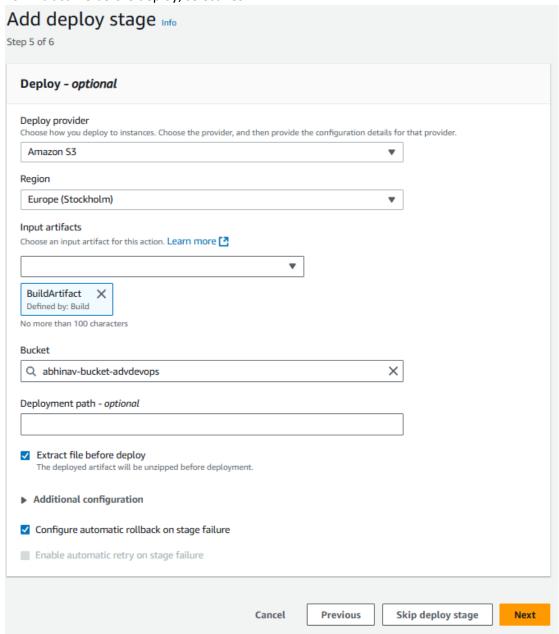


Build Provider: Select Other Build Providers Then select AWS Codebuild **Project Name:** Select the build project you created in Step 4

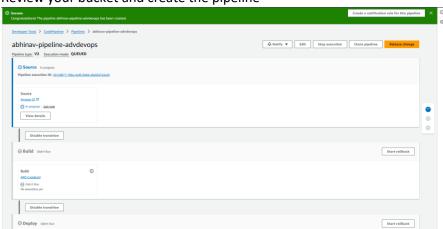


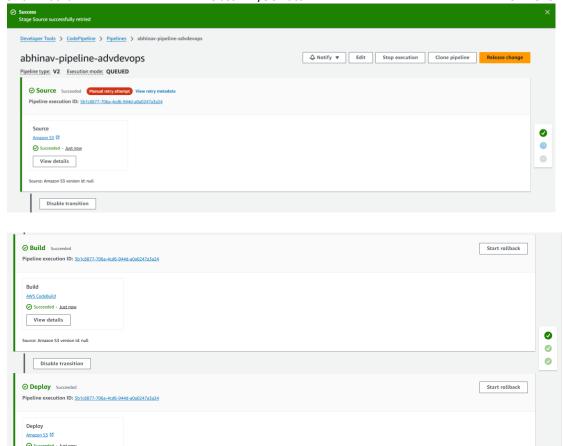
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Deploy Provider: Select Amazon S3. **Bucket**: Choose the same S3 bucket. For Extract file before deploy, select Yes.



Review your bucket and create the pipeline





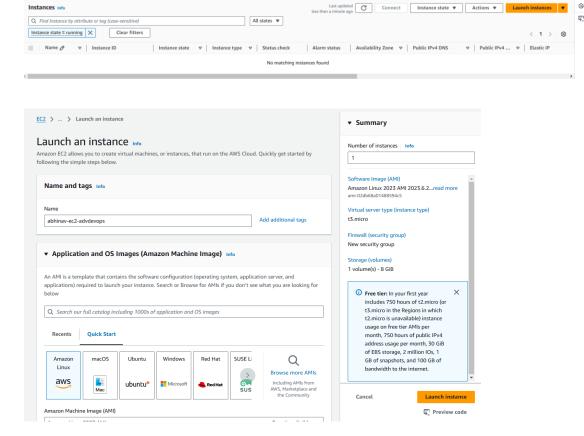
Step 6: Create an EC2 Instance

Click on Launch Instance.

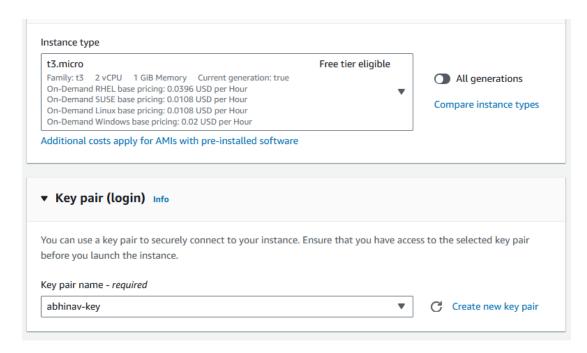
View details

Source: Amazon S3 version id: null

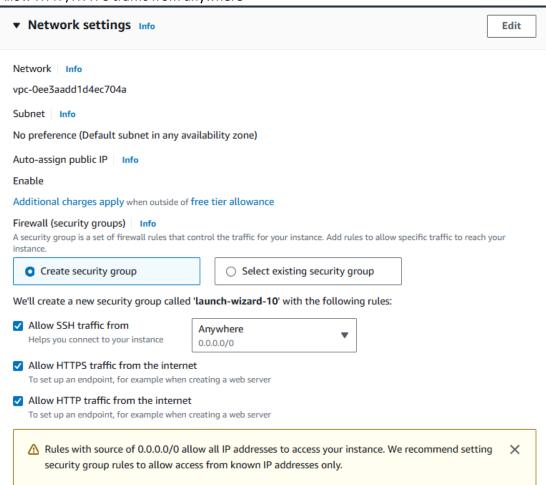
Select an instance type (e.g., t3.micro for free tier eligibility).

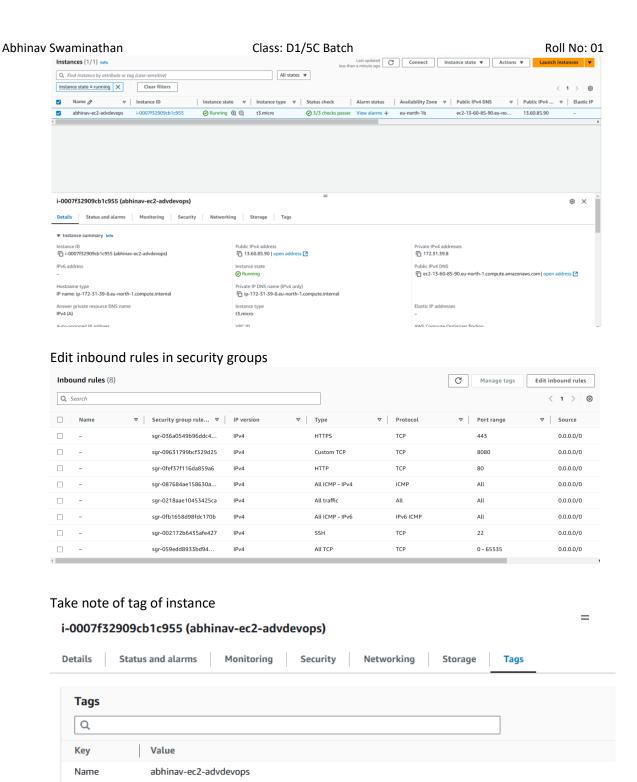


Create a new key-pair of RSA type. (Will be used to SSH into our instance later)



Allow HTTP/HTTPS traffic from anywhere

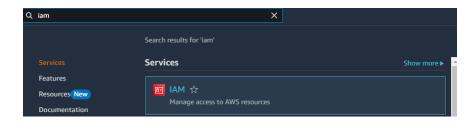




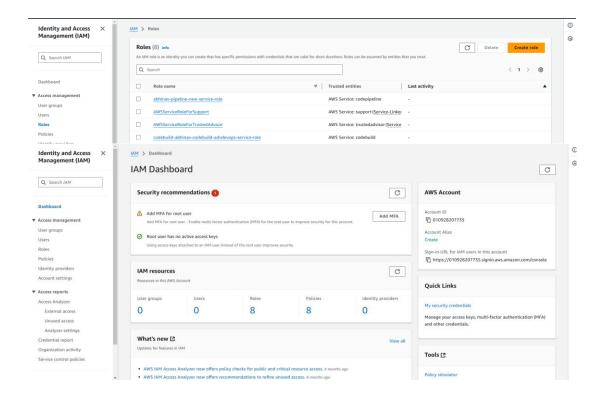
Tasks: Use AWS CodeDeploy to push updates to an EC2 instance.

Step 7: Create an IAM Role for EC2 with CodeDeploy Permissions

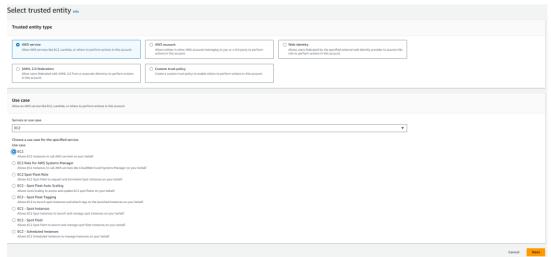
In the AWS Management Console, go to **Services** and select **IAM**.



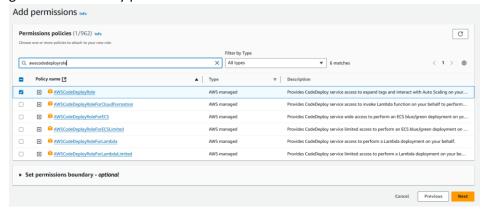
Click on Roles in the left sidebar and then click Create role.

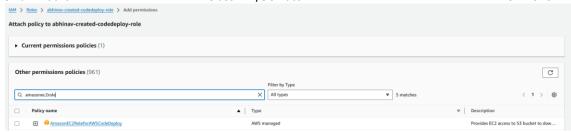


Choose AWS service and then select EC2.



Search for and attach the AWSCodeDeployRole, AmazonEC2RoleforCodeDeploy policy to grant the necessary permissions.





Name your role and click **Create role**.





Goto trusted relationships and edit trust policy with code

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
            "Service": "codedeploy.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
    }
  ]
}
```

Edit trust policy

```
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 2
        "Version": "2012-10-17",
       "Statement": [
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      {
       "Effect": "Allow",

"Principal": {

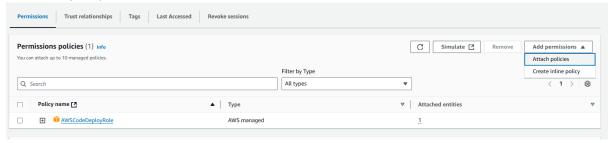
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      ]
12 }
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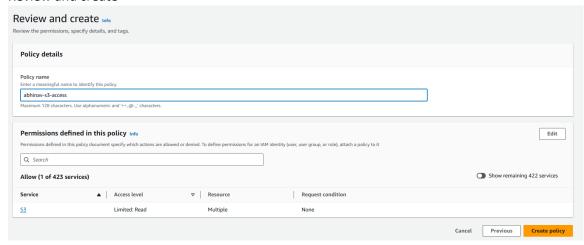


Add inline policy



In Json editor

Review and create

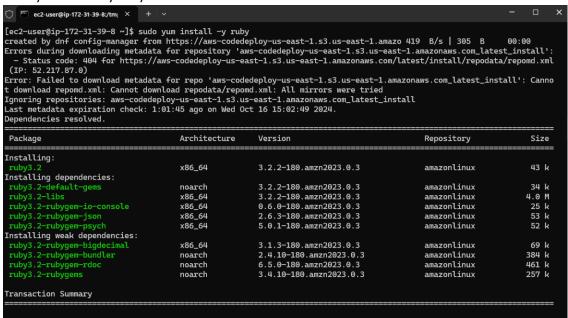


Step 8: Install codedeploy-agent and nginx on ec2

Refer to the documentation to install

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/codedeploy/latest/userguide/codedeploy-agent-operations-install-linux.html

sudo vum install -v rubv



cd /tmp

(wget https://bucket-name.s3.region-identifier.amazonaws.com/latest/install) wget https://aws-codedeploy-us-east-1.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/latest/install

chmod +x ./install

sudo ./install auto

sudo service codedeploy-agent start

sudo service codedeploy-agent status

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-8 tmp]$ sudo service codedeploy-agent start
Starting codedeploy-agent:[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-8 tmp]$ sudo service codedeploy-agent status
The AWS CodeDeploy agent is running as PID 27399
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-8 tmp]$ |
```

sudo yum install -y nginx

```
[ec2-user8ip-172-31-39-6-3]$ sudo yum install -y nginx
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- Status Code: (ddf for https://daw-codedeploy-us-east-1.s2.us-east-1.manager.com/latest/install/repodata/repomd.xml; Cannot download repomd.xml; All mirers were tried in the production of the production o
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sudo service nginx start sudo service nginx status

```
[ec2-user8ip-172-31-39-8 -]$ sudo service nginx status
Redirecting to /bin/systemct1 status nginx.service

**nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
Loaded: loaded (/hsr/lib/systemc/systemc/ginx.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
Active: active (running) since Wed 2024-10-16 17:25:47 UTC; 16s ago
Process: 33730 ExecStartPre=/usr/shin/mginx - t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Process: 33740 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx - t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Process: 33741 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Main PID: 33742 (nginx)

Tasks: 3 (limit: 1059)
Memory: 2.9%

CFU: 54ms

CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
-33742 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx"
-33743 "nginx: worker process"

Oct 16 17:25:47 ip-172-31-39-8.eu-north-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
Oct 16 17:25:47 ip-172-31-39-8.eu-north-1.compute.internal nginx(33740): nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
Oct 16 17:25:47 ip-172-31-39-8.eu-north-1.compute.internal systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
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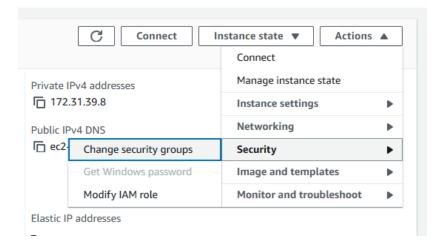
Check if nginx installed by opening the instance's public ipv4 ip



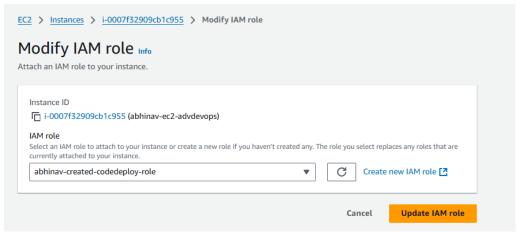
Step 9: Attach the IAM Role to the EC2 Instance

Go back to the EC2 Dashboard.

Select your Instance and click on Actions > Security > Modify IAM Role.



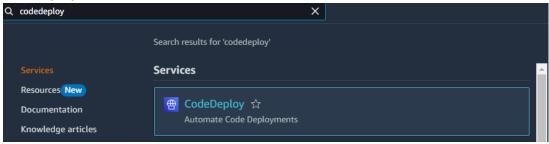
Attach the IAM Role created earlier.



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Step 9: Set Up AWS CodeDeploy

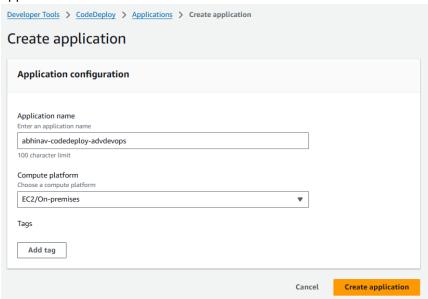
Open the CodeDeploy Console: In the AWS Management Console, navigate to the **CodeDeploy** service.



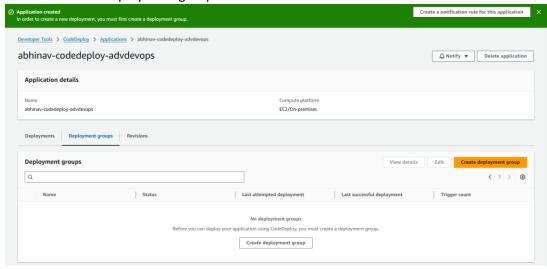
Click on "Create application".

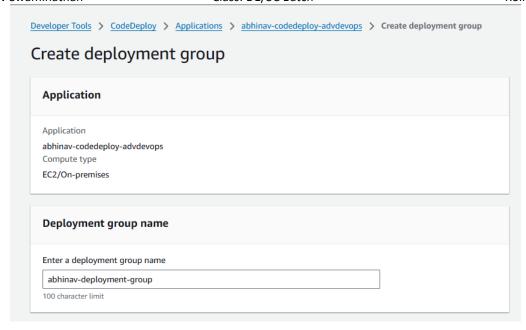


Enter an application name , For Compute platform, select EC2/On-premises. Click "Create application"



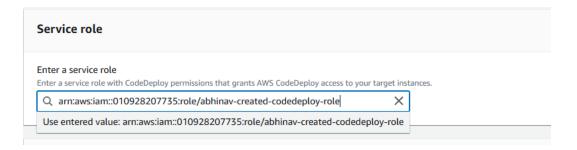
After creating the application, you will be prompted to create a deployment group. Click on "Create deployment group".



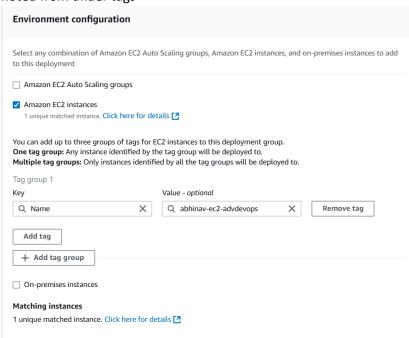


Enter the **ARN** of the service role you created for CodeDeploy (the one with permissions for CodeDeploy).

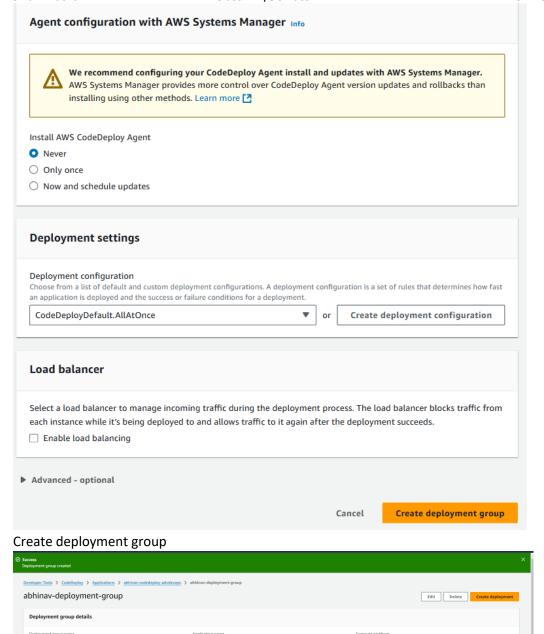
arn:aws:iam::010928207735:role/abhinav-created-codedeploy-role



For **Environment configuration**, choose **EC2 instances**. Enter your key value pair which was noted from under tags

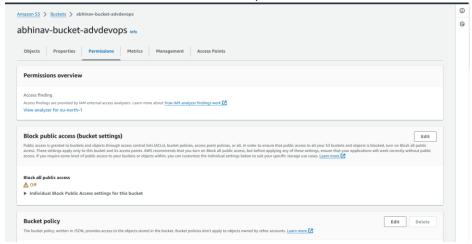


Disable load balancing.



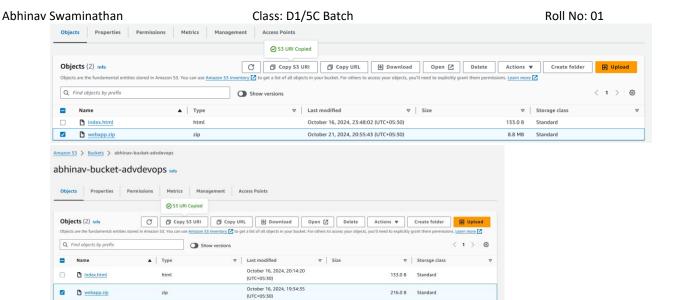
Step 10: Give access of S3 bucket to codedeploy

Navigate to the **S3 service** in the AWS Management Console. Find and select your bucket (e.g., abhinav-bucket-advdevops). Go to the **Permissions** tab and check the **Bucket Policy**.



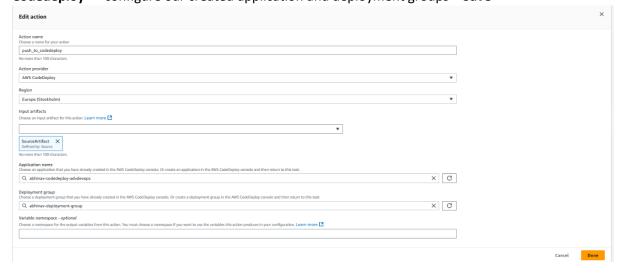
Go to the Permissions tab and check the Bucket Policy. Ensure that the policy allows CodeDeploy to access the bucket

Copy the S3 bucket's uri



Step 11: Automate CodeDeploy using CodePipeline

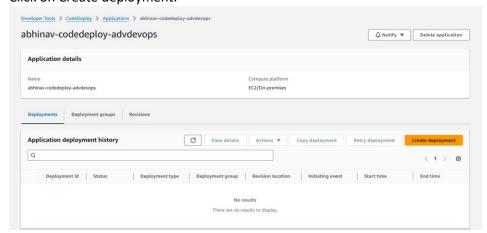
Under your CodePipeline > Deploy > Edit > Add an Action > Set Action Provider as "AWS Codedeploy" > configure our created application and deployment groups > Save

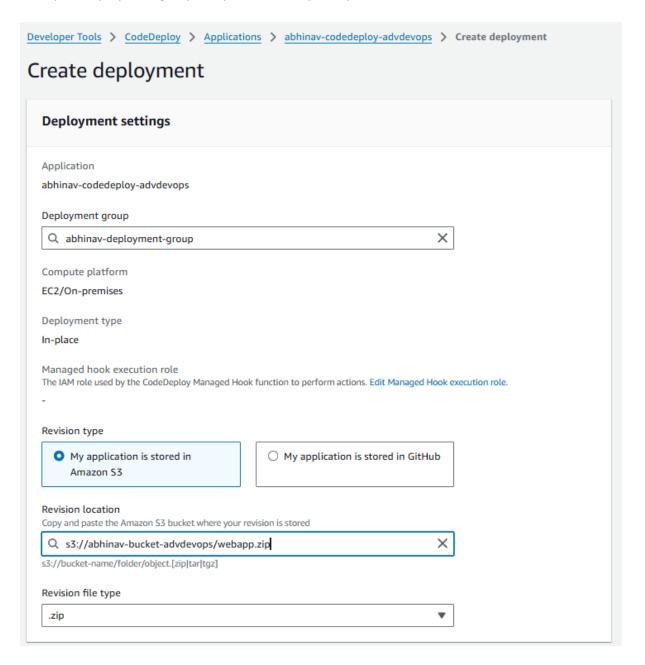


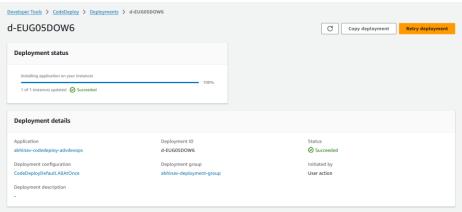
Step 12: Create a Deployment for Your Application

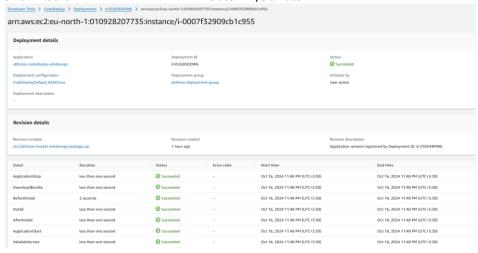
Click on the Deployments tab.

Click on Create deployment.

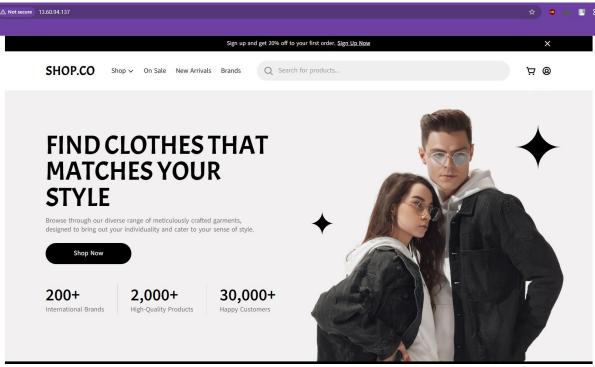








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Conclusion

In this project, we successfully automated the deployment of a web application using AWS CodePipeline, CodeBuild, and CodeDeploy. The integration of these services allowed for a seamless build and deployment process, with the application being hosted on an EC2 instance and managed through S3 for storage. IAM roles were utilized to provide secure access, and the installation of the CodeDeploy agent ensured smooth deployment. By leveraging these AWS tools, we demonstrated the efficiency and scalability of cloud-based automated deployment pipelines, highlighting the key benefits of infrastructure automation in modern development workflows.