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### Practice Lab Goals

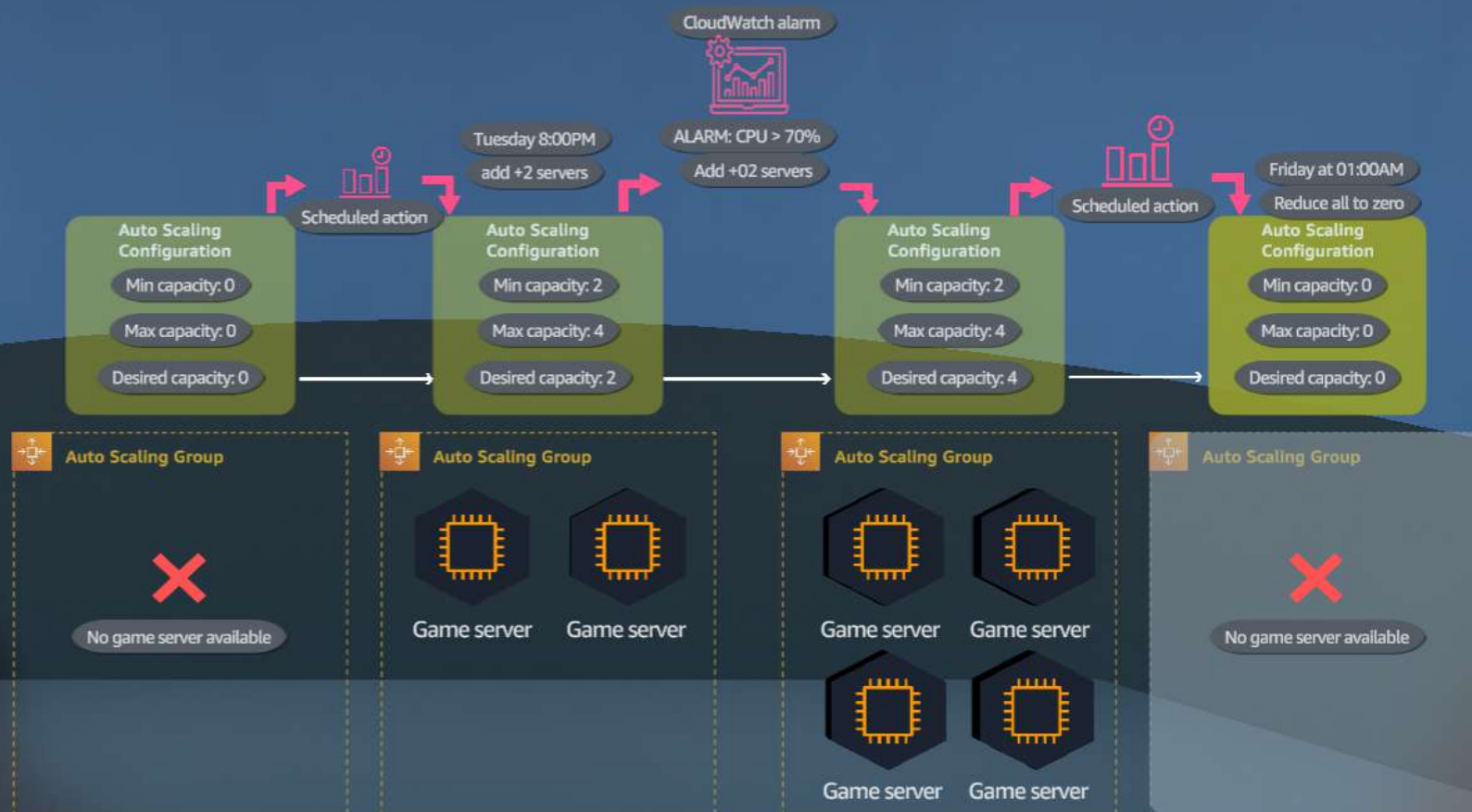
Step-by-step guided learning

- Create an Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling group.
- Assign EC2 instances to the Auto Scaling group.

### DIY

Build on what you have learned.

- Configure an auto scaling policy to scale down to 0 resources at 01:00 AM every day.





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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 2

1. In the top navigation bar search box, type:

ec2

2. In the search results, under Services, click EC2.

3. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

AWS Auto Scaling monitors your applications and automatically adjusts capacity to maintain steady, predictable performance at the lowest possible cost.



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Services ▾

Q ec2

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Search results for 'ec2'

Services (6) [See all 6 results ▶](#)

EC2  2. Click

Virtual Servers in the Cloud

EC2 Image Builder

A managed service to automate build, customize and deploy OS images

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AWS Firewall Manager


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#### Step 3

1. In the left navigation pane, click Instances.
2. In the Instances section, under Instance ID, click the Game Server instance ID.
3. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

AWS Auto Scaling can help you optimize your utilization and cost efficiencies when consuming AWS services, so you only pay for the resources you actually need. When demand drops, AWS Auto Scaling will automatically remove any excess resource capacity so that you avoid overspending.

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Instances (1) Info

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Instance state ▼

Actions ▼

Launch instances ▼

Find instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

< 1 >

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Instance ID	Instance state	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Game Server	i-0789d290d20c3eed5	Running	

2. Click

Select an instance

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### Step 4

1. For the Game Server instance, under Public IPv4 address, click the icon to copy the provided address.
2. Go to the next step.

### Concept

AWS Auto Scaling continually monitors your applications to make sure that they are operating at your desired performance levels. Using AWS Auto Scaling, you maintain optimal application performance and availability, even when workloads are periodic, unpredictable, or continuously changing.

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EC2 > Instances > i-05cbcccb372510f6b

**Instance summary for i-05cbcccb372510f6b (Game Server)** Info

Updated less than a minute ago

Instance ID

i-05cbcccb372510f6b (Game Server)

Instance state

Running

Instance type

t2.micro

AWS Compute Optimizer finding

Opt-in to AWS Compute Optimizer for recommendations. | [Learn more](#)

Public IPv4 address

44.195.95.192 | [open address](#)

Public IPv4 DNS

ec2-44-195-95-192.compute-1.amazonaws.com | [open address](#)

Elastic IP addresses

44.195.95.192 [Public IP]

IAM Role

ec2\_app\_role

Private IPv4 addresses

10.10.0.10

Private IPv4 DNS

ip-10-10-0-10.ec2.internal

VPC ID

vpc-02146c2256cfb76b0 (lab/GameServerVPC) [↗](#)

Subnet ID

subnet-08fee04efa99aa2a0 (lab/GameServerVPC/game-server-netSubnet1) [↗](#)

Details

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▼ Instance details Info

Platform

Amazon Linux (Inferred)

AMI ID

ami-0dc2d3e4c0f9ebd18

Monitoring

disabled

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#### Step 5

1. In a new browser tab (or window) address bar, type:

http://

2. After http://, paste the web server public IP address that you just copied and press Enter.

3. Go to the next step.

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The Hunt". The address bar contains "http://44.195.95.192". An orange arrow points to the address bar with the label "1. Type", and another orange arrow points to the same address bar with the label "2. Paste". The page content features a dark, misty mountain landscape with the title "THE HUNT" in large, red, semi-transparent letters. Below the title, the text "Are you ready, adventurers, to explore the cursed wilderness?" is displayed. A teal "SIGN IN" button is visible in the lower right. The browser's top navigation bar includes "Leaderboard", "Self Serve", and "Change Server". At the bottom of the browser window, a navigation bar shows "2 Plan" and "4 DIY" in green, with "Exit" on the far right.



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### Step 6

1. Return to the Amazon EC2 console (in the previous browser), and then, in the left navigation pane, click Instances.
2. In the Instance section, choose the check box to select Game Server.
3. Click Actions to expand the dropdown menu.
4. Choose Image and templates.
5. Choose Create image.
6. Go to the next step.

### Concept

You can capture the contents of an instance and its volume into an Amazon Machine Image (AMI). An AMI is a template used for launching new instances with i

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the EC2 service. The left-hand navigation pane is visible, with 'Instances' selected under the 'Instances' section. The main content area displays the 'Instances (1/1)' page. A table lists instances, with 'Game Server' (ID: i-0789d290d20c3eed5) selected. The 'Actions' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Connect', 'View details', 'Manage instance state', 'Instance settings', 'Networking', 'Security', 'Image and templates', and 'Monitor and troubleshoot'. The 'Image and templates' option is selected, and a sub-menu is shown with 'Create image', 'Create template from instance', and 'Launch more like this'. The 'Create image' option is highlighted. Below the instance list, the details for the selected instance 'i-0789d290d20c3eed5 (Game Server)' are shown, including its state (Running), IP addresses, and DNS names.

**Instances (1/1) Info**

Find instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

3. Click

2. Choose

1. Click

5. Choose

4. Choose

Instance: i-0789d290d20c3eed5 (Game Server)

Details Security Networking Storage Status checks Monitoring Tags

**Instance summary Info**

Instance ID	Public IPv4 address	Private IPv4 addresses
i-0789d290d20c3eed5 (Game Server)	54.82.161.2   <a href="#">open address</a>	10.10.0.23
IPv6 address	Instance state	Public IPv4 DNS
-	Running	ec2-54-82-161-2.compute-1.amazonaws.com   <a href="#">open address</a>
Hostname type	Private IP DNS name (IPv4 only)	Elastic IP addresses
IP name: ip-10-10-0-23.ec2.internal	ip-10-10-0-23.ec2.internal	
Answer private resource DNS name	Instance type	

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 7

1. For Image name, type:

GameServer

2. For Image description, type:

Regular customer game server

3. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

By default, Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) shuts down the instance, takes snapshots of any attached volumes, creates and registers the AMI, and then reboots the instance. You can

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i-05cbcccb372510f6b (Game Server)

Image name

GameServer

1. Type

Maximum 127 characters. Can't be modified after creation.

Image description - optional

Regular customer game server

2. Type

Maximum 255 characters

No reboot

☐ Enable

Instance volumes

Volume type	Device	Snapshot	Size	Volume type	IOPS	Throughput	Delete on termination
EBS ▾	/dev/x... ▾	Create new snapshot fr... ▾	8	EBS General Purpose SS... ▾	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable

Add volume

During the image creation process, Amazon EC2 creates a snapshot of each of the above volumes.

Tags - optional

A tag is a label that you assign to an AWS resource. Each tag consists of a key and an optional value. You can use tags to search and filter your resources or track your AWS costs.

☒ Tag image and snapshots together

Tag the image and the snapshots with the same tag.

☐ Tag image and snapshots separately

Tag the image and the snapshots with different tags.

No tags associated with the resource.

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### Step 9

1. In the left navigation pane, under Images, click AMIs.

2. Review to see that the GameServer AMI was created.

- It might take up to 5 minutes for the AMI to be created.

3. At the top of the page, if needed, click the refresh icon periodically.

4. Under Status, review to ensure that the AMI is available.

5. In the left navigation pane, click Launch Templates.

6. Go to the next step.

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(click or use arrow keys)

aws Services Search [Option+S] N. Virginia AWS Labs User-wq6vclRw2vkz9D87DaGVXf/exptools\_session @ 6362-76...

### Amazon Machine Images (AMIs) (1/1) Info

Owned by me Find AMI by attribute or tag

Name	AMI name	AMI ID	Source	Owner	Status
GameServer	ami-0bc1416b88af64a4f	636276965761/GameServer	636276965761	Available	

#### AMI ID: ami-0bc1416b88af64a4f

Details		Permissions	Storage	Tags			
AMI ID	ami-0bc1416b88af64a4f	Image type	machine	Platform details	Linux/UNIX	Root device type	EBS
AMI name	GameServer	Owner account ID	636276965761	Architecture	x86_64	Usage operation	RunInstances
Root device name	/dev/xvda	Status	Available	Source	636276965761/GameServer	Virtualization type	hvm
Boot mode	-	State reason	-	Creation date	Fri Nov 17 2023 14:44:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)	Kernel ID	-

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 10

1. On the Launch Templates home page, click Create launch template.
2. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

You can use launch templates to store launch parameters so that you do not have to specify them every time you launch an instance. For example, a launch template can contain the AMI ID, instance type, and network settings that you typically use to launch instances.

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# EC2 launch templates

## Streamline, simplify and standardize instance launches

Use launch templates to automate instance launches, simplify permission policies, and enforce best practices across your organization. Save launch parameters in a template that can be used for on-demand launches and with managed services, including EC2 Auto Scaling and EC2 Fleet. Easily update your launch parameters by creating a new launch template version.

New launch template

Create launch template

1. Click

Documentation

Documentation

API reference

Benefits and features

Streamline provisioning

Minimize steps to provision instances. With EC2 Auto Scaling, updates to a launch template can be automatically

Simplify permissions

Create shorter, easier to manage IAM policies. [Learn more](#)

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 11

1. In the Launch template name and description section, for Launch template name, type:

GameServerTemplate

2. For Template version description, type:

Regular customer game server template

3. For Auto Scaling guidance, choose the check box to select Provide guidance to help me....

4. Go to the next step.

### Concept

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)



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Services ▾

Search for services, featu [Option+S]



AWSLabsUser-aGU35Sera8Xgh8GvxdXdfS/exptools\_session @ 9868-86... ▾

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EC2 > Launch templates > Create launch template

## Create launch template

Creating a launch template allows you to create a saved instance configuration that can be reused, shared and launched at a later time. Templates can have multiple versions.

### Launch template name and description

Launch template name - required

GameServerTemplate 1. Type

Must be unique to this account. Max 128 chars. No spaces or special characters like '&', '\', '@'.

Template version description

Regular customer server game server template 2. Type

Max 255 chars

Auto Scaling guidance [Info](#)

Select this if you intend to use this template with EC2 Auto Scaling

☒ Provide guidance to help me set up a template that I can use with EC2 Auto Scaling

3. Choose

► Template usage

► Source template

### Launch template contents

Specify the details of your launch template below. Leaving a field blank will result in the field not being included in the launch template.

▼ Amazon machine image (AMI) - required [Info](#)

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 12

1. Scroll down to Application and OS Images.
2. Click the My AMIs tab.
3. Choose Owned by me.
4. For Amazon Machine Image (AMI), on the dropdown menu, choose GameServer.
5. Go to the next step.

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)

aws Services Search for services, features, blk [Option+S] N. Virginia AWSLabsUser-mYugvFByUmXGPHXgYUZJsP/exptools\_session @ 1567-70...

Resource Groups & Tag Editor

### Launch template contents

Specify the details of your launch template below. Leaving a field blank will result in the field not being included in the launch template.

▼ **Application and OS Images (Amazon machine Image) - required** [Info](#)

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below.

Search for AMIs including 1000s of application and OS images

Recents **My AMIs** Quick Start

☒ Owned by me ☐ Shared with me

[Browse more AMIs](#)

Including AMIs from AWS, Marketplace and the Community

**3. Choose** Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

**GameServer**  
ami-0e9727b958be3b686  
2022-03-01T21:38:00Z Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: true Root device type: ebs

Description **4. Choose**

Regular customer game server

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 13

1. Scroll down to Instance type.
2. For Instance type, choose t2.nano.
3. Click Create new key pair.
4. Go to the next step.

### Concept

For each launch template, you can create one or more numbered launch template versions. The first version specifies the instance type, AMI ID, subnet, and key pair to use to launch the instance.

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)

aws Search for services, featu [Option+S]

1. Scroll

▼ Instance type Info

Instance type

t2.nano  
Family: t2 1 vCPU 0.5 GiB Memory  
On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.0058 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.0081 USD per Hour

Compare instance types

Q

t2.nano  
Family: t2 1 vCPU 0.5 GiB Memory  
On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.0058 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.0081 USD per Hour

2. Choose

t2.xlarge  
Family: t2 4 vCPU 16 GiB Memory  
On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.1856 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.2266 USD per Hour

t2.medium  
Family: t2 2 vCPU 4 GiB Memory On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.0464 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.0644 USD per Hour

3. Click

Create new key pair

t3.medium  
Family: t3 2 vCPU 4 GiB Memory On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.0416 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.06 USD per Hour

t3.micro  
Family: t3 2 vCPU 1 GiB Memory On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.0104 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.0196 USD per Hour

t3.2xlarge  
Family: t3 8 vCPU 32 GiB Memory  
On-Demand Linux pricing: 0.3328 USD per Hour  
On-Demand Windows pricing: 0.48 USD per Hour

Security groups



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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 14

1. In the pop-up box, for Key pair name, type:

GameServerKeyPair

2. For Key pair type, choose RSA.

3. For Private key file format, choose .pem.

4. Click Create key pair.

5. After you are prompted to download (not shown), save the GameServerKeyPair file.

6. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

For the private key file format, if you plan to access your EC2 instance through Windows or the PuTTY program, you will

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aws Services Search [Option+S] N. Virgin AWSLabsUser-wq6vciRw2vkz9DB7DaGVXf/exptools\_session @ 636

### Create key pair

**1. Type** → Key pair name: GameServerKeyPair  
Key pairs allow you to connect to your instance securely.  
The name can include upto 255 ASCII characters. It can't include leading or trailing spaces.

**2. Choose** → Key pair type: ☒ RSA (RSA encrypted private and public key pair) ☐ ED25519 (ED25519 encrypted private and public key pair)

**3. Choose** → Private key file format: ☒ .pem (For use with OpenSSH) ☐ .ppk (For use with PuTTY)

**4. Click** → 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](#)

Cancel Create key pair

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 15

1. Click Network settings to expand the section.
2. For Firewall (security groups), choose Select existing security group.
3. For Security groups, choose WebServerSecurityGroup.
4. Go to the next step.

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)

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Resource Groups & Tags 1. Click

### Network settings

Subnet [Info](#)

Don't include in launch template [Create new subnet](#)

When you specify a subnet, a network interface is automatically added to your template.

**Firewall (security groups)** 2. Choose

A security group is a set of fire... ol the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.

☒ Select existing security group ☐ Create security group

Security groups [Info](#)

Select security groups [Compare security group rules](#)

WebServerSecurityGroup sg-0ab8fa2efeb247332 X 3. Choose

VPC: vpc-04a81f168992ef541

► Advanced network configuration

### Configure storage [Info](#) [Advanced](#)

1x 8 GiB gp2 Root volume

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### Step 16

1. Scroll down to the bottom of page.
2. In the Summary section, review the details.
3. Click Create launch template.
4. Go to the next step.

### Concept

For resource tags, specify tags by providing key and value combinations. You can tag the instance, the volumes, Spot Instance requests, or all three. For network interfaces, you can specify up to two network interfaces for the instance.

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Resource Groups & Tag Editor

► Advanced details Info

▼ Summary

Software Image (AMI)  
Regular customer game server  
ami-0e9727b958be3b686

Virtual server type (instance type)  
t2.nano

Firewall (security group)  
WebServerSecurityGroup

Storage (volumes)  
1 volume(s) - 8 GiB

Free tier: In your first year includes 750 hours of t2.micro (or t3.micro in the Regions in which t2.micro is unavailable) instance usage on free tier AMIs per month, 30 GiB of EBS storage, 2 million IOs, 1 GB of snapshots, and 100 GB of bandwidth to the internet

Cancel Create launch template

1. Scroll

2. Review

3. Click



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### Step 17

1. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.
2. Click View launch templates.
3. Go to the next step.

### Concept

This launch template can be used to configure the auto scaling and healing properties of your system. When a server goes down, this information is used to create a new instance.

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### Next steps

#### Launch an instance

With On-Demand Instances, you pay for compute capacity by the second (for Linux, with a minimum of 60 seconds) or by the hour (for all other operating systems) with no long-term commitments or upfront payments. Launch an On-Demand Instance from your launch template.

[Launch instance from this template](#)

#### Create an Auto Scaling group from your template

Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling helps you maintain application availability and allows you to scale your Amazon EC2 capacity up or down automatically according to conditions you define. You can use Auto Scaling to help ensure that you are running your desired number of Amazon EC2 instances during demand spikes to maintain performance and decrease capacity during lulls to reduce costs.

[Create Auto Scaling group](#)

#### Create Spot Fleet

A Spot Instance is an unused EC2 instance that is available for less than the On-Demand price. Because Spot Instances enable you to request unused EC2 instances at steep discounts, you can lower your Amazon EC2 costs significantly. The hourly price for a Spot Instance (of each instance type in each Availability Zone) is set by Amazon EC2, and adjusted gradually based on the long-term supply of and demand for Spot Instances. Spot instances are well-suited for data-analysis, batch jobs, background processing, and optional tasks.

[Create Spot Fleet](#)

1. Scroll



2. Click



View launch templates

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 18

1. In the left navigation pane, click Auto Scaling Groups.
2. On the Auto Scaling Groups home page, click Create Auto Scaling group.
3. Go to the next step.

### Concept

Using AWS Auto Scaling, you can build scaling plans that automate how groups of different resources respond to changes in demand. You can optimize for balance between availability and costs. AWS Auto Scaling automatically creates all of the scaling policies, and it sets targets for you based on your preference.

Navigate steps:  
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Auto Scaling Groups

1. Click

# 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.

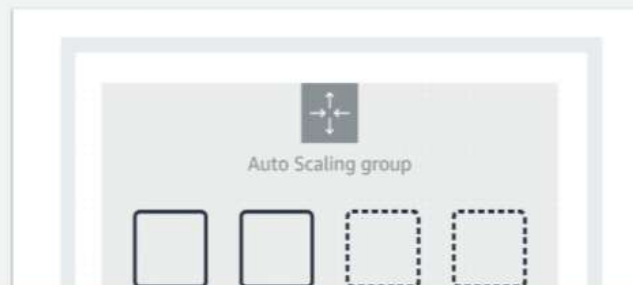
## Create Auto Scaling group

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

[Create Auto Scaling group](#)

2. Click

## How it works



## 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.



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### Step 19

RegularCustomerGameServer

## Concept



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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 20

1. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.
2. Click Next.
3. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

If you host an application on multiple EC2 instances, you can launch instances across multiple instance types and purchase options (Spot and On-Demand Instances) by choosing Combine purchase options and instance types. This is an advanced feature in which your team can optimize costs using different deployment strategies.

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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.

GameServerTemplate

Create a launch template

Version

Default (1)

Create a launch template version

Description

Regular customer server game template

AMI ID

ami-05567602a6ce3a878

Key pair name

GameServerKeyPair

Launch template

GameServerTemplate

lt-0c7680e402ca30ab8

Security groups

-

Security group IDs

sg-00d054469df1febcd

Instance type

t2.nano

Request Spot Instances

No

Additional details

Storage (volumes)

-

Date created

Sun Jul 18 2021 22:48:31 GMT-0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

Cancel

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### Step 21

1. In the Choose instance launch options step, for VPC, choose the VPC name that ends with auto-healing-and-scaling/GameServerVPC.
2. For Availability Zones and subnets, choose both subnet names that contain game-server-netSubnet.
3. Go to the next step.



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### Step 22

1. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.
2. Click Next.
3. Go to the next step.

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 23

1. In the Configure advanced options step, for Load balancing, choose No load balancer.

- Keep all other default values for VPC Lattice integration options.

2. Scroll down to Health checks.  
3. Go to the next step.

### Concept

Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling can determine the health status of an instance by using one or more of the following.

- Status checks provided by Amazon EC2 to identify hardware and software issues that might impair an instance

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(click or use arrow keys)



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EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > Create Auto Scaling group

Step 1  
[Choose launch template or configuration](#)

Step 2  
[Choose instance launch options](#)

Step 3 - optional  
**Configure advanced options**

Step 4 - optional  
[Configure group size and scaling](#)

Step 5 - optional  
[Add notifications](#)

Step 6 - optional  
[Add tags](#)

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**Configure advanced options - optional** Info

Integrate your Auto Scaling group with other services to distribute network traffic across multiple servers using a load balancer or to establish service-to-service communications using VPC Lattice. You can also set options that give you more control over health check replacements and monitoring.

**Load balancing** Info

Use the options below to attach your Auto Scaling group to an existing load balancer, or to a new load balancer that you define.

1. Choose

☒ No load balancer  
Traffic to your Auto Scaling group will not be fronted by a load balancer.

☐ Attach to an existing load balancer  
Choose from your existing load balancers.

☐ Attach to a new load balancer  
Quickly create a basic load balancer to attach to your Auto Scaling group.

**VPC Lattice integration options** Info

To improve networking capabilities and scalability, integrate your Auto Scaling group with VPC Lattice. VPC Lattice facilitates communications between AWS services and helps you connect and manage your applications across compute services in AWS.

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 24

1. For health check grace period, type:

240

2. Click Next.

3. Go to the next step.

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(click or use arrow keys)



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#### Health checks

Health checks increase availability by replacing unhealthy instances. When you use multiple health checks, all are evaluated, and if at least one fails, instance replacement occurs.

##### EC2 health checks

[Always enabled](#)

##### Additional health check types - optional [Info](#)

- ☐ Turn on Elastic Load Balancing health checks  
Elastic Load Balancing monitors whether instances are available to handle requests. When it reports an unhealthy instance, EC2 Auto Scaling can replace it on its next periodic check.
- ☐ Turn on VPC Lattice health checks  
VPC Lattice can monitor whether instances are available to handle requests. If it considers a target as failed a health check, EC2 Auto Scaling replaces it after its next periodic check.

##### Health check grace period [Info](#)

This time period delays the first health check until your instances finish initializing. It doesn't prevent an instance from terminating when placed into a non-running state.

1. Type

240

seconds

#### Additional settings

##### Monitoring [Info](#)

☐ Enable group metrics collection within CloudWatch

##### Default instance warmup [Info](#)

The amount of time that CloudWatch metrics for new instances do not contribute to the group's aggregated instance metrics, as their usage data is not reliable yet.

☐ Enable default instance warmup

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 25

1. In the Configure group size and scaling policies step, for Desired capacity, type:

2

2. For Min desired capacity, type:

2

3. For Max desired capacity, type:

4

4. For Automatic scaling, choose Target tracking scaling policy.

5. Go to the next step.

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Choose instance launch options

Step 3 - optional

Configure advanced options

Step 4 - optional

**Configure group size and scaling**

Step 5 - optional

Add notifications

Step 6 - optional

Add tags

Step 7

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**Group size** Info

Set the initial size of the Auto Scaling group. After creating the group, you can change its size to meet demand, either manually or by using automatic scaling.

**Desired capacity type**

Choose the unit of measurement for the desired capacity value. vCPUs and Memory(GiB) are only supported for mixed instances groups configured with a set of instance attributes.

Units (number of instances)

**Desired capacity**

Specify your group size.

2

1. Type

**Scaling** Info

You can resize your Auto Scaling group manually or automatically to meet changes in demand.

**Scaling limits**

Set limits on how much your desired capacity can be increased or decreased.

**Min desired capacity**

2

2. Type

Equal or less than desired capacity

**Max desired capacity**

4

3. Type

Equal or greater than desired capacity

**Automatic scaling - optional**

Choose whether to use a target tracking policy Info

You can set up other metric-based scaling policies and scheduled scaling after creating your Auto Scaling group.

☐ No scaling policies

4. Choose

Your Auto Scaling group will remain at its initial size and will not dynamically resize to meet demand.

☒ Target tracking scaling policy

Choose a CloudWatch metric and target value and let the scaling policy adjust the desired capacity in proportion to the metric's value.

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 26

1. Scroll down to Automatic scaling.

2. For Scaling policy name, type:

CPU Utilization

3. For Metric type, choose Average CPU utilization.

4. For Target value, type:

70

5. Scroll down to the bottom of the page, and then click Next (not shown).

6. Go to the next step.

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 27

1. In the Add notifications step, click Skip to review.
2. Go to the next step.

#### Concept

You can be notified when Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling is launching or terminating the EC2 instances in your Auto Scaling group. You can manage notifications by using Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS).

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EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > Create Auto Scaling group

Step 1  
[Choose launch template or configuration](#)

Step 2  
[Choose instance launch options](#)

Step 3 - optional  
[Configure advanced options](#)

Step 4 - optional  
[Configure group size and scaling](#)

Step 5 - optional  
**Add notifications**

Step 6 - optional  
[Add tags](#)

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## Add notifications - optional

Send notifications to SNS topics whenever Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling launches or terminates the EC2 instances in your Auto Scaling group.

Add notification

Cancel

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1. Click

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 28

1. In the Review step, scroll down to review your configuration settings.
2. Click Create Auto Scaling group.
3. Go to the next step.

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1. Scroll

Instance scale-in protection

Instance scale-in protection

☐ Enable instance protection from scale in

Step 5: Add notifications

Edit

Notifications

No notifications

Step 6: Add tags

Edit

Tags (0)

Key	Value	Tag new instances
No tags		

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Steps

## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 29

1. In the Auto Scaling groups section, click RegularCustomerGameServer.
2. Go to the next step.

### Concept

After you create a scaling policy, Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling starts evaluating the policy against the metrics that you selected.

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EC2 > Auto Scaling groups

Auto Scaling groups (1) Info

Launch configurations

Launch templates

Actions

Create Auto Scaling group

☐

Name

☐

Launch template/configuration

Instances

Status

Desired

<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">RegularCustomerGameServer</a>	<a href="#">GameServerTemplate</a>   Version Default	2	-	2
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0 Auto Scaling groups selected

1. Click

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 30

1. Click the Activity tab.
2. In the Activity history section, review to see that two instances were created to meet the "desired and actual capacity."
3. Go to the next step.

### Concept

You can see the history of your scaling group. If additional conditions are added to your scaling group, you can view which condition has caused the system to scale.

Navigate steps:  
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The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, 'Services', a search bar, and a user profile. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: '1. Click' → 'Activity' → 'Automatic scaling' → 'Instance management' → 'Monitoring' → 'Instance refresh'. The 'Activity' tab is selected. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Activity notifications (0)' and 'Activity history (2)'. The 'Activity notifications' section has a search bar, a 'Send to' dropdown set to 'On instance action', and a message 'No notifications are currently specified' with a 'Create notification' button. The 'Activity history' section also has a search bar and a table with columns: 'Status', 'Description', 'Cause', and 'Start time'. There are two entries in the table, both with a green 'Successful' status. The first entry's description is 'Launching a new EC2 instance: i-01588ba3fb205ad2d' and its cause is 'At 2023-12-06T15:57:16Z a user request created an AutoScalingGroup changing the desired capacity from 0 to 2. At 2023-12-06T15:57:29Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 0 to 2.' The second entry's description is 'Launching a new EC2 instance: i-0f4f413a3f77090e4' and its cause is 'At 2023-12-06T15:57:16Z a user request created an AutoScalingGroup changing the desired capacity from 0 to 2. At 2023-12-06T15:57:29Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 0 to 2.' An orange arrow points from the '2. Review' step instruction to the first activity entry. At the bottom of the console, there's a footer with '© 2023, Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates.', 'Privacy', 'Terms', 'Cookie preferences', and a 'CloudShell' button. On the far right, there are buttons for 'Plan', 'DIY', and 'Exit'.

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1. Click Activity Automatic scaling Instance management Monitoring Instance refresh

Activity notifications (0)

Filter notifications

Send to On instance action

No notifications are currently specified

Create notification

Activity history (2)

Filter activity history

Status	Description	Cause	Start time
Successful	Launching a new EC2 instance: i-01588ba3fb205ad2d	At 2023-12-06T15:57:16Z a user request created an AutoScalingGroup changing the desired capacity from 0 to 2. At 2023-12-06T15:57:29Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 0 to 2.	2023 December 06, 10:57: AM -05:00
Successful	Launching a new EC2 instance: i-0f4f413a3f77090e4	At 2023-12-06T15:57:16Z a user request created an AutoScalingGroup changing the desired capacity from 0 to 2. At 2023-12-06T15:57:29Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 0 to 2.	2023 December 06, 10:57: AM -05:00

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 31

1. Click the Automatic scaling tab.
2. Scroll down to Scheduled actions.
3. Go to the next step.

### Concept

Scheduled scaling helps you to set up your own scaling schedule according to predictable load changes. For example, let's say that the traffic to your web app starts to increase every week based on a predictable factor. You can configure your system to preempt this event.

Navigate steps:  
(click or use arrow keys)

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the 'RegularCustomerGameServer' Auto Scaling group. The 'Automatic scaling' tab is selected, and an orange arrow points to it. Below the tabs, there is a section for 'Dynamic scaling policies (1)' with a 'Create dynamic scaling policy' button. The 'CPU Utilization' policy is listed, showing 'Target tracking scaling' is enabled, 'As required to maintain Average CPU utilization at 70', 'Add or remove capacity units as required', '300 seconds to warm up before including in metric', and 'Enabled'. An orange arrow points to the 'CPU Utilization' policy. The bottom of the console shows the 'Plan' and 'DIY' buttons.

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### Step 31

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### Concept

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The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the 'RegularCustomerGameServer' Auto Scaling group. The 'Automatic scaling' tab is selected, and an orange arrow points to it with the label '1. Click'. Below the tabs, a blue box contains information about scaling policies. Further down, the 'Dynamic scaling policies (1)' section is visible, with a 'Create dynamic scaling policy' button. The 'CPU Utilization' policy is expanded, showing settings like 'Target tracking scaling', 'Enabled', 'As required to maintain Average CPU utilization at 70', 'Add or remove capacity units as required', '300 seconds to warm up before including in metric', and 'Enabled'. An orange arrow points to this section with the label '2. Scroll'. The bottom of the console shows the 'CloudShell' and 'Feedback' buttons, along with the copyright notice '© 2023, Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates.' and links for 'Privacy', 'Terms', and 'Cookie preferences'.



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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 32

1. Click Create scheduled action.
2. Go to the next step.

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### Predictive scaling policies (0) [Info](#)

Actions

Create predictive scaling policy

Evaluation period

Evaluation based on 2 days

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Name	Metric pair	Forecast and scale	Recommendation	Chart
No predictive scaling policies have been created				
Predictive scaling policies use historical data to scale out your group ahead of forecasted hourly load.				
<div>Create predictive scaling policy</div>				

1. Click

### Scheduled actions (0) [Info](#)

Actions

Create scheduled action

Filter scheduled actions

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	Name	Start ti...	End time	Recurr...	Time zone	Desired...	Min	Max
No scheduled actions are currently specified								
<div>Create scheduled action</div>								

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## Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

### Step 33

1. In the pop-up box, for Name, type:

SecondWaveOfRegulars

2. For Desired capacity, type:

3

3. For Min, type:

3

4. For Max, type:

4

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### Create scheduled action

**1. Type** → Name: SecondWaveOfRegulars

**2. Type** → Desired capacity: 3

**3. Type** → Min: 3

**4. Type** → Max: 4

**5. Choose** → Recurrence: Every week (Cron) 0 20 \*\* Sun

Time zone: Etc/UTC

Current time in selected time zone is 2023-11-17/20:14 UTC

**6. Choose** → Specific start time: 2023/12/17 20:00 Etc/UTC

**6. Type** → Set End Time

**7. Click** → Create

Cancel

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### Auto-Healing and Scaling Applications

#### Step 34

1. In the Scheduled actions section, review the new scheduled action.
2. Go to the next step.

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Scheduled action created or edited successfully

Predictive scaling policies (0) Info

Actions

Create predictive scaling policy

Evaluation period

Evaluation based on 2 days

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Name Metric pair Forecast and scale Recommendation Chart

No predictive scaling policies have been created

Predictive scaling policies use historical data to scale out your group ahead of forecasted hourly load.

Create predictive scaling policy

Scheduled actions (1) Info

Actions

Create scheduled action

Filter scheduled actions

< 1 >

1. Review

	Name	Start time	End time	Recurr...	Time zone	Desired...	Min
<input type="checkbox"/>	SecondWaveOfRegulars	2023 December 17,...		0 20 * * Sun	Etc/UTC	3	3

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