CS 260
How to install & setup Amazon EC2

You can use the following steps to create a web server that you can use for the labs for the rest of the semester. You will be turning in a URL that will access your application on your EC2 server.

During this process you will become the administrator of a Linux machine and will have superuser permissions. Along with learning how to build your web application, you ought to spend some time learning system administration concepts. So, if things seem unfamiliar, ask questions in class.

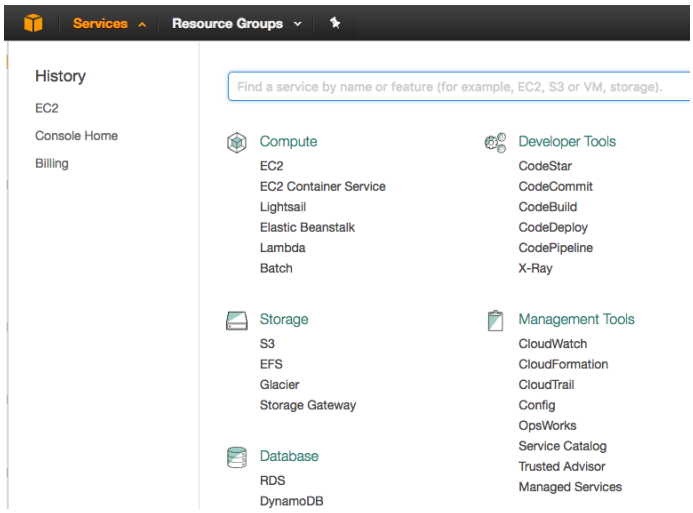
The following steps should get you up and running. Try to follow them closely, then you can come back later and explore.

Create an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account

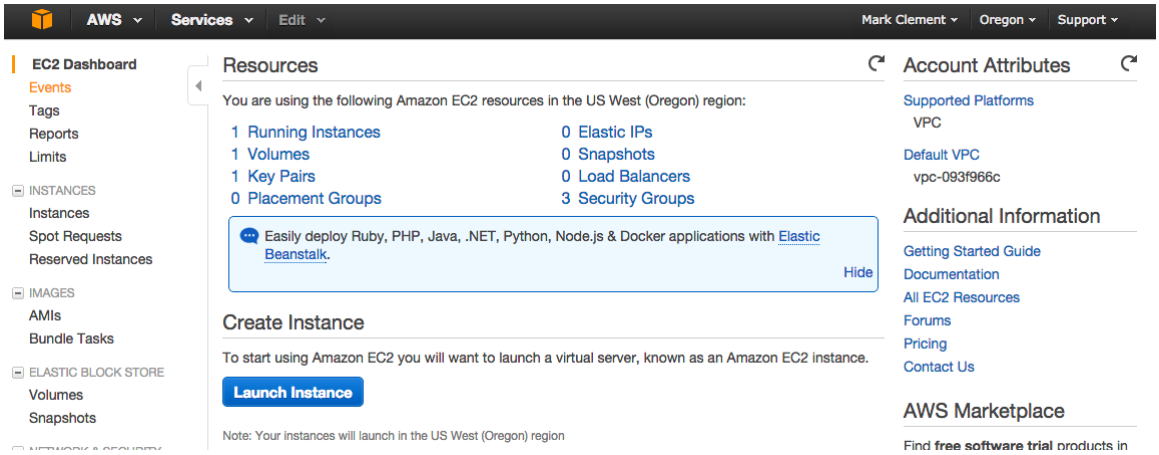
If you don't have one already, create an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account

Launch an EC2 instance (virtual server)

In order to install and run your instance, we first need to have a virtual server. Amazon calls its virtual servers *instances*, because you can have many of them running at the same time. For now, you only need one instance.
Login with your AWS account and goto the EC2 button in the upper left hand corner.

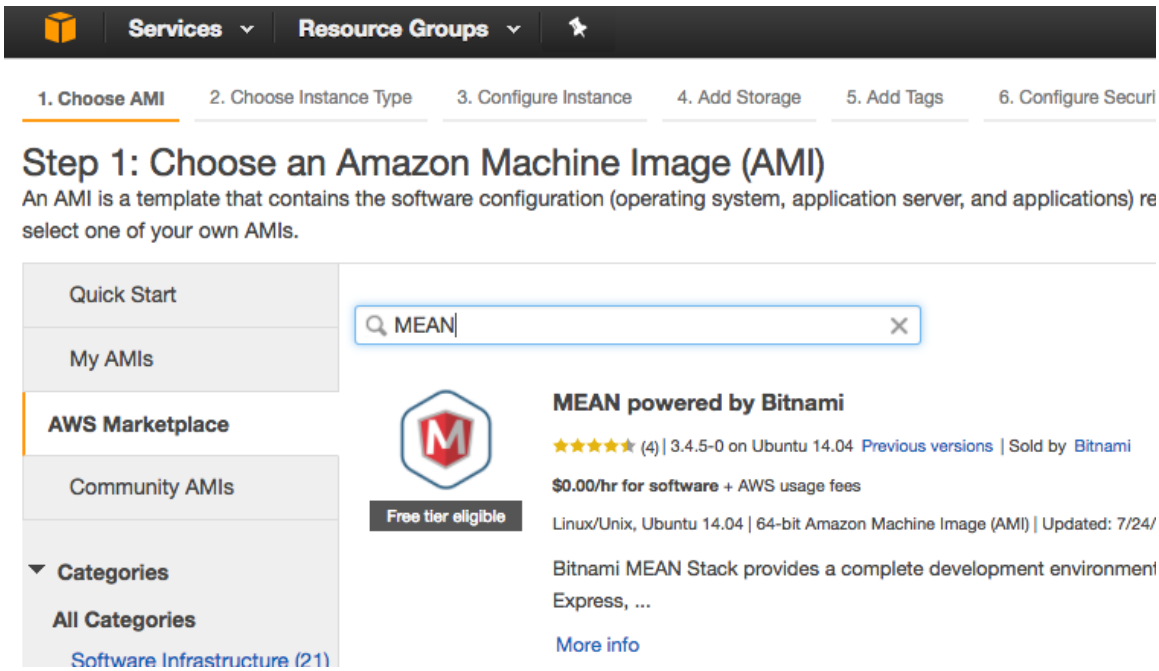


Then select the button to launch an instance



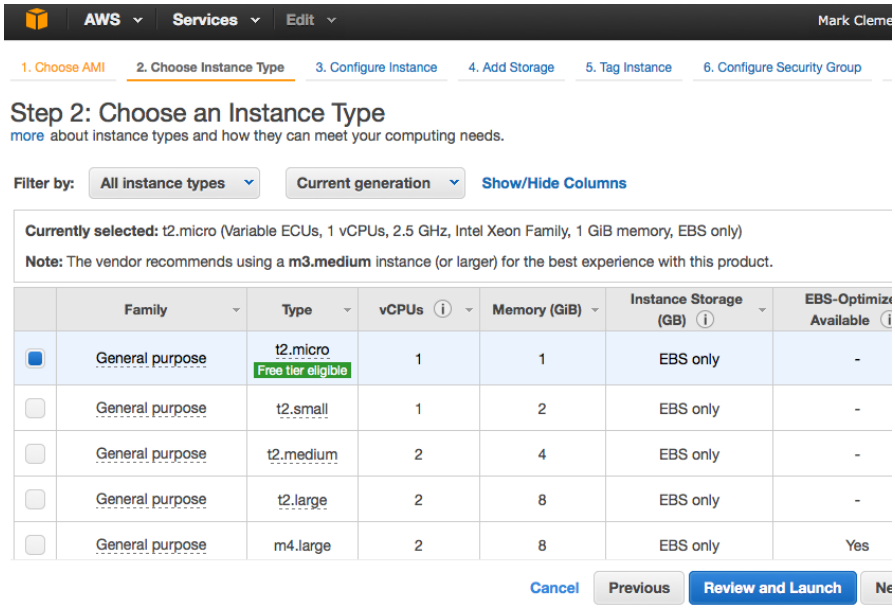
Step 1: Choose the Bitnami image

When you launch an instance, you will have the chance to initialize the instance with a set of applications and configurations. Pick the AWS Marketplace on the left menu, then search for MEAN in the search bar. You should see "MEAN powered by Bitnami (HVM)". Select it and it will take you to Step 2.



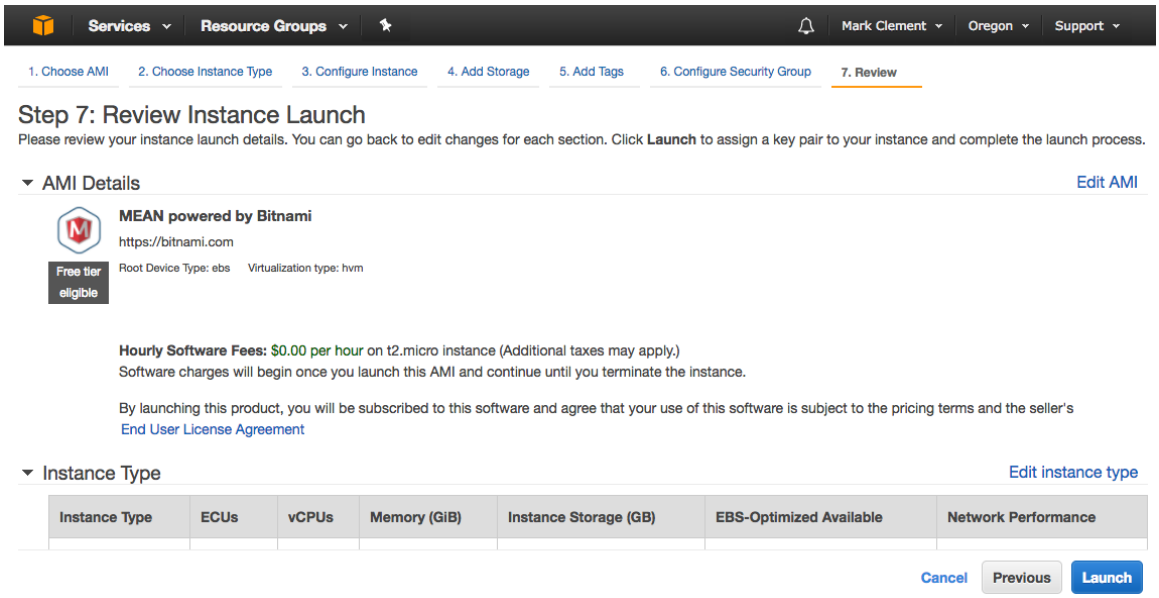
Step 2: Launch the Instance

Once you select this instance, select the MEAN image, choose the t2.micro option since it is the only free tier option. And select the “Review and Launch” button in the bottom right part of the screen.

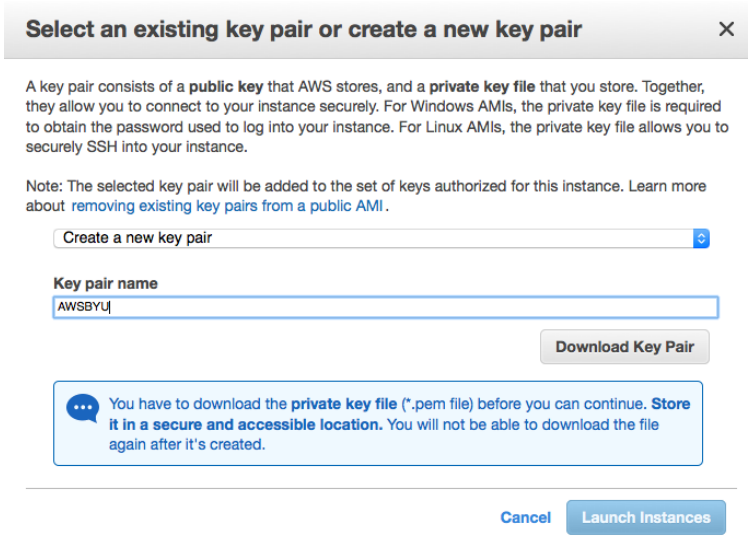


Step 7: Review Instance Launch

press the “Launch” button

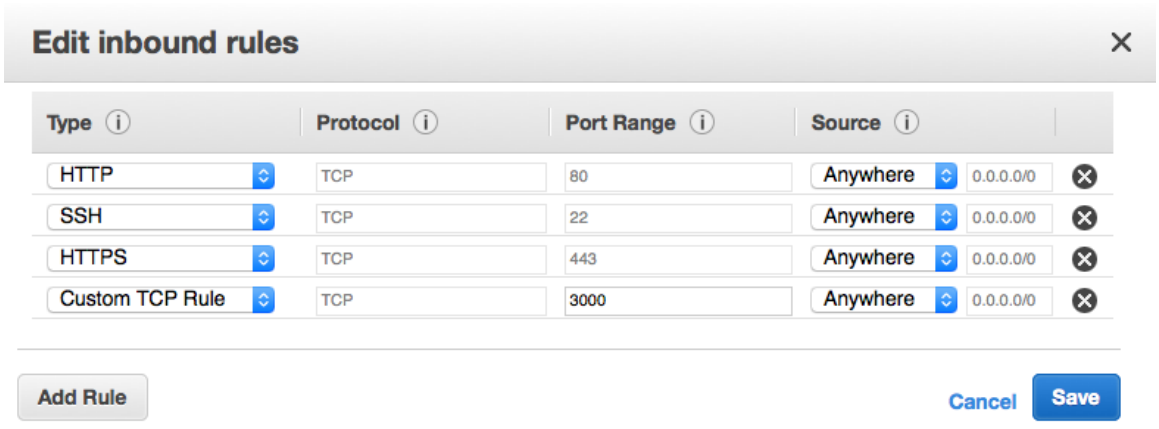


Now you will create a security key that will be used to access your virtual machine. Give it a name and make sure it is downloaded to your laptop or virtual machine. Then click “Launch Instance”.



It will take a while to configure your machine. You can take a look at the documentation, then go to “View Instances” in the bottom right corner. The status field will say “initializing” for a while until the machine is ready for you to use.

While you are waiting, select the “Network and Security”/”Security Groups” tab on the left menu. Select the group with “MEAN” in the name, and make sure it includes port 3000-3010 for inbound traffic. If it doesn’t, then add it with “Actions”/”Edit Inbound rules”.

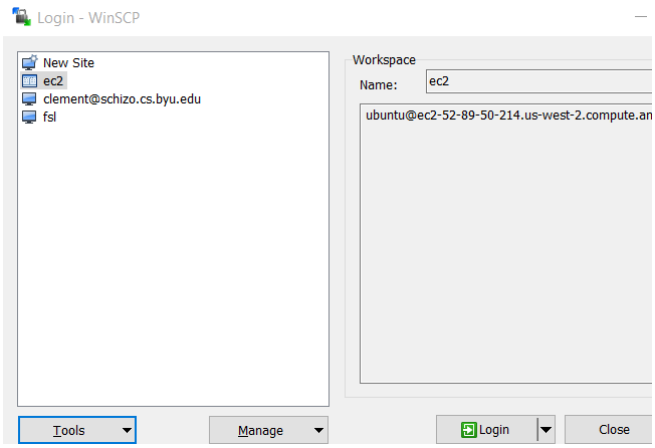


You can now use your instance's public dns to connect to your server via ssh. Amazon does not provide a custom username and password for ssh connections. Instead, they use the key pair file you created a couple of steps ago. Note the public DNS and public IP addresses that are shown in this screen. You will need them to connect to your server

Connect to Amazon EC2

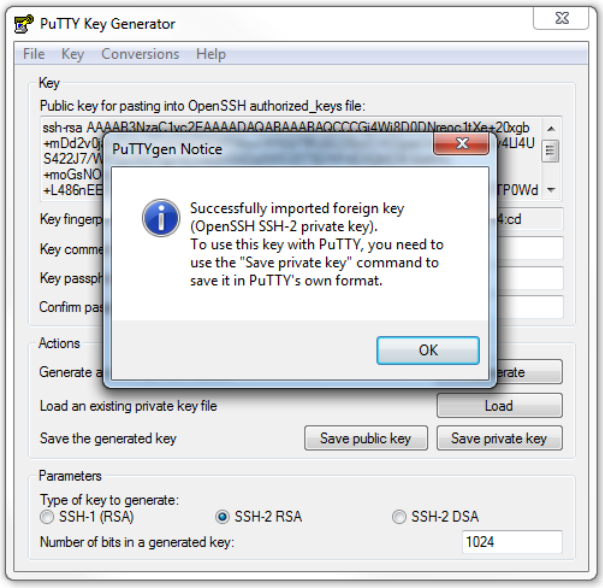
If you're on Windows, you can use winscp:

1. Download Putty and puttygen with winscp
2. Start puttygen from the winscp tools menu



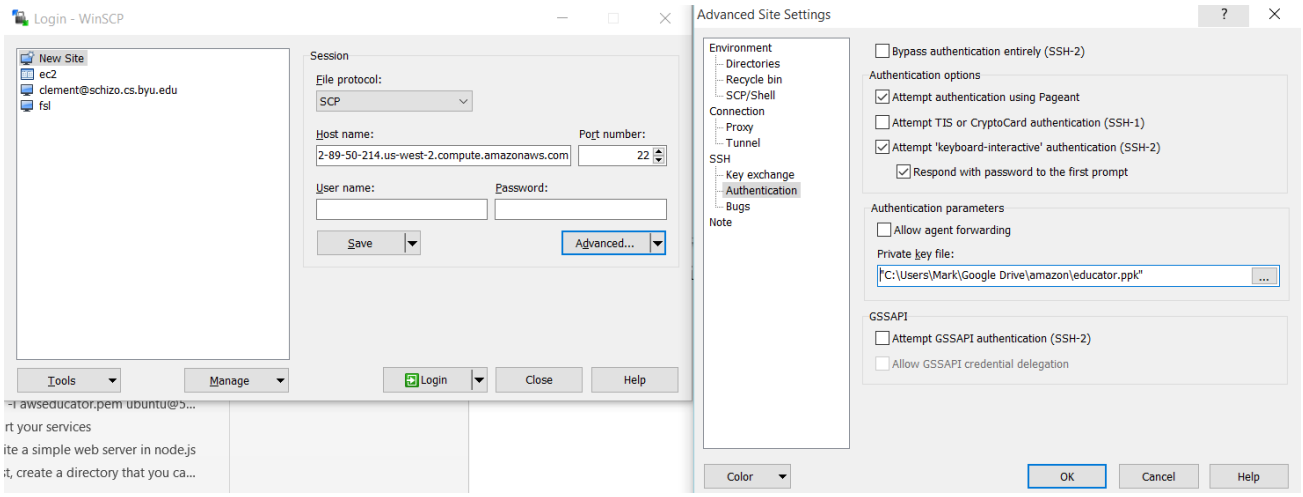
3. Use puttygen to convert Amazon's .pem key pair file to .ppk file.
   - From puttygen select **Load**

- Select *view all files* and pick the .pem file you download from Amazon.



- Click **OK** and select **Save Private Key** A passphrase is not required.

4. Now connect to your instance using winscp
   - Enter public dns address for your instance (for example http://ec2-52-89-50-214.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com/)
   - Navigate to Connection/SSH/Auth. Click **Browse** and select the .ppk file you exported from puttygen.
   - Login with “User name” ubuntu



- Now, you should be able to open a command line terminal through “Commands/Open in Putty”

If you get a message like “Putty doesn’t exist on your computer”, then download and install putty
https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html

If you are running Windows 10 you can use Linux for Windows

Enabling it is simple:
>Open Settings
>Click on Update and Security
>Click on For Developers on left side bar
>Select Developer Mode to turn on developer mode
>Restart computer
>Open Control Panel
>Click on Programs
>Click on Turn Windows features on or off
>Scroll down to Windows Subsystem for Linux and click ok
>Restart computer

>Open Start and search for bash.exe
>On command prompt type y and press Enter to download and install bash
>It will ask you to create a UNIX user account. It does not have to be the same as your Windows account

After that you can follow the same instructions to ssh as you would for Linux. You can also use it in any other way you would use Linux (use command-line tools and applications, run bash scripts, modify files add languages etc).

I highly suggest looking into it for the student's who use Windows because it is just like having Linux on your computer. I no longer have to have a second computer just for Linux.

https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/commandline/wsl/about

Apple or Linux

You will first need to change the permissions on your .pem file.

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chmod 600 ~/Downloads/clement.pem
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If you are using an apple or linux machine, you will use ssh instead of putty.

Open a terminal window and run ssh with a command like the following, but replace the 52.24.3.226 with the IP address or URL for your instance.

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ssh -i awseducator.pem ubuntu@52.24.3.226
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