

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.

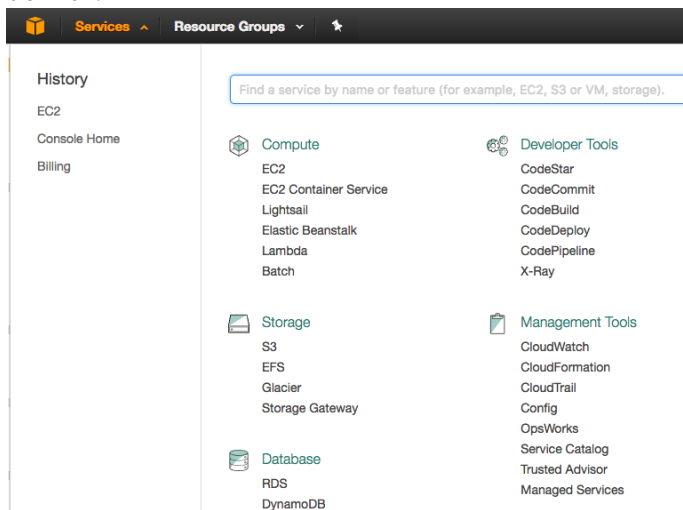
Create an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account

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.

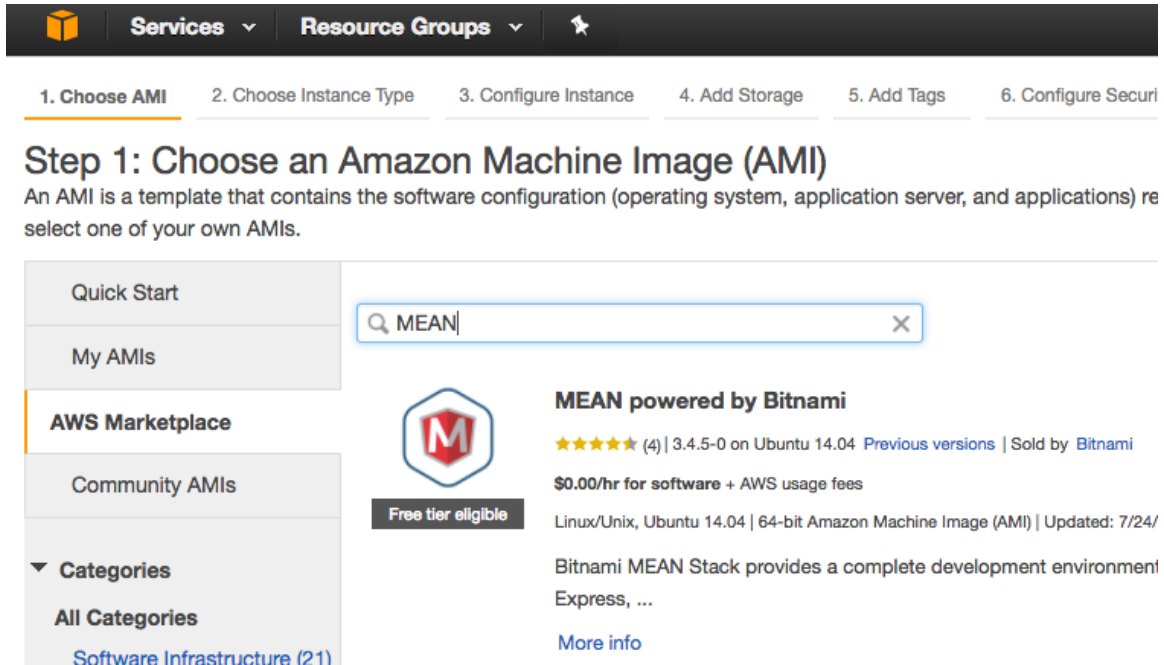


Then select the button to launch an instance

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for the EC2 service. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'AWS' dropdown, 'Services' dropdown, 'Edit' dropdown, and user information 'Mark Clement', 'Oregon', and 'Support'. The left sidebar shows the 'EC2 Dashboard' with various navigation options like 'Events', 'Tags', 'Reports', 'Limits', 'INSTANCES', 'IMAGES', 'ELASTIC BLOCK STORE', and 'MEMORY & SECURITY'. The main content area is titled 'Resources' and shows a list of EC2 resources in the US West (Oregon) region: 1 Running Instance, 1 Volume, 1 Key Pair, and 0 Placement Groups. Below this list is a blue box with a message: 'Easily deploy Ruby, PHP, Java, .NET, Python, Node.js & Docker applications with Elastic Beanstalk.' and a 'Hide' button. Underneath is the 'Create Instance' section, which includes a 'Launch Instance' button and a note: 'Note: Your instances will launch in the US West (Oregon) region'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Account Attributes' (Supported Platforms, VPC, Default VPC, vpc-093f966c) and 'Additional Information' (Getting Started Guide, Documentation, All EC2 Resources, Forums, Pricing, Contact Us). At the bottom right, there is a section for 'AWS Marketplace' with the text 'Find free software trial products in'.

Step 1: Choose the Bitnami image

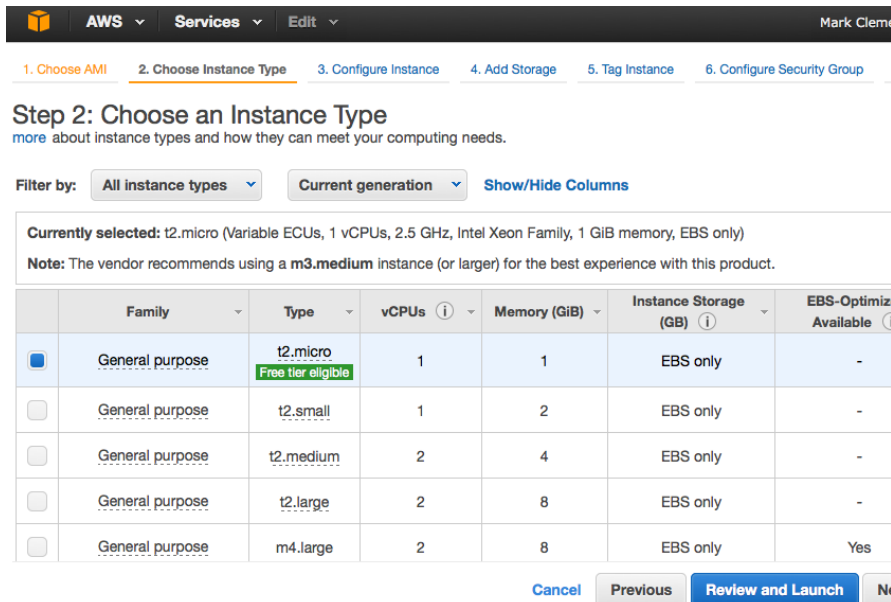
When you launch an instance, you will have the chance to initialize the instance with a set of applications and configurations. Pick the AWS Marketplace on the left menu, then search for MEAN in the search bar. You should see “MEAN powered by Bitnami (HVM)”. Select it and it will take you to Step 2.



The screenshot shows the AWS Marketplace interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Services' and 'Resource Groups' dropdowns. Below this is a progress bar with six steps: '1. Choose AMI', '2. Choose Instance Type', '3. Configure Instance', '4. Add Storage', '5. Add Tags', and '6. Configure Security'. The main heading is 'Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)'. Below the heading is a sub-heading: 'An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) re select one of your own AMIs.' On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with 'Quick Start', 'My AMIs', 'AWS Marketplace' (highlighted), 'Community AMIs', and 'Categories' (with a dropdown arrow). Under 'Categories', there is 'All Categories' and 'Software Infrastructure (21)'. The main content area shows a search bar with 'MEAN' entered. Below the search bar, there is a result for 'MEAN powered by Bitnami'. The result includes a Bitnami logo, a 'Free tier eligible' badge, a 4-star rating, the version '3.4.5-0 on Ubuntu 14.04', a link to 'Previous versions', and 'Sold by Bitnami'. The pricing is '\$0.00/hr for software + AWS usage fees'. The description mentions 'Linux/Unix, Ubuntu 14.04 | 64-bit Amazon Machine Image (AMI) | Updated: 7/24/' and 'Bitnami MEAN Stack provides a complete development environment Express, ...'. There is a 'More info' link.

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.

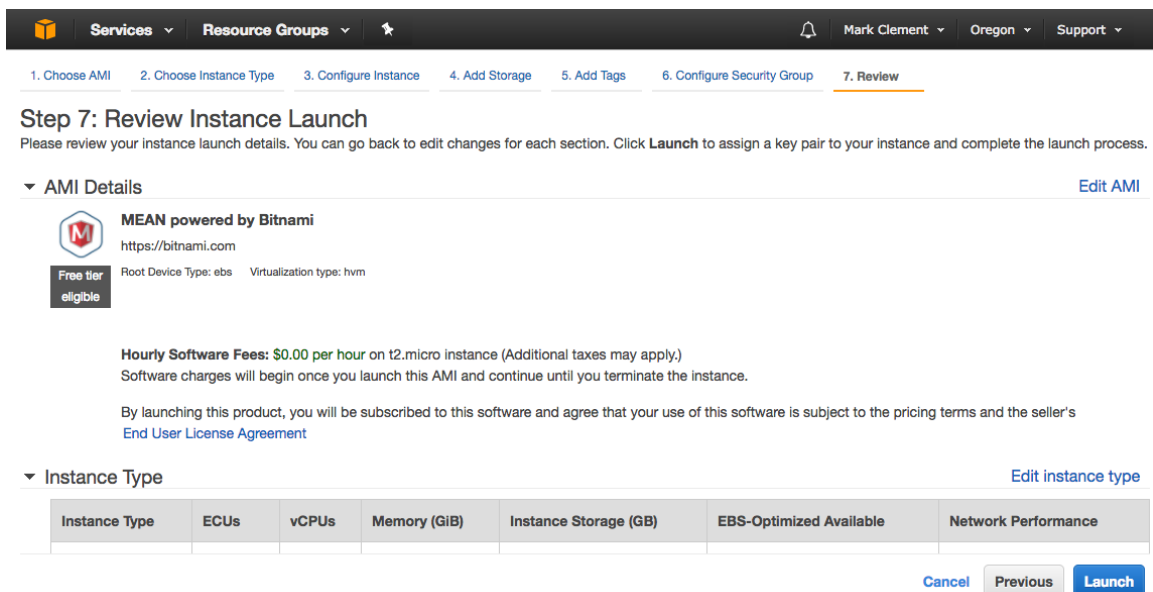


The screenshot shows the AWS console interface for Step 2: Choose an Instance Type. The navigation bar includes 'AWS', 'Services', and 'Edit'. The progress bar shows steps: 1. Choose AMI, 2. Choose Instance Type (active), 3. Configure Instance, 4. Add Storage, 5. Tag Instance, 6. Configure Security Group. The main heading is 'Step 2: Choose an Instance Type' with a link to 'more about instance types and how they can meet your computing needs.' Below this, there are filter options: 'All instance types', 'Current generation', and 'Show/Hide Columns'. A summary box states: 'Currently selected: t2.micro (Variable ECUs, 1 vCPUs, 2.5 GHz, Intel Xeon Family, 1 GiB memory, EBS only)' and a note: 'Note: The vendor recommends using a m3.medium instance (or larger) for the best experience with this product.' A table lists instance types with columns for Family, Type, vCPUs, Memory (GiB), Instance Storage (GB), and EBS-Optimized Available. The 't2.micro' row is selected and highlighted in green, with a 'Free tier eligible' badge. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Previous', 'Review and Launch', and 'Next'.

	Family	Type	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.micro Free tier eligible	1	1	EBS only	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.small	1	2	EBS only	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.medium	2	4	EBS only	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.large	2	8	EBS only	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	m4.large	2	8	EBS only	Yes

Step 7: Review Instance Launch

press the “Launch” button



The screenshot shows the AWS console interface for Step 7: Review Instance Launch. The navigation bar includes 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and 'Mark Clement'. The progress bar shows steps: 1. Choose AMI, 2. Choose Instance Type, 3. Configure Instance, 4. Add Storage, 5. Add Tags, 6. Configure Security Group, 7. Review (active). The main heading is 'Step 7: Review Instance Launch' with a sub-heading: 'Please review your instance launch details. You can go back to edit changes for each section. Click Launch to assign a key pair to your instance and complete the launch process.' Below this, there are sections for 'AMI Details' and 'Instance Type'. The 'AMI Details' section shows the 'MEAN powered by Bitnami' AMI with a 'Free tier eligible' badge. It includes the URL 'https://bitnami.com', 'Root Device Type: ebs', and 'Virtualization type: hvm'. There is a section for 'Hourly Software Fees: \$0.00 per hour on t2.micro instance (Additional taxes may apply.)' and a link to the 'End User License Agreement'. The 'Instance Type' section shows a table with columns for Instance Type, ECUs, vCPUs, Memory (GiB), Instance Storage (GB), EBS-Optimized Available, and Network Performance. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Launch'.

Instance Type	ECUs	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available	Network Performance
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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”.

Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair ✕

A key pair consists of a **public key** that AWS stores, and a **private key file** that you store. Together, they allow you to connect to your instance securely. For Windows AMIs, the private key file is required to obtain the password used to log into your instance. For Linux AMIs, the private key file allows you to securely SSH into your instance.

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about [removing existing key pairs from a public AMI](#).

Create a new key pair ▾

Key pair name
AWSBYUJ

Download Key Pair

... You have to download the **private key file** (*.pem file) before you can continue. **Store it in a secure and accessible location.** You will not be able to download the file again after it's created.

Cancel Launch Instances

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”.

Edit inbound rules ✕

Type i	Protocol i	Port Range i	Source i	
HTTP ▾	TCP	80	Anywhere ▾ 0.0.0.0/0	✕
SSH ▾	TCP	22	Anywhere ▾ 0.0.0.0/0	✕
HTTPS ▾	TCP	443	Anywhere ▾ 0.0.0.0/0	✕
Custom TCP Rule ▾	TCP	3000	Anywhere ▾ 0.0.0.0/0	✕

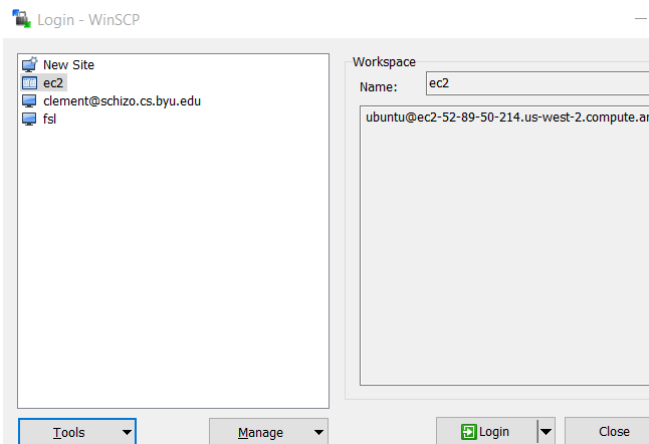
Add Rule Cancel Save

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.
 - o From puttygen select **Load**

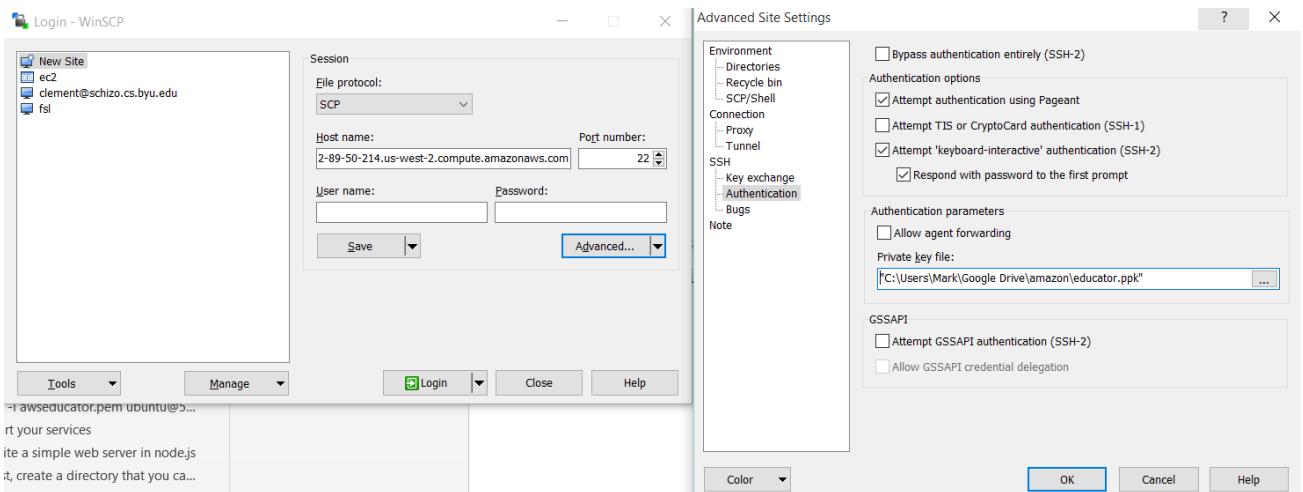
- o Select *view all files* and pick the .pem file you download from Amazon.



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

4. Now connect to your instance using winscp

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



- o 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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