# Recipe for getting an EC2 instance running

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# What is EC2?

- Elastic Cloud Computing
- Amazon's cloud computing service
- Dynamically allocate machine
- Virtual machines
  - Xen
- Talk summary: Get an instance running on EC2

# Getting Started

- Ingredients
  - EC2 account
  - S3 account
  - Firefox
  - Elasticfox
    - http://developer.amazonwebservices.com/connect/entry.jspa?externalID=609

# Step 1 Create an account

# Generate Certificate

# ElasticFox

- Launch Elasticfox
  - "Tools" →"Elasticfox".
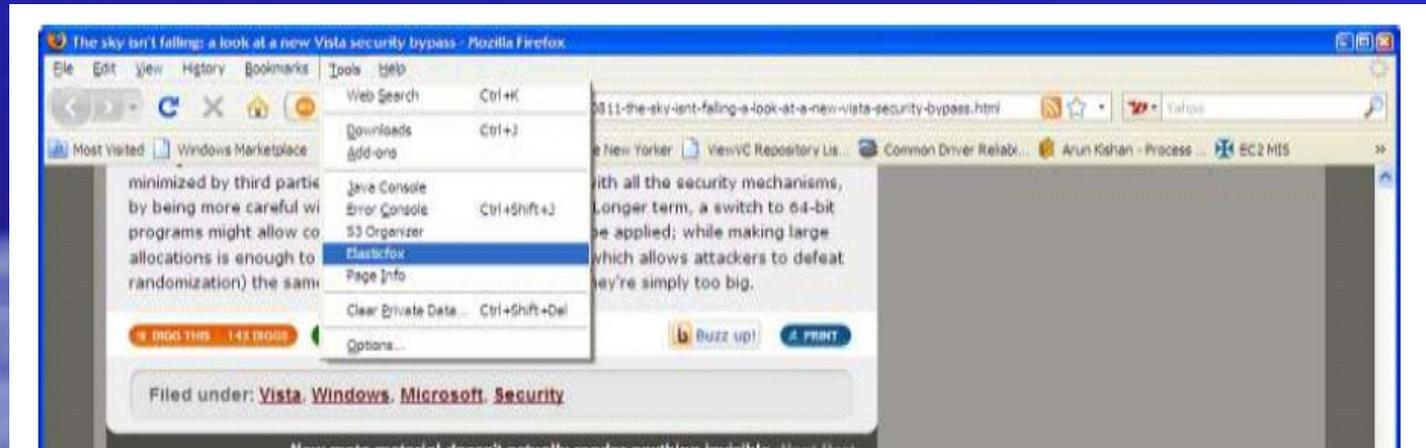
# ElasticFox will want your credentials

# Generate Key Pair

- Click on the "Key Pairs" tab in Elastic Fox.
- 2. Click on the green Key icon at the top of the tab.
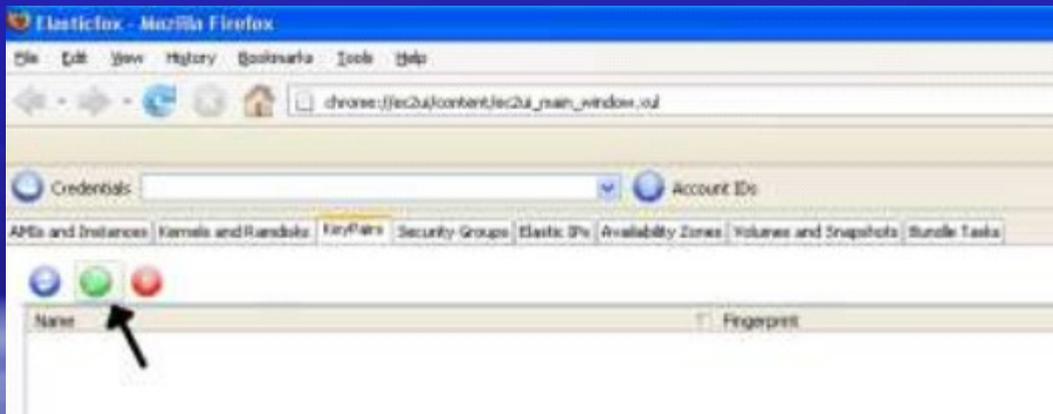
# Set Security Groups

- Click on the "Security Groups" tab.

# Find Instance

# Launch an instance

- Right click on the instance you want to connect to, and select the "launch"
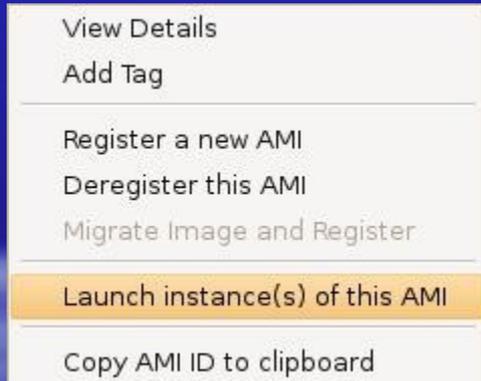
# Connecting to an Instance

# Demo

# Adding stable storage

- Right click on the instance and select attach EBS Volume
- It will prompt you for a new volume
- Select the size and region
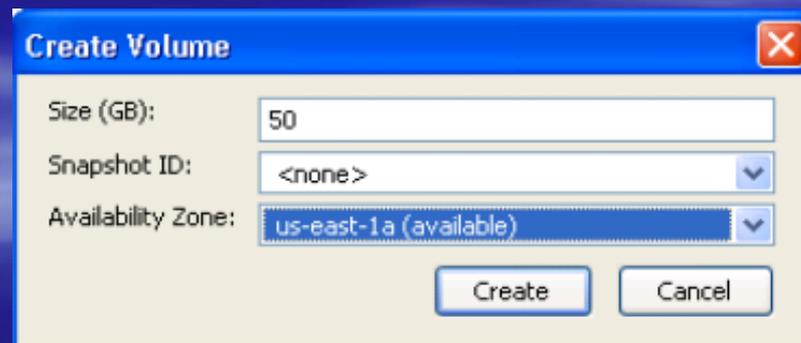
# Static IP

- Right click on instance
- Select associate Elastic IP with Instance
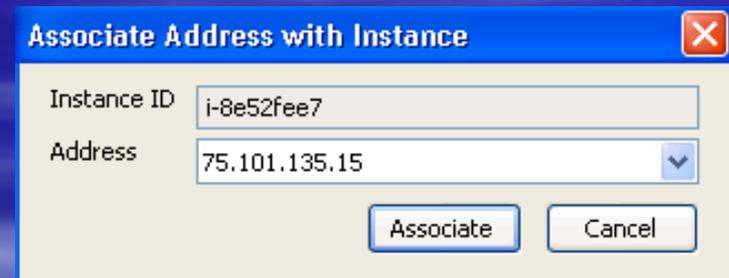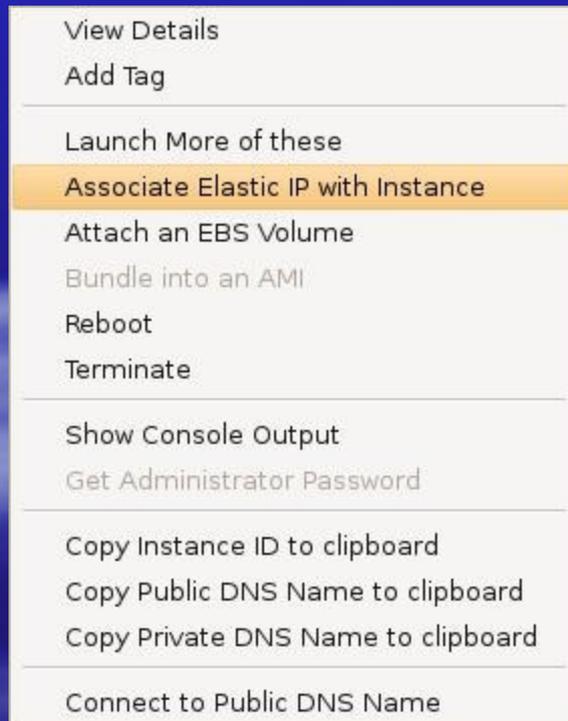
# Bundling

- Bundling is the process of saving your image to stable storage

- Does not work on Linux under Elasticfox
  - done inside of the VM via command line tools

  http://developer.amazonwebservices.com/connect/entry.jspa?externalID=2213&categoryID=87

- Windows right click and "Bundle into and AMI"

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## Reserved Instances

Reserved Instances give you the option to make a low, one-time payment for each instance you want to reserve and in turn receive a significant discount on the hourly usage charge for that instance. After the one-time payment for an instance, that instance is reserved for you, and you have no further obligation; you may choose to run that instance for the discounted usage rate for the duration of your term, or when you do not use the instance, you will not pay usage charges on it.

### United States

| Linux/UNIX | One-time Fee | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Standard Reserved Instances** | **1 yr Term** | **3 yr Term** | **Usage** |
| Small (Default) | $325 | $500 | $0.03 per hour |
| Large | $1300 | $2000 | $0.12 per hour |
| Extra Large | $2600 | $4000 | $0.24 per hour |
| **High CPU Reserved Instances** | **1 yr Term** | **3 yr Term** | **Usage** |
| Medium | $650 | $1000 | $0.06 per hour |
| Extra Large | $2600 | $4000 | $0.24 per hour |

Reserved Instances can be purchased for 1 or 3 year terms, and the one-time fee per instance is non-refundable. Usage pricing is per instance-hour consumed. Instance-hours are billed for the time that instances are in a running state; if you do not run the instance in an hour, there is zero usage charge. Partial instance-hours consumed are billed as full hours.

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# Restrictions

- Only 20 VMS
  - request form for more instances

# Network performance

- EC2 to the outside world:
  about 3 seconds for the test above
  30 requests per second
  transfer rate: about 9Kbytes/sec

  EC2 to EC2 (separate instance):
  0.8 seconds for test
  1135 requests per second
  329 Kbps

- dreamhost.com:
  about 1 second for the thest
  86 requests per second
  transfer rate: about 34Kbytes/sec

  dreamhost to dreamhost (same account running ab from shell):
  about 0.2 seconds for the test
  470 requests per sec
  179 Kbytes/sec transfer

# Networking speeds

high volume web site hosting is most definitely one of our target markets, so yes, you can assume that we will provide sufficient bandwidth for that class of application. Having said that, we are very aware that we're not there yet, and are working on setting this right.

# Questions