



# Immersion Day

## VPC Hands-On Lab

*Getting Started with Virtual Private Cloud*

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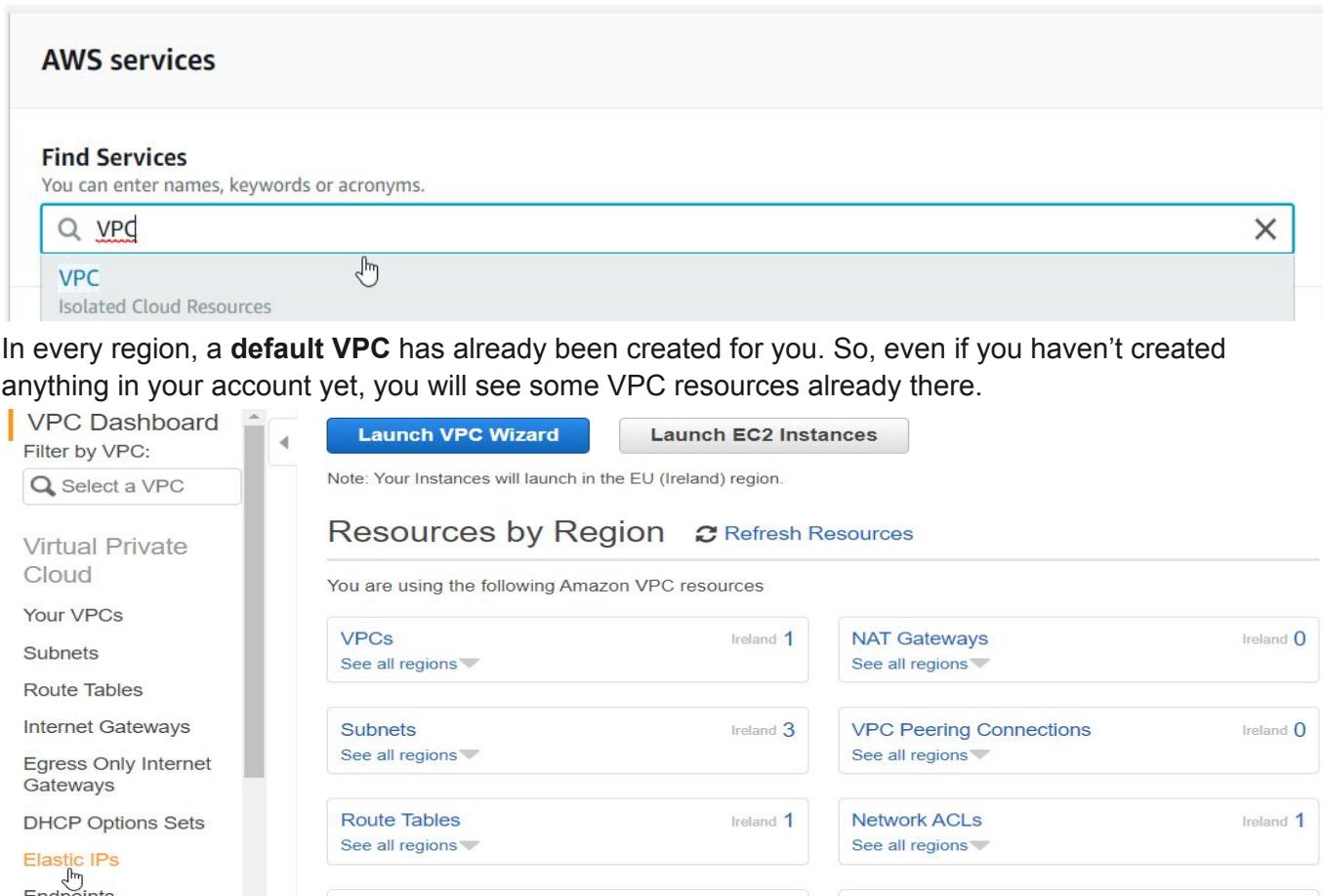
## Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) Overview

Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC) lets you provision a logically isolated section of the AWS Cloud where you can launch AWS resources in a virtual network that you define. You have complete control over your virtual networking environment, including selection of your own IP address range, creation of subnets, and configuration of route tables and network gateways. You can use both IPv4 and IPv6 in your VPC for secure and easy access to resources and applications.

In this lab, you will learn how to set up a VPC with public and private subnets. You will also learn about AWS networking concepts such as Elastic IPs, NAT Gateways, and Flow Logs.

## Navigate to the VPC Dashboard

To get started, let's take a look at the VPC Dashboard.



The screenshot shows the AWS VPC Dashboard. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "VPC" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a list of services: "VPC" (selected, highlighted in blue) and "Isolated Cloud Resources". On the left, a sidebar lists various VPC-related services: VPC Dashboard, Filter by VPC: (with a "Select a VPC" dropdown), Virtual Private Cloud, Your VPCs, Subnets, Route Tables, Internet Gateways, Egress Only Internet Gateways, DHCP Options Sets, and Elastic IPs (highlighted in orange). At the top right, there are two buttons: "Launch VPC Wizard" and "Launch EC2 Instances". Below these buttons is a note: "Note: Your Instances will launch in the EU (Ireland) region." Under the heading "Resources by Region", there is a table showing the following data:

Resource Type	Region	Count
VPCs	Ireland	1
NAT Gateways	Ireland	0
Subnets	Ireland	3
VPC Peering Connections	Ireland	0
Route Tables	Ireland	1
Network ACLs	Ireland	1

In this lab, we will be using the **VPC Wizard** to create a VPC with private and public subnets pre-configured. Once you're more familiar with AWS networking, you can create VPCs and subnets without the Wizard to create custom networking configurations.



Continuing past this point will incur a very small charge in your account. The NAT Gateway (NGW) is a resource which are not eligible for the Free Tier.

During the VPC wizard set up, you will need to specify an **Elastic IP Address (EIP)**. An Elastic IP is a static public IPv4 address that you can attach to AWS resources, such as EC2 instances and NAT Gateways. Elastic IPs are required for NAT Gateways.

To create one, go to **Elastic IPs** in the sidebar.

The screenshot shows the AWS VPC Dashboard. On the left, a sidebar lists various VPC components: Virtual Private Cloud, Your VPCs, Subnets, Route Tables, Internet Gateways, Egress Only Internet Gateways, DHCP Options Sets, and Endpoints. The 'Elastic IPs' option is highlighted with an orange bar. At the top, there are buttons for 'Allocate new address' and 'Actions'. A search bar is present. The main area displays a message: 'You do not have any Addresses in this region. Click the Create Address button to create your first Address'. A blue 'Allocate new address' button is located at the bottom right of this message area.

Press **Allocate new address**, choose **Amazon pool** and click on **Allocate** and then **Close**. Your Elastic IP will now be listed on console.

[Addresses > Allocate new address](#)

### Allocate new address

Allocate a new Elastic IP address by selecting the scope in which it will be used

Scope VPC

IPv4 address pool  Amazon pool  Owned by me

\* Required

[Cancel](#)

[Allocate](#)

Now click on **VPC Dashboard** in the top left corner to go back to the main VPC page and click on **Launch VPC Wizard** to start the VPC Wizard

The screenshot shows the AWS VPC Dashboard. On the left, a sidebar lists: Virtual Private Cloud, Filter by VPC, and a 'Select a VPC' search bar. At the top, there are buttons for 'Launch VPC Wizard' (which is highlighted with a blue box and a hand cursor icon) and 'Launch EC2 Instances'. A note below the buttons states: 'Note: Your Instances will launch in the EU (Ireland) region.' Below the buttons, the text 'Resources by Region' and 'Refresh Resources' is displayed, along with a note: 'You are using the following Amazon VPC resources'. A horizontal line is at the bottom of the page.

## Select 'VPC with Public and Private Subnets'.

### Step 1: Select a VPC Configuration

**VPC with a Single Public Subnet**

**VPC with Public and Private Subnets**  

**VPC with Public and Private Subnets and Hardware VPN Access**

**VPC with a Private Subnet Only and Hardware VPN Access**

In addition to containing a public subnet, this configuration adds a private subnet whose instances are not addressable from the Internet. Instances in the private subnet can establish outbound connections to the Internet via the public subnet using Network Address Translation (NAT).

**Creates:**

A /16 network with two /24 subnets. Public subnet instances use Elastic IPs to access the Internet. Private subnet instances access the Internet via Network Address Translation (NAT). (Hourly charges for NAT devices apply.)

**Select**

This option will create a VPC with a /16 CIDR block and two subnets with /24 CIDR blocks which have 256 total IP addresses each. In each subnet, **AWS reserves 5 IP addresses**. In this case, that leaves you 251 IP addresses per subnet. Fill in the **VPC name** (show as “**test**” here) and select your **Elastic IP Allocation ID** from the drop-down. For this lab, we will leave the rest of the default configuration as is.

### Step 2: VPC with Public and Private Subnets

IPv4 CIDR block:  (65531 IP addresses available)

IPv6 CIDR block:  No IPv6 CIDR Block  Amazon provided IPv6 CIDR block

VPC name:

Public subnet's IPv4 CIDR:  (251 IP addresses available)

Availability Zone:

Public subnet name:

Private subnet's IPv4 CIDR:  (251 IP addresses available)

Availability Zone:

Private subnet name:

You can add more subnets after AWS creates the VPC.

Specify the details of your NAT gateway (NAT gateway rates apply).

Elastic IP Allocation ID:

Service endpoints	Allocation ID	Elastic IP Address
	eipalloc-39dc2a04	13.238.1.137

Enable DNS hostnames:  Yes  No

Hardware tenancy:

This Elastic IP will be used to create a **Network Address Translation (NAT) gateway** for the private subnet. NAT gateway is a managed, highly scalable NAT service that gives your resources access to the internet but doesn't allow anyone on the Internet access to your resources. NAT is helpful for when a

resource needs to pull down updates from the Internet but should not be publicly accessible.

Click on **Create VPC**. This step will take a couple minutes. Once your VPC has been created, click **OK**.

## VPC Successfully Created

Your VPC has been successfully created.

You can launch instances into the subnets of your VPC. For more information, see [Launching an Instance into Your Subnet](#).

Wow! It only took you a few minutes to set up an entire virtual private network, including subnets for public and private resources, route tables, and a scalable NAT service.

## What the VPC Wizard Created

Let's walk through the VPC Console and explain each component that the wizard created.

From the last step, you should now be on the **Your VPCs** dashboard looking at all of your VPCs in this region. Select the VPC that you just created, and look at the **Summary** tab. If you can't see everything in the pane, you can pull the pane up by dragging on the pane's top line.

In the **Summary** tab in the left-hand column, you can see the **Main Route Table** for your VPC. Any subnets in the VPC that do not have a route table directly associated with it will use this route table by default. To explore this further, click on the **Route table** link.

The screenshot shows the AWS VPC Summary page. At the top, there is a table listing VPCs. The first VPC, 'test', has its details expanded. The expanded view shows the following information:

VPC ID	State	IPv4 CIDR	IPv6 CIDR	DHCP options set	Main Route table
vpc-073e34ac0cf1734b	available	10.0.0.0/16	-	dopt-9c25aaf8	rtb-0b01c953b8770869a
vpc-583f3a3c	available	172.31.0.0/16	-	dopt-9c25aaf8	rtb-04c31d63

Below the table, the 'test' VPC is selected. The 'Route table' link in the 'Main Route table' column is underlined and has a cursor icon over it, indicating it is a clickable link.

You are now in the **Route Tables** dashboard, filtered on the main route table of the VPC you just created. That means that there should be only one route table shown. Select this route table and click on the **Subnet Associations** tab.

Name	Route Table ID	Explicit subnet association	Main	VPC ID
	rtb-0b01c953b8770869a	-	Yes	vpc-073e34ac0cf1734b   test

Route Table: rtb-0b01c953b8770869a

Summary    Routes    **Subnet Associations**    Route Propagation    Tags

[Edit subnet associations](#)

Subnet ID    IPv4 CIDR    IPv6 CIDR

You do not have any subnet associations.

The following subnets have not been explicitly associated with any route tables and are therefore associated with the main route table:

Subnet ID	IPv4 CIDR	IPv6 CIDR
subnet-0b497b6438258e1...	10.0.1.0/24	-

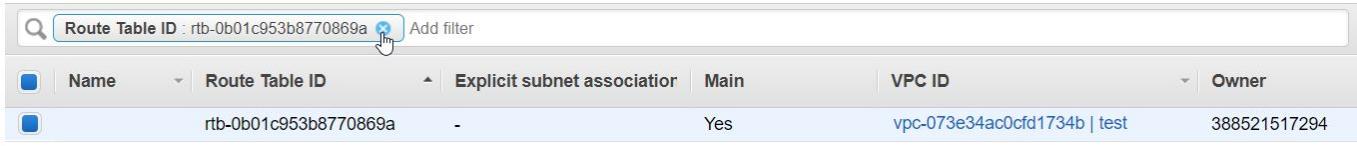
You can see that there are no **explicit subnet associations** on this route table. However, since this is the main route table for the VPC, there is one subnet implicitly associated. It's the **Private subnet** of the VPC. What makes a subnet public or private? We can find out by looking at the routes in this table. Click on the **Routes** tab.

In the **Routes** tab, look at the **Target** column. You'll see one **local route** which every route table has. This ensures that resources within the VPC can talk to each other. This route cannot be modified.

You will also see a route to the **NAT gateway** that the wizard created. Remember that a NAT gateway gives Internet access to resources which are not publicly accessible. Because the resources in this subnet are not publicly accessible, this is considered a **private subnet**.

Destination	Target	Status	Propagated
10.0.0.0/16	local	active	No
0.0.0.0/0	nat-0e09633aea8555be4	active	No

Now let's find out what makes a subnet public. First, get rid of the filter on this view. To do this, **click the “x” in the search bar at the top of the page.**



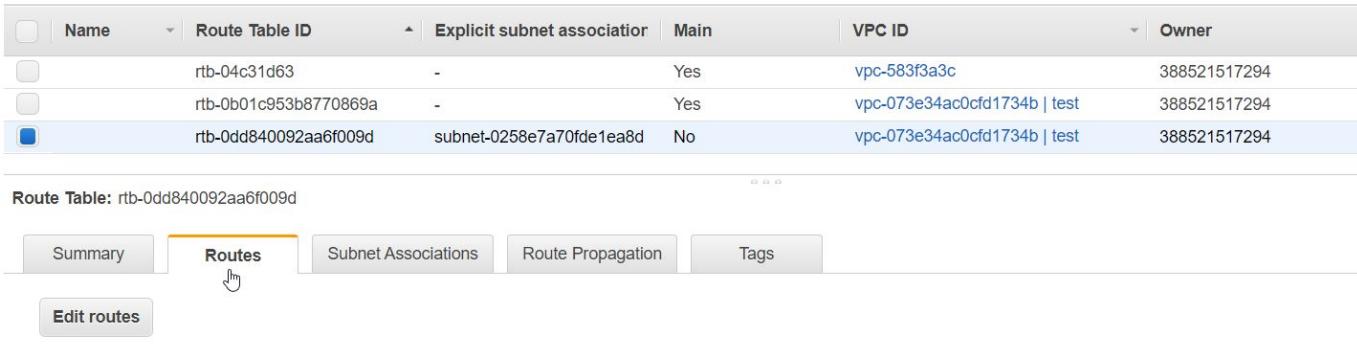
A screenshot of the AWS Route Tables list. The search bar at the top contains the text "Route Table ID : rtb-0b01c953b8770869a". The table has columns: Name, Route Table ID, Explicit subnet association, Main, VPC ID, and Owner. One row is visible, representing the route table with the ID rtb-0b01c953b8770869a.

	Name	Route Table ID	Explicit subnet association	Main	VPC ID	Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		rtb-0b01c953b8770869a	-	Yes	vpc-073e34ac0cf1734b   test	388521517294

Route Table: rtb-0b01c953b8770869a

You are now looking at all of the route tables in this region. Your dashboard should look something like the screenshot below.

Select the other route table in your VPC (check **VPC ID** column for name with “test”) which is not the main route table (check **Main** column for **No**). In the **Routes** tab, you’ll see a route to an **Internet Gateway (IGW)**. IGWs are another managed and scalable service like the NAT Gateway except that it allows access from the Internet to your resources in the VPC, making your resources publicly accessible.



A screenshot of the AWS Route Table 'Routes' tab for the route table rtb-0dd840092aa6f009d. The tab bar includes Summary, Routes (which is selected), Subnet Associations, Route Propagation, and Tags. Below the tab bar is a 'View' dropdown set to 'All routes'. The main table has columns: Destination, Target, Status, and Propagated. Two routes are listed: one to 10.0.0.0/16 (Target: local, Status: active, Propagated: No) and one to 0.0.0.0/0 (Target: igw-0b7599fb6a042a376, Status: active, Propagated: No).

Destination	Target	Status	Propagated
10.0.0.0/16	local	active	No
0.0.0.0/0	igw-0b7599fb6a042a376	active	No

There is a reason why this route table is not the main route table. It is best practice for your VPC’s main route table to not have a route to an IGW so that subnets are private by default and only public if specified.

Go to the **Subnet Associations** tab and confirm that it is the **Public subnet** which is associated with this route table. Click on the **Public subnet link**.

Subnet ID	IPv4 CIDR	IPv6 CIDR
subnet-0258e7a70fde1ea8d   Public subnet	10.0.0.0/24	-

Subnet ID	IPv4 CIDR	IPv6 CIDR
subnet-0b497b6438258e109   Private subnet	10.0.1.0/24	-

Look at the **Description** tab. You'll notice a **Network Access Control List (Network ACL)** link. NACLs are virtual stateless firewalls at the subnet layer. This wizard used the **default NACL** (created automatically with the VPC) for both subnets. Similar to the main route table, the default NACL is implicitly associated with all subnets in a VPC unless another NACL is directly associated with that subnet.

Go to the **Network ACL** tab to look at the default NACL rules. Rules are evaluated in order from lowest to highest. If the traffic doesn't match any rules, the `*` rule is applied, and the traffic is denied. Default NACLs allow all inbound and outbound traffic, as shown below, unless customized.

Rule #	Type	Protocol	Port Range / ICMP Type	Source	Allow / Deny
100	ALL Traffic	ALL	ALL	0.0.0.0/0	ALLOW
*	ALL Traffic	ALL	ALL	0.0.0.0/0	DENY

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*	ALL Traffic	ALL	ALL	0.0.0.0/0	DENY

Allowing all traffic in and out of your subnets is not a best practice. However, it is possible to achieve better security with this default NACL by also leveraging **Security Groups**.

Security Groups are virtual stateful firewalls at the resource (EC2 instance) level. It is best practice to implement necessary firewall rules with Security Groups first and only adding rules to NACLs as necessary. For instance, you can explicitly deny traffic from specific IPs with NACLs but not with Security Groups. We will explore Security Groups more in the next section.

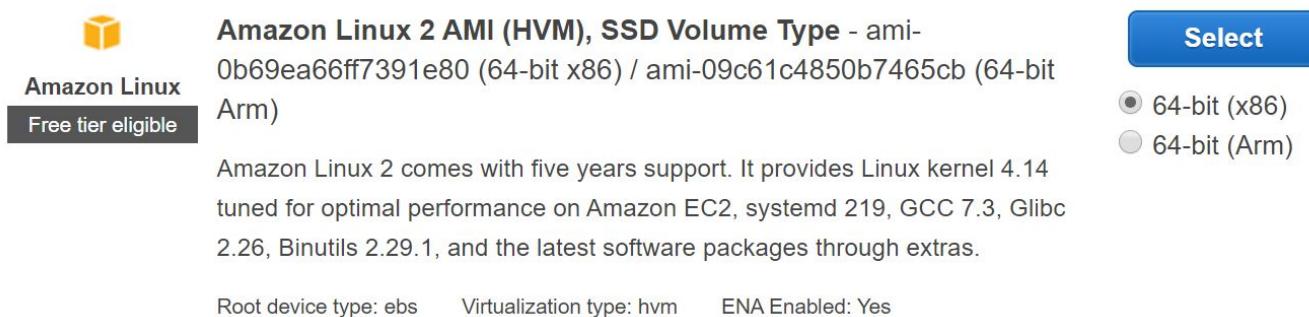
We have now gone through the basics of AWS VPC networking. You should now understand how routing works within a VPC, what makes a subnet public or private, and how to secure your resources at the subnet and resource levels.

## Create a Public EC2 Instance

In this section, you will spin up an EC2 instance in the Public subnet of your VPC.

To get started, go to the **Services** drop down menu in the top left corner and go to the **EC2 dashboard**.

1. Select Launch Instance, and then In the **Quick Start** section, select the first Amazon Linux 2 AMI for 64-bit (x86) architecture and click **Select**. Note that the ami-xxxxxxxxx label and specific versions of the installed package may be different than in the image below



The screenshot shows the 'Amazon Linux 2 AMI (HVM), SSD Volume Type - ami-0b69ea66ff7391e80 (64-bit x86) / ami-09c61c4850b7465cb (64-bit Arm)' option selected. A 'Select' button is highlighted in blue. Below the AMI details, a note states: 'Amazon Linux 2 comes with five years support. It provides Linux kernel 4.14 tuned for optimal performance on Amazon EC2, systemd 219, GCC 7.3, Glibc 2.26, Binutils 2.29.1, and the latest software packages through extras.' At the bottom, it shows 'Root device type: ebs' and 'Virtualization type: hvm'.

2. In the Choose Instance Type tab, select the t2.micro instance size and click **Next: Configure Instance Details**

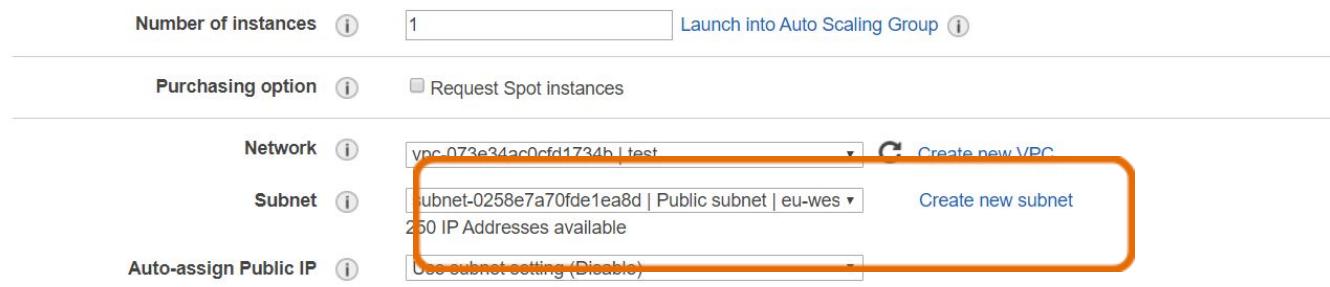


3. On this page, you decide which network and subnet this resource will be put into. Change the **Network** field to the VPC that you just created and change the **Subnet** field to the **Public subnet**. Leave the other default settings as is. Click **Next**.

1. Choose AMI   2. Choose Instance Type   3. Configure Instance   4. Add Storage   5. Add Tags   6. Configure Security Group   7. Review

### Step 3: Configure Instance Details

Configure the instance to suit your requirements. You can launch multiple instances from the same AMI, request Spot instances to take advantage of the lower pricing,



The screenshot shows the 'Configure Instance Details' step. The 'Network' dropdown is set to 'vpc-073e34ac0cf1734b | test'. The 'Subnet' dropdown is set to 'subnet-0258e7a70fde1ea8d | Public subnet | eu-wes'. The 'Auto-assign Public IP' dropdown is set to 'Use subnet setting (Disable)'. A red box highlights the 'Subnet' dropdown.

4. For this lab, you can accept the default values in the remaining steps, so finish creating this instance by clicking on **Review and Launch**. You will see a warning that your security group is open to the world. You can ignore this warning and select **Launch**.
5. In the pop-up window, select **Proceed without a key pair** from the drop-down and check the **acknowledgement** box. For this lab, you will not need to SSH into this instance. Click **Launch Instances** and then **View Instances**.

**Congratulations! You have just launched a virtual server in your private network.**

## Test Access to Public Instance

In this section, you will ping the EC2 instance that you just created and learn more about security groups along the way.

You should be on the **EC2 Instances dashboard** from the last section, looking at all of the EC2 instances in this region. If you just finished the last section, your EC2 instance might still be spinning up. You can tell by looking at the **Instance State** and **Status Checks** columns. If you see **pending** state and/or status **Initializing**, the instance is not ready yet.

While you're waiting for your instance to be ready, select the instance to look at the **Description** tab. At the top of the right-hand column, there is the information that we need to access the instance – the IP addresses and DNS records associated with the instance. However, you can see that this instance doesn't have a public IP or DNS yet. We will need at least one of these to ping this instance via the Internet.



Instance: i-0791e3eb3ab4e7587 Private IP: 10.0.0.33

**Description** Status Checks Monitoring Tags

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Instance ID	i-0791e3eb3ab4e7587	Instance state	running
Instance type	t2.micro	Availability zone	eu-west-1b
Elastic IPs		Security groups	launch-wizard-1, view inbound rules, view outbound rules
Scheduled events	No scheduled events	VPC ID	vpc-073e34ac0cf1734b (test)
AMI ID	amzn2-ami-hvm-2.0.20190823.1-x86_64-gp2 (ami-0ce71448843cb18a1)	Subnet ID	subnet-0258e7a70fde1ea8d (Public subnet)
Public DNS (IPv4)	-	Private IPs	10.0.0.33
IPv4 Public IP	-	Secondary private IPs	
IPv6 IPs	-		
Private DNS	ip-10-0-0-33.eu-west-1.compute.internal		

To fix this, we are going to attach an **Elastic IP** to the EC2 instance. First, copy the **Instance ID** of this EC2 instance by hovering your mouse to the right of the Instance ID line in the **Description** tab, and clicking on the **Copy to clipboard** icon that appears.

Next, click on **Elastic IPs** in the sidebar (under the **Network & Security** section). Create a new Elastic IP as before, except this time, **do not** click on the **Close** button. Instead, you will: **Allocate new address**, **Allocate**, and then click on the **Elastic IP** link in the **New address request succeeded** box.

### Allocate new address

New address request succeeded

Elastic IP [13.237.153.185](#)

Now you are back on the **Elastic IPs** dashboard. Go to the **Actions** dropdown and select **Associate address**.

Allocate new address Actions

Release addresses

**Associate address**

Disassociate address

Move to VPC scope

Restore to EC2 scope

Add/Edit Tags

Allocation ID	Instance
oc-011a9a6c4...	-
oc-0f84ccf4b1...	-

Paste the Instance ID that you copied previously into the **Instance** box and click on **Associate**, then **Close**.

## Associate address

Select the instance OR network interface to which you want to associate this Elastic IP address (18.200.107.88)

Resource type  Instance  Network interface

Instance

Private IP

Reassociation  Allow Elastic IP to be reassigned if already attached

**⚠ Warning**  
If you associate an Elastic IP address with your instance, your current public IP address is released. [Learn more](#).

\* Required

Cancel Associate

Now that an Elastic IP is attached to the EC2 instance, we should be able to ping the instance over the internet. It now has a public IP address from the Elastic IP, and it's in the public subnet which has a route to an IGW.

In the **Description** tab, copy the Elastic IP address.

Address: 18.200.107.88

Description		Tags	Copy to clipboard
Elastic IP	18.200.107.88		
Address Pool	amazon		
Private IP address	10.0.0.33		
Association ID	eipassoc-04de3adbfa6344150		
Network interface ID	eni-032cccd4dd2765bb07		

To ping the instance, you need to open your command line interface (CLI). On Windows, open the **Command Prompt**. On Mac, open the **Terminal**. Type **ping**, then a **space**, then **paste the Elastic IP** from above and click **enter**.

If the instance is reachable, we expect to see lines appearing such as

64 bytes from 13.237.153.185: icmp\_seq=0 ttl=238 time=169.294 ms

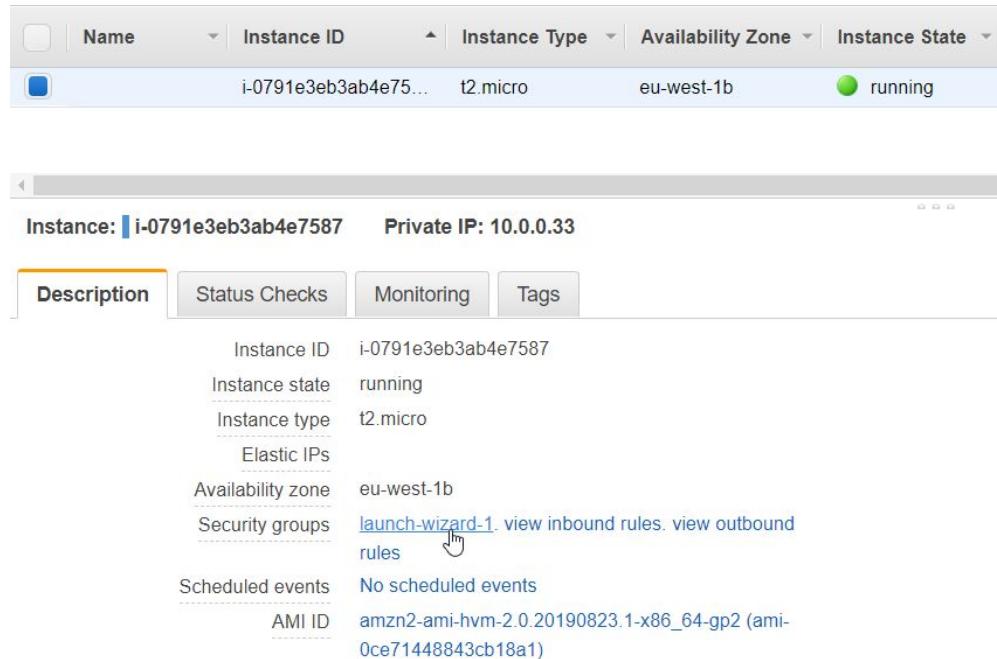
However, you will see request timeouts instead. You will see lines that say something similar to **Request timed out.**

*Why aren't we able to reach this instance?*

You can confirm that the instance is in the public subnet and check the route table associated with that subnet to make sure there is a route to the IGW.

Next, let's check our networking configuration. As you remember, we left the NACL of the public subnet as is, which allows all traffic by default. So, let's check the security group associated with this instance.

In the **EC2 dashboard**, go to the **Instances** section in the sidebar. Select the instance that you created and look at the **Description** tab. In the left column, click on the first **Security groups** link. It should be called something similar to **launch-wizard-1**.



Name	Instance ID	Instance Type	Availability Zone	Instance State
	i-0791e3eb3ab4e75...	t2.micro	eu-west-1b	running

Instance: i-0791e3eb3ab4e7587 Private IP: 10.0.0.33

Description Status Checks Monitoring Tags

Instance ID	i-0791e3eb3ab4e7587
Instance state	running
Instance type	t2.micro
Elastic IPs	
Availability zone	eu-west-1b
Security groups	<a href="#">launch-wizard-1</a> <small>view inbound rules. view outbound rules</small>
Scheduled events	No scheduled events
AMI ID	amzn2-ami-hvm-2.0.20190823.1-x86_64-gp2 (ami-0ce71448843cb18a1)

You are now in the **Security Groups** dashboard. Go to the **Inbound** tab.

Remember when we were creating the EC2 instance we only specified the AMI, instance type, and VPC subnet. We left all the other default settings as is. One of these default settings created this security group, which allows all inbound access on SSH port 22.

Pings use **ICMP**, so we will need to change the security group rule to allow ICMP traffic rather than SSH traffic. Click on the **Edit** button.

Group ID : sg-06f00e7e

Name	Group ID	Group Name	VPC ID	Description
sg-06f00e7e	launch-wizard-1	vpc-97374af0	laun	

Security Group: sg-06f00e7e

Description  Inbound  Tags

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source
SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0

Click on **SSH** to open the drop-down and change it to **All ICMP - IPv4**. Click **Save**.

Type  Protocol  Port Range  Source  Description

All ICMP - IP  ICMP  0 - 65535  Custom  0.0.0.0/0  e.g. SSH for Admin Desktop

Add Rule

NOTE: Any edits made on existing rules will result in the edited rule being deleted and a new rule created with the new details. This will cause traffic that depends on that rule to be dropped for a very brief period of time until the new rule can be created.

Cancel

Since security groups are stateful, you don't need to edit the outbound rules. The security group will allow the instance to respond to the ping since it saw the ping arrive at the instance. This change will also take effect immediately, so we can try to ping the instance again right away.

Go back to your CLI and hit the **up arrow** and then **enter** to try and ping the instance again.

```
PS C:\Users\laptop> ping 18.200.107.88

Pinging 18.200.107.88 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 18.200.107.88: bytes=32 time=33ms TTL=235
Reply from 18.200.107.88: bytes=32 time=34ms TTL=235
Reply from 18.200.107.88: bytes=32 time=34ms TTL=235
Reply from 18.200.107.88: bytes=32 time=34ms TTL=235

Ping statistics for 18.200.107.88:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 33ms, Maximum = 34ms, Average = 33ms
```

**Good job! You have successfully troubleshooted why an EC2 instance was**

unreachable and then accessed it over the internet.

## Test Access to Private Instance

Optionally, you can go through the same process in the last two sections in order to test access to a private EC2 instance. The only difference will be in the **Configure Instance Details** section, you will select the **Private subnet**. Also, if you don't want to go through attaching an Elastic IP, in the same section, you can select **Enable** under **Auto-assign Public IP**. Remember that this is not best practice for public facing resources, but in this case the instance will not be reachable anyways because the private subnet does not have an IGW route. We just want a public IP to try to access, and for this, the automatically assigned public IP is sufficient. Additionally, you will want to open up your security group from the beginning. That way, this private instance will be the same in every way to the public instance you just created except that it does not have a route to an IGW and thus cannot be accessed publicly.

## Clean Up Lab Resources

If you want to clean up your account to get rid of everything we created during this lab, follow the instructions in this section. You can also leave your lab environment running if you want to test other AWS networking concepts.

First, you will need to terminate the EC2 instances that are running in the VPC. In the **EC2 dashboard**, select the public instance (as well as the private instance if you created one), go to the **Actions** dropdown, go to **Instance State**, and then **Terminate**. In the pop-up window, click on **Yes, Terminate**. You may need to wait a minute for the instances to finish shutting down. Watch the **Instance State** column and wait for the status to change from **shutting-down** to **terminated**.

Now we will delete the NAT gateway that the VPC wizard created. Go to the **Services** dropdown in the top left corner and select the **VPC dashboard**. Go to the **NAT Gateways** section in the sidebar. If there are multiple NAT Gateways, you can look at the VPC column to confirm which one belongs to your VPC. Select that NAT gateway and go to the **Actions** dropdown. Select **Delete NAT Gateway**. In the pop-up window, click on **Delete NAT Gateway** again. It may take a minute for the NAT gateway to delete. Wait for the status to change from **deleting** to **deleted** to make sure the VPC deletion will work.

Elastic IP addresses are completely free as long as they are attached to a resource. However, if the NAT gateway or EC2 instance they were attached to is terminated or deleted, the unattached EIP will incur a small monthly charge. To clean up, navigate to Elastic IPs on the sidebar, and Release each EIP you have allocated.

Now you can finally delete your VPC. Go to the **Your VPCs** section in the sidebar. Select your VPC, go the **Actions** dropdown, and choose **Delete VPC**. In the pop-up window, click **Yes, Delete**. This will take a minute or so to complete.

## Additional Resources

VPC Introduction: [https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC\\_Introduction.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_Introduction.html)

VPC Subnets: [https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC\\_Subnets.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_Subnets.html)

VPC wizard configuration:

[https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC\\_Scenario2.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_Scenario2.html)

NAT Gateways: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/vpc-nat-gateway.html>

Elastic IPs: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/vpc-eips.html>

Security Groups and NACLs:

[https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC\\_Security.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_Security.html)