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# **Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud**

**Command Line Tools Reference**

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# Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud: Command Line Tools Reference

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# Welcome

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This is the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Command Line Tools Reference Guide*. It provides the syntax, a description, options, and usage examples for each command line tool. This section describes who should read this guide, how the guide is organized, and other resources related to Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud.

The Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud is occasionally referred to within this guide as simply "Amazon EC2"; all copyrights and legal protections still apply.

## Who Should Read This Guide

This guide is intended for users that administer Amazon EC2 instances using the command line tools.

## Required Knowledge and Skills

Use of this guide assumes you are familiar with the following:

- Basic understanding of web services (go to [W3 Schools Web Services Tutorial](#))
- Experience using Amazon EC2 obtained by working through the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#),
- A basic understanding of the command line AMI and API tools (which were installed when working through the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#)).



### Note

For high level concepts and examples of how to use major Amazon EC2 features, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide](#).

## Reader Feedback

The online version of this guide provides a link at the top of each page that enables you to enter feedback about this guide. We strive to make our guides as complete, error free, and easy to read as possible. You can help by giving us feedback. Thank you in advance!

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## How This Guide Is Organized

This guide is organized into several major sections described in the following table.

Information	Relevant Sections
Comprehensive reference to the tools for creating Amazon EC2 AMIs.	<a href="#">AMI Tools Reference (p. 6)</a>
Comprehensive reference to the Amazon EC2 command line tools.	<a href="#">API Command Line Tools Reference (p. 28)</a>
Amazon EC2 terms.	<a href="#">Glossary (p. 119)</a>
Typographic and symbol conventions.	<a href="#">Document Conventions (p. 122)</a>

## Amazon EC2 Resources

The following table lists related resources that you'll find useful as you work with this service.

Resource	Description
<a href="#">Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide</a>	The Getting Started Guide provides a quick tutorial of the service based on a simple use case. Examples and instructions are included.
<a href="#">Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</a>	The Console and Command Line User Guide provides conceptual information about Amazon EC2 and describes how to use Amazon EC2 features using the AWS Management Console and command line tools.
<a href="#">Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide</a>	The Developer Guide provides conceptual information about Amazon EC2 and describes how to use Amazon EC2 features using the SOAP and Query APIs.
<a href="#">Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud API Reference</a>	The API Reference contains a comprehensive description of all SOAP and Query APIs. Additionally, it contains a list of all SOAP data types.
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Technical FAQ</a>	The FAQ covers the top questions developers have asked about this product.
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Release Notes</a>	The Release Notes give a high-level overview of the current release. They specifically note any new features, corrections, and known issues.

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Resource	Description
<a href="#">AWS Developer Resource Center</a>	A central starting point to find documentation, code samples, release notes, and other information to help you build innovative applications with AWS.
<a href="#">AWS Management Console</a>	The console allows you to perform most of the functions of Amazon EC2 and other AWS products without programming.
<a href="#">Discussion Forums</a>	A community-based forum for developers to discuss technical questions related to Amazon Web Services.
<a href="#">AWS Support Center</a>	The home page for AWS Technical Support, including access to our Developer Forums, Technical FAQs, Service Status page, and AWS Premium Support (if you are subscribed to this program).
<a href="#">AWS Premium Support Information</a>	The primary web page for information about AWS Premium Support, a one-on-one, fast-response support channel to help you build and run applications on AWS Infrastructure Services.
<a href="#">Amazon EC2 Product Information</a>	The primary web page for information about Amazon EC2.
Form for questions related to your AWS account: <a href="#">Contact Us</a>	This form is <i>only</i> for account questions. For technical questions, use the Discussion Forums.
<a href="#">Conditions of Use</a>	Detailed information about the copyright and trademark usage at Amazon.com and other topics.

## What's New

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This What's New is associated with the 2009-07-15 release of Amazon EC2. This guide was last updated on September 03, 2009.

The following table describes the important changes since the last release of the Amazon EC2 documentation set.

Change	Description	Release Date
Amazon Virtual Private Cloud	Amazon EC2 now supports Amazon Virtual Private Cloud, a service that lets you create isolated resources within the AWS cloud, and then connect those resources directly to your own data center using industry-standard encrypted IPsec VPN connections. For more information about the service, go to <a href="#">Amazon Virtual Private Cloud Product Page</a> .	26 August 2009



# Getting the Command Line Tools

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To use the commands described in this guide, you must install both the AMI tools and the API tools. The AMI tools create, bundle, and migrate AMIs between regions. The API tools mirror the Amazon EC2 SOAP and Query APIs and enable you to perform all other functions.

The command line tools are available as a ZIP file in the [Amazon EC2 Resource Center](#). These tools are written in Java and include shell scripts for both Windows 2000/XP and Linux/UNIX/Mac OSX. The ZIP file is self-contained; no installation is required. You just download it and unzip it.

For information on setting up and using the tools, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#).



## Note

If you need to create and modify Amazon EC2 AMIs, download the AMI tools from the [public Amazon S3 downloads bucket](#). For instructions on how to create AMIs, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide](#).

# AMI Tools Reference

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- [Common Options for AMI Tools \(p. 6\)](#)
- [ec2-bundle-image \(p. 7\)](#)
- [ec2-bundle-vol \(p. 10\)](#)
- [ec2-delete-bundle \(p. 14\)](#)
- [ec2-download-bundle \(p. 16\)](#)
- [ec2-migrate-bundle \(p. 18\)](#)
- [ec2-migrate-manifest \(p. 21\)](#)
- [ec2-unbundle \(p. 23\)](#)
- [ec2-upload-bundle \(p. 25\)](#)

## Common Options for AMI Tools

Most AMI tools described in this section accept the set of optional parameters described in the following table.

Option	Description
<code>--help, -h</code>	Display the help message.
<code>--version</code>	Displays the version and copyright notice.
<code>--manual</code>	Displays the manual entry.
<code>--batch</code>	Runs in batch mode, suppressing user interaction and confirmation.
<code>--debug</code>	Prints internal debugging information. This is useful to assist us when troubleshooting problems.

# ec2-bundle-image

## Description

Create a bundled AMI from an operating system image created in a loopback file. For more information, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#) or [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide](#).



### Note

Scripts that require a copy of the public key from the launch key pair must obtain the key from the instance's metadata (not the key file in the instance store) for instances bundled with the 2007-08-29 AMI tools and later. AMIs bundled before this release will continue to work normally.

## Syntax

```
ec2-bundle-image -k private_key -c cert -u user_id -i image_path  
-r {i386 | x86_64} [-d destination] [-p ami_prefix] [--ec2cert  
cert_path] [--kernel kernel-id] [--ramdisk ramdisk_id] [--block-device-  
mappingblock_device_mapping]
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
-k, --privatekey <i>private_key</i>	The path to the user's PEM-encoded RSA key file. Example: -k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem	Yes
-c, --cert <i>cert</i>	The user's PEM encoded RSA public key certificate file. Example: -c cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem	Yes
-u, --user <i>user_id</i>	The user's AWS account number without dashes. Do not use the Access Key ID. Example: -u AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD	Yes
-i, --image <i>image_path</i>	The path to the image to bundle. Example: -i /var/spool/my-image/version-2/debian.img	Yes
-d, --destination <i>destination</i>	The directory in which to create the bundle. Default: The current directory Example: -d /var/run/my-bundle	No
-p, --prefix <i>ami_prefix</i>	The filename prefix for bundled AMI files. Default: image Example: -p my-image-is-special	No

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Option	Description	Required
<code>--ec2cert cert_path</code>	The path to the Amazon EC2 X.509 public key certificate. Default: <code>/etc/ec2/amitools/cert-ec2.pem</code> (varies, depending on tools) Example: <code>--ec2cert /etc/ec2/amiutil/cert-ec2.pem</code>	No
<code>--kernel kernel_id</code>	The ID of the kernel to select. Default: <code>2.6.16-xenU</code> Example: <code>--kernel aki-ba3adfd3</code>	No
<code>--ramdisk ramdisk_id</code>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, go to the <a href="#">Resource Center</a> and search for the kernel ID. Example: <code>--ramdisk ari-badbad00</code>	No
<code>--block-device-mapping mappings</code>	Default block-device-mapping scheme with which to launch the AMI. This defines how block devices are exposed to an instance of this AMI if the instance type supports the specified device. The scheme is a comma-separated list of key=value pairs, where each key is a virtual name and each value is the desired device name. Virtual names include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ami</b>—The root file system device, as seen by the instance</li> <li>• <b>root</b>—The root file system device, as seen by the kernel</li> <li>• <b>swap</b>—The swap device, as seen by the instance</li> <li>• <b>ephemeralN</b>—The Nth ephemeral store</li> </ul> Example: <code>--block-device-mapping ami=sda1,root=/dev/sda1,ephemeral0=sda2,swap=sda3</code> Example: <code>--block-device-mapping ami=0,root=/dev/dsk/c0d0s0,ephemeral0=1</code>	No

## Output

Status messages describing the stages and status of the bundling process.

## Example

This example creates a bundled AMI from an operating system image that was created in a loopback file.

```
$ ec2-bundle-image -k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem -c cert-  
HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem -u AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD -i image.img -d  
bundled/ -p fred -r x86_64  
Splitting bundled/fred.gz.crypt...  
Created fred.part.00  
Created fred.part.01  
Created fred.part.02  
Created fred.part.03  
Created fred.part.04  
Created fred.part.05  
Created fred.part.06  
Created fred.part.07  
Created fred.part.08  
Created fred.part.09  
Created fred.part.10  
Created fred.part.11  
Created fred.part.12  
Created fred.part.13  
Created fred.part.14  
Generating digests for each part...  
Digests generated.  
Creating bundle manifest...  
Bundle Image complete.
```

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- [ec2-bundle-vol \(p. 10\)](#)
- [ec2-unbundle \(p. 23\)](#)
- [ec2-upload-bundle \(p. 25\)](#)
- [ec2-download-bundle \(p. 16\)](#)
- [ec2-delete-bundle \(p. 14\)](#)

# ec2-bundle-vol

## Description

Creates a bundled AMI by compressing, encrypting and signing a snapshot of the local machine's root file system.



### Note

Scripts that require a copy of the public key from the launch key pair must obtain the key from the instance's metadata (not the key file in the instance store) for instances bundled with the 2007-08-29 AMI tools and later. AMIs bundled before this release will continue to work normally.

On a running instance, Amazon EC2 attempts to inherit product codes, kernel settings, RAM disk settings, and block device mappings with which the instance launched.

## Syntax

```
ec2-bundle-vol -k private_key -u user_id -c cert -r {i386 | x86_64} [-s size] [-d destination] [-e exclude_directory_1,exclude_directory_1,...] [-p ami_prefix] [-v volume] [--ec2cert cert_path] [--fstab fstab_path] [--generate-fstab] [--kernel kernel-id] [--ramdisk ramdisk_id] [--block-device-mapping block_device_mapping]
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
<code>-k, --privatekey <i>private_key</i></code>	The path to the user's PEM-encoded RSA key file. Example: <code>-k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>	Yes
<code>-c, --cert <i>cert</i></code>	The user's PEM encoded RSA public key certificate file. Example: <code>-c cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>	Yes
<code>-u, --user <i>user_id</i></code>	The user's AWS account number without dashes. Do not use the Access Key ID. Example: <code>-u AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD</code>	Yes
<code>-s, --size <i>size</i></code>	The size, in MB (1024 * 1024 bytes), of the image file to create. The maximum size is 10240 MB. Default: 10240 Example: <code>-s 2048</code>	No
<code>-d, --destination <i>destination</i></code>	The directory in which to create the bundle. Default: <code>/tmp</code> Example: <code>-d /var/run/my-bundle</code>	No
<code>-e, --exclude <i>directory_1,directory_2,..</i></code>	A list of absolute directory paths and files to exclude from the bundle operation. This overrides the <code>--all</code> parameter. Example: <code>-e /tmp,/home/secret-data</code>	No

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Option	Description	Required
<code>-p, --prefix ami_prefix</code>	The filename prefix for bundled AMI files. Default: <code>image</code> Example: <code>-p my-image-is-special</code>	No
<code>-v, --volume volume</code>	The absolute path to the mounted volume from which to create the bundle. Default: The root directory ( <code>/</code> ) Example: <code>-v /mnt/my-customized-ami</code>	No
<code>-a, --all</code>	Bundle all directories, including those on remotely mounted filesystems. Example: <code>-a</code>	No
<code>--ec2cert cert_path</code>	The path to the Amazon EC2 X.509 public key certificate. Default: <code>/etc/ec2/amitools/cert-ec2.pem</code> (varies, depending on tools) Example: <code>--ec2cert /etc/ec2/amiutil/cert-ec2.pem</code>	No
<code>--fstab fstab_path</code>	The path to the fstab to bundle into the image. If this is not specified, Amazon EC2 bundles <code>/etc/fstab</code> . Example: <code>--fstab /etc/fstab</code>	No
<code>--generate-fstab</code>	Causes Amazon EC2 to bundle the volume using an Amazon EC2-provided fstab. Example: <code>--generate-fstab</code>	No
<code>--kernel kernel_id</code>	The ID of the kernel to select. Example: <code>--kernel aki-ba3adfd3</code>	No
<code>--ramdisk ramdisk_id</code>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find the kernel requirements, go to the <a href="#">Resource Center</a> and search for the kernel ID. Example: <code>--ramdisk ari-badbad00</code>	No

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Option	Description	Required
<code>--block-device-mapping mappings</code>	<p>Default block-device-mapping scheme with which to launch the AMI. This defines how block devices are exposed to an instance of this AMI if the instance type supports the specified device.</p> <p>The scheme is a comma-separated list of key=value pairs, where each key is a virtual name and each value is the desired device name. Virtual names include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ami</b>—The root file system device, as seen by the instance</li><li>• <b>root</b>—The root file system device, as seen by the kernel</li><li>• <b>swap</b>—The swap device, as seen by the instance</li><li>• <b>ephemeralN</b>—The Nth ephemeral store</li></ul> <p>Example: <code>--block-device-mapping ami=sda1,root=/dev/sda1,ephemeral0=sda2,swap=sda3</code></p> <p>Example: <code>--block-device-mapping ami=0,root=/dev/dsk/c0d0s0,ephemeral0=1</code></p>	No

## Output

Status messages describing the stages and status of the bundling.

## Example

This example creates a bundled AMI by compressing, encrypting and signing a snapshot of the local machine's root file system.

```
$ ec2-bundle-vol -d /mnt -k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem -c cert-  
HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem -u AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD -r x86_64  
Copying / into the image file /mnt/image.img...  
Excluding:  
  sys  
  dev/shm  
  proc  
  dev/pts  
  proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc  
  dev  
  media  
  mnt  
  proc  
  sys  
  tmp/image.img  
  mnt/img-mnt  
1+0 records in  
1+0 records out  
mke2fs 1.38 (30-Jun-2005)  
warning: 256 blocks unused.
```



```
Splitting /mnt/image.gz.crypt...
Created image.part.00
Created image.part.01
Created image.part.02
Created image.part.03
...
Created image.part.22
Created image.part.23
Generating digests for each part...
Digests generated.
Creating bundle manifest...
Bundle Volume complete.
```

## Related Topics

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- [ec2-upload-bundle](#) (p. 25)
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# ec2-delete-bundle

## Description

Deletes the specified bundle from Amazon S3 storage.

## Syntax

```
ec2-delete-bundle -b s3_bucket -a access_key_id -s secret_key [-m  
manifest_path] [-p ami_prefix] [--url url] [--retry] [-y] [--clear]
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
-b, --bucket <i>s3_bucket</i>	The name of the Amazon S3 bucket containing the bundled AMI, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix Example: -b ec2-cracker-ami-bucket	Yes
-a, --access-key <i>access_key_id</i>	The AWS access key ID. Example: -a AKIADQKE4SARGYLE	Yes
-s, --secret-key <i>secret_key</i>	The AWS secret access key. Example: -s eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/ dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==	Yes
-m, --manifest <i>manifest_path</i>	The path to the unencrypted manifest file. Example: -m /var/spool/my-first-bundle/ Manifest Condition: You must specify --prefix or --manifest	Conditional
-p, --prefix <i>ami_prefix</i>	The bundled AMI filename prefix. Example: -p eos- Condition: You must specify --prefix or --manifest	Conditional
--url <i>url</i>	The Amazon S3 service URL. Default: https://s3.amazonaws.com Example: --url https://s3.amazonaws.ie	No
--retry	Automatically retries on all Amazon S3 errors, up to five times per operation. Example: --retry	No
-y, --yes	Automatically assumes the answer to all prompts is 'yes'. Example: -y	No
--clear	Deletes the specified bundle from the Amazon S3 bucket and deletes the bucket, if empty. Example: --clear	No

## Output

Amazon EC2 displays status messages indicating the stages and status of the delete process.

## Example

This example deletes a bundle from Amazon S3.

```
$ ec2-delete-bundle -b my-s3-bucket -a AKIADQKE4SARGYLE -s
eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/djlSU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ== -p fred
Deleting files:
my-s3-bucket/fred.manifest.xml
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.00
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.01
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.02
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.03
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.04
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.05
my-s3-bucket/fred.part.06
Continue? [y/n]
y
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.manifest.xml
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.00
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.01
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.02
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.03
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.04
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.05
Deleted my-s3-bucket/fred.part.06
ec2-delete-bundle complete.
```

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- [ec2-unbundle](#) (p. 23)
- [ec2-upload-bundle](#) (p. 25)
- [ec2-download-bundle](#) (p. 16)

# ec2-download-bundle

## Description

Download the specified bundles from S3 storage.

## Syntax

```
ec2-download-bundle -b s3_bucket [-m manifest] -a access_key_id -s secret_key  
-k private_key [-p ami_prefix] [-d directory] [--url url]
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
-b, --bucket <i>s3_bucket</i>	The name of the Amazon S3 bucket where the bundle is located, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix. Example: -b ec2-cracked	Yes
-m, --manifest <i>manifest</i>	The manifest path and filename. Example: -m /var/spool/my-first-bundle/Manifest	No
-a, --access-key <i>access_key_id</i>	Your AWS access key ID. Example: -a AKIADQKE4SARGYLE	Yes
-s, --secret-key <i>secret_key</i>	Your AWS secret access key. Example: -s eW91dHVIZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==	Yes
-k, --privatekey <i>private_key</i>	The private key used to decrypt the manifest. Example: -k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem	Yes
-p, --prefix <i>ami_prefix</i>	The filename prefix for the bundled AMI files. Default: image Example: -p my-image	No
-d, --directory <i>directory</i>	The directory where the downloaded bundle is saved. The directory must exist. Default: The current working directory Example: -d /tmp/my-downloaded-bundle	No
--retry	Automatically retries on all Amazon S3 errors, up to five times per operation. Example: --retry	No
--url <i>url</i>	The S3 service URL. Default: https://s3.amazonaws.com Example: --url https://s3.amazonaws.ie	No

## Output

Status messages indicating the various stages of the download process are displayed.

## Example

This example creates the `bundled` directory and downloads the bundle from the `my-s3-bucket` Amazon S3 bucket.

```
$ mkdir bundled
$ ec2-download-bundle -b my-s3-bucket -m fred.manifest.xml -a
  AKIADQKE4SARGYLE -s eW9ldHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ== -k pk-
  HKZYKTAIG2ECMYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem -d bundled
downloading manifest https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.manifest.xml
to bundled/image.manifest.xml ...
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.00 to
bundled/image.part.00 ...
Downloaded image.part.00 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.01 to
bundled/image.part.01 ...
Downloaded image.part.01 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.02 to
bundled/image.part.02 ...
Downloaded image.part.02 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.03 to
bundled/image.part.03 ...
Downloaded image.part.03 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.04 to
bundled/image.part.04 ...
Downloaded image.part.04 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.05 to
bundled/image.part.05 ...
Downloaded image.part.05 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
downloading part https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket/image.part.06 to
bundled/image.part.06 ...
Downloaded image.part.06 from https://s3.amazonaws.com/my-s3-bucket.
Download Bundle complete.
```



### Note

This example uses the Linux and UNIX `mkdir` command.

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- [ec2-bundle-vol](#) (p. 10)
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# ec2-migrate-bundle

## Description

Copy a bundled AMI from one region to another. For information on regions, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide](#).



### Note

After copying a bundled AMI to a new region, make sure to register it as a new AMI. During migration, Amazon EC2 replaces the kernel and RAM disk in the manifest file with a kernel and RAM disk designed for the destination region. Unless the `--no-mapping` parameter is given, `ec2-migrate-bundle` might use the Amazon EC2 `DescribeRegions` and `DescribeImages` operations to perform automated mappings.

## Syntax

```
ec2-migrate-bundle -k private_key -c cert -a access_key_id -s secret_key --bucket source_s3_bucket --destination-bucket destination_s3_bucket --manifest manifest_path --location {US | EU} --ec2cert ec2_cert_path [--kernel kernel-id] [--ramdisk ramdisk_id] [--no-mapping] --region mapping_region_name
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
<code>-k, --privatekey <i>private_key</i></code>	The path to the user's PEM-encoded RSA key file. Example: <code>-k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>	Yes
<code>-c, --cert <i>cert</i></code>	The user's PEM encoded RSA public key certificate file. Example: <code>-c cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>	Yes
<code>-a, --access-key <i>access_key_id</i></code>	The AWS access key ID. Example: <code>-a AKIADQKE4SARGYLE</code>	Yes
<code>-s, --secret-key <i>secret_key</i></code>	The AWS secret access key. Example: <code>-s eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==</code>	Yes
<code>--bucket <i>source_s3_bucket</i></code>	The source Amazon S3 bucket where the AMI is located, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix. Default: None Example: <code>--bucket my-us-bucket</code>	Yes
<code>--destination-bucket <i>destination_s3_bucket</i></code>	The destination Amazon S3 bucket, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix. If the destination bucket does not exist, it is created. Default: None Example: <code>--destination-bucket my-eu-bucket</code>	Yes

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Option	Description	Required
<code>--manifest <i>manifest</i></code>	The location of the Amazon S3 source manifest. Default: None Example: <code>--manifest my-ami.manifest.xml</code>	Yes
<code>--location {US   EU}</code>	The location of the destination Amazon S3 bucket. If the bucket exists and the location is specified, the tool exits with an error. If the specified location does not match the actual location. If the bucket exists and no location is specified, the tool uses the bucket's location. If the bucket does not exist and the location is specified, the tool creates the bucket in the specified location. If the bucket does not exist and location is not specified, the tool creates the bucket without a location constraint (in the US). Default: None Example: <code>--location EU</code>	No
<code>--acl <i>acl</i></code>	The access control list policy of the bundled image. Valid Values: <code>public-read   aws-exec-read</code> Default: <code>aws-exec-read</code> Example: <code>--acl public-read</code>	No
<code>--retry</code>	Automatically retries on all Amazon S3 errors, up to five times per operation. Example: <code>--retry</code>	No
<code>--kernel <i>kernel_id</i></code>	The ID of the kernel to select. Example: <code>--kernel aki-ba3adfd3</code>	No
<code>--ramdisk <i>ramdisk_id</i></code>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, go to the <a href="#">Resource Center</a> and search for the kernel ID. Example: <code>--ramdisk ari-badbad00</code>	No
<code>--no-mapping</code>	Disables automatic mapping of kernels and RAM disks. Example: <code>--no-mapping</code>	No
<code>--region</code>	Region to look up in the mapping file. If no region is specified, Amazon EC2 attempts to determine the region from the location of the Amazon S3 bucket. Example: <code>--region eu-west-1</code>	No

## Output

Status messages describing the stages and status of the bundling process.

## Example

This example copies the AMI specified in the `my-ami.manifest.xml` manifest from the US to the EU.

```
$ ec2-migrate-bundle --cert cert-THUMBPRINT.pem --privatekey
pk-THUMBPRINT.pem --access-key AKIADQKE4SARGYLE --secret-key
eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/djl1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ== --bucket my-us-bucket --
destination-bucket my-eu-bucket --manifest my-ami.manifest.xml --location EU
Downloading manifest my-ami.manifest.xml from my-us-bucket to /tmp/ami-
migration-my-ami.manifest.xml/my-ami.manifest.xml ...
Copying 'my-ami.part.00'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.01'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.02'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.03'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.04'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.05'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.06'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.07'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.08'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.09'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.10'...
Your new bundle is in S3 at the following location:
my-eu-bucket/my-ami.manifest.xml
```

## Related Topics

- [ec2-register](#) (p. 105)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)



# ec2-migrate-manifest

## Description

Modify a bundled AMI to work in a new region. For information on regions, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide](#).

You must use this command if you are bundling in one region for use in another or if you copy a bundled AMI out of band (without using `ec2-migrate-bundle`) and want to use it in a different region.



### Note

This command replaces the kernel and RAM disk in the manifest file with a kernel and RAM disk designed for the destination region.

## Syntax

```
ec2-migrate-manifest -k private_key -c cert -a access_key_id -s secret_key  
--manifest manifest_path --ec2cert ec2_cert_path [--kernel kernel-id] [--  
ramdisk ramdisk_id] [--no-mapping] --region mapping_region_name
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
<code>-k, --privatekey <i>private_key</i></code>	The path to the user's PEM-encoded RSA key file. Example: <code>-k pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>	Yes
<code>-c, --cert <i>cert</i></code>	The user's PEM encoded RSA public key certificate file. Example: <code>-c cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>	Yes
<code>-a, --access-key <i>access_key_id</i></code>	The AWS access key ID. Example: <code>-a AKIADQKE4SARGYLE</code>	Yes
<code>-s, --secret-key <i>secret_key</i></code>	The AWS secret access key. Example: <code>-s eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==</code>	Yes
<code>--manifest <i>manifest</i></code>	The location of the Amazon S3 source manifest. Default: None Example: <code>--manifest my-ami.manifest.xml</code>	Yes
<code>--kernel <i>kernel_id</i></code>	The ID of the kernel to select. Example: <code>--kernel aki-ba3adfd3</code>	No

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Option	Description	Required
<code>--ramdisk <i>ramdisk_id</i></code>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, go to the <a href="#">Resource Center</a> and search for the kernel ID. Example: <code>--ramdisk ari-badbad00</code>	No
<code>--mapping-file <i>mapping_file</i></code>	Overrides the file containing kernel and RAM disk region mappings. Example: <code>--mapping-file eu-mappings</code>	No
<code>--mapping-url <i>url</i></code>	Overrides the file containing kernel and RAM disk region mappings from the specified hostname portion of a URL. Example: <code>--mapping-url mysite.com/eu-mappings</code>	No
<code>--no-mapping</code>	Disables automatic mapping of kernels and RAM disks. Example: <code>--mapping-file mysite.com/eu-mappings</code>	No
<code>--region</code>	Region to look up in the mapping file. If no region is specified, The tool attempts to determine the region from the location of the Amazon S3 bucket. Example: <code>--region eu-west-1</code>	No

## Output

Status messages describing the stages and status of the bundling process.

## Example

This example copies the AMI specified in the `my-ami.manifest.xml` manifest from the US to the EU.

```
$ ec2-migrate-manifest --manifest my-ami.manifest.xml --cert  
cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem --privatekey pk-  
HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem --region eu-west-1
```

```
Backing up manifest...
```

```
Successfully migrated my-ami.manifest.xml It is now suitable for use in eu-  
west-1.
```

## Related Topics

- [ec2-register](#) (p. 105)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

## ec2-unbundle

### Description

Recreates the AMI from the bundled AMI parts.

### Syntax

```
ec2-unbundle -m manifest -k private_key [-d destination_directory] [-s source_directory]
```

### Options

Option	Description	Required
-m, --manifest <i>manifest</i>	The path to the unencrypted AMI manifest file. Example: -m /var/spool/my-first-bundle/Manifest	Yes
-k, --privatekey <i>private_key</i>	The path to your PEM-encoded RSA key file. Example: -k \$HOME/pk-234242DEADCAFE.pem	Yes
-d, --destination <i>destination_directory</i>	The directory in which to unbundle the AMI. The destination directory must exist. Default: The current directory Example: -d /tmp/my-image	No
-s, --source <i>source_directory</i>	The directory containing the bundled AMI parts. Default: The current directory Example: -s /tmp/my-bundled-image	No

### Example

This Linux and UNIX example unbundles the AMI specified in the `fred.manifest.xml` file.

```
$ mkdir unbundled
$ ec2-unbundle -m fred.manifest.xml -s bundled -d unbundled
cat  bundled/fred.part.00 bundled/fred.part.01 bundled/fred.part.02
  bundled/fred.part.03 bundled/fred.part.04 bundled/fred.part.05 bundled/
fred.part.06 bundled/fred.part.07 bundled/fred.part.08 bundled/fred.part.09
  bundled/fred.part.10 bundled/fred.part.11 bundled/fred.part.12 bundled/
fred.part.13 bundled/fred.part.14 | openssl enc -d -aes-128-cbc -K
a8fbe9586b7fd3df893b237f88e351a9 -iv 121febdf64b0322cd4ffda03aa1ab535 |
gunzip > unbundled/fred.img
Unbundle complete.
$ ls -l unbundled
total 1025008
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1048578048 Aug 25 23:46 fred.img
```

### Output

Status messages indicating the various stages of the unbundling process are displayed.

## Related Topics

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- [ec2-bundle-vol](#) (p. 10)
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# ec2-upload-bundle

## Description

Upload a bundled AMI to Amazon S3 storage.

## Syntax

```
ec2-upload-bundle -b s3_bucket -m manifest -a access_key_id -s secret_key [--acl acl] [--ec2cert certificate] [-d directory] [--part part] [--url url] [--location {US | EU}] [--retry] [--skipmanifest]
```

## Options

Option	Description	Required
<code>-b, --bucket <i>s3_bucket</i></code>	The name of the Amazon S3 bucket in which to store the bundle, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix. If the bucket doesn't exist it will be created (if the bucket name is available). Example: <code>-b ec2-cracker-ami</code>	Yes
<code>-m, --manifest <i>manifest</i></code>	The path to the manifest file. The manifest file is created during the bundling process and can be found in the directory containing the bundle. Example: <code>-m /var/spool/my-first-bundle/Manifest</code>	Yes
<code>-a, --access-key <i>access_key_id</i></code>	Your AWS access key ID. Example: <code>-a AKIADQKE4SARGYLE</code>	Yes
<code>-s, --secret-key <i>secret_key</i></code>	Your AWS secret access key. Example: <code>-s eW91dHVIZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/djlSU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==</code>	Yes
<code>--acl <i>acl</i></code>	The access control list policy of the bundled image. Valid Values: <code>public-read   aws-exec-read</code> Default: <code>aws-exec-read</code> Example: <code>--acl public-read</code>	No
<code>--ec2cert <i>certificate</i></code>	The path to the Amazon EC2 X.509 public key certificate. Default: <code>/etc/ec2/amitools/cert-ec2.pem</code> (varies, depending on tools) Example: <code>--ec2cert /etc/ec2/amiutil/cert-ec2.pem</code>	No
<code>-d, --directory <i>directory</i></code>	The directory containing the bundled AMI parts. Default: The directory containing the manifest file (see the <code>-m</code> option). Example: <code>-d /var/run/my-bundle</code>	No

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Option	Description	Required
<code>--part part</code>	Starts uploading the specified part and all subsequent parts. Example: <code>--part</code>	No
<code>--location {US   EU}</code>	The location of the destination Amazon S3 bucket. If the bucket exists and the location is specified, the tool exits with an error. If the specified location does not match the actual location. If the bucket exists and no location is specified, the tool uses the bucket's location. If the bucket does not exist and the location is specified, the tool creates the bucket in the specified location. If the bucket does not exist and location is not specified, the tool creates the bucket without a location constraint (in the US). Default: None Example: <code>--location EU</code>	No
<code>--url url</code>	The S3 service URL. Default: <code>https://s3.amazonaws.com</code> Example: <code>--url https://s3.amazonaws.ie</code>	No
<code>--retry</code>	Automatically retries on all Amazon S3 errors, up to five times per operation. Example: <code>--retry</code>	No
<code>--skipmanifest</code>	Does not upload the manifest. Example: <code>--skipmanifest</code>	No

## Output

Amazon EC2 displays status messages that indicate the stages and status of the upload process.

## Example

This example uploads the bundle specified by the `bundled/fred.manifest.xml` manifest.

```
$ ec2-upload-bundle -b my-s3-bucket -m bundled/fred.manifest.xml -a
AKIADQKE4SARGYLE -s ew91dHViZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMT1zeTNKSQ==
Creating bucket...
Uploading bundled image parts to the S3 bucket my-s3-bucket ...
Uploaded fred.part.00
Uploaded fred.part.01
Uploaded fred.part.02
Uploaded fred.part.03
Uploaded fred.part.04
Uploaded fred.part.05
Uploaded fred.part.06
Uploaded fred.part.07
Uploaded fred.part.08
Uploaded fred.part.09
Uploaded fred.part.10
Uploaded fred.part.11
Uploaded fred.part.12
```

```
Uploaded fred.part.13  
Uploaded fred.part.14  
Uploading manifest ...  
Uploaded manifest.  
Bundle upload completed.
```

## Related Topics

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## Common Options for API Tools

Most API tools described in this section accept the set of optional parameters described in the following table.

Option	Description
<code>--region <i>region</i></code>	Overrides the region specified in the <code>EC2_URL</code> environment variable. Default: The <code>EC2_URL</code> environment variable, or <code>us-east-1</code> if the environment variable is not set. Example: <code>--region eu-west-1</code>
<code>-U <i>URL</i></code>	<i>URL</i> is the uniform resource locator of the Amazon EC2 web service entry point. Default: The <code>EC2_URL</code> environment variable, or <code>https://ec2.amazonaws.com</code> if the environment variable is not set. Example: <code>-U https://ec2.amazonaws.com</code>
<code>-K <i>EC2-PRIVATE-KEY</i></code>	The private key to use when constructing requests to Amazon EC2. Default: The value of the <code>EC2_PRIVATE_KEY</code> environment variable. Example: <code>-K pk-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>

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Option	Description
<code>-C EC2-CERT</code>	The X.509 certificate to use when constructing requests to Amazon EC2. Default: The value of the <code>EC2_CERT</code> environment variable. Example: <code>-C cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem</code>
<code>-v</code>	Displays verbose output by showing the SOAP request and response on the command line. This is particularly useful if you are building tools to talk directly to our SOAP API.
<code>--show-empty-fields</code>	Shows empty columns as <code>(nil)</code> .
<code>--debug</code>	Prints internal debugging information. This is useful to assist us when troubleshooting problems.
<code>-?</code>	Displays help.
<code>-</code>	If <code>-</code> is specified as an argument to one of the parameters, a list of arguments are read from standard input. This is useful for piping the output of one command into the input of another. Example: <code>ec2-describe-instances   grep running   cut -f 2   ec2-terminate-instances -i -</code>

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## ec2-add-group

### Description

Creates a new security group. Group names must be unique per account.

Every instance is launched in a security group. If no security group is specified during launch, the instances are launched in the default security group. Instances within the same security group have unrestricted network access to each other. Instances will reject network access attempts from other instances in a different security group. As the owner of instances you can grant or revoke specific permissions using the `AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress` and `RevokeSecurityGroupIngress` operations.

### Syntax

```
ec2-add-group group -d description
```

### Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>group</i>	Name of the security group. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Accepts alphanumeric characters, spaces, dashes, and underscores. Example: webserv	Yes
-d " <i>description</i> "	Description of the group. This is informational only. If the description contains spaces, you must enclose it in single quotes (') or URL-encode it. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Accepts alphanumeric characters, spaces, dashes, and underscores. Example: -d 'Web servers'	Yes

### Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- GROUP identifier
- Group name
- Group description

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example creates the `webserv` security group.

```
PROMPT> ec2-add-group webserv -d 'Web Servers'  
GROUP webserv Web Servers
```

### Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)
- [ec2-describe-group](#) (p. 67)
- [ec2-authorize](#) (p. 42)
- [ec2-revoke](#) (p. 110)
- [ec2-delete-group](#) (p. 55)

## ec2-add-keypair

### Description

Creates a new 2048-bit RSA key pair with the specified name. The public key is stored by Amazon EC2 and the private key is displayed on the console. The private key is returned as an unencrypted PEM encoded PKCS#8 private key. If a key with the specified name already exists, Amazon EC2 returns an error.

### Syntax

```
ec2-add-keypair key
```

### Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>key</i>	A unique name for the key pair. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Accepts alphanumeric characters, spaces, dashes, and underscores. Example: mysecretkey	Yes

### Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- KEYPAIR identifier
- Key pair name
- Private key fingerprint
- Private key. This value is displayed on a new line

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

### Examples

#### Example Request

This example creates a key pair named gsg-keypair.

```
PROMPT> ec2-add-keypair gsg-keypair
KEYPAIR gsg-
keypair1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f-----BEGIN
RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
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```

```
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2ERKKdwz0ZL9SWq6VTdhr/5G994CK72fy5WhyERbdjUIIdHaK3M849JJuf8cSrvSb4g==
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)
- [ec2-describe-keypairs](#) (p. 75)
- [ec2-delete-keypair](#) (p. 57)



# ec2-allocate-address

## Description

Acquires an elastic IP address for use with your account.

## Syntax

```
ec2-allocate-address
```

## Options

This command does not have any options.

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("ADDRESS")
- Elastic IP address for use with your account

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example returns an elastic IP address for use with the account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-allocate-address  
ADDRESS 67.202.55.255
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-addresses](#) (p. 62)
- [ec2-release-address](#) (p. 107)
- [ec2-associate-address](#) (p. 38)
- [ec2-disassociate-address](#) (p. 86)

# ec2-associate-address

## Description

Associates an elastic IP address with an instance. If the IP address is currently assigned to another instance, the IP address is assigned to the new instance. This is an idempotent operation. If you enter it more than once, Amazon EC2 does not return an error.

## Syntax

```
ec2-associate-address -i instance_id ip_address
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ip_address</i>	IP address that you are assigning to the instance. Type: String Default: None Example: 67.202.55.255	Yes
<i>instance_id</i>	The instance to associate with the IP address. Type: String Default: None Example: i-43a4412a	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("ADDRESS")
- Elastic IP address that you are assigning to the instance
- Instance to which the IP address is assigned

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example associates an IP address with an instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-associate-address -i i-43a4412a 67.202.55.255  
ADDRESS 67.202.55.255 i-43a4412a
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-allocate-address](#) (p. 37)
- [ec2-describe-addresses](#) (p. 62)

- [ec2-release-address](#) (p. 107)
- [ec2-disassociate-address](#) (p. 86)

# ec2-attach-volume

## Description

Attaches an Amazon EBS volume to a running instance and exposes it as the specified device.



### Note

Windows instances currently support devices xvda through xvdp. Devices xvda and xvdb are reserved by the operating system, xvdc is assigned to drive C:\, and, depending on the instance type, devices xvdd through xvde might be reserved by the instance stores. Any device that is not reserved can be attached to an Amazon EBS volume. For a list of devices that are reserved by the instance stores, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-attach-volume volume_id --instance instance_id --device device
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>volume_id</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS volume. The volume and instance must be within the same Availability Zone and the instance must be running. Type: String Default: None Example: vol-4d826724	Yes
--instance <i>instance_id</i>	The ID of the instance to which the volume attaches. The volume and instance must be within the same Availability Zone and the instance must be running. Type: String Default: None Example: i-6058a509	Yes
--device <i>device</i>	Specifies how the device is exposed to the instance (e.g., /dev/sdh). Type: String Default: None Example: /dev/sdf (Linux and UNIX) or xvdf (Windows)	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- ATTACHMENT identifier
- ID of the volume
- ID of the instance

- The device as it is exposed to the instance
- Attachment state (e.g., attaching, attached, detached, detaching, error)
- Time stamp when attachment initiated

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example attaches volume `vol-4d826724` to instance `i-6058a509` and exposes it as `/dev/sdh`. For information on standard storage locations, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

```
PROMPT> ec2-attach-volume vol-4d826724 --instance i-6058a509 --device /dev/
sdh
ATTACHMENT vol-4d826724 i-6058a509 /dev/sdh attaching
2008-02-14T00:15:00+0000
```

### Related Operations

- [ec2-create-volume](#) (p. 53)
- [ec2-delete-volume](#) (p. 59)
- [ec2-describe-volumes](#) (p. 82)
- [ec2-detach-volume](#) (p. 84)

# ec2-authorize

## Description

Adds permissions to a security group.

Permissions are specified by the IP protocol (TCP, UDP or ICMP), the source of the request (by IP range or an Amazon EC2 user-group pair), the source and destination port ranges (for TCP and UDP), and the ICMP codes and types (for ICMP). When authorizing ICMP, `-1` can be used as a wildcard in the type and code fields.

Permission changes are propagated to instances within the security group as quickly as possible. However, depending on the number of instances, a small delay might occur.

When authorizing a user/group pair permission, `GroupName`, `SourceSecurityGroupName` and `SourceSecurityGroupOwnerId` must be specified. When authorizing a CIDR IP permission, `GroupName`, `IpProtocol`, `FromPort`, `ToPort` and `CidrIp` must be specified. Mixing these two types of parameters is not allowed.

## Syntax

```
ec2-authorize group [-P protocol] (-p port_range | -t icmp_type_code) [-u source_group_user ...] [-o source_group ...] [-s source_subnet ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<code>group</code>	Name of the group to modify. The name must be valid and belong to the account Type: String Default: None Example: webserv	Yes
<code>-P protocol</code>	IP protocol. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: tcp   udp   icmp Example: udp	Yes
<code>-u source_group_user</code>	AWS User ID of an account. Type: String Default: None Example: 495219933132	Yes
<code>-o source_group</code>	Name of the security group. Type: String Default: None Example: headoffice	Yes

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Name	Description	Required
<code>-s "source_subnet"</code>	CIDR range. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Valid CIDR IP address range. Example: 205.192.8.45/24	Yes
<code>-t "icmp_type_code"</code>	For the ICMP protocol, the ICMP type and code must be specified. This must be specified in the format type:code where both are integers. Type, code, or both can be specified as -1, which is a wildcard. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: <code>tcp   udp   icmp</code> Example: 2:5	Yes
<code>-p "port_range"</code>	For the TCP or UDP protocols, this specifies the range of ports to allow. Type: String Default: None Constraints: A single integer or a range (min-max). Example: 80-84	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("GROUP", "PERMISSION")
- Group name. Currently, this will report an empty string
- Type of rule. Currently, only ALLOW rules are supported
- Protocol to allow
- Start of port range
- End of port range
- FROM
- Source

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example grants TCP port 80 access from the 205.192.0.0/16 address range to the `webserv` security group.

```
PROMPT> ec2-authorize webserv -P tcp -p 80 -s 205.192.0.0/16  
GROUP webserv " PERMISSION webserv ALLOWS tcp 80 80 FROM CIDR 205.192.0.0/16
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-add-group](#) (p. 33)
- [ec2-describe-group](#) (p. 67)
- [ec2-revoke](#) (p. 110)
- [ec2-delete-group](#) (p. 55)



# ec2-bundle-instance

## Description

Bundles the Windows instance. This procedure is not applicable for Linux and UNIX instances. For more information, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#) or [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#).



### Note

During bundling, only the root store (C:\) is bundled. Data on other instance stores is not preserved.

## Syntax

```
ec2-bundle-instance instance -b bucket -p prefix -o access-key-id [-c policy  
| -w secret-access-key] [options]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance</i>	The ID of the instance to bundle. Type: String Default: None Example: i-5e73d509	Yes
-b " <i>bucket</i> "	The bucket in which to store the AMI. You can specify a bucket that you already own or a new bucket that Amazon EC2 creates on your behalf. If you specify a bucket that belongs to someone else, Amazon EC2 returns an error. Type: String Default: None Example: mybucket	Yes
-p " <i>prefix</i> "	Specifies the beginning of the file name of the AMI. Type: String Default: None Example: winami	Yes
-o " <i>access-key-id</i> "	The Access Key ID of the owner of the Amazon S3 bucket. Type: String Default: None Example: 157SZTMZQT516NAZ7CR2	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<code>-c "policy"</code>	An Amazon S3 upload policy that gives Amazon EC2 permission to upload items into Amazon S3 on the user's behalf. For more information on bundling in Windows, go to the Type: String Default: None Example: upload-policy	Yes
<code>-v "secret-access-key"</code>	The bucket in which to store the AMI. You can specify a bucket that you already own or a new bucket that Amazon EC2 creates on your behalf. If you specify a bucket that belongs to someone else, Amazon EC2 returns an error. Type: String Default: None Example: eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- BUNDLE identifier
- ID of the bundle
- ID of the instance
- Bucket name
- Bundle prefix
- Bundle status
- Bundle start time

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example bundles the `i-e468cd8d` instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-bundle-instance i-12345 -b mybucket -p winami -o  
AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD -w eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ==  
BUNDLE bun-cla540a8 i-12345 mybucket winami pending  
2008-09-15T17:15:20+0000 2008-09-15T17:15:20+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-cancel-bundle-task](#) (p. 47)
- [ec2-describe-bundle-tasks](#) (p. 65)

# ec2-cancel-bundle-task

## Description

Cancels an Amazon EC2 bundling operation. For more information on bundling instances, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#) or [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-cancel-bundle-task bundle
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>bundle</i>	The ID of the bundle task to cancel. Type: String Default: None Example: bun-cla432a3	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- BUNDLE identifier
- ID of the bundle
- ID of the instance
- Bucket name
- Cancel status
- Bundle start time
- Error message, if any

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example cancels the `bun-cla322b9` bundle task.

```
PROMPT> ec2-cancel-bundle-task bun-cla322b9  
BUNDLE bun-cla322b9 i-2674d22r mybucket winami canceling  
2008-09-15T17:15:20+0000 2008-09-15T17:15:20+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-bundle-instance](#) (p. 45)
- [ec2-describe-bundle-tasks](#) (p. 65)



# ec2-confirm-product-instance

## Description

Verifies whether a Amazon DevPay product code is associated with an instance. This can only be executed by the owner of the AMI and is useful when an AMI owner wants to verify whether a user's instance is eligible for support.

## Syntax

```
ec2-confirm-product-instance product_code -i instance_id
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>product_code</i>	The product code to confirm. Type: String Default: None Example: 774F4FF8	Yes
<i>instance_id</i>	The instance to confirm. Type: String Default: None Example: i-10a64379	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Product code
- Instance ID
- Boolean value indicating if the product code is attached to the instance
- The instance owner's account ID (if the product code is attached)

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes the confirms the product code is associated with the instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-confirm-product-instance 774F4FF8 -i i-10a64379  
774F4FF8i-10a64379 true
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-instances](#) (p. 73)

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

# ec2-create-snapshot

## Description

Creates a snapshot of an Amazon EBS volume and stores it in Amazon S3. You can use snapshots for backups, to make identical copies of instance devices, and to save data before shutting down an instance. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

When taking a snapshot of a file system, we recommend unmounting it first. This ensures the file system metadata is in a consistent state, that the 'mounted indicator' is cleared, and that all applications using that file system are stopped and in a consistent state. Some file systems, such as xfs, can freeze and unfreeze activity so a snapshot can be made without unmounting.

For Linux/UNIX, enter the following command from the command line.

```
# umount -d /dev/sdh
```

For Windows, open **Disk Management**, right-click the volume to unmount, and select **Change Drive Letter and Path**. Then, select the mount point to remove and click **Remove**.

## Syntax

```
ec2-create-snapshot volume_id
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>volume_id</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS volume to take a snapshot of. Type: String Default: None Example: vol-4d826724	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- SNAPSHOT identifier
- ID of the snapshot
- ID of the volume
- Snapshot state (e.g., pending, completed, error)
- Time stamp when snapshot initiated

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example creates a snapshot of volume `vol-4d826724`.

```
PROMPT> ec2-create-snapshot vol-4d826724 --instance i-6058a509 --device /dev/  
sdh  
SNAPSHOT snap-78a54011 vol-4d826724 pending 2008-05-07T12:51:50+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-delete-snapshot](#) (p. 58)
- [ec2-describe-snapshots](#) (p. 81)



# ec2-create-volume

## Description

Creates a new Amazon EBS volume to which any Amazon EC2 instance can attach within the same Availability Zone. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).



### Note

You must specify an Availability Zone when creating a volume. The volume and the instance to which it attaches must be in the same Availability Zone.

## Syntax

```
ec2-create-volume [--size size | --snapshot snapshot] --availability-zone zone
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<code>--size</code> <i>size</i>	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Required if you are not creating a volume from a snapshot. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: 1 -1024 Example: 800	Yes
<code>--snapshot</code> <i>snapshot</i>	The snapshot from which to create the new volume. Type: String Default: None Example: snap-78a54011	No
<code>--availability-zone</code> <i>zone</i>	The Availability Zone in which to create the new volume. Type: String Default: None Example: us-east-1a	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- VOLUME identifier
- ID of the volume
- Size of the volume, in GiBs
- Snapshot from which the volume was created, if applicable
- Availability Zone in which the volume was created
- Volume state (e.g., creating, available, in use, deleting, error)

- Time stamp when volume creation was initiated

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example creates a new 800 GiB volume in Availability Zone `us-east-1a`.

```
PROMPT> ec2-create-volume --size 800 --availability-zone us-east-1a  
VOLUME vol-4d826724 800 us-east-1a creating 2008-05-07T11:51:50+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-delete-volume](#) (p. 59)
- [ec2-describe-volumes](#) (p. 82)
- [ec2-attach-volume](#) (p. 40)
- [ec2-detach-volume](#) (p. 84)
- [ec2-describe-availability-zones](#) (p. 63)

# ec2-delete-group

## Description

Deletes a security group that you own.



### Note

If you attempt to delete a security group that contains instances, a fault is returned.

If you attempt to delete a security group that is referenced by another security group, a fault is returned. For example, if security group B has a rule that allows access from security group A, security group A cannot be deleted until the allow rule is removed.

## Syntax

```
ec2-delete-group group
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>group</i>	Name of the security group to delete. Type: String Default: None Example: webserv	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- GROUP identifier
- Name of the deleted security group

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example deletes the `webserv` security group.

```
PROMPT> ec2-delete-group webserv  
GROUP webserv
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-add-group](#) (p. 33)
- [ec2-describe-group](#) (p. 67)
- [ec2-authorize](#) (p. 42)

- [ec2-revoke](#) (p. 110)

# ec2-delete-keypair

## Description

Deletes the specified key pair, by removing the public key from Amazon EC2. You must own the key pair.

## Syntax

```
ec2-delete-keypair key_pair
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>key_pair</i>	Name of the key pair to delete. Type: String Default: None Example: primary_keypair	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- KEYPAIR identifier
- Name of the deleted key pair
- Private key fingerprint

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example deletes the `gsg-keypair` key pair.

```
PROMPT> ec2-delete-keypair gsg-keypair  
KEYPAIR gsg-keypair
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-add-keypair](#) (p. 35)
- [ec2-describe-keypairs](#) (p. 75)

# ec2-delete-snapshot

## Description

Deletes a snapshot of an Amazon EBS volume that you own. For more information, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-delete-snapshot snapshot_id
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>snapshot_id</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS snapshot to delete. Type: String Default: None Example: snap-78a54011	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- SNAPSHOT identifier
- ID of the snapshot

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example deletes snapshot `snap-78a54011`.

```
PROMPT> ec2-delete-snapshot snap-78a54011  
SNAPSHOT snap-78a54011
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-create-snapshot](#) (p. 51)
- [ec2-describe-snapshots](#) (p. 81)

# ec2-delete-volume

## Description

Deletes an Amazon EBS volume that you own. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).



### Note

The volume remains in the deleting state for several minutes after you enter this command.

## Syntax

```
ec2-delete-volume volume_id
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>volume_id</i>	The ID of the volume to delete. The volume remains in the "deleting" state for several minutes after entering this command. Type: String Default: None Example: vol-4282672b	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- VOLUME identifier
- ID of the volume you deleted

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example deletes volume `vol-4282672b`.

```
PROMPT> ec2-delete-volume vol-4282672b  
VOLUME vol-4282672b
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-create-volume](#) (p. 53)
- [ec2-describe-volumes](#) (p. 82)
- [ec2-attach-volume](#) (p. 40)

- [ec2-detach-volume](#) (p. 84)



# ec2-deregister

## Description

Deregisters the specified AMI. Once deregistered, the AMI cannot be used to launch new instances.



### Note

This command does not delete the AMI from Amazon S3.

## Syntax

```
ec2-deregister ami_id
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ami_id</i>	Unique ID of the AMI which was assigned during registration. To register an AMI, use "RegisterImage". To view the AMI IDs of AMIs that belong to your account, use "DescribeImages". Type: String Default: None Example: ami-4fa54026	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- IMAGE identifier
- The ID of the AMI that was deregistered

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example deregisters the `ami-4fa54026` AMI.

```
PROMPT> ec2-deregister ami-4fa54026  
IMAGE ami-4fa54026
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-register](#) (p. 105)
- [ec2-describe-images](#) (p. 70)

# ec2-describe-addresses

## Description

Lists elastic IP addresses assigned to your account or provides information about a specific address.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-addresses [public_ip ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>public_ip</i>	Elastic IP address to describe. Type: String Default: None Example: 67.202.55.255	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("ADDRESS")
- Elastic IP address assigned to your account
- Instance ID to which the IP address is assigned

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes elastic IP addresses assigned to the account. Amazon EC2 returns 67.202.55.255 which is assigned to instance i-f15ebb98 and 67.202.55.233 which is not assigned to an instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-addresses  
ADDRESS 67.202.55.255 i-f15ebb98  
ADDRESS 67.202.55.233
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-allocate-address](#) (p. 37)
- [ec2-release-address](#) (p. 107)

# ec2-describe-availability-zones

## Description

Displays Availability Zones that are currently available to the account and their states.



### Note

Availability Zones are not the same across accounts. The Availability Zone us-east-1a for account A is not necessarily the same as us-east-1a for account B. Zone assignments are mapped independently for each account.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-availability-zones [zone_name...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>zone-name</i>	Availability Zone name. Type: String Default: None Example: us-east-1a	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- AVAILABILITYZONE identifier
- Availability Zone name
- State

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example displays information about Availability Zones that are available to the account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-availability-zones
AVAILABILITYZONE us-east-1a    available
AVAILABILITYZONE us-east-1b    available
AVAILABILITYZONE us-east-1c    available
AVAILABILITYZONE us-east-1d    available
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

- [ec2-describe-regions](#) (p. 76)

# ec2-describe-bundle-tasks

## Description

Describes current bundling tasks. For more information on bundling instances, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#) or [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-bundle-tasks [bundle...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>bundle</i>	The ID of the bundle task to describe. Type: String Default: If no ID is specified, all bundle tasks are described. Example: bun-cla432a3	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- BUNDLE identifier
- ID of the bundle
- ID of the instance
- Bucket name
- Bundle status
- Bundle start time
- Error message, if any

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes the status of the `bun-57a5403e` bundle task.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-bundle-tasks bun-cla540a8
BUNDLE bun-cla540a8 i-2674d22r mybucket winami pending
2008-09-15T17:15:20+0000 2008-09-15T17:15:20+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-bundle-instance](#) (p. 45)
- [ec2-cancel-bundle-task](#) (p. 47)



# ec2-describe-group

## Description

Returns information about security groups that you own.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-group [group ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>group</i>	Name of the security group. Type: String Default: Describes all groups within the account. Example: webserv	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("GROUP", "PERMISSION")
- User ID of security group owner
- Security group name
- Description of the security group
- Firewall rule

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example returns information about two security groups that are configured for the account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-group  
GROUP AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD WebServers Web Servers  
GROUP AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD RangedPortsBySource Group A
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-add-group](#) (p. 33)
- [ec2-authorize](#) (p. 42)
- [ec2-revoke](#) (p. 110)
- [ec2-delete-group](#) (p. 55)

# ec2-describe-image-attribute

## Description

Returns information about an attribute of an AMI. Only one attribute can be specified per call.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-image-attribute ami_id {-l | -p | -B | --kernel | --ramdisk}
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ami_id</i>	The ID of the AMI for which an attribute will be described. Type: String Default: None Example: ami-4fa54026	Yes
-l " --launch-permission"	Describes the launch permissions of the AMI. Type: String Default: None Example: -l	No
-p " --product-code"	Describes the product code associated with the AMI. Type: String Default: None Example: -p	No
--kernel "	Describes the ID of the kernel associated with the AMI. Type: String Default: None Example: --kernel	No
--ramdisk "	Describes the ID of the RAM disk associated with the AMI. Type: String Default: None Example: --ramdisk	No
-B " --block-device-mapping"	Describes the mapping that defines native device names to use when exposing virtual devices. Type: String Default: None Example: -B	No
--platform "	Describes the operating system platform. Type: String Default: None Example: --platform	No



## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Attribute type identifier
- ID of the AMI
- Attribute value type or attribute list item value type
- Attribute or attribute list item value

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example lists the launch permissions for the ami-61a54008 AMI

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-image-attribute ami-2bb65342 -l  
launchPermission ami-2bb65342 group all  
launchPermission ami-2bb65342 userId 495219933132
```

### Example Request

This example lists the product code for the ami-2bb65342AMI.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-image-attribute ami-2bb65342 -p  
productCodes ami-2bb65342 productCode 774F4FF8
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-images](#) (p. 70)
- [ec2-modify-image-attribute](#) (p. 99)
- [ec2-reset-image-attribute](#) (p. 109)

# ec2-describe-images

## Description

Returns information about AMIs, AKIs, and ARIs. This includes image type, product codes, architecture, and kernel and RAM disk IDs. Images available to you include public images, private images that you own, and private images owned by other users for which you have explicit launch permissions.

Launch permissions fall into three categories:

Launch Permission	Description
public	The owner of the AMI granted launch permissions for the AMI to the <code>all</code> group. All users have launch permissions for these AMIs.
explicit	The owner of the AMI granted launch permissions to a specific user.
implicit	A user has implicit launch permissions for all AMIs he or she owns.

The list of AMIs returned can be modified by specifying AMI IDs, AMI owners, or users with launch permissions. If no options are specified, Amazon EC2 returns all AMIs for which the user has launch permissions.

If you specify one or more AMI IDs, only AMIs that have the specified IDs are returned. If you specify an invalid AMI ID, a fault is returned. If you specify an AMI ID for which you do not have access, it will not be included in the returned results.

If you specify one or more AMI owners, only AMIs from the specified owners and for which you have access are returned. The results can include the account IDs of the specified owners, `amazon` for AMIs owned by Amazon or `self` for AMIs that you own.

If you specify a list of executable users, only users that have launch permissions for the AMIs are returned. You can specify account IDs (if you own the AMI(s)), `self` for AMIs for which you own or have explicit permissions, or `all` for public AMIs.



### Note

Deregistered images are included in the returned results for an unspecified interval after deregistration.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-images [ami_id ...] [-a] [-o owner ...] [-x user_id]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<code>-x "user_id"</code>	Returns AMIs for which the specified user has explicit launch permissions. The user ID can be a user's account ID, "self" to return AMIs for which the sender of the request has explicit launch permissions, or "all" to return AMIs with public launch permissions. Type: String Default: None Example: <code>-x self</code>	No
<code>ami_id</code>	AMI IDs to describe. Type: String Default: Returns all AMIs. Example: <code>ami-78a54011</code>	No
<code>-a</code>	Describes all AMIs. Type: String Default: None Example: <code>-a</code>	No
<code>-o "owner"</code>	Returns AMIs owned by the specified owner. Multiple owners can be specified. The IDs "amazon", "self", and "explicit" can be used to include AMIs owned by Amazon, AMIs owned by the user, and AMIs for which the user has explicit launch permissions, respectively. Type: String Default: None Example: <code>-o 157SZTMZQT516NAZ7CR2</code>	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- IMAGE identifier
- Image identifier
- Manifest location
- User identifier of the user that registered the image
- Image status
- Image visibility (public or private)
- Product codes, if any, that are attached to the instance
- Image architecture (i386 or x86\_64)
- Image type (machine, kernel, or ramdisk)
- ID of the kernel associated with the image (machine images only)
- ID of the RAM disk associated with the image (machine images only)

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes the ami-be3adfd7 AMI.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-images ami-be3adfd7  
IMAGE ami-78a54011 powerdns/image.manifest.xml AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD available  
private 774F4FF8 i386 machine aki-a2d732cb ari-a3d732ca
```

### Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-instances](#) (p. 73)
- [ec2-describe-image-attribute](#) (p. 68)

# ec2-describe-instances

## Description

Returns information about instances that you own.

If you specify one or more instance IDs, Amazon EC2 returns information for those instances. If you do not specify instance IDs, Amazon EC2 returns information for all relevant instances. If you specify an invalid instance ID, a fault is returned. If you specify an instance that you do not own, it will not be included in the returned results.

Recently terminated instances might appear in the returned results. This interval is usually less than one hour.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-instances [instance_id|availability_zone ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	Instance IDs to describe. Type: String Default: Returns all instances. Example: r-15a4417c	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("RESERVATION", "INSTANCE")
- Instance ID for each running instance
- AMI ID of the image on which the instance is based
- Public DNS name associated with the instance. This is only present for instances in the running state
- Private DNS name associated with the instance. This is only present for instances in the running state
- Instance state
- Key name. If a key was associated with the instance at launch, its name will appear
- AMI launch index
- Product codes attached to the instance
- Instance type. The type of the instance
- Instance launch time. The time the instance launched
- Availability Zone. The Availability Zone in which the instance is located
- Monitoring state

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes the current state of the instances owned by this user.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-instances
RESERVATION r-15a4417c AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD INSTANCE i-3ea74257 ami-6ba54002
ec2-72-44-33-4.compute-1.amazonaws.com 10-251-50-154.ec2.internal
running 0 774F4FF8 m1.small 2007-07-11T16:40:44+0000 aki-ba3adfd3
ari-badbad00 us-east-1a INSTANCE i-31a74258 ami-6ba54002
ec2-72-44-34-23.compute-1.amazonaws.com 10-251-50-156.ec2.internal running 1
m1.small 2007-07-11T16:40:44+0000 aki-ba3adfd3 ari-badbad00 us-east-1a
monitoring-enabled
RESERVATION r-1c65b675 262355691199 default INSTANCE i-
e5b3108c ami-e3698d8a ec2-75-101-211-130.compute-1.amazonaws.com
ip-10-250-57-219.ec2.internal running primary 0 m1.small
2008-09-26T23:53:16+0000 us-east-1a windows IMAGE ami-78a54011
powerdns/image.manifest.xml AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD available private 774F4FF8 i386
machine aki-a2d732cb ari-a3d732ca monitoring-enabled
```

### Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)
- [ec2-terminate-instances](#) (p. 117)

# ec2-describe-keypairs

## Description

Returns information about key pairs available to you. If you specify key pairs, information about those key pairs is returned. Otherwise, information for all registered key pairs is returned.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-keypairs [key_id ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>key_id</i>	Key pair to describe. Type: String Default: Describes all key pairs available to the account. Example: gsg-keypair	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- KEYPAIR identifier
- Key pair identifier
- Private key fingerprint

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes the state of the `gsg-keypair` key.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-keypairs gsg-keypair
KEYPAIR gsg-
keypair1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-availability-zones](#) (p. 63)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

# ec2-describe-regions

## Description

Describes regions that are currently available to the account.

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-regions [region...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>region</i>	Name of a region. Type: String Default: Describes all regions available to the account. Example: eu-west-1	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- REGION identifier
- Region name
- Service endpoint to which you make requests

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example displays regions that are available to the account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-regions  
REGION us-east-1 us-east-1.ec2.amazonaws.com  
REGION eu-west-1 eu-west-1.ec2.amazonaws.com
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-availability-zones](#) (p. 63)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)



# ec2-describe-reserved-instances

## Description

Describes Reserved Instances that you purchased. For more information about Reserved Instances, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-reserved-instances [reservation_id ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>reservation_id</i>	IDs of the Reserved Instance to describe. Type: String Default: None Example: 4b2293b4-5813-4cc8-9ce3-1957fc1dcfc8	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- RESERVEDINSTANCES identifier
- ID of the Reserved Instance
- The instance type
- The Availability Zone in which the Reserved Instance can be used
- The duration of the Reserved Instance
- The usage price of the Reserved Instance, per hour
- The purchase price of the Reserved Instance
- The number of Reserved Instance purchased
- The Reserved Instance description
- The state of the Reserved Instance purchase (pending-payment, active, payment-failed)

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes Reserved Instances owned by the account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-reserved-instances
RESERVEDINSTANCE 1ba8e2e3-2538-4a35-b749-1f4442d50744 us-east-1a m1.small 1y
0.00 0.00 19 2009-01-19T00:00:00+0000 active
af9f760e-c1c1-449b-8128-1342d3a6927d us-east-1a m1.xlarge 1y 0.00 0.00 3
2009-01-20T00:00:00+0000 active
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-purchase-reserved-instance-offering](#) (p. 102)
- [ec2-describe-reserved-instances-offerings](#) (p. 79)

# ec2-describe-reserved-instances-offerings

## Description

Describes Reserved Instance offerings that are available for purchase. With Amazon EC2 Reserved Instances, you purchase the right to launch Amazon EC2 instances for a period of time (without getting insufficient capacity errors) and pay a lower usage rate for the actual time used. For more information about Reserved Instances, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-reserved-instances-offerings [offering_id ...]  
[--typeinstance_type ...] [--availability-zonezone ...] [--  
descriptiondescription ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
--type "instance_type"	The instance type on which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String Default: None Example: m1.small	No
--availability-zone "zone"	The Availability Zone in which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String Default: None Example: us-east-1a	No
--description "description"	The Reserved Instance description. Type: String Default: None Example: m1.small offering in us-east-1a	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- OFFERING identifier
- ID of the offer
- The instance type
- The Availability Zone in which the Reserved Instance can be used
- The duration of the Reserved Instance
- The purchase price of the Reserved Instance
- The usage price of the Reserved Instance, per hour
- The Reserved Instance description

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes available Reserved Instance offerings.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-reserved-instances-offerings  
OFFERING 4b2293b4-5813-4cc8-9ce3-1957fc1dcfc8 m1.small us-east-1a 1y 0.00  
0.00 Linux/UNIX
```

### Related Operations

- [ec2-purchase-reserved-instance-offering](#) (p. 102)
- [ec2-describe-reserved-instances](#) (p. 77)

# ec2-describe-snapshots

## Description

Describes the status of Amazon EBS snapshots. If no snapshots are specified, Amazon EBS returns information about all snapshots owned by the account. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-snapshots [snapshot_id ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>snapshot_id</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS snapshot. Type: String Default: Describes all snapshots that you own. Example: snap-78a54011	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- SNAPSHOT identifier
- ID of the snapshot
- ID of the volume
- Snapshot state (e.g., pending, completed, error)
- Time stamp when snapshot initiated
- Percentage of completion

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes snapshot `snap-78a54011`.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-snapshots snap-78a54011  
SNAPSHOT snap-78a54011 vol-4d826724 pending 2008-02-15T09:03:58+0000 60%
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-create-snapshot](#) (p. 51)
- [ec2-delete-snapshot](#) (p. 58)

# ec2-describe-volumes

## Description

Describes the specified Amazon EBS volumes that you own. If you do not specify one or more volume IDs, Amazon EBS describes all volumes that you own. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-describe-volumes [volume_id ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>volume_id</i>	The ID of the volume to list. Type: String Default: Describes all volumes that you own. Example: vol-4282672b	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- VOLUME identifier
- ID of the volume
- Size of the volume, in GiBs
- Snapshot from which the volume was created, if applicable
- Availability Zone in which the volume launched
- Volume state (e.g., creating, available, in-use, deleting, error)
- Time stamp when volume creation initiated

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example describes all volumes associated with your account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-describe-volumes
VOLUME vol-4d826724 800 us-east-1a in-use 2008-02-14T00:00:00+0000
ATTACHMENT vol-4d826724 i-6058a509 /dev/sdh attached 2008-02-14T00:00:17+0000
VOLUME vol-50957039 13 us-east-1a available 2008-02-09T00:00:00+0000
VOLUME vol-6682670f 1 us-east-1a in-use 2008-02-11T12:00:00+0000
ATTACHMENT vol-6682670f i-69a54000 /dev/sdh attached 2008-02-11T13:56:00+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-create-snapshot](#) (p. 51)
- [ec2-delete-snapshot](#) (p. 58)

# ec2-detach-volume

## Description

Detaches an Amazon EBS volume from an instance. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).



### Important

Make sure to unmount any file systems on the device within your operating system before detaching the volume. Failure to unmount file systems, or otherwise properly release the device from use, can result in lost data and will corrupt the file system.

## Syntax

```
ec2-detach-volume volume_id [--instance instance_id [--device device]] [--force]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>volume_id</i>	The ID of the volume. Type: String Default: None Example: vol-4282672b	Yes
--instance <i>instance_id</i>	The ID of the instance. Type: String Default: None Example: i-6058a509	No
--device <i>device</i>	The device name. Type: String Default: None Example: /dev/sdh	No
--force"	Forces detachment if the previous detachment attempt did not occur cleanly (logging into an instance, unmounting the volume, and detaching normally). This option can lead to data loss or a corrupted file system. Use this option only as a last resort to detach a volume from a failed instance. The instance will not have an opportunity to flush file system caches nor file system meta data. If you use this option, you must perform file system check and repair procedures. Type: Boolean Default: None Example: None	No



## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- ATTACHMENT identifier
- ID of the volume
- ID of the instance
- Device as which the volume is exposed within the instance
- Attachment state (e.g., detaching)
- Time stamp when detaching was initiated

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example detaches volume `vol-4d826724`.

```
PROMPT> ec2-detach-volume vol-4d826724  
ATTACHMENT vol-4d826724 i-6058a509 /dev/sdh detaching  
2008-02-14T00:00:17+0000
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-create-volume](#) (p. 53)
- [ec2-delete-volume](#) (p. 59)
- [ec2-describe-volumes](#) (p. 82)
- [ec2-attach-volume](#) (p. 40)

# ec2-disassociate-address

## Description

Disassociates the specified elastic IP address from the instance to which it is assigned. This is an idempotent operation. If you enter it more than once, Amazon EC2 does not return an error.

## Syntax

```
ec2-disassociate-address ip_address
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ip_address</i>	IP address that you are disassociating from the instance. Type: String Default: None Example: 67.202.55.255	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("ADDRESS")
- Elastic IP address you are disassociating from the instance

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example disassociates the 67.202.55.255 IP address from the instance to which it is assigned.

```
PROMPT> ec2-disassociate-address 67.202.55.255  
ADDRESS 67.202.55.255
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-allocate-address](#) (p. 37)
- [ec2-describe-addresses](#) (p. 62)
- [ec2-release-address](#) (p. 107)
- [ec2-associate-address](#) (p. 38)

# ec2-fingerprint-key

## Description

Retrieves console output for the specified instance.

Instance console output is buffered and posted shortly after instance boot, reboot, and termination. Amazon EC2 preserves the most recent 64 KB output which will be available for at least one hour after the most recent post.

## Syntax

```
ec2-fingerprint-key keyfile
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>keyfile</i>	The path to a file containing an unencrypted PEM-encoded PKCS#8 private key. Type: String Default: None Example: mykey.pem	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- A key fingerprint. This is formatted as a hash digest with each octet separated by a colon

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example computes and displays the fingerprint for the mykey.pem private key.

```
PROMPT> ec2-fingerprint-key mykey.pem  
1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-keypairs](#) (p. 75)

# ec2-get-console-output

## Description

Retrieves console output for the specified instance.

Instance console output is buffered and posted shortly after instance boot, reboot, and termination. Amazon EC2 preserves the most recent 64 KB output which will be available for at least one hour after the most recent post.

## Syntax

```
ec2-get-console-output instance_id [-r]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	ID of the instance for which you want console output. Type: String Default: None Example: i-10a64379	Yes
-r	Raw output. Do not escape the output to facilitate reading. Type: String Default: None Example: -r	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- A timestamp indicating the time of the last update
- The instance console output. By default the ^ESC character is escaped and duplicate new-lines are removed to facilitate reading

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example retrieves the console output for the i-10a64379 Linux and UNIX instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-get-console-output i-10a64379
2007-01-03 12:00:00
Linux version 2.6.16-xenU (builder@patchbat.amazonsa) (gcc version 4.0.1
 20050727 (Red Hat 4.0.1-5)) #1 SMP Thu Oct 26 08:41:26 SAST 2006
BIOS-provided physical RAM map:
Xen: 0000000000000000 - 000000006a400000 (usable)
```

```
980MB HIGHMEM available.
727MB LOWMEM available.
NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
IRQ lockup detection disabled
Built 1 zonelists
Kernel command line: root=/dev/sda1 ro 4
Enabling fast FPU save and restore... done.
...
ec2: -----BEGIN SSH HOST KEY FINGERPRINTS-----
ec2: 2048 bc:89:29:c6:45:4b:b3:e2:c1:41:81:22:cb:3c:77:54 /etc/ssh/
ssh_host_key.pub
ec2: 2048 fc:8d:0c:eb:0e:a6:4a:6a:61:50:00:c4:d2:51:78:66 /etc/ssh/
ssh_host_rsa_key.pub
ec2: 1024 b5:cd:88:6a:18:7f:83:9d:1f:3b:80:03:10:17:7b:f5 /etc/ssh/
ssh_host_dsa_key.pub
ec2: -----END SSH HOST KEY FINGERPRINTS-----

Fedora release 8 (Werewolf)
Kernel 2.6.21.7-2.fc8xen on an i686
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

# ec2-get-password

## Description

Retrieves and decrypts the administrator password for the instances running Windows.

You must specify the key pair used to launch the instance.



### Note

The Windows password is only generated the first time an AMI is launched. It is not generated for rebundled AMIs or after the password is changed on an instance.

The password is encrypted using the key pair that you provided.

There is no SOAP or Query version of the `ec2-get-password` command.

## Syntax

```
ec2-get-password instanceId -k windows_keypair
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	An instance ID returned from a previous call to Type: String Default: None Example: i-9b76d0f3	Yes
<i>windows_keypair</i>	The file that contains the private key used to launch the instance. Type: String Default: None Example: MyWindowsKeypair	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- The Windows administrator password

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example returns the administrator password for the `i-2574e22a` instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-get-password i-2574e22a -k windows-keypair  
q96A40B9w
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)
- [ec2-describe-instances](#) (p. 73)

# ec2-get-password-data

## Description

Retrieves the encrypted administrator password for the instances running Windows.



### Note

The Windows password is only generated the first time an AMI is launched. It is not generated for rebundled AMIs or after the password is changed on an instance.

The password is encrypted using the key pair that you provided.

## Syntax

```
ec2-get-password-data instance_id [-r]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	The ID of the instance for which to get the password. Type: String Default: None Example: i-10a64379	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- The password data.

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example returns the encrypted version of the administrator password for the `i-2574e22a` instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-get-password-data i-2574e22a  
TGludXggdmVyc2lvbiAyLjYuMTYteGVuVSAoYnVpbGRlckBwYXRjaGJhdC5hbWF6b25zYSkgKGdj
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)



# ec2-migrate-bundle

## Description

Copy a bundled AMI from one region to another. For information on regions, see ???.



### Note

After copying a bundled AMI to a new region, make sure to register it as a new AMI. During migration, Amazon EC2 replaces the kernel and RAM disk in the manifest file with a kernel and RAM disk designed for the destination region. Unless the `--no-mapping` parameter is given, `ec2-migrate-bundle` might use the Amazon EC2 `DescribeRegions` and `DescribeImages` operations to perform automated mappings. This tool is being deprecated and replaced by `ec2-migrate-image`.

## Syntax

```
ec2-migrate-bundle -K private_key -k private_key -c cert -a access_key_id
-s secret_key --bucket source_s3_bucket --destination-bucket
destination_s3_bucket --manifest manifest_path --location {US | EU} --ec2cert
ec2_cert_path [--kernel kernel-id] [--ramdisk ramdisk_id] [--no-mapping] --
region mapping_region_name
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<code>-K, --private-key</code> <code>"<i>private_key</i>"</code>	The path your PEM-encoded RSA key file. Type: String Default: Uses EC2_PRIVATE_KEY environment variable Example: None	No
<code>-C, --cert</code> " <i>cert</i> "	The user's PEM encoded RSA public key certificate file. Type: String Default: Uses EC2_CERT environment variable Example: cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem	No
<code>-U, --url</code> " <i>url</i> "	Specifies the URL to use as the web service URL. Type: String Default: https://ec2.amazonaws.com Example: https://ec2.amazonaws.com	No
<code>-o, --owner-akid</code> <code>"<i>access_key_id</i>"</code>	Access key ID of the bucket owner. Type: String Default: None Example: 157SZTMZQT516NAZ7CR2	Yes

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Name	Description	Required
<code>-w, --owner-sak</code> <code>"secret_access_key"</code>	Secret access key of the bucket owner. Type: String Default: None Example: eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2FOY2g/dj1SU3NKMTizeTNKSQ==	Yes
<code>--bucket</code> <code>source_s3_bucket</code>	The source Amazon S3 bucket where the AMI is located, followed by an optional <code>/</code> -delimited path prefix. Type: String Default: None Example: my-us-bucket	Yes
<code>--destination-bucket</code> <code>destination_s3_bucket</code>	The destination Amazon S3 bucket, followed by an optional <code>/</code> -delimited path prefix. If the destination bucket does not exist, it is created. Type: String Default: None Example: my-eu-bucket	Yes
<code>--manifest</code> <i>manifest</i>	The location of the Amazon S3 source manifest. Type: String Default: None Example: my-ami.manifest.xml	Yes
<code>--location {US   EU}</code>	The location of the destination Amazon S3 bucket. Type: String Default: US Valid Values: US   EU Example: EU	No
<code>--acl</code> <i>acl</i>	The access control list policy of the bundled image. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: public-read   aws-exec-read Example: public-read	Yes
<code>--kernel</code>	The ID of the kernel to select. Type: String Default: None Example: aki-ba3adfd3	No
<code>--ramdisk</code>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, go to the Type: String Default: None Example: ari-badbad00	No

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Name	Description	Required
<code>--no-mapping</code>	Disables automatic mapping of kernels and RAM disks. Type: String Default: Mapping is enabled. Example: my-ami.manifest.xml	No
<code>--region region</code>	Region to look up in the mapping file. Type: String Default: Amazon EC2 attempts to determine the region from the location of the Amazon S3 bucket. Example: eu-west-1	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Status messages describing the stages and status of the migration

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example copies the AMI specified in the `my-ami.manifest.xml` manifest from the US to the EU.

```
PROMPT> ec2-migrate-bundle --cert cert-THUMBPRINT.pem --privatekey
pk-THUMBPRINT.pem --access-key AKIADQKE4SARGYLE --secret-key
eW91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/djlSU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ== --bucket my-us-bucket --
destination-bucket my-eu-bucket --manifest my-ami.manifest.xml --location EU
Copying 'my-ami.part.00'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.01'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.02'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.03'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.04'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.05'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.06'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.07'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.08'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.09'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.10'...
Your new bundle is in S3 at the following location:
my-eu-bucket/my-ami.manifest.xml
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-register](#) (p. 105)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)
- [ec2-migrate-image](#) (p. 96)

# ec2-migrate-image

## Description

Copies a bundled AMI from one region to another. For information on regions, see [???](#).  
This tool replaces [ec2-migrate-bundle](#) (p. 18).

## Syntax

```
ec2-migrate-image -K private_key -C cert -U url -o access_key_id -  
w secret_access_key --bucket source_s3_bucket --destination-bucket  
destination_s3_bucket --manifest manifest_path --location {US | EU} --ec2cert  
ec2_cert_path [--kernel kernel-id] [--ramdisk ramdisk_id] [--no-mapping] --  
region mapping_region_name
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<code>-K, --private-key</code> <code>"<i>private_key</i>"</code>	The path to your PEM-encoded RSA key file. Type: String Default: Uses EC2_PRIVATE_KEY environment variable Example: None	No
<code>-C, --cert</code> " <code><i>cert</i></code> "	The user's PEM encoded RSA public key certificate file. Type: String Default: Uses EC2_CERT environment variable Example: cert-HKZYKTAIG2ECMXIYIBH3HXV4ZBZQ55CLO.pem	No
<code>-U, --url</code> " <code><i>url</i></code> "	Specifies the URL to use as the web service URL. Type: String Default: https://ec2.amazonaws.com Example: https://ec2.amazonaws.com	No
<code>-o, --owner-akid</code> <code>"<i>access_key_id</i>"</code>	Access key ID of the bucket owner. Type: String Default: None Example: 157SZTMZQT516NAZ7CR2	Yes
<code>-w, --owner-sak</code> <code>"<i>secret_access_key</i>"</code>	Secret access key of the bucket owner. Type: String Default: None Example: eW91dHViZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1SU3NKMTIzeTNKSQ==	Yes

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Name	Description	Required
<code>--bucket</code> <i>source_s3_bucket</i>	The source Amazon S3 bucket where the AMI is located, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix. Type: String Default: None Example: my-us-bucket	Yes
<code>--destination-bucket</code> <i>destination_s3_bucket</i>	The destination Amazon S3 bucket, followed by an optional '/'-delimited path prefix. If the destination bucket does not exist, it is created. Type: String Default: None Example: my-eu-bucket	Yes
<code>--manifest</code> <i>manifest</i>	The location of the Amazon S3 source manifest. Type: String Default: None Example: my-ami.manifest.xml	Yes
<code>--location</code> {US   EU} "	The location of the destination Amazon S3 bucket. Type: String Default: US Valid Values: US   EU Example: EU	No
<code>--acl</code> "acl"	The access control list policy of the bundled image. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: public-read   aws-exec-read Example: public-read	Yes
<code>--kernel</code> "	The ID of the kernel to select. Type: String Default: None Example: aki-ba3adfd3	No
<code>--ramdisk</code> "	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, go to the Type: String Default: None Example: ari-badbad00	No
<code>--no-mapping</code> "	Disables automatic mapping of kernels and RAM disks. Type: String Default: Mapping is enabled. Example: my-ami.manifest.xml	No

Name	Description	Required
<code>--region region</code>	Region to look up in the mapping file. Type: String Default: Amazon EC2 attempts to determine the region from the location of the Amazon S3 bucket. Example: eu-west-1	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Status messages describing the stages and status of the migration

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example copies the AMI specified in the `my-ami.manifest.xml` manifest from the US to the EU.

```
PROMPT> ec2-migrate-image --cert cert-THUMBPRINT.pem --privatekey
pk-THUMBPRINT.pem --access-key AKIADQKE4SARGYLE --secret-key
ew91dHVizS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/djlSU3NKMTlzeTNKSQ== --bucket my-us-bucket --
destination-bucket my-eu-bucket --manifest my-ami.manifest.xml --location EU
Copying 'my-ami.part.00'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.01'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.02'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.03'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.04'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.05'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.06'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.07'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.08'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.09'...
Copying 'my-ami.part.10'...
Your new bundle is in S3 at the following location:
my-eu-bucket/my-ami.manifest.xml
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-register](#) (p. 105)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

# ec2-modify-image-attribute

## Description

Modifies an attribute of an AMI.

## Syntax

```
ec2-modify-image-attribute ami_id {-l (-a entity | -r entity) | --product-code code}
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ami_id</i>	The AMI ID. Type: String Default: None Example: ami-2bb65342	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Attribute type identifier
- ID of the AMI on which attributes are being modified
- Action performed on the attribute
- Attribute or attribute list item value type
- Attribute or attribute list item value

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example makes this a public AMI and grants specific permissions to a user.

```
PROMPT> ec2-modify-image-attribute ami-2bb65342 -l -a AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD  
launchPermission ami-2bb65342 ADD userId AIDADH4IGTRXXKCD
```

### Example Request

The following example adds the 774F4FF8 product code to the ami-2bb65342 AMI:

```
PROMPT> ec2-modify-image-attribute ami-2bb65342 -p 774F4FF8  
productCodes ami-2bb65342 productCode 774F4FF8
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-reset-image-attribute](#) (p. 109)

- [ec2-describe-image-attribute](#) (p. 68)



# ec2-monitor-instances

## Description

Enables monitoring for a running instance. For more information, refer to the *Amazon CloudWatch Developer Guide*.

## Syntax

```
ec2-monitor-instances instance_id [instance_id...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<code>instance_id</code>	Instance ID. Type: String Default: None Example: i-43a4412a	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Instance ID
- Monitoring state

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example enables monitoring for i-43a4412a and i-23a3397d.

```
PROMPT> ec2-monitor-instances i-43a4412a i-23a3397d
i-43a4412a monitoring-pending
i-23a3397d monitoring-pending
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-unmonitor-instances](#) (p. 118)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

# ec2-purchase-reserved-instance-offering

## Description

Purchases a Reserved Instance for use with your account. With Amazon EC2 Reserved Instances, you purchase the right to launch Amazon EC2 instances for a period of time (without getting insufficient capacity errors) and pay a lower usage rate for the actual time used. For more information about Reserved Instances, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-purchase-reserved-instance-offering --offering offering--instance-count count
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>offering</i>	The offering ID of the Reserved Instance to purchase. Type: String Default: None Example: 4b2293b4-5813-4cc8-9ce3-1957fc1dcfc8	Yes
<i>count</i>	The number of Reserved Instances to purchase. Type: Integer Default: 1 Example: 5	No

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- RESERVEDINSTANCES identifier
- The ID(s) of the purchased Reserved Instances

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example purchases Reserved Instances.

```
PROMPT> ec2-purchase-reserved-instance-offering --offering offering-12345678  
--instance-count 3  
RESERVEDINSTANCES b847fa93-0c31-405b-b745-b6bf00032333 b847fa93-0c31-405b-  
b745-b6bf00032334 b847fa93-0c31-405b-b745-b6bf00032335
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-reserved-instances-offerings](#) (p. 79)
- [ec2-describe-reserved-instances](#) (p. 77)

# ec2-reboot-instances

## Description

Requests a reboot of one or more instances. This operation is asynchronous; it only queues a request to reboot the specified instance(s). The operation will succeed if the instances are valid and belong to you. Requests to reboot terminated instances are ignored.



### Note

If a Linux/UNIX instance does not cleanly shut down within four minutes, Amazon EC2 will perform a hard reboot.

## Syntax

```
ec2-reboot-instances instance_id [instance_id ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None Example: i-3ea74257	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- This command displays no output on success

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example reboots an instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-reboot-instances &InstanceId.1=i-3ea74257
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

## ec2-register

### Description

Registers an AMI with Amazon EC2. Images must be registered before they can be launched. To launch instances, use the `RunInstances` operation.

Each AMI is associated with an unique ID which is provided by the Amazon EC2 service through the `RegisterImage` operation. During registration, Amazon EC2 retrieves the specified image manifest from Amazon S3 and verifies that the image is owned by the user registering the image.

The image manifest is retrieved once and stored within the Amazon EC2. Any modifications to an image in Amazon S3 invalidates this registration. If you make changes to an image, deregister the previous image and register the new image. To deregister an image, use the `DeregisterImage` operation.

### Syntax

```
ec2-register manifest
```

### Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>manifest</i>	Full path to your AMI manifest in Amazon S3 storage. Type: String Default: None Example: mybucket/image.manifest.xml	Yes

### Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- IMAGE identifier
- Unique ID of the newly registered machine image

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

### Examples

#### Example Request

This example registers the AMI specified in the `image.manifest.xml` manifest file.

```
PROMPT> ec2-register mybucket/image.manifest.xml  
IMAGE ami-78a54011
```

### Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-images](#) (p. 70)

- [ec2-deregister](#) (p. 61)

# ec2-release-address

## Description

Releases an elastic IP address associated with your account.

If you run this operation on an elastic IP address that is already released, the address might be assigned to another account which will cause Amazon EC2 to return an error.



### Note

Releasing an IP address automatically disassociates it from any instance with which it is associated. To disassociate an IP address without releasing it, use the `DisassociateAddress` operation.



### Important

After releasing an elastic IP address, it is released to the IP address pool and might no longer be available to your account. Make sure to update your DNS records and any servers or devices that communicate with the address.

## Syntax

```
ec2-release-address ip_address
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ip_address</i>	The IP address that you are releasing from your account. Type: String Default: None Example: 67.202.55.255	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("ADDRESS")
- Elastic IP address that you are releasing

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example releases an elastic IP address associated with the account.

```
PROMPT> ec2-release-address 67.202.55.255  
ADDRESS 67.202.55.255
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-allocate-address](#) (p. 37)
- [ec2-describe-addresses](#) (p. 62)
- [ec2-associate-address](#) (p. 38)
- [ec2-disassociate-address](#) (p. 86)



# ec2-reset-image-attribute

## Description

Resets an attribute of an AMI to its default value.



### Note

The productCodes attribute cannot be reset.

## Syntax

```
ec2-reset-image-attribute ami_id -l
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ami_id</i>	ID of the AMI on which the attribute will be reset. Type: String Default: None Example: r-15a4417c	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Attribute type identifier
- ID of the AMI on which the attribute is being reset
- Action identifier ("RESET")

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example resets the `launchPermission` attribute.

```
PROMPT> ec2-reset-image-attribute ami-6ba54002 -l  
launchPermission ami-6ba54002 RESET
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-modify-image-attribute](#) (p. 99)
- [ec2-describe-image-attribute](#) (p. 68)

## ec2-revoke

### Description

Revokes permissions from a security group. The permissions used to revoke must be specified using the same values used to grant the permissions.

Permissions are specified by IP protocol (TCP, UDP, or ICMP), the source of the request (by IP range or an Amazon EC2 user-group pair), the source and destination port ranges (for TCP and UDP), and the ICMP codes and types (for ICMP).

Permission changes are quickly propagated to instances within the security group. However, depending on the number of instances in the group, a small delay is might occur.

### Syntax

```
ec2-revoke group [-P protocol] (-p port_range | -t icmp_type_code) [-u source_group_user ...] [-o source_group ...] [-s source_subnet ...]
```

### Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>group</i>	Name of the group to modify. Type: String Default: None Example: webserv	Yes

### Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("GROUP", "PERMISSION")
- Group name. Currently, this will report an empty string
- Type of rule. Currently, only ALLOW rules are supported
- Protocol to allow
- Start of port range
- End of port range
- FROM
- Source

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

### Examples

#### Example Request

This example revokes TCP port 80 access from the 205.192.0.0/16 address range for the `webserv` security group.

```
PROMPT> ec2-revoke webserv -P tcp -p 80 -s 205.192.0.0/16  
GROUP webserv "" PERMISSION webserv ALLOWS tcp 80 80 FROM CIDR 205.192.0.0/16
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-add-group](#) (p. 33)
- [ec2-describe-group](#) (p. 67)
- [ec2-authorize](#) (p. 42)
- [ec2-delete-group](#) (p. 55)

# ec2-run-instances

## Description

Launches a specified number of instances of an AMI for which you have permissions.

If Amazon EC2 cannot launch the minimum number AMIs you request, no instances will be launched. If there is insufficient capacity to launch the maximum number of AMIs you request, Amazon EC2 launches the minimum number specified for each AMI and allocate the remaining available instances using round robin.

In the following example, Libby generates a request to launch two images (database and web\_server):

1. Libby runs the `RunInstances` operation to launch database instances (min. 10, max. 15) and web\_server instances (min. 30, max. 40).

Because there are currently 30 instances available and Libby needs a minimum of 40, no instances are launched.

2. Libby adjusts the number of instances she needs and runs the `RunInstances` operation to launch database instances (min. 5, max. 10) and web\_server instances (min. 20, max. 40).

Amazon EC2 launches the minimum number of instances for each AMI (5 database, 20 web\_server).

The remaining 5 instances are allocated using round robin.

3. Libby adjusts the number of instances she needs and runs the `RunInstances` operation again to launch database instances (min. 5, max. 10) and web\_server instances (min. 20, max. 40).



### Note

Every instance is launched in a security group (created using the `CreateSecurityGroup` operation).

You can provide an optional key pair ID for each image in the launch request (created using the `CreateKeyPair` operation). All instances that are created from images that use this key pair will have access to the associated public key at boot. You can use this key to provide secure access to an instance of an image on a per-instance basis. Amazon EC2 public images use this feature to provide secure access without passwords.



### Important

Launching public images without a key pair ID will leave them inaccessible.

The public key material is made available to the instance at boot time by placing it in the `openssh_id.pub` file on a logical device that is exposed to the instance as `/dev/sda2` (the instance store). The format of this file is suitable for use as an entry within `~/.ssh/authorized_keys` (the OpenSSH format). This can be done at boot (e.g., as part of `rc.local`) allowing for secure access without passwords.

Optional user data can be provided in the launch request. All instances that collectively comprise the launch request have access to this data. For more information, go the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).



### Note

If any of the AMIs have a product code attached for which the user has not subscribed, the `RunInstances` call will fail.



### Important

We strongly recommend using the 2.6.18 Xen stock kernel with the `c1.medium` and `c1.xlarge` instances. Although the default Amazon EC2 kernels will work, the new kernels provide greater stability and performance for these instance types. For more information about kernels, go the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Developer Guide](#).

## Syntax

```
ec2-run-instances ami_id [-n instance_count] [-g group [-g group ...]] [-k keyname] [-d user_data | -f user_data_file] [ --addressing addressing_type] [ --type instance_type] [ --availability-zone zone] [ --kernel kernel_id] [ --ramdisk ramdisk_id] [ --block-device-mapping block_device_mapping]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>ami_id</i>	Unique ID of a machine image, returned by a call to Type: String Default: None Example: r-15a4417c	Yes
-k " <i>keyname</i> "	The name of the key pair. Type: String Default: None Example: MyKeyPair	No
<i>group</i>	Name of the security group. Type: String Default: None Example: webserv	No
-f " <i>user-data-file</i> "	Specifies additional information to make available to the instance(s). Type: String Default: None Example: MyDataFile.txt	No
-d " <i>user_data</i> "	The user data. Type: String Default: None Example: my user data	No

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Name	Description	Required
<code>--type</code> <i>"instance_type"</i>	Specifies the instance type. Type: String Default: m1.small Valid Values: m1.small   m1.large   m1.xlarge   c1.medium   c1.xlarge Example: m1.large	No
<code>--availability-zone</code> <i>"zone"</i>	Specifies the placement constraints (Availability Zones) for launching the instances. Type: String Default: Amazon EC2 selects an Availability Zone. Example: us-east-1b	No
<i>kernel</i>	The ID of the kernel with which to launch the instance. Type: String Default: None Example: aki-ba3adfd3	No
<i>ramdisk</i>	The ID of the RAM disk with which to launch the instance. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, go to the Resource Center and search for the kernel ID. Type: String Default: None Example: ari-badbad00	No
<code>--block-device-mapping</code> <i>mapping</i>	The virtual name. Type: String Default: None Example:	No
<code>--block-device-mapping</code> <i>"mapping"</i>	The device name (e.g., /dev/sdh). Type: String Default: None Example: /dev/sdh	No
<code>--monitoring</code>	Enables monitoring for the instance. Type: Boolean Default: Disabled Example: --monitoring	No
<code>--subnet</code>	Specifies the subnet ID within which to launch the instance(s) for Amazon Virtual Private Cloud. Type: String Default: None Example: MyPrivateSubnet	No

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Name	Description	Required
<code>-n "instance_count"</code>	<p>The number of instances to launch. If Amazon EC2 cannot launch the specified number of instances, no instances will launch. If this is specified as a range (min-max), Amazon EC2 will try to launch the maximum number, but no fewer than the minimum number.</p> <p>Type: String Default: None Constraints: Between 1 and the maximum number allowed for your account (default: 20). Example: 5-10</p>	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Output type identifier ("INSTANCE")
- Instance ID which uniquely identifies each running instance
- AMI ID of the image on which the instance(s) are based
- DNS name associated with the instance (only present for instances in the running state)
- Instance state. This is usually pending, which indicates that the instance(s) are preparing to launch
- Key name. If a key was associated with the instance at launch its name is displayed
- AMI launch index
- Instance type. Specifies the instance type (CPU and memory configuration)
- Instance launch time. Specifies when the instance launched
- Availability Zone. Specifies the zone in which the instance launched

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example launches three instances of the `ami-60a54009` AMI.

```
PROMPT> ec2-run-instances ami-60a54009 -n 3 --availability-zone us-east-1a
```

```
RESERVATION    r-237fed4a      853279305796    default
INSTANCE i-d9add0b0  ami-60a54009  pending    0  m1.small
2009-05-14T12:38:24+0000  us-east-1a  aki-a71cf9ce  ari-a51cf9cc
monitoring-disabled
INSTANCE i-dbadd0b2  ami-60a54009  pending    1  m1.small
2009-05-14T12:38:24+0000  us-east-1a  aki-a71cf9ce  ari-a51cf9cc
monitoring-disabled
INSTANCE i-ddadd0b4  ami-60a54009  pending    2  m1.small
2009-05-14T12:38:24+0000  us-east-1a  aki-a71cf9ce  ari-a51cf9cc
monitoring-disabled
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-instances](#) (p. 73)
- [ec2-terminate-instances](#) (p. 117)
- [ec2-authorize](#) (p. 42)
- [ec2-revoke](#) (p. 110)
- [ec2-describe-group](#) (p. 67)
- [ec2-add-group](#) (p. 33)
- [ec2-add-keypair](#) (p. 35)



# ec2-terminate-instances

## Description

Shuts down one or more instances. This operation is idempotent; if you terminate an instance more than once, each call will succeed.

Terminated instances will remain visible after termination (approximately one hour).

## Syntax

```
ec2-terminate-instances instance_id [instance_id ...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	Instance ID to terminate. Type: String Default: None Example: i-3ea74257	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- INSTANCE identifier
- The instance ID of the instance being terminated
- The state of the instance prior to being terminated
- The new state of the instance

Amazon EC2 displays errors on stderr.

## Examples

### Example Request

This example terminates the `i-3ea74257` instance.

```
PROMPT> ec2-terminate-instances i-3ea74257  
INSTANCE i-3ea74257 running shutting-down
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-describe-instances](#) (p. 73)

# ec2-unmonitor-instances

## Description

Disables monitoring for a running instance. For more information, refer to the *Amazon CloudWatch Developer Guide*.

## Syntax

```
ec2-unmonitor-instances instance_id [instance_id...]
```

## Options

Name	Description	Required
<i>instance_id</i>	Instance ID. Type: String Default: None Example: i-43a4412a	Yes

## Output

The command returns a table that contains the following information:

- Instance ID
- Monitoring state

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## Examples

### Example Request

This example disables monitoring for i-43a4412a and i-23a3397d.

```
PROMPT> ec2-unmonitor-instances i-43a4412a i-23a3397d  
i-43a4412a monitoring-disabling  
i-23a3397d monitoring-disabling
```

## Related Operations

- [ec2-monitor-instances](#) (p. 101)
- [ec2-run-instances](#) (p. 112)

# Glossary

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Amazon machine image (AMI)	An Amazon Machine Image (AMI) is an encrypted machine image stored in Amazon S3. It contains all the information necessary to boot instances of your software.
Amazon EBS	A type of storage that enables you to create volumes that can be mounted as devices by Amazon EC2 instances. Amazon EBS volumes behave like raw unformatted external block devices. They have user supplied device names and provide a block device interface. You can load a file system on top of Amazon EBS volumes, or use them just as you would use a block device.
Availability Zone	A distinct location within a region that is engineered to be insulated from failures in other Availability Zones and provides inexpensive, low latency network connectivity to other Availability Zones in the same region.
compute unit	An Amazon-generated measure that enables you to evaluate the CPU capacity of different Amazon EC2 instance types.
EBS	See <a href="#">Amazon EBS</a> .
Elastic Block Store	See <a href="#">Amazon EBS</a> .
elastic IP address	A static public IP address designed for dynamic cloud computing. Elastic IP addresses are associated with your account, not specific instances. Any elastic IP addresses that you associate with your account remain associated with your account until you explicitly release them. Unlike traditional static IP addresses, however, elastic IP addresses allow you to mask instance or Availability Zone failures by rapidly remapping your public IP addresses to any instance in your account.
ephemeral store	See <i>instance store</i> .
explicit launch permission	Launch permission granted to a specific user.
group	See <a href="#">security group</a> .

instance store	Every instance includes a fixed amount of storage space on which you can store data. This is not designed to be a permanent storage solution. If you need a permanent storage system, use Amazon EBS.
instance type	A specification that defines the memory, CPU, storage capacity, and hourly cost for an instance. Some instance types are designed for standard applications while others are designed for CPU-intensive applications.
gibibyte (GiB)	a contraction of giga binary byte, a gibibyte is $2^{30}$ bytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes. A gigabyte is $10^9$ or 1,000,000,000 bytes. So yes, Amazon has bigger bytes.
image	See <i>Amazon machine image</i> .
instance	Once an AMI has been launched, the resulting running system is referred to as an instance. All instances based on the same AMI start out identical and any information on them is lost when the instances are terminated or fail.
instance store	The disk storage associated with an instance. In the event an instance fails or is terminated (not simply rebooted), all content on the instance store is deleted.
group	Also known as a security group, groups define firewall rules that can be shared among a group of instances that have similar security requirements. The group is specified at instance launch.
launch permission	AMI attribute allowing users to launch an AMI
Linux	Amazon EC2 instances are available for many operating platforms, including Linux, Solaris, Windows, and others.
paid AMI	An AMI that you sell to other Amazon EC2 users. For more information, refer to the <i>Amazon DevPay Developer Guide</i> .
private IP address	All Amazon EC2 instances are assigned two IP addresses at launch: a private address (RFC 1918) and a public address that are directly mapped to each other through Network Address Translation (NAT).
public AMI	An AMI that all users have launch permissions for.
public data sets	Sets of large public data sets that can be seamlessly integrated into AWS cloud-based applications. Amazon stores the data sets at no charge to the community and, like all AWS services, users pay only for the compute and storage they use for their own applications. These data sets currently include data from the Human Genome Project, the U.S. Census, Wikipedia, and other sources.
public IP address	All Amazon EC2 instances are assigned two IP addresses at launch: a private address (RFC 1918) and a public address that are directly mapped to each other through Network Address Translation (NAT).
region	A geographical area in which you can launch instances (e.g., US, EU).
reservation	A collection of instances started as part of the same launch request.

Reserved Instance	An additional Amazon EC2 pricing option. With Reserved Instances, you can make a low one-time payment for each instance to reserve and receive a significant discount on the hourly usage charge for that instance.
security group	A security group is a named collection of access rules. These access rules specify which ingress (i.e., incoming) network traffic should be delivered to your instance. All other ingress traffic will be discarded.
shared AMI	AMIs that developers build and make available for other AWS developers to use.
Solaris	Amazon EC2 instances are available for many operating platforms, including Linux, Solaris, Windows, and others.
snapshot	Amazon EBS provides the ability to create snapshots or backups of your Amazon EBS volumes and store them in Amazon S3. You can use these snapshots as the starting point for new Amazon EBS volumes and to protect your data for long term durability.
supported AMIs	These AMIs are similar to paid AMIs, except that you charge for software or a service that customers use with their own AMIs.
tebibyte (TiB)	a contraction of tera binary byte, a tebibyte is $2^{40}$ bytes or 1,099,511,627,776 bytes. A terabyte is $10^{12}$ or 1,000,000,000,000 bytes. So yes, Amazon has bigger bytes.
UNIX	Amazon EC2 instances are available for many operating platforms, including Linux, Solaris, Windows, and others.
Windows	Amazon EC2 instances are available for many operating platforms, including Linux, Solaris, Windows, and others.

# Document Conventions

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This section lists the common typographical and symbol use conventions for AWS technical publications.

## Typographical Conventions

This section describes common typographical use conventions.

Convention	Description/Example
Call-outs	<p>A call-out is a number in the body text to give you a visual reference. The reference point is for further discussion elsewhere.</p> <p>You can use this resource regularly. <b>1</b></p>
Code in text	<p>Inline code samples (including XML) and commands are identified with a special font.</p> <p>You can use the command <code>java -version</code>.</p>
Code blocks	<p>Blocks of sample code are set apart from the body and marked accordingly.</p> <pre># ls -l /var/www/html/index.html -rw-rw-r-- 1 root root 1872 Jun 21 09:33 /var/www/html/ index.html # date Wed Jun 21 09:33:42 EDT 2006</pre>
Emphasis	<p>Unusual or important words and phrases are marked with a special font.</p> <p>You <i>must</i> sign up for an account before you can use the service.</p>
Internal cross references	<p>References to a section in the same document are marked.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Document Conventions (p. 122)</a>.</p>
Logical values, constants, and regular expressions, abstracta	<p>A special font is used for expressions that are important to identify, but are not code.</p> <p>If the value is <code>null</code>, the returned response will be <code>false</code>.</p>

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Convention	Description/Example
Product and feature names	Named AWS products and features are identified on first use. Create an <i>Amazon Machine Image</i> (AMI).
Operations	In-text references to operations. Use the <code>GetHITResponse</code> operation.
Parameters	In-text references to parameters. The operation accepts the parameter <i>AccountID</i> .
Response elements	In-text references to responses. A container for one <code>CollectionParent</code> and one or more <code>CollectionItems</code> .
Technical publication references	References to other AWS publications. If the reference is hyperlinked, it is also underscored. For detailed conceptual information, see the <i>Amazon Mechanical Turk Developer Guide</i> .
User entered values	A special font marks text that the user types. At the password prompt, type <b>MyPassword</b> .
User interface controls and labels	Denotes named items on the UI for easy identification. On the <b>File</b> menu, click <b>Properties</b> .
Variables	When you see this style, you must change the value of the content when you copy the text of a sample to a command line. <code>% ec2-register &lt;your-s3-bucket&gt;/image.manifest</code> See also <a href="#">Symbol Conventions (p. 124)</a> .

## Symbol Conventions

This section describes the common use of symbols.

Convention	Symbol	Description/Example
Mutually exclusive parameters	(Parentheses   and   vertical   bars)	Within a code description, bar separators denote options from which one must be chosen.  <code>% data = hdfread (start   stride   edge)</code>
Optional parameters XML variable text	[square brackets]	Within a code description, square brackets denote completely optional commands or parameters.  <code>% sed [-n, -quiet]</code>  Use square brackets in XML examples to differentiate them from tags.  <code>&lt;CustomerId&gt;[ID]&lt;/CustomerId&gt;</code>
Variables	<arrow brackets>	Within a code sample, arrow brackets denote a variable that must be replaced with a valid value.  <code>% ec2-register &lt;your-s3-bucket&gt;/image.manifest</code>



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