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## 1.0 Overview of MarkLogic Server on AWS

This chapter provides an overview of MarkLogic Server on Amazon Web Services (AWS) using a MarkLogic Amazon Machine Image (AMI), as well as how to create an AWS account and order a MarkLogic Server for AWS AMI. This chapter includes the following sections:

- [STOP: Before you do Anything!](#)
- [Understanding MarkLogic Server for AWS](#)
- [HealthCheck App Server](#)
- [Instance Recovery](#)
- [Elastic Network Interface](#)
- [Typical Architecture](#)

For more detailed information on AWS, see the Amazon documentation located at the following URL:

<http://aws.amazon.com/documentation/>

### 1.1 STOP: Before you do Anything!

There are multiple ways to launch a MarkLogic AMI to create a MarkLogic cluster or a single MarkLogic instance in the AWS environment. However, before you explore any alternatives, it is recommended that you first launch your MarkLogic AMI using a CloudFormation template and follow the procedures described in this guide. For details on how to launch a MarkLogic AMI using a CloudFormation template, see “Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation” on page 32. The MarkLogic CloudFormation templates are available from <http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws>.

**Note:** MarkLogic now supports the 1-Click Launch option in AWS Marketplace. Because of this, the published MarkLogic AMIs will have data volume predefined.

Should you later choose not to launch your MarkLogic AMI by means of a CloudFormation template, you will not have automatic access to the Managed Cluster features described in “The Managed Cluster Feature” on page 6. You can still launch an AMI, but you will need to follow the steps outlined in “Launching a MarkLogic AMI outside of CloudFormation” on page 9.

## 1.2 Understanding MarkLogic Server for AWS

MarkLogic provides pre-packaged AMIs containing Amazon Linux and MarkLogic Server. MarkLogic has included scripts on these AMIs that simplify the steps necessary to get your MarkLogic Server instances up and running.

This section describes:

- [AWS Terminology](#)
- [The Managed Cluster Feature](#)
- [Launching a MarkLogic AMI outside of CloudFormation](#)

### 1.2.1 AWS Terminology

The following are the definitions for the terms used in this guide:

*Amazon Web Services (AWS)* is the Amazon Cloud Computing service. For details, see <http://aws.amazon.com/>.

*Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)* is an AWS service that enables you to launch and manage server instances in Amazon's data centers using APIs or available tools and utilities. The AWS EC2 website is available at: <http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/>.

*Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)* lets you provision a logically isolated section of the AWS Cloud where you can launch AWS resources in a virtual network defined by you. For details, see <https://aws.amazon.com/vpc/>.

*CentOS* is a community-supported, free and open source operating system based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

An *Elastic Load Balancer (ELB)* is a service that automatically distributes and balances application traffic among multiple EC2 instances. For details, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/gettingstarted/latest/wah/getting-started-create-lb.html>.

*Elastic Network Interface (ENI)* is a virtual network interface that you can attach to an instance in a VPC. Network interfaces are available only for instances running in a VPC. For details, see <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/using-eni.html>.

*AWS Lambda* lets you run code without provisioning or managing servers. You pay only for the compute time you consume; there is no charge when your code is not running. For details, see <https://aws.amazon.com/lambda/>.

*Amazon Machine Image (AMI)* is an encrypted machine image that contains all information necessary to boot instances of software. Instances of MarkLogic Server are created from the stock Amazon Linux AMI and have been pre-installed with MarkLogic and the necessary dependencies.

Type	Pricing
Enterprise	Per-hour AWS premium charged
Bring Your Own License (BYOL)	No additional charge

*Elastic Block Store (EBS)* is a type of storage designed specifically for Amazon EC2 instances. Amazon EBS allows 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 are attached to user-specified block devices 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. Amazon EBS volumes exist separately from the actual instances and persist until you delete them. This allows you to store your data without leaving an Amazon EC2 instance running. Each Amazon EBS volume can be up to one TiB in size.

An *Instance* is the running system after an AMI is launched. Instances remain running unless they fail or are terminated. When this happens, the data on the instance is no longer available. Once launched, an instance looks very much like a traditional host.

*Instance Recovery* is the ability to create an Amazon CloudWatch alarm that monitors an Amazon EC2 instance and automatically recovers the instance if it becomes impaired due to an underlying hardware failure or a problem that requires AWS involvement to repair. For details, see “Instance Recovery” on page 9.

An *Instance Type* defines the size of an Amazon EC2 instance. The MarkLogic Server instance types are shown in the table at the end of [Step 5](#) in “Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console” on page 39.

An *Instance Store* (sometimes referred to as *Ephemeral Storage*) is a fixed amount of storage space for an instance. An instance store is not designed to be a permanent storage solution. If an instance reboots, either intentionally or unintentionally, the data on the instance store will survive. If the underlying drive fails or the instance is terminated, the data will be lost.

*AWS Cloud Storage (S3)* is an Amazon web services interface that can be used to store and retrieve any amount of data, at any time, from anywhere on the web. For details, see “Configuring MarkLogic for Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3)” on page 83 and <https://aws.amazon.com/s3/>.

*Cloud Formation (CF)* is the AWS Cloud Formation service for provisioning startup of AWS resources. For details, see “Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation” on page 32 and <http://aws.amazon.com/cloudformation/>. The MarkLogic CloudFormation templates are available from <http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws>.

*Key Management Service (KMS)* is an AWS service that provides secure location, known as a keystore, where the encryption keys used to encrypt data are stored. This AWS KMS is not to be confused with the internal MarkLogic KMS described in [Overview of MarkLogic Server on AWS](#) in the *Security Guide*. The AWS KMS can be used as an external KMS. To access AWS KMS, MarkLogic must be configured to use AWS Credentials, as described in “Configure AWS Credentials” on page 85. A MarkLogic cluster inside a VPC (with or without a public DNS) will work with AWS KMS. For details on AWS KMS, see <https://aws.amazon.com/kms/>.

*Managed Clusters* is a MarkLogic feature that works with AWS features to automatically create and provision the necessary AWS resources and provide MarkLogic with the information needed to manage your cluster. For details, see “The Managed Cluster Feature” on page 6.

*MarketPlace* is the AWS service for publishing pay-per-use and free (no extra charge) public AMI's on amazon. For details, see <https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace>.

An *EC2 Compute Unit (ECU)* provides the equivalent CPU capacity of a 1.0-1.2 GHz 2007 Opteron or 2007 Xeon processor.

*Metadata Database* is the database that stores and indexes all of the configuration data required to manage a cluster of one or more MarkLogic Servers. For AWS, the DynamoDB service is used to implement the Metadata Database. For details, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/GettingStartedDynamoDB.html>.

## 1.2.2 The Managed Cluster Feature

Running MarkLogic Server in AWS has some challenges that you may not experience in traditional IT data centers. The Managed Clusters feature helps you mitigate these challenges with support for reliability, scalability and high availability, as well as with tools that automatically handle some of the more problematic issues. It is highly recommended that you use the CloudFormation templates and follow the procedures in this guide to launch your MarkLogic AMI in AWS as they are provided to help you leverage AWS and MarkLogic features especially designed for a reliable and easy cloud deployment.

On AWS, the following should be considered before deploying MarkLogic nodes or clusters:

- **Instance Hostnames** — An EC2 instance starts life with a unique hostname. If this instance is stopped for any reason (such as a hardware/software failure or manual stopping to avoid EC2 charges), when it restarts it will start with a new hostname. This causes configuration problems, especially in clusters, but also in single-node installations. If you stop a cluster then bring it back online without reconfiguring it, the nodes will not rejoin the cluster because all the hostnames are different.

The Managed Cluster feature automatically detects hostname changes and propagates the changes throughout the cluster.

- **Transient Data** — When an EC2 instance is terminated, the root volume is released and all of the data on it is lost. This includes any pre-installed software or OS configurations. MarkLogic installations should not be put on the root volume, but rather on an attached EBS volume.

The Managed Cluster feature automatically keeps track of each EBS volume, along with its related EC2 instance and mount directory. When you restart your EC2 instances, the Managed Cluster feature automatically re-attached and mounts your volumes to the appropriate locations to ensure that your Forests and Databases are intact.

- **AWS Security** — If you want to access any AWS services from within an EC2 node you need authentication. One way to do this is to provide your AWS credentials and store them on the EC2 instance. However, this is both inconvenient and a security risk. The Managed Cluster feature and CloudFormation templates use IAM Roles so that you never need to expose your AWS Credentials.
- **Securing your Infrastructure** — EC2 instances by default are open to the world. You need to consider your security requirements before launching an EC2 instance and putting sensitive data on it. The Cloud Formation Templates create baseline security groups to allow easy startup. You can edit these security groups to your particular security needs.
- **Volatile Instances** — EC2 instances can fail at any time. This is true of on-premise hardware as well, but in the cloud you are not there to fix this yourself. Instead you need to rely on AWS features to restart failed instances to keep your database up and running at all times. The CloudFormation templates create a suggested topology with AutoScaling groups across zones as needed that distribute your cluster and restart unhealthy instances automatically. The Managed Cluster support makes sure that restarted instances rejoin the cluster.
- **Datacenter Failures** — Datacenters can and do fail. Often do to unpredictable issues, like hurricanes or earthquakes. If you want high availability you need to plan for failure by distributing your cluster across datacenters, so that any single failure does not take your cluster offline. The CloudFormation templates create a suggested topology with AutoScaling groups distributed across zones in a single region for maximum fault tolerance.
- **Load Balancing and Routing** — Your MarkLogic cluster should only be accessible when it is healthy. Use of AWS ELBs is highly recommended even for single nodes, but especially when running a cluster. The ELBs not only balance traffic across healthy nodes, but automatically notify the AutoScaling groups when a node is unhealthy, even if the hardware and OS are running fine, so that traffic is diverted to healthy nodes and the unhealthy nodes are terminated and restarted.



The Managed Cluster feature provides a Health Check application on each server that is used by the Load Balancer to detect if your MarkLogic instance is healthy.

**Note:** If you are using a XCC client (such as mlcp) with MarkLogic running on AWS, you must enable the `xcc.httpcompliant` setting to work with AWS ELBs. For details, see [Using a Load Balancer or Proxy Server with an XCC Application](#) in the *XCC Developer's Guide*.

- **Scaling Up and Down** — Sometimes you want more capacity sometimes you want less. Cloud Computing provides the raw tools to enable scaling up and down, but your software needs to understand and integrate with provisioning changes. The CloudFormation templates allow an easy one-step process for scaling your cluster capacity up and down.
- **License Application on a Cluster** — When launching a cluster, you traditionally need to apply your license to each node manually after they come up for the first time. The Managed Cluster feature automatically applies your license keys to all of the nodes in the cluster.
- **Cluster Formation** — When running a MarkLogic cluster, you need to configure the first node with your Administrator credentials, then configure remaining nodes to connect to the cluster. The Managed Cluster feature automatically handles this for you so clusters (even clusters of one) come up ready to run without further manual intervention.
- **Pausing Clusters** — A great benefit of Cloud Computing is that you only pay for what you use. If you are running a development server, or a site that doesn't need to be running 24/7, you can pause your entire cluster so you don't incur EC2 charges while it is not running. The Managed Cluster feature along with CloudFormation enable you to quickly restart the cluster and have your resources re-attach to all of your data, so that your cluster will be up and running where left off.

CloudFormation is not required to make use of the Managed Clusters feature, instead you can choose to manually or programmatically configure the AWS resources using other tools, but it is a challenging task without strong cloud orchestration and management tools. CloudFormation allows you to both document and implement a managed cluster configuration using a simple declarative template that can grow with your needs.

Running MarkLogic without the Managed Clusters feature is also supported (with or without our provided AMI's) and is the simplest configuration. However it is also the least reliable and is not recommended.

### 1.2.3 Launching a MarkLogic AMI outside of CloudFormation

This section describes the minimum steps you need to take should you insist on running MarkLogic without either CloudFormation or your own or third party cloud management tools. These steps do not enable the Managed Cluster feature and are not recommended.

- Launch an EC2 AMI, either one we provide in MarketPlace or your own AMI on which you have pre-installed MarkLogic, following the OS-specific installation instructions.
- Create a Key Pair, as described in “Creating a Key Pair” on page 20. You will need the Key Pair name to launch the instance.
- Create a Security Group that opens at port 22 (for ssh) and ports (8000-8002) for the Admin API. You may also need to configure the Security Group to open additional ports for your own applications or for foreign clusters.
- Create an EBS volume for your data and attach it to the logical device, `/dev/sdf`. On startup, MarkLogic will detect this volume (or wait for it to be attached) then create a filesystem and mount it as `/var/opt/MarkLogic`. The MarkLogic AMI will have the data volume pre-defined and it must be associated with `/dev/sdf`.

You may now go to the admin page on port 8001 and continue configuring your MarkLogic instance.

### 1.3 HealthCheck App Server

The Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) periodically sends a heartbeat to each of its instances to monitor their health. Each instance of MarkLogic Server has a HealthCheck app server on port 7997. The ELB cannot be configured with authentication, so the URL for the HealthCheck App Server does not require authentication.

### 1.4 Instance Recovery

Instance recovery is a capability of AWS Cloud Watch. You can set up alarms to recover an instance automatically when it is impaired. With instance recovery configured for each instance in the MarkLogic cluster, in some failure scenarios Cloud Watch will automatically create a new instance to replace the failed instance..

The following failure scenarios are when instance recovery takes place:

- Loss of network connectivity
- Loss of system power
- Software issues on the physical host
- Hardware issues on the physical host that impact network reachability
- Instance is scheduled by AWS to stop or retire due to degradation of the underlying hardware

Instance recovery is transparent to Auto Scaling Group, so that, if an instance is impaired for the above reasons, the recovery process takes place before the Auto Scaling Group triggers scaling events. This is a much faster process than scaling events, which greatly improves the availability of the cluster.

**Note:** The instance recovery feature is not globally available. There are limitations to Availability Zones and Instance type.

The MarkLogic Cloud Formation templates set up the CloudWatch alarm to monitor the health of your instances and make a instance recovery attempt whenever possible.

If you chose to to set up your cluster manually without the MarkLogic Cloud Formation templates, you should manually enable instance recovery.

For detail information instance recovery and its limitations, see <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-recover.html>.

## 1.5 Elastic Network Interface

The Elastic Network Interface separates the network interface from an EC2 instance so you can attach and detach the instance from MarkLogic nodes. The ENI is assigned a private IPv4 addresses, so that attaching and detaching the ENI won't affect the assigned IPv4 address. This alleviates the burden to manage the hostname change when instances fail.

AWS enforces a default limitation of 350 ENIs per Region. However, AWS can increase the limit upon request.

The MarkLogic CloudFormation templates creates ENIs based on the total nodes in the cluster (by Managed ENI stack). When a node is launched in a group, the Node Manager will attach ENIs to the new node.

Note that the ENI created and attached to instances will be the secondary network interface of the instance. The Managed Cluster locates the secondary network interface and uses its private DNS name or private IP address as the hostname for the new MarkLogic node. Because the ENI's private DNS name and IP address are static, the hostname for a MarkLogic node is also static, even if an instance fails and a new instance kicks in to assume the role in the cluster.

If you chose to set up the cluster manually or with your own templates, it is recommended that you create ENIs. Otherwise your private IPv4 address will be released when the node is terminated.

## 1.6 Typical Architecture

This section describes some of the typical configurations of a MarkLogic cluster in an AWS environment.

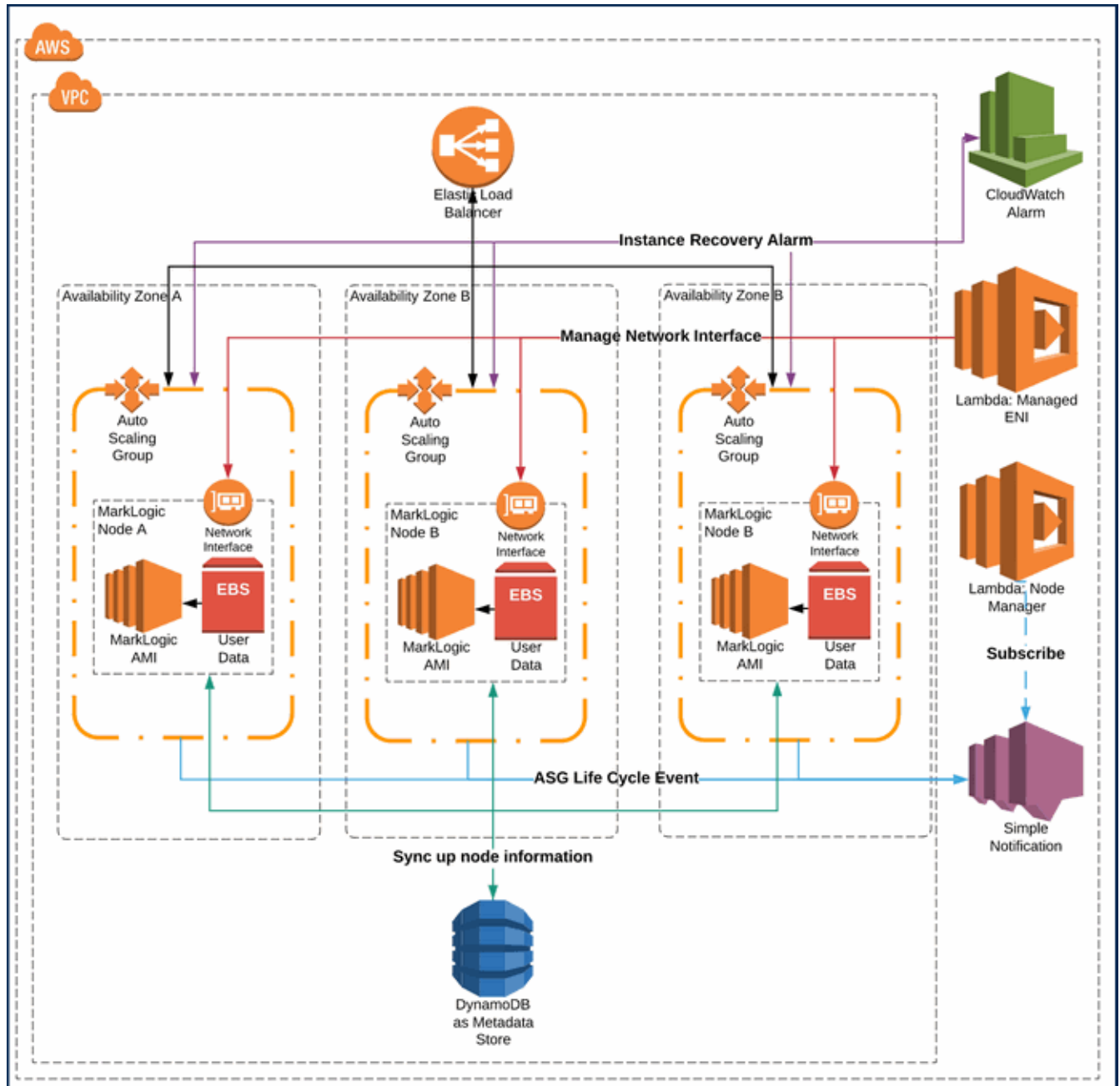
As described in the *Scalability, Availability, and Failover Guide*, Evaluator Nodes (E-Nodes) perform data processing operations including aggregates, computations (including user defined functions). Data Nodes (D-Nodes) manage the forest data operations. E-Nodes can be grouped separately from D-Nodes in a security group, which might be preferable for some deployments.

End-user or app-level queries should be routed to the E-Nodes through a load balancer. You can add E-Nodes to scale up a cluster to handle more queries, more users and more computation.

To ensure high availability, place D-Nodes in different availability zones in the same region and configure them for local-disk failover to ensure that each transaction is written to one or more replicas. In AWS, the latency between zones in same region is low (approximately two milliseconds). For optimum availability, D-Nodes and E-Nodes should be split evenly between three availability zones. For disaster recovery, you can place D-Nodes in different regions and use database replication between the D-Nodes in each region.

The recommended storage resources are EBS volumes for forests and S3 for backups. All volumes should be formatted with 16K blocks. This is optimized for MarkLogic's large sequential IO profile and also aligns to Amazon's pIOPS implementation. Each configured forest on MarkLogic requires a minimum of 20mb/sec. 20mb/sec with 16K blocks is 1280 IOPS. Each instance of MarkLogic Server should be configured with a maximum of 5 Hi-IO volumes/forests. Additional EBS for boot and low-IO forests, such as those used by the Security and Schema databases, can be added. Once the forests are on provisioned IOPS volumes, they can be migrated during maintenance periods or via scripted migration while running using the replicas.

The diagram below illustrates a typical architecture of MarkLogic Cluster on AWS. This differs from the previous MarkLogic architecture in that a VPC and its subnets are added to the deployment. In addition, Elastic Network Interfaces are attached to each MarkLogic node, CloudWatch is used to monitor the EC2 instance health, and AWS Lambda is used to managed Elastic Network Interface in VPCs.



## 2.0 Getting Started with MarkLogic Server on AWS

This chapter describes how to launch a MarkLogic Server AMI and access the MarkLogic Server Admin interface. This chapter includes the following sections:

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- [Configuration using the /etc/marklogic.conf File](#)
- [Other Configuration Methods](#)
- [Configuration Security Considerations](#)

### 2.1 Security

Access to MarkLogic server is controlled by the mechanisms described in the *Security Guide*. Within the AWS environment, access to EC2 instances is controlled by three mechanisms:

- Key Pairs, as described in “Creating a Key Pair” on page 20.
- AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM), as described in “Creating an IAM Role” on page 17.
- Security Groups, which are created by the CloudFormation template described in “Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation” on page 32.

**Note:** Amazon periodically updates its security resources. Each time you create a new instance of MarkLogic Server, the latest security updates are applied to that instance. Your older instances are not automatically updated and must be manually updated in order to obtain uniform and up-to-date security across your cluster. You can optionally disable automatic security updates for new instances. For details on security updates, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AmazonLinuxAMIBasics.html#security-updates>.

## 2.2 Separate MarkLogic Converters

Starting with MarkLogic 9.0-4, the MarkLogic converters/filters are offered as a package (called MarkLogic Converters package) separate from the MarkLogic Server package. For EC2, the converter installer/package is located in your default user home directory. There is a `README.txt` file in the package describing what the package is for, and pointing to the MarkLogic documentation for more information. See [MarkLogic Converters Installation Changes Starting at Release 9.0-4](#) in the *Installation Guide* for more details.

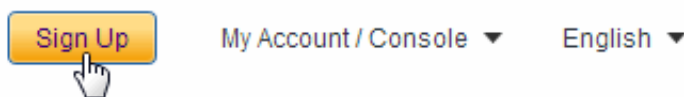
## 2.3 Summary of Deployment Procedures

The following is a summary of the procedures for deploying MarkLogic Server on EC2.

Procedure	For Details See
If you don't already have an AWS account, create one.	"Creating an AWS Account" on page 14
Enable a MarkLogic Server AMI.	"Enabling a MarkLogic Server for EC2 AMI" on page 15
Open the Amazon AWS Management Console.	"Accessing the AWS Management Console" on page 16
Create an IAM role.	"Creating an IAM Role" on page 17
If you don't already have a key pair, create one.	"Creating a Key Pair" on page 20
Create a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic.	"Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic" on page 21
Create CloudFormation stack from a CloudFormation template.	"Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation" on page 32
Open the MarkLogic Server Admin interface.	"Accessing a MarkLogic Server Instance" on page 75

## 2.4 Creating an AWS Account

Before you can order a MarkLogic Server for EC2 AMI, you must set up an AWS account. To set up an AWS account, go to <http://aws.amazon.com> and click Sign Up for AWS:



Then follow the directions to create a new account. You will need to provide email and mail addresses, create a password, and provide credit card information.

## 2.5 Enabling a MarkLogic Server for EC2 AMI

You can use a MarkLogic-supplied AMI or build your own custom AMI using standard Amazon tools. This guide focuses on the MarkLogic-supplied AMIs that are available in AWS Marketplace.

To enable your MarkLogic AMI, do the following:

- Go to <https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace>.
- Search for MarkLogic.
- In the MarkLogic product page, click the Accept Terms button.

**Warning** Unless, you plan to deploy your MarkLogic cluster manually, rather than use the recommended CloudFormation procedure, do not click on any of the Launch EC2 Instance buttons.

## 2.6 Initial Setup Procedures

This section describes how to access the AWS management console and create a security group and key pair. Typically, you will create your security groups and key pairs once and reuse them for each instance you create. The topics in this section are:

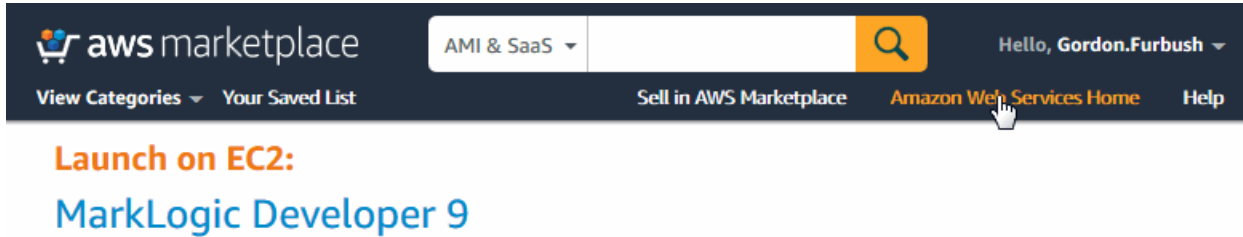
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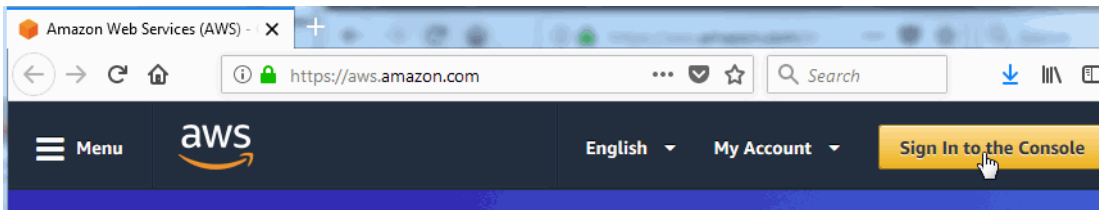
## 2.6.1 Accessing the AWS Management Console

This section describes how to access the Amazon AWS Management Console.

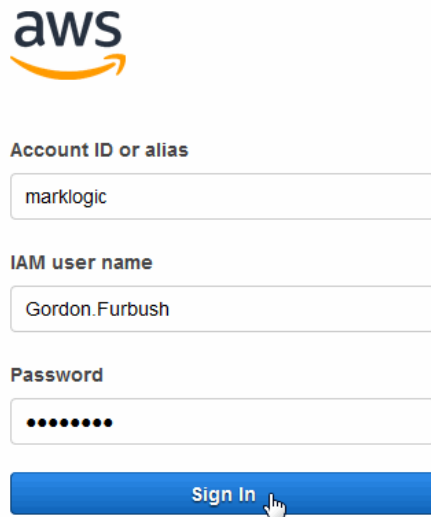
1. From the AWS Marketplace, click on `Amazon Web Services Home`.



2. In the Amazon Web Services Home page, click on `Sign In to the Console`.



3. Enter your AWS login credentials and click `Sign In`. The AWS Services page will appear.

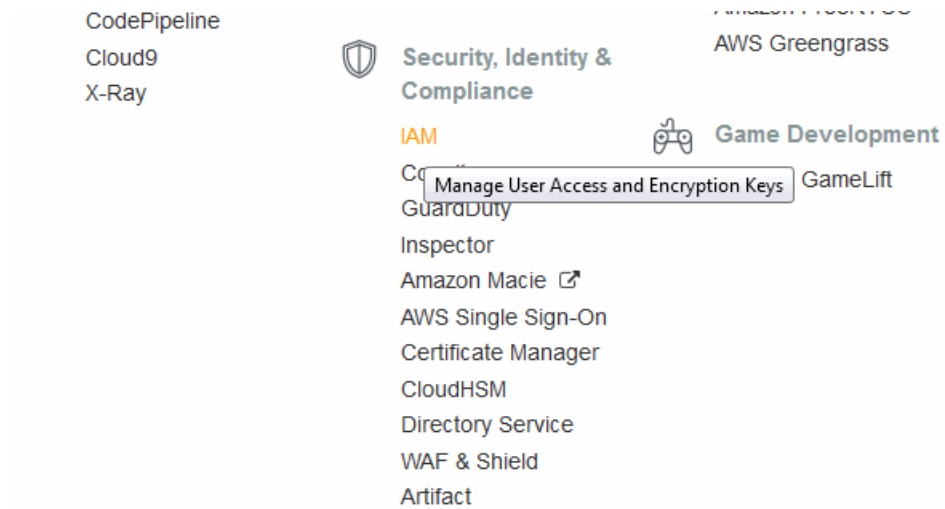
A screenshot of the AWS Sign In page. The page features the 'aws' logo at the top. Below the logo, there are three input fields: 'Account ID or alias' with the value 'marklogic', 'IAM user name' with the value 'Gordon.Furbush', and 'Password' with a masked password of eight dots. At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled 'Sign In' with a mouse cursor pointing to it.

## 2.6.2 Creating an IAM Role

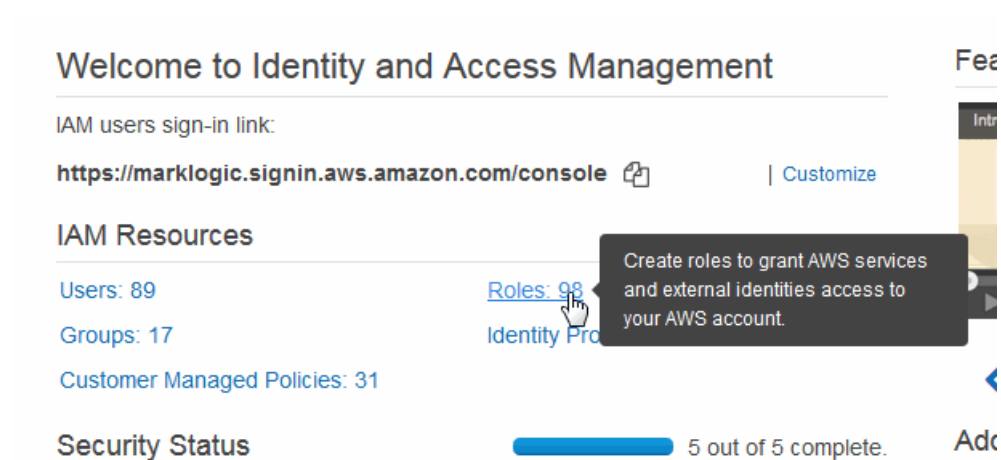
AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is a web service that enables you to manage users and user permissions in AWS. The service is targeted at organizations with multiple users or systems that use Amazon EC2, Amazon DynamoDB, and the AWS Management Console. With IAM, you can centrally manage users, security credentials such as access keys, and permissions that control user access to AWS resources.

This section describes how to create an IAM role. This section describes each step in the procedure, but does not discuss all of the options for each step. For more details, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/iam-roles-for-amazon-ec2.html>.

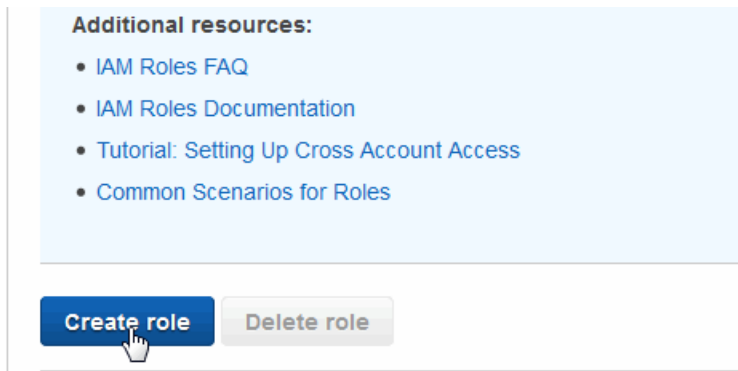
1. In the Security, Identity & Compliance section of the Amazon Web Services page, click on IAM:



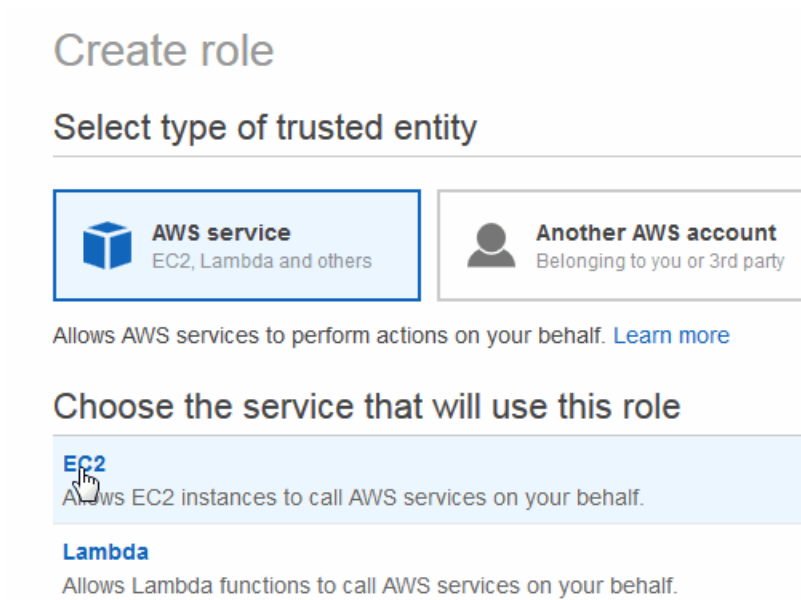
2. In the IAM Resources section of the Getting Started page, click Roles:



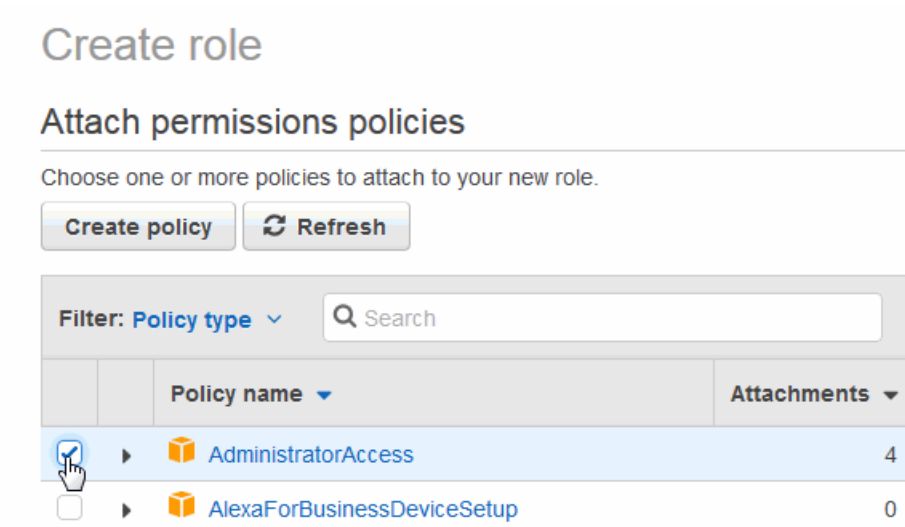
3. In the Roles page, click Create Role:



4. Select the AWS Service box and EC2. At the lower right hand portion of the page, click Next: Permissions.



- In the Set Permissions window, select the access policy for the role. For details on IAM policies, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/iam-policies-for-amazon-ec2.html>. At the lower right hand portion of the page, click Next: Review.



- In the Review window, enter the name of the new role, review your settings and edit if you want to make changes. When done, click Create Role.

## Create role

### Review

Provide the required information below and review this role before you create it.

**Role name\***

Use alphanumeric and '+,=, @, \_' characters. Maximum 64 characters.

**Role description**

Maximum 1000 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+,=, @, \_' characters.

**Trusted entities** AWS service: ec2.amazonaws.com

**Policies** AdministratorAccess [↗](#)

\* Required

Cancel

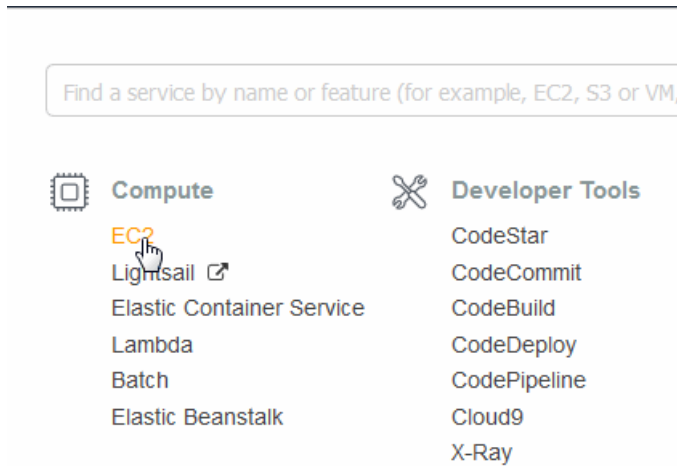
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Create role

### 2.6.3 Creating a Key Pair

A key pair ensures that only you have access to your instances. You can create one or more Amazon EC2 key pairs. You can use a key pair to SSH to your instance.

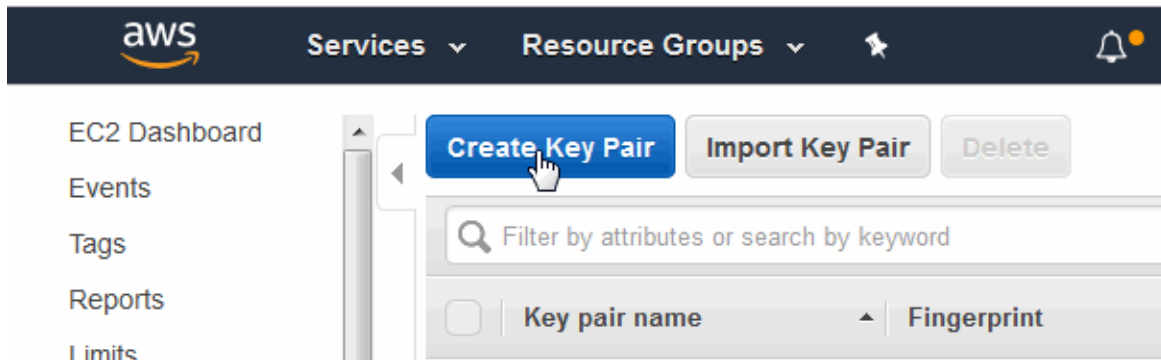
1. From the AWS Services page, select EC2 to open the EC2 Dashboard:



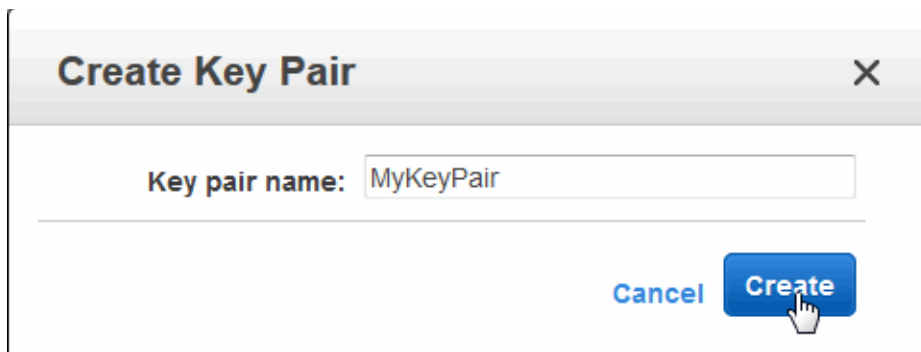
2. In the EC2 Dashboard, select Key Pairs:



3. In the Key Pairs page, click Create Key Pair:



4. Enter a name for your key pair and click Create:



5. Your key pair will be downloaded to your local system. When the download of the key pair completes, click Save File.

**Note:** You will need to remember the location of the downloaded key pair on your local system should you need to create an SSH connection to your MarkLogic Server instance, as described in “Accessing an EC2 Instance” on page 78.

## 2.6.4 Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic

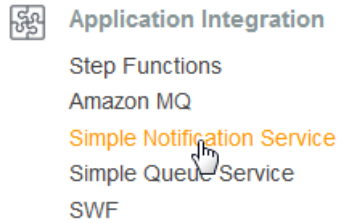
The Amazon Simple Queue Service (SQS) is a queue system that enables you to queue messages generated by your EC2 Instances. In order to capture messages from your Instances, you must create a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic and specify it as part of your User Data in the CloudFormation Template.

For details on the SQS queue system and creating an SNS topic, see

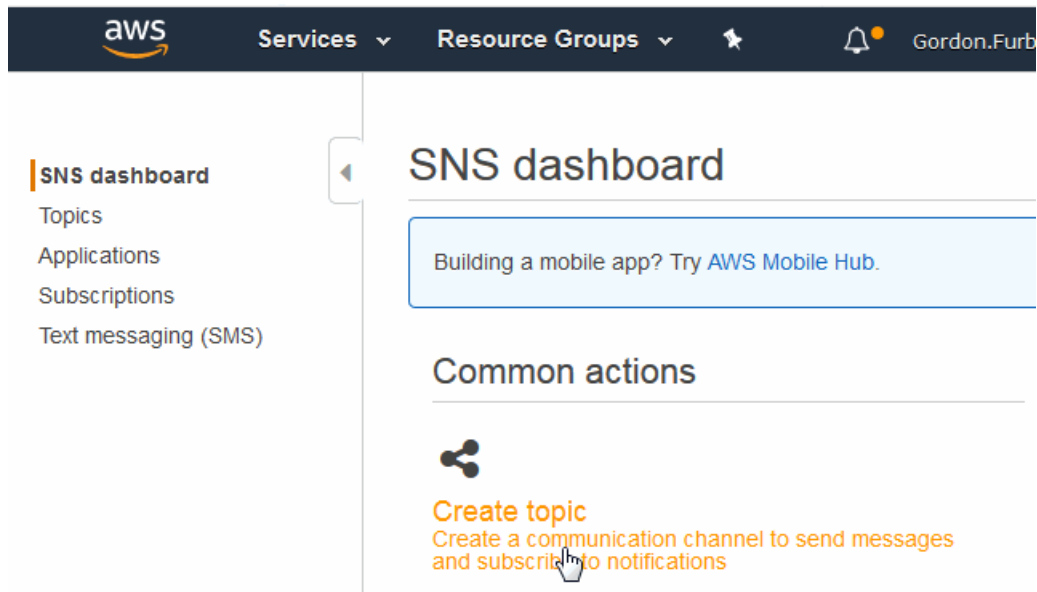
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSSimpleQueueService/latest/SQSDeveloperGuide/sqssubscribe.html>.

There are a number of ways to create an SNS topic. One way is described below.

1. In the Services page, click on Simple Notification Service to open the SNS Dashboard.



2. Click Create New Topic.



3. Enter a Topic Name and an optional Display Name. Click Create Topic.

4. In the Topic Details window, note the Topic ARN. This is what you will enter for the LogSNS field when you create your stack, as described in “Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console” on page 39.
5. You must subscribe to an SNS Topic to view the messages. To subscribe to the topic, click Create Subscription in the Topic Details page. There are a number of ways to subscribe to an SNS Topic, as described in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/sns/latest/dg/welcome.html>.



## 2.7 AWS Configuration Variables

On startup, MarkLogic is customizable by a set of environment variables. This applies to all configurations from single nodes managed externally to large distributed clusters using the full Cluster Management features.

These variables can be specified using any method that guarantees the values are present and consistent in the environment, regardless of what method is used to start the server and when the server is started. The variables related to Managed Cluster support also need to be configured properly on a per-instance basis. A simple and reliable method that allows reuse of the same AMI for all instances and doesn't require customizing the AMI itself is to pass the values as EC2 “User Data.” An alternative is to place the variable assignments in `/etc/marklogic.conf` either during the initial boot or built into a custom AMI dedicated for each equivalent node in the cluster.

When using CloudFormation, the `AWS::CloudFormation::Init` resource (and the helper `cfn-init` commands) are recommended for deployment and configuration. For details, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-init.html>.

If not using CloudFormation, the lower-level `cloud-init` service can be used directly. For details, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/user-data.html>.

Other methods can be used to configure the environment as well, but must be carefully considered and tested due to differences in how the system configures the global root environment during boot, run-level changes and manual service operations (start/stop/restart).

Depending on the deployment tools used to initialize the system and the process and ordering of RPM installation, system configuration and startup, different methods of configuration may be needed to make sure the system is configured correctly before the first launch of MarkLogic on that instance, and that all instances in the group have consistent configuration.

The sample Cloud Formation templates implement an architecture and strategy that is well defined and tested. They are a good model to follow as a design pattern regardless of the tools used for implementation.

The following environment variables are recognized on startup of MarkLogic, or are automatically set from several configuration locations. Some values must be the same across all nodes in a cluster and some may vary for each instance. The sample templates and reference architecture use the Auto Scaling Group (ASG) Launch Configuration for initializing instance variables. One ASG per zone is used so that each zone can have different configurations, but within each zone (or ASG) the same values can be used.

- `MARKLOGIC_EC2_HOST` — If set to 0 then all EC2 all of AWS related features are disabled. MarkLogic will not access instance metadata by any means and the rest of the variables below are unused. By default, this variable is set to 1 (enable).

This is useful for when you want to manage MarkLogic externally.

- **MARKLOGIC\_MANAGED\_NODE** — Controls the managed cluster feature. If set to 0 (disabled), MarkLogic will not automatically mount volumes, report instance status to DynamoDB, or automatically join a cluster. By default, this flag is set to 1 (enable).

If you only want to use the IAM role, set **MARKLOGIC\_EC2\_HOST=1** and **MARKLOGIC\_MANAGED\_NODE=0**.

- **MARKLOGIC\_BOOT\_WAIT** — If set, then the value is a number in seconds (default = 30) as the maximum time to wait for the initial data volume (`$MARKLOGIC_EBS`, default `/dev/sdf`) to come online. This is only used when **MARKLOGIC\_EBS\_VOLUME** is not specified and MarkLogic is waiting for a volume to be attached manually or from an external process.

If the timeout is reached without a volume attached then startup aborts.

- **MARKLOGIC\_LICENSE\_KEY** — A license key to use for this MarkLogic instance. This license key is only valid for a Bring Your Own License (BYOL) AMI or a user-created AMI.

**Note:** A License key is not necessary to enable standard features.

- **MARKLOGIC\_LICENSEE** — The Licensee corresponding to **MARKLOGIC\_LICENSE\_KEY**.
- **MARKLOGIC\_AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY** — An AWS Access Key to be used when accessing the AWS Key Management Services (KMS) and the Simple Storage Service (S3). For details, see “Configure AWS Credentials” on page 85.
- **MARKLOGIC\_AWS\_SECRET\_KEY** — An AWS Secret Key to be used when accessing the AWS Key Management Services (KMS) and the Simple Storage Service (S3). This variable must be explicitly set by the `export` keyword. For details, see “Configure AWS Credentials” on page 85.
- **MARKLOGIC\_AWS\_SESSION\_TOKEN** — An optional AWS session token to be used when accessing the AWS Key Management Services (KMS) and the Simple Storage Service (S3). This variable must be explicitly set by the `export` keyword. For details, see “Configure AWS Credentials” on page 85.
- **MARKLOGIC\_CLUSTER\_NAME** — The MarkLogic cluster name used to auto-configure instances and clusters. For SimpleDB this corresponds to the "Domain" used for simpleDB (V8.0.3 and prior). For DynamoDB, this corresponds to the DynamoDB table name (V8.0.4+). This cluster name is required for any of the managed cluster features, including a single node cluster.

- **MARKLOGIC\_CLUSTER\_MASTER** — Must be set and equal to "1" for exactly one node in the cluster. The master node will create the initial databases and become the cluster bootstrap host.

Can be set to 1 for multiple nodes named the same ending in "#" (See **MARKLOGIC\_NODE\_NAME**) in which case only the resolved name that ends in "1" will take on the role of cluster master.

- **MARKLOGIC\_NODE\_NAME** — A distinct name of a node within a cluster. Required if **MARKLOGIC\_CLUSTER\_NAME** is specified. May end in a "#". If the node name ends with a "#" such as "MyNode-#" this is taken as a variable node name. For more information see the discussion of `/sbin/service` in “Deployment and Startup” on page 35.
- **MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_USERNAME** — The MarkLogic Administrator username used for initial installations.
- **MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_PASSWORD** — The MarkLogic Administrator password used for initial installations.

EC2 user data is not an AWS 'secure location' and cannot be cleared while the instance is running. Variables set in EC2 user data are evaluated as string literals, unlike values in `/etc/marklogic.conf`, which are parsed as shell 'source' so are always 'plain text' (or base64 encoded).

The recommended location for configuration variables is `/etc/marklogic.conf`. For examples of using a secure store for MarkLogic credentials, see “Configuration Security Considerations” on page 30 .

- **MARKLOGIC\_EBS\_VOLUME** — The volume specification for the primary EBS volume. This volume will be attached to the logical device `/dev/sdf`, a filesystem is created, if needed, and mounted on `/var/opt/MarkLogic`. The format for this value is of the form `volspec[,volspec ...]` where `volspec` is one of:
  - `vol-xxxx` Attach to an existing EBS volume
  - `snap-xxxx` An AWS snapshot which will be used to create a volume
  - `<number>` An integer from 1 to 1024 which indicates the size of the volume in GB. A fresh volume will be created.
  - `<specification string>` A volume specification string in the format compatible with the V1 EC2 CLI tools. This format is currently only supported by using EC2 user data or `/etc/marklogic.conf`.

- [snapshot-id]:[volume-size]:[delete-on-termination]:[volume-type[:iops]]:  
[encrypted]

Where:

Parameter	Description
snapshot-id	an existing snapshot to use as the source of the volume
volume-size	the volume size in GB
delete-on-termination	< ignored >
volume-type	The EBS volume type, one of "standard" , "gp2" ,"io1"
iops	The Provisioned IOP (PIOP) - only allowed for volume types "iops"
encrypted	Use EBS encryption at rest

Examples:

:20::gp2:true - a 20 GB volume with encryption and D storage type

snap-abcde:200::: - Create volume from snapshot "snap-abcde" and change the size to 200GB. Default gp2 volume type.

:1000::io1:2000: - A 1000 GB PIOP volume with 2000 PIOP

Notes:

- only some values are valid in combination, see the EC2 EBS documentation for details.
- One of snapshot-id or volume-size is required.
- Encrypted is only allowed with snapshot-id if the snapshot is also encrypted.
- iops is only allowed for volume type "io1"
- The default volume type if not specified is "gp2"
- For the 2nd or more specs this indicates to repeat the previous volspec. E.g. "10,20,\*" indicates to create a 10 GB volume for the first node, a 20 GB volume for the 2nd and further nodes of the same name.
- MARKLOGIC\_EBS\_VOLUME1 ... MARKLOGIC\_EBS\_VOLUME9 — Up to 9 more EBS volumes in the same format as MARKLOGIC\_EBS\_VOLUME. These will be initialized, attached, filesystems created and mounted.

- `MARKLOGIC_LOG_SNS` — The Simple Notification Service (SNS) topic to be used to capture messages from the Simple Queue Service (SQS). Enter the full ARN for the SNS log topic, such as `arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:1234567890123456:mytopic`.
- `MARKLOGIC_LOG_SQS` — An alternative to `MARKLOGIC_LOG_SNS`, The endpoint of an AWS SQS queue to post startup messages. May be used to monitor the startup progress of a cluster. If not present, empty, or set to "none" then it is not used.
- `MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_AUTOCREATE` — If set and cluster management is not configured, then the value is used as an EC2 metadata key, the metadata value is used for initial password for the Auto Create feature. On Marketplace AMI's this is pre-configured to default to "instance-id."

## 2.8 EC2 User Data

A simple configuration method is to place all variables in the EC2 UserData. This method requires no additional software or infrastructure and can be entered using the AWS Console GUI, command line tools, AWS SDK, CloudFormation, and most third party deployment tools. However EC2 UserData is not a secure data store, so it should only be used for non-sensitive data.

Making use of the CloudInit feature in CloudFormation allows you to place a minimal 'stub' configuration in EC2 User data and the remaining data in a resource MetaData section in the template. This is significantly more secure and flexible.

In the MarkLogic startup (`/sbin/service MarkLogic <command>`), the EC2 UserData is read as lines of text, and if the line starts with "`MARKLOGIC_`" it is parsed as a name=value pair. Each of the name=value pairs is exported to the environment as `<name>=<value>`. For example, the `MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_NAME` user data variable becomes `MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_NAME` shell environment variable, but `MYNAME=MYVALUE` is ignored. Use of the `MARKLOGIC_` prefix is a security precaution to avoid users passing in arbitrary system environment variables, such as `PATH`. Similarly the `UserData` is parsed and the environment variables explicitly created rather than the text being eval'd so that arbitrary code injection cannot occur.

Any `UserData` line not starting with `MARKLOGIC_` is ignored so users are free to pass in additional name=value pairs in `UserData`, or to use it in its entirety for other purposes as long as lines do not start with `MARKLOGIC_`.

## 2.9 Configuration using the `/etc/marklogic.conf` File

If, for some reason, you cannot use a CloudFormation template to configure the UserData with the MarkLogic configuration variables described on “AWS Configuration Variables” on page 24, an alternative is to create an `/etc/marklogic.conf` file, which will be read by the MarkLogic on startup. This file is not provided on the AMI or in the RPM explicitly so that customizations will not be overwritten on upgrades of either the AMI or RPM. If you create and populate this file before the initial startup of MarkLogic, then it is sourced (evaluated by the shell invoking `/etc/sysconfig/MarkLogic`). Any of the supported configuration environment variables set as the result of sourcing `/etc/marklogic.conf` are exported and evaluated in the order and precedence described in “Deployment and Startup” on page 35.

As described in “AWS Configuration Variables” on page 24, by adding `MARKLOGIC_EC2_HOST=0` to the `/etc/marklogic.conf` file, the startup and management features are disabled.

**Note:** See “Configuration Security Considerations” on page 30 for a recommended method to provide secure credentials.

The `/etc/marklogic.conf` file can be useful for building custom AMI's, integrating with deployment tools that make use of EC2 UserData difficult, and manual customization. The file can be created prior to installing the MarkLogic RPM and will not be deleted when you uninstall the RPM.

The following is an example `/etc/marklogic.conf` file. Most of the `MARKLOGIC` variables are exported (meaning set) by default. However, the `export` keyword is required for variables to be used by AWS, as shown below.

```
MARKLOGIC_HDFS_KERBEROS_KEYTAB=/space/jsolis/b9_0/qa/ldap/keytab/services.keytab_builder_bad
MARKLOGIC_HDFS_KERBEROS_PRINCIPAL=HTTP/builder@MLTEST1.LOCAL_bad
MARKLOGIC_KEYTAB=/space/jsolis/b9_0/qa/ldap/keytab/services.keytab_builder
MARKLOGIC_PRINCIPAL=HTTP/builder@MLTEST1.LOCAL
JAVA_HOME=/home/builder/java/jdk1.8.0_72/
export MARKLOGIC_AWS_ACCESS_KEY=HD888DJ@92KDDjdjUDUDD
export MARKLOGIC_AWS_SECRET_KEY=@kddkKidiJndk7DDD
```

## 2.10 Other Configuration Methods

Other configuration methods, such as modifying the global profile (`/etc/profile`), root startup scripts, or editing `/etc/sysconfig/MarkLogic` are possible, but are not recommended. It is not guaranteed that changes to these files will survive updates to the OS or MarkLogic or that, even if untouched, that they will function the same at a later time. OS upgrades frequently modify the configuration of the root or init environment, changing the set of exported variables in effect during startup. Scripts that invoke `/sbin/service MarkLogic <command>` directly need to have the same environment as the init environment.

## 2.11 Configuration Security Considerations

In order to provide credentials for automated creation of the initial admin user, the variables `MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_USERNAME` and `MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_PASSWORD` need to be set during the startup process described in “Deployment and Startup” on page 35. This is necessary for the initial installation and for rejoining the cluster in the event of a node termination and restart. The password is only used in the initial startup process and not exported to the MarkLogic process or stored on disk.

In order to provide a known password to the system securely, a plain text password should not be stored in `/etc/marklogic.conf` and passed in EC2 UserData. One simple method recommended by AWS is to make use of a private S3 bucket with encrypted storage and data transmission and in combination with a AMI Role that grants read-only access to the EC2 instances in the cluster. Using the AWS CLI, the password can be securely retrieved and passed to MarkLogic on demand. This command should be placed in `/etc/marklogic.conf` as the `MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_PASSWORD` variable.

See the AWS CLI for details: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/cli-chap-using.html>.

The following is an example of a complete `/etc/marklogic.conf` file that securely retrieves credentials from S3:

```
MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_NAME=JOE-CFN-JOESecure5x-MarkLogicDDBTable-164OK8LD6ARMY
MARKLOGIC_EBS_VOLUME=vol-11111111
MARKLOGIC_NODE_NAME=NodeA#
MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_USERNAME=admin
##
MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_PASSWORD=\
$(aws s3 --region us-east-1 cp s3://marklogic.joesbucket/secret-password - )
##
MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_MASTER=1
MARKLOGIC_LICENSEE=none
MARKLOGIC_LICENSE_KEY=none
MARKLOGIC_LOG_SNS=arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:02344343341:JOE-LOG-NOTIFY
```

**Note:** Variables containing spaces must appear in quotes. For example:

```
MARKLOGIC_LICENSEE="Carp Corporation".
```

For multiple zone clusters, since EC2 instances are created by the AutoScalingGroup, which uses a single LaunchConfiguration per ASG, the environment is identical for every EC2 instance created in that zone. The configuration variables are designed to allow for the nodes in each zone to have identical configuration values. The same concept is used to allow a variable number of nodes per zone. The configuration in the above example can be used for all nodes in a single zone. For each additional zone, the following three values need to be different, but the rest should be identical:

```
# ... Same as Zone except for ...
MARKLOGIC_EBS_VOLUME=vol-2222222
MARKLOGIC_NODE_NAME=NodeB#
MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_MASTER=0
#....
```

Similar mechanisms can be used, such as connecting to a secure key manager to decrypt an encrypted password stored on disk.

The `/etc/marklogic.conf` file must be created before the first startup of MarkLogic for the host. If the username and password are changed externally, the password retrieved by `/etc/marklogic.conf` must return the current password or the node will fail to rejoin the cluster when restarted.

For an example of creating `/etc/marklogic.conf` with CloudFormation, see “Using CloudFormation with Secure Credentials” on page 71.



## 3.0 Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation

This chapter describes how to deploy MarkLogic Server using a CloudFormation Template.

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- [Deleting a CloudFormation Stack](#)

### 3.1 What CloudFormation Template Version to Use

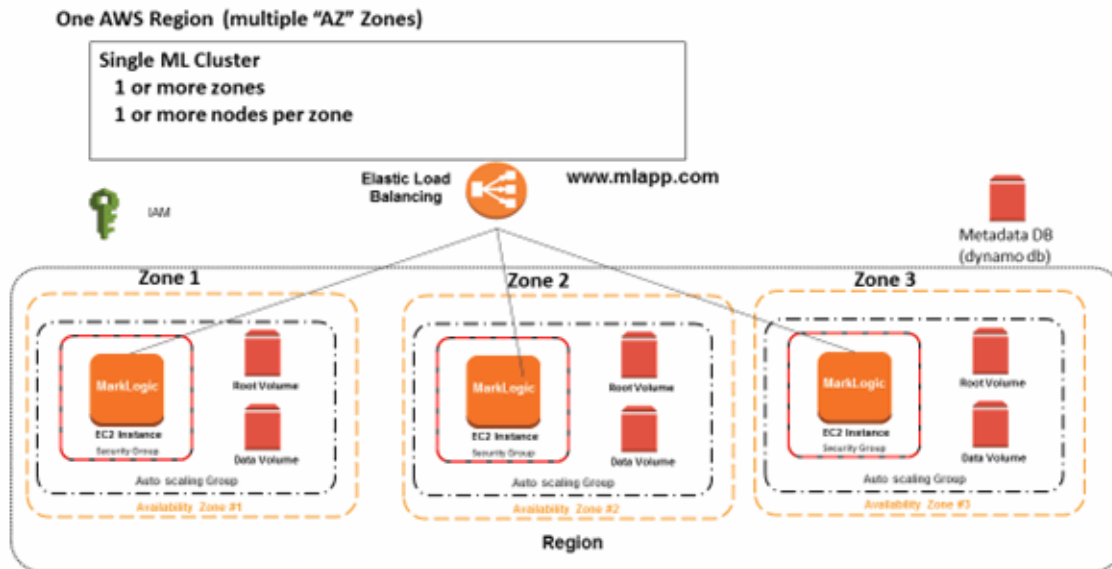
There are two basic versions of the MarkLogic CloudFormation Template. One template will launch a MarkLogic cluster on AWS with a new VPC. The other template will launch a MarkLogic cluster in an existing VPC on AWS. Both templates allow you to specify parameter values at startup to configure the cluster.

Both templates enable you to launch clusters with an Elastic Load Balancer, Elastic Block Storage, Auto Scaling Group, and so on. Your cluster can be in either one Availability Zone or three Availability Zones. Multiple nodes can be placed within each Availability Zone.

**Note:** The examples in this chapter are based on the MarkLogic AWS template that creates a new VPC.

### 3.2 Overview

A Managed Cluster is automatically initialized and pre-configured with recommended topology, such as the one illustrated below.



The sample CloudFormation templates implement a simple example of this reference architecture and makes use of the Managed Cluster feature. Regardless of how the cluster is created, the necessary components need to be created, configured and deployed in a controlled fashion.

Cloud Formation is an AWS Technology that allows you to specify the set of components necessary for creating a *Stack*. You can use one of the provided Amazon Cloud Formation templates to create a Managed Cluster. The Managed Cluster templates create:

- IAM Roles necessary for running AWS services without needing to pass in security credentials
- Security groups to control the incoming network traffic delivered to the instances.
- AutoScaling groups one per node
- Launch Configuration for the AutoScaling Groups
- Load balancer fronting all of the nodes
- EBS Volumes for each node

When using the Cloud Formation templates there are parameters that must be filled in (either via the AWS Console or any 3rd party command line tool that can launch a cloud formation stack). These parameters include:

- What Zone each node will run in
- The admin user and password for initially creating the security database
- The SSL Key name (Used to login to the instances once they are started)
- The size and EBS type of the volumes (in GB) to create for the initial data volume /var/opt/MarkLogic
- The EC2 instance type of the created instance.
- Optional: The Simple Notification Service (SNS) topic to be used to capture messages from the AutoScaling Groups and Managed Cluster Support startup procedure.

When launched, the Cloud Formation creates all the necessary resources. On startup, the Amazon EC2 nodes recognize that they are part of a Managed Cluster and perform the following actions without user intervention:

- Attach any volumes associated with this node
- Create a filesystem, if needed
- Mount the filesystem
- Start MarkLogic
- Apply and accept the EC2 license
- Either create the initial node (master) and set the admin username and password or attach to the cluster
- Associate the node with the Load Balancer

The Load Balancer detects proper running of MarkLogic via the HealthCheck App Server on port 7997 and will only direct traffic to that node if it has verified that the MarkLogic instance is up and running.

Each AutoScaling Group (ASG) detects system stability and will terminate and restart the node if the operating system is having problems. At any time you can pause the cluster by setting the `ASG NodesPerZone` value to 0 for all nodes. You can then restart the node by resetting the `NodesPerZone` to a value of 1 - 20 for each ASG. On restart, either by resuming from pause or restarting from the ASG detecting faults and restarting the server, the system will automatically do the following:

- Detect any previously attached volumes and re-attach them
- Detect if the hostname has changed since the previous start and, if so, rename the host to the new hostname in the MarkLogic cluster
- Re-attach to the cluster

### 3.3 Deployment and Startup

MarkLogic is started as either a system service (from `/sbin/service`) or manually (for example, `service MarkLogic start`). The standard install starts MarkLogic on the next reboot after install, however it may be started via a script or system configuration at any point.

Any customization to the startup environment must be completely in place before MarkLogic starts the first time after an install so that it properly configures its role (single, cluster master, cluster joiner), detects the correct data volumes, Java JVM, paths, and other configurable information. This section describes the AWS-specific configuration variables.

MarkLogic is typically configured to start on boot, but also may be started manually. All startup paths should be configured to inherit the same environment so that behavior is consistent. The biggest variation depends on whether or not MarkLogic is pre-installed on the AMI.

During the init process, the interaction and dependency between MarkLogic services and other services may need to be considered especially if using an AMI without MarkLogic pre-installed and configured.

The following table shows the typical startup ordering of services on an AWS Linux system.

Order	Service
02	lvm2-monitor
08	ip6tables
08	iptables
10	network
11	auditd
12	rsyslog
58	ntpd
80	sendmail
85	MarkLogic ( Version 7 )
86	tomcat-jsvc
98[c]	cloud-final (All User defined upstart and cloud-init scripts)
98[M]	MarkLogic ( Version 8 )
99	local (/etc/rc.local)

Note that `cloud-init` has several components, you can arrange using very low level configurations for file and config data to be populated in `cloud-config` state (52) but deployment tools use this for their own purposes. Most common is 'user scripts' which are run in 'cloud-final' (98[c]).

In Version 8, MarkLogic was moved to the LSB init configuration format which adds a dependency to run after `cloud-final`. This allows user configuration to be applied before MarkLogic whether or not it was pre-installed.

When MarkLogic is started, the following process runs:

1. `/sbin/service MarkLogic` is invoked . This runs via `init` (e.g `/etc/rc5.d/S98MarkLogic`), manually (e.g. `service MarkLogic start` )
  2. `/etc/sysconfig/MarkLogic` is sourced (performing the following)
  3. Default values for core env vars are defaulted
  4. `/etc/marklogic.conf` is sourced (if it exists). This can modify or add variable.
  5. If `MARKLOGIC_EC2_HOST !=1`, no additional EC2 specific processing is performed.
  6. `MARKLOGIC_HOSTNAME` is calculated if not defined by using EC2 metadata in order
    - `public-hostname`
    - `public-ipv4`
    - `local-hostname`
    - `local-ipv4`
    - `hostname`
  7. `MARKLOGIC_AWS_ROLE` is fetched from the IAM Role associated with the instance.
  8. `MARKLOGIC_EBS` is set to `/dev/sdf` if not already set.
  9. If `MARKLOGIC_EC2_USERDATA != 0`, then EC2 user data is read and parsed. Any name/value pairs overwrite existing settings.
  10. If `MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_NAME`, `MARKLOGIC_NODENAME` and `MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_MASTER` is defined then the Managed Cluster logic is performed.
    - Forming or joining a cluster
    - Creating / attaching data volumes
    - Resolving hostname changes
    - Updating cluster configuration
- Note:** This process is repeated on every boot and service start.
11. If Step 10 is performed, all resolved variables are cached by writing to `/usr/local/mlcmd.conf` to avoid the overhead of recalculating the values on a restart.

12. If Step 10 is not performed, the following occurs:
  - If MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_AUTOCREATE is set and not empty:
    - MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_PASSWORD is set to the value of the EC2 metadata who's key is \$MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_AUTOCREATE. This overwrites any previous setting of MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_PASSWORD
    - If MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_PASSWORD is not empty and MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_USERNAME is empty then set MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_USERNAME="admin"
    - If MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_PASSWORD and if MARKLOGIC\_ADMIN\_USERNAME are both not empty then:
      - Initialize and mount any volumes specified in MARKLOGIC\_EBS\_VOLUME(s) configuration
      - Start the MarkLogic server
      - Create the initial admin user and initialize the security database.
      - Wait for the server to restart and validate the login (retry, timeouts as currently implemented in the Managed Cluster startup)
  - Log the success or failure to the system log and console.

### 3.4 Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console

This section describes how to use the AWS Console to create a CloudFormation Stack from a template. This section describes each step in the procedure, but does not discuss all of the options for each step. For more details, see:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-console-create-stack.html>.

**Note:** As described in <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/vpce-interface.html#vpce-interface-limitations>, the services used by the MarkLogic CloudFormation templates may not be available in all Availability Zones. If a service is not supported, you will get a UTC-0700 CREATE\_FAILED error when you attempt to create a stack.

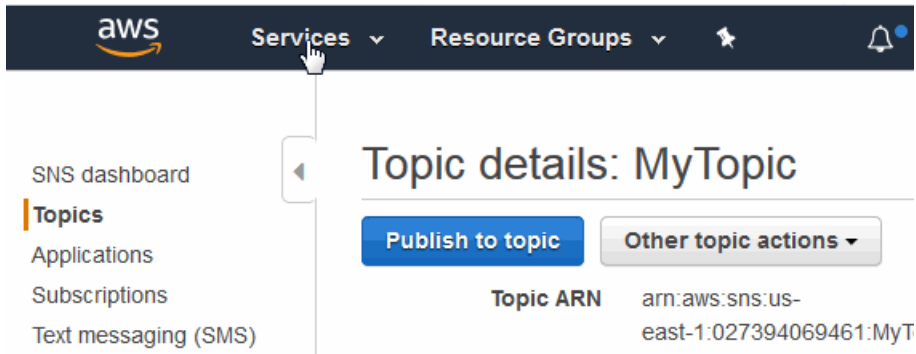
Before you can create a CloudFormation Stack, you will need the following:

- Purchase an AMI from Amazon MarketPlace or create your own AMI (ask customer support for assistance). The sample CloudFormation templates have the latest MarketPlace AMIs embedded in them, you will need to edit these with the appropriate AMI ids.
- A CloudFormation template. You can either obtain a template from MarkLogic or create your own, as described in “Sample CloudFormation Template” on page 50. The MarkLogic CloudFormation templates are available from <http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws>.
- An IAM Role, as described in “Creating an IAM Role” on page 17
- A Key Pair, as described in “Creating a Key Pair” on page 20
- An SNS Topic, as described in “Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic” on page 21
- Optional: An SNS Topic, as described in “Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic” on page 21.

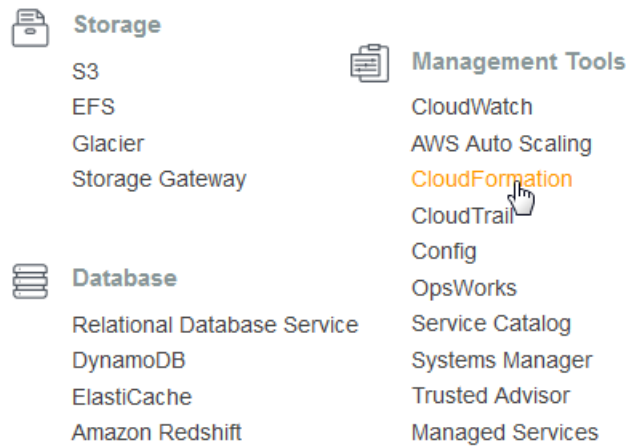
The following procedure describes how to create a CloudFormation Stack from a template:



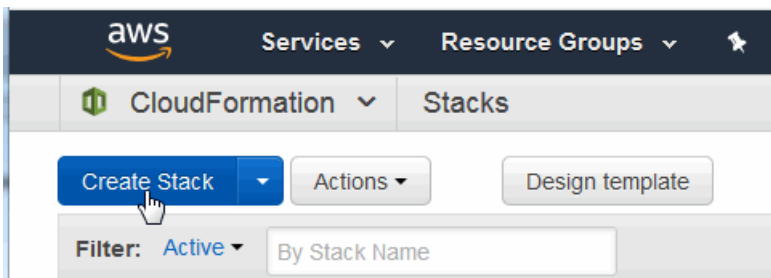
1. Click on Services in the upper left-hand portion of the AWS page to access the Amazon Web Services home page:



2. In the Amazon Web Services home page, click on CloudFormation:



3. In the CloudFormation Stacks page, click Create Stack.



4. In the Select Template window, click Upload a template to Amazon S3 and select the CloudFormation template you downloaded from <http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws>. When done, click Next.

## Select Template

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Select the template that describes the stack that you want to create. A stack is a group of related resources that you manage as a single unit.

**Design a template** Use AWS CloudFormation Designer to create or modify an existing template.

Design template

**Choose a template** A template is a JSON/YAML-formatted text file that describes your stack. [Learn more.](#)

Select a sample template

Upload a template to Amazon S3

No file selected.

Specify an Amazon S3 template URL

- In the Specify Details window, enter the name of the stack and information shown in the table below. The parameters marked with an \* are unique to the template that creates a new VPC. When done, click Next.

**Note:** Your Stack Name is used to identify all of the resources for your stack, including the names of your EBS volumes. It is a best practice to name your stack with an easily identifiable name, such as your user name. The EBS volumes for all but the first node in each zone are not removed when you delete the stack, so you will want to be able to easily identify those volumes should you want to remove them after deleting your stack.

## Create stack

Select Template

**Specify Details**

Options

Review

### Specify Details

Specify a stack name and parameter values. You can use or change the default parameter values, which are defined in the CloudFormation template. [Learn more.](#)

Stack name

### Parameters

#### Resource Configuration

IAM Role  IAM Role

Logging SNS ARN  SNS Topic for logging - optional/advanced

Volume Size  The EBS Data volume size (GB) for all nodes

Volume Type  The EBS Data volume Type

Instance Type  Type of EC2 instance to launch

Spot Price   
Spot price for instances in USD/Hour - Optional/advanced.

SSH Key Name   
Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access to the instance.

The Create Stack parameters are described in the following table. CloudFormation does not have real time validation of parameter values. The following assumptions are made when using CloudFormation templates to deploy clusters:

**Note:** All of the parameters must have values.

Parameter Name	Default	Description
IAMRole	Requires Input	The name of the IAM Role you created in “Creating an IAM Role” on page 17.
Logging SNS ARN	none	The Simple Notification Service (SNS) needed for logging. Enter the entire Topic ARN as it appears in the SNS Dashboard (for example, <code>arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:1234567890123456:mytopic</code> ). For details on how to obtain an SNS Topic, see “Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic” on page 21.
Volume Size	10	The initial EBS volume size (GB). The range of valid values are 10 - 1000.
Volume Type	gp2	The EBS Data volume Type. Allowed Values: <code>standard</code> or <code>gp2</code>
InstanceType	r3.8xlarge	The type of EC2 instance to launch. These vary by release, product type, zone, region, and availability. Refer to <a href="http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws">http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws</a> for the current supported values for these fields. For details on each instance type, see <a href="http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/instance-types.html">http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/instance-types.html</a> .  <b>Note:</b> Only HVM instance types are now supported for Marketplace AMI's, PVM types may be used with custom AMIs.
SpotPrice	0	Spot price for instances in USD/Hour. Allowed values are: 0 - 2. If not 0, then the amount given is a spot request for the instances is used instead of on-demand.
SSH Key Name	Requires Input	The name of the Key Pair you created in “Creating a Key Pair” on page 20.
Number of Zones	3	Total number of nodes per Zone. Allowed values are: 1 or 3.

Parameter Name	Default	Description
Nodes Per Zone	1	The number of nodes (hosts) to create for each zone. Allowed values are: 0 to 20. For example, a value of 1 will create one node for each zone, a total of three nodes for the cluster.  A value of 0 will shutdown/hibernate all nodes.
Availability Zone	Requires Input	The Availability Zones for subnets. Accept either 1 zone or 3 zones. In the order of Subnet 1, Subnet 2 and Subnet 3 (if applicable). Each zone in your cluster should be in the same region, such as <code>us-east</code> or <code>us-west</code> .  The values of the <code>Availability Zone</code> and <code>Number of Zones</code> parameters must match.
VPC CIDR*	10.0.0.0/16	CIDR Block for the Virtual Private Cloud (VPC).
Subnet 1 CIDR*	10.0.0.0/19	CIDR Block for the subnet 1.
Subnet 2 CIDR*	10.0.32.0/19	CIDR Block for the subnet 2. Only applicable to multi-zone cluster. Only applicable to multi-zone cluster.
Subnet 3 CIDR*	10.0.64.0/19	CIDR Block for the subnet 3. Only applicable to multi-zone cluster. Only applicable to multi-zone cluster.
AdminUser	Requires Input	The username you want to use to log in as the MarkLogic Administrator.
AdminPass	Requires Input	The password you want to use to log in as the MarkLogic Administrator.
Licensee	none	The name of the licensee obtained from your MarkLogic representative. Enter <code>none</code> if you plan to enter the license information later.
LicenseKey	none	The license key obtained from your MarkLogic representative. Enter <code>none</code> if you plan to enter the license information later.

If you are using the MarkLogic AWS template that uses an existing VPC, you will see the following parameters:

Parameter Label	Default	Description
VPC	Requires Input	ID of existing Virtual Private Cloud. When deploying to an existing VPC, the Subnets must be in the specified VPC.
Subnets	Requires Input	Subnets in the VPC. Accept either 1 subnet or 3 subnets. The order must be same as your selected Availability Zone(s). For example, if the Availability Zones are <code>us-west-2a</code> , <code>us-west-2b</code> , and <code>us-west-2c</code> , then their respective Subnet IDs must be in the same order.

- In the Options window, enter any tags for your stack. The tag(s) you provide identify your EC2 resources in the EC2 dashboard. For example, if you identify the Key as `Name`, the given Value (`Test Stack`, for example) will appear in the Name column of the Instance list in the EC2 dashboard. For details on tags, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-console-add-tags.html>. Enter the role-back triggers, as described in [https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/APIReference/API\\_RollbackConfiguration.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/APIReference/API_RollbackConfiguration.html). When done, click Next.

**Note:** Do not select an IAM Role under Permissions.

### Options

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#### Tags

You can specify tags (key-value pairs) for resources in your stack. You can add up to 50 unique key-value pairs for each stack. [Learn more.](#)

	Key (127 characters maximum)	Value (255 characters maximum)	
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="+"/>

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#### Permissions

You can choose an IAM role that CloudFormation uses to create, modify, or delete resources in the stack. If you don't choose a role, CloudFormation uses the permissions defined in your account. [Learn more.](#)

**IAM Role**

Enter role arn

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#### ▼ Rollback Triggers

Rollback triggers enable you to have AWS CloudFormation monitor the state of your application during stack creation and updating, and to rollback that operation if the application breaches the threshold of any of the alarms you've specified. [Learn more](#)

**Monitoring Time** ⓘ

Minimum value of 0. Maximum value of 180.





- Click on the “I acknowledge” prompt. Skipping this step will result in a failed stack.

### Capabilities

**i** The following resource(s) require capabilities: [AWS::CloudFormation::Stack]

This template contains Identity and Access Management (IAM) resources. Check that you want to create each of these resources and that they have the minimum required permissions. In addition, they have custom names. Check that the custom names are unique within your AWS account. [Learn more.](#)

I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources with custom names.

- You will be notified that the stack is being created. The name, create date, and status of your stack will appear at the top of the page.

CloudFormation ▾
Stacks

Create Stack ▾
Actions ▾
Design template

Filter: [Active](#) ▾

	Stack Name	Created Time	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	MyStack-NodeMgrLambdaSta... <span style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">NESTED</span>	2018-05-01 12:48:03 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE
<input type="checkbox"/>	MyStack-ManagedEniStack-1... <span style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">NESTED</span>	2018-05-01 12:47:11 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE
<input type="checkbox"/>	MyStack-VpcStack-1NCY2IW... <span style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">NESTED</span>	2018-05-01 12:43:53 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE
<input type="checkbox"/>	MyStack-VpcStack-1NCY2IW... <span style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">NESTED</span>	2018-05-01 12:42:18 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MyStack	2018-05-01 12:42:10 UTC-0700	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS

- It takes a few minutes depending on the speed of AWS and the number of resources you are creating in the stack. You can Use the Events tab in the bottom portion of the page to view the progress of your stack creation. Click Refresh to see the latest status.

Events ▾

Filter by: Status ▾

2018-05-01	Status	Type	Logical ID	Status Reason
▶ 12:42:48 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::EC2::Volume	MarklogicVolume2	
▶ 12:42:47 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::DynamoDB::Table	MarkLogicDDBTable	
▶ 12:42:42 UTC-0700	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::EC2::Volume	MarklogicVolume3	
▶ 12:42:38 UTC-	CREATE_COMPLETE	AWS::EC2::Volume	MarklogicVolume1	

- A status of CREATE\_COMPLETE indicates that your AutoScaling groups have been created. Wait approximately 5-10 minutes for your EC2 instances to boot up before opening your Stack Detail page, navigating to the Outputs section, and clicking the Load Balancer URL in the Value column. This will open the MarkLogic Admin Interface on an available instance.

Description Create a single az, load balanced, MarkLogic System. MarkLogic-10.0-20180316.x86\_64.rpm

▾ Outputs

Key	Value	Description	Export Name
URL	<a href="http://QA-HEAD-2-ElasticL-1BTQRDK518AQD-1432490423.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com:8001">http://QA-HEAD-2-ElasticL-1BTQRDK518AQD-1432490423.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com:8001</a>	The URL of the MarkLogic Clu...	

**Note:** If the URL in the Outputs tab does not work, wait another 5-10 minutes and try again.

- Log in using the administrator username and password you specified in [Step 5](#).

**Note:** Do not make any changes in the Administrator Interface until all of the hosts have been created and joined the cluster. If in doubt about the status of your stack, check the logs from the SNS topic described in “Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic” on page 21.

### 3.5 Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Command-Line Interface

In addition to using the AWS CloudFormation console, you can use the AWS CloudFormation command line interface (CLI) to create a CloudFormation stack. The AWS CloudFormation CLI is described in <http://aws.amazon.com/cli/>.

**Note:** The AWS command line tools do not work with spaces for CloudFormation parameter values. Any parameter values containing a space will result in an error.

The list of CLI commands are documented in [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/CFN\\_CMD.html](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/CFN_CMD.html).

The following is a summary on how to create a stack using the AWS CloudFormation CLI:

1. Install and configure AWS CloudFormation CLI environment for your system, as described in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-installing-cli.html>.
2. Call the [cfn-create-stack](#) function with similar parameters as shown in “Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console” on page 39. In addition, you must include the parameter: `--capabilities "CAPABILITY_IAM"`, as described in <https://aws.amazon.com/cloudformation/resources/templates/govcloud-us/>.
3. The [cfn-create-stack](#) function runs asynchronously, so it will return an id for the stack before the stack is created. You can use the [cfn-describe-stack-events](#) command with the stack id to check the status of your stack.
4. Once the stack is created, you can use the [cfn-describe-stacks](#) function to obtain the URL to the MarkLogic Admin Interface.

### 3.6 Sample CloudFormation Template

CloudFormation Templates consist of JSON code that is used to create a collection of AWS resources known as a *stack*. CloudFormation Templates are described in detail in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/template-guide.html>. This section describes the CloudFormation Template used to create a stack that consists of a three-plus node MarkLogic cluster and creates a new VPN.

The Sample Templates available from <http://developer.marklogic.com/products/aws> are designed to demonstrate the architecture and IT requirements for the managed cluster feature and be useable out of the box as an example only. A production template will likely need to be customized to accommodate your specific IT requirements and may hard code many of the values exposed as parameters and mappings in these examples. For example, if you will only run in one region, there is no need for a mapping table of Region to AMI ID.

**Note:** Before attempting to modify this template, it is a best practice to run the unmodified template, as described in “Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console” on page 39, to become familiar with the procedures for building a cloud stack.

The Sample Templates call sub-templates and wait for their completion. There are four sub-templates:

- VPC Stack
- Managed ENI Stack
- Node Manager Stack
- Endpoint Stack

Each of the sub-templates can be used separately. For example, you can use the VPC stack template to create a VPC and use the master template for an existing VPC to launch a MarkLogic cluster.

If you have an existing VPC, you will need to modify the VPC Stack sub-template, which creates the following resources:

- VPC
- Subnet 1
- Subnet 2 (if applicable)
- Subnet 3 (if applicable)
- VPC Route Table
- VPC Route
- Internet Gateway

The Internet Gateway, VPC Route and Route Table are configured so that each node in the cluster can have access to the internet.

The Endpoint Stack sub-template is invoked by the VPC Stack sub-template to create AWS Interface Endpoints for the VPC. Endpoint Stack creates VPC endpoints for EC2, KMS and ELB in the same region of the parent stack. The following resources are created by Endpoint Stack:

- Lambda Function
- IAM Role
- EC2 Interface Endpoint
- ELB Interface Endpoint
- KMS Interface Endpoint

The main sections of the CloudFormation Template are as follows:

- [Metadata](#)
- [Parameters Declaration](#)
- [Conditions Declaration](#)
- [Mappings Declaration](#)
- [Resources Declaration](#)
- [Outputs Declaration](#)

These sample templates create an ELB, as well as enable a public IP for each MarkLogic Server. The output of the stack lists the URL of the ELB.

When the Instance Public IP address is enabled, you are able to directly access each host (port 8000 for example) and SSH (when a public DNS is configured as described in “Accessing MarkLogic Server through the Instance Public DNS” on page 77). Otherwise, you can't directly access the hosts. It is a best practice to not enable the public IP address.

**Note:** The Instance Public IP address must be enabled to use SNS topic described in “Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic” on page 21.

Applications should generally use the ELB as their endpoint. XCC applications, such as mlcp, need to set the `xcc.httpcompliant=true` mode in order to connect through the ELB regardless of session affinity issues. For details, see [Using a Load Balancer or Proxy Server with an XCC Application](#) in the *XCC Developer's Guide*.

### 3.6.1 Metadata

The Managed Cluster Feature uses an external metadata store (a DynamoDB table) to save the configuration information for the cluster. Whenever a cluster event happens, the metadata store is updated with latest cluster node information to ensure that the cluster remains available and reliable in different kinds of cloud service failure events.

```

AWSTemplateFormatVersion: 2010-09-09
Description: Deploy a MarkLogic Cluster on AWS with a new VPC
Metadata:
  version: 9.0-20180427
  binary: MarkLogic-9.0-20180427.x86_64.rpm
  AWS::CloudFormation::Interface:
    ParameterGroups:
      - Label:
          default: "Resource Configuration"
    Parameters:
      - IAMRole
      - LogSNS
      - VolumeSize
      - VolumeType
      - InstanceType

```

```
- InstancePublicIp
- SpotPrice
- KeyName
- NumberOfZones
- NodesPerZone
- AZ
- Label:
  default: "Network Configuration"
Parameters:
  - VPC
  - Subnets
- Label:
  default: "MarkLogic Configuration"
Parameters:
  - AdminUser
  - AdminPass
  - Licensee
  - LicenseKey
ParameterLabels:
AdminUser:
  default: Admin User
AdminPass:
  default: Admin password
Licensee:
  default: Licensee
LicenseKey:
  default: License Key
IAMRole:
  default: IAM Role
LogSNS:
  default: Logging SNS ARN
VolumeSize:
  default: Volume Size
VolumeType:
  default: Volume Type
InstanceType:
  default: Instance Type
SpotPrice:
  default: Spot Price
KeyName:
  default: SSH Key Name
NumberOfZones:
  default: Number of Zones
NodesPerZone:
  default: Nodes per Zone
AZ:
  default: Availability Zone
VPC:
  default: VPC
Subnets:
  default: Subnets
```

### 3.6.2 Parameters Declaration

The `Parameters` portion of the template defines the parameters necessary to build your MarkLogic cluster. The three zones define the hosted zones on which the servers in cluster are to be created. All of the zones should be in the same region, as described in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/using-regions-availability-zones.html>.

For a description of each parameter, see the table at the end of [Step 5](#) in “Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console” on page 39.

The parameters used to configure the resources are shown below.

```
Parameters:
# resource configuration
IAMRole:
  Description: IAM Role
  Type: String
VolumeSize:
  Description: The EBS Data volume size (GB) for all nodes
  Type: Number
  MinValue: '10'
  MaxValue: '1000'
  Default: '10'
VolumeType:
  Description: The EBS Data volume Type
  Type: String
  AllowedValues:
    - standard
    - gp2
  Default: gp2
InstanceType:
  Description: Type of EC2 instance to launch
  Type: String
  Default: r3.8xlarge
  AllowedValues:
    - ---- Essential Enterprise and Bring-Your-Own-License ----
    - m3.xlarge
    - c3.xlarge
    - r3.xlarge
    - ----- Essential Enterprise Only -----
    - m4.xlarge
    - ----- Bring-Your-Own-License Only -----
    - m3.medium
    - m3.large
    - m3.2xlarge
    - cc1.4xlarge
    - cc2.8xlarge
    - c3.large
    - c3.2xlarge
    - c3.4xlarge
    - c3.8xlarge
    - cr1.8xlarge
    - r3.large
```

- r3.2xlarge
- r3.4xlarge
- r3.8xlarge
- i2.xlarge
- i2.2xlarge
- i2.4xlarge
- i2.8xlarge
- hi1.4xlarge
- hs1.8xlarge

SpotPrice:  
Description: Spot price for instances in USD/Hour -  
Optional/advanced.  
Type: Number  
MinValue: '0'  
MaxValue: '2'  
Default: '0'

KeyName:  
Description: Name of and existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH access  
to the instance.  
Type: String

NumberOfZones:  
Description: Total number of Availability Zones. 1 or 3.  
Type: Number  
AllowedValues:

- 1
- 3

Default: 3

NodesPerZone:  
Description: Total number of nodes per Zone. Set to 0 to  
shutdown/hibernate  
Type: Number  
MinValue: '0'  
MaxValue: '20'  
Default: '1'



The parameters used to configure the network are shown below.

The cluster can be in either one Availability Zone or three Availability Zones. Multiple nodes can be placed within an Availability Zone. The Availability Zones for subnets. Accept either 1 zone or 3 zones. In the order of Subnet 1, Subnet 2 and Subnet 3 (if applicable).

```
AZ:
  Description: The Availability Zones for VPC subnets. Accept either
1 zone or 3 zones. In the order of Subnet 1, Subnet 2 and Subnet 3 (if
applicable).
  Type: 'List<AWS::EC2::AvailabilityZone::Name>'
InstancePublicIp:
  Description: Whether assign public IP address to instances.
  Type: String
  AllowedValues:
    - enable
    - disable
  Default: disable
LogSNS:
  Description: SNS Topic for logging - optional/advanced. Requires
instance public IP enabled.
  Type: String
  Default: none
# network configuration
VPC:
  Description: ID of an existing Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)
  Type: 'AWS::EC2::VPC::Id'
  AllowedPattern: 'vpc-[0-9a-z]{8}'
Subnets:
  Description: Subnets in the VPC. Accept either 1 subnet or 3
subnets. The order must be same as Availability Zone(s) selected.
  Type: 'List<AWS::EC2::Subnet::Id>'
```

The parameters used to configure MarkLogic Server are shown below.

```
# marklogic configuration
AdminUser:
  Description: The MarkLogic administrator username
  Type: String
AdminPass:
  Description: The MarkLogic administrator password
  Type: String
  NoEcho: 'true'
Licensee:
  Description: The MarkLogic Licensee or 'none'
  Type: String
  Default: none
LicenseKey:
  Description: The MarkLogic License Key or 'none'
  Type: String
  Default: none
```

### 3.6.3 Conditions Declaration

The Conditions Declaration specifies the conditions under which portions of the template are used. For example, if `NumberOfZones` is not set to 1, the `MultiZone` condition enables the template to create three Availability Zones.

```
Conditions:
  UsePublicIp: !Equals [!Ref InstancePublicIp, 'enable']
  UseLogSNS: !And
    - !Equals [!Ref InstancePublicIp, 'enable']
    - !Not [!Equals [!Ref LogSNS, "none"]]
  UseSpot: !Not
    - !Equals
      - !Ref SpotPrice
      - 0
  MultiZone:
    !Not [!Equals [!Ref NumberOfZones, 1]]
  EssentialEnterprise:
    !And [!Equals [!Ref LicenseKey, ''], !Equals [!Ref Licensee, '']]
```

### 3.6.4 Mappings Declaration

The `Mappings` portion of the template provides a way of looking up values from a table.

The `LicenseRegion2AMI` map defines the values for all of the possible instance types. The `LicenseRegion2AMI` map defines the AMIs for each region. Each region has both a `Enterprise` and `BYOL` (Bring Your Own License) AMI. For details on AMIs, see <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AMIs.html>.

**Note:** You can set `LambdaPackageBucket` to point to your own private bucket.

```
Mappings:
  Variable:
    LambdaPackageBucket:
      base: 'marklogic-lambda-'
    TemplateUrl:
      base: 'https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/marklogic-qa-
vpc/templates/'
    LicenseRegion2AMI:
      us-east-1:
        Enterprise: ami-f00ebe8f
        BYOL: ami-f00ebe8f
      us-east-2:
        Enterprise: ami-242d1f41
        BYOL: ami-242d1f41
      us-west-1:
        Enterprise: ami-ef68748f
        BYOL: ami-ef68748f
      us-west-2:
        Enterprise: ami-b78ee5cf
        BYOL: ami-b78ee5cf
      eu-central-1:
```

```
Enterprise: ami-6bccea80
BYOL: ami-6bccea80
eu-west-1:
Enterprise: ami-f739168e
BYOL: ami-f739168e
ap-south-1:
Enterprise: ami-6be9c804
BYOL: ami-6be9c804
ap-southeast-1:
Enterprise: ami-2d391751
BYOL: ami-2d391751
ap-southeast-2:
Enterprise: ami-7bae7b19
BYOL: ami-7bae7b19
ap-northeast-1:
Enterprise: ami-0539d87a
BYOL: ami-0539d87a
ap-northeast-2:
Enterprise: ami-34c66f5a
BYOL: ami-34c66f5a
sa-east-1:
Enterprise: ami-79cd9e15
BYOL: ami-79cd9e15
eu-west-2:
Enterprise: ami-0e749769
BYOL: ami-0e749769
ca-central-1:
Enterprise: ami-ed21a089
BYOL: ami-ed21a089
```

### 3.6.5 Resources Declaration

The `Resources` portion of the template defines all of the AWS resources created for your stack by this template. Each resource is defined as a specific AWS type. The details of each resource type are described in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-template-resource-type-ref.html>.

These resources defined in this template include:

- `VpcStack`
- `ManagedEniStack`
- `NodeMgrLambdaStack`
- Elastic Block Store (EBS) volumes
- DynamoDB Table (DynamoDB is the Amazon implementation of the Metadata Database)
- AutoScaling Groups (ASG). For each ASG, there are the following resources:
  - Security Group
  - Instance Type
  - Identity and Access Management (IAM) Instance Profile
  - Launch Configuration
  - UserData
  - Elastic Load Balancer (ELB)
- ELB ports
- Health Check values
- Security Group for each EC2 Instance

The `vpcStack` portion of the template calls the `ml-vpc.template` sub-template to create the following resources:

- VPC
- Subnet 1
- Subnet 2 (if applicable)
- Subnet 3 (if applicable)
- VPC Route Table
- VPC Route
- Internet Gateway

The Internet Gateway, VPC Route and Route Table is configured so that each node in the cluster can have access to the internet.

**Note:** VPC Stack is only applicable to the `mlcluster-vpc.template` template that creates a MarkLogic cluster with new VPCs.

The `ManagedEniStack` portion of the template calls the `ml-managedeni.template` sub-template.

Managed ENI stack deploys a Lambda function to define a custom resource in Cloud Formation template called Managed ENI. The Lambda function uses AWS Python SDK (boto3) to define CloudFormation lifecycle hook to manage the Elastic Network Interface.

Upon launch of the stack, the AWS Lambda function will create an Elastic Network Interface based on the node count, subnets, and security group. The Network Interfaces created will be tagged with a stack identifier.

Upon delete of the stack, the AWS Lambda function will delete the Elastic Network Interfaces that were tagged with the stack identifiers mentioned above.

The stack also defines a new IAM role for the Lambda function to assume. This IAM role is defined with the following policies:

Action	Resource	Notes
<code>ec2:CreateNetworkInterface</code>	*	
<code>ec2&gt;DeleteNetworkInterface</code>	*	
<code>ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces</code>	*	
<code>ec2:CreateTags</code>	<code>arn:aws:ec2:::network-interface/*</code>	
<code>logs:CreateLogGroup</code>	<code>arn:aws:logs:::*</code>	Write to CloudWatch log
<code>logs:CreateLogStream</code>	<code>arn:aws:logs:::*</code>	Write to CloudWatch log
<code>logs:PutLogEvents</code>	<code>arn:aws:logs:::*</code>	Write to CloudWatch log

You must have the IAM privilege to create IAM role, otherwise the deployment will fail.

Because ENI is not managed by CloudFormation stack directly, Managed ENI Lambda function needs to identify the ENIs created so as to update or cleanup them. All ENIs created by the Lambda function will be tagged with stack information.

Different in the two templates

The Availability Zones for VPC subnets. Accept either 1 zone or 3 zones. In the order of Subnet 1, Subnet 2 and Subnet 3 (if applicable).

Subnets in the VPC. Accept either 1 subnet or 3 subnets. The order must be same as Availability Zone(s) selected.

Upon launch event of the stack, the AWS Lambda function will create Elastic Network Interface based on the node count, subnets, and security group. The Network Interfaces created will be tagged with a stack identifier.

```
ManagedEniStack:
  Type: AWS::CloudFormation::Stack
  Properties:
    NotificationARNs:
      - !If
        - UseLogSNS
        - !Ref LogSNS
        - !Ref 'AWS::NoValue'
    Parameters:
      S3Bucket: !Join [ "", [!FindInMap
[Variable,"LambdaPackageBucket","base"], !Ref 'AWS::Region']]
      NodesPerZone: !Ref NodesPerZone
      NumberOfZones: !Ref NumberOfZones
      Subnets: !If [MultiZone, !Join [',', !Ref Subnets], !Select [0,
!Ref Subnets]]
      ParentStackName: !Ref 'AWS::StackName'
      ParentStackId: !Ref 'AWS::StackId'
      SecurityGroup: !Ref InstanceSecurityGroup
      TemplateURL: !Join [' ', [!FindInMap
[Variable,"TemplateUrl","base"], 'ml-managedeni.template']]
      TimeoutInMinutes: 5
```

The `NodeMgrLambdaStack` portion of the template calls the `ml-nodemanager.template` sub-template to deploy a Lambda function that is hooked up with Auto Scaling Group's life cycle event and manages each cluster node. The following resources are created by the stack:

- Lambda Function
- IAM Role
- SNS Topic
- Lambda Permission (to invoke)

The IAM role defines the follow policies:

Action	Resource	Notes
ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces	*	
ec2:AttachNetworkInterface	*	
ec2:DescribeInstances	*	
autoscaling:CompleteLifecycleAction	*	
sns:Publish	arn:aws:sns::*	
logs:CreateLogGroup	arn:aws:logs::*	Write to CloudWatch log
logs:CreateLogStream	arn:aws:logs::*	Write to CloudWatch log
logs:PutLogEvents	arn:aws:logs::*	Write to CloudWatch log

**Note:** You must have the IAM privilege to create IAM role.

```

NodeMgrLambdaStack:
  Type: AWS::CloudFormation::Stack
  DependsOn: ManagedEniStack
  Properties:
    NotificationARNs:
      - !If
        - UseLogSNS
        - !Ref LogSNS
        - !Ref 'AWS::NoValue'
    Parameters:
      S3Bucket: !Join [ "", [!FindInMap
[Variable,"LambdaPackageBucket","base"], !Ref 'AWS::Region']]
      TemplateURL: !Join [',', [!FindInMap
[Variable,"TemplateUrl","base"], 'ml-nodemanager.template']]
      TimeoutInMinutes: 5

```

The EBS volumes used by `/var/opt/MarkLogic` for the first node in Zone1, Zone2 and Zone3. For details on the `AWS::EC2::Volume` type, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-properties-ec2-ebs-volume.html>.

All EBS volume definitions are similar to `MarkLogicVolume1` for `Zone1`, shown below.

```
MarkLogicVolume1:
  Type: 'AWS::EC2::Volume'
  Properties:
    AvailabilityZone: !Select [0, !Ref AZ]
    Size: !Ref VolumeSize
    Tags:
      - Key: Name
        Value: MarkLogicData 1
    VolumeType: !Ref VolumeType
  Metadata:
    'AWS::CloudFormation::Designer':
      id: c81032f7-b0ec-47ca-a236-e24d57b49ae3
```

`MarkLogicDDBTable` creates a DynamoDB database used as the Metadata Database, described in “AWS Terminology” on page 4, and returns the name of the DynamoDB Table.

**Note:** The read and write capacity are both set to 10 for a three-node template and 2 for a single-node template. It is critical to make sure you have enough capacity provisioned for peak periods, which occur when the instances in large cluster are restarted simultaneously. If you don’t have enough capacity, the cluster may not recouple correctly when nodes are replaced following termination. You can set a CloudWatch alarm on capacity, which can either alert you manually or trigger a script to modify the capacity.

For details on the `AWS::DynamoDB::Table` type, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-dynamodb-table.html>.

```
MarkLogicDDBTable:
  Type: 'AWS::DynamoDB::Table'
  Properties:
    AttributeDefinitions:
      - AttributeName: node
        AttributeType: S
    KeySchema:
      - KeyType: HASH
        AttributeName: node
    ProvisionedThroughput:
      WriteCapacityUnits: '10'
      ReadCapacityUnits: '10'
  Metadata:
    'AWS::CloudFormation::Designer':
      id: e7190602-c2de-47ab-81e7-1315f8c01e2d
```



MarkLogicServerGroup1, MarkLogicServerGroup2 and MarkLogicServerGroup3 are the AutoScaling Groups (ASGs) for Zone1, Zone2 and Zone3. For details on the AWS::AutoScaling::AutoScalingGroup type, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-properties-as-group.html>. All of them are similar to MarkLogicServerGroup1 for Zone1, shown below.

```

MarkLogicServerGroup1:
  Type: 'AWS::AutoScaling::AutoScalingGroup'
  DependsOn:
    - ManagedEniStack
    - NodeMgrLambdaStack
  Properties:
    VPCZoneIdentifier:
      - !Select [0, !Ref Subnets]
    LaunchConfigurationName: !Ref LaunchConfig1
    MinSize: '0'
    MaxSize: !Ref NodesPerZone
    DesiredCapacity: !Ref NodesPerZone
    Cooldown: '300'
    HealthCheckType: EC2
    HealthCheckGracePeriod: '300'
    LoadBalancerNames:
      - !Ref ElasticLoadBalancer
    NotificationConfiguration: !If
      - UseLogSNS
      - TopicARN: !Ref LogSNS
    NotificationTypes:
      - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH'
      - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH_ERROR'
      - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE'
      - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE_ERROR'
      - !Ref 'AWS::NoValue'
  Tags:
    - Key: marklogic:stack:name
      Value: !Ref 'AWS::StackName'
      PropagateAtLaunch: 'true'
    - Key: marklogic:stack:id
      Value: !Ref 'AWS::StackId'
      PropagateAtLaunch: 'true'
  LifecycleHookSpecificationList:
    - LifecycleTransition: 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCHING'
      LifecycleHookName: NodeManager
      HeartbeatTimeout: 4800
      NotificationTargetARN: !GetAtt [NodeMgrLambdaStack,
Outputs.NodeMgrSnsArn]
      RoleARN: !GetAtt [NodeMgrLambdaStack, Outputs.NodeMgrIamArn]
  Metadata:
    'AWS::CloudFormation::Designer':
      id: 31621dd0-4b18-4dcd-b443-db9cef64ebb1

```

`NotificationTypes` describes the notifications to be sent to the SNS Topic supplied to the cloud formation script to allow monitoring of AutoScaling group actions.

```
NotificationTypes:
  - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH'
  - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH_ERROR'
  - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE'
  - 'autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE_ERROR'
- !Ref 'AWS::NoValue'
```

`LaunchConfig1`, `LaunchConfig2` and `LaunchConfig3` are the Launch Configurations for ASG 1, ASG 2 and ASG 3. These describe how to look up the AMI id associated with the region, instance type, and architecture (PVM vs. HVM). All are similar to that below for ASG 1. For details on the `AWS::AutoScaling::LaunchConfiguration` type, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-properties-as-launchconfig.html>.

```
LaunchConfig1:
  Type: 'AWS::AutoScaling::LaunchConfiguration'
  Properties:
    AssociatePublicIpAddress: true
    BlockDeviceMappings:
      - DeviceName: /dev/sdf
        NoDevice: true
        Ebs: {}
    KeyName: !Ref KeyName
    ImageId: !If [EssentialEnterprise,
!FindInMap [LicenseRegion2AMI,!Ref 'AWS::Region',"Enterprise"],
!FindInMap [LicenseRegion2AMI, !Ref 'AWS::Region', "BYOL"]]
```

Each Launch Configuration has a `UserData` and a `SecurityGroups` property, as shown below.

The `UserData` property that is populated with the data assigned to the variables described in “AWS Configuration Variables” on page 24. Below is the `UserData` property for ASG 1.

**Note:** In `VolumeSize`, the `,*` defines the volume size for the 2nd and any additional nodes in each ASG. The `#` indicates that the nodes are dynamically named and a numeric suffix is added from `1 - MaxNodesPerZone`.

```

UserData: !Base64
  'Fn::Join':
  - ''
  - - MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_NAME=
    - !Ref MarkLogicDDBTable
    - |+

    - MARKLOGIC_EBS_VOLUME=
    - !Ref MarklogicVolume1
    - ',:'
    - !Ref VolumeSize
    - '::'
    - !Ref VolumeType
    - |
      ::,*
    - |
      MARKLOGIC_NODE_NAME=NodeA#
    - MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_USERNAME=
    - !Ref AdminUser
    - |+

    - MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_PASSWORD=
    - !Ref AdminPass
    - |+

    - |
      MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_MASTER=1
    - MARKLOGIC_LICENSEE=
    - !Ref Licensee
    - |+

    - MARKLOGIC_LICENSE_KEY=
    - !Ref LicenseKey
    - |+

    - MARKLOGIC_LOG_SNS=
    - !Ref LogSNS
    - |+

```

Each Launch Configuration has a `SecurityGroups` property that assigns the security group defined by `InstanceSecurityGroup` to the Amazon EC2 instances in the Auto Scaling group. Each property is like the following.

```
SecurityGroups:
  - !Ref InstanceSecurityGroup
InstanceType: !Ref InstanceType
IamInstanceProfile: !Ref IAMRole
SpotPrice: !If
  - UseSpot
  - !Ref SpotPrice
  - !Ref 'AWS::NoValue'
Metadata:
  'AWS::CloudFormation::Designer':
    id: 2efb8cfb-df53-401d-8ff2-34af0dd25993
```

`ElasticLoadBalancer` is the Load Balancer for all of the ASGs. For details on the `AWS::ElasticLoadBalancing::LoadBalancer` type, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-properties-ec2-elb.html>.

```
ElasticLoadBalancer:
  Type: 'AWS::ElasticLoadBalancing::LoadBalancer'
  Properties:
    AppCookieStickinessPolicy:
      - CookieName: SessionID
        PolicyName: MLSession
    SecurityGroups:
      - !Ref ElbSecurityGroup
    Subnets:
      - !Select [0, !Ref Subnets]
      - !If [MultiZone, !Select [1, !Ref Subnets],
          !Ref 'AWS::NoValue']
      - !If [MultiZone, !Select [2, !Ref Subnets],
          !Ref 'AWS::NoValue']
    ConnectionDrainingPolicy:
      Enabled: 'true'
      Timeout: '60'
    CrossZone: 'true'
```

`Listeners` defines all of the ports the Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) opens to the public.

```
Listeners:
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8000'
    InstancePort: '8000'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8001'
    InstancePort: '8001'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8002'
    InstancePort: '8002'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8003'
    InstancePort: '8003'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8004'
    InstancePort: '8004'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8005'
    InstancePort: '8005'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8006'
    InstancePort: '8006'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8007'
    InstancePort: '8007'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
  - LoadBalancerPort: '8008'
    InstancePort: '8008'
    Protocol: HTTP
    PolicyNames:
      - MLSession
```

`HealthCheck` checks the health of each MarkLogic instance by contacting its HealthCheck App Server on port 7997 every number of seconds specified by `Interval`. Any answer other than "200 OK" within the `Timeout` period (in seconds) is considered unhealthy and that instance is removed from the ELB. For details on the HealthCheck parameters, see [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/ElasticLoadBalancing/latest/APIReference/API\\_HealthCheck.html](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/ElasticLoadBalancing/latest/APIReference/API_HealthCheck.html).

```
HealthCheck:
  Target: 'HTTP:7997/'
  HealthyThreshold: '3'
  UnhealthyThreshold: '5'
  Interval: '10'
  Timeout: '5'
Metadata:
  'AWS::CloudFormation::Designer':
    id: e188e71e-5f01-4816-896e-9bd30b9a96c1
```

`InstanceRecoveryAlarm` sets alarms to recover an instance automatically when it is impaired. Instance recovery is a capability of AWS Cloud Watch. With instance recovery set in place for each instance in the MarkLogic cluster, in certain scenarios, Cloud Watch will set up a new instance (nearly) identical to the original one automatically.

These are the cases that instance recovery will work:

- Loss of network connectivity
- Loss of system power
- Software issues on the physical host
- Hardware issues on the physical host that impact network reachability
- Instance is scheduled by AWS to stop or retire due to degradation of the underlying hardware

Instance recovery is transparent to the Auto Scaling Group so that, if an instance is impaired for above reasons, the recovery process kicks in before Auto Scaling Group triggers scaling events (to maintain the quota). This is a much faster process than scaling events thus greatly improve the availability of the cluster.

**Note:** The instance recovery feature is not globally available. There are limitations, based on the availability zones and instance types.

For details on instance recovery, see <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-recover.html>.

```
InstanceRecoveryAlarm1:
  Type: AWS::CloudWatch::Alarm
  Properties:
    AlarmDescription: Trigger a recovery when instance status
                     check fails for 1 consecutive minutes.
    Namespace: AWS/EC2
    MetricName: StatusCheckFailed_System
    Statistic: Minimum
    Period: '60'
    EvaluationPeriods: '1'
    ComparisonOperator: GreaterThanThreshold
    Threshold: '0'
    AlarmActions:
      - !Join [' ', ["arn:aws:automate:", !Ref "AWS::Region",
                    ":ec2:recover"]]
      - !If [UseLogSNS, !Ref LogSNS, !Ref 'AWS::NoValue']
    OKActions:
      - !If [UseLogSNS, !Ref LogSNS, !Ref 'AWS::NoValue']
    Dimensions:
      - Name: ASG1
        Value: !Ref MarkLogicServerGroup1
```

### 3.6.6 Outputs Declaration

If the `CloudFormation` launch is successful, `Outputs` generates the URL of the ELB pointing to the MarkLogic Admin Interface port (8001).

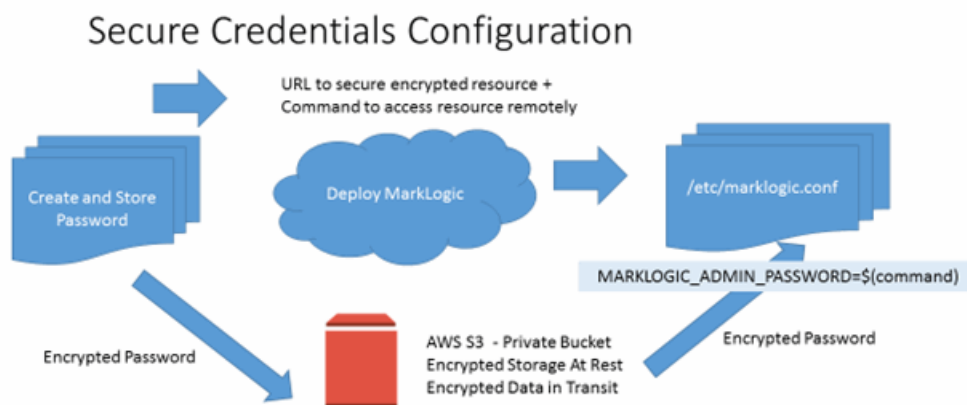
```
Outputs:
  URL:
    Description: The URL of the MarkLogic Cluster
    Value: !Join
      - ''
      - - 'http://'
        - !GetAtt
          - ElasticLoadBalancer
          - DNSName
        - ':8001'
```

### 3.7 Using CloudFormation with Secure Credentials

The sample templates are not designed for production environments. Most deployments will have specific infrastructure and integration requirements you will need to address. An important issue is how to manage secure credentials for MarkLogic in a automated “hands off” process. The sample templates pass the Admin Password in plain text as cloud formation parameters which then are converted into simple EC2 User Data name/value pairs. This is not a secure method of handling credentials.

As Mentioned in “Configuration using the /etc/marklogic.conf File” on page 29, an alternative to EC2 UserData is creating /etc/marklogic.conf during the deployment. This can be done in CloudFormation fairly easily. For Production deployments using CloudFormation, the `AWS::CloudFormation::Init` Resource (and the helper `cfn-init` commands) are recommended for deployment and configuration. See:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-init.html>.



If not using CloudFormation the `cloud-init` service, the low-level API which CloudFormation uses, can be used directly. See <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/user-data.html> for details.

With the CloudInit resource, EC2 UserData is only used for a small 'bootstrap' script that accesses the configuration variables from the template metadata resource securely via `cfn-init`. By passing a reference to a secure channel for credentials instead of the credentials themselves, no confidential data is passed directly from the origin to the EC2 instance. This process is recommended by AWS and discussed in this posting:

<http://blogs.aws.amazon.com/application-management/post/Tx3LKfZ27CWZBKO/Authenticated-File-Downloads-with-CloudFormation>



There are many options for configuring the necessary authentication and providing a protected storage and access. Choosing the appropriate configurations is specific to your requirements and integration strategy and should be part of your overall IT and security planning. Integration MarkLogic deployment with CloudFormation or another orchestration requires only that the file `/etc/marklogic.conf` be created prior to the first startup of MarkLogic on that instance.

Below are snippets of the Launch Configuration and AutoScalingGroup sections from an example CloudFormation template that makes use of CloudInit and a secure S3 bucket for the admin password. Note that the URL itself for the S3 file does not need to be confidential, so it may be safely passed as a CloudFormation parameter and stored for the lifetime of the instance. In the Launch Configuration, a simple script is used to invoke `cfn-init`, passing a reference to the MetaData resource associated with the AutoScalingGroup for a zone. The MetaData resource is a sibling of the "Properties" tag in the AutoScalingGroup section.

The "files" entry in the AutoScalingGroup section writes `/etc/marklogic.conf` with the root owner and group (read-only by owner).

The "services" entry in the AutoScalingGroup section starts MarkLogic after CloudInit is complete and restarts it if `/etc/marklogic.conf` or `/etc/sysconfig/MarkLogic` is updated by CloudInit in the future.

Example Launch Configuration Snippet:

```
"LaunchConfig1" : {
  "Type" : "AWS::AutoScaling::LaunchConfiguration",
  "Properties" : {
    .... },
  "UserData": {"Fn::Base64": {"Fn::Join": [
    "",
    [
      "#!/bin/bash\n",
      "function error_exit\n",
      "{\n",
      "logger -t MarkLogic \"$1\n",
      "exit 1\n",
      "}\n",
      "yum update -y aws-cfn-bootstrap\n",
      "yum update -y\n",
      "# Install application\n",
      "/opt/aws/bin/cfn-init -v -s ",
      {"Ref": "AWS::StackId"}, " -r ASG1 --region ",
      {"Ref": "AWS::Region"}, " || error_exit 'Failed to run cfn-
init'\n",
      "\n",
      "# All is well so signal success\n",
      "\n"
    ]
  ]}}}
```

## Example AutoScalingGroup Snippet:

```

"ASG1" : {
  "Type" : "AWS::AutoScaling::AutoScalingGroup",
  "Properties" : {
    .....
  },
  "Metadata": {
    "MarkLogic::MetaDataTypeVersion": "2015-07-17-14:49:23",
    "AWS::CloudFormation::Init": {
      "config": {
        "files": {"/etc/marklogic.conf": {
          "content": {"Fn::Join": [
            "",
            [
              "MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_NAME=", {"Ref": "MarkLogicDDBTable"}, "\n",
              "MARKLOGIC_EBS_VOLUME=", {"Ref": "MarkLogicVolume1"}, "\n",
              "MARKLOGIC_NODE_NAME=NodeA#\n",
              "MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_USERNAME=", {"Ref": "AdminUser"}, "\n",
              "# Password obtained via protected S3 file\n",
              "# MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_PASSWORD=\n",
              "# $(s3 cp --region us-west-2 s3://bucket/secret-password - ) \n",
              "MARKLOGIC_ADMIN_PASSWORD=$( aws s3 --region ",
              {"Ref": "AWS::Region"}, " cp ", {"Ref": "AdminPassS3URL"}, " - )\n",
              "MARKLOGIC_CLUSTER_MASTER=0\n"
            ] ]} ,
          "mode": "000400",
          "owner": "root",
          "group": "root"
        }},
        "services": {"sysvinit":
{"MarkLogic": {
  "enabled": "true",
  "ensureRunning": "true",
  "files": [
    "/etc/marklogic.conf",
    "/etc/sysconfig/MarkLogic"
  ] }
}}
}}

```

### 3.8 Deleting a CloudFormation Stack

To delete a CloudFormation stack, follow the procedure described in

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-console-delete-stack.html>.

Deleting your CloudFormation stack removes most of the EC2 resources (instances, security groups, etc.) created by your CloudFormation template. The exception is that the EBS volumes are not removed. Should you want to remove the EBS volumes after deleting your stack, you must manually remove them by following the procedure described in

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ebs-deleting-volume.html>.

**Note:** When a stack is deleted, the EBS volume that was created for the first node in each zone is also deleted. However the EBS volumes for any additional nodes in each zone are not deleted. This is because they were not created directly in the CloudFormation stack, but instead as a part of the startup process of the additional nodes.

## 4.0 Managing MarkLogic Server on EC2

This chapter describes how to launch a MarkLogic Server AMI and access the MarkLogic Server Admin interface. This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Accessing a MarkLogic Server Instance](#)
- [Accessing an EC2 Instance](#)
- [Detecting EC2 Errors](#)
- [Using the mlcmd Script](#)
- [Configuring MarkLogic for Amazon Simple Storage Service \(S3\)](#)
- [Scaling Cluster Resources on EC2](#)
- [Upgrading MarkLogic on AWS](#)
- [Monitoring \(CloudWatch\)](#)
- [Migrating from Enterprise Data Center to EC2](#)
- [Creating an EBS Volume and Attaching it to an Instance](#)
- [Pausing or Terminating a MarkLogic Cluster](#)

### 4.1 Accessing a MarkLogic Server Instance

This section describes how to access the an instance of MarkLogic Server in EC2.

There are two ways to access a MarkLogic Server instance:

- Using the Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) URL
- Using the Public DNS for an Instance

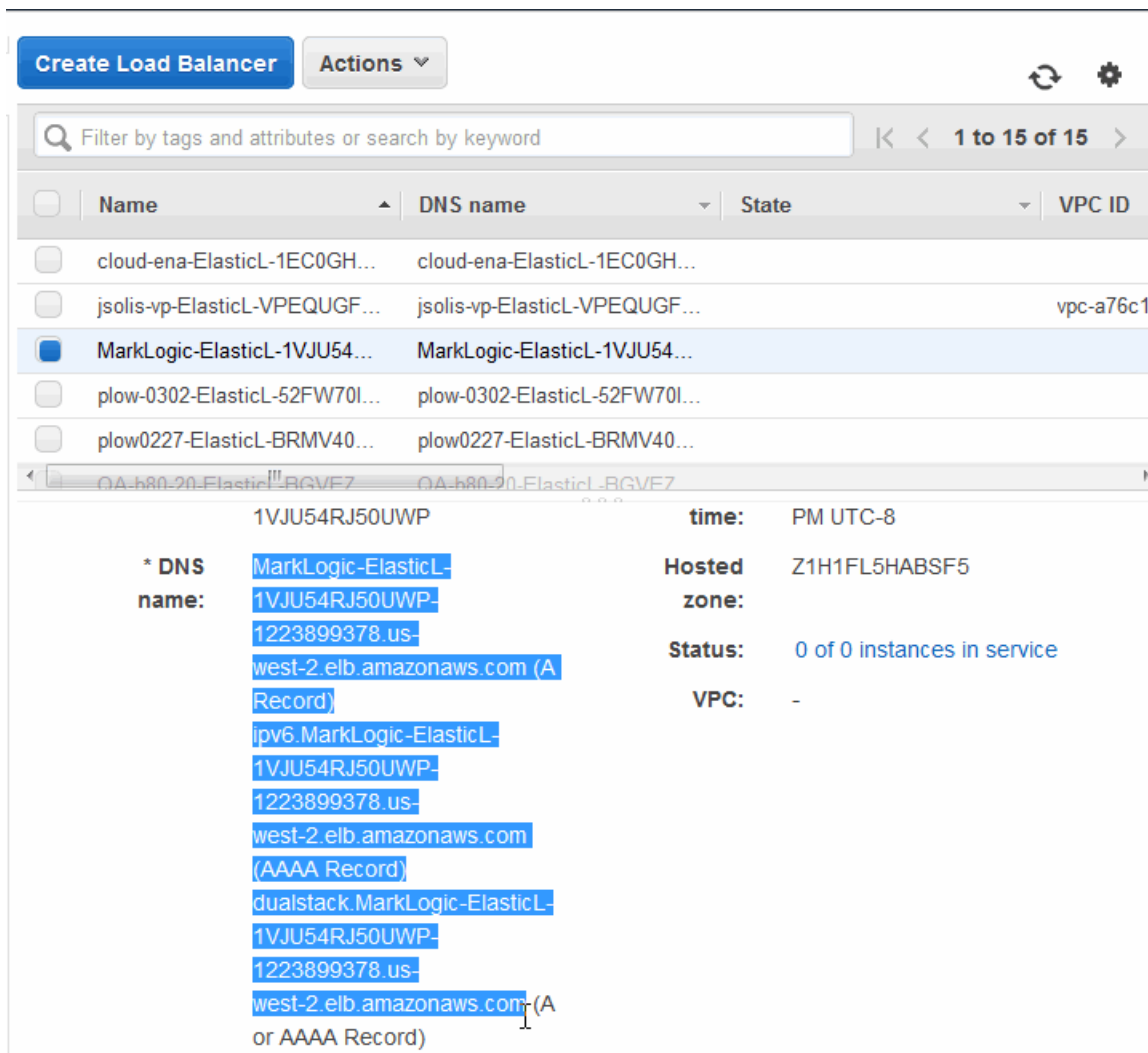
The difference is that the ELB URL will direct you to any available instance of MarkLogic Server in your cluster. If you want to access a specific instance, as you would when running the `mlcmd` script described in “Using the mlcmd Script” on page 80, then use the Public DNS for that instance.

### 4.1.1 Accessing MarkLogic Server through the ELB

You can access the MarkLogic Admin Interface through the ELB by clicking on the URL in the Outputs portion of the Cloud Formation Console, as described in [Step 11](#) in “Creating a CloudFormation Stack using the AWS Console” on page 39.

This section describes how to access MarkLogic Server through the ELB from the EC2 Dashboard.

1. In the EC2 Dashboard, click on Load Balancers in the left-hand navigation menu.
2. Copy URL from the DNS name.



You use the URL to access the MarkLogic Server. You can access any of the ports you have defined as an ELB port. For example, if the URL is `DLEE-CF-L-ElasticL-OCCR192PW000-925510329.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com`, then, to access MarkLogic port 7800, the URL you enter into the browser would be:

```
http://DLEE-CF-L-ElasticL-OCCR192PW000-925510329.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com:7800
```

**Note:** Do not use a load balancer to access MarkLogic port 8001. The Admin Interface is not designed to be used behind a load balancer.

#### 4.1.2 Accessing MarkLogic Server through the Instance Public DNS

This section describes how to access MarkLogic Server through the Public DNS of an Instance.

1. In the EC2 Dashboard, click on Instances in the left-hand navigation menu. Select your MarkLogic Server Instance and copy the Public DNS value:

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Resource Groups', 'Gordon.Furbush @ marklogic', 'N. Virginia', and 'Support'. Below that, there are buttons for 'Launch Instance', 'Connect', and 'Actions'. A search bar is present with the text 'Filter by tags and attributes or search by keyword'. A table lists instances, with the selected instance being 'Support-Test-001-067fd56fcb3092040' (t2.medium, us-east-1d, stopped). Below the table, the details for instance 'i-04d497ba938417b66' are shown. The 'Public DNS (IPv4)' is highlighted as 'ec2-54-224-101-126.compute-1.amazonaws.com'. Other details include Instance ID, Instance state (running), Instance type (t2.2xlarge), Elastic IPs, Availability zone (us-east-1e), Security groups (launch-wizard-87), and Private DNS (ip-10-0-0-85.ec2.internal).

You use the Public DNS to formulate part of the URL to access MarkLogic Server. For example, if the Public DNS is `ec2-54-242-94-98.compute-1.amazonaws.com`, then, to access the Admin Interface, the URL you enter into the browser would be:

```
http://ec2-54-242-94-98.compute-1.amazonaws.com:8001
```

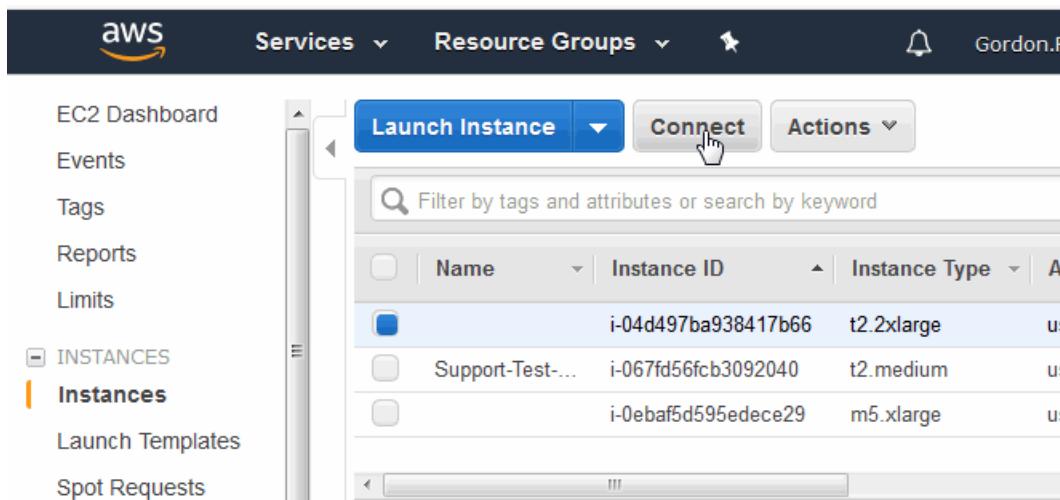
## 4.2 Accessing an EC2 Instance

You may need to SSH into an EC2 instance for certain task, such as checking the log files for that instance, as described in “Detecting EC2 Errors” on page 80.

**Note:** You cannot SSH to the load balancer, you must SSH to a specific EC2 instance. To SSH into an EC2 instance, you must have the key pair used by the instance downloaded to your local host.

To SSH into an instance, do the following:

1. Open the EC2 Dashboard.
2. Select Instances from the left-hand navigation section.
3. Select the instance to which you want to connect.
4. Click on the Connect button, or select Connect from the Actions pull-down menu.



- Specify a `ec2-user` as the User Name and provide the path to your copy of the key pair you downloaded to your local host. Click Launch SSH Client.

**Connect To Your Instance**
✕

I would like to connect with  A standalone SSH client  
 A Java SSH Client directly from my browser (Java required)

---

Enter the required information in the fields below to connect to your instance. AWS automatically detects the key pair name, and Public DNS for your instance. You need to enter the location and name of the .pem file containing your private key.

**Public DNS** ec2-34-203-218-209.compute-1.amazonaws.com

**User name**

**Key name** Avinash\_Amazon.pem

**Private key path**

**Save key location**  Store in browser cache

- This will open up a shell window to the EC2 instance. When you first connect in this manner, you may be prompted to create various directories. Respond by clicking `Yes` for each prompt.

Alternatively you can open a shell window and SSH into an instance using the following command:

```
ssh -i /path/to/keypair.pem ec2-user@<Public DNS>
```

For example, if your keypair, named `newkey.pem`, is stored in your `c:/stuff/` directory, you can access the instance with a public DNS of `ec2-54-242-94-98.compute-1.amazonaws.com` as follows:

```
ssh -i c:/stuff/newkey.pem ec2-user@ec2-54-242-94-98.compute-1.amazonaws.com
```



### 4.3 Detecting EC2 Errors

Start up errors are stored in the `/var/log/messages` file in each instance. To view the `messages` file, SSH into an instance as described in “Accessing an EC2 Instance” on page 78.

To access the `messages` file, you must be super user. For example, if you want to tail the `messages` file, enter:

```
sudo tail -f /var/log/messages
```

You can also capture errors related to Cloud Formation stack by means of the SNS Topic, as described in “Creating a Simple Notification Service (SNS) Topic” on page 21.

### 4.4 Using the mlcmd Script

The `mlcmd` script supports startup operations and advanced use of the Managed Cluster features. The `mlcmd` script is installed as an executable script in `/opt/MarkLogic/bin/mlcmd`.

In order to run `mlcmd`, you must be logged into the host and running as root or with root privileges. You must also have Java installed and the `java` command in the `PATH` or `JAVA_HOME` set to the JRE or JDK home directory. The first time you start MarkLogic on your server the `/var/local/mlcmd.conf` file is created, which is required to use the `mlcmd` script. Once the `/var/local/mlcmd.conf` file is created, it is not necessary to start MarkLogic to use the `mlcmd` script.

The syntax of `mlcmd` is as follows:

```
mlcmd command
```

The `mlcmd` commands are listed below:

mlcmd Command	Description
<a href="#">sync-volumes-from-mdb</a>	Attaches EBS volumes not currently attached to this instance.
<a href="#">sync-volumes-to-mdb</a>	Synchronizes the EBS volumes currently attached to the system and stores them in the Metadata Database.
<a href="#">init-volumes-from-system</a>	Initialize volumes identical to the process performed on startup.
<a href="#">leave-cluster</a>	Removes the host on which it is executed from the cluster.

#### 4.4.1 sync-volumes-from-mdb

This command looks in the Metadata Database and does the following:

- Locates any EBS volumes not currently attached to this instance and attaches them.
- If the volume does not contain a filesystem, a filesystem is created (`ext4`).
- Mounts the device to the mount point indicated in the Metadata Database.
- Applies all tags from the current EC2 instance prefixed by `marklogic:` to the EBS volume.

#### 4.4.2 sync-volumes-to-mdb

This command can be run any time after the initial startup. It synchronizes the EBS volumes currently attached to the system and stores them in the Metadata Database so that on the next restart they will be attached and mounted. The following steps are performed:

- Locates all EBS volumes to the system.
- For all volumes in the managed range enters an entry to the Metadata Database indicating the following:
  - EBS Volume ID
  - EBS Mount device
  - Operating System mount device
  - Operating system mount point (directory)
- For volumes which are attached but not mounted then the mount point is set to the default mount point for that volume (see the Default EBS Mount Points table below).

No changes to existing attachments, filesystem, or mount points are performed.

## Default EBS Mount Points

EC2 Device	RedHat Device	Linux Device	Mount Point
/dev/sdf	/dev/xvdj	/dev/xvdf	/var/opt/MarkLogic
/dev/sdg	/dev/xvdk	/dev/xvdg	/var/opt/volume1
/dev/sdh	/dev/xvdl	/dev/xvdh	/var/opt/volume2
/dev/sdi	/dev/xvdm	/dev/xvdi	/var/opt/volume3
/dev/sdj	/dev/xvdn	/dev/xvdj	/var/opt/volume4
/dev/sdk	/dev/xvdo	/dev/xvdk	/var/opt/volume5
/dev/sdl	/dev/xvdp	/dev/xvdl	/var/opt/volume6
/dev/sdm	/dev/xvdq	/dev/xvdm	/var/opt/volume7
/dev/sdn	/dev/xvdr	/dev/xvdn	/var/opt/volume8
/dev/sdo	/dev/xvds	/dev/xvdo	/var/opt/volume9

#### 4.4.3 `init-volumes-from-system`

This command looks at the current system and attempts to initialize volumes identical to the process performed on startup.

- For each volume listed as a user data variable `MARKLOGIC_EBS_VOLUME<N>`:
  - Attaches the volume to the system if needed.
  - Creates a filesystem if needed.
- For each EBS volume attached to the system in the managed range:
  - Creates a filesystem if needed.
  - Mounts the device to the default mount point (or the mount point currently in the Metadata Database).
  - Updates the Metadata Database with the current EBS Volume, OS device and mount point.

#### 4.4.4 leave-cluster

This command can be executed on a host to remove that host from the cluster. This command also removes the host from the cluster configuration information stored in the Metadata Database. The command leaves the host server in pre-initialized state (same as a fresh install). If the server is restarted, then it will re-join the cluster the same manner as an initial start.

Use the optional `-terminate` argument to terminate the instance and decrement the `DesiredCount` attribute of the AutoScaling group by one after leaving the cluster.

### 4.5 Configuring MarkLogic for Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3)

Amazon S3 support is built into MarkLogic Server as an available file system type. You configure S3 access at the group level. Once you have configured a group for S3, any forest in the group can be placed on S3 by specifying an S3 Path. Additionally, any host in the group can do backups to S3, restore from S3, as well as read and write directories and files on S3.

**Note:** Transaction journaling does not work on S3 because the S3 file system cannot do the file operations necessary to maintain a journal. Unless your S3 forest is configured with a fast data directory or updates allowed is set to `read-only`, you must set the journaling option on your database to `off` before attaching the forest to the database. This is not a requirement for backup/restore operations on a database, however.

To configure MarkLogic to access Amazon S3, do the following:

- [Set up an S3 Bucket](#)
- [Configure the S3 Endpoint for your Group](#)
- [Configure AWS Credentials](#)
- [Set an S3 Path in Forest Data Directory](#)
- [Load Content into MarkLogic to Test](#)

### 4.5.1 Set up an S3 Bucket

Follow the directions in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/gsg/CreatingABucket.html> to set up your S3 bucket.

**Warning** There can be multiple problems if the bucket name contains a period (.). Instead use a dash (-) for maximum compatibility with S3.

Bucket names are global and they are not scoped to your account. You should choose bucket names that have a good chance of being universally unique. For example:

- Bad: test
- Good: zippy-software-org-test

**Note:** Do not use the S3 Management Console to upload your content to S3. Instead, follow any of the procedures described in the *Loading Content Into MarkLogic Server Guide* after you have completed the configuration procedures.

### 4.5.2 Configure the S3 Endpoint for your Group

The S3 Endpoint is configured by specifying the S3 properties for your MarkLogic group.

1. Log into the Admin Interface.
2. Click the name of your group under the Groups icon on the left tree menu.
3. In the Group Configuration page, scroll down to the bottom to locate the S3 fields:



The screenshot shows three configuration fields for S3 on a light yellow background:

- s3 domain:** A text input field containing "s3.amazonaws.com". Below it is the text: "The simple storage service internet domain name."
- s3 protocol:** A dropdown menu with "http" selected. Below it is the text: "The simple storage service internet internet protocol."
- s3 server side encryption:** A dropdown menu with "none" selected. Below it is the text: "Specifies server side encryption for data at rest on the simple storage service."

Set the S3 fields as follows:

Setting	Description
s3 domain	The domain used for the S3 endpoint. The default value is set for your region. However, you can change it, if necessary. References to the regional endpoints can be found at <a href="http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/rande.html#s3_region">http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/rande.html#s3_region</a> .
s3 protocol	You can choose either <code>http</code> or <code>https</code> for communication with S3. The default is <code>http</code> .
s3 server side encryption	Storage on S3 can participate in server-side encryption. The default is <code>none</code> but you can set <code>aes256</code> to enable server-side encryption.

### 4.5.3 Configure AWS Credentials

In order to use AWS you must supply AWS credentials. You can configure AWS credentials in one of three ways:

- [Configuring an IAM Role with an AWS Access Policy](#)
- [Configuring AWS Credentials in Environment Variables](#)
- [Configuring AWS Credentials in the Security Database](#)

The order of precedence for locating AWS credentials is:

1. Credentials configured in the MarkLogic Security database
2. Environment variables
3. IAM Role

#### 4.5.3.1 Configuring an IAM Role with an AWS Access Policy

Your IAM Role will be used for your security credentials so you do not need to store any AWS Credentials in MarkLogic or on the EC2 instance in order access AWS resources. This is the most secure way of accessing AWS.

If you run an EC2 instance with an associated IAM Role, you can select a policy template that provides S3 access, such as “Amazon S3 Full Access” or “Amazon S3 Read Only Access.”

IAM roles are only used on the server if the `MARKLOGIC_AWS_ROLE` environment variable is set. This happens automatically for you unless you disable the EC2 configuration (such as setting `MARKLOGIC_EC2_HOST=0`), in which case the server will not use the `MARKLOGIC_AWS_ROLE` variable.

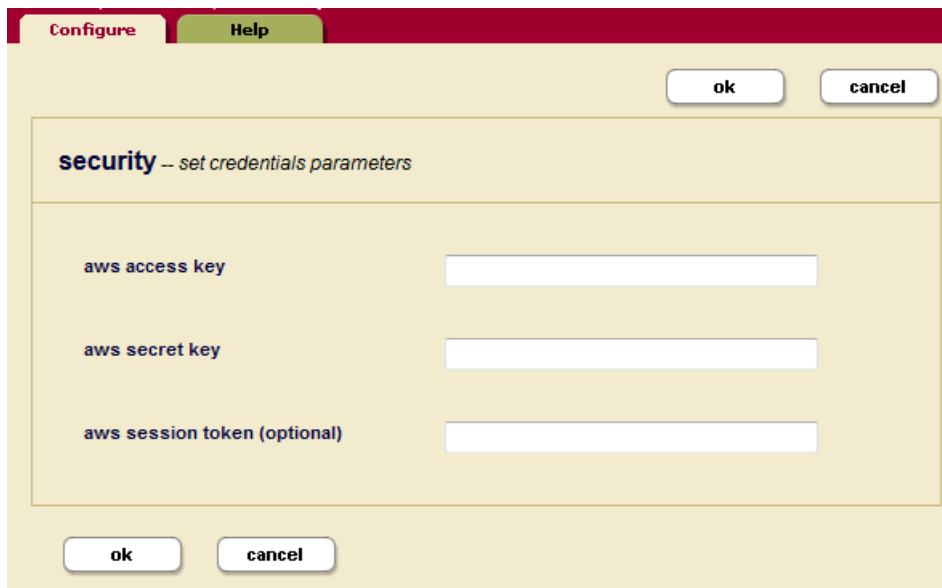
### 4.5.3.2 Configuring AWS Credentials in the Security Database

If you are only using S3, it is best to use the Admin Interface to store your AWS credentials because the credentials are securely stored in the MarkLogic Security database.

**Note:** If you are using KMS, you cannot put your credentials in the Security database because, on startup, MarkLogic needs the credentials before it can access AWS. In this case, follow the procedure described in “Configuring AWS Credentials in Environment Variables” on page 87.

In the Security, Credentials, Configure tab are fields for specifying the AWS credentials.

1. Log into the Admin Interface.
2. Click Security icon on the left tree menu.
3. Click Credentials to open the Credential Configuration page.
4. Enter the aws access key, aws secret key, and optional aws session token provided for your AWS account.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "security -- set credentials parameters". The dialog has a red header bar with "Configure" and "Help" tabs. Below the header are "ok" and "cancel" buttons. The main content area contains three input fields:

- aws access key
- aws secret key
- aws session token (optional)

At the bottom of the dialog are "ok" and "cancel" buttons.

### 4.5.3.3 Configuring AWS Credentials in Environment Variables

You can set a pair of environment variables that the server will use as AWS Credentials. These can be passed in as AWS User Data or set into the environment in which MarkLogic runs.

- `MARKLOGIC_AWS_ACCESS_KEY` -- Your AWS Access Key
- `MARKLOGIC_AWS_SECRET_KEY` -- Your AWS Secret Key
- `MARKLOGIC_AWS_SESSION_TOKEN` -- Your optional AWS Session Token

On Linux, set the environment variables in the `marklogic.conf` file, as described in “Configuration using the `/etc/marklogic.conf` File” on page 29. It is a good practice to protect the `marklogic.conf` file so that it is system readable only.

In Windows, set the environment variables as System Variables, then restart MarkLogic.

### 4.5.4 Set an S3 Path in Forest Data Directory

Set the data directory for the forest to a valid S3 path. For details on setting the forest data directory, see [Creating a Forest](#) in the *Administrator’s Guide*. Multiple forests can be configured for the same bucket.

The form of an S3 path is:

```
s3://bucket/directory/file
```

Where:

Item	Description
bucket	The name of your S3 bucket.
directory	Zero or more directory names, separated by forward slashes (/).
file	The filename, if the path is to a specific file.

For a directory path (such as a Forest data directory), then a bucket by itself is sufficient and files will be placed in the bucket root.

Example paths to S3 directories:

```
s3://my-company-bucket
```

```
s3://my-company-bucket/directory
```

```
s3://my-company-bucket/dir1/dir2/dir3
```



Example paths to S3 files:

```
s3://my-company-bucket/file.xml
```

```
s3://my-company-bucket/directory/file.txt
```

```
s3://my-company-bucket/dir1/dir2/dir3/file.txt
```

**Warning** Unless your S3 forest is configured with a fast data directory or updates allowed is set to `read-only`, you must set journaling on your database to `off` before attaching the forest to the database. Failure to do so will result in a forest error and you will have to restart the forest after you have disabled journaling on the database.

### 4.5.5 Load Content into MarkLogic to Test

Load content into your S3 database using any of the methods described in *Loading Content Into MarkLogic Server Guide* and run a query to confirm you have successfully configured MarkLogic Server with S3.

**Note:** Content uploaded directly to your bucket using the S3 Management Console will not be recognized by MarkLogic Server.

## 4.6 Scaling Cluster Resources on EC2

If you have created your stack using the 3+ Cloud Formation template, you can temporarily add nodes and forests to scale up your cluster for periods of heavy use and then remove them later when less resources are needed.

Adding more hosts to a cluster is simple. Simply use the Update Stack feature to reapply the 3+ Cloud Formation template and provide a larger number for the `NodesPerZone` setting.

Alternatively, you can add hosts by means of your Auto Scaling Groups. The recommended way to scale up the data capacity of your cluster is to add additional volumes, as described in “Creating an EBS Volume and Attaching it to an Instance” on page 90.

Scaling a cluster down involves some manual intervention. The procedure is as follows:

1. Use MarkLogic and AWS tools to identify equal number of hosts in each ASG to delete. Never delete the host with the Security database, or any of the other built-in MarkLogic databases, such as Meters, App-Services, Modules, and so on.
2. Delete or move the data from the hosts to be removed to other hosts. This can be done by using the REST Management API or XQuery `tieredstorage` API to migrate partitions or forests to a volume on another host. For details on migrating data, see [Migrating Forests and Partitions](#) in the *Administrator's Guide*.
3. As a super user, run the `leave-cluster -terminate` command on each host to be removed. This will cause the node to leave the cluster, and adjust the AutoScaling Group `DesiredCount` setting. For details, see “leave-cluster” on page 83.

4. Delete any unused volumes.
5. Update the Cloud Formation template to represent downsized cluster and use the Update Stack feature to reapply the template to the stack to alert AWS of the updated configuration.

#### 4.7 Upgrading MarkLogic on AWS

You cannot upgrade an earlier version of a MarkLogic instance on AWS to MarkLogic 9.0, and a volume used by an earlier version of MarkLogic cannot be attached to a MarkLogic 9.0 instance. Instead, you must create a MarkLogic 9.0 instance, as described in “Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation” on page 32, and then use MLCP, backup/restore, or some other MarkLogic tool described in the *Loading Content Into MarkLogic Server Guide* to transfer the data from your earlier volumes to your MarkLogic 9.0 volumes.

#### 4.8 Monitoring (CloudWatch)

AWS provides robust monitoring of EC2 instances, EBS volumes, and other services via the CloudWatch service. You can use CloudWatch to set thresholds on individual AWS services and send notifications via SMS or Email when these thresholds have been exceeded. For example, you can set a threshold on excessive storage throughput. You can also create your own metrics to monitor with CloudWatch. For example, you might write a custom metric to monitor the current free memory on your instances and to alarm or trigger an automatic response should a memory threshold be exceeded.

For details on the use of CloudWatch, see <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/WhatIsCloudWatch.html>.

#### 4.9 Migrating from Enterprise Data Center to EC2

This section describes the steps for migrating your data and configuration from a data center to EC2.

There are a number of ways you could migrate from a local data center to EC2. The following is one possible procedure.

1. Backup your databases on S3 storage. To do this, set your S3 security credentials, as described in “Configure AWS Credentials” on page 85, on your local MarkLogic cluster and, for your backup directory, provide the path to your S3 bucket, as described in “Set an S3 Path in Forest Data Directory” on page 87.
2. Use Configuration Manager to export all of the configuration data for your cluster, as described in [Exporting a Configuration](#) in the *Administrator’s Guide*.
3. Create a Cloud Formation template, as described in “Deploying MarkLogic on EC2 Using CloudFormation” on page 32, to recreate the hosts for your cluster on EC2.

4. Import your configuration data into your EC2 cluster, as described in [Importing a Configuration](#) in the *Administrator's Guide*.
5. Restore your backed-up data from S3 to your configured EC2 forests.

## 4.10 Creating an EBS Volume and Attaching it to an Instance

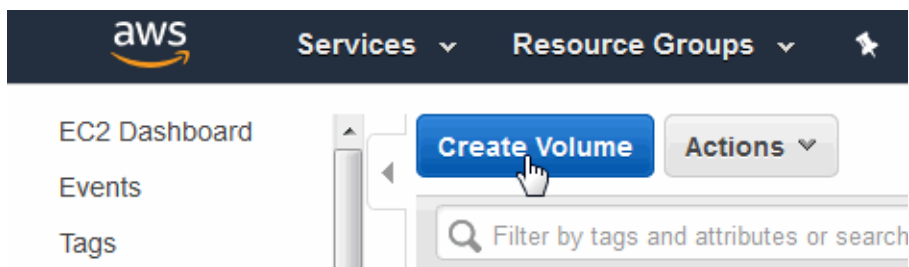
This section describes how to create an EBS volume and attach it to your MarkLogic Server instance.

In general, it is a best practice is to have one volume per node and one forest per volume.

### 4.10.1 Creating and EBS Volume

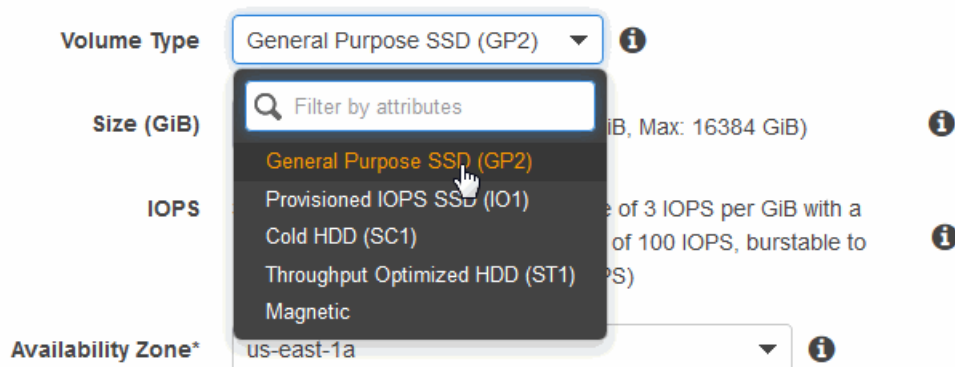
Use the following procedure to create an EBS volume.

1. Open the EC2 Dashboard, select Volumes from the left-hand navigation section. In the EBS Volumes page, select Create Volume:



2. In the Create Volume window, specify the Volume Type from the pull-down menu.

## Create Volume



3. Specify a volume size large enough for your needs and the same availability zone associated with your instance. Specify the same zone as the instance to which you intend to attach the volume. You can also optionally specify an EBS snapshot. See Help on the EBS snapshot page for details on how to create a snapshot.









**Warning** The zones for your instance and EBS volume may not be the same by default.

When finished, click Create Volume. Locate the reference to this new volume in the right-hand section of the management console and verify that the State is `available`.


---

## Create Volume

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<b>Volume Type</b>	General Purpose SSD (GP2) 
<b>Size (GiB)</b>	100 (Min: 1 GiB, Max: 16384 GiB) 
<b>IOPS</b>	300 / 3000 (Baseline of 3 IOPS per GiB with a minimum of 100 IOPS, burstable to 3000 IOPS) 
<b>Availability Zone*</b>	us-east-1a 
<b>Throughput (MB/s)</b>	Not applicable 
<b>Snapshot ID</b>	Select a snapshot  
<b>Encryption</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Encrypt this volume 
<b>Tags</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Add tags to your volume

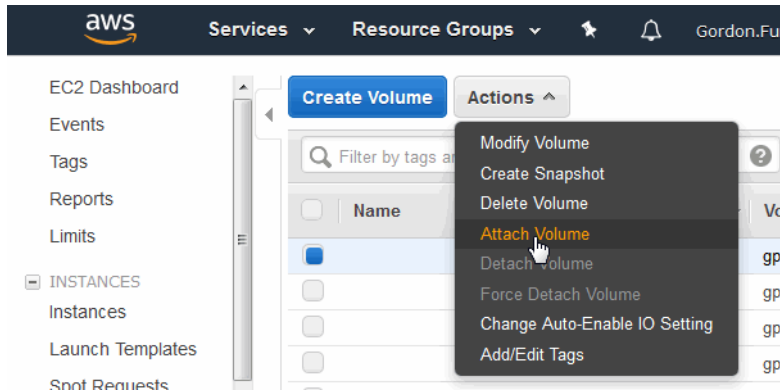
---

[Cancel](#) [Create Volume](#) 

## 4.10.2 Attaching an EBS Volume to an Instance

This section describes how to use the EC2 Dashboard to attach a volume to an instance.

1. Select Volumes from the left-hand navigation section and then click Attach Volume.



2. In the Attach Volume window, specify the instance you launched from the MarkLogic Server AMI. For the Device selection, use `/dev/sdf`. Click Yes, Attach when you are finished. Locate the reference to this volume in the right-hand section of the management console and verify that the status is "in-use". If the status is not "in-use," continue to click Refresh until the status changes to "in-use."

**Attach Volume** ✕

<b>Volume</b>	(i)	vol-00fa99f5330a8a32e in us-east-1c	
<b>Instance</b>	(i)	<input type="text" value="i-04d497ba938417b66"/>	in us-east-1c
<b>Device</b>	(i)	<input type="text" value="/dev/sdf"/>	

Cancel
Attach

3. SSH into the instance and execute the [init-volumes-from-system](#) command to create a filesystem for the volume and update the Metadata Database with the new volume configuration. The [init-volumes-from-system](#) command will output a detailed report of what it is doing. Note the mount directory of the volume from this report.
4. Once the volume is attached and mounted to the instance, log into the Administrator Interface on that host and create a forest, specifying host name of the instance and the mount directory of the volume as the forest Data Directory. For details on how to create a forest, see [Creating a Forest](#) in the *Administrator's Guide*.

## 4.11 Pausing or Terminating a MarkLogic Cluster

At any time you can pause the cluster by using the Update Stack feature to reapply the CloudFormation template to your stack and setting the ASG `NodesPerZone` value to 0 for all nodes. You can later restart the node by resetting the `NodesPerZone` to a value of 1 - 20 for each ASG.

**Warning** Do not manually stop your MarkLogic instances from the EC2 dashboard, as each AutoScaling Group will detect that they have stopped and will automatically restart them. The same is true if you shutdown MarkLogic from the Admin Interface or by means of a MarkLogic API call.

To terminate your MarkLogic cluster, you can delete the stack, as described in “Deleting a CloudFormation Stack” on page 74.

## 5.0 Technical Support

For complete product documentation, the latest product release updates, and other useful information for developers, visit our developer site at <http://developer.marklogic.com/cloudcomputing>.

Support services are not included with MarkLogic Server for EC2 products. You can take advantage of community support by using the developer mailing list available on the developer site. Should you require formal support services, please inquire about the available options by emailing [support-cloud@marklogic.com](mailto:support-cloud@marklogic.com).

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