

# CREST CRIA Kali Candidate Machine AMI Setup Guide

---

- [CREST CRIA Kali Candidate Machine AMI Setup Guide](#)
  - [Set up the machine in AWS](#)
  - [Accessing the machine](#)
    - [Connecting via SSH](#)
    - [Connecting via RDP](#)
      - [Allowing RDP connections](#)
      - [Connect to the machine](#)

## Set up the machine in AWS

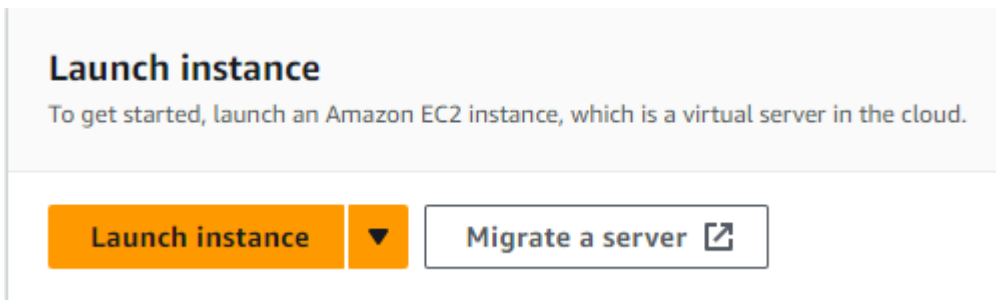
If you do not already have an AWS account, you can create one here:

[https://signin.aws.amazon.com/signup?request\\_type=register](https://signin.aws.amazon.com/signup?request_type=register)

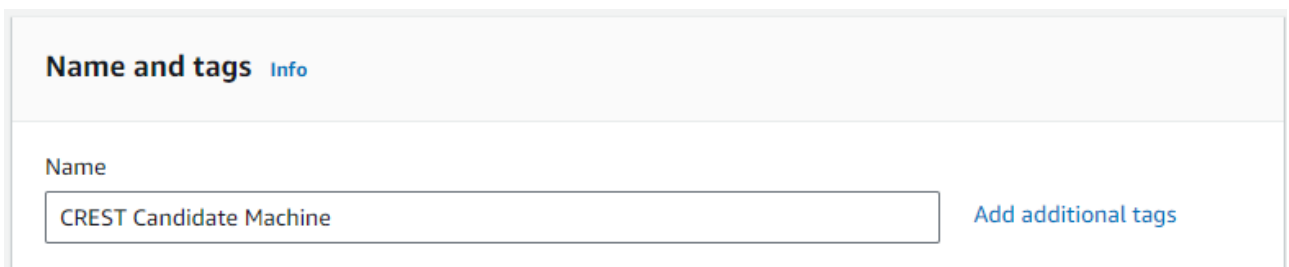
The AMI is available in the following regions:

- Europe (London) | [eu-west-2](#)
- Asia Pacific (Singapore) | [ap-southeast-1](#)
- Asia Pacific (Sydney) | [ap-southeast-2](#)
- US East (N. Virginia) | [us-east-1](#)

### 1. Launch instance



### 2. Name your instance



# 1. Search for CREST-CRIA Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) search box

▼ **Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)** [Info](#)

An AMI contains the operating system, application server, and applications for your instance. If you don't see a suitable AMI below, use the search field or choose **Browse more AMIs**.

## 2. Select Community AMIs

Search results for 'crest-cria' in the AWS console. The 'Community AMIs (500)' tab is selected. Two AMIs are listed:

- CREST-CRIA-Windows-AMI**  
ami-00a84aa446b742cca  
[Copied ami-017d94353bf14c8d6 (CREST CRIA Windows Candidate Image 2026) from eu-west-2] CREST-CRIA-Windows-AMI  
OwnerAlias: - Platform: windows Architecture: x86\_64 Owner: 126620636130 Publish date: 2026-02-23 Root device type: ebs Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: Yes
- CREST-CRIA-Kali-AMI**  
ami-0fd73300beb7a506e  
[Copied ami-0017060f50496483d (CREST CRIA Kali Candidate Image 2026) from eu-west-2] CREST-CRIA-Kali-AMI  
OwnerAlias: - Platform: - Architecture: x86\_64 Owner: 126620636130 Publish date: 2026-02-23 Root device type: ebs Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: Yes

### 3.a Make sure the details match the following:

Name: **CREST-CRIA-Kali-AMI**

Owner: **126620636130**

### 3.b - Select the AMI

Selected AMI details for **CREST-CRIA-Kali-AMI** (ami-01f38ad20d1356910). The 'Free tier eligible' badge is visible. A 'Select' button is present on the right.

## 4. Select desired instance type

ⓘ If you want to host the machine for free, select type **t2.micro**. This is only available to Free tier eligible customers (more information about this can be found [here](#)) ⓘ

▼ **Instance type** [Info](#) | [Get advice](#)

Instance type

**t2.micro** Free tier eligible

Family: t2 1 vCPU 1 GiB Memory Current generation: true

On-Demand Windows base pricing: 0.0178 USD per Hour

On-Demand RHEL base pricing: 0.0732 USD per Hour

On-Demand SUSE base pricing: 0.0132 USD per Hour

On-Demand Linux base pricing: 0.0132 USD per Hour

Additional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software


All generations [Compare instance types](#)

## 5. Create or select your key pair

▼ **Key pair (login)** [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - *required*

CREST-Candidate-Key ▼  [Create new key pair](#)

## 6. Configure the network

- If you want to allow SSH into the machine, select it and set the desired connection IP. (RDP will be set up in a later step)

Firewall (security groups) | [Info](#)

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.

Create security group  Select existing security group

We'll create a new security group called 'launch-wizard-2' with the following rules:

Allow SSH traffic from    
Helps you connect to your instance   
██████████/32 ▼

Allow HTTPS traffic from the internet   
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

Allow HTTP traffic from the internet   
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

## 7. Configure storage

- Leave this setting as the default

ⓘ Please note this storage will incur a cost. Changing this setting may result in the Kali machine not working. More information on storage costs can be found [here](#) ⓘ

▼ **Configure storage** [Info](#) Advanced

1x  GiB  Root volume (Not encrypted)

i Free tier eligible customers can get up to 30 GB of EBS General Purpose (SSD) or Magnetic storage ✕

[Add new volume](#)

---

i Click refresh to view backup information ↻  
 The tags that you assign determine whether the instance will be backed up by any Data Lifecycle Manager policies.

---

0 x File systems [Edit](#)

8. Launch the instance

- Once the above steps are complete, you can launch the instance

Cancel

Launch instance  
Review commands

## Accessing the machine

Login Credentials

- Username: `kali`
- Password: `kali`

There are two ways to access the machine. You can use either SSH or RDP. We recommend RDP for the best experience.

You will need the public IPv4 address to access the machine. This can be found in the instance summary:

**Instance summary for i-0f983c2590b768b54 (CREST Candidate Machine)** [Info](#)  
Updated less than a minute ago

<p>Instance ID</p> <p><span style="color: #0070c0;">i</span> i-0f983c2590b768b54 (CREST Candidate Machine)</p>	<p>Public IPv4 address</p> <p><span style="color: #0070c0;">i</span> <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>   <a href="#">open address</a> <span style="color: #0070c0;">↗</span></p>
--	---

## Connecting via SSH

To connect via ssh use the following command:

```
ssh -i <PATH-TO-YOUR-KEY-PAIR> kali@<MACHINE-PUBLIC-IP>
```

## Connecting via RDP

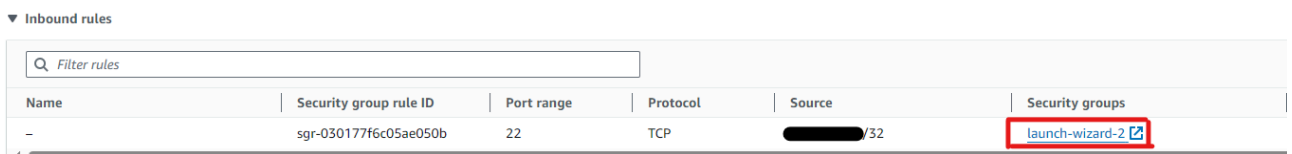
### Allowing RDP connections

To connect via RDP, you have to allow incoming RDP connections. You can do this as follows:

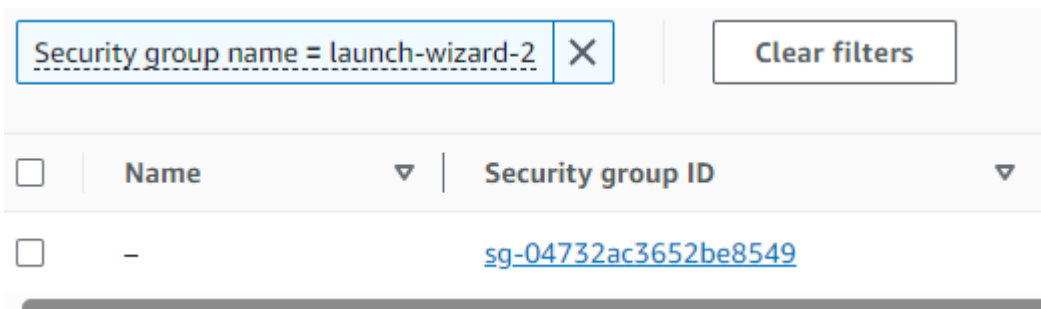
1. Select the **Security** tab from your instance summary



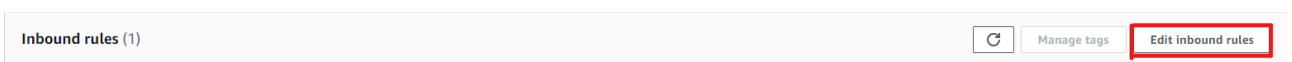
2. Inside **Inbound rules** select the launch wizard for your security group



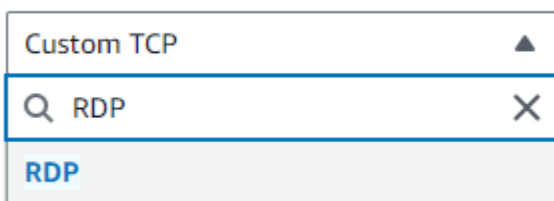
3. Select the **Security group ID**



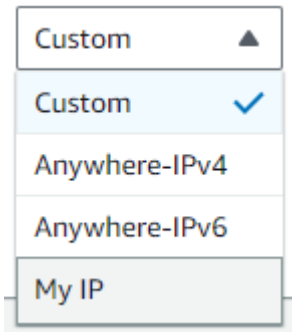
4. Edit inbound rules



5. Add new RDP rule



6. Set desired Source



### Connect to the machine

1. Using your desired RDP client, type in the public IP of the AWS machine and connect.
2. Leave the session as **Xorg**
3. sign in using the credentials provided above

