

CREST CRIA Windows Candidate Machine AMI Setup Guide

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Set up the machine in AWS

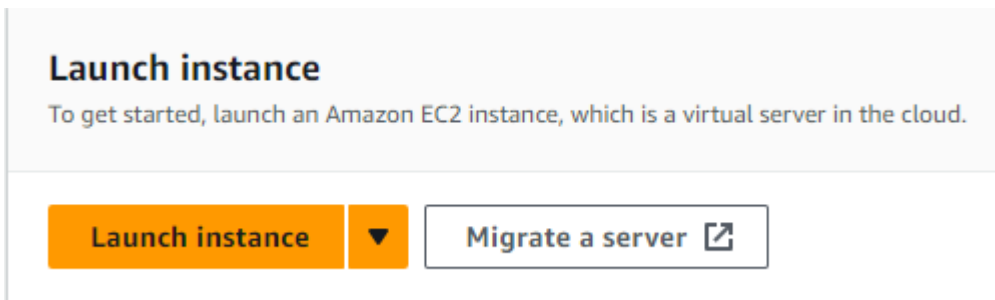
If you do not already have an AWS account, you can create one here:

https://signin.aws.amazon.com/signup?request_type=register

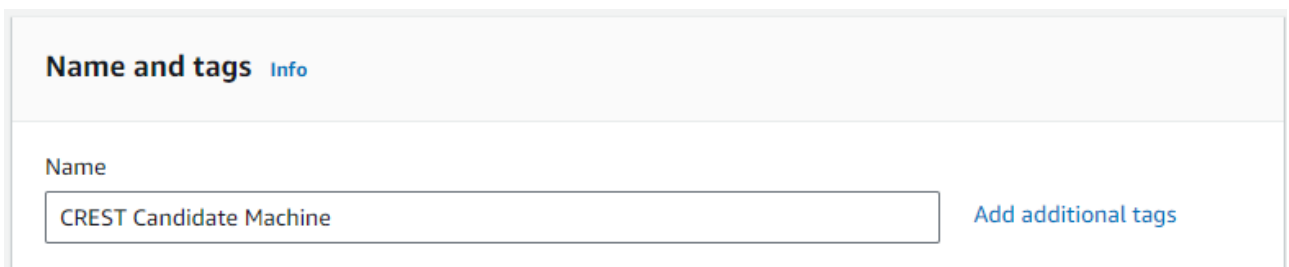
The AMI is available in the following regions:

- 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 results are categorized into Quick Start AMIs (0), My AMIs (0), AWS Marketplace AMIs (1064), and Community AMIs (500). Under the Community AMIs section, two results are shown:

- 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
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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-Windows-AMI**

Owner: **126620636130**

3.b - Select the AMI

CREST-CRIA-Windows-AMI
ami-09134e8d06eb841c1
[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

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

All generations
[Compare instance types](#)

Additional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software

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

To Allow RDP connections to this machine, select it and set the desired connection IP.

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 RDP traffic from
Helps you connect to your instance

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

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7. Configure storage

- Leave this setting as the default

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

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

1x GiB Root volume (Not encrypted)

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

[Add new volume](#)

🕒 [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: `windows`
- Password: `windows`

The machine is only accessible via RDP.

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>📄 i-0f983c2590b768b54 (CREST Candidate Machine)</p>	<p>Public IPv4 address</p> <p>📄 [REDACTED] open address 🔗</p>
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Connecting via RDP

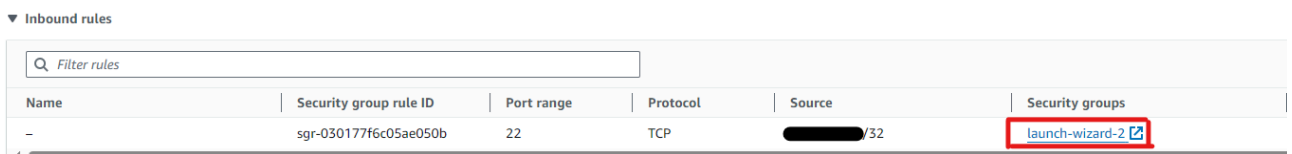
Allowing RDP connections

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

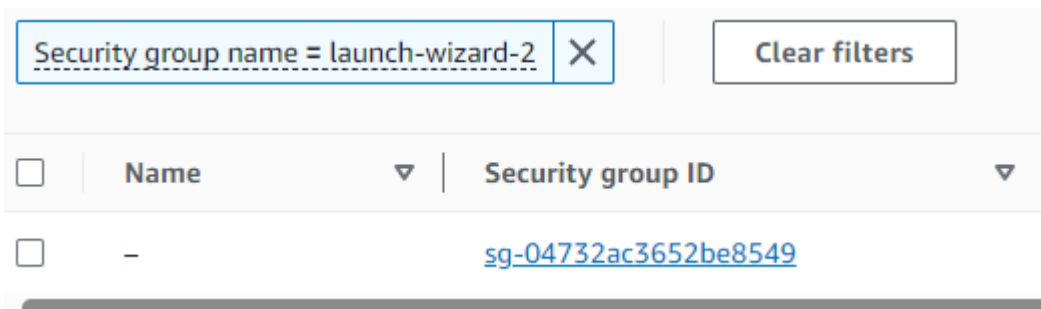
1. Select the **Security** tab from your instance summary



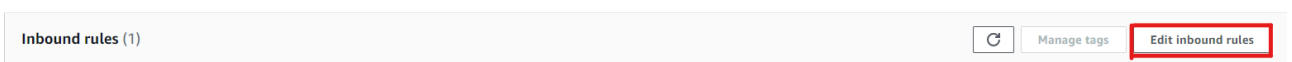
2. Inside **Inbound rules** select the launch wizard for your security group



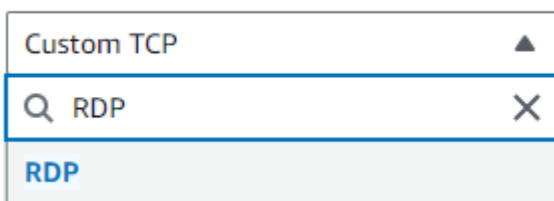
3. Select the **Security group ID**



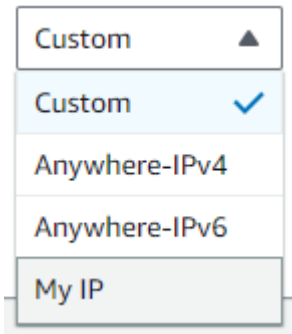
4. Edit inbound rules



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. to windows
2. Update the username to 'windows' (it will default to Administrator)
3. Login with the password 'windows'