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Welcome

This is the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud API Reference. This guide is for developers who need detailed information about the Amazon EC2 API actions, data types, and errors. For detailed information about Amazon EC2 features and their associated API calls, go to the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide](#).

WSDL Location

The current WSDL is at: <http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/AmazonEC2.wsdl>

This reference has a single set of topics for both the Query and SOAP APIs (the actions are the same for both APIs). The topic for a given action shows the Query API request parameters. The XML request elements for the SOAP API have names that are very similar to the Query API parameter names. You can view the XML request elements in the WSDL, or look at the proxy classes that a SOAP toolkit generates from the WSDL. Therefore you can look at the topic for a given action and see what you need to provide for either the Query API or the SOAP API. You can also see what the XML response looks like (it's the same for both APIs).

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Common Query Parameters

All Query actions share a set of common parameters that must be present in each call.

Name	Description	Required
<i>Action</i>	Indicates the action to perform. Example: <code>RunInstances</code>	Yes
<i>Version</i>	The API version to use, as specified in the WSDL. Example: <code>2010-11-15</code>	Yes
<i>AWSAccessKeyId</i>	The Access Key ID for the request sender. This identifies the account which will be charged for usage of the service. The account with which the Access Key ID is associated must be signed up for Amazon EC2, or requests will not be accepted. <code>AKIADQKE4SARGYLE</code>	Yes
<i>Timestamp</i>	The date and time at which the request is signed, in the format <code>YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ</code> . For more information, go to ISO 8601 . Example: <code>2006-07-07T15:04:56Z</code>	Yes
<i>Expires</i>	The date and time at which the signature included in the request expires, in the format <code>YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ</code> . Example: <code>2006-07-07T15:04:56Z</code>	Yes
<i>Signature</i>	The request signature. For more information, go to Making Query Requests in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Example: <code>Qnpl4Qk/7tINHzfXCiT7VbBatDA=</code>	Yes
<i>SignatureMethod</i>	The hash algorithm you use to create the request signature. Valid values: <code>HmacSHA256</code> <code>HmacSHA1</code> . For more information, go to Making Query Requests in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Example: <code>HmacSHA256</code>	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>SignatureVersion</i>	The signature version you use to sign the request. Set this value to 2. For more information, go to Making Query Requests in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Example: 2	Yes



Note

The *Timestamp* parameter can be used instead of *Expires*. Requests must include either *Timestamp* or *Expires*, but cannot contain both.

Parameter values must be URL-encoded. This is true for any Query parameter passed to Amazon EC2 and is typically necessary in the *Signature* parameter. Some clients do this automatically, but this is not the norm.

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AllocateAddress

Description

Acquires an elastic IP address for use with your account. For more information about elastic IP addresses, go to [Instance Addressing](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

The `AllocateAddress` operation does not have any request parameters.

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in an `AllocateAddressResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>publicIp</code>	IP address for use with your account. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=AllocateAddress&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<AllocateAddressResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">  
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>  
  <publicIp>67.202.55.255</publicIp>  
</AllocateAddressResponse>
```

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AssociateAddress

Description

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>PublicIp</i>	IP address to assign to the instance. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>InstanceId</i>	The instance to associate with the IP address. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in an `AssociateAddressResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example associates an IP address with an instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=AssociateAddress
&InstanceId=i-2ea64347
&PublicIp=67.202.55.255
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<AssociateAddressResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
```



```
<return>true</return>  
</AssociateAddressResponse>
```

Related Operations

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AttachVolume

Description

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



Note

Windows instances currently support devices xvda through xvdp. Device xvda is assigned to drive C:\, and, depending on the instance type, devices xvdb through xvde might be reserved by the ephemeral stores. Any device that is not reserved can be attached to an Amazon EBS volume.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>VolumeId</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS volume. The volume and instance must be within the same Availability Zone and the instance must be running. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>InstanceId</i>	The ID of the instance to which the volume attaches. The volume and instance must be within the same Availability Zone and the instance must be running. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Device</i>	How the device is exposed to the instance (e.g., /dev/sdh, or xvdh). Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in an `AttachVolumeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>volumeId</code>	The ID of the volume. Type: xsd:string
<code>instanceId</code>	The ID of the instance. Type: xsd:string
<code>device</code>	The device as it is exposed to the instance (e.g., /dev/sdh, or xvdh). Type: xsd:string

Name	Description
status	Volume state. Type: xsd:string Valid Values: attaching attached detaching detached
attachTime	Time stamp when the attachment initiated. Type: xsd:dateTime

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=AttachVolume
&VolumeId=vol-4d826724
&InstanceId=i-6058a509
&Device=/dev/sdh
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<AttachVolumeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <volumeId>vol-4d826724</volumeId>
  <instanceId>i-6058a509</instanceId>
  <device>/dev/sdh</device>
  <status>attaching</status>
  <attachTime>2008-05-07T11:51:50.000Z</attachTime>
</AttachVolumeResponse>
```

Related Operations

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AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress

Description

Adds a *rule* to a security group. Specifically, this either gives one or more CIDR IP address ranges permission to access a security group in your account, or gives one or more security groups (called the *source groups*) permission to access a security group in your account. A source group can be in your own AWS account, or another.

The permission is comprised of the IP protocol (TCP, UDP or ICMP) and the CIDR range or source group. For TCP and UDP, you also specify the source and destination port ranges; for ICMP, you also specify the ICMP types. You can use -1 as a wildcard for the ICMP type.

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



Caution

Adding hundreds of rules to a security group might cause problems when you access the instance. We recommend you condense your rules as much as possible.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>UserId</i>	Deprecated	No
<i>GroupName</i>	Name of the group to modify. The name must be valid, and the group must belong to your account. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.IpProtocol</i>	IP protocol. Type: String Valid Values: tcp udp icmp Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.FromPort</i>	Start of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP type number. An ICMP type number of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP type number). Type: Integer Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.ToPort</i>	End of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP code. An ICMP code of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP code). Type: Integer Default: None	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>IpPermissions.n.Groups.m.UserId</i>	AWS account ID that owns the source security group. Cannot be used when specifying a CIDR IP address. Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if giving access to one or more source security groups.	Conditional
<i>IpPermissions.n.Groups.m.GroupName</i>	Name of the source security group. Cannot be used when specifying a CIDR IP address. Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if giving access to one or more source security groups.	Conditional
<i>IpPermissions.n.IpRanges.m.CidrIp</i>	CIDR range. Cannot be used when specifying a source security group. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Valid CIDR IP address range. Condition: Required if giving access to one or more IP address ranges.	Conditional

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in an `AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngressResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if request is successful. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example grants the 205.192.0.0/16 and 205.159.0.0/16 address ranges access to your `webserv` security group on TCP port 80.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress
&GroupName=webserv
&IpPermissions.1.IpProtocol=tcp
&IpPermissions.1.FromPort=80
&IpPermissions.1.ToPort=80
&IpPermissions.1.IpRanges.1.CidrIp=205.192.0.0/16
```

```
&IpPermissions.1.IpRanges.2.CidrIp=205.159.0.0/16  
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example grants TCP port 80 access from the source group called OtherAccountGroup (in AWS account 999988887777) to your webserv security group.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress  
&GroupName=webserv  
&IpPermissions.1.IpProtocol=tcp  
&IpPermissions.1.FromPort=80  
&IpPermissions.1.ToPort=80  
&IpPermissions.1.Groups.1.GroupName=OtherAccountGroup  
&IpPermissions.1.Groups.1.UserId=999988887777  
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngressResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-  
11-15/">  
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>  
  <return>>true</return>  
</AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngressResponse>
```

Related Operations

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- [DescribeSecurityGroups](#) (p. 110)
- [RevokeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 187)
- [DeleteSecurityGroup](#) (p. 50)

BundleInstance

Description

Bundles an Amazon S3-backed Windows instance.



Note

During bundling, only the root store (C:) is bundled. Data on the ephemeral stores is not preserved. This procedure is not applicable for Linux and UNIX instances or Windows instances that use Amazon EBS volumes as their root devices.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	The ID of the instance to bundle. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Storage.S3.Bucket</i>	The bucket in which to store the AMI. You can specify a bucket that you already own or a new bucket that Amazon EC2 creates on your behalf. If you specify a bucket that belongs to someone else, Amazon EC2 returns an error. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Storage.S3.Prefix</i>	The beginning of the file name of the AMI. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Storage.S3.AWSAccessKeyId</i>	The Access Key ID of the owner of the Amazon S3 bucket. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Storage.S3.UploadPolicy</i>	A Base64-encoded Amazon S3 upload policy that gives Amazon EC2 permission to upload items into Amazon S3 on your behalf. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Storage.S3.UploadPolicySignature</i>	The signature of the Base64 encoded JSON document. Type: String Default: None	Yes

JSON Parameters

The upload policy gives Amazon EC2 limited permission to upload items into your Amazon S3 bucket. The following table describes the required parameters for the upload policy JSON document. Parameter

names are case sensitive. For more information about upload policies and how to sign them, go to the sections about policy construction and signatures in the [Amazon Simple Storage Service Developer Guide](#).

Name	Description	Required
expiration	The expiration of the policy. We recommend 12 hours or longer.	Yes
conditions	A list of restrictions on what can be uploaded to Amazon S3. Must contain the bucket and ACL conditions in this table.	Yes
bucket	The bucket to store the AMI.	Yes
acl	This must be set to ec2-bundle-read.	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `BundleInstanceResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
bundleInstanceTask	Bundle task. Type: <code>BundleInstanceTaskType</code> (p. 211)

Examples

Example Request

This example bundles the `i-e468cd8d` instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=BundleInstance
&InstanceId=i-e468cd8d
&Storage.S3.AWSAccessKeyId=10QMXFEV71ZS32XQFTR2
&Storage.S3.Bucket=my-bucket
&Storage.S3.Prefix=winami
&Storage.S3.UploadPolicy=eyJleHBpcmF0aW9uIjogIjIwMDgtMDgtMzBUMDg6NDk6MDlaIiwiaWY29uZG10aW9ucyI6IFt7ImJlY2tldCI6ICJteS1idWNrZXQifSxbInN0YXJ0cy13aXRoIiwgIiRrZXkiLCAibXktbmV3LWltYWdlIl0seyJhY2wiOiAiZWMyLWJlbnRsZS1yZWZkInlkaQ%3D%3D
&Storage.S3.UploadPolicySignature=fh5tyyyQD8W4COEthj3nlGNtJMU%3D
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<BundleInstanceResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <bundleInstanceTask>
```



```
<instanceId>i-12345678</instanceId>
<bundleId>bun-c1a540a8</bundleId>
<state>bundling</state>
<startTime>2008-10-07T11:41:50.000Z</startTime>
<updateTime>2008-10-07T11:51:50.000Z</updateTime>
<progress>70%</progress>
<storage>
  <S3>
    <bucket>my-bucket</bucket>
    <prefix>winami</prefix>
  </S3>
</storage>
</bundleInstanceTask>
</BundleInstanceResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CancelBundleTask](#) (p. 21)
- [DescribeBundleTasks](#) (p. 67)
- [CreateImage](#) (p. 29)

CancelBundleTask

Description

Cancels a bundling operation for an Amazon S3-backed Windows instance (see [BundleInstance](#) (p. 18)).

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CancelBundleTaskResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>bundleInstanceTask</code>	Bundle task to cancel. Type: BundleInstanceTaskType (p. 211)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CancelBundleTask
&BundleId=bun-cla322b9
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CancelBundleTaskResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <bundleInstanceTask>
    <instanceId>i-12345678</instanceId>
    <bundleId>bun-cla322b9</bundleId>
    <state>canceling</state>
    <startTime>2008-10-07T11:41:50.000Z</startTime>
    <updateTime>2008-10-07T11:51:50.000Z</updateTime>
    <progress>20%</progress>
  </bundleInstanceTask>
</CancelBundleTaskResponse>
```

```
<storage>
  <S3>
    <bucket>my-bucket</bucket>
    <prefix>my-new-image</prefix>
  </S3>
</storage>
</bundleInstanceTask>
</CancelBundleTaskResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [BundleInstance](#) (p. 18)
- [DescribeBundleTasks](#) (p. 67)

CancelConversionTask

Description

Cancels an active conversion task. The task can be the import of an instance or volume. The command removes all artifacts of the conversion, including a partially uploaded volume or instance. If the conversion is complete or is in the process of transferring the final disk image, the command fails and returns an exception.

For more information, go to [Importing Your Virtual Machines and Volumes into Amazon EC2](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ConversionTaskId</i>	The ID of the task you want to cancel. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

Name	Description
<i>requestId</i>	ID of the request. Type: string
<i>return</i>	Specifies whether the cancellation was successful or not. Type: Boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example cancels the conversion task with ID import-i-fh95npoc.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CancelConversionTask
&ConversionTaskId=import-i-fh95npoc
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CancelConversionTaskResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</CancelConversionTaskResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ImportInstance](#) (p. 148)
- [ImportVolume](#) (p. 154)
- [DescribeConversionTasks](#) (p. 70)

CancelSpotInstanceRequests

Description

Cancels one or more Spot Instance requests. Spot Instances are instances that Amazon EC2 starts on your behalf when the maximum price that you specify exceeds the current Spot Price. Amazon EC2 periodically sets the Spot Price based on available Spot Instance capacity and current spot instance requests. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.



Important

Canceling a Spot Instance request does not terminate running Spot Instances associated with the request.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SpotInstanceRequestIds</i>	One or more Spot Instance request IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>spotInstanceRequestSet</code>	A list of Spot Instance requests. Each request is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponseSetItemType (p. 212)

Examples

Example Request

This example cancels a Spot Instance request.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CancelSpotInstanceRequests
&SpotInstanceRequestId.1=sir-e95fae02
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <spotInstanceRequestSet>
    <item>
      <spotInstanceRequestId>sir-e95fae02</spotInstanceRequestId>
      <state>cancelled</state>
    </item>
  </spotInstanceRequestSet></CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeSpotInstanceRequests](#) (p. 123)
- [RequestSpotInstances](#) (p. 176)
- [DescribeSpotPriceHistory](#) (p. 128)

ConfirmProductInstance

Description

Verifies whether a Amazon DevPay product code is associated with an instance. This can only be executed by the owner of the AMI and is useful when an AMI owner wants to verify whether another EC2 user's instance is eligible for support.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ProductCode</i>	The product code to confirm. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>InstanceId</i>	The instance to confirm. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ConfirmProductInstanceResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the product code is attached to the instance. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean
<code>ownerId</code>	The instance owner's account ID. Only present if the product code is attached to the instance. Type: xsd:string

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ConfirmProductInstance
&ProductCode=774F4FF8
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&AUTHPARAMS
```


Example Response

```
<ConfirmProductInstanceResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
  <ownerId>254933287430</ownerId>
</ConfirmProductInstanceResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)

CreateImage

Description

Creates an Amazon EBS-backed AMI from an Amazon EBS-backed instance that is in either the `running` or `stopped` state. For more information about Amazon EBS-backed AMIs, go to [Amazon EBS-Backed AMIs and Instances](#).



Note

If you customized your instance with ephemeral storage devices or additional EBS volumes besides the root device, the new AMI contains block device mapping information for those storage devices and volumes. When you then launch an instance from your new AMI, the instance automatically launches with the additional devices and volumes.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	The ID of the instance. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Name</i>	A name for the new image you're creating. Type: String Default: None Constraints: 3-128 alphanumeric characters, parenthesis (()), commas (,), slashes (/), dashes (-), or underscores(_)	Yes
<i>Description</i>	A description of the new image. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Up to 255 characters	No
<i>NoReboot</i>	By default this parameter is set to <code>false</code> , which means Amazon EC2 attempts to cleanly shut down the instance before image creation and reboots the instance afterwards. When the parameter is set to <code>true</code> , Amazon EC2 does not shut down the instance before creating the image. When this option is used, file system integrity on the created image cannot be guaranteed. Type: Boolean Default: <code>false</code>	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateImageResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
imageId	The ID of the AMI. Type: xsd:string

Examples

Example Request

This example creates an AMI from the i-10a64379 instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateImage
&Description=Standard+Web+Server+v1.0
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&Name=standard-web-server-v1.0
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateImageResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <imageId>ami-4fa54026</imageId>
</CreateImageResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [TerminateInstances](#) (p. 201)

CreateKeyPair

Description

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



Tip

The key pair returned to you works only in the Region you're using when you create the key pair. If you'd like to create a key pair that works in all Regions, see [ImportKeyPair \(p. 152\)](#).

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateKeyPairResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>keyName</code>	The key pair name you provided. Type: xsd:string
<code>keyFingerprint</code>	A SHA-1 digest of the DER encoded private key. Type: xsd:string
<code>keyMaterial</code>	An unencrypted PEM encoded RSA private key. Type: xsd:string

Examples

Example Request

This example creates a key pair named `gsg-keypair`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateKeyPair
&KeyName=gsg-keypair
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateKeyPairResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <keyName>gsg-keypair</keyName>
  <keyFingerprint>
    1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f
  </keyFingerprint>
  <keyMaterial>-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEoQIBAAKCAQBULFg5UjHrtm1jnutSuo08Xe56LlT+HM8v/xkaa39EstM3/aFXTHgElQiJLChp
HungXQ29VTc8rc1bw0lkdi23OH5eqkMHGhvEwqa0HWASUM114o3o/IX+0f2UcPoKCOVUR+jx71Sg
5AU52EQfanIn3ZQ81FW7Edp5a3q4DhjG1UKToHVbicL5E+g45zfb95wIyywWZfeW/UUF3LpGZyq/
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gC0iZzzNAapayz1+JcVTwwEid6j9JqNXbBc+Z2YwMi+T0Fv/P/hwkX/ypeOXnIUcw0Ih/YtGBVAC
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P8TTvW/6bdPi23ExzxZn7K0drfclYRphlLHMPaONv/x2xALIf91UB+v5ohyloDoasL0gi1lhouRe
2ERKKdWz0ZL9SWq6VTdhr/5G994CK72fy5WhyERbdjUIIdHaK3M849Jjuf8cSrvSb4g==
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----</keyMaterial>
</CreateKeyPairResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [DescribeKeyPairs](#) (p. 93)
- [DeleteKeyPair](#) (p. 46)

CreatePlacementGroup

Description

Creates a placement group that you launch cluster instances into. You must give the group a name unique within the scope of your account. For more information about placement groups and cluster instances, go to [Using Cluster Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
GroupName	A name for the placement group. Type: string Default: None	Yes
Strategy	The placement group strategy. Type: string Valid Values: cluster	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreatePlacementGroupResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
return	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example creates a placement group named XYZ-cluster.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreatePlacementGroup
&GroupName=XYZ-cluster
&Strategy=cluster
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreatePlacementGroupResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
```

```
<requestId>d4904fd9-82c2-4ea5-adfe-a9cc3EXAMPLE</requestId>  
<return>>true</return>  
</CreatePlacementGroupResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DeletePlacementGroup](#) (p. 48)
- [DescribePlacementGroups](#) (p. 96)

CreateSecurityGroup

Description

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

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

For more information about security groups, go to [Security Groups](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>GroupName</i>	Name of the security group. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Accepts alphanumeric characters, spaces, dashes, and underscores.	Yes
<i>GroupDescription</i>	Description of the group. This is informational only. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Accepts alphanumeric characters, spaces, dashes, and underscores.	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateSecurityGroupResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example creates the `webserv` security group.


```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateSecurityGroup
&GroupName=websrv
&GroupDescription="Web Servers"
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateSecurityGroupResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</CreateSecurityGroupResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [DescribeSecurityGroups](#) (p. 110)
- [AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 15)
- [RevokeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 187)
- [DeleteSecurityGroup](#) (p. 50)

CreateSnapshot

Description

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

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

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

```
umount -d device_name
```

For example:

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

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>VolumeId</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS volume of which to take a snapshot. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Description</i>	Description of the Amazon EBS snapshot. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Up to 255 characters	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateSnapshotResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>snapshotId</code>	The ID of the snapshot. Type: xsd:string

Name	Description
volumeId	The ID of the volume. Type: xsd:string
status	Snapshot state Type: xsd:string Valid Values: pending completed error
startTime	Time stamp when the snapshot was initiated. Type: xsd:dateTime
progress	The progress of the snapshot, in percentage. Type: xsd:string
ownerId	The AWS account ID of the Amazon EBS snapshot owner. Type: xsd:string
volumeSize	The size of the volume, in GiB. Type: xsd:string
description	Description of the snapshot. Type: xsd:string

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateSnapshot
&VolumeId=vol-4d826724
&Description=Daily+Backup
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateSnapshotResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <snapshotId>snap-78a54011</snapshotId>
  <volumeId>vol-4d826724</volumeId>
  <status>pending</status>
  <startTime>2008-05-07T12:51:50.000Z</startTime>
  <progress>60%</progress>
  <ownerId>213457642086</ownerId>
  <volumeSize>10</volumeSize>
  <description>Daily Backup</description>
</CreateSnapshotResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DeleteSnapshot](#) (p. 52)
- [DescribeSnapshots](#) (p. 116)

CreateSpotDatafeedSubscription

Description

Creates the datafeed for Spot Instances, enabling you to view Spot Instance usage logs. You can create one data feed per account. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>Bucket</i>	The Amazon S3 bucket in which to store the Spot Instance datafeed. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Must be a valid bucket associated with your account.	Yes
<i>Prefix</i>	Prefix that is prepended to datafeed files. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>spotDatafeedSubscription</code>	Datafeed subscription. Type: SpotDatafeedSubscriptionType (p. 246)

Examples

Example Request

This example creates the data feed for the account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateSpotDatafeedSubscription
&Bucket=my-bucket
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <spotDatafeedSubscription>
    <ownerId>254933287430</ownerId>
    <bucket>my-bucket</bucket>
    <prefix/>
    <state>Active</state>
  </spotDatafeedSubscription>
</CreateSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscription](#) (p. 54)
- [DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription](#) (p. 121)

CreateTags

Description

Adds or overwrites one or more tags for the specified resource or resources. Each resource can have a maximum of 10 tags. Each tag consists of a key and optional value. Tag keys must be unique per resource.

For more information about tags, go to [Using Tags](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ResourceId.n</i>	ID of a resource to tag. For example, ami-1a2b3c4d. You can specify multiple resources to assign the tags to. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Tag.n.Key</i>	Key for a tag. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Tag keys are case sensitive and accept a maximum of 128 Unicode characters.	Yes
<i>Tag.n.Value</i>	Value for a tag. If you don't want the tag to have a value, specify the parameter with no value, and we will set the value to an empty string. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Tag values are case sensitive and accept a maximum of 256 Unicode characters.	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateTagsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example adds (or overwrites) two tags for an AMI and an instance. One of the tags is just a key (webserver), with no value (we set the value to an empty string). The other consists of a key (stack) and value (Production).

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateTags
&ResourceId.1=ami-1a2b3c4d
&ResourceId.2=i-7f4d3a2b
&Tag.1.Key=webserver
&Tag.1.Value=
&Tag.2.Key=stack
&Tag.2.Value=Production
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>>true</return>
</CreateTagsResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeTags](#) (p. 131)
- [DeleteTags](#) (p. 55)

CreateVolume

Description

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



Note

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>Size</i>	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Type: String Valid Values: 1 -1024 Default: If you're creating a volume from a snapshot and don't specify a size, the default is the snapshot size. Condition: Required if you're not creating a volume from a snapshot.	Conditional
<i>SnapshotId</i>	The snapshot from which to create the new volume. Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if you are creating a volume from a snapshot.	Conditional
<i>AvailabilityZone</i>	The Availability Zone in which to create the new volume. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `CreateVolumeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>volumeId</code>	The ID of the volume. Type: xsd:string
<code>size</code>	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Type: xsd:string

Name	Description
snapshotId	Snapshot from which the volume was created, if applicable. Type: xsd:string
availabilityZone	Availability Zone in which the volume was created. Type: xsd:string
status	Volume state. Type: xsd:string Valid Values: creating available in-use deleting deleted error
createTime	Time stamp when volume creation was initiated. Type: xsd:dateTime

Examples

Example Request

This example creates a new 80 GiB volume in Availability Zone `us-east-1a`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=CreateVolume
&Size=80
&AvailabilityZone=us-east-1a
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<CreateVolumeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <volumeId>vol-4d826724</volumeId>
  <size>80</size>
  <snapshotId/>
  <availabilityZone>us-east-1a</availabilityZone>
  <status>creating</status>
  <createTime>2008-05-07T11:51:50.000Z</createTime>
</CreateVolumeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DeleteVolume](#) (p. 58)
- [DescribeVolumes](#) (p. 136)
- [AttachVolume](#) (p. 13)
- [DetachVolume](#) (p. 140)
- [DescribeAvailabilityZones](#) (p. 64)

DeleteKeyPair

Description

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

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeleteKeyPairResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteKeyPair
&KeyName=gsg-keypair
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeleteKeyPairResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</DeleteKeyPairResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateKeyPair](#) (p. 31)

- [DescribeKeyPairs](#) (p. 93)
- [ImportKeyPair](#) (p. 152)

DeletePlacementGroup

Description

Deletes a placement group from your account. You must terminate all instances in the placement group before deleting it. For more information about placement groups and cluster instances, go to [Using Cluster Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
GroupName	The name of the placement group to delete. Type: string Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeletePlacementGroupResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
return	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example deletes the placement group named XYZ-cluster.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeletePlacementGroup
&GroupName=XYZ-cluster
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeletePlacementGroupResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>d4904fd9-82c2-4ea5-adfe-a9cc3EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</DeletePlacementGroupResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreatePlacementGroup](#) (p. 33)
- [DescribePlacementGroups](#) (p. 96)

DeleteSecurityGroup

Description

Deletes a security group that you own.



Note

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

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeleteSecurityGroupResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example deletes the `webserv` security group.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteSecurityGroup
&GroupName=webserv
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeleteSecurityGroupResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">  
  <return>true</return>  
</DeleteSecurityGroupResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSecurityGroup](#) (p. 35)
- [DescribeSecurityGroups](#) (p. 110)
- [AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 15)
- [RevokeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 187)

DeleteSnapshot

Description

Deletes a snapshot of an Amazon EBS volume that you own.



Note

If you make periodic snapshots of a volume, the snapshots are incremental so that only the blocks on the device that have changed since your last snapshot are incrementally saved in the new snapshot. Even though snapshots are saved incrementally, the snapshot deletion process is designed so that you need to retain only the most recent snapshot in order to restore the volume.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS snapshot to delete. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeleteSnapshotResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example deletes snapshot `snap-78a54011`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteSnapshot
&SnapshotId.1=snap-78a54011
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeleteSnapshotResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">  
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>  
  <return>true</return>  
</DeleteSnapshotResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSnapshot](#) (p. 37)
- [DescribeSnapshots](#) (p. 116)

DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscription

Description

Deletes the datafeed for Spot Instances. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

The `DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscription` operation does not have any request parameters.

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example deletes the data feed for the account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscription
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSpotDatafeedSubscription](#) (p. 40)
- [DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription](#) (p. 121)

DeleteTags

Description

Deletes a specific set of tags from a specific set of resources. This call is designed to follow a `DescribeTags` call. You first determine what tags a resource has, and then you call `DeleteTags` with the resource ID and the specific tags you want to delete.

For more information about tags, go to [Using Tags](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ResourceId.n</i>	ID of the resource. For example, <code>ami-1a2b3c4d</code> . You can specify more than one resource ID. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Tag.n.Key</i>	The tag's key. You can specify more than one tag to delete. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Tag.n.Value</i>	The tag's value. Type: String Default: If you omit this parameter, we delete the tag regardless of its value. If you specify this parameter with an empty string as the value, we delete the key only if its value is an empty string.	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeleteTagsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example deletes the tags for the AMI with ID `ami-1a2b3c4d`. You first get a list of the tags.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&ResourceId.1=ami-1a2b3c4d
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DescribeTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <tagSet>
    <item>
      <resourceId>ami-1a2b3c4d</resourceId>
      <resourceType>image</resourceType>
      <key>webserver</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>ami-1a2b3c4d</resourceId>
      <resourceType>image</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Production</value>
    </item>
  </tagSet>
</DescribeTagsResponse>
```

Then you delete the tags. Specifying the value for the *stack* tag is optional.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteTags
&ResourceId.1=ami-1a2b3c4d
&Tag.1.Key=webserver
&Tag.2.Key=stack
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DeleteTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>>true</return>
</DeleteTagsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example deletes the stack tag from two particular instances.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteTags
&ResourceId.1=i-5f4e3d2a
&Tag.1.Key=stack
&ResourceId.2=i-12345678
&Tag.2.Key=stack
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example deletes the stack and webserver tags for one particular instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteTags
&ResourceId.1=i-5f4e3d2a
&Tag.1.Key=stack
&ResourceId.2=i-5f4e3d2a
&Tag.2.Key=webserver
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

You can specify a tag key without a corresponding tag value if you want to delete the tag regardless of its value. This example deletes all tags whose key=`Purpose`, regardless of the tag value.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteTags
&ResourceId.1=i-5f4e3d2a
&Tag.1.Key=Purpose
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

When you create a tag, you can set the tag value to the empty string. Correspondingly, you can delete only tags that have a specific key and whose value is the empty string. This example deletes all tags for the specified instance where key=`Purpose` and the tag value is the empty string.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteTags
&ResourceId.1=i-5f4e3d2a
&Tag.1.Key=Purpose
&Tag.2.Value=
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [CreateTags](#) (p. 42)
- [DescribeTags](#) (p. 131)

DeleteVolume

Description

Deletes an Amazon EBS volume that you own. The volume must be in the `available` state (not attached to an instance). For more information about Amazon EBS, go to [Amazon Elastic Block Store](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.



Note

The volume remains in the deleting state for several minutes after you call this action.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>VolumeId</code>	The ID of the volume to delete. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeleteVolumeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example deletes volume `vol-4282672b`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeleteVolume
&VolumeId=vol-4282672b
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeleteVolumeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
```

```
<return>true</return>  
</DeleteVolumeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateVolume](#) (p. 44)
- [DescribeVolumes](#) (p. 136)
- [AttachVolume](#) (p. 13)
- [DetachVolume](#) (p. 140)

DeregisterImage

Description

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



Note

This command does not delete the AMI.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ImageId</i>	ID of the AMI to deregister. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DeregisterImageResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DeregisterImage
&ImageId=ami-4fa54026
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DeregisterImageResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</DeregisterImageResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RegisterImage](#) (p. 170)
- [DescribeImages](#) (p. 75)

DescribeAddresses

Description

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

You can filter the results to return information only about elastic IP addresses that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information only about addresses tagged with a certain value. You can specify multiple values for a filter. An address must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the address is a particular value, and is tagged with a certain value). The result includes information for an address only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>instance-id</code>	Instance the address is associated with (if any). Type: String
<code>public-ip</code>	The elastic IP address. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>PublicIp.n</code>	One or more Elastic IP addresses. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>Filter.n.Name</code>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>Filter.n.Value.m</code>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeAddressesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
addressesSet	A list of IP addresses. Each IP address's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeAddressesResponseItemType (p. 214)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeAddresses
&PublicIp.1=67.202.55.255
&PublicIp.2=67.202.55.233
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeAddressesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <addressesSet>
    <item>
      <publicIp>67.202.55.255</publicIp>
      <instanceId>i-f15ebb98</instanceId>
    </item>
    <item>
      <publicIp>67.202.55.233</publicIp>
      <instanceId/>
    </item>
  </addressesSet>
</DescribeAddressesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [AllocateAddress](#) (p. 10)
- [ReleaseAddress](#) (p. 174)
- [AssociateAddress](#) (p. 11)
- [DisassociateAddress](#) (p. 142)

DescribeAvailabilityZones

Description

Displays Availability Zones that are currently available to the account. The results include zones only for the Region you're currently using.



Note

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

You can filter the results to return information only about zones that match criteria you specify. For example, you could filter the results to return only the zones whose state is `available`. You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the zone is in a particular Region, and the state is `available`). The result includes information for a particular zone only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>message</code>	Message giving information about the Availability Zone. Type: String
<code>region-name</code>	Region the Availability Zone is in (e.g., <code>us-east-1</code>). Type: String
<code>state</code>	State of the Availability Zone Type: String Valid Values: <code>available</code>
<code>zone-name</code>	Name of the zone. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>ZoneName . n</code>	One or more Availability Zones. Type: String Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeAvailabilityZonesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>availabilityZoneInfo</code>	A list of Availability Zones. Each zone's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: AvailabilityZoneItemType (p. 207)

Examples

Example Request

This example displays information about Availability Zones that are available to the account. The results includes zones only in the Region (endpoint) you're currently using.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeAvailabilityZones
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeAvailabilityZonesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <availabilityZoneInfo>
    <item>
      <zoneName>us-east-1a</zoneName>
      <zoneState>available</zoneState>
      <regionName>us-east-1</regionName>
      <messageSet/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <zoneName>us-east-1b</zoneName>
```

```
<zoneState>available</zoneState>
<regionName>us-east-1</regionName>
<messageSet/>
</item>
<item>
  <zoneName>us-east-1c</zoneName>
  <zoneState>available</zoneState>
  <regionName>us-east-1</regionName>
  <messageSet/>
</item>
<item>
  <zoneName>us-east-1d</zoneName>
  <zoneState>available</zoneState>
  <regionName>us-east-1</regionName>
  <messageSet/>
</item>
</availabilityZoneInfo>
</DescribeAvailabilityZonesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [DescribeRegions](#) (p. 99)

DescribeBundleTasks

Description

Describes current bundling tasks for Amazon S3-backed Windows instances.



Note

Completed bundle tasks are listed for only a limited time. If your bundle task is no longer in the list, you can still register an AMI from it. Just use the `RegisterImage` action with the Amazon S3 bucket name and image manifest name you provided to the bundle task.

You can filter the results to return information only about tasks that match criteria you specify. For example, you could filter the results to return only the tasks whose state is `complete`. You can specify multiple values for a filter. A bundle task must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the bundle is stored in a particular Amazon S3 bucket and the state is `complete`). The result includes information for a particular bundle task only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>bundle-id</code>	ID of the bundle task. Type: String
<code>error-code</code>	If the task failed, the error code returned. Type: String
<code>error-message</code>	If the task failed, the error message returned. Type: String
<code>instance-id</code>	ID of the instance that was bundled. Type: String
<code>progress</code>	Level of task completion, in percent (e.g., 20%). Type: String
<code>s3-bucket</code>	Amazon S3 bucket where the AMI will be stored. Type: String
<code>s3-prefix</code>	Beginning of the AMI name. Type: String
<code>start-time</code>	Time the task started, e.g., 2008-09-15T17:15:20.000Z. Type: <code>xsd:dateTime</code>

Filter Name	Description
state	State of the task. Type: String Valid Values: pending waiting-for-shutdown bundling storing cancelling complete failed
update-time	Time of the most recent update for the task, e.g., 2008-09-15T17:15:20.000Z. Type: xsd:dateTime

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>BundleId.n</i>	One or more bundle task IDs. Type: String Default: If no ID is specified, all bundle tasks are described.	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeBundleTasksResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
bundleInstanceTasksSet	A list of bundle tasks. Each task's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: BundleInstanceTaskType (p. 211)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeBundleTasks
&bundleId.1=bun-cla540a8
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeBundleTasksResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <bundleInstanceTasksSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-12345678</instanceId>
      <bundleId>bun-cla540a8</bundleId>
      <state>cancelling</state>
      <startTime>2008-10-07T11:41:50.000Z</startTime>
      <updateTime>2008-10-07T11:51:50.000Z</updateTime>
      <storage>
        <S3>
          <bucket>mybucket</bucket>
          <prefix>winami</prefix>
        </S3>
      </storage>
      <progress>20%</progress>
    </item>
  </bundleInstanceTasksSet>
</DescribeBundleTasksResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only bundle tasks whose state is either `complete` or `failed`, and in addition are targeted for the Amazon S3 bucket called `mybucket`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeBundleTasks
&Filter.1.Name=s3-bucket
&Filter.1.Value.1=mybucket
&Filter.2.Name=state
&Filter.2.Name.1=complete
&Filter.2.Name.2=failed
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [BundleInstance](#) (p. 18)
- [CancelBundleTask](#) (p. 21)

DescribeConversionTasks

Description

Describes your conversion tasks. For more information, go to [Importing Your Virtual Machines and Volumes into Amazon EC2](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ConversionTaskId.n</i>	One or more conversion task IDs. Type: String	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeConversionTasksResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>conversionTasks</code>	A list of conversion tasks. Each task's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ConversionTaskType (p. 213)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes all your conversion tasks.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeConversionTasks
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeConversionTasksResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <conversionTasks>
    <item>
      <conversionTask>
        <conversionTaskId>import-i-fh95npoc</conversionTaskId>
        <expirationTime>2010-12-22T12:01Z</expirationTime>
        <importVolume>
          <bytesConverted>1000</bytesConverted>
          <availabilityZone>us-east-1a</availabilityZone>
          <description/>
          <image>
            <format>VDMK</format>
```

```
        <size>128696320</size>
        <importManifestUrl>
          https://s3.amazonaws.com/MyImportBucket/a3a5e1b6-590d-43cc-
97c1-15c7325d3f41/Win_2008_Server_Data_Center_SP2_32-bit.vmdkmanifest.xml?AWSac
cessKeyId=AKIAIR2I45FHYEXAMPLE&Expires=1294855591&Signature=5snej01T1TtL0uR7KEx
tEXAMPLE%3D
        </importManifestUrl>
      </image>
      <volume>
        <size>8</size>
        <id>vol-34d8a2ff</id>
      </volume>
    </importVolume>
    <state>active</state>
    <statusMessage/>
  </conversionTask>
</item>
</conversionTasks>
</DescribeConversionTasksResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ImportInstance](#) (p. 148)
- [ImportVolume](#) (p. 154)
- [CancelConversionTask](#) (p. 23)

DescribeImageAttribute

Description

Returns information about an attribute of an AMI. You can get information about only one attribute per call. These are the available attributes:

- **description**—Description of the AMI provided at image creation
- **kernel**—ID of the kernel associated with the AMI
- **ramdisk**—ID of the RAM disk associated with the AMI
- **launchPermission**—Launch permissions for the AMI
- **productCodes**—Product code associated with the AMI (if any)
- **blockDeviceMapping**—Block device mapping of the AMI

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ImageId</i>	The AMI ID. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	The AMI attribute to get. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: <code>description kernel ramdisk launchPermission productCodes blockDeviceMapping</code>	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeImageAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>imageId</code>	The ID of the AMI. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>launchPermission</code>	A list of launch permissions. Each launch permission's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: LaunchPermissionItemType (p. 233)
<code>productCodes</code>	A list of product codes. Each product code's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ProductCodeItemType (p. 239)

Name	Description
kernel	Kernel ID, wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
ramdisk	RAM disk ID, wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
description	User-created description of the AMI, wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
blockDeviceMapping	List of block device mappings. Each mapping's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: BlockDeviceMappingItemType (p. 208)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&Attribute=launchPermission
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeImageAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <imageId>ami-61a54008</imageId>
  <launchPermission>
    <item>
      <group>all</group>
    </item>
    <item>
      <userId>495219933132</userId>
    </item>
  </launchPermission>
</DescribeImageAttributeResponse>
```

Example Request

This example lists the product code for the ami-2bb65342 AMI.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-2bb65342
&Attribute=productCodes
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeImageAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <imageId>ami-2bb65342</imageId>
  <productCodes>
    <item>
      <productCode>774F4FF8</productCode>
    </item>
  </productCodes>
</DescribeImageAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeImages](#) (p. 75)
- [ModifyImageAttribute](#) (p. 157)
- [ResetImageAttribute](#) (p. 181)

DescribelImages

Description

Returns information about AMIs, AKIs, and ARIs. Images available to you include public images, private images that you own, and private images owned by other AWS accounts but for which you have explicit launch permissions.

Launch permissions fall into three categories:

Launch Permission	Description
public	The owner of the AMI granted launch permissions for the AMI to the <code>all</code> group. All AWS accounts have launch permissions for these AMIs.
explicit	The owner of the AMI granted launch permissions to a specific AWS account.
implicit	An AWS account has implicit launch permissions for all the AMIs it owns.

The list of AMIs returned can be modified by specifying AMI IDs, AMI owners, or AWS accounts with launch permissions. If no options are specified, Amazon EC2 returns all AMIs for which you have launch permissions.

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

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

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



Note

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

You can filter the results to return information only about images that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information only about images that use a certain kernel. You can specify multiple values for a filter (e.g., the image uses either kernel `aki-1a2b3c4d` or kernel `aki-9b8c7d6f`). An image must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the image uses a certain kernel, and uses an Amazon EBS volume as the root device). The result includes information for a particular image only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?.`

The following table shows the available filters.

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Filter Name	Description
<code>architecture</code>	Image architecture. Type: String Valid Values: <code>i386</code> <code>x86_64</code>
<code>block-device-mapping.delete-on-termination</code>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: Boolean
<code>block-device-mapping.device-name</code>	Device name (e.g., <code>/dev/sdh</code>) for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the image. Type: String
<code>block-device-mapping.snapshot-id</code>	Snapshot ID for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the image. Type: String
<code>block-device-mapping.volume-size</code>	Volume size for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the image. Type: Integer
<code>description</code>	Description of the AMI (provided during image creation). Type: String
<code>hypervisor</code>	Hypervisor type of the image. Type: String Valid Values: <code>ovm</code> <code>xen</code>
<code>image-id</code>	ID of the image. Type: String
<code>image-type</code>	Type of image. Type: String Valid Values: <code>machine</code> <code>kernel</code> <code>ramdisk</code>
<code>is-public</code>	Whether the image is public. Type: Boolean
<code>kernel-id</code>	Kernel ID. Type: String
<code>manifest-location</code>	Location of the image manifest. Type: String
<code>name</code>	Name of the AMI (provided during image creation). Type: String
<code>owner-alias</code>	AWS account alias (e.g., <code>amazon</code> or <code>self</code>) or AWS account ID that owns the AMI. Type: String

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Filter Name	Description
owner-id	AWS account ID of the image owner. Type: String
platform	Use <code>windows</code> if you have Windows based AMIs; otherwise leave blank. Type: String Valid Value: <code>windows</code>
product-code	Product code associated with the AMI. Type: String
ramdisk-id	RAM disk ID. Type: String
root-device-name	Root device name of the AMI (e.g., <code>/dev/sda1</code>). Type: String
root-device-type	Root device type the AMI uses. Type: String Valid Values: <code>ebs</code> <code>instance-store</code>
state	State of the image. Type: String Valid Values: <code>available</code> <code>pending</code> <code>failed</code>
state-reason-code	Reason code for the state change. Type: String
state-reason-message	Message for the state change. Type: String
tag-key	Key of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the <code>tag-value</code> filter. For example, if you use both the filter <code>tag-key=Purpose</code> and the filter <code>tag-value=X</code> , you get any resources assigned both the tag key <code>Purpose</code> (regardless of what the tag's value is), and the tag value <code>X</code> (regardless of what the tag's key is). If you want to list only resources where <code>Purpose=X</code> , see the <code>tag: <i>key</i></code> filter later in this table. For more information about tags, go to Using Tags in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String
tag-value	Value of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the <code>tag-key</code> filter. Type: String

Filter Name	Description
<code>tag:<i>key</i></code>	Filters the results based on a specific tag/value combination. Example: To list just the resources assigned tag Purpose=X, then specify: <code>Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose</code> <code>Filter.1.Value.1=X</code> Example: To list just resources assigned tag Purpose=X OR Purpose=Y, then specify: <code>Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose</code> <code>Filter.1.Value.1=X</code> <code>Filter.1.Value.2=Y</code>
<code>virtualization-type</code>	Virtualization type of the image. Type: String Valid Values: <code>paravirtual</code> <code>hvm</code>

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>ExecutableBy.n</code>	Returns AMIs for which the specified user ID has explicit launch permissions. The user ID can be an AWS account ID, <code>self</code> to return AMIs for which the sender of the request has explicit launch permissions, or <code>all</code> to return AMIs with public launch permissions. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>ImageId.n</code>	One or more AMI IDs. Type: String Default: Returns all AMIs, or only those otherwise specified.	No
<code>Owner.n</code>	Returns AMIs owned by the specified owner. Multiple owner values can be specified. The IDs <code>amazon</code> and <code>self</code> can be used to include AMIs owned by Amazon or AMIs owned by you, respectively. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>Filter.n.Name</code>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>Filter.n.Value.m</code>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeImagesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>imagesSet</code>	A list of images. Each image's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeImagesResponseItem (p. 215)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes the `ami-be3adfd7` AMI.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeImages
&ImageId.1=ami-be3adfd7
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeImagesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <imagesSet>
    <item>
      <imageId>ami-be3adfd7</imageId>
      <imageLocation>amazon/getting-started</imageLocation>
      <imageState>available</imageState>
      <imageOwnerId>206029621532</imageOwnerId>
      <isPublic>true</isPublic>
      <architecture>i386</architecture>
      <imageType>machine</imageType>
      <kernelId>aki-d3376696</kernelId>
      <ramdiskId>ari-e73766a2</ramdiskId>
      <imageOwnerAlias>amazon</imageOwnerAlias>
      <name>getting-started</name>
      <description>Fedora 8 v1.11 i386 lvm-rootVG-rootFS ext3 ec2pnp enabled</de
scription>
      <rootDeviceType>ebs</rootDeviceType>
      <rootDeviceName>/dev/sda</rootDeviceName>
      <blockDeviceMapping>
        <item>
          <deviceName>/dev/sda</deviceName>
          <ebs>
            <snapshotId>snap-32885f5a</snapshotId>
            <volumeSize>15</volumeSize>
            <deleteOnTermination>false</deleteOnTermination>
          </ebs>
        </item>
      </blockDeviceMapping>
    </item>
  </imagesSet>
</DescribeImagesResponse>
```

```
        </item>
      </blockDeviceMapping>
      <virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
      <tagSet/>
      <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
    </item>
  </imagesSet>
</DescribeImagesResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only the public Windows images with an x86_64 architecture.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeImages
&Filter.1.Name=is-public
&Filter.1.Value.1=true
&Filter.2.Name=architecture
&Filter.2.Value.1=x86_64
&Filter.3.Name=platform
&Filter.3.Value.1=windows
&AuthParams
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeImagesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <imagesSet>
    <item>
      <imageId>ami-dd20c3b4</imageId>
      <imageLocation>ec2-public-windows-images/Server2003r2-x86_64-Win-
v1.07.manifest.xml</imageLocation>
      <imageState>available</imageState>
      <imageOwnerId>206029621532</imageOwnerId>
      <isPublic>true</isPublic>
      <architecture>x86_64</architecture>
      <imageType>machine</imageType>
      <platform>windows</platform>
      <imageOwnerAlias>amazon</imageOwnerAlias>
      <rootDeviceType>instance-store</rootDeviceType>
      <blockDeviceMapping/>
      <virtualizationType>hvm</virtualizationType>
      <tagSet/>
      <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
    </item>
    ...
  </imagesSet>
</DescribeImagesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [DescribeImageAttribute](#) (p. 72)

DescribeInstanceAttribute

Description

Returns information about an attribute of an instance. You can get information about only one attribute per call. These are the available attributes:

- **instanceType**—Instance type (e.g., m1.small)
- **kernel**—ID of the kernel associated with the instance
- **ramdisk**—ID of the RAM disk associated with the instance
- **userData**—MIME, Base64-encoded user data provided to the instance
- **disableApiTermination**—Whether the instance can be terminated using the Amazon EC2 API (`false` means the instance can be terminated with the API)
- **instanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior**—Whether the instance stops or terminates when an instance shutdown is initiated (default is `stop`)
- **rootDeviceName**—Root device name of the instance (e.g., `/dev/sda1`, or `xvda`)
- **blockDeviceMapping**—Block device mapping of the instance

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	The instance ID. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	The instance attribute to get. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: <code>instanceType</code> <code>kernel</code> <code>ramdisk</code> <code>userData</code> <code>disableApiTermination</code> <code>instanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior</code> <code>rootDeviceName</code> <code>blockDeviceMapping</code>	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeInstanceAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>instanceId</code>	The ID of the instance. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Name	Description
instanceType	The instance type (e.g., m1.small), wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
kernel	The kernel ID, wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
ramdisk	The RAM disk ID, wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
userData	MIME, Base64-encoded user data, wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
disableApiTermination	Boolean indicating whether the instance can be terminated through the Amazon EC2 API. The value is wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. A value of <code>true</code> means you can't terminate the instance using the API (i.e., the instance is "locked"); a value of <code>false</code> means you can. You must modify this attribute before you can terminate any "locked" instances using the API. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>
instanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior	If an instance shutdown is initiated, this determines whether the instance stops or terminates. The value is wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code> Valid Values: <code>stop</code> <code>terminate</code>
rootDeviceName	The root device name (e.g., <code>/dev/sda1</code>), wrapped in a <code>value</code> element. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
blockDeviceMapping	List of block device mappings for the instance. Each mapping's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseItemType (p. 228)

Examples

Example Request

This example lists the kernel ID of the i-10a64379 instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeInstanceAttribute
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&Attribute=kernel
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeInstanceAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
```

```
<instanceId>i-10a64379</instanceId>
<kernel>
  <value>aki-f70657b2</value>
</kernel>
</DescribeInstanceAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [ModifyInstanceAttribute](#) (p. 160)
- [ResetInstanceAttribute](#) (p. 183)

DescribeInstances

Description

Returns information about instances that you own.

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

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

You can filter the results to return information only about instances that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information about only instances launched with a certain key pair. You can specify multiple values for a filter (e.g., the instance was launched with either key pair A or key pair B). An instance must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the instance was launched with a certain key pair and uses an Amazon EBS volume as the root device). An instance must match *all* the filters for it to be included in the results. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: * matches zero or more characters, and ? matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>architecture</code>	Instance architecture. Type: String Valid Values: <code>i386</code> <code>x86_64</code>
<code>availability-zone</code>	Instance's Availability Zone. Type: String
<code>block-device-mapping.attach-time</code>	Attach time for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance, e.g., 2010-09-15T17:15:20.000Z Type: <code>xsd:dateTime</code>
<code>block-device-mapping.delete-on-termination</code>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: Boolean
<code>block-device-mapping.device-name</code>	Device name (e.g., <code>/dev/sdh</code>) for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance. Type: String
<code>block-device-mapping.status</code>	Status for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance. Type: String Valid Values: <code>attaching</code> <code>attached</code> <code>detaching</code> <code>detached</code>

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Filter Name	Description
<code>block-device-mapping.volume-id</code>	ID for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance. Type: String
<code>client-token</code>	Idempotency token you provided when you launched the instance. Type: String
<code>dns-name</code>	Public DNS name of the instance. Type: String
<code>group-id</code>	A security group the instance is in. Type: String
<code>hypervisor</code>	Hypervisor type of the instance. Type: String Valid Values: <code>ovm</code> <code>xen</code>
<code>image-id</code>	ID of the image used to launch the instance. Type: String
<code>instance-id</code>	ID of the instance. Type: String
<code>instance-lifecycle</code>	Whether this is a Spot Instance. Type: String Valid Values: <code>spot</code>
<code>instance-state-code</code>	Code identifying the instance's state. A 16-bit unsigned integer. The high byte is an opaque internal value and should be ignored. The low byte is set based on the state represented Type: String Valid Values: 0 (pending) 16 (running) 32 (shutting-down) 48 (terminated) 64 (stopping) 80 (stopped)
<code>instance-state-name</code>	Instance's state. Type: String Valid Values: <code>pending</code> <code>running</code> <code>shutting-down</code> <code>terminated</code> <code>stopping</code> <code>stopped</code>
<code>instance-type</code>	Type of instance (e.g., <code>m1.small</code>). Type: String
<code>ip-address</code>	Public IP address of the instance. Type: String
<code>kernel-id</code>	Kernel ID. Type: String

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Filter Name	Description
key-name	Name of the key pair used when the instance was launched. Type: String
launch-index	When launching multiple instances at once, this is the index for the instance in the launch group (e.g., 0, 1, 2, etc.). Type: String
launch-time	Time instance was launched, e.g., 2010-08-07T11:54:42.000Z. Type: xsd:dateTime
monitoring-state	Whether monitoring is enabled for the instance. Type: String Valid Values: disabled enabled
owner-id	AWS account ID of the instance owner. Type: String
placement-group-name	Name of the placement group the instance is in. Type: String
platform	Use windows if you have Windows based instances; otherwise, leave blank. Type: String Valid Value: windows
private-dns-name	Private DNS name of the instance. Type: String
private-ip-address	Private IP address of the instance. Type: String
product-code	Product code associated with the AMI used to launch the instance. Type: String
ramdisk-id	RAM disk ID. Type: String
reason	Reason for the instance's current state (e.g., shows "User Initiated [date]" when you stop or terminate the instance). Similar to the state-reason-code filter. Type: String
requester-id	ID of the entity that launched the instance on your behalf (e.g., AWS Management Console, Auto Scaling, etc.) Type: String

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Filter Name	Description
reservation-id	ID of the instance's reservation. Type: String
root-device-name	Root device name of the instance (e.g., /dev/sda1). Type: String
root-device-type	Root device type the instance uses. Type: String Valid Values: ebs instance-store
spot-instance-request-id	ID of the Spot Instance request. Type: String
state-reason-code	Reason code for the state change. Type: String
state-reason-message	Message for the state change. Type: String
subnet-id	ID of the subnet the instance is in (if using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud). Type: String
tag-key	Key of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-value filter. For example, if you use both the filter tag-key=Purpose and the filter tag-value=X, you get any resources assigned both the tag key Purpose (regardless of what the tag's value is), and the tag value X (regardless of what the tag's key is). If you want to list only resources where Purpose=X, see the tag:key filter later in this table. For more information about tags, go to Using Tags in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String
tag-value	Value of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-key filter. Type: String
tag:key	Filters the results based on a specific tag/value combination. Example: To list just the resources assigned tag Purpose=X, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Example: To list just resources assigned tag Purpose=X OR Purpose=Y, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Filter.1.Value.2=Y

Filter Name	Description
virtualization-type	Virtualization type of the instance. Type: String Valid Values: paravirtual hvm
vpc-id	ID of the VPC the instance is in (if using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud). Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: Returns all instances, or only those otherwise specified.	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
reservationSet	A list of reservations. Each reservation's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ReservationInfoType (p. 241)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes the current state of the instances owned by your AWS account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeInstances
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>98e3c9a4-848c-4d6d-8e8a-b1bdEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <reservationSet>
    <item>
      <reservationId>r-b27e30d9</reservationId>
      <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
      <groupSet>
        <item>
          <groupId>default</groupId>
        </item>
      </groupSet>
      <instancesSet>
        <item>
          <instanceId>i-c5cd56af</instanceId>
          <imageId>ami-1a2b3c4d</imageId>
          <instanceState>
            <code>16</code>
            <name>running</name>
          </instanceState>
          <privateDnsName>domU-12-31-39-10-56-34.compute-1.internal</privateDns
Name>
          <dnsName>ec2-174-129-165-232.compute-1.amazonaws.com</dnsName>
          <reason/>
          <keyName>GSG_Keypair</keyName>
          <amiLaunchIndex>0</amiLaunchIndex>
          <productCodes/>
          <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
          <launchTime>2010-08-17T01:15:18.000Z</launchTime>
          <placement>
            <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
            <groupName/>
          </placement>
          <kernelId>aki-94c527fd</kernelId>
          <ramdiskId>ari-96c527ff</ramdiskId>
          <monitoring>
            <state>disabled</state>
          </monitoring>
          <privateIpAddress>10.198.85.190</privateIpAddress>
          <ipAddress>174.129.165.232</ipAddress>
          <architecture>i386</architecture>
          <rootDeviceType>ebs</rootDeviceType>
          <rootDeviceName>/dev/sda1</rootDeviceName>
          <blockDeviceMapping>
            <item>
              <deviceName>/dev/sda1</deviceName>
              <ebs>
                <volumeId>vol-a082c1c9</volumeId>
                <status>attached</status>
                <attachTime>2010-08-17T01:15:21.000Z</attachTime>
                <deleteOnTermination>>false</deleteOnTermination>
              </ebs>
            </item>
          </blockDeviceMapping>
        </item>
      </instancesSet>
    </item>
  </reservationSet>
</DescribeInstancesResponse>
```

```

        </item>
    </blockDeviceMapping>
    <instanceLifecycle>spot</instanceLifecycle>
    <spotInstanceRequestId>sir-7a688402</spotInstanceRequestId>
    <virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
    <clientToken/>
    <tagSet/>
    <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
</item>
</instancesSet>
<requesterId>854251627541</requesterId>
</item>
<item>
    <reservationId>r-b67e30dd</reservationId>
    <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
    <groupSet>
        <item>
            <groupId>default</groupId>
        </item>
    </groupSet>
    <instancesSet>
        <item>
            <instanceId>i-d9cd56b3</instanceId>
            <imageId>ami-1a2b3c4d</imageId>
            <instanceState>
                <code>16</code>
                <name>running</name>
            </instanceState>
            <privateDnsName>domU-12-31-39-10-54-E5.compute-1.internal</privateDns
Name>
            <dnsName>ec2-184-73-58-78.compute-1.amazonaws.com</dnsName>
            <reason/>
            <keyName>GSG_Keypair</keyName>
            <amiLaunchIndex>0</amiLaunchIndex>
            <productCodes/>
            <instanceType>m1.large</instanceType>
            <launchTime>2010-08-17T01:15:19.000Z</launchTime>
            <placement>
                <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
                <groupName/>
            </placement>
            <kernelId>aki-94c527fd</kernelId>
            <ramdiskId>ari-96c527ff</ramdiskId>
            <monitoring>
                <state>disabled</state>
            </monitoring>
            <privateIpAddress>10.198.87.19</privateIpAddress>
            <ipAddress>184.73.58.78</ipAddress>
            <architecture>i386</architecture>
            <rootDeviceType>ebs</rootDeviceType>
            <rootDeviceName>/dev/sda1</rootDeviceName>
            <blockDeviceMapping>
                <item>
                    <deviceName>/dev/sda1</deviceName>
                    <ebs>
                        <volumeId>vol-a282c1cb</volumeId>
                        <status>attached</status>
                        <attachTime>2010-08-17T01:15:23.000Z</attachTime>
                    </ebs>
                </item>
            </blockDeviceMapping>
        </item>
    </instancesSet>
</item>

```

```
        <deleteOnTermination>>false</deleteOnTermination>
      </ebs>
    </item>
  </blockDeviceMapping>
  <instanceLifecycle>spot</instanceLifecycle>
  <spotInstanceRequestId>sir-55a3aa02</spotInstanceRequestId>
  <virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
  <clientToken/>
  <tagSet/>
  <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
</item>
</instancesSet>
<requesterId>854251627541</requesterId>
</item>
</reservationSet>
</DescribeInstancesResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only the m1.small or m1.large instances that have an Amazon EBS volume that is both attached and set to delete on termination.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeInstances
&Filter.1.Name=instance-type
&Filter.1.Value.1=m1.small
&Filter.1.Value.2=m1.large
&Filter.2.Name=block-device-mapping.status
&Filter.2.Value.1=attached
&Filter.3.Name=block-device-mapping.delete-on-termination
&Filter.3.Value.1=true
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <reservationSet>
    <item>
      <reservationId>r-bc7e30d7</reservationId>
      <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
      <groupSet>
        <item>
          <groupId>default</groupId>
        </item>
      </groupSet>
      <instancesSet>
        <item>
          <instanceId>i-c7cd56ad</instanceId>
          <imageId>ami-b232d0db</imageId>
          <instanceState>
            <code>16</code>
            <name>running</name>
          </instanceState>
          <privateDnsName>domU-12-31-39-01-76-06.compute-1.internal</privateDns
Name>
```



```
<dnsName>ec2-72-44-52-124.compute-1.amazonaws.com</dnsName>
<keyName>GSG_Keypair</keyName>
<amiLaunchIndex>0</amiLaunchIndex>
<productCodes/>
<instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
<launchTime>2010-08-17T01:15:16.000Z</launchTime>
<placement>
  <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
</placement>
<kernelId>aki-94c527fd</kernelId>
<ramdiskId>ari-96c527ff</ramdiskId>
<monitoring>
  <state>disabled</state>
</monitoring>
<privateIpAddress>10.255.121.240</privateIpAddress>
<ipAddress>72.44.52.124</ipAddress>
<architecture>i386</architecture>
<rootDeviceType>ebs</rootDeviceType>
<rootDeviceName>/dev/sda1</rootDeviceName>
<blockDeviceMapping>
  <item>
    <deviceName>/dev/sda1</deviceName>
    <ebs>
      <volumeId>vol-a482c1cd</volumeId>
      <status>attached</status>
      <attachTime>2010-08-17T01:15:26.000Z</attachTime>
      <deleteOnTermination>true</deleteOnTermination>
    </ebs>
  </item>
</blockDeviceMapping/>
<virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
<clientToken/>
<tagSet/>
<hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
</item>
</instancesSet>
</item>
</reservationSet>
</DescribeInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [StopInstances](#) (p. 199)
- [StartInstances](#) (p. 197)
- [TerminateInstances](#) (p. 201)

DescribeKeyPairs

Description

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

You can filter the results to return information only about key pairs that match criteria you specify. For example, you could filter the results to return only the key pairs whose names include the string `Dave`. You can specify multiple values for a filter. A key pair must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the key pair name includes the string `Dave`, and the fingerprint equals a certain value). The result includes information for a particular key pair only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>fingerprint</code>	Fingerprint of the key pair. Type: String
<code>key-name</code>	Name of the key pair. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>KeyName.n</code>	One or more key pair names. Type: String Default: Describes all key pairs you own, or only those otherwise specified.	No
<code>Filter.n.Name</code>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>Filter.n.Value.m</code>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeKeyPairsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>keySet</code>	List of key pairs. Each key pair's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeKeyPairsResponseItemType (p. 217)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes the keypair with name `gsg-keypair`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeKeyPairs
&KeyName.1=gsg-keypair
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeKeyPairsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <keySet>
    <item>
      <keyName>gsg-keypair</keyName>
      <keyFingerprint>
        1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f
      </keyFingerprint>
    </item>
  </keySet>
</DescribeKeyPairsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only key pairs whose names include the string `Dave`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeKeyPairs
&Filter.1.Name=key-name
&Filter.1.Value.1=*Dave*
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [CreateKeyPair](#) (p. 31)
- [ImportKeyPair](#) (p. 152)

- [DeleteKeyPair](#) (p. 46)

DescribePlacementGroups

Description

Returns information about one or more placement groups in your account. For more information about placement groups and cluster instances, go to [Using Cluster Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

You can filter the results to return information only about placement groups that match criteria you specify. For example, you could filter the results to return only the groups whose state is `deleted`. You can specify multiple values for a filter. A placement group must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the group's state is `deleted` and the name includes the string `Project`). The result includes information for a particular group only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\.`

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>group-name</code>	Name of the placement group. Type: String
<code>state</code>	Placement group's state. Type: String Valid Values: <code>pending</code> <code>available</code> <code>deleting</code> <code>deleted</code>
<code>strategy</code>	Placement group's strategy. Type: String Valid Value: <code>cluster</code>

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>GroupName.n</code>	One or more placement group names. Type: string Default: Describes all your placement groups, or only those otherwise specified.	No
<code>Filter.n.Name</code>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribePlacementGroupsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>placementGroupSet</code>	A list of placement groups. Each group's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: PlacementGroupInfoType (p. 237)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes the placement group named XYZ-cluster.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribePlacementGroups
&GroupName.1=XYZ-cluster
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribePlacementGroupsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestID>d4904fd9-82c2-4ea5-adfe-a9cc3EXAMPLE</requestID>
  <placementGroupSet>
    <item>
      <groupName>XYZ-cluster</groupName>
      <strategy>cluster</strategy>
      <state>available</state>
    </item>
  </placementGroupSet>
</DescribePlacementGroupsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only placement groups that include the string `Project` in the name.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribePlacementGroups  
&Filter.1.Name=group-name  
&Filter.1.Value=*Project*  
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [CreatePlacementGroup](#) (p. 33)
- [DeletePlacementGroup](#) (p. 48)

DescribeRegions

Description

Describes Regions that are currently available to the account.

You can use filters with this call just as you can with other "describe" calls.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: * matches zero or more characters, and ? matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
endpoint	Region's endpoint (e.g., ec2.us-east-1.amazonaws.com). Type: String
region-name	Name of the Region. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>RegionName.n</i>	One or more Region names. Type: String Default: Describes all Regions available to the account.	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeRegionsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string

Name	Description
regionInfo	List of Regions. Each Region's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: RegionItemType (p. 241)

Examples

Example Request

This example displays information about all Regions.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeRegions
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example displays information about just the specified Regions.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeRegions
&RegionName.1=us-east-1
&RegionName.2=eu-west-1
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeRegionsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <regionInfo>
    <item>
      <regionName>us-east-1</regionName>
      <regionEndpoint>ec2.us-east-1.amazonaws.com</regionEndpoint>
    </item>
    <item>
      <regionName>eu-west-1</regionName>
      <regionEndpoint>ec2.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com</regionEndpoint>
    </item>
  </regionInfo>
</DescribeRegionsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example displays information about all Regions that have the string `ap` in the endpoint.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeRegions
&Filter.1.Name=endpoint
&Filter.1.Value.1=*ap*
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeRegionsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <regionInfo>
    <item>
      <regionName>ap-southeast-1</regionName>
      <regionEndpoint>ec2.ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com</regionEndpoint>
    </item>
  </regionInfo>
</DescribeRegionsResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeAvailabilityZones](#) (p. 64)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)

DescribeReservedInstances

Description

Describes Reserved Instances that you purchased. For more information about Reserved Instances, go to [Reserving Amazon EC2 Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

You can filter the results to return information only about Reserved Instances that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information about only Reserved Instances in a particular Availability Zone. You can specify multiple values for a filter. A Reserved Instance must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the instance is in a particular Availability Zone and is tagged with a particular value). The result includes information for a particular instance only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: * matches zero or more characters, and ? matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
availability-zone	Availability Zone where the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String
duration	Duration of the Reserved Instance (e.g., one year or three years), in seconds. Type: xs:long Valid Values: 31536000 94608000
fixed-price	Purchase price of the Reserved Instance (e.g., 9800.0) Type: xs:double
instance-type	Instance type on which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String
product-description	Reserved Instance description. Type: String Valid Values: Linux/UNIX Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC) Windows Windows (Amazon VPC)
reserved-instances-id	Reserved Instance's ID. Type: String
start	Time the Reserved Instance purchase request was placed, e.g., 2010-08-07T11:54:42.000Z. Type: xsd:dateTime
state	State of the Reserved Instance. Type: String Valid Values: pending-payment active payment-failed retired

Filter Name	Description
tag-key	Key of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-value filter. For example, if you use both the filter tag-key=Purpose and the filter tag-value=X, you get any resources assigned both the tag key Purpose (regardless of what the tag's value is), and the tag value X (regardless of what the tag's key is). If you want to list only resources where Purpose=X, see the tag:key filter later in this table. For more information about tags, go to Using Tags in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String
tag-value	Value of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-key filter. Type: String
tag:key	Filters the results based on a specific tag/value combination. Example: To list just the resources assigned tag Purpose=X, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Example: To list just resources assigned tag Purpose=X OR Purpose=Y, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Filter.1.Value.2=Y
usage-price	Usage price of the Reserved Instance, per hour (e.g., 0.84) Type: xs:double

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ReservedInstancesId.n</i>	One or more Reserved Instance IDs. Type: String Default: Describes all your Reserved Instances, or only those otherwise specified.	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeReservedInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>reservedInstancesSet</code>	A list of Reserved Instances. Each Reserved Instance's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeReservedInstancesResponseSetItemType (p. 218)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes Reserved Instances owned by your account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeReservedInstances
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeReservedInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <reservedInstancesSet>
    <item>
      <reservedInstancesId>4b2293b4-5813-4cc8-9ce3-1957fc1dcfc8</reservedInstancesId>
      <instanceType>m1.xlarge</instanceType>
      <availabilityZone>us-east-1a</availabilityZone>
      <duration>31536000</duration>
      <fixedPrice>1820.0</fixedPrice>
      <usagePrice>0.24</usagePrice>
      <instanceCount>3</instanceCount>
      <productDescription>Linux/UNIX</productDescription>
      <state>active</state>
      <tagSet/>
    </item>
  </reservedInstancesSet>
</DescribeReservedInstancesResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only one-year, m1.small Linux/UNIX Reserved Instances. If you want Linux/UNIX Reserved Instances specifically for use with Amazon VPC, set the product description to `Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC)`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeReservedInstances
&Filter.1.Name=duration
&Filter.1.Value.1=31536000
&Filter.2.Name=instance-type
&Filter.2.Value.1=m1.small
&Filter.3.Name=product-description
&Filter.3.Value.1=Linux/UNIX
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [PurchaseReservedInstancesOffering](#) (p. 166)
- [DescribeReservedInstancesOfferings](#) (p. 106)

DescribeReservedInstancesOfferings

Description

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



Note

Our policy is to provide filters for all *describe* calls so you can limit the results to your specified criteria. Therefore, you can use filters to limit the results when describing Reserved Instances offerings, even though you can use the regular request parameters to do something similar.

For example, you could use the regular request parameters or a filter to get the offerings for a particular instance type. You can specify multiple request parameters or multiple filters (e.g., limit the results to the m2.xlarge instance type, and only for Windows instances). The result includes information for a particular offering only if it matches *all* your request parameters or filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: * matches zero or more characters, and ? matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
availability-zone	Availability Zone where the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String
duration	Duration of the Reserved Instance (e.g., one year or three years), in seconds. Type: xs:long Valid Values: 31536000 94608000
fixed-price	Purchase price of the Reserved Instance (e.g., 9800.0) Type: xs:double
instance-type	Instance type on which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String
product-description	Reserved Instance description. Type: String Valid Values: Linux/UNIX Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC) Windows Windows (Amazon VPC)

Filter Name	Description
reserved-instances-offering-id	Reserved Instances offering ID. Type: String
usage-price	Usage price of the Reserved Instance, per hour (e.g., 0.84) Type: xs:double

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ReservedInstancesOfferingId.n</i>	One or more Reserved Instances offering IDs. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>InstanceType</i>	The instance type on which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>AvailabilityZone</i>	The Availability Zone in which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>ProductDescription</i>	The Reserved Instance description. Instances that include (Amazon VPC) in the description are for use with Amazon VPC. Type: String Valid Values: Linux/UNIX Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC) Windows Windows (Amazon VPC) Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
reservedInstancesOfferingsSet	A list of Reserved Instances offerings. Each offering's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponseSetItemType (p. 217)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes available Reserved Instance offerings.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeReservedInstancesOfferings
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazon
aws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <reservedInstancesOfferingsSet>
    <item>
      <reservedInstancesOfferingId>4b2293b4-b01c-4392-98d7-
ea2629b4ad558</reservedInstancesOfferingId>
      <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
      <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
      <duration>94608000</duration>
      <fixedPrice>350.0</fixedPrice>
      <usagePrice>0.03</usagePrice>
      <productDescription>Linux/UNIX</productDescription>
    </item>
    ...
  </reservedInstancesOfferingsSet>
</DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example uses filters to return one-year offerings for Linux/UNIX m1.small or m1.large instances.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeReservedInstancesOfferings
&Filter.1.Name=duration
&Filter.1.Value.1=31536000
&Filter.2.Name=instance-type
&Filter.2.Value.1=m1.small
&Filter.2.Value.2=m1.large
&Filter.3.Name=product-description
```

```
&Filter.3.Value.1=Linux/UNIX  
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [PurchaseReservedInstancesOffering](#) (p. 166)
- [DescribeReservedInstances](#) (p. 102)

DescribeSecurityGroups

Description

Returns information about security groups that you own.

You can filter the results to return information only about security groups that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information about groups whose name contains a particular string. You can specify multiple values for a filter. A security group must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the group's name contains a particular string, and the group gives permission to another security group with a different string in its name). The result includes information for a particular group only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.



Important

Filters are based on literal strings only. This is important to remember when you want to use filters to return only security groups with access allowed on a specific port number or numbers. For example, let's say you want to get all groups that have access on port 22. And let's say GroupA gives access on a range of ports using `fromPort=20` and `toPort=30`. If you filter with `ip-permission.from-port=22` or `ip-permission.to-port=22` (or both), GroupA will not be returned in the results. It will only be returned in the results if you specify `ip-permission.from-port=20` or `ip-permission.to-port=30` (or both).

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>description</code>	Description of the security group. Type: String
<code>group-name</code>	Name of the security group. Type: String
<code>ip-permission.cidr</code>	CIDR range that has been granted the permission. Type: String
<code>ip-permission.from-port</code>	Start of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP type number. An ICMP type number of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP type number). Type: String
<code>ip-permission.group-name</code>	Name of security group that has been granted the permission. Type: String

Filter Name	Description
<code>ip-permission.protocol</code>	IP protocol for the permission. Type: String Valid Values: <code>tcp</code> <code>udp</code> <code>icmp</code>
<code>ip-permission.to-port</code>	End of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP code. An ICMP type number of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP type number). Type: String
<code>ip-permission.user-id</code>	ID of AWS account that has been granted the permission. Type: String
<code>owner-id</code>	AWS account ID of the owner of the security group. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>GroupName.n</code>	One or more security group names. Type: String Default: Describes all groups you own, or only those otherwise specified.	No
<code>Filter.n.Name</code>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<code>Filter.n.Value.m</code>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeSecurityGroupsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>securityGroupInfo</code>	List of security groups. Each group's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: SecurityGroupItemType (p. 245)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSecurityGroups
&GroupName.1=WebServers
&GroupName.2=RangedPortsBySource
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSecurityGroupsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <securityGroupInfo>
    <item>
      <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
      <groupName>WebServers</groupName>
      <groupDescription>Web Servers</groupDescription>
      <ipPermissions>
        <item>
          <ipProtocol>tcp</ipProtocol>
          <fromPort>80</fromPort>
          <toPort>80</toPort>
          <groups/>
          <ipRanges>
            <item>
              <cidrIp>0.0.0.0/0</cidrIp>
            </item>
          </ipRanges>
        </item>
      </ipPermissions>
    </item>
    <item>
      <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
      <groupName>RangedPortsBySource</groupName>
      <groupDescription>Group A</groupDescription>
      <ipPermissions>
        <item>
          <ipProtocol>tcp</ipProtocol>
          <fromPort>6000</fromPort>
          <toPort>7000</toPort>
          <groups/>
          <ipRanges/>
        </item>
      </ipPermissions>
    </item>
  </securityGroupInfo>
</DescribeSecurityGroupsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example returns information about all security groups that grant access over TCP specifically on port 22 from instances in either the `app_server_group` or `database_group`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSecurityGroups
&Filter.1.Name=ip-permission.protocol
&Filter.1.Value.1=tcp
&Filter.2.Name=ip-permission.from-port
&Filter.2.Value.1=22
&Filter.3.Name=ip-permission.to-port
&Filter.3.Value.1=22
&Filter.4.Name=ip-permission.group-name
&Filter.4.Value.1=app_server_group
&Filter.4.Value.2=database_group
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSecurityGroup](#) (p. 35)
- [AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 15)
- [RevokeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 187)
- [DeleteSecurityGroup](#) (p. 50)

DescribeSnapshotAttribute

Description

Returns information about an attribute of a snapshot. You can get information about only one attribute per call. Currently the only attribute you can get describes who has permission to create a volume from the snapshot.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the Amazon EBS snapshot. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	The attribute to get. Type: String Default: None Valid Value: <code>createVolumePermission</code>	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeSnapshotAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>snapshotId</code>	The ID of the Amazon EBS snapshot. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>createVolumePermission</code>	List of permissions for creating volumes from the snapshot. Each permission is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: CreateVolumePermissionItemType (p. 214)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes permissions for the `snap-78a54011` snapshot.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSnapshotAttribute
&SnapshotId=snap-78a54011
&Attribute=createVolumePermission
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSnapshotAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <snapshotId>snap-78a54011</snapshotId>
  <createVolumePermission>
    <item>
      <group>all</group>
    </item>
  </createVolumePermission>
</DescribeSnapshotAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ModifySnapshotAttribute](#) (p. 162)
- [DescribeSnapshots](#) (p. 116)
- [ResetSnapshotAttribute](#) (p. 185)
- [CreateSnapshot](#) (p. 37)

DescribeSnapshots

Description

Returns information about Amazon EBS snapshots available to you. Snapshots available to you include public snapshots available for any AWS account to launch, private snapshots you own, and private snapshots owned by another AWS account but for which you've been given explicit create volume permissions.

The create volume permissions fall into 3 categories:

Permission	Description
public	The owner of the snapshot granted create volume permissions for the snapshot to the <code>all</code> group. All AWS accounts have create volume permissions for these snapshots.
explicit	The owner of the snapshot granted create volume permissions to a specific AWS account.
implicit	An AWS account has implicit create volume permissions for all snapshots it owns.

The list of snapshots returned can be modified by specifying snapshot IDs, snapshot owners, or AWS accounts with create volume permissions. If no options are specified, Amazon EC2 returns all snapshots for which you have create volume permissions.

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

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

If you specify a list of restorable users, only snapshots with create snapshot permissions for those users are returned. You can specify AWS account IDs (if you own the snapshot(s)), `self` for snapshots for which you own or have explicit permissions, or `all` for public snapshots.

You can filter the results to return information only about snapshots that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information about snapshots whose status is `pending`. You can specify multiple values for a filter (e.g., the snapshot's status is either `pending` or `completed`). A snapshot must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the snapshot's status is `pending`, and it is tagged with a particular value). The result includes information for a particular snapshot only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

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Description

Filter Name	Description
description	Description of the snapshot. Type: String
owner-alias	The AWS account alias (e.g., amazon) that owns the snapshot. Type: String
owner-id	ID of the AWS account that owns the snapshot. Type: String
progress	The progress of the snapshot, in percentage (e.g., 80%). Type: String
snapshot-id	Snapshot ID. Type: String
start-time	Time stamp when the snapshot was initiated. Type: xsd:dateTime
status	Status of the snapshot. Type: String Valid Values: pending completed error
tag-key	Key of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-value filter. For example, if you use both the filter tag-key=Purpose and the filter tag-value=X, you get any resources assigned both the tag key Purpose (regardless of what the tag's value is), and the tag value X (regardless of what the tag's key is). If you want to list only resources where Purpose=X, see the tag:key filter later in this table. For more information about tags, go to Using Tags in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String
tag-value	Value of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-key filter. Type: String
tag:key	Filters the results based on a specific tag/value combination. Example: To list just the resources assigned tag Purpose=X, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Example: To list just resources assigned tag Purpose=X OR Purpose=Y, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Filter.1.Value.2=Y
volume-id	ID of the volume the snapshot is for. Type: String
volume-size	The size of the volume, in GiB (e.g., 20). Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SnapshotId.n</i>	One or more snapshot IDs. Type: String Default: Describes snapshots for which you have launch permissions.	No
<i>Owner.n</i>	Returns snapshots owned by the specified owner. Multiple owners can be specified. Type: String Valid Values: <code>self</code> <code>amazon</code> AWS Account ID Default: None	No
<i>RestorableBy.n</i>	One or more AWS accounts IDs that can create volumes from the snapshot. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeSnapshotsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>snapshotSet</code>	List of snapshots. Each snapshot's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeSnapshotsSetItemResponseType (p. 220)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes snapshot `snap-78a54011`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSnapshots
&SnapshotId=snap-78a54011
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSnapshotsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <snapshotSet>
    <item>
      <snapshotId>snap-78a54011</snapshotId>
      <volumeId>vol-4d826724</volumeId>
      <status>pending</status>
      <startTime>2008-05-07T12:51:50.000Z</startTime>
      <progress>80%</progress>
      <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
      <volumeSize>10</volumeSize>
      <description>Daily Backup</description>
      <tagSet/>
    </item>
  </snapshotSet>
</DescribeSnapshotsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example filters the results to display only snapshots with the `pending` status, and that are also tagged with a value that includes the string `db_`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSnapshots
&Filter.1.Name=status
&Filter.1.Value.1=pending
&Filter.2.Name=tag-value
&Filter.2.Value.1=*db_*
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSnapshotsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <snapshotSet>
    <item>
      <snapshotId>snap-1a2b3c4d</snapshotId>
      <volumeId>vol-8875daef</volumeId>
      <status>pending</status>
      <startTime>2010-07-29T04:12:01.000Z</startTime>
      <progress>30%</progress>
      <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
      <volumeSize>15</volumeSize>
      <description>Daily Backup</description>
      <tagSet>
        <item>
          <key>Purpose</key>
          <value>demo_db_14_backup</value>
        </item>
      </tagSet>
    </item>
  </snapshotSet>
</DescribeSnapshotsResponse>
```

```
        </item>  
      </tagSet>  
    </item>  
  </snapshotSet>  
</DescribeSnapshotsResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSnapshot](#) (p. 37)
- [DeleteSnapshot](#) (p. 52)

DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription

Description

Describes the datafeed for Spot Instances. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

The `DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription` operation does not have any request parameters.

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>spotDatafeedSubscription</code>	The Spot Instance datafeed subscription. Type: SpotDatafeedSubscriptionType (p. 246)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes the datafeed for the account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazon
aws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <spotDatafeedSubscription>
    <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
    <bucket>mybucket</bucket>
    <prefix>spotdata</prefix>
    <state>Active</state>
  </spotDatafeedSubscription>
</DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSpotDatafeedSubscription](#) (p. 40)

- [DeleteSpotDatafeedSubscription](#) (p. 54)

DescribeSpotInstanceRequests

Description

Describes Spot Instance requests that belong to your account. Spot Instances are instances that Amazon EC2 starts on your behalf when the maximum price that you specify exceeds the current Spot Price. Amazon EC2 periodically sets the Spot Price based on available Spot Instance capacity and current spot instance requests. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

You can filter the results to return information only about Spot Instance requests that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information about requests where the Spot Price you specified is a certain value (you can't use greater than or less than comparison, but you can use * and ? wildcards). You can specify multiple values for a filter. A Spot Instance request must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the Spot Price is equal to a particular value, and the instance type is m1.small). The result includes information for a particular request only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: * matches zero or more characters, and ? matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>availability-zone-group</code>	Availability Zone group. If you specify the same Availability Zone group for all Spot Instance requests, all Spot Instances are launched in the same Availability Zone. Type: String
<code>create-time</code>	Time stamp when the Spot Instance request was created. Type: String
<code>fault-code</code>	Fault code related to the request. Type: String
<code>fault-message</code>	Fault message related to the request. Type: String
<code>instance-id</code>	ID of the instance that fulfilled the request. Type: String
<code>launch-group</code>	Spot Instance launch group. Launch groups are Spot Instances that launch together and terminate together. Type: String
<code>launch.block-device-mapping.delete-on-termination</code>	Whether an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance is deleted on instance termination. Type: Boolean

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Description

Filter Name	Description
<code>launch.block-device-mapping.device-name</code>	Device name (e.g., <code>/dev/sdh</code>) for an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance. Type: String
<code>launch.block-device-mapping.snapshot-id</code>	ID for a snapshot mapped to the instance. Type: String
<code>launch.block-device-mapping.volume-size</code>	Size of an Amazon EBS volume mapped to the instance (in GiB). Type: String
<code>launch.group-id</code>	A security group the instance is in. Type: String
<code>launch.image-id</code>	The AMI ID. Type: String
<code>launch.instance-type</code>	Type of instance (e.g., <code>m1.small</code>). Type: String
<code>launch.kernel-id</code>	Kernel ID. Type: String
<code>launch.key-name</code>	Name of the key pair the instance launched with. Type: String
<code>launch.monitoring-enabled</code>	Whether monitoring is enabled for the Spot Instance. Type: Boolean
<code>launch.ramdisk-id</code>	RAM disk ID. Type: String
<code>product-description</code>	Product description associated with the instance. Type: String Valid Values: <code>Linux/UNIX</code> <code>Windows</code>
<code>spot-instance-request-id</code>	Spot Instance request ID. Type: String
<code>spot-price</code>	Maximum hourly price for any Spot Instance launched to fulfill the request. Type: String
<code>state</code>	State of the Spot Instance request. Type: String Valid Values: <code>active</code> <code>cancelled</code> <code>open</code> <code>closed</code> <code>failed</code>

Filter Name	Description
tag-key	Key of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-value filter. For example, if you use both the filter tag-key=Purpose and the filter tag-value=X, you get any resources assigned both the tag key Purpose (regardless of what the tag's value is), and the tag value X (regardless of what the tag's key is). If you want to list only resources where Purpose=X, see the tag:key filter later in this table. For more information about tags, go to Using Tags in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String
tag-value	Value of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-key filter. Type: String
tag:key	Filters the results based on a specific tag/value combination. Example: To list just the resources assigned tag Purpose=X, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Example: To list just resources assigned tag Purpose=X OR Purpose=Y, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Filter.1.Value.2=Y
type	Type of Spot Instance request. Type: String Valid Values: one-time persistent
valid-from	Start date of the request. Type: xsd:dateTime
valid-until	End date of the request. Type: xsd:dateTime

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
SpotInstanceRequestIds.n	One or more Spot Instance request IDs. Type: String Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeSpotInstanceRequestsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>spotInstanceRequestSet</code>	A list of Spot Instance requests. Each request's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType (p. 247)

Examples

Example Request

This example returns information about current Spot Instance requests.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSpotInstanceRequestsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <spotInstanceRequestSet>
    <item>
      <spotInstanceRequestId>sir-e1471206</spotInstanceRequestId>
      <spotPrice>0.09</spotPrice>
      <type>one-time</type>
      <state>active</state>
      <launchSpecification>
        <imageId>ami-813968c4</imageId>
        <keyName>MyKey</keyName>
        <groupSet>
```

```
        <item>
          <groupId>default</groupId>
        </item>
      </groupSet>
      <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
      <blockDeviceMapping/>
      <monitoring>
        <enabled>>false</enabled>
      </monitoring>
    </launchSpecification>
    <instanceId>i-992cf7dd</instanceId>
    <createTime>2010-09-13T23:50:44.000Z</createTime>
    <productDescription>Linux/UNIX</productDescription>
    <tagSet/>
  </item>
</spotInstanceRequestSet/>
<DescribeSpotInstanceRequestsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes all persistent Spot Instance requests that have resulted in the launch of at least one m1.small instance that also has monitoring enabled.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
&Filter.1.Name=type
&Filter.1.Value.1=persistent
&Filter.2.Name=instance-type
&Filter.2.Value.1=m1.small
&Filter.3.Name=monitoring-enabled
&Filter.3.Value.1=true
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [RequestSpotInstances](#) (p. 176)
- [CancelSpotInstanceRequests](#) (p. 25)
- [DescribeSpotPriceHistory](#) (p. 128)

DescribeSpotPriceHistory

Description

Describes Spot Price history. Spot Instances are instances that Amazon EC2 starts on your behalf when the maximum price that you specify exceeds the current Spot Price. Amazon EC2 periodically sets the Spot Price based on available Spot Instance capacity and current spot instance requests. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.



Note

Although you can specify an Availability Zone or Availability Zone group when placing a Spot Instances request, the Spot Price does not vary by Availability Zone.



Note

Our policy is to provide filters for all "describe" calls so you can limit the results to your specified criteria. Therefore, you can use filters to limit the results when describing Spot Price histories, even though you can use the regular request parameters to do something similar.

For example, you could use the regular request parameters or a filter to get the history for a particular instance type. You can specify multiple request parameters or multiple filters (e.g., limit the results to the m2.xlarge instance type, and only for Windows instances). The result includes information for a particular price history only if it matches *all* your request parameters or filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: * matches zero or more characters, and ? matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?\`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
instance-type	Type of instance (e.g., m1.small). Type: String
product-description	Product description for the Spot Price. Type: String Valid Values: Linux/UNIX SUSE Linux Windows
spot-price	Spot Price. The value must match exactly (or use wildcards; greater than or less than comparison is not supported). Type: String
timestamp	Timestamp of the Spot Price history, e.g., 2010-08-16T05:06:11.000Z. You can use wildcards (* and ?). Greater than or less than comparison is not supported. Type: xsd:dateTime

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>StartTime</i>	Start date and time of the Spot Instance price history data. Type: DateTime Default: None	No
<i>EndTime</i>	End date and time of the Spot Instance price history data. Type: DateTime Default: None	No
<i>InstanceType.n</i>	The instance type to return. Type: String Valid Values: m1.small m1.large m1.xlarge c1.medium c1.xlarge m2.xlarge m2.2xlarge m2.4xlarge t1.micro Default: None	No
<i>ProductDescription.n</i>	Filters the results by basic product description. Type: String Valid Values: Linux/UNIX SUSE Linux Windows Default: Returns all information	No
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeSpotPriceHistoryResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>spotPriceHistorySet</code>	List of historical Spot Prices. Each price's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: SpotPriceHistorySetItemType (p. 249)

Examples

Example Request

This example returns Spot Price history for a particular day in December 2009.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSpotPriceHistory
&StartTime=2009-12-04T00:00:00.000Z
&EndTime=2009-12-04T23:59:59.000Z
&AUTHPARAMS
```

This request uses filters instead of regular request parameters to achieve the same results.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeSpotPriceHistory
&Filter.1.Name=timestamp
&Filter.1.Value.1=2009-12-04*
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeSpotPriceHistoryResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <spotPriceHistorySet>
    <item>
      <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
      <productDescription>Linux/UNIX</productDescription>
      <spotPrice>0.287</spotPrice>
      <timestamp>2009-12-04T20:56:05.000Z</timestamp>
    </item>
    <item>
      <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
      <productDescription>Windows</productDescription>
      <spotPrice>0.033</spotPrice>
      <timestamp>2009-12-04T22:33:47.000Z</timestamp>
    </item>
  </spotPriceHistorySet>
</DescribeSpotPriceHistoryResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeSpotInstanceRequests](#) (p. 123)
- [RequestSpotInstances](#) (p. 176)
- [CancelSpotInstanceRequests](#) (p. 25)

DescribeTags

Description

Lists your tags. For more information about tags, go to [Using Tags](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

You can use filters to limit the results when describing tags. For example, you could get only the tags for a particular resource type. You can specify multiple values for a filter. A tag must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., limit the results to a specific resource type, and get only tags with values that contain the string `database`). The result includes information for a particular tag only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?`.

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
key	Tag key. Type: String
resource-id	Resource ID. Type: String
resource-type	Resource type. Type: String Valid Values: customer-gateway dhcp-options image instance reserved-instances snapshot spot-instances-request subnet volume vpc vpn-connection vpn-gateway
value	Tag value. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeTagsResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>tagSet</code>	List of tags. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: TagSetItem Type (p. 251)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes all the tags in your account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DescribeTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <tagSet>
    <item>
      <resourceId>ami-1a2b3c4d</resourceId>
      <resourceType>image</resourceType>
      <key>webserver</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>ami-1a2b3c4d</resourceId>
      <resourceType>image</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Production</value>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-5f4e3d2a</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>webserver</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-5f4e3d2a</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Production</value>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-12345678</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
```

```
    <key>database_server</key>
    <value/>
  </item>
  <item>
    <resourceId>i-12345678</resourceId>
    <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
    <key>stack</key>
    <value>Test</value>
  </item>
</tagSet>
</DescribeTagsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes only the tags for the AMI with ID ami-1a2b3c4d.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&Filter.1.Name=resource-id
&Filter.1.Value.1=ami-1a2b3c4d
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DescribeTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <tagSet>
    <item>
      <resourceId>ami-1a2b3c4d</resourceId>
      <resourceType>image</resourceType>
      <key>webserver</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>ami-1a2b3c4d</resourceId>
      <resourceType>image</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Production</value>
    </item>
  </tagSet>
</DescribeTagsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes the tags for all your instances.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&Filter.1.Name=resource-type
&Filter.1.Value.1=instance
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DescribeTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <tagSet>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-5f4e3d2a</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>webserver</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-5f4e3d2a</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Production</value>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-12345678</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>database_server</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-12345678</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Test</value>
    </item>
  </tagSet>
</DescribeTagsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes the tags for all your instances tagged with the key *webserver*. Note that you can use wildcards with filters. So you could specify the value as *?ebserver* to find tags with the key *webserver* or *Webserver*.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&Filter.1.Name=key
&Filter.1.Value.1=webserver
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DescribeTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <tagSet>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-5f4e3d2a</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>webserver</key>
      <value/>
    </item>
  </tagSet>
</DescribeTagsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes the tags for all your instances tagged with either `stack=Test` or `stack=Production`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&Filter.1.Name=resource-type
&Filter.1.Value.1=instance
&Filter.2.Name=key
&Filter.2.Value.1=stack
&Filter.3.Name=value
&Filter.3.Value.1=Test
&Filter.3.Value.2=Production
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Sample response:

```
<DescribeTagsResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <tagSet>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-5f4e3d2a</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Production</value>
    </item>
    <item>
      <resourceId>i-12345678</resourceId>
      <resourceType>instance</resourceType>
      <key>stack</key>
      <value>Test</value>
    </item>
  </tagSet>
</DescribeTagsResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes the tags for all your instances tagged with `Purpose=[empty string]`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeTags
&Filter.1.Name=resource-type
&Filter.1.Value.1=instance
&Filter.2.Name=key
&Filter.2.Value.1=Purpose
&Filter.3.Name=value
&Filter.3.Value.1=
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [CreateTags](#) (p. 42)
- [DeleteTags](#) (p. 55)

DescribeVolumes

Description

Describes your Amazon EBS volumes. For more information about Amazon EBS, go to [Amazon Elastic Block Store](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

You can filter the results to return information only about volumes that match criteria you specify. For example, you could get information about volumes whose status is `available`. You can specify multiple values for a filter (e.g., the volume's status is either `available` or `in-use`). A volume must match at least one of the specified values for it to be included in the results.

You can specify multiple filters (e.g., the volume's status is `available`, and it is tagged with a particular value). The result includes information for a particular volume only if it matches *all* your filters. If there's no match, no special message is returned; the response is simply empty.

You can use wildcards with the filter values: `*` matches zero or more characters, and `?` matches exactly one character. You can escape special characters using a backslash before the character. For example, a value of `*amazon\?\` searches for the literal string `*amazon?.`

The following table shows the available filters.

Filter Name	Description
<code>attachment.attach-time</code>	Time stamp when the attachment initiated. Type: <code>xsd:dateTime</code>
<code>attachment.delete-on-termination</code>	Whether the volume will be deleted on instance termination. Type: <code>Boolean</code>
<code>attachment.device</code>	How the volume is exposed to the instance (e.g., <code>/dev/sda1</code>). Type: <code>String</code>
<code>attachment.instance-id</code>	ID of the instance the volume is attached to. Type: <code>String</code>
<code>attachment.status</code>	Attachment state. Type: <code>String</code> Valid Values: <code>attaching</code> <code>attached</code> <code>detaching</code> <code>detached</code>
<code>availability-zone</code>	Availability Zone in which the volume was created. Type: <code>String</code>
<code>create-time</code>	Time stamp when the volume was created. Type: <code>xsd:dateTime</code>
<code>size</code>	Size of the volume, in GiB (e.g., 20). Type: <code>String</code>
<code>snapshot-id</code>	Snapshot from which the volume was created. Type: <code>String</code>

Filter Name	Description
status	Status of the volume. Type: String Valid Values: creating available in-use deleting deleted error
tag-key	Key of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-value filter. For example, if you use both the filter tag-key=Purpose and the filter tag-value=X, you get any resources assigned both the tag key Purpose (regardless of what the tag's value is), and the tag value X (regardless of what the tag's key is). If you want to list only resources where Purpose=X, see the tag:key filter later in this table. For more information about tags, go to Using Tags in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String
tag-value	Value of a tag assigned to the resource. This filter is independent of the tag-key filter. Type: String
tag:key	Filters the results based on a specific tag/value combination. Example: To list just the resources assigned tag Purpose=X, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Example: To list just resources assigned tag Purpose=X OR Purpose=Y, then specify: Filter.1.Name=tag:Purpose Filter.1.Value.1=X Filter.1.Value.2=Y
volume-id	Volume ID. Type: String

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
VolumeId.n	One or more volume IDs. Type: String Default: Describes all volumes that you own, or only those otherwise specified.	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>Filter.n.Name</i>	Name of a filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed filter names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Filter.n.Value.m</i>	A value for the filter. See the preceding table for a list of allowed values for each filter. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DescribeVolumesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>volumeSet</code>	A list of volumes. Each volume's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: DescribeVolumesSetItemResponseType (p. 221)

Examples

Example Request

This example describes all volumes associated with your account.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeVolumes
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DescribeVolumesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <volumeSet>
    <item>
      <volumeId>vol-4282672b</volumeId>
      <size>80</size>
      <snapshotId/>
      <availabilityZone>us-east-1a</availabilityZone>
      <status>in-use</status>
      <createTime>2008-05-07T11:51:50.000Z</createTime>
      <attachmentSet>
        <item>
          <volumeId>vol-4282672b</volumeId>
          <instanceId>i-6058a509</instanceId>
```

```
<device>/dev/sdh</device>
<status>attached</status>
<attachTime>2008-05-07T12:51:50.000Z</attachTime>
<deleteOnTermination>>false</deleteOnTermination>
</item>
</attachmentSet>
<tagSet/>
</item>
</volumeSet>
</DescribeVolumesResponse>
```

Example Request

This example describes all volumes that are both attached to instance i-1a2b3c4d and also set to delete when the instance terminates.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DescribeVolumes
&Filter.1.Name=attachment.instance-id
&Filter.1.Value.1=i-1a2b3c4d
&Filter.2.Name=attachment.delete-on-termination
&Filter.2.Value.1=true
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Related Operations

- [CreateVolume](#) (p. 44)
- [DeleteVolume](#) (p. 58)
- [AttachVolume](#) (p. 13)
- [DetachVolume](#) (p. 140)

DetachVolume

Description

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



Important

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



Note

If an Amazon EBS volume is the root device of an instance, it cannot be detached while the instance is in the "running" state. To detach the root volume, stop the instance first.

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DetachVolumeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
volumeId	The ID of the volume. Type: xsd:string
instanceId	The ID of the instance. Type: xsd:string
device	The device as it is exposed to the instance. Type: xsd:string
status	Attachment state. Type: xsd:string Valid Values: attaching attached detaching detached
attachTime	Time stamp when the attachment initiated. Type: xsd:dateTime

Examples

Example Request

This example detaches volume `vol-4d826724`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DetachVolume
&VolumeId=vol-4d826724
&InstanceId=i-6058a509
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DetachVolumeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <volumeId>vol-4d826724</volumeId>
  <instanceId>i-6058a509</instanceId>
  <device>/dev/sdh</device>
  <status>detaching</status>
  <attachTime>2008-05-08T11:51:50.000Z</attachTime>
</DetachVolumeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateVolume](#) (p. 44)
- [DeleteVolume](#) (p. 58)
- [DescribeVolumes](#) (p. 136)
- [AttachVolume](#) (p. 13)

DisassociateAddress

Description

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

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `DisassociateAddressResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=DisassociateAddress
&PublicIp=67.202.55.255
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<DisassociateAddressResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</DisassociateAddressResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [AllocateAddress](#) (p. 10)
- [DescribeAddresses](#) (p. 62)
- [ReleaseAddress](#) (p. 174)
- [AssociateAddress](#) (p. 11)

GetConsoleOutput

Description

Retrieves console output for the specified instance.

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	ID of the instance. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `GetConsoleOutputResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>instanceId</code>	The instance ID. Type: xsd:string
<code>timestamp</code>	The time the output was last updated. Type: xsd:dateTime
<code>output</code>	The console output, Base64 encoded. Type: xsd:string

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=GetConsoleOutput
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<GetConsoleOutputResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instanceId>i-28a64341</instanceId>
  <timestamp>2010-10-14T01:12:41.000Z</timestamp>
  <output>TGludXggdmVyc2lubiAyLjYuMTYteGVuVSAoYnVpbGRlckBwYXRjaGJhdC5hb
WF6b25zYSkgKGdj
YyB2ZXJzaW9uIDQuMC4xIDIwMDUwNzI3IChSZWQgSGF0IDQuMC4xLTUpKSAjMSBTTVAgVGh1IE9j
dCAyNiAwODo0MToyNiBTQVNUIDlwMDYKQklPUy1wcm92aWRlZCBwaHlzaWNhbCBSQU0gbWFWOgpY
ZW46IDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAgLSAwMDAwMDAwMDZhdAwMDAwIChlc2FibGUpcjk4ME1CIEhJ
R0hNRU0gYXZhaWxhYmxlLGo3MjdNQiBMTldNRU0gYXZhaWxhYmxlLgpoWCaoRXhlY3V0ZSBEaXNh
YmxlKSBwcm90ZWNoaW9uOiBhY3RpdmUKSVJRIGxvY2t1cCBkZXRLY3Rpb24gZGlzYWJsZWQKQnVp
bHQgMSB6b25lbGlzdHMKS2VybVVsIGNvbW1hbmQgbGluZTogcm9vdD0vZGV2L3NkYTEgcm8gNApF
bmFibGluZyBmYXN0IEZQVSBzYXZlIGFuZCBYZZXN0b3JlLi4uIGRvbmUuCG==</output>
</GetConsoleOutputResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances \(p. 190\)](#)

GetPasswordData

Description

Retrieves the encrypted administrator password for an instance running Windows.



Note

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

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	A Windows instance ID. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `GetPasswordDataResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>instanceId</code>	The ID of the instance. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>timestamp</code>	The time the data was last updated. Type: <code>xsd:dateTime</code>
<code>passwordData</code>	The password of the instance. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=GetPasswordData
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<GetPasswordDataResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instanceId>i-2574e22a</instanceId>
  <timestamp>2009-10-24 15:00:00</timestamp>
  <passwordData>TGludXggdmVyc2lvbiAyLjYuMTYteGVuVSAoYnVpbGRlckBwYXRjaGJhdC5hb
WF6b25zYSkgKGdj</passwordData>
</GetPasswordDataResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)

ImportInstance

Description

Creates a new import instance task using metadata from the specified disk image. After importing the image, you then upload it using the `ec2-upload-disk-image` command in the EC2 command line tools. For more information, go to [Importing Your Virtual Machines and Volumes into Amazon EC2](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>Description</i>	Description of the instance being imported Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Architecture</i>	Architecture of the instance. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: i386 x86_64	Yes
<i>SecurityGroup.n</i>	One or more security group names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>UserData</i>	User data to be made available to the instance. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>InstanceType</i>	The instance type. Type: String Valid Values: m1.small m1.large m1.xlarge c1.medium c1.xlarge m2.xlarge m2.2xlarge m2.4xlarge t1.micro Default: m1.small	Yes
<i>Placement.AvailabilityZone</i>	The Availability Zone you want to launch the instance into. Type: xsd:string Default: EC2 chooses a zone for you	No
<i>Monitoring.Enabled</i>	Enables detailed monitoring for the instance. Type: Boolean Default: false	No
<i>SubnetId</i>	If you're using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud, this specifies the ID of the subnet you want to launch the instance into. Type: String Default: None	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior</i>	Determines whether the instance stops or terminates on instance-initiated shutdown. Type: String Valid Values: <code>stop</code> <code>terminate</code> Default: <code>stop</code>	No
<i>PrivateIpAddress</i>	If you're using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud, you can optionally use this parameter to assign the instance a specific available IP address from the subnet (e.g., 10.0.0.25). Type: String Default: Amazon VPC selects an IP address from the subnet for the instance	No
<i>DiskImage.n.Image.Format</i>	File format of the disk image. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: <code>VMDK</code> <code>RAW</code>	Yes
<i>DiskImage.n.Image.Bytes</i>	Number of bytes in the disk image. Type: <code>xsd:long</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>DiskImage.n.Image.ImportManifestUrl</i>	The manifest for the disk image, stored in Amazon S3 and presented here as an Amazon S3 pre-signed URL. For information about creating a pre-signed URL for an Amazon S3 object, read the "Query String Request Authentication Alternative" section of the Authenticating REST Requests topic in the <i>Amazon Simple Storage Service Developer Guide</i> . Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>DiskImage.n.Image.Description</i>	Optional description of the disk image. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>DiskImage.n.Volume.Size</i>	The size, in GB (2 ³⁰ bytes), of the Amazon EBS volume that will hold the converted image. Type: Integer Default: None	Yes
<i>Platform</i>	The EC2 instance operating system. Type: String Default: None Valid Value: <code>Windows</code>	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in an `ImportInstanceResponse` structure.

Name	Description
conversionTask	Information about the import instance task. Type: ConversionTaskType (p. 213)

Examples

Example Request

This example creates an import instance task that migrates a Windows Server SP2 (32-bit) VM into the AWS us-east-1 region.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ImportInstance
&Architecture=x86_64
&InstanceType=m1.xlarge
&DiskImage.1.Image.Format=VMDK
&DiskImage.1.Image.Bytes=1179593728
&DiskImage.1.Image.ImportManifestUrl=https://s3.amazonaws.com/MyImportBucket/
a3a5e1b6-590d-43cc-97c1-15c7325d3f41/Win_2008_Server_Data_Center_SP2_32-bit.
vmdkmanifest.xml?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIR2I45FHYEXAMPLE&Expires=1294855591&Signa
ture=5snej01TtL0uR7KExtEXAMPLE%3D
&DiskImage.1.Volume.Size=12
&Platform=Windows
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ImportInstanceResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <conversionTask>
    <conversionTaskId>import-i-ffvko9js</conversionTaskId>
    <expirationTime>2010-12-22T12:01Z</expirationTime>
    <importInstance>
      <volumes>
        <item>
          <bytesConverted>0</bytesConverted>
          <availabilityZone>us-east-1a</availabilityZone>
          <image>
            <format>VMDK</format>
            <size>1179593728</size>
            <importManifestUrl>
              https://s3.amazonaws.com/MyImportBucket/a3a5e1b6-590d-43cc-
              97c1-15c7325d3f41/Win_2008_Server_Data_Center_SP2_32-bit.vmdkmanifest.xml?AWSAc
              cessKeyId=AKIAIR2I45FHYEXAMPLE&Expires=1294855591&Signature=5snej01TtL0uR7KEx
              tEXAMPLE%3D
            </importManifestUrl>
          </image>
          <description/>
          <volume>
            <size>12</size>
            <id>vol-1a2b3c4d</id>
          </volume>
          <status>active</status>
          <statusMessage/>
        </item>
      </volumes>
    </importInstance>
  </conversionTask>
</ImportInstanceResponse>
```

```
        </item>
      </volumes>
      <instanceId>i-12655a7f</instanceId>
      <description/>
    </importInstance>
  </conversionTask>
</ImportInstanceResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ImportVolume](#) (p. 154)
- [DescribeConversionTasks](#) (p. 70)
- [CancelConversionTask](#) (p. 23)

ImportKeyPair

Description

Imports the public key from an RSA key pair that you created with a third-party tool. Compare this with `CreateKeyPair`, in which AWS creates the key pair and gives the keys to you (AWS keeps a copy of the public key). With `ImportKeyPair`, you create the key pair and give AWS just the public key. The private key is never transferred between you and AWS.

You can easily create an RSA key pair on Windows and Linux using the `ssh-keygen` command line tool (provided with the standard OpenSSH installation). Standard library support for RSA key pair creation is also available in Java, Ruby, Python, and many other programming languages.

Supported formats:

- OpenSSH public key format (e.g., the format in `~/.ssh/authorized_keys`)
- Base64 encoded DER format
- SSH public key file format as specified in [RFC4716](#)

DSA keys are not supported. Make sure your key generator is set up to create RSA keys.

Supported lengths: 1024, 2048, and 4096.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>KeyName</i>	A unique name for the key pair. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Accepts alphanumeric characters, spaces, dashes, and underscores.	Yes
<i>PublicKeyMaterial</i>	The public key. You must base64 encode the public key material before sending it to AWS. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ImportKeyPairResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>keyName</code>	The key pair name you provided. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Name	Description
keyFingerprint	MD5 public key fingerprint as specified in section 4 of RFC4716 . Type: xsd:string

Examples

Example Request

This example uploads the public key for a key pair you name gsg-keypair.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ImportKeyPair
&KeyName=gsg-keypair
&PublicKeyMaterial=LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURSU0tLS0tDQpNSU1DZHp
DQ0FlQ2dBd0lCQWdJR0FQalRyR3pQ
TUEwR0NTcUdTSWlZRFFFQkJRUVFNrk14Q3pBSkJnTlZCQVlUDQpBbFZUTVJNd0VRWURWUVFLRXdw
QmJXRjZiMjRlWTI5dE1rd3dDZ1lEVlFRTEV3TkJWMMU14SVRBZk14SVRBU0tLS0tDQpNSU1DZHp
MXBkRlZrTFVGemMzVnlZVzVgWlNCRFFUQWVGdzB3T1RBM016RXlNVFEzTXpWYUz3MHhNREEzDQpN
ekV5TVRRM016VmFNrk14Q3pBSkJnTlZCQVlUDQpBbFZUTVJNd0VRWURWUVFLRXdw
OXRNUnN3DQpGUVlEVlFRTEV3NUJWMMU10UkdWMLpXehZjR1Z5Y3pFVklCTUdBMVVFQXhNTWJUSnVi
RGhxZW00MwVHUjFNSUdmDQpNQTBHQ1Nxr1NjYjNEUUVUUVFVQUE0R05BRENCaVFLQmdRQ1dOazBo
QytrcExBRnp2YkFQc3U1TDU5bFMwUnI0DQprZEpaM0RFak1pL0IwV2ZDSzhpS2hWYwT1WitHSnJt
NDdMUHZCaFVWk9IeHVUU0VXakFDNmlybDZzKz1SWXVjDQpFZXg0TjI4Z1pCZGpORlAzdEgWZ2Nu
WjdIbXZ4aFBrTEtORTdpZmViNmNGUUhRdHhRnRPQ0ZQTMdUSE92VDE5DQoyR3lZb1VyU3BDVGFC
UUEQVFBQm8xY3dWVEFPQmdOVkhROEJBZjhFQkFNQ0JhQXdGZ1lEVlIwbnBFRSC9CQXd3DQpDZ1lJ
S3dZQk1RVUUhBd0l3REFZRFZSMFRBUUgVQkFjd0FEQWR0Z05WSFE0RUZnUVU1RVNnU1TUZUZUdyTDNX
TUDLDQpgejMxVXZ5TThnMHdEUVlKS29aSWh2Y05BUUVCQ1FBRGdZRUFnWjddZ1lJWHRlWFM1NHVq
bu5jOTR0NWRNc3krDQpCM0Z3WVVNdUd4WUI2eGQvSUVWMTFLRVEyZ0hpZUdMU21jUWg4c2JXTTdt
KzcrYm9UNmc2U2hLbU1jblkzWkRTDQpWRVFZ25qcEtlaEZRd2pmaVpTUEc1UG5SVENhdkVqS3lT
TUpDVGxpdtTtTjMrR2J3cFU5UzgzK21GM2tsMGRmDQpZN1IrbEl5SWcrU3ROOTg9DQotLS0tLUVU
RCBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURSU0tLS0tEXAMPLE
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ImportKeyPairResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>7a62c49f-347e-4fc4-9331-6e8eEXAMPLE</requestId>
  <keyName>gsg-keypair</keyName>
  <keyFingerprint>
    1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f
  </keyFingerprint>
</ImportKeyPairResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateKeyPair](#) (p. 31)
- [DescribeKeyPairs](#) (p. 93)
- [DeleteKeyPair](#) (p. 46)

ImportVolume

Description

Creates a new import volume task using metadata from the specified disk image. After importing the image, you then upload it using the `ec2-upload-disk-image` command in the EC2 command line tools. For more information, go to [Importing Your Virtual Machines and Volumes into Amazon EC2](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>AvailabilityZone</i>	Availability Zone where the resulting Amazon EBS volume will reside. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Image.Format</i>	The file format of the disk image. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: VMDK RAW	Yes
<i>Image.Bytes</i>	Number of bytes in the disk image. Type: xs:long Default: None	Yes
<i>Image.ImportManifestUrl</i>	The manifest for the disk image, stored in Amazon S3 and presented here as an Amazon S3 pre-signed URL. For information about creating a pre-signed URL for an Amazon S3 object, read the "Query String Request Authentication Alternative" section of the Authenticating REST Requests topic in the <i>Amazon Simple Storage Service Developer Guide</i> . Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Description</i>	Optional description of the volume being imported. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Volume.Size</i>	The size, in GB (2 ³⁰ bytes), of an Amazon EBS volume that will hold the converted image. Type: Integer Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in an `ImportVolumeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
conversionTask	Information about the import volume task. Type: ConversionTaskType (p. 213)

Examples

Example Request

This example creates an import volume task that migrates a Windows Server 8 (32-bit) volume into the AWS us-east-1 region.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ImportVolume
&AvailabilityZone=us-east-1c
&Image.Format=VMDK
&Image.Bytes=128696320
&Image.ImportManifestUrl=https://s3.amazonaws.com/MyImportBucket/a3a5e1b6-590d-43cc-97c1-15c7325d3f41/Win_2008_Server_Data_Center_SP2_32-bit.vmdkmanifest.xml?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIR2I45FHYEXAMPLE&Expires=1294855591&Signature=5snej01TlTtL0uR7KExtEXAMPLE%3D
&VolumeSize=8
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ImportVolumeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <conversionTask>
    <conversionTaskId>import-i-fh95npoc</conversionTaskId>
    <expirationTime>2010-12-22T12:01Z</expirationTime>
    <importVolume>
      <bytesConverted>0</bytesConverted>
      <availabilityZone>us-east-1c</availabilityZone>
      <description/>
      <image>
        <format>VMDK</format>
        <size>128696320</size>
        <importManifestUrl>
          https://s3.amazonaws.com/MyImportBucket/a3a5e1b6-590d-43cc-97c1-15c7325d3f41/Win_2008_Server_Data_Center_SP2_32-bit.vmdkmanifest.xml?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIR2I45FHYEXAMPLE&Expires=1294855591&Signature=5snej01TlTtL0uR7KExtEXAMPLE%3D
        </importManifestUrl>
        <checksum>ccb1b0536a4a70e86016b85229b5c6b10b14a4eb</checksum>
      </image>
      <volume>
        <size>8</size>
        <id>vol-34d8a2ff</id>
      </volume>
    </importVolume>
    <state>active</state>
    <statusMessage/>
  </conversionTask>
</ImportVolumeResponse>
```


Related Operations

- [ImportInstance](#) (p. 148)
- [DescribeConversionTasks](#) (p. 70)
- [CancelConversionTask](#) (p. 23)

ModifyImageAttribute

Description

Modifies an attribute of an AMI.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ImageId</i>	The AMI ID. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>LaunchPermission.Add.n.UserId</i>	Adds the specified AWS account ID to the AMI's list of launch permissions. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchPermission.Remove.n.UserId</i>	Removes the specified AWS account ID from the AMI's list of launch permissions. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchPermission.Add.n.Group</i>	Adds the specified group to the image's list of launch permissions. The only valid value is <code>all</code> . Type: String Valid Value: <code>all</code> (for all EC2 users) Default: None	No
<i>LaunchPermission.Remove.n.Group</i>	Removes the specified group from the image's list of launch permissions. The only valid value is <code>all</code> . Type: String Valid Value: <code>all</code> (for all EC2 users) Default: None	No
<i>ProductCode.n</i>	Adds the specified product code to the specified Amazon S3-backed AMI. Once you add a product code to an AMI, it can't be removed. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Description.Value</i>	Changes the AMI's description to the specified value. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ModifyImageAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
return	Returns true if successful. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example makes the AMI public (i.e., so any AWS account can launch it).

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&LaunchPermission.Add.1.Group=all
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example makes the AMI private (i.e., so only you as the owner can launch it).

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&LaunchPermission.Remove.1.Group=all
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example grants launch permission to the AWS account with ID 111122223333.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&LaunchPermission.Add.1.UserId=111122223333
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example removes launch permission from the AWS account with ID 111122223333.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&LaunchPermission.Remove.1.UserId=111122223333
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example adds the 774F4FF8 product code to the ami-61a54008 AMI.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyImageAttribute?Action=ModifyImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&ProductCode.1=774F4FF8
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example changes the description of the AMI to `New_Description`

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyImageAttribute?Action=ModifyImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&Description.Value=New_Description
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ModifyImageAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <return>true</return>
</ModifyImageAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ResetImageAttribute](#) (p. 181)
- [DescribeImageAttribute](#) (p. 72)

ModifyInstanceAttribute

Description

Modifies an attribute of an instance.



Note

If you want to add ephemeral storage to an Amazon EBS-backed instance, you must add the ephemeral storage at the time you launch the instance. For more information, go to [Overriding the AMI's Block Device Mapping](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*, or to [Adding Default Local Instance Storage](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	The ID of the instance. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>InstanceType.Value</i>	Changes the instance type to the specified value. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Kernel.Value</i>	Changes the instance's kernel to the specified value. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Ramdisk.Value</i>	Changes the instance's RAM disk to the specified value. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>UserData.Value</i>	Changes the instance's user data to the specified value. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>DisableApiTermination.Value</i>	Changes the instance's <code>DisableApiTermination</code> flag to the specified value. A value of <code>true</code> means you can't terminate the instance using the API (i.e., the instance is "locked"); a value of <code>false</code> means you can. You must modify this attribute before you can terminate any "locked" instances using the API. Type: Boolean Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior.Value</i>	Changes the instance's InstanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior flag to the specified value. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: stop terminate	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ModifyInstanceAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
return	Returns true if successful. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example changes the kernel for the instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifyInstanceAttribute
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&Kernel.Value=aki-f70657b2
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ModifyInstanceAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</ModifyInstanceAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ResetInstanceAttribute](#) (p. 183)
- [DescribeInstanceAttribute](#) (p. 81)

ModifySnapshotAttribute

Description

Adds or remove permission settings for the specified snapshot.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the snapshot. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	Snapshot attribute to modify (currently you can only modify who can create volumes from the snapshot). Type: String Default: None Valid Value: <code>createVolumePermission</code>	Yes
<i>OperationType</i>	Whether to add or remove permission to create volumes from the snapshot. Type: String Valid Values: <code>add</code> <code>remove</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>UserId.n</i>	ID of an AWS account that can create volumes from the snapshot. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>UserGroup.n</i>	Group that is allowed to create volumes from the snapshot. Type: String Default: None Valid Value: <code>all</code>	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ModifySnapshotAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if successful. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example makes the snap-78a54011 snapshot public, and gives the account with ID 495219933132 permission to create volumes from the snapshot.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ModifySnapshotAttribute
&snapshotId=snap-78a54011
&Attribute=createVolumePermission
&OperationType=add
&UserGroup.1=all
&UserId.1=495219933132
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ModifySnapshotAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</ModifySnapshotAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeSnapshotAttribute](#) (p. 114)
- [DescribeSnapshots](#) (p. 116)
- [ResetSnapshotAttribute](#) (p. 185)
- [CreateSnapshot](#) (p. 37)

MonitorInstances

Description

Enables monitoring for a running instance. For more information about monitoring instances, go to [Monitoring Your Instances and Volumes](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `MonitorInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>instancesSet</code>	List of instances. Each instance's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: MonitorInstancesResponseSetItemType (p. 237)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=MonitorInstances
&InstanceId.1=i-43a4412a
&InstanceId.2=i-23a3397d
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<MonitorInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-43a4412a</instanceId>
      <monitoring>
```

```
        <state>pending</state>
      </monitoring>
    </item>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-23a3397d</instanceId>
      <monitoring>
        <state>pending</state>
      </monitoring>
    </item>
  </instancesSet>
</MonitorInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [UnmonitorInstances](#) (p. 203)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)

PurchaseReservedInstancesOffering

Description

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ReservedInstancesOfferingId</i>	ID of the Reserved Instance offering you want to purchase. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>InstanceCount</i>	The number of Reserved Instances to purchase. Type: Integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `PurchaseReservedInstancesOfferingResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>reservedInstancesId</code>	The IDs of the purchased Reserved Instances. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example purchases Reserved Instances.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=PurchaseReservedInstancesOffering
&ReservedInstancesOfferingId=4b2293b4-5813-4cc8-9ce3-1957fc1dcfc8
&InstanceCount=2
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<PurchaseReservedInstancesOfferingResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <reservedInstancesId>af9f760e-c1c1-449b-8128-1342d3a6927a</reservedInstancesId>
</PurchaseReservedInstancesOfferingResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeReservedInstancesOfferings](#) (p. 106)
- [DescribeReservedInstances](#) (p. 102)

RebootInstances

Description

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



Note

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `RebootInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if successful. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example reboots two instances.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RebootInstances
&InstanceId.1=i-1a2b3c4d
&InstanceId.2=i-4d3acf62
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<RebootInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</RebootInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)

RegisterImage

Description

Registers a new AMI with Amazon EC2. When you're creating an AMI, this is the final step you must complete before you can launch an instance from the AMI. For more information about creating AMIs, go to [Creating Your Own AMIs](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.



Note

For Amazon EBS-backed instances, the `CreateImage` operation creates and registers the AMI in a single request, so you don't have to register the AMI yourself.

You can also use the `RegisterImage` action to create an EBS-backed AMI from a snapshot of a root device volume. For more information, go to [Launching an Instance from a Snapshot](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

If needed, you can deregister an AMI at any time. Any modifications you make to an AMI backed by Amazon S3 invalidates its registration. If you make changes to an image, deregister the previous image and register the new image.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ImageLocation</i>	Full path to your AMI manifest in Amazon S3 storage. Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if registering an Amazon-S3 backed AMI	Conditional
<i>Name</i>	A name for your AMI. Type: String Default: None Constraints: 3-128 alphanumeric characters, parenthesis (()), commas (,), slashes (/), dashes (-), or underscores(_)	Yes
<i>Description</i>	The description of the AMI. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Up to 255 characters.	No
<i>Architecture</i>	The architecture of the image. Type: String Valid Values: i386 x86_64 Default: None	No
<i>KernelId</i>	The ID of the kernel to select. Type: String Default: None	No

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Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>RamdiskId</i>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, refer to the Resource Center and search for the kernel ID. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>RootDeviceName</i>	The root device name (e.g., /dev/sda1, or xvda). Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if registering an Amazon EBS-backed AMI	Conditional
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.DeviceName</i>	The device name (e.g., /dev/sdh, or xvdh). Type: String Default: None Condition: If registering an Amazon EBS-backed AMI from a snapshot, you must at least specify this field with the root device name (e.g., /dev/sda1, or xvda), and <i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.SnapshotId</i> with the snapshot ID	Conditional
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.VirtualName</i>	The virtual device name. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the snapshot. Type: String Default: None Condition: If registering an Amazon EBS-backed AMI from a snapshot, you must at least specify this field with the snapshot ID, and <i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.DeviceName</i> with the root device name	Conditional
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.VolumeSize</i>	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Type: Integer Default: None Condition: Required if you are not creating a volume from a snapshot.	Conditional
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.NoDevice</i>	Specifies that no device should be mapped. Type: Boolean Default: true	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.DeleteOnTermination</i>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: Boolean Default: true	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `RegisterImageResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>imageId</code>	Unique ID of the newly registered machine image. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example registers the AMI specified in the `my-new-image.manifest.xml` manifest file, located in the bucket called `mybucket`.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RegisterImage
&ImageLocation=mybucket/my-new-image.manifest.xml
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example registers an Amazon EBS snapshot to create an AMI backed by Amazon EBS.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RegisterImage
&RootDeviceName=/dev/sda1
&BlockDeviceMapping.1.DeviceName=/dev/sda1
&BlockDeviceMapping.1.Ebs.SnapshotId=snap-6eba6e06
&Name=MyImage
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Request

This example registers the AMI with an Amazon EBS snapshot as the root device, a separate snapshot as a secondary device, and an empty 100 GiB Amazon EBS volume as a storage device.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RegisterImage
&RootDeviceName=/dev/sda1
&BlockDeviceMapping.1.DeviceName=/dev/sda1
&BlockDeviceMapping.1.Ebs.SnapshotId=snap-6eba6e06
&BlockDeviceMapping.2.DeviceName=/dev/sdb
&BlockDeviceMapping.2.Ebs.SnapshotId=snap-823ea6df
&BlockDeviceMapping.3.DeviceName=/dev/sdc
&BlockDeviceMapping.3.Ebs.VolumeSize=100
&Name=MyImage
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<RegisterImageResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">  
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>  
  <imageId>ami-78a54043</imageId>  
</RegisterImageResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeImages](#) (p. 75)
- [DeregisterImage](#) (p. 60)

ReleaseAddress

Description

Releases an elastic IP address associated with your account.

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



Note

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



Important

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

Request Parameters

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

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ReleaseAddressResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>return</code>	Returns true if successful. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ReleaseAddress  
&PublicIp=67.202.55.255  
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ReleaseAddressResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">  
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>  
  <return>true</return>  
</ReleaseAddressResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [AllocateAddress](#) (p. 10)
- [DescribeAddresses](#) (p. 62)
- [AssociateAddress](#) (p. 11)
- [DisassociateAddress](#) (p. 142)

RequestSpotInstances

Description

Creates a Spot Instance request. Spot Instances are instances that Amazon EC2 starts on your behalf when the maximum price that you specify exceeds the current Spot Price. Amazon EC2 periodically sets the Spot Price based on available Spot Instance capacity and current spot instance requests. For more information about Spot Instances, go to [Spot Instances](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SpotPrice</i>	The maximum hourly price for any Spot Instance launched to fulfill the request. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>InstanceCount</i>	The maximum number of Spot Instances to launch. Type: xs:integer Default: 1	No
<i>Type</i>	The Spot Instance request type. Type: String Valid Values: <code>one-time</code> <code>persistent</code> Default: <code>one-time</code>	No
<i>ValidFrom</i>	Start date of the request. If this is a one-time request, the request becomes active at this date and time and remains active until all instances launch, the request expires, or the request is canceled. If the request is persistent, the request becomes active at this date and time and remains active until it expires or is canceled. Type: DateTime Default: Request is effective independently	No
<i>ValidUntil</i>	End date of the request. If this is a one-time request, the request remains active until all instances launch, the request is canceled, or this date is reached. If the request is persistent, it remains active until it is canceled or this date and time is reached. Type: DateTime Default: Request is effective indefinitely	No
<i>LaunchGroup</i>	The instance launch group. Launch groups are Spot Instances that launch together and terminate together. Type: String Default: Instances are launched and terminated individually	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>AvailabilityZoneGroup</i>	The Availability Zone group. If you specify the same Availability Zone group for all Spot Instance requests, all Spot Instances are launched in the same Availability Zone. Type: String Default: Instances are launched in any available Availability Zone.	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.ImageId</i>	The AMI ID. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>LaunchSpecification.KeyName</i>	The name of the key pair. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.SecurityGroup.n</i>	Name of the security group. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.UserData</i>	MIME, Base64-encoded user data to make available to the instances. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.AddressingType</i>	Deprecated. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.InstanceType</i>	The instance type. Type: String Valid Values: m1.small m1.large m1.xlarge c1.medium c1.xlarge m2.xlarge m2.2xlarge m2.4xlarge t1.micro Default: m1.small	Yes
<i>LaunchSpecification.Placement.AvailabilityZone</i>	The placement constraints (Availability Zone) for launching the instances. Type: String Default: Amazon EC2 selects an Availability Zone.	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.KernelId</i>	The ID of the kernel to select. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.RamdiskId</i>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk and search for the kernel ID. Type: String Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>LaunchSpecification.blockDeviceMapping.n.DeviceName</i>	Describes the mapping that defines native device names to use when exposing virtual devices. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.blockDeviceMapping.n.VirtualName</i>	The virtual device name. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.blockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the snapshot. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.blockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.VolumeSize</i>	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Required if you are not creating a volume from a snapshot. Type: Integer Default: None	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.blockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.NoDevice</i>	Specifies that no device should be mapped. Type: Boolean Default: true	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.blockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.DeleteOnTermination</i>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: Boolean Default: true	No
<i>LaunchSpecification.Monitoring.Enabled</i>	Enables monitoring for the instance. Type: String Default: Disabled	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `RequestSpotInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>spotInstanceRequestSet</code>	Information about the Spot Instance request, wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType (p. 247)

Examples

Example Request

This example creates a Spot Instances request for ten m1.small instances.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RequestSpotInstances
&SpotPrice=0.50
&InstanceCount=2
&Type=one-time
&AvailabilityZoneGroup=MyAzGroup
&LaunchSpecification.ImageId=ami-43a4412a
&LaunchSpecification.KeyName=MyKeypair
&LaunchSpecification.Group.1=webserv
&LaunchSpecification.InstanceType=m1.small
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<RequestSpotInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <spotInstanceRequestSet>
    <item>
      <spotInstanceRequestId>sir-83d64e02</spotInstanceRequestId>
      <spotPrice>0.5</spotPrice>
      <type>one-time</type>
      <state>open</state>
      <availabilityZoneGroup>MyAzGroup</availabilityZoneGroup>
      <launchSpecification>
        <imageId>ami-43a4412a</imageId>
        <keyName>MyKeypair</keyName>
        <groupSet>
          <item>
            <groupId>webserv</groupId>
          </item>
        </groupSet>
        <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
        <blockDeviceMapping/>
        <monitoring>
          <enabled>>false</enabled>
        </monitoring>
      </launchSpecification>
      <createTime>2010-10-20T18:23:41.000Z</createTime>
      <productDescription>Linux/UNIX</productDescription>
    </item>
    <item>
      ...
    </item>
  </spotInstanceRequestSet>
</RequestSpotInstancesResponse>
```


Related Operations

- [DescribeSpotInstanceRequests](#) (p. 123)
- [CancelSpotInstanceRequests](#) (p. 25)
- [DescribeSpotPriceHistory](#) (p. 128)

ResetImageAttribute

Description

Resets an attribute of an AMI to its default value.



Note

The productCodes attribute cannot be reset.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>ImageId</i>	ID of the AMI. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	Attribute to reset (currently you can only reset the launch permission attribute). Type: String Default: None Valid Value: launchPermission	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ResetImageAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
return	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example resets the `launchPermission` attribute for the specified AMI.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ResetImageAttribute
&ImageId=ami-61a54008
&Attribute=launchPermission
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ResetImageAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</ResetImageAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ModifyImageAttribute](#) (p. 157)
- [DescribeImageAttribute](#) (p. 72)

ResetInstanceAttribute

Description

Resets an attribute of an instance to its default value.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId</i>	ID of the instance. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	Attribute to reset (currently you can reset either the kernel ID or the RAM disk ID). Type: String Default: None Valid Values: kernel ramdisk	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ResetInstanceAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: xsd:boolean

Examples

Example Request

This example resets the `kernel` attribute.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ResetInstanceAttribute
&InstanceId=i-10a64379
&Attribute=kernel
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ResetInstanceAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
```

```
<requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>  
<return>true</return>  
</ResetInstanceAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ModifyInstanceAttribute](#) (p. 160)
- [DescribeInstanceAttribute](#) (p. 81)

ResetSnapshotAttribute

Description

Resets permission settings for the specified snapshot.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the snapshot. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Attribute</i>	Attribute to reset (currently only the attribute for permission to create volumes can be reset) Type: String Default: None Valid Value: <code>createVolumePermission</code>	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `ResetSnapshotAttributeResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

This example resets the permissions for `snap-78a54011`, making it a private snapshot that can only be used by the account that created it.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=ResetSnapshotAttribute
&SnapshotId=snap-78a54011
&Attribute=createVolumePermission
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<ResetSnapshotAttributeResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <return>true</return>
</ResetSnapshotAttributeResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [ModifySnapshotAttribute](#) (p. 162)
- [DescribeSnapshotAttribute](#) (p. 114)
- [DescribeSnapshots](#) (p. 116)
- [CreateSnapshot](#) (p. 37)

RevokeSecurityGroupIngress

Description

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

The permission is comprised of the IP protocol (TCP, UDP or ICMP) and the CIDR range or source group. For TCP and UDP, you also specify the source and destination port ranges; for ICMP, you also specify the ICMP types. You can use -1 as a wildcard for the ICMP type.

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>UserId</i>	Deprecated	No
<i>GroupName</i>	Name of the group to modify. The name must be valid, and the group must belong to your account. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.IpProtocol</i>	IP protocol. Type: String Valid Values: tcp udp icmp Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.FromPort</i>	Start of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP type number. An ICMP type number of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP type number). Type: Integer Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.ToPort</i>	End of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP code. An ICMP code of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP code). Type: Integer Default: None	Yes
<i>IpPermissions.n.Groups.m.UserId</i>	AWS account ID that owns the source security group. Cannot be used when specifying a CIDR IP address. Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if giving access to one or more source security groups.	Conditional

Name	Description	Required
<i>IpPermissions.n.Groups.m.GroupName</i>	Name of the source security group. Cannot be used when specifying a CIDR IP address. Type: String Default: None Condition: Required if giving access to one or more source security groups.	Conditional
<i>IpPermissions.n.IpRanges.m.CidrIp</i>	CIDR range. Cannot be used when specifying a source security group. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Valid CIDR IP address range. Condition: Required if giving access to one or more IP address ranges.	Conditional

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `RevokeSecurityGroupIngressResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>return</code>	Returns true if the request succeeds. Otherwise, returns an error. Type: <code>xsd:boolean</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RevokeSecurityGroupIngress
&IpProtocol=tcp
&FromPort=80
&ToPort=80
&CidrIp=205.192.0.0/16
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<RevokeSecurityGroupIngressResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
```

```
<return>true</return>  
</RevokeSecurityGroupIngressResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [CreateSecurityGroup](#) (p. 35)
- [DescribeSecurityGroups](#) (p. 110)
- [AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress](#) (p. 15)
- [DeleteSecurityGroup](#) (p. 50)

RunInstances

Description

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

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



Note

Every instance is launched in a security group (created using the `CreateSecurityGroup` operation). If you don't specify a security group in the `RunInstances` request, the "default" security group is used.

For Linux instances, you can provide an optional key pair ID in the launch request (created using the `CreateKeyPair` or `ImportKeyPair` operation). The instances will have access to the public key at boot. You can use this key to provide secure access to an instance of an image on a per-instance basis. Amazon EC2 public images use this feature to provide secure access without passwords.



Important

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

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

You can provide optional user data in the launch request. All instances that collectively comprise the launch request have access to this data. For more information, go to [Instance Metadata](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.



Note

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

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<code>ImageId</code>	ID of the AMI you want to launch. Type: String Default: None	Yes

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Name	Description	Required
<i>MinCount</i>	Minimum number of instances to launch. If the value is more than Amazon EC2 can launch, no instances are launched at all. Type: Integer Default: None Constraints: Between 1 and the maximum number allowed for your account (default: 20).	Yes
<i>MaxCount</i>	Maximum number of instances to launch. If the value is more than Amazon EC2 can launch, the largest possible number above MinCount will be launched instead. Type: Integer Default: None Constraints: Between 1 and the maximum number allowed for your account (default: 20).	Yes
<i>KeyName</i>	The name of the key pair to use. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>SecurityGroup.n</i>	One or more security group names. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>UserData</i>	Base64-encoded MIME user data to be made available to the instance(s) in this reservation. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>AddressingType</i>	This parameter is deprecated. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>InstanceType</i>	The instance type. Type: String Valid Values: m1.small m1.large m1.xlarge c1.medium c1.xlarge m2.xlarge m2.2xlarge m2.4xlarge cc1.4xlarge cg1.4xlarge t1.micro Default: m1.small	No
<i>Placement.AvailabilityZone</i>	The Availability Zone you want to launch the instance into. Type: xsd:string Default: EC2 chooses a zone for you	No
<i>Placement.GroupName</i>	The name of an existing placement group you want to launch the instance into (for cluster instances). Type: xsd:string Default: None	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>KernelId</i>	The ID of the kernel with which to launch the instance. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>RamdiskId</i>	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk. To find kernel requirements, refer to the Resource Center and search for the kernel ID. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.DeviceName</i>	The device name (e.g., /dev/sdh, or xvdh). For information about block device mapping, go to Block Device Mapping in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String Default: None	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.VirtualName</i>	The virtual device name. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.SnapshotId</i>	The ID of the snapshot. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.VolumeSize</i>	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Required if you are not creating a volume from a snapshot. Type: Integer Default: None	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.NoDevice</i>	Specifies that no device should be mapped. Type: Boolean Default: true	No
<i>BlockDeviceMapping.n.Ebs.DeleteOnTermination</i>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: Boolean Default: true	No
<i>Monitoring.Enabled</i>	Enables monitoring for the instance. Type: Boolean Default: false	No
<i>SubnetId</i>	If you're using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud, this specifies the ID of the subnet you want to launch the instance into. Type: String Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>DisableApiTermination</i>	Specifies whether you can terminate the instance using the EC2 API. A value of <code>true</code> means you can't terminate the instance using the API (i.e., the instance is "locked"); a value of <code>false</code> means you can. If you set this to <code>true</code> , and you later want to terminate the instance, you must first change the <code>disableApiTermination</code> attribute's value to <code>false</code> using <code>ModifyInstanceAttribute</code> . Type: Boolean Default: <code>false</code>	No
<i>InstanceInitiatedShutdownBehavior</i>	Determines whether the instance stops or terminates on instance-initiated shutdown. Type: String Valid Values: <code>stop</code> <code>terminate</code> Default: <code>stop</code>	No
<i>PrivateIpAddress</i>	If you're using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud, you can optionally use this parameter to assign the instance a specific available IP address from the subnet (e.g., 10.0.0.25). Type: String Default: Amazon VPC selects an IP address from the subnet for the instance	No
<i>ClientToken</i>	Unique, case-sensitive identifier you provide to ensure idempotency of the request. For more information, go to How to Ensure Idempotency in the <i>Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide</i> . Type: String Default: None Constraints: Maximum 64 ASCII characters	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `RunInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>reservationId</code>	Unique ID of the reservation. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>ownerId</code>	ID of the AWS account that owns the reservation. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>groupSet</code>	List of security groups the instance belongs to. Each group's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: GroupItemType (p. 224)

Name	Description
instancesSet	A list of instances. Each instance's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: RunningInstancesItemType (p. 242)
requesterId	ID of the requester that launched the instances on your behalf (e.g., AWS Management Console, Auto Scaling). Type: <code>xsd:string</code>

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=RunInstances
&ImageId=ami-60a54009
&MaxCount=3
&MinCount=1
&Placement.AvailabilityZone=us-east-1b
&Monitoring.Enabled=true
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<RunInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <reservationId>r-47a5402e</reservationId>
  <ownerId>999988887777</ownerId>
  <groupSet>
    <item>
      <groupId>default</groupId>
    </item>
  </groupSet>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-2ba64342</instanceId>
      <imageId>ami-60a54009</imageId>
      <instanceState>
        <code>0</code>
        <name>pending</name>
      </instanceState>
      <privateDnsName></privateDnsName>
      <dnsName></dnsName>
      <keyName>example-key-name</keyName>
      <amiLaunchIndex>0</amiLaunchIndex>
      <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
      <launchTime>2007-08-07T11:51:50.000Z</launchTime>
      <placement>
        <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
      </placement>
      <monitoring>
```

```
        <enabled>true</enabled>
    </monitoring>
    <virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
    <clientToken/>
    <tagSet/>
    <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
</item>
<item>
    <instanceId>i-2bc64242</instanceId>
    <imageId>ami-60a54009</imageId>
    <instanceState>
        <code>0</code>
        <name>pending</name>
    </instanceState>
    <privateDnsName></privateDnsName>
    <dnsName></dnsName>
    <keyName>example-key-name</keyName>
    <amiLaunchIndex>1</amiLaunchIndex>
    <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
    <launchTime>2007-08-07T11:51:50.000Z</launchTime>
    <placement>
        <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
    </placement>
    <monitoring>
        <enabled>true</enabled>
    </monitoring>
    <virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
    <clientToken/>
    <tagSet/>
    <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
</item>
<item>
    <instanceId>i-2be64332</instanceId>
    <imageId>ami-60a54009</imageId>
    <instanceState>
        <code>0</code>
        <name>pending</name>
    </instanceState>
    <privateDnsName></privateDnsName>
    <dnsName></dnsName>
    <keyName>example-key-name</keyName>
    <amiLaunchIndex>2</amiLaunchIndex>
    <instanceType>m1.small</instanceType>
    <launchTime>2007-08-07T11:51:50.000Z</launchTime>
    <placement>
        <availabilityZone>us-east-1b</availabilityZone>
    </placement>
    <monitoring>
        <enabled>true</enabled>
    </monitoring>
    <virtualizationType>paravirtual</virtualizationType>
    <clientToken/>
    <tagSet/>
    <hypervisor>xen</hypervisor>
</item>
</instancesSet>
</RunInstancesResponse>
```


Related Operations

- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [StopInstances](#) (p. 199)
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StartInstances

Description

Starts an Amazon EBS-backed AMI that you've previously stopped.

Instances that use Amazon EBS volumes as their root devices can be quickly stopped and started. When an instance is stopped, the compute resources are released and you are not billed for hourly instance usage. However, your root partition Amazon EBS volume remains, continues to persist your data, and you are charged for Amazon EBS volume usage. You can restart your instance at any time. Each time you transition an instance from stopped to started, we charge a full instance hour, even if transitions happen multiple times within a single hour.



Note

Before stopping an instance, make sure it is in a state from which it can be restarted. Stopping an instance does not preserve data stored in RAM.

Performing this operation on an instance that uses an instance store as its root device returns an error.

For more information, go to [Amazon EBS-Backed AMIs and Instances](#).

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `StartInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>instancesSet</code>	List of instance state changes. Each change's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: InstanceStateChangeType (p. 230)

Examples

Example Request

This example starts the i-10a64379 instance.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=StartInstances
&InstanceId.1=i-10a64379
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<StartInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-10a64379</instanceId>
      <currentState>
        <code>0</code>
        <name>pending</name>
      </currentState>
      <previousState>
        <code>80</code>
        <name>stopped</name>
      </previousState>
    </item>
  </instancesSet>
</StartInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [StopInstances](#) (p. 199)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [TerminateInstances](#) (p. 201)

StopInstances

Description

Stops an Amazon EBS-backed instance. Each time you transition an instance from stopped to started, we charge a full instance hour, even if transitions happen multiple times within a single hour.



Important

Although Spot Instances can use Amazon EBS-backed AMIs, they don't support Stop/Start. In other words, you can't stop and start Spot Instances launched from an AMI with an Amazon EBS root device.

Instances that use Amazon EBS volumes as their root devices can be quickly stopped and started. When an instance is stopped, the compute resources are released and you are not billed for hourly instance usage. However, your root partition Amazon EBS volume remains, continues to persist your data, and you are charged for Amazon EBS volume usage. You can restart your instance at any time.



Note

Before stopping an instance, make sure it is in a state from which it can be restarted. Stopping an instance does not preserve data stored in RAM.

Performing this operation on an instance that uses an instance store as its root device returns an error.

For more information, go to [Amazon EBS-Backed AMIs and Instances](#).

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Force</i>	Forces the instance to stop. The instance will not have an opportunity to flush file system caches nor file system meta data. If you use this option, you must perform file system check and repair procedures. This option is not recommended for Windows instances. Type: Boolean Default: False	No

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `StopInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
requestId	The ID of the request. Type: xsd:string
instancesSet	List of instance state changes. Each change's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: InstanceStateChangeType (p. 230)

Examples

Example Request

This example stops the `i-10a64379` instance without using the "force" option.

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=StopInstances
&InstanceId.1=i-10a64379
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<StopInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-10a64379</instanceId>
      <currentState>
        <code>64</code>
        <name>stopping</name>
      </currentState>
      <previousState>
        <code>16</code>
        <name>running</name>
      </previousState>
    </item>
  </instancesSet>
</StopInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [StartInstances](#) (p. 197)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [TerminateInstances](#) (p. 201)

TerminateInstances

Description

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

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



Note

By default, Amazon EC2 deletes all Amazon EBS volumes that were attached when the instance launched. Amazon EBS volumes attached after instance launch continue running.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `TerminateInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>instancesSet</code>	List of instance state changes. Each change's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: InstanceStateChangeType (p. 230)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=TerminateInstances
&InstanceId.1=i-3ea74257
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<TerminateInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-3ea74257</instanceId>
      <currentState>
        <code>32</code>
        <name>shutting-down</name>
      </currentState>
      <previousState>
        <code>16</code>
        <name>running</name>
      </previousState>
    </item>
  </instancesSet>
</TerminateInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [DescribeInstances](#) (p. 84)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)
- [StopInstances](#) (p. 199)
- [StartInstances](#) (p. 197)

UnmonitorInstances

Description

Disables monitoring for a running instance. For more information about monitoring instances, go to [Monitoring Your Instances and Volumes](#) in the *Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide*.

Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>InstanceId.n</i>	One or more instance IDs. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

The elements in the following table come wrapped in a `UnmonitorInstancesResponse` structure.

Name	Description
<code>requestId</code>	The ID of the request. Type: <code>xsd:string</code>
<code>instancesSet</code>	List of monitoring information for one or more instances. Each set of information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: MonitorInstancesResponseSetItemType (p. 237)

Examples

Example Request

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

```
https://ec2.amazonaws.com/?Action=UnmonitorInstances
&InstanceId.1=i-43a4412a
&InstanceId.2=i-23a3397d
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example Response

```
<UnmonitorInstancesResponse xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2010-11-15/">
  <requestId>59dbff89-35bd-4eac-99ed-be587EXAMPLE</requestId>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-43a4412a</instanceId>
      <monitoring>
```



```
        <state>disabled</state>
      </monitoring>
    </item>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-23a3397d</instanceId>
      <monitoring>
        <state>disabled</state>
      </monitoring>
    </item>
  </instancesSet>
</UnmonitorInstancesResponse>
```

Related Operations

- [MonitorInstances](#) (p. 164)
- [RunInstances](#) (p. 190)

Data Types

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AttachmentSetItemResponseType

The AttachmentSetItemResponseType data type.

Ancestors

- AttachmentSetResponseType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeVolumes

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in AttachmentSetItemResponseType.

Name	Description
volumeId	The ID of the volume. Type: xs:string
instanceId	The ID of the instance. Type: xs:string
device	How the device is exposed to the instance (e.g., /dev/sdh). Type: xs:string
status	Attachment state. Type: xs:string Valid Values: attaching attached detaching detached
attachTime	Time stamp when the attachment initiated. Type: xs:dateTime
deleteOnTermination	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: xs:boolean

AvailabilityZoneItem

The AvailabilityZoneItem data type.

Ancestors

- AvailabilityZoneSet

Relevant Operations

- DescribeAvailabilityZones

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in AvailabilityZoneItem.

Name	Description
zoneName	Name of the Availability Zone. Type: xs:string
zoneState	State of the Availability Zone. Type: xs:string
regionName	Name of the Region. Type: xs:string

Name	Description
messageSet	A list of messages about the Availability Zone. Each message is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: AvailabilityZoneMessageType (p. 208)

AvailabilityZoneMessageType

The AvailabilityZoneMessageType data type.

Ancestors

- AvailabilityZoneMessageSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeAvailabilityZones

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in AvailabilityZoneMessageType.

Name	Description
message	The Availability Zone message. Type: xs:string

BlockDeviceMappingItemType

The BlockDeviceMappingItemType data type.

Ancestors

- BlockDeviceMappingType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImageAttribute
- DescribeImages
- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances
- RegisterImage

- [RunInstances](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in `BlockDeviceMappingItem`.

Name	Description
<code>deviceName</code>	The device name (e.g., <code>/dev/sdh</code>). Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>virtualName</code>	The virtual device name. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>ebs</code>	Parameters used to automatically set up Amazon EBS volumes when the instance is launched. Type: EbsBlockDeviceType (p. 223)
<code>noDevice</code>	Include this empty element to indicate that you want to suppress the specified device from the mapping.

BundleInstanceS3StorageType

The `BundleInstanceS3StorageType` data type.

Ancestors

- [BundleInstanceTaskStorageType](#) (p. 211)

Relevant Operations

- [BundleInstance](#)
- [DescribeBundleTasks](#)
- [CancelBundleTask](#)
- [BundleInstance](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in `BundleInstanceS3StorageType`.

Name	Description
<code>awsAccessKeyId</code>	The Access Key ID of the owner of the Amazon S3 bucket. Type: <code>xs:string</code>

Name	Description
bucket	The bucket in which to store the AMI. You can specify a bucket that you already own or a new bucket that Amazon EC2 creates on your behalf. If you specify a bucket that belongs to someone else, Amazon EC2 returns an error. Type: xs:string
prefix	The beginning of the file name of the AMI. Type: xs:string
uploadPolicy	A Base64-encoded Amazon S3 upload policy that gives Amazon EC2 permission to upload items into Amazon S3 on the user's behalf. Type: xs:string
uploadPolicySignature	The signature of the Base64 encoded JSON document. Type: xs:string

BundleInstanceTaskErrorType

The BundleInstanceTaskErrorType data type.

Ancestors

- [BundleInstanceTaskType](#) (p. 211)

Relevant Operations

- BundleInstance
- DescribeBundleTasks
- CancelBundleTask

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in BundleInstanceTaskErrorType.

Name	Description
code	Error code. Type: xs:string
message	Error message. Type: xs:string

BundleInstanceTaskStorageType

The BundleInstanceTaskStorageType data type.

Ancestors

- [BundleInstanceTaskType](#) (p. 211)
- [BundleInstanceType](#)

Relevant Operations

- [BundleInstance](#)
- [DescribeBundleTasks](#)
- [CancelBundleTask](#)
- [BundleInstance](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in BundleInstanceTaskStorageType.

Name	Description
S3	Amazon S3 storage location. Type: BundleInstanceS3StorageType (p. 209)

BundleInstanceTaskType

The BundleInstanceTaskType data type.

Ancestors

- [BundleInstanceResponseType](#)
- [BundleInstanceTasksSetType](#)
- [CancelBundleTaskResponseType](#)

Relevant Operations

- [BundleInstance](#)
- [DescribeBundleTasks](#)
- [CancelBundleTask](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in `BundleInstanceTaskType`.

Name	Description
<code>instanceId</code>	Instance associated with this bundle task. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>bundleId</code>	Identifier for this task. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>state</code>	The state of the task. Type: <code>xs:string</code> Valid Values: <code>pending</code> <code>waiting-for-shutdown</code> <code>bundling</code> <code>storing</code> <code>cancelling</code> <code>complete</code> <code>failed</code>
<code>startTime</code>	The time this task started. Type: <code>xs:dateTime</code>
<code>updateTime</code>	The time of the most recent update for the task. Type: <code>xs:dateTime</code>
<code>storage</code>	Amazon S3 storage locations. Type: BundleInstanceTaskStorageType (p. 211)
<code>progress</code>	The level of task completion, in percent (e.g., 20%). Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>error</code>	If the task fails, a description of the error. Type: BundleInstanceTaskErrorType (p. 210)

CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponseSetItemType

The `CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponseSetItemType` data type.

Ancestors

- `CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponseSetType`

Relevant Operations

- `CancelSpotInstanceRequests`

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in `CancelSpotInstanceRequestsResponseSetItemType`.

Name	Description
spotInstanceRequestId	The ID of the Spot Instance request. Type: xs:string
state	The state of the Spot Instance request. Type: xs:string Valid Values: active open closed cancelled failed

ConversionTaskType

The ConversionTaskType data type.

Ancestors

- ConversionTaskSetType
- ImportInstanceResponse
- ImportVolumeResponse

Relevant Operations

- DescribeConversionTasks
- ImportInstance
- ImportVolume

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ConversionTaskType.

Name	Description
conversionTaskId	ID of the conversion task Type: xs:string
expirationTime	When the task expires. If the upload isn't complete before the expiration time, we automatically cancel the task. Type: xs:string
importVolume	If the task is for importing a volume, this contains information about the import volume task. Type: ImportVolumeTaskDetailsType (p. 227)
importInstance	If the task is for importing an instance, this contains information about the import instance task. Type: ImportInstanceTaskDetailsType (p. 225)

Name	Description
state	State of the conversion task. Type: xs:string Valid Values: active cancelling cancelled completed
statusMessage	Status message related to the conversion task. Type: xs:string

CreateVolumePermissionItemType

The CreateVolumePermissionItemType data type.

Ancestors

- CreateVolumePermissionListType

Relevant Operations

- ModifySnapshotAttribute
- DescribeSnapshotAttribute

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in CreateVolumePermissionItemType.

Name	Description
userId	ID of an AWS account that can create volumes from the snapshot. Type: xs:string
group	Group that is allowed to create volumes from the snapshot. Type: xs:string Valid Value: all

DescribeAddressesResponseItemType

The DescribeAddressesResponseItemType data type.

Ancestors

- DescribeAddressesResponseInfoType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeAddresses

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeAddressesResponseItem type.

Name	Description
publicIp	The public IP address. Type: xs:string
instanceId	The ID of the instance. Type: xs:string

DescribeImagesResponseItem type

The DescribeImagesResponseItem data type.

Ancestors

- DescribeImagesResponseInfoType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImages

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeImagesResponseItem type.

Name	Description
imageId	The ID of the AMI. Type: xs:string
imageLocation	The location of the AMI. Type: xs:string
imageState	Current state of the AMI. If the operation returns <code>available</code> , the image is successfully registered and available for launching. Type: xs:string <code>available pending failed</code>
imageOwnerId	AWS account ID of the image owner. Type: xs:string

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Name	Description
<code>isPublic</code>	Returns <code>true</code> if this image has public launch permissions. Returns <code>false</code> if it only has implicit and explicit launch permissions. Type: <code>xs:boolean</code>
<code>productCodes</code>	Product codes associated with the AMI. Each code's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ProductCodesSetItemType (p. 239)
<code>architecture</code>	The architecture of the image. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>imageType</code>	The type of image (machine, kernel, or RAM disk). Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>kernelId</code>	The kernel associated with the image, if any. Only applicable for machine images. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>ramdiskId</code>	The RAM disk associated with the image, if any. Only applicable for machine images. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>platform</code>	Value is <code>windows</code> for Windows AMIs; otherwise blank. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>stateReason</code>	The reason for the state change. See StateReasonType (p. 249) for a list of supported state change codes. Type: StateReasonType (p. 249)
<code>imageOwnerAlias</code>	The AWS account alias (e.g., <code>amazon</code> , <code>self</code> , etc.) or AWS account ID that owns the AMI. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>name</code>	The name of the AMI that was provided during image creation. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>description</code>	The description of the AMI that was provided during image creation. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>rootDeviceType</code>	The root device type used by the AMI. The AMI can use an Amazon EBS or instance store root device. Type: <code>xs:string</code> Valid Values: <code>ebs</code> <code>instance-store</code>
<code>rootDeviceName</code>	The root device name (e.g., <code>/dev/sda1</code> , or <code>xvda</code>). Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>blockDeviceMapping</code>	A list of block device mappings for the image. Each mapping's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: BlockDeviceMappingItemType (p. 208)

Name	Description
virtualizationType	The type of virtualization of the AMI. Type: xs:string Valid Values: paravirtual hvm
tagSet	Tags assigned to the resource. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ResourceTagSetItemType (p. 242)
hypervisor	The image's hypervisor type. Type: xs:string Valid Values: ovm xen

DescribeKeyPairsResponseItem

The DescribeKeyPairsResponseItem data type.

Ancestors

- DescribeKeyPairsResponseInfoType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeKeyPairs

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeKeyPairsResponseItem.

Name	Description
keyName	Name of the key pair. Type: xs:string
keyFingerprint	If you used <code>CreateKeyPair</code> to create the key pair, this is the SHA-1 digest of the DER encoded private key. If you used <code>ImportKeyPair</code> to provide AWS the public key, this is the MD5 public key fingerprint as specified in section 4 of RFC4716 . Type: xs:string

DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponseSetItem

The DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponseSetItem data type.

Ancestors

- DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponseSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeReservedInstancesOfferings

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeReservedInstancesOfferingsResponseSetItemType.

Name	Description
reservedInstancesOfferingId	The ID of the Reserved Instance offering. Type: xs:string
instanceType	The instance type on which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: xs:string
availabilityZone	The Availability Zone in which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: xs:string
duration	The duration of the Reserved Instance, in seconds. Type: xs:long
fixedPrice	The purchase price of the Reserved Instance. Type: xs:double
usagePrice	The usage price of the Reserved Instance, per hour. Type: xs:double
productDescription	The Reserved Instance description. Type: xs:string Valid Values: Linux/UNIX Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC) Windows Windows (Amazon VPC)

DescribeReservedInstancesResponseSetItemType

The DescribeReservedInstancesResponseSetItemType data type.

Ancestors

- DescribeReservedInstancesResponseSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeReservedInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeReservedInstancesResponseSetItem type.

Name	Description
reservedInstancesId	The ID of the Reserved Instance. Type: xs:string
instanceType	The instance type on which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: xs:string
availabilityZone	The Availability Zone in which the Reserved Instance can be used. Type: xs:string
start	The date and time the Reserved Instance started. Type: xs:dateTime
duration	The duration of the Reserved Instance, in seconds. Type: xs:long
fixedPrice	The purchase price of the Reserved Instance. Type: xs:double
usagePrice	The usage price of the Reserved Instance, per hour. Type: xs:double
instanceCount	The number of Reserved Instances purchased. Type: xs:integer
productDescription	The Reserved Instance description. Type: xs:string Valid Values: Linux/UNIX Linux/UNIX (Amazon VPC) Windows Windows (Amazon VPC)
state	The state of the Reserved Instance purchase. Type: xs:string Valid Values: payment-pending active payment-failed retired
tagSet	Tags assigned to the resource. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ResourceTagSetItemType (p. 242)

DescribeSnapshotsSetItemResponseType

The DescribeSnapshotsSetItemResponseType data type.

Ancestors

- DescribeSnapshotsSetResponseType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeSnapshots

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeSnapshotsSetItemResponseType.

Name	Description
snapshotId	The ID of the snapshot. Type: xs:string
volumeId	The ID of the volume. Type: xs:string
status	Snapshot state. Type: xs:string Valid Values: pending completed error
startTime	Time stamp when the snapshot was initiated. Type: xs:dateTime
progress	The progress of the snapshot, in percentage. Type: xs:string
ownerId	ID of the AWS account that owns the snapshot. Type: xs:string
volumeSize	The size of the volume, in GiB. Type: xs:string
description	Description of the snapshot. Type: xs:string
ownerAlias	The AWS account alias (amazon, self, etc.) or AWS account ID that owns the AML. Type: xs:string
tagSet	Tags assigned to the resource. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ResourceTagSetItemType (p. 242)

DescribeVolumesSetItemResponseType

The DescribeVolumesSetItemResponseType data type.

Ancestors

- ItemType-DescribeVolumesSetResponse

Relevant Operations

- DescribeVolumes

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DescribeVolumesSetItemResponseType.

Name	Description
volumeId	The ID of the volume. Type: xs:string
size	The size of the volume, in GiBs. Type: xs:string
snapshotId	Snapshot from which the volume was created (optional). Type: xs:string
availabilityZone	Availability Zone in which the volume was created. Type: xs:string
status	State of the volume. Type: xs:string Valid Values: <code>creating</code> <code>available</code> <code>in-use</code> <code>deleting</code> <code>deleted</code> <code>error</code>
createTime	Time stamp when volume creation was initiated. Type: xs:dateTime
attachmentSet	Volume attachment information, wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: AttachmentSetItemResponseType (p. 206)
tagSet	Tags assigned to the resource. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ResourceTagSetItemType (p. 242)

DiskImageDescriptionType

The DiskImageDescriptionType data type.

Ancestors

- [ImportInstanceVolumeDetailItemType](#) (p. 226)
- [ImportVolumeTaskDetailsType](#) (p. 227)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeConversionTasks
- ImportInstance
- ImportVolume

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DiskImageDescriptionType.

Name	Description
format	Disk image format. Type: xs:string
size	Size of the disk image. Type: xs:long
importManifestUrl	A pre-signed URL for the import manifest stored in Amazon S3. For information about creating a pre-signed URL for an Amazon S3 object, read the "Query String Request Authentication Alternative" section of the Authenticating REST Requests topic in the <i>Amazon Simple Storage Service Developer Guide</i> . Type: xs:string
checksum	Checksum computed for the disk image. Type: xs:string

DiskImageVolumeDescriptionType

The DiskImageVolumeDescriptionType data type.

Ancestors

- [ImportInstanceVolumeDetailItemType](#) (p. 226)
- [ImportVolumeTaskDetailsType](#) (p. 227)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeConversionTasks
- ImportInstance

- ImportVolume

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in DiskImageVolumeDescriptionType.

Name	Description
size	Size of the volume. Type: xs:integer
id	Volume identifier. Type: xs:string

EbsBlockDeviceType

The EbsBlockDeviceType data type.

Ancestors

- [BlockDeviceMappingItemType](#) (p. 208)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImageAttribute
- DescribeImages
- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances
- RegisterImage
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in EbsBlockDeviceType.

Name	Description
snapshotId	The ID of the snapshot. Type: xs:string
volumeSize	The size of the volume, in GiBs. If you're specifying a block device mapping, this is required if you're not creating a volume from a snapshot. Type: integer

Name	Description
<code>deleteOnTermination</code>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: <code>xs:boolean</code>

EbsInstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseType

The `EbsInstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseType` data type.

Ancestors

- [InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseItem](#) (p. 228)

Relevant Operations

- `DescribeInstanceAttribute`
- `DescribeInstances`
- `RunInstances`

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in `EbsInstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseType`.

Name	Description
<code>volumeId</code>	The ID of the Amazon EBS volume. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>status</code>	Attachment state. Type: <code>xs:string</code> Valid Values: <code>attaching</code> <code>attached</code> <code>detaching</code> <code>detached</code>
<code>attachTime</code>	Time stamp when the attachment initiated. Type: <code>xs:dateTime</code>
<code>deleteOnTermination</code>	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: <code>xs:boolean</code>

GroupItem

The `GroupItem` data type.

Ancestors

- `GroupSet`

Relevant Operations

- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeInstances
- RunInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in GroupItemType.

Name	Description
groupId	Name of the security group. Type: xs:string

ImportInstanceTaskDetailsType

The ImportInstanceTaskDetailsType data type.

Ancestors

- [ConversionTaskType](#) (p. 213)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeConversionTasks
- ImportInstance
- ImportVolume

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ImportInstanceTaskDetailsType.

Name	Description
volumes	A list of instance volumes for import. Each volume's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ImportInstanceVolumeDetailItemType (p. 226)
instanceId	The ID of the resulting instance in Amazon EC2. Type: xs:string

Name	Description
platform	Instance operating system. Type: xs:string Valid Value: windows
description	Optional description of the instance. Type: xs:string

ImportInstanceVolumeDetailItemType

The ImportInstanceVolumeDetailItemType data type.

Ancestors

- ImportInstanceVolumeDetailSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeConversionTasks
- ImportInstance
- ImportVolume

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ImportInstanceVolumeDetailItemType.

Name	Description
bytesConverted	Number of bytes converted so far. Type: xs:long
availabilityZone	The Availability Zone where the resulting instance will reside. Type: xs:string
image	Information about the image. Type: DiskImageDescriptionType (p. 221)
description	Description you provided when starting the import instance task. Type: xs:string
volume	Information about the volume. Type: DiskImageVolumeDescriptionType (p. 222)
status	Status of the import of this particular disk image. Type: xs:string

Name	Description
statusMessage	Status information or errors related to the disk image. Type: xs:string

ImportVolumeTaskDetailsType

The ImportVolumeTaskDetailsType data type.

Ancestors

- [ConversionTaskType](#) (p. 213)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeConversionTasks
- ImportInstance
- ImportVolume

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ImportVolumeTaskDetailsType.

Name	Description
bytesConverted	Number of bytes converted so far. Type: xs:long
availabilityZone	The Availability Zone where the resulting volume will reside. Type: xs:string
description	Description you provided when starting the import volume task. Type: xs:string
image	Information about the image. Type: DiskImageDescriptionType (p. 221)
volume	Information about the volume. Type: DiskImageVolumeDescriptionType (p. 222)

InstanceBlockDeviceMappingItemType

The InstanceBlockDeviceMappingItemType data type.

Ancestors

- InstanceBlockDeviceMappingType

Relevant Operations

- ModifyInstanceAttribute

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in InstanceBlockDeviceMappingItemType.

Name	Description
deviceName	The device name (e.g., /dev/sdh, or xvdh). Type: xs:string
virtualName	The virtual device name. Type: xs:string
ebs	Parameters used to automatically set up Amazon EBS volumes when the instance is launched. Type: InstanceEbsBlockDeviceType (p. 229)
noDevice	Include this empty element to indicate that you want to suppress the specified device from the mapping.

InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseItemType

The InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseItemType data type.

Ancestors

- InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeInstanceAttribute
- DescribeInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseItemType.

Name	Description
deviceName	How the device is exposed to the instance (e.g., /dev/sdh, or xvdh). Type: xs:string
ebs	Parameters used to automatically set up Amazon EBS volumes when the instance is launched. Type: EbsInstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseType (p. 224)

InstanceEbsBlockDeviceType

The InstanceEbsBlockDeviceType data type.

Ancestors

- [InstanceBlockDeviceMappingItemType](#) (p. 227)

Relevant Operations

- [ModifyInstanceAttribute](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in InstanceEbsBlockDeviceType.

Name	Description
deleteOnTermination	Whether the Amazon EBS volume is deleted on instance termination. Type: xs:boolean
volumeId	The ID of the Amazon EBS volume. Type: xs:string

InstanceMonitoringStateType

The InstanceMonitoringStateType data type.

Ancestors

- [MonitorInstancesResponseSetItemType](#) (p. 237)
- [RunningInstancesItemType](#) (p. 242)

Relevant Operations

- [MonitorInstances](#)

- UnmonitorInstances
- DescribeInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in InstanceMonitoringStateType.

Name	Description
state	State of monitoring for the instance. Type: xs:string Valid Values: disabled enabled

InstanceStateChangeType

The InstanceStateChangeType data type.

Ancestors

- InstanceStateChangeSetType

Relevant Operations

- StartInstances
- StopInstances
- TerminateInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in InstanceStateChangeType.

Name	Description
instanceId	The instance ID. Type: xs:string
currentState	The current state of the instance. Type: InstanceStateType (p. 231)
previousState	The previous state of the instance. Type: InstanceStateType (p. 231)

InstanceStateType

The InstanceStateType data type.

Ancestors


- [InstanceStateChangeType](#) (p. 230)
- [InstanceStateChangeType](#) (p. 230)
- [RunningInstancesItemType](#) (p. 242)

Relevant Operations

- [StartInstances](#)
- [StopInstances](#)
- [TerminateInstances](#)
- [DescribeInstances](#)
- [RunInstances](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in InstanceStateType.

Name	Description
code	<p>A 16-bit unsigned integer. The high byte is an opaque internal value and should be ignored. The low byte is set based on the state represented.</p> <p>Type: integer</p> <p>Valid Values: 0 (pending) 16 (running) 32 (shutting-down) 48 (terminated) 64 (stopping) 80 (stopped)</p> <p> Note</p> <p>A code of 272 typically indicates a problem with the host running the instance. A reboot might resolve the problem (be aware that for a Windows system, a reboot is a hard reboot that might result in data corruption). If a reboot doesn't work, post a message to the EC2 forums with the instance ID. Typically someone from the EC2 team can get your instance back to a normal state.</p>
name	<p>The current state of the instance.</p> <p>Type: xs:string</p> <p>Valid Values: pending running shutting-down terminated stopping stopped</p>

IpPermissionType

The IpPermissionType data type.

Ancestors

- IpPermissionSetType

Relevant Operations

- AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress
- RevokeSecurityGroupIngress
- DescribeSecurityGroups

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in IpPermissionType.

Name	Description
ipProtocol	IP protocol. Type: xs:string Valid Values: tcp udp icmp
fromPort	Start of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP type number. An ICMP type number of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP type number). Type: integer
toPort	End of port range for the TCP and UDP protocols, or an ICMP code. An ICMP code of -1 indicates a wildcard (i.e., any ICMP code). Type: integer
groups	A list of security group and AWS account ID pairs. Each pair is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: UserIdGroupPairType (p. 252)
ipRanges	A list of IP ranges. Each range is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: IpRangeItem (p. 232)

IpRangeItem

The IpRangeItem data type.

Ancestors

- IpRangeSetType

Relevant Operations

- AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress
- RevokeSecurityGroupIngress
- DescribeSecurityGroups

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in IpRangeItemType.

Name	Description
cidrIp	CIDR range. Cannot be used when specifying a source security group. Type: xs:string

LaunchPermissionItemType

The LaunchPermissionItemType data type.

Ancestors

- LaunchPermissionListType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImageAttribute
- ModifyImageAttribute

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in LaunchPermissionItemType.

Name	Description
group	Name of the group. Type: xs:string Valid Value: all
userId	AWS account ID. Type: xs:string

LaunchSpecificationRequestType

The LaunchSpecificationRequestType data type.

Ancestors

- RequestSpotInstancesType

Relevant Operations

- RequestSpotInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in LaunchSpecificationRequestType.

Name	Description
imageId	The AMI ID. Type: xs:string
keyName	The name of the key pair. Type: xs:string
groupSet	A list of security groups. Each group's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: GroupItemType (p. 224)
userData	Base64-encoded MIME user data made available to the instance(s) in the reservation. Type: UserData (p. 251)
addressingType	Deprecated. Type: xs:string
instanceType	The instance type. Type: xs:string
placement	Placement information for the instance. Type: PlacementRequestType (p. 238)
kernelId	The ID of the kernel to select. Type: xs:string
ramdiskId	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk and search for the kernel ID. Type: xs:string

Name	Description
blockDeviceMapping	A list of block device mappings for the instance. Each mapping's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: BlockDeviceMappingItemType (p. 208)
monitoring	Whether to enable monitoring for the instance. Type: MonitoringInstanceType (p. 236)
subnetId	The Amazon VPC subnet ID within which to launch the instance(s) for Amazon Virtual Private Cloud. Type: <code>xs:string</code>

LaunchSpecificationResponseType

The LaunchSpecificationResponseType data type.

Ancestors

- [SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType](#) (p. 247)

Relevant Operations

- [DescribeSpotInstanceRequests](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in LaunchSpecificationResponseType.

Name	Description
imageId	The AMI ID. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
keyName	The name of the key pair. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
groupSet	A list of security groups. Each group's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: GroupItemType (p. 224)
addressingType	Deprecated. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
instanceType	The instance type. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
placement	Placement information for the instance. Type: PlacementRequestType (p. 238)

Name	Description
kernelId	The ID of the kernel to select. Type: xs:string
ramdiskId	The ID of the RAM disk to select. Some kernels require additional drivers at launch. Check the kernel requirements for information on whether you need to specify a RAM disk and search for the kernel ID. Type: xs:string
blockDeviceMapping	A list of block device mappings for the instance. Each mapping's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: BlockDeviceMappingItemType (p. 208)
monitoring	Whether to enable monitoring for the instance. Type: MonitoringInstanceType (p. 236)
subnetId	The Amazon VPC subnet ID within which to launch the instance(s) for Amazon Virtual Private Cloud. Type: xs:string

MonitoringInstanceType

The MonitoringInstanceType data type.

Ancestors

- [LaunchSpecificationRequestType](#) (p. 234)
- [LaunchSpecificationResponseType](#) (p. 235)
- RunInstancesType

Relevant Operations

- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in MonitoringInstanceType.

Name	Description
enabled	Whether monitoring is enabled for the instance. Type: xs:boolean

MonitorInstancesResponseSetItemType

The MonitorInstancesResponseSetItemType data type.

Ancestors

- MonitorInstancesResponseSetType

Relevant Operations

- MonitorInstances
- UnmonitorInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in MonitorInstancesResponseSetItemType.

Name	Description
instanceId	Instance ID. Type: xs:string
monitoring	Monitoring information. Type: InstanceMonitoringStateType (p. 229)

PlacementGroupInfoType

Relevant Operations

- DescribePlacementGroups

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in PlacementGroupInfoType.

Name	Description
groupName	Name of the placement group. Type: xs:string
strategy	The placement strategy. Type: xs:string Valid Values: <code>cluster</code>

Name	Description
state	Status of the placement group. Type: xs:string Valid Values: pending available deleting deleted

PlacementRequestType

The PlacementRequestType data type.

Ancestors

- [LaunchSpecificationRequestType](#) (p. 234)
- [LaunchSpecificationResponseType](#) (p. 235)
- RunInstancesType

Relevant Operations

- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in PlacementRequestType.

Name	Description
availabilityZone	Availability Zone for launching the instance. Type: xs:string
groupName	The name of a placement group for the instance. Type: xs:string

PlacementResponseType

The PlacementResponseType data type.

Ancestors

- [RunningInstancesItemType](#) (p. 242)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in PlacementResponseType.

Name	Description
availabilityZone	The Availability Zone of the instance. Type: xs:string
groupName	The ID of the placement group the instance is in (for cluster compute instances). Type: xs:string

ProductCodeItemType

The ProductCodeItemType data type.

Ancestors

- ProductCodeListType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImageAttribute
- ModifyImageAttribute

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ProductCodeItemType.

Name	Description
productCode	Product code. Type: xs:string

ProductCodesSetItemType

The ProductCodesSetItemType data type.

Ancestors

- ProductCodesSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImages
- DescribeInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ProductCodesSetItemType.

Name	Description
productCode	Product code. Type: xs:string

ProductDescriptionSetItemType

The ProductDescriptionSetItemType data type.

Ancestors

- ProductDescriptionSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeSpotPriceHistory

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ProductDescriptionSetItemType.

Name	Description
productDescription	The description of the AMI. Type: xs:string Valid Values: Linux/UNIX SUSE Linux Windows

RegionItemType

The RegionItemType data type.

Ancestors

- RegionSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeRegions

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in RegionItemType.

Name	Description
regionName	Name of the Region. Type: xs:string
regionEndpoint	Region service endpoint. Type: xs:string

ReservationInfoType

The ReservationInfoType data type.

Ancestors

- ReservationSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ReservationInfoType.

Name	Description
reservationId	Unique ID of the reservation. Type: xs:string

Name	Description
ownerId	ID of the AWS account that owns the reservation. Type: xs:string
groupSet	A list of security groups. Each group's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: GroupItemType (p. 224)
instancesSet	A list of instances. Each instance's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: RunningInstancesItemType (p. 242)
requesterId	ID of the requester that launched the instances on your behalf (e.g., AWS Management Console, Auto Scaling). Type: xs:string

ResourceTagSetItemType

The ResourceTagSetItemType data type.

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImages
- DescribeInstances
- DescribeVolumes
- DescribeSnapshots
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in ResourceTagSetItemType.

Name	Description
key	Tag key. Type: xs:string
value	Tag value. Type: xs:string

RunningInstancesItemType

The RunningInstancesItemType data type.

Ancestors

- [RunningInstancesSetType](#)

Relevant Operations

- [DescribeInstances](#)
- [RunInstances](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in [RunningInstancesItemType](#).

Name	Description
<code>instanceId</code>	Unique ID of the instance launched. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>imageId</code>	Image ID of the AMI used to launch the instance. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>instanceState</code>	The current state of the instance. Type: InstanceStateType (p. 231)
<code>privateDnsName</code>	The private DNS name assigned to the instance. This DNS name can only be used inside the Amazon EC2 network. This element remains empty until the instance enters a running state. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>dnsName</code>	The public DNS name assigned to the instance. This DNS name is contactable from outside the Amazon EC2 network. This element remains empty until the instance enters a running state. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>reason</code>	Reason for the most recent state transition. This might be an empty string. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>keyName</code>	If this instance was launched with an associated key pair, this displays the key pair name. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>amiLaunchIndex</code>	The AMI launch index, which can be used to find this instance within the launch group. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
<code>productCodes</code>	Product codes attached to this instance. Each product code's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ProductCodesSetItemType (p. 239)

Name	Description
instanceType	The instance type (e.g., m1.small). Type: xs:string
launchTime	The time the instance launched. Type: xs:dateTime
placement	The location where the instance launched. Type: PlacementResponseType (p. 238)
kernelId	Kernel associated with this instance. Type: xs:string
ramdiskId	RAM disk associated with this instance. Type: xs:string
platform	Platform of the instance (e.g., Windows). Type: xs:string
monitoring	Whether monitoring is enabled for the instance. Type: InstanceMonitoringStateType (p. 229)
subnetId	The Amazon VPC subnet ID in which the instance is running. Type: xs:string
vpcId	The Amazon VPC in which the instance is running. Type: xs:string
privateIpAddress	The private IP address assigned to the instance. Type: xs:string
ipAddress	The IP address of the instance. Type: xs:string
stateReason	The reason for the most recent state transition. See StateReasonType (p. 249) for a listing of supported state change codes. Type: StateReasonType (p. 249)
architecture	The architecture of the image. Type: xs:string Valid Values: i386 x86_64
rootDeviceType	The root device type used by the AMI. The AMI can use an Amazon EBS or instance store root device. Type: xs:string Valid Values: ebs instance-store
rootDeviceName	The root device name (e.g., /dev/sda1). Type: xs:string

Name	Description
blockDeviceMapping	A list of block device mappings for the instance. Each mapping's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: InstanceBlockDeviceMappingResponseItemType (p. 228)
instanceLifecycle	Whether this is a Spot Instance. Type: <code>xs:string</code> Valid Values: <code>spot</code> blank (no value)
spotInstanceRequestId	The ID of the Spot Instance request. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
virtualizationType	The instance's virtualization type. Type: <code>xs:string</code> Valid Values: <code>paravirtual</code> <code>hvm</code>
clientToken	Idempotency token you provided when you launched the instance. Type: <code>xs:string</code>
tagSet	Tags assigned to the resource. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ResourceTagSetItemType (p. 242)
hypervisor	The instance's hypervisor type. Type: <code>xs:string</code> Valid Values: <code>ovm</code> <code>xen</code>

SecurityGroupItemType

The SecurityGroupItemType data type.

Ancestors

- SecurityGroupSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeSecurityGroups

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in SecurityGroupItemType.

Name	Description
ownerId	AWS account ID of the owner of the security group. Type: <code>xs:string</code>

Name	Description
groupName	Name of the security group. Type: xs:string
groupDescription	Description of the security group. Type: xs:string
ipPermissions	A list of IP permissions associated with the security group. Each permission is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: IpPermissionType (p. 232)

SpotDatafeedSubscriptionType

The SpotDatafeedSubscriptionType data type.

Ancestors

- [CreateSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponseType](#)
- [DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscriptionResponseType](#)

Relevant Operations

- [CreateSpotDatafeedSubscription](#)
- [DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in SpotDatafeedSubscriptionType.

Name	Description
ownerId	The AWS account ID of the account. Type: xs:string
bucket	The Amazon S3 bucket where the Spot Instance datafeed is located. Type: xs:string
prefix	Prefix that is prepended to datafeed files. Type: xs:string
state	The state of the Spot Instance datafeed subscription. Type: xs:string Valid Values: <code>Active</code> <code>Inactive</code>
fault	Fault codes for the Spot Instance request, if any. Type: SpotInstanceStateFaultType (p. 248)

SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType

The SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType data type.

Ancestors

- SpotInstanceRequestSetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType.

Name	Description
spotInstanceRequestId	The ID of the Spot Instance request. Type: xs:string
spotPrice	The maximum hourly price for any Spot Instance launched to fulfill the request. Type: xs:string
type	The Spot Instance request type. Type: xs:string Valid Values: one-time persistent
state	The state of the Spot Instance request. Type: xs:string Valid Values: open closed cancelled failed
fault	Fault codes for the Spot Instance request, if any. Type: SpotInstanceStateFaultType (p. 248)
validFrom	Start date of the request. If this is a one-time request, the request becomes active at this date and time and remains active until all instances launch, the request expires, or the request is canceled. If the request is persistent, the request becomes active at this date and time and remains active until it expires or is canceled. Type: xs:dateTime
validUntil	End date of the request. If this is a one-time request, the request remains active until all instances launch, the request is canceled, or this date is reached. If the request is persistent, it remains active until it is canceled or this date is reached. Type: xs:dateTime

Name	Description
launchGroup	The instance launch group. Launch groups are Spot Instances that launch together and terminate together. Type: xs:string
availabilityZoneGroup	The Availability Zone group. If you specify the same Availability Zone group for all Spot Instance requests, all Spot Instances are launched in the same Availability Zone. Type: xs:string
launchSpecification	Additional information for launching instances. Type: LaunchSpecificationResponseType (p. 235)
instanceId	The instance ID, if an instance has been launched to fulfill the Spot Instance request. Type: xs:string
createTime	Time stamp when the Spot Instance request was created. Type: xs:dateTime
productDescription	The product description associated with the Spot Instance. Type: xs:string
tagSet	Tags assigned to the resource. Each tag's information is wrapped in an <code>item</code> element. Type: ResourceTagSetItemType (p. 242)

SpotInstanceStateFaultType

The SpotInstanceStateFaultType data type.

Ancestors

- [SpotDatafeedSubscriptionType](#) (p. 246)
- [SpotInstanceRequestSetItemType](#) (p. 247)

Relevant Operations

- [CreateSpotDatafeedSubscription](#)
- [DescribeSpotDatafeedSubscription](#)
- [DescribeSpotInstanceRequests](#)
- [RequestSpotInstances](#)

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in SpotInstanceStateFaultType.

Name	Description
code	Reason code for the Spot Instance state change. Type: xs:string
message	Message for the Spot Instance state change. Type: xs:string

SpotPriceHistorySetItemType

The SpotPriceHistorySetItemType data type.

Ancestors

- SpotPriceHistorySetType

Relevant Operations

- DescribeSpotPriceHistory

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in SpotPriceHistorySetItemType.

Name	Description
instanceType	The instance type. Type: xs:string
productDescription	General description of the AMI. Type: xs:string Valid Values: Linux/UNIX SUSE Linux Windows
spotPrice	The maximum price you will pay to launch one or more Spot Instances. Type: xs:string
timestamp	The date and time the request was created. Type: xs:dateTime

StateReasonType

The StateReasonType data type.

Ancestors

- [DescribeImagesResponseItemType](#) (p. 215)
- [RunningInstancesItemType](#) (p. 242)

Relevant Operations

- DescribeImages
- DescribeInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in StateReasonType.

Name	Description
code	Reason code for the state change. See the following table for a list of codes. Type: xs:string
message	Message for the state change. Type: xs:string

The following table lists the currently supported state reason codes.

Code	Description
Server.SpotInstanceTermination	A Spot Instance was terminated due to an increase in the market price.
Server.InternalError	An internal error occurred during instance launch, resulting in termination.
Server.InsufficientInstanceCapacity	There was insufficient instance capacity to satisfy the launch request.
Client.InternalError	A client error caused the instance to terminate on launch.
Client.InstanceInitiatedShutdown	The instance initiated shutdown by a shutdown -h command issued from inside the instance.
Client.UserInitiatedShutdown	The instance was shutdown by a user via an API call.
Client.VolumeLimitExceeded	The volume limit was exceeded.
Client.InvalidSnapshot.NotFound	The specified snapshot was not found.

TagSetItemType

The TagSetItemType data type.

Relevant Operations

- DescribeTags

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in TagSetItemType.

Name	Description
resourceId	The resource's ID. For example, ami-1a2b3c4d. Type: String
resourceType	Type of resource. Type: String Valid Values: customer-gateway dhcp-options image instance reserved-instances snapshot spot-instances-request subnet volume vpc vpn-connection vpn-gateway
key	The tag's key. Type: String
value	The tag's value. Type: String

UserDataType

The UserDataType data type.

Ancestors

- [LaunchSpecificationRequestType](#) (p. 234)
- RunInstancesType

Relevant Operations

- RequestSpotInstances
- DescribeSpotInstanceRequests
- RequestSpotInstances
- RunInstances

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in UserDataType.

Name	Description
data	Base64-encoded MIME user data made available to the instance(s) in the reservation. Type: xs:string

UserGroupIdPairType

The UserGroupIdPairType data type.

Ancestors

- UserGroupIdPairSetType

Relevant Operations

- AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress
- RevokeSecurityGroupIngress
- DescribeSecurityGroups

Contents

The following table describes the elements contained in UserGroupIdPairType.

Name	Description
userId	ID of an AWS account. Cannot be used when specifying a CIDR IP address range. Type: xs:string
groupName	Name of the security group in the specified AWS account. Cannot be used when specifying a CIDR IP address range. Type: xs:string

Error Codes

Overview

There are two types of error codes: client and server.

Client error codes suggest that the error was caused by something the client did, such as an authentication failure or an invalid AMI identifier. In the SOAP API, These error codes are prefixed with `Client`. For example: `Client.AuthFailure`. In the Query API, these errors are accompanied by a 400-series HTTP response code.

Server error codes suggest a server-side issue caused the error and should be reported. In the SOAP API, these error codes are prefixed with `Server`. For example: `Server.Unavailable`. In the Query API, these errors are accompanied by a 500-series HTTP response code.

Summary of Client Error Codes

Error Code	Description	Notes
<code>AddressLimitExceeded</code>	Account has the maximum number of allowed IP addresses.	Each AWS account has an IP address limit. For new accounts, this limit is 5. If you need more than 5 Elastic IP addresses, please complete the Amazon EC2 Elastic IP Address Request Form . We will ask you to think through your use case and help us understand your need for additional addresses.
<code>AttachmentLimitExceeded</code>	The limit on the number of Amazon EBS volumes attached to one instance has been exceeded.	

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Error Code	Description	Notes
AuthFailure	User not authorized.	You might be trying to run an AMI for which you do not have permission.
Blocked	The account is currently blocked.	Contact aws-verification@amazon.com if you have questions.
DiskImageSizeTooLarge	The disk image exceeds the allowed limit (for instance or volume import).	
FilterLimitExceeded	Request uses too many filters or too many total filter values.	
IdempotentParameterMismatch	Request uses the same client token as a previous, but non-identical request.	Do not reuse a client token with different requests, unless the requests are identical.
IncorrectState	Volume is in incorrect state	To attach to an instance, it must be in the 'available' state.
InstanceLimitExceeded	Account has max allowed concurrent running instances.	Each AWS account has a concurrent running instance limit. For new accounts, this limit is 20. If you need more than 20 instances, please complete the Amazon EC2 Instance Request Form and your request will be considered.
InsufficientInstanceCapacity	There is insufficient capacity available for the requested instance type.	The returned message gives guidance on how to solve the problem.
InsufficientReservedInstancesCapacity	Insufficient Reserved Instances capacity.	
InvalidAMIAttributeItemValue	The value of an item added to, or removed from, an image attribute is invalid.	If you are specifying a <code>userId</code> , check that it is in the form of an AWS account ID.
InvalidAMIID.Malformed	Specified AMI ID is not valid.	
InvalidAMIID.NotFound	Specified AMI ID does not exist.	
InvalidAMIID.Unavailable	Specified AMI ID has been deregistered and is no longer available.	

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Summary of Client Error Codes

Error Code	Description	Notes
<code>InvalidAttachment.NotFound</code>	The instance cannot detach from a volume to which it is not attached.	
<code>InvalidConversionTaskId</code>	Specified conversion task ID (for instance or volume import) is invalid.	
<code>InvalidDevice.InUse</code>	The device to which you are trying to attach (i.e. /dev/sdh) is already in use on the instance.	
<code>InvalidFormat</code>	Specified disk format (for instance or volume import) is invalid.	
<code>InvalidGroup.Duplicate</code>	Attempt to create a duplicate group.	
<code>InvalidGroup.InUse</code>	Specified group cannot be deleted because it is in use.	
<code>InvalidGroup.NotFound</code>	Specified group name does not exist.	
<code>InvalidGroup.Reserved</code>	Specified group name is a reserved name.	
<code>InvalidInstanceID.Malformed</code>	Specified instance ID is not valid.	
<code>InvalidInstanceID.NotFound</code>	Specified instance ID does not exist.	
<code>InvalidIPAddress.InUse</code>	Specified IP address is currently in use.	
<code>InvalidKeyPair.Duplicate</code>	Attempt to create a duplicate key pair.	
<code>InvalidKeyPair.Format</code>	Format of the public key you've attempted to import is invalid.	
<code>InvalidKeyPair.NotFound</code>	Specified key pair name does not exist.	
<code>InvalidManifest</code>	Specified AMI has an unparsable Manifest.	
<code>InvalidParameter</code>	The name supplied for a parameter was invalid.	

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Error Code	Description	Notes
<code>InvalidParameterCombination</code>	RunInstances was called with <code>minCount</code> and <code>maxCount</code> set to 0 or <code>minCount</code> > <code>maxCount</code> .	
<code>InvalidParameterValue</code>	The value supplied for a parameter was invalid.	Requests that could cause this error include (for example) supplying an invalid image attribute to the <code>DescribeImageAttribute</code> request or an invalid version or encoding value for the <code>userData</code> in a <code>RunInstances</code> request.
<code>InvalidPermission.Duplicate</code>	Attempt to authorize a permission that has already been authorized.	
<code>InvalidPermission.Malformed</code>	Specified permission is invalid.	
<code>InvalidReservationID.Malformed</code>	Specified reservation ID is invalid.	
<code>InvalidReservationID.NotFound</code>	Specified reservation ID does not exist.	
<code>InvalidSnapshotID.Malformed</code>	The snapshot ID that was passed as an argument was malformed.	
<code>InvalidSnapshot.NotFound</code>	The specified snapshot does not exist.	
<code>InvalidUserID.Malformed</code>	The user ID is neither in the form of an AWS account ID or one of the special values accepted by the <code>owner</code> or <code>executableBy</code> flags in the <code>DescribeImages</code> call.	
<code>InvalidReservedInstancesId</code>	Reserved Instances ID not found.	
<code>InvalidReservedInstancesOfferingId</code>	Reserved Instances Offering ID not found.	
<code>InvalidVolumeID.Duplicate</code>	The volume already exists in the system.	
<code>InvalidVolumeID.Malformed</code>	The volume ID that was passed as an argument was malformed.	

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Error Code	Description	Notes
<code>InvalidVolume.NotFound</code>	The volume specified does not exist.	
<code>InvalidVolumeID.ZoneMismatch</code>	The specified volume ID and instance ID are in different Availability Zones.	
<code>InvalidZone.NotFound</code>	The specified zone does not exist.	
<code>MissingParameter</code>	The request is missing a required parameter.	
<code>NonEBSInstance</code>	The instance specified does not support EBS.	Please restart the instance and try again. This will ensure that the code is run on an instance with updated code.
<code>PendingVerification</code>	The account is pending verification.	Contact aws-verification@amazon.com if you have questions.
<code>PendingSnapshotLimitExceeded</code>	The limit on the number of Amazon EBS snapshots in the pending state has been exceeded.	
<code>ResourceLimitExceeded</code>	Exceeded an EC2 resource limit.	Example: You reached the maximum number of import conversion tasks allowed.
<code>ReservedInstancesLimitExceeded</code>	Your current quota does not allow you to purchase the required number of reserved instances.	
<code>SnapshotLimitExceeded</code>	The limit on the number of Amazon EBS snapshots has been exceeded.	
<code>UnknownParameter</code>	An unknown or unrecognized parameter was supplied.	Requests that could cause this error include supplying a misspelled parameter or a parameter that is not supported for the specified API version.
<code>Unsupported</code>	The instance type or feature is not supported in your requested Availability Zone.	The returned message gives guidance on how to solve the problem.
<code>VolumeLimitExceeded</code>	The limit on the number of Amazon EBS volumes has been exceeded.	

Summary of Server Error Codes

Error Code	Description	Notes
<code>InsufficientAddressCapacity</code>	Not enough available addresses to satisfy your minimum request.	Reduce the number of addresses you are requesting or wait for additional capacity to become available.
<code>InsufficientInstanceCapacity</code>	Not enough available instances to satisfy your minimum request.	Reduce the number of instances in your request or wait for additional capacity to become available. The returned message might also give specific guidance on how to solve the problem.
<code>InsufficientReservedInstanceCapacity</code>	Not enough available Reserved Instances to satisfy your minimum request.	Reduce the number of Reserved Instances in your request or wait for additional capacity to become available.
<code>InternalError</code>	Internal Error.	This error should not occur. If this persists, please contact us with details by posting a message on the AWS forums .
<code>Unavailable</code>	The server is overloaded and cannot handle the request.	

Amazon EC2 Resources

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

Resource	Description
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Getting Started Guide	Provides a quick tutorial of the service based on a simple use case. Examples and instructions are included.
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide	Provides conceptual information about Amazon EC2 and describes how to use Amazon EC2 features using the AWS Management Console, command line tools, and Query API.
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud Command Line Reference	Contains a comprehensive description of all the command line tools and their options.
Amazon EC2 Technical FAQ	Covers the top questions developers have asked about this product.
Amazon EC2 Release Notes	Give a high-level overview of the current release. They specifically note any new features, corrections, and known issues.
AWS Developer Resource Center	A central starting point to find documentation, code samples, release notes, and other information to help you build innovative applications with AWS.
AWS Management Console	The console lets you perform most of the functions of Amazon EC2 and other AWS products without programming.
Discussion Forums	A community-based forum for developers to discuss technical questions related to Amazon Web Services.
AWS Support Center	The home page for AWS Technical Support, including access to our Developer Forums, Technical FAQs, Service Status page, and AWS Premium Support (if you are subscribed to this program).
AWS Premium Support Information	The primary web page for information about AWS Premium Support, a one-on-one, fast-response support channel to help you build and run applications on AWS Infrastructure Services.

Resource	Description
Amazon EC2 Product Information	The primary web page for information about Amazon EC2.
Form for questions related to your AWS account: Contact Us	This form is <i>only</i> for account questions. For technical questions, use the Discussion Forums.
Terms of Use	Detailed information about the copyright and trademark usage at Amazon.com and other topics.

Document History

This documentation is associated with the 2010-11-15 release of Amazon EC2. This guide was last updated on 29 January 2011.

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

Change	Description	Release Date
VM Import	<p>Added the following new actions, which allow you to import a virtual machine or volume into Amazon EC2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ImportInstance (p. 148) • ImportVolume (p. 154) • DescribeConversionTasks (p. 70) • CancelConversionTask (p. 23) 	In this release
Consolidated Documentation	We've consolidated the Query and SOAP API topics. See Actions (p. 8).	06 December 2010
Parameters for ModifyImageAttribute and ModifyInstanceAttribute	Updated the list of Query parameters for ModifyImageAttribute (p. 157) and for ModifyInstanceAttribute (p. 160).	20 November 2010
Modifying Block Device Mapping	Removed information from ModifyInstanceAttribute (p. 160) about modifying an instance's block device mapping attribute. You currently can't modify an instance's block device mapping with this action.	20 November 2010
Filters and Tags	<p>Added information about filters to many of the <i>describe</i> actions. Added information about creating, describing, and deleting tags.</p> <p>For more information about the API actions for tags, see CreateTags (p. 42), DeleteTags (p. 55), and DescribeTags (p. 131).</p>	19 September 2010

Change	Description	Release Date
Idempotent Instance Launch	Updated <code>RunInstances</code> to include a <code>ClientToken</code> parameter to ensure idempotency. For more information about the change to <code>RunInstances</code> , see RunInstances (p. 190) .	19 September 2010
Import Key Pair	Added <code>ImportKeyPair</code> . For more information, see ImportKeyPair (p. 152) .	19 September 2010
Placement Groups for Cluster Compute Instances	Added information about placement groups, which you use with cluster compute instances. For more information about the API actions for placement groups, see CreatePlacementGroup (p. 33) , DescribePlacementGroups (p. 96) , and DeletePlacementGroup (p. 48) .	12 July 2010
Amazon VPC IP Address Designation	Amazon VPC users can now specify the IP address to assign an instance launched in a VPC. For information about using the <code>PrivateIpAddress</code> parameter with the <code>RunInstances</code> action, see RunInstances (p. 190) .	12 July 2010
Error List Update	Updated the list of errors to include <code>Client.Blocked</code> , <code>Client.InsufficientInstanceCapacity</code> , <code>Client.PendingVerification</code> , and <code>Client.Unsupported</code> . For more information, see Error Codes (p. 253) .	21 May 2010
Security Group Permissions	Clarified the information about authorizing security group permissions. For more information, see AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress (p. 15) .	28 April 2010
New Region	Amazon EC2 now supports the Asia Pacific (Singapore) Region. The new endpoint for requests to this Region is <code>ec2.ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com</code> .	28 April 2010
Clarification about Spot Instances	Clarified that you can't stop and start Spot Instances that use an Amazon EBS root device. For more information about stopping instances, see StopInstances (p. 199) .	1 February 2010
Spot Instances	To support customers that use Amazon EC2 instances, but have more flexible usage requirements (e.g., when instances run, how long they run, or whether usage completes within a specific timeframe), Amazon EC2 now provides Spot Instances. A Spot Instance is an instance that Amazon EC2 automatically runs for you when its maximum price is greater than the Spot Price. For conceptual information about Spot Instances, go to the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud User Guide .	14 December 2009

Document Conventions

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

Typographical Conventions

This section describes common typographical use conventions.

Convention	Description/Example
Call-outs	<p>A call-out is a number in the body text to give you a visual reference. The reference point is for further discussion elsewhere.</p> <p>You can use this resource regularly. 1</p>
Code in text	<p>Inline code samples (including XML) and commands are identified with a special font.</p> <p>You can use the command <code>java -version</code>.</p>
Code blocks	<p>Blocks of sample code are set apart from the body and marked accordingly.</p> <pre># ls -l /var/www/html/index.html -rw-rw-r-- 1 root root 1872 Jun 21 09:33 /var/www/html/index.html # date Wed Jun 21 09:33:42 EDT 2006</pre>
Emphasis	<p>Unusual or important words and phrases are marked with a special font.</p> <p>You <i>must</i> sign up for an account before you can use the service.</p>
Internal cross references	<p>References to a section in the same document are marked.</p> <p>See Document Conventions (p. 263).</p>

Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud API Reference Typographical Conventions

Convention	Description/Example
Logical values, constants, and regular expressions, abstracta	A special font is used for expressions that are important to identify, but are not code. If the value is <code>null</code> , the returned response will be <code>false</code> .
Product and feature names	Named AWS products and features are identified on first use. Create an <i>Amazon Machine Image</i> (AMI).
Operations	In-text references to operations. Use the <code>GetHITResponse</code> operation.
Parameters	In-text references to parameters. The operation accepts the parameter <i>AccountID</i> .
Response elements	In-text references to responses. A container for one <code>CollectionParent</code> and one or more <code>CollectionItems</code> .
Technical publication references	References to other AWS publications. If the reference is hyperlinked, it is also underscored. For detailed conceptual information, see the <i>Amazon Mechanical Turk Developer Guide</i> .
User entered values	A special font marks text that the user types. At the password prompt, type <code>MyPassword</code> .
User interface controls and labels	Denotes named items on the UI for easy identification. On the File menu, click Properties .
Variables	When you see this style, you must change the value of the content when you copy the text of a sample to a command line. % ec2-register <i><your-s3-bucket></i> /image.manifest See also Symbol Conventions (p. 265).

Symbol Conventions

This section describes the common use of symbols.

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