

# Hortonworks

## Guide for Attempting an HDP Certification Practice Exam

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# Overview

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Hortonworks University has developed a practice environment that emulates our actual exam environment. The practice environment consists of:

- An Amazon Machine Image (AMI) that is publicly shared
- A collection of tasks reflective of what you may be asked to perform on the actual exam

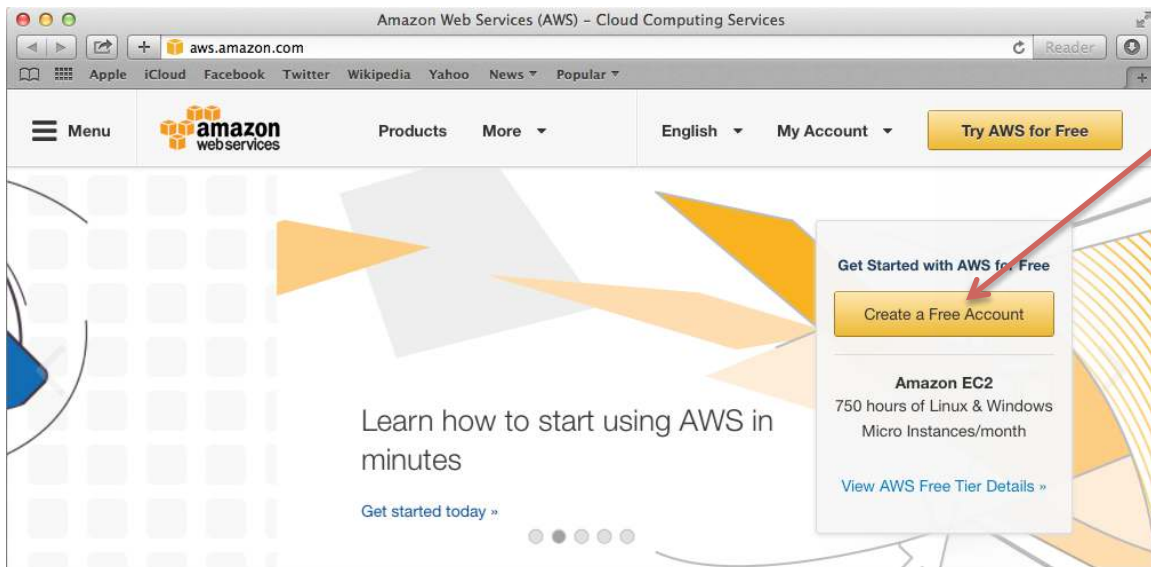
In order to take the practice exam, you need to create an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account and pay for the usage of an EC2 instance, as explained below in this guide. The cost is very minimal (around 30 cents/hour).

# Complete the Following Steps

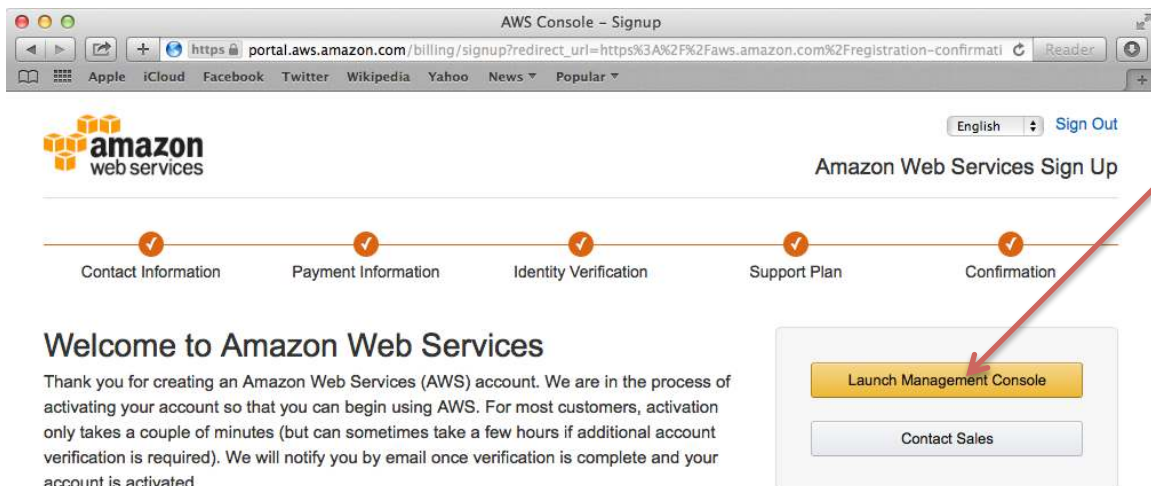
## Step 1: Create an AWS Account

1.1. You need an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account. If you do not already have one, create an account at:

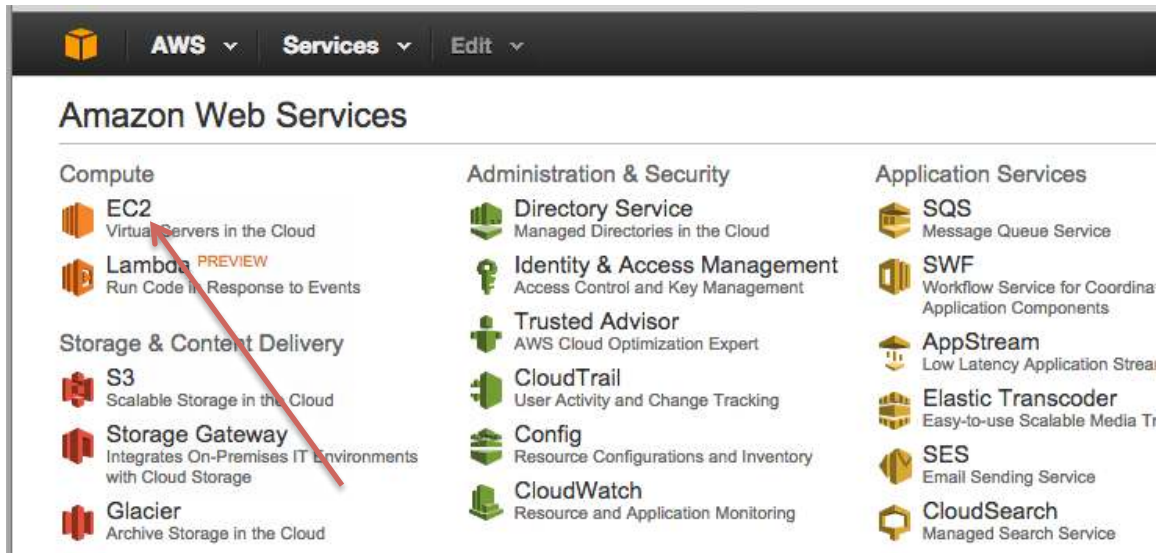
`http://aws.amazon.com`



1.2. Once you are signed in, launch the **Management Console**:



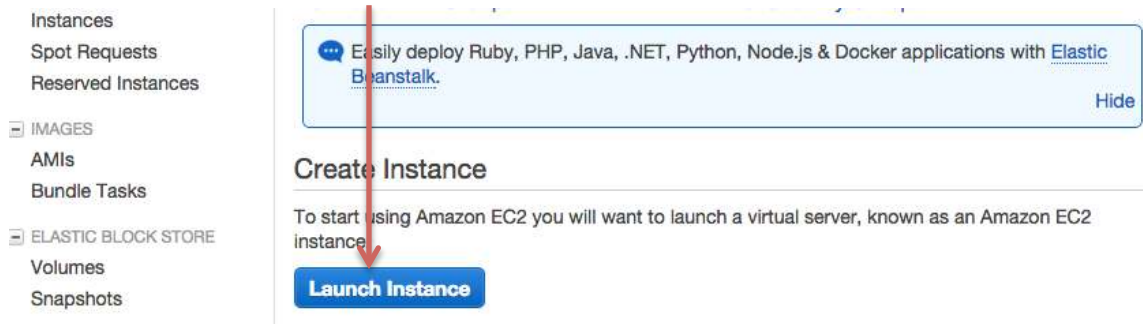
1.3. You should see the home page of your AWS Console:



## Step 2: Run the EC2 Launch Instance Wizard

2.1. From the AWS Console, click on **EC2** to view your EC2 Dashboard.

2.2. Click the **Launch Instance** button:



2.3. You should see **Step 1** of the Launch Instance wizard:

1. Choose AMI 2. Choose Instance Type 3. Configure Instance 4. Add Storage 5. Tag Instance 6. Configure Security Group 7. Review

## Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

[Cancel and Exit](#)

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. You can select an AMI provided by AWS, our user community, or the AWS Marketplace; or you can select one of your own AMIs.

**Quick Start**

- My AMIs
- AWS Marketplace
- Community AMIs
- ☐ Free tier only ⓘ

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	<b>Amazon Linux AMI 2014.09.2 (HVM) - ami-146e2a7c</b> The Amazon Linux AMI is an EBS backed image. The default image includes AWS command line tools, Python, Ruby, Perl, and Java. The repositories include Apache HTTPD, Docker, PHP, MySQL, PostgreSQL, and other packages. Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.6 (HVM), SSD Volume Type - ami-48400720</b> Red Hat Enterprise Linux version 6.6 (HVM), EBS General Purpose (SSD) Volume Type Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 (HVM), SSD Volume Type - ami-aeb532c6</b> SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 (HVM), EBS General Purpose (SSD) Volume Type. Public Cloud, Advanced Systems Management, Web and Scripting, and Legacy modules enabled. Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type - ami-9a562df2</b> Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS (HVM), EBS General Purpose (SSD) Volume Type. Support available from Canonical ( <a href="http://www.ubuntu.com/cloud/services">http://www.ubuntu.com/cloud/services</a> ). Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Base - ami-b27830da</b> Microsoft Windows 2012 R2 Standard edition with 64-bit architecture. [English] Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>

## Step 3: Find the AMI for the Practice Exam

**3.1.** Click the **Community AMIs** tab on the left-hand menu.

**3.2.** Type “**Hortonworks**” in the search box and press **Enter**:

**Quick Start**

- My AMIs
- AWS Marketplace
- Community AMIs**

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Search:

4 results for "Hortonworks" on AWS Marketplace  
Partner software pre-configured to run on AWS

	<b>Hortonworks - ami-02ae336a</b> [Copied ami-3fb7bf7a from us-west-1] Hortonworks Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: paravirtual	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>HDP 2.1 SANDBOX NFS ENABLED - ami-36d95d5e</b> nfs enabled - hortonworks 2.1 - sandbox Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>Hortonworks sandbox with DMX-h - ami-4eb41126</b> Hortonworks sandbox with Syncsort DMX-h Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>
	<b>Hortonworks HDPCD_2.2 PracticeExam_v3 - ami-ac3f6ec4</b> Root device type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm	<a href="#">Select</a>

**3.3.** You are looking for an AMI with a name similar to “**Hortonworks HDPCDeveloper\_x.x PracticeExam\_vx**” where the “**x**” values are version numbers that change periodically. There should only be one AMI that matches this name. Click the **Select** button next to it (as shown below):



## Step 4: Choose an Instance Type

**4.1.** Step 2 of the wizard is selecting an instance type. **You will be charged by Amazon based on the instance type you select.** To view the pricing for your region, visit the following page:

<https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/pricing/>

You can also read about Spot Instances on the pricing page, which provide an even cheaper alternative.

**4.2.** Select at least an **m3.2xlarge** or the cluster will not start cleanly. The instance runs an entire HDP cluster, so the more memory you purchase the more responsive the instance will run.

### Step 2: Choose an Instance Type

Amazon EC2 provides a wide selection of instance types optimized to fit different use cases. Instances are virtual servers that can run applications. They have varying combinations of CPU, memory, storage, and networking capacity, and give you the flexibility to choose the appropriate mix of resources for your applications. [Learn more](#) about instance types and how they can meet your computing needs.

Filter by: All instance types Current generation Show/Hide Columns

Currently selected: m3.2xlarge (26 ECUs, 8 vCPUs, 2.5 GHz, Intel Xeon E5-2670v2, 30 GiB memory, 2 x 80 GiB Storage Capacity)

	Family	Type	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available	Network Performance
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.micro <small>Free tier eligible</small>	1	1	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.small	1	2	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	t2.medium	2	4	EBS only	-	Low to Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	m3.medium	1	3.75	1 x 4 (SSD)	-	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	m3.large	2	7.5	1 x 32 (SSD)	-	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	m3.xlarge	4	15	2 x 40 (SSD)	Yes	High
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General purpose	m3.2xlarge	8	30	2 x 80 (SSD)	Yes	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compute optimized	c4.large	2	3.75	EBS only	Yes	Moderate

Cancel Previous Review and Launch Next: Configure Instance Details

**NOTE:** You are charged by the hour for EC2 instances. If you start an instance and stop it 5 minutes later, you will be billed for an entire hour. However, you are not charged for a stopped instance until you resume it again.

**4.3.** After you have selected your instance type, click the button labeled **Next: Configure Instance Details**.

#### Step 5: Configure Instance Details

**5.1.** The defaults are fine for **Step 3: Configure Instance Details**. Click the **Next: Add Storage** button to continue.

#### Step 6: Add Storage

**6.1.** The default settings for **Step 4: Add Storage** are also fine, so simply click the **Next: Tag Instance** button to continue.

#### Step 7: Tag Instance

**7.1.** Give your instance a name like “Hortonworks Practice Exam”:

#### Step 5: Tag Instance

A tag consists of a case-sensitive key-value pair. For example, you could define a tag with key = Name and value = Webserver. [Learn more](#) about tagging your Amazon EC2 resources.

Key (127 characters maximum)	Value (255 characters maximum)
<input type="text" value="Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Hortonworks Practice Exam"/>
<input type="button" value="Create Tag"/> (Up to 10 tags maximum)	

**7.2.** Click the **Next: Configure Security Group** button to continue.

#### Step 8: Configure Security Group

**8.1.** In **Step 6: Configure Security Group**, you need to create a new security group. Start by giving it a name like “hwx-practice-exam”:

**Assign a security group:** ☒ Create a **new** security group  
☐ Select an **existing** security group

**Security group name:**

**8.2.** Notice an SSH rule is already defined. Click the **Add Rule** button and add a **Custom TCP Rule** for port **5901** with **Custom IP** equal to **0.0.0.0/0**, as shown here:

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source
SSH	TCP	22	Anywhere 0.0.0.0/0
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	5901	Custom IP 0.0.0.0/0

**Add Rule**

**Warning**

Rules with source of 0.0.0.0/0 allow all IP addresses to access your instance. We recommend setting security group rules to allow access from known IP addresses only.

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Review and Launch](#)

**8.3.** Click the **Review and Launch** button to continue.

## Step 9: Review Instance Launch

**9.1.** In **Step 7: Review Instance Launch**, you will be warned that this is not a free instance and you will be charged. There is also a warning about security that you can ignore.

**9.2.** Verify the AMI, instance type, and also that your security group has port 5901 open:



▼ AMI Details

[Edit AMI](#)



**Hortonworks HDPCD\_2.2 PracticeExam\_v3 - ami-ac3f6ec4**

Root Device Type: ebs    Virtualization type: hvm

▼ Instance Type

[Edit instance type](#)

Instance Type	ECUs	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available	Network Performance
m3.xlarge	13	4	15	2 x 40	Yes	High

▼ Security Groups

[Edit security groups](#)

**Security group name**      hwx-practice-exam  
**Description**              launch-wizard-4 created 2015-02-20T07:59:42.979-07:00

Type ⓘ	Protocol ⓘ	Port Range ⓘ	Source ⓘ
SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	5901	0.0.0.0/0

**9.3.** Click the **Launch** button to continue:

► Instance Details

[Edit instance details](#)

► Storage

[Edit storage](#)

► Tags

[Edit tags](#)

[Cancel](#)    [Previous](#)    [Launch](#)



**Step 10:** Create a Private Key File

**10.1.** Before launching an EC2 instance, you must create (or select an existing) key pair, which consists of a public key that AWS stores and a private key file that you need to download. You should see the following dialog window:

## Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair



A key pair consists of a **public key** that AWS stores, and a **private key file** that you store. Together, they allow you to connect to your instance securely. For Windows AMIs, the private key file is required to obtain the password used to log into your instance. For Linux AMIs, the private key file allows you to securely SSH into your instance.

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about [removing existing key pairs from a public AMI](#).

Choose an existing key pair

### Select a key pair

cert-keypair.pem

☐ I acknowledge that I have access to the selected private key file (cert-keypair.pem.pem), and that without this file, I won't be able to log into my instance.

### 10.2. Select “Create a new key pair” and give it a name like “hwx-practice-exam”:

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about [removing existing key pairs from a public AMI](#).

Create a new key pair

### Key pair name

hwx-practice-exam

Download Key Pair

### 10.3. Click the **Download Key Pair** button and save the file on your local machine.

## Step 11: Launch the Instance

**11.1.** After you have downloaded the private key file, click the **Launch Instances** button:



**12.2.** Scroll to the right of the instance **Name** and you should see a column labeled **Public DNS**. The public DNS name is in the format **ec2-xx-xx-xx-xx.compute-1.amazonaws.com**.

**12.3.** Leave this window open in your Web browser, as you will need the public DNS name of your EC2 instance after you install the VNC client application.

### Step 13: Install a VNC Client

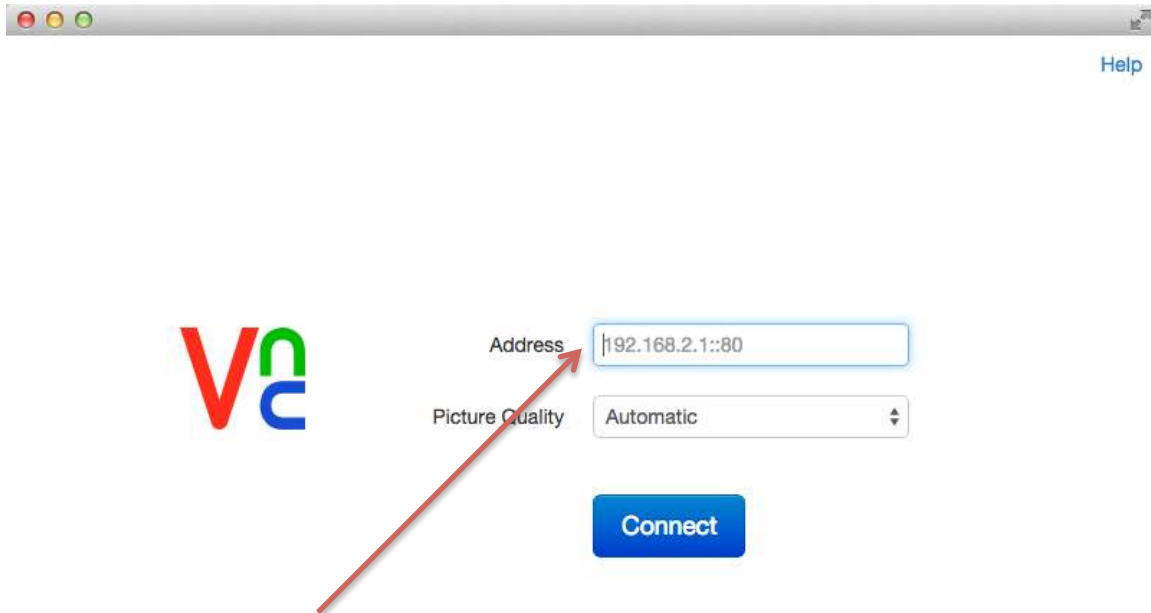
**13.1.** You will connect to your EC2 instance using VNC. You need a VNC client application installed on your local machine. Any VNC client should work. The instructions here are for the Real VNC Viewer app, which runs on a Mac, PC, or Linux machine.

**13.2.** Download and install the appropriate version of VNC Viewer for your computer at:

<http://www.realvnc.com/download/viewer/>

### Step 14: Connect to the EC2 Instance

**14.1.** Start the VNC Viewer application. On a Mac the app looks like:



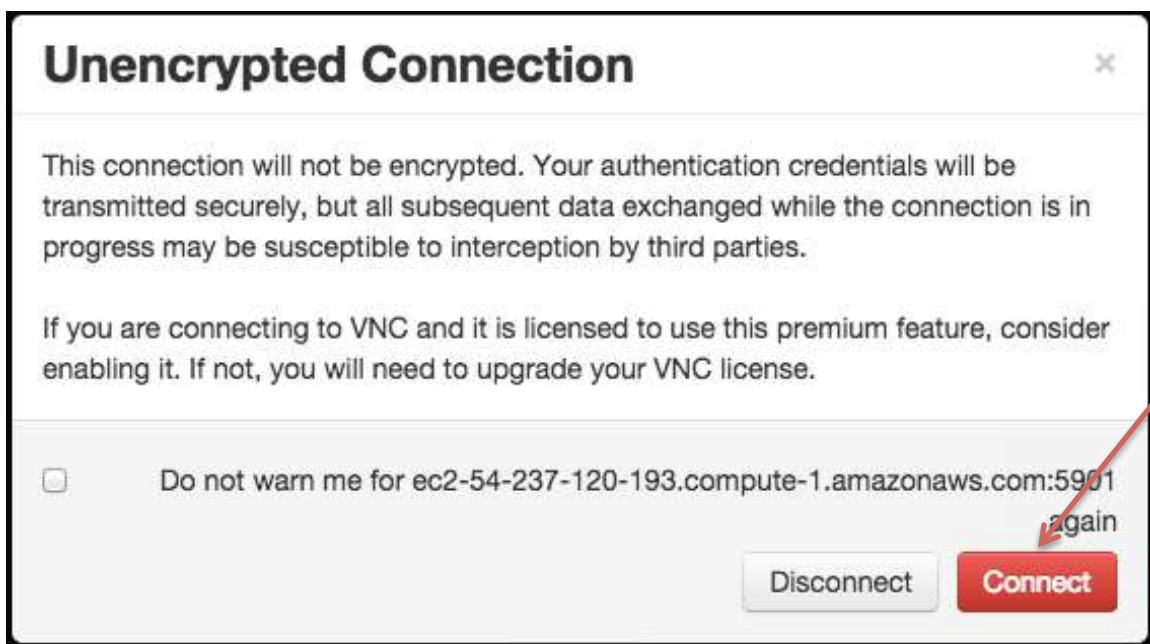
**14.2.** In the **Address** field, enter the public DNS name of your EC2 instance, followed by **:5901** (which is the port that the VNC server is listening on):

Address

Picture Quality

 **Connect**

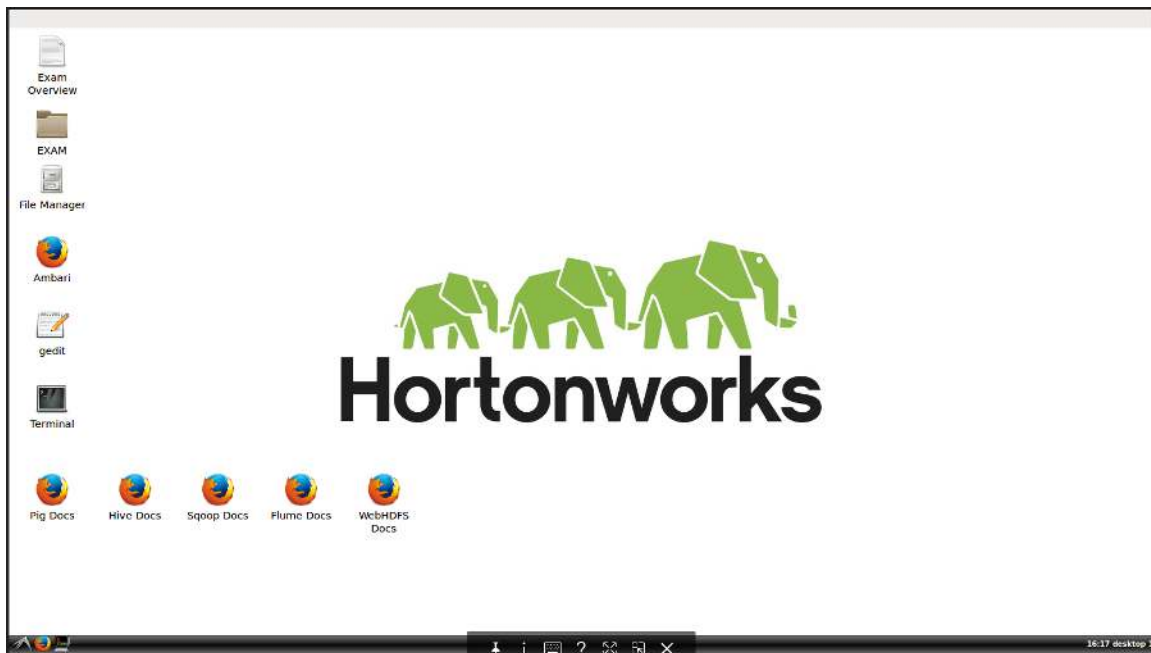
**14.3.** Click the **Connect** button. You will be warned about an unencrypted connection:



**14.4.** Click the **Connect** button. You will be prompted for a password, which is "hadoop":



**14.5.** Click the **OK** button and the desktop of your EC2 instance should appear:



**IMPORTANT:** The screen size of the EC2 instance is 1600x900. **This is also the screen size of the actual exam.** If you cannot see the entire screen, adjust the resolution of your monitor to a size that is at least 1600x900.

### Step 15: Verify HDP is Running

**15.1.** There is a shortcut to Ambari on the Desktop. Double-click on it and login to Ambari. Both the username and password are **"admin"**:

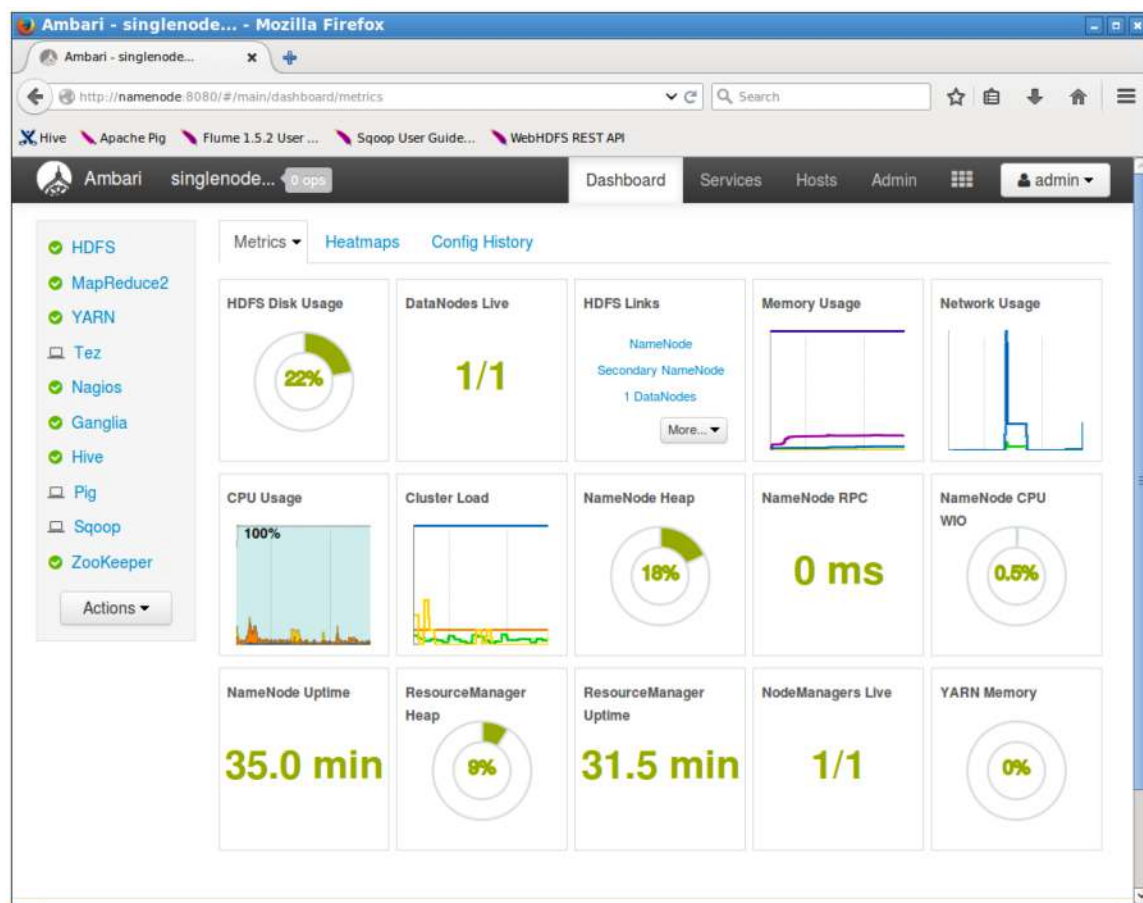
# Sign in

Username

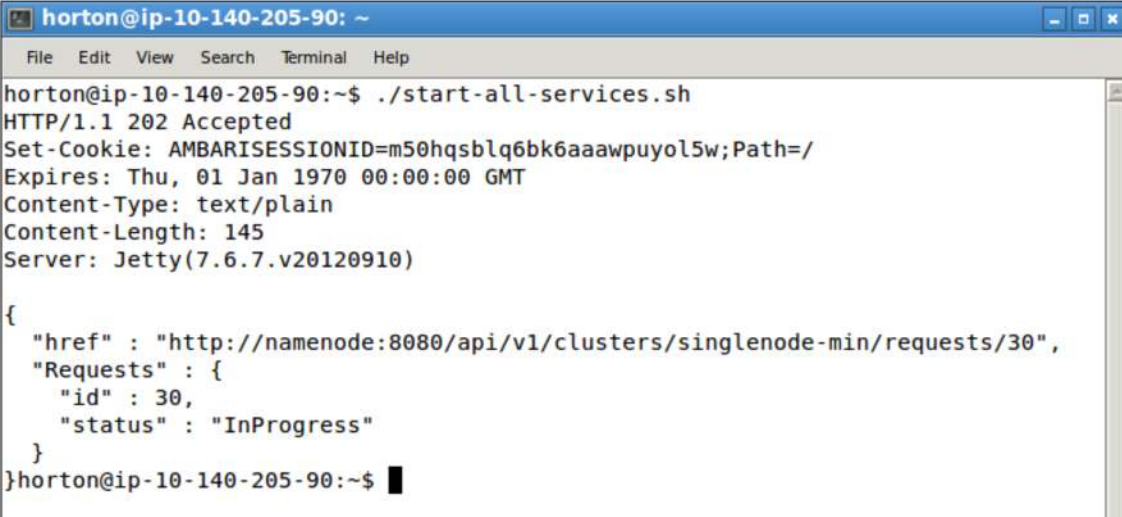
Password

[Sign in](#)

15.2. You should all of the services running:



**15.3.** If any of the services are down, you can start all HDP services by opening a Terminal window and running the `./start-all-services.sh` script in the `/home/horton` directory:

A terminal window titled 'horton@ip-10-140-205-90: ~' with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help). The terminal shows the command `./start-all-services.sh` being executed. The output is an HTTP response from a Jetty server (7.6.7.v20120910) with status 202 Accepted. It includes a Set-Cookie header for AMBARISESSIONID, an expiration date of Thu, 01 Jan 1970, and a JSON body indicating that a request with ID 30 is 'InProgress'.

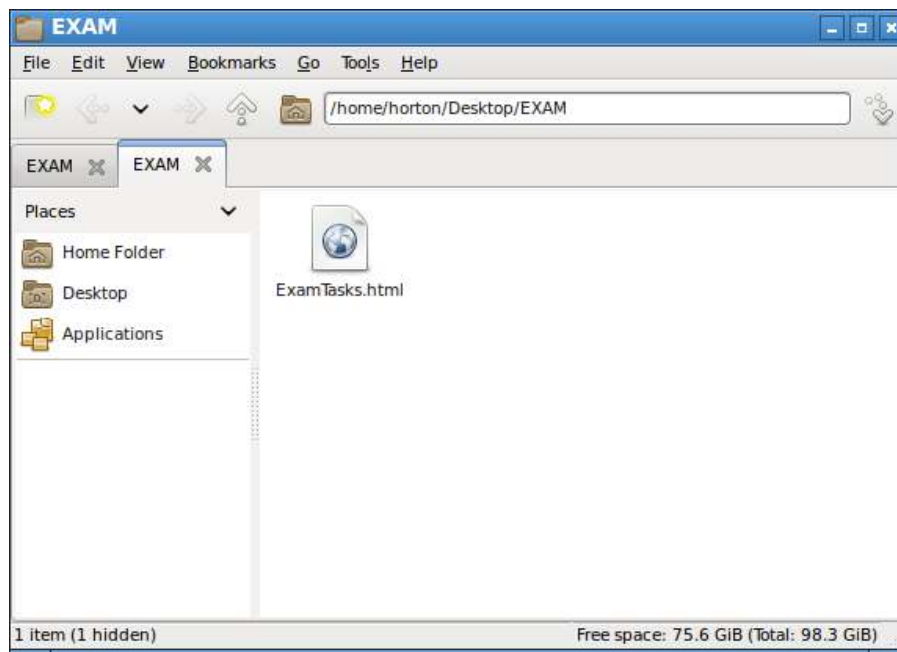
```
horton@ip-10-140-205-90:~$ ./start-all-services.sh
HTTP/1.1 202 Accepted
Set-Cookie: AMBARISESSIONID=m50hqsblq6bk6aaawpuyol5w;Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Length: 145
Server: Jetty(7.6.7.v20120910)

{
  "href" : "http://namenode:8080/api/v1/clusters/singlenode-min/requests/30",
  "Requests" : {
    "id" : 30,
    "status" : "InProgress"
  }
}
horton@ip-10-140-205-90:~$
```

The above command sends a command to Ambari that starts all services. You can view the progress in Ambari.

## Step 16: The Exam Tasks

**16.1.** The practice exam consists of 10 tasks that are reflective of what you may see on the actual exam. The tasks are in the **EXAM** folder on the desktop in an HTML file named **ExamTasks.html**:



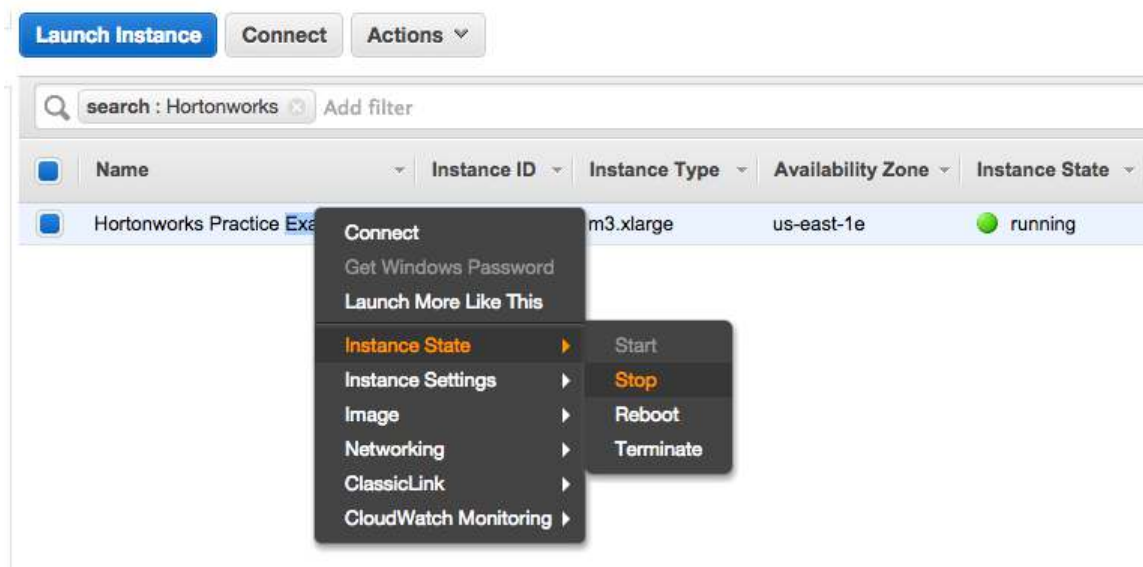


**IMPORTANT:** The practice exam is designed to familiarize you with the wording and length of the actual exam tasks. This practice exam does not cover all of the exam objectives and is only intended to assist you in becoming comfortable with the actual exam's environment. The actual exam may contain fewer or more tasks, and may contain tasks on topics not found on this practice exam. Candidates should be familiar with all of the tasks listed on the exam objectives before attempting an exam.

## Step 17: Stopping the Instance

**17.1.** When you are not working on the practice exam, you can stop the EC2 instance to avoid Amazon charges. From the **AWS Console**, open the **EC2 Dashboard**.

**17.2.** From the **Instances** page, right-click on the instance and select **Instance State -> Stop**:



**17.3.** When you want to resume the practice exam, simply **Start** the instance from this same **Instances** page.

## Step 18: Terminating the Instance

**18.1.** When you are completely finished with the practice exam, you can terminate the instance by right-clicking on the instance and selecting **Instance State -> Terminate**. This will remove the instance from your AWS account.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have any issues or questions with this setup guide, please send an email to [certification@hortonworks.com](mailto:certification@hortonworks.com).