

128T NETWORKING PLATFORM AWS DEPLOYMENT

This document describes the steps necessary to deploy a 128T Conductor and a 128T Router in an Amazon Web Services EC2 instance

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INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL

INTRODUCTION

The 128T Networking Platform can be used for a wide range of use-cases including public cloud deployments with networking elements inside or outside the public cloud. This document describes the steps necessary to deploy a 128T Conductor and 128T Router in an Amazon Web Services EC2 instance using a 128 Technology AMI (Amazon Machine Image) from the AWS Marketplace.

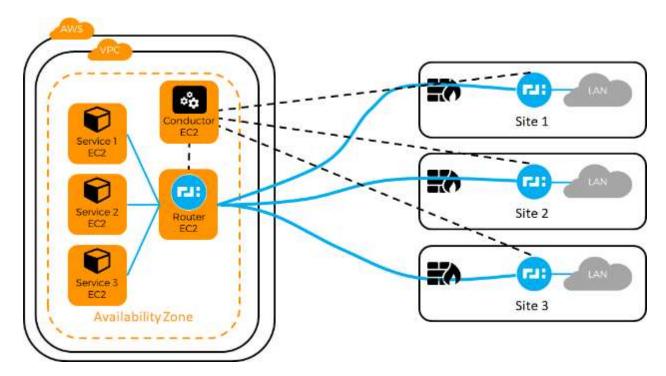
PREREQUISITES AND REQUIREMENTS

Deploying the 128T Networking Platform in AWS requires familiarity with the AWS Management Console and EC2 services. For initial deployment, familiarity with Linux is beneficial. After deployment in AWS, router provisioning requires networking expertise.

A user must have an AWS Management Console account and the ability to launch EC2 instances. On the AWS Marketplace the "128 Technology Network Platform" AMI is BYOL (Bring Your Own License), so to complete the installation, the user must contact 128 Technology for a license and certificate.

ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAMS

Many enterprises have adopted the AWS public cloud for numerous applications. To support these emerging applications, the 128T Networking Platform can be deployed in AWS supporting many different use-cases. The platform consists of 128T Routers which can be deployed both inside and outside the cloud, and the 128T Conductor, which is a management platform to manage all the routers. One of the most common use-cases is providing reliable and encrypted connectivity using Secure Vector Routing (SVR) from multiple remote sites into an AWS Virtual Private Cloud (VPC). Typically, an enterprise first deploys a 128T Conductor, then routers at remote sites, and finally connects to AWS. The final AWS 128T Router launched in a VPC on an EC2 instance provides SVR into the services deployed in AWS. This document outlines a representative process to deploy the 128T Conductor and Router in AWS in scenarios like this.

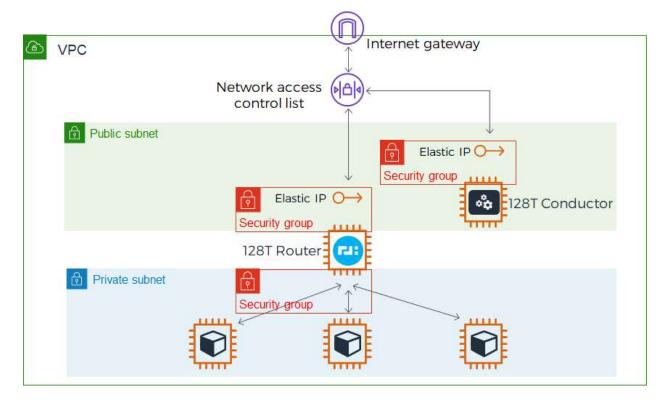


The 128T Router and Conductor function on the Linux Operating System, and 128 Technology has developed an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) available in the AWS Marketplace to simplify 128T deployment in AWS. Amazon Web Services EC2 provides a catalog of AMIs to deploy virtual servers in an automated fashion. This deployment guide will go through the steps of initially launching and access the new 128 Technology instance in AWS.

As shown below in the AWS architecture, the 128T Router and Conductor are deployed within an VPC (Virtual Private Cloud). Both the Router and Conductor are deployed as an AMI in an EC2 instance.

For a typical deployment the Conductor will be deployed with a network interface in a public subnet in a security group, with an associated publicly-reachable Elastic IP address and network access control list, via the Internet gateway.

A 128T Router in a typical deployment will have two network interfaces and sit between a public subnet and a private subnet, where various applications are located. One router interface will be deployed with an associated security group within a public subnet with a network access control list. The network interface has associated a publicly-reachable Elastic IP address that is reachable via an Internet gateway. A second interface will be deployed within a private subnet in a security group, with a private address, with reachability to other EC2 instances where various applications may be deployed.

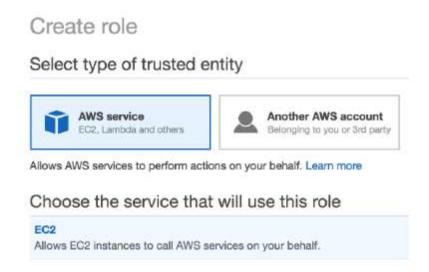


PLANNING GUIDANCE

SECURITY

The only keys involved in the architecture are the private key files for SSH access to the EC2 instance. The standard AWS approach is used as part of launching an instance, allowing the user to either generate or use an existing key pair.

When the 128T Conductor is deployed no specific IAM (Identify and Access Management) role is required. The 128T Router does require the user to create an IAM role. This role primarily serves to simplify management connectivity to an existing 128T Conductor. In this document we named this role "128T ZTP". The role is for an EC2 service.



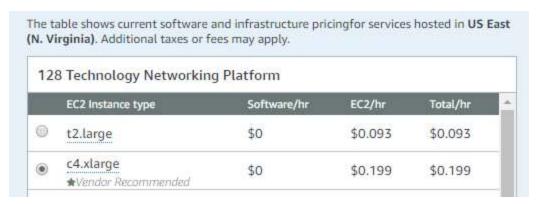
For this role, in the Permissions section enable "DescribeTags" which is used to automate connectivity to the Conductor, as outlined in the "Router Deployment" section of this document.



```
Policy name +
   DescribeTags
Policy summary
              {}JSON
                          Edit policy
 1- {
         "Version": "2012-10-17",
         "Statement": [
 A.
            -{
                 "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
                 "Effect": "Allow",
                 "Action": "ec2:DescribeTags",
                 "Resource": "#"
            }
        1
11 }
```

COSTS

The 128T Networking Platform on the AWS Marketplace is currently a BYOL offering. The only costs reflected in AWS are those of the instance type:



The most up-to-date pricing information is in the AWS Marketplace listing at https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B079V72CH7. The 128 Technology licensing model is subscription-based, scaling in cost with the number of routers and the bandwidth of the routers. For a specific quote, please contact 128 Technology at www.128technology.com, 781.203.8400, or info@128technology.com.

SIZING

The performance of the various 128 Technology products scales with the size of the instance. In the Marketplace listing a wide range of EC2 instances are available.

For the 128T Conductor the number of managed routers roughly scales with the type of instance. Approximate guidelines are t2.large to manage up to 50 routers, r4.2xlarge to manage up to 500 routers, and r4.8xlarge to manage up to 5000 routers.

For the 128T Router the total encrypted throughput of the router roughly scales with the type of instance. Approximate guidelines are c4.xlarge or c5.xlarge for ~300 Mbps, c5.2xlarge for ~900 Mbps, and c5.4xlarge for ~2 Gbps, but results may vary based on many factors. For guidance on a specific application, contact 128 Technology directly.

For both the 128T Conductor and 128T Router the default storage sizes should be sufficient for most applications.

DEPLOYMENT GUIDANCE

This deployment guide provides instructions for two broad scenarios: no 128T Conductor and existing 128T Conductor.

In a case where no 128T Conductor has been deployed, we recommend continuing with through this entire guide in order:

Creating a 128T Conductor Instance

Installing a 128T Conductor Instance

Creating a 128T Router Instance

Managing a 128T Router Instance

In the case where a 128T Conductor has already been deployed, we recommend skipping several sections of the guide and proceeding with:

Creating a 128T Router Instance

Managing a 128T Router Instance

In both scenarios at the end of the guide the user will have both a 128T Conductor and an associated 128T Router.

CONDUCTOR DEPLOYMENT

This section describes how to deploy a 128T Conductor into AWS. The exact time for deployment will vary, but it averages between 15 and 30 minutes.

Creating a 128T Conductor Instance

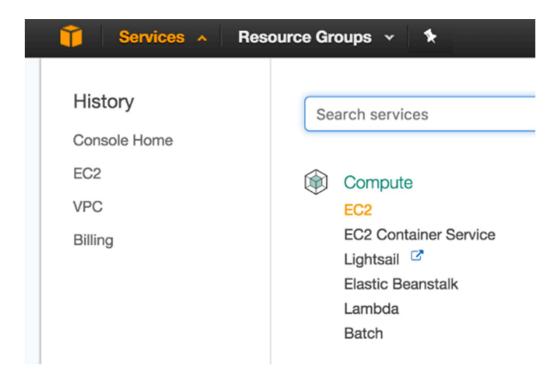
If you already have a 128T Conductor instance deployed either in AWS or elsewhere, then you can proceed to the next section.

To create the initial 128 Conductor instance, log in into Amazon Web Services console at https://console.aws.amazon.com using your account name, username and password.



| Account: | |
|------------|--|
| User Name: | |
| Password: | |
| | MFA users, enter your code on the next screen. |
| | Sign In |
| | Sign-in using root account credentials |

Once logged into the AWS console, the EC2 service needs to be accessed by clicking on "Services" in the top bar menu, and then selecting "EC2" under the "Compute" category.



In order to deploy a 128T Conductor, an EC2 instance has to be created using the corresponding 128T AMI. From the "EC2 dashboard", click the "Launch Instance" button to start the process of creating an instance in a region.

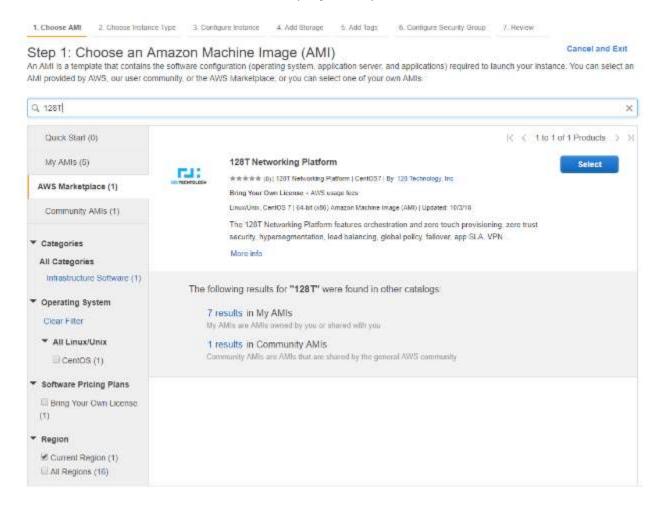
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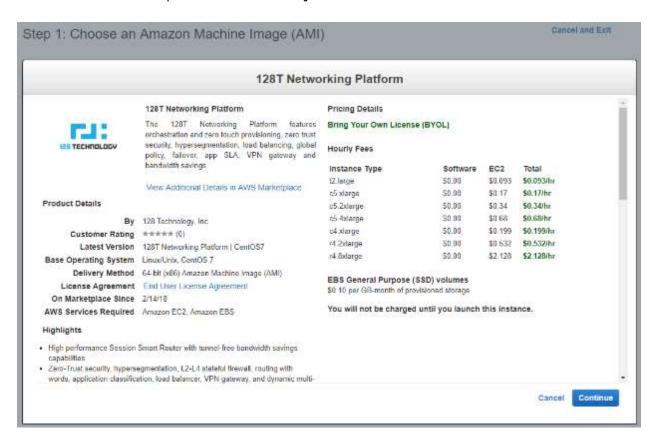


Note: Your instances will launch in the US East (N. Virginia) region

Amazon Web Services EC2 classifies AMIs in several categories. Currently, 128 Technology has created an AMI to deploy a 128T Conductor from the "AWS Marketplace" category. The 128 Technology AMIs can be found by searching for "128T". Clicking on the "Select" button of the AMI starts the deployment process of the instance.

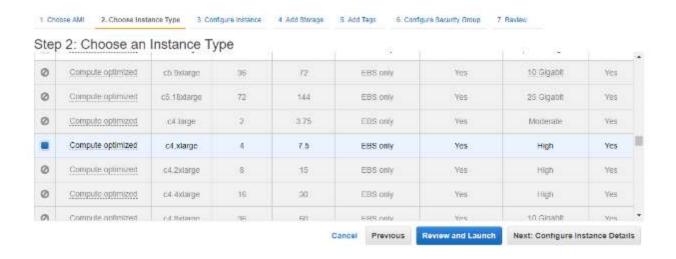


After selection, AWS provides a summary of the AMI. Click "Continue.

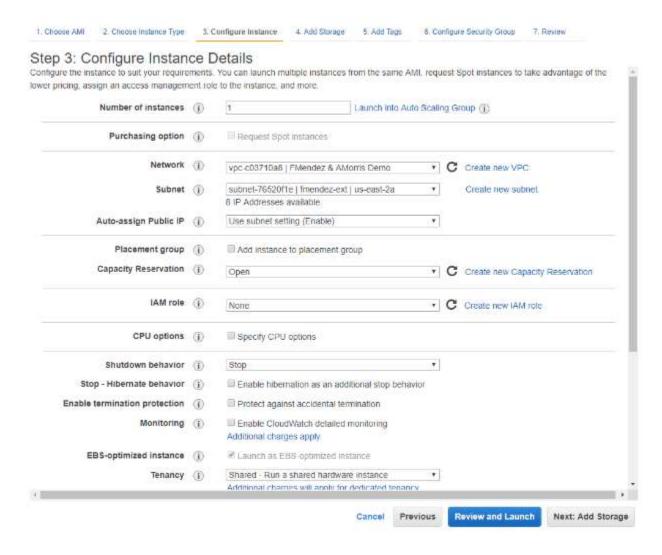


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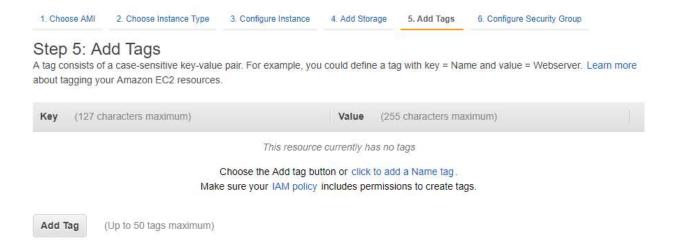
After clicking "Continue", Amazon EC2 provides a wide selection of instance types optimized to fit different use cases. Instances are virtual servers that can run applications. They have varying combinations of CPU, memory, storage, and networking capacity, and give you the flexibility to choose the appropriate mix of resources for your applications. While several instance types are possible, the selection defaults to the c4.xlarge instance type recommended by 128 Technology. Select an instance type, click "Next: Configure Instance Details" button to continue.



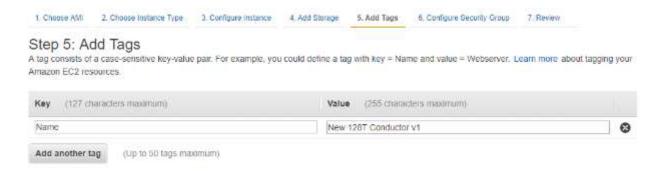
The next screen shows a variety of parameters for the instances. Select the existing "Network" and existing "Subnet" where this 128T Conductor instance is to be connected. Typically a 128T Conductor is directly accessed by network administrators from outside of AWS. Therefore the selected or created "Subnet" settings should assign a public (elastic) IP address. In this example, we've created a subnet that allows public internet access, so that we can login to the instance after creation. The AMI specifies default storage parameters, so the user can skip step "4. Add Storage". Instead the user can click on step "5. Add Tags".



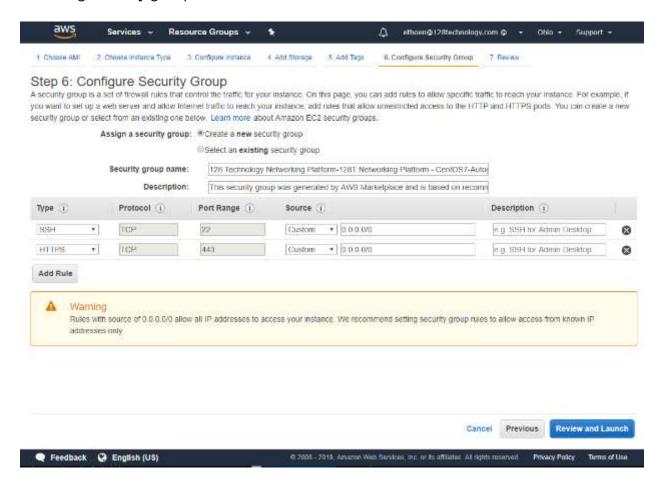
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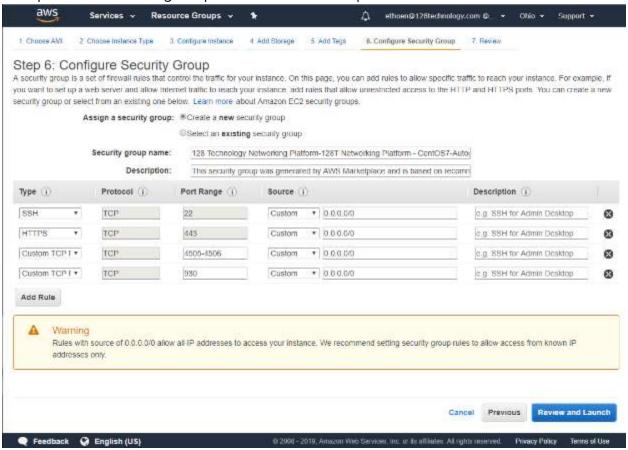
Then the 'Name' key can be set to a descriptive value.



Next select the "Configure Security Group" tab. By default, the AMI generates the following security groups.

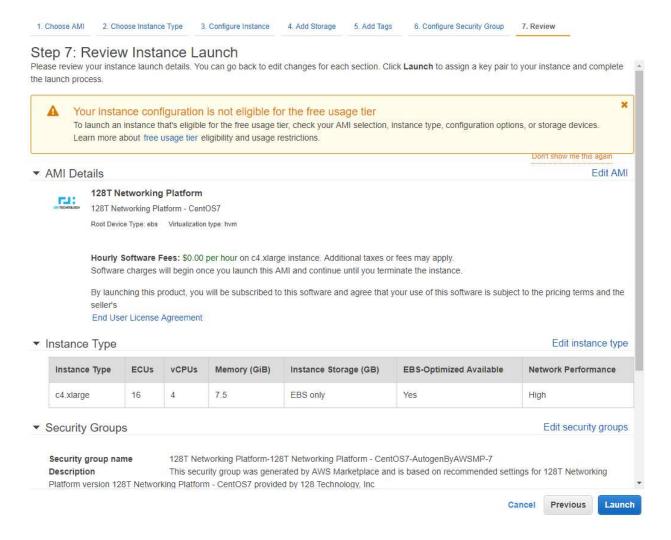


For a 128T Conductor deployment, two additional rules must be added to the Security Group to allow the range of ports 4505-4506 and port 930.

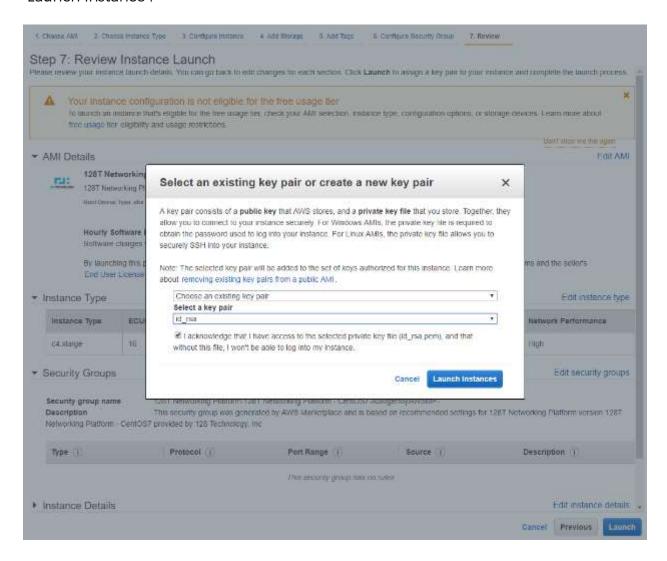


The user could further modify or customize the settings. If no further customization is required, then the "Review and Launch" button can be clicked to complete the deployment.

In the review screen a warning will be present indicating the instance is not from the free tier, which is expected since AWS does not categorize this c4.xlarge instance as free. Additional warnings could be present based on your network and subnet settings. Finally, after reviewing the instance click on the "Launch" button.

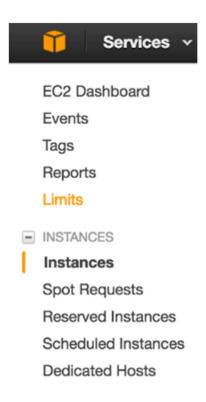


For future access to the instance you will have to specify a set of key pairs, and then press "Launch Instance".



Installing 128T Conductor Software

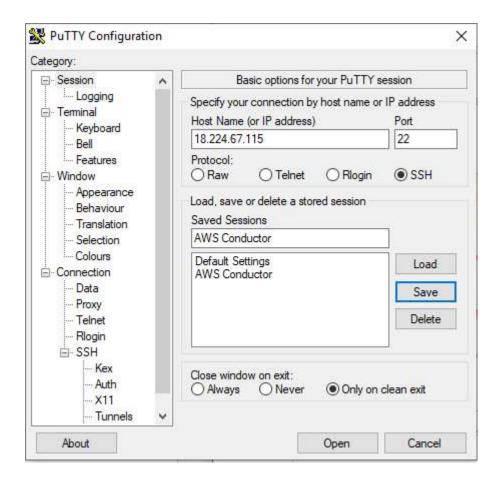
Once launched, the newly deployed 128T instance can be viewed from the "Instances" submenu under the "Instances" category from the EC2 Dashboard.



After waiting a few minutes for the instance to boot, the 128T Conductor "Instance State" turns green, indicating that it is "running". AWS will proceed to validate the instance and eventually "Status Checks" should indicate "2/2 checks passed". For future reference, the table provides the "Instance ID" and the 'IPv4 Public IP' address to reach the instance (since the subnet we used is a public subnet which provides external access).



Once the new instance is running you can complete the installation process for the 128T Conductor. The AWS 128T Conductor can be accessed with an SSH client such as PuTTY, using the existing keys selected when launching the AWS instance and the IPv4 Public IP address.



To initiate the installation of the 128T Conductor, after connecting via SSH at the "login as:" prompt enter "t128".



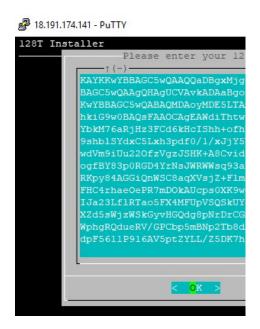
This will automatically start an installation process. The <Begin> option is pre-selected. Press <Enter> to start the installation process.



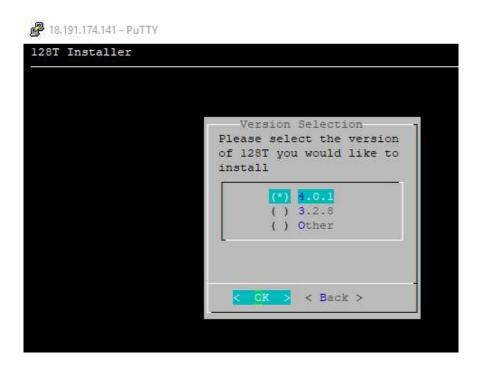
The next prompt will request a certificate. Since this is a BYOL listing, you need to contact 128 Technology to obtain a client certificate. After obtaining the certificate you can paste it into the box. You need to include both the "Certificate" and "RSA Private Key" sections, and you can paste the "-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----" and "-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY----" headers into the box



After pasting the certificate into the box, Press <Tab> to select the "< OK >" prompt and press <Enter>.



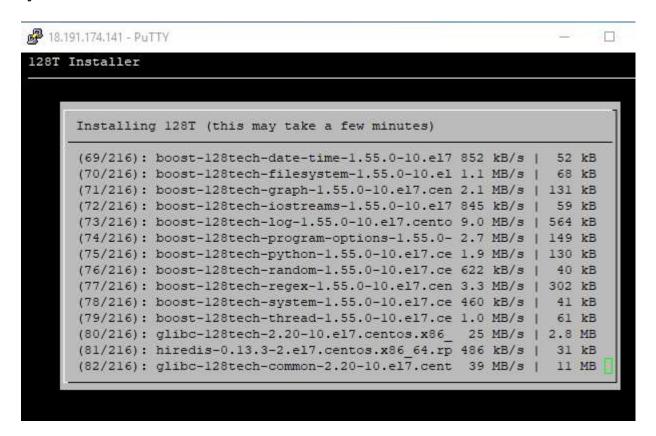
The system will retrieve information about the latest versions. By default, the system will select the latest version, and you can simply hit <Enter> to select the "< OK >" prompt.



You will need to confirm this select by using the <Tab> key to select < Yes> and then pressing <Enter>.



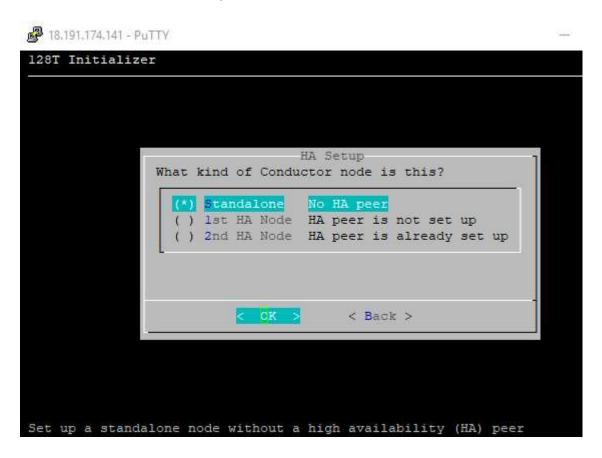
For some time (<15 minutes) the system will proceed to retrieve and install the selected system version.



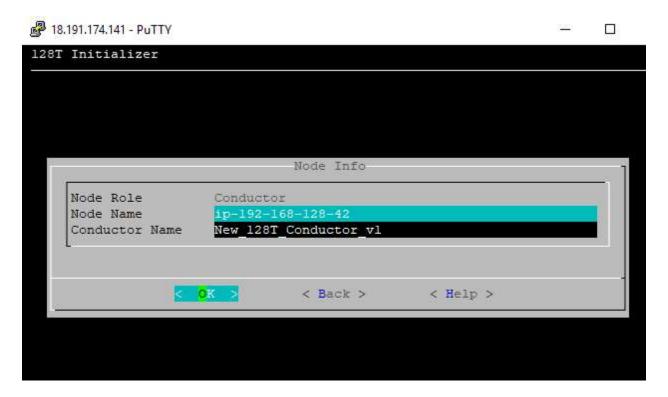
When the installation is complete a few additional parameters need to be set to launch the software. First the "role" of the instance should be set to "Conductor" by using the "C" key or <Up> and <Down> keys to toggle and then <Space> to select. After pressing <space> an "*" should be present for the selected option. Then "< OK>" should be selected by toggling with the <Right> and <Left> keys. After "< OK >" and "Conductor" are selected press <Enter>.



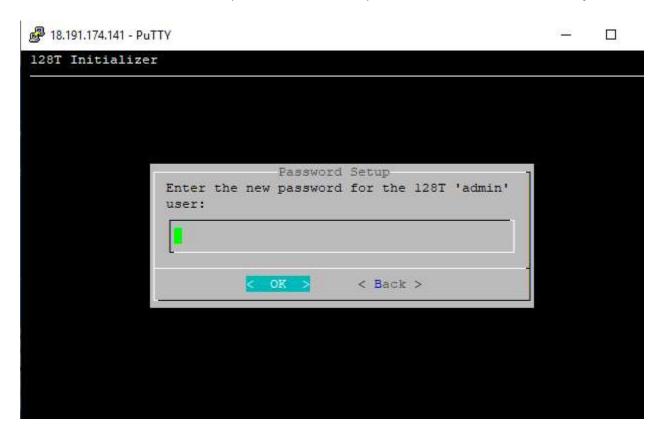
The system can support a variety of High-Availability (HA) modes, but for this example the "Standalone" option can be selected by pressing <Enter>. The section entitled HA Deployment provides an example of how to configure HA. That section requires an initial node, so the section "Installing 128T Conductor Software" creating the initial Conductor node should be completed first.



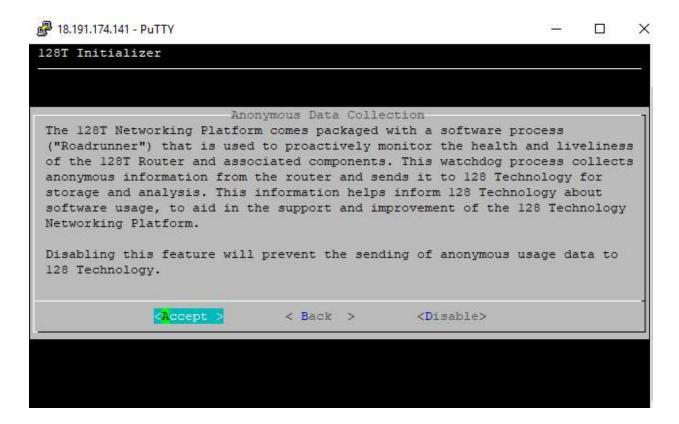
Descriptive node information can be entered. By default, the "Node Name" is populated with the private IP address of the instance. For consistency with the tags used in AWS we recommend entering the "Conductor Name" as the name used in the tag when launching the instance. Since the system doesn't accept <space> the <_> (underscore) character can be used in place of space. Then use the <Tab> key to select < OK > and then press <Enter>.



You need to enter a new password for the "admin" user and confirm it on a second screen. You need to save this password in a safe place to obtain access to the system.



You can choose to participate in our data collection program



Then the final set up will run, and you'll be prompted to reboot the instance. When the reboot starts, the SSH connection to the instance will end.



After the reboot, you can now connect to the GUI of the 128T Conductor using a Google Chrome browser and browse to the following URL:

https://<PublicIPAssignedToTheInstance>

Since the certificate is not known by the browser, initially you'll need to select "Proceed to x.x.x.x (unsafe)" or identify the certificate and trusted in the browser.





Your connection is not private

Attackers might be trying to steal your information from 18.191.174.141 (for example, passwords, messages, or credit cards). Learn more

NET::ERR_CERT_AUTHORITY_INVALID

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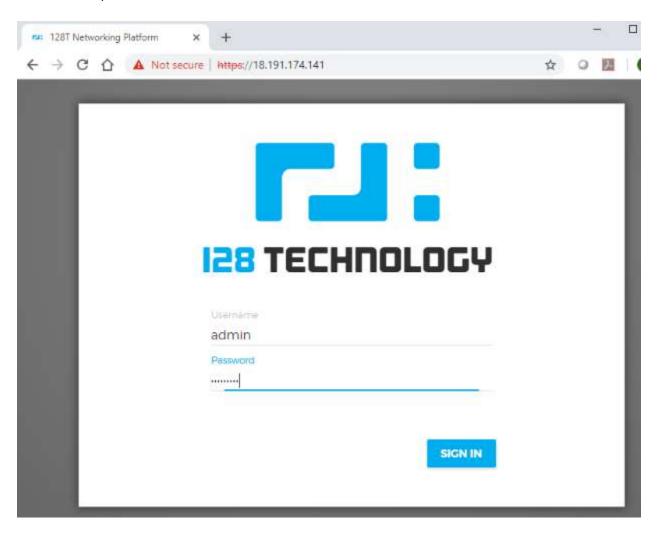


This server could not prove that it is 18.191.174.141; its security certificate is not trusted by your computer's operating system. This may be caused by a misconfiguration or an attacker intercepting your connection.

Proceed to 18.191.174.141 (unsafe)

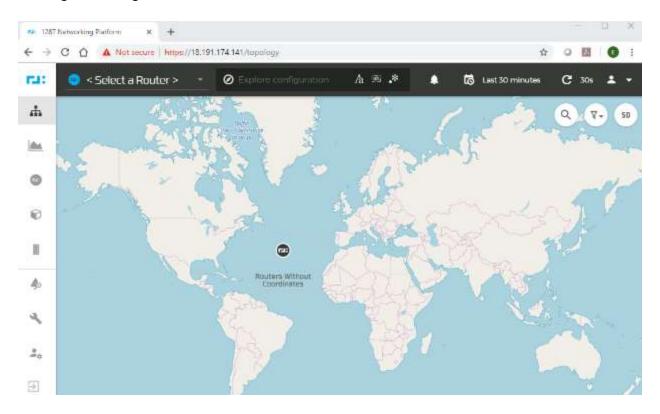
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After accepting the browser certificate, a 128T Conductor login prompt is present. The default "Username" is "admin" and the "Password" is the password entered during the installation process.

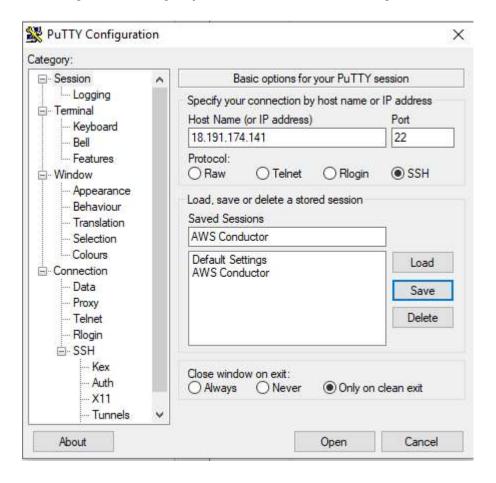


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After logging in the 128T Conductor will open the topology page showing a geographic view of the routers under management. At this point the system can be configured and managed through the 128T Conductor GUI.



In addition, the 128T Conductor application can also be accessed with an SSH client such as PuTTY, using the existing keys selected when launching the AWS instance.



After using the keys and logging in as "t128" you can initiate the PCLI by entering "su admin" and the password specified on installation.

```
New_128T_Conductor_v1 - PCLI
login as: t128
Authenticating with public key "imported-openssh-key"
[t128@ip-192-168-128-42 ~]$ su admin
Password:
Starting the PCLI...
admin@ip-192-168-128-42.New 128T Conductor v1# show system
Tue 2019-01-29 21:16:21 UTC
ip-192-168-128-42.New_128T_Conductor_vl
 ______
Status: running
Version: 4.0.1
Uptime: 0 days 1:17:01
Role: conductor
 Alarm Count: 0
Completed in 0.10 seconds
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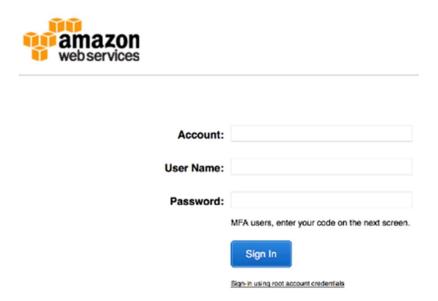
With the 128T Conductor operational in AWS you can learn more about configuration and operations through our product documentation or online community at https://community.128technology.com/home.

ROUTER DEPLOYMENT

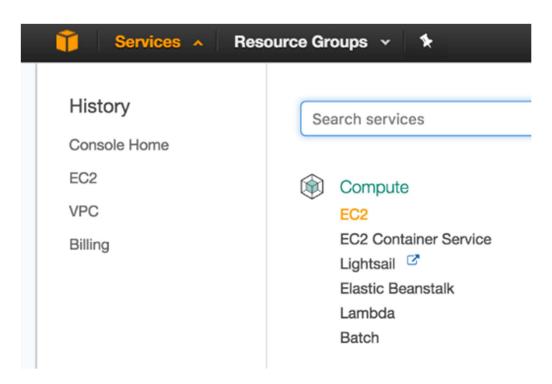
This section describes how to deploy a 128T Router in AWS. The exact time for deployment will vary, but it averages between 15 and 30 minutes.

Creating a 128T Router Instance

Log in into Amazon Web Services console at https://console.aws.amazon.com using your account name, username and password.



Once logged into the AWS console the EC2 service needs to be accessed by clicking on "Services" in the top bar menu, and then selecting "EC2" under the "Compute" category.



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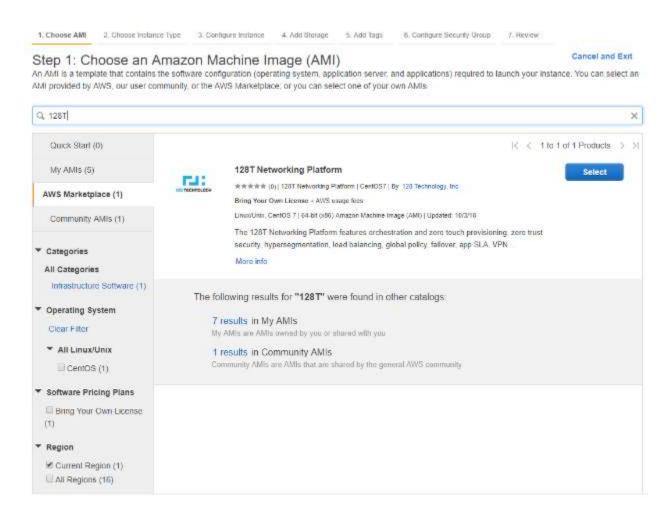
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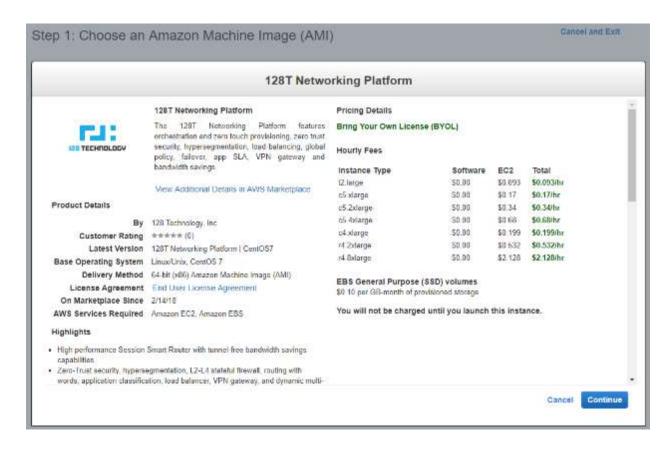
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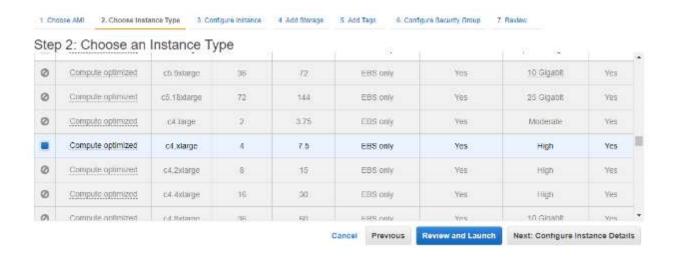


Clicking on the "Select" button of the AMI starts the deployment process of the instance.



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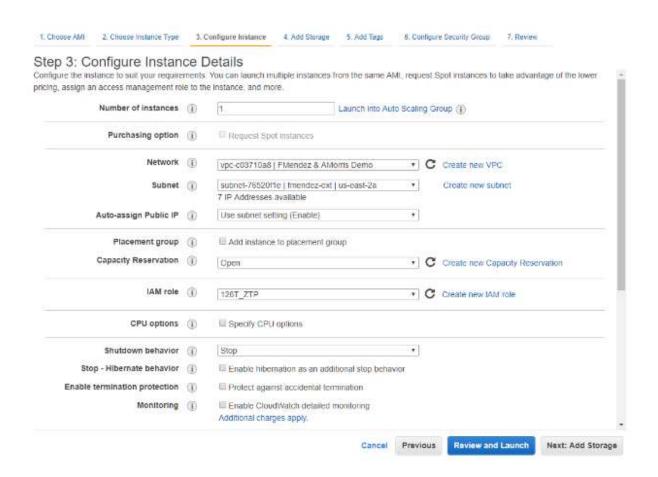
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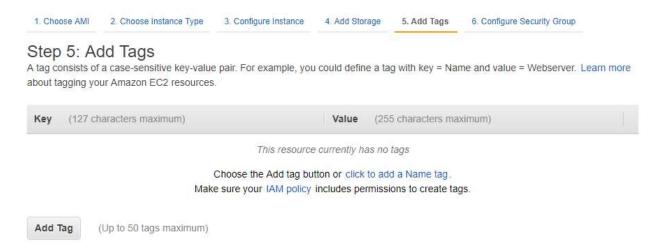
After selecting an instance type, click "Next: Configure Instance Details" button, then select the existing "Network" and existing "Subnet" where this 128T Router instance is to be connected.

While the 128T Router has many deployment configurations, typically a 128T Router deployed in AWS sits between the Internet and applications hosted on EC2 instances within a VPC. Usually the router has one network interface which has a public (Elastic) IP address that is reachable from the Internet and a second interface with a private IP address, with reachability to private subnets where the EC2 instances reside.

In this example, we've created a subnet that allows public internet access, so that we can login to the instance after creation, and a private IP address to reach other EC2 instances. As discussed in the introduction, this document assumes a 128T Conductor has already been deployed to manage multiple routers, as is typical in many use-cases. For this scenario you set the "IAM role" to "128T_ZTP".



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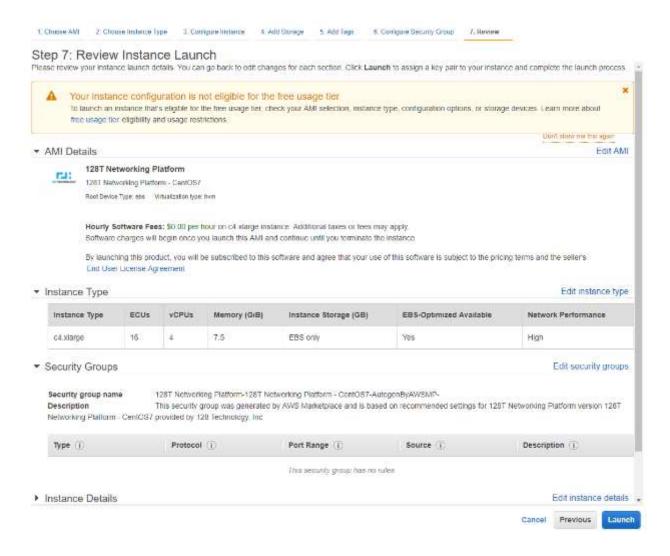
Then the 'Name' key can be set to a descriptive value. Since in this scenario the Marketplace AMI is being used to create a Router after a 128T Conductor has already been deployed, the Conductor greatly simplifies the zero-touch provisioning (ZTP) process. For this scenario a specialized `Key` of `conductor-ip-primary` can be used to designate the reachable IP address of the 128 Conductor.

Step 5: Add Tags

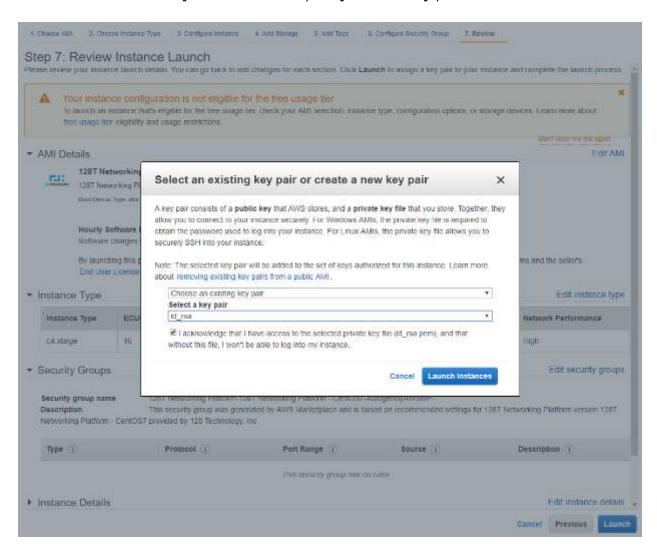
A tag consists of a case-sensitive key-value pair. For example, you could define a tag with key = Name and value = Webserver. Learn more about tagging your Amazon EC2 resources.



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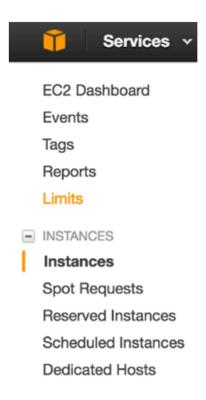


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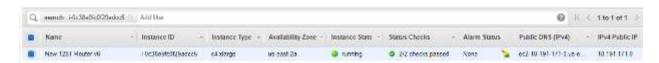


Managing a 128T Router Instance

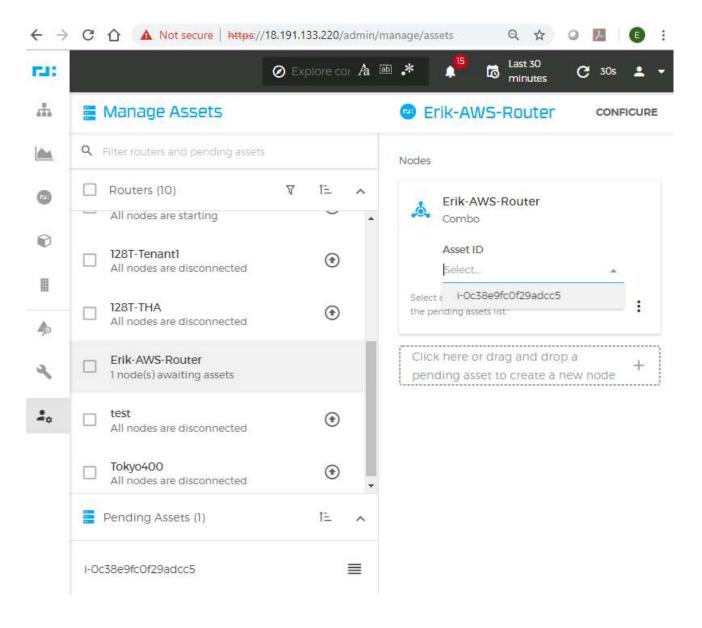
Once launched, the newly deployed 128T instance can be viewed from the "Instances" submenu under the "Instances" category from the EC2 Dashboard.



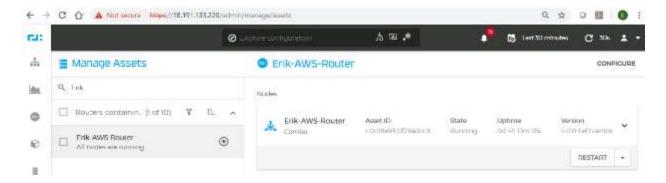
After waiting a few minutes for the instance to boot, the 128T Router "Instance State" turns green, indicating that it is "running". AWS will proceed to validate the instance and eventually "Status Checks" should indicate "2/2 checks passed". For future reference, the table provides the "Instance ID" and the 'IPv4 Public IP' address to reach the instance (since the subnet we used provided external access).



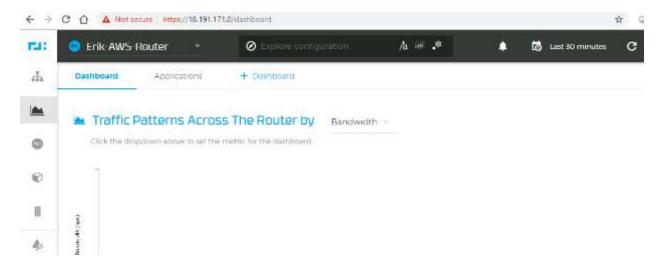
Once the new instance is running the 128 Technology ZTP process will start. The new 128T Router instance will connect to the 128T Conductor IP address specified. After logging into the existing 128T Conductor, the user can see that the new "Instance ID" appears as a "Pending Assets" in the Conductor. In the Conductor GUI the pending Instance ID can be associated with the router configuration through a simple pull-down menu.



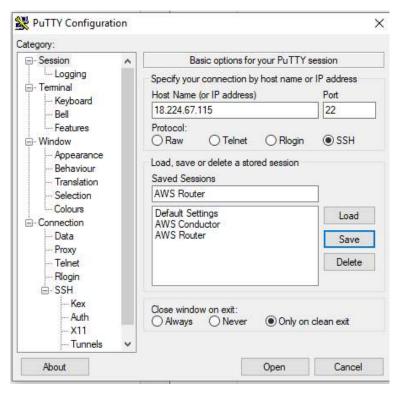
After this association the ZTP process completes the Router installation and initializes the router as shown from the 128T Conductor:

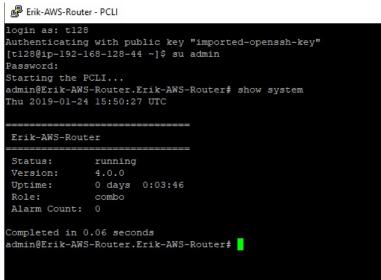


Once the AWS router is running you can log into the router GUI via the public IP address:



The same AWS router can be accessed with an SSH client such as PuTTY, using the existing keys selected when launching the AWS instance.





With the 128T Router operational in AWS you can learn more about configuration and operations through our product documentation or online community at https://community.128technology.com/home.

HIGH AVAILABILITY (HA) DEPLOYMENT

Both the 128T Conductor and 128T Router can be deployed in a High Availability (HA) configuration. The process is the same for both products, but we'll illustrate the steps for a Conductor. The two HA nodes need to communicate with each other securely, so this section will describe how to manually generate and share a public key between the two nodes before the full installation.

Prepare the first Conductor node following the process in the Section "Creating a 128T Conductor Instance". Continue with the process in Section "Installing 128T Conductor Software," until you reach the "Welcome" prompt.

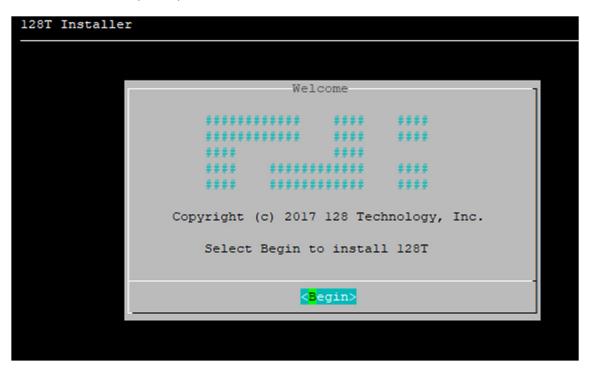


At this point press <ESC> to stop the 128T Installer.

In the follow screen select <Yes> which will then drop you to a Linux prompt.



Instead of proceeding with Node 1, launch a second EC2 instance for Node 2 of the Conductor following the steps in the Section "Creating a 128T Conductor Instance". Continue with the process in Section "Installing 128T Conductor Software," until you reach the "Welcome" prompt.



At this point press <ESC> to stop the 128T Installer.

In the follow screen select <Yes> which will then drop you to a Linux prompt.



The two HA nodes need to communicate with each other securely, so a public key needs to be generated and manually shared between the nodes. To generate the key, at the Linux prompt on Node 2 enter:

```
sudo ssh-keygen -t rsa -N "" -f ~/.ssh/t128 id rsa
```

Next provide the appropriate permissions by entering on Node 2:

```
sudo chmod 600 ~/.ssh/t128 id rsa
```

Finally display the public key by entering on Node 2:

```
sudo cat ~/.ssh/t128 id rsa.pub
```

Now copy the text of the key from Node 2 and paste into Node 1.

Switch to the Node 1 SSH window and enter:

```
sudo vi ~/.ssh/authorized keys
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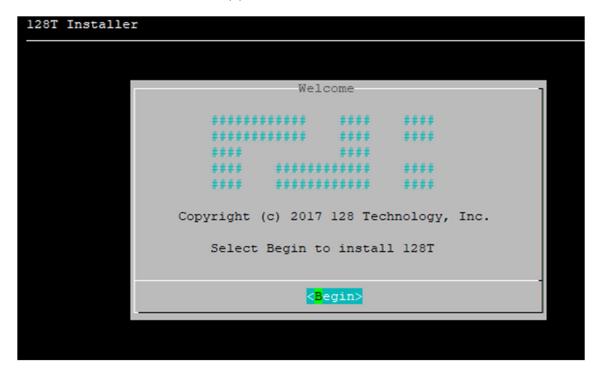
In vi press <A> to insert at the end of the file. Copy the key from the Node 1 window and paste the key from Node 2 into the file. Then press <ESC> and <:wq> to save the file. You can verify that the key has been correctly pasted by entering in Node 1:

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sudo cat ~/.ssh/authorized keys
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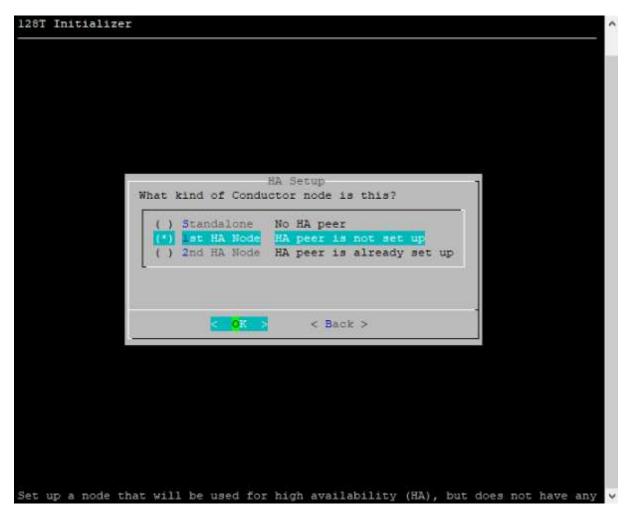
Now that the public key has been manually exchanged, you can proceed with installing the software on Node 1. To restart the installation process enter on Node 1:

sudo install128t

The 128T Installer screen should appear.



Continue the with the process in Section "Installing 128T Conductor Software" on Node 1 until you reach the step for "HA Setup." At this point select the "1st HA Node."



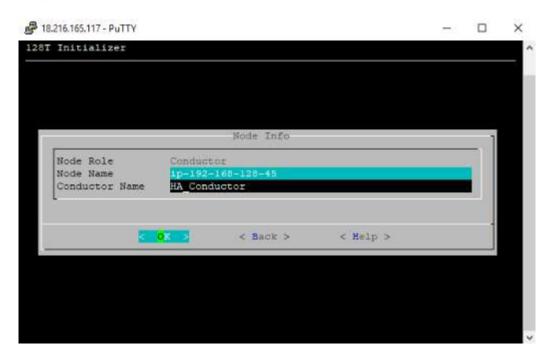
In the next step enter the "HA Address."



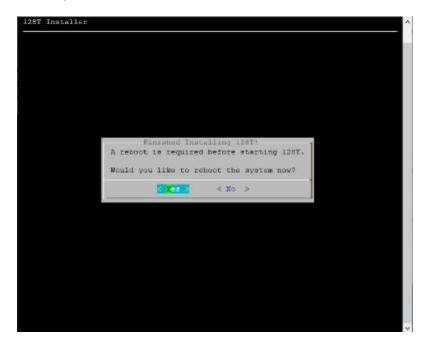
The address to enter is listed under the "Private IPs" in the EC2 instance console.



Next provide a Conductor Name, which will be reflected in the configuration after installation.



After selecting <OK>, continue through the prompts as Section "Installing 128T Conductor Software." The final screen will prompt for a reboot, but <u>do not proceed</u> selecting <Yes> at this point.



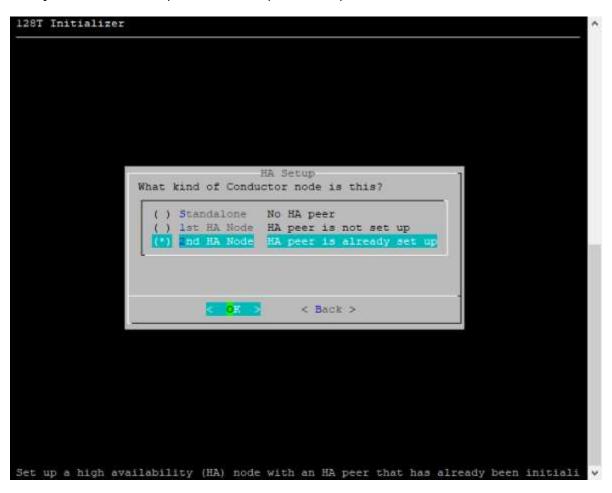
Instead of proceeding with Node 1, switch to the Node 2 SSH window and enter:

sudo install128t

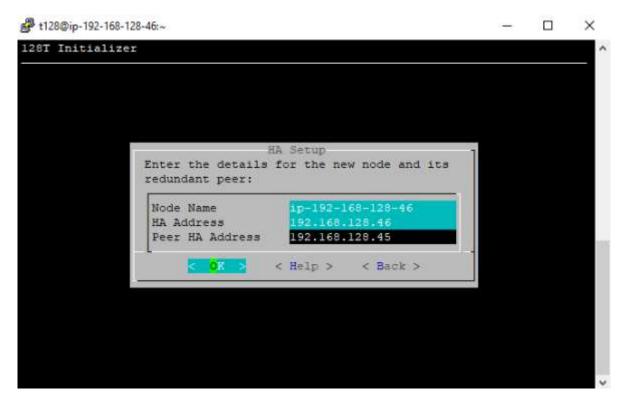
The 128T Installer screen should appear.



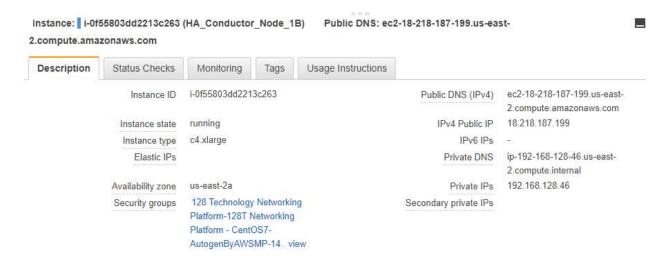
Continue the with the process in Section "Installing 128T Conductor Software" on Node 2 until you reach the step for "HA Setup." At this point select the "2nd HA Node."



In the next step enter addresses associated with both nodes.



The "HA Address" is the address associated with Node 2 listed as "Private IPs" in the EC2 console.



The "Peer HA address" is the private IP address from Node 1, which should be in the same subnet.

Continue the installation process until the initialization prompt.

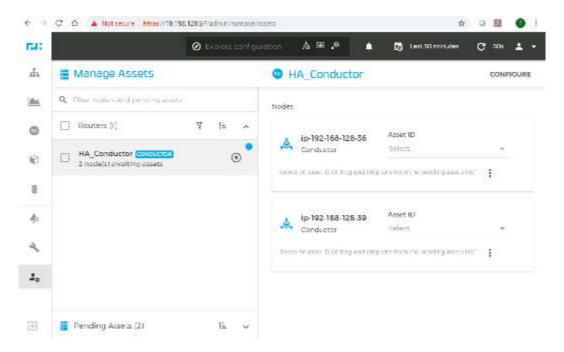


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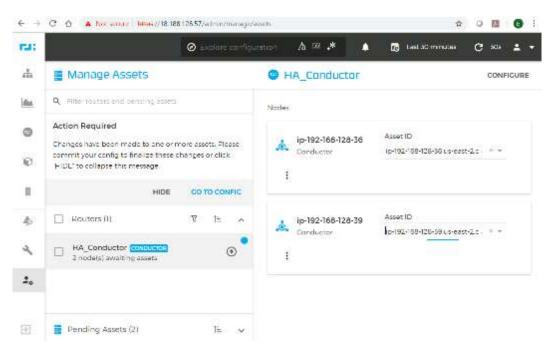
After selecting <Got it!>, you should see the reboot screen for both Node 1 and Node 2 windows. The reboot order is important. Select <Yes> in the Node 1 window first and then select <Yes> in the Node 2 window.



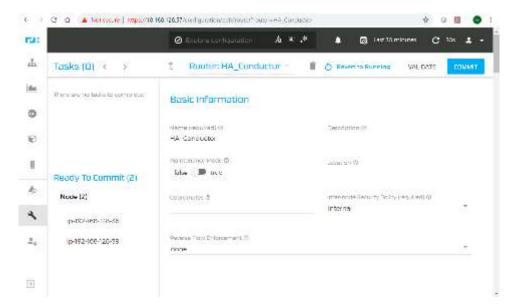
After the reboot completes in ~1-2 minutes, you can access the Conductor GUI through the public IP address of either Node 1 or Node 2. On the "Manage Assets" page you can select the Conductor and see the two nodes.



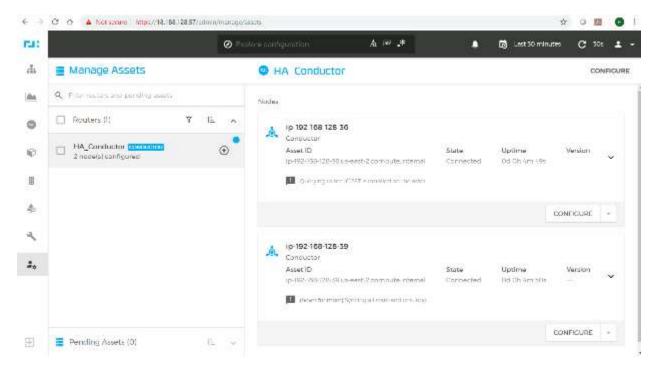
You can select the appropriate "Asset ID" for each node from the drop-down and then select "Configure."



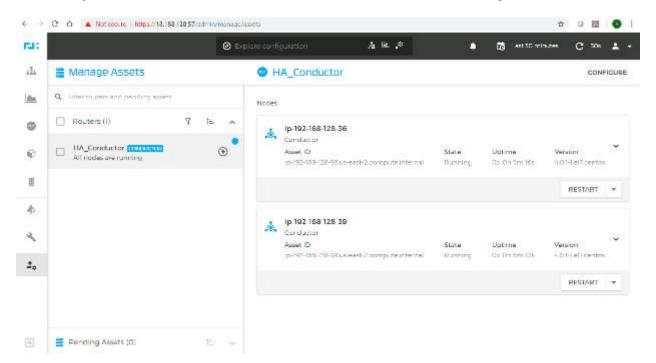
This will take you to the configuration page where you can "Commit" the changes.



If you return to the "Manage Assets" page the assets may be various states of initialization and synchronization initially.



Eventually both nodes of the HA Conductor should be in a "Running" state.



At this point the HA Conductor is ready for operations.

OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

HEALTH CHECK

By default, the 128T Conductor provides many tools with a single pane of glass interface to assess the health of itself and the managed 128T Routers.



The following faults for a 128T Router are automatically identified using the 128 Conductor:

- AZ fault Alarm: No connectivity, Action: restart from AWS Console
- Instance fault Alarm: No connectivity, Action: restart from AWS Console
- Application fault Alarm: No connectivity, Action: attempt router restart from 128T Conductor
- Storage capacity Alarm: Disk space, Action: resize instance
- Security certificate expiration Not applicable

The 128T Conductor can identify some faults associated with itself, but others must be inferred based on reachability. Since the Conductor does not affect packet forwarding of routers, the Conductor instance can be restarted to resolve many issues.

- AZ fault Conductor unreachable, Action: restart from AWS Console
- Instance fault Conductor unreachable, Action: restart from AWS Console
- Application fault Conductor unreachable, Action: restart from AWS Console

- Storage capacity Alarm: Disk space, Action: resize instance
- Security certificate expiration Not applicable

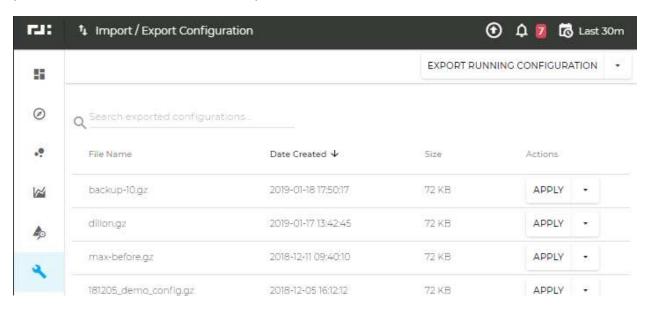
Both the 128T Router and Conductor can be operated in a High-Availability (HA) configuration as outlined in Section "High Availability (HA) Deployment." When HA is configured, two instances in different availability zones can be used to ensure continuous operation in the case of AZ fault, instance fault, application fault, or storage fault in one of the two instances.

BACKUP AND RECOVERY

In the 128T Networking Platform architecture the 128T Conductor is the central point for management, and it automatically maintains the master configuration for all routers in the network (each router maintains a local copy as well). For example, if a Conductor is unreachable, the Router will operate with a local configuration, and when the Conductor becomes reachable, the Conductor will automatically resynchronize configuration with the Router.

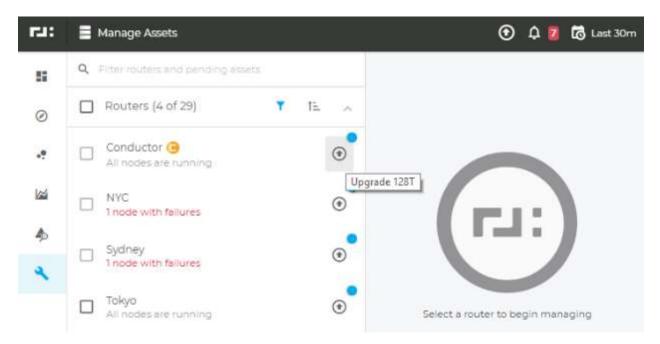
For mission-critical applications the Conductor or Router can be deployed in an HA configuration which makes backup and recovery automatic. The procedure in section "High Availability (HA) Deployment," can be used either when the system is initially deployed or at a later date, if the administrator decides to make an existing standalone deployment of Router or Conductor Highly Available by adding a second node. In HA, the configuration is maintained and synchronized between both nodes, so if one of the nodes fails, the other node will maintain the configuration. When a failed node starts back up, it will reconnect with the operating node and the full configuration will be restored. If the failing node must be completely replaced, then the procedure in Section "High Availability (HA) Deployment," can be repeated. Once the new node reconnects with the running node, the full configuration will be resynchronized. Finally, for lifecycle maintenance, the product makes the software upgrade process seamless and hitless. In the GUI Assets page, you simply select the target Router or Conductor and the available release version, and the product will then hitlessly upgrade both nodes.

For deployments which are not configured for HA, the Conductor GUI includes features to maintain configuration backups locally or to import or export the configuration. In general, we also recommend producing backups of the configuration before major changes, exporting to external, secure, resilient storage (such as S3), and ideally including the 128T configuration in broader IT version control system. In the case of failures in a region, availability zone, or instance, the configuration can be imported from the external backup to the Conductor and then the entire network platform would be restored to its previous state.



ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Once operational, the 128T Networking Platform requires almost no routine maintenance. To ensure compliance with best security practices occasionally the 128T Networking System requires a software upgrade. This can be performed centrally from the 128T Conductor. The Conductor GUI includes a "Manage Assets" page which notifies the user of optional available upgrades and highlights when a critical update is available.



EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE

The architecture of the 128T Networking Platform is highly distributed, resilient, and natively multi-path, so few failures can completely disrupt the platform. Many of the failure cases and remediation for a single 128T Router or Conductor are covered in the "Health Check" section.

For more permanent or unrecoverable failures in AWS, a completely new EC2 instance can be created. If a 128T Router has completely failed, the 128T Conductor will continue to maintain that Router's configuration, and so a new 128T Routing instance can be created, connect to the existing Conductor, and the configuration will be restored. If a 128T Conductor has completely failed, a new 128T Conductor instance will need to be recreated and then the backup configuration discussion in the "Backup and Recovery" section can be imported into the new Conductor.

Since many failure scenarios are possible, 128 Technology can also assist with diagnosis and recovery as discussed in the "Support" section.

SUPPORT

A wide variety of documentation, release notes, tips, community answers and self-help videos are available through the 128T Interchange portal at

https://community.128technology.com/interchange/login. For specific issues users can submit a support request to 128 Technology at

https://128technology.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portals. Technical support can also be reached by sending an email to support@128technology.com or calling 1-781-203-8400.

SUPPORT COSTS

128 Technology provides a Support Services Program for our End Users. It is designed to deliver comprehensive support through all stages of deployment, including design and planning, lab testing, and full production support. Costs for the Support Services are included in all Service Subscription Pricing plans.

The Support Services plan provides the following coverage features and informational services at no additional charge:

- 7x24x365 technical support for deployed production software
- Software release upgrades
- Defect fixes for supported software releases
- Web access to the Support Portal, providing access to:
 - User documentation
 - Knowledge base articles
 - Cases (trouble ticketing system)