

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](#).

Create a new key pair



Key pair name

Download Key Pair



You have to download the **private key file** (*.pem file) before you can continue.

Store it in a secure and accessible location. You will not be able to download the file again after it's created.

Cancel

Launch Instances