

Set the AMI

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An AMI is an Amazon Machine Image. This is a list of Operating Systems that you can have automatically installed when you create an EC2 Instance. See a small AMI list below:

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for selecting an Amazon Machine Image (AMI). The page is titled 'Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)' and includes a 'Cancel and Exit' link. Below the title, there is a description of an AMI and a list of available AMIs. The AMIs are categorized by 'Quick Start' (My AMIs, AWS Marketplace, Community AMIs) and 'Free tier only'. The AMIs listed are:

- Amazon Linux AMI 2017.03.1 (HVM), SSD Volume Type** (ami-ed100689) - 64-bit
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2 (HVM), SSD Volume Type** (ami-a9eae0cd) - 64-bit
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.3 (HVM), SSD Volume Type** (ami-40a8bf24) - 64-bit
- Ubuntu Server 16.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type** (ami-996372fd) - 64-bit
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Base** (ami-5a80963e) - 64-bit
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Base with Containers** (ami-5c8e9838) - 64-bit

I have not found anywhere that lists all of the available AMIs and their IDs, I can see why because it is a rather long list and AMI numbers change between AZs as well (make note of that, your script will **not work** in any AZ just by changing the region value.)

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