

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 listed in a table with columns for the OS logo, name, description, ID, and a "Select" button. The AMI IDs are highlighted in red boxes: ami-ed100689, ami-a9eae0cd, ami-40a8bf24, ami-996372fd, ami-5a80963e, and ami-5c8e9838. The AMIs are categorized by OS: Amazon Linux, SUSE Linux, Red Hat, Ubuntu, and Microsoft Windows.

OS	AMI Name	AMI ID	Architecture
Amazon Linux	Amazon Linux AMI 2017.03.1 (HVM), SSD Volume Type	ami-ed100689	64-bit
SUSE Linux	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2 (HVM), SSD Volume Type	ami-a9eae0cd	64-bit
Red Hat	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.3 (HVM), SSD Volume Type	ami-40a8bf24	64-bit
Ubuntu	Ubuntu Server 16.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type	ami-996372fd	64-bit
Microsoft Windows	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Base	ami-5a80963e	64-bit
Microsoft Windows	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, you will need the AMI value for that region as well.)

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