



eQube[®] - BI Software on AWS Marketplace

Quick Start Guide

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1. Deployment Instructions

1. Choosing the right deployment size:

Select the appropriate deployment size based on the expected number of users:

- **1-400**: Optimal for up to 400 users.
- **401-650**: Suitable for up to 650 users.
- **651-1500**: Recommended for up to 1500 users.
- **1500-3000**: Recommended for up to 3000 users

2. Providing the Admin Email Address:

The Admin email address for the first administrator account in the eQube-BI system to be created during this deployment.

3. Requesting a Temporary License for Initial set up

To obtain a temporary license for the initial setup, follow these steps:

- Request a temporary license from [here](#).
- Upon receiving the license file, upload it to an S3 bucket within your AWS account.
- Specify the path of the license file in the S3 bucket using the following format:
s3://your-bucket-name/path/to/license-file

Ensure that you provide the correct path of the license file to facilitate the licensing process effectively.

4. Setting up the Software

- The software setup process typically takes around 45 min - 1 hour to complete.
- Once the software deployment is ready, the URLs to access the application will be available as stack output.

5. Updating to a Final MAC based License

- After the initial setup, the user must obtain a final MAC based license by contacting [here](#).
- The instructions for updating the license are provided further in this document.

Note 1: The Cloud Formation stack collects the following user information

- User email address: The email address provided during the subscription will serve as the default administrator account for the software deployed through this process.
- S3 URL: A path to the Bring Your Own License (BYOL) file, which will be utilized to retrieve the license for the software to operate.
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Note 2: The Cloud formation stack automatically generates a new role (`${AWS::StackName}-ec2-instance-role`) which is then assigned the following policies

- AmazonS3ReadOnlyAccess – This policy enables access to the license path provided by the user during stack creation.

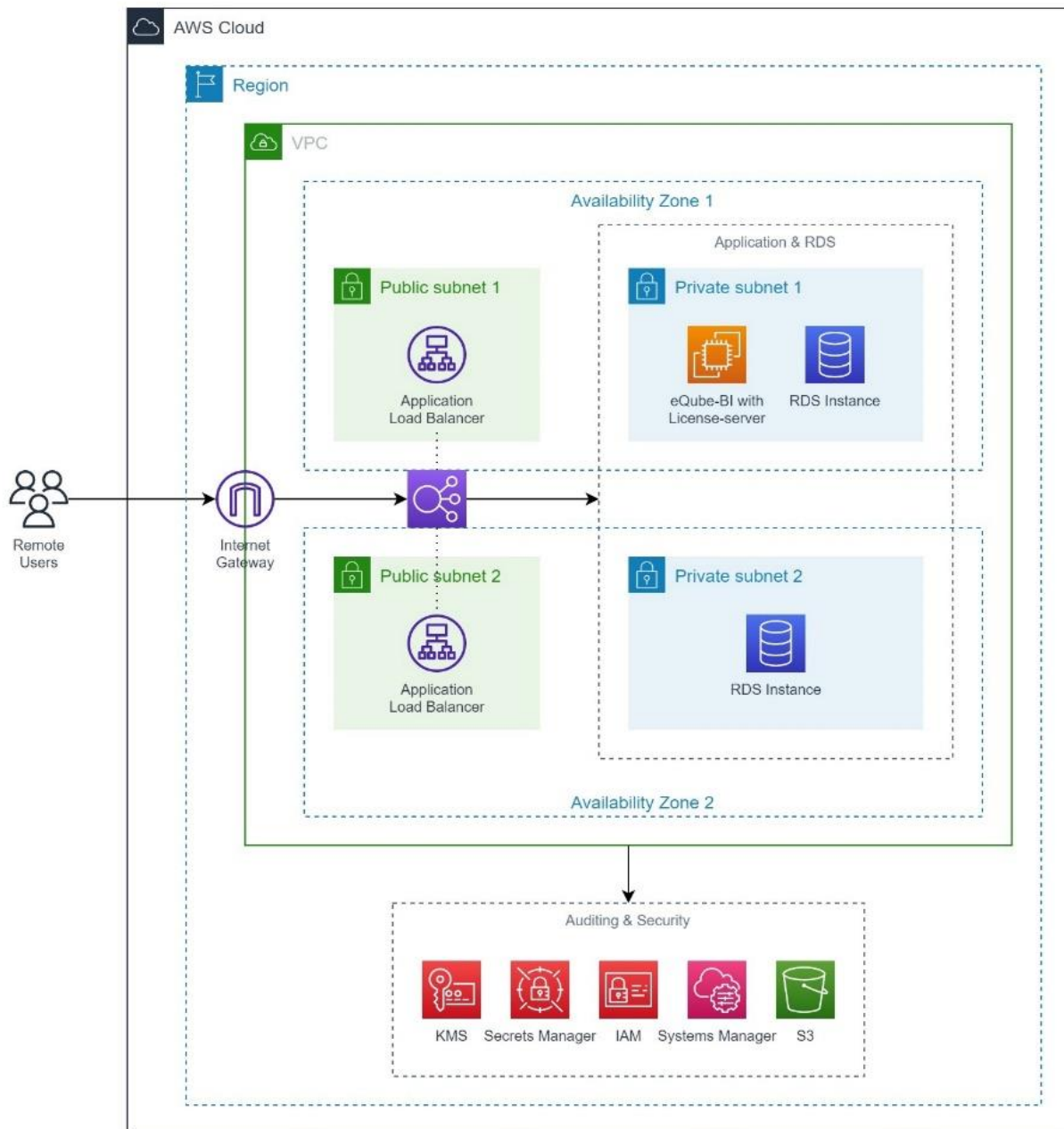
- AmazonSSMManagedInstanceCore – This policy facilitates EC2 access via Sessions Manager, which is necessary for obtaining the MAC address required for requesting the MAC-based license file.
- BIEC2Policy (Custom Inline Policy)– This policy includes following permissions
secretsmanager:GetRandomPassword
Allows generating random string values for the product metadata username, product metadata user password and OS user's passwords.

secretsmanager:PutSecretValue
Enables storing the product metadata username, product metadata user password and OS user passwords

secretsmanager:DescribeSecret
Permits reading details of the secrets created by the software

secretsmanager:GetSecretValue -
Allows accessing the values stored in the secrets for product metadata username and password.

2. Deployment Architecture Diagram



3. Getting Started

Accessing the User Interfaces

- eQube®-BI provides two user interfaces for different purposes:
 - BuildNPlay Interface:

- The BuildNPlay interface is used for creating cubes, reports, and dashboards.
 - Access BuildNPlay using the following URL: `http://<lb_cname>/eQubeBI/bnp`
2. Admin Console Interface:
- The Admin Console interface is used for the administration of the eQube®-BI instance.
 - Access the Admin Console using the following URL:
`http://<lb_cname>/eQubeBI/admin`
- Use the default login credentials: Username - <your-email-id>, Password – ADMIN, for both interfaces.
 - Upon first login, you are required to update the password for security reasons.
 - Additional user accounts can be created through the Admin Console interface based on license limits.

4. Updating the MAC License

The MAC (Machine Access Control) license is required for accessing and using eQube®-BI.

By default, eQube®-BI is started with a MAC independent temporary license provided in the CloudFormation Template (CFT).

Users are expected to request a MAC license by checking the MAC address of the EC2 instance created in their AWS account by the AML.

Upon receiving the new license file from eQ Technologic Inc, users can upload the license through the Admin Console interface.

4.1. Steps to Obtain MAC Address of EC2 Instance

1. Locate the EC2 instance.
 - i. In the EC2 Dashboard, select "Instances" from the navigation pane on the left.
 - ii. Identify the EC2 instance associated with eQube®-BI from the list of instances displayed.
 - iii. The EC2 instance created for eQube®-BI is typically named as <Stack_name>-eQubeBI
2. Connect to the EC2 Instance.
 - i. Select the EC2 instance and click on "Connect".
 - ii. Select the "Session Manager" tab to open the terminal.
3. Retrieve MAC Address.
 - i. Once connected to the EC2 instance, execute the following command in the terminal:

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ip addr show
```

This command displays detailed information about all network interfaces, including their MAC addresses.

- ii. Identify the MAC address associated with the primary network interface of the EC2 instance, typically labeled as eth0 or ens3.

4.2. Steps to Upload MAC License

1. Login to Admin Console
Access the URL: `http://<lb_cname>/eQubeBI/admin`.
2. Access License Management
Within the Admin Console interface, navigate to the License Management section
3. View License Information
Click on the License information icon to view the existing licenses.
4. Upload New License
 - i. In the License Management section, locate the License summary icon (available on the top right corner of the table).
 - ii. Click on the Upload license button to initiate the license upload process.

4.3. Activation and Validity

1. The uploaded license is automatically activated on its start date.
2. Ensure that the uploaded license file is valid and corresponds to the correct EC2 instance's MAC address.
3. The license validity period and any restrictions are governed by the terms specified in the license agreement.

5. Maintaining the eQube®-BI server instance

- The eQube®-BI server can be managed by starting and stopping the associated EC2 instance.
- The detailed steps to start and stop the EC2 instance can be found at https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/Stop_Start.html#starting-stopping-instances
- The eQube®-BI server typically initializes within 5 minutes, though in some instances, it may require up to 15 minutes to begin servicing requests.

Note: Starting and stopping the EC2 instance affects the availability of the eQube®-BI server. Ensure proper coordination and communication with stakeholders before performing these actions to minimize service disruptions.