

Terminating Instances

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You can terminate an instance that you no longer need. Terminating an instance releases its corresponding physical resources, therefore the instance cannot be recovered. You can also specify that the instance terminates when shutting it down with the operating system command by enabling the `InstanceInitiatedShutDownBehavior` attribute.

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Terminating an Instance Using Cockpit


1. Click **Compute** > **Instances**.
2. Click the running or stopped instance you want to terminate.

 Multiselection is available.

The instance is selected.

 If the `DisableApiTermination` attribute is enabled, you need to disable it before you can terminate the instance. For more information, see [Modifying an Instance Attribute](#).

3. Click **Terminate** .
The **TERMINATE INSTANCE(S)** confirmation dialog box appears.
4. Click **Terminate** to confirm the operation.
The state of the selected instance changes to `shutting-down`, and then to `terminated` once the operation is completed.

 Terminated instances remain visible for approximately 1 hour after termination.

Terminating Instances Using AWS CLI

- To terminate one or more instances, use the **terminate-instances** command following this syntax:

Request sample

```
$ aws ec2 terminate-instances \  
  --profile YOUR_PROFILE \  
  --instance-ids i-12345678 \  
  --endpoint https://fcu.eu-west-2.outscale.com
```

This command contains the following attributes that you need to specify:

- (optional) `profile`: The named profile you want to use, created when configuring AWS CLI. For more information, see [Installing and Configuring AWS CLI](#).
- `instance-ids`: One or more instance IDs.

- **endpoint**: The endpoint corresponding to the Region you want to send the request to.

The **terminate-instances** returns the following elements:

- **TerminatingInstances**: Information about one or more terminating instances. This element contains the following information:
 - **InstanceId**: The ID of the instance.
 - **CurrentState**: The current state of the instance, with the code and the name of the state.
 - **PreviousState**: The state of the instance before the action, with the code and the name of the state.

Result sample

```
{
  "TerminatingInstances": [
    {
      "InstanceId": "i-12345678",
      "CurrentState": {
        "Code": 32,
        "Name": "shutting-down"
      },
      "PreviousState": {
        "Code": 80,
        "Name": "stopped"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

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