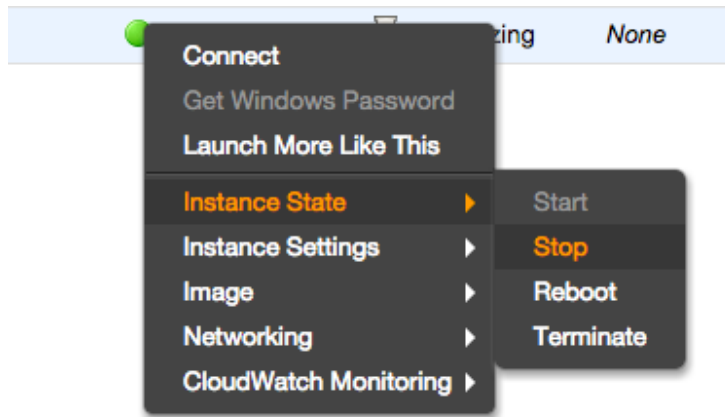


## Stopping an Instance

When you are done working, it is *imperative* that you stop your instance so that you don't end up accruing charges. To do that, from the EC2 Dashboard (<https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2>), right click the green dot next to your running instance, then select Instance State → Stop. (Note: Stopping your instance essentially pauses it. Everything you have installed and configured will still be there the next time you start the instance. If you Terminate the instance, you are deleting it. It will no longer exist.



## Starting an Instance

From the EC2 Dashboard (<https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2>), right click the red dot next to your instance, then select Instance State → Start.

