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Lab Exam

Q1 – AWS IAM Setup Using AWS CLI and Console Verification (10 marks)

Create IAM group SoftwareEngineering using AWS CLI

Group

```
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● @Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam create-group --group-name SoftwareEngineering
{
  "Group": {
    "Path": "/",
    "GroupName": "SoftwareEngineering",
    "GroupId": "AGPAUA7R5L3FXSW467FNS",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::276995858123:group/SoftwareEngineering",
    "CreateDate": "2026-01-19T07:33:15+00:00"
  }
}
○ @Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam (main) $
```

Details

```
● @Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam get-group --group-name SoftwareEngineering
{
  "Users": [],
  "Group": {
    "Path": "/",
    "GroupName": "SoftwareEngineering",
    "GroupId": "AGPAUA7R5L3FXSW467FNS",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::276995858123:group/SoftwareEngineering",
    "CreateDate": "2026-01-19T07:33:15+00:00"
  }
}
○ @Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam (main) $
```

Create IAM user (your name) and view details

User

```
● @Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam create-user --user-name zunaira-noor
{
  "User": {
    "Path": "/",
    "UserName": "zunaira-noor",
    "UserId": "AIDAUA7R5L3F62LBM3KHK",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::276995858123:user/zunaira-noor",
    "CreateDate": "2026-01-19T07:34:00+00:00"
  }
}
```

Details

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam get-user --user-name zunaira-noor
{
  "User": {
    "Path": "/",
    "UserName": "zunaira-noor",
    "UserId": "AIDAU7R5L3F62LBM3KHK",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::276995858123:user/zunaira-noor",
    "CreateDate": "2026-01-19T07:34:00+00:00"
  }
}
```

Add the IAM user to the SoftwareEngineering group

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam add-user-to-group \
--user-name zunaira-noor \
--group-name SoftwareEngineering
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $
```

Attach AdministratorAccess managed policy to the SoftwareEngineering group

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam list-policies --scope AWS --query "Policies[?PolicyName=='AdministratorAccess']"
[
  {
    "PolicyName": "AdministratorAccess",
    "PolicyId": "ANPAIWMBCKSKIEE64ZLYK",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AdministratorAccess",
    "Path": "/",
    "DefaultVersionId": "v1",
    "AttachmentCount": 1,
    "PermissionsBoundaryUsageCount": 0,
    "IsAttachable": true,
    "CreateDate": "2015-02-06T18:39:46+00:00",
    "UpdateDate": "2015-02-06T18:39:46+00:00"
  }
]
```

List attached policies of the SoftwareEngineering group

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam attach-group-policy \
--group-name SoftwareEngineering \
--policy-arn arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AdministratorAccess
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $
```

Verify IAM configuration in AWS Management Console

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam (main) $ aws iam list-attached-group-policies --group-name SoftwareEngineering
{
  "AttachedPolicies": [
    {
      "PolicyName": "AdministratorAccess",
      "PolicyArn": "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AdministratorAccess"
    }
  ]
}
```

Verify IAM configuration in AWS Management Console

IAM user

Users (2) [Info](#)

An IAM user is an identity with long-term credentials that is used to interact with AWS in an account.

<input type="checkbox"/>	User name	Path	Group	Last activity	MFA	Password age
<input type="checkbox"/>	zunaira	/	0	9 minutes ago	-	9 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	zunaira-noor	/	1	-	-	-

SoftwareEngineering group

User groups (1) [Info](#)

A user group is a collection of IAM users. Use groups to specify permissions for a collection of users.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Group name	Users	Permissions	Creation time
<input type="checkbox"/>	SoftwareEngineering	1	Defined	4 minutes ago

AdministratorAccess

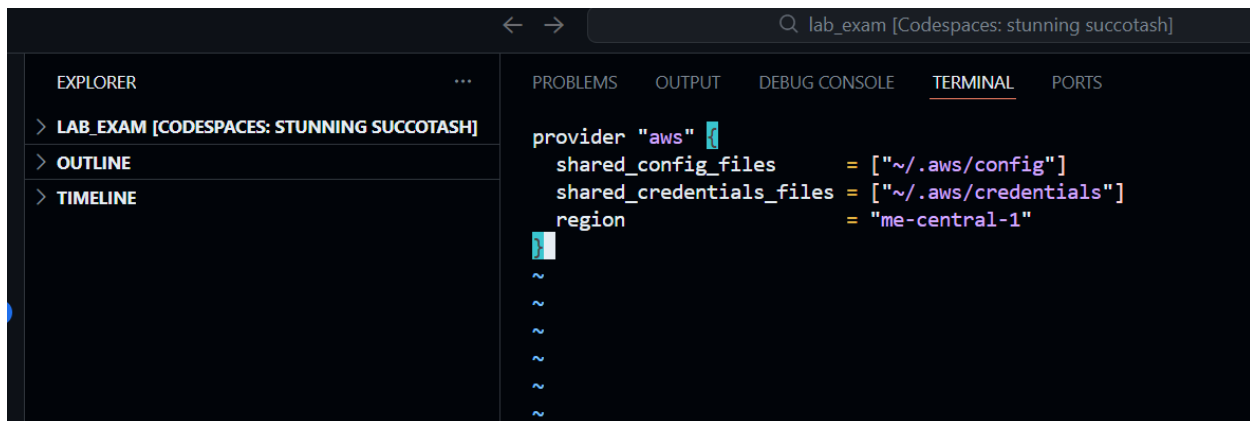
Permissions policies (1)

Permissions are defined by policies attached to the user directly or through groups.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy name	Type	Attached via
<input type="checkbox"/>	AdministratorAccess	AWS managed - job function	Group SoftwareEngineering

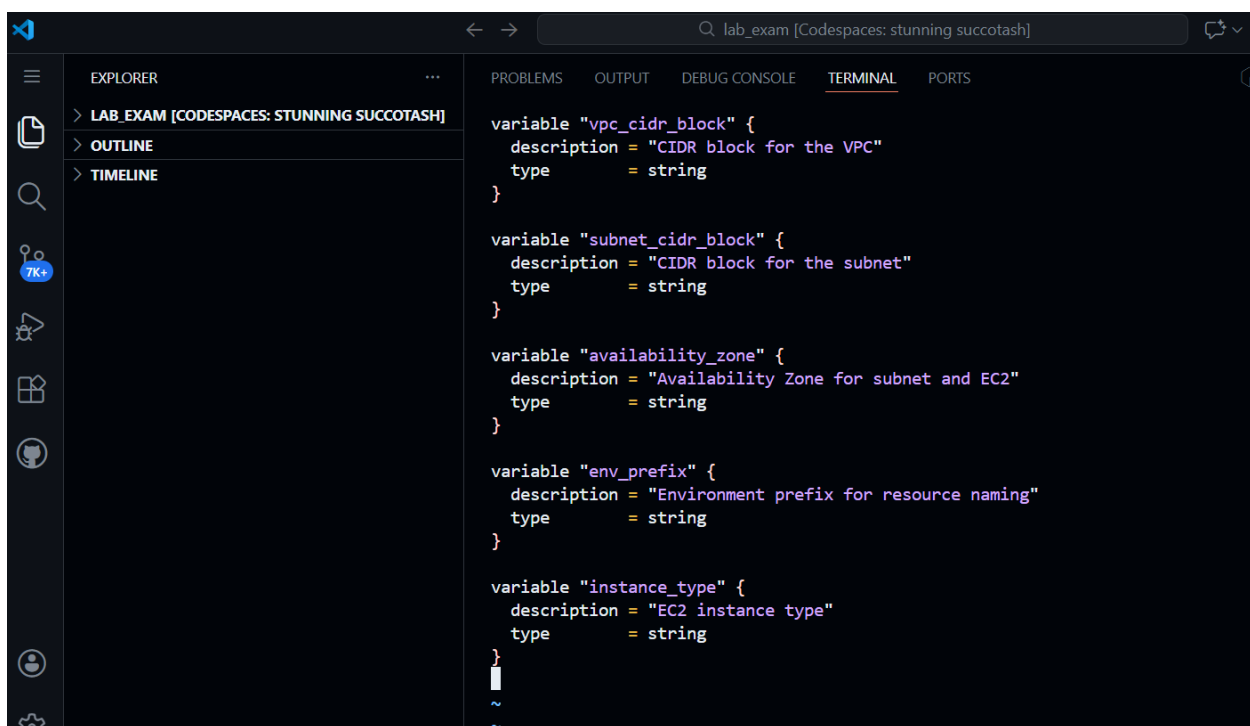
Q2 – Terraform Lab: Simple AWS Environment with Nginx over HTTPS (30 marks)

Configure the AWS provider



```
provider "aws" {
  shared_config_files    = ["~/.aws/config"]
  shared_credentials_files = ["~/.aws/credentials"]
  region                 = "me-central-1"
}
```

Define input variables



```
variable "vpc_cidr_block" {
  description = "CIDR block for the VPC"
  type        = string
}

variable "subnet_cidr_block" {
  description = "CIDR block for the subnet"
  type        = string
}

variable "availability_zone" {
  description = "Availability Zone for subnet and EC2"
  type        = string
}

variable "env_prefix" {
  description = "Environment prefix for resource naming"
  type        = string
}

variable "instance_type" {
  description = "EC2 instance type"
  type        = string
}
```

Create VPC and subnet

```

resource "aws_vpc" "myapp_vpc" {
  cidr_block = var.vpc_cidr_block

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-vpc"
  }
}

resource "aws_subnet" "myapp_subnet" {
  vpc_id          = aws_vpc.myapp_vpc.id
  cidr_block      = var.subnet_cidr_block
  availability_zone = var.availability_zone

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-subnet-1"
  }
}

```

Create Internet Gateway and configure default route table

```

}
}
# Create Internet Gateway
resource "aws_internet_gateway" "myapp_igw" {
  vpc_id = aws_vpc.myapp_vpc.id

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-igw"
  }
}

# Add route 0.0.0.0/0 to the VPC's default route table
resource "aws_default_route_table" "myapp_rt" {
  default_route_table_id = aws_vpc.myapp_vpc.default_route_table_id

  route {
    cidr_block = "0.0.0.0/0"
    gateway_id = aws_internet_gateway.myapp_igw.id
  }

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-rt"
  }
}

```

Discover public IP and compute /32 CIDR using data + locals

```

    }
  }
  # Get your current public IP from the web
  data "http" "my_ip" {
    url = "https://icanhazip.com"
  }

  # Convert the raw response into a /32 CIDR
  locals {
    my_ip = "${chomp(data.http.my_ip.response_body)}/32"
  }

```

Configure the default security group in the VPC

```

resource "aws_default_security_group" "default_sg" {
  vpc_id = aws_vpc.myapp_vpc.id

  # Ingress rules
  ingress {
    from_port    = 22
    to_port      = 22
    protocol     = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks  = [local.my_ip]    # Only your IP
  }

  ingress {
    from_port    = 80

```

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS

[ACCOTASH] ingress {
    from_port = 80
    to_port   = 80
    protocol  = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"] # HTTP from anywhere
}

ingress {
    from_port = 443
    to_port   = 443
    protocol  = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"] # HTTPS from anywhere
}

# Egress rules
egress {
    from_port = 0
    to_port   = 0
    protocol  = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"] # All outbound
}

tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-default-sg"
}
}
```

Create an AWS key pair for SSH

```
}
resource "aws_key_pair" "serverkey" {
    key_name    = "serverkey"
    public_key = file("~/ssh/id_ed25519.pub")
}
}
```

Create the EC2 instance resource

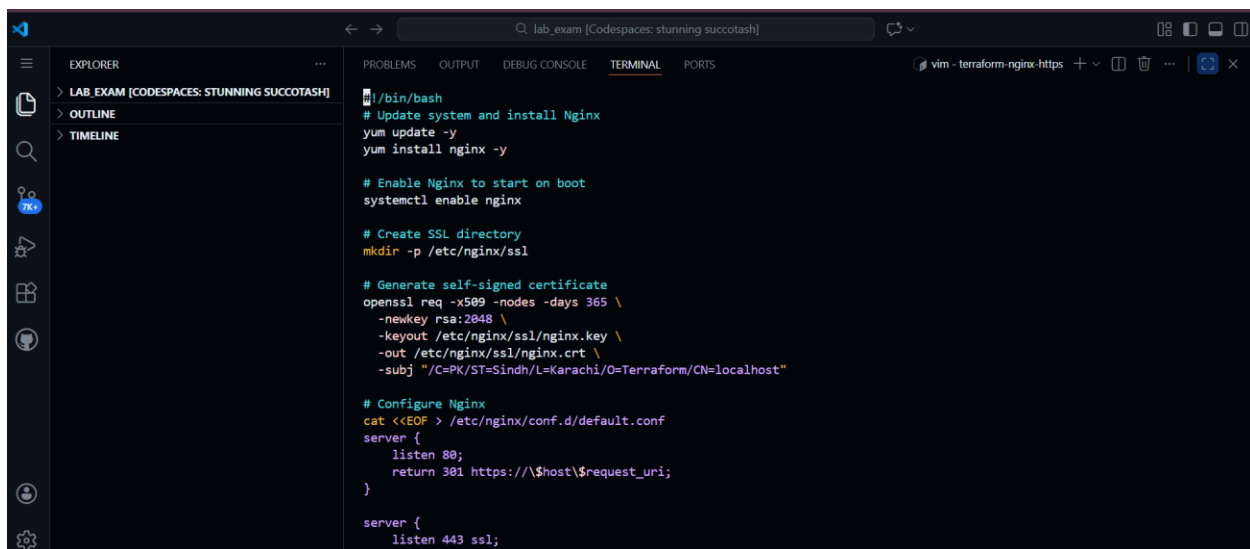
```

}
resource "aws_instance" "myapp_ec2" {
  ami           = "ami-0a9d27a9f4f5c0efc" # Amazon Linux 2023 AMI
  instance_type = var.instance_type
  subnet_id     = aws_subnet.myapp_subnet.id
  availability_zone = var.availability_zone
  vpc_security_group_ids = [aws_default_security_group.default_sg.id]
  associate_public_ip_address = true
  key_name       = aws_key_pair.serverkey.key_name
  user_data      = file("entry-script.sh")

  tags = {
    Name = "${var.env_prefix}-ec2-instance"
  }
}

```

Create entry-script.sh to configure Nginx + HTTPS



```

#!/bin/bash
# Update system and install Nginx
yum update -y
yum install nginx -y

# Enable Nginx to start on boot
systemctl enable nginx

# Create SSL directory
mkdir -p /etc/nginx/ssl

# Generate self-signed certificate
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 \
  -newkey rsa:2048 \
  -keyout /etc/nginx/ssl/nginx.key \
  -out /etc/nginx/ssl/nginx.crt \
  -subj "/C=PK/ST=Sindh/L=Karachi/O=Terraform/CN=localhost"

# Configure Nginx
cat <<EOF > /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
server {
    listen 80;
    return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
}

server {
    listen 443 ssl;

```

Add Terraform output for public IP


```
... PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
UCCOTAS... output "ec2_public_ip" {
    description = "Public IP of the EC2 instance"
    value       = aws_instance.myapp_ec2.public_ip
}
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
```

Set variable values for apply time

```
... PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
NING SUCCOTAS... vpc_cidr_block      = "10.0.0.0/16"
                  subnet_cidr_block = "10.0.10.0/24"
                  availability_zone  = "me-central-1a"
                  env_prefix         = "dev"
                  instance_type      = "t3.micro"
~
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~
```

Run Terraform commands and capture outputs

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam/terraform-nginx-https (main) $ terraform plan
```

```
+ enable_dns_support          = true
+ enable_network_address_usage_metrics = (known after apply)
+ id                          = (known after apply)
+ instance_tenancy            = "default"
+ ipv6_association_id         = (known after apply)
+ ipv6_cidr_block              = (known after apply)
+ ipv6_cidr_block_network_border_group = (known after apply)
+ main_route_table_id         = (known after apply)
+ owner_id                    = (known after apply)
+ region                       = "me-central-1"
+ tags                         = {
  + "Name" = "dev-vpc"
}
+ tags_all                    = {
  + "Name" = "dev-vpc"
}
}
```

Plan: 7 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Changes to Outputs:

```
+ ec2_public_ip = (known after apply)
```

Note: You didn't use the -out option to save this plan, so Terraform can't guarantee to take exact action if you run "terraform apply" now.

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam/terraform-nginx-https (main) $ terraform apply
```

```
+ private_dns_name_options (known after apply)
+ root_block_device (known after apply)
}
```

Plan: 1 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Changes to Outputs:

```
+ ec2_public_ip = (known after apply)
```

Do you want to perform these actions?

Terraform will perform the actions described above.

Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

Enter a value: yes

aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Creating...

aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Still creating... [00m10s elapsed]

aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Creation complete after 14s [id=i-060dde3f6f1b57377]

Apply complete! Resources: 1 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

Outputs:

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 →/workspaces/lab_exam/terraform-nginx-https (main) $ terraform output
```

```
ec2_public_ip = "3.29.30.117"
```

Verify Terraform resources in AWS console

VPC and Subnet

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for VPC and Subnet resources. The top section, 'Your VPCs', shows two VPCs: 'dev-vpc' and 'vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9', both in an 'Available' state. The bottom section, 'Subnets (4)', shows four subnets: 'dev-subnet-1' and three unnamed subnets, all in an 'Available' state. The console includes a sidebar with navigation links for VPC dashboard, Subnets, Route tables, Internet gateways, Egress-only internet gateways, DHCP option sets, Elastic IPs, Managed prefix lists, Endpoints, and Endpoint services. The top navigation bar shows the user is logged in as 'Zunaira_noor' in the 'Middle East (UAE)' region.

Your VPCs

VPCs VPC encryption controls

Find VPCs by attribute or tag

Name	VPC ID	State	Encryption c...	Encryption cont
dev-vpc	vpc-033596e04b6151ae1	Available	-	-
-	vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9	Available	-	-

Select a VPC above

Subnets (4)

Find subnets by attribute or tag

Name	Subnet ID	State	VPC
-	subnet-056cc48cb248266d3	Available	vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9
dev-subnet-1	subnet-09c78c78d634194df	Available	vpc-033596e04b6151ae1 dev...
-	subnet-0c352fea3f05561c1	Available	vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9
-	subnet-03325409cf1aa5a51	Available	vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9

Select a subnet

Internet Gateway and Route Table

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for Route tables. The top section, 'Route tables (2)', shows two route tables: 'dev-rt' and 'rtb-0d0f6009cdf6ba6d2', both in an 'Available' state. The console includes a sidebar with navigation links for VPC dashboard, Subnets, Route tables, Internet gateways, Egress-only internet gateways, DHCP option sets, Elastic IPs, Managed prefix lists, Endpoints, and Endpoint services. The top navigation bar shows the user is logged in as 'Zunaira_noor' in the 'Middle East (UAE)' region.

Route tables (2)

Find route tables by attribute or tag

Name	Route table ID	Explicit subnet associ...	Edge associations	Main
dev-rt	rtb-03f10767a7a073f64	-	-	Yes
-	rtb-0d0f6009cdf6ba6d2	-	-	Yes

VPC > Internet gateways

Internet gateways (2) Info

Find internet gateways by attribute or tag

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Internet gateway ID	State	VPC ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	dev-igw	igw-0015076307be2ab4b	Attached	vpc-09d37d96a9ec4fa7c dev-
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	igw-0ec6044777e99c960	Attached	vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9

Select an internet gateway above

Security Group

VPC > Security Groups

Security Groups (2) Info

Find security groups by attribute or tag

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Security group ID	Security group name	VPC ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	dev-default-sg	sg-0e883f9427e843243	default	vpc-033596e04b6151ae1
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-07434edd9c6e95b46	default	vpc-0dfd6367126ad5bc9

Select a security group

EC2 instance

EC2 > Instances

Instances (1) Info

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

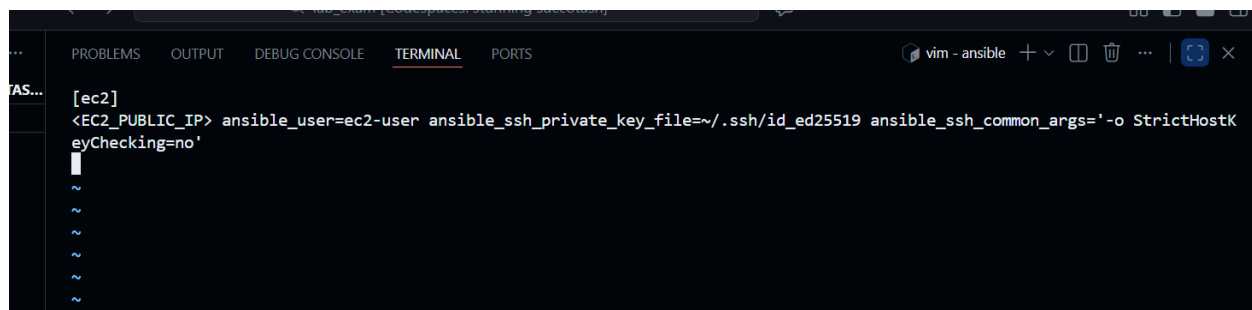
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status
<input type="checkbox"/>	dev-ec2-insta...	i-060dde3f6f1b57377	Running	t3.micro	3/3 checks passed	View alarms

Verify HTTPS access from browser

This is Zunaira Noor's Terraform environment

Q3 – Ansible Playbook for EC2 Web Server Using Q2 Instance (10 marks)

Create Ansible inventory file hosts



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. The terminal title bar indicates it is running 'vim - ansible'. The terminal content shows the prompt '[ec2]' followed by a command to run an Ansible playbook. The command is: `<EC2_PUBLIC_IP> ansible_user=ec2-user ansible_ssh_private_key_file=~/.ssh/id_ed25519 ansible_ssh_common_args='-o StrictHostKeyChecking=no'`. Below the command, there are several tilde characters (~) representing the output of the command.

Create project-level ansible.cfg

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS

...
[defaults]
host_key_checking = False
inventory = ./hosts
remote_python_interpreter = /usr/bin/python3
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~

Create Ansible playbook (e.g. my-playbook.yml)

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS
...
--
- name: Configure EC2 Web Server
  hosts: ec2
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: Update system packages
      yum:
        name: "*"
        state: latest
        update_cache: yes

    - name: Install Apache HTTPD
      yum:
        name: httpd
        state: present

    - name: Start and enable httpd
      service:
        name: httpd
        state: started
        enabled: yes

    - name: Get IMDSv2 token
      uri:
        url: http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token
        method: PUT
```

Run the Ansible playbook

```

@Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam/ansible (main) $ ansible-playbook -i hosts my-playbook.yml
TASK [Install Apache HTTPD] *****
ok: [51.112.44.22]

TASK [Start and enable httpd] *****
ok: [51.112.44.22]

TASK [Get IMDSv2 token] *****
ok: [51.112.44.22]

TASK [Get public IPv4 from IMDSv2] *****
ok: [51.112.44.22]

TASK [Get public hostname from IMDSv2] *****
ok: [51.112.44.22]

TASK [Print public IP] *****
ok: [51.112.44.22] => {
  "msg": "EC2 Public IP is 51.112.44.22"
}

TASK [Restart httpd] *****
changed: [51.112.44.22]

PLAY RECAP *****
51.112.44.22      : ok=11  changed=1  unreachable=0  failed=0  skipped=0  rescued=0  ignored=1

```

...

PROBLEMS

OUTPUT

DEBUG CONSOLE

TERMINAL

PORTS

OTAS...

- name: Get public IPv4 from IMDSv2
 - uri:
 - url: http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-ipv4
 - method: GET
 - headers:
 - X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: "{{ imds_token.content }}"
 - return_content: yes
 - register: public_ip
 - name: Get public hostname from IMDSv2
 - uri:
 - url: http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-hostname
 - method: GET
 - headers:
 - X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: "{{ imds_token.content }}"
 - return_content: yes
 - register: public_hostname
 - name: Print public IP
 - debug:
 - msg: "EC2 Public IP is {{ public_ip.content }}"
 - name: Restart httpd
 - service:
 - name: httpd
 - state: restarted

Verify HTTP access



It works!

Cleanup (ungraded)

From your Terraform project directory (Q2):

```
@Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam/terraform-nginx-https (main) $ terraform destroy

Enter a value: yes

aws_default_route_table.myapp_rt: Destroying... [id=rtb-07f4a30a7216c3f19]
aws_default_route_table.myapp_rt: Destruction complete after 0s
aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Destroying... [id=i-092f9c066adece4c2]
aws_internet_gateway.myapp_igw: Destroying... [id=igw-0015076307be2ab4b]
aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Still destroying... [id=i-092f9c066adece4c2, 00m10s elapsed]
aws_internet_gateway.myapp_igw: Still destroying... [id=igw-0015076307be2ab4b, 00m10s elapsed]
aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Still destroying... [id=i-092f9c066adece4c2, 00m20s elapsed]
aws_internet_gateway.myapp_igw: Still destroying... [id=igw-0015076307be2ab4b, 00m20s elapsed]
aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Still destroying... [id=i-092f9c066adece4c2, 00m30s elapsed]
aws_internet_gateway.myapp_igw: Still destroying... [id=igw-0015076307be2ab4b, 00m30s elapsed]
aws_internet_gateway.myapp_igw: Destruction complete after 40s
aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Still destroying... [id=i-092f9c066adece4c2, 00m40s elapsed]
aws_instance.myapp_ec2: Destruction complete after 42s
aws_subnet.myapp_subnet: Destroying... [id=subnet-06667934b414778fb]
aws_key_pair.serverkey: Destroying... [id=serverkey]
aws_default_security_group.default_sg: Destroying... [id=sg-0cc2d7a5c7e8cab37]
aws_default_security_group.default_sg: Destruction complete after 0s
aws_key_pair.serverkey: Destruction complete after 1s
aws_subnet.myapp_subnet: Destruction complete after 1s
aws_vpc.myapp_vpc: Destroying... [id=vpc-09d37d96a9ec4fa7c]
aws_vpc.myapp_vpc: Destruction complete after 1s

Destroy complete! Resources: 7 destroyed.
@Zunaira-Noor123 → /workspaces/lab_exam/terraform-nginx-https (main) $
```

In AWS console, verify that no lab-related EC2 instances remain running.

Instances (2) Info

Connect

Instance state

Actions

Launch instances

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

All states

< 1 >

	Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	
<input type="checkbox"/>	dev-ec2-insta...	i-060dde3f6f1b57377	Terminated	t3.micro	-	View alarms +	
<input type="checkbox"/>	dev-ec2-insta...	i-092f9c066adece4c2	Terminated	t3.micro	-	View alarms +	

Select an instance  