MANAGE JUST-IN-TIME ACCESS WITH CYBERARK DYNAMIC PRIVILEGED ACCESS (DPA) IN AWS

PREREQUISITES:

Client Workstation Requirements

Modern Browser
Port 22 Outbound
SSH Client (PowerShell, Putty, etc)

AWS Lab:

Access your AWS lab for today's training at
https:/dashboard.eventengine.run/login?hash=6490-14def39704-77

CyberArk Lab

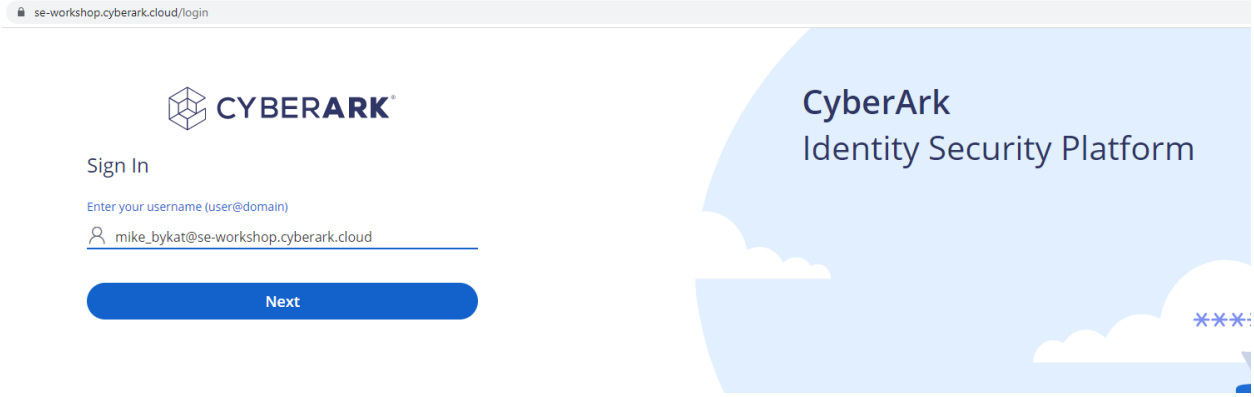
Your CyberArk instructor will provide the CyberArk lab link and your login information in your break-out room

SECTION 1: LOG IN AND CREATE DPA ROLE FOR GRANTING ACCESS

DPA uses CyberArk Identity for authentication and authorization. In this section we will create an Identity role for DPA and assign your user to it. This role will be used for the DPA recuring access policy configured later in section
Note: Active Directory users and groups are supported with DPA but we will be using CyberArk Cloud Directory users and roles for this workshop.

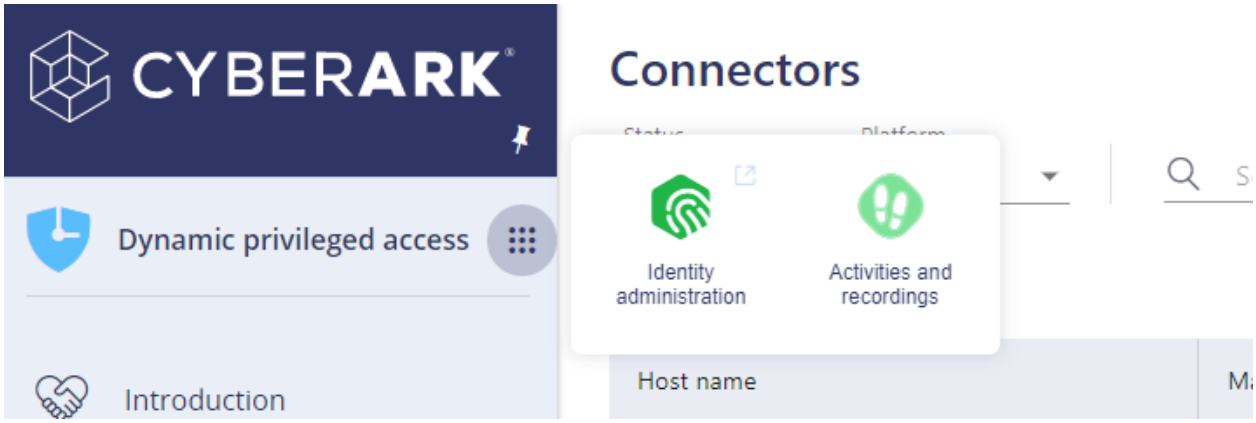
Sign into the DPA Admin Portal

1. Login to the Identity Portal link provided by your instructor



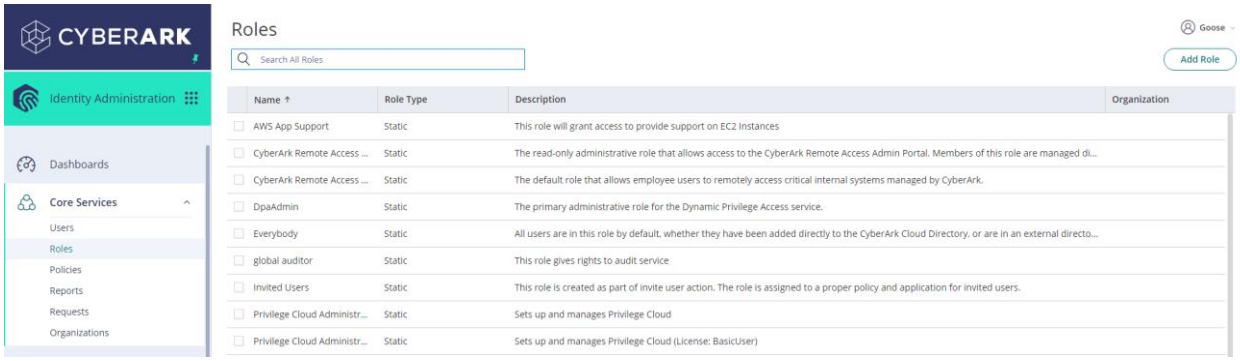
2. Your email address should be in a similar format to firstname.lastname@cyberark.cloud.xxxx

3. Click on Go to Identity Administration.

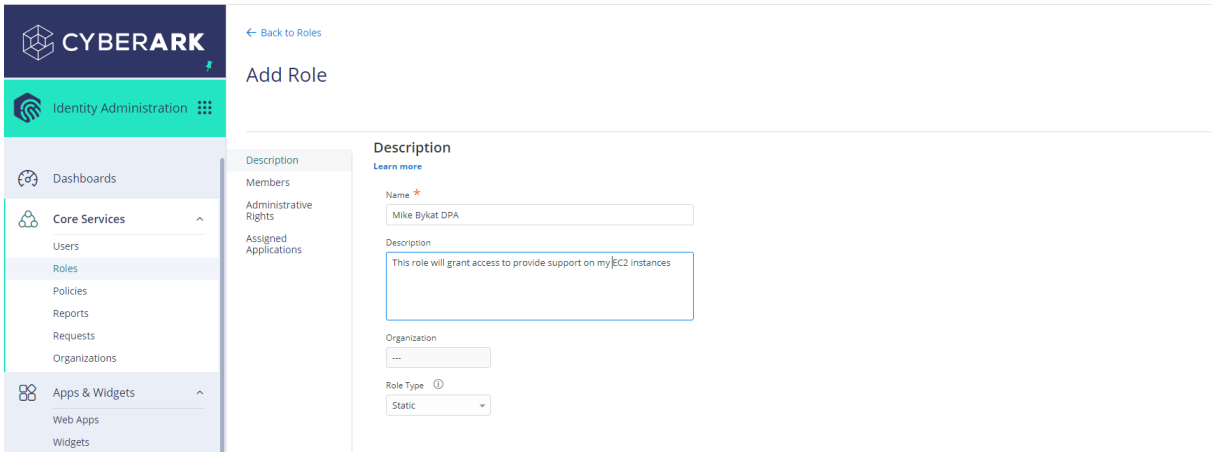


Create a role for DPA users

1. Under Core Services, click “Roles” on the left-hand side

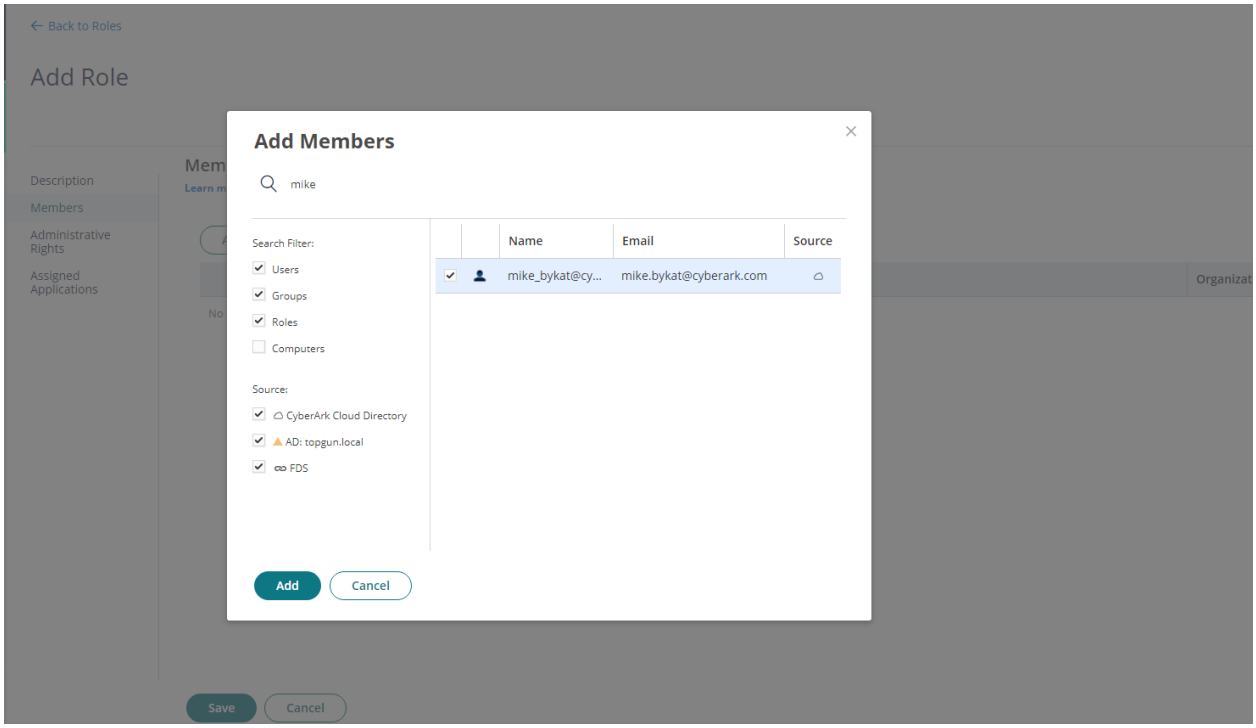


2. Click “Add Role on the top right corner
    a. Name: {yourname} DPA
    b. Description: This role will grant access to provide support on my EC2 Instances



3. Select Members

a. Click “Add”
b. Search for your user
c. Check the box and click “add” (and don’t forget to click save as mentioned in step 4)



4. Save.

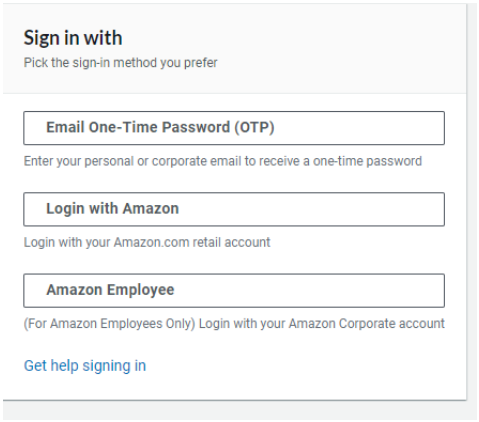
You have now assigned your user to a role that can be used to grant access later in the workshop.

SECTION 2: CREATE 2 AWS EC2 LINUX INSTANCES

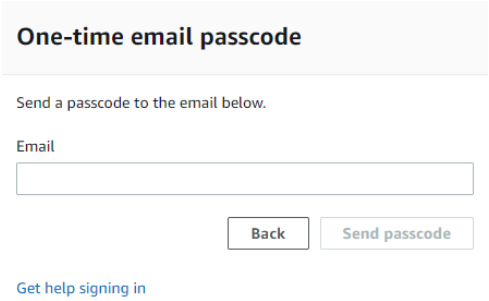
Login to AWS

For today’s AWS Immersion Day, AWS has provided AWS accounts for each attendee:

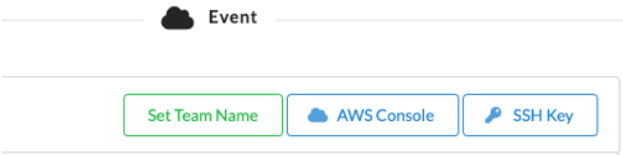
1. Browse to the AWS Event Engine Link shared at the top of this document and in the chat
2. If prompted, enter in 6490-14def39704-77 as your hash
3. Select Email One-Time Password OTP



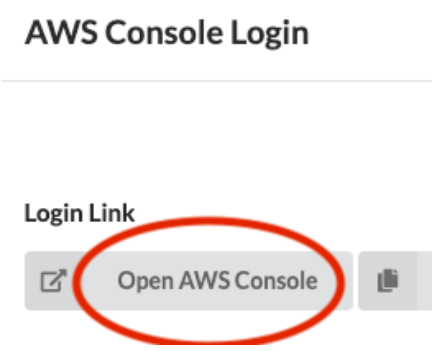
4. Enter your email



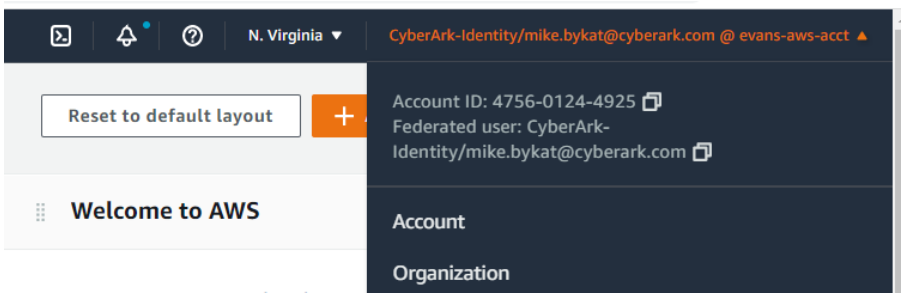
5. You should receive your one time token.
6. Choose AWS Console



7. Click Open AWS Console



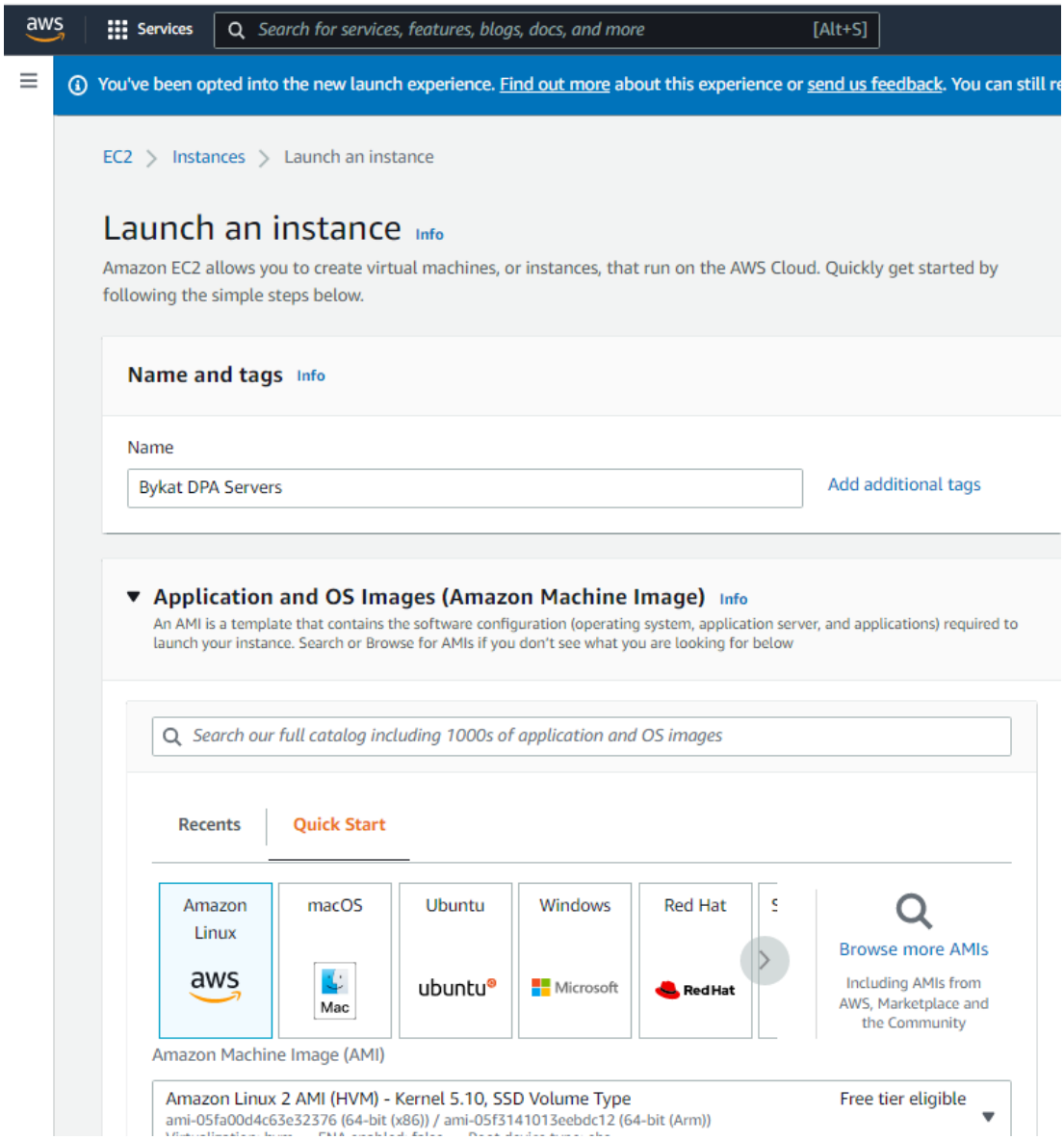
8. You should now be logged into your individual AWS account. Take note of the AWS account you are working in; it can be found in the top right. You will need this account ID in Section 2 when creating your DPA console configuration. Example screenshot below of where to find the account ID:



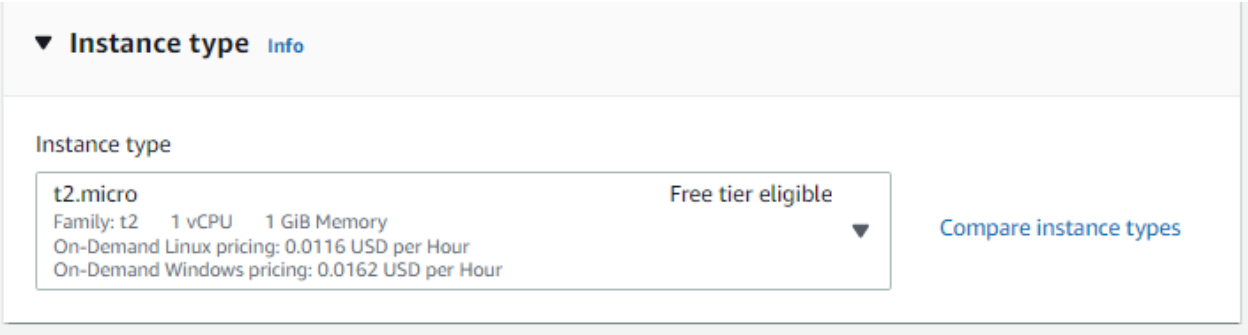
Create the DPA connector and target

In this section we will setup (2) EC2 instances that will be your DPA connector and DPA Target with inbound connectivity on port 22.

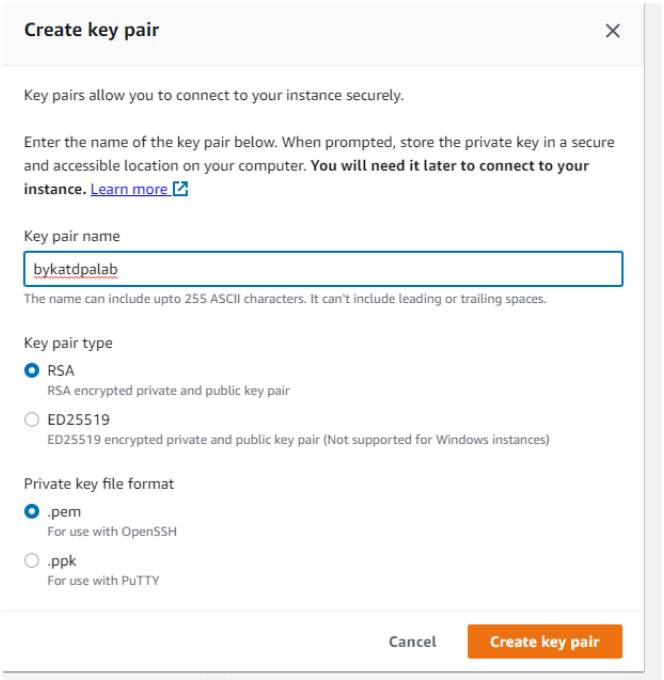
1. If you haven't done so prior, in the top right corner, change your region to the one identified by your instructor.
2. Navigate to EC2
3. Select Launch Instance > Launch Instance
4. Name your instance {Your name} DPA servers
5. The default selection, Amazon Linux 2 AMI – Kernel 5.10 will work just fine for this workshop; however, customers should reference our documentation when determining server requirements:



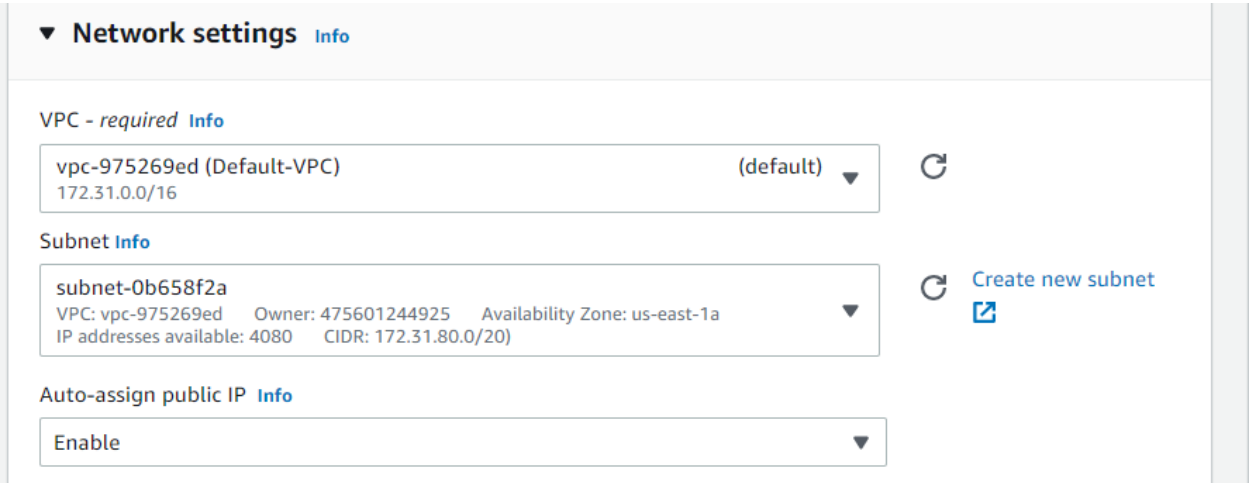
6. Similarly, the default free tier t2.micro instance type will work fine for our workshop:



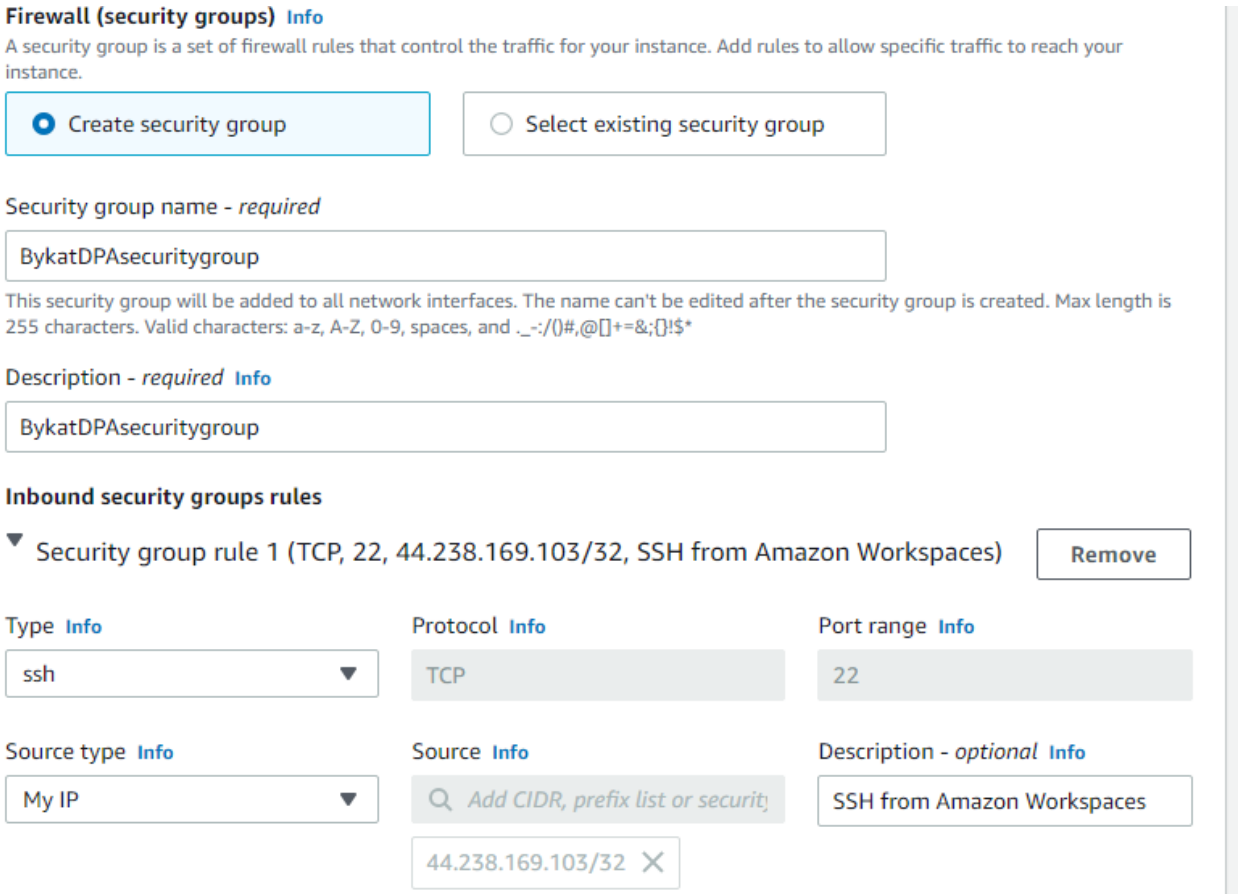
7. Click create a new key pair
    a. Name your keypair "Your Name DPA key pair"
    b. Download this keypair to your workstation and make note of the location.



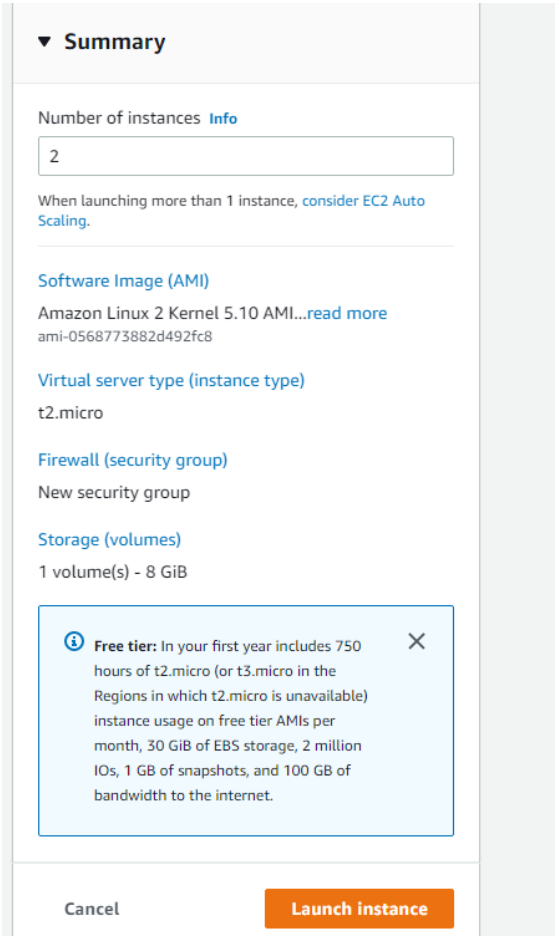
8. Edit Network settings:
    a. Make the following updates:
        i. Network: select a VPC.
        ii. Subnet: select a Subnet.
        iii. Ensure Auto-assign public IP is set to enable.
            1. Note: This may not be needed in a production environment if there is VPN/direct connect access to the VMs.



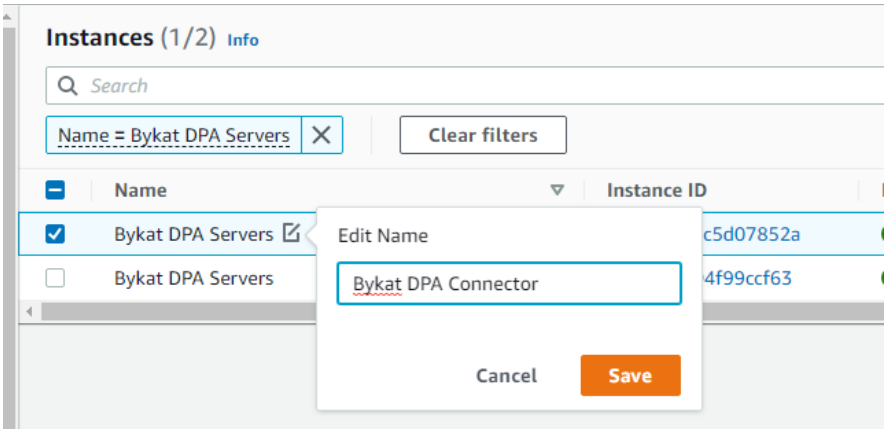
        iv. Name your security group “YourNameDPAsecuritygroup”
            1. Change Source type under rule 1 to be “My IP”
            2. Description: SSH from My IP Only
            3. We will edit the security group later to establish trust between the two servers, so make note of what you named it.



9. Leave other settings as default
10. IMPORTANT: In the top right hand corner increase number of instances from 1 to 2



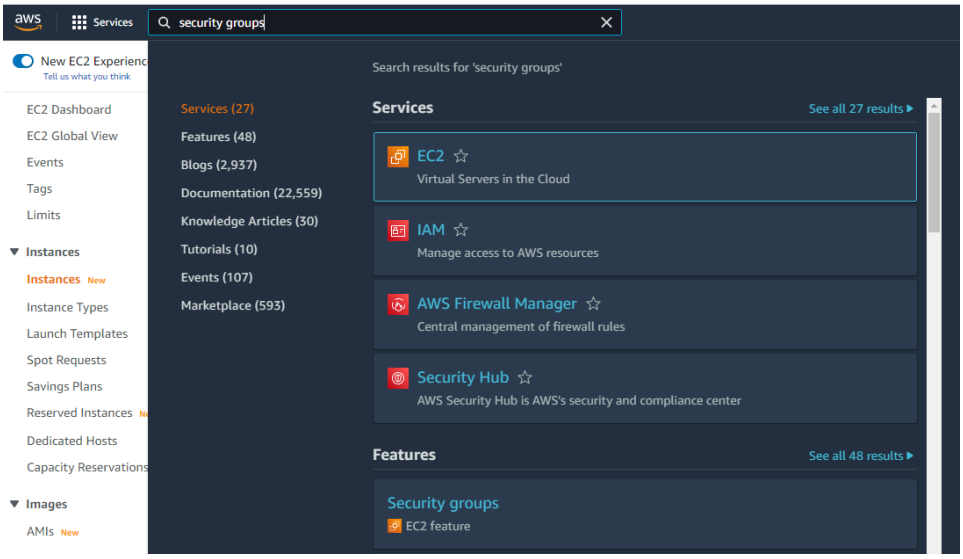
11. Click Launch
12. Click View All instances and search for YourName DPA
13. Rename one server to YourName DPA Connector and to YourName DPA Target



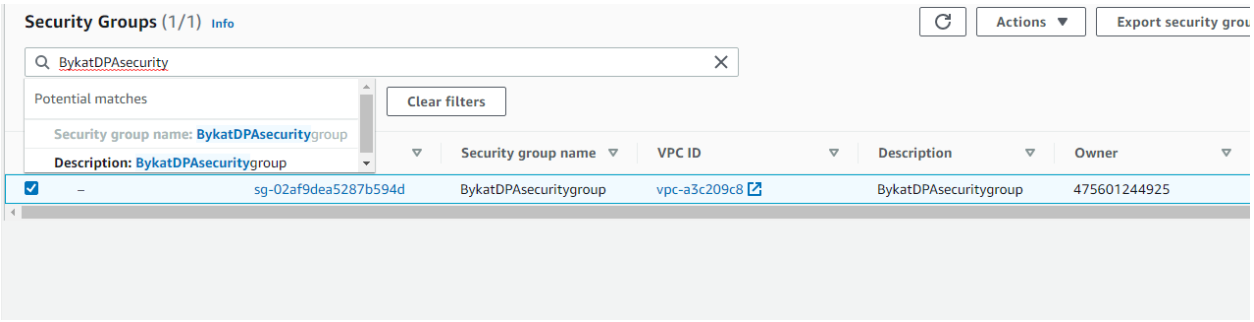
Create trust between EC2 instances

The Connector server needs to reach the target VMs on port 22. We will edit the security group we just created to allow this trust

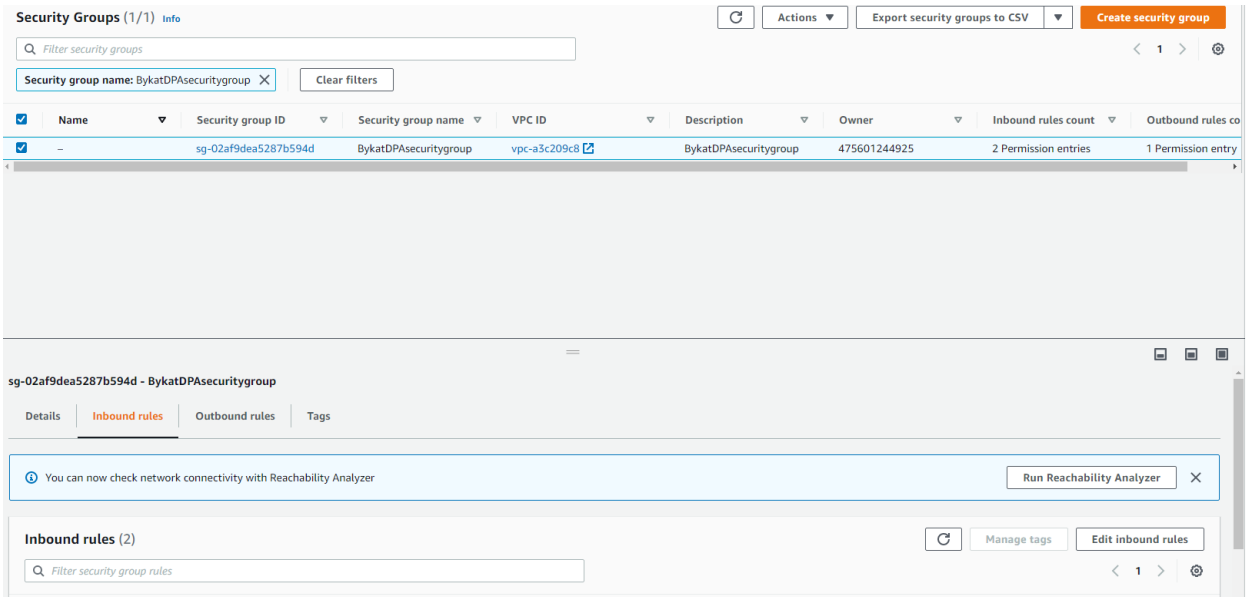
1. Search for and navigate to Security groups



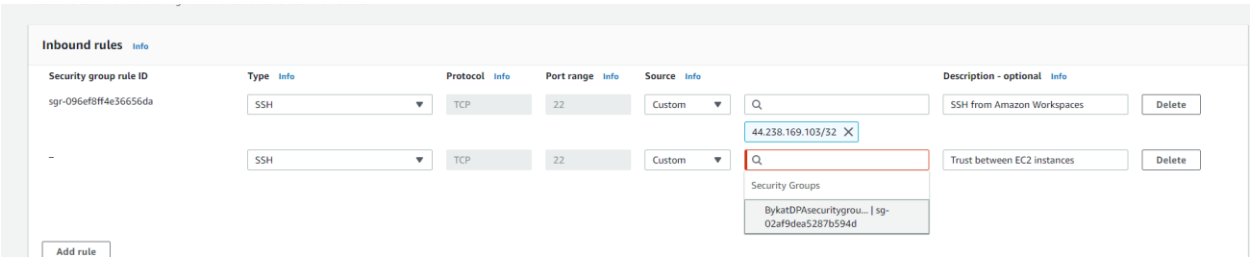
2. Search for the security group you just created called Yourname DPAsecuritygroup



3. Check the box of the security group if it's not already checked
4. Select Inbound rules
5. Select Edit Inbound rules



6. Select add rule
7. Change custom TCP to SSH
8. For source, select 'Custom' and search for the name of your security group
9. Description: Trust between EC2 instances that are part of this security group



10. Save rules

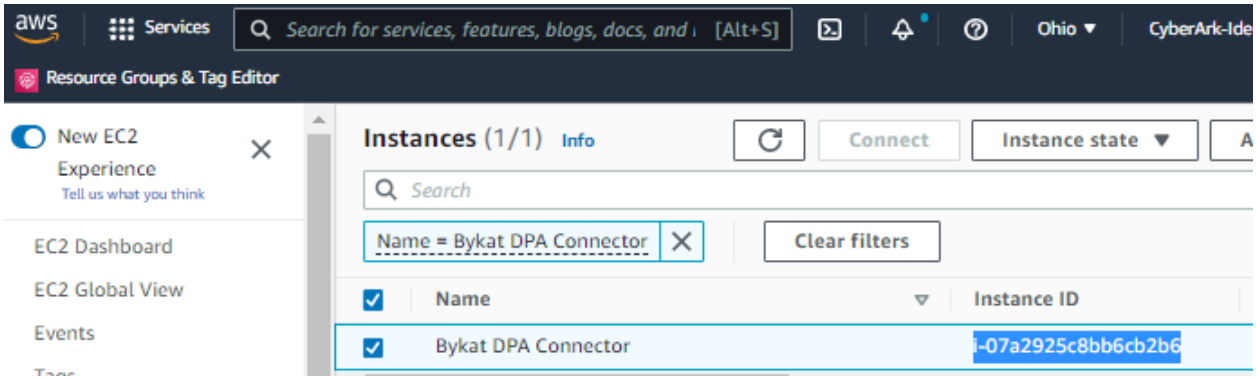
Test Access to the EC2 instances

Test access to DPA Connector

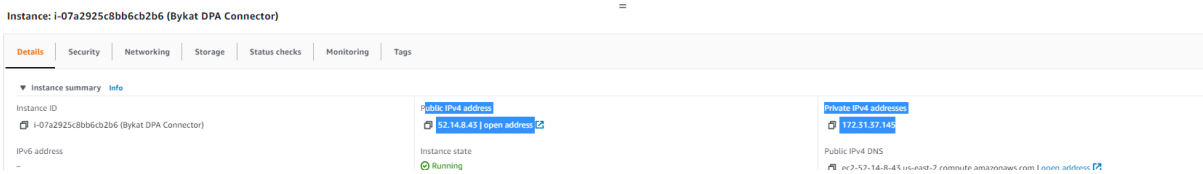
Let's test access to your instance using PowerShell as your SSH Client.

1. Select your DPA Connector Server
    a. Copy the Public IP address and make note of it in your reference table

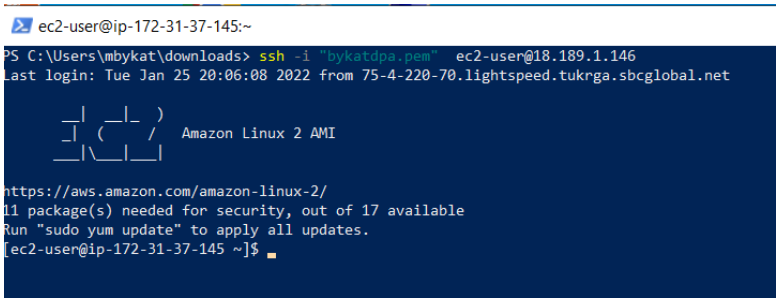
ssh



    b. You can identify the public IP of your instance from the EC2 Console in the details section.



2. Open the downloads folder
    a. Click the file tab
    b. On Windows: Choose Open Windows PowerShell > Open Windows PowerShell
    c. On macOS: Launch Terminal and browse to the correct path of they key
    d. On macOS or Linux, Linux doesn't allow use of exposed Private keys so you will need to first run CHMOD 400 on the SSH key in order to set the permissions so the key can be used. Windows does not require this command to be run.
3. Run the following command, updating information according to your specifics:
    a. ***ssh -i "nameofyourcert.pem" ec2-user@publicIPofyourConnector***
    b. Example:



You've now successfully connected to your DPA Connector server via SSH. You can leave this connection open as we will use it in future steps.

Test access to your DPA Target VM

Repeat the same steps as above, but this time find and use the public IP address of the target VM

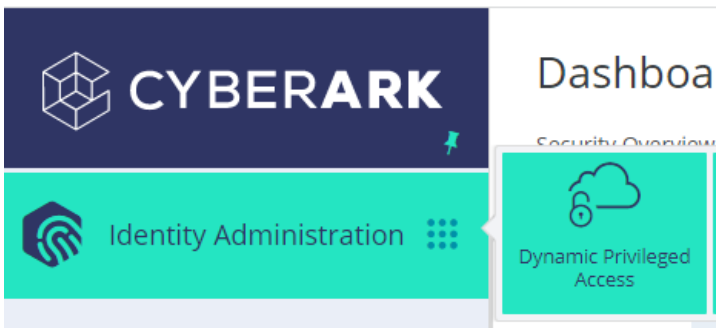
1. When making note of the target public IP, also copy the ec2 Instance ID and make note of it for later
    a. ***Ssh -i "nameofyourcert.pem" ec2-user@publicIPoftarget***

SECTION 3: SETUP AND INSTALL DPA

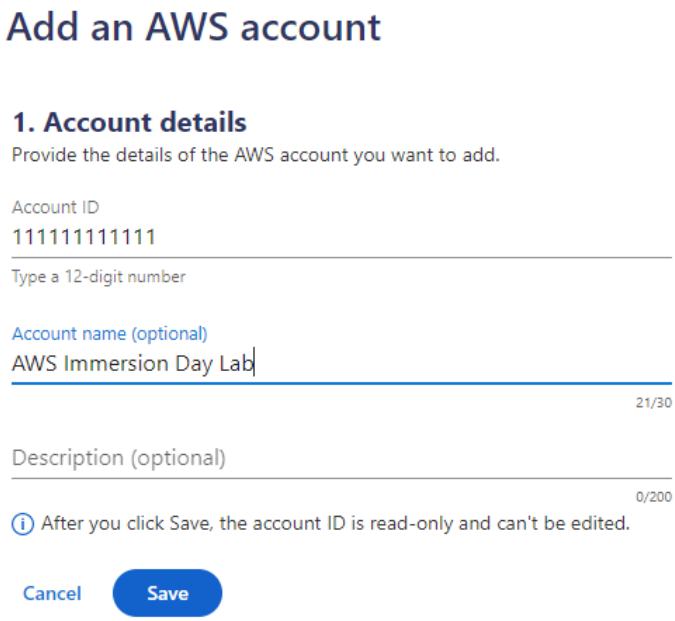
In this section, we will link the DPA environment to the AWS account where you provisioned the EC2 Instances in the section above.

Create a platform in the DPA Console

1. Navigate to Dynamic Privileged Access in the Workshop environment if you're not already there: (reference section 1 if you need to log back in)



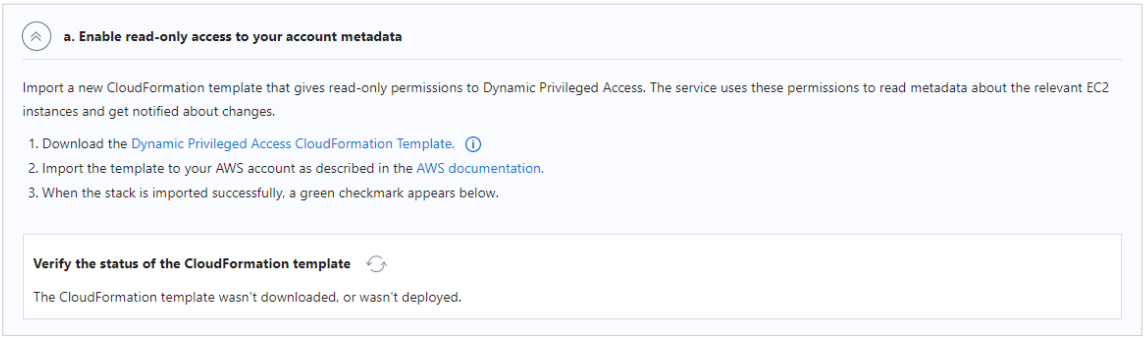
2. Select "Platform Management" on the left side
3. Select "Amazon AWS"
4. Select "Add an Account".
    a. Enter the AWS Account ID we made of note of earlier in the table above
    b. Click Save



Enable read-only access to your account metadata

We'll now use a CloudFormation template to provide DPA the necessary access to the AWS environment specified.

1. In the DPA Console, right click "Dynamic Privileged Access CloudFormation Template" to copy the URL and paste it in the S3 link on the AWS side as shown in the create stack screen in step c. below.



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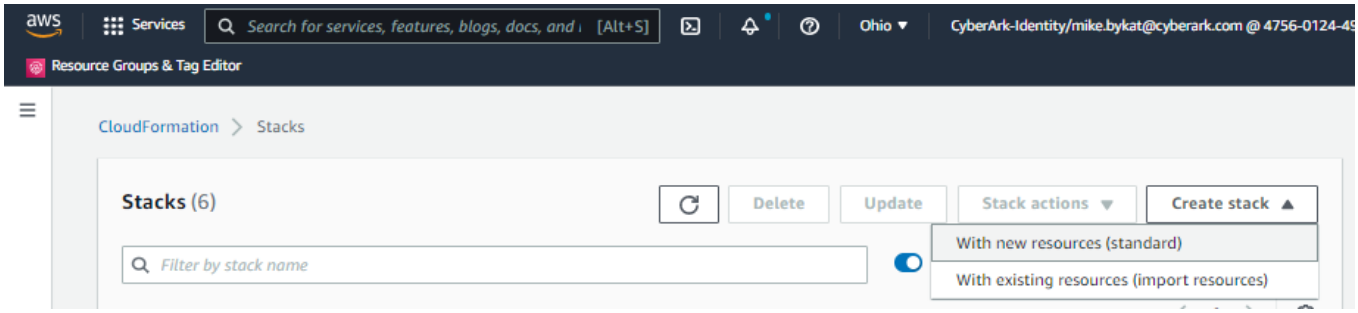
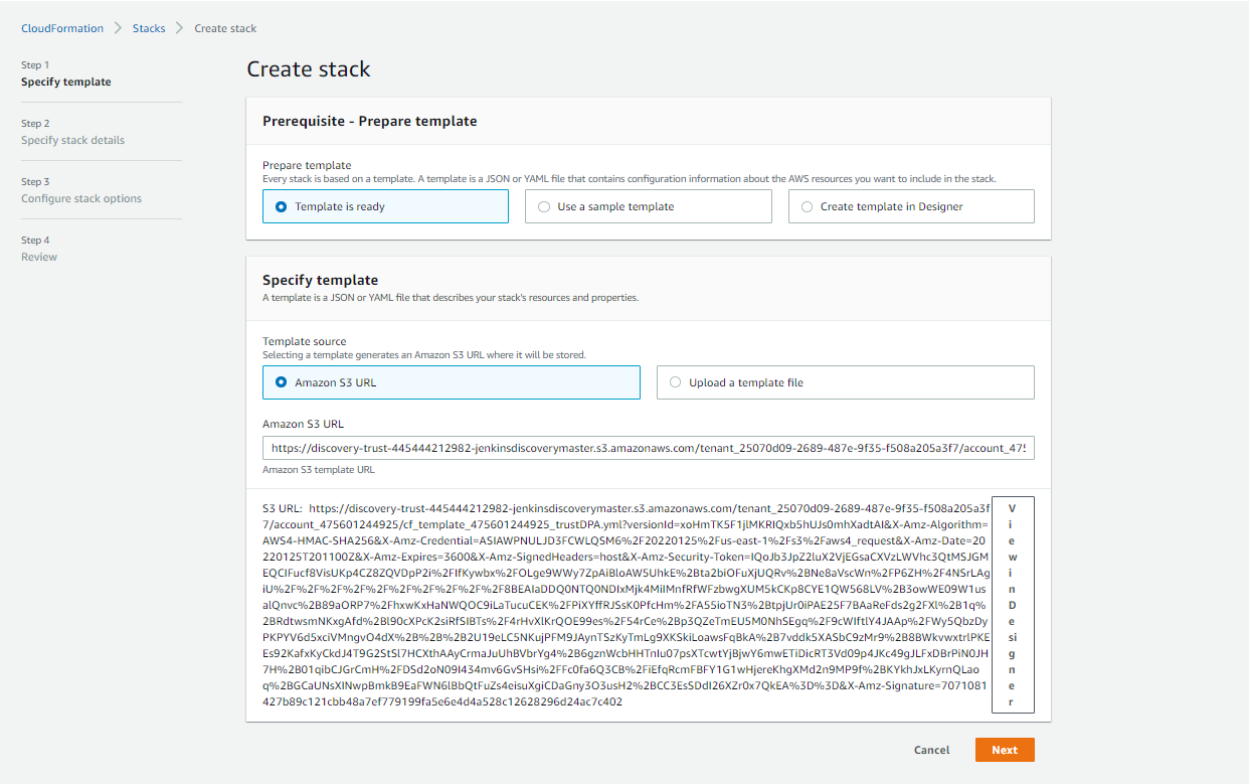
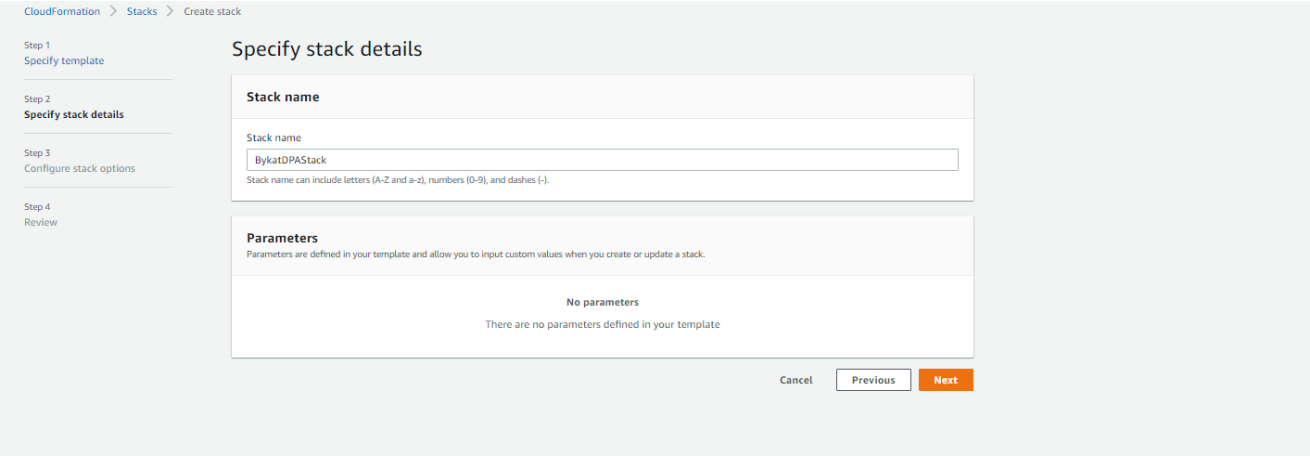
a. In AWS, navigate to CloudFormation and click Create Stack in the top right
b. Choose With new resources (standard)



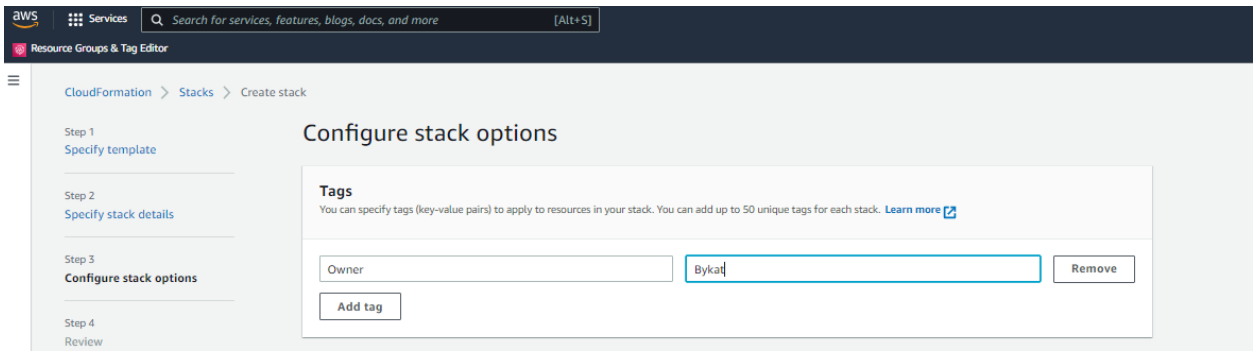
c. If not selected, select Amazon S3 URL radio button and paste the link you copied previously. It will automatically populate the template information as seen below.



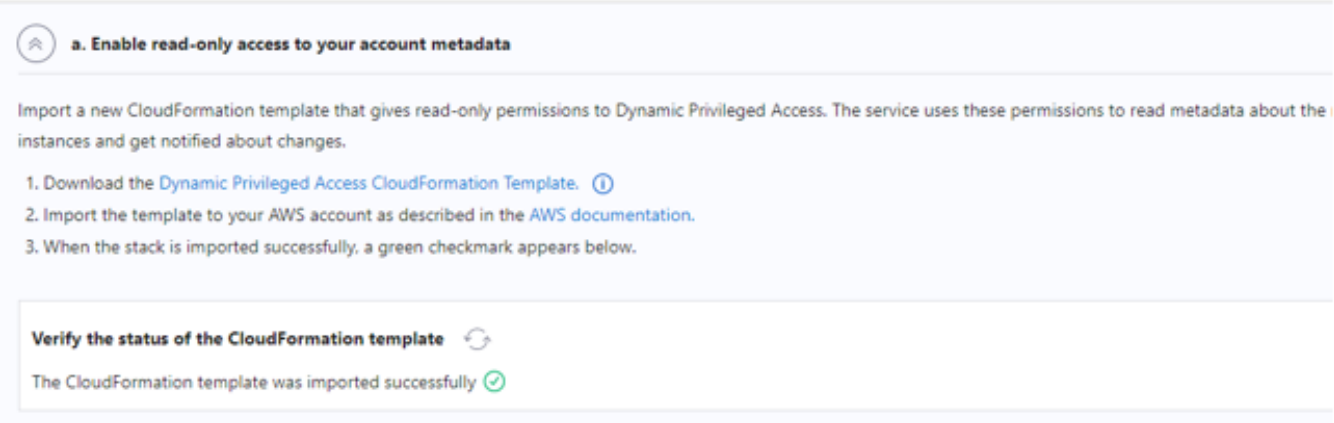
d. Click ‘Next’ and Name your stack accordingly.



e. Click ‘Next’ and create a tag called ‘Owner’ and your name as the value.



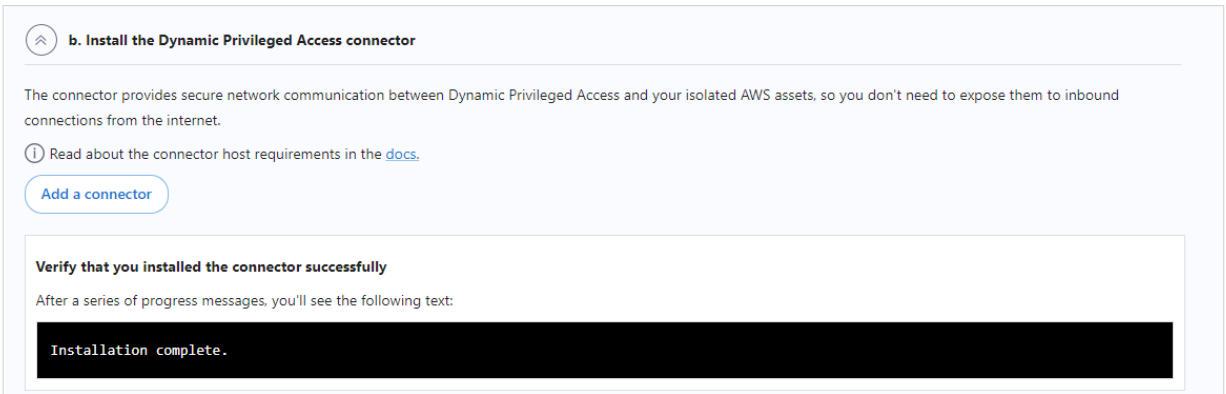
f. Click Next.
g. At the bottom of the page Check the box to Acknowledge then click 'Create stack'. In about 30 seconds, refresh status in DPA console:



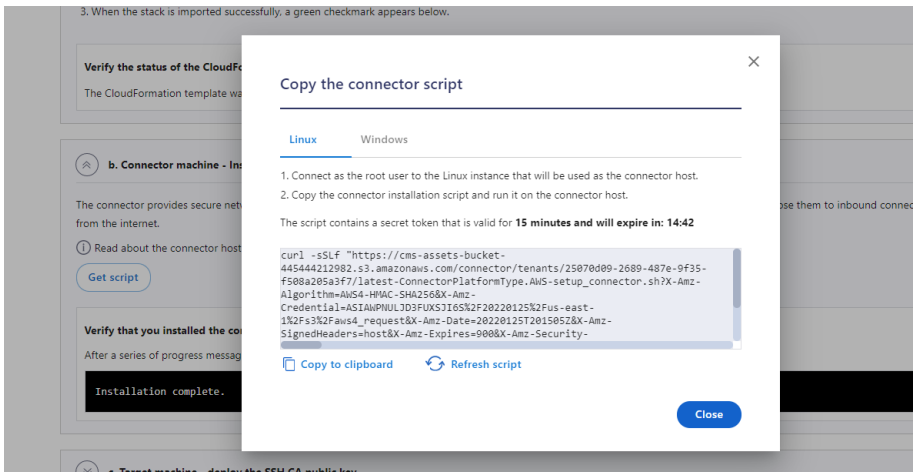
Install the connector using the "Get Script" option.

Now, we'll run the DPA connector installation script on the connector you created.

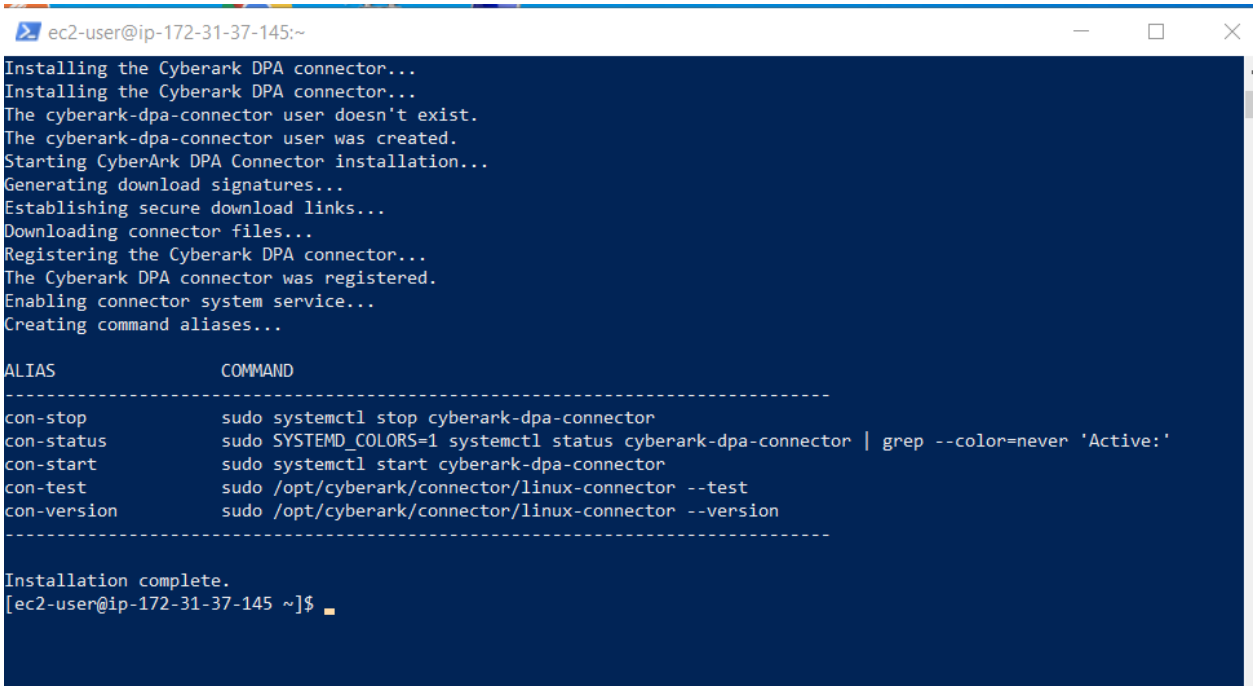
1. Under section B, click Add a connector.



2. Select Linux and choose next
3. Click Copy to clipboard



4. Once copied, paste into the open PowerShell/Terminal SSH session to the Connector you established prior, or reconnect to your connector if needed. A right click of your mouse should auto paste. You should see something like this:

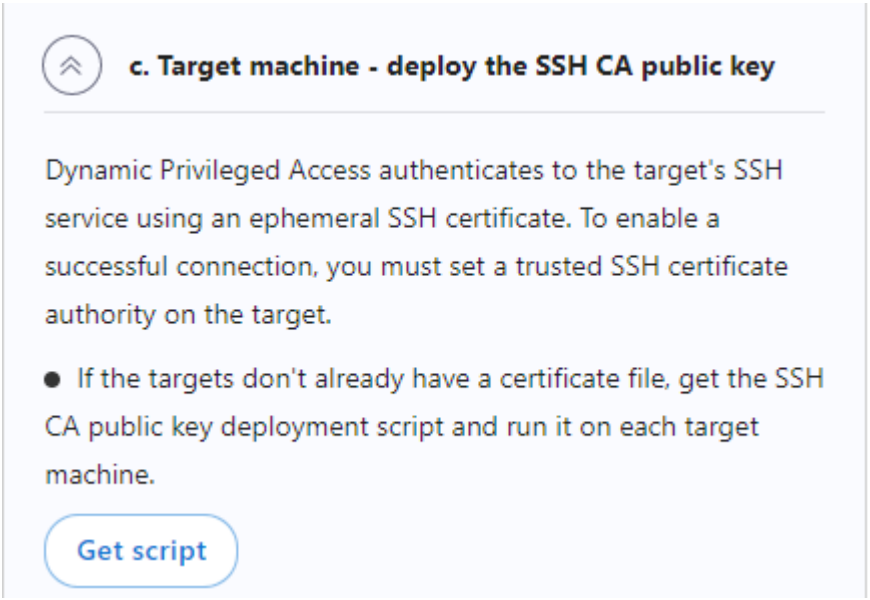


**If you get an error that 'Signature Expired' - Go back to DPA and select 'Refresh Script'. Once refreshed, Copy to Clipboard again, paste into your PowerShell/Terminal window and run it again.

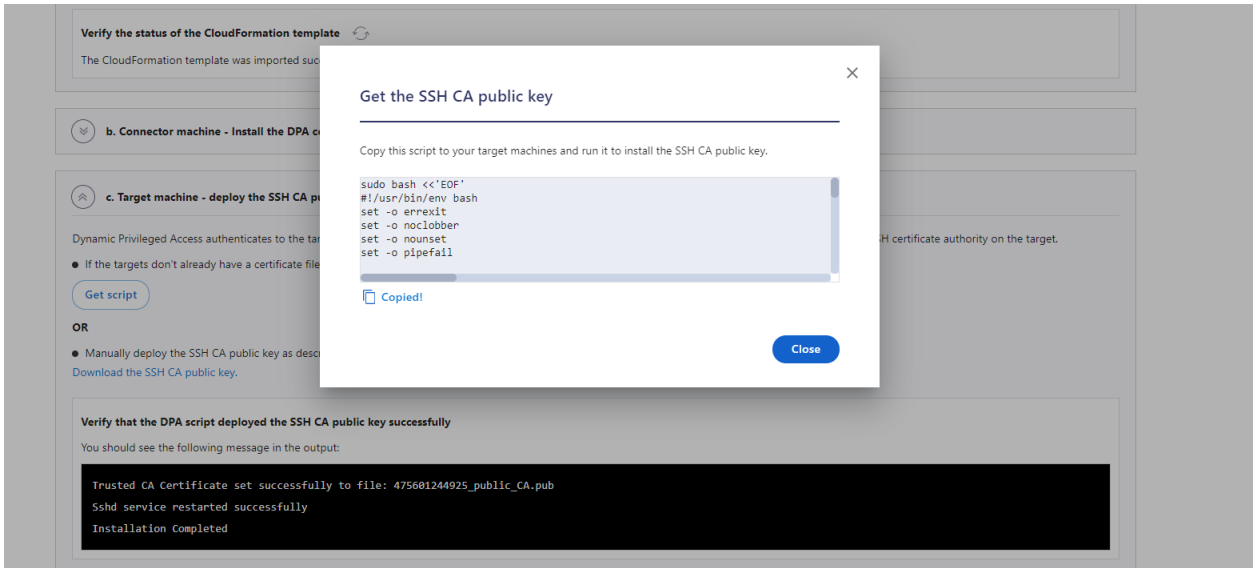
Deploy SSH CA on target machine

DPA works by having a public key on all target machines that the DPA connector can create a matching, temporary Private key to use for the connection. Customers can include this key as part of their server template, so when the VM spins up the public SSH key is already there. For this exercise, we will deploy the public key manually.
To do this, we'll now run the SSH CA public key script from the DPA console:

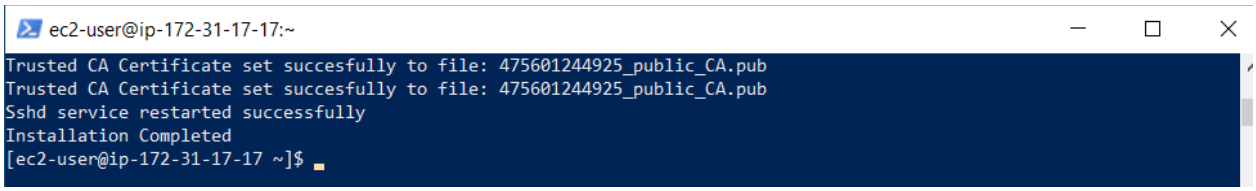
1. Under section C, click Get Script.



2. Copy the script



3. Paste the script into the target server PowerShell/Terminal SSH session you established earlier or reconnect.
4. After pasting in, you should receive the following:



5. In the DPA console, Save your platform management settings.

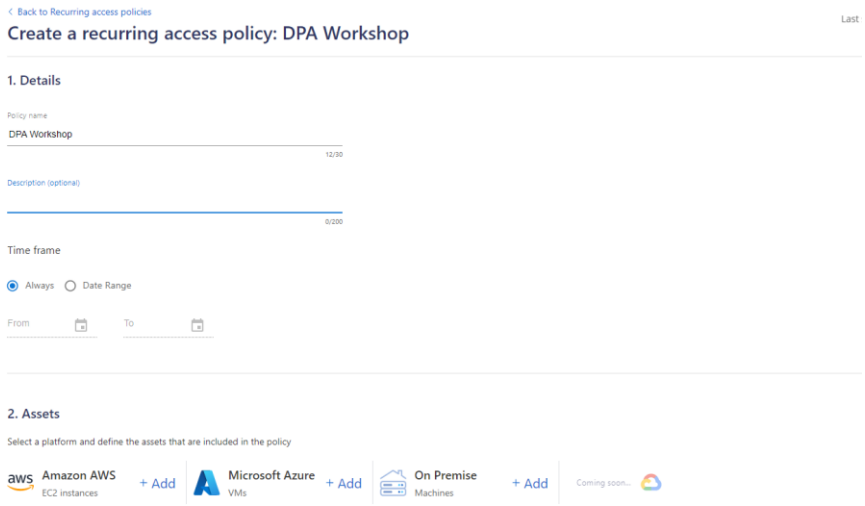
Congratulations! You have completed installation and configuration of all system requirements!

SECTION 4: RECURRING ACCESS POLICY

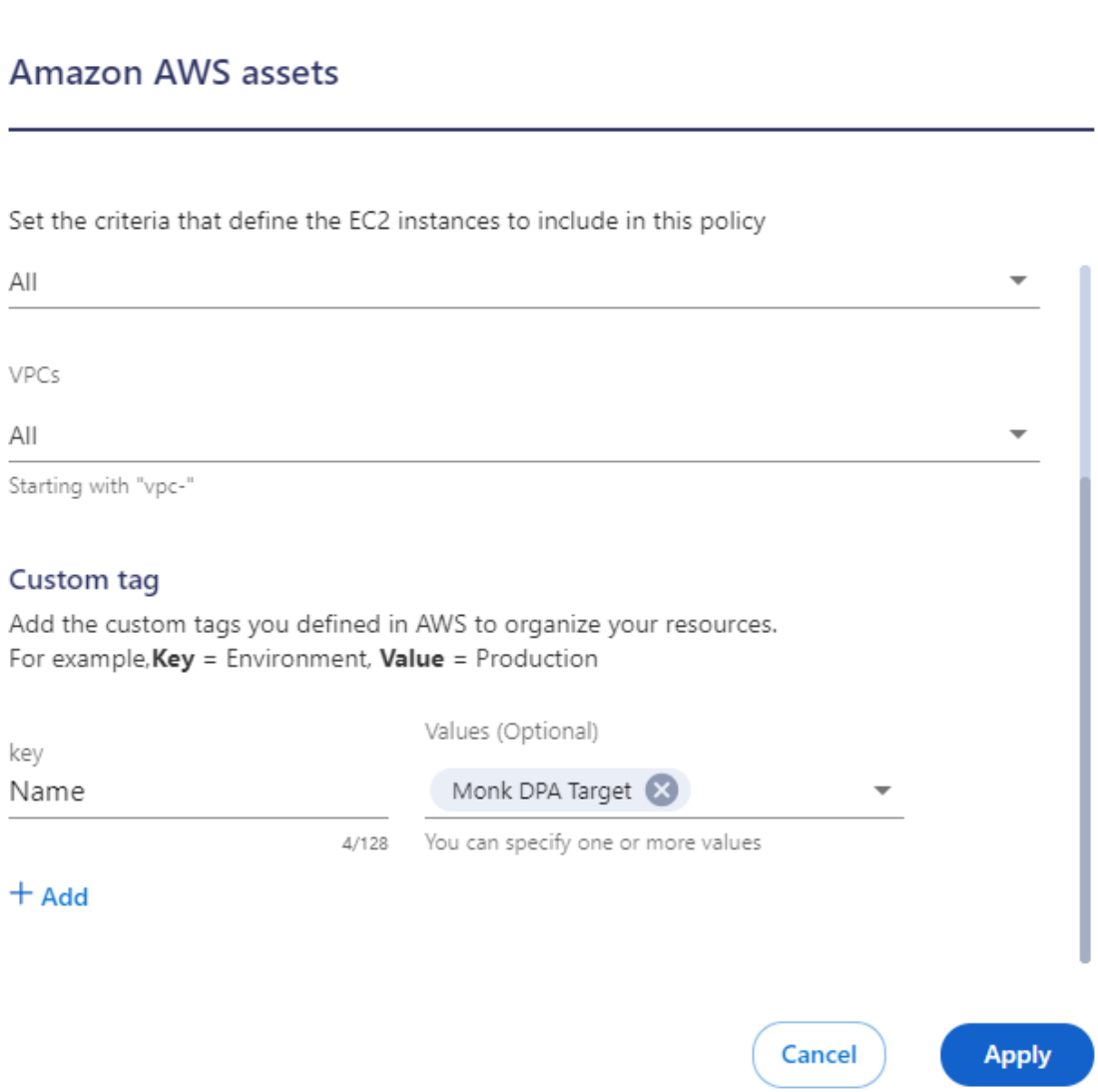
In this section, we will create an Access Policy that determines what machines (Using ABAC), who (Using CyberArk Identity), and when someone can connect to the target machine.

Create a DPA Access Policy

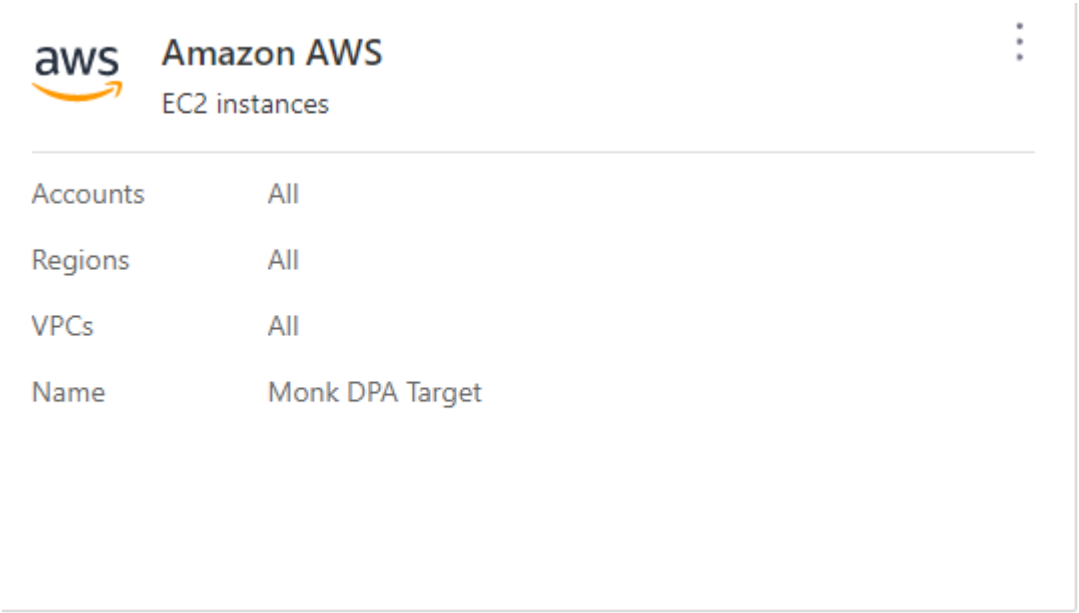
1. In DPA Console, navigate to Recurring access policies on the left-hand side and choose ‘create policy’.
2. Name the Policy ‘UserName DPA Workshop’.



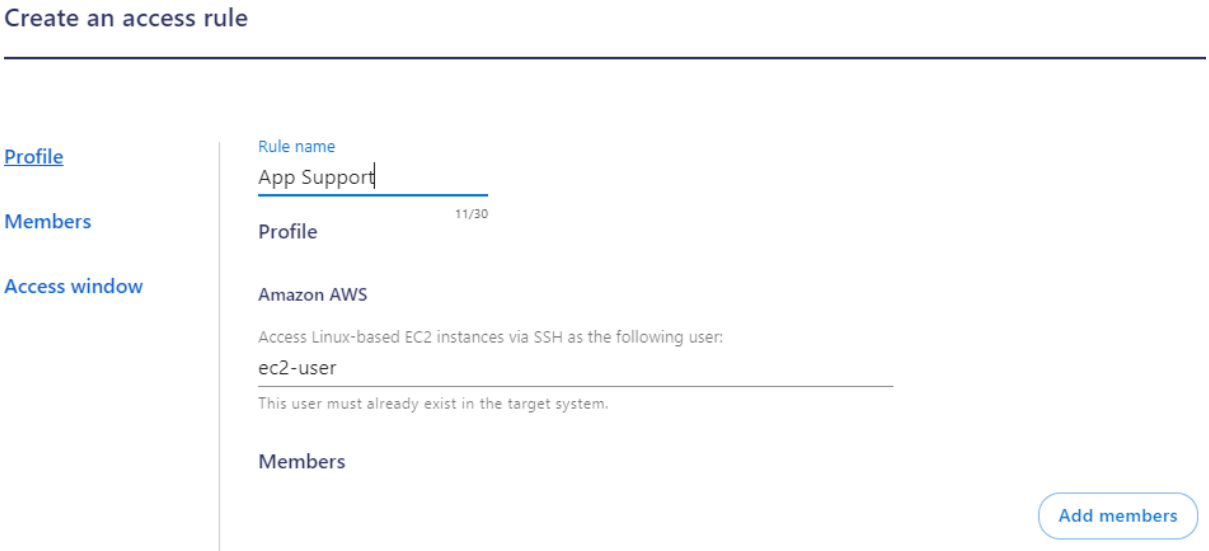
3. Add an Amazon AWS instance under Assets
    a. This is where we set the Attribute Based Access Control that really differentiates DPA. Keep the default setting, ‘All’ for regions and VPCs, but use custom ‘Name’ tag created for your DPA Target server.
    b. You can find the tag by looking at your EC2 Instance, this is case sensitive!



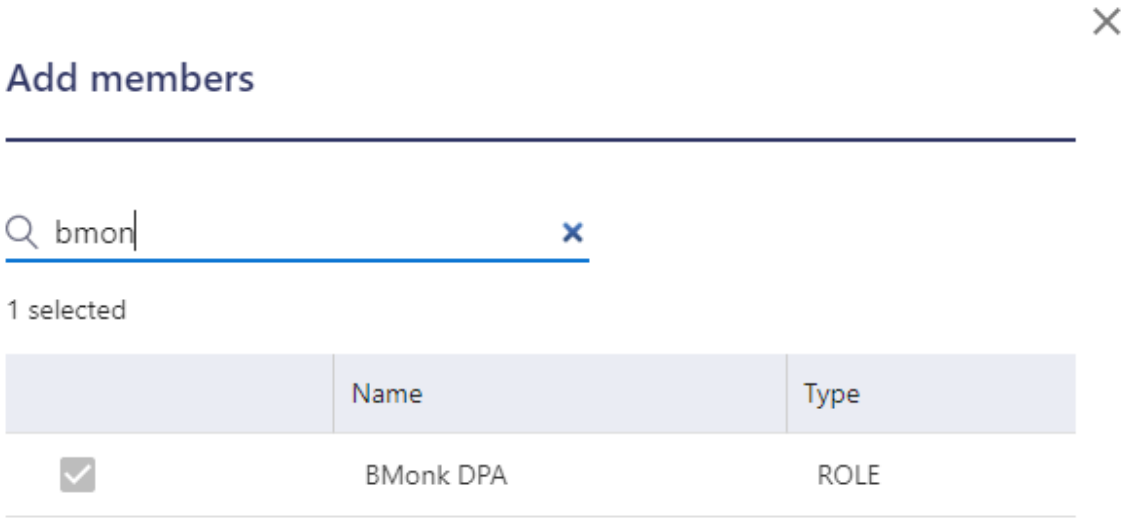
4. Click Apply. Your console should look like this:



5. Scroll down to the Access Rules section and select ‘Create an access rule’.
    a. Name your rule App Support or you can be creative if you wish
    b. Select EC2-user as the user that users will be logged in as on the machine
    c. Select ‘Add Members’ and search for YourName.



    d. Select the Role in we created in Identity previously. Click Add.



e. Leave the default access window times or change to your liking, but confirm it includes your current time zone!

6. Click Create

Awesome, it's now time to see it in action!

SECTION 5: CONNECT VIA DPA

Let's test!

1. Open PowerShell/Terminal on your local machine or your CLI of choice
2. Grab the ec2 instanceID of the target machine from the AWS Console to build the following connection string:
   a. Ssh user@yourDPAtenant@AWSInstanceID@yourDPAtenant.ssh.cyberark.cloud

   b. Mine looks like: Ssh firstname.lastname@cyberark.cloud.####@i-06fb9bab338aeca41@tenantname.ssh.cyberark.cloud
3. Hit enter or click connect
4. You will first be prompted for your password
5. Choose MFA to your email or phone (if it was provided in your user account)
6. If authenticated and authorized, you will be connected as the ec2-user on your target machine. That target is now reachable from your remote location with no VPN required.

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PS C:\Users\mbykat\downloads> ssh paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud@i-06fb9bab338aeca41@se-workshop.ssh.cyberark.cloud
Please enter your password
paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud >:

Choose your secondary authentication method:
1. Send an email with a link to ...@cyberark.com
2. Send an email with a one-time code to ...@cyberark.com
3. Send a text with a link to XXX-1488
4. Send a text with a one-time code to XXX-1488
>: 3
Sent a text to XXX-1488. Tap the link to complete your authentication.
You authenticated successfully.

Connecting. Please wait...

Your session will expire in 55 minutes (closed on idle of 10 mins) - [c9cbca2a-49a9-4e45-931a-5acabbdf3ae7]
Last login: Wed Jan 26 23:00:34 2022 from ip-172-31-37-145.us-east-2.compute.internal

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https://aws.amazon.com/amazon-linux-2/
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-36-182 ~]$
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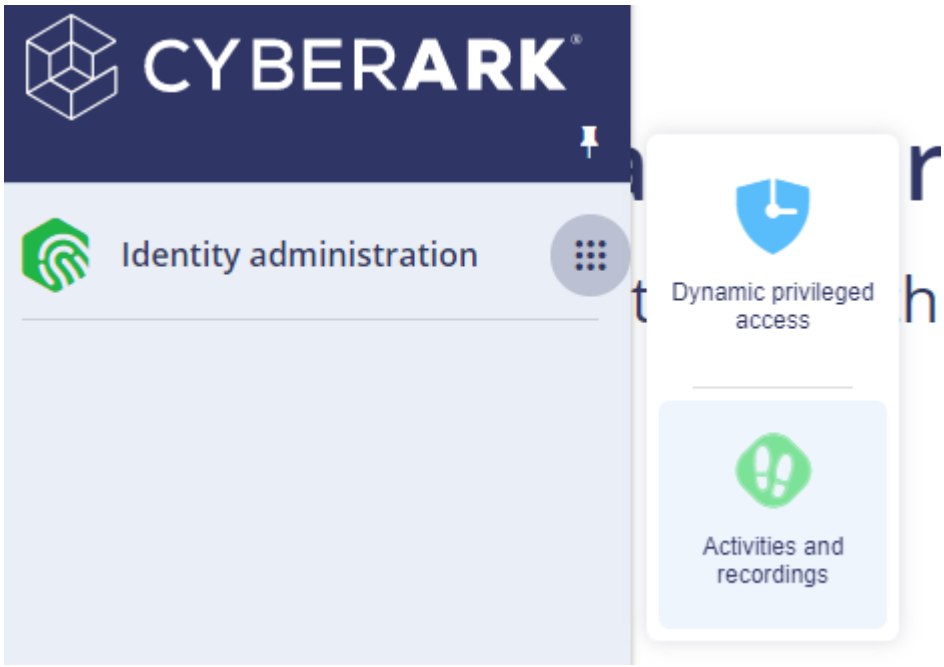
7. Run a command to trigger some audit information, such as ls or pwd.
8. Exit your session

Review Audit information

In this section we will review the Activities and Recordings section for auditing the sessions that have been established via DPA.

1. In the DPA console, select Activities and recordings as seen below.



2. You will be provided with a list of all activities of the last 24 hours by default. You could change this filter in the top left corner if you wanted.
    a. Note, it may take a couple minutes for session activity to appear.
3. Review the session you just established.
    a. You'll see the time of the activity, the event type, and who triggered it.
    b. You can select a particular event for additional session details.

c. PM/R&D may ask for some of this info if you're requesting troubleshooting assistance.

Activities

Last sign-in: Mar 17, 2022 | Mike_Bykat

Time range
Last 24 hours

Search for an activity

9 activities

Update at: 09:54:38 AM

Timestamp	Event	Triggered by	Action	Service
Mar 17, 2022 01:51:14 PM	Session Terminate	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	End	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:51:14 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:51:11 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:51:09 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:50:45 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:50:45 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:50:45 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:50:45 PM	Command Audit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Execute	Dynamic Privileged Access
Mar 17, 2022 01:50:41 PM	Session Start	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	Start	Dynamic Privileged Access

4. Navigate to Session Monitoring on the left-hand side
5. Here you will see the actual commands that were run during this session, such as the ls and/or pwd.
    a. You can select a particular event for additional session details.

Session Monitoring

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Time range
Last 24 hours

Search for an activity

9 activities

Update at: 09:55:03 AM

Session Id	Timestamp	Event	Command	Username	Target
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:51:14	Session Terminate		paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:51:14	Command Audit	exit	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:51:11	Command Audit	pwd	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:51:09	Command Audit	ls	paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:50:45	Command Audit		paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:50:45	Command Audit		paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:50:45	Command Audit		paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41
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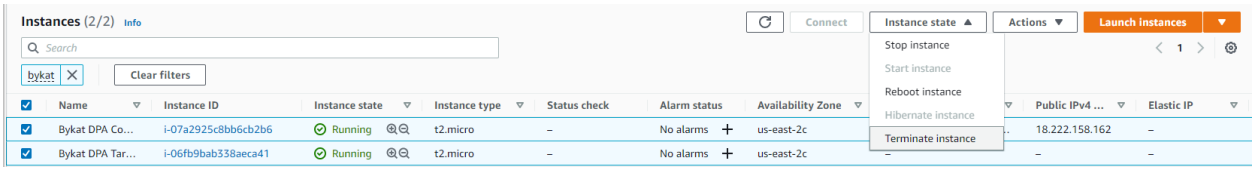
302bb1a9-79b7-404e-8106-72b1...	2022-03-17 13:50:41	Session Start		paul@se-workshop.cyberark.cloud	i-06fb9bab338aeca41

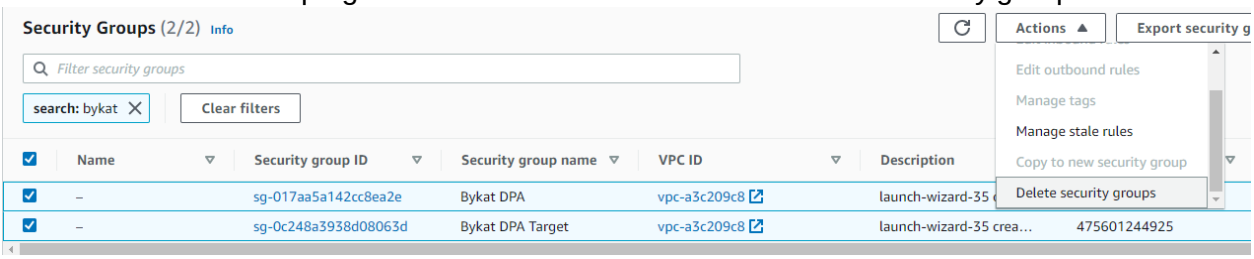
SECTION 6: CLEAN UP

It's always best practice to delete your AWS resources to clean your AWS account.

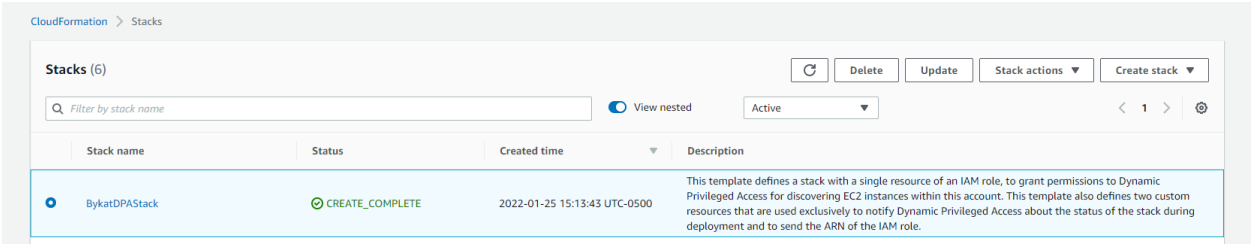
1. Remove 2 AWS EC2 Instances
    a. Navigate to EC2>Instances
    b. Search for your instances and select the check boxes
    c. In the top right-hand corner choose instance state>terminate instance



2. Remove 2 AWS Security Groups:
    a. Navigate to Network & Security > Security Groups
    b. Search for your security groups and select the check boxes
    c. In the top right-hand corner choose Actions > Delete security groups



3. Remove AWS cloud formation stack
    a. Navigate to Cloud Formation > Stacks
    b. Select the radio button for your stack
    c. Choose Delete in the top right corner



Thank you!