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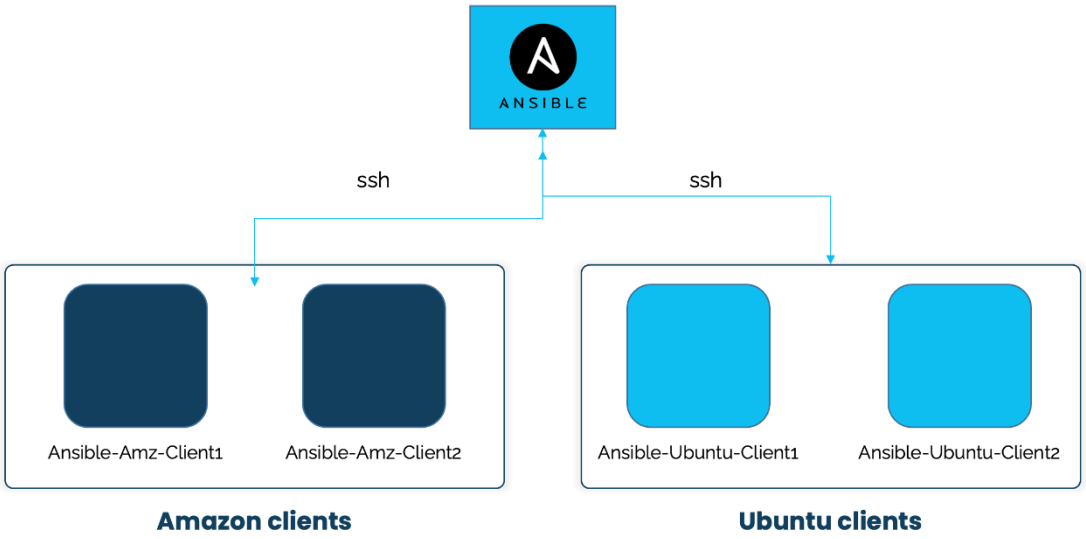
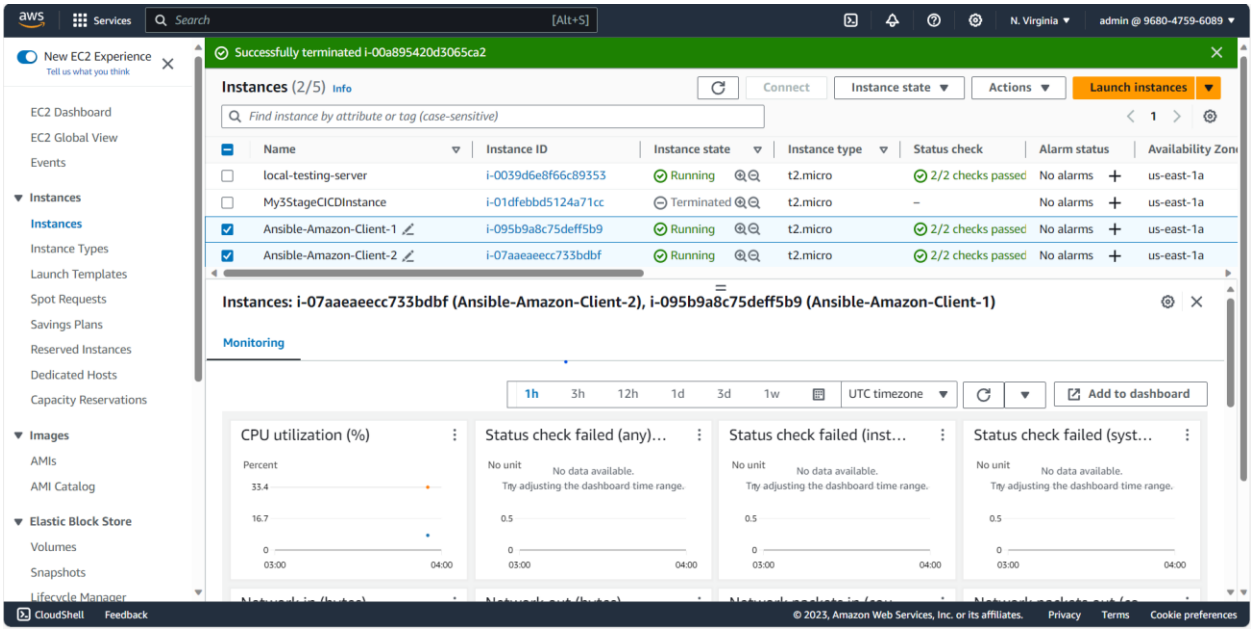
Project- *Setting up Ansible*

For this project, I'll be setting up the Ansible infrastructure below:

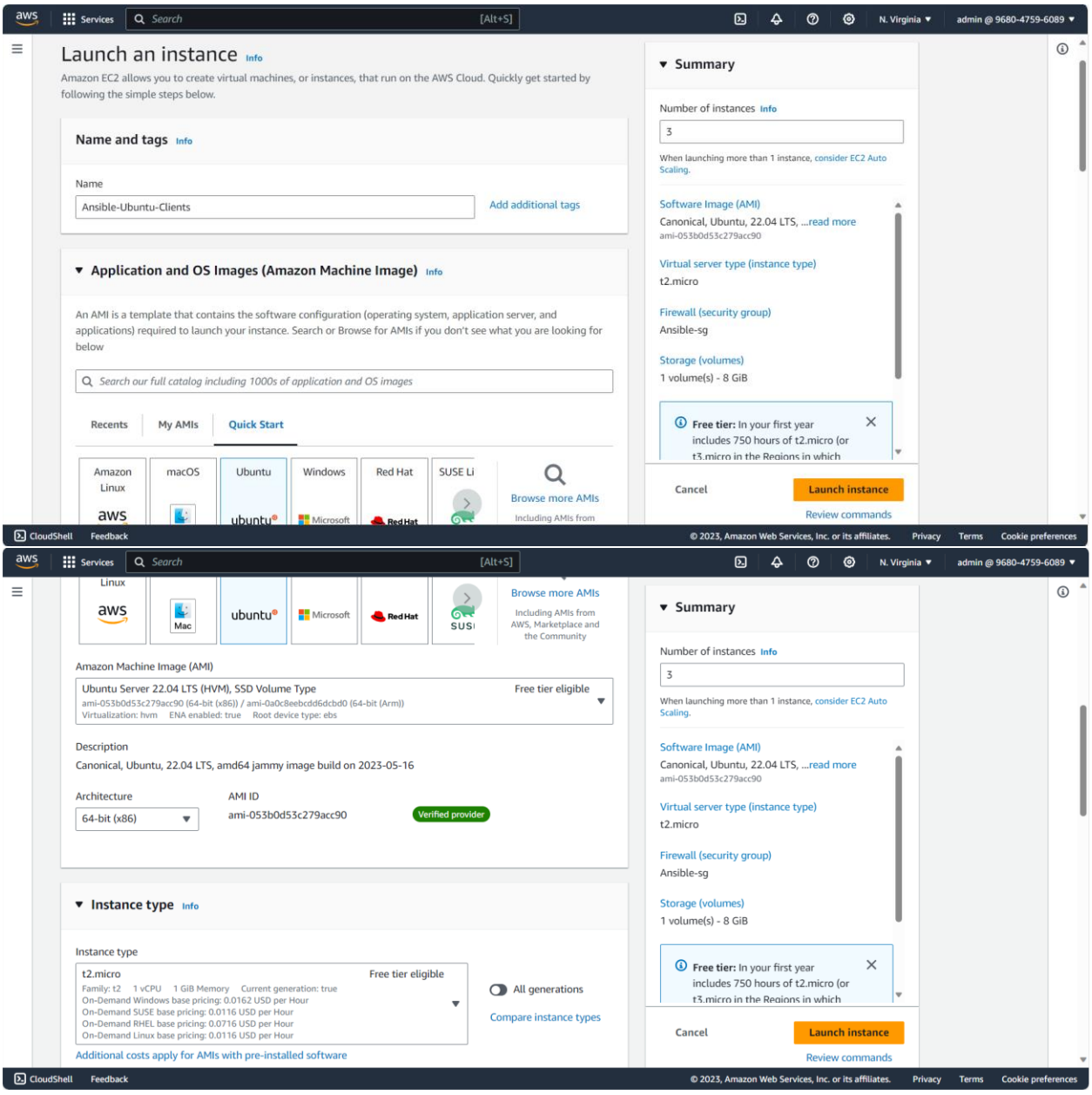


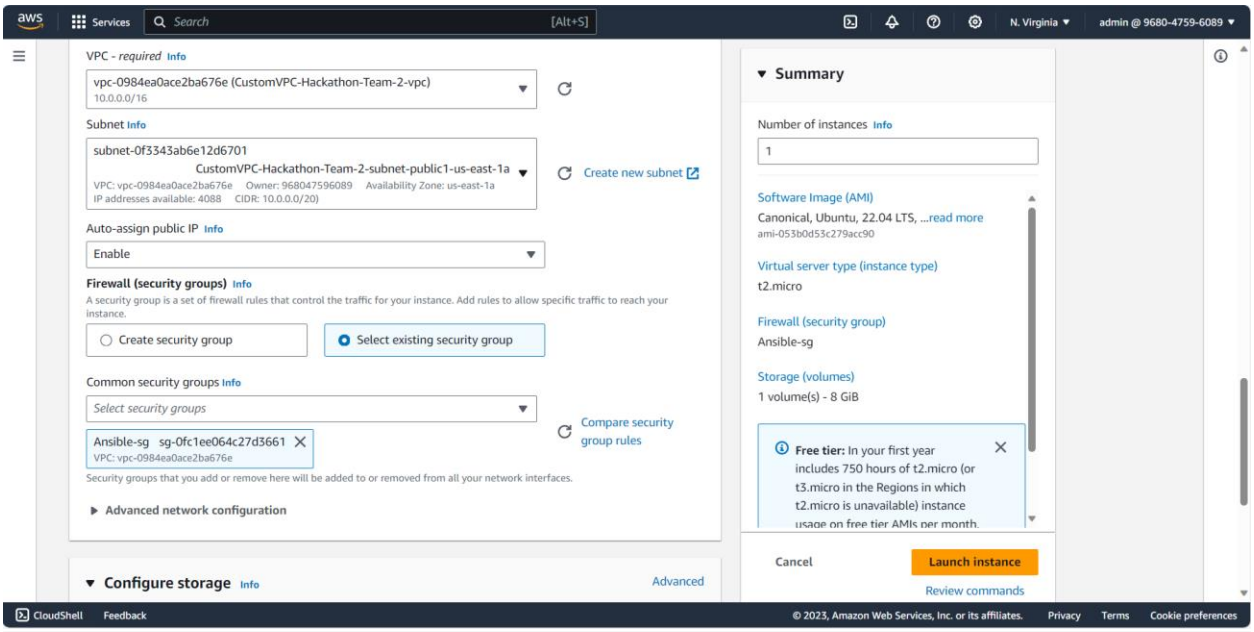
- First, I launched 2 Amazon Linux instanes (Amazon clients) and 3 Ubuntu instances (i.e 2 ubuntu clients and 1 ubuntu controller)



The 2 Amazon Linux instances have SSH enabled and an IAM role attached. Also, the instances were created in a public subnet. I set the count to “2” when creating the instances to make it quicker.

Next, I launched the 3 Ubuntu instances;

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Search
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admin @ 9680-4759-6089
VPC - required Info
vpc-0984ea0ace2ba676e (CustomVPC-Hackathon-Team-2-vpc)
10.0.0.0/16
Subnet Info
subnet-0f3343ab6e12d6701
CustomVPC-Hackathon-Team-2-subnet-public1-us-east-1a
VPC: vpc-0984ea0ace2ba676e Owner: 968047596089 Availability Zone: us-east-1a
IP addresses available: 4088 CIDR: 10.0.0.0/20)
Create new subnet
Auto-assign public IP Info
Enable
Firewall (security groups) Info
A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.
Create security group
Select existing security group
Common security groups Info
Select security groups
Ansible-sg sg-0fc1ee064c27d3661
VPC: vpc-0984ea0ace2ba676e
Compare security group rules
Security groups that you add or remove here will be added to or removed from all your network interfaces.
Advanced network configuration
Configure storage Info
Advanced
Summary
Number of instances Info
1
Software Image (AMI)
Canonical, Ubuntu, 22.04 LTS, ...read more
ami-053b0d53c279acc90
Virtual server type (instance type)
t2.micro
Firewall (security group)
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Storage (volumes)
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Free tier: In your first year includes 750 hours of t2.micro (or t3.micro in the Regions in which t2.micro is unavailable) instance
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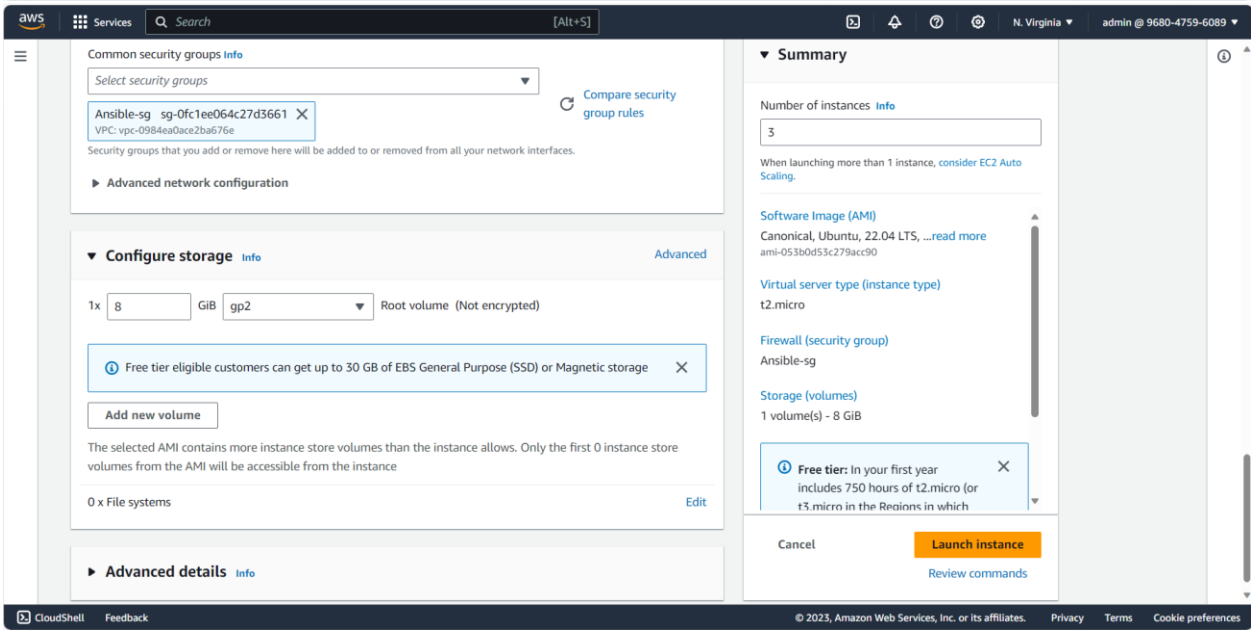
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Advanced network configuration
Configure storage Info
Advanced
1x 8 GiB gp2 Root volume (Not encrypted)
Free tier eligible customers can get up to 30 GB of EBS General Purpose (SSD) or Magnetic storage
Add new volume
The selected AMI contains more instance store volumes than the instance allows. Only the first 0 instance store volumes from the AMI will be accessible from the instance
0 x File systems
Edit
Advanced details Info
Summary
Number of instances Info
3
When launching more than 1 instance, consider EC2 Auto Scaling.
Software Image (AMI)
Canonical, Ubuntu, 22.04 LTS, ...read more
ami-053b0d53c279acc90
Virtual server type (instance type)
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Firewall (security group)
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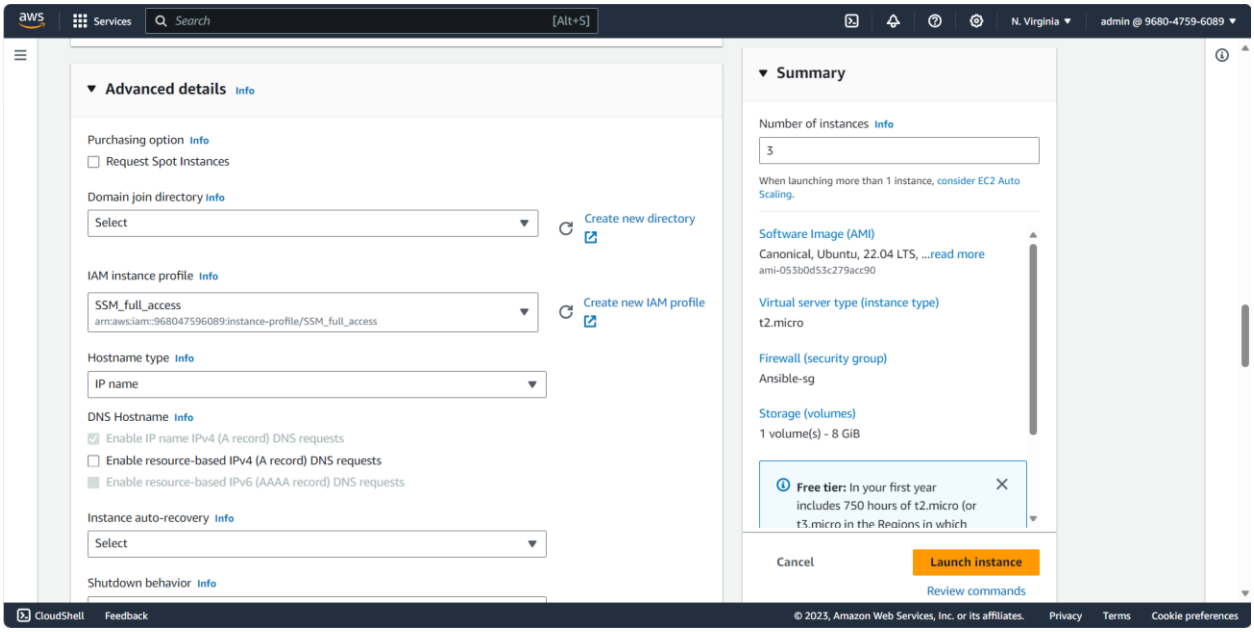
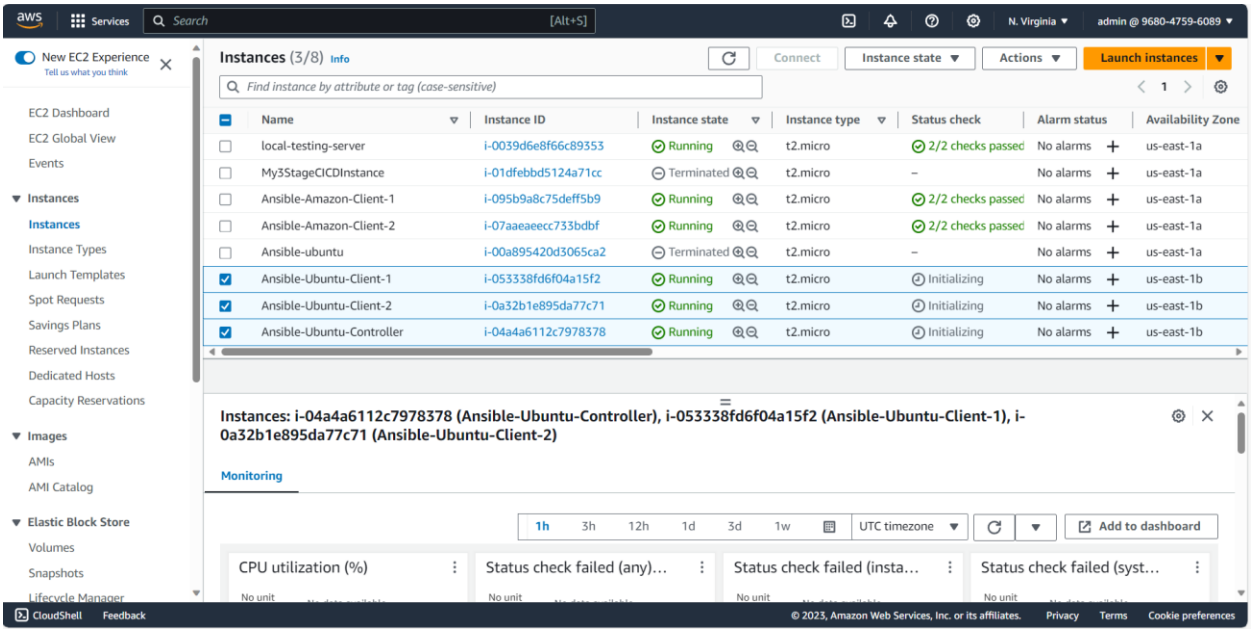
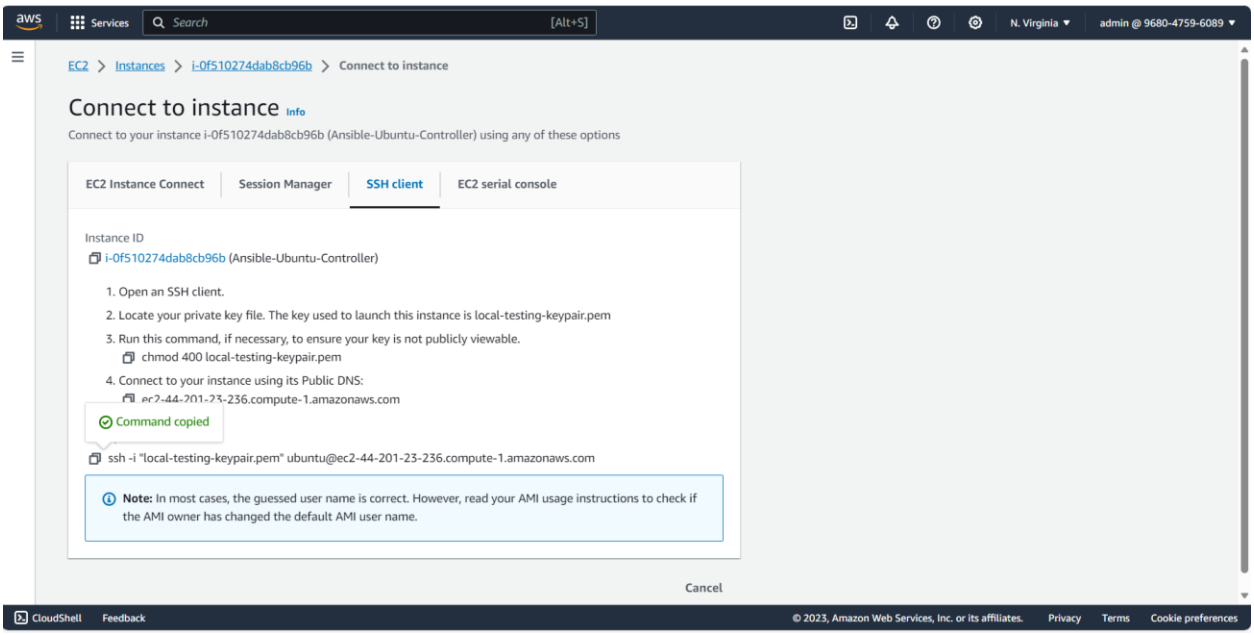


Next, I renamed/tagged the instances to; Ansible-Ubuntu-client-1, Ansible-Ubuntu-client-2 and Ubuntu-Controller

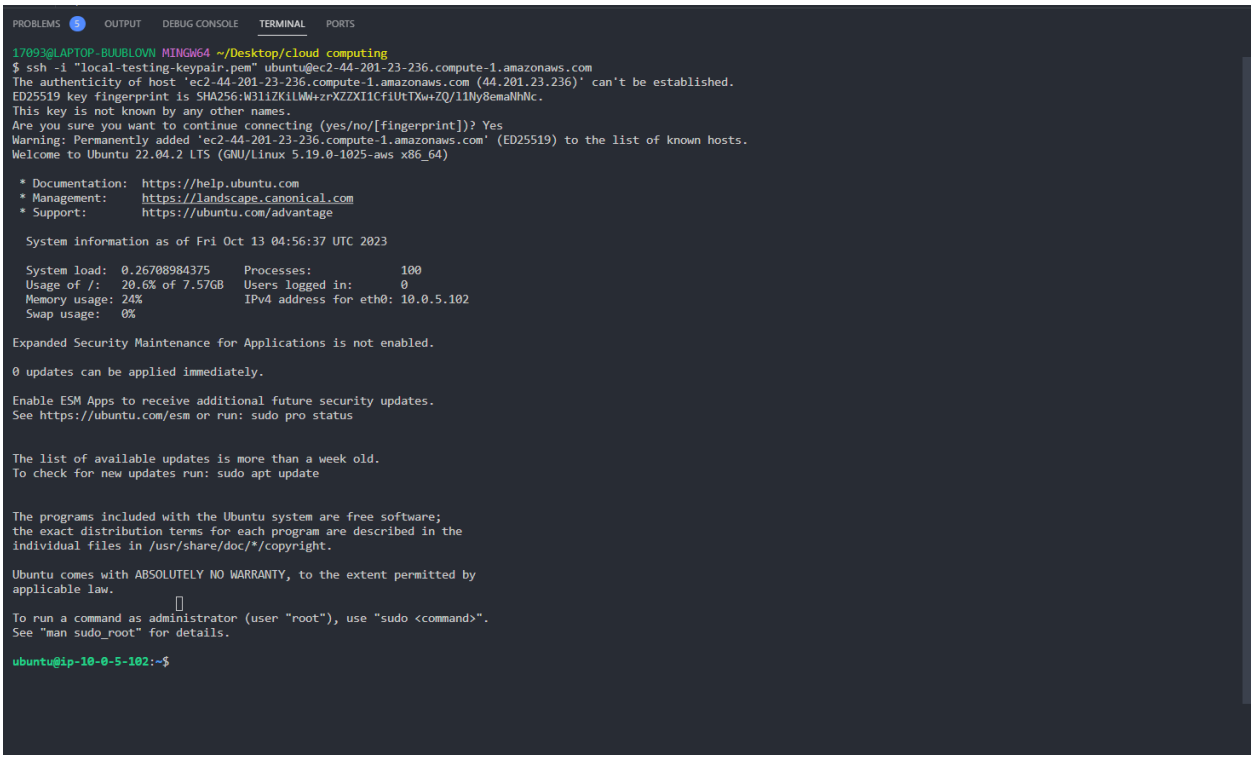


- ## Next, Installing Ansible on Ubuntu

  I referenced the official ansible documentation "Installing Ansible"
  First, I connected to the Ansible-Ubuntu-Controller instance since we will be installing ansible only on the controller.



I close to SSH via the terminal;



Next, I set Hostname of the instance as "Controller" so avoid confusion down the road.

I used the command; sudo hostnamectl set-hostname controller

```
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.

0 updates can be applied immediately.

Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status


The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update


The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ sudo hostnamectl set-hostname controller
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ hostnamectl
 Static hostname: controller
       Icon name: computer-vm
         Chassis: vm
      Machine ID: 15badf6a539548dcb32cb7678fe07ec0
         Boot ID: 563e401826e24384a4d10348a28d5d71
  Virtualization: xen
Operating System: Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS
          Kernel: Linux 5.19.0-1025-aws
    Architecture: x86-64
 Hardware Vendor: Xen
  Hardware Model: HVM domU
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

I then verified if the name was set successfully using the command; hostnamectl

Ansible requires python to work hence, we need to check if python is installed in the instance. **If python is not installed, you need to install it!**

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.10.6
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

We have python 3.10.6 already pre-installed in the instance

Now, we can proceed to install ansible using the following commands from the ansible official documentation.

Installing Ansible on Ubuntu

Ubuntu builds are available in a PPA here.

To configure the PPA on your system and install Ansible run these commands:

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install software-properties-common
$ sudo add-apt-repository --yes --update ppa:ansible/ansible
$ sudo apt install ansible
```

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Get:2 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease [119 kB]
Get:3 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease [109 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [110 kB]
Get:5 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 Packages [14.1 MB]
Get:6 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe Translation-en [5652 kB]
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Fetched 27.7 MB in 5s (5650 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
134 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

Next, we use the following commands; sudo apt install software-properties-common

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ sudo apt install software-properties-common
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  python3-software-properties
The following packages will be upgraded:
  python3-software-properties software-properties-common
2 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 132 not upgraded.
Need to get 42.9 kB of archives.
After this operation, 0 B of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
Get:1 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 software-properties-common all 0.99.22.7 [14.1 kB]
Get:2 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 python3-software-properties all 0.99.22.7 [28.8 kB]
Fetched 42.9 kB in 0s (2041 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 64295 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../software-properties-common_0.99.22.7_all.deb ...
Unpacking software-properties-common (0.99.22.7) over (0.99.22.6) ...
Preparing to unpack .../python3-software-properties_0.99.22.7_all.deb ...
Unpacking python3-software-properties (0.99.22.7) over (0.99.22.6) ...
Setting up python3-software-properties (0.99.22.7) ...
Setting up software-properties-common (0.99.22.7) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
Processing triggers for dbus (1.12.20-2ubuntu4.1) ...
Scanning processes...
Scanning linux images...

Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.

No services need to be restarted.

No containers need to be restarted.

No user sessions are running outdated binaries.

No VM guests are running outdated hypervisor (qemu) binaries on this host.
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

Next, we use the following commands; sudo add-apt-repository --yes --update ppa:ansible/ansible

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ sudo add-apt-repository --yes --update ppa:ansible/ansible
Repository: 'deb https://ppa.launchpadcontent.net/ansible/ansible/ubuntu/ jammy main'
Description:
Ansible is a radically simple IT automation platform that makes your applications and systems easier to deploy. Avoid writing scripts or custom code t
o deploy and update your applications— automate in a language that approaches plain English, using SSH, with no agents to install on remote systems.

http://ansible.com/

If you face any issues while installing Ansible PPA, file an issue here:
https://github.com/ansible-community/ppa/issues
More info: https://launchpad.net/~ansible/+archive/ubuntu/ansible
Adding repository.
Adding deb entry to /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ansible-ubuntu-ansible-jammy.list
Adding disabled deb-src entry to /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ansible-ubuntu-ansible-jammy.list
Adding key to /etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/ansible-ubuntu-ansible.gpg with fingerprint 6125E2A8C77F2818FB7BD15B93C4A3FD7BB9C367
Hit:1 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Hit:2 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease
Hit:3 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease
Hit:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease
Get:5 https://ppa.launchpadcontent.net/ansible/ansible/ubuntu jammy InRelease [18.0 kB]
Get:6 https://ppa.launchpadcontent.net/ansible/ansible/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 Packages [1140 B]
Get:7 https://ppa.launchpadcontent.net/ansible/ansible/ubuntu jammy/main Translation-en [752 B]
Fetched 19.9 kB in 1s (14.2 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

Next, we run the last chain of command in the documentation; sudo apt install ansible

```
Preparing to unpack .../10-python3-requests-ntlm_1.1.0-1.1_all.deb ...
Unpacking python3-requests-ntlm (1.1.0-1.1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-xmltodict.
Preparing to unpack .../11-python3-xmltodict_0.12.0-2_all.deb ...
Unpacking python3-xmltodict (0.12.0-2) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-winrm.
Preparing to unpack .../12-python3-winrm_0.3.0-2_all.deb ...
Unpacking python3-winrm (0.3.0-2) ...
Selecting previously unselected package sshpass.
Preparing to unpack .../13-sshpass_1.09-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking sshpass (1.09-1) ...
Setting up python3-ntlm-auth (1.4.0-1) ...
Setting up python3-resolvelib (0.8.1-1) ...
Setting up python3-kerberos (1.1.14-3.1build5) ...
Setting up sshpass (1.09-1) ...
Setting up python3-xmltodict (0.12.0-2) ...
Setting up python3-packaging (21.3-1) ...##############################################.....................................................]
Setting up python3-jmespath (0.10.0-1) ...
Setting up python3-requests-kerberos (0.12.0-2) ...
Setting up python3-nacl (1.5.0-2) ...
Setting up python3-requests-ntlm (1.1.0-1.1) ...
Setting up ansible-core (2.15.5-1ppa~jammy) ...
Setting up python3-winrm (0.3.0-2) ...
Setting up ansible (8.5.0-1ppa~jammy) ...
Setting up python3-paramiko (2.9.3-0ubuntu1) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
Scanning processes...
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Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.

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ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

Next step is to verify if ansible was successfully installed using the command: ansible –version

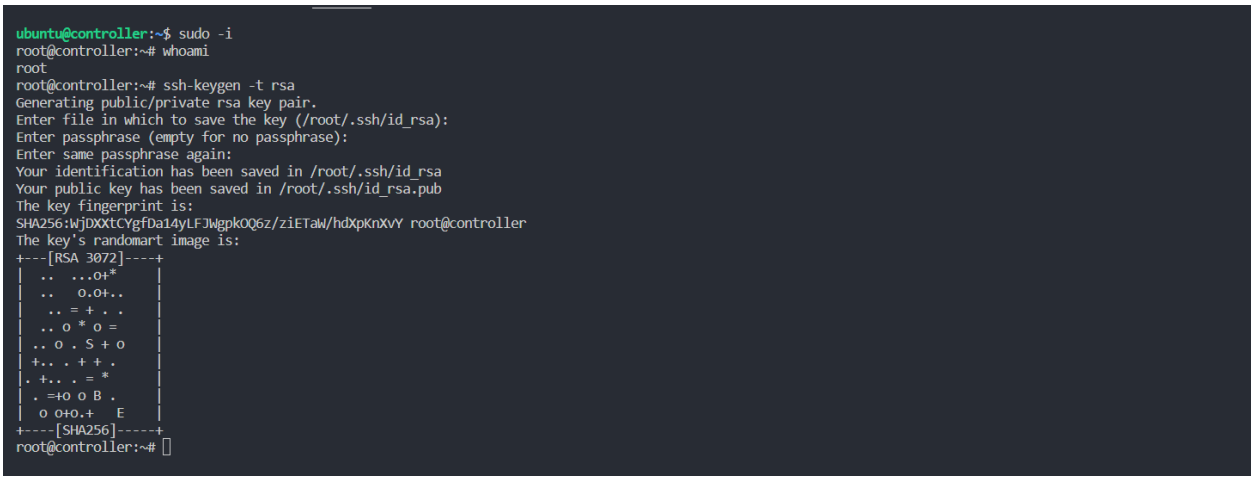
```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$ ansible --version
ansible [core 2.15.5]
  config file = /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = ['/home/ubuntu/.ansible/plugins/modules', '/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/ansible
  ansible collection location = /home/ubuntu/.ansible/collections:/usr/share/ansible/collections
  executable location = /usr/bin/ansible
  python version = 3.10.6 (main, Mar 10 2023, 10:55:28) [GCC 11.3.0] (/usr/bin/python3)
  jinja version = 3.0.3
  libyaml = True
ubuntu@ip-10-0-5-102:~$
```

Ansible [core 2.12.5] was successfully installed! 😊

Since the controller needs to SSH into the clients, we need to generate private keys for the controller and public keys for the clients.

- ## Generating Public and Private keys for the Controller

  To generate the private key for the controller, we need to upgrade to sudo user using the command “sudo -i” then we generate public and private key of type in the controller “rsa” using the command “ssh-keygen -t rsa”



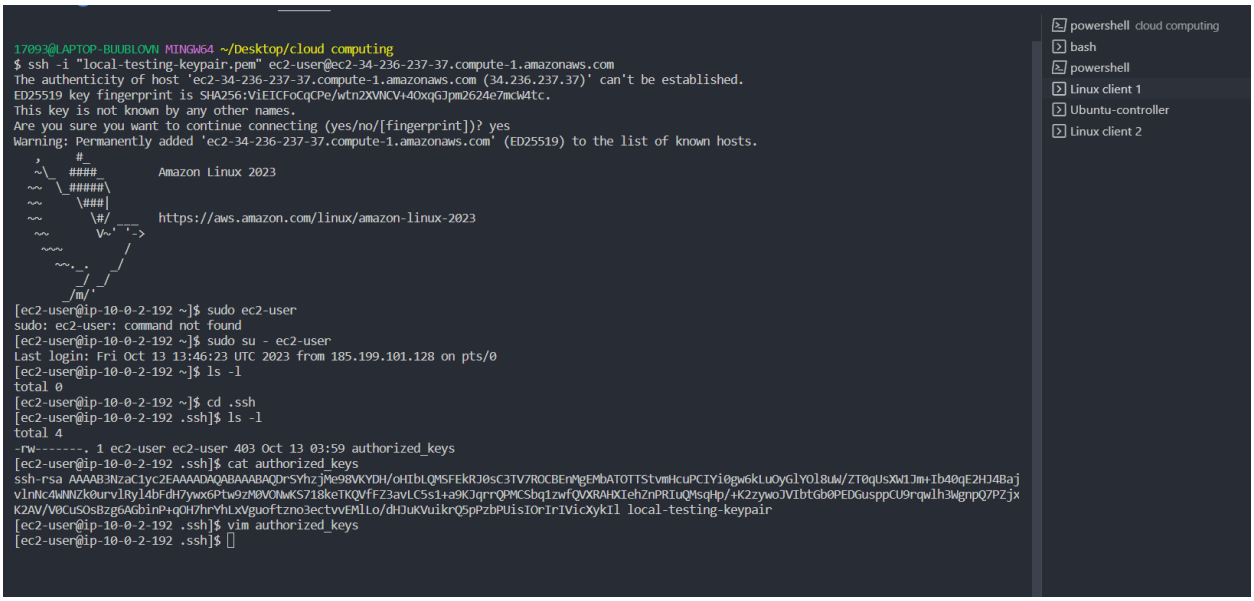
The keys are usually stored in hidden location hence, we need to use “ls -al” to list all directories. Next, we need to cat into id_rsa.pub (public key) and copy it and paste into each of the clients.

NOTE: The Controller Holds Private Key while the Clients Hold Public Keys

- ## Saving the Public keys in each of the clients

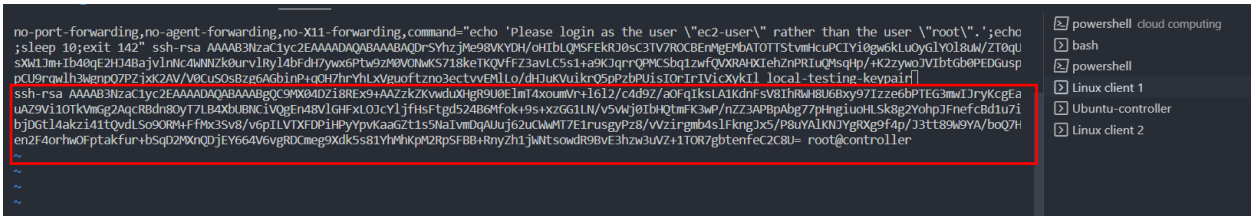
Now, we paste the public keys into each of the clients

- ### Ansible-Amazon-client-1

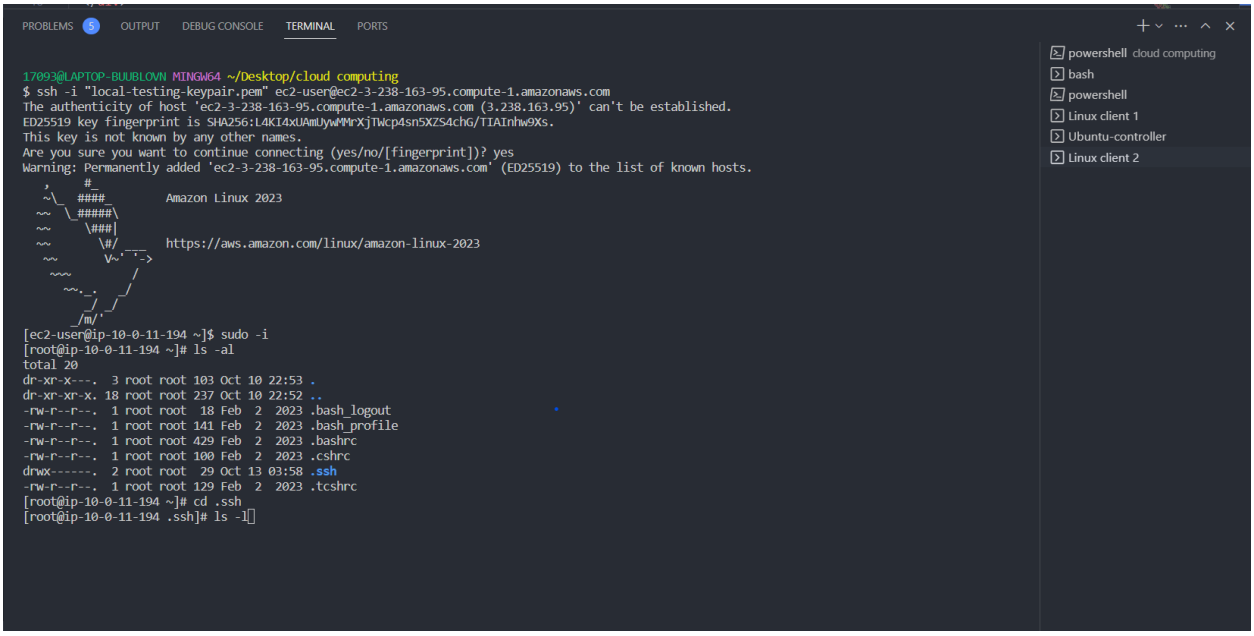


We need to edit the authorized_keys as a sudo user

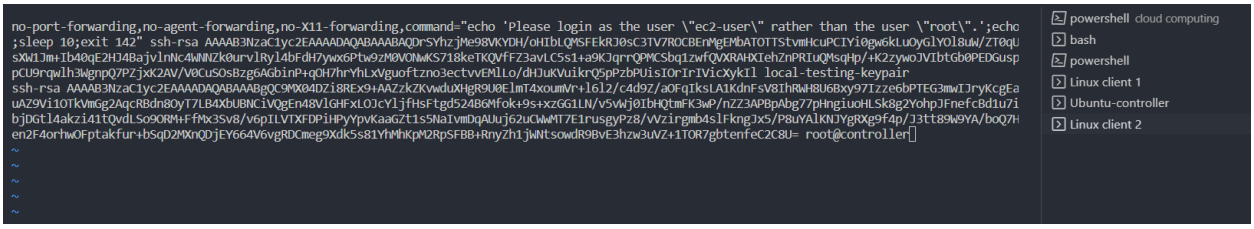
Next, we copy and paste the controller's public key inside the "authorized_keys" file in the client and save.



- **Ansible-Amazon-client-2**

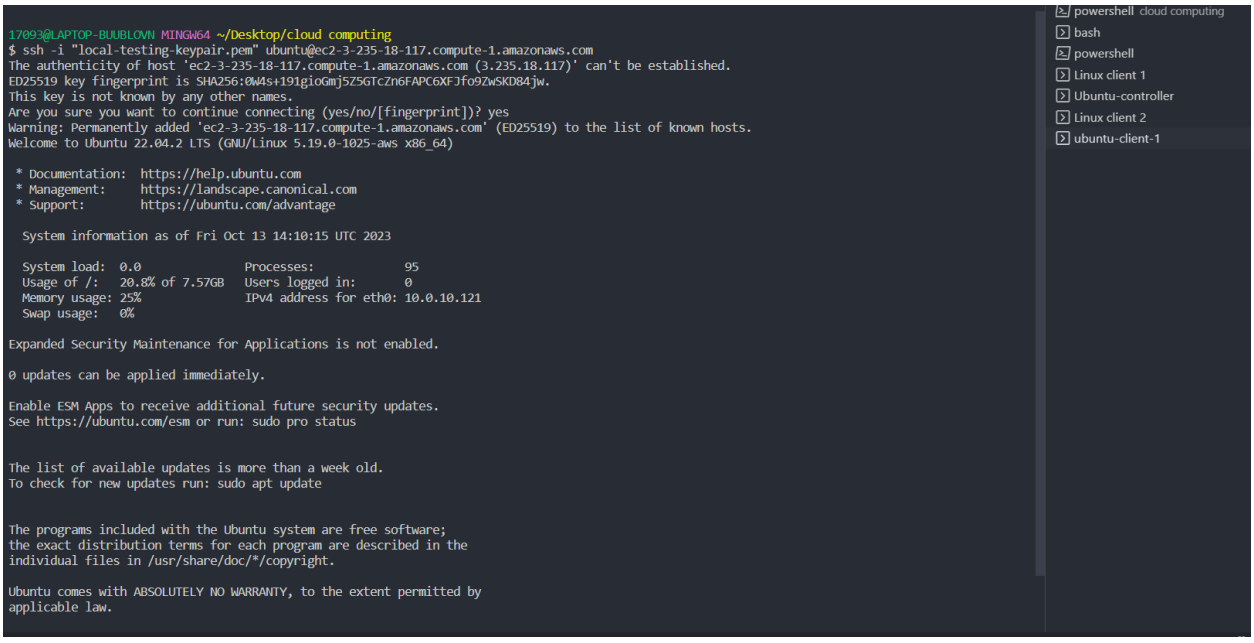


Copy and paste the controller's public key into the client-2



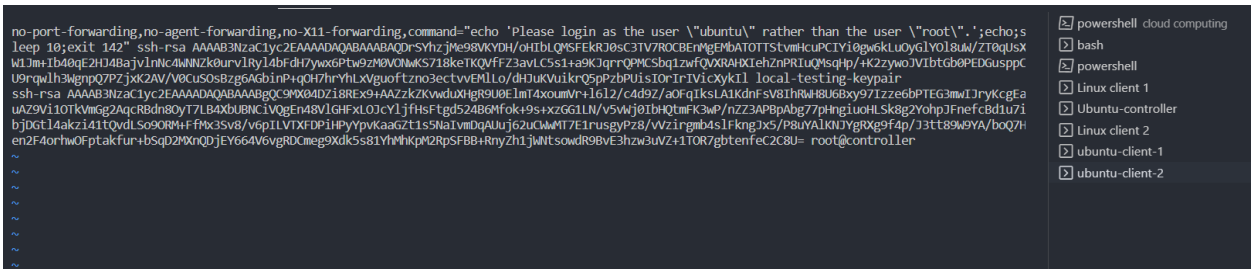
- **Ansible-Ubuntu-client-1**

Do the same for the ubuntu clients



- **Ansible-Ubuntu-client-2**

Do the same thing for the ubuntu-client-2

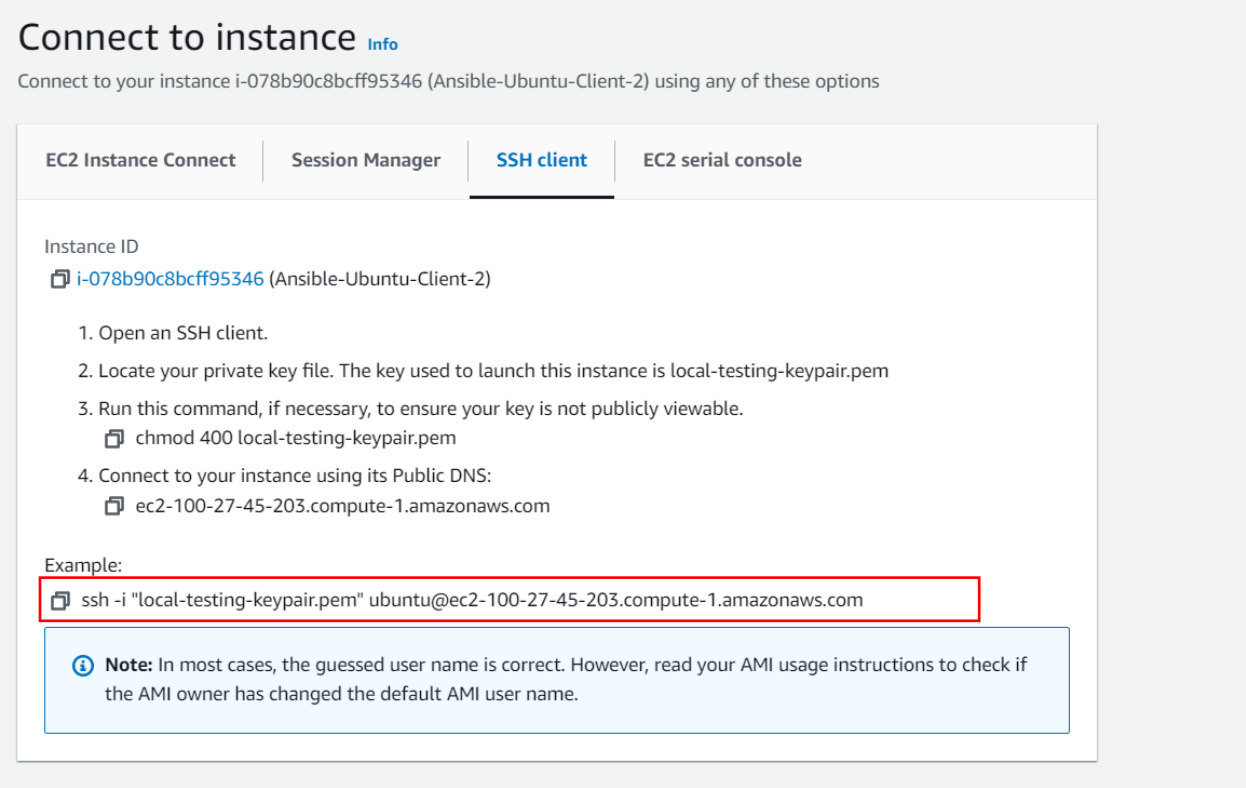


- ## Testing the SSH connectivity

To test the connectivity, we SSH from the controller to each of the clients to be sure that the connection was set up successfully

To do this, there are several ways we can achieve this, we can either use the private IP address of each of the clients or we can just paste in the SSH script from the console.

To test the connectivity to the Ansible-ubuntu-client-2

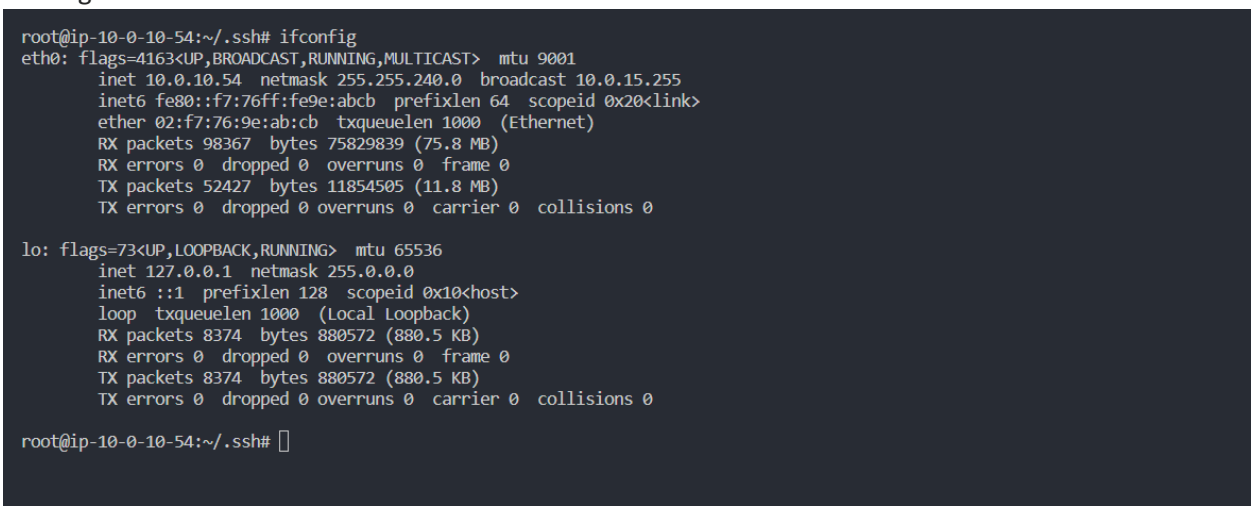


If we want to connect as the root user, we can replace “ubuntu” with root. Hence the command becomes ssh -i “local-testing-keypair.pem” root@ec2-100-27-45-203.compute-1.amazonaws.com”

Just to avoid any confusion when we successfully connect, let’s rename the hostname from “10-0-10-54” to “Ubuntu-client-2” so that when we successfully connect, we can then know that we are connected. To rename the hostname we use the command: “hostnamectl set-hostname ubuntu-client-2”

We have to rename al the clients accordingly.

Next, we check the private ip address of the server so we can ping it after we SSH. We use the command: ifconfig



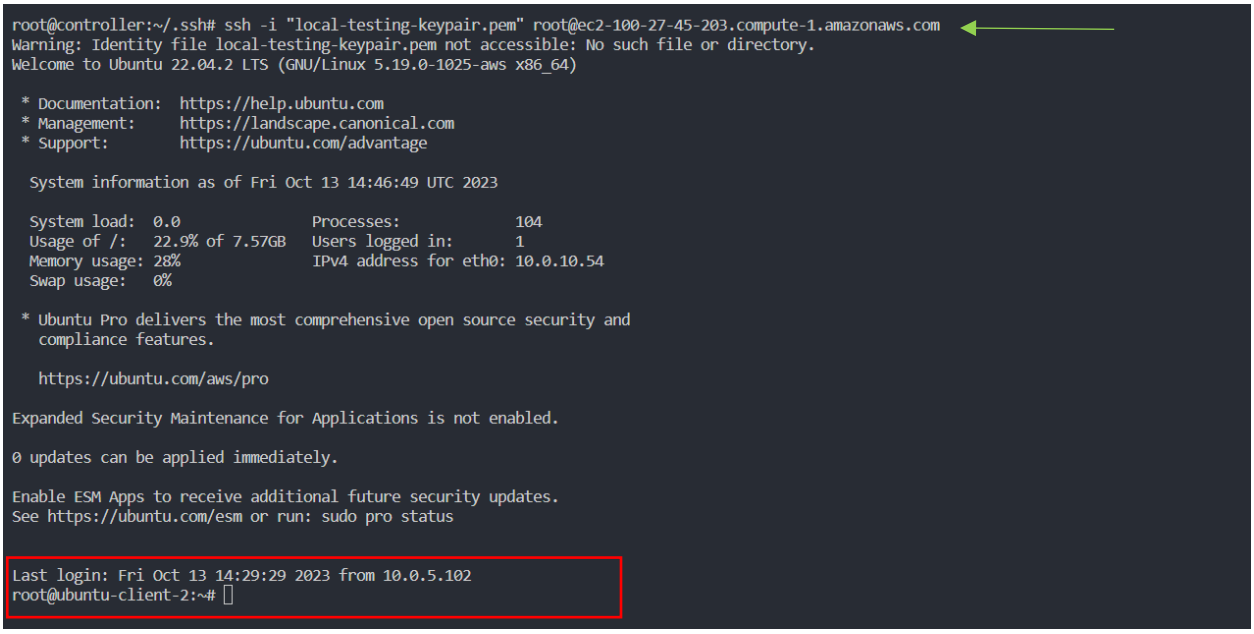
As seen, the ***Private ip is 10.0.10.54***

SSHing into the Ansible-Ubuntu-client-2 from the controller:

Using Method 1:

Using the command below, we can SSH from the controller

ssh -i "local-testing-keypair.pem" root@ec2-100-27-45-203.compute-1.amazonaws.com

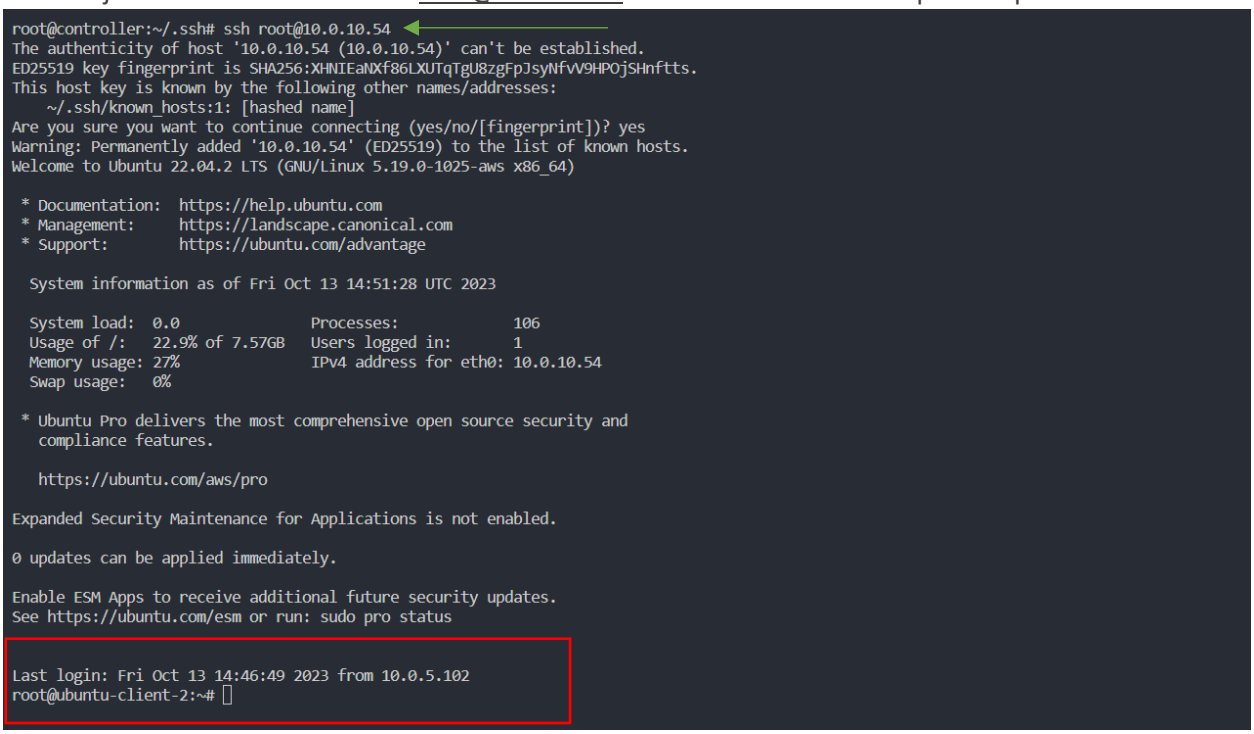


As seen above, we have successfully SSH into the ubuntu-client-2

There is an alternative method to SSH into the ubuntu-client-2

Using Method 2:

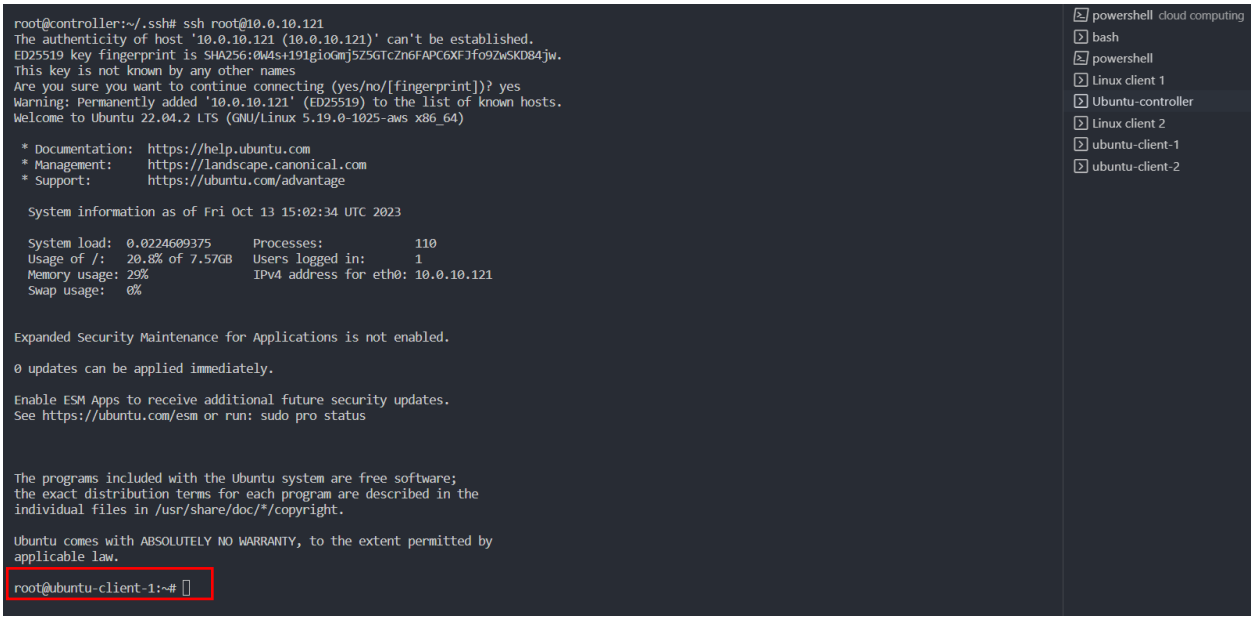
You can just use the command ssh root@10.0.10.54 where 10.0.10.54 is the private ip



Same method applies to the other clients.

Ansible-ubuntu-client-1:

Private ip: 10.0.10.121. SSHing from the controller



Ansible-Linux-client-1:

Private ip: 10.0.2.192

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root@controller:~/.ssh# ssh root@10.0.2.192
The authenticity of host '10.0.2.192 (10.0.2.192)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:ViEICFoCqCPe/wtn2XVNCV+4OxqGJpm2624e7mcW4tc.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.0.2.192' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
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Last login: Fri Oct 13 15:06:09 2023
[root@Linux-client-1 ~]#
```

Ansible-Linux-client-2:

Private ip: 10.0.11.194

```
root@controller:~/.ssh# ssh root@10.0.11.194
The authenticity of host '10.0.11.194 (10.0.11.194)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:L4KI4xUAmUywMMrXjTWcp4sn5XZS4chG/TIAInhw9Xs.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.0.11.194' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
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[root@Linux-client-2 ~]#
```

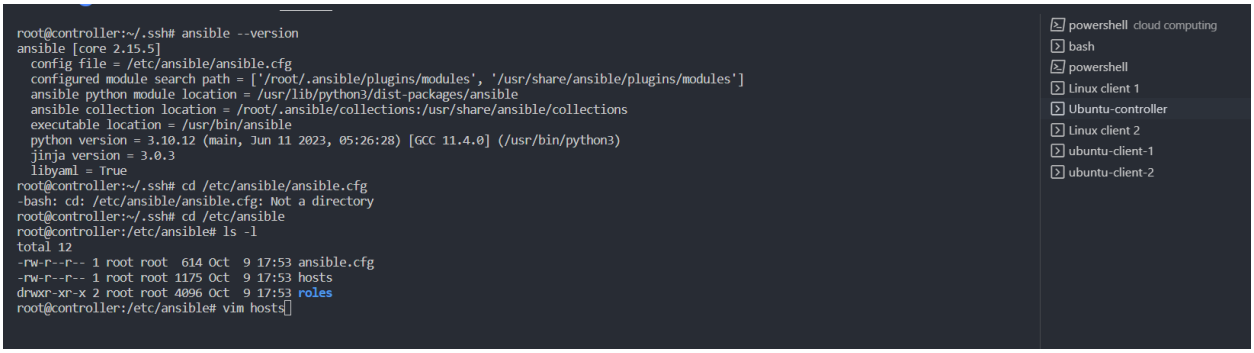
The controller was able to SSH into all the clients successfully! 😊

Summary of all the private ip addresses

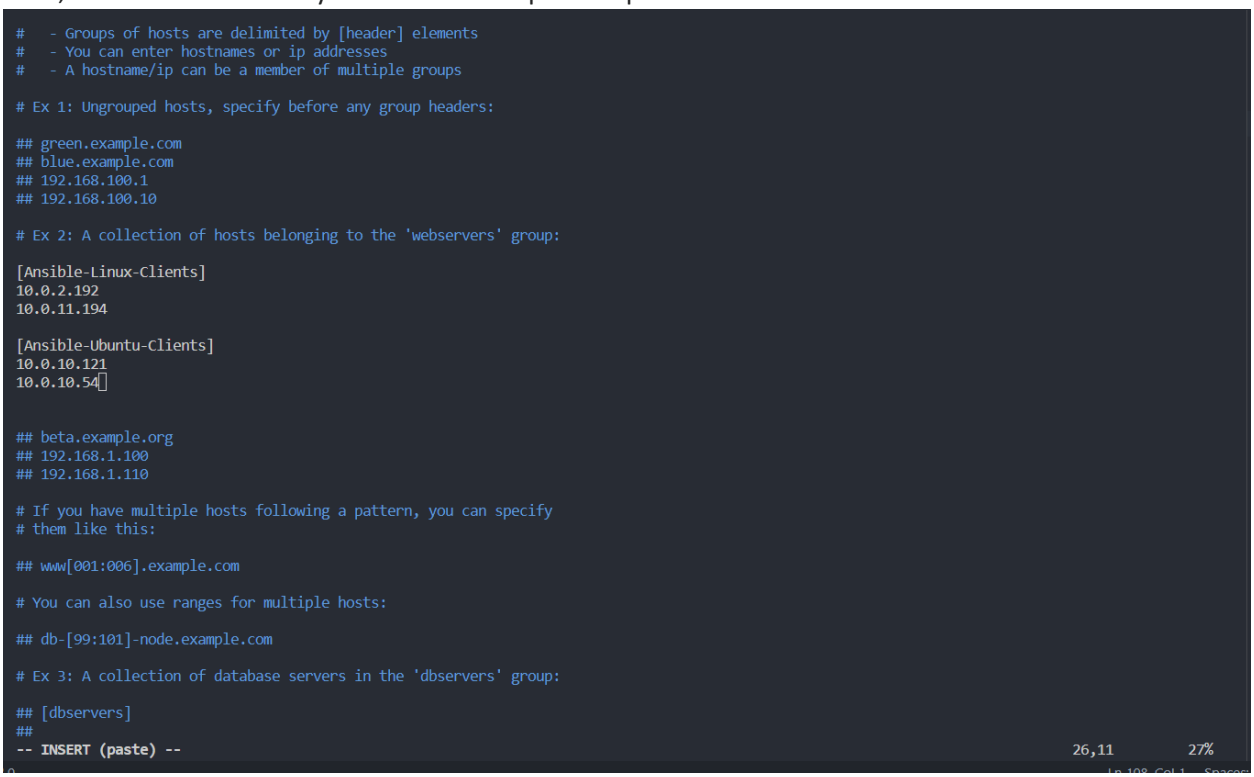
Client	Private ip
Ansible-Linux-client-1	10.0.2.192
Ansible-Linux-client-2	10.0.11.194
Ansible-ubuntu-client-1	10.0.10.121
Ansible-ubuntu-client-2	10.0.10.54

- **Testing if Ansible works between controller and clients using Ping!**

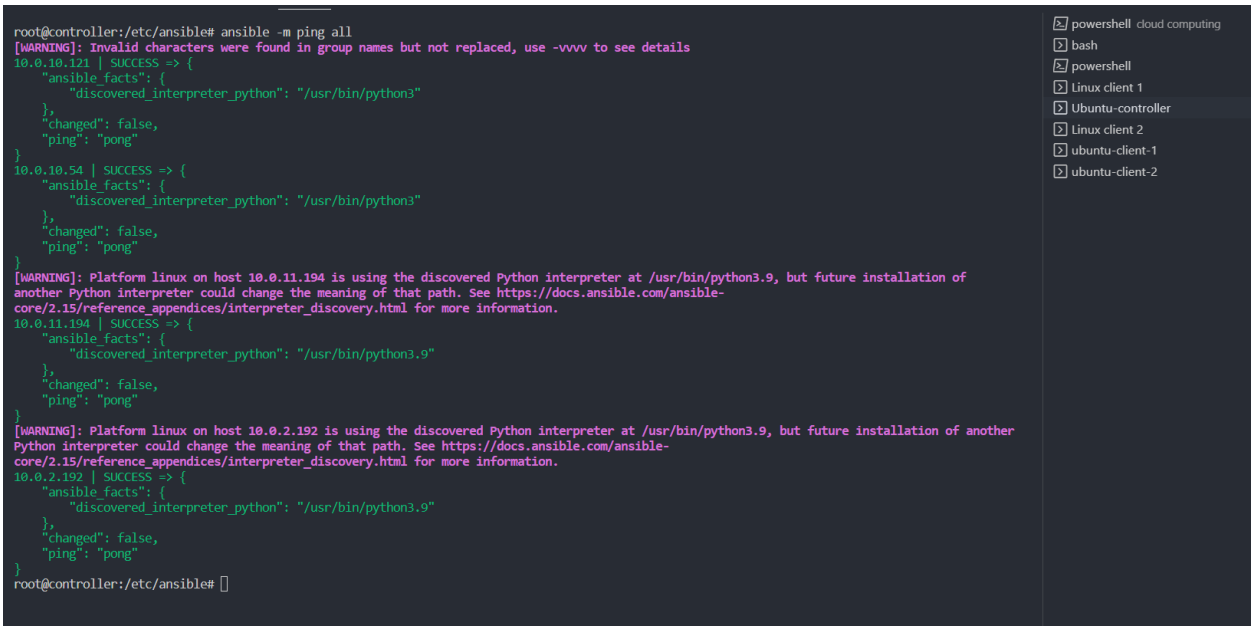
To do this, we need to access the inventory document of the controller and input the private ips of each of the clients.



Now, we edit the inventory file and add the private ips of the clients



Next, we ping from ansible in the controller using the command: **ansible -m ping all**



As seen above, all the clients responded (pong) successfully! 😊