

Virtual Machines

AWS EC2 & RDS

Virtual Machines

What is a Virtual Machine?

- A virtual machine is a machine which appears to be a real one, but in fact is implemented as software.
 - Run any software you want
 - Runs an ordinary OS
 - Mostly, looks like you're on real hardware
 - On a big server, you can run many small VMs

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VMs vs. Containers

- How is a VM different than a container?
 - Simulates a complete machine
 - Runs its own kernel
 - Has virtual CPUs, memory (has complete control)
 - Has (virtual) hard drives, filesystems
 - **Persistent data**
 - Tricky to run one container inside another

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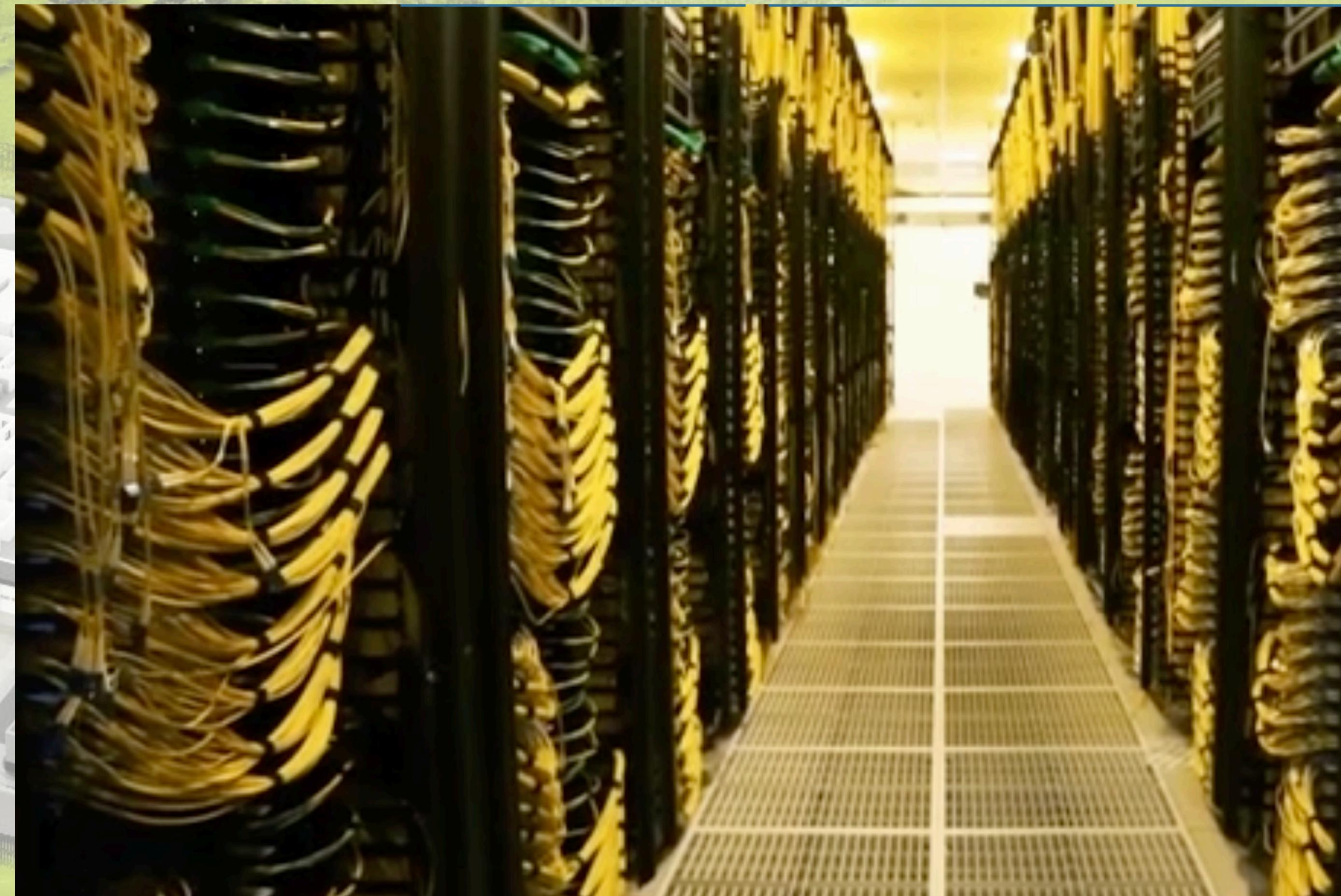
VMs vs. Containers

- Why use VMs?
 - Full control (custom OS, etc.)
 - Need to execute other containers
 - Running 3rd party or vendor software that doesn't support containers
 - Need to save data persistently
 - But beware Single Point of Failure !

Datacenters

What is a Datacenter?

- A datacenter is a physical location with 1000s (sometimes 100,000s) of physical machines.



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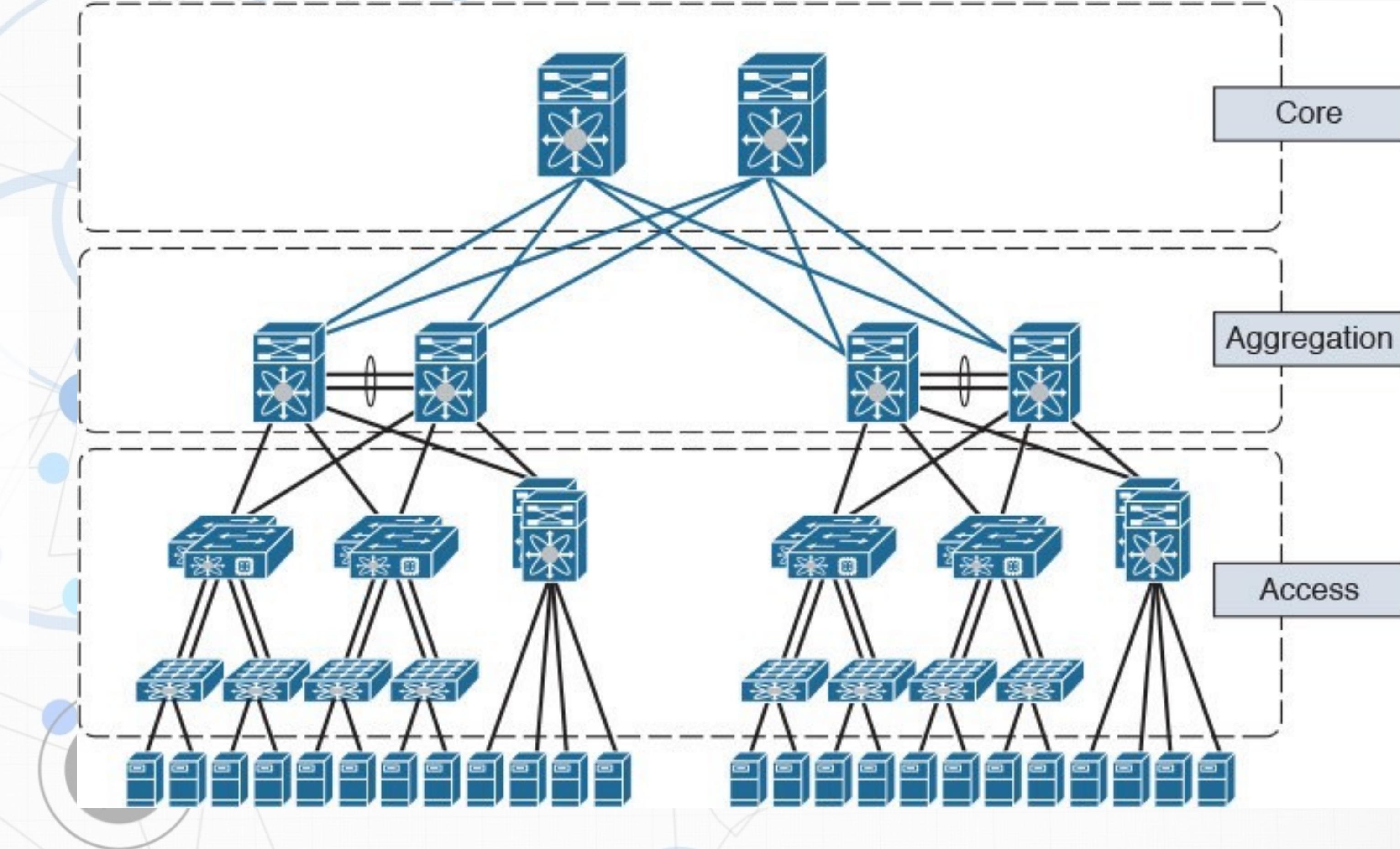
- Many resources are shared
- Power Network A/C
- Massive economies of scale

<https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/data-center/data-centers/>

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VMs vs. Containers

- Datacenters have complex, high performance networks
- Individual servers organized into groups, to provide a variety of services.



Virtual Machines

VMs vs. Containers

- It's easy to allocate a handful of VMs, spread across the datacenter, to implement some new function.
- If the VMs are small, and few, then the cost is *pretty close to zero*.

Cloud Services

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

- **Virtual machines and datacenters** make it cost-effective to create new, small machines.
 - Run as many as you want
 - Prototype on a small machine, move to a large machine later (easily)
 - Bring up new machines in minutes
 - Shut down machines easily (to save cost)

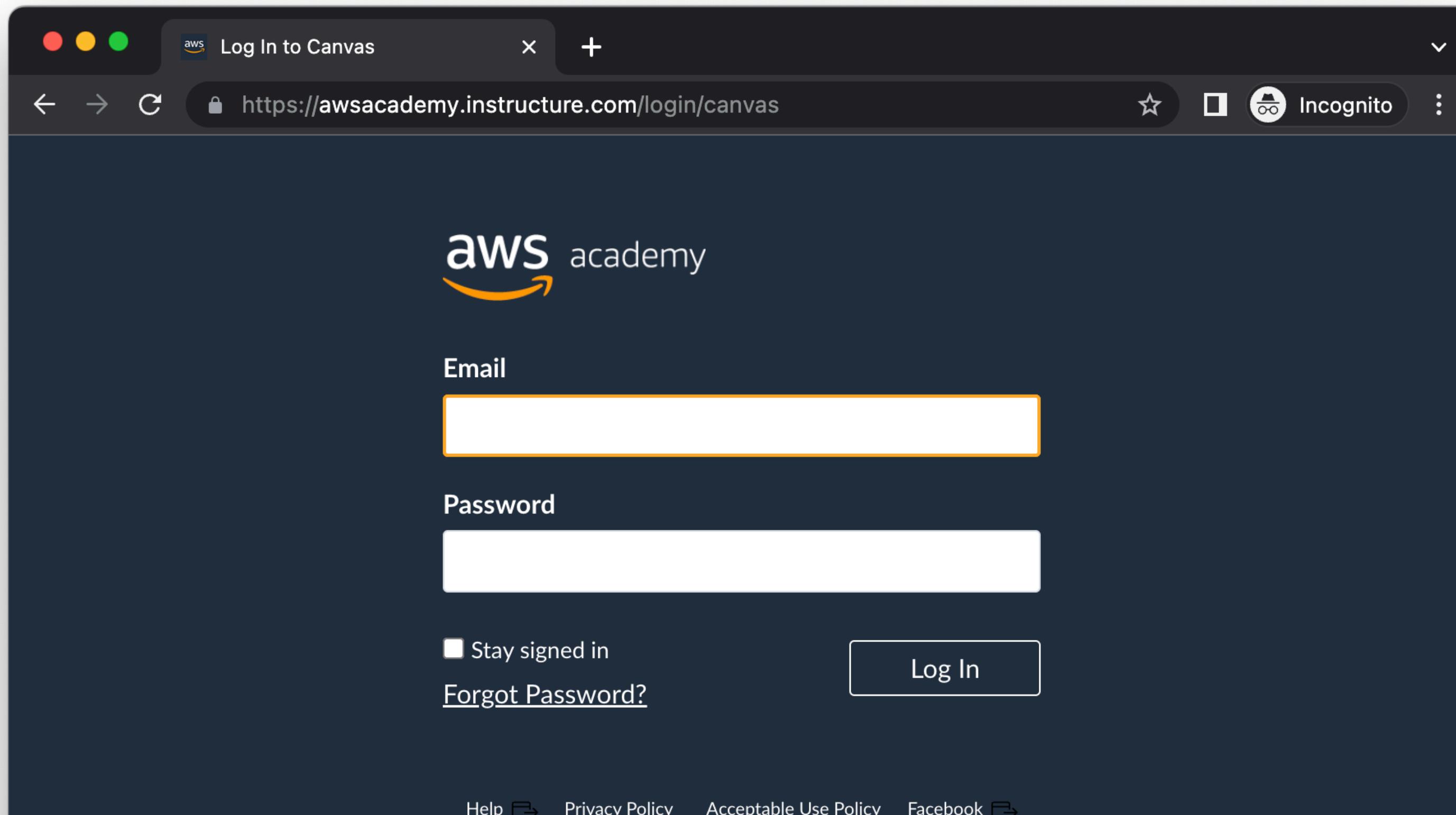
Cloud Services

<THING> as a Service

- **IaaS** (Infrastructure as a Service)
 - They sell you a VM, config as you wish
- **PaaS** (Platform as a Service)
 - They sell you a runtime environment, upload code
- **SaaS** (Software as a Service)
 - They sell you a service, connect to it as needed

AWS Console

- See last week's slides for access to AWS Academy
 - Log in at <https://awsacademy.instructure.com/login/canvas>



AWS EC2

- EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud) is Amazon's IaaS offering
 - Feel free to investigate others on your own time
- Lots of flexibility
 - Multiple CPU architectures
 - Multiple OSes
 - Dozens of different memory/CPU combinations
 - Lots of automation to make it easy to manage

EC2

- Begin by searching for EC2 in the services search bar
- Feel free to star the service to keep it in the AWS favorites bar

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console search results for 'EC2'. The search bar at the top has 'EC2' typed into it. Below the search bar, there's a sidebar with links like 'Services (8)', 'Features (46)', 'Blogs (1,809)', etc. The main content area is titled 'Search results for 'EC2'' and shows four main items:

- EC2** ★ Virtual Servers in the Cloud
- EC2 Image Builder** ★ A managed service to automate build, customize and deploy OS images
- AWS Compute Optimizer** ★ Recommend optimal AWS Compute resources for your workloads
- AWS Firewall Manager** ★ Central management of firewall rules

Below these, there are sections for 'Features' and 'Services' with their respective sub-links.

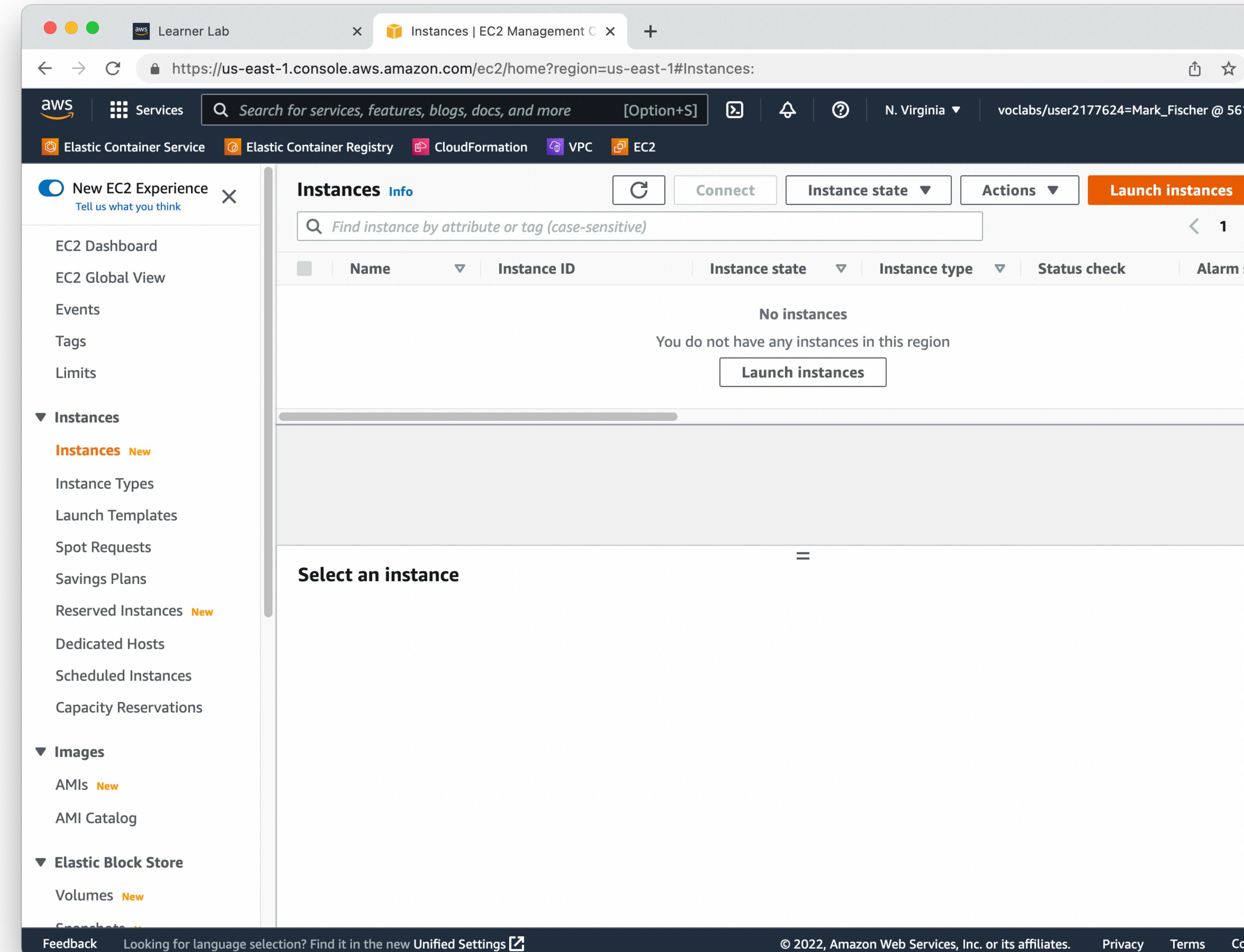
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- From the main EC2 console, click on Instances in the left sidebar

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Management Dashboard. The left sidebar has a 'New EC2 Experience' toggle and several sections: EC2 Dashboard, Instances (with 'Instances New' highlighted), Images, and Elastic Block Store. The main content area displays 'Resources' for the US East (N. Virginia) Region, showing counts for Instances (running), Dedicated Hosts, Elastic IPs, Instances, Key pairs, Load balancers, Placement groups, Security groups, Snapshots, and Volumes. A callout box provides information about launching Microsoft SQL Server Always On availability groups. Below this is a 'Launch instance' section with a 'Launch instance' button and a 'Migrate a server' button. To the right is a 'Service health' section with a 'AWS Health Dashboard' button. The top navigation bar shows the URL as https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#Home:.

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- Starting out you won't have any instances, but if you did, they would show up here
- Running and stopped instances
- Stopped instances don't cost you compute time, but still cost you for the storage
- Click “Launch Instances”



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- We'll pretty much accept the defaults
- Give your instance a Name

The screenshot shows the 'Launch an instance' wizard in the AWS Management Console. The URL in the browser is <https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchInstances:>. The page title is 'Launch an instance | EC2 Mana'. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, a search bar, and links for Elastic Container Service, Elastic Container Registry, CloudFormation, VPC, and EC2. The left sidebar shows the navigation path: EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance. The main content area has two sections: 'Name and tags' and 'Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)'. In the 'Name and tags' section, the 'Name' field contains 'class' and there is a link to 'Add additional tags'. In the 'Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)' section, there is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search our full catalog including 1000s of application and OS images'. Below it, there is a 'Quick Start' section with icons for Amazon Linux, macOS, Ubuntu, Windows, Red Hat, SUSE, and a magnifying glass icon for 'Browse more AMIs'. A note at the bottom right says 'Including AMIs from AWS, Marketplace and'.

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- For the Instance OS, use Amazon Linux 2023, and the 64-bit (x86) architecture
- AWS also supports ARM
 - ARM support is really good, but there are still some rough edges
 - We'll stick with x86 for the class

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 console with the URL <https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchInstance>. The page displays a search bar and a list of quick start AMIs: Amazon Linux, macOS, Ubuntu, Windows, Red Hat, and SUSE Linux. The Amazon Linux 2023 AMI is selected, highlighted with a blue border. The details for this AMI are shown in a box:

- Amazon Linux 2023 AMI**
- ami-0e731c8a588258d0d (64-bit (x86), uefi-preferred) / ami-0bbebc09f0a12d4d9 (64-bit (Arm), uefi)
- Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: true Root device type: ebs

Other tabs for the AMI include "Free tier eligible" and a dropdown menu. Below the AMI details, there are sections for "Description" (Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.3.20240205.2 x86_64 HVM kernel-6.1) and "Architecture" (set to 64-bit (x86)). The "Boot mode" is uefi-preferred, and the "AMI ID" is ami-0e731c8a588258d0d. A green "Verified provider" badge is present. At the bottom, there are links for CloudShell, Feedback, Privacy, Terms, and Cookie preferences.

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- For the Instance Type, change to t3.micro. This will be plenty for our needs, and can be entirely free if configured correctly
- Be sure to choose the **vockey** Key Pair. This will be required to log in to your instance

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 'Launch an instance' wizard. The 'Instance type' section is open, displaying the 't3.micro' option. Below it, detailed information about the instance type is provided, including its family (t3), processor (2 vCPU), memory (1 GiB), current generation status, and On-Demand SUSE, Linux, RHEL, and Windows base pricing. A note states that additional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software. The 'Key pair (login)' section is also open, showing the 'vockey' key pair selected in the dropdown menu. A link to 'Create new key pair' is available. The 'Network settings' section is partially visible at the bottom.

Launch an instance | EC2 | us-east-1

https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchInstance

Services Search [Option+S]

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Instance type [Info](#) | [Get advice](#)

Instance type

t3.micro

Family: t3 2 vCPU 1 GiB Memory Current generation: true
On-Demand SUSE base pricing: 0.0104 USD per Hour
On-Demand Linux base pricing: 0.0104 USD per Hour
On-Demand RHEL base pricing: 0.0704 USD per Hour
On-Demand Windows base pricing: 0.0196 USD per Hour

All generations

Compare instance types

Additional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software

Key pair (login) [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - required

vockey

Create new key pair

Network settings [Info](#)

Edit

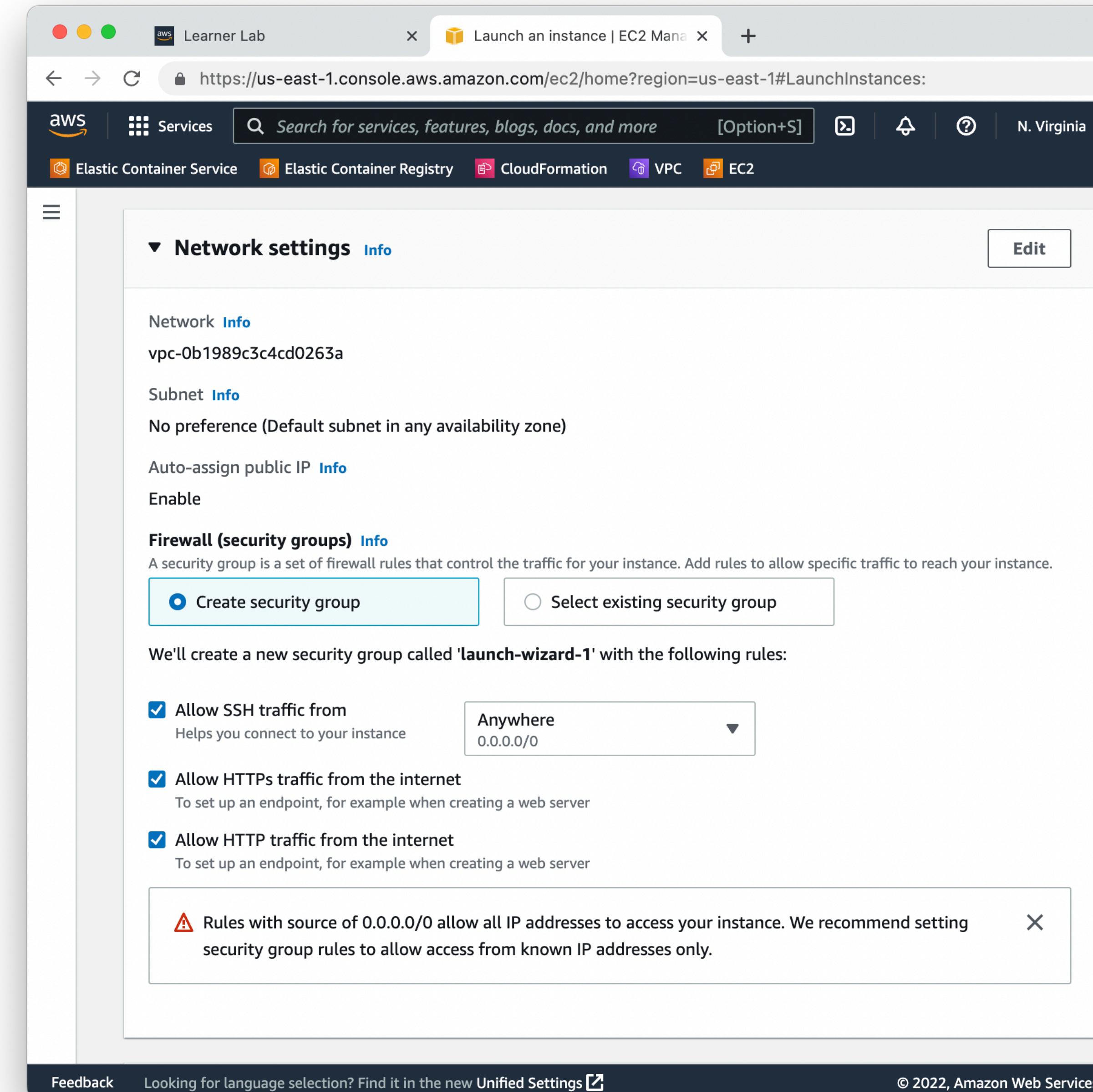
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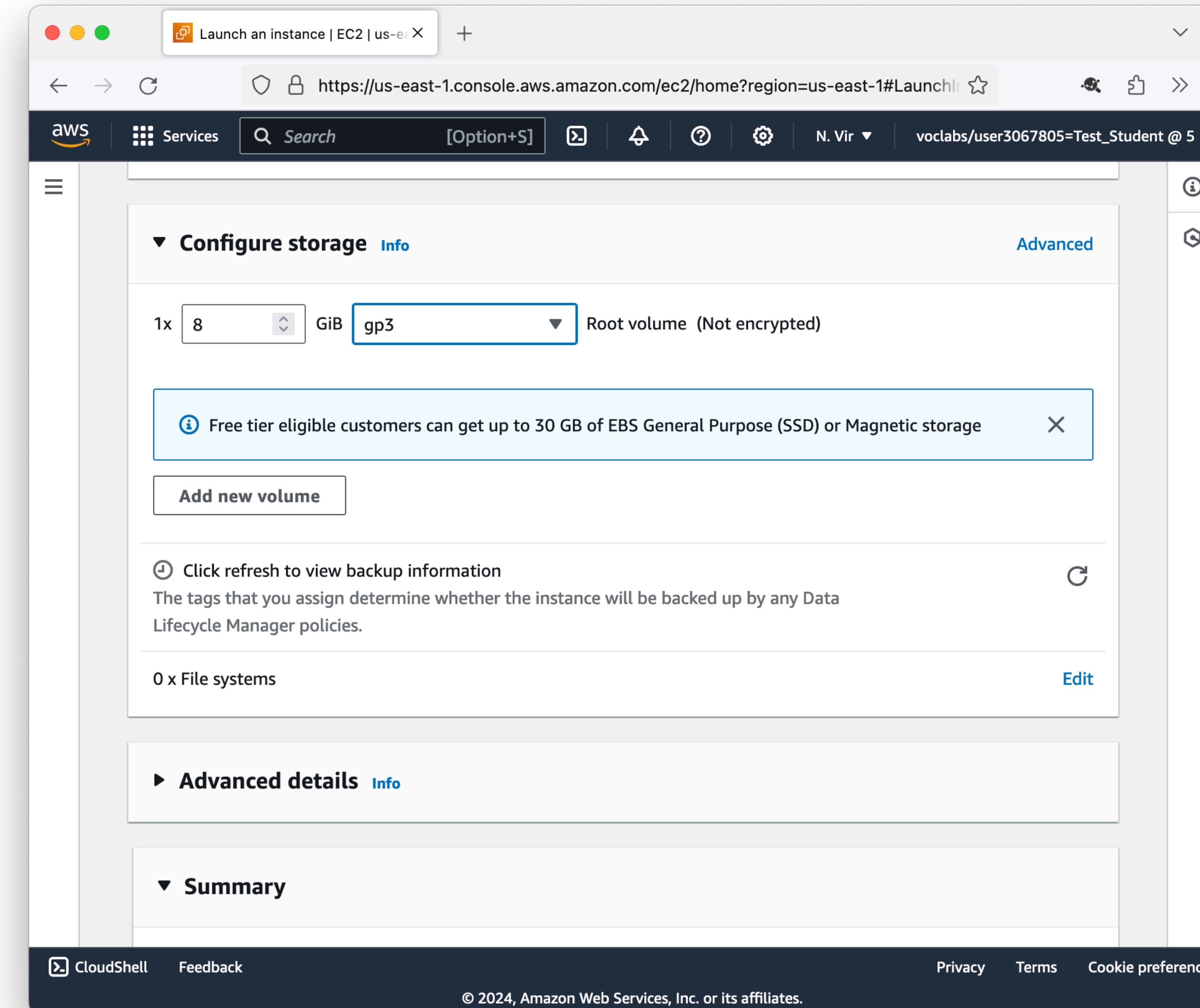
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- In Network settings, create a new security group
- Allow SSH traffic from anywhere
 - Is it a good idea to allow SSH from anywhere? We'll discuss in a bit.
- Also allow HTTP and HTTPS traffic



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- For Storage, the default 8 GiB gp3 volume will be fine for our needs
 - gp3 is AWS General Purpose SSD storage
 - AWS offers many different storage types with better or worse performance and cost characteristics



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- Be sure to just make 1 instance 😜
- Review your settings and then click

Launch instance

The screenshot shows the 'Launch an instance' wizard in the AWS EC2 console. The configuration details are as follows:

- Number of instances:** 1
- Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.3.2... (read more)**
ami-0e731c8a588258d0d
- Virtual server type (instance type):** t3.micro
- Firewall (security group):** New security group
- Storage (volumes):** 1 volume(s) - 8 GiB

A callout box highlights the **Free tier** information:

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 usage on free tier AMIs per month, 30 GiB of EBS storage, 2 million IOs, 1 GB of snapshots, and 100 GB of bandwidth to the internet.

At the bottom right are the **Launch instance** and **Review commands** buttons.

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- You'll see a “Launching instance” progress bar first, followed by a Success page after a short while
- Click the “Instances” link in the breadcrumb trail above the Success banner to go back to the EC2 Instances console

The screenshot shows two views of the AWS EC2 Instances console. The top view is the 'Launch an instance' wizard, showing a blue progress bar at 79% completion with the status 'Launching instance' and 'Launch initiation'. The bottom view shows the 'Success' page after launching an instance. The breadcrumb trail 'EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance' is visible, with 'Instances' highlighted by a blue box. A green success banner states 'Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-0c5bef0b5987695a6)'. Below the banner is a 'Launch log' section and a 'Next Steps' section with links to 'Create billing and free tier usage alerts' and 'Connect to your instance'.

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance

Launching instance
Launch initiation

79%

Details

Launch an instance | EC2 | us-east-1

EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance

Success

Successfully initiated launch of instance (i-0c5bef0b5987695a6)

Launch log

Next Steps

What would you like to do next with this instance, for example...

Create billing and free tier usage alerts

To manage costs and avoid surprise bills, set up email notifications for billing and free tier usage thresholds.

Connect to your instance

Once your instance is running, log into it from your local computer.

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- Your new instance will take just a minute or two to start up
 - You'll see the Instance State as “Pending”, then “Starting Up” and finally “Running”

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Management Console interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Learner Lab' and 'EC2 Management Console'. The main navigation bar includes links for 'Services' (selected), 'Elastic Container Service', 'Elastic Container Registry', 'CloudFormation', 'VPC', and 'EC2'. A search bar at the top right says 'Search for services, features, blogs, docs, and more [Option+S]'. On the left, a sidebar titled 'New EC2 Experience' (with a 'Tell us what you think' link) lists options like 'EC2 Dashboard', 'EC2 Global View', 'Events', 'Tags', 'Limits', and 'Instances'. Under 'Instances', there are links for 'Instances New', 'Instance Types', 'Launch Templates', 'Spot Requests', 'Savings Plans', 'Reserved Instances New', 'Dedicated Hosts', 'Scheduled Instances', and 'Capacity Reservations'. The main content area is titled 'Instances (1)' and shows a table with one row. The table has columns for 'Name' (with a checkbox), 'Instance ID' (containing 'i-04f4330b09125817c'), and 'Instance state' (showing 'Pending'). There is also a 'Connect' button and an 'Info' link. Below the table, a section titled 'Select an instance' is visible.

Name	Instance ID	Instance state
<input type="checkbox"/> class	i-04f4330b09125817c	Pending

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- Always a good idea to wait for the Status Checks to come back as 2/2 checks passed
- Very rarely these checks fail, and your instance ends up in a bad state
- The cloud is not perfect!
- Copy the Public IP

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instances page. On the left, there's a sidebar with links like EC2 Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Console-to-Code (Preview), Instances (with sub-links: Instances, Instance Types, Launch Templates, Spot Requests, Savings Plans, Reserved Instances, Dedicated Hosts, Capacity Reservations), Images (AMIs, AMI Catalog), and Elastic Block Store (Volumes, Snapshots). The main area shows a table of instances. One instance is selected: **test-fischerm** (Instance ID: i-0c5bef0b5987695a6). The instance is **Running** (Status check: 2/2 checks passed). The Details tab is active, showing the Instance summary (Instance ID: i-0c5bef0b5987695a6 (test-fischerm)), IPv6 address (-), Hostname type (IP name: ip-172-31-29-13.ec2.internal), and Private IP DNS name (IPv4 only) (ip-172-31-29-13.ec2.internal). The Public IPv4 address (54.90.108.67) is highlighted with a blue box. Other tabs include Status and alarms (New), Monitoring, Security, Networking, Storage, and Tags.

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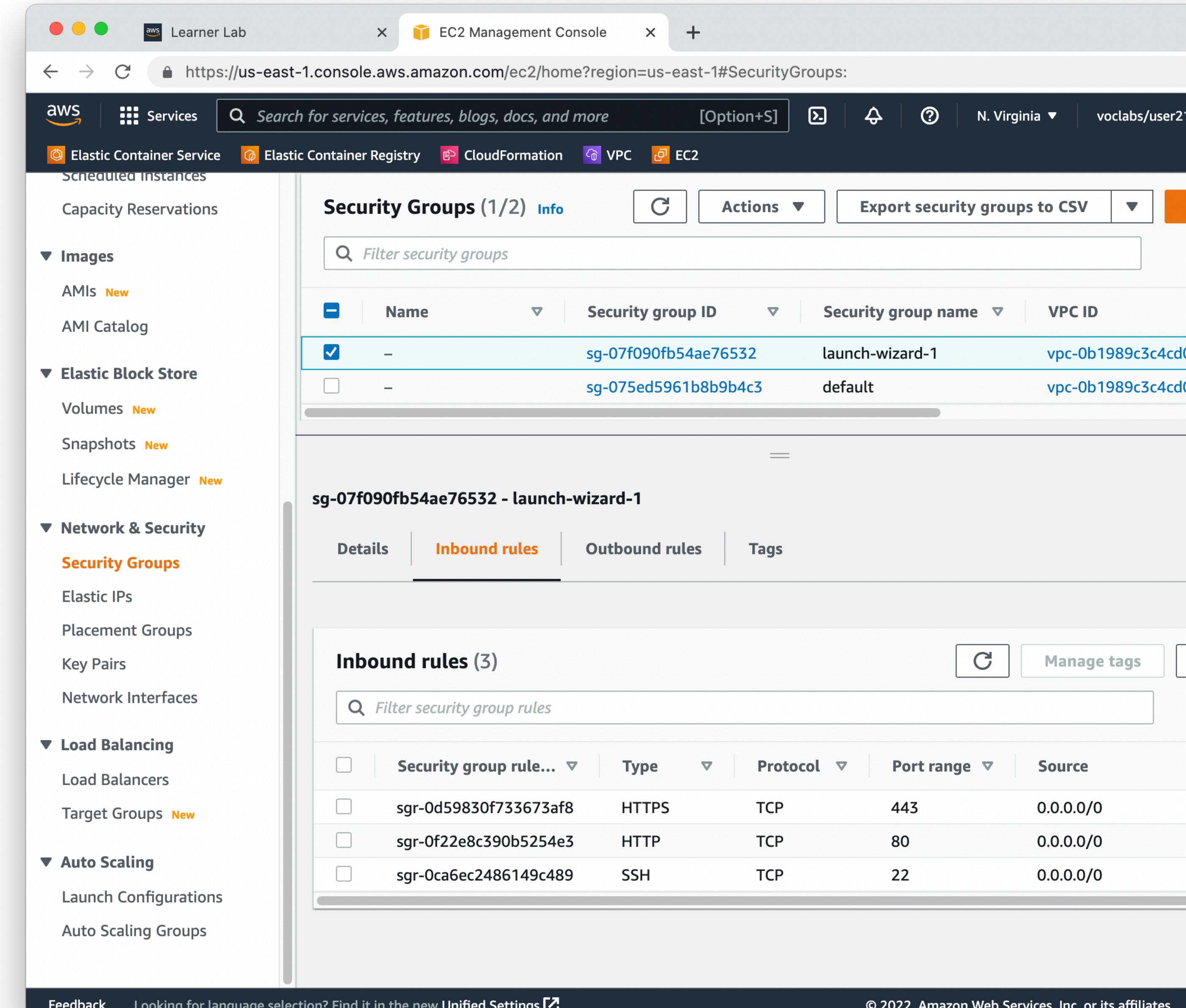
Stop vs. Terminate

- When you **stop** an instance, you take it offline but retain the resources
 - Can **start** it again anytime
 - Warning! You still have to pay for the EBS volume
- When you **terminate** an instance, you destroy everything
 - Danger! Your EBS volume may be destroyed.

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Security Groups

- From the main EC2 Console page, choose Security Groups under Network & Security
- Your EC2 instance has a Public IP address
- When we set up the instance we created a new security group
- This allows incoming traffic on port 22, 80, and 443
- 0.0.0.0/0 means “anywhere”



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Security Groups

- For publicly available services like HTTP and HTTPS, `0.0.0.0/0` is required
- For SSH however, allowing connections from anywhere can be a security risk
- It's an acceptable risk for this class, since instances can only be running for 4 hours at a time
- For production instances, you would want to limit access

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Management Console with the URL `https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#ModifyInboundSecurityGroupRules:securityGroupId=sg-07f09fb54ae76532`. The page is titled "Edit inbound rules" and displays three existing rules:

Security group rule ID	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description - optional
sgr-0d59830f733673af8	HTTPS	TCP	443	Custom	0.0.0.0/0
sgr-0f22e8c390b5254e3	HTTP	TCP	80	Custom	0.0.0.0/0
sgr-0ca6ec2486149c489	SSH	TCP	22	My IP	67.1.27.208/32

A dropdown menu is open next to the "Source" column for the third rule, showing options: My IP, Custom, Anywhere-IPv4, Anywhere-IPv6, and My IP (which is currently selected). At the bottom right of the page are "Cancel" and "Preview changes" buttons.

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Why Security Groups?

- Security Groups are similar to Firewalls
- Good Security Group rules make you vulnerable to fewer attackers
- Principle of least privilege
 - Everything is blocked by default
 - Open up only what you need
- Principle of defense in depth
 - Don't just rely on Security Groups or Firewalls
 - Certificates instead of Passwords, Keep OS patched, etc.

EC2 Security

Connecting with SSH

- AWS EC2 Instances disable Password Authentication by default
 - Require Certificate based authentication
 - Effectively eliminates brute-force attacks
 - Attacker needs to have your certificate private key
 - Could still be vulnerable to bugs in SSH implementation itself
 - Keep your servers patched!
- This, coupled with the AWS Academy Lab limit of 4 hours per session means an acceptably low risk of attack against your VMs.
- Risk is **NOT Zero**. But it is very low, and acceptable.

EC2 Security

Connecting with SSH

- Back in the AWS Academy Lab in Canvas
- Click on AWS Details
- Download the PEM file
 - May need the PPK file if you are using Putty on Windows

The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: "Learner Lab" and "EC2 Management Console". The URL in the address bar is <https://awsacademy.instructure.com/courses/27873/modules/items/2315482>. The main content area displays the "Learner Lab" interface for course ALLv1-27873. The navigation sidebar on the left includes links for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, and Help. The main content area shows a terminal session with the prompt "ddd_v1_w_8id_1461430@runweb63106:~\$". To the right, there is a "Cloud Access" panel with sections for AWS CLI, Cloud Labs, and SSH key/AWS SSO. A blue box highlights the "AWS Details" link in the top right of the panel, and another blue box highlights the "Download PEM" button under the SSH key section.

AWS Details

Used \$0 of \$100

Cloud Access

AWS CLI: Show

Cloud Labs

Remaining session time: 03:50:02(231 minutes)
Session started at: 2022-10-01T20:43:56-0700
Session to end at: 2022-10-02T00:43:56-0700

Accumulated lab time: 08:10:02 (491 minutes)

No running instance

SSH key Show Download PEM Download

AWS SSO Download URL

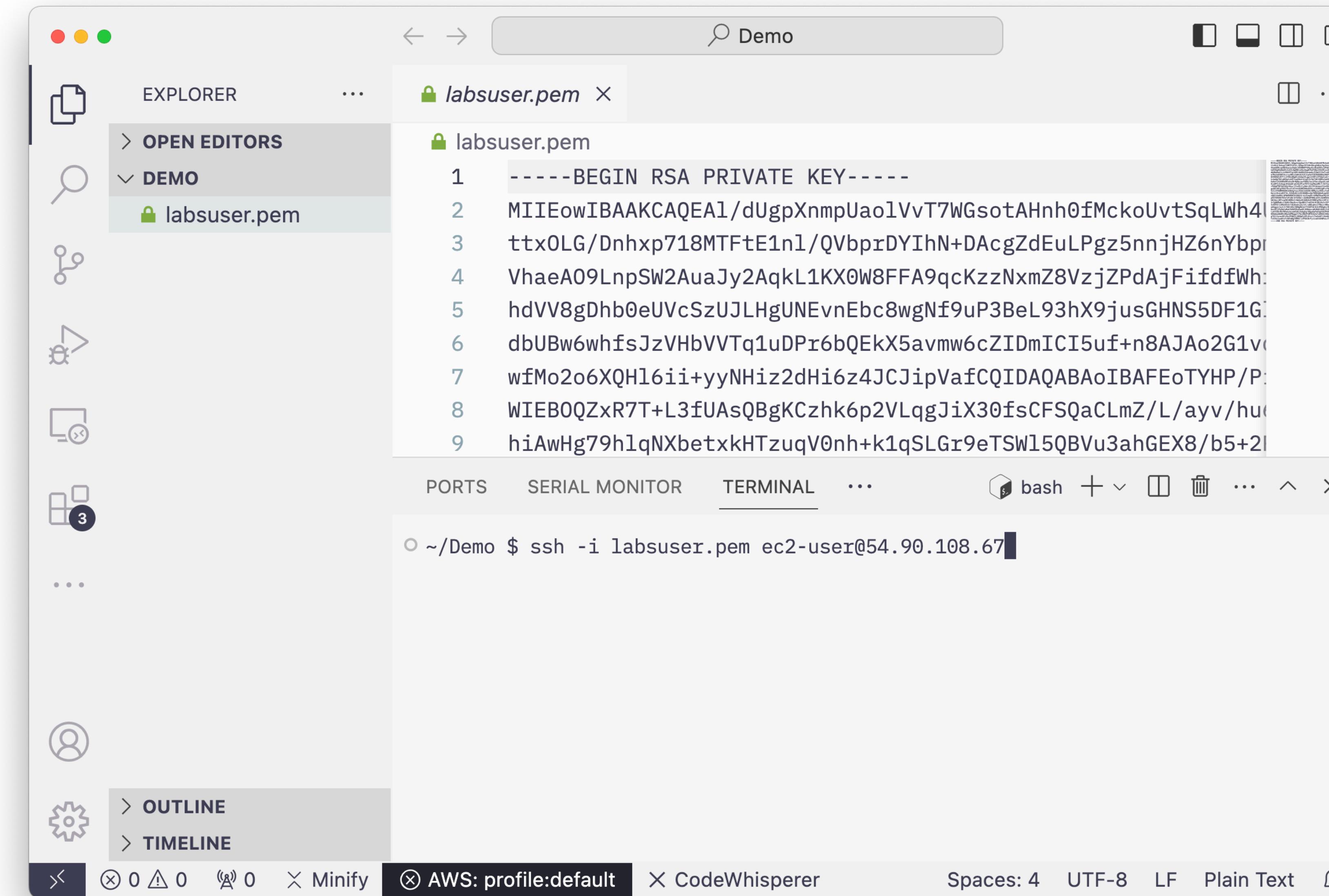
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Region	us-east-1

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Connecting with SSH

- The PEM file you download maybe named **labsuser.pem** like mine, or **vokey.pem** as described in the AWS documentation
- Contents of the key file will look something like this



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Demo". The left sidebar has "EXPLORER" and "OPEN EDITORS" sections, with "DEMO" expanded to show a file named "labsuser.pem". The main area displays the contents of "labsuser.pem" as a long string of characters. Below the terminal are tabs for "PORTS", "SERIAL MONITOR", and "TERMINAL", with "TERMINAL" selected. At the bottom, there's a command line: "bash ~ /Demo \$ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67". The status bar at the bottom shows "AWS: profile:default", "CodeWhisperer", "Spaces: 4", "UTF-8", "LF", and "Plain Text".

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAl/dUgpXnmpUao1VvT7WGso tAHnh0fMckoUvtSqlWh4L  
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hiAwHg79h1qNXbetxkHTzuqV0nh+k1qSLGr9eTSW15QBVu3ahGEX8/b5+2I
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Connecting with SSH

- For macOS and Linux, you can use the built-in ssh client
- Can use either the IP address or hostname of your instance
- Amazon Linux default user is **ec2-user**

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Demo". In the Explorer sidebar, there is a file named "labsuser.pem" under the "DEMO" folder. The main pane displays the contents of this file, which is an RSA private key. Below the file content, the terminal shows the command: `~/Demo $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67`.

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAl/dUgpXnmpUao1VvT7WGso tAHnh0fMckoUvtSqlWh4L  
ttx0LG/Dnhxp718MTFtE1n1/QVbprDYIhN+DAcgZdEuLPgz5nnjHZ6nYbpr  
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hiAwHg79h1qNXbetxkHTzuqV0nh+k1qSLGr9eTSW15QBVu3ahGEX8/b5+2I
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```
ssh -i privatekey.pem ec2-user@[IP ADDRESS]
```

4 UTF-8 LF Plain Text

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Connecting with SSH

- Windows 10 should have the SSH client installed by default.
- If you do need to install it:
 - Open **Settings**, select **Apps**, then select **Optional Features**.
 - Install **OpenSSH Client**

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2 MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAl/dUgpXnmpUao1VvT7WGso tAHnh0fMckoUvtSqlWh4L  
3 ttx0LG/Dnhxp718MTFtE1n1/QVbprDYIhN+DAcgZdEuLPgz5nnjHZ6nYbpr  
4 VhaeA09LnpSW2AuaJy2AqkL1KX0W8FFA9qcKzzNxmZ8VzjZPdAjFifdfWh:  
5 hdVV8gDhb0eUVcSzUJLhgUNEv nEbc8wgNf9uP3BeL93hX9jusGHNS5DF1G:  
6 dbUBw6whfsJzVHbVVTq1uDPr6bQEkX5avmw6cZIDmICI5uf+n8AJAo2G1v:  
7 wfMo2o6XQHl6ii+yyNHiz2dHi6z4JCJipVafCQIDAQABAoIBAFoTYHP/P:  
8 WIEBOQZxR7T+L3fUAsQBgKCzhk6p2VLqgJiX30fsCFSQaCLmZ/L/ayv/hu:  
9 hiAwHg79h1qNXbetxkHTzuqV0nh+k1qSLGr9eTSW15QBVu3ahGEX8/b5+2I
```

EC2 Security

Connecting with SSH

- Gotchas
- First time connection will prompt you to accept the remote host's fingerprint
 - yes

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Demo" with the file "labsuser.pem" open in the editor. The terminal is displaying an SSH session:

```
~/.Demo $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67
The authenticity of host '54.90.108.67 (54.90.108.67)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:9B1kZxPdhQ85IqXjFxydAnbdh13s7C4BAS2facQ2wyU.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
```

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Connecting with SSH

- Gotchas
- The downloaded private key file may have incorrect permissions
- SSH will not allow you to use it until you fix them

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Demo" with the following content:

```
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:9B1kZxPdhQ85IqXjFxydAnbdh13s7C4BAS2facQ2wyU.  
This key is not known by any other names.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '54.90.108.67' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts  
.@@@  
@      WARNING: UNPROTECTED PRIVATE KEY FILE!      @  
@  
Permissions 0644 for 'labsuser.pem' are too open.  
It is required that your private key files are NOT accessible by others.  
This private key will be ignored.  
Load key "labsuser.pem": bad permissions  
ec2-user@54.90.108.67: Permission denied (publickey,gssapi-keyex,gssapi-with-mic).  
~/Demo $
```

The terminal interface includes standard navigation and status bars at the bottom.

EC2 Security

Connecting with SSH

- Gotchas
- Use the chmod command to change permissions on a file
- Private key file must only be readable by the user

```
chmod 600 labsuser.pem
```

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following details:

- EXPLORER:** Shows a folder named "DEMO" containing a file named "labsuser.pem".
- TERMINAL:** The terminal tab is selected.
- Content of "labsuser.pem":**

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAl/dUgpXnmpUao1VvT7WGsotAHnh0fMckoUvtSqlWh4L  
ttx0LG/Dnhxp718MTFtE1n1/QVbprDYIhN+DAcgZdEuLPgz5nnjHZ6nYbpr  
VhaeA09LnpSW2AuaJy2AqkL1KX0W8FFA9qcKzzNxmZ8VzjZPdAjFifdfWh:  
hdVV8gDhb0eUVcSzUJLhgUNEvnEbc8wgNf9uP3BeL93hX9jusGHNS5DF1G:  
dbUBw6whfsJzVHbVVTq1uDPr6bQEkX5avmw6cZIDmICI5uf+n8AJAo2G1v:  
wfMo2o6XQHl6ii+yyNHiz2dHi6z4JCJipVafCQIDAQABoIBAFEoTYHP/P:  
WIEB0QZxR7T+L3fUAsQBgKCzhk6p2VLqgJiX30fsCFSQaCLmZ/L/ayv/hu:  
hiAwHg79h1aNXhetxkHTzuavQnh+k1aSI Gr9eTSW150RVu3ahGFX8/b5+21
```
- SSH Session:**
 - Command: `~/Demo $ chmod 600 labsuser.pem`
 - Session: `~/Demo $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67`
 - Host: `, #_`
 - OS: `~__ #####_ Amazon Linux 2023`
 - URL: `~~ _\#\#\#\#_ https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023`
 - Version: `~~ \#/ ___ V~' '-'>`
 - Filesystem: `~~___ /`
 - File: `~~___. /`
 - Mount: `_/_/ /m/'`
- Bottom Status:**
 - Profile: AWS: profile:default
 - CodeWhisperer
 - Spaces: 4
 - UTF-8
 - LF
 - Plain Text

EC2

Connecting with SSH

- Instance Public IP addresses will change each time you stop and start them
- Need to check each time in the AWS EC2 Console for the current IP

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Management console interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Learner Lab, Instances | EC2 Management, Services (with Elastic Container Service selected), CloudFormation, VPC, and EC2. A search bar at the top right contains the placeholder "Search for services, features, blogs, docs, and more" and a keyboard shortcut "[Option+S]". Below the navigation is a sidebar with links for New EC2 Experience, EC2 Dashboard, EC2 Global View, Events, Tags, Limits, Instances (with sub-links for Instances, Instance Types, Launch Templates, Spot Requests, Savings Plans, Reserved Instances, Dedicated Hosts, Scheduled Instances, Capacity Reservations), and Images (with sub-links for AMIs and AMI Catalog). The main content area displays "Instances (1/1)" with a single entry for "class" (Instance ID: i-03109ea1b9cfce510, State: Running, Type: t2.micro). The "Details" tab is active, showing the Instance summary with fields for Instance ID (i-03109ea1b9cfce510 (class)), Public IPv4 address (100.24.34.89), IPv6 address (empty), Hostname type (IP name: ip-172-31-84-94.ec2.internal), Answer private resource DNS name (IPv4 (A)), and Instance type (t2.micro). The "Public IPv4 address" field is highlighted with a blue border.

EC2

Connecting with SSH

- Since the IP address changes often, you'll have to accept the signature each time this happens
- Welcome to the cloud!

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Demo" with the following content:

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAl/dUgpXnmpUao1VvT7WGsotAHHh0fMckoUvtSqLWh4...
ttxOLG/Dnhxp718MTFtE1nl/QVbprDYIhN+DAcgZdEuLPgz5nnjHZ6nYbp...
VhaeA09LnpSW2AuaJy2AqkL1KX0W8FFA9qcKzzNxmZ8VzjZPdAjFifdfWh...
hdVV8gDhb0eUVcSzUJLhgUNEvnEbc8wgNf9uP3BeL93hX9jusGHNS5DF1G...
dbUBw6whfsJzVHbVVTq1uDPr6bQEkX5avmw6cZIDmICI5uf+n8AJAo2G1v...
wfMo2o6XQHl6ii+yyNHiz2dHi6z4JCJipVafCQIDAQABoIBAFEoTYHP/P...
WIEBOQZxR7T+L3fUAsQBgKCzhk6p2VLqgJiX30fsCFSQaCLmZ/L/ayv/hu...
hiAwHg79h1aNYhetv1HTzuqVQph+k1asI.GraOTS150RVU3abGEY8/b5+21

PORTS SERIAL MONITOR TERMINAL ...
ssh + × ... ^
```

The terminal is displaying an SSH session output:

```
~/.ssh $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67
The authenticity of host '54.90.108.67 (54.90.108.67)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:9B1kZxPdhQ85IqXjFxydAnbdh13s7C4BAS2facQ2wy
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
```

Server Best Practices

Stay Up To Date

- Part of the defense in depth principle
- Automation this for production. It's up to you for your development environments.
- During any new development session, you should first update software:

```
sudo yum update
```

- On a brand new instance, there likely won't be anything to update. There will as this instance gets used longer.
- If this updates the “kernel” package, you'll need to reboot to run the new kernel.

Server Best Practices

Debian vs RedHat Derivatives

- Your containers have been based off of Ubuntu, which is based on Debian Linux
- AWS maintains their own distribution, Amazon Linux, which is a derivative of CentOS, which is a derivative of RedHat Linux
- Good idea to be comfortable with both major linux flavors
- Mostly, your experience will be the same, but a few changes

Server Best Practices

Installing Packages

- Use **yum** instead of **apt-get** to install
 - Some package names different
 - Some default config changed
 - Let's install Docker
 - Can run Debian based containers on RedHat derivatives just fine
 - It's still the same Linux Kernel

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-84-94 ~]$ sudo yum install docker
Loaded plugins: extras_suggestions, langpacks, priorities,
amzn2-core
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
---> Package docker.x86_64 0:20.10.17-1.amzn2 will be installed
--> Processing Dependency: runc >= 1.0.0 for package: docker
--> Processing Dependency: libcgrou...
--> Processing Dependency: containerd >= 1.3.2 for package: docker
--> Processing Dependency: pigz for package: docker-20.10...
--> Running transaction check
---> Package containerd.x86_64 0:1.6.6-1.amzn2 will be installed
---> Package libcgrou...
---> Package pigz.x86_64 0:2.3.4-1.amzn2.0.1 will be installed
---> Package runc.x86_64 0:1.1.3-1.amzn2 will be installed
--> Finished Dependency Resolution

Dependencies Resolved

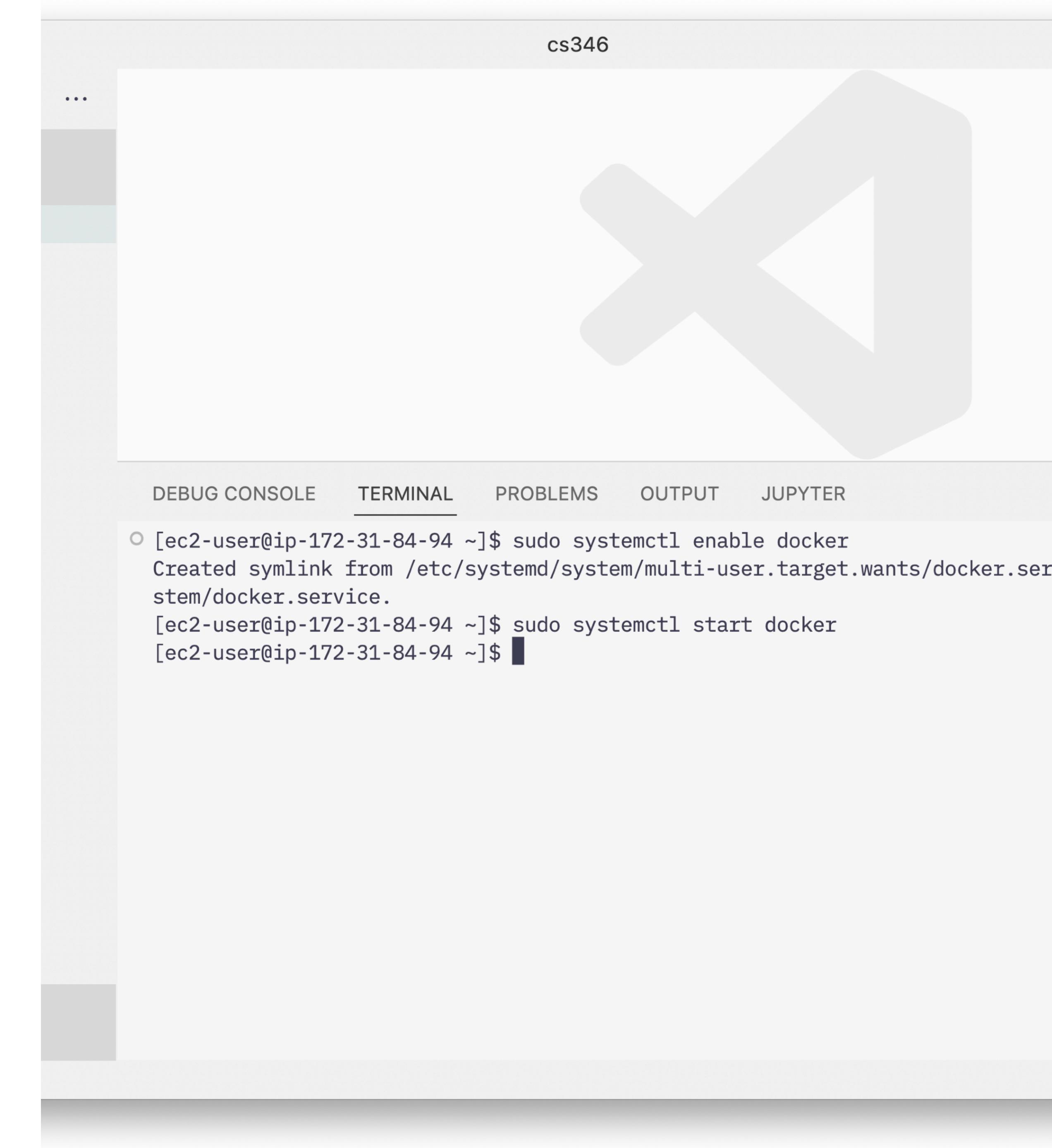
=====
Package           Arch            Version
=====
Installing:
  docker          x86_64         20.10.17-1.amzn2
Installing for dependencies:
  containerd      x86_64         1.6.6-1.amzn2
  libcgrou...
  pigz            x86_64         2.3.4-1.amzn2.0.1
  runc            x86_64         1.1.3-1.amzn2

Transaction Summary
=====
Install 1 Package (+4 Dependent packages)
```

Server Best Practices

Starting Services

- Amazon Linux uses **systemctl** to start and stop services like docker
- **enable** tells **systemctl** to start this service when the server starts
- **start** is needed to start the service now



A screenshot of a terminal window from a code editor interface. The window has tabs at the top: DEBUG CONSOLE, TERMINAL (which is underlined), PROBLEMS, OUTPUT, and JUPYTER. The terminal content shows the following command sequence:

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-84-94 ~]$ sudo systemctl enable docker
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/docker.service.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-84-94 ~]$ sudo systemctl start docker
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-84-94 ~]$ █
```

The terminal window has a large gray 'X' mark in the upper right corner.

Server Best Practices

What's with all the sudo?

- Containers (typically) only have one user: **root**
- VMs support multiple users, you don't have **root** access by default
- **sudo** required for many operations - “superuser do”
- **chown** useful - “change owner”
 - Change owner from **root** to **ec2-user**, for often-modified files, directories

```
sudo chown ec2-user:ec2-user FILE
```

Containers vs. VMs

- VMs are persistent, won't lose data!
 - Don't have to re-upload config
 - Don't have to re-install software
 - But hard to "experiment and then undo"
- EC2 VMs have public IP addresses
 - You can now run a webserver with a public IP!
 - But the lab will shut down your instances after 4 hours
 - Normal EC2 instances stay on forever (if you want)