

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

Virtual Machines

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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VMs vs. Containers

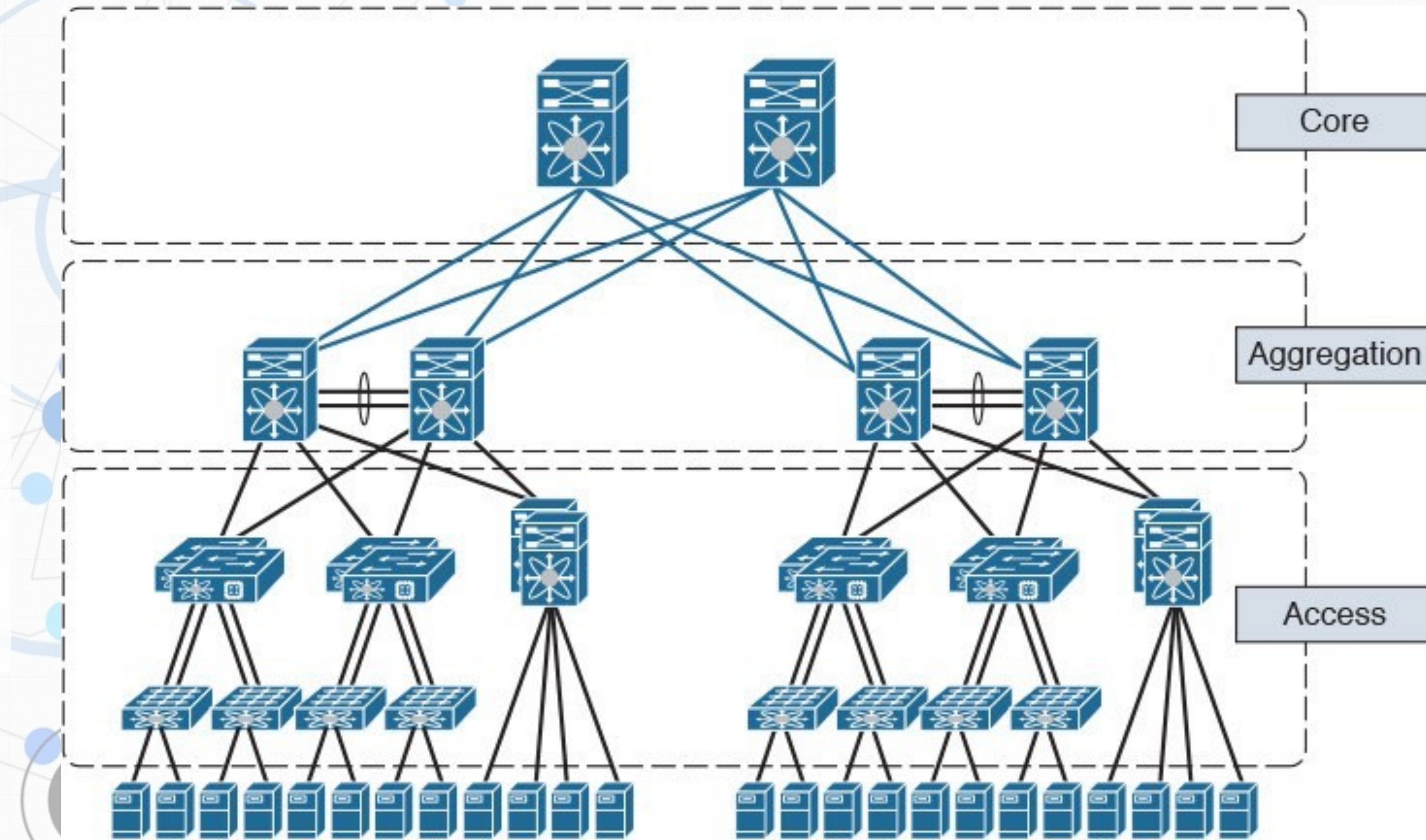
- Many resources are shared
- Power Network A/C
- Massive economies of scale

<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)

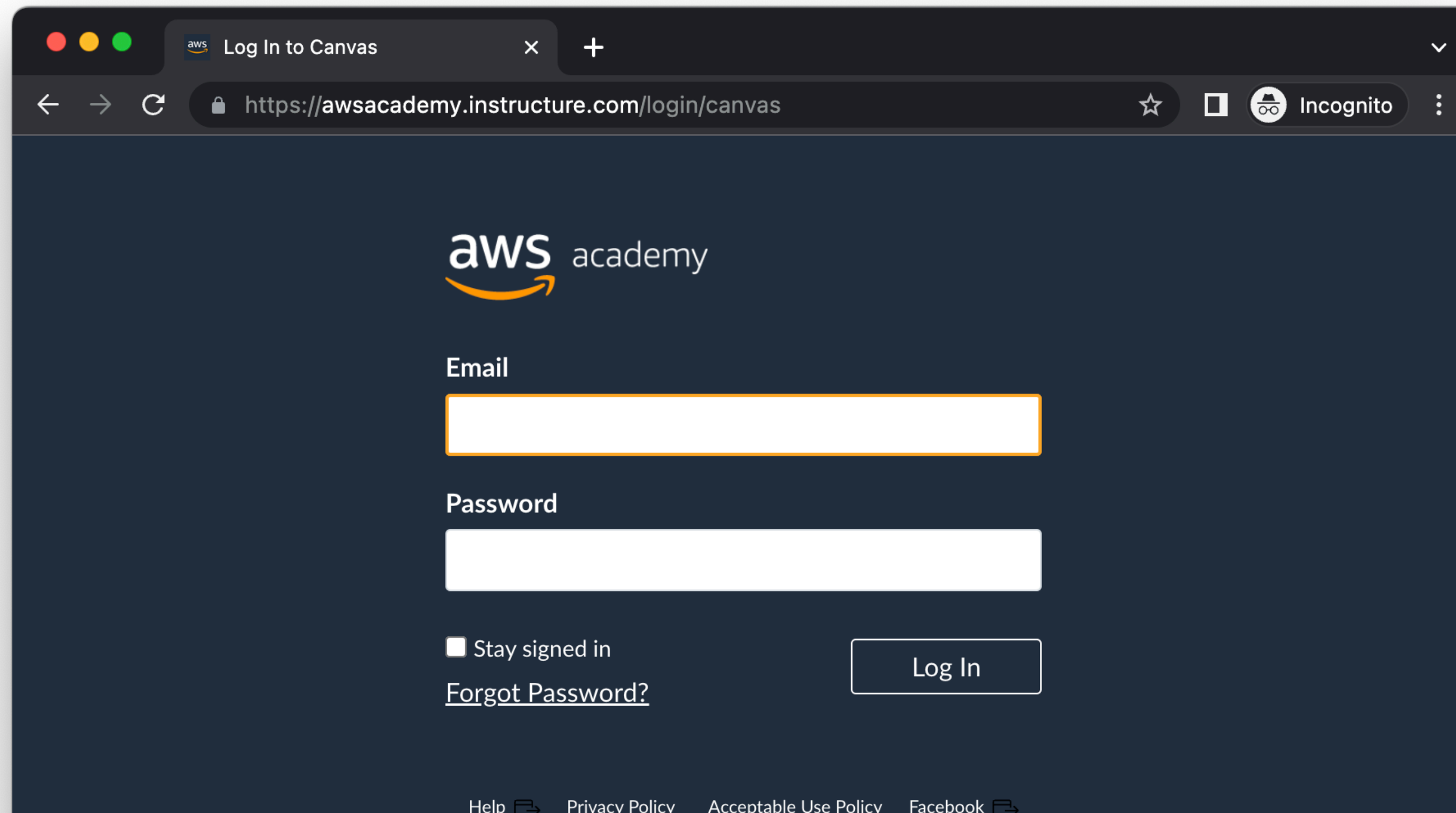
Cloud Services

<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>

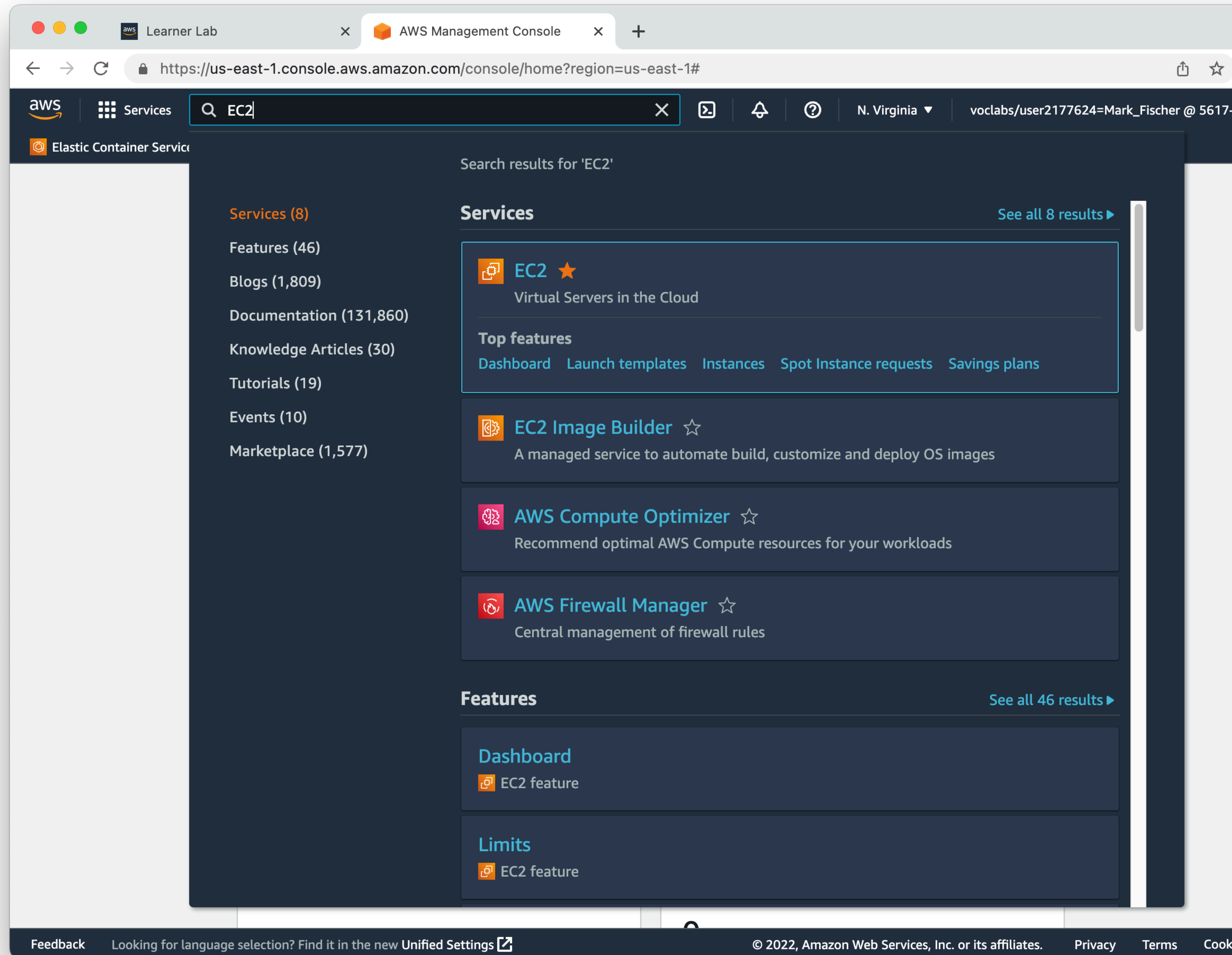


AWS EC2

- 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

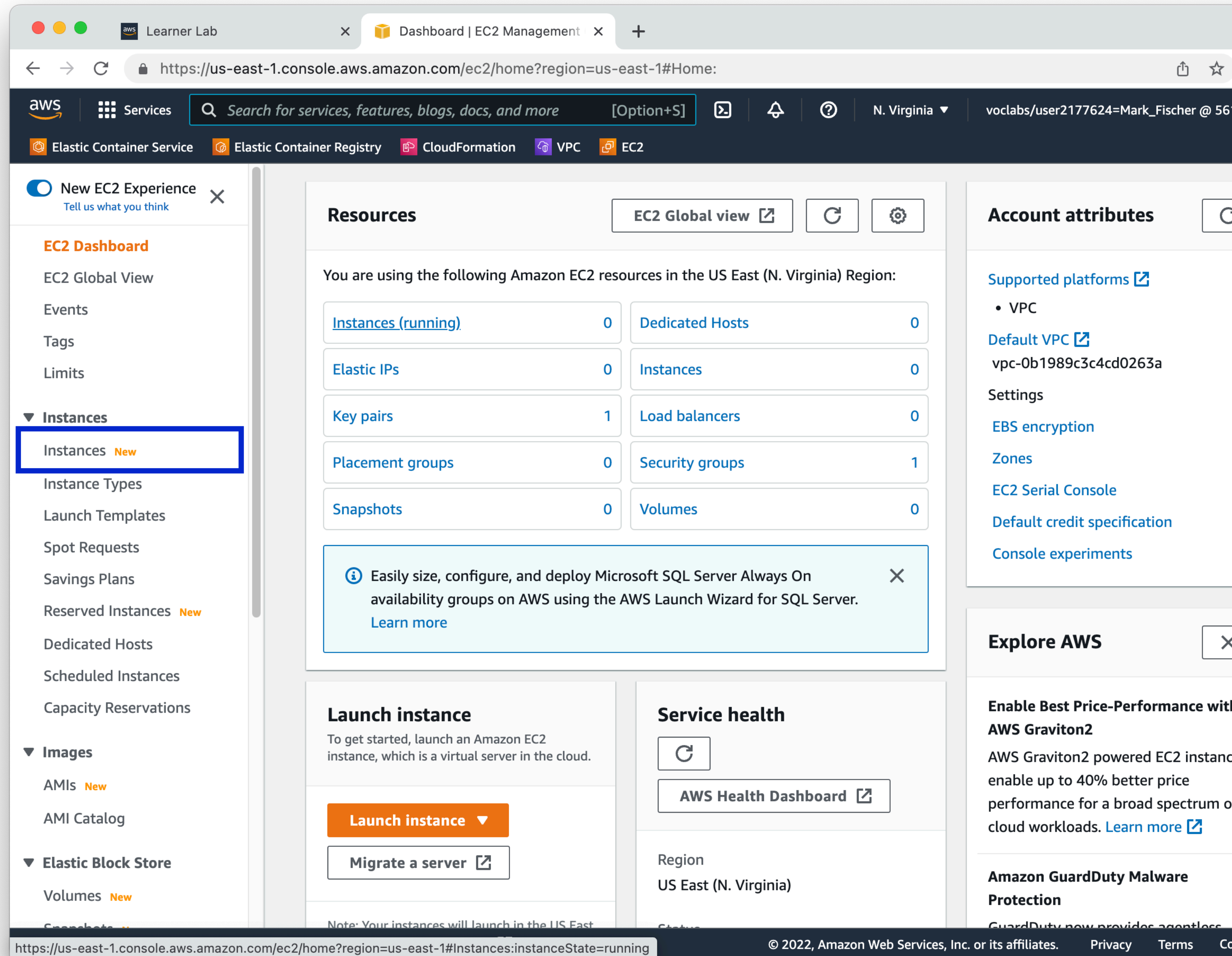
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- Begin by searching for EC2 in the services search bar
- Feel free to star the service to keep it in the AWS favorites bar



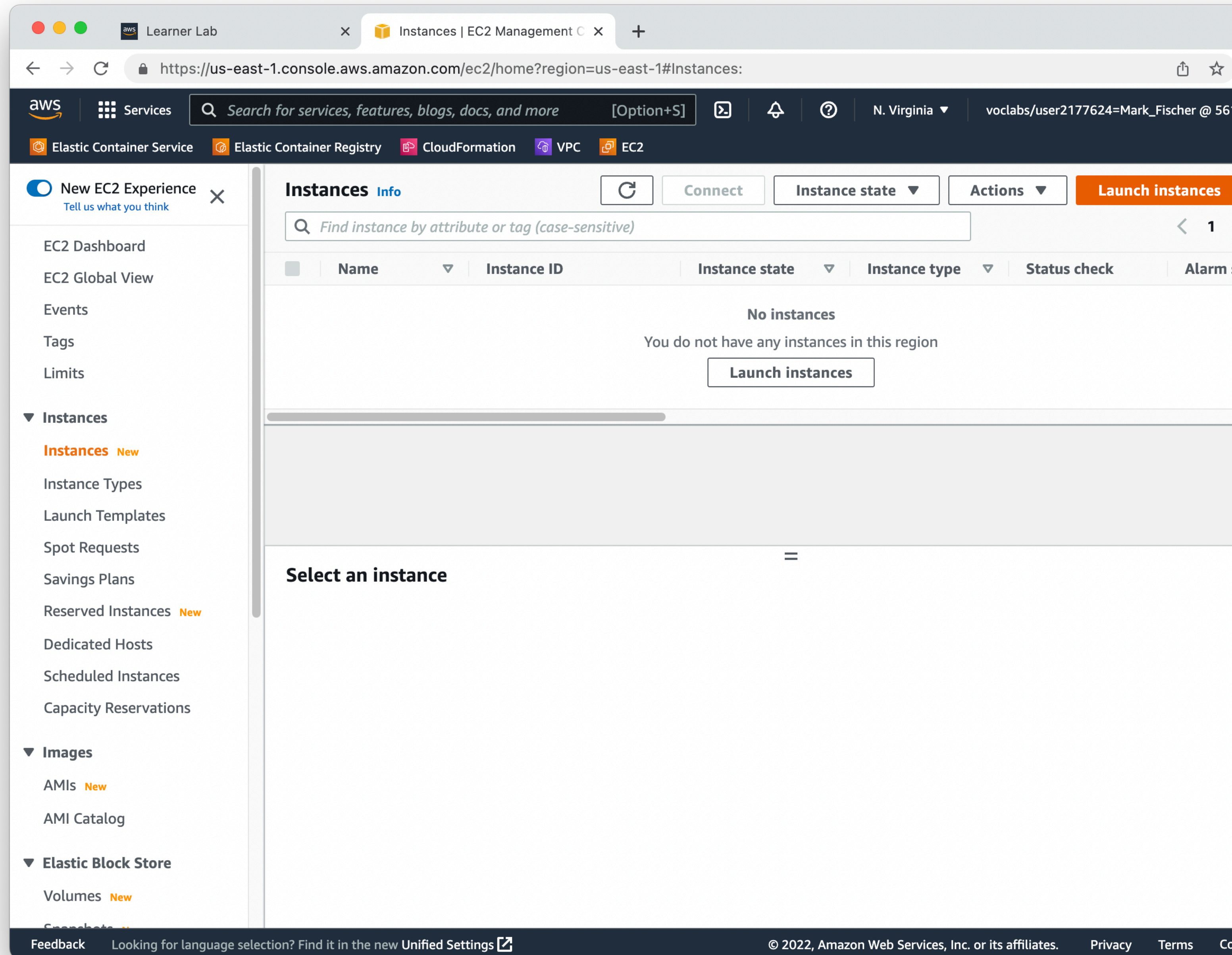
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- From the main EC2 console, click on Instances in the left sidebar



EC2

- 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 AWS Management Console interface for launching an EC2 instance. The browser address bar indicates the URL: `https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchInstances:`. The navigation bar includes the AWS logo, a search bar, and service links for Elastic Container Service, Elastic Container Registry, CloudFormation, VPC, and EC2. The breadcrumb trail shows `EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance`. The main heading is `Launch an instance` with an `Info` link. Below the heading is a brief introduction: `Amazon EC2 allows you to create virtual machines, or instances, that run on the AWS Cloud. Quickly get started by following the simple steps below.`

The first step is `Name and tags` with an `Info` link. It contains a `Name` input field with the text `class` and a `Add additional tags` button.

The second step is `Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)` with an `Info` link. It includes a search bar with the placeholder text `Search our full catalog including 1000s of application and OS images`. Below the search bar is a `Quick Start` section with a horizontal list of operating system options: `Amazon Linux` (with the AWS logo), `macOS` (with the Mac logo), `Ubuntu` (with the Ubuntu logo), `Windows` (with the Microsoft logo), `Red Hat` (with the Red Hat logo), and `SUSE` (with the SUSE logo). To the right of this list is a `Browse more AMIs` button with a magnifying glass icon and the text `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 Management Console interface for launching an EC2 instance. The browser address bar indicates the URL: `https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#LaunchI`. The page title is "Launch an instance | EC2 | us-east-1".

The main content area displays a search bar with the text "Search our full catalog including 1000s of application and OS images". Below the search bar, there is a "Quick Start" section with several OS options: Amazon Linux, macOS, Ubuntu, Windows, Red Hat, and SUSE Linux. The Amazon Linux option is highlighted.

Under the "Amazon Machine Image (AMI)" section, the "Amazon Linux 2023 AMI" is selected. The AMI ID is `ami-0e731c8a588258d0d` (64-bit (x86), uefi-preferred) / `ami-0bbebc09f0a12d4d9` (64-bit (Arm), uefi). The AMI is marked as "Free tier eligible".

The description of the AMI is "Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.3.20240205.2 x86_64 HVM kernel-6.1".

The AMI details table shows the following information:

Architecture	Boot mode	AMI ID
64-bit (x86)	uefi-preferred	ami-0e731c8a588258d0d

A "Verified provider" badge is visible next to the AMI ID.

The footer of the page includes links for "CloudShell", "Feedback", "Privacy", "Terms", and "Cookie preferences", along with the copyright notice: "© 2024, Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates."

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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

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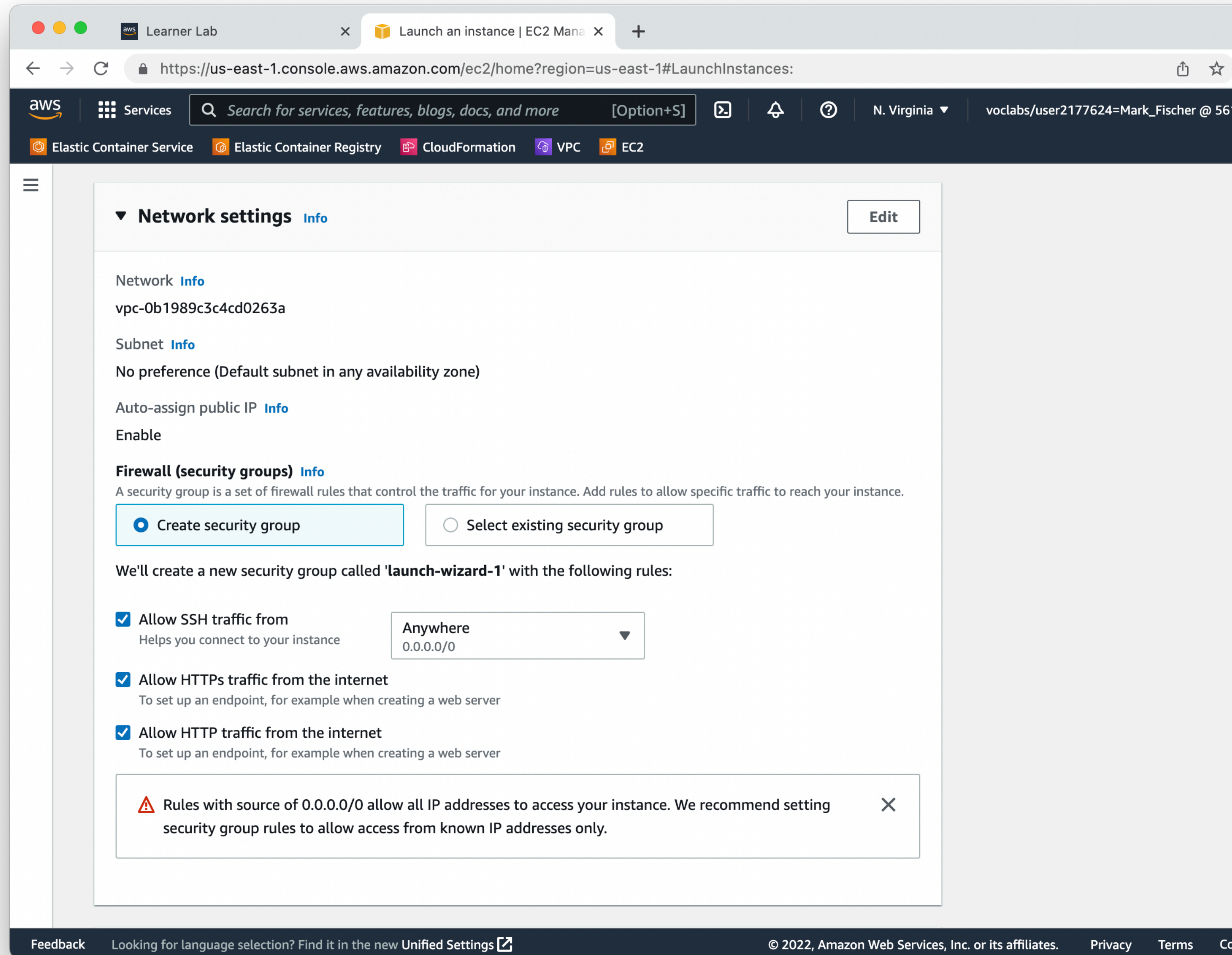
The main content area is divided into sections:

- Instance type**: A dropdown menu is open, showing "t3.micro" selected. Below the dropdown, the following specifications are listed:
 - 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 HourAdditional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software. To the right of the dropdown, there is a toggle for "All generations" (which is turned off) and a link to "Compare instance types".
- Key pair (login)**: A dropdown menu is open, showing "vockey" selected. Below the dropdown, there is a "Create new key pair" button.
- Network settings**: A section is partially visible at the bottom, with an "Edit" button.

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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



The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for configuring an EC2 instance's network settings. The 'Network settings' section is expanded, showing the following configuration:

- Network:** vpc-0b1989c3c4cd0263a
- Subnet:** No preference (Default subnet in any availability zone)
- Auto-assign public IP:** Enable
- Firewall (security groups):** 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

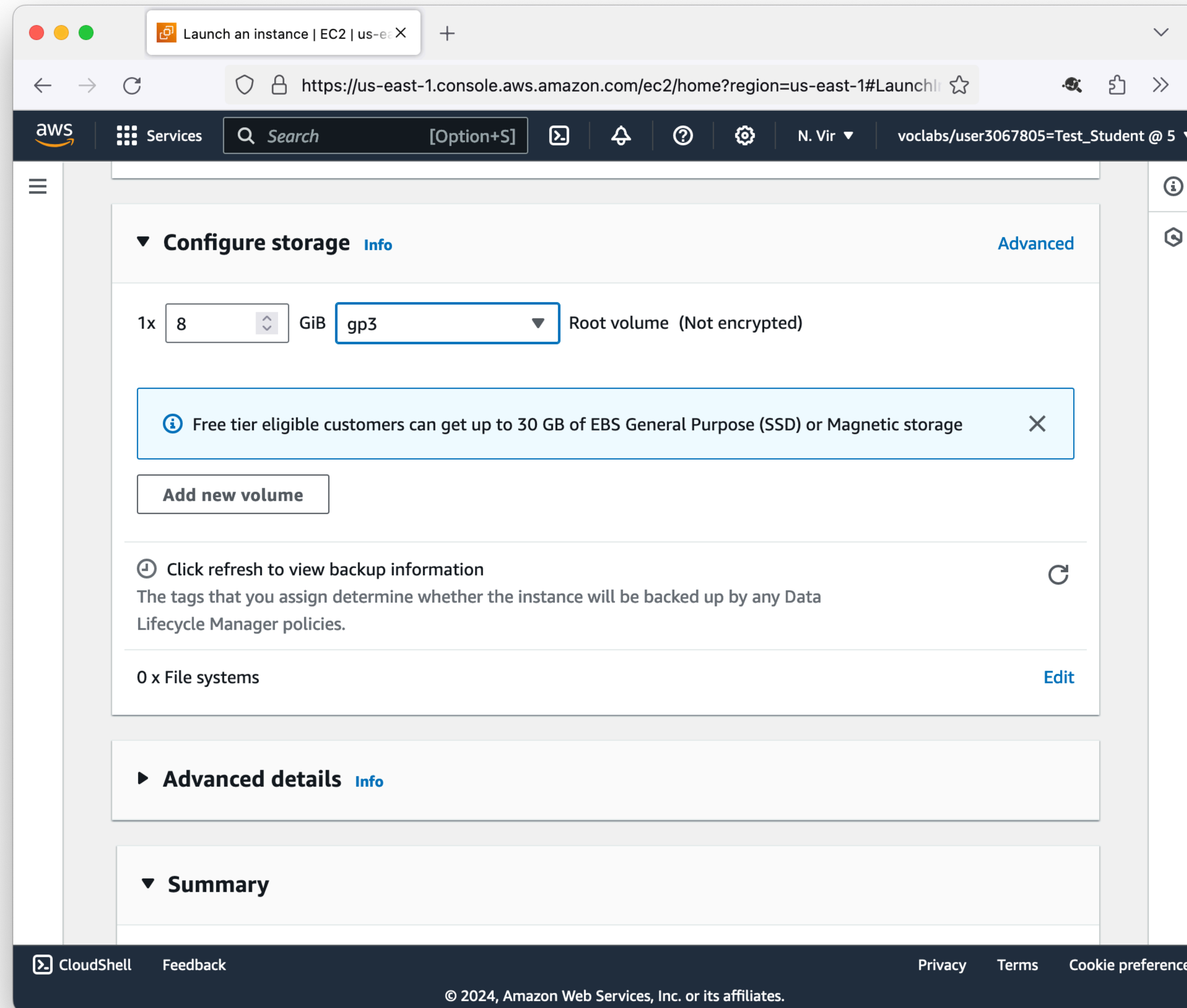
We'll create a new security group called 'launch-wizard-1' with the following rules:

- Allow SSH traffic from **Anywhere** (0.0.0.0/0). Helps you connect to your instance.
- Allow HTTPs traffic from the internet. To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server.
- Allow HTTP traffic from the internet. To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server.

A warning message at the bottom states: "Rules with source of 0.0.0.0/0 allow all IP addresses to access your instance. We recommend setting security group rules to allow access from known IP addresses only."

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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



EC2

- Be sure to just make 1 instance 🤪
- Review your settings and then click **Launch instance**

Launch an instance | EC2 | us-east-1

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

aws Services Search [Option+S]

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Summary

Number of instances [Info](#)

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

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.

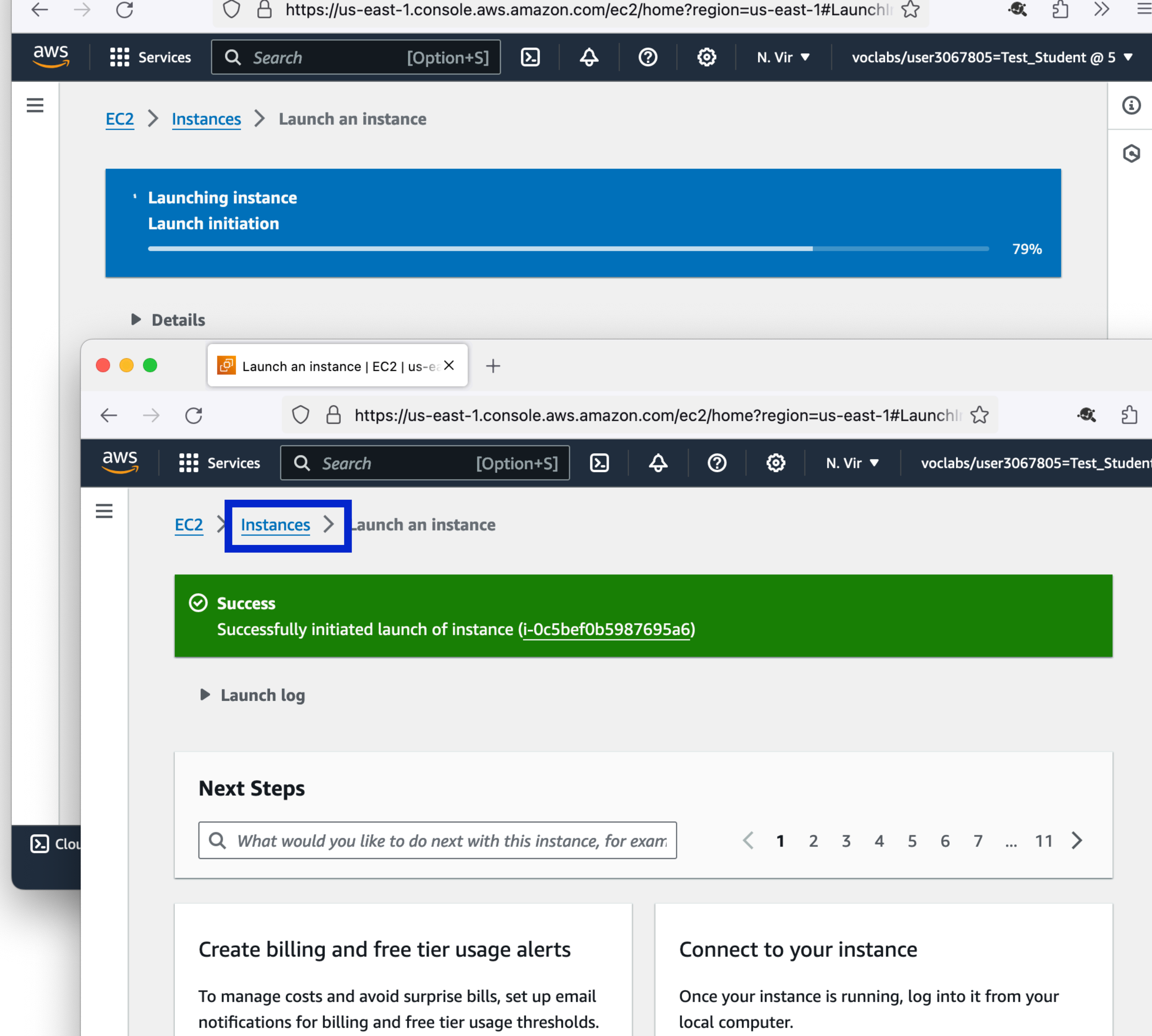
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- You'll see a "Launching instance" progress bar first, followed by a Success page after a short while
- Click the "Instances" link in the breadcrumb trail above the Success banner to go back to the EC2 Instances console



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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. The browser tabs include 'Learner Lab' and 'EC2 Management Console'. The URL is 'https://us-east-1.console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/home?region=us-east-1#Instances:'. The navigation bar shows various AWS services, with 'EC2' highlighted. A 'New EC2 Experience' notification is present. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'Instances' expanded. The main content area shows 'Instances (1) Info' with a search bar and a table listing one instance.

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

Below the table, there is a section titled 'Select an instance'.

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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 displays the AWS Management Console for the EC2 service in the us-east-1 region. The main content area shows a list of instances with one instance, 'test-fischer', in a 'Running' state. Below the list, the details for instance 'i-0c5bef0b5987695a6 (test-fischer)' are shown. The 'Instance summary' section includes the following information:

Property	Value
Instance ID	i-0c5bef0b5987695a6 (test-fischer)
Public IPv4 address	54.90.108.67 open address
Private IPv4 addresses	172.31.29.13
Instance state	Running
Public IPv4 DNS	ec2-54-90-108-67.compute-1.amazonaws.com open address
IPv6 address	-
Private IP DNS name (IPv4 only)	ip-172-31-29-13.ec2.internal
Hostname type	IP name: ip-172-31-29-13.ec2.internal

The public IPv4 address '54.90.108.67' is highlighted with a blue box. The console also shows a navigation menu on the left with options like 'EC2 Dashboard', 'Instances', and 'Images'. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, search bar, and user information.

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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.

EC2

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”

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Management Console interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options such as Scheduled Instances, Capacity Reservations, Images, Elastic Block Store, Network & Security, Load Balancing, and Auto Scaling. The main content area displays the 'Security Groups (1/2)' page, showing a table of security groups. The 'launch-wizard-1' security group is selected, and its 'Inbound rules' are shown below. The inbound rules table lists three rules: HTTPS (port 443), HTTP (port 80), and SSH (port 22), all with a source of 0.0.0.0/0.

Name	Security group ID	Security group name	VPC ID
-	sg-07f090fb54ae76532	launch-wizard-1	vpc-0b1989c3c4cd0
-	sg-075ed5961b8b9b4c3	default	vpc-0b1989c3c4cd0

Security group rule...	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source
sgr-0d59830f733673af8	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0
sgr-0f22e8c390b5254e3	HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0
sgr-0ca6ec2486149c489	SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0

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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 Management Console interface for editing inbound rules on a Security Group. The breadcrumb navigation indicates the path: EC2 > Security Groups > sg-07f090fb54ae76532 - launch-wizard-1 > Edit inbound rules. The main heading is 'Edit inbound rules' with an 'Info' link. Below the heading is a descriptive sentence: 'Inbound rules control the incoming traffic that's allowed to reach the instance.'

The 'Inbound rules' section contains a table with the following data:

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	

An 'Add rule' button is located at the bottom left of the table. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Preview changes' buttons.

EC2 Security

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.

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Connecting with SSH

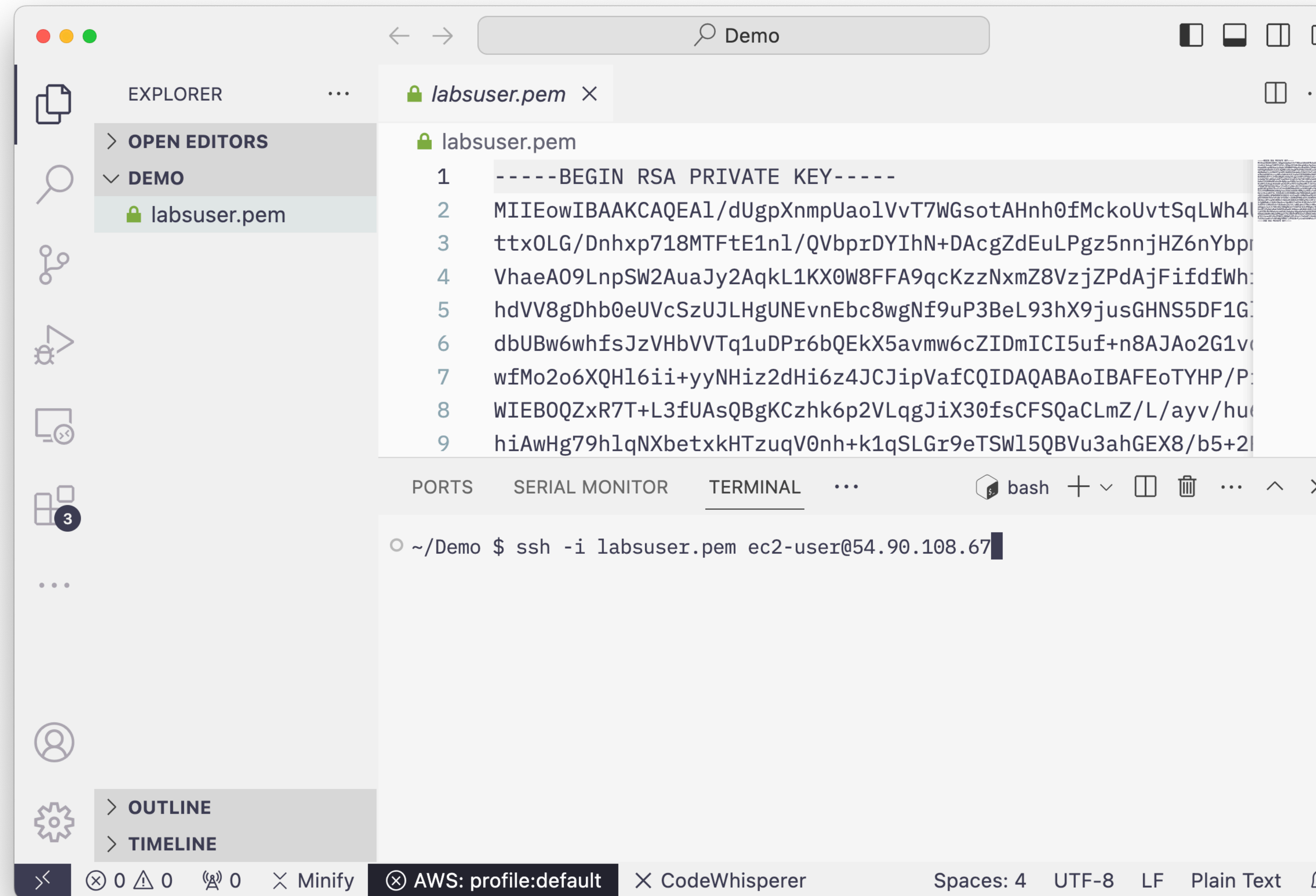
- Back in the AWS Academy Lab in Canvas
- Click on AWS Details
- Download the PEM file
 - May need the PPK file if you are using Putty on Windows

The screenshot shows the AWS Academy Lab interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: `https://awsacademy.instructure.com/courses/27873/modules/items/2315482`. The page title is "Learner Lab". The sidebar on the left contains navigation options: Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, and Help. The main content area shows a terminal window with the prompt `ddd_v1_w_8id_1461430@runweb63106:~$`. On the right, the "AWS Details" sidebar is open, showing session information: "Remaining session time: 03:50:02(231 minutes)", "Session started at: 2022-10-01T20:43:56-0700", and "Session to end at: 2022-10-02T00:43:56-0700". Under "No running instance", there are buttons for "Show", "Download PEM", and "Download". Below this, there are buttons for "Download URL" under "AWS SSO". At the bottom, a table shows account details: "AWSAccountId" is "561707296892" and "Region" is "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 code editor window with a file explorer on the left and a terminal at the bottom. The file explorer shows a folder named 'DEMO' containing a file named 'labsuser.pem'. The main editor area displays the contents of 'labsuser.pem', which is a private RSA key. The terminal shows the command 'ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67' being entered.

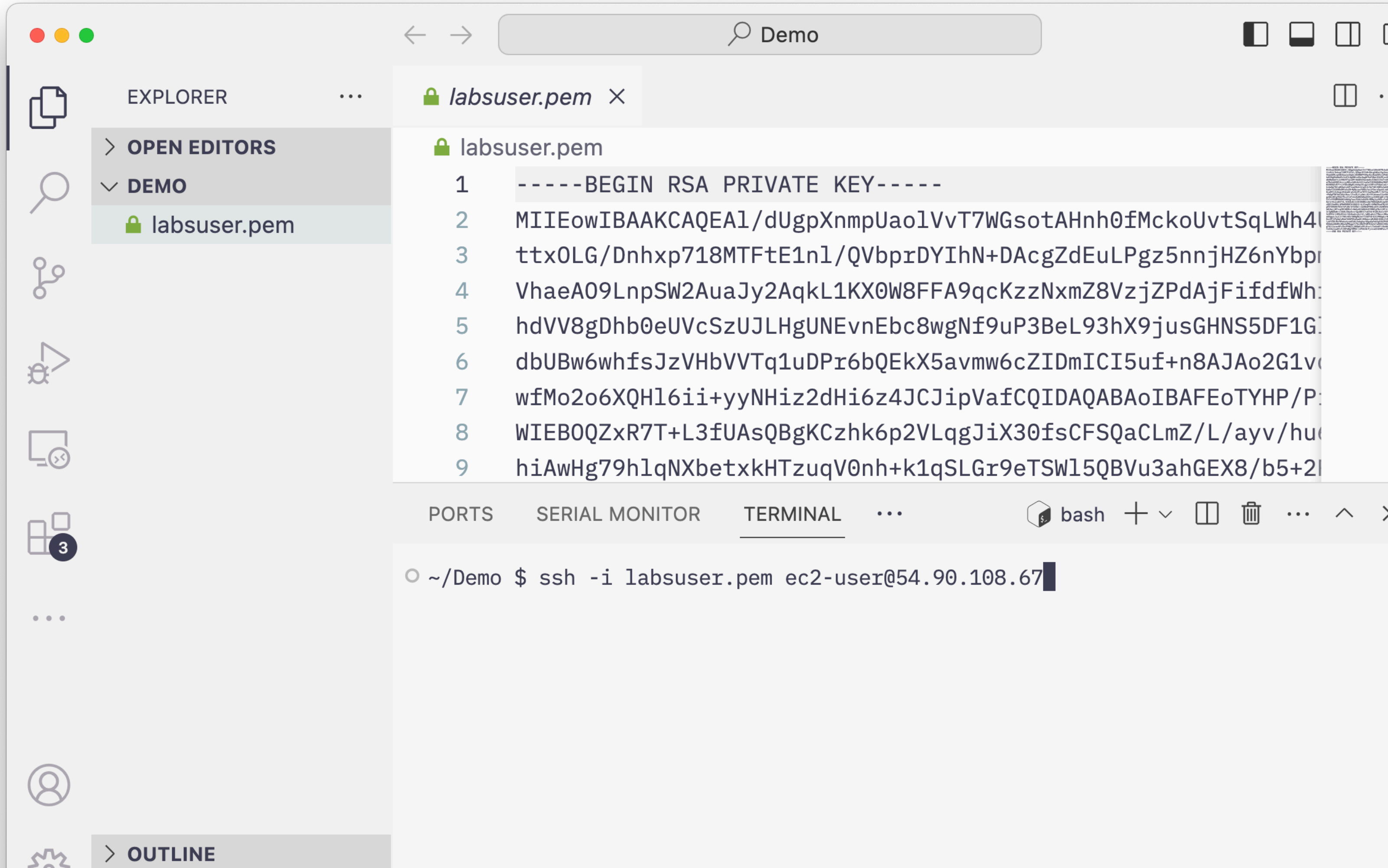
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-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAl/dUgpXnmpUao1VvT7WGsoTAHnh0fMckoUvtSgLWh4
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```
~/Demo $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67
```

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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**

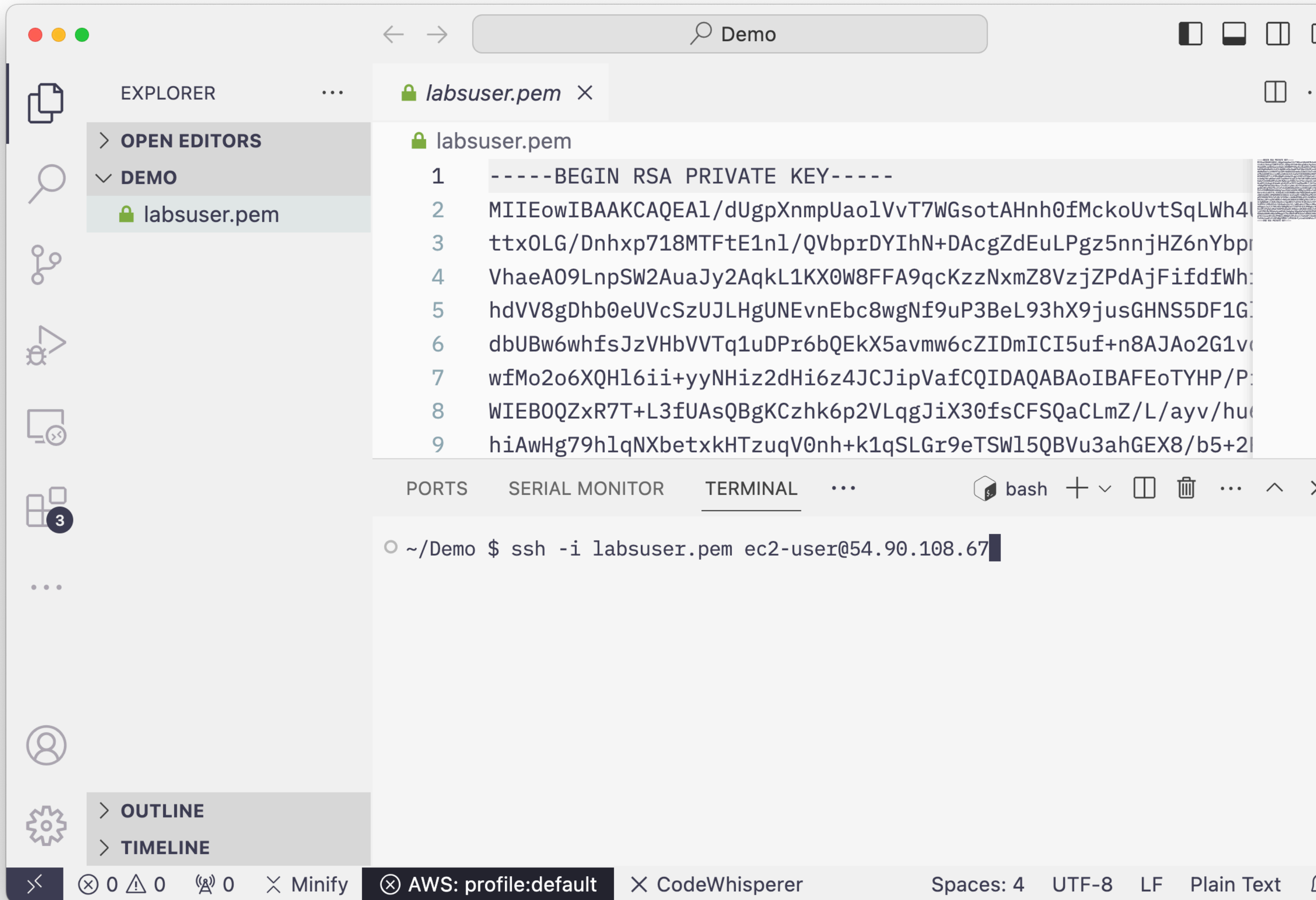


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ssh -i privatekey.pem ec2-user@[IP ADDRESS]
```


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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**



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a project named 'DEMO' with a file named 'labsuser.pem'. The main editor area displays the contents of 'labsuser.pem', which is a private RSA key. The terminal at the bottom shows the command `ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67` being entered in a bash shell.

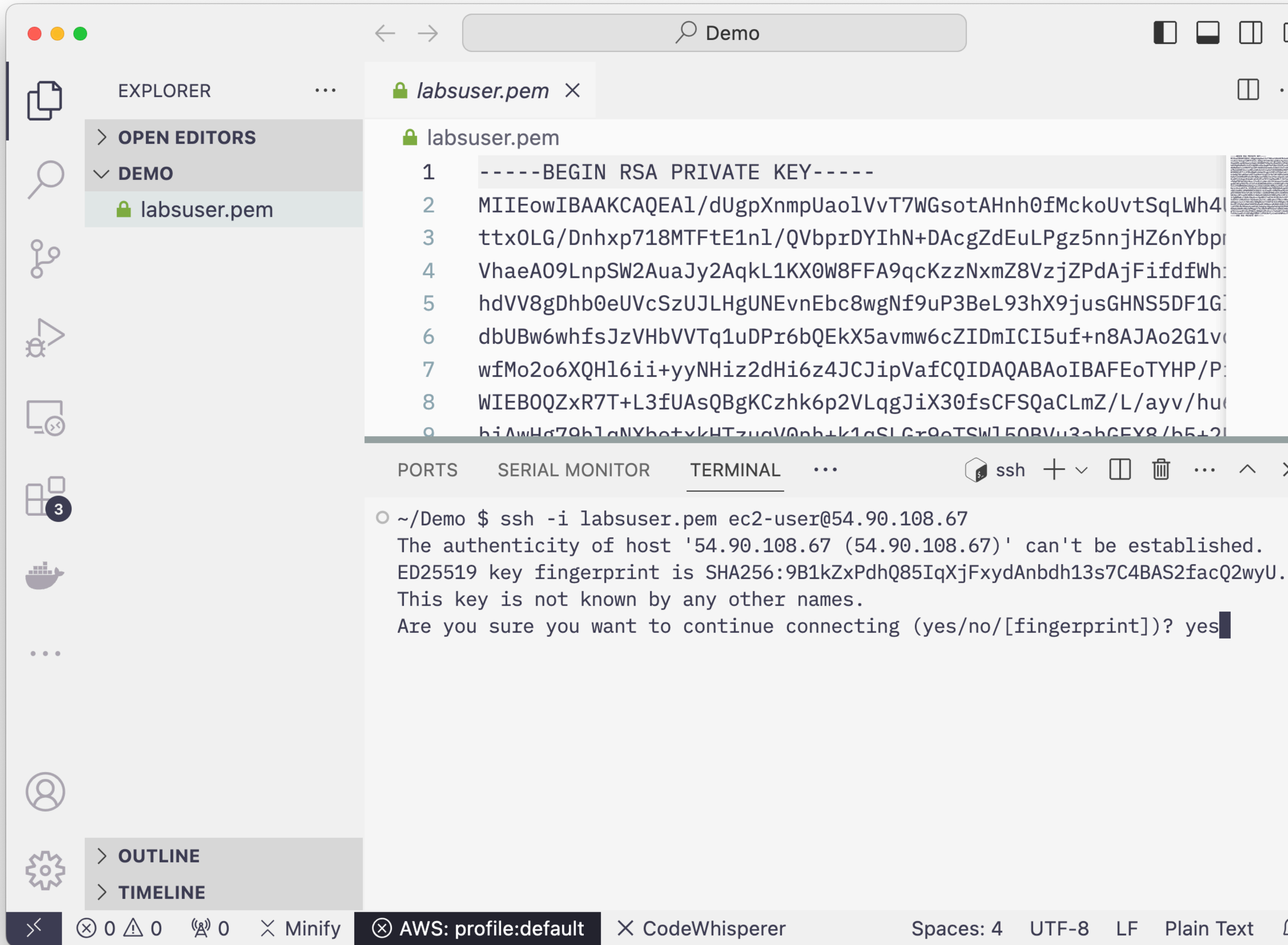
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~/Demo $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67
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Connecting with SSH

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



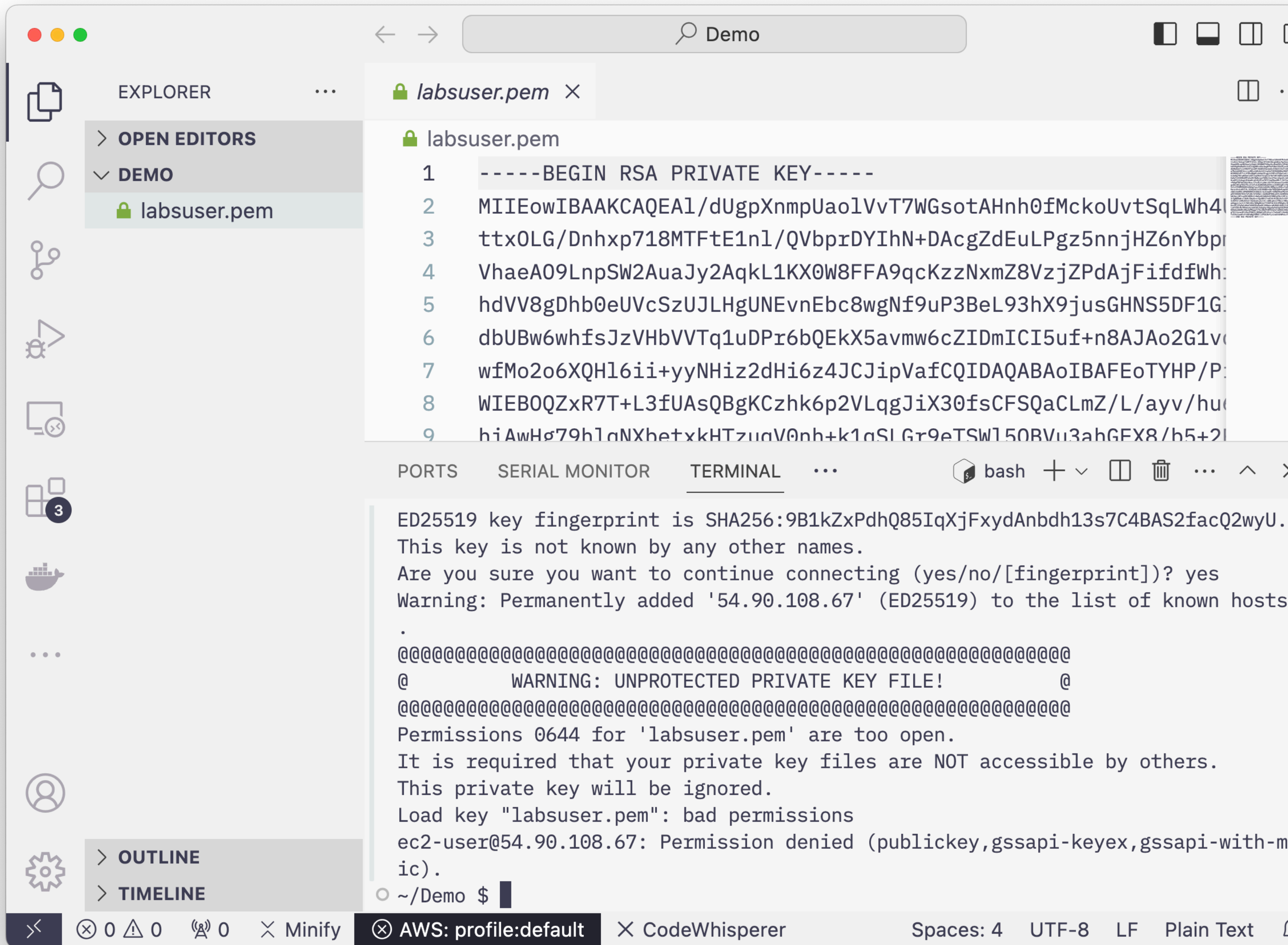
The screenshot shows a code editor with two main panes. The left pane, titled 'EXPLORER', shows a file tree with 'labuser.pem' selected under a 'DEMO' folder. The right pane shows the contents of 'labuser.pem', which is a private RSA key. Below the editor is a terminal window with the following text:

```
~/Demo $ ssh -i labuser.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
```

EC2 Security

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 VS Code editor window with a file explorer on the left and a terminal at the bottom. The file explorer shows a folder named 'DEMO' containing a file 'labsuser.pem'. The terminal output shows the following:

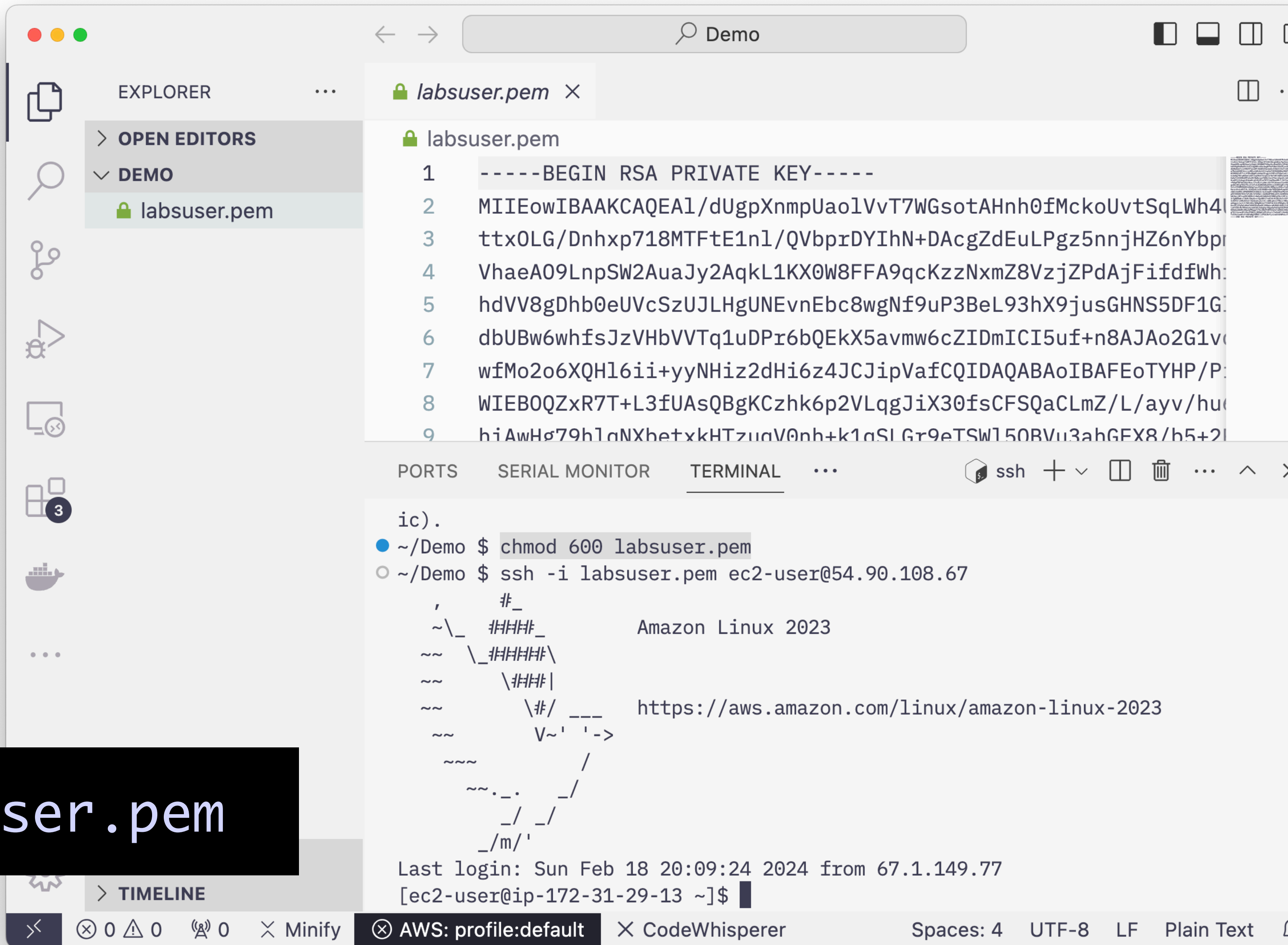
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This key is not known by any other names.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '54.90.108.67' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts  
.  
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@          WARNING: UNPROTECTED PRIVATE KEY FILE!          @  
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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-m  
ic).  
~/Demo $
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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 VS Code editor window with a file explorer on the left showing a file named `labsuser.pem` under a folder named `DEMO`. The main editor area displays the contents of `labsuser.pem`, which is a private RSA key. Below the editor, a terminal window is open, showing the following commands and output:

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~/Demo $ chmod 600 labsuser.pem
~/Demo $ ssh -i labsuser.pem ec2-user@54.90.108.67
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~\_#####_      Amazon Linux 2023
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~~   \#/  ___  https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023
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~~  _/  _/
~~  _/m/'

Last login: Sun Feb 18 20:09:24 2024 from 67.1.149.77
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-29-13 ~]$
```

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 Management Console for EC2 instances. The browser address bar indicates the region is us-east-1. The console header includes the AWS logo, a search bar, and navigation links for various services like Elastic Container Service, Elastic Container Registry, CloudFormation, VPC, and EC2. The main content area displays a list of instances with columns for Name, Instance ID, Instance state, and Instance type. One instance named 'class' with ID 'i-03109ea1b9cfce510' is shown in a 'Running' state. Below the list, the details for this instance are expanded, showing the 'Instance summary' tab. The 'Public IPv4 address' is highlighted with a blue box and is '100.24.34.89'. Other details include the Instance ID, IPv6 address (none), Hostname type, Answer private resource DNS name, Instance state (Running), Private IP DNS name, and Instance type (t2.micro).

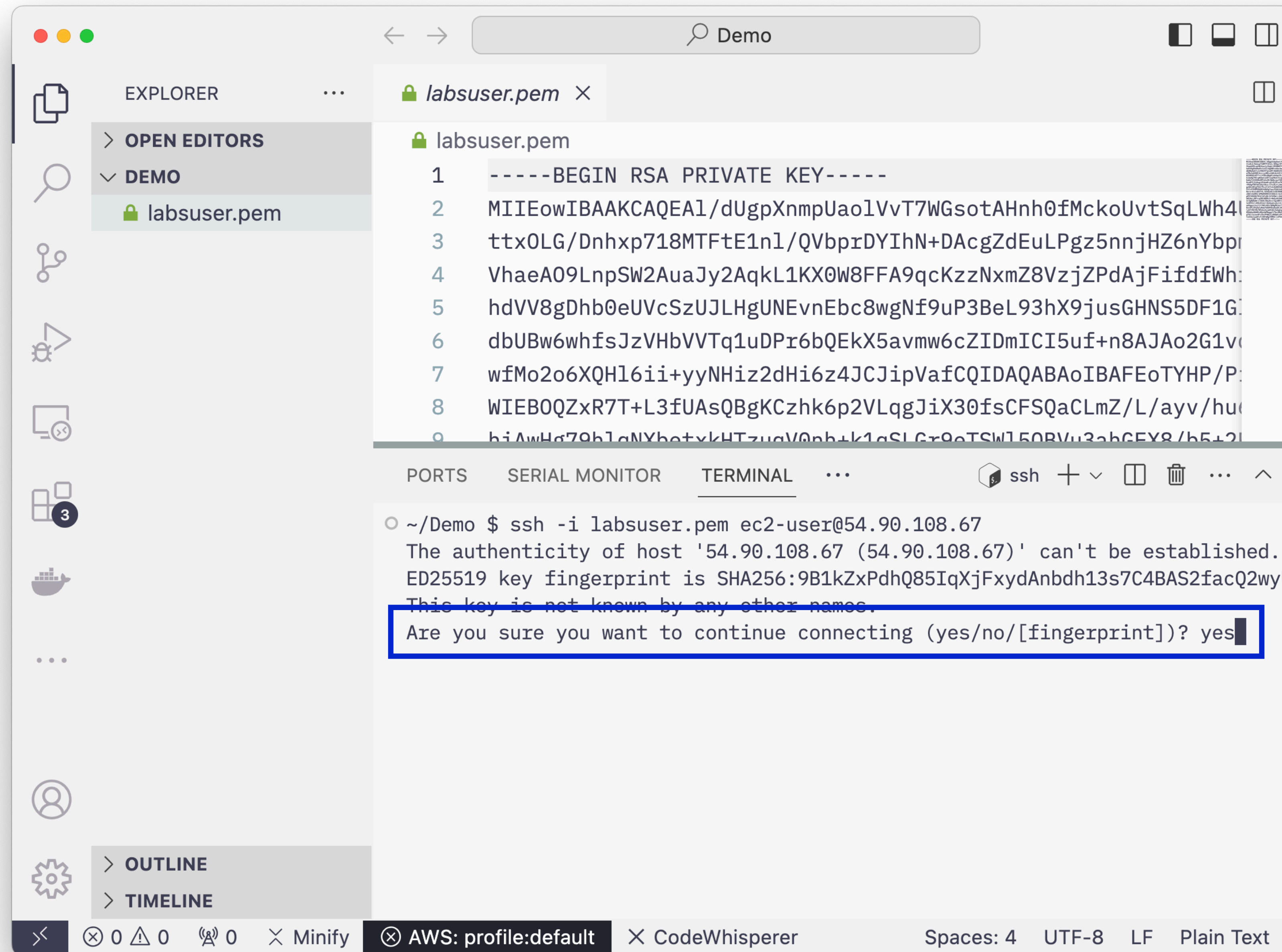
Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type
class	i-03109ea1b9cfce510	Running	t2.micro

Property	Value
Instance ID	i-03109ea1b9cfce510 (class)
Public IPv4 address	100.24.34.89 open address
IPv6 address	-
Instance state	Running
Private IP DNS name (IPv4 only)	ip-172-31-84-94.ec2.internal
Instance type	t2.micro

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!



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

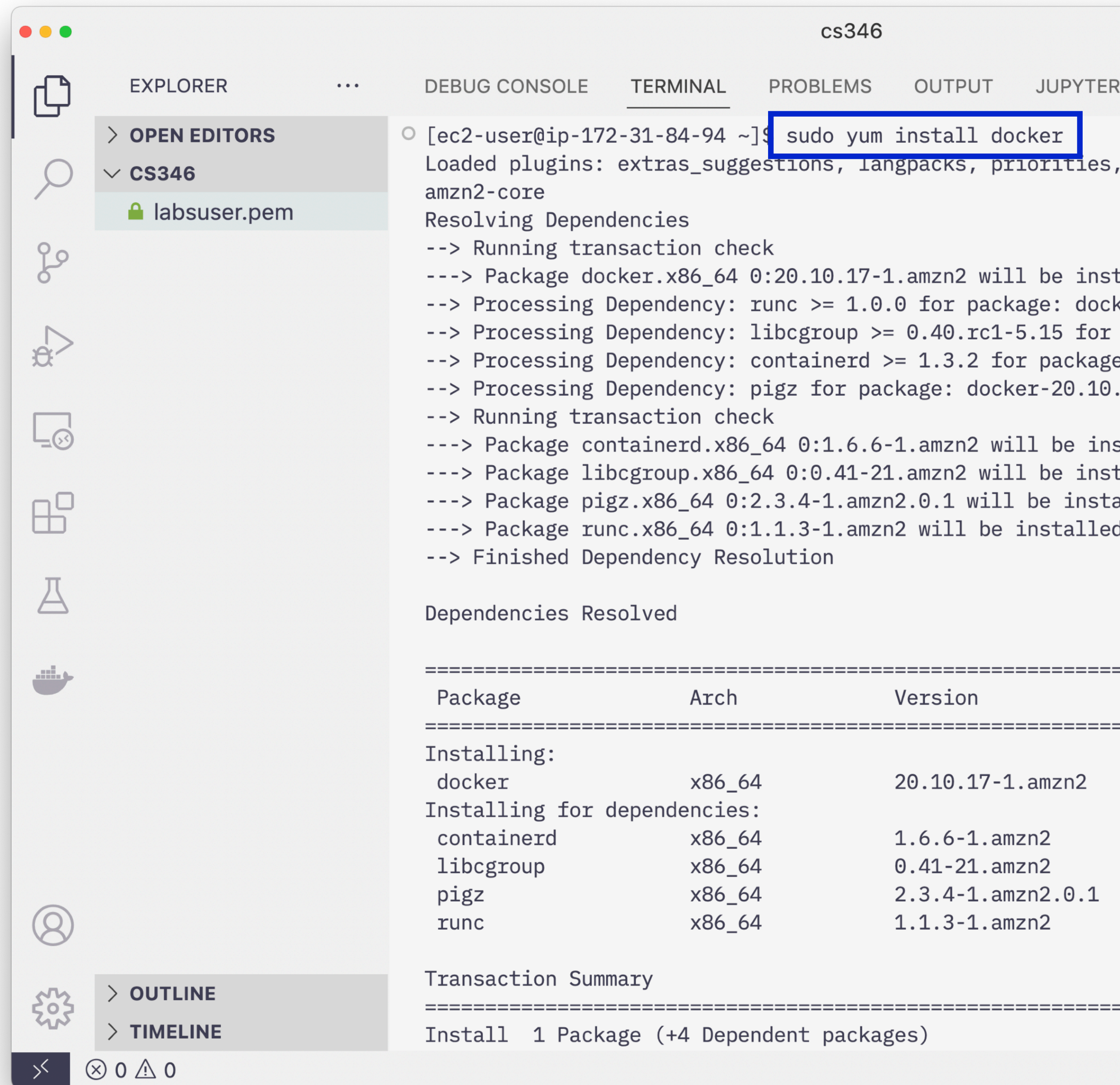
Debian vs RedHat Derivatives

- 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



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EXPLORER
> OPEN EDITORS
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  labsuser.pem
DEBUG CONSOLE
TERMINAL
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JUPYTER
[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 inst
--> Processing Dependency: runc >= 1.0.0 for package: dock
--> Processing Dependency: libcgrou >= 0.40.rc1-5.15 for
--> Processing Dependency: containerd >= 1.3.2 for package
--> Processing Dependency: pigz for package: docker-20.10.
--> Running transaction check
---> Package containerd.x86_64 0:1.6.6-1.amzn2 will be ins
---> Package libcgrou.x86_64 0:0.41-21.amzn2 will be inst
---> Package pigz.x86_64 0:2.3.4-1.amzn2.0.1 will be insta
---> Package runc.x86_64 0:1.1.3-1.amzn2 will be installed
--> Finished Dependency Resolution

Dependencies Resolved

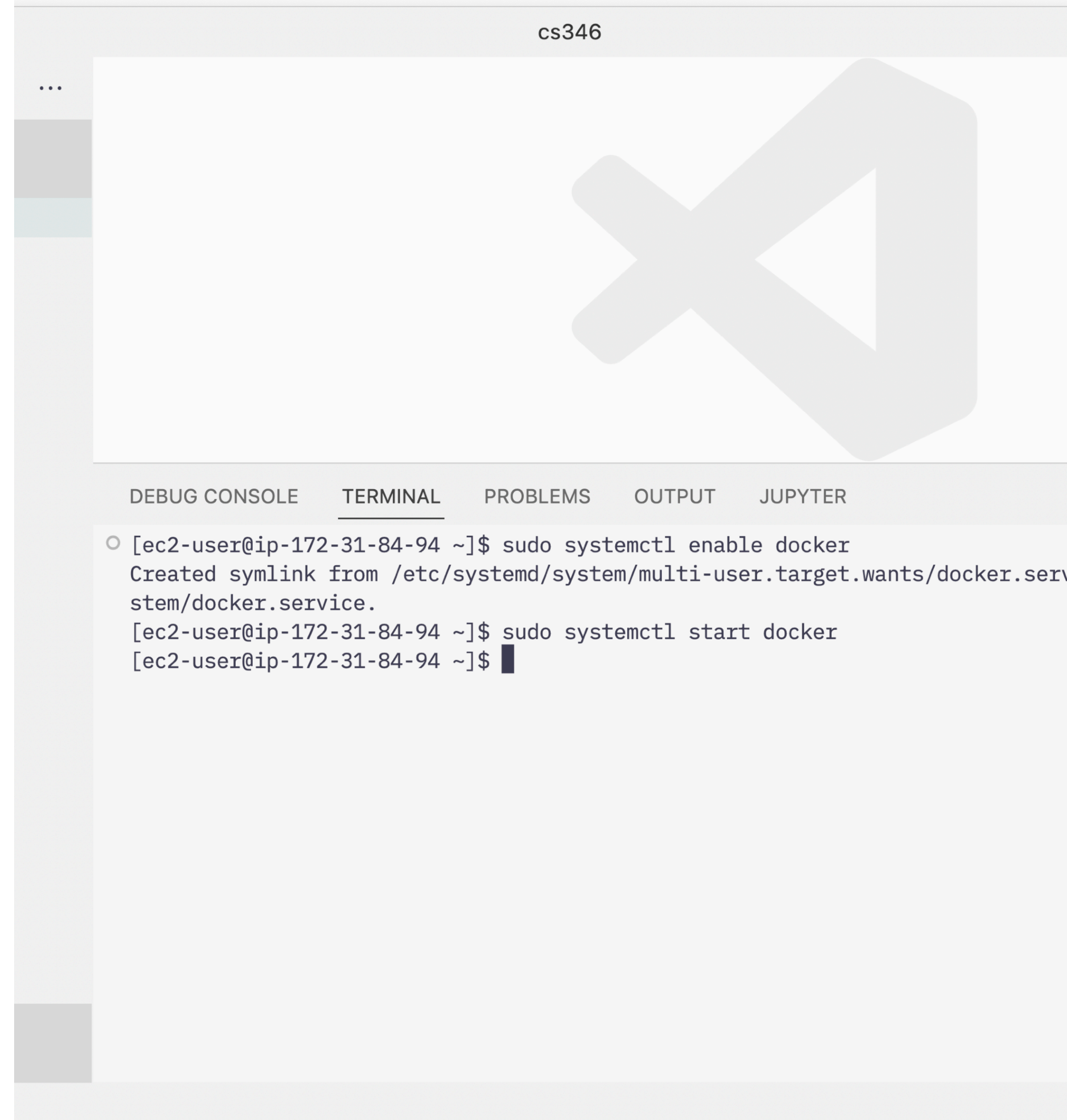
=====
Package                Arch             Version
=====
Installing:
docker                  x86_64           20.10.17-1.amzn2
Installing for dependencies:
containerd              x86_64           1.6.6-1.amzn2
libcgrou                x86_64           0.41-21.amzn2
pigz                    x86_64           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



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DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PROBLEMS OUTPUT JUPYTER

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

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)