Technical Guide



GUIDE #1: A Simple Test Scenario and Setup of Ezstackr Cloud

Introduction:

The public cloud is a range of computing services that are offered by platforms such as AWS, Azure, and GCP and making them available over the internet. They are readily accessible to all that want to use and/or purchase them. There are three major players in the public cloud platforms arena - Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft's Azure, and Google Cloud Platform. The top cloud computing companies are addressing a large and growing market. In turn, they provide a wide array of cloud-related products and services, including infrastructure-as-a-service (laaS), platform as a service (PaaS) and software-as-a-service solutions (SaaS).

Introduction to Ezstackr:

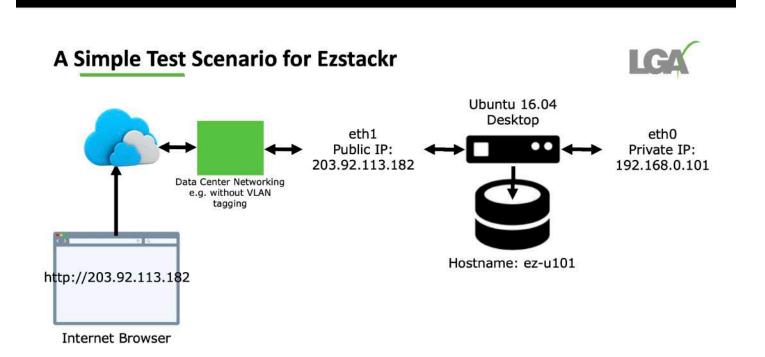
Ezstackr is:

- Cloud service providing secure, resizable compute capacity
- Cost effective and easy to deploy for enterprises, SMEs, app developers, system admins
- Easy to use web service: drag & drop, point & click interface allows you to configure, provision, scale & build highly available compute
- On-demand: increase or decrease capacity within minutes, not hours
- Complete control of your computing resources

Test Scenario Summary:

Here is a simple test scenario envisioned for a basic first step Ezstackr proof of concept

- 1. Navigating Cloud Admin User Menus
- 2. Adding & Configuring User Accounts / Adding Resources for Users
- 3. Activating User for Cloud Operations
- 4. Getting Users to test their User Login / Setting User Access Control
- Adding Public IP
- 6. Navigating Cloud User Menus
- 7. Creating DVD ISO Disks / Creating VMs / Launching VMs
- 8. Connecting VMs to Network and Changing Default Network to Another Network
- 9. Adding Public IP into VMs
- 10. Installing Web Server / Connecting to Web Server from Internet



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Supermicro Server setup:For this test, we used a typical Supermicro server. Depending on how the server is configured, it might come with several othernet parts.



In a typical scenario:

Port (2) is for data IP and console IP

Port (3) is for public IP

Network Setup

Make a network and some public IPs available. This test used the network as follows:

Network: 203.92.113.176/29 Broadcast: 203.92.113.183 Gateway: 203.92.113.177 Subnet: 255.255.225.248

Configured resources:

Data: 203.92.113.180 [used for data] Console: 203.92.113.181 [used for console] Public IP: 203.92.113.178

Public IP: 203.92.113.179
Public IP: 203.92.113.182 [used for Linux public IP]

Setting Up Ezstackr for the first time:

When you are setting up the ezStackr for the first time. Connect a VGA display monitor to the VGA port and a USB keyboard to the USB port. These details are found in the document: "Quick Start Guide" or "ezStackr Quick Guide.pdf".

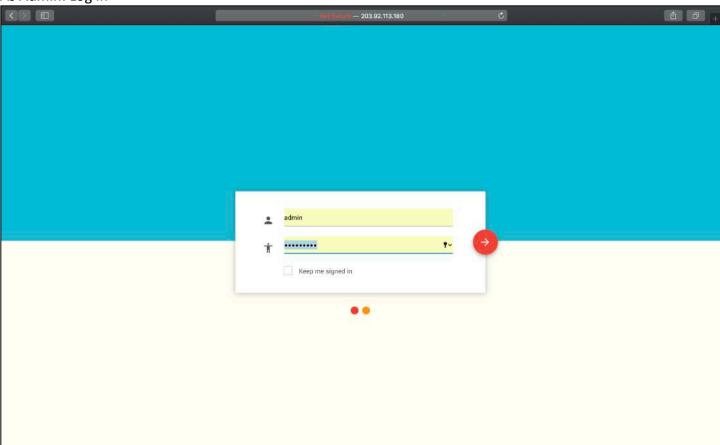
URL for Ezstackr Cloud Admin configuration:

After successful setup of Ezstackr, it is time to perform cloud administration duties by logging into the following URL:

http://203.92.113.180

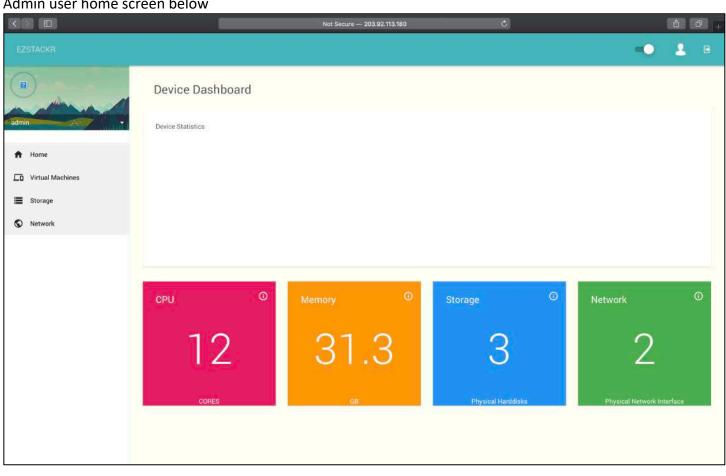
LOGGING IN:

As Admin: Log in

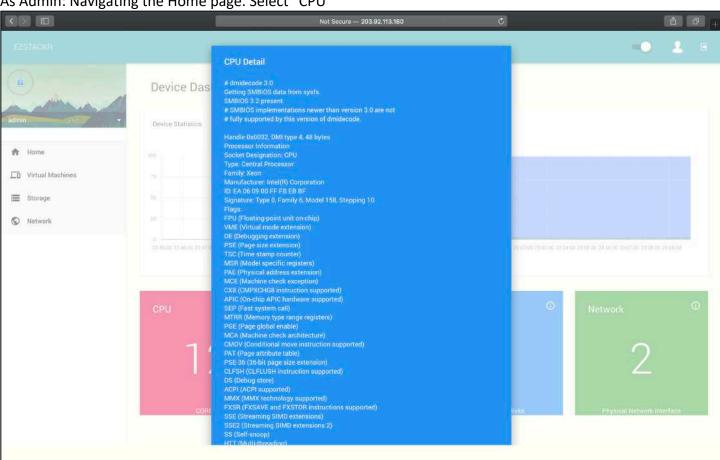


NAVIGATING CLOUD ADMIN USER MENUS

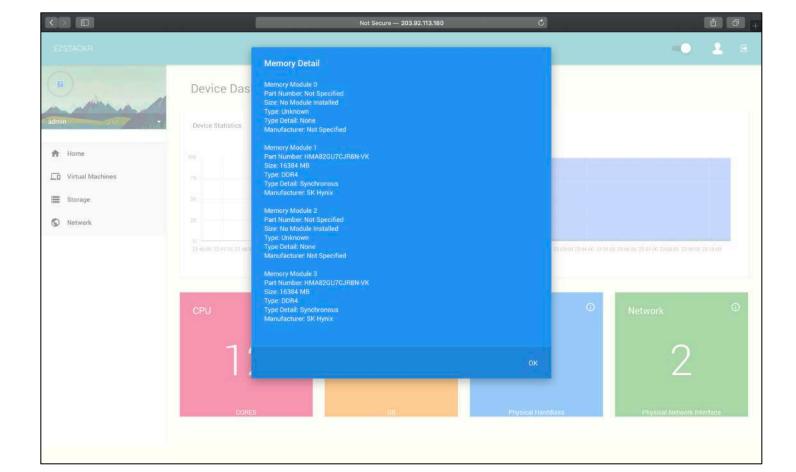
Admin user home screen below



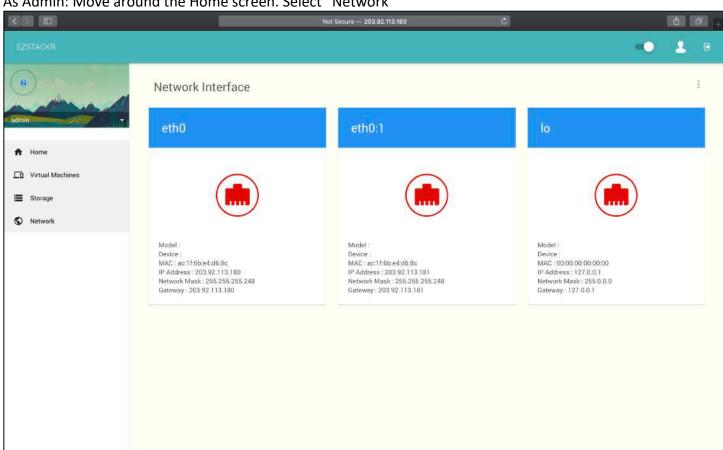
As Admin: Navigating the Home page. Select "CPU"



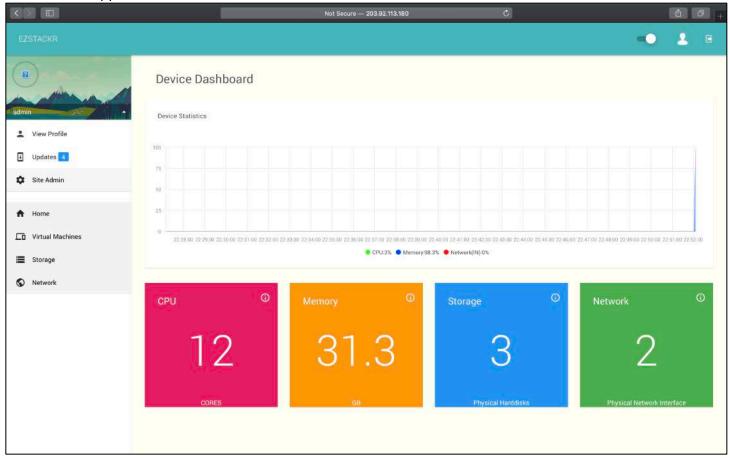
As Admin: Move around the Home screen. Select "Memory"



As Admin: Move around the Home screen. Select "Network"

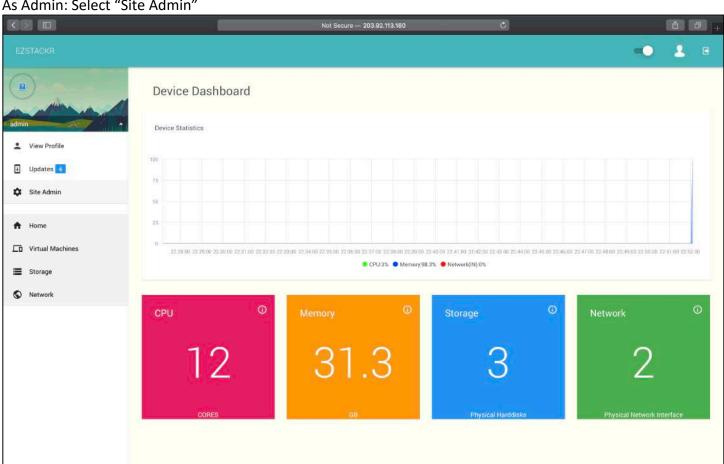


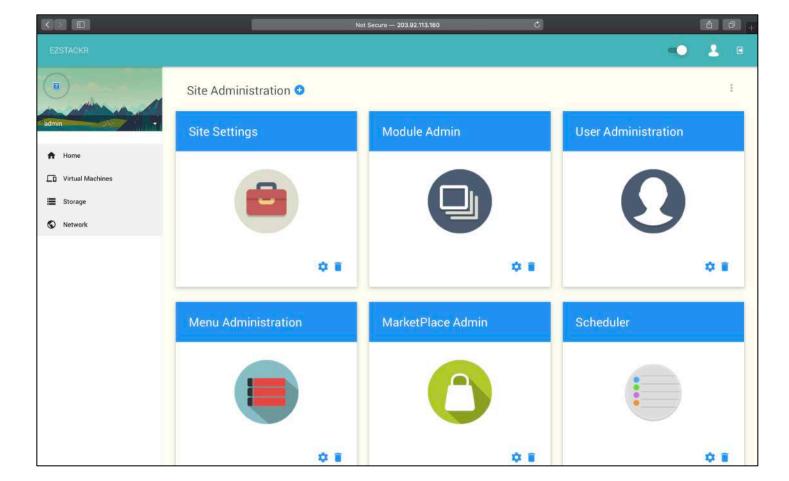
As Admin: Select dropdown on "admin". An additional menu comprising "View Profile", "Updates" and "Site Admin" appears.



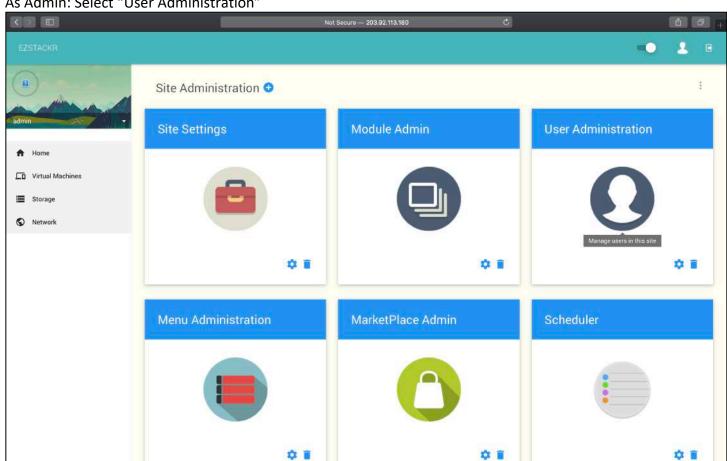
ADDING & CONFIGURING USER ACCOUNTS

As Admin: Select "Site Admin"

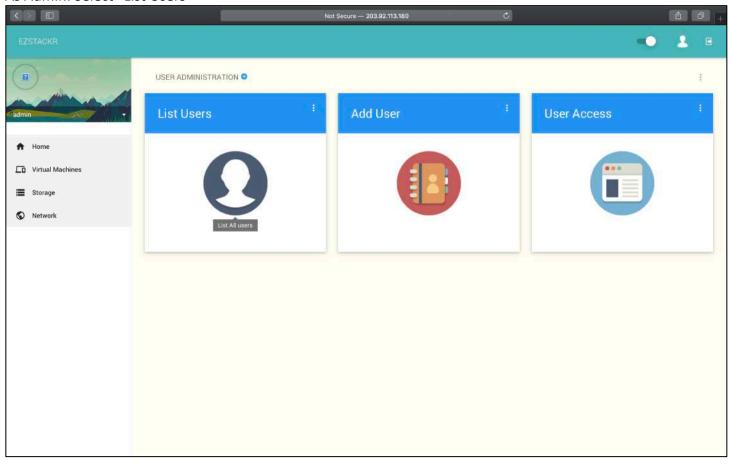




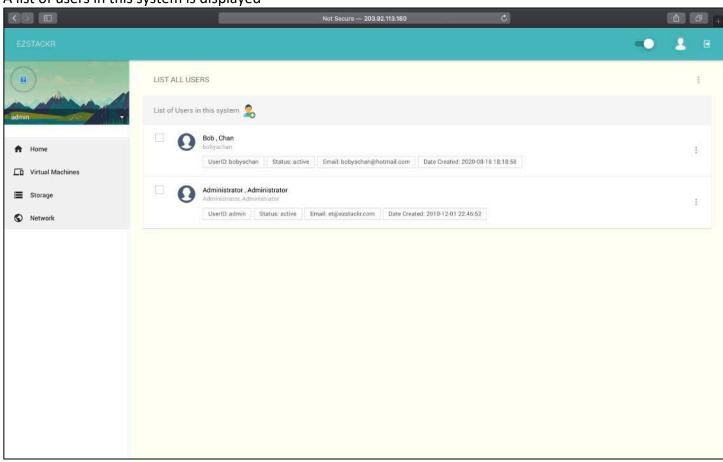
As Admin: Select "User Administration"

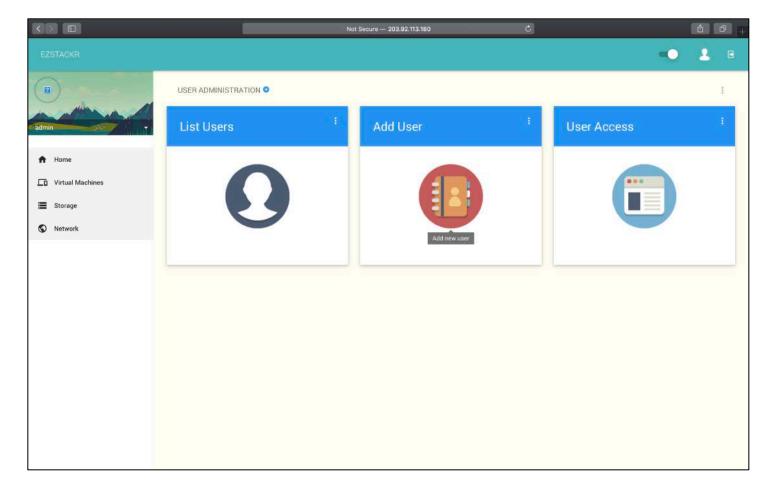


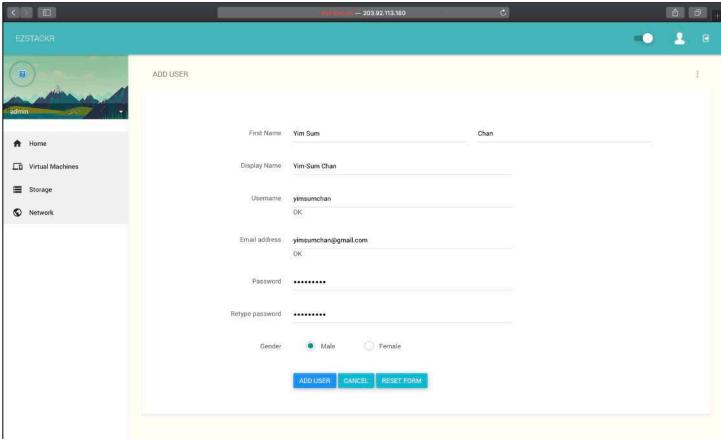
As Admin: Select "List Users"

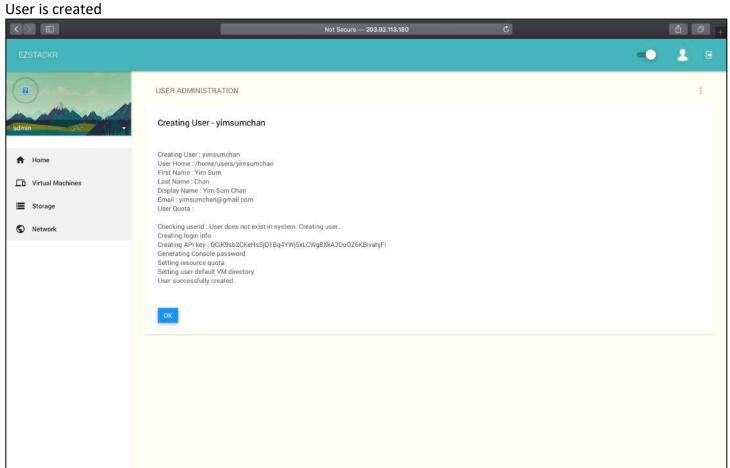


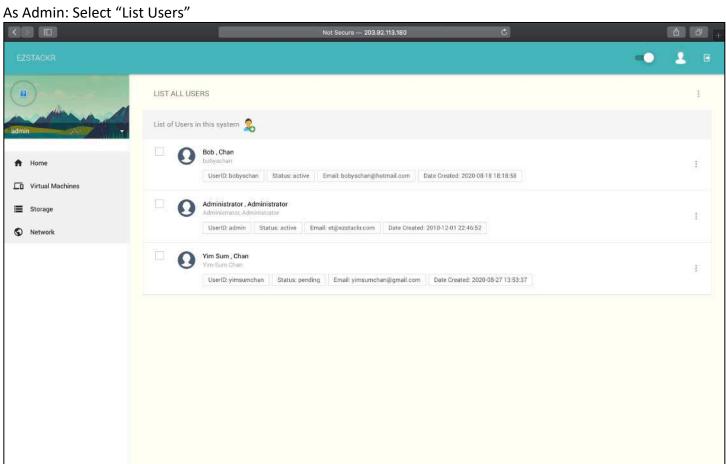
A list of users in this system is displayed

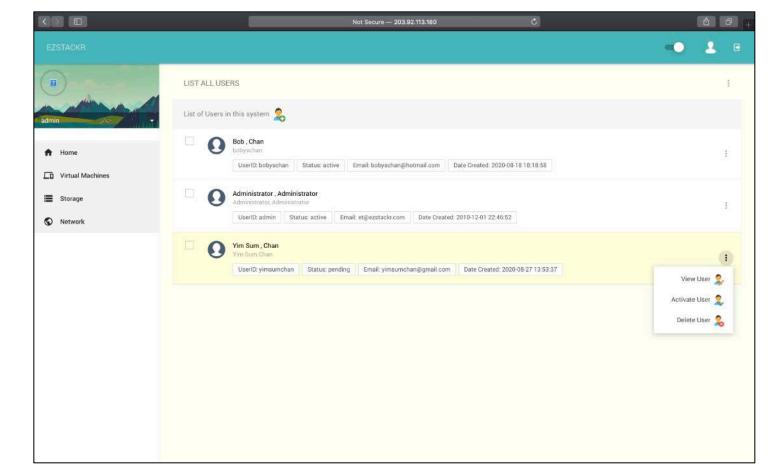




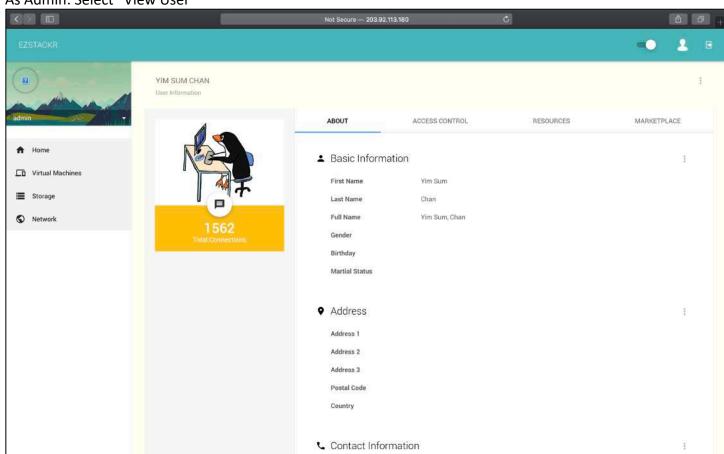




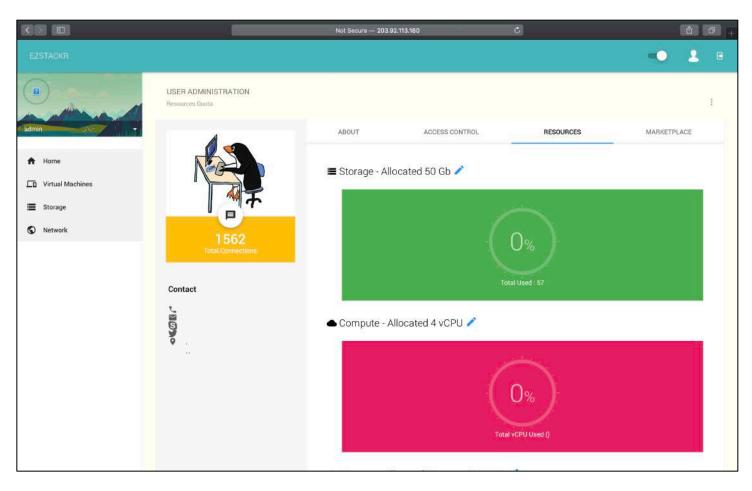


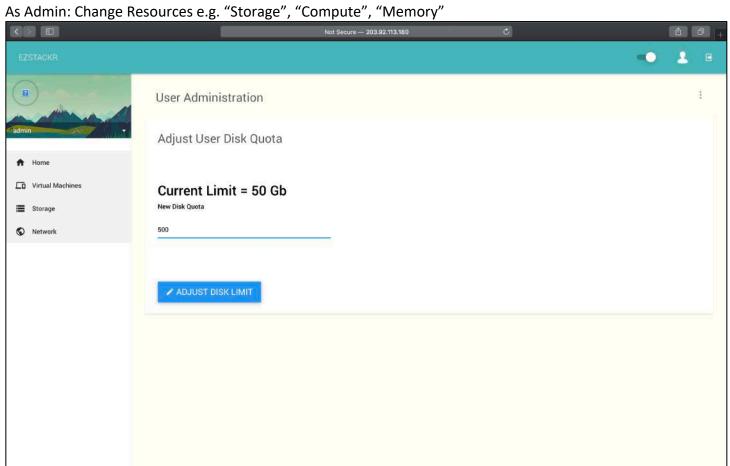


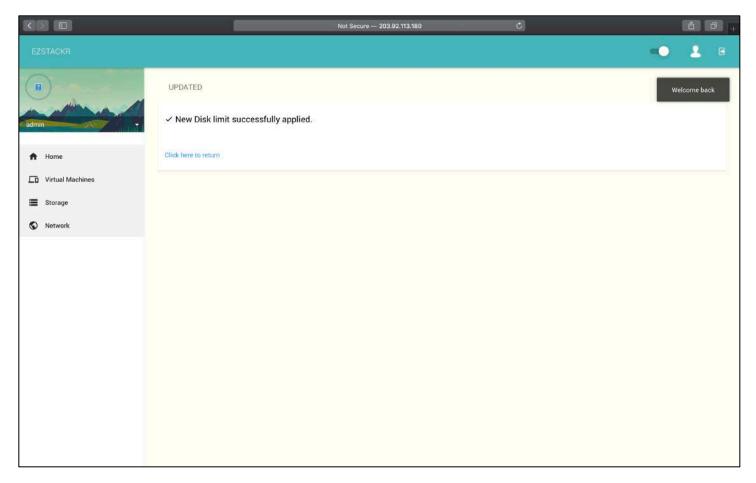
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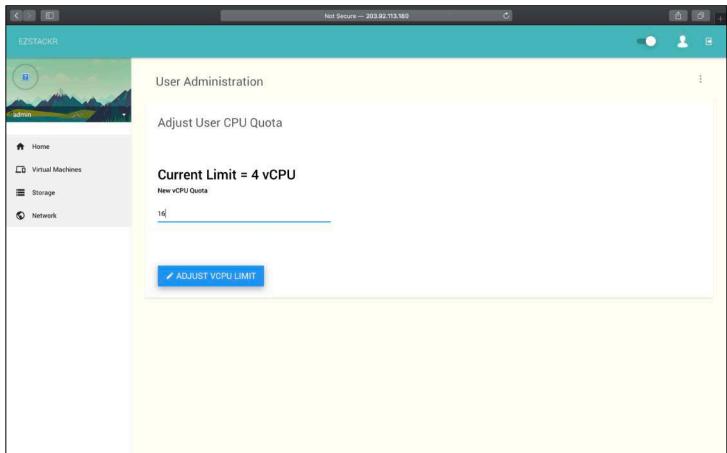


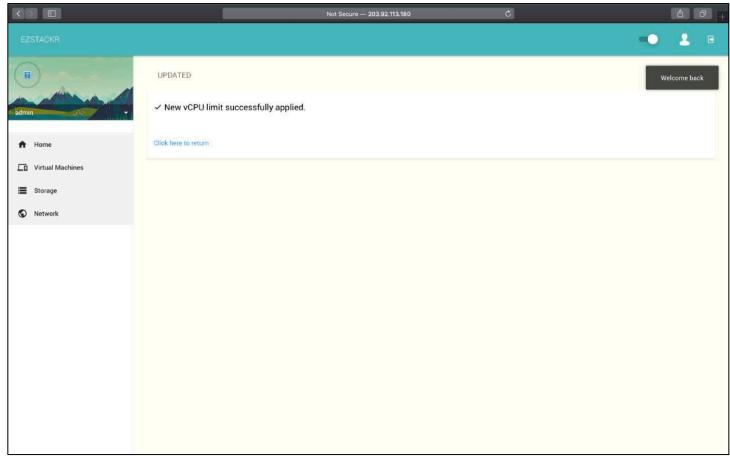
As Admin: Select "Resources" to view "Storage", "Compute", "Memory", "Networks".

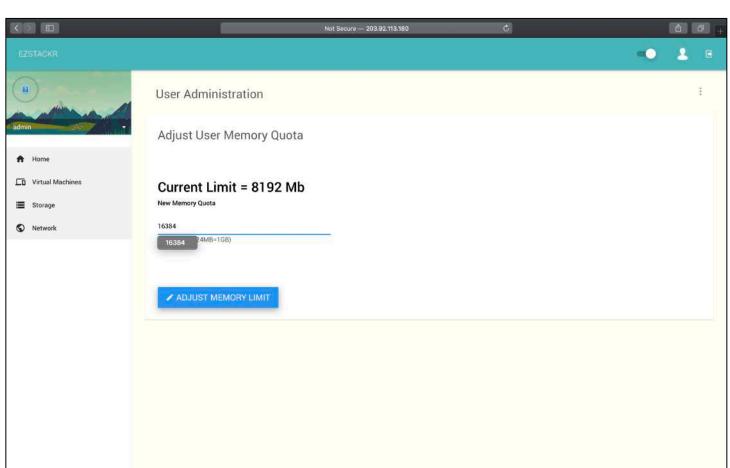


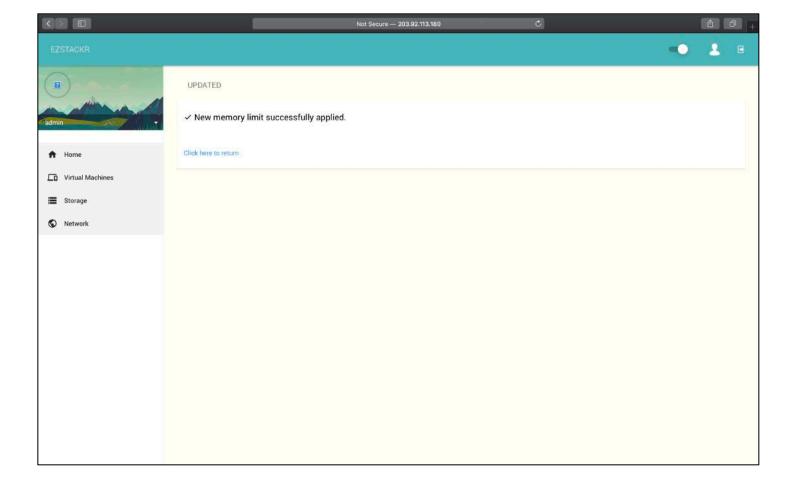




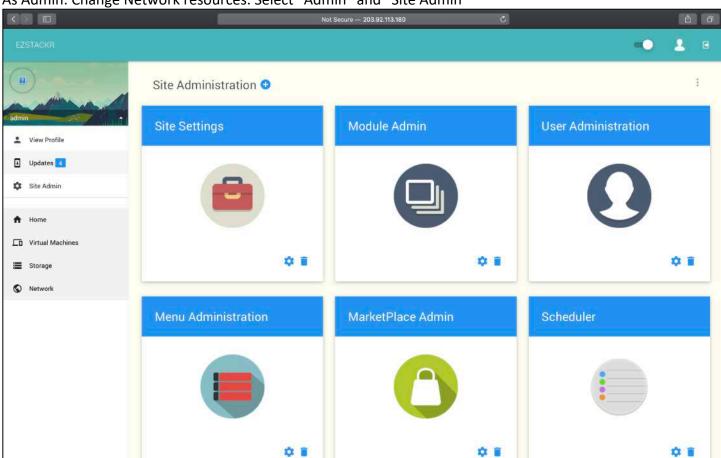




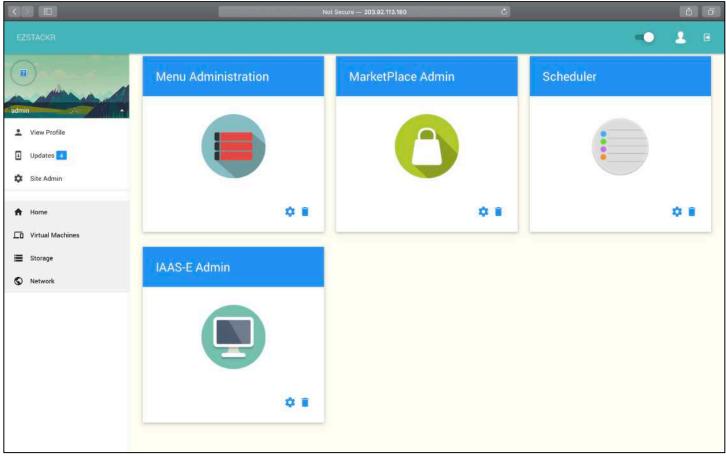




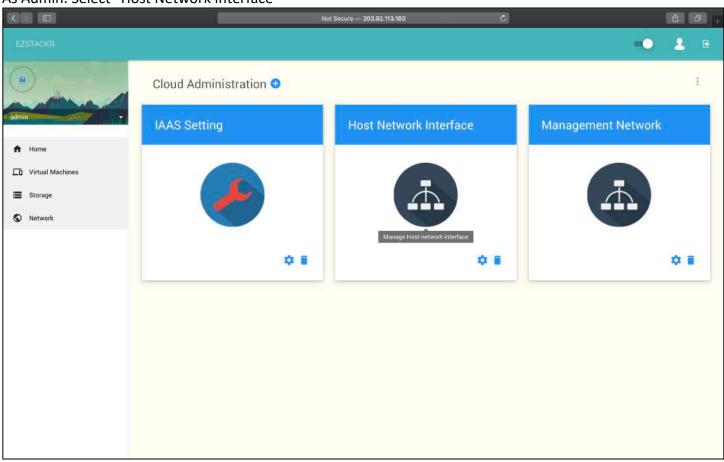
As Admin: Change Network resources. Select "Admin" and "Site Admin"

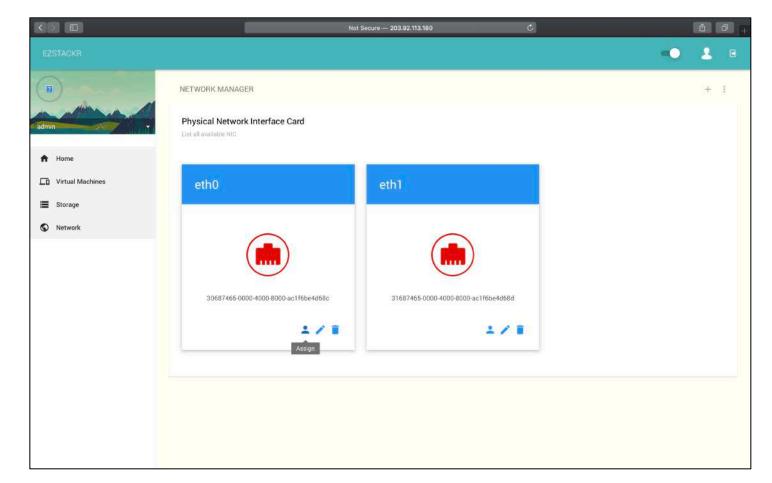


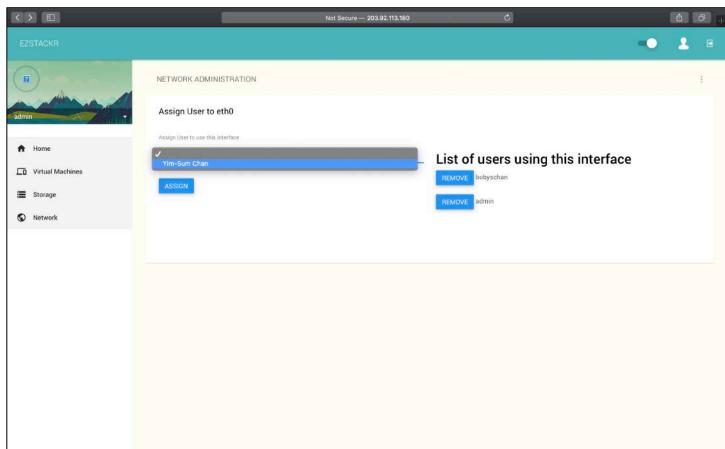
As Admin: Scroll down to the end and select "IAAS-E Admin"

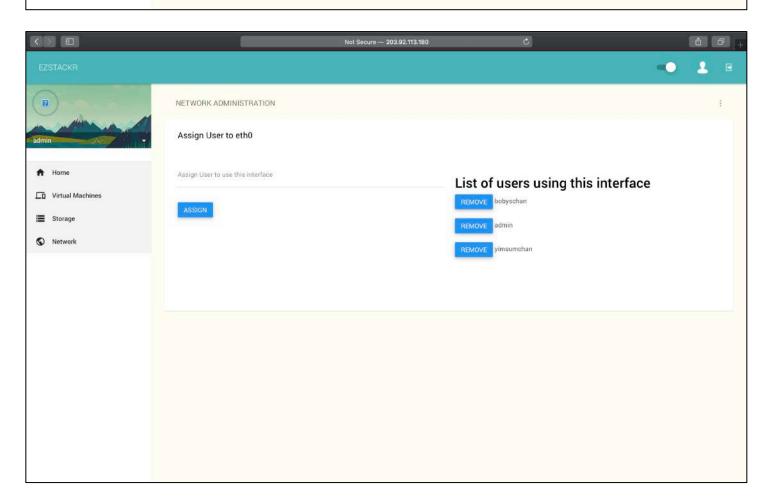


As Admin: Select "Host Network Interface"

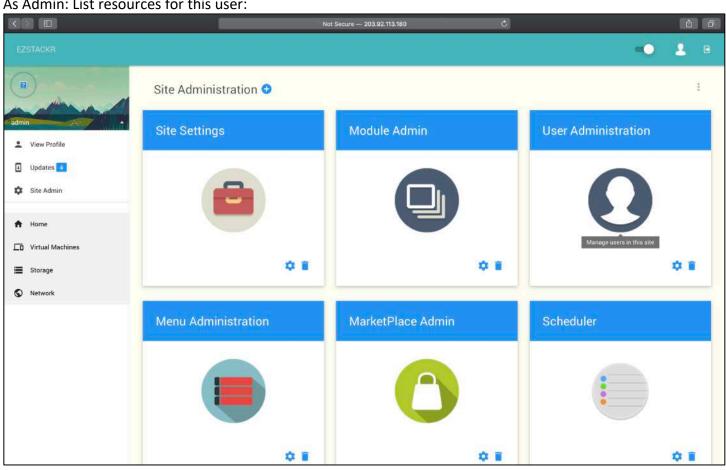




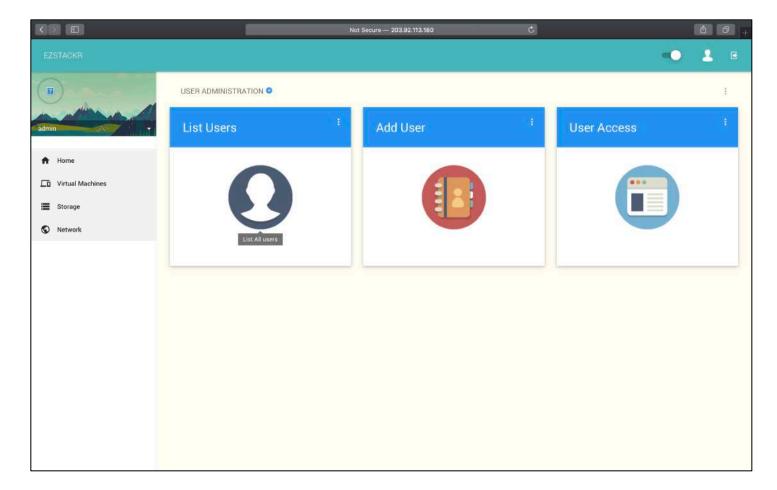




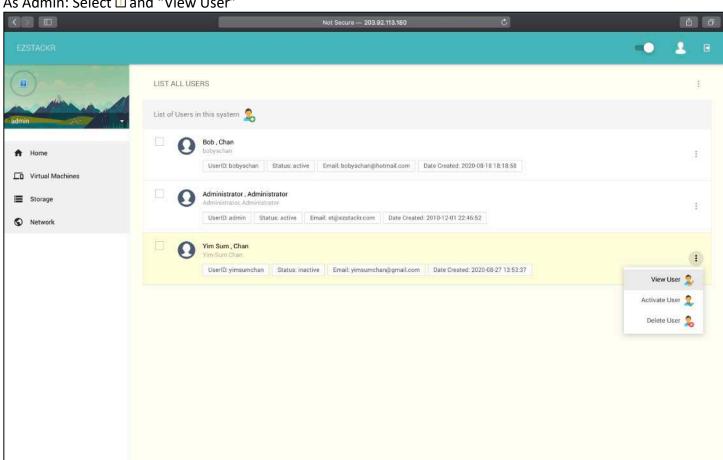
As Admin: List resources for this user:



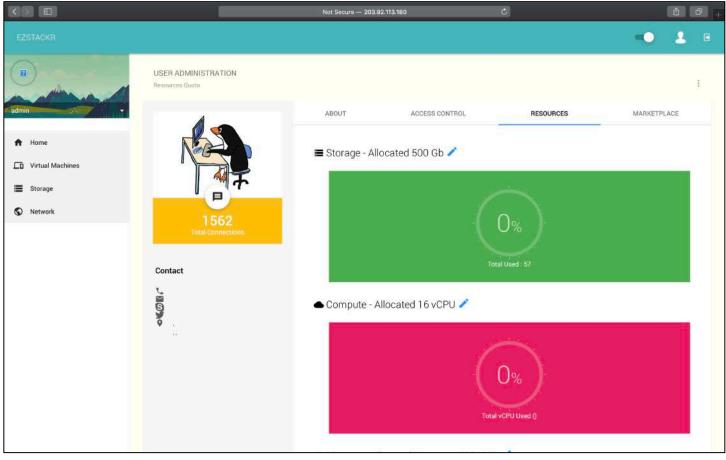
As Admin: Select "List Users"



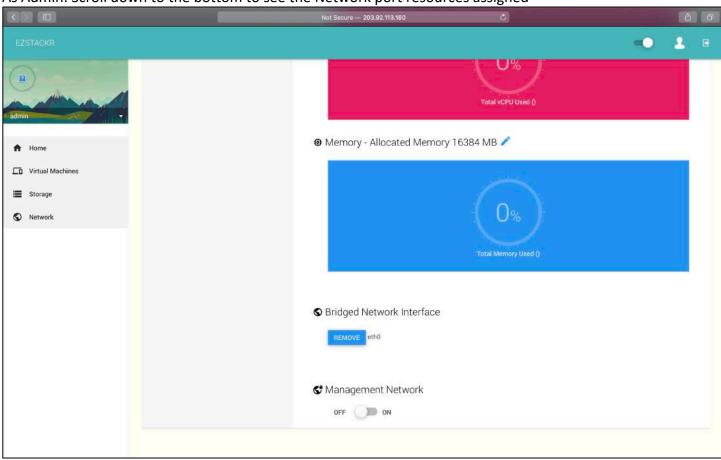
As Admin: Select II and "View User"

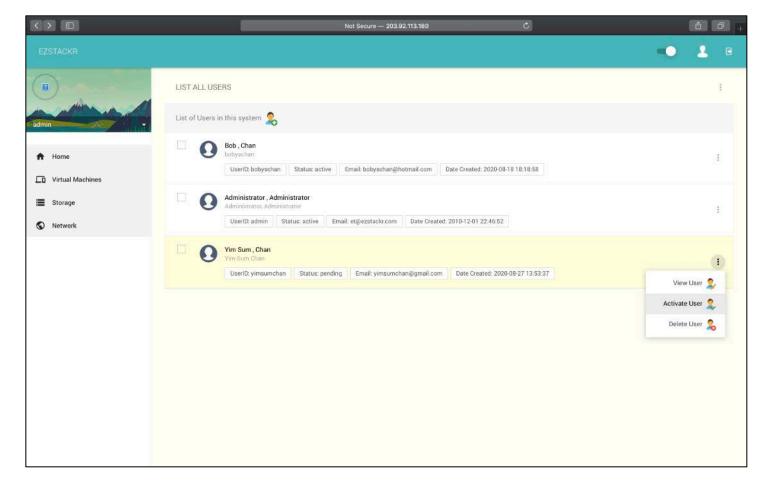


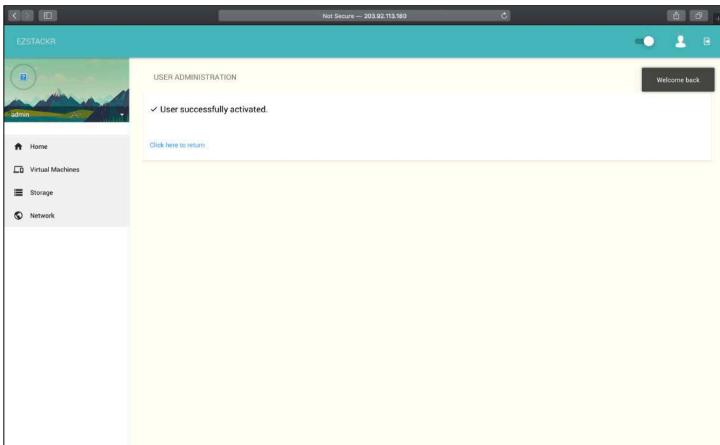
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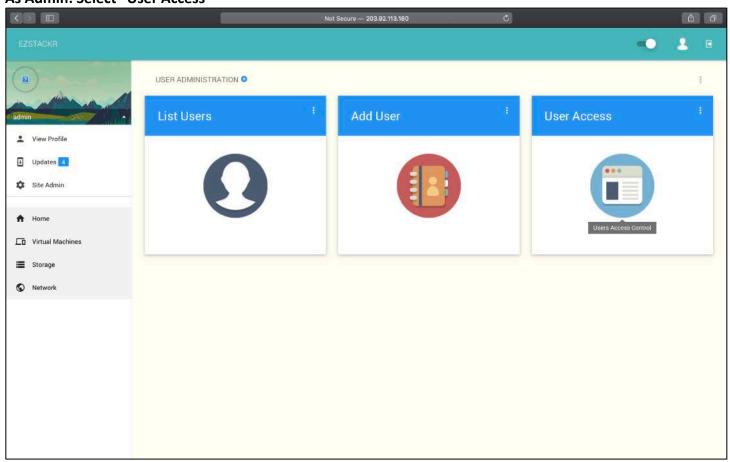


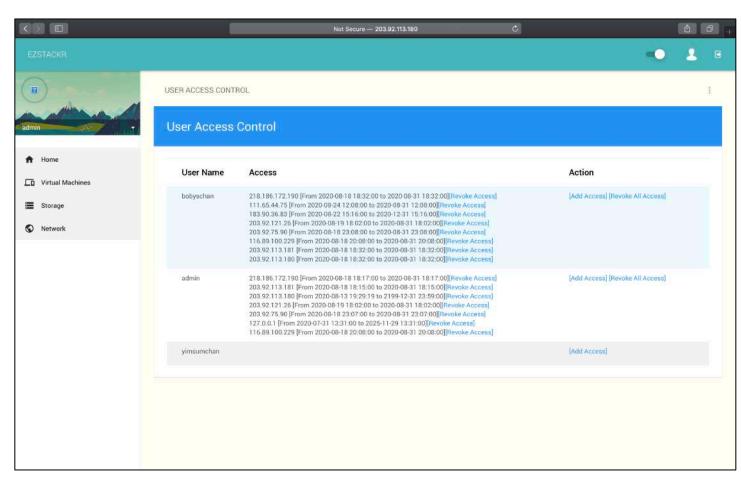




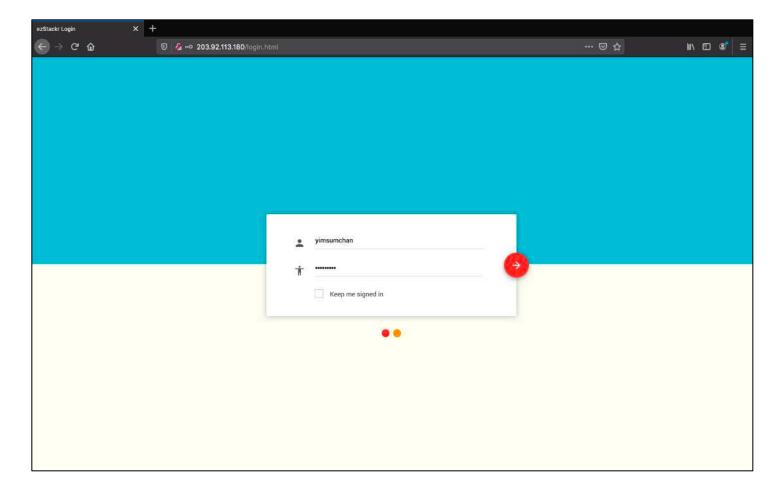


As Admin: Select "User Access"





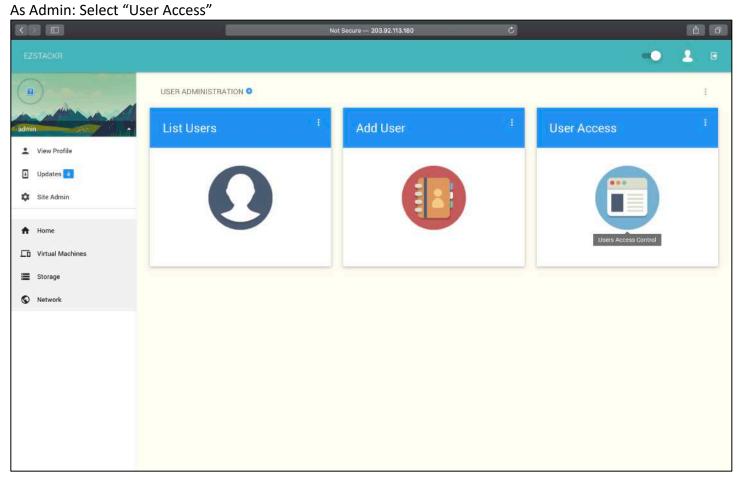
As User: Log in



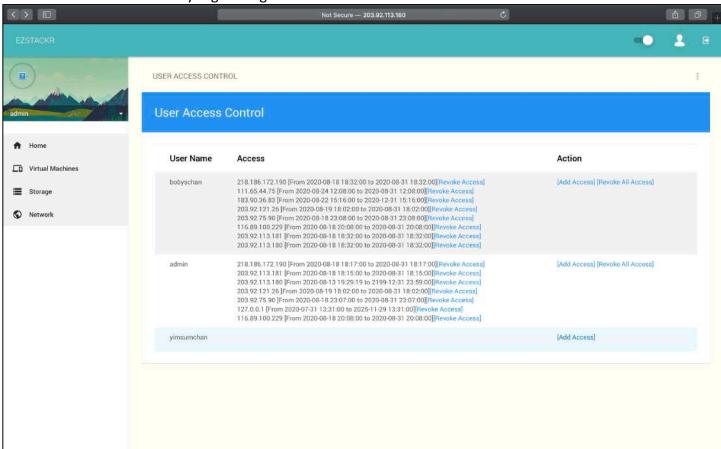
Notice the error message. Ezstackr requires to register the user's source IP in Ezstackr user access control

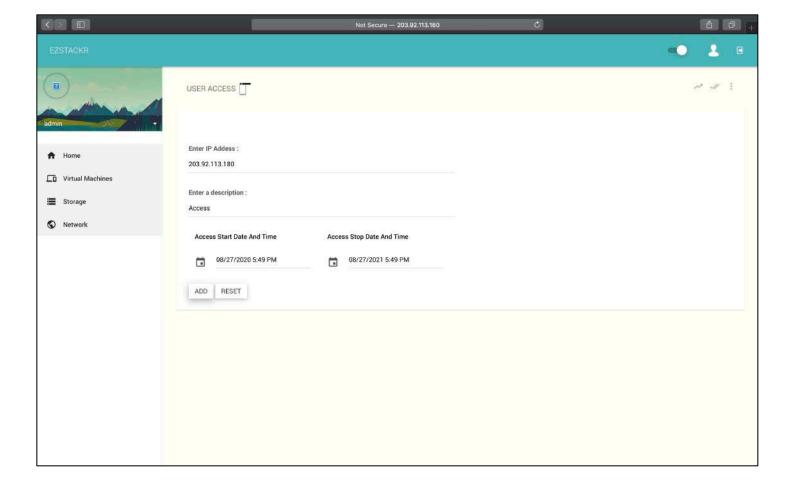


SETTING USER ACCESS CONTROL

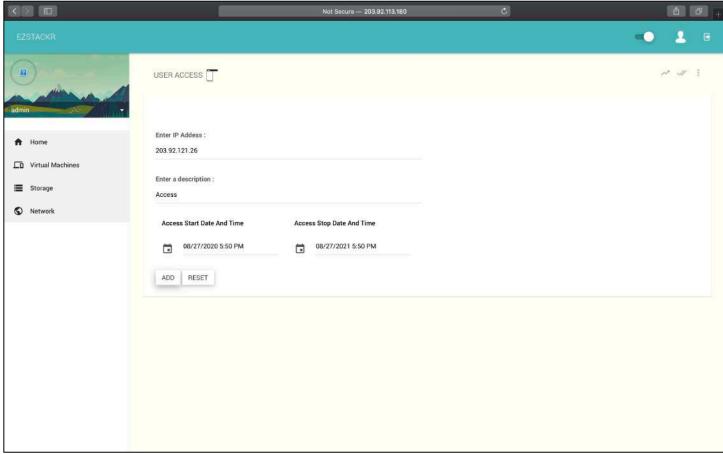


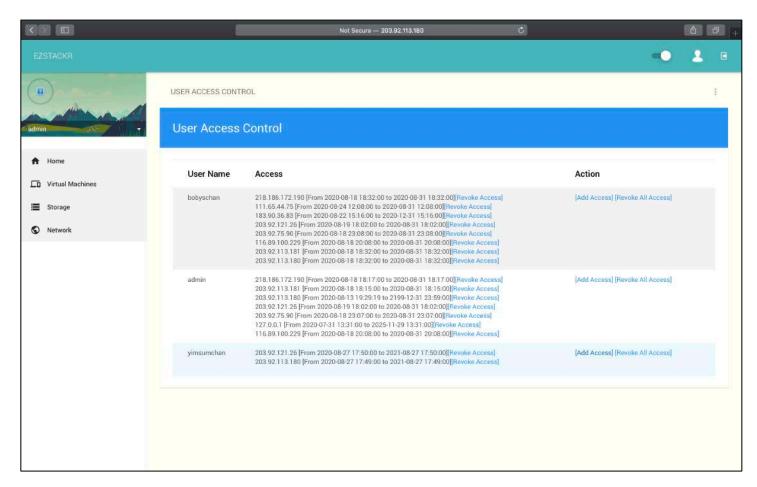
As Admin: Add user access by registering server IP and client IP. Select "Add Access"

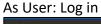


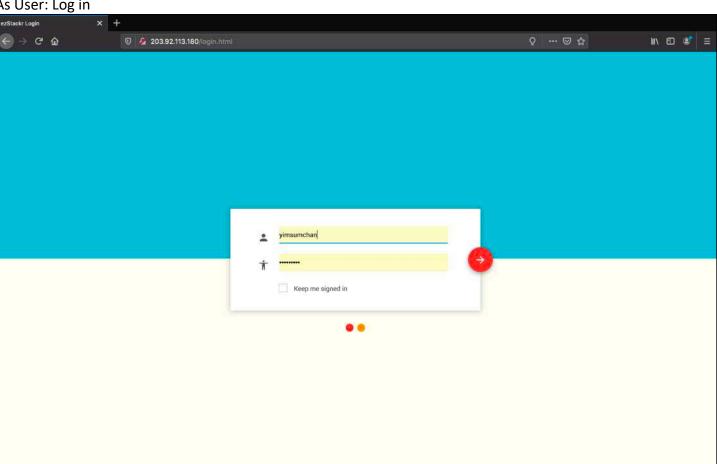


As Admin: Add client IP to allow access:

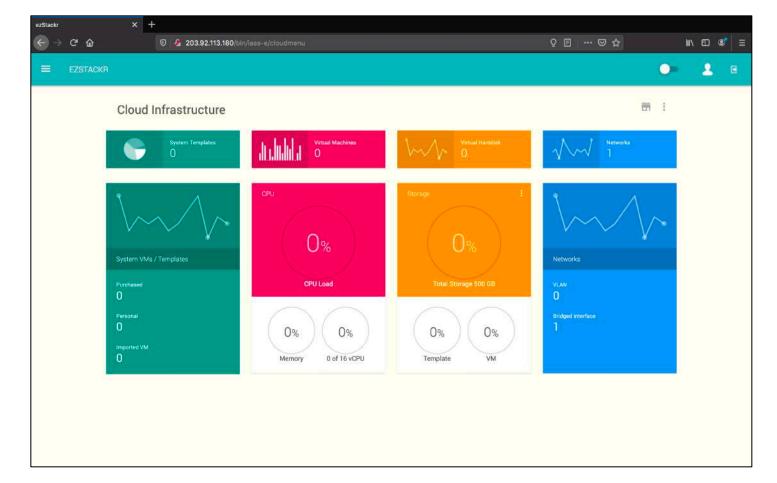






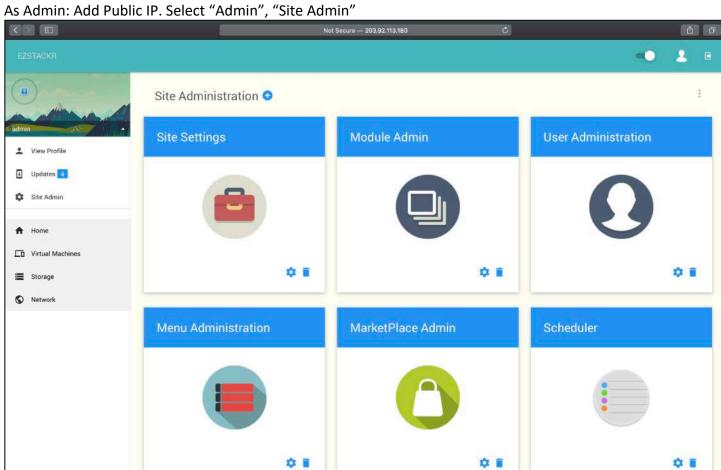


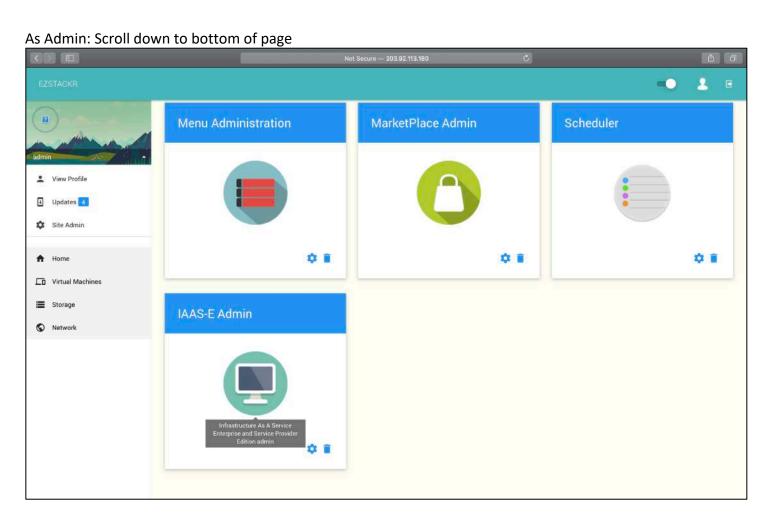
Login is successful. User has 16 vCPU, 500GB storage, 1 network port assigned.

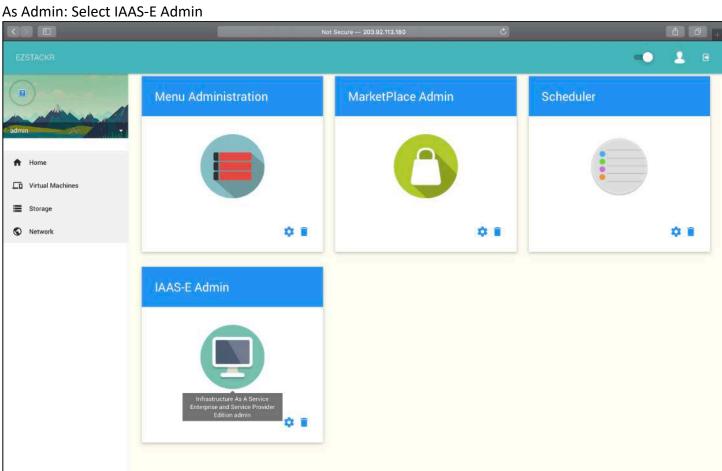


ADDING PUBLIC IP

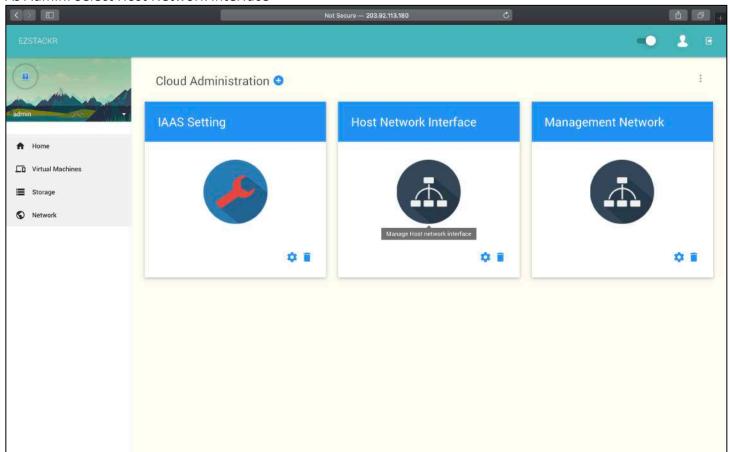
[if VLAN tagging is required, do the following steps, if not, you may skip this section]

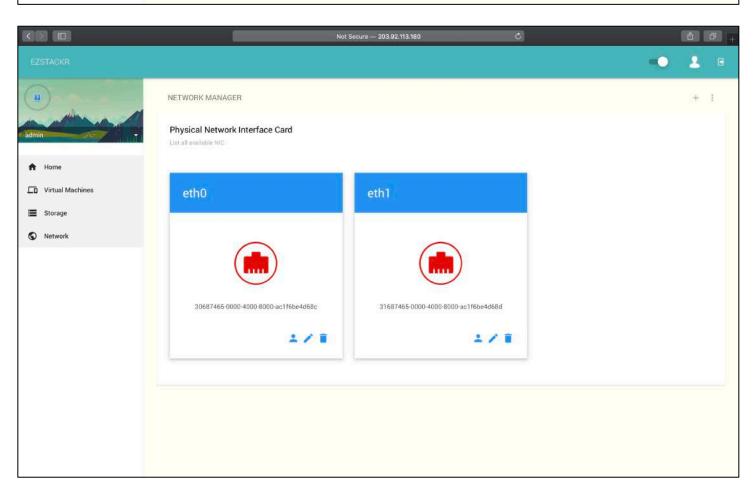




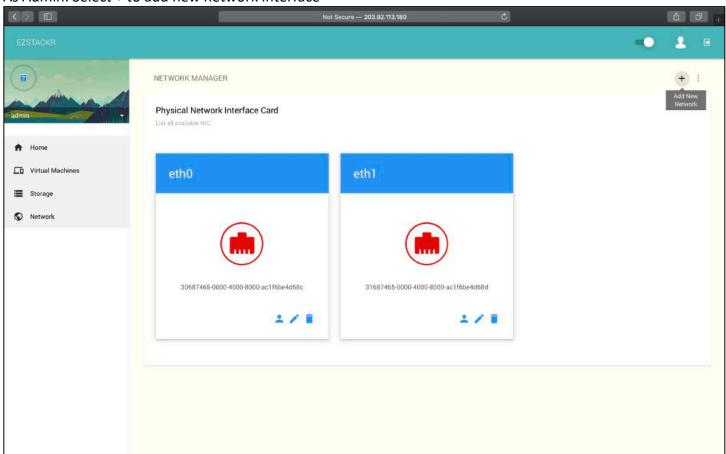


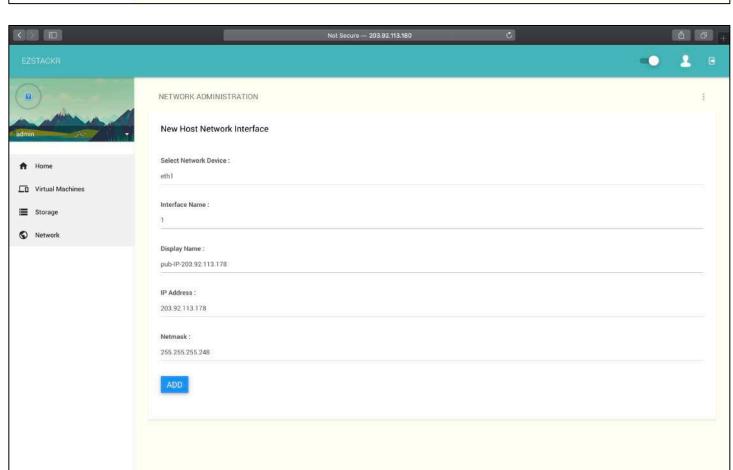
As Admin: Select Host Network Interface

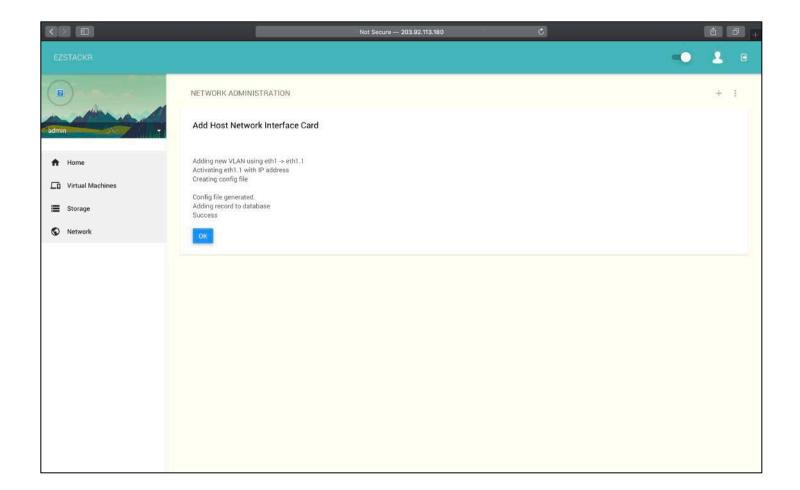


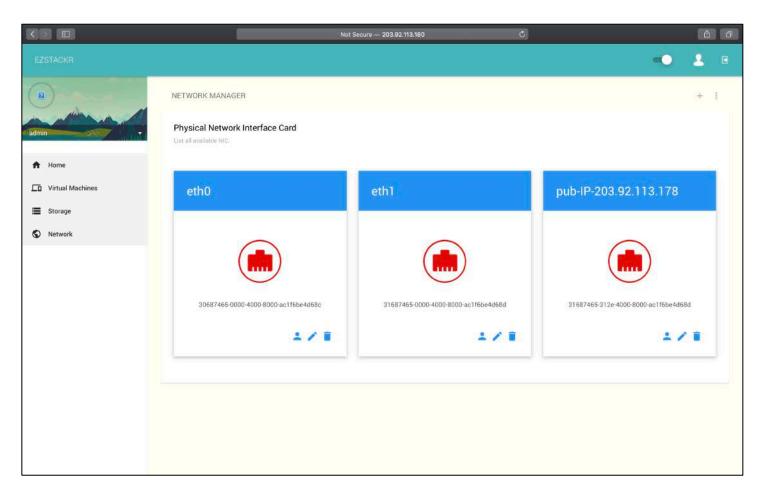


As Admin: Select + to add new network interface

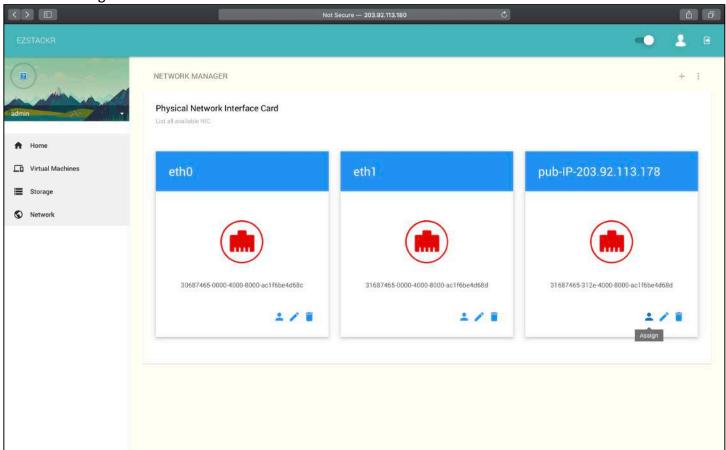


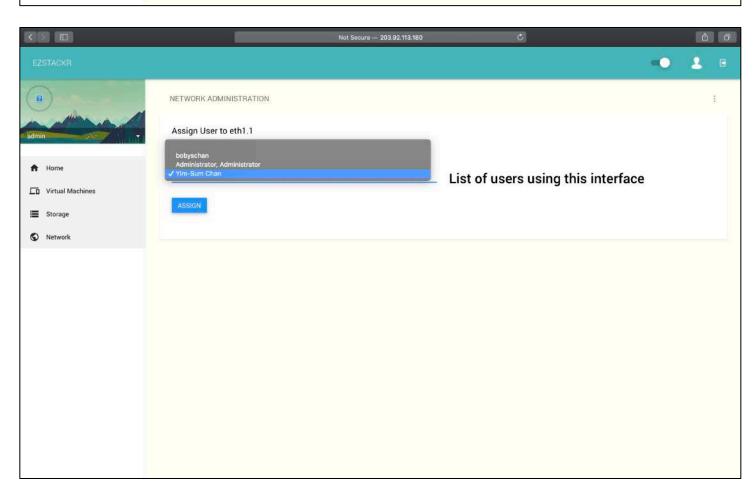


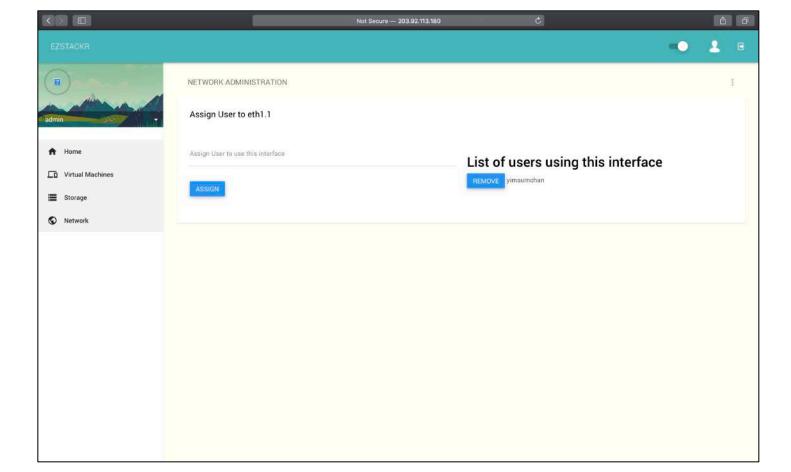




As Admin: Assign network to user

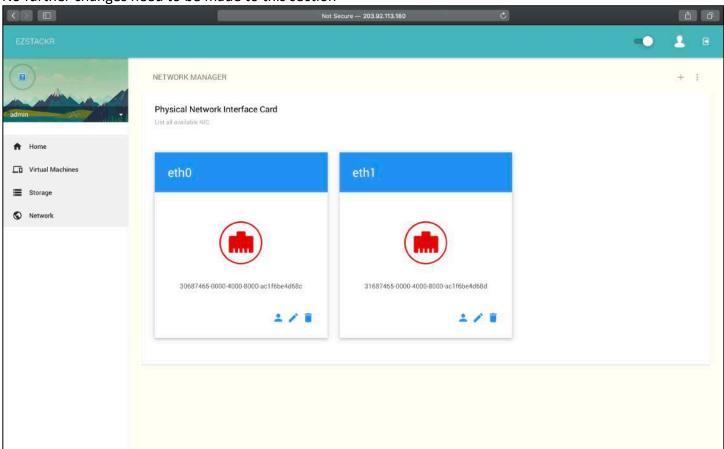




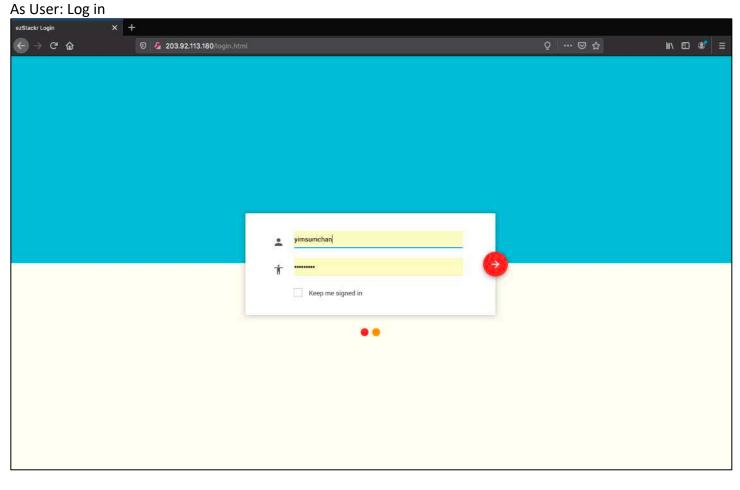


[if no VLAN tagging is required, the network administration is straight forward]

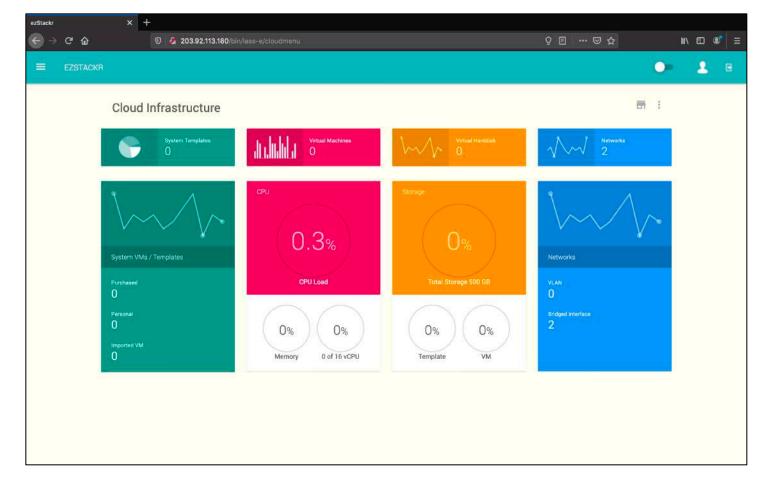
No further changes need to be made to this section



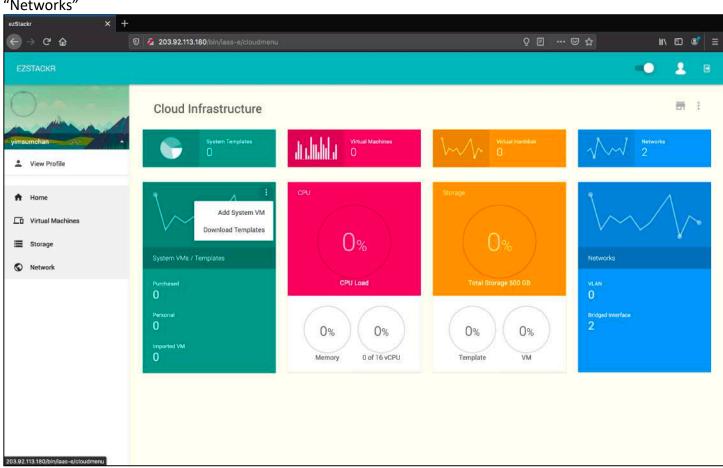
NAVIGATING CLOUD USER MENUS

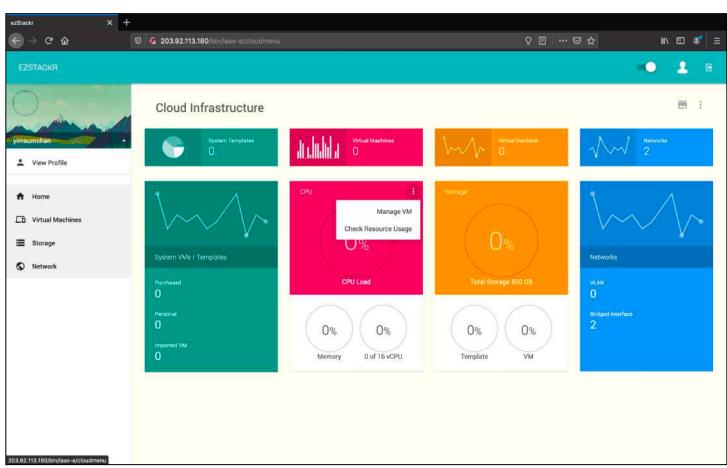


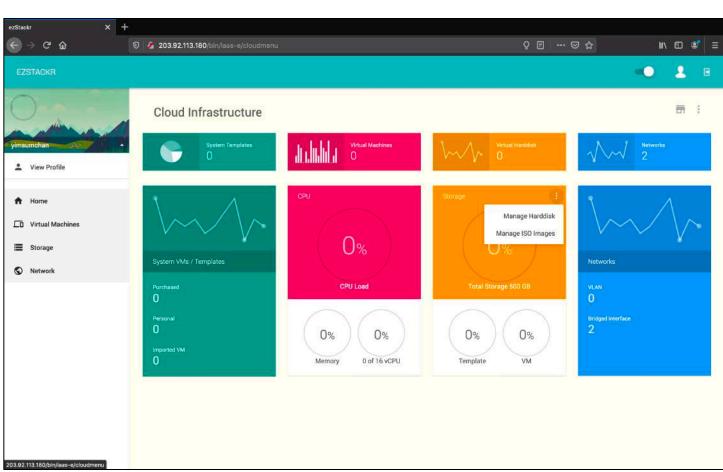
Login is successful. User has 16 vCPU, 500GB storage, 2 network ports assigned

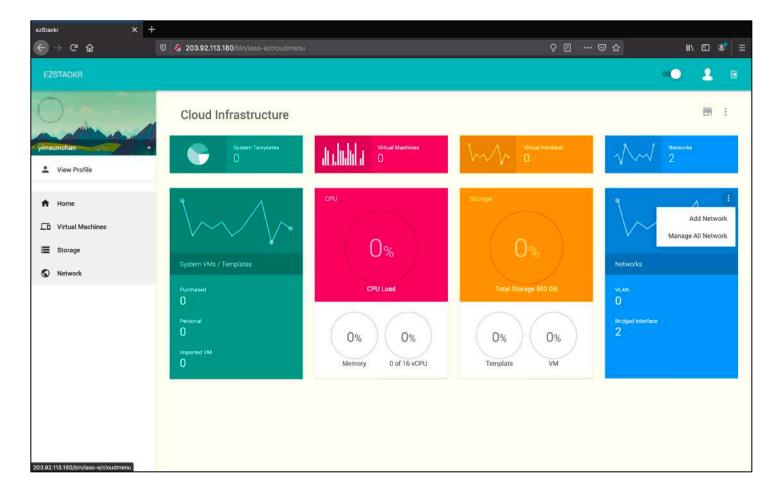


As User: Navigating the Home page. Select "System Templates", "Virtual Machines", "Virtual Harddisk", "Networks"

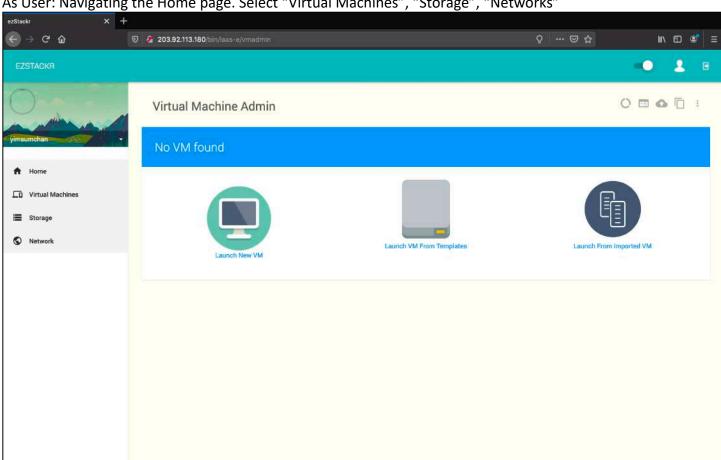




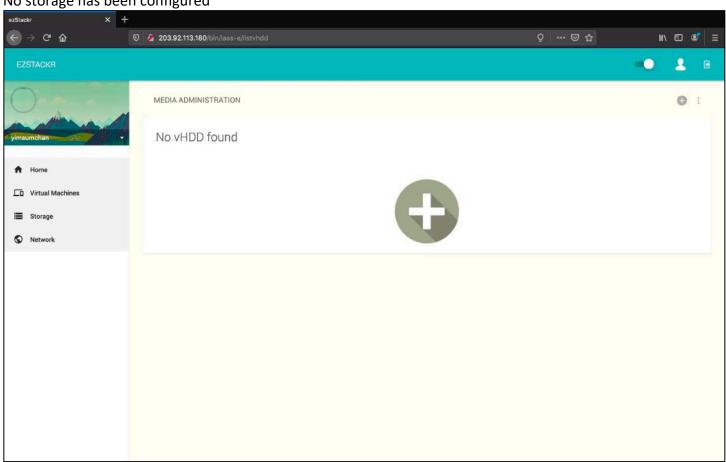




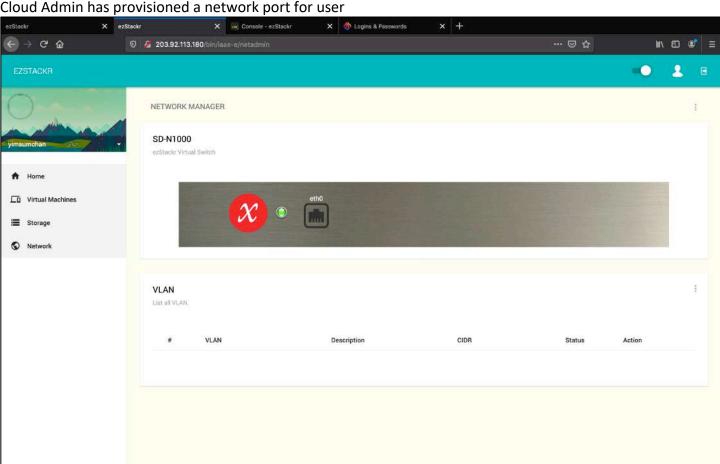
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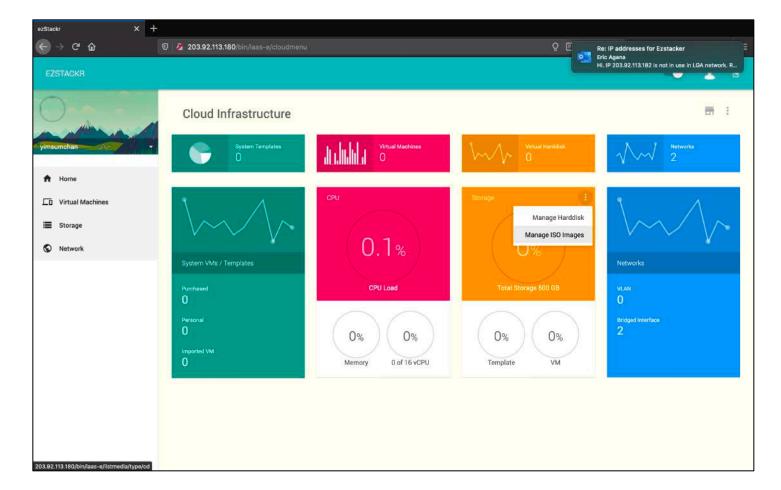
No storage has been configured



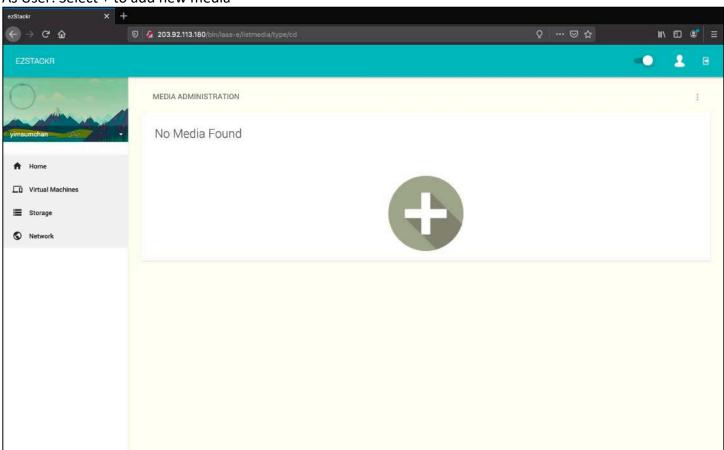
Cloud Admin has provisioned a network port for user



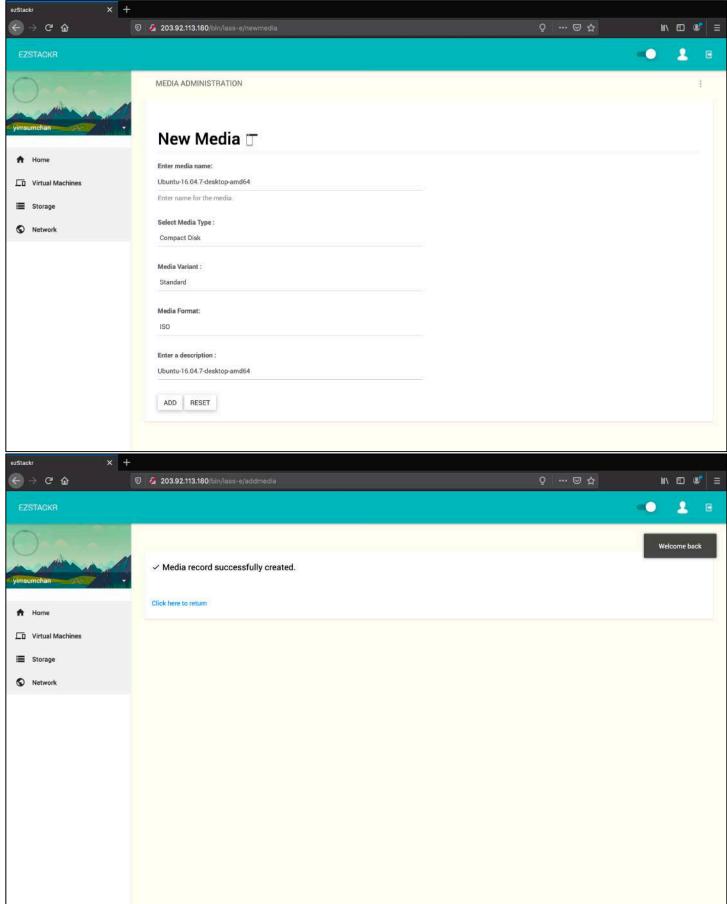
As User: Select "Virtual Harddisk"



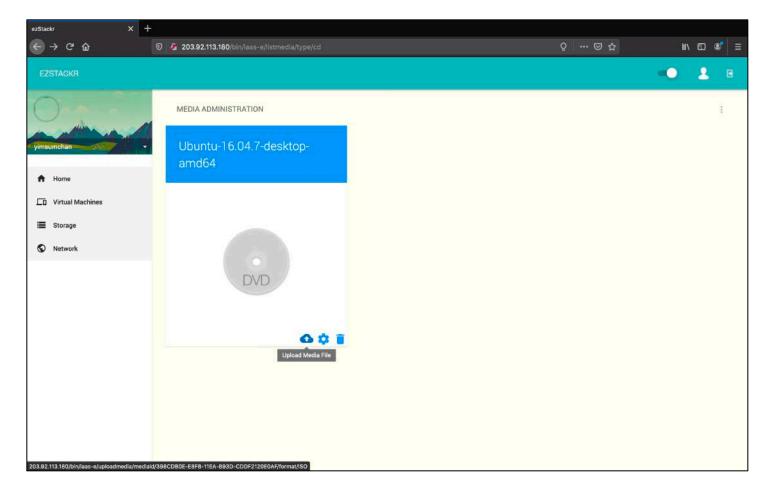
As User: Select + to add new media

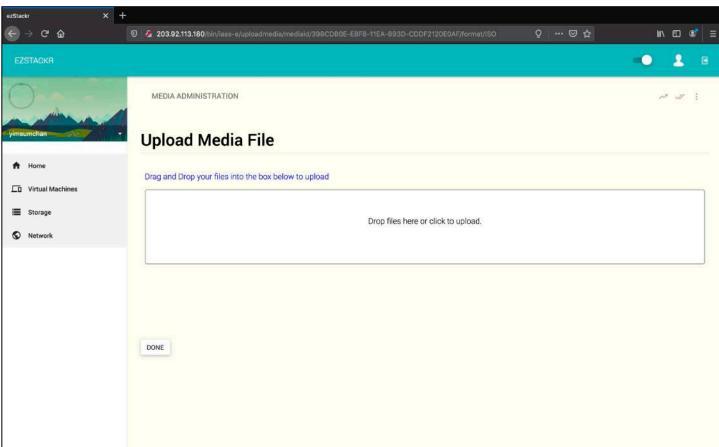


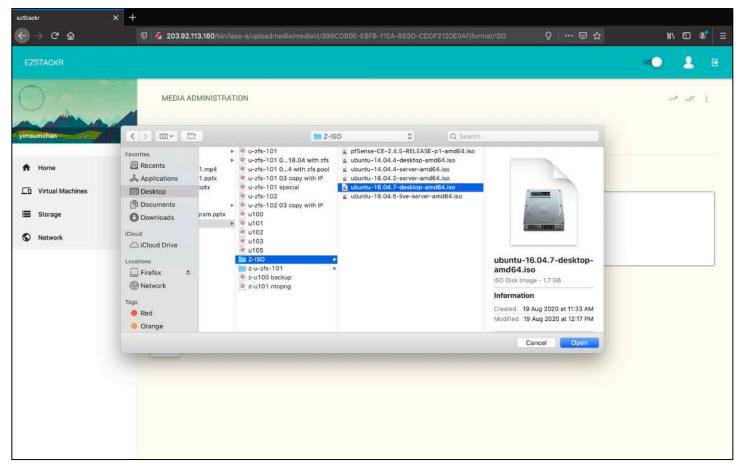
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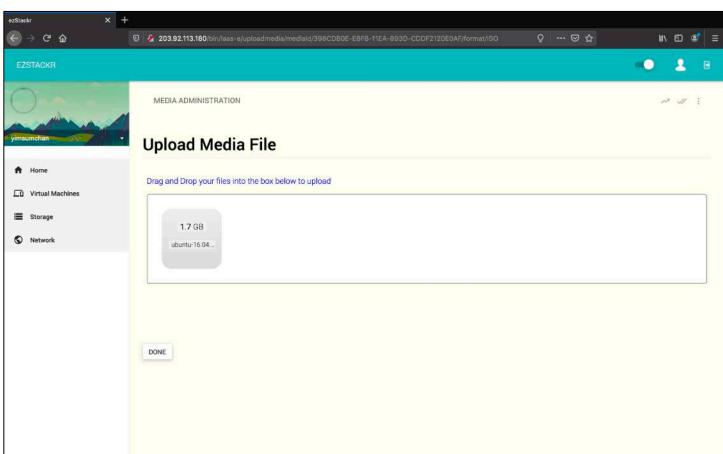


As User: Upload new media file

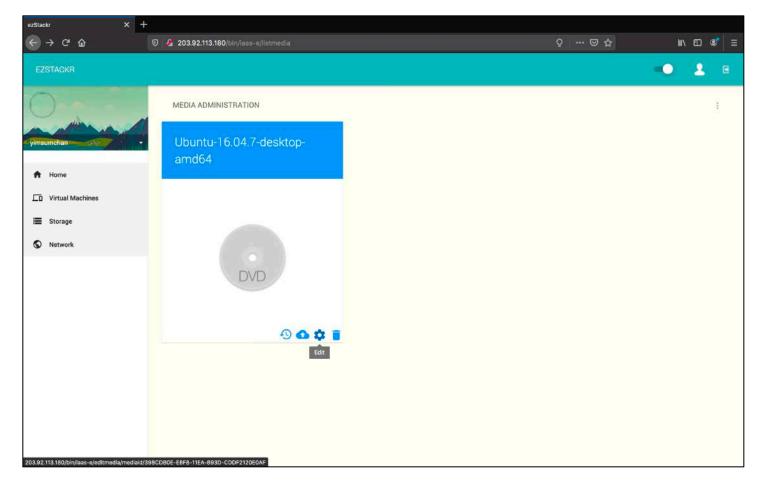


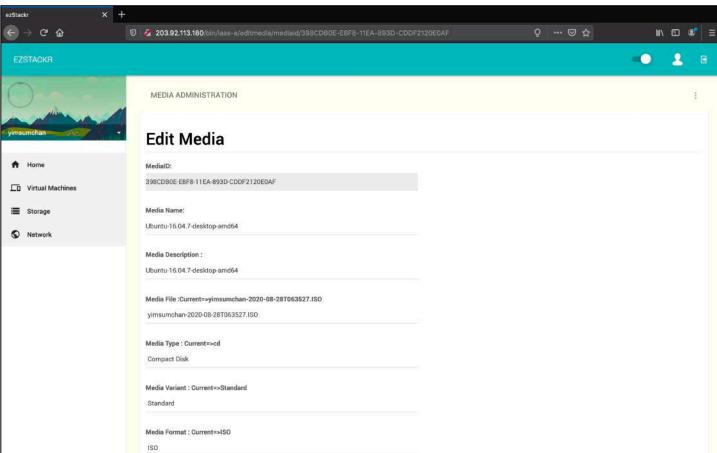






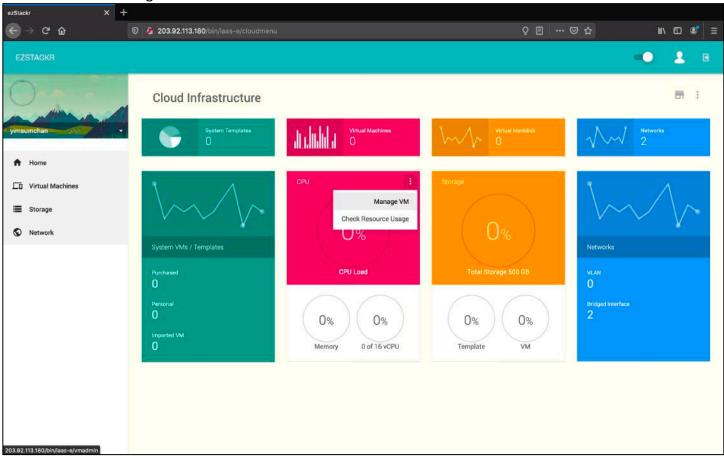
As User: After uploading, select "Edit" to check that the ISO has been uploaded. Media file has an upload timestamp



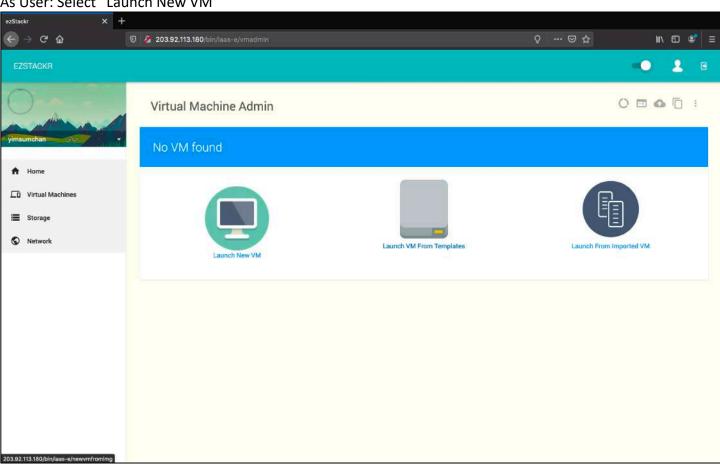


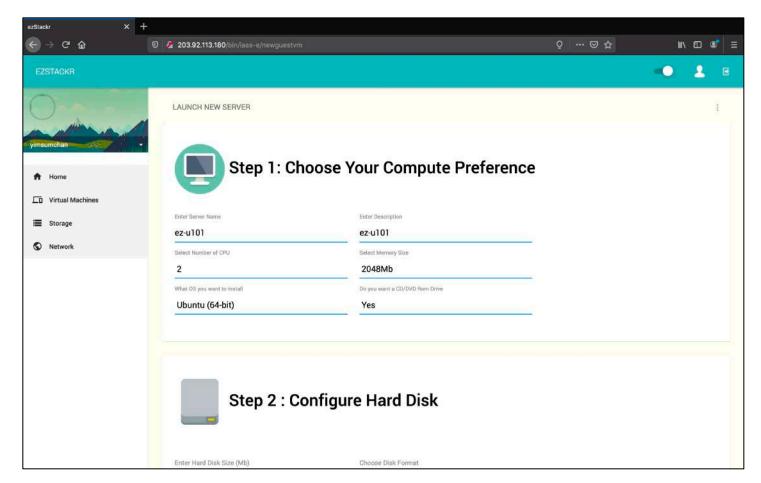
CREATING VMs

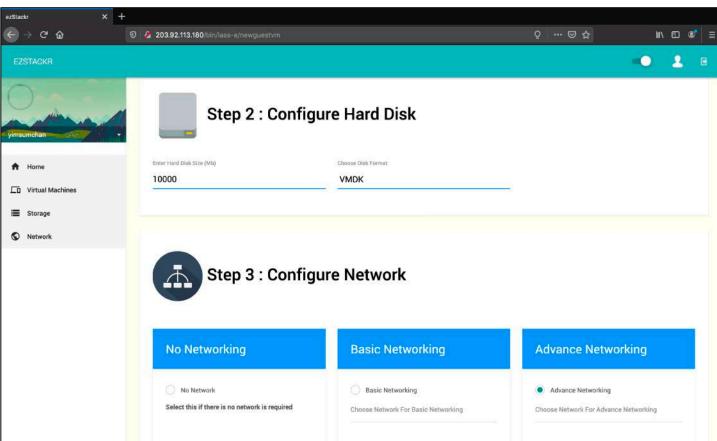
As User: Select "Manage VM"



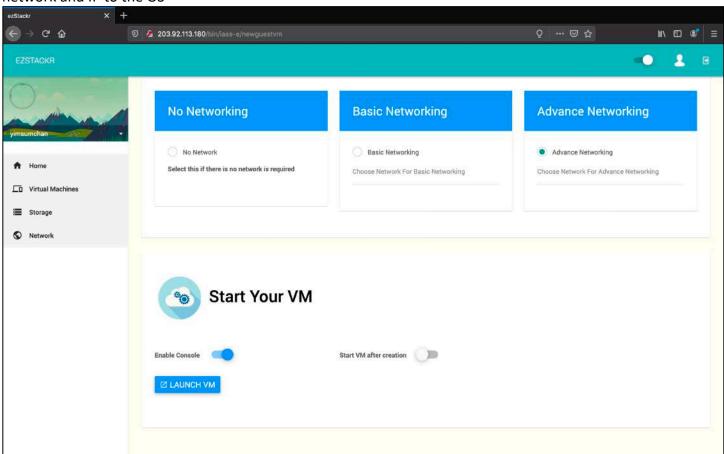
As User: Select "Launch New VM"

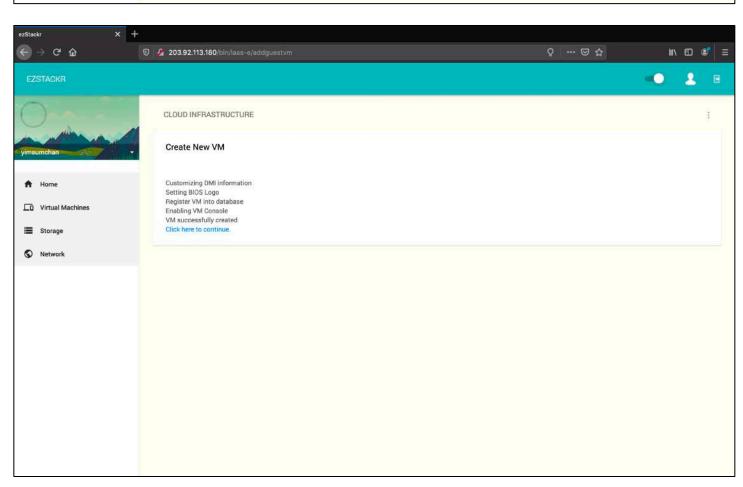






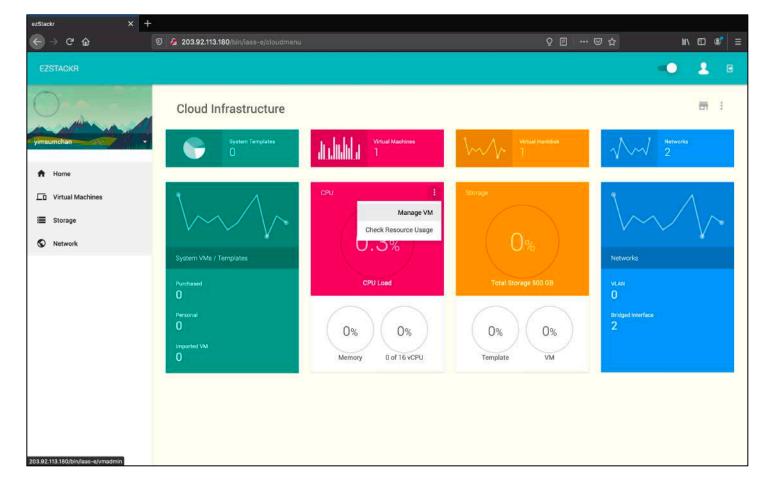
As User: Select "Advanced Networking". This allows the OS to auto configure its network as DHCP assigns a network and IP to the OS

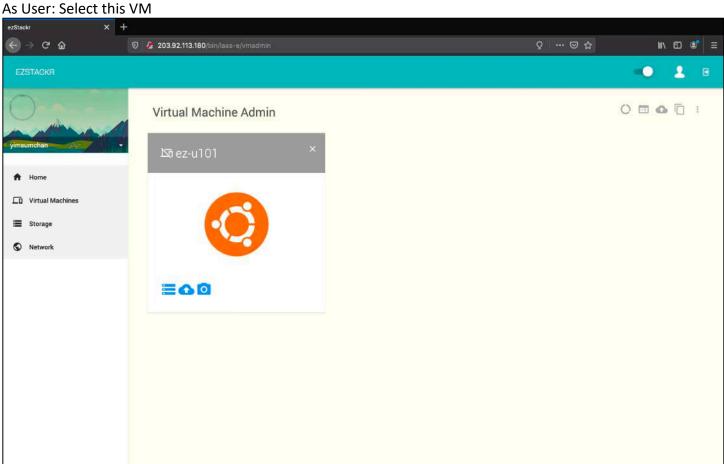




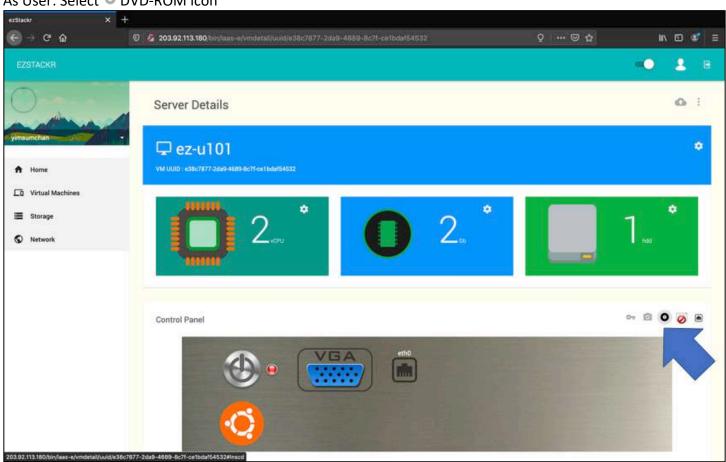
LAUNCHING VMs

As User: Select "Manage VM"

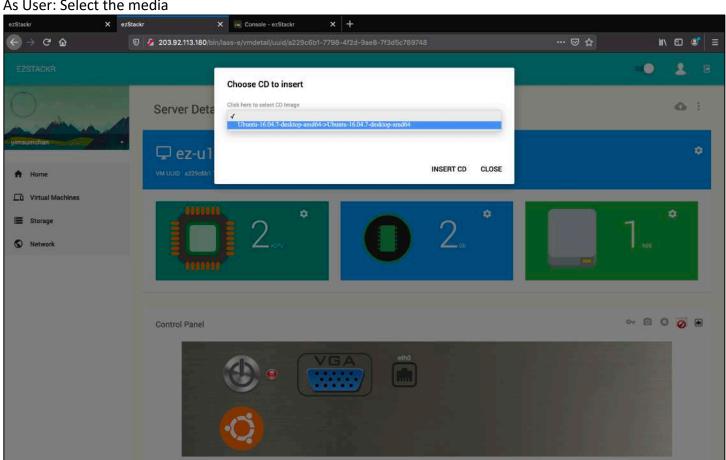


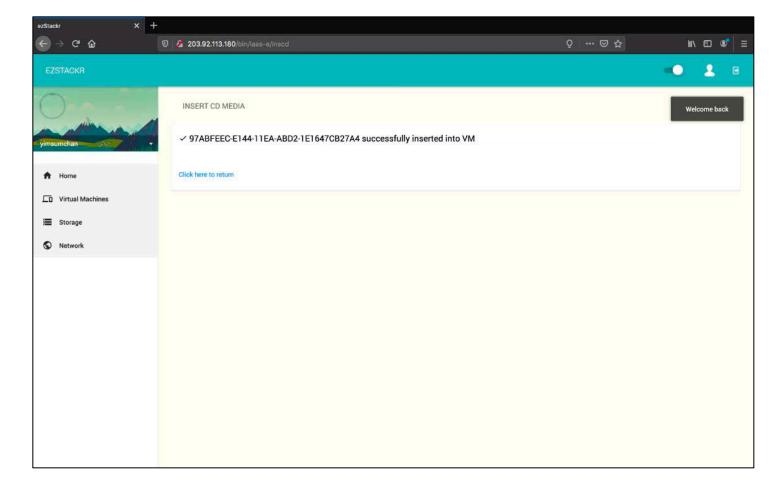


As User: Select DVD-ROM icon

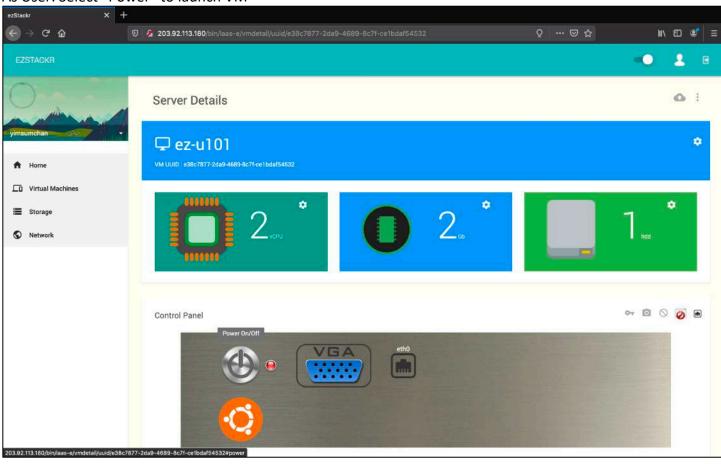


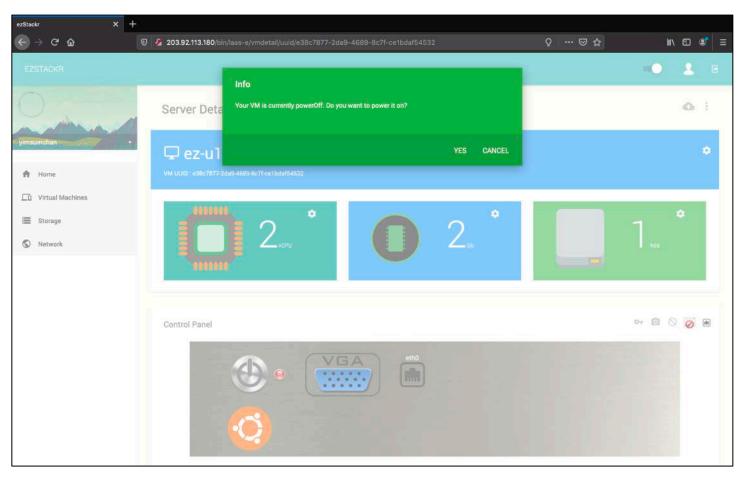
As User: Select the media



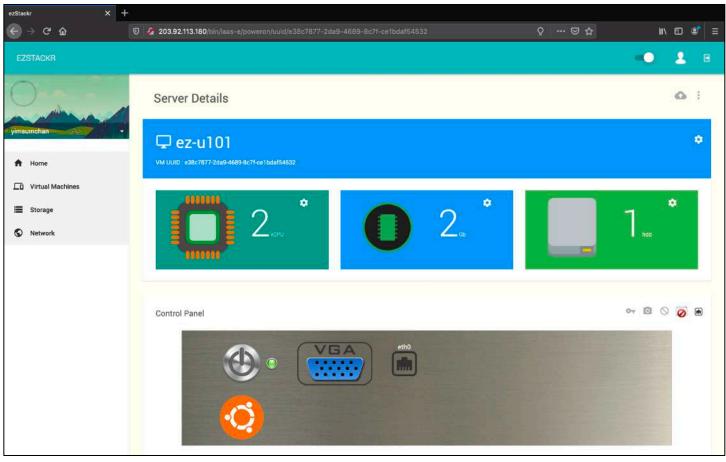


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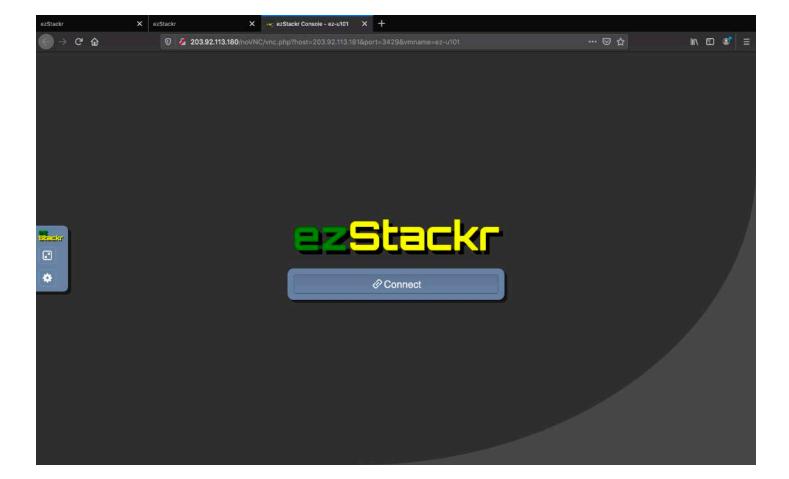




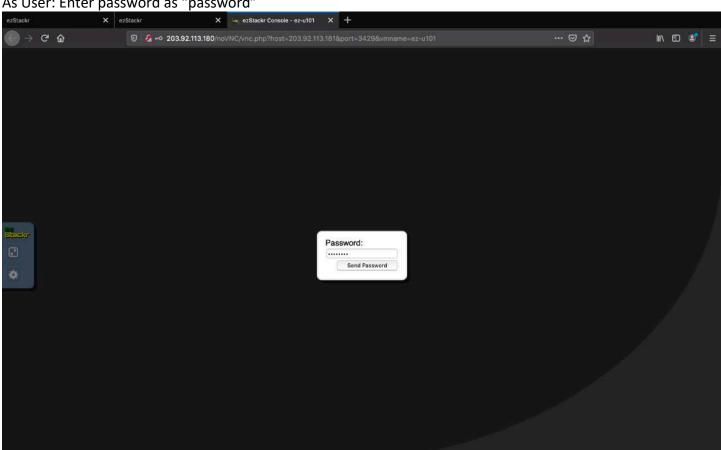
As User: Select the icon



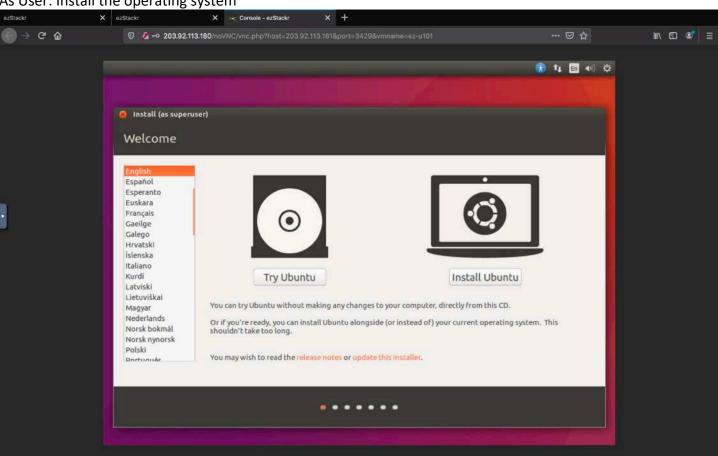
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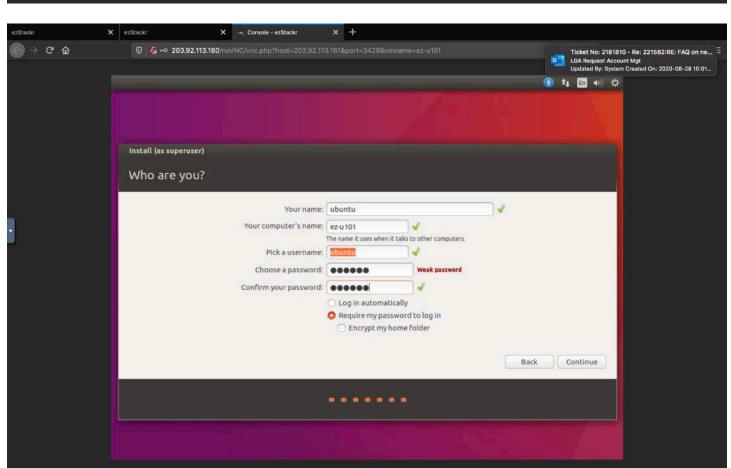


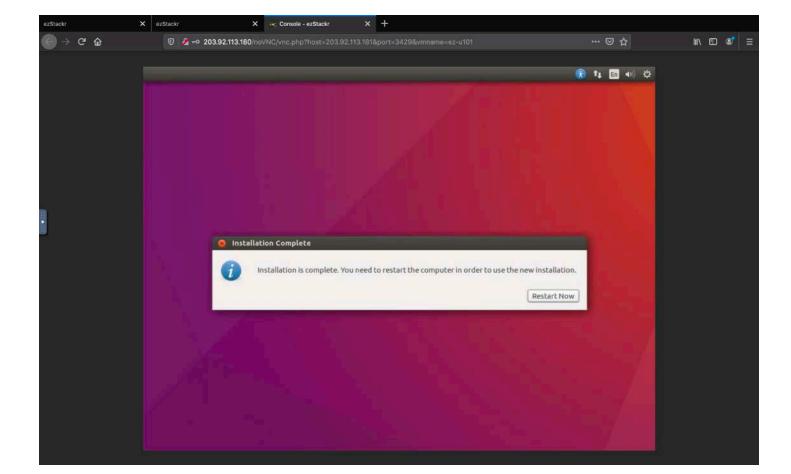
As User: Enter password as "password"



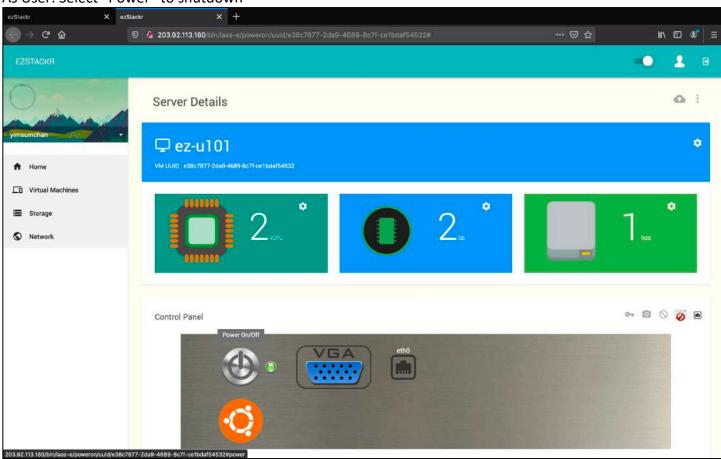
As User: Install the operating system

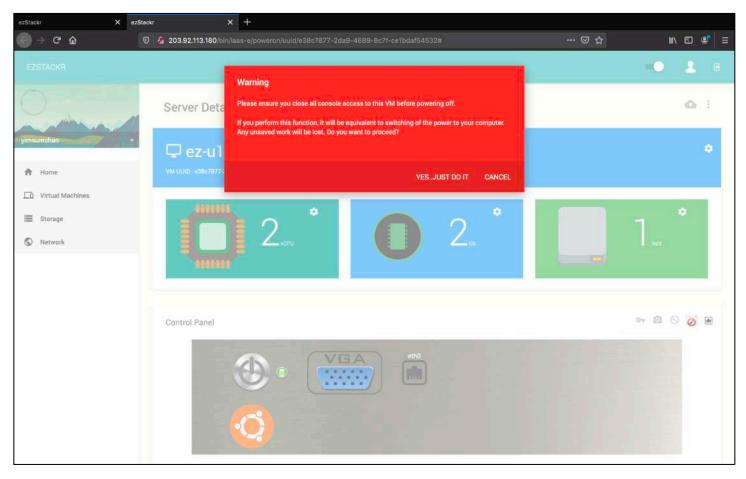


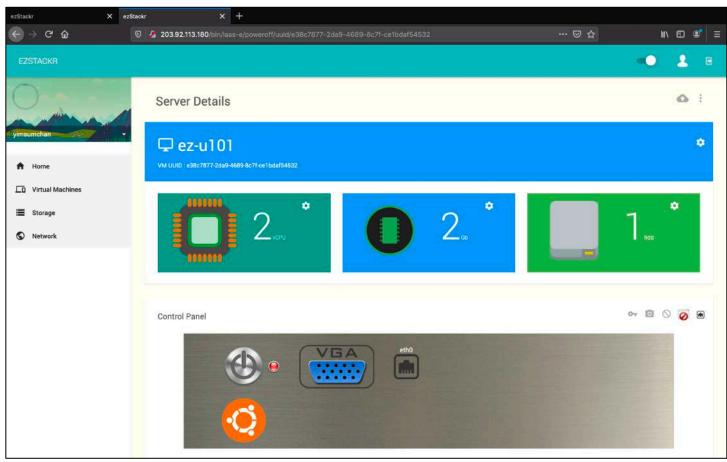




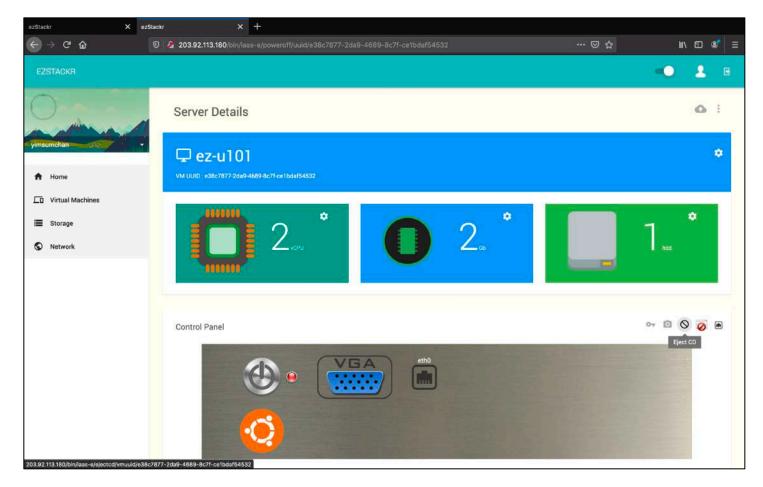
As User: Select "Power" to shutdown

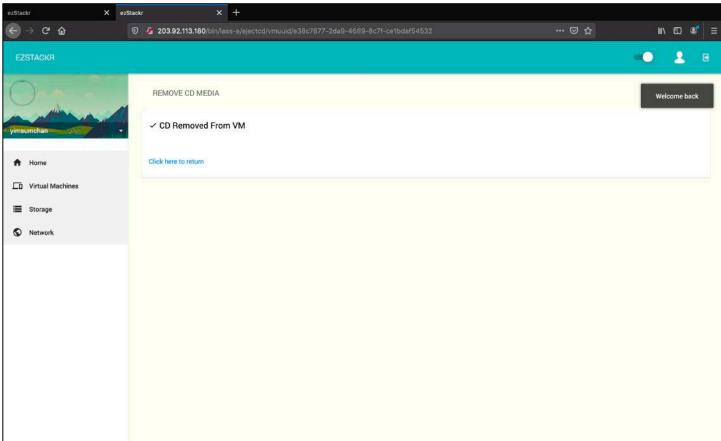






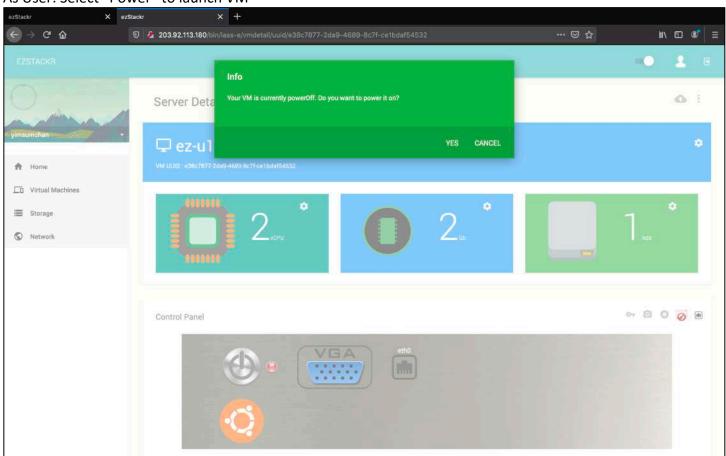
As User: Select "Eject DVD-ROM"

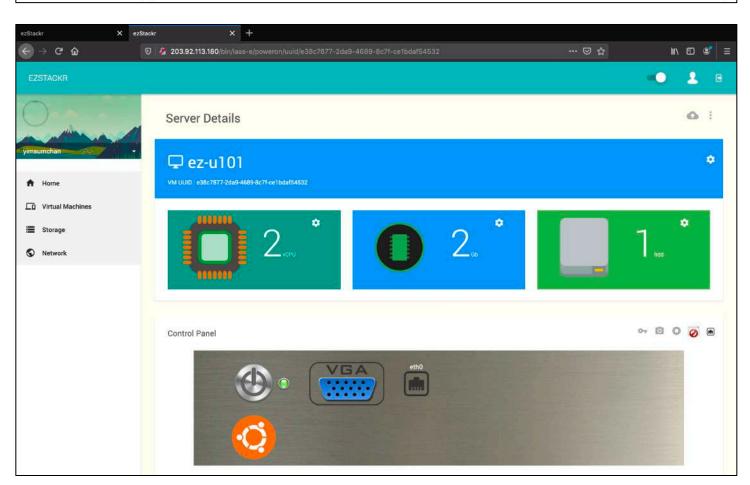


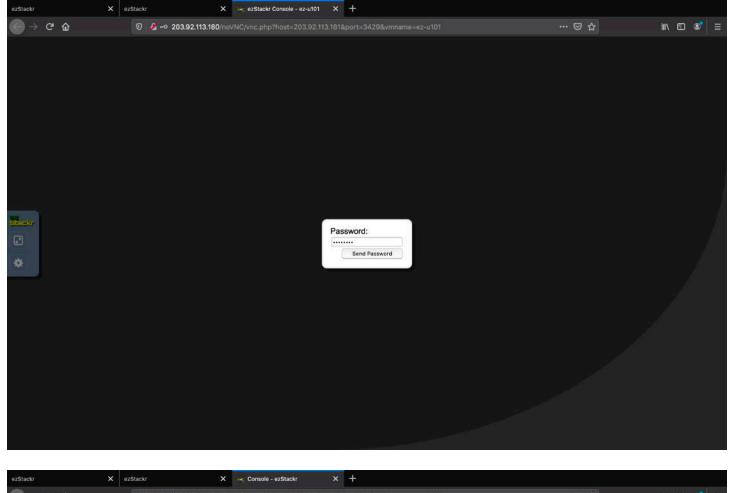


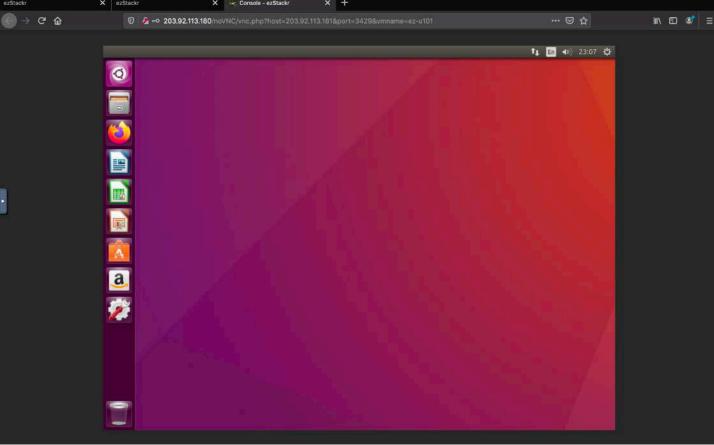
CONNECTING VMs TO NETWORK

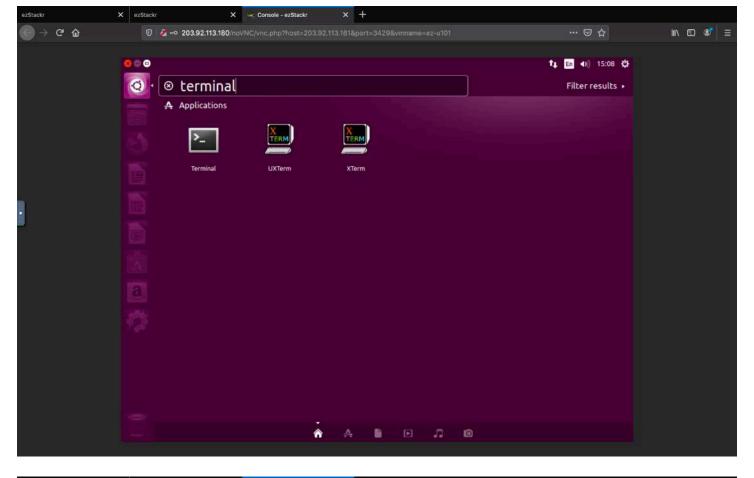
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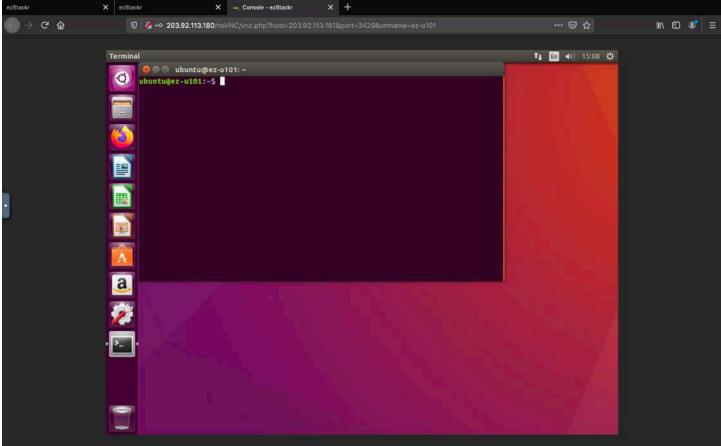




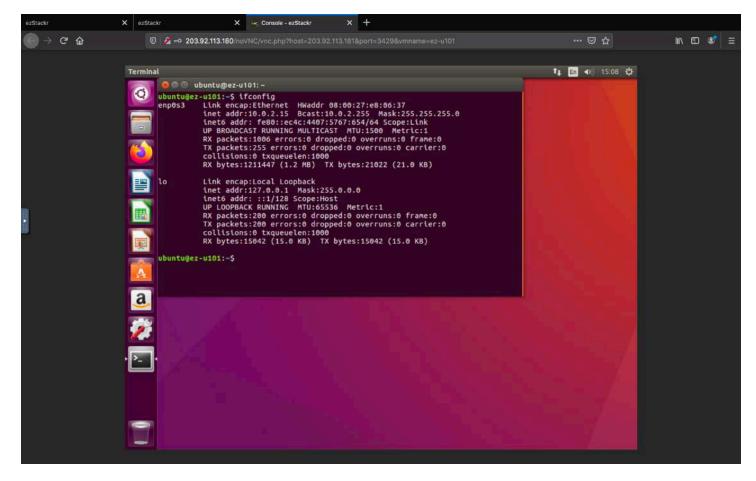


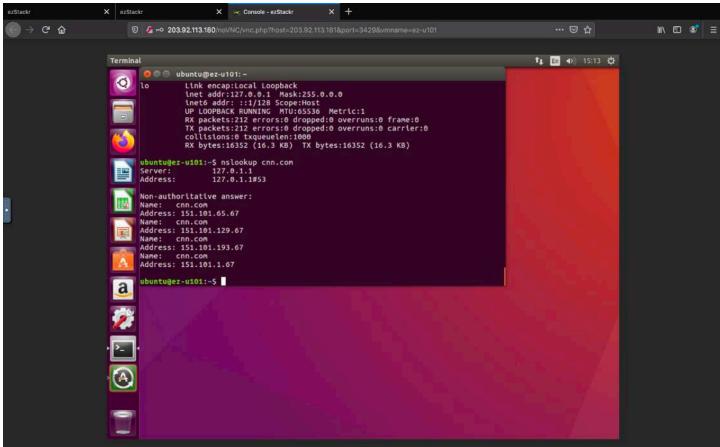


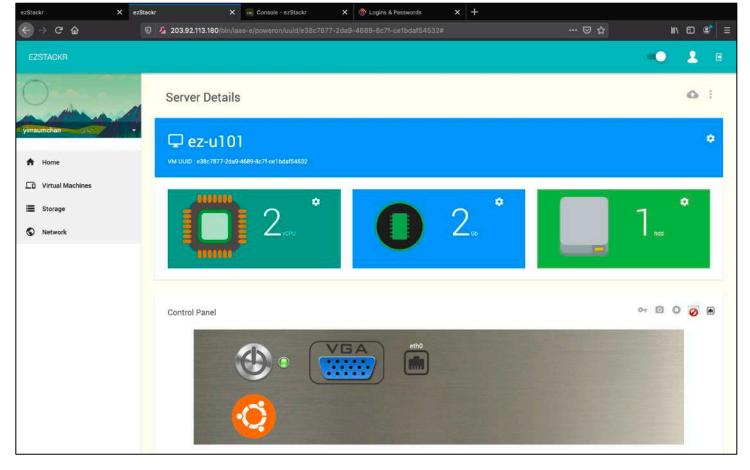


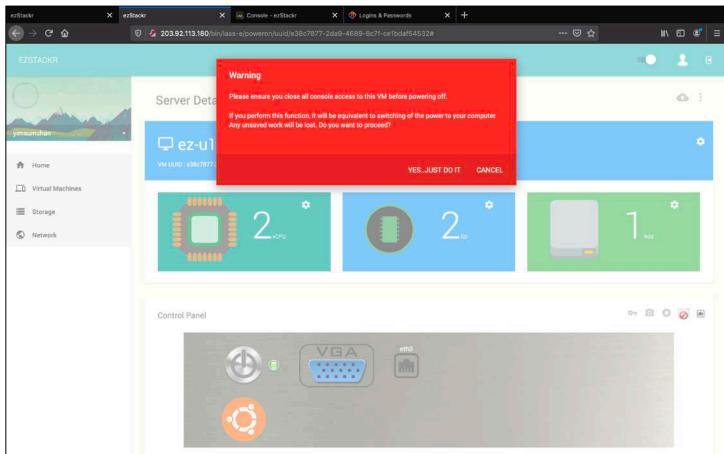


By default, an IP is assigned from Ezstackr default subnet and internet access is available

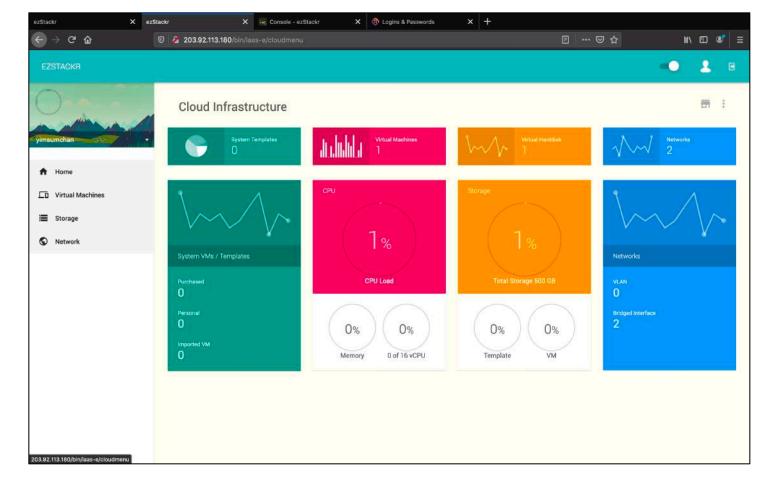


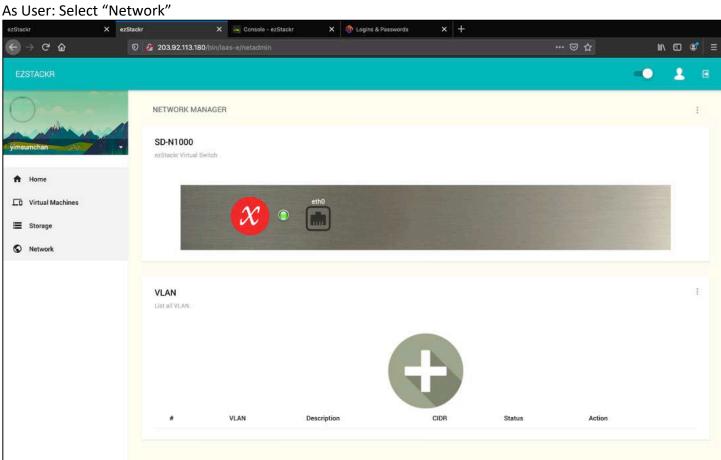




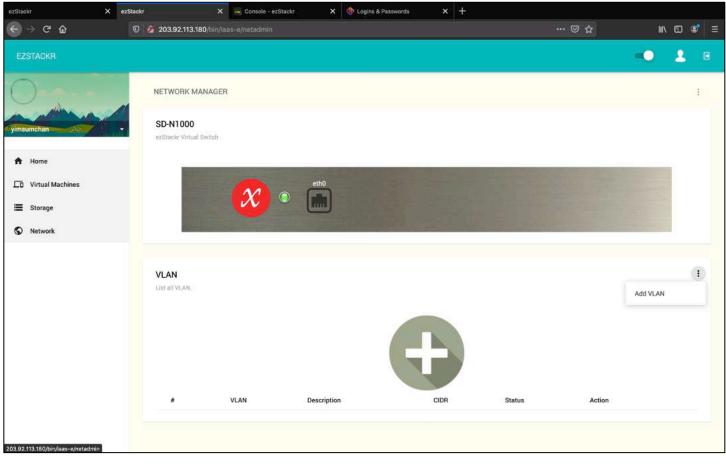


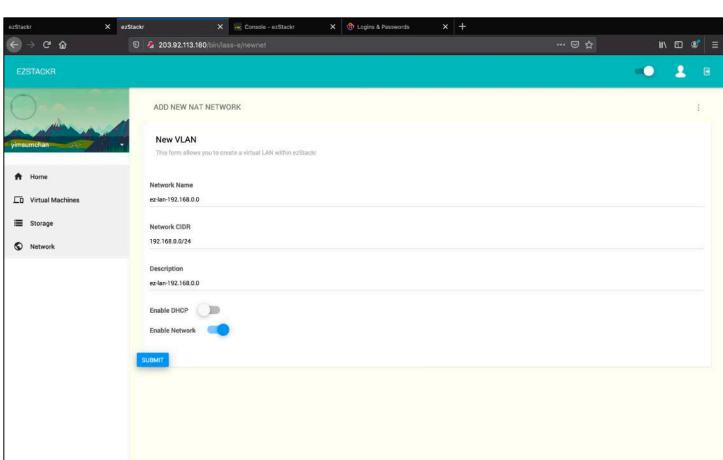
As User: Select "Network"

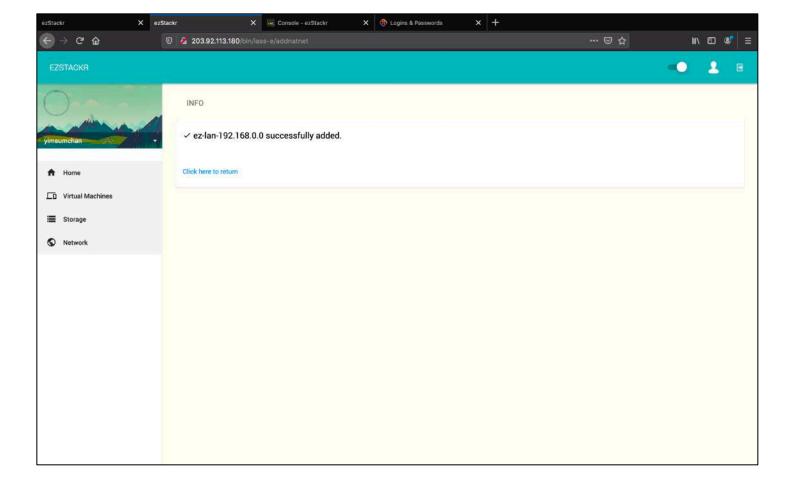




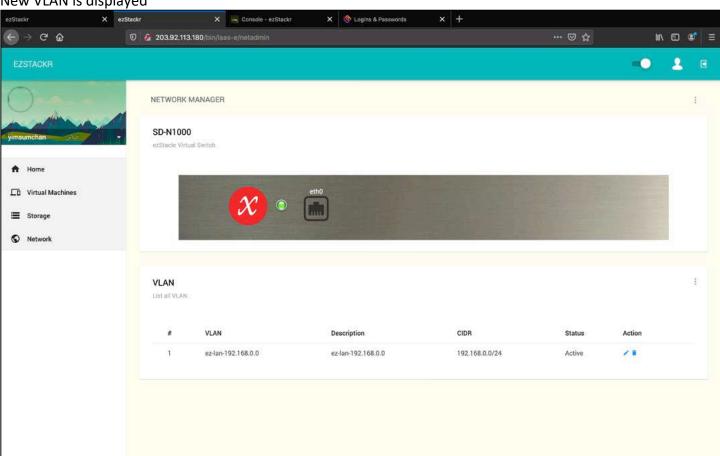
As User: Select "+" to add new VLAN



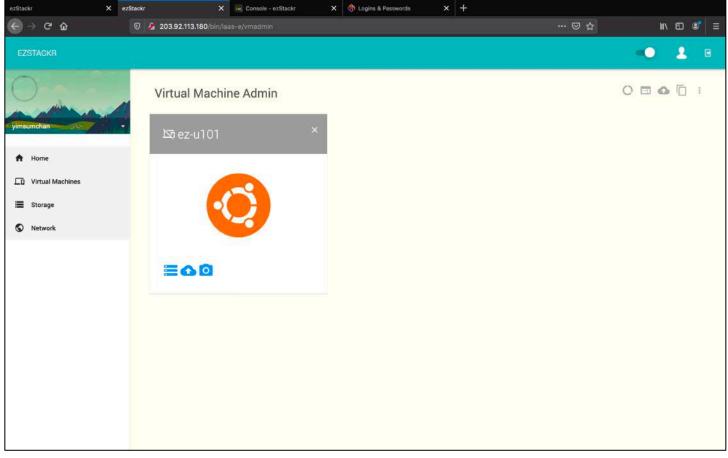


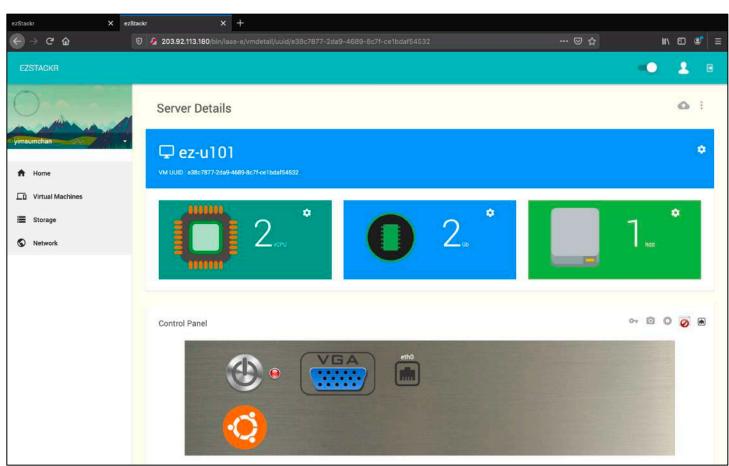


New VLAN is displayed

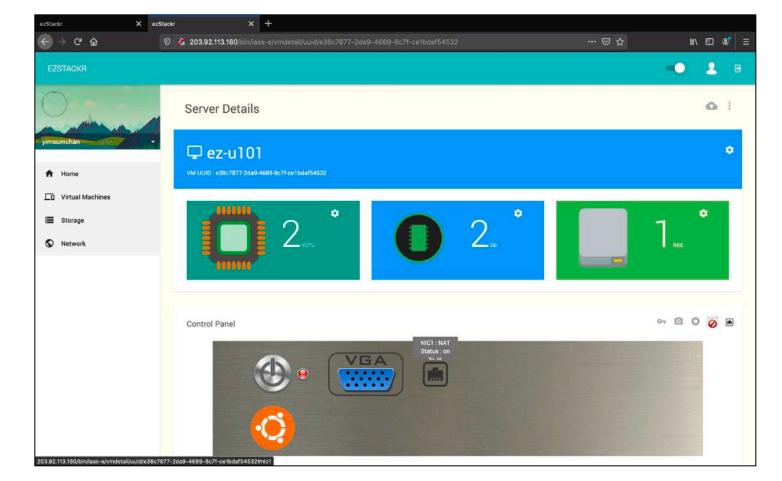


As User: Select "Virtual Machines"

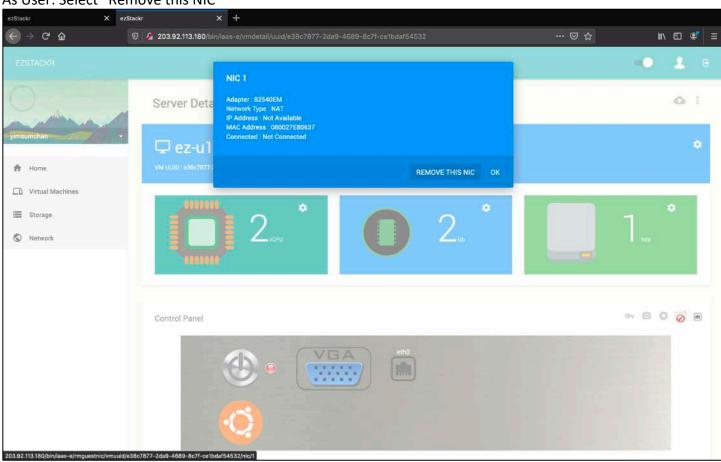


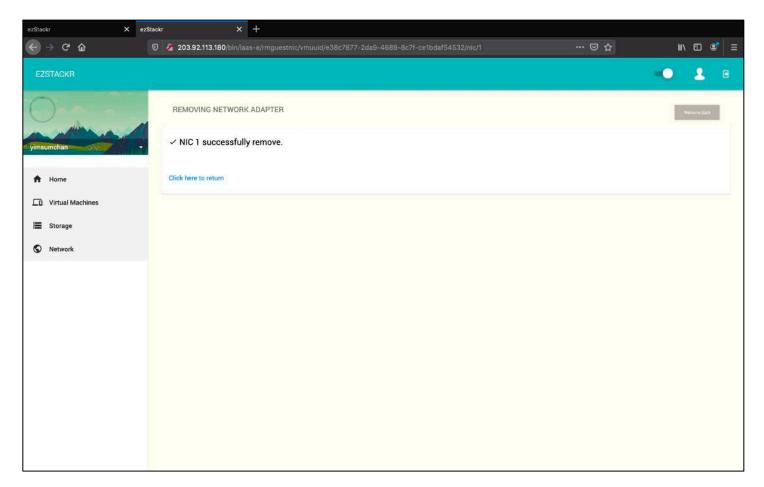


As User: Select "eth0"

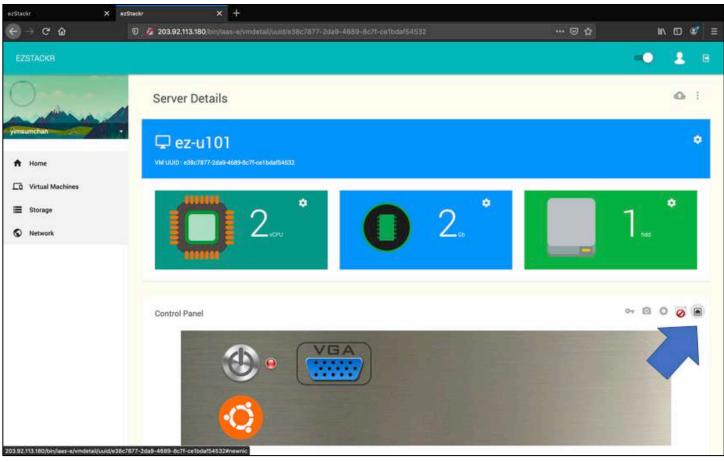


As User: Select "Remove this NIC"

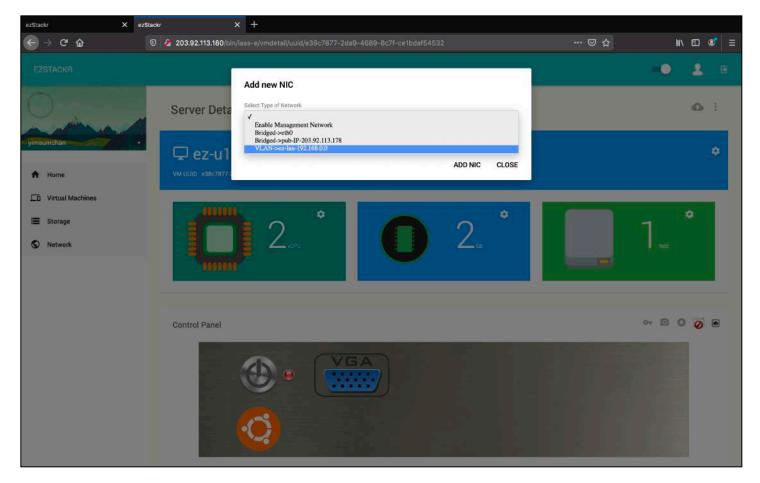


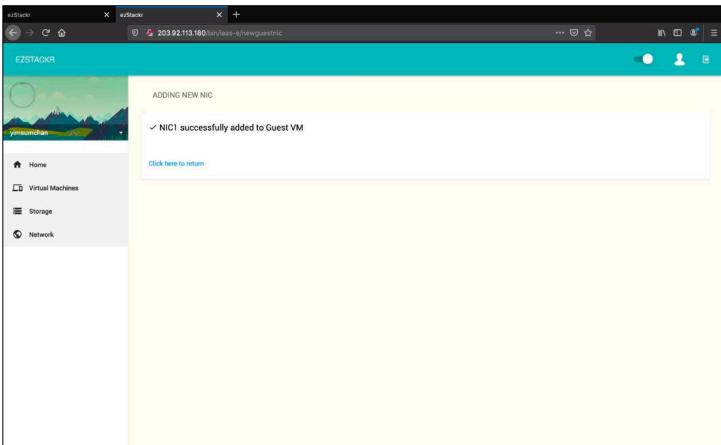


As User: Select • to add network

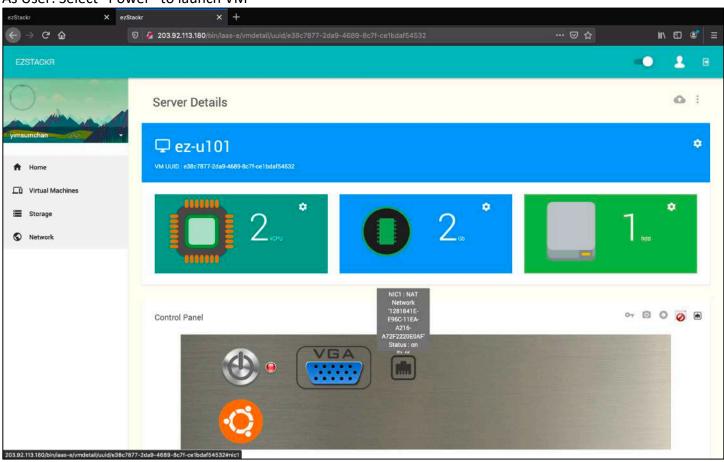


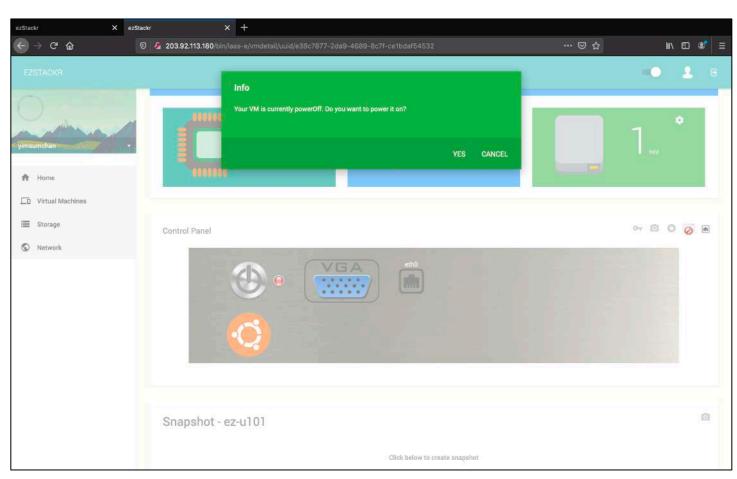
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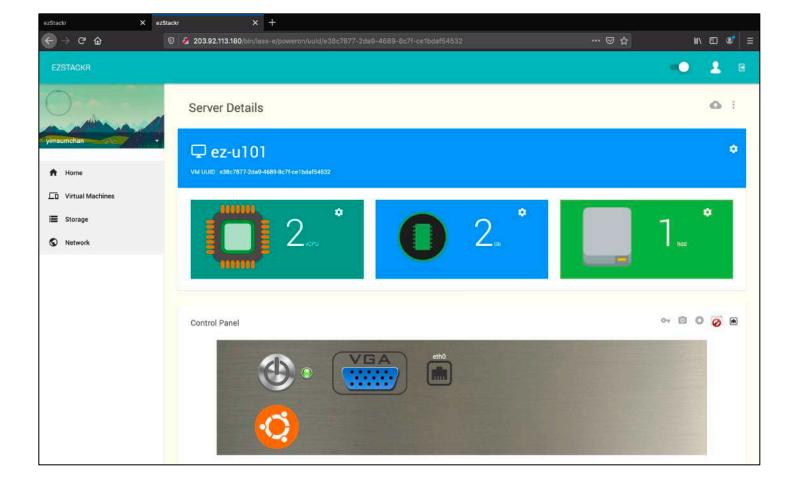




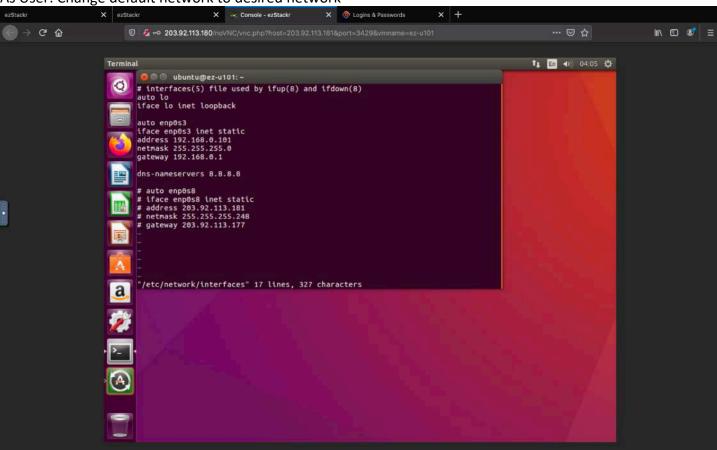
As User: Select "Power" to launch VM



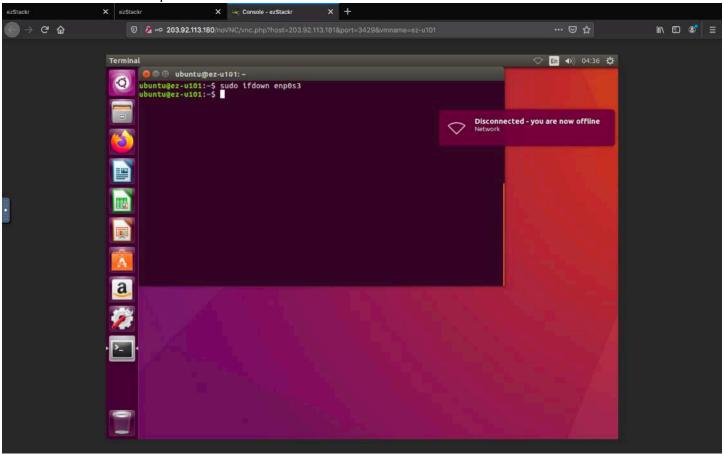




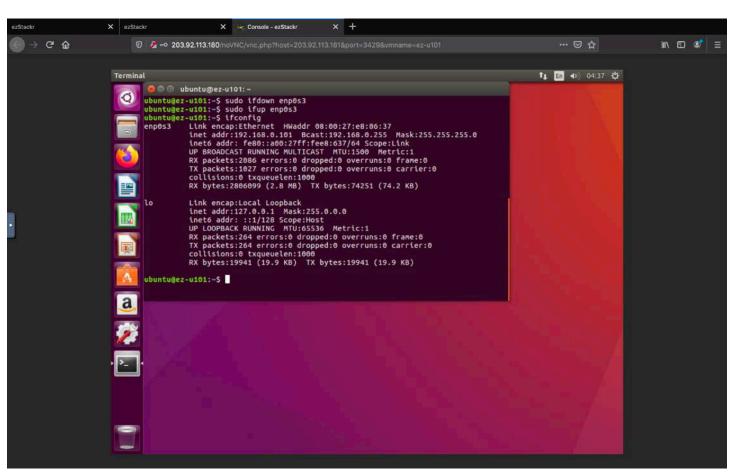
As User: Change default network to desired network



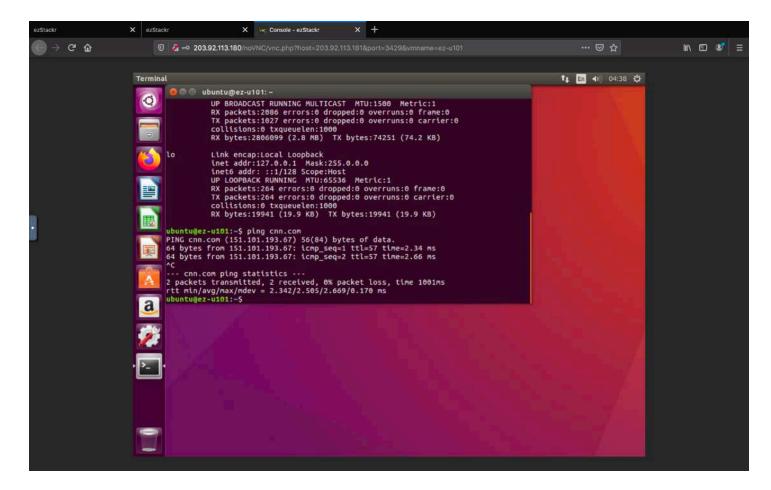
As User: sudo ifdown enp0s3

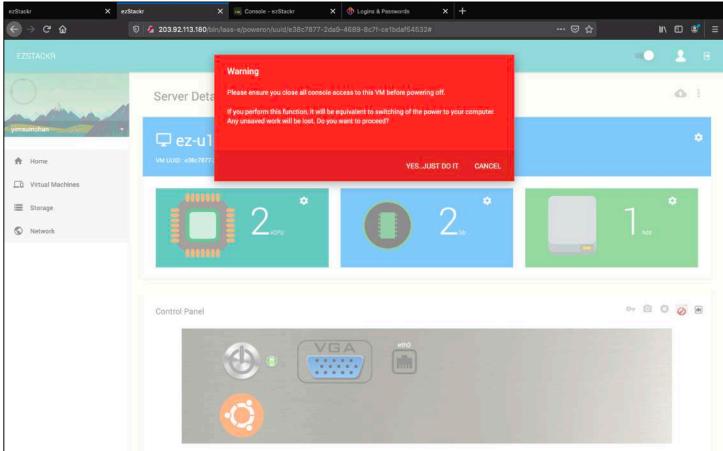


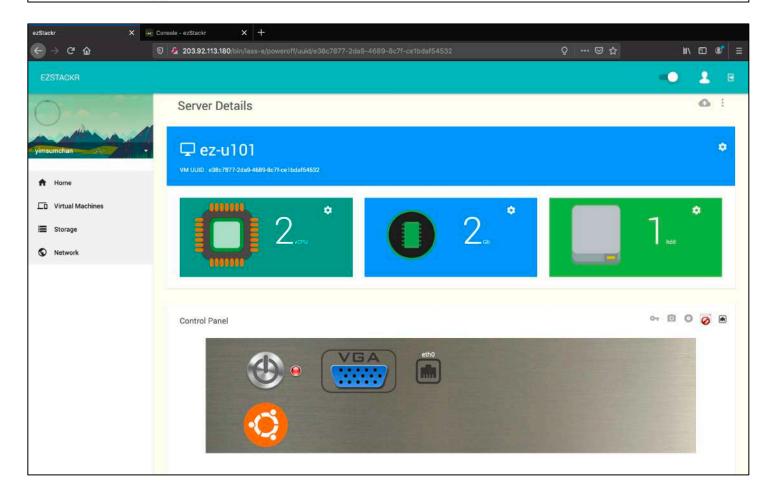
As User: sudo ifup enp0s3



As User: Ping out to the Internet

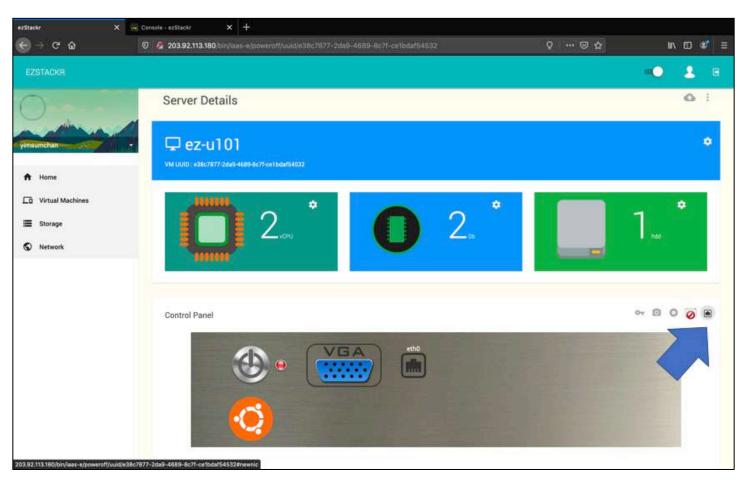




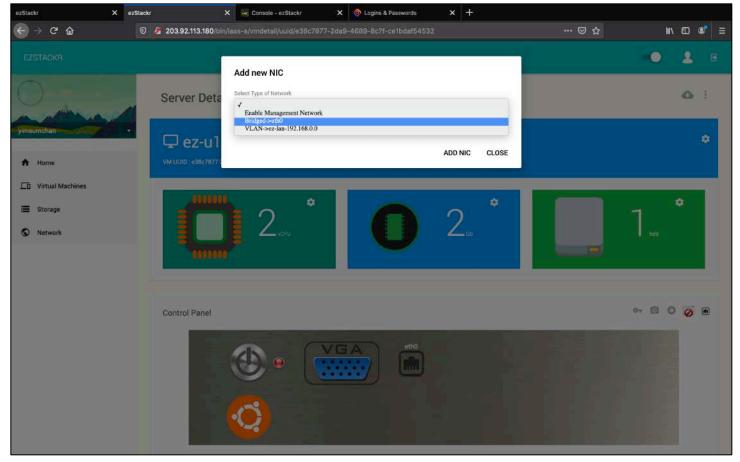


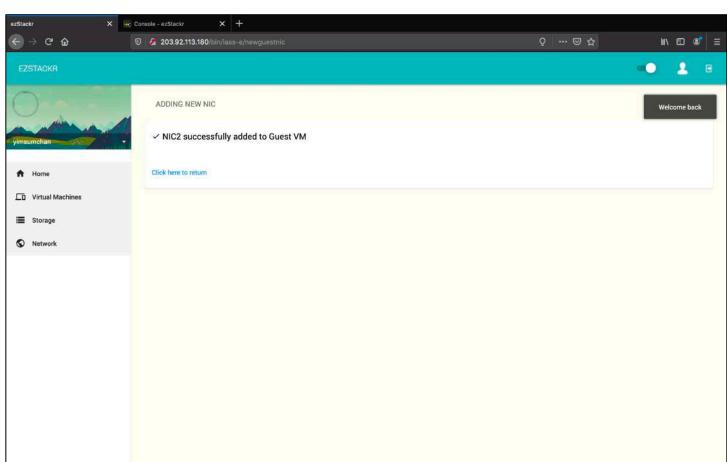
ADDING PUBLIC IP INTO VMs

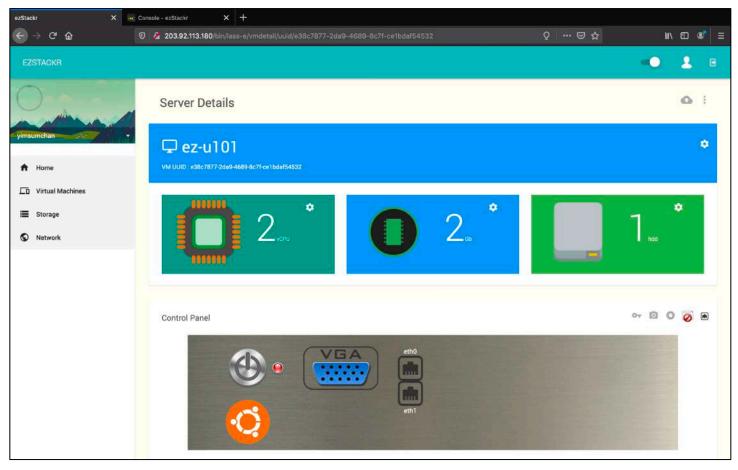
As User: Select 📾 to add network

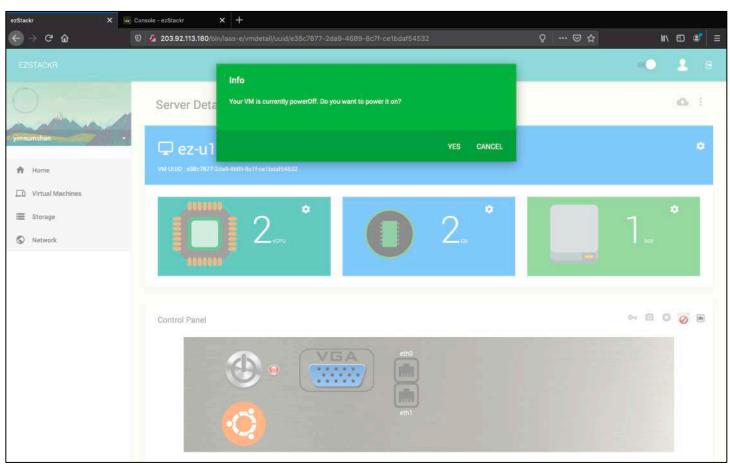


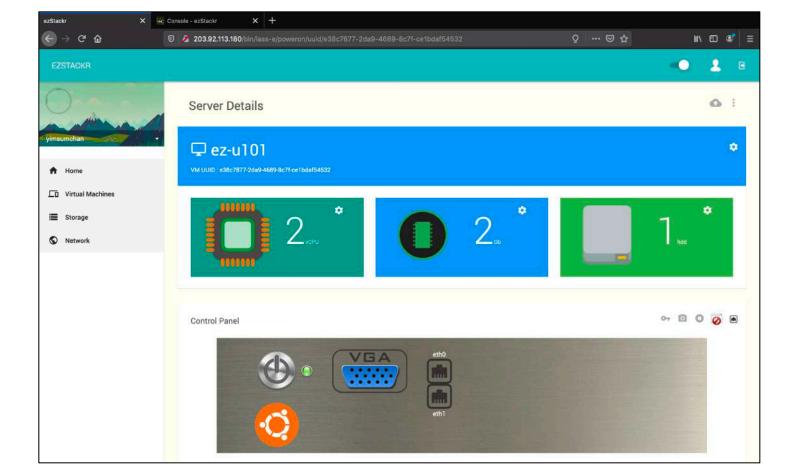
As User: Select "Bridged->eth0"



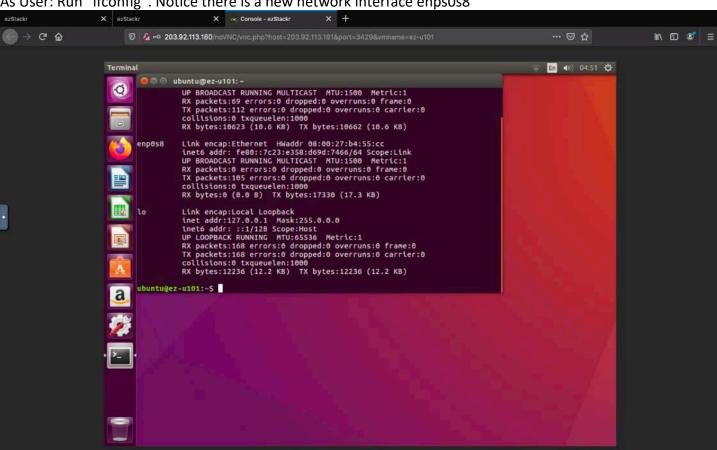




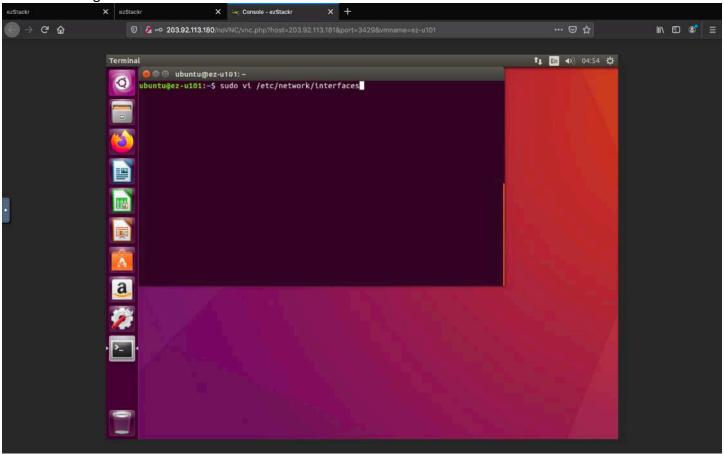




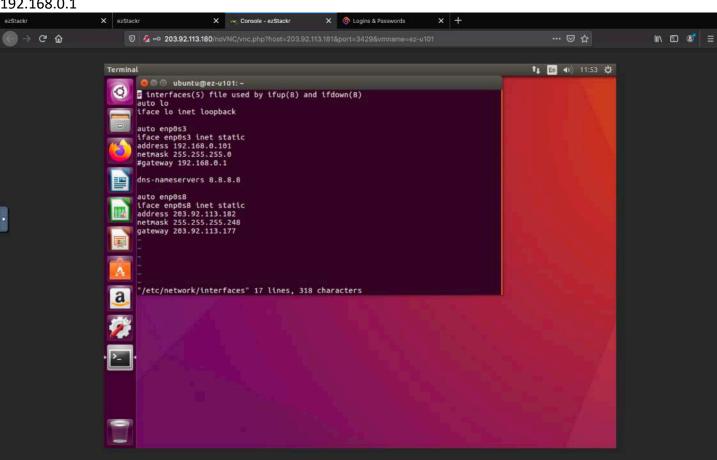
As User: Run "ifconfig". Notice there is a new network interface enps0s8



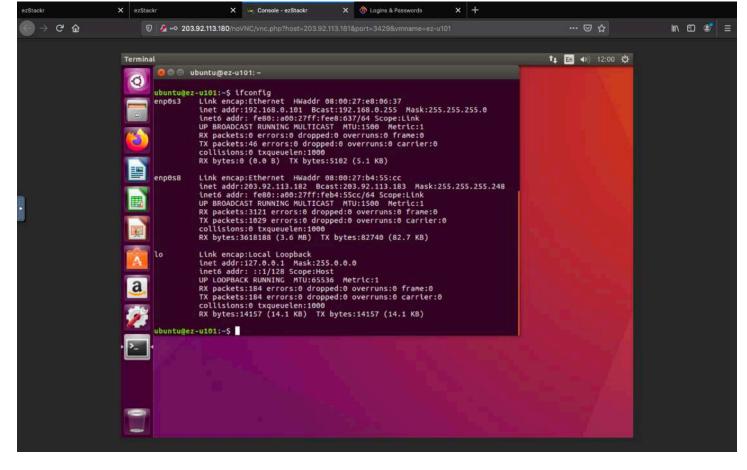
As User: Configure this network interface

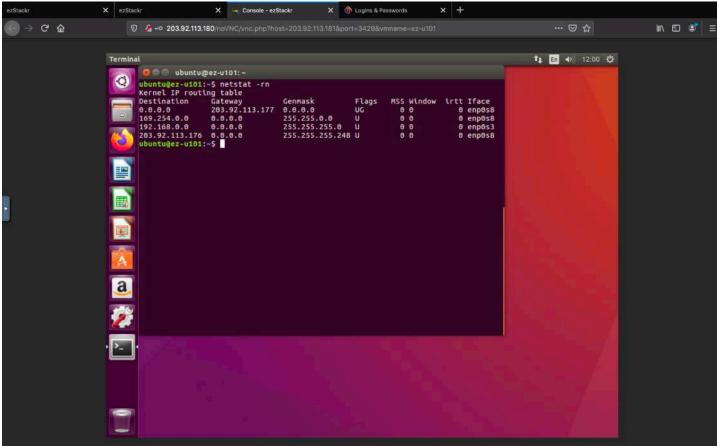


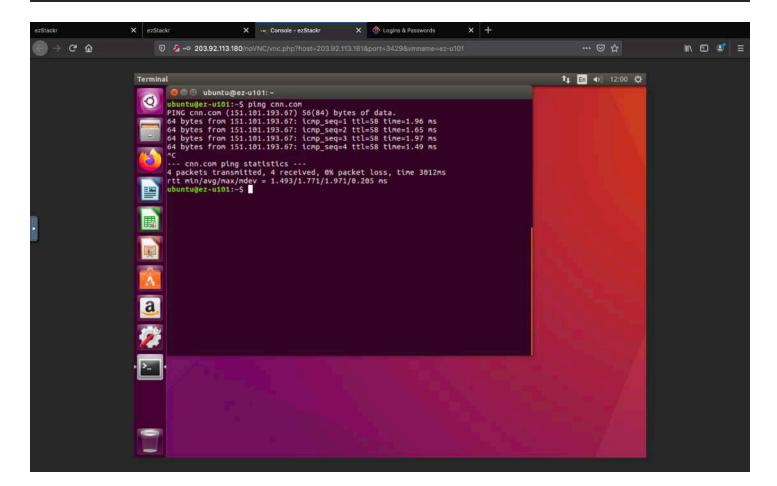
As User: Configure the assigned public IP e.g. 203.92.113.182 and comment out the previous gateway 192.168.0.1



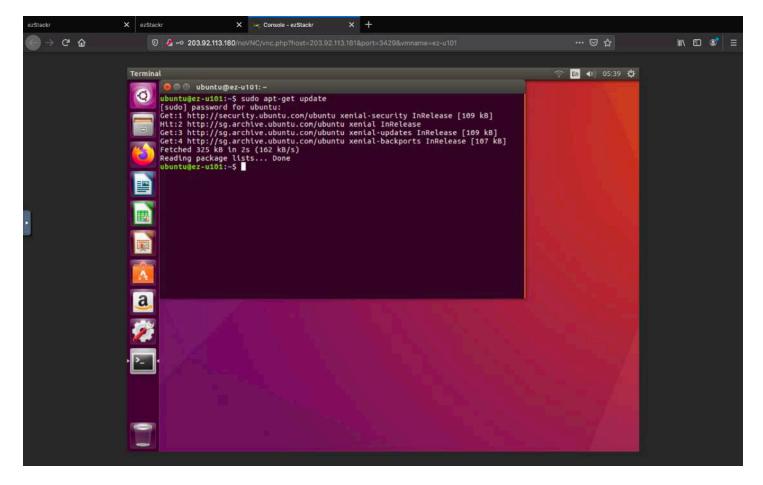
As User: Shutdown and startup the VM again. Run commands such as "ifconfig", "netstat -rn" to review the new settings and ping the Internet.

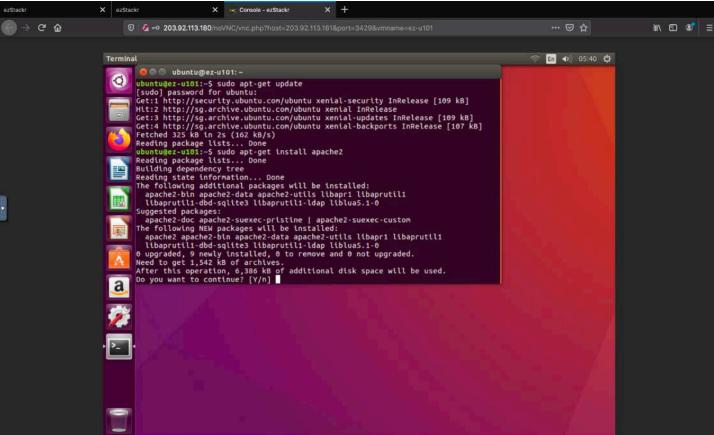




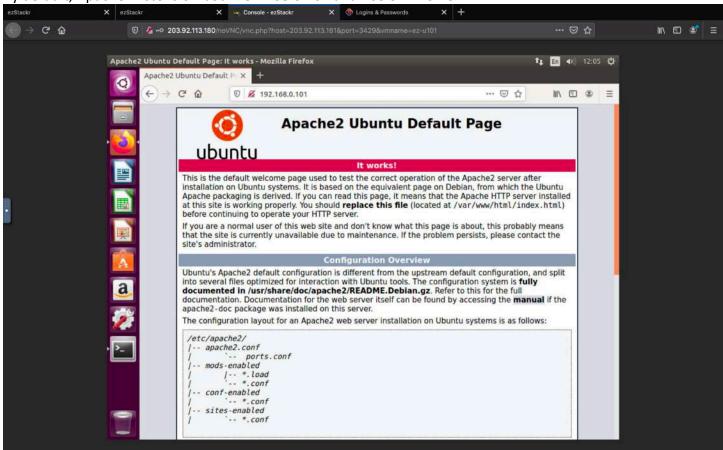


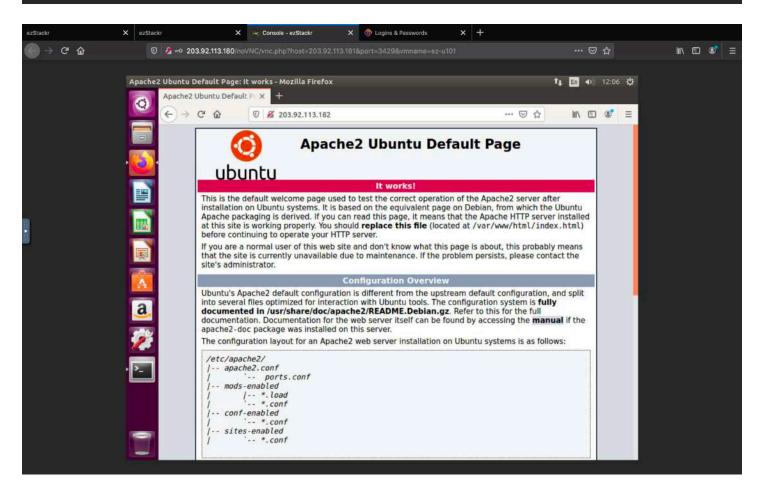
As User: Open up a terminal window on laptop (e.g. on another network) and ping to 203.92.113.182 to show that the server can be accessed from Internet



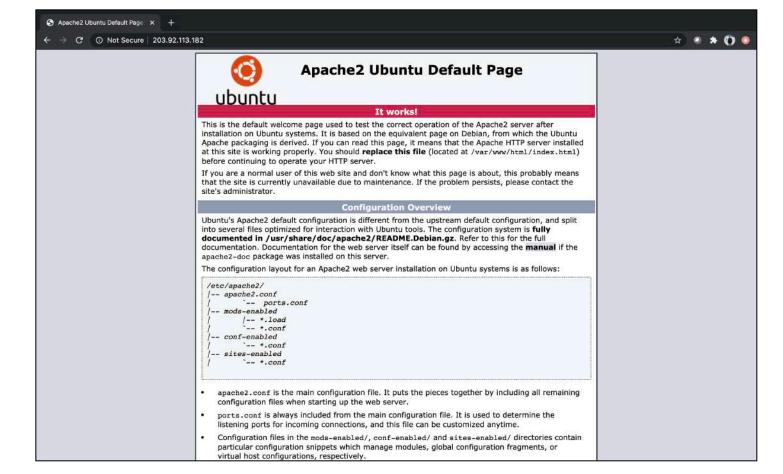


By default, Apache2 listens on both 192.168.0.101 and 203.92.113.182





As User: Open up a browser window on laptop (e.g. on another network) and ping to 203.92.113.182 to show that the web server can be accessed from Internet



END OF TEST

This concludes a successful basic test of Ezstackr

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