

CS008: AMAZON WEB SERVICES (AWS) ACCOUNT SETUP & GETTING STARTED WITH CLOUD9

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Step 0



AWS Account Setup

- Each student will create a new account for use in the course for the current quarter only.
- Your AWS account is provided free of additional charge for your use this quarter.
- Do **not** use your personal Amazon account during this process, or at any time for course work this quarter. This is to protect you from incurring any additional costs.
- Your AWS account will be deleted after the quarter ends, so if you want to keep your code long term, make sure you download and then store code on a local device or a cloud-based storage service such as Google Drive.
- Carefully complete **all** steps in the slides in order.
- Read each instruction in its entirety before proceeding with the process.
- Accounts from previous quarters for CS006/CS008 cannot be reused.

Step 1

Authenticate as UCR student with AWS

- In a web browser open the following web page <https://awsconnect.cs.ucr.edu>
- Once the web page opens, go to step 2 (next slide).



Step 2



Login to UCR web services

- Click on the [Log in with R'Mail](#) blue button.
- Do **not** use your personal G'Mail account.
- You will be prompted to login to UCR web services via two-factor authentication (next slide).

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IMPORTANT: If you're currently signed in to a non-R'Mail Google account, [sign out of Google](#) before using this page!!!

In order to change your AWS password you must verify your identity by connecting to your R'Mail account with the steps below:

STEP 1

If you're currently signed in to a Google account that is not your [UCR R'Mail](#) account, [sign out of Google](#) and return to this page.

STEP 2

If you're not already signed in to your UCR R'Mail account, [sign in now](#) (opens in new tab).

STEP 3

Click "Log in with R'Mail" button below and click **Accept** when prompted to grant access to **UCR CSE - AWS Connect**.

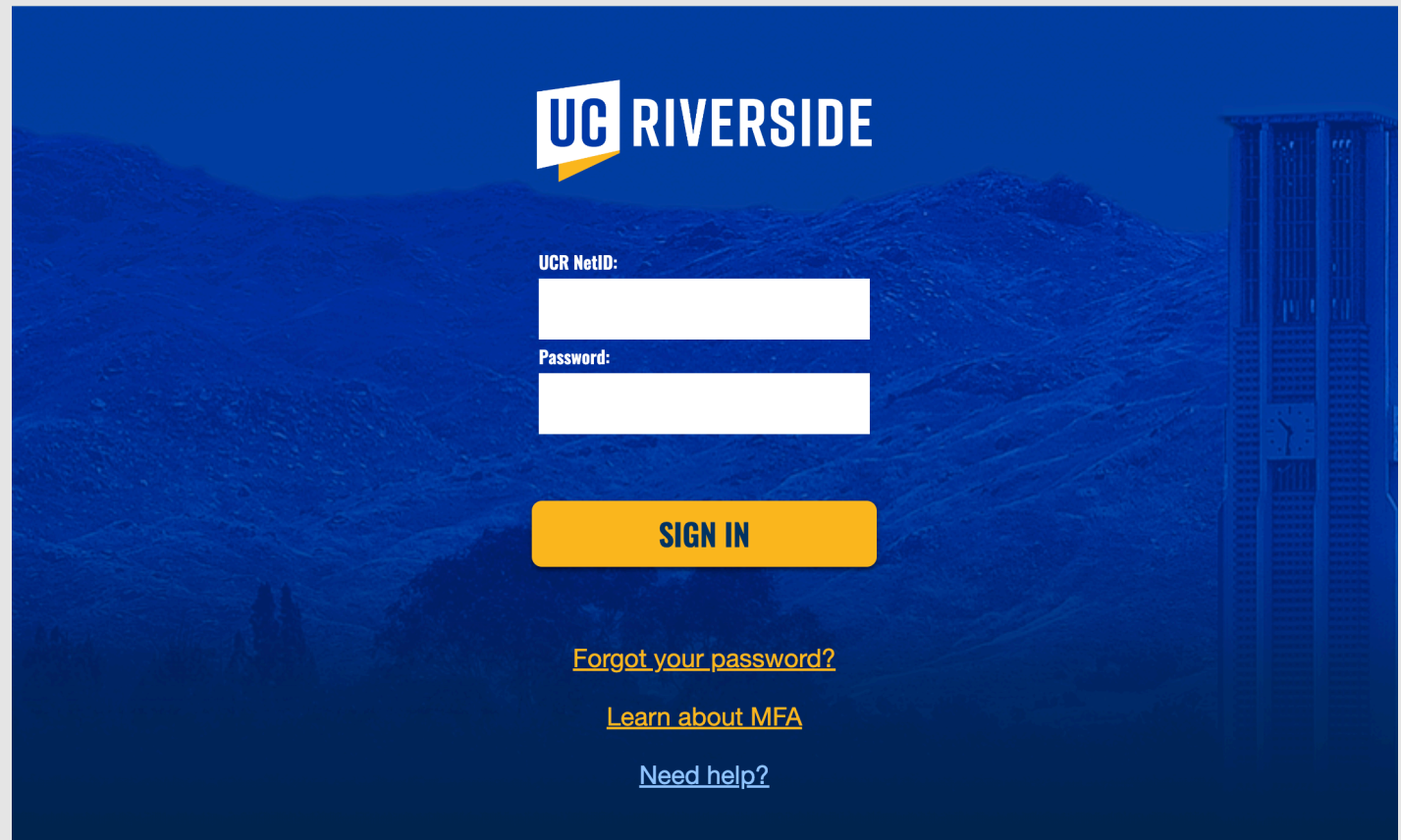
Log in with R'Mail

Step 2



Login to UCR web services

- Students authenticate with same credentials used to login to elearn.ucr.edu.
- If you cannot login, click on **Forgot your password?** and reset your UCR password.
- Once successfully logged in, go to step 3 (next slide).

The login page for UCR Riverside. It features a blue background with a faint image of a mountain and a clock tower. The UCR Riverside logo is at the top right. Below it are two white input fields for "UCR NetID:" and "Password:". A yellow "SIGN IN" button is centered below the fields. At the bottom, there are three links: "Forgot your password?", "Learn about MFA", and "Need help?".

UCR RIVERSIDE

UCR NetID:

Password:

SIGN IN

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Learn about MFA](#)

[Need help?](#)

Step 3



Create AWS account password

- Your AWS account password should be distinct from you UCR web services password.
- Do not reuse the password you use to login to <https://elearn.ucr.edu>.
- Carefully follow the **Password requirements** below.
- Once valid password is entered twice, click **Set AWS password for... account** blue button.

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Email address **rrusi001@ucr.edu** is associated with AWS login **rrusi001**

STEP 1
Verify that the email address above is your UCR R'Mail account. If it is not, [sign out of Google](#) before proceeding!

STEP 2
Verify that the AWS login above is your AWS username. If it is not, [sign out of Google](#) before proceeding!

STEP 3
If the email address above is your UCR R'Mail account, please enter your new AWS password below:

Password: Confirm Password:

Set AWS password for 'rrusi001' account

(must be 8 - 32 characters and contain at least one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, one number, and one symbol [, / : ~ ! @ # & % ^ * () + = { }])

If **rrusi001@ucr.edu** is not your UCR R'Mail account, please click "Sign Out of Google".

Cancel AWS Password Change Sign Out of Google

Password requirements

- length 8-32
- one lowercase letter (a-z)
- one uppercase letter (A-Z)
- one number (0-9)
- one symbol from this list only :
[, / : ~ ! @ # & % ^ * () + = { }]

Step 4



AWS Password Set

- If AWS password creation was successful, you will see **AWS password change successful!** as below.
- Make sure you keep this AWS password in a safe location for retrieval.
- The AWS password will be used in combination with your UCR NetID to login to your AWS account.
- **If at any time during the course you forget your AWS password, repeat the AWS Account Setup process in these slides from steps 1-4. This will effectively reset your password.**

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AWS password change successful!

Please allow up to 5 minutes for your change to take effect (please do not change it again during this time).

! As a security precaution we've logged you out of "UCR CSE - AWS Connect" and signed you out of Google. **!**

If logged in as a TA, please close the browser now!

Step 5



Login to AWS Account

- Open the following web page in **Google Chrome** (this web page will be used to sign into your AWS account for the duration of the course): <https://959097940486.signin.aws.amazon.com/console>
- The fields (shown on right) must have the following values:
 - **The Account ID (12 digits) or account alias:** 959097940486
 - **IAM user name:** UCR NetID (**not** your complete email address).
 - **Password:** AWS account password created/changed in step 4.
- Click on the **Sign in** blue button to login to AWS account.



Sign in as IAM user

Account ID (12 digits) or account alias

959097940486

IAM user name

rrusi001

Password

.....

☐ Remember this account

Sign in

[Sign in using root user email](#)

[Forgot password?](#)

Step 6



Set server region to **US East (Ohio)**

- In the upper right corner of the web page, ensure that **Ohio** is displayed.
- If it is not, click on the region to display drop down menu and select **US East (Ohio)**
- This is **required**, if your region is incorrect, then your AWS account services will not be fully functional.

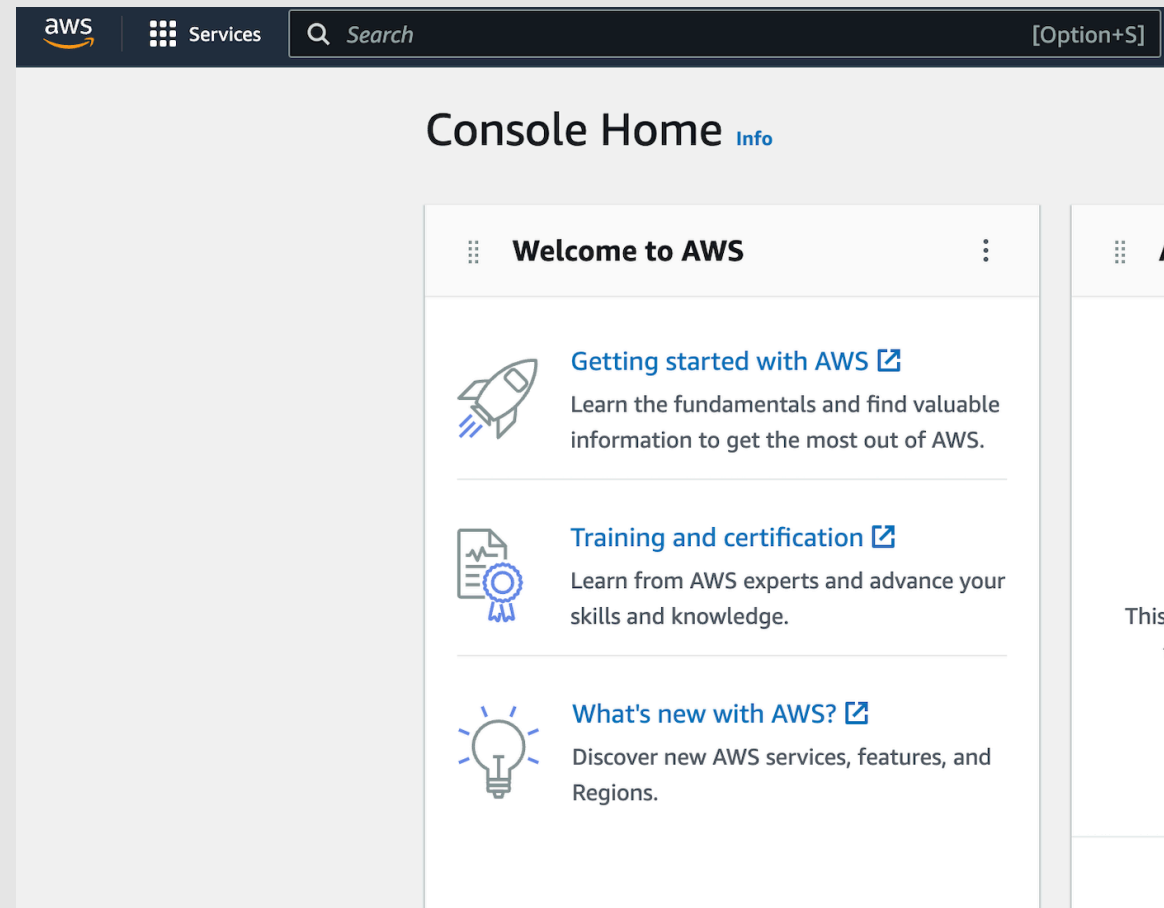
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Canada (Central)	ca-central-1					
Europe (Frankfurt)	eu-central-1					

Step 7



Open Cloud9 IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

- In **Search** field below type **Cloud9** and then press return/enter button on your computer.

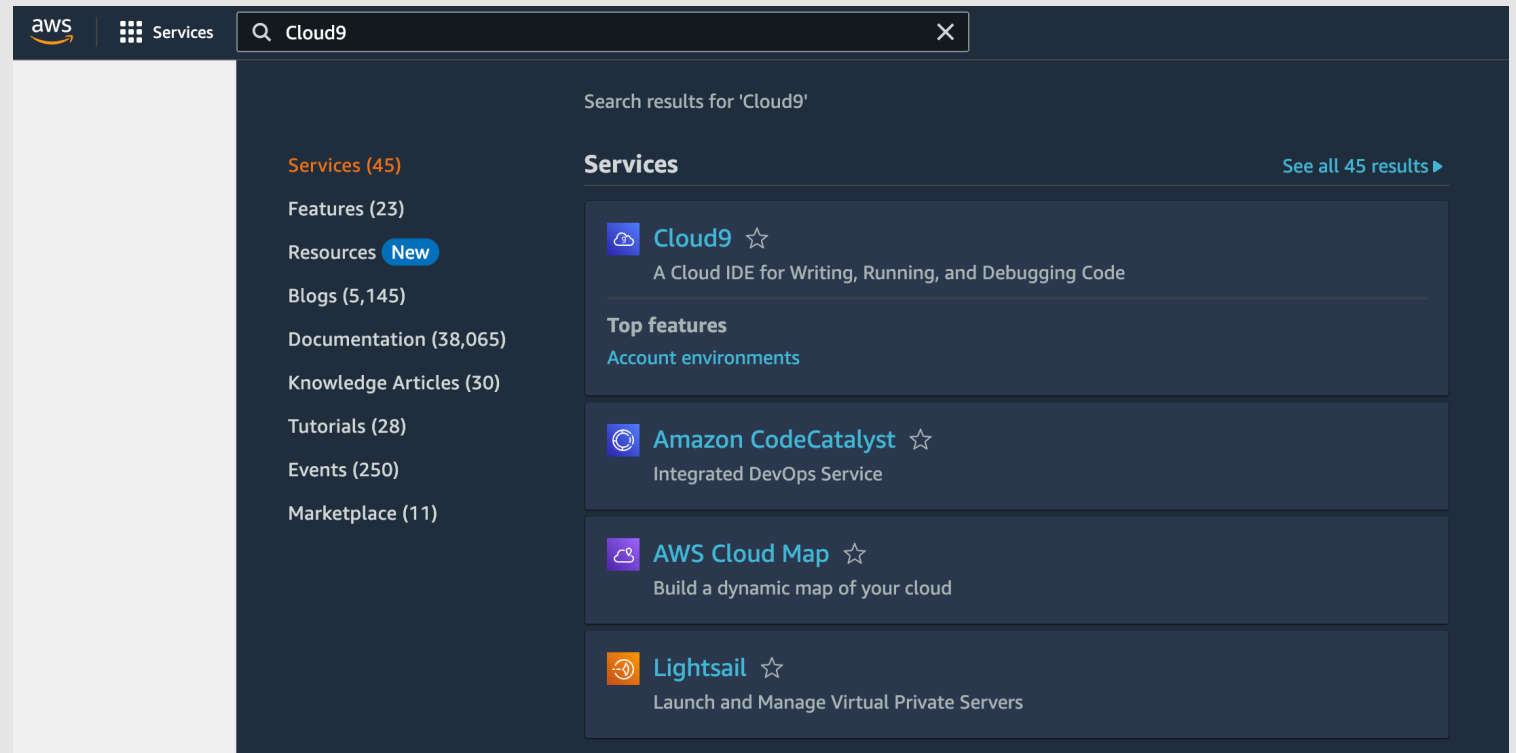


Step 7



Open Cloud9 IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

- In the **Services** column (shown below) click on the first item **Cloud9** in light blue.
- In steps 8-9 you will create and configure your AWS environment.



Step 8



Create Environment

- In the web page opened, click on the **Create environment** orange button.
- In step 9 we will configure our AWS environment (next slide).

A screenshot of the AWS Cloud9 console interface. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, a 'Services' menu, a search bar, and user information. The main content area is titled 'Developer Tools' and 'AWS Cloud9'. It features a large heading 'AWS Cloud9' followed by the subtitle 'A cloud IDE for writing, running, and debugging code'. Below this is a brief description of the service. On the right side, there is a prominent orange button labeled 'Create environment'. Further down, there are sections for 'How it works', 'Benefits and features', and 'Getting started' with links to various guides and resources.

Step 9



Configure Environment

- In the **Name** field type **cs008_<NetID>** (replacing <NetID> with your Net ID).
- For example, if your NetID is **kflynn001**, then the environment name should be **cs008_kflynn001**.
- In the **Description** field type **AWS environment for CS008 labs** (see next slide).

AWS Cloud9 > Environments > Create environment

Create environment [Info](#)

Details

Name

Limit of 60 characters, alphanumeric, and unique per user.

Description - optional

Limit 200 characters.

Environment type [Info](#)
Determines what the Cloud9 IDE will run on.

☒ **New EC2 instance**
Cloud9 creates an EC2 instance in your account. The configuration of your EC2 instance cannot be changed by Cloud9 after creation.

☐ **Existing compute**
You have an existing instance or server that you'd like to use.

New EC2 instance

Instance type [Info](#)
The memory and CPU of the EC2 instance that will be created for Cloud9 to run on.

☒ **t2.micro (1 GIB RAM + 1 vCPU)**
Free-tier eligible. Ideal for educational users and exploration.

☐ **t3.small (2 GIB RAM + 2 vCPU)**
Recommended for small web projects.

☐ **m5.large (8 GIB RAM + 2 vCPU)**
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Configure Environment

- **Environment type** – **New EC2 instance** should be selected.
- **New EC2 Instance** – **t2.micro (1 GiB RAM + 1 vCPU)** should be selected.
- Confirm your settings match those below.
- Scroll down page to next sequence of settings (see next slide).

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Configure Environment

- **Platform** – **Amazon Linux 2** should be selected.
- **Timeout** – **30 minutes** should be selected.
- **Connection** – change to **Secure Shell (SSH)**. Do **not** use AWS System Manager (SSM)
- Confirm your settings match those below.
- Click **Create** orange button (see next slide).

Platform [Info](#)
This will be installed on your EC2 instance. We recommend Amazon Linux 2.

Amazon Linux 2

Timeout
How long Cloud9 can be inactive (no user input) before auto-hibernating. This helps prevent unnecessary charges.

30 minutes

Network settings [Info](#)

Connection
How your environment is accessed.

☐ AWS Systems Manager (SSM)
Accesses environment via SSM without opening inbound ports (no ingress).

☒ Secure Shell (SSH)
Accesses environment directly via SSH, opens inbound ports.

► VPC settings [Info](#)

► **Tags - optional** [Info](#)
A tag is a label that you assign to an AWS resource. Each tag consists of a key and an optional value. You can use tags to search and filter your resources or track your AWS costs.

The following IAM resources will be created in your account

- **AWSServiceRoleForAWSCloud9** - AWS Cloud9 creates a service-linked role for you. This allows AWS Cloud9 to call other AWS services on your behalf. You can delete the role from the AWS IAM console once you no longer have any AWS Cloud9 environments. [Learn more](#)

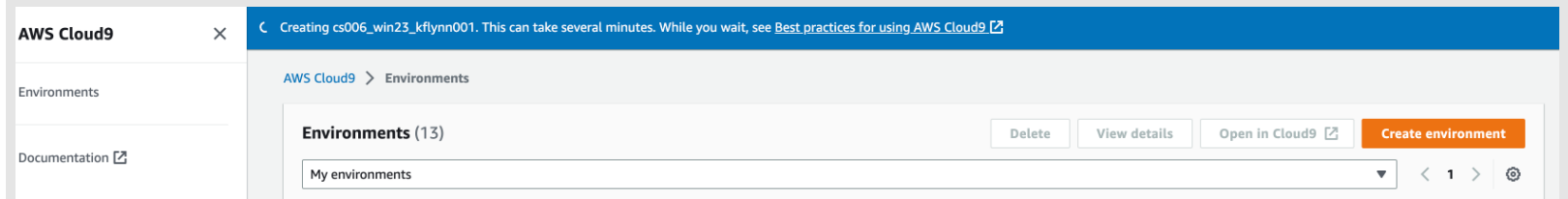
Cancel **Create**

Step 10

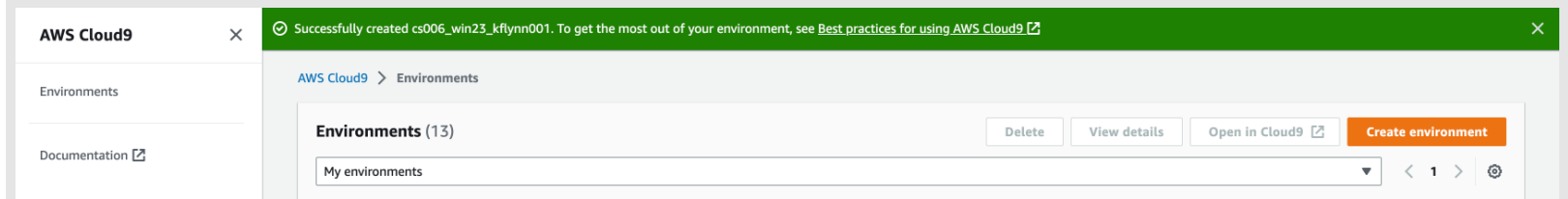


Environment Instantiation (creation)

- After **Create** orange button was pressed in previous slide you will see a **blue banner** at the top of the web page that states:
 - **Creating (environment name). This can take a few minutes. While you wait, see...**
 - **Environments (1)** will display, not **Environments (13)** as shown below.
 - **Important:** do not abort this process or close your web browser.



- Once the environment is successfully created, you will see a **green banner** at the top of the web page that states:
 - **Successfully created (environment name). To get the most out of your environment, see...**



Step 11



Open AWS Cloud9 Environment

- Select the radio button (blue circle on left below) next to your Cloud9 EC2 instance, then click on **Open**.

☒	cs006_win23_kflynn001	 Open	EC2 instance	Secure Shell (SSH)	Owner	 arn:aws:iam::959097940486:user/rrusi001
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- After you click on **Open**, you will see the web page below. Be patient until your Cloud9 instance is done opening.



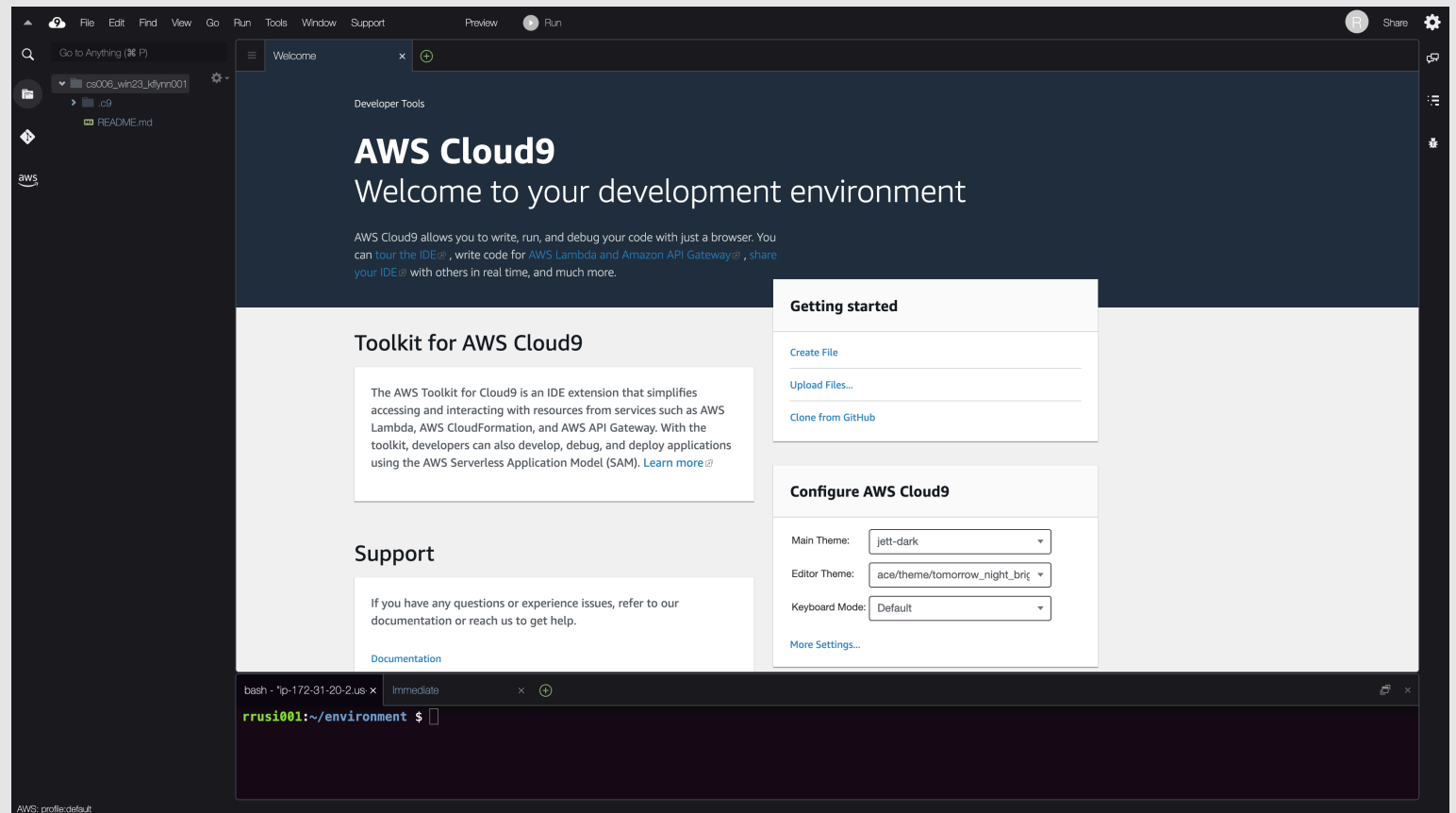
Press Option-Tab to go to the next IDE tab.

Step 11



AWS Cloud9 Welcome

- You should see the **AWS Cloud9 Welcome to your development environment** web page below.
- In the next slide we will close two windows shown below.

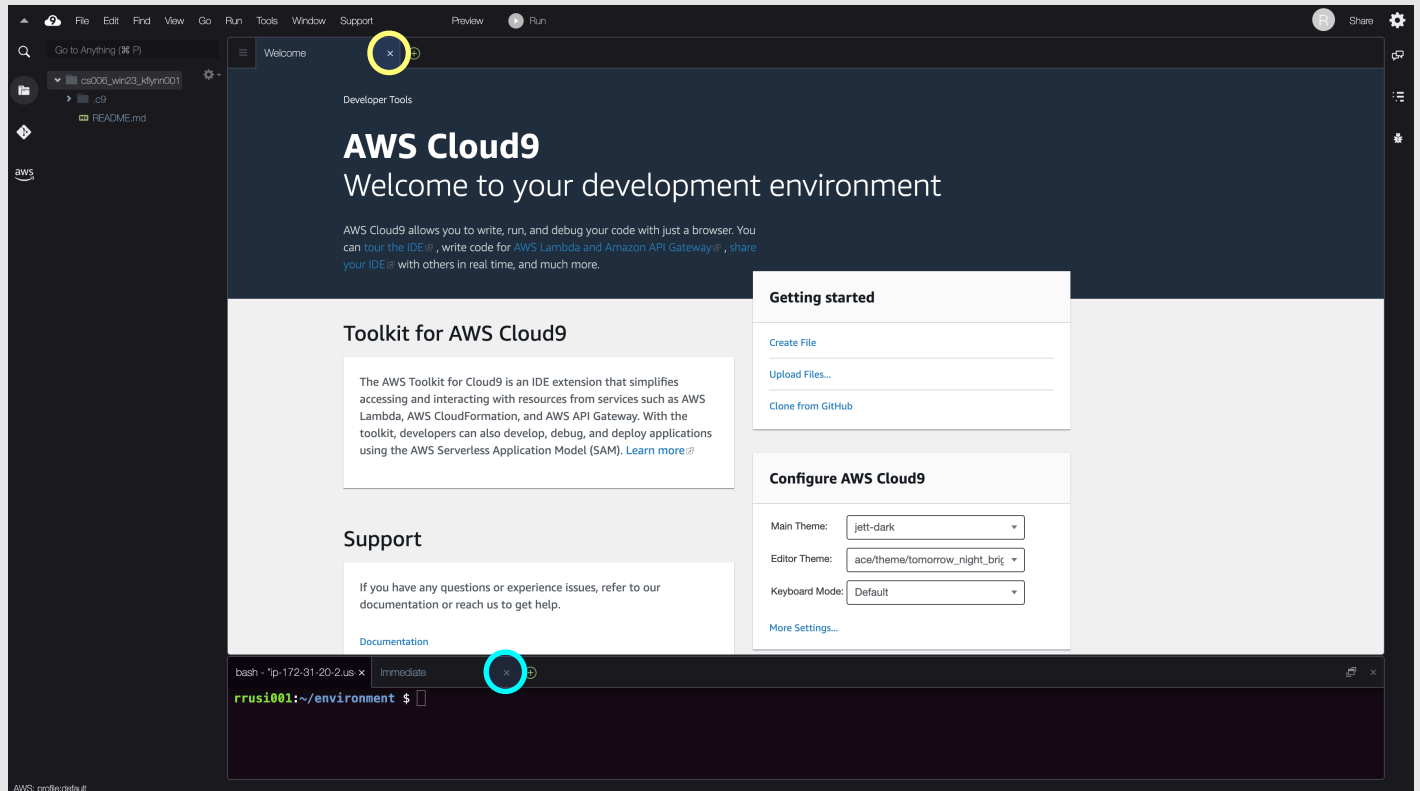


Step 11



AWS Cloud9 Welcome

- You should see the **AWS Cloud9 Welcome to your development environment** web page below.
- Click on the **x** next to **Welcome** window tab to close the middle window at top of web page (bright yellow circle below).
- Click on the **x** next to **Immediate...** window tab to close middle window at bottom of web page (bright cyan circle below).
- Go to next slide now to see final view of your AWS Cloud9 Environment.



Happy Coding!



AWS Account Setup Complete!!

- Your AWS account is successfully created.
- Your Cloud9 environment is ready to use.
- Google Chrome is required for the course. Go here to install the app. <https://www.google.com/chrome/index.html>
- Not all browsers display the same web page in the same way.
- Other browsers are not supported and may cost you points unnecessarily if used.

