Getting Access to LUMI

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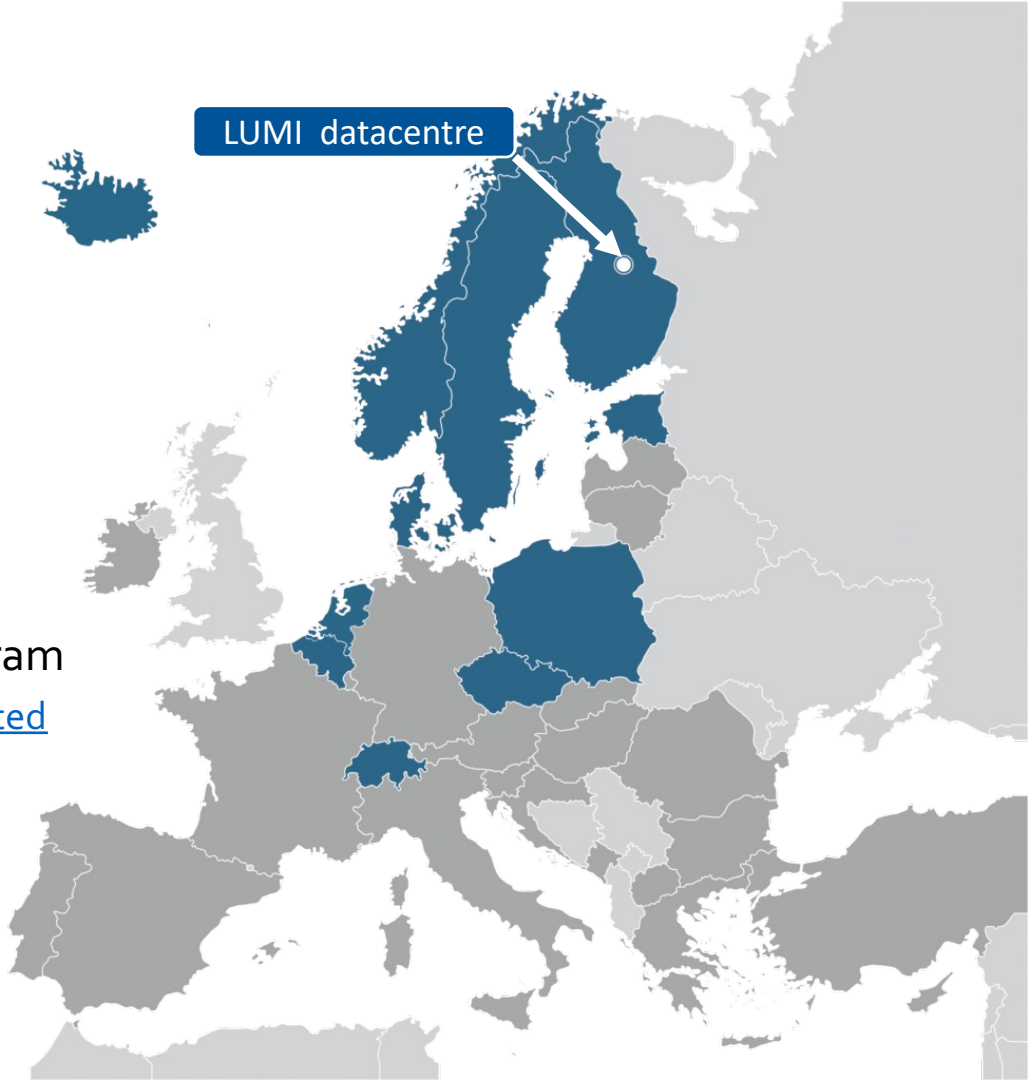
Who pays the bills?

- EuroHPC machine so joint funding of:
  - EuroHPC JU (50%)
  - Consortium of 11 countries (The Netherlands recently joined)
- The resources of LUMI are allocated proportional to the investments
- Each LUMI consortium country sets its own policies for a national access program
  - See www.lumi-supercomputer.eu/get-started
- So LUST does not manage access to LUMI!



Projects and users

LUMI

- A project
  - Corresponds to a coherent amount of work done by a single person or a collaboration between a group of users.
    - Typically a research project
    - Project for a course
    - Some projects for organisational issues, e.g., local support team project
  - The basis for most resource allocations on LUMI
    - Compute budget: CPU core-hours for LUMI-C, GPU hours for LUMI-G and visualisation nodes
    - Storage budget: Expressed in TB·hours
    - Budgets are assigned and managed by the resource allocators, not by the LUMI User Support Team
  - LUMI projects: project_465XXXXXX or project_462XXXXXX (Finland only)
    - This is the number that you should mention when contacting LUMI User Support

Projects and users (2)

LUMI

- A user account
  - One physical person per account
    - Do not share accounts!
  - Some physical persons have more than one account
    - An unfortunate consequence of decisions made very early on in the project
  - Needs a project to do anything useful on LUMI
- Many-to-many mapping between projects and user accounts
  - Projects can of course have several users who collaborate
  - Users can be a member of multiple projects (and this is more common than you think)
- Resources:
  - Mostly attached to projects
  - Bare minimum for user accounts: just a fixed size home directory

Projects management

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- Different systems in different countries
  - Finland: MyCSC, completely independent management
  - Other countries and EuroHPC projects are managed via puhuri
    - Web-based portal developed by the Nordic countries for project and resource allocation management (and not just for LUMI)
    - Some countries have their own front-end, other countries use a Puhuri front-end
  - Login to Puhuri via MyAccessID
    - MyAccessID is a GÉANT service that then interfaces with your institute identity provider and several alternatives
    - Always use the same credentials!
    - This is also the place for ssh key management for Puhuri projects
- Quick check of your resources on the system command line: `lumi-workspaces`

File spaces – User-specific

LUMI

- Home directory: /users/<my_uid>
  - Limited in size and not extensible
  - Should be used only for very personal stuff: user-specific configuration files, etc.
  - Not meant as a way to transfer data to future projects
  - Not billed

File spaces – Project based

LUMI

- All billed against the storage budget
- Permanent storage in /project/project_46YXXXXXX
  - Place for, e.g., software installations, permanent input data sets
  - Billed at 1 TB·hour per TB per hour used
- Disk-based scratch storage in /scratch/project_46YXXXXXX
  - May be erased after 90 days
  - Billed at 1 TB·hour per TB per hour used
- Flash-based scratch storage in /flash/project_46YXXXXXX
  - May be erased after 30 days
  - Billed at 10 TB·hour per TB per hour used
- Permanent object storage (LUMI-O)
  - Billed at 0.5 TB·hour per TB per hour used

File spaces – Further information

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- Flexibility in block quota (within limits) but less flexibility in file quota
  - See day 2 session: Big parallel file systems don't like small files
  - Singularity containers should be used for software installations with lots of small files
  - Quota extensions currently done by the LUMI User Support Team
- 4 disk based file systems for /users, /project and /scratch
  - Your user home directory may be on a different file system as your /project and /scratch directory
  - And no, the LUMI User Support Team cannot change that
- /flash is also a parallel file system…
- LUMI is not a data archiving or data publishing system
  - "Permanent" = for the duration of the project
  - Data that is not needed anymore should be moved to your home institute or an archiving service
  - No backup
  - NL: SURF Data Archive and SURF Data Repository

Access

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- 4 login nodes accessible via key-based ssh
  - Generic name: lumi.csc.fi
  - Specific login nodes: lumi-uan01.csc.fi, lumi-uan02.csc.fi, lumi-uan03.csc.fi, lumi-uan04.csc.fi
    - May be needed for tools for remote editing etc.
  - Key management:
    - Most users: Via MyAccessID: mms.myaccessid.org
    - Users who entered first via CSC: my.csc.fi
- Web interface via Open OnDemand: www.lumi.csc.fi
  - Own set of login nodes
  - Tools still being added
- Moderate support for GUI applications on LUMI through other technologies
  - X11 over ssh is unbearibly slow for most users
  - VNC support provided via OOD or via a separate module and browser of VNC client

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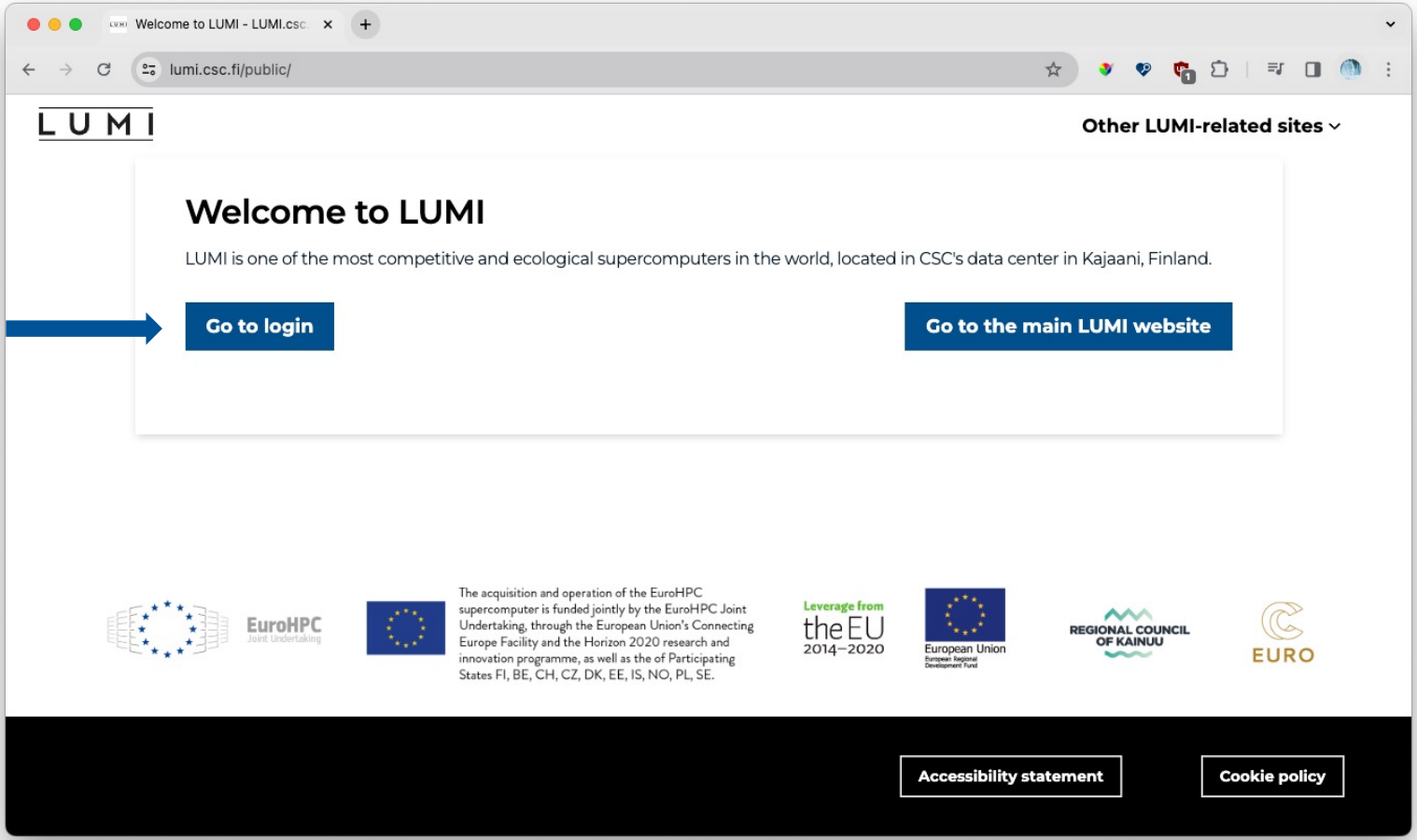

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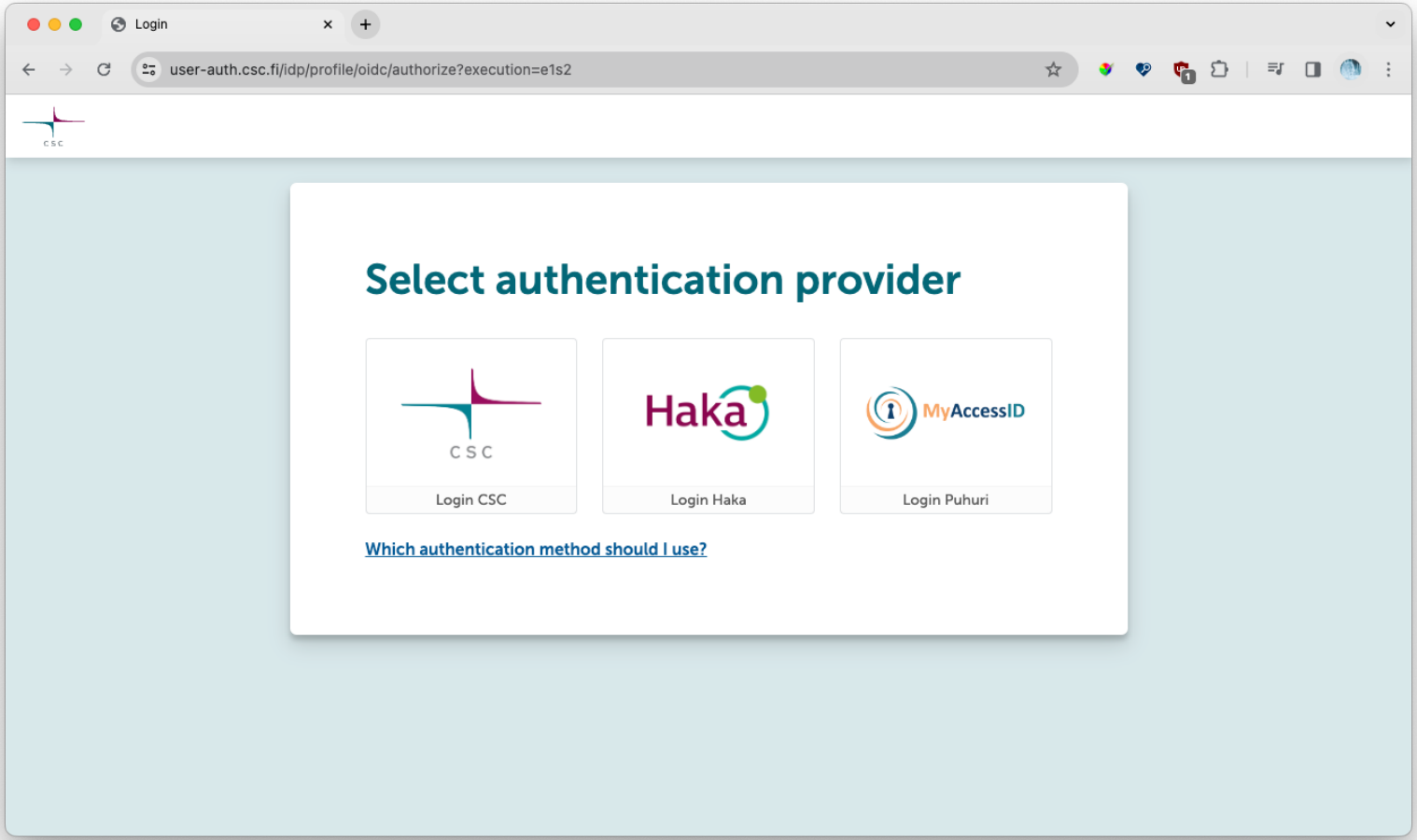

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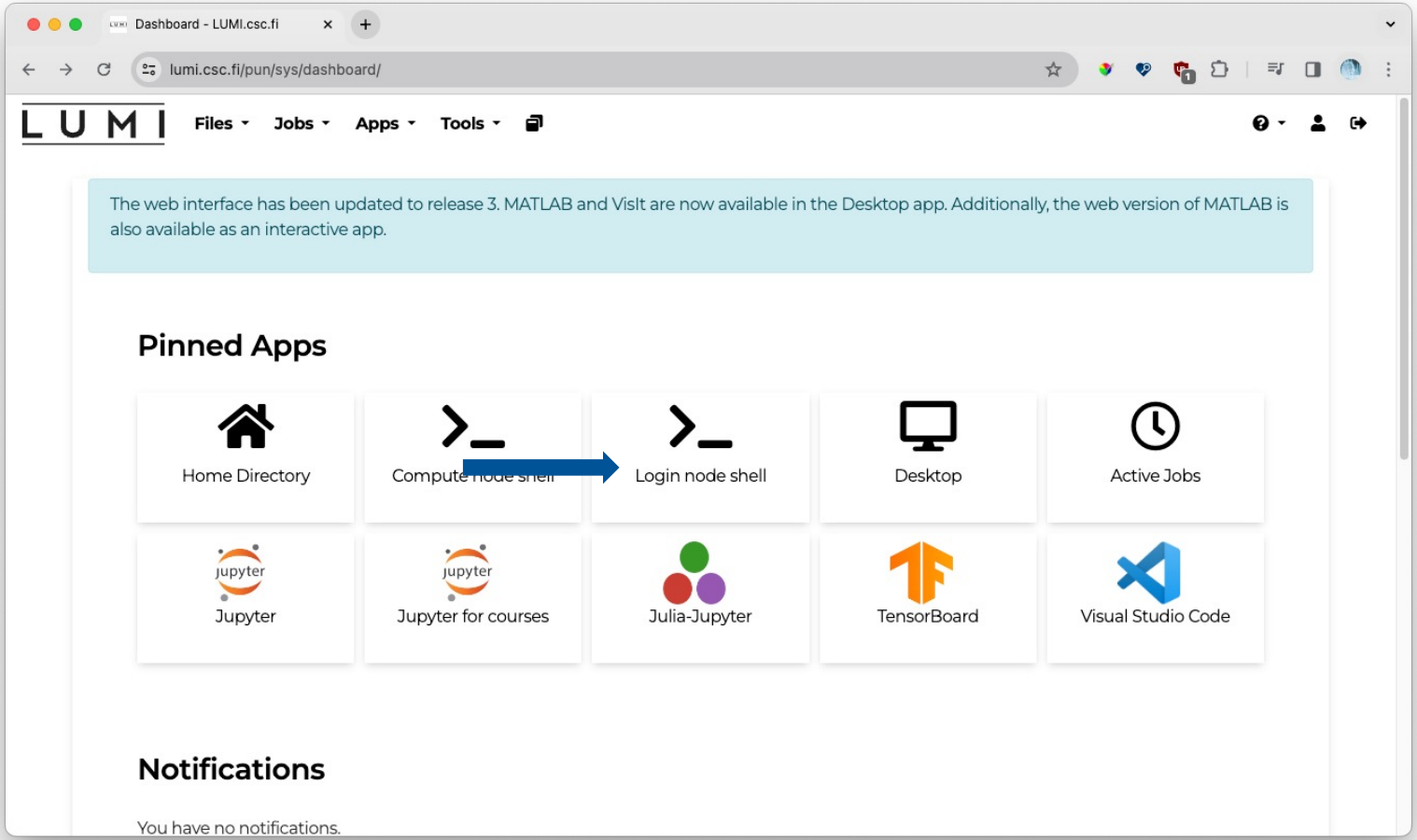

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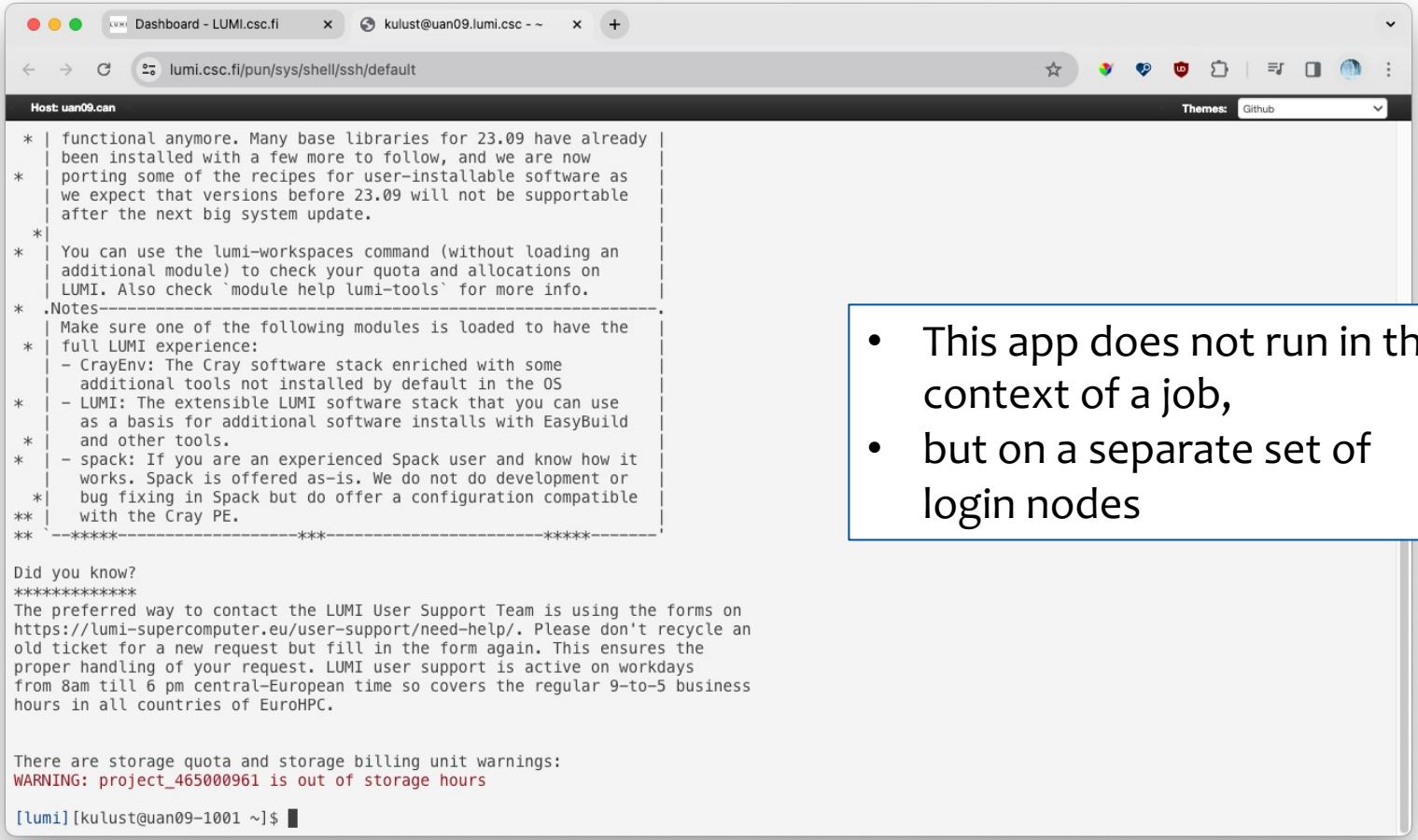

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- but on a separate set of login nodes

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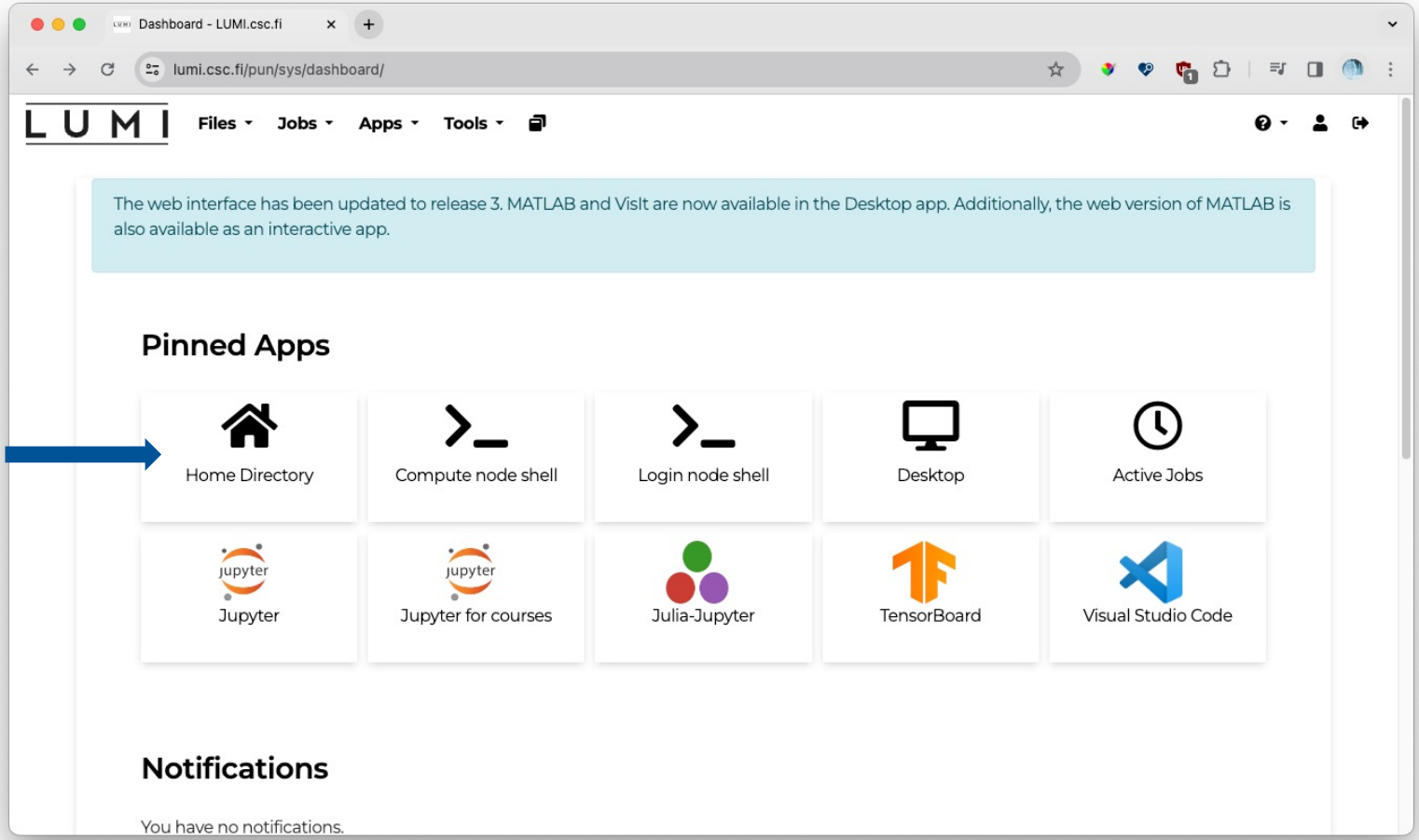

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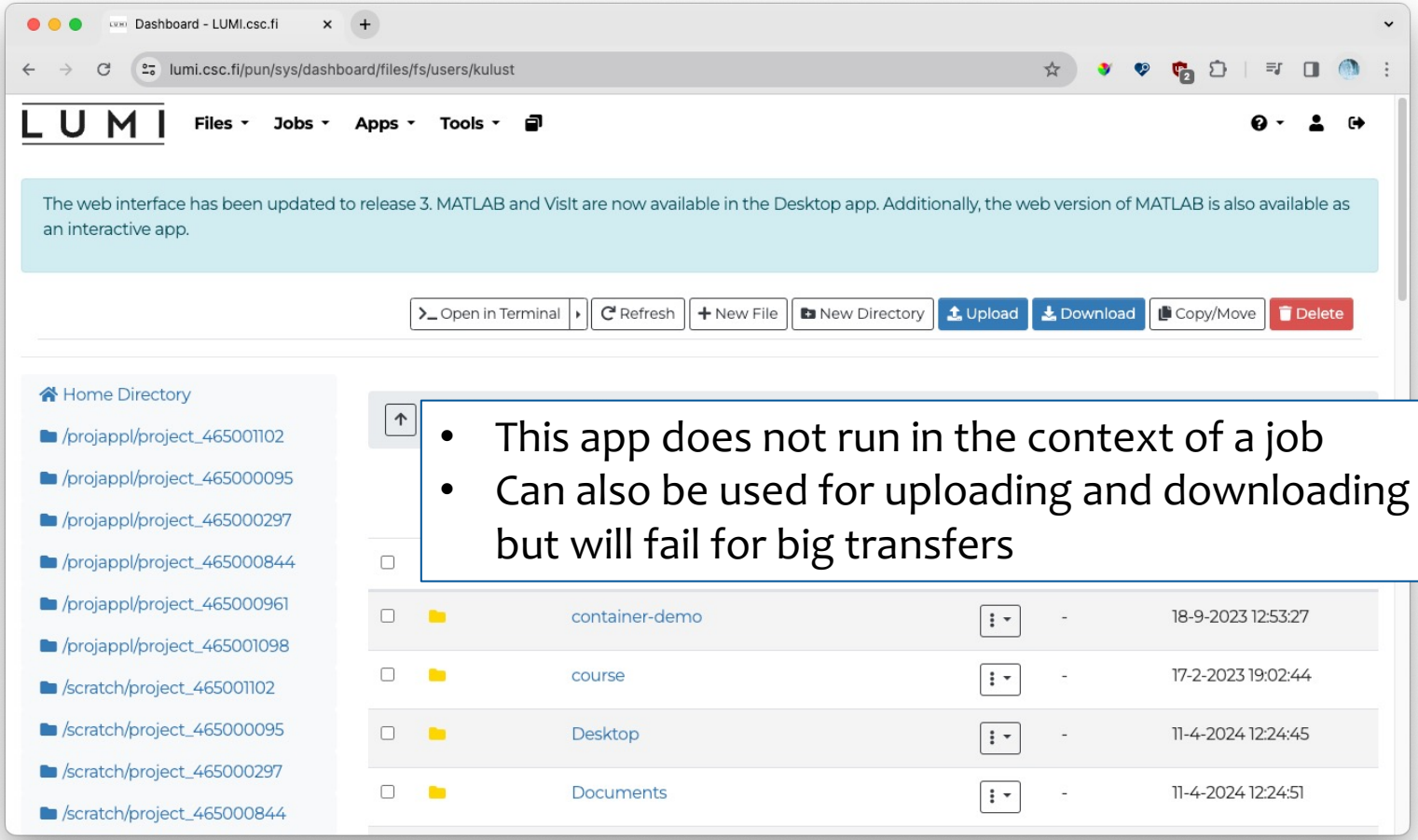

- This app does not run in the context of a job
- Can also be used for uploading and downloading data, but will fail for big transfers

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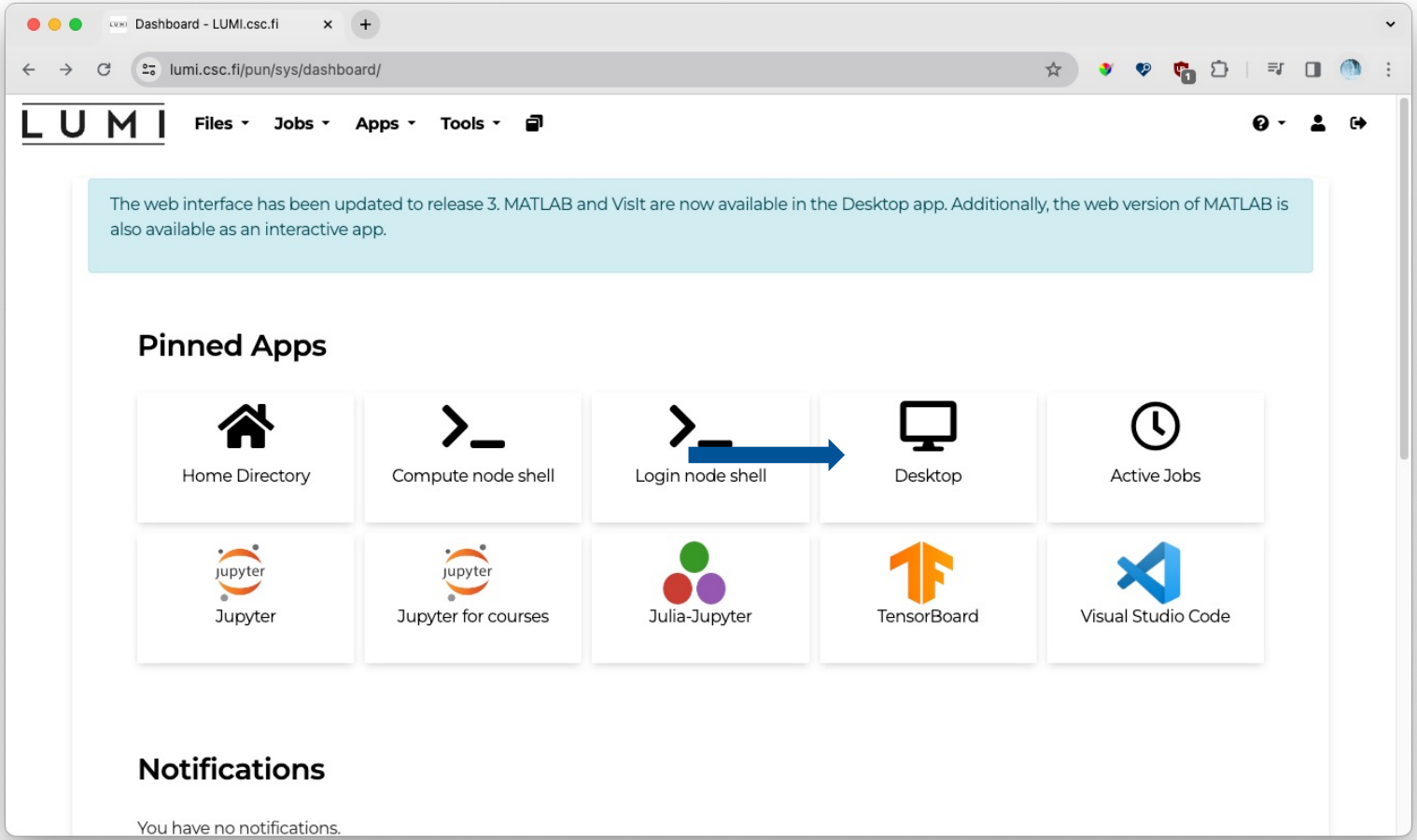

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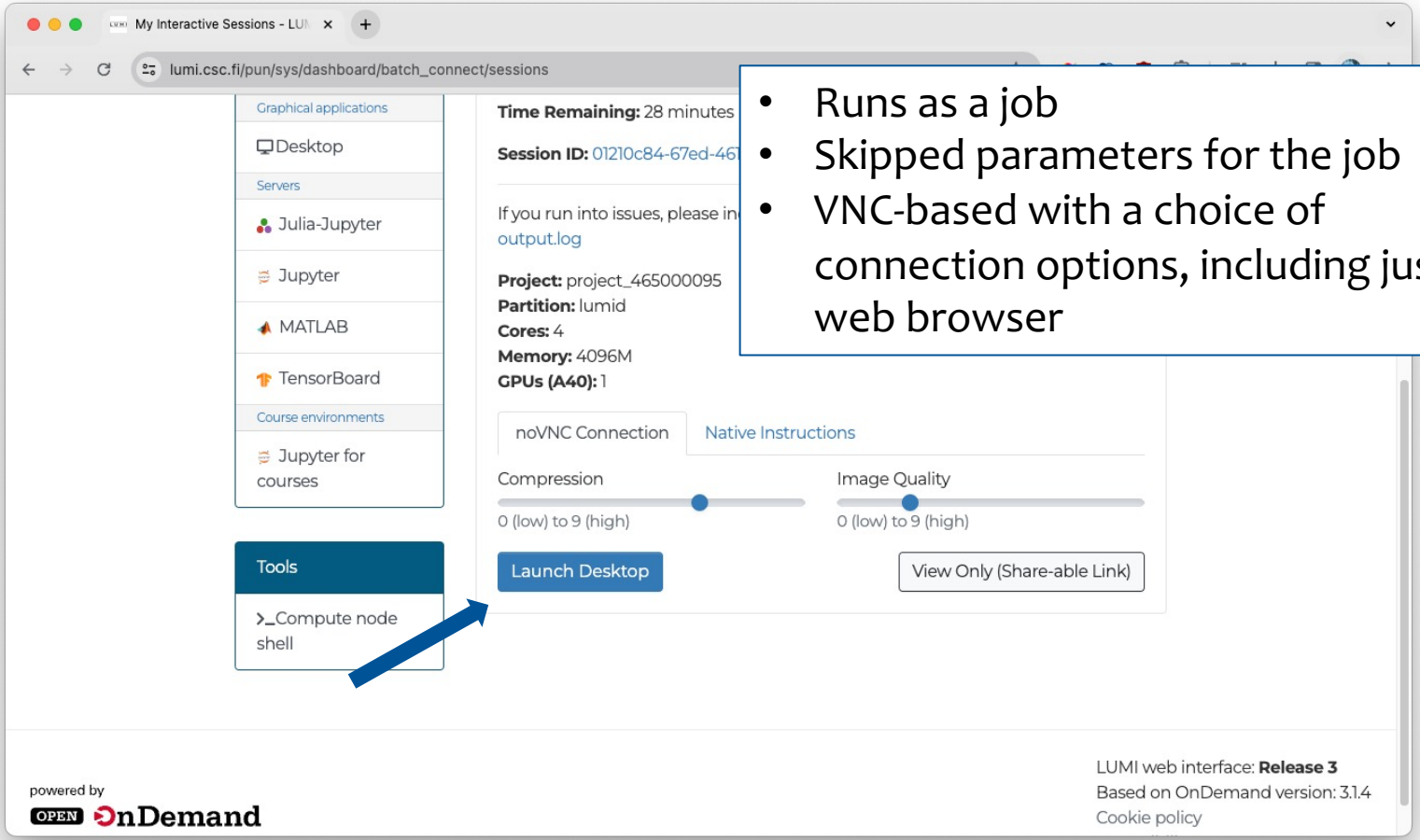

- Runs as a job
- Skipped parameters for the job
- VNC-based with a choice of connection options, including just the web browser

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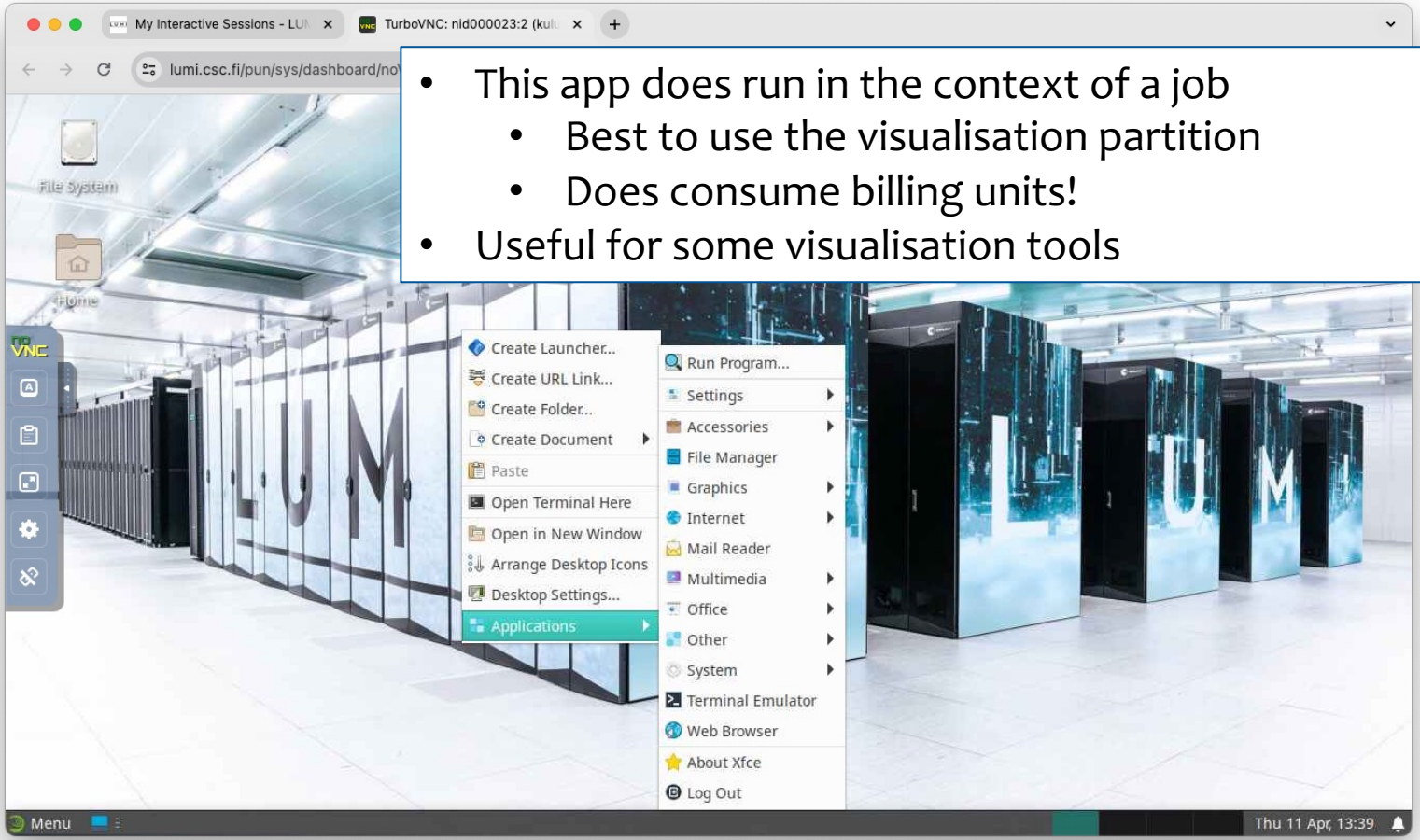

- This app does run in the context of a job
  - Best to use the visualisation partition
  - Does consume billing units!
- Useful for some visualisation tools

Data transfer

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- sftp to the login nodes
  - Authentication with your ssh key
  - Can be slow on high latency connections
  - Slow connections are not the fault of LUMI but of the whole path to the machine
- Data transfer via the object storage system LUMI-O
  - Transfer to LUMI-O and then to other LUMI file systems
  - Or from the file systems of LUMI to LUMI-O and then to your home institute
  - Support for various tools including rclone and S3 commands
  - Multi-stream transfers are a way to deal with high latency
  - See the storage section of the LUMI documentation at docs.lumi-supercomputer.eu and the next slides
- Unfortunately no support yet for Globus or other forms of gridFTP

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What is LUMI-O?

- Object storage system
  - Finnish users: similar to Allas, but less functionality at the moment
  - Specific tools to access data, not mounted as a regular file system
- Organisation:
  - Buckets: “Containers” used to store objects.
    - Flat structure: Buckets cannot contain other buckets
  - Objects: Any type of data, stored in a bucket
  - Metadata for buckets and objects
    - Bucket: e.g., access rights
    - Custom metadata possible
- Objects can be served on the web also
  - This is how recordings of some LUST courses are served
  - But not meant as a data publishing service (e.g., no EUDAT alternative)

Accessing LUMI-O

- Access is based on keys
  - Generated via a web interface
  - But there may be alternatives in the future
- Tools on LUMI
  - `rclone`: Easiest tool if you want public and private data
  - `s3cmd`
  - `restic`
- Tools on remote systems (e.g., your laptop)
  - Many tools possible, though some may be a bit tricky to configure
  - Web-based tool that generates configuration scripts
- Access via the Open OnDemand web interface is work-in-progress

Accessing LUMI-O
Key generation

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- Web interface at auth.lumidata.eu
- You'll have to select your login method in the same way as for Open OnDemand
- After a while you should see a list of projects, select the one for which you want to generate a key
  - The right column will show active keys for the project, and expired ones
- Selecting an active access key changes the right column to one where you get information about the key, can extend the key and can generate templates to configure various tools

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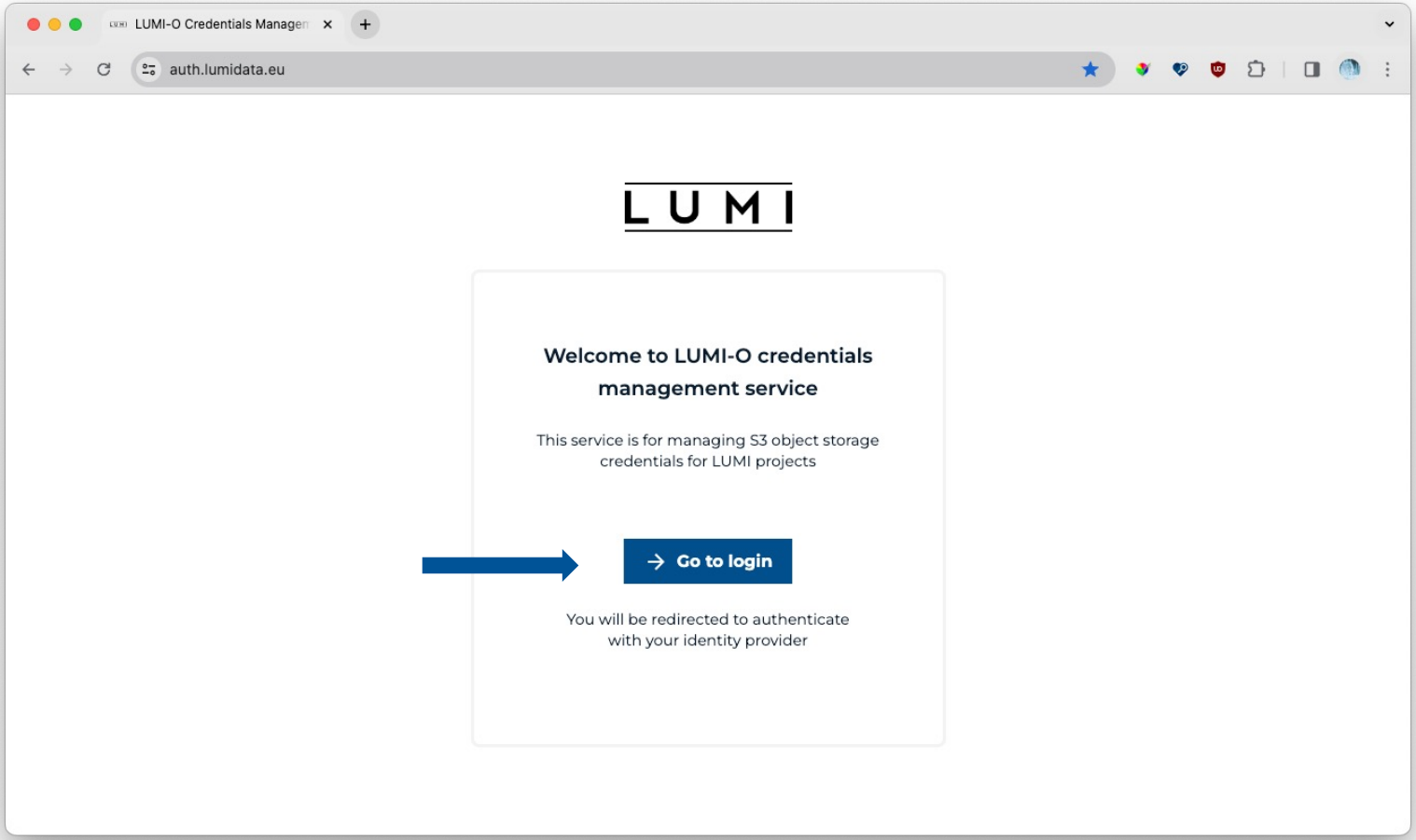

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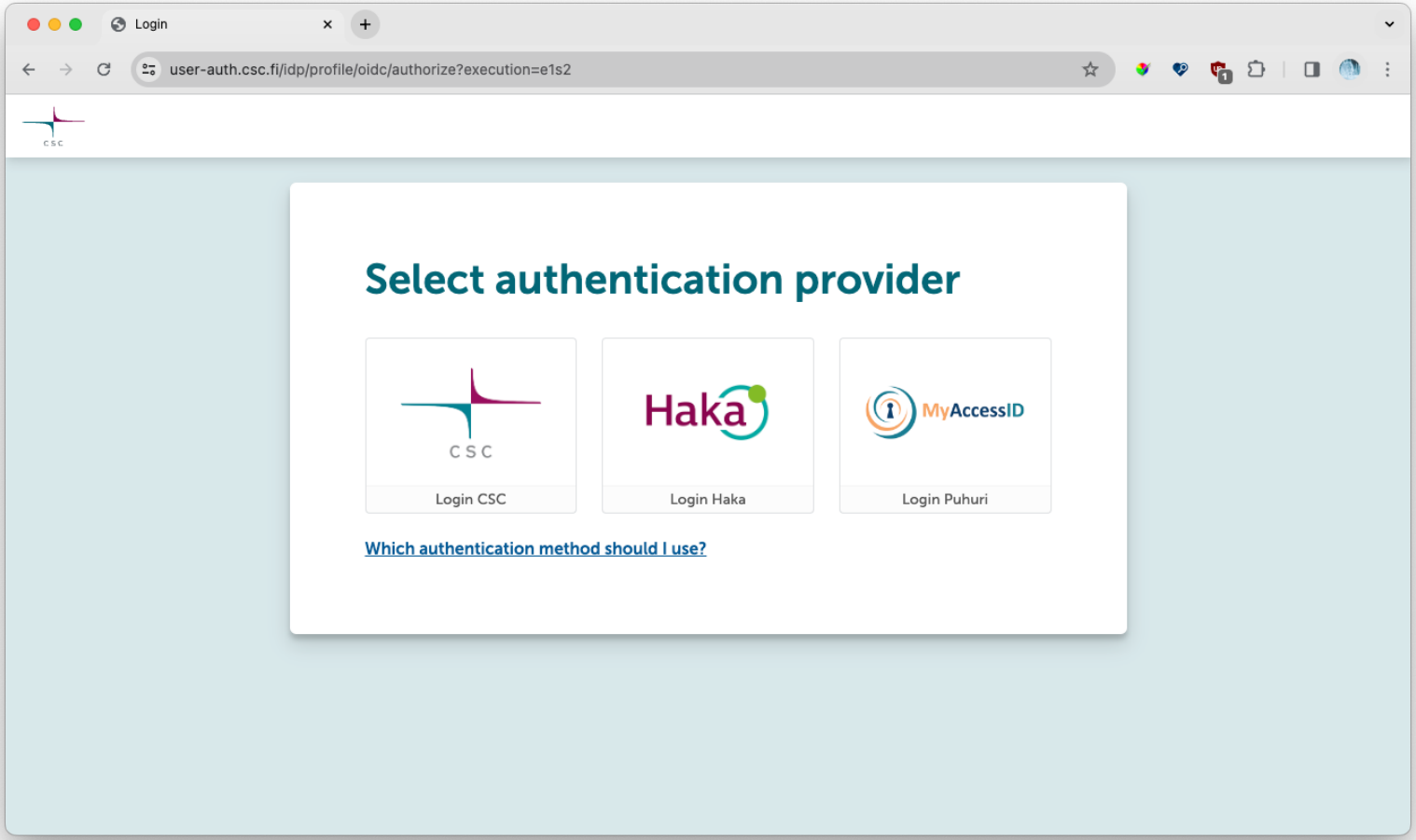

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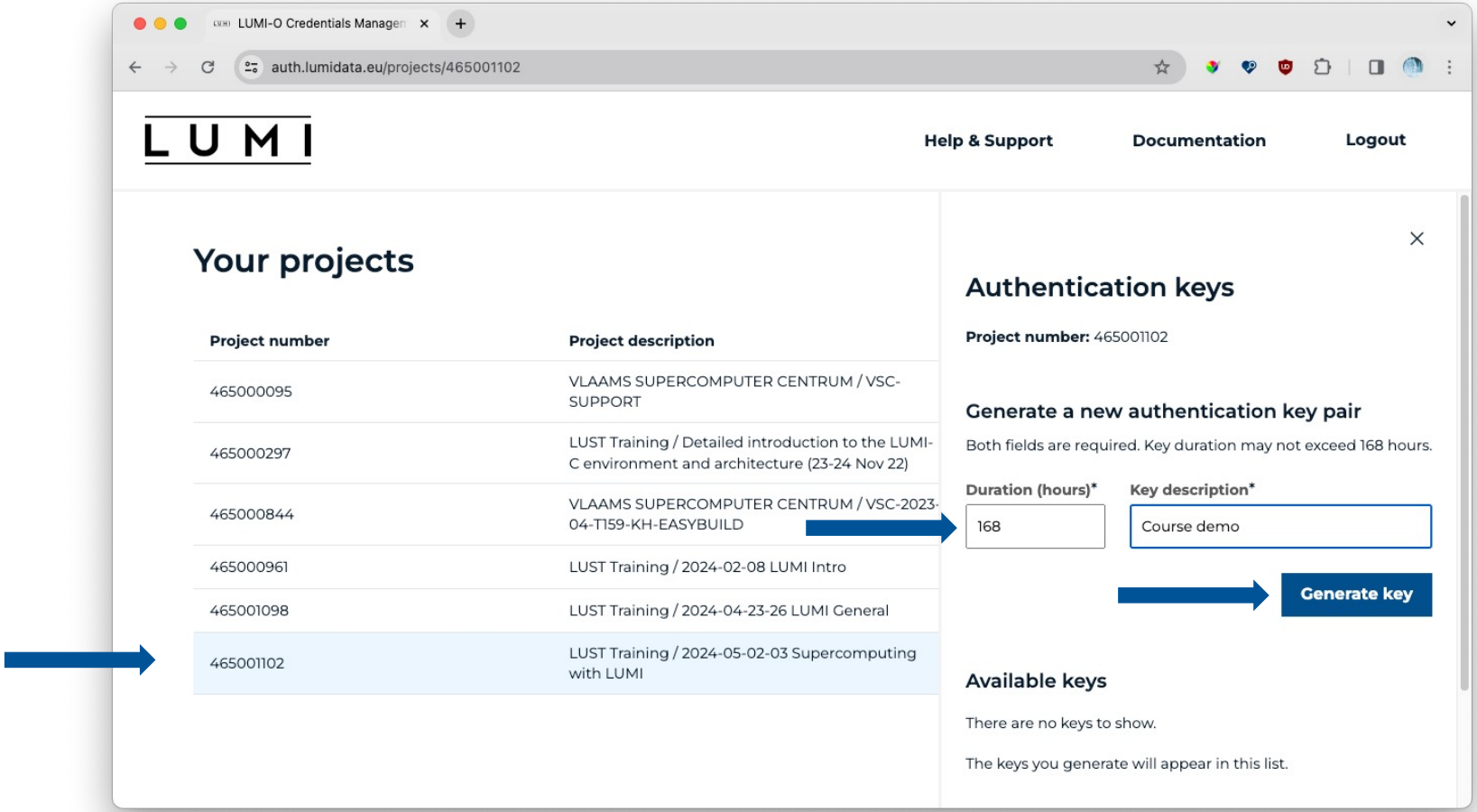

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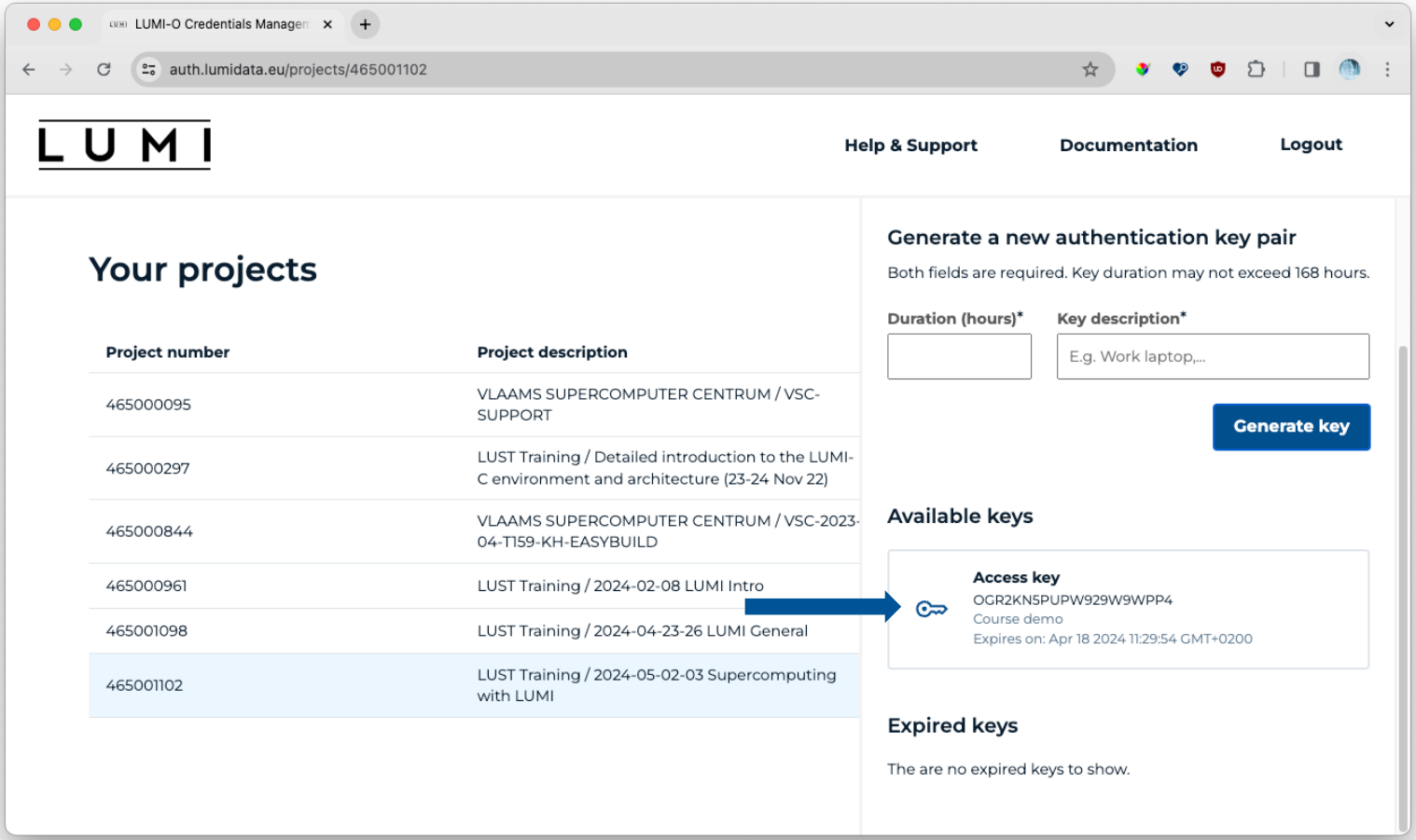

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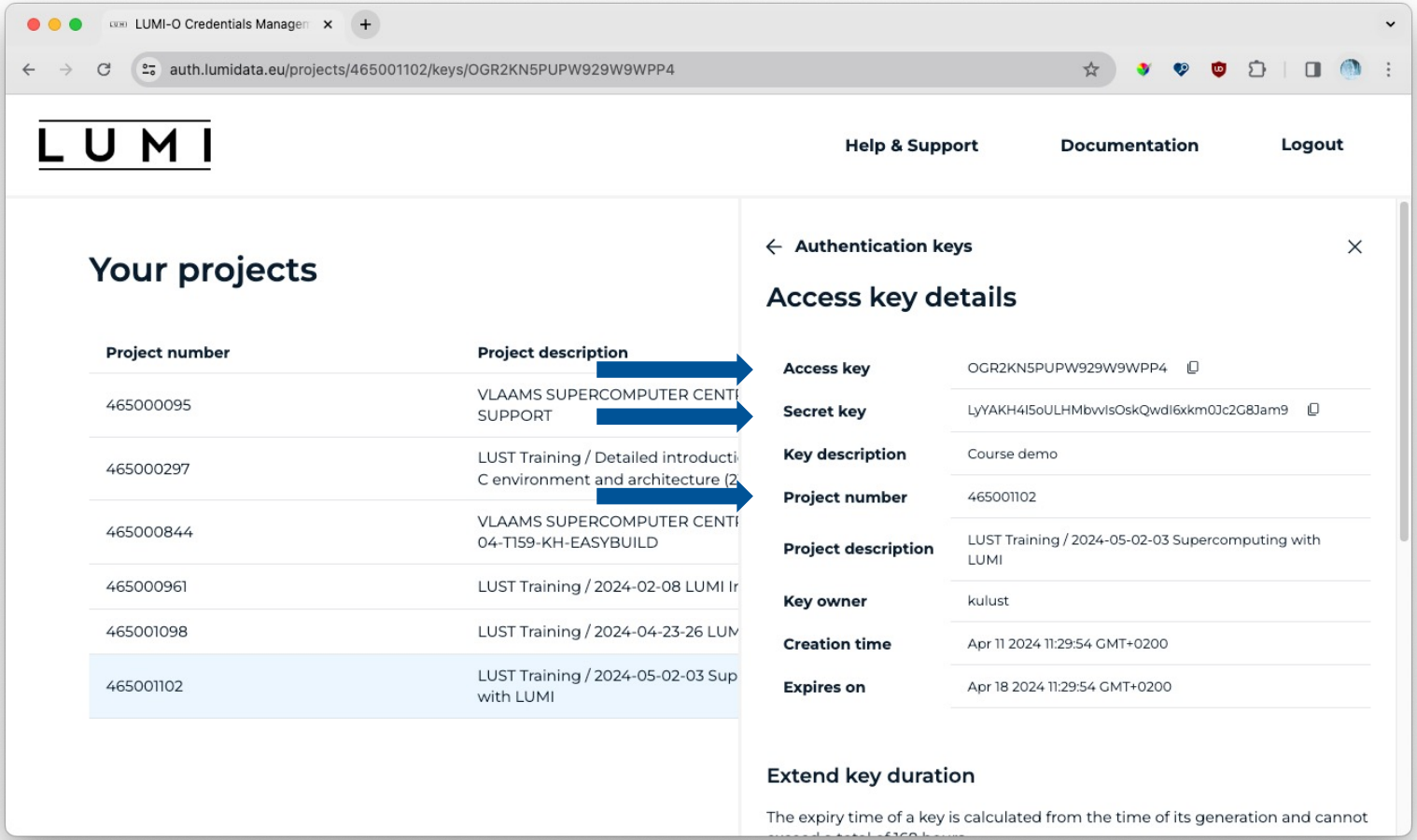

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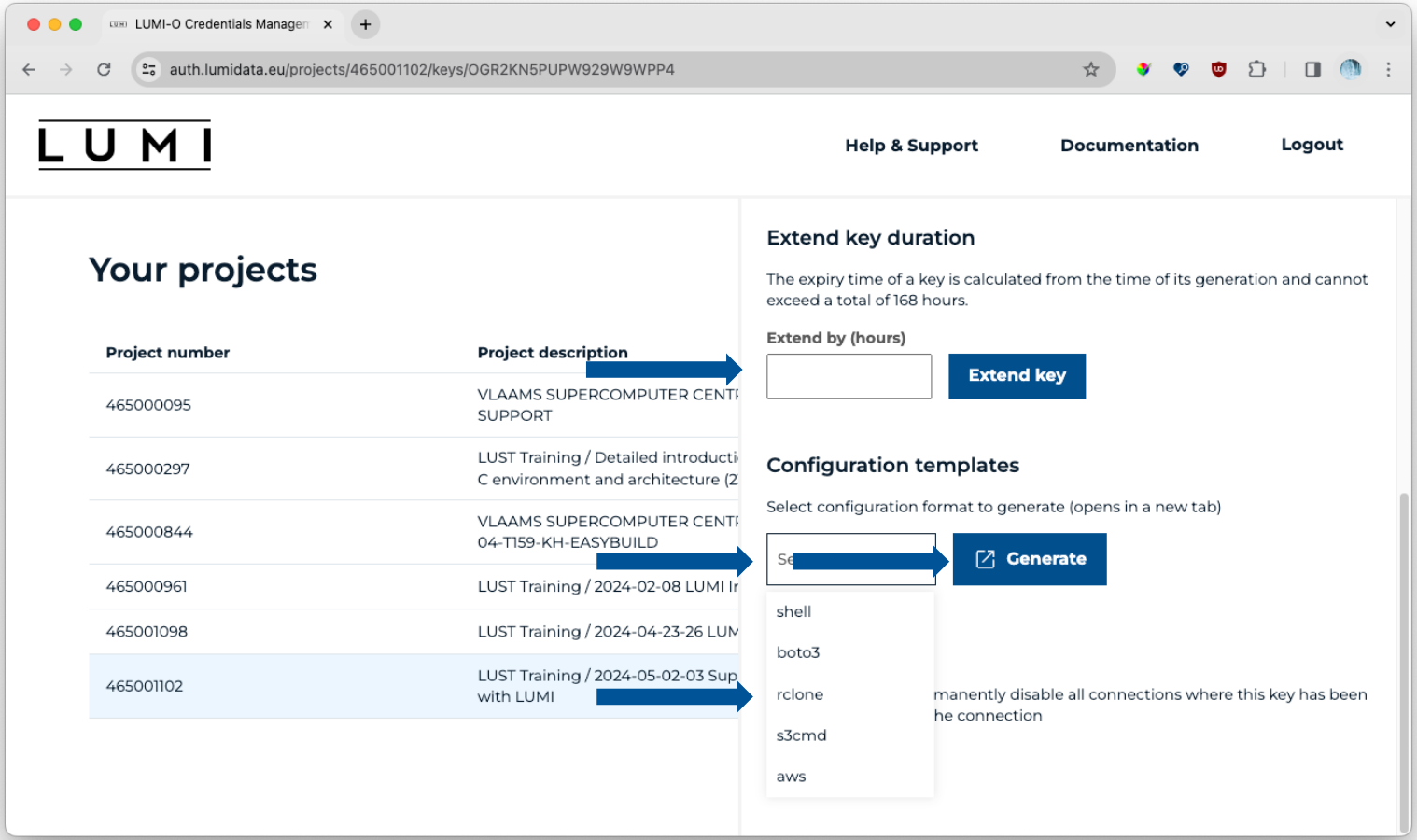

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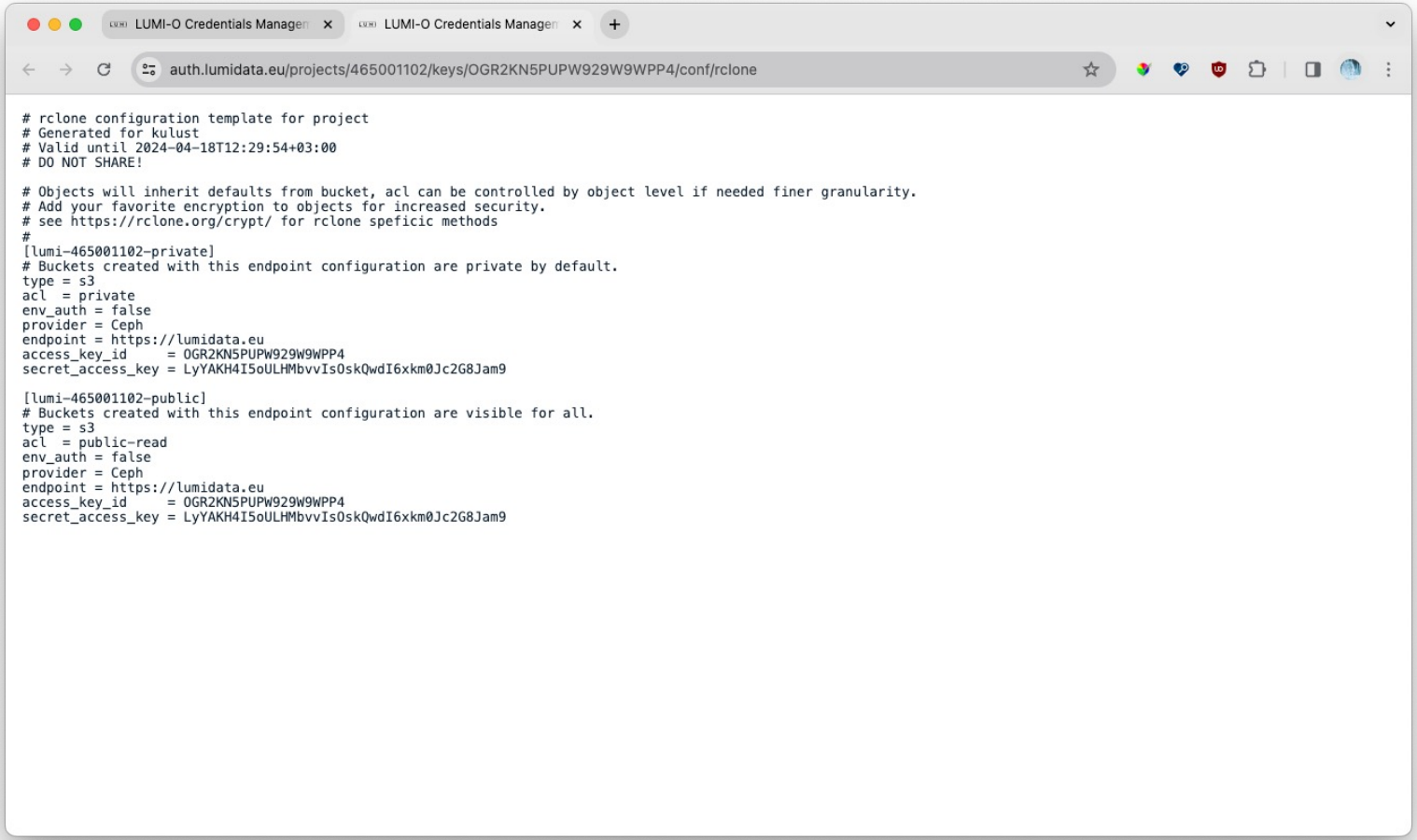

Configuring LUMI-O tools

- On LUMI, you can use `lumio-conf` to configure `rclone` and `s3cmd`
  - Need to load the `lumio` module which also provides `rclone`, `s3cmd` and `restic`
  - Will ask for data from the "Access key details" screen
  - A future version may be more automatic
  - The `rclone` configuration differs from the one generated via the web interface
- Generate the configuration snippets via the web interface
  - E.g., for rclone: copy manually to `~/.config/rclone/rclone.conf`
  - Can be used to configure tools on your computer also

Rclone on LUMI-O

- The configuration contains two end points
  - With lumio-conf :
    - `lumi-o`: Buckets and objects uploaded to this endpoint will not be publicly accessible
    - `lumi-pub`: Buckets and objects uploaded to this endpoint will be publicly accessible
    - Can have both publicly accessible and not publicly accessible objects in one bucket
  - Web generator:
    - `lumi-465001102-private`: Private buckets and objects
    - `lumi-465001102-public`: Public buckets and objects
- When using the `rclone` command line tool, it is possible to throttle the speed for many commands with the `--bwlimit` command line option
  - May be needed if you upload from home over a very bandwidth-limited connection

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Questions?