

Amazon Web Services Data Engineering Immersion Day

Database Migration Services Instructor Lab Setup *August 2020*

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Limit Instruction:

This immersion day required each student to have their own account. If you are sharing single account with multiple students by creating a multiple IAM users, Account can hit following default service limit:

- VPC VPCs per Region 5
- Glue Number of crawlers per account 50
- Glue Number of concurrent jobs runs per account 50
- Glue Maximum DPUs used by a role at one time 300
- S₃ Number of buckets per account 100
- Athena Number of DDL queries you can submit at the same time 20
- Athena Number of DML queries you can submit at the same time 20
- RDS Make sure you have enough disk space available in your RDS instance, if want to run DMS Change Data Capture (CDC) as generating large amount of data can exhaust RDS disk space.
- DMS Make sure you have enough disk space available in your DMS replication instance, if want to run DMS Change Data Capture (CDC) as transferring large amount of CDC data can exhaust disk space.

Introduction

Make sure you select the us-east-1 (Virginia) region

The Database Migration Services (DMS) hands-on lab provide a scenario, where participant learns to hydrate Amazon S₃ data lake with a relational database. To achieve that, participants need a source endpoint and this guide helps instructors set up a PostgreSQL database with public endpoint as the source database.

In this prelab, you will complete the following tasks:

- 1. Create a Postgres RDS source database environment.
- 2. Install the source database.

Once the full data replication is finished by DMS, go to the next step if the CDC lab is required:

Execute Lambda function to generate CDC data at the source database environment, to demonstrate CDC (Change Data Capture) replication within DMS.

Relevant information about this prelab:

- CloudFormation execution time: 15 minutes
- Source DB installation time: 20 mins

In an instructor-led AWS event, participants can get the Postgres RDS database detail from an event dashboard. (The instructor is required to update the database information before each event)

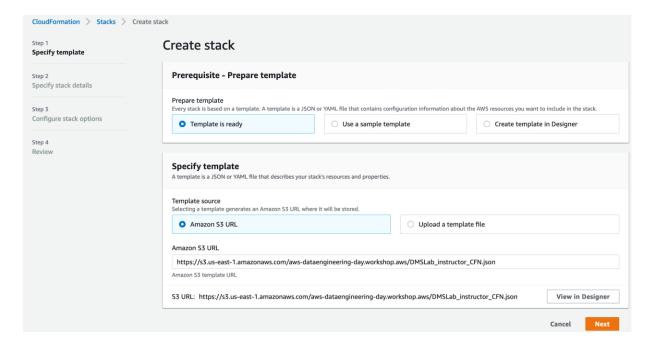


The instructor setup is also available in our online workshop: https://aws-dataengineering-day.workshop.aws/en/400/410-pre-lab-1.html

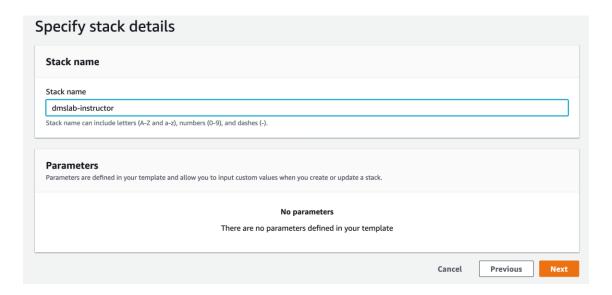
Create the Instructor Environment

In this section, you are going to create a PostgreSQL RDS instance as data source for AWS Data Migration Service to consume, for data migration to Amazon S₃ data lake.

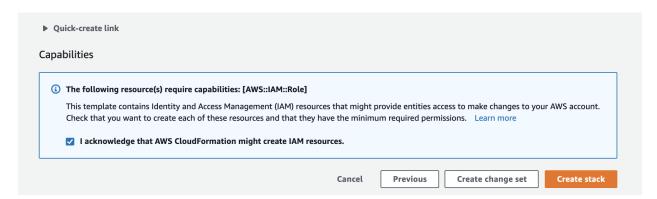
1. Launch the instructor <u>CloudFormation</u> stack. Make sure the region is us-east-1 (Virginia).



a. In Specify stack details, provide a name for Stack Name as "dmslab-instructor".



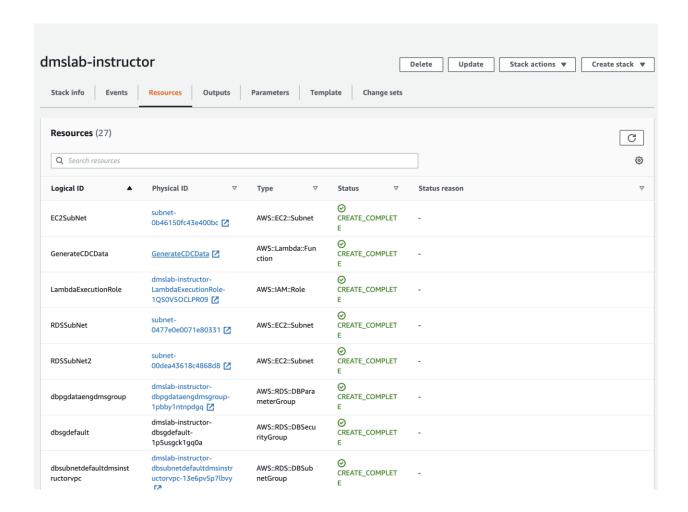
- b. Click on Next.
- c. In review page, review all the details, scroll down and check the box to acknowledge the policy and then click on **Create Stack**.



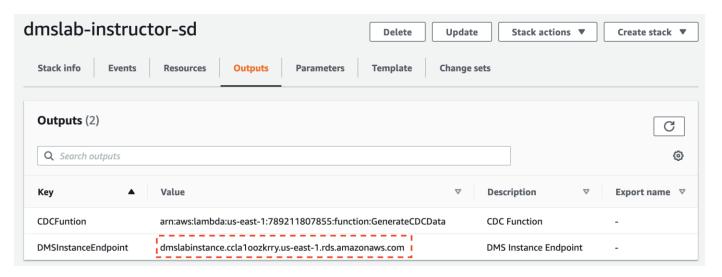
d. Launch the stack. It may take 15 minutes for the stack to launch. This stack creates a new VPC, Subnets, Security groups, EC2 instance, Route table, Routes, and an RDS Postgres instance.

Warning: make sure the Postgres database is fully populated before proceed to the DMS lab. It takes additional 20 minutes to finish, after the CloudFormation setup is completed.

You can see all resources listed below:



e. Go to the **Outputs** tab of AWS CloudFormation stack and you can find the Postgres RDS database endpoint, which will be similar to information shown in below screenshot



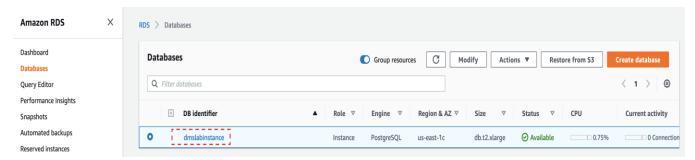
Changing RDS Security Group

Currently your RDS source end point is not open to connect to outside world for security reason. You need to open RDS security group to accept traffic from intended range of IP address. As it is difficult to determine range of IP address of workshop environment, so to have smooth experience of running lab you can temporally allow inbound traffic from all IP address (0.0.0.0/o CIDR range).

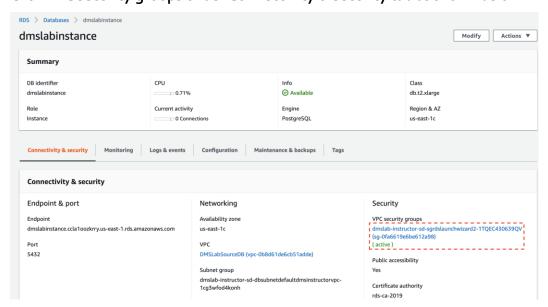
Warning: It is not best practice to allow ALL CIDR range in your database security group. You should never apply open to all IP CIDR range while working on actual workload.

Follow below steps to open security group for students to connect with source RDS data base for DMS full data and CDC data dump:

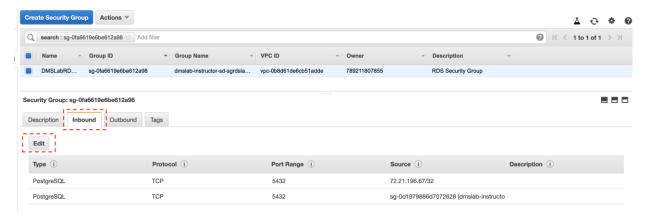
1. Go to the RDS and double click on "dmslabinstance" **DB identifier** as shown below:



2. Click VPC security groups under Connectivity & security tab as shown below:



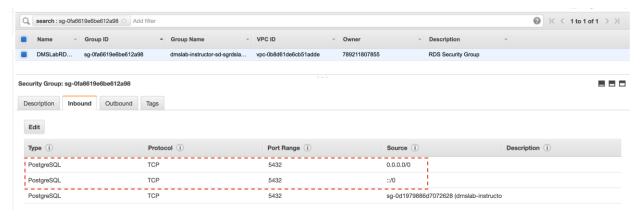
In Security group screen, Go to Inbound tab and click on Edit as shown below



4. Update Inbound rule to "Anywhere" from hardcoded value "72.21.196.67/32", as shown in below screen. You can also update to your own IP address if want running both lab in same



5. Click on **Save** and now everyone will be able to connect to source RDS instance for lab purpose to ingest data using DMS endpoint.



Note: Make sure to remove "Anywhere" inbound rule from security group as soon as you are done with DMS main lab.

Optionally, You can read though the documentation to better understand the source database environment. The GitHub repository for aws-database-migration-samples is located here:

https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-database-migration-samples/tree/master/PostgreSQL/sampledb/v1

Access Database from SQL Client (Optional)

You can follow below instruction to setup SQL Workbench to access your Postgres Database from SQL client:

https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/tutorials/create-connect-postgresgl-db/

In SQL Workbench:

Run following query to find out all Schema and table created.

SELECT * FROM pg_catalog.pg_tables;

Ensure the following 2 functions exists. If anything is missing, check the solution at **Troubleshooting** section.

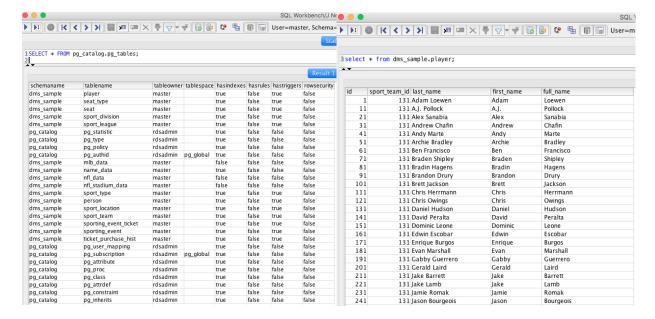
SELECT * FROM pg_stat_user_functions WHERE funcname in ('generateticketactivity', 'generatetransferactivity')

Use following query to analyze a table

select * from schemaname.tablename;

For example:

select * from dms_sample.player;



Following sections are optional you only need to execute, if you want to show change data capture replication with DMS.

Generate and Replicate the CDC Data (Optional)

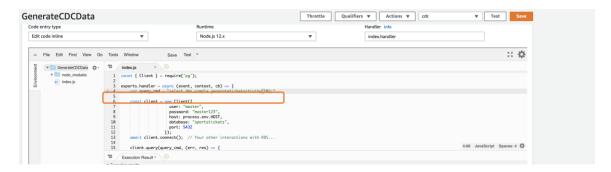
Warning: This step is not required at your initial lab environment setup.

Once the full data replication in DMS lab is completed, you can start to generate extra transactions in source database to demonstrate DMS CDC (Change Data Capture) functionality.

Navigate to Lambda console and you will see a pre-built Lambda function named "GenerateCDCData".

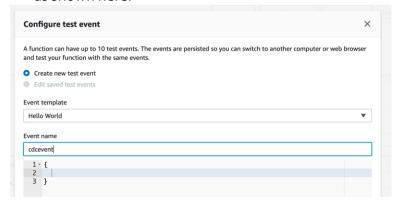


- Click on the function and scroll down. You will see the code for this function. Copy the below query and paste it in the placeholder (value) of this code line: "var query_cmd= "<insert-SQL-query-here>" "
- 2. Run this query first: select dms_sample.generateticketactivity(10);

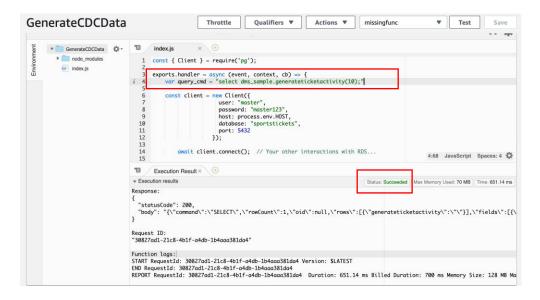


This query will generate 10 ticket sales in batches of 1-6 tickets to randomly selected people for a random price (within a range.) A record of each transaction is recorded in the **ticket_purchase_hist** table.

3. Click on **Save** and then click on **Test** to run the function. You can create an empty event as shown here:



You will see no error in lambda log

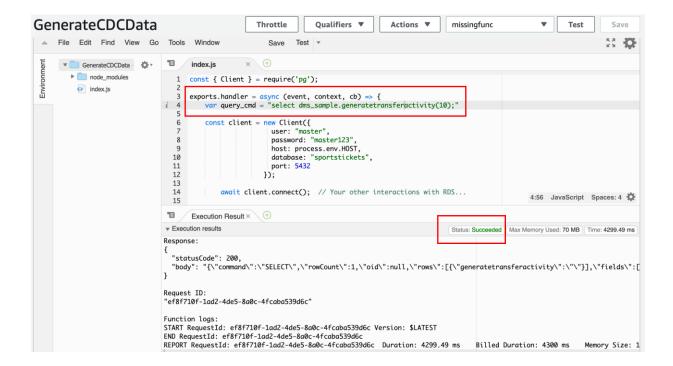


4. Once you've sold some tickets you can run the generateTransferActivity procedure. The following will transfer tickets from the owner to another person. The whole "batch" of tickets purchased is transferred 80% of the time and 20% of the time an individual ticket is transferred.

Run this query next in the lambda function:

select dms_sample.generatetransferactivity(10);

Click on Save and then click on Test to run the function.



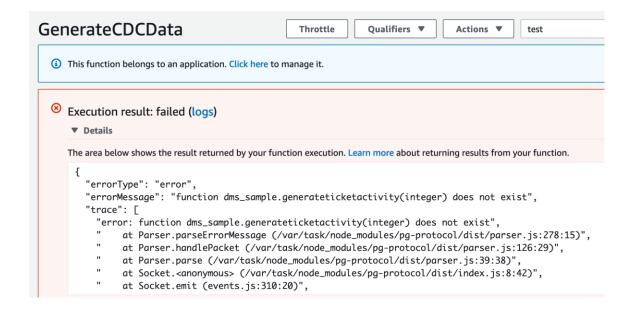
Note:

When enabling CDC functionality in DMS, only one DMS instance/task should activate "Ongoing replication" to avoid conflicts.

When replicating to multiple targets, the processing to fan out the updates should begin with the Amazon S₃ bucket, that is the target of the DMS task responsible for Ongoing replication. The process should not begin with the source database, as only one CDC process should be tracking and setting the last committed transaction that was replicated.

Troubleshooting

1. Failed to run Lambda function 'GenerateCDCData'.



Cause

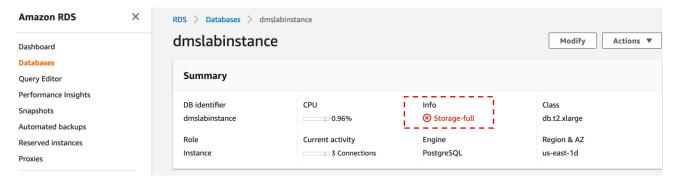
The source database setup is interrupted. Some database objects, such as the function **generateticketactivity()** is missing.

Resolution

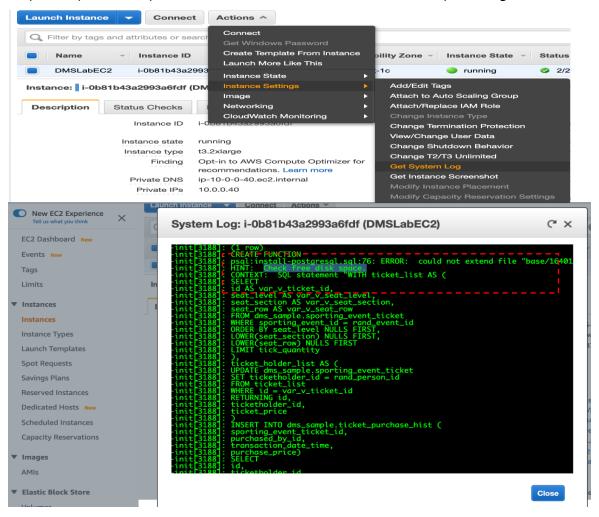
Go to <u>EC2 console</u>, reboot the instance **DMSLabEC2**. It will reload the DB and create any objects that were missing. Due to the <u>re-run issue</u>, the table sporting_event_ticket will be doubled in size at each reboot. You can manually drop the table by the following script before each reboot. Then wait for 20 minutes before checking the missing DB object again.

DROP TABLE dms_sample. sporting_event_ticket CASCADE

2. RDS source database is **out of storage** space.



Or you may see 'No Space left on device' error from DMSLabEC2 system log



Cause

Check the knowledge center here

Resolution

Increate the RDS instance disk size, as a quick fix.

