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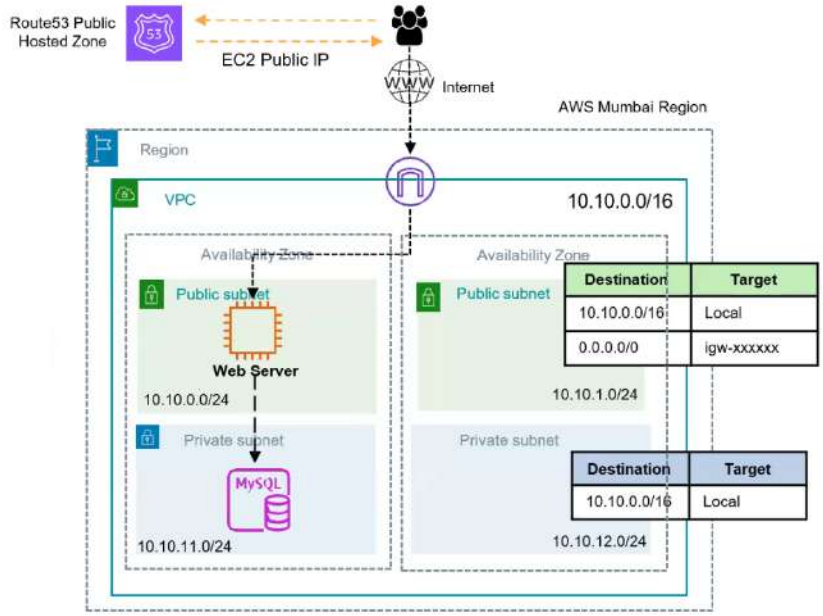

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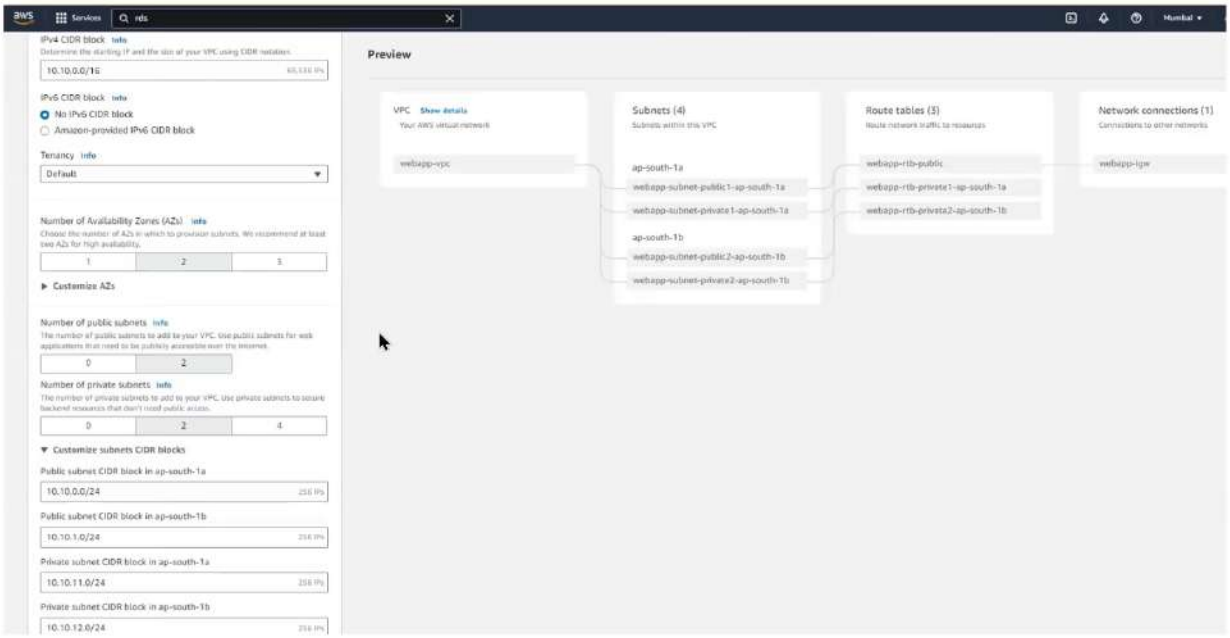

Step 2 - Launch an EC2 instance and connect

1. Launch EC2 instance in newly created Public Subnet
    a. Go to EC2 Service -> EC2 Dashboard -> Launch Instances
    b. Name: Webserver
    c. Select AMI: Amazon Linux (default) *[by default it should select Amazon Linux 2023 AMI – Free tier eligible]*
    d. Select instance type: t2.micro (default)
    e. Select key pair : *<key-pair that you had created earlier>*
        a. *If you don't see the key-pair in the dropdown then check if you are using the correct AWS region in which you had previously created key-pair.*
        b. *If you still don't see key-pair, then cancel the ec2 creation flow and first create a new key-pair as described in the prerequisites section*
    f. Network settings -> Edit -> Select your VPC (webapp-vpc) and you're a public subnet in availability zone a
    g. Auto-Assign Public IP: **Enable**
    h. Firewall -> Create security group
        a. Name: webapp-ec2-sg
        b. Add Inbound Security group rule: SSH (port 22) for source CIDR 0.0.0.0/0
        c. Add Inbound Security group rule: HTTP (port 80) for source CIDR 0.0.0.0/0
    i. Configure Storage -> 1 x 8GiB, gp3 (default)
    j. Launch Instance
    k. Go to instances page -> Select the instance you just launched -> see the Details -> Copy Public IPv4 address

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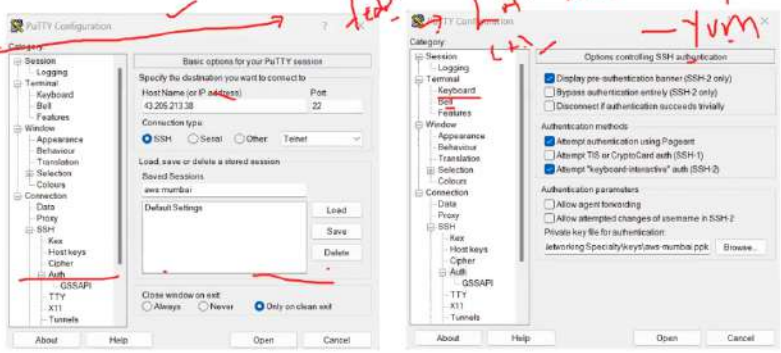
2. Connect to EC2 instance with *Public IP* from your workstation

If using Windows workstation:

i. Open PuTTy -> In the "Host name" provide the Public IP of EC2 instance
ii. Left panel -> SSH -> Auth -> Browse and select your ssh .pem key file
iii. Open -> Accept
iv. Provide username as ec2-user

If using Linux/Mac workstation

i. Open Terminal and run following command with correct path for the .pem key file
ii. *$ssh -i <path/to/key.pem> ec2-user@<ec2-public-ip-address>*



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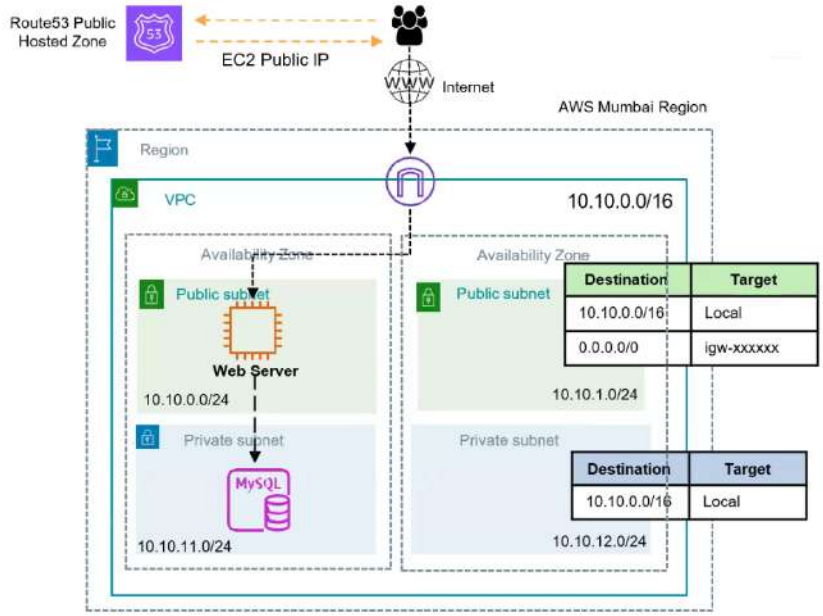

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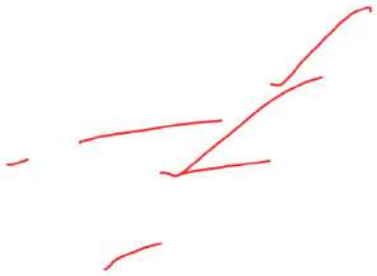
1. Go to RDS console
2. Create DB Subnet group
   a. Select Subnet Groups from the left panel -> Create DB subnet group
   b. Name: webapp-db-subnet-group, Description: DB Subnet group
   c. VPC: select webapp-vpc
   d. Add Subnets: Availability Zones: Select a and b
   e. Subnets: Select 10.10.11.0/24 for AZ a and 10.10.12.0/24 for AZ b
   f. Create
3. Go to Databases -> Create Database
   a. Select Standard Create
   b. Engine Options: Select **MySQL**
   c. Templates: Select Free tier
   d. DB cluster identifier: webapp-db
   e. Credential Settings -> Master Username: admin, Master password: <password of your choice>, Confirm master password
   f. Connectivity
      a. Virtual Private Cloud (VPC): Select webapp-vpc,
      b. DB Subnet group: Select webapp-db-subnet-group
      c. Public access: No
      d. VPC security group (firewall) -> Create new -> Name: webapp-db-security-group
      e. Database authentication: Password authentication
      f. Additional configuration -> Initial database name: **corp**
      g. Create database & wait for database to be fully created



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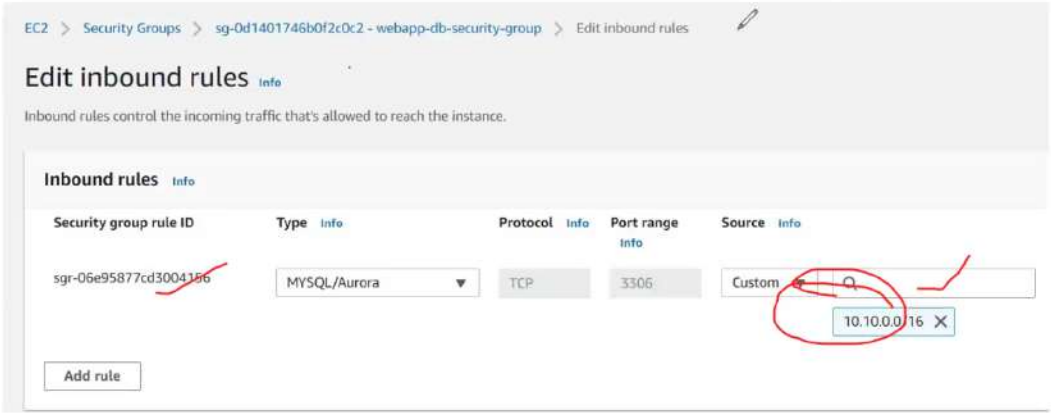
4. Update DB security group to allow inbound traffic from VPC CIDR
   a. Select the database you just created -> Connectivity & Security -> Click on VPC Security groups link (this should open EC2 console with DB security group selected)
   b. Select inbound rules -> Edit inbound rules -> Update the source to 10.10.0.0/16



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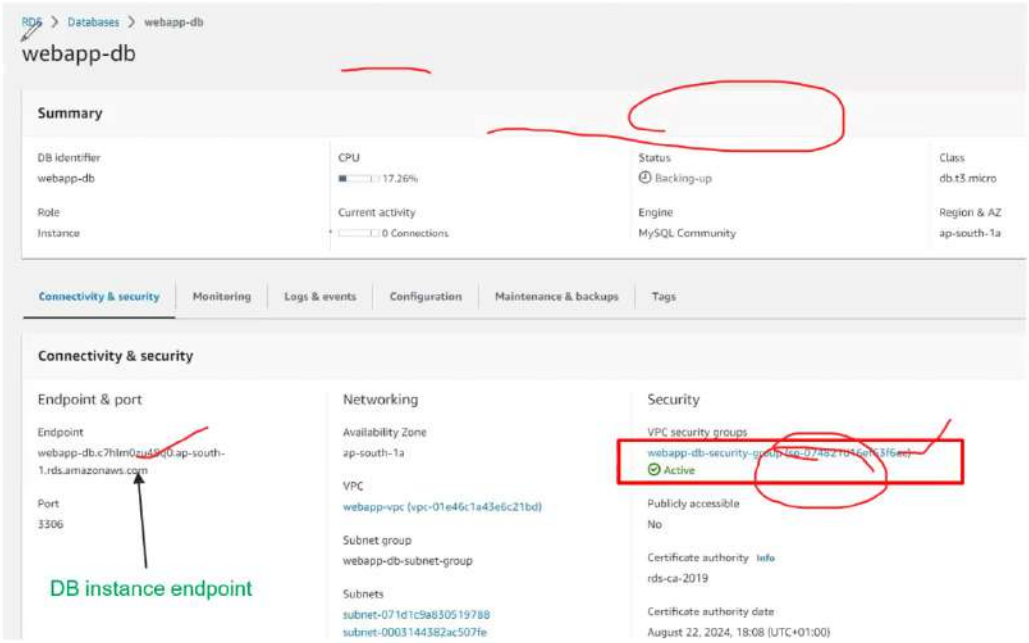

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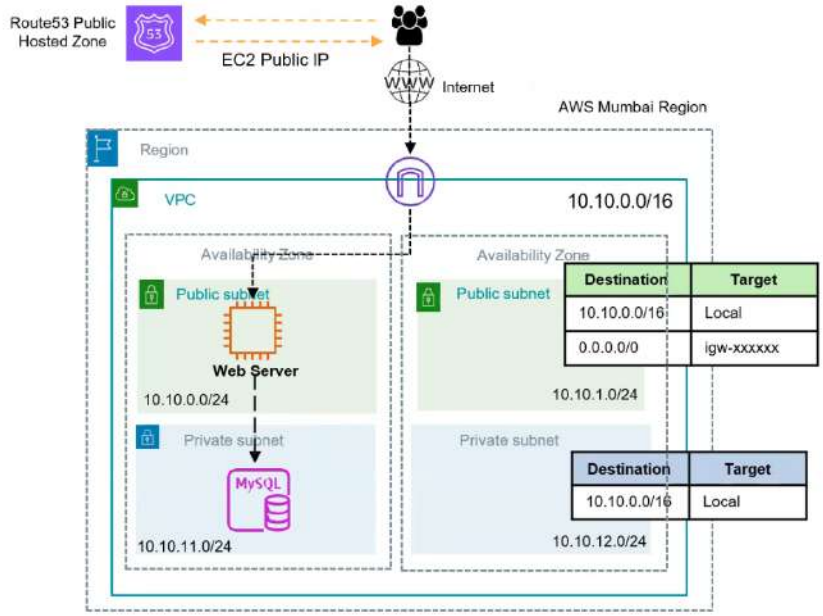

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4. Create application file corp.php in /var/www/html directory.
   a. You can use the corp.php file from github repo:
5. Open your browser and hit the URL http://PUBLICIP/corp.php
6. Add few sample entries from the form on the webpage

Step 6 – Setup Public DNS

1. Setup the public DNS for your web application
   a. Assuming you have already got the Public domain name and you have created Route53 Public hosted zone as described
   - in the pre-requisites section. You can't proceed with following steps if you haven't done those steps.
   b. Go to Route 53 console -> Hosted Zones -> click your domain name
   c. Create record
      a. Record name: leave blank
      b. Record type: A – Routes traffic to an IPv4 address and some AWS resources
      c. Value: enter the value of Public IP of EC2 instance
      d. Create records
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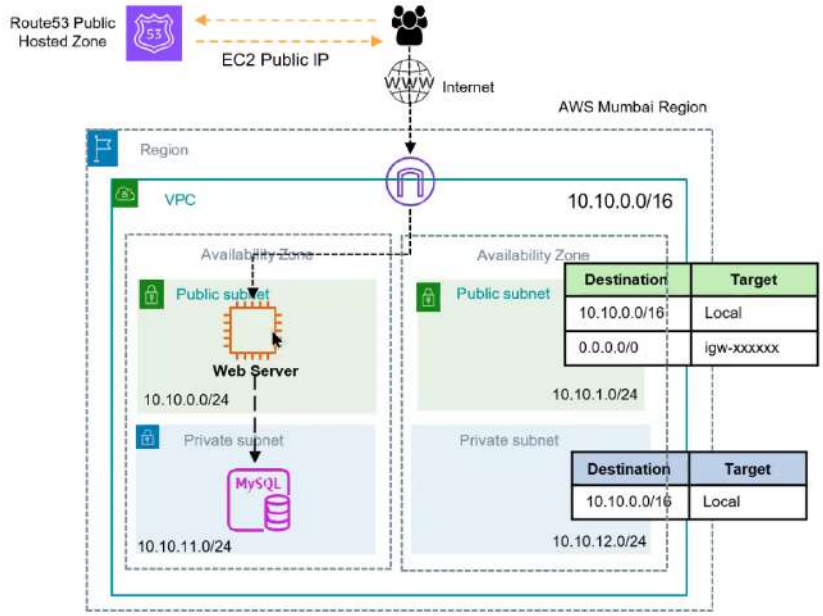

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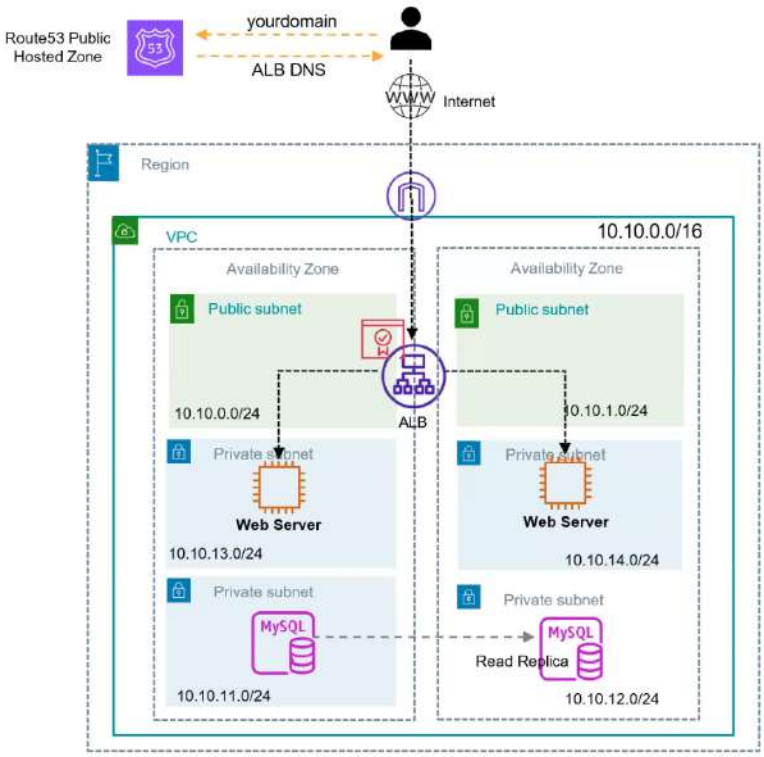

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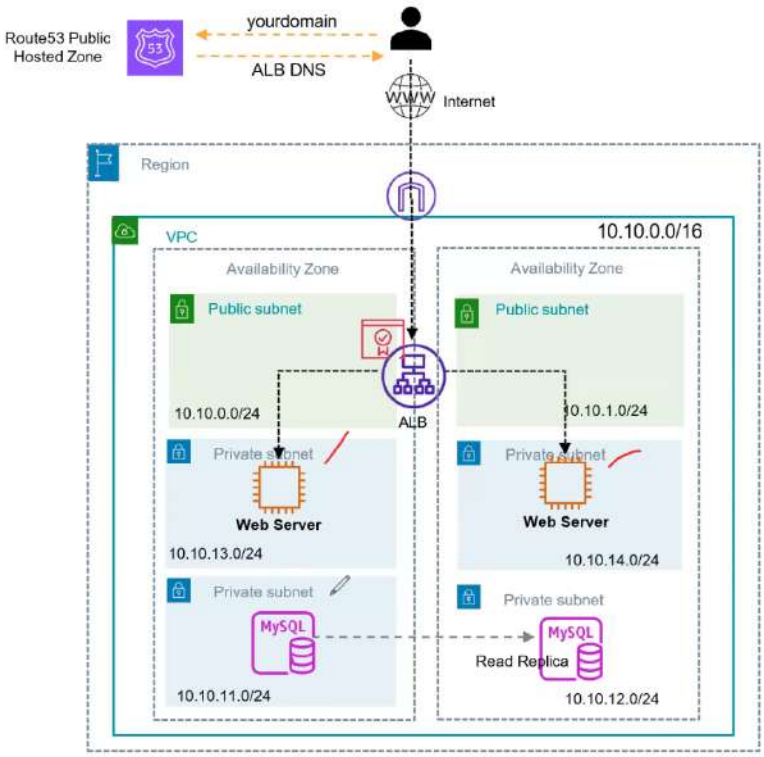

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Detailed steps not provided – Try it on your own!

- Hope you can implement part 2 of the exercise own your own.
- Refer troubleshooting steps on next page if you are stuck.

Test your Multi-AZ setup

- Stop one of your webserver and verify that there is no impact on the web application
- For testing database failover – Reboot database instance with failover option and verify that DB points to secondary database.
- Refer this article for how to reboot database: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/USER_RebootInstance.html

If you could deploy https multi-az website with custom domain, Do not forget to perform clean-up for AWS resources that your created.