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Deployment and Operations

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Project Deployment

- **Render:** Easy to use, supports both frontend and backend, gives secure connection, and can connect to GitHub for easy updates.
- **Aiven (MySQL):** Fully managed database, secure, has automatic backups, and can store all student and activity data safely.

How we deployed:

Backend (Render):

- Connected the backend code to Render.
- Added environment variables for the database connection.
- Linked it to the MySQL database on Aiven.
- Tested all APIs with Postman to make sure data can be sent and received.



Frontend (Render):

- Connected the frontend code to Render.
- Set up environment variables like API URLs.
- Built and deployed the app.
- Checked that the website works using the Render URL.

Database (Aiven MySQL):

- Created the MySQL database on Aiven.
- Added users and tables for storing student data.
- Tested database connection from the backend.

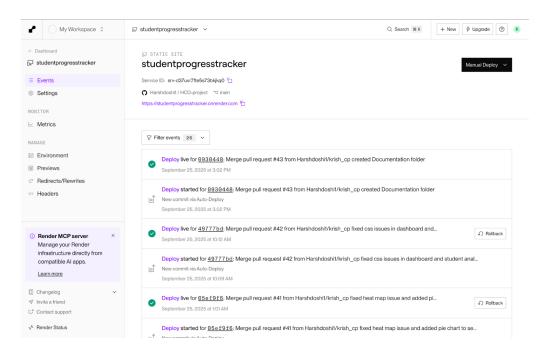


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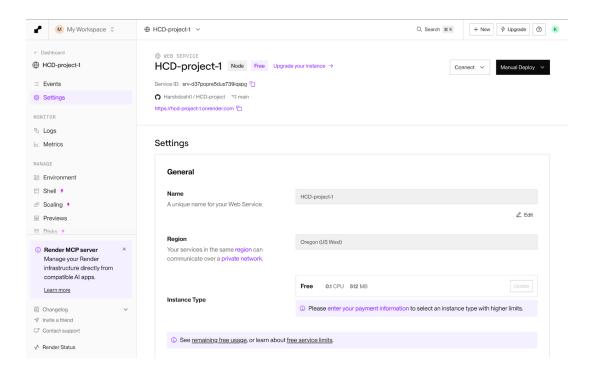
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Proof of Deployment:

• Frontend URL: https://studentprogresstracker.onrender.com/



• Backend URL : https://hcd-project-1.onrender.com

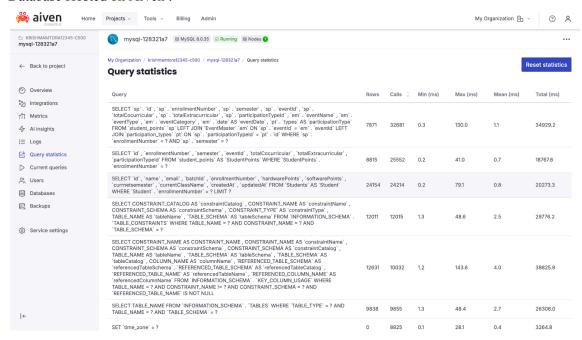




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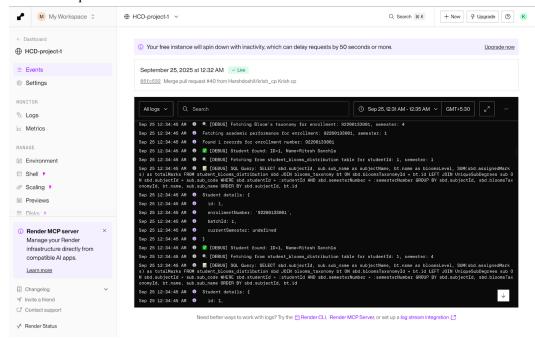
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• Database Hosted on Aiven:



Monitoring

 Render Logs: Both frontend and backend deployed on Render provide logs for errors, warnings, and server uptime.

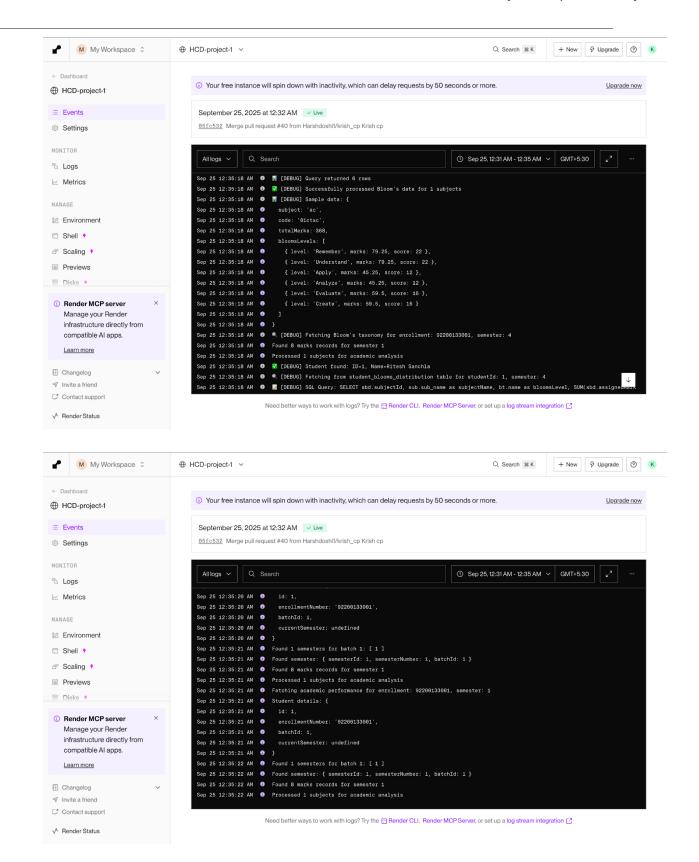






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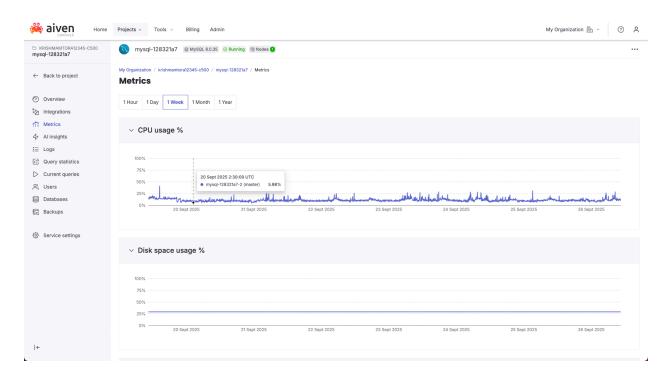




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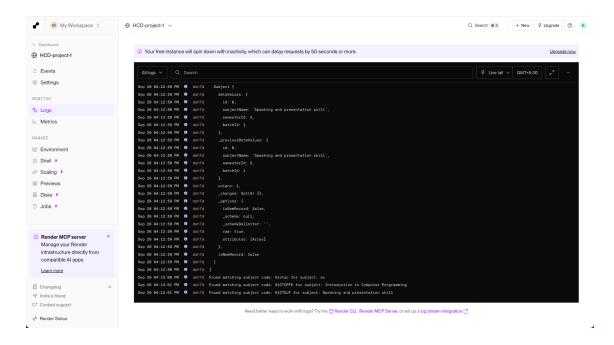
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• **Aiven Metrics:** The MySQL database on Aiven provides metrics for CPU usage, memory, query counts, and connection status.



2. Monitoring Setup

Backend API Monitoring:

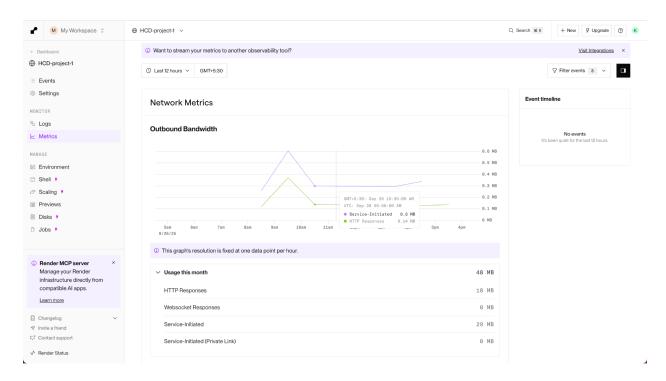




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- Logging middleware records all API requests and errors.
- Logs include timestamp, endpoint, user, and response time.
- Logs are stored in files and can be viewed anytime to analyze issues.



Database Monitoring:

Aiven dashboard shows real-time metrics for the database instance.



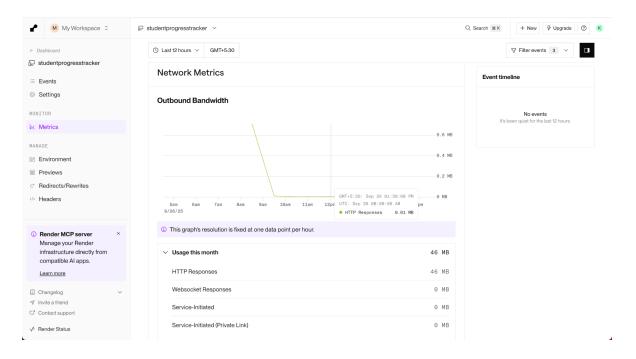


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Frontend Monitoring:

• Render provides build logs, deployment logs, and uptime alerts.



Challenges Faced and Solutions

While deploying our system online, we faced a few problems like:

Environment Variables: We had issues setting up environment variables like the backend URL, database username, and passwords, which caused some frontend features to not work. We checked and tested each variable carefully. Once the frontend had the correct backend URL and the backend could connect to the database, everything worked.

Database Security: We were able to connect to the MySQL database on Aiven only after setting up a secure SSL connection and allowing access just for our backend server. Setting up the CA certificate also took some time, and we figure out that we were giving wrong path of ca certificate.

Flutter Web Build: When deploying the frontend built with Flutter Web, some pages and features were not loading correctly. The API calls were failing, and some assets were missing. We solved this by adjusting the Flutter build settings for web deployment, setting the correct API URLs, and rebuilding the project. After redeploying on Render, everything worked perfectly.