

## 1.7 AWS Database Services

In this course, we will:

- Compare database migration options
- Compare EC2 hosted databases
- Describe relational database services
- Describe NoSQL databases
- Outline memory-based and specialty services such as AWS Database Migration Service and the AWS Schema Conversion Tool

### Relational Databases

- A relational database is a collection of structured data items with pre-defined relationships between them
- These items are ordered as a set of tables with associated columns and rows
- Tables are used to hold information about the objects to be represented in the database
- Each column in a table holds a specific format of data, and a field stores the actual value of an attribute

- The rows in the table embody a collection of related values of one object or entity
- Each row in a table could be marked with a unique identifier called a primary key, and rows among multiple tables can be made related using foreign keys
- This data can be accessed in many ways without rearranging the database tables themselves

- Structured Query Language (SQL) is the main interface used to communicate with relational databases
- Data integrity is the general fullness, accuracy, and consistency of data
- Relational databases use a set of constraints called keys to enforce data integrity in the database

- A database transaction is one or more "all-or-nothing" SQL statements that are performed as a series of operations that establish a single logical unit of work
- To ensure data integrity, all database transactions must be ACID compliant:
  - Atomic
  - Consistent
  - Isolated
  - Durable

## NoSQL Databases

- Are purpose-built for designated data models
- Have elastic schemas for constructing modern applications
- Are commonly known for their simplicity of development, functionality, and scalable performance

- NoSQL databases use a diversity of data models for accessing and controlling data
- These database types are optimized explicitly for applications that demand large data volume, low latency, and flexible data models
- This is accomplished by bypassing some of the data consistency restrictions of other databases, such as the relational type

NoSQL databases are an excellent solution for many modern applications like mobile, web, and gaming:

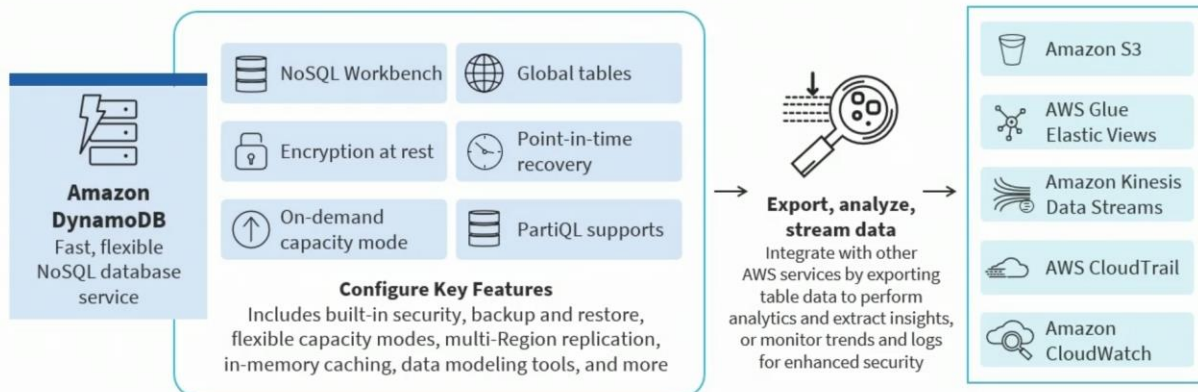
- **Flexibility** - provide flexible schemas that enable faster and more iterative development
  - **Scalability** – generally designed to scale out by using distributed clusters of hardware instead of scaling up by adding expensive and robust servers
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- **High-performance** – optimized for specific data models and access patterns that enable higher performance than relational databases
  - **Highly functional** - offer highly functional application programming interfaces (APIs) and data types that are purpose-built for their respective data models

## Amazon DynamoDB



- Is a fast, malleable NoSQL database service for single-digit millisecond performance at any scale
- Is a fully managed, serverless, key-value NoSQL database designed to run high-performance applications
- Delivers built-in security, nonstop backups, automated multi-Region replication, in-memory caching, and powerful data import and export tools

## DynamoDB





## Memory-Based Databases

- In-memory databases are purpose-built databases that typically depend on high-speed memory chip clusters for data storage, as opposed to databases that store data on disk or solid-state drives (SSDs)
  - In-memory data storage is intended to allow for nominal response times by abolishing the need to access physical disks
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- Since all data is stored and managed exclusively in main memory, memory-based databases do risk losing data if there is a process or server failure
  - This is often called ephemeral storage:
    - In-memory databases can persist data on disks by storing each operation in a log or in a snapshot
  - In-memory databases are best for caching and applications that need microsecond response times or have big spikes in traffic, like gaming leaderboards, session stores, and real-time analytics

## Amazon ElastiCache for Redis

- ElastiCache is an extremely fast in-memory data store that provides sub-millisecond latency to enable internet-scale real-time applications
- It is constructed on open-source Redis and compatible with the Redis APIs
- Self-managed Redis applications can function effortlessly with Redis ElastiCache without any code changes
- It joins the speed, ease, and flexibility of open-source Redis with manageability, security, and scalability from AWS

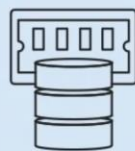


## Amazon ElastiCache for Redis



### Internet-scale applications

Real-time apps in gaming, ride-hailing, media streaming, dating, and social media need fast data access



### Amazon ElastiCache for Redis

Blazing fast in-memory data store for use as a database, cache, message broker, and queue; store ephemeral data in-memory for sub-millisecond response



### Use cases

Real-time transactions, chat, BI and analytics, session store, gaming leaderboards, and cache

# Comparing Database Migration Tools

**SQL Server to Aurora PostgreSQL Migration Playbook**  
Microsoft SQL Server 2019 to Amazon Aurora PostgreSQL Migration Playbook

Overview

- Migration Tools and Services
  - AWS Schema Conversion Tool
  - AWS SCT Action Code Index
  - AWS Database Migration Service**
  - Amazon RDS on Outposts
  - Amazon RDS Proxy
  - Amazon Aurora Serverless v1
  - Amazon Aurora Backtrack

## AWS Database Migration Service

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The AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) helps you migrate databases to AWS quickly and securely. The source database remains fully operational during the migration, minimizing downtime to applications that rely on the database. The AWS Database Migration Service can migrate your data to and from most widely-used commercial and open-source databases.

The service supports homogenous migrations such as Oracle to Oracle as well as heterogeneous migrations between different database platforms such as Oracle to Amazon Aurora or Microsoft SQL Server to MySQL. You can also use AWS DMS to stream data to Amazon Redshift, Amazon DynamoDB, and Amazon S3 from any of the supported sources, which are Amazon Aurora, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, Oracle Database, SAP ASE, SQL Server, IBM DB2 LUW, and MongoDB, enabling consolidation and easy analysis of data in a petabyte-scale data warehouse. The AWS Database Migration Service

**On this page**

- Migration Tasks Performed by AWS DMS
- How AWS DMS Works
- Latest Updates

## HOW AWS DMS WORKS

At its most basic level, AWS DMS is a server in the AWS Cloud that runs replication software. You create a source and target connection to tell AWS DMS where to extract from and load to. Then, you schedule a task that runs on this server to move your data. AWS DMS creates the tables and associated primary keys if they don't exist on the target. You can pre-create the target tables manually if you prefer. Or you can use AWS SCT to create some or all of the target tables, indexes, views, triggers, and so on.

The following diagram illustrates the AWS DMS process.

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graph LR; SD[(Source Database)] --> SE((Source Endpoint)); SE --> RI[Replication Instance]; RI --> TE((Target Endpoint)); TE --> TD[(Target Database)]; subgraph AWS_Cloud [AWS Cloud]; SE; RI; TE; end
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**AWS Schema Conversion Tool**

**AWS database schema conversion options**

AWS offers two schema conversion solutions to make heterogeneous database migrations predictable, fast, secure, and simple. Customers have the choice to: 1) log in to the AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) console to initiate the [AWS DMS Schema Conversion \(DMS SC\)](#) workflow for a fully managed experience or 2) download the [AWS Schema Conversion Tool \(AWS SCT\)](#) software to their local drive.

Both options will automatically assess and convert the source database schema and a majority of the database code objects, including views, stored procedures, and functions, to a format compatible with the target database. Any objects that cannot be automatically converted are clearly marked as action items with prescriptive instructions on how to convert, so that they can be manually converted to complete the migration.

AWS SCT can also scan your application source codes for embedded SQL statements and convert them as part of a database-schema-conversion project. During this process, AWS SCT performs cloud-native code optimization by converting legacy Oracle and SQL Server functions to their equivalent AWS service, helping to modernize the applications at the same time of database migration. Once schema

**Key benefits of database schema conversion**

Key benefits of leveraging DMS Schema Conversion and AWS SCT are:

- Simplify database migrations by automating schema analysis, recommendations, and conversion at scale.
- Compatible with popular databases and analytics services as source and target engines, including Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL, and MySQL.
- Save weeks or months of manual time and resources.

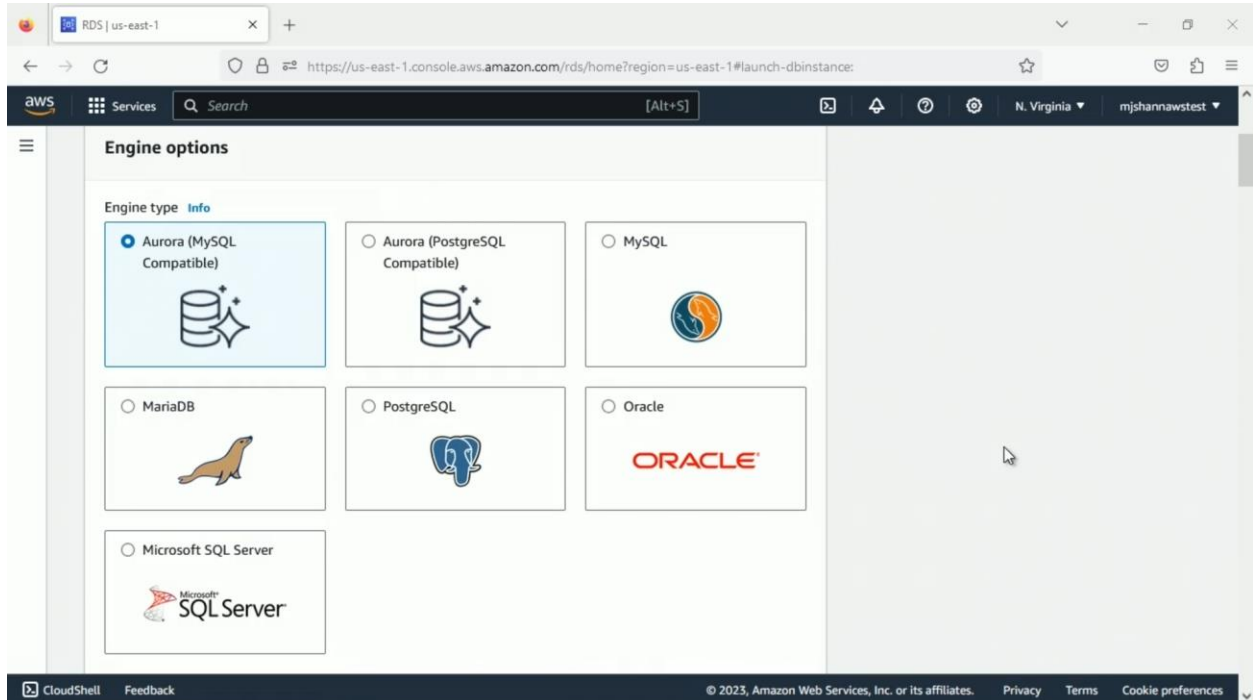
**Supported source and target databases for AWS SCT and DMS Schema Conversion**

The AWS schema conversion options support the following conversions:

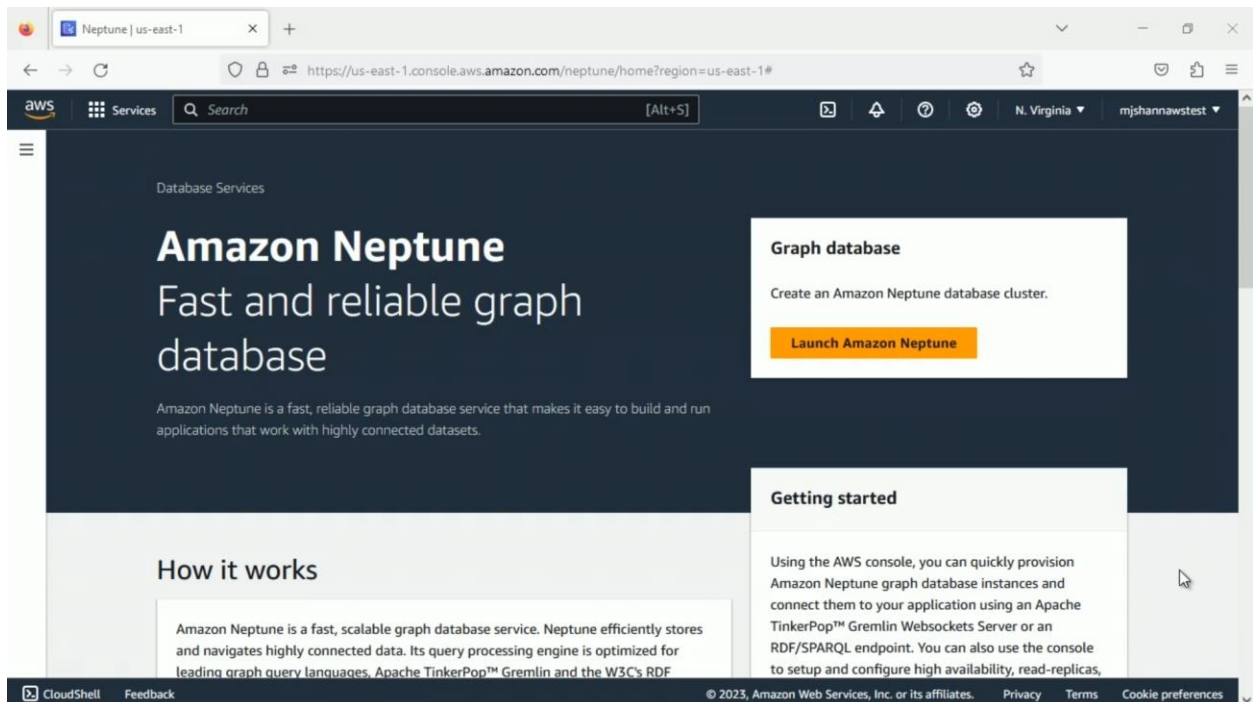
Source Database	Schema Conversion Tool (AWS SCT)	AWS DMS Schema

## Comparing EC2 Hosted to AWS Managed Databases

## Using Amazon Aurora



## Using Amazon Neptune



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How it works

Amazon Neptune is a fast, scalable graph database service. Neptune efficiently stores and navigates highly connected data. Its query processing engine is optimized for leading graph query languages, Apache TinkerPop™ Gremlin and the W3C's RDF SPARQL. Neptune provides high performance through the open and standard APIs of these graph frameworks. And, Neptune is fully managed, so you no longer need to worry about database management tasks such as hardware provisioning, software patching, setup, configuration, or backups.

Using the AWS console, you can quickly provision Amazon Neptune graph database instances and connect them to your application using an Apache TinkerPop™ Gremlin Websockets Server or an RDF/SPARQL endpoint. You can also use the console to setup and configure high availability, read-replicas, and encryption at rest for your instance.

Benefits and features

#### High performance and scalability

Amazon Neptune is optimized for low-latency and high-throughput applications. Neptune is capable of processing graph queries over billions of relationships in milliseconds. It supports up to 15 read-replicas to scale query throughput to 100ks of queries

#### High availability, durability, and security

Amazon Neptune offers greater than 99.99% availability. It replicates six copies of your data across three Availability Zones and instance failover typically takes less than 30 seconds. Neptune supports network security with Amazon Virtual Private Cloud

#### Cost

Amazon Neptune is a fast, reliable graph database service that makes it easy to build and run applications that work with highly connected datasets. Neptune makes it cost-effective to operate a graph database with enterprise class features regardless of instance size. You can create an instance with up to 64 TB of auto-scaling storage, 6-way replication across availability zones, and support for up to 15 read replicas; and you pay only for the resources that you use.

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Use cases

#### Social networking

With Amazon Neptune, you can quickly and easily process social network information over large sets of user profiles and interactions. Optimized for low latency, high throughput, Neptune enables highly interactive queries to bring social features into your applications.

#### Knowledge graphs

A knowledge graph can represent information such as products, regulations, general information, and many other domains. With Amazon Neptune, you can store and query knowledge graphs to improve retrieval and to enable knowledge-driven navigation.

#### Network / IT operations

With Amazon Neptune, you can store and process network events and use graph queries to detect and understand anomalies. Interactive graph queries can enable you to find patterns to respond quickly to events and to proactively identify security gaps.

#### Life Sciences

With Amazon Neptune, you can use graph-based technique such as data integration, management of research publications, drug discovery, precision medicine, and cancer research.

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applications that use these APIs.

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  - **SQL**
  
2. What is a fully managed database service built for the cloud that makes it easier to build and run graph applications with built-in security, continuous backups, serverless compute, and integrations with other AWS services?
  - **Amazon Neptune**
  
3. What is an AWS migration and replication service that helps move your database and analytics workloads to AWS quickly, securely, and with little downtime supporting migration between several database and analytics engines such as Oracle to Amazon Aurora MySQL?
  - **AWS Database Migration Service**
  
4. When using Infrastructure-as-a-Service at AWS, what is the most common option for deploying Amazon Machine Images?
  - **EC2**
  
5. Which is an extremely fast in-memory data store that provides sub-millisecond latency to enable internet-scale real-time applications constructed on open-source Redis and compatible with the Redis APIs?
  - **ElastiCache**
  
6. What is a fast, fully managed, serverless, key-value NoSQL malleable NoSQL database service for single-digit millisecond performance at any scale designed to run high-performance applications?
  - **DynamoDB**
  
7. Which database platform is supported by Amazon Aurora?
  - **PostgreSQL**