ASSIGNMENT 1B

COS20019 – Cloud Computing Architecture

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URL Link of the Website:

ec2-3-231-60-223.compute-1.amazonaws.com/COS20019/photoalbum/getphotos.php

Overview

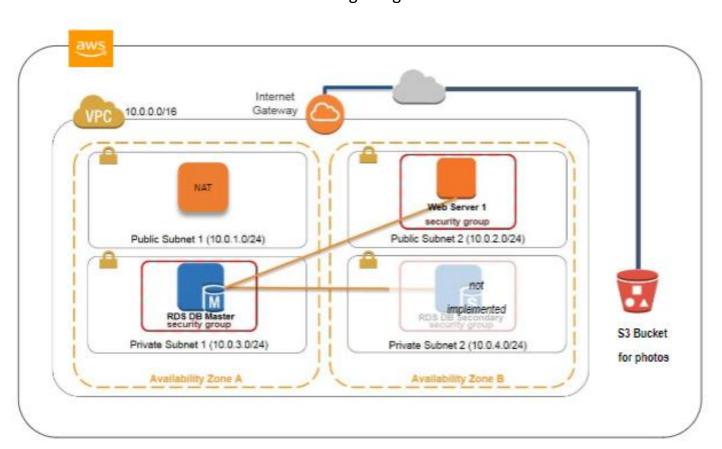
In assignment we had to:

- Create a Virtual Private Cloud with subnets, routing tables and security groups.
- Control access to and from our VPC via an Internet Gateway
- Create a web site in PHP that stores meta data information about photos stores in an AWS Bucket and allows the user to display those photos.
- Upload our PHP script on an EC2 instance on AWS so that we can test it to see if it works.

But first let us take everything step by step.

1) Virtual Private Network (VPC)

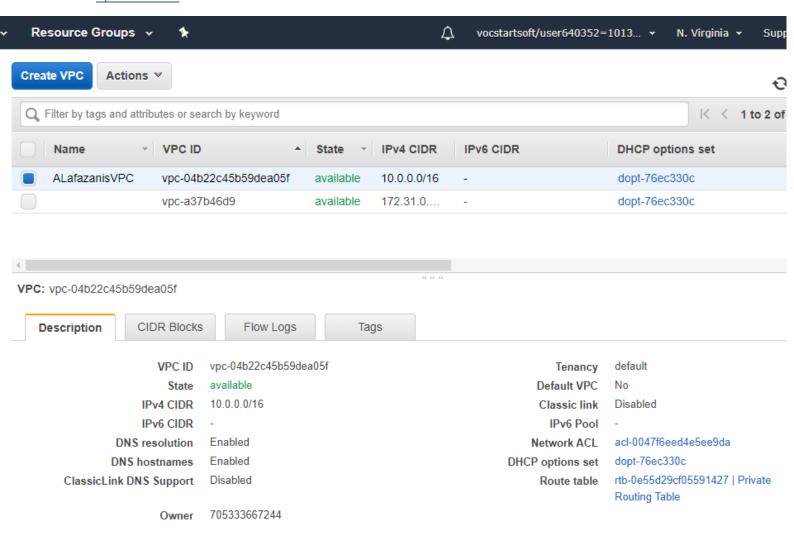
Our VCP needed to have the following design:



So, as we can see our subnet had to have 4 subnets (2 public and 2 private) spaning be between 2 different availability zones. The Webserver had to

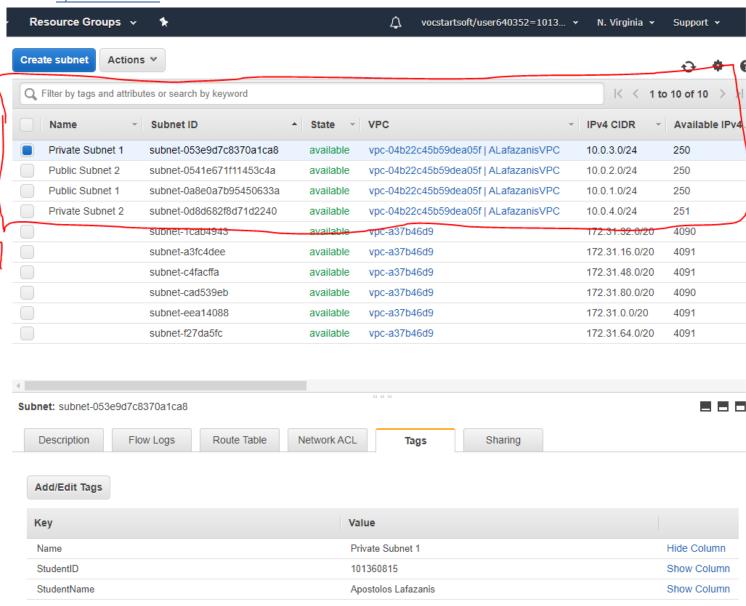
located in Public Subnet 2 while the Database in Private Subnet 1 and the NAT instance in Public Subnet 1. Here is a screenshot of the actual VPC page I created:

a)VPC Table



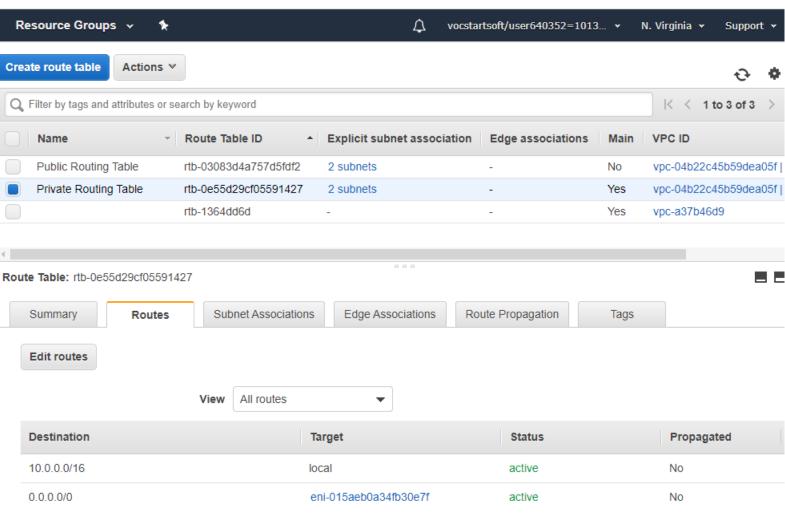
And here is an image of the 4 Subnets I created as well:

b)Subnet Table

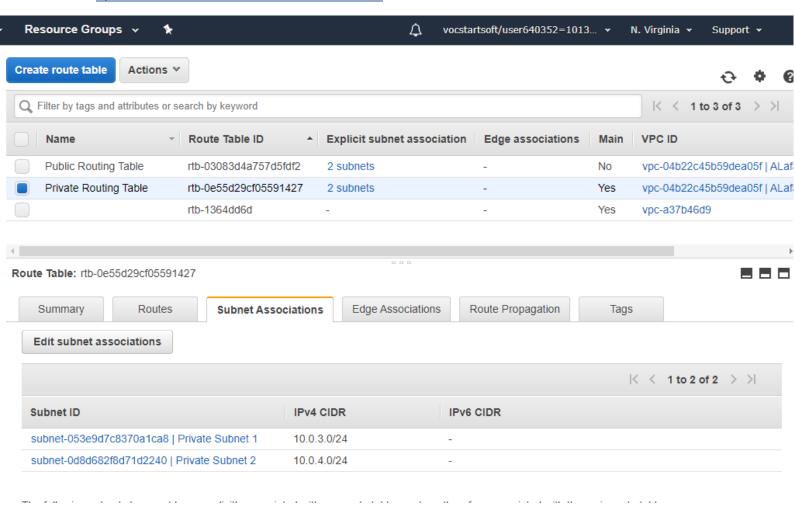


We also has to create the routing tables for the subnets and also associate them with the correct subnets. Right below are the screenshots of the Public and Private routing Tables along with their Routes and Associations:

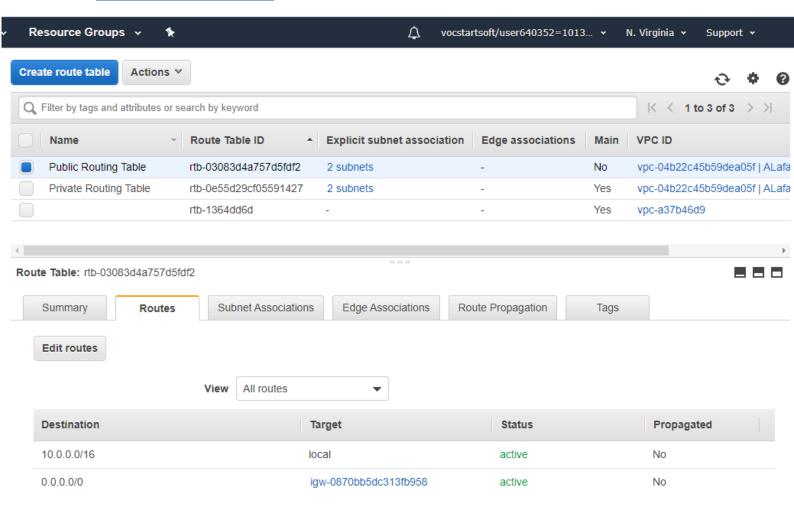
c)Private Table Routes Tab



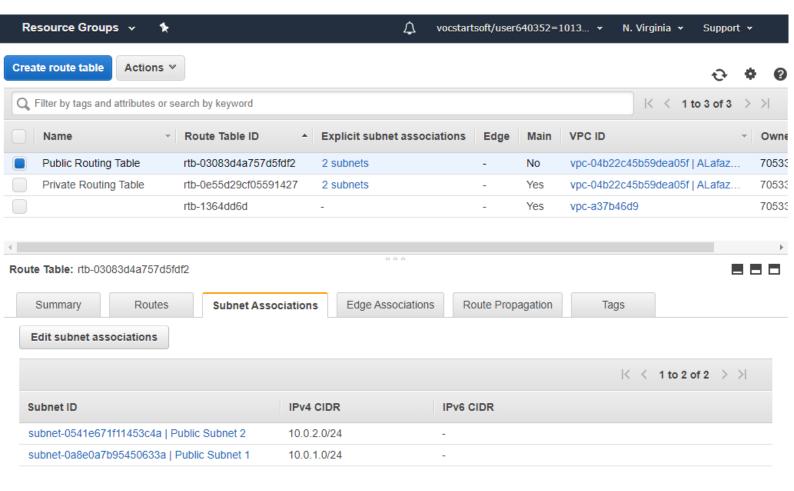
d)Private Table's Subnet Associations Tab



e)Public Table Routes Tab



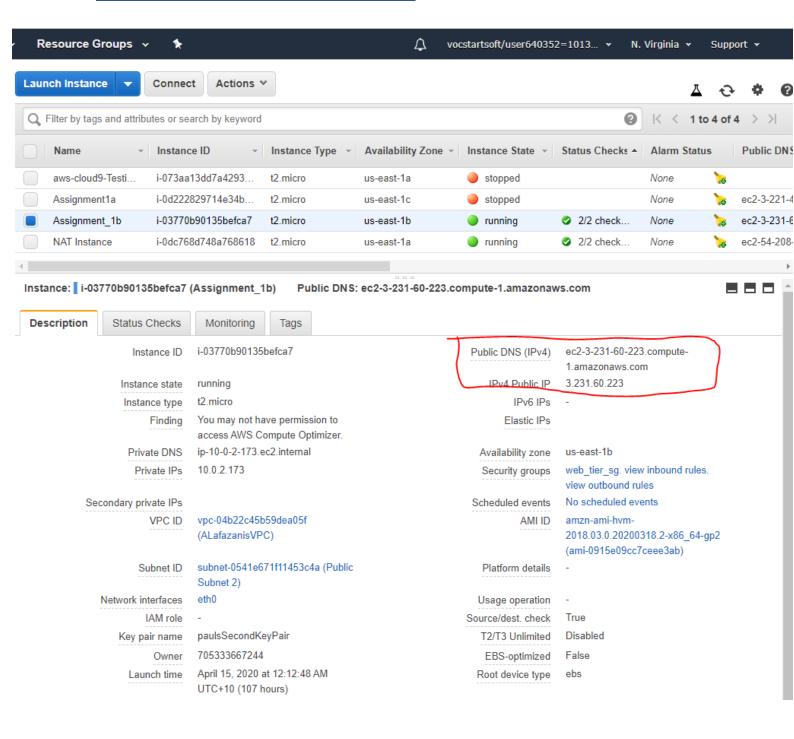
f)Public Table's Subnet Associations Tab



2) Web Instance (Web Server)

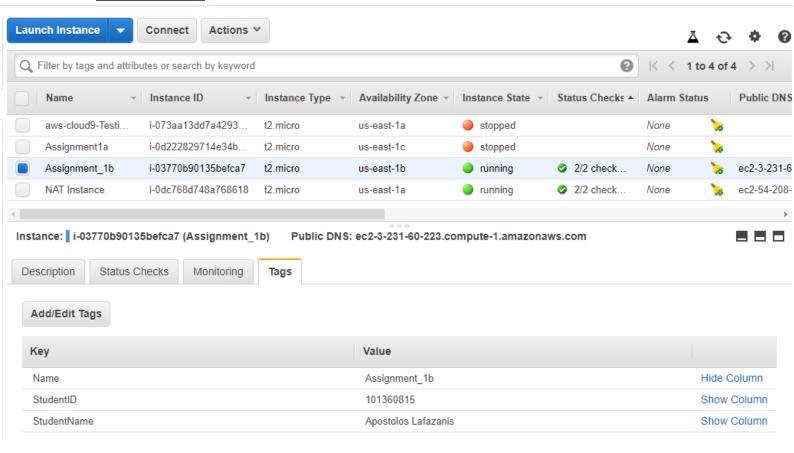
Part of the assignment was to create an instance on which we had to create our Linux Web Server so we can access the PHP pages we create. The instance had to be placed in Public Subnet 2 of our VPC and had to be installed with apache SQL and PHP. (The NAT instance is what I created instead of the default NAT Gateway of the wizard). A screenshot of the instance follows below:

a)Instance Public IP Address and NAT Instance

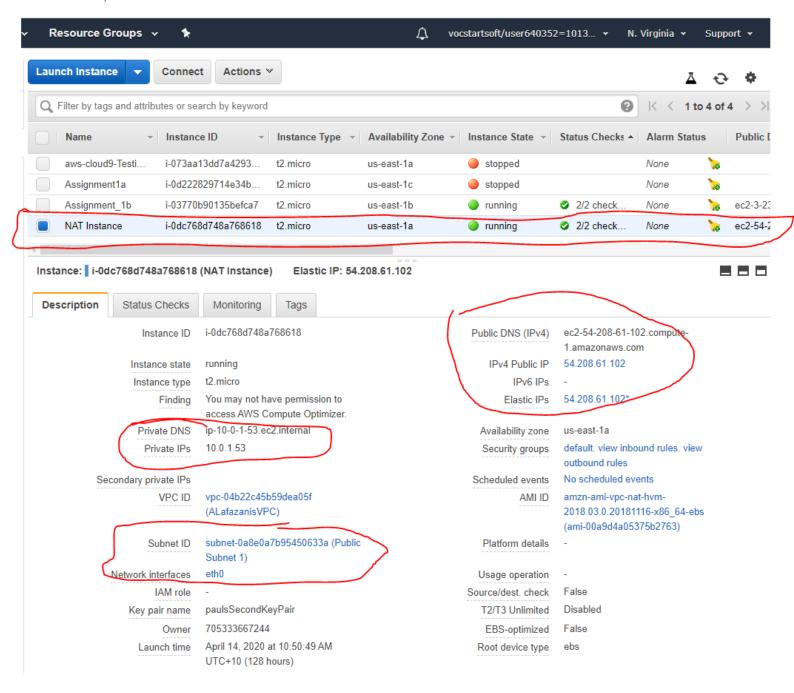


And here is also a screenshot of the instance tags as well:

b)Instance Tags



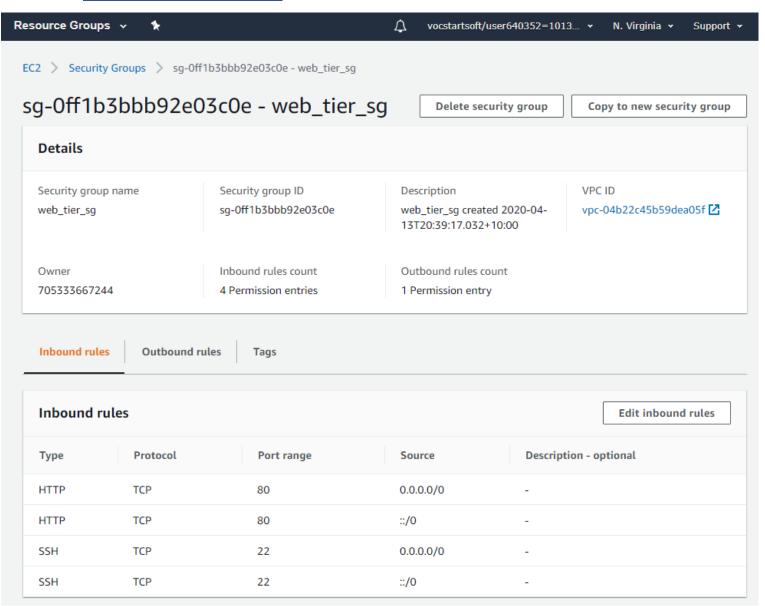
c)NAT Instance table with all the relevant details



The assignment instruction urged us to create a NAT instance instead of a NAT default gateway because unlike the latter, the former is free of charge. So, following the VPC design I assigned the NAT instance to Public Subnet 1.

On the above instance, we had to attach a Security group that would define the access rules of Web Server. Here is a screenshot of the Security Group:

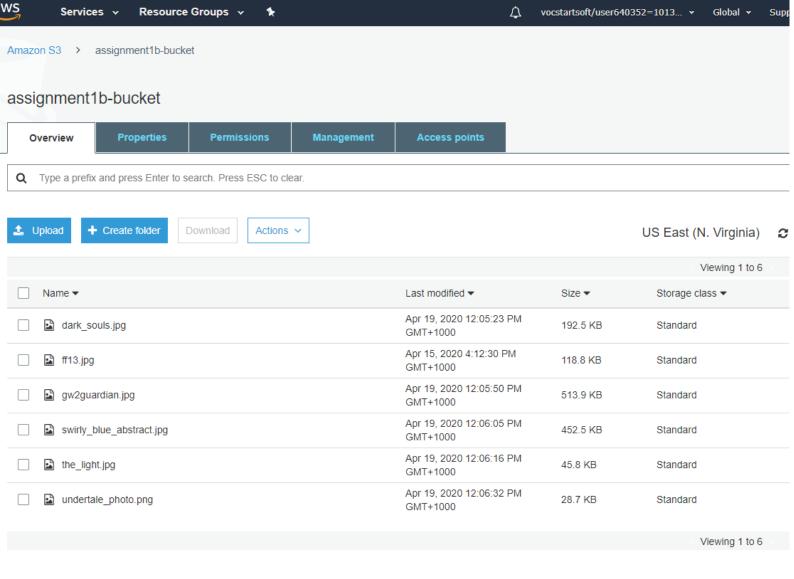
d)Web Server Security Group



3)S3 Bucket

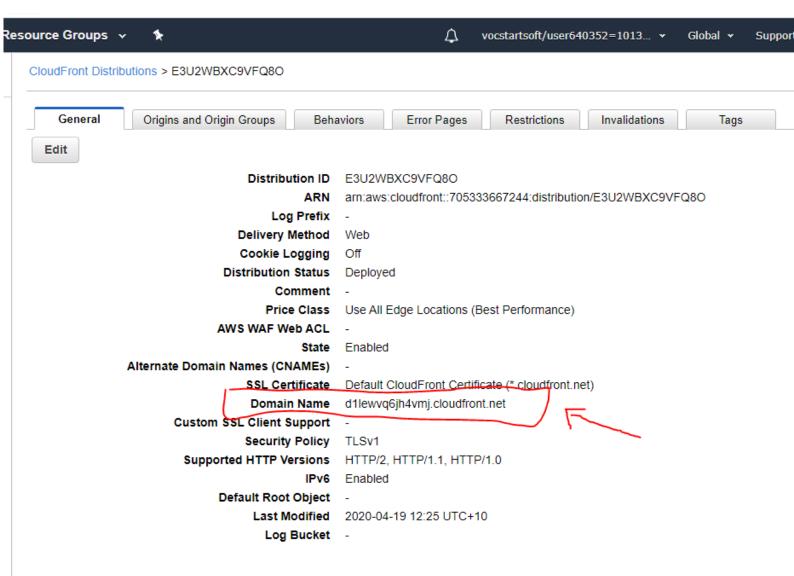
Part of the assignment was also the creation of a bucket in which we had to store a few photos and then access then display them to the user through the website. The link for every photo, which we use to access them is stored in the database so we can retrieve it whenever we have to. Here is a photo of all the photos in the bucket:

a)Bucket Files



In order to access the Bucket as a website though I had to create a Cloudfront distribution for the bucket which would give the bucket its own DNS name so we can access it. Here is a photo from the distribution detail page:

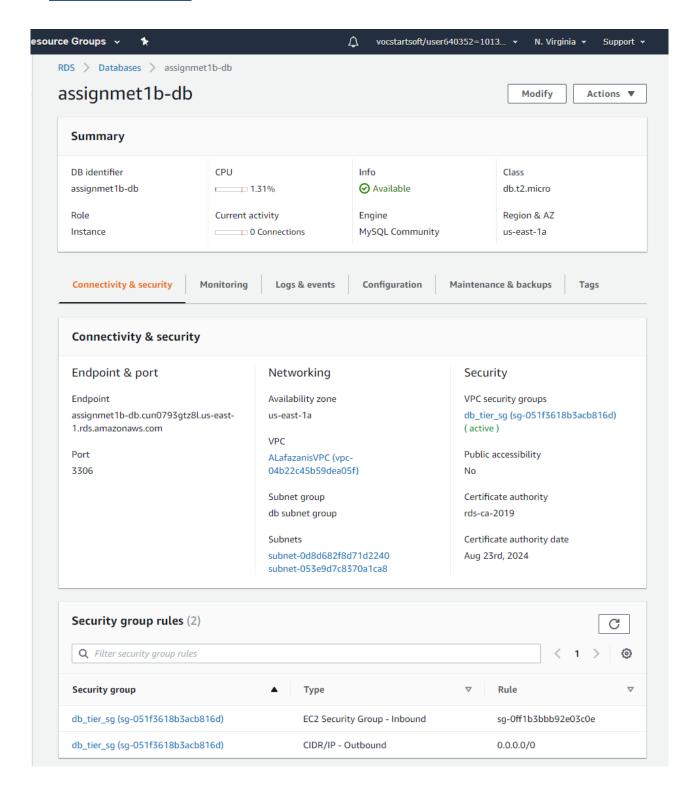
b)Distribution Page



4) RDS (Relational Database Structure)

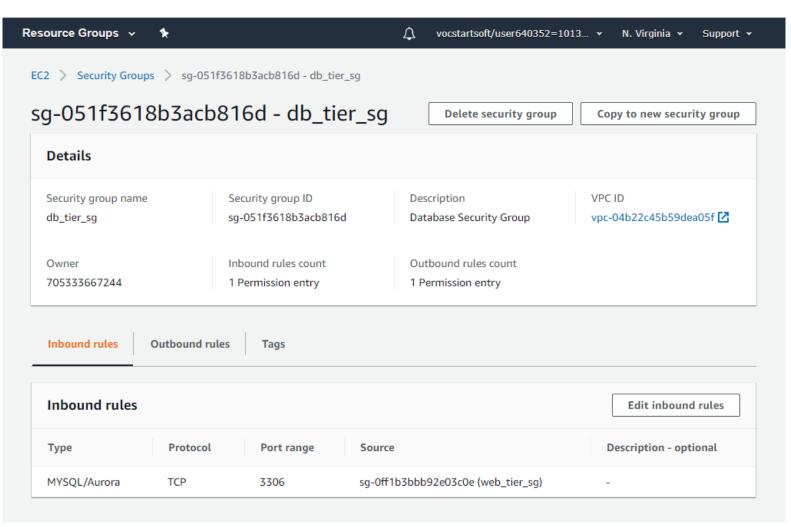
The links of the photos in the S3 bucket we saw above had to be stored in a database on AWS. That database had to be in MySQL, type db.t2.micro, it shouldn't be publicly accessible and it should have a backup retention period of 0 days. Here is a screenshot of the database instance:

a)Database instance

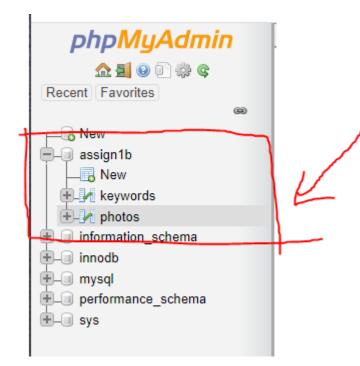


It also had to run a Security Group attached to it which would only allow MySQL access coming from the webserver. Any other access would be denied. A screenshot if the security group follows below:

b)Database Security Group



However, since the database is not publicly accessible and can only be accessed using SQL calls, we had to set up phpMyAdmin in order to create and populate the tables. My database design has as follows:

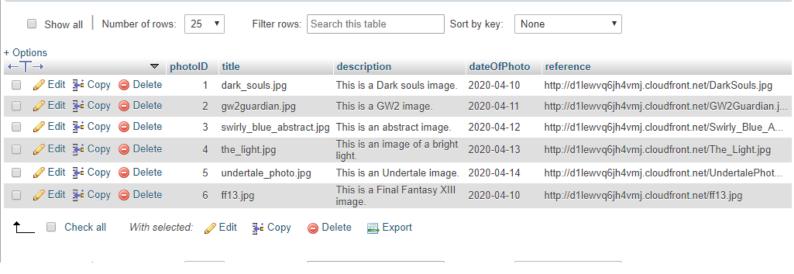


The database has 2 table:

- First table is called "photos" and stores information about all the photos uploaded there including title, data uploaded and a photo URL.
- Second table is called "keywords" and contains all the keywords that are associated with the images on table "photos". This table is a child table therefore has a foreign key value with its parent that ties them together.

c)Database structure

Here is a screenshot of all the records in both tables:



d)"photos" table content

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	Delete	9	3	swirly	
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	Delete	11	4	light	
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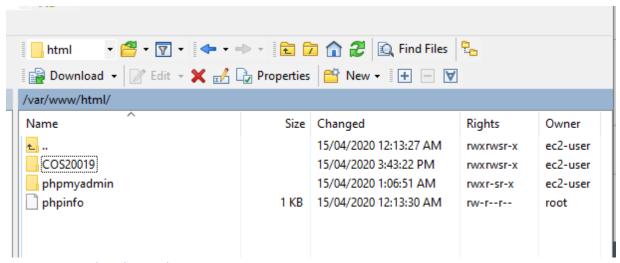
e)"keywords" Database Table Content

5) Web Server Files in WinSCP

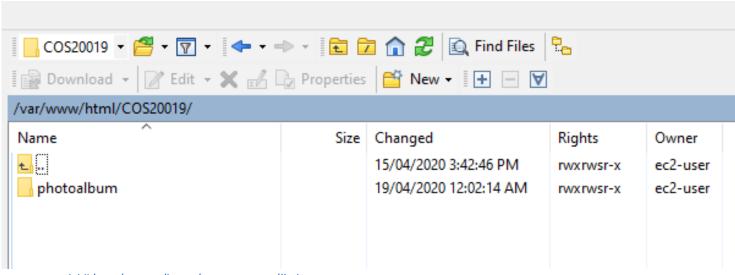
And finally, we had to write our own PHP scripts that would allows us to search for one or more of those images stored in the S3 storage and display their details that where stored in the database bases on 3 fields:

- Title
- Date of the photo
- Keywords

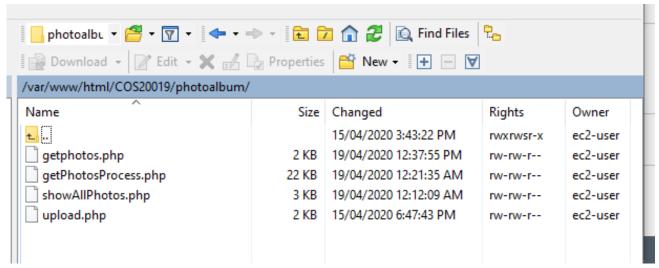
All the files are stored in the server using WinSCP in a specific directory structure which is:



a)"/var/www/html" directory



b)"/var/www/htm/COS20019/" directory



c)"/var/www/htm/COS20019/photoalbum" directory

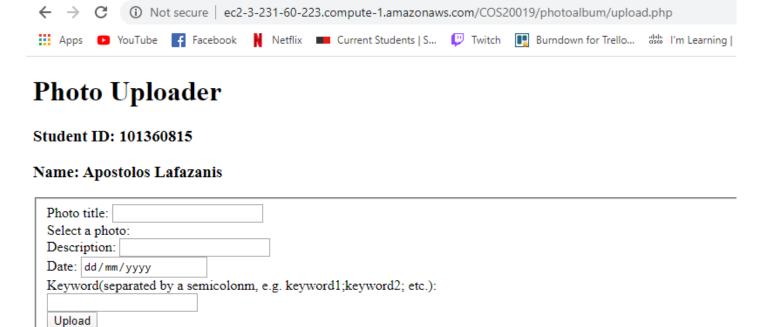
So, the way I decided to make the scripts work is that the user can search for a photo by filling in all or some or just one of the above fields. The title field compared the name the user provided with the one in the database and if THEY DON'T MATCH it will not show the photo in the result page. Like for instance if the user types in the word "cat" in the title field, the result will not include a photo in the database that is called "cat heaven" so **the titles have to be identical**.

Then the user can search photos depending on what date they were uploaded. In the Search form on getphotos.php, I included an extra field called "Time Frame" which lets the user specify the time period the search will be. If you don't specify anything the website will autocatically assume that you want to just search for photos uploaded **ONLY** on the day you specified.

And the keywords allow the user to search for any word that might be related to the images. All of those words exist in the "keyword" table in the database.

6)Website Pages

Here are the screenshots of the different parts of my website pages:



Search Photos

a) "upload.php" File webpage

This is the photo uploader page we created on Assignement 1A and in this assignment I have not added any functionality to it as it was requested in the assignment specification (This is to be done in Assignment 2)

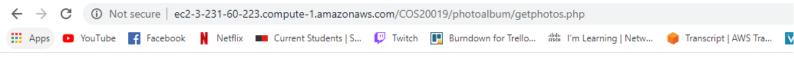


Photo Search Page

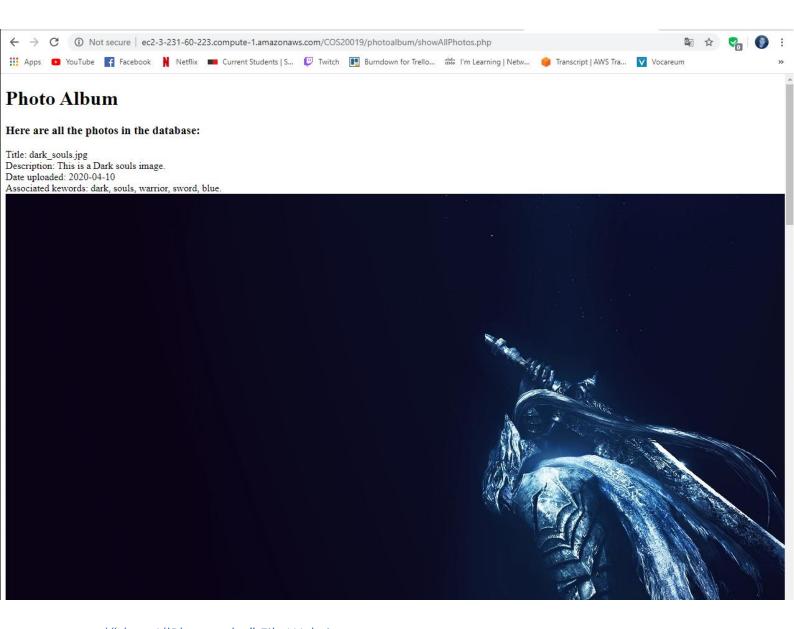
Welcome to my Photo Search Page! Here you can search for any photos you are interested in based on a title or date or keywords that are related to the photos. You can leave the fields that you are not interested in blank.

Please type in your searching critiria down below:

Title: Type in a photo title	
Date uploaded: dd/mm/yyyy	
Time Frame(Specify whether you	want to search for photos uploaded after or before your provided date):
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Keyword(separated by a semicol	onm, e.g. keyword1;keyword2; etc.):
Search	
Upload Photo Page	
Display all photos	

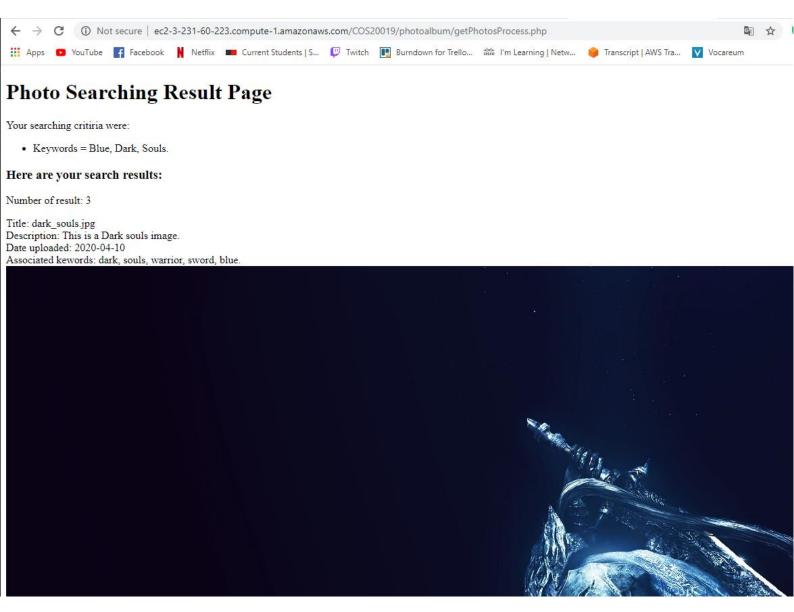
b) "getphotos.php" file Website

This is the search Page website that allows the user to look for photos in the database. You can see that there are 4 input fields, a search button and 2 links that redirect to other parts of the website.



c)"showAllPhotos.php" File Website

This in an extra PHP file I decide to add called "showAllPhotos.php" which does exactly what it says meaning it displays all the photos that are in the database to the user in case they want to take a look at all of them.



d)"getPhotosProcess.php" File Webpage

So after the user types in the details of the photo(s) they want to search for, the website will redirect them to the "getPhotosProcess.php" file which will process the inputs and compare them with the ones in the database and if we got a match it will display them to the screen. Also, I made sure to print out the total number of matches found as well as the user's searching criteria

In this example I decided to look for photos in the database that were related with 3 keywords and I got 3 matches. The rest of the results were further down the page but because of the scale of the photos I couldn't fit them all in the screenshot.