

RDS & Secrets Manager

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Create DB Subnet Group

- First let's create a DB subnet group.
 - Give some name and select the VPC

Name

You won't be able to modify the name after your subnet group has been created.

Must contain from 1 to 255 characters. Alphanumeric characters, spaces, hyphens, underscores, and periods are al

Description

VPC

Choose a VPC identifier that corresponds to the subnets you want to use for your DB subnet group. You won't be a VPC identifier after your subnet group has been created.

- Select the subnets. In our case **10.0.5.0/24** and **10.0.6.0/24** were created for db.

Add subnets

Availability Zones

Choose the Availability Zones that include the subnets you want to add.

Choose an availability zone ▼

us-east-1a ✕

us-east-1b ✕

Subnets

Choose the subnets that you want to add. The list includes the subnets in the selected Availability Zones.

Select subnets ▼

subnet-0aebf26f99b9fab0c (10.0.6.0/24) ✕

subnet-07ee1bbfdb332ca1e (10.0.5.0/24) ✕

- Create

Subnet groups (1)

🔍 Filter by subnet group

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	▲	Description	▼	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	netflux-db-subnets		netflux db subnets		✔ Complete

Create Database Instance

Choose a database creation method [Info](#)

☒ Standard create

You set all of the configuration options, including ones for availability, security, backups, and maintenance.

☐ Easy create

Use recommended best-practice configurations. Some configuration options can be changed after the database is created.

- Select postgres



- Engine version can be latest

Engine Version

PostgreSQL 16.3-R2

- For our learning purposes, let's use the **sandbox** for this demo. But for production application, choose Production with multi AZ

Templates

Choose a sample template to meet your use case.



Production

Use defaults for high availability and fast, consistent performance.



Dev/Test

This instance is intended for development use outside of a production environment.



Sandbox

To develop new applications, test existing applications, or gain hands-on experience with Amazon RDS.

- Give a name for the DB Instance

DB instance identifier [Info](#)

Type a name for your DB instance. The name must be unique across all DB instances in the Region.

netflux-db

The DB instance identifier is case-insensitive, but is stored as all lowercase (no spaces, characters or hyphens). First character must be a letter. Can't contain two consecutive hyphens.

- I give the credentials (for learning purposes) **postgres / admin123**

▼ Credentials Settings

Master username [Info](#)

Type a login ID for the master user of your DB instance.

postgres

1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. The first character must be a letter.

Credentials management

You can use AWS Secrets Manager or manage your master user credentials.

☐ **Managed in AWS Secrets Manager - *most secure***
RDS generates a password for you and manages it throughout its lifecycle using AWS Secrets Manager.

☒ **Self managed**
Create your own password or have RDS create a password that you manage.

☐ **Auto generate password**

Amazon RDS can generate a password for you, or you can specify your own password.

Master password [Info](#)

Password strength

Very weak

Minimum constraints: At least 8 printable ASCII characters. Can't contain any of the following symbols: / * @

Confirm master password [Info](#)

- Select VPC

Connectivity [Info](#)

Compute resource

Choose whether to set up a connection to a compute resource for this database. Setting up a connection will automatically change connectivity settings to this database.

☒ **Don't connect to an EC2 compute resource**
Don't set up a connection to a compute resource for this database. You can manually set up a connection to a compute resource later.

☐ **Connect to an EC2 compute resource**
Set up a connection to an EC2 compute resource.

Virtual private cloud (VPC) [Info](#)

Choose the VPC. The VPC defines the virtual networking environment for this DB instance.

netflux-vpc (vpc-0fa6dbb2623191631)
6 Subnets, 2 Availability Zones

Only VPCs with a corresponding DB subnet group are listed.

- Select the subnet group

DB subnet group [Info](#)

Choose the DB subnet group. The DB subnet group defines which subnets and IP ranges the DB instance can use in the VPC that you selected.

netflux-db-subnets
2 Subnets, 2 Availability Zones

- Public access - **NO**

Public access [Info](#)

- ☐ **Yes**
RDS assigns a public IP address to the database. Amazon EC2 instances and other resources can connect to the database. Choose one or more VPC security groups that specify which resources can connect to the database.
- ☒ **No**
RDS doesn't assign a public IP address to the database. Only Amazon EC2 instances and other resources that specify which resources can connect to the database.

- Security Group - We will choose the DB security group and attach it to the DB

VPC security group (firewall) [Info](#)

Choose one or more VPC security groups to allow access to your database. Make sure that the security group rules allow incoming traffic.

☒ **Choose existing**
Choose existing VPC security groups

☐ **Create new**
Create new VPC security group

Existing VPC security groups

Choose one or more options



☐ netflux-app-sg

☐ default

☒ netflux-db-sg

☐ netflux-alb-sg

RDS Proxy is a fully managed, highly available database proxy that improves application scalability, resiliency, and security.

- We can disable the performance insights.

Monitoring [Info](#)

Choose monitoring tools for this database. Database Insights provides a combined view of Performance Insights and Enhanced Monitoring for your fleet of databases. Database Insights pricing is separate from RDS monthly estimates. See [Amazon CloudWatch pricing](#).

☐ **Database Insights - Advanced**

- Retains 15 months of performance history
- Fleet-level monitoring
- Integration with CloudWatch Application Signals

☒ **Database Insights - Standard**

- Retains 7 days of performance history, with the option to pay for the retention of up to 24 months of performance history

Performance Insights



☐ **Enable Performance Insights**
With Performance Insights dashboard, you can visualize the database load on your Amazon RDS DB instance and filter the load by waits, SQL statements, hosts, or users.

- No additional configuration is required

► Additional configuration

Database options, encryption turned on, backup turned on, backtrace turned off, maintenance, CloudWatch Logs, delete protection turned off.

- Click on "Create database". It might take 10+ minutes. Wait for the status to be "Available"

Databases (1)						
<input type="text" value="Filter by databases"/>						
DB identifier ▲	Status ▼	Role ▼	Engine ▼	Region & AZ ▼	Size ▼	
 netflux-db	 Available	Instance	PostgreSQL	us-east-1a	db.t3.micro	


- What we created is the DB Instance!
- Click on the DB Instance to get DB connectivity details

[Connectivity & security](#)
[Monitoring](#)
[Logs & events](#)
[Configuration](#)
[Maintenance & backups](#)

Connectivity & security

Endpoint & port

Endpoint

 [netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com](#)

Port

5432

Networking

Availability Zone

us-east-1b

VPC

[netflux-vpc \(vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e\)](#)

Subnet group

Initializing Database

- Once the DB Instance is up and running, we need to create databases with our tables, data etc.
 - Go to EC2 to create an instance.

Launch an instance [Info](#)

Amazon EC2 allows you to create virtual machines, or instances, that run on following the simple steps below.

Name and tags [Info](#)

Name

vins-1

- Choose our AMI which has the *psql* installed
- No Key pair is required. We will destroy this instance immediately.

▼ Key pair (login) [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - *required*

Proceed without a key pair (Not recommended)

Default value ▼

- Network Settings
 - Keep this in the public subnet
 - We need to assign public IP

VPC - *required* [Info](#)

vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e (netflux-vpc)
10.0.0.0/16 ▼

Subnet [Info](#)

subnet-05b695fccfbce21ee netflux-subnet-public1-us-east-1a
VPC: vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e Owner: 941077029185
Availability Zone: us-east-1a IP addresses available: 250 CIDR: 10.0.1.0/24 ▼

Auto-assign public IP [Info](#)

Enable ▼

[Additional charges apply](#) when outside of [free tier allowance](#)

- Let's attach default Security Group

Additional charges apply when outside of free tier allowance

Firewall (security groups) [Info](#)

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow speci instance.

☐ Create security group
 ☒ Select existing security group

Common security groups [Info](#)

default sg-01ced0f2b0aec83db ✕

VPC: vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e

- Everything else is optional
- Create the instance

Instances (1) [Info](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ✎	Instance ID	Instance state ▼	Instance type
<input type="checkbox"/>	vins-1	i-01a5a7a295f426189	✓ Running 🔍 🔍	t2.micro

- Let's open the "default" security group. allow port 22 for SSH access

[EC2](#) > [Security Groups](#) > [sg-01ced0f2b0aec83db - default](#) > [Edit inbound rules](#)

Edit inbound rules [Info](#)

Inbound rules control the incoming traffic that's allowed to reach the instance.

Inbound rules [Info](#)

Security group rule ID	Type Info	Protocol Info	Port range Info	Source Info
sg-079cb6c90f5db8295	All traffic	All	All	Custom <input type="text" value="sg-01ced0f2b0aec83db ✕"/>
-	SSH	TCP	22	Anywhere-I... <input type="text" value="0.0.0.0/0 ✕"/>

- Important: Also temporarily allow the default security group to access the postgres
 - **netflux-db-sg**
- Go back to EC2, connect to this EC2 instance

EC2 > Instances > [i-01a5a7a295f426189](#) > Connect to instance

Connect to instance Info

Connect to your instance [i-01a5a7a295f426189](#) (vins-1) using any of these options

EC2 Instance Connect

Session Manager

SSH client

EC2 serial console

Instance ID
[i-01a5a7a295f426189](#) (vins-1)

Connection Type

☒ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect**
 Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a public IPv4 address.

☐ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect Endpoint**
 Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a private IPv4 address and a VPC endpoint.

Public IP address
 3.232.129.26

Username
 Enter the username defined in the AMI used to launch the instance. If you didn't define a custom username, use the default username, ec2-user.

ec2-user

Note: In most cases, the default username, ec2-user, is correct. However, read your AMI usage instructions to check if the AMI owner has changed the default AMI username.

Cancel **Connect**

- Create a file **init.sql** and use the data I have provided.

```
cat > init.sql
```

- Then connect to the DB and run the init sql - Update the DB endpoint.

```
psql -U postgres -h netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com < init.sql
```

- It will ask for the password. It is **admin123**
 - At this point, it will create 2 different databases for our application with 2 users for individual applications to access.

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-97 ~]$ psql -h netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com -U postgres < init.sql
Password for user postgres:
CREATE DATABASE
CREATE ROLE
You are now connected to database "customer" as user "postgres".
CREATE TABLE
INSERT 0 2
GRANT
CREATE DATABASE
CREATE ROLE
You are now connected to database "movie" as user "postgres".
CREATE TABLE
INSERT 0 20
GRANT
```

- We no longer need the EC2 instance. We can terminate.

Instances (1) Info					
<input type="text" value="Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)"/>					All states ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ✎ ▼	Instance ID	Instance state ▼	Instance type ▼	Status check
<input type="checkbox"/>	vins-1	i-01a5a7a295f426189	⏸ Shutting-d... 🔍 €	t2.micro	–

- We can also remove
 - **default** security group - allow port 22 for ssh entry.
 - **db** security group - allow inbound from default security group

At this point, you can temporarily stop the DB instance and resume later.

Secrets Manager

- Go to Secrets Manager to store these credentials

Choose secret type

Secret type [Info](#)

☒ Credentials for Amazon RDS database
 ☐ Credentials for Amazon DocumentDB database
 ☐ Credentials for Amazon Redshift data warehouse

☐ Credentials for other database
 ☐ Other type of secret
API key, OAuth token, other.

- select the DB Instance

Database Info		
<input type="text" value="Search instances"/>		
DB instance ▼	DB engine ▼	Status ▼
<input checked="" type="radio"/> netflux-db	postgres	available

- Store the credentials for the database “customer”

Credentials [Info](#)

User name

Password

☒ Show password

- Click Next
- Provide a name for the secret. You can follow any meaningful naming convention.

Secret name

A descriptive name that helps you find your secret later.

Secret name must contain only alphanumeric characters and the characters / _ + = . @ -

- Click “Next” ... finally “Create”

[AWS Secrets Manager](#) > Secrets

Secrets

Secret name

[/prod/netflux/db/customer](#)

- We can view what it stores

Overview	Rotation	Versions	Replication	Tags
Secret value Info Retrieve and view the secret value.				
Key/value	Plaintext			
Secret key	Secret value			
username	customer_user			
password	customer_password_123			
engine	postgres			
host	netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com			
port	5432			
dbInstanceIdentifier	netflux-db			

- repeat the above steps for “movie” db

Secrets <input type="text" value="Filter secrets by name, description, tag key, tag value, owning service or primary Region"/>	
Secret name	
/prod/netflux/db/movie	
/prod/netflux/db/customer	