

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 allowed.

Description

VPC

Choose a VPC identifier that corresponds to the subnets you want to use for your DB subnet group. You won't be able to change the 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 X us-east-1b X

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) X

subnet-07ee1bbfdb332ca1e (10.0.5.0/24) X

- Create

Subnet groups (1)

Filter by subnet group

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description	<input type="checkbox"/>	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	netflix-db-subnets	netflix db subnets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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

PostgreSQL



- 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.

netflix-db

The DB instance identifier is case-insensitive, but is stored as all lowercase (a-z) 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.

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.

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.

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 can connect to the database. Choose one or more VPC security groups 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



netflix-app-sg

default

netflix-db-sg

netflix-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, backtrack 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"/> Filter by databases						
	DB identifier ▲	Status ▼	Role ▼	Engine ▼	Region & AZ ▼	Size ▼
<input type="radio"/>	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 <p>Endpoint <input type="checkbox"/> netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com</p> <p>Port 5432</p>		Networking <p>Availability Zone us-east-1b</p> <p>VPC netflux-vpc (vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e)</p> <p>Subnet group</p>		

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 (netflix-vpc)
10.0.0.0/16

Subnet [Info](#)

subnet-05b695fccfbce21ee netflix-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 specific instance.

Create security group Select existing security group

Common security groups [Info](#)

Select security groups

default sg-01ced0f2b0aec83db X
VPC: vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e

- Everything else is optional
- Create the instance

Instances (1) [Info](#)

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type
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](#)

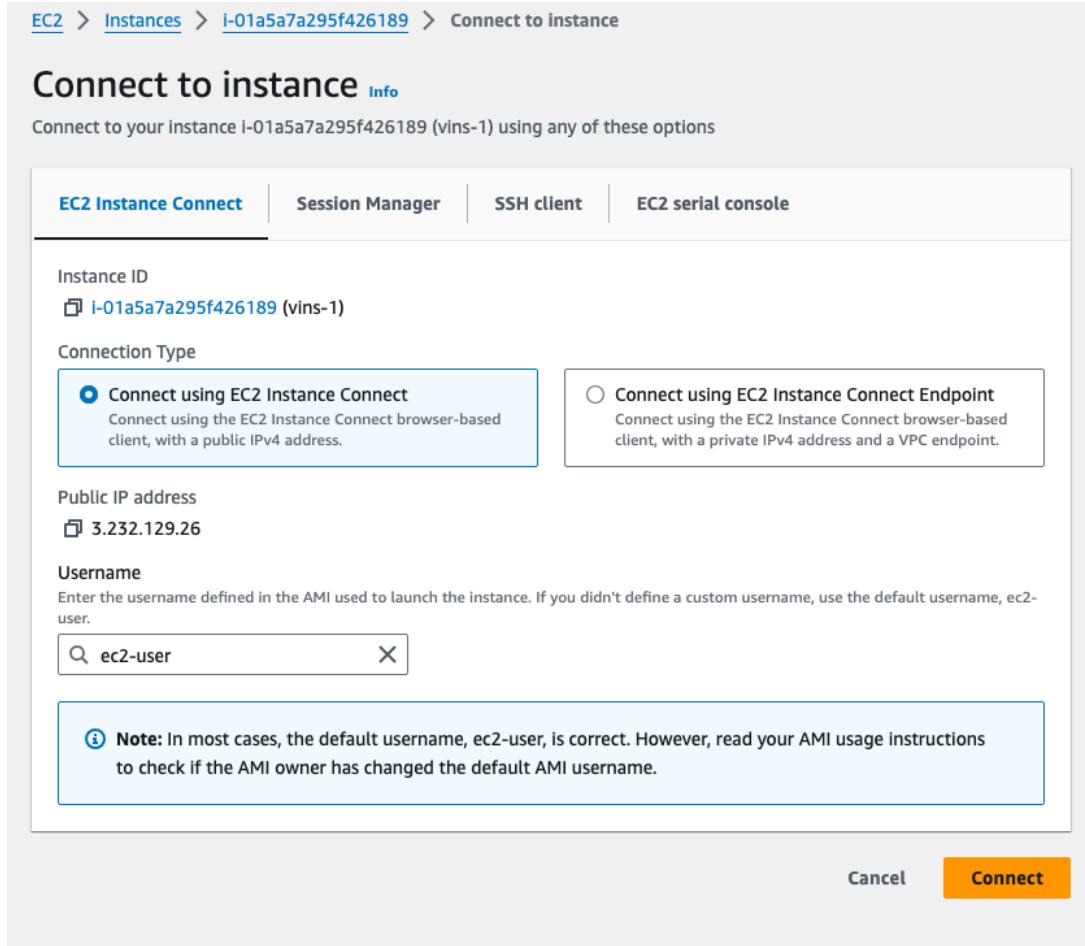
Inbound rules control the incoming traffic that's allowed to reach the instance.

Inbound rules [Info](#)

Security group rule ID	Type Info	Protocol Info	Port range Info	Source Info
sgr-079cb6c90f5db8295	All traffic	All	All	Custom
-	SSH	TCP	22	Anywhere-IP... 0.0.0.0/0

[Add rule](#)

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



- 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

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

All states ▾

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name <small>✎</small>	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

Search instances

DB instance	DB engine	Status
<input checked="" type="radio"/> netflix-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

Filter secrets by name, description, tag key, tag value, owning service or primary Region

Secret name

- We can view what it stores

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

- repeat the above steps for “movie” db

Secrets

Filter secrets by name, description, tag key, tag value, owning service or primary Region

Secret name

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

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