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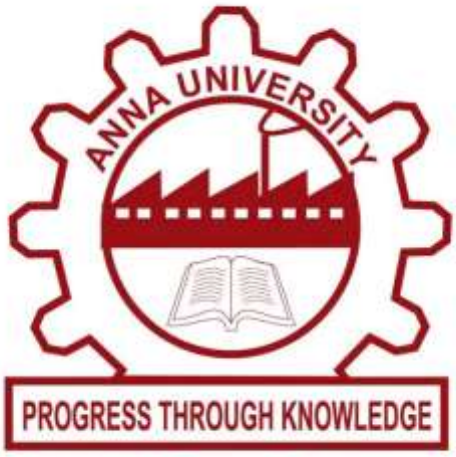

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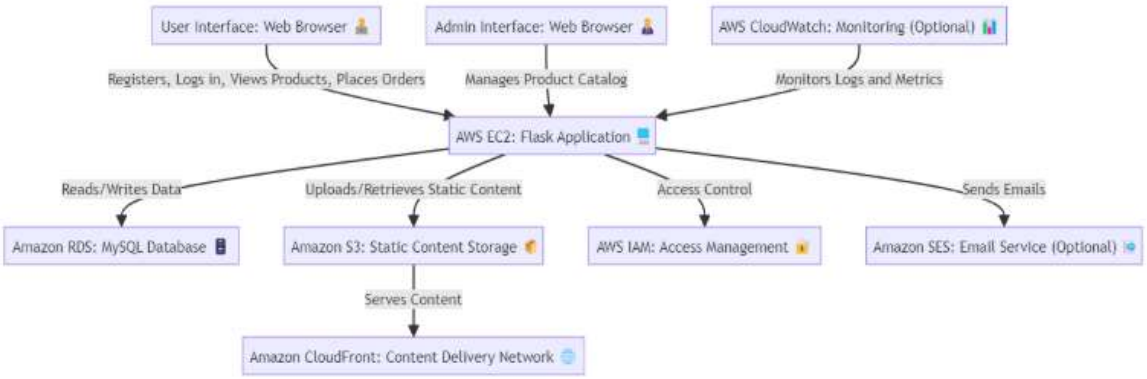
OBJECTIVE:

The "FreshBasket" project involves developing and deploying a scalable e-commerce platform for selling vegetables and fruits. The platform uses Flask for backend development, AWS EC2 for hosting, and Amazon RDS for database management. This cloud-native solution ensures high availability, scalability, and efficient management of the platform's operations. The project demonstrates how leveraging AWS services can create a robust infrastructure for managing user interactions, product catalogs, and order processing in a seamless manner.

ARCHITECTURE:



PROJECT WORKFLOW:

1. Project Initialization:
   - Define objectives, scope, and KPIs for deploying the FreshBasket e-commerce platform.
   - Set up the AWS environment, including EC2 instance configuration and RDS setup.
   - Outline the use of Flask for backend development and integration of AWS services.
2. EC2 Instance Creation:
   - Launch an EC2 instance to host the FreshBasket application.
   - Select the appropriate instance type based on expected traffic and resource requirements.
3. RDS Configuration:
   - Set up Amazon RDS for database management with MySQL.
   - Configure database instances, including security settings and access controls.
4. Flask Application Deployment:
   - Develop and deploy the FreshBasket application using Flask.
   - Transfer application files to the EC2 instance and configure the environment.
5. Web Server Setup:
   - Install and configure a web server (e.g., Apache, Nginx) on the EC2 instance.
   - Configure the server to properly handle Flask application requests.

6. Testing and Optimization:
   - Test the application for functionality, performance, and security.
   - Optimize server settings, database configurations, and application performance.
7. Monitoring and Maintenance:
   - Implement monitoring tools (e.g., AWS CloudWatch) to track application performance and uptime.
   - Regularly update and maintain the application and server to ensure ongoing reliability and scalability.

KEY FEATURES :

Key Features of the E-Commerce Platform

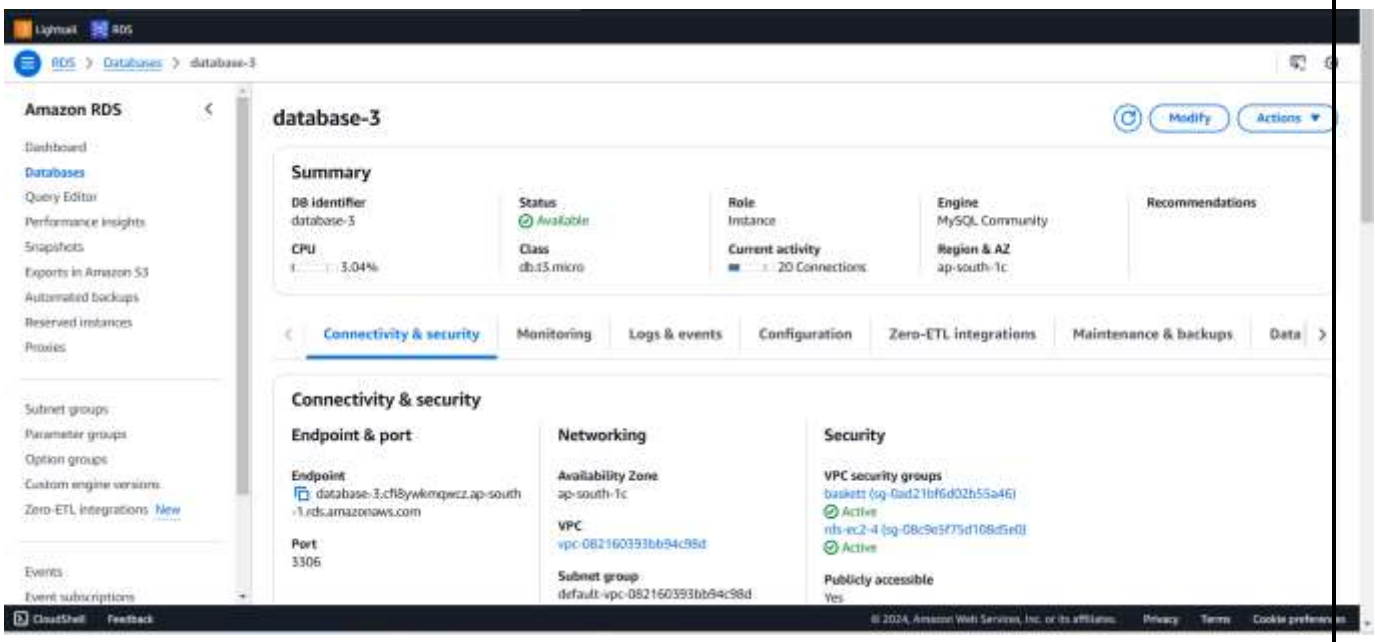
1. **User Management:**
   - **Registration and Login**: Secure user registration and login functionality with password encryption.
   - **Session Management**: Ensures users remain logged in during their session for seamless navigation.
2. **Product Catalog:**
   - **Dynamic Product Listings**: Displays a variety of products with details like name, price, and description.
   - **Categorization**: Allows easy filtering and browsing of products by category.
3. **Cart Management:**
   - **Add to Cart**: Enables users to select and add products to their shopping cart.
   - **Cart Review**: Displays the list of items in the cart with options to update quantities or remove items.
4. **Order Placement:**
   - **Checkout Process**: Guides users through placing orders with a simplified and intuitive interface.
   - **Order Summary**: Provides a detailed summary before confirming the order.
5. **Database Integration:**
   - **Relational Database (MySQL)**: Manages data for users, products, orders, and order details efficiently.
   - **CRUD Operations**: Implements Create, Read, Update, and Delete functionalities for seamless data management.
6. **Responsive Design:**
   - **User-Friendly Interface**: Optimized for various devices, ensuring a consistent experience on desktops, tablets, and mobile phones.
7. **Backend Features:**
   - **Flask Framework**: Powers the backend, providing a robust and scalable application server.
   - **RESTful APIs**: Used for data exchange between the frontend and backend.
8. **Security Measures:**
   - **Input Validation**: Prevents SQL injection and other common vulnerabilities.
   - **Session Security**: Implements secure cookie-based sessions.

9. **Scalability:**
    - **Modular Architecture**: Designed for easy feature expansion in the future.
    - **Cloud Deployment**: Hosted on an AWS EC2 instance for global accessibility.
10. **Deployment and Maintenance:**
    - **AWS Hosting**: Utilizes a t2.micro instance with appropriate security configurations.
    - **Debugging and Logs**: Logs errors and user activity for troubleshooting and analysis.

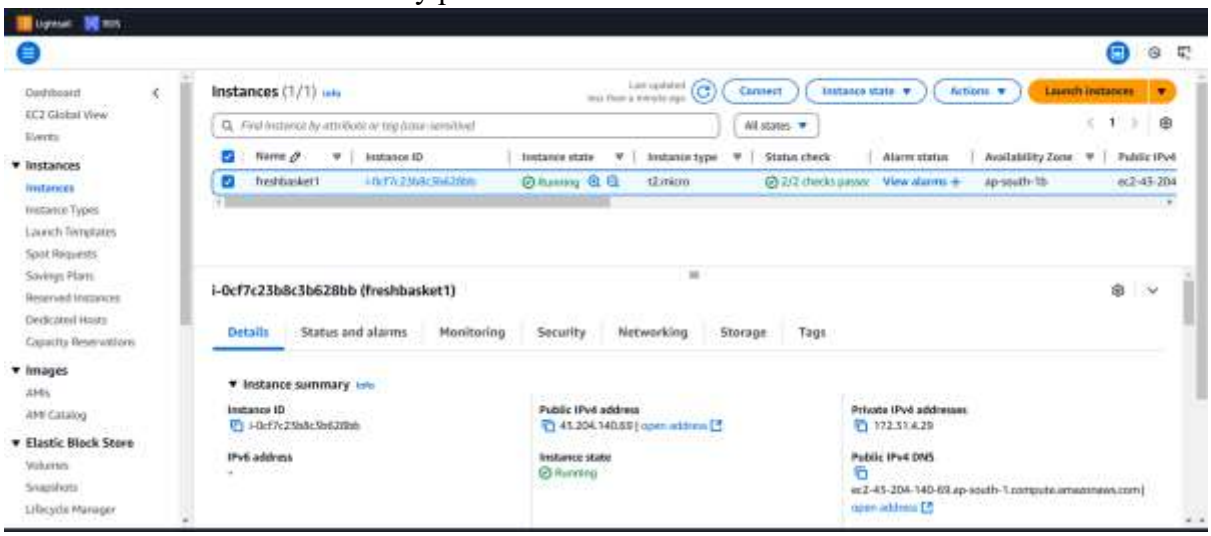
STEP BY STEP IMPLEMENTATION:

Corrected Step-by-Step Process

1. **Create RDS MySQL Database**:
    - Open AWS RDS Console.
    - Create a new MySQL instance.
    - Configure public accessibility and security group to allow traffic from your IP and EC2 instance (port 3306).
    - Note the RDS endpoint, username, and password.

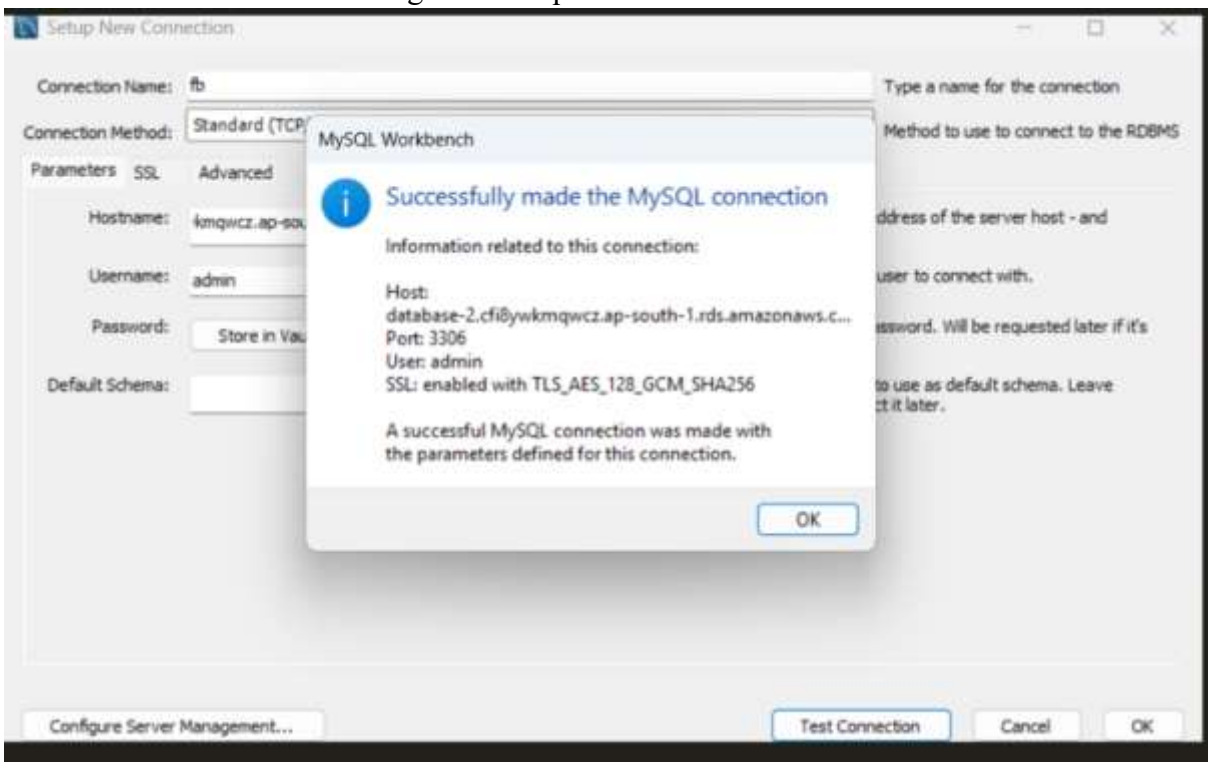


2. **Launch EC2 Instance**:
    - Open AWS EC2 Console.
    - Launch a new Amazon Linux 2 instance.
    - Configure security group to allow traffic on ports 22 (SSH), 5000 (Flask app), and 3306 (RDS).
    - Download the key pair for later use.

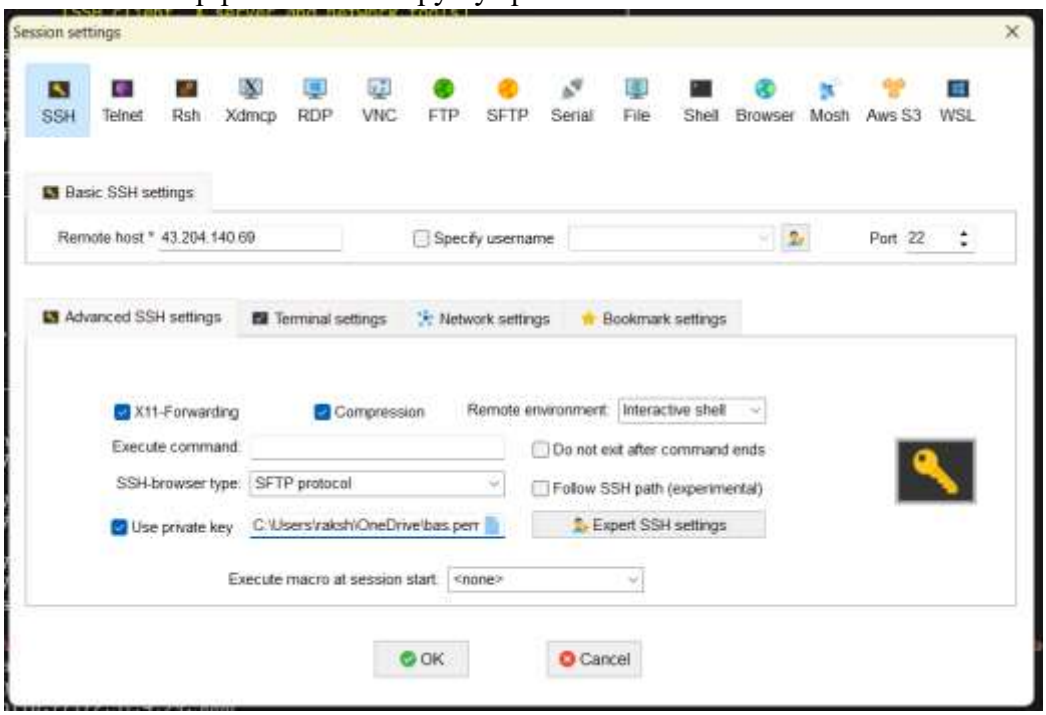


3. **Connect EC2 to RDS**:
    - Use the RDS endpoint, username, and password to test the connection between EC2 and RDS using mysql or another client from EC2.

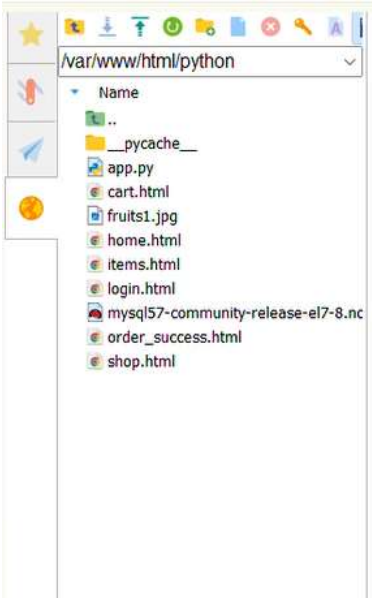
4. **Set Up MySQL Workbench**:
    - Use MySQL Workbench to connect to the RDS endpoint.
    - Create and configure the required database schema and tables.



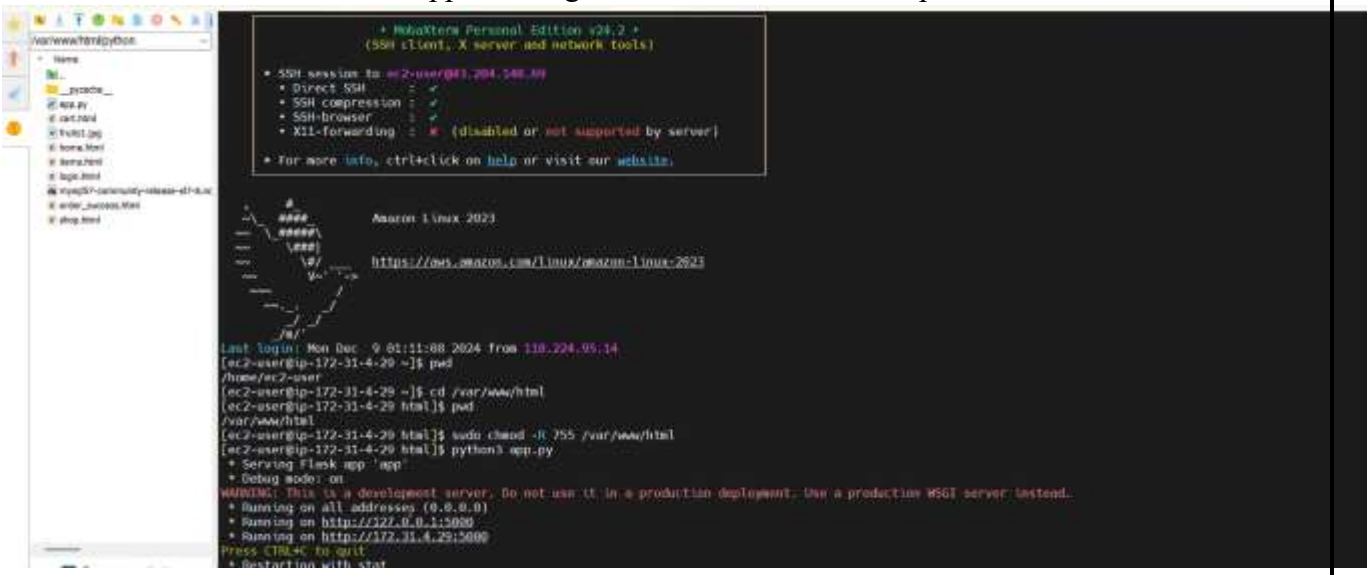
5. **Connect to EC2 Using MobaXterm**:
    - SSH into your EC2 instance using the key pair.
6. **Install Required Packages on EC2**:
    - Update packages: sudo yum update -y.
    - Install Python, pip, and Flask:
    - sudo yum install python3 -y
    - pip3 install flask pymysql



7. **Transfer Flask Application to EC2**:
    - Use MobaXterm's SFTP feature to upload all HTML files, app.py, and other necessary files to the EC2 /var/www/html directory.

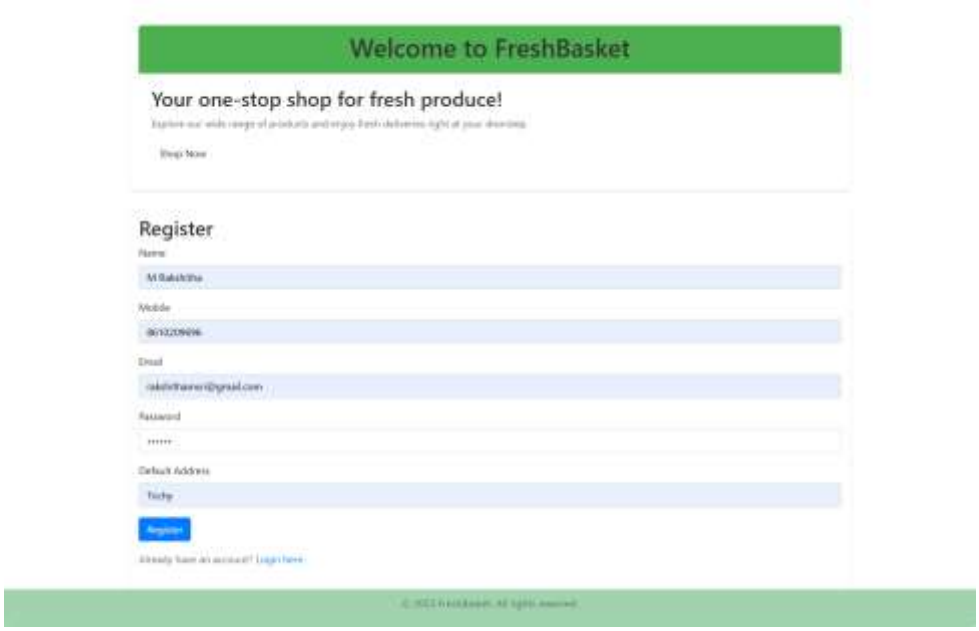


8. **Modify Flask App to Connect to RDS**:
    - Update the database connection details in app.py with the RDS endpoint, username, and password.
9. **Run Flask Application**:
    - Navigate to the application directory.
    - Start the app:
    - python3 app.py
    - Ensure the Flask app is configured to run on 0.0.0.0 and port 5000.

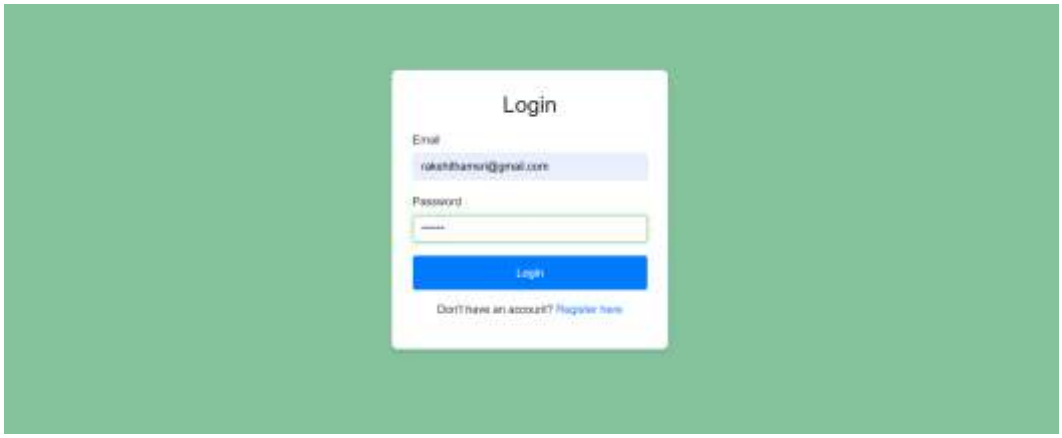


10. **E-Commerce Platform Functionalities**:
    - Ensure user registration, login, cart management, and order placement are working as intended.
    - Validate database operations are reflected in RDS.

HOMEPAGE:



LOGIN:



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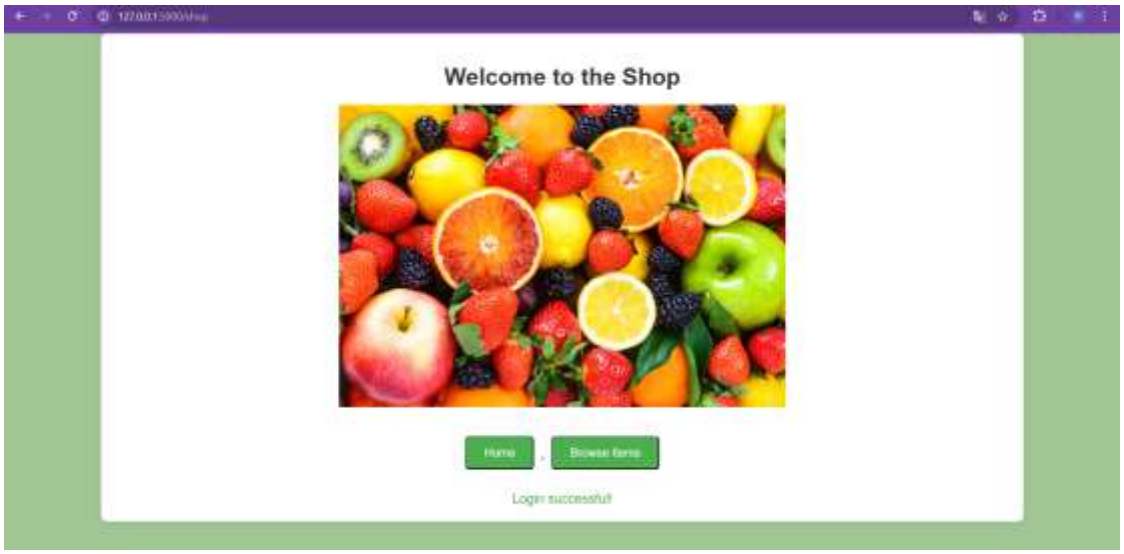
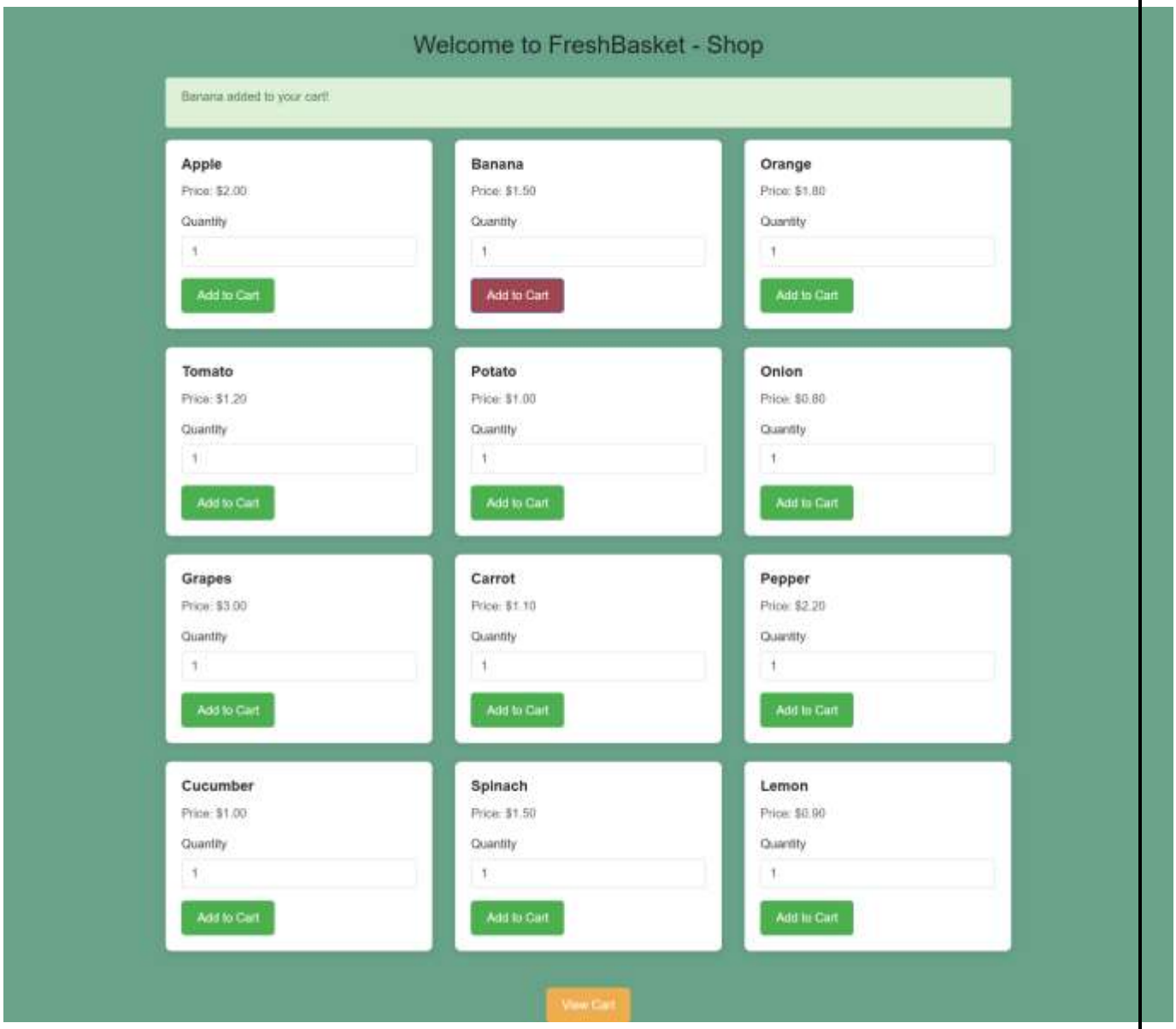
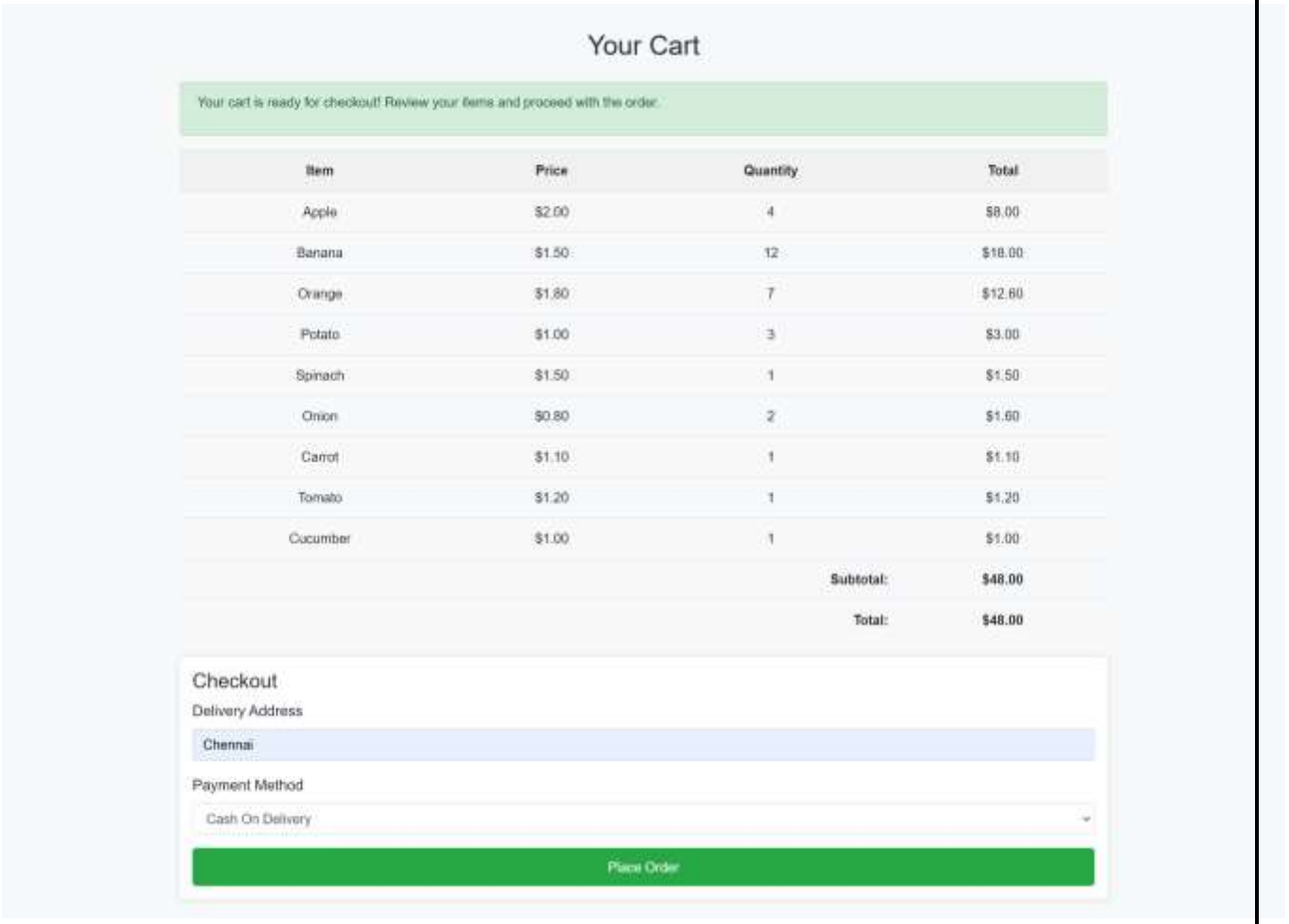


SELECT ITEMS:



VIEW CART:


Your Cart
Your cart is ready for checkout! Review your items and proceed with the order.
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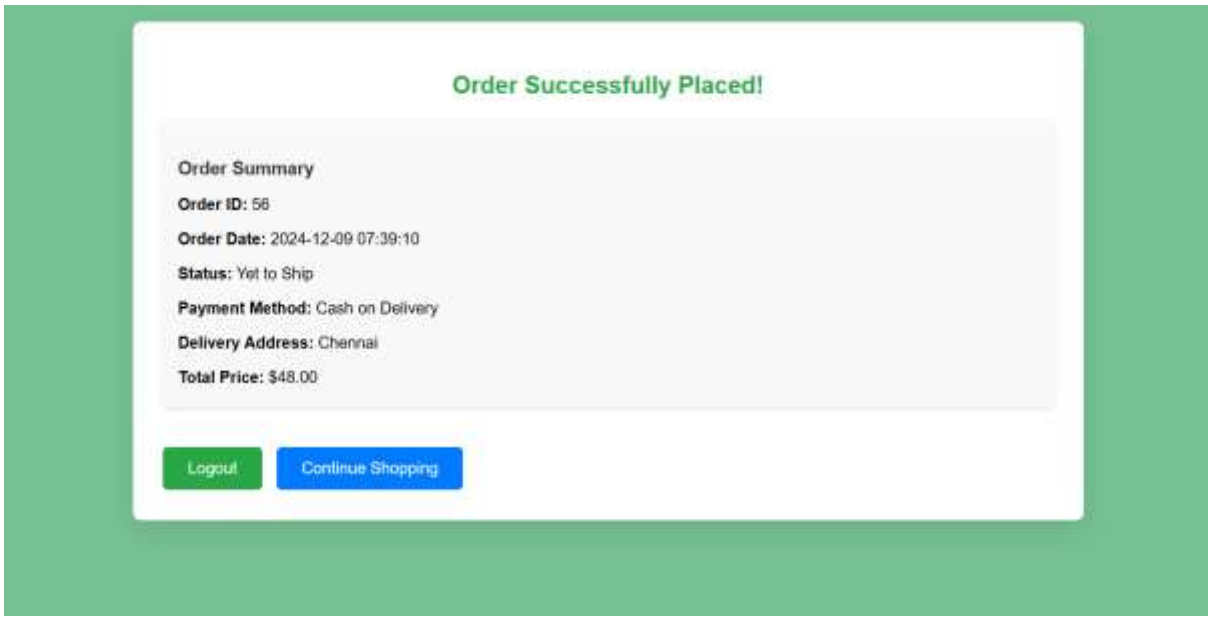
ORDER PLACEMENT:



CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, this project successfully demonstrates the development and deployment of a robust e-commerce platform, integrating key functionalities like user management, shopping workflows, and admin order management. Leveraging Flask for the backend, AWS RDS for scalable database management, and EC2 for hosting, the application ensures efficient performance and reliability. Despite initial deployment challenges, the integration of modern tools and technologies highlights the platform's potential for scalability and real-world application, laying a solid foundation for future enhancements and extended functionalities.