AUTOMATING MYSQL DATABASE PROVISIONING WITH TERRAFORM

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Organizations often face challenges in efficiently provisioning MySQL databases within their infrastructure. Manual setups are time-consuming, errorprone, and lack scalability. There is a need for an automated solution that ensures consistency, reliability, and rapid deployment of MySQL databases.

USE-CASE SCENARIO:

Consider a scenario where an organization is expanding its online services and needs to deploy multiple MySQL databases to support growing data requirements. Manual setup would be impractical due to the risk of errors and time constraints. An automated solution using Terraform can provide a streamlined and repeatable process for provisioning MySQL databases across different environments.

TASKS TO BE PERFORMED:

- → Define Infrastructure as Code (IaC): Create Terraform scripts to define the desired state of the MySQL infrastructure, specifying details like database instances, users, and access controls.
- → Terraform Initialization: Initialize the Terraform configuration to set up the working directory and required plugins.
- → Terraform Plan: Review the execution plan generated by Terraform to understand the changes it will make to the infrastructure.
- → Terraform Apply: Apply the defined infrastructure changes to provision MySQL databases automatically.
- → Verify and Monitor: Implement validation steps to ensure the successful deployment of databases and set up monitoring for ongoing management.

SOLUTION:

PRE-REQUIREMENTS:

→ Cloud : AWS

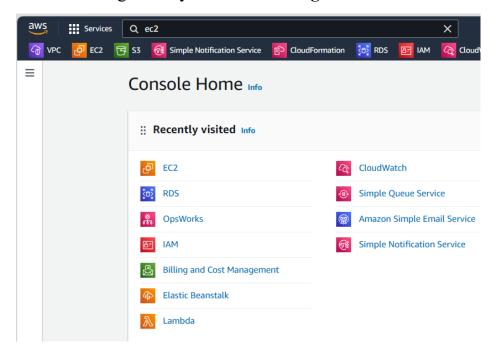
→ IAC : Terraform

→ Database : AWS MySQL RDS Database

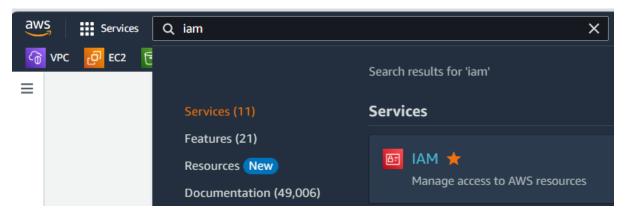
→ User : IAM User

STEP:1 – CREATING AN IAM USER & ACCESS_KEY AND SECRET ACCESS KEY

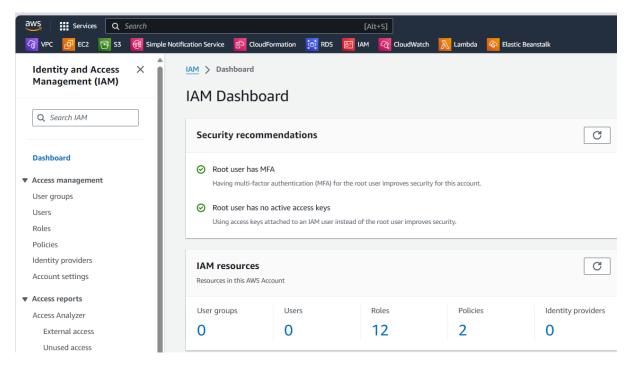
→ First login into your AWS Management console:



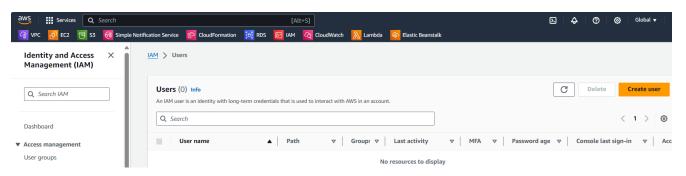
→ Then on the service panel, search IAM and click that one:



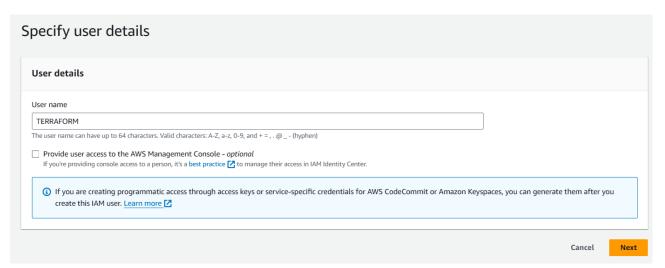
→ Then on IAM Management console, we can able to find users click that one:



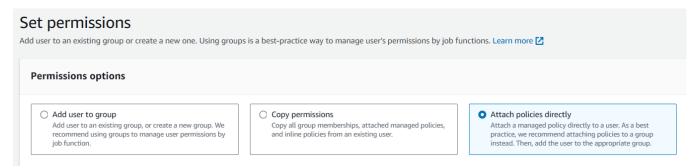
→ Then click create users:



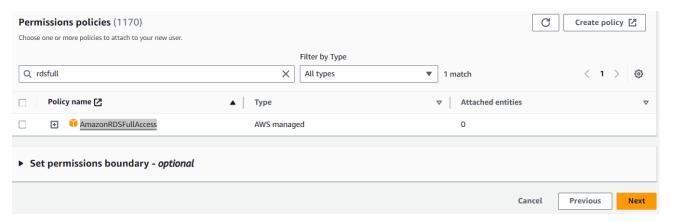
→ Then name the user and click next:



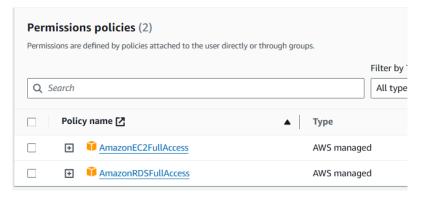
→ Then select the attach policies directly option:



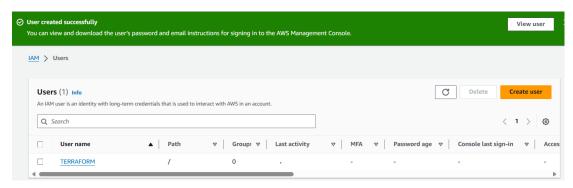
→ Then add <u>AmazonRDSFullAccess</u> & <u>AmazonEC2FullAccess</u> policy: click next



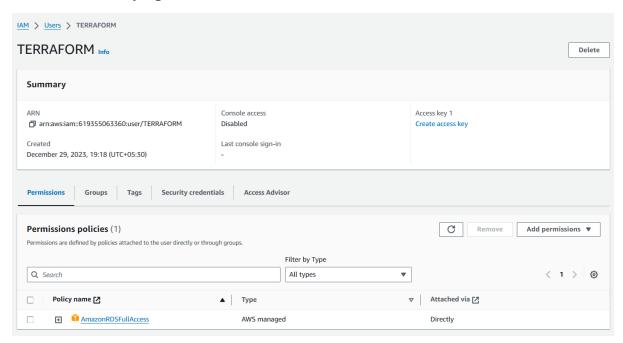
→ Then just review and create page will appear just review the configurations, click create user:



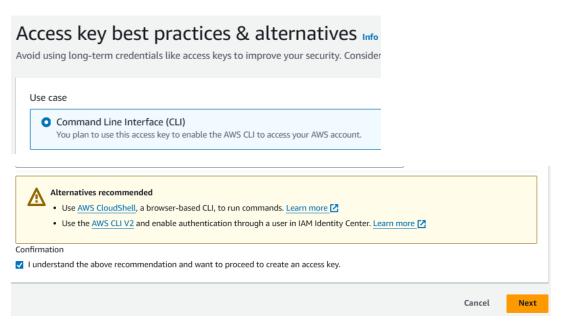
→ The IAM User has been created successfully.



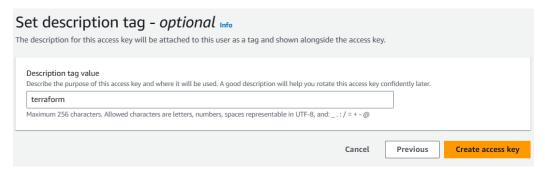
→ Then click that created user: there we can able to find output **create** access key option. Click that one



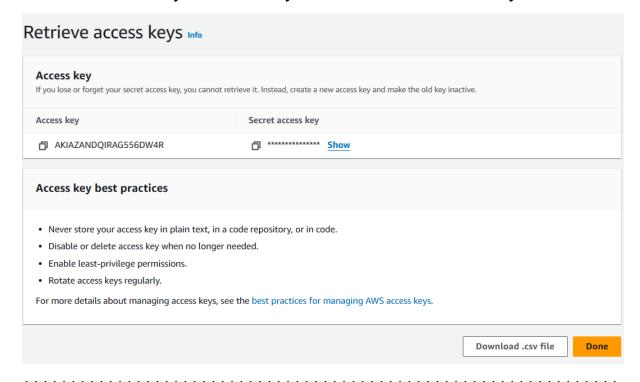
→ Then select command line interface under use-case: click next



→ Then description tag optional, click create access key:

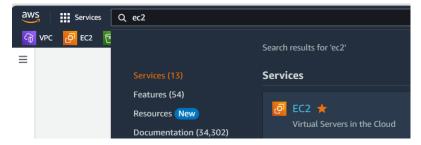


→ The access key and secret key has been created successfully:

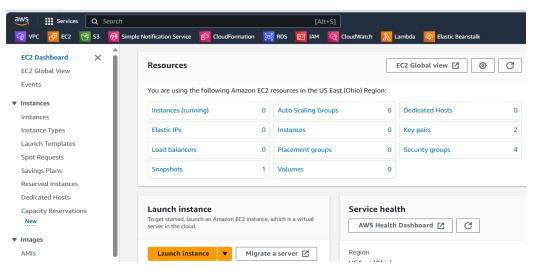


STEP:2 – CREATING AN EC2 INSTANCE:

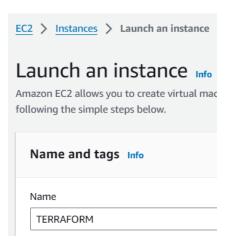
→ Then search EC2 on service panel, and click that one:



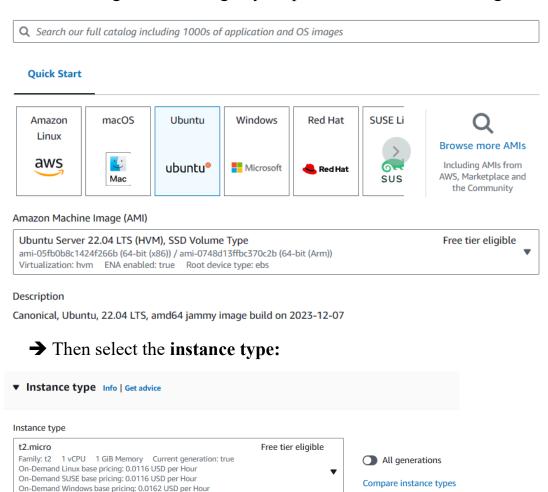
→ Then click **launch instance** on EC2 management console:



→ Then name the instance according to your preferences:



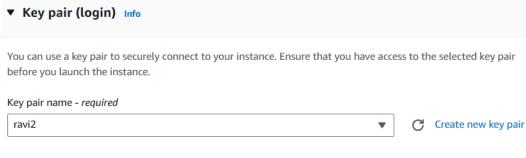
→ Selecting **OS** according to your preferences, here I am using **ubuntu OS**:



→ Then select the **keypair** according to your wish:

On-Demand RHEL base pricing: 0.0716 USD per Hour

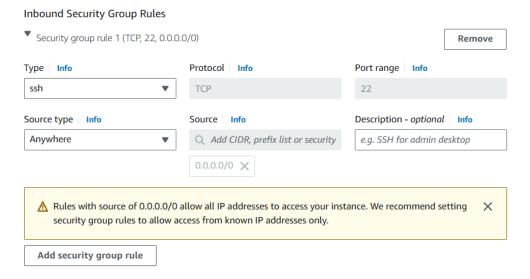
Additional costs apply for AMIs with pre-installed software



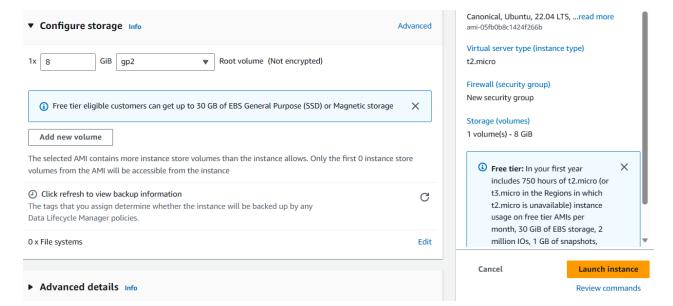
→ Then select the security group or create a new security group:



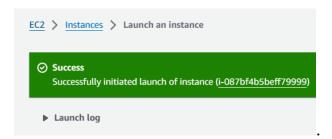
Security group rules:



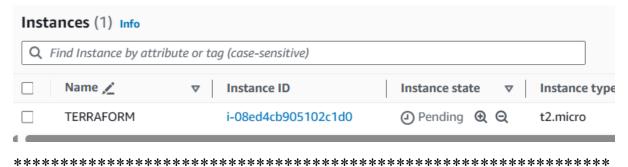
→ Then for the storage keeping as the default and **click launch instance** on right side:



→ The instance launching has been initiated successfully:



→ The instance has been created successfully:



STEP:3 - CONNECTING THE INSTANCE & INSTALLING REQUIRED PACKAGES

→ Connecting the instance via EC2 Instance connect or via ssh client method:

```
System load: 0.3935546875 Processes: Usage of /: 20.6% of 7.57GB Users logged in:
                                                           103
  Memory usage: 22%
                                  IPv4 address for eth0: 172.31.34.109
  Swap usage:
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.
0 updates can be applied immediately.
Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status
The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-34-109:~$
```

→ Creating a script to install terraform:

Script contains:

```
#!/bin/bash
#updating the os:
apt-get update

#installing awscli:
apt-get install -y awscli

#installing terraform:
wget -O- https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com/gpg | sudo gpg -
-dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/hashicorp-archive-
keyring.gpg
echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/hashicorp-archive-
keyring.gpg] https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com
$(lsb_release -cs) main" | sudo tee
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/hashicorp.list
sudo apt update && sudo apt install terraform -y
```

→ Change the file permission and executing the file:

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-34-109:~$ sudo su
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu# mkdir terraform
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu# cd terraform/
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# vi terraform.sh
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# chmod +x terraform.sh
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# ./terraform.sh
```

→ Checking packages:

```
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# terraform --version
Terraform v1.6.6
on linux_amd64
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# aws --version
aws-cli/1.22.34 Python/3.10.12 Linux/6.2.0-1017-aws botocore/1.23.34
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
```

STEP:4 - CREATING A TERRAFORM FILE FOR CREATING MYSQL RDS DATABASE

→ Creating a terraform script for creating MySQL RDS Database:

Script contains:

```
# Egress rules (outbound traffic)
 egress {
   from port = 0
   to_port = 0
   protocol = "-1"
   cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 tags = {
   Name = "database-sc"
#3.Creating mysql database:
resource "aws_db_instance" "database-mysql" {
                 = "terraform-db"
 identifier
 allocated storage = 20
                      = "gp2"
 storage_type
 db name
                      = "terraformdb"
                     = "mysql"
 engine
                      = "5.7"
 engine version
 instance class = "db.t2.micro"
                      = "admin"
 username
 password
                      = "nodejs123"
 parameter_group_name = "default.mysq15.7"
 availability_zone = "us-east-2c"
 skip_final_snapshot = true
 vpc security group ids = ["${aws security group.database-
sc.id}"]
 tags = {
   Name = "terraform-db"
#4. Getting the output of mysql database:
output "rds endpoint" {
 value = aws_db_instance.database-mysql.endpoint
```

```
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# vi db.tf
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# ls
db.tf terraform.sh
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
```

STEP:5 - PROVISIONING THE DATABASE USING TERRAFORM

→ First, we need to configure our AWS Credentials by using **aws configure** command:

```
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [None]: AKIAZANDQIRAG556DW4R
AWS Secret Access Key [None]: 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
Default region name [None]: us-east-2
Default output format [None]: json
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
```

→ Then executing **terraform init** command:

```
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# terraform init
Initializing the backend...
Initializing provider plugins...
- Finding latest version of hashicorp/aws...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v5.31.0...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v5.31.0 (signed by HashiCorp)
Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
you run "terraform init" in the future.
Terraform has been successfully initialized!
You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see
any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
should now work.
If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform,
rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other
commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
```

→ Then executing **terraform fmt** command:

```
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# terraform fmt db.tf
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
```

→ Then executing **terraform validate** command:

```
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform# terraform validate
Success! The configuration is valid.
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
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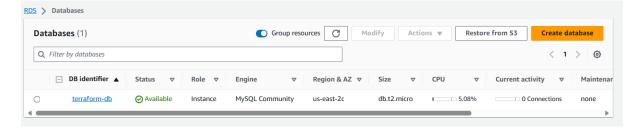
→ Then executing terraform plan command:

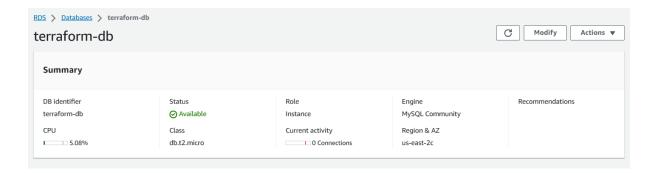
→ Then executing terraform apply -auto-approve command:

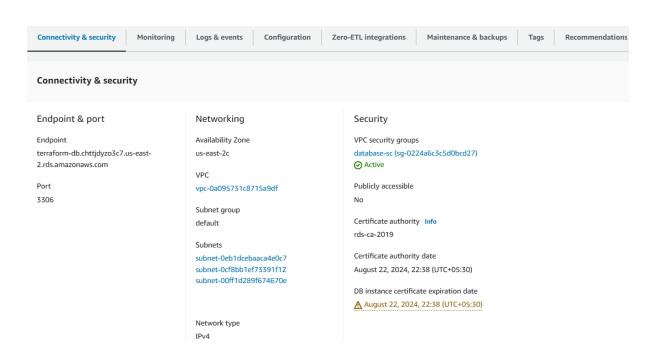
Terraform output:

```
Plan: 2 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
Changes to Outputs:
  + rds_endpoint = (known after apply)
aws security group.database-sc: Creating...
aws_security_group.database-sc: Creation complete after 2s [id=sg-0224a6c3c5d0bcd27]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Creating...
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
                                                   [20s elapsed]
aws db instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
                                                   [30s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
                                                   [40s elapsed]
aws db instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
                                                   [50s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
                                                   [1m0s elapsed]
                                                   [1m10s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws db instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
                                                   [3m0s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating...
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aws db instance.database-mysql: Still creating... [4m10s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating... [4m20s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still creating... [4m30s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Creation complete after 4m35s [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI]
Apply complete! Resources: 2 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
rds_endpoint = "terraform-db.chttjdyzo3c7.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com:3306"
root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
```

→ Checking the console:







Connectivity & security Mo	nitoring Logs & events	Configuration	Zero-ETL integrations	Maintenance & backups	Tags Recommendation
Instance					
Configuration	Instance class	Instance class		ı	Performance Insights
DB instance ID	Instance class	Instance class		F	Performance Insights enabled
terraform-db	db.t2.micro	db.t2.micro		1	Turned off
Engine version	vCPU	vCPU			
5.7.44	1	1		SD (gp2)	
DB name	RAM	RAM			
terraformdb	1 GB	1 GB			
License model	Availability	Availability			
General Public License	Availability				
Option groups	Master username	Master username admin		t	
default:mysql-5-7 ⊘ In sync	admin				
Amazon Resource Name (ARN)	Master password	Master password		g	
arn:aws:rds:us-east-	*****	****			
2:619355063360:db:terraform-dl	IAM DB authenticat	IAM DB authentication		configuration	

→ Then executing **terraform destroy -auto-approve** command: for deleting the database:

```
Plan: 0 to add, 0 to change, 2 to destroy.
Changes to Outputs:
       rds_endpoint = "terraform-db.chttjdyzo3c7.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com:3306" -> null
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 10s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 20s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 30s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 40s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 50s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 1m0s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 1m10s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 1m20s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 1m30s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 1m40s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 1m50s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 2m0s elapsed]
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aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 2m30s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 2m40s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 2m50s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 3m0s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 3m10s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 3m20s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 3m30s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 3m40s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 3m50s elapsed] aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Still destroying... [id=db-4PB3TAE433UU6A56Z3AVWMD5YI, 4m0s elapsed]
aws_db_instance.database-mysql: Destruction complete after 4m2s
aws_security_group.database-sc: Destroying... [id=sg-0224a6c3c5d0bcd27]
aws_security_group.database-sc: Destruction complete after 0s
 root@ip-172-31-34-109:/home/ubuntu/terraform#
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BENEFITS OF DOING ABOVE TASK:

- → Consistency: Terraform ensures that the infrastructure is provisioned consistently every time, reducing the chance of configuration drift.
- → Scalability: Easily scale the number of MySQL databases up or down based on demand by adjusting the Terraform configuration.
- → Time Efficiency: Automation speeds up the deployment process, allowing teams to focus on more critical tasks rather than manual provisioning.
- → Repeatability: The IaC approach allows for easy replication of the infrastructure setup in different environments, promoting a consistent development, testing, and production workflow.

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All the	above files used in this task has been uploaded in this GitHub
Reposi	tory: https://github.com/Ravivarman16/automating-mysql-database-
provisi	oning-with-terraform.git
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→ Error Reduction: With Terraform handling the provisioning process, human errors are minimized, leading to a more reliable and stable