



Online Complaint: Cloud-Based Online Complaint Registration System using Flask on AWS EC2 and RDS

Project Description:

The **Complaint Management System** is a web-based platform designed to help residents report and track issues like streetlights, water leaks, and road maintenance. This system eliminates manual complaint handling by providing an automated, transparent, and efficient solution.

Built using **Flask (Python), MySQL (Amazon RDS), and AWS services**, it enables users to register, log complaints, and track their progress in real-time. Complaints are assigned to field agents via an **admin dashboard**, ensuring efficient issue resolution.

The system is hosted on **Amazon EC2**, with **Amazon S3** handling complaint-related image storage. **Amazon RDS (MySQL)** securely manages user and complaint data, while **Amazon SNS** sends notifications via email/SMS. **AWS IAM** ensures secure access control, and **Flask-SQLAlchemy** is used for database interactions.

Users receive updates as complaints progress through different stages, from submission to resolution. Agents can update complaint statuses, and users can provide feedback upon issue resolution. This cloud-based solution improves **complaint tracking, response times, and public service efficiency**.

By leveraging AWS and Flask, the system offers a **scalable, reliable, and secure** grievance management platform.

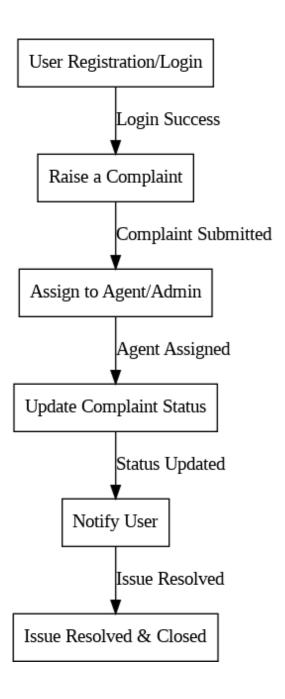
Admin: The main role and responsibilities of the admin is to take care of the whole process. Starting from Admin login, followed by the agent creation and assigning issues to the customer's complaints. Finally, He can track the work assigned to the agent, which will be updated in the database.

User: Users can register for an account. After logging in, they can create a complaint by providing a description of the problem, selecting the type of issue, uploading an image file, and specifying the location of the issue they are facing. Each user will be assigned an agent. They can then view the status of their complaint on their page.





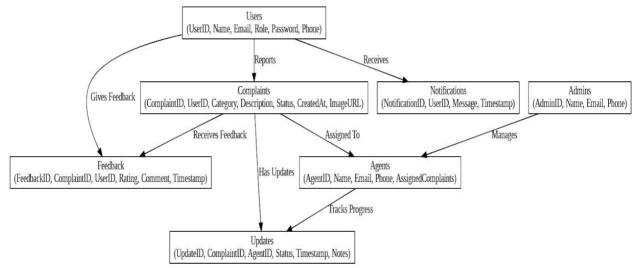
Technical Architecture:







ER Diagram:



Pre-requisites:

- 1. AWS Account Setup: https://youtu.be/CjKhQoYeR4Q?si=ui8Bvk_M4FfVM-Dh
- 2. Understanding of IAM: https://youtu.be/gsgdAyGhV0o?si=3qg-bULgkD4LXNvR
- 3. Knowledge of Amazon EC2: https://youtu.be/8TlukLu11Yo?si=MUj0nEAOESRhHUIz
- 4. MySQL: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mysql+tutorial
- 5. RDS connects MySQL: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mysql+connector+for+rds
- 6. RDS: https://www.youtube.com/live/MPau9c7PT74?si=A80K-zFGbSKkAFWN

Project Workflow:

1. Project Initialization:

- Define objectives, scope, and KPIs for deploying the Stocker cloud based 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 Stocker 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 Stocker application using Flask.
- Transfer application files to the EC2 instance and configure the environment.

5. Testing and Optimization:

- Test the application for functionality, performance, and security.
- Optimize server settings, database configurations, and application performance.

6. 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.

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Milestone 1: AWS Account Setup and Login

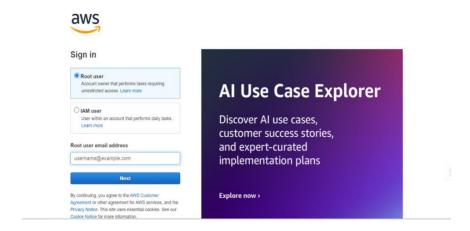
- Activity 1.1: Create AWS Account
 - Sign up for an AWS account and configure billing settings.





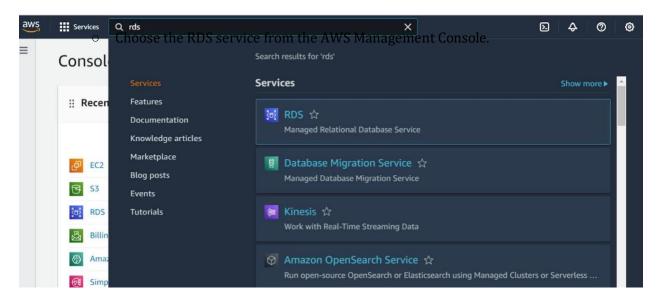


- Activity 1.2: Login to AWS Management Console
 - Access the AWS Management Console using your login credentials.



Milestone 2: RDS Database Creation and Setup

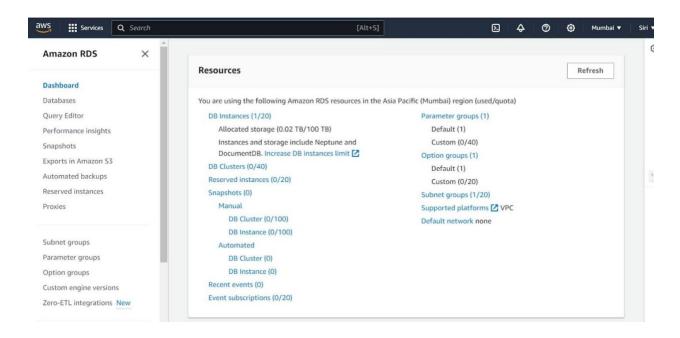
• Activity 2.1: Create an RDS Instance

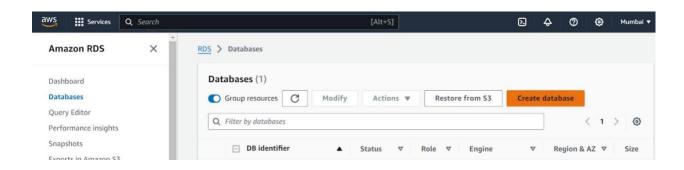


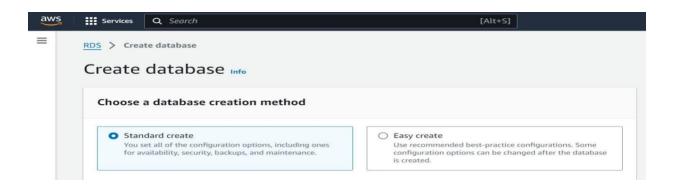




Select MySQL as the database engine, configure the instance settings (e.g., storage, instance class), and launch the RDS instance.

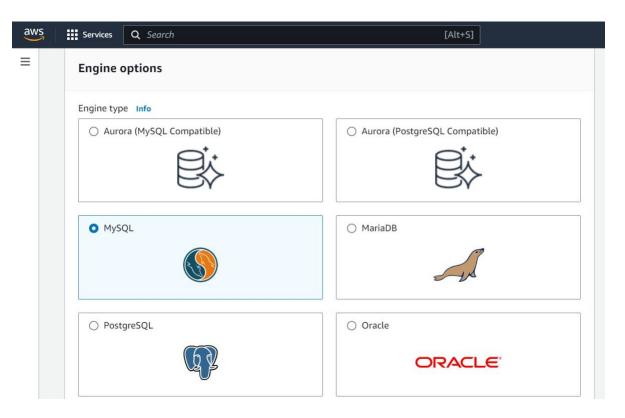


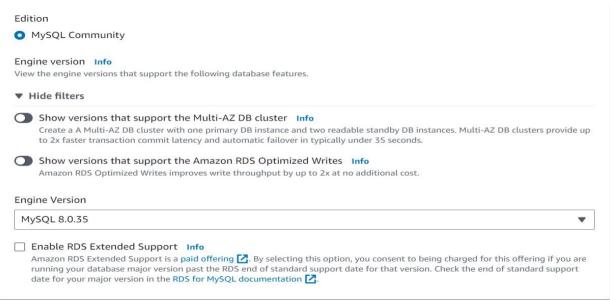
















Templates

Choose a sample template to meet your use case.

Production

Use defaults for high availability and fast, consistent performance.

O Dev/Test

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

Free tier

Use RDS Free Tier to develop new applications, test existing applications, or gain hands-on experience with Amazon RDS.

Availability and durability

Deployment options Info

The deployment options below are limited to those supported by the engine you selected above.

- Multi-AZ DB Cluster
 Creates a DB cluster with a primary DB instance and two readable standby DB instances, with each DB instance in a different Availability Zone (AZ). Provides high availability, data redundancy and increases capacity to serve read workloads.
- Multi-AZ DB instance (not supported for Multi-AZ DB cluster snapshot)
 Creates a primary DB instance and a standby DB instance in a different AZ. Provides high availability and data redundancy, but the standby DB instance doesn't support connections for read workloads.
- Single DB instance (not supported for Multi-AZ DB cluster snapshot)
 Creates a single DB instance with no standby DB instances.

Settings

DB instance identifier Info

Type a name for your DB instance. The name must be unique across all DB instances owned by your AWS account in the current AWS Region.

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The DB instance identifier is case-insensitive, but is stored as all lowercase (as in "mydbinstance"). Constraints: 1 to 60 alphanumeric characters or hyphens. First character must be a letter. Can't contain two consecutive hyphens. Can't end with a hyphen.

▼ Credentials Settings

Master username Info

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

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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.

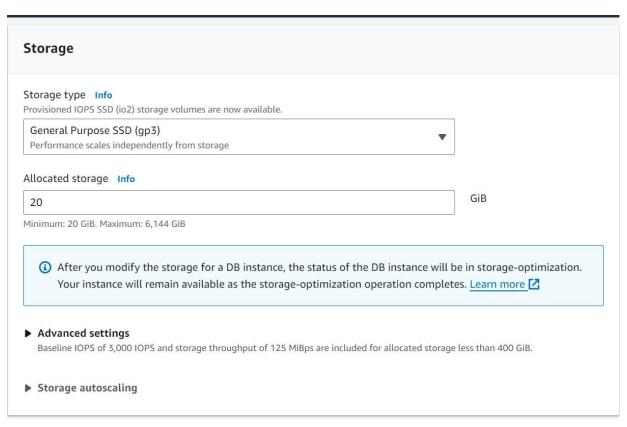
Auto generate password

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





Password strength Neutral		
Confirm master password Info		
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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 so that the compute resource can connect to this database. O Don't connect to an EC2 compute resource O Connect to an EC2 compute resource Don't set up a connection to a compute resource for this Set up a connection to an EC2 compute resource for this database. You can manually set up a connection to a database. compute resource later. Network type Info To use dual-stack mode, make sure that you associate an IPv6 CIDR block with a subnet in the VPC you specify. O IPv4 O Dual-stack mode Your resources can communicate only over the IPv4 Your resources can communicate over IPv4, IPv6, or both. addressing protocol. Virtual private cloud (VPC) Info Choose the VPC. The VPC defines the virtual networking environment for this DB instance. vpc-0c9a09cc4c0ef9dd5 3 Subnets, 3 Availability Zones Only VPCs with a corresponding DB subnet group are listed.

After a database is created, you can't change its VPC.





Public access Info	
Yes RDS assigns a public IP address to the database. Amazon EC2 is	instances and other resources outside of the VPC can connect to your
3 .	tabase. Choose one or more VPC security groups that specify which
○ No	
RDS doesn't assign a public IP address to the database. Only A your database. Choose one or more VPC security groups that s	amazon EC2 instances and other resources inside the VPC can connect to specify which resources can connect to the database.
VPC security group (firewall) Info	
Choose one or more VPC security groups to allow access to your dincoming traffic.	atabase. Make sure that the security group rules allow the appropriate
○ Choose existing	• Create new
Choose existing VPC security groups	Create new VPC security group
New VPC security group name	
new security group	
Availability Zone Info	
No preference	▼
RDS Proxy	
RDS Proxy is a fully managed, highly available database proxy that	t improves application scalability, resiliency, and security.
Create an RDS Proxy Info	
RDS automatically creates an IAM role and a Secrets Manager information, see Amazon RDS Proxy pricing .	secret for the proxy. RDS Proxy has additional costs. For more





Database authentication Database authentication options Info Password authentication Authenticates using database passwords. O Password and IAM database authentication Authenticates using the database password and user credentials through AWS IAM users and roles. O Password and Kerberos authentication Choose a directory in which you want to allow authorized users to authenticate with this DB instance using Kerberos Authentication. Monitoring Enable Enhanced Monitoring Enabling Enhanced Monitoring metrics are useful when you want to see how different processes or threads use the CPU. ▶ Additional configuration Database options, encryption turned on, backup turned on, backtrack turned off, maintenance, CloudWatch Logs, delete protection turned off. costs for backup storage, IOs (if applicable), or data transfer. Estimate your monthly costs for the DB Instance using the AWS Simple Monthly Calculator [2].

Estimated monthly costs

The Amazon RDS Free Tier is available to you for 12 months. Each calendar month, the free tier will allow you to use the Amazon RDS resources listed below for free:

- 750 hrs of Amazon RDS in a Single-AZ db.t2.micro, db.t3.micro or db.t4g.micro Instance.
- 20 GB of General Purpose Storage (SSD).
- 20 GB for automated backup storage and any user-initiated DB Snapshots.

Learn more about AWS Free Tier.

When your free usage expires or if your application use exceeds the free usage tiers, you simply pay standard, pay-as-you-go service rates as described in the Amazon RDS Pricing page. [2]

You are responsible for ensuring that you have all of the necessary rights for any third-party products or services that you use with AWS services.

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Create database







• Activity 2.2: Configure Database Access

• Set up security groups, create database credentials, and configure access policies to ensure secure connectivity to the database.

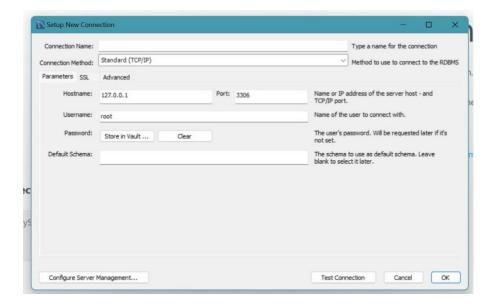
• Activity 2.3: Install MySQL Workbench

- Download and install MySQL Workbench on your local machine for database management.
- Connect to the RDS instance via MySQL Workbench using the endpoint and credentials from AW

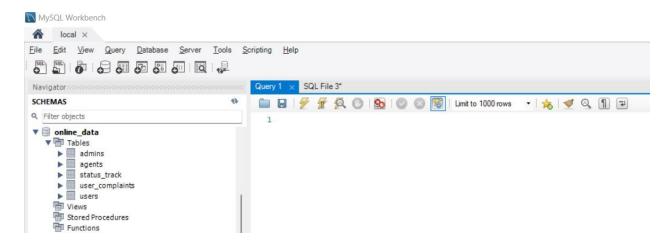








- Give a connection name.
- Copy the endpoint from the RDS database that is created in AWS and paste it into **Hostname**.
- Write the username, enter the password, and click **Test Connection**.
- Once the connection is successful, you'll be welcomed with this interface



Activity 2.4: Create the database and the required tables.

• Create a basic database schema for Online Complaint Management

```
CREATE DATABASE online_data;
USE online_data;
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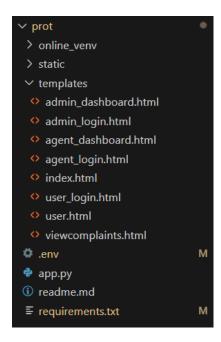




Milestone 3: Frontend Development and Application Setup

• Activity 3.1: Build the Frontend

• Develop HTML, CSS, and Python-based Flask application files for Online Complaint Registration frontend interface.



• Activity 3.2: Integrate Application with RDS

 Connect app.py (Flask application) to the MySQL RDS database by configuring database connection settings and verifying connectivity.

Description of the code:

1 Imports and Setup:

The script starts by importing necessary libraries and setting up the Flask application:

- Flask: A web framework for creating web applications in Python.
- PyMySQL: A library for working with databases in Python.
- Flask-Login: Handles user sessions for logging in and out.
- Other libraries: For making HTTP requests, working with dates, and handling passwords.





```
from flask import Flask, jsonify, render_template, request, redirect, url_for, flash, session
import pymysql # type: ignore
from werkzeug.utils import secure_filename
import bcrypt
from dotenv import load_dotenv
import os

# Load environment variables from the .env file
load_dotenv()
app = Flask(__name__)
```

- **2 Database Configuration**: The script sets up the database connection and configures the application:
 - It uses environment variables to securely store database credentials and API keys.
 - The database is set up to use MySQL.
 - A secret key is set for the application (used for security purposes).

```
app = Flask(__name__)
app.secret_key = 'your_secret_key'

db_config = {
    'host': os.getenv('DB_HOST'),
    'user': os.getenv('DB_USER'),
    'password': os.getenv('DB_PASSWORD'),
    'database': os.getenv('DB_NAME')
}
```

- **3 Database Models**: We have created several tables in the database online_data:
 - 1. users: Stores user details like name, email, password, and account creation timestamp.
 - 2. agents: Stores agent information including name, role, email, and password.
 - 3. admins: Stores admin information, including name, role, email, and password.





- 4. user_complaints: Records complaints submitted by users, including details such as issue type, description, and location. It references the `users` table.
- 5. status_track: Tracks the status of a complaint, including when the status was updated, who accepted it, and the action taken. It references the `user_complaints` table.

```
-- Create the users table
-- CREATE TABLE users (
      id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
      name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
       email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
       password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
      created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
-- );
-- -- Create the user_complaints table
-- CREATE TABLE user_complaints (
      complaint_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
      issue_type VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
      image_path VARCHAR(255),
      description TEXT NOT NULL,
      address VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
      latitude VARCHAR(50),
      longitude VARCHAR(50),
      user_id INT NOT NULL, -- Foreign key referencing users
      submitted_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
      FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(id) ON DELETE CASCADE
-- );
```





```
-- CREATE TABLE agents (
-- id INT AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    role VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
   email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
     password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
     created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
-- );
-- CREATE TABLE admins (
-- id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
     role VARCHAR(50),
    email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
-- password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
-- CREATE TABLE status_track (
     track_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
     complaint_id BIGINT UNSIGNED, -- Foreign key linking to user_complaints, ensure it matches the type
     status VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, -- Status of the complaint: e.g., "Pending", "In Progress", "Resolved"
     updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, -- To track when the status was updated
    accepted_by INT, -- ID of the admin or agent who accepted the complaint
    session_id VARCHAR(255), -- To track the session that processed the action
     action_taken VARCHAR(50), -- e.g., "Accepted", "Declined"
     FOREIGN KEY (complaint_id) REFERENCES user_complaints(complaint_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
-- );
```





4 Routes, `/: The home page.: The script defines several routes (URLs) for the web application:

```
# Routes
@app.route('/')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')
```

5 **\'\login\'**: Handles user login.

```
@app.route('/user/login', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def user_login():
   if request.method == 'POST':
       email = request.form['email']
       password = request.form['password'].encode('utf-8')
       connection = get_db_connection()
           cursor = connection.cursor()
                cursor.execute("SELECT id, password FROM users WHERE email = %s", (email,))
                result = cursor.fetchone()
                if result and bcrypt.checkpw(password, result[1].encode('utf-8')):
                    session['user_id'] = result[0] # Store user ID in session
# flash('User login successful!', 'success')
                    return redirect(url_for('user'))
                    flash('Invalid credentials. Please try again.', 'error')
                connection.close()
            flash('Database connection error. Please try again later.', 'error')
   return render_template('user_login.html')
```





6 - '/register': New users can create an account.

```
dapp.route('/user/signup', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def user_signup():
      name = request.form['name']
      email = request.form['email']
      password = request.form['password'].encode('utf-8')
      hashed_password = bcrypt.hashpw(password, bcrypt.gensalt()).decode('utf-8')
      connection = get_db_connection()
       if connection:
          cursor = connection.cursor()
              cursor.execute("INSERT INTO users (name, email, password) VALUES (%s, %s, %s)", (name, email, hashed_password))
              flash('User account created successfully!', 'success')
              return redirect(url_for('user_login'))
              flash('Error creating account. Email may already exist.', 'error')
              print(f"Error: {e}")
              cursor.close()
           flash('Database connection error. Please try again later.', 'error')
  return render_template('index.html')
```

7 - \'\logout\': Logs out the current user.

```
@app.route('/user/logout')
def user_logout():
    session.pop('user_id', None) # Clear the user ID from the session
    flash('You have been logged out.', 'success')
    return redirect(url_for('index'))
```

Similarly, it goes for the 'agents' and 'admins' table.

8 - `/viewcomplaints`: This route seems to be used for viewing complaints, although the function is incomplete. It might display the complaints submitted by a user after they log in.





```
cursor.execute(query, (user_id,)) # Execute the query with the user_id parameter
rows = cursor.fetchall() # Fetch all the rows
cursor.close() # Close the cursor
connection.close() # Close the connection
except Exception as e:
    print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
    flash('An error occurred while fetching the complaints.', 'error')
    rows = [] # Fallback to empty rows if there's an error
else:
    rows = [] # Fallback to empty rows if connection fails

# Render the 'viewcomplaints.html' template and pass the fetched rows
return render_template('viewcomplaints.html', rows=rows)
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```
@app.route('/user', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def user():
    if 'user_id' not in session: # Check if user is logged in
    flash('You need to log in to access this page.', 'error')
         return redirect(url_for('user_login'))
     if request.method == 'POST':
         # Handle file upload
if 'image' not in request.files:
    flash('No file part', 'error')
               return redirect(request.url)
          file = request.files['image']
          if file.filename == '':
               flash('No selected file', 'error')
               return redirect(request.url)
          if file and allowed_file(file.filename):
               filename = secure_filename(file.filename)
               file_path = os.path.join(app.config['UPLOAD_FOLDER'], filename)
               file.save(file_path)
              title = request.form.get('title')
description = request.form.get('description')
               address = request.form.get('address')
               lat = request.form.get('lat')
lon = request.form.get('lon')
              user_id = session.get('user_id')
```

```
# Save the details in the database

connection = get_db_connection()

if connection:

cursor = connection.cursor()

try:

cursor.execute("""

INSERT INTO user_complaints (issue_type, image_path, description, address, latitude, longitude, user_id)

VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)"",

(title, file_path, description, address, lat, lon, user_id)) # Include user_id here

connection.commit()

flash(f'Thanks for the (title) update!', 'success') # Flash message with title

except pymsyal.MySQLETror as e:

flash('Error submitting complaint. Please try again.', 'error')

print(f"Error: {e}")

finally:

cursor.close()

connection.close()

else:

flash('Database connection error. Please try again later.', 'error')

return redirect(url_for('index')) # Redirect to the index page

else:

flash('Invalid file format. Please upload a valid image.', 'error')

return redirect(request.url) # Return to the same page on file upload error

return render_template('user.html')
```





10 - /agent_dashboard`: This route displays the agent dashboard, where agents can view assigned complaints. It retrieves complaints and associated user information from the database.

```
@app.route('/agent dashboard')
def agent dashboard():
   if 'agent' not in session: # Check if agent is logged in
       flash('You need to log in to access this page.', 'error')
       return redirect(url for('agent login'))
   connection = get_db connection()
   if connection:
       cursor = connection.cursor()
       cursor.execute("""
           SELECT u.name AS user name, c.issue type, c.image path
           FROM users u
            JOIN user complaints c ON u.id = c.user id;
       ag dash = cursor.fetchall()
       print("Agent Dashboard",ag_dash)
       cursor.close()
       connection.close()
       ag_dash = []
   return render_template('agent_dashboard.html', ag_dash=ag_dash)
```

11 - /admin_dashboard`: Displays the admin dashboard, where admins can view user complaints and assign agents. It pulls data from the database, including users, complaints, and agent names.





12 - `/assign-agent`: This route assigns an agent to a user complaint. It accepts a JSON object with the `userId` and `agentName`, updates the database, and returns a JSON response indicating success.

```
@app.route('/assign-agent', methods=['POST'])
def assign_agent():
    data = request.get_json()
    user_id = data.get('userId')
    agent_name = data.get('agentName')

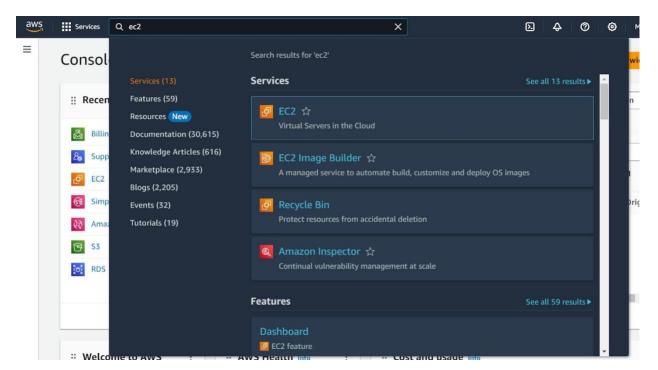
# Here you would update your database or data structure with the assignment
    print(f"Assigned {agent_name} to user ID: {user_id}")

return jsonify({"success": True})
```

Milestone 4: EC2 Instance Setup

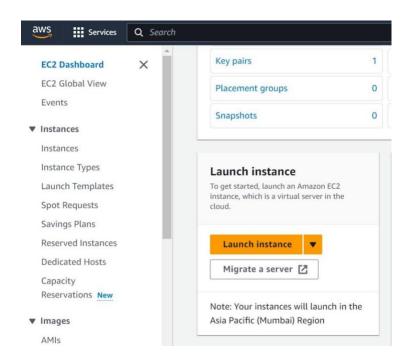
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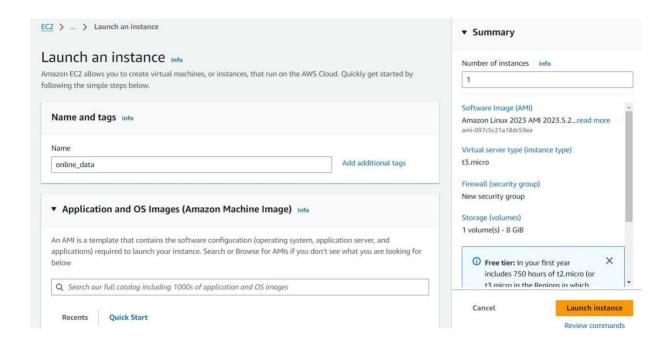
Choose a Linux-based EC2 instance from the AWS Console to host the Stocker application.





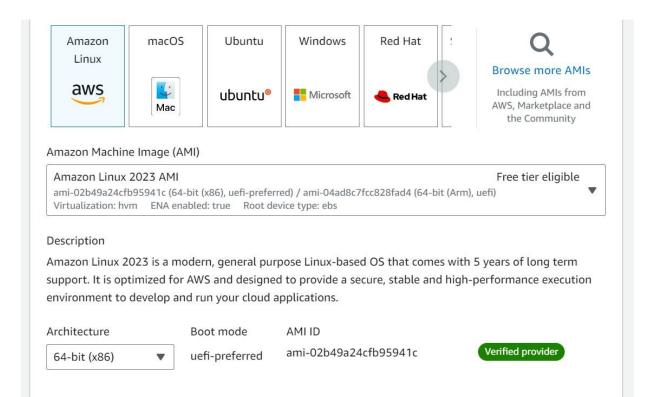






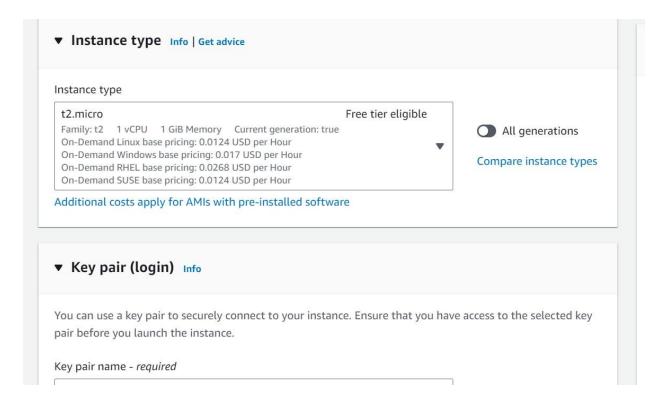






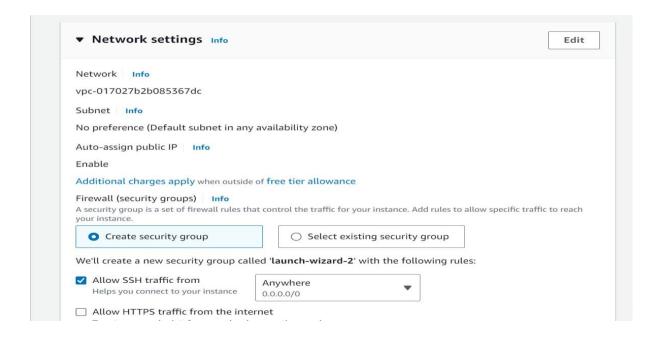






Activity 4.2: Configure Network Settings

Set up the security group to allow HTTP, HTTPS, and SSH traffic.



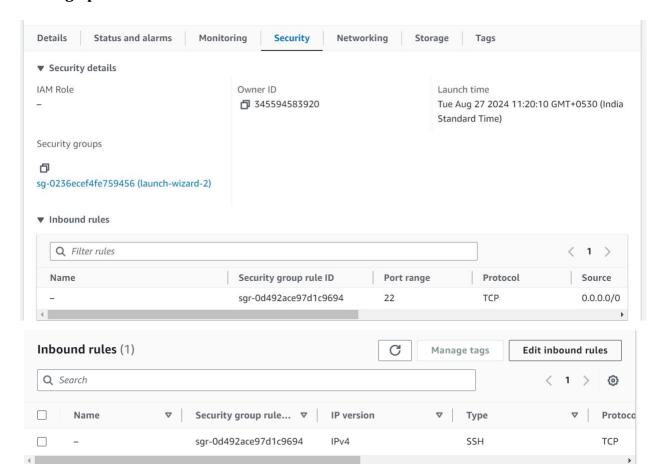




Create and download the key pair for SSH access.

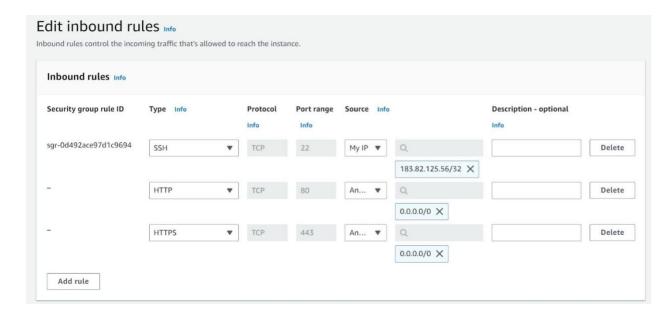


Setting up Inbound and Outbound rules

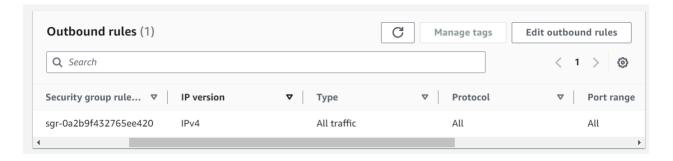








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Milestone 5: Testing and Deployment

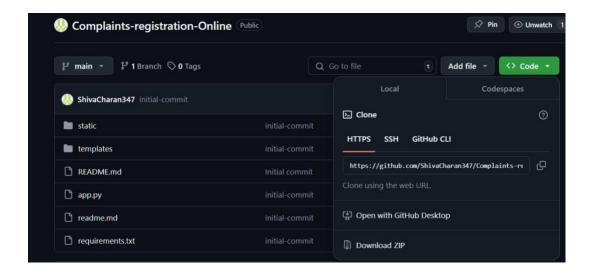
Activity 5.1: Deploy to EC2

- 1. Transfer your application code to the EC2 instance.
- 2. Set up any necessary environment variables, including database connection strings.
- 3. Configure the web server to serve your application.
- 4. Start your application and ensure it's accessible via the EC2 instance's public IP or domain.
- 5. Run the below commands on ec2 terminal
- 6. sudo yum update
- 7. sudo yum install git
- 8. export DB_USER=your_db_username
- 9. export DB_PASSWORD=your_db_password





- 10. export DB_HOST=your_rds_endpoint
- 11. git clone git-repo-link



- 12. sudo yum install pip
- 13. pip install flask flask_login flask_sqlalchemy werkzeug pymysql
- 14. cd your-dir
- 15. python3 app.py

• Activity 5.2 : Launch Flask Application

• Run the Flask app on the EC2 instance

Milestone 6: Testing and Deployment

- Activity 6.1: Functional Testing
 - Test the Telesupport Hub application for functionality, including database interactions and frontend features.
 - o Run the Flask app python3 app.py
 - It will give you the link

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Serving Flask app 'app'
Debug mode: on
RNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a p
Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
ess CTRL+C to quit
Restarting with stat
Debugger is active!
Debugger PIN: 968-863-937
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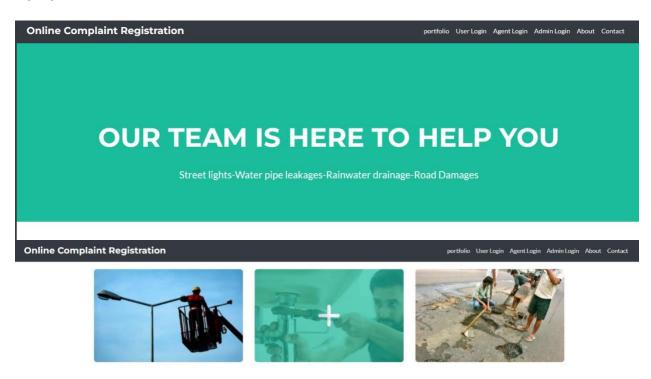


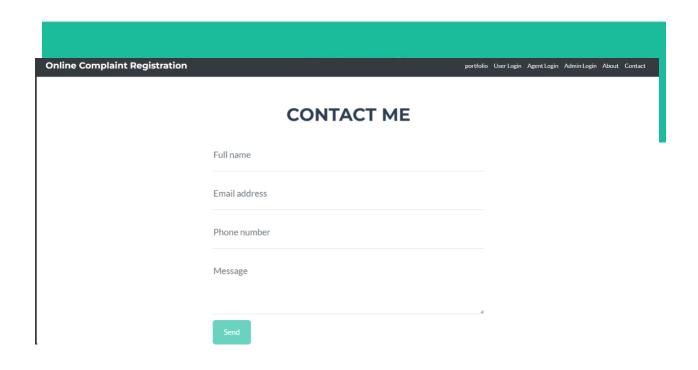
• Activity 6.2: Deployment

• Deploy the application in a production environment, ensuring high availability and performance.

Click on the link above and it will take you to the webpage:

home:

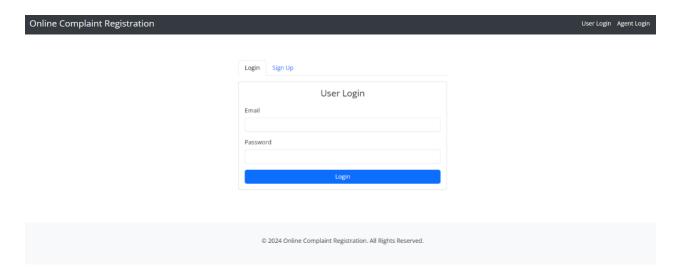




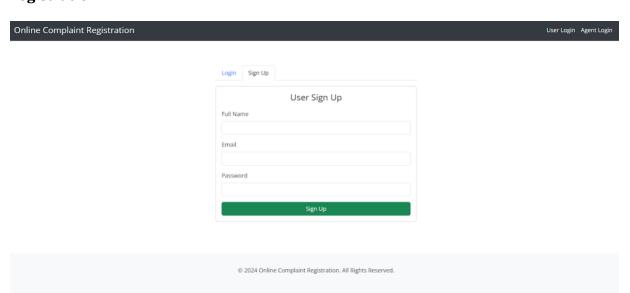




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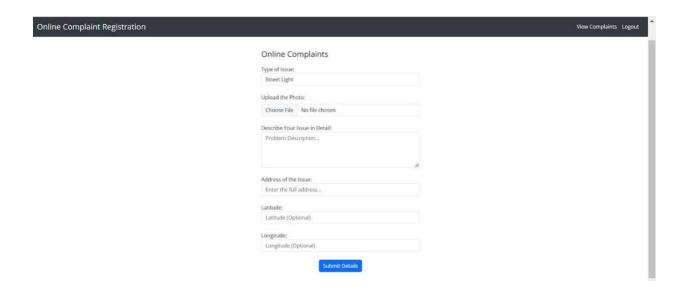


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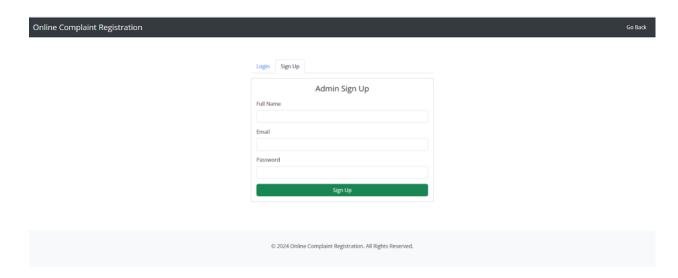
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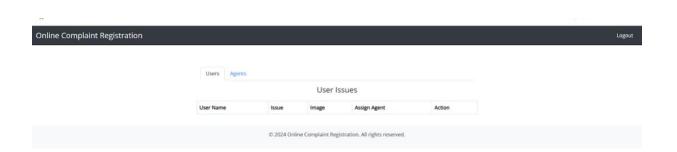


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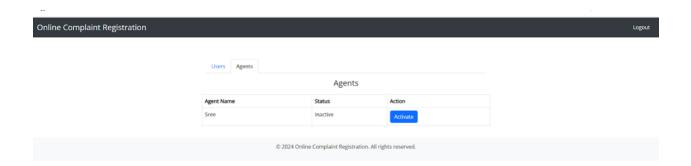




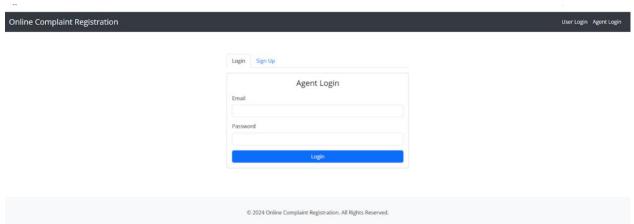




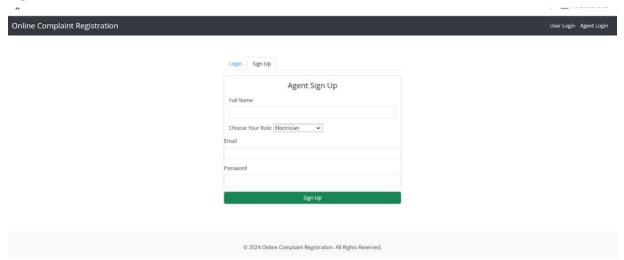




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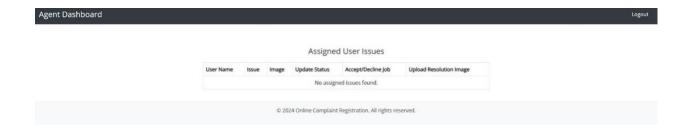


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Milestone 7: Monitoring and Optimization

- Activity 7.1: Performance Monitoring
 - Set up AWS CloudWatch for monitoring EC2 and RDS performance metrics.
 - Implement alerts and notifications for critical performance thresholds.
- Activity 7.2: Optimization
 - Optimize the server and database configurations based on monitoring results, including adjusting instance types and query optimization.

Conclusion:

The **Online Complaints Management and Registration** project exemplifies the development of a robust and scalable Complaint Management using AWS. By leveraging Flask alongside MySQL RDS, it provides efficient data management and secure backend operations. The deployment on AWS EC2 allows for flexible scaling and reliable performance. Each phase, from database configuration to frontend design and deployment, was meticulously executed to ensure a high-quality user experience. Additionally, AWS CloudWatch is utilized to monitor application performance and maintain operational efficiency. Overall, the project showcases how AWS services can effectively support dynamic and scalable customer service solutions in the telecom industry.