AWS RDS Database Security Project

Project Title:

Secure Deployment of MySQL Database using Amazon RDS and EC2

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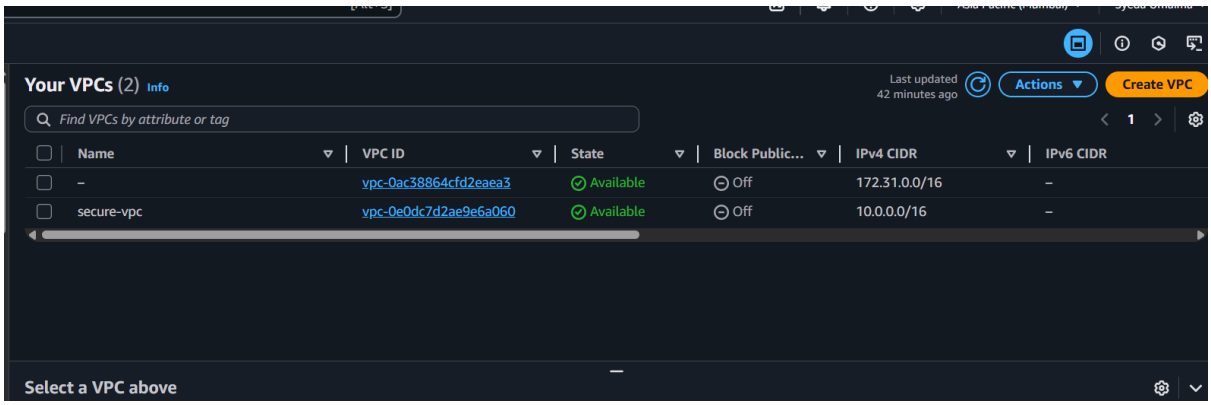
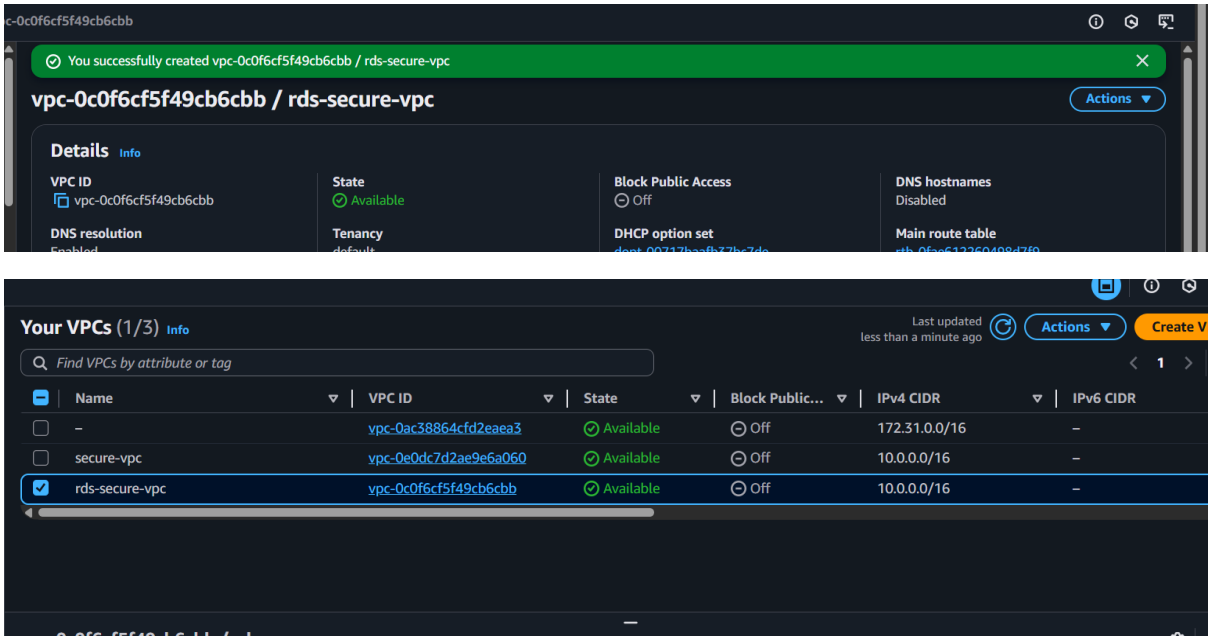
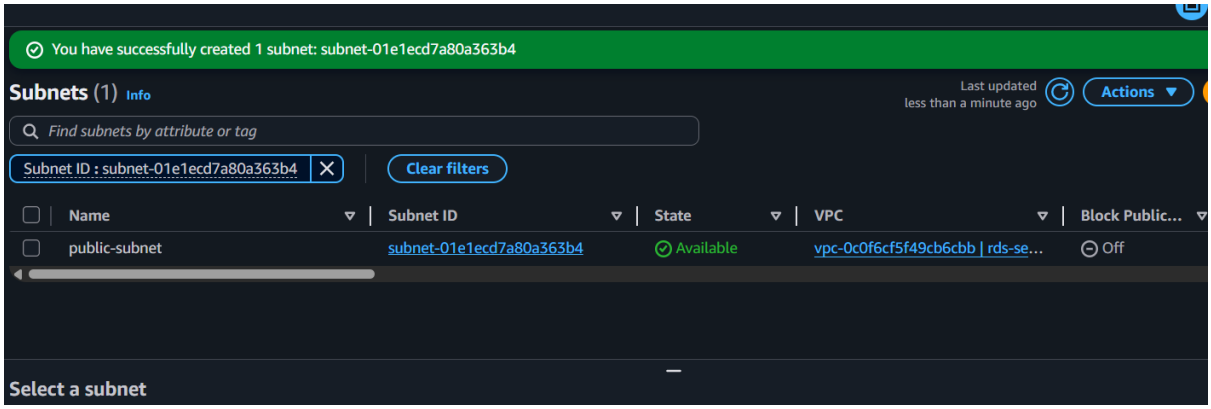
Introduction

The objective of this project was to securely set up an Amazon RDS (Relational Database Service) MySQL instance within a custom Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) on AWS. We created both public and private subnets—placing the RDS instance in the private subnet and the EC2 instance in the public subnet. The EC2 instance was configured to securely connect to the RDS instance using MySQL. Security groups and route tables were carefully configured to ensure that only the EC2 instance could access the database, maintaining strict access control.

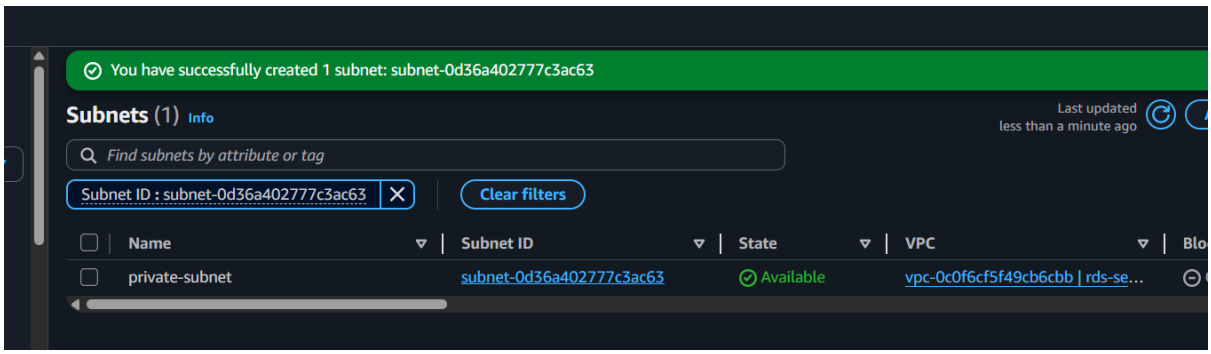




This screenshot shows the creation of a new VPC named rds-secure-vpc with CIDR block 10.0.0.0/16."



This screenshot shows the creation of public-subnet in ap-south-1a with CIDR 10.0.1.0/24



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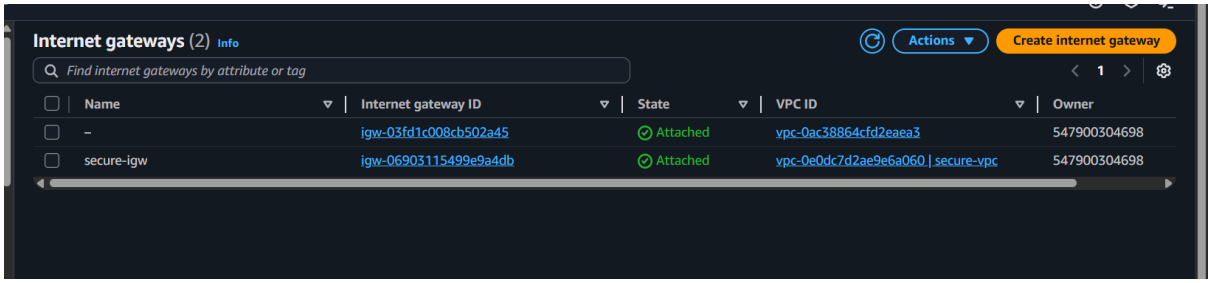
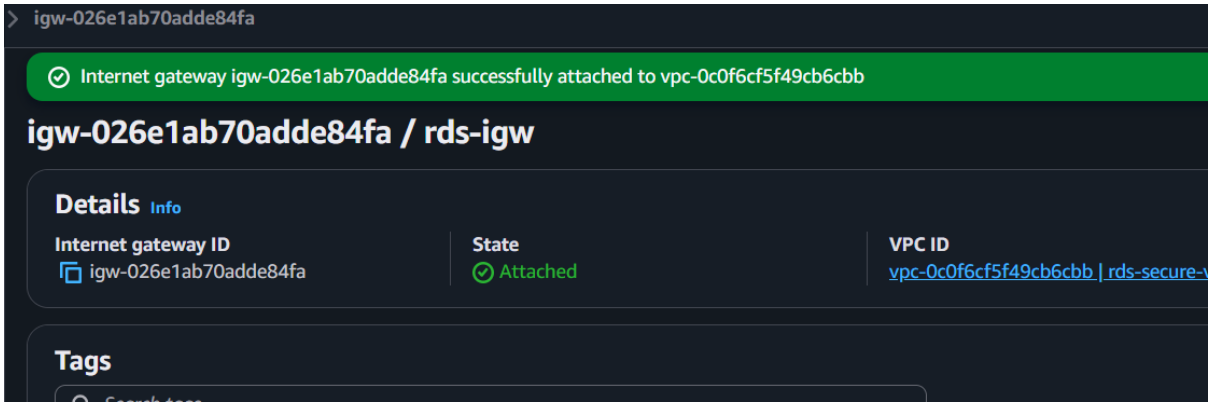
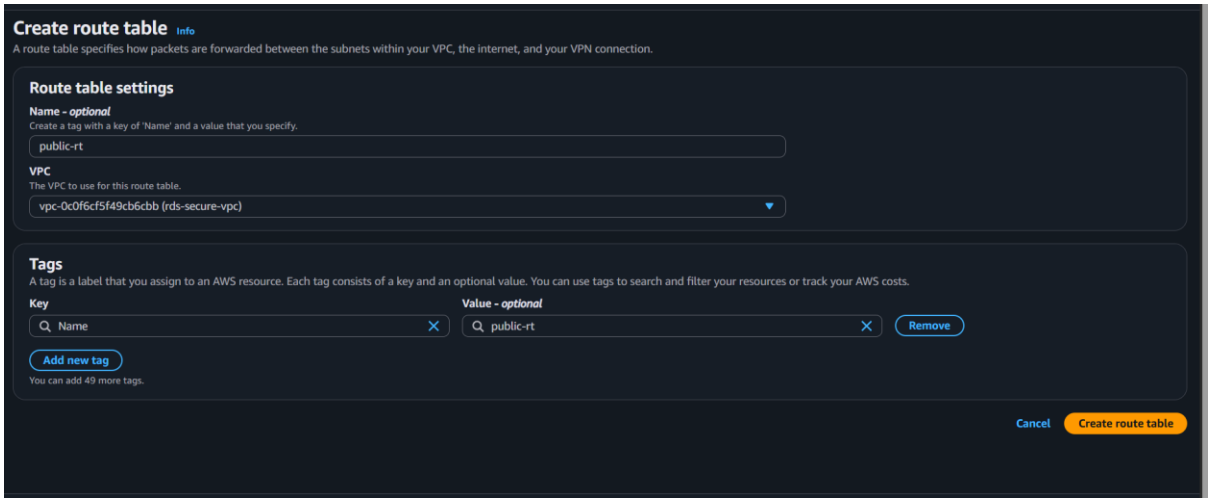
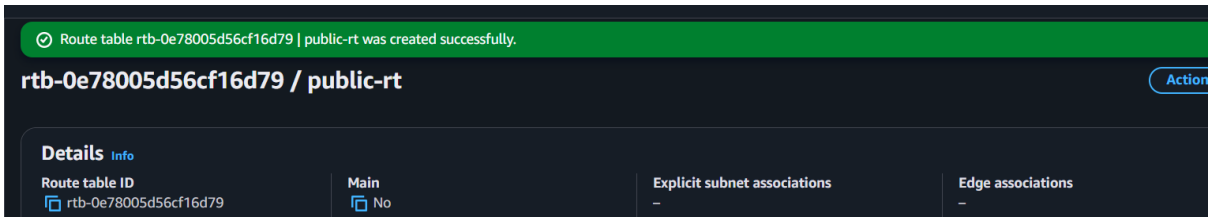




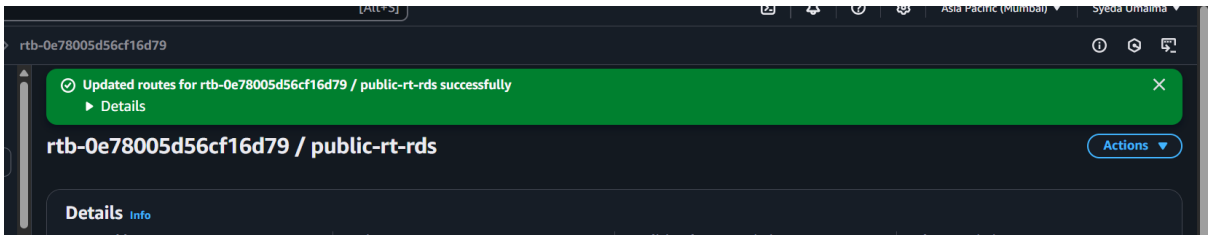
This screenshot shows the creation and attachment of rds-igw Internet Gateway to rds-secure-vpc."



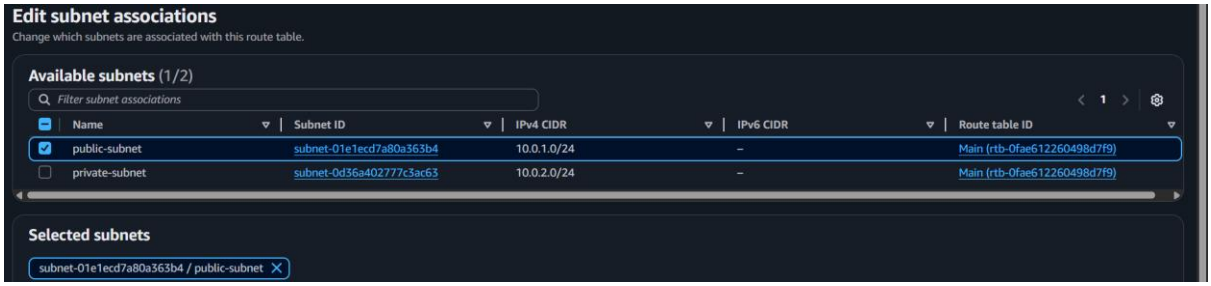


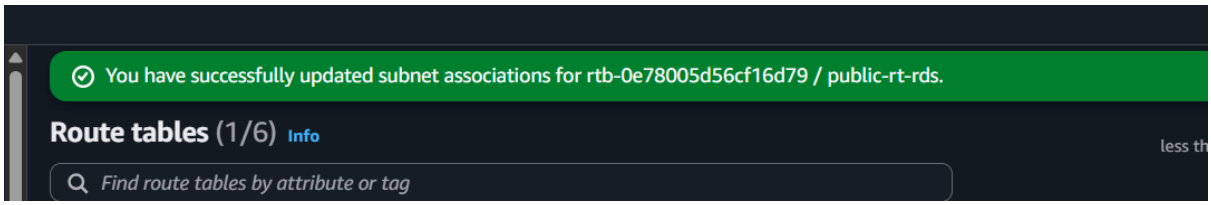
This screenshot shows the creation of public-rt for rds-secure-vpc.

I rename public-rt to public-rt-rds

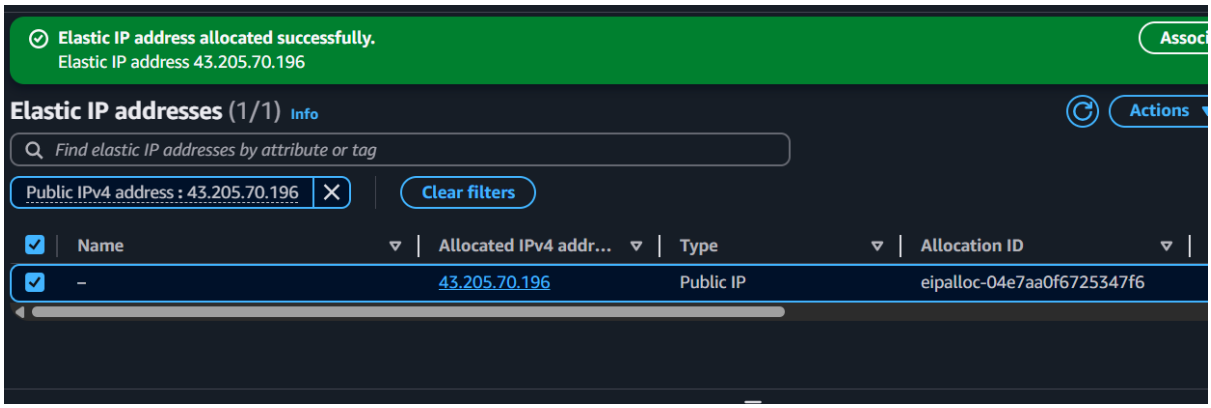


This screenshot shows adding route 0.0.0.0/0 pointing to rds-igw in public-rt

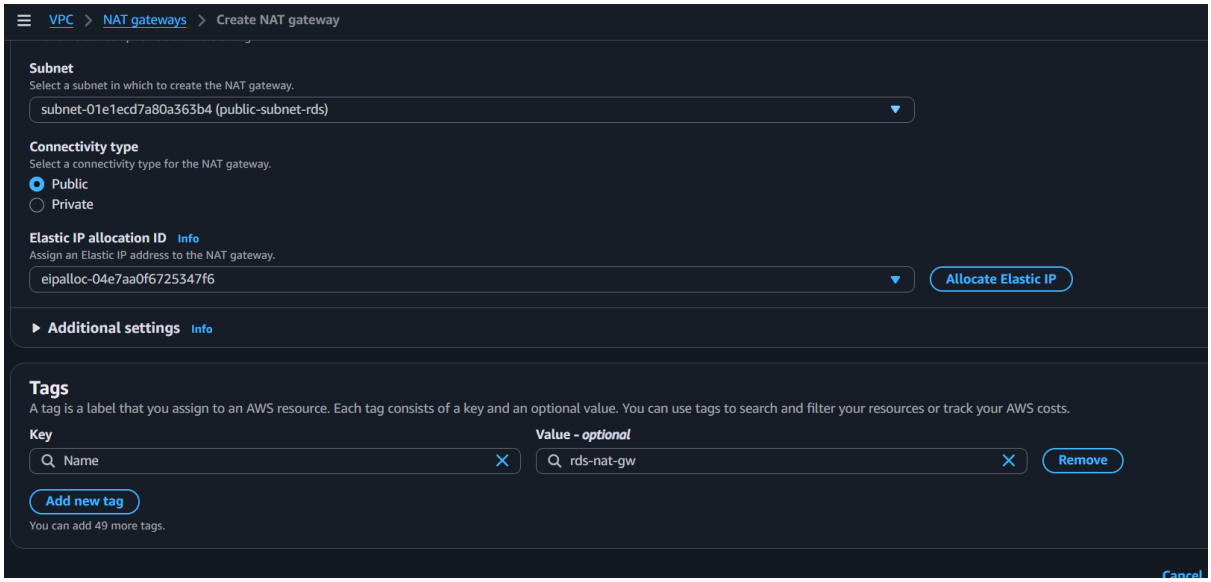


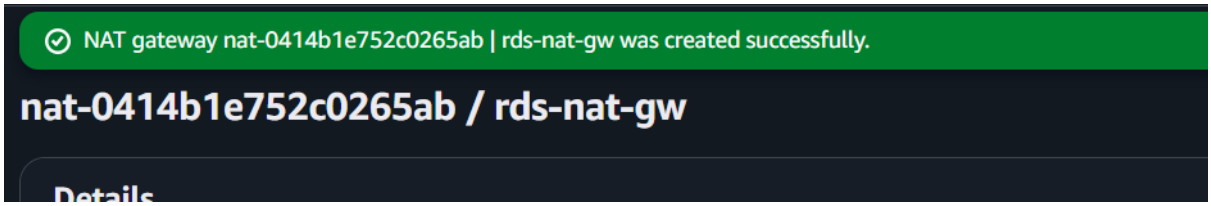


This screenshot shows associating public-subnet with public-rt

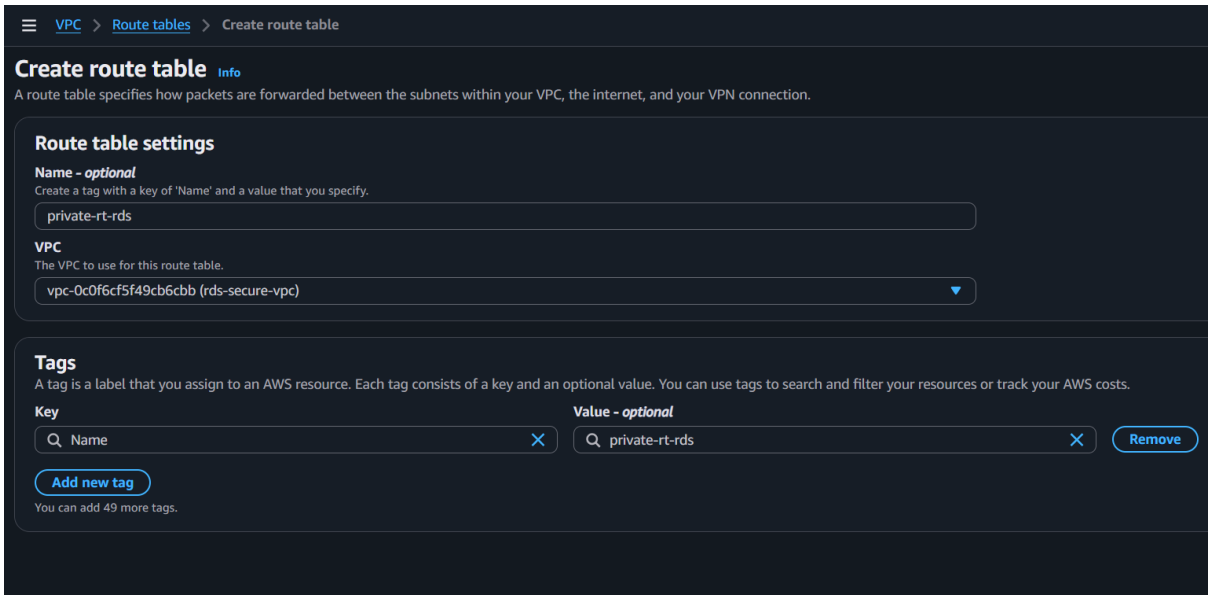


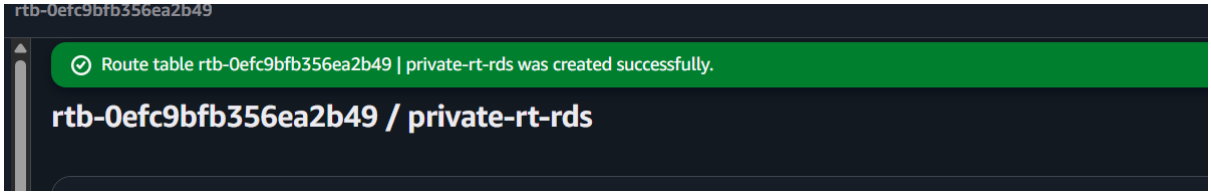
This screenshot shows allocating a new Elastic IP for the NAT Gateway.



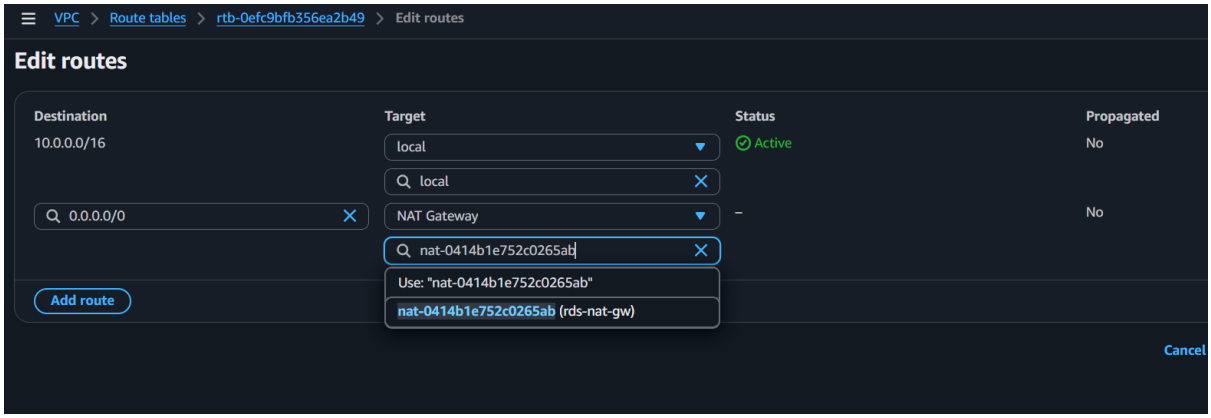


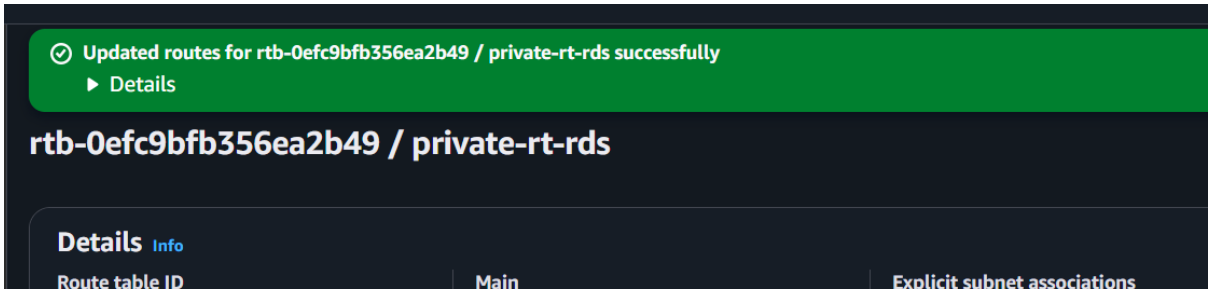
This screenshot shows creating the rds-nat-gw in the public-subnet with the Elastic IP attached.





This screenshot shows creating private-rt-rds for the private subnet in rds-secure-vpc





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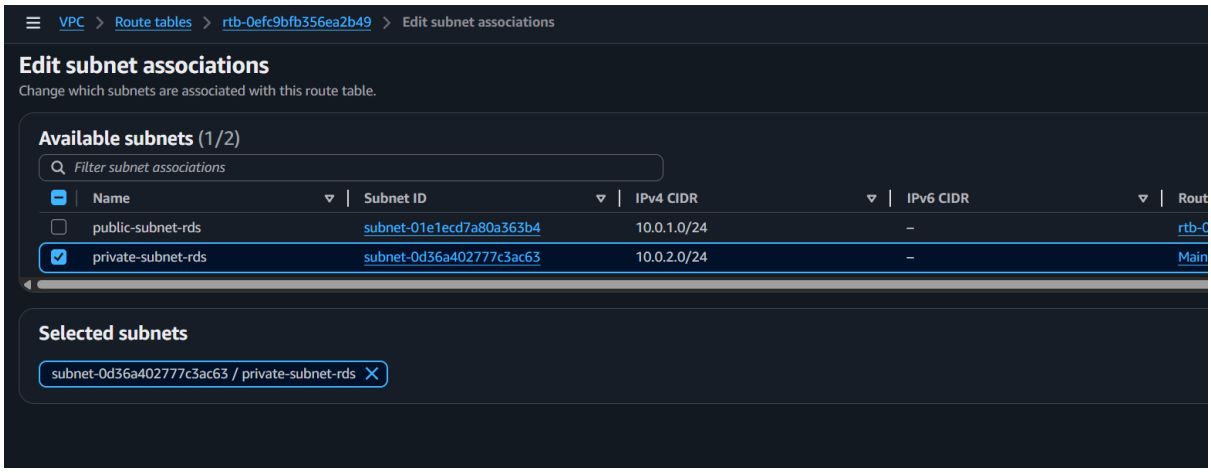

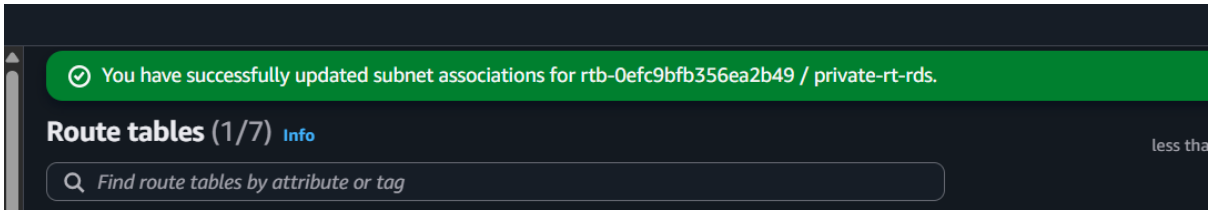

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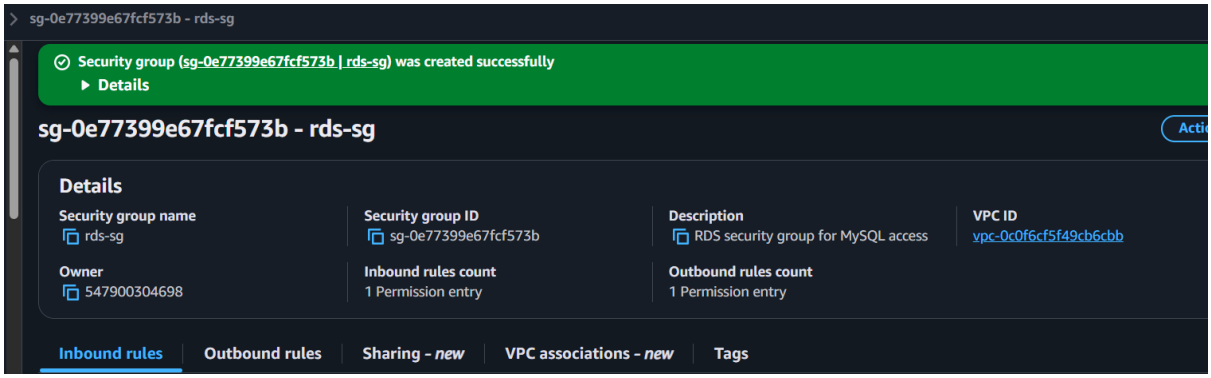
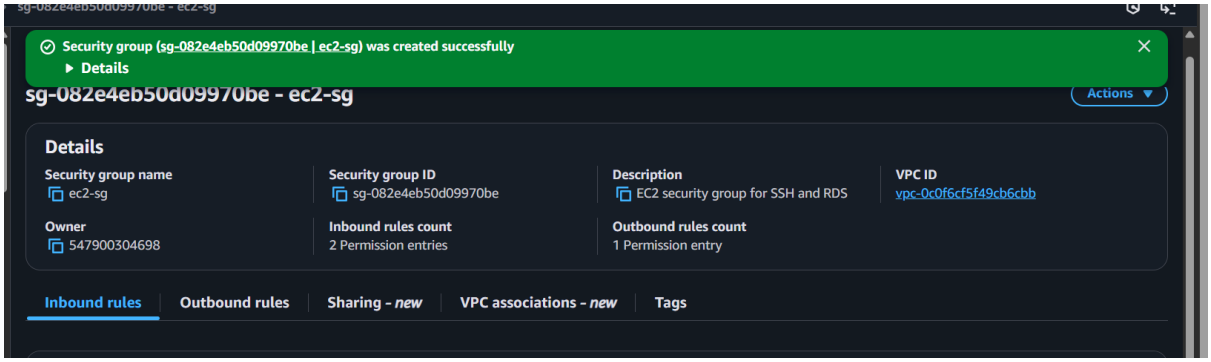
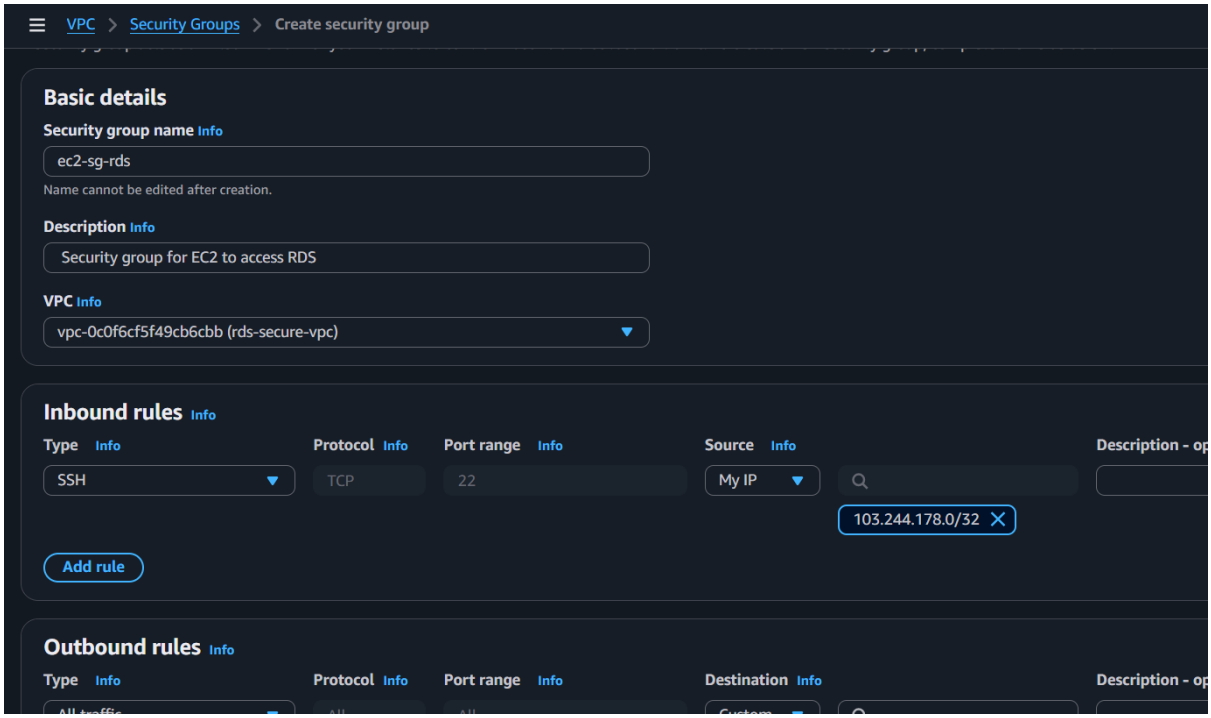
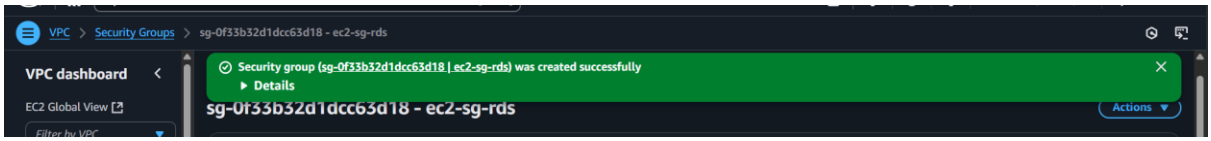


This screenshot shows creation of rds-sg to allow MySQL access from EC2.

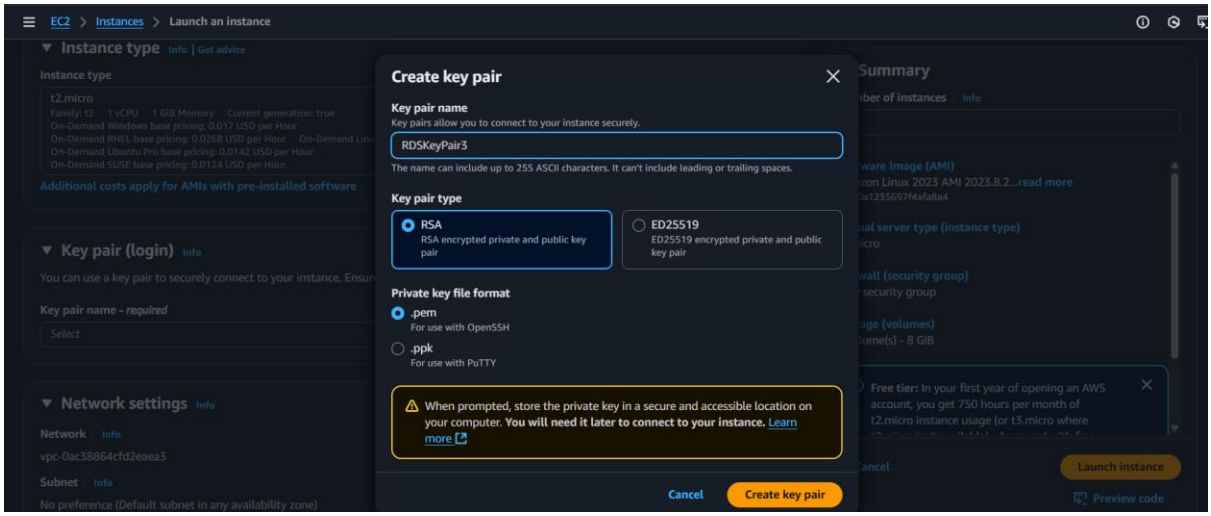


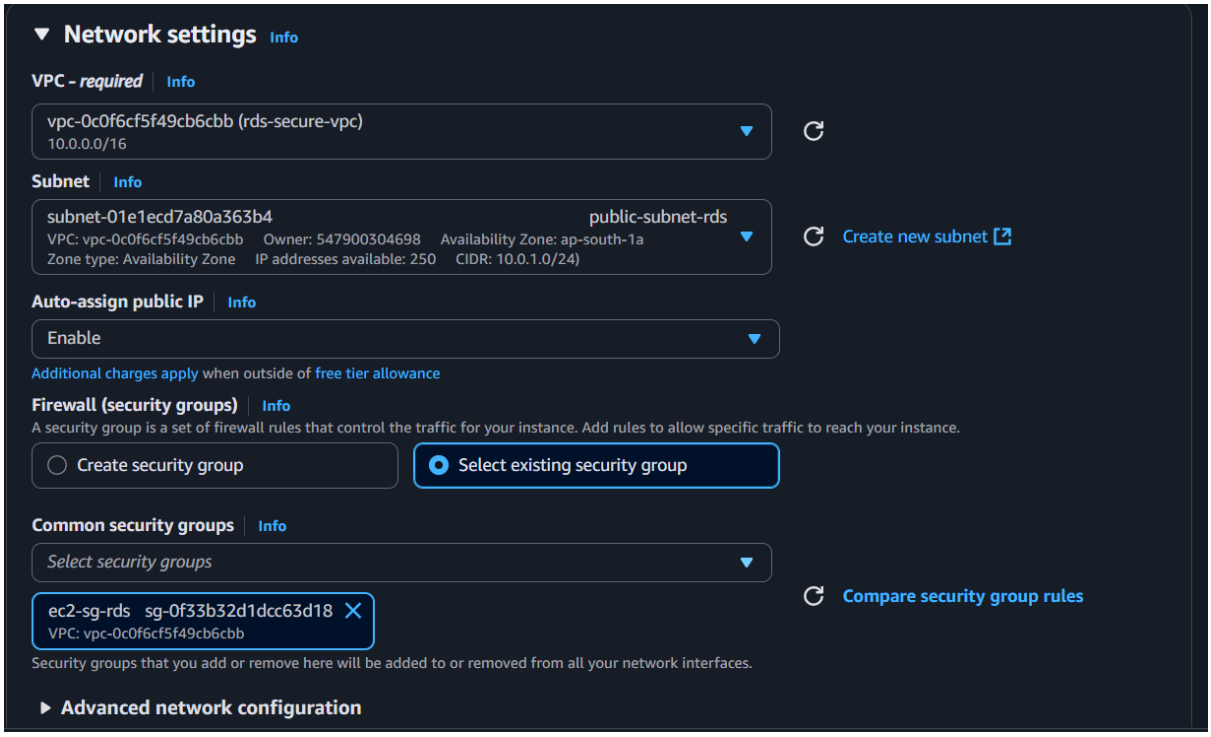
This screenshot shows creation of ec2-sg to allow SSH from user and access to RDS.





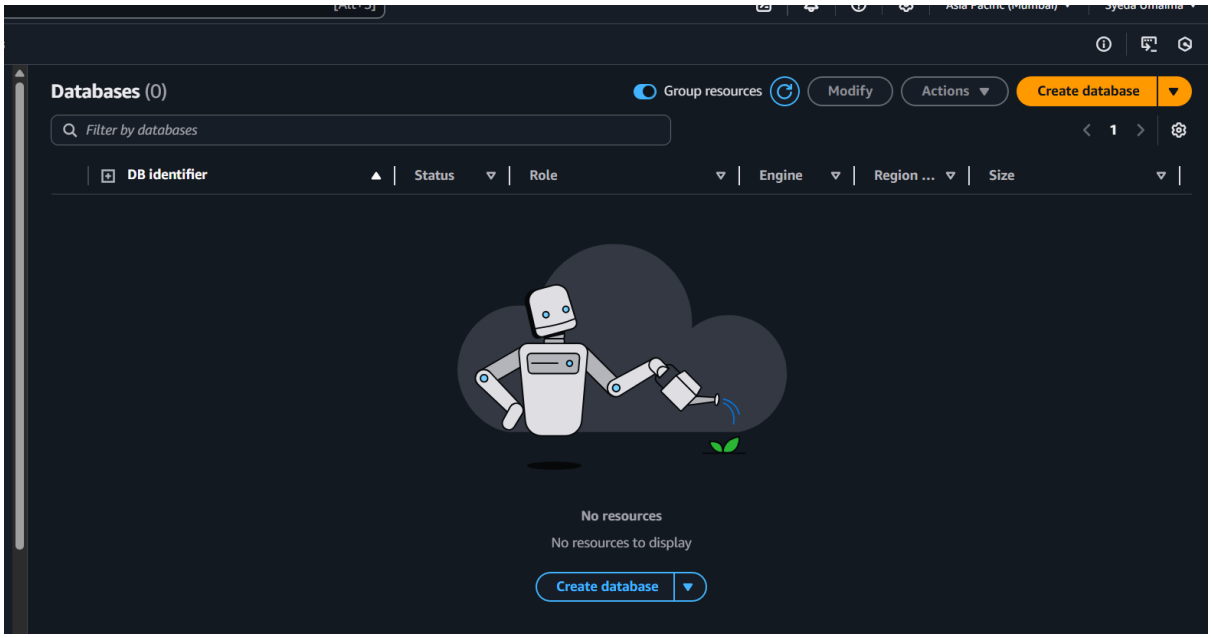
EC2 instance ke liye SSH access dene ke liye ec2-sg-rds security group banaya gaya with My IP as inbound source.

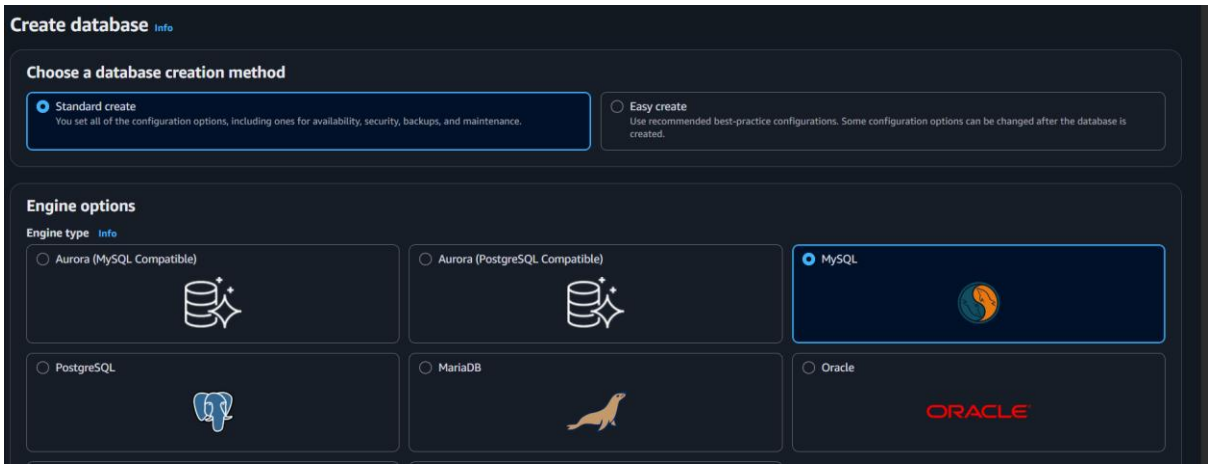


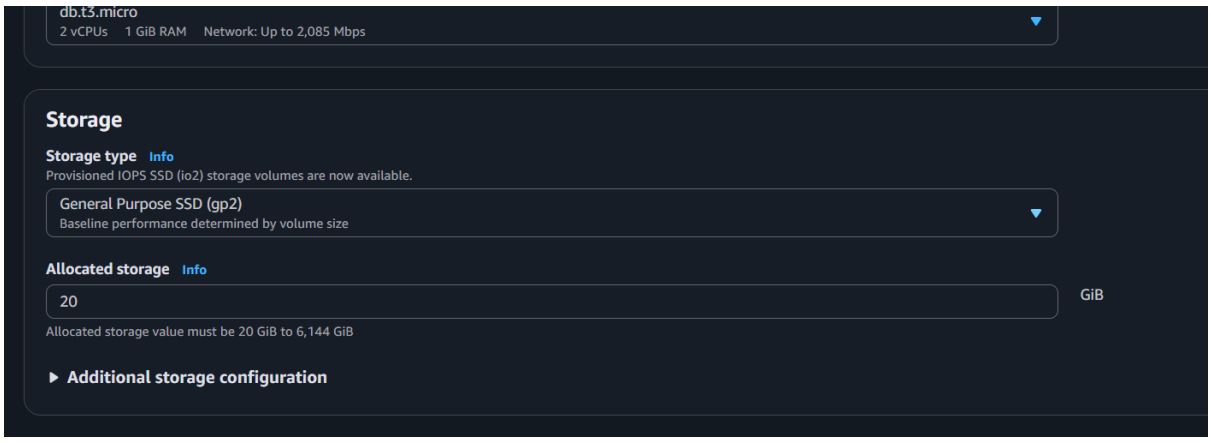


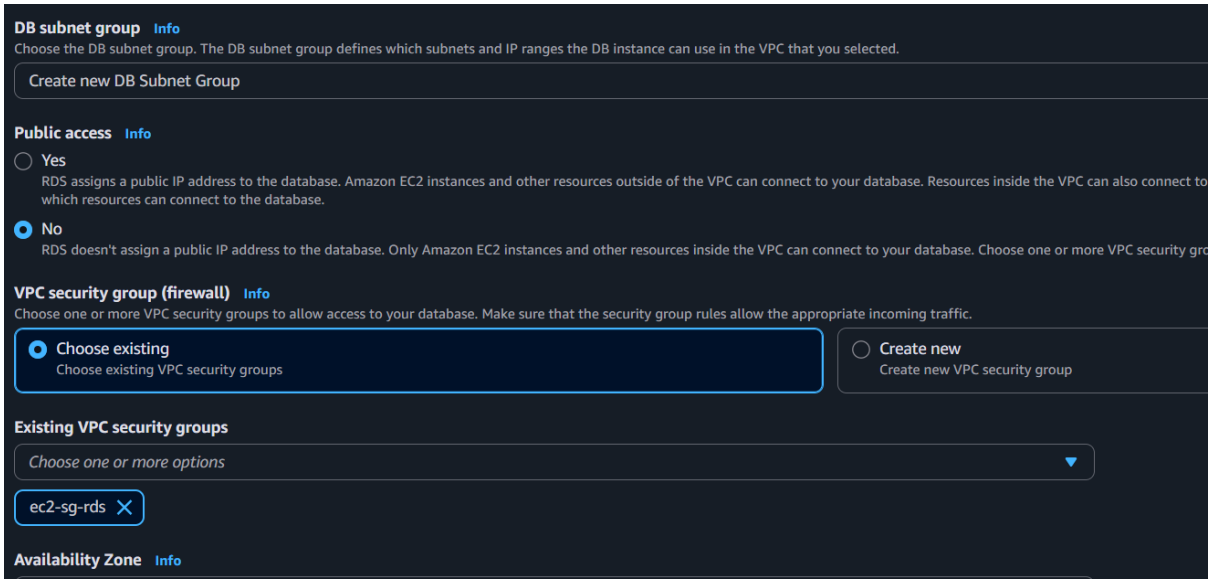
Configuring EC2 instance with public subnet and security group allowing SSH access from My IP

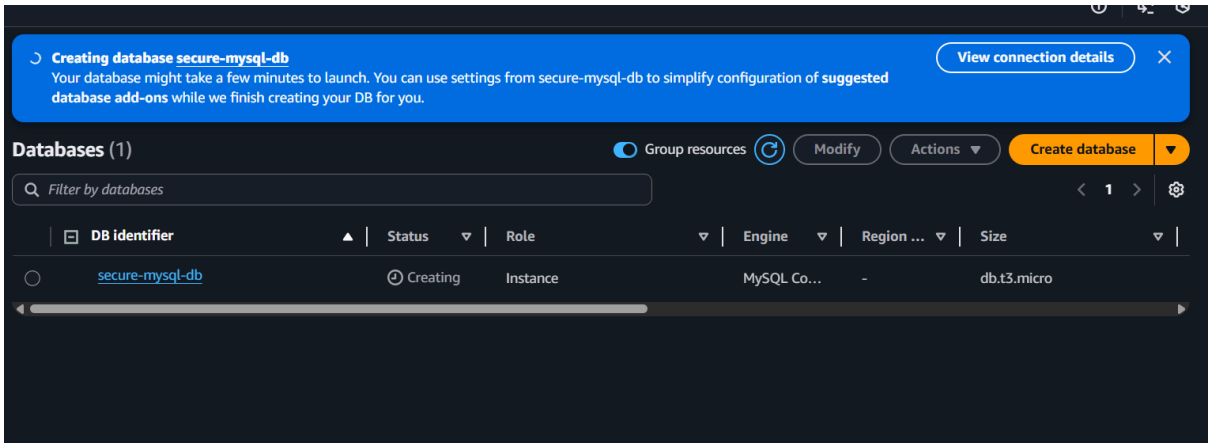
Now we are going to create database

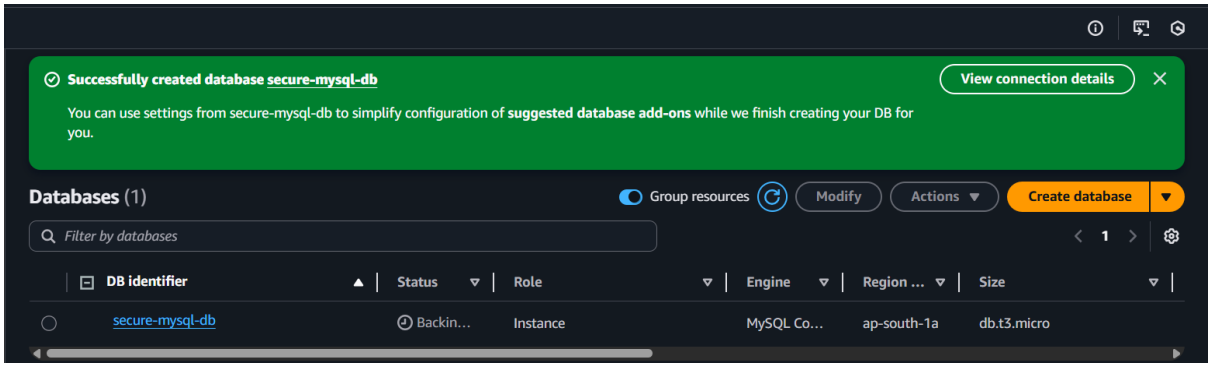






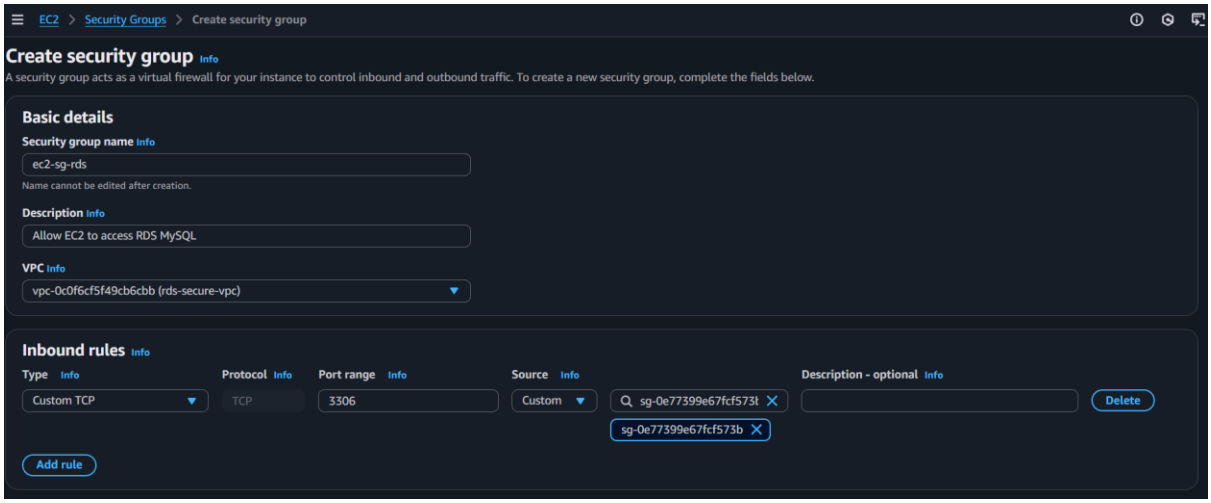


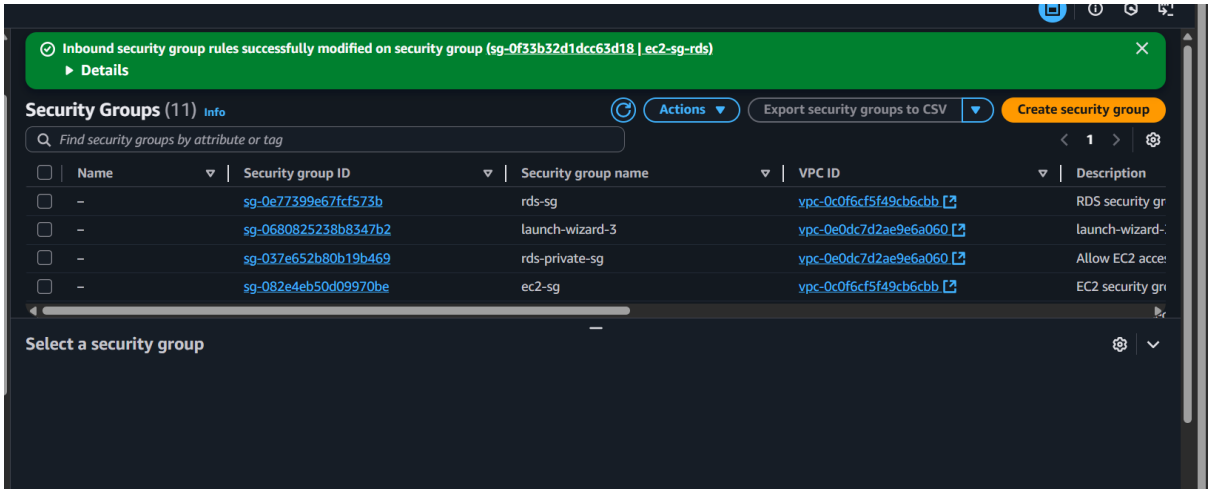




Created a MySQL RDS instance named secure-mysql-db in secure-vpc using the Free Tier template with version 8.0.41.
Configured private subnet group private-subnet-group, disabled public access, and attached custom security group ec2-sg-rds.
Enabled password authentication, automated backups (1-day retention), and used db.t3.micro instance with 20 GiB gp2 storage.

Create EC2 Security Group (ec2-sg) and Allow RDS Access





Added an inbound rule in ec2-sg-rds to allow incoming MySQL traffic (port 3306) from EC2 security group ec2-sg.

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hp@LAPTOP-GKL13PH0 MINGW64 ~ (master)
$ cd Downloads/

hp@LAPTOP-GKL13PH0 MINGW64 ~/Downloads (master)
$ ssh -i RDSKeyPair3.pem ec2-user@43.205.217.178
The authenticity of host '43.205.217.178 (43.205.217.178)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:1lZ7dPzel1BQshkXTdePt6higqm0p2qz8Qo160i3CAc.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '43.205.217.178' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts
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   ,     #_
   ~\_  ####_        Amazon Linux 2023
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  ~~       \#/ ___   https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023
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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ sudo yum install mariadb105 -y
Amazon Linux 2023 Kernel Livepatch repository   164 kB/s |  17 kB     00:00
Dependencies resolved.
================================================================================
 Package                     Arch    Version                     Repository   Size
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Installing:
 mariadb105                  x86_64 3:10.5.29-1.amzn2023.0.1    amazonlinux 1.5 M
Installing dependencies:
 mariadb-connector-c         x86_64 3.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1       amazonlinux 211 k
 mariadb-connector-c-config  noarch 3.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1       amazonlinux 9.9 k
 mariadb105-common           x86_64 3:10.5.29-1.amzn2023.0.1    amazonlinux  28 k
 perl-Sys-Hostname           x86_64 1.23-477.amzn2023.0.7       amazonlinux  16 k

Transaction Summary
================================================================================
Install  5 Packages

Total download size: 1.8 M
Installed size: 19 M
Downloading Packages:
(1/5): mariadb-connector-c-config-3.3.10-1.amzn 309 kB/s | 9.9 kB     00:00
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Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ mysql -h secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds
.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u admin -p
Enter password:

ERROR 2002 (HY000): Can't connect to MySQL server on 'secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com' (115)
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$
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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ nslookup secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com
Server:         10.0.0.2
Address:        10.0.0.2#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com
Address: 10.0.1.151

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ mysql -h secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u admin -p
Enter password:
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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ mysql -h secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u admin -p
Enter password:
123
ERROR 2002 (HY000): Can't connect to MySQL server on 'secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com' (115)
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ 123
-bash: 123: command not found
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-233 ~]$ mysql -h secure-mysql-db.ctemmygso9wa.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u admin -p
Enter password:
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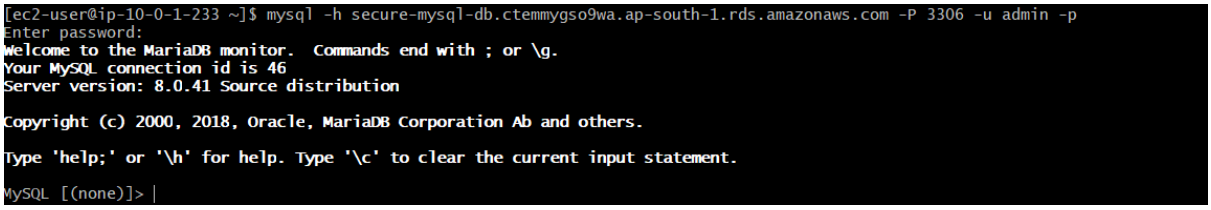
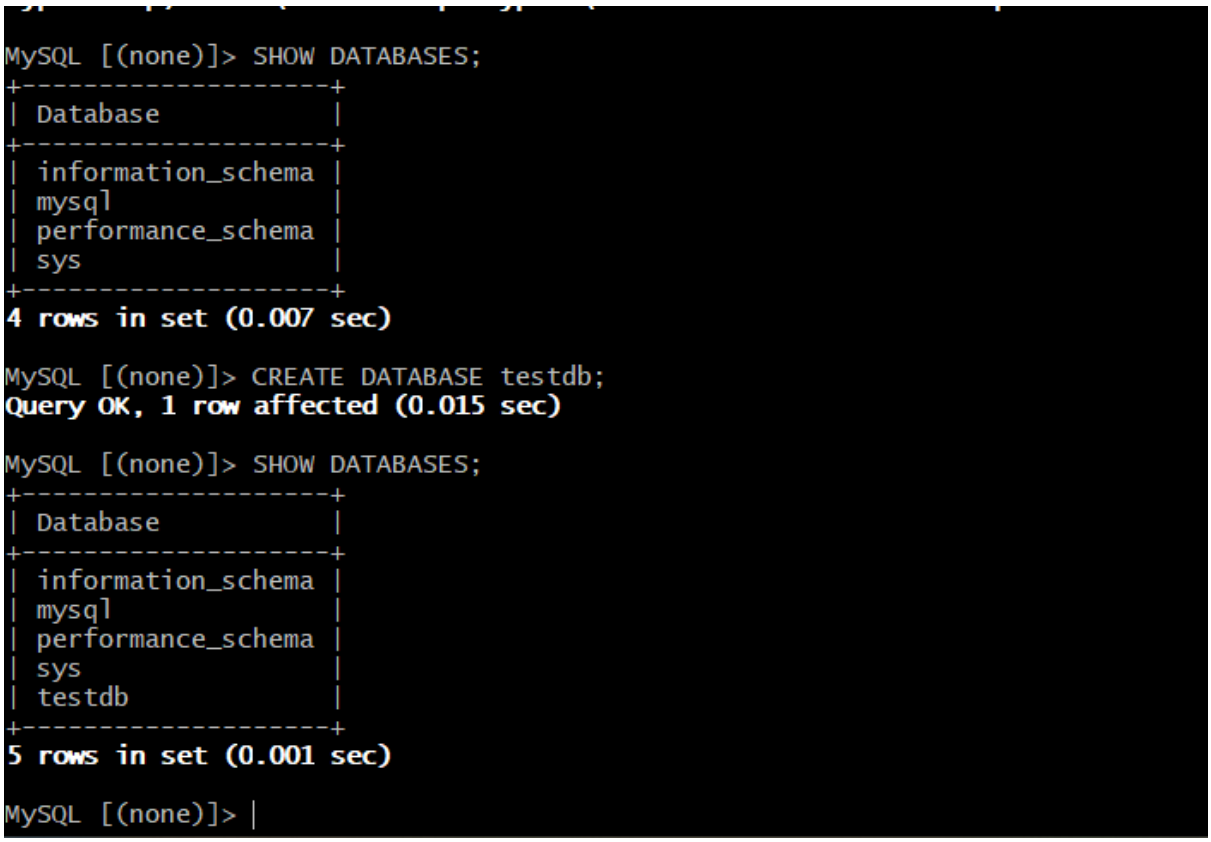
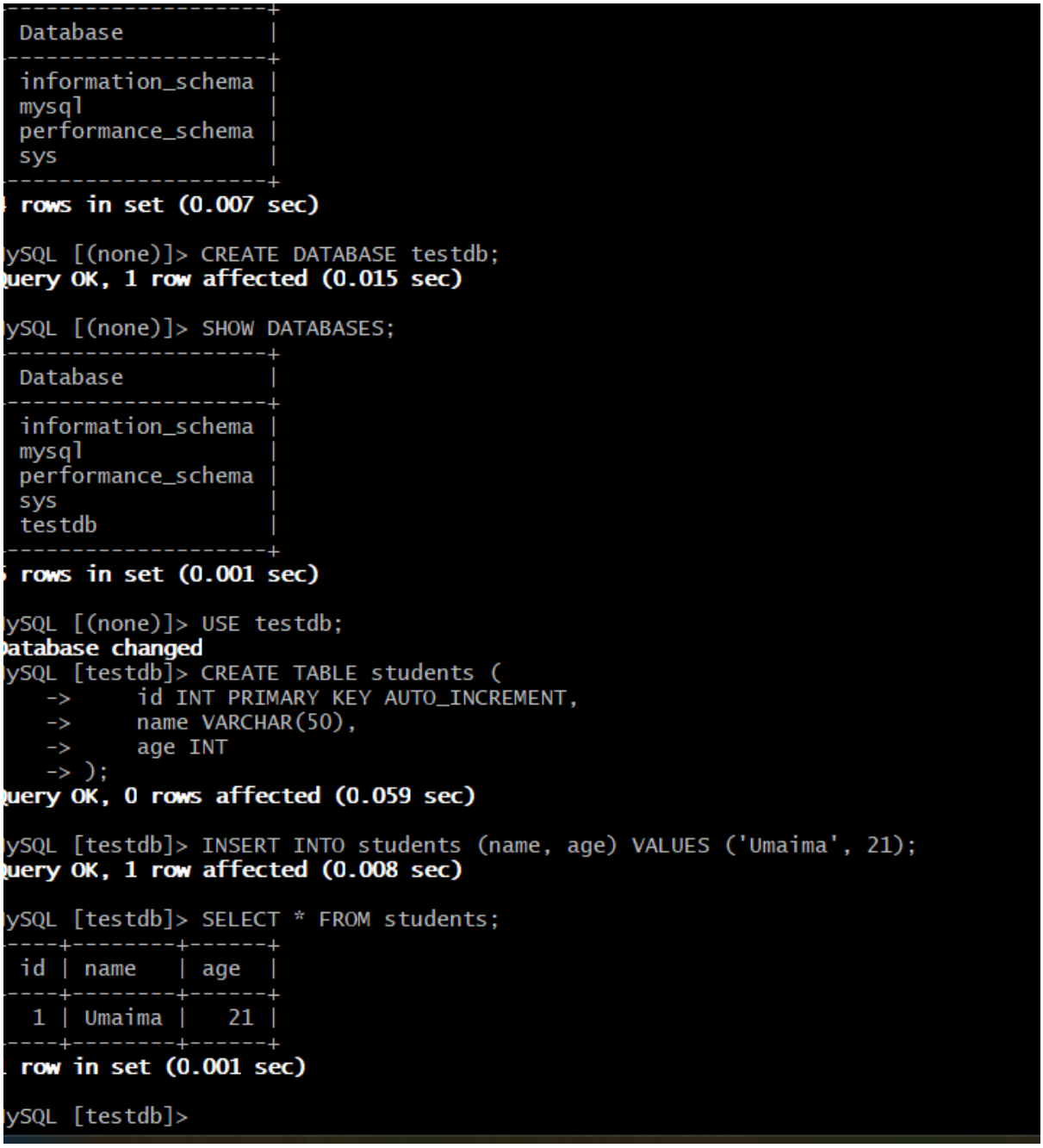
after so many troubleshooting



Connected EC2 instance to private RDS MySQL using secure VPC, custom security groups, and MySQL client via terminal on port 3306.



This command creates a new database named testdb to verify write access on the RDS instance.
I can run any database query from there



Through this project, we successfully deployed a secure RDS MySQL database and tested its connectivity using an EC2 instance. We implemented best practices such as network isolation, restricted access using security groups, and private subnet placement for the database. This project strengthened our understanding of secure cloud-based database deployment and laid a solid foundation for future production-level implementations.