NI6504 ASSIGNMENT 2

Cloud Computing

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Introduction

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In this report we perform some hands-on tasks of creating a new VPC (virtual private console), launching an EC2 (elastic computing 2) instance, creating an Amazon RDS (relational database) DB instance and installing a web server on the EC2 instance. These are completed in our AWS (amazon web services) sandbox environment supported with 20 screenshots of which will demonstrate the carrying out of these specified tasks.

We simply create a new virtual network, set up a virtual computer, create online database and install a web server on our computer to host websites.

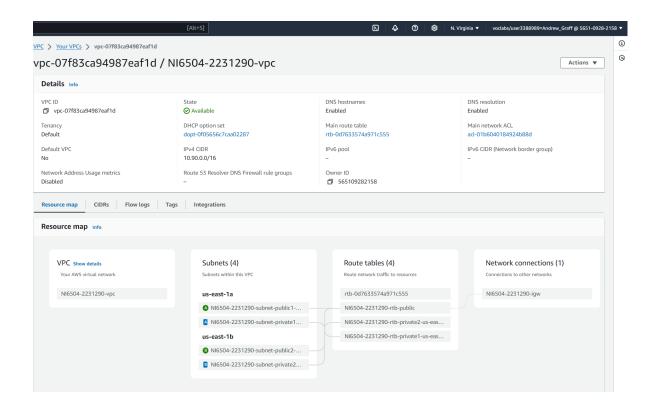
Each image will show legibility, accuracy, completeness and correctness as per instructions. There are screenshots of VPC set up for the DB instance, security groups that were created for the public web server and private DB instance and attached to our VPC. A DB subnet group was created

The second part of this report is a discussion of what was involved to achieve the tasks required. We discuss troubleshooting processes and methods to obtain the screenshots within restraints which in this case was time and the familiarity with AWS and the various tools for set up.

1: Create VPC for use with DB instance (IPv4 only)

Use the following information:

- Name tag auto-generation NI6504-2231290
- IPv4 CIDR block 10.90.0.0/16
- IPv6 CIDR block No IPv6 CIDR block
- Tenancy Default
- Number of Availability Zones (AZs) 2
- Customize AZs Keep the default values.
- Number of public subnet 2
- Number of private subnets 2
- Customize subnets CIDR blocks Keep the default values.
- NAT gateways (\$) None
- VPC endpoints None
- DNS options Keep the default values.



2: Create VPC Security Group for Public Web Server and attach to the VPC you have just created

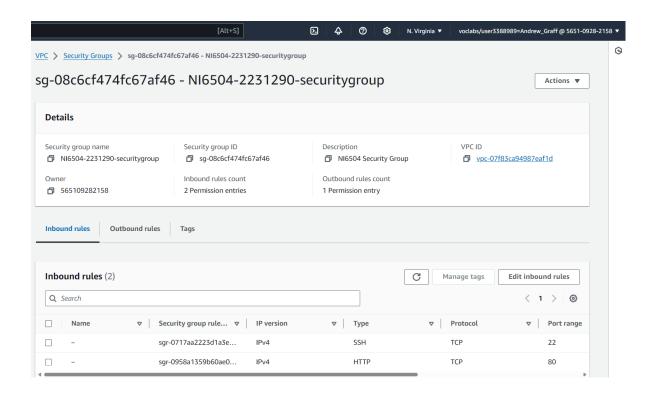
Use the following Information:

• Security group name: NI6504-2231290-security group

Description: NI6504 Security Group

Inbound Rules:

- Allow SSH access to ONLY your PC IP Address.
 (Note, if you are behind a DNAT Wireless setup, you may have to use
 0.0.0.0/0. Remember that this is very unsafe and will only be used in for this assessment)
- Allow HHTP from anywhere.



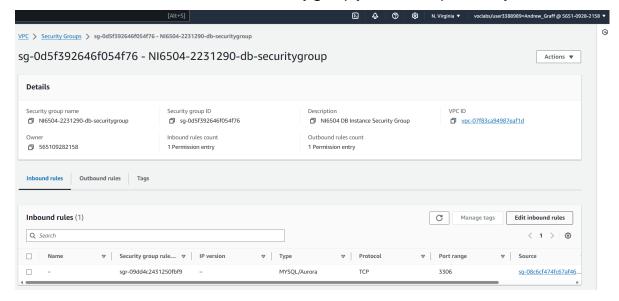
3: Create VPC Security Group for Private DB Instance.

Use the following information:

- Security group name: NI6504-2231290-db-securitygroup
- Description: NI6504 DB Instance Security Group

Inbound Rules:

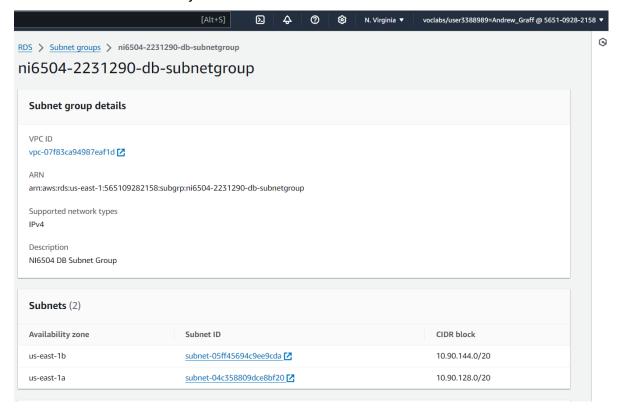
- Type: MySQL/Aurora
- Source: The identifier of the security group you created previously



4: Create a DB Subnet Group from the RDS Dashboard

Use the following information:

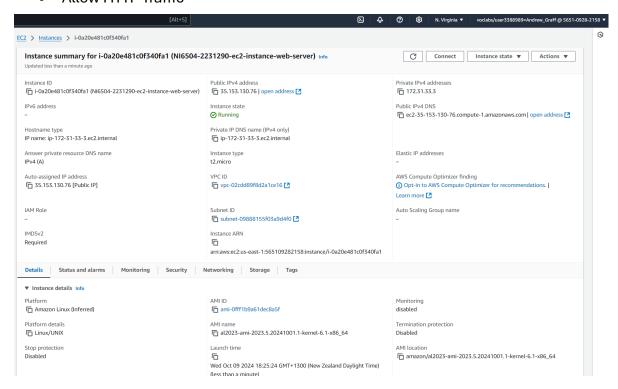
- The private Subnet ID Information for each of the 2 private subnets that have been created.
- Name: ni6504-2231290-db-subnetgroup
- Description: NI6504 DB Subnet Group
- Chose the correct VPC
- Select 2 Availability Zones and add one of the Private Subnets to each



5: Create and Launch EC2 Instance

Use the following information:

- Name and Tag: NI6504-2231290-ec2-instance-web-server
- Application and OS Image: Amazon Linux / Amazon Linux 2023 AMI
- Type: t2.micro
- Create a new Key Pair (Login) called NI6504
- Allow SSH traffic from either: your IP or 0.0.0.0/0 if you are behind a wireless router (Only for this assignment. This is not a good security practice)
- Allow HTTPs Traffic
- Allow HTTP Traffic



6: Create Maria DB database in RDS Console

Use the following Information:

Template: Free Tier

• DB Instance Identifier: NI6504-Andrew

• User Name : Your_Andrew

Password : NI6504-2231290

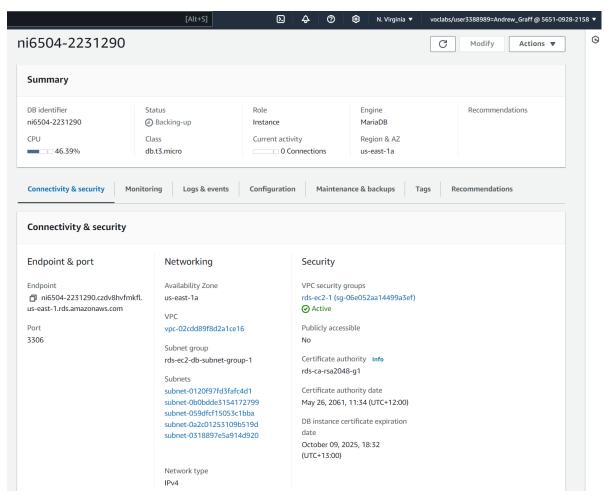
• Instance: Burstable

db.t3.micro

Connectivity: Connect to EC2 Compute Resource

• EC2 Instance: Your EC2 Instance you have created

Initial DB Name: NI6504



(Take note of your Endpoint and Port)

ni6504-2231290.czdv8hvfmkfl.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com port 3306

7: Install Apache Webserver with PHP and MariaDB

(use the 'systemctl status' command for apache2 here)

8: PHP

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9: MariaDB

(use a CLI command to confirm that MariaDB is functional here)

10: Start the Apache2 Service.

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11. Access the Web Application and make sure the Web Server Instance we can be accessed from the internet.



(This will be the Apache2 Default Webpage)

12: Trouble Shoot CLI connection to google.com from your EC2 Instance

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Services Q Search
                                                                                                                                        CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
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                                        -28003 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
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Oct 09 06:09:12 ip-172-31-33-3.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...

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Oct 09 06:09:12 ip-172-31-33-3.ec2.internal httpd[28000]: Server configured, listening on: port 80

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 -]$ ping 8.8.8.8

PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=58 time=1.85 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=58 time=1.81 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=58 time=1.87 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=58 time=1.91 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=58 time=1.75 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=7 ttl=58 time=1.91 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=58 time=1.91 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=9 ttl=58 time=1.92 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=9 ttl=58 time=1.96 ms
  C---8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
9 packets transmitted, 9 received, 0% packet loss, time 8015ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.752/1.898/2.156/0.111 ms
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3]$ nslookup google.com
                                        172.31.0.2
172.31.0.2#53
  Server:
 Non-authoritative answer:
 Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.102
  Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.113
  Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.139
 Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.101
 Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.138
  Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.100
 Name: google.com
Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::64
  Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::65
 Name: google.com
Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::71
 Name: google.com
Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::8a
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13: Create new file in /var/www/inc called dbinfo.inc and add the following lines:

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<?phpdefine('DB_SERVER', 'ni6504-2231290.czdv8hvfmkfl.us-east-
1.rds.amazonaws.com ');
define('DB_USERNAME', 'Andrew');
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'NI6504-2231290');
define('DB_DATABASE', 'NI6504');?>
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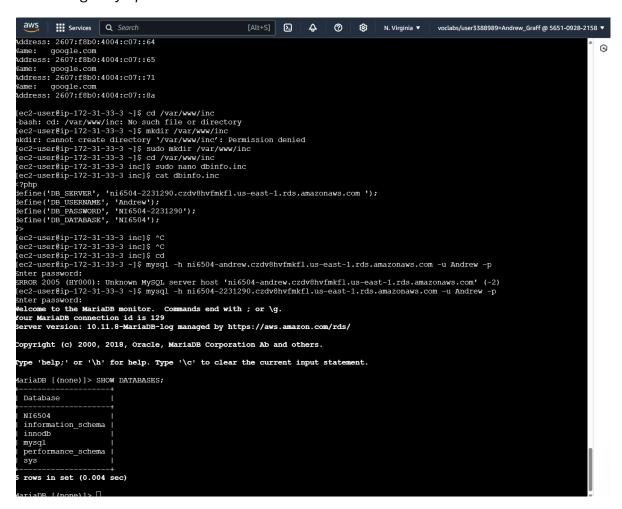
Note: The items in RED are specific to your installation. You must use your configuration information.

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64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=58 time=2.16 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=58 time=1.87 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=5 ttl=58 time=1.96 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=58 time=1.75 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8: icmp_seq=7 ttl=58 time=1.91 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=8 ttl=58 time=1.82 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=9 ttl=58 time=1.96 ms
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on-authoritative answer:
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address: 172.253.115.102
 Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.113
Name: google.com
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Name: google.com
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Name: google.com
Address: 172.253.115.100
 Name: google.com
Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::64
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Name: google.com
Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::71
 Name: google.com
Address: 2607:f8b0:4004:c07::8a
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 ~ ]$ cd /var/www/inc
-bash: cd: /var/www/inc: No such file or directory
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 ~ ]$ mkdir /var/www/inc
mkdir: cannot create directory '/var/www/inc': Permission denied
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 ~ ]$ sudo mkdir /var/www/inc
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 ~ ]$ cd /var/www/inc
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 inc]$ sudo nano dbinfo.inc
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 inc]$ cat dbinfo.inc

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-33-3 inc]$ [
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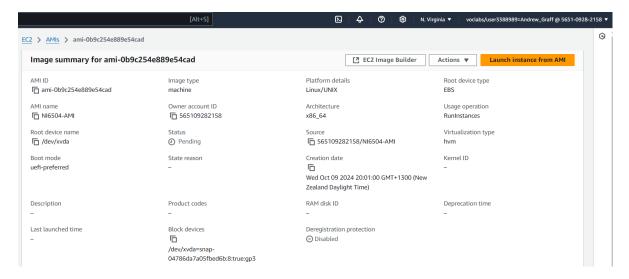
(Cat your dbinfo.inc file)

14. Troubleshoot the connection to MariaDB RDS and check existing database on **RDS** using a *mysql* CLI command:

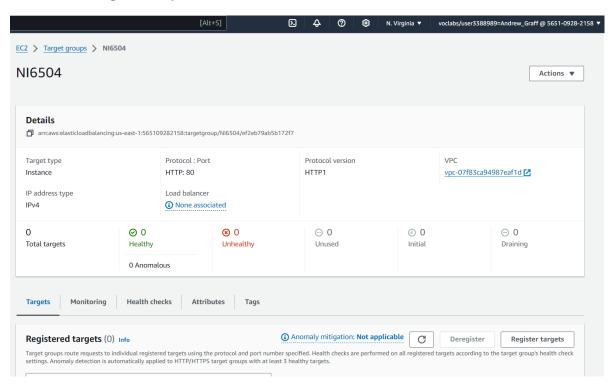


For the following either include a screenshot of successful completion of each task, or a brief description of what you have attempted to get each step 'working':

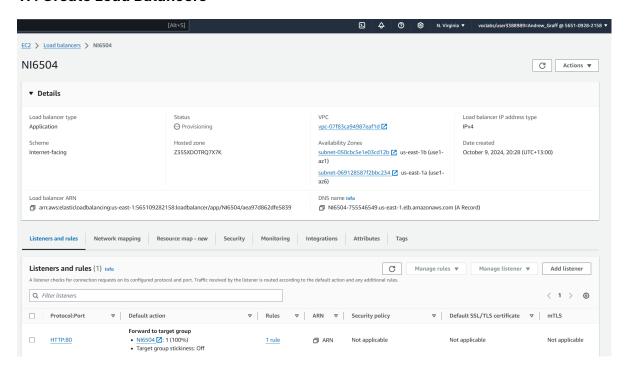
15. Create AMI from Web Application Instance



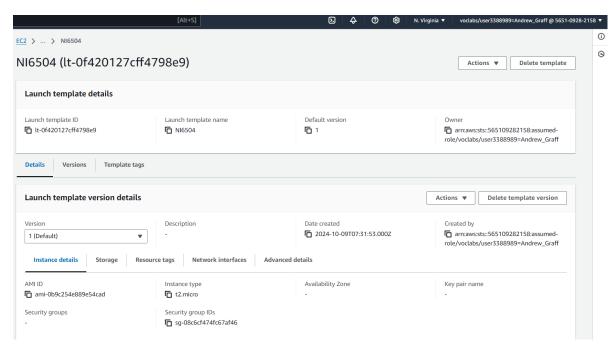
16. Create Target Group



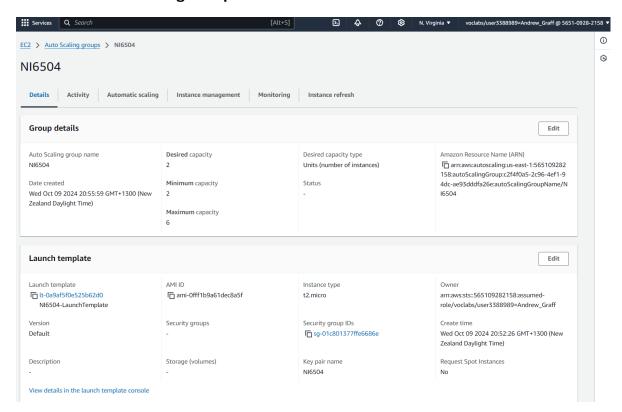
17. Create Load Balancers



18. Create Launch Template



19. Create Auto Scaling Group



20. Test Web App access via Load Balancer URL



503 Service Temporarily Unavailable

Reflection

The most challenging task: Task 19

This was the most challenging task because after several attempts, you've carefully got everything up and running and the screenshots are all consistent with the steps. Time restrictions increased pressure of having to re-do the entire screenshots. This was most often the case. The auto scaling often led an unauthorised message disallowing the use the AMI image as the launch template.

It required several troubleshooting techniques. Multiple copies of the AMI launch templates were configured with efforts the auto scaling group would be created however not so the case. The resolution to this was changing the Launch Template version details and associating the template with a mirrored version of the AMI to eventually create the auto group scaling with the security groups .

Least challenging task: Task 1

This task become the most memorised after rehearsing the steps again and again. The instructions of this first part of report were straight forward which added to the ease. Creating a VPC for use with DB instance, was easy given (we selected VPC and more) to identify the extra settings necessary to fill. Task 1 and Task 2 were relatively the same. The web application is a nice GUI and ease of use by completing each area step by step as instructed.

Discussion

Disccussion of three troubleshooting techniques:

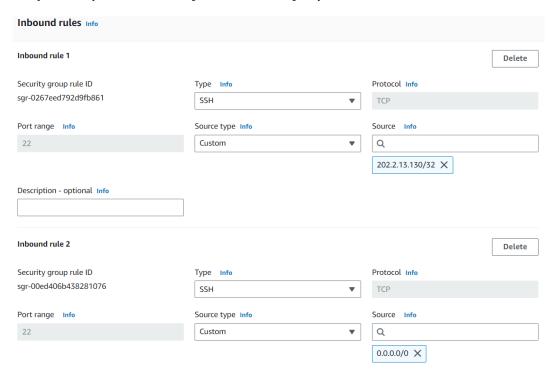
- The first troubleshooting the connection of CLI to google.com. This involved
 ensuring the configuration set up of our Apache Webserver, with PHP and
 MariaDB was correct. We needed to test and confirm these services were
 running in our CLI. If these weren't running, then an update would need to be
 performed or correctly installing the packages needed.
- 2. The second troubleshooting technique was bringing up the console. This was difficult for me and often led to being timed out after three hours of trying to find resolution. What we did was ensure the security groups were configured correctly. A change occurred here where at first, we allowed the traffic from 0.0.0.0/0 and My IP and enabled us access to the CLI console. So having the two SSH ports implemented traffic to having the console up and running.
- 3. The third troubleshooting was importing and exporting database data. Early in the steps, it was advised to take note of our endpoint as this become important towards the end. An issue that arose from this was when re-doing the sandbox activities again, the end point address will change. So, an approach was to carefully do the entire practical so at the stage of capturing the endpoint, we would insert the correct link into our config file that was specific to our data base installation.

Each Task requires an explanation of the Troubleshooting Technique, and the outcome of the action you have taken.

- Demonstrate that you can connect via CLI to google.com:
- 1. Required to set up EC2 instance to allow SSH traffic from My IP 202.2.13.130/32 instead of Anywhere during networking settings.
- 2. Now to create Maria DB in RDS console which took a little bit of time and not note the endpoint and port number
- 3. EC2 instance connect service IP addresses are not authorized as this is where our trouble shooting requirement begins



4. I delete the HTTPS from the inbound rules in the security group and add another SSH 22 port that allows connection from anywhere. So, we have two inbound rules for port 22 (HTTP from anywhere and My IP).



5. This allowed for a connection to our EC2 instance (Amazon Linux) server and opens up the console and entering "ping google.com" retrieves confirmation of packets transmitted and received indicating we have a connection to google.com via CLI.

- Demonstrate that you can connect to your RDS
- 1. First we create a new file in /var/www/inc called dbinfo.inc and create a nano script (this contains our database information)



2. Once the script was created we enter in a mysql command so we can connect to our RDS. We connect to the host name and the user name that was created and password. Command is below.

"mysql -h ni6504-2231290.czdv8hvfmkfl.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com -u Andrew -p"

- 3. We make sure the end point is correct and matches what is in the connectivity RDS details
- 4. We connect to the MySQL database after entering the password we set in the nano script file which will open up our MariaDB

5. Finally, we enter mySQL CLI command script "SHOW DATABASES;" to list our databases. Once this is retrieved we can confirm RDS connectivity with our instance.

- Demonstrate that you can import and export Database Data
 - Export some data to our RDS database we can do this with the command below. We enter the below command to create a back up of the database "mysqldump" and connecting this to database using name and password. The NI6504 database will be backed up to the databasedata.sql

mysqldump -u Andrew -p NI6504 > databasedata.sql

2. We can double check the first 10 lines of the data we've backed up to double check we have some database data.

head -n 10 databasedata.sql

3. We create a new database and give it a name so we can input data. The mysql command will prompt the password set and execute the SQL statement from the command line. The new database will be called Backup

mysql -u Andrew -p -e "CREATE DATABASE Backup:"

4. Import some data using the SQL command, that is from the databasedata.sql

mysql -u Andrew -p Backup < databasedata.sql

5. Check database to see if the data has been imported

mysql -u username -p -e "SHOW TABLES IN Backup;