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# Create Amazon Aurora DB Cluster for MySQL



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**Amazon Aurora** is a fully managed relational database engine that is compatible with MySQL and PostgreSQL. **Aurora** has high-performance storage sub-systems, Hence MySQL and PostgreSQL databases engines can take advantage of fast distributed storage. The storage can automatically go up to 64 TB. Amazon Aurora also provides DB clustering and replication.

## High Availability

When we set up the Aurora cluster, We will be having two endpoints.

**Writer endpoint** — which is used for reading and writing connections.

**Reader endpoint** — which is used for read-only connections.

We will also get the instance endpoints while we set up the aurora cluster.

If we are using instance endpoints in our applications, In case of failure we need to manually change the endpoints in the application code.

But with the Writer & reader endpoints, It is capable of managing DB instance failover automatically and also better than the instance endpoints.

If the primary DB instance fails, Aurora automatically failover to a new primary DB instance. It will either create a new primary DB instance or will promote the existing aurora replica to a new primary DB instance.

## Creating amazon aurora DB cluster

Amazon Aurora DB cluster is compatible with both MySQL and PostgreSQL DB engines.

In this tutorial, We will set up the aurora DB cluster for the MySQL DB engine.

While creating a cluster, The DB cluster contains a primary writer DB instance and up to 15 reader DB instances (Read replica)

Read replicas can be either created in the same region as of master or we can create a read replica in different AWS regions with a latency of less than 1 second.

We can either use the existing VPC and the subnet group to create the Aurora DB cluster. Else we can,

1. **Create a VPC with Public and Private subnets.**

2. Create a Custom subnet group from the new VPC.

3. To create subnet groups, Login to the RDS console.

4. In the navigation pane, Choose Subnet groups

5. Click Create DB Subnet group provide a name for the subnet group and then choose the VPC that you have created.

For Add subnets, We must choose at least 1 subnet from different availability zones and then click Create

Now we start creating the aurora DB cluster for MySQL.

In the navigation panel, Choose Databases, Click Create database

In the Create database page, Choose a database creation method, For this guide, I am choosing Standard Create

## Choose a database creation method [Info](#)

### ☒ Standard Create

You set all of the configuration options, including ones for availability, security, backups, and maintenance.


### ☐ Easy Create


Use recommended best-practice configurations. Some configuration options can be changed after the database is created.

For Engine options, Choose Amazon Aurora

### Engine options

Engine type [Info](#)

☒ Amazon Aurora  


☐ MySQL  


For Edition, Choose Amazon Aurora with MySQL compatibility

### Edition

☒ Amazon Aurora with MySQL compatibility

☐ Amazon Aurora with PostgreSQL compatibility

For version, Choose the version of Aurora (MySQL) that is compatible with the application.

For Database Location,

If we choose Regional, Both the Writer and the reader endpoints will be created in the same AWS region.

If We choose Global, We have to Write the endpoint in one region and the replica (reader) in the different AWS regions.

#### Database Location



##### Regional

You provision your Aurora database in a single AWS Region.



##### Global

You can provision your Aurora database in multiple AWS Regions. Writes in the primary AWS Region are replicated with typical latency of less than 1 sec to secondary AWS Regions.

For Database features,

One writer and multiple readers, In this scenario, We can maintain high availability by locating aurora replicas in different availability zones. Hence aurora automatically failover to new primary DB instance by promoting the read replica to the primary DB instance, In case of the primary DB instance failure.

Also, all the reader instance connects to the same storage volume.

Multiple Writers, All the DB instances will have read and write capability and they will be connecting to the same storage volume. If continuous write availability is required, This option is preferred.

Serverless, It automatically scales up and down the DB instances as per the application needs. It will also help to stop and start the DB cluster automatically when not required.

In this guide, I choose One writer and multiple readers

### Database features

- ☒ **One writer and multiple readers**  
Supports multiple reader instances connected to the same storage volume as a single writer instance. This is a good general-purpose option for most workloads.

For Templates, Choose Production, For high availability, fast and consistent performance.

### Templates

Choose a sample template to meet your use case.

- ☒ **Production**  
Use defaults for high availability and fast, consistent performance.

Under Settings, For DB cluster identifier, Provide a name for the DB cluster

#### DB cluster identifier [Info](#)

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

For Credentials settings, Set a Master username and password.

**Master username** [Info](#)

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

1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. First character must be a letter

☐ **Auto generate a password**

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

**Master password** [Info](#)

Constraints: At least 8 printable ASCII characters. Can't contain any of the following: / (slash), "(double quote) and @ (at sign).

**Confirm password** [Info](#)

For DB instance size, Choose the DB instance class as per your requirement.

**DB instance size****DB instance class** [Info](#)

Choose a DB instance class that meets your processing power and memory requirements. The DB instance class options below are limited to those supported by the engine you selected above.

☐ Memory Optimized classes (includes r and x classes)

☒ Burstable classes (includes t classes)

db.t2.medium

2 vCPUs 4 GiB RAM Not EBS Optimized



☒ Include previous generation classes

For Availability & durability, As a DB cluster, We have to create a replica in a different availability zone, which will be a standby replica.

It will automatically failover in case of the primary failure.

## Availability & durability

### Multi-AZ deployment [Info](#)

- ☐ Don't create an Aurora Replica
- ☒ Create an Aurora Replica or Reader node in a different AZ (recommended for scaled availability)  
Creates an Aurora Replica for fast failover and high availability.

For Connectivity, Choose the VPC that you have created.

Under Additional connectivity configuration, Choose the Subnet group that you have created.

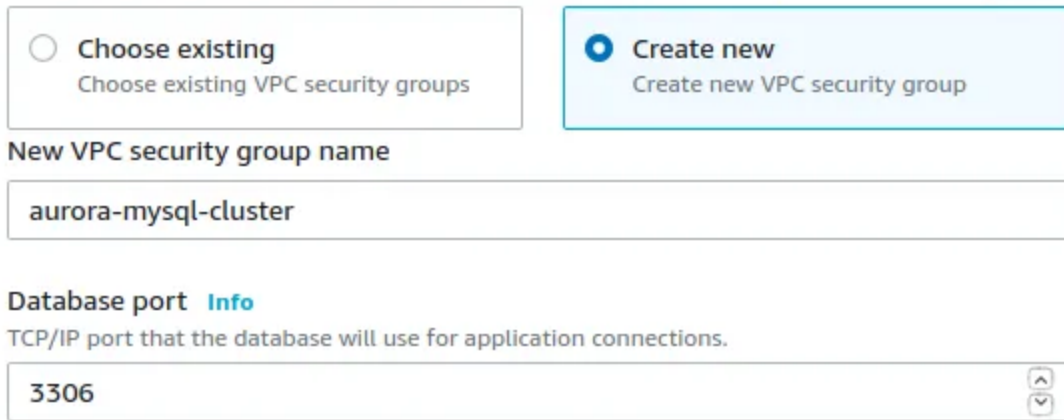
For Publicly accessible, Choose No, It is always recommended to host the databases private. As we don't want to expose the databases to the public network.

### Publicly accessible [Info](#)

- ☐ Yes  
Amazon EC2 instances and devices outside the VPC can connect to your database. Choose one or more VPC security groups that specify which EC2 instances and devices inside the VPC can connect to the database.
- ☒ No  
RDS will not assign a public IP address to the database. Only Amazon EC2 instances and devices inside the VPC can connect to your database.

For the VPC security group, Create a new security group, Allowing port 3306 only to certain Instances or subnets.





The screenshot shows the 'VPC security group' configuration step in the Amazon Aurora console. It features two radio buttons: 'Choose existing' (unselected) and 'Create new' (selected). Below the 'Create new' option is a text input field for the 'New VPC security group name' containing the text 'aurora-mysql-cluster'. Further down is the 'Database port' section, which includes an 'Info' link and a description: 'TCP/IP port that the database will use for application connections.' The port value '3306' is entered in the adjacent field, which has up and down arrow icons on its right side.

☐ Choose existing  
Choose existing VPC security groups

☒ Create new  
Create new VPC security group

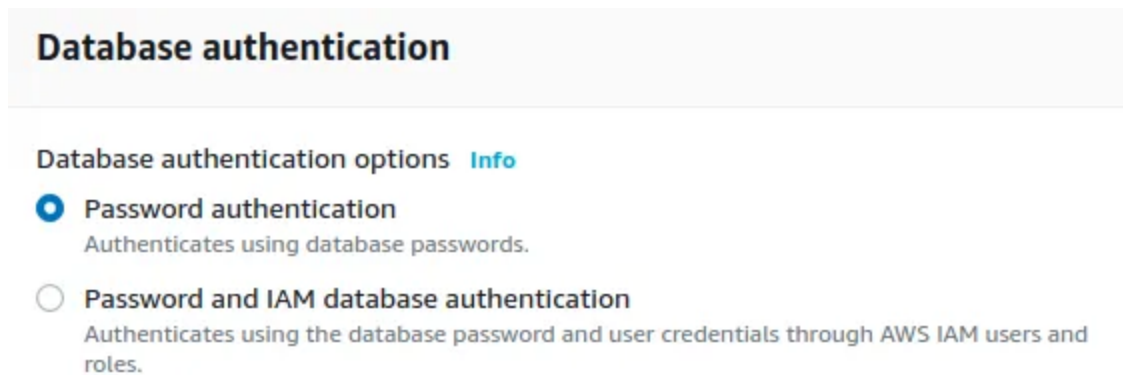
New VPC security group name

aurora-mysql-cluster

Database port [Info](#)  
TCP/IP port that the database will use for application connections.

3306

For Database authentication, Choose Password authentication



The screenshot displays the 'Database authentication' section of the Amazon Aurora console. It has a title 'Database authentication' and a subtitle 'Database authentication options' with an 'Info' link. There are two radio button options: 'Password authentication' (selected) and 'Password and IAM database authentication' (unselected). Each option has a descriptive text below it.

Database authentication

Database authentication options [Info](#)

☒ Password authentication  
Authenticates using database passwords.

☐ Password and IAM database authentication  
Authenticates using the database password and user credentials through AWS IAM users and roles.

Under Additional configuration

If required, We can configure the Backup strategy, Encryption, Monitoring, and Logging.

And finally, click Create database

The Aurora MySQL DB cluster is created.

	DB identifier ▲	Role ▼	Engine ▼	Engine version ▼	Size ▼	Status ▼
○	aurora-mysql-cluster	Regional	Aurora MySQL	5.6.10a	2 Instances	✓ Available
○	aurora-mysql-cluster-instance-1	Writer	Aurora MySQL	5.6.10a	db.t2.medium	✓ Available
○	aurora-mysql-cluster-instance-1-ap-south-1b	Reader	Aurora MySQL	5.6.10a	db.t2.medium	✓ Available

If you click the identifier of the regional Role, Under Connectivity & Security, We can find Writer and reader endpoints.

	Endpoint name ▲	Status ▼	Type ▼	Port
●	aurora-mysql-cluster.cluster-ro-cibwto87kcgk.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com	Available	Reader	3306
●	aurora-mysql-cluster.cluster-cibwto87kcgk.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com	Available	Writer	3306

We can use the reader and the writer endpoints with the applications.

Again from the main console, If you click the DB identifier of the Writer, We can find the Writer Instance endpoint.

If you click the DB identifier of the Reader (which will be in a different availability zone), We can find the Reader Instance endpoint.

To manually test the failover for the DB cluster.

Choose the identifier of Writer Role and Under Actions, Choose Failover

It will ask for confirmation, Choose Failover

## Failover DB Cluster

### Failover

Are you sure you want to failover **aurora-mysql-cluster** ?

Cancel

Failover

You can find the Role of the instances is changed, But the endpoints remain the same.

	DB identifier ▲	Role ▼	Engine ▼	Engine version ▼
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> aurora-mysql-cluster	Regional	Aurora MySQL	5.6.10a
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> aurora-mysql-cluster-instance-1-ap-south-1b	Writer	Aurora MySQL	5.6.10a
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> aurora-mysql-cluster-instance-1	Reader	Aurora MySQL	5.6.10a

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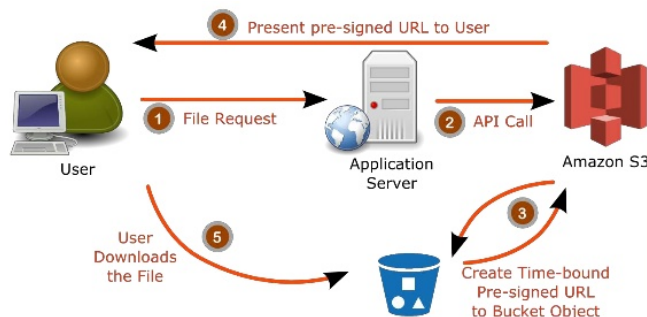


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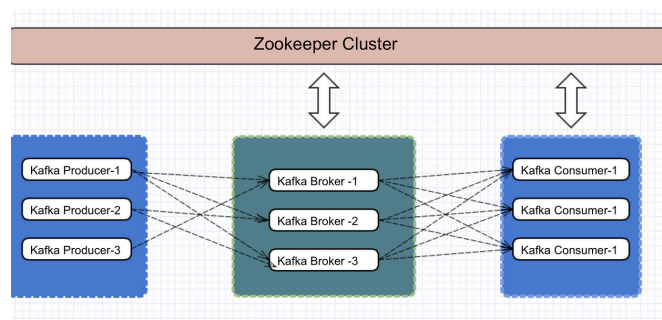
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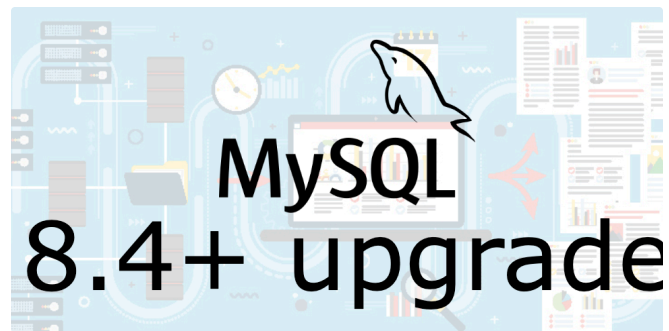
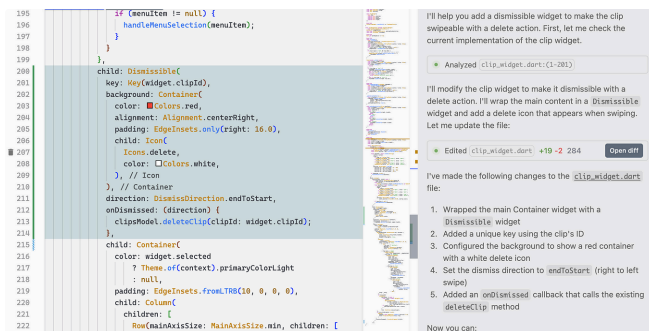


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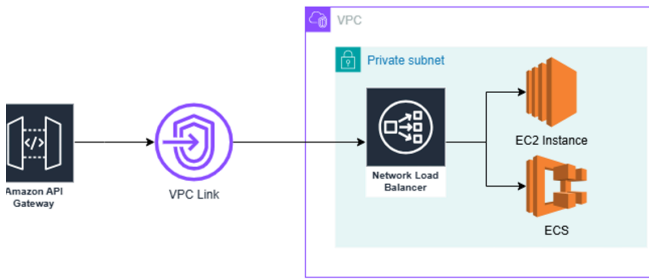


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