

Creating a snapshot of your database in Amazon Lightsail

Last updated: March 15, 2019

You can create a snapshot of your managed database in Amazon Lightsail. A snapshot is a copy of your database that you can use to restore it if something goes wrong. You can also use a snapshot to create a new database using a different plan, such as a high availability or standard plan.

When you create a snapshot of a standard database, the database becomes unavailable from a few seconds to a few minutes, depending on the size. High availability databases are not affected by snapshot operations because the snapshot is created using the standby database.

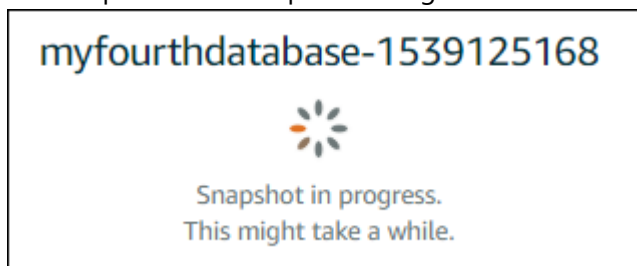
To create a snapshot of your database

1. Sign in to the [Lightsail console](#).
2. On the Lightsail home page, choose the **Databases** tab.
3. Choose the name of the database for which you want to create a snapshot.
4. Choose the **Snapshots & restore** tab.
5. Under the **Manual snapshots** section of the page, choose **Create snapshot**, then enter a name for your snapshot.

Resource names:

- Must be unique within each AWS Region in your Lightsail account.
 - Must contain 2 to 255 characters.
 - Must start and end with an alphanumeric character or number.
 - Can include alphanumeric characters, numbers, periods, dashes, and underscores.
6. Choose **Create**.

The snapshot creation process begins and a status of **Snapshot in progress** is shown.





After the snapshot creation process is complete, the new snapshot is listed under the **Recent snapshots** section. You can also view all of the snapshots for your account in the Lightsail home page,

under the **Snapshots** tab.

Recent snapshots

You can see your 5 latest snapshots here.

	October 9, 2018 - 3:46 PM	"myfourthdatabase-1539125157"	
---	----------------------------------	-------------------------------	---

[See all snapshots](#)

Next steps

After your snapshot is ready, you can create a new database from the snapshot, which is a duplicate of the original database. For more information, see [Creating a database from a snapshot in Amazon Lightsail](#).