Modernize applications using Amazon RDS for SQL Server

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Audience poll



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Learn how you can modernize your SQL Server applications on Amazon RDS; use RDS Proxy to make your application more scalable, available, and secure; use Amazon RDS Custom to migrate custom and legacy applications to the AWS Cloud with minimal architectural changes, allowing you to take advantage of AWS managed database services while retaining OS and database control



Agenda

Deployment Options for MS SQL Server on AWS

Operating MS SQL Server at scale using RDS

HADR for MS SQL Server on RDS

Modernizing MS SQL Server on AWS



SQL Server deployment options

SQL Server on Amazon EC2

Self-managed experience

Full control

All DB engine features

Self managed provisioning, monitoring, backup, restore, point in time recovery

Self managed patching

Self managed high availability

Allows 3rd party apps on DB host

BYOL, License Included

All

All

RDS Custom for SQL Server

Managed experience (shared responsibility)

Full control

Access all SQL Server configurations

Automated provisioning, monitoring, backup, restore, point in time recovery

Automated patching

Self managed high availability

Allows 3rd party apps on DB host

License Included

Web, Standard, Enterprise

2019

RDS for SQL Server

Managed experience

No sysadmin / OS access

Optimized architecture

Automated provisioning, monitoring, backup, restore, point in time recovery

Automated patching

High availability & Multi-AZ

No 3rd party apps on DB host

License Included

Express, Web, Standard, Enterprise

2014, 2016, 2017, 2019

Self-managed AWS managed

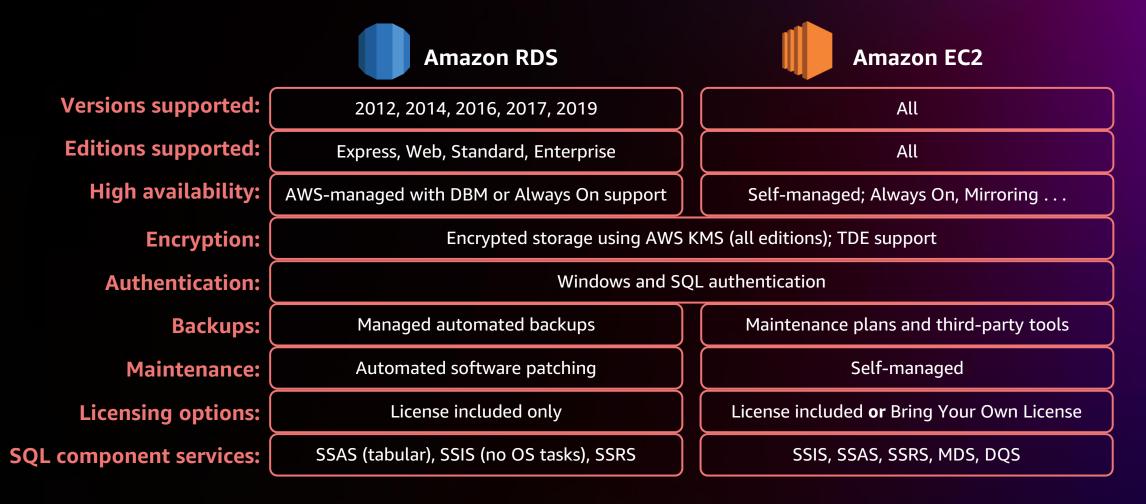
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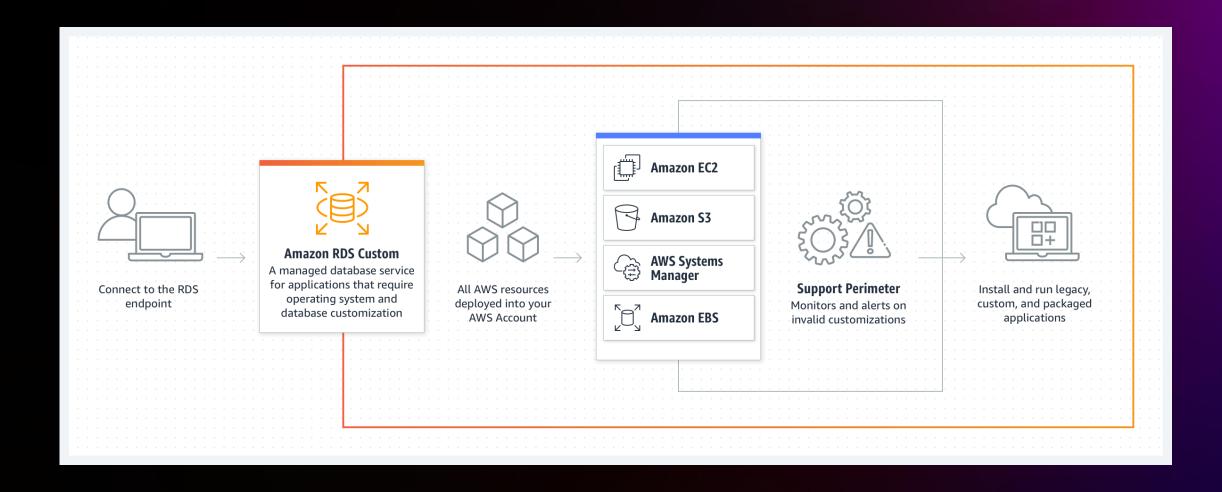


SQL Server features at a glance





RDS Custom Architecture



Concepts and terminology

Automation mode

Controls the Amazon RDS Custom automation such as monitoring, backups, and database status.

Customers can pause Automation mode when performing customizations to prevent unintended interference with RDS Custom automation

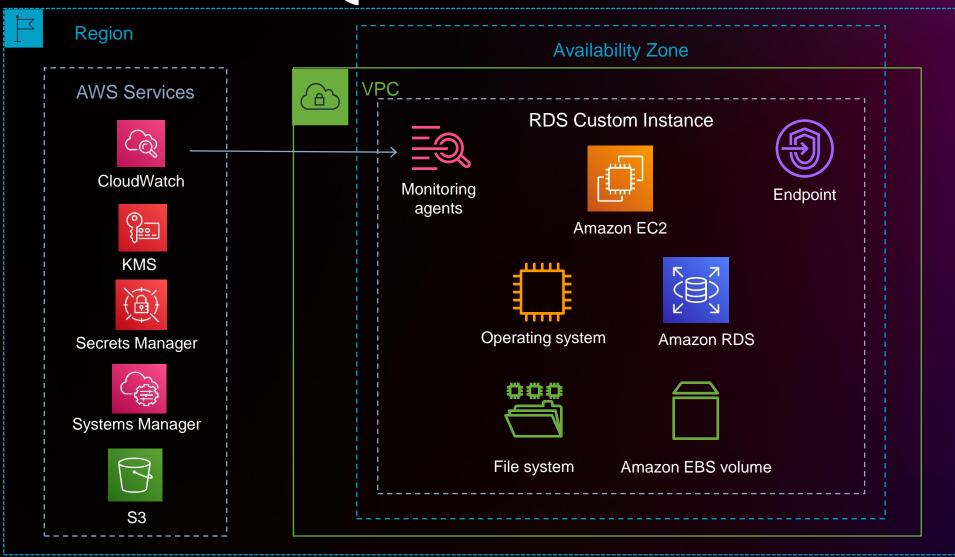
Support perimeter

Determines if a customization breaks our automation (once automation mode is resumed if previously paused).

Customers have full access to the EC2 host. The action is supported as long as the change does not put the database outside of the perimeter.



RDS Custom for SQL Server architecture





Use cases



Granular Control

Install custom drivers, enable features or applications that require elevated privileges

Example: Extended stored procedures, CLR, Resource governor, Linked server (various DB engines)



Lift and Shift Business Apps

Third-party or packaged applications with minimal changes

Example: Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Dynamics



Disaster Recovery

Setup DR from a selfmanaged environment

Example: SQL Server Always On Availability Groups, Replication



Operating MS SQL Server at scale using RDS



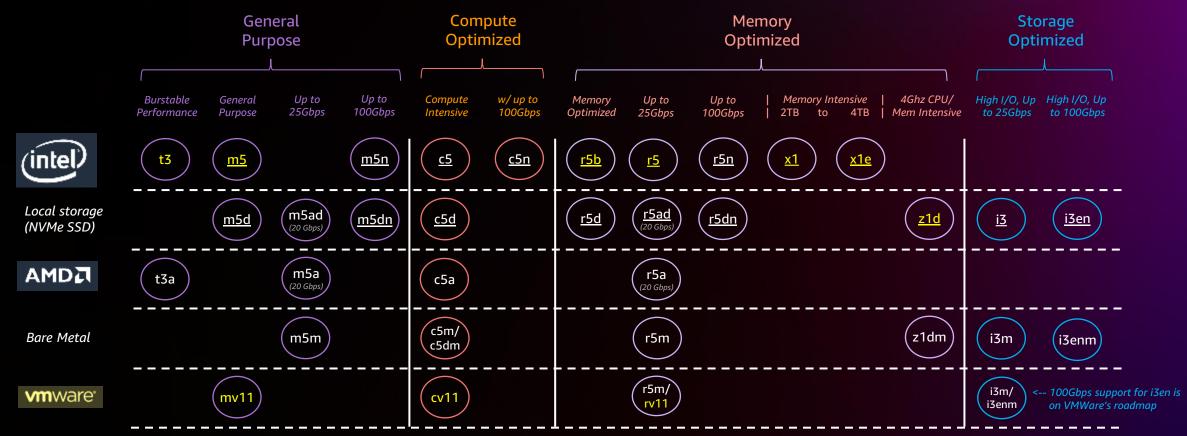
The Right AWS instance type

(With Windows Server BYOL or LI and SQL Server BYOL licensing options for Microsoft workloads)

** Instance types with yellow font are available to run SQL Server on RDS (Windows Server LI and SQL Server LI licensing options only)

* Instance types that are underlined can be used as Dedicated Hosts

OPTIONS TO FIT ALL YOUR SQL SERVER WORKLOAD NEEDS



Prescriptive Guidance:

- Aligning the workload type with the instance type's capabilities are critical to avoid overprovisioning and higher compute cost
- Avoiding overprovisioning will ensure SQL licensing requirements are not bloated, putting AWS in the best position to compete



Performance planning

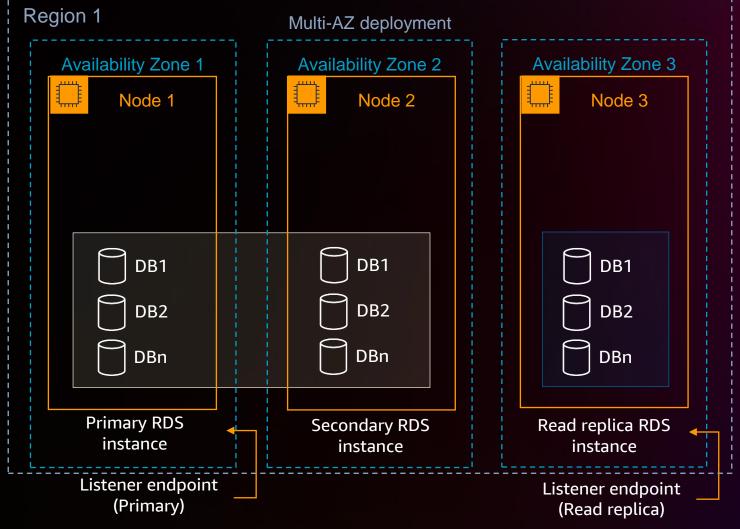
- Change the DB instance class
 - Requires a reboot (or failover in Multi-AZ)
 - Can scale compute capacity with the workload, if practical
- Change the DB storage capacity
 - Can modify allocated storage, storage type, and IOPs
 - Storage size modifications available within minutes
 - Storage performance degraded during optimization
 - Consider storage auto scaling
- Modification options
 - AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, AWS API, and PowerShell



High availability



Cross-Region read replica architecture on Amazon RDS

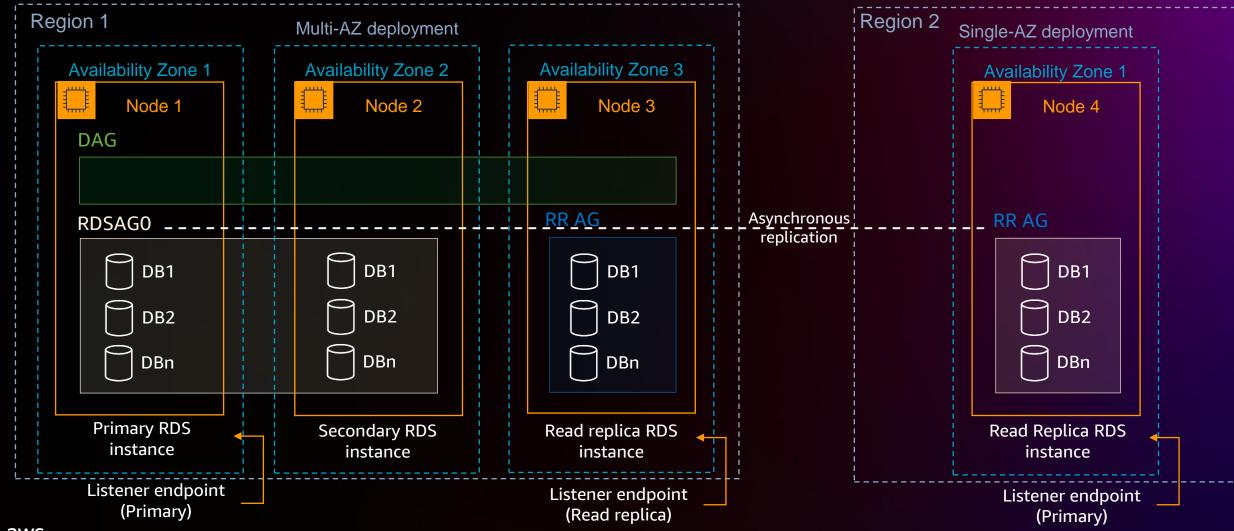




Disaster recovery



Cross-Region read replica architecture on Amazon RDS



Modernization



Lift and shift, move to managed, or break free?

Migrate: Lift and Shift (re-host)



- Quickest way to onboard workloads
- Self-managed (i.e. Runs as onpremises)
- Vendor lock-in on commercial databases (e.g. Oracle, SQL Server)

Migrate: Move to Managed (re-platform)

- Reduce undifferentiated heavy lifting (backup, recovery, patching, etc)
- RDS Commercial Engines (Oracle, SQL Server) & Open Source (PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB)
- Support for growing # of 3rd party apps *

Modernize: Break Free (re-factor)



- Reduced licensing costs
- Move to AWS modern managed databases like Aurora, DynamoDB, and Amazon Redshift for faster innovation
- Break free from legacy databases
- Avoid lock-in with open source database
- Pick the right tool for the right job: choose from 15 purpose-built databases





SQL Server modernization choices on AWS

Rehost

Replatform

Refactor

Amazon EC2

Familiar admin experience
Full control
All SQL Server features
All SQL Server versions
Lift and shift business apps
License included + BYOL

Amazon RDS Custom

Managed experience
Familiar admin experience
Full control
All SQL Server features*
Automated patching
Automated backups*
Lift and shift business apps
License included

Amazon RDS

Managed experience
Optimized architecture
Automated patching
Automated backups
High availability
License included

Cloud-native services

Amazon Aurora
Babelfish for Aurora PostgreSQL
Amazon Redshift
Amazon DynamoDB
Amazon ElastiCache
Amazon DocumentDB
Amazon Neptune
Amazon Timestream

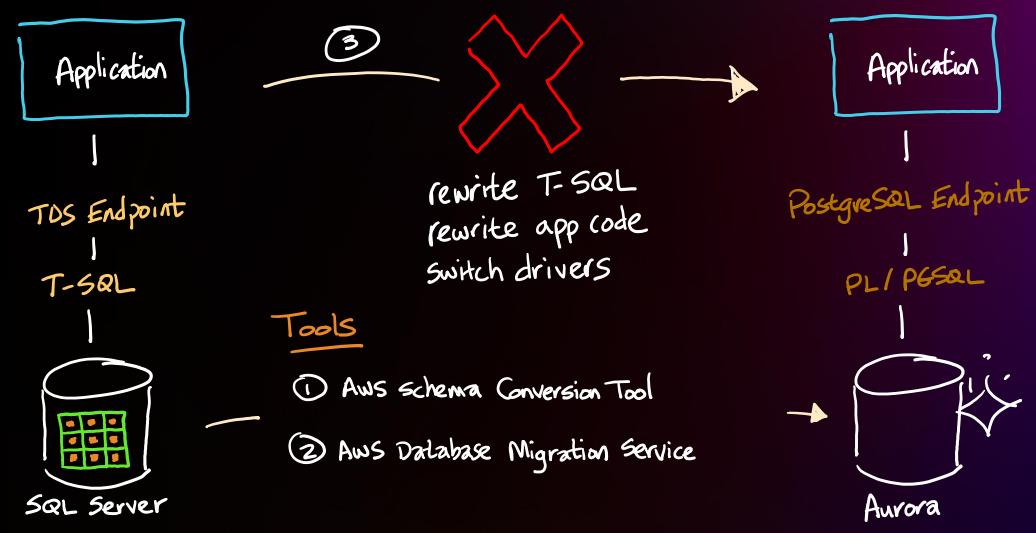
Customer managed

Shared responsibility

AWS managed

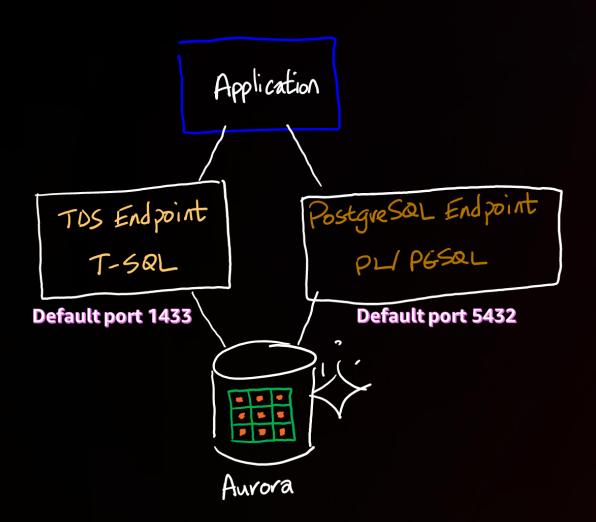


Challenges in migrating from commercial to open source



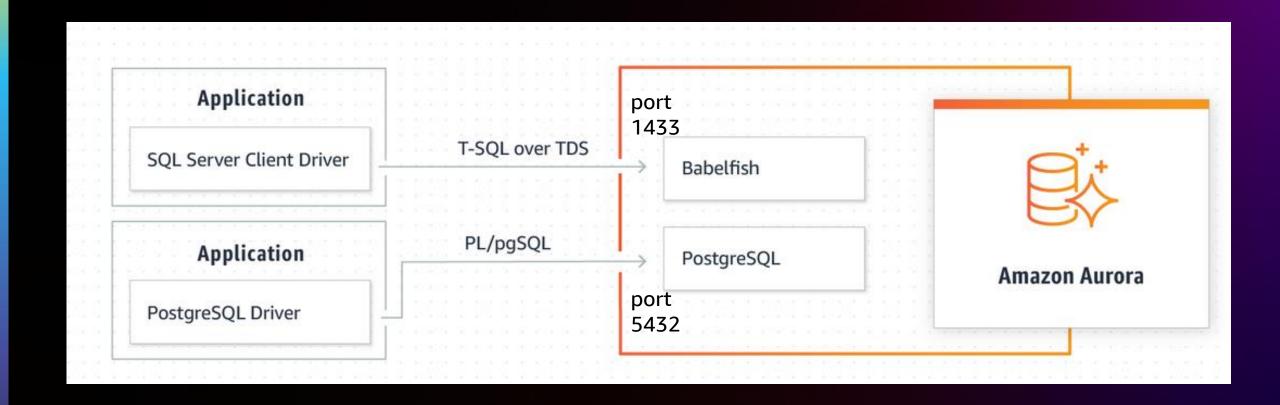


Imagine if you could . . .



- Legacy application code remains written for S&L Server
- 2 Client drivers do not need to be changed
- 3 New application code written directly to Postgresal

Babelfish architecture





Amazon RDS Proxy



A fully managed, highly available database proxy for Amazon RDS and Amazon Aurora

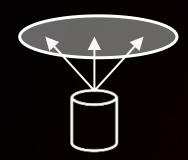
Pools and shares DB connections to make applications more scalable, more resilient to database failures, and more secure

Fully managed



No need to deploy and maintain a proxy; highly available; MySQL- and PostgreSQL-compatible

Connection pooling



Pool and share DB connections for improved scalability

Fast and seamless failovers



66% faster failovers and no loss of connectivity

Improved security



Store passwords in AWS Secrets Manager and enforce IAM authentication



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