Deploying a web application in split-configuration in a two availability zones with secure, scalable and highly available configuration

1. Provision of AWS Stack and Security

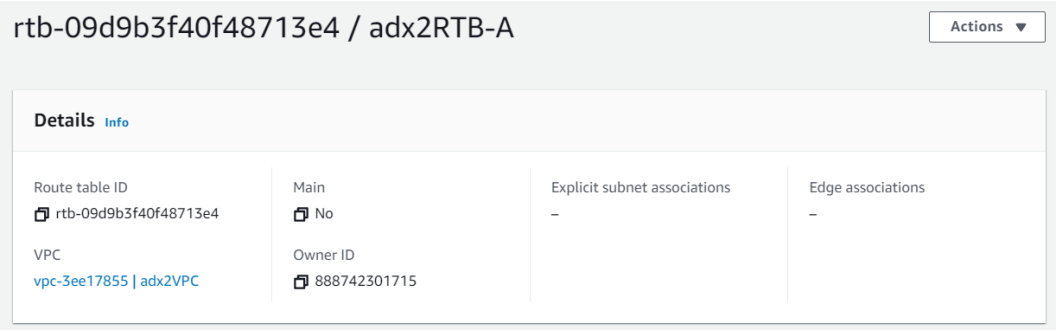
- Use the default VPC adx2VPC and default Internet Gateway adx2IGW from Task 3.

Use us-east-2c as Available Zone A for:	Use us-east-2b as Available Zone B for:

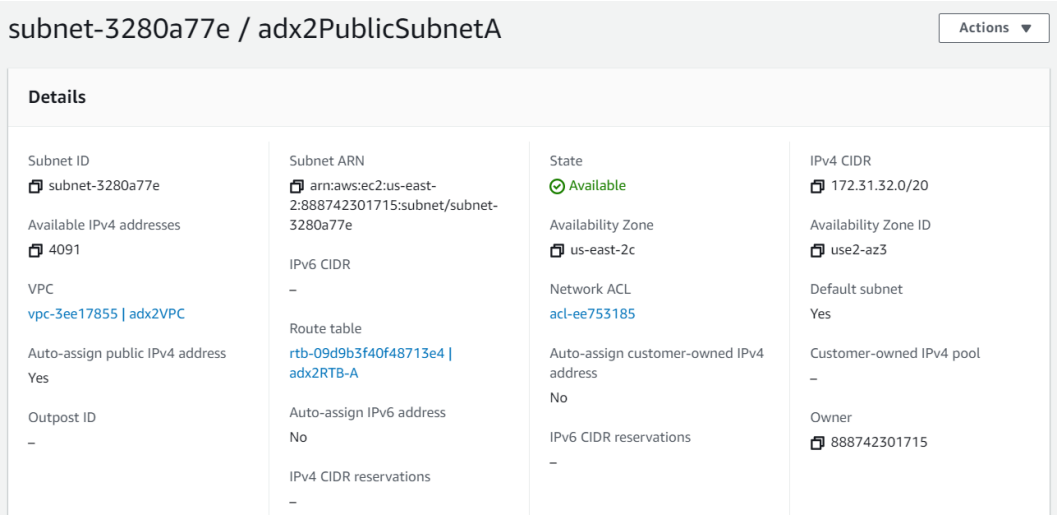
• adx2RTB-A
• adx2PublicSubnetA (default subnet-3280a77e)
• adx2PrivateSubnetA
  ○ adx2WebserverA1
  ○ adx2WebServerA2
  ○ Amazon RDS
	• adx2RTB-B
	• adx2PublicSubnetB (default subnet-123dc26f)
	• adx2PrivateSubnetB
	  ○ adx2WebserverB1
	  ○ adx2WebServerB2

Availability Zone A

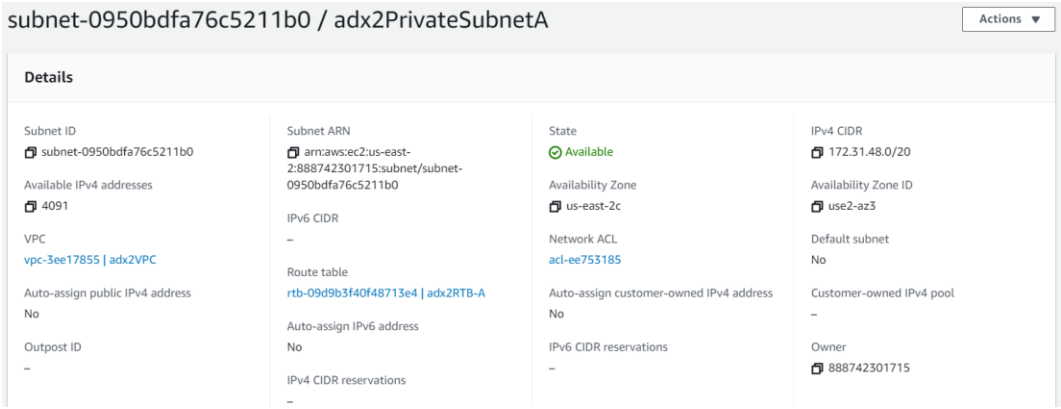
- Create Route Table adx2RTB-A
  - Navigate to VPC Dashboard, click “Route Tables”, “Create route table”
    - Name: adx2RTB-A
    - VPC: adx2VPC
    - Edit routes: Add route: Destination 0.0.0.0/0, Target: adx2IGW



- Configure adx2PubicSubnetA
  - Add tags: Key: Name, Value: adx2PublicSubnetA
  - Edit route table associations: adx2RTB-A

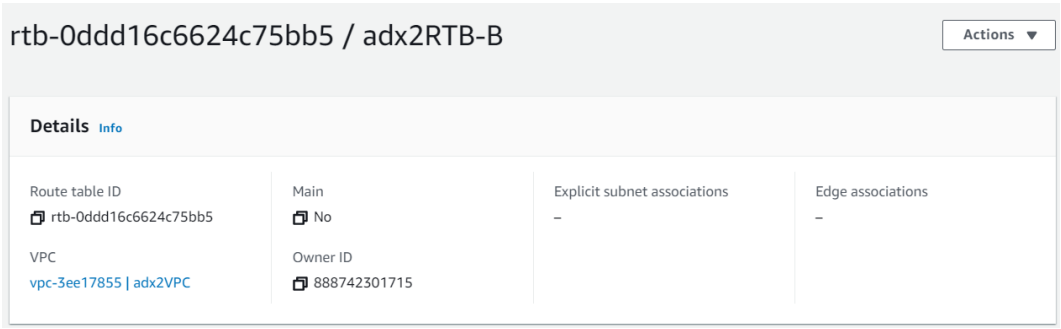


- Create adx2PrivateSubnetA
    - VPC ID: adx2VPC
    - Subnet name: adx2PrivateSubnetA
    - Availability Zone: us-east-2c (Availity Zone A)
    - IPv4 CIDR block: 172.31.48.0/20
    - Edit route table associations: adx2RTB-A
    - Auto-assign public IPv4 address: No

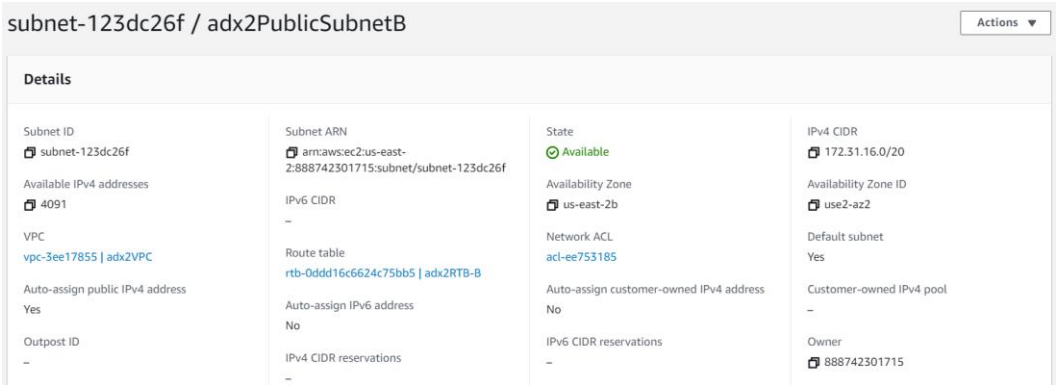


Availability Zone B

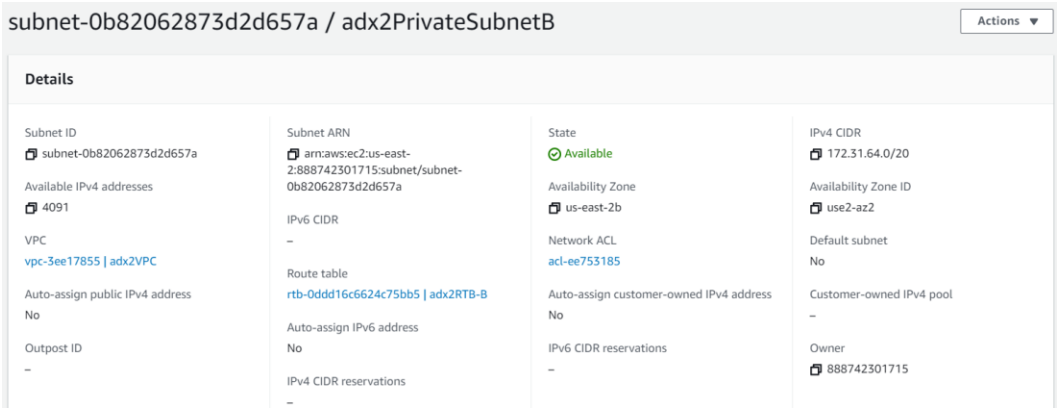
- Create Route Table adx2RTB-B
    - Navigate to VPC Dashboard, click “Route Tables”, “Create route table”
        - Name: adx2RTB-B
        - VPC: adx2VPC
        - Edit routes: Add route: Destination 0.0.0.0/0, Target: adx2IGW



- Configure adx2PubicSubnetB
    - Add tags: Key: Name, Value: adx2PublicSubnetB
    - Edit route table associations: adx2RTB-B

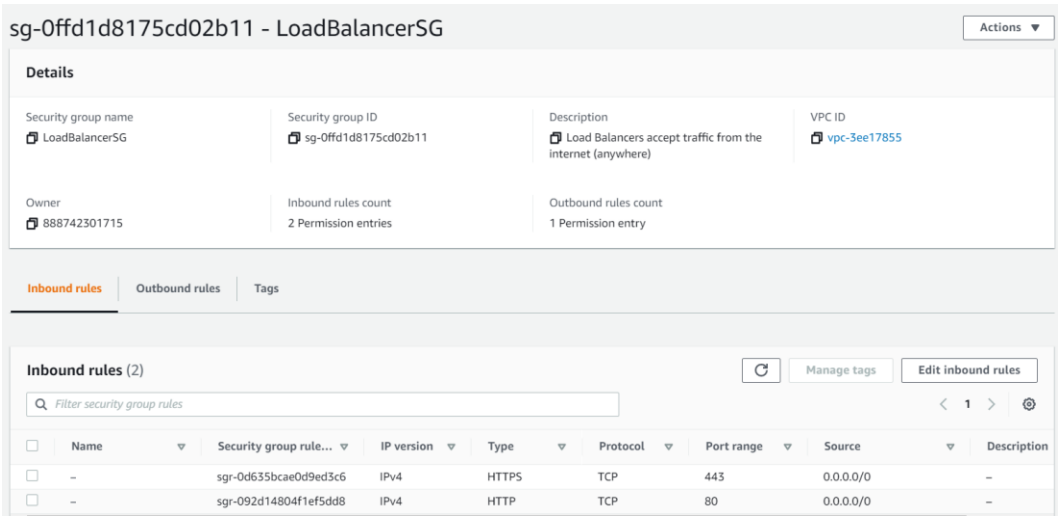


- Create adx2PrivateSubnetB
    - VPC ID: adx2VPC
    - Subnet name: adx2PrivateSubnetB
    - Availability Zone: us-east-2b (Availity Zone B)
    - IPv4 CIDR block: 172.31.64.0/20
    - Edit route table associations: adx2RTB-B
    - Auto-assign public IPv4 address: No



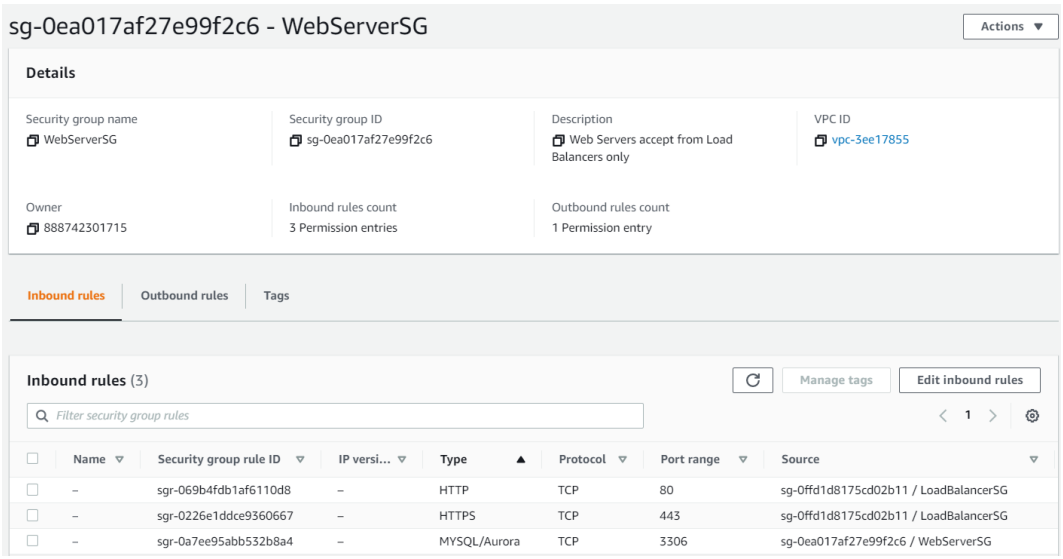
Security Groups

- Create LoadBalancerSG
    - Security group name: LoadBalancerSG
    - Inbound rules:
        - HTTP Protocol TCP Port 80 Source 0.0.0.0/0
        - HTTPS Protocol TCP Port 443 Source 0.0.0.0/0
    - Outbound rules:
        - All traffic Protocol All Port all Destination 0.0.0.0/0

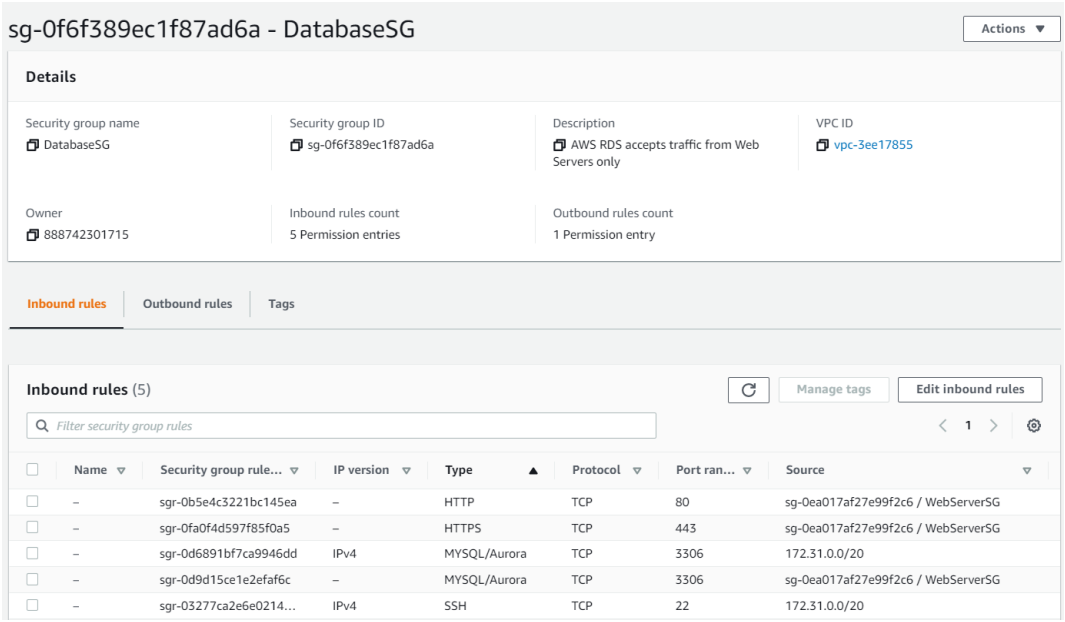


- Create WebServerSG
    - Security group name: WebServerSG
    - Inbound rules:
        - HTTP Protocol TCP Port 80 Source LoadBalanceSG sg-0ffd1d8175cd02b11
        - HTTPS Protocol TCP Port 443 Source LoadBalanceSG sg-0ffd1d8175cd02b11
        - MySQL/Aurora TCP Port 3306 Source WebServerSG sg-0ea017af27e99f2c6 (to enable communication between Web Servers and RDS database)

- Outbound rules:
  - All traffic Protocol All Port all Destination 0.0.0.0/0

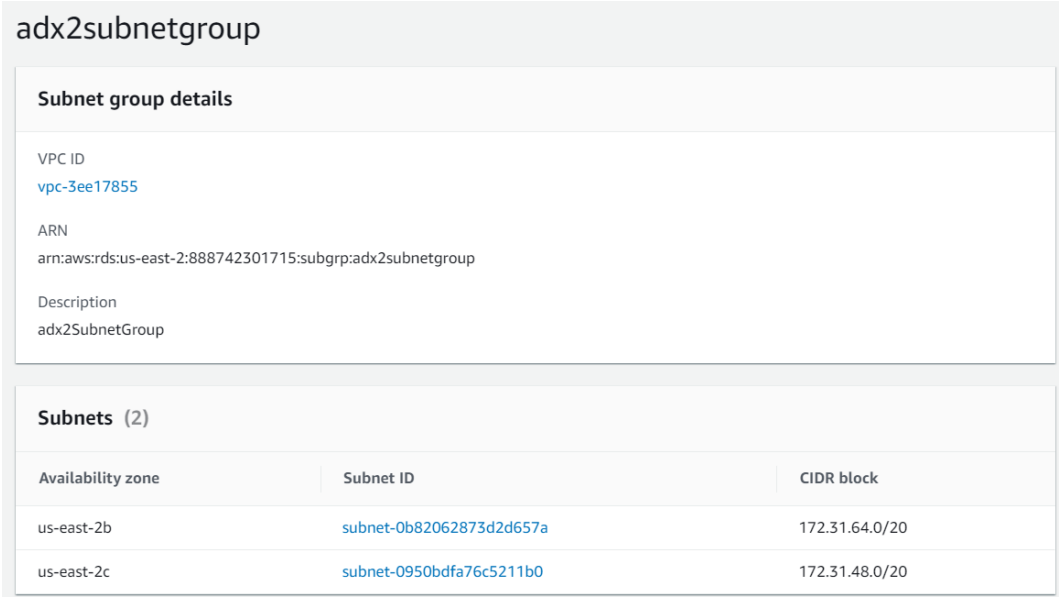


- Create DatabaseSG
  - Security group name: DatabaseSG
  - Inbound rules:
    - HTTP Protocol TCP Port 80 Source WebServerSG sg-0ea017af27e99f2c6
    - HTTPS Protocol TCP Port 443 Source WebServerSG sg-0ea017af27e99f2c6
    - MySQL/Aurora TCP Port 3306 Source WebServerSG sg-0ea017af27e99f2c6
    - MySQL/Aurora TCP Port 3306 Source 172.31.0.0/20
      (This is the subnet mask of adx2EC2 I will use for SSH access)
    - SSH Protocol TCP Port 22 Source 172.31.0.0/20
      (To enable SSH access for Task 4.2)
  - Outbound rules:
    - All traffic Protocol All Port all Destination 0.0.0.0/0



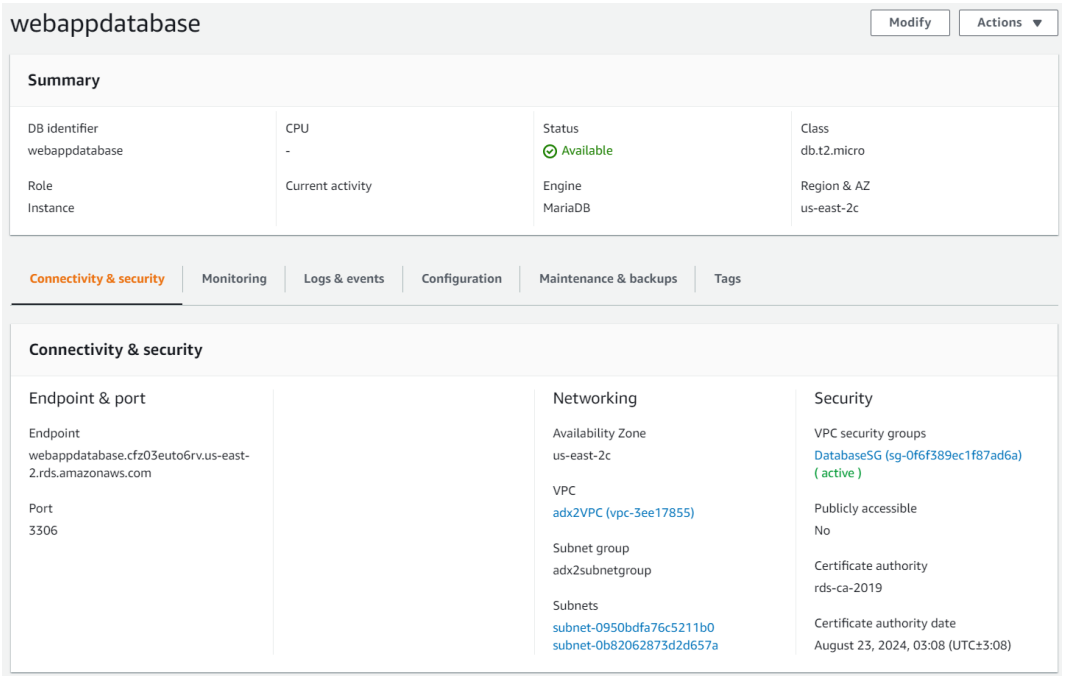
2. Create an RDS Instance

- Create a Subnet Group
    - Name: adx2SubnetGroup
    - VPC: adx2VPC
    - Availability Zones:
        - us-east-2c (Availability Zone A)
        - us-east-2b (Availability Zone B)
    - Subnets:
        - adx2PrivateSubnetA (subnet-0950bdfa76c5211b0)
        - adx2PrivateSubnetB (subnet-0b82062873d2d657a)



- Create an RDS instance
    - Choose a database creation method: Standard create
    - Engine options
        - Engine type: MariaDB, Version: 10.4.13, Templates: Dev/Test
    - Settings
        - DB instance identifier: WebAppDatabase
        - Master username: root
        - Master password: root1234
    - DB instance class: Burstable classes db.t2.micro
    - Storage
        - Storage type: General purpose SSD (gp2)
        - Allocated storage: 20 GiB
    - Availability & durability: Do not create a standby instance
    - Connectivity
        - VPC: a2VPC
        - Subnet group: adx2SubnetGroup
        - Public access: No
        - VPC security group: Choose existing: DatabaseSG
        - Availability Zone: us-east-2c (Availability Zone A)
        - Database port: 3306

- Additional configuration
    - DB parameter group: default.mariadb10.4
    - Option group: default:mariadb-10-4
    - Backup: Enable automated backups
    - Maintenance: Enable auto minor version upgrade
    - Monitoring: Enable Enhanced monitoring: No
    - Delete protection: Enable deletion protection: No



- Accessing adx2EC2 from Task 3 via SSH PuTTY using adx2EC2 public IPv4: ec2-user@3.141.12.18
- To transfer data to the RDS database

```
mysql -h webappdatabase.cfz03euto6rv.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u root -p
// enter password 'root1234'
create database user_accounts;
mysql -h webappdatabase.cfz03euto6rv.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com -P 3306 -u root -p
user_accounts < user_accounts.sql
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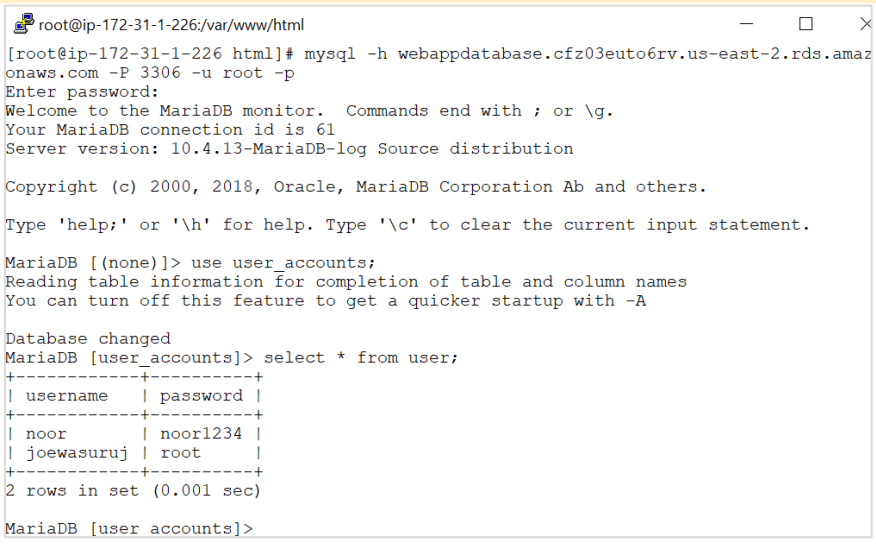


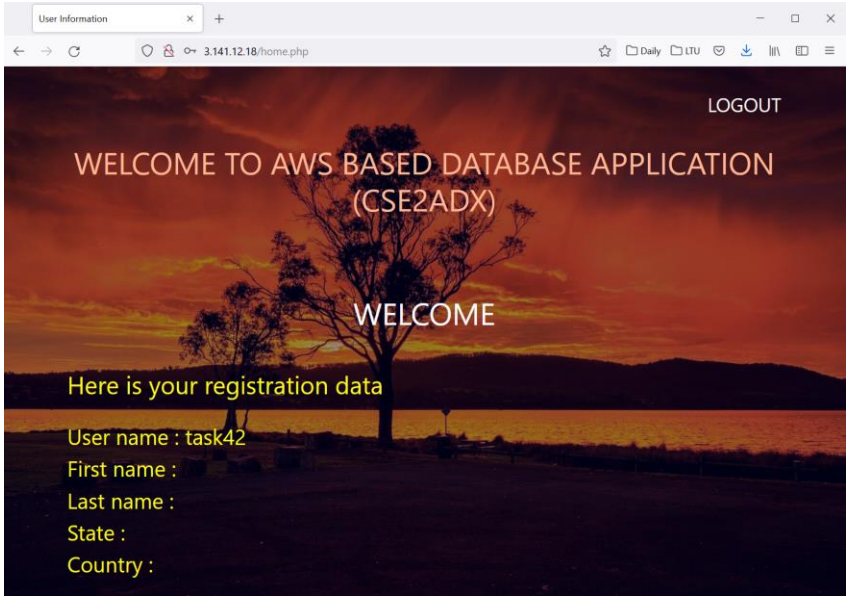
- Modify the validation.php file to point to the RDS database

```
$connection=mysqli_connect('webappdatabase.cfz03euto6rv.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com'
,'root', 'root1234', 'user_accounts') or die("COULD NOT CONNCT".mysqli_connect_error
());
```

- Modify the registration.php file to point to the RDS database

```
header('location:login.php');
$connection=mysqli_connect('webappdatabase.cfz03euto6rv.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com'
,'root', 'root1234');
mysqli_select_db($connection, 'user_accounts');
```

- Test that the redirection to the RDS database works by opening the adx2EC2 public IPv4 address 3.141.12.18 in a browser and register a new user 'task42'

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[root@ip-172-31-1-226 html]# mysql -h webappdatabase.cfz03euto6rv.us-east-2.rds.amaz
onaws.com -P 3306 -u root -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MariaDB monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MariaDB connection id is 108
Server version: 10.4.13-MariaDB-log Source distribution

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Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
MariaDB [user_accounts]> select * from user;
+------------+----------+
| username   | password |
+------------+----------+
| noor       | noor1234 |
| joewasuruj | root     |
| task42     | root     |
+------------+----------+
3 rows in set (0.001 sec)

MariaDB [user_accounts]>
```
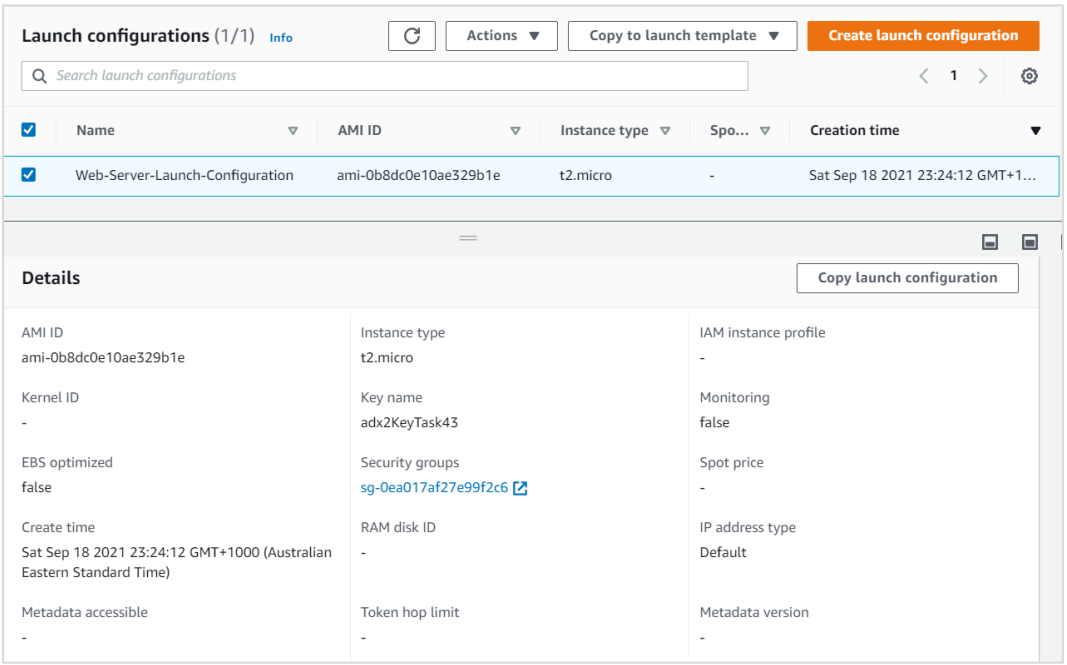

NOTE: The AMI from Task 3 has its web application pointing to the local database. If I use it for the launch configuration, I will have to modify the .php files for all new instances. For efficiency, I will create a new AMI called adx2AMI-Task42 and use it for the subsequent tasks.

Name	AMI Name	AMI ID	Source	Owner	Visibility	Status	Creation Date	Platform	Root Device
adx2AMI	adx2AMI	ami-0d55c9f223717c7d5	888742301715/...	888742301715	Private	available	September 17, 2021 ...	Other Linux	ebs
adx2AMI-Task42	adx2AMI-Task42	ami-0b8dc0e10ae329b1e	888742301715/...	888742301715	Private	available	September 18, 2021 ...	Other Linux	ebs

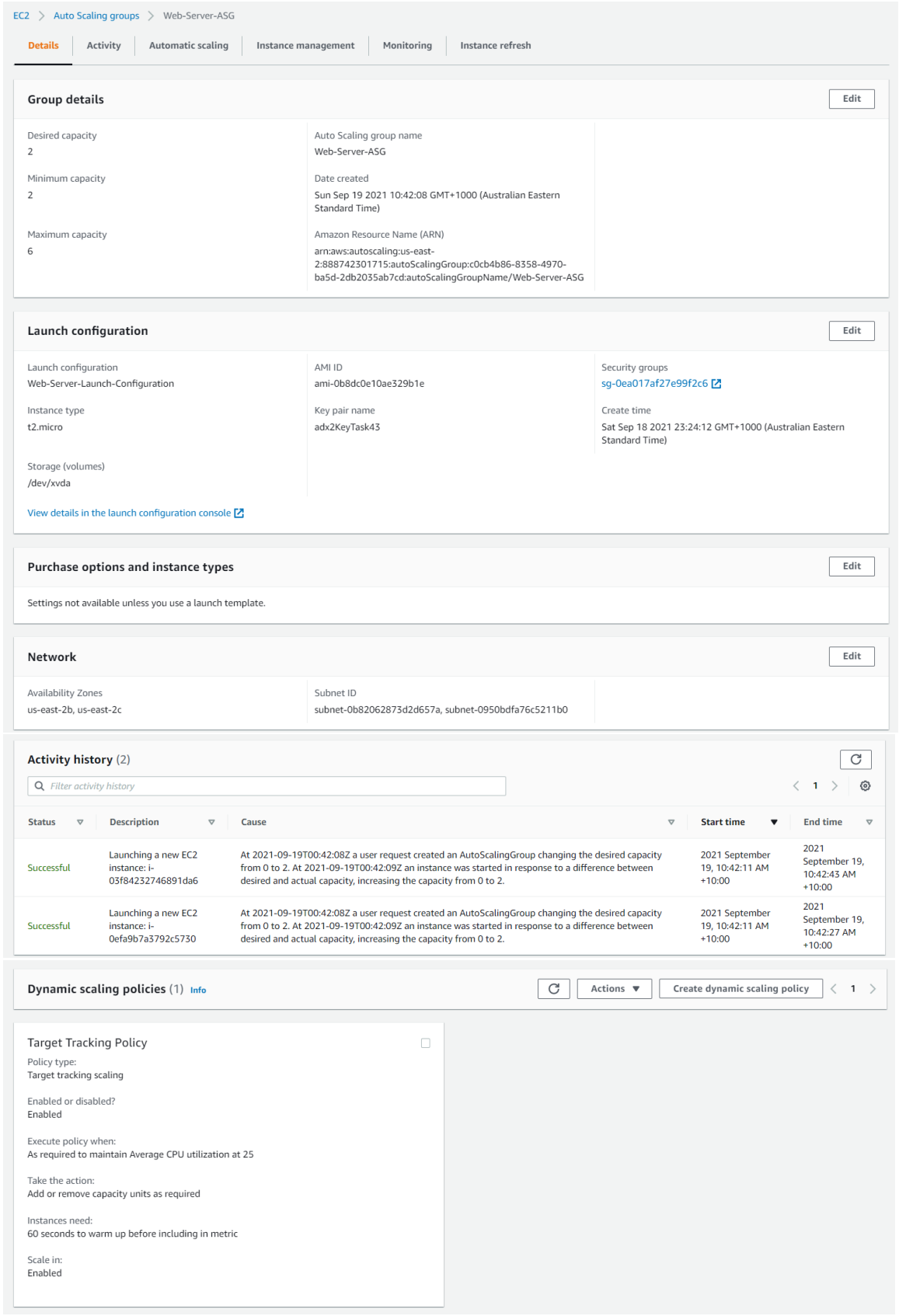
3. Create a Launch Template

- Create a launch configuration
    - Navigate to EC2 Dashboard, under Auto Scaling, click “Launch configurations”
    - Name: Web-Server-Launch-Configuration
    - AMI: adx2AMI-Task42
    - Instance type: t2.micro
    - Storage: default
    - Security Group: WebServerSG
    - Key pair (login): adx2KeyTask43



4. Create an Auto Scaling Group

- Create an Auto Scaling Group
    - Name: Web-Server-ASG
    - Launch configuration: Web-Server-Launch-Configuration
    - VPC: adx2VPC
    - Subnets: adx2PrivateSubnetA & adx2PrivateSubnetB
    - Load balancing: No
    - Desired capacity: 2
    - Minimum capacity: 2
    - Maximum capacity: 6
    - Target tracking scaling policy:
        - Metric type: Average CPU utilization
        - Target value: 25
        - Instances need: 60 seconds warm up before including in metric


EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > Web-Server-ASG
Details
Activity
Automatic scaling
Instance management
Monitoring
Instance refresh
Group details
Edit
Desired capacity
2
Minimum capacity
2
Maximum capacity
6
Auto Scaling group name
Web-Server-ASG
Date created
Sun Sep 19 2021 10:42:08 GMT+1000 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)
Amazon Resource Name (ARN)
arn:aws:autoscaling:us-east-2:888742301715:autoScalingGroup:c0cb4b86-8358-4970-ba5d-2db2035ab7cd:autoScalingGroupName/Web-Server-ASG
Launch configuration
Edit
Launch configuration
Web-Server-Launch-Configuration
Instance type
t2.micro
Storage (volumes)
/dev/xvda
AMI ID
ami-0b8dc0e10ae329b1e
Key pair name
adx2KeyTask43
Security groups
sg-0ea017af27e99f2c6
Create time
Sat Sep 18 2021 23:24:12 GMT+1000 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)
View details in the launch configuration console
Purchase options and instance types
Edit
Settings not available unless you use a launch template.
Network
Edit
Availability Zones
us-east-2b, us-east-2c
Subnet ID
subnet-0b82062873d2d657a, subnet-0950bdfa76c5211b0
Activity history (2)
Filter activity history
Status
Description
Cause
Start time
End time
Successful
Launching a new EC2 instance: i-03f84232746891da6
At 2021-09-19T00:42:08Z a user request created an AutoScalingGroup changing the desired capacity from 0 to 2. At 2021-09-19T00:42:09Z an instance was started in response to a difference between desired and actual capacity, increasing the capacity from 0 to 2.
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2021 September 19, 10:42:43 AM +10:00
Successful
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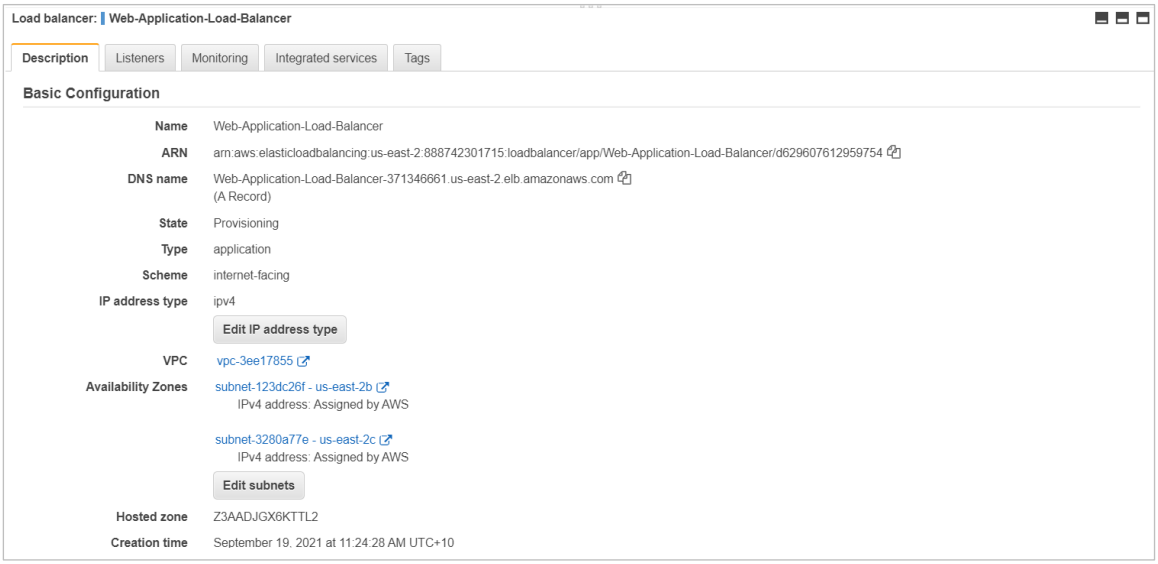
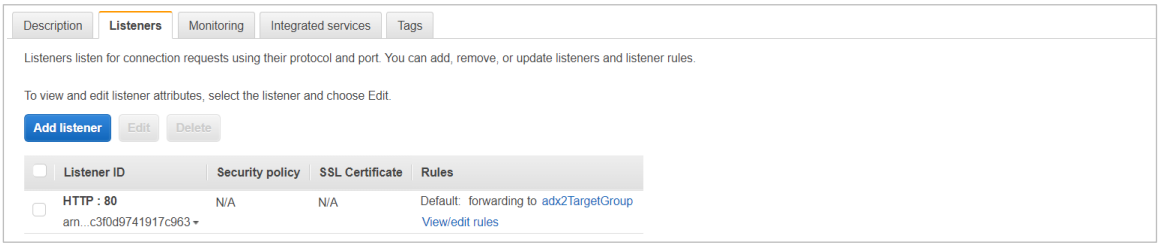
Dynamic scaling policies (1) Info
Actions
Create dynamic scaling policy
Target Tracking Policy
Policy type:
Target tracking scaling
Enabled or disabled?
Enabled
Execute policy when:
As required to maintain Average CPU utilization at 25
Take the action:
Add or remove capacity units as required
Instances need:
60 seconds to warm up before including in metric
Scale in:
Enabled

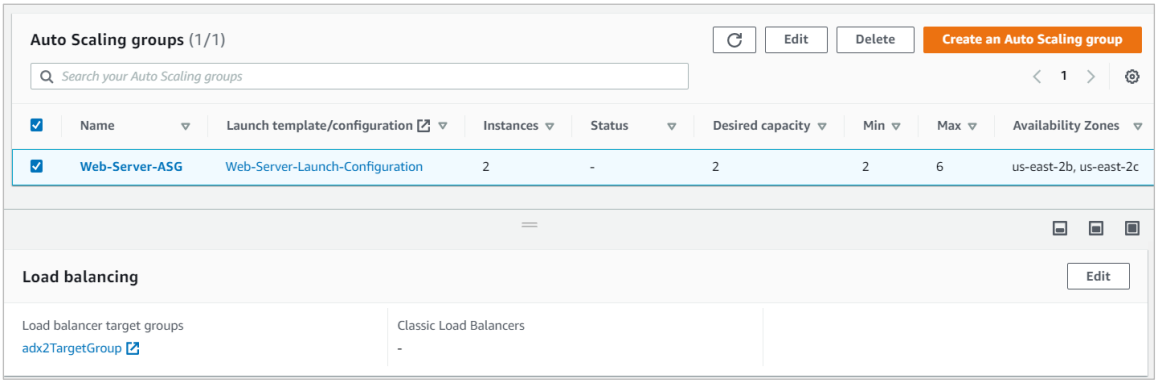
5. Create an HTTP Application Load Balancer

- Create a Target Group adx2TargetGroup for the web servers
    - Navigate to EC2 Dashboard, click “Target Groups”, “Create target group”
    - Target type: Instances
    - Target group name: adx2TargetGroup
    - Protocol: HTTP, Port: 80
    - VPC: adx2VPC
    - Protocol version: HTTP1
    - Health checks: HTTP
    - Register targets: Skips registering targets
- Create an Application Load Balancer
    - Navigate to EC2 Dashboard, click “Load Balancers”, “Create Load Balancer”, “Application Load Balancer”, “Create”
    - Basic configuration:
        - Load balancer name: Web-Application-Load-Balancer
        - Scheme: Internet-facing, IP address type: IPv4
    - Network mapping:
        - VPC: adx2VPC
        - Mappings:
            - us-east-2b & adx2PublicSubnetB
            - us-east-2c & adx2PublicSubnetA
    - Security groups: LoadBalancerSG
    - Listeners and routing:
        - Protocol: HTTP, Port: 80, Forward to: adx2TargetGroup

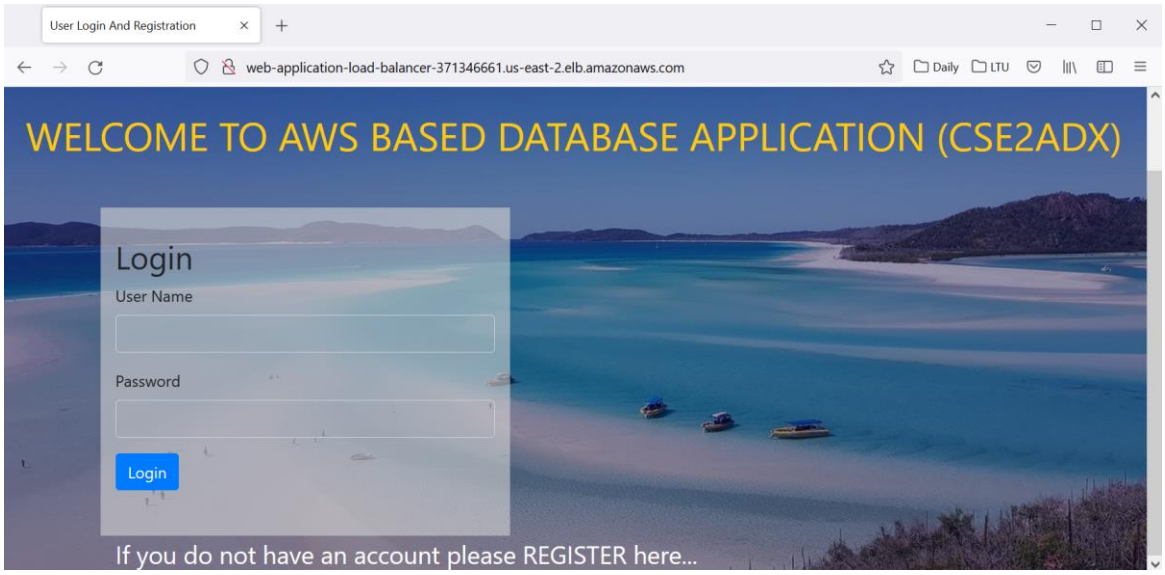


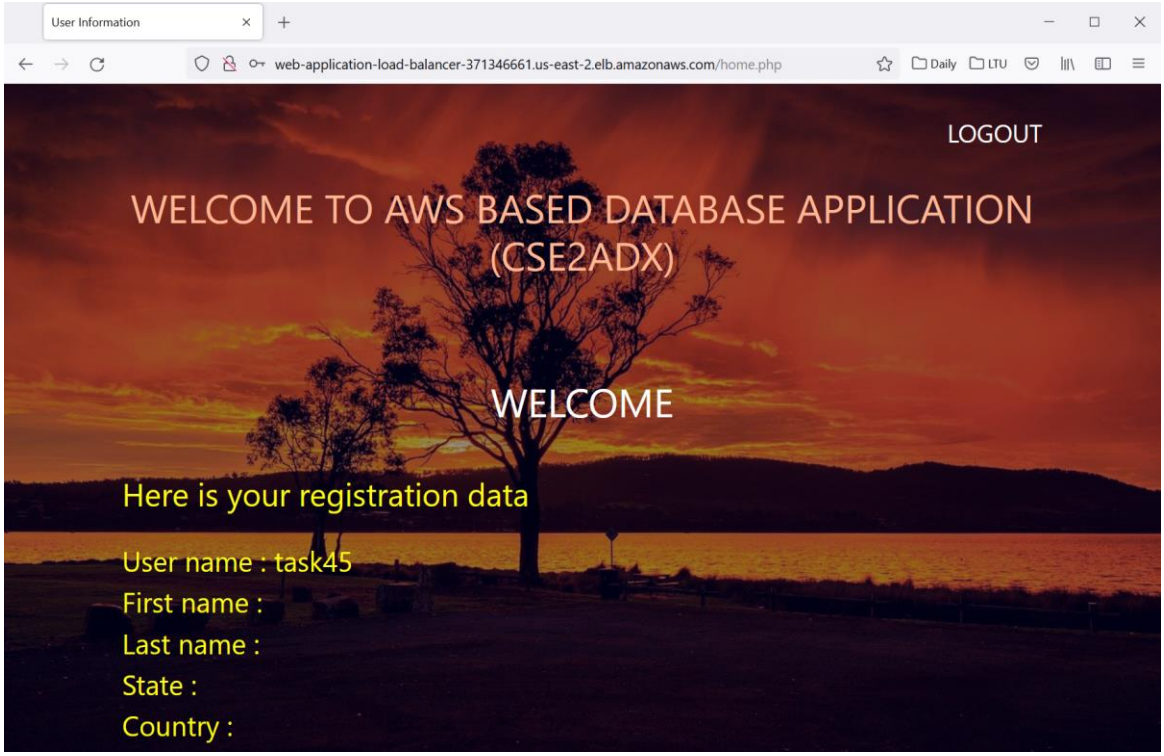


- Add the Load Balancer adx2TargetGroup to the Auto Scaling Group Web-Server-ASG
    - In Auto Scaling Groups, select ‘Web-Server-ASG’
    - Go to Load balancing, click “Edit”
    - Application Load Balancer target groups: adx2TargetGroup HTTP



- LB DNS name: Web-Application-Load-Balancer-371346661.us-east-2.elb.amazonaws.com
- Test the database web application by opening the LB DNS name in a browser



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| username   | password |
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| noor       | noor1234 |
| joewasuruj | root     |
| task42     | root     |
| task45     | root     |
+------------+----------+
4 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [user accounts]>
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