



# Deep Dive on Amazon RDS

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Case study: WOW air
- Scaling on Amazon RDS
- High availability with Amazon RDS
- Migrating to Amazon RDS



# Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS)



Launch



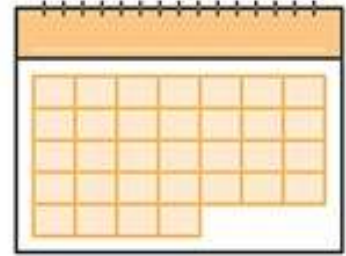
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management



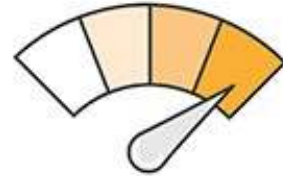
Cost-effective



Application  
compatibility



Instant provisioning



Scale up/down

# Amazon RDS engines

## Commercial

ORACLE®



## Open source



PostgreSQL



MariaDB

## Amazon Aurora

Amazon  
Aurora

# Trade-offs with a managed service

## Fully managed host and OS

- No access to the database host operating system
- Limited ability to modify configuration that is managed on the host operating system
- No functions that rely on configuration from the host OS

## Fully managed storage

- Max storage limits
  - SQL Server — 4 TB
  - MySQL, MariaDB, PostgreSQL, Oracle — 6 TB
  - Aurora — 64 TB
- Growing your database is a process

# Selected RDS customers



vodafone

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SEGA®



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# Selected Amazon Aurora customers





# WOW air “up” in the cloud

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# A little bit about WOW air

Low-cost airline founded in 2011

First flight in May 2012

Awarded Air Operator's certificate (AOC) in October 2013

Served its one-millionth guest in December 2014



## A little bit about WOW air (cont'd)

Over 27 destinations in Europe and North America

750,000 guests and 6 aircrafts in 2015

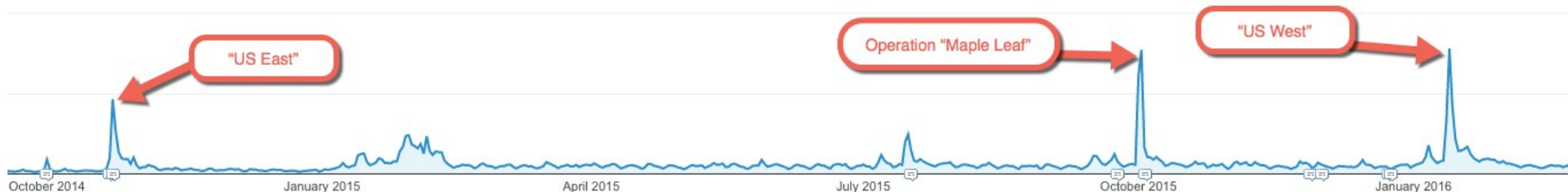
By the end of 2016, 1.8 million guests and 11 aircrafts



# Why Amazon Web Services?

Three successful sales campaigns thanks to AWS scalability

- “US East”: Boston BOS and Baltimore BWI
- “Maple Leaf”: Montreal YUL and Toronto YYZ
- “US West”: Los Angeles LAX and San Francisco SFO



# “US East” campaign

Internet Booking Engine (IBE) moved to Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Amazon EC2 instances set up to host:

- 20 Web Servers (MS IIS)
- 3 Databases (MS SQL)
- 1 In-memory DB Server (Couchbase)

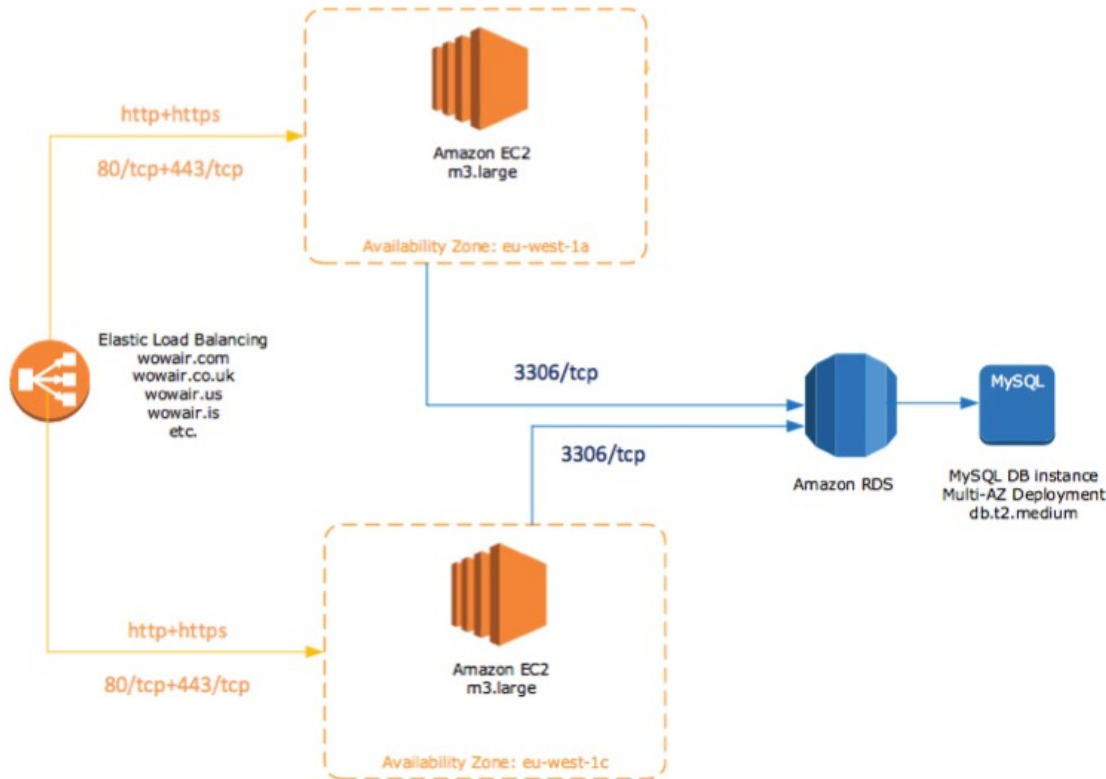


# Operation “Maple Leaf”

Content Management System (CMS) moved to Amazon EC2 instances

CMS database set up on Amazon RDS MySQL with Multi-AZ deployment

Total success or ... ?



# Operation “Maple Leaf” (cont’d)

Problems with too many DB connections from web application

Ended up bumping up to larger RDS instances... twice



First bump was done with Amazon EC2 instances turned off

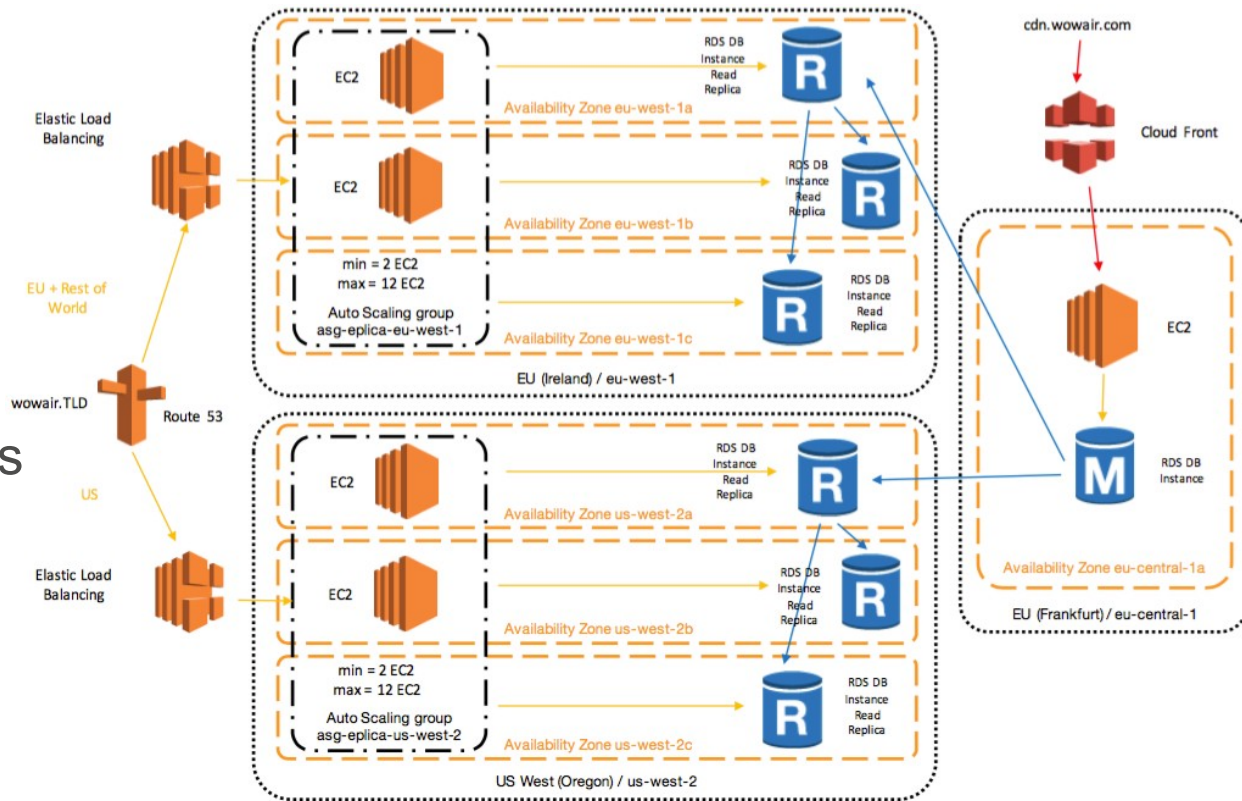
Second bump was done with Amazon EC2 instances live

# “US West” campaign - Cross region replication

CMS set up on  
Amazon EC2  
auto-scaling groups  
in 2 regions

Master Database  
replicated to read replicas  
in 2 regions (AZ: a)

Read replicas replicated  
to second level of read  
replicas (AZ: b and c)



# Why Amazon RDS?

Multiple database engines to choose from

Fully managed, with optional automatic upgrades

Redundancy with Multi-AZ deployment

Cross region replication functionality (MySQL)

Snapshot feature for backups and restore





# Database replication project

Replicate (in real-time) the Oracle Database of our Inventory System hosted by our partner:

- Partner wanted to use *SymmetricDS* as the replication tool
- Size of data to replicate was unknown
- Partner had previously set up ongoing Oracle to MS SQL replication for another client (in “just” 4 weeks)

# Database replication project cont'd

Our simple solution was up and running in 4 hours:

- Target database was selected to be Amazon Aurora
- Database storage grows on the fly
- No “nasty” conversion of data needed

# Future RDS projects

- Region replication for our new CMS Database with Amazon RDS for PostgreSQL
- Region Replication for the Database on our Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) system with Amazon RDS for PostgreSQL



# More information

WOW air's website: <https://wowair.com>

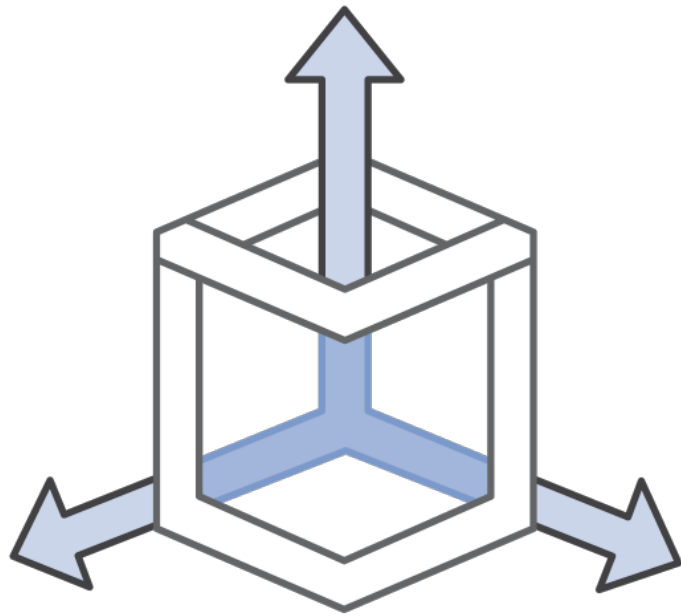
About WOW air:

<http://wowair.us/the-wow-experience/our-story>

AWS Case Study on WOW air:

<https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/wow-air>

# Scaling on RDS



# Read Replicas

Bring data close to your customer's applications in different regions

Relieve pressure on your master node for supporting reads and writes.

Promote a Read Replica to a master for faster recovery in the event of disaster



# Read Replicas

Within a region

- MySQL
- MariaDB
- PostgreSQL
- Aurora

Cross-region

- MySQL
- MariaDB



# Read Replicas – Oracle and Microsoft SQL Server

## Oracle

- GoldenGate
- Third-party replication products
- Snapshots



## SQL Server

- Third-party replication products
- Snapshots





# Scaling manually

Console

Instance Actions ▾

See Details

Create Read Replica

Promote Read Replica

Take Snapshot

Restore to Point in Time

Migrate Latest Snapshot

Modify

Reboot

Delete

## Modify DB Instance: sg-cli-test

### Instance Specifications

DB Engine Version MySQL 5.6.27 (default)

DB Instance Class db.m4.large — 2 vCPU, 8 GiB RAM

Multi-AZ Deployment No

Storage Type General Purpose (SSD)

Allocated Storage\* 600 GB

Apply Immediately



# Scaling on a schedule – CLI or AWS Lambda

```
aws rds modify-db-instance  
--db-instance-identifier sg-cli-test  
--db-instance-class db.m4.large  
--apply-immediately
```

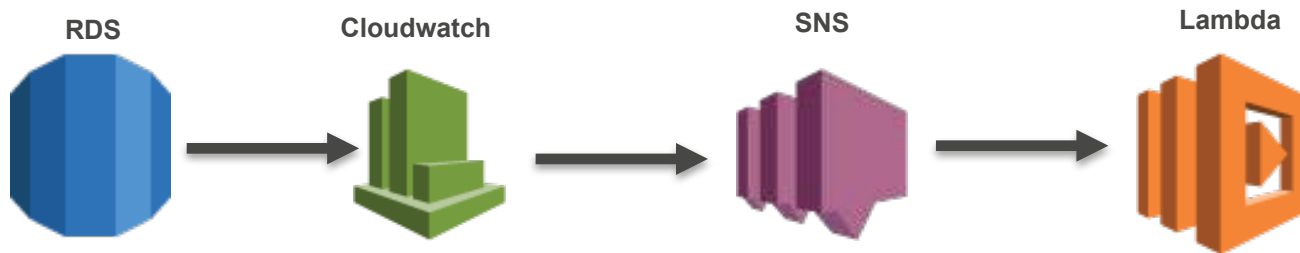


```
#Scale down at 8:00 PM on Friday  
0 20 * * 5  
/home/ec2-user/scripts/scale_down_rds.s  
h  
  
#Scale up at 4:00 AM on Monday  
0 4 * * 1  
/home/ec2-user/scripts/scale_up_rds.sh
```

```
import boto3  
  
client=boto3.client('rds')  
  
def lambda_handler(event, context):  
    response=client.modify_db_instance(DBInstanceIdentifier='sg-cli-test',  
                                        DBInstanceClass='db.m4.xlarge',  
                                        ApplyImmediately=True)  
  
    print response
```



# Scaling on demand – Cloudwatch & AWS Lambda



```
import boto3
import json
```

```
client=boto3.client('rds')
```

```
def lambda_handler(event, context):
    message = event['Records'][0]['Sns']['Message']
    parsed_message=json.loads(message)
    db_instance=parsed_message['Trigger']['Dimensions'][0]['value']
    print 'DB Instance: ' + db_instance
    response=client.modify_db_instance(DBInstanceIdentifier=db_instance,
                                       DBInstanceClass='db.m4.large',
                                       ApplyImmediately=True)

    print response
```

# Scaling – Single AZ

With single AZ deployment, the master takes an outage

## Alarms and Recent Events

TIME (UTC-7)	EVENT
Mar 26 7:01 AM	DB instance restarted
Mar 26 7:00 AM	Finished applying modification to DB instance class
Mar 26 6:53 AM	Applying modification to database instance class

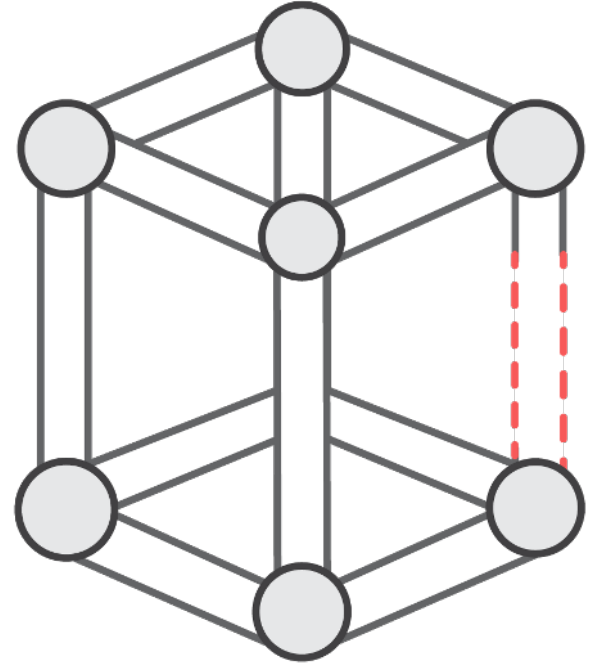
# Scaling – Multi-AZ

With Multi-AZ, the standby gets upgraded first

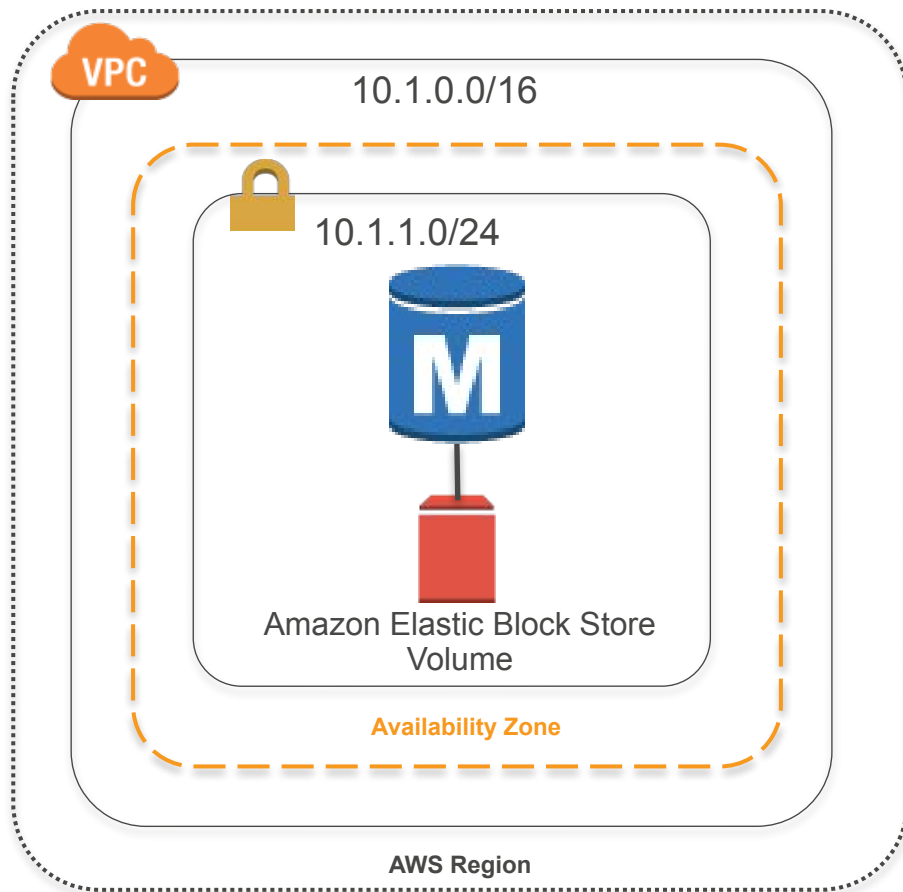
## Alarms and Recent Events

TIME (UTC-7)	EVENT
Mar 26 6:34 AM	Finished applying modification to DB instance class
Mar 26 6:28 AM	Multi-AZ instance failover completed
Mar 26 6:28 AM	DB instance restarted
Mar 26 6:28 AM	Multi-AZ instance failover started
Mar 26 6:20 AM	Applying modification to database instance class

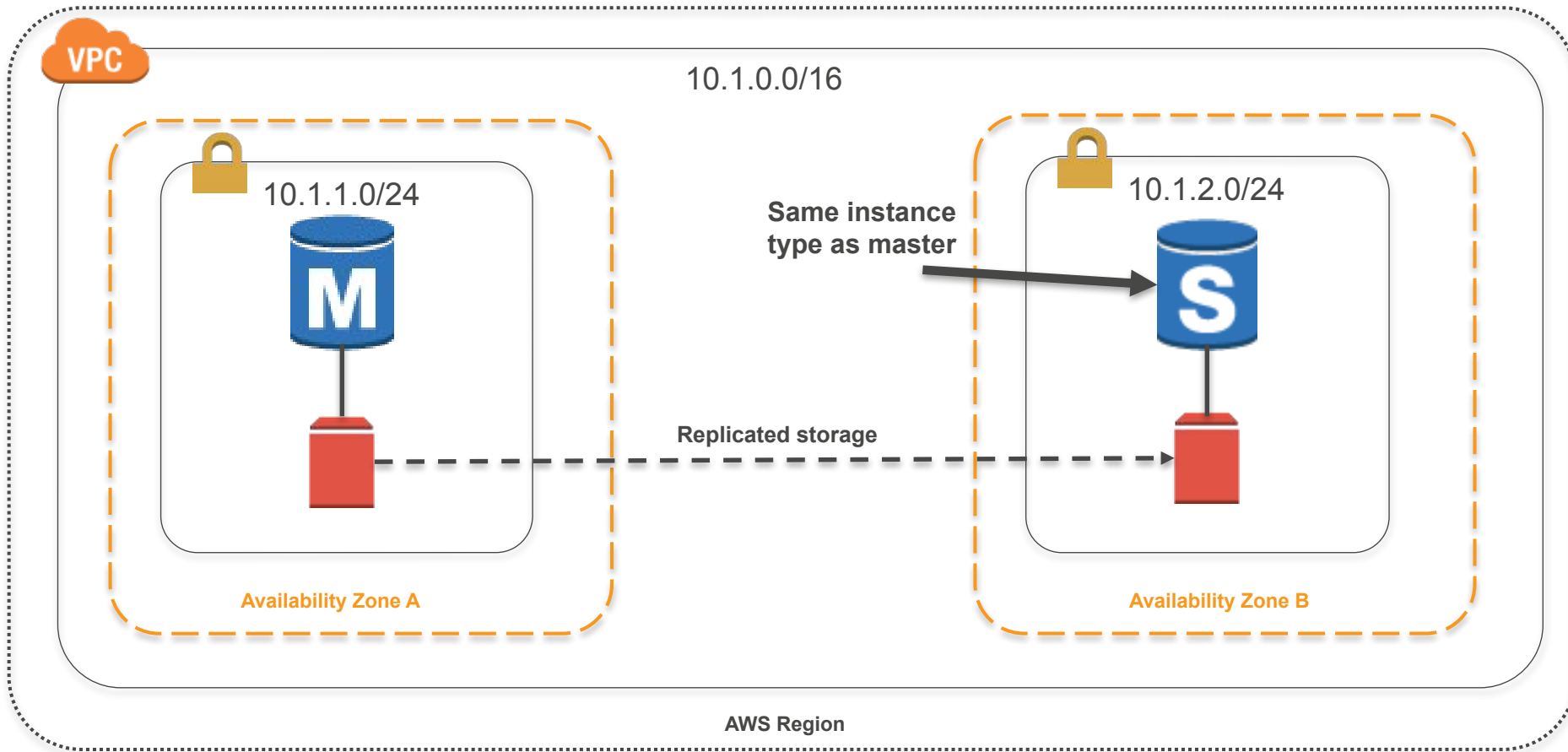
# High availability



# Minimal deployment – Single AZ



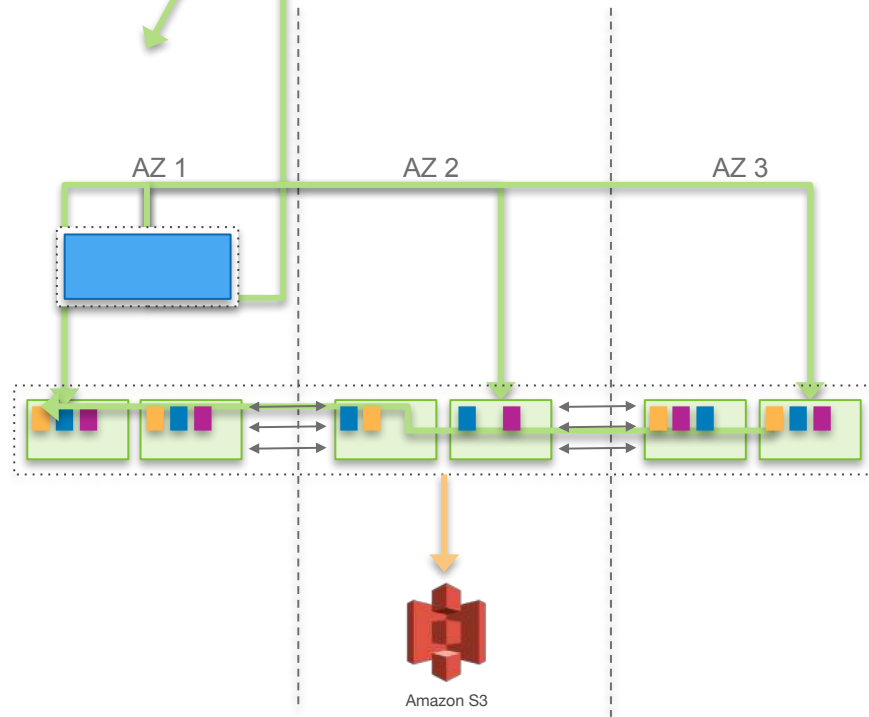
# High availability – Multi-AZ





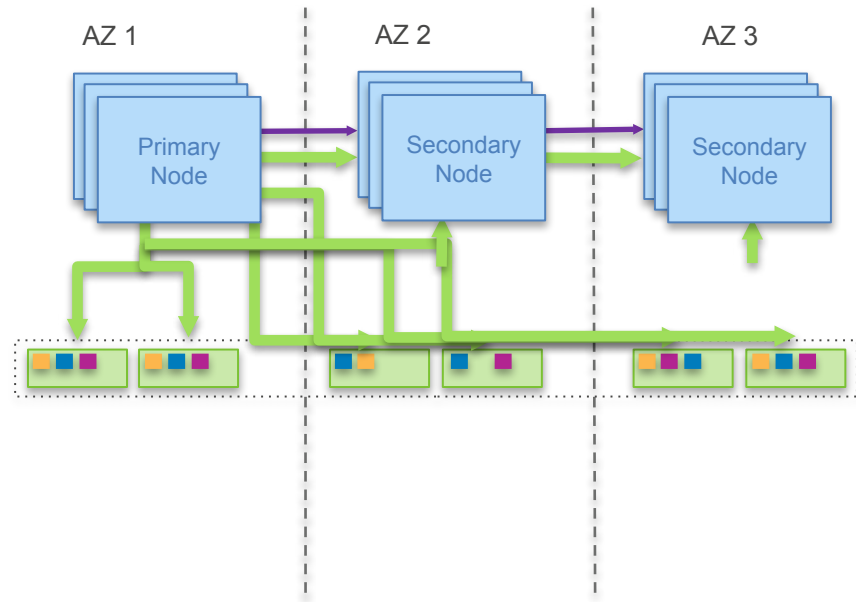
# High availability – Amazon Aurora storage

- Automatically grows up to 64 TB
- Automatically replicates across 3 AZs with 2 copies in each AZ
  - can lose 2 copies without affecting writes
  - can lose 3 copies without affecting reads
- Continuously monitors nodes and disks for repair
- 10 GB SSD segments as unit of repair or hotspot rebalance
- Continuously backed up to Amazon S3



# High availability – Amazon Aurora nodes

- Up to 15 secondary nodes
- No log replay, resulting in minimal replica lag (10 to 20 ms)
- Failing database nodes and processes are automatically detected and replaced
- Secondary nodes automatically promoted on persistent outage, no single point of failure
- Cache survives database restart



# Simulating Amazon Aurora failures

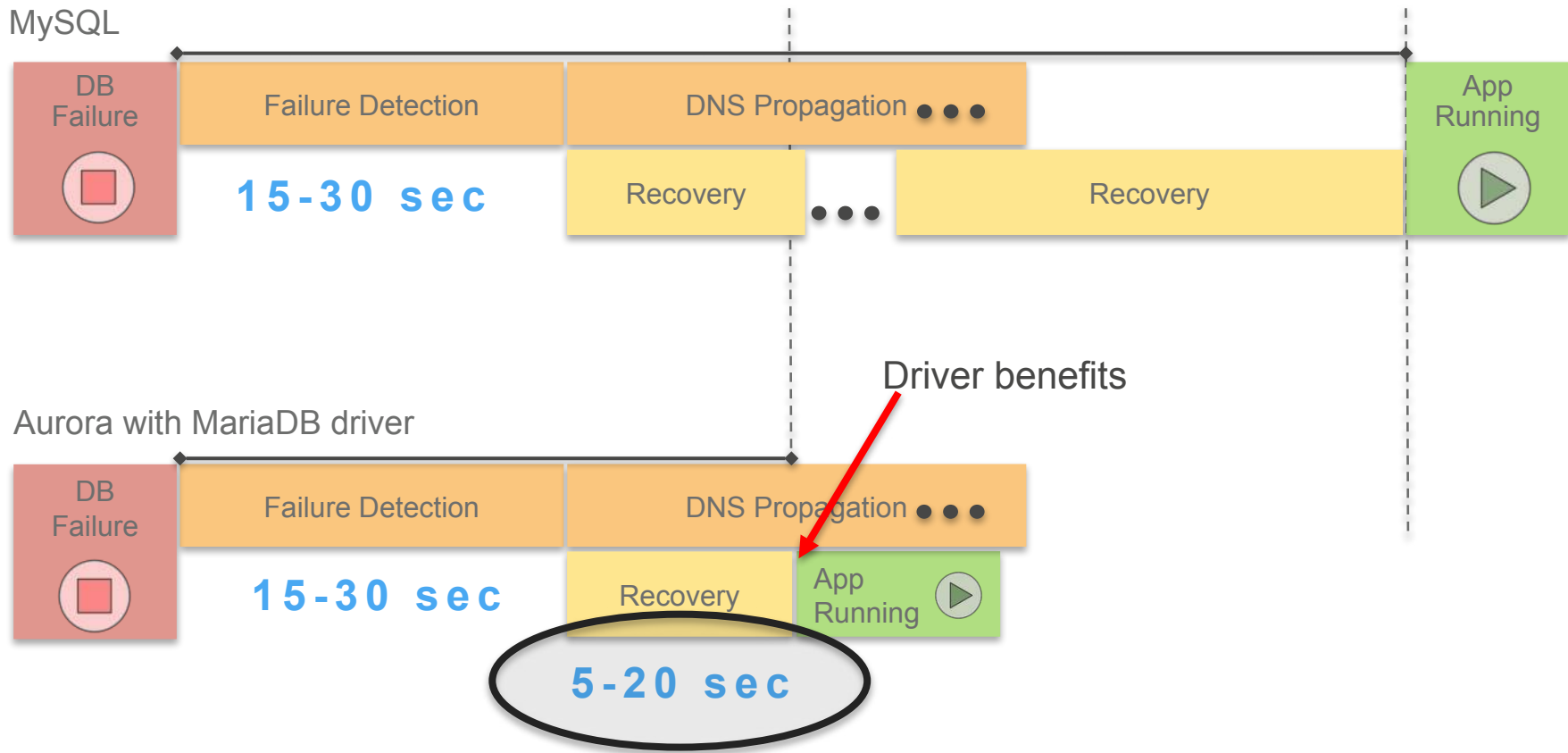
**ALTER SYSTEM CRASH** [ INSTANCE | DISPATCHER | NODE ];

**ALTER SYSTEM SIMULATE** *percentage\_of\_failure* PERCENT

- **READ REPLICA FAILURE** [ TO ALL | TO "replica name" ]
- **DISK FAILURE** [ IN DISK *index* | NODE *index* ]
- **DISK CONGESTION BETWEEN** *minimum* AND *maximum*  
MILLISECONDS [ IN DISK *index* | NODE *index* ]

FOR INTERVAL *quantity* [ YEAR | QUARTER | MONTH | WEEK | DAY |  
HOUR | MINUTE | SECOND ];

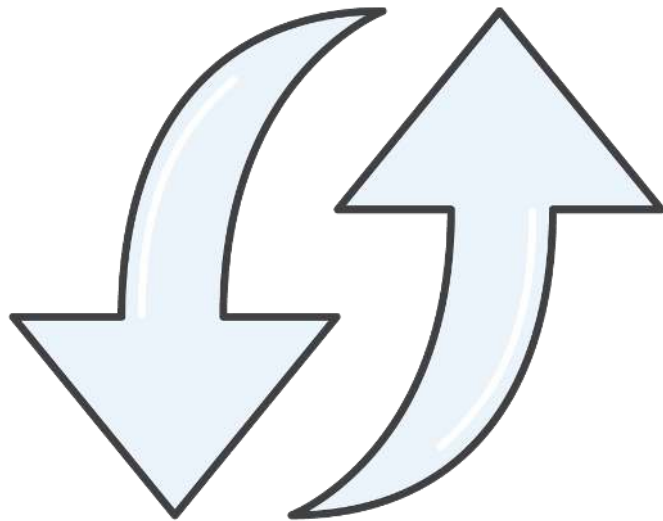
# Failover – MySQL vs Aurora



# Tips to improve recovery time with MySQL

- DO NOT use the IP address to connect to RDS!
- Set a low TTL on your own CNAME (beware if you use Java)
- Avoid large number of tables :
  - No more than 1000 tables using Standard Storage
  - No more than 10,000 tables using Provisioned IOPS
- Avoid tables in your database growing too large
- Make sure you have enough IOPS
- Avoid large transactions
- Use RDS Events to be notified

**Migrating onto RDS**





## AWS Database Migration Service



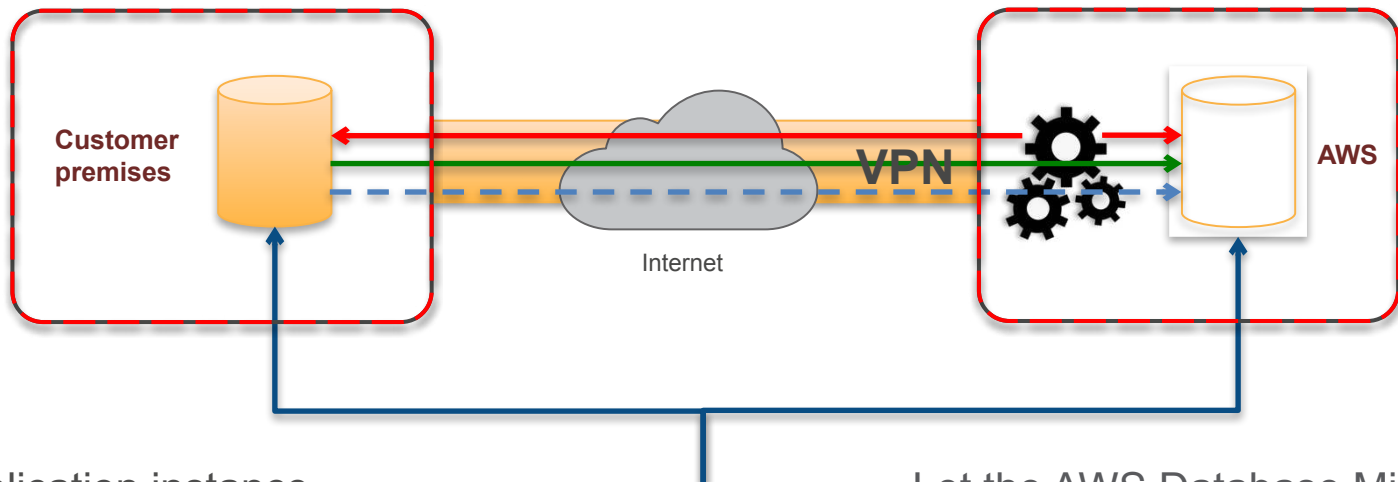
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**Amazon Aurora**

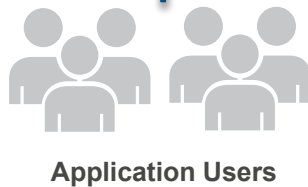


- ✓ Move data to the same or different database engine
- ✓ Keep your apps running during the migration
- ✓ Start your first migration in 10 minutes or less
- ✓ Replicate within, to, or from Amazon EC2 or RDS

# Keep your apps running during the migration



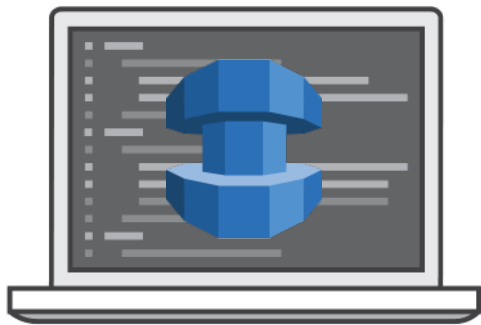
Start a replication instance  
Connect to source and target database  
Select tables, schemas, or databases



Application Users

Let the AWS Database Migration Service create tables, load data, and keep them in sync  
Switch applications over to the target at your convenience





## AWS Schema Conversion Tool

Migrate from Oracle and SQL Server

Move your tables, views, stored procedures, and data manipulation language (DML) to MySQL, MariaDB, and Amazon Aurora

Highlight where manual edits are needed

AWS

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**Thank You!**