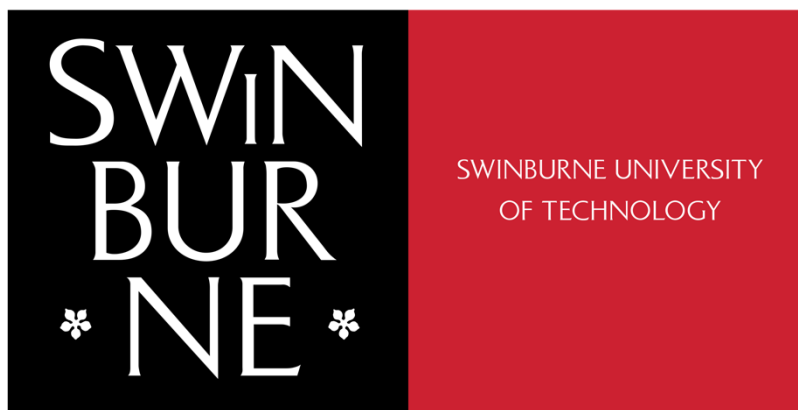


## Assignment 2

Developing a highly available Photo Album website



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## I.INTRODUCTION

This project is about creating a Photo Album website using various AWS services, such as EC2, S3, RDS, and Lambda. The website allows users to upload and browse photos, and creates resized thumbnails automatically. The project provides the full source code and instructions to connect the website with the S3 bucket, the RDS database, and the Lambda function. The project demonstrates how to use AWS services to build a dynamic and user-friendly website with features like photo storage, retrieval, and resizing.

## II.WEBSITE ARCHITECTURE

### 1. Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

The VPC has two public and two private subnets, each in a different Availability Zone. The public subnets can access the internet through an Internet Gateway, while the private subnets can access the internet through a NAT gateway. I use a NAT gateway instead of a NAT instance because it is more scalable and reliable. The public and private subnets have separate route tables that direct the traffic to the appropriate gateway.

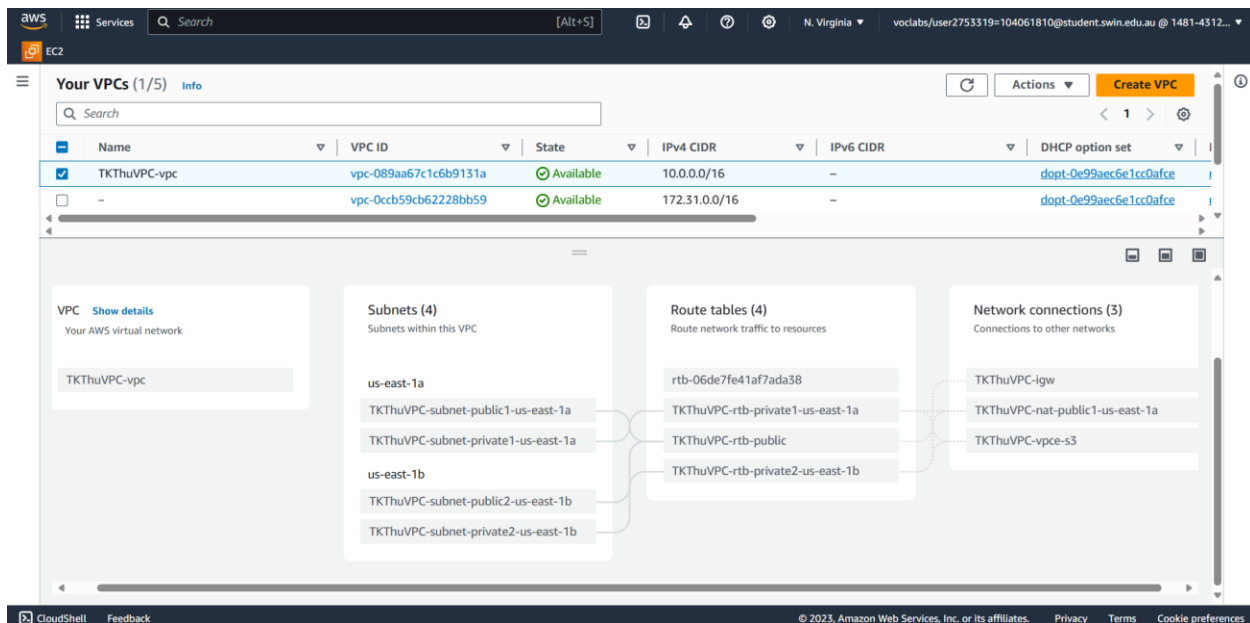


Figure 1: VPC Resource Map (NAT Gateway included)

Subnets (4/22) Info								Actions	Create subnet
Find resources by attribute or tag									
	Name	Subnet ID	State	VPC	IPv4 CIDR	IPv6 CIDR	Available IPv4		
<input type="checkbox"/>	KTHUVP-subnet-private1-us-east-1a	subnet-0414a87d3c2614e85	Available	vpc-0facd7c17f242d0b8   KTH...	10.0.3.0/24	-	249		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TKThuVPC-subnet-public1-us-east-1a	subnet-0d9352268e5ffec29	Available	vpc-089aa67c1c6b9131a   TKT...	10.0.1.0/24	-	249		
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Figure 2: VPC Subnet CIDR Block

## 2. Security Group

The architecture has four security groups: ELBSG, WebServerSG, DBServerSG, and DevServerSG. ELBSG is for the load balancer, WebServerSG is for the web servers, DBServerSG is for the database server, and DevServerSG is for the development server. I don't need a NATServerSG because I use a NAT gateway instead of a NAT instance, which is more efficient and secure. All the security groups have the default outbound rule, which allows all traffic to any IPv4 destination.

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console for the security group **sg-04386d49b41ec119c - ELoadBSG**. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like VPC dashboard, EC2 Global View, and various network services. The main content area shows the security group details, including its name, ID, description, and owner. Below the details, there are tabs for Inbound rules, Outbound rules, and Tags. The Inbound rules tab is active, showing two rules: one for HTTP traffic on port 80 and another for HTTPS traffic on port 443, both allowing traffic from 0.0.0.0/0.

Name	Security group rule...	IP version	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description
-	sg-06374bc27c31998...	IPv4	HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-0b13c1d652537670f	IPv4	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0	-

Figure 3: ELoadBSG Security Group used for Load Balancer

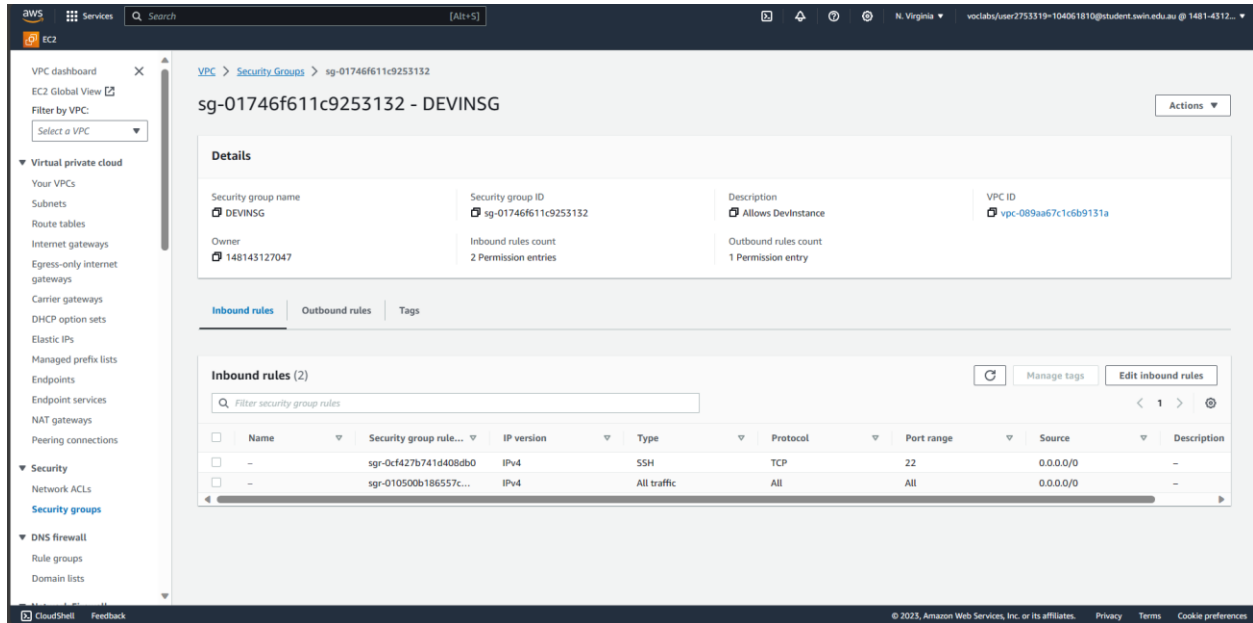


Figure 4: DEVINSG Security Group used for Dev Instance

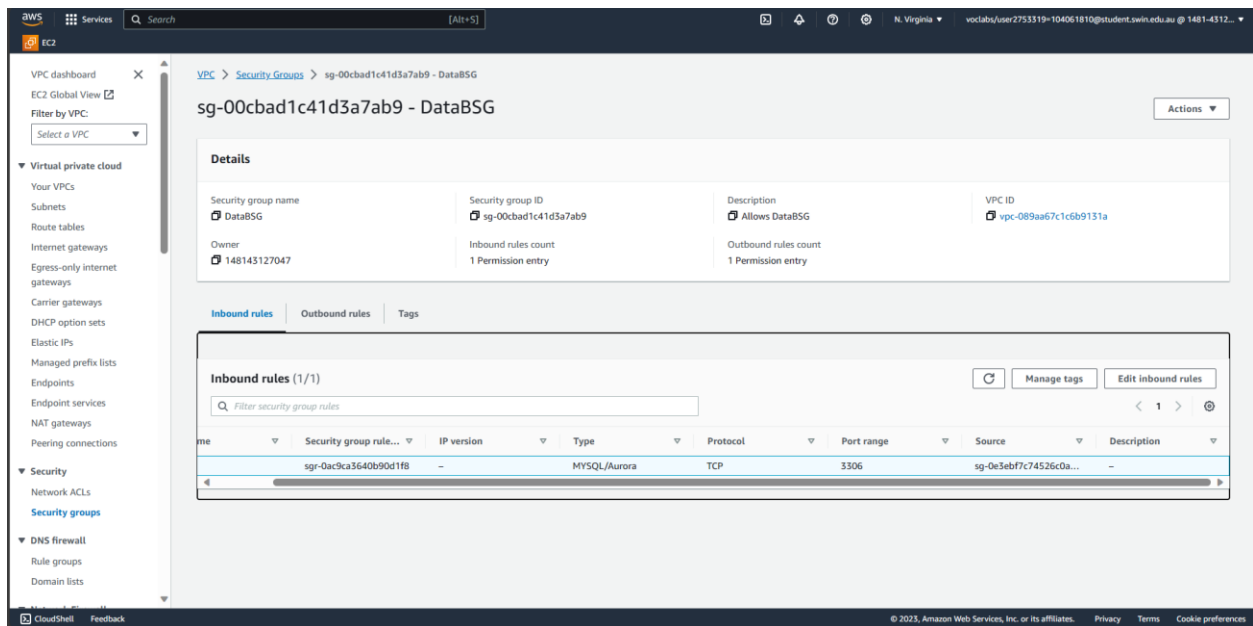


Figure 5: DataBSG Security Group used for RDS database.

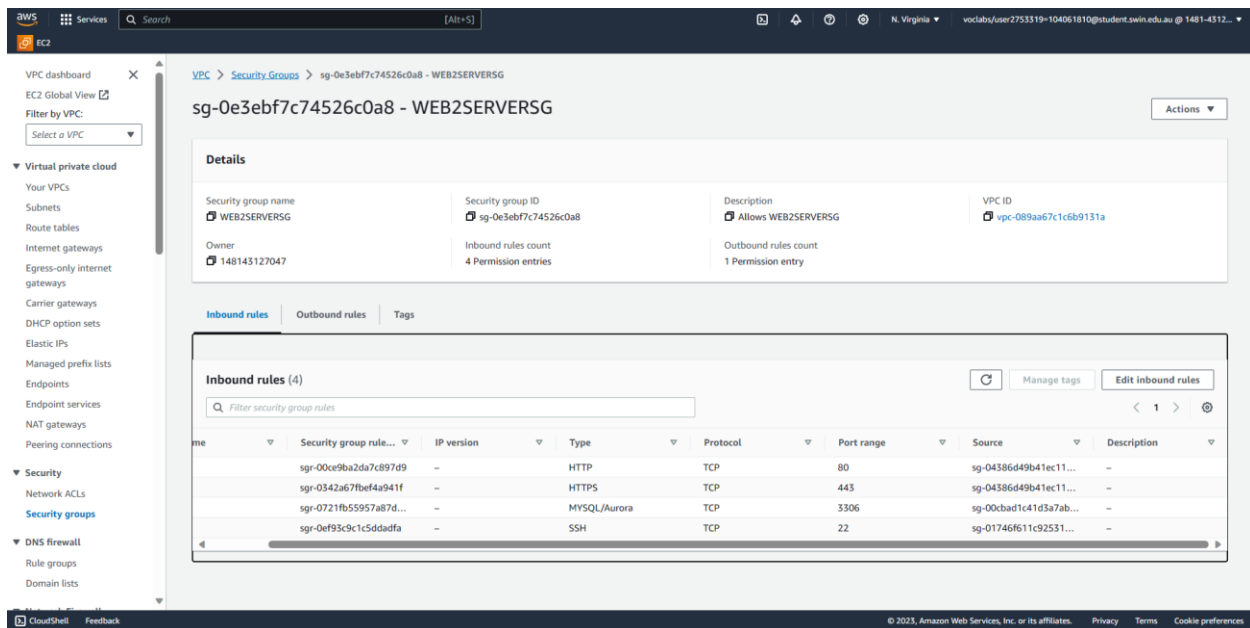


Figure 6: WEB2SERVERSG Security Group used for launch templates.

### 3. Network ACLs (NACL)

To enhance the security of the web servers in the private subnets, I created and applied a Network Access Control List (NACL) named "Asm2-ACL". This NACL controls the ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) traffic between the Dev Server and the other servers. It only allows the ICMP traffic that is necessary for the Dev Server to function properly and blocks the rest.

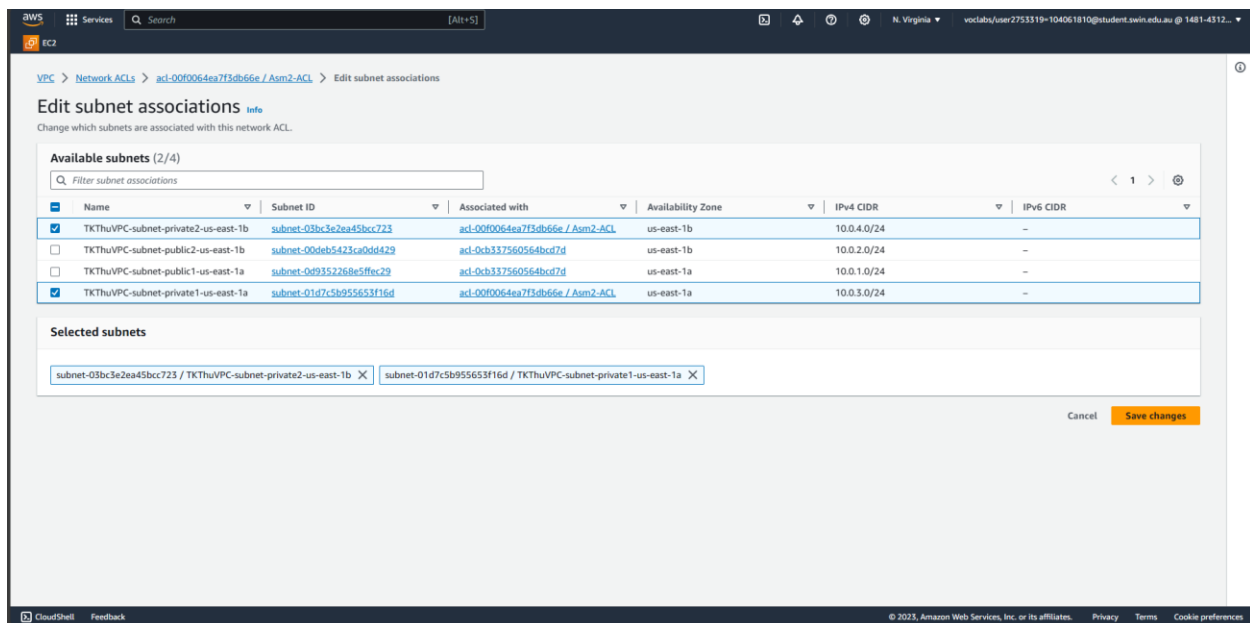


Figure 7: NACL associated with private subnets in the VPC

The Dev Server is located in Public Subnet 2, which has a CIDR of 10.0.2.0/24. The NACL for this subnet blocks the ICMP protocol in both directions. This means that the Dev Server cannot send or receive any ICMP messages, such as ping or traceroute.

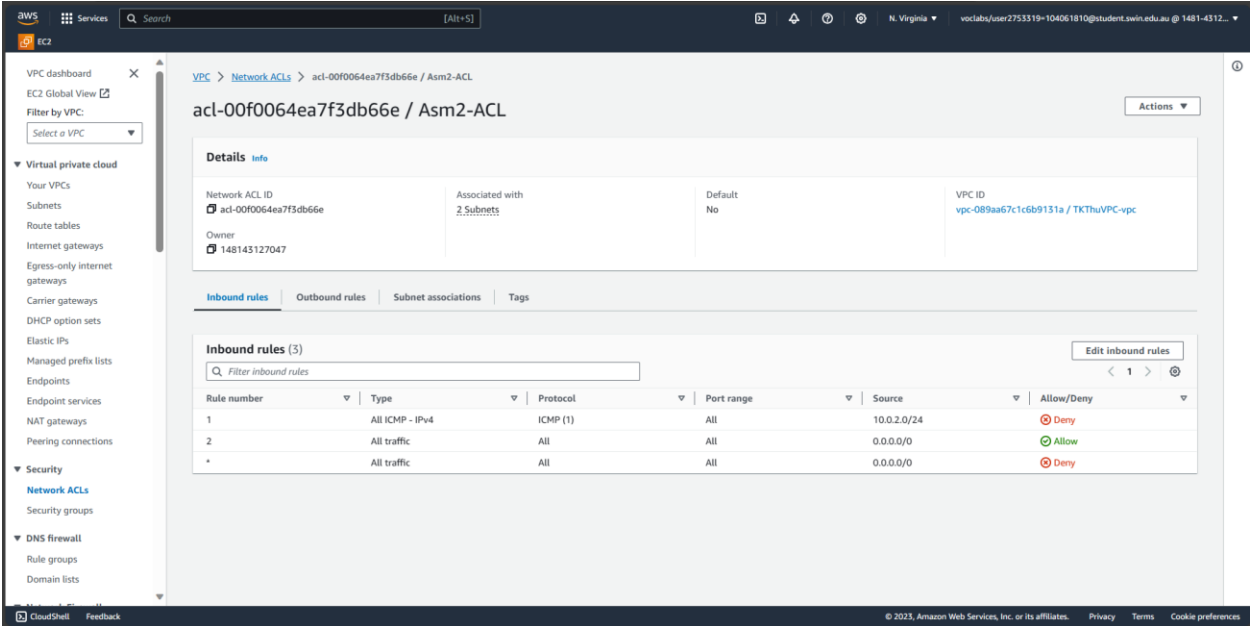


Figure 8: Inbound rules

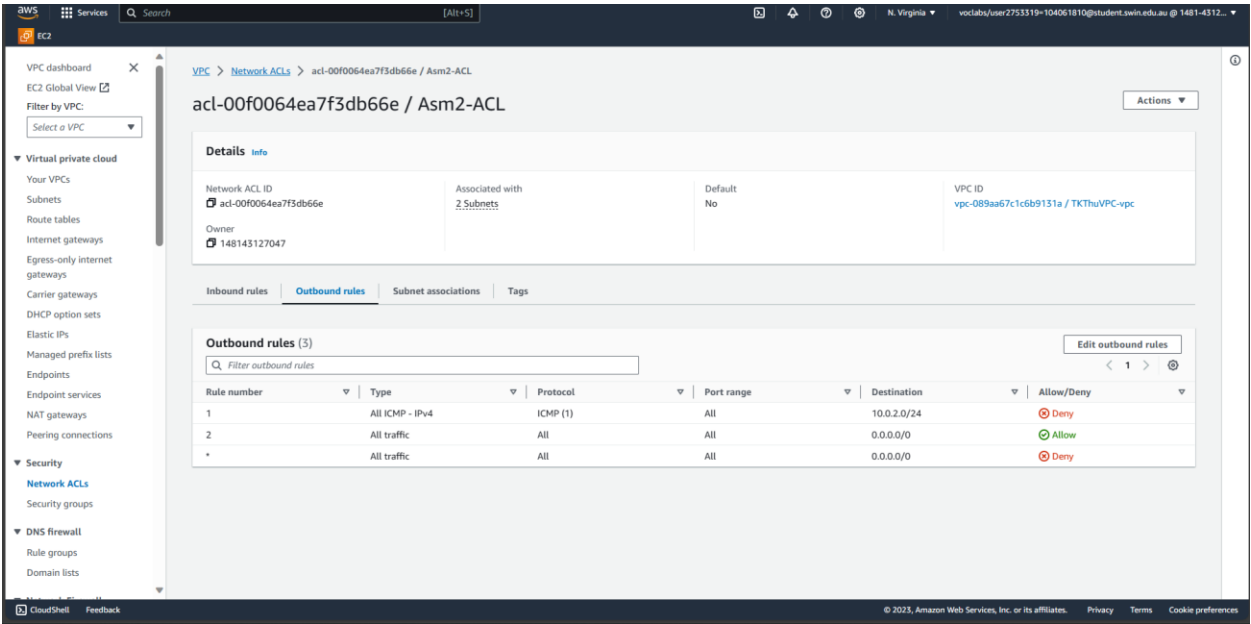


Figure 9: Outbound rules

#### 4. IAM Role

The management console has IAM roles such as "LabRole" and "Labinstancerole" that have the necessary permissions for this assignment. These roles allow you to access and manage the AWS resources that are required for the assignment, such as EC2 instances, S3 buckets, and Lambda functions.

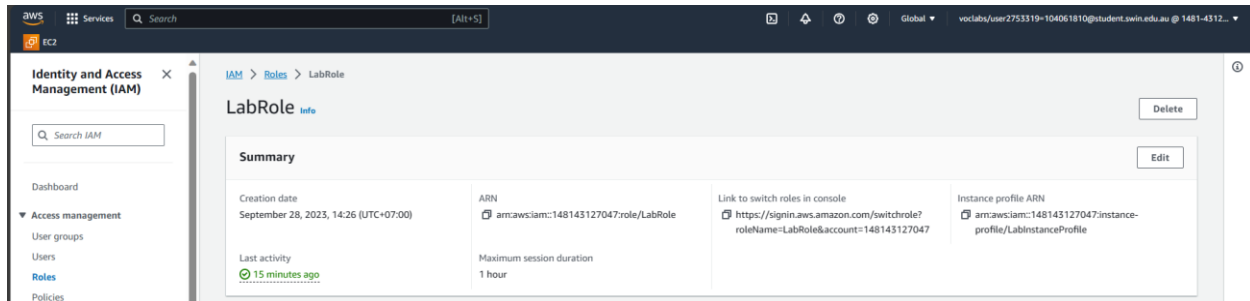


Figure 10: IAM roles

#### 5. CreateThumbnail Lambda function

The Lambda function uses an IAM execution role to access and manage the objects in the S3 bucket securely and correctly. The IAM role is called LabRole and it has the minimum permissions needed for the assignment. The LabRole role was already created for you and assigned to the Lambda function.

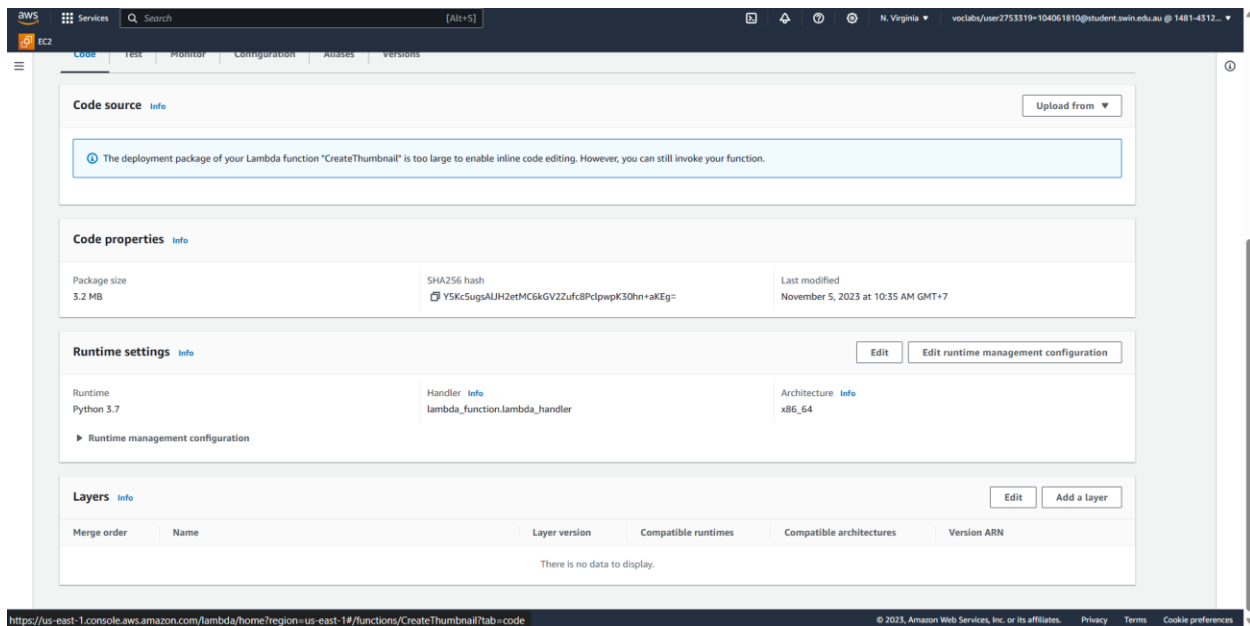


Figure 11: CreateThumbnail Lambda function configuration

I created a Lambda function called "CreateThumbnail" that uses Python 3.7 as the programming language. This function can resize images that are uploaded to the S3 bucket and save them as thumbnails.

I uploaded the "lambda-deployment-package.zip" file that contains the code and dependencies for the Lambda function. This file is needed to create and run the Lambda function on the AWS platform.

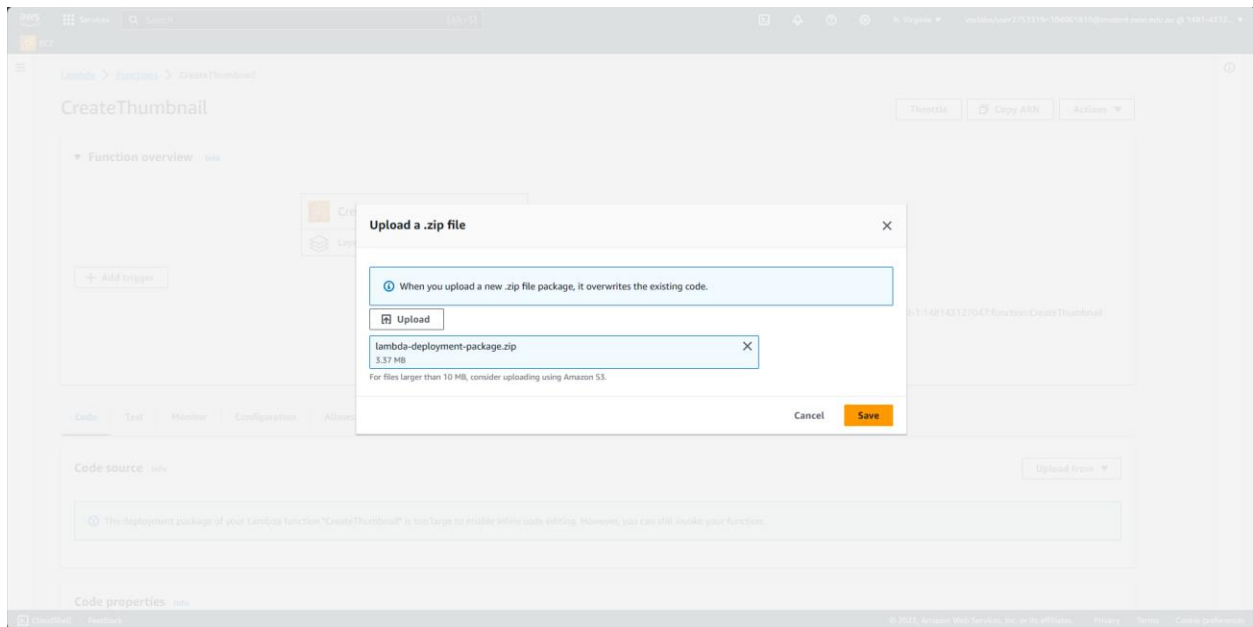


Figure 12:lambda-deployment-package.zip

## 6. Dev Server Instance

The Dev server does not get any traffic from the ELB, because it is only used for creating the custom AMI that is needed to run the PhotoAlbum website. Custom AMI has all the required components, such as the AWS PHP SDK, Apache web server, and website source code. The Dev server can also use phpMyAdmin to manage the MySQL RDS instance.

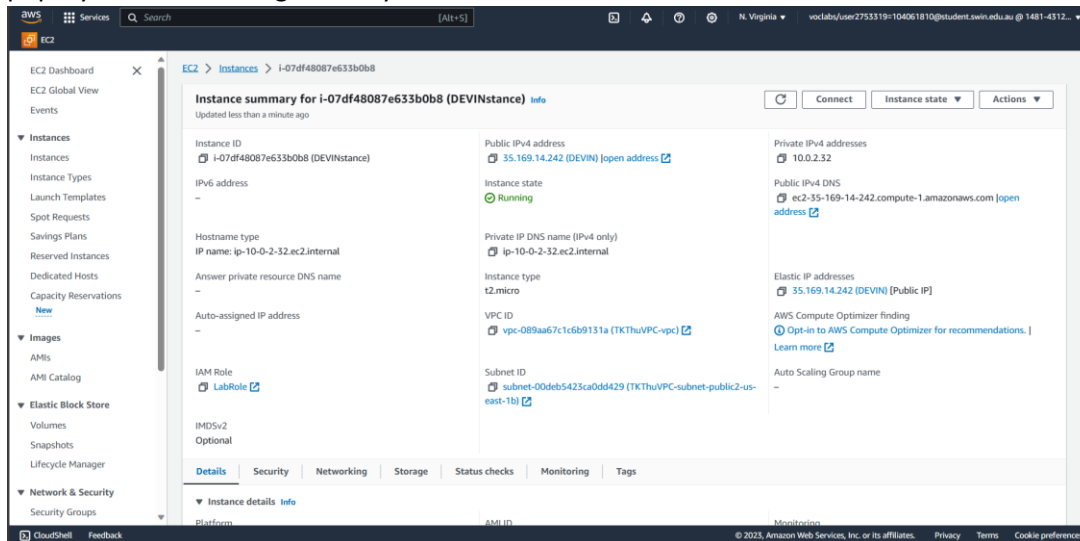


Figure 13:The Dev Server instance is in Public Subnet 2, which has a CIDR of 10.0.2.0/24. It also has an Elastic IP address that is attached to it.



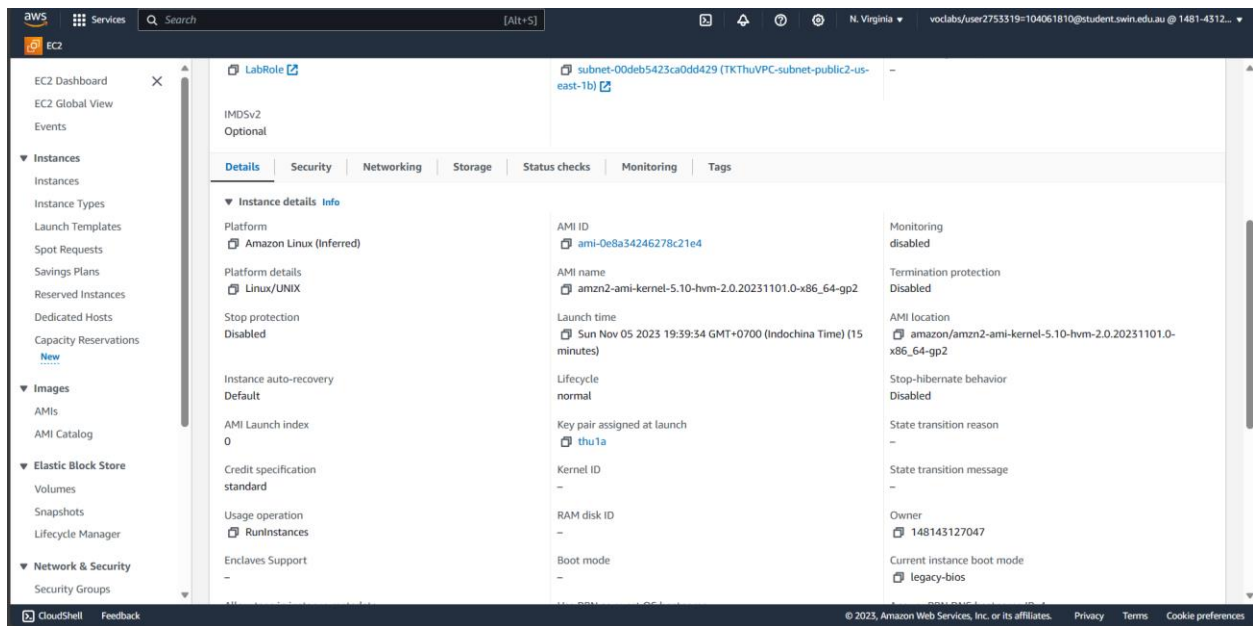


Figure 14: Configure Dev Instance

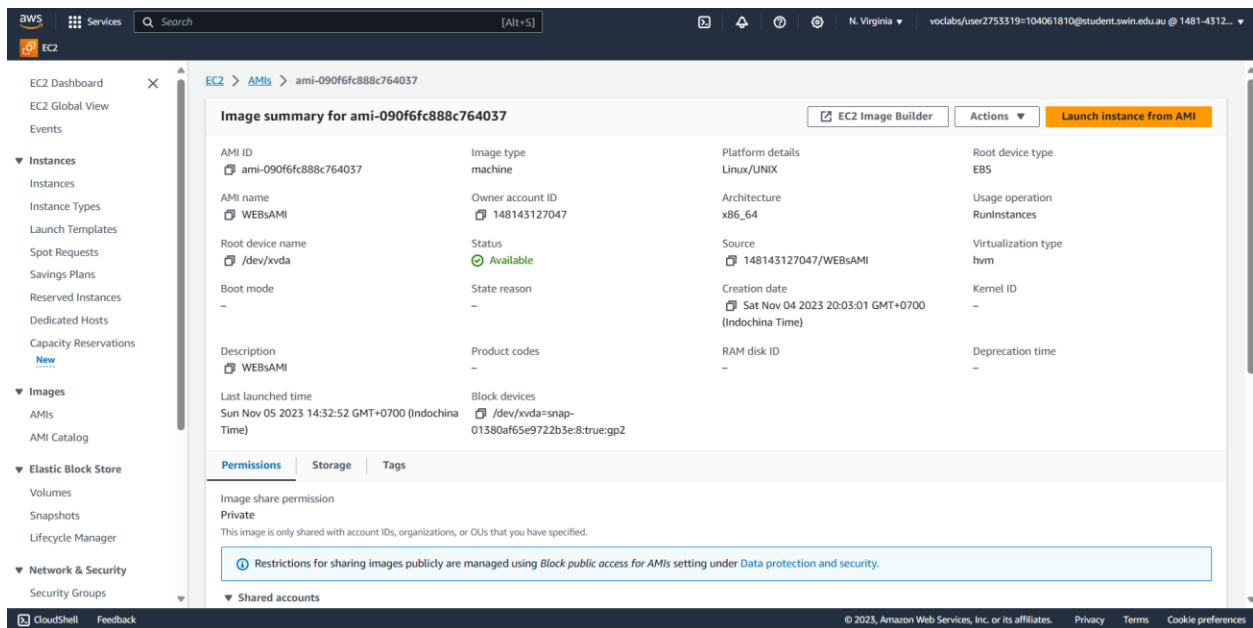


Figure 15: Create AMIS for Dev Instance

## 7. Auto Scaling Group (ASG)

The ASG is set up to launch instances only in the private subnets, keeping at least 2 instances and at most 3 instances, with 2 instances as the preferred number. This makes sure that the application always has enough instances running while also avoiding the infrastructure from scaling too much.

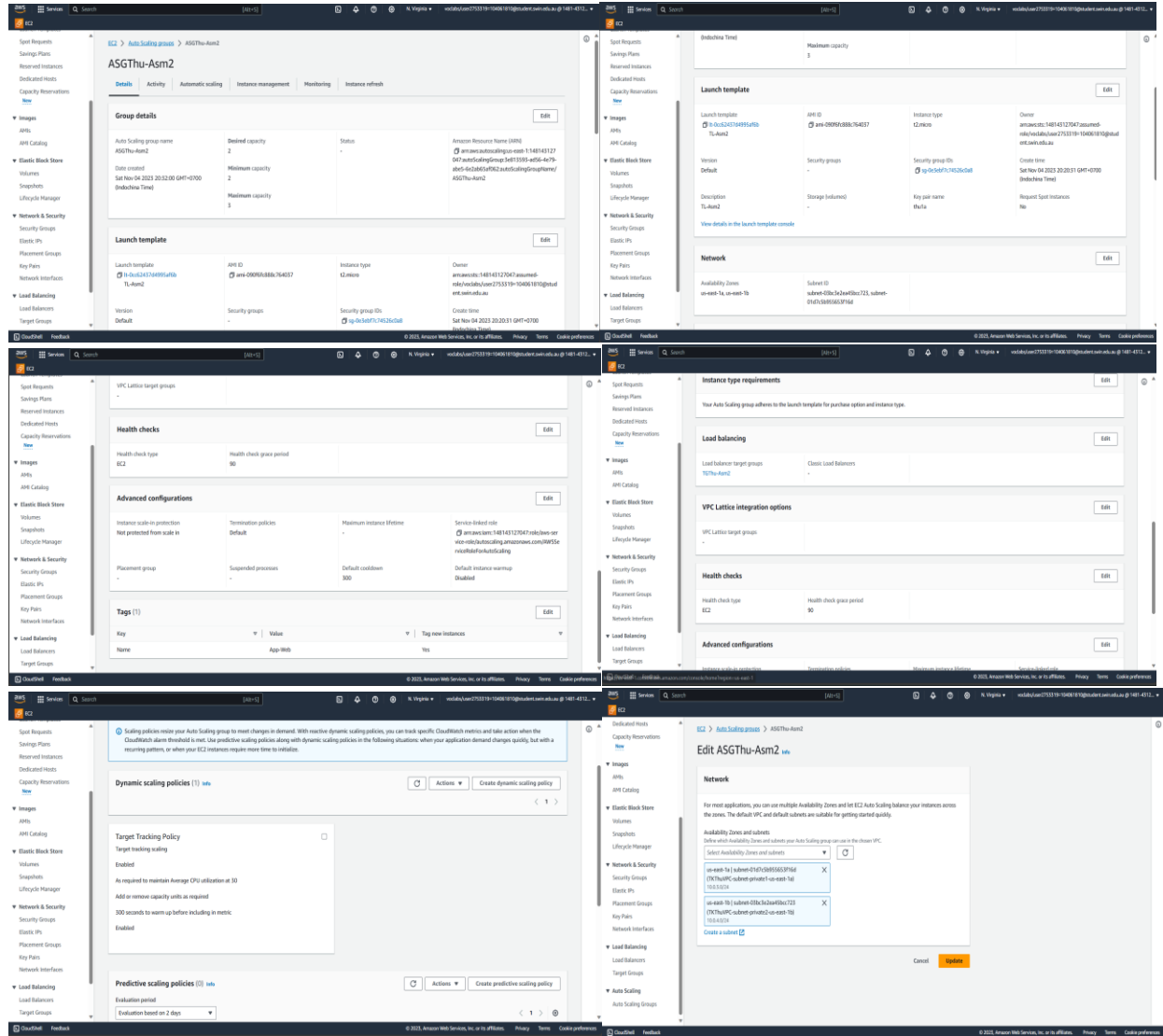


Figure16:Configure ASG

The web server can automatically adjust its capacity according to the request load, maintaining a steady number of requests per target and optimizing resource utilization.

## 8. Elastic Load Balancing (ELB)

To make the load balancer work, I need to create a new target group that contains the targets that the load balancer will send requests to and check their health.

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for the 'TGThu-Asm2' Target Group. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with categories like Instance Types, Images, Elastic Block Store, Network & Security, Load Balancing, and Auto Scaling. The main content area is titled 'TGThu-Asm2' and includes a 'Details' section with the following information:

- Target type: Instance
- Protocol : Port: HTTP: 80
- Protocol version: HTTP1
- VPC: vpc-089aa67c1c6b9131a
- IP address type: IPv4
- Load balancer: LBThu-Asm2

Below the details, a summary table shows the status of the target group:

Total targets	Healthy	Unhealthy	Unused	Initial	Draining
2	2	0	0	0	0

The 'Distribution of targets by Availability Zone (AZ)' section shows the following data:

Instance ID	Name	Port	Zone	Health status	Health status details
i-0569aaef3fc91f4f1	App-Web	80	us-east-1a	Healthy	
i-0ce7a5195e31b3926	App-Web	80	us-east-1b	Healthy	

The 'Health check settings' section shows the following configuration:

Protocol	Path	Port	Healthy threshold
HTTP	/photoalbum/album.php	Traffic port	2 consecutive health check successes
Unhealthy threshold	Timeout	Interval	Success codes
2 consecutive health check failures	5 seconds	10 seconds	200

Figure 17: Target Group status with 2 Healthy Instance and Path set to /photoalbum/album.php

To connect the load balancer to the target group, I need to create a new load balancer and associate it with the target group.

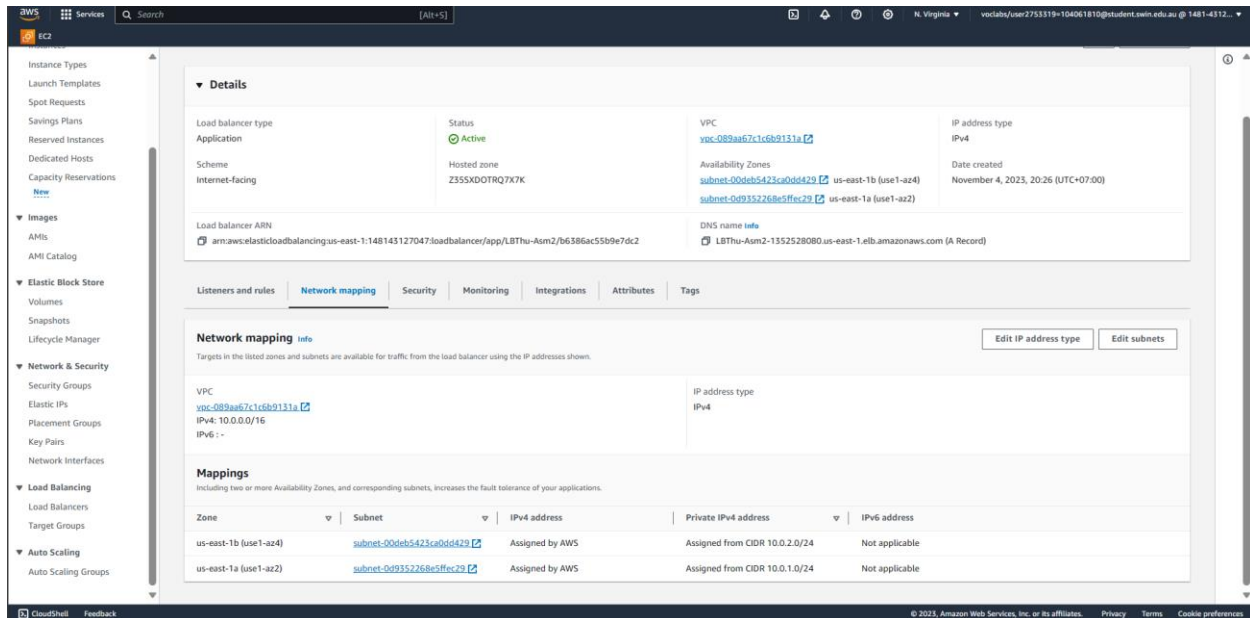
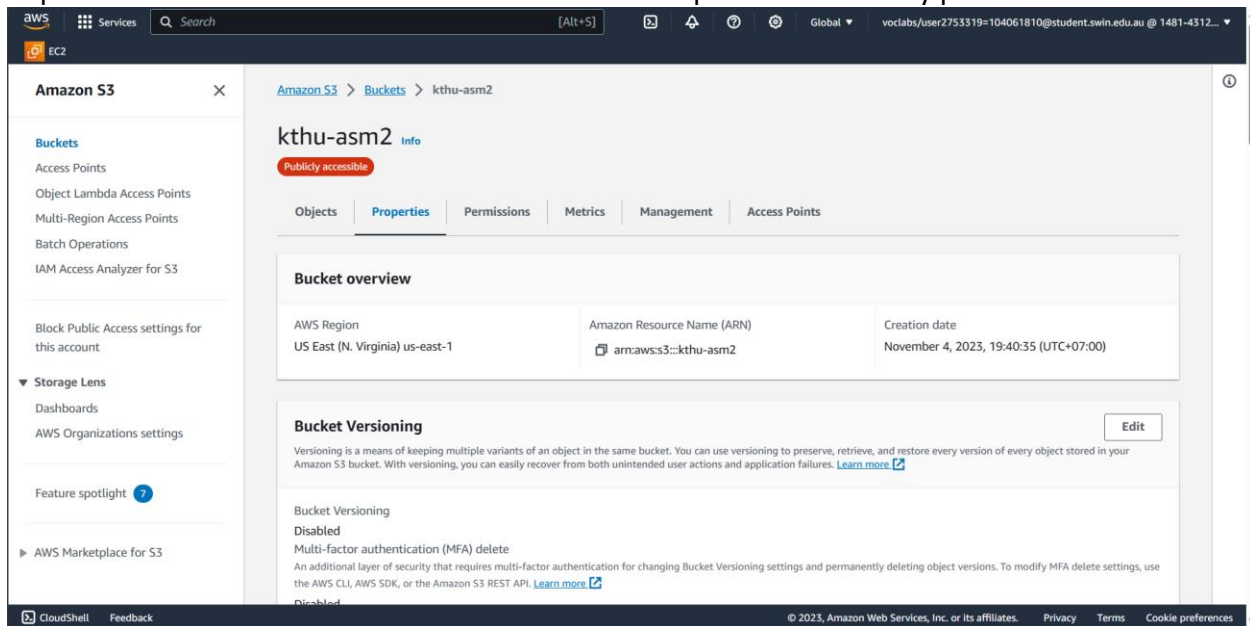


Figure 16: The Public Subnet 1 and Public Subnet 2 are connected to an Application Load Balancer.

The ELB is now capable of evenly distributing incoming HTTP and HTTPS traffic among multiple EC2 targets.

## 8. Simple Storage Service (S3)

I created a new bucket as assignment 1b specifically for photo storage. To ensure the objects in this S3 bucket are accessible as needed, suitable permissions and policies have been implemented. This ensures that access to the stored photos is correctly permitted as intended.



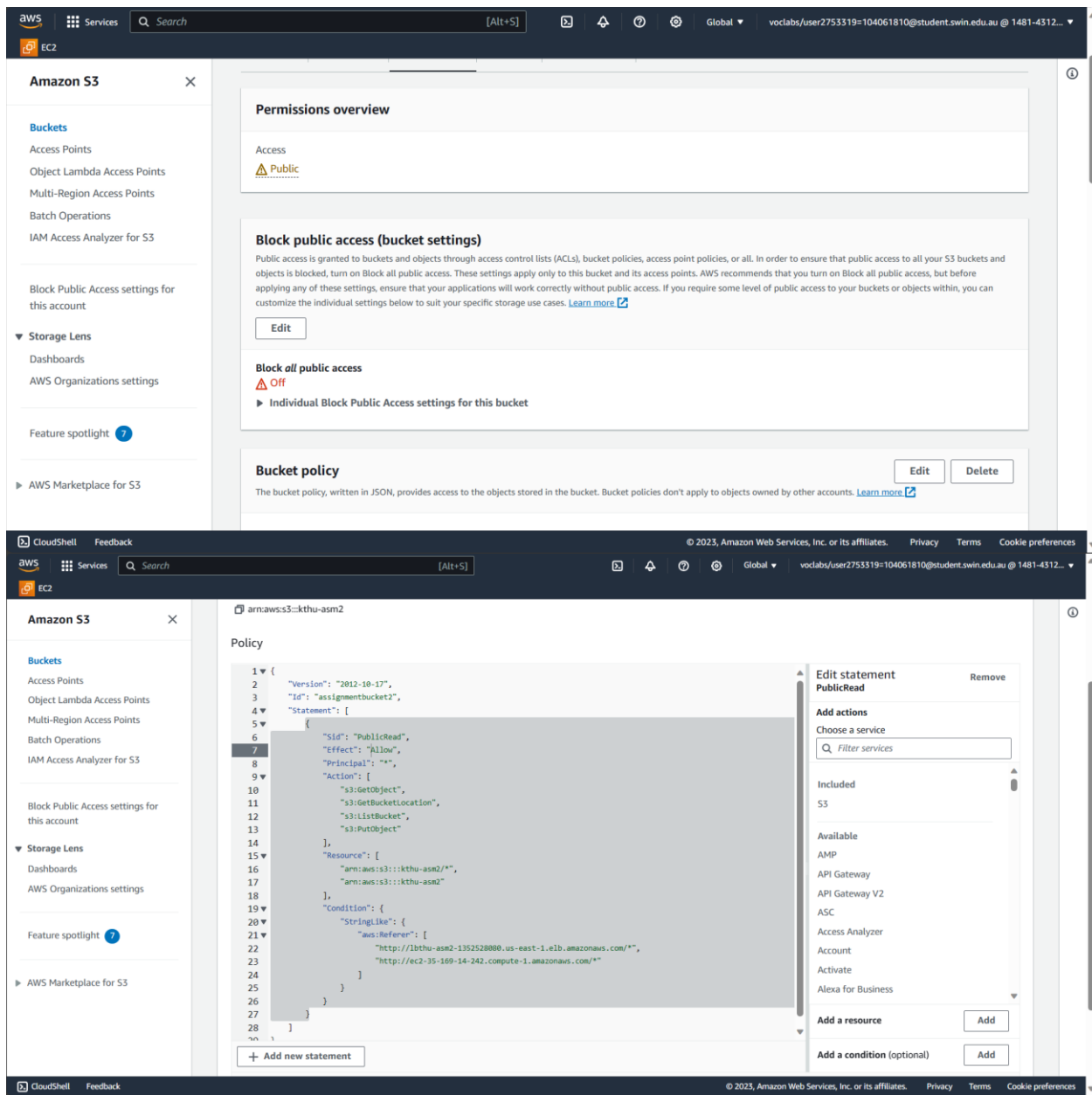


Figure 17:S3 bucket Policy

This policy limits the access to the S3 bucket to only those GET requests that come from the specified domains, thereby ensuring a regulated and secure access policy for the objects in the bucket.

### 9) Relational Database Service (RDS)

The RDS instance utilized in this assignment has been set up in the same manner as it was in the previous assignment.

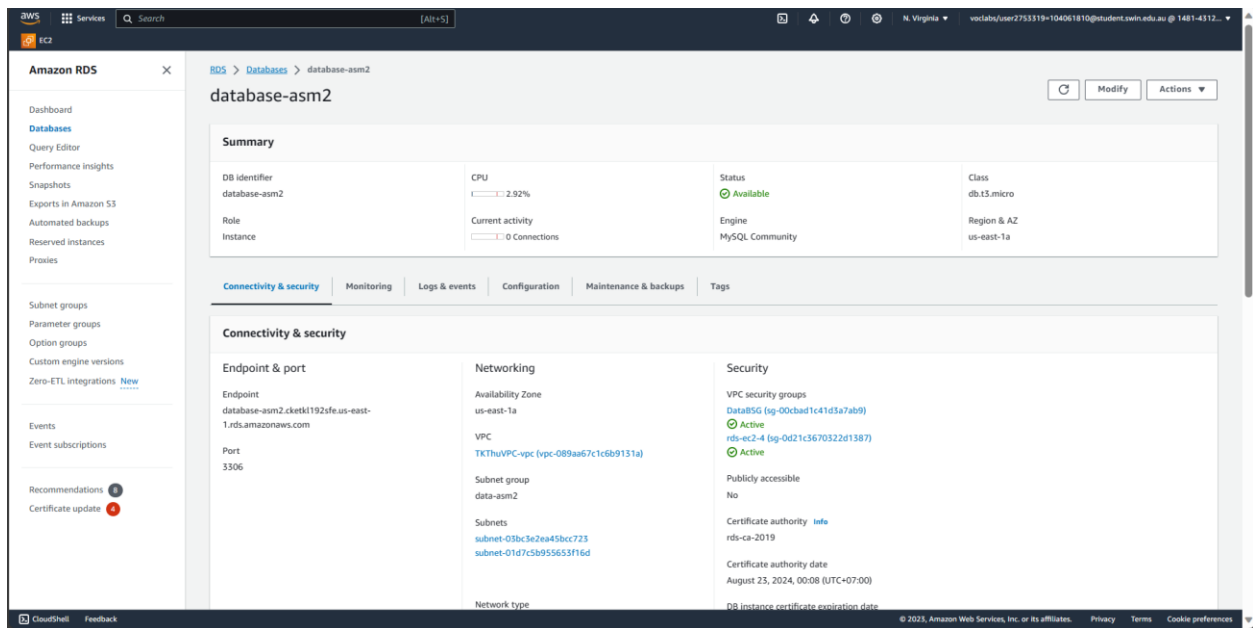


Figure 18: RDS Configuration

The RDS instance is linked with a subnet group named 'data-asm2', which includes private subnets from both Availability Zones.

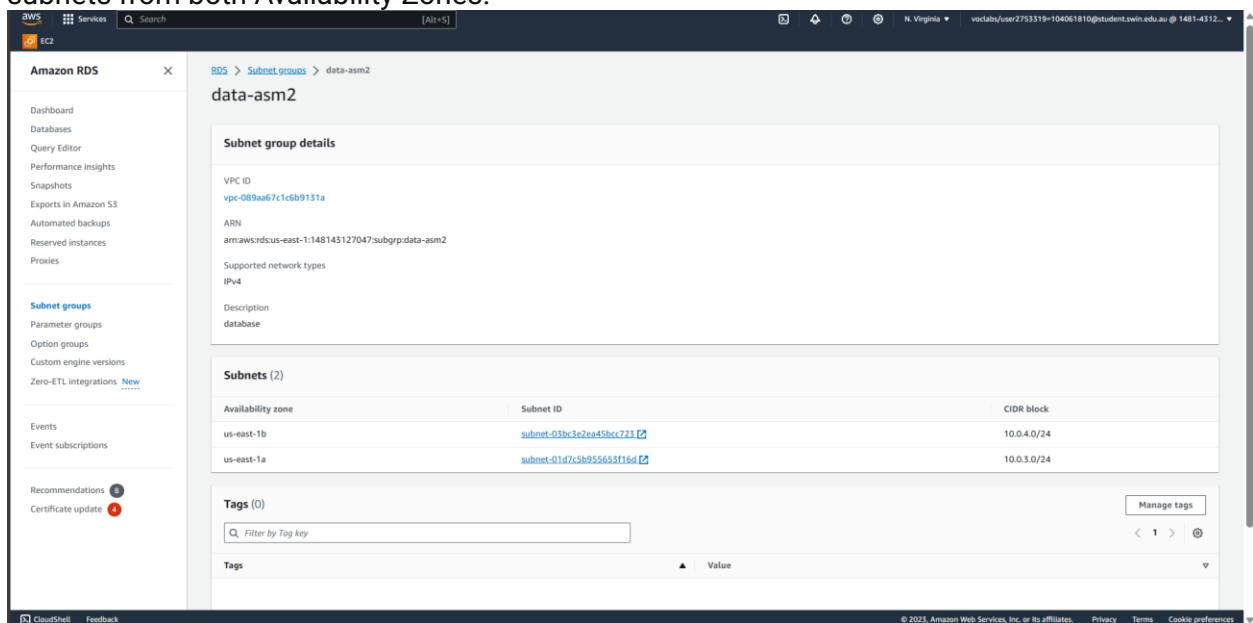


Figure 19: Subnet Group with Private Subnet 3 and 4

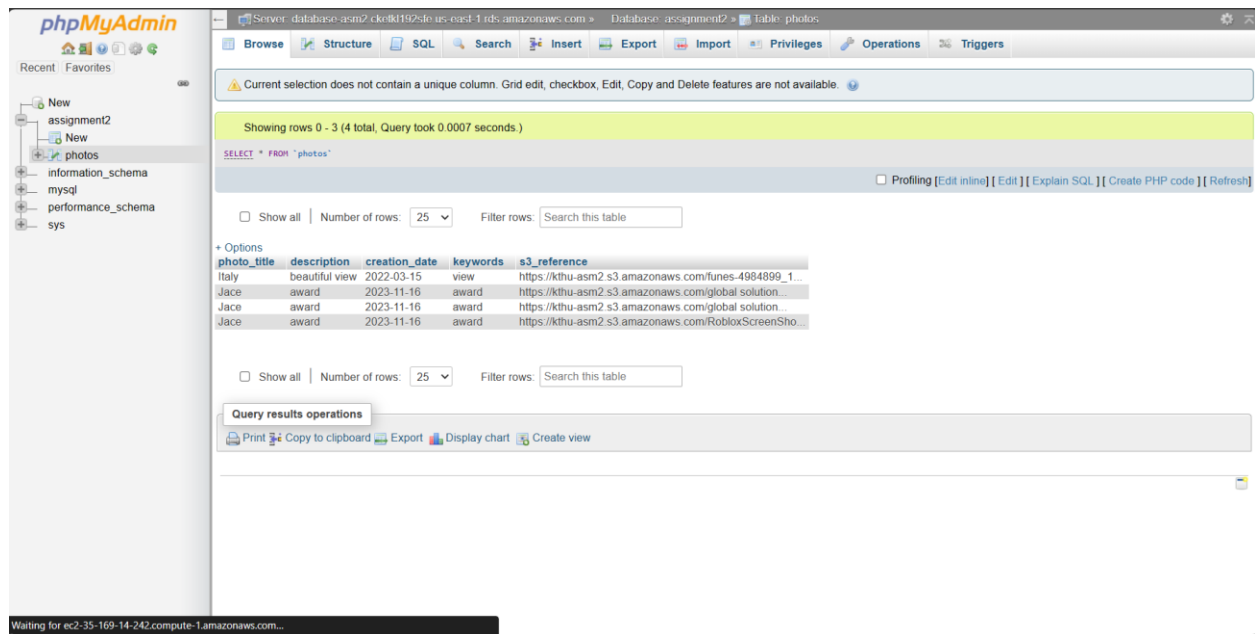
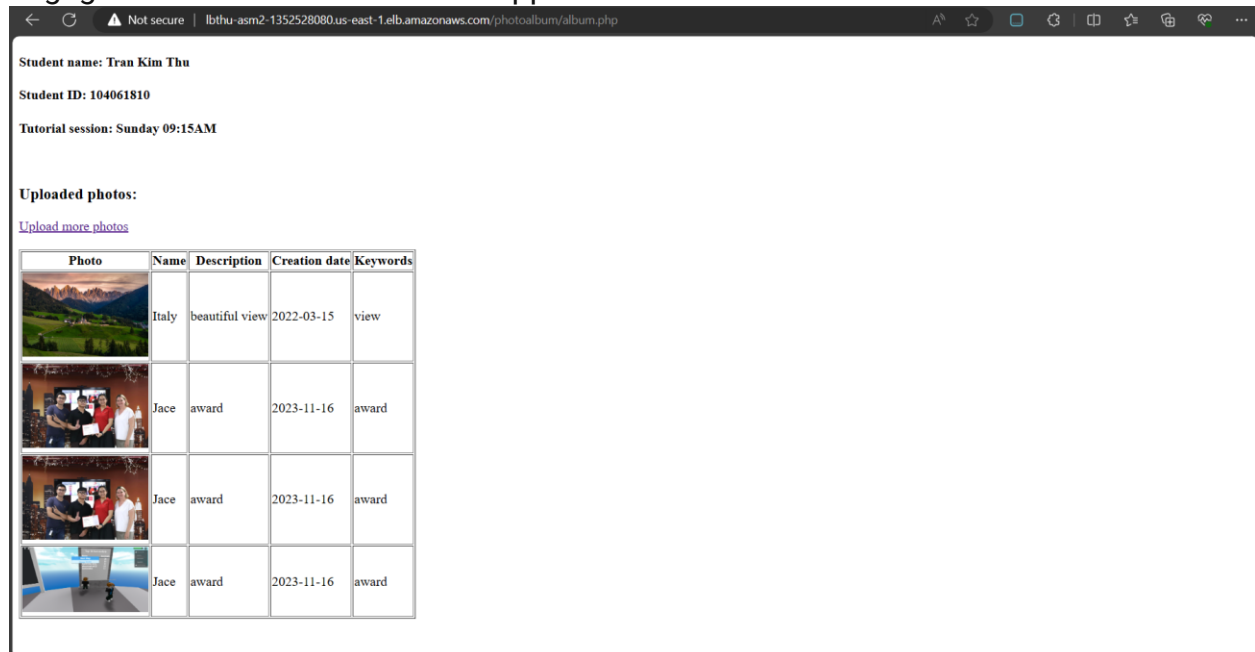


Figure 20: Update and Record data on PhyMyAdmin

### III. Functional requirements

#### 1) Website accessibility

To interact with the PhotoAlbum website, you can visit the following URL: **<http://lbthu-asm2-1352528080.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com>**. This site allows you to browse and engage with the PhotoAlbum web application.



Moreover, if you wish to upload photos along with their related metadata, you can use the PhotoUploader webpage at **<http://lbthu-asm2-1352528080.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com>**. This page enables you to easily upload multiple photos and enter their respective metadata, thereby enhancing the functionality of the PhotoAlbum website.

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## Photo uploader

Photo title:

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Description:

Date: 17-05-2023 📅






Keywords (comma-delimited, e.g. keyword1, keyword2, ...):

[Photo Album](#)

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## Uploaded photos:

[Upload more photos](#)

Photo	Name	Description	Creation date	Keywords
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	Jace	award	2023-11-16	award
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	Jace	award	2023-11-16	award
	Newyork	sunset	2023-05-17	sun



## 2. Resizing Lambda

The image shows two screenshots from the AWS Management Console. The top screenshot displays the 'Test' tab of a Lambda function, indicating a successful execution. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Objects' tab of an Amazon S3 bucket, listing several files.

**Top Screenshot: Lambda Function Execution Details**

**Executing function: succeeded** (logs) Details

The area below shows the last 4 KB of the execution log.

Summary

Code SHA-256: YSkcSugaLjH2etMC6kGV2Zufc8PclpwpK3Jhn+aKEg=

Request ID: cceb3656-d149-4fba-9986-2e02cc0ba8f6

Init duration: 500.75 ms

Billed duration: 1847 ms

Max memory used: 96 MB

Execution time: 4 seconds ago (November 5, 2023 at 08:45 PM GMT+7)

Function version: \$LATEST

Duration: 1846.19 ms

Resources configured: 128 MB

**Log output**

The section below shows the logging calls in your code. [Click here](#) to view the corresponding CloudWatch log group.

START RequestId: cceb3656-d149-4fba-9986-2e02cc0ba8f6 Version: \$LATEST  
END RequestId: cceb3656-d149-4fba-9986-2e02cc0ba8f6  
REPORT RequestId: cceb3656-d149-4fba-9986-2e02cc0ba8f6 Duration: 1846.19 ms Billed Duration: 1847 ms Memory Size: 128 MB Max Memory Used: 96 MB Init Duration: 500.75 ms

**Test event** info Save Test

**Bottom Screenshot: Amazon S3 Objects**

**Objects (6)**

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)

Copy S3 URI Copy URL Download Open Delete Actions Create folder Upload

Find objects by prefix

Name	Type	Last modified	Size	Storage class
funes-4984899_1280.jpg	jpg	November 4, 2023, 19:43:49 (UTC+07:00)	388.7 KB	Standard
global solution.jpg	jpg	November 5, 2023, 10:44:10 (UTC+07:00)	217.9 KB	Standard
resized-global solution.jpg	jpg	November 5, 2023, 11:38:47 (UTC+07:00)	97.7 KB	Standard
resized-sunset-569093_1280.jpg	jpg	November 5, 2023, 20:45:20 (UTC+07:00)	65.6 KB	Standard
RobloxScreenShot20231105_004044523.png	png	November 5, 2023, 10:44:28 (UTC+07:00)	1.2 MB	Standard
sunset-569093_1280.jpg	jpg	November 5, 2023, 20:41:22 (UTC+07:00)	446.6 KB	Standard