

Assignment 1 (Part B) - Creating and deploying Photo Album website on a basic AWS infrastructure

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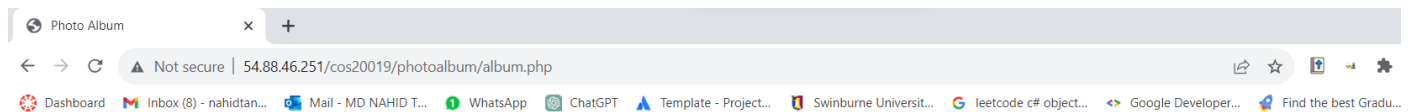
I. INTRODUCTION

In this initiative, fundamental AWS frameworks and resources were utilized to launch the Photo Album Website. All essential recommendations from the AWS Academy were incorporated during the rollout, leading to a successful deployment.

II. PHOTO ALBUM

The primary objective was to make the Photo Album website live, hosted on the "WebServer" EC2 instance, and accessible to the public through an elastic IP address. During this phase, the image file was stored in the "nahids3bucket" S3 bucket, while textual data was saved in the "rds-nahid" AWS RDS. The site was displayed using PHP, drawing from the data stored in the backend AWS services.

URL: <http://54.88.46.251/cos20019/photoalbum/album.php>



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Uploaded photos:




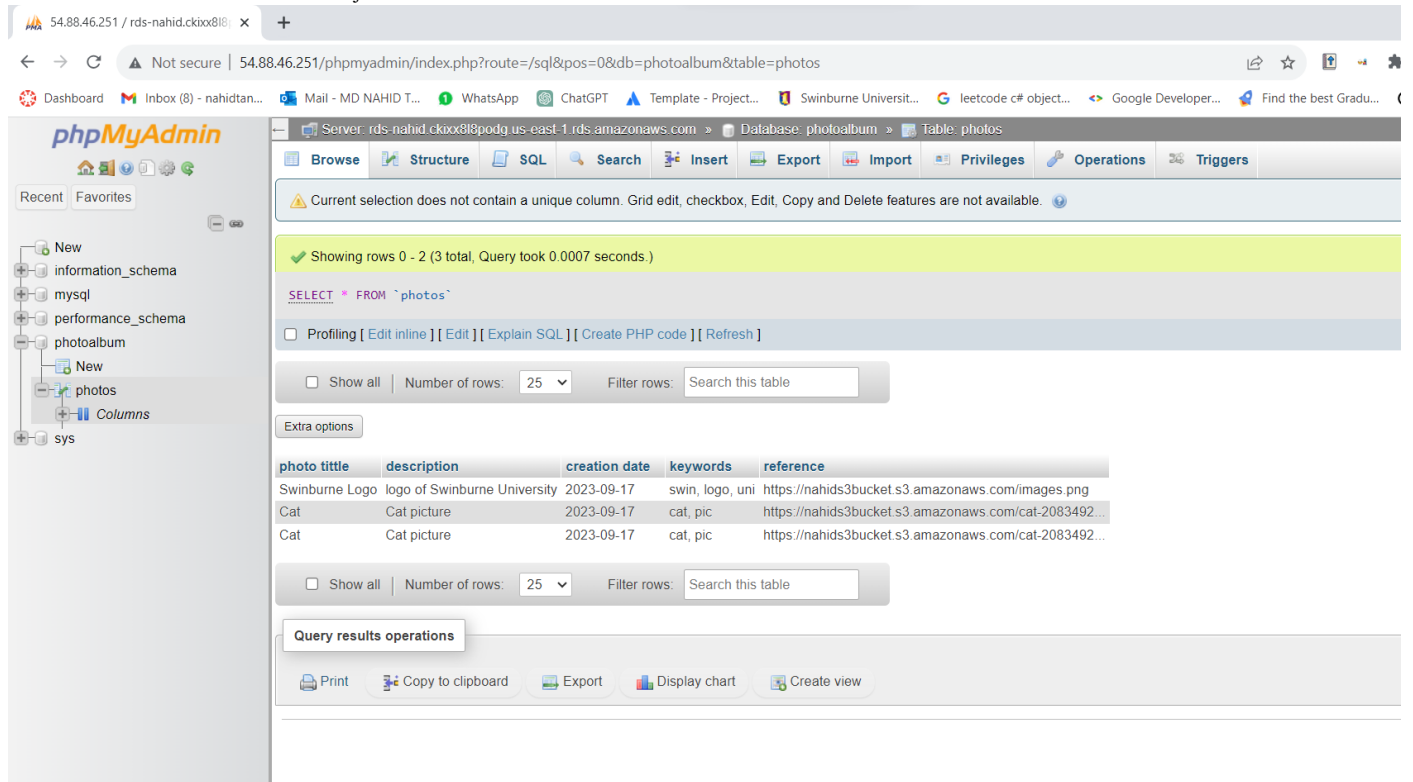
Photo	Name	Description	Creation date	Keywords
	Swinburne Logo	logo of Swinburne University	2023-09-17	swin, logo, uni
	Cat	Cat picture	2023-09-17	cat, pic
	Cat	Cat picture	2023-09-17	cat, pic

Figure 1 – Photo Album Web Page

III. DATA RECORDS IN THE DATABASE

The RDS data has been managed using phpMyAdmin. According to the deployment's requirements, the data has been recorded.

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The screenshot displays the phpMyAdmin web interface. The left sidebar shows the database structure with 'photoalbum' selected and 'photos' highlighted. The main panel shows the 'photos' table with a warning message: 'Current selection does not contain a unique column. Grid edit, checkbox, Edit, Copy and Delete features are not available.' Below this, a green bar indicates 'Showing rows 0 - 2 (3 total, Query took 0.0007 seconds.)'. The SQL query 'SELECT * FROM `photos`' is shown. Below the query, there are options for 'Show all', 'Number of rows: 25', and 'Filter rows: Search this table'. The 'Query results operations' section includes buttons for 'Print', 'Copy to clipboard', 'Export', 'Display chart', and 'Create view'. The table data is as follows:

photo tittle	description	creation date	keywords	reference
Swinburne Logo	logo of Swinburne University	2023-09-17	swin, logo, uni	https://nahids3bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/images.png
Cat	Cat picture	2023-09-17	cat, pic	https://nahids3bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/cat-2083492...
Cat	Cat picture	2023-09-17	cat, pic	https://nahids3bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/cat-2083492...

Figure 2 – Database Records

IV. SUCCESSFUL PING TO THE WEB SERVER INSTANCE FROM THE TEST SERVER

Through the Linux console, the ICMP connectivity has been tested from the "Test instance" to the "Webserver." The keypair connected to the "Test instance" has been used to access the Linux terminal through the SSH(22) protocol.

```
ec2-user@ip-10-0-4-126:~  
login as: ec2-user  
Authenticating with public key "NTanjung"  
  
#  
~\#### Amazon Linux 2023  
~~~\#####\  
~~~\###|  
~~~\#/ https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023  
~~~V~'-'>  
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~~~.  
~~~/ /  
~~~/m/'-'>  
  
Last login: Sun Sep 17 15:00:42 2023 from 110.145.55.126  
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-4-126 ~]$ ping 10.0.2.10  
PING 10.0.2.10 (10.0.2.10) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.559 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=0.562 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=3 ttl=255 time=0.562 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=0.575 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=5 ttl=255 time=0.607 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=6 ttl=255 time=0.533 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=7 ttl=255 time=0.515 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=8 ttl=255 time=0.594 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=9 ttl=255 time=0.577 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=10 ttl=255 time=0.609 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=11 ttl=255 time=0.650 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=12 ttl=255 time=0.676 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=13 ttl=255 time=0.550 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=14 ttl=255 time=0.581 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=15 ttl=255 time=0.519 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=16 ttl=255 time=0.573 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=17 ttl=255 time=0.528 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=18 ttl=255 time=0.526 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=19 ttl=255 time=0.475 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=20 ttl=255 time=1.77 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=21 ttl=255 time=0.632 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=22 ttl=255 time=0.519 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=23 ttl=255 time=0.521 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=24 ttl=255 time=0.587 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=25 ttl=255 time=0.568 ms  
64 bytes from 10.0.2.10: icmp_seq=26 ttl=255 time=0.477 ms  
^C  
--- 10.0.2.10 ping statistics ---  
26 packets transmitted, 26 received, 0% packet loss, time 25963ms  
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.475/0.609/1.766/0.236 ms  
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-4-126 ~]$
```

Figure 3 – Linux Terminal of the Test instance

V. DEPLOYMENT STEPS

A. VPC, Subnets, IGW, NACL

VPC: To accommodate all of the Public and Private Subnets, a VPC with the subnet 10.0.0.0/16 has been constructed in two separate availability zones (AZ-A and AZ-B).

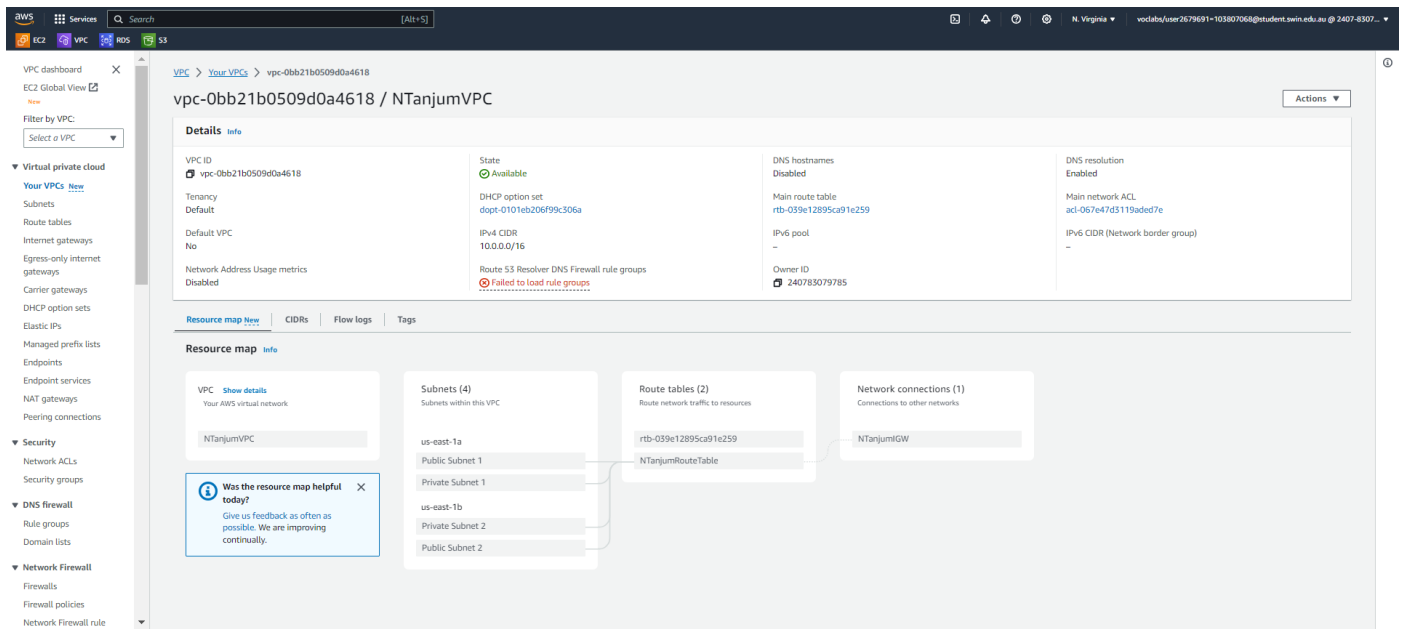


Figure 4 – VPC

Subnets: Four subnets has been created within the VPC for separation of the network.

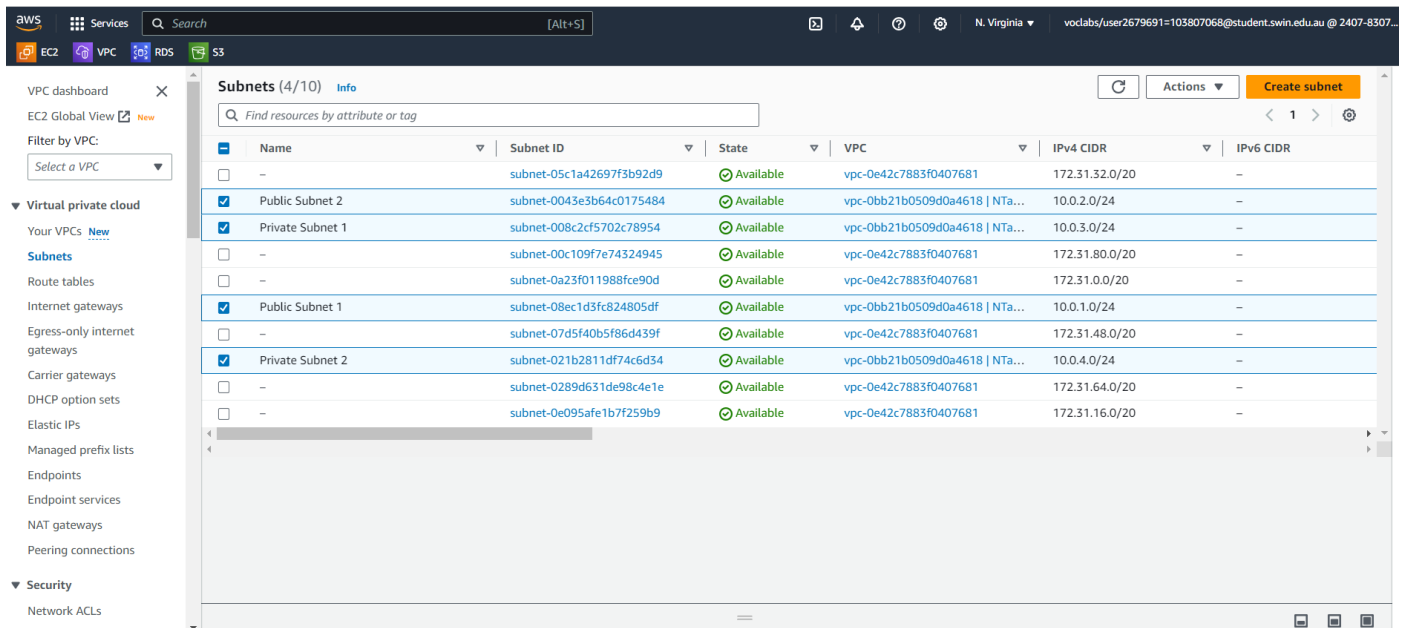


Figure 5 - Subnets

Internet Gateway: In order to implement routing within the subnets and the internet, an Internet Gateway has been constructed.

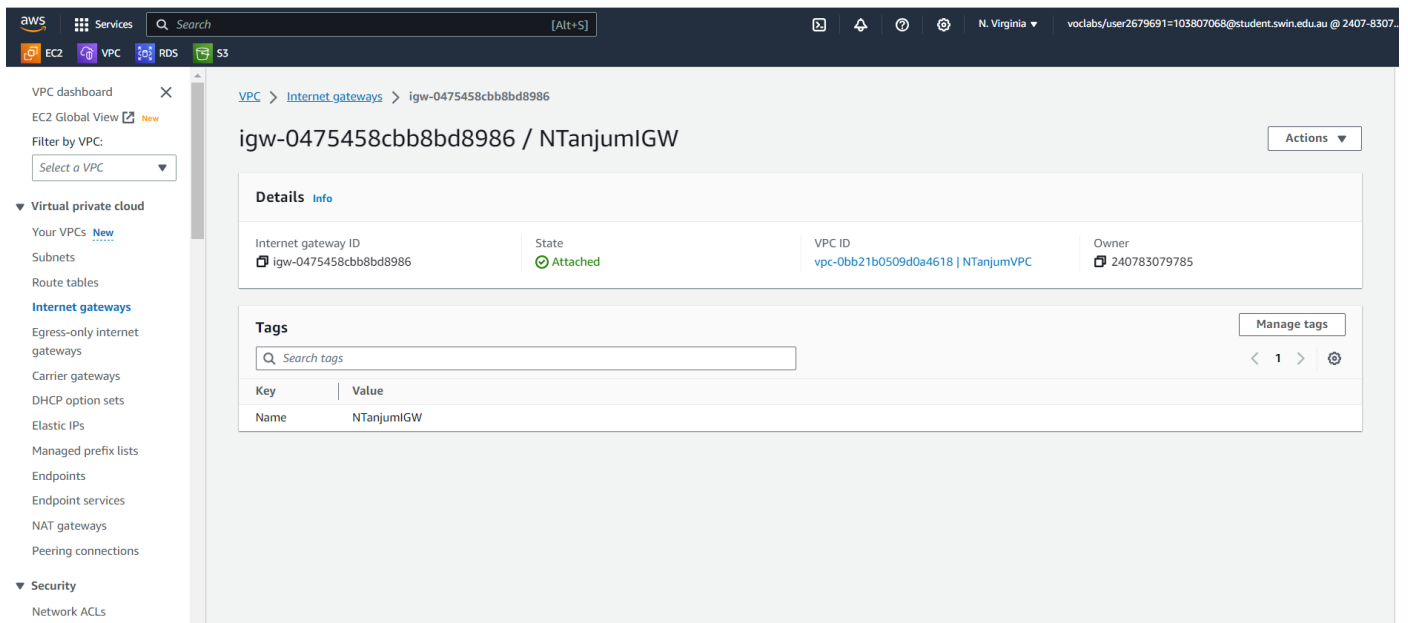


Figure 6 – Internet Gateway

Network ACL: A NACL has been set up with the necessary inbound and outbound rules to limit access to and from the Public Subnet 2 (10.0.2.0/24) in Availability Zone B.

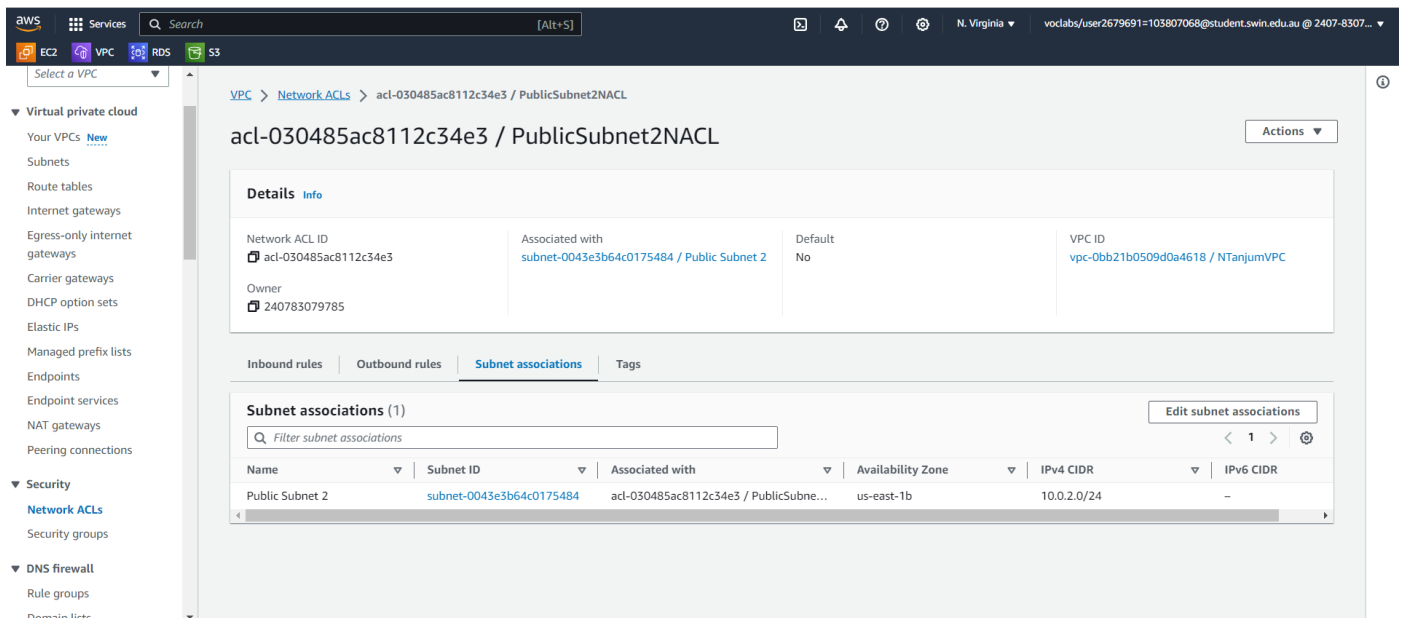


Figure 7 – Network ACL

B. Security Groups

With the stated access restrictions and associated to the appropriate AWS services, Security Groups have been built to function as a firewall.

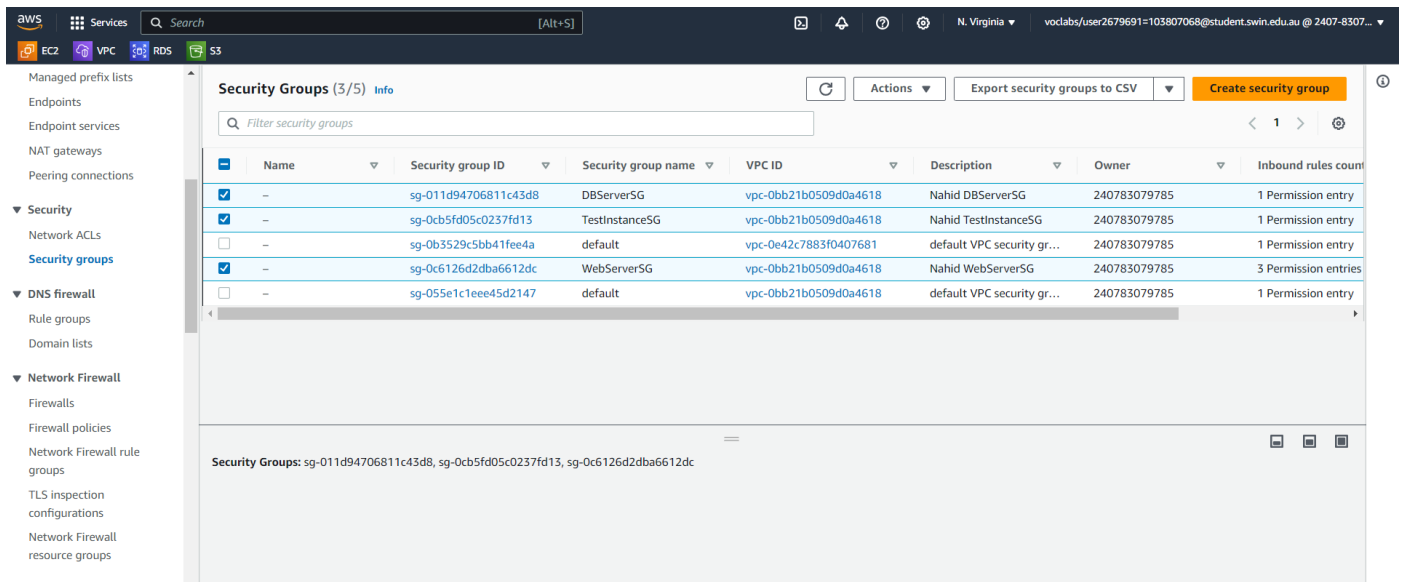


Figure 8 – Security Groups

C. EC2 Instances

The web application "Photo Album" is being hosted by the "Bastion/Webserver" webserver instance. Additionally, it enables SSH access to the "Test instance" that is located in the public subnet when used as a Bastion host.

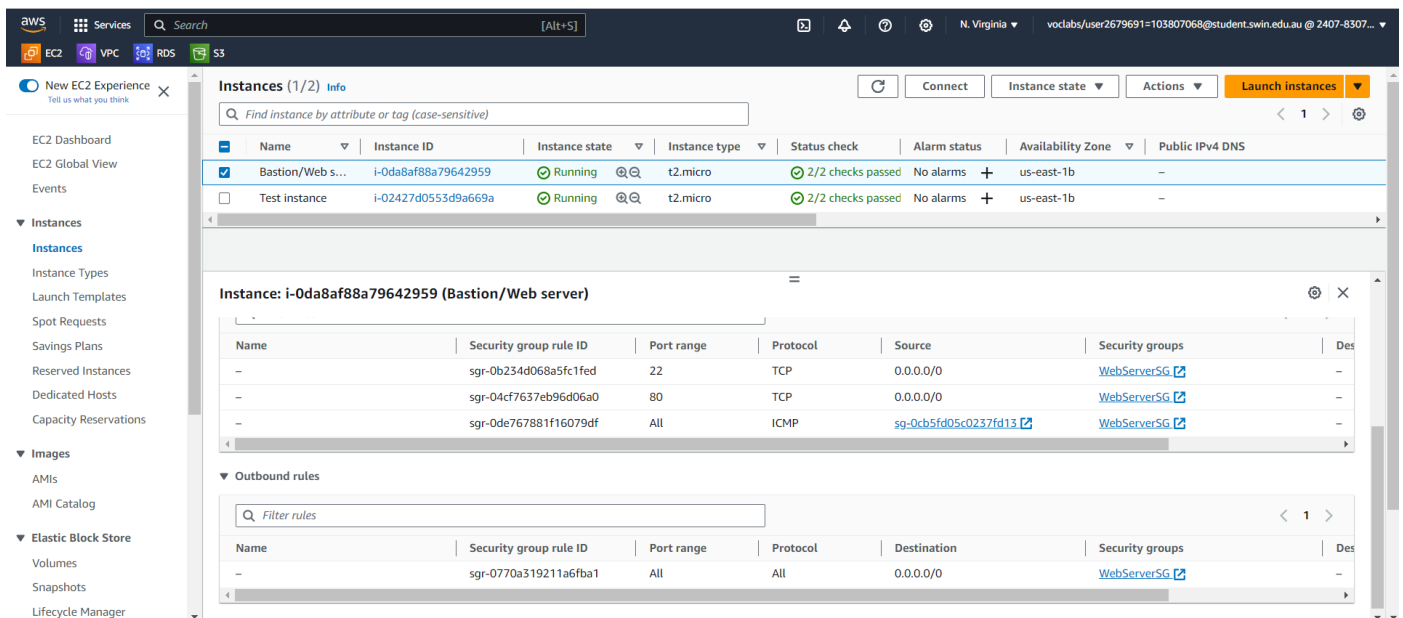


Figure 9 – Webserver Instance

"test instance" has been set up to check the Network ACL policies' ability to connect the Public Subnet 2 (10.0.2.0/24) and Private Subnet 2 (10.0.4.0/24) networks.

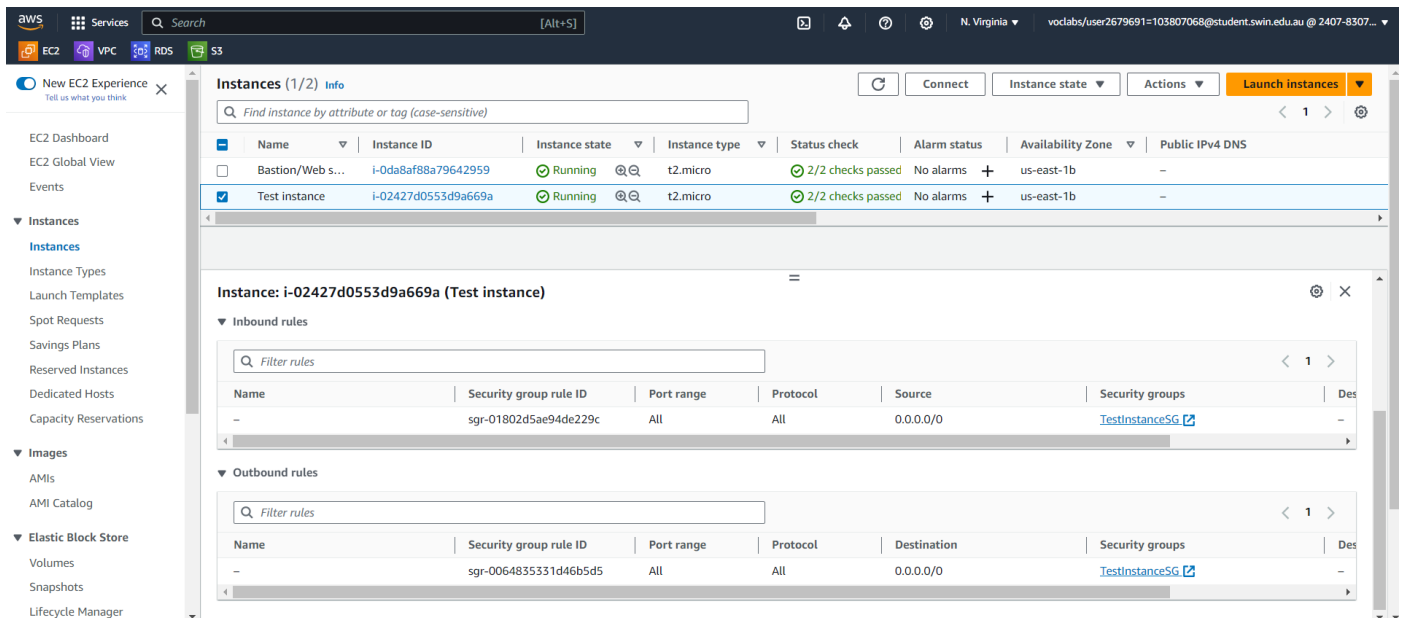


Figure 10 – Test Instance

D. RDS

To store data with the appropriate subnet groups and security groups applied, MySQL 8.3.34 was used to construct the single zone database instance "rds-nahid".

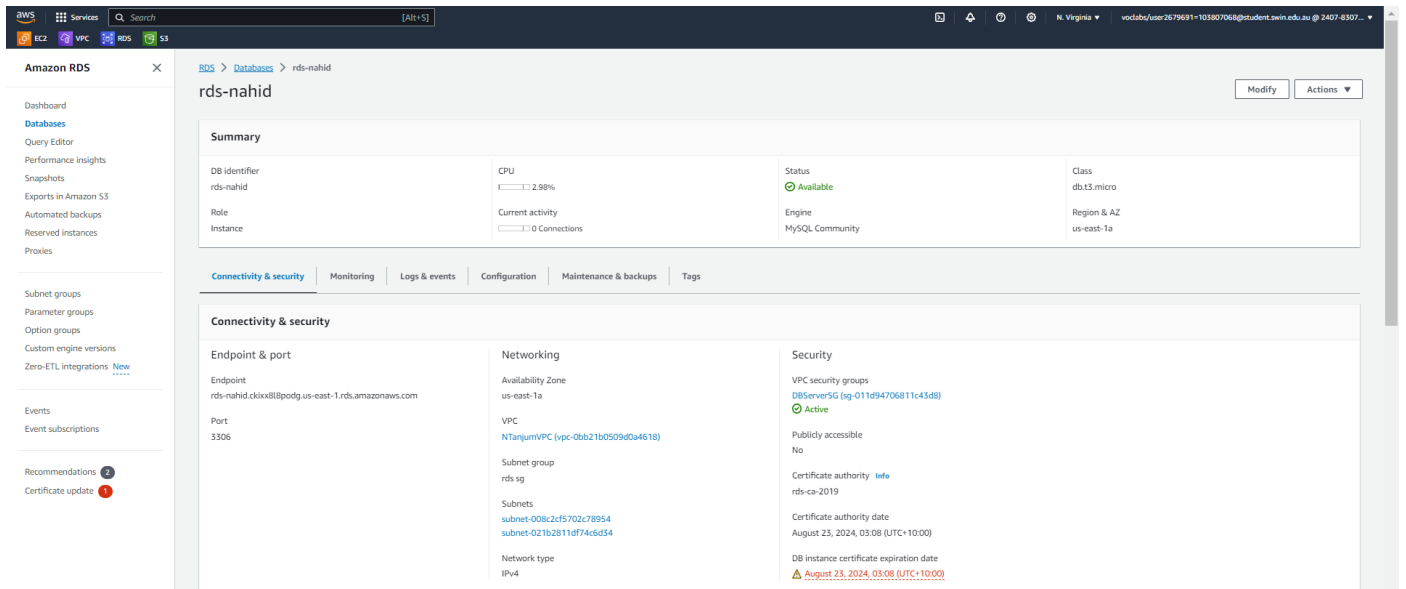


Figure 11 - Database

E. S3

A S3 bucket storage has been set up to store the picture file with the necessary availability and no limits on public access.

Amazon S3

Buckets

Access Points

Object Lambda Access Points

Multi-Region Access Points

Batch Operations

IAM Access Analyzer for S3

Block Public Access settings for this account

Storage Lens

Dashboards

AWS Organizations settings

Feature spotlight

► AWS Marketplace for S3

Amazon S3 > Buckets > nahids3bucket

nahids3bucket

Publicly accessible

Objects | Properties | Permissions | Metrics | Management | Access Points

Permissions overview

Access

Public Access

Block public access (bucket settings)

Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, access point policies, or all. In order to ensure that public access to all your S3 buckets and objects is blocked, turn on Block all public access. These settings apply only to this bucket and its access points. AWS recommends that you turn on Block all public access, but before applying any of these settings, ensure that your applications will work correctly without public access. If you require some level of public access to your buckets or objects within, you can customize the individual settings below to suit your specific storage use case.

Edit

Block all public access

Individual Block Public Access settings for this bucket

Bucket policy

The bucket policy, written in JSON, provides access to the objects stored in the bucket. Bucket policies don't apply to objects owned by other accounts.

Edit | Delete

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Id": "BucketPolicy",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AllAccess",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "s3:*",
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::nahids3bucket",
        "arn:aws:s3:::nahids3bucket/*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

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Figure 12 – S3 Bucket Storage