AWS RDS MySQL to Azure MySQL Online Migration

We will be migrating a MySQL RDS instance hosted in AWS to Azure MySQL using online migration. Online migration continues to send database updates from the source to the target server up until the point when cut over is initiated, reducing the downtime to a minimum.

The Microsoft documentation for migration a RDS MySQL database to Azure MySQL is at:
https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/dms/tutorial-rds-mysql-server-azure-db-for-mysql-online

- Setup AWS RDS MySQL for migration

First we need to verify that the MySQL database we're trying to migrate is either version 5.6 or 5.7.

Also verify that you are using InnoDB engine, as that is the only one supported in Azure MySQL Database.

Open the AWS Management Console and navigate to your RDS instance. Click on the Configuration tab and verify the Engine.

nbdb2

Summary

DB identifier
nbdb2

Role
Instance

CPU
3.67%

Current activity
0 Connections

Connectivity & security | Monitoring | Logs & events | Configuration | Maintena

Instance

Configuration

DB instance id
nbdb2

Engine version
5.7.30

DB name
-

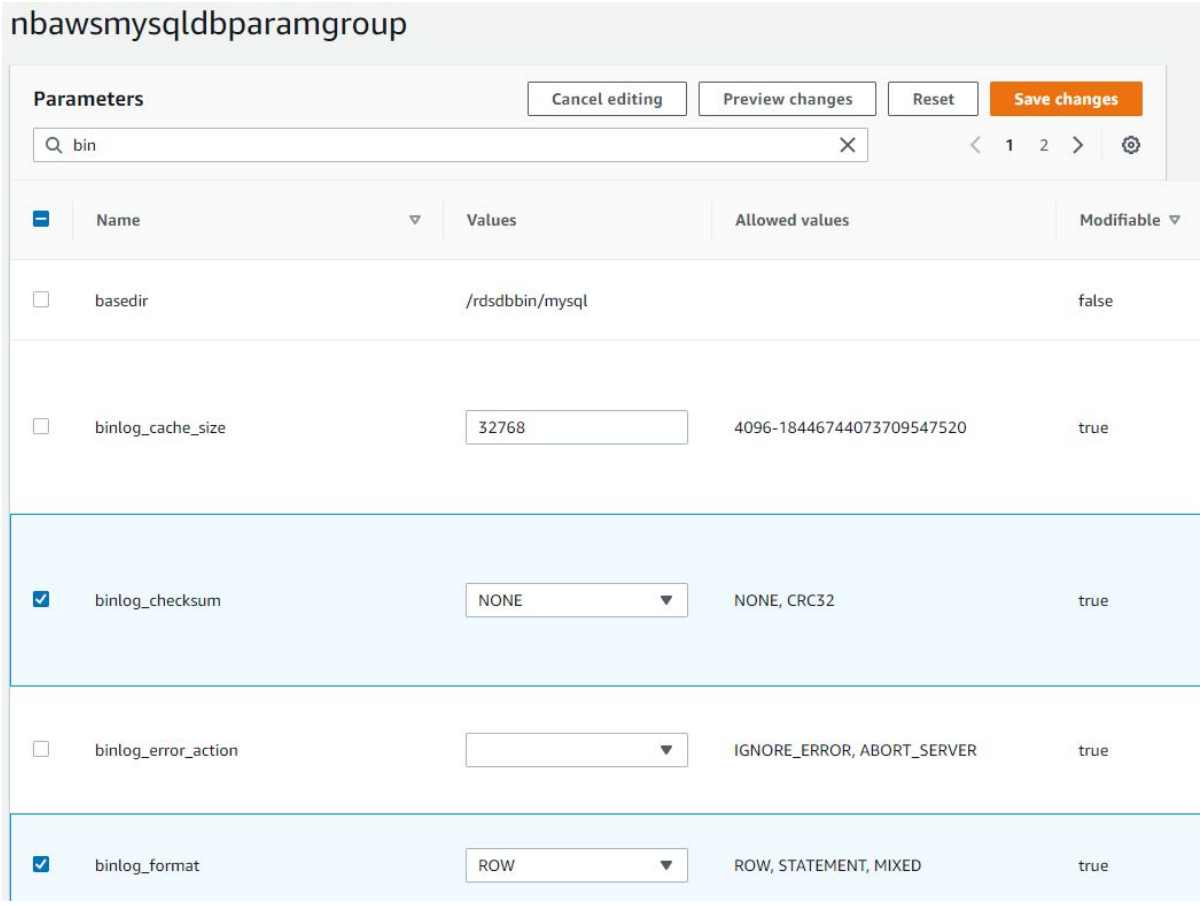
Instance class

Instance class
db.t2.micro

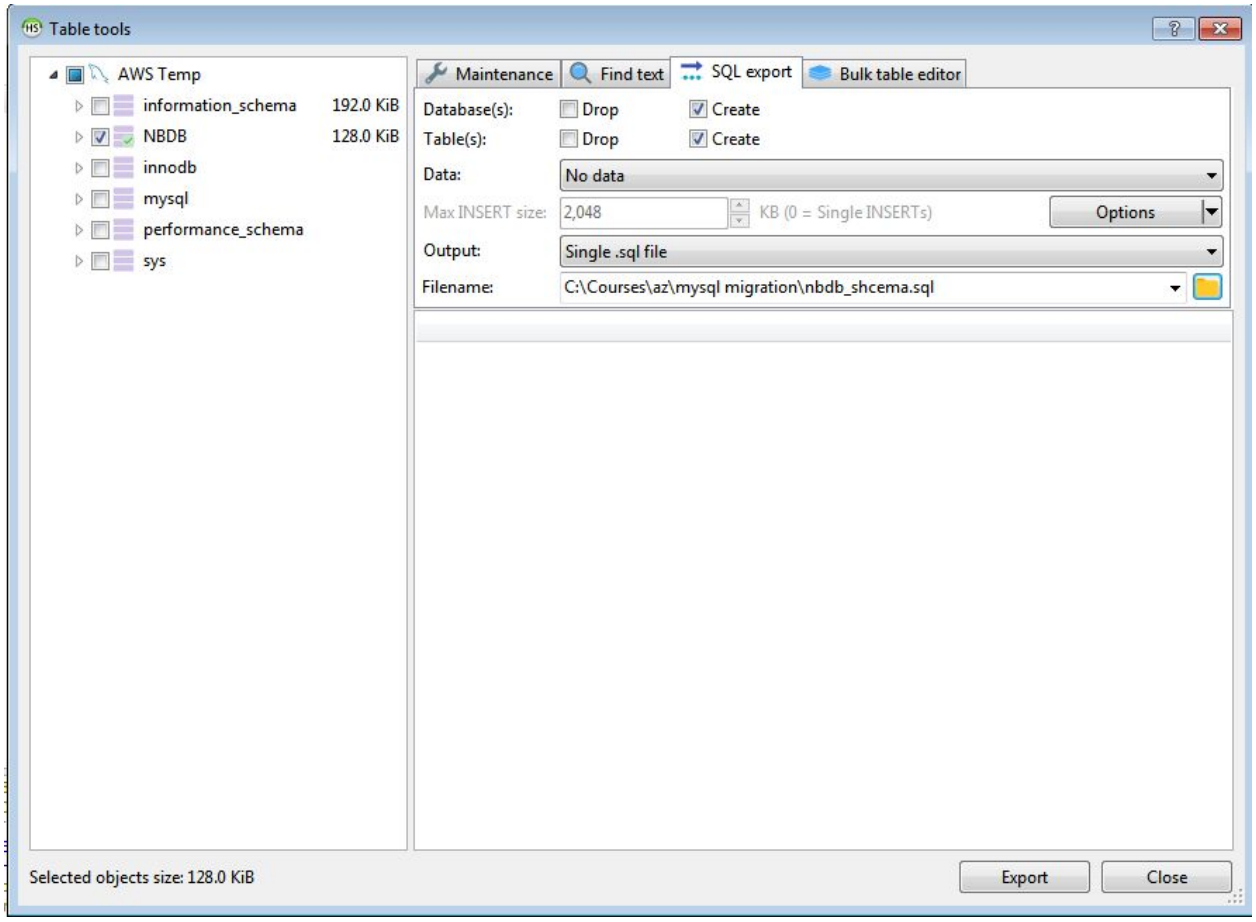
vCPU
1

RAM
1 GB

- Create a new parameter group for the MySQL source database and set binlog_format = row and binlog_checksum = NONE
- Associate the parameter group with the MySQL RDS instance. A reboot is required so you may need to choose 'Apply during the maintenance window' for a production instance.



- Open the Heidi SQL client and export the schema from the source database to a file on your local computer:



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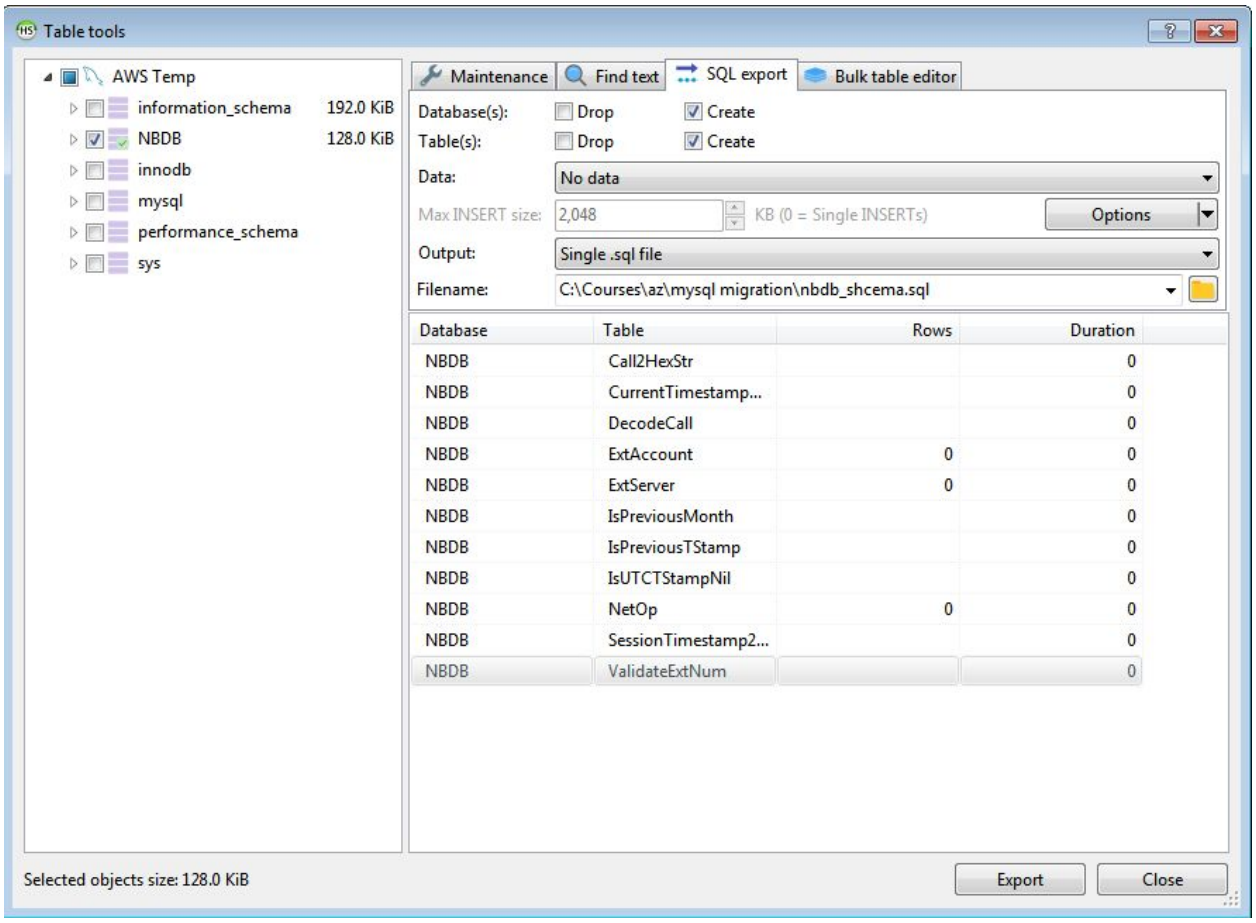
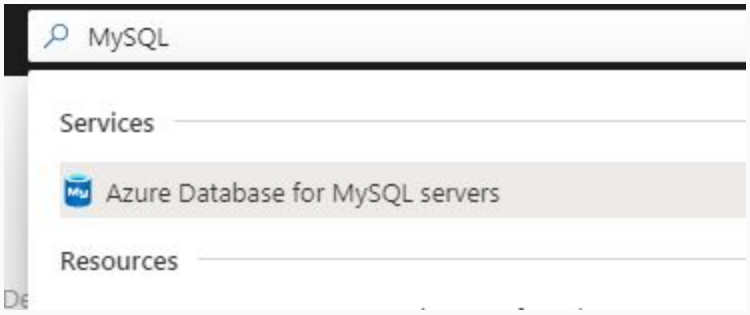
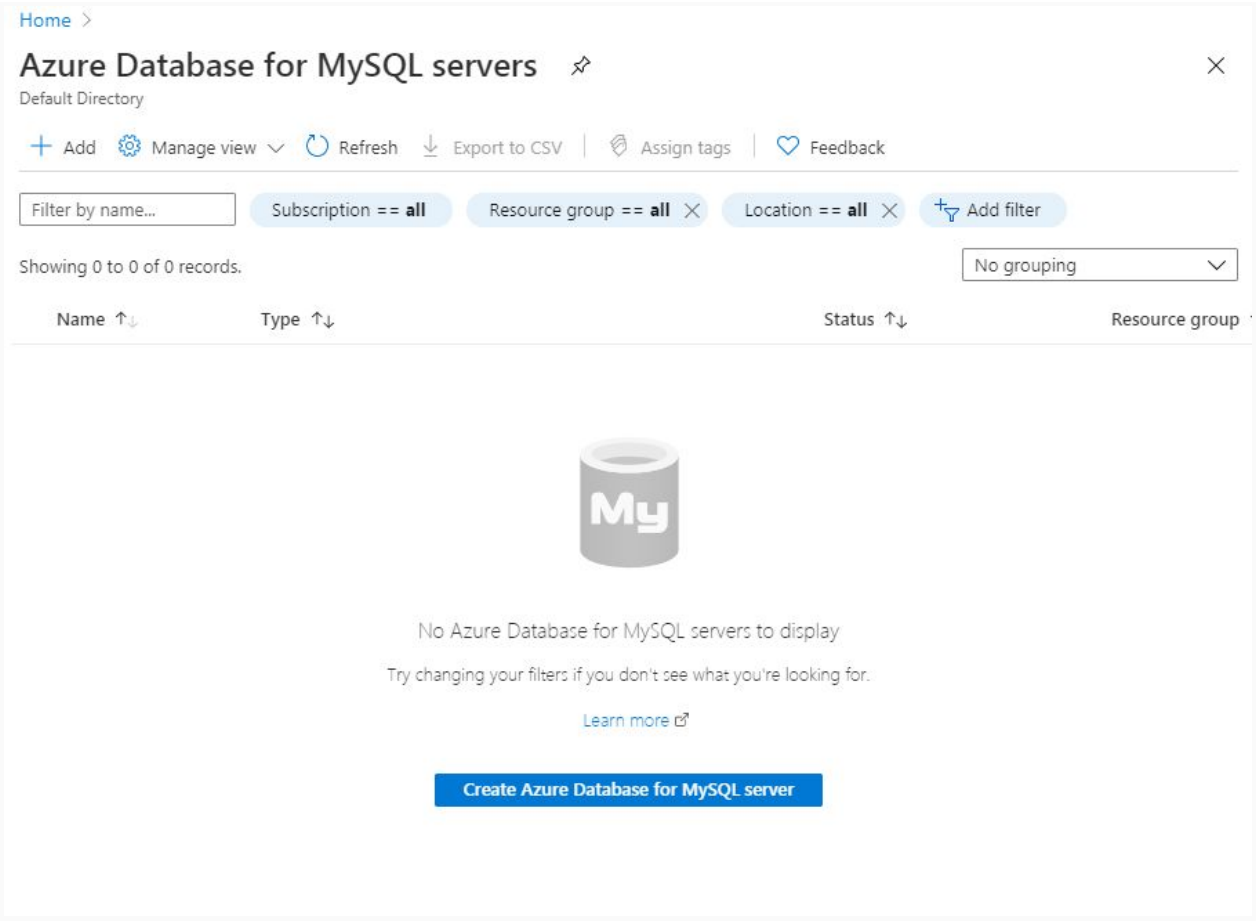


Verify the contents of the schema file that gets created in the filename path you specified.

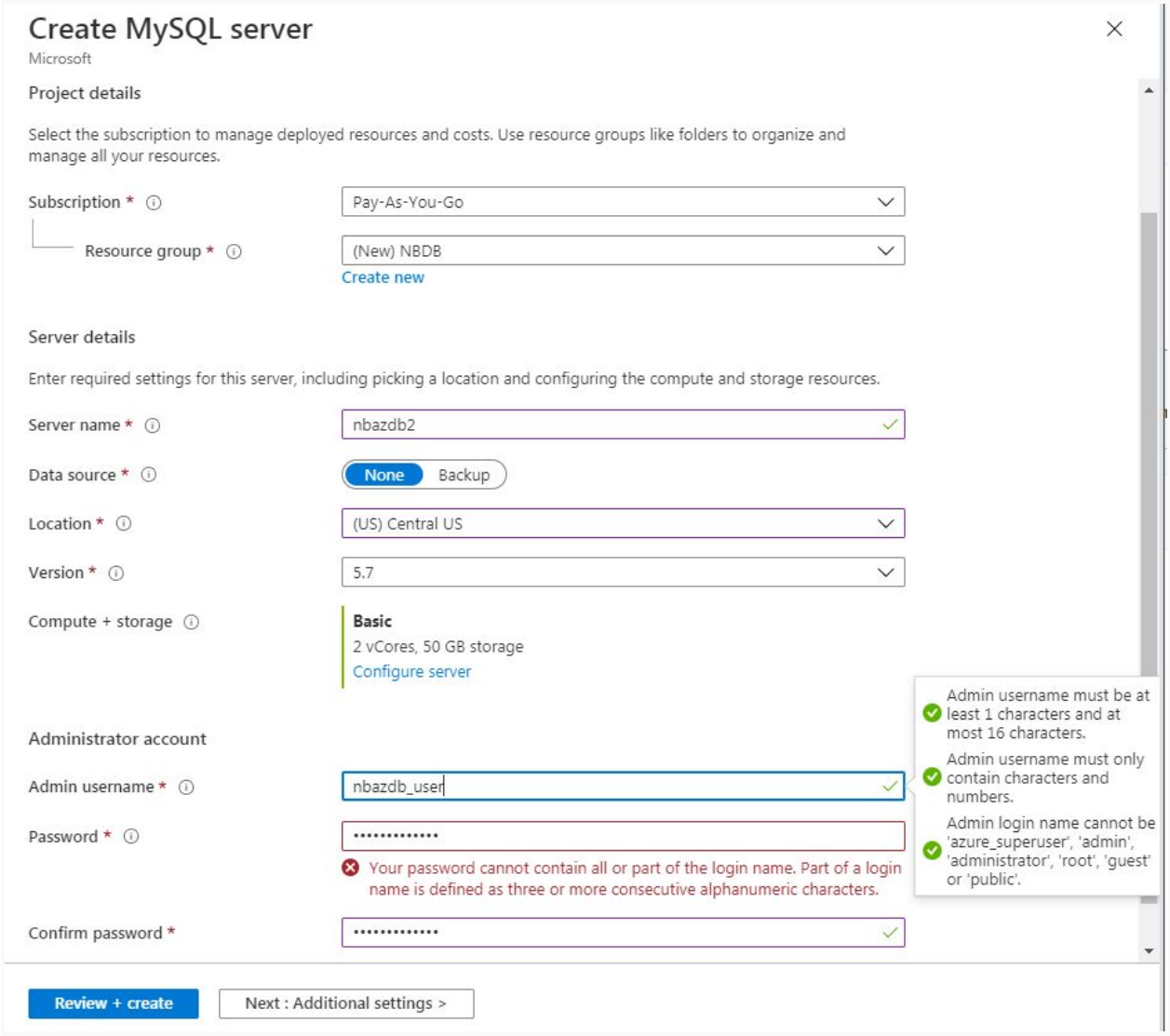
- Create an instance of Azure MySQL database.

  In the Azure Portal search for MySQL and select Azure Database for MySQL servers.





We need to create the target database in the premium tier to be able to use the Azure Migration Service. Specify a resource group name, server name, location. Select ‘None’ for the source. Specify an admin username and password. Note the password for using later.



Click on the Review + Create button, Verify the settings and click Create.

Create MySQL server

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Estimated cost per month
66.71 USD
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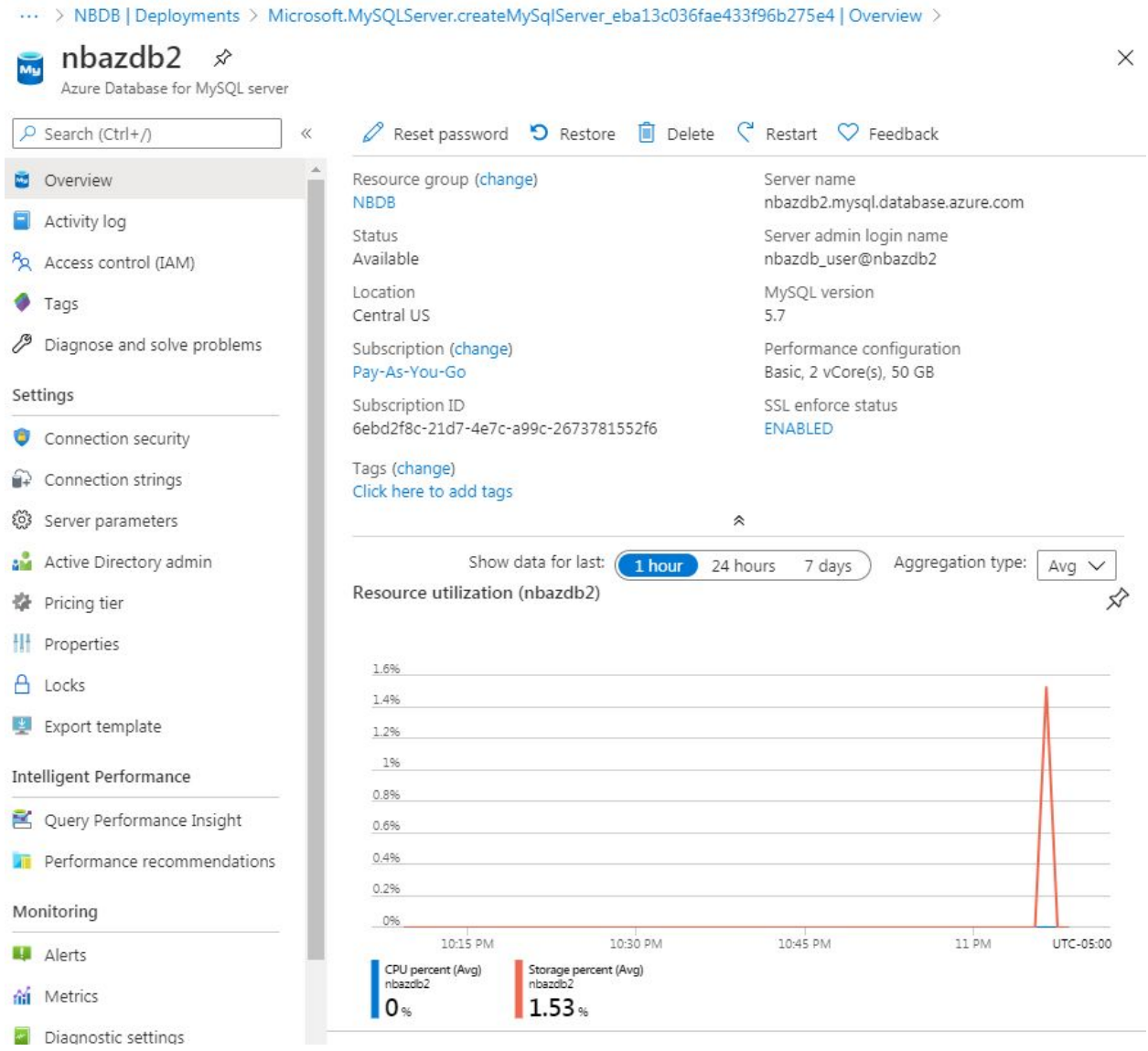
Basics

Subscription	Pay-As-You-Go
Resource group	NBDB
Server name	nbazdb2
Data source	None
Server admin login name	nbazdb_user
Location	Central US
Version	5.7
Compute + storage	Basic, Gen5, 2 vCores, 50 GB Storage
Backup retention period	7 day(s)
Backup redundancy	Locally redundant
Storage Auto Grow	Enabled

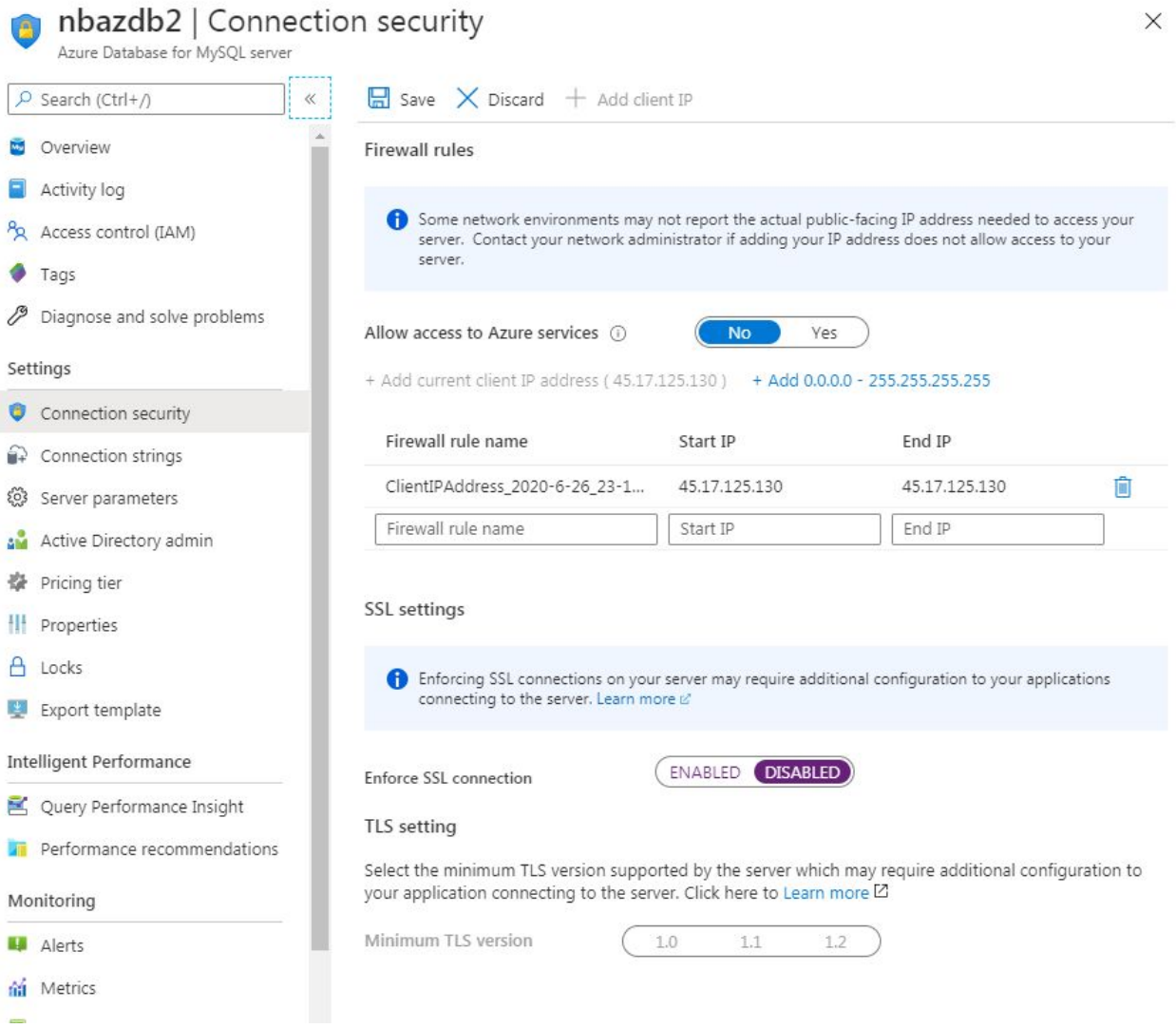
Tags

The Basic version of the database took less than 3 minutes to deploy.

The server name will be suffixed with ".mysql.database.azure.com"

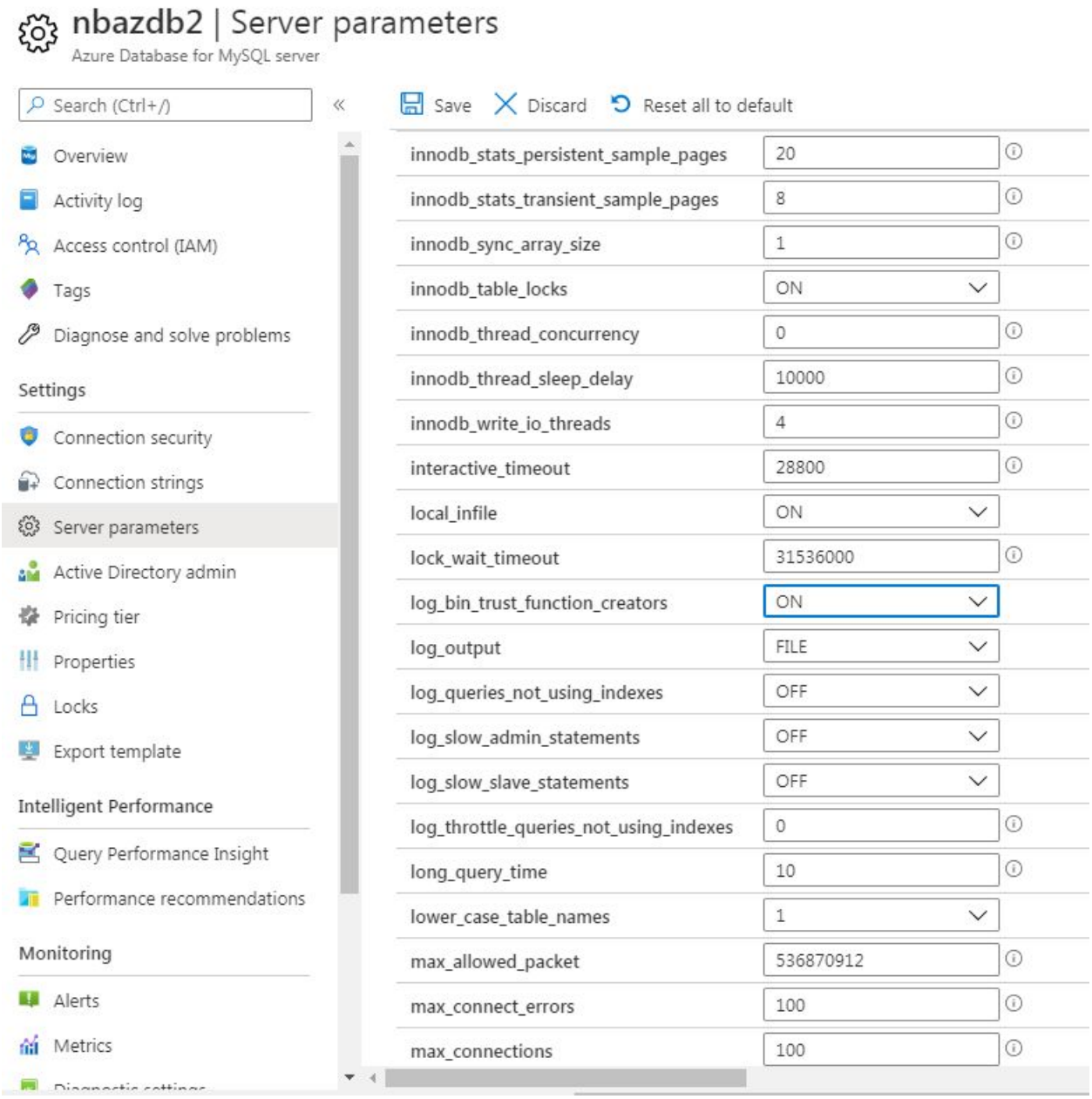


Under Settings, go to Connection security and Choose “Add current client IP address” which will allow you to connect to the MySQL instance. To avoid configuring the client certificates for this exercise, select Disabled for Enforce SSL connection (not recommended for production)

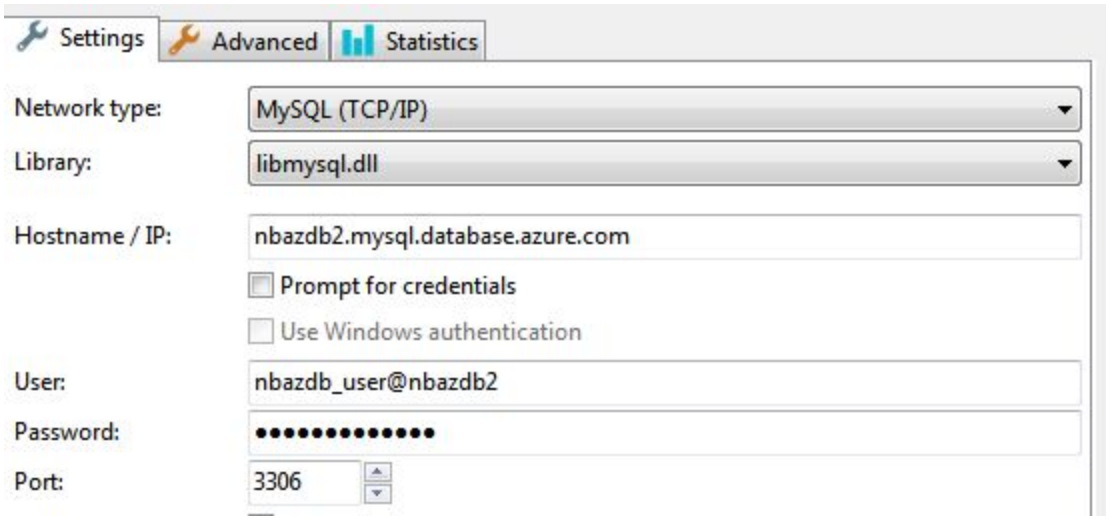


Click Save to update the Connection security settings.

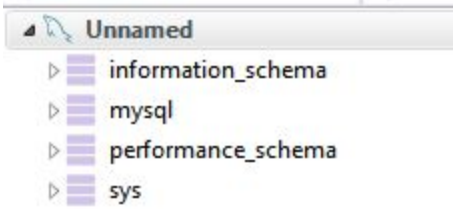
If your source database has functions, you'll need to enable the log_bin_trust_function_creators parameter. Navigate to Server parameters, look for log_bin_trust_function_creators and set it to ON. Save the parameters.



Using any MySQL client interface, connect to the database. Use the Server name, server admin login from the database overview page and the password you specified at creating time to configure the connection. We've used Heidi SQL

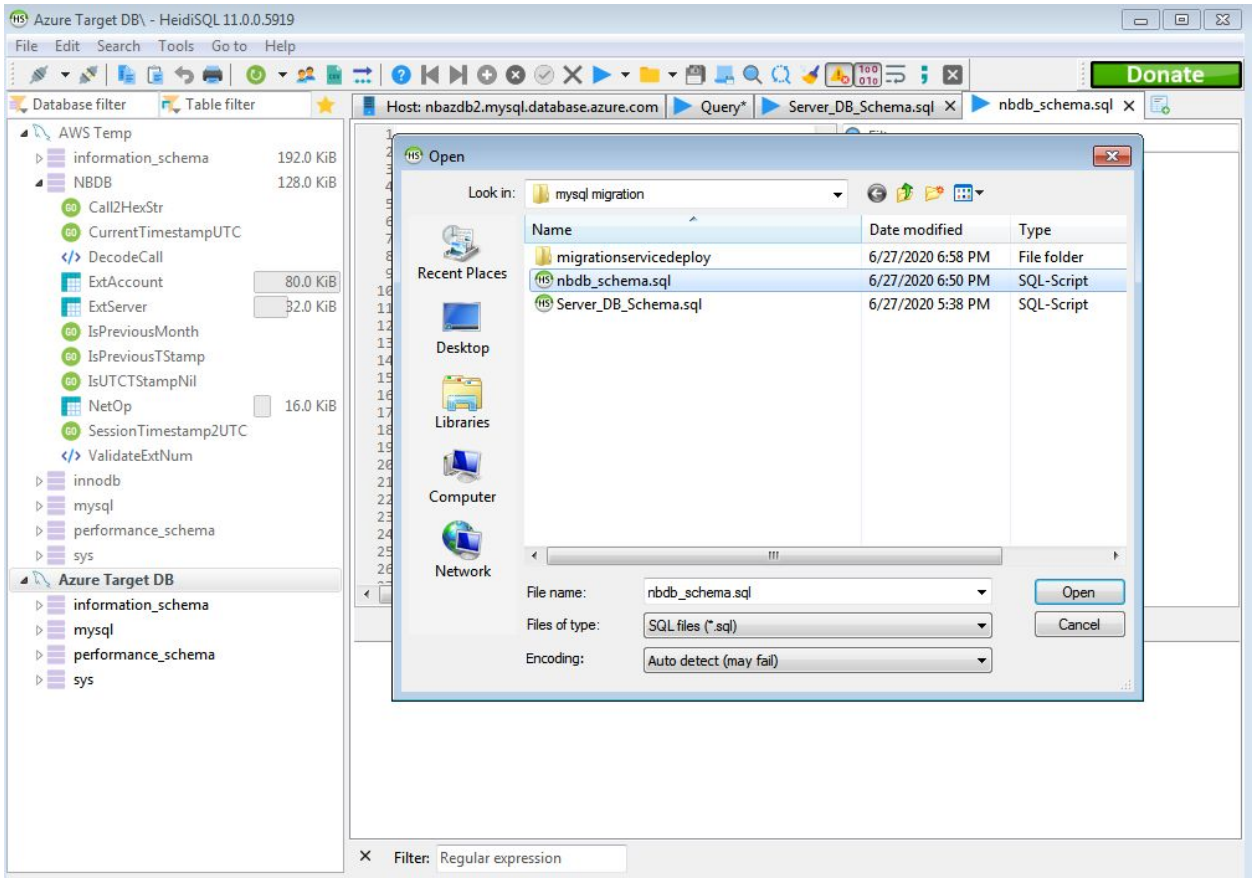


Once connected, you see the following default databases exist: information_schema, mysql, performance_schema, and sys.



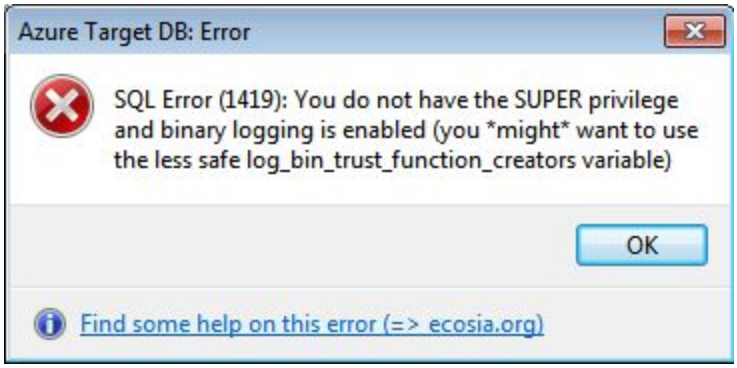
- Import the source schema that you saved perviously to the target Azure Database for MySQL

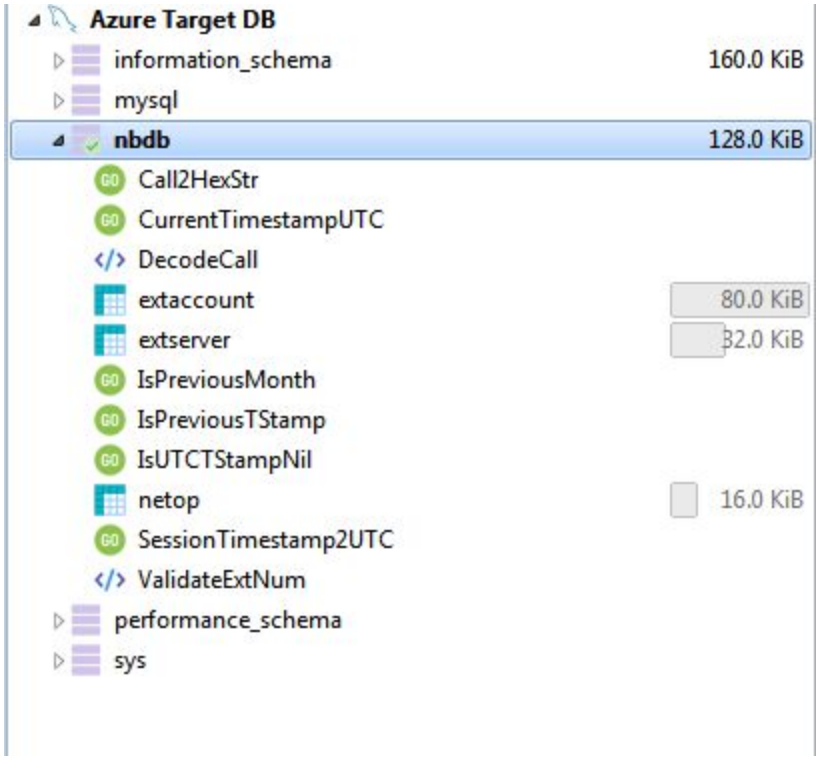
  In HeidiSQL Navigate to File - Run SQL file - Select the schema file:



- Verify that the database and tables have been created.

  If you see this error, then you'll need to enable the log_bin_trust_function_creators server parameter in the target Azure MySQL database.





The nbdb database, tables and functions have been created in the Azure Database.

- Since we have foreign keys in the schema, the initial load and continuous sync of the migration would fail unless we drop the foreign keys. Extract the drop foreign key script and add foreign key script at the destination (Azure Database for MySQL), run the following script: (Note: The script provided in the Microsoft documentation didn't produce any results)

```
select concat(fks.constraint_schema, '.', fks.table_name) as foreign_table,

       '->' as rel,

       concat(fks.unique_constraint_schema, '.', fks.referenced_table_name)

              as primary_table,
```

```
        fks.constraint_name,

        group_concat(kcu.column_name

             order by position_in_unique_constraint separator ', ')

              as fk_columns

from information_schema.referential_constraints fks

join information_schema.key_column_usage kcu

     on fks.constraint_schema = kcu.table_schema

     and fks.table_name = kcu.table_name

     and fks.constraint_name = kcu.constraint_name

-- where fks.constraint_schema = 'database name'

group by fks.constraint_schema,

          fks.table_name,

          fks.unique_constraint_schema,

          fks.referenced_table_name,

          fks.constraint_name

order by fks.constraint_schema,

          Fks.table_name;
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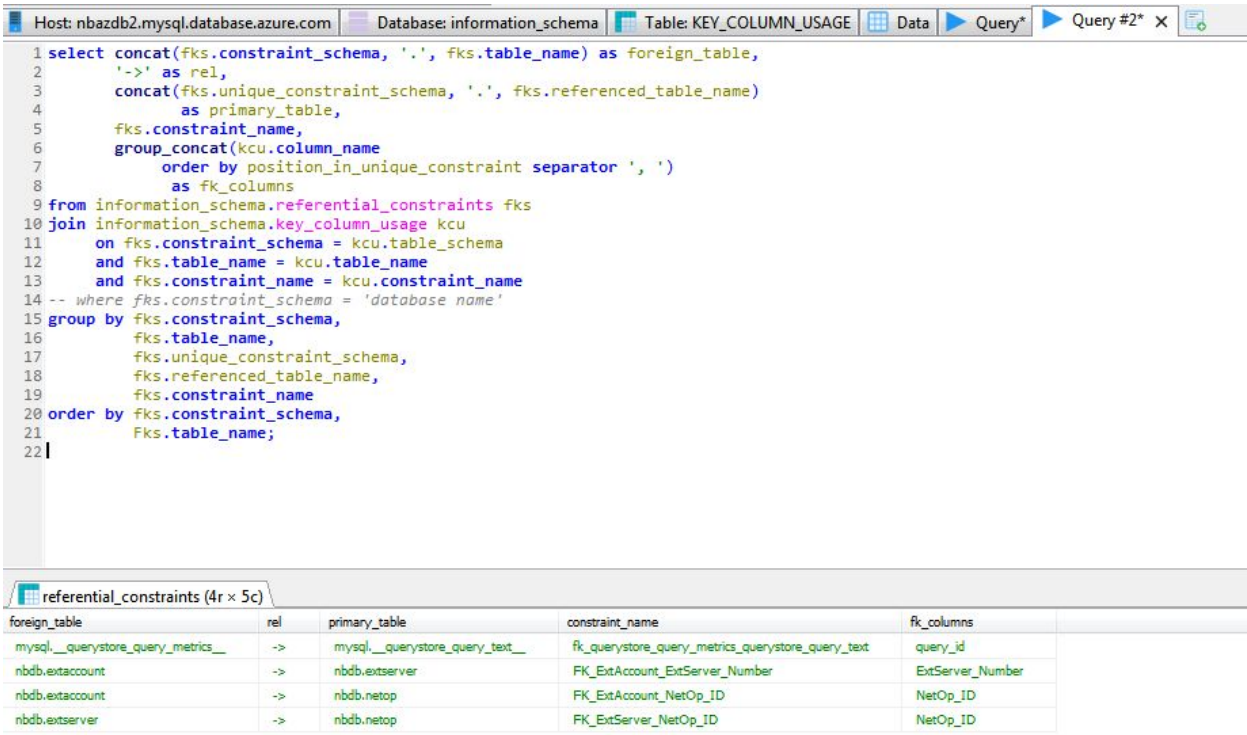

Copy the foreign key rows produced and build the drop table queries:

```
 alter table nbdb.extaccount                DROP  FOREIGN KEY
FK_ExtAccount_ExtServer_Number;


  alter table nbdb.extaccount                DROP  FOREIGN KEY
FK_ExtAccount_NetOp_ID        ;


  alter table nbdb.extserver                 DROP  FOREIGN KEY
FK_ExtServer_NetOp_ID         ;
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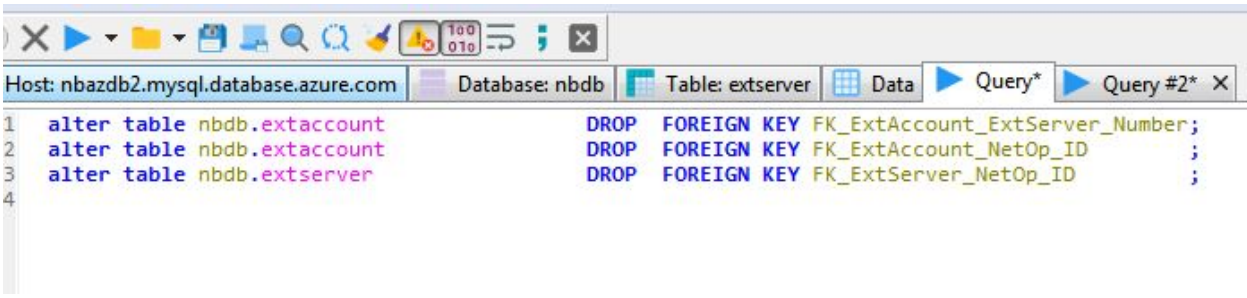


This database did not have any tiggers, but if you do, you'll have to disable the triggers with this query so that they don't go off during the migration:

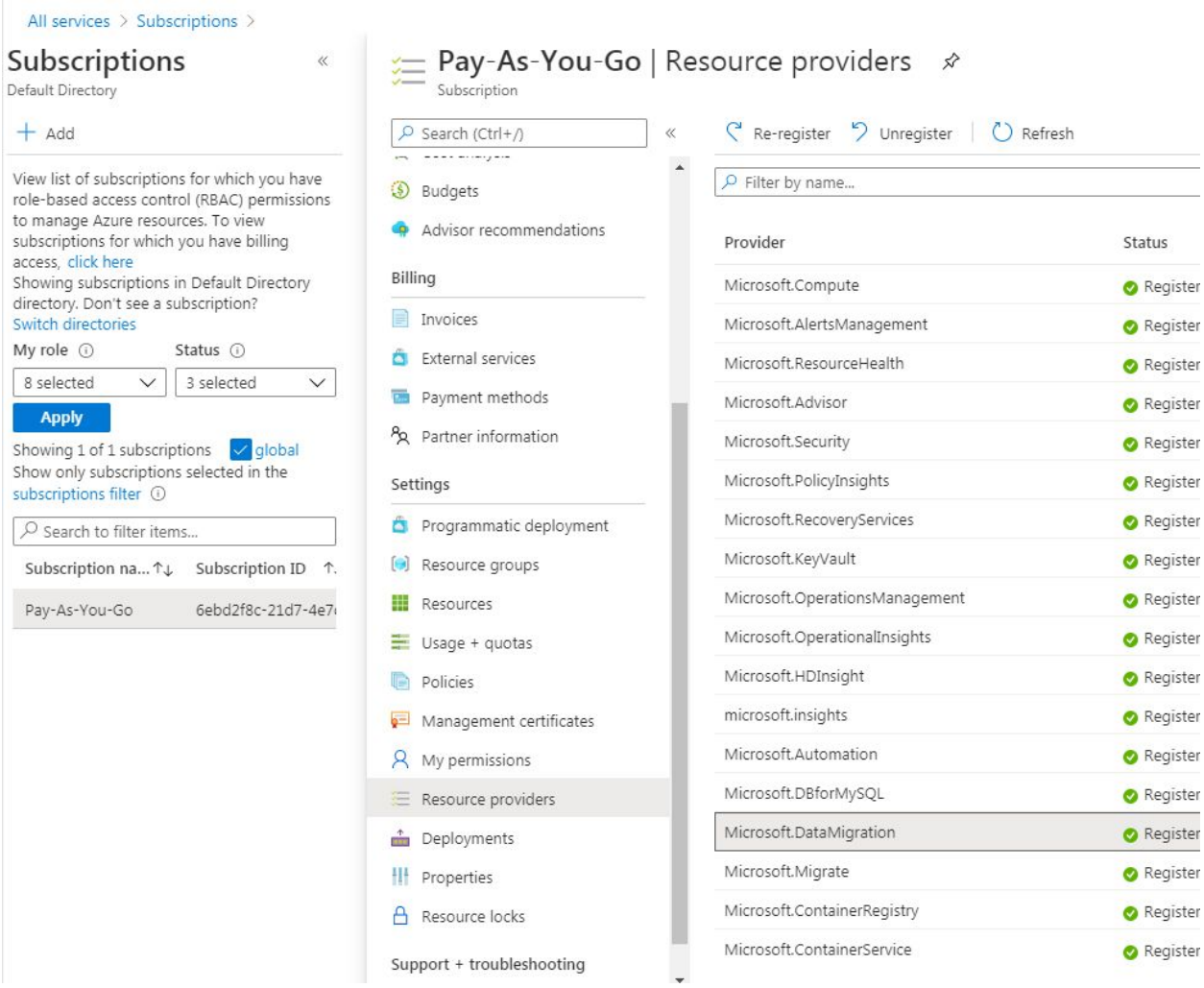
```
select concat ('alter table ', event_object_table, ' disable
trigger ', trigger_name)from information_schema.triggers;
```

Also if there are instances of the ENUM data type in any tables, temporarily update them to the 'character varying' datatype in the target table. When data replication is complete, then revert the data type to ENUM.

- Register the Microsoft.DataMigration resource provider

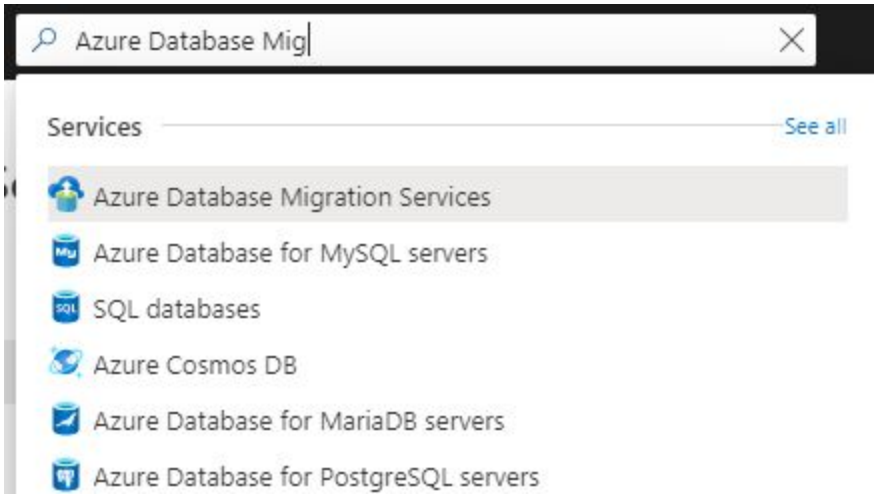
  Azure Portal - All Services - Subscriptions - Select your subscription - Settings - Resource Providers

  Find Microsoft.DataMigration - Select Register



- Create an instance of Azure Database Migration Service in the Premium Tier.

Premium Tier is required to perform online migrations. The service is free to try for 6 months.



Specify Migration Service name, and a VNet where the Azure Database Migration Service will reside. Click Review + Create then Create

Create Migration Service

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Project details

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Premium
4 vCores
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Basics

Subscription	Pay-As-You-Go
Resource group	NBDB
Migration service name	nbazdbmig
Region	Central US
Location type	Azure

Networking

Virtual network	nbazmigvnet

Tags

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Azure Database Migration Service is designed to streamline the process of migrating on-premises databases to Azure. Learn more.

Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and consts. Use resource groups as you would folders, to organize and manage all of your resources.

Subscription * : Pay-As-You-Go

Resource group * : NBDB

Create new

Instance details

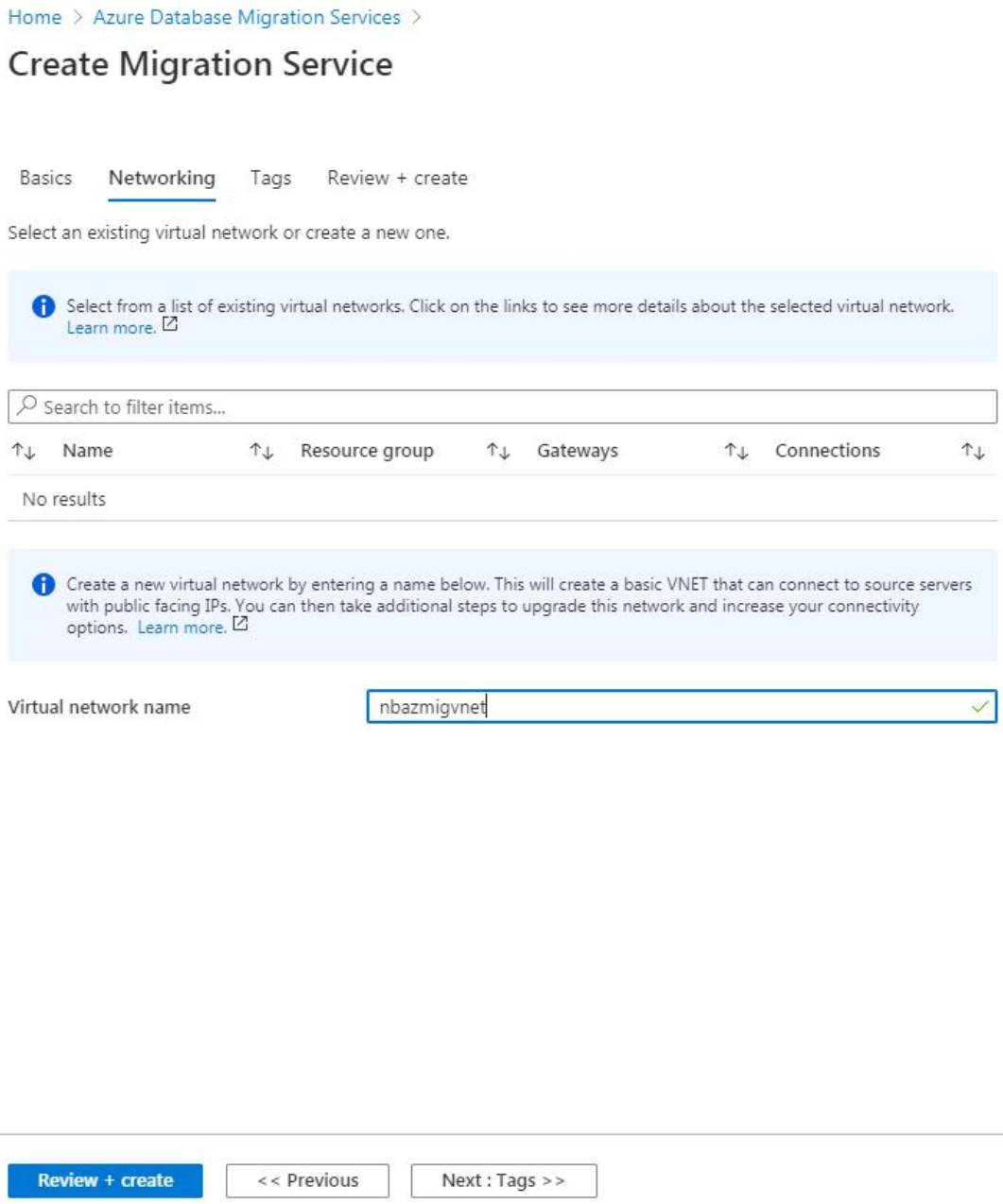
Migration service name * : nbazdbmig

Location * : Central US

Service mode * : Azure | Hybrid (Preview)

Pricing tier * : **Premium**
4 vCores
Configure tier

Use an Azure Database Migration Service quick start template with pre-created source and targets. Learn more.



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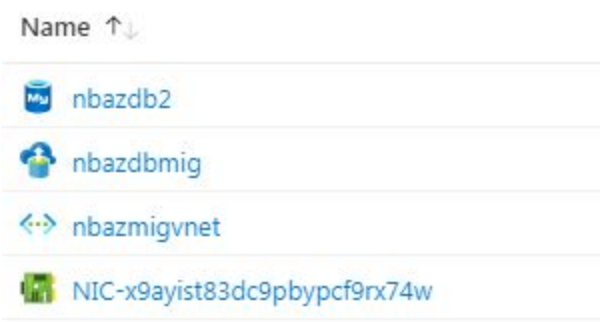
You'll end up with the following resources in the resource group:



- Find the IP address for Azure Database Migration Service and allow traffic from this IP address to access your AWS MySQL RDS.

- Create a migration project by using Azure Database Migration Service.

All services > Resource groups > NBDB > nbazdbmig >

New migration project

Project name

nbdbmigproj

Source server type *

AWS RDS for MySQL

Target server type *

Azure Database for MySQL

*Choose type of activity

Online data migration

To successfully use Database Migration Service (DMS) to migrate data, you need to:

1. Create the target Azure Database for MySQL.
2. Deploy schema, indexes and routines to target database:
   1. Using MySQL Workbench OR
   2. Using mysqldump --no-data

Install MySQL Workbench

Create and run activity

Add source Details

Add Source Details

Source server name

nbdb2.cfhzccqz8ky4.us-east-2.rds.amazona...

Server port

3306

User Name

admin

Password

••••••••••••

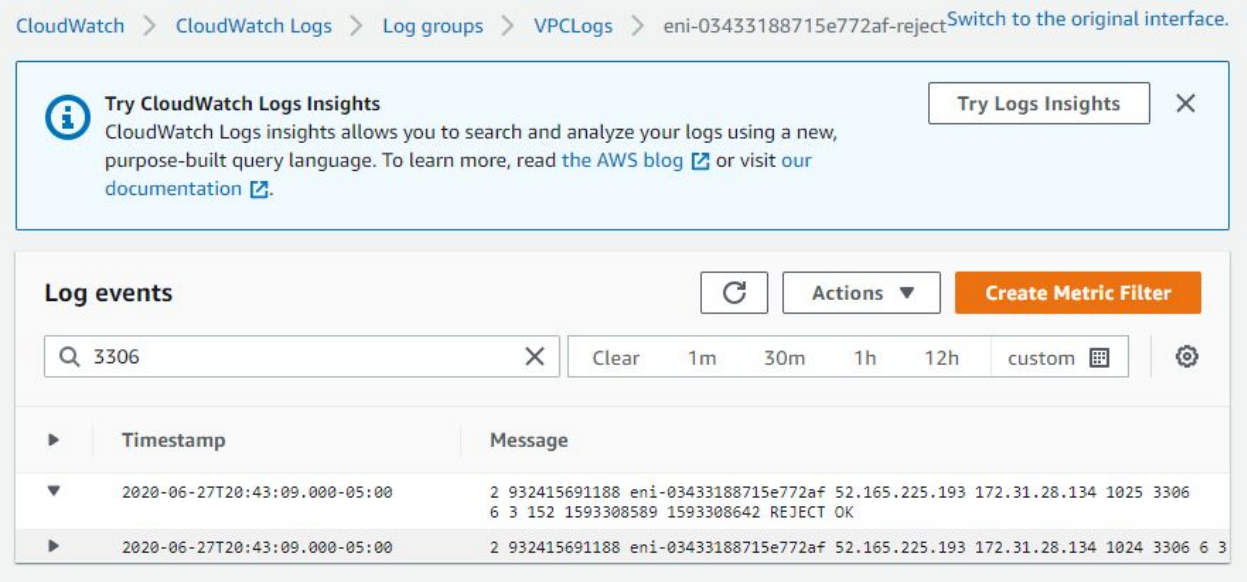
DMS requires **TLS 1.2 security protocol** enabled to establish an encrypted connection to the source MySQL database.

Follow these steps to enable TLS support:
TLS 1.2 support for MySQL

Or, enable TLS 1.0/1.1 from service configuration.

Save

If the connection fails, you may have to inspect the AWS VPC Flow Logs and look for a connection to port 3306 for the MySQL database. Use the IP address that was rejected and add it to the Security group of the MySQL RDS VPC.



Once the connection to the AWS RDS MySQL source DB succeeds, the Migration Service will display the databases on that instance.

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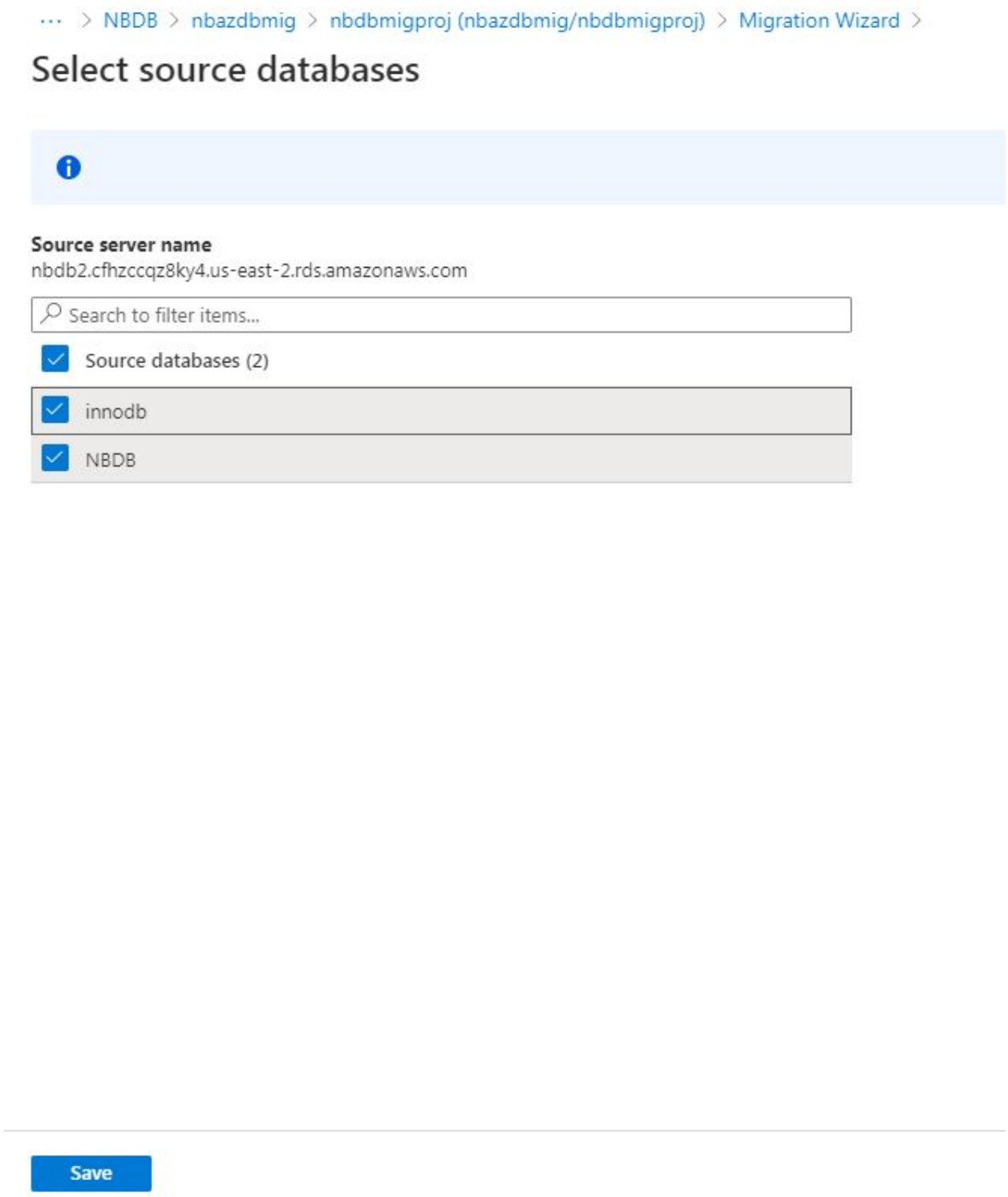
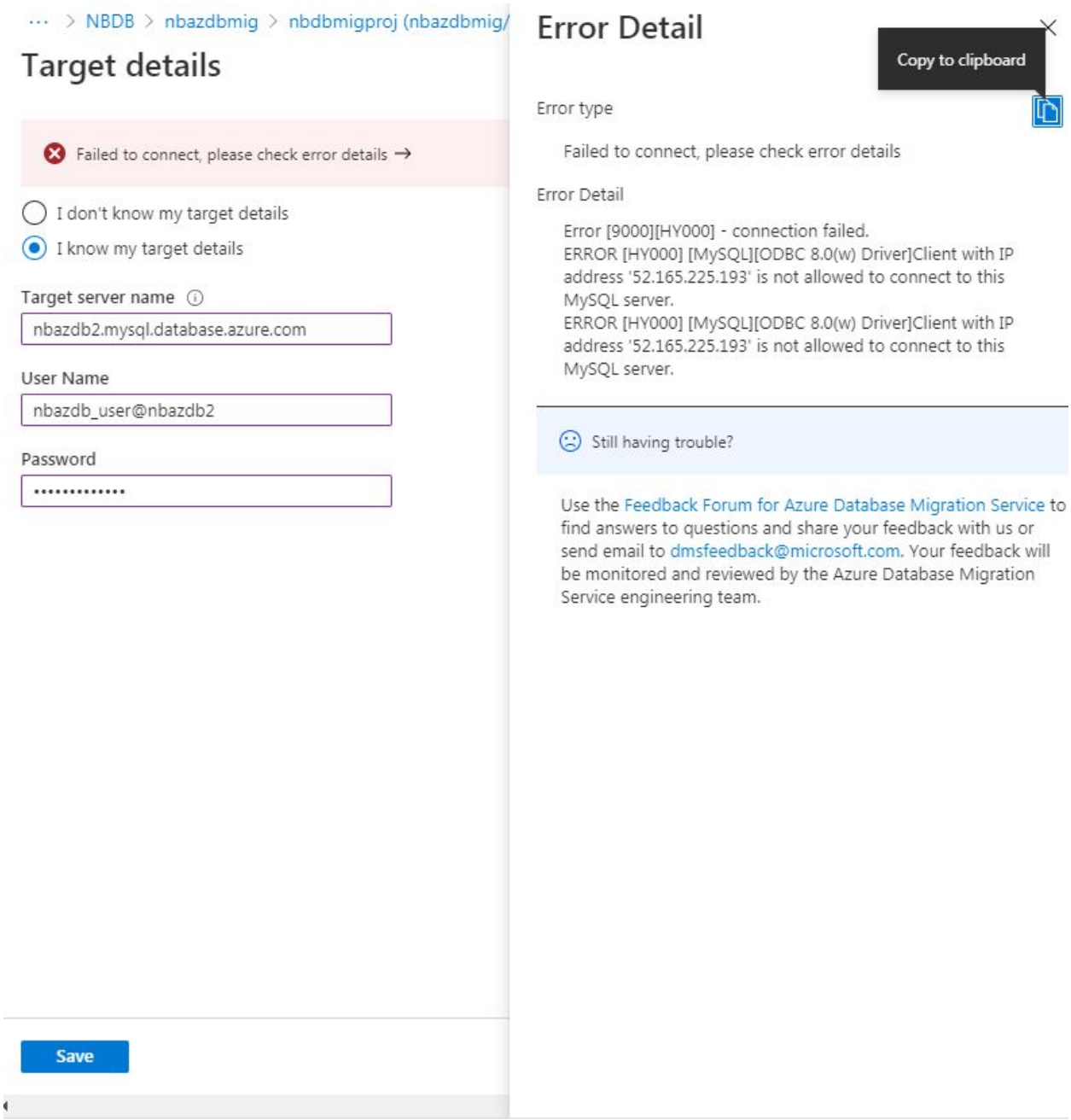
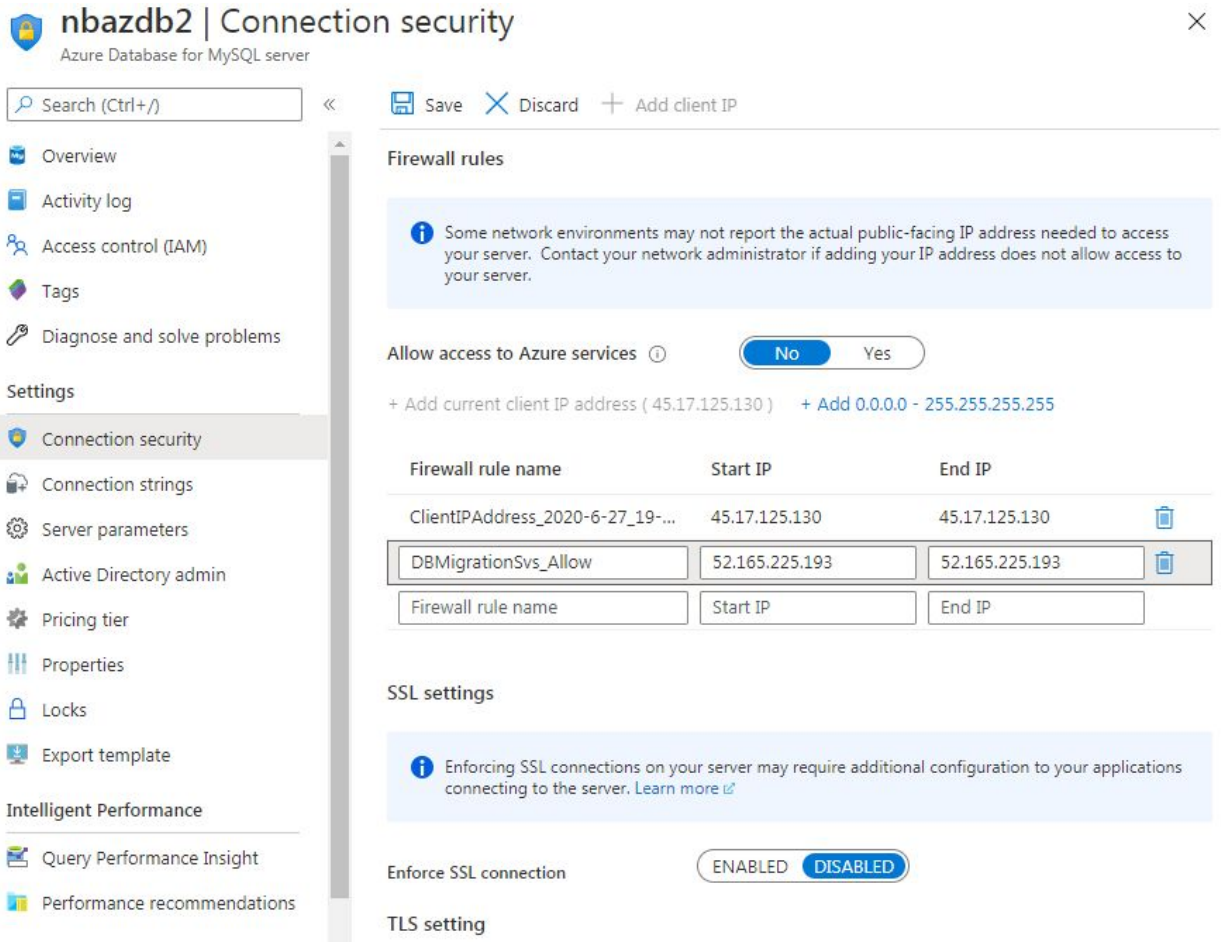

··· > NBDB > nbazdbmig > nbdbmigproj (nbazdbmig/nbdbmigproj) > Migration Wizard >
Select source databases
Source server name
nbdb2.cfhzccqz8ky4.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com
Search to filter items...
Source databases (2)
innodb
NBDB
Save

Enter the Azure MySQL instance information in the Target details.



There will be a connection error when the DB Migration Service tries to connect to it. In a separate window, pull up the Azure Database for MySQL Connection security settings and add the DB Migration Service IP address to the Firewall Rules. Save the changes.



Go back to the DB Migration Wizard and attempt to save the Target details again. The connection should succeed and display the Project Summary screen. Click on Save.

Project summary

Migration project name
nbdbmigproj

Source server name
nbdb2.cfhzccqz8ky4.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com

Source server version
5.7.30-log

Target server name
nbazdb2.mysql.database.azure.com

Target server version
5.7.29-log

Databases to migrate
2 of 2

nbdbmigproj (nbazdbmig/nbdbmigproj)

Azure Database Migration Project

Search (Ctrl+/)

Overview
Activity log
Access control (IAM)
Tags

Settings

Properties
Locks
Export template

Support + troubleshooting

New support request

New Activity | Edit Project | Delete project | Refresh

Great job! Your database migration project was successfully created. You can create your first

Source server : nbdb2.cfhzccqz8ky4.us-east-2.rds.amazonaws.com

Source version : Amazon RDS for MySQL 5.7.30-log

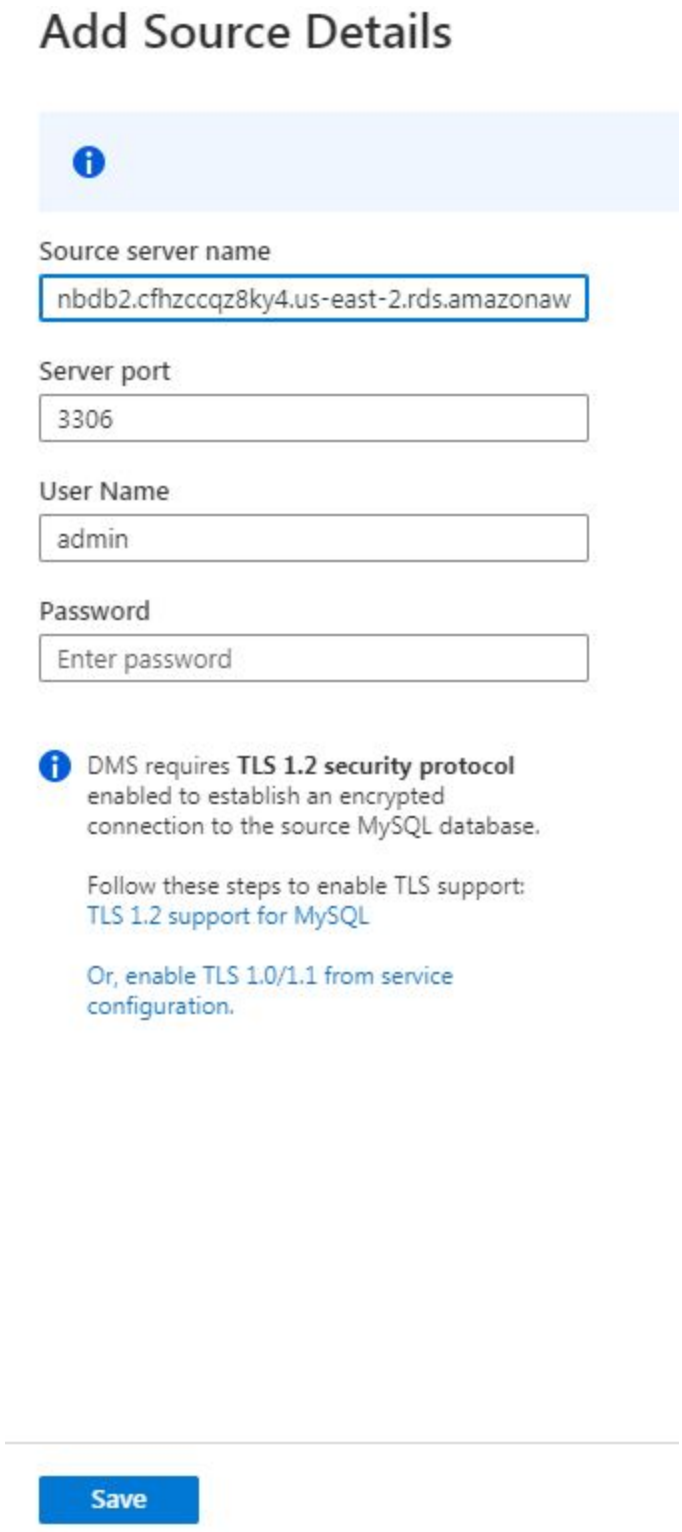
Migration Activities (0)

Name	Activity Type
No activities found	

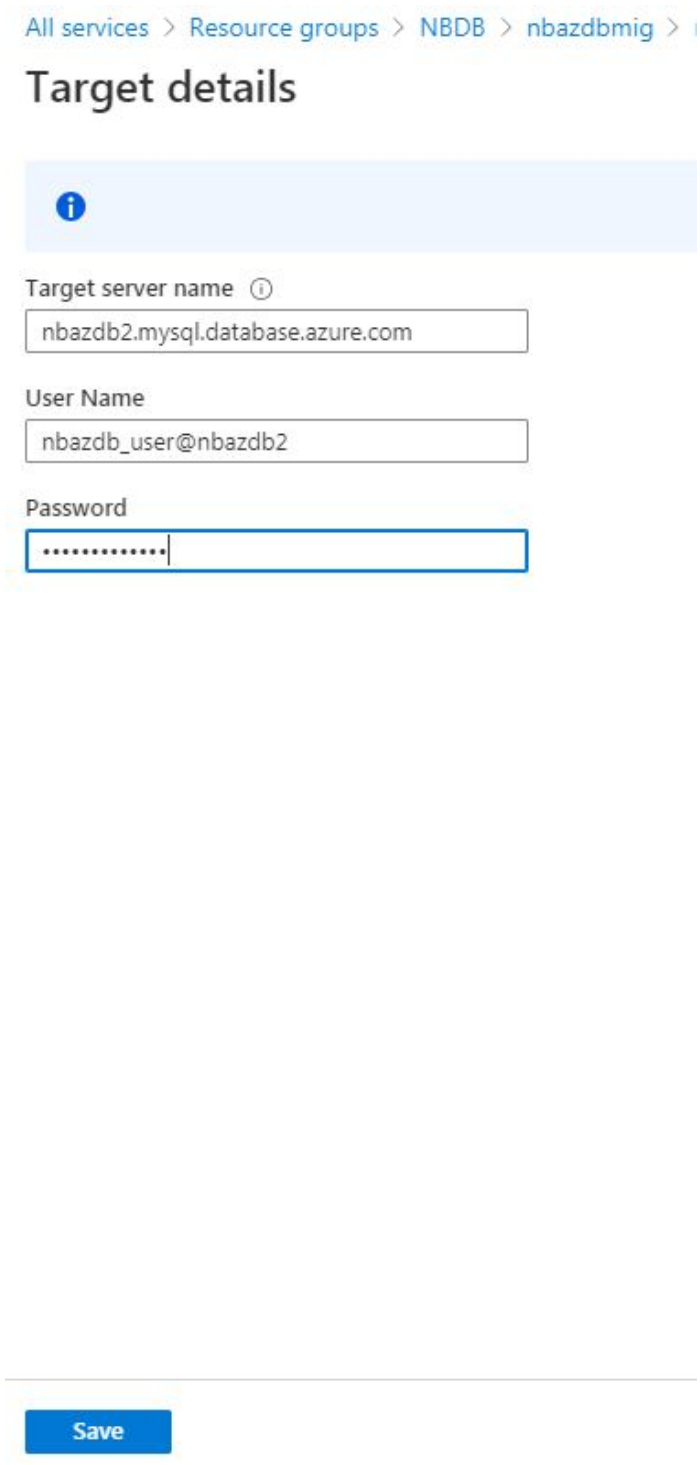
- Run the migration.

  Select +New Activity, Online Data Migration

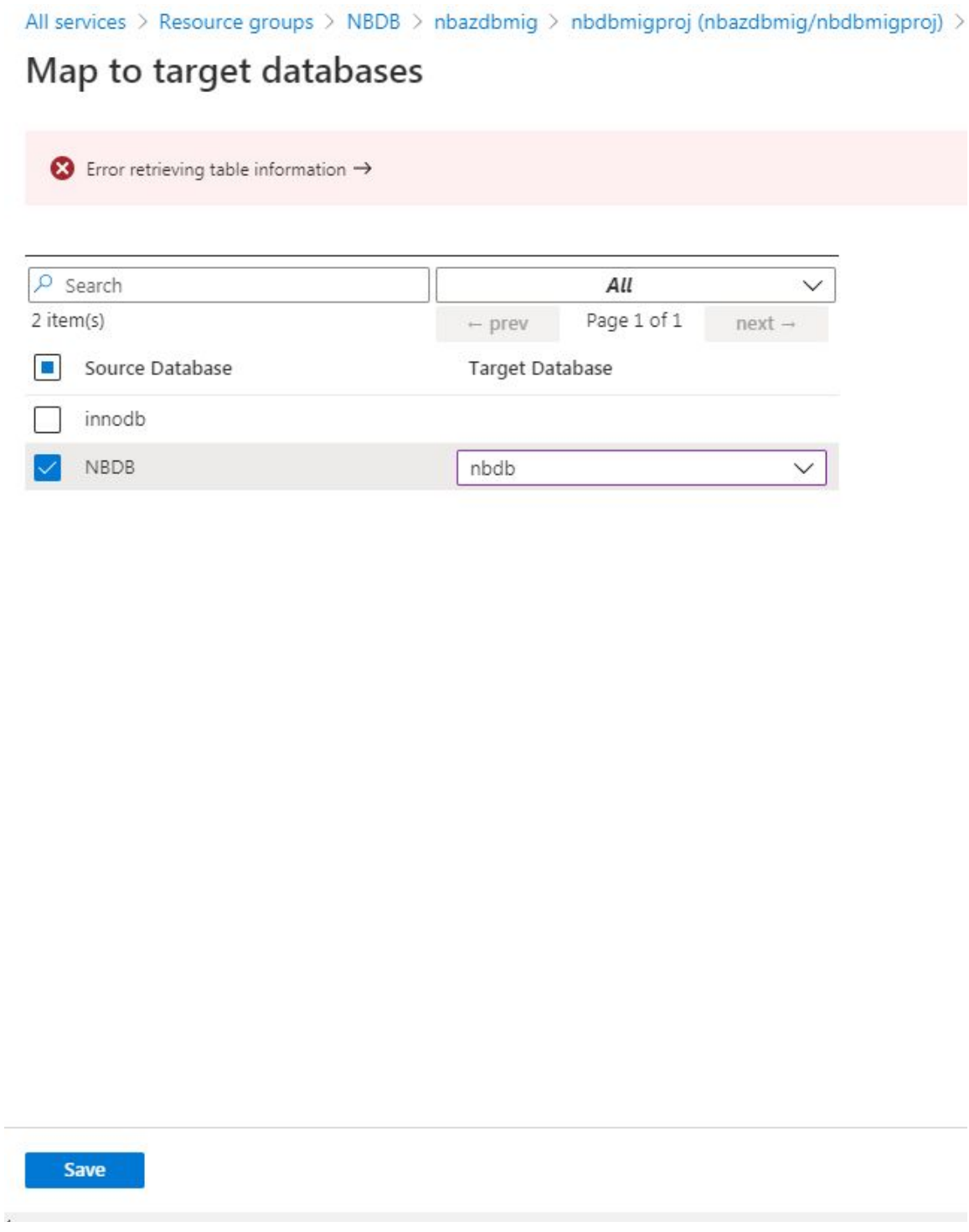
Specify the AWS RDS MySQL source password



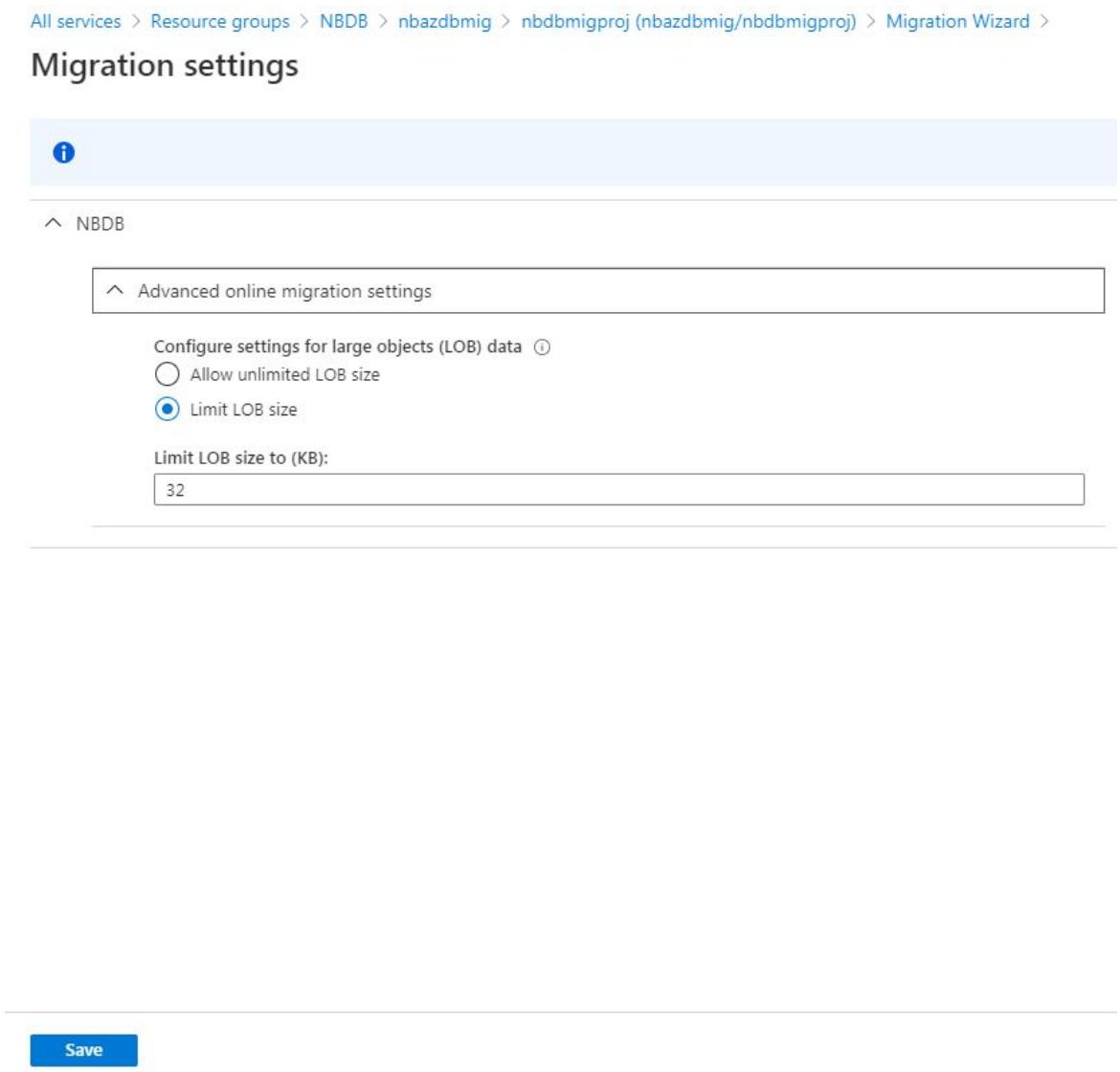
Specify the Azure DB password



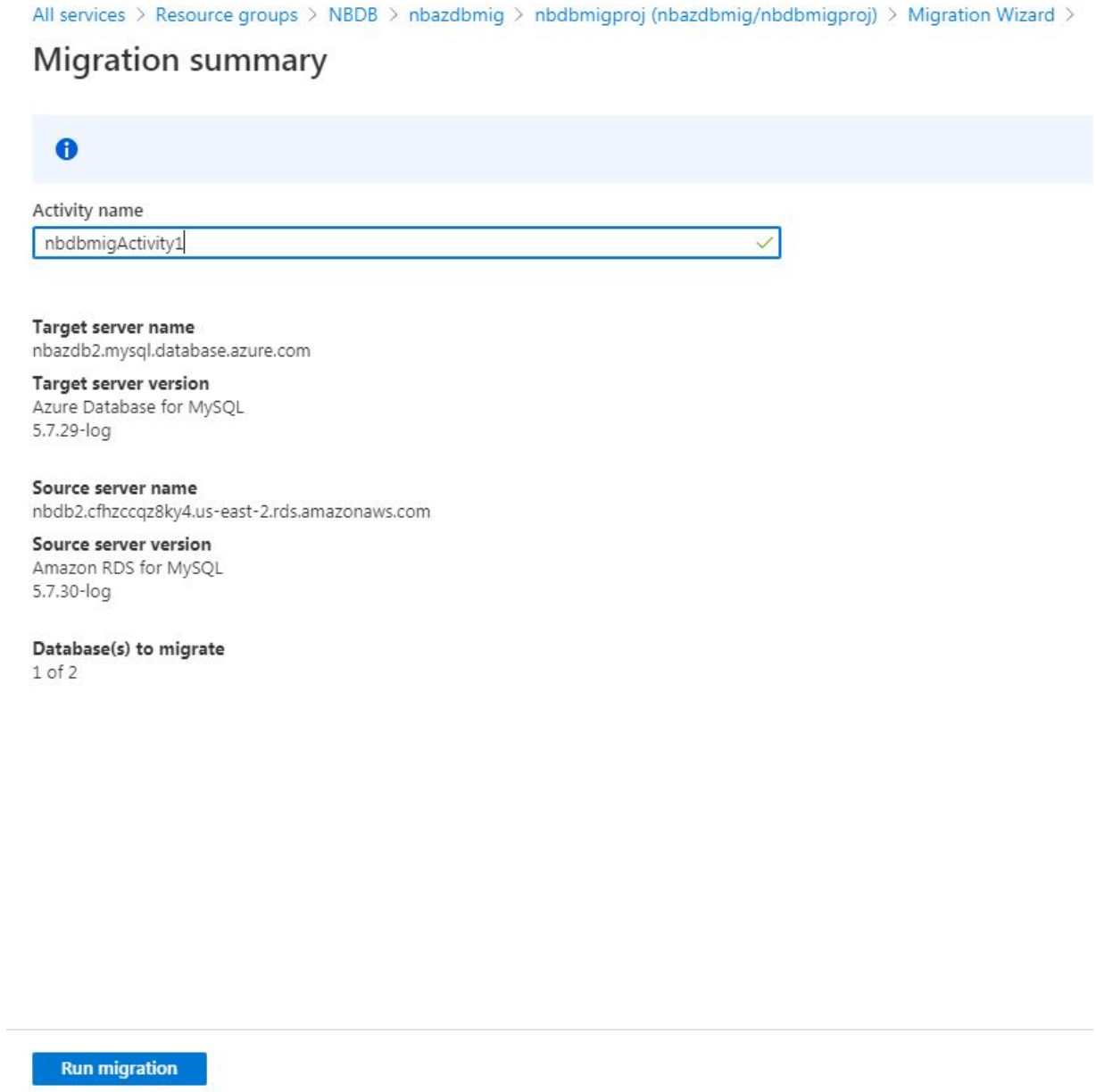
Select the DB mapping. (Note: Do not select the INNODB db)



Modify the Migration setting for the LOB if necessary.



Verify the details and name the migration activity. Then click Run Migration.



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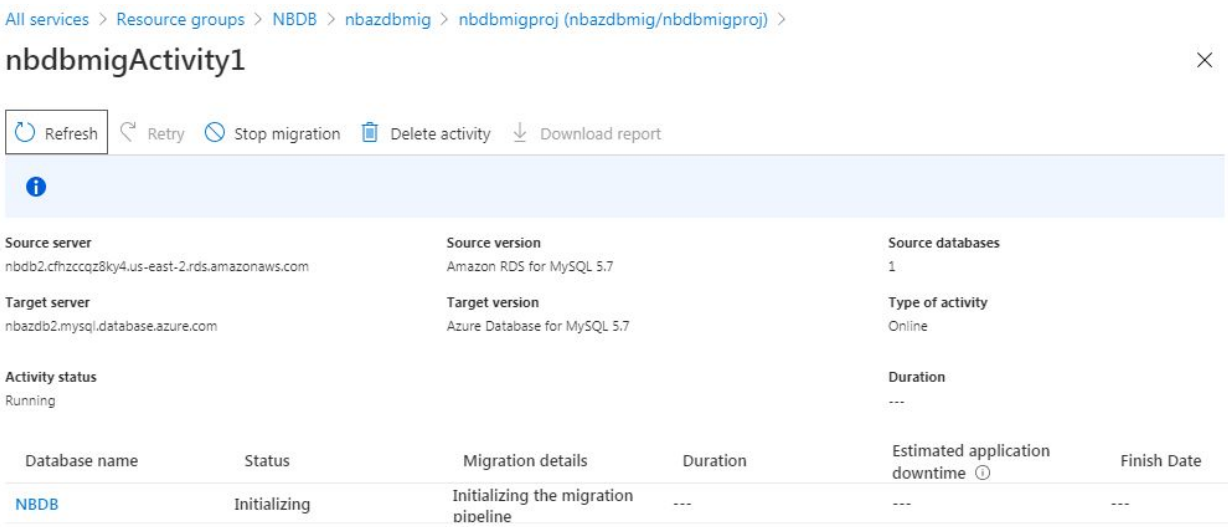
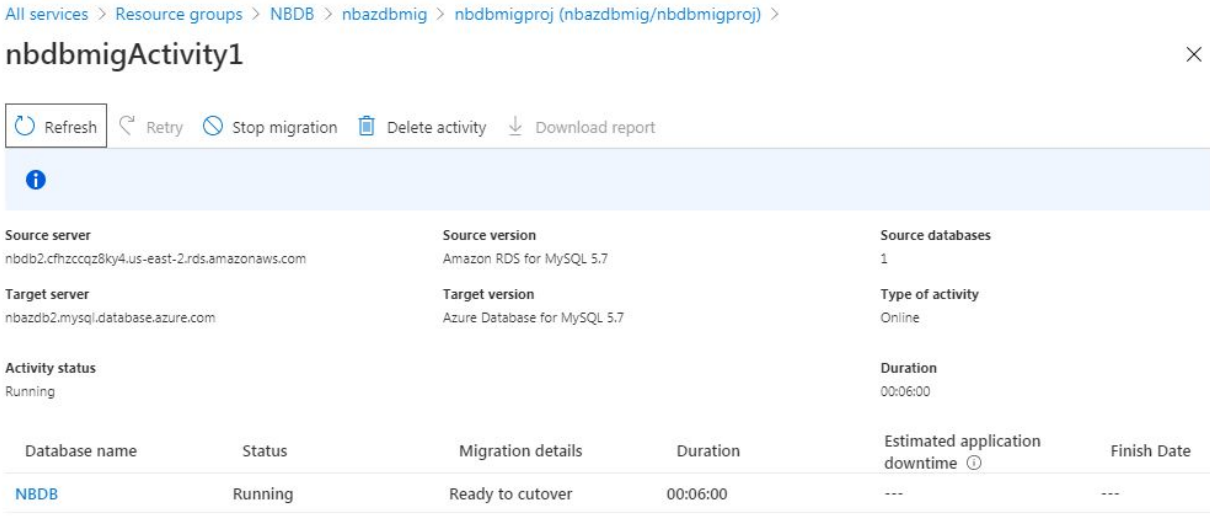
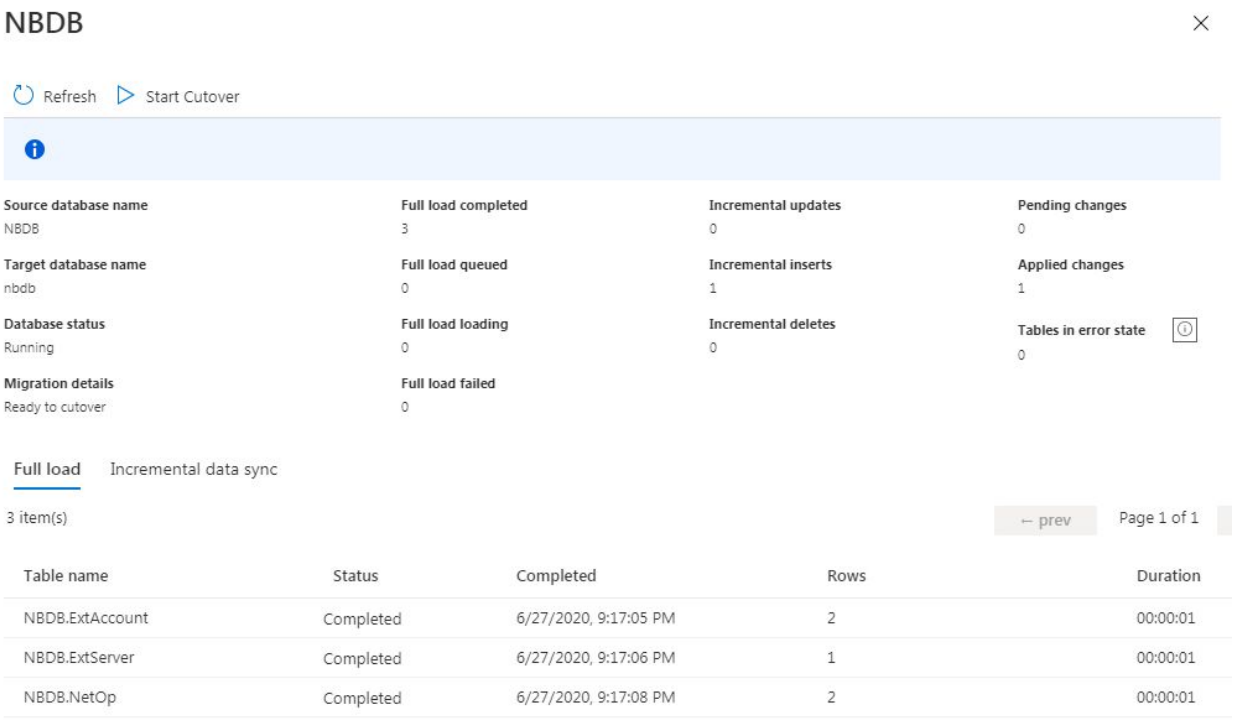




Click on the database name to see details.



Use HeidiSQL to verify that the Azure MySQL database contains the rows from the source table.

Add some more rows to the AWS RDS source table and they should replicate to the Azure target table within a few minutes.

Click on the Incremental Data Sync tab to view the details of the changed rows that are being synchronized.

NBDB

Refresh | Start Cutover

Source database name
NBDB

Target database name
nbdb

Database status
Running

Migration details
Ready to cutover

Full load completed
3

Full load queued
0

Full load loading
0

Full load failed
0

Incremental updates
0

Incremental inserts
2

Incremental deletes
0

Pending changes
0

Applied changes
2

Tables in error state
0

Full load | Incremental data sync

3 item(s)

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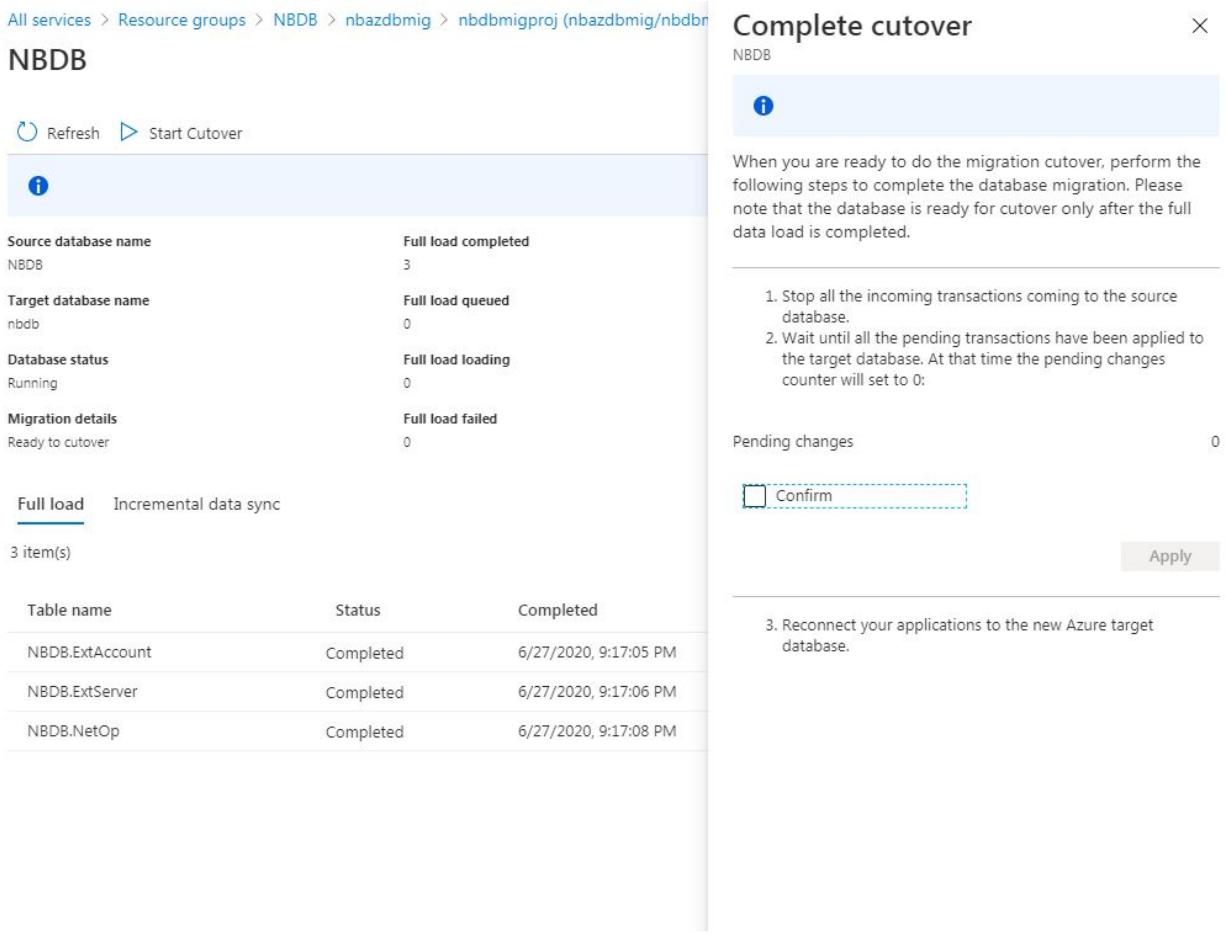
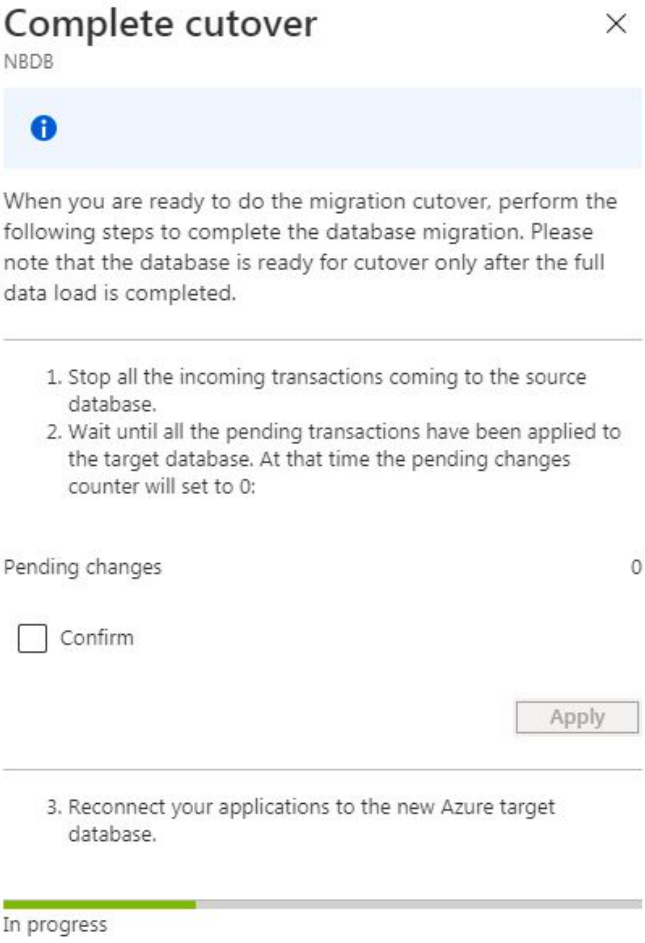
Table name	Status	Insert	Update	Delete	Total applied	Data errors
NBDB.ExtAccount	Syncing	1	0	0	1	0
NBDB.ExtServer	Syncing	1	0	0	1	0
NBDB.NetOp	Syncing	0	0	0	0	0

- Perform Migration Cutover

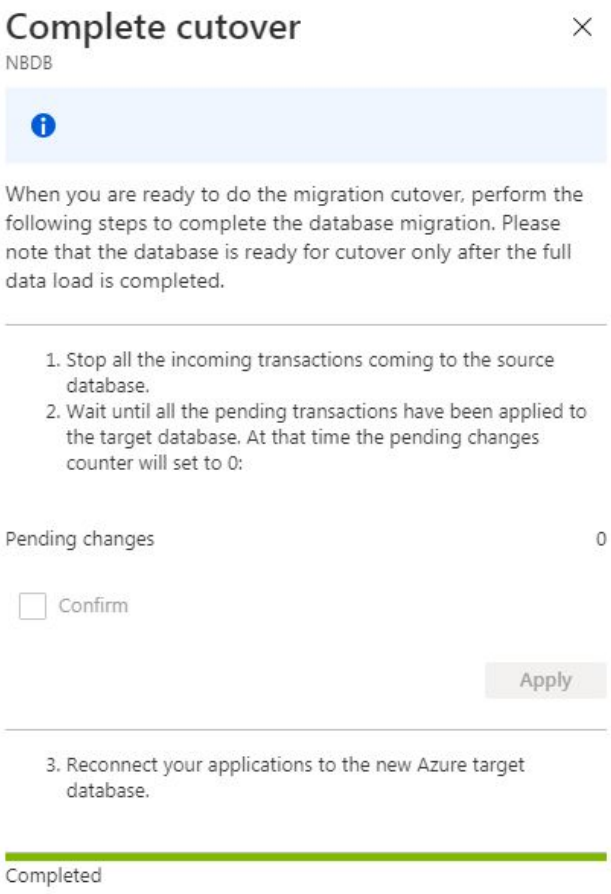
  The databases will not be available during the cutover so the cutover must be started in a maintenance window and applications must stop sending traffic to the source AWS RDS database.
  Select Start Cutover.



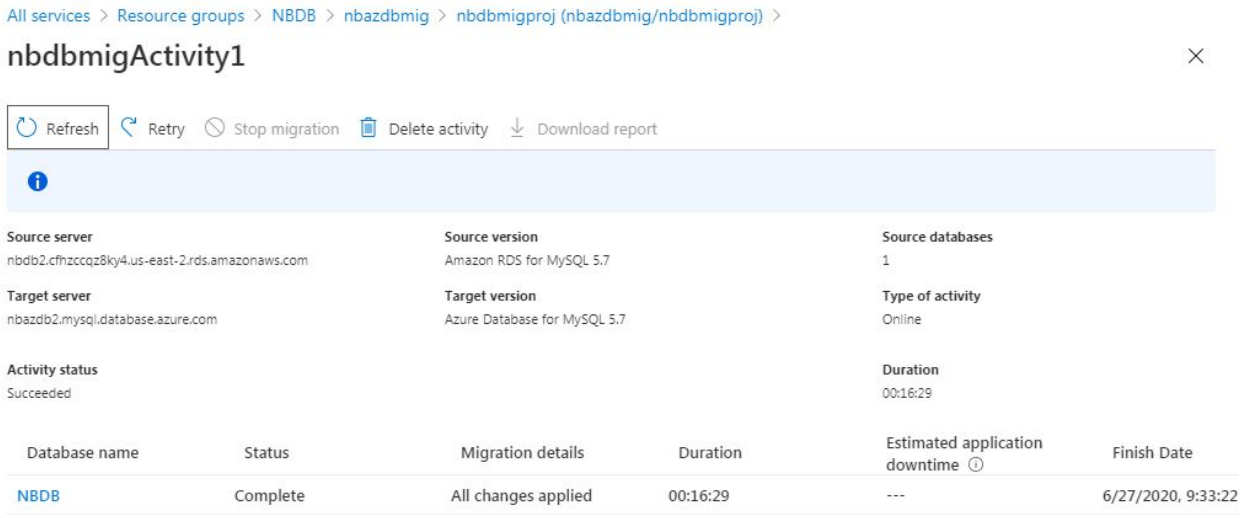
Once you confirm, the cutover will start and a progress bar will be displayed.



Once completed, close the cutover panel.



When you go back to the activity after the Cutover completes, it will show a Status of Complete and All changes applied.



Further changes to the source AWS RDS will no longer be synchronized. The Azure MySQL database is ready and application connection strings must be changed to target the new database.