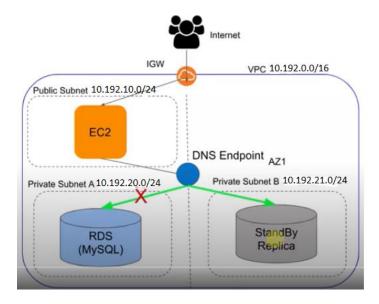
RDS Multi-AZ Failover

In the previous labs, we've configured High Availability across Availability Zones & Regions for the EC2 Instances supporting application workloads. Along with the front-end application servers, it is also important to maintain the High Availability within the DB Instances. High Availability within the DB Instances can be achieved in various ways. In this lab, we are going to configure Highly Availability for the DB Instances across Availability Zones.

It always recommended to launch the DB Instances in Private Subnets with addition of Security Groups with Inbound Rules allowed for the Database Read/Write requests. Front-end application Instances can either be launched in a Private Subnet or Public Subnets.

We are now going to take our previous architecture to next level by deploying below architecture on our AWS Infrastructure.

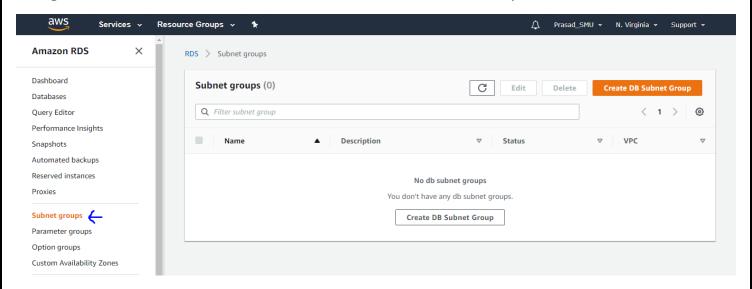


Below is list of Tasks:

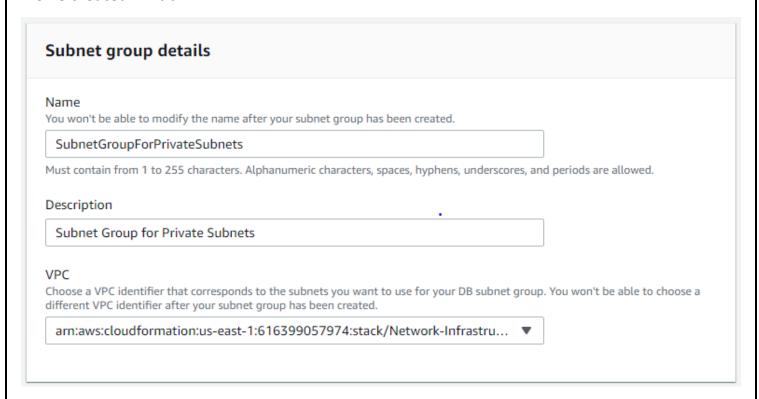
- Task 1: Create RDS Subnet Group for Private Subnets (10.192.20.0/24, 10.192.21.0/24)
- Task 2: Create Security Group for RDS Instance
- Task 3: Launch an RDS-MySQL Instance
- Task 4: Launch a Front-End EC2 Instance
- Task 5: Configure the EC2 Instance with MySQL
- Task 6: Connect RDS-MySQL DB Instance to EC2 Instance
- Task 7: MySQL Administration
- Task 8: Test the RDS Failover

Task 1: Create RDS Subnet Group for Private Subnets (10.192.20.0/24, 10.192.21.0/24)

Navigate to Relational Database Service and click on Subnet Group.

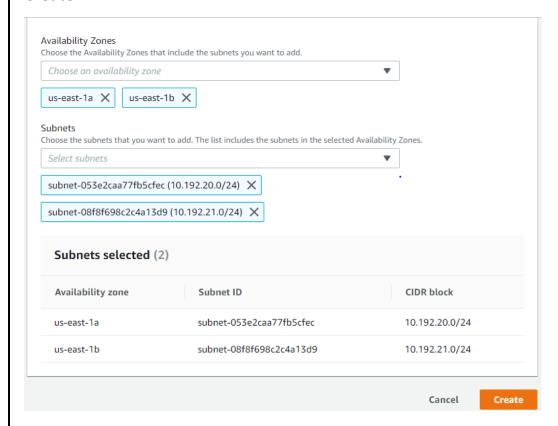


Click on Create DB Subnet Group. Give Subnet Group Name of your choice. Select the VPC that we've created in Lab 1.

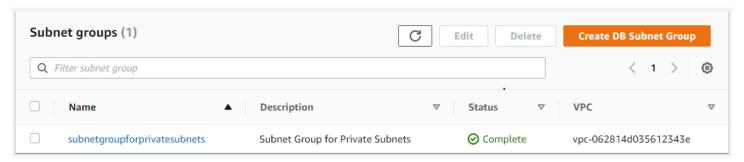


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Select the Availability Zones as "us-east-1a" and "us-east-1b" wherein we've deployed our entire architecture. Select the Private Subnets from both the Availability Zones and click on Create.



Subnet Group is now finally created.



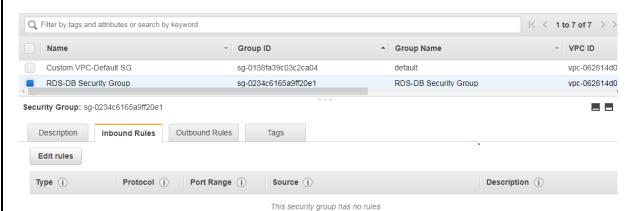
Task 2: Create Security Group for RDS Instance

Navigate to VPC Service, Click on Security Groups and then Click on Create Security Group.

Give the Security Group Name & Description of your choice, select the VPC as Custom VPC and click on Create.



Select the newly created Security Group. At the bottom, click on Inbound Rules and click on Edit Rules.

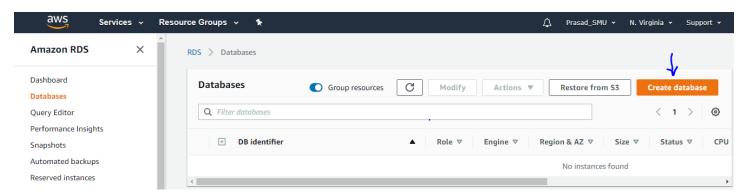


Click on Add Rule. Select Rule Type as "MYSQL/Aurora" and Source as "Custom" with Public Subnet 1 CIDR (10.192.10.0/24). In the Public Subnet 1, we are going to deploy a front-end server which will interact with RDS Databases in Private Subnets. Finally, click on Save Rules. Keep Outbound Rule as Default.

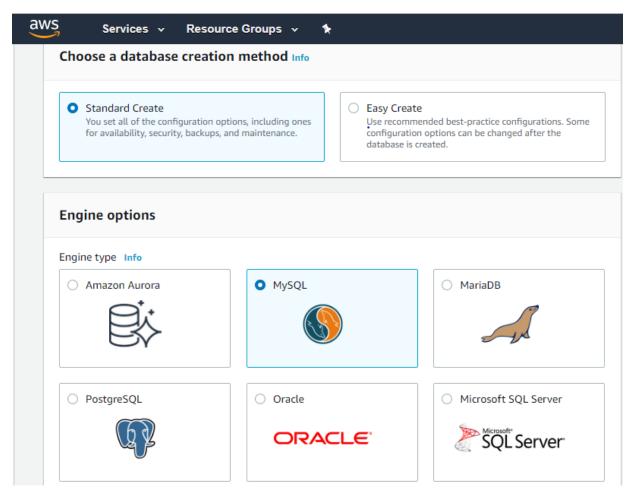


Task 3: Launch an RDS-MySQL Instance

Navigate to Relational Database Service (RDS) and click on Create Database.



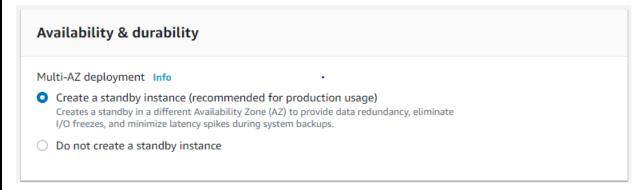
Select the Database Creation Method as Standard and select the Database Engine as MySQL.



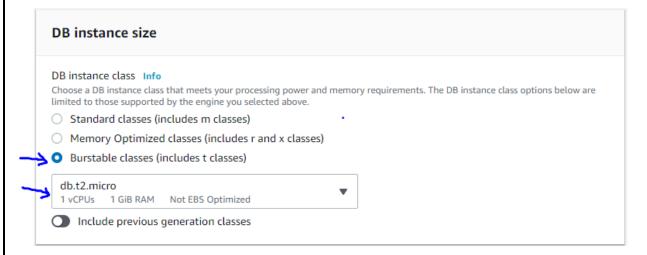
Then choose Template as Dev/Test.



Under Availability and Durability, select "Create a standby instance". This creates a replica of the Master DB Instance in another Availability Zone for failover.



Under DB Instance Size, click on Burstable Classes and select "db.t2.micro".



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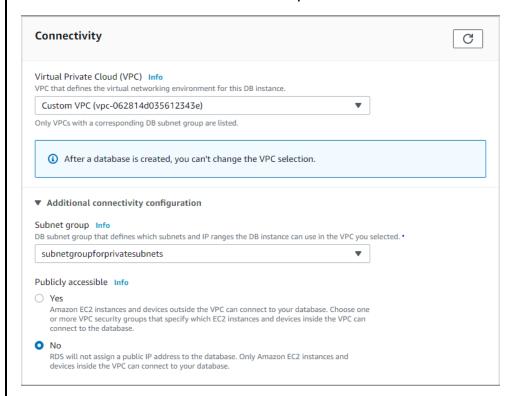
Now give DB Instance Identifier Name, Master Username and Password of your choice. Make a note of Master Username and Password, you'll need this in further tasks.

Settings
DB instance identifier Info Type a name for your DB instance. The name must be unique cross all DB instances owned by your AWS account in the current AWS Region.
DBInstanceIdentifier .
The DB instance identifier is case-insensitive, but is stored as all lowercase (as in "mydbinstance"). Constraints: 1 to 60 alphanumeric characters or hyphens (1 to 15 for SQL Server). First character must be a letter. Can't contain two consecutive hyphens. Can't end with a hyphen.
▼ Credentials Settings Master username_Info
Type a login ID for the master user of your DB instance.
master
1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. First character must be a letter
Auto generate a password Amazon RDS can generate a password for you, or you can specify your own password
Master password Info
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Constraints: At least 8 printable ASCII characters. Can't contain any of the following: / (slash), "(double quote) and @ (at sign).
Confirm password Info
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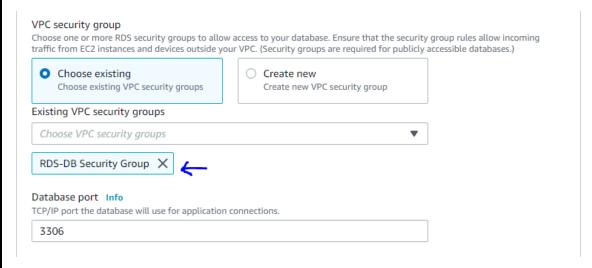
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Under the Connectivity Option, select the Custom VPC. Select the Subnet Group which we've created in the Task 1. Select the Publicly Accessible as NO, since we're deploying DB Instances in the Private Subnets. This is a best practice to consider.



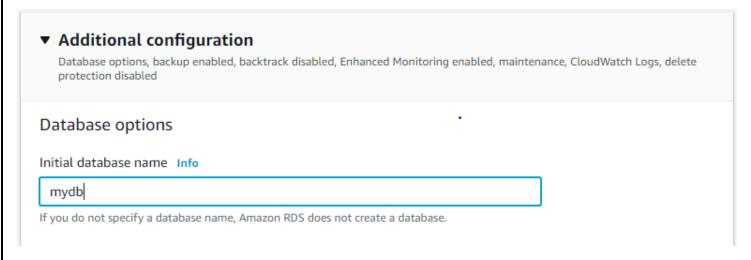
Select the Security Group which we've created in Task 2. Make sure to deselect the Default Security Group.



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Under Additional Configuration, give the Initial Database Name of your Choice.



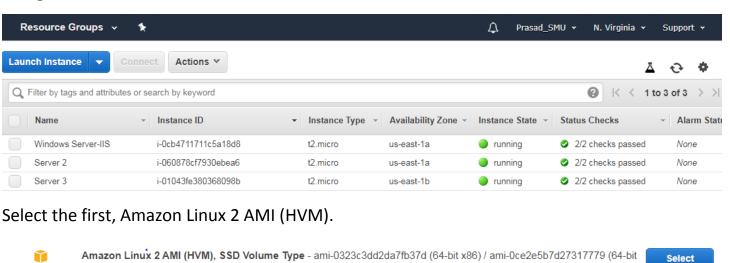
Keep rest all the settings as Default.

Finally, review all the settings once again and click on Create Database.

RDS-Database creation process can take up to 5-10 minutes.

Task 4: Launch a Front-End EC2 Instance

Navigate to EC2 Service and Click on Launch Instance.



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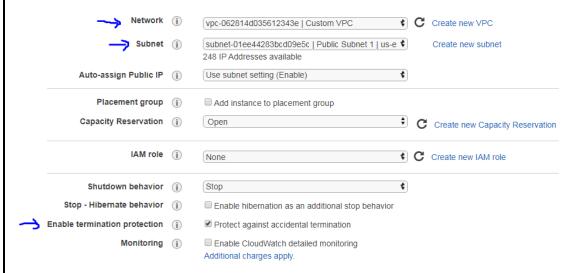
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Keep the Instance Type as General Purpose-t2.micro and click Next.

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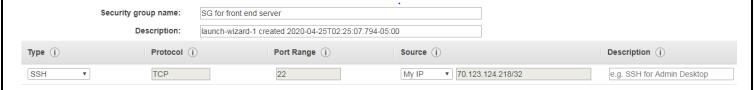
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Select the Network as Custom VPC. Select the Subnet as Public Subnet 1. Recollect that we've created a Security Group for DB Instances which allows DB traffic from any EC2 Instance in this Subnet (Public Subnet 1). Enable termination protection and click Next.



Keep the Storage Settings as Default, click Next. You can Add Tags if you wish, else click Next.

Under Configure Security Group, create a Security Group with the Name of your choice, select Type as SSH, Source as "My IP" and click Review and Launch.



Review the Instance Settings and click on Launch.

Create a new key pair for this EC2 Instance, download this key Pair & save it on your Desktop. Finally, click on LAUNCH INSTANCE.

Wait for some time, EC2 Instance now has successfully launched.



Task 5: Configure the EC2 Instance with MySQL

Convert the pem file which you've downloaded in the previous task, convert it to a ppk file.

- Open puttygen.exe
- In the PuTTY Key Generator panel, choose File > Load private key.
- At the bottom of the Load private key panel, click on the drop-down menu that displays *PuTTY Private Key Files (.ppk) and choose All Files**.
- Still in same panel, browse to the directory where you downloaded the .pem file (for example the Downloads directory).
- Select. pem and click Open.
- A PuTTYgen Notice screen should display, indicating that the key was successfully imported. Click OK.
- Click Save private key, then click Yes to save it without a passphrase.
- Give it the filename and click Save.
- Click the X at the top right of the PuTTY Key Generator to close it.

To connect to your Linux EC2 Instance, follow the below steps.

- Open PuTTY software.
- Give the Hostname as the Public IP Address of the Linux EC2 Instance.
- Click on Connections, then click on SSH, then click on Auth.
- Browse the .ppk file and hit Open.
- For certificates validation, click on YES.
- Provide the username as "ec2-user".

You're Linux EC2 Instance has been successfully launched.

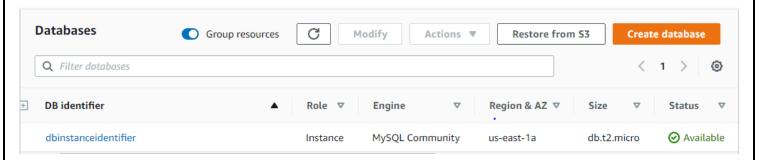
Now install the MySQL client on the Linux EC2 Instance.

Command: Sudo yum install mysql

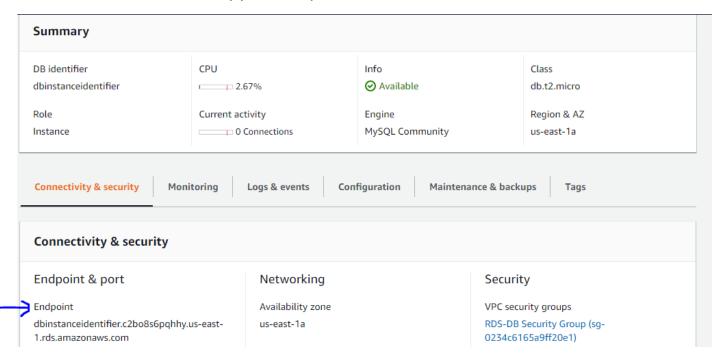
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[ec2-user@ip-10-192-10-86 ~]$ sudo yum install mysql
Loaded plugins: extras suggestions, langpacks, priorities, update-motd
amzn2-core
                                                | 2.4 kB 00:00
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
---> Package mariadb.x86 64 1:5.5.64-1.amzn2 will be installed
--> Finished Dependency Resolution
Dependencies Resolved
Package Arch Version
                                              Repository Size
Installing:
mariadb x86 64 1:5.5.64-1.amzn2 amzn2-core 9.0 M
Transaction Summary
______
Install 1 Package
Total download size: 9.0 M
Installed size: 49 M
Is this ok [y/d/N]: y
Downloading packages:
mariadb-5.5.64-1.amzn2.x86 64.rpm
                                                  9.0 MB 00:00
Running transaction check
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded
Running transaction
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Installed:
 mariadb.x86 64 1:5.5.64-1.amzn2
Complete!
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Task 6: Connect RDS-MySQL DB Instance to EC2 Instance

Hopefully now your DB Instance is now Available.



Click on the DB Instance and copy the Endpoint.



Go back to the Putty Session and run the following command.

Command:

mysql -h dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com -u master -P 3306 -p

Give the password that you've set.

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[ec2-user@ip-10-192-10-86 ~]$ mysql -h dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com -u master -P 3306
-p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MariaDB monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 15
Server version: 5.7.22-log Source distribution

Copyright (c) 2000, 2018, Oracle, MariaDB Corporation Ab and others.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

MySQL [(none)]>
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That's it, you've now connected DB Instance to Front End EC2 Instance.

Task 7: MySQL Administration

Now check the existing Databases. Run the following Command.

Command: show databases;

You'll notice "mydb" database which you specified at the start of RDS DB configurations.

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Let's get into the "mydb" database and create tables.

To get into the get into the "mydb" database, run the following command.

Command: use mydb;

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MySQL [(none)]> use mydb;

Database changed

MySQL [mydb]>
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To create tables, run the following command.

Command:

create table prasadtraining (NAME VARCHAR(30), BATCH INT(2), PHONE VARCHAR(10));

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MySQL [mydb]> create table prasadtraining (NAME VARCHAR(30), BATCH INT(2), PHONE VARCHAR(10));

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)

MySQL [mydb]>
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Enter the values in the table as follows.

Commands:

insert into prasadtraining values ('PRASAD BHAVSAR',1,'1234567899');

insert into prasadtraining values ('SCOTT KINGSLEY',2,'9876543210');

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MySQL [mydb]> insert into prasadtraining values ('PRASAD BHAVSAR',1,'1234567899');

Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

MySQL [mydb]>
MySQL [mydb]> insert into prasadtraining values ('SCOTT KINGSLEY',2,'9876543210');

Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

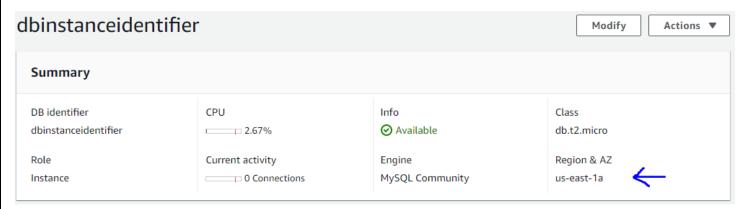
MySQL [mydb]>
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Let's now verify the Table. Run the below command.

Command: select * from prasadtraining;

Task 8: Test the RDS Failover

Make a note of your DB Instance's current Availability Zone.



Come back to PuTTY session, exit from DB by pressing CTRL+Z and run the following command.

Command:

while true; do host **dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com**; sleep 3; done

Replace the highlighted context with the endpoint of your DB Instance.

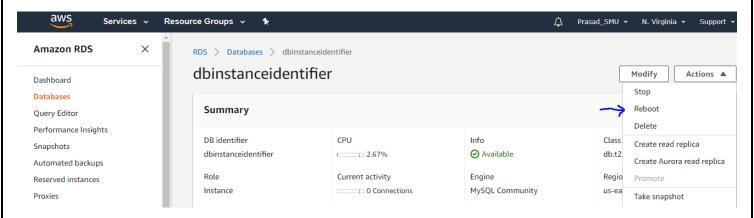
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[ec2-user@ip-10-192-10-86 ~]$ while true; do host dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com; sleep 3; done dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com has address 10.192.20.9 dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com has address 10.192.20.9
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It indicates that the DB Instance for the EC2 Instance is getting served from the subnet 10.192.20.9/24, which is our Private Subnet 1in Availability Zone (us-east-1a).

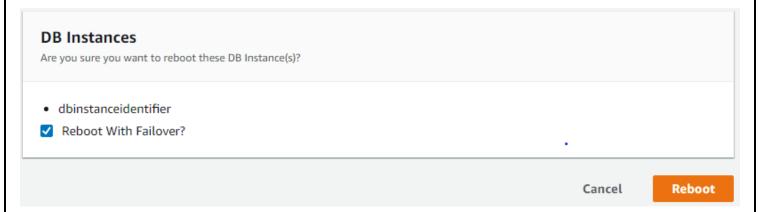
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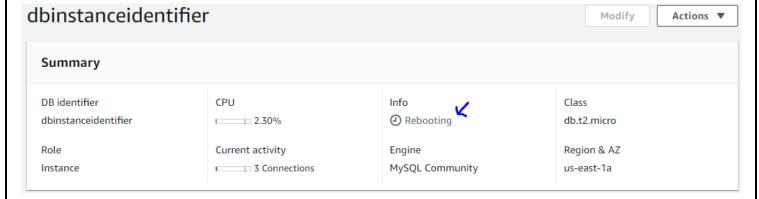
Now come back to the RDS console, select the DB Instance. Click on Actions and click on Reboot.



Check Reboot with Failover and Click on Reboot.



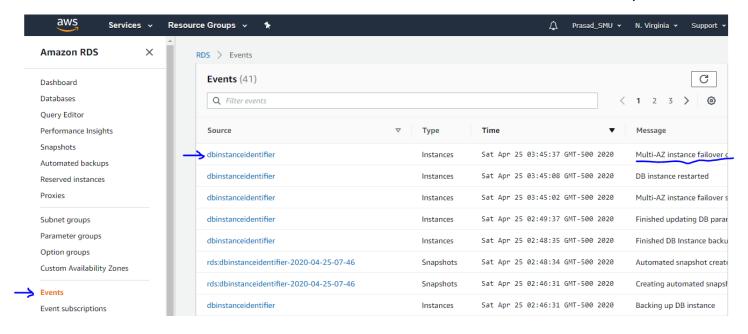
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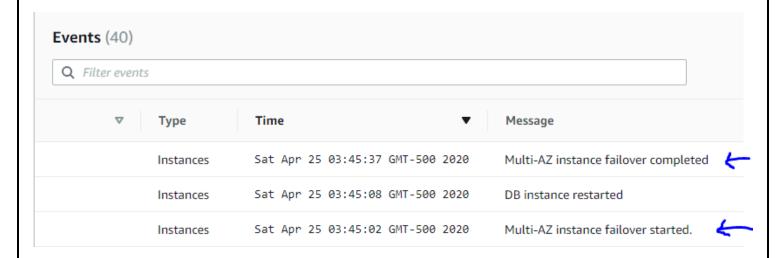


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Now immediately click on Events on the Right-Hand Side and look for the Multi-AZ Instance Failover Events. You'll notice that the Multi-AZ Failover has been started and completed.

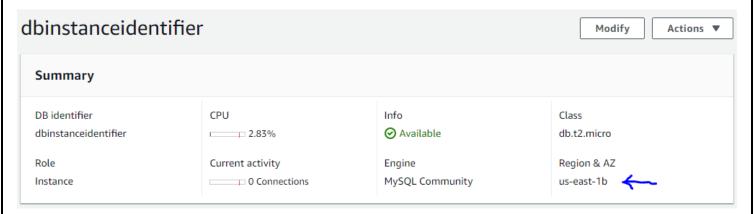




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Now check the DB Instance Availability Zone. You'll notice that it has been changed to another Availability Zone (us-east-1b).



Also, come back to PuTTY now.

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dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com has address 10.192.20.9 dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com has address 10.192.21.86 dbinstanceidentifier.c2bo8s6pqhhy.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com has address 10.192.21.86
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You'll observer that the DB Instance for the EC2 Instance is now getting served from the subnet 10.192.21.9/24, which is our Private Subnet 2 in Availability Zone (us-east-1b).

This proves that Failover has been successfully achieved.

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Now let's check whether we lost any data or not?

Comeback to PuTTY session, stop the trace (CTRL+Z).

Login to your DB Instance and check the tables which you've created earlier.

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
MySQL [(none)]> use mydb;
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
MySQL [mydb]> select * from prasadtraining;
                | BATCH | PHONE
NAME
| PRASAD BHAVSAR |
                     1 | 1234567899 |
| SCOTT KINGSLEY |
                     2 | 9876543210 |
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
MySQL [mydb]>
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I hope you have now gained better understanding of RDS Multi-AZ Failover.

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