

# RDS & Secrets Manager

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## Create DB Subnet Group

- First let's create a DB subnet group.
  - Give some name and select the VPC

### Name

You won't be able to modify the name after your subnet group has been created.

Must contain from 1 to 255 characters. Alphanumeric characters, spaces, hyphens, underscores, and periods are al

### Description

### VPC

Choose a VPC identifier that corresponds to the subnets you want to use for your DB subnet group. You won't be a VPC identifier after your subnet group has been created.

- Select the subnets. In our case 10.0.5.0/24 and 10.0.6.0/24 were created for db.

## Add subnets

### Availability Zones

Choose the Availability Zones that include the subnets you want to add.

Choose an availability zone ▼

us-east-1a ✕

us-east-1b ✕

### Subnets

Choose the subnets that you want to add. The list includes the subnets in the selected Availability Zones.

Select subnets ▼

subnet-0aebf26f99b9fab0c (10.0.6.0/24) ✕

subnet-07ee1bbfdb332ca1e (10.0.5.0/24) ✕

- Create

### Subnet groups (1)

🔍 Filter by subnet group

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">netflux-db-subnets</a>	netflux db subnets	✔ Complete

## Create Database Instance

### Choose a database creation method [Info](#)

#### ☒ Standard create

You set all of the configuration options, including ones for availability, security, backups, and maintenance.

#### ☐ Easy create

Use recommended best-practice configurations. Some configuration options can be changed after the database is created.

- Select postgres

☒ PostgreSQL



- Engine version can be latest

### Engine Version

PostgreSQL 16.3-R2

- For our learning purposes, Let's use the free tier. But for production application, choose Production with multi AZ

### Templates

Choose a sample template to meet your use case.

☐ Production

Use defaults for high availability and fast, consistent performance.

☐ Dev/Test

This instance is intended for development use outside of a production environment.

☒ Free tier

Use RDS Free Tier to develop new applications, test existing applications, or gain hands-on experience with Amazon RDS.

[Info](#)

- Give a name for the DB Instance

### DB instance identifier [Info](#)

Type a name for your DB instance. The name must be unique across all DB instances in the Region.

netflux-db

The DB instance identifier is case-insensitive, but is stored as all lowercase (characters or hyphens. First character must be a letter. Can't contain two consecutive hyphens).

- I give the credentials (for learning purposes) **postgres** / **admin123**

▼ **Credentials Settings**

**Master username** [Info](#)  
Type a login ID for the master user of your DB instance.

postgres

1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. The first character must be a letter.

**Credentials management**  
You can use AWS Secrets Manager or manage your master user credentials.

☐ **Managed in AWS Secrets Manager - *most secure***  
RDS generates a password for you and manages it throughout its lifecycle using AWS Secrets Manager.

☒ **Self managed**  
Create your own password or have RDS create one that you manage.

☐ **Auto generate password**  
Amazon RDS can generate a password for you, or you can specify your own password.

**Master password** [Info](#)

.....

**Password strength** Weak

Minimum constraints: At least 8 printable ASCII characters. Can't contain any of the following symbols: / ' " @

**Confirm master password** [Info](#)

.....

- Security Group - We will choose the DB security group and attach it to the DB

**VPC security group (firewall)** [Info](#)  
Choose one or more VPC security groups to allow access to your database. Make sure that the security group rules allow incoming traffic.

☒ **Choose existing**  
Choose existing VPC security groups

☐ **Create new**  
Create new VPC security group

**Existing VPC security groups**

Choose one or more options ▲

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☐ netflux-app-sg

☐ default

☒ netflux-db-sg

☐ netflux-alb-sg

RDS Proxy is a fully managed, highly available database proxy that improves application scalability, resiliency, and security.

- No additional configuration is required

### ► Additional configuration

Database options, encryption turned on, backup turned on, backtrack turned off, maintenance, CloudWatch Logs, delete protection turned off.

- Click on “Create database”. It might take 10+ minutes. Wait for the status to be “Available”

### Databases (1)

Filter by databases

	DB identifier ▲	Status ▼	Role ▼	Engine ▼	Region & AZ ▼	Size ▼
	<a href="#">netflux-db</a>	Available	Instance	PostgreSQL	us-east-1a	db.t3.micro

- What we created is the DB Instance!
- Click on the DB Instance to get DB connectivity details

### Connectivity & security

### Monitoring

### Logs & events

### Configuration

### Maintenance & backups

### Connectivity & security

#### Endpoint & port

Endpoint

 [netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com](#)

Port

5432

#### Networking

Availability Zone

us-east-1b

VPC

[netflux-vpc \(vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e\)](#)

Subnet group

## Initializing Database

- Once the DB Instance is up and running, We need to create databases with our tables, data etc.
- Go to EC2 to create a simple instance

## Launch an instance [Info](#)

Amazon EC2 allows you to create virtual machines, or instances, that run on following the simple steps below.

### Name and tags [Info](#)

Name

vins-1

- Choose our AMI which has the *psql* installed
- No Key pair is required. We will destroy this instance immediately.

### ▼ Key pair (login) [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to it before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - *required*

Proceed without a key pair (Not recommended)

Default value ▼

- Network Settings
  - Keep this in the public subnet
  - We need to assign public IP

VPC - *required* [Info](#)

vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e (netflux-vpc)  
10.0.0.0/16 ▼

Subnet [Info](#)

subnet-05b695fccfbce21ee netflux-subnet-public1-us-east-1a  
VPC: vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e Owner: 941077029185  
Availability Zone: us-east-1a IP addresses available: 250 CIDR: 10.0.1.0/24 ▼

Auto-assign public IP [Info](#)

Enable ▼

[Additional charges apply](#) when outside of [free tier allowance](#)

- Let's attach default Security Group

Additional charges apply when outside of free tier allowance

### Firewall (security groups) [Info](#)

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow speci instance.

☐ Create security group

☒ Select existing security group

#### Common security groups [Info](#)

Select security groups

default sg-01ced0f2b0aec83db X  
VPC: vpc-057e4b12c96c3791e

- Everything else is optional
- Create the instance

### Instances (1) [Info](#)

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name <a href="#">✎</a>	Instance ID	Instance state <a href="#">▼</a>	Instance type
<input type="checkbox"/>	vins-1	i-01a5a7a295f426189	Running <a href="#">🔍</a> <a href="#">🔍</a>	t2.micro

- Let's open the "default" security group. allow port 22 for SSH access

[EC2](#) > [Security Groups](#) > [sg-01ced0f2b0aec83db - default](#) > [Edit inbound rules](#)

### Edit inbound rules [Info](#)

Inbound rules control the incoming traffic that's allowed to reach the instance.

#### Inbound rules [Info](#)

Security group rule ID	Type <a href="#">Info</a>	Protocol <a href="#">Info</a>	Port range <a href="#">Info</a>	Source <a href="#">Info</a>
sg-r-079cb6c90f5db8295	All traffic	All	All	Custom
-	SSH	TCP	22	Anywhere-I... <a href="#">🔍</a> 0.0.0.0/0 <a href="#">X</a>

Add rule

- Important: Also temporarily allow the default security group to access the postgres
  - **netflux-db-sg**
- Go back to EC2, connect to this EC2 instance

EC2 > Instances > i-01a5a7a295f426189 > Connect to instance

## Connect to instance [Info](#)

Connect to your instance i-01a5a7a295f426189 (vins-1) using any of these options


EC2 Instance Connect

Session Manager

SSH client

EC2 serial console

Instance ID


 i-01a5a7a295f426189 (vins-1)

Connection Type

☒ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect**  
Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a public IPv4 address.


☐ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect Endpoint**  
Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a private IPv4 address and a VPC endpoint.

Public IP address

 3.232.129.26

Username

Enter the username defined in the AMI used to launch the instance. If you didn't define a custom username, use the default username, ec2-user.

 **Note:** In most cases, the default username, ec2-user, is correct. However, read your AMI usage instructions to check if the AMI owner has changed the default AMI username.

Cancel

Connect

- Create a file **init.sql** and use the data I have provided.

```
cat > init.sql
```

- Then connect to the DB and run the init sql - Update the DB endpoint.

```
psql -U postgres -h netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com < init.sql
```

- It will ask for the password. It is **admin123**
  - At this point, it will create 2 different databases for our application with 2 users for individual applications to access.



```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-97 ~]$ psql -h netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com -U postgres < init.sql
Password for user postgres:
CREATE DATABASE
CREATE ROLE
You are now connected to database "customer" as user "postgres".
CREATE TABLE
INSERT 0 2
GRANT
CREATE DATABASE
CREATE ROLE
You are now connected to database "movie" as user "postgres".
CREATE TABLE
INSERT 0 20
GRANT
```

- We no longer need the EC2 instance. We can terminate.

Instances (1) <a href="#">Info</a>					
<input type="text" value="Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)"/>					All states ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name <a href="#">✎</a> ▼	Instance ID	Instance state ▼	Instance type ▼	Status check
<input type="checkbox"/>	vins-1	<a href="#">i-01a5a7a295f426189</a>	⌚ Shutting-d... 🔍 ☰	t2.micro	-

- We can also remove
  - **default** security group - allow port 22 for ssh entry.
  - **db** security group - allow inbound from default security group

At this point, you can temporarily stop the DB instance and resume later.

## Secrets Manager

- Go to Secrets Manager to store these credentials

### Secret type [Info](#)

☒ Credentials for Amazon RDS database


☐ Credentials for Amazon DocumentDB database

☐ Credentials for Amazon Redshift data warehouse

☐ Credentials for other database

☐ Other type of secret  
API key, OAuth token, other.

- select the DB Instance

Database <a href="#">Info</a>			
<input type="text" value="Search instances"/>			< 1 >
DB instance ▾	DB engine ▾	Status ▾	Creation date (UTC) ▾
 netflux-db	postgres	available	June 29, 2024 at 18:...

- Store the credentials for the database “customer”

**Credentials** [Info](#)

User name

Password

☒ Show password

- provide a name for the secret. You can follow any meaningful naming convention.

**Secret name**  
 A descriptive name that helps you find your secret later.

Secret name must contain only alphanumeric characters and the characters /\_+@-

- Click “Next” ... finally “Create”

[AWS Secrets Manager](#) > **Secrets**

**Secrets**

**Secret name**

[/prod/netflux/db/customer](#)

- We can view what it stores

Overview		Rotation	Versions	Replication	Tags
<b>Secret value</b> <a href="#">Info</a> Retrieve and view the secret value.					
Key/value		Plaintext			
Secret key		Secret value			
username		📄 customer_user			
password		📄 customer_password_123			
engine		📄 postgres			
host		📄 netflux-db.cr6ukiceic0o.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com			
port		📄 5432			
dbInstanceIdentifier		📄 netflux-db			

- repeat the above steps for “movie” db

<b>Secrets</b> <input type="text" value="🔍 Filter secrets by name, description, tag key, tag value, owning service or primary Region"/>	
Secret name	
<a href="#">/prod/netflux/db/movie</a>	
<a href="#">/prod/netflux/db/customer</a>	