Convert database objects with AWS Schema Conversion Tool

As outlined in Migration tools, the AWS Schema Conversion Tool (SCT) is useful to help you convert and migrate your database objects (schema, tables, views, etc.) to *either* Cloud used by BNZ (Azure, or AWS).

> **NOTE**
>
> SCT does not migrate any data.

Prepare for migration includes getting an AWS account set up, opening firewalls and identifying source and target databases. In order to use SCT, you install it on an on-premise Windows server that has connectivity to your **Source** database.

In the example below we use SCT to analyse and then convert a test DB2 LUW database (the *source*), and to migrate this design to an Azure PostgreSQL database (the *target*). You can adapt this procedure for your particular database set up.

Step 1. Ensure you have already set up your environment and accesses

> **INFO**
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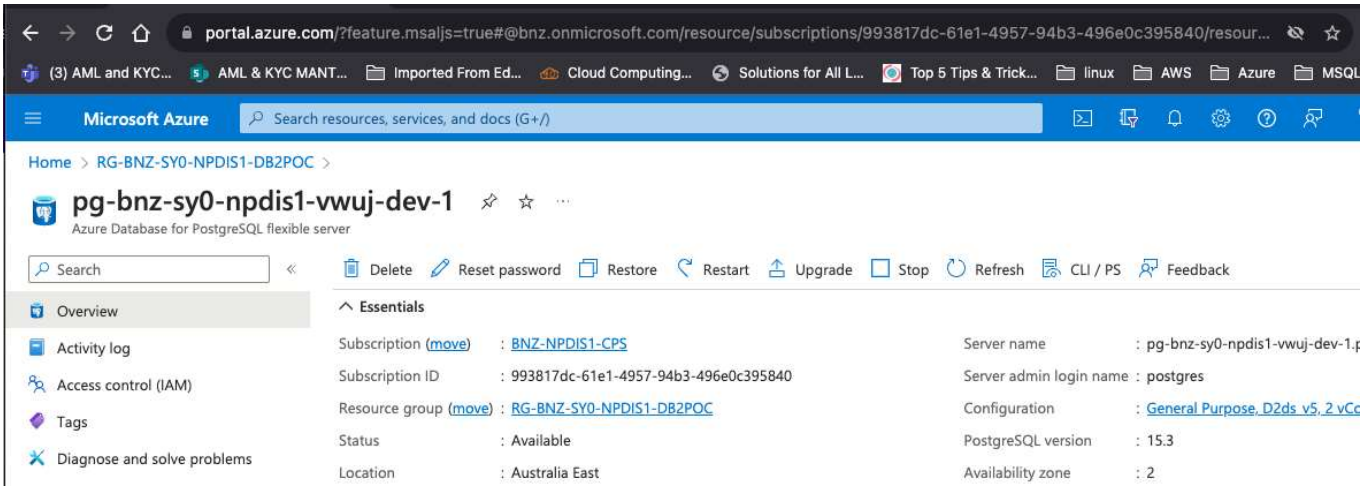
> Note: you need to customise any settings shown in the examples to suit your database, Landing Zone, and credentials. Our example settings will not work for your database.

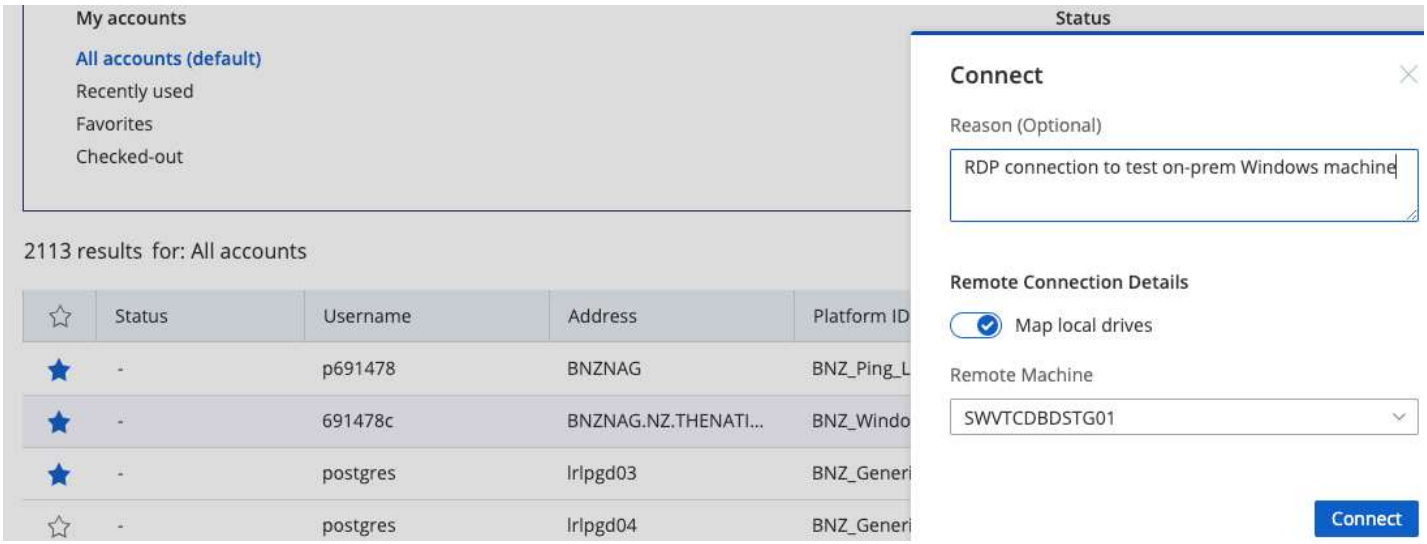
- Our example *Target* database is using our test Azure PostgreSQL Flexible Server, pg-bnz-sy0-npdis1-vwuj-dev-1



Step 2. Set up SCT on your on-premise Windows server

The example on-premise Windows Server (SWVTCDBSTG01) opens via **CyberArk**. When opening your Server in CyberArk:

- Use your Admin Account (your Staff ID with a "c" suffix), so you have software install access.
- After highlighting your Admin Account, right click to select an RDP connection.
- Enter or select your Server name to open it on Windows Remote Desktop.



- Download SCT from the AWS website onto your Windows server.

Installing AWS SCT

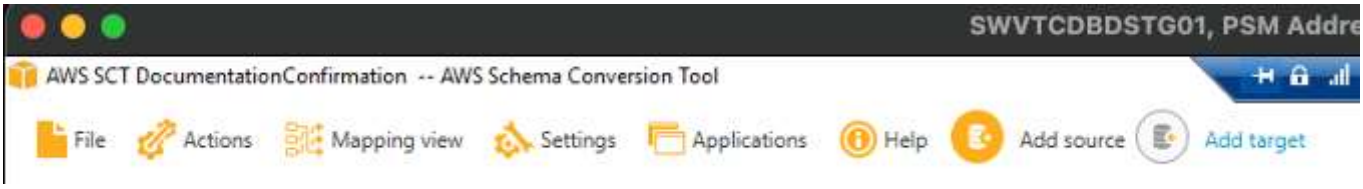
You can install AWS SCT on the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows 10
- Fedora Linux 36 and higher
- Ubuntu Linux 18 and higher

- Install the **database driver** for your particular database. In the example we have installed the DB2 Db Driver. If your source database is an Oracle database, you would install an Oracle db Driver.

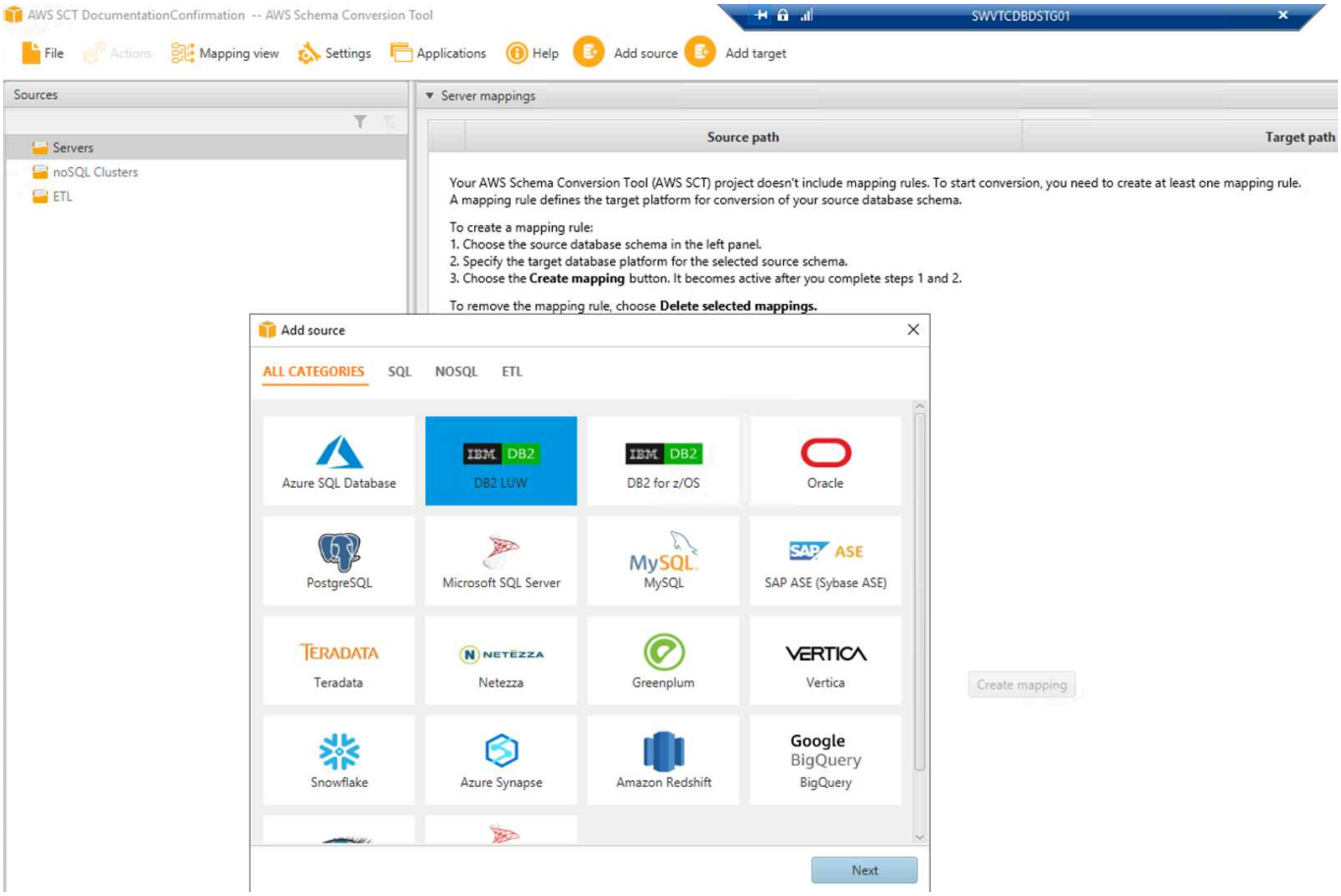
Step 3. Operate SCT

- On your on premise Windows Server, start SCT

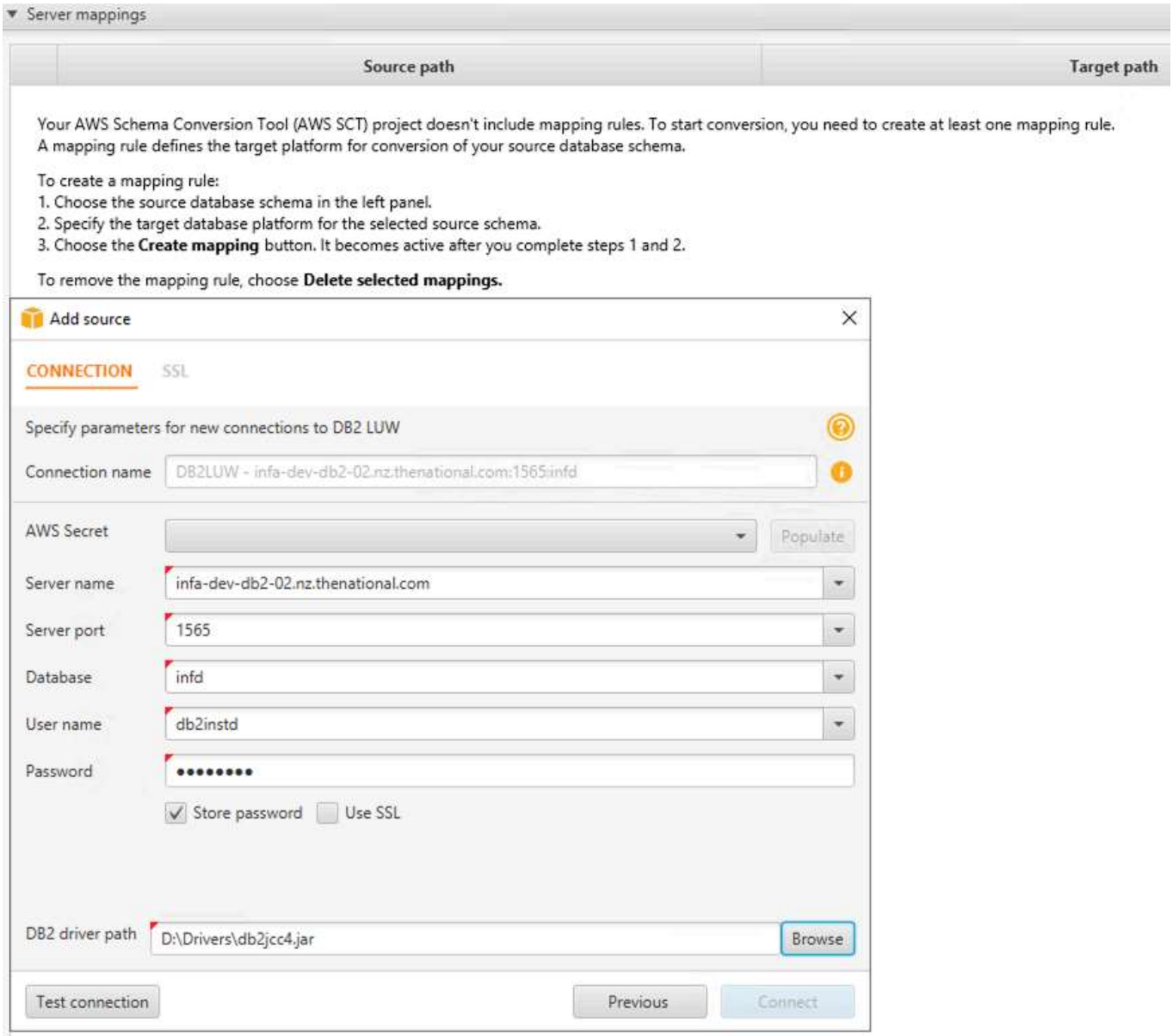


3a. Create an endpoint to your *source* database on-premise

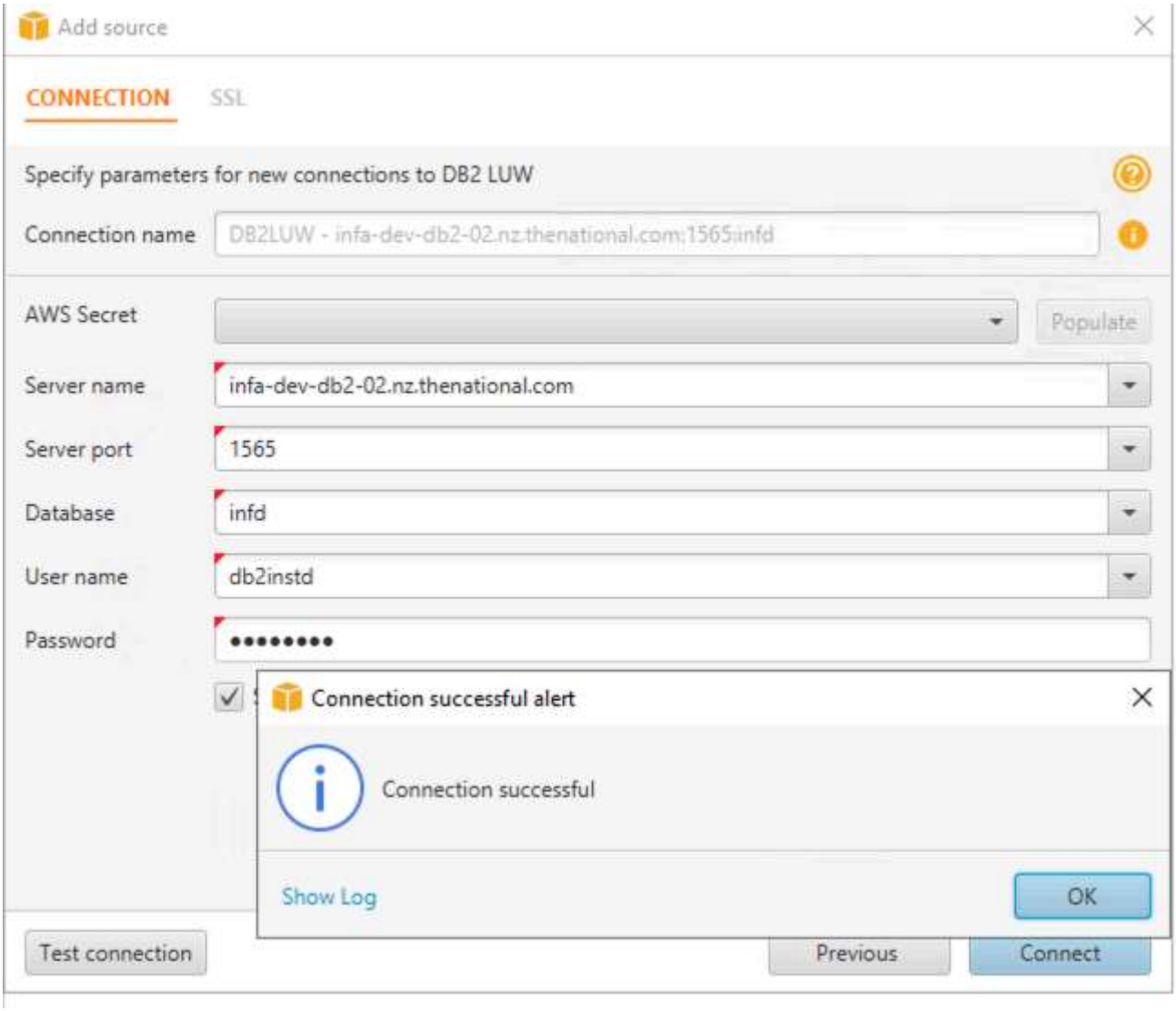
- Click on Add Source



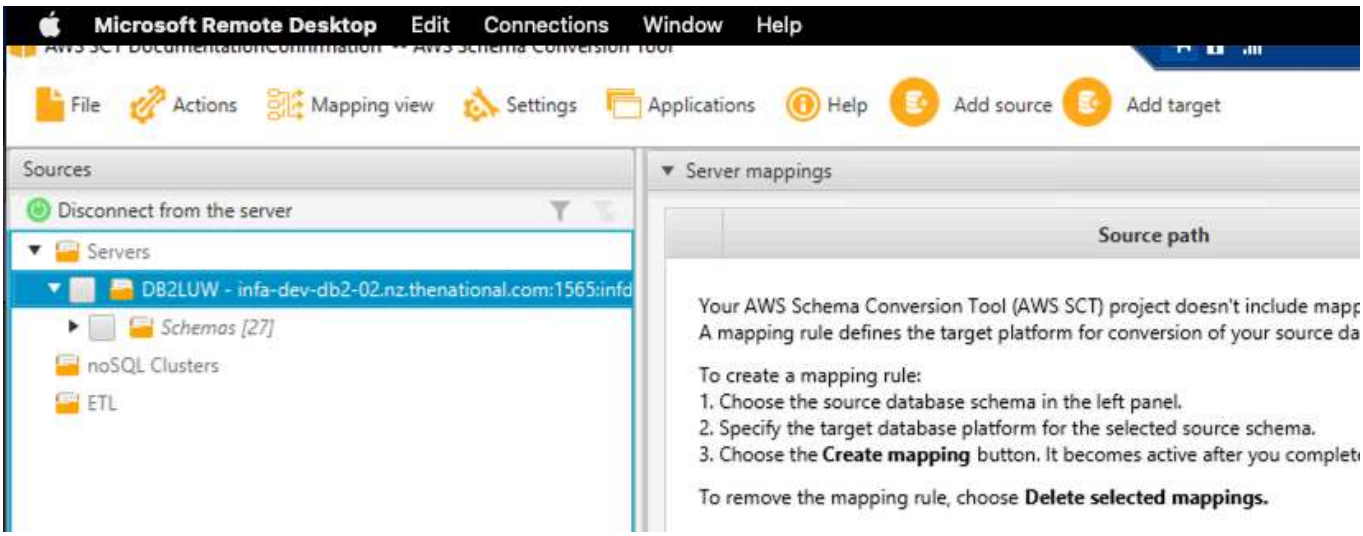
- Fill out the source database details



- Test the connection via the Test Connection button:

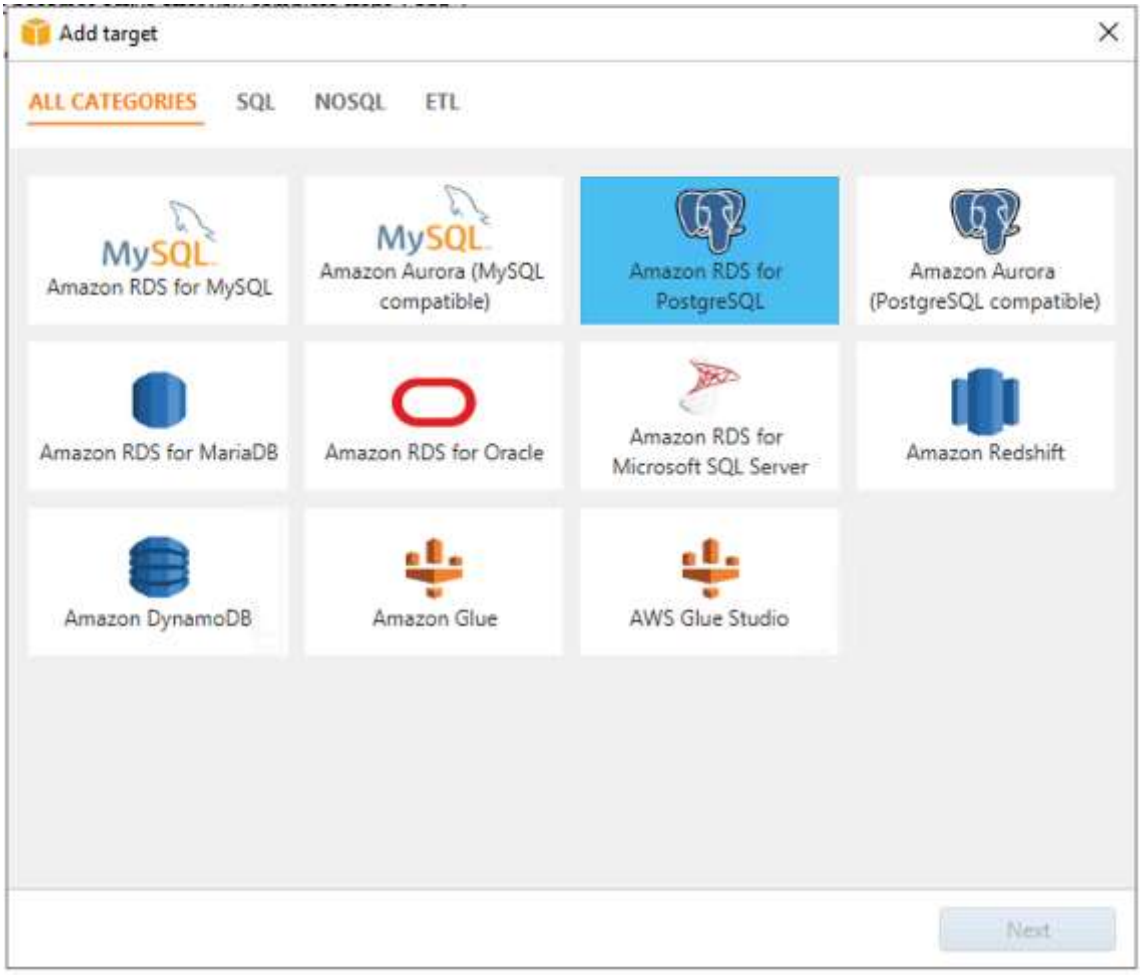


- Click on Connect, and your source database appears on the left of the screen



3a. Create an endpoint to your target database on AWS

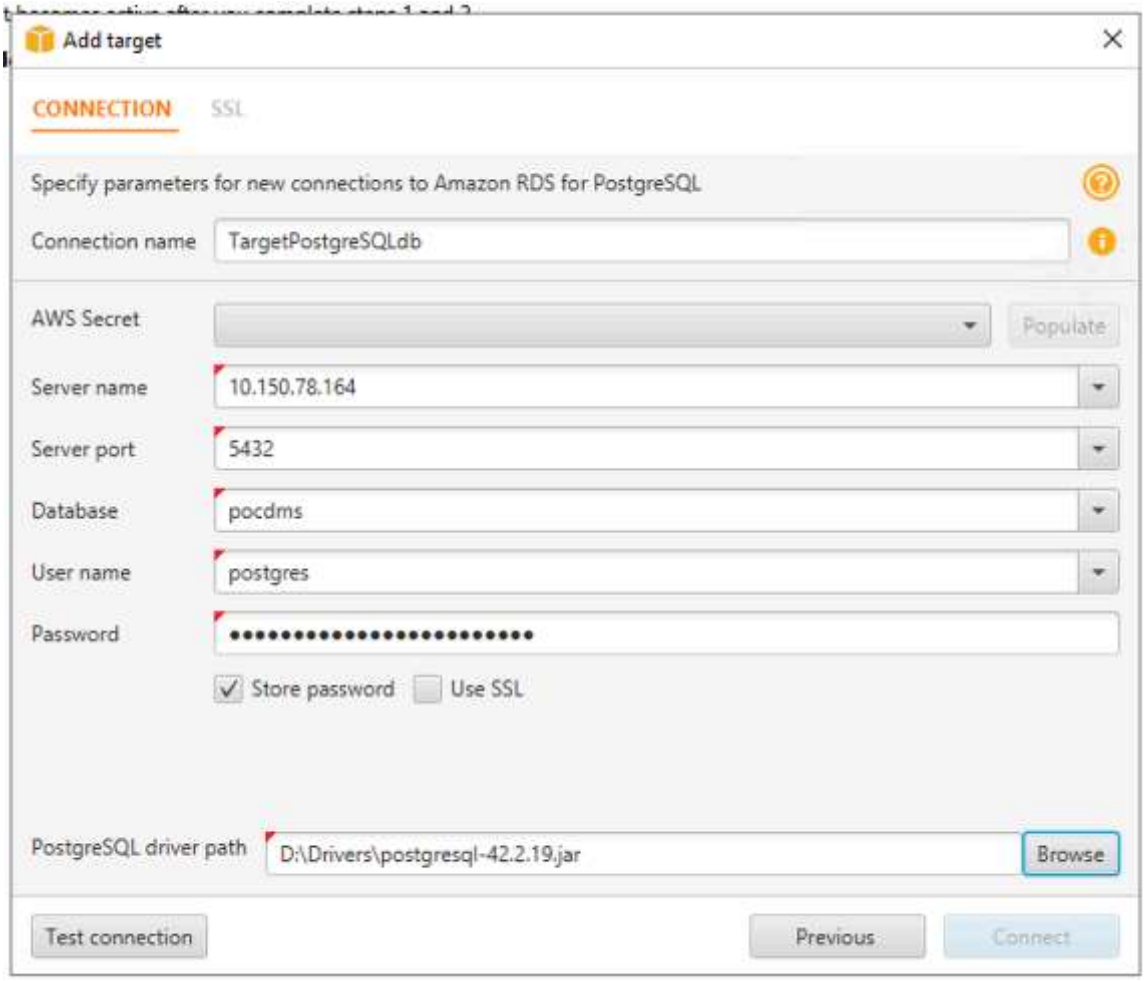
- Click on Add Target



CAUTION

AWS will only support your activities if either a target or source is in the AWS cloud. If you think you may require support and your target is Azure, you may want to do a 2-step migration (on-premise -> AWS and then AWS -> Azure).

- Fill out the Target Db details (the example shown is on Azure, but it could be on AWS)



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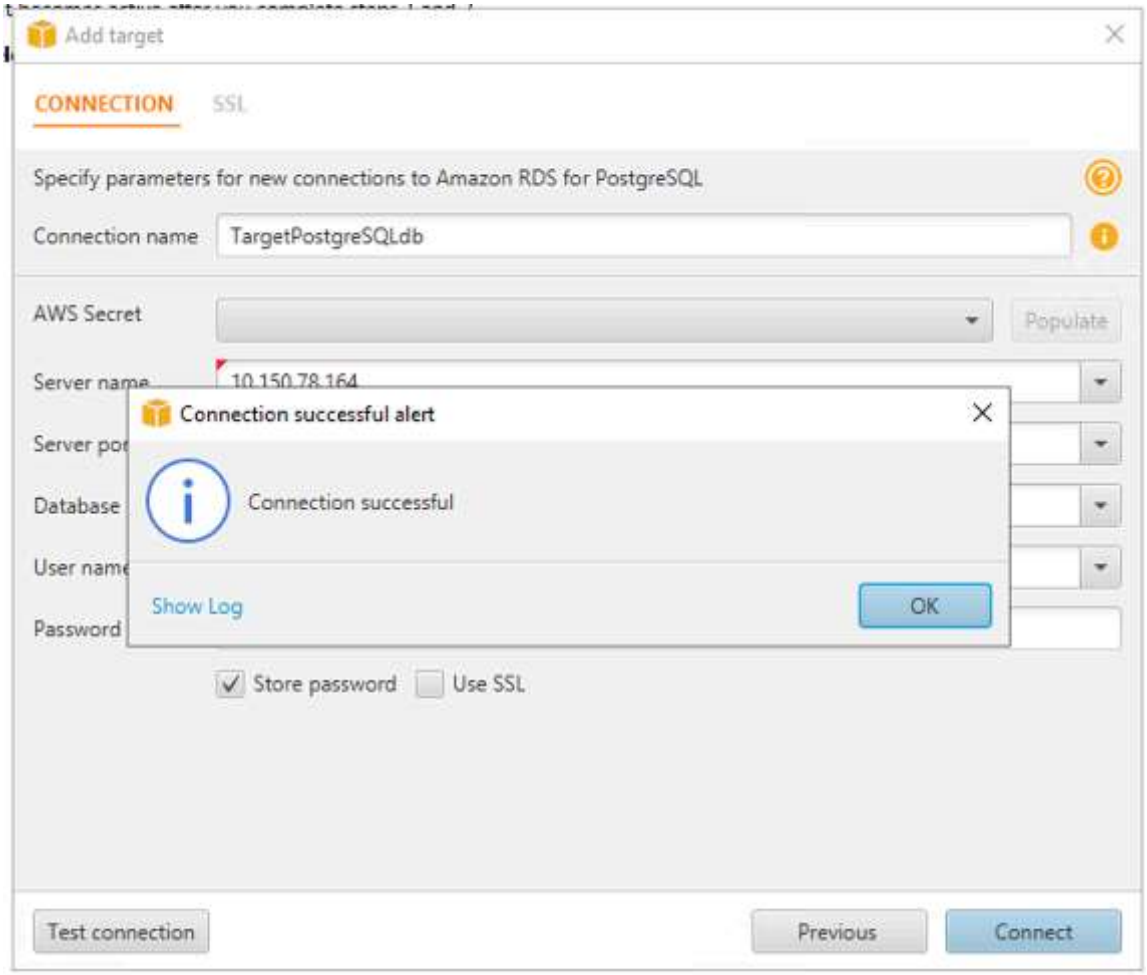
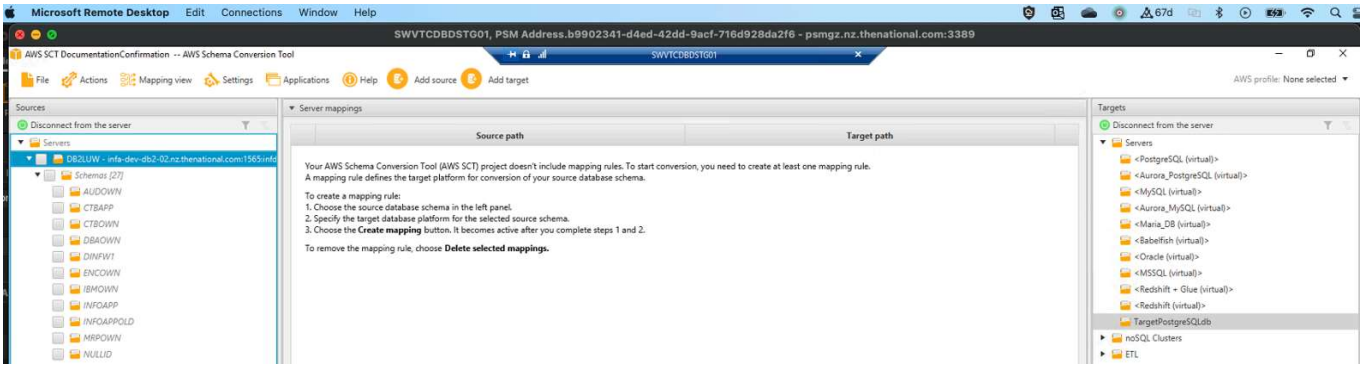
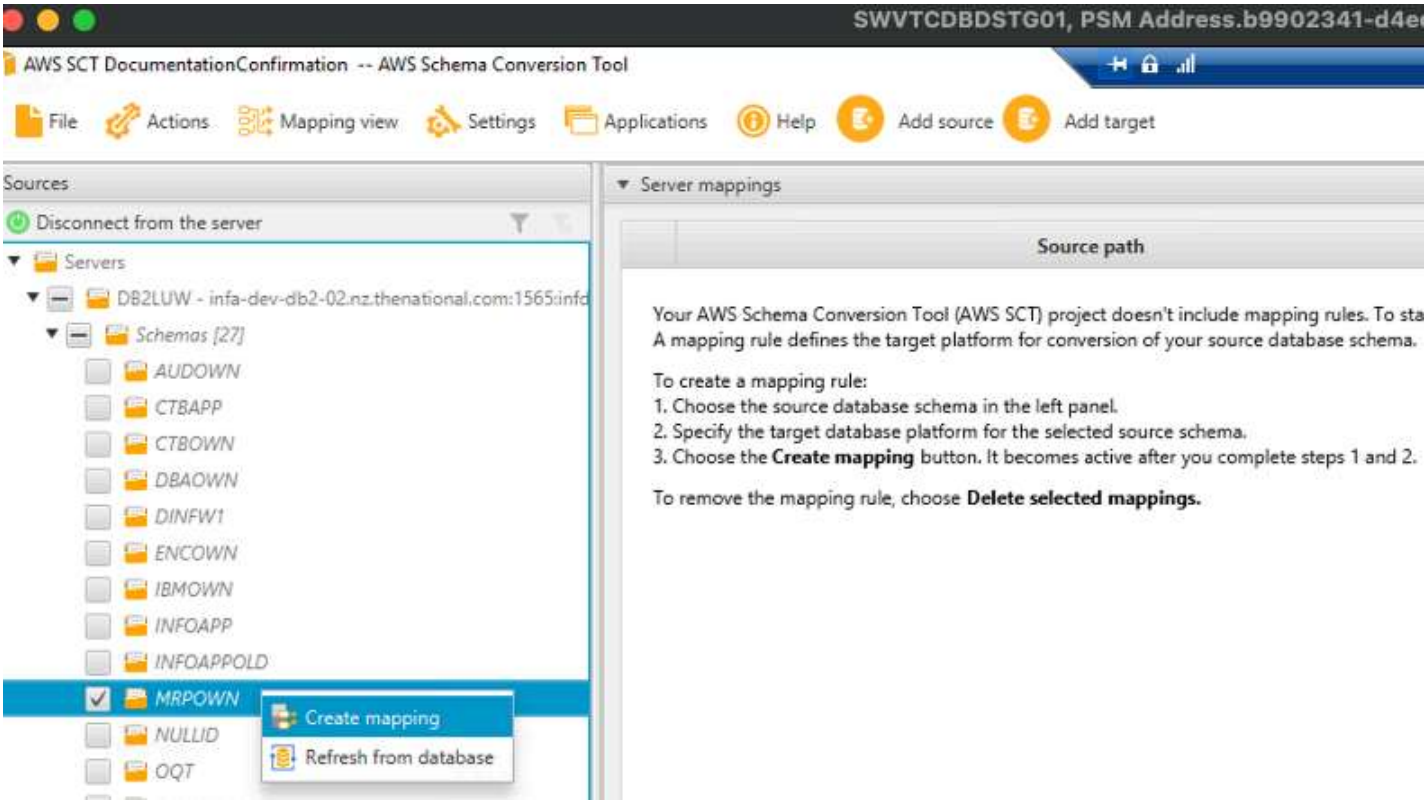


- Click on Connect, and your Target DB appears on the right of the screen

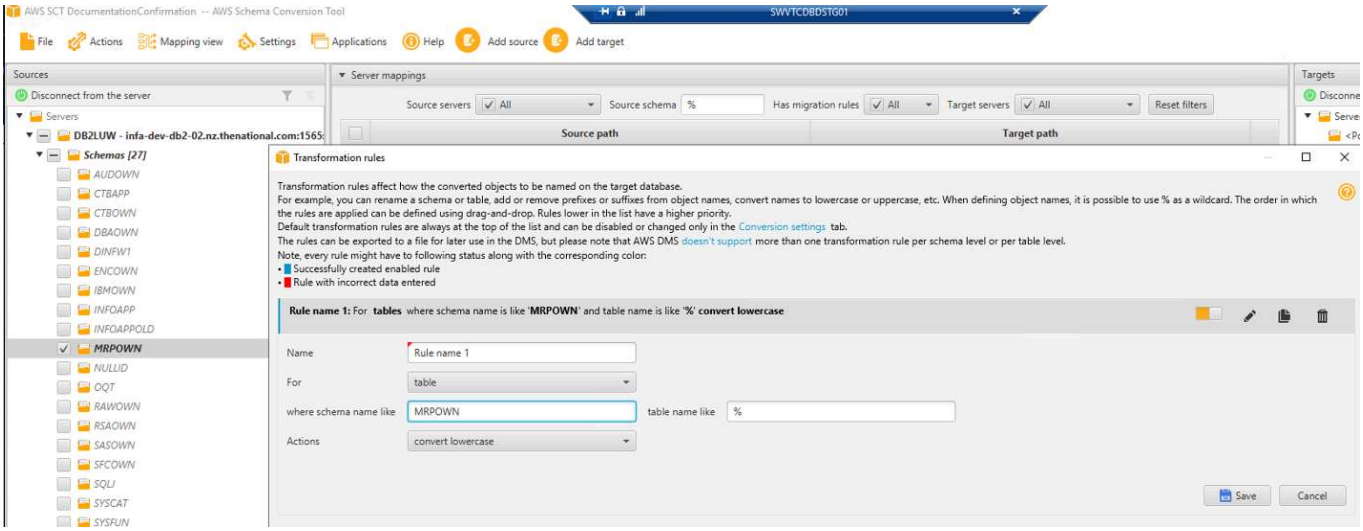


3b. Create a Mapping rule

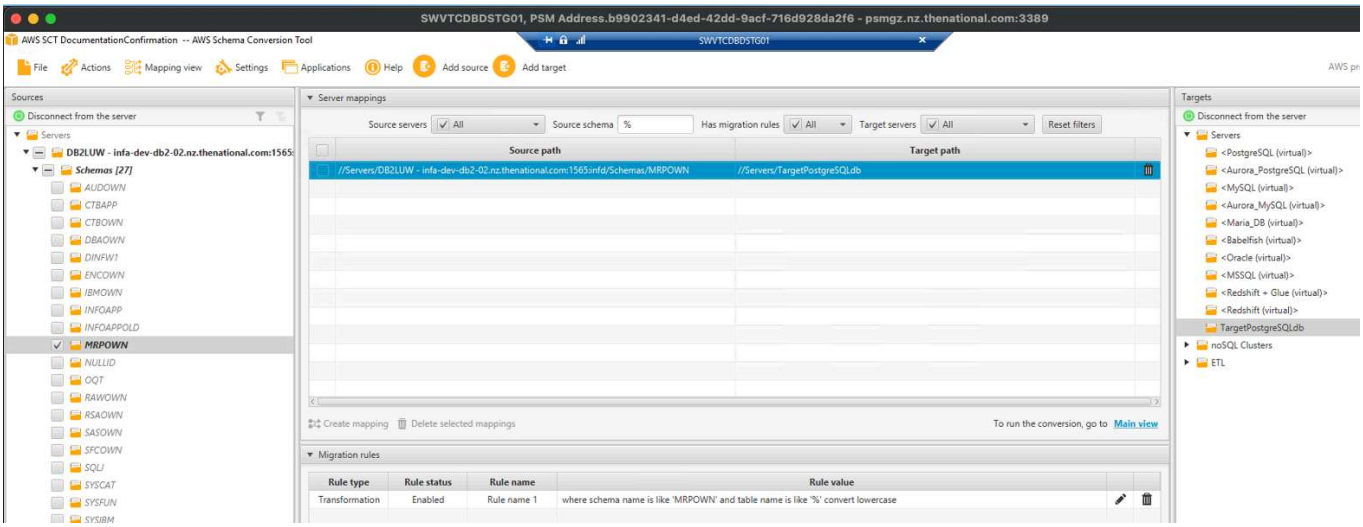


Create a Transformation Rule.

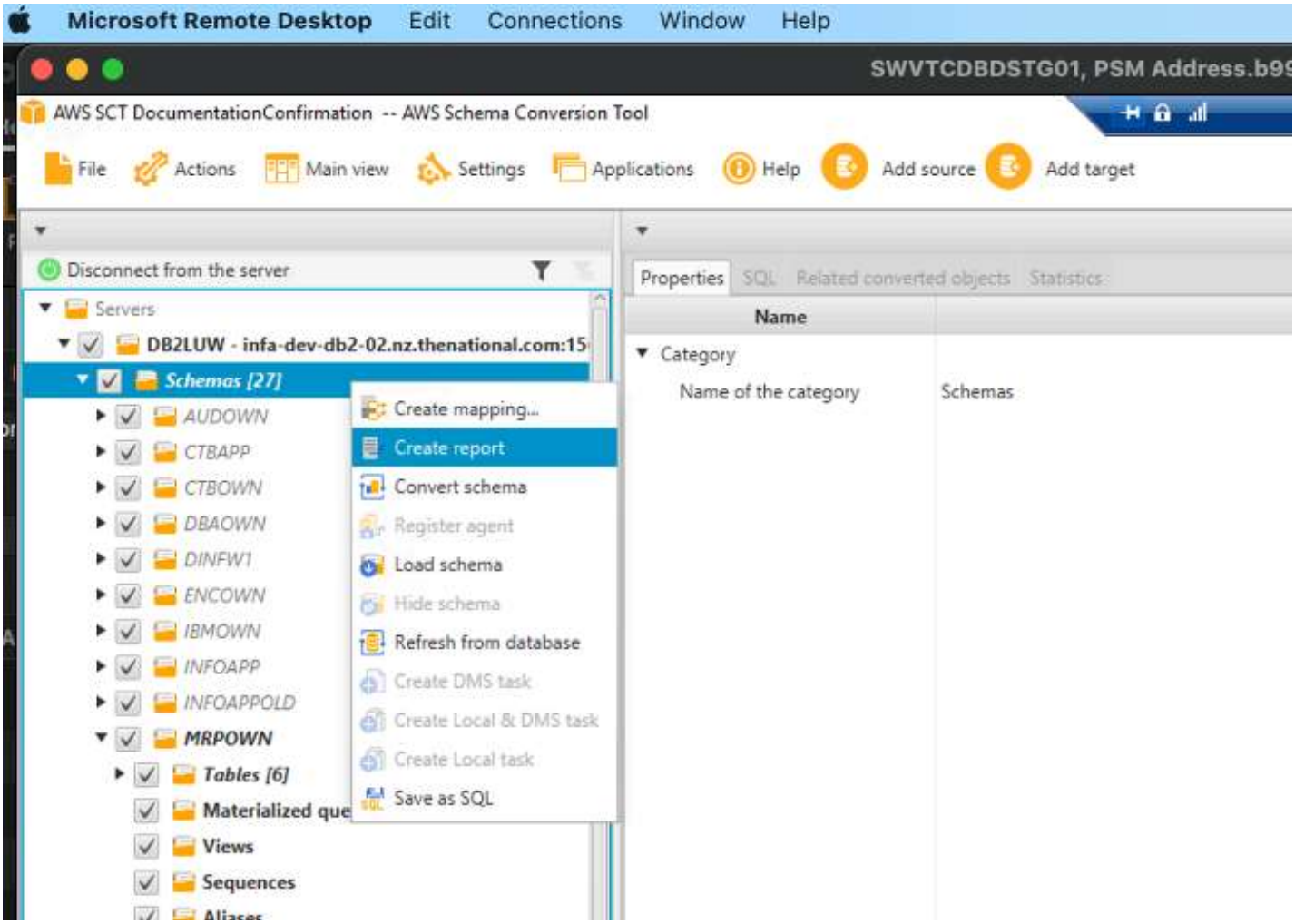
- Here we are converting the uppercase DB2 Standard, to the lowercase PostgreSQL standard. Remember to click on *Save*.



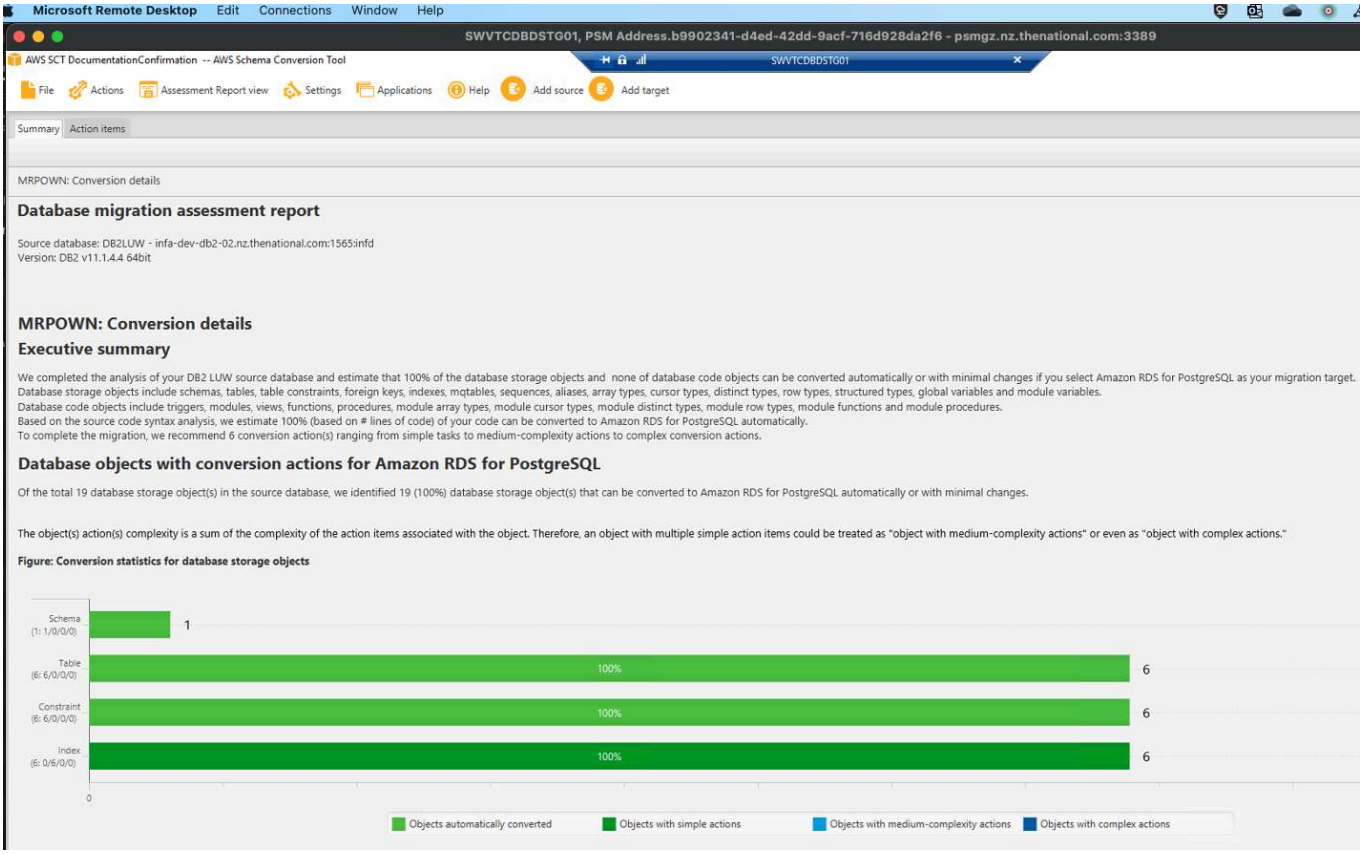
- Click on Main View. From here we can run the report, and the conversion:



3c. Select the entire database, or just the Schema, right click and *Create report*



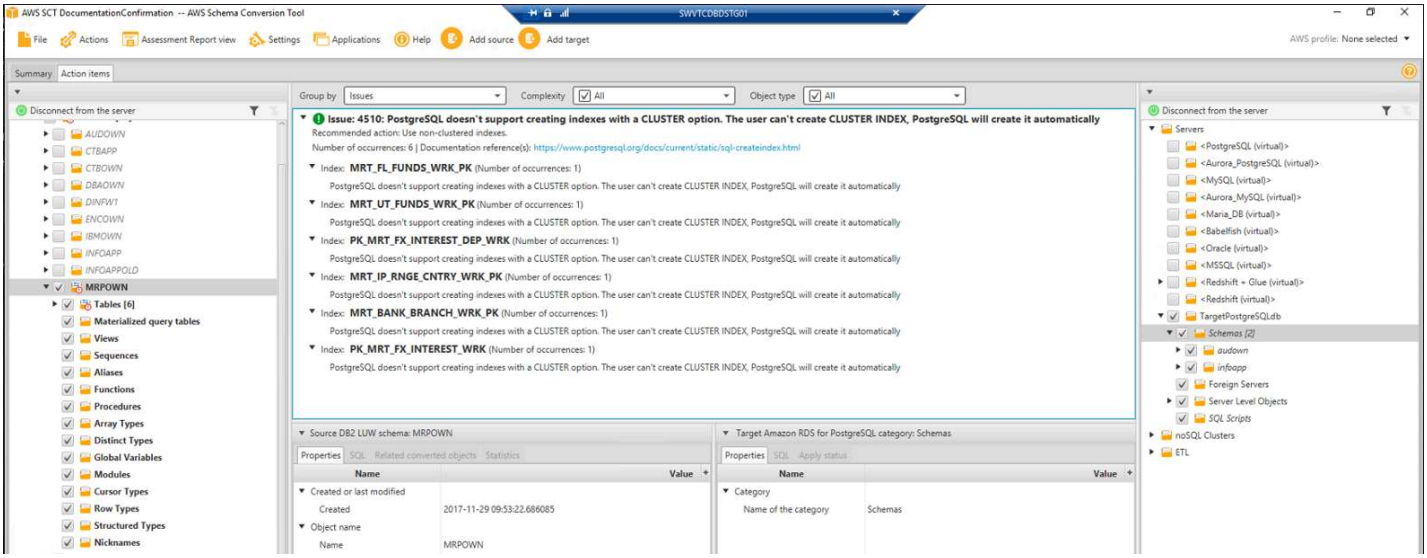
- Resultant report displays:



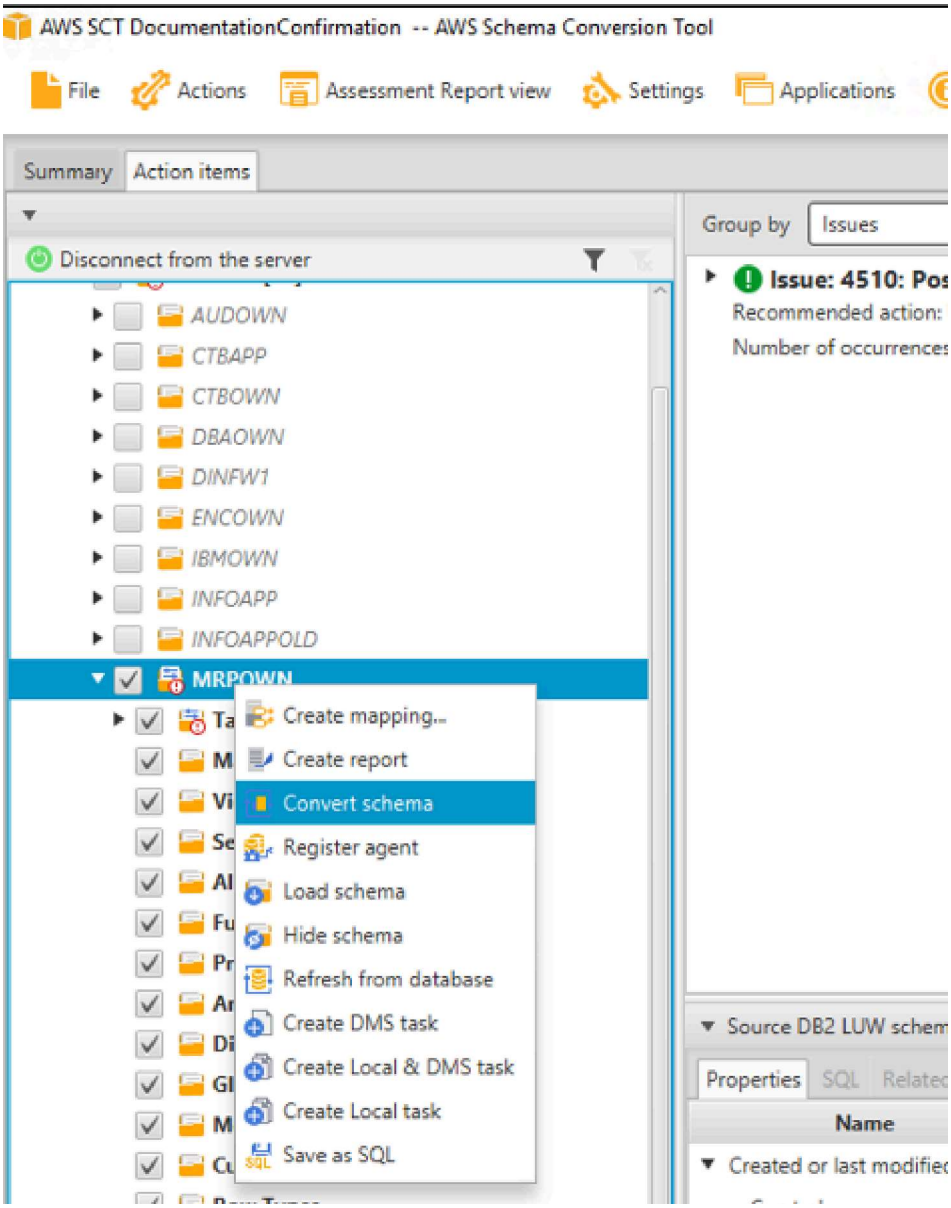
- Go to the Action Items tab to see the work required to successfully convert your Schema.

Resolve any conversion or transformation issues

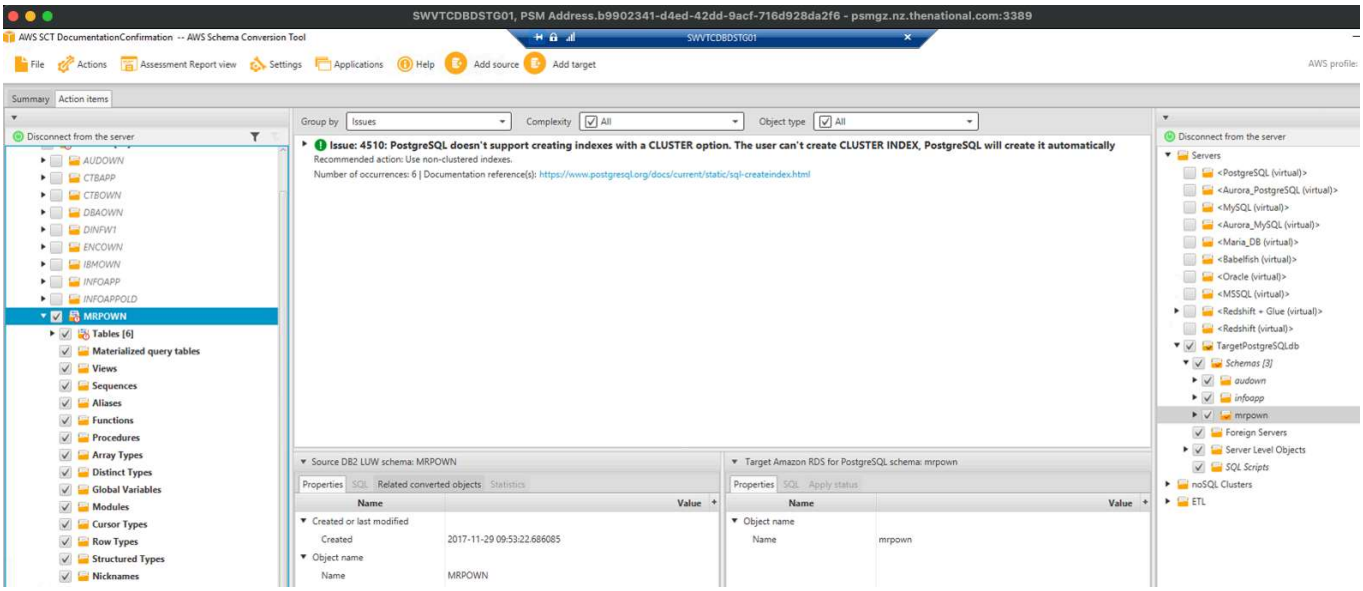
Resolve any issues that SCT cannot convert automatically. You can also run the conversion with these errors unresolved. Then you can use the information as a checklist when you manually fix the issues on your *Target* database.



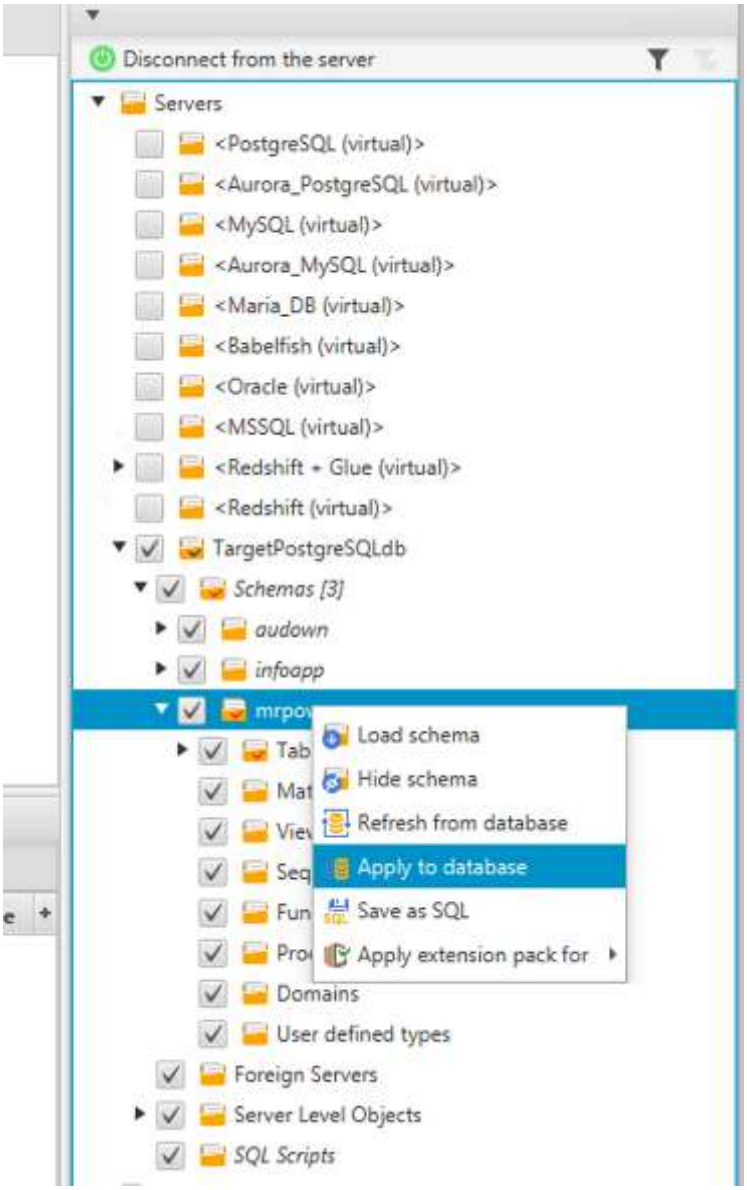
3d. Right click again on your Database or Schema name. This time select *Convert schema*



- Conversion complete. Note that the Target schema has been created in lowercase:



- Now right click on the Target Schema name and click on *Apply to database*. This will save your changes in the Target Db: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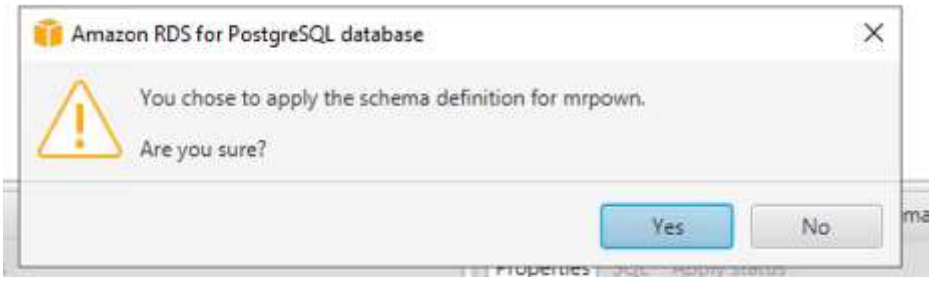
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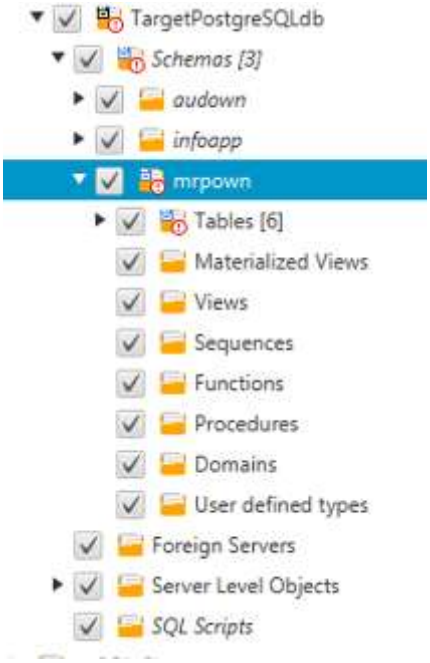
Are you sure?
Yes
No

- The little red circle and exclamation mark shows the conversion has been applied:



Remember, SCT has only converted the Database components (Schema, Tables, Views, etc.) to your Cloud *Target* database. SCT doesn't transfer your data. **Part 2 of our example** shows you how to use the AWS Database Migration Service (DMS) to do this.

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