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Amazon RDS

#### What?

- Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS) is a managed service that makes it easy to set up, operate, and scale a relational database in the cloud.
- Amazon RDS supports Amazon Aurora, MySQL, MariaDB, Oracle, SQL Server, and PostgreSQL database engines.

#### Why?

- You want to focus on your applications and business instead of managing time-consuming database administration tasks.
- Once your database is up and running, Amazon RDS automates common administrative tasks, such as performing backups and patching the software that powers your database.

#### When?

- You need the capabilities of a familiar MySQL, MariaDB, Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL or Amazon Aurora database.
- You want the flexibility of being able to easily scale the compute resources or storage capacity associated with your relational database instance.

#### Where?

- Amazon RDS can be deployed in a Single AZ or Multi-AZ. When you provision a Multi-AZ database instance, Amazon RDS synchronously replicates your data to a standby instance in a different Availability Zone (AZ).
- Read Replica – In the same or different AWS Region than the Amazon RDS Instance.

#### Who?

- Amazon RDS manages the work involved in setting up a relational database from provisioning the infrastructure capacity you request to installing the database software.
- You are responsible for managing the database settings that are specific to your application.

#### How?

- The basic building block of Amazon RDS is the DB instance. You can get started by creating a DB instance that can contain one or more databases. You can access your DB instance by using the same tools and applications that you would use with a standalone database instance.

#### How much?

- You are billed based on: DB instance hours, Storage (per GB per month), Provisioned IOPS per month, Backup Storage and Data transfer. Either you could use a on-demand instance and pay hourly rate or purchase reserved instances (commit to either one-year or three-year terms).

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