

SQL Server Using Amazon Web Services EC2 Instances



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Objectives

- Quick overview of Amazon Web Services Terms
- What is EC2?
- Options for SQL Server on EC2
- Create a SQL Server in EC2
- Security and Network Overview
- Other “Gotchas”
- Availability Groups on EC2
- And now for something completely different...

Amazon Web Services Terms

- AWS
- EC2
- Route 53
- IAM
- VPC
- Security Groups
- AMI

What is EC2?

- Elastic Cloud Computing
- Virtual Server created through AWS for general computing use
- Used to be through Xen virtualization but recently changed to KVM
- Can be Linux or Windows OS
- Made by using a premade Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

Options For SQL Server On EC2

- Relational Database Service (RDS)
- Using a prebaked Windows AMI with SQL Server already installed
 - Only good for up to SQL Server 2017 currently
- Using a prebaked Windows AMI and install SQL Server manually
- Using a prebaked Linux AMI and install SQL Server manually

Create A SQL Server in EC2

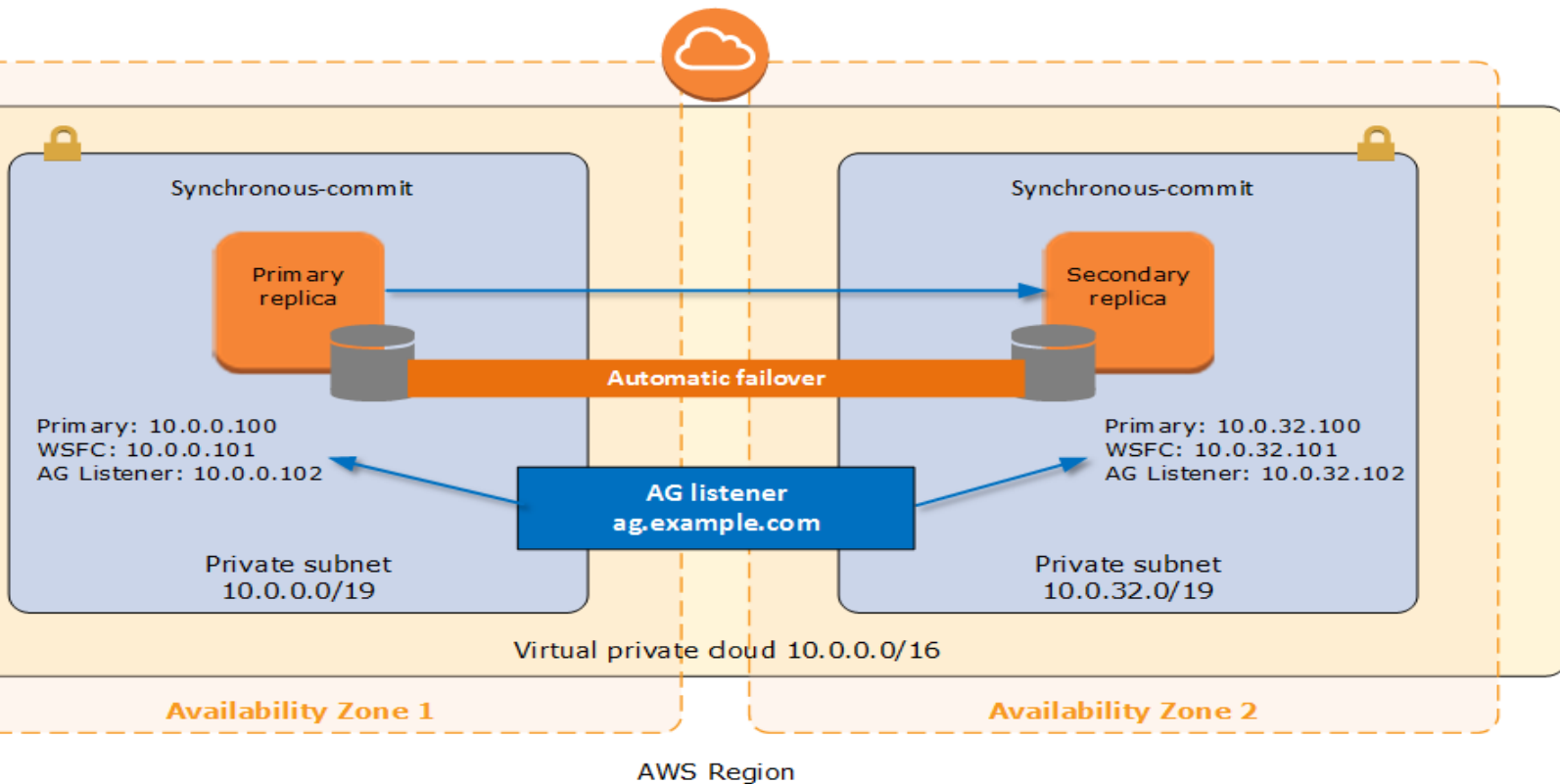
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Security and Network Overview

- Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)
- Security Groups (SG)
- Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Route53

Other “Gotchas”

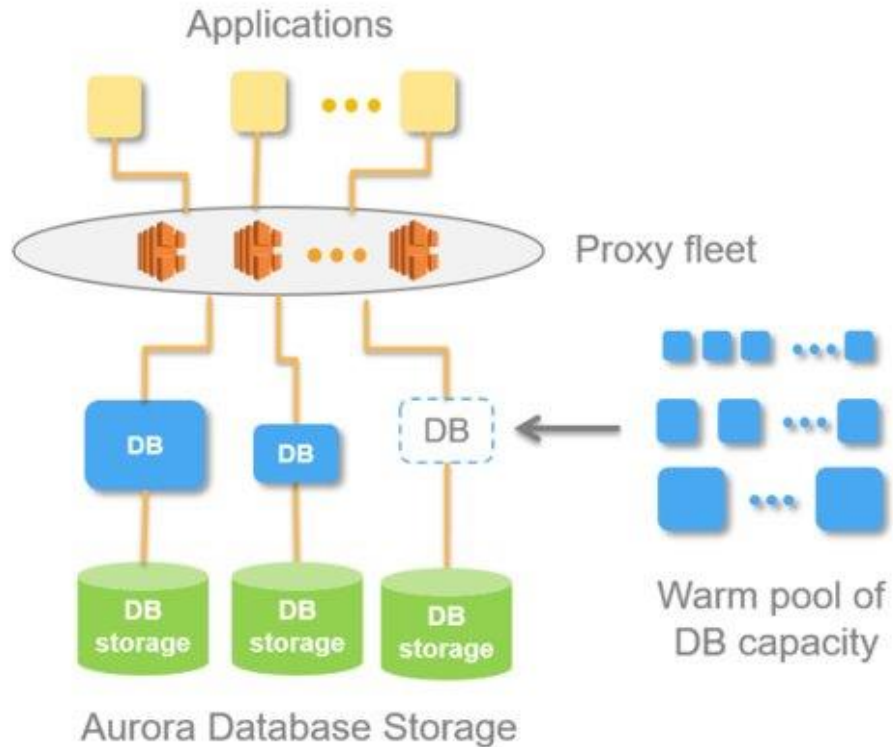
- IOPS is dependent on disk size
- Bandwidth between instances is dependent on instance size
- Index maintenance on larger indexes may take down the AG
 - Around a million pages
- Striping the drives will help with IOPS
- AWS recommends r or i class servers
- Save money by using reserved instances



Availability Groups on EC2

And Now for something Completely different...

- Aurora Serverless



Credits

- Best Practices for SQL Server
 - <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/quickstart/latest/sql/best-practices.html>
- Identity and Access Management
 - <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/introduction.html>
- Aurora Serverless
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/rds/aurora/serverless/>
- Bootstrapping Your Large Production On-Premises SQL Server Databases to Amazon EC2
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/bootstrapping-your-large-production-on-premises-sql-server-databases-to-amazon-ec2/>