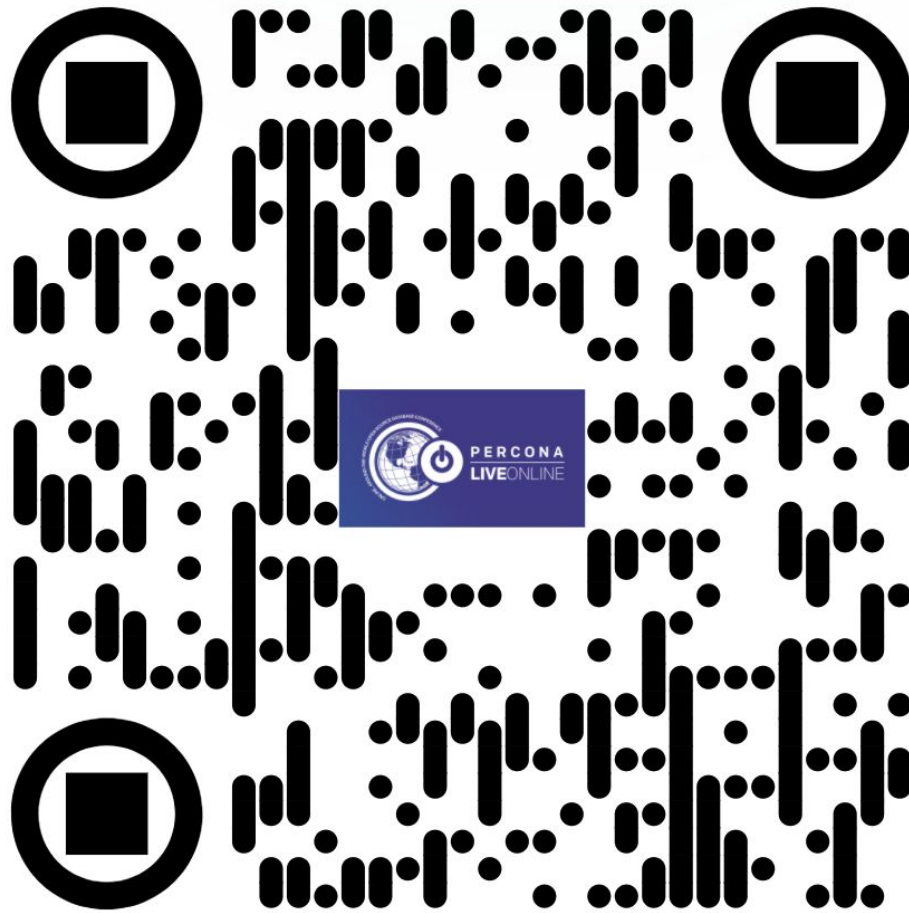


Understanding AWS RDS Aurora Capabilities

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Overview

- What is Aurora?
 - Features & Capabilities
- Why consider Aurora?
- The various Aurora HA Setups
- Upsizing / Failover Example
- Aurora specific internals for MySQL architects & admins
- Other Aurora Features and Functionality

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What is AWS RDS Aurora?

- Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Relational Database Service (RDS)
 - MySQL/MariaDB/Postgresql/Oracle/SQL Server
- Aurora
 - MySQL and Postgres wire-compatible database built specifically for the AWS cloud

<https://aws.amazon.com/rds/aurora>

Aurora Features & Capabilities

- AWS managed RDBMS option
- Distributed cloud native architecture
- MySQL/Postgresql wire compatible
- A different transactional storage engine
- A different replication approach (read-free replicas)
- HA/Clustering/failover built-in by default

Aurora Features & Capabilities (2)

- Single writer/multiple readers
 - can support multi-master
- Decoupled compute/storage infrastructure
- Highly durable/redundant storage via quorum
- Log based architecture
- Improved recovery capabilities
- Fast DDL

Aurora Improved Availability, Backup & Recovery

- Fast recovery capabilities (log append design)
- Database cloning
- Snapshot restore
- Backtrack
- Zero Downtime Patching (ZDP)

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/AuroraMySQL.Managing.Backtrack.html>

<https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2019/11/amazon-aurora-mysql-5-7-now-supports-zero-downtime-patching/>

Aurora Cluster Architecture Features

A cluster has:

- Data in 3 Availability Zones (AZ)
- 2 copies per AZ
- 4 of 6 need for Quorum
- Route 53 Cluster & Instance Endpoints
 - Writer, Reader, Custom (Cluster), Instance
- Automatic Instance failover
- Replica Autoscaling

... (Diagram)

Cluster



AWS Region



VPC



Availability Zone 1

Availability Zone 2

Availability Zone 3

Cluster Volume



Aurora Cluster - Single Instance

- Cluster
 - Storage in 3 AZs
 - Writer endpoint
 - Reader endpoint
- Single instance
 - In 1 AZ
 - Endpoint
 - Easily add additional instances

... (Diagram)

Cluster



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Availability Zone 1

Availability Zone 2

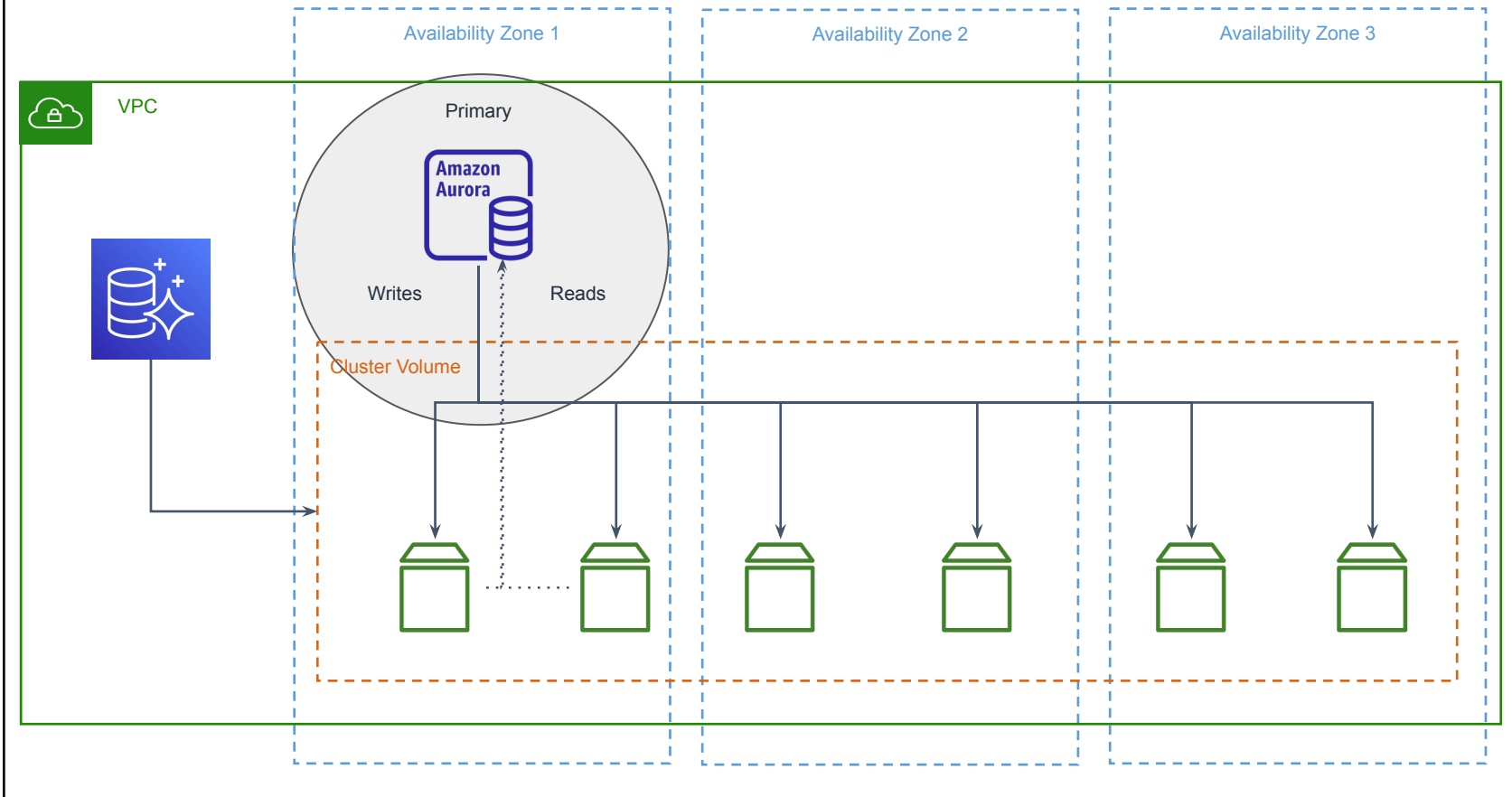
Availability Zone 3

Cluster Volume



Cluster with Single Instance

aws AWS Region



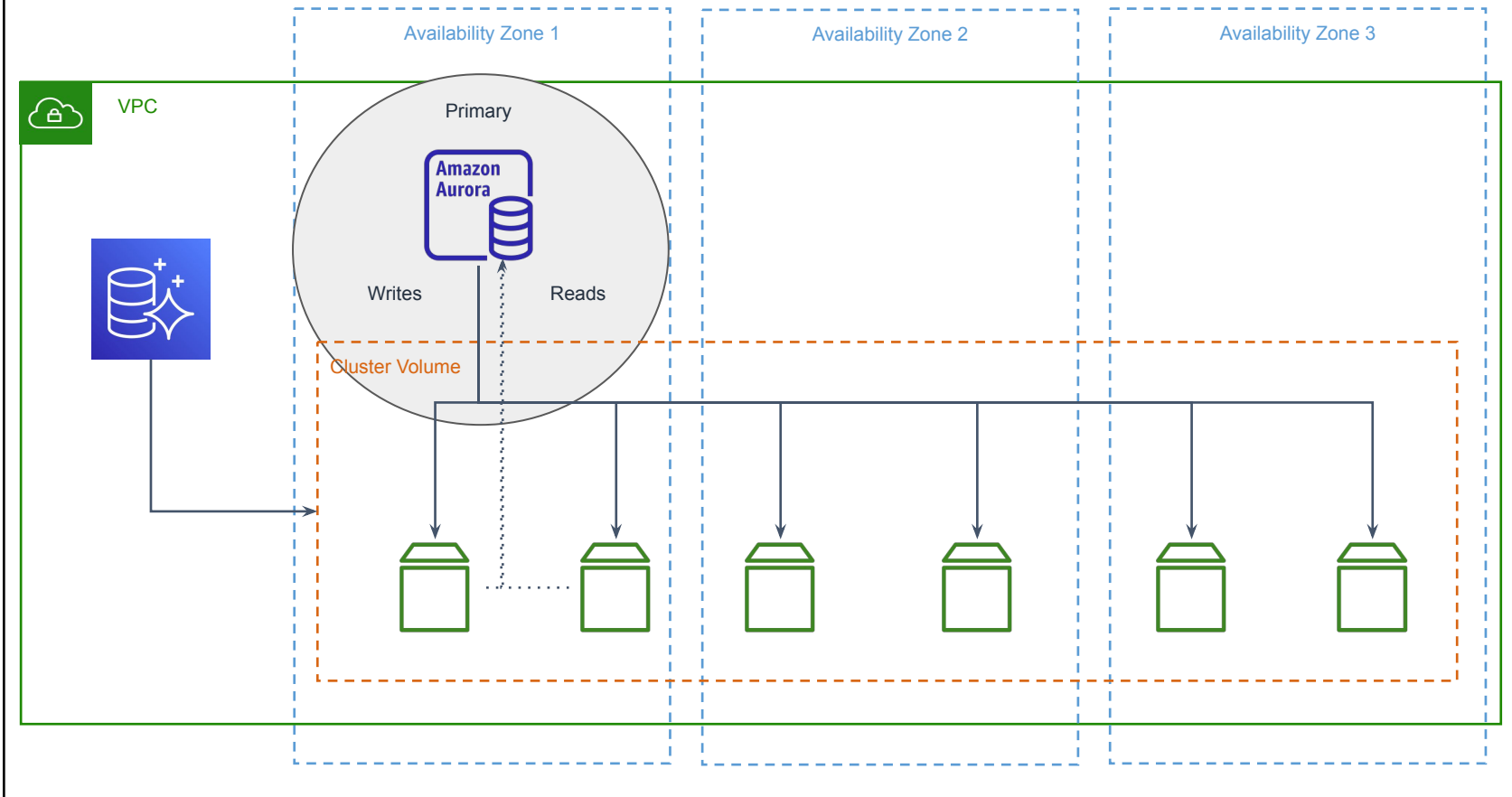
Aurora Cluster - Multiple Instances

- Cluster
- Writer endpoint
 - Primary
- Reader endpoint
 - Load balanced across non primary instance(s)
- Multiple instance(s)
 - AZs of choice
- Promotion Tiers

... (Diagram)

Cluster with Single Instance

aws AWS Region



Cluster with Multiple Instances

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VPC



Availability Zone 1

Availability Zone 2

Availability Zone 3

Primary

Replica Tier 0

Replica Tier 1



Writes

Reads

Reads

Reads

Cluster Volume



Aurora Cluster - Multi-Master

- DB Instances are read & write
 - `--engine-mode multimaster`

Limitations

- Snapshots / ZDP / Load Balancing / Backtrack / Performance Insights
- Binary Logging
- Certain Datatypes
- Foreign Key CASCADE
- no fast DDL

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/aurora-multi-master.html>

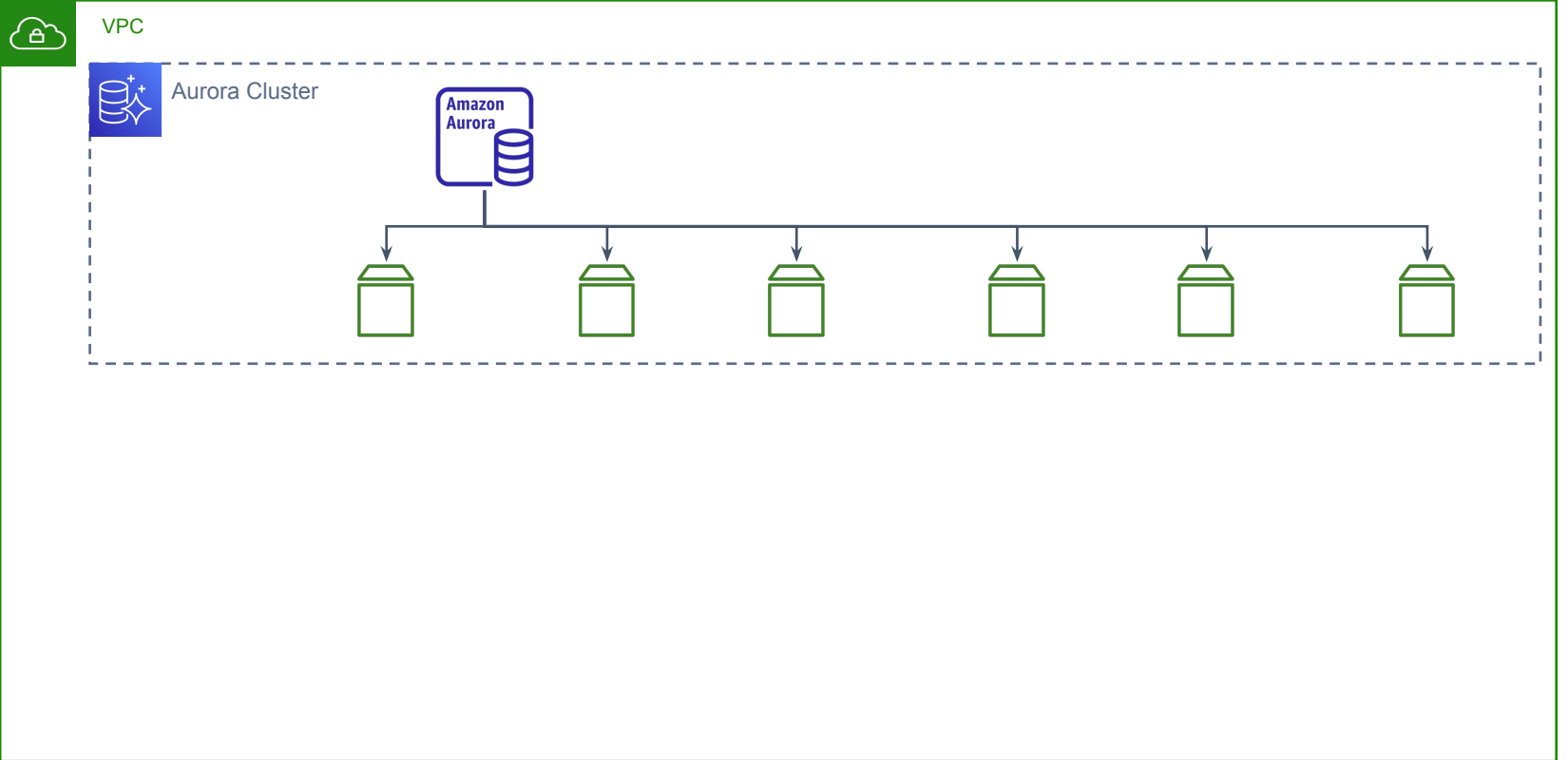
Multiple Aurora Clusters (1)

- Same region option
- Uses MySQL binary log replication
 - Needs to be enabled
 - GTID not support > 5.7
- Blue/Green deployments
- Shorter downtime upgrades

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/AuroraMySQL.Replication.MySQL.html>

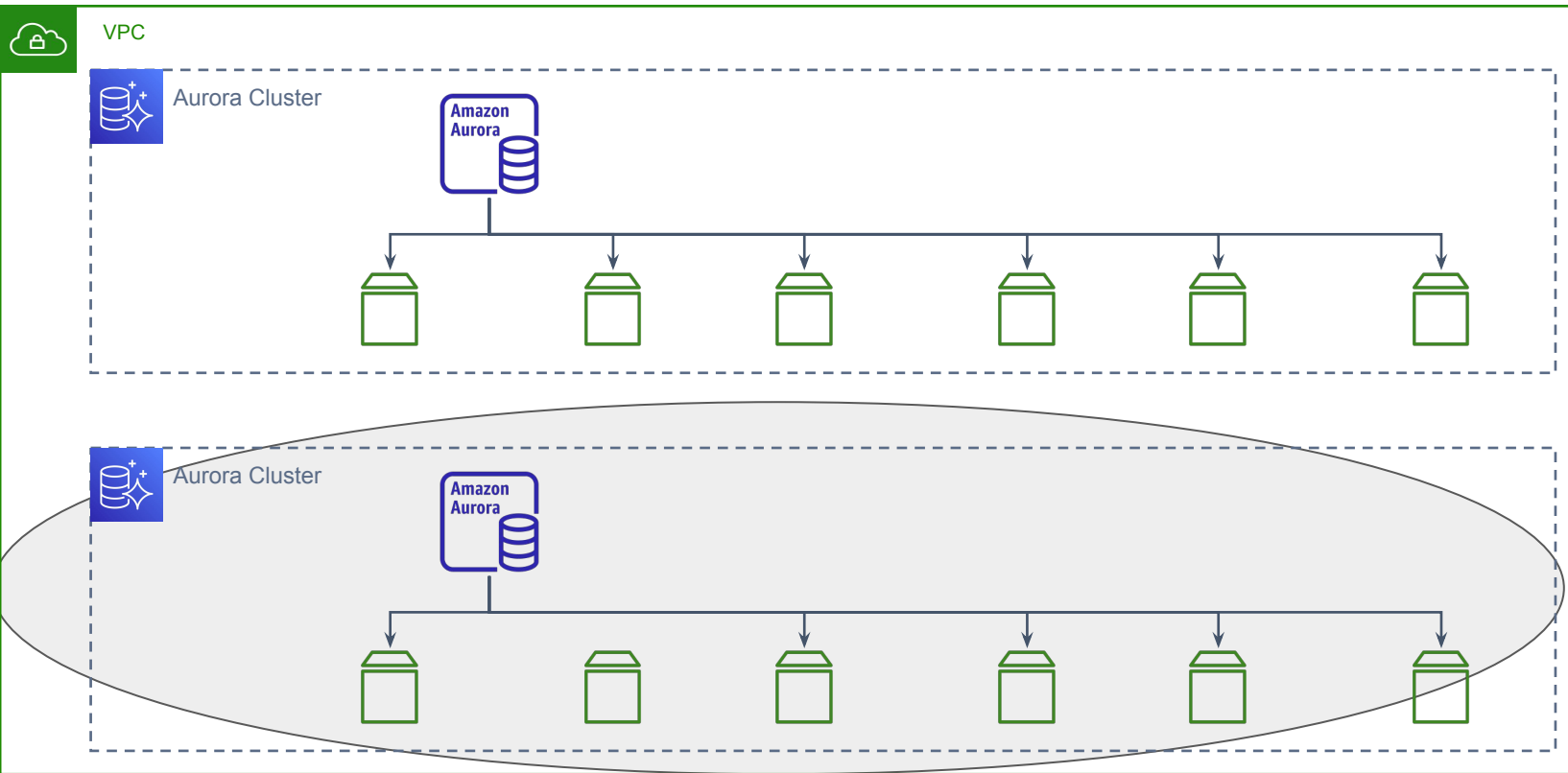
Cluster with Single Instance

aws AWS Region



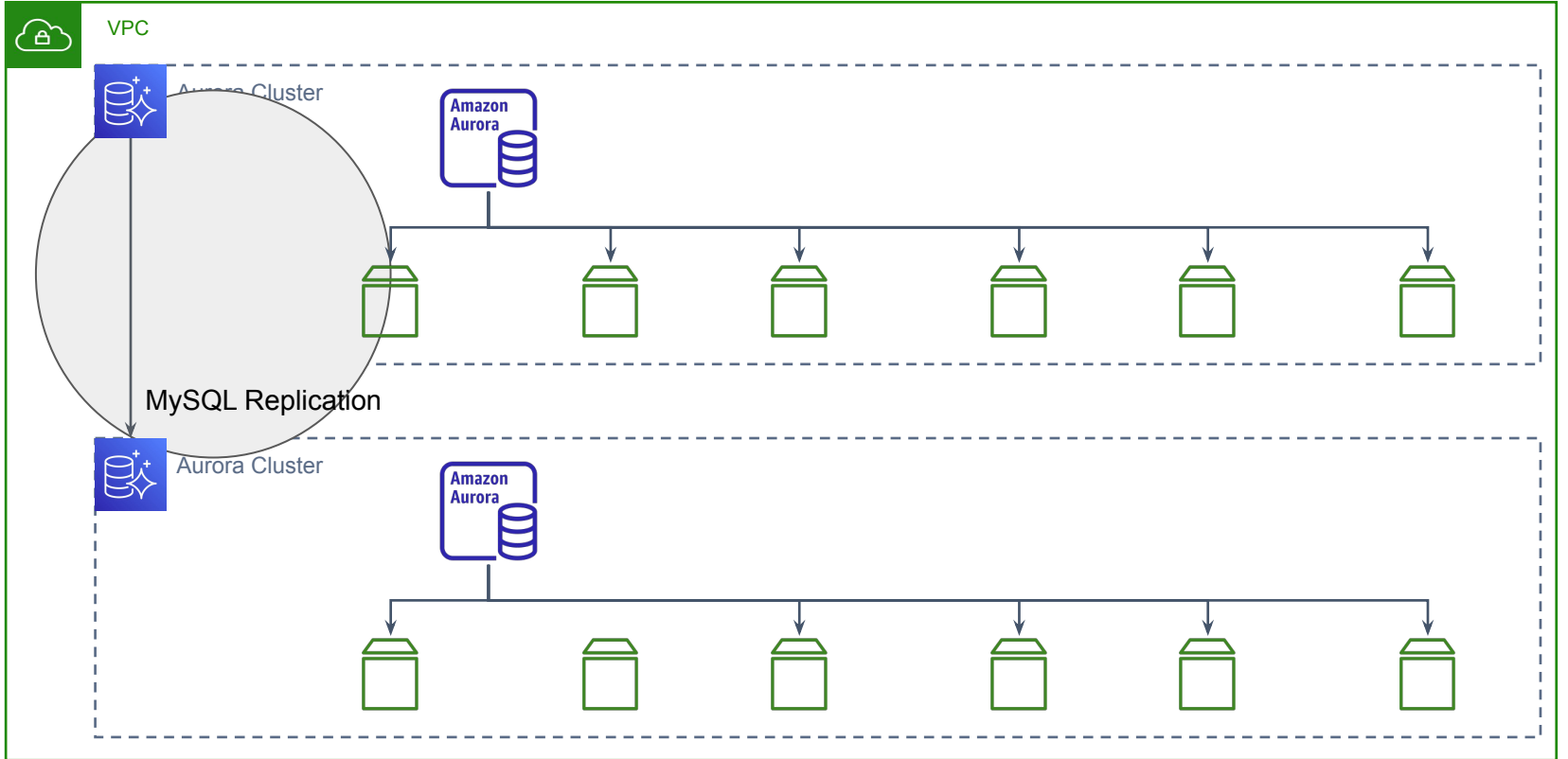
Two separate clusters

aws AWS Region



Two separate clusters with binlog replication

aws AWS Region



Multiple Aurora Clusters Considerations

Source

```
mysql> CALL mysql.rds_show_configuration;
mysql> CALL mysql.rds_set_configuration('binlog retention hours', 144);
mysql> CREATE USER 'repl_user'@'<domain_name>' IDENTIFIED BY '<password>';
mysql> GRANT REPLICATION CLIENT, REPLICATION SLAVE ON *.* TO 'repl_user'@'<domain_name>';
mysql> GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'repl_user'@'<domain_name>' REQUIRE SSL;
```

Target

```
# Get position from snapshot restore
$ aws rds describe-events

mysql> CALL mysql.rds_set_external_master (
                                host_name, host_port, replication_user_name, replication_user_password,
                                mysql_binary_log_file_name, mysql_binary_log_file_location,
                                ssl_encryption);
mysql> CALL mysql.rds_start_replication;
mysql> SHOW SLAVE STATUS;
```

aws rds describe-events

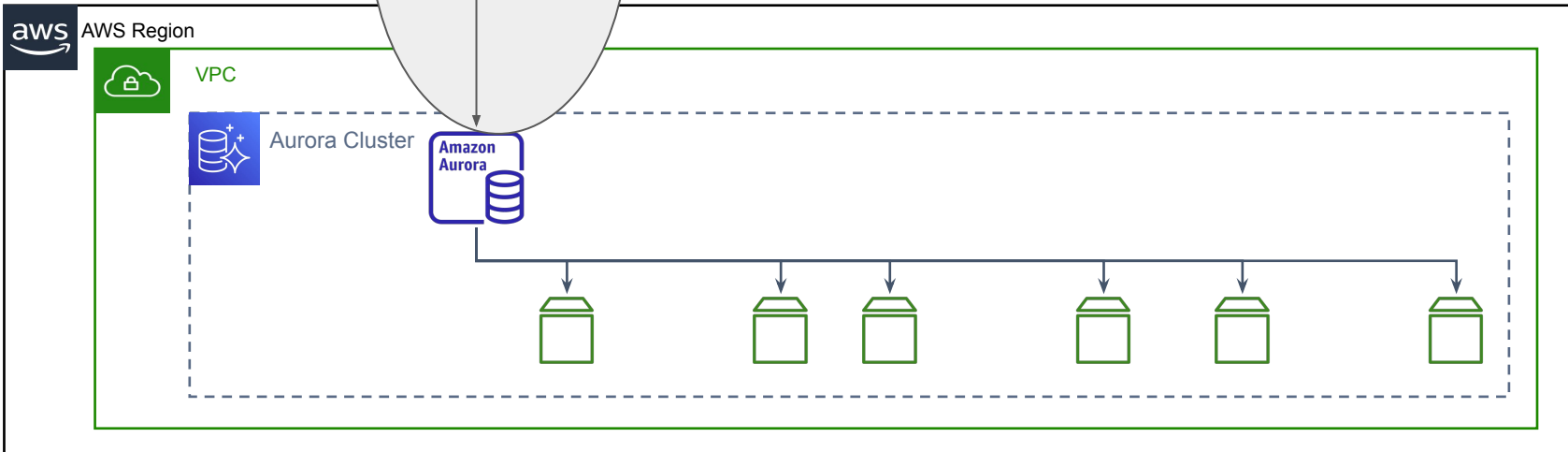
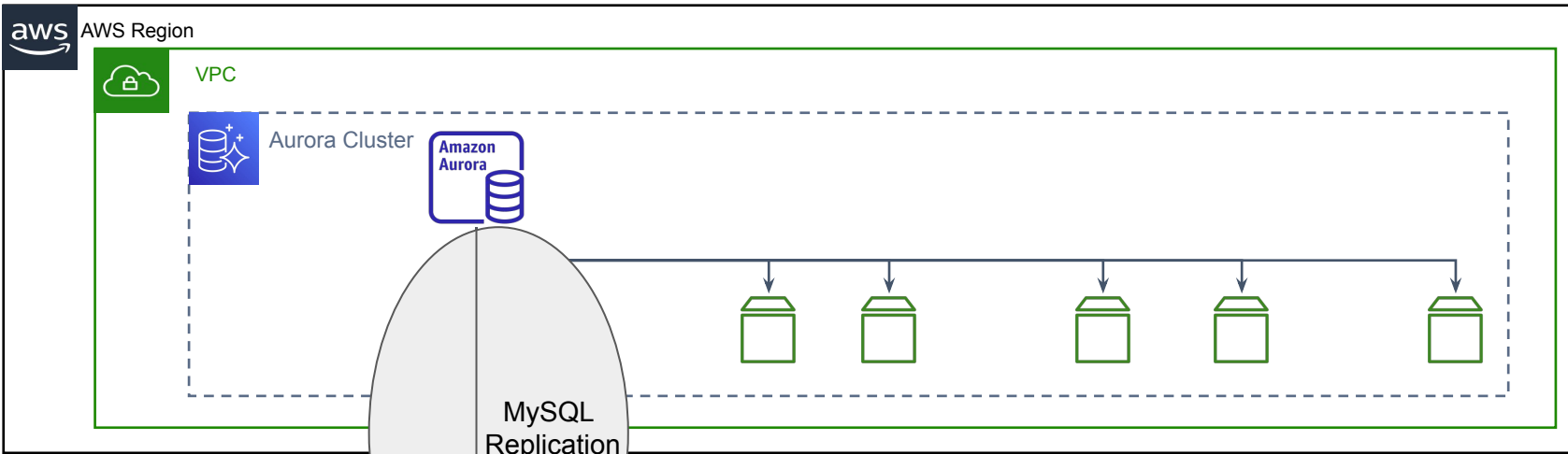
```
# Get position from snapshot restore
$ aws rds describe-events

{
  "Events": [
    {
      "EventCategories": [],
      "SourceType": "db-instance",
      "SourceArn": "arn:aws:rds:us-west-2:123456789012:db:sample-restored-instance",
      "Date": "2016-10-28T19:43:46.862Z",
      "Message": "Binlog position from crash recovery is mysql-bin-changelog.000003 4278",
      "SourceIdentifier": "sample-restored-instance"
    }
  ]
}
```

Multiple Aurora Clusters (2)

- Cross-region read replica
 - Support local read latency
- Improved DR
 - Failover not failback
- Region migration path
- Requires binary log replication
- Incurs cross-region transfer costs \$\$\$

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/AuroraMySQL.Replication.CrossRegion.html>



Aurora Global Cluster

- One primary region
 - Up to 5 read-only secondary regions
- Uses Aurora storage for replication
 - Lag < 1 second
- RPO = 0
- Blocks writes before failover
- Read-only cluster supports write-forwarding capabilities



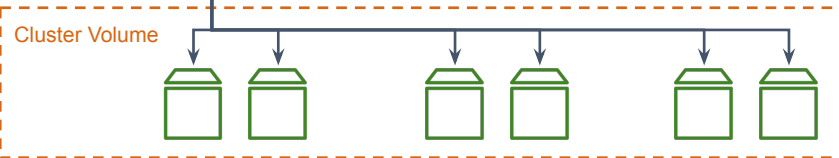
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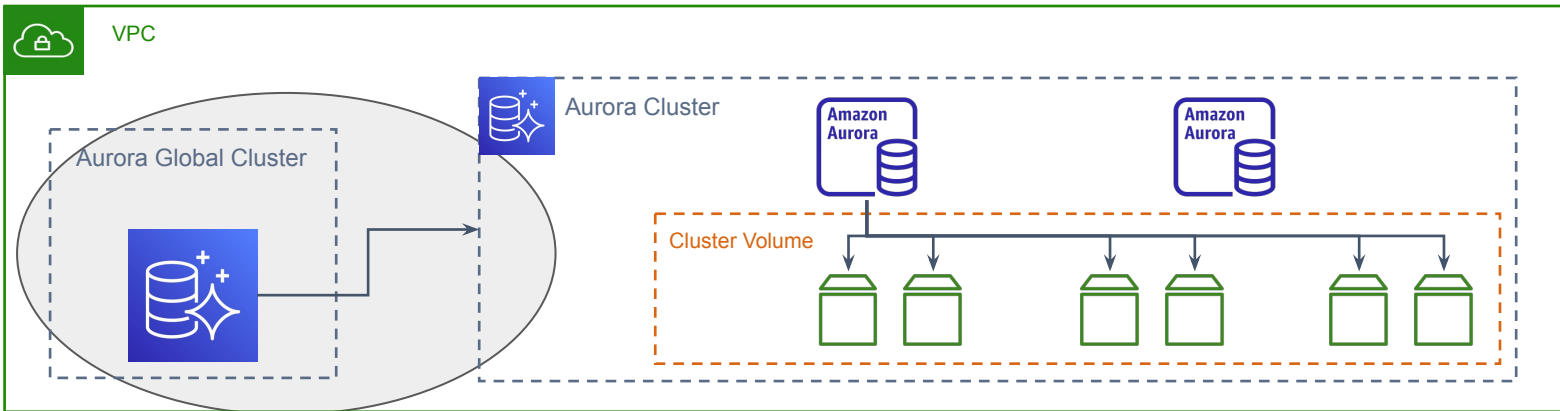


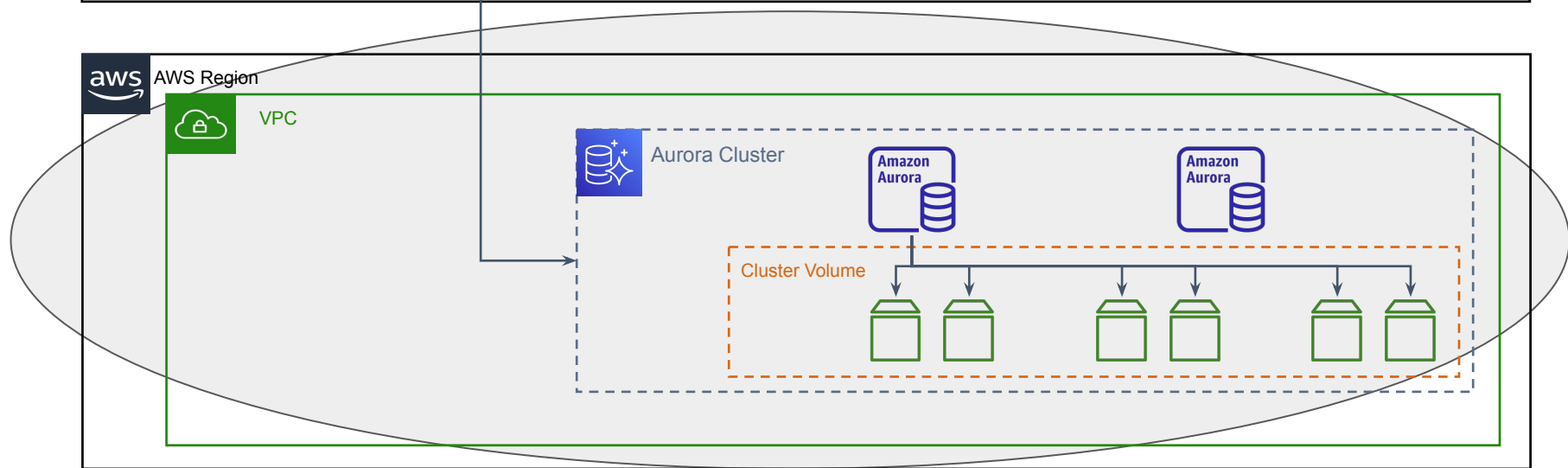
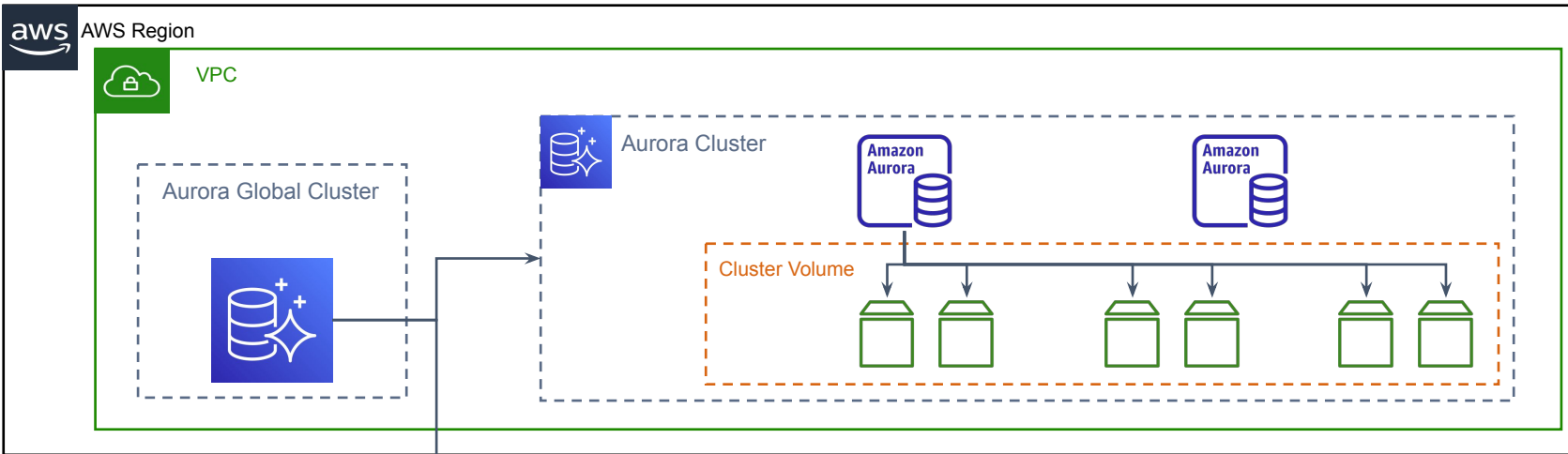
Aurora Cluster

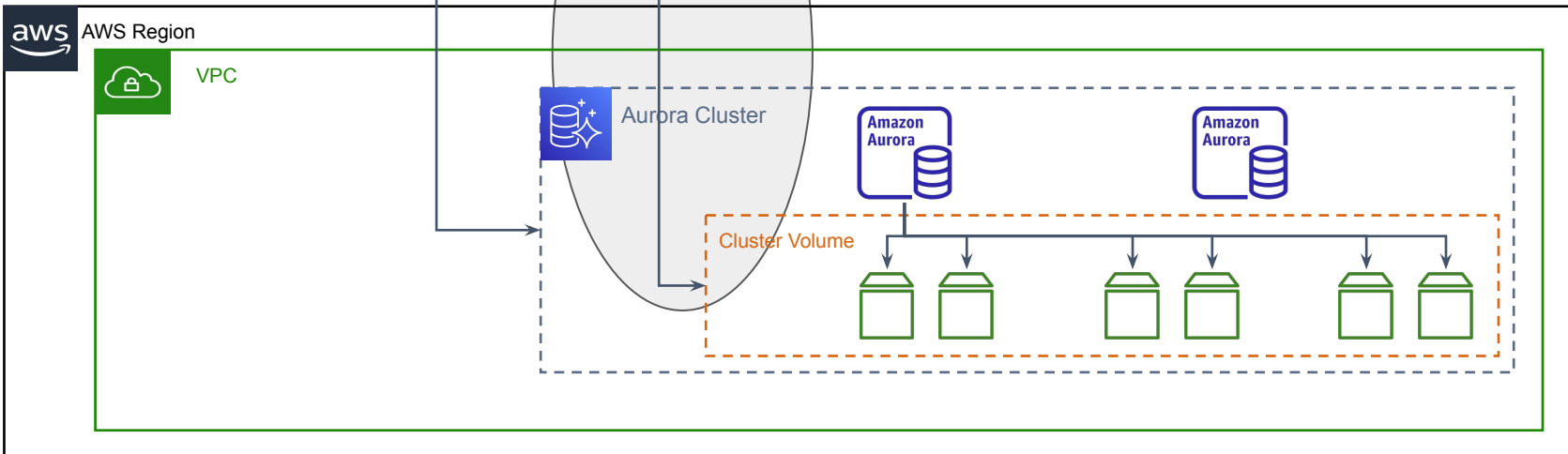
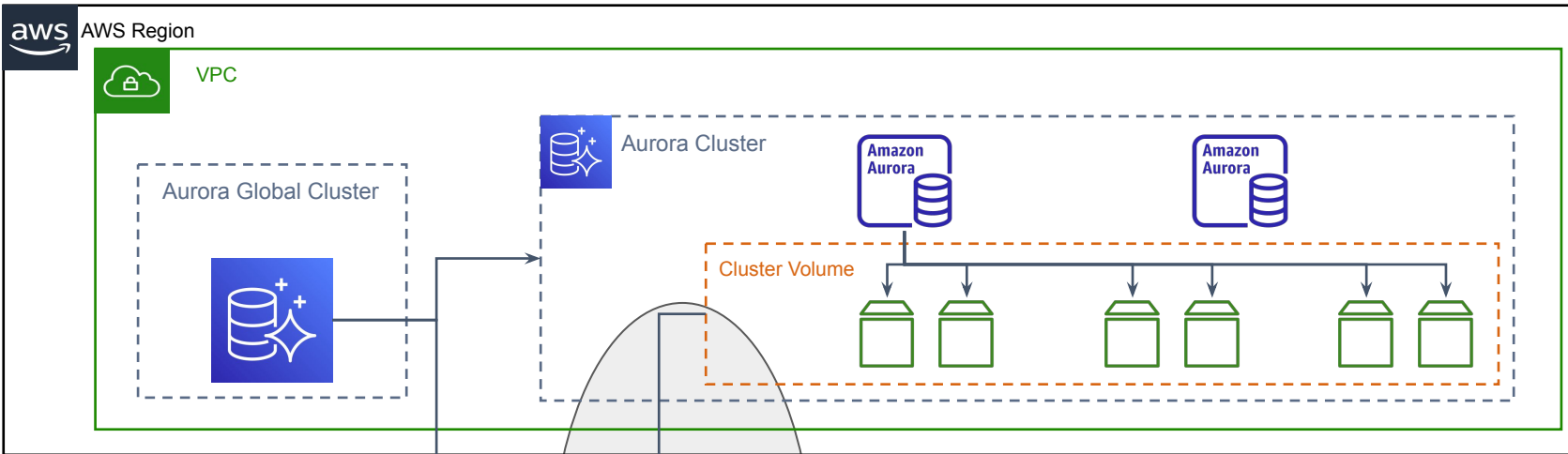


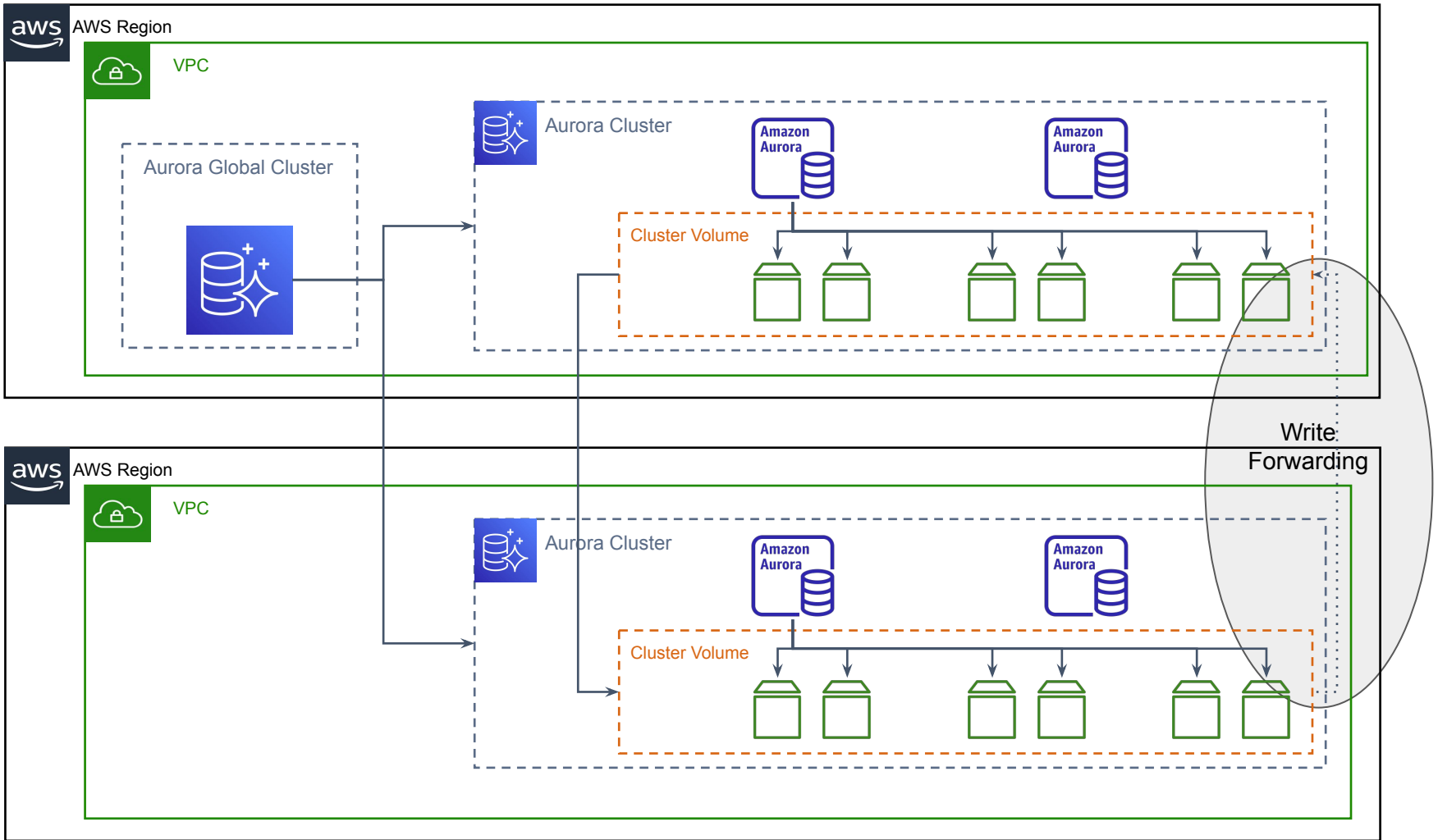


AWS Region









Maintenance Situations

Aurora Upgrades

- In-place upgrades (e.g. 2.09.1 to 2.09.2)
 - Whole process 5-10 minutes
 - DNS loss 10-20 seconds
 - ZDP (yet to see this work)
- Minor version (e.g. 2.07.3 to 2.09.2)
 - Very similar to in-place
- Major version (e.g. 2.09.2 to ?.?)
 - Yet to attempt

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/AuroraMySQL.Updates.MajorVersionUpgrade.html>

Aurora Upsizing / Failover

- Instances can be different instance types
 - Read Endpoint moves to Writer during upsize
- Controlled failover
 - Writer endpoint moves to new promoted instance
 - What was writer becomes a reader
- DNS connectivity loss 10-20 seconds

Aurora Upsizing / Failover Commands

```
CLUSTER_ID="demo"
INSTANCE_ID="${CLUSTER_ID}-0"
aws rds describe-db-instances --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID} | jq -r '.DBInstances[] | [.DBInstanceIdentifier,
.DBInstanceClass, .DBInstanceStatus]'
[ "demo-0", "db.r5.large", "available" ]

aws rds modify-db-instance --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID} --db-instance-class db.r5.4xlarge --apply-immediately

aws rds describe-db-instances --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID} | jq -r '.DBInstances[] | [.DBInstanceIdentifier,
.DBInstanceClass, .DBInstanceStatus]'
[ "demo-0", "db.r5.large", "modifying" ]

aws rds wait db-instance-available --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID}
aws rds describe-db-instances --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID} | jq -r '.DBInstances[] | [.DBInstanceIdentifier,
.DBInstanceClass, .DBInstanceStatus]'
[ "demo-0", "db.r5.4xlarge", "available" ]

# Failover
aws rds describe-db-clusters --db-cluster-identifier ${CLUSTER_ID} | jq '.DBClusters[].DBClusterMembers'

aws rds failover-db-cluster --db-cluster-identifier ${CLUSTER_ID}

aws rds describe-db-clusters --db-cluster-identifier ${CLUSTER_ID} | jq '.DBClusters[].DBClusterMembers'
```

Aurora Upsizing / Failover Monitoring

```
# Endpoints
CLUSTER_ID="demo"
INSTANCE_ID="${CLUSTER_ID}-0"
aws rds describe-db-clusters --db-cluster-identifier ${CLUSTER_ID} | jq '.DBClusters[].DBClusterMembers'

# Cluster Status
while : ; do date ; aws rds describe-db-instances --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID} | jq -r '.DBInstances[] | [.DBInstanceIdentifier, .DBInstanceClass, .DBInstanceStatus]'; sleep 5; done

# Instance endpoint availability (goes down during upsize)
MYSQL_HOST=$(aws rds describe-db-instances --db-instance-identifier ${INSTANCE_ID} | jq -r '.DBInstances[0].Endpoint.Address');
echo $MYSQL_HOST

while : ; do [ -n "${MYSQL_PASSWD}" ] && date; time mysql -h ${MYSQL_HOST} -u${MYSQL_USER} -p${MYSQL_PASSWD} -An --connect-timeout=1 -e "SELECT NOW(),@aurora_server_id, variable_value from information_schema.global_status where variable_name='uptime'"; sleep 1; done

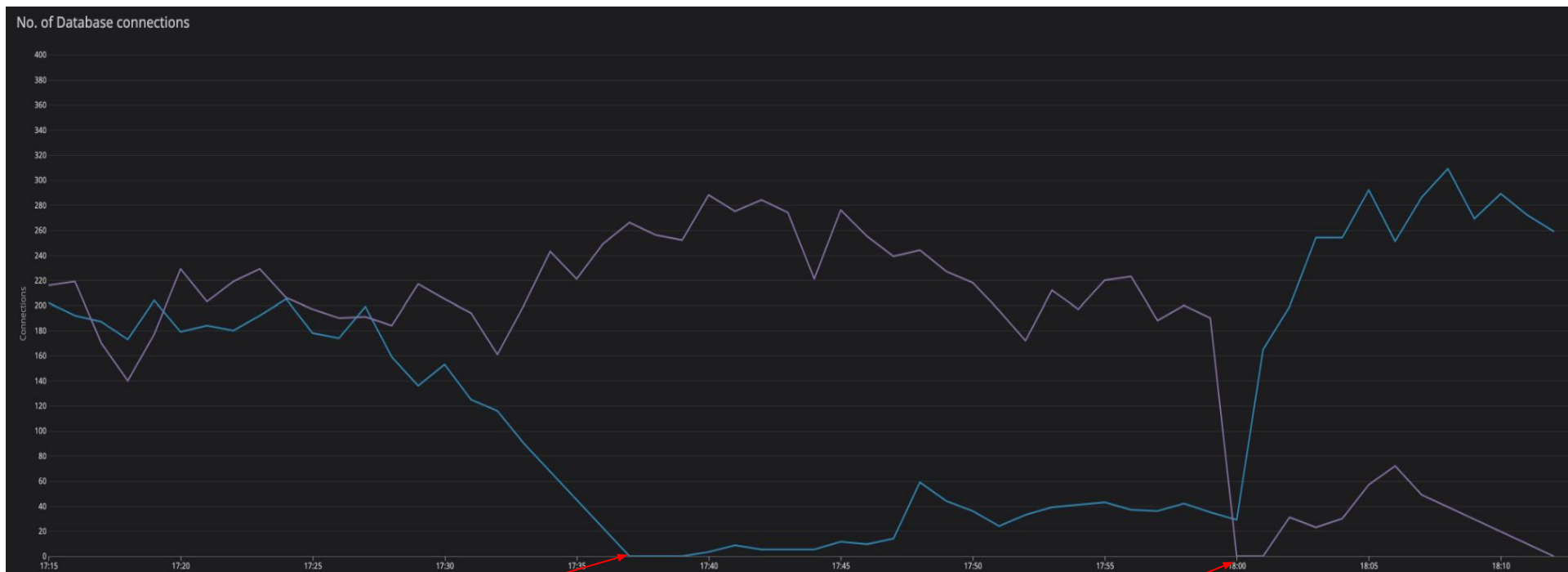
# Cluster reader endpoint (fails over for new connections)
MYSQL_HOST=$(aws rds describe-db-clusters --db-cluster-identifier ${CLUSTER_ID} | jq -r '.DBClusters[0].ReaderEndpoint'); echo $MYSQL_HOST

while : ; do [ -n "${MYSQL_PASSWD}" ] && date; time mysql -h ${MYSQL_HOST} -u${MYSQL_USER} -p${MYSQL_PASSWD} -An --connect-timeout=1 -e "SELECT NOW(),@aurora_server_id, variable_value from information_schema.global_status where variable_name='uptime'"; sleep 1; done
```

Aurora Upsizing / Failover Timing Example

status=available	17:30:01 EDT 2021	18:05:12 EDT 2021
status=modifying	17:30:02 EDT 2021	18:05:19 EDT 2021
Reads flip to writer endpoint	17:32:48 UTC 2021	18:07:10 EDT 2021
Lose reader access	17:33:13 EDT 2021	18:07:42 EDT 2021
Accessible reader instance	17:37:33 EDT 2021 Uptime 19s	18:12:42 EDT 2021 Uptime 18s
status=configuring-enhanced-monitoring	17:39:28 EDT 2021	18:13:36 EDT 2021
status=modifying	17:40:35 EDT 2021	18:14:46 EDT 2021
status=storage-optimization	17:41:40 EDT 2021	N/A
status=available	17:53:53 EDT 2021	18:16:15 EDT 2021

Aurora Upsizing / Failover Graphs (CPU example)



First upsize

Second upsize

Other Topics (for another time)

Additional RDS/Aurora Capabilities

- IAM Authentication for users
- Aurora Query Cache
- Aurora Parallel Query <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/aurora-mysql-parallel-query.html>
- Aurora Monitoring <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/MonitoringAurora.html>
- DMS source & target
 - Replicate to/from RDS to RDS/Redshift/Kinesis etc
- Database Activity Streams
 - CDC to Kinesis <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/DBActivityStreams.html>
- Aurora specific tuning (binlog)
- RDS Proxy <https://aws.amazon.com/rds/proxy/>
- Autoscaling (ASG) read replicas <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/Aurora.Integrating.AutoScaling.html>
- ...

Aurora Serverless

- For development & integration non 24x7 environments
- Cost versus performance benefits
- V1
- V2 (preview)

<https://aws.amazon.com/rds/aurora/serverless/>
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/AuroraUserGuide/aurora-serverless-2.how-it-works.html>

Chaos Aurora

```
SHOW VOLUME STATUS;
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM CRASH [ INSTANCE | DISPATCHER | NODE ];
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM SIMULATE percentage_of_failure PERCENT READ REPLICA FAILURE
```

```
[ TO ALL | TO "replica name" ]
```

```
FOR INTERVAL quantity { YEAR | QUARTER | MONTH | WEEK | DAY | HOUR | MINUTE | SECOND };
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM SIMULATE percentage_of_failure PERCENT DISK FAILURE
```

```
[ IN DISK index | NODE index ]
```

```
FOR INTERVAL quantity { YEAR | QUARTER | MONTH | WEEK | DAY | HOUR | MINUTE | SECOND };
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM SIMULATE percentage_of_failure PERCENT DISK CONGESTION
```

```
BETWEEN minimum AND maximum MILLISECONDS
```

```
[ IN DISK index | NODE index ]
```

```
FOR INTERVAL quantity { YEAR | QUARTER | MONTH | WEEK | DAY | HOUR | MINUTE | SECOND };
```

Aurora under the hood

Quorums

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/amazon-aurora-under-the-hood-quorum-and-correlated-failure/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/amazon-aurora-under-the-hood-quorum-reads-and-mutating-state/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/amazon-aurora-under-the-hood-reducing-costs-using-quorum-sets/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/amazon-aurora-under-the-hood-quorum-membership/>

Conclusion

Conclusion

- Managed services helps less resourced teams
- Monitoring cost is important
- Review performance between native/ec2/rds/aurora MySQL installations
- With managed services, some existing actions are limited/restricted
- HA infrastructure/ failover / upgrades are built-in capabilities

Slides:

<http://ronaldbradford.com/blog/understanding-aws-rds-aurora-capabilities-2021-05-13/>

Thank You

<https://perconalive.com>

Aurora Metadata (5.7)

RDS/Aurora Metadata

- Variables (35)
- Status (101)
- INFORMATION_SCHEMA tables/views (18)
- mysql tables (19)
- MySQL Procedures (31)
- MySQL Privileges (5)
- Other

RDS/Aurora Metadata Variables

```
+-----+-----+
| Variable name                | Value                |
+-----+-----+
| aurora backtrace compare metrics file | backtrace compare metrics.txt |
| aurora backtrace dedupe string_filename | backtrace dedupe strings.txt |
| aurora backtrace file name           | mysqld-backtrace.txt          |
| aurora binlog reserved event bytes    | 1024                          |
| aurora binlog use large read buffer   | ON                             |
| aurora das persistence threads        | 4                              |
| aurora disable hash join              | ON                             |
| aurora disable sync tmz               | OFF                            |
| aurora enable repl bin log filtering  | ON                             |
| aurora enable replica log compression | ON                             |
| aurora enable staggered_replica_restart | OFF                           |
| aurora enable zdr                     | OFF                            |
| aurora fwd master idle timeout        | 60                             |
| aurora fwd master max connections_pct | 10                             |
| aurora globaldb rpo in seconds        | 4294967295                    |
| aurora globaldb rpo wait_timeout     | 60                             |
| aurora is 57 supported                 | OFF                            |
| aurora is mm supported                 | OFF                            |
| aurora lab mode                       | OFF                            |
| aurora load from s3 role               |                               |
| aurora max alter table log entries    | 1000                           |
| aurora_max_connections_limit          | 16000                          |
| aurora oom response                   |                               |
| aurora parallel query                 | OFF                            |
| aurora performance_schema_sql_info_max_size | 4096                           |
| aurora pq force                       | OFF                            |
| aurora read replica read committed    | OFF                            |
| aurora replica read consistency       |                               |
| aurora select into s3 encryption_default | OFF                            |
| aurora select into_s3_role            |                               |
| aurora server id                     | demo-0                         |
| aurora table open cache               | 0                              |
| aurora use key_prefetch               | ON                             |
| aurora version                       | 2.09.2                         |
| aurora zdr timeout on replica fall behind | 60                             |
+-----+-----+
35 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

RDS/Aurora Metadata Status

```
MySQL [(none)]> SHOW GLOBAL STATUS LIKE 'aurora%';
```

-----+-----+-----			
Variable_name	Value		
-----+-----+-----			
AuroraDb_commits	2713838	Aurora_highest_commit_lsn	156107
AuroraDb_commit_latency	14240360666	Aurora_last_allocated_lsn_for_replication	156
AuroraDb_ddl_stmt_duration	6813933496	Aurora_lockmgr_memory_used	841
AuroraDb_select_stmt_duration	447117597784	Aurora_missing_history_on_replica_incidents	3
AuroraDb_insert_stmt_duration	149184545636	Aurora_oom_response	
AuroraDb_update_stmt_duration	1160788797	Aurora_pq_max_concurrent_requests	4
AuroraDb_delete_stmt_duration	2157752888	Aurora_pq_request_attempted	0
AuroraDb_lockmgr_bitmaps0_in_use	0	...	
AuroraDb_lockmgr_bitmaps1_in_use	0		
AuroraDb_lockmgr_bitmaps_mem_used	6506512	Aurora_pq_request_with_bloom_filter	
AuroraDb_thread_deadlocks	0	Aurora_pq_request_with_lob	0
Aurora_available_alter_table_log_entries	0	Aurora_pq_stmt_attempted	0
Aurora_dict_sys_mem_size	132210210	Aurora_pq_stmt_attempted_hash_join	0
Aurora_fast_insert_cache_hits	0	Aurora_repl_bytes_received	0
Aurora_fast_insert_cache_misses	9	Aurora_reserved_mem_exceeded_incidents	
Aurora_fwd_master_dml_stmt_count	0	Aurora_tmz_version	0
Aurora_fwd_master_dml_stmt_duration	0	Aurora_total_op_memory	0
Aurora_fwd_master_errors_rpc_timeout	0	Aurora_total_op_temp_space	0
Aurora_fwd_master_errors_session_limit	0	Aurora_used_alter_table_log_entries	
Aurora_fwd_master_errors_session_timeout	0	Aurora_volume_bytes_left_total	139
Aurora_fwd_master_open_sessions	0	-----+-----+-----	
Aurora_fwd_master_select_stmt_count	0	101 rows in set (0.00 sec)	
Aurora_fwd_master_select_stmt_duration	0		

RDS/Aurora I_S tables

```
MySQL [information_schema]> SELECT table_name, table_type FROM information_schema.tables WHERE table_name LIKE 'RDS%' OR table_name LIKE 'aurora%';
```

table_name	table_type
RDS_METRICS_META	SYSTEM VIEW
RDS_METRICS_GAUGE	SYSTEM VIEW
RDS_METRICS_COUNTER	SYSTEM VIEW
RDS_BUFFER_STAT_AT_STARTUP	SYSTEM VIEW
RDS_PROCESSLIST	SYSTEM VIEW
RDS_CONTROL_PERFORMANCE_INSIGHTS_STATUS	SYSTEM VIEW
AURORA_FORWARDING_PROCESSLIST	SYSTEM VIEW
aurora_s3_load_history	BASE TABLE
rds_configuration	BASE TABLE
rds_global_status_history	BASE TABLE
rds_global_status_history_old	BASE TABLE
rds_history	BASE TABLE
rds_replication_status	BASE TABLE
rds_sysinfo	BASE TABLE
rds_events_threads_waits_current	BASE TABLE
rds_events_threads_waits_lock_current	BASE TABLE
rds_processlist	BASE TABLE
Rds_Cluster_Info	BASE TABLE

```
18 rows in set (0.11 sec)
```

RDS/Aurora mysql tables

```
# mysql 5.7 31 rows
# aurora 5.7 50 rows
MySQL [mysql]> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_mysql |
+-----+
...
| aurora_s3_load_history |
| bin_log_md_table |
| bin_log_table |
| ddl_log_md_table |
| ddl_log_table |
| general_log_backup |
| metadata_md_table |
| metadata_table |
| rds_configuration |
| rds_global_status_history |
| rds_global_status_history_old |
| rds_history |
| rds_replication_status |
| rds_sysinfo |
| ro_replica_status |
| slow_log_backup |
+-----+
50 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

RDS/Aurora Procedures

```
MySQL [information_schema]> SELECT name FROM mysql.proc WHERE name like 'rds%';
```

+-----+	
name	
+-----+	
rds_collect_global_status_history	rds_rotate_global_status_history
rds_disable_gsh_collector	rds_rotate_slow_log
rds_disable_gsh_rotation	rds_set_configuration
rds_enable_gsh_collector	rds_set_external_master
rds_enable_gsh_rotation	rds_set_external_master_with_auto_position
rds_external_master	rds_set_fk_checks_off
rds_import_binlog_ssl_material	rds_set_fk_checks_on
rds_innodb_buffer_pool_dump_now	rds_set_gsh_collector
rds_innodb_buffer_pool_load_abort	rds_set_gsh_rotation
rds_innodb_buffer_pool_load_now	rds_set_master_auto_position
rds_kill	rds_show_configuration
rds_kill_query	rds_skip_repl_error
rds_next_master_log	rds_skip_transaction_with_gtid
rds_remove_binlog_ssl_material	rds_start_replication
rds_reset_external_master	rds_stop_replication
rds_rotate_general_log	

31 rows in set (0.00 sec)

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/Appendix.MySQL.SQLRef.html>

RDS/Aurora Privileges

```
MySQL [information_schema]> SHOW PRIVILEGES;
```

-----+-----+-----		
Privilege	Context	Comment
-----+-----+-----		
...		
Load from S3	AWS S3 Access	To load files from AWS S3
Select into S3	AWS S3 Access	To query data from table(s) and store the result into file(s) on AWS S3
Invoke Lambda	AWS Lambda Access	To invoke Lambda from within the database
...		
-----+-----+-----		
-----+		
INVOKE SAGEMAKER		
INVOKE COMPREHEND		

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