

Development Tools – Oracle Support Services

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Purpose Statement

This document provides the instructions necessary to configure the Oracle Autonomous Database in an OCI Private Subnet(as a private end point) and access it using Bastion service to connect with below Oracle Development Client tools and applications.

Part 1

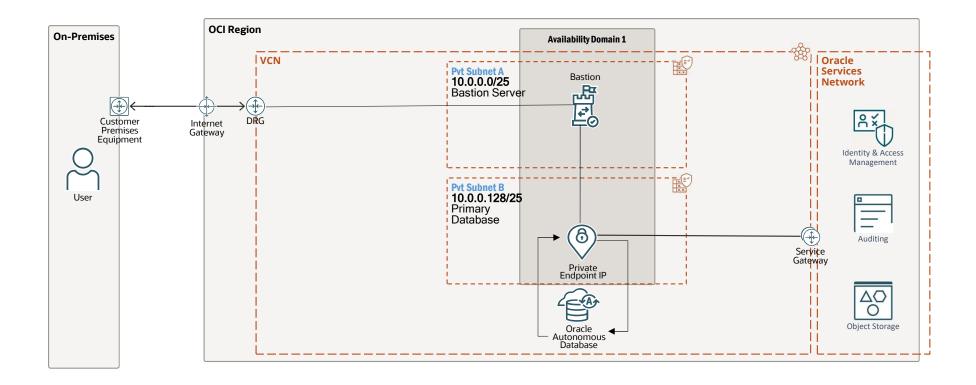
- SQLplus
- SQL Developer
- SQL Developer for VS Code
- SOLcl

Part 2

- Oracle APEX
- ORDS(Oracle REST Database Service)
- Database Actions(Formerly SQL Developer Web)

It is assumed the tools above are used with the latest version available as of May-2024 and you have full access to the OCI console and compartments and IAM policies is already created.

Reference OCI Architecture



Use case

In a best designed OCI architecture all the Production databases are deployed in a Private Subnet with minimal and restricted access within the VCN network itself. From a production security standpoint, this is a typical setup but it is not easy for the Developers or Administrators to connect with the database for maintenance or short time development activity.

Such scenarios can be overcome at no cost by a OCI Bastion service, which is a fully managed service providing secured access to the private OCI resource. Prior to Bastion, a normal access setup would be to use a jumphost at extra cost and that can lead to a weaker security for mission critical databases.

Now with the fast-growing OCI Autonomous Database which is a fully Oracle managed database service that is integrated with Generative AI, Analytics, and all types of production workloads built into a single service. The Developer and Administrator must access the databases for their activity. Oracle provides multiple Database Development tools for such activities. With a secured Autonomous database let us see how can we connect to the database using Bastion which is a time-bound, ephemeral SSH session service.

For more details on the OCI bastion service - https://www.oracle.com/security/cloud-security/bastion/

VCN – OCI Virtual Cloud Network

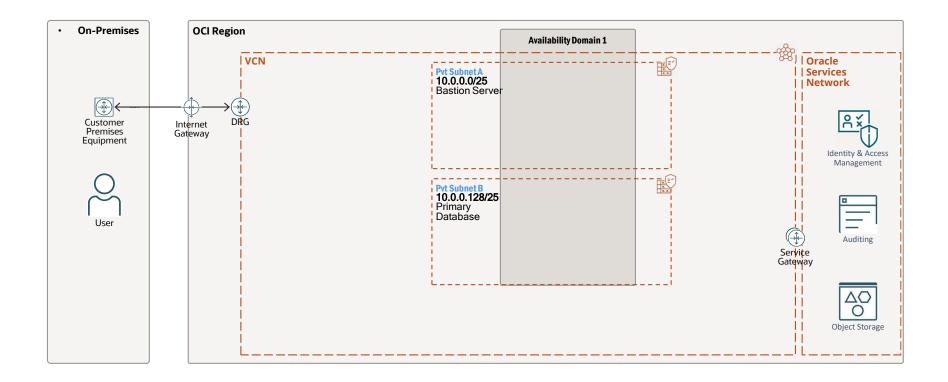


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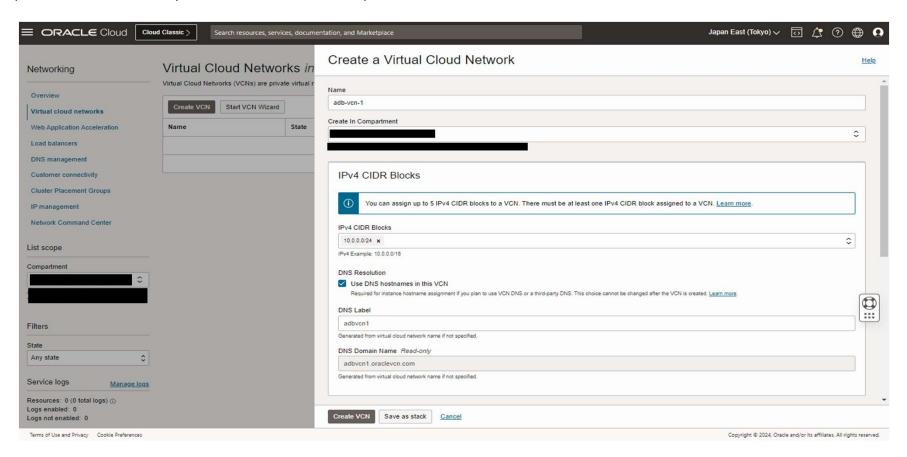
First let us create a Private Subnet(Private Regional) in a VCN. This means the IP address generated in the subnet will not have any access outside the subnet or Public network. Let us use a most common Private subnet CIDR **10.0.0.0/24** and create 2 private subnet as below.

| Subnet Name | Subnet address | Range of addresses | Useable IPs | Hosts | Divide | Jo | in |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| PvtSubnet A | 10.0.0.0/25 | 10.0.0.0 - 10.0.0.127 | 10.0.0.1 - 10.0.0.126 | 126 | Divide | /25 | /24 |
| PvtSubnet B | 10.0.0.128/25 | | 10.0.0.129 - 10.0.0.254 | 126 | Divide | /25 | |

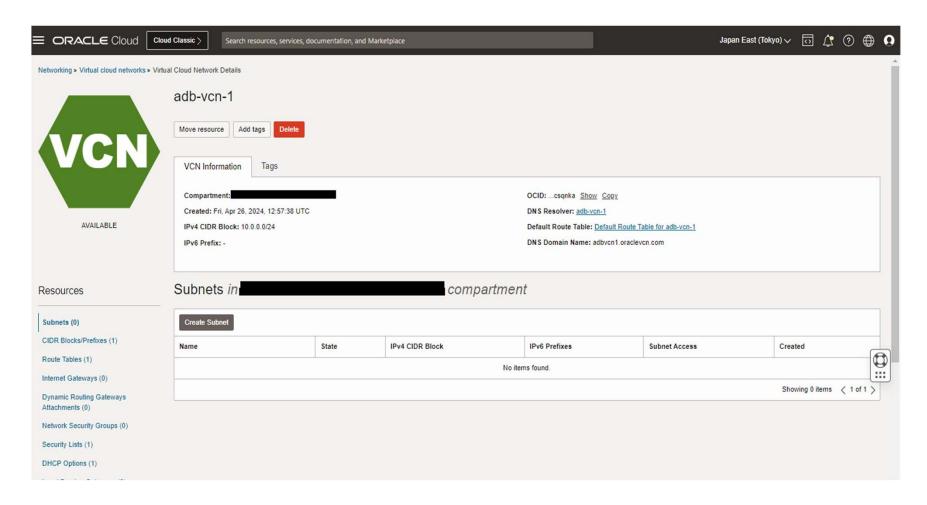
VCN Reference Architecture



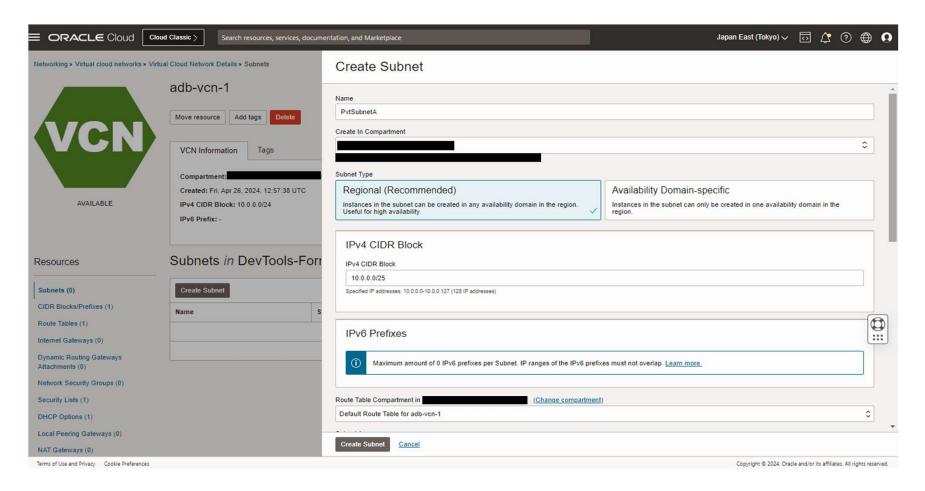
Use the "Create VCN" under **Networking** Virtual Cloud networks and ensure to choose the right compartment that has been provisioned. Enter the lpv4 CIDR Blocks as 10.0.0.0/24 and click on "Create VCN"



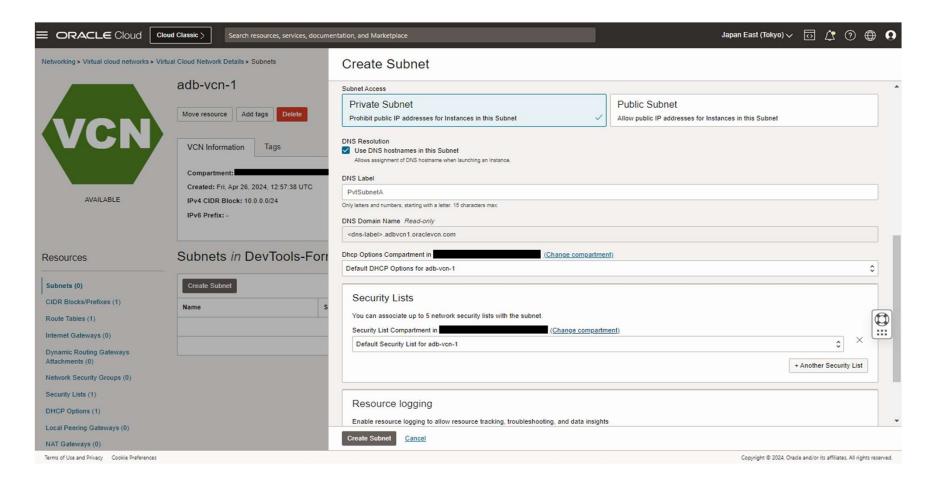
The page will be redirected to the VCN that is created and verify there are no additional Resources created except the default Route Tables, Security Lists and DHCP Options.



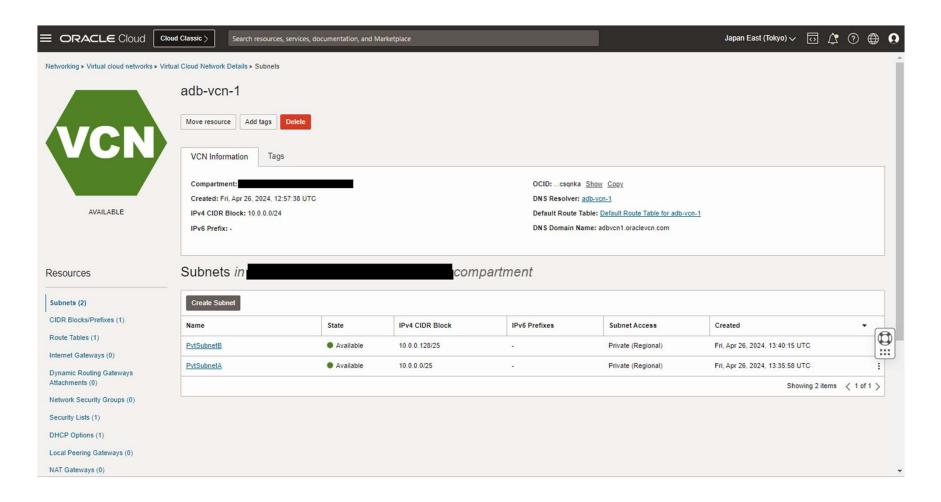
Click on Create Subnet and create Subnet "PvtSubnetA" with SubnetType = Regional, IPv4 CIDE Block = 10.0.0.0/25 and Subnet Access = Private Subnet and use defaults for other options



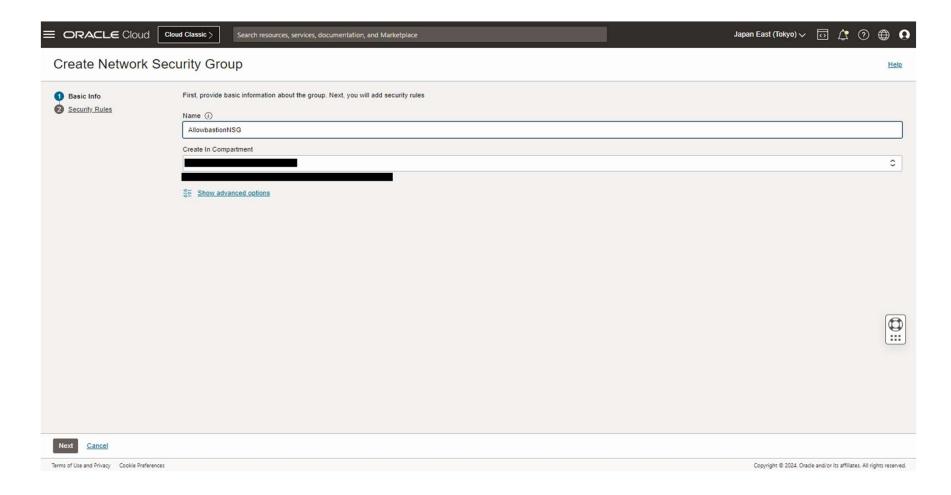
Click on **Create Subnet**



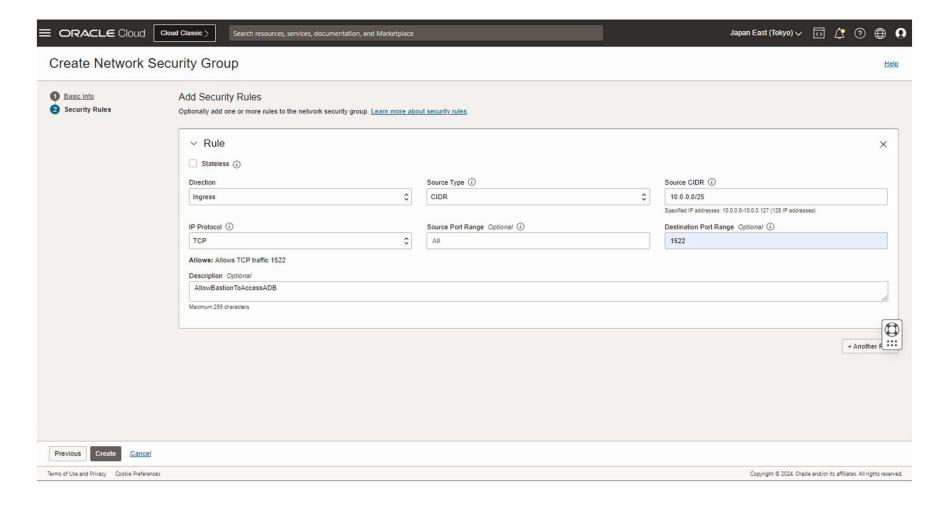
Follow the same steps above to create another Private Subnet with CIDR Range as 10.0.0.128/25



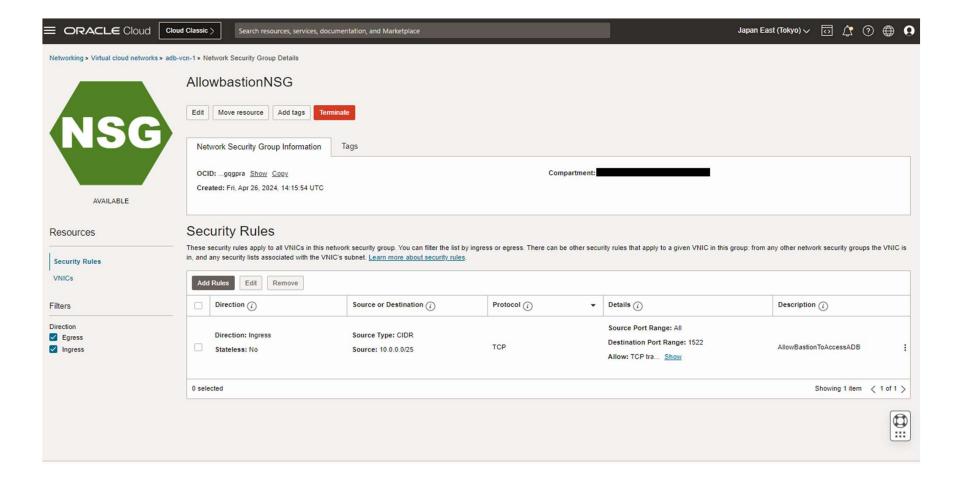
Create a Network Security Group to allow common resource access(firewall)



Create a Security Rule to allow Bastion host to access the Autonomous Database over TCP/1522



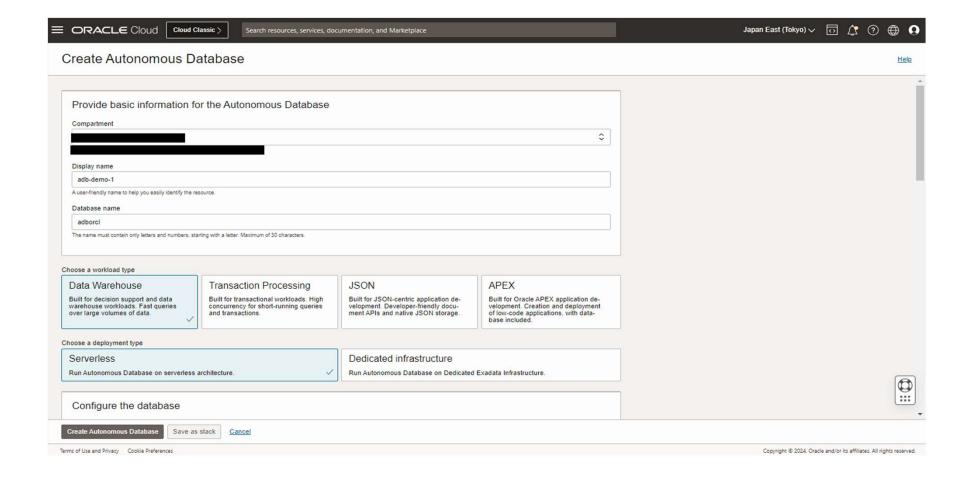
Now the NSG will have one Security Rule and later the rules can be added when required.



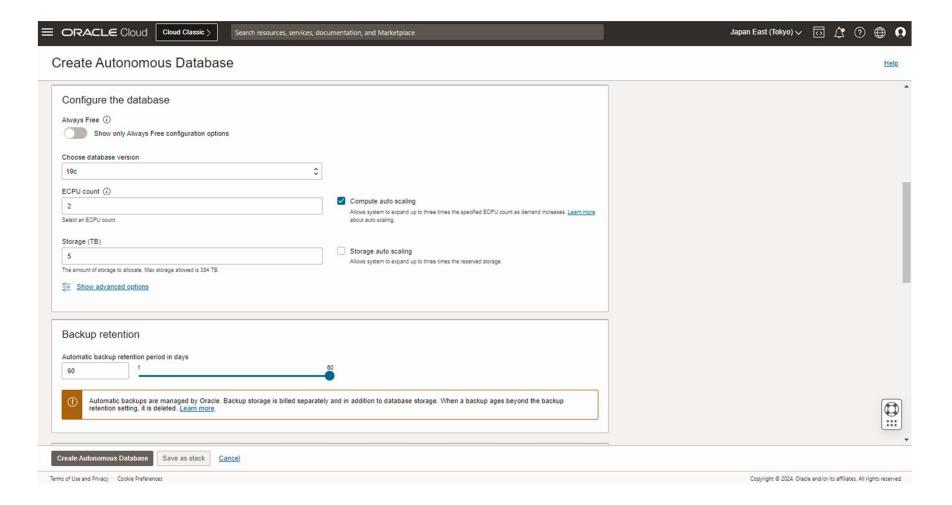
Autonomous Database



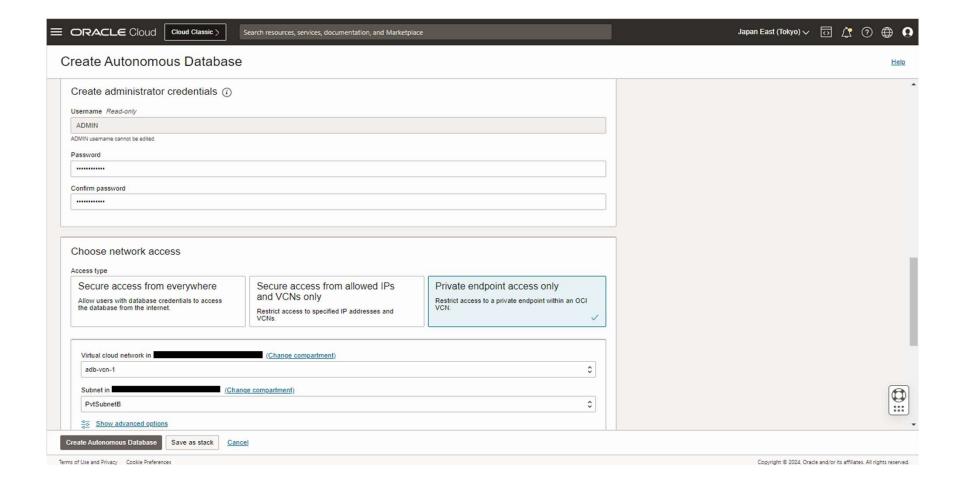
Create a Autonomous Database with Workload Type as Transaction Processing



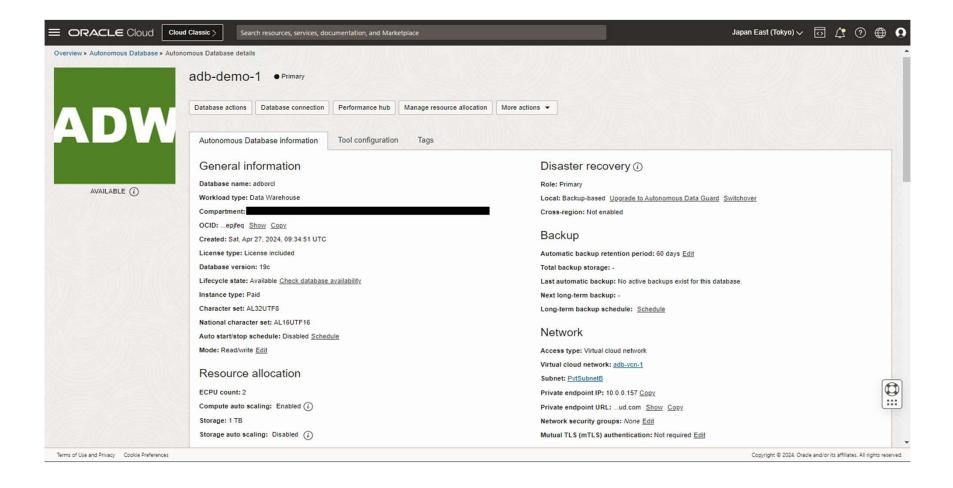
Choose the database version and ECPU/Storage as per the need.



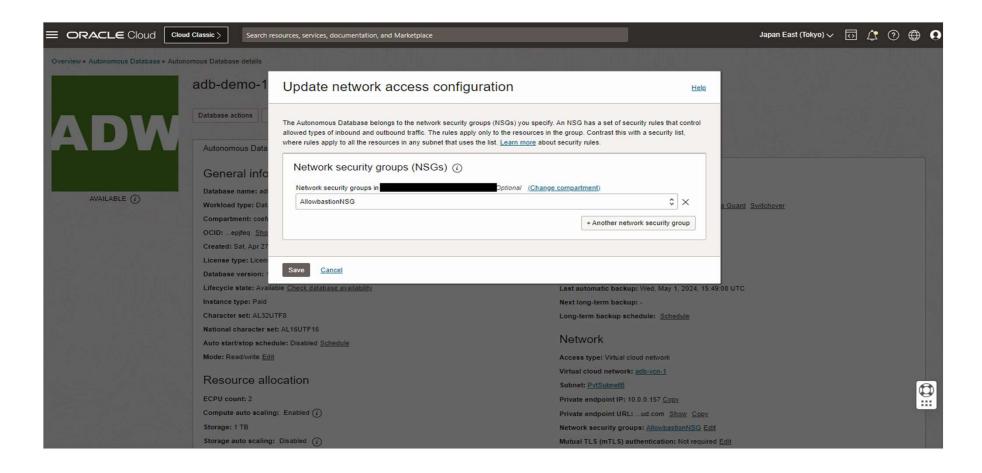
Enter the Admin passwords and choose the Network access as Private endpoint access only" and VCN as adb-vcn-1, Subnet as **PvtSubnetB** and Create Autonomous Database.



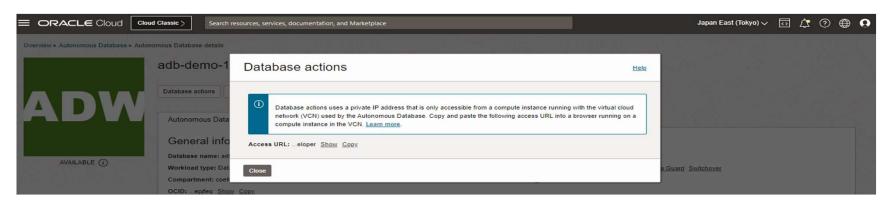
Now check the Autonomous Database is created with Private endpoint IP under PvtSubnetB and no Public Address assigned.



Assign the created NSG to the Autonomous Database to follow the security rules created.



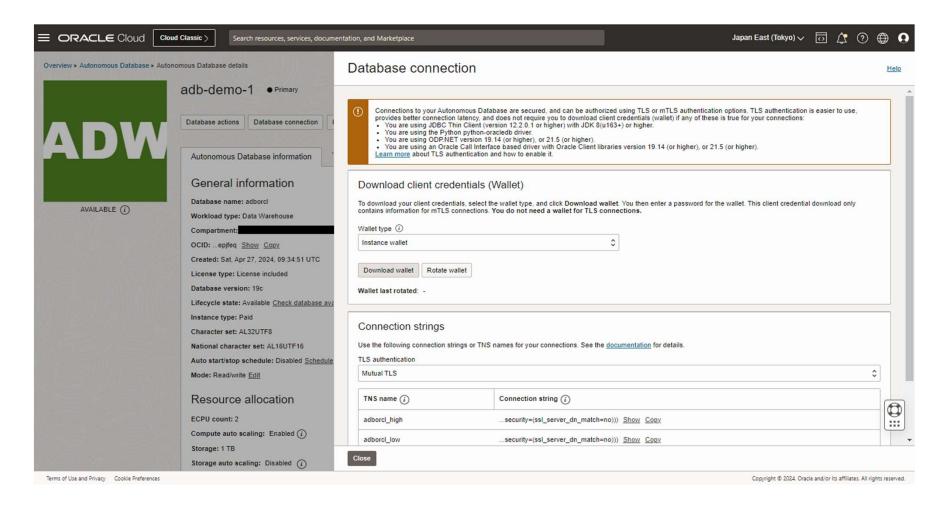
Click on Database Actions and a pop-up appears with Warning. Copy the Access URL and run in a browser



It is expected a 404 Error occurs for the Database actions and it confirms the database is not accessible over Internet.



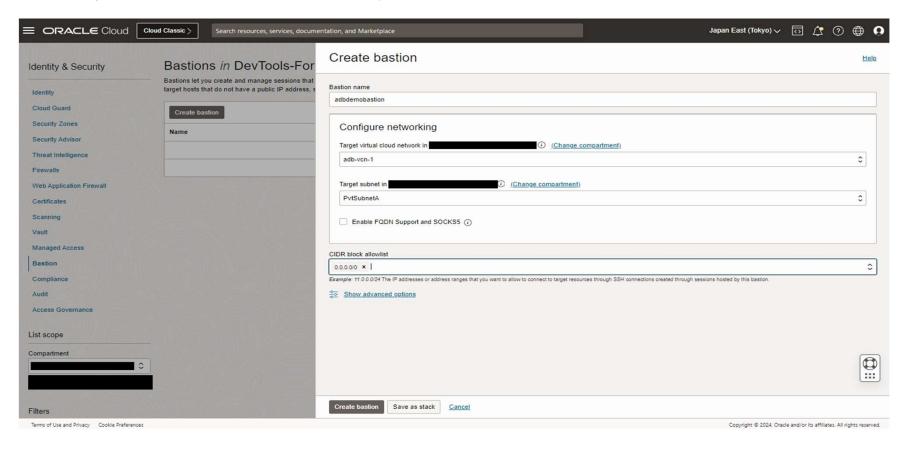
Click on Database connection and choose Wallet type as **Instance wallet**. Enter the wallet password when the prompt appears and download the wallet.





Create a Bastion service by choosing the Target Subnet as **PvtSubnetA**. **CIDR block allowlist** is the list of Client IP address where the bastion service will be accessed. Typically this is a On-Premise client machine PC IP or CIDR.

To allow any PC to access the bastion service 0.0.0.0/0 is used in this demo.



To create a SSH session click on "Create session" in the bastion that is created, enter the following details and Create session.

Choose the Session type - SSH port forwarding session.

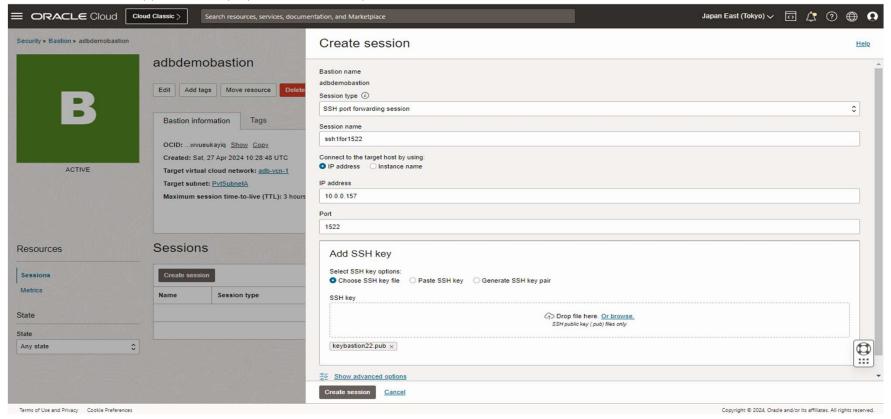
Update the Session name

Choose the Connect to the target host – IP address

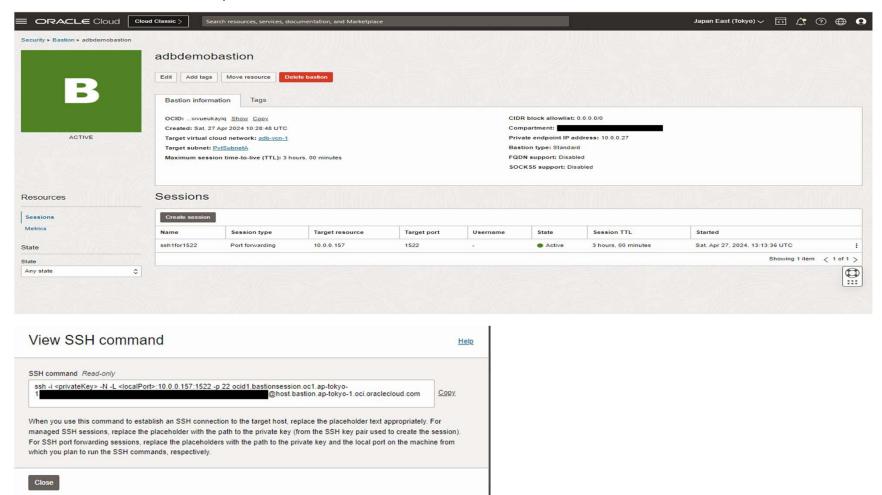
IP address – Enter the IP address of the Autonomous Database machine.

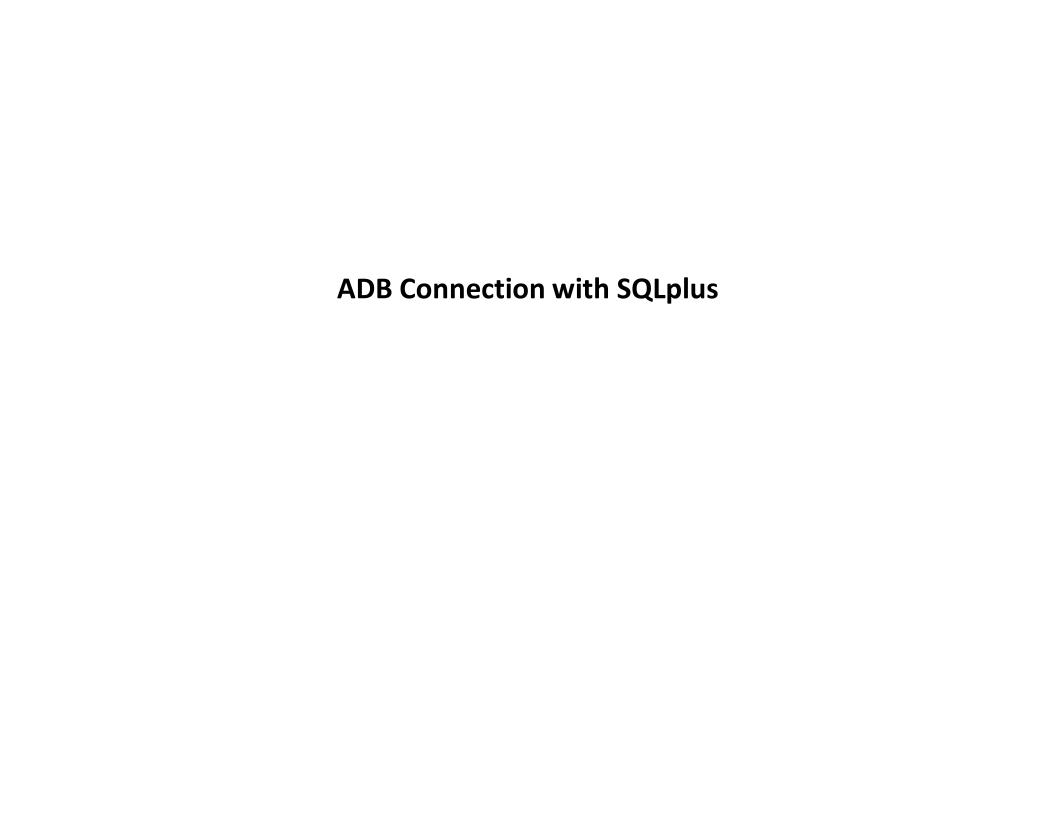
Port - 1522

Choose to Generate SSH key pair or if already key exists Choose SSH key file



A new SSH session will be create for 3 hours and the state should be Active. Click on the Kebab menu (3 vertical dots) right corner of the SSH session to show options and click on "**View SSH command**".





Before we make a database connection using the wallet, take a backup of the Autonomous Database wallet. Make the changes as below in the trisnames.ora file. The actual host name of the Autonomous Database is replaced with **localhost**.

For this demonstration purpose, low service type connect string is used.

From

```
adborcl_low = (description= (retry_count=20)(retry_delay=3)(address=(protocol=tcps)(port=1522)(host=XXXXXXXX.adb.ap-tokyo-1.oraclecloud.com))(connect_data=(service_name=XXXXXXXX_adborcl_low.adb.oraclecloud.com))(security=(ssl_s erver_dn_match=no)))
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To

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adborcl_low = (description= (retry_count=20)(retry_delay=3)(address=(protocol=tcps)(port=1522)(host=localhost))(connect_data=(service_name= XXXXXXX _adborcl_low.adb.oraclecloud.com))(security=(ssl_server_dn_match=no)))
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By default the SSH command available from the OCI bastion is below

ssh -i <privateKey> -N -L <localPort>:10.0.0.157:1522 -p 22 <u>ocid1.bastionsession.oc1.ap-tokyo-1.XXXXXXXXXXXX@host.bastion.ap-tokyo-1.oci.oraclecloud.com</u>

Replace the values to match the local machine details and capture addition details –v for debugging.

ssh -o ConnectTimeout=7200 -i <pri>rivateKey> -v -N –L 1522:10.0.0.157:1522 -p 22 <u>ocid1.bastionsession.oc1.ap-tokyo-1.XXXXXXXXX@host.bastion.ap-tokyo-1.oci.oraclecloud.com</u>

Running the above command should be forwarding the session to localhost with port 1522.

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debug1: Authentication succeeded (publickey).
Authenticated to host.bastion.ap-tokyo-1.oci.oraclecloud.com ([_______]:22).
debug1: Local connections to LOCALHOST:1522 forwarded to remote address 10.0.0.157:1522
debug1: Local forwarding listening on ::1 port 1522.
debug1: channel 0: new [port listener]
debug1: Local forwarding listening on 127.0.0.1 port 1522.
debug1: channel 1: new [port listener]
debug1: channel 1: new [port listener]
debug1: Entering interactive session.
debug1: pledge: filesystem full
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Run SQLplus with TNS_ADMIN pointing to the Autonomous Database wallet.

C:\Windows\System32>set TNS_ADMIN=XXXXXXXXXXXWallet_adborcl

C:\Windows\System32>sqlplus admin@adborcl_low

SQL*Plus: Release 21.0.0.0.0 - Production on Mon May 6 19:55:22 2024 Version 21.3.0.0.0

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Enter password:

Last Successful login time: Mon May 06 2024 19:46:16 +05:30

Connected to:

Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production

Version 19.23.0.1.0

SQL>

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SOL>
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Download the latest SQL Developer, create a new connection with the below details and click "Test" to check the connection.

Connection Name: admin@oci Authentication Type: Default

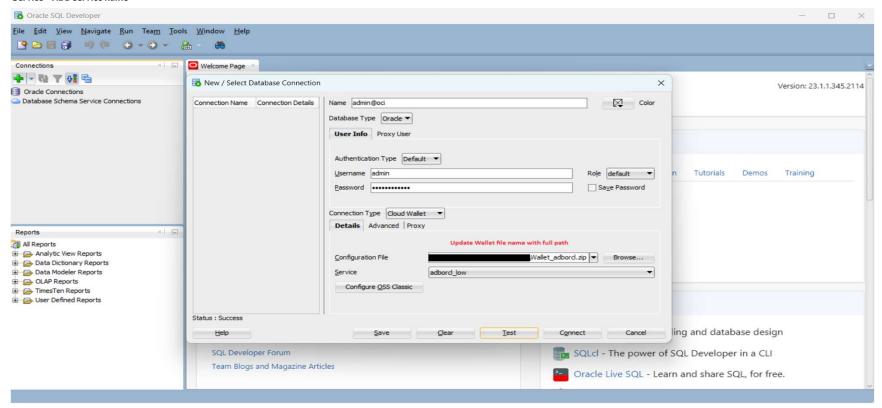
Username: admin

Password:

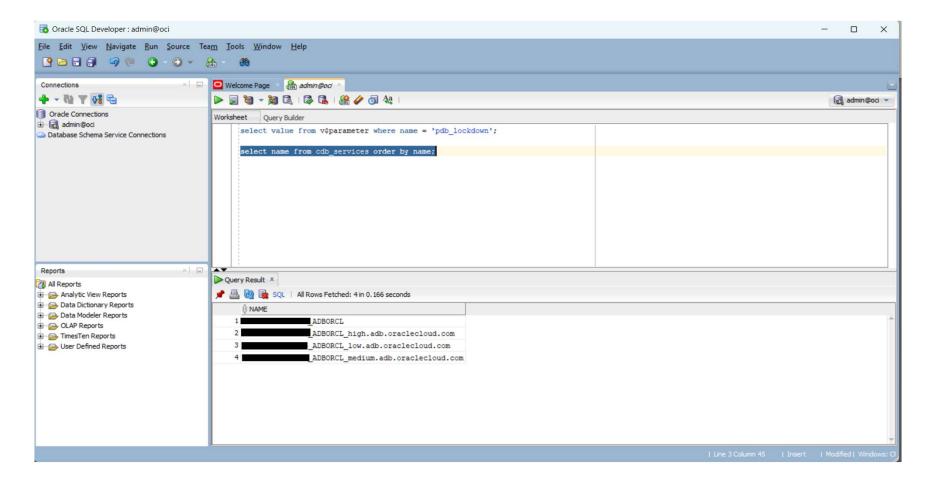
Connection Type: Cloud Wallet

Under Details →Configuration File →Update the modified Autonomous database wallet filename with full path.

Service - ADB service name

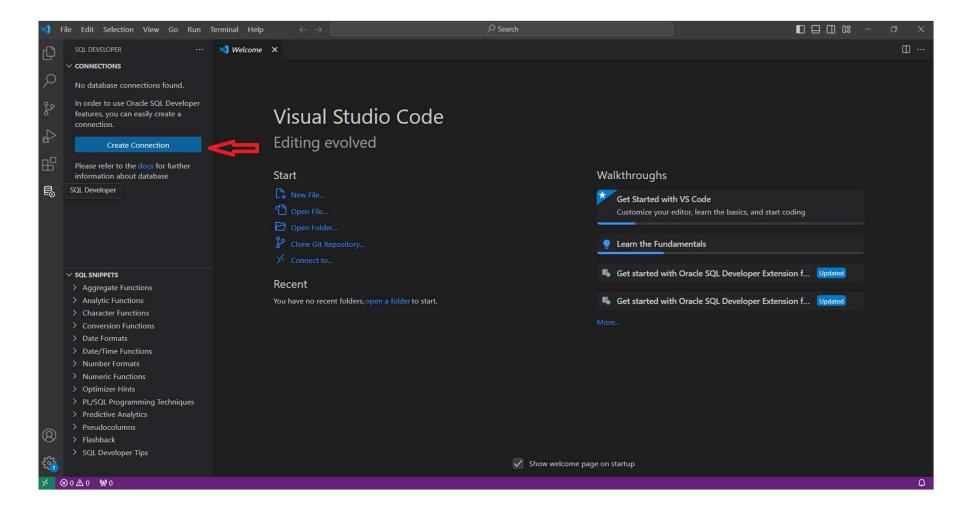


Connect to the database and check the ADB services available to confirm the Autonomous database connection.





In this demonstration it is assumed, the VS code is installed and SQL Developer plugin in already configured. Click on "Create Connection"



Create a new connection with the below details and click "Test" to check the connection.

Connection Name: admin@ociADB Authentication Type: Default

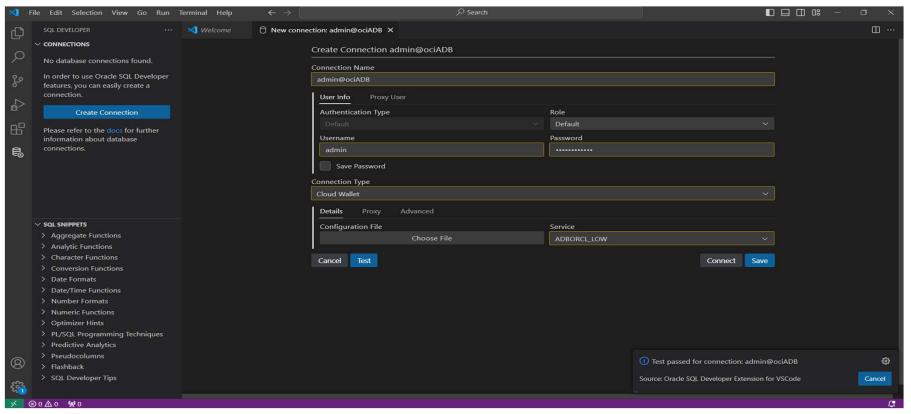
Username: Admin

Password:

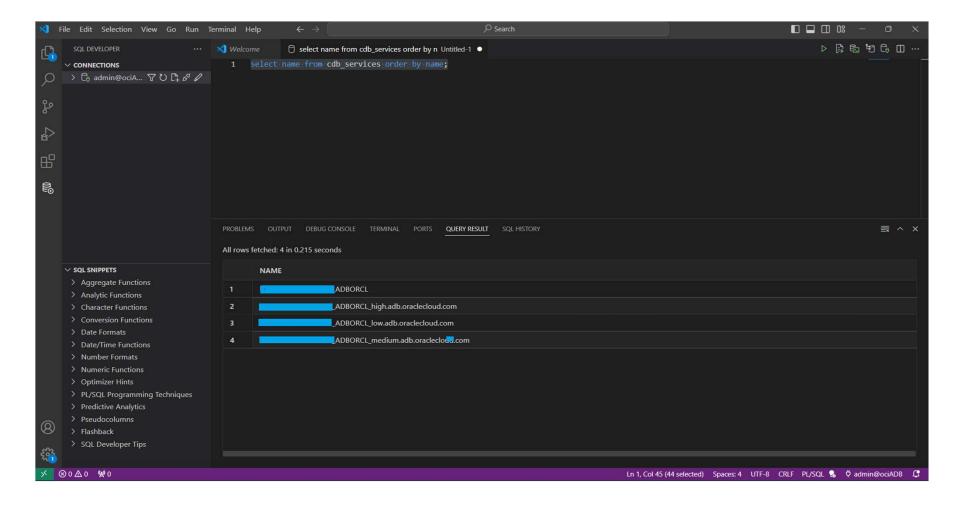
Connection Type: Cloud Wallet

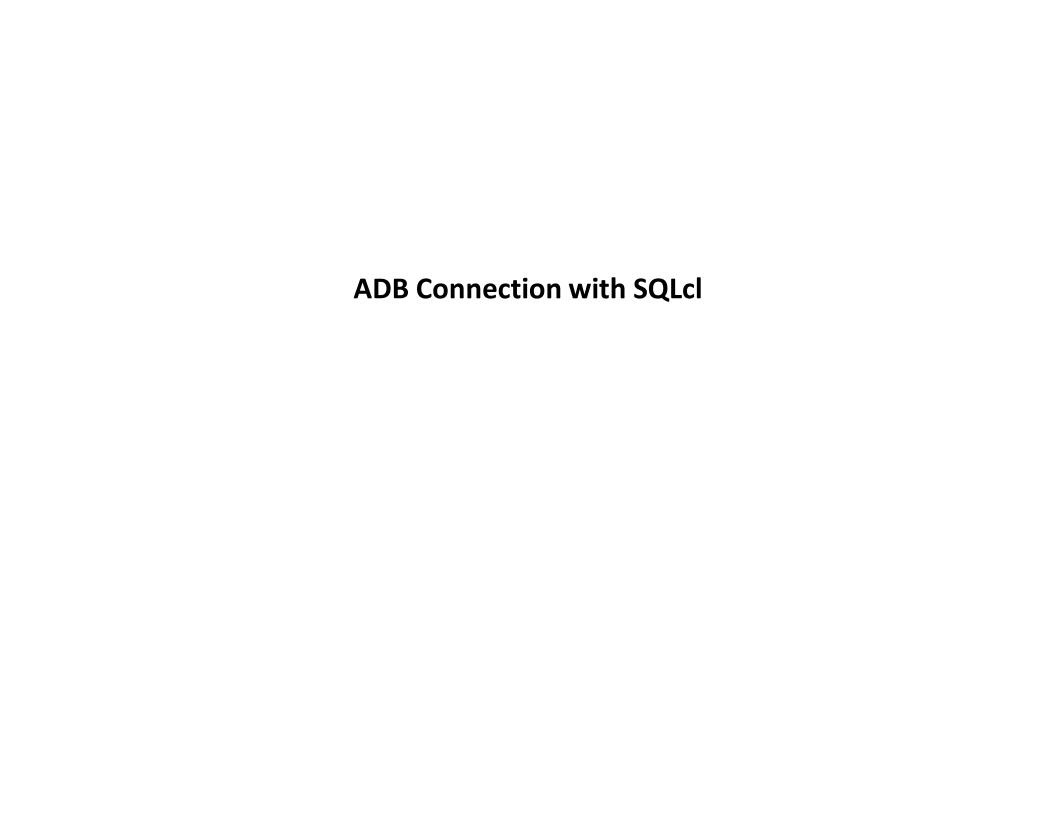
Under Details → Configuration File → Update the modified Autonomous database wallet filename with full path.

Service - ADB service name



Save the connection and connect to the database. Run the SQL to check the connection with the Autonomous database





Download and install the latest SQLcl version. Test the connection type of wallet using set cloudconfig command

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.3447]

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C:\Users \<username>> set JAVA_HOME=D:\Soft\Java\jdk-11.0.15_windows-x64_bin\jdk-11.0.15

C:\Users \<username>> set PATH=%JAVA_HOME%\bin

C:\Users \<username>> cd D:\Soft\Sqlcl\sqlcl-24.1.0.087.0929\sqlcl\bin

C:\Users\<username>>d:

D:\Soft\Sqlcl\sqlcl-24.1.0.087.0929\sqlcl\bin>sql /nolog

SQLcl: Release 24.1 Production on Fri May 10 20:09:51 2024

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SQL> set cloudconfig < Update full wallet PATH here > \Wallet_adborcl.zip

SQL> connect admin@adborcl_low

Password? (*********) ********

Connected.

SQL> select name from cdb_services order by name;

NAME

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXADBORCL

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX _ADBORCL_high.adb.oraclecloud.com

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX _ADBORCL_low.adb.oraclecloud.com

 $XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX _ADBORCL_medium.adb.oraclecloud.com$

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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd. X
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.3447]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\
                                        >set JAVA_HOME=D:\
C:\Users\
               set PATH=%JAVA_HOME%\bin
C:\Users\
                cd D:\___\Sqlcl\sqlcl-24.1.0.087.0929\sqlcl\bin
C:\Users\
               >d:
D:\Sqlcl\sqlcl-24.1.0.087.0929\sqlcl\bin>sql /nolog
SQLcl: Release 24.1 Production on Fri May 10 20:09:51 2024
Copyright (c) 1982, 2024, Oracle. All rights reserved.
SQL> set cloudconfig D:\
                                                  \Wallet_adborcl.zip
SQL> connect admin@adborcl_low
Password? (********) *******
Connected.
SQL> select name from cdb_services order by name;
NAME
              ADBORCL
             _ADBORCL_high.adb.oraclecloud.com
              _ADBORCL_low.adb.oraclecloud.com
             _ADBORCL_medium.adb.oraclecloud.com
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Connect to Autonomous Database Using Oracle Database Tools

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