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# Automating ACI on AWS

Automate cloud APIC operations on AWS  
through programmability



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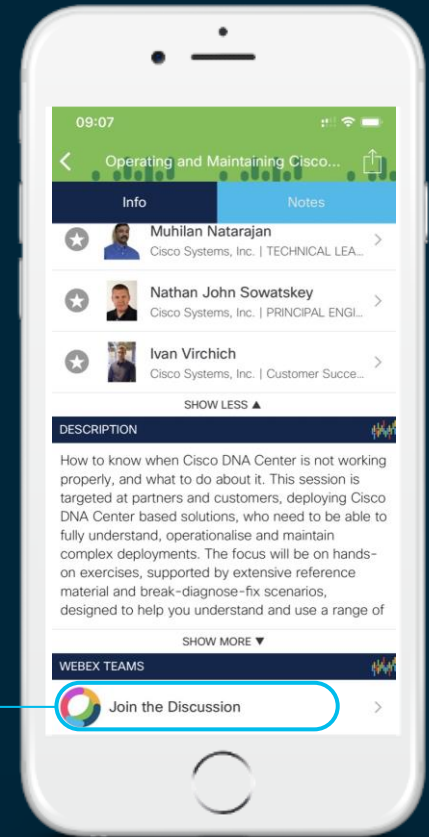
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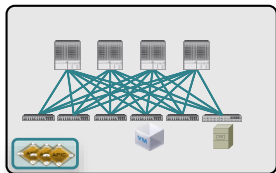
# Agenda

- ACI Anywhere and AWS
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- Demo: cloud APIC Config and operations through APIs and Terraform
- Summary & Resources
- Q&A

# ACI Anywhere and AWS

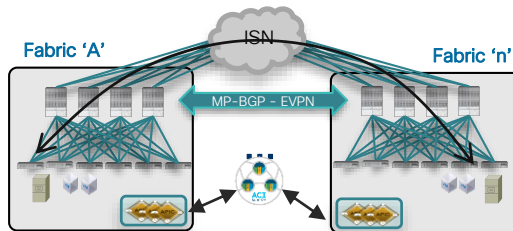
# ACI Anywhere and AWS Fabric and Policy Domain Evolution

ACI Single Pod Fabric



ACI 2.0 - Multiple Networks (Pods) in a single Availability Zone (Fabric)

ACI Multi-Site



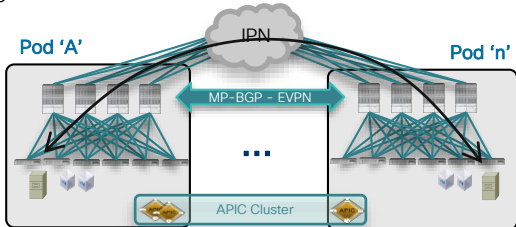
ACI 3.1/4.0 - Remote Leaf and vPod extends an Availability Zone (Fabric) to remote locations

ACI Multi-Cloud



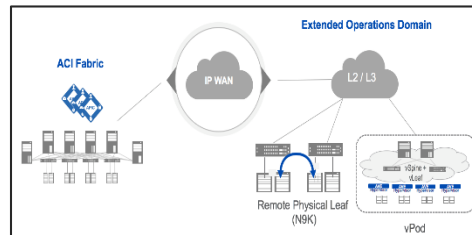
ACI 1.0 - Leaf/Spine Single Pod Fabric

ACI Multi-Pod Fabric



ACI 3.0 - Multiple Availability Zones (Fabrics) in a Single Region 'and' Multi-Region Policy Management

ACI Remote Leaf



ACI 4.1 - ACI Extensions to Multi-Cloud









# Let's demystify AWS

# Cloud Core

## Infrastructure & Services

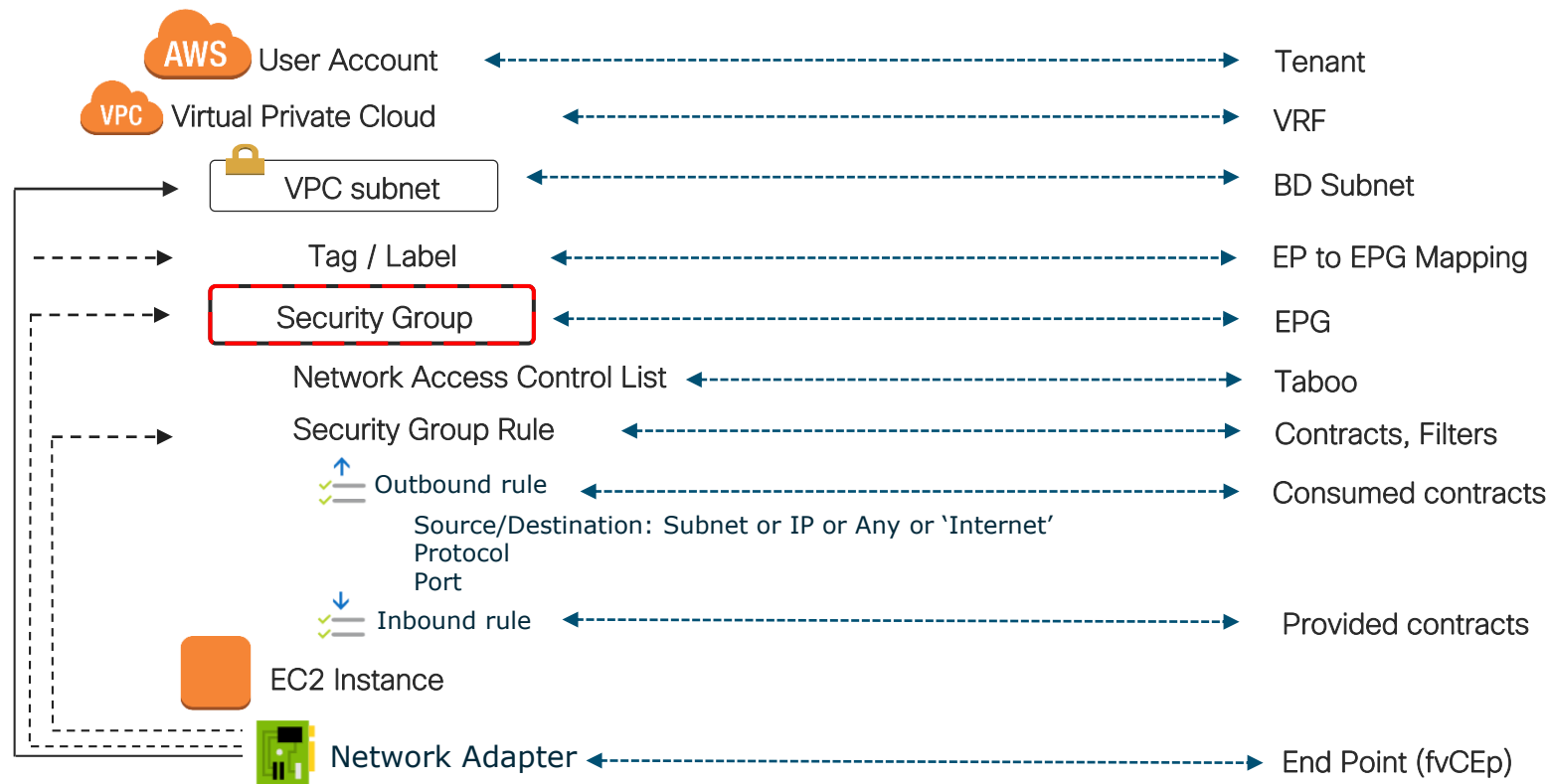
### Traditional Data Center

### AWS

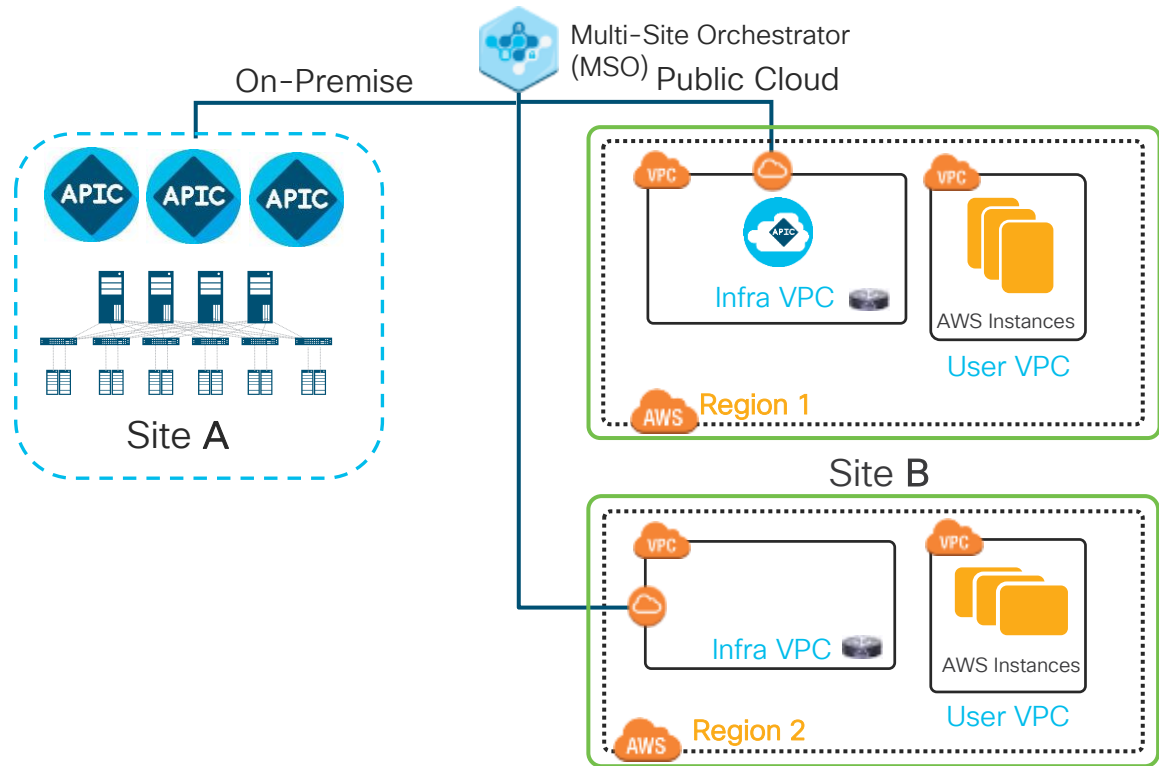
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| <br>Firewall<br>Access Control Lists (ACLs)<br>Administrators                     | Security               | Security Groups<br>Network ACLs (NACL)<br>Identity and Access Management (IAM)          |
| <br>Router / Host Routers (CSR1kv)<br>Switch<br>Load Balancer                     | Networking             | Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)<br>Gateways (VGW,IGW, TGW)<br>Elastic Load Balancing (ELB)  |
| <br>On-Premise images (ISO/OVA)<br>Virtual Machines (VM)<br>Containers Management | Servers /<br>Compute   | Amazon Machine Image (AMI)<br>Amazon EC2 Instances<br>Elastic Container Service (EKS)   |
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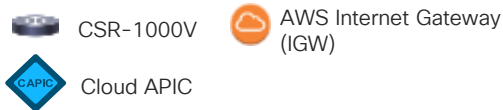
# Policy Mapping - AWS



# ACI Extension to AWS Architecture



- Single or group of multiple regions in AWS represents an ACI site
- Each Region in AWS is similar to ACI POD in the cloud
- Cloud APIC will be spin up in the infra VPC at each site.



# Cloud APIC

# Cloud APIC Resources

Cisco Cloud APIC

https://cloudapic.cisco.com

Cloud APIC

Version 4.1(1i)

CISCO

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admin

Password

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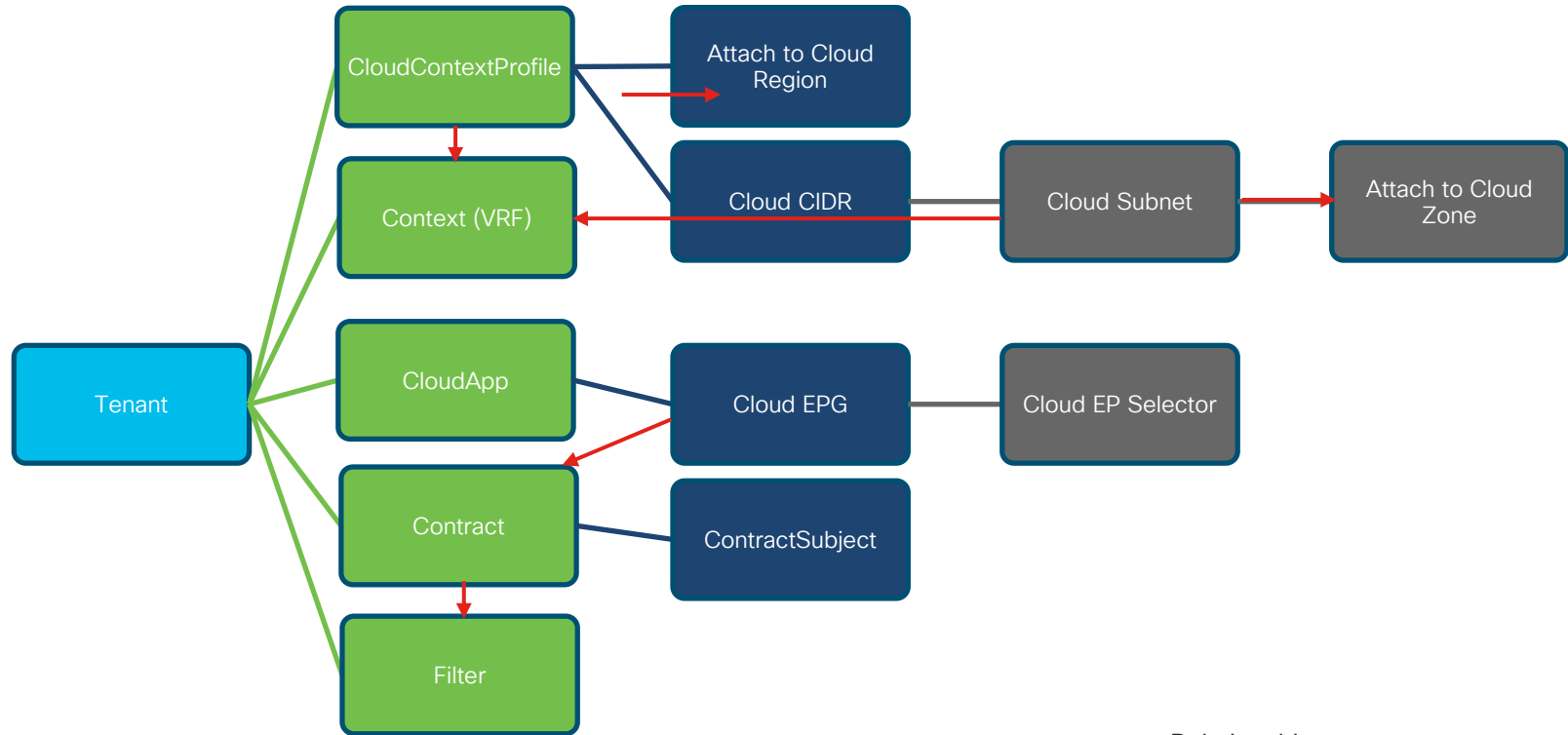
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Demo:

cloud APIC Config and  
operations the old school way

# This is what we will be configuring in the demo



Partial representation of the Cloud Object Model

→ Relationship to object

# Programmability Options

# ACI Network Programmability Scripting



## Direct API

### Pros:

- Limitless options
- Any language/method

### Cons:

- Raw API syntax
- Session Management
- Individual Atomic Actions



## Software Development Kit

### Pros:

- Language Wrapper of API
- Simplifies Syntax and Management

### Cons:

- Availability
- Atomic API Interactions



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## Infrastructure-as-Code

### Pros:

- Easy to consume modules
- Multi vendor support

### Cons:

- Availability



Demo:

cloud APIC Config and  
operations using Terraform

# Summary & Resources

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DEVNET-1236

ACI Terraform Workshop

DEVWKS-1334

ACI Programmability Learning Labs

[http://cs.co/DevNet\\_ACI](http://cs.co/DevNet_ACI)

Always-On ACI Sandbox

[http://cs.co/ACI\\_SBX](http://cs.co/ACI_SBX)

ACI on DevNet

<https://developer.cisco.com/aci>

Code Samples

<https://github.com/datacenter/aci>

Cloud APIC Deployment

[cloud APIC Walkthrough](#)

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REST API Documentation

[http://cs.co/ACI\\_API](http://cs.co/ACI_API)

PyACI Documentation

<https://github.com/datacenter/pyaci>

Cobra SDK Documentation

<https://cobra.readthedocs.io>

ACI Ansible Documentation

[http://cs.co/ansible\\_net](http://cs.co/ansible_net)

Terraform-ACI Provider and GO SDK

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