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Securing Multi-VPC Architectures in AWS

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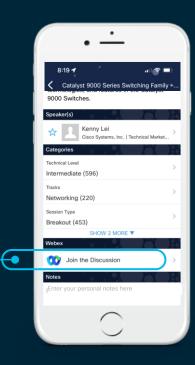
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- Have a dog, cat, and three ferrets
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Reasons to use multiple VPCs



Ease of management



Business function



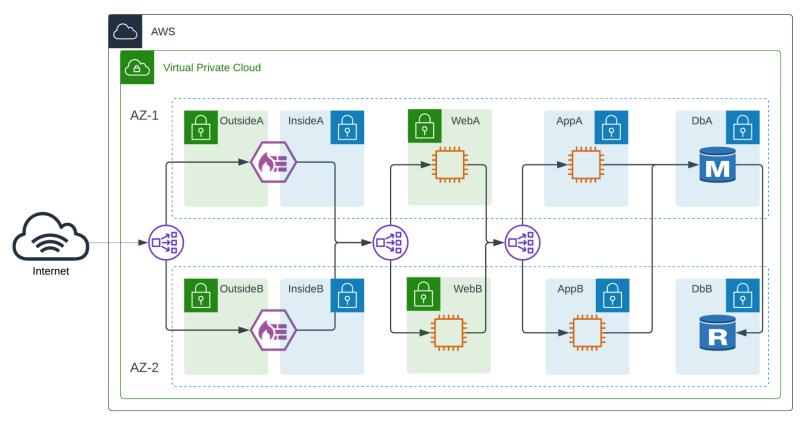
Security



Separate customers



Traditional Application (laaS)





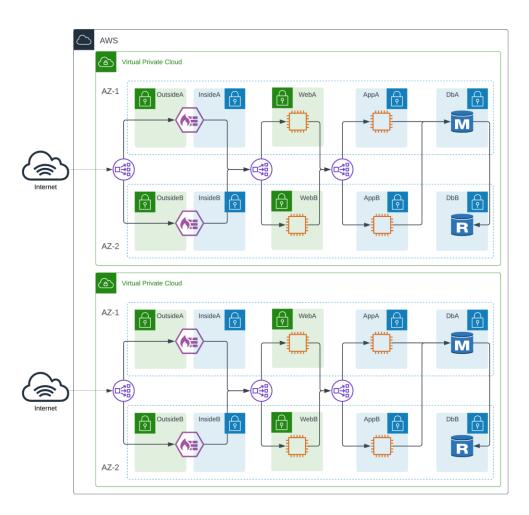
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High-Level Diagram (Traditional)

- Wasteful
- Expensive
- Extra maintenance
- Additional overhead



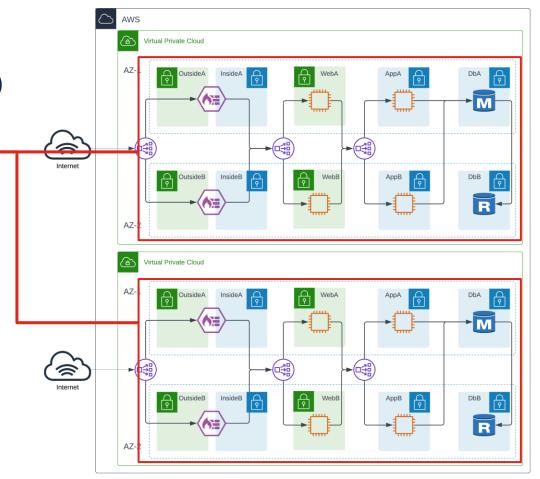


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Duplicate Workloads

Multiple Load Balancers

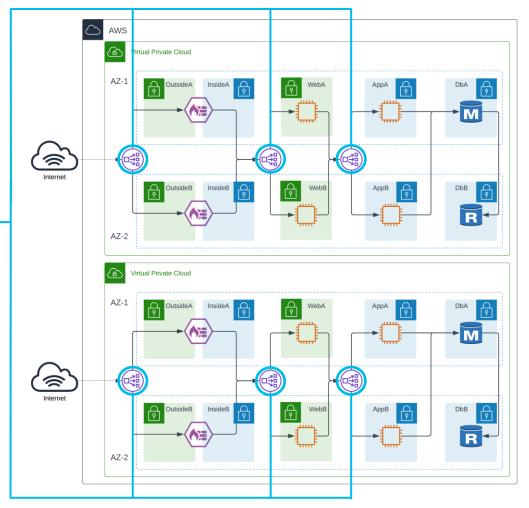
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- Four Firewalls



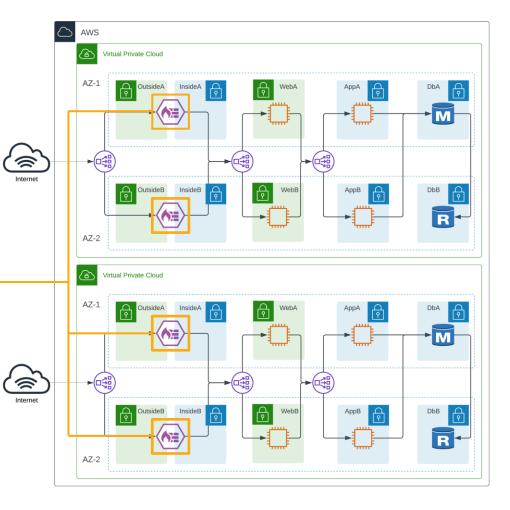


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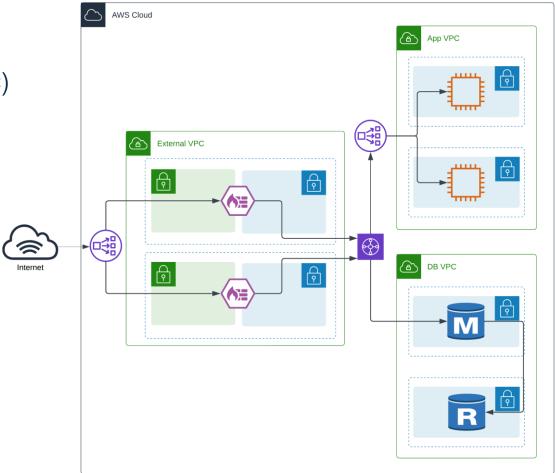
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High-Level Diagram (M-VPC)

- Reduces complexity
- Less expensive
- Easier to maintain
- Less overhead



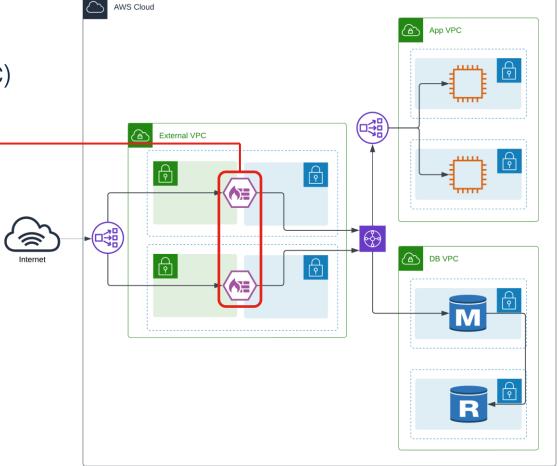


High-Level Diagram (M-VPC)

• 2 Firewalls

2 Load Balancers

No Duplicate Workloads



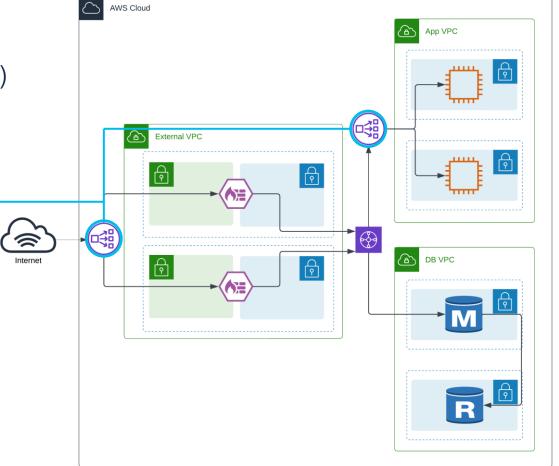


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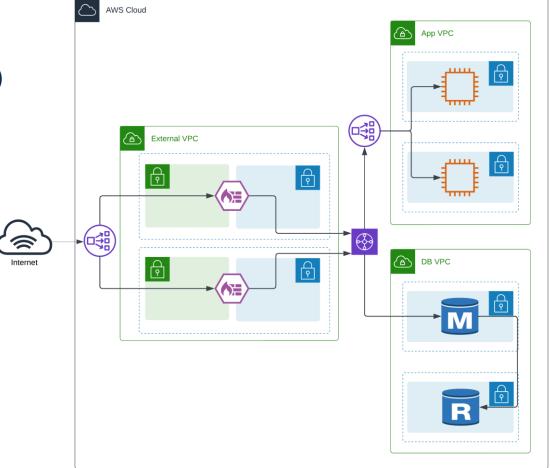
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- 2 Load Balancers
- · No Duplicate Workloads





High Level Simple Example

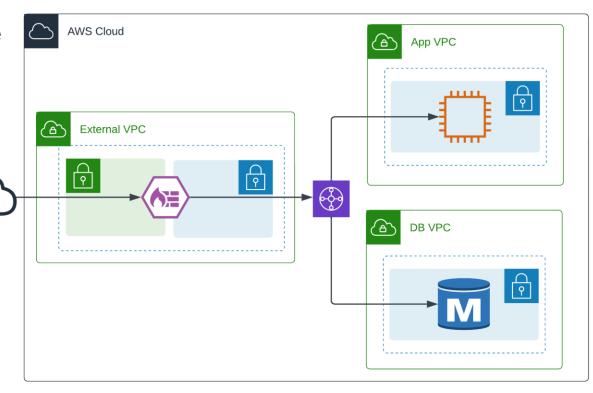
Single FTD

Transit Gateway

· No Load Balancer

No Redundancy

No Web Tier





Design Diagrams High Level Simple Example **AWS Cloud** App VPC · Single FTD External VPC Transit Gateway · No Load Balancer **DB VPC** No Redundancy No Web Tier



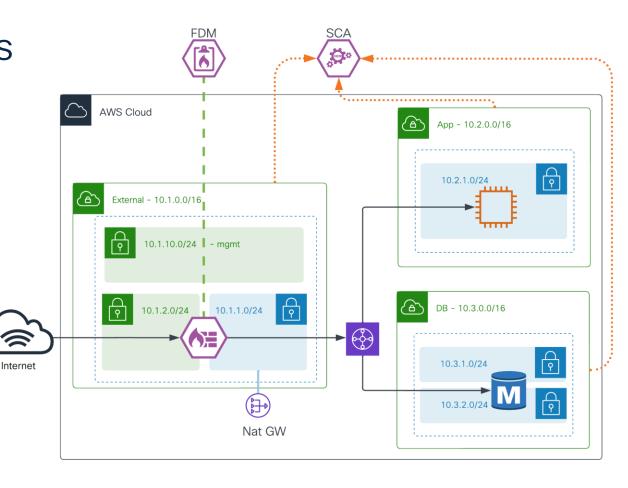
Deep Dive Diagram

FDM manages FTD

Apps use NAT gateway

Secure Cloud Analytics (SCA) monitors VPCs

No auto-scaling





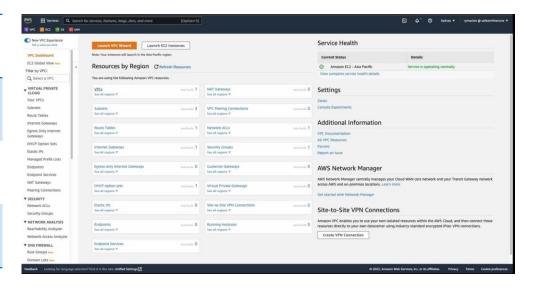
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VPC Setup

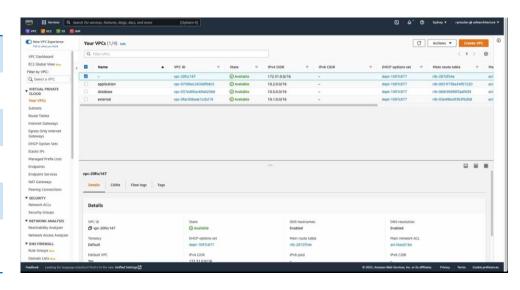
| Name | CIDR |
|-------------|-------------|
| database | 10.3.0.0/16 |
| application | 10.2.0.0/16 |
| external | 10.1.0.0/16 |





Subnet Creation

| Name | CIDR | VPC |
|---------|--------------|-------------|
| dbNetA | 10.3.1.0/24 | database |
| dbNetB | 10.3.2.0/24 | database |
| appNet | 10.2.1.0/24 | application |
| outside | 10.1.2.0/24 | external |
| inside | 10.1.1.0/24 | external |
| mgmt | 10.1.10.0/24 | external |





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- IAM Role & Policy
- VPC Flow Log Monitoring
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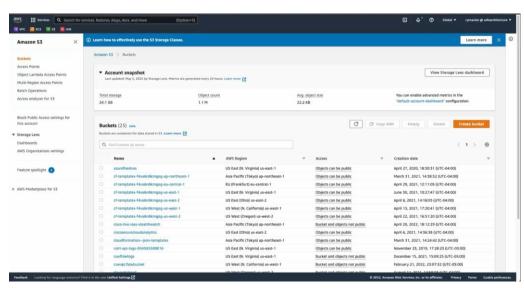
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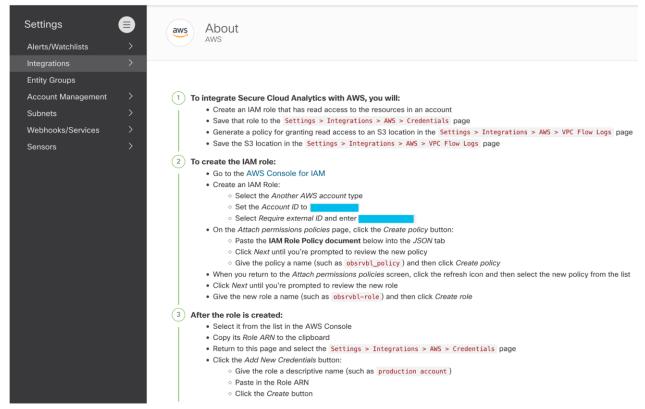
S3 Bucket

- Do not need to create first
- · Will be created when doing Flow Log setup



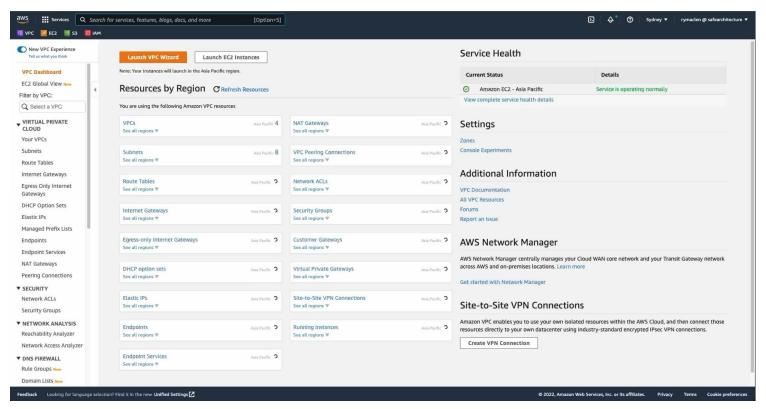


IAM Role & Policy





VPC Flow Logs





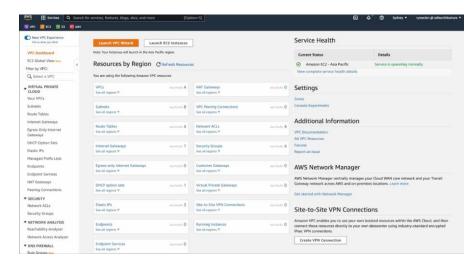
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Gateway Creation

| Name | VPC | Type |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| internetGw | external | Internet gateway |
| appNatGw | external | NAT gateway |
| internalTransitGw | | Transit gateway |



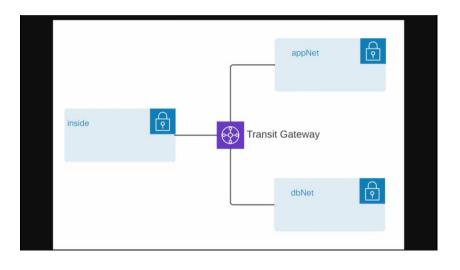


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Transit Gateway Attachments

| Name | VPC | Type | Subnets |
|-----------|-------------|------|---------|
| tg-to-app | application | VPC | appNet |
| tg-to-db | database | VPC | dbNetA |
| tg-to-ext | external | VPC | inside |



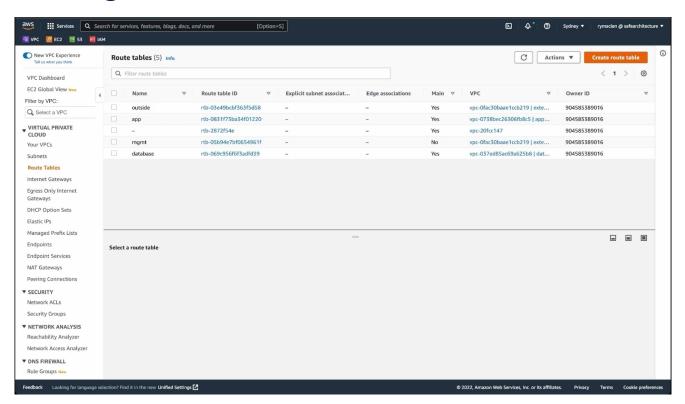


VPC Routing

| Route Table | CIDR | Dest. | Associated Subnets | VPC |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| mgmt | 0.0.0.0/0 | Internet gateway | mgmt | external |
| inside | 0.0.0.0/0 | Nat gateway | inside | external |
| inside | 10.2.0.0/16 | Transit gateway | inside | external |
| inside | 10.3.0.0/16 | Transit gateway | inside | external |
| outside | 0.0.0.0/0 | Internet gateway | outside | external |
| арр | 0.0.0.0/0 | Transit gateway | appNet | application |
| database | 0.0.0.0/0 | Transit gateway | dbNetA | database |



VPC Routing Cont.





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Create Security Groups

| app: | Sg |
|------|----|
|------|----|

| Туре | Source | Rule Type |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| HTTP | 0.0.0.0/0 | Inbound |
| HTTPS | 0.0.0.0/0 | Inbound |

ftd-http-sg

| | 110. 1100 | |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Туре | Source | Rule Type |
| HTTP | 0.0.0.0/0 | Inbound |
| HTTPS | 0.0.0.0/0 | Inbound |

- · Create two security groups
- · Allow HTTP & HTTPS
- appSg
 - Application VPC
- ftd-http-sg
 - External VPC



Deploy FTD, VMs, DB & ThousandEyes

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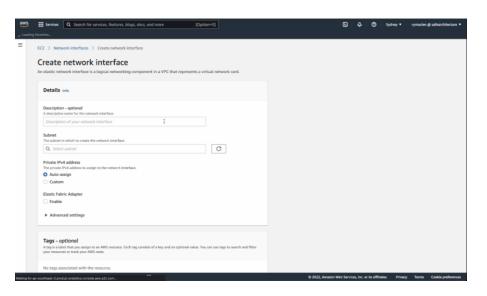


Deploy Firepower Threat Defense (FTD)



Create vNICS

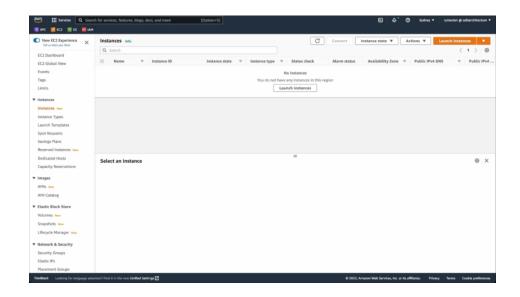
| Name | Private IP | Public IP | Auto-Assign |
|---------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| inside | 10.1.1.10 | N/A | No |
| outside | 10.1.2.10 | Yes | No |
| diag | 10.1.10.11 | No | No |





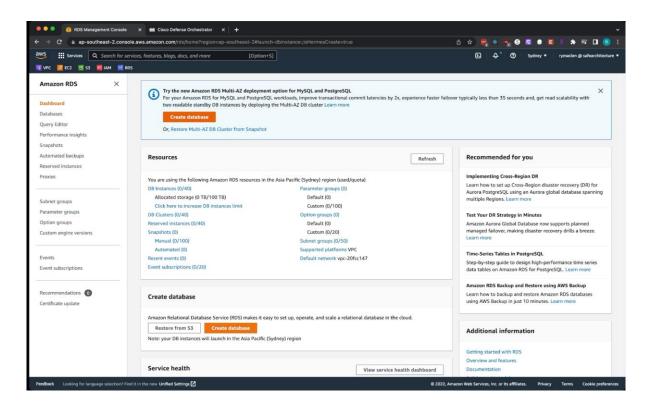
FTD Deployment

- Create vNICs
 - · Allocate Elastic IP to outside vNIC
- Deploy FTD from marketplace
- Attach Interfaces while booting





Database Deployment





Database Deployment - Security Group

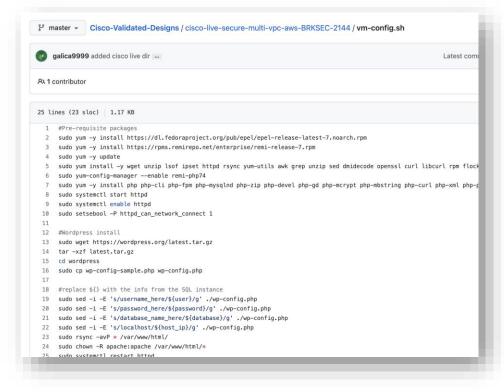
- 1 rule
 - Allow access from 10.2.0.0/16
 - Service is MYSQL/Aurora



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VM Deployment - Download Config File

- Obtain startup script
 - Go to the CVD github
 - Download the *vm-config.sh* file





VM Deployment - Edit Config File

Replace all \${phrase} with the proper data

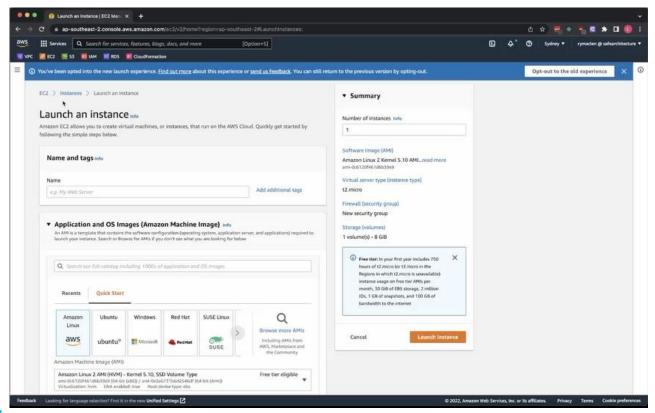
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sudo sed -i -E 's/username_here/${user}/g' ./wp-config.php
sudo sed -i -E 's/password_here/${password}/g' ./wp-config.php
sudo sed -i -E 's/database_name_here/${database}/g' ./wp-config.php
sudo sed -i -E 's/localhost/${host_ip}/g' ./wp-config.php
```

Should look similar to this:

```
sudo sed -i -E 's/username_here/wpuser/g' ./wp-config.php
sudo sed -i -E 's/password_here/Admin/g' ./wp-config.php
sudo sed -i -E 's/database_name_here/wordpress/g' ./wp-config.php
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VM Deployment - Deploy

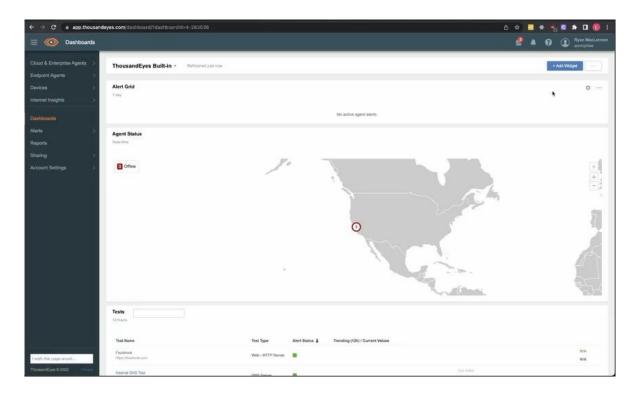




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ThousandEyes Deployment

- Two agents
 - App subnet
 - Checks Internet access
 - Checks appServer
 - Inside subnet
 - Checks Internet access
 - Checks appServer



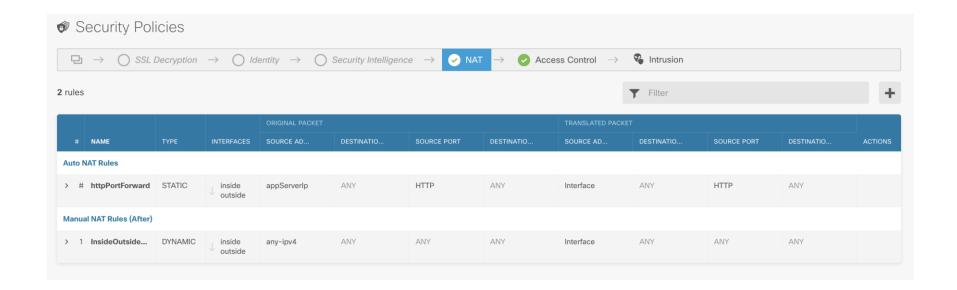


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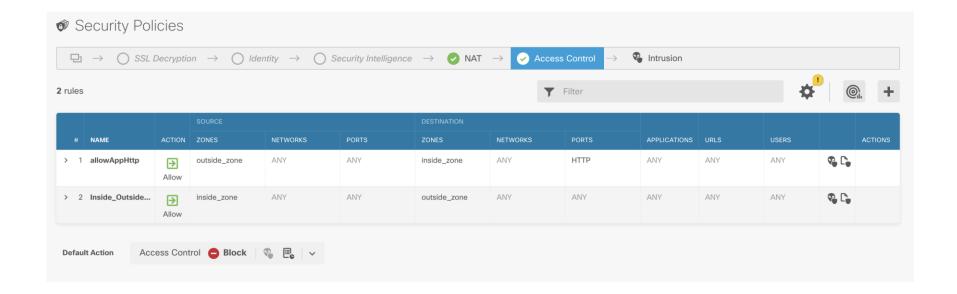


FTD NAT Policy





FTD Access List





Route Table Update

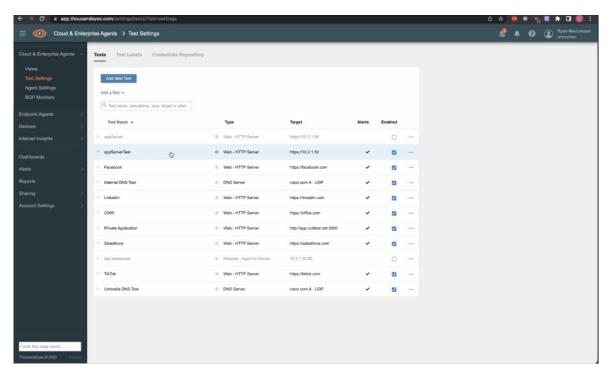
Change inside route table

- · Change route for 0.0.0.0/0
 - Go to FTD inside interface



ThousandEyes - Test

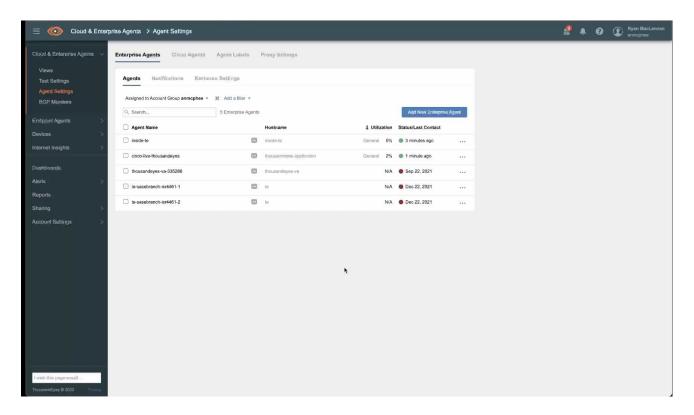
- Network test
 - Agent to server test
 - TCP port 80
 - appServer IP





ThousandEyes - Data

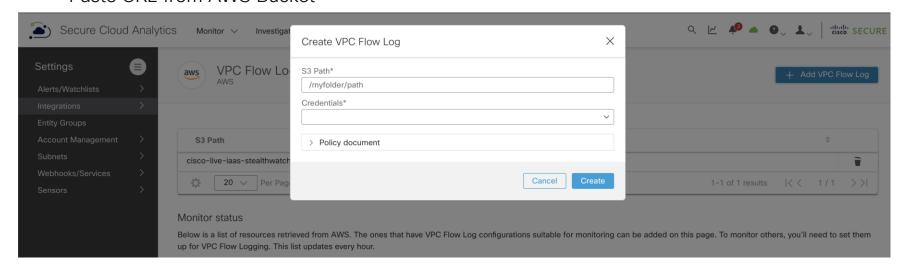
- · Checks
 - Jitter
 - Latency
 - · Loss





Secure Cloud Analytics - Flow onboarding

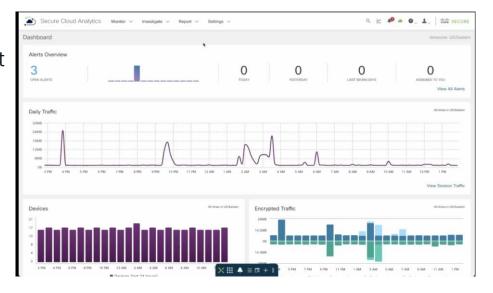
- Integrations -> AWS -> VPC Flow Logs
 - Add VPC Flow Log
 - Paste URL from AWS Bucket





Secure Cloud Analytics - Controls

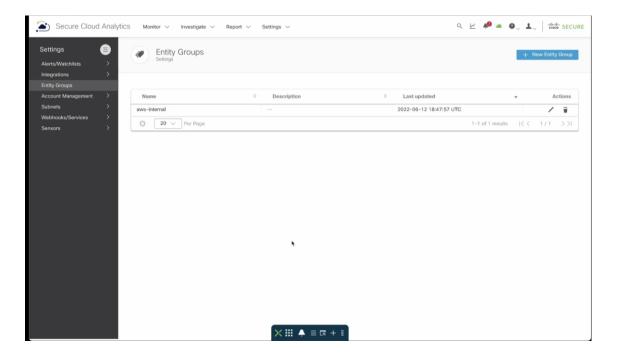
- Add a third party watch list
 - Snort.org ->Downloads ->IP Block List
- · Create Entity Groups
 - Better analysis, alerting, and control for specific subnets





Secure Cloud Analytics - Alerts

- Alert Settings
 - Minimum Time to alert
 - · Enable/Disable alerts
- Monitoring





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