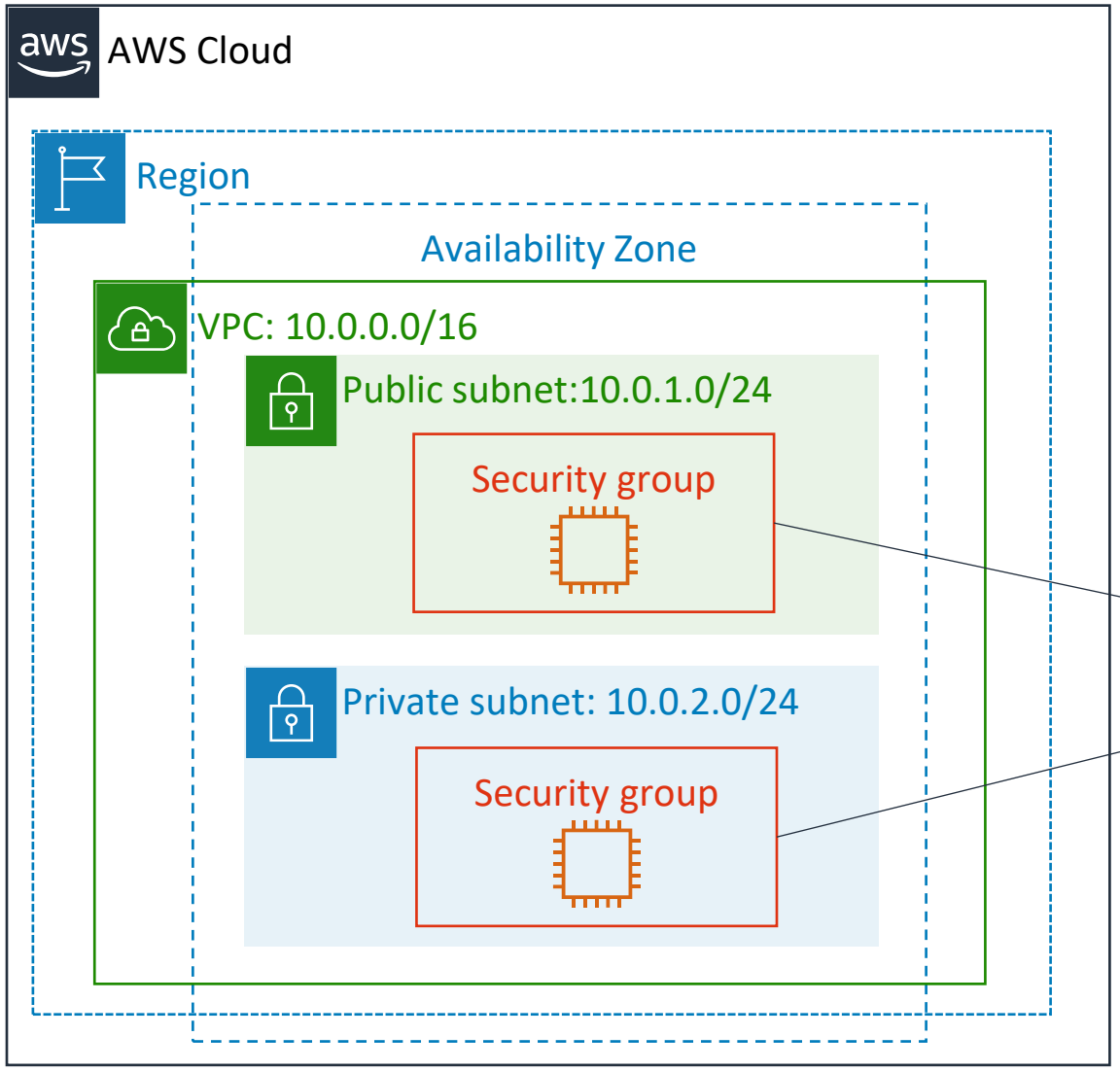
Module 5: Networking and Content Delivery

Section 4: VPC security

Security groups



Security groups act at the **instance level**.

Security groups

- Security groups have **rules** that control inbound and outbound instance traffic.
- Default security groups **deny all inbound** traffic and **allow all outbound** traffic.
- Security groups are **stateful**.

Inbound			
Source	Protocol	Port Range	Description
sg-*xxxxxxxx*	All	All	Allow inbound traffic from network interfaces assigned to the same security group.

Outbound			
Destination	Protocol	Port Range	Description
0.0.0.0/0	All	All	Allow all outbound IPv4 traffic.
::/0	All	All	Allow all outbound IPv6 traffic.

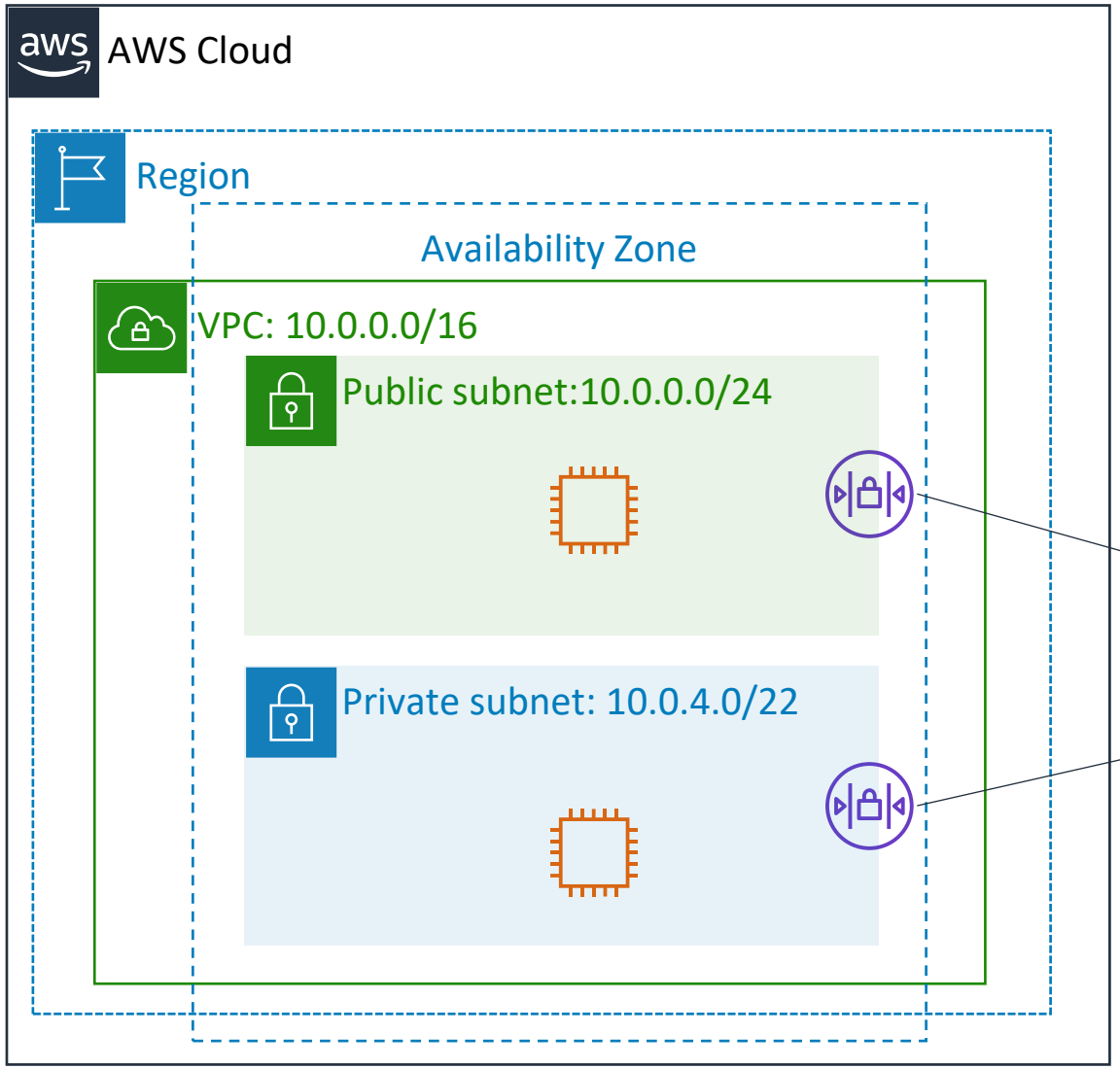
Custom security group examples

- You can **specify allow** rules, but not deny rules.
- **All rules are evaluated** before the decision to allow traffic.

Inbound			
Source	Protocol	Port Range	Description
0.0.0.0/0	TCP	80	Allow inbound HTTP access from all IPv4 addresses
0.0.0.0/0	TCP	443	Allow inbound HTTPS access from all IPv4 addresses
Your network's public IPv4 address range	TCP	22	Allow inbound SSH access to Linux instances from IPv4 IP addresses in your network (over the internet gateway)

Outbound			
Destination	Protocol	Port Range	Description
The ID of the security group for your Microsoft SQL Server database servers	TCP	1433	Allow outbound Microsoft SQL Server access to instances in the specified security group

Network access control lists (network ACLs)



Network ACLs act at the **subnet level**.

Network access control lists (network ACLs)

- A network ACL has **separate inbound and outbound rules**, and each rule can either **allow or deny traffic**.
- **Default** network ACLs **allow** all inbound and outbound IPv4 traffic.
- Network ACLs are **stateless**.

Inbound					
Rule	Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Allow/Deny
100	All IPv4 traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	ALLOW
*	All IPv4 traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	DENY

Outbound					
Rule	Type	Protocol	Port Range	Destination	Allow/Deny
100	All IPv4 traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	ALLOW
*	All IPv4 traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	DENY

Custom network ACLs examples

- **Custom** network ACLs **deny** all inbound and outbound traffic until you add rules.
- You can specify **both allow and deny** rules.
- Rules are evaluated in number order, starting with the **lowest number**.

Inbound					
Rule	Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Allow/Deny
100	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0	ALLOW
120	SSH	TCP	22	192.0.2.0/24	ALLOW
*	All IPv4 traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	DENY

Outbound					
Rule	Type	Protocol	Port Range	Destination	Allow/Deny
100	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0	ALLOW
120	SSH	TCP	22	192.0.2.0/24	ALLOW
*	All IPv4 traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	DENY

Security groups versus network ACLs

Attribute	Security Groups	Network ACLs
Scope	Instance level	Subnet level
Supported Rules	Allow rules only	Allow and deny rules
State	Stateful (return traffic is automatically allowed, regardless of rules)	Stateless (return traffic must be explicitly allowed by rules)
Order of Rules	All rules are evaluated before decision to allow traffic	Rules are evaluated in number order before decision to allow traffic

Activity: Design a VPC

Scenario: You have a small business with a website that is hosted on an Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) instance. You have customer data that is stored on a backend database that you want to keep private. You want to use Amazon VPC to set up a VPC that meets the following requirements:

- Your web server and database server must be in separate subnets.
- The first address of your network must be 10.0.0.0. Each subnet must have 256 total IPv4 addresses.
- Your customers must always be able to access your web server.
- Your database server must be able to access the internet to make patch updates.
- Your architecture must be highly available and use at least one custom firewall layer.

Section 4 key takeaways

- Build security into your VPC architecture:
  - Isolate subnets if possible.
  - Choose the appropriate gateway device or VPN connection for your needs.
  - Use firewalls.
- Security groups and network ACLs are firewall options that you can use to secure your VPC.