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#### > INTRODUCTION

This project is based on designing and deploying a custom Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) using Amazon Web Services (AWS). It involves creating public and private subnets, setting up route tables, and attaching an internet gateway. An EC2 instance is launched in the public subnet to test connectivity. The main aim of this project is to understand the basic concepts of AWS networking and practice how to build a secure and organized cloud infrastructure.

#### > LAB OBJECTIVE:

To design a secure and scalable custom Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) in AWS, complete with subnets, route tables, an internet gateway, security groups, and deploy an EC2 instance.

## > AWS VPC CONCEPTS

Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) serves as the networking layer for Amazon EC2 and other AWS services. Below are the core concepts and components essential to understanding and designing a VPC environment:

## 1. Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

A logically isolated section of the AWS cloud dedicated to your AWS account. You define your own virtual network topology, including IP address ranges, subnets, route tables, and network gateways.

#### 2. Subnet

A segment of your VPC's IP address range where you can place groups of isolated resources. Subnets can be:

- Public: Accessible from the internet.
- Private: Not directly accessible from the internet.

#### 3. CIDR Block

CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing) defines the IP address range of the VPC or subnet.

Example: 10.0.0.0/24 provides 256(32-24=8,2^8=256) IP addresses.

#### 4. Route Table

A set of rules that determine how network traffic is directed. Each subnet must be associated with a route table to control outbound and inbound routes.

# 5. Internet Gateway (IGW)

A horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available VPC component that enables communication between instances in your VPC and the internet.

## 6. **NAT Gateway**

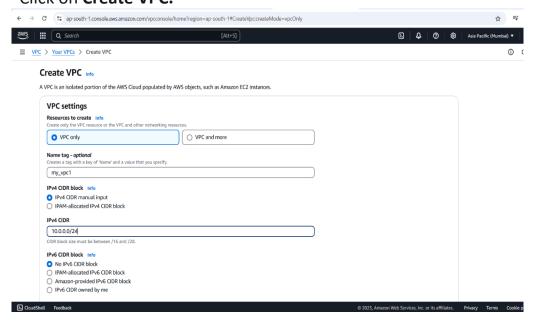
A managed network address translation service that allows instances in a private subnet to access the internet while preventing unsolicited inbound connections.

# 7. Security Groups

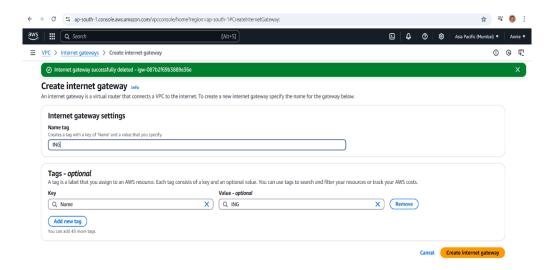
Virtual firewalls attached to EC2 instances. They are stateful, meaning return traffic is automatically allowed, and they control traffic at the instance level.

# > STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

- 1. Open the Amazon VPC console at <a href="https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/">https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/</a>
- 2. On the VPC Dashboard, choose Create VPC. Under VPC Settings select VPC only and give your VPC name and IP CIDR block 10.0.0.0/24(IPV4). Click on Create VPC.

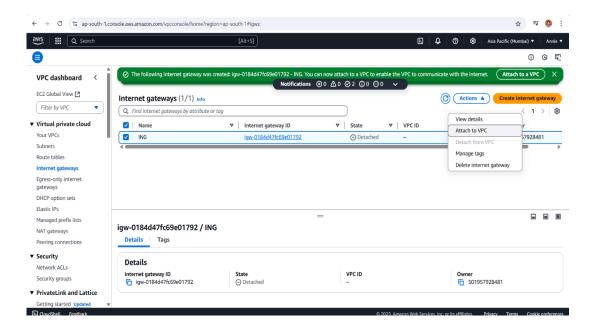


- 3. Create and attach an **internet gateway** to a VPC.
  - i. Navigate to Internet Gateways->select Create Internet Gateway->Name the Internet Gateway (Optional)->Create the Internet Gateway->Click Create Internet Gateway.

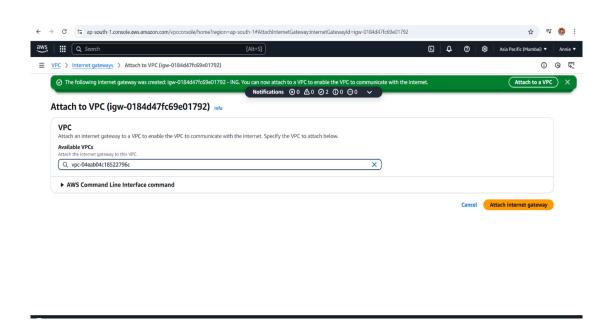


ii. Attach the Internet Gateway to a VPC

- Select the internet gateway you just created.
- Click Actions → Attach to VPC.

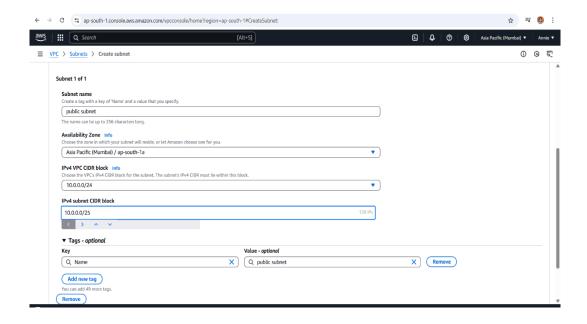


- Choose your VPC from the dropdown list.
- Click Attach Internet Gateway.



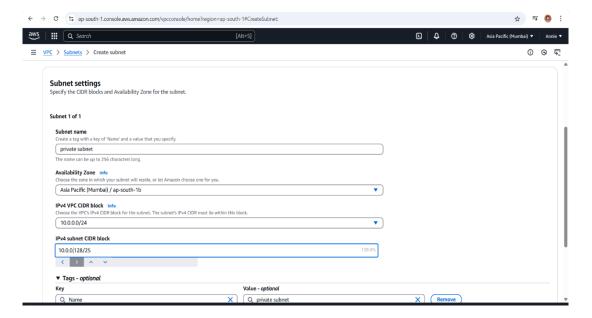
- 4. Create Subnets
  - i. Steps to Create a Public Subnet

Go to Subnets ->Click Create Subnet->Enter Subnet Name->Choose VPC Select the same VPC you created earlier->Choose a Availability Zone)-> Enter CIDR Block (eg:10.0.0.0/25 -dividing 256 ip to 128)->Click Create Subnet.



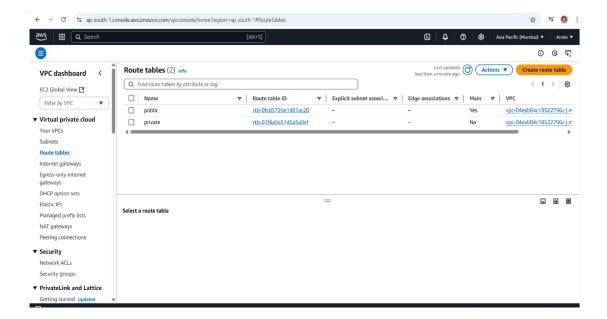
# ii. Steps to Create a Private Subnet

Go to Subnets ->Click Create Subnet->Enter Subnet Name->Choose VPC Select the same VPC you created earlier->Choose a Different Availability Zone)->Enter CIDR Block (eg:10.0.0.128/25 -dividing 256 ip to 128)->Click Create Subnet.

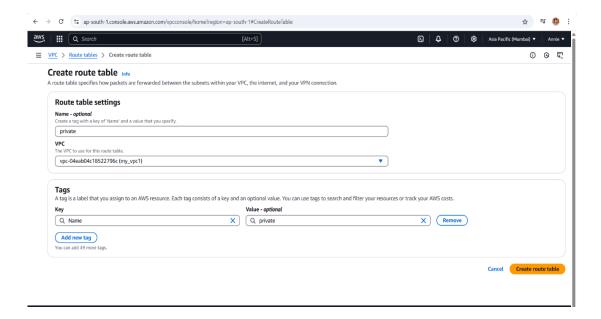


# 5. Creating route table

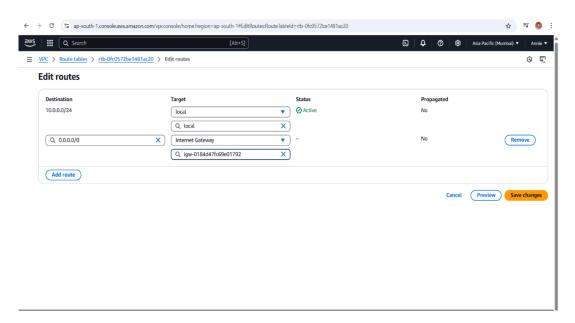
i. Main route table—The route table that automatically comes with your VPC. It controls the routing for all subnets that are not explicitly associated with any other route table. Named the default route table as public.



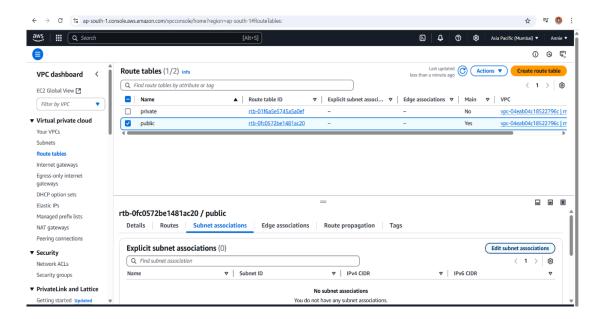
ii. Create a custom route table - Go to Route Tables → Click Create
 Route Table → Enter a Name (e.g., Private Route Table) →
 Choose the custom VPC you created → Click Create.



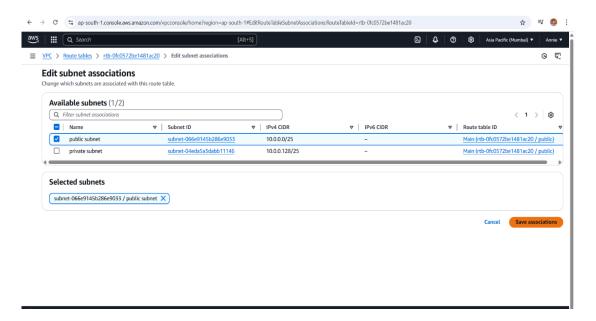
- 6. Configure Route Tables.
  - a) Select the Route Table you just created (choose public) → Go to Routes tab → Click Edit Routes → Click Add Route → Enter Destination: 0.0.0.0/0 → Target: Select Internet Gateway → Click Save Changes. (Helps in allow instances in the **public subnet to access the internet**).



 Go to Subnet Associations tab → Click Edit Subnet Associations. (Subnet Associations - Each subnet must be associated with a route table. This determines how traffic flows in and out of that subnet.)

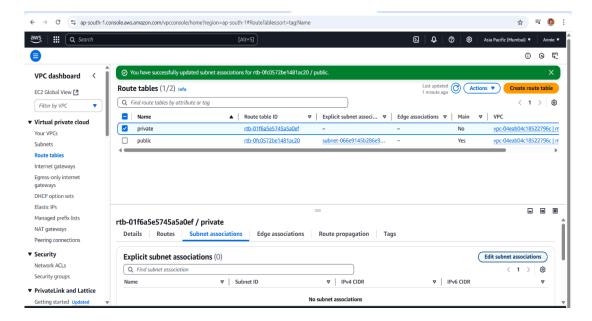


 Select the Public Subnet → Click Save Associations. (This allows public subnet to access the internet.)

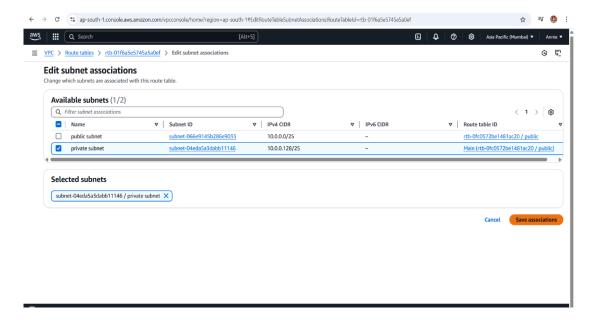


b) Since the private route table is meant to isolate the private subnet from direct internet access, we only perform subnet association for the private subnet.

We **do not edit the routes** in the private route table at this stage, because we are not enabling any external internet access (such as through an Internet Gateway or NAT Gateway).



Select the private subnet->save changes.



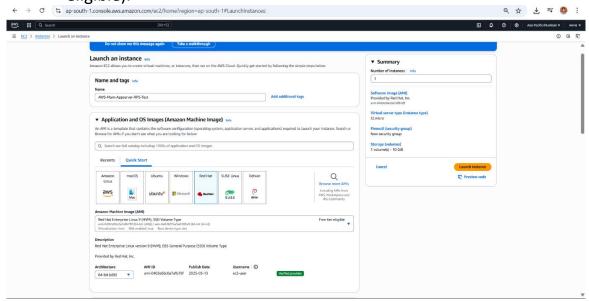
# 7. Custom VPC Setup Completed

At this stage, the custom VPC has been successfully configured with:

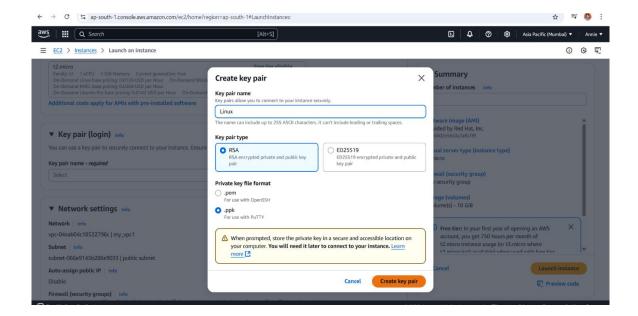
- One public subnet (with internet access via Internet Gateway)
- One private subnet (isolated from direct internet access)
- Properly configured route tables and subnet associations.

#### > EC2 INSTANCE DEPLOYMENT

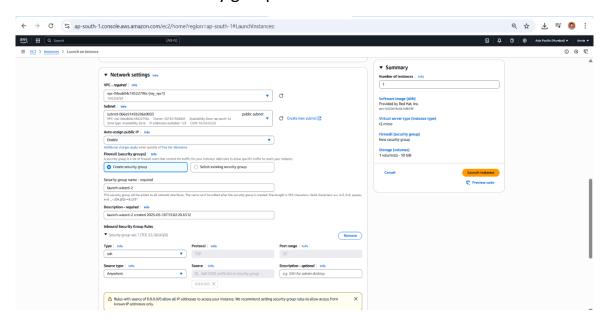
- 8. EC2 Instance Deployment in the Custom VPC
  After successfully designing and deploying the custom VPC with
  appropriate subnets, route tables, and internet connectivity, the next
  step is to deploy an EC2 instance within the VPC. This instance will help
  verify that the network is functioning correctly and can be used for
  hosting applications or services as required.
  - Step 1: Open the Amazon EC2 console by navigating to https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/
  - Step 2: Click on Launch instance for creating an instance->give name
     -> choose AMI (select Red Hat)-> instance type (t2. micro, free tier eligible).



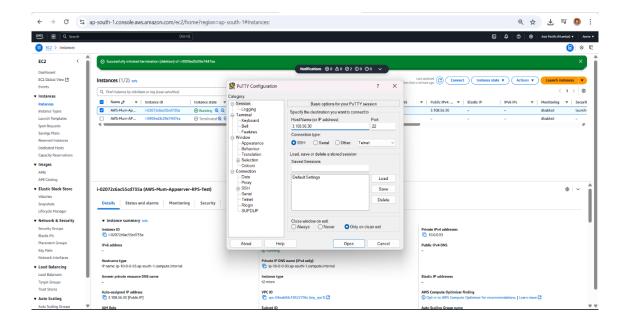
• Step 3: Create a key pair choose RSA, give name for key pair (since Linux is chosen select file format '. ppk').



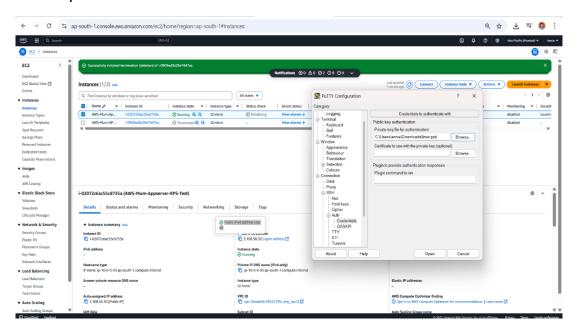
Step 4: Edit Network Settings->Enable auto-assign public IP
 ->create security group use ssh.



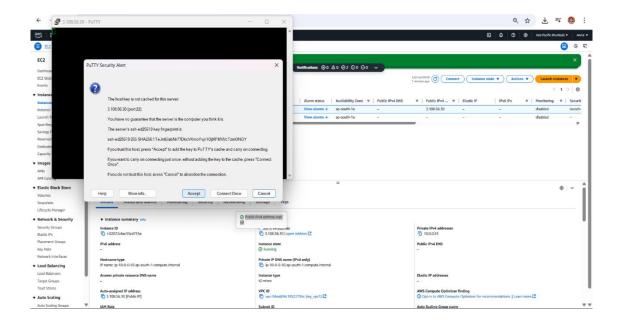
• Step 5: Created instance->open PuTTY->give public IP.



 Step 6: In SSH->Auth->Credentials->Browse the downloaded key pair.



• Step 7: Click Open->accept.



• **Step 8:** Give your username: ec2-user. Completed the step of connecting to your EC2 instance via SSH using your key pair.

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c2-user@ip-10-0-0-93~

login as: ec2-user
Authenticating with public key "linux"
Register this system with Red Hat Insights: rhc connect

Example:
thc connect --activation-key <key> --organization <org>
the rhc client and Red Hat Insights will enable analytics and additional management capabilities on your system.
View your connected systems at https://console.redhat.com/insights

You can learn more about how to register your system using rhc at https://red.ht/registration
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-93 ~]s
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• **Step 9:** Verify Internet Connectivity from EC2 Instance. After deploying the EC2 instance in the public subnet and establishing SSH access using PuTTY, internet connectivity was tested to ensure the instance could reach external networks, by ping google.com.

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## **CONCLUSION**

This project "Design and Deployment of Custom VPC with Subnets and EC2 Instance on AWS" successfully demonstrates the fundamental process of creating a secure and scalable cloud network using AWS services.

A custom VPC was designed and configured with both public and private IP addressing. Within this VPC, subnets were created and associated with route tables and an Internet Gateway to allow internet connectivity. An EC2 instance was deployed in the public subnet, and connectivity was verified using PuTTY for SSH access. Internet access was confirmed through successful ping tests to

This implementation showcases a hands-on understanding of AWS networking components including:

external domains such as google.com, validating the proper configuration of

- VPC
- Subnets
- Route Tables
- Internet Gateway

route tables and security groups.

- EC2 Instances
- Security Groups

In conclusion, this project reinforces essential AWS networking and compute skills that are critical for deploying cloud-based solutions in real-world environments.