



FireNet Operations

ACE Team

Aviatrix Transit Firewall Network (FireNet)



Scale out, multi-AZ FW deployments, bootstrapping



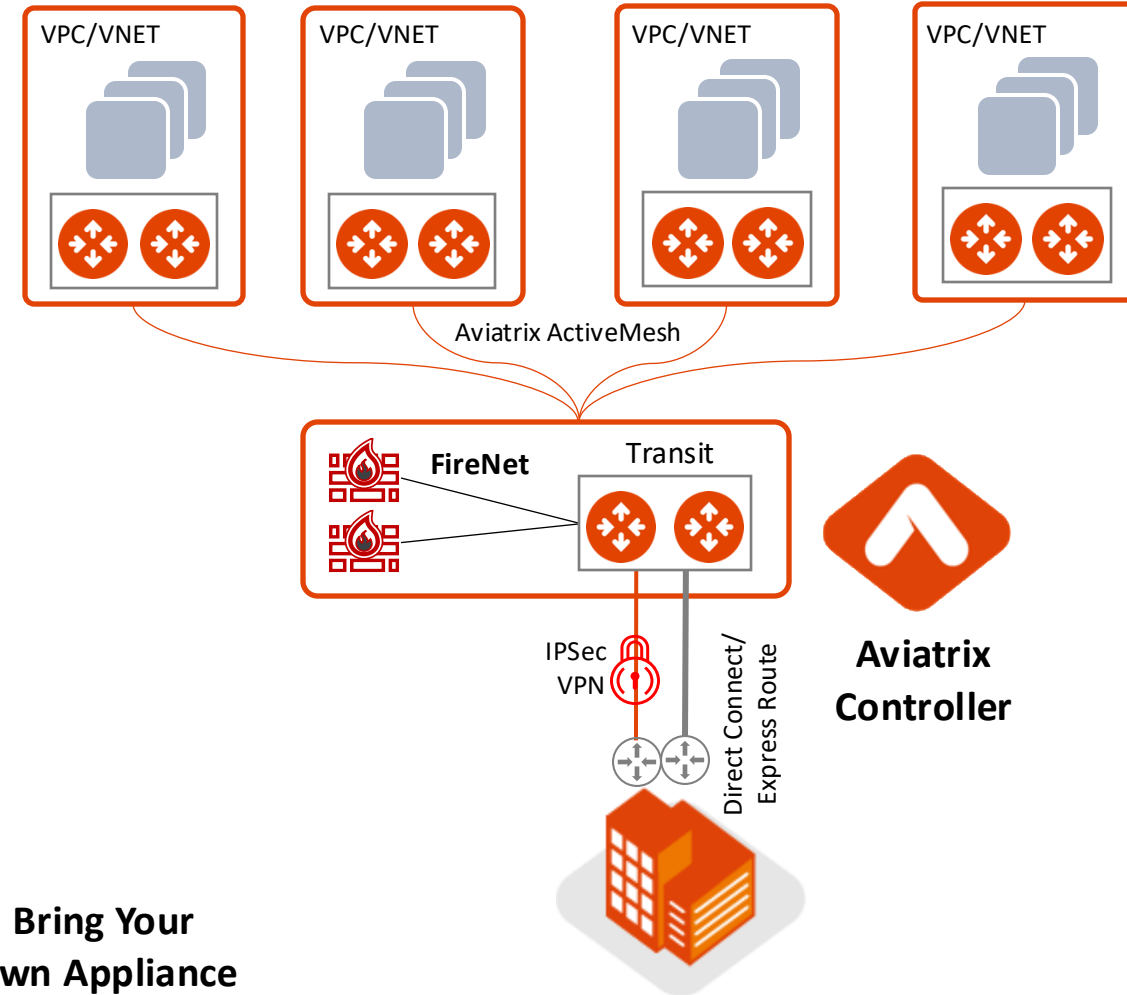
Automated route management, segmentation, and security policies



Deep visibility and operational capabilities



Repeatable across regions and clouds



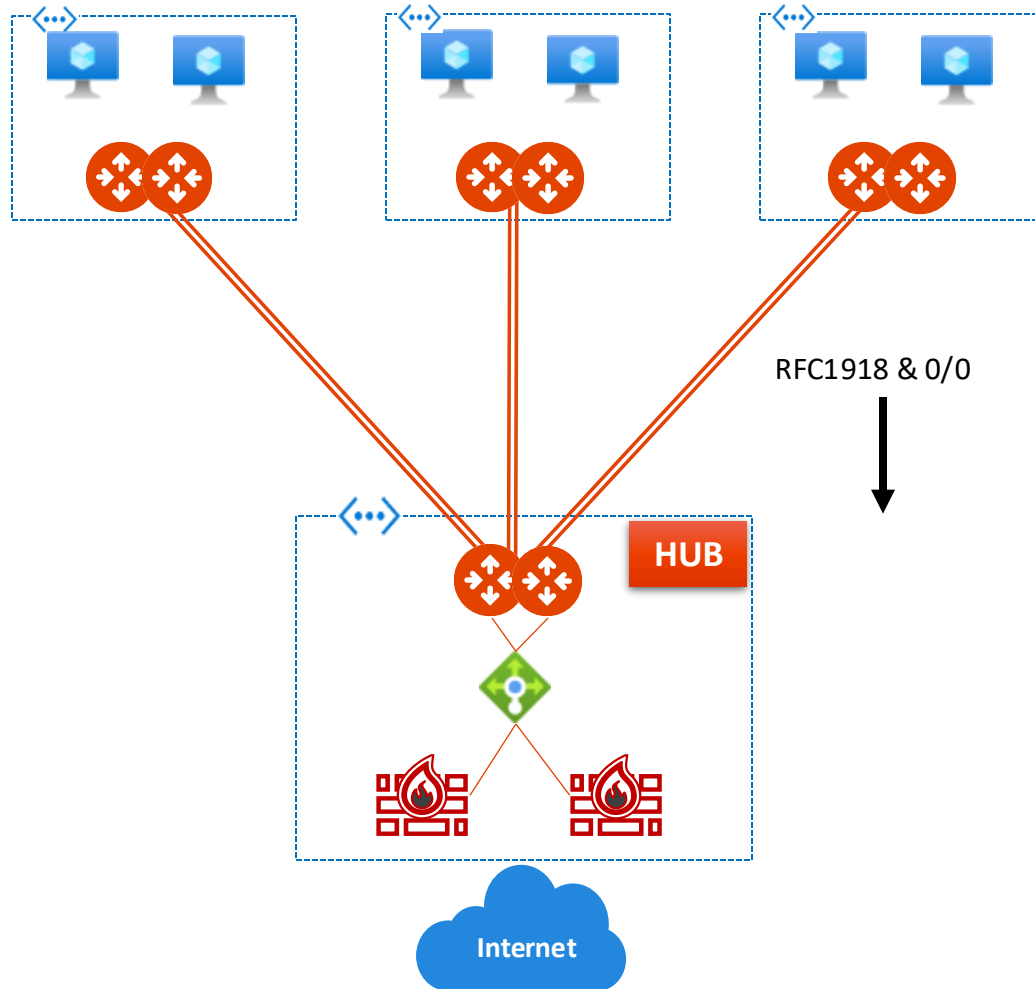
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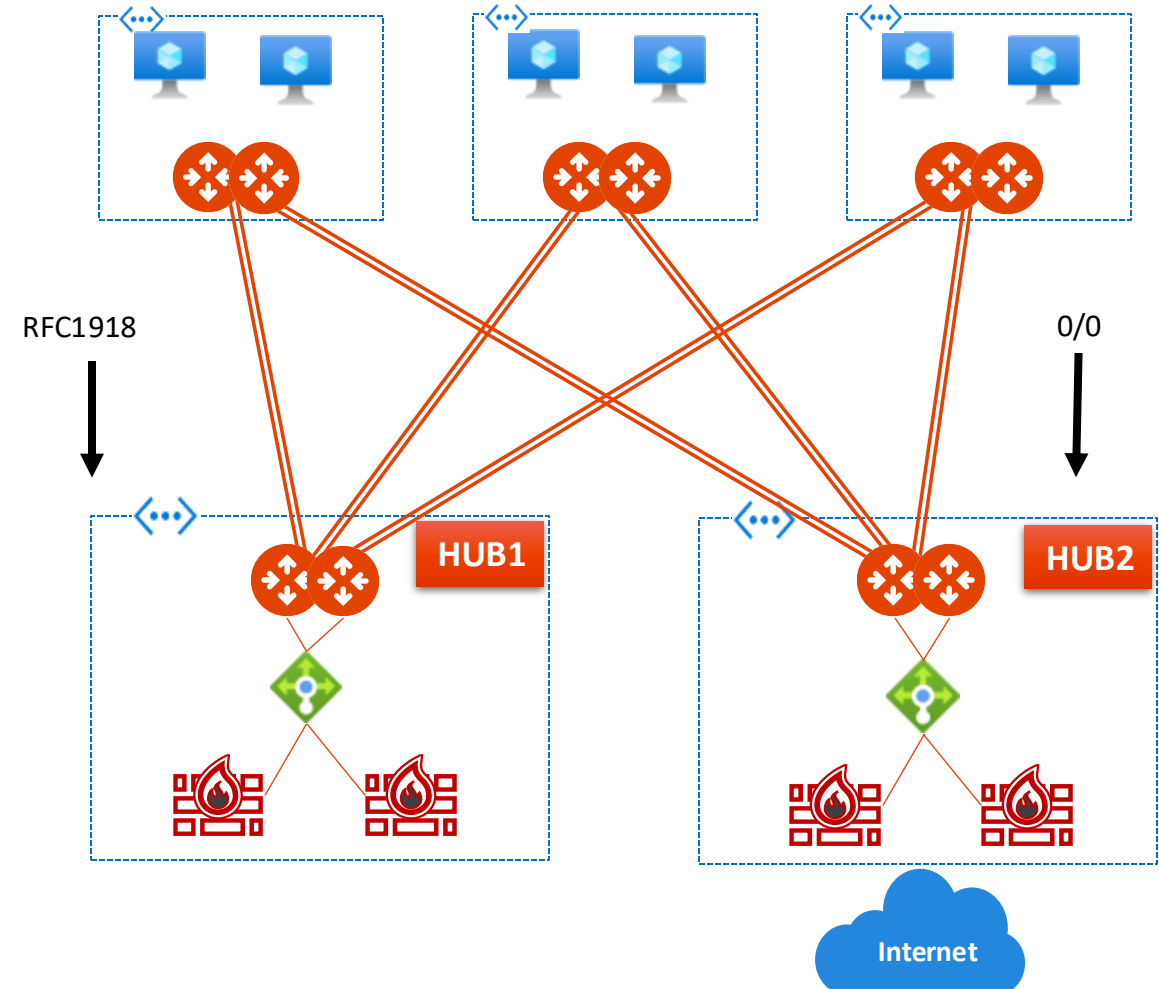
FireNet Architecture Options (Azure Example)

Each firewall set can scale independently based on need

Single HUB FireNet



Dual HUB FireNet

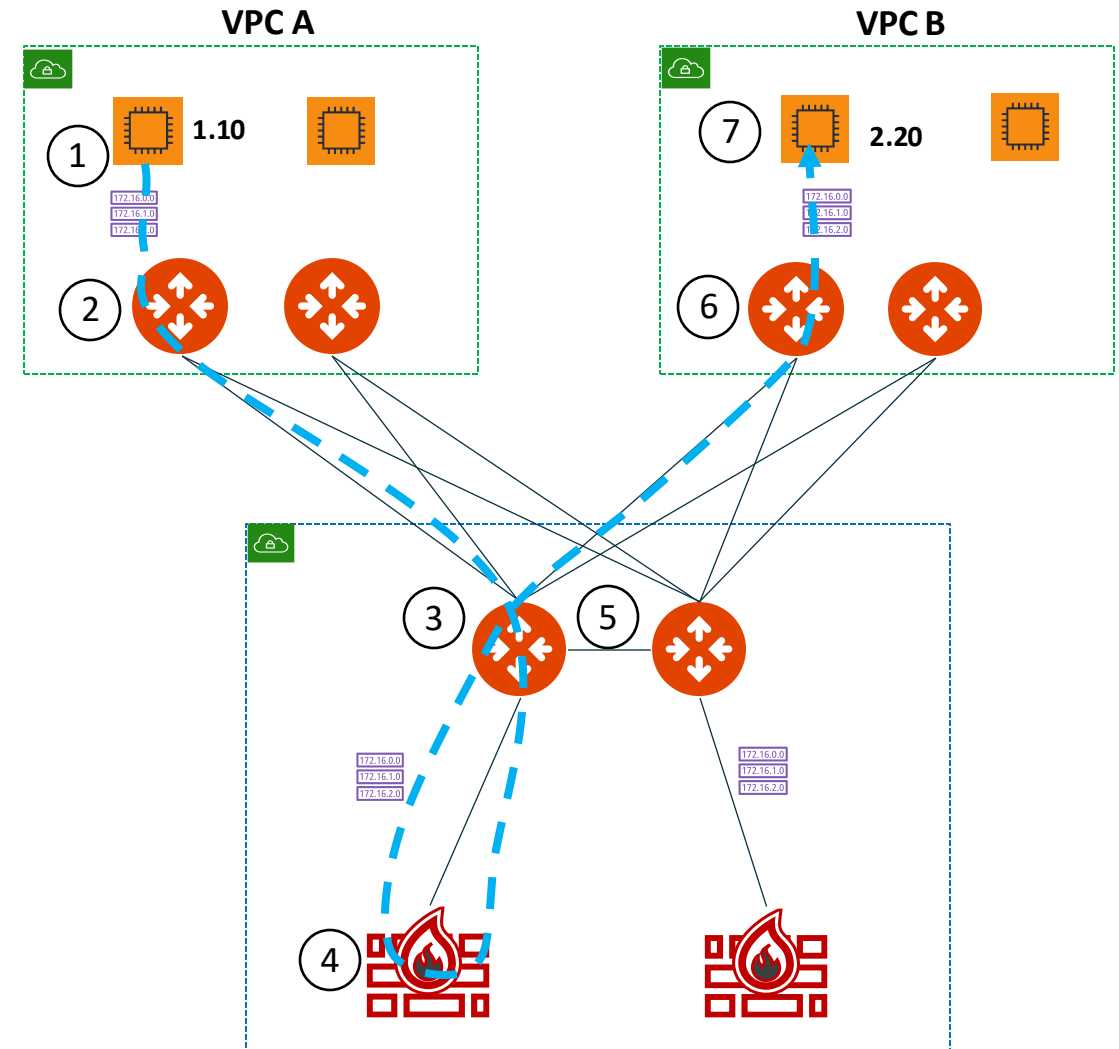


FireNet Packet Walk – AWS Example

A Host 1.10 communicating with 2.20 with VPC A inspected via FireNet

1. The local route table for 1.10 has RFC1918 routes pointed to its local gateway.
2. The local Aviatrix spoke gateway will ECMP traffic with 5-tuple hash to one of the Aviatrix Transit Gateways.
3. The Aviatrix Transit Gateway receiving the flow will check inspection policy to determine if either source or destination requires FireNet. If a match, traffic is redirected to the firewall in the same AZ.
4. The Firewall selected will process the packet and send the traffic back to its defined Transit Gateway.
5. The Aviatrix Transit Gateway will receive the processed packet and forward (ECMP) with 5-tuple hash towards the destination spoke.
6. The destination spoke gateway will receive the traffic and route the traffic out its local interface to the VPC route table. Note that this GW may not be in the same AZ as the destination instance.
7. The destination will receive the original traffic and see this as native VPC communication flow.

Aviatrix Transit tracks the health of Firewall

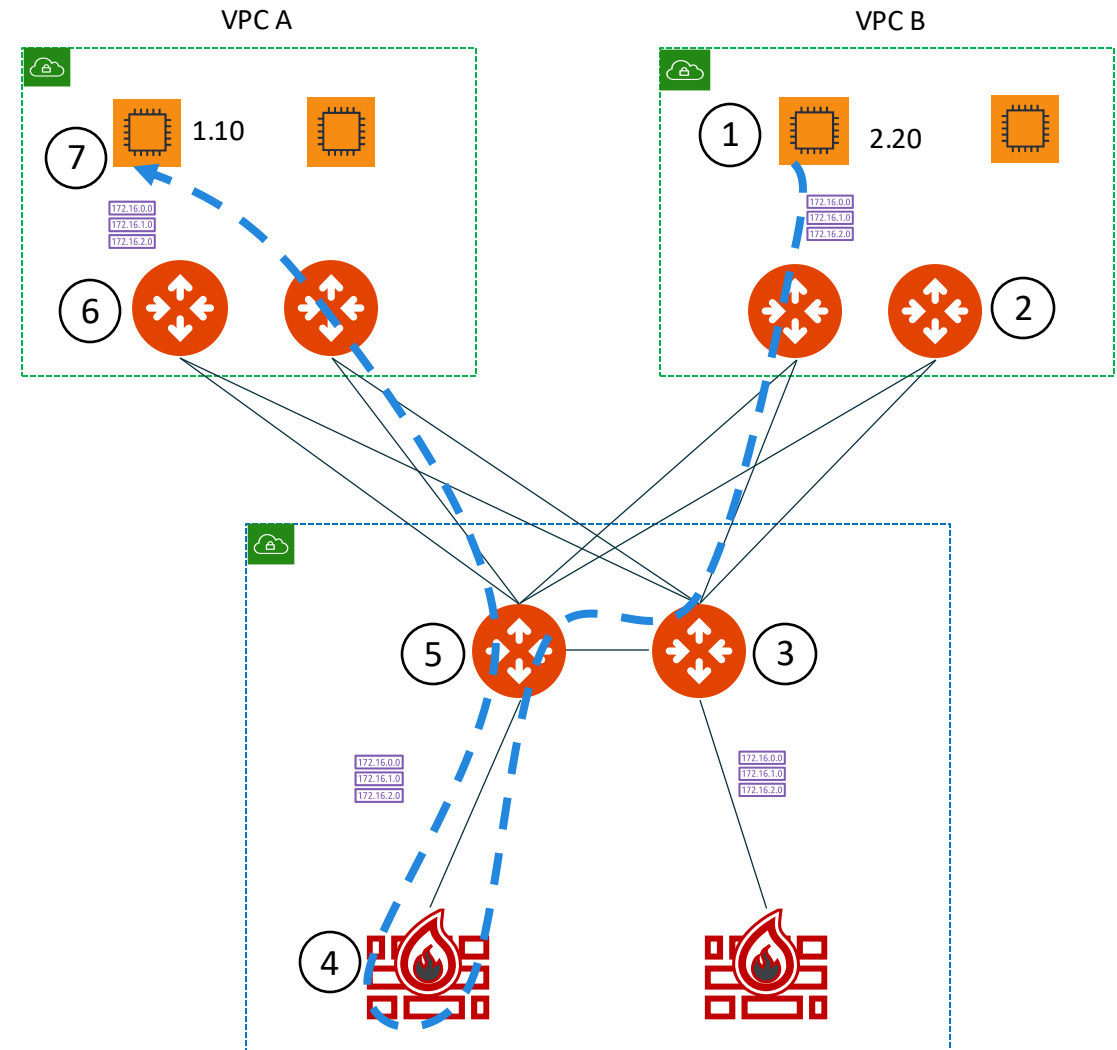


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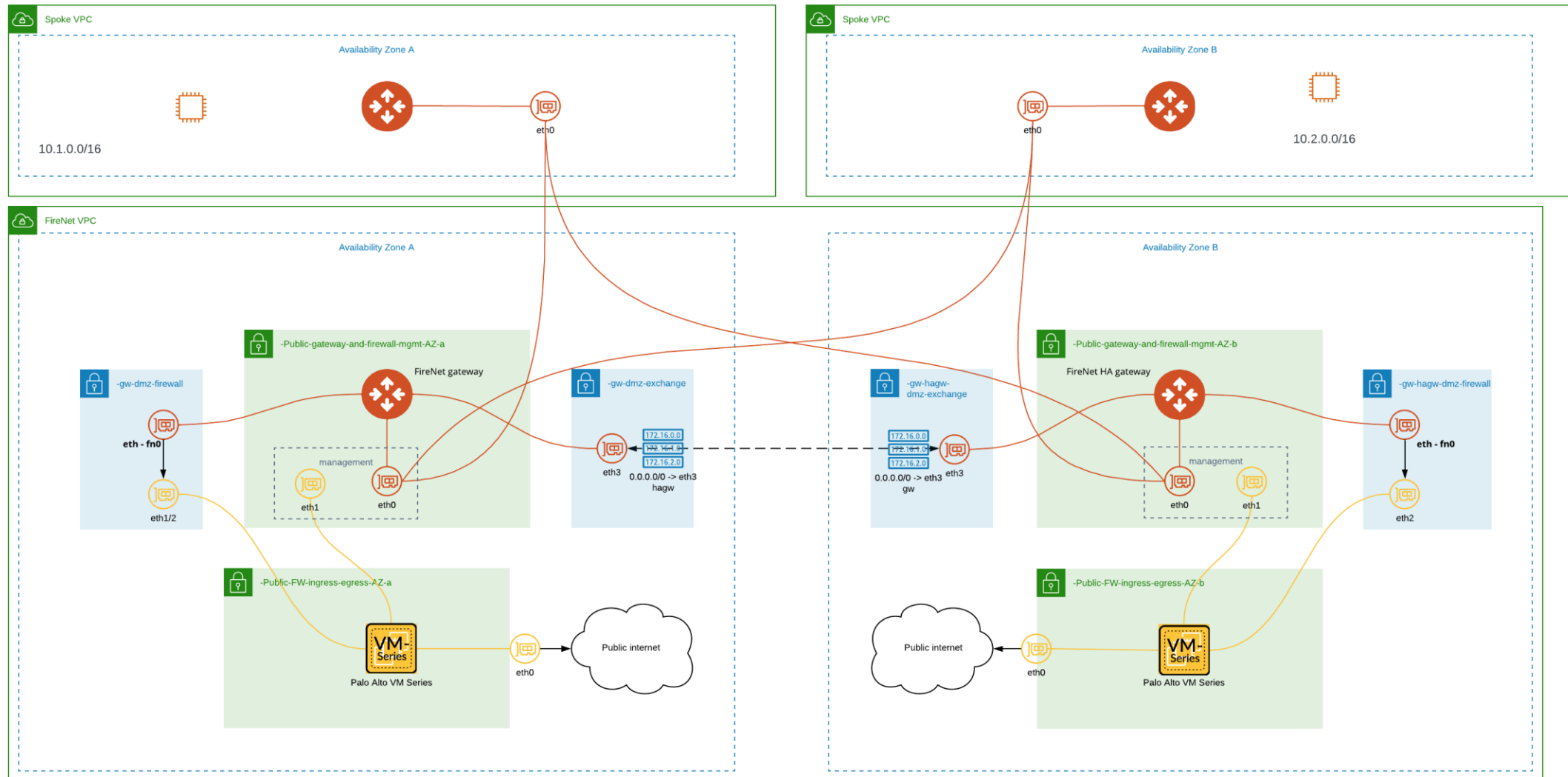


Return Flow: 1.10 communicating with 2.20 with VPC A inspected via FireNet

1. The local route table for 2.20 has RFC1918 routes pointed to its local spoke gateway for return traffic.
2. The local AviaTriX spoke gateway will ECMP traffic with 5-tuple hash to one of the AviaTriX Transit Gateways.
3. The AviaTriX Transit Gateway receiving the traffic will pass the traffic to the the same FW which handled the initial flow to maintain symmetry.
4. The stateful Firewall will process the return traffic and route the traffic back to its designated gateway.
5. The AviaTriX gateway will ECMP traffic with 5-tuple hash to one of the destination spoke gateways.
6. The destination spoke gateway will route this traffic out its local interface to the native VPC route table.
7. The original source will receive the return traffic and see this as native VPC communication flow.



FireNet – Under the hood





Tools for Operating your FireNet

FireNet Workflow



Firewall Deployment

Subscribe to a vendor firewall from Marketplace or add your existing firewall to Transit FireNet Gateway.



Bootstrap Configuration (Optional)

Enable Bootstrap Configuration toggle to let Aviatrix Controller insert initial setup into the firewall.



Vendor Integration

Configure RFC1918 and non-RFC1918 routes between Aviatrix transit FireNet Gateway and vendor's firewall.



Inspection Policy

Identify specific VPCs where traffic must be diverted for firewall inspection.

Firewall Deployment Workflow



- **PATH:** Security > FireNet > Firewall

1. Select the Transit FireNet GW
2. Select the Firewall Image (requirement: *Subscribe to the firewall instance from the Marketplace*)
3. Firewall Image Version
4. Firewall Instance Size
5. Egress Interface Subnet
6. Management Interface Subnet (Palo Alto/AWS only)
7. Bootstrap Configuration (*optional*)

- **Supported Firewall Vendors:** Palo Alto VM-Series, Check Point CloudGuard, Fortinet FortiGate, BYOA

- **Panorama** is also supported as a firewall manager for Palo Alto VM-Series.

The screenshot displays the AWS CoPilot console interface. On the left, a dark sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like Dashboard, Cloud Fabric, Networking, Security, FireNet, Anomaly Detection, Groups, Cloud Resources, Monitor, Diagnostics, Administration, and Settings. The 'FireNet' section is expanded, showing 'Distributed Cloud Firewall', 'Egress', 'ThreatIQ', and 'FireNet'. The main panel shows the 'Firewall' tab with a table listing the 'ACE-FW' instance. A 'Deploy Firewall' modal is open, showing configuration options for the firewall instance. The modal includes a warning message: 'After a firewall instance is launched, wait for 15 minutes for it to come up.' The configuration options are organized into sections: Association, Firewall Configuration, and Bootstrap Configuration. The 'Association' section shows the 'FireNet Instance' as 'ace-aws-eu-west-1-transit1' and the 'Attach Firewall to FireNet after Launching' toggle is set to 'Yes'. The 'Firewall Configuration' section includes fields for 'Name' (FORTIGATE-FW), 'Firewall Image' (Fortinet FortiGate Next-Generation Firewall), 'Firewall Image Version' (7.6.2), 'Firewall instance Size' (c4.xlarge), 'Egress Interface Subnet' (10.1.200.0/28~~eu-west-1a~~ace-aws-eu-west-1-t...), and 'Key Pair Name' (Optional). The 'Bootstrap Configuration' section is currently collapsed. At the bottom right of the modal are 'Cancel' and 'Deploy' buttons.

Bootstrap (*optional*)

- **Botostrap Configuration toggle**

- *Toggle Disabled* (default): the FW is deployed with an empty configuration
- *Toggle Enabled*: the FW is deployed with an initial configuration
 - You need to specify the Location where the AVX Controller will retrieve the initial configuration (e.g. Azure Storage, S3 Bucket, etc.)

☒ Bootstrap Configuration

☒ Azure Storage ☐ User Data

Storage

pod74firenetbootstrap

Storage Access Key

aMef4Dlr3m9wh/T+9o73FPHonOSsVUC+AStlPOrhQ==

File-Share Folder

pod74-firenet-bootstrap

Share-Directory

Optional

Vendor Integration

- The Vendor Integration function allows the Controller to log into a firewall or firewall manager and change the route table on the firewall to program the routing for FireNet, or to change routing if a gateway in FireNet fails.
- Vendor Integration allows to configure the **RFC 1918 routes** and **non-RFC 1918 routes** on the Vendor's firewall instance

Vendor Integration

FireNet

ace-aws-eu-west-1-transit1

☒ Through Firewall
 ☐ Through Firewall Manager

☒ Firewall

ACE-FW

Management IP Address

52.49.101.236

Vendor

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Username

avxadmin

Password

Route Table

Optional

Revoke Integration

Cancel

Save

ACE-FW

Name: ACE-FW

Vendor: Fortinet FortiGate

Public IP: 54.76.250.245

Static Route Table:

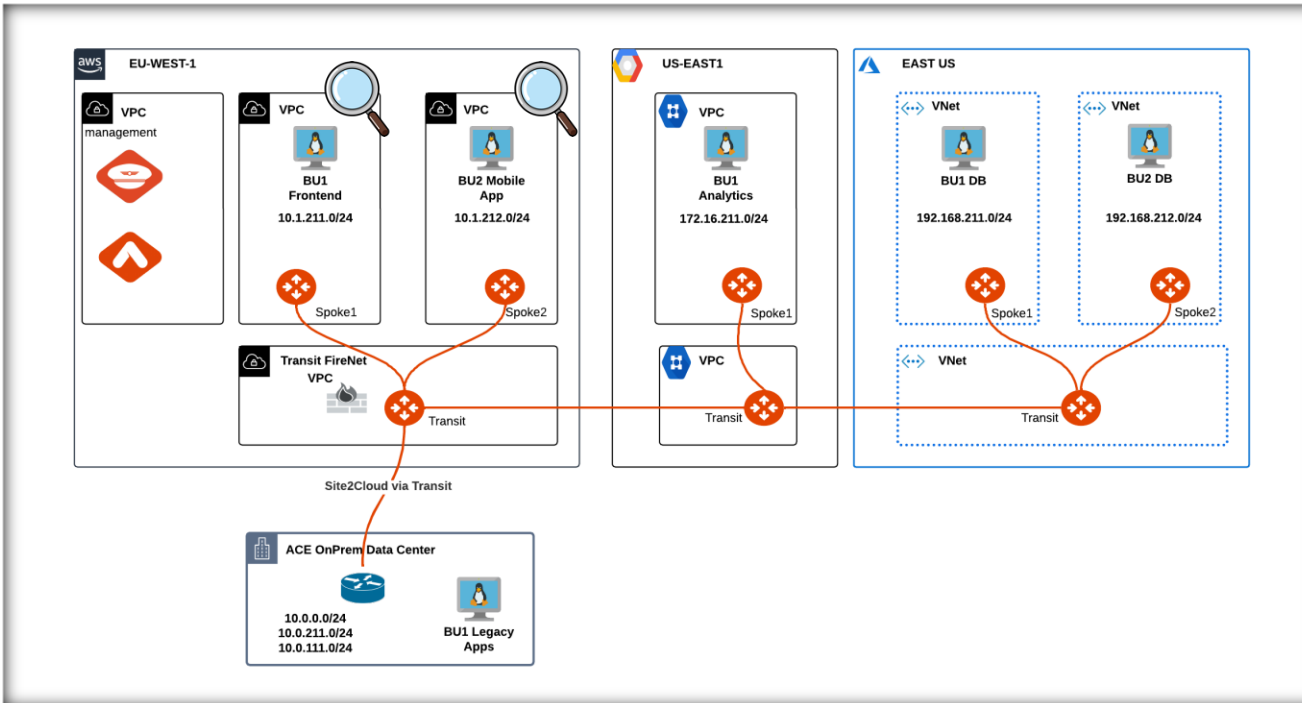
Destination	Gateway IP	Interface	Distance	Weight	Status	Comment
172.16.0.0/12	10.1.200.65	port2	10	0	enable	Aviatrix Vendor Integration
192.168.0.0/16	10.1.200.65	port2	10	0	enable	Aviatrix Vendor Integration
10.0.0.0/8	10.1.200.65	port2	10	0	enable	Aviatrix Vendor Integration

PBR:

Destination	source	In Intf	protocol	Src Ports	Dst Ports
Gateway	Out Intf	Status	action	Comment	

Inspection Policy

- On the FireNet **Policy** tab you can add or remove the **inspection policy** for the selected VPC/Vnet/VCN. When an inspection policy is added the traffic related to the Transit FireNet's attachment (Spoke/Edge gateway, peered Transit, Site2Cloud connection) is inspected by the firewall within the selected Transit FireNet.
- By default*, FireNet inspects ingress and east-west traffic only.



FireNet

FireNet Gateways | Firewall

ace-aws-eu-west-1-transit1

Firewall | **Policy** | VPC/VNet Route Tables | Vendor Integration | Settings

Actions | Azure Spoke Subnet Groups | Filter | Table Icon | Download

Name	Type	Inspection
<input type="checkbox"/> ace-aws-eu-west-1-spoke1	SPOKE	On
<input type="checkbox"/> ace-aws-eu-west-1-spoke2	SPOKE	On
<input type="checkbox"/> ACE-ONPREM-DC	SITE2CLOUD	Off
<input type="checkbox"/> ace-gcp-us-east1-transit1	PEERING	Off
<input type="checkbox"/> ace-azure-east-us-transit1	PEERING	Off

Information to Collect / Checklist

Name	Vendor	Vendor Integration	Association	Management UI
ACE-FW	Fortinet FortiGate	Fortinet FortiGate	ace-aws-eu-west-1-transit1	https://54.229.210.72

- Make sure Aviatrix sees the FW as “healthy”
 - For Ingress: Check if any native LB deployed in front of the FWs is also configured correctly
- Vendor Integration: make sure the controller can reach the FW
 - Nothing preventing the communication, NACLs, NSGs, SLs, etc.
- Make sure there are no “uncommitted” pending changes on the FW
- Make sure your Network Domain/Spoke is configured for inspection
- Make sure Connected Transit is enabled (if necessary)
- Make sure your Spoke is attached to Transit
- Verify Spoke and Transit GW routes in Cloud Fabric > Gateways

Vendor Integration

FireNet

ace-aws-eu-west-1-transit1

☒ Through Firewall ☐ Through Firewall Manager

☒ Firewall

ACE-FW

Management IP Address: 54.229.210.72

Vendor: Fortinet FortiGate

API Token:

Route Table: Optional

Revoke Integration

Cancel Save

Information to Collect - Checklist for the Support Team

- Aviatrix Controller version
- Firewall Vendor
- Transit FireNet: Inspection Policy
 - Is the Spoke VPC/VNet supposed to be Inspected at all?
- E/W Traffic inspection enabled?
- Egress Traffic inspection enabled?
- Ingress Traffic enabled and working?
- Exclude list created for CIDR/IP from being inspected by FireNet?
- Is there any automation running every day / hour / ?

Aviatrix CoPilot
v4.3.1 | Appliance v3

Aviatrix Controller [184.72.224.60](#)
v7.1.2131

[Documentation](#) [Support Portal](#)

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Exclude From East-West Inspection

Subnet(s)

172.16.1.3/32 ×

FireNet

FireNet Gateways

Firewall

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Lab 3 FireNet - Interface
Lab 4 FireNet - Routes