



Security

ACE Solutions Architecture Team

Agenda

Aviatrix Security Features Overview
Securing Aviatrix Platform
Secure Egress
Public Subnet Filtering Gateway

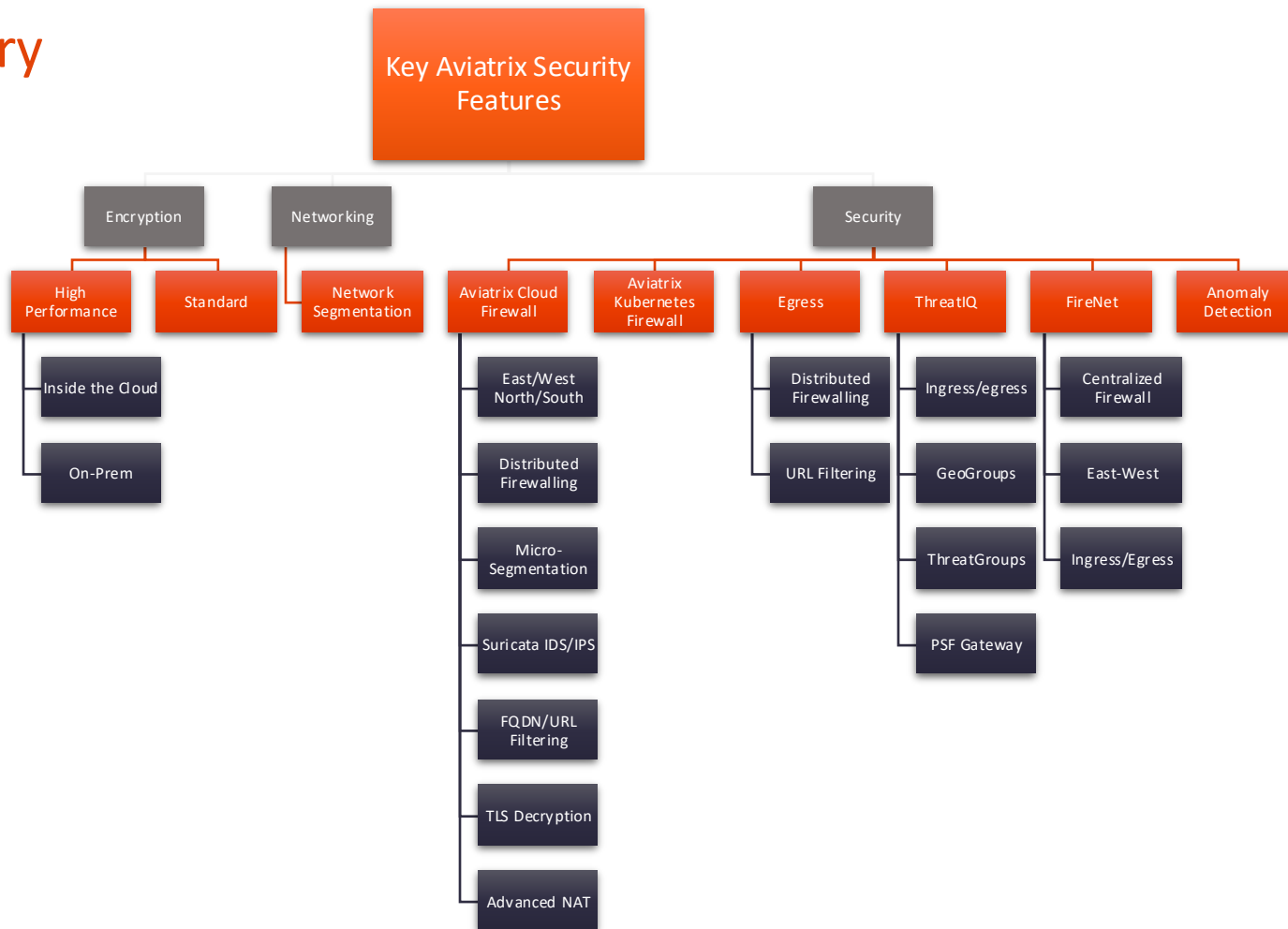
Challenges for CISO, CIO/CTO and NetSec Architects

- Apps/Business requirements dictate the Multi-Cloud
 - Some Apps simply operate better in one cloud vs another
 - New Customer Requirements a particular cloud OR M&A
- **Security and Compliance is NOT shared responsibility**
 - It is YOUR responsibility
- SaaS or Managed Services are often a Black-Boxes
- Understaffed Team, Skill Gap and Learning Curve issue
- Time-to-Market causes short-cuts
- Hacked or Not, doesn't matter Audit will happen regardless



<https://aviatrix.com/resources/ebooks/security-architects-guide-multi-cloud-networking-v2>

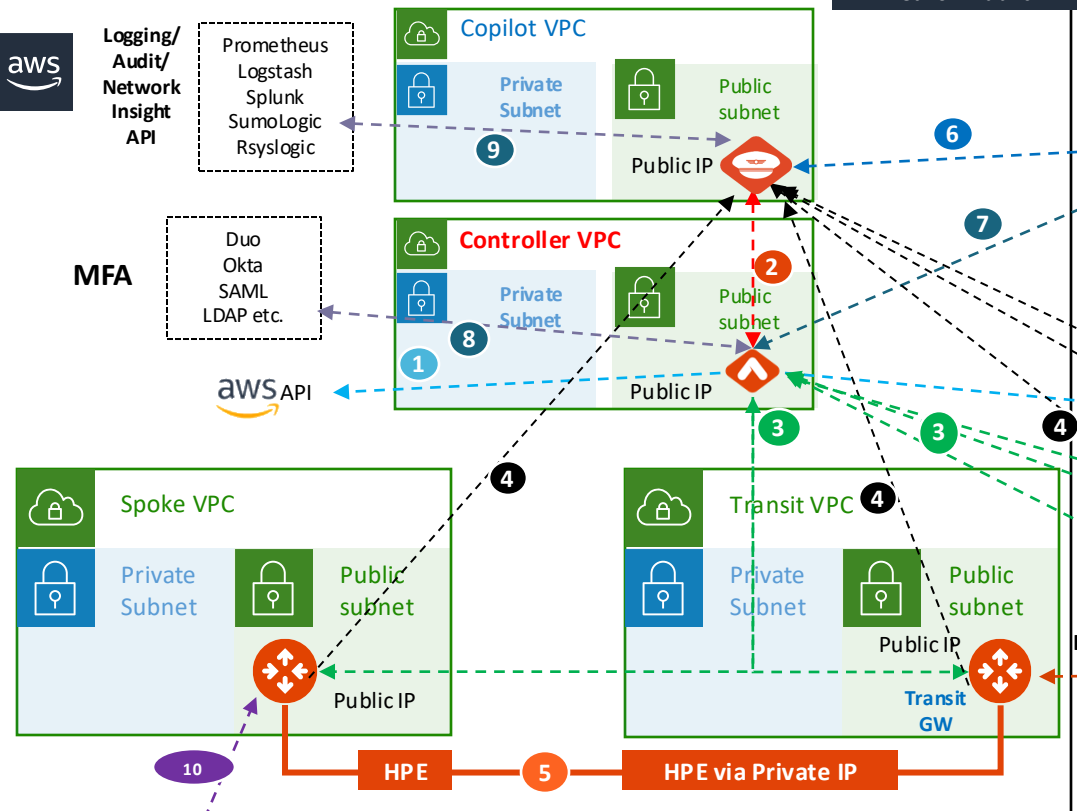
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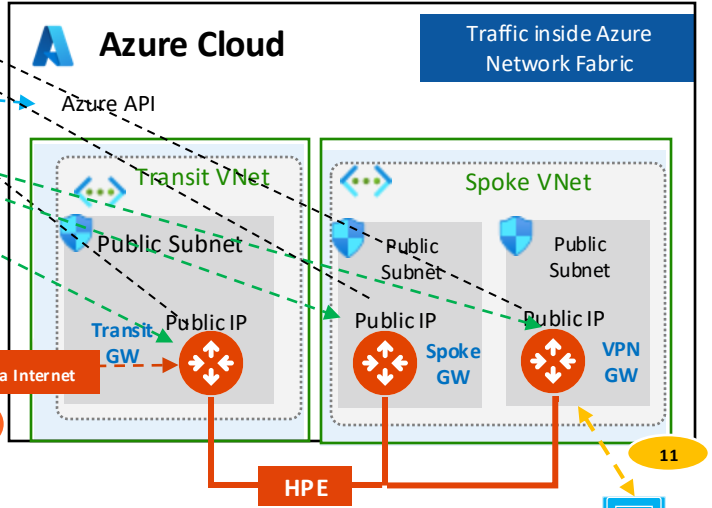
Built-in Security of the Aviatrix Platform

AWS Cloud



Traffic inside AWS Network Fabric

- ### Traffic Pattern
1. Controller to CSP API
 2. Controller with Copilot
 3. Controller to GW management traffic
 4. Gateway to Copilot (Syslog, Netflow etc)
 5. Encrypted data transfer
 6. Copilot access locked to customer IP
 7. Controller access locked to customer IP
 8. Controller to MFA
 9. Copilot to Customers Network Insight API or Logging locations
 10. Aviatrix Gateway to 3rd Party devices
 11. Remote user to Aviatrix VPN gateway



Traffic inside Azure Network Fabric

Controller Security Group Management | Automatic Security Group lockdown

Details **Security**

Security groups

- sg-054a744afb30dcb01 (ss-controller-AviatrixSG-YHFSUVZBB9Q9)
- sg-08a351c5c83665c38 (Aviatrix-SG-54.206.174.209-2)
- sg-0cb4cc125e9c69ed8 (Aviatrix-SG-54.206.174.209)
- sg-0ea9afb4e373b3264 (Aviatrix-SG-54.206.174.209-1)
- sg-05186521ae82c605d (Aviatrix-SG-54.206.174.209-3)



Instance: i-0ea8d13e979fb9be6 (ss-controller)

▼ Inbound rules

Q Filter rules

Security group rule ID	Port range	Protocol	Source	Security groups
sgr-01ffba9d6c84d825d	443	TCP	3.106.76.93/32	ss-controller-AviatrixSG-YHFSUVZBB...
sgr-0a11c67bf190b7be7	443	TCP	3.105.63.97/32	Aviatrix-SG-54.206.174.209
sgr-0a8ccee5ee8d489ee	443	TCP	3.104.18.207/32	Aviatrix-SG-54.206.174.209



Instance: i-042eb8b6912e0acc0 (aviatrix-spoke1)

Security groups

- sg-09ef033544630561b (spoke1)

▼ Inbound rules

Q Filter rules

Security group rule ID	Port range	Protocol	Source	Security groups
sgr-0288b5beddfa495b2	All	All	10.1.1.0/24	spoke1
sgr-03e3c293b614e73c7	443	TCP	54.206.174.209/32	spoke1



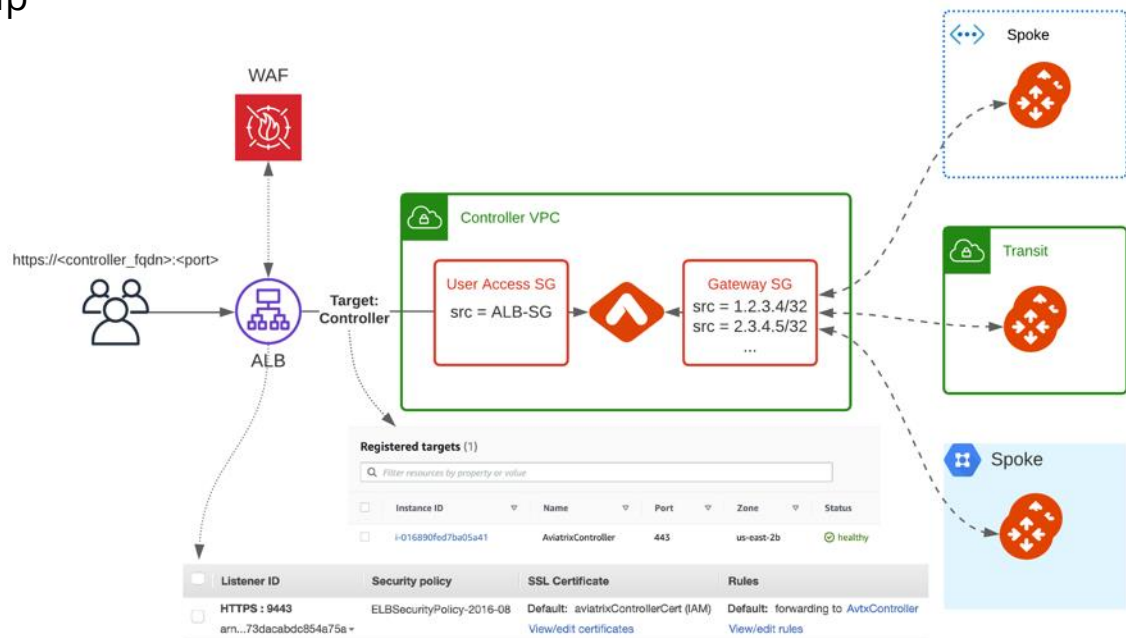
Securing the Platform with Cloud Native Load Balancers

Problem Statement

- Enterprise concerns around putting Aviatrix Controller with a public IP in a Public subnet
- Enterprises need tighter security and availability
- What are the options?
 1. Limit access using cloud native L4 stateful firewalls such as:
 - AWS Security Groups
 - Azure Network Security Groups
 - GCP Firewall Rules
 2. Deploy a third-party Firewall in front of controller
 3. Deploy an Application (L7) Load Balancer in front of Aviatrix Controller

AWS

- Verify that the Controller Security Group Management feature is NOT disabled. This feature allows access to the Controller EIP from Aviatrix Gateways, solely
- Create a new internet facing ALB
- Modify main Controller Security Group to only allow access from the ALB Security Group
- Enable WAF on the ALB with AWS Managed Rules
- Adjust ALB idle timeout, modify rulesets
- Modify ALB Security Group to only allow access from the admin user IP





Aviatrix Cloud Firewall

Problem Statement

Private workloads need internet access

- SaaS integration



- Patching

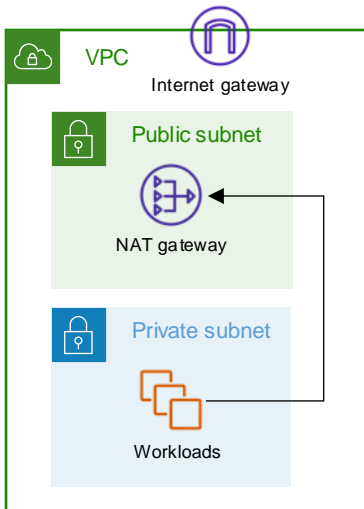


- Updates



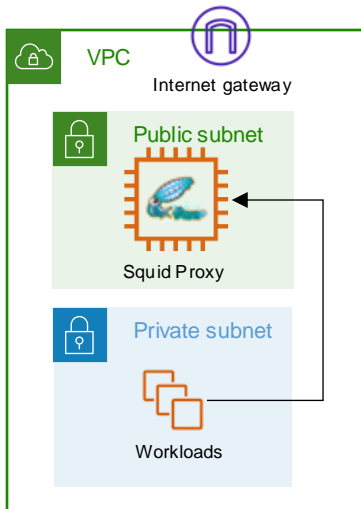
NAT Gateway

- NACLs are necessary
- Layer-4 only



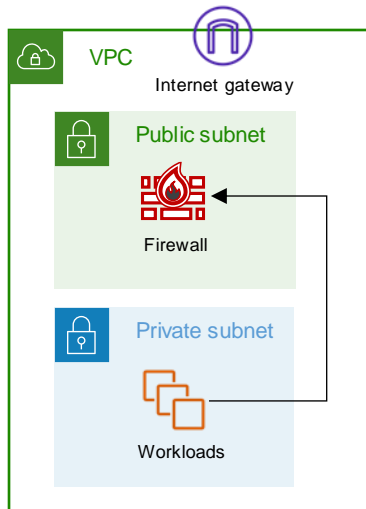
Squid Proxy

- Hard to manage
- Scale and HA issues

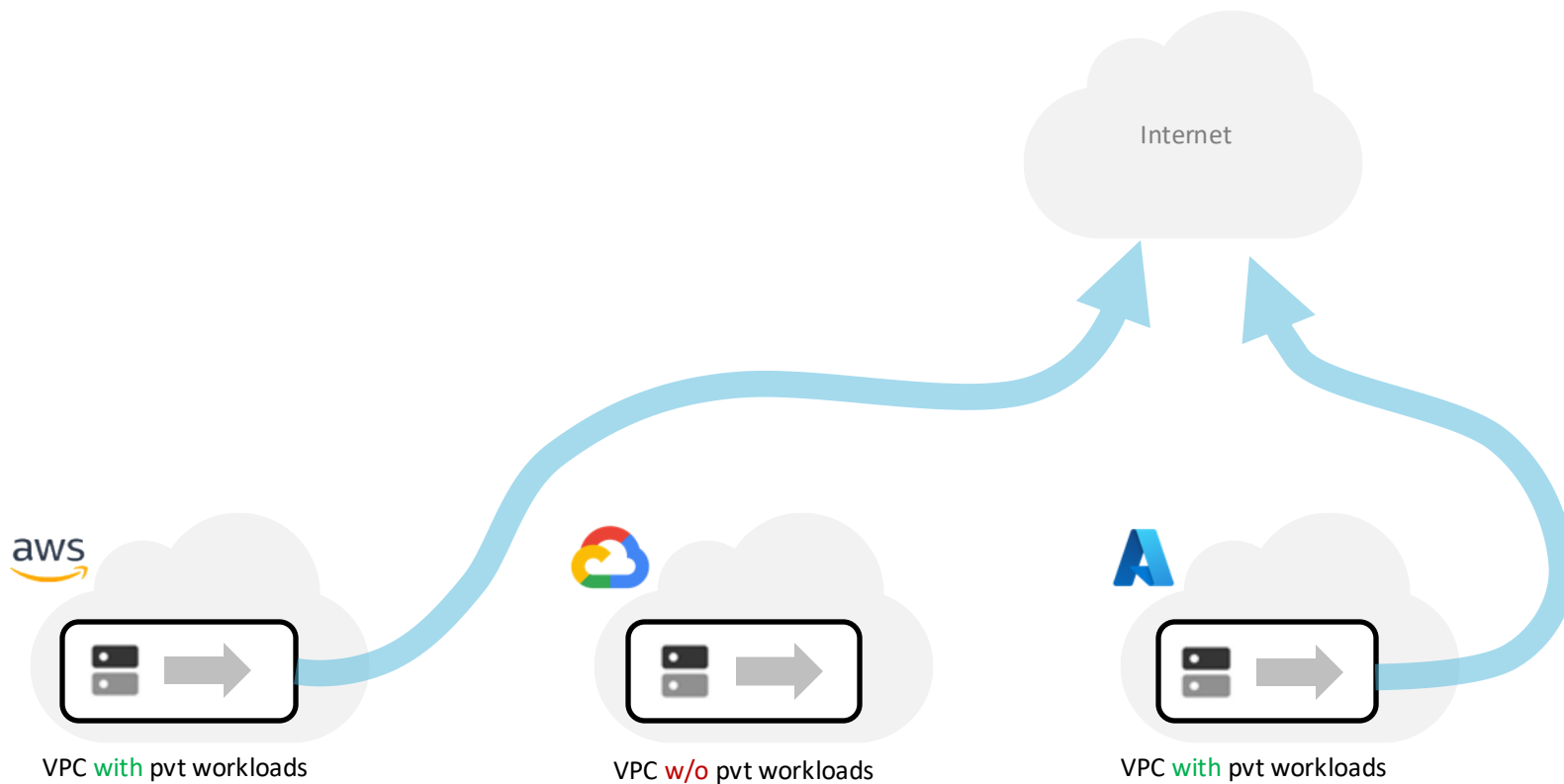


Layer-7 Firewall

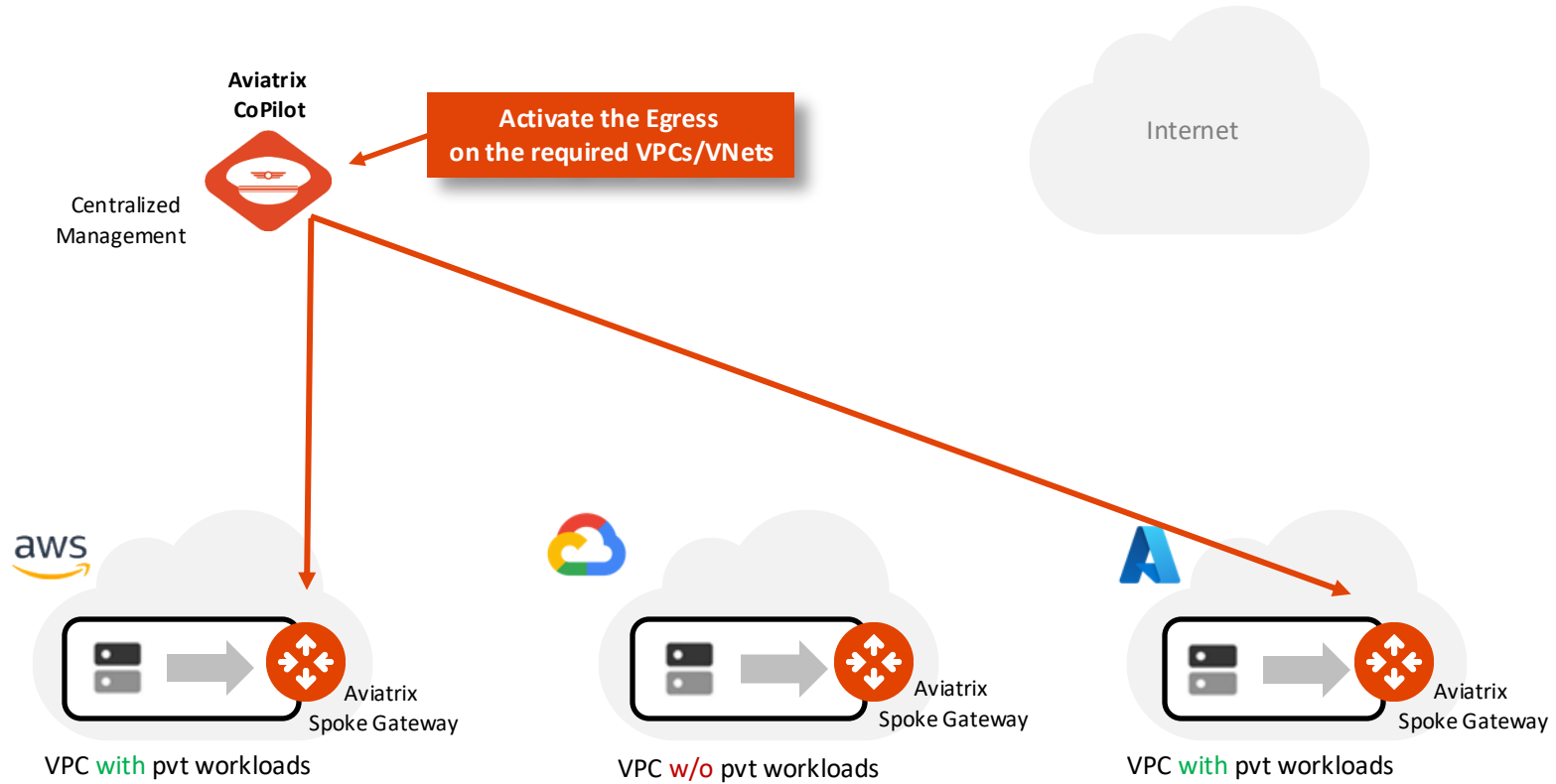
- Overkill
- Expensive



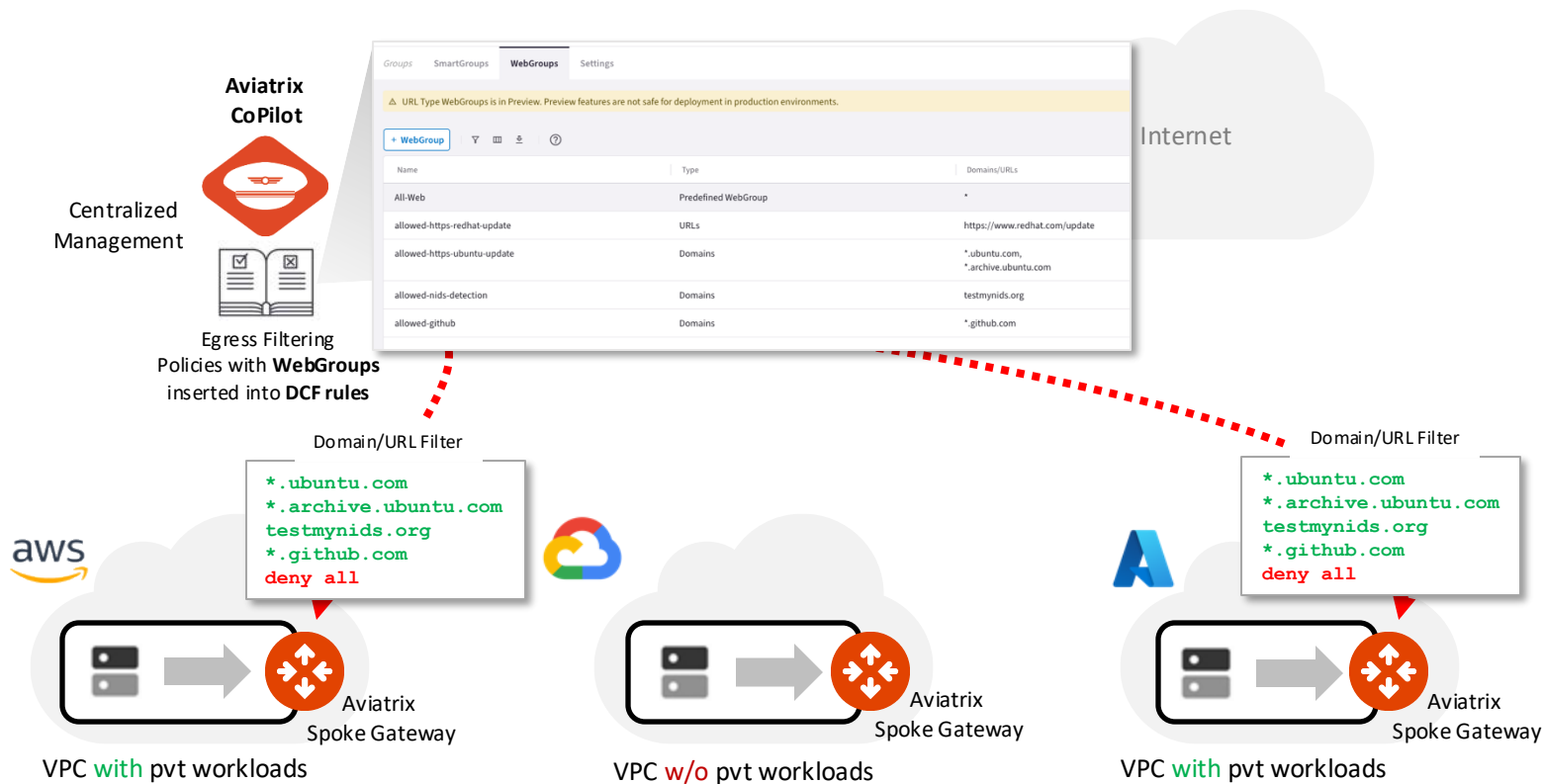
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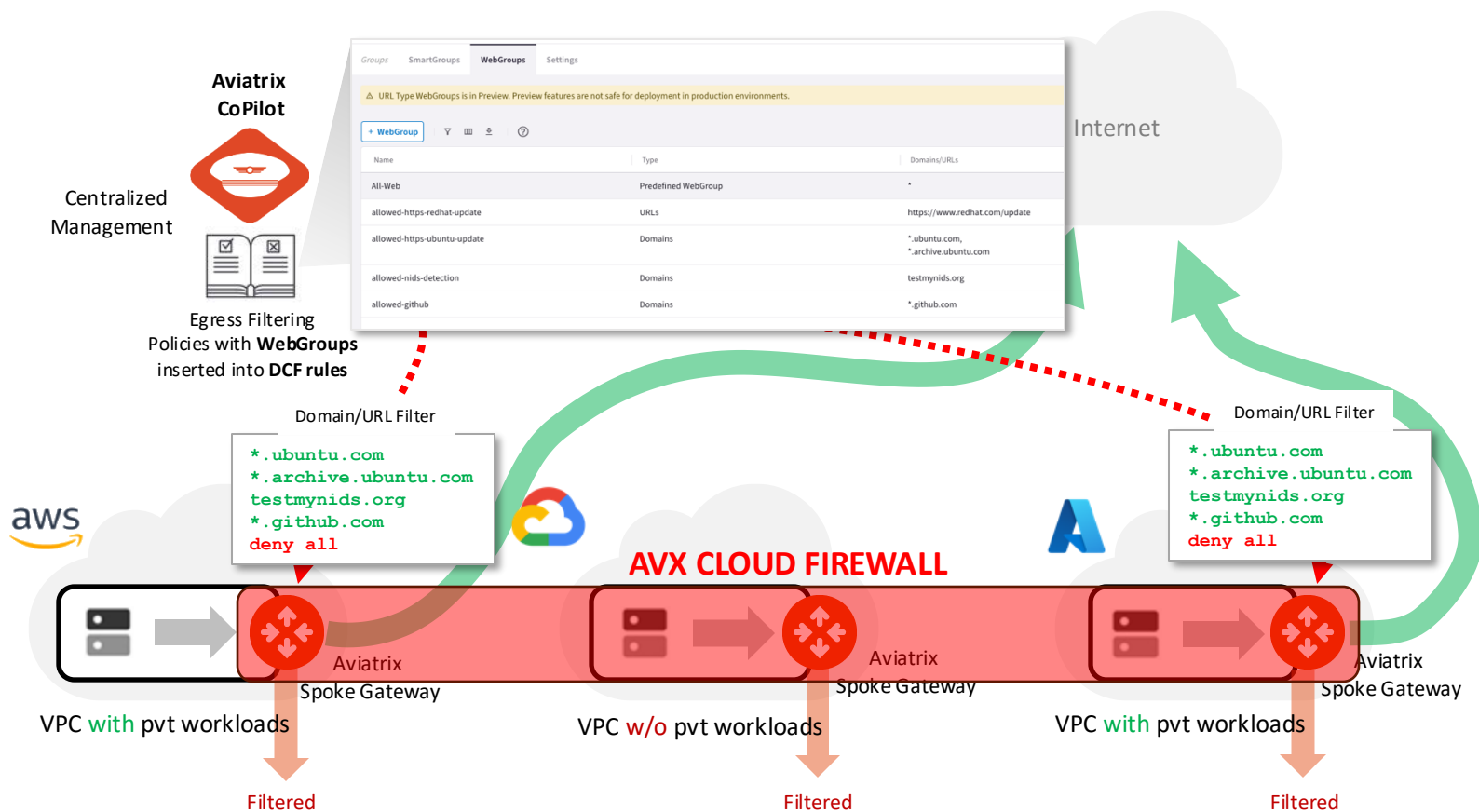
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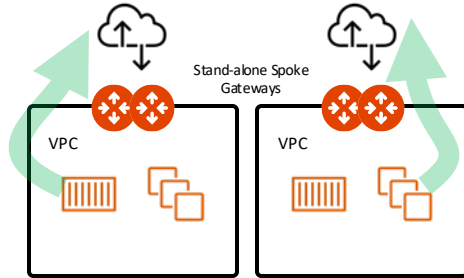


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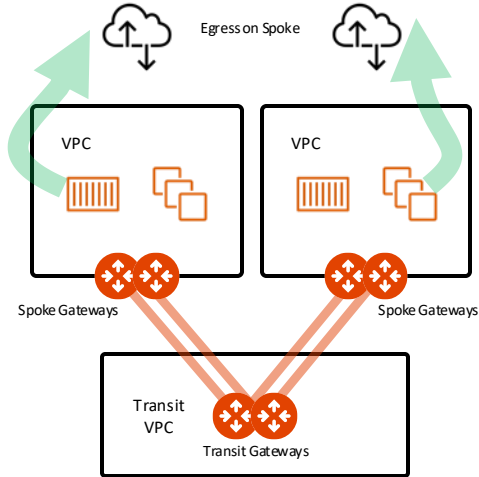


Aviatrix Cloud Firewall - Filtering Design Patterns

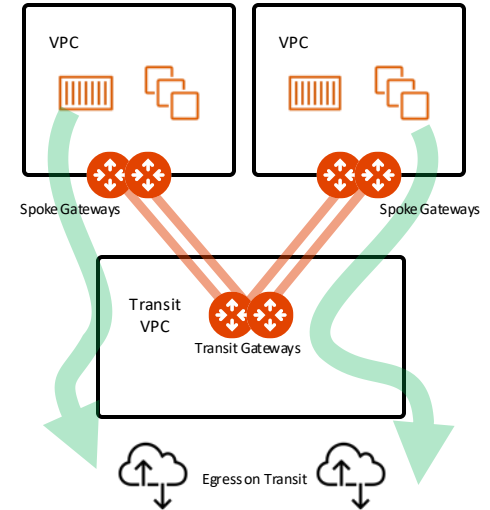
Stand-alone Spoke GW (Distributed)



Local Egress (Distributed) with Aviatrix Spoke GW

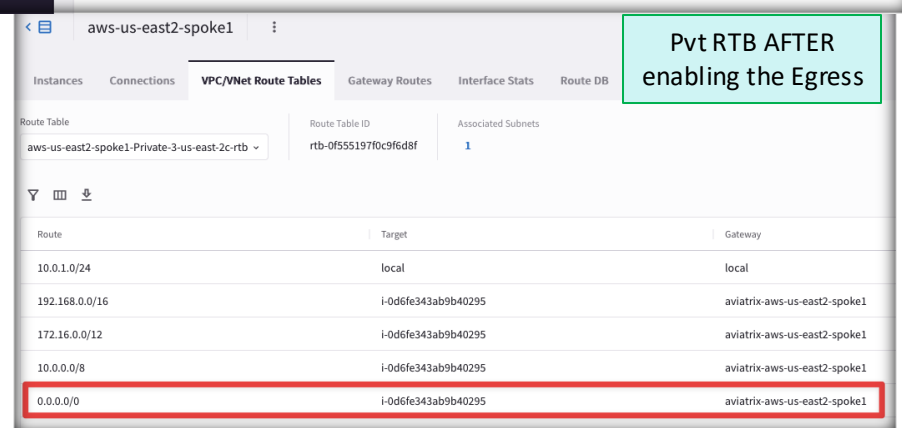
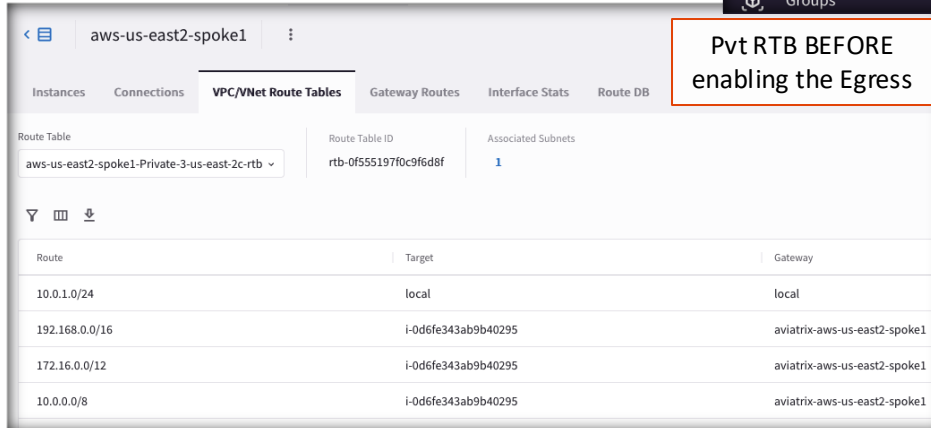
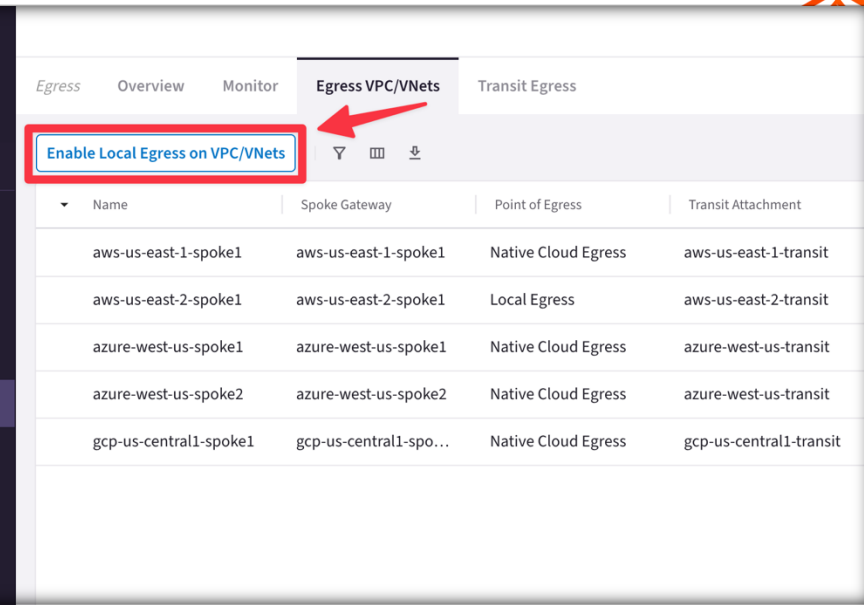
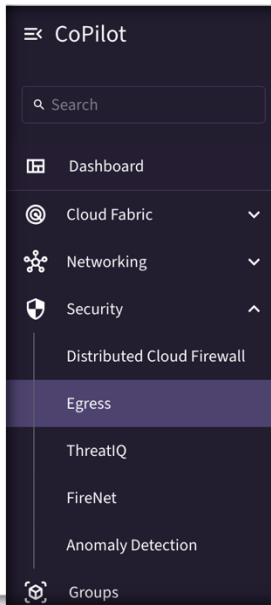


Centralized Egress with Aviatrix Transit GW



Enabling Egress

- Adding Egress Control on VPC/VNet changes the default route on VPC/VNet to point to the Spoke Gateway and enables **SNAT**.
- In addition to the **Local route**, the **three RFC1918 routes**, also a **default route** will be injected.
- CAVEAT: Egress Control also requires additional resources on the Spoke Gateway (i.e. scale up the VM size). Before enabling Egress Control on Spoke Gateways, ensure that you have created the additional CPU resources on the Spoke Gateway required to support Egress Control.



The Greenfield-Rule

- If you want to apply policies on your Egress traffic, you must enable the Distributed Cloud Firewall.
- The Egress control requires the activation of the Distributed Cloud Firewall.
- The **Greenfield-Rule** is automatically added to allow all kind of traffic.
- An Explicit Deny Rule, named **DefaultDenyAll**, is also added below the Greenfield-Rule.
- *Best Practice: do not edit this rule*, although it can be recreated if it is accidentally deleted.

Distributed Cloud Firewall

Enabling the Distributed Cloud Firewall **without configured rules will deny all** previously permitted traffic due to its implicit Deny All rule.

To maintain consistency, a **Greenfield Rule** will be created to **allow** traffic that maintains the current state, facilitating the creation of custom rules for specific security needs.

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Begin Using Distributed Cloud Firewall

Priority	Name	Source	Destination	WebGroup	Protocol	Ports	Action
<input type="checkbox"/> 214748...	Greenfield-Rule	Anywhere (0.0.0.0...	Anywhere (0.0.0.0...		Any		Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> 214748...	DefaultDenyAll	Anywhere (0.0.0.0...	Anywhere (0.0.0.0...		Any		Deny

Discovery Process

- If you don't know the sites that your applications visit, an ad-hoc *Discovery-Rule* can be enabled, temporarily.
 - a) Attach the SmartGroup that identifies the private workloads affected by the Egress feature, previously enabled, as *Source SmartGroup*.
 - b) Attach the Predefined SmartGroup **"Public Internet"**, as *Destination SmartGroup*.
 - c) Attach the Predefined **All-Web** WebGroup.
 - d) Turn On the **"Logging"** toggle
 - e) Turn Off the **"Enforcement"** toggle
- The *Discovery-Rule* allows to intercept the logs generated only by HTTP (port 80) and HTTPS (port 443) traffic, from the VPC where the Egress control was enabled.
- *Best Practice*: Place your Discovery-Rule always above the Greenfield-Rule.
- The result will be displayed on the **Monitor** TAB.

The screenshot shows the 'Rules' tab in the Distributed Cloud Firewall interface. A table lists the configured rules. The 'Discovery-Rule' is highlighted with a red box, showing it is positioned above the 'Greenfield-Rule'.

Priority	Name	Source	Destination	WebGroup	Protocol	Ports	Action	IDS	Logging
0	Discovery-Rule	BU1	Public Internet	All-Web	Any		Permit		On
2147483...	Greenfield-Rule	Anywhere (0.0.0.0/0)	Anywhere (0.0.0.0/0)		Any		Permit		

The 'Create Rule' form is shown with the following configuration:

- Name:** Discovery Rule
- Source SmartGroups:** BU1
- Destination SmartGroups:** Public Internet
- WebGroups:** All-Web
- Protocol:** Any
- Port:** All
- Rule Behavior:** Enforcement is Off, Logging is On.
- Action:** Permit
- Rule Priority:** Place Rule is Above, Existing Rule is Greenfield-Rule.

Monitor

- On the Monitor section you can retrieve all the logs and therefore distinguish the domains that should be permitted from those ones that should be denied.
- Best Practice: *The Discovery Process* should be used only temporarily. As soon as you have completed your discovery, kindly proceed to activating the *Allow-List model* (i.e. *ZTN approach*).

The screenshot displays the Aviaatrix ACE Monitor interface. The 'Monitor' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. The interface includes a 'Filters' section with a 'Time Period' dropdown set to 'Last 24 Hours', a 'Start' time of 'Dec 5, 2023 10:40 AM', and an 'End' time of 'Now'. A 'VPC/VNets' filter is set to 'aws-us-east-2-spoke1'. The main area shows a table of logs with columns: Timestamp, Source IP, VPC/VNet, Domain, Port, Rule Match, and Action. The 'Top Rules Hit' sidebar on the right lists the most frequent rule matches.

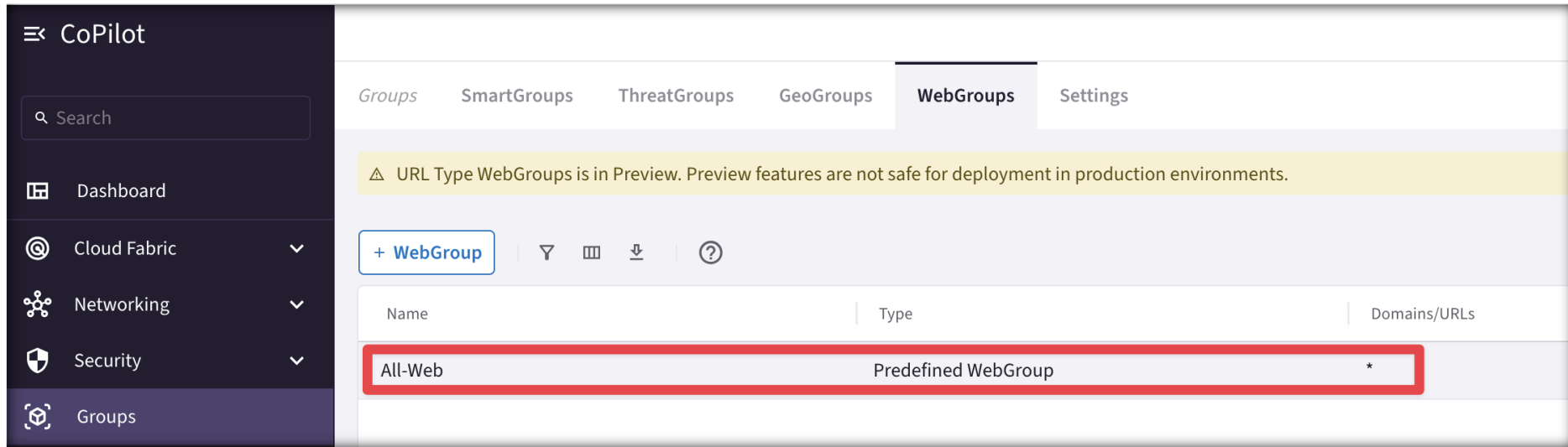
Timestamp	Source IP	VPC/VNet	Domain	Port	Rule Match	Action
Dec 6, 2023 10:40 AM	10.0.1.10	aws-us-east-2-spoke1	esm.ubuntu.com	443	Matched	Allowed
Dec 6, 2023 10:40 AM	10.0.1.10	aws-us-east-2-spoke1	security.ubuntu.com	80	Matched	Allowed
Dec 6, 2023 10:40 AM	10.0.1.10	aws-us-east-2-spoke1	us-east-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com	80	Matched	Allowed
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Dec 6, 2023 10:39 AM	10.0.1.10	aws-us-east-2-spoke1	www.football.com	80	Matched	Allowed
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Top Rules Hit

Domain	Count
www.wikipedia.com (80)	3
www.football.com (80)	3
www.espn.com (80)	3
www.aviaatrix.com (80)	3
us-east-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com (80)	3
security.ubuntu.com (80)	1
esm.ubuntu.com (443)	1

Predefined WebGroup: All-Web

- When you navigate to **CoPilot > Groups**, a predefined WebGroup, *All-Web*, has already been created for you.
- This is an "allow-all" WebGroup that you must select in a Distributed Cloud Firewall rule if you do not want to limit the Internet-bound traffic for that rule, but you still want to log the FQDNs that are being accessed.



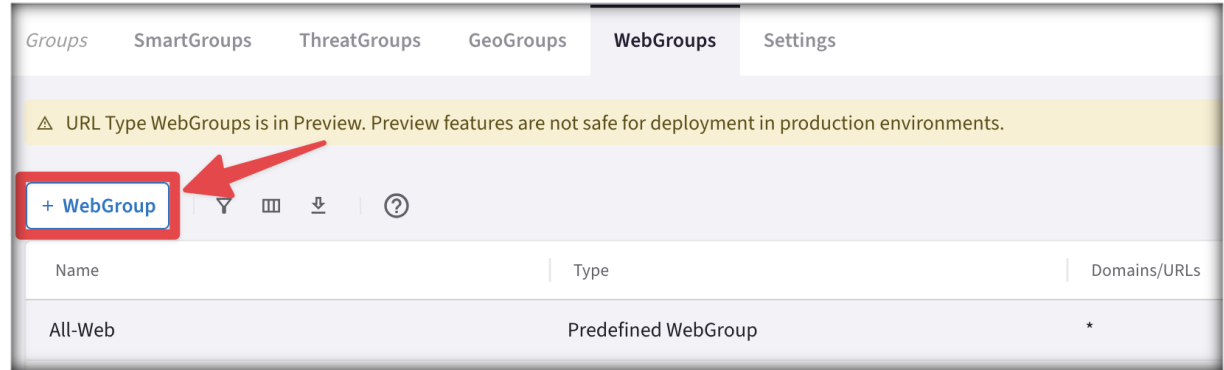
The screenshot shows the AviaMatrix CoPilot interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the 'CoPilot' header and a search bar. Below the search bar are navigation links: Dashboard, Cloud Fabric, Networking, Security, and Groups (which is currently selected). The main content area has tabs for Groups, SmartGroups, ThreatGroups, GeoGroups, WebGroups (selected), and Settings. A yellow warning banner states: 'URL Type WebGroups is in Preview. Preview features are not safe for deployment in production environments.' Below the banner is a '+ WebGroup' button and icons for filter, view, download, and help. A table lists the WebGroups:

Name	Type	Domains/URLs
All-Web	Predefined WebGroup	*

The 'All-Web' row is highlighted with a red border.

WebGroup Creation

- **WebGroups** are groupings of domains and URLs, inserted into Distributed Cloud Firewall rules, that filter (and provide security to) Internet-bound traffic.
- In addition to the predefined WebGroup **All-Web**, you can also create two kind of custom WebGroups:
 1. **URLs WebGroup**: for HTTP/HTTPS and for other protocols, but you need to define the full Path.
 - CAVEAT: TLS Decryption must be turned on when URLs-based WebGroups are used.
 2. **Domains WebGroup**: for HTTP and HTTPS traffic (wild cards are supported – i.e. partial names).



Create WebGroup

Name
FTP-to-Example.com

Type
☐ Domains
 ☒ URLs

Domains/URLs
 ftp://ftp.example.com/directory/

Cancel Save

Create WebGroup

Name
Apt-get-Commands

Type
☒ Domains
 ☐ URLs

Domains/URLs
 *ubuntu.com

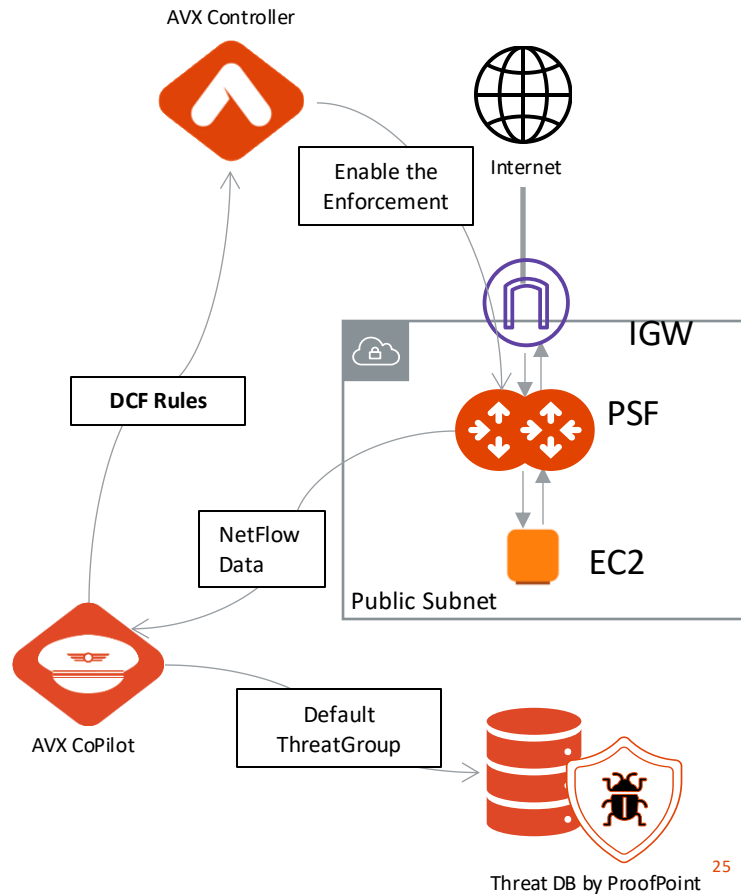
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Aviatrix PSF GW(aka Public Subnet Filtering Gateway)

Aviatrix Public Subnet Filtering Gateways (PSF GWs)

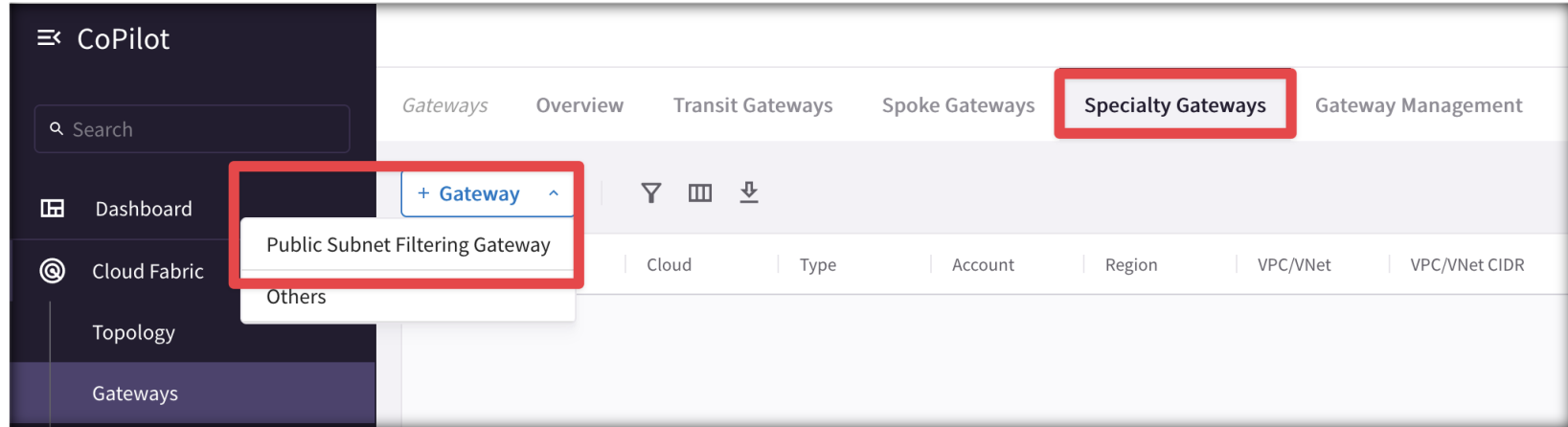
- **Public Subnet Filtering Gateways (PSF** gateways) provide ingress and egress security for **AWS** public subnets where instances have public IP addresses.
- After the Public Subnet Filtering (PSF) gateway is launched, you can apply also DCF (Distributed Cloud Firewall) rules – *enforcement must be enabled*.
- The PSF Gateway acts as a **standalone Gateway** (it's neither a Spoke nor a Transit).
- Leverage the **Default ThreatGroup** (i.e. a Malicious IP addresses DB supplied by ProofPoint) if you want to prevent attacks towards your public-facing workloads.



Aviatrix PSF Deployment Workflow (part.1)

To deploy a Public Subnet Filtering Gateway:

1. In CoPilot, navigate to **Cloud Fabric** > **Gateways** > **Speciality Gateways** tab.
2. Click **+Gateway** and select **Public Subnet Filtering Gateway**.



Enforcement on PSF

The Enforcement of DCF (Distributed Cloud Firewall) rules on the PSF Gateway is *disabled* by default.

- This feature needs to be enabled if you want the AVX Controller to push DCF Rules also on this standalone Gateway.

Enforcement on PSF Gateways ⚠ Preview

Control the application of Distributed Cloud Firewall Policy on PSF Gateways.

Status

☐ Disabled

[Enable](#)



Lab 5 – Aviatrix Cloud Firewall (with Secure Egress)