AWS Academy Cloud Architecting

Module 6: Creating a Networking Environment



Module overview



Sections

- 1. Architectural need
- 2. Creating an AWS networking environment
- 3. Connecting your AWS networking environment to the internet
- 4. Securing your AWS networking environment

Demonstration

Creating a Virtual Private Cloud

Labs

- Guided Lab: Creating a Virtual Private Cloud
- Challenge Lab:



Module objectives



At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Explain the foundational role of a virtual private cloud (VPC) in Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud networking
- Identify how to connect your AWS networking environment to the internet
- Describe how to isolate resources within your AWS networking environment
- Create a VPC with subnets, an internet gateway, route tables, and a security group

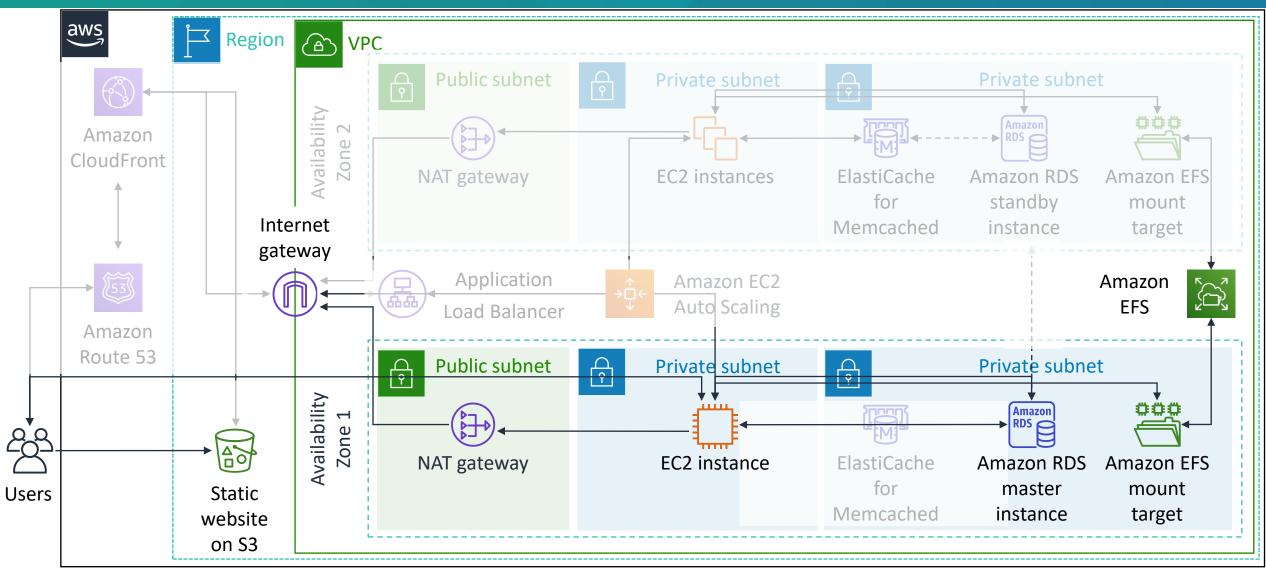
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Section 1: Architectural need



Networking as part of a larger architecture





Café business requirement



The café must deploy and manage AWS resources in a secure, isolated network environment.





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Section 2: Creating an AWS networking environment



Amazon VPC



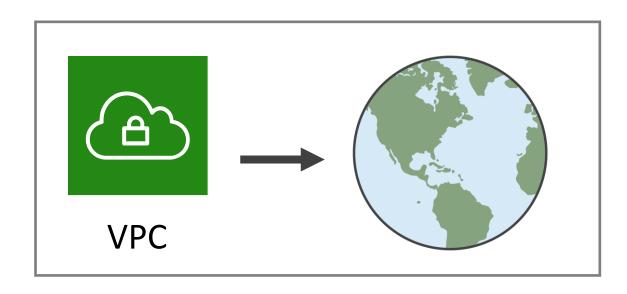
Provision a logically isolated section of the AWS Cloud where you can launch AWS resources in a virtual network that you define.

Bring your own network

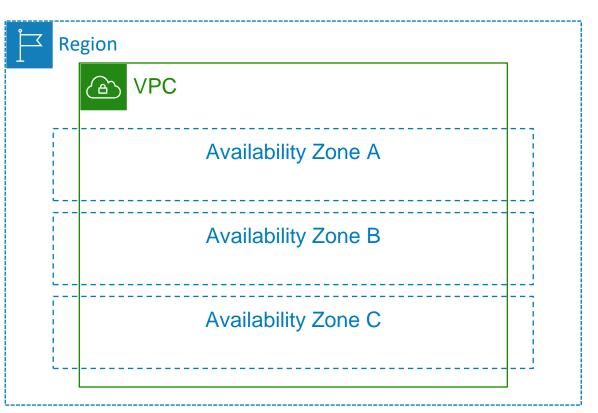


VPC deployment





You can deploy a VPC in any AWS Region.



A VPC can host supported resources from any Availability Zone within its Region.

Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR)



0.0.0/0	= All IP addresses
0.0.0.0	,

10.22.33.44/32 = 10.22.33.44

10.22.33.0/24 = 10.22.33.*

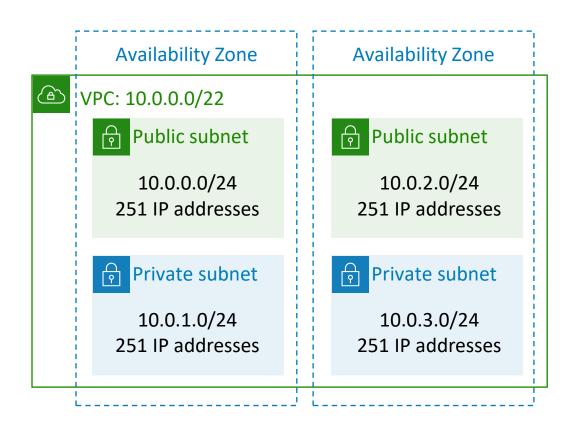
10.22.0.0/16 = 10.22.*.*

Total IP addresses
16
4,096
8,192
16,384
32,768
65,536

Subnets: Dividing your VPC



- A subnet is a segment or partition of a VPC's IP address range where you can allocate a group of resources
- Subnets are not isolation boundaries
- Subnets are a subset of the VPC CIDR block
- Subnet CIDR blocks cannot overlap
- Each subnet resides entirely within one Availability Zone
- You can add one or more subnets in each Availability Zone or in a Local Zone
- AWS reserves five IP addresses in each subnet



Example: A VPC with CIDR /22 includes 1,024 total IP addresses.

VPC design best practices



- Create one subnet per available Availability Zone for each group of hosts that have unique routing requirements.
- Divide your VPC network range evenly across all available Availability Zones in a Region.
- Do not allocate all network addresses at once. Instead, ensure that you reserve some address space for future use.
- Size your VPC CIDR and subnets to support significant growth for the expected workloads.
- Ensure that your VPC network range (CIDR block) does not overlap with your organization's other private network ranges.

Single VPC deployment



There are limited use cases where deploying one VPC might be appropriate:

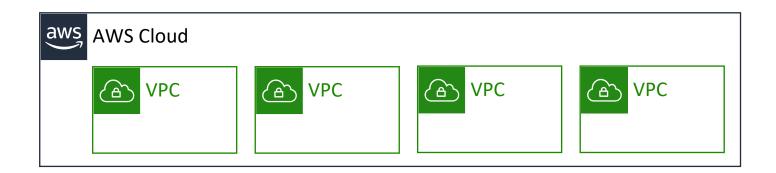
- Small, single applications managed by a small team
- High performance computing (HPC)
- Identity management

For most use cases, there are two primary patterns for organizing your infrastructure: multi-VPC and multi-account.

Multiple VPCs



- Best suited for
 - Single team or single organizations, such as managed service providers
 - Limited teams, which makes it easier to maintain standards and manage access
- Exception
 - Governance and compliance standards might require greater workload isolation regardless of organizational complexity



Multiple accounts



- Best suited for
 - Large organizations and organizations with multiple IT teams
 - Medium-sized organizations that anticipate rapid growth
- Why?
 - It can be more challenging to manage access and standards in more complex organizations





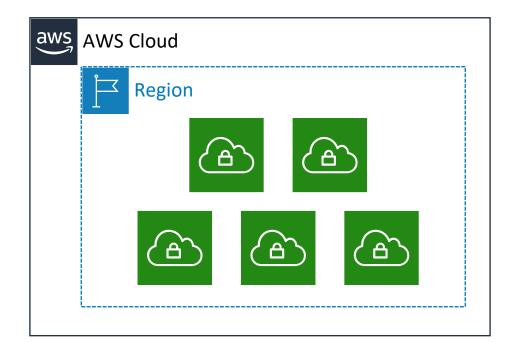




Amazon VPC service limits



Service limit: 5 VPCs per Region per account





Section 2 key takeaways



- Amazon VPC enables you to provision VPCs, which are logically isolated sections of the AWS Cloud where you can launch your AWS resources.
- A VPC belongs to only one Region and is divided into subnets.
- A subnet belongs to one Availability Zone or Local Zone. It is a subset of the VPC CIDR block.
- You can create multiple VPCs in the same Region or in different Regions, and in the same account or different accounts.
- Follow best practices when you design your VPC.

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Section 3: Connecting your AWS networking environment to the internet

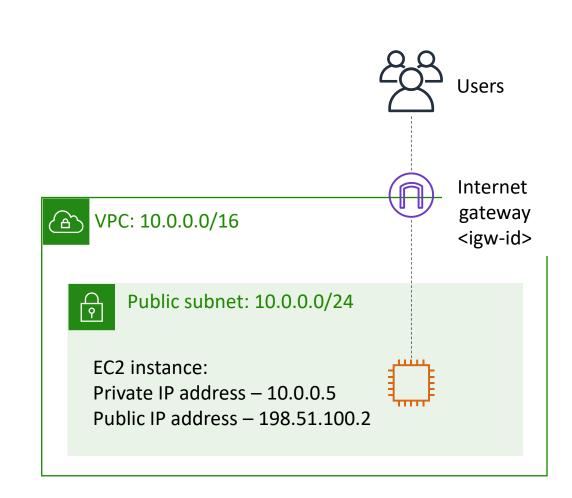


Creating a public subnet





- Allow communication between resources in your VPC and the internet
- Are horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available by default
- Provide a target in your subnet route tables for internet-routable traffic

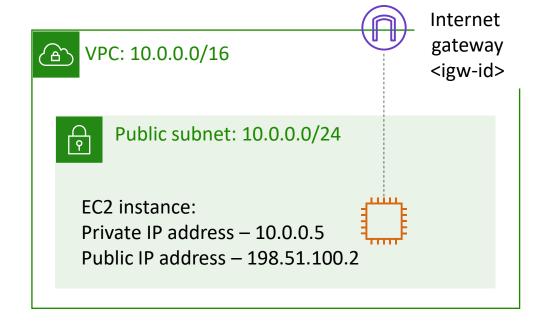


Directing traffic between VPC resources



- Route tables are required to direct traffic between VPC resources
- Each VPC has a main (default) route table
- All subnets must be associated with a route table
- You can create custom route tables

Best practice: Use custom route tables for each subnet.



Public route table

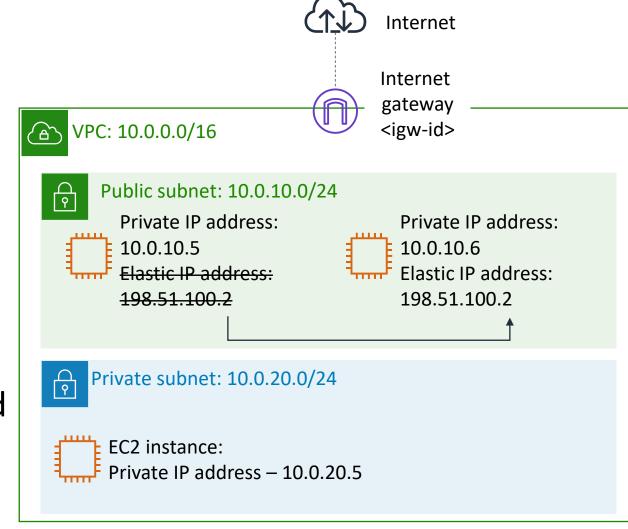
Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<igw-id></igw-id>

Remapping an IP address from one instance to another





- Are static, public IPv4 addresses associated with your AWS account
- Can be associated with an instance or elastic network interface
- Can be remapped to another instance in your account
- Are useful for redundancy when load balancers are not an option



Connecting private subnets to the internet





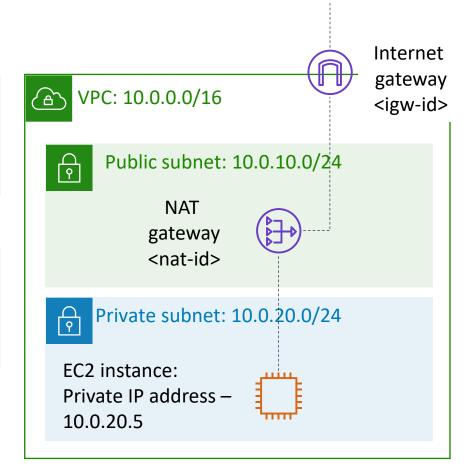
- Enable instances in a private subnet to initiate outbound traffic to the internet or other AWS services
- Prevent private instances from receiving inbound connection requests from the internet

Public route table

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<igw-id></igw-id>

Private route table

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<nat-id></nat-id>



Users

Subnet use case examples (1 of 2)





Data store instances



Batch-processing instances



Backend instances



Web application instances

Subnet use case examples (2 of 2)





Data store instances

Private subnet



Batch-processing instances

Private subnet



Backend instances

Private subnet



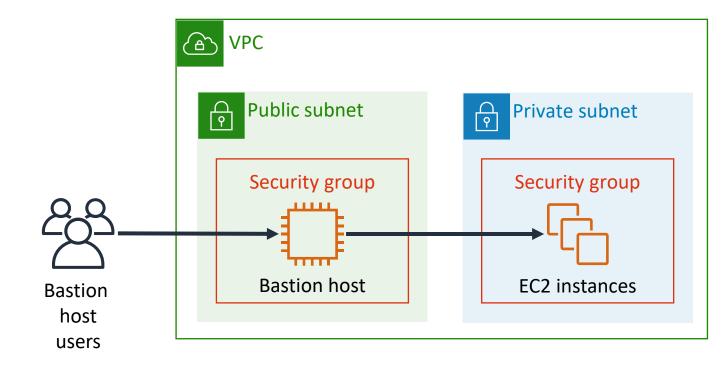
Web application instances

Public or private subnet

Bastion hosts



- A server whose purpose is to provide access to a private network from an external network
- Must minimize the chances of penetration





Demonstration: Creating a VPC





Section 3 key takeaways



- An internet gateway allows communication between instances in your VPC and the internet.
- Route tables control traffic from your subnet or gateway.
- Elastic IP addresses are static, public IPv4 addresses that can be associated with an instance or elastic network interface. They can be remapped to another instance in your account.
- NAT gateways enable instances in the private subnet to initiate outbound traffic to the internet or other AWS services.
- A bastion host is a server whose purpose is to provide access to a private network from an external network, such as the internet.

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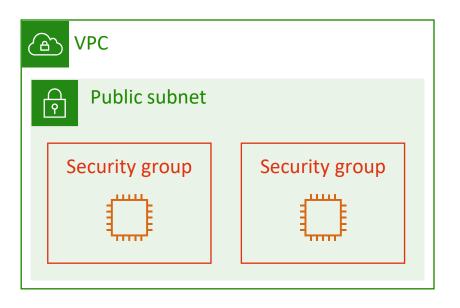
Section 4: Securing your AWS networking environment



Security groups

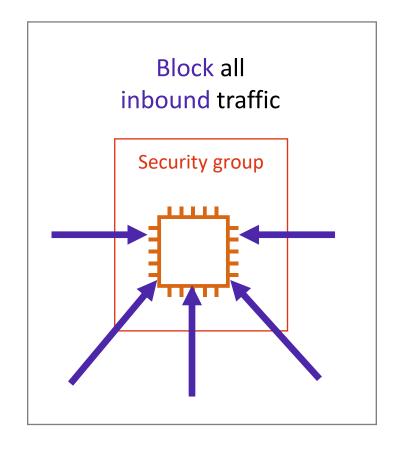


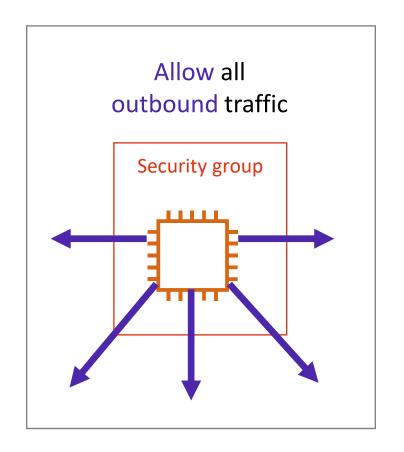
- Are stateful firewalls that control inbound and outbound traffic to AWS resources
- Act at the level of the instance or network interface



Default security groups

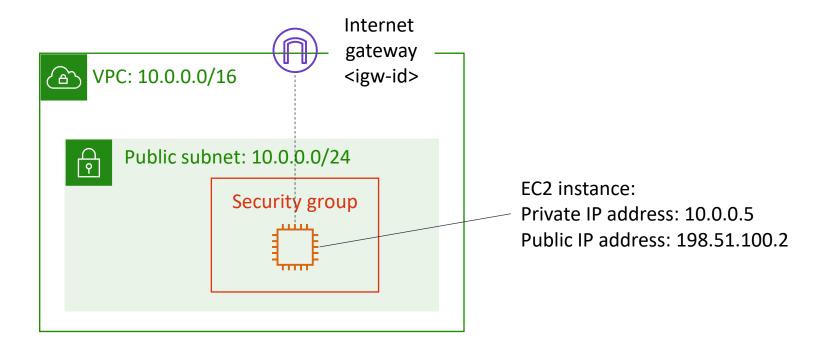






Custom security groups





Inbound				
Туре	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Destination
НТТР	TCP	80	Anywhere	Allow web access

Chaining security groups



Inbound rules

Allow: HTTP (port 80) or HTTPS (port 443)

Source: 0.0.0.0/0 (any)

Allow: SSH (port 22) to Web tier

Source: Corporate IP range

Inbound rule

Allow: SSH (port 22) to Application tier

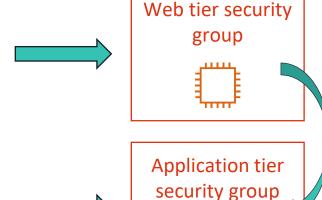
Source: Corporate IP range

Inbound rule

Allow: SSH (port 22) to Database tier

Source: Corporate IP range

All other ports blocked by default



Inbound rule

Allow: HTTP (port 8000)

(application specific)

Source: Web tier



Database tier security group



Inbound rule

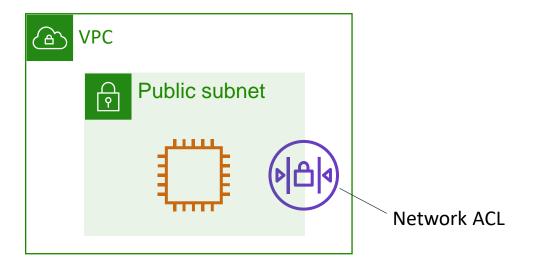
Allow: TCP port 3306

Source: Application tier

Network access control lists (network ACLs)



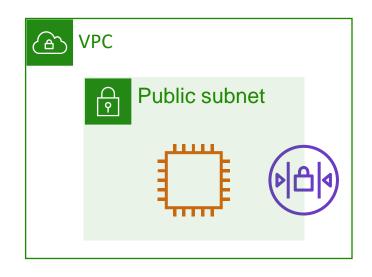
- Act at the subnet level
- Allow all inbound and outbound traffic by default
- Are stateless firewalls that require explicit rules for both inbound and outbound traffic



Custom network ACLs



Recommended for specific network security requirements only



Nacl-11223344

Inbound:

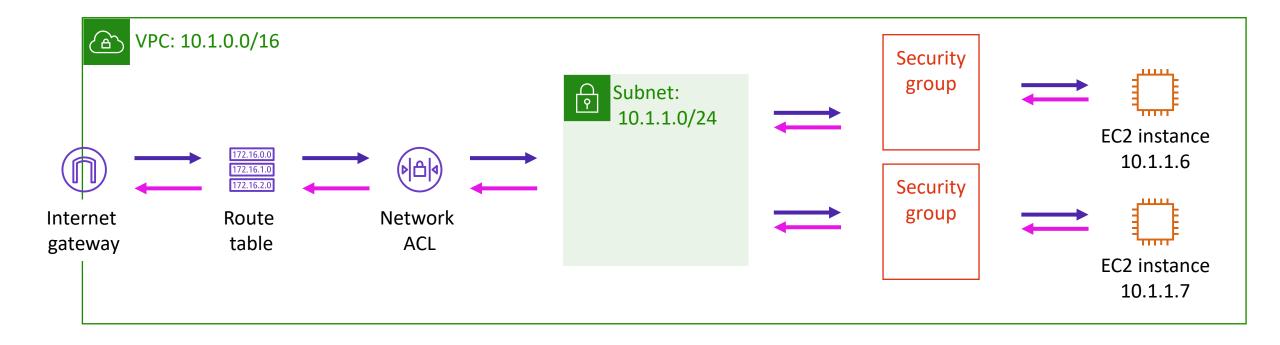
Rules # 100: SSH 172.31.1.2/32 ALLOW Rules # *: ALL traffic 0.0.0.0/0 DENY

Outbound:

Rules # 100: Custom TCP 172.31.1.2/31 ALLOW Rules # *: All traffic 0.0.0.0/0 DENY

Structure your infrastructure with multiple layers of defense





Review: How to create a public subnet



To create a public subnet to allow communication between instances in your VPC and the internet, you must:



Attach an internet gateway to your VPC.

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<igw-id></igw-id>

Point your instance subnet's route table to the internet gateway.



Make sure that your instances have public IP or Elastic IP addresses.





Make sure that your security groups and network ACLs allow relevant traffic to flow.



Section 4 key takeaways



- Security groups are stateful firewalls that act at the instance level
- Network ACLs are stateless firewalls that act at the subnet level
- When you set inbound and outbound rules to allow traffic to flow from the top tier to the bottom tier of your architecture, you can chain security groups together to isolate a security breach
- You should structure your infrastructure with multiple layers of defense



Module 6 - Guided Lab:
Creating a Virtual Private Cloud



Guided lab: Tasks



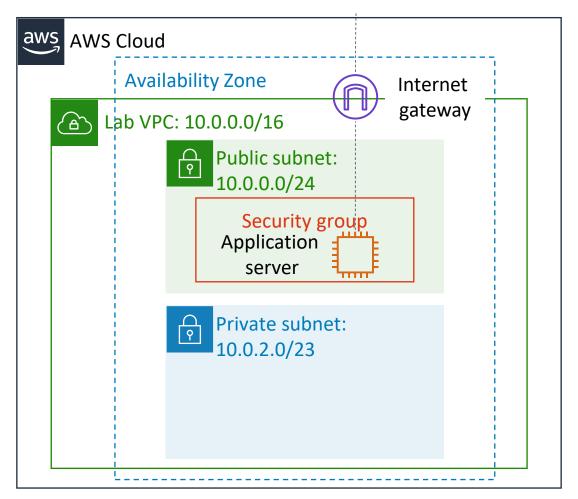
Use Amazon VPC to manually create a VPC with:

- Public and private subnets
- An internet gateway
- A route table with a route to direct internet-bound traffic to the internet gateway
- A security group for EC2 instances in the public subnet
- An application server to test the VPC

Guided lab: Final product



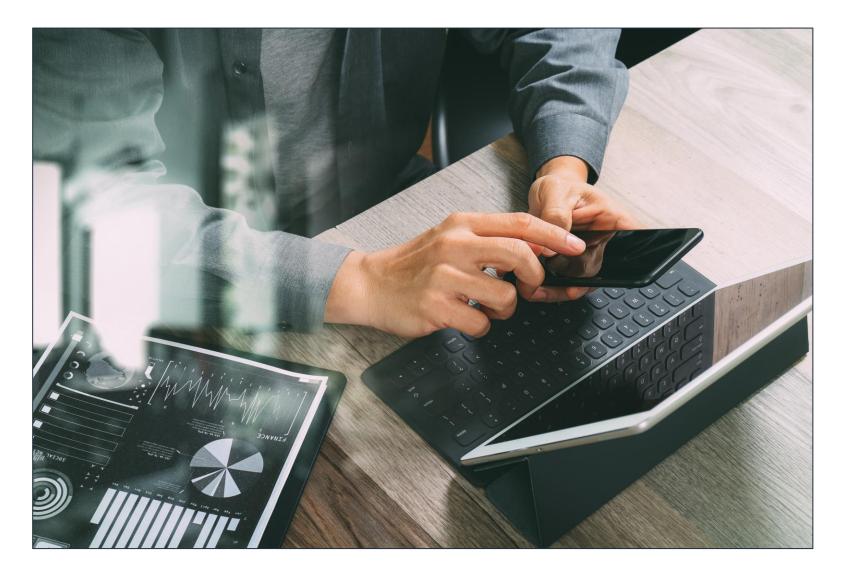






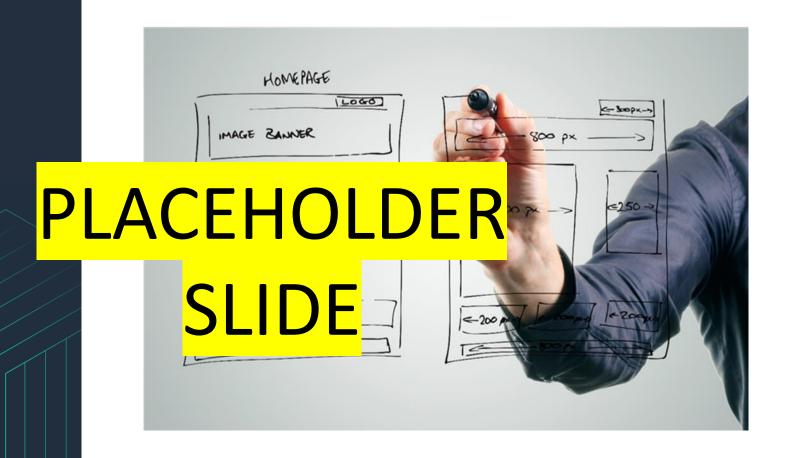
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Guided lab debrief: Key takeaways





Module 6 – Challenge Lab: <Exact Lab Title>



The business need: <summary>



<tie the service or technical concept into whatever example use case the challenge labs revolve around>

PLACEHOLDER SLIDE

Challenge lab: Customer requirements

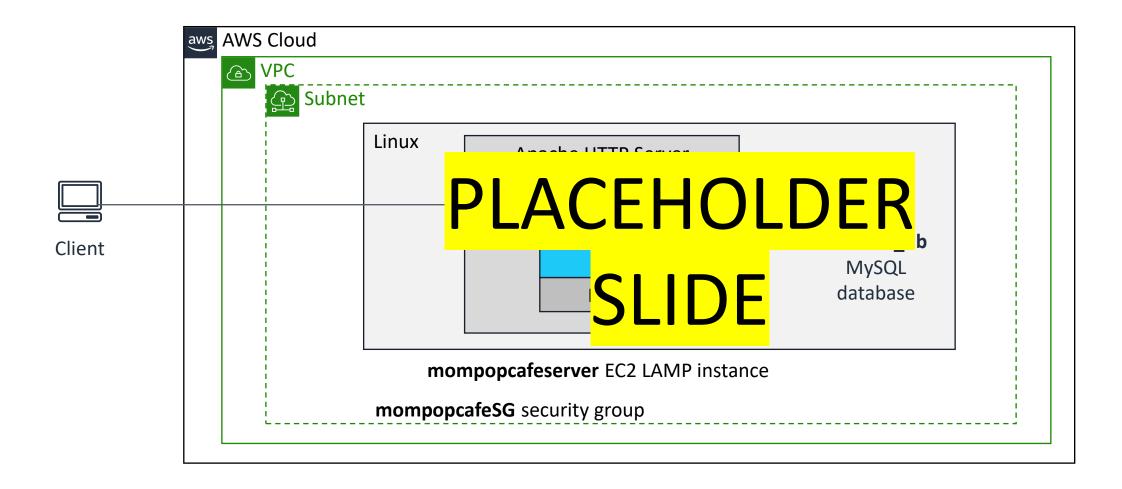


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PLACEHOLDER SLIDE

Challenge lab: Final product













Challenge lab debrief: Key takeaways



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Module wrap-up



Module summary



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Complete the knowledge check





Sample exam question



You have an application running on multiple Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) instances in a single Availability Zone. The application calls a third-party application programming interface (API) via the internet.

How can you provide the third-party API with a single IP address to add to an access safelist?

- A. Assign an Elastic IP address to the instances.
- B. Assign a public IP address to the instances.
- C. Put the instances behind a NAT gateway.
- D. Put the instances behind a Network Load Balancer.

Additional resources



- VPCs and Subnets
- One to Many: Evolving VPC Design
- AWS Single VPC Design
- AWS re:Invent 2018: Your Virtual Data Center: VPC Fundamentals and Connectivity Options
- AWS Networking Fundamentals

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