AWS VPC (Virtual Private Cloud)

It is related to Network and Security part

VPC provides isolated network for resources in AWS cloud

Is AWS a public or private cloud -> it is a public (anyone can access the AWS website, create acount, use resources)

Can anyone login and work with resources in AWS? Yes, then it is a public cloud

In that case, protecting my resources is very crucial. If I login into my account, can I access other accounts' resources, answer is no

With my login, I shouldn't access your resources and vice-versa. that's called as isolated resources

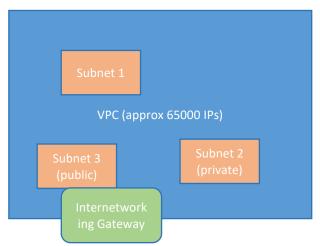
With the help of VPC, we can protect our resources in AWS cloud

VPC provides flexible and secured network to maintain and manage our resources in AWS cloud

Can everyone access every resource available in your home? The answer is No. Mostly outsiders can access only up to front door

VPC is like our home, before creating the resources, first part is to create a VPC

Even though, we haven't created our own VPC, still while creating other resources, we used the default VPC being created. Maximum we can create 65000 IPs, that many IPs we can allow within one VPC. Maximum approx 65000 IPs will be there in one VPC



We can have any number of Subnets inside VPCs, we have something called as Public Subnet and Private Subnet

VPC terminology:

- 1. VPC
- 2. Subnet (Private or Public)
- 3. CIDR Block (IP ranges) -> VPC sizing
- 4. Route tables
- 5. Internet gateway
- 6. NAT gateway
- 7. VPC peering
- 8. Security groups --> at Resource level --> Rules (both Inbound [who can access] and Outbound [what we can access]) to allow who can access
- 9. NACL --> Subnet level --> but at Subnet level, we can have rules for allowing also and denying also

What's one Subnet? Like a small network within VPC. We can allocate like 256 IPs in the subnet. In Subnet SN2, we can allocate 124 IPs

Private Subnet is for the internal communication

Public subnet can be accessed through internetworking. Internetworking means outsiders can also access. Say if I attached an Internetworking Gateway (INW) to a public subnet, anyone can access. Any of the Subnet, if I attach Internet Gateway (INW), it becomes Public otherwise it is Private Public subnet --> Internet Gateway, Private subnet --> NAT Gateway

IPs

There are several types of IPs (Internet Protocol) address used in a computer network. All devices like mobile phones, laptops, desktops etc all have IPs. If devices have to get connected over internet, IP address is a must

IPv4: 32 bits --> 4 sets of numbers

IPv4 ---> 32 bits numeric addresses written in four sets of numbers separated by periods: 192.168.1.1 It is most widely used IP version and supports approximately 4.3 billion unique addresses

IPv6: 128 bits, IPv6 is trying to solve the problem of IP shortage, which might occur in the future due to IPv4 --> 8 sets of four hexadecimal digits will be there

IPv6 uses hexadecimal notation with colons eg: 2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334 Supports 340 undecillion unique addresses

Public IP Private IP Static IP address Dynamic IP

VPC Sizing: process of allocating IPs to VPC subnets. In general, allocating IPs is called as VPC sizing, within VPC how many IPs are required and within each subnet how many IPs are required. When we create a new VPC, that time we decide how many IPs we want --> Decision of allocating IPs to VPCs is only called as VPC sizing

IP Ranges we will be doing with CIDR --> Class less Inter domain Range

VPCs are regional-specific Can VPCs interact? Yes that's called as VPC peering

Any device, if it has to access resources of internet, is IP compusory? Yes

On a regular basis, number of new devices are rapidly increasing and are using internet, and any device if it has to use internet, then IP is mandatory and a must and there might be possibility of running out of IPs, which has to be unique. To overcome this issue, IPv6 was introduced

When we connect Internet Gateway to a Private Subnet, it becomes Public Subnet. Also Route Table (RT) will be there between INW and Public SN1 to make it public. Rules of routing, with the help of route tables, INW, outsiders can access resources within one Subnet

VPC sizing: Sizing will be calculated in 2 power or power of 2

IPv4

10.0.0.1/16 ==> means 2 power (32-16) ==> 2 power 16. 32 is the maximum . Maximum one VPC can have is 65,536

10.0.0.1/32 ==> 2 power (32-32) ==> 2 power 0 = 1 IPs address, not recommended to create VPC or Subnet with just one IP address

Therefore, AWS supports from 28

10.0.0.1/28 ==> 2 power (32-28) ==> 2 power 4 = 16. this is the minimum number of IPs AWS supports. AWS supports from 28 and less

AWS supports minimum 16 to maximum 65,536 IPs Similarly, AWS does not support ==> 10.0.0.1/15 less than 16

Subnet ranges can be given from /16 to /28

Recommended to use /24

10.0.0.1/24 ==> 2 power (32-24) = 2 power 8 = 256 IPs that's generally we use. In real-life scenario also 256 IP is more than enough for Subnets

VPC allows us to create and manage our own networks or isolated networks within AWS cloud In VPC, users can define their own IP address range, subnets, route table and network gateways It provides control over network configuration such as setting up access-control policies, firewall rules (security group rules) and network traffic routing

MobaXterm is an outsider, not part of AWS, if you are able to connect with MobaXTerm it is a public subnet, otherwise private subnet

Practical task:

1. Create VPC

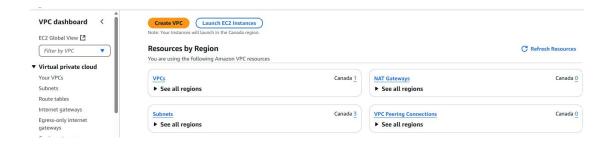
- a) CIDR block: 10.0.0.0/16
- b) Select No IPv6 CIDR block
- c) Rest select default options
- d) Click create VPC
- e) Note: One Route table will be created for VPC by default if necessary re-name

2. Create two subnets ->

- a) Create subnet-1
 - i. Name: subnet-public
 - ii. CIDR block: 10.0.0.0/24 (it will take 256 IPs)
- b) Create subnet-2
 - i. Name: subnet-private
 - ii. CIDR block: 10.0.1.0/24 (I will slightly change IP to avoid collision)
- c) Route tables: The moment we create VPC default route table will be created go to route table section and rename it to private
- d) Create a NEW Route table and name it to Public
- e) After Route tables are created, Edit and attach Subnet association
- f) Public RT attach to Public subnet
- g) Private RT Attach to Private subnet
- h) Create new Internet Gateway
- Click on Public-RT --> routes --> Add route ---> Internet Gateway and select the IGW we had created earlier and select 0.0.0.0/0 in the other input field

3. Create 2 EC2s

- a) One EC2 in public subnet and another in private subnet
- b) Tested by connect to EC2 of public subnet, it worked and we were NOT able to connect to Private EC2 / private subnet because no Internet Gateway was attached



One default VPC is already there



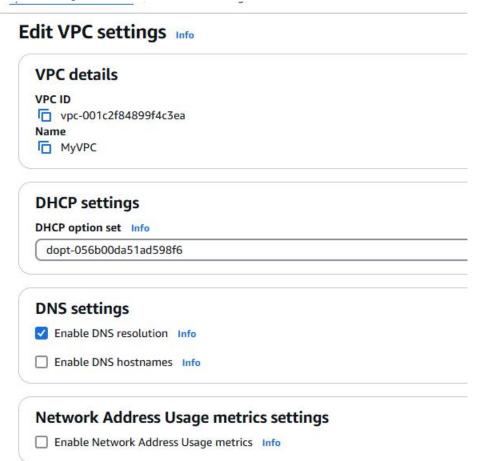
Use the following settings: create VPC

Create VPC Info A VPC is an isolated portion of the AWS Cloud populated by AWS objects, such as Amazon EC2 instances. **VPC** settings Resources to create Info Create only the VPC resource or the VPC and other networking resources. O VPC and more O VPC only Name tag - optional Creates a tag with a key of 'Name' and a value that you specify. MyVPC IPv4 CIDR block Info O IPv4 CIDR manual input O IPAM-allocated IPv4 CIDR block **IPv4 CIDR** 10.0.0.0/16 CIDR block size must be between /16 and /28. IPv6 CIDR block Info O No IPv6 CIDR block O IPAM-allocated IPv6 CIDR block O Amazon-provided IPv6 CIDR block O IPv6 CIDR owned by me Tenancy Info Default Tage

10.0.0.0/16 means almost 65000 IPs are allowed in this VPC



Edit VPC settings



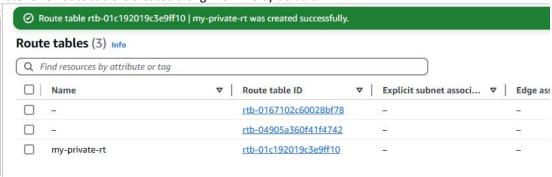


Create Route table

Create route table Info A route table specifies how packets are forwarded between the subnets within your VPC, the internet, and your VPN connection. Route table settings Name - optional Create a tag with a key of 'Name' and a value that you specify. my-private-rt The VPC to use for this route table. vpc-001c2f84899f4c3ea (MyVPC) Tags A tag is a label that you assign to an AWS resource. Each tag consists of a key and an optional value. You can use tags to search a Value - optional Q Name × Q my-private-rt (Add new tag You can add 49 more tags.

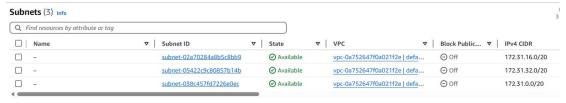
Click route table

Note: One Route table is created along with VPC by default



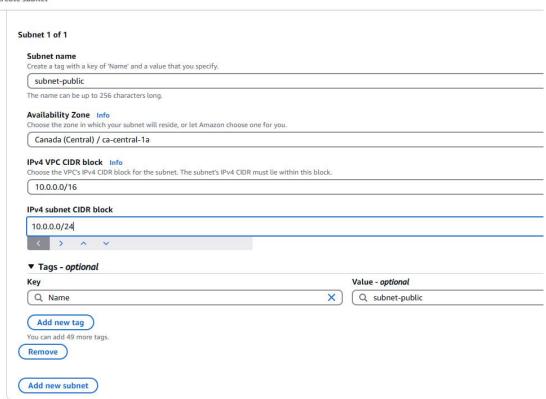
Go to Subnets

Default subnets are there

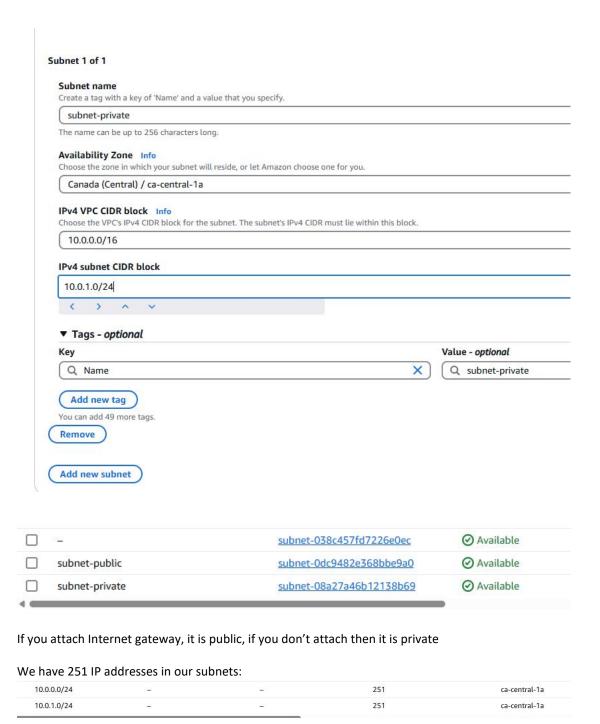


Create a new Subnet

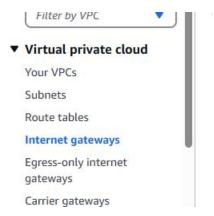
Create subnet



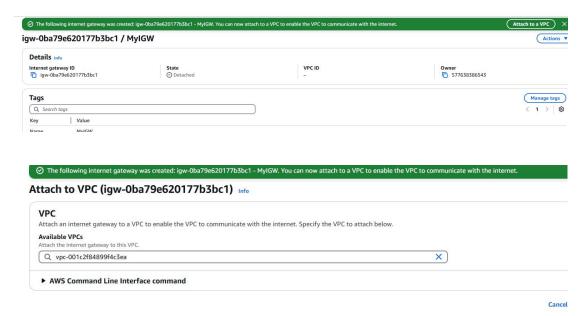
10.0.0.0/24 ---> IPv4 subnet CIDR block



Go to Internet Gateways

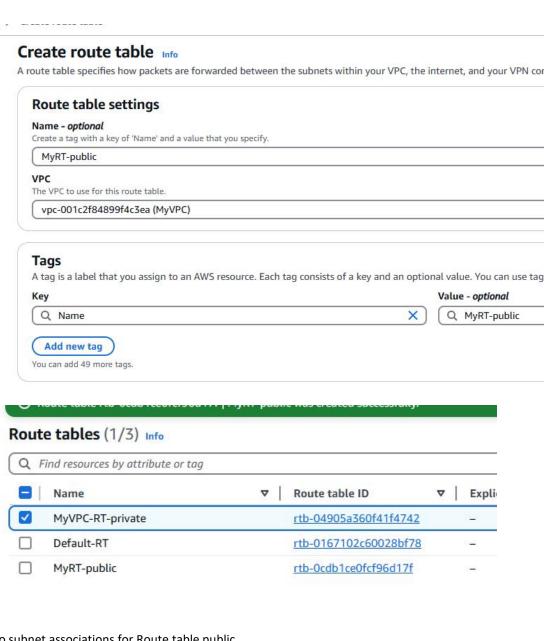


Create Internet Gateway then Attach to VPC

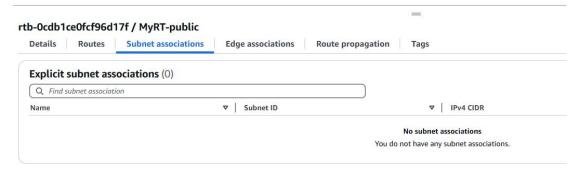


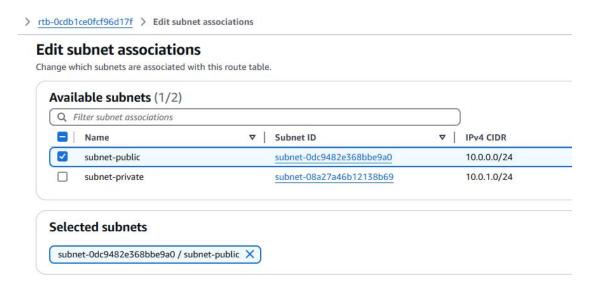
Select MyVPC Click Attach internet gateway

Create a public route table

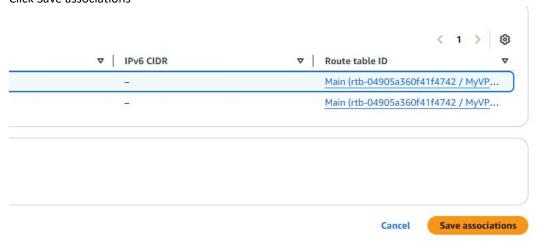


No subnet associations for Route table public

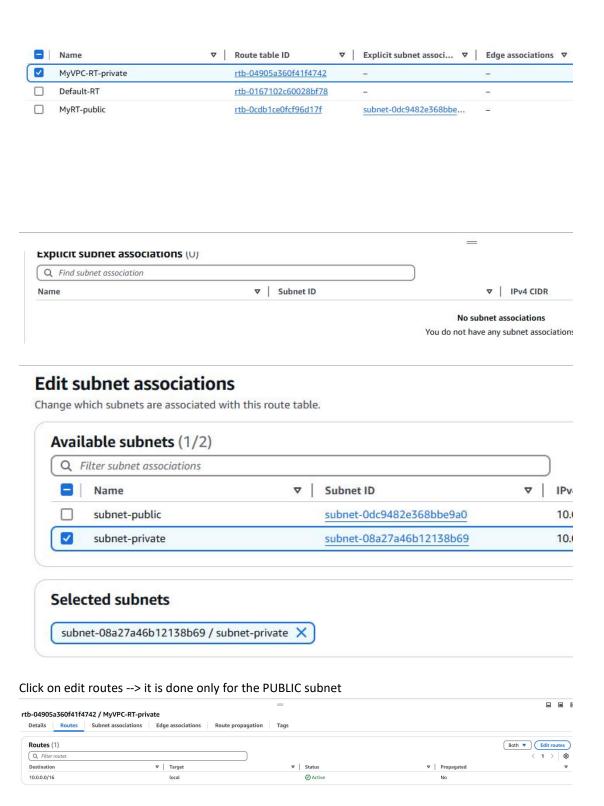




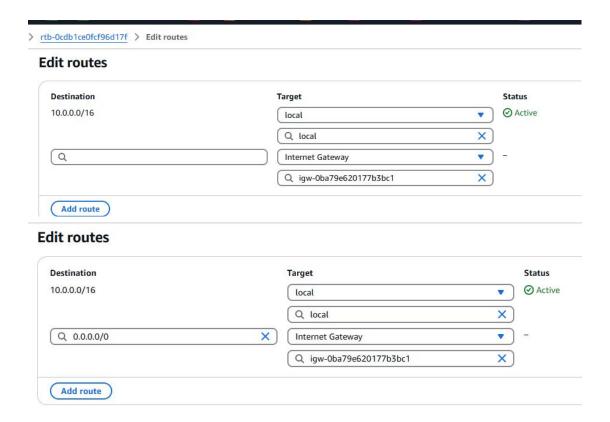
Click Save associations



Same thing click on Private subnet --> no associations at the moment

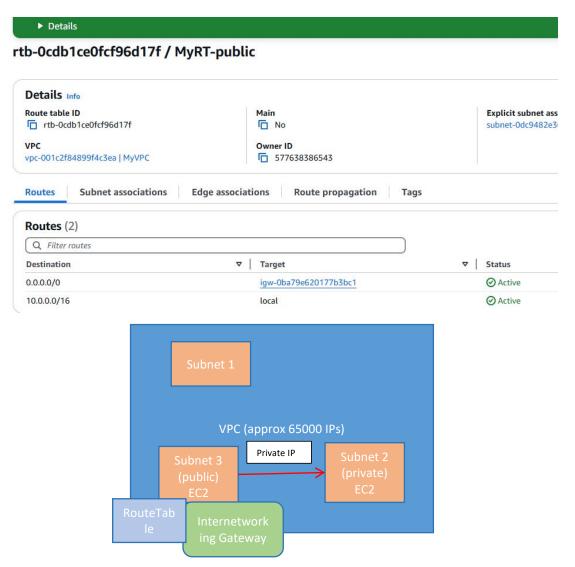


Add route ---> select Internet Gateway



Click Save changes

Internet Gateway associated only with the Public route table



Note:

We have created a Public subnet, then Route tables --> then we have attached Internet gateway to RT

Route tables: The moment we create VPC default route table will be created go to route table section and rename it to private

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After Route tables are created, Edit and attach Subnet association

Public RT attach to Public subnet

Private RT Attach to Private subnet

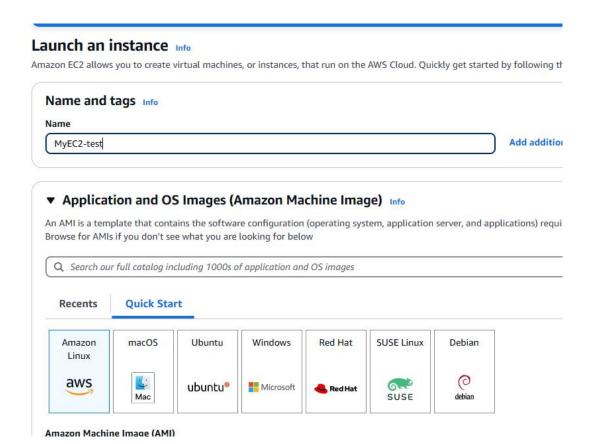
Create new Internet Gateway

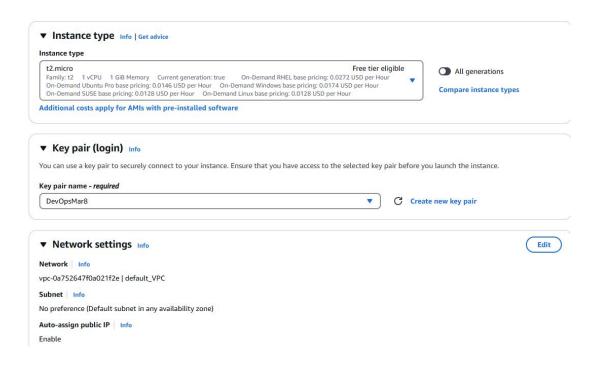
Click on Public-RT --> routes --> Add route ---> Internet Gateway and select the IGW we had created earlier

Summary

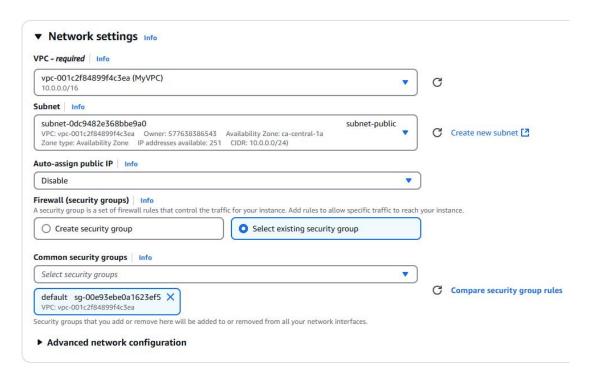
- 1. Create VPC
- 2. Create 2 subnets
- 3. Create IGW
- 4. Create Route tables
- 5. Associate RT to respective Subnets
- 6. Attach IGW to Public RT
- 7. One EC2 in public subnet and another in private subnet
- 8. Tested by connect to EC2 of public subnet, it worked and we were NOT able to connect to Private EC2 / private subnet because no Internet Gateway was attached

Now go to EC2

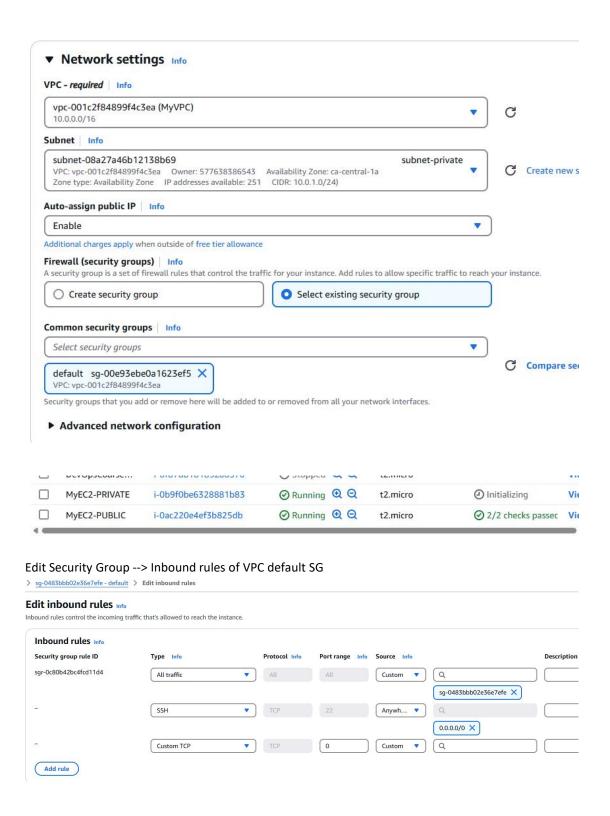




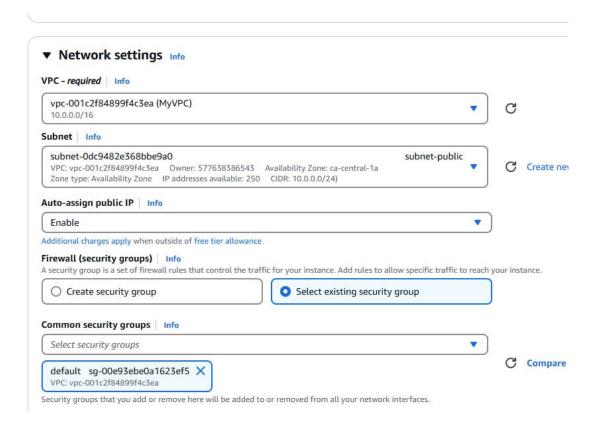
Change VPC to MyVPC, Select subnet-public, Security group default



Next create a Private-VM Use the following settings Auto-assign public IP is 'Enable'

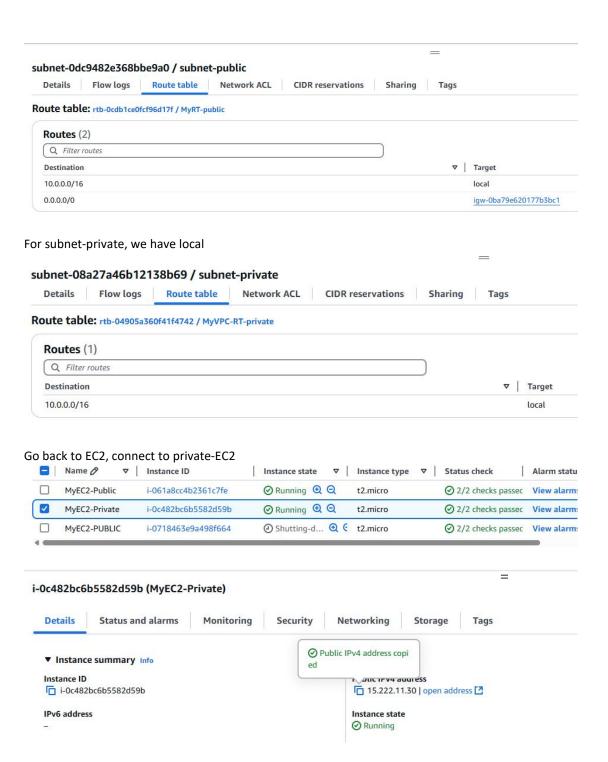


For public EC2 also make sure Auto-assign public IP is enabled



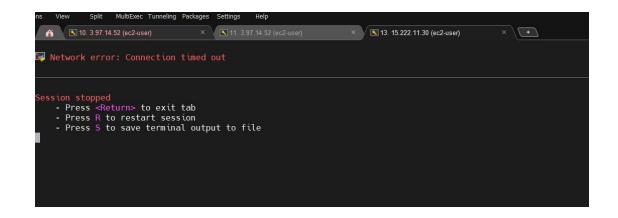
Copy Public IP then connect using MobaXTerm

Keep in mind for subnet-public, we have attached igw



MyEC2-private

We are not able to establish the connection for private VM

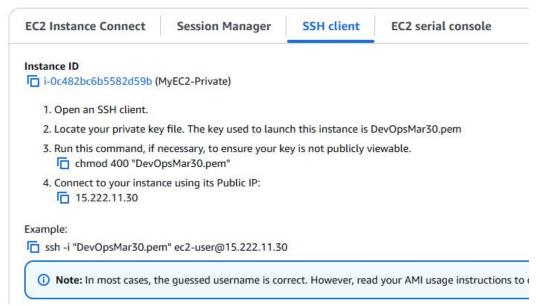


Connect with Private EC2 of Private Subnet from Public EC2 of Public Subnet using SSH connection:



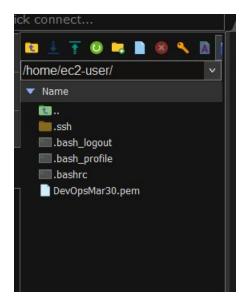
Connect to instance Info

Connect to your instance i-0c482bc6b5582d59b (MyEC2-Private) using any of these options



Copy this and paste in EC2 chmod 400 "DevOpsMar30.pem"

Upload key first



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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-97 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-97 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-97 ~]$ whoami
ec2-user
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-97 ~]$ chmod 400 "Dev0psMar30.pem"
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-97 ~]$
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To Connect to Private EC2 from Public EC2 Use PRIVATE IP of Private EC2 Not Public IP then connect

When it comes to public EC2, there is no issues with both Incoming and Outgoing. With Private EC2, for Outgoing service to be enabled, we need NatGateway is a must. Without NatGateway it is not possible. It is paid

Now I am on Private EC2 on Private Subnet and outgoing services wont work without NatGateway

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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$
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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$ ping www.google.com
PING www.google.com (142.250.69.68) 56(84) bytes of data.
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--- www.google.com ping statistics ---
225 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 232994ms
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Now go back to Public EC2

I exit out of Private EC2 then do the same thing

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[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$ exit
logout

Connection to 10.0.1.196 closed.
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-97 ~]$
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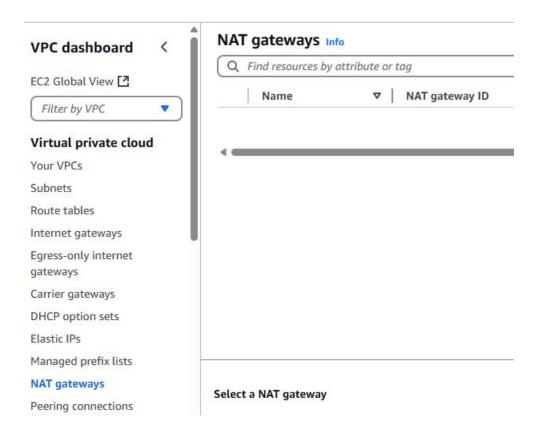
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64 bytes from qro02s19-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.69.36): icmp_seq=5 ttl=108 time=1.81 ms
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It works! From Public EC2 on Public Subnet

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See Packet loss is 0% from Public Subnet

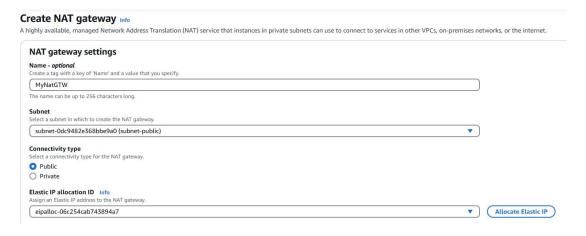
If you go back to VPC, you will see NAT gateways



To use Nat Gateway in Private Subnet you have to create in a PUBLIC Subnet, internet should be accessible. Select subnet-public

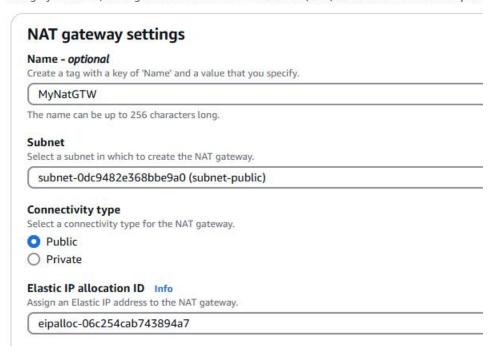
Click Allocate Elastic IP

Elastic IPs and Nat Gateway are paid services. Please delete after practicing

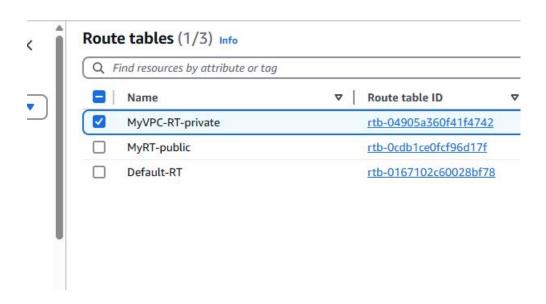


Create NAT gateway Info

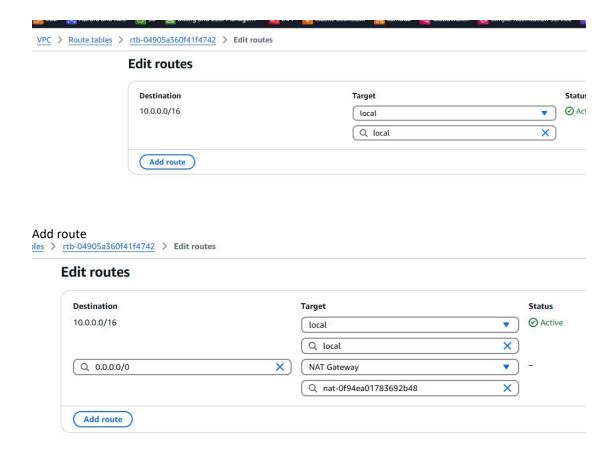
A highly available, managed Network Address Translation (NAT) service that instances in priva



Click Create Nat Gateway Go back to Route tables



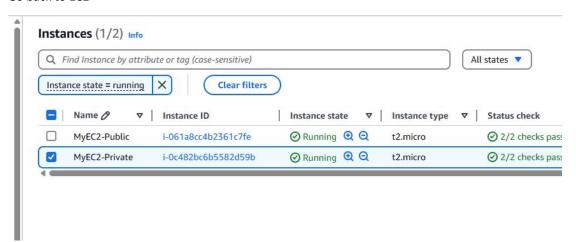
For Private RT, click Edit Routes



Select 0.0.0.0/0 then NAT Gateway ---> Select the one we have created

Click Save changes

Go back to EC2



MyEC2-Private --> Connect

Now ping from Private EC2 and 0% packet loss

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Last login: Sun Mar 30 16:28:52 2025 from 10.0.0.97

[ec2-user@ip-10-0-1-196 ~]$

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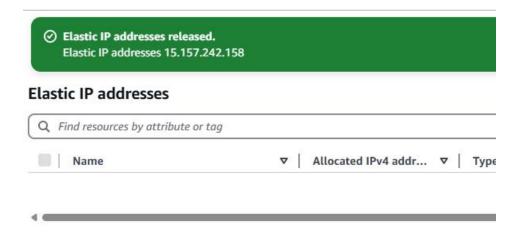
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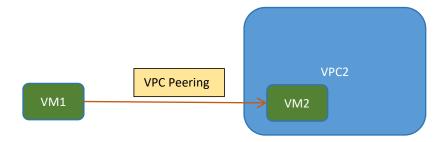
Please delete NAT Gateways immediately

Delete Elastic IP also --> Release Elastic IP



Right now we established connection between different Subnets within the same VPC

Say you have two different VPCs, owned by two different Users Can we connect EC2s between them and perform operations?



That's where VPC peering comes into Picture

