

Preparing for Your Professional Cloud Security Engineer Journey

Module 2 : Configuring Network Security

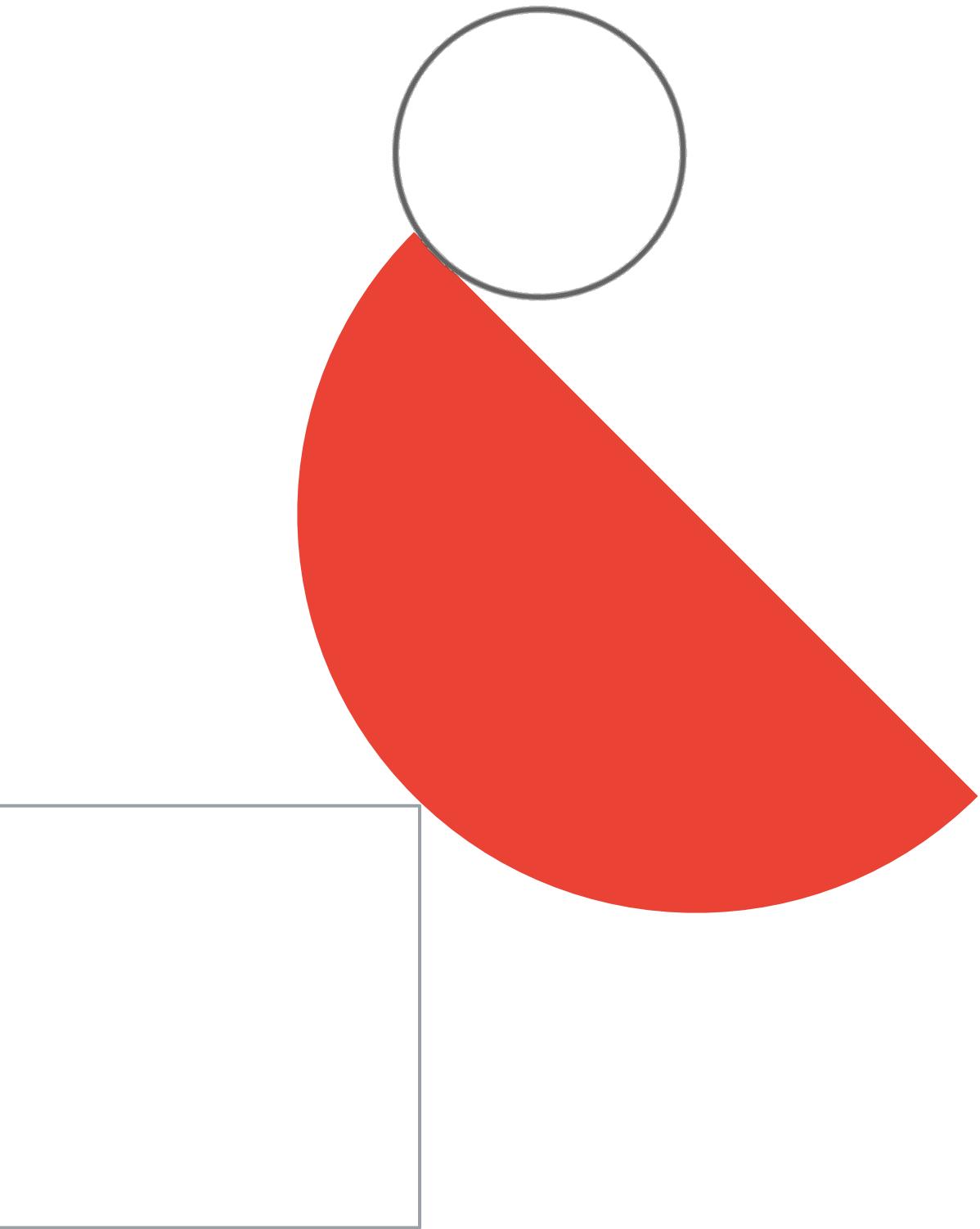


Module agenda

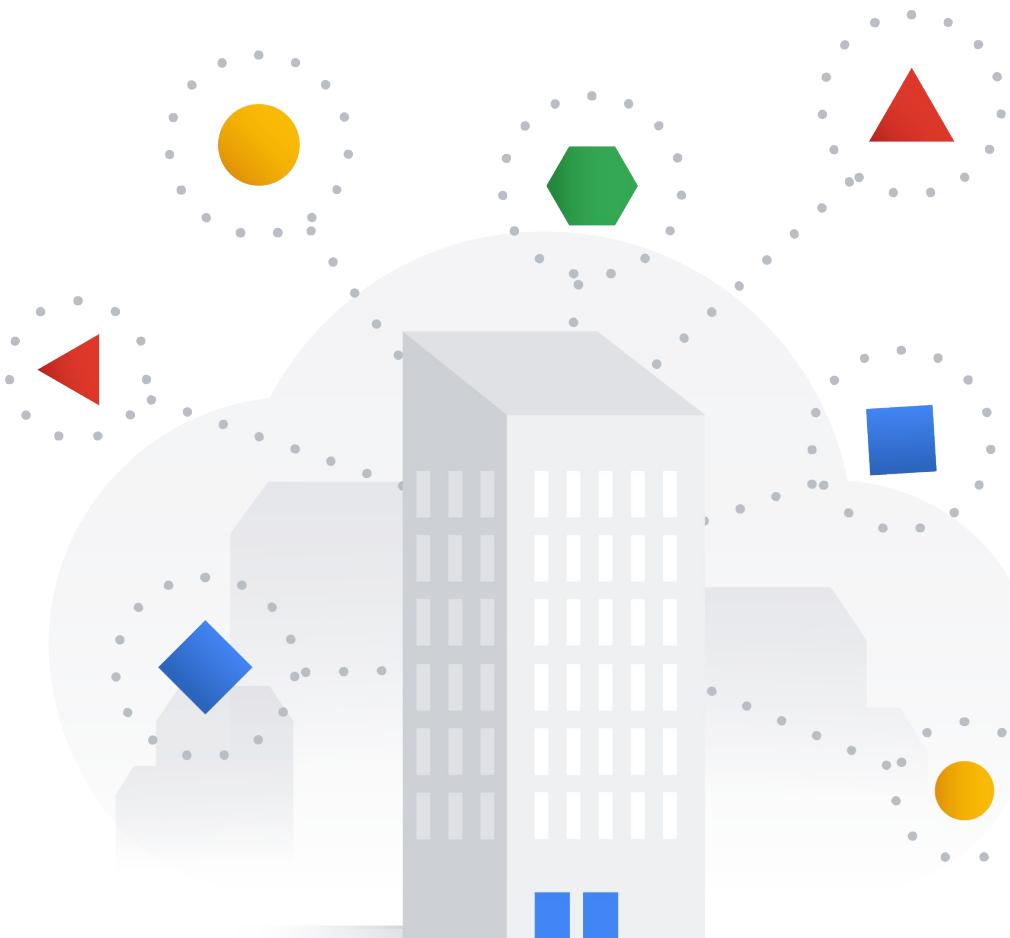
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Securing Cymbal Bank's network resources



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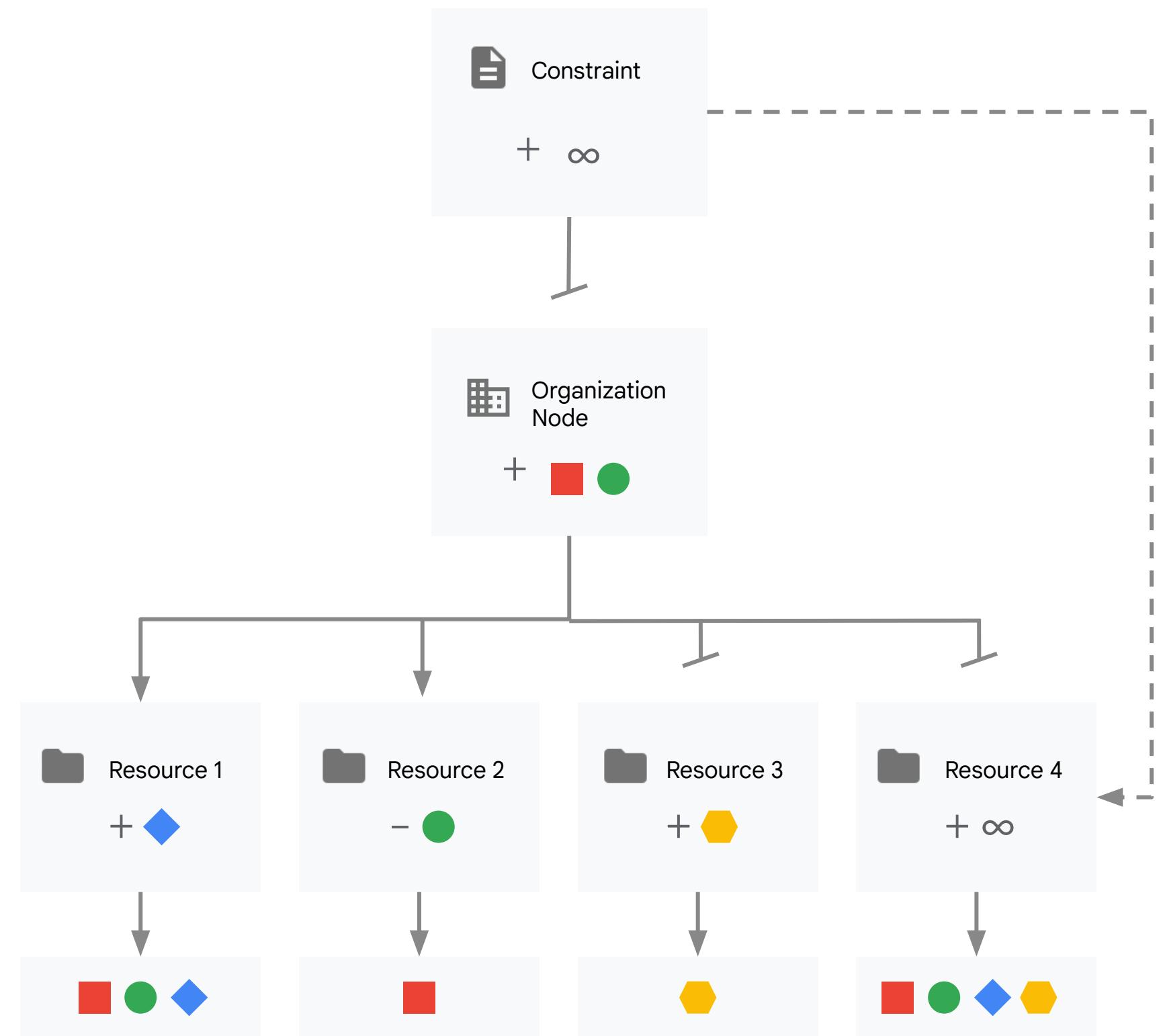
- Designing network security
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Organization policy helps restrict to authorized usage

Organization policies composed of a set of organizational policy constraints can be bound at multiple levels of hierarchy

- Large number of optional constraint types across various Google cloud services
- Policies may be configured for inheritance down hierarchy or not
- With inheritance, ancestor policy constraints can be overridden or merged



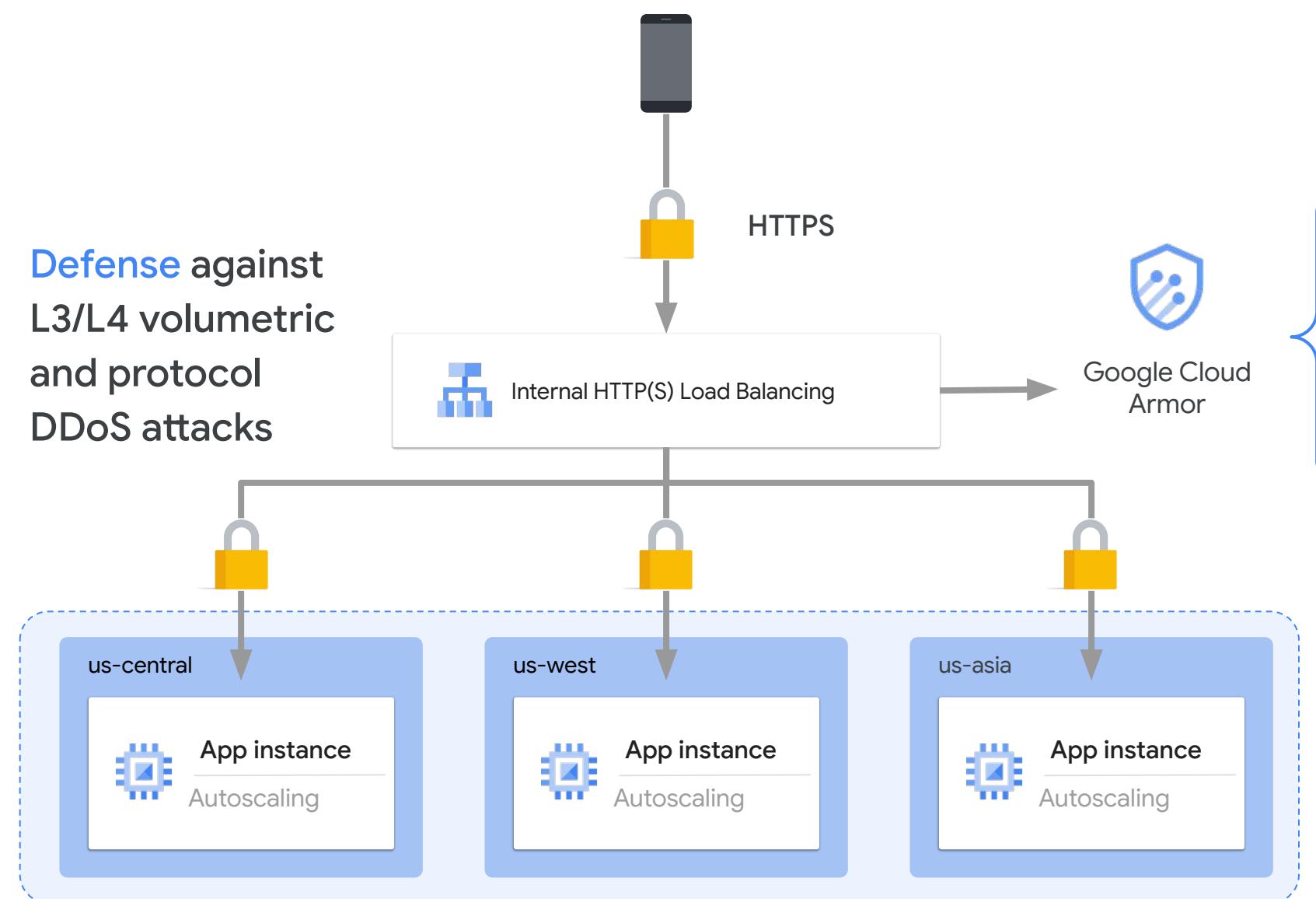
Organization Policy vs IAM Policy

Organization Policies	IAM Policies
<p>Constraints that allow you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Limit</u> resource sharing based on domain. • <u>Limit</u> the usage of <u>Identity and Access Management</u> service accounts. • <u>Restrict</u> the physical location of newly created resources. 	<p>Effectively they're bindings which specify what access should be granted to principal on resources.</p>
<p>Focuses on “what”. Allows to set restrictions on specific resources to determine how they can be configured</p>	<p>Focuses on “who”. Lets you authorize who can take action on specific resources based on permissions</p>
<p>Can be set on different levels (org, folder, project), propagate down but lower-level policy overwrites a higher-level one.</p>	<p>Effective IAM Policy on each level is a SUM of all privileges (* with an exception of “<u>deny policies</u>”, which are not covered on the exam as of Q1 ‘23)</p>
<p>Both should be used as part of a security posture! It's NOT one or the other.</p>	

Most common Organization Policy constraints

Policy Constraint	Description
<code>compute.vmExternalIpAccess</code>	A list of project/zone/instance names that are allowed to have external IP addresses and deny all others. Attempts to create any other VMs with an external IP address will fail.
<code>compute.trustedImageProjects</code>	A list of projects that contain trusted images that can be used as the basis for a VM and deny all others. Attempting to instantiate a VM with an image from another project is denied.
<code>compute.skipDefaultNetworkCreation</code>	Disables the creation of <u>default VPC</u> when creating a project. The default VPC uses auto mode subnetworks and includes default firewall rules which are often incompatible with production deployments.
<code>iam.disableServiceAccountKeyCreation</code>	This boolean constraint disables the creation of service account external keys where this constraint is set to 'True'.
<code>compute.restrictVpcPeering</code>	This list constraint defines the set of VPC networks that are allowed to be peered with the VPC networks belonging to this project, folder, or organization.
<code>serviceuser.services</code>	This list constraint defines the set of services and their APIs that can be enabled on this resource and below. By default, all services are allowed.
<code>gcp.resourceLocations</code>	BETA: This list constraint defines the set of locations where location-based GCP resources can be created. Policies for this constraint can specify multi-regions such as asia and europe, regions such as us-east1 or europe-west1, or individual zones such as europe-west1-b as allowed or denied locations.
<code>sql.restrictPublicIp</code>	This boolean constraint restricts configuring Public IP on Cloud SQL instances where this constraint is set to True. This constraint is not retroactive, Cloud SQL instances with existing Public IP access will still work even after this constraint is enforced. By default, Public IP access is allowed to Cloud SQL instances.
<code>sql.disableDefaultEncryptionCreation</code>	BETA: Restrict default Google-managed encryption on Cloud SQL instances
<code>compute.requireShieldedVm</code>	This boolean constraint, when set to True, requires that all new Compute Engine VM instances use Shielded disk images with Secure Boot, vTPM, and Integrity Monitoring options enabled. Secure Boot can be disabled after creation, if desired. Shielded VM features add verifiable integrity and exfiltration resistance to your VMs.
<code>compute.restrictSharedVpcHostProjects</code>	Restrict Shared VPC Host Projects This list constraint defines the set of Shared VPC host projects that projects at or below this resource can attach to. By default, a project can attach to any host project in the same organization, thereby becoming a service project.
<code>iam.allowedPolicyMemberDomains</code>	This list constraint defines the set of members that can be added to Cloud IAM policies. By default, all user identities are allowed to be added to Cloud IAM policies. The allowed/denied list must specify one or more Cloud Identity or G Suite customer IDs. If this constraint is active, only identities in the allowed list will be eligible to be added to Cloud IAM policies.

Configure HTTPS load balancers and Google Cloud Armor



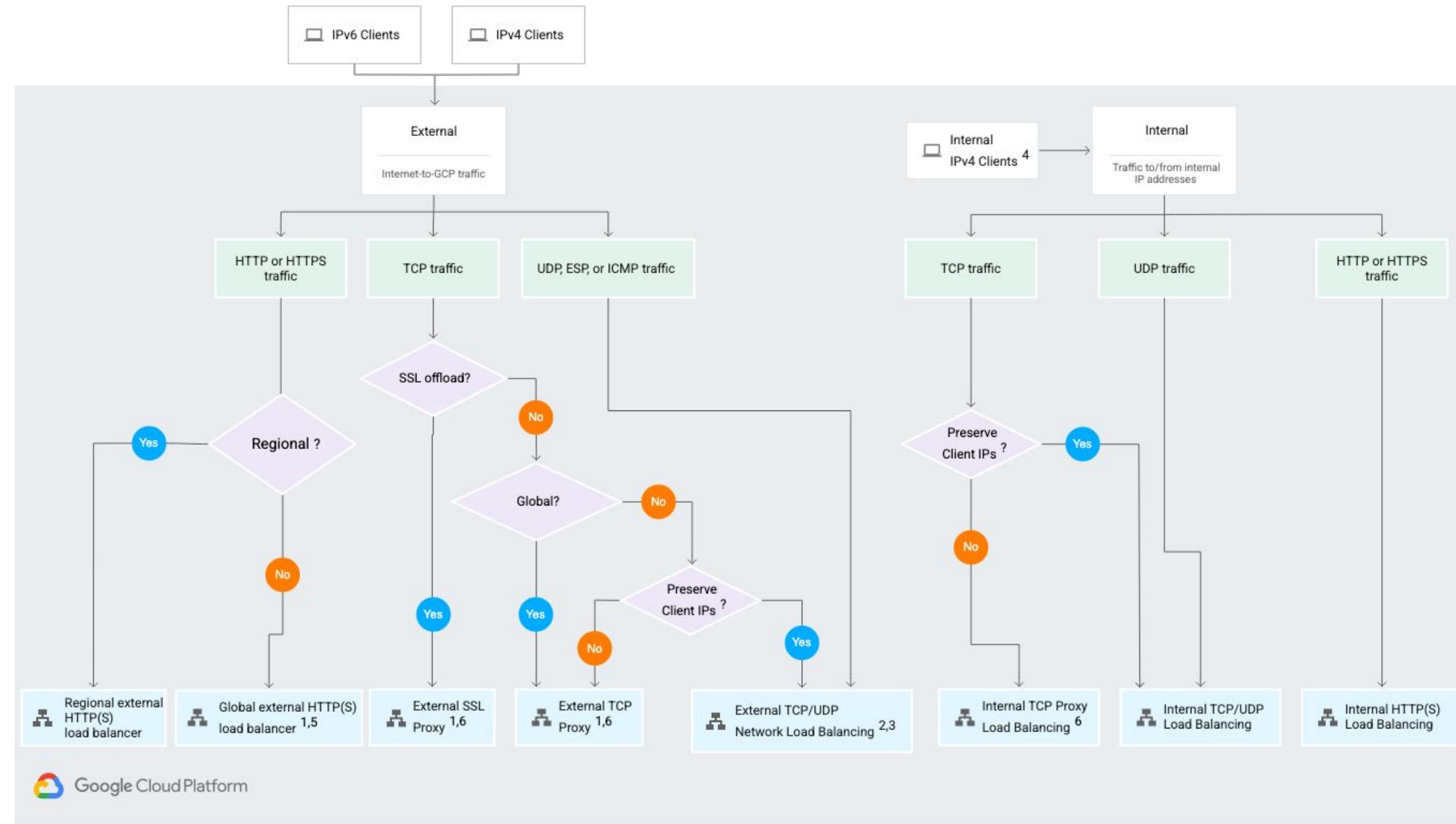
Exam Tip: you need to know which Load Balancers can be used with Cloud Armor and how it works with IAP

- Supports variety of load balancers:
 - Global external HTTP(S)
 - Global external HTTP(S) (classic)
 - External TCP proxy
 - External SSL proxy

- Provide Layer 7 DDoS defense
- Protect against SQL injection attacks
- Protect against XSS injection attacks
- Configure rules for filtering traffic

Types of load balancers

Exam Tip: Google's Load Balancers can also load balance traffic across non-GCP backends!



Traffic type

The type of traffic that you need your load balancer to handle is another factor in determining which load balancer to use:

- **HTTP and HTTPS traffic:**

- Global external HTTP(S) load balancer
- Global external HTTP(S) load balancer (classic)
- Regional external HTTP(S) load balancer
- Internal HTTP(S) Load Balancing

- **SSL traffic:**

- External SSL Proxy Load Balancing

- **TCP traffic:**

- External TCP Proxy Load Balancing
- External TCP/UDP Network Load Balancing
- Internal TCP/UDP Load Balancing

- **UDP traffic:**

- External TCP/UDP Network Load Balancing
- Internal TCP/UDP Load Balancing

- **ESP or ICMP traffic:**

- Network Load Balancing

¹ IPv6 termination is available if you configure the load balancer in Premium Tier.

² Choose external TCP/UDP network load balancing if you need to ensure that the load balancer is located in a particular region, or if you want to configure IPv6 load balancing (with dual-stack backends). The latter is only available for backend service-based network load balancers.

³ External TCP/UDP network load balancers use regional external IP addresses that are accessible by clients anywhere.

⁴ Clients in a VPC network or in a network connected to a VPC network.

⁵ The global external HTTP(S) load balancer (classic) can be configured to be effectively regional in Standard Tier.

⁶ Client source IP preservation is available in certain configurations by using the PROXY protocol.

Exam Tip: source [here](#).

- Configure policy

Name * ?

Lowercase letters, numbers, hyphens allowed

Description

Policy type

Backend security policy

Edge security policy

Default rule action ?

Allow

Deny

Deny status

403 (Forbidden) ▼ ?

NEXT STEP

RULES **TARGETS** **LOGS**

Rules are evaluated by priority: Lower numbers are evaluated first. [Learn more](#)

ADD RULE **DELETE** **MORE ▾**

Filter Enter property name or value

<input type="checkbox"/>	Action	Type	Match	Description	Priority ↑
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deny (403)	IP addresses/ranges	* (All IP addresses)	Default rule, higher priority overrides it	2,147,483,647

- Apply policy to targets (optional)

Targets are Google Cloud Platform resources that you want to control access to.

You can only use non-CDN HTTP(S) load balancer backend services as targets.

Type 1
Load balancer backend ser... ▾

+ ADD TARGET

You can also add/edit targets after the p

Backend Service target 1 *

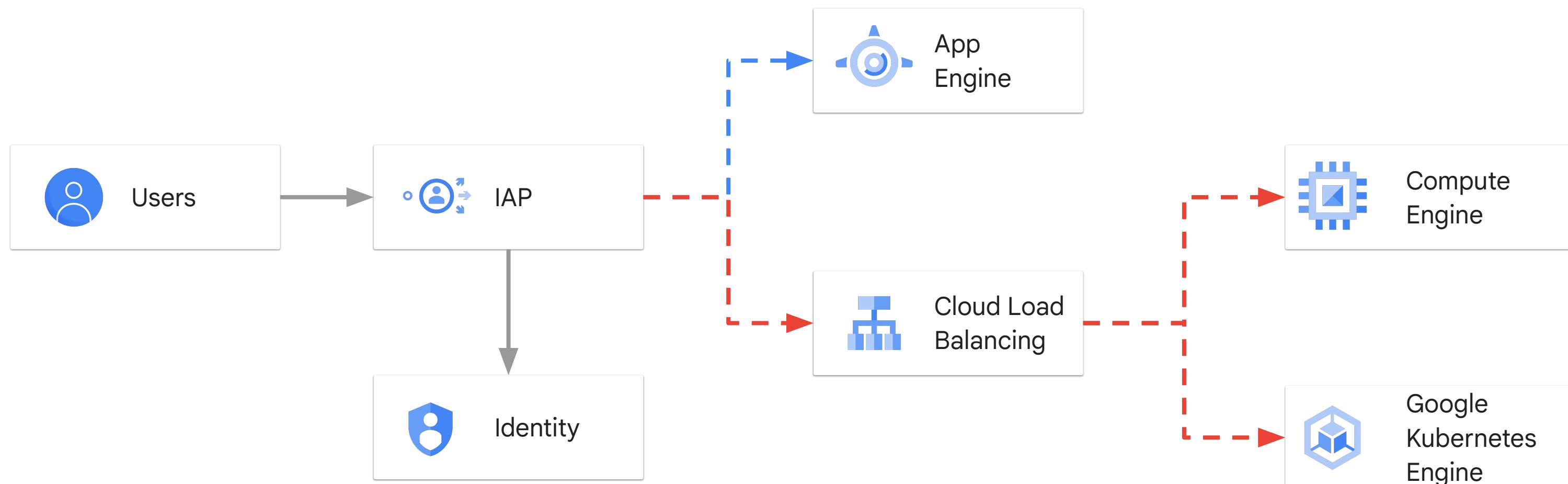
Filter Type to filter

web-backend

Load balancer: web-lb

NEXT STEP

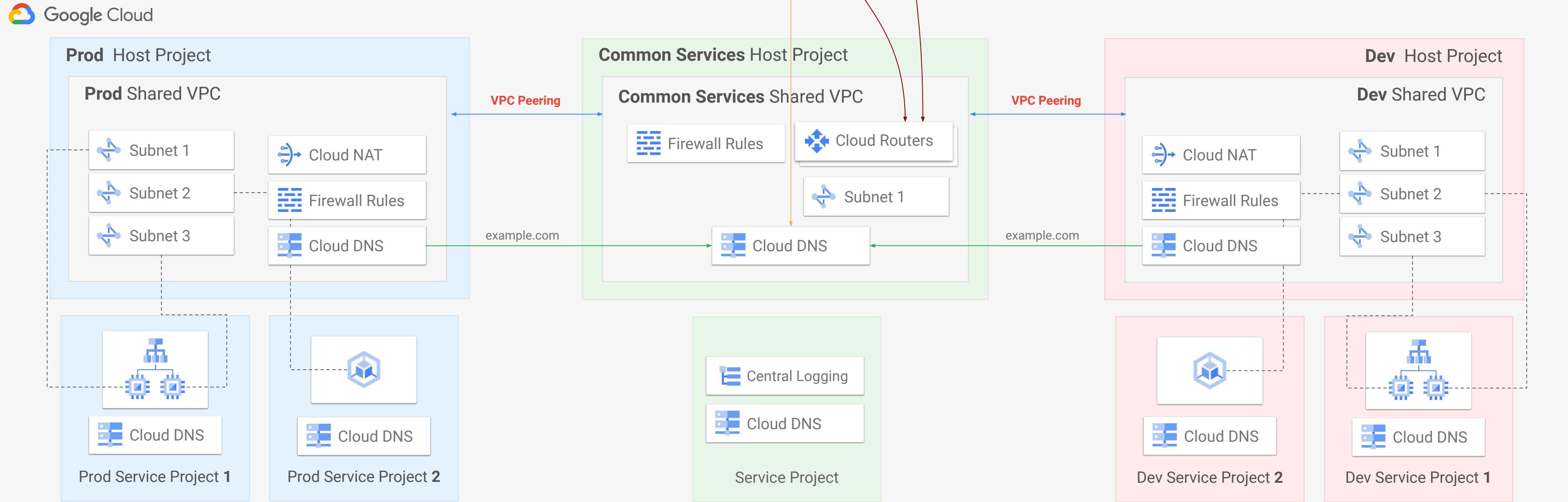
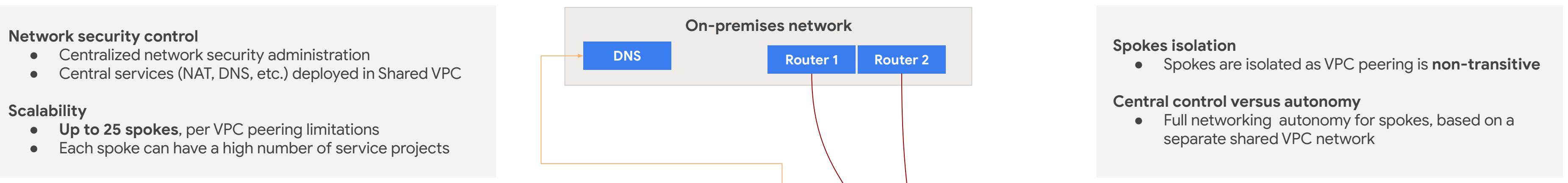
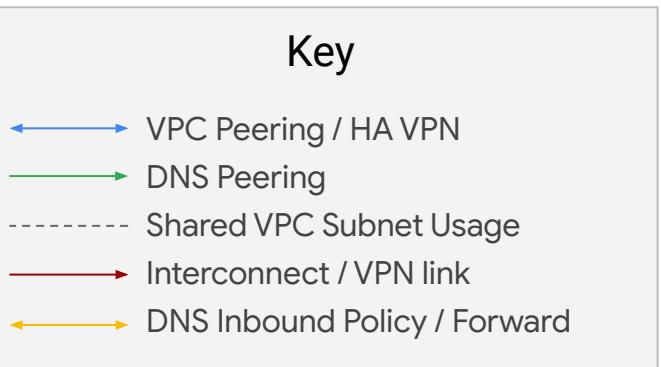
Connect through Identity-Aware Proxy



Exam Tip: It's a best practise to also use IAP to enable administrative access to VMs (ssh, rdp) which do not have external IPs.

Reference architecture

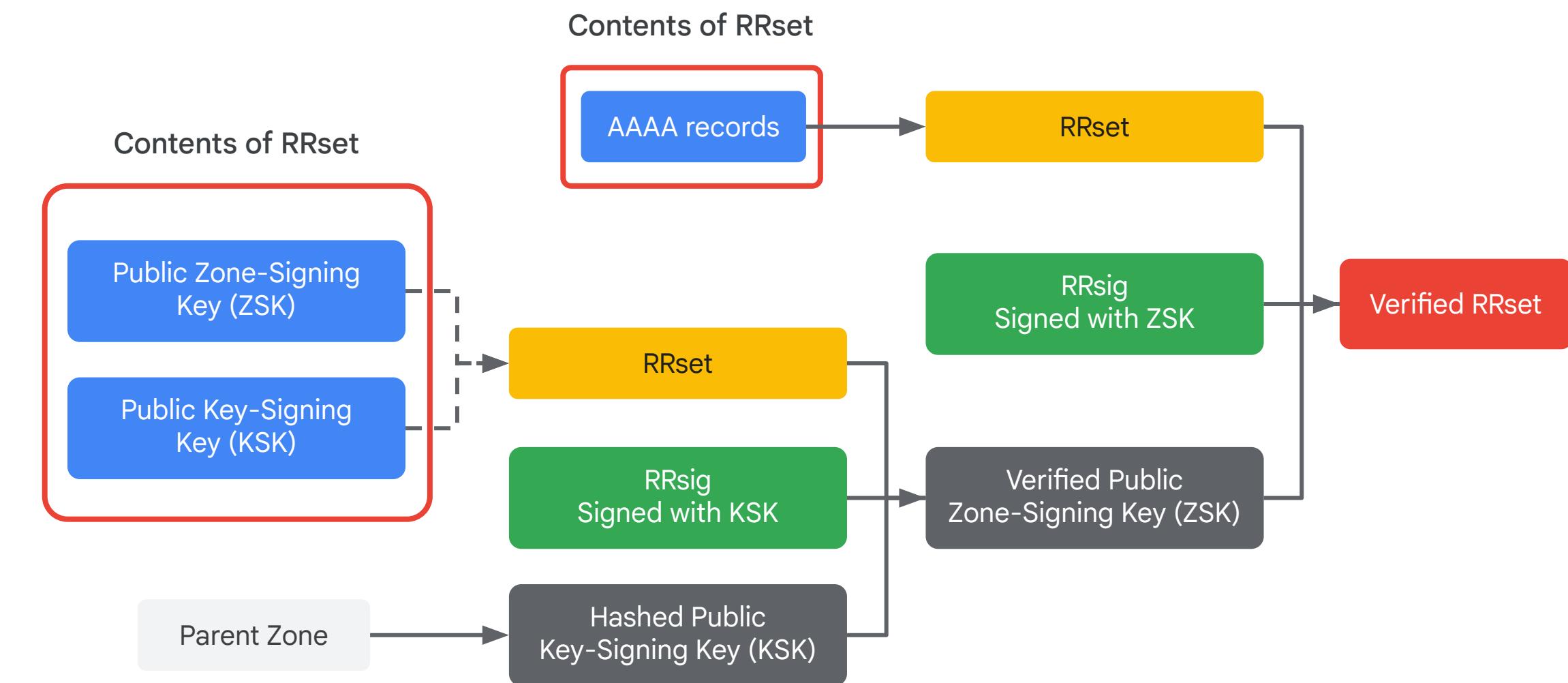
Hub-and-spoke with VPC peering - Segmentation based on environments



Protect public DNS zones

Cloud DNS supports DNSSEC to secure the DNS resources and prevent attackers from manipulating DNS responses.

- Ensures authenticated DNS responses to DNS requests
- Automatically manages DNSSEC related DNS records
- Integrates with DNSSEC at the domain registrar level

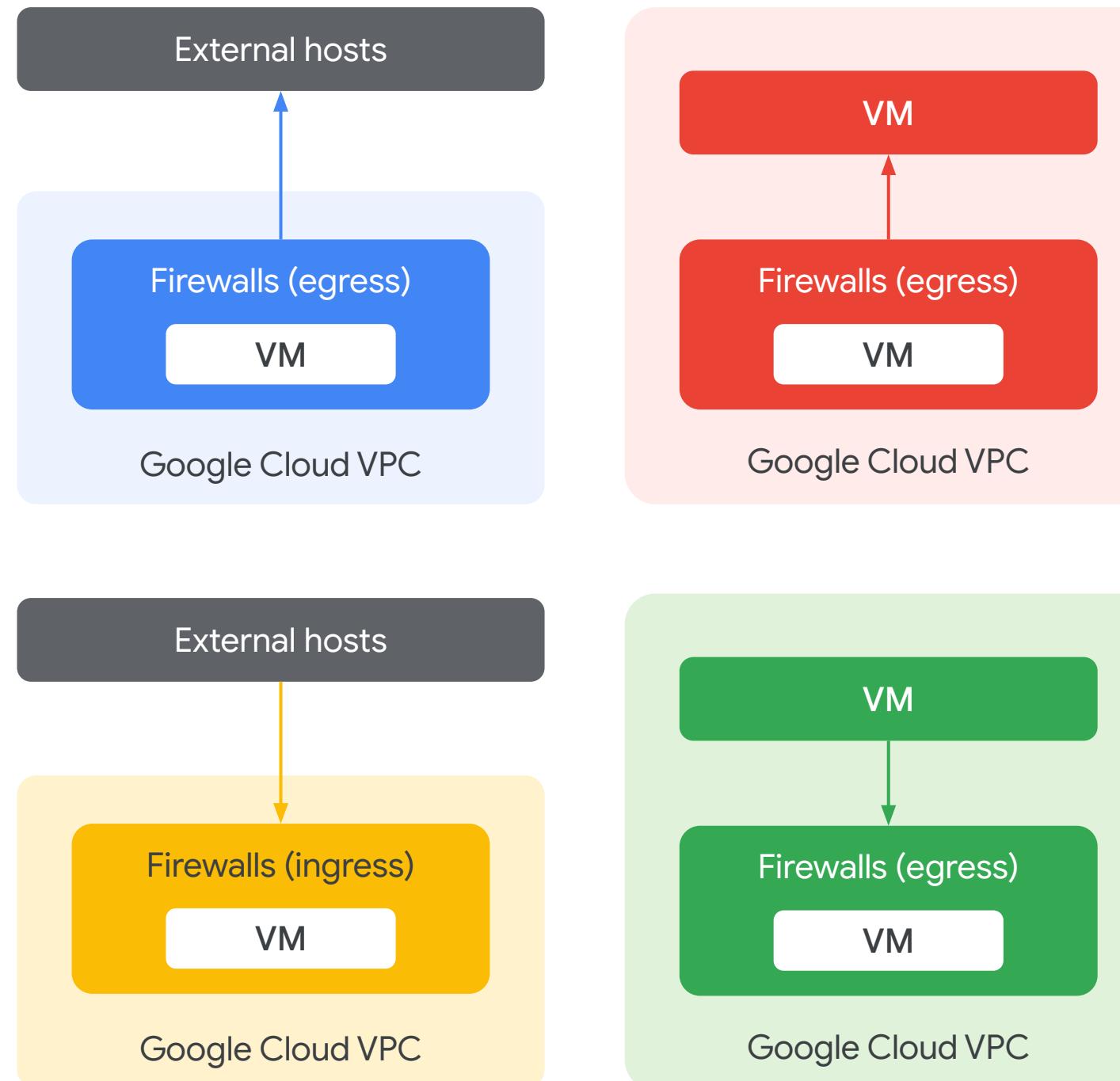


[Know how to migrate DNSSEC-signed zones to Cloud DNS](#)

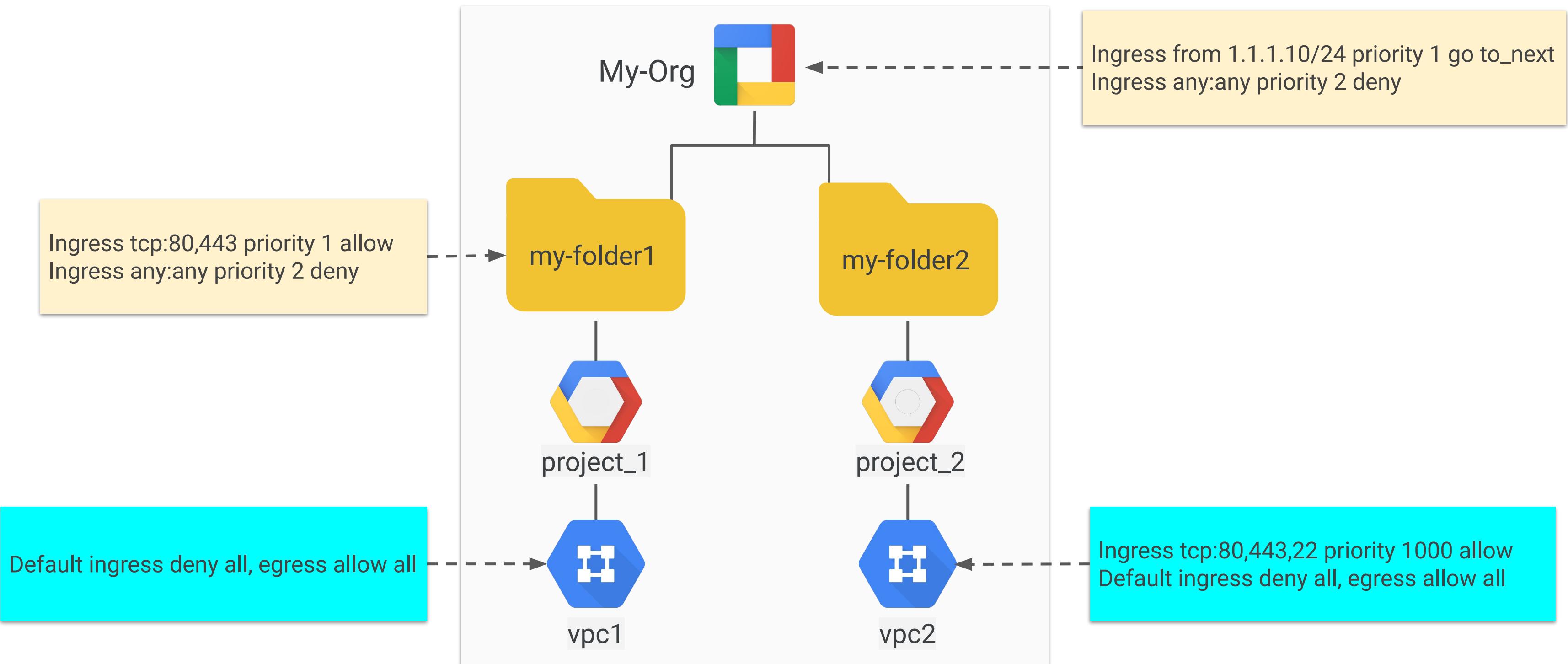
Limit VPC traffic with Firewall rules

Cymbal Bank will use firewall rules to only allow valid and expected traffic between workloads, and block all other traffic.

- Stateful rules handle requests in either the ingress or egress direction.
- Firewall rules can be defined from source service accounts to target service accounts.
- Firewall rules can be applied in a hierarchical manner to ensure uniform application across projects.



Hierarchical firewall policies (yeah... another policy...)



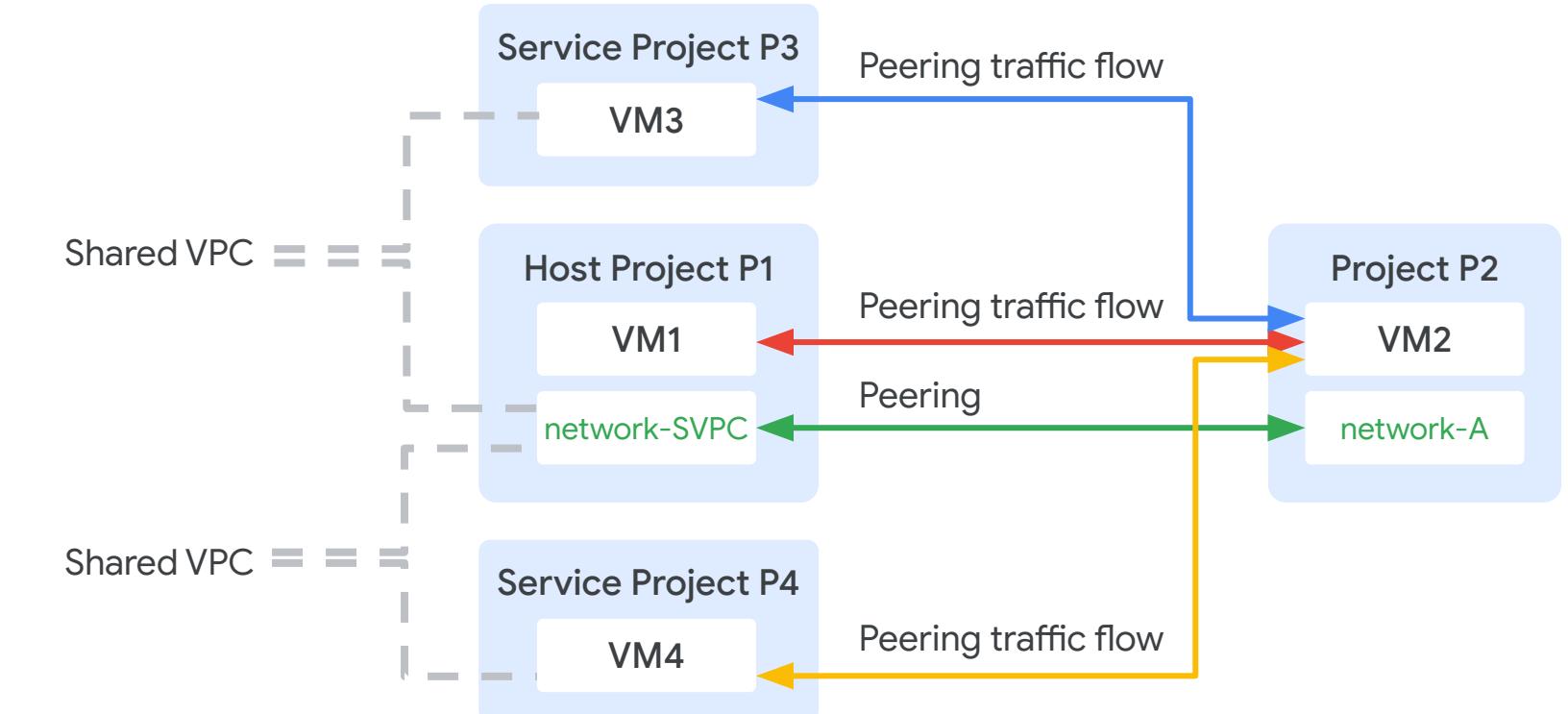
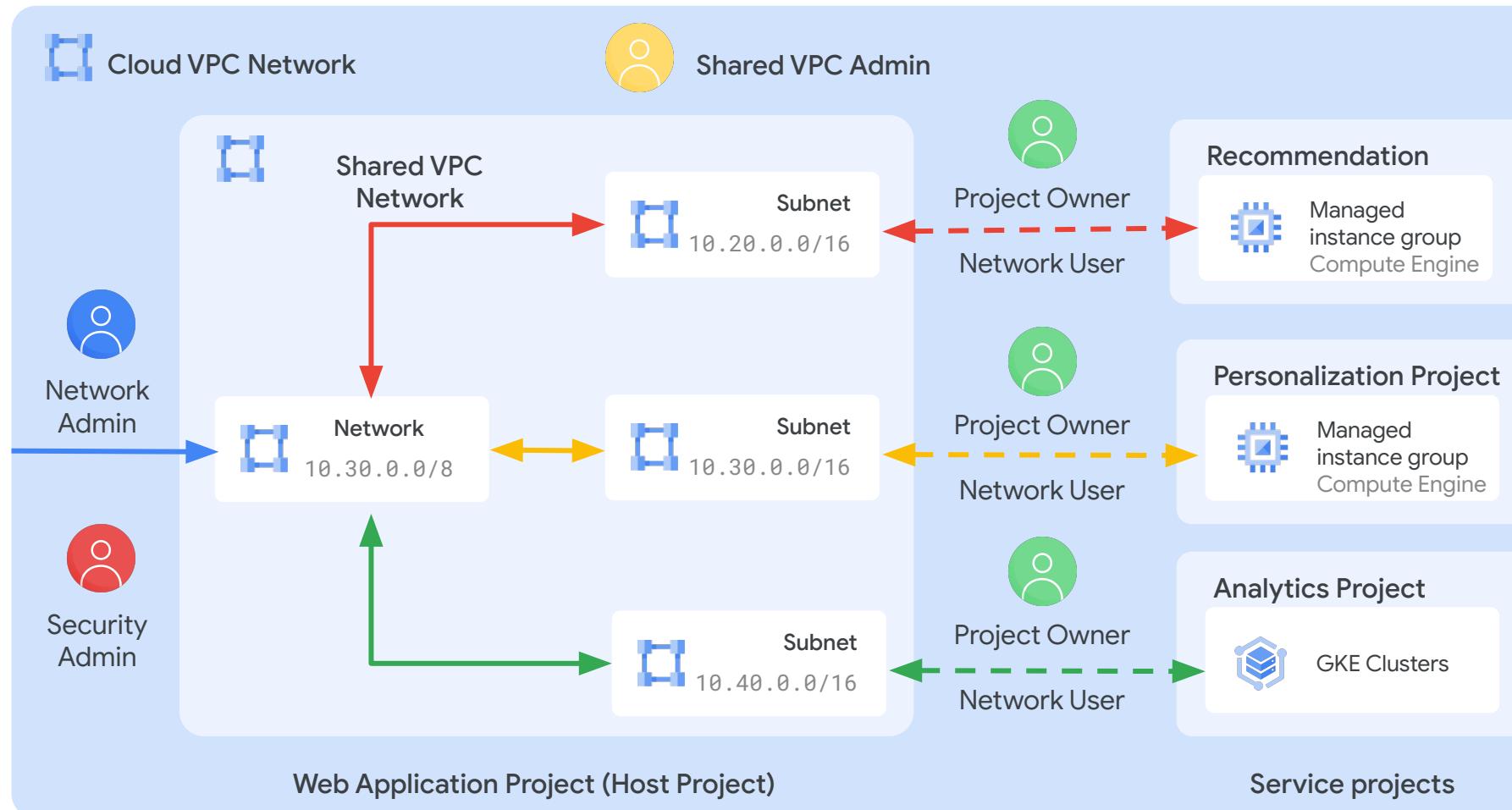
Firewall Policy vs. VPC Firewall Rules

Rules in Firewall Policies are similar to VPC Firewall Rules with a few differences:

	VPC Firewall Rules	Firewall Policy Rules
Action Supported	Allow/deny	Allow/deny/ goto_next
Service Account	Yes	Target only
Network Tag	Yes	No
Rule Name	mandatory	optional
Quota	Rule count	Attribute count
Priority	Duplication allowed	No duplication allowed

Isolate networks to secure workloads

Cymbal Bank will connect privately across projects using shared VPC and VPC peering.



Shared VPC vs VPC Network Peering

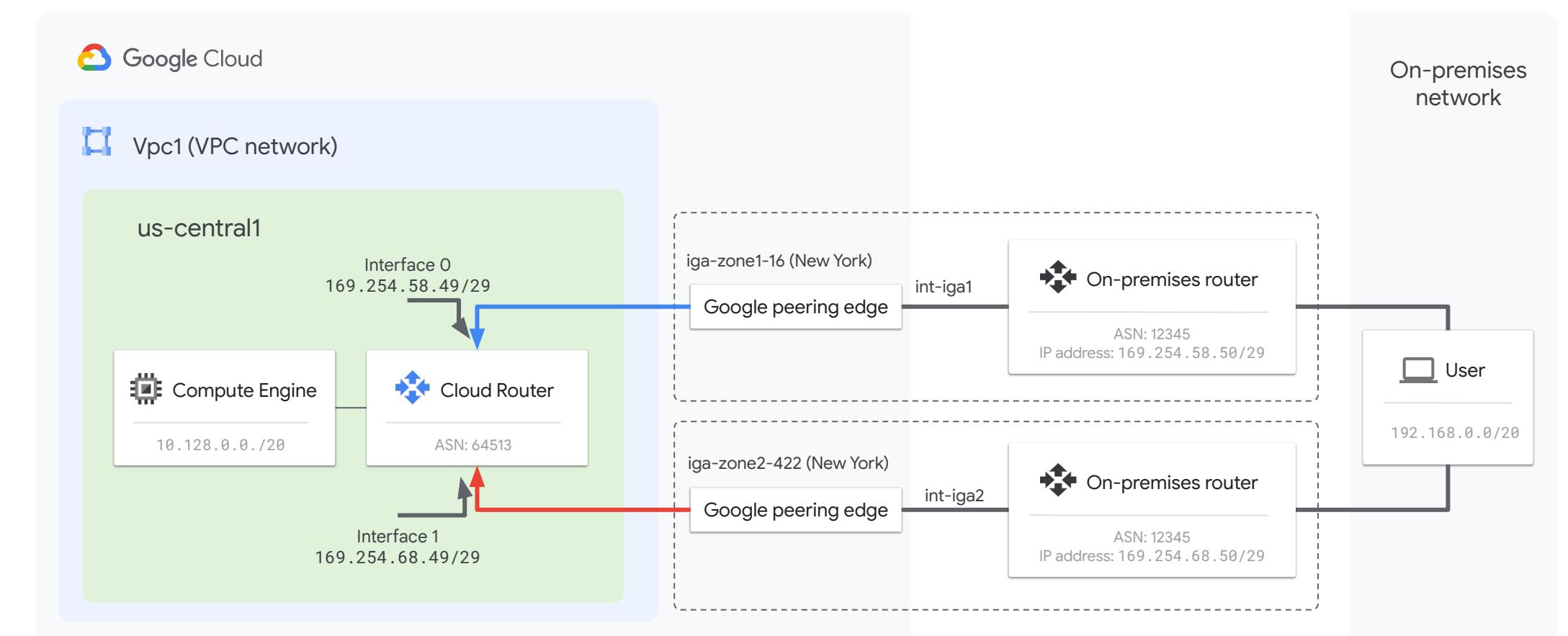
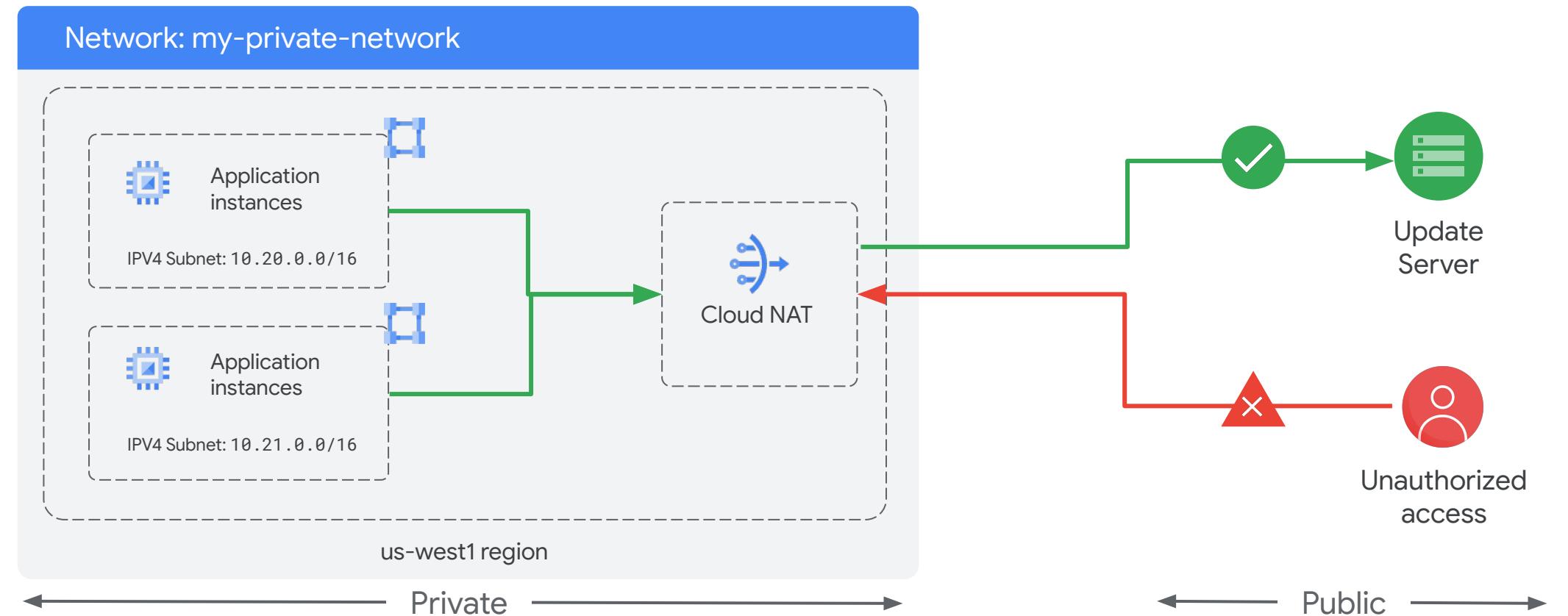
Consideration	Shared VPC	VPC Network Peering
Across organizations	No	Yes
Within project	No	Yes
Network Administration	Centralized	Decentralized
Organization Admin		Organization Admin (if same org)
Shared VPC Admin	Security and Network Admins	Security and Network Admins
Security and Network Admins	Security and Network Admins	Security and Network Admins
Project Owner	Project Owner	Project Owner

Keep traffic private where possible

Cymbal Bank will connect privately from on-premises into Google Cloud to Google APIs or the wider Internet.

You will use:

- Cloud VPN and Interconnect
- Google private access
- Cloud NAT



Private service connectivity

Managed services connectivity methods

Private Google Access (PGA)	Private Services Access (PSA) with VPC Peering	Private Service Connect (PSC) for Google APIs and Google Managed Services (future direction)	VPC Serverless Connectors
Access Google APIs (ex: Cloud Storage or BigQuery) privately, from Google Cloud or on-prem	Privately connect producer and consumer VPCs via VPC peering (e.g.: Google managed VPC for Cloud SQL)	Privately connect producer and consumer VPCs with Private Service Connect (scales to hundreds or thousands of services shared)	Provides connectivity to Google Cloud Serverless services (App Engine Standard, Cloud Function, Managed Cloud Run) to resources in your VPC

- [Private Google Access](#)
- [Private Service Access](#)
- [Serverless VPC Access](#)
- [Private Service Connect](#)

You need to know when to use which one!

Private Google access

Allow Google Cloud VMs to reach API endpoints, without Internet access.

Problem:

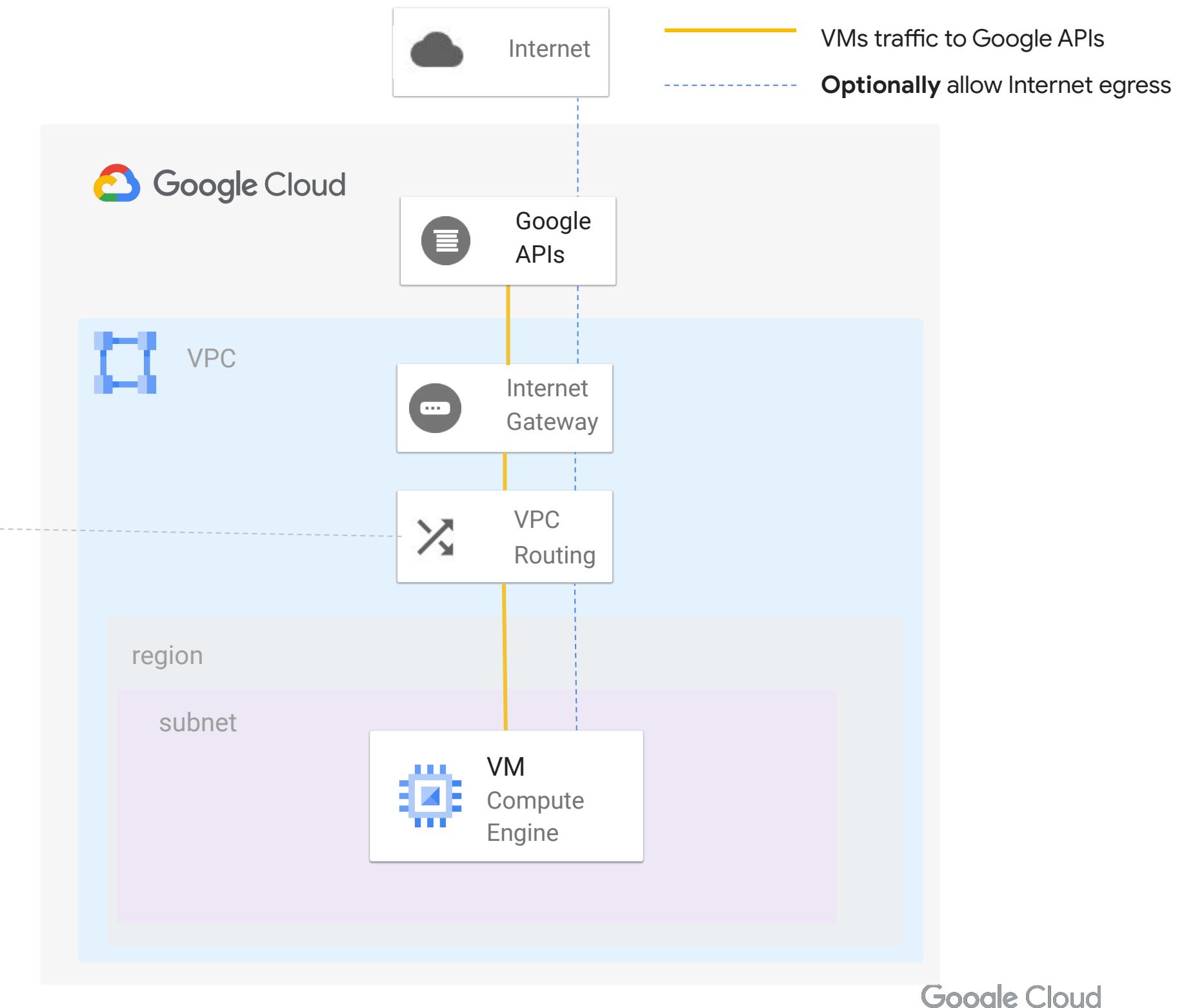
Instances without access to the Internet can't access Google Cloud public API endpoints.

Solution:

Enable **Private Google Access** in the subnetwork the instance is attached to.

Example of Google API based managed services:

- Google Cloud Storage
- Big Query
- Pub/Sub
- ...

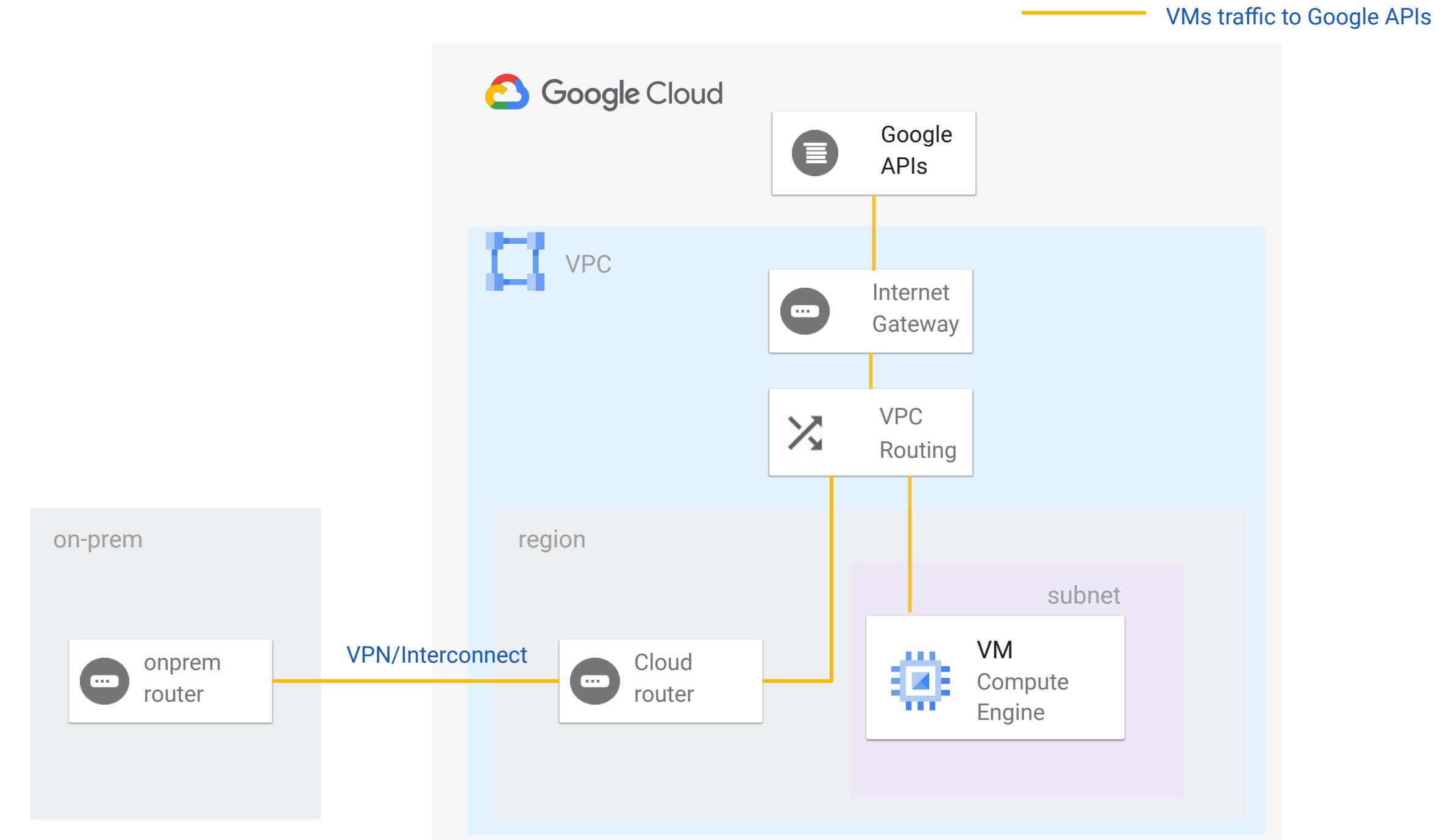


Private Google access for on-premises

Private Google Access for on-premises hosts

On-premises hosts can reach Google APIs and services over a Cloud VPN or Cloud Interconnect connection from your data center to Google Cloud.

The configuration uses DNS overrides to send API traffic to specific VIPs.



<https://cloud.google.com/vpc/docs/private-access-options#pga>

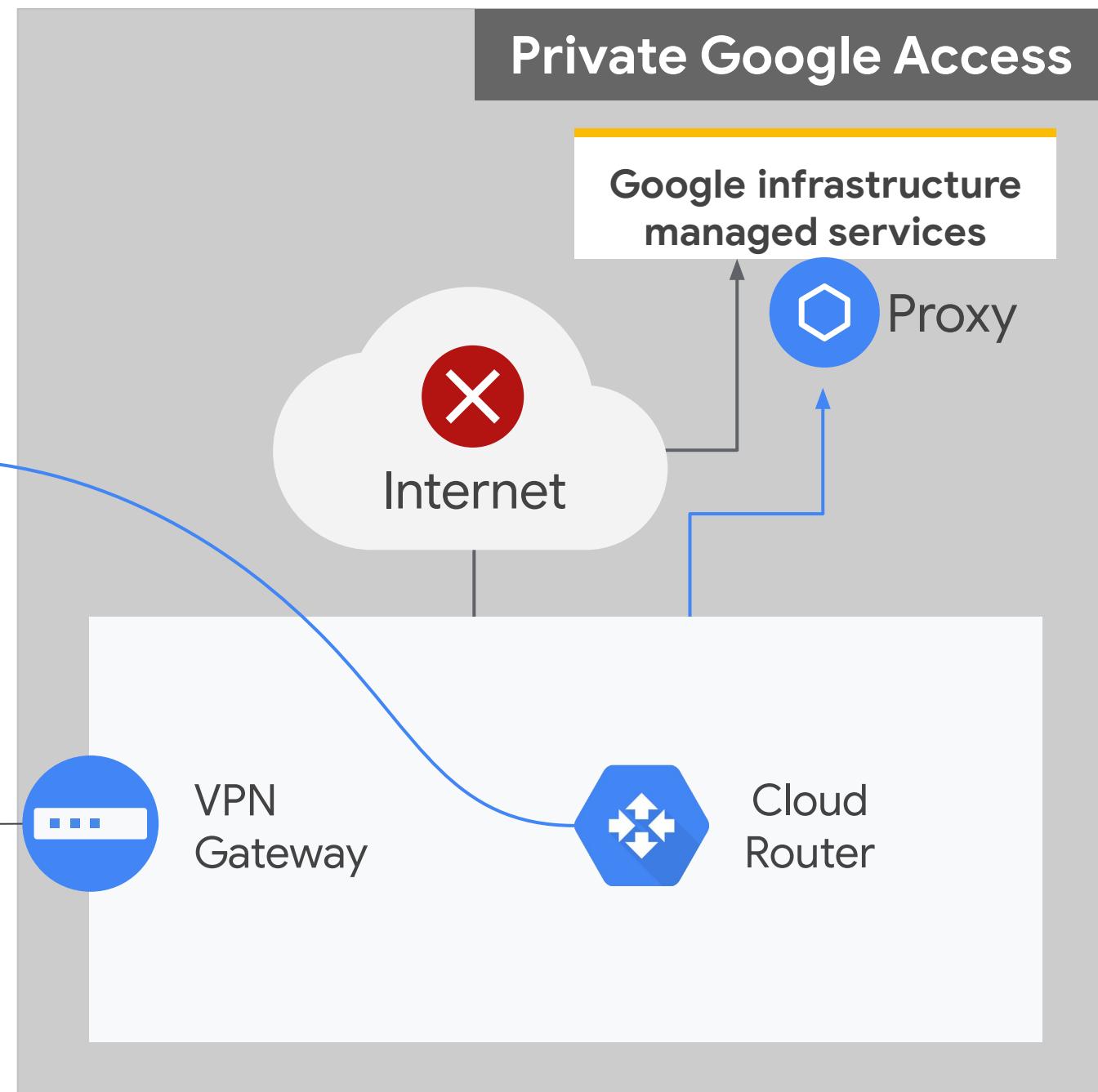
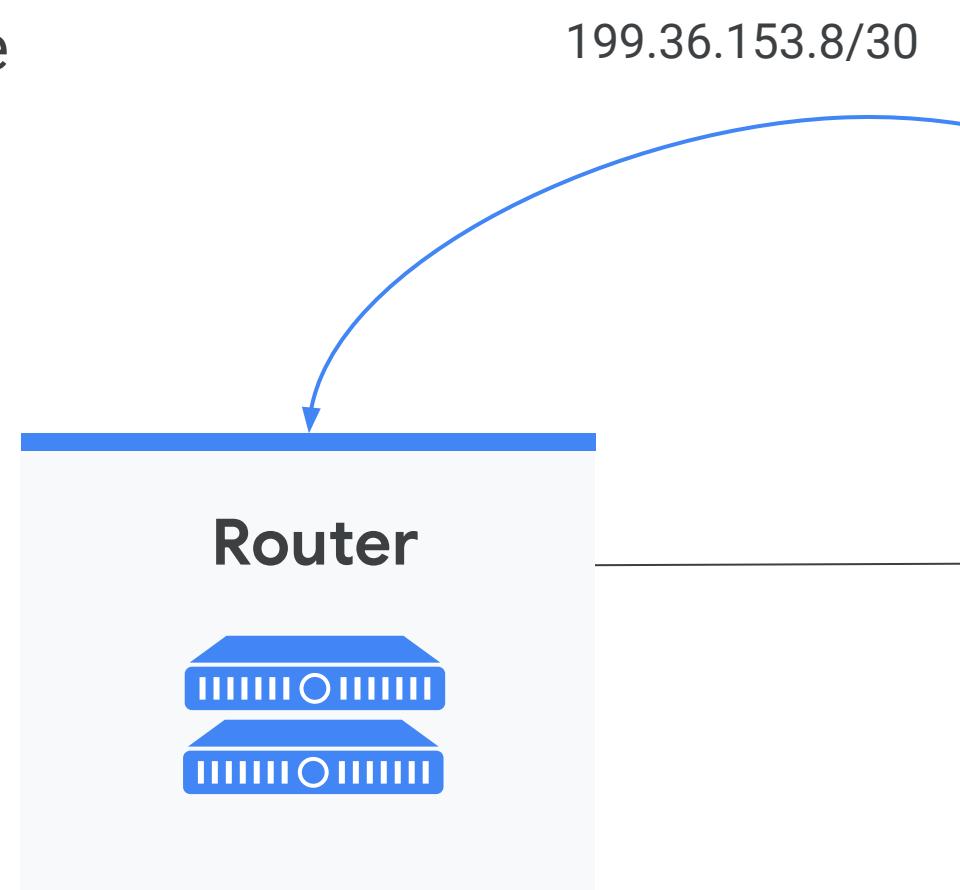
Example of configuration

01. Remove Public IP on VMs
AND Activate google access
per subnet

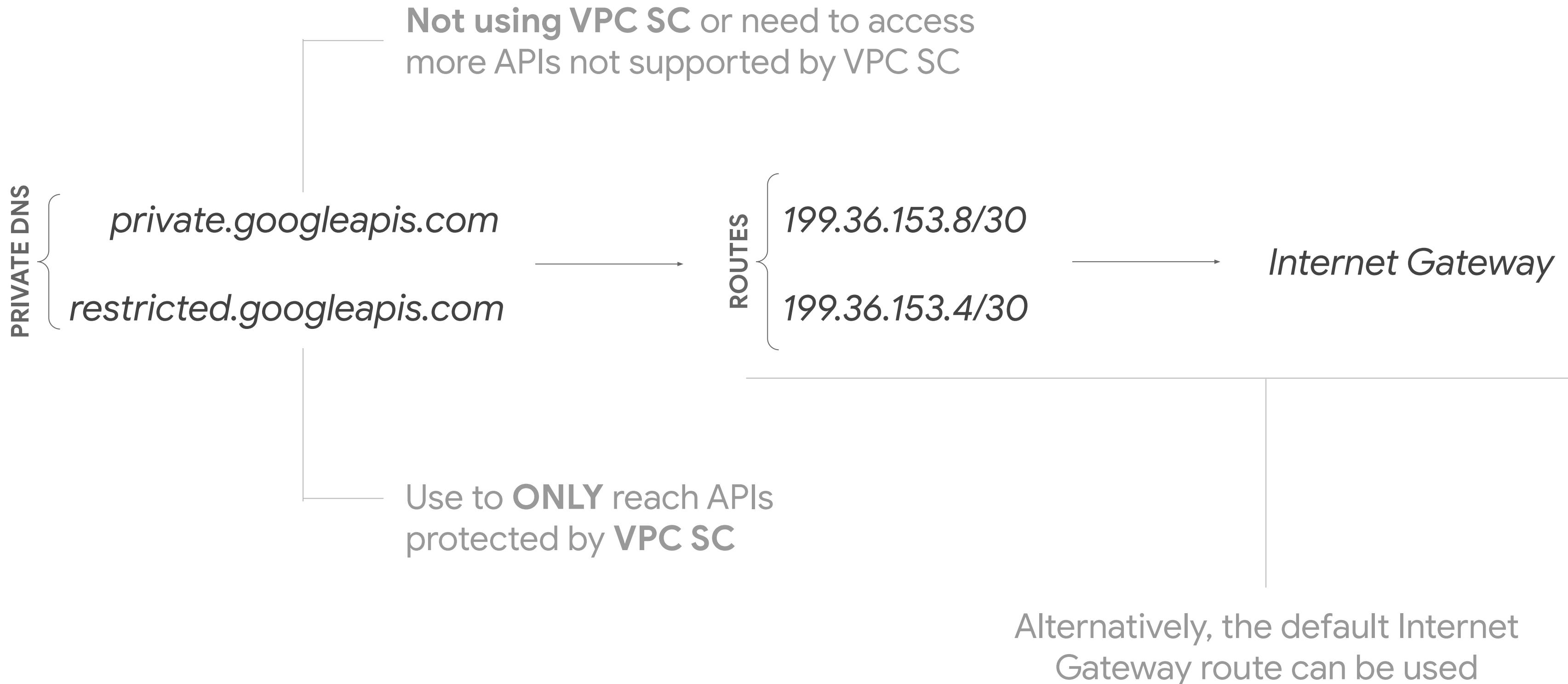
03. BGP announce:
199.36.153.8/30

02. Add a route in the
VPC for 199.36.153.8/30
with next-hop “Internet
gateway”

04. Make the DNS
Change

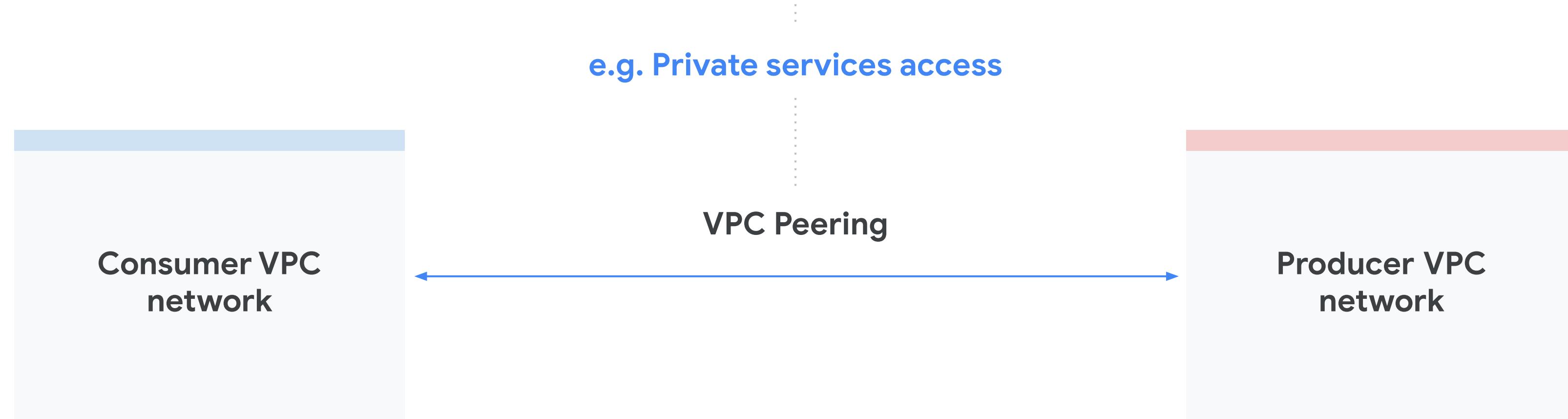


Internal API endpoints for on-prem (or VPCs without a default route to the Internet Gateway)



Typical Consumer/Producer Networking Setup

- Operational burden, i.e. IP address coordination to avoid overlap between VPCs
- Developers constrained by networking requirements
- Different models for different services, i.e. Private Google Access vs Private services access
- VPC Peering considerations, i.e. quotas and limits, non-overlapping CIDRs, no route filtering



Private Service Access (PSA)

Allows Google Cloud VMs and on-prem networks to access Google Managed Services

Problem:

Instances or on-prem hosts need to reach Google Services deployed in a Google managed VPC

Solution:

Enable **Private Service Access** in the VPC to create a VPC Peering to the Google managed VPC.

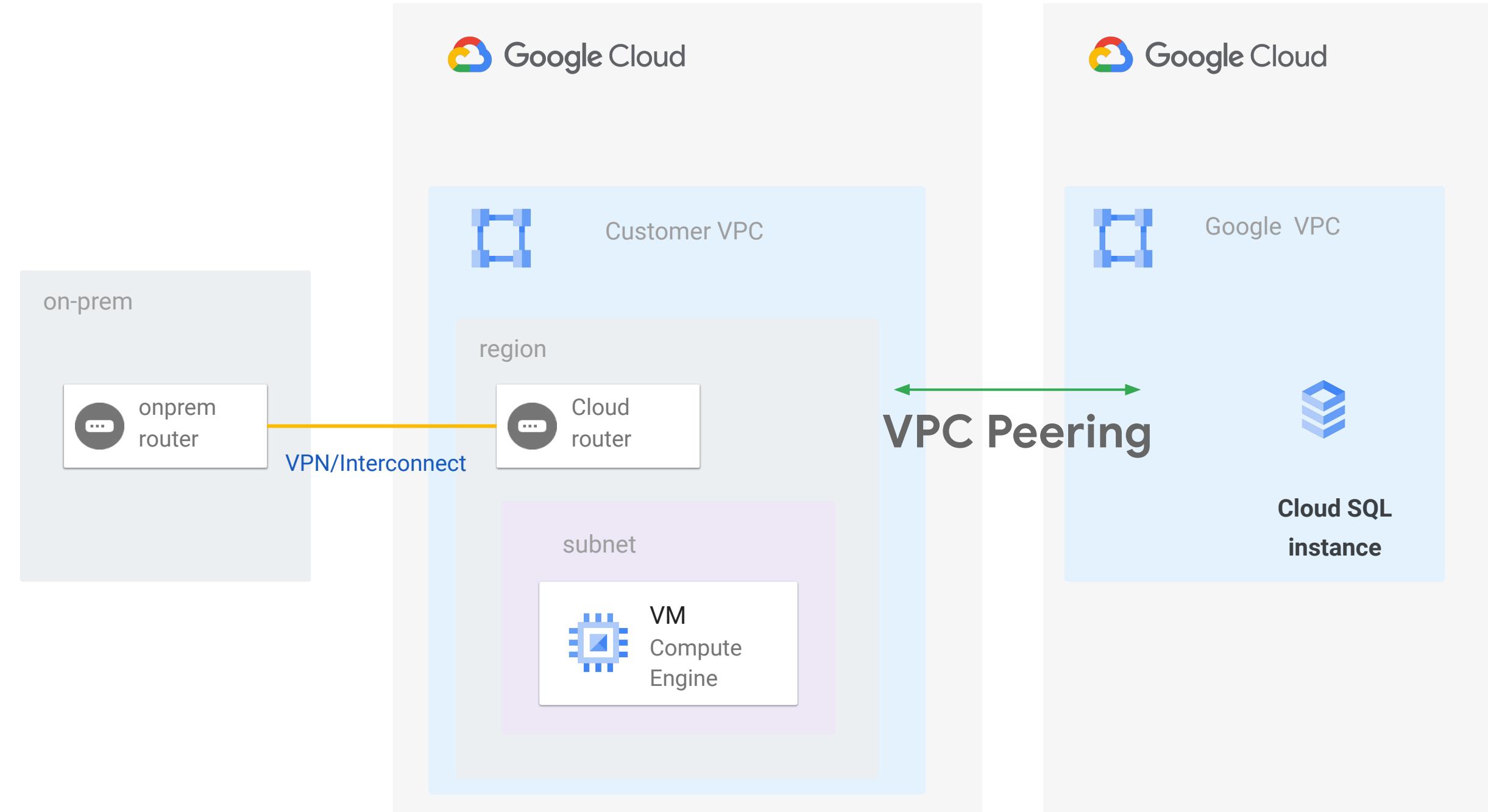
Example of PSA based managed services:

- Cloud SQL
- Memcache
- Cloud IDS
- ...

Private Service Access

Private Service Access for on-premises hosts

Google Cloud and On-premises hosts (via hybrid connectivity) can reach certain Google managed services over shared VPC peerings.



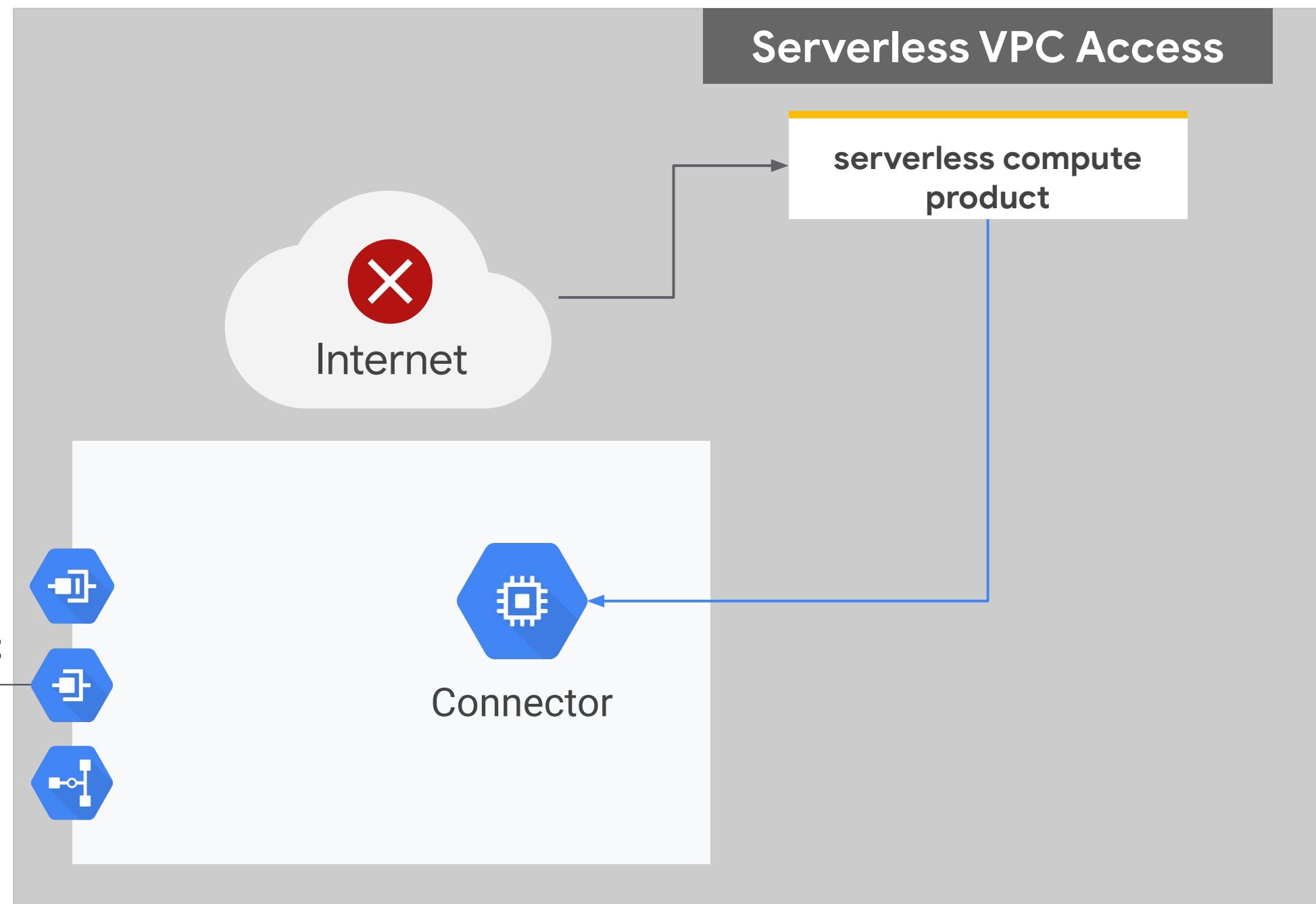
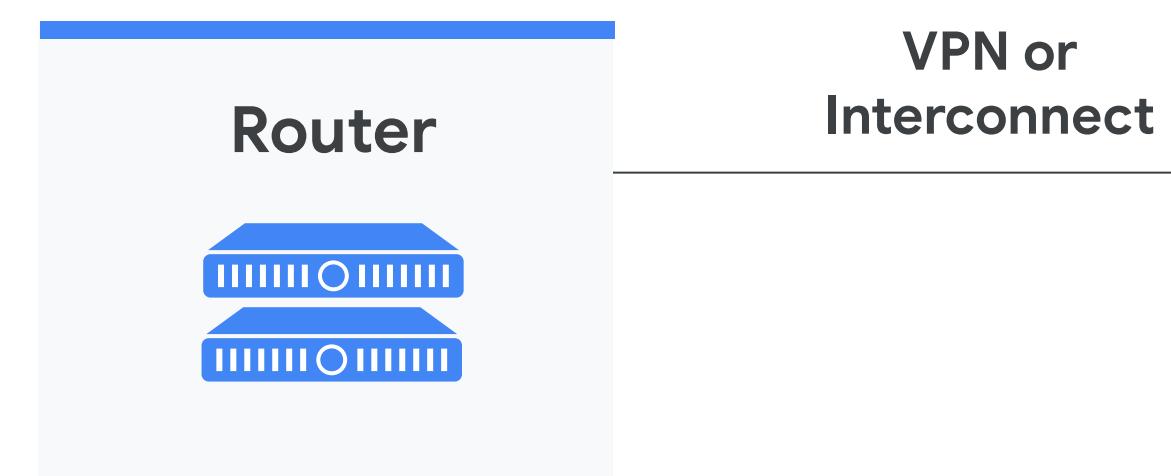
Serverless VPC Access

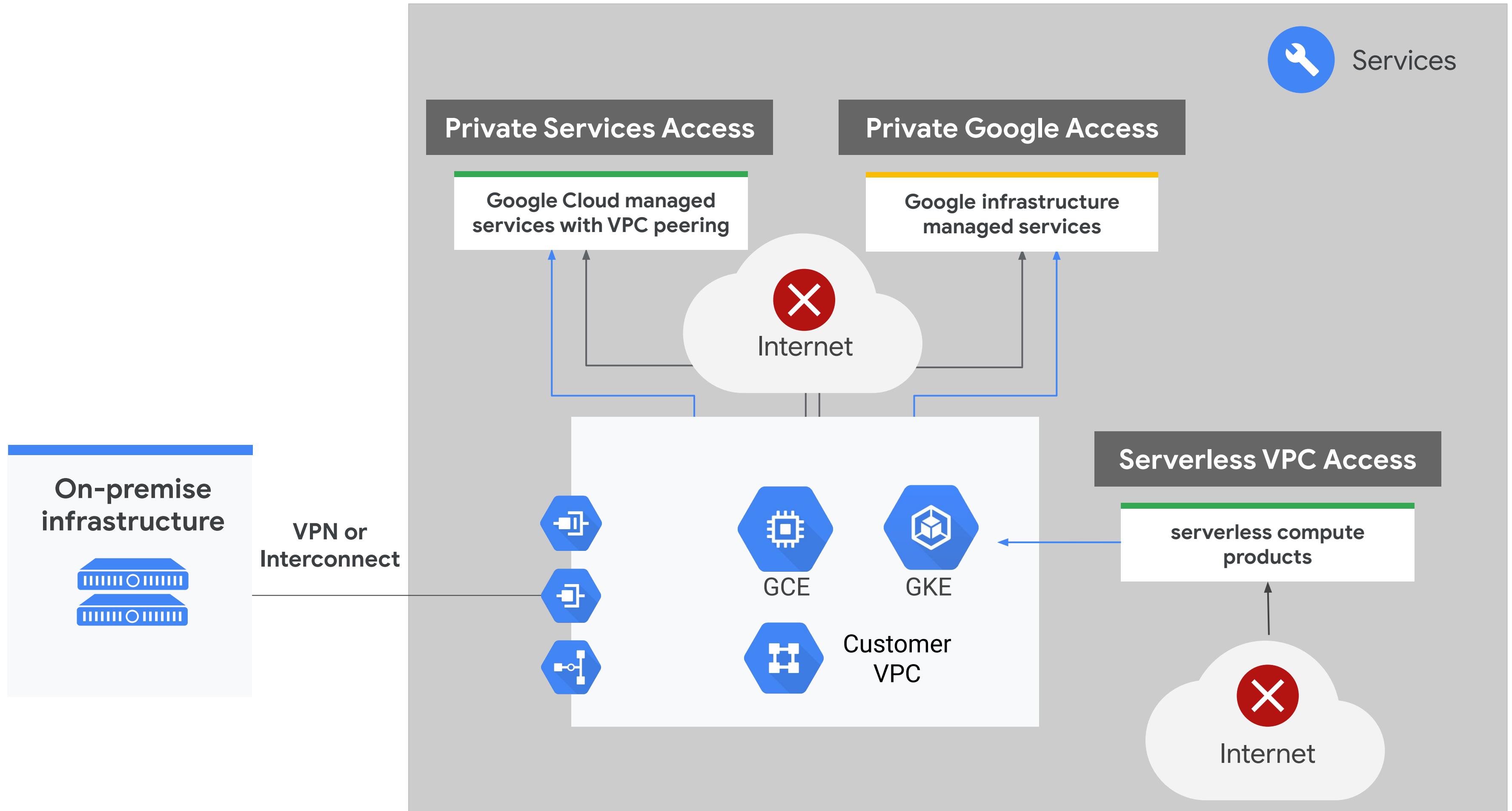
Cloud Function, Cloud Run, AppEngine standard

Traffic *initiated* from serverless product is routed through the connector.

Under the hood, connector is a MIG deployed on customer-provided /28 in a VPC with a max throughput of ~1 Gbps (total). (NB: customer **cannot** see MIG today)

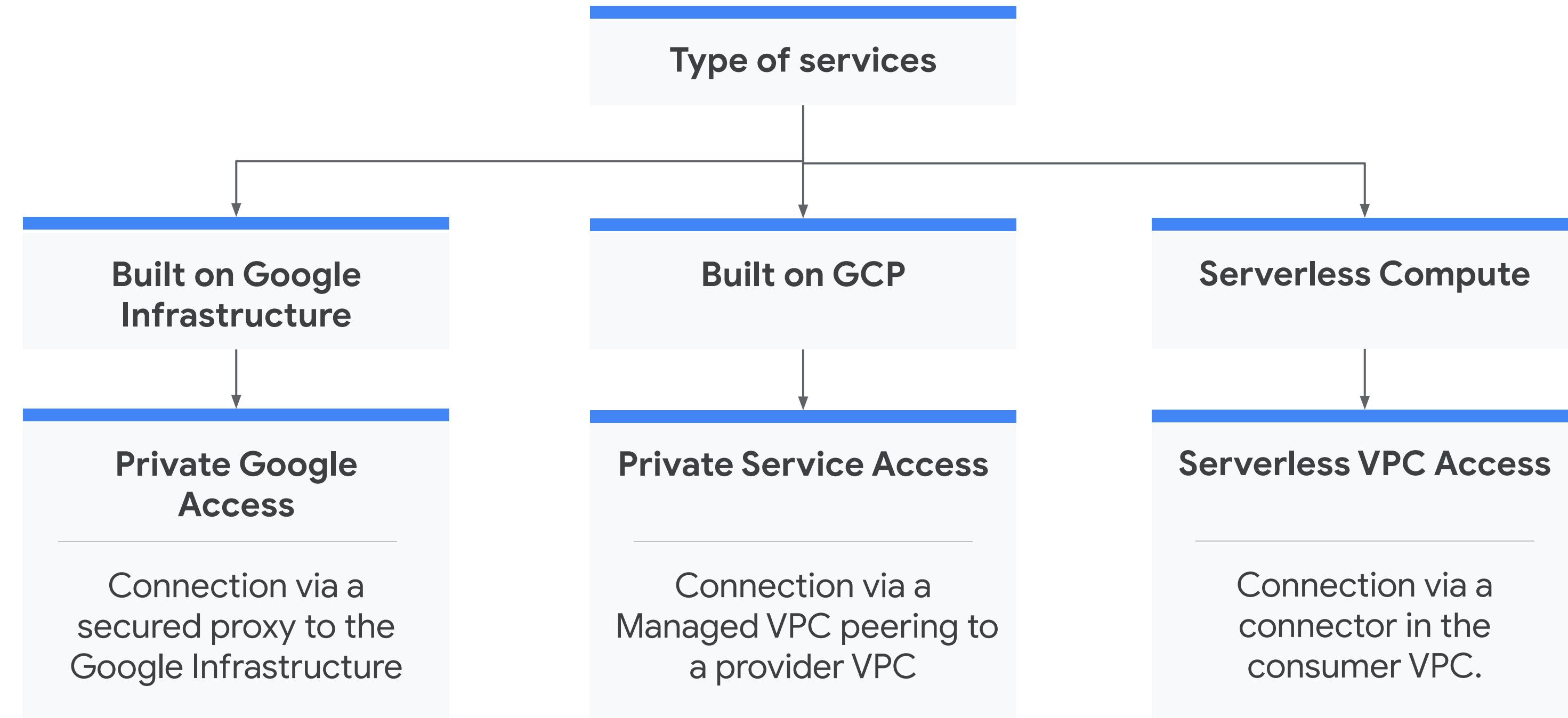
Internet and On-prem connectivity like a normal VM.





Solutions Summary

Full list of services: <https://cloud.google.com/vpc/docs/private-access-options>



A new solution to simplify this area is coming: [Private Service Connect](#)

Why Private Service Connect

Consume Services Faster

- Consumer and Producers operate independently
- Support for Single-Tenant and Multi-Tenant Services

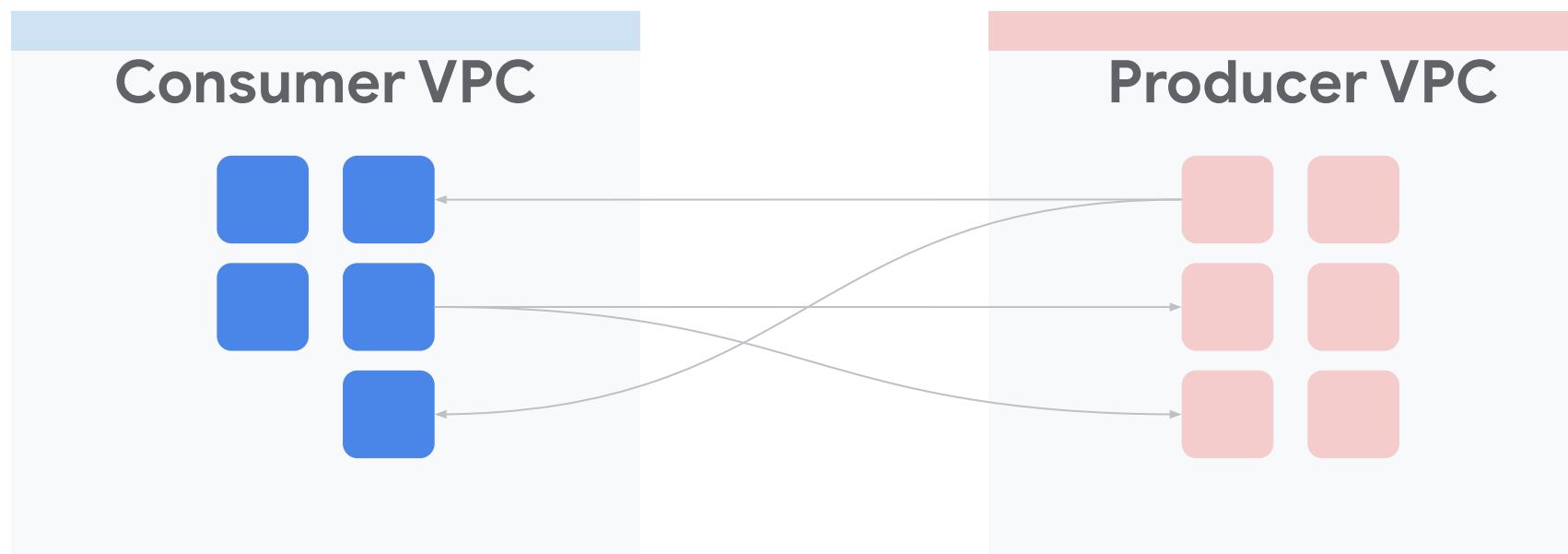
Private and Seamless Connectivity

- Private End to End Connectivity
- Create an Endpoint on the Consumer Network

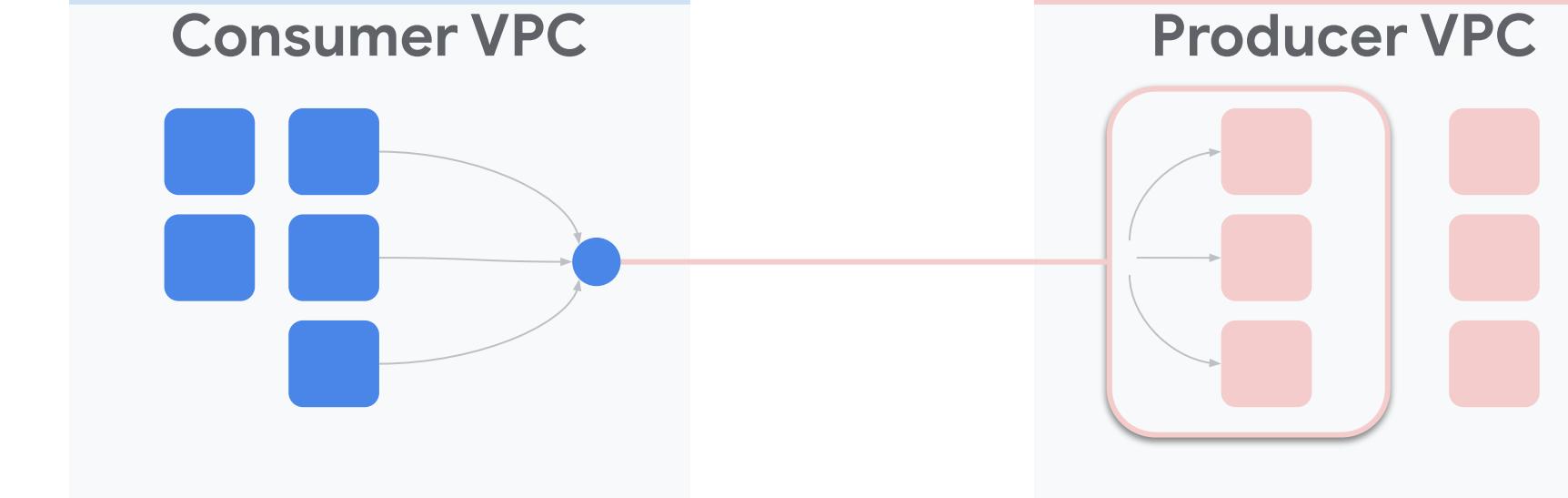
Accelerate Cloud Consumptions

- 1st Party, 3rd Party and Customer Owned Services

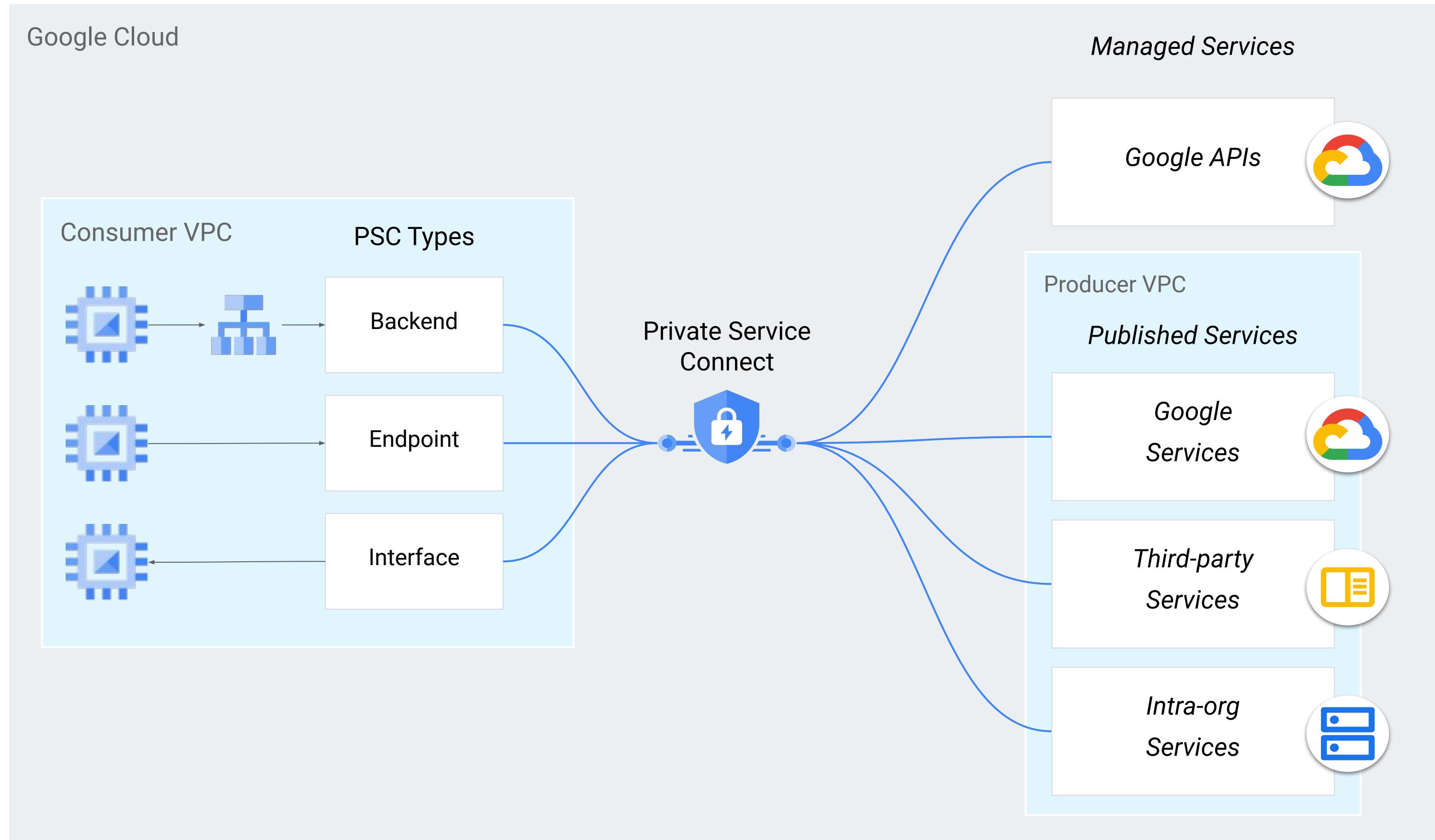
VPC Peering (Private Service Access)



Private Service Connect



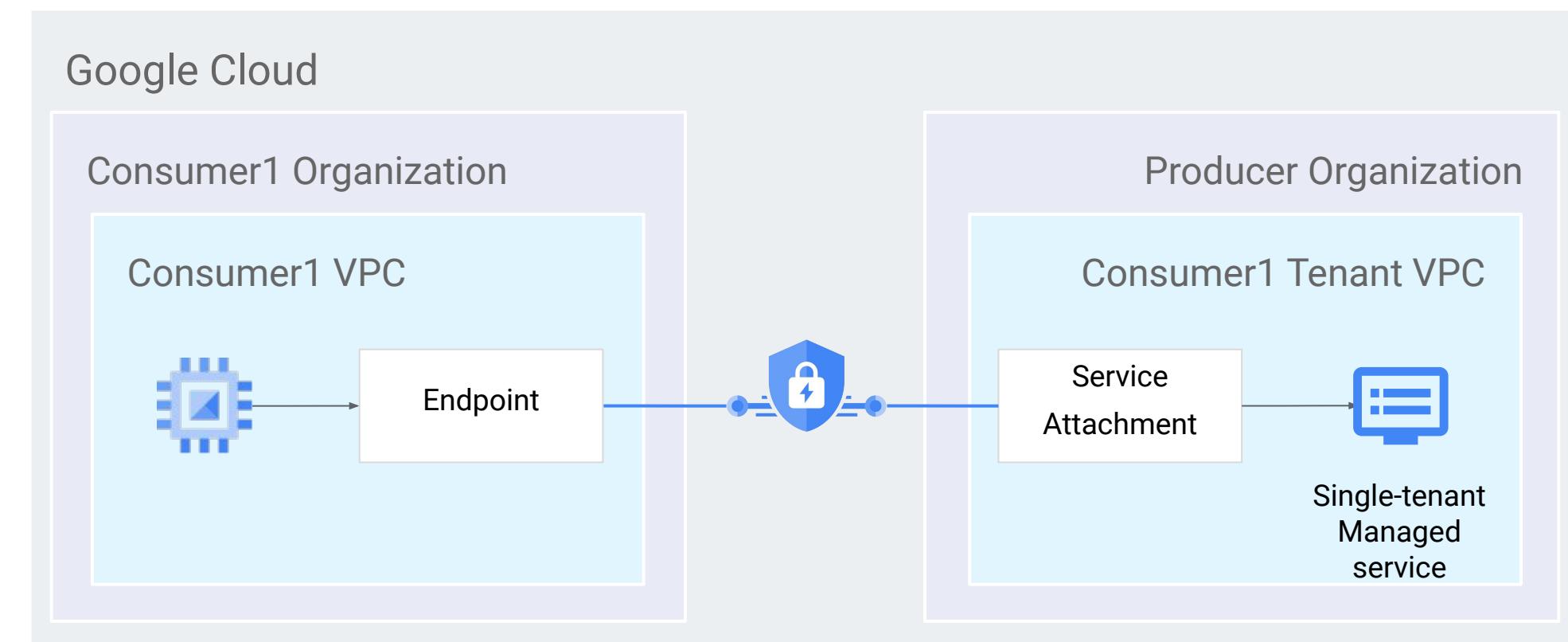
PSC for ...



PSC Topologies

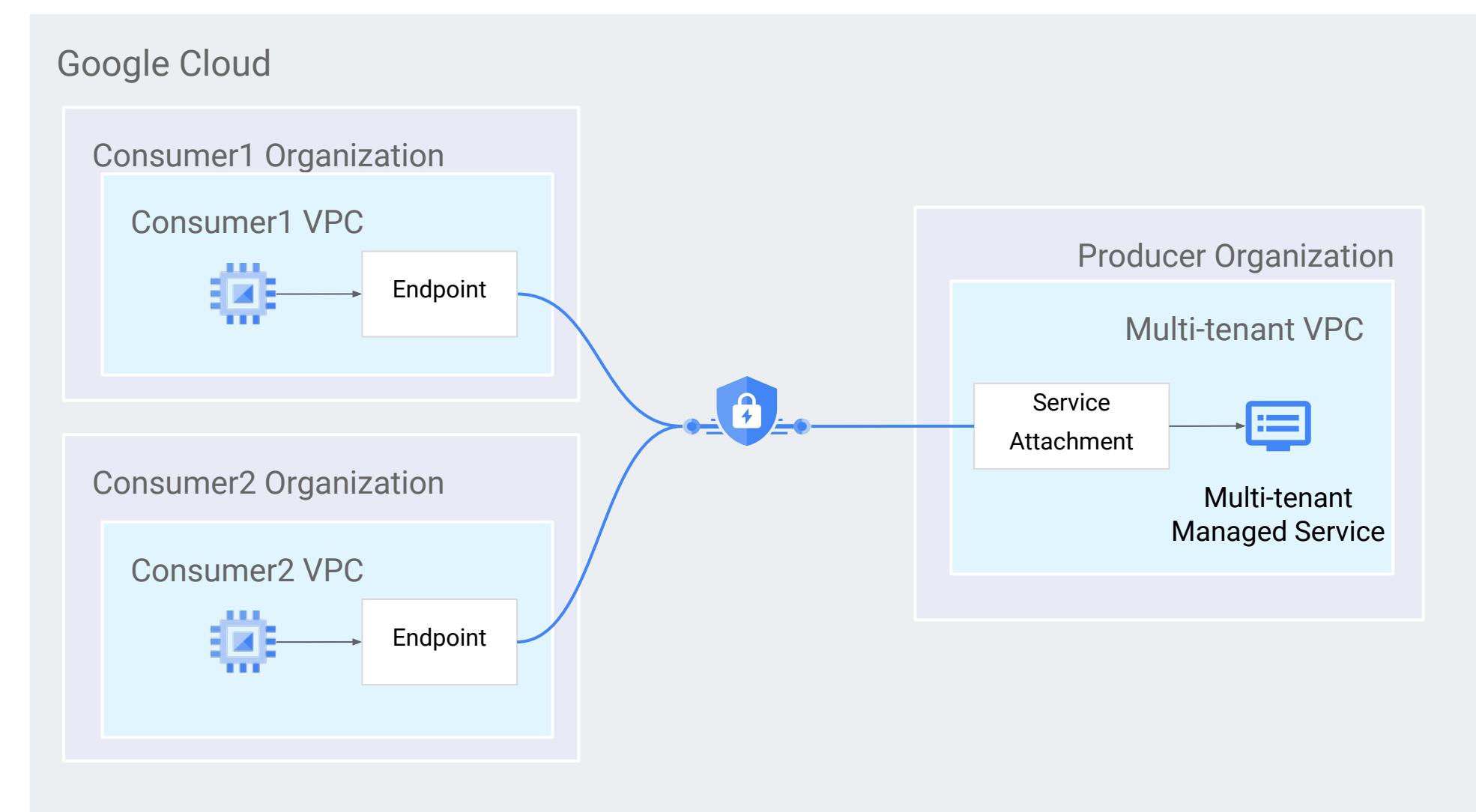
Single-tenant Managed Services

Managed services which are consumed by a single consumer.



Multi-tenant Managed Services

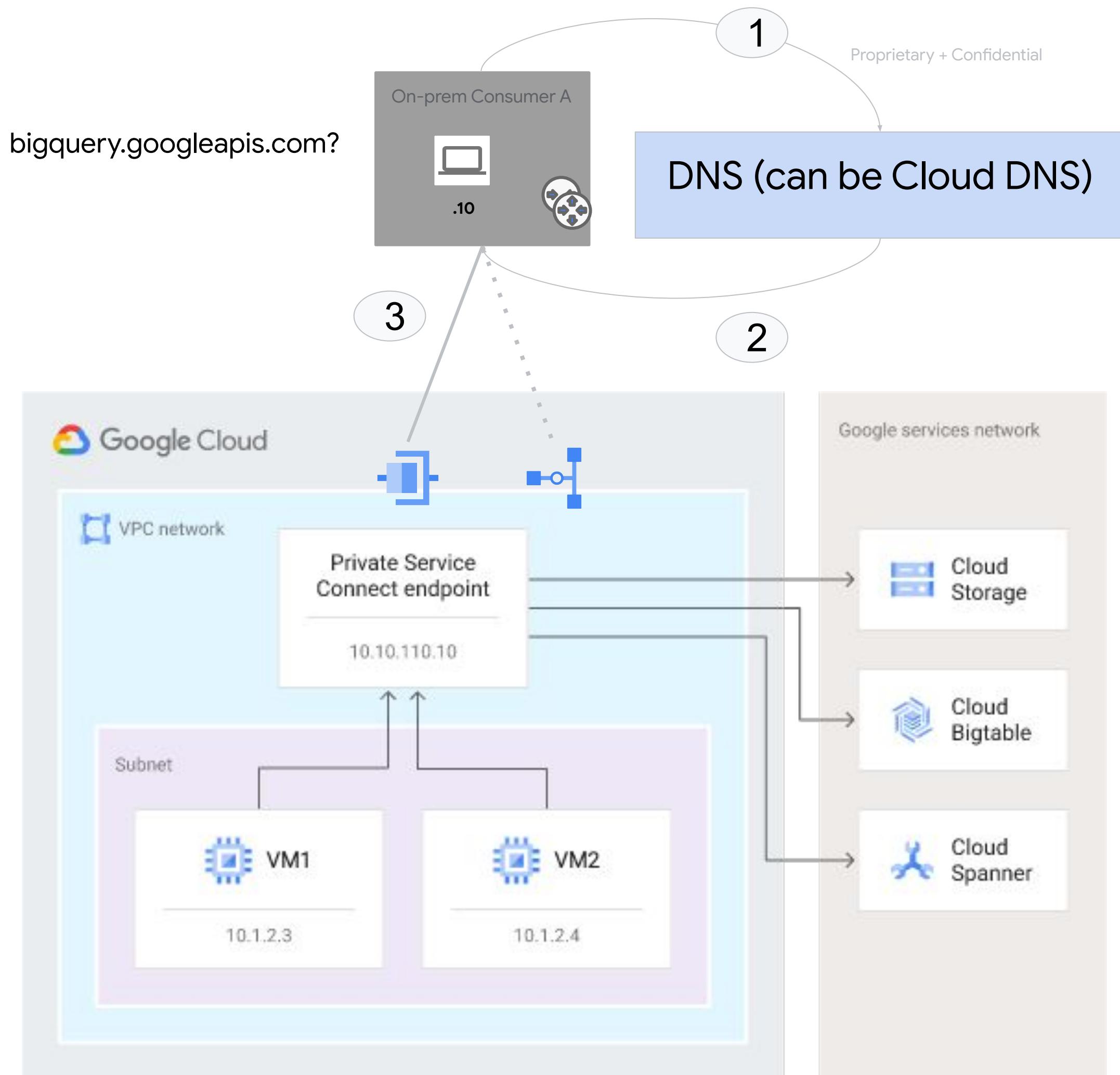
Managed services which are consumed by multiple different consumers. Multiple PSC connections terminate on a single service attachment.



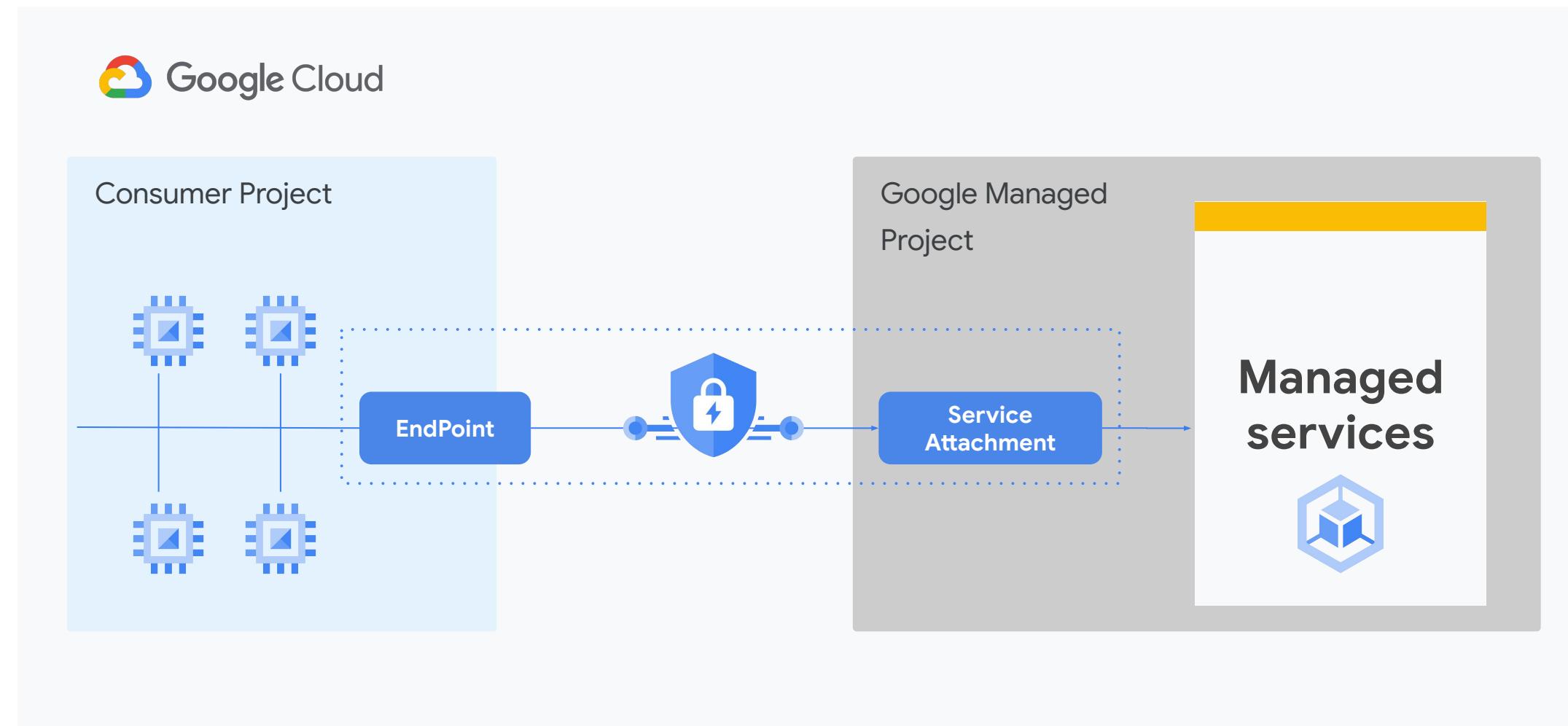
PSC for Google APIs

- Private endpoints IP addresses front-ending Google APIs
- Can be accessed from VPC and on-premises networks (via Interconnect/VPN)
 - Prior to PSC for Google APIs, if on-prem wanted to reach googleapis via IC or VPN, they needed to use (non publicly reachable) public IP ranges
- Enables using customer-defined private endpoints using *.p.googleapis.com
- Compatible with VPC Service Controls

bigquery.googleapis.com?



PSC for Google Managed Services

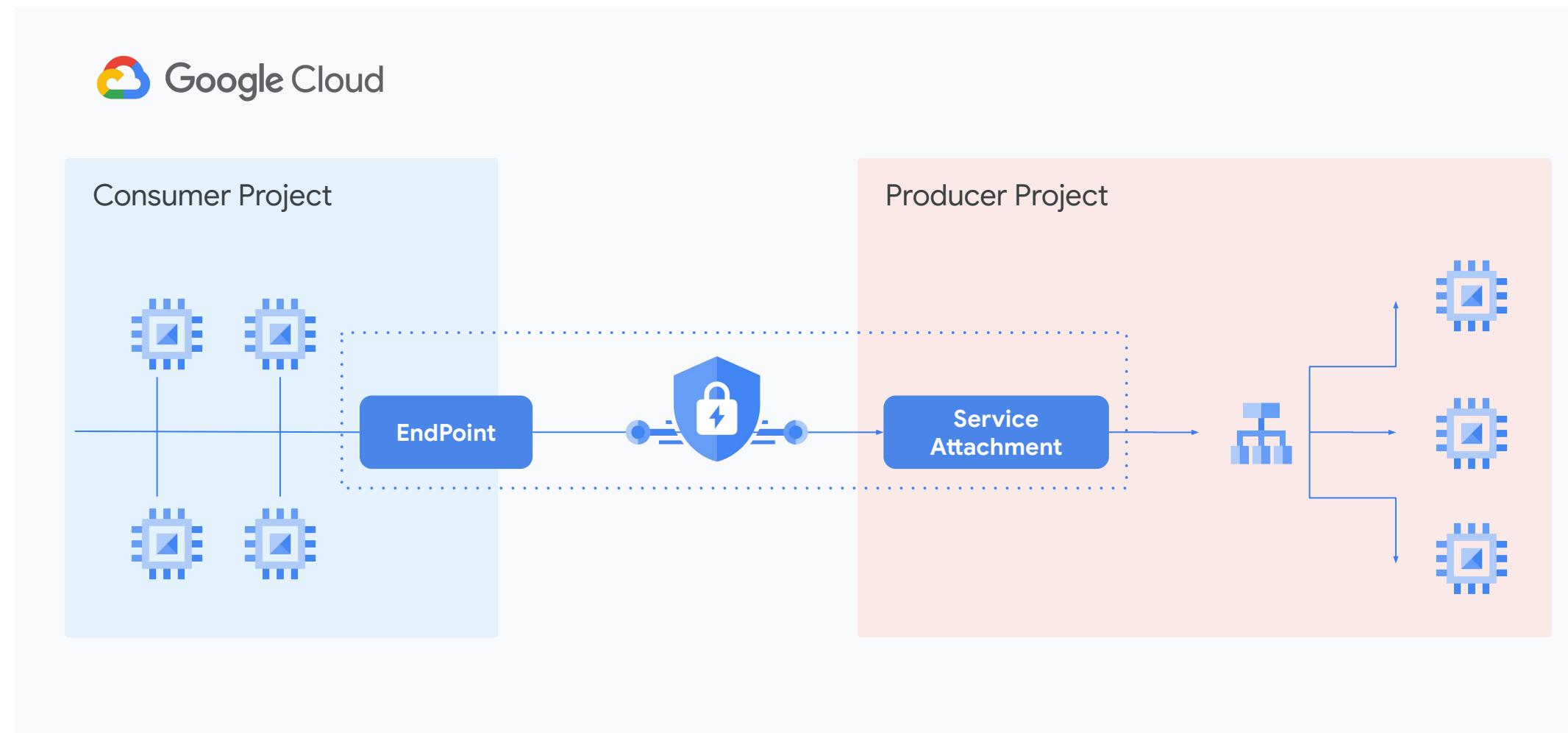


Consumer defines its own IP range for endpoint

Allows for access to some Google Managed services without the use of PSA or other VPC peering

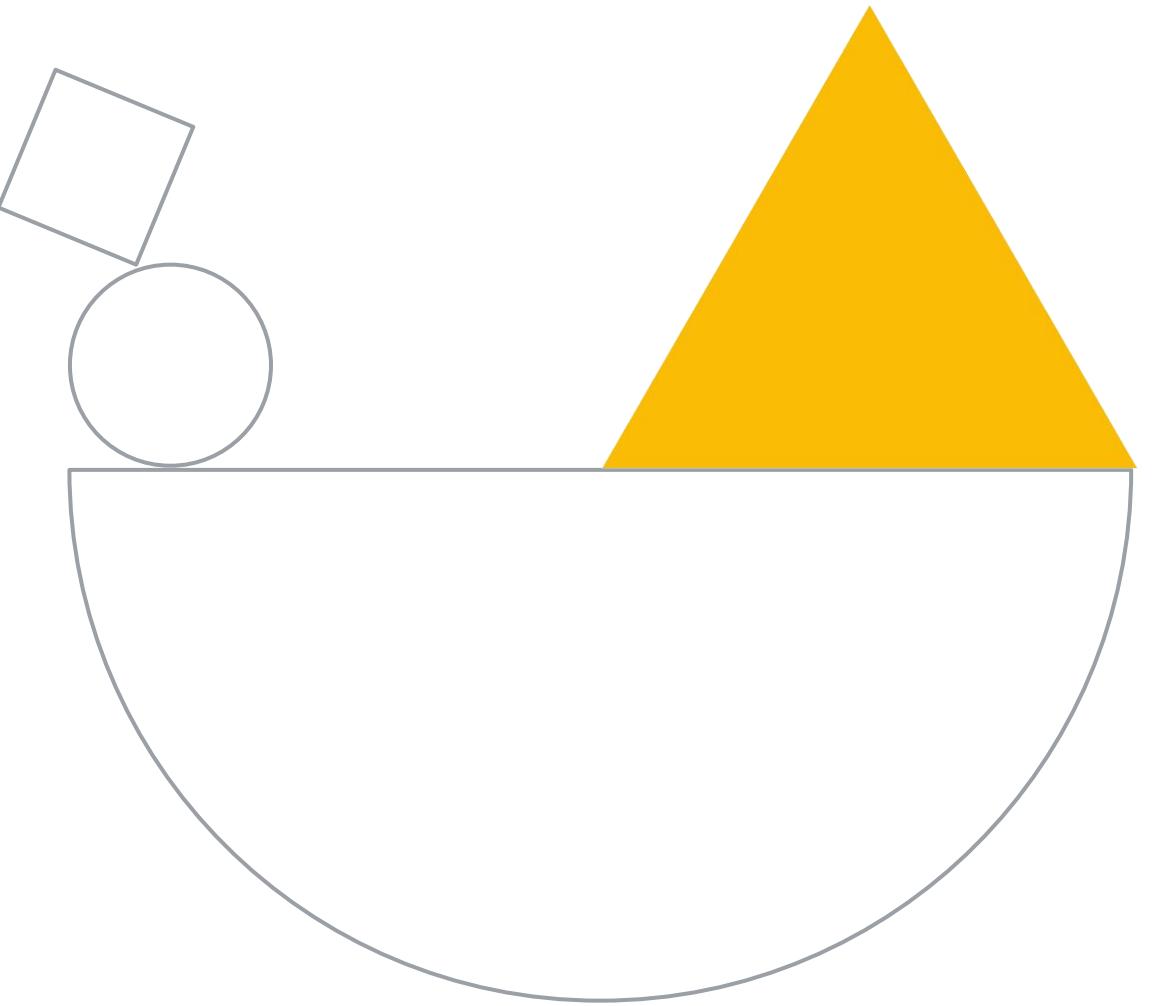
Adoption based on a per product basis

PSC for Internal Load Balancing



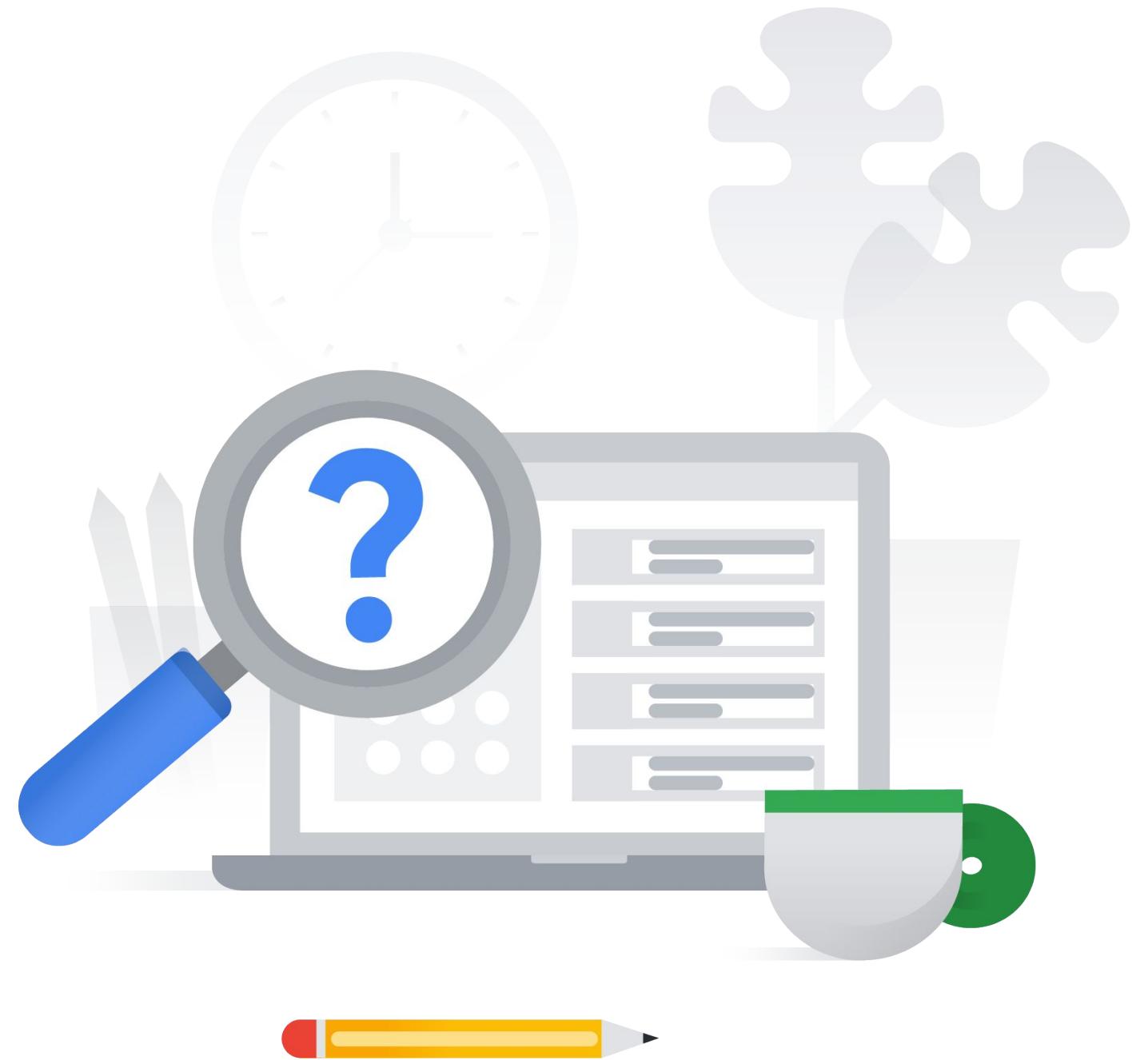
- Consumer defines its own IP range for endpoint
- Allows for overlapping IP space between consumer and producer
- Producer resource is placed behind an Internal Load Balancer
- Works across projects or organizations
- Support for Single-Tenant and **Multi-Tenant Services**
- Does not require VPC peering, VPN or Multi-NIC appliance

Diagnostic questions

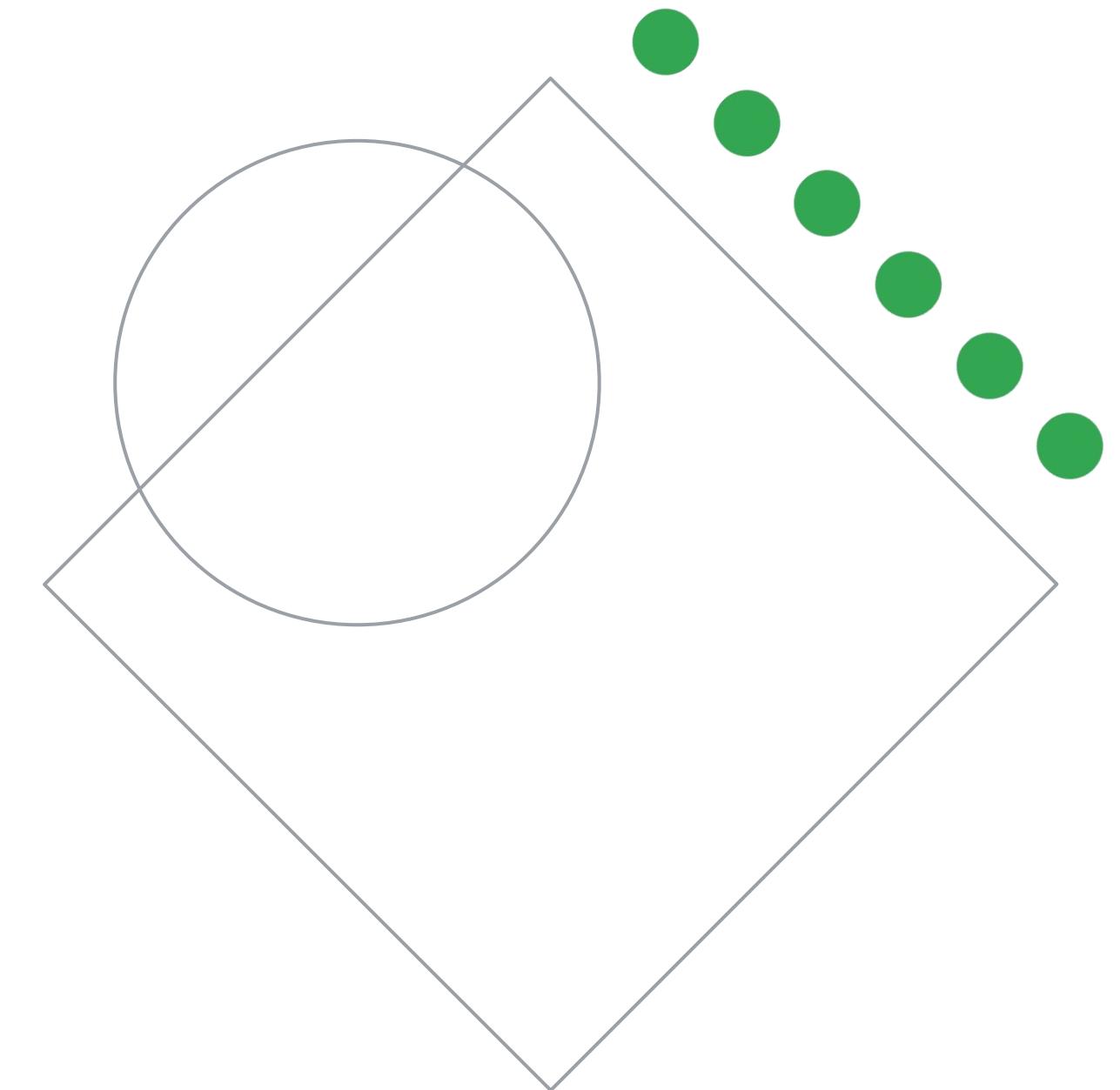


Please complete the diagnostic questions now

- Forms are provided for you to answer the diagnostic questions
- The instructor will provide you a link to the forms
- The diagnostic questions are also available in the workbook

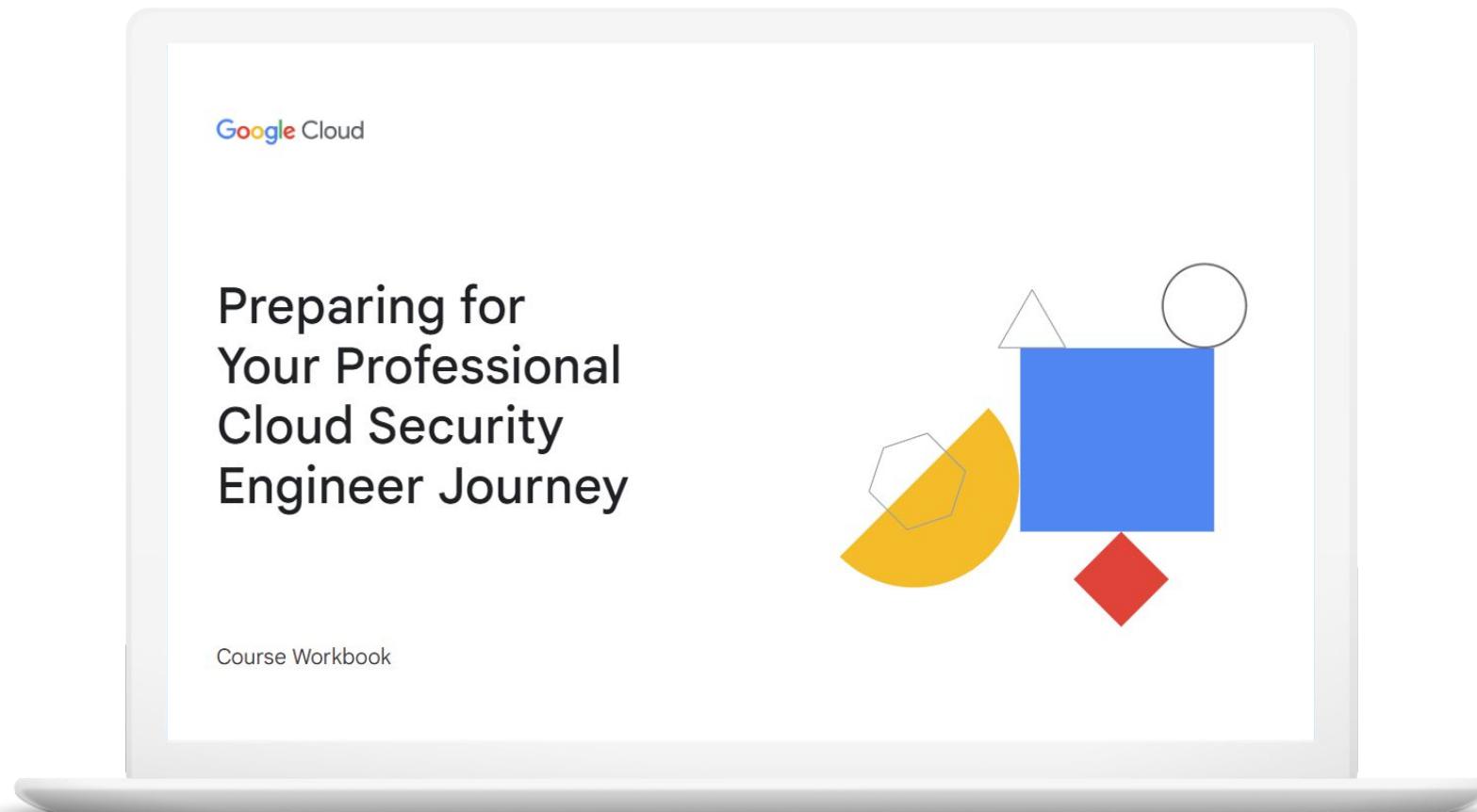


Review and study planning



Your study plan:

Configuring network security



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Designing network security

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Configuring network segmentation

2.3

Establish private connectivity

2.1 | Designing network security

Considerations include:

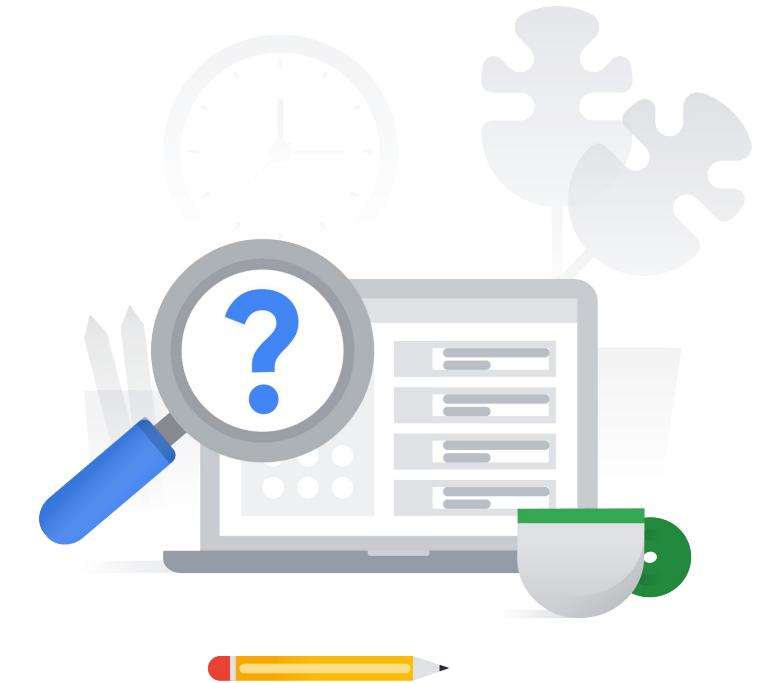
- Configuring network perimeter controls (firewall rules; Identity-Aware Proxy (IAP))
- Configuring load balancing (global, network, HTTP(S), SSL Proxy, and TCP Proxy load balancers)
- Identifying Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC)
- Identifying differences between private versus public addressing
- Configuring web application firewall (Google Cloud Armor)
- Configuring Cloud DNS

2.1 | Diagnostic Question 01 Discussion

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Which gcloud command would you run to throttle the load balancing for the given specification?

- A. gcloud compute security-policies rules create priority
--security-policy sec-policy
--src-ip-ranges=source-range
--action=throttle
--rate-limit-threshold-count=200
--rate-limit-threshold-interval-sec=3600
--conform-action=allow
--exceed-action=deny-429
--enforce-on-key=HTTP-HEADER
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--enforce-on-key=IP



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--action=throttle

--rate-limit-threshold-count=200
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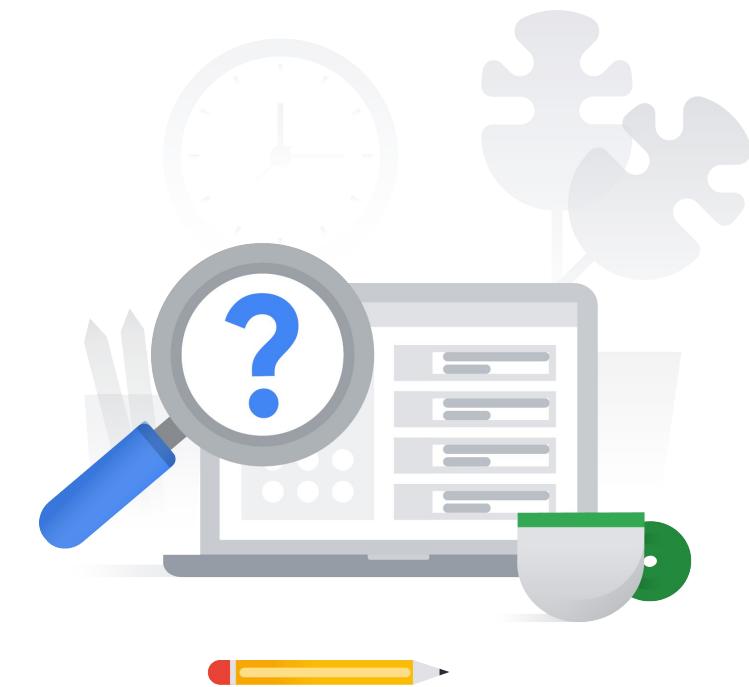
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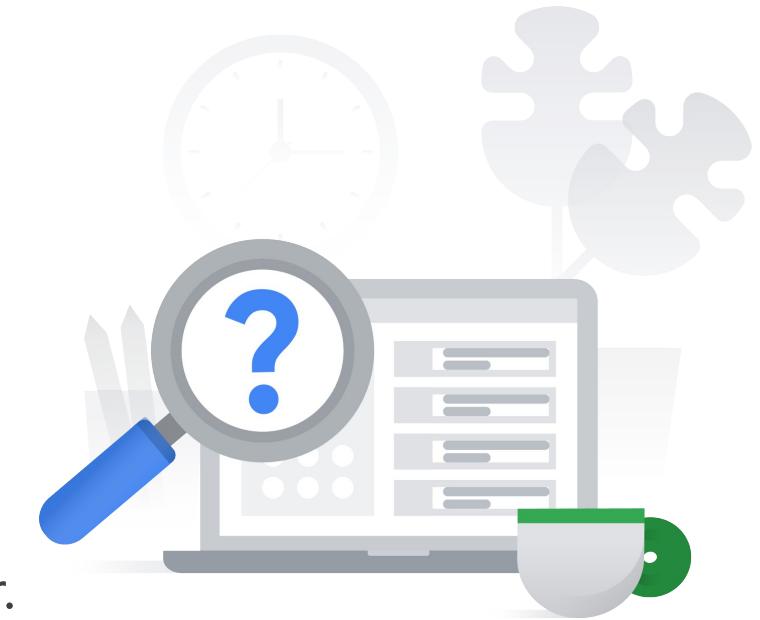


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What should you do?

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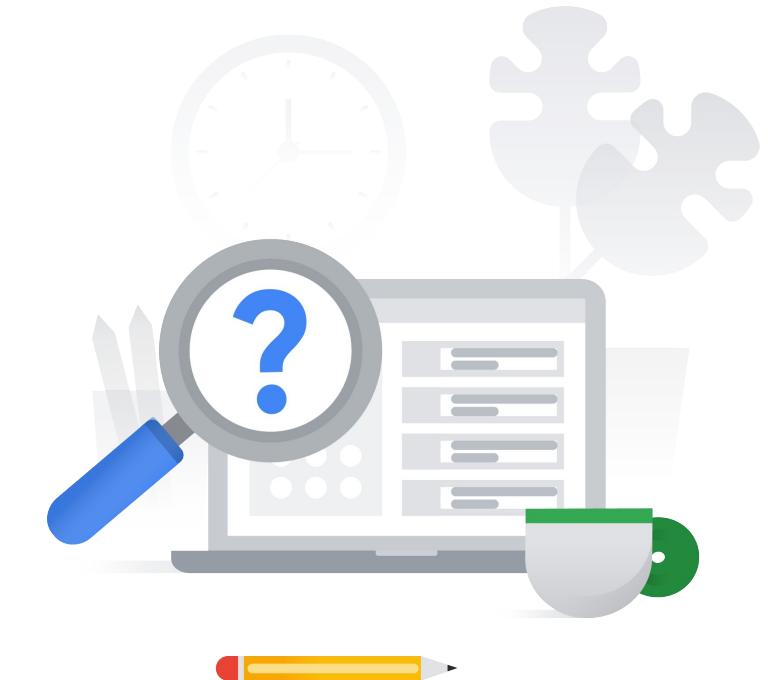
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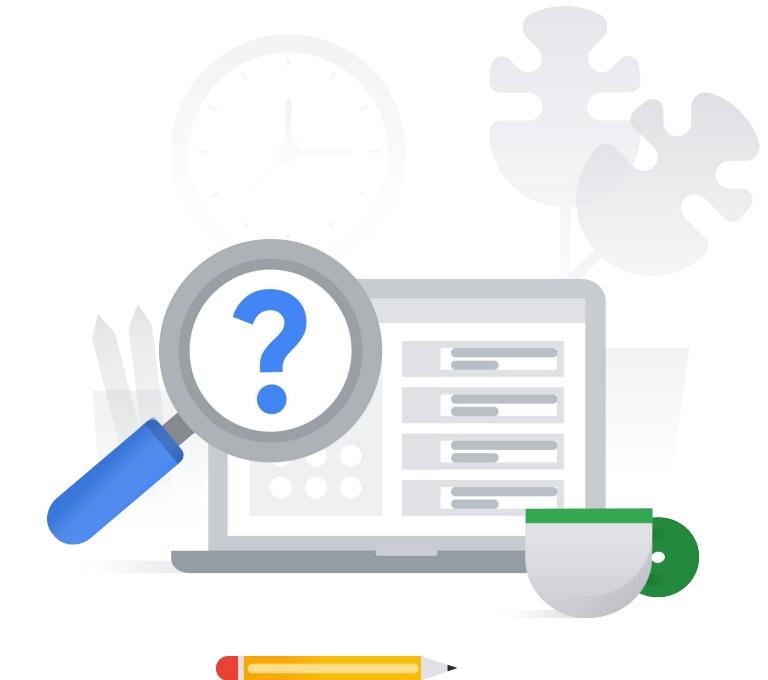


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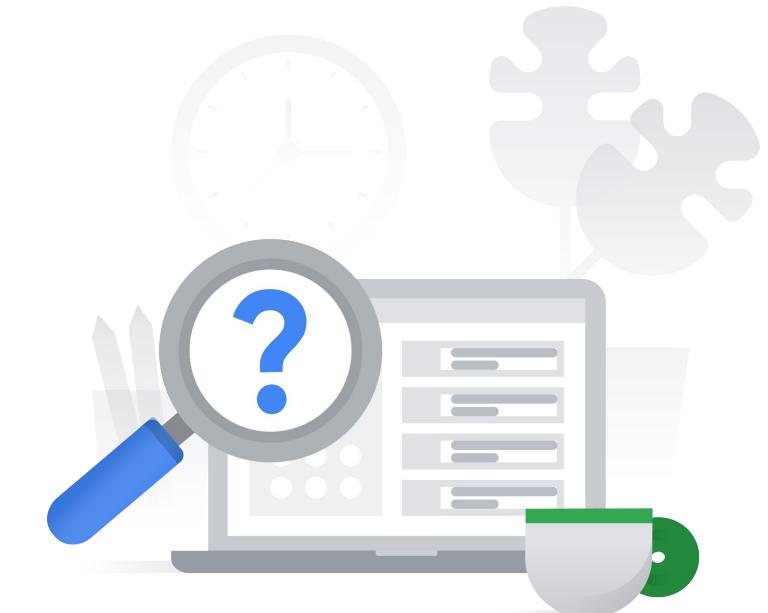
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- Configuring app-to-app security policy

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Cymbal Bank has two engineering teams (T1 and T2) working on two different Projects (P1 and P2). Both P1 and P2 use custom VPCs. T2 needs to request and verify DNS records for T1's domain that are internal to P1's Compute Engine Instance. After the records are verified, T2 will access and look up more records in this Compute Engine Instance.

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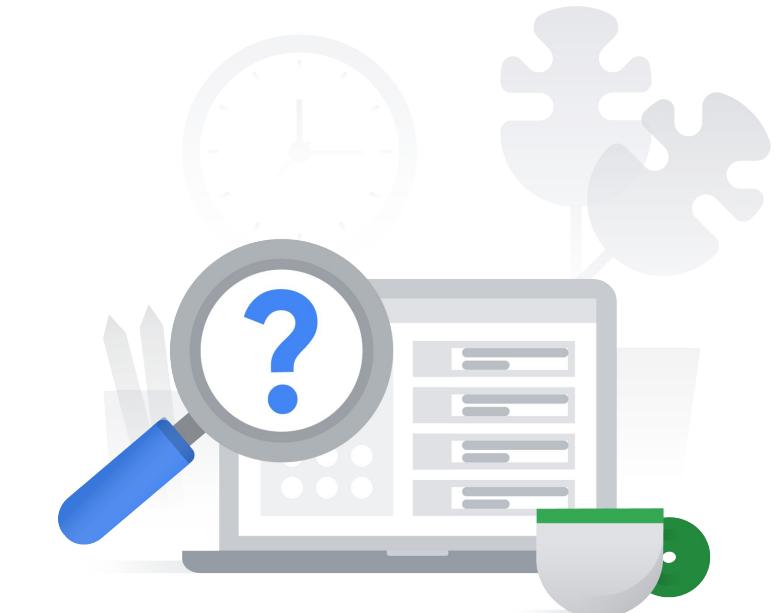


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- A. Create service accounts for the application and database. Create a firewall rule using:
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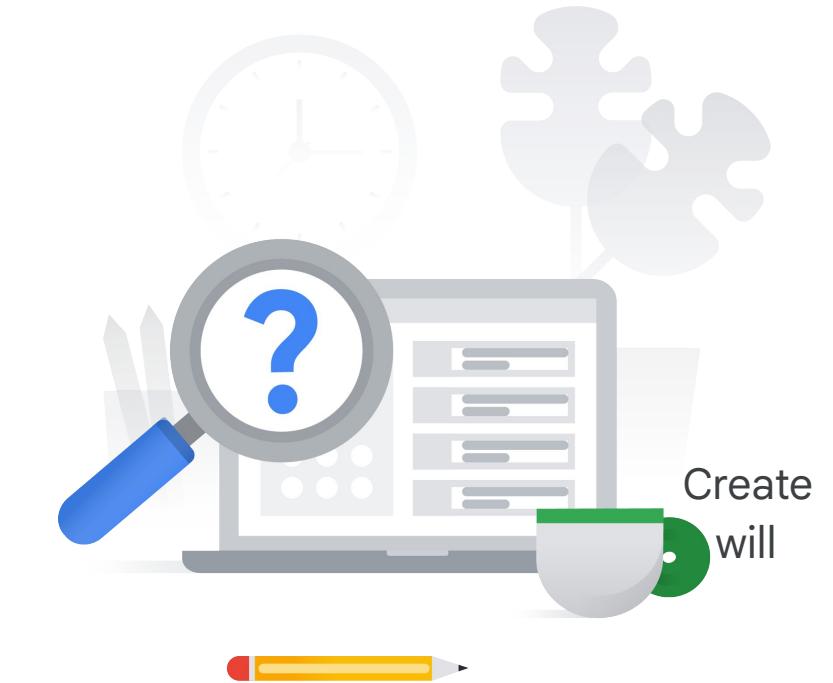


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- A. Use subnet isolation. Create a service account for the fraud detection VM. one service account for all the teams' Compute Engine instances that access the fraud detection VM. Create a new firewall rule using:
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--target-service-accounts <fraud detection engine's service account>`
- B. Use target filtering. Create two tags called 'app' and 'data'. Assign the 'app' tag to the Compute Engine instance hosting the Fraud Detection App (source), and assign the 'data' tag to the other Compute Engine instances (target). Create a firewall rule to allow all ingress communication on this tag.
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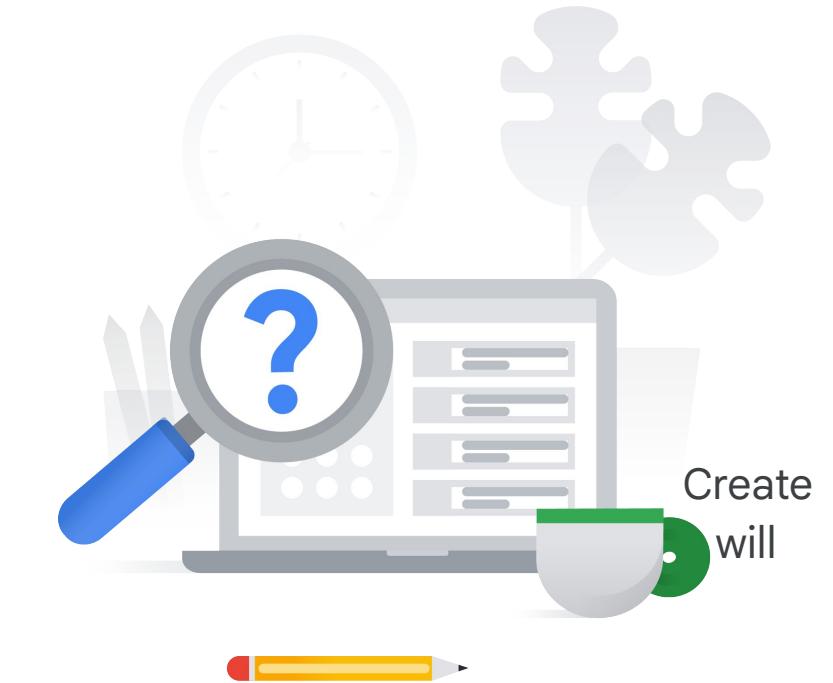


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2.3 | Establishing private connectivity

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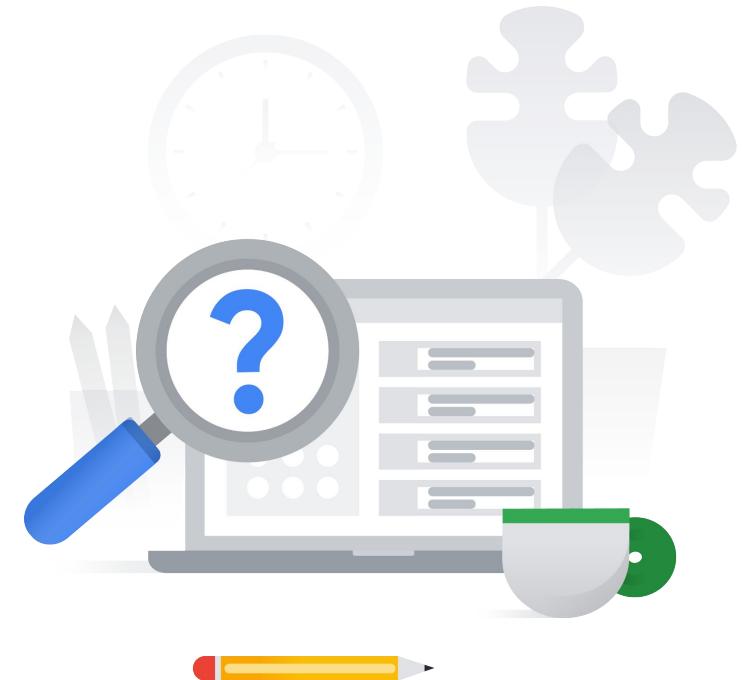


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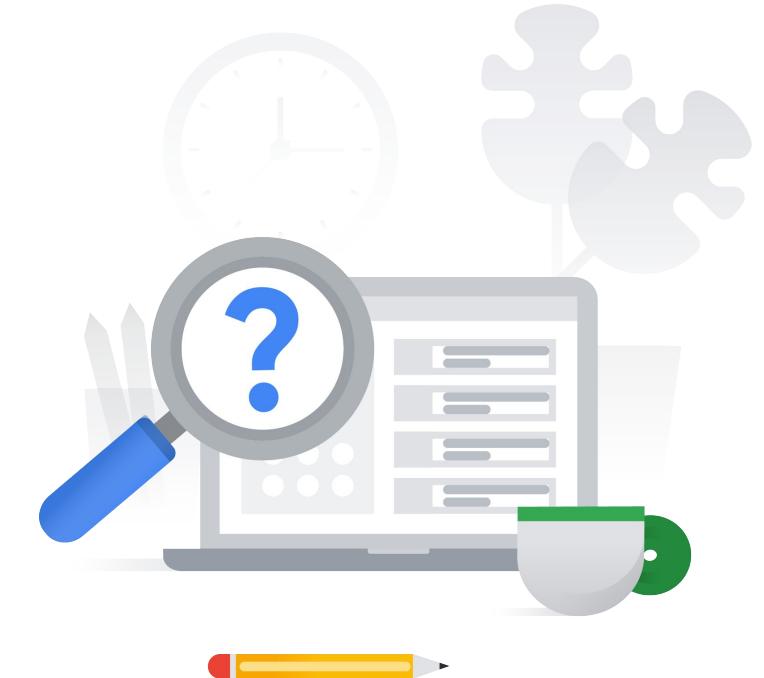
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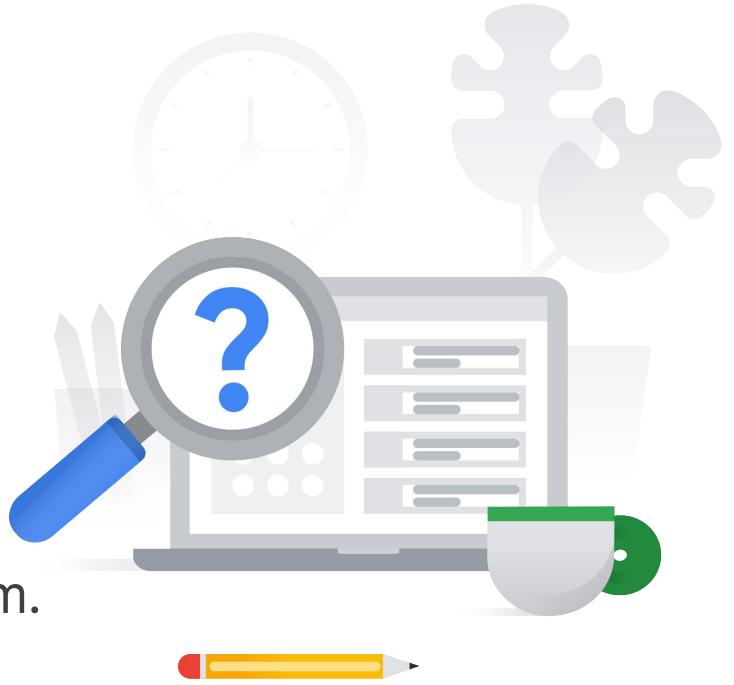
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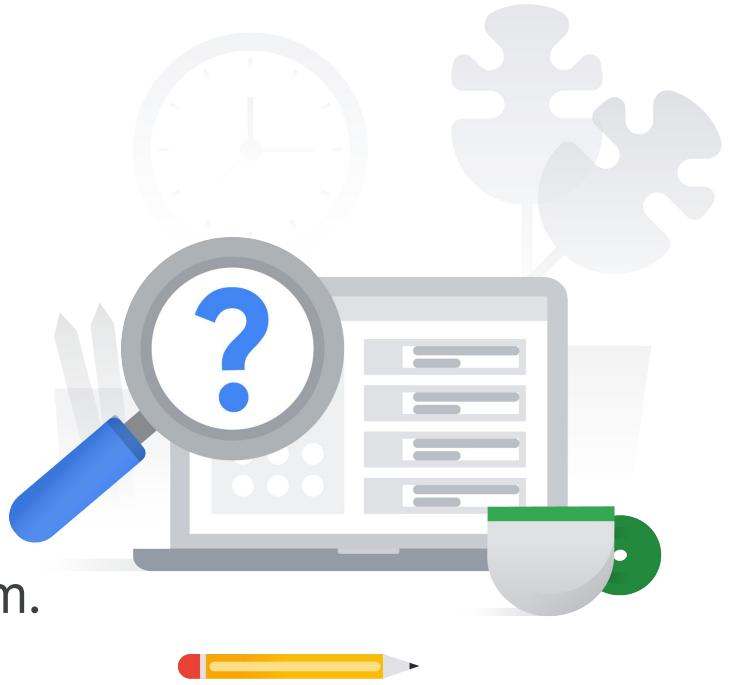


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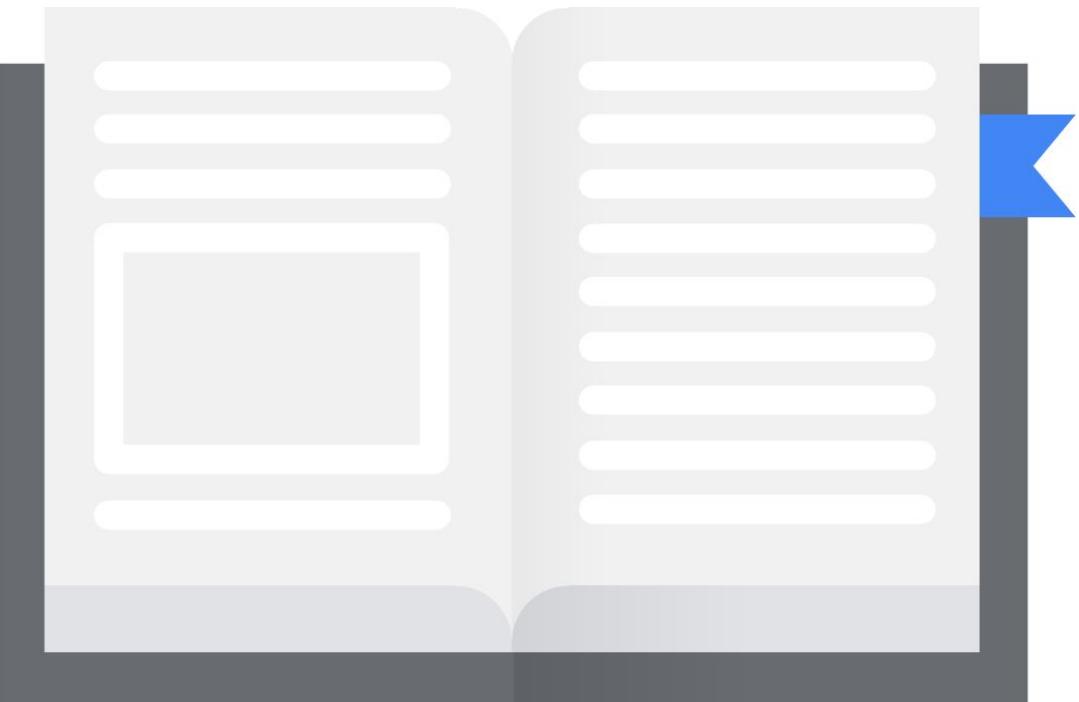
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QUIZ week 2

(the one we went through during the meeting)

Reminder:

- NOT as complex as questions on the exam
- Technical knowledge validation (No business context)

Additional content 1

[READING]

- [VPC network overview](#) - Security properties of a VPC network, VPC peering, shared VPC, and firewall rules
- [Best practices and reference architectures for VPC design](#) - Network isolation and data encapsulation for N tier application design
- [DNS Security Extensions \(DNSSEC\) overview](#) - Use of DNSSEC
- [Manage DNSSEC configuration](#) (especially focus on [migrating DNSSEC-signed zones to Cloud DNS](#))
- [Cloud Armor overview](#) - Tip: know which Load Balancers are supported by Cloud Armor; know preview mode
- [VPC firewall rules overview](#)
- [Identity-Aware Proxy overview](#)
- [IAP for on-premises apps](#)
- [Hierarchical firewall policies overview](#) - that's another "policy" topic, but it's NOT related to IAM Policies or Organization Policies
- [Choosing a load balancer](#)
- [Load balancer features](#) - don't try to memorize all, but rather know high-level of most important ones only (proxy/pass-through, protocols, session affinity, security)
- [Shared VPC overview](#)
- [VPC Network Peering overview](#)
- [Choosing a Network Connectivity product](#)

Additional content 2

- [Private access options for services](#) - overview of different options to reach GCP APIs and managed services
 - a. Private Google Access:
 - i. [Private Google Access](#) - overview
 - ii. [Configuring Private Google Access](#) - differentiate between private.googleapis.com and restricted.googleapis.com!
 - b. Private Services Access
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 - c. [new service] Private Service Connect, which solves some difficulties (mainly: non-transitivity of VPC Peering for managed services)
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 - ii. [How to publish managed services using Private Service Connect](#)
 - iii. [How to access managed services using Private Service Connect](#)
 - d. Serverless VPC Access
 - i. [How to access VPC resources from serverless services?](#)
 - ii. [How to configure Serverless VPC Access](#)
- [Cloud NAT overview](#) - with special focus on [NAT subnet IP ranges](#) and [NAT rules](#).
- [IMPORTANT] [VPC Service Controls](#). What is a [service perimeter](#) and [perimeter bridge](#).

Additional content 3

[VIDEOS]

- Great demo of how to centralize network management and set up Shared VPC in GCP: [Level Up From Zero Episode 4: Shared VPC](#)
- Private Service Connect (new service that might solve issues with transitivity when Private Google Access / Private Service Access is being used): [What is Private Service Connect?](#)
- IAP as a way to control access to your internal apps (most real IAP use-cases in a single video!): [Centralize access to your organization's websites with Identity Aware Proxy \(IAP\)](#)
- If IAP is not granular enough and application-based auth is needed, you can use GCP Identity Platform [Learn to add authentication and identity management to your own apps](#)
- [How do I protect my applications from DDoS attacks with Google Cloud Armor?](#)
- Learn about Serverless VPC Connector: [Connecting to private GCE instances](#)
- [Learn to isolate containerized workloads with Google Cloud](#) - Superb video explaining GKE Sandbox in 5 mins
- [How do I provide organizational wide security control using Hierarchical Firewall Policies](#)

[PODCASTS]

- [Preparing for Cloud Migrations from a CISO Perspective, Part 2](#)
- [Scaling Google Kubernetes Engine Security](#)

BONUS CONTENT: Cloud DNS *

* if you want to understand Cloud DNS better. It's more related to Network Engineer exam, but with PCSE, you might still get 1 or 2 questions where you should differentiate between different options Cloud DNS gives you.

Quick Overview of DNS Terminology*

These are common terms used in discussing DNS, not just at Google

Recursive Resolver

Acts as a middleman between a client and a DNS name server

Name Server

A computer designated to translate domain names into IP addresses

A/AAAA Records

Records that map a host to an IP address either IPv4 (A) or IPv6 (AAAA)

PTR Record

Opposite of A/AAAA record, used to map an IP address to an associated name

CNAME

Define an alias for canonical name for your server (one defined by an A or AAAA record)

Zone File

Zone files are the way that name servers store information about the domains they know about

Registrar

Organization that manages the reservation of Internet domain names. A registrar must be accredited by a generic top-level domain (gTLD) registry or a country code top-level domain (ccTLD) registry.

DNS Primer

How DNS Works (overly simplified)



- **Step 1**
A client makes DNS request
- **Step 2**
Recursive resolver responds to request

OR

- **Step 2**
Recursive resolver redirects request to other servers
- **Step 3**
Other server responds to request
- **Step 4**
Information is sent to client

DNS options

An internal metadata server acts as DNS resolver, and is automatically set as such as part of DHCP leases.

Internal DNS

Records are automatically created for VMs primary and internal IP's with the following FQDN:

- [INSTANCE_NAME].[ZONE].c.[PROJECT_ID].internal

Used for resolution within the same project and VPC

Cloud DNS

Scalable, reliable (**100% SLA**), and managed authoritative DNS service for public and private records offering

Private: Used for providing a namespace that is only visible inside the VPC

Public: Used for providing authoritative DNS resolution to clients on the public internet.

Public vs Private DNS Zone

Private Zone



- Used for providing a namespace that is only visible inside the VPC or hybrid network environment.
- Example - a business organization has a domain dev.gcp.example.com, reachable only from within the company intranet.

Public Zone



- Used for providing authoritative DNS resolution to clients on the public internet.
- Example - a business has an external website, example.com accessible directly from the Internet.
- Not to be confused with Google Public DNS (8.8.8.8) which is just a public recursive resolver

DNS Forwarding

What it is

DNS forwarding is the process by which particular sets of DNS queries are handled by a designated server, rather than being handled by the initial server contacted by the client.

How is it setup

Two types of DNS forwarding

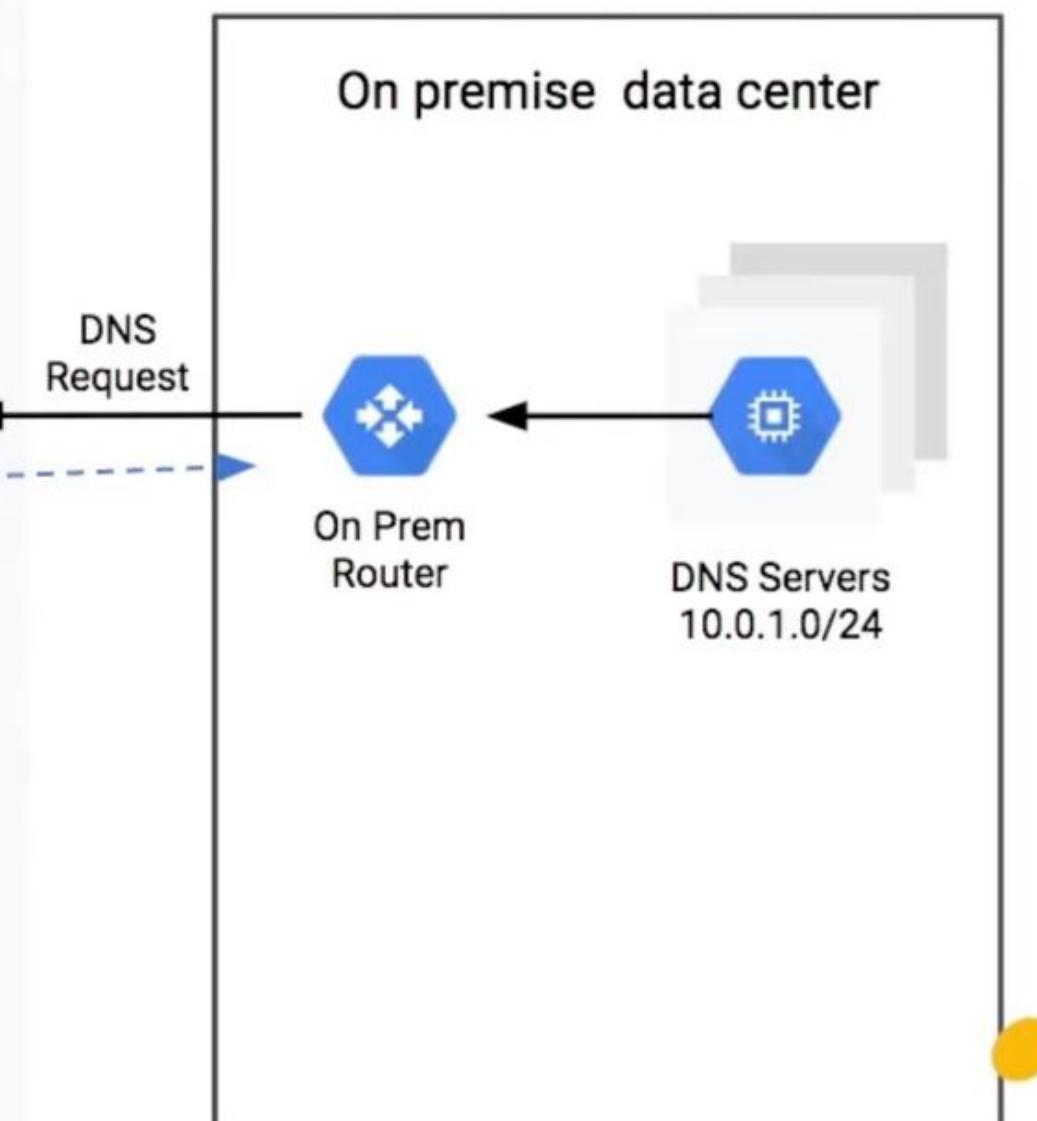
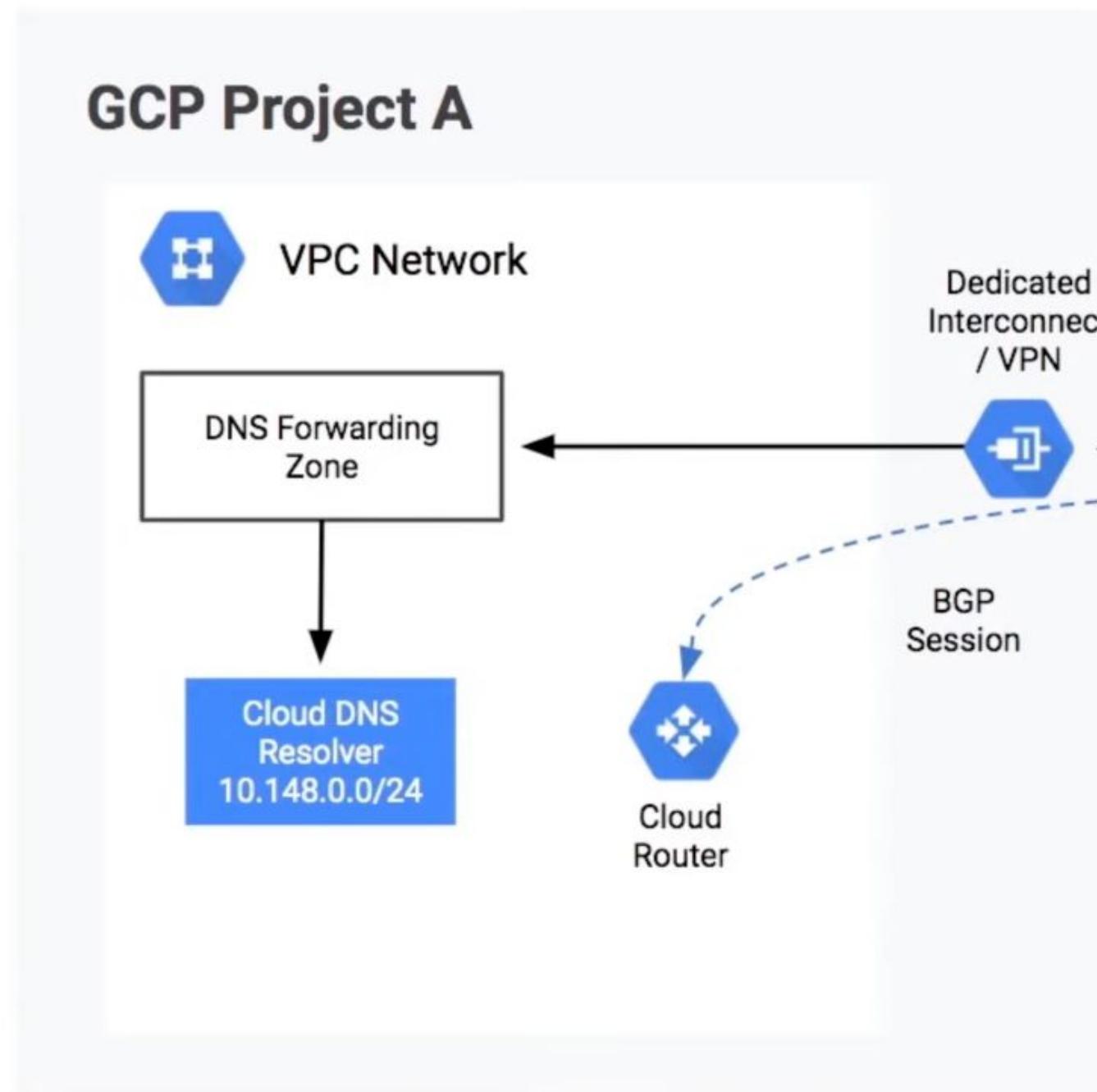
- Outbound zone: from GCP to on-prem
- Inbound policy: from on-prem to GCP

Notes and Caveats on DNS Forwarding

- Cannot setup forwarding to another VPC, must involve on-prem environment as either the source or destination.
- Uses Google proxies (35.199.192.0/19 block) for all outbound forwarding (note, while this is a public IP block, it is not routed publically on the Internet, and only used within GCP Cloud environments).



DNS Inbound Forwarding Architecture*

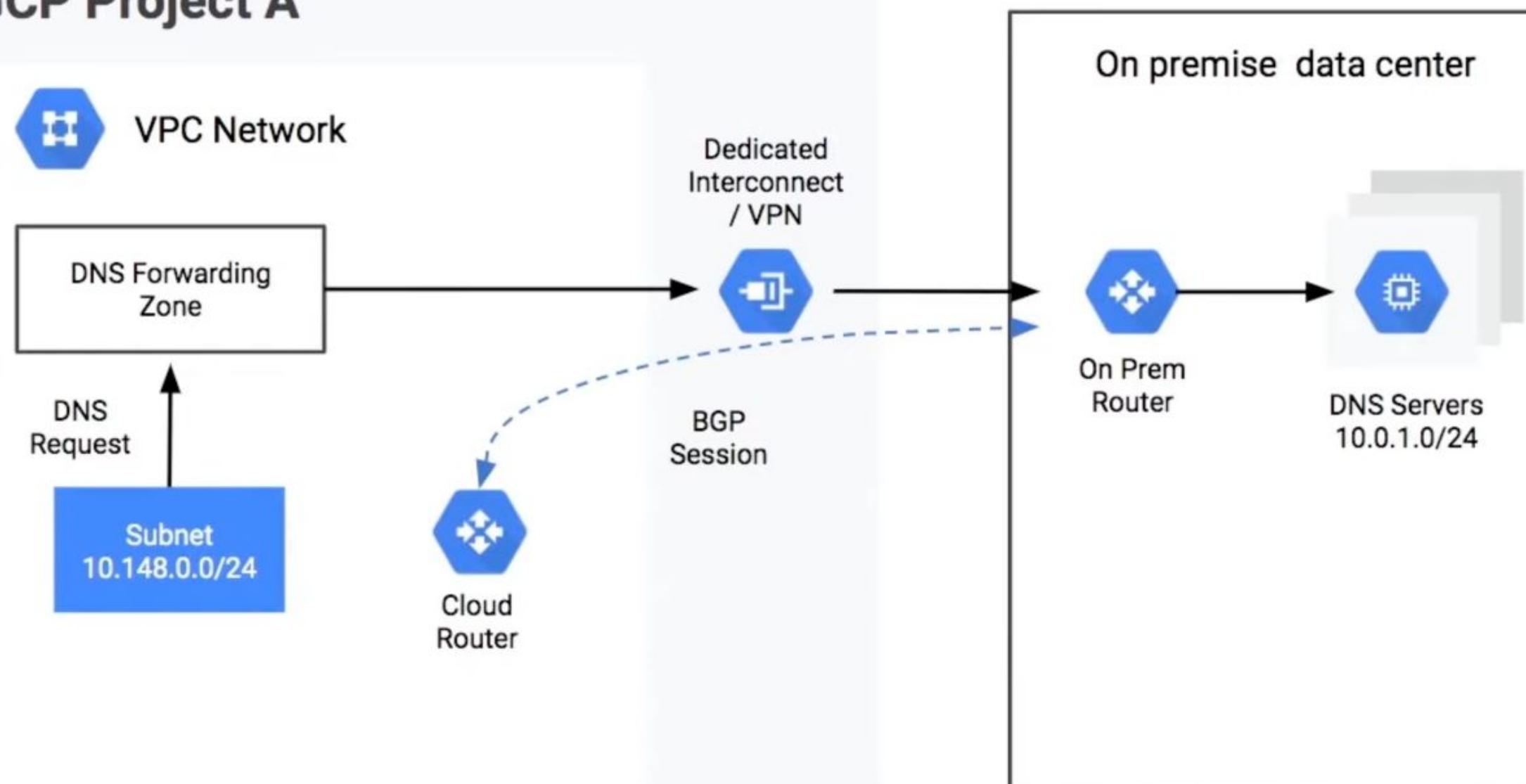


Configuration Notes

- Setup DNS Policy for Inbound Forwarding
- Obtain IP address established for inbound forwarding
- Google CR should be learning 10.0.1.0/24 route from on prem router
- Verify no firewall rules are blocking the 10.148.0.0/24 IP block at your on prem environment.
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- Google CR should be advertising 10.148.0.0/24 block to on prem router

DNS Outbound Forwarding Architecture*

GCP Project A



Configuration Notes

- Setup an outbound forwarding zone to use an on prem DNS Server for a particular domain.
- Google CR should be learning 10.0.1.0/24 route from on prem router
- Verify no firewall rules are blocking the 35.199.192.0/19 IP block at your on prem environment.
- Setup a custom route advertisement for 35.199.192.0/19 advertising to on prem router.

Alternative Name Servers (ANS)

What it is

Another mechanism for forwarding DNS requests outside of GCP. With ANS, **ALL** requests are forwarded to the specified name servers, not just specific domains.

How is it setup

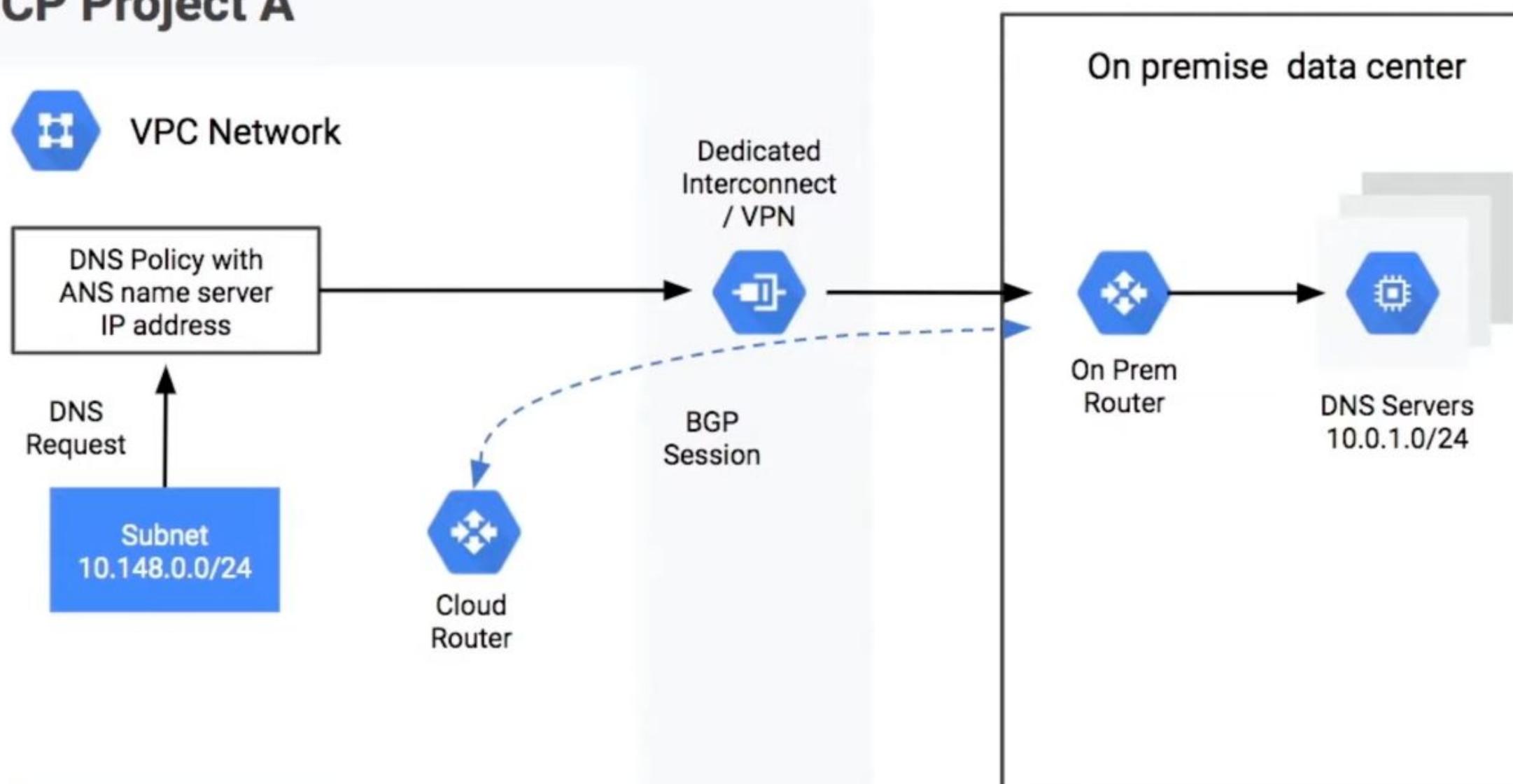
- Specify an IPv4 address for the Alternative Name Server.
- Ensure the routing is setup so the alternative name server is reachable from within your VPC network.
- Verify no firewall rules are blocking the 35.199.192.0/19 IP block at your on prem environment.
- Ensure your on prem environment has a route that directs traffic destined to 35.199.192.0/19 back to your VPC network, through your Cloud VPN tunnel, Dedicated Interconnect VLAN, or Partner Interconnect VLAN.

Notes and Caveats on Alternative Name Servers

- The alternative name server that receives the request must be the one that sends the reply to 35.199.192.0/19
- Use to completely bypass Google Cloud DNS: Infoblox, on prem BIND, etc....
- In contrast, outbound forwarding is specific to a zone, e.g onprem.example.com

Alternative Name Architecture*

GCP Project A



Configuration Notes

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DNS Peering

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DNS Peering allows DNS queries to be sent to another VPC for resolution

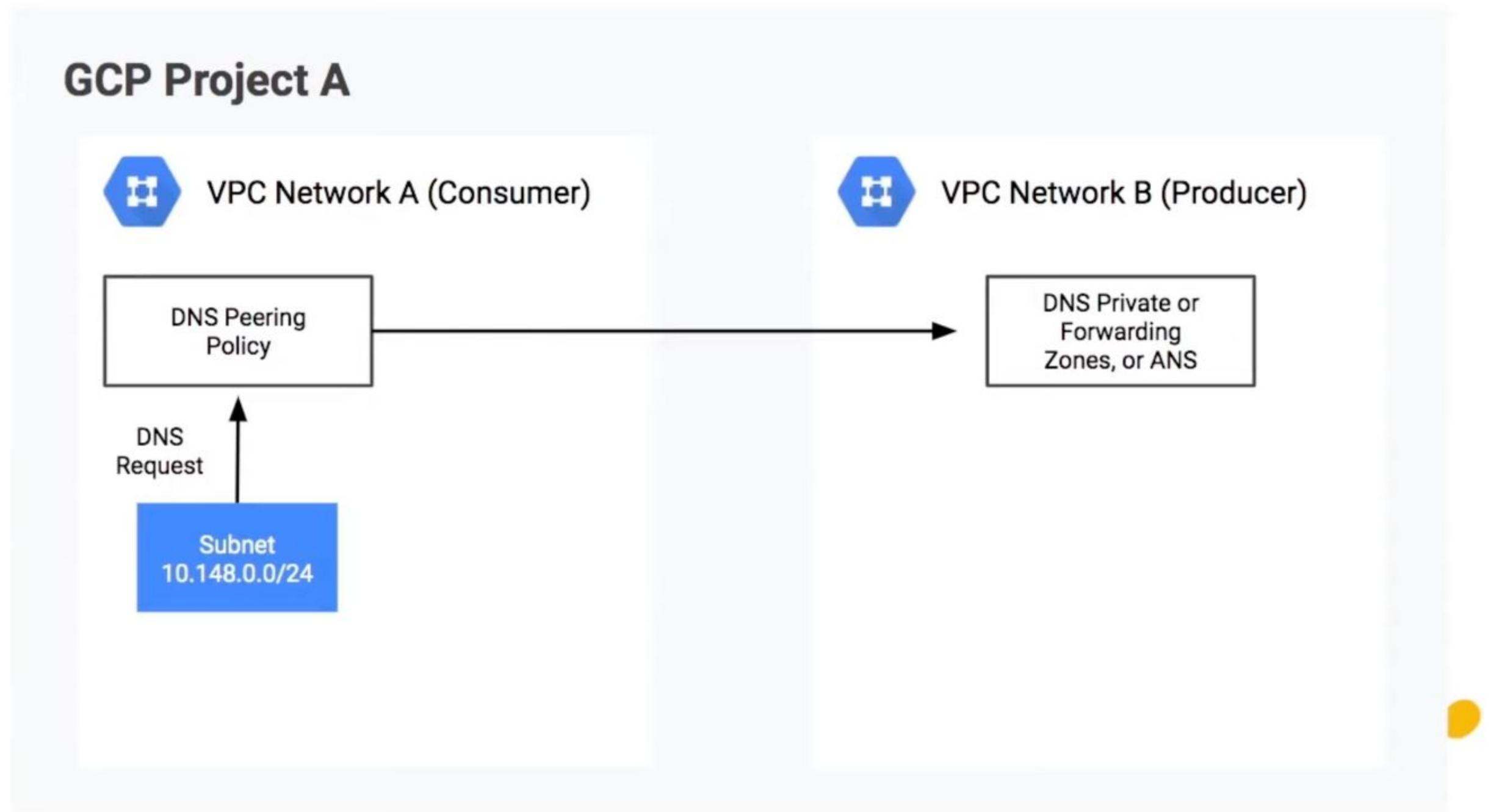
How is it setup

- Configure a zone that is peered to another network
- Once DNS request is received, final resolution is done via a private zone, forwarding zone, or ANS (see next slide) attached to the targeted (Provider) network

Notes and Caveats on DNS Peering

- DNS Peering is important for SaaS providers (eg Cloud AD, Mongo)
- Used in conjunction with forwarding to alleviate the issue with multiple forwarding zones to an on-prem environment.
- DNS Peering alongside DNS Forwarding resembles a hub & spoke networking model

DNS Peering Architecture*

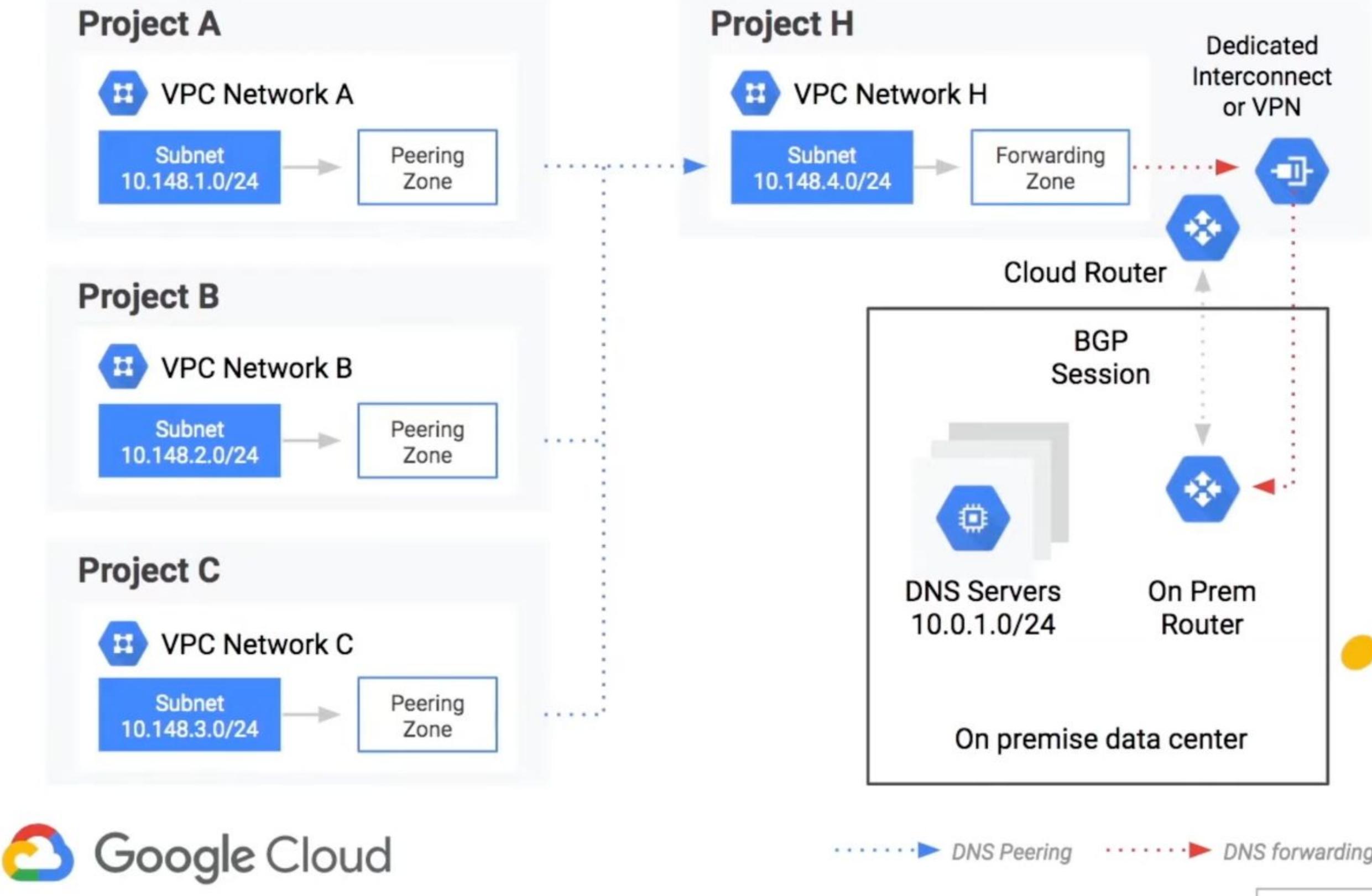


Configuration Notes

- Setup Private Zone, Forwarding Zone, or ANS policy in Producer network
- Setup DNS Peering Policy in Consumer network to point to VPC Network B.

Cloud DNS Deployment Design Options

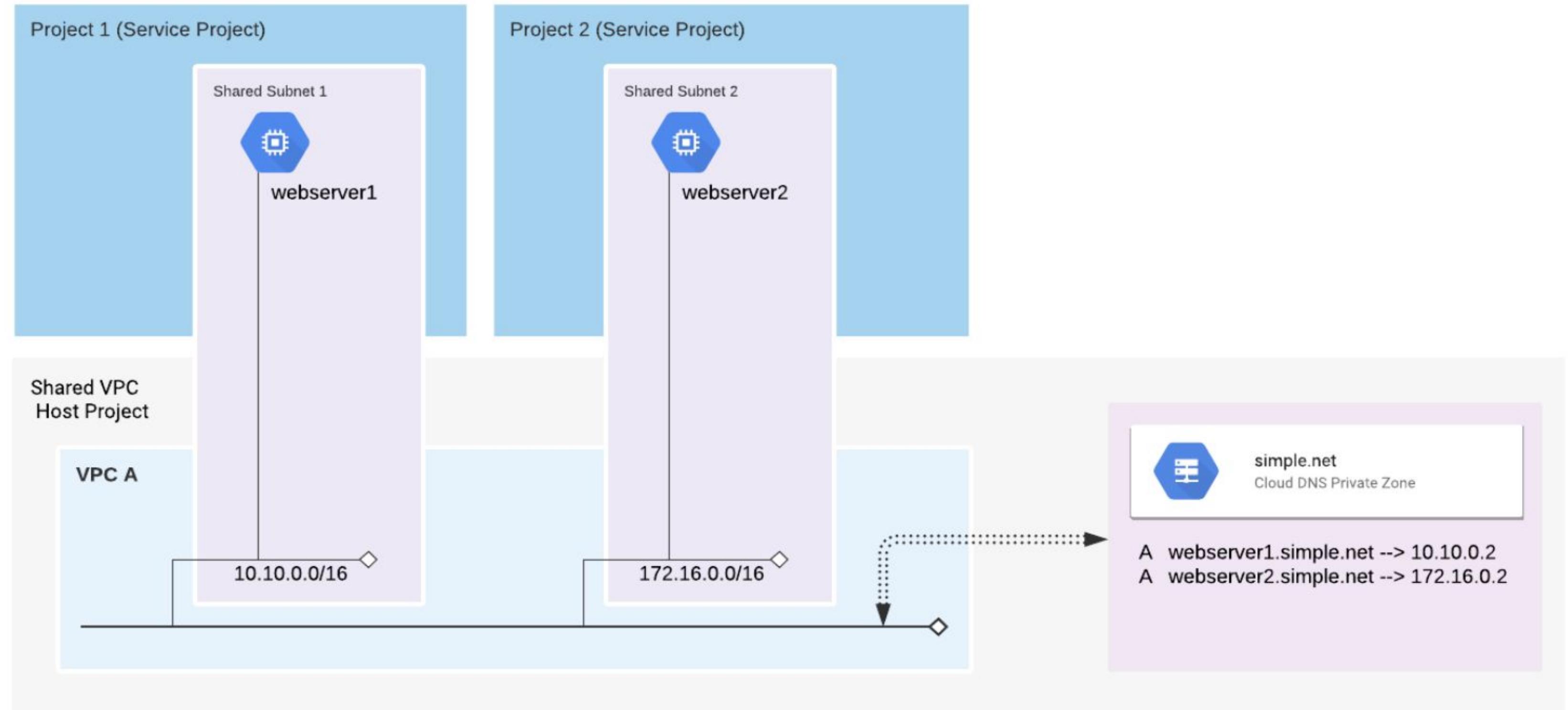
Multiple VPCs Resolving to On Premise



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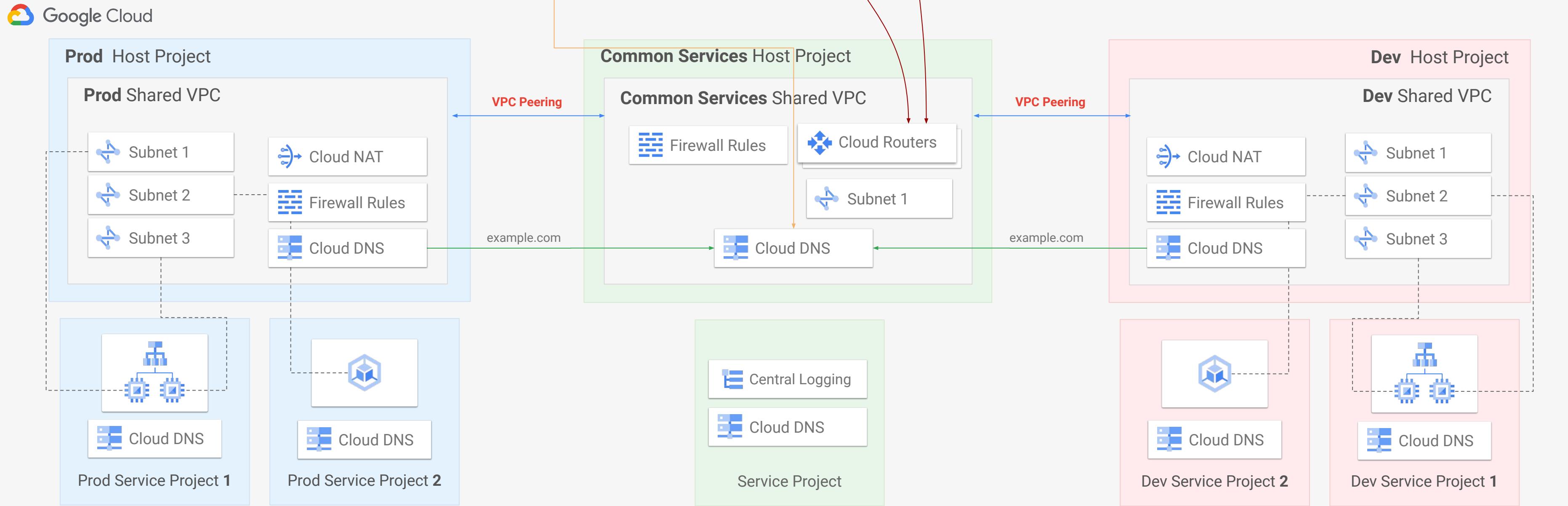
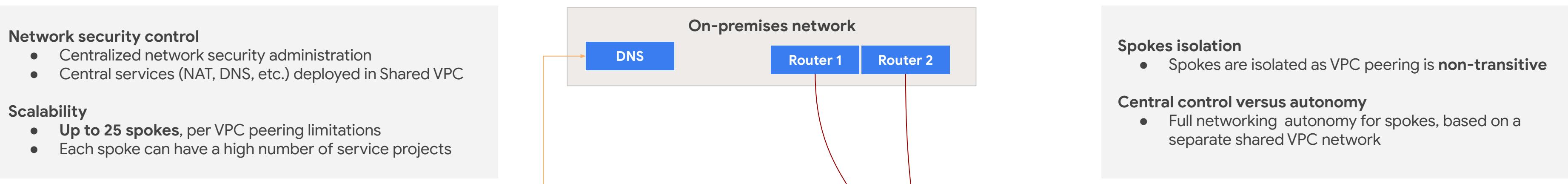
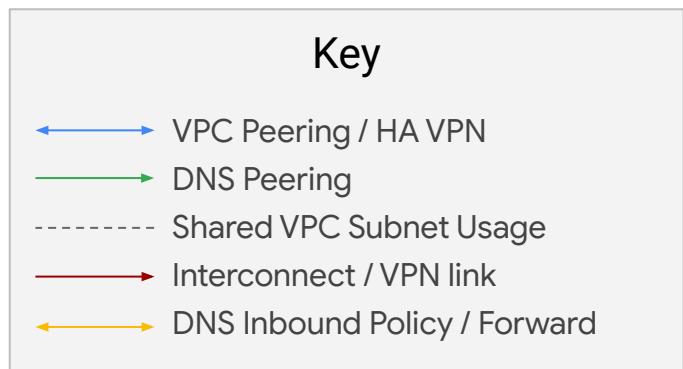
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- Setup DNS Peering Zones in Networks A, B, and C to point to Network H.
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Cloud Native: Shared VPC



Reference architecture (final version)

Hub-and-spoke with VPC peering - Segmentation based on environments



Cloud DNS Toolkit For Hybrid Setup

Default Private Zones	Forwarding Zones	Peering Zones	DNS Server Policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-VPC private zone.• Used with Private IP addresses and non-RFC 1918 address.• Not reachable via the Internet• Can be used in Hybrid deployments.• Fully controllable by the customer• Highly Scalable• Highly Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zone used to forward DNS queries to IP targets.• Target can be<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A VM running in the associated VPC• An On-prem server connected to the associated VPC via VPN or IC.• Public DNS server.• Outbound forwarding only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peering zone points to a VPC network (Can be in same or different project).• Follows the name resolution order of another VPC.• Can be used to resolve the names that are defined in the other VPC network.• Uses the concept of producer and consumer networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be applied at a per VPC level.• Can either be Inbound, outbound or both.• Also used to enable logging.

Make sure to...

Enjoy the journey as

much as the destination!

