

VIRTUAL PRIVATE CLOUD

1. What is a VPC in AWS?

A Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) is a logically isolated section of the AWS cloud where you can launch AWS resources in a virtual network that you define.

2. What is the default VPC in AWS?

The default VPC is automatically created for each AWS account, providing default settings that enable you to launch EC2 instances without requiring any custom configuration.

3. What is a CIDR block?

CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing) block is a range of IP addresses assigned to a VPC. It is specified when creating a VPC and defines the IP range for the VPC.

4. What is a subnet?

A subnet is a segment of a VPC's IP address range where you can place EC2 instances, databases, or other resources. Subnets can be public or private.

5. What is the difference between public and private subnets?

A **public subnet** is one that has a route to the internet via an Internet Gateway (IGW). A **private subnet** does not have direct access to the internet.

6. What is an Internet Gateway (IGW)?

An Internet Gateway is a gateway that allows communication between instances in a VPC and the internet. It is required for instances in a public subnet to access the internet.

7. What is a NAT Gateway?

A NAT (Network Address Translation) Gateway enables instances in a private subnet to connect to the internet while preventing inbound internet traffic.

8. What is VPC Peering?

VPC Peering is a connection between two VPCs that allows them to route traffic to each other. Peering can be within the same AWS region or across regions.

9. What is a VPC Route Table?

A Route Table is used to define how traffic is directed within a VPC, such as directing traffic to an Internet Gateway, NAT Gateway, or other subnets.

10. What is the maximum CIDR block size for a VPC?

The maximum CIDR block size for a VPC is /16, which provides up to 65,536 IP addresses.

11. **What is an Elastic IP (EIP)?**

An Elastic IP is a static IPv4 address designed for dynamic cloud computing. It can be associated with EC2 instances or network interfaces in your VPC.

12. **What is a VPC Flow Log?**

VPC Flow Logs capture information about the IP traffic going to and from network interfaces in your VPC, which is useful for monitoring and troubleshooting network traffic.

13. **What is the role of Security Groups in VPC?**

Security Groups act as virtual firewalls to control inbound and outbound traffic to EC2 instances. They operate at the instance level.

14. **What is a Network Access Control List (NACL)?**

A NACL is a stateless firewall for controlling traffic to and from subnets within a VPC. NACLs operate at the subnet level.

15. **What is the maximum number of VPCs you can create in a region?**

By default, AWS allows you to create up to five VPCs per region. However, this limit can be increased by submitting a request to AWS support.

16. **What is AWS Direct Connect?**

AWS Direct Connect provides a dedicated network connection from your premises to AWS, offering faster and more secure data transfer than using the internet.

17. **What is a Virtual Private Gateway?**

A Virtual Private Gateway is the VPN concentrator on the AWS side of a VPN connection, enabling secure communication between your VPC and your on-premises network.

18. **What is a Transit Gateway?**

AWS Transit Gateway is a service that connects VPCs, on-premises networks, and other AWS services via a central hub, simplifying network architecture and management.

19. **What are the advantages of using multiple Availability Zones (AZs) in VPC?**

Multiple AZs provide high availability, fault tolerance, and redundancy for applications running in a VPC by distributing resources across geographically separate data centers.

20. **How does AWS ensure the security of resources in a VPC?**

AWS ensures security by using features like Security Groups, Network ACLs, private subnets, VPC Flow Logs, and encryption. These features help control access and monitor traffic.

21. **What is the difference between a VPC and a VPN?**

A VPC is a virtual network within AWS that hosts resources, while a VPN (Virtual Private Network) is a secure, encrypted connection between a VPC and an on-premises network.

22. **What is a Customer Gateway in AWS?**

A Customer Gateway is a physical or software appliance located on your on-premises network that allows communication with AWS via VPN.

23. **What is the maximum number of IP addresses you can assign to an EC2 instance in a VPC?**

By default, you can assign one private IP address per network interface, but you can assign additional secondary IP addresses (up to 5 per ENI) depending on the instance type.

24. **Can a VPC span multiple regions?**

No, a VPC is region-specific and cannot span across multiple regions. However, you can connect VPCs from different regions using VPC Peering or AWS Transit Gateway.

25. **What is the purpose of AWS PrivateLink in a VPC?**

AWS PrivateLink allows you to securely access services hosted on AWS via private IP addresses, without exposing traffic to the public internet.

26. **What are Elastic Network Interfaces (ENIs)?**

Elastic Network Interfaces are virtual network interfaces that can be attached to EC2 instances. They are used to manage IP addresses and network connections.

27. **What is a VPC Endpoint?**

A VPC Endpoint enables private connectivity between your VPC and supported AWS services without requiring an internet gateway, NAT device, or VPN connection.

28. **What is the purpose of AWS Lambda in a VPC?**

AWS Lambda can run code within a VPC, enabling Lambda functions to securely access resources in private subnets.

29. **What is a subnet's Availability Zone?**

An Availability Zone (AZ) is a distinct location within a region that is engineered to be isolated from failures in other AZs. Subnets are created in a specific AZ.

30. **How can you connect your on-premises data center to a VPC?**

You can use AWS Direct Connect or VPN to create secure connections between your on-premises data center and a VPC

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