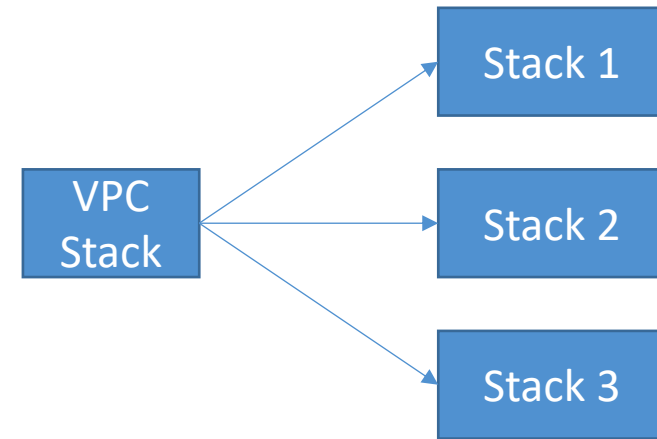


CloudFormation – Cross vs Nested Stacks

- **Cross Stacks**

- Helpful when stacks have different lifecycles
- Use Outputs Export and Fn::ImportValue
- When you need to pass export values to many stacks (VPC Id, etc...)



- **Nested Stacks**

- Helpful when components must be re-used
- Ex: re-use how to properly configure an Application Load Balancer
- The nested stack only is important to the higher level stack (it's not shared)

