Design and Implement an Azure Load Balancer



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Overview



Planning for Azure Load Balancer

- Feature selection
- Deployment

Configuring Azure Load Balancer

Implement inbound and outbound traffic rules



Planning for Azure Load Balancer



TCP Port 80 **Public Load** Balancer 80 80 **Web Tier** Subnet **Internal Load** Balancer 443 443 **Business** Tier Subnet VM VM VM **Virtual Network**

Azure Load Balancer Basics

Distributing incoming network traffic across a group of identically configured resources or servers

OSI Layer 4 general-purpose load balancer

LB decisions are made per flow:

- 1. Source IP address
- 2. Source port number
- 3. Destination IP address
- 4. Destination port number
- 5. Protocol



Azure Load Balancer SKUs

Basic

Up to 300 instances in a single availability set or scale set

No availability zones

No diagnostics

Open by default

Standard

Up to 1000 instances (any VM or scale set in a VNet)

Availability zones

Azure Monitor integration

Closed to inbound flows by default



Azure Load Balancer Tiers



Regional

Load balances between containers, VMs, or clusters within a region/VNet

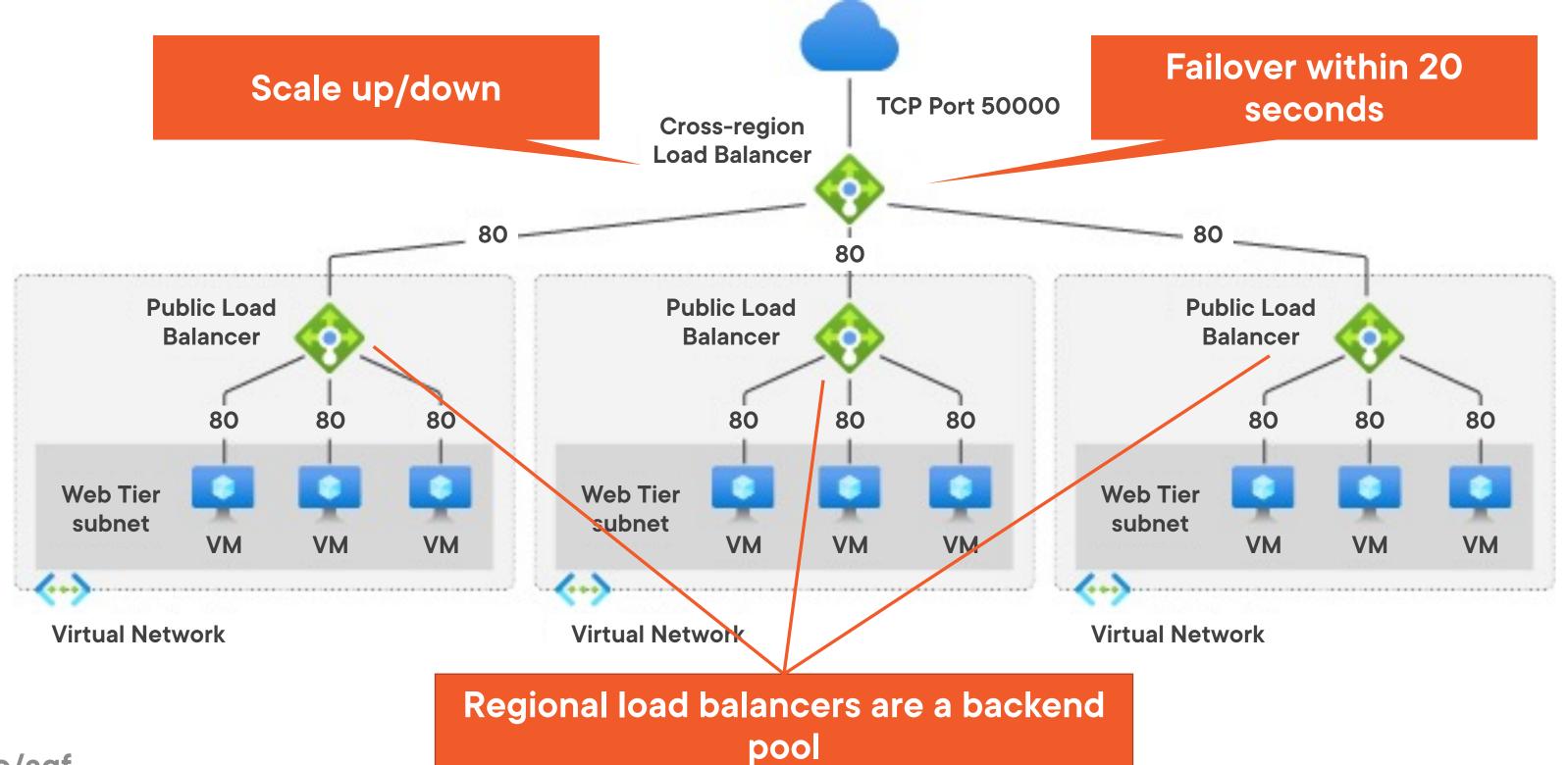


Global

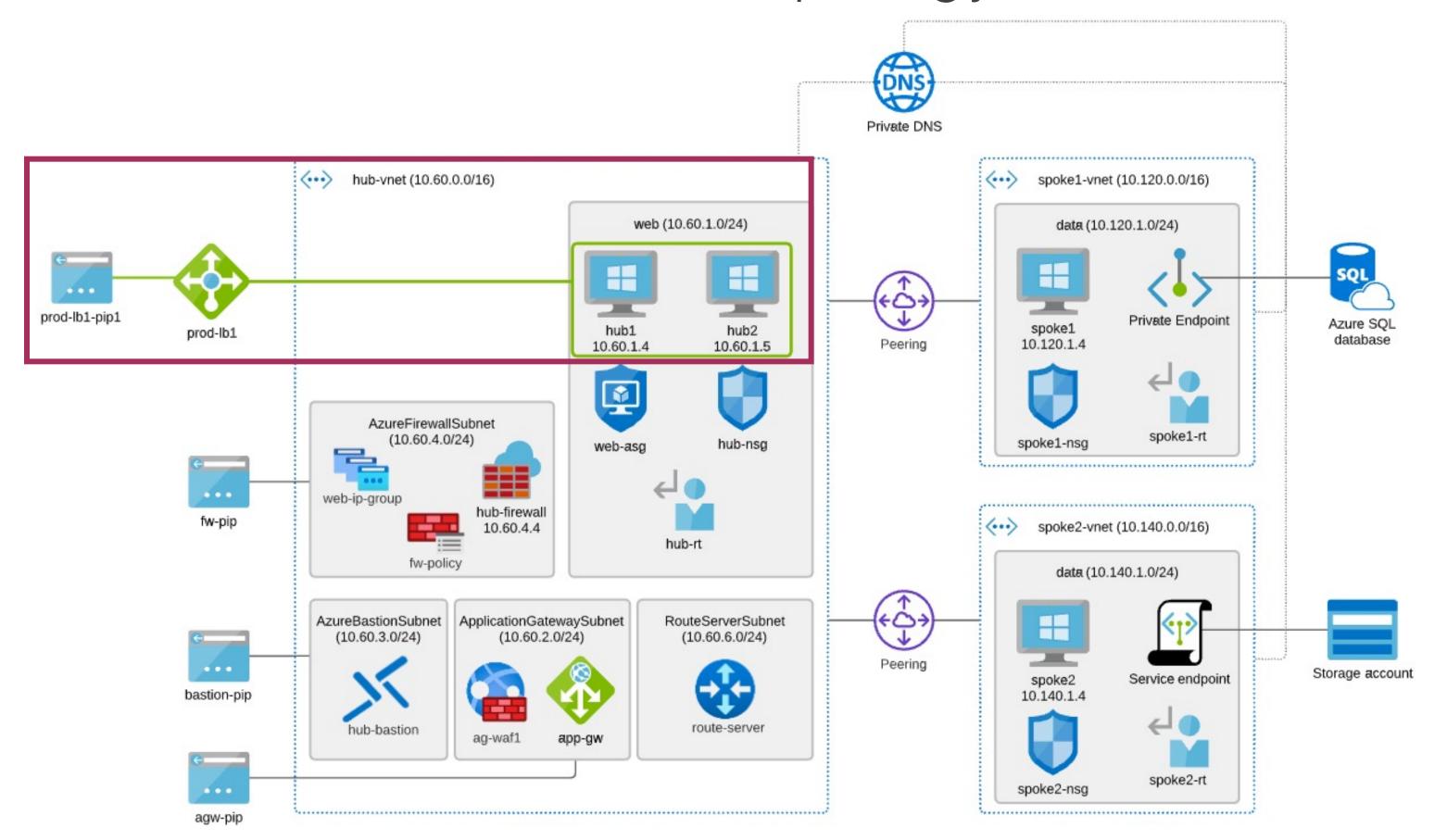
Load balances load balancers between regions



Azure Global (Cross-Region) Load Balancer



Our Lab Topology



Configuring Azure Load Balancer

Azure Load Balancer Configuration Process

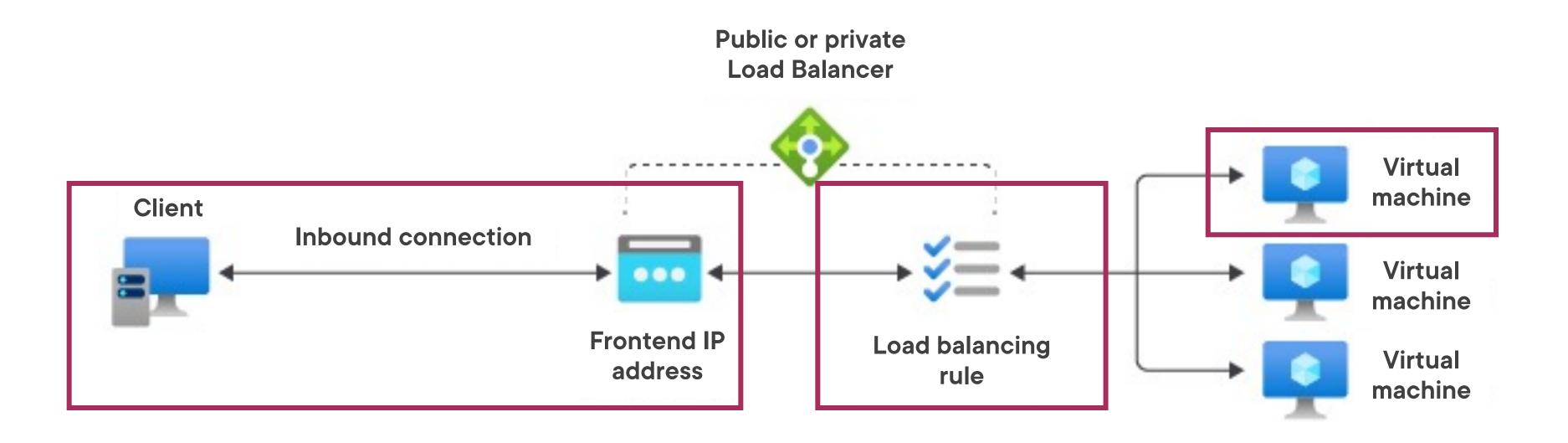
Front-end configuration

Backend pool Health probe Load-balancing rule(s)

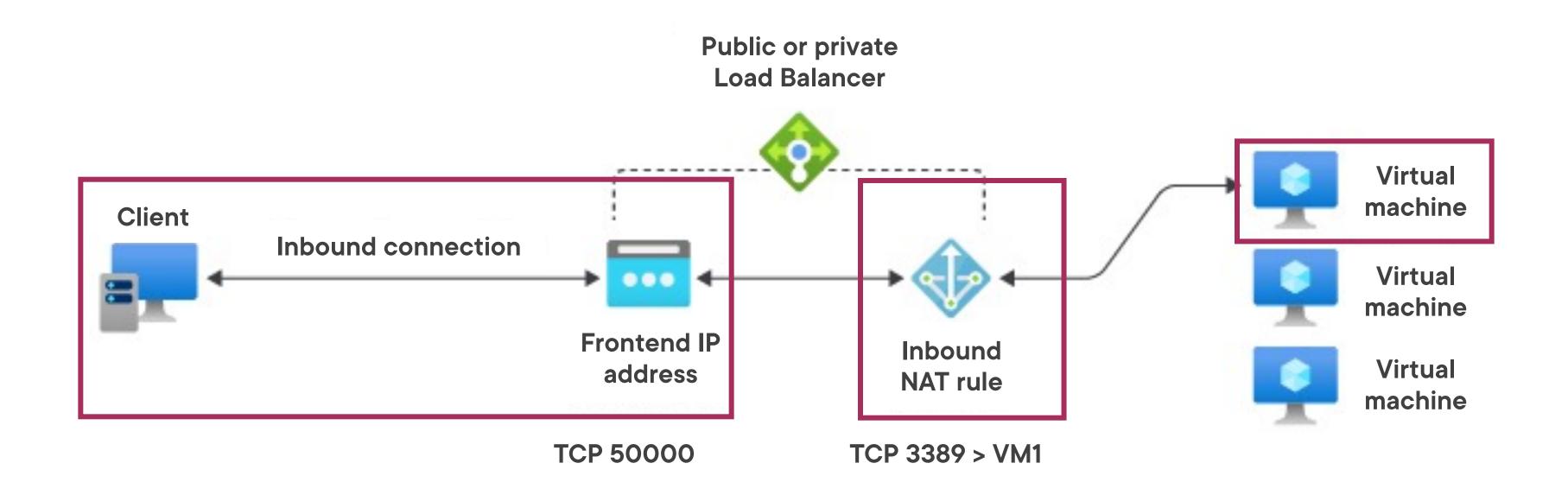
NAT/outbound rules



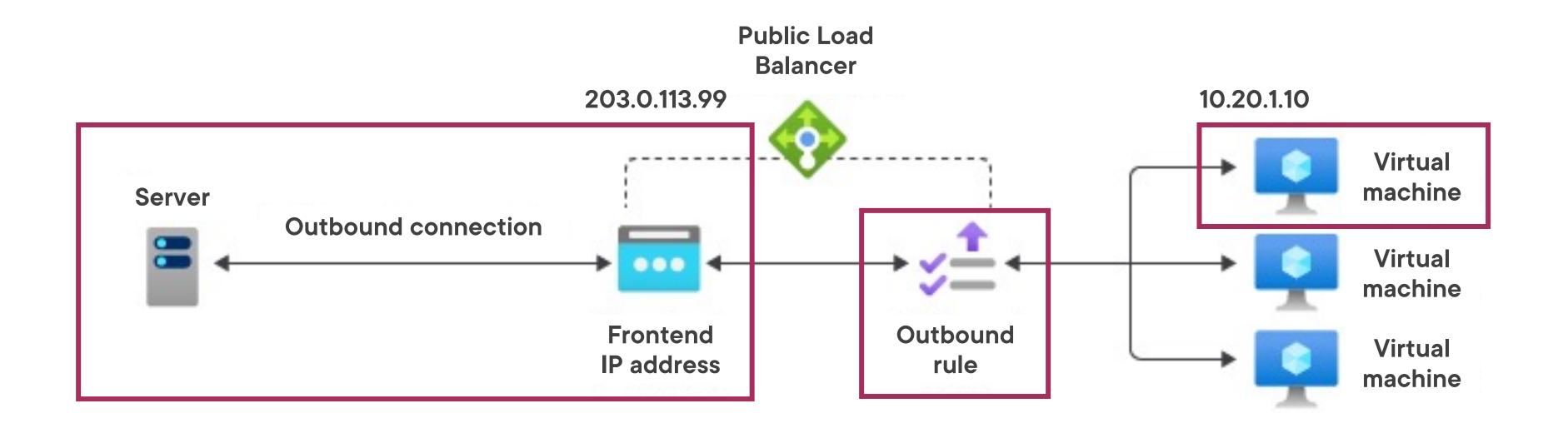
Azure Load Balancer Load Balancing Rules



Azure Load Balancer Inbound NAT Rules



Azure Load Balancer Outbound Rules



Consider Azure NAT Gateway



Demo



Deploy public load balancer

- Portal
- ARM template
- Bicep template

Test:

- Connectivity
- Verify IP address
 - ipaddress.com test

Summary



Azure Load Balancer is flexible and cost-effective general purpose load balancing solution

What if you're load balancing HTTP(S) workloads? Do you need a third-party NVA?



Up Next:

Design and Implement Azure Application Gateway