

Day-9

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Today I have understood terms like tunneling, transit gateway, customer gateway and with the help of all of that I am going to perform a Site-To-Site VPN connection. It's just like peering but this can be done between On-Site Premises and AWS Architecture.

Here are the steps that I performed for Site-To-Site VPN connection:

Create a customer gateway: Defines IP of customer to connect it to the route and tunnel.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. At the top, a green notification bar states: "You successfully created cgw-0d8f8de64fdab88bc / Dwij's Gateway." Below this, the "Customer gateways (1/1)" page is displayed. A table lists the gateway with columns: Name, Customer gateway ID, State, BGP ASN, IP address, Type, and Certificate ARN. The entry for "Dwij's Gateway" shows ID "cgw-0d8f8de64fdab88bc", State "Available", BGP ASN "65000", IP address "10.0.2.110", Type "ipsec.1", and Certificate ARN "-". Below the table, the "Details" tab for the specific gateway is shown, displaying the same information in a structured layout.

Name	Customer gateway ID	State	BGP ASN	IP address	Type	Certificate ARN
Dwij's Gateway	cgw-0d8f8de64fdab88bc	Available	65000	10.0.2.110	ipsec.1	-

Customer gateway cgw-0d8f8de64fdab88bc / Dwij's Gateway

Details

Customer gateway ID cgw-0d8f8de64fdab88bc	State Available	Type ipsec.1	IP address 10.0.2.110
BGP ASN 65000	Certificate ARN -	Device -	

Creating a Virtual Private Gateway (VPG): VPG connects your on-premises network to your AWS VPC.

Create virtual private gateway [Info](#)

A virtual private gateway is the VPN concentrator on the Amazon side of the site-to-site VPN connection.

The screenshot shows the "Create virtual private gateway" form in the AWS console. It is divided into two main sections: "Details" and "Tags".

Details

Name tag - optional
Creates a tag with a key of 'Name' and a value that you specify.
PrivateGatewayByDwij
Value must be 256 characters or less in length.

Autonomous System Number (ASN)

☒ Amazon default ASN
☐ Custom ASN

Tags

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Key
Name

Value - optional
PrivateGatewayByDwij

[Add new tag](#)

You can add up to 49 more tags.

[Cancel](#) [Create virtual private gateway](#)

Creating a Transit Gateway:

You successfully created tgw-0f5c88d959377aad1 / TransitGatewayByDwij.

You can visualize and monitor your Transit Gateway(s) from the [AWS Network Manager](#). Register your Transit Gateway by creating a [global network](#) to get started.

Transit gateways (1)

Find transit gateway by attribute or tag

Name

Transit gateway ID

State

TransitGatewayByDwij

tgw-0f5c88d959377aad1

Pending

Enabling Route Propagation:

VPC > Route tables > rtb-03ecb2952cfff127 > Edit route propagation

Edit route propagation

Route table basic details

Route table ID
rtb-03ecb2952cfff127

Edit route propagation

Virtual Private Gateway
vgw-0a6e8376806390ac2 / TestVPG

Propagation
☒ Enable

Cancel

Save

Adding New route to Transit Gateway:

VPC > Route tables > rtb-03ecb2952cfff127 > Edit routes

Edit routes

Destination

172.31.0.0/16

Target

local

Status

Active

Propagated

No

0.0.0.0/0

Internet Gateway

Active

No

Remove

10.0.2.110/24

Transit Gateway

-

No

Remove

tgw-0f5c88d959377aad1

Add route

Cancel

Preview

Save changes

Attaching the Virtual Private Gateway to VPC:

You successfully attached vgw-0a6e8376806390ac2 / TestVPG to vpc-0119c5ce84a52f520.

Virtual private gateways (1)

Find resource by attribute or tag

Name

Virtual private gateway ID

State

Type

VPC

TestVPG

vgw-0a6e8376806390ac2

Attaching

ipsec.1

vpc-0119c5ce84a52f520

Attach to VPC

Detach from VPC

Manage tags

Delete virtual private gateway

Creating VPN with the following config and tunneling:

Create VPN connection [info](#)

Select the resources and additional configuration options that you want to use for the site-to-site VPN connection.

Details

Name tag - optional

Create a tag with a key of "Name" and a value that you specify.

DwY's Test VPN

Value must be 256 characters or less in length.

Target gateway type [info](#)

- ☐ Virtual private gateway
☐ Transit gateway
☒ Not associated

Customer gateway [info](#)

- ☒ Existing
☐ New

Customer gateway ID

cgw-0c8f8de64fab88bc

Routing options [info](#)

- ☐ Dynamic (requires BGP)
☒ Static

Tunnel inside IP version

- ☒ IPv4
☐ IPv6

Enable acceleration [info](#)

Additional charges apply from AWS global accelerator if acceleration is enabled.

☐ Improve performance of VPN tunnels via AWS global accelerator and the AWS global network.

Local IPv4 network CIDR - optional

The IPv4 CIDR range on the customer gateway (on-premises) side that is allowed to communicate over the VPN tunnels. The default is 0.0.0.0/0.

0.0.0.0/0

Remote IPv4 network CIDR - optional

The IPv4 CIDR range on the AWS side that is allowed to communicate over the VPN tunnels. The default is 0.0.0.0/0.

0.0.0.0/0

▼ Tunnel 1 options - optional [info](#)

Customize tunnel inside CIDR and pre-shared keys for your VPN tunnels. Unspecified tunnel options will be randomly generated by Amazon.

Inside IPv4 CIDR for tunnel 1

Generated by Amazon

A size /30 IPv4 CIDR block from the 100.254.0.0/16 range.

Pre-shared key for tunnel 1

The pre-shared key (PSK) to establish initial authentication between the virtual private gateway and customer gateway.

Generated by Amazon

The pre-shared key must have 8-64 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, _, and -. The key cannot begin with a zero.

Advanced options for tunnel 1

- ☐ Use default options
☒ Edit tunnel 1 options

Phase 1 encryption algorithms

The permitted encryption algorithms for the VPN tunnel for phase 1 IKE negotiations.

Select encryption algorithms

AES128 X AES256 X AES128-GCM-16 X AES256-GCM-16 X

Phase 2 encryption algorithms

The permitted encryption algorithms for the VPN tunnel for phase 2 IKE negotiations.

Select encryption algorithms

AES128 X AES256 X AES128-GCM-16 X AES256-GCM-16 X

Phase 1 integrity algorithms

The permitted integrity algorithms for the VPN tunnel for phase 1 IKE negotiations.

Select integrity algorithms

SHA1 X SHA2-256 X SHA2-384 X SHA2-512 X

Phase 2 integrity algorithms

The permitted integrity algorithms for the VPN tunnel for phase 2 IKE negotiations.

Select integrity algorithms

SHA1 X SHA2-256 X SHA2-384 X SHA2-512 X

Phase 1 DH group numbers

The permitted Diffie-Hellman group numbers for the VPN tunnel for phase 1 IKE negotiations.

Select DH group numbers

2 X 14 X 15 X 16 X 17 X 18 X 19 X 20 X 21 X 22 X 23 X
24 X

Phase 2 DH group numbers

The permitted Diffie-Hellman group numbers for the VPN tunnel for phase 2 IKE negotiations.

Select DH group numbers

2 X 5 X 14 X 15 X 16 X 17 X 18 X 19 X 20 X 21 X 22 X
23 X 24 X

IKE Version

The internet key exchange (IKE) version permitted for the VPN tunnel.

Select IKE Version

ikev1 X ikev2 X

Phase 1 lifetime (seconds)

The lifetime for phase 1 of the IKE negotiation, in seconds.

28,800

Supported values between: 900 and 28,800.

Phase 2 lifetime (seconds)

The lifetime for phase 2 of the IKE negotiation, in seconds.

3,600

Supported values between: 300 and 3,600, has to be less than phase 1 lifetime.

Rekey margin time (seconds)

The period of time before phase 1 and 2 lifetimes expire, during which AWS initiates an IKE rekey.

270

Supported values between: 60 and half of phase 2 lifetime.

Rekey fuzz (percentage)

The percentage of the rekey window during which the rekey time is randomly selected.

100

Supported values between: 0 and 100.

Replay window size (packets)

The number of packets in an IKE replay window.

1024

Supported values between: 64 and 2048.

DPD timeout (seconds)

The number of seconds after which a DPD timeout occurs.

30

Supported values must be 30 or higher.

DPD timeout action [info](#)

- ☐ Clear
☒ Restart
☐ None

Startup action [info](#)

- ☐ Add
☒ Start

VPN logging [info](#)

Tunnel activity log

Tunnel activity log captures log messages for IPsec activity and DPD protocol messages.

☐ Enable

Tunnel maintenance

Tunnel endpoint lifecycle control [Info](#)

Tunnel endpoint lifecycle control provides control over the schedule of endpoint replacements.

☐ Turn on

▼ **Tunnel 2 options - optional** [Info](#)

Customize tunnel options for your VPN tunnels. Unspecified tunnel options will be randomly generated by Amazon.

Inside IPv4 CIDR for tunnel 2

Generated by Amazon

A size /30 IPv4 CIDR block from the 100.254.0.0/16 range.

Pre-shared key for tunnel 2

The pre-shared key (PSK) to establish initial authentication between the virtual private gateway and customer gateway.

Generated by Amazon

The pre-shared key must have 8-64 characters. Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, _, and . The key cannot begin with a zero.

Advanced options for tunnel 2

☐ Use default options

☒ Edit tunnel 2 options

Phase 1 encryption algorithms

The permitted encryption algorithms for the VPN tunnel for phase 1 IKE negotiations.

Select encryption algorithms

AES128 X AES256 X AES128-GCM-16 X AES256-GCM-16 X

Phase 2 encryption algorithms

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Select encryption algorithms

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Phase 1 integrity algorithms

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Select integrity algorithms

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Select integrity algorithms

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Select DH group numbers

2 X 14 X 15 X 16 X 17 X 18 X 19 X 20 X 21 X 22 X 23 X

24 X

Phase 2 DH group numbers

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Select DH group numbers

2 X 5 X 14 X 15 X 16 X 17 X 18 X 19 X 20 X 21 X 22 X

23 X 24 X

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DPD timeout action [Info](#)

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☒ Restart

☐ None

Startup action [Info](#)

☐ Add

☒ Start

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Key

Q Name X

Value - optional

Q Dev's Test VPN X

Remove

Add new tag

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Cancel

Create VPN connection

Download Configuration:

Download Configuration

Choose the sample configuration you wish to download based on your customer gateway. Please note these are samples, and will need modification to use Advanced Algorithms, Certificates, and/or IPv6.

Vendor

Generic

Platform

Generic

Software

Vendor Agnostic

Cancel

Download

Example of adding Tunnel:

Add New IPsec Tunnel

Tunnel Peers

Traffic will be steered from your source devices to Netskope points of presence(POPs). For best performance, select the geographically closest POPs. Only IKEv2 is supported

Note: Use the Netskope POP's IP address as tunnel's remote identity.

TUNNEL NAME *

AWSVPG1-NYC1-A

SOURCE IP ADDRESS ⓘ

Enter IP Address

SOURCE IDENTITY *

Enter IP Address or FQDN

PRIMARY NETSKOPE POP *

163.116.132.38 (LAX1 - Los ...

FAILOVER NETSKOPE POP *

163.116.135.38 (NYC1 - Ne...

The source identity of the tunnel must be unique across all IPsec tunnels set up.

PRE-SHARED KEY (PSK) *

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ENCRYPTION CIPHER *

CANCEL

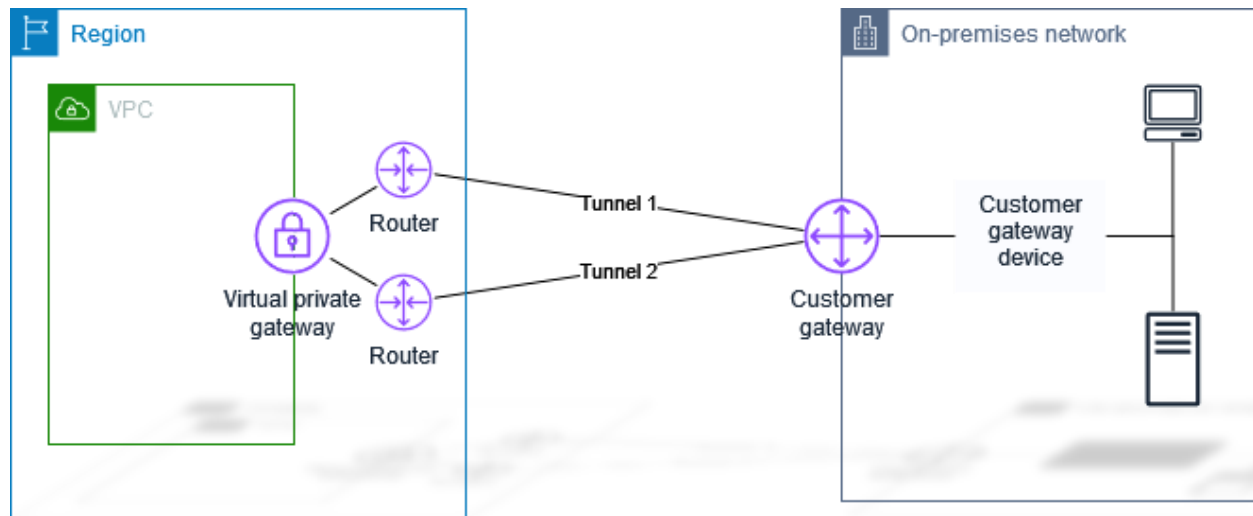
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Apart than this, I also completed a small course on CompTIA Network+: Network Operations, from Infosys Springboard. I learned about network availability, including statistics and sensors. I explored the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) and how to use network device logs like Syslog, Audit etc. I also learned environmental factors like temperature, humidity, and electrical issues as well as data centre’s Hot aisle to cold aisle, problem with wirings etc. I learned about organizational documents and policies, and how to plan for incident response, disaster recovery. I explored hardening and security policy planning strategies, and the importance of maintaining essential documentation.

CompTIA Network+: Network Operations

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STARTED	12/26/2024
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HIGHEST SCORE	85

The task given to analyze the following VPN Architecture:



Solution:

Here a VPC is created in an AWS Region and on the other side there is a Local On-Premises Network. They both need to be connected to each other for communication between them. So AWS creates a Virtual Private Gateway for traffic to enter which is connected to router which gives route to the traffic that is coming through the tunnels which are connected to the Customer Side gateway on the Local On-Premises.

AWS Components Needed:

Component	Description
Virtual Private Gateway (VPG)	Connects your on-premises network to your AWS VPC.
Customer Gateway	Defines IP of customer to connect it to the route and tunnel.
Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)	Your network in AWS where your resources are stored.
Routers	Devices that route traffic between your on-premises network and the VPN tunnels
Tunnel Connection	To transfer the network from one end point to another