

Shape your remote connection to your GCE Instance

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Background

- Web services are still under development and aren't ready to be exposed to external users because they're feature incomplete or haven't yet been configured with HTTPS.
- An instance might be providing services designed to be consumed only by other instances in the project.
- Instances should only be reached through dedicated interconnect options from company offices or data centers.

Two Kind of GCE Instance:

- With External IP addresses
 - With Public IP Address
 - Accessible from internet
- Without External IP addresses
 - No Public IP Address
 - Not accessible from internet

Connecting services on machine with external IP address

- Firewall
- Bastion host and SSH forwarding
- VPN
- HTTPS and SSL
- Multi Factor Authentication

Connecting services on machine without external IP address

- Bastion host and SSH forwarding
- VPN
- HTTPS and SSL proxy load balancers

Firewall

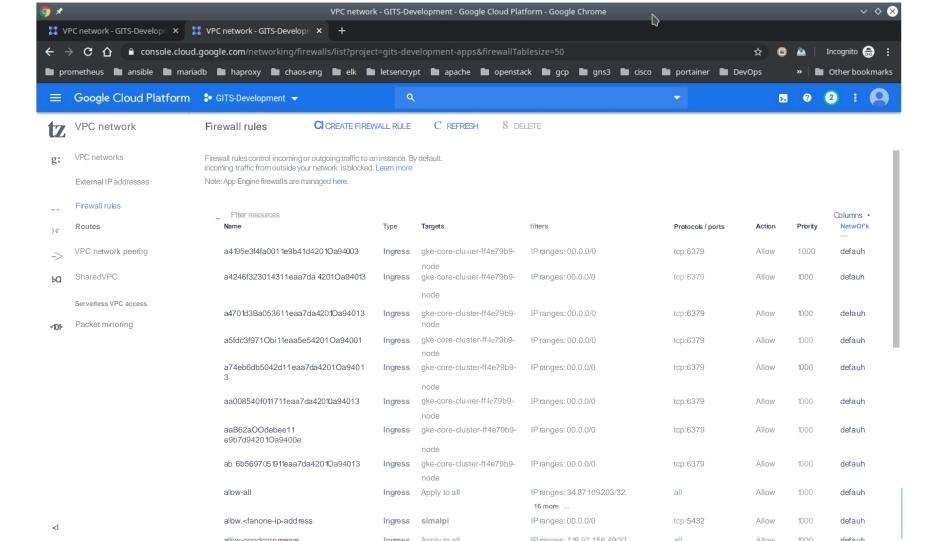
- First line of defense to restrict who can reach the instance.
- By creating firewall rules, we can restrict all traffic to a target machine
- Firewalls aren't a standalone solution. Restricting traffic to specific source IPs doesn't protect sensitive information, such as login credentials, commands that create or destroy resources or files, or logs.
- In addition, firewalls aren't always the appropriate solution. For example, firewalls aren't ideal for development environments that don't have static IP addresses, such as roaming laptops.

VPC (Virtual Private Cloud) Network

- A Virtual Private Cloud network is a virtual version of a physical network, like a data center network.
- It provides connectivity for Compute Engine virtual machine (VM) instances, Kubernetes Engine clusters, App Engine Flex instances, and other resources in the project.

VPC Specifications

- Traffic to and from instances can be controlled with network firewall rules.
- Resources within a VPC network can communicate with one another using internal (private) IPv4 addresses, subject to applicable network firewall rules.
- VPC networks can be connected to other VPC networks in different projects or organizations by using VPC Network Peering.
- VPC networks can be securely connected in hybrid environments using Cloud VPN or Cloud Interconnect.
- VPC networks only support IPv4 unicast traffic



DMZ or Demilitarized Zone

- a physical or logical subnetwork that contains and exposes an organization's external-facing services to an untrusted network, usually a larger network such as the Internet.
- The purpose of a DMZ is to add an additional layer of security to an organization's local area network (LAN):
- an external network node can access only what is exposed in the DMZ, while the rest of the organization's network is firewalled.
- The DMZ functions as a small, isolated network positioned between the Internet and the private network.

Bastion Host

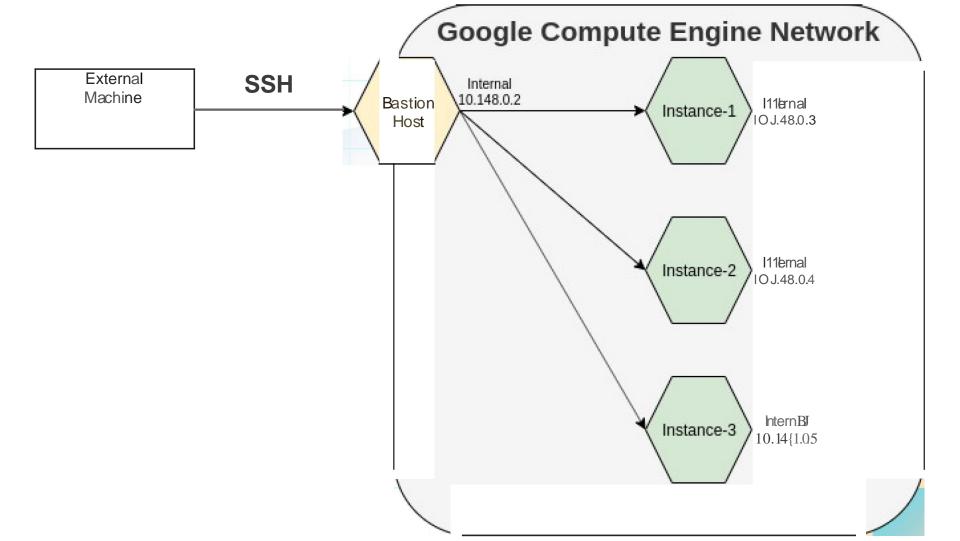
- a system identified by the firewall administrator as a critical strong point in the network security.
- Generally, bastion hosts will have some degree of extra attention paid to their security, may undergo regular audits, and may have modified software.

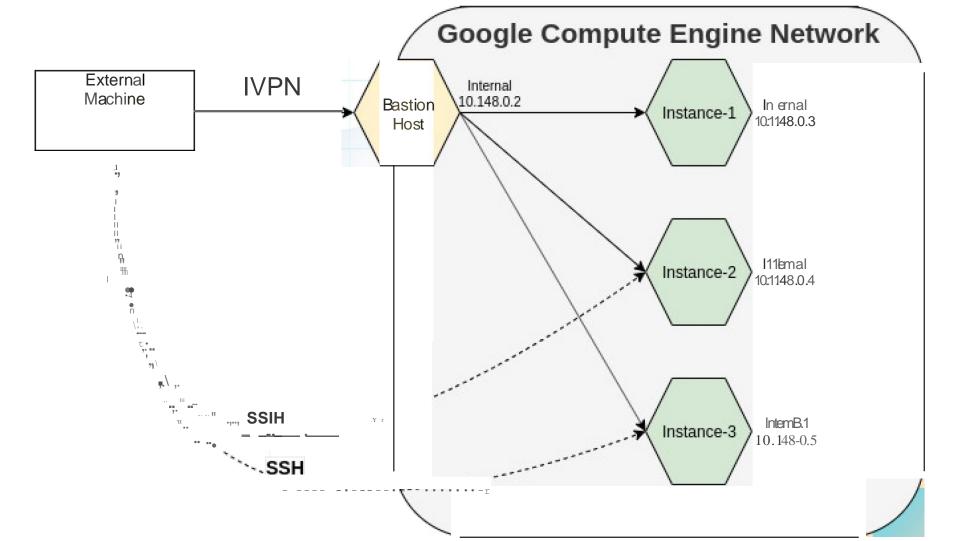
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