

# IaC Confluent Cloud AWS Private Linking with Cluster Linking Example

```
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    subgraph CONFLUENT ["Confluent Cloud"]
        subgraph ENV ["Environment: non-prod"]
            subgraph PLATT ["Private Link Attachment"]
                PLService ["PrivateLink Service"]
                DNSDomain ["DNS Domain"]
            end

            subgraph SANDBOX_CLUSTER ["Sandbox Cluster - Enterprise"]
                SandboxKafka ["Kafka Brokers"]
                SandboxTopic ["dev-stock_trades Topic"]
                DataGenConnector ["DataGen Connector"]
            end

            subgraph SHARED_CLUSTER ["Shared Cluster - Enterprise"]
                SharedKafka ["Kafka Brokers"]
                MirrorTopic ["dev-stock_trades Mirror"]
            end

            subgraph CLUSTER_LINK ["Bidirectional Cluster Link"]
                LinkSandboxShared ["sandbox to shared"]
            end

            subgraph STREAM_GOV ["Stream Governance"]
                SchemaRegistry ["Schema Registry"]
            end
        end
    end

    DataGenConnector --> SandboxTopic
    SandboxTopic --> LinkSandboxShared
    LinkSandboxShared --> MirrorTopic

    subgraph AWS ["AWS Cloud"]
        subgraph TGW ["Transit Gateway"]
            TGWCore ["TGW Core"]
            TGWRT ["Route Table"]
        end

        subgraph DNS_VPC ["DNS VPC - Centralized"]
            R53Inbound ["Route53 Inbound Resolver"]
        end

        subgraph VPN_VPC ["Client VPN VPC"]
            VPNEndpoint ["Client VPN Endpoint"]
            VPNClients ["VPN Clients"]
        end
    end

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end

subgraph TFC_AGENT_VPC ["TFC Agent VPC"]
    TFCAgents ["Terraform Cloud Agents"]
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subgraph SANDBOX_VPC ["Sandbox PrivateLink VPC - 10.0.0.0/20"]
    SandboxSub1 ["Subnet AZ-1"]
    SandboxSub2 ["Subnet AZ-2"]
    SandboxSub3 ["Subnet AZ-3"]
    SandboxVPCE ["VPC Endpoint"]
    SandboxSG ["Security Group"]
end

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    SharedSub1 ["Subnet AZ-1"]
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    SharedSub3 ["Subnet AZ-3"]
    SharedVPCE ["VPC Endpoint"]
    SharedSG ["Security Group"]
end

subgraph ROUTE53 ["Route53 DNS Configuration"]
    PHZ ["Private Hosted Zone"]
    ZonalRecords ["Zonal CNAME Records"]
    WildcardRecord ["Wildcard CNAME"]
    SystemRule ["SYSTEM Resolver Rule"]
end

SecretsManager ["AWS Secrets Manager"]
end

SandboxVPCE --> SandboxSG
SharedVPCE --> SharedSG
PHZ --> ZonalRecords
PHZ --> WildcardRecord

SandboxVPCE -->|PrivateLink| PLService
SharedVPCE -->|PrivateLink| PLService
PLService --> SandboxKafka
PLService --> SharedKafka

SANDBOX_VPC -->|TGW Attachment| TGW
SHARED_VPC -->|TGW Attachment| TGW
DNS_VPC -->|TGW Attachment| TGW
VPN_VPC -->|TGW Attachment| TGW
TFC_AGENT_VPC -->|TGW Attachment| TGW

TFCAgents -->|DNS Query| R53Inbound
VPNClients -->|DNS Query| R53Inbound
R53Inbound --> PHZ
PHZ -->|Returns Endpoint IPs| SandboxVPCE
PHZ -->|Returns Endpoint IPs| SharedVPCE
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PHZ -->|Zone Association| TFC_AGENT_VPC
PHZ -->|Zone Association| DNS_VPC
PHZ -->|Zone Association| VPN_VPC
PHZ -->|Zone Association| SANDBOX_VPC
PHZ -->|Zone Association| SHARED_VPC
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SystemRule -->|Rule Association| TFC_AGENT_VPC
SystemRule -->|Rule Association| DNS_VPC
SystemRule -->|Rule Association| VPN_VPC
SystemRule -->|Rule Association| SANDBOX_VPC
SystemRule -->|Rule Association| SHARED_VPC
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TFCAgents -->|Kafka 9092 via TGW| SandboxVPCE
TFCAgents -->|Kafka 9092 via TGW| SharedVPCE
VPNClients -->|Kafka 9092 via TGW| SandboxVPCE
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TFCAgents -->|API Keys| SecretsManager
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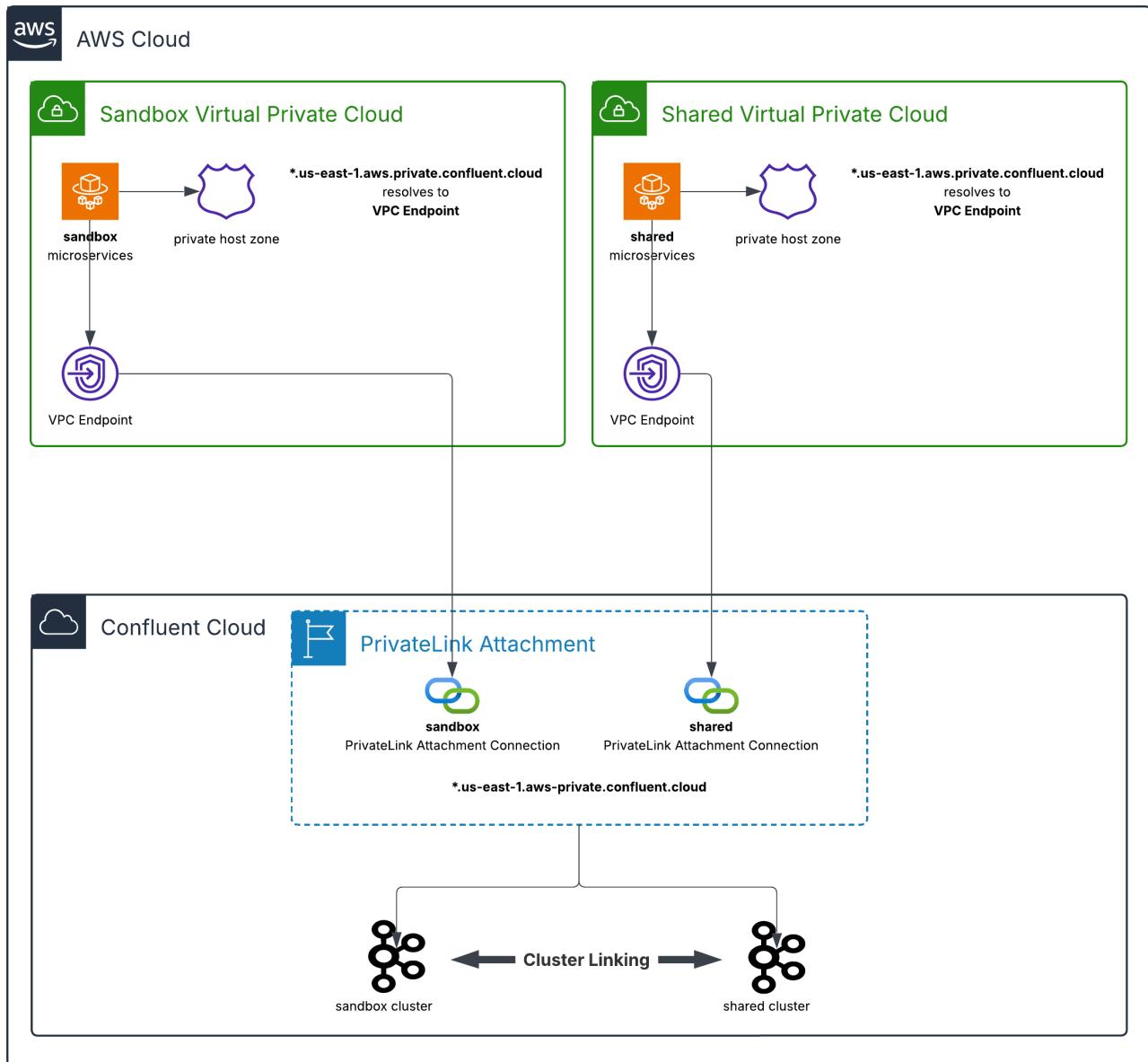
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This repository provides **production-grade Terraform infrastructure-as-code** that implements a **secure, multi-network Confluent Cloud architecture**. It demonstrates **AWS PrivateLink connectivity from a single Confluent Cloud environment to multiple AWS VPCs**, enabling private, network-isolated access without exposing traffic to the public internet.

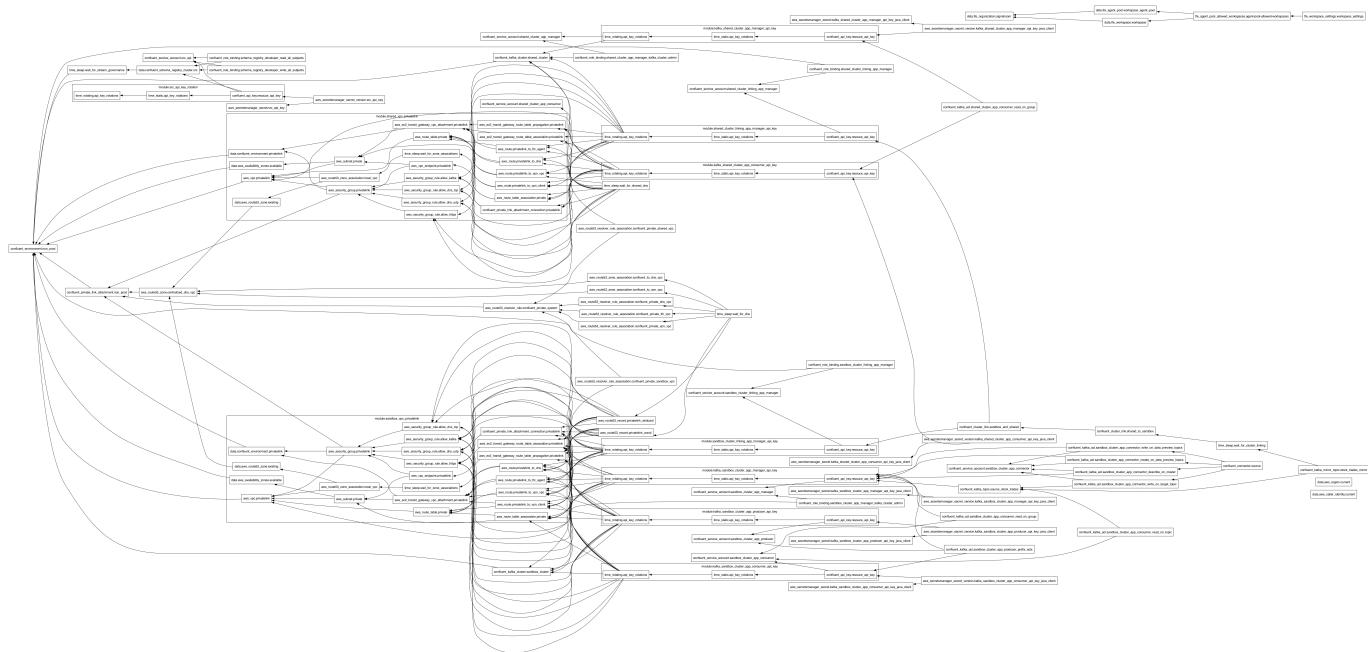
The solution also showcases **in-region Cluster Linking between two Confluent Cloud Kafka clusters**, enabling **low-latency, fully managed data replication** across teams, lines of business, or isolated environments (for example, development, staging, and production) within the same AWS region.

Cluster Linking maintains an **in-sync mirror of selected topics** on the consuming cluster. This isolation allows consuming teams to independently scale **large numbers of consumers, stream processing applications, and downstream sinks** without impacting the producing cluster. From the producer's perspective, the load is equivalent to **a single additional consumer**, regardless of downstream scale.



Access control and ownership remain cleanly separated: the producing team grants **scoped read credentials** to approved topics, while the consuming team **creates, owns, monitors, and manages the cluster link**. This pattern enables secure, scalable data sharing with clear operational boundaries and minimal coupling.

Below is the Terraform resource visualization of the infrastructure that's created:



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## 1.0 Prerequisites

This project assumes you have the following prerequisites in place:

- Client VPN, Centralized DNS Server, and Transit Gateway
- Terraform Cloud Agent

### 1.1 Client VPN, Centralized DNS Server, and Transit Gateway

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        end

        subgraph AWS ["☁ AWS Cloud"]
            subgraph VPN_VPC ["Client VPN VPC  
var.vpn_vpc_cidr"]
                VPNEndpoint["AWS Client VPN  
Endpoint"]
                VPNSubnets["VPN Subnets  
(Multi-AZ)"]
                VPNSG["Security Group  
client-vpn-sg"]
                VPNResolver["Route53 Outbound  
Resolver Endpoint"]
                VPNEndpoint --> VPNSubnets
                VPNSubnets --> VPNSG
                VPNSubnets --> VPNResolver
            end

            subgraph TGW ["Transit Gateway  
signalroom-tgw"]
                TGWCore["TGW Core  
ASN: 64512"]
                TGWRouteTable["Custom Route"]
            end
        end
    end
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Tables"]
    TGWCore --> TGWRouteTable
end

    subgraph DNS_VPC ["DNS VPC (Centralized)
var.dns_vpc_cidr"]
        R53Inbound ["Route53 Inbound
Resolver Endpoint"]
        R53PHZ ["Private Hosted Zones
*.aws.confluent.cloud"]
        R53Inbound --> R53PHZ
    end

    subgraph TFC_VPC ["TFC Agent VPC
var.tfc_agent_vpc_cidr"]
        TFCAgent ["Terraform Cloud
Agent"]
    end

    subgraph WORKLOAD_VPCs ["Workload VPCs"]
        subgraph WL1 ["Workload VPC 1"]
            VPCE1 ["VPC Endpoint
(PrivateLink)"]
            end
        subgraph WL2 ["Workload VPC N..."]
            VPCEN ["VPC Endpoint
(PrivateLink)"]
            end
        end

        ACM ["ACM Certificates
(Server & Client)"]
        CWLogs ["CloudWatch Logs
VPN & Flow Logs"]
    end

    subgraph CONFLUENT ["Confluent Cloud"]
        PrivateLinkService ["PrivateLink Service
Endpoint"]
        Kafka ["Kafka Cluster
(Private)"]
        PrivateLinkService --> Kafka
    end

    %% Connections
    VPNClient -->|"Mutual TLS
Authentication" | VPNEndpoint
    ACM -.->|"Certificate Auth" | VPNEndpoint

    VPN_VPC -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
    DNS_VPC -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
    TFC_VPC -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
    WL1 -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
    WL2 -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW

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VPNResolver -->|"DNS Forwarding
Rule" | R53Inbound
R53PHZ -->|"Returns Private
Endpoint IPs" | VPCE1

VPCE1 -->|"AWS PrivateLink" | PrivateLinkService
VPCEN -->|"AWS PrivateLink" | PrivateLinkService

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## 1.1.1 Key Features Required for Confluent PrivateLink to Work

### 1.1.1.1 Hub-and-Spoke Network Architecture via Transit Gateway

- Transit Gateway serves as the central routing hub connecting all VPCs
- Disabled default route table association/propagation for explicit routing control
- DNS support enabled on the TGW (`dns_support = "enable"`)
- Custom route tables for fine-grained traffic control between VPCs

### 1.1.1.2 Centralized DNS Resolution (Critical for PrivateLink)

- **Dedicated DNS VPC** with Route53 Inbound Resolver endpoints
- **Private Hosted Zones** for `*.aws.confluent.cloud` domain
- DNS forwarding rules route Confluent queries from all VPCs to the central DNS VPC
- Route53 Outbound Resolver in VPN VPC forwards to DNS VPC resolver IPs

### 1.1.1.3 DNS Forwarding Chain (as documented in your outputs)

1. Client queries `lkc-xxxxx.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud`
2. VPN VPC's default DNS forwards to Route53 Outbound Resolver
3. Outbound Resolver forwards to DNS VPC Inbound Resolver
4. DNS VPC checks Private Hosted Zones → returns VPC Endpoint private IPs

#### 1.1.1.4 VPC Endpoints (AWS PrivateLink)

- VPC Endpoints in workload VPCs connecting to Confluent's PrivateLink service
- Security groups allowing traffic from authorized sources (VPN clients, TFC agents)

#### 1.1.1.5 Client VPN Integration

- Mutual TLS authentication using ACM certificates (server + client)
- Split tunnel configuration for routing only Confluent traffic through VPN
- Authorization rules controlling which CIDRs VPN clients can access
- Routes added to VPN endpoint for all workload VPC CIDRs via Transit Gateway

#### 1.1.1.6 Cross-VPC Routing

- TGW attachments for: VPN VPC, DNS VPC, TFC Agent VPC, and all Workload VPCs
- Route tables in each VPC with routes to other VPCs via TGW
- Workload VPC CIDRs aggregated and distributed to VPN client routes

#### 1.1.1.7 Security & Observability

- Dedicated security groups per component (VPN endpoint, etc.)
- VPC Flow Logs and TGW Flow Logs to CloudWatch
- VPN connection logging for audit trails
- IAM roles with least-privilege for flow log delivery

## 1.2 Terraform Cloud Agent

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        TFC["Terraform Cloud API & Workspaces"]
        AgentPool["Agent Pool (signalroom)"]
        end

        subgraph AWS ["▲ AWS Cloud"]
            subgraph TFC_AGENT_VPC["TFC Agent VPC var.vpc_cidr"]
                subgraph PUBLIC_SUBNETS ["Public Subnets (Multi-AZ)"]
                    IGW["Internet Gateway"]
                    NAT1["NAT Gateway AZ-1"]
                    NAT2["NAT Gateway AZ-2"]
                end
            end
        end
    end
```

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    subgraph PRIVATE_SUBNETS ["Private Subnets (Multi-AZ)"]
        subgraph ECS ["ECS Fargate Cluster"]
            TFCAgent1 ["TFC Agent"]
        Container"]
            TFCAgent2 ["TFC Agent"]
        Container"]
            end

        subgraph AWS_ENDPOINTS ["AWS VPC Endpoints"]
            VPCE_SM ["Secrets Manager"]
        Endpoint"]
            VPCE_CW ["CloudWatch Logs"]
        Endpoint"]
            VPCE_ECR ["ECR API/DKR"]
        Endpoints"]
            VPCE_S3 ["S3 Gateway"]
        Endpoint"]
            end

        CONFLUENT_SG ["Confluent PrivateLink"]
        Security Group"]
            end

        DHCP ["DHCP Options
(Custom DNS)"]
        TFC_AGENT_SG ["TFC Agent"]
        Security Group"]
            end

        subgraph TGW ["Transit Gateway
signalroom-tgw"]
            TGWCore ["TGW Core"]
            TGWRT ["Route Table"]
            end

        subgraph DNS_VPC ["DNS VPC (Centralized)
var.dns_vpc_cidr"]
            R53Inbound ["Route53 Inbound
Resolver"]
            PHZ ["Private Hosted Zones
*.aws.confluent.cloud"]
            end

        subgraph CLIENT_VPN_VPC ["Client VPN VPC
var.client_vpn_vpc_cidr"]
            VPNEndpoint ["Client VPN
Endpoint"]
            end

        subgraph WORKLOAD_VPCs ["Workload VPCs
(Confluent PrivateLink)"]
            subgraph WL1 ["Workload VPC 1"]
                VPCE1 ["PrivateLink

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Endpoint"]
    end
    subgraph WL2["Workload VPC N"]
        VPCEN["PrivateLink"]

Endpoint"]
    end
end

SecretsManager["AWS Secrets Manager
(TFC Agent Token)"]
CloudWatch["CloudWatch Logs"]
ECR_Registry["ECR Registry
(hashicorp/tfc-agent)"]
end

subgraph CONFLUENT["Confluent Cloud"]
    PrivateLinkSvc["PrivateLink
Service"]
    Kafka["Kafka Cluster
(Private)"]
end

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TFC <-->|"HTTPS/443"
via NAT1 | TFCAgent1
TFC <-->|"HTTPS/443"
via NAT2 | TFCAgent2
AgentPool -->|"Agent Registration" | TFCAgent1

%% Internal VPC Connections
TFCAgent1 --> TFC_AGENT_SG
TFCAgent2 --> TFC_AGENT_SG
TFCAgent1 --> VPCE_SM
TFCAgent2 --> VPCE_CW

VPCE_SM -->|"Private DNS" | SecretsManager
VPCE_CW -->|"Private DNS" | CloudWatch
VPCE_ECR -->|"Private DNS" | ECR_Registry

NAT1 --> IGW
NAT2 --> IGW
TFCAgent1 -->|"0.0.0.0/0" | NAT1
TFCAgent2 -->|"0.0.0.0/0" | NAT2

%% DHCP & DNS Flow
DHCP -->|"DNS Servers:
VPC + Centralized" | TFCAgent1
TFCAgent1 -->|"DNS Query:
*.confluent.cloud" | R53Inbound

%% Transit Gateway Connections
TFC_AGENT_VPC -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
DNS_VPC -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
CLIENT_VPN_VPC -->|"TGW Attachment" | TGW
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WL1 -->|"TGW Attachment"| TGW
WL2 -->|"TGW Attachment"| TGW

%% Route Propagation
TGWCore --> TGWRT

%% DNS Resolution
R53Inbound --> PHZ
PHZ -->|"Returns Private IPs"| VPCE1

%% PrivateLink Connections
VPCE1 -->|"AWS PrivateLink"| PrivateLinkSvc
VPCEN -->|"AWS PrivateLink"| PrivateLinkSvc
PrivateLinkSvc --> Kafka

%% TFC Agent to Workload VPCs
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class ECS ecsStyle

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## 1.2.1 Key Features Required for Confluent PrivateLink to Work (TFC Agent Configuration)

### 1.2.1.1 Custom DHCP Options for DNS Resolution

- DHCP Options Set configured with **dual DNS servers**: VPC default DNS (`cidrhost(vpc_cidr, 2)`) AND centralized DNS VPC resolver IPs
- Region-aware domain name configuration (`ec2.internal` for us-east-1, `{region}.compute.internal` for others)
- Associates TFC Agent VPC with custom DHCP options to route Confluent domain queries to the central DNS infrastructure

### 1.2.1.2 Transit Gateway Connectivity

- TFC Agent VPC attached to shared Transit Gateway with DNS support enabled
- Explicit route table association and route propagation (not using TGW defaults)
- Routes added from private subnets to: DNS VPC, Client VPN VPC, and all Workload VPCs containing PrivateLink endpoints
- Flattened route map pattern (`for_each`) ensures routes are created for every workload VPC CIDR

#### 1.2.1.3 Security Group Configuration for Kafka/PrivateLink Traffic

- **TFC Agent Security Group** with egress rules for:
  - HTTPS (443) and Kafka (9092) to each workload VPC CIDR
  - DNS (UDP/TCP 53) to DNS VPC CIDR specifically
  - General HTTPS/HTTP for Terraform Cloud API and package downloads
- **Confluent PrivateLink Security Group** allowing inbound from TFC Agent SG on ports 443 and 9092

#### 1.2.1.4 AWS VPC Endpoints for Private Service Access

- **Interface endpoints** with private DNS enabled for: Secrets Manager, CloudWatch Logs, ECR API, ECR DKR
- **S3 Gateway endpoint** (required for ECR image layer pulls)
- Dedicated security group for VPC endpoints allowing HTTPS from within VPC
- Eliminates NAT Gateway dependency for AWS service calls

#### 1.2.1.5 ECS Fargate Deployment Pattern

- TFC Agents run in private subnets with `assign_public_ip = false`
- NAT Gateways per AZ for outbound internet (Terraform Cloud API communication)
- Agent token stored in Secrets Manager, fetched via VPC Endpoint
- Container health checks and deployment circuit breaker for reliability

#### 1.2.1.6 IAM Permissions for Infrastructure Management

- Task role with Transit Gateway, VPC, Route53 Resolver, and Client VPN management permissions
- Execution role with Secrets Manager access for agent token retrieval
- KMS permissions scoped to Secrets Manager service for encryption/decryption

#### 1.2.1.7 Network Architecture Summary

- **Hub-and-spoke model:** TGW connects TFC Agent VPC → DNS VPC → Workload VPCs
- **DNS resolution chain:** TFC Agent → Custom DHCP → Centralized DNS VPC → Private Hosted Zones → PrivateLink Endpoint IPs
- **Traffic flow:** TFC Agent → TGW → Workload VPC → PrivateLink Endpoint → Confluent Cloud Kafka

## 2.0 Project's Architecture Overview

### 2.1 Key Features Required for Confluent PrivateLink to Work (Confluent Cloud Configuration)

#### 2.1.1 Confluent Private Link Attachment (Environment-Level)

- Single `confluent_private_link_attachment` resource created at the environment level for AWS region
- Provides the `vpc_endpoint_service_name` that AWS VPC Endpoints connect to
- Provides the `dns_domain` (e.g., `*.aws.private.confluent.cloud`) for DNS configuration
- Multiple VPCs can share the same PrivateLink attachment via separate VPC Endpoints

### 2.1.2 AWS VPC Endpoint Configuration

- Interface VPC Endpoints (`vpc_endpoint_type = "Interface"`) in each workload VPC
- **Critical:** `private_dns_enabled = false` — DNS handled via centralized Private Hosted Zones instead
- Security groups allowing inbound on ports 443 (HTTPS), 9092 (Kafka), and 53 (DNS) from TFC Agent VPC, VPN VPC, VPN Client CIDR, and local VPC CIDR
- Endpoints deployed across multiple AZs (3 subnets) for high availability

### 2.1.3 Confluent Private Link Attachment Connection

- `confluent_private_link_attachment_connection` links the AWS VPC Endpoint ID to the Confluent PrivateLink attachment
- Creates the bidirectional connection between AWS and Confluent Cloud
- Depends on Route53 zone associations being complete first (`time_sleep` for propagation)

### 2.1.4 Centralized Private Hosted Zone (PHZ) Strategy

- Single PHZ created for the Confluent DNS domain, associated with **all VPCs** that need access
- **Zonal CNAME records:** `*.{availability-zone-id}.{dns_domain}` → AZ-specific VPC Endpoint DNS
- **Wildcard CNAME record:** `*.{dns_domain}` → Primary VPC Endpoint DNS

### 2.1.5 Route53 SYSTEM Resolver Rule

- `rule_type = "SYSTEM"` tells Route53 to use Private Hosted Zones for the Confluent domain
- Rule associated with every VPC that needs Confluent access

### 2.1.6 Transit Gateway Routing

- Each PrivateLink VPC attached to TGW with DNS support enabled
- Route table association AND route propagation configured
- Routes added from PrivateLink VPCs back to all consumer VPCs

### 2.1.7 Multi-Cluster Architecture with Cluster Linking

- Two Enterprise Kafka clusters (Sandbox and Shared) in the same environment
- Bidirectional Cluster Link with mirror topics for data replication

### 2.1.8 Service Account & API Key Management

- Separate service accounts per role with API key rotation

- ACLs granting specific permissions per service account
- API keys stored in AWS Secrets Manager

## 2.1.9 DNS Propagation Timing

- `time_sleep` resources ensuring DNS propagates before dependent resources (1-2 minutes)

## 2.1.10 Schema Registry Integration

- Stream Governance (Essentials) enabled at environment level with AVRO support

# 3.0 Let's Get Started

## 3.1 Deploy the Infrastructure

The deploy.sh script handles authentication and Terraform execution:

```
./deploy.sh create \
--profile=<SSO_PROFILE_NAME> \
--confluent-api-key=<CONFLUENT_API_KEY> \
--confluent-api-secret=<CONFLUENT_API_SECRET> \
--tfe-token=<TFE_TOKEN> \
--tgw-id=<TGW_ID> \
--tgw-rt-id=<TGW_RT_ID> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-id=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_ID> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-rt-ids=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_RT_IDS> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-cidr=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_CIDR> \
--dns-vpc-id=<DNS_VPC_ID> \
--vpn-vpc-id=<VPN_VPC_ID> \
--vpn-vpc-cidr=<VPN_VPC_CIDR> \
--vpn-client-vpc-cidr=<VPN_CLIENT_VPC_CIDR> \
--vpn-client-vpc-rt-ids=<VPN_CLIENT_VPC_RT_IDS>
```

### 3.1.1 Optional Arguments

```
--dns-vpc-cidr=<DNS_VPC_CIDR>      # Default: 10.255.0.0/24
--day-count=<DAY_COUNT>                # Default: 30 (API key rotation interval)
```

## 3.2 Teardown the Infrastructure

```
./deploy.sh destroy \
--profile=<SSO_PROFILE_NAME> \
--confluent-api-key=<CONFLUENT_API_KEY> \
--confluent-api-secret=<CONFLUENT_API_SECRET> \
--tfe-token=<TFE_TOKEN> \
--tgw-id=<TGW_ID> \
--tgw-rt-id=<TGW_RT_ID> \
```

```
--tfc-agent-vpc-id=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_ID> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-rt-ids=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_RT_IDS> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-cidr=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_CIDR> \
--dns-vpc-id=<DNS_VPC_ID> \
--vpn-vpc-id=<VPN_VPC_ID> \
--vpn-vpc-cidr=<VPN_VPC_CIDR> \
--vpn-client-vpc-cidr=<VPN_CLIENT_VPC_CIDR> \
--vpn-client-vpc-rt-ids=<VPN_CLIENT_VPC_RT_IDS>
```

### 3.2.1 Handling DNS Resolution Errors During Destroy

If you encounter DNS resolution errors during the destroy process, you may see error messages similar to the following:

```
| Error: error deleting Kafka ACLs "lkc-j6wj9w/TOPIC#sandbox_aws_privatelink_example_#LITERAL#User:sa-w7xo5n9#*#CREATE#ALLOW": Delete "https://lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud:443/kafka/v3/clusters/lkc-j6wj9w/acls?host=%2A&operation=CREATE&pattern_type=LITERAL&permission=ALLOW&principal=User%3Asa-w7xo5n9&resource_name=sandbox_aws_privatelink_example_&resource_type=TOPIC": dial tcp: lookup lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud on 10.2.0.2:53: no such host
|
| Error: error deleting Kafka ACLs "lkc-j6wj9w/TOPIC#sandbox_aws_privatelink_example_#LITERAL#User:sa-w7xo5n9#*#WRITE#ALLOW": Delete "https://lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud:443/kafka/v3/clusters/lkc-j6wj9w/acls?host=%2A&operation=WRITE&pattern_type=LITERAL&permission=ALLOW&principal=User%3Asa-w7xo5n9&resource_name=sandbox_aws_privatelink_example_&resource_type=TOPIC": dial tcp: lookup lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud on 10.2.0.2:53: no such host
|
| Error: error deleting Kafka ACLs "lkc-j6wj9w/CLUSTER#kafka-cluster#LITERAL#User:sa-w7xo5n9#*#DESCRIBE#ALLOW": Delete "https://lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud:443/kafka/v3/clusters/lkc-j6wj9w/acls?host=%2A&operation=DESCRIBE&pattern_type=LITERAL&permission=ALLOW&principal=User%3Asa-w7xo5n9&resource_name=kafka-cluster&resource_type=CLUSTER": dial tcp: lookup lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud on 10.2.0.2:53: no such host
```

```
| Error: error waiting for Kafka Mirror Topic "lkc-99gmp5/bidirectional-between-sandbox-and-shared/dev-stock_trades" to be deleted: Get "https://lkc-99gmp5.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud:443/kafka/v3/clusters/lkc-99gmp5/links/bidirectional-between-sandbox-and-shared/mirrors/dev-stock_trades": dial tcp: lookup lkc-99gmp5.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud on 10.2.0.2:53: no such host; could not parse error details; raw response body: ""  
|  
| Error: error deleting Kafka ACLs "lkc-j6wj9w/TOPIC#dev-stock_trades#LITERAL#User:sa-w7xo5n9#*#WRITE#ALLOW": Delete "https://lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud:443/kafka/v3/clusters/lkc-j6wj9w/acls?host=%2A&operation=WRITE&pattern_type=LITERAL&permission=ALLOW&principal=User%3Asa-w7xo5n9&resource_name=dev-stock_trades&resource_type=TOPIC": dial tcp: lookup lkc-j6wj9w.us-east-1.aws.private.confluent.cloud on 10.2.0.2:53: no such host  
|  
|  
Operation failed: failed running terraform apply (exit 1)
```

If you encounter DNS resolution errors during the destroy process, do the following:

**Navigate to the Terraform directory:**

```
cd terraform
```

**\*Remove the unreachable resources from the Terraform state:**

```
terraform state rm  
'confluent_kafka_acl.sandbox_cluster_app_connector_describe_on_cluster'  
terraform state rm  
'confluent_kafka_acl.sandbox_cluster_app_connector_write_on_target_topic'  
terraform state rm  
'confluent_kafka_acl.sandbox_cluster_app_connector_create_on_data_preview_topics'  
terraform state rm  
'confluent_kafka_acl.sandbox_cluster_app_connector_write_on_data_preview_topics'  
terraform state rm 'confluent_cluster_link.sandbox_and_shared'  
terraform state rm 'confluent_kafka_topic.source_stock_trades'  
terraform state rm 'confluent_kafka_mirror_topic.stock_trades_mirror'  
terraform state rm 'confluent_cluster_link.shared_to_sandbox'
```

**Navigate back to the root directory:**

```
cd ..
```

**Rerun the destroy command:**

```
./deploy.sh destroy \
--profile=<SSO_PROFILE_NAME> \
--confluent-api-key=<CONFLUENT_API_KEY> \
--confluent-api-secret=<CONFLUENT_API_SECRET> \
--tfe-token=<TFE_TOKEN> \
--tgw-id=<TGW_ID> \
--tgw-rt-id=<TGW_RT_ID> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-id=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_ID> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-rt-ids=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_RT_IDS> \
--tfc-agent-vpc-cidr=<TFC_AGENT_VPC_CIDR> \
--dns-vpc-id=<DNS_VPC_ID> \
--vpn-vpc-id=<VPN_VPC_ID> \
--vpn-vpc-cidr=<VPN_VPC_CIDR> \
--vpn-client-vpc-cidr=<VPN_CLIENT_VPC_CIDR> \
--vpn-client-vpc-rt-ids=<VPN_CLIENT_VPC_RT_IDS>
```

## 4.0 Resources

### 4.1 Terminology

- **PHZ:** Private Hosted Zone - AWS Route 53 Private Hosted Zone is a DNS service that allows you to create and manage private DNS zones within your VPCs.
- **TFC:** Terraform Cloud - A service that provides infrastructure automation using Terraform.
- **VPC:** Virtual Private Cloud - A virtual network dedicated to your AWS account.
- **AWS:** Amazon Web Services - A comprehensive cloud computing platform provided by Amazon.
- **CC:** Confluent Cloud - A fully managed event streaming platform based on Apache Kafka.
- **PL:** PrivateLink - An AWS service that enables private connectivity between VPCs and services.
- **IaC:** Infrastructure as Code - The practice of managing and provisioning computing infrastructure through machine-readable definition files.

### 4.2 Related Documentation

- [AWS PrivateLink Overview in Confluent Cloud](#)
- [Use AWS PrivateLink for Serverless Products on Confluent Cloud](#)
- [GitHub Sample Project for Confluent Terraform Provider PrivateLink Attachment](#)
- [Geo-replication with Cluster Linking on Confluent Cloud](#)
- [Use the Confluent Cloud Console with Private Networking](#)
- [IP Filtering on Confluent Cloud](#)
- [AWS/Azure PrivateLink Networking Course](#)

- Hands On: Configuring a PrivateLink Cluster