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Building a Cloud Centric Network with Azure Virtual WAN

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Agenda

- What is Azure Virtual WAN?
- Use Cases
- Core Components
- Why Azure Virtual WAN? Core Benefits
- Security
- Expansion
- Where do we begin?
- Resources



What is Azure Virtual WAN?

- Azure Virtual WAN is a **Networking Service** that brings various elements together in a single operational interface.
- Key Features Include:
 - Software-defined connectivity
 - Centralised network management
 - Optimised security and agility thanks to the Microsoft Global Network

Azure Virtual WAN now generally available

Published date: September 24, 2018

What is Azure Virtual WAN?

Azure Virtual WAN is a **Networking Service** that brings various aspects together in a single Azure Service:

Hub / Spoke –
replaced with Virtual
WAN Hub and VNET
Peering to Spokes

Routing and Route
Tables – Automated

VPNs/ExpressRoute
– Centralised
Management

Firewalling – Azure
native options and
3rd Party NVAs



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What's new in Azure Virtual WAN?

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Azure Virtual WAN is updated regularly. Stay up to date with the latest announcements. This article provides you with information about:

- Recent releases
- Previews underway with known limitations (if applicable)
- Known issues
- Deprecated functionality (if applicable)


You can also find the latest Azure Virtual WAN updates and subscribe to the RSS feed [here](#).

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/whats-new>

Virtual WAN is always improving....

Preview

The following features are currently in gated public preview. After working with the listed articles, you have questions or require support, reach out to the contact alias (if available) that corresponds to the feature.

 Expand table

Type of preview	Feature	Description	Contact alias	Limitations
Managed preview	Route-maps	This feature allows you to perform route aggregation, route filtering, and modify BGP attributes for your routes in Virtual WAN.	preview-route-maps@microsoft.com	Known limitations are displayed here: About Route-maps .
Managed preview	Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN	Deployment of Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN NVA into the Virtual WAN hub	preview-vwan-aruba@microsoft.com	

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/whats-new>

Where is Virtual WAN available?

Geopolitical region	Azure regions
Australia Government	Australia Central, Australia Central 2
Europe	France Central, France South, Germany North, Germany West Central, North Europe, Norway East, Switzerland North, Switzerland West, West Europe, UK West, UK South
North America	East US, West US, East US 2, West US 2, Central US, South Central US, North Central US, West Central US, Canada Central, Canada East
Asia	East Asia, Southeast Asia
India	India West, India Central, India South
Japan	Japan West, Japan East
Oceania	Australia Southeast, Australia East
South Africa	South Africa North, South Africa West
South America	Brazil South
South Korea	Korea Central, Korea South
UAE	UAE North, UAE Central

- Wide range of locations
- US Government and Azure China also available
- Availability Zones – key consideration

Geopolitical region	Azure regions
US Government cloud	US Gov Arizona, US Gov Iowa, US Gov Texas, US Gov Virginia, US DoD Central, US DoD East
China East	China East2
China North	China North2

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/virtual-wan-locations-partners>

Use Cases



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- The key aspect – **Bringing together** core networking features:
- Branch connectivity – route your branch to branch traffic via Microsoft's Network.
- Site-to-site VPN connectivity.
- Remote user VPN connectivity (point-to-site).
- Private connectivity (ExpressRoute).
- Intra-cloud connectivity (transitive connectivity for virtual networks).
- VPN ExpressRoute inter-connectivity.
- Routing Configuration – Route Tables, Custom Routing etc.
- Azure Firewall & Firewall Manager integration
- Transit & Internal Connectivity – Hub/Hub/Spoke/Spoke

Virtual WAN is like a buffet...



Virtual WAN provides many services – you can choose which you want to use.

Some organisations will use many, others will use only a few.

Some will go back for a second helping!



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Two SKUs

Virtual WAN type	Hub type	Available configurations
Basic	Basic	Site-to-site VPN only
Standard	Standard	ExpressRoute User VPN (P2S) VPN (site-to-site) Inter-hub and VNet-to-VNet transiting through the virtual hub Azure Firewall NVA in a virtual WAN

ⓘ Note

You can upgrade from Basic to Standard, but can't revert from Standard back to Basic.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/virtual-wan-about>

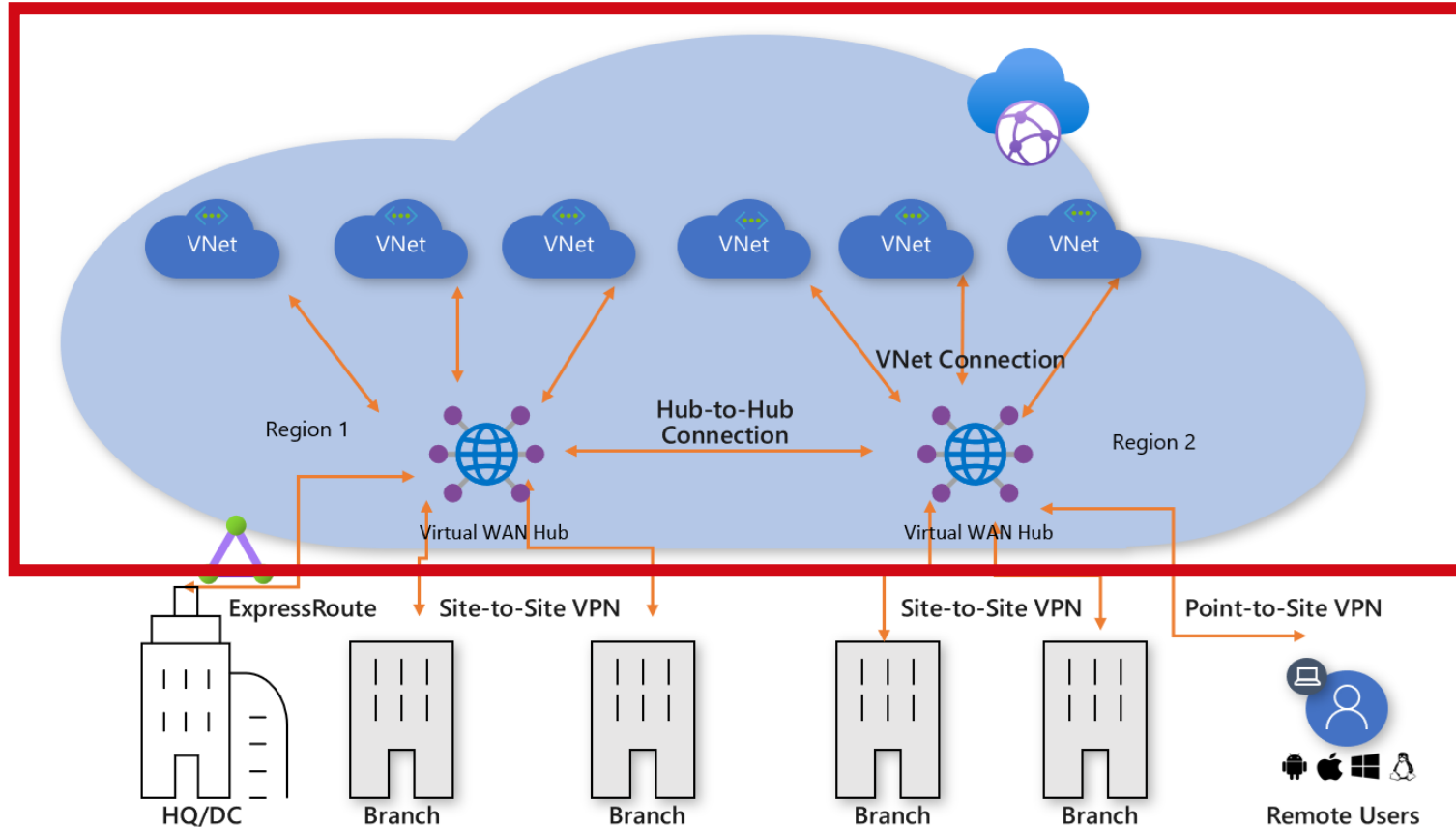


Core Components

- 5 Key Virtual WAN components you will likely use in all deployments that span **more than 1 Azure Region**:
 - Virtual WAN
 - Hub
 - **Hub to Hub Connection**
 - Hub Virtual Network Connection
 - Hub Route Table



Virtual WAN

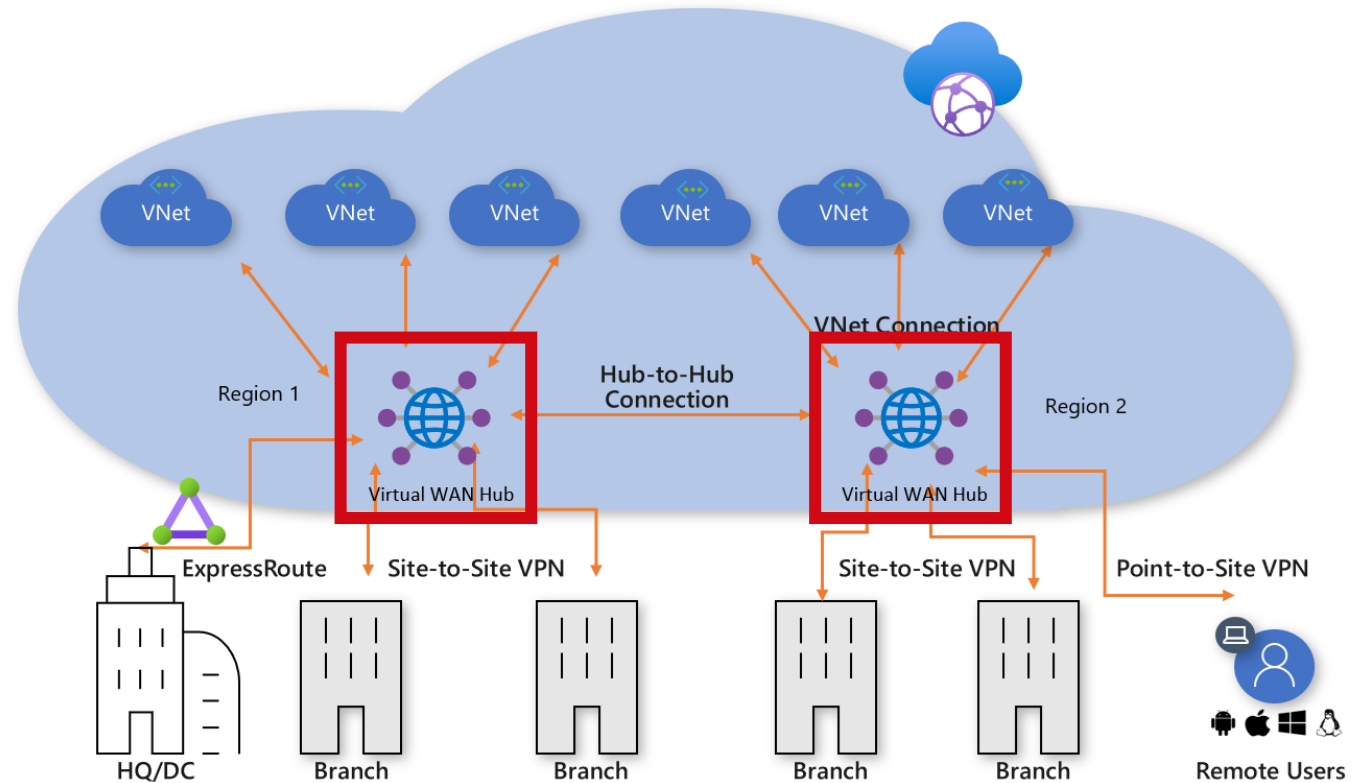


- Virtual overlay of your Azure Networking
- A collection of multiple Resources
- Contains all Virtual WAN components within your topology



Hub

- The Virtual Hub is a Microsoft Managed Virtual Network, containing various service endpoints.
- The Hub is the Core of the Virtual WAN network in an Azure Region. Typically 1 Hub per Region but can be more.
- Gateways for VPN/ExpressRoute deployed within Hubs.
- Firewalls / NVAs deployed into Hubs.
- Note – consider routing units!

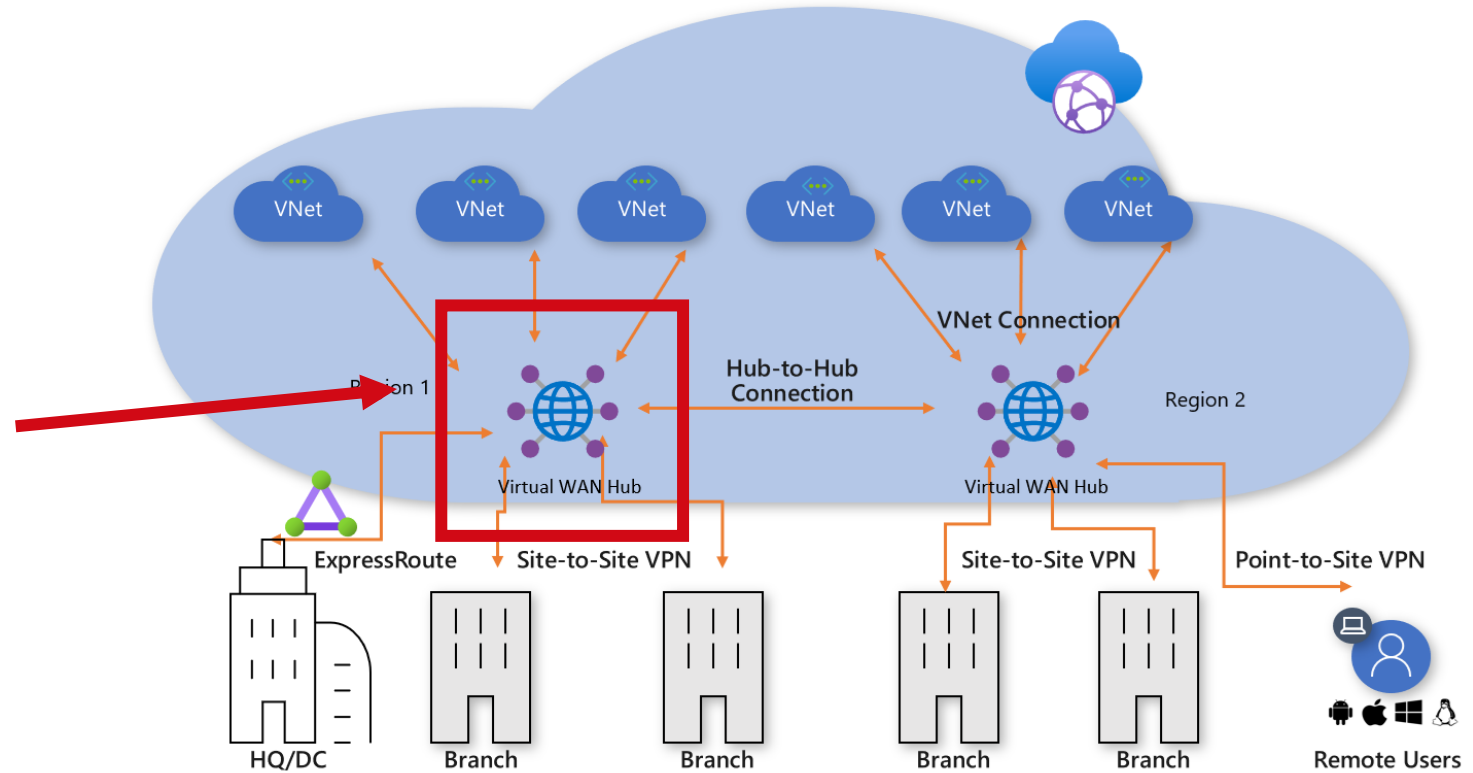




What's in the Hub?

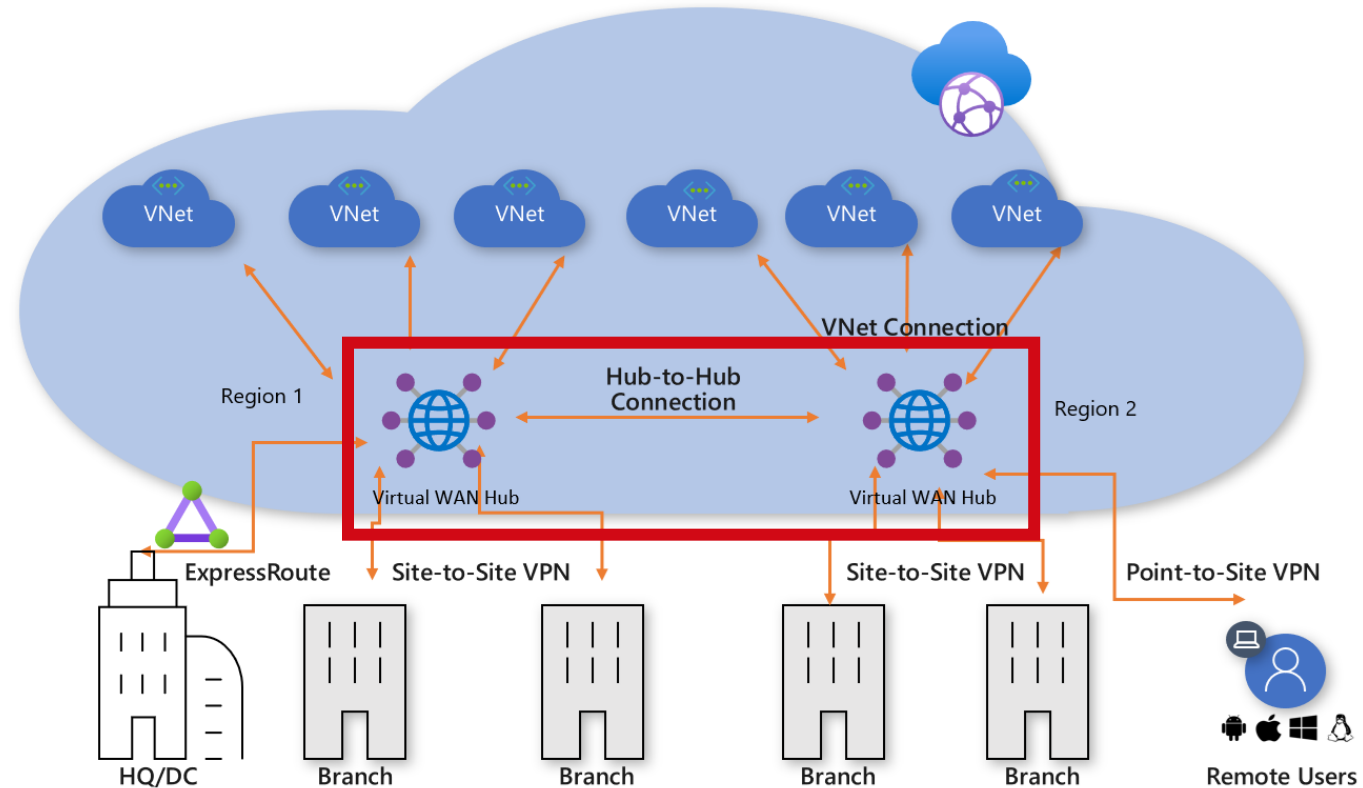
Items we can deploy into a Hub:

- Virtual Network Gateway
- ExpressRoute Gateway
- P2S Gateway
- Azure Firewall or NVA
- Route Tables
- Hub to Hub Connection



Hub to Hub Connection

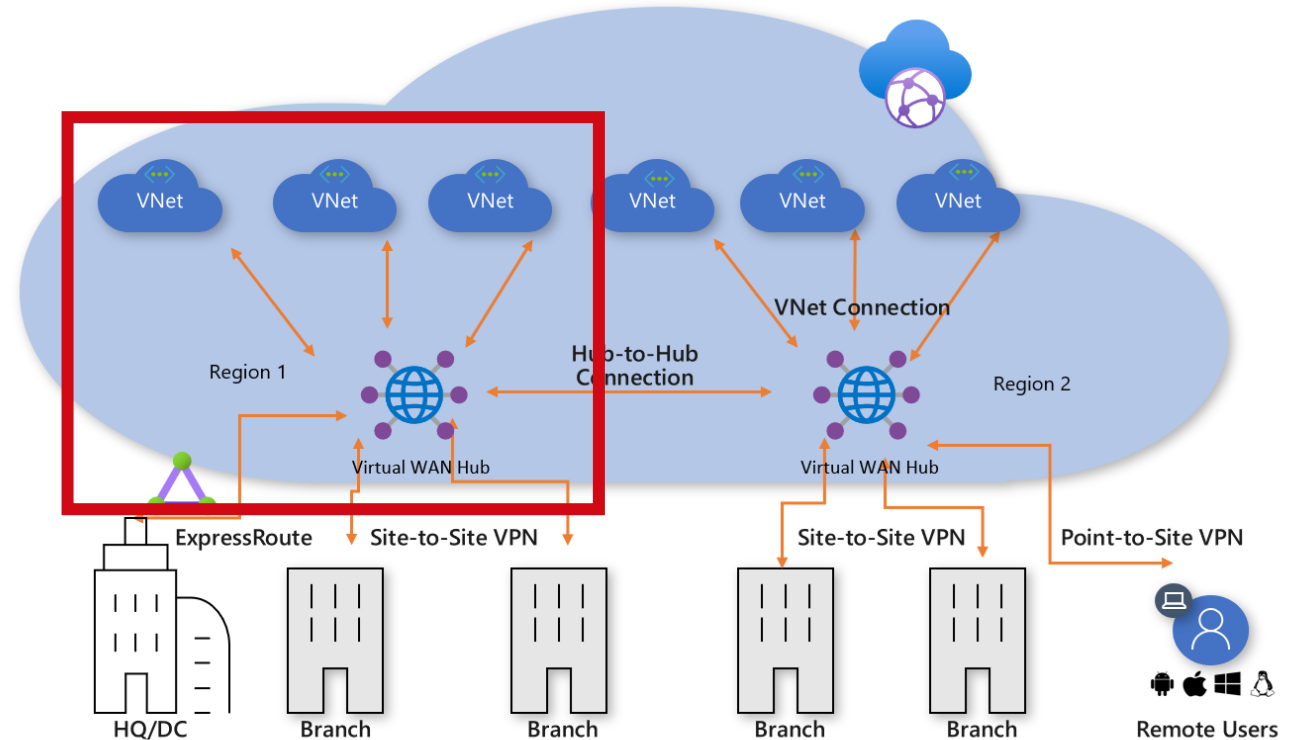
- Virtual WAN Hubs are connected within a Virtual WAN.
- Hubs can communicate freely and routing is propagated.
- Inter-Region connectivity is established using Virtual WAN Hubs.
- Connectivity can be controlled using a Firewall or NVA. **Note: there are were limitations around inter-region communication.**





Hub Virtual Network Connection

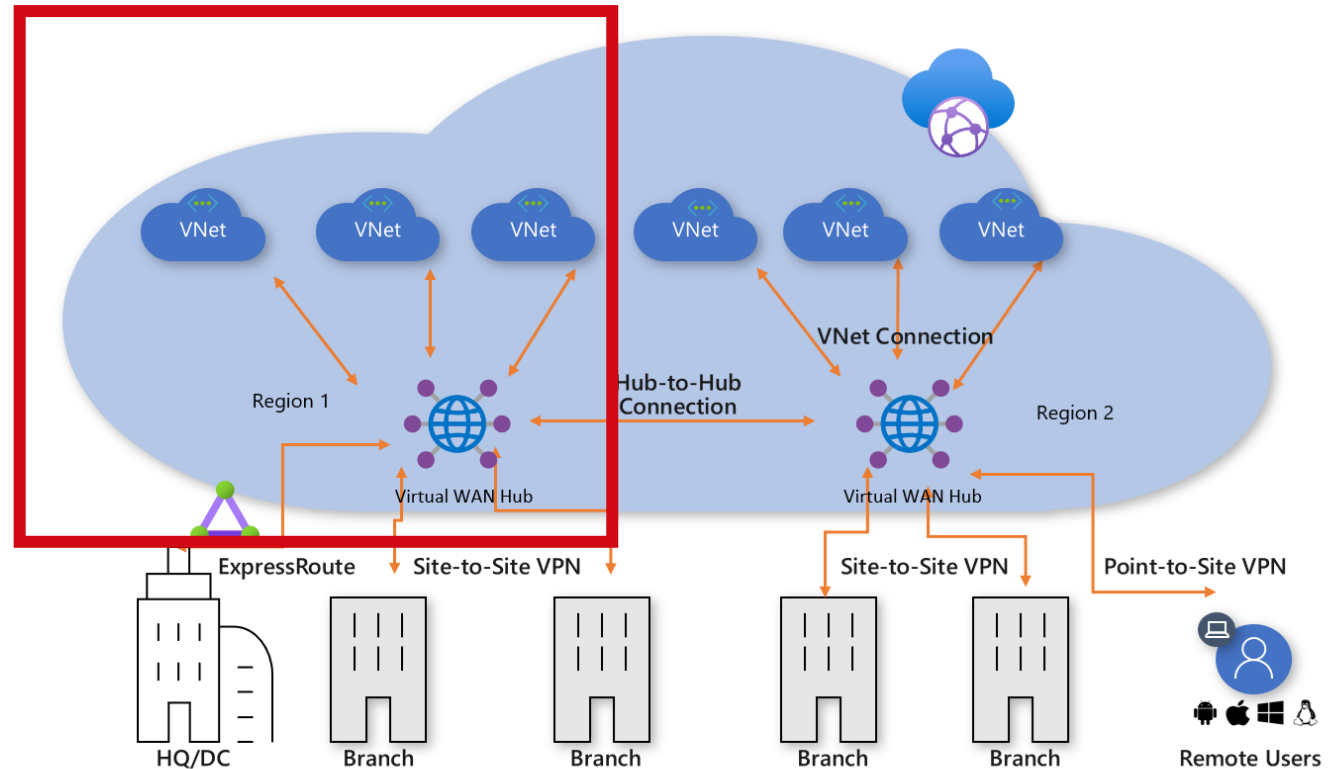
- A Hub Virtual Network connection joins a spoke network to a Virtual WAN Hub.
- A Virtual Network can be connected to a single Virtual WAN hub.
- Traffic is enabled between the Virtual WAN Hub and Spoke Virtual Network.
- Azure Firewall or an NVA is used in many cases to control this traffic.





Hub Route Table

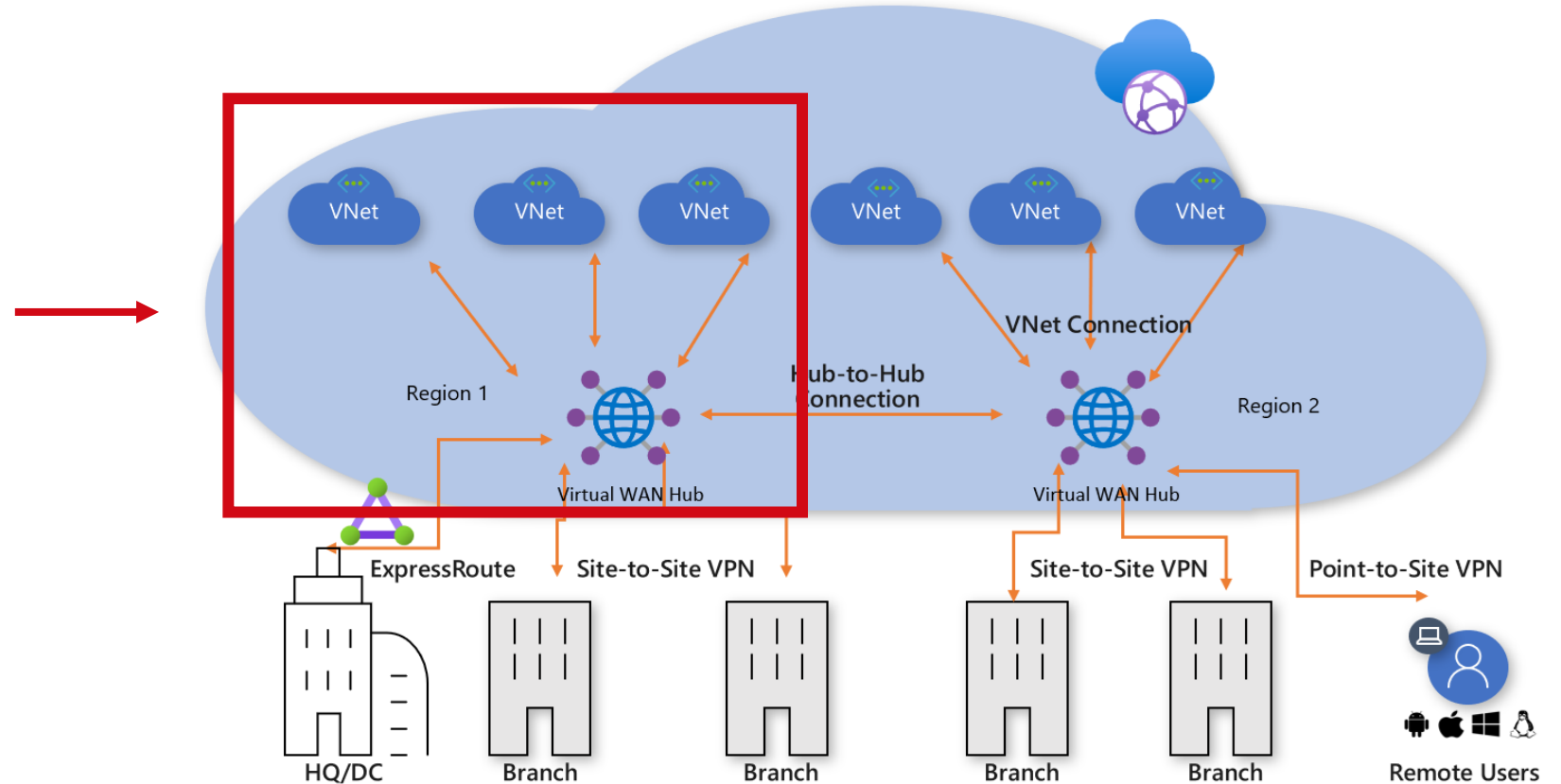
- Each Hub has its own default route table. This can be edited to add static routes if required.
- Static routes take precedence over dynamic routes.
- Associated with a Hub and it's connected Virtual Networks.
- Connections, e.g. VPN, ExpressRoute or PS2 will also have a routing configuration that propagates to a route table.
- Labels can be used to logically group route tables.





What about Hub and Spoke?

- Virtual WAN replaces an existing Hub Spoke architecture with Spoke VNets peered into a Virtual WAN Hub.
- Hubs become fully managed by Virtual WAN.
- Central management of all Hubs in the topology.
- All Spokes peer into a Virtual WAN Hub, with connectivity and inter-region traffic routed via the Hub.





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Why Virtual WAN? Core Benefits:

- **An Integrated Solution** – All core networking aspects in a single control Resource. Site to Site and Connectivity options are easily accessed and managed. **Simple administration!**
- **An Automated Solution** – Connect Virtual Networks to the Hubs easily, and also bring additional services into Virtual WAN with ease – again, centralised, simplified and automated is the key.
- **Troubleshooting** – End to End visibility, allowing rapid diagnosis of issues and simple troubleshooting.
- **Centralised Control** – A centralised service that brings core networking together, removing the need to configure and manage multiple separate resources.
- **Firewalling** – Integrations to Azure Firewall, Azure Firewall Manager, and NVA options.
- **Rapid Expansion** – Simple expansion to other Regions, with automated routing and simplified connectivity via the Global Transit Architecture.

An Integrated Solution – All core networking aspects in a single control Resource. Site to Site and Connectivity options are easily accessed and managed. **Simple administration!**



virtual-wanDemo-virtual-wan-01 | Hubs

Virtual WAN



New Hub



Refresh

Settings



Configuration



Properties



Locks

Connectivity



Hubs



VPN sites



User VPN configurations



ExpressRoute circuits



Virtual network connections

Monitor



Connection monitor



Insights



[Clear all filters](#)






Add filter

Hub	Hub status	Region	VPN sites	Address Space	Point-to-site
uksouth-virtual-wan-t	✓ Succeeded	UK South	-	10.10.0.0/21	-
eastus-virtual-wan-hu	✓ Succeeded	East US	-	10.20.0.0/21	-




An Automated Solution – Connect Virtual Networks to the Hubs easily, and also bring additional services into Virtual WAN with ease – again, centralised, simplified and automated is the key.


 **uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01**  


Virtual HUB


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 Edit virtual hub

 Delete


 Refresh


 Reset router


 Reset Hub

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 VPN (Site to site)


 ExpressRoute


 User VPN (Point to site)

Routing


 Routing Intent and Routing Policies

 BGP Peers

 Route Tables

 Effective Routes


Security

 Azure Firewall and Firewall Manager

^ Essentials


Name : [uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01](#)

Resource group : [virtual-wanDemo-uksouth-Virtual-WAN-rg-01](#)

Hub status :  Succeeded

Private address space : 10.10.0.0/21

Location : UK South

Routing status :  Provisioned


Hub routing preference : ExpressRoute

Metrics : [View in Azure Monitor](#)


^ Virtual network connections

vNet connections: 1


^ VPN (Site to site)

 No gateway [\(Create\)](#)


^ User VPN (Point to site)

 No gateway [\(Create\)](#)


^ ExpressRoute

 No gateway [\(Create\)](#)

^ Azure Firewall

 No firewall [\(Create\)](#)

^ Network Virtual Appliance

 No gateway [\(Create\)](#)



Troubleshooting – End to End visibility, allowing rapid diagnosis of issues and simple troubleshooting.

[Home](#) > [virtual-wanDemo-virtual-wan-01](#) | [Insights](#) >

Metrics

Network Insights VirtualWANs

Workbooks Edit Save Undo Redo Find & Replace Help Auto refresh: Off

Hub Gateway Level Metrics							S2S VPN Connection Metrics	P2S VPN Connection Metrics	ER Circuit Metrics	Metrics Help
Virtual Hub	↑↓	VPN Connection Count↑↓	P2S Connection Configuration Cou...↑↓	ER Connection Count↑↓	Virtual Network Connection Count↑↓	Total Connection Count↑↓				
 eastus-virtual-wan-hub-02		0	0	0	1	1				
 uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01		0	0	0	1	1				

Centralised Control – A centralised service that brings core networking together, removing the need to configure and manage multiple separate resources.

uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01

Virtual HUB

Search

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Third party providers

Network Virtual Appliance

SaaS Solutions

Essentials

Name : [uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01](#)

Resource group : [virtual-wanDemo-uksouth-Virtual-WAN-rg-01](#)

Hub status : ✓ Succeeded

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Firewalling – Integrations to Azure Firewall, Azure Firewall Manager, and NVA options.

 **uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01** | Azure Firewall and Firewall Manager

Virtual HUB

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Security

Azure Firewall and Firewall Manager

Select virtual hubs

Azure Firewall

Security Partner Provider

Review + confirm

The hubs you select below will be converted into Secured virtual hubs. Depending on the provider you select in the next step, there might be an immediate billing impact. [Learn more.](#)


Subscription(s)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Hub Name	VPN Gateway	Security Status	Subscription	Resource Group	Hub Location	Virtual Wan
<input type="checkbox"/>	eastus-virtual-wan-hub...	None	Unsecured	dev.jakewalsh.co.uk - MVP...	virtual-wanDemo-eastus-...	eastus	virtual-wanDemo-virtual-...
<input type="checkbox"/>	uksouth-virtual-wan-h...	None	Unsecured	dev.jakewalsh.co.uk - MVP...	virtual-wanDemo-uksouth...	uksouth	virtual-wanDemo-virtual-...

Rapid Expansion – Simple expansion to other Regions, with automated routing and simplified connectivity.

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 virtual-wanDemo-virtual-wan-01 | Hubs ☆ ...

Virtual WAN

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+ New Hub

 Refresh

Clear all filters

Add filter

Hub	Hub status	Region	VPN sites	Address Space	Point-to-site	ExpressRoute Circuits
uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-0	✓ Succeeded	UK South	-	10.10.0.0/21	-	- ...
* eastus-virtual-wan-hub-02	✓ Succeeded	East US	-	10.20.0.0/21	-	- ...



Security!

- There are numerous security aspects within Azure Virtual WAN – 5 key areas:
 - Azure Firewall or NVA Options
 - Monitoring
 - Packet Capture
 - Administration
 - Azure Security Baseline for Virtual WAN

Azure Firewall and NVA Options

- Virtual WAN supports Azure Firewall and NVA options via supported vendors
- NVAs = Deployment Process
- Azure Firewall – convert Standard to Secured Hub

The screenshot displays the Azure portal interface for a Virtual WAN hub. The left-hand navigation pane includes sections for 'Connectivity' (VPN, ExpressRoute, User VPN) and 'Routing' (Routing Intent and Routing Policies, BGP Peers, Route Tables, Effective Routes). The main content area is titled 'uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01' and includes a search bar and action buttons like 'Edit virtual hub', 'Delete', 'Refresh', 'Reset router', and 'Reset Hub'. Under the 'Essentials' section, key details are listed: Name, Resource group, Hub status (Succeeded), Private address space (10.10.0.0/21), Location (UK South), Routing status (Provisioned), Hub routing preference (ExpressRoute), and a link to 'View in Azure Monitor'. Below this, a 'Virtual network connections' box shows 1 vNet connection. At the bottom, five configuration cards are visible: 'VPN (Site to site)', 'User VPN (Point to site)', 'ExpressRoute', 'Azure Firewall', and 'Network Virtual Appliance'. Each card indicates 'No gateway' and provides a '(Create)' link. The 'Azure Firewall' and 'Network Virtual Appliance' cards are highlighted with a blue border.

uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01
Virtual HUB

Search << Edit virtual hub Delete Refresh Reset router Reset Hub

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Metrics : [View in Azure Monitor](#)

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User VPN (Point to site)
● No gateway ([Create](#))

ExpressRoute
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Azure Firewall
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Network Virtual Appliance
● No gateway ([Create](#))



Azure Firewall and NVA Options

Key benefits

When an NVA is deployed into a Virtual WAN hub, it can serve as a third-party gateway with various functionalities. It could serve as an SD-WAN gateway, Firewall, or a combination of both.

Deploying NVAs into a Virtual WAN hub provides the following benefits:

- **Pre-defined and pre-tested selection of infrastructure choices (NVA Infrastructure Units):** Microsoft and the partner work together to validate throughput and bandwidth limits prior to solution being made available to customers.
- **Built-in availability and resiliency:** Virtual WAN NVA deployments are Availability Zone (AZ) aware and are automatically configured to be highly available.
- **No-hassle provisioning and boot-strapping:** A managed application is prequalified for provisioning and boot-strapping for the Virtual WAN platform. This managed application is available through the Azure Marketplace link.
- **Simplified routing:** Leverage Virtual WAN's intelligent routing systems. NVA solutions peer with the Virtual WAN hub router and participate in the Virtual WAN routing decision process similarly to Microsoft Gateways.
- **Integrated support:** Partners have a special support agreement with Microsoft Azure Virtual WAN to quickly diagnose and resolve any customer problems.
- **Optional platform-provided lifecycle management:** Upgrades and patches are managed either directly by you or as part of the Azure Virtual WAN service. For best practices related to software lifecycle management for NVAs in Virtual WAN, please reach out to your NVA provider or reference provider documentation.
- **Integrated with platform features:** Transit connectivity with Microsoft gateways and Virtual Networks, Encrypted ExpressRoute (SD-WAN overlay running over an ExpressRoute circuit) and Virtual hub route tables interact seamlessly.



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Azure Firewall and NVA Options

Partners	Virtual WAN NVA Vendor Identifier	Configuration/How-to/Deployment guide	Dedicated support model
Barracuda Networks	barracudasdwanrelease	Barracuda SecureEdge for Virtual WAN Deployment Guide	Yes
Cisco SD-WAN	ciscosdwan	The integration of the Cisco SD-WAN solution with Azure virtual WAN enhances Cloud OnRamp for Multi-Cloud deployments and enables configuring Cisco Catalyst 8000V Edge Software (Cisco Catalyst 8000V) as a network virtual appliance (NVA) in Azure Virtual WAN hubs. View Cisco SD-WAN Cloud OnRamp, Cisco IOS XE Release 17.x configuration guide	Yes
VMware SD-WAN	vmwaresdwaninwvan	VMware SD-WAN in Virtual WAN hub deployment guide . The managed application for deployment can be found at this Azure Marketplace link .	Yes
Versa Networks	versanetworks	If you're an existing Versa Networks customer, log on to your Versa account and access the deployment guide using the following link Versa Deployment Guide . If you're a new Versa customer, sign-up using the Versa preview sign-up link .	Yes
Aruba EdgeConnect	arubaedgeconnectenterprise	Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN deployment guide . Currently in Preview: Azure Marketplace link	No

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/about-nva-hub#partners>

Azure Firewall and NVA Options



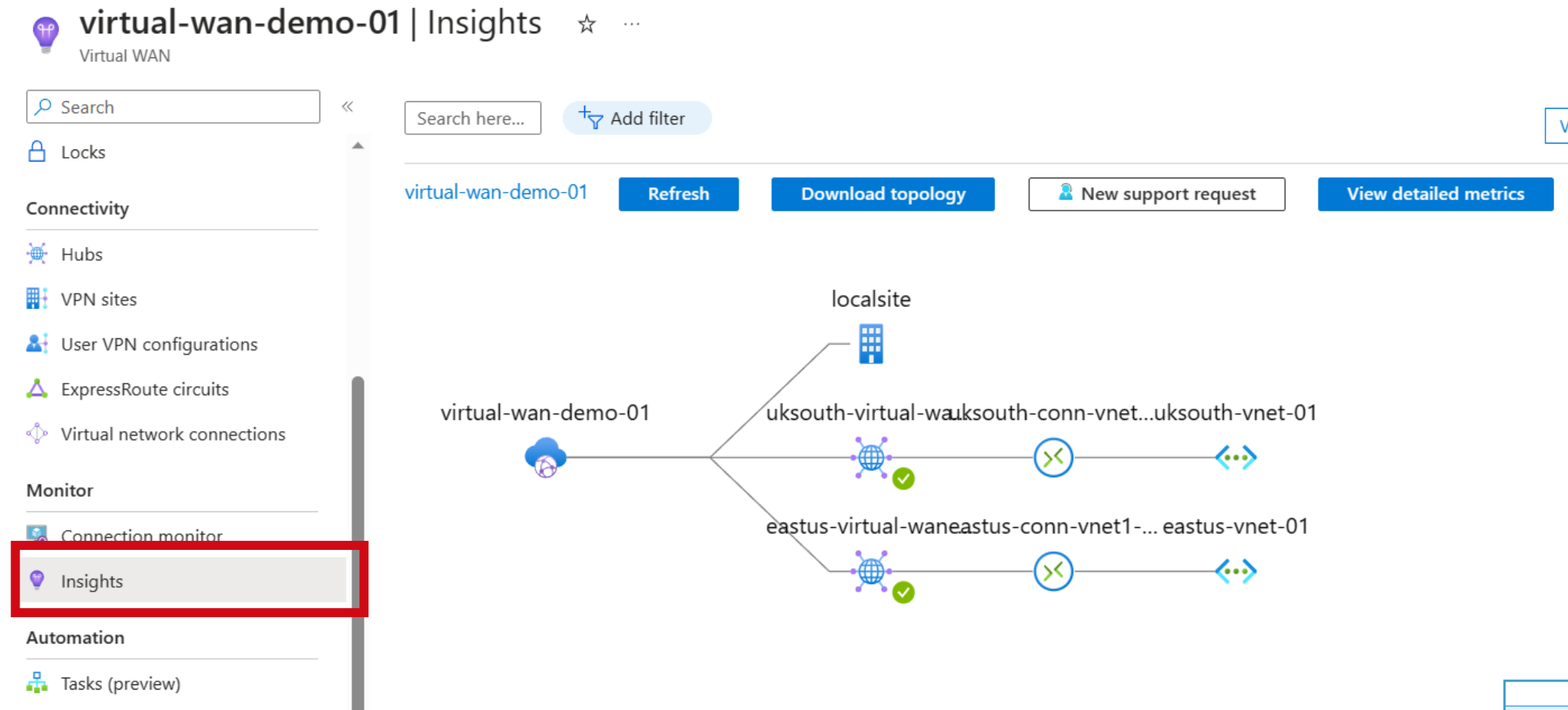
- Azure Firewall provides an Azure Native Firewall option that can be controlled and Managed using Azure Firewall Manager.
- Security Partner Providers bring Security as a Service (SECaaS) to Azure Virtual WAN – Zscaler, CheckPoint, iboss...
- Hub Routing Intent – GA 18/05/2023: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/how-to-routing-policies>



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Monitoring

- A wide range of options using Azure Monitor
- Insights Dashboard for Virtual WAN



Monitoring – let's talk metrics!

Metric	Description
Virtual Hub Data Processed	Data in bytes/second on how much traffic traverses the virtual hub router in a given period. Note that only the following flows use the virtual hub router: VNet to VNet and VPN/ExpressRoute branch to VNet (interhub).

Metric	Description
Gateway P2S Bandwidth	Average point-to-site aggregate bandwidth of a gateway in bytes per second.
P2S Connection Count	Point-to-site connection count of a gateway. To ensure you're viewing accurate data in Azure Monitor, select the Aggregation Type for P2S Connection Count as Sum . If you select Max if you split By Instance .
User VPN Routes Count	Number of User VPN Routes configured on the VPN gateway. This metric is split into Static and Dynamic Routes.

Metric	Description
Tunnel Egress Packet Drop Count	Count of Outgoing packets dropped by tunnel.
Tunnel Ingress Packet Drop Count	Count of Incoming packets dropped by tunnel.
Tunnel NAT Packet Drops	Number of NATed packets dropped on a tunnel by drop type and NAT rule.
Tunnel Egress TS Mismatch Packet Drop	Outgoing packet drop count from traffic selector mismatch of a tunnel.
Tunnel Ingress TS Mismatch Packet Drop	Incoming packet drop count from traffic selector mismatch of a tunnel.

Metric	Description
BGP Peer Status	BGP connectivity status per peer and per instance.
BGP Routes Advertised	Number of routes advertised per peer and per instance.
BGP Routes Learned	Number of routes learned per peer and per instance.
VNET Address Prefix Count	Number of VNet address prefixes that are used/advertised by the gateway.



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Monitoring – let's talk metrics!

Metric	Description
BitsInPerSecond	Bits per second ingressing Azure via ExpressRoute gateway that can be split for specific connections.
BitsOutPerSecond	Bits per second egressing Azure via ExpressRoute gateway that can be split for specific connections.
Bits Received Per Second	Total Bits received on ExpressRoute gateway per second.
CPU Utilization	CPU Utilization of the ExpressRoute gateway.
Packets per second	Total Packets received on ExpressRoute gateway per second.
Count of routes advertised to peer	Count of Routes Advertised to Peer by ExpressRoute gateway.
Count of routes learned from peer	Count of Routes Learned from Peer by ExpressRoute gateway.
Frequency of routes changed	Frequency of Route changes in ExpressRoute gateway.
Number of VMs in Virtual Network	Number of VMs that use this ExpressRoute gateway.

Metric	Description
Gateway Diagnostic Logs	Gateway-specific diagnostics such as health, configuration, service updates, and additional diagnostics.
Tunnel Diagnostic Logs	These are IPsec tunnel-related logs such as connect and disconnect events for a site-to-site IPsec tunnel, negotiated SAs, disconnect reasons, and additional diagnostics.
Route Diagnostic Logs	These are logs related to events for static routes, BGP, route updates, and additional diagnostics.
IKE Diagnostic Logs	IKE-specific diagnostics for IPsec connections.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/monitor-virtual-wan-reference>

Packet Capture – available for S2S VPNs

- Requires a Virtual WAN and Hub, with a S2S VPN Gateway deployed.
- Logs captures to a Storage Account Container
- Supports optional filters, e.g. TCPFlags or MaxFileSize

The screenshot displays the Azure portal interface for a Virtual WAN hub named 'uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01'. The left-hand navigation pane is expanded to the 'Connectivity' section, where 'VPN (Site to site)' is selected. The main content area shows the configuration for the VPN gateway. At the top, there is a search bar and a set of action buttons: 'Download VPN Config', 'Packet Capture' (highlighted with a red box), 'Delete gateway', and 'Reset gateway'. Below these buttons is an 'Essentials' section containing key information: ASN (65515), Gateway configuration (with a 'View/Configure' link), Gateway scale units (1 scale unit - 500 Mbps x 2, with an 'Edit' link), and NAT Rules (0 NAT Rule(s), with an 'Edit' link). To the right of this information, there are links for 'Bytes in/out', 'VPN Gateway' (with its ID), 'Metrics' (with a 'View in Azure Monitor' link), and 'Logs' (with a 'View in Azure Monitor' link). A 'JSON View' link is also present in the top right corner. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a search bar for the page and a 'Clear all filters' button. Below this, a 'Hub association' status shows 'Connected to this hub' with a close button. The bottom-most section is labeled 'VPN Sites' with an information icon.

uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01 | VPN (Site to site) Virtual HUB

Search

Download VPN Config Packet Capture Delete gateway Reset gateway

Overview

Connectivity

VPN (Site to site)

ExpressRoute

User VPN (Point to site)

Routing

Routing Intent and Routing Policies

Essentials

ASN : 65515

Gateway configuration : [View/Configure](#)

Gateway scale units : [1 scale unit - 500 Mbps x 2 \(Edit\)](#)

NAT Rules : [0 NAT Rule\(s\) \(Edit\)](#)

Bytes in/out : --- MB / --- GB

VPN Gateway : [b0343447259f4a0193340d5dfd199448-uksouth-gw](#)

Metrics : [View in Azure Monitor](#)

Logs : [View in Azure Monitor](#)

JSON View

Search this page Clear all filters

Hub association : **Connected to this hub**

VPN Sites ⓘ

Packet Capture – available for S2S VPNs

[Home](#) > [Virtual WANs](#) > [virtual-wan-demo-01](#) > [uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01 | VPN \(Site to site\)](#) >

Packet Capture ...

[▶ Start](#) [□ Stop](#) [⌂ Abort](#) [🔄 Refresh](#)

This operation captures all packets on the Site to Site VPN Gateway that match the filter criteria specified. This includes

A valid SAS (or Shared Access Signature) Uri with read/write access is required to complete a packet capture. When

Start Packet Capture



[▶ Start](#) [✕ Discard](#)

Filters

Max Capture File Size ⓘ

100

Max Packet Buffer Size ⓘ

120

Packets to capture

2 selected

Source Subnet ⓘ

0.0.0.0/0

Source Port ⓘ

0

Destination Subnet ⓘ

0.0.0.0/0

Destination Port ⓘ

0

TCP Flags

5 selected

Protocol ⓘ

16

Capture Single Direction Traffic Only

☐



Administration – obvious, but relevant...

- Centralised Cloud Network - use Entra ID credentials for Administration
- Entra ID means PIM / MFA etc.
- No need for a jump host or Bastion to administrate network appliances (even more so with PAAS offerings like Azure Firewall/Gateway).
- Management via ARM / Azure Portal

Azure Security Baseline – a very worthwhile read!

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Azure security baseline for Virtual WAN

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This security baseline applies guidance from the [Microsoft cloud security benchmark version 1.0](#) to Virtual WAN. The Microsoft cloud security benchmark provides recommendations on how you can secure your cloud solutions on Azure. The content is grouped by the security controls defined by the Microsoft cloud security benchmark and the related guidance applicable to Virtual WAN.

You can monitor this security baseline and its recommendations using Microsoft Defender for Cloud. Azure Policy definitions will be listed in the Regulatory Compliance section of the Microsoft Defender for Cloud portal page.

When a feature has relevant Azure Policy Definitions, they are listed in this baseline to help you measure compliance with the Microsoft cloud security benchmark controls and recommendations. Some recommendations may require a paid Microsoft Defender plan to enable certain security scenarios.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/security/benchmark/azure/baselines/virtual-wan-security-baseline>

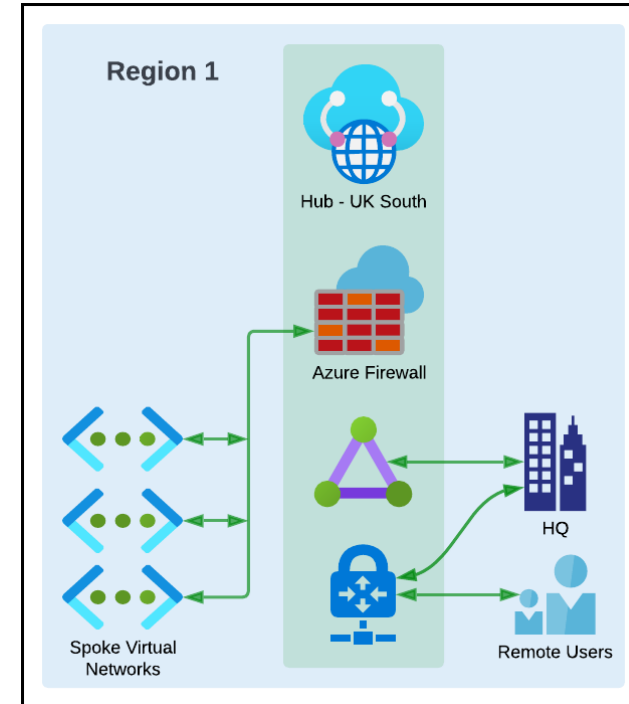


Expansion Options

Expansion is easy with Virtual WAN:

- Our start – Single Virtual WAN hub, ExpressRoute and a VPN Gateway for IPsec or P2S Users.
- Spoke Virtual Networks peered into Virtual WAN hub.
- All Traffic via Single Azure Firewall instance.


How do we expand to other Regions?





Expansion Options

- ✓ Regional Expansion is simple – and done by adding Hubs
- ✓ Hubs are fully-meshed by default, enabling communication

 **virtual-wanDemo-virtual-wan-01** | Hubs ☆ ...
Virtual WAN

Search

« **+ New Hub** ↻ Refresh

Settings

- Configuration
- Properties
- Locks

Connectivity

- Hubs**
- VPN sites
- User VPN configurations

Search for hubs by name Clear all filters

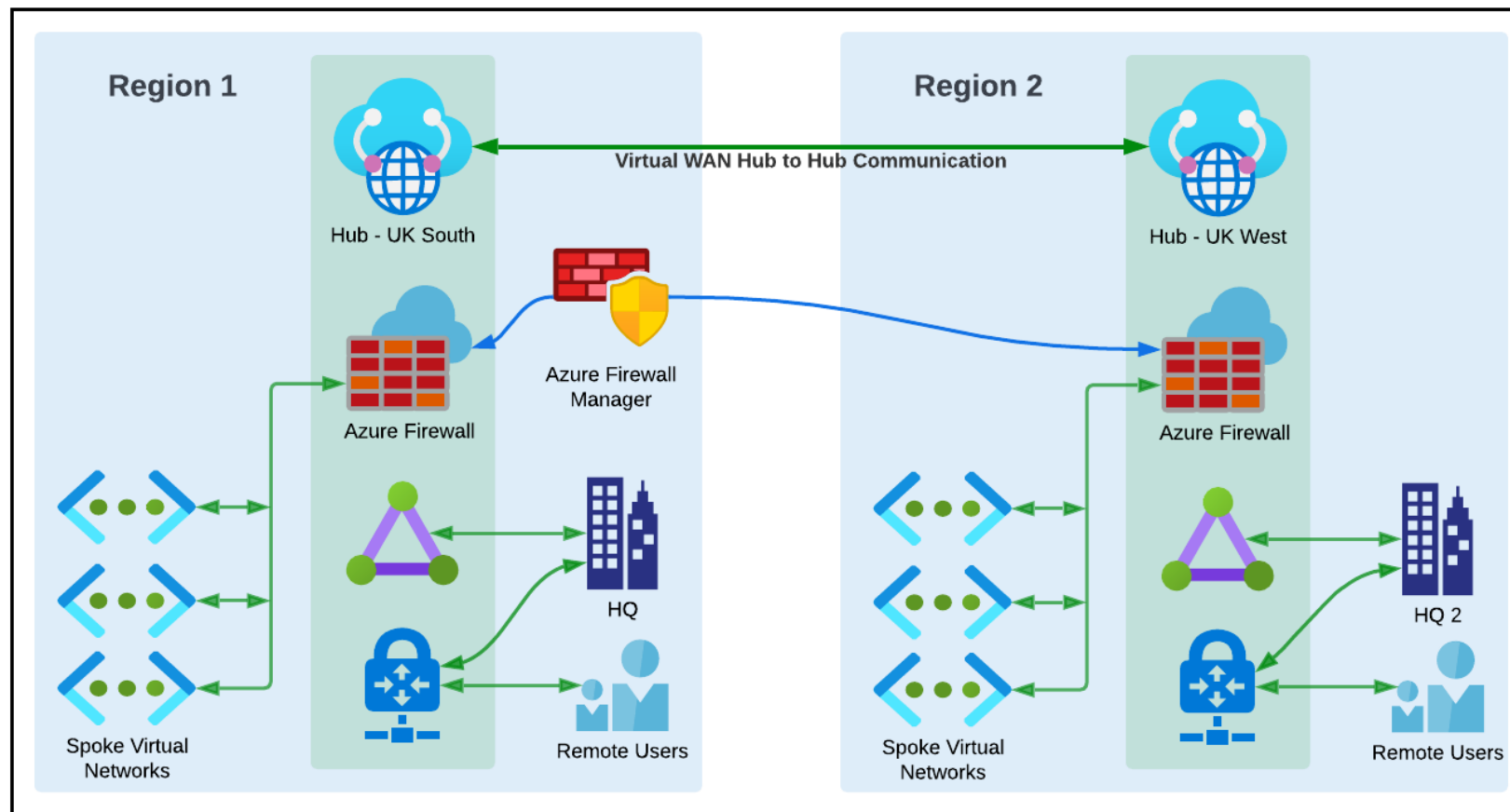
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eastus-virtual-wan-hu	✓ Succeeded	East US	-	10.20.0.0/21



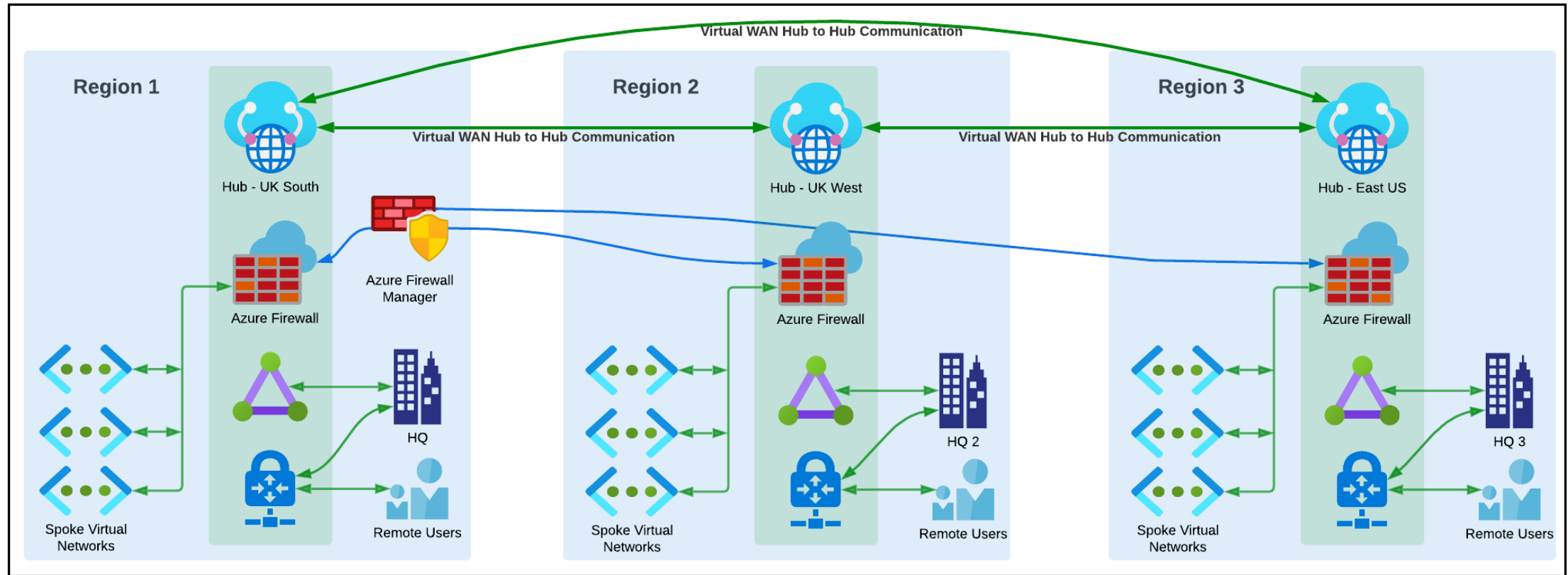
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Expansion Options... +1 Region





Expansion Options... +2 Regions





Expansion Options

- ✓ Regional Expansion
- ✓ Firewalling options – Scale up to Premium
- ✓ Hub Routing Intent – Cross Region & Internet traffic all via NVAs/AzFWs
- ✓ Centralised Firewall Rulesets and Management
- ✓ ExpressRoute and VPN Gateway Support (S2S and P2S)
- ✓ Full Mesh Topology – enabling communication via the MS Global Network
- ✓ Spokes can communicate (via Firewall if required).
- ✓ Automated Route Table Management & Provisioning
- ✓ Single Control of Virtual Networks via Virtual WAN
- ✓ Scale in routing units up to 50Gbps and 50,000 VMs per Hub



Where do we begin?

- **Recommendation** – Get familiar with the basics and concepts using a lab. My Terraform Environment can help here!
- Consider **upskilling and training** – AZ-700 and AZ-305 exams are helpful.
- **Have a plan!** Consider the Cloud Adoption Framework guidance and understand drivers/goals/objectives.
- Organisational deployment - **Start with a Single Hub** and expand from there.
- Consult **Guidance** – MS docs for migrating from Hub/Spoke - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/migrate-from-hub-spoke-topology>
- **Engage a Partner** – Design/Implementation/Support etc.

Demo / Lab Environment - Terraform

```
1  # virtual-wan Resources
2  # virtual-wan
3  resource "azurerm_virtual_wan" "virtual-wan1" {
4      name                = "${var.lab-name}-virtual-wan-01"
5      resource_group_name = azurerm_resource_group.region1-rg1.name
6      location            = var.region1
7
8      # Configuration
9      office365_local_breakout_category = "OptimizeAndAllow"
10
11     tags = {
12         Environment = var.environment_tag
13     }
14 }
15 # virtual-wan Hub 1
16 resource "azurerm_virtual_hub" "region1-vhub1" {
17     name                = "${var.region1}-virtual-wan-hub-01"
18     resource_group_name = azurerm_resource_group.region1-rg1.name
19     location            = var.region1
20     virtual_wan_id      = azurerm_virtual_wan.virtual-wan1.id
21     address_prefix      = var.virtual-wan-region1-hub1-prefix1
22
23     tags = {
24         Environment = var.environment_tag
25     }
26 }
```

<https://github.com/jakewalsh90/Terraform-Azure/tree/main/Virtual-WAN-Demo>



Useful Links

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/>
- **John Savill** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-GyAURZWzg>
- **Global Transit Architecture:** <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/virtual-wan-global-transit-network-architecture>
- <https://jakewalsh.co.uk/deploying-azure-virtual-wan-using-terraform/>
- <https://github.com/jakewalsh90/Terraform-Azure/tree/main/vWAN-DemoLab>
- <https://github.com/jakewalsh90/Terraform-Modules-Azure/tree/main/azure-quick-virtualwan>
- Exams – Az-700 and Az-305
- NVA Options: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/about-nva-hub>
- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/about-nva-hub#partners>



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Thank You!

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