

Exploring the benefits of Azure Virtual WAN

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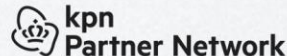
If in any doubt, please check latest documentation and MS Links for updated info!





Agenda

- What is Azure Virtual WAN?
- Use Cases
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- Where do we begin?
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What is Azure Virtual WAN?

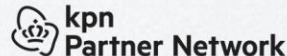
Azure Virtual WAN is a **Networking Service** that brings various elements together in a single operational interface.

Azure Virtual WAN now generally available

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Key Features Include:

- Software-defined connectivity
- Centralised network management
- Optimised security and agility thanks to the Microsoft Global Network



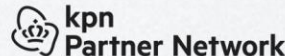


What is Azure Virtual WAN?



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






Virtual WAN is always improving....

What's new in Azure Virtual WAN?

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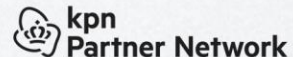
- Recent releases
- Preview
- Known issues
- Next steps

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>

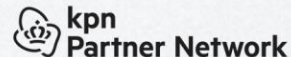




Virtual WAN is always improving....

Type	Area	Name	Description	Date added	Limitations
Feature	Routing	Routing intent	Routing intent is the mechanism through which you can configure Virtual WAN to send private or internet traffic via a security solution deployed in the hub.	May 2023	Support for inter-region is currently rolling out. Routing Intent is Generally Available in Azure public cloud. See documentation for additional limitations.

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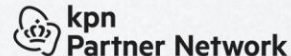
Where is Virtual WAN available?

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

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

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

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



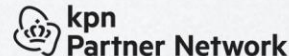
Virtual WAN is like a buffet...



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!





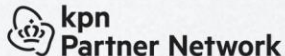
Two SKUs

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

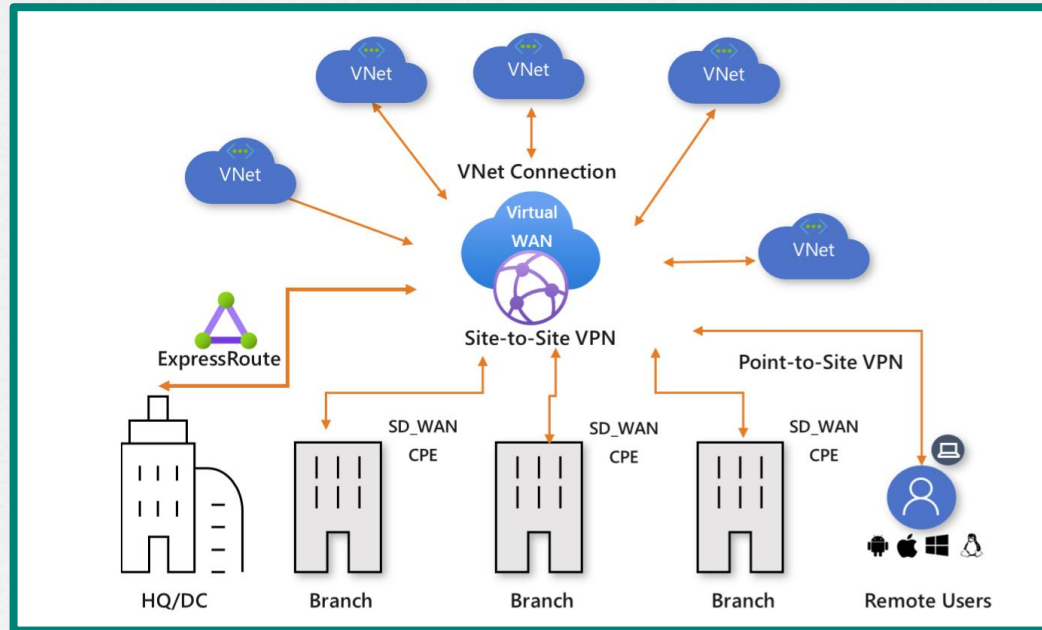
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You can upgrade from Basic to Standard, but can't revert from Standard back to Basic.

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Example Topology



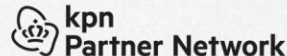
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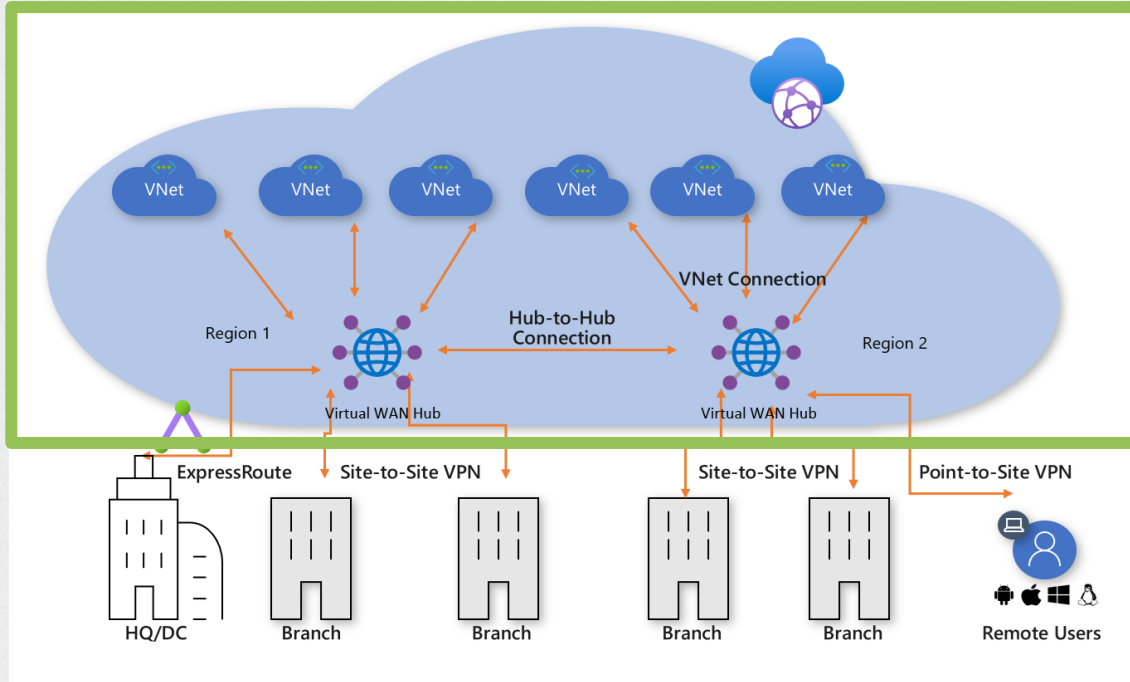
Core Components

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

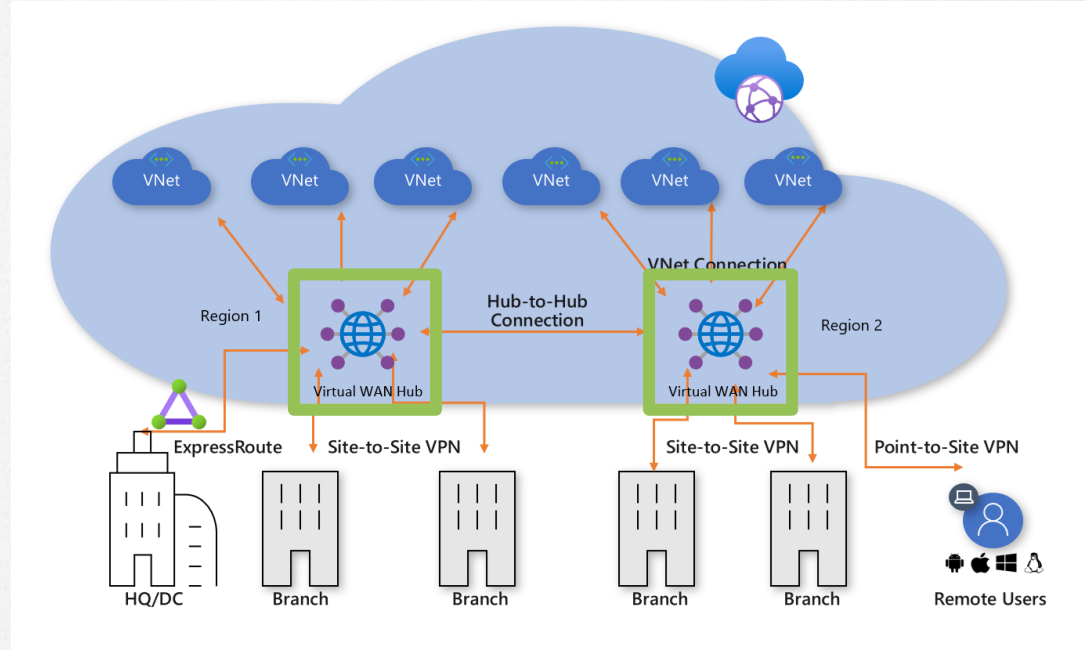


- Virtual overlay of your Azure Networking
- A collection of multiple Resources
- Contains all Virtual WAN components within your topology

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!

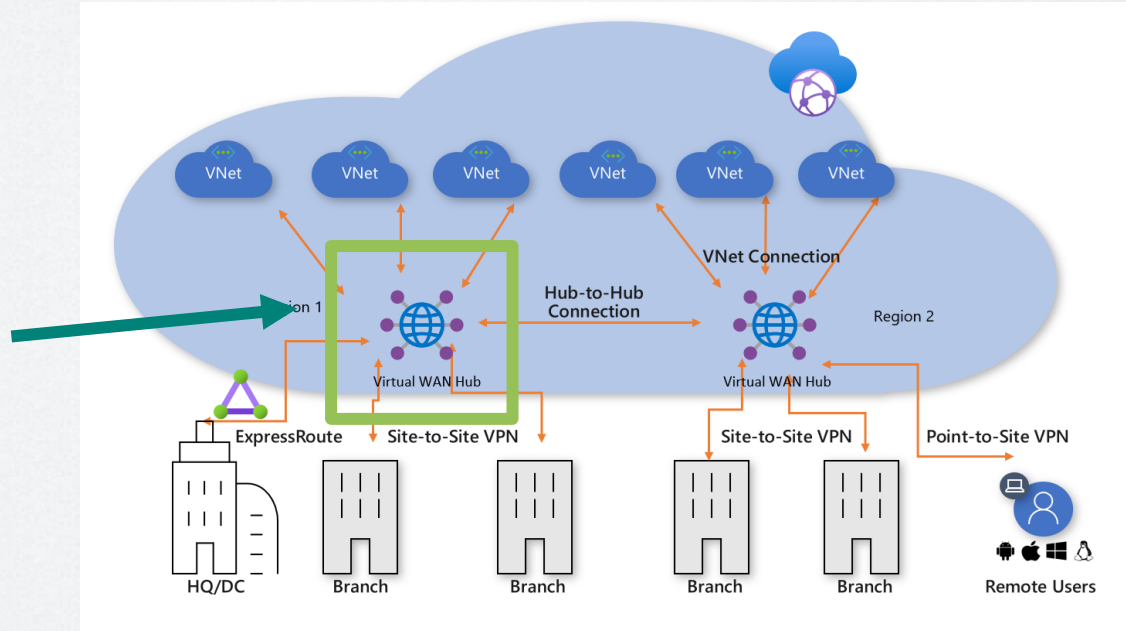


What's in the Hub?



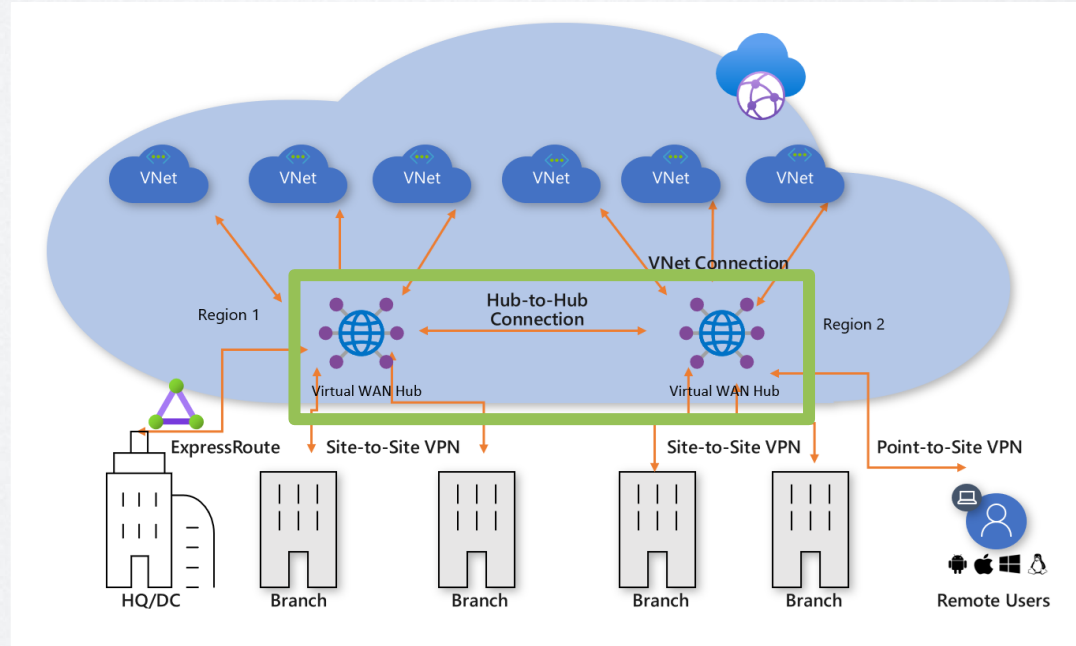
Items we can deploy into a Hub:

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



Hub to Hub Connection

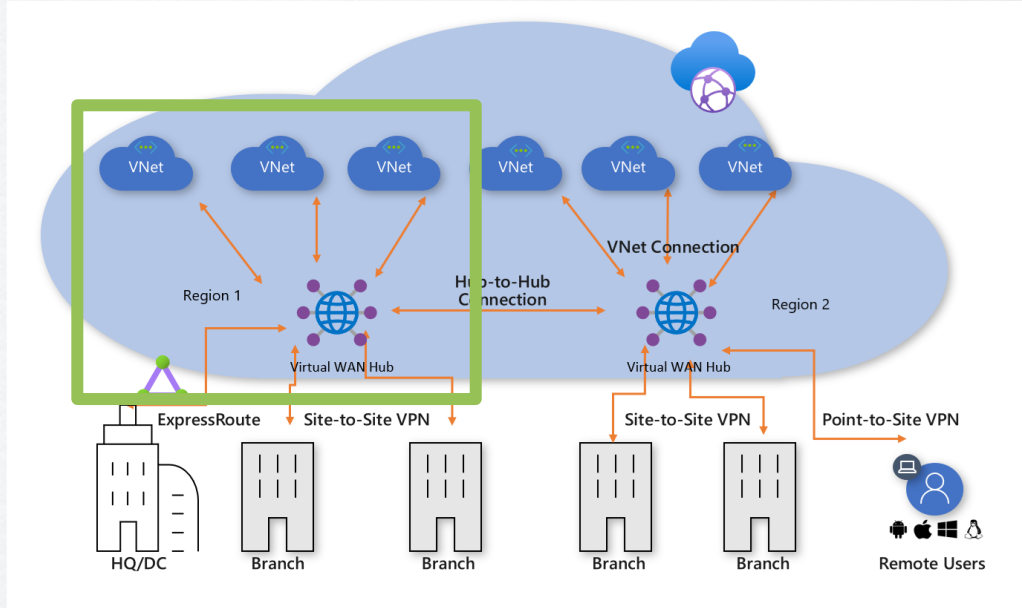
- Virtual WAN Hubs are connected within a Virtual WAN.
- Hubs can communicate freely and routing is propagated.
- Inter-Region connectivity is established using Virtual WAN Hubs.
- Connectivity can be controlled using a Firewall or NVA. **Note:** there are were limitations around inter-region communication.



Hub Virtual Network Connection



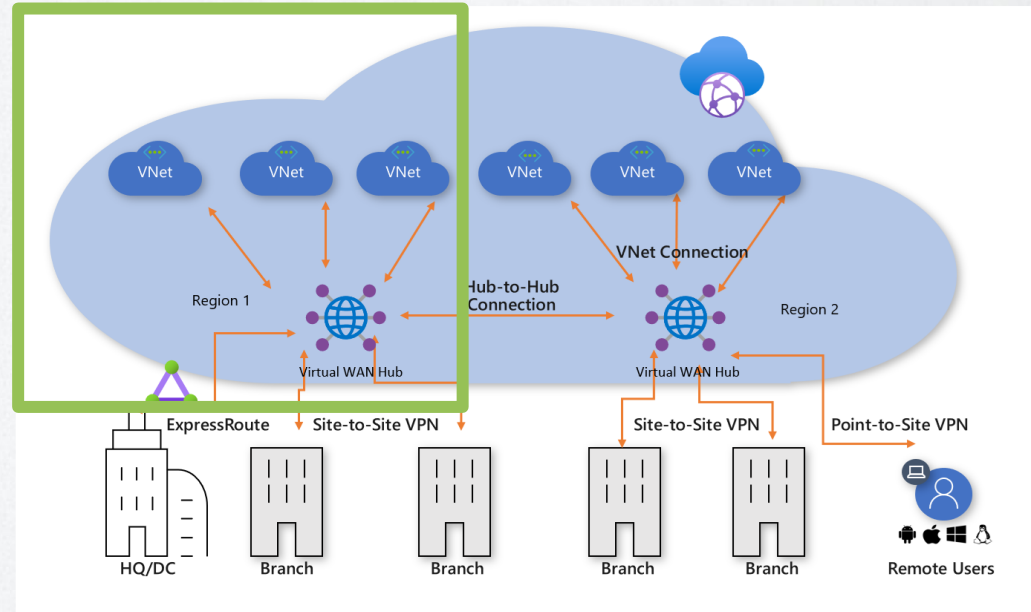
- A Hub Virtual Network connection joins a spoke network to a Virtual WAN Hub.
- A Virtual Network can be connected to a single Virtual WAN hub.
- Traffic is enabled between the Virtual WAN Hub and Spoke Virtual Network.
- Azure Firewall or an NVA is used in many cases to control this traffic.



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.

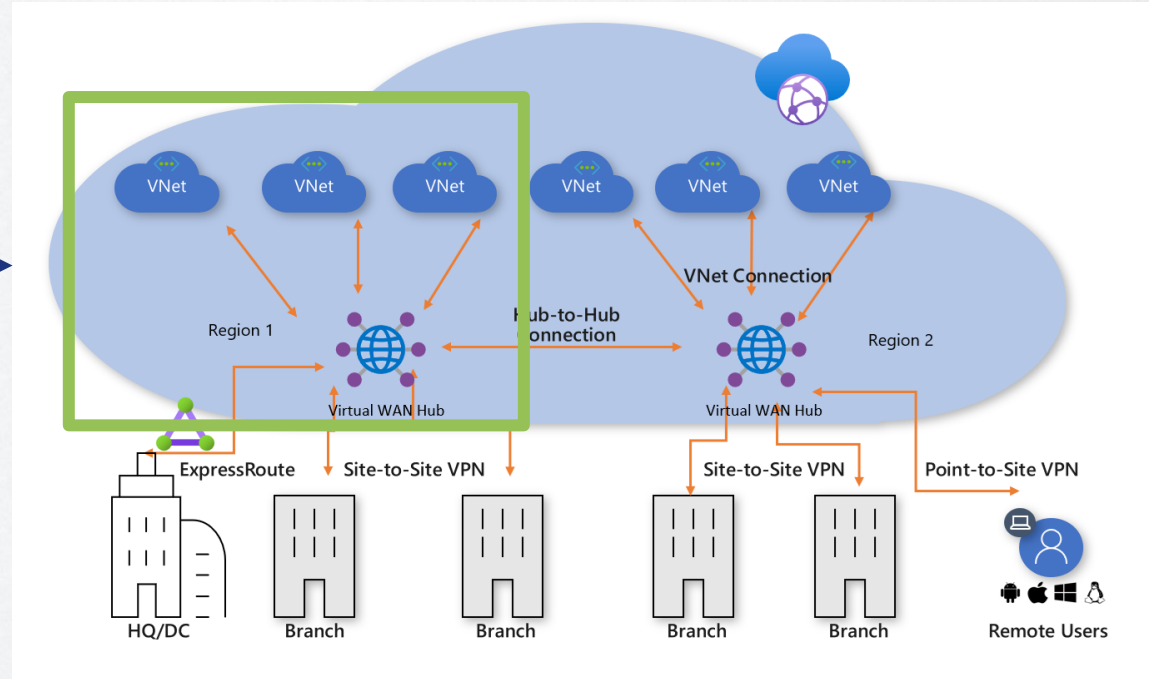


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What about Hub and Spoke?



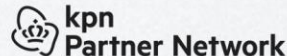
- Virtual WAN replaces an existing Hub Spoke architecture with Spoke VNETs peered into a Virtual WAN Hub.
- Hubs become fully managed by Virtual WAN.
- Central management of all Hubs in the topology.
- All Spokes peer into a Virtual WAN Hub, with connectivity and inter-region traffic routed via the Hub.





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



[Clear all filters](#)



Add filter

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



Settings



Configuration



Properties



Locks

Connectivity



Hubs



VPN sites



User VPN configurations



ExpressRoute circuits



Virtual network connections

Monitor










Connection monitor







Insights





- 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



<<  Edit virtual hub  Delete  Refresh  Reset router  Reset Hub

 Overview


Connectivity
 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

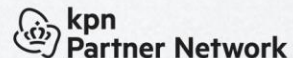
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 No gateway ([Create](#))

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 ? Help Auto refresh: Off

Hub Gateway Level Metrics

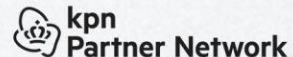
[S2S VPN Connection Metrics](#)

[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.

The screenshot displays the Azure portal interface for a Virtual WAN hub. The left-hand navigation pane is highlighted with a green border and contains the following sections:

- Overview** (selected)
- Connectivity**
 - 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
- Third party providers**
 - Network Virtual Appliance
 - SaaS Solutions

The main content area is titled "uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01" and includes a search bar and action buttons: "Edit virtual hub", "Delete", "Refresh", "Reset router", and "Reset Hub".

Essentials


Name	: uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01	Routing status	: ✓ Provisioned
Resource group	: virtual-wanDemo-uksouth-Virtual-WAN-rg-01	Hub routing preference	: ExpressRoute
Hub status	: ✓ Succeeded	Metrics	: View in Azure Monitor
Private address space	: 10.10.0.0/21		
Location	: UK South		

Virtual network connections
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Below this, five configuration boxes are shown, each with a status indicator and a "(Create)" link:

- 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)

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

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

Overview

Connectivity

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

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.](#)

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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.

Home > virtual-wanDemo-virtual-wan-01

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Virtual WAN

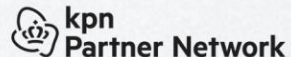
Search

+ New Hub Refresh

Search for hubs by name Clear all filters

Add filter

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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, 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, and Location. To the right, 'Routing status' is 'Provisioned', 'Hub routing preference' is 'ExpressRoute', and 'Metrics' are available in Azure Monitor. A 'Virtual network connections' section shows 1 vNet connection. At the bottom, five configuration options are presented: VPN (Site to site), User VPN (Point to site), ExpressRoute, Azure Firewall, and Network Virtual Appliance. Each option has a radio button and a '(Create)' link. The 'Azure Firewall' and 'Network Virtual Appliance' options are highlighted with a green border.

uksouth-virtual-wan-hub-01 Virtual HUB

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

Essentials

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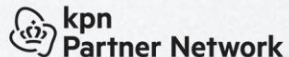
Azure Firewall and NVA Options



Partners

The following SD-WAN connectivity Network Virtual Appliances can be deployed in the Virtual WAN hub.

Partners	Configuration/How-to/Deployment guide	Dedicated support model
Barracuda Networks ↗	Barracuda SecureEdge for Virtual WAN Deployment Guide ↗	Yes
Cisco SD-WAN ↗	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 ↗	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 ↗	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
Fortinet SD-WAN ↗	Fortinet SD-WAN deployment guide ↗ . The managed application for this deployment can be found at this Azure Marketplace Link ↗ .	No
Aruba EdgeConnect ↗	Aruba EdgeConnect SD-WAN deployment guide ↗ . Currently in Preview: Azure Marketplace link ↗	No





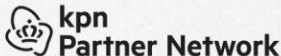
Azure Firewall and NVA Options

The following security Network Virtual Appliance can be deployed in the Virtual WAN hub. This Virtual Appliance can be used to inspect all North-South, East-West, and Internet-bound traffic.

Partners	Configuration/How-to/Deployment guide	Dedicated support model
Check Point CloudGuard Network Security (CGNS) Firewall ↗	To access the preview of Check Point CGNS Firewall deployed in the Virtual WAN hub, reach out to DL-vwan-support-preview@checkpoint.com with your subscription ID.	No
Fortinet Next-Generation Firewall (NGFW) ↗	To access the preview of Fortinet NGFW deployed in the Virtual WAN hub, reach out to azurevwan@fortinet.com with your subscription ID. For more information about the offering, see the Fortinet blog post ↗ .	No

The following dual-role SD-WAN connectivity and security (Next-Generation Firewall) Network Virtual Appliances can be deployed in the Virtual WAN hub. These Virtual Appliances can be used to inspect all North-South, East-West, and Internet-bound traffic.

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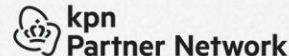


Azure Firewall and NVA Options

- 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
- Hub Routing Intent – GA 18/05/2023: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-wan/how-to-routing-policies>

📌 Note

The rollout for routing intent capabilities to support inter-region traffic is currently underway. Inter-region capabilities may not be immediately available.



Monitoring

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

The screenshot displays the Azure Virtual WAN Insights dashboard for a resource named 'virtual-wan-demo-01'. The interface includes a left-hand navigation pane with sections for Connectivity, Monitor, and Automation. The 'Insights' option under the Monitor section is highlighted with a green box. The main content area shows a network topology diagram. At the top of the main area, there is a search bar, a filter button, and several action buttons: 'Refresh', 'Download topology', 'New support request', and 'View detailed metrics'. The topology diagram illustrates the connection from the 'virtual-wan-demo-01' hub to two local sites: 'localsite' and 'uksouth-virtual-wan-uk-south-conn-vnet1...uksouth-vnet-01'. Each connection path is marked with a green checkmark, indicating a successful or healthy state. The diagram also shows intermediate connection points and end-user networks for both the UK South and East US regions.

Monitoring – let's talk metrics!



Metric	Description
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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).
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Metric	Description
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Gateway P2S Bandwidth	Average point-to-site aggregate bandwidth of a gateway in bytes per second.
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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 and select Max if you split By Instance .
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User VPN Routes Count	Number of User VPN Routes configured on the VPN gateway. This metric is split into Static and Dynamic Routes.
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Metric	Description
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Tunnel Egress Packet Drop Count	Count of Outgoing packets dropped by tunnel.
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Tunnel Ingress Packet Drop Count	Count of Incoming packets dropped by tunnel.
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Tunnel NAT Packet Drops	Number of NATed packets dropped on a tunnel by drop type and NAT rule.
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Tunnel Egress TS Mismatch Packet Drop	Outgoing packet drop count from traffic selector mismatch of a tunnel.
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Tunnel Ingress TS Mismatch Packet Drop	Incoming packet drop count from traffic selector mismatch of a tunnel.
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Metric	Description
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BGP Peer Status	BGP connectivity status per peer and per instance.
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BGP Routes Advertised	Number of routes advertised per peer and per instance.
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BGP Routes Learned	Number of routes learned per peer and per instance.
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VNET Address Prefix Count	Number of VNet address prefixes that are used/advertised by the gateway.
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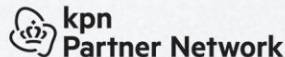
Monitoring – let's talk metrics!



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.

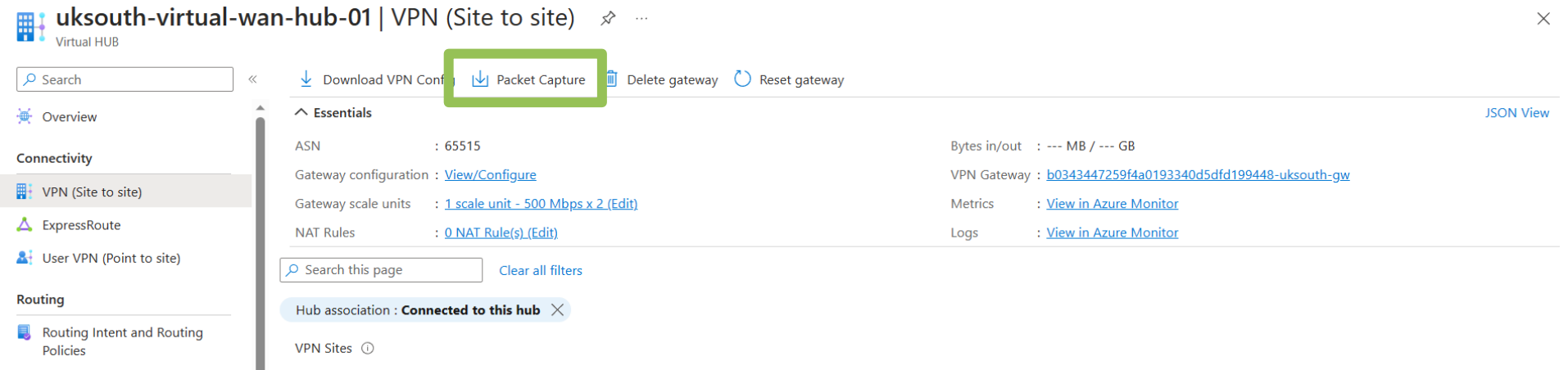
Metric	Description
Gateway Diagnostic Logs	Gateway-specific diagnostics such as health, configuration, service updates, and additional diagnostics.
Tunnel Diagnostic Logs	These are IPsec tunnel-related logs such as connect and disconnect events for a site-to-site IPsec tunnel, negotiated SAs, disconnect 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 includes sections for Overview, Connectivity (with VPN Site to site selected), ExpressRoute, User VPN (Point to site), and Routing (with Routing Intent and Routing Policies selected). The main content area shows the 'VPN (Site to site)' configuration. At the top, there are buttons for 'Download VPN Config', 'Packet Capture' (highlighted with a green box), 'Delete gateway', and 'Reset gateway'. Below these, the 'Essentials' section lists various configuration details: 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). On the right side, there are metrics for Bytes in/out, VPN Gateway ID, Metrics (with a 'View in Azure Monitor' link), and Logs (with a 'View in Azure Monitor' link). A search bar and a 'Clear all filters' link are also present. At the bottom, it shows 'Hub association : Connected to this hub' and '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 ⓘ

Max Packet Buffer Size ⓘ

Packets to capture



Source Subnet ⓘ

Source Port ⓘ

Destination Subnet ⓘ

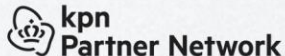
Destination Port ⓘ

TCP Flags



Protocol ⓘ

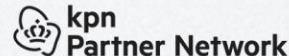
Capture Single Direction Traffic Only





Administration – obvious, but relevant...

- Centralised Cloud Network - use AAD credentials for Administration
- AAD 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!

Learn / Security / Benchmark / Security baselines for Azure (MCSB v1) /



Azure security baseline for Virtual WAN

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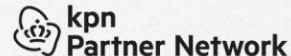
Feedback

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 dashboard.

When a feature has relevant Azure Policy Definitions, they are listed in this baseline to help you measure compliance to 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>

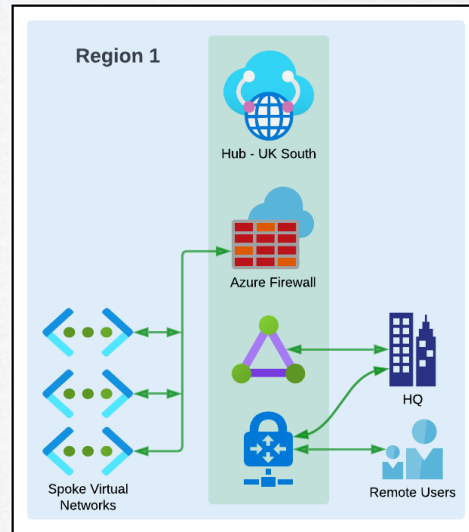


Expansion Options

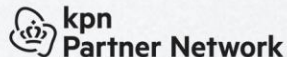


Expansion is easy with Virtual WAN:

- 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

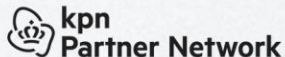
Connectivity

- Hubs**
- VPN sites
- User VPN configurations

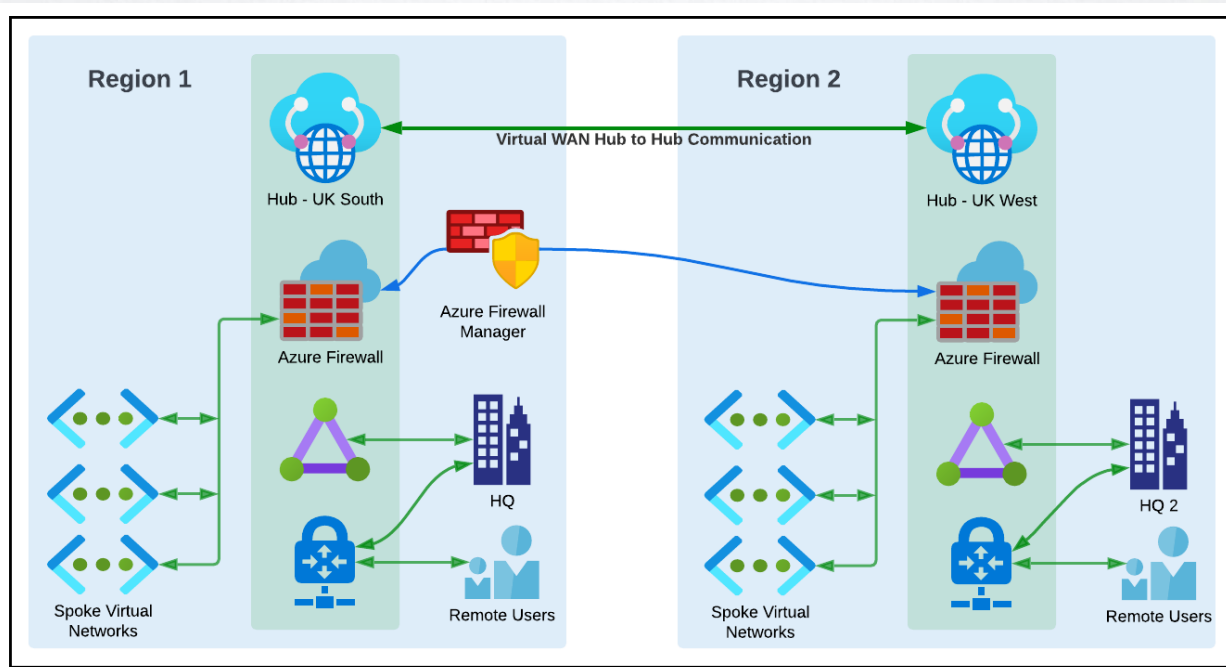
Search for hubs by name Clear all filters

+ Add filter

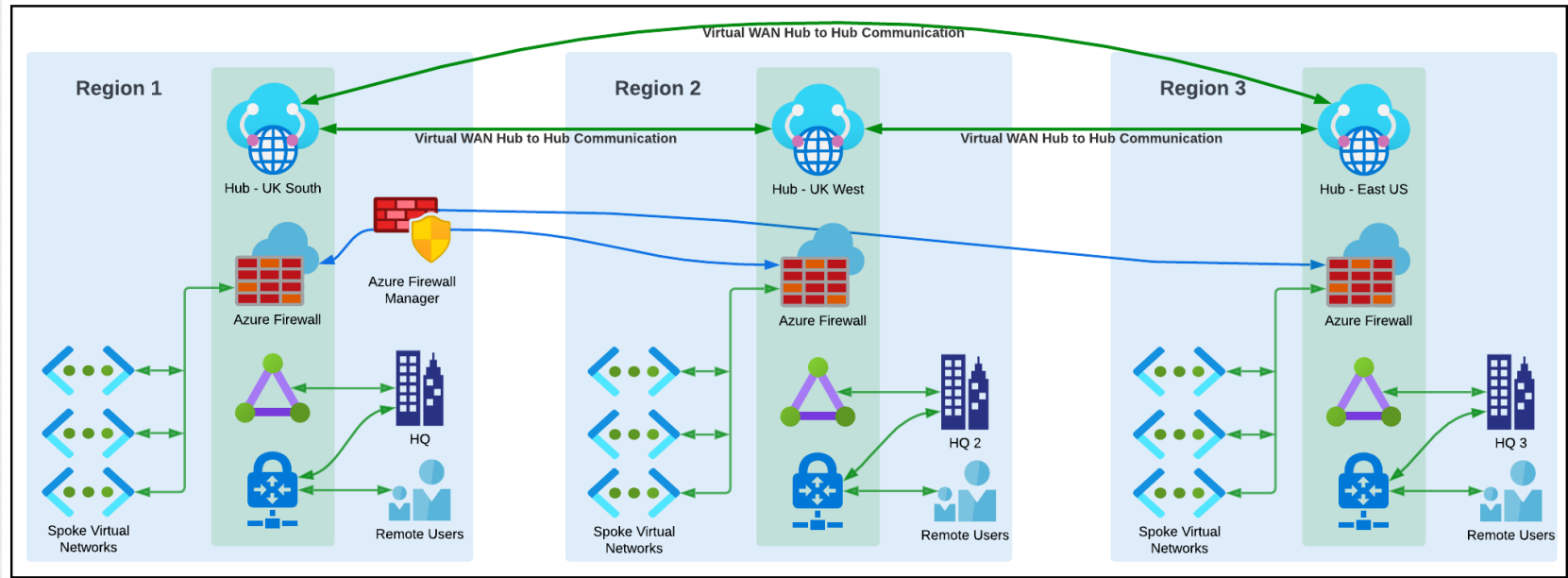
Hub	Hub status	Region	VPN sites	Address Space
uksouth-virtual-wan-1	✓ Succeeded	UK South	-	10.10.0.0/21
eastus-virtual-wan-hu	✓ Succeeded	East US	-	10.20.0.0/21



Expansion Options... +1 Region



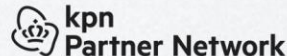
Expansion Options... +2 Regions





Expansion Options

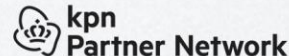
- ✓ Regional Expansion
- ✓ Firewalling options – Scale up to Premium
- ✓ Hub Routing Intent – Cross Region & Internet traffic all via NVAs/AzFWs
- ✓ Centralised Firewall Rulesets and Management
- ✓ ExpressRoute and VPN Gateway Support (S2S and P2S)
- ✓ Full Mesh Topology – enabling communication via 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



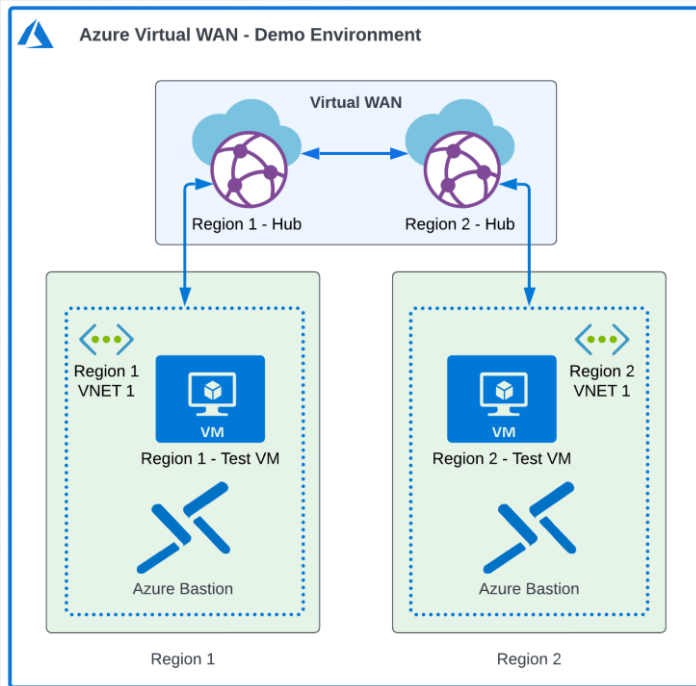


Where do we begin?

- **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-720 exams are relevant!
- **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 Environment



- Basic Virtual WAN environment for Labs/Testing.
- Terraform based environment – available within my GitHub Account.
- Simple deployment but can be expanded.
- Deployed into a Single Azure Subscription.
- Core components included with expansion options.

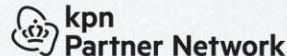


Demo / Lab Environment - Terraform

```
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  }
```

The same environment I am using for my Demo can be downloaded here:

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





Useful Links

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

John Savill – A Great Virtual WAN Overview - <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/>

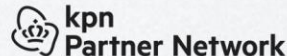
<https://github.com/jakewalsh90/Terraform-Azure/tree/main/vWAN-DemoLab>

<https://github.com/jakewalsh90/Terraform-Modules-Azure/tree/main/azure-quick-virtualwan>

Exams – Az-700 and Az-720

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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