

Cloud Security

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Outline

- Cloud Computing
- Shared Responsibility
- Cloud VMs
- Virtual Private Cloud
- Securing VPCs
- Data Security
- Connecting Networks and services
- Identity and Access Management
- Cloud Security Monitoring
- Security-Related Best Practices
- Edge Caching
- Automating Architecture
- Securing AWS Account

Cloud Computing



Cloud Computing

- Shared pool of configurable **computing resources**
 - Networks, servers, storage, applications, services, ...
 - **Rapidly provisioned/released** with minimal management effort or SP interaction
 - Eliminates financial and technological **barriers**



Characteristics of Cloud Services

- Ubiquitous access via Internet technologies
- Shared infrastructure
- Lower costs and variable pricing
- Flexible and scalable services
- Dynamic provisioning
- Service orientation
- Managed operations



SaaS

PaaS

IaaS



Hosted applications



Development tools, database management, business analytics



Operating systems



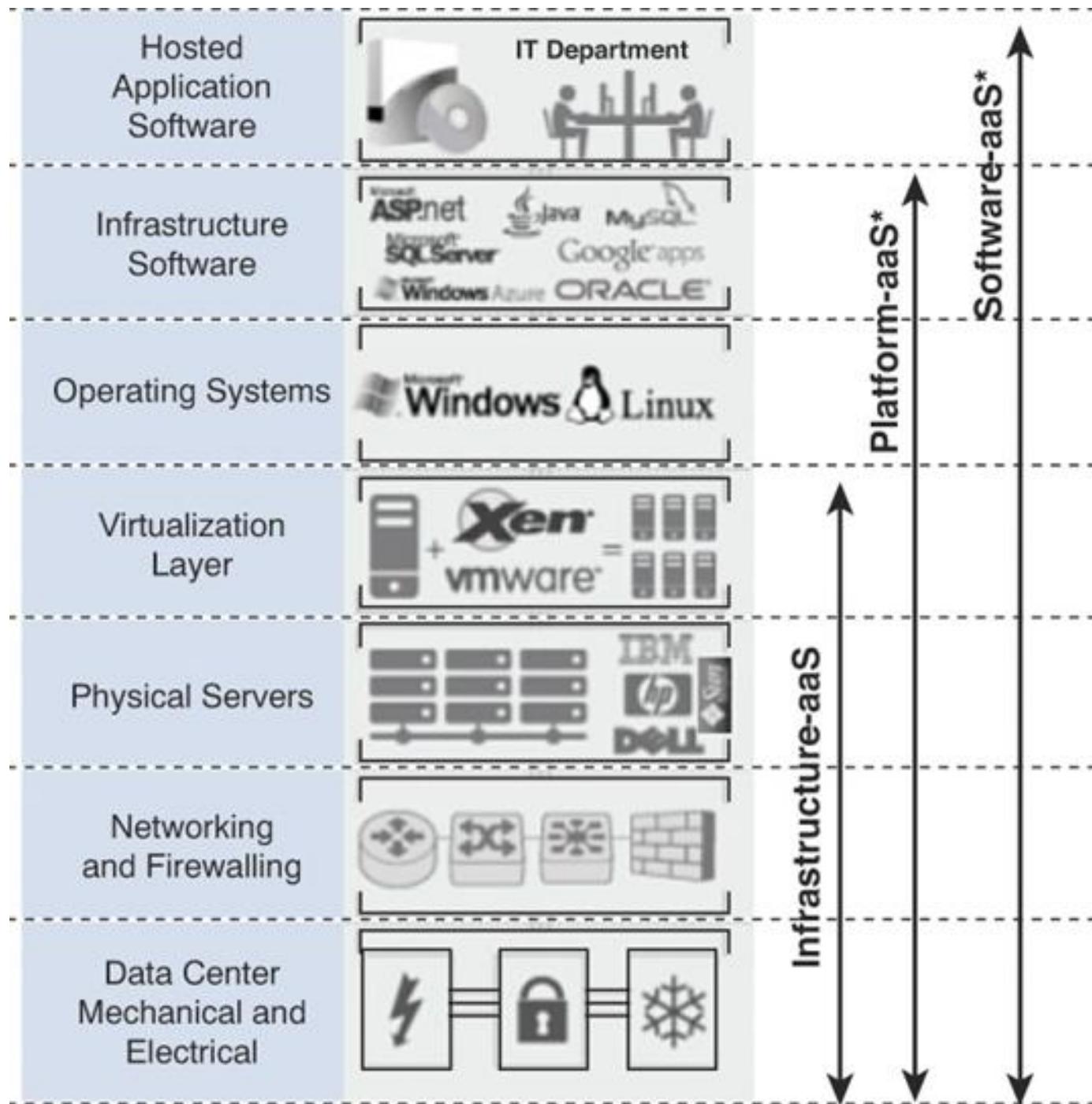
Servers and storage



Networking firewalls / security

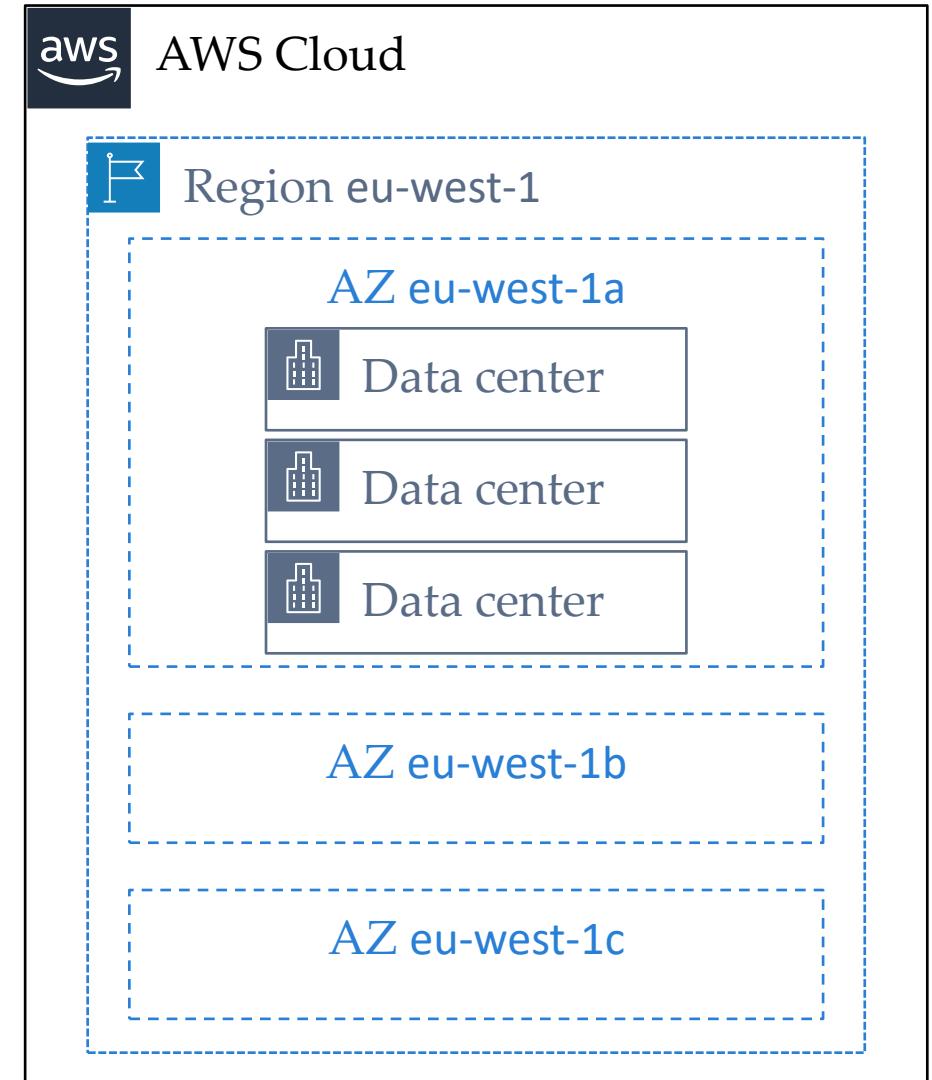


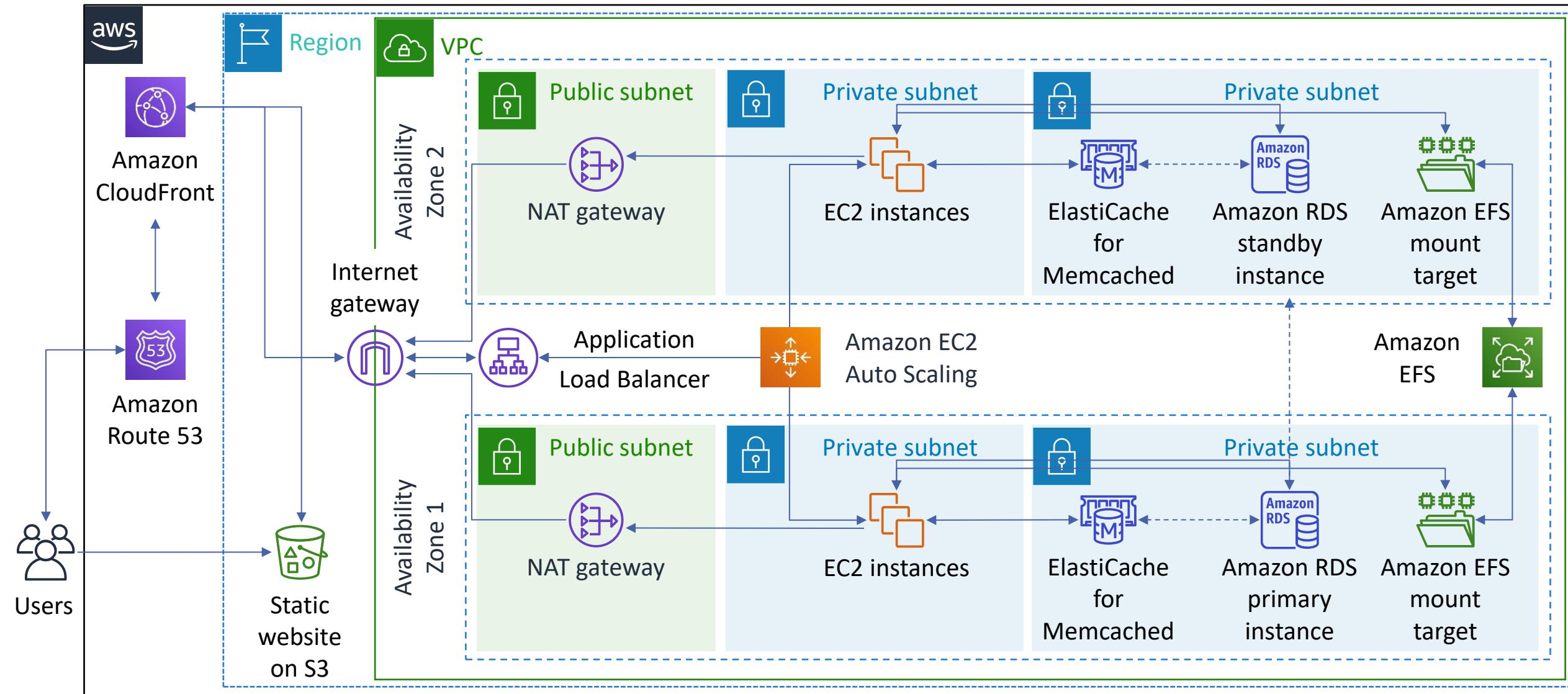
Data center physical plant / building



Regions and Availability Zones

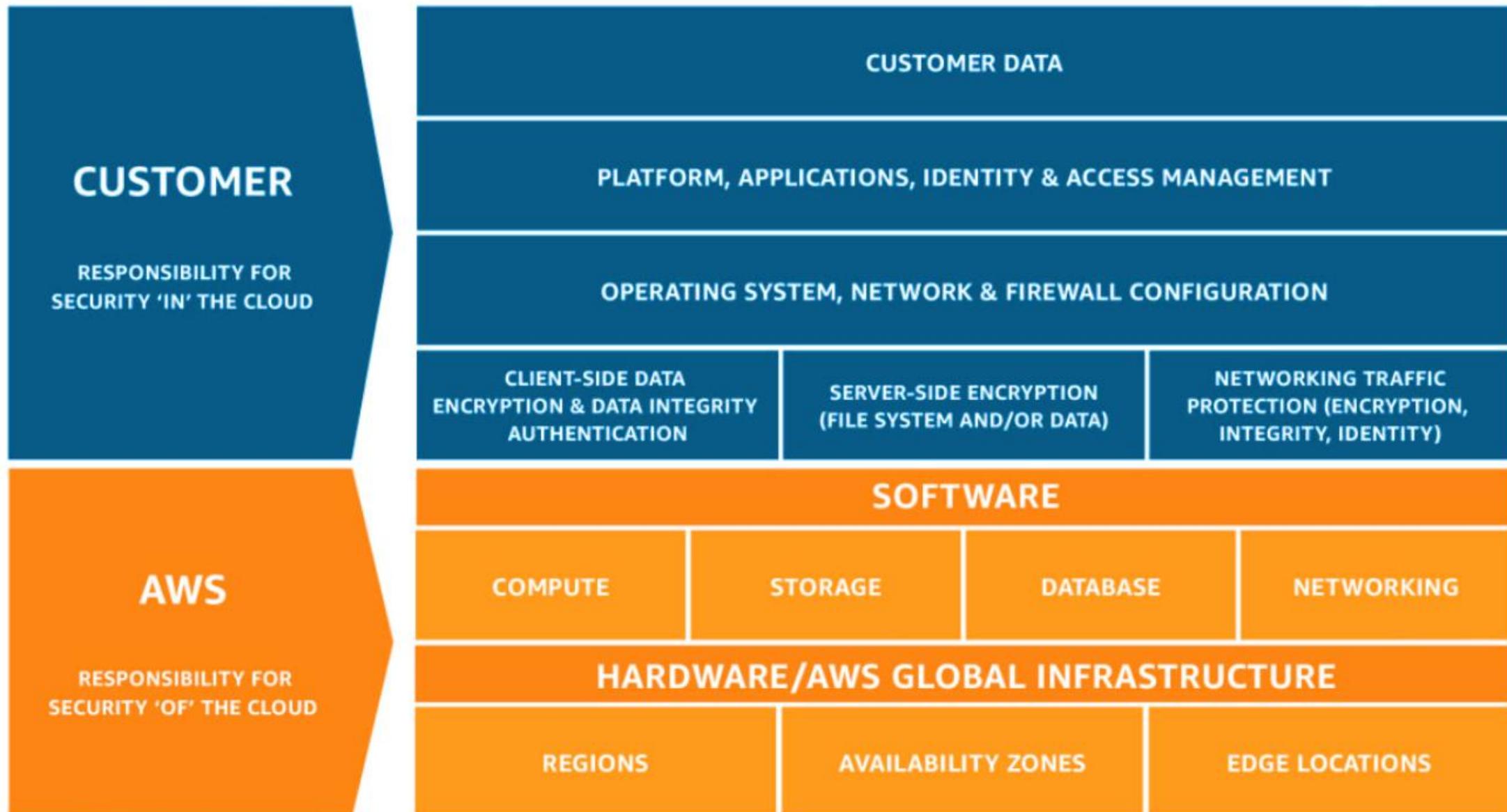
- Each region = 2 or more AZ
- Each AZ
 - 1-6 data centres
 - Independent failure zone
 - **Fault isolation**
 - Interconnected with other AZs in a region using high-speed **private links**
- AWS recommends **replicating** across AZs for **resiliency**





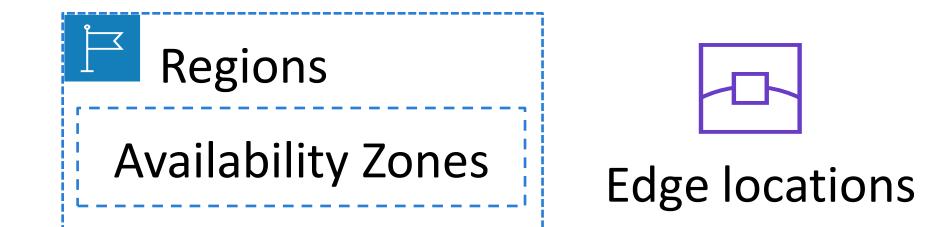
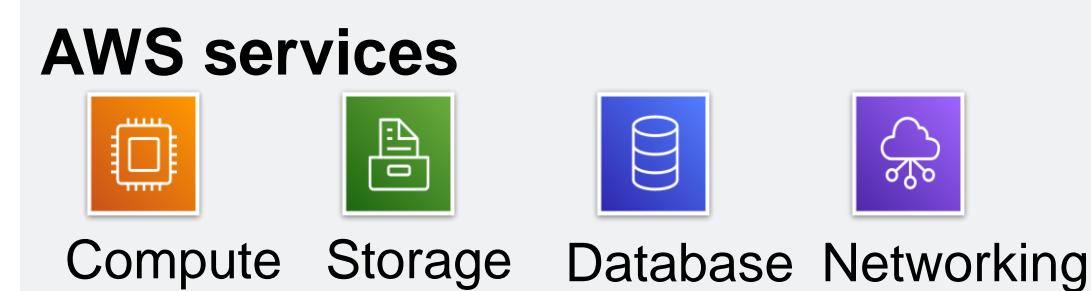
Shared Responsibility

Shared Responsibility Model



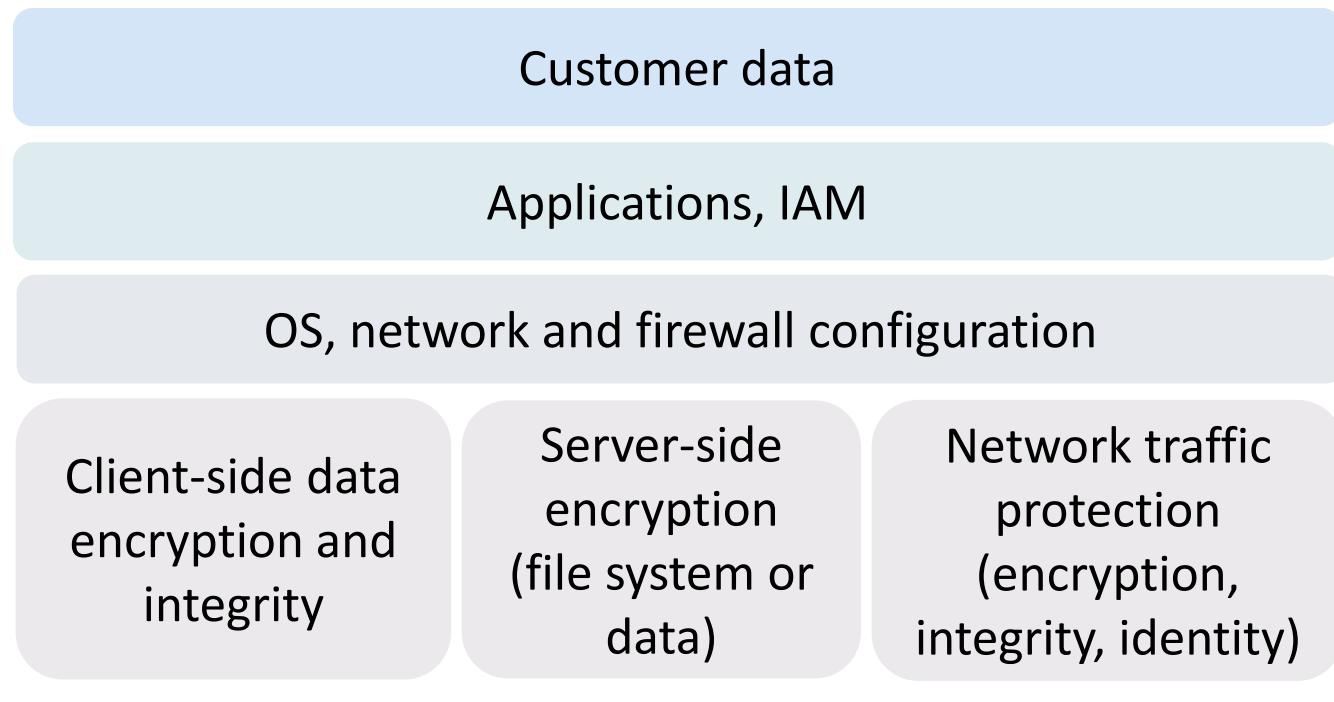
AWS Responsibility

- **Physical security of data centers**
 - Controlled need-based access
- H/w and s/w **infrastructure**
 - Storage decommissioning, host OS access logging and auditing (3rd party)
- **Network infrastructure**
 - Routers, switches, firewall, IDS
- **Virtualization infrastructure**
 - Instance isolation



Customer Responsibility

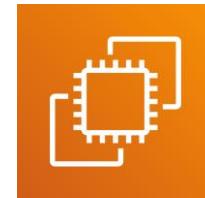
- **EC2 instance OS**
 - Including patching, maintenance
- **Applications**
 - Passwords, role-based access, etc
- **Security group configuration**
- **Host-based firewalls**
 - Including IDS, IPS
- **Network configurations**
- **Account management**
 - Login and permission settings for users



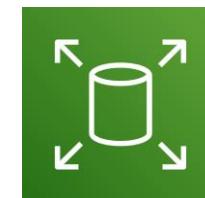
Customer-configurable

IaaS and Security Responsibility

- Customer
 - has more flexibility over **configuring networking and storage settings**
 - is responsible for managing **more aspects of security**
 - configures **access controls**



Amazon
EC2



Amazon
Elastic
Block Store
(EBS)



Amazon
Virtual Private
Cloud (VPC)

PaaS and Security Responsibility

- Customer **does not** need to manage infrastructure
- **AWS** handles OS, database patching, firewall configuration and disaster recovery
- Customer focus on managing **code or data**



AWS
Lambda



Amazon
RDS



AWS Elastic
Beanstalk

SaaS and Security Responsibility

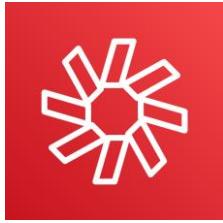
- Software is centrally hosted
- Licensed on **subscription** model or **pay-as-you-go** basis
- Services are accessed via **web browser**, mobile app or API
- Customers **do not** need to manage infrastructure that supports the service



AWS Trusted
Advisor



AWS Shield



Amazon Chime

Who is Responsible?

1. Upgrades and patches to the OS on the EC2 instance?

- **ANSWER:**

2. Physical security of the data center?

- **ANSWER:**

3. Virtualization infrastructure?

- **ANSWER:**

4. EC2 security group settings?

- **ANSWER:**

5. Configuration of applications that run on the EC2 instance?

- **ANSWER:**

6. Oracle upgrades or patches If the Oracle instance runs as an Amazon RDS instance?

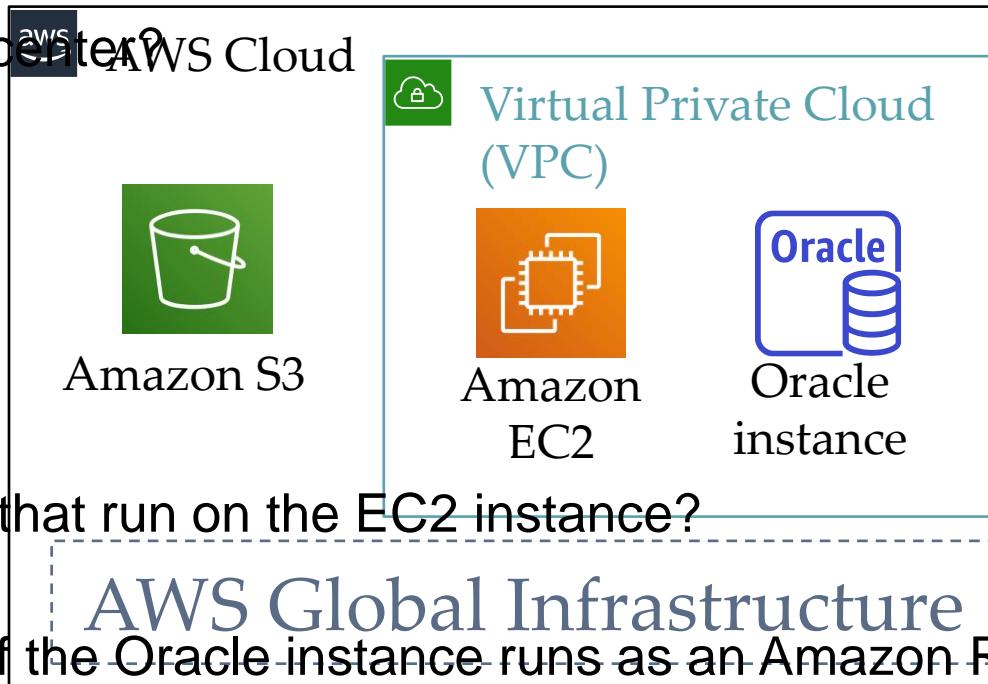
- **ANSWER:**

7. Oracle upgrades or patches If Oracle runs on an EC2 instance?

- **ANSWER:**

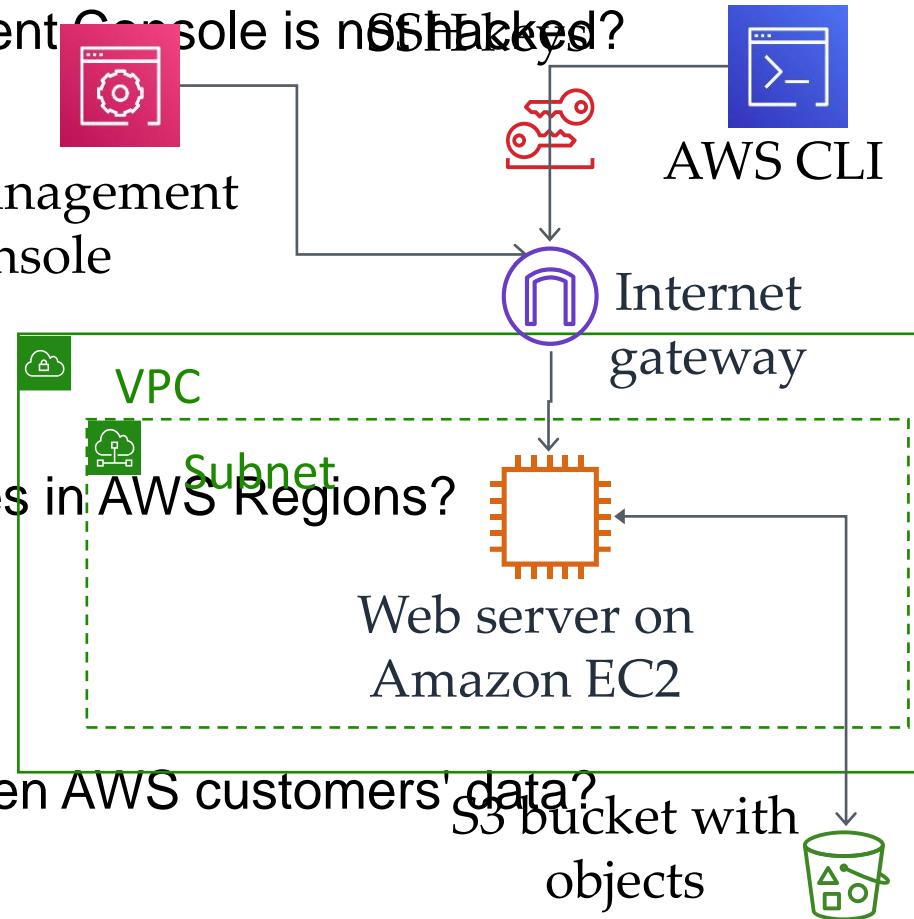
8. S3 bucket access configuration?

- **ANSWER:**



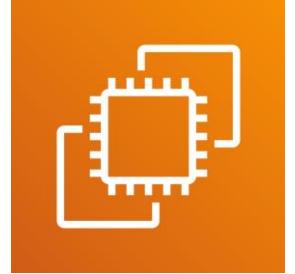
Who is Responsible?

1. Ensuring that the AWS Management Console is not hacked?
 - **ANSWER:**
2. Configuring the subnet? AWS Management Console
 - **ANSWER:**
3. Configuring the VPC?
 - **ANSWER:**
4. Protecting against network outages in AWS Regions?
 - **ANSWER:**
5. Securing the SSH keys
 - **ANSWER:**
6. Ensuring network isolation between AWS customers' data?
 - **ANSWER:**
7. Ensuring low-latency network connection between the web server and the S3 bucket?
 - **ANSWER:**
8. Enforcing multi-factor authentication for all user logins?
 - **ANSWER:**

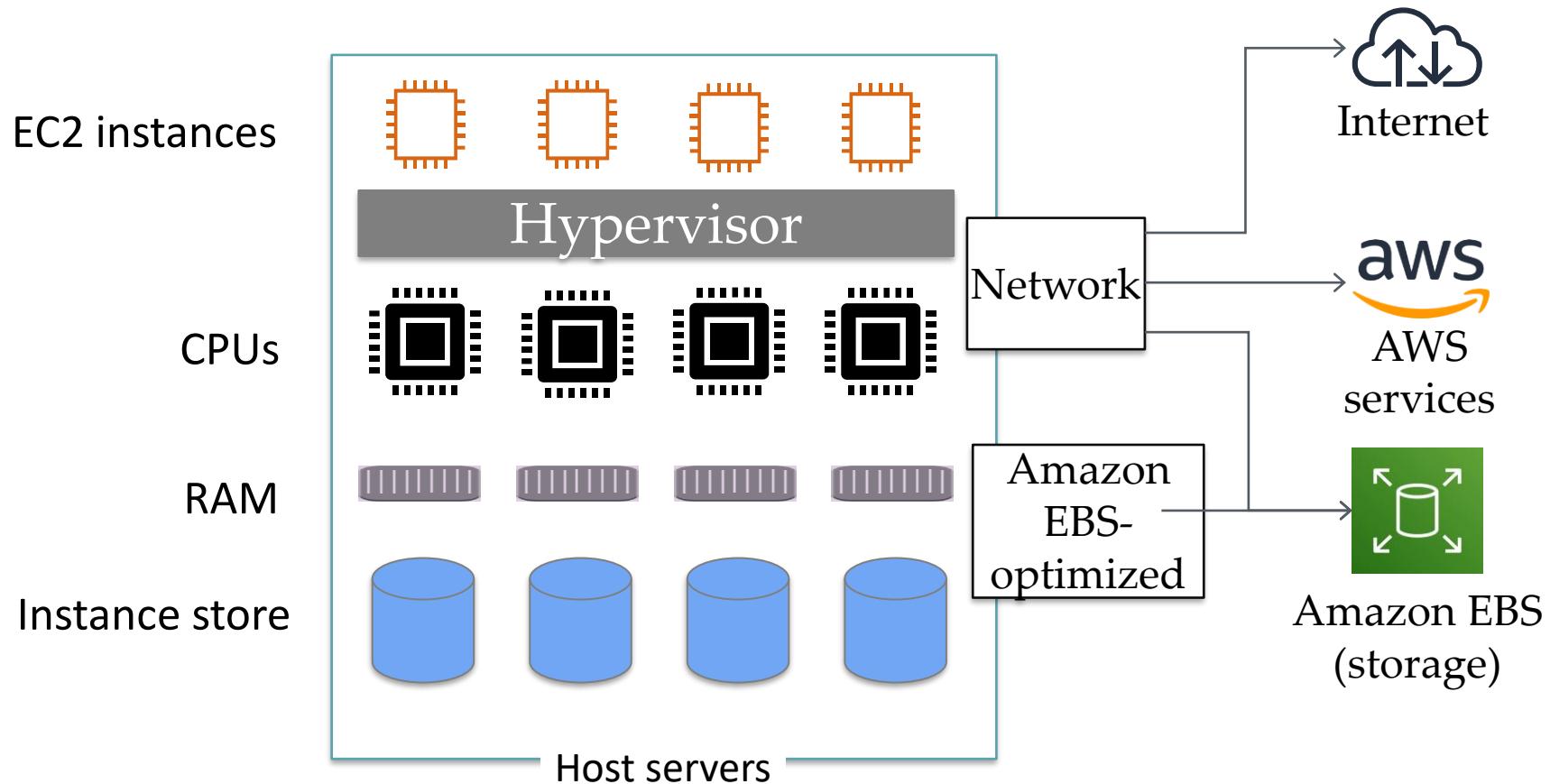


Cloud VMs

Amazon EC2

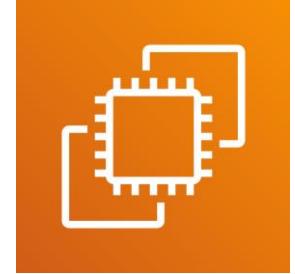


- Resizable **compute** capacity in the cloud
- EC2 instance is a **VM** that runs on physical host

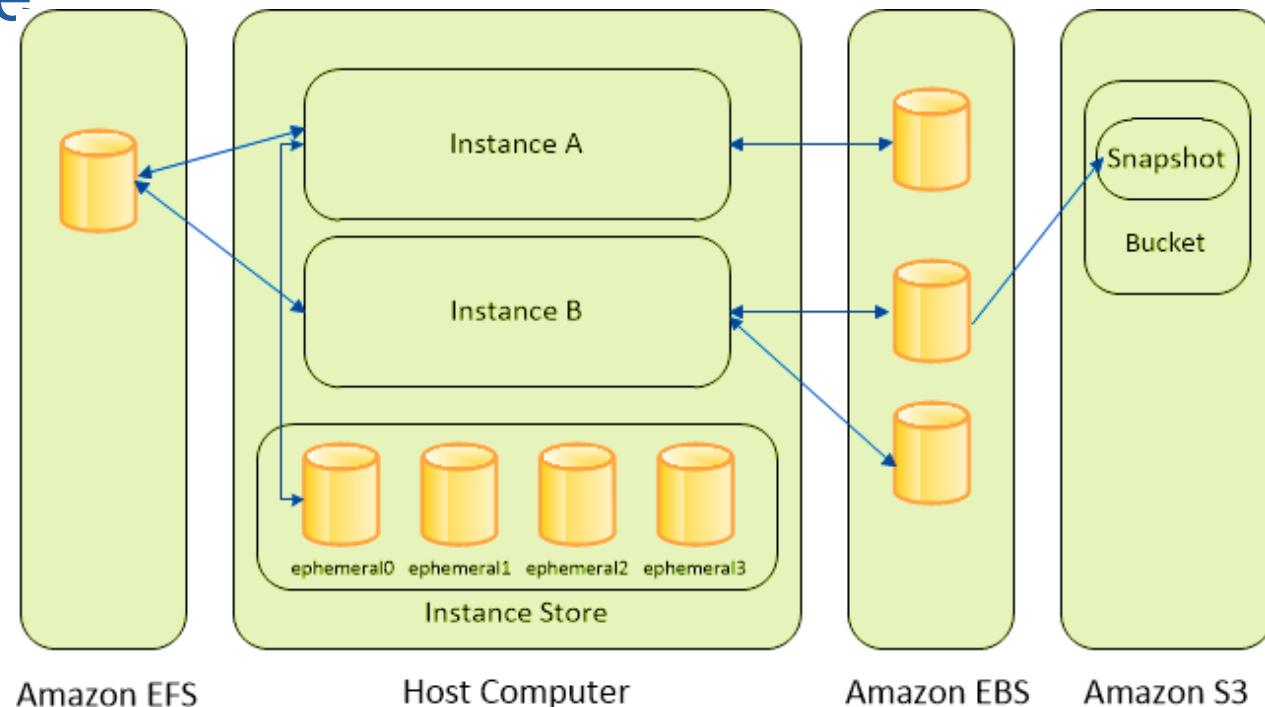


Amazon EC2
virtualization

Amazon EC2 (cont)



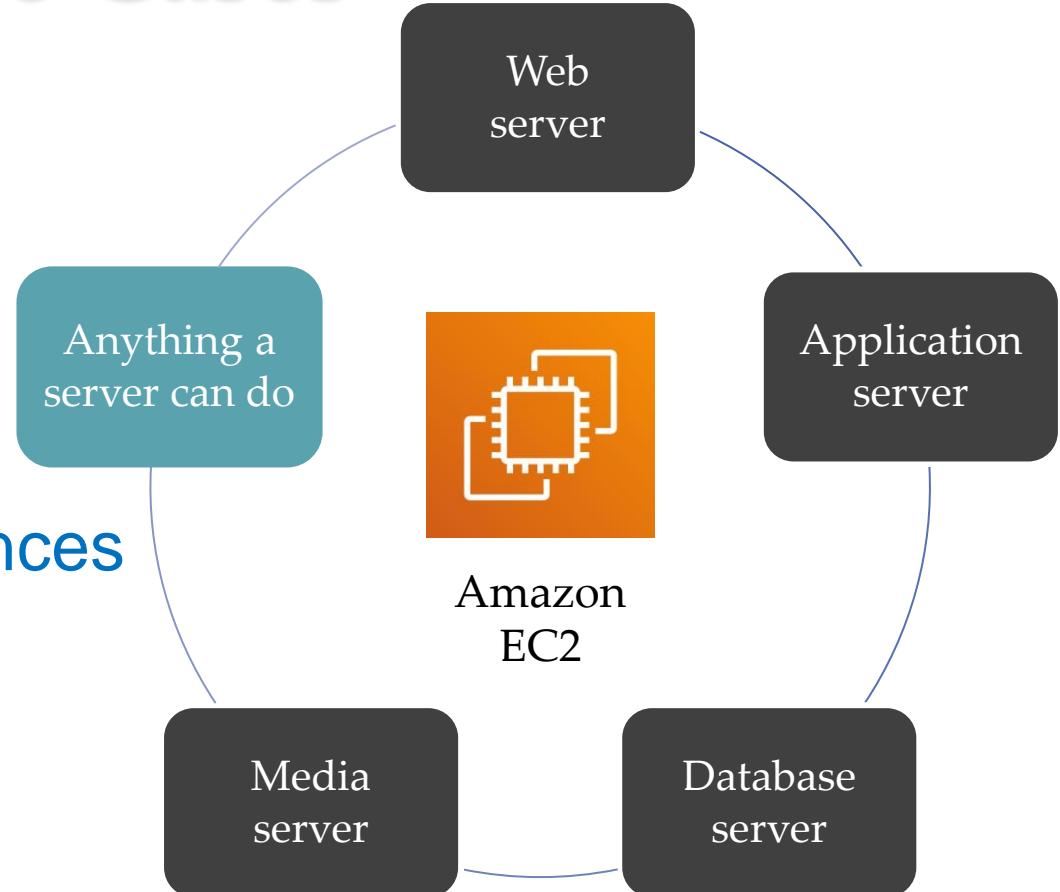
- Different configurations of CPU and memory capacity
- Provisions servers in minutes
- Can scale capacity up or down
- Pay for the capacity that you use
- Storage options
 - Instance store
 - EBS
 - EFS
 - S3



Amazon EC2 Use Cases

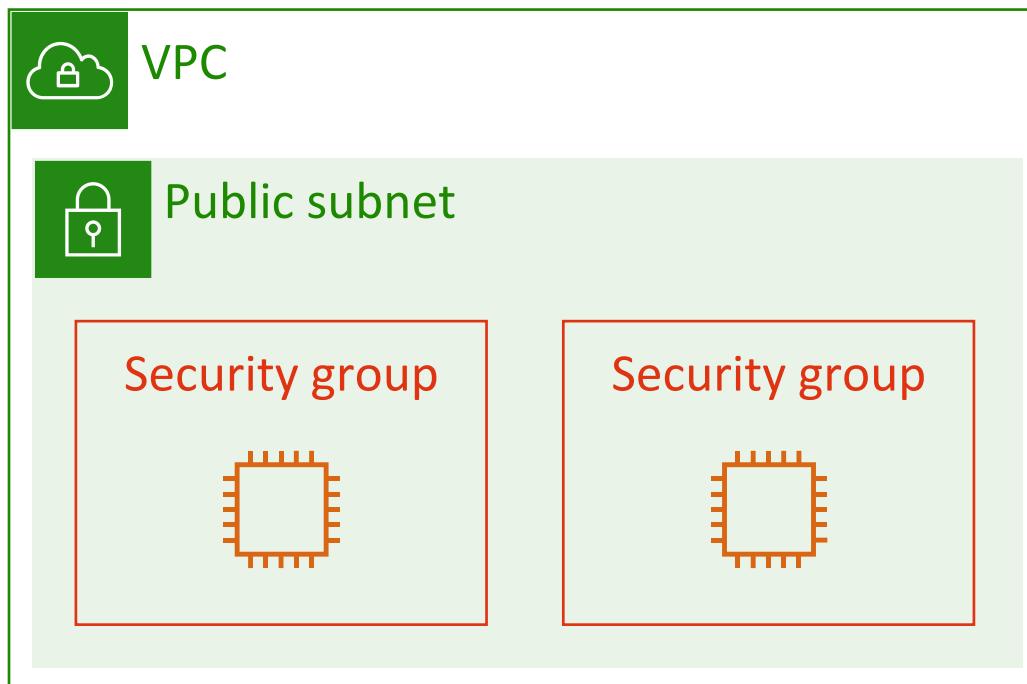
Use EC2 when you need

- Control of **computing resources**
e.g. OS, processor
- Options to optimize compute **costs**
 - On-Demand, Reserved and Spot Instances
 - Dedicated hosts
- Ability to run any type of **workload** e.g.
 - Simple websites
 - Enterprise applications
 - High performance computing (HPC) applications



Security Groups

- **Stateful firewalls** control inbound and outbound traffic to AWS resources
- Act at the **level of the instance** or network interface
- Restrict traffic by **protocol, port, src/dst IP address** (individual or CIDR block)



Create Security Group

Security group name	Web Server Security Group
Description	Security for production web server.
VPC	vpc-e68d9c81 DefaultVPC (default)

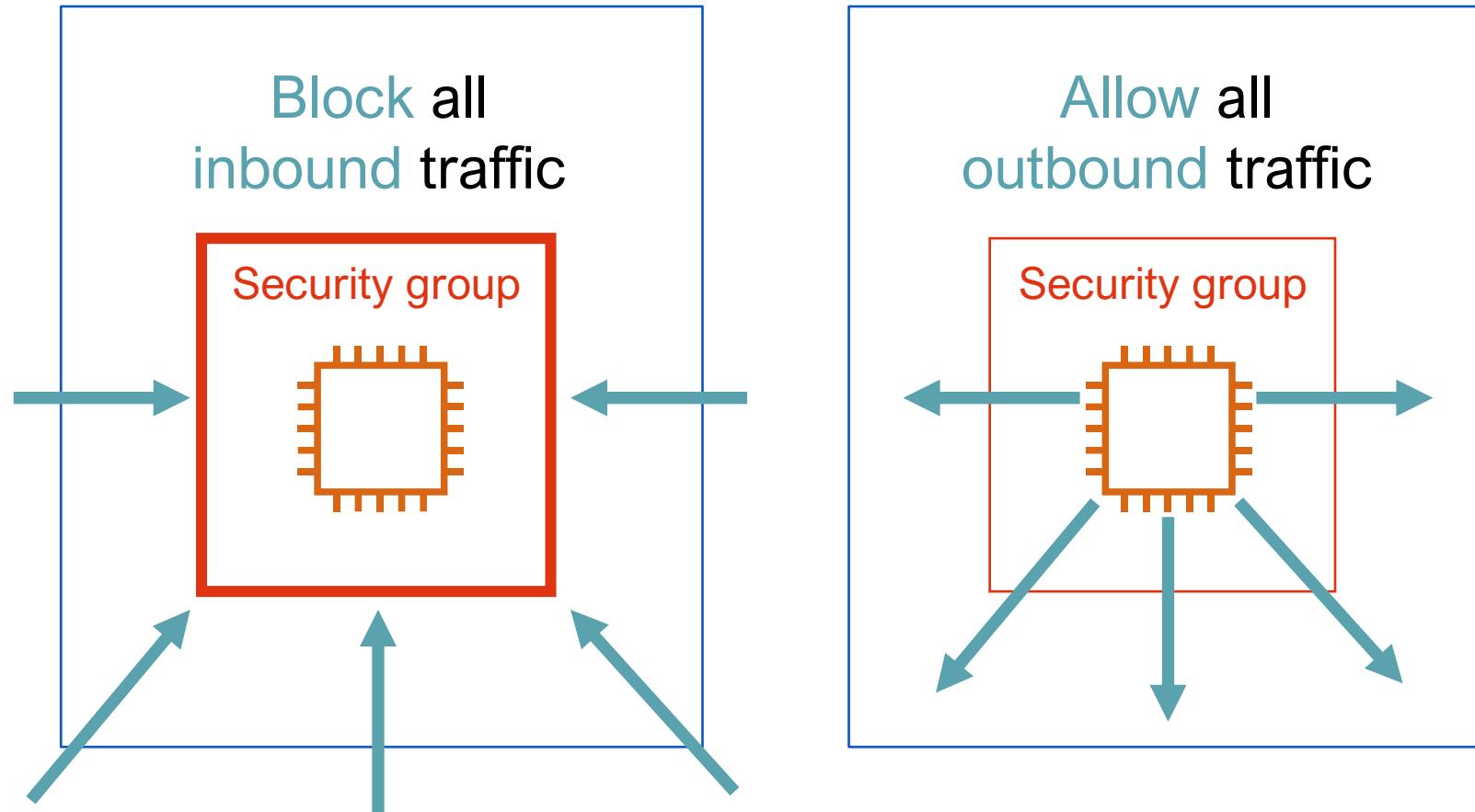
Security group rules:

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Description
SSH	TCP	22	Anywhere	0.0.0.0/0, ::/0 Admin access.
HTTP	TCP	80	Anywhere	0.0.0.0/0, ::/0 Web traffic.
HTTPS	TCP	443	Custom	0.0.0.0/0, ::/0 Secure web traffic.

Add Rule

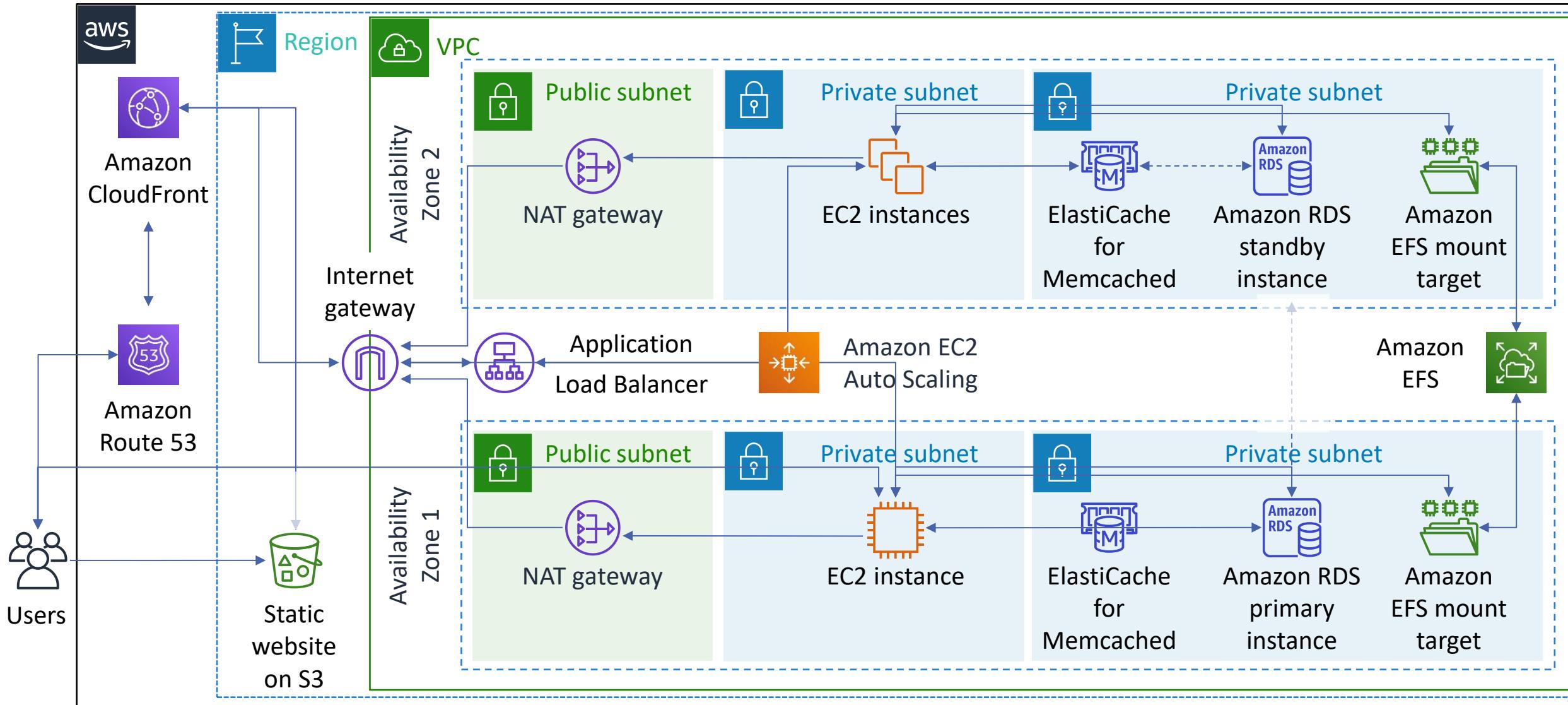
Cancel Create

Default Security Group Configuration



When you create a security group, it has no inbound rules, it has an outbound rule that allows all outbound traffic

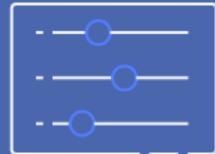
Virtual Private Cloud



VPC

Provision a **logically isolated** section of the cloud where you can launch resources in a virtual network that you define

Bring your own network



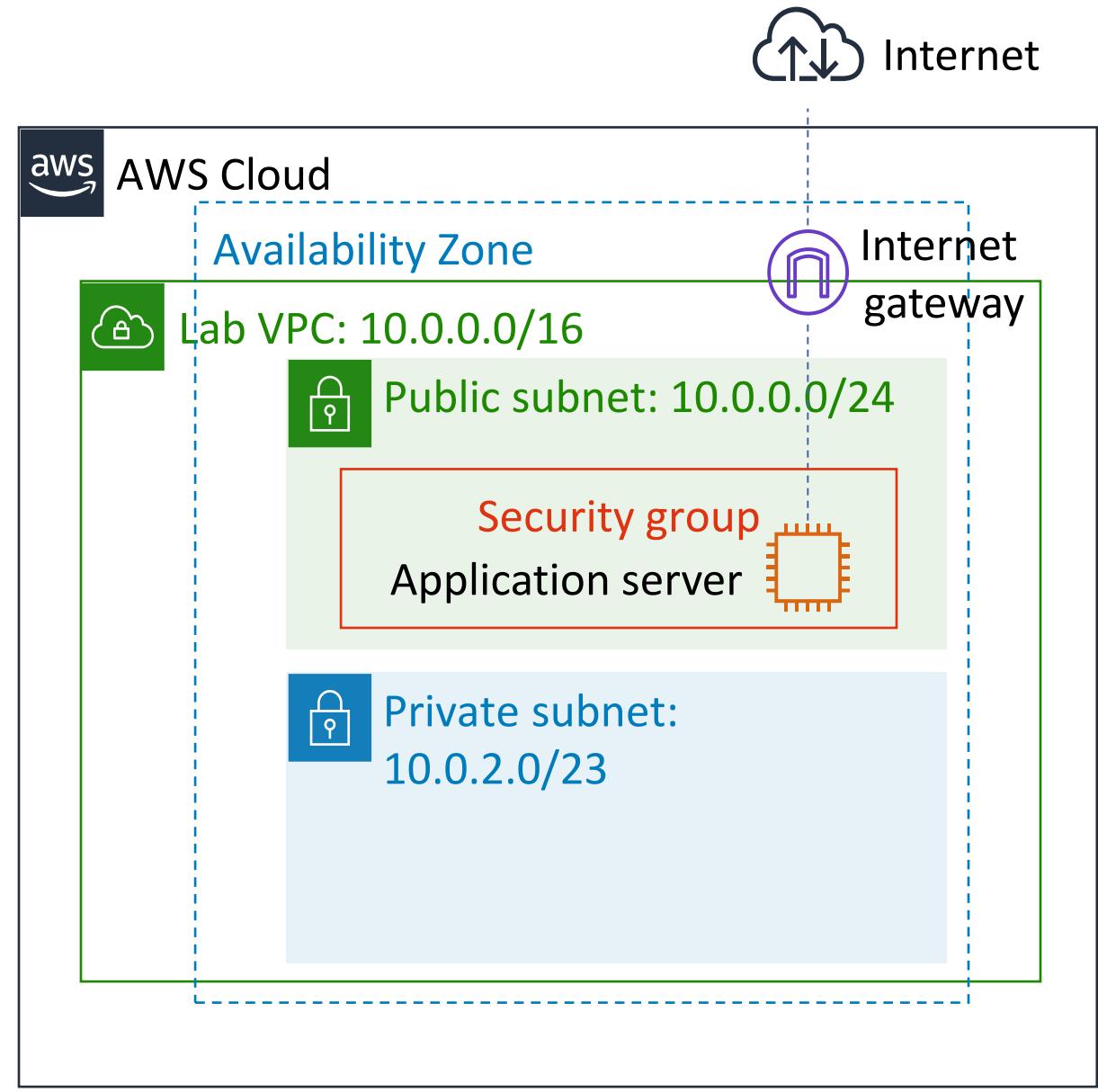
IP Addresses

Subnets

Routing rules

Network
configuration

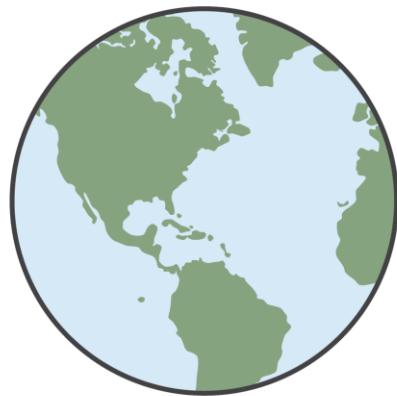
Security rules



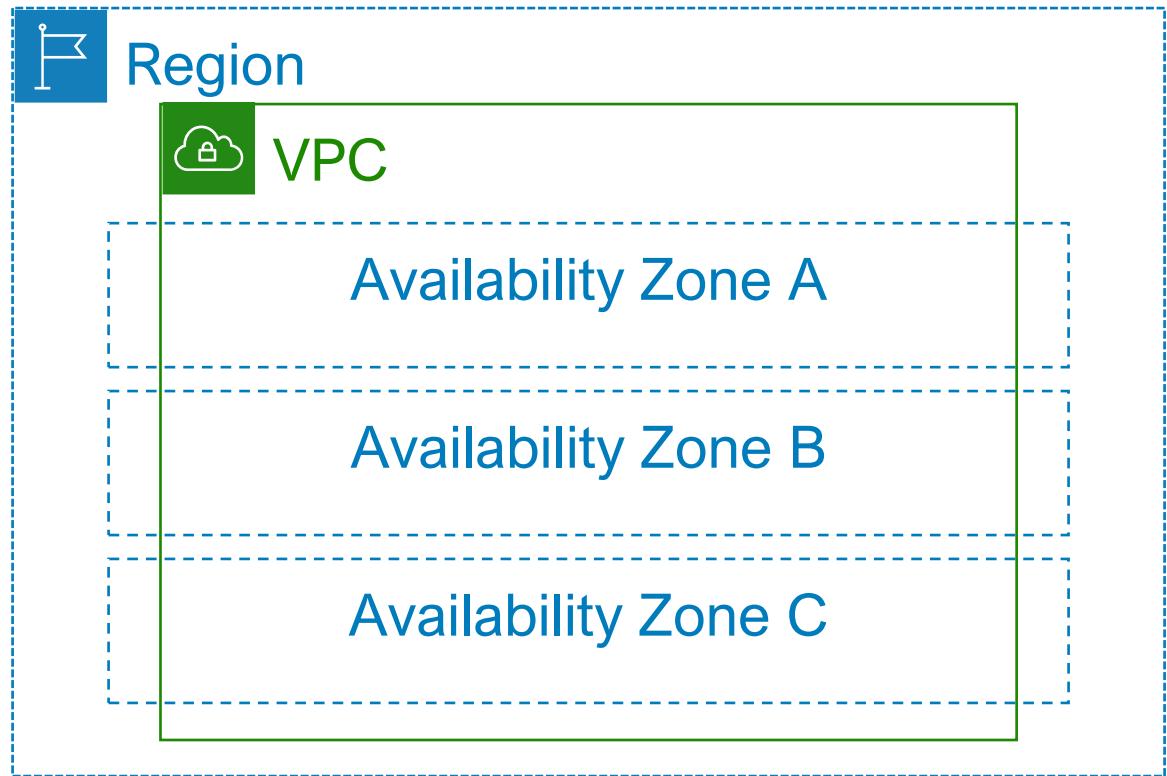
VPC Deployment



VPC



You can deploy a VPC in any AWS Region

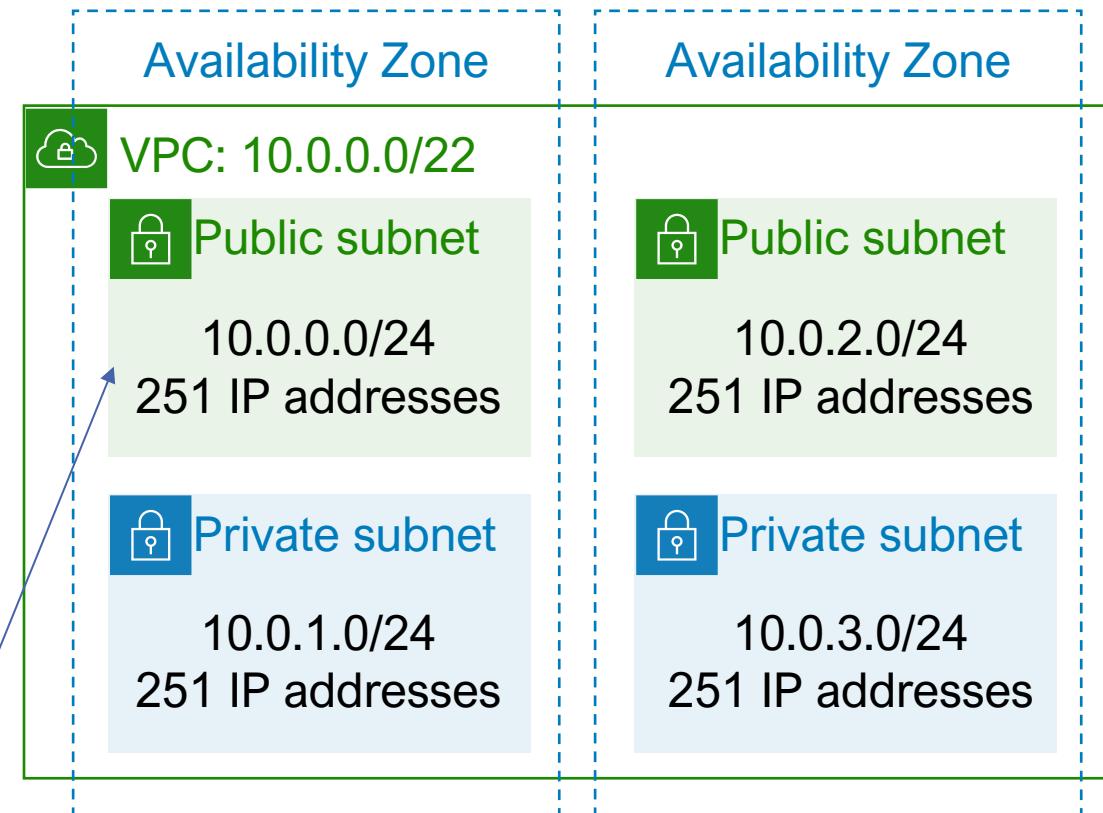


A VPC can host supported resources
from any Availability Zone within its
Region

VPC Subnets

Classless Inter-Domain Routing

- A **segment** of VPC's IP address range to allocate resources
- Subnet CIDR blocks **cannot overlap**
- Each subnet resides within **one AZ**
- You can add **one or more subnets** in each AZ
 - AWS reserves **1st 4** IP addresses and **last** IP address in each subnet
 - 10.0.0.0: Network address
 - 10.0.0.1: VPC local router
 - 10.0.0.2: Domain Name System (DNS) resolution
 - 10.0.0.3: Future use
 - 10.0.0.255: Network broadcast address



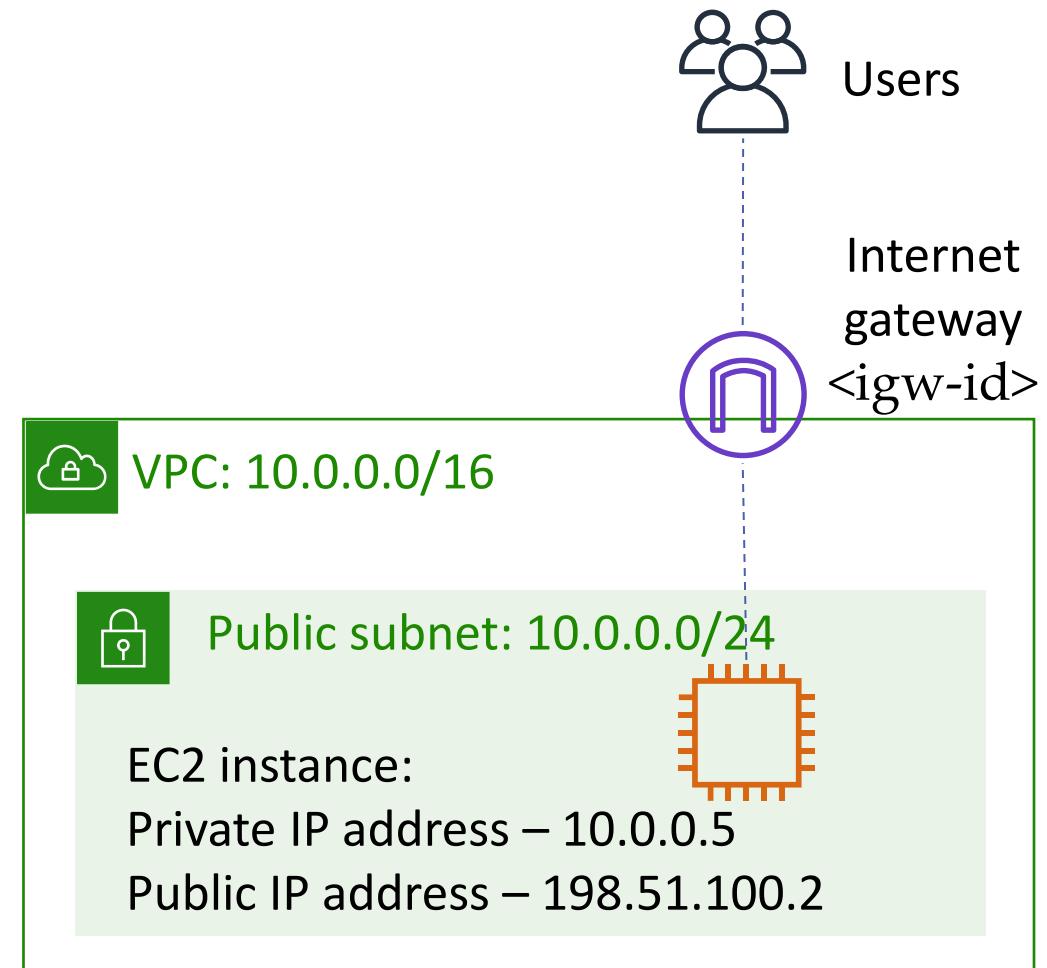
Example: A VPC with CIDR /22 includes 1,024 total IP addresses

Creating a Public Subnet



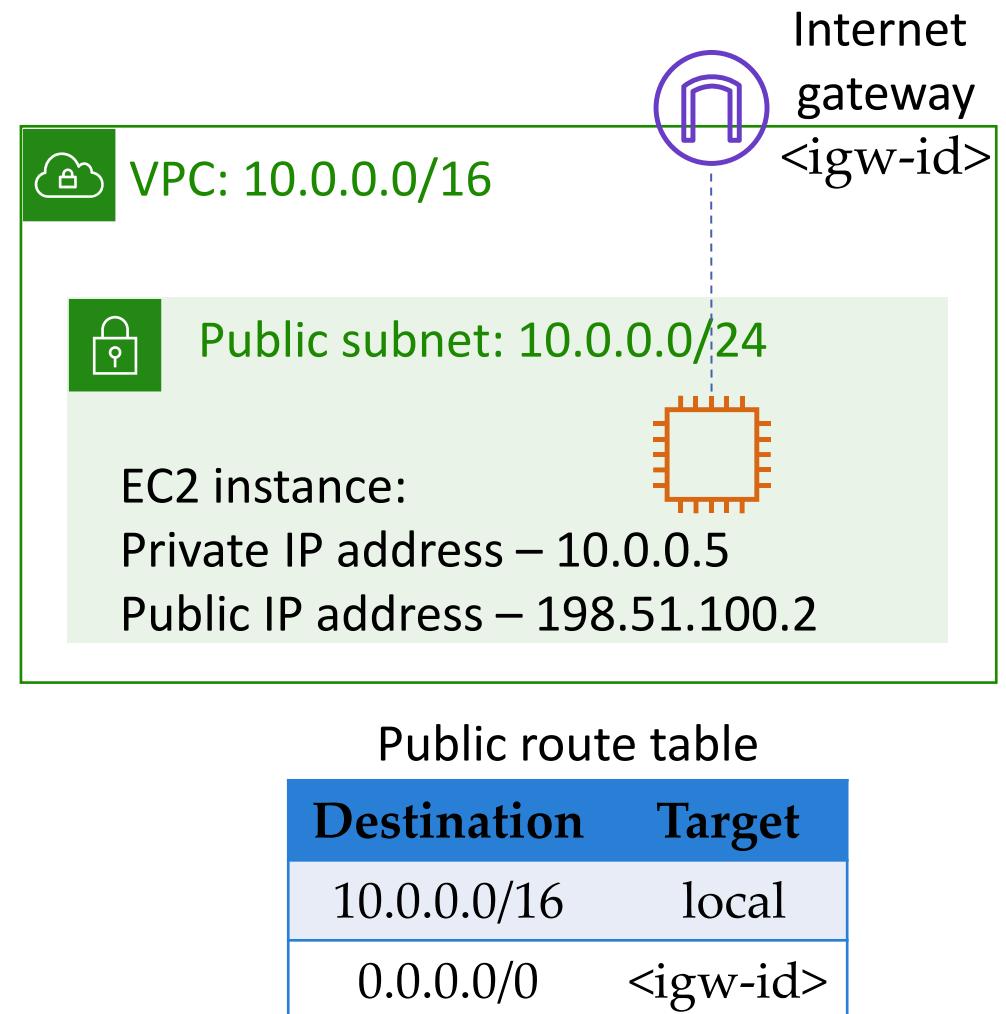
Internet gateway

- Allow communication between resources in VPC and **internet**
- **Horizontally scaled**, redundant, and highly available
- Provide a target in subnet **route tables** for internet-routable traffic



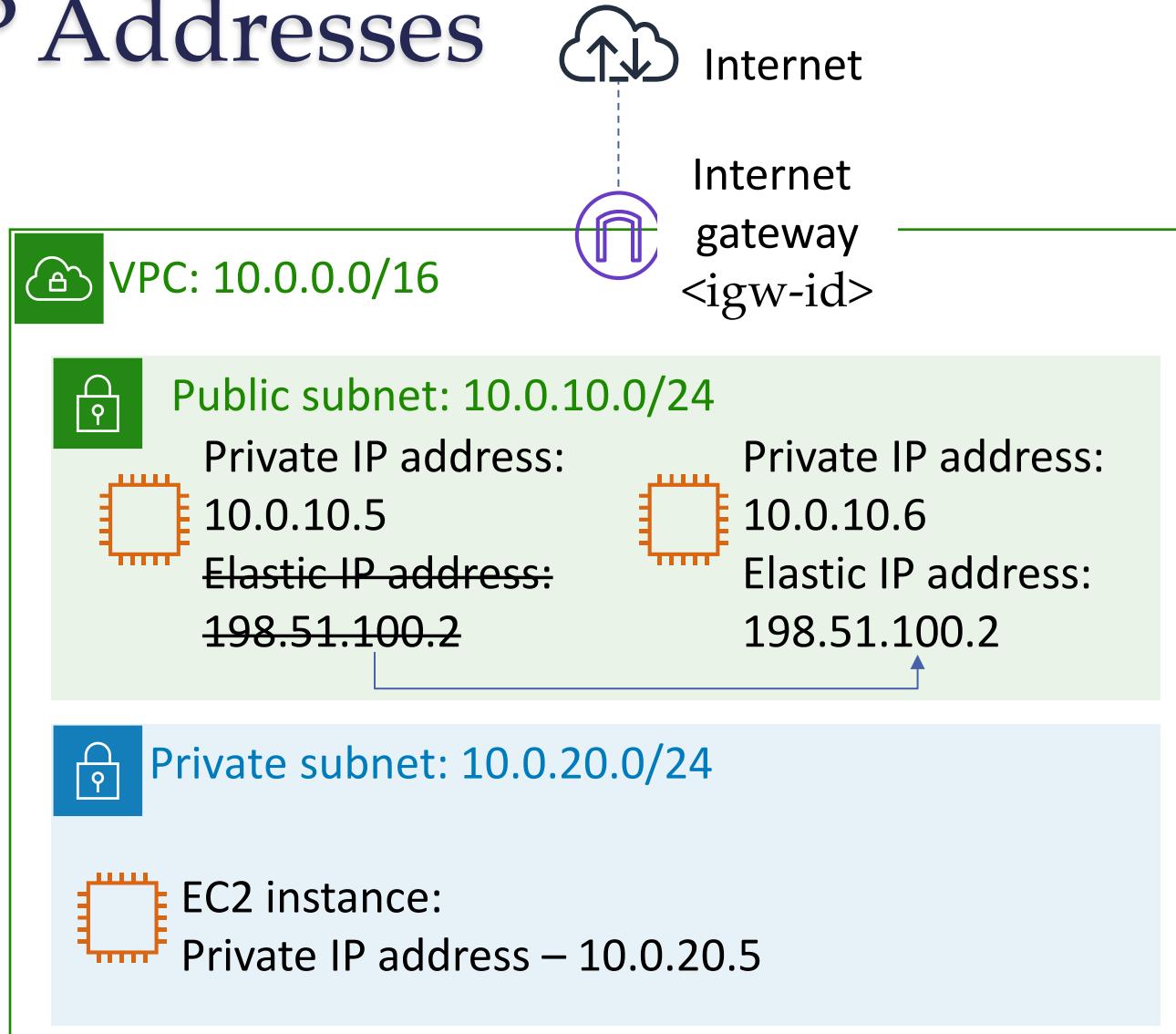
Directing Traffic Between VPC Resources

- **Route tables** are required to direct traffic between VPC resources
- Each VPC has a **main (default) route table**
- Each subnet must be associated with **one route table**
- You can create **custom route tables**
- Best practice: *Use custom route tables for each subnet*

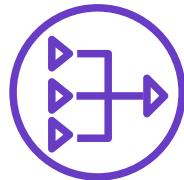


Elastic IP Addresses

- **Static public IPv4 addresses** associated with AWS account
- Can be associated with an **instance or network interface**
- Can be **remapped** to another instance in your account
- Useful for **redundancy** when load balancers are not an option



Connecting Private Subnets to the Internet

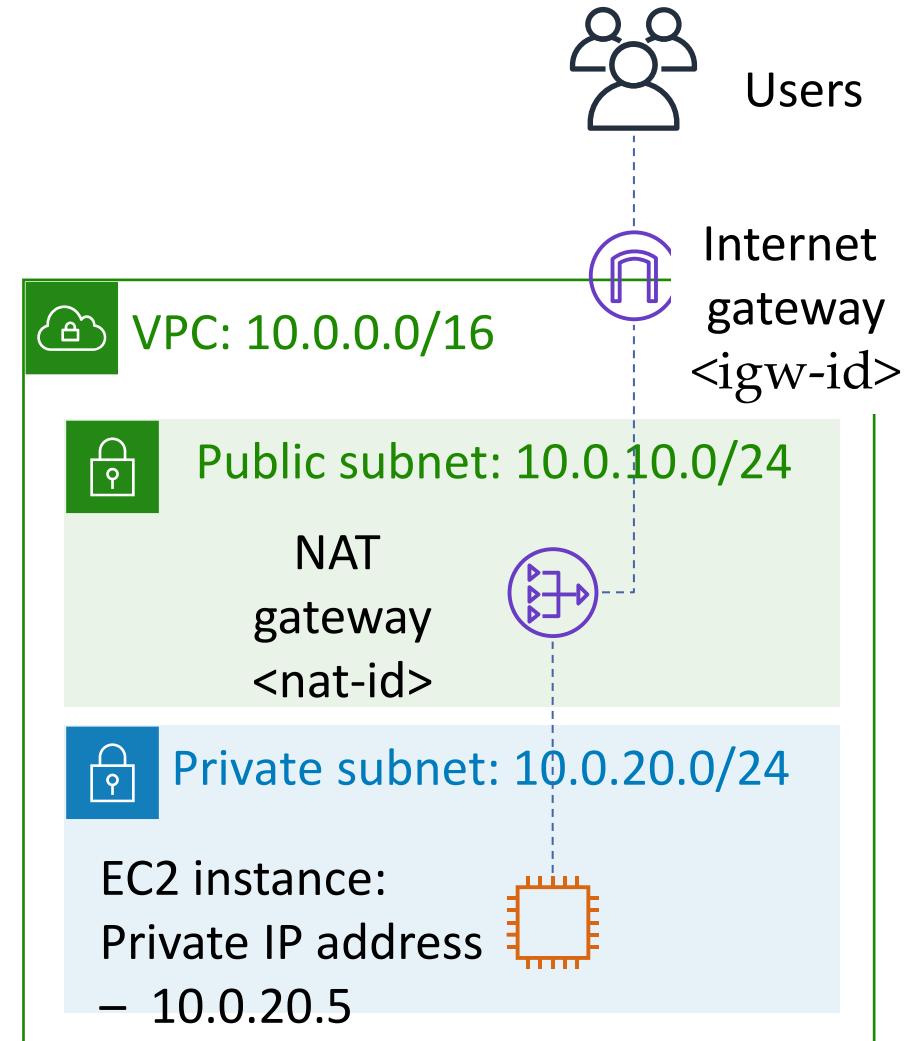


NAT gateways

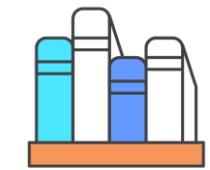
- Enable instances in a private subnet to initiate **outbound traffic** to internet or other AWS services
- Prevent private instances from receiving **inbound connection requests** from internet

Public route table	
Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<igw-id>

Private route table	
Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<nat-id>



Example Subnet Use Case



Data store instances



Private subnet



Batch-processing instances



Private subnet



Backend instances



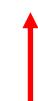
Private subnet



Web application instances



Public or private subnet



behind load balancer

Securing VPCs

Create Security Group X

Security group name (i) Description (i) VPC (i) ▼

Security group rules:

Inbound Outbound

Type (i)	Protocol (i)	Port Range (i)	Source (i)	Description (i)
SSH	TCP	22	Anywhere (i) <input type="text" value="0.0.0.0/0, ::/0"/>	Admin access.
HTTP	TCP	80	Anywhere (i) <input type="text" value="0.0.0.0/0, ::/0"/>	Web traffic.
HTTPS	TCP	443	Custom (i) <input type="text" value="0.0.0.0/0, ::/0"/>	Secure web traffic.

Add Rule

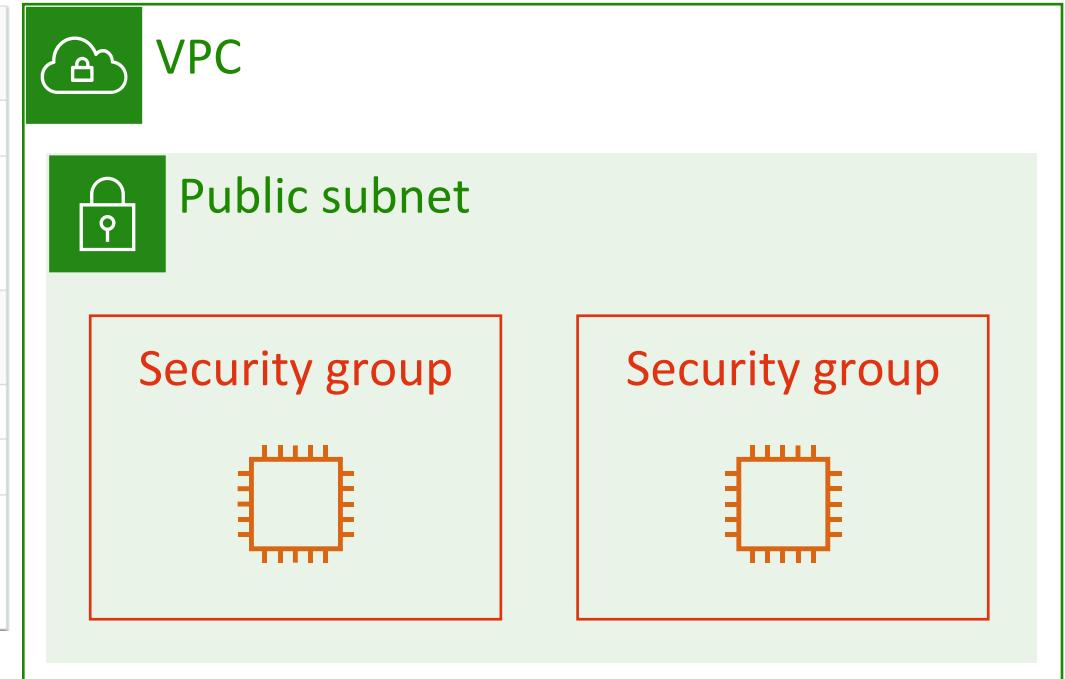
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Security Groups

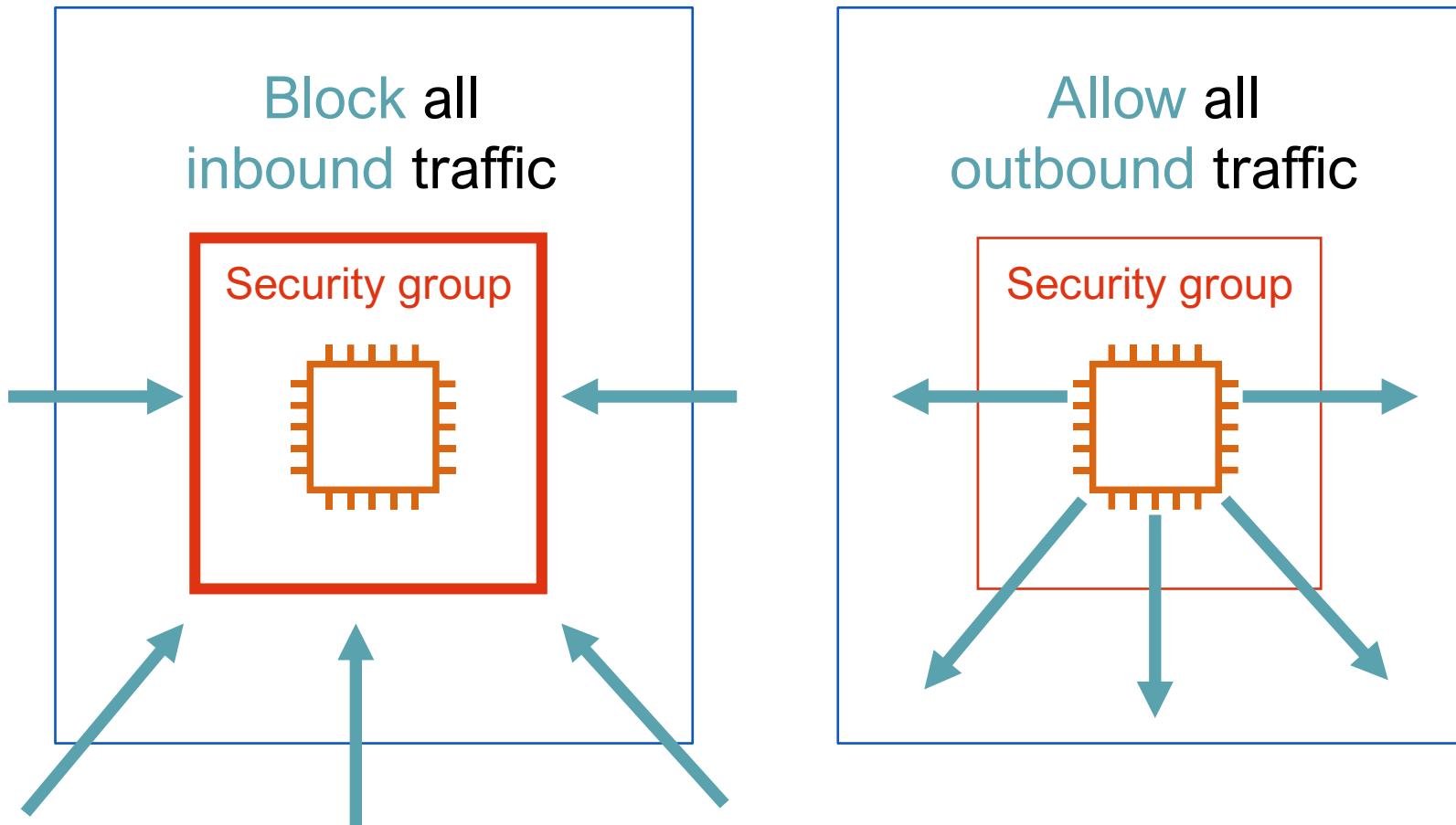
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- Act at the **level of the instance** or network interface
- Restrict traffic by **protocol**, **port**, and src/dst IP address (individual or CIDR block)

Inbound rule <i>default security group</i>			
Source	Protocol	Port range	Description
The security group ID (its own resource ID)	All	All	Allows inbound traffic from network interfaces and instances that are assigned to the same security group.
Outbound rules			
Destination	Protocol	Port range	Description
0.0.0.0/0	All	All	Allows all outbound IPv4 traffic.
::/0	All	All	Allows all outbound IPv6 traffic. This rule is added only if your VPC has an associated IPv6 CIDR block.



Create a Security Group

Default Security Group Configuration



Create Security Group

X

Security group name i

Web Server Security Group

Description i

Security for production web server.

VPC i

vpc-e68d9c81 | DefaultVPC (default)

Security group rules:

Inbound

Outbound

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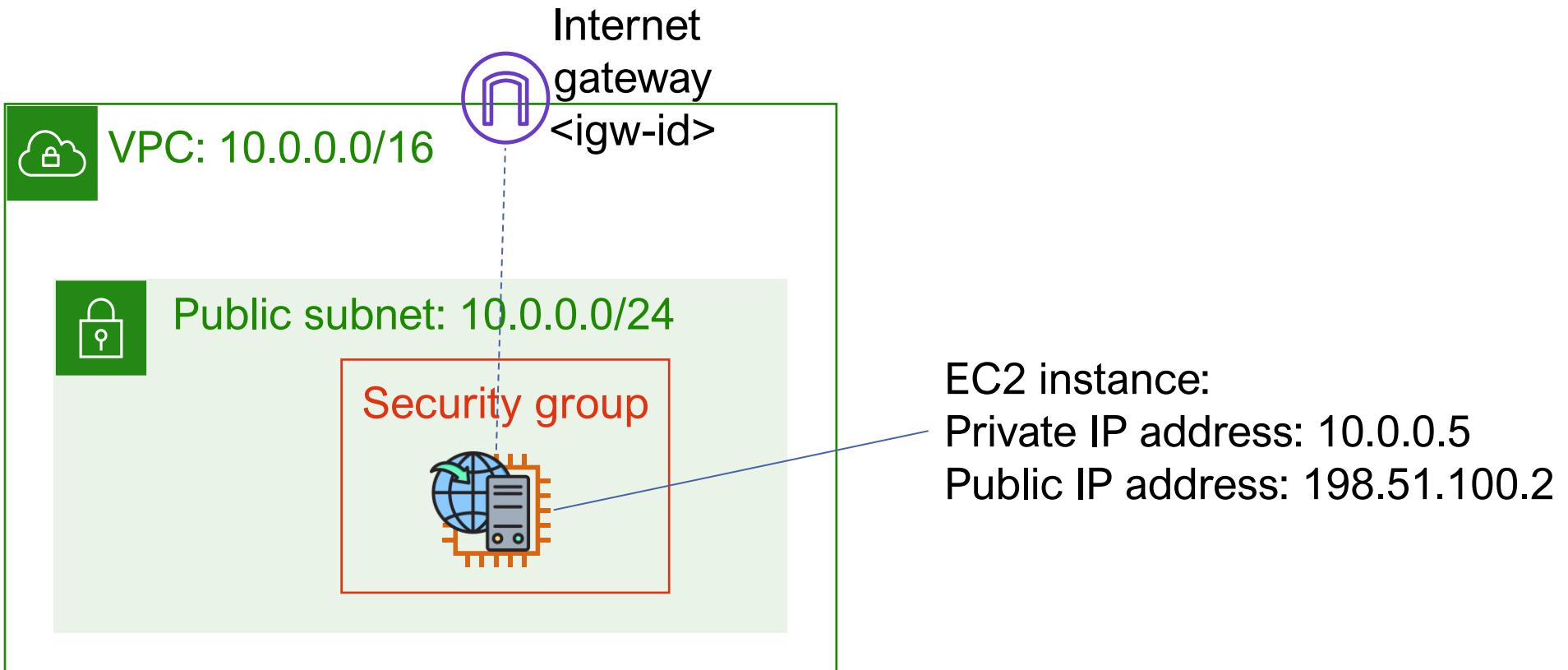
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Cancel

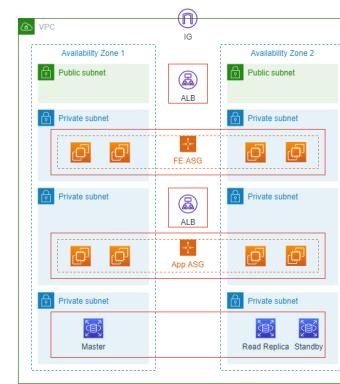
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Custom Security Groups



Inbound				
Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Destination
HTTP	TCP	80	Anywhere	Allow web access

Chaining Security Groups



Inbound rules

Allow: HTTP (port 80) or HTTPS (port 443)
Source: 0.0.0.0/0 (any)

Allow: SSH (port 22) to Web tier
Source: Corporate IP range

Inbound rule

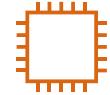
Allow: SSH (port 22) to Application tier
Source: Corporate IP range

Inbound rule

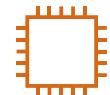
Allow: SSH (port 22) to Database tier
Source: Corporate IP range

All other ports blocked by default

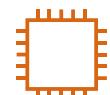
Web tier
security group



Application tier
security group



Database tier
security group

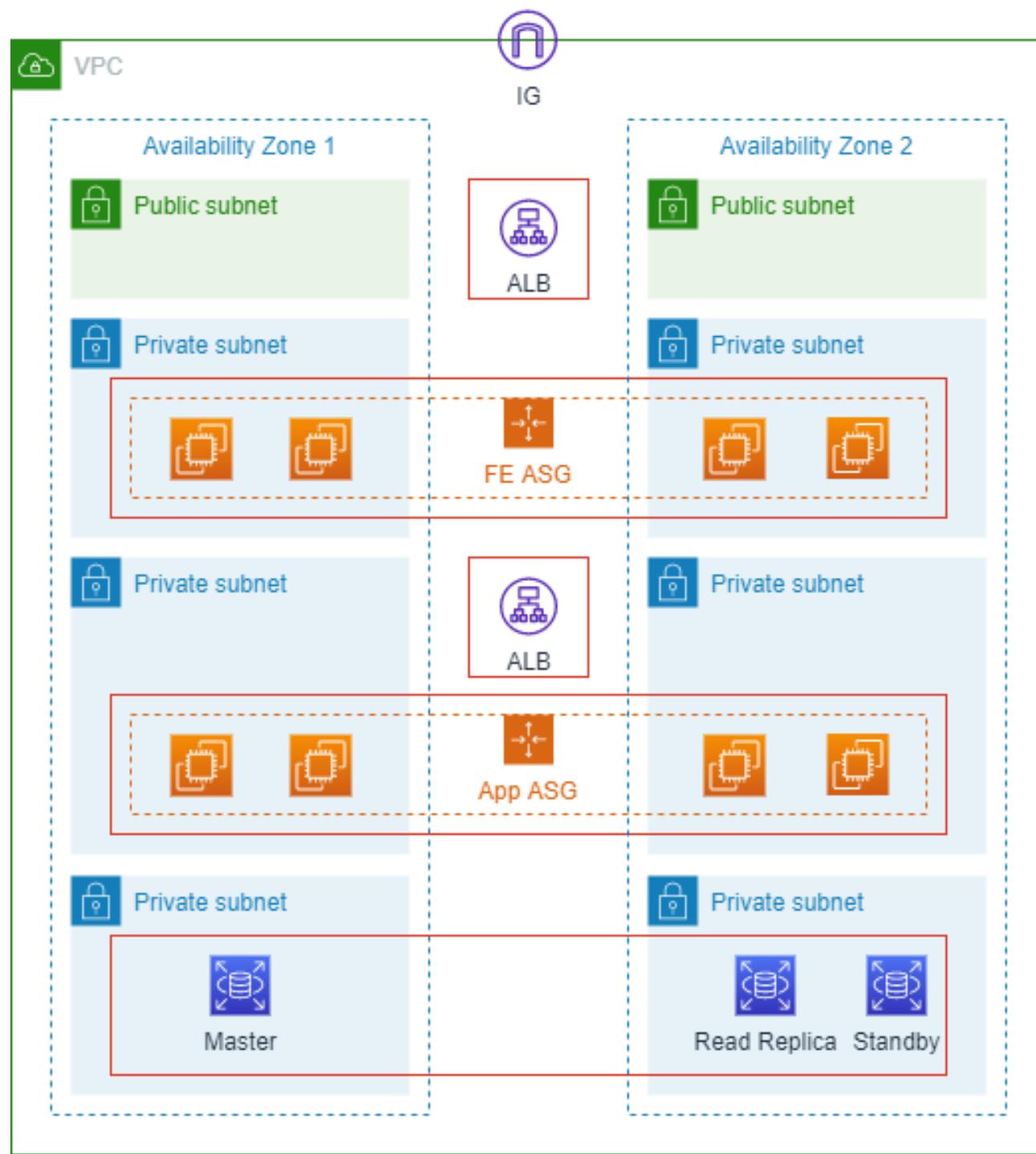


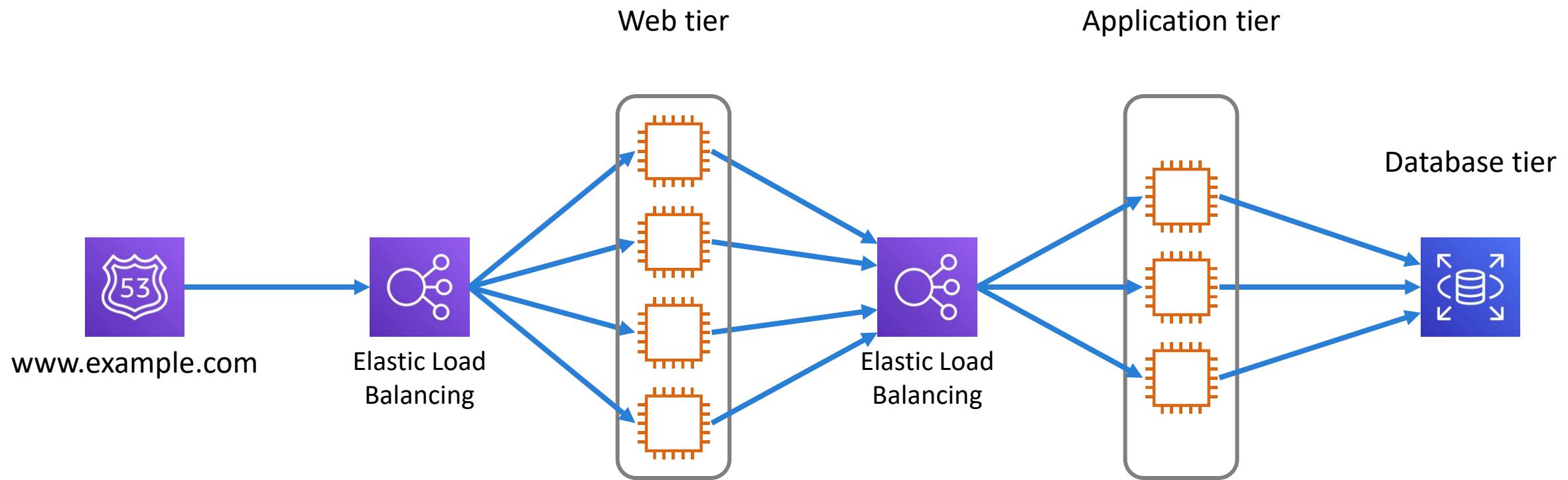
Inbound rule

Allow: HTTP port 8000
(application specific)
Source: Web tier

Inbound rule

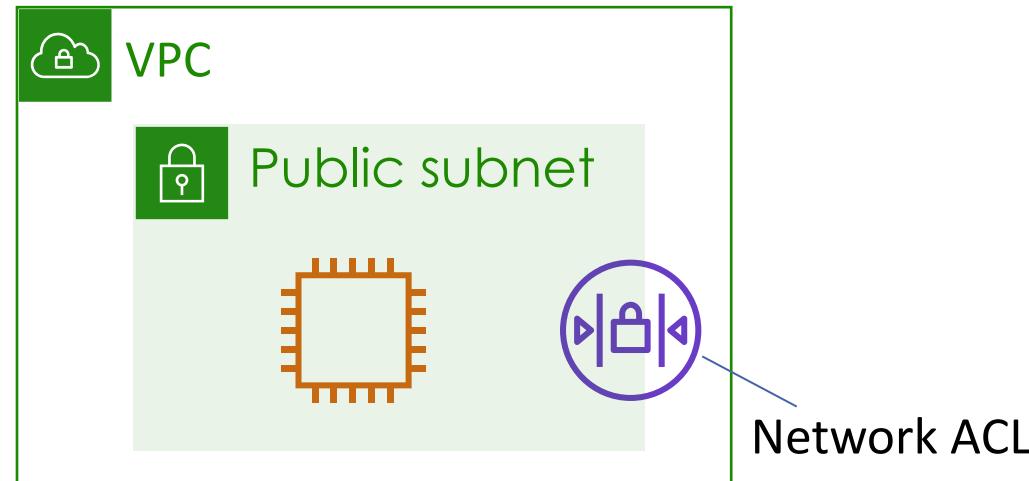
Allow: TCP port 3306
Source: Application tier



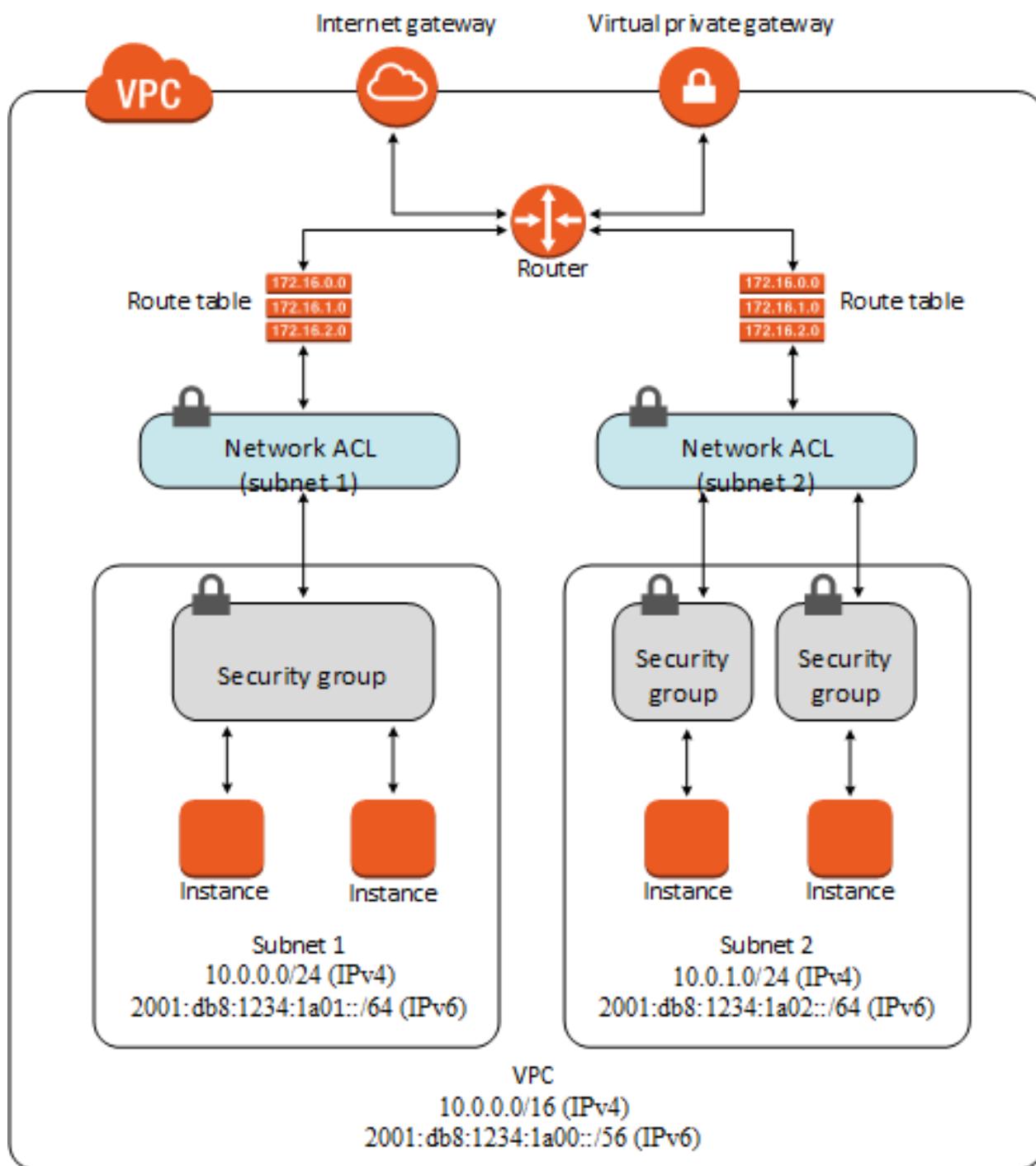


Network ACLs

- Act at the subnet level
- Allow all inbound and outbound traffic by default
- **Stateless**
 - require explicit rules for both inbound and outbound traffic



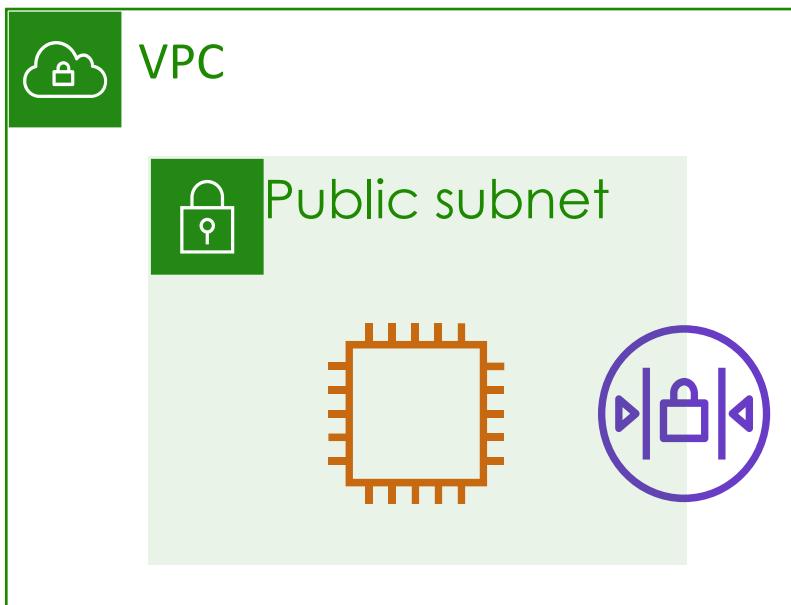
ACLs vs Security Groups



Security group	Network ACL
Operates at the instance level	Operates at the subnet level
Allow rules only	Allow rules and deny rules
Stateful: Return traffic is automatically allowed	Stateless: Return traffic must be explicitly allowed
Evaluates all rules before deciding whether to allow traffic	Processes rules in order, starting with the lowest numbered rule, when deciding whether to allow traffic
Applies to an instance only if someone specifies the SG when launching the instance, or associates the SG with the instance later on	Automatically applies to all instances in the subnets that it's associated with Additional layer of defense

Custom network ACLs

- Recommended for **specific** network security requirements
- By default, each custom network ACL **denies all** inbound and outbound traffic until you **add rules**



Nacl-11223344

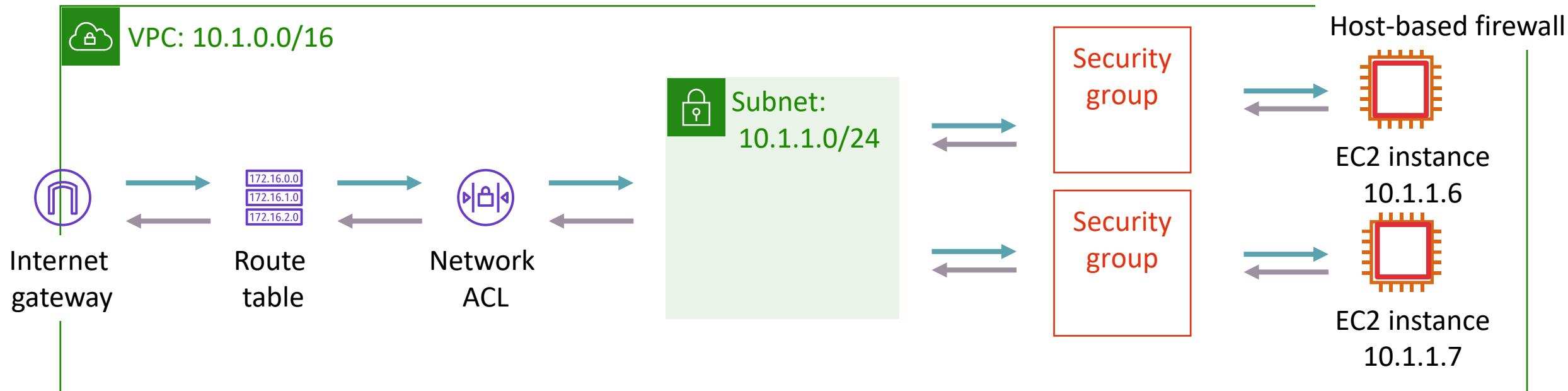
Inbound:

Rules # 100: SSH 172.31.1.2/32 ALLOW
Rules # *: ALL traffic 0.0.0.0/0 DENY

Outbound:

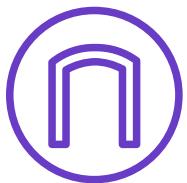
Rules # 100: Custom TCP 172.31.1.2/31 ALLOW
Rules # *: All traffic 0.0.0.0/0 DENY

Multiple Layers of Defense



Public Subnet

To create a public subnet to allow communication between instances in your VPC and the internet:



Attach an internet gateway to your VPC

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	<igw-id>

Point subnet's route table to the internet gateway



Make sure that instances have public IP or Elastic IP addresses



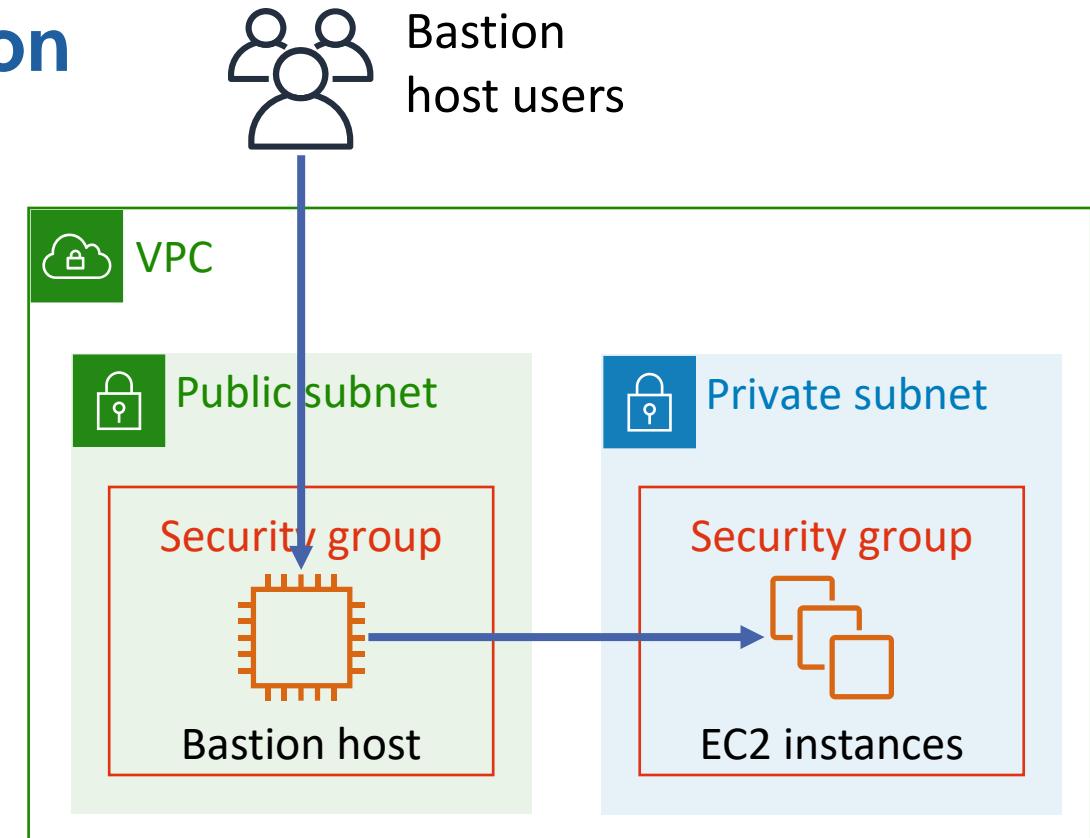
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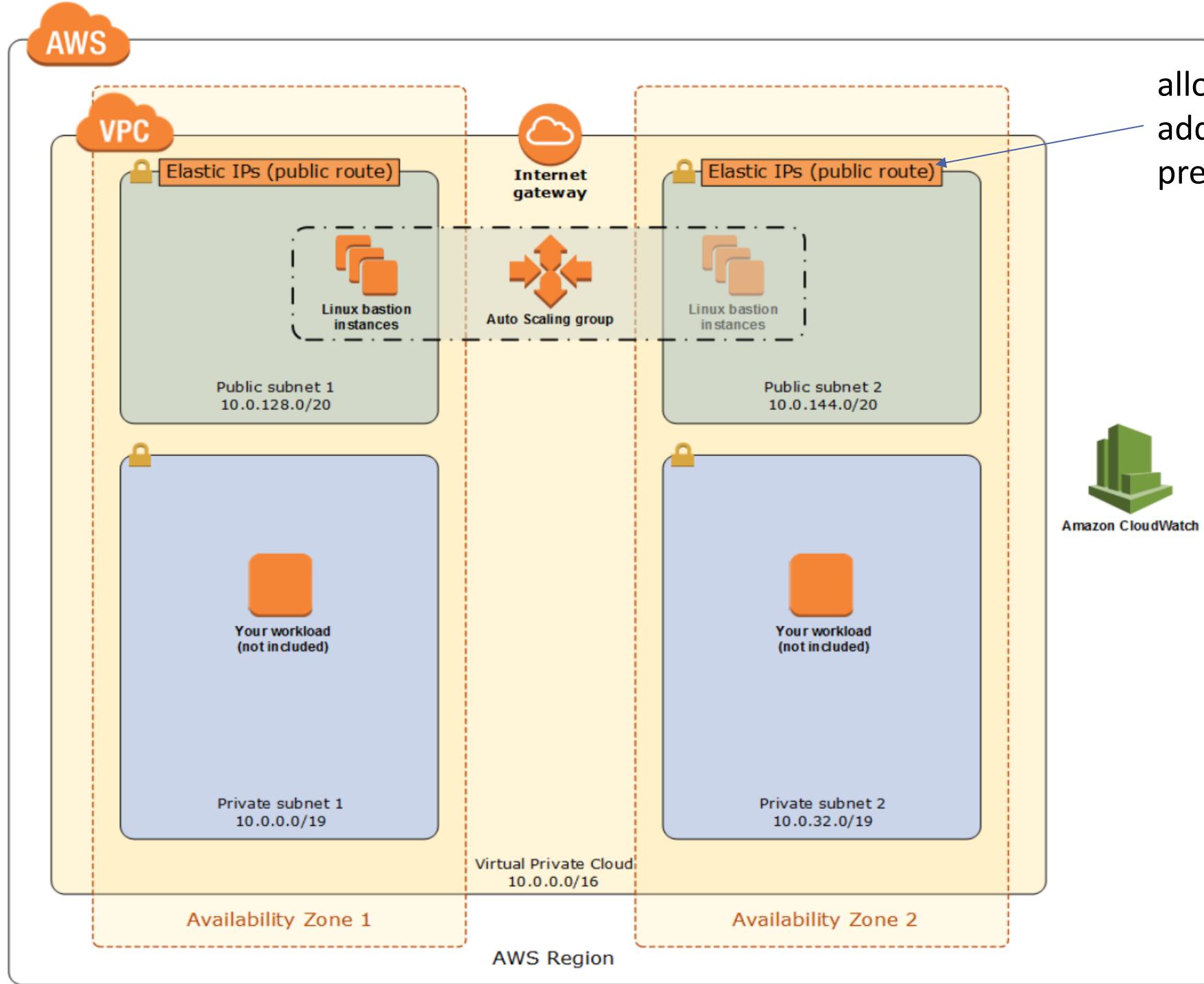


Make sure that security groups and network ACLs allow relevant traffic to flow

Bastion Hosts

- **Server** used to provide access to private network from outside
- Minimize the chances of **penetration**
- Instances in private subnet are in **security group** that allows **SSH** from security group attached to **bastion host**
- For added security, sets up **CloudWatch Logs** for shell history logs





allow the elastic IP
addresses on on-
premises firewalls

Cloud Security Monitoring



AWS CloudTrail

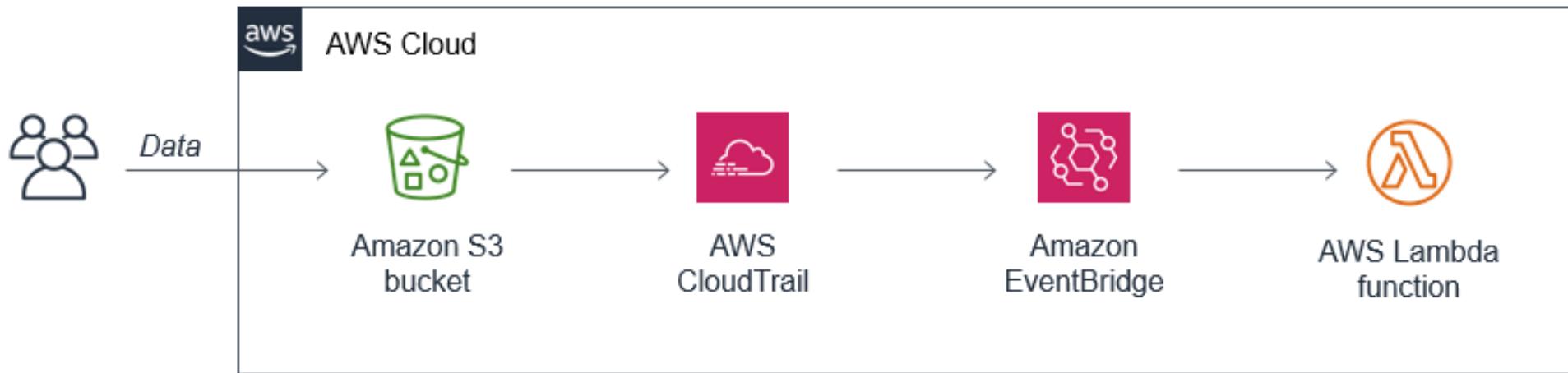


- **Logs and monitors** user activity
- Provides **event history** of AWS account
 - Actions taken through the **Management Console, SDKs, CLI**
 - Increases visibility into **user and resource activity**
 - **90-day** event history by default, at no cost
- Identify
 - **Who** accessed account
 - **When** and from **where**
 - **What** action they took on an AWS service

Uses of CloudTrail



- Perform **security analysis**
- Track **resource changes**
- Operational **troubleshooting**
e.g. discover which calls were **blocked** by IAM policies
- Meet **compliance** and **auditing** requirements
- **Automatically respond to security threats**

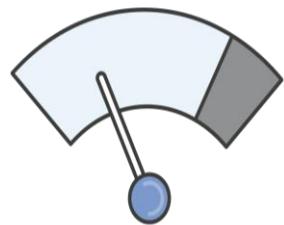


Amazon CloudWatch

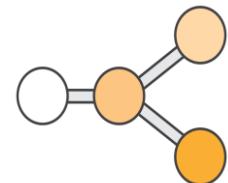


- Collects and tracks **metrics** for resources and applications
- Allows responding to **performance changes, optimizing** resource utilization, **unified view** of operational health
- Helps **correlate, visualize, and analyze** metrics and logs
 - Built-in and custom metrics
- Enables creating **alarms** and detect **anomalous behavior**
 - Send **notifications** or make **changes** to monitored resources

How CloudWatch Responds



Metrics



Logs



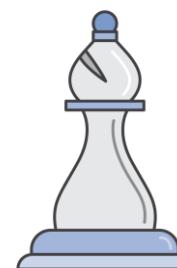
Alarms



Events



Rules

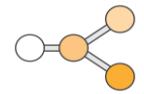


Targets

CloudWatch Metrics



Metrics



Logs



Alarms



Events

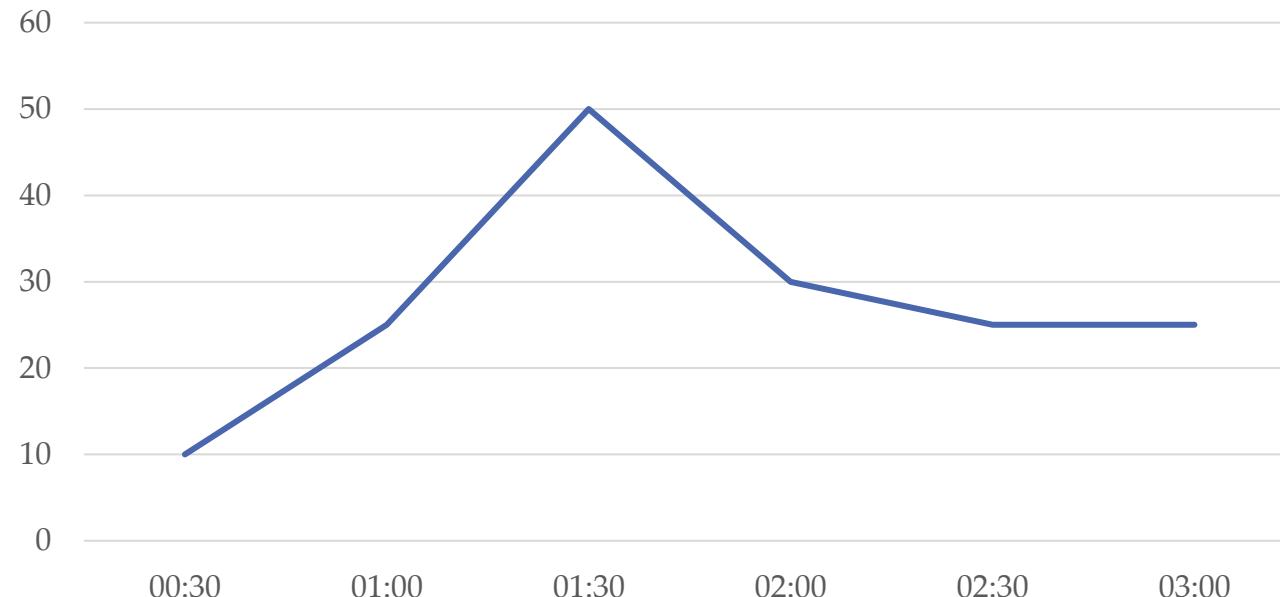


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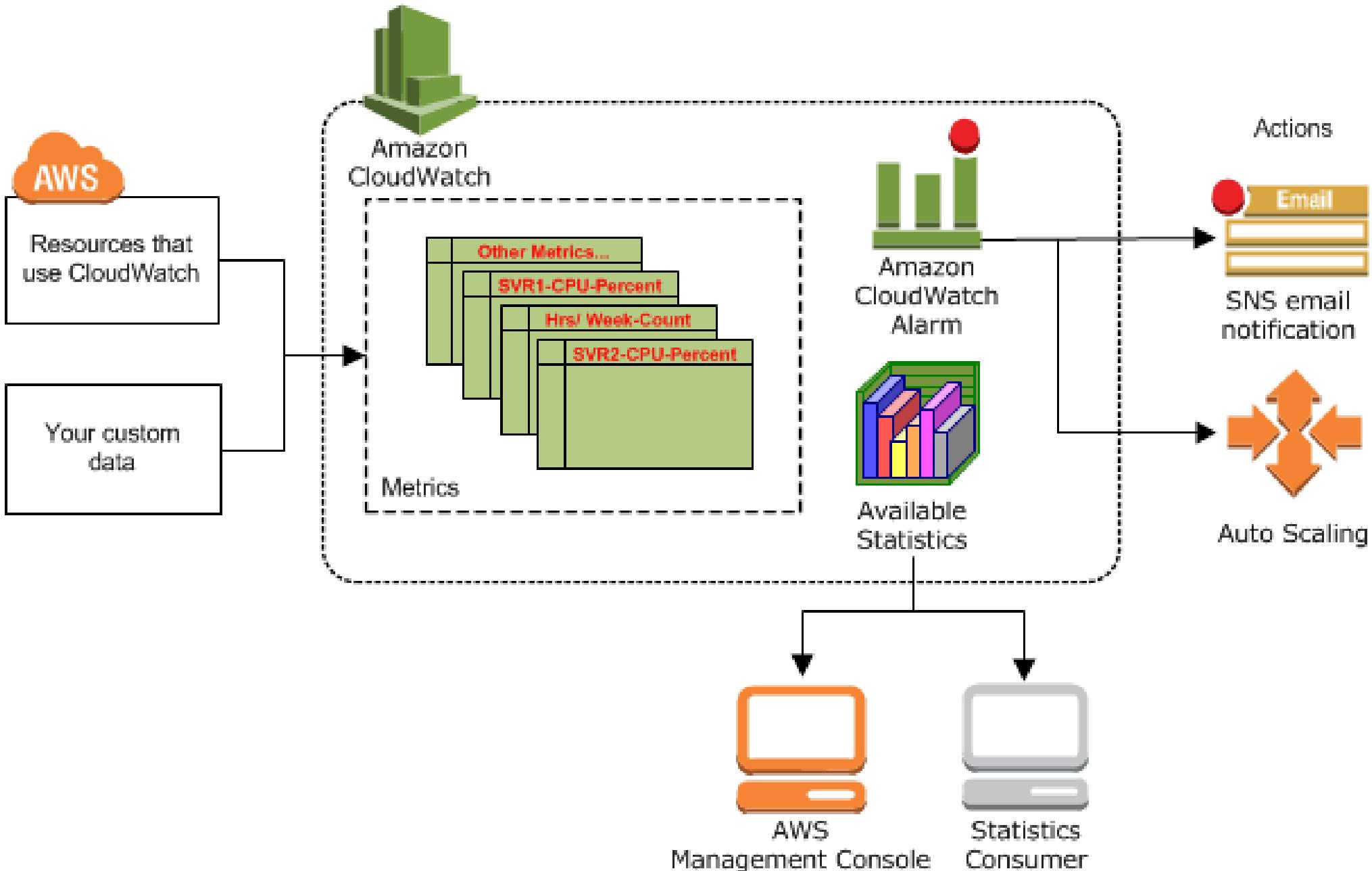
Targets

Average CPU Utilization



Metric data is kept for 15 months

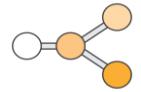
By default, many AWS services provide **metrics for resources**,
e.g. EC2 instances, EBS volumes, RDS DB instances



Amazon CloudWatch Logs



Metrics



Logs



Alarms



Events

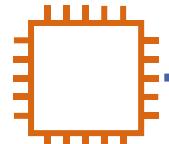


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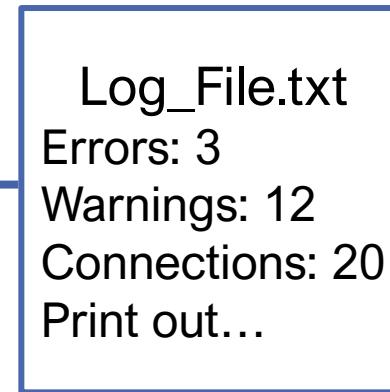


Targets

Monitor, store and access your log files



Application



Amazon
CloudWatch

e.g. send a notification when rate
of error exceeds a **threshold** you
specify



Amazon S3

Source examples

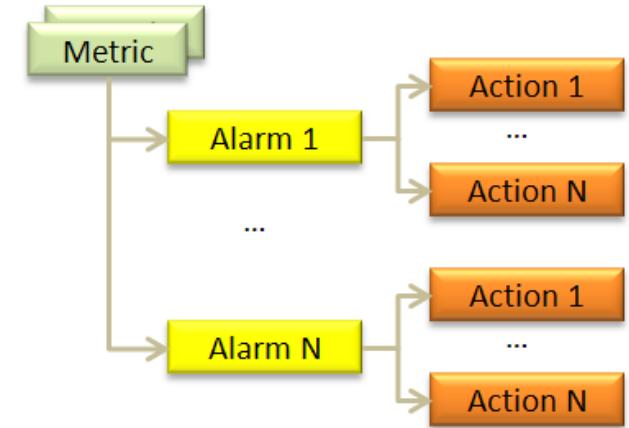
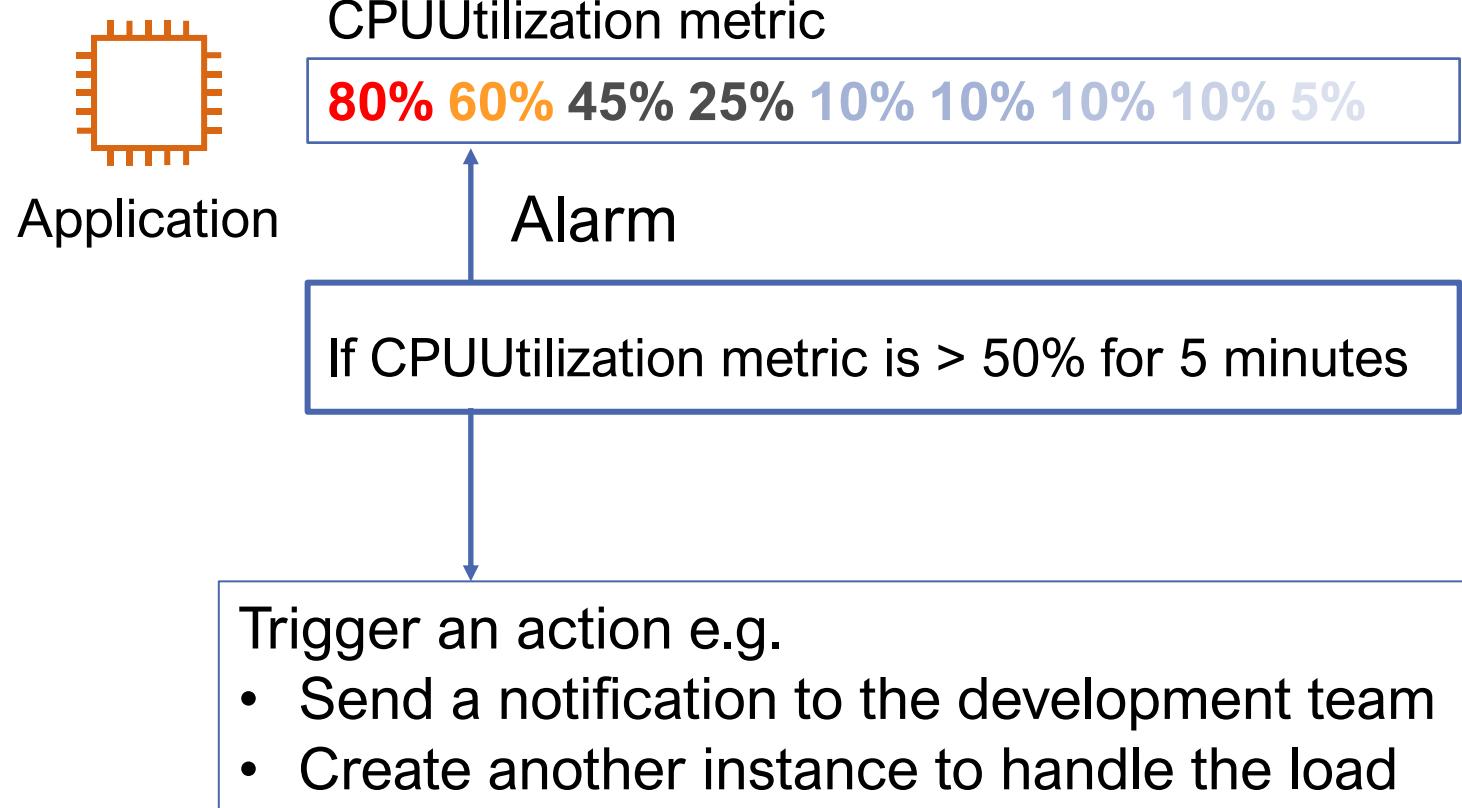
- VPC Flow Logs
- CloudTrail
- Route 53
- Elastic Load Balancing

CloudWatch Logs **Insights** to
query logs (identifies log fields)

CloudWatch Alarms

Use to automatically initiate actions

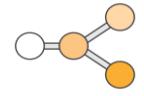
- Metrics
- Logs
- Alarms
- Events
- Rules
- Targets



Amazon EventBridge Events



Metrics



Logs



Alarms



Events

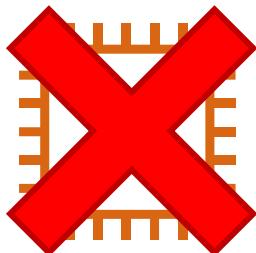


Rules



Targets

Event: EC2
instance
termination



Amazon
EventBridge

Event examples

- Change in AWS resource e.g.
 - Console sign-in
 - EC2 instance state change
 - EC2 Auto Scaling state change
 - EBS volume creation
- AWS API call (**CloudTrail**)
- Events from customer applications
- Ingests a stream of real-time data from applications and AWS services, **routes** it to **targets** e.g. AWS Lambda

Amazon EventBridge Rules

Rule matches incoming events and routes them to targets for processing

Metrics

Logs

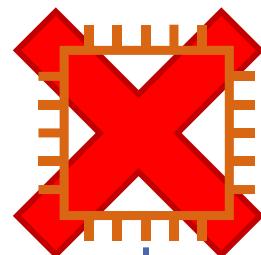
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Events

Rules

Targets

Event



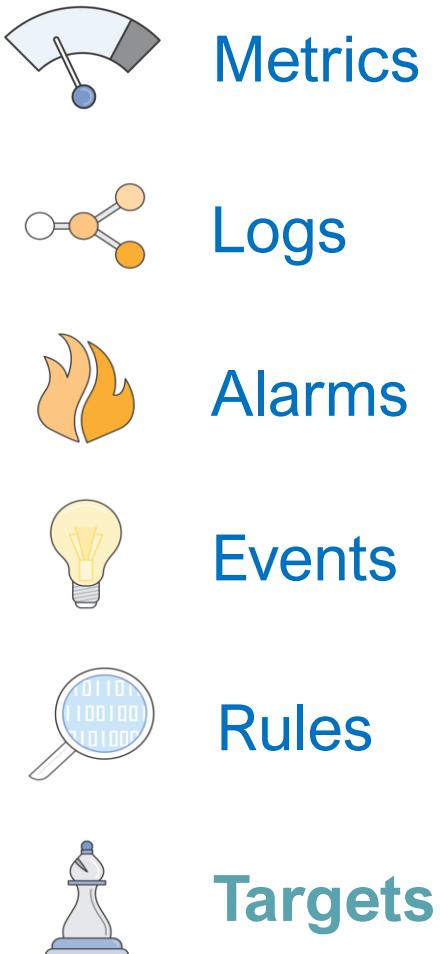
Rule example

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    ],  
    "detail-type": [  
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            "terminated"  
        ]  
    }  
}
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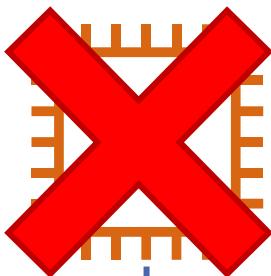


Amazon
EventBridge

Amazon EventBridge Targets



Event

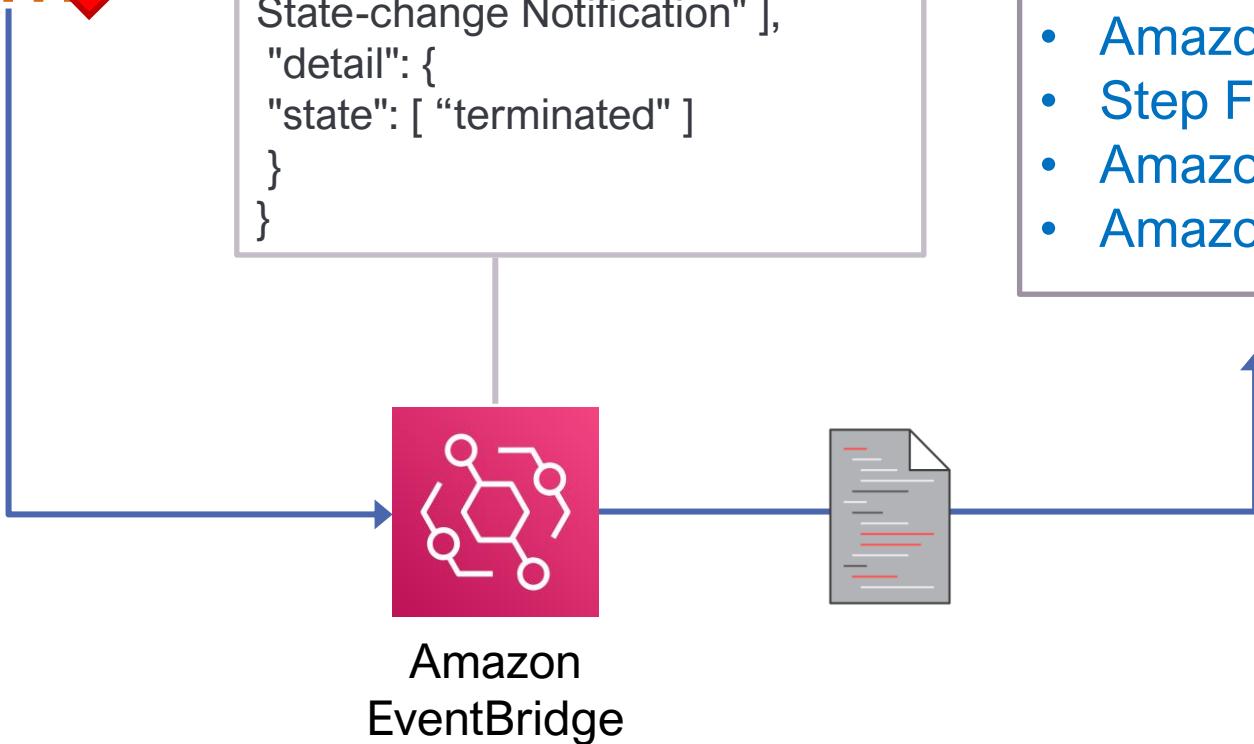


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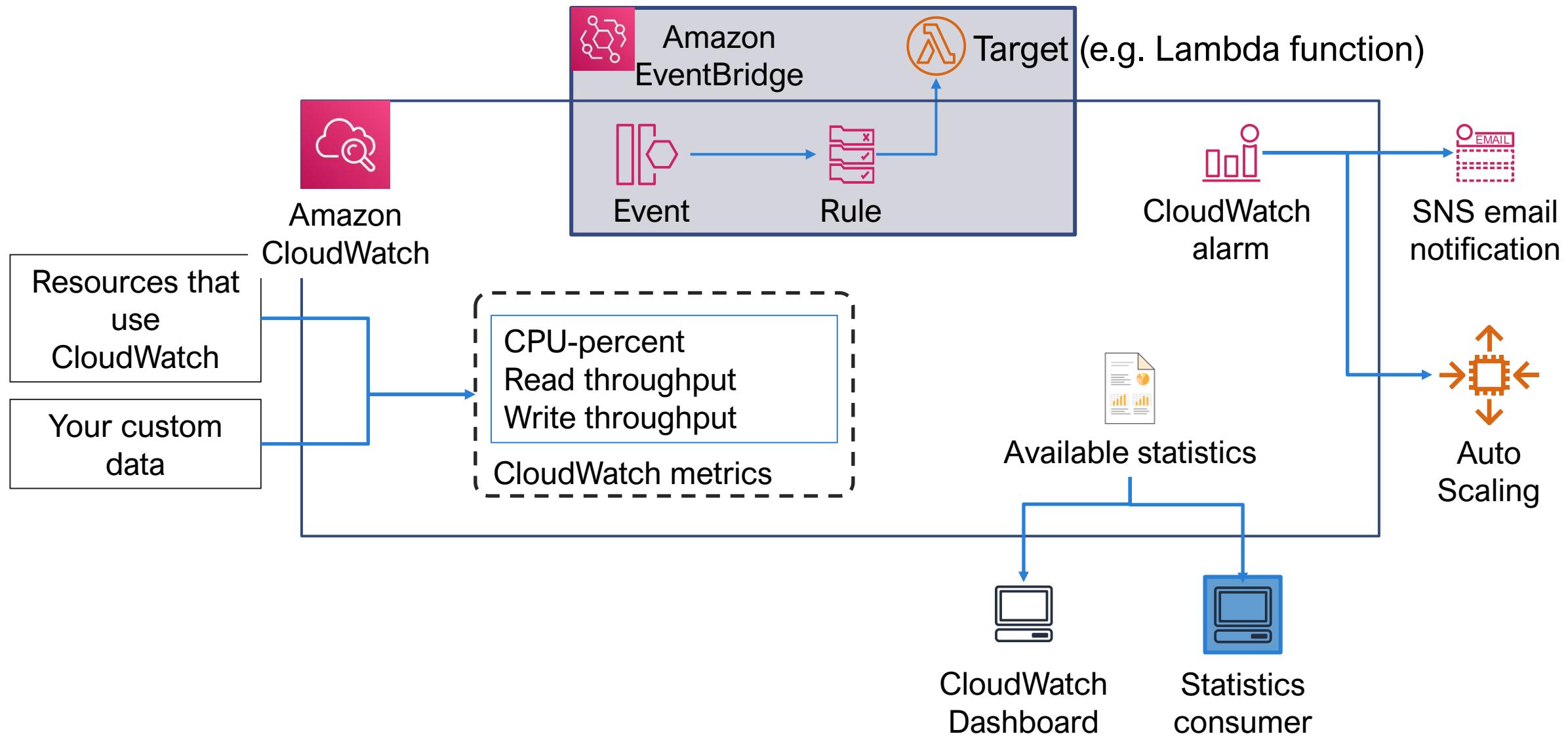
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}
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A target processes events
Target examples

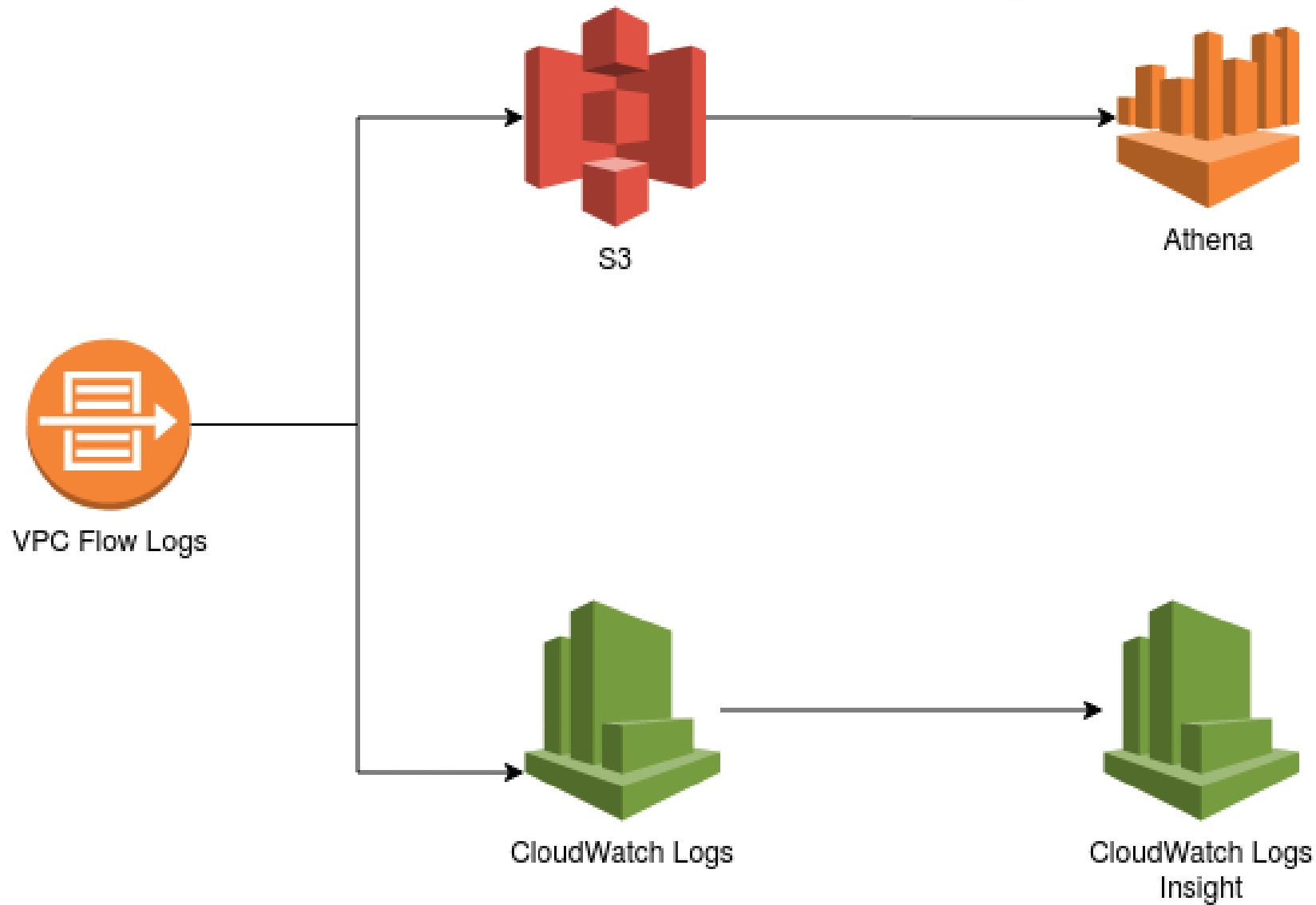
- EC2 instances
- AWS Lambda
- Kinesis streams
- Amazon ECS
- Step Functions
- Amazon SNS
- Amazon SQS



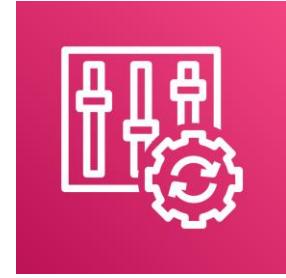
CloudWatch and EventBridge Summary



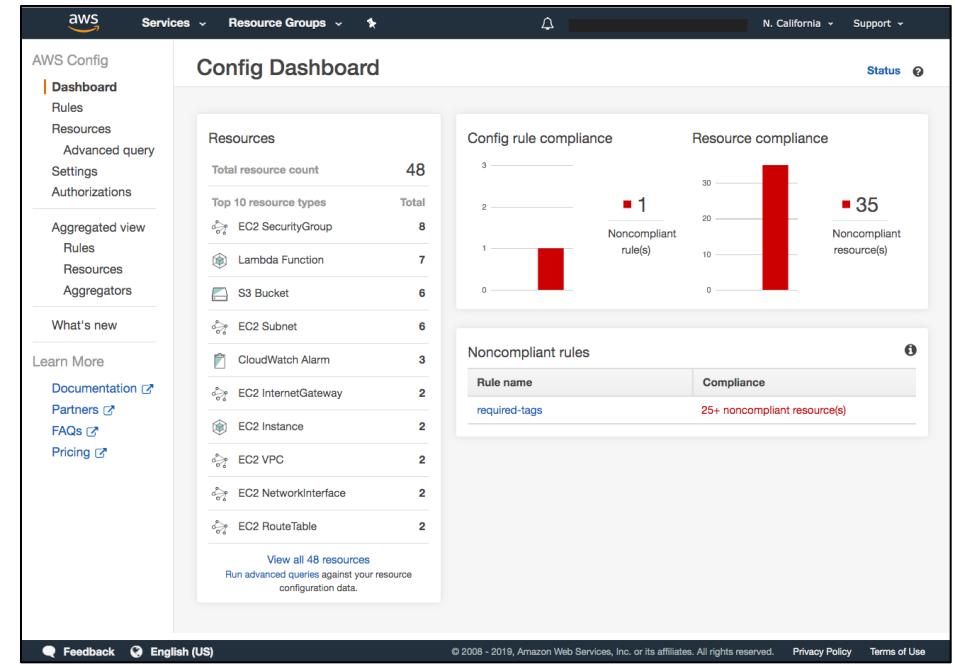
AWS Flow Logs



AWS Config



- **Assess and audit configurations of AWS resources**
- **Continuous monitoring** of configurations
- Automatically evaluate **recorded** vs **desired** configurations
- Review configuration **changes**
- View detailed configuration **history**
- Simplify **compliance auditing, security analysis** and change management





Services ▾

Resource Groups ▾



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AWS Config

Dashboard

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Aggregated view

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Config Dashboard

Status

Resources

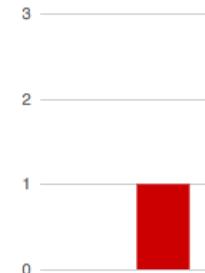
Total resource count **48**

Top 10 resource types Total

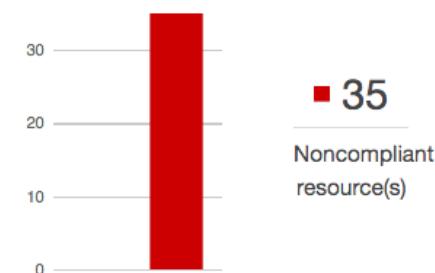
 EC2 SecurityGroup **8** Lambda Function **7** S3 Bucket **6** EC2 Subnet **6** CloudWatch Alarm **3** EC2 InternetGateway **2** EC2 Instance **2** EC2 VPC **2** EC2 NetworkInterface **2** EC2 RouteTable **2**[View all 48 resources](#)

Run advanced queries against your resource configuration data.

Config rule compliance



Resource compliance



Noncompliant rules



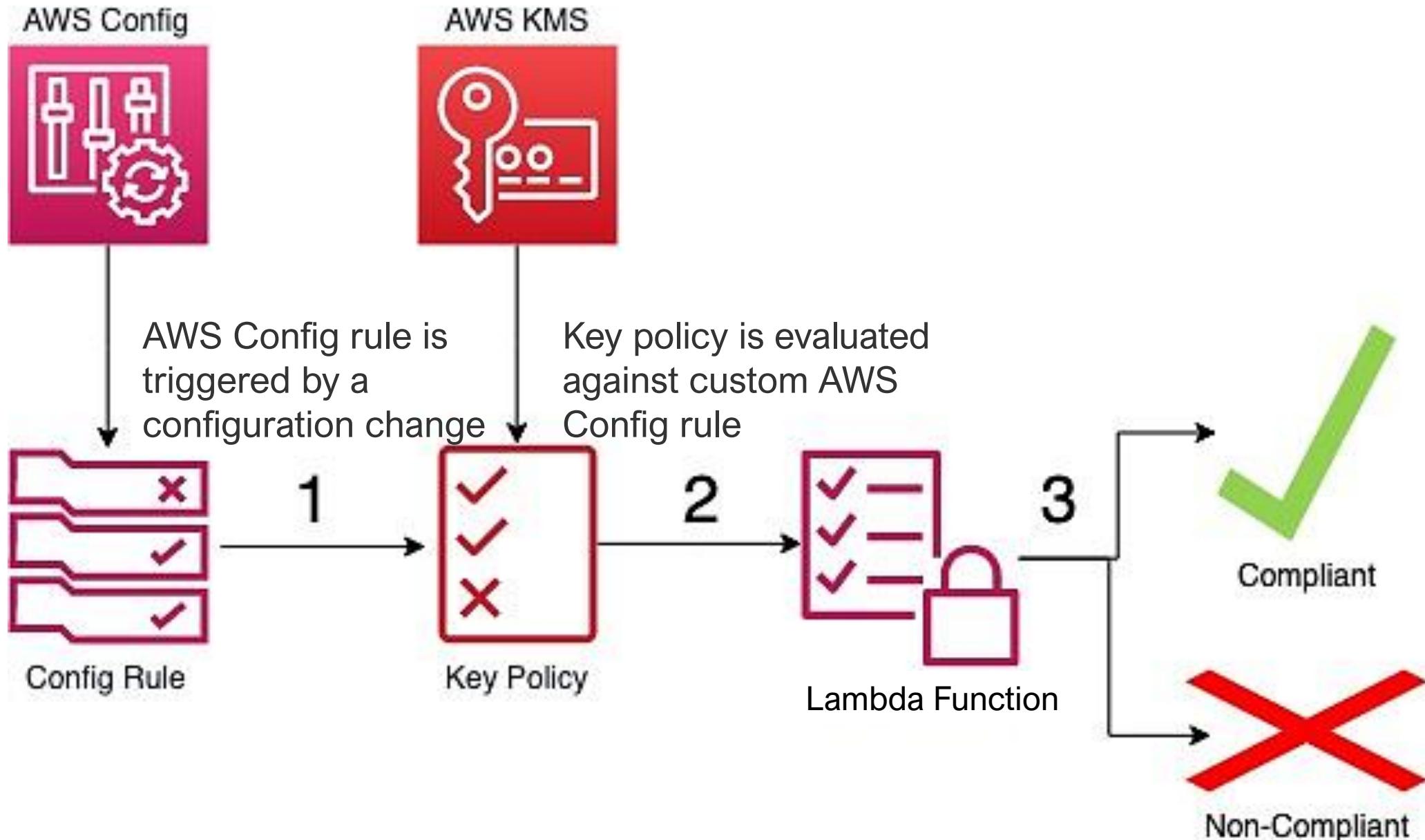
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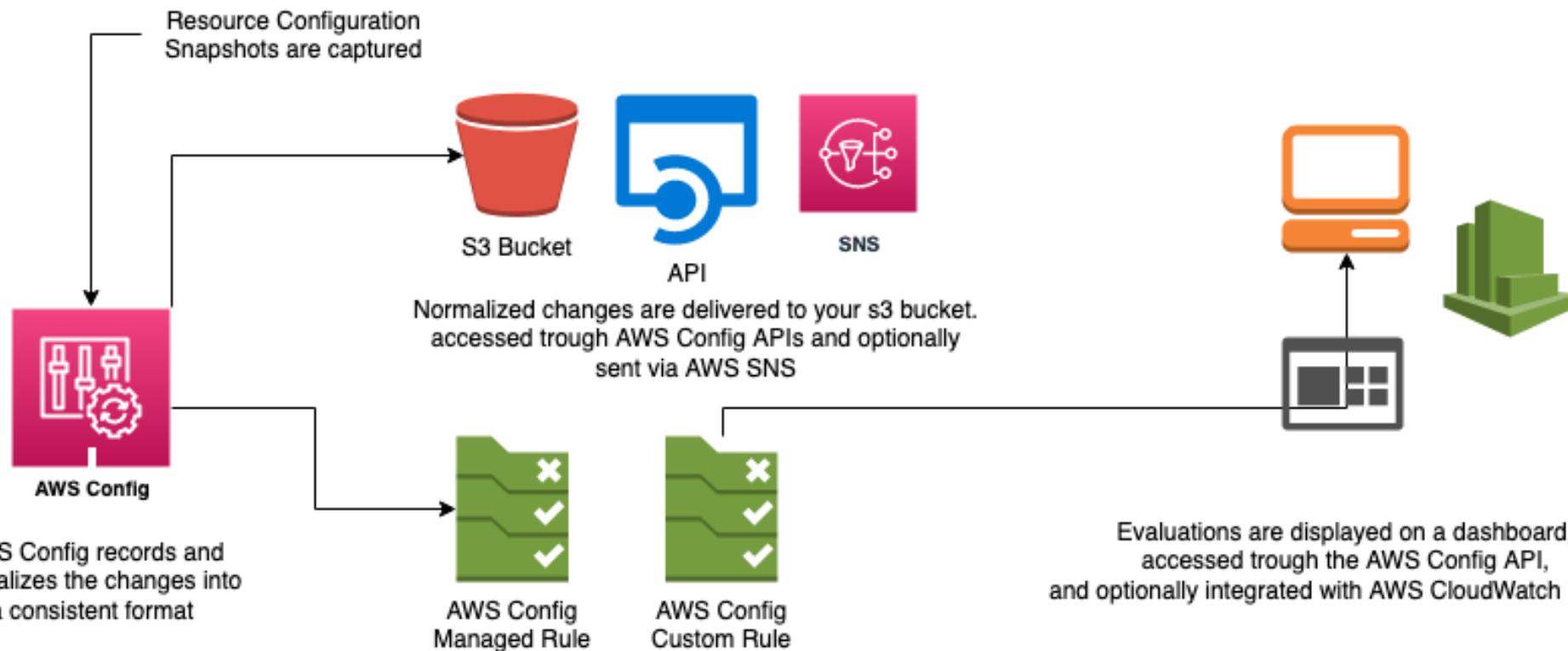
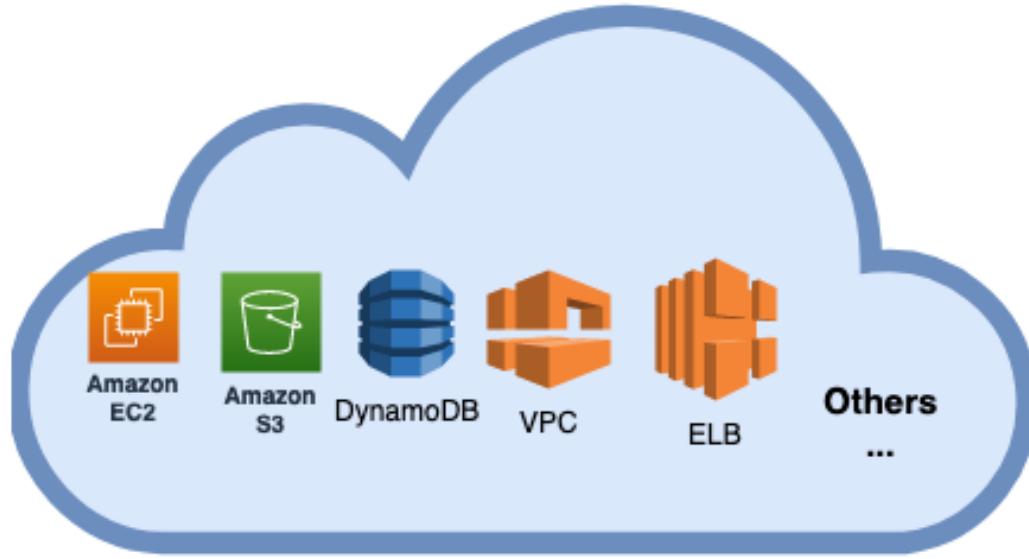
Feedback

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Example Scenario

Developers and operations teams sometimes need to adjust security groups while prototyping and troubleshooting infrastructure issues, and may forget to revert those changes

Additional Security Services



Amazon
Macie



Amazon
Inspector



Amazon
GuardDuty

Use ML to discover, classify and protect sensitive data on S3

Protect personally identifiable information (PII), know when it moves, generate alerts

Automated **security assessment** service

Define standards and best practices for applications and **validate adherence to these standards**

Intelligent **threat detection** and continuous monitoring for **malicious activity** and unauthorized behaviour to protect AWS accounts and workloads

Analyzes **events** from CloudTrail, VPC Flow Logs, ...

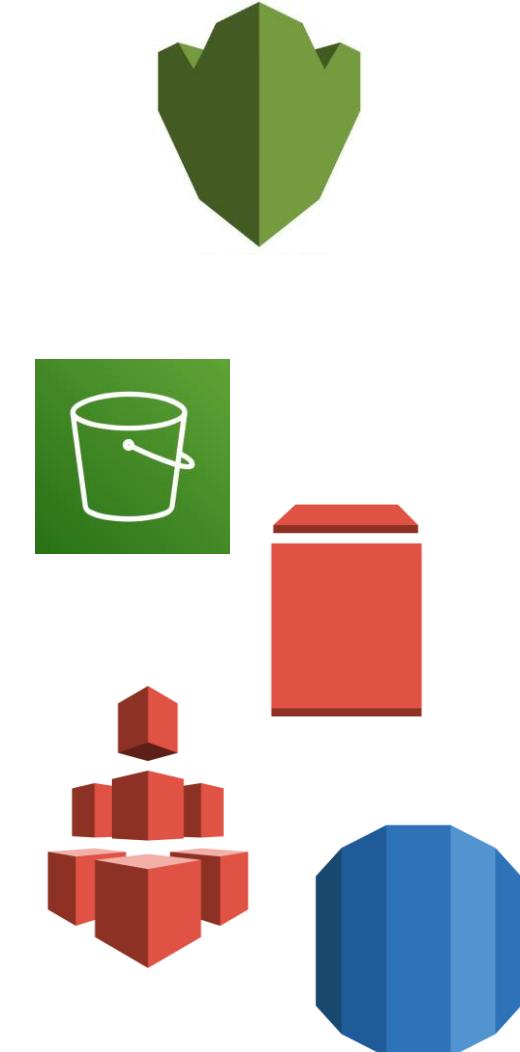
Cloud Data Security



Encryption of Data at Rest



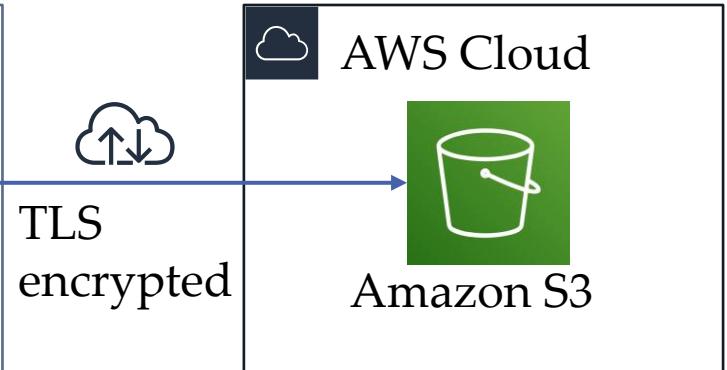
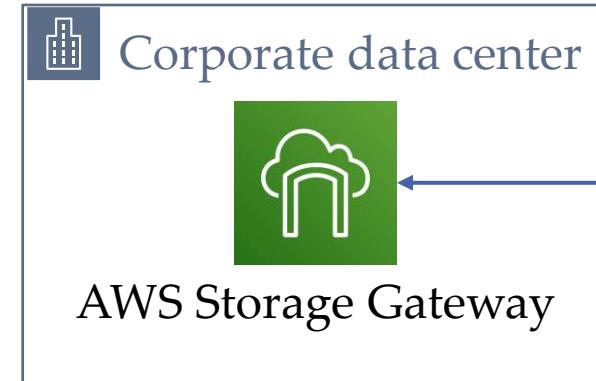
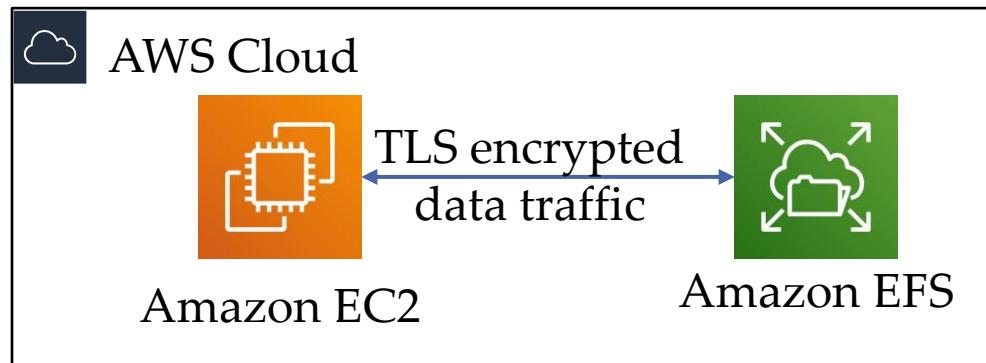
- AWS supports encryption of **data at rest**
 - **Symmetric** keys
 - AES-256
- Only those with **secret key** can decode
- **AWS KMS** manage secret keys
- **Envelope** encryption
 - KMS key to generate and en(de)crypt data keys
- Service supported by AWS KMS (**SSE-KMS**)
 - S3, EBS, EFS, RDS, ...



Encryption of Data in Transit



- AWS supports encryption of data in transit
 - **TLS 1.2**
 - **AWS Certificate Manager** to manage, deploy, and renew TLS certs
- HTTPS creates a secure tunnel
 - Uses TLS for bidirectional exchange of data



Amazon S3

- **Object storage** service
- Stores **unlimited** amounts of unstructured data
- Data as **objects** in **buckets**
- **5 TB** maximum size of a single object
- All objects have REST globally **unique URL**
- Objects are **immutable**
 - To modify change outside S3 and reupload
- All objects have key, version ID, **value**, metadata, and subresources



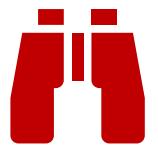
Amazon S3 Benefits

Durability



- Ensures data is not lost
- S3 Standard provides 11 9s (or 99.99999999%) of durability

Availability



- Access data when needed
- S3 Standard class provides four 9s (or 99.99%) availability

Scalability



- Virtually unlimited capacity
- Any single object of 5 TB or less

Security



- Fine-grained access control

Performance



- Latency measured in millisec
- Supported by many design patterns

Amazon S3 Common Usage Patterns



What problems can you solve by using Amazon S3?



S3 Use Case 1: Store and Distribute Web Content and Media

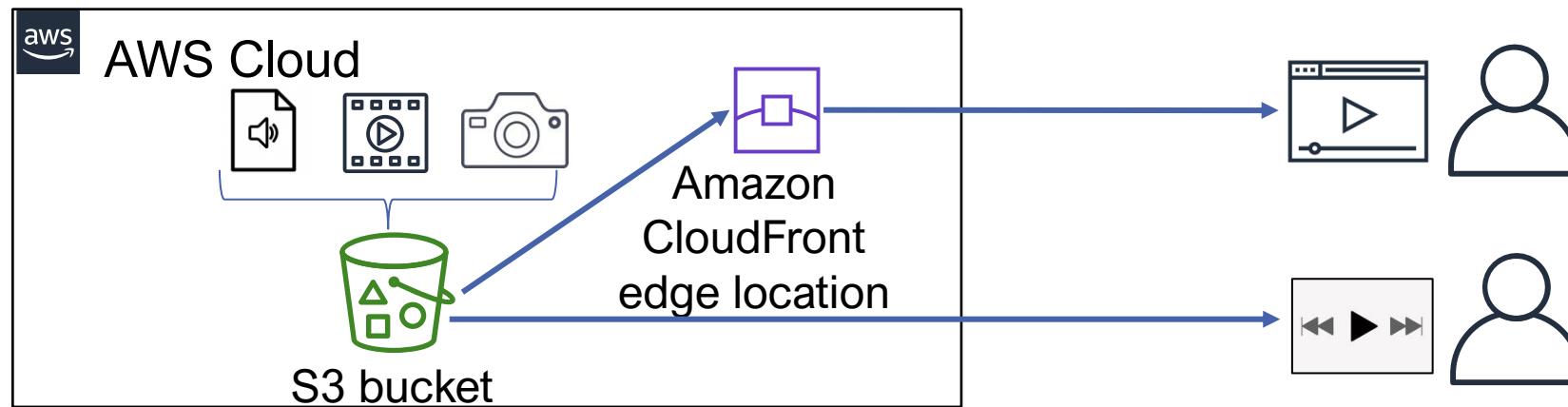
Build a redundant, scalable and highly available infrastructure that hosts media uploads and downloads.



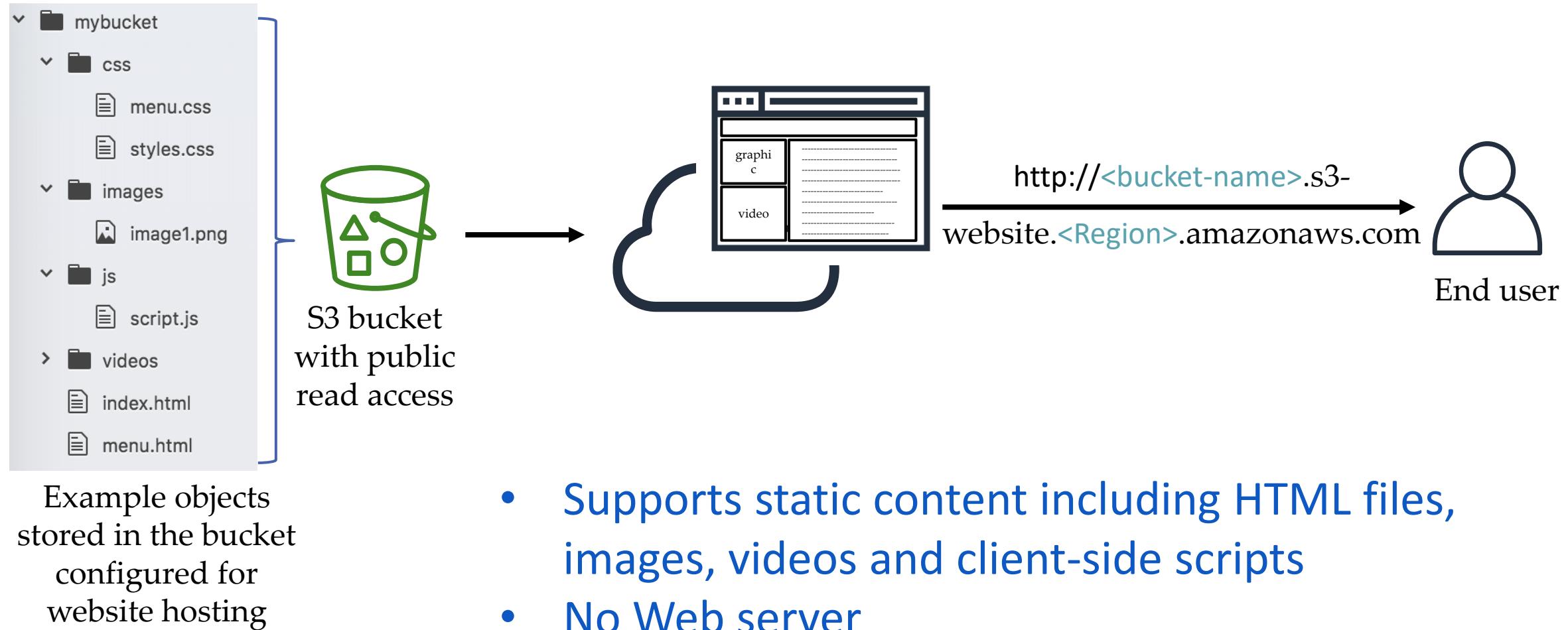
`https://<bucket-name>.s3.amazonaws.com`



`https://<bucket-name>.s3.amazonaws.com/video.mp4`



S3 Use Case 2: Host Static Websites



Securing S3 Buckets and Objects

- Buckets and objects are private and protected **by default**
 - Explicitly **grant** access
- When use cases must **share** Amazon S3 data
 - Manage and **control** data access
 - Follow the principle of **least privilege**



Options for Controlling Access to S3

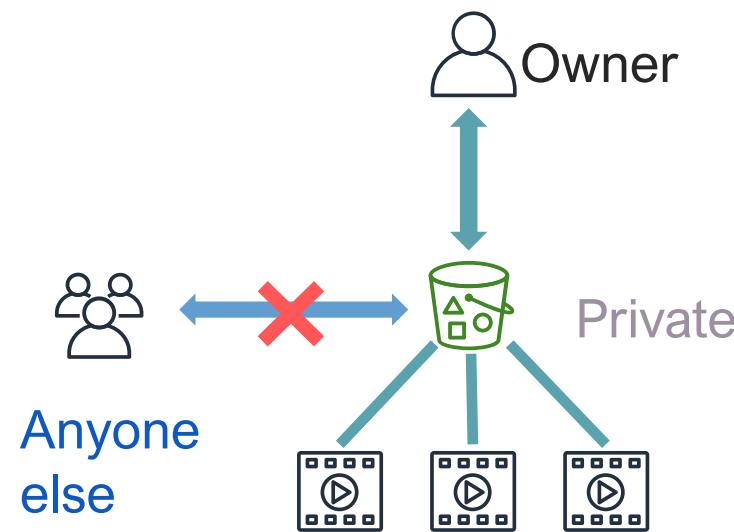
- Block **Public Access** feature: default
- **IAM policies**: IAM users or roles
- **Bucket policies**: define access to specific object or bucket
- **ACLs**: legacy mechanism
- **S3 Access Points**: configure access permissions to each application
- **Presigned URLs**: grant access to others with temporary URLs
- **AWS Trusted Advisor** bucket permission check



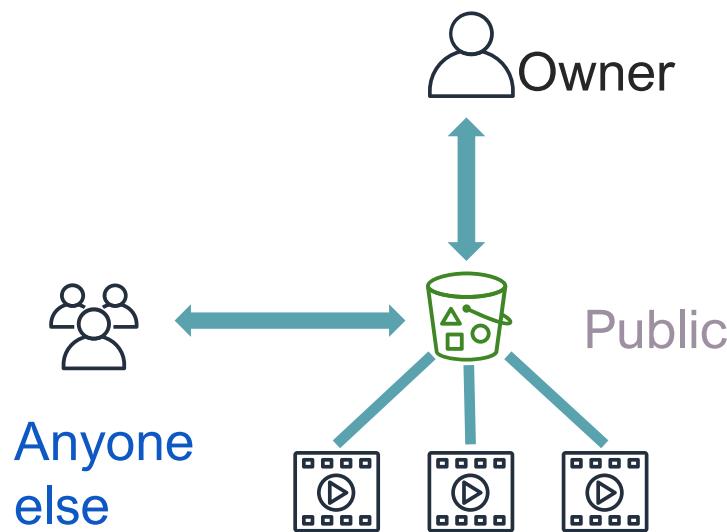
Three Access Scenarios

Configure security settings for your use case on the bucket and objects

Default S3 security settings

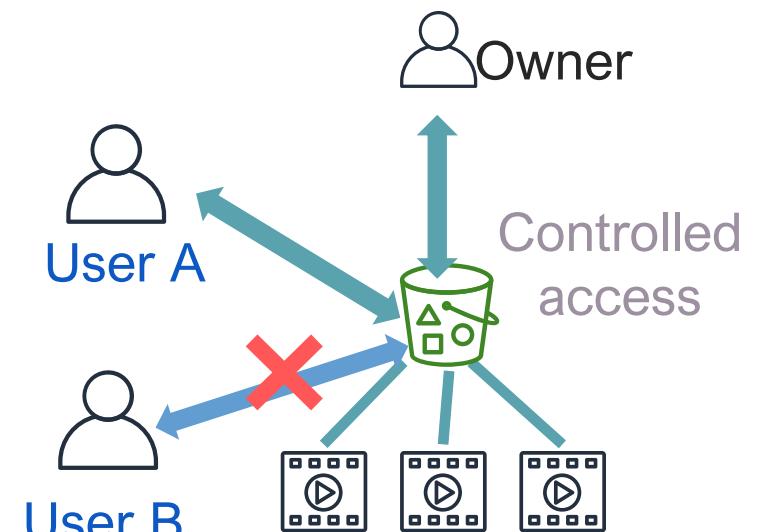


Public access S3 security settings



Most use cases do not require public access

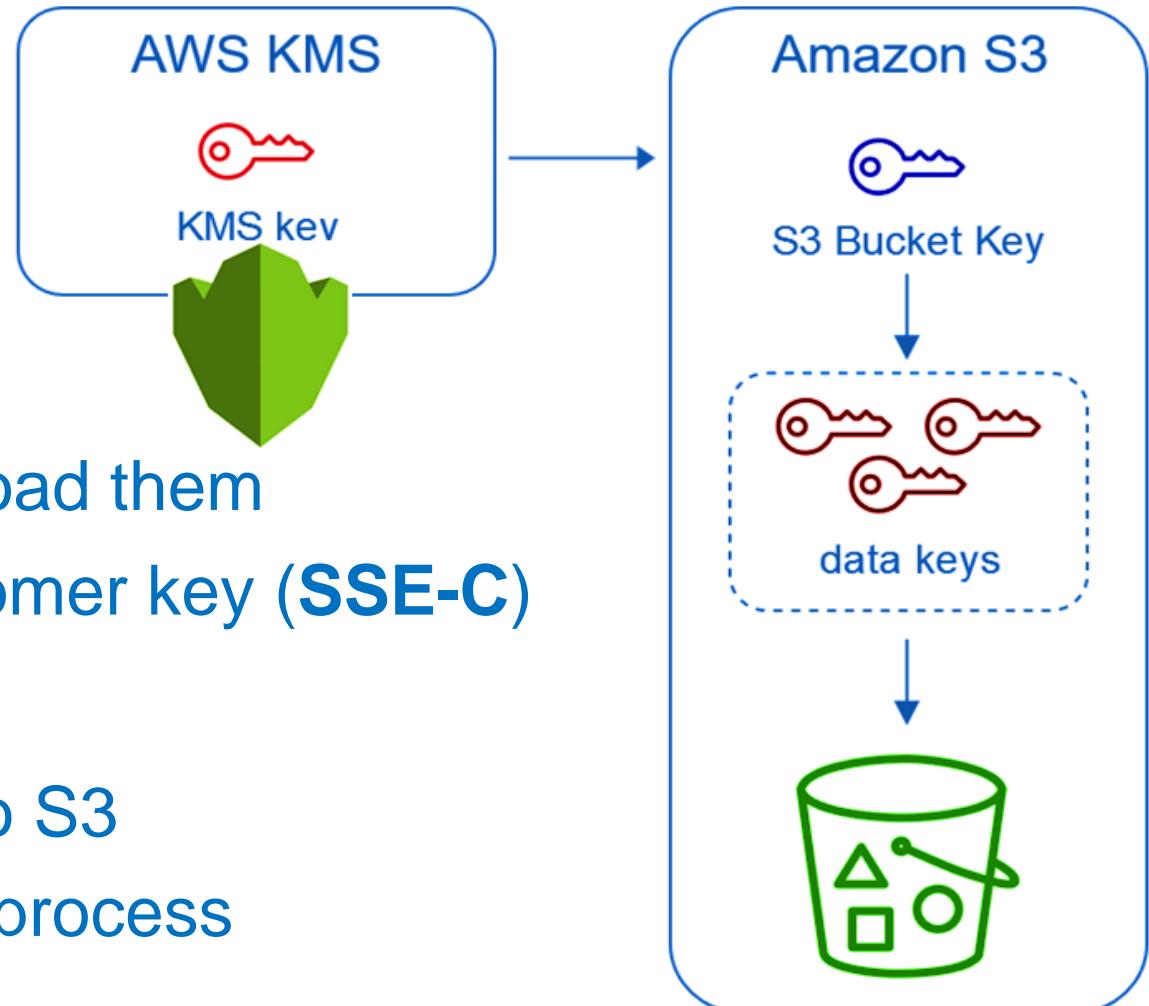
Access policy applied to S3 security settings



Use controls discussed previously

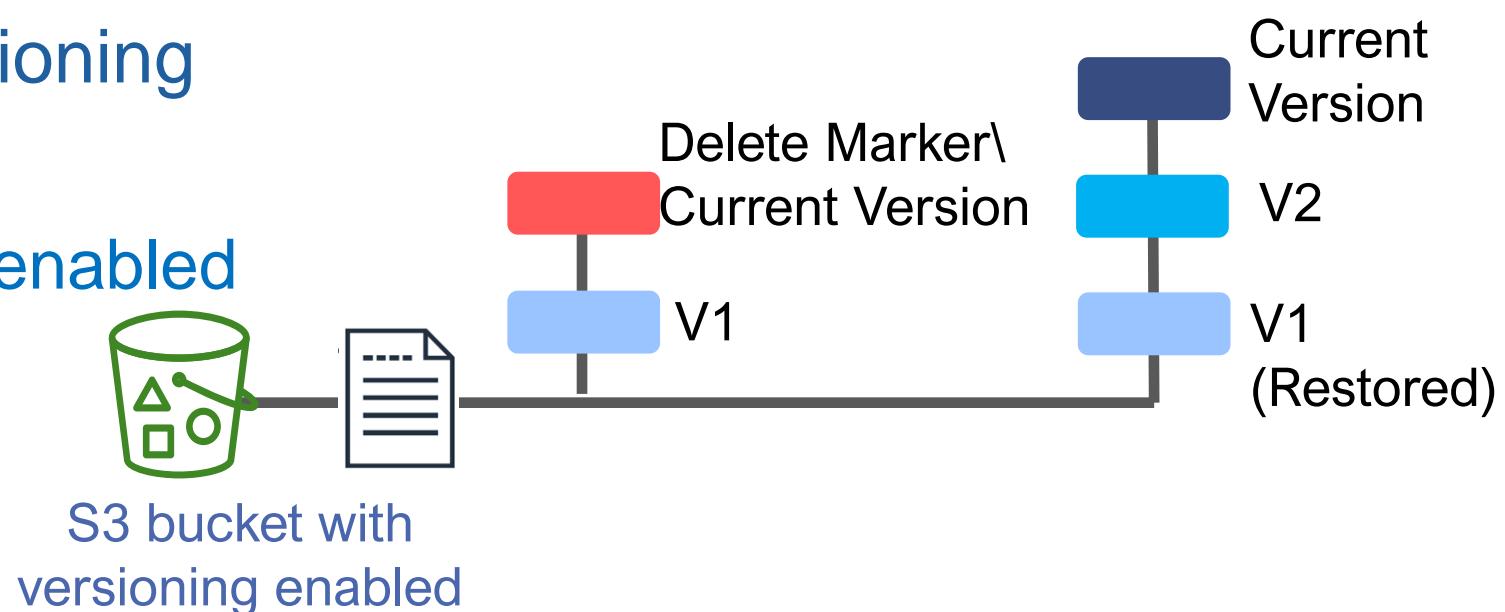
Encrypting Objects in S3

- **Server-side encryption**
 - On the bucket, selecting Default **encryption** option (**SSE-S3**)
 - **S3 encrypts** objects before it saves them and decrypts when you download them
 - Use **AWS KMS (SSE-KMS)** or customer key (**SSE-C**)
- **Client-side encryption**
 - Encrypt data on client and **upload** to S3
 - **Customer** manages the encryption process



S3 Versioning

- Protects against accidental **overwrites** and **deletes**
- No performance penalty
- Generates **new version** with every upload
- Enables **retrieval** of deleted objects or **rollback** to previous versions
- You **cannot disable** versioning
- States of S3 bucket
 1. Default: Versioning **not enabled**
 2. **Versioning-enabled**
 3. **Versioning-suspended**



Amazon Database Options

Relational databases



Amazon
RDS



Amazon
Redshift



Amazon
Aurora

Non-relational databases



Amazon
DynamoDB



Amazon
ElastiCache

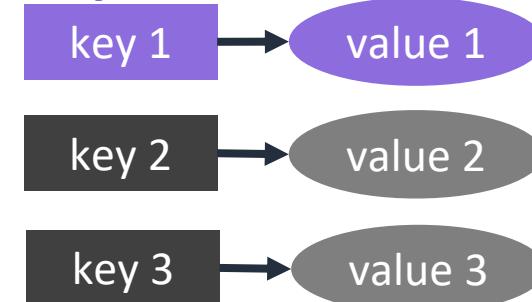


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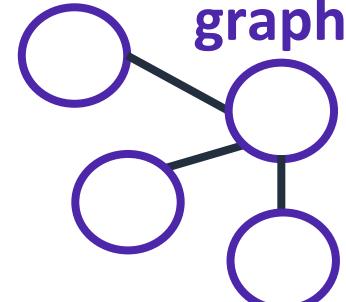
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We focus on these two

key-value



graph

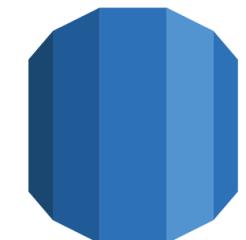


Amazon RDS



Database types supported

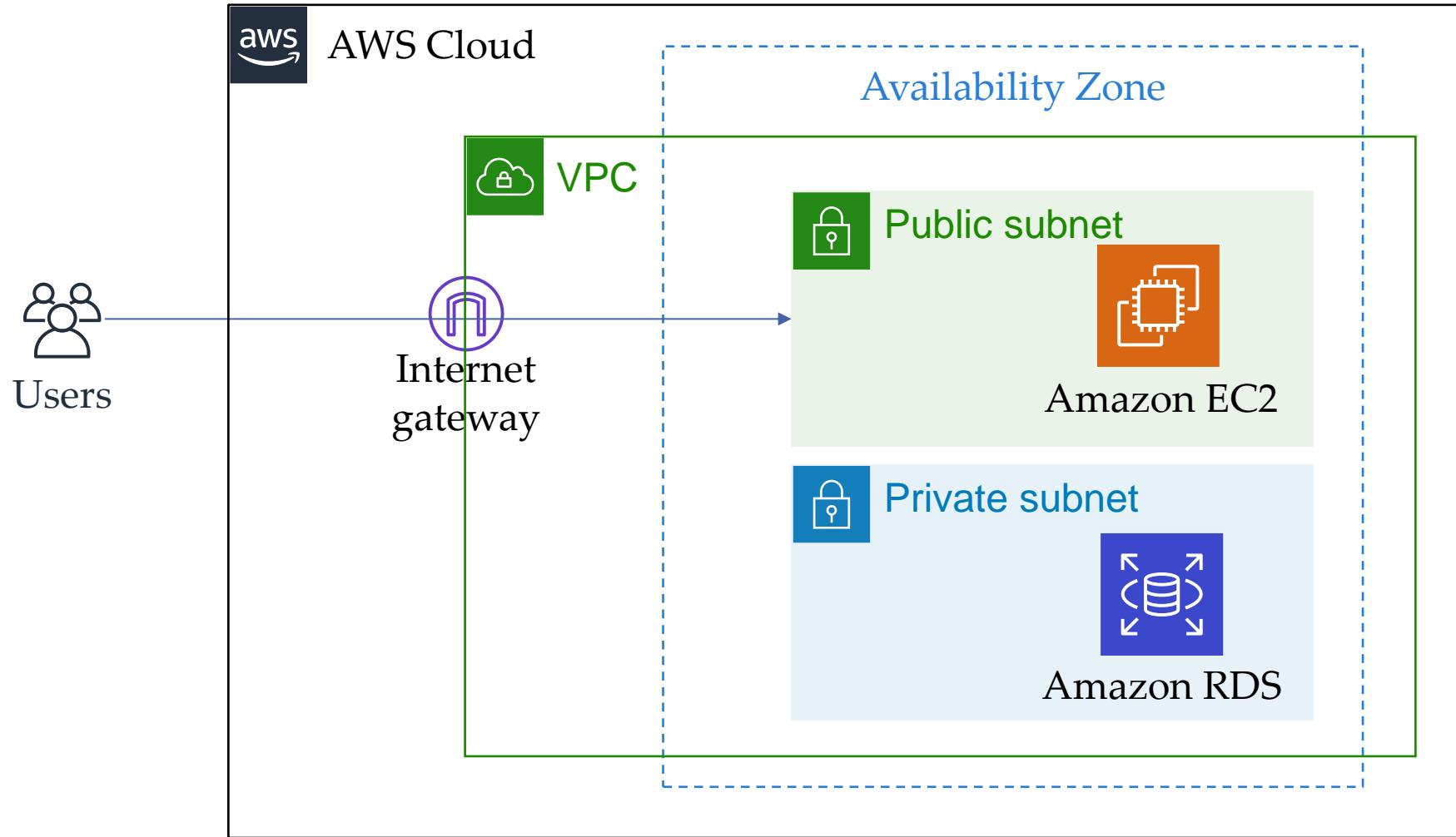
- Microsoft SQL Server
- Oracle
- MySQL
- PostgreSQL
- Aurora
- MariaDB



Amazon Aurora



Amazon RDS in Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)



Securing RDS Databases



- Run the RDS instance in **VPC**
 - Provides service **isolation** and **IP firewall** protection
- Use **AWS IAM policies** for authentication and access
 - **Permissions** determine who is allowed to manage RDS resources
- Use **security groups** to control what **IP addresses** or **EC2 instances** can connect to your database
 - By default, network access is disabled
 - Open TCP port where database is accessible
- Use **TLS** for encryption in transit

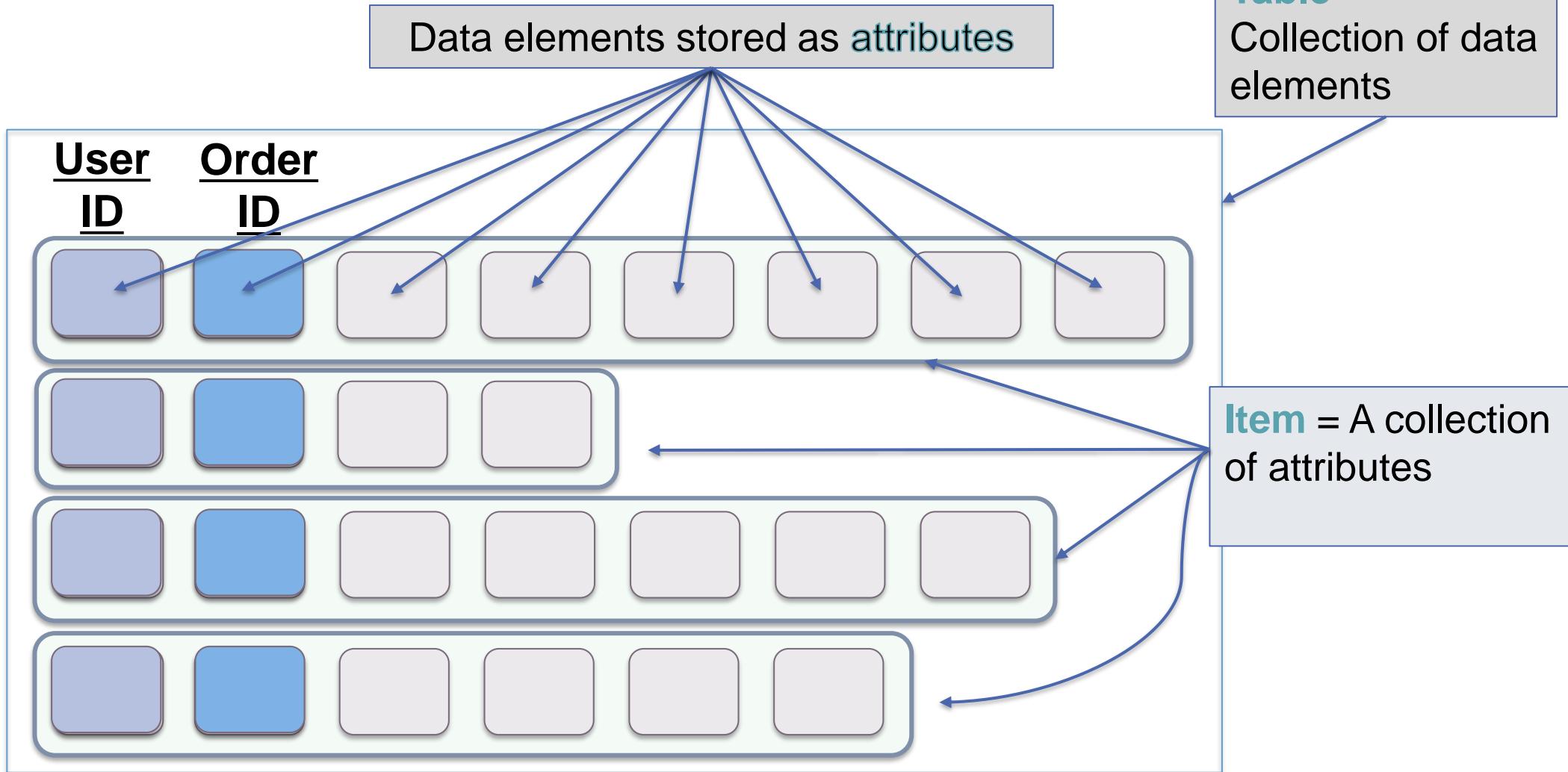
Securing RDS Databases (cont)



- **RDS encryption** on DB instances and snapshots
 - Secure data at rest
 - Transparent to client applications
- Use security features of **DB engine**
e.g. password complexity, who can login to database
- Configure **event notifications** to alert for important RDS events
 - e.g. shutdown, SG changed
 - email, text, HTTP



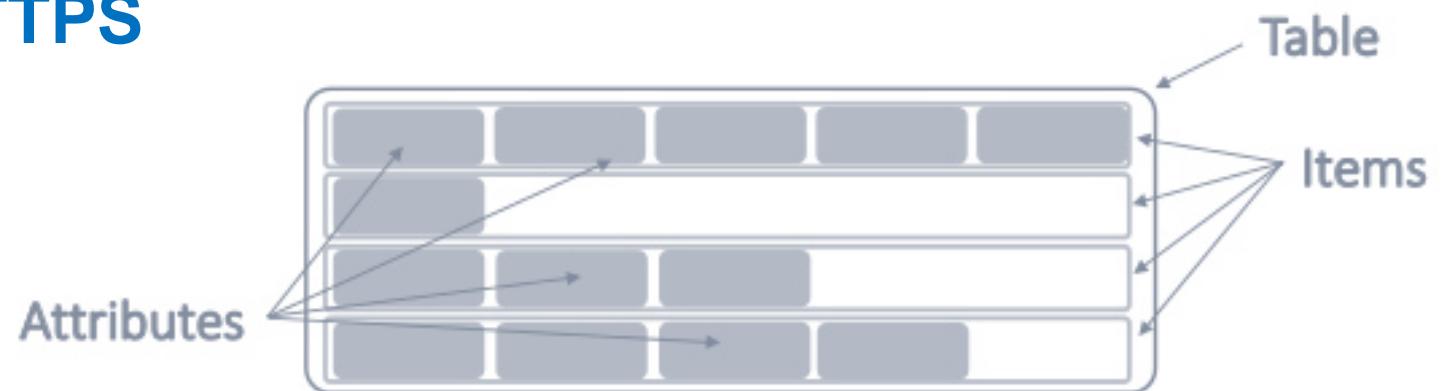
DynamoDB



DynamoDB Security

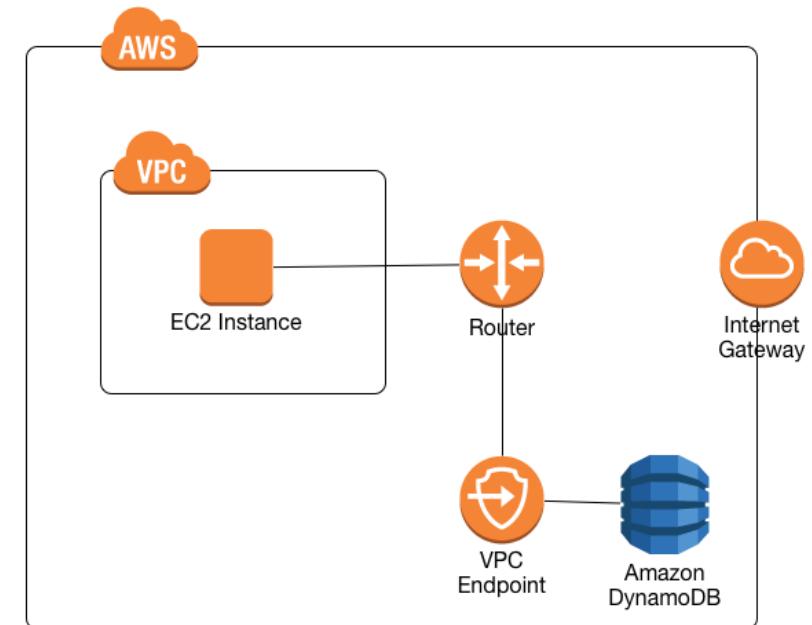
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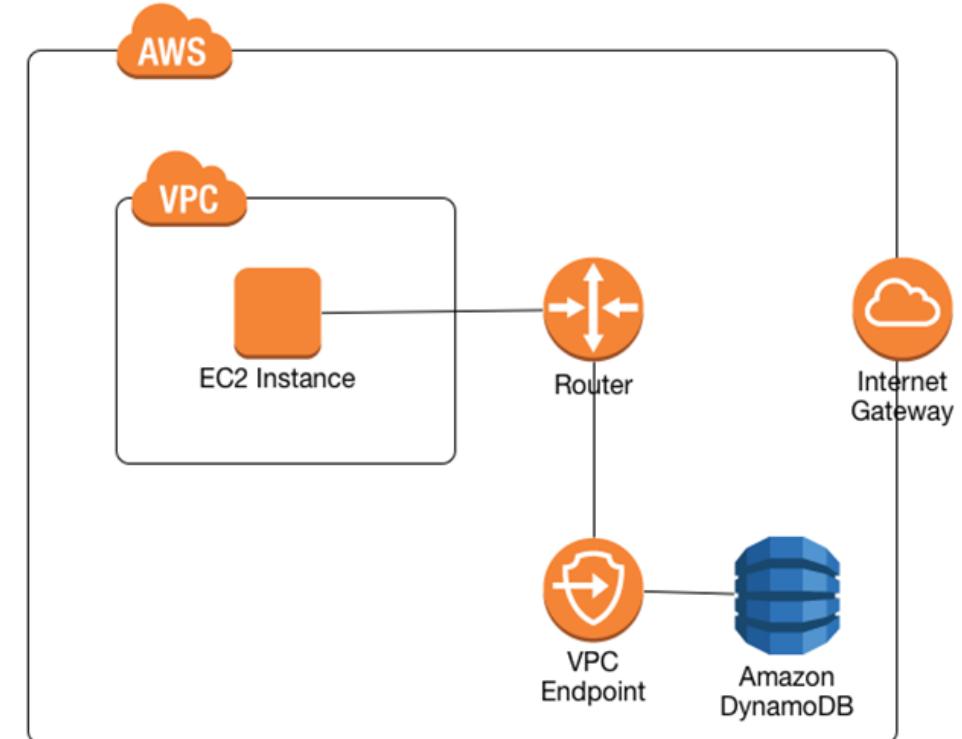
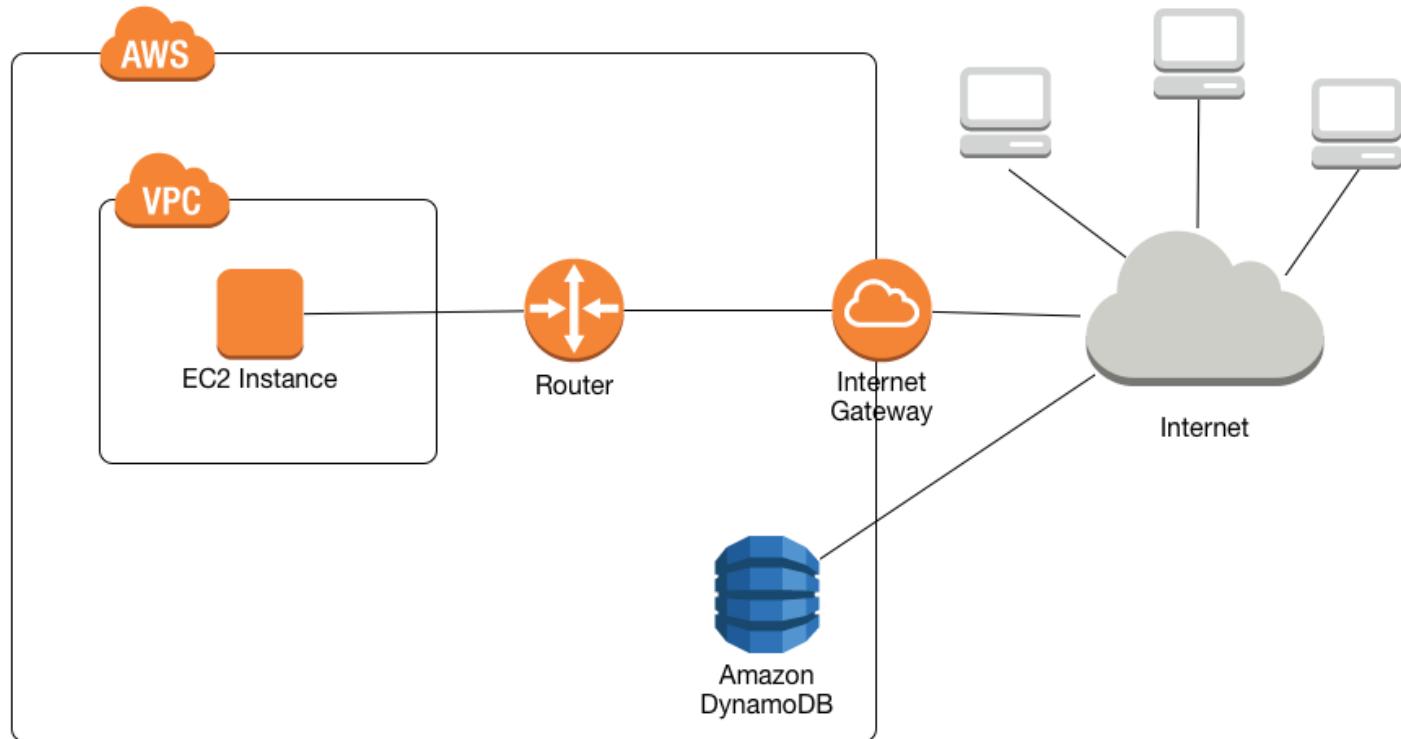
- **Encryption at rest**
 - All data stored in tables, indexes, and backups
- **Encryption in transit**
 - All communications to and from DynamoDB and other AWS resources use **HTTPS**



Further DynamoDB Security Recommendations

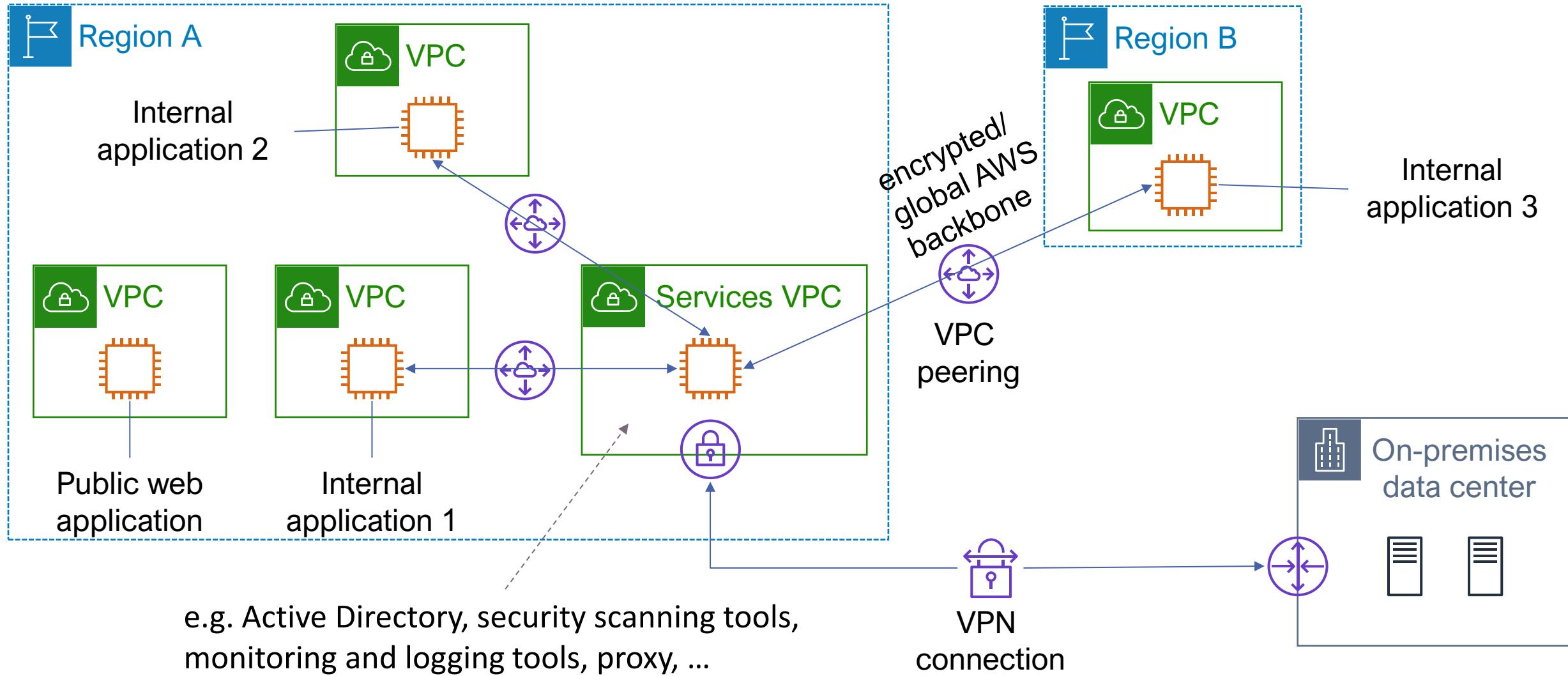
- Use **IAM roles** to authenticate
- Use **IAM policies**
 - Fine-grained access permissions
 - Define access at **table, item or attribute level**
 - **Grant least privilege**
- Configure **VPC endpoints**
 - Prevents traffic from **traversing the internet**
 - **VPC endpoint policies** allow you to control API access to a table
- Consider **client-side encryption**



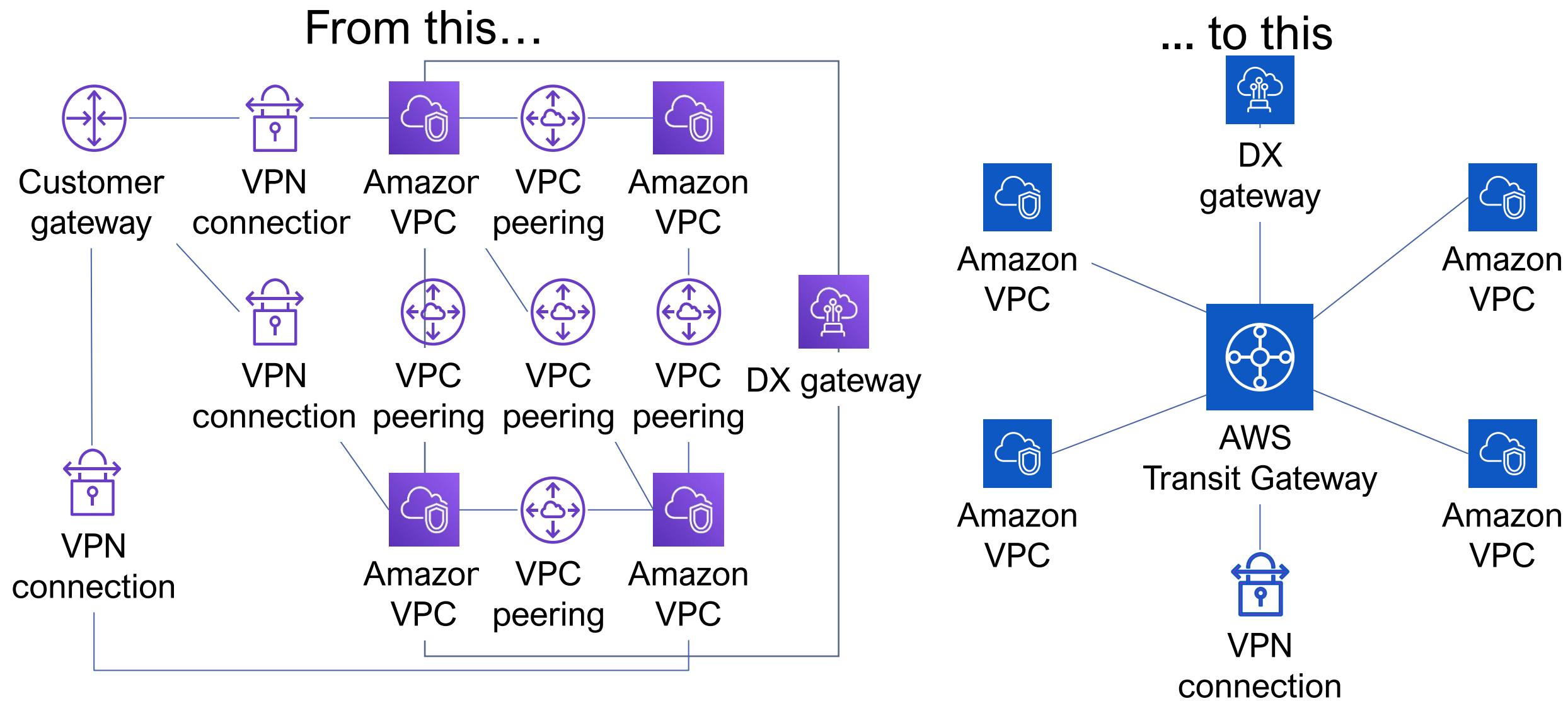


Connecting Networks and Services

Example VPC Peering for Shared Resources

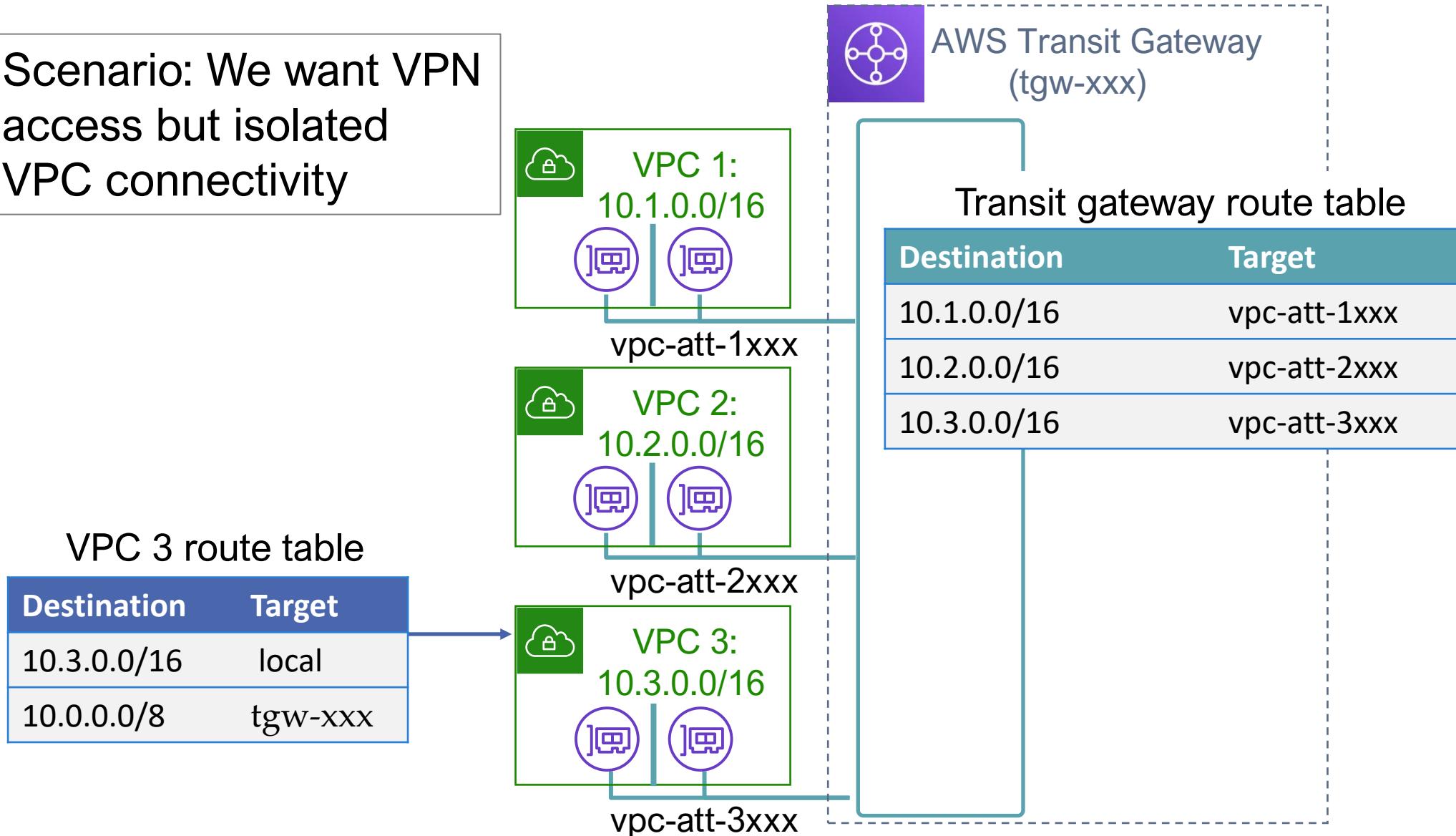


Scaling Networks Across Multiple VPCs



Using AWS Transit Gateway to Achieve VPC Isolation

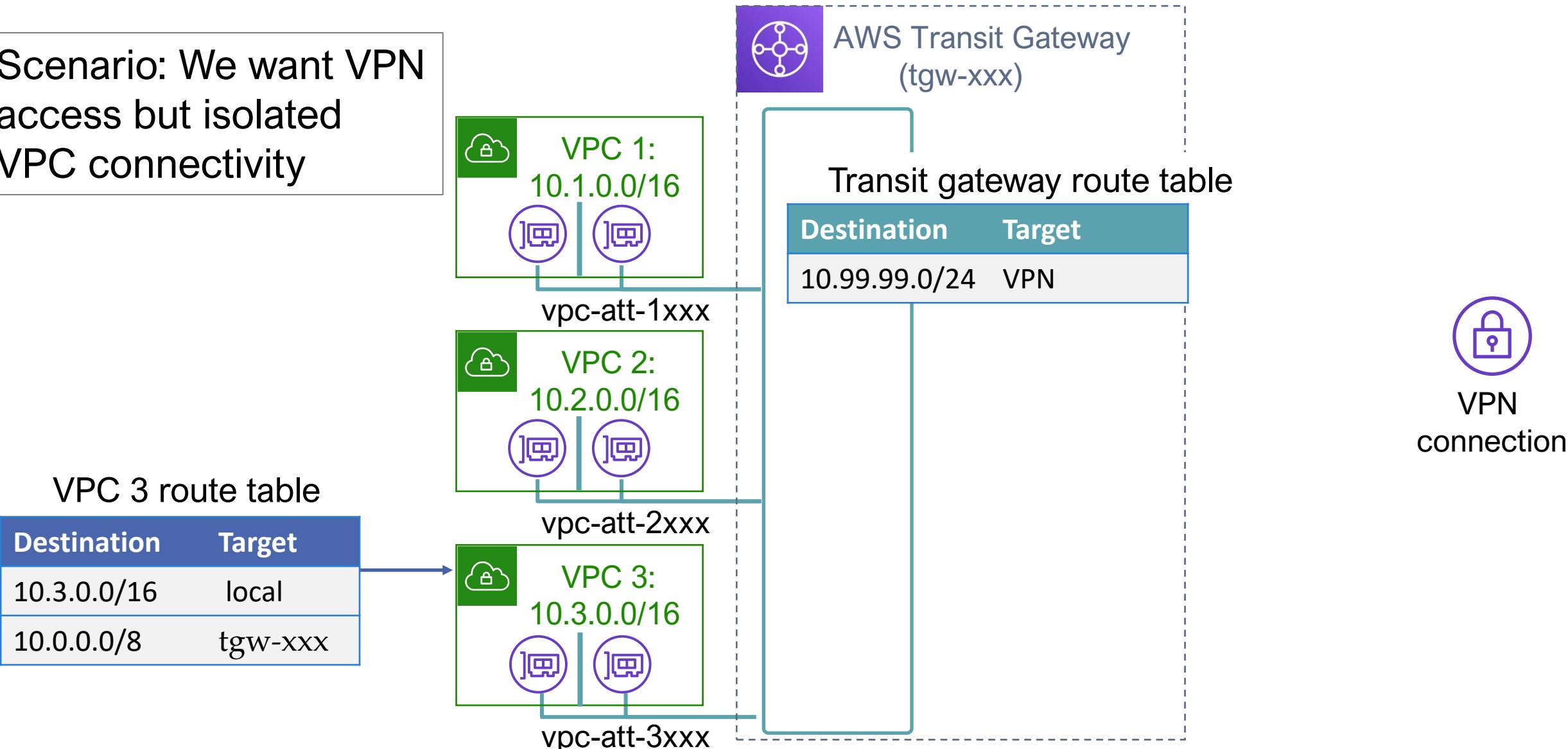
Scenario: We want VPN access but isolated VPC connectivity



VPN
connection

Using AWS Transit Gateway to Achieve VPC Isolation (cont)

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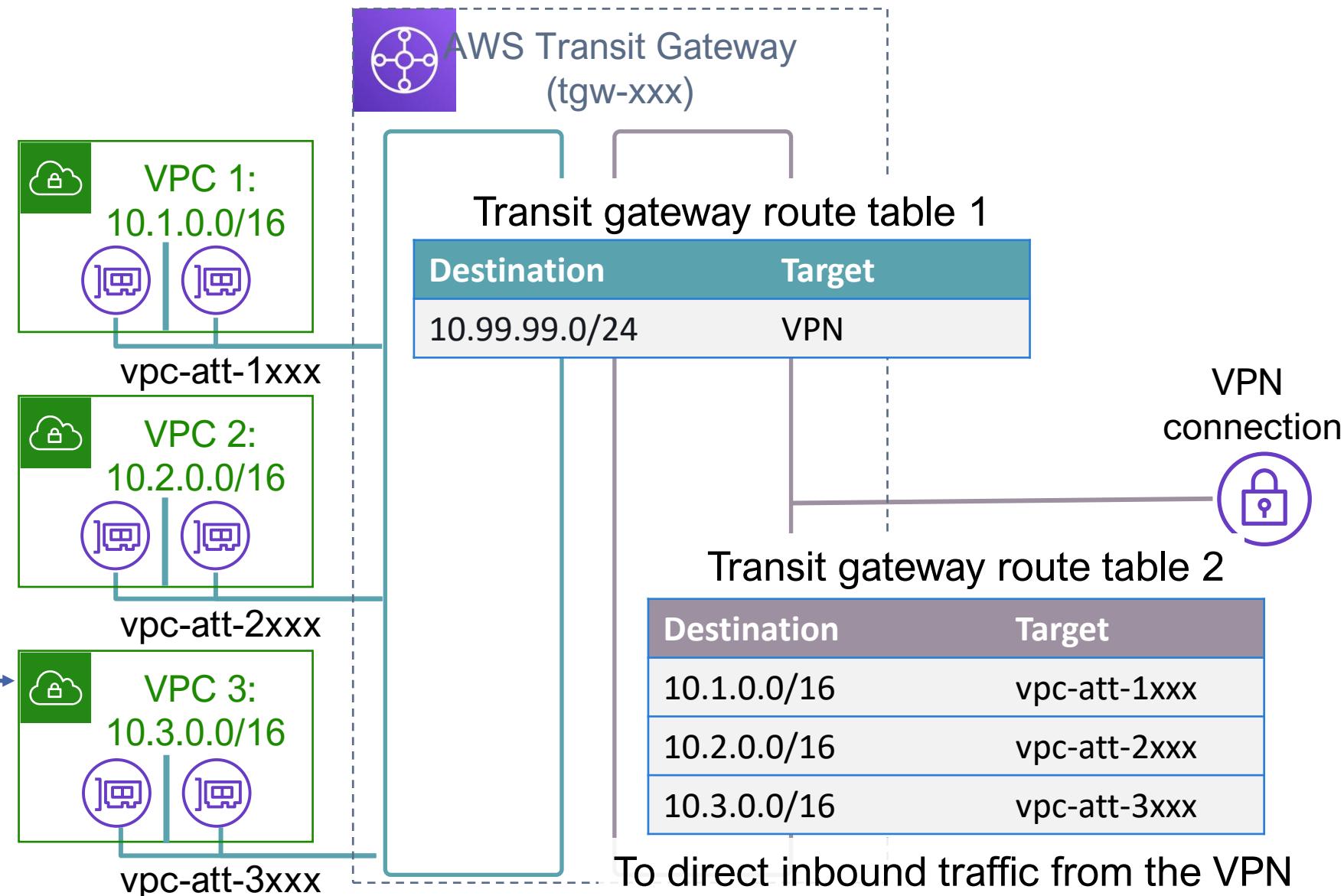


Using AWS Transit Gateway to Achieve VPC Isolation (cont)

Scenario: We want VPN access but isolated VPC connectivity

VPC 3 route table

Destination	Target
10.3.0.0/16	local
10.0.0.0/8	tgw-xxx

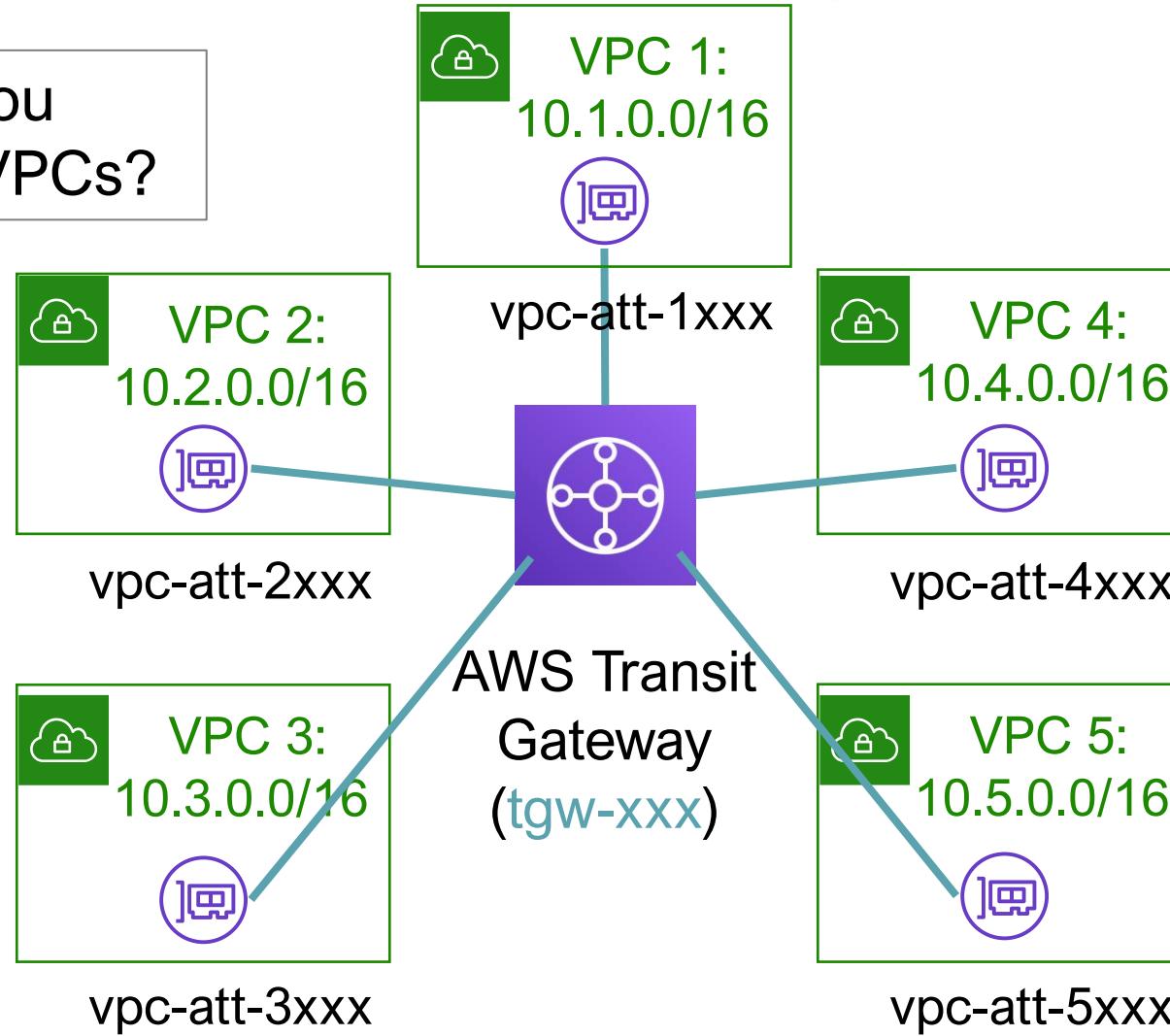


AWS Transit Gateway: Question

Scenario: How do you connect these five VPCs?

VPC # route table

Destination	Target
10.#.0.0/16	local
?	?



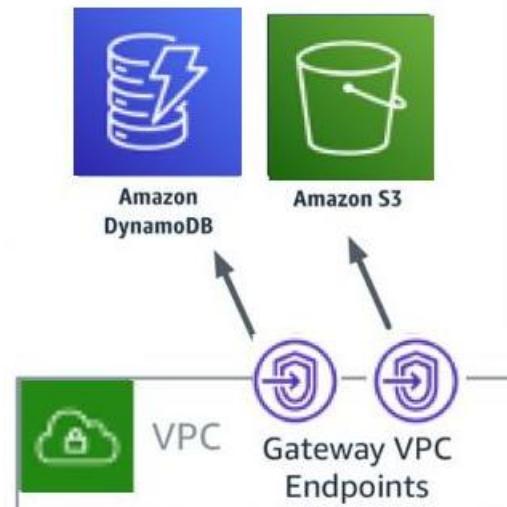
Transit gateway route table

Destination	Target
?	?

VPC Endpoints



- Allow **privately connecting** VPC to supported AWS services
- Enable traffic between VPC and other services **without leaving** Amazon network
- **Do not** require internet gateway, VPN, NAT devices, or firewall proxies
- Horizontally scaled, redundant, highly available **virtual devices**



Two Types of VPC Endpoints

1. Gateway endpoint

Specify it as a **target** for a route in route table for traffic destined to a **supported** AWS service

- S3
- DynamoDB



2. Interface endpoint

Elastic network interface with **private IP address** that serves as an entry point for traffic destined to a supported service

Examples

- CloudWatch
- EC2 API
- Elastic Load Balancing
- Config, ...



VPC endpoint

to privately connect AWS services
without Internet gateway/NAT gateway

Where to sit?



Inside a subnet

Interface endpoint

associated with a security group

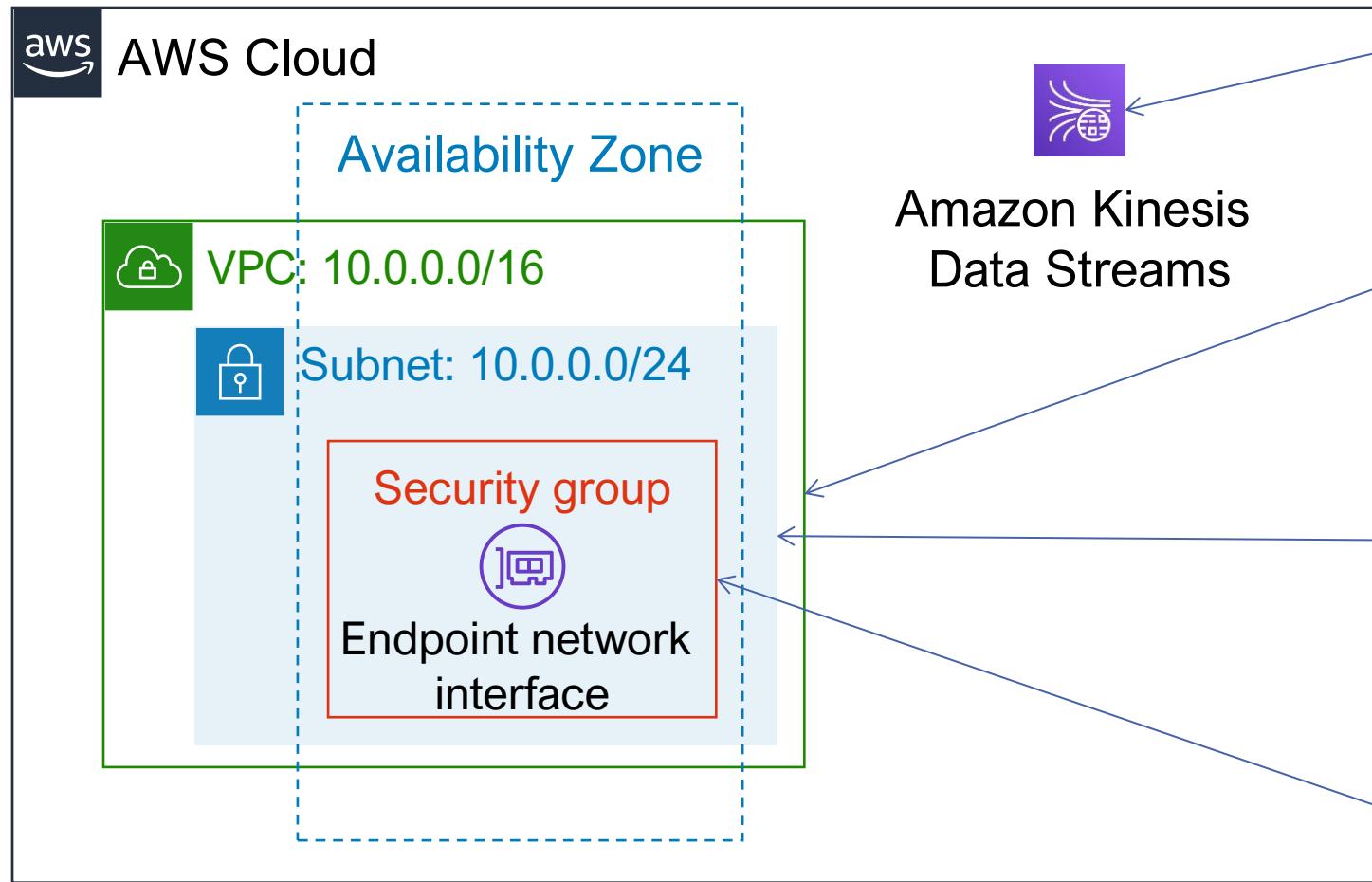


Inside a VPC

Gateway endpoint

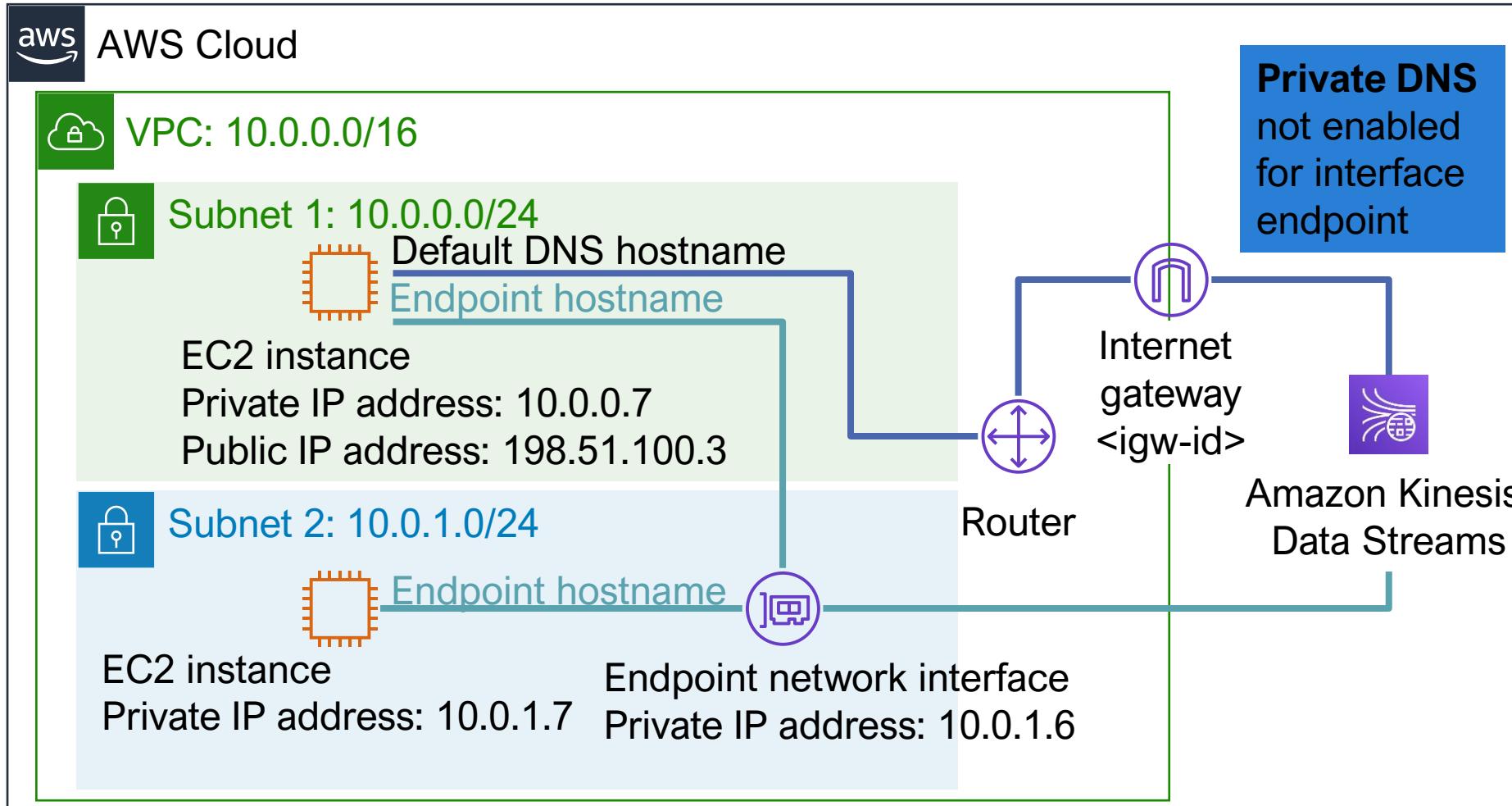
associated with a route table

Setting up an Interface Endpoint



1. Specify the **AWS service**, endpoint service, or AWS Marketplace service you want to connect to.
2. Choose the **VPC** where you want to create the interface endpoint.
3. Choose a **subnet** in your VPC that will use the interface endpoint.
4. Specify the **security groups** to associate with the network interface.

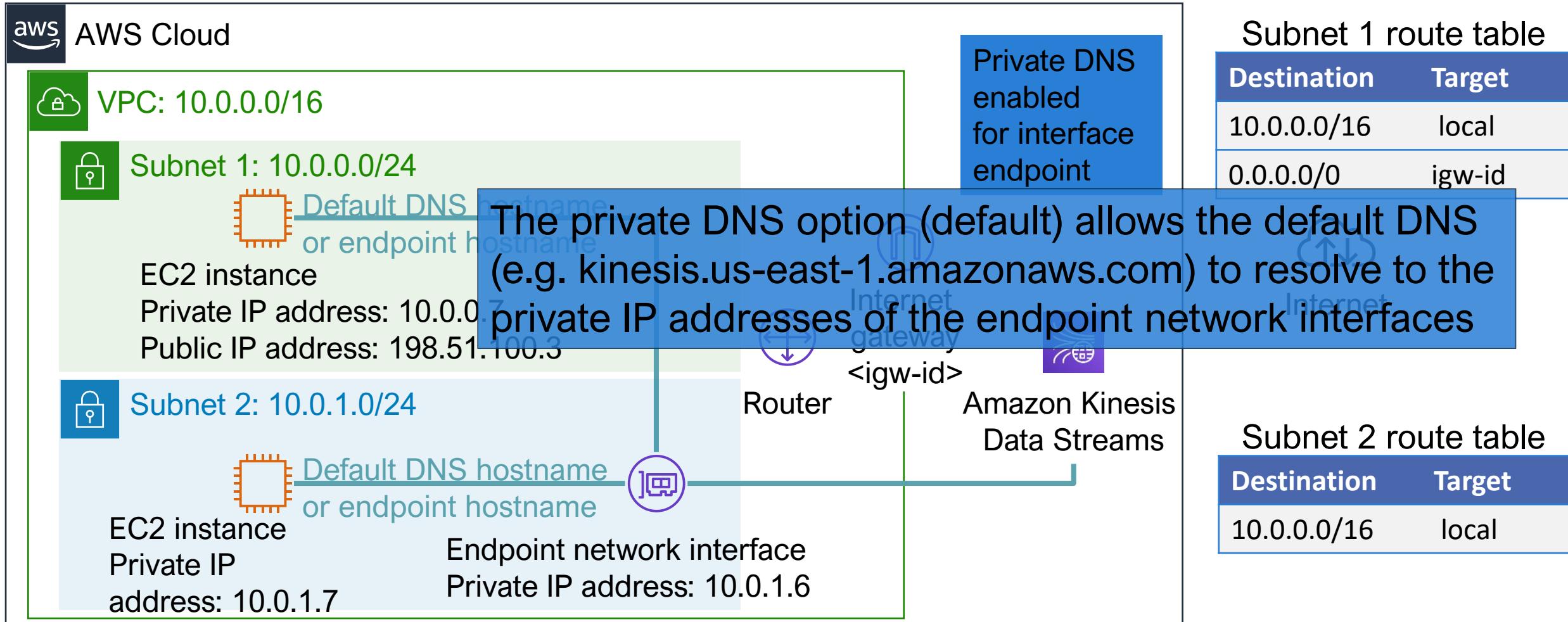
Example of Using VPC Endpoints



Default DNS hostname: kinesis.us-east-1.amazonaws.com

Endpoint-specific DNS hostname: vpce-123-ab-kinesis.us-east-1.vpce.amazonaws.com

Example of Using VPC Endpoints (cont)



Default DNS hostname: kinesis.us-east-1.amazonaws.com

Endpoint-specific DNS hostname: vpce-123-ab-kinesis.us-east-1.vpce.amazonaws.com