

ADFS Powered By Windows Azure

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Agenda:

AD FS in Azure

- On-Premises AD FS Deployment Architecture
- Azure AD FS Deployment Architecture
- Azure Deployment Components

Topology Options:

- ADFS All in Azure simulating a “DMZ”
- ADFS All in Azure
- Proxy Hybrid
- Failover Hybrid
- Load Balanced Hybrid

Monitoring AD FS

Open Q & A

What is AD FS?

- AD FS provide authentication to claim based applications

Traditional Methods of Authentication

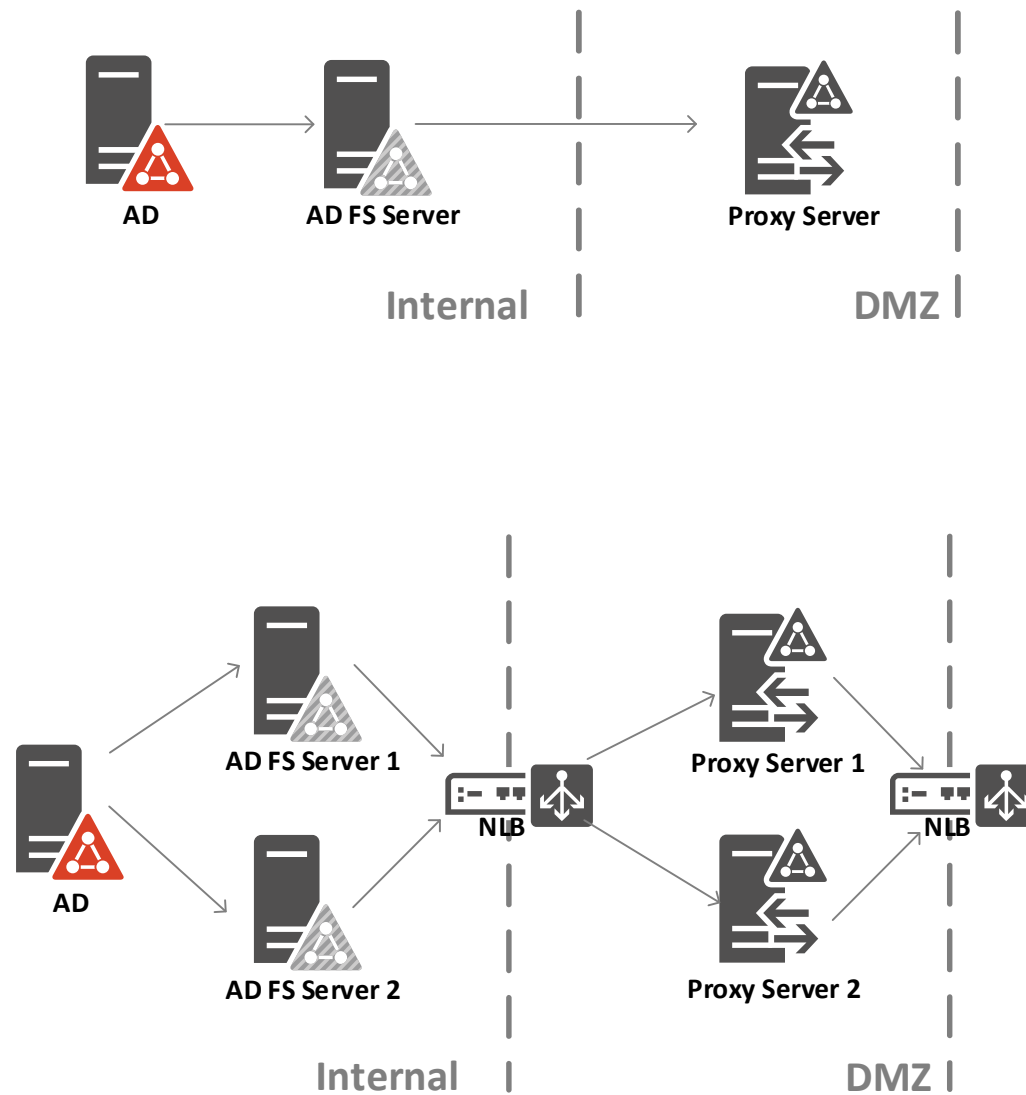
- Kerberos authentication – Username Password
- NTLM authentication – Username Password

Why is it popular?

- Cloud Integration
- SaaS Applications – Web based applications
- Single Sign on - Best end user login experience

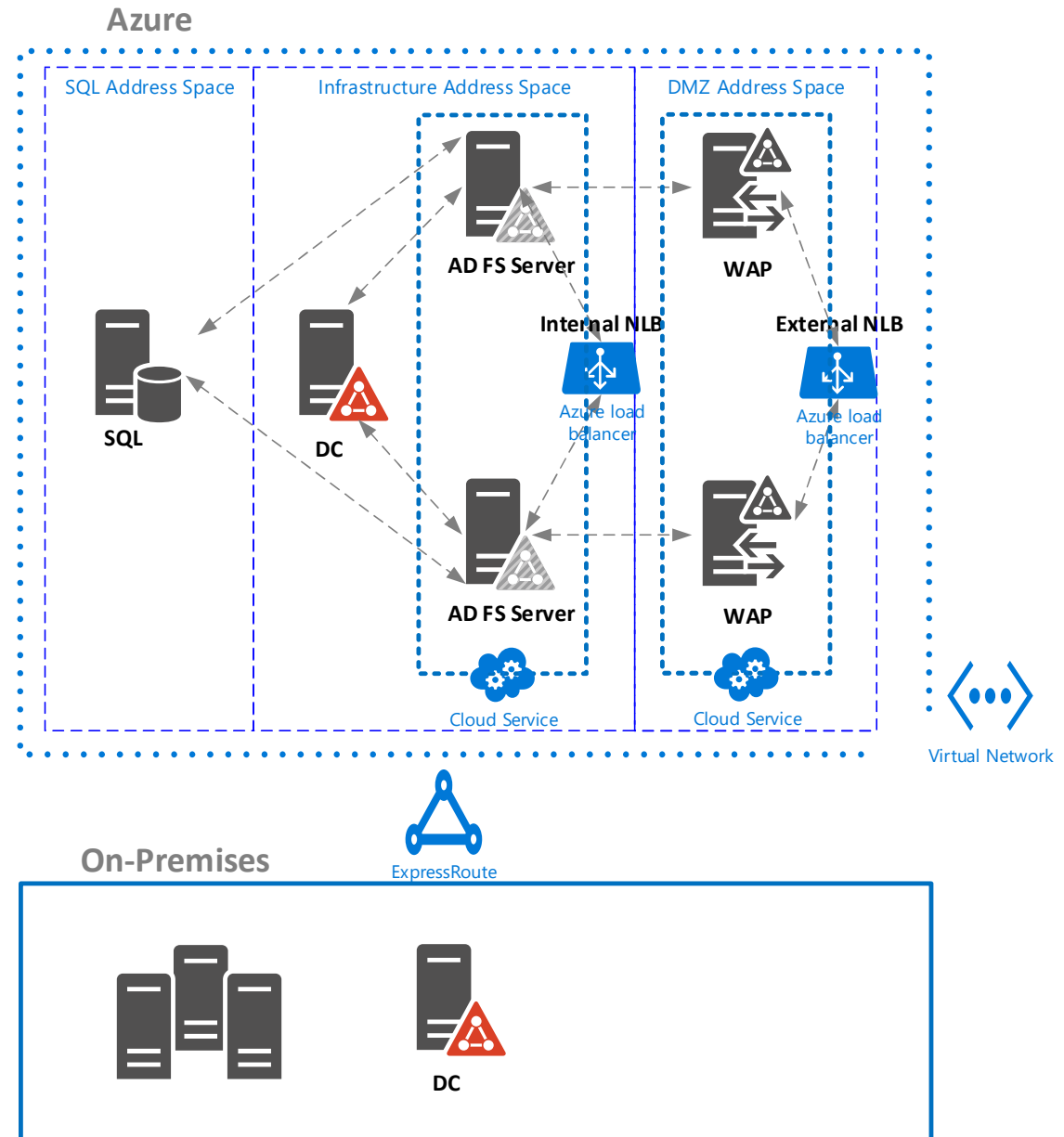
Standard AD FS deployments

On-premises



AD FS in Azure Components

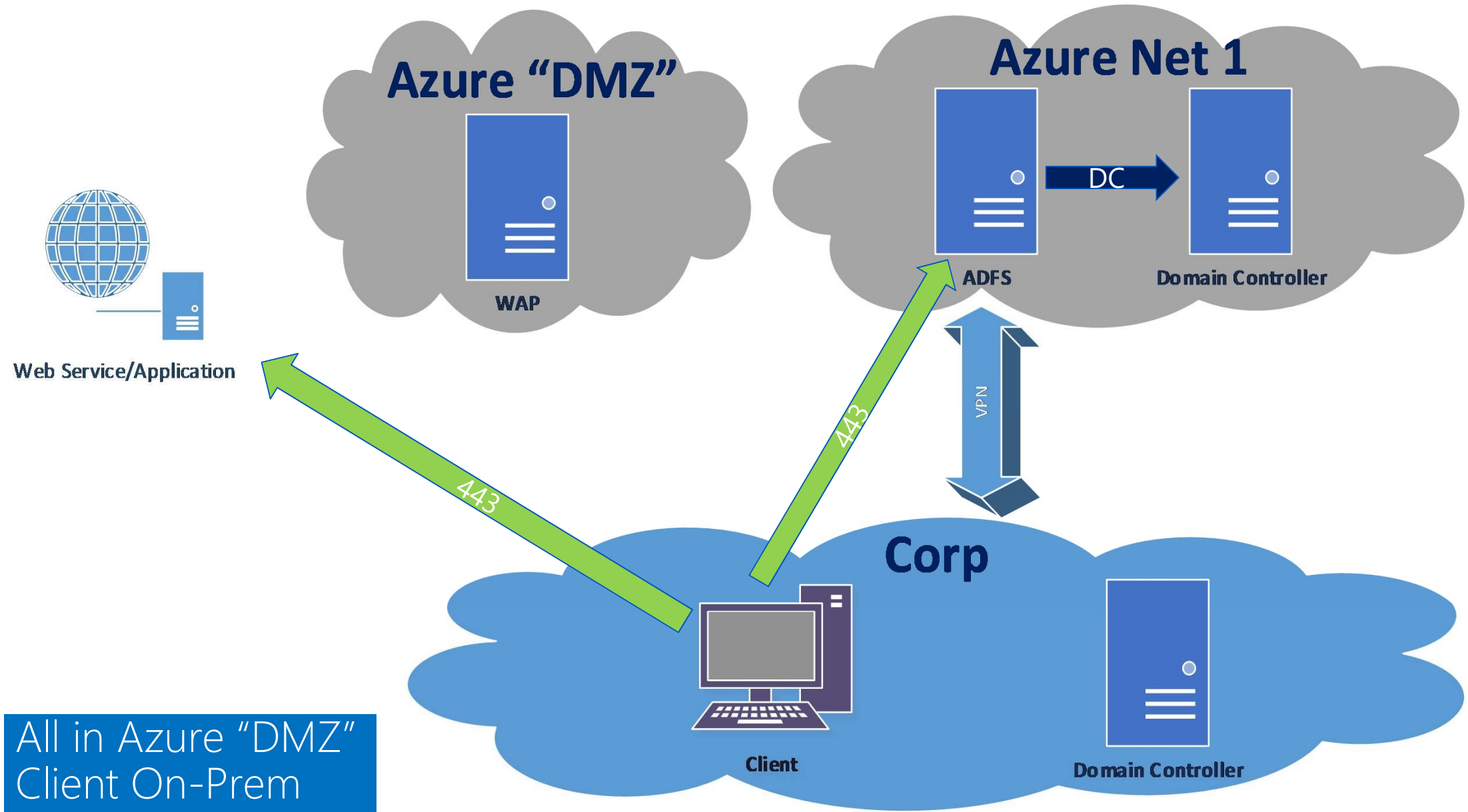
- Azure VM
- Cloud Services
- Availability Sets
- Network and Connectivity
 - ExpressRoute
 - Load balancing
 - Network Security Groups
 - Address Spaces
- Published End point

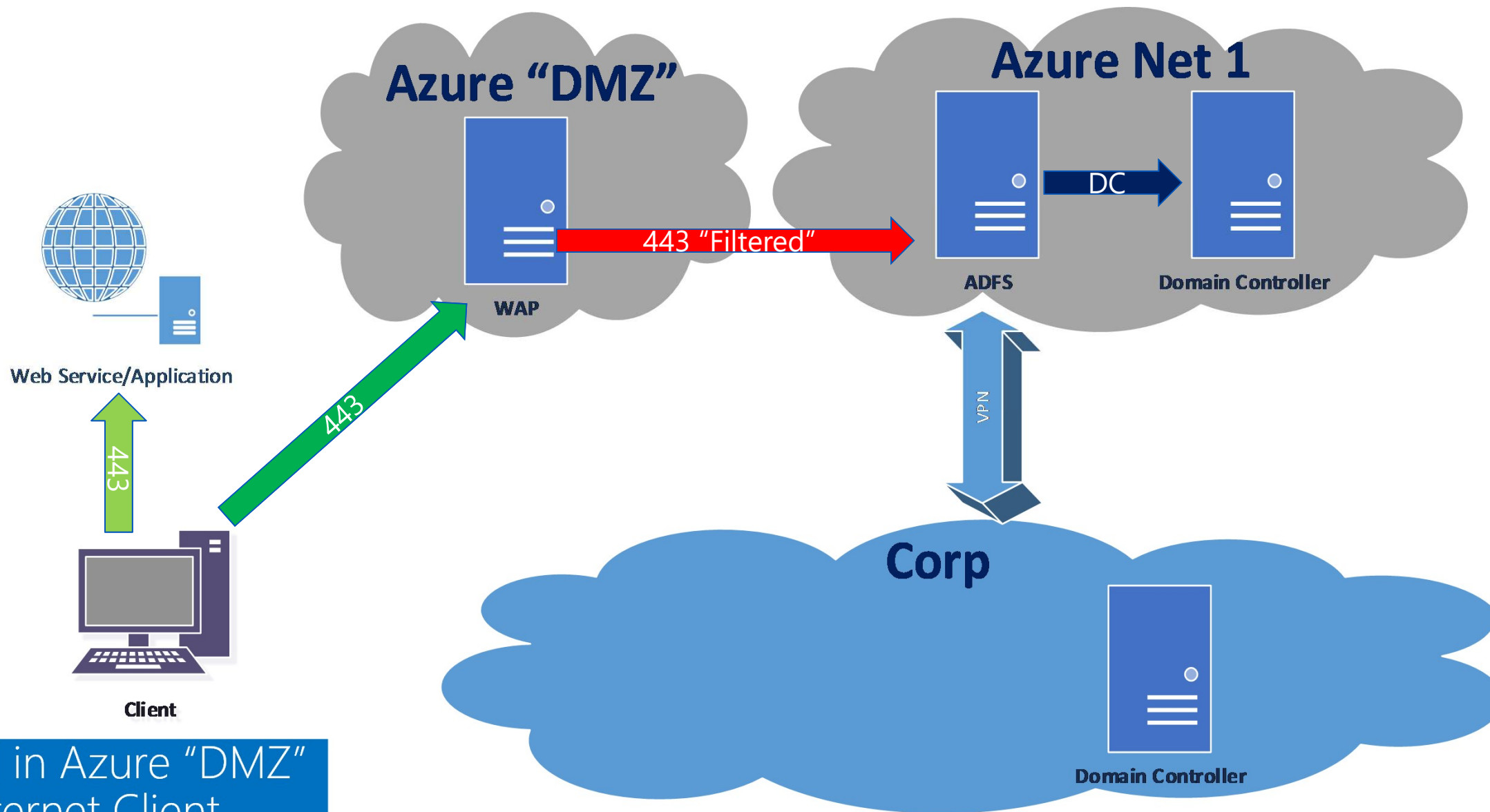


Azure AD FS Deployment Topologies

ADFS all in Azure

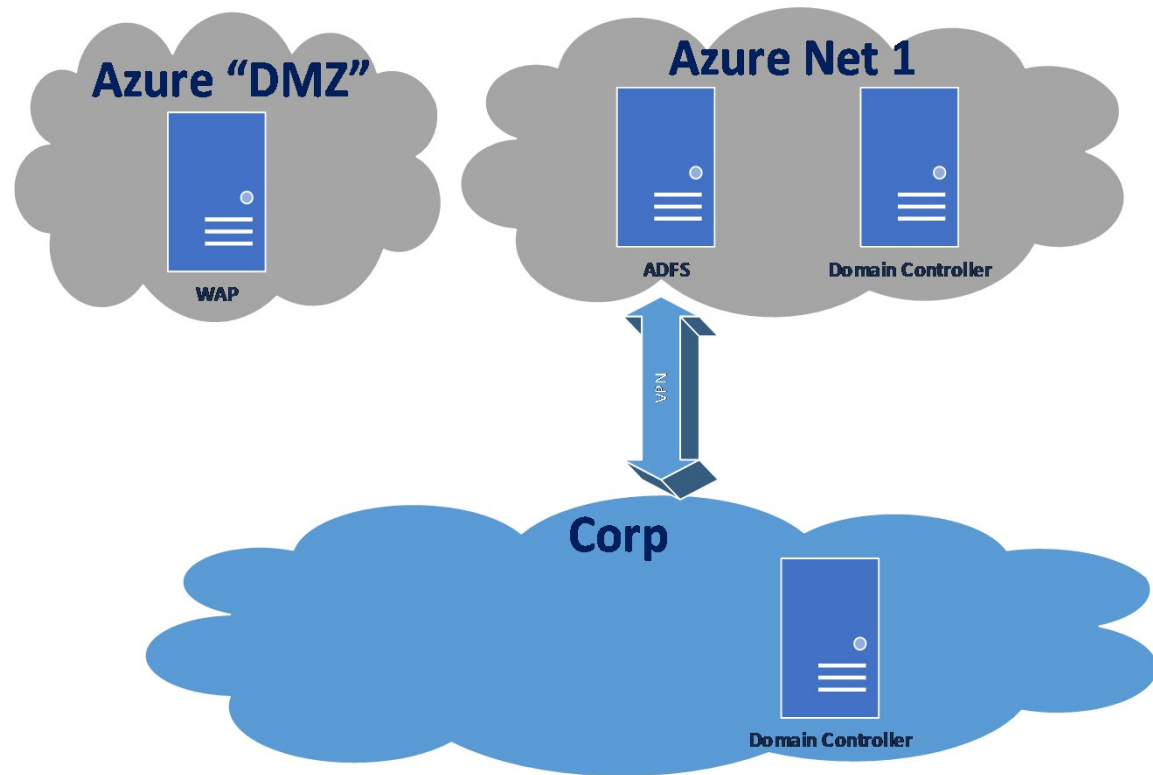
Separate the “DMZ” Network





All in Azure "DMZ"

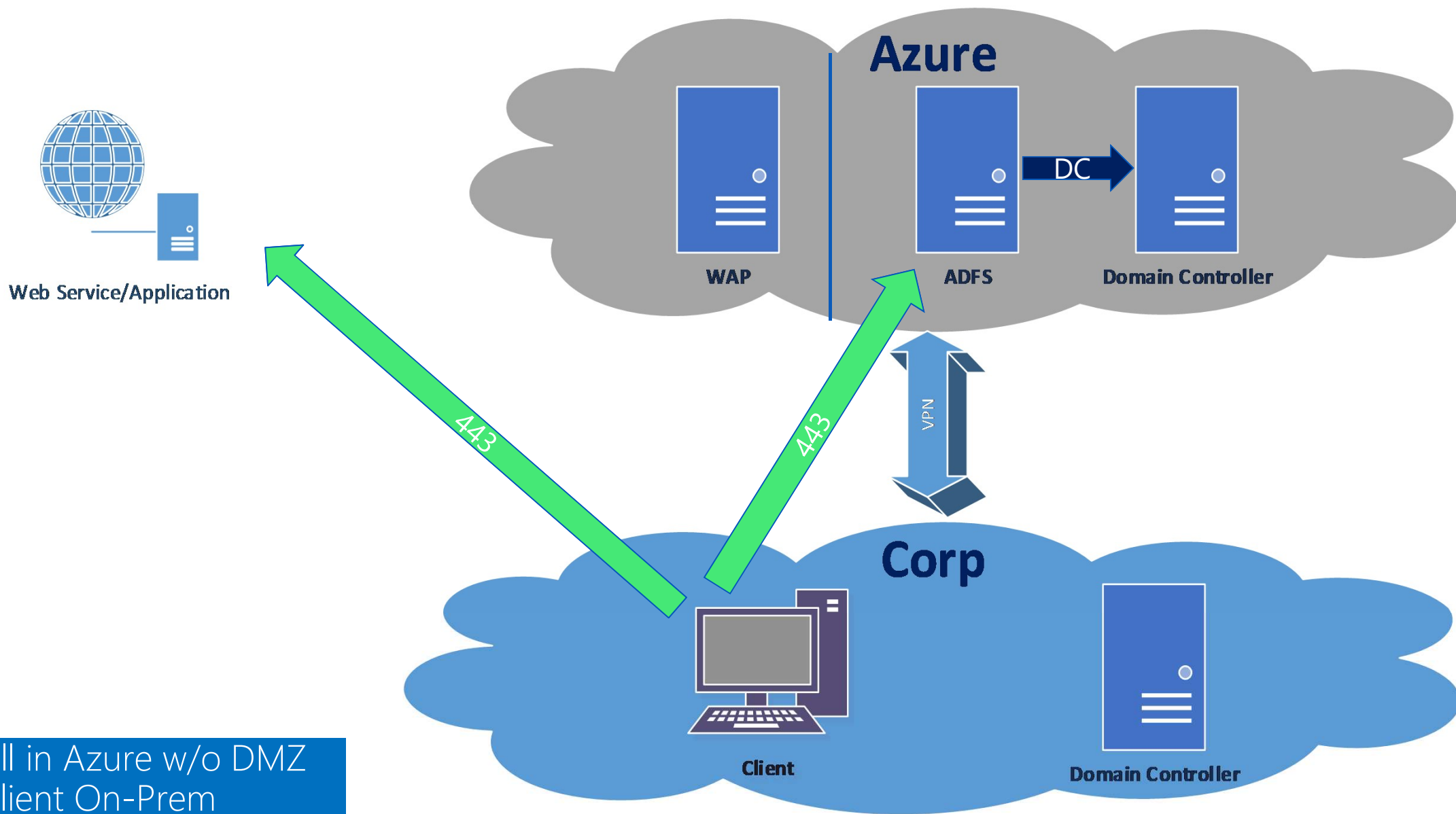
Pros and Cons



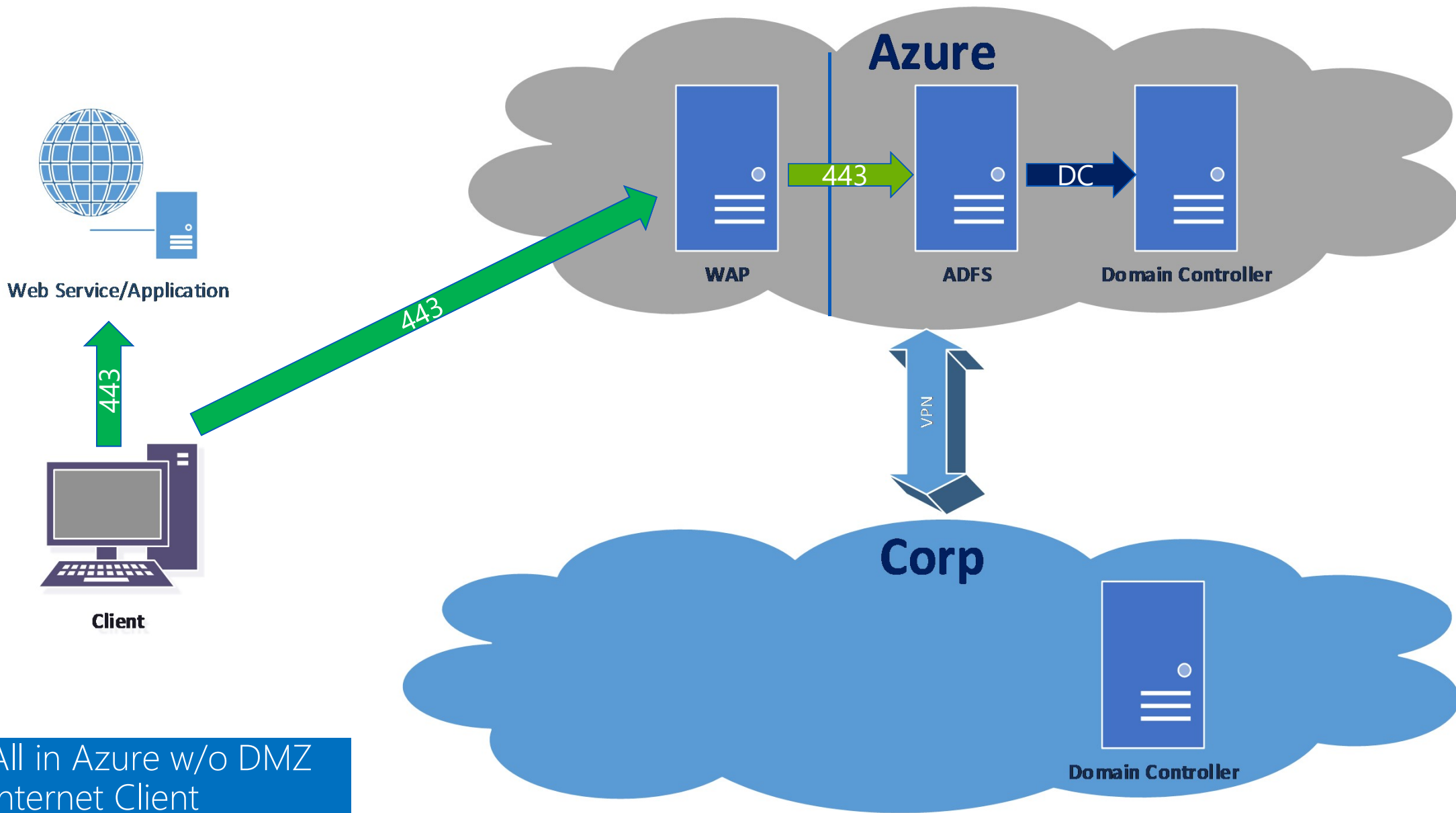
| Pro | Con |
|--|--|
| WAP servers are on an isolated network | More Complex network configuration |
| If VPN/Express route is down ADFS will still function externally | ADFS Servers are exposed to the internet (ACL for 443) |
| If On-Prem datacenter is down, ADFS still function externally | If VPN/Express route is down ADFS will not function internally |

ADFS all in Azure

Without the “DMZ”

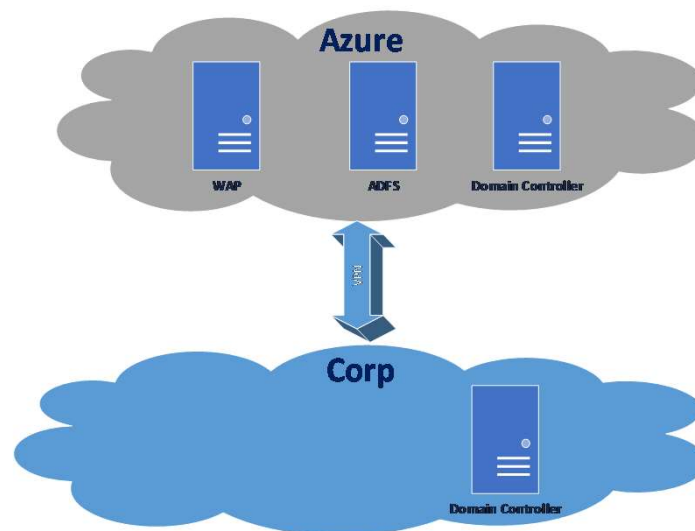


All in Azure w/o DMZ
Client On-Prem



All in Azure

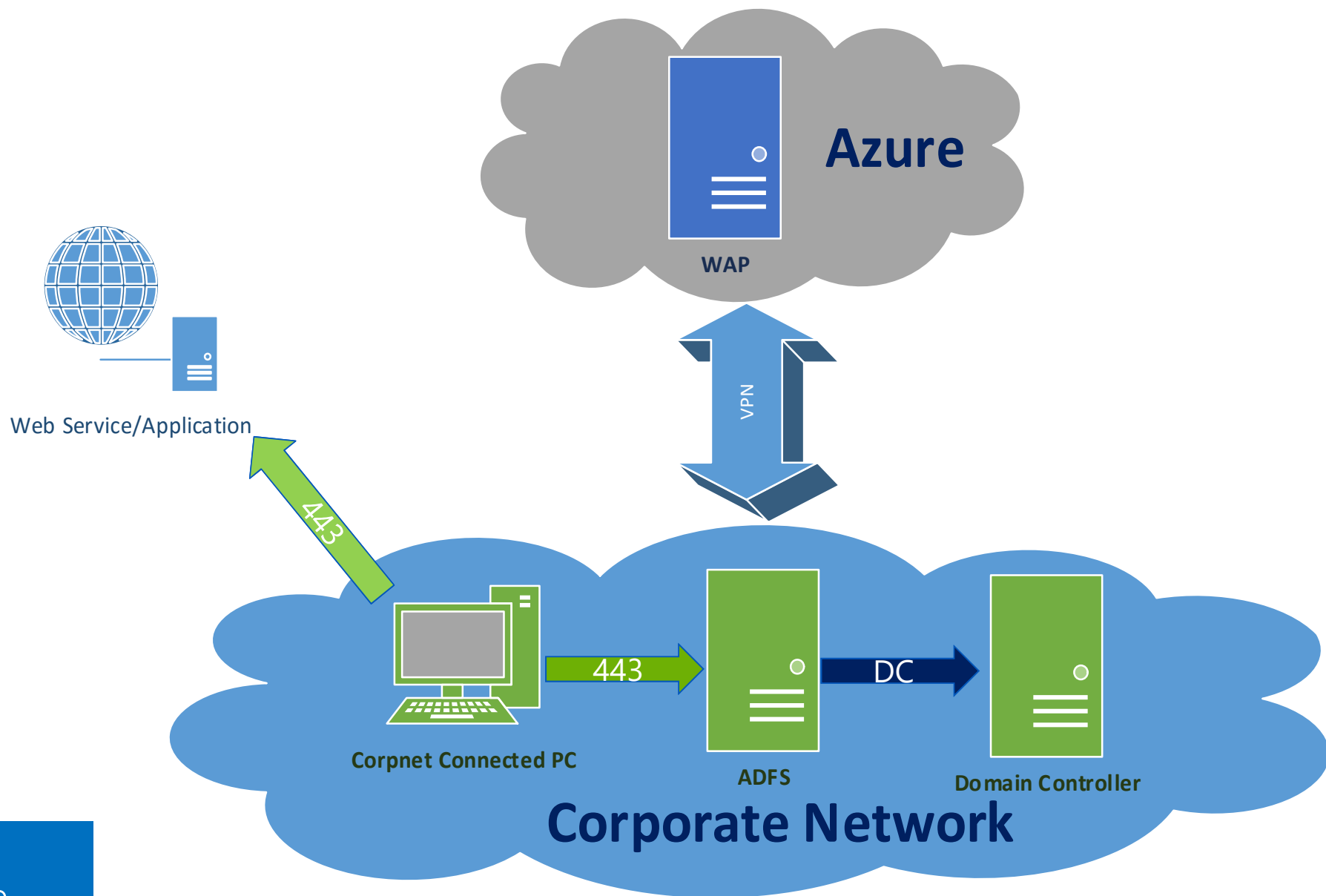
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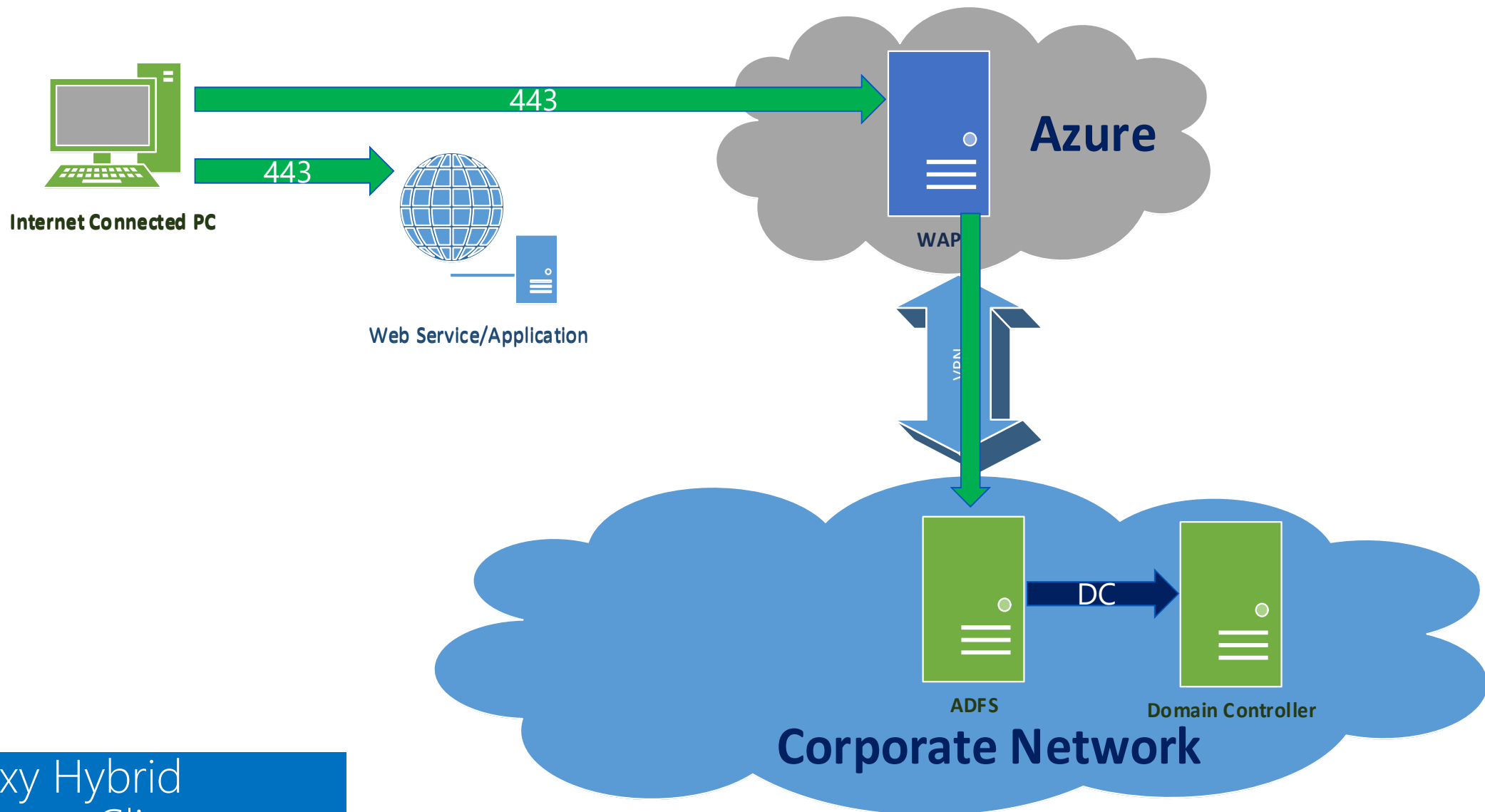
| Complex network configuration | Con |
|---|--|
| ADFS servers not exposed to the internet | Complex network configuration |
| If VPN/Express route / on-prem DC is down ADFS will still function externally | If VPN/Express route is down ADFS will not function internally |
| All AD FS infrastructure is hosted in Azure. | Network level troubleshooting complexity |
| More secure deployment Only allowing necessary ports. | |

Proxy in Azure Hybrid

Topology Overview



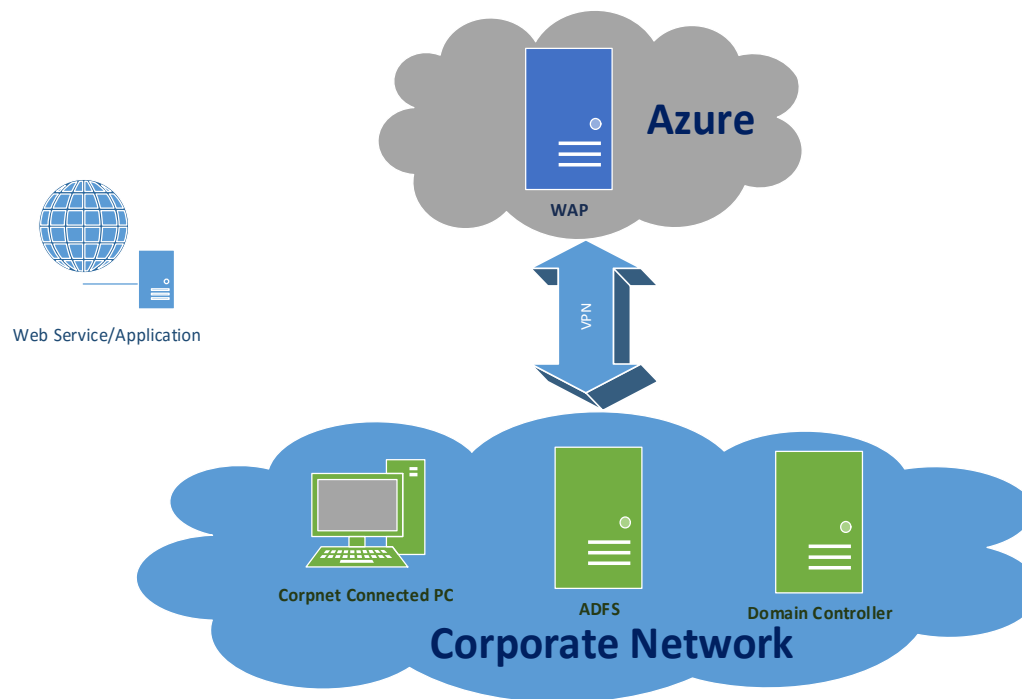
Proxy Hybrid
Client On-Prem



Proxy Hybrid
Internet Client

Proxy in Azure

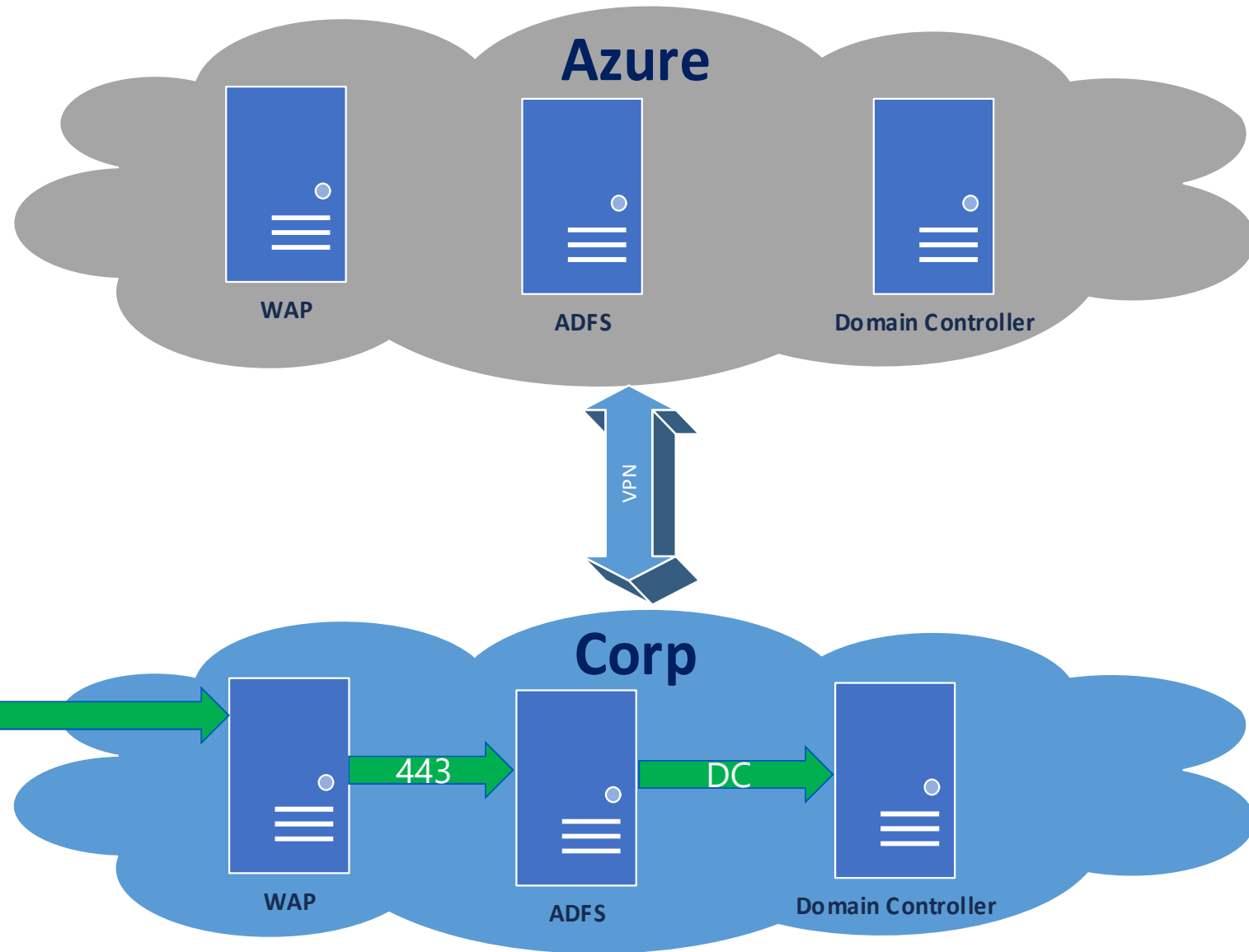
Pros and Cons



| Pro | Con |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Minimal Azure configuration | Solution dependent on VPN/ExpressRoute and On-prem servers |
| Enhanced security | |
| Can use public IPv4 from Azure | |

ADFS Hybrid Configuration

Manual DNS Failover



Web Service/Application

Azure

WAP

ADFS

Domain Controller

VPN

Corp

WAP

ADFS

Domain Controller

Client

443

443

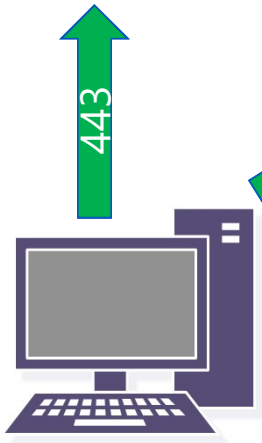
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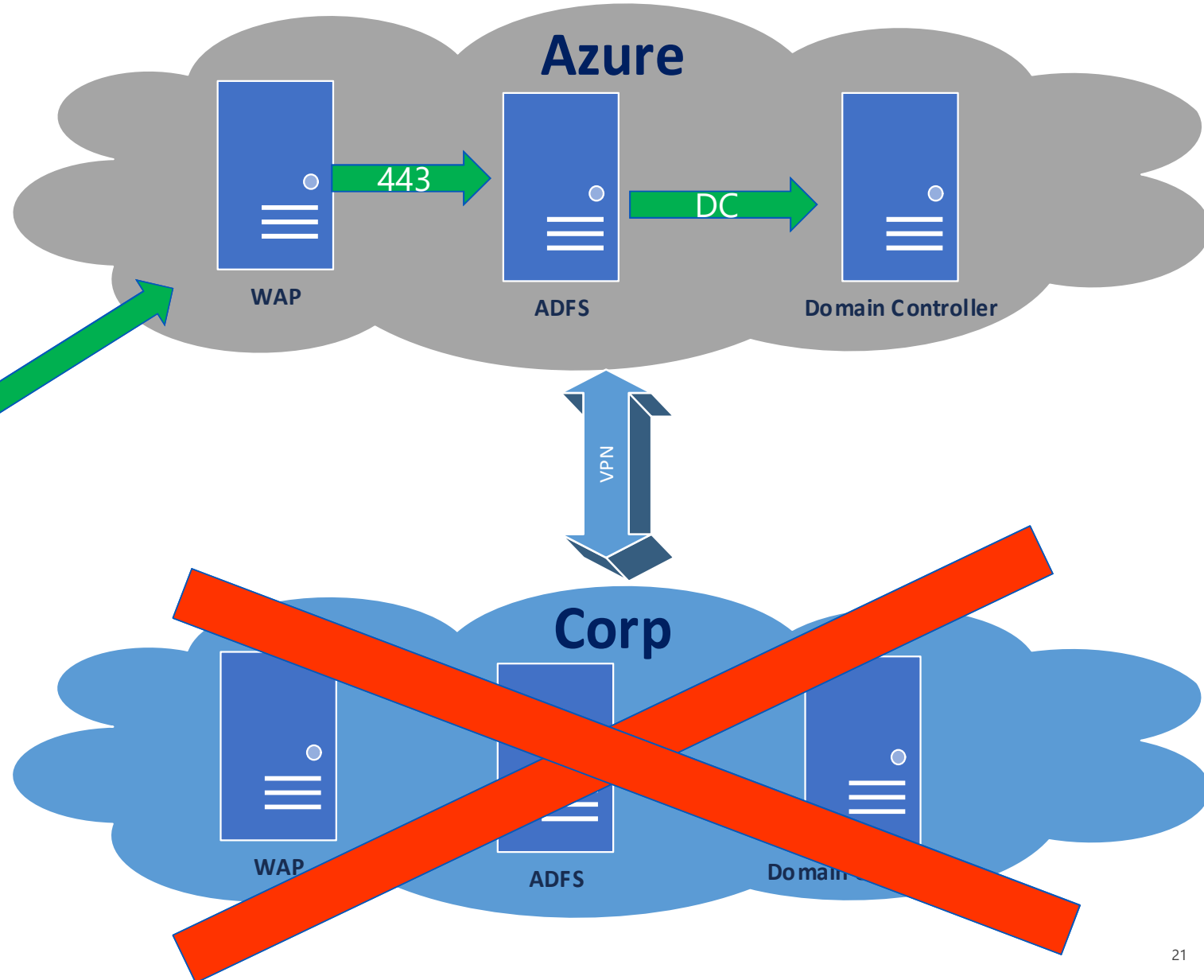
Failover Hybrid



Web Service/Application



Client



Failover Hybrid

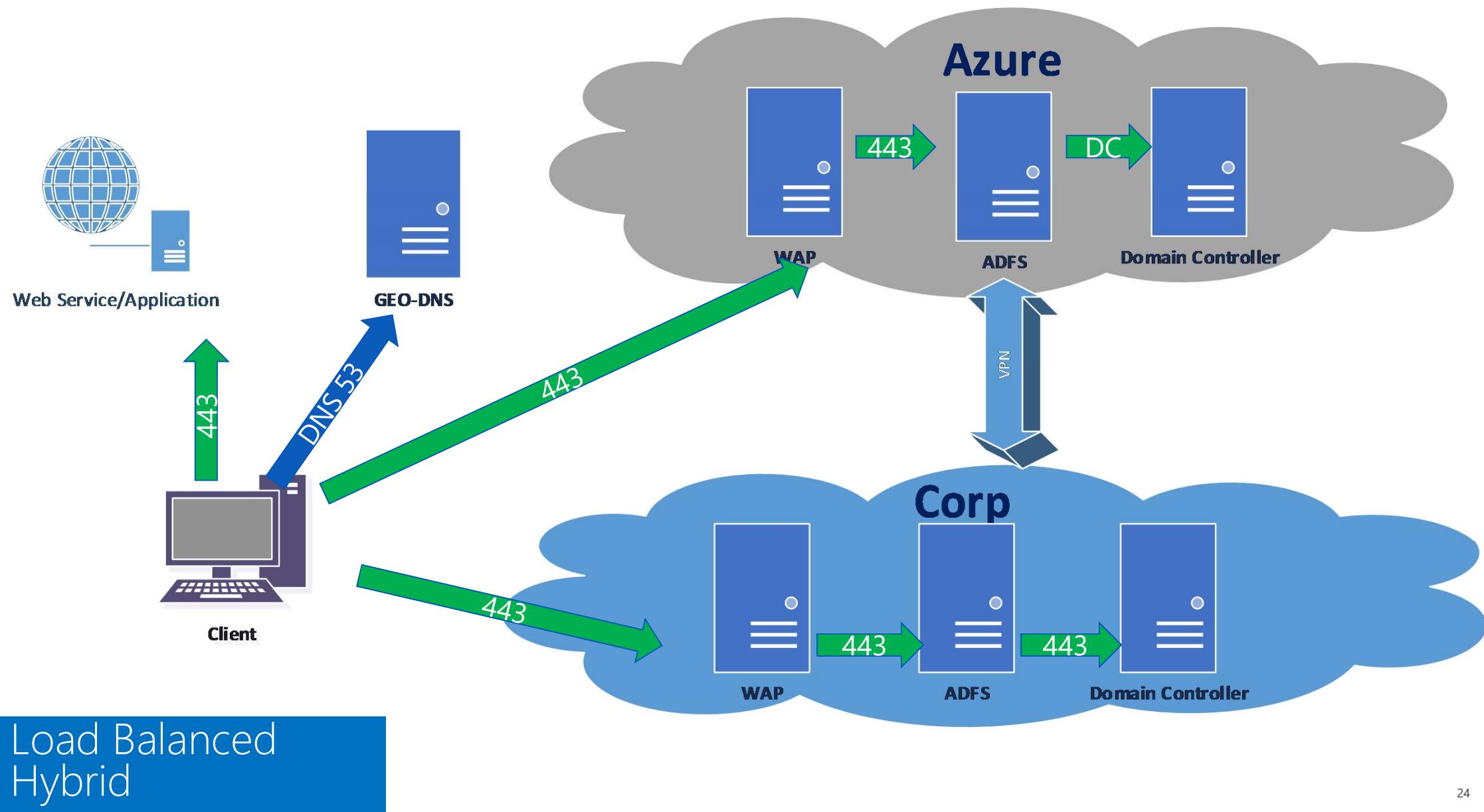
ADFS Hybrid Configuration – Manual Failover

Pros and Cons

| Pro | Con |
|---|---|
| HA AD FS | Manual action must be taken for failover |
| On-Prem clients do not need to traverse Azure network | DNS TTL must expire for clients to failover |
| DR Solution for AD FS | Active Passive scenario |
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ADFS Hybrid Configuration

Load Balancer Configuration



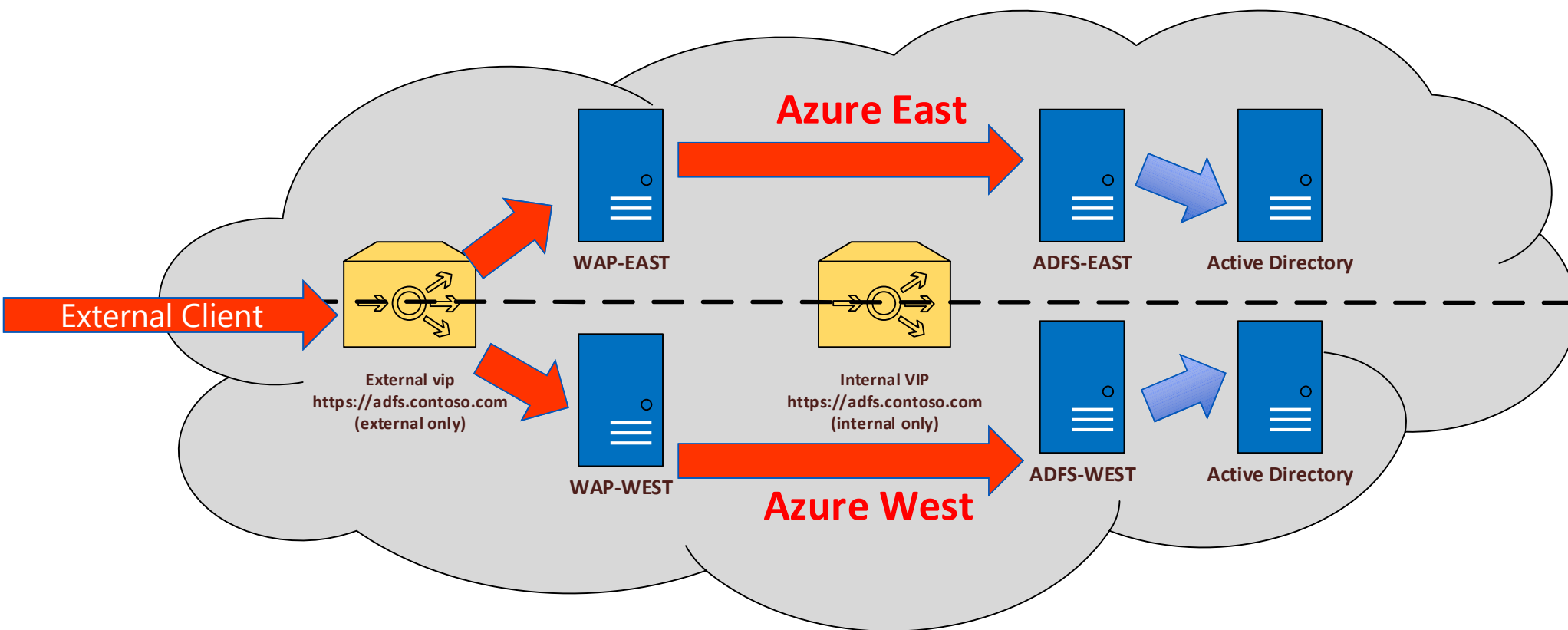
ADFS Hybrid Configuration – Load Balancer Configuration

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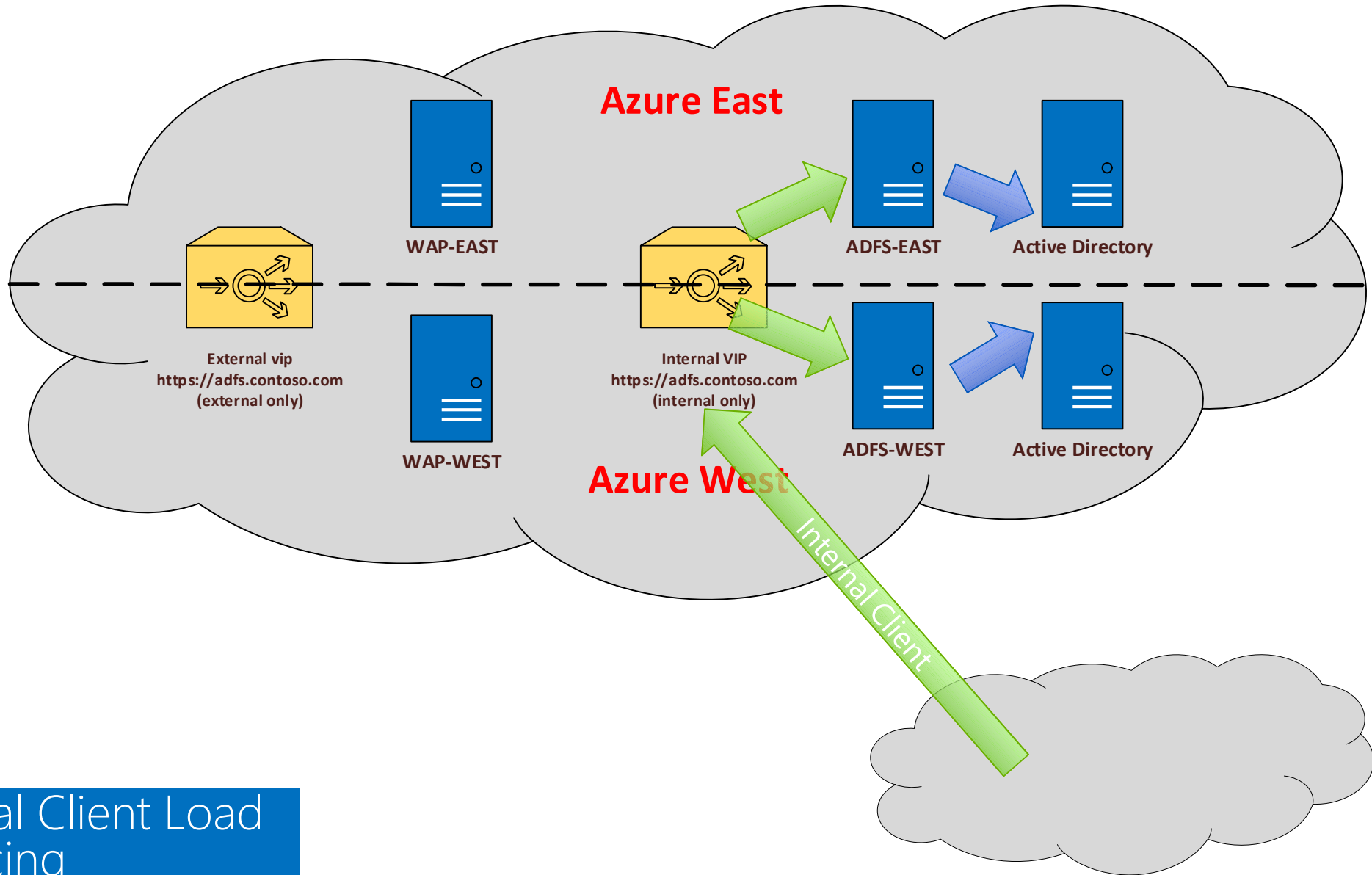
| Pro | Con |
|---|--|
| Duplicate configurations for HA | 3 rd Party geo-load balancer or Hardware load balancer required |
| On-Prem clients do not need to traverse Azure network | More resources involved |
| Automatic Failover if On-prem or Azure fails | |
| Active - Active Scenario | |

Load Balancing Scenario

All in Azure



External Client Load
Balancing



Internal Client Load
Balancing

ADFS Monitoring

ADFS Monitoring

AAD Connect Health

- Requires Azure AD Premium License
- Monitor you AD FS Servers from the Azure Portal.
- Detailed Logging
- Email Notification to Critical Alerts
- Graphical Presentation of login activities – Capacity Planning

AD FS Monitoring – DEMO

AD Connect Health



Q & A



Thank you!