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# Implementing Cloudflare

Implementing Cloudflare's Integrated Global Cloud Platform



# Agenda

## Implementing Cloudflare

Technical Architecture Review

Implementation Overview

Onboarding Steps Workshop

Configuration: User Administration

Implementation Detail: DNS,SSL

Useful Tooling for Cloudflare

Product Extensions Onboarding Overview

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# ACE Exam Overview

My Assignments > Paths to Do > Cloudflare Accre...

**Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer**

Completed Path Manager Date Assigned  
2h 32m Chrisanthy Carlane 01 May 2020

Path Components: 4 Courses, 3 Lessons, 1 Survey

Description: Certification Test: for Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer. After completing the "Cloudflare Technical Implementation" course, the next step is to take the certification tests to get certified as Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer.

[View Path](#)

My Path Progress: 4 / 4 Completed

Course	Status	Items
Course 1: Test 1 of 3 - Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer	Completed	1/1 items
Course 2: Test 2 of 3 - Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer	Completed	1/1 items
Course 3: Test 3 of 3 - Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer	Completed	1/1 items
Course 4: Cloudflare Accredited Configuration Engineer	Completed	1/1 items



# Cloudflare ACE Training Webinar

Lab Handbook Online: <https://ace-training.cf/>

## Prerequisite

You need a [Partner Demo Account](#) to follow today's lab.  
Open your browser and login at  
<https://dash.cloudflare.com/>

Make sure you got 1 Enterprise domain quota.  
If you don't have one, please request before proceeding.

Time: < 1 min



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## Prerequisite

We will use one external service: Freenom.  
It is to have a free domain we will onboard on Cloudflare.  
**Please get your account and one domain at Freenom:**  
**(Not needed if you already have your domain for testing)**

<https://www.freenom.com/>

Time: 5 ~ 20 min (depending on Freenom's performance)



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Please make sure you have terminal-friendly environment (MacOS, Linux) so we can play together with some basic terminal commands such as dig, curl etc.

Time: 5 ~ 15 mins

Prerequisite is also illustrated at the handbook: <https://ace-training.cf>



Cloudflare CDN named "Customer's Choice" in 2020 Gartner Peer Insights survey. [Read the Reviews](#)

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Log In | Sign Up | Under Attack?

Tab 1:  
Cloudflare dashboard  
(Logged in)

Tab 2:  
Registrar's Auth DNS  
(e.g. Freenom)  
(Logged in)

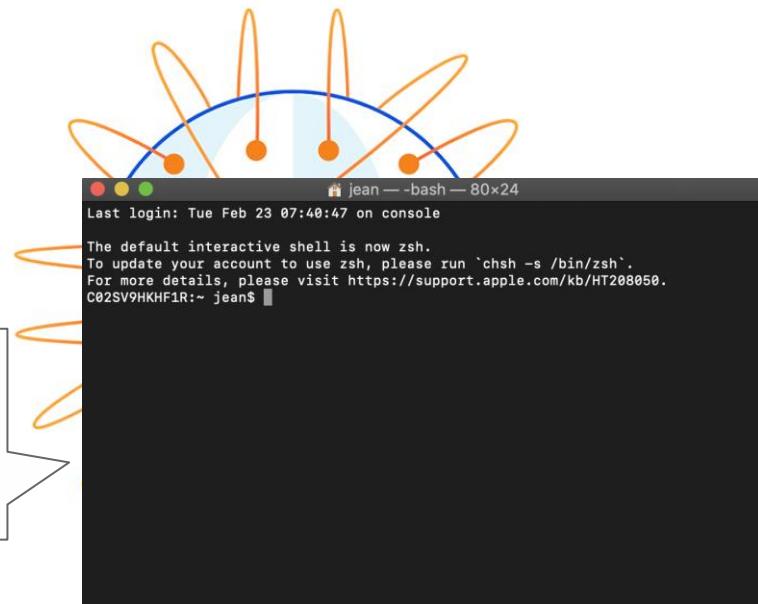
Tab 3:  
Handbook site  
<https://ace-training.cf>

# Accelerate your traffic with Argo Smart Routing

Argo detects network congestion in real-time and routes your traffic over the fastest and most reliable paths for faster loading times, increased reliability, and reduced hosting costs.

[Learn More](#)

And a working terminal window

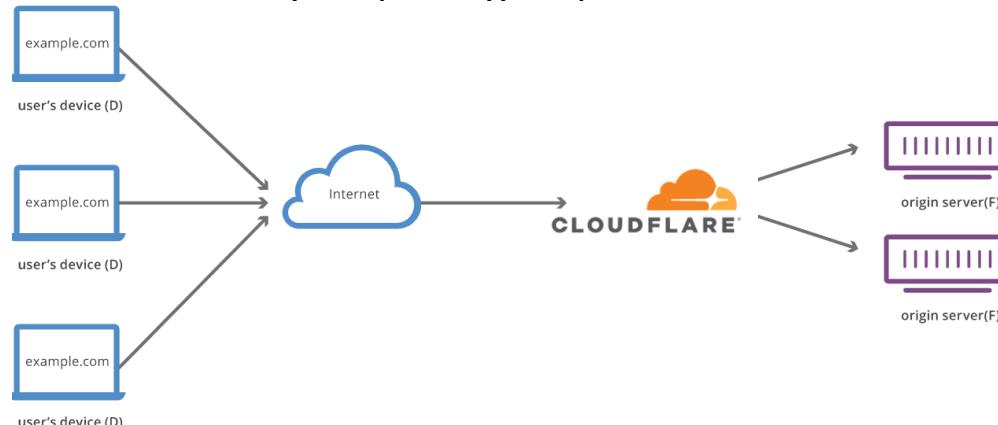


Cloudflare is an integrated global cloud network that provides performance, security, reliability and platform solutions.

## // Technical Architecture Review

# What You Should Already Know

- Cloudflare is an integrated, global cloud platform made up of over 200 datacenters.
- Our platform provides security, reliability, performance and platform solutions
- Cloudflare acts as a reverse proxy using Anycast DNS to route customer traffic



# Cloudflare offers a complete security and performance suite

## SECURITY



Firewall



Bot Management



DDoS Protection



Zero Trust  
Security



IoT Security



SSL/TLS



Secure Origin  
Connection



Rate Limiting

## PERFORMANCE



Cache



Mobile  
Optimization



Intelligent  
Routing



Image  
Optimization



Content  
Optimization



Mobile SDK

## RELIABILITY



Load Balancing



Domain Name  
System (DNS)



Anycast  
Network



DNS  
Resolver



Virtual  
Backbone



Always Online

## PLATFORM



Serverless Compute



Cloudflare Apps

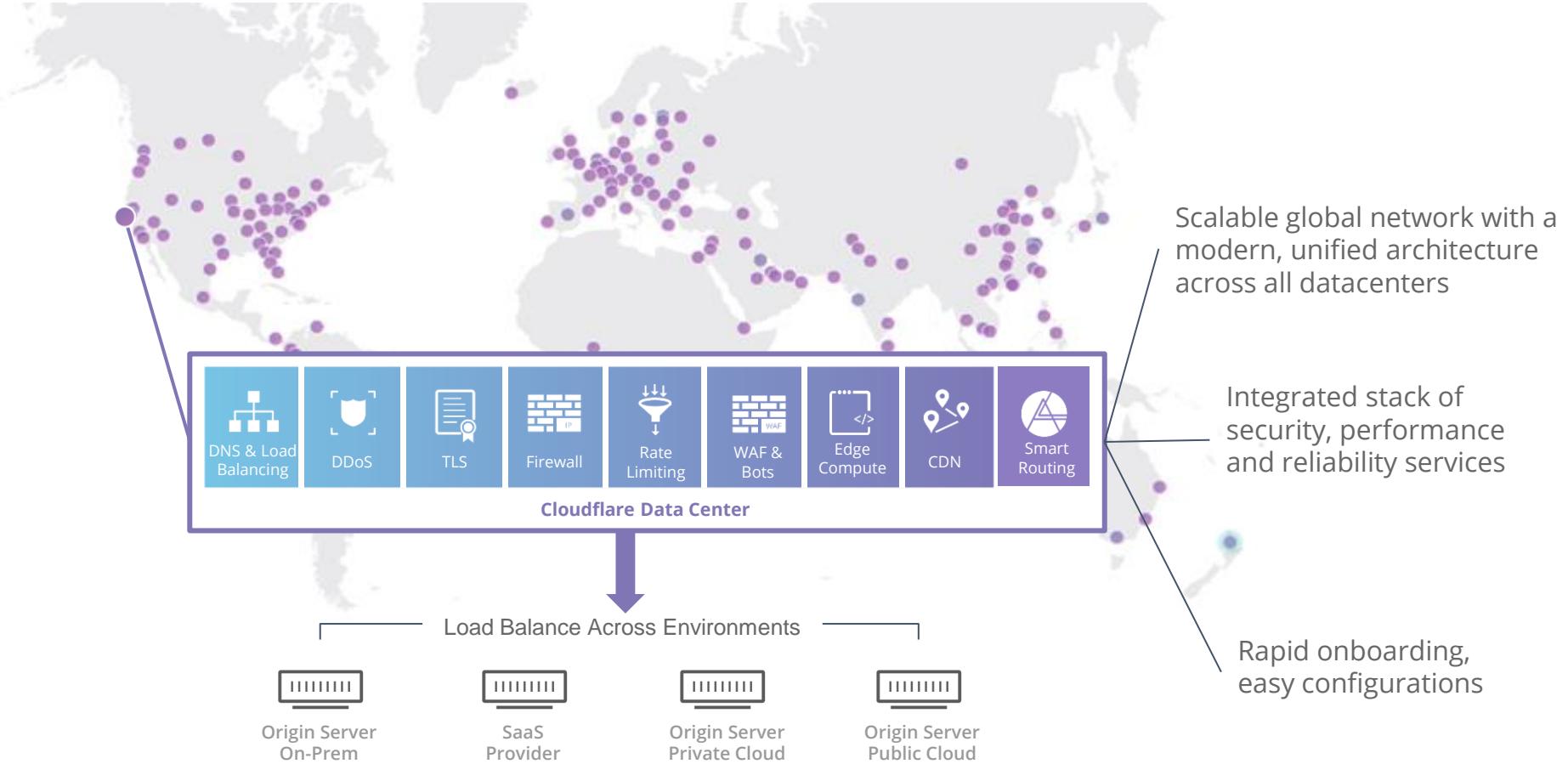


Analytics



CLOUDFLARE®

# In an integrated, scalable architecture across 200+ datacenters



Cloudflare services can be activated via a **simple DNS change**. Customer applications can be protected in just a few minutes.

## // Implementation Overview

# Implementation Steps

Scoping	Setup	Configuration	Staging	Deployment
Review applications and customer needs	Create accounts, users, and basic settings	Configure accounts and individual applications	Functional Testing	Production changes
<i>DNS Decisions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authoritative</li><li>• Subdomain Only / partial cname setup</li></ul>	<i>Create Account</i>	<i>Configure DNS records</i>	<i>DNS Response</i>	<i>Final DNS Changes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nameserver or CNAME</li></ul>
<i>SSL Options</i>	<i>Add Applications</i>	<i>Add TLS Certificates</i>	<i>Client IP Restoration &amp; Header Confirmation</i>	
<i>Plan Selection</i>	<i>Add License</i>	<i>Configuration Best Practices</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admin</li><li>• Security</li><li>• Performance</li></ul>	<i>Configuration review and tuning</i>	
<i>Add-On Requirements</i>		<i>Configure Add Ons (if required)</i>	<i>Rollback Planning</i>	

# Scoping: DNS Decision

Customers need to decide their preferred method of connecting to Cloudflare.

## Full, Authoritative ([How-To Full](#))

Cloudflare's robust, global and fast Anycast DNS network becomes your authoritative DNS provider.

**This is our most common, preferred option.**

Pros:

- Cloudflare protects the apex domain.
- Leverages Cloudflare's network for DNS which is very fast, highly available, and resilient to DNS based attacks.
- One-click enablement of DNSSEC authentication.

Cons:

- Changing the authoritative provider is not always possible for organizations.

## Partial, Subdomain-only ([How-To CNAME](#))

You keep your primary DNS provider and link individual subdomains to Cloudflare via CNAME or NS record.

Pros:

- Requires limited change and allows only a single subdomain to be sent through Cloudflare.

Cons:

- We cannot protect your apex domain
- An attacker may overwhelm your authoritative DNS provider which will cause all DNS functions to fail including the CNAME to Cloudflare.

# Scoping: SSL Options

Customers need to decide how their traffic will be encrypted.

## Upload custom SSL certificates

You can upload a custom SSL certificate to Cloudflare

- Fastest and most common
- Cloudflare presents your existing certificate to your users
- Keys are never stored on-disc, only decrypted on demand
- Using your own certificate can allow you to go live immediately (You can always migrate later).

## Cloudflare issued SSL certificates

Cloudflare can provide a SSL as a managed service with either completely free, Universal certificates or paid, Dedicated certificates from our CA partners.

- Automatic validation and renews
- Cloudflare managed keys, CSRs, and renewals automatically with no involvement necessary from an end-customer
- Ownership of your domain must be verified by our CA Partner via the Domain Control Validation process (DCV). [How to verify manually](#).

# Scoping: Plan Selection

Choose the proper plan for the domain via dashboard or provisioning API. Reseller partners will have the necessary licenses.

Select a plan

Free

\$0/month

For personal websites, blogs, and anyone who wants to explore Cloudflare.

Pro

\$20/month  
per domain

For professional websites, blogs, and portfolios requiring basic security and performance.

Business

\$200/month  
per domain

For small eCommerce websites and businesses requiring advanced security and performance, PCI compliance, and prioritized email support.

Enterprise

Get in touch

For companies requiring enterprise-grade security and performance, prioritized 24/7/365 phone, email, or chat support, and guaranteed uptime.

Learn more about our plans

Confirm plan

Example - Create Zone Subscription

```
curl -X POST https://api.cloudflare.com/client/v4/zones/<zone id>/subscription -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -H 'x-auth-email: <x-auth-email>' -H 'x-auth-key: <x-auth-key>' -d '{"rate_plan": {"id": "<rate plan identifier>"}'}
```

# Scoping: Add-On Requirements

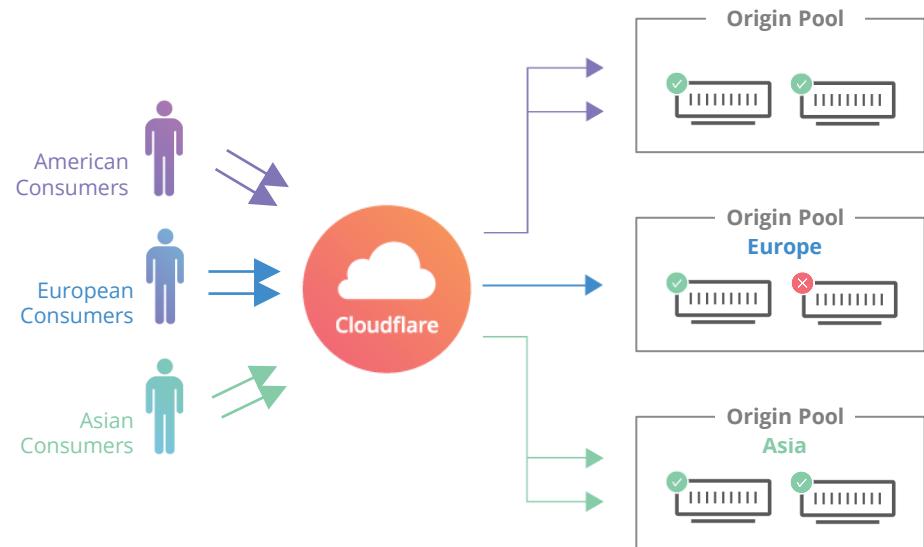
**TCP/UDP Protocols** Spectrum extends the power of Cloudflare to protect custom TCP and UDP ports and protocols (if required). Applications are configured within the Spectrum application.

- MQTT, Email (SMTP), Passive FTP, Gaming

## Load Balancing / Global Traffic Management

Cloudflare load balancing provide global and local load balancing with health checks, global geo-routing, session affinity, and weighted load balancing across on-prem or cloud-based origins.

Multiple origins and load balancer paths are configured in the Traffic application.



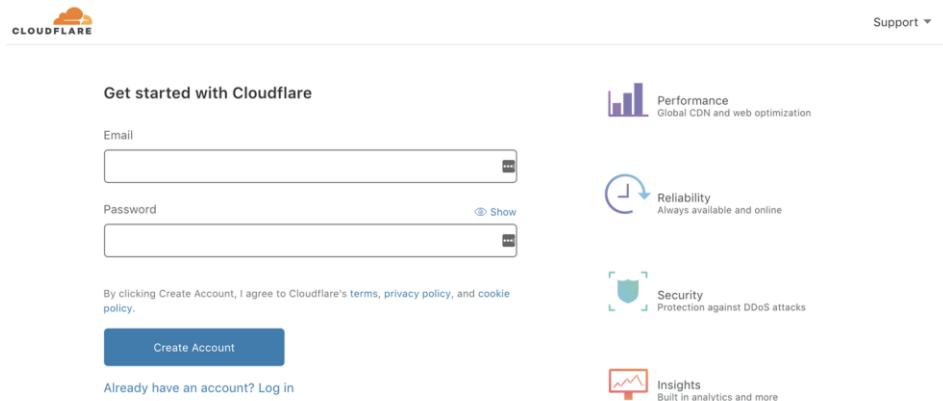
# ACE - Lab - Onboarding-A

1. Go to freenom.com and create your account.
2. Get a free domain at “services - Register new domain”.
3. **Go to Cloudflare web dashboard [www.cloudflare.com](http://www.cloudflare.com)**
4. Access “Partners Partner Demo Account”.
5. Click “Add a site” and register your new domain.
6. Select Enterprise Plan.
7. Finish the guide.



# Setup: Account creation

- To create a Cloudflare account and user you will need an email address and password.
- Once an account is created, additional users can be invited and granted individual roles.
- User accounts can be provisioned programmatically at scale via client API :  
<https://api.cloudflare.com/>



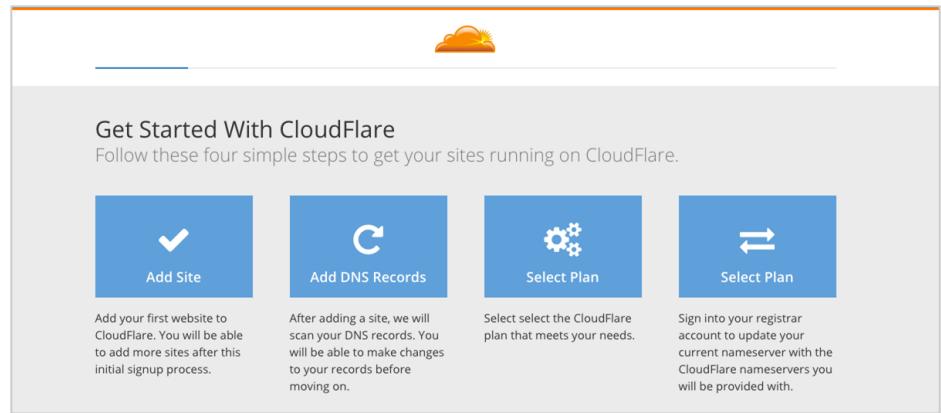
The image shows the Cloudflare account creation interface. It features a 'Get started with Cloudflare' section with fields for Email and Password. Below these fields is a checkbox for accepting terms, privacy policy, and cookie policy, followed by a 'Create Account' button. A link for existing users to 'Log in' is also present. To the right of the form, there are four icons representing Cloudflare's services: 'Performance' (Global CDN and web optimization), 'Reliability' (Always available and online), 'Security' (Protection against DDoS attacks), and 'Insights' (Built in analytics and more).

- Role-Based Access for Users
- 2FA Support
- SSO Support

# Setup: Add your first application

Websites and applications can be added via the dashboard and [programmatically](#) via the [API](#) or [Terraform](#).

These can be staged and tested before any production traffic is sent to Cloudflare.



The image shows the 'Get Started With CloudFlare' landing page. At the top is a logo of a sun rising over clouds. Below it is the heading 'Get Started With CloudFlare' and a sub-instruction 'Follow these four simple steps to get your sites running on CloudFlare.' There are four blue rectangular buttons, each with an icon and a label: 'Add Site' (checkmark), 'Add DNS Records' (cloud with 'C'), 'Select Plan' (gear), and 'Sign into your registrar account to update your current nameserver with the CloudFlare nameservers you will be provided with.' Below each button is a brief description of the step.

```
curl -X POST "https://api.cloudflare.com/client/v4/zones" \
-H "X-Auth-Email: user@example.com" \
-H "X-Auth-Key: c2547eb745079dac9320b638f5e225cf483cc5cfdda41" \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '{"name": "example.com", "account": {"id": "01a7362d577a6c3019a474fd6f485823"}
```

# Setup: Configuring DNS (Full setup)

To prevent any downtime, there should be complete parity between DNS systems before changing over to Cloudflare's authoritative DNS.

There are a few ways to ensure parity:

1. Cloudflare will scan for common records.
1. Users can [add and edit records](#) via dashboard and API.
1. Users can upload a [zone file](#).

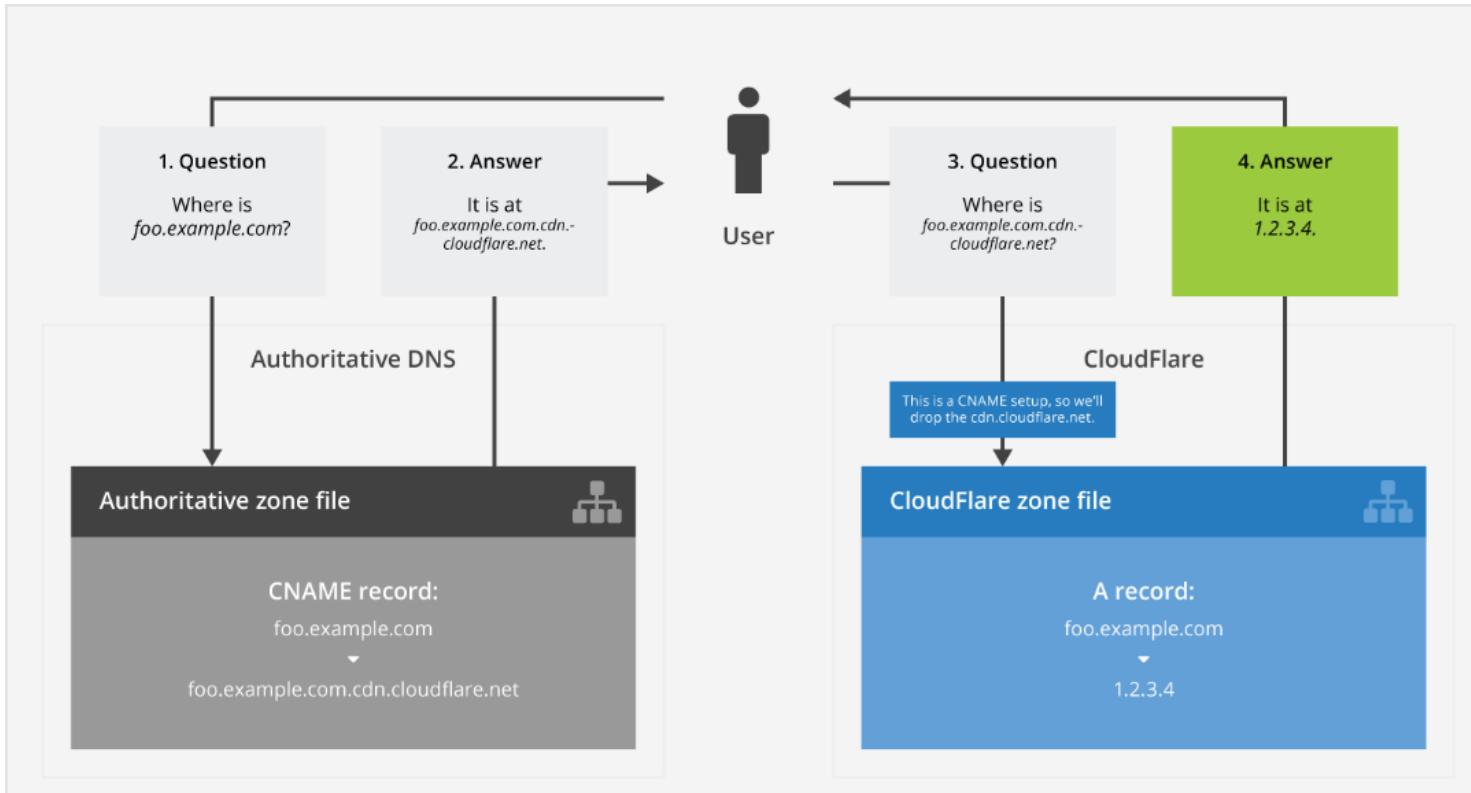
We're querying your DNS records

- Cloudflare is querying your site's DNS records (the Internet's equivalent of a phonebook) to make sure things are up and running once you activate.
- Once you activate, traffic to your site is routed through our intelligent global network.

[Next](#)

Customers requiring TCP/UDP support will need add those applications and ports via the Spectrum tab.

# Setup: Configuring DNS (Partial/cname)



# ACE - Lab - Onboarding-B

1. Go to Cloudflare dashboard - Overview.
2. Find “Advanced Options -- Convert to CNAME DNS Setup” at the bottom of the screen.
3. Read the warning and click “Convert”
4. Find TXT record for the zone validation, then go to Freenom dashboard.
5. At Freenom, access “My domains - Manage Domain - Manage Freenom DNS” and add TXT record you were given.
6. Check the TXT record propagation at <https://dnschecker.org>. and confirm Cloudflare account validation.



# Setup: Configuring SSL (Upload)

Your customer should have decided how they want to encrypt their edge traffic.

Business & Enterprise accounts can upload their own SSL cert via dashboard or API.

Most customers prefer Cloudflare's free and paid SSL options for a cost effective, fully managed SSL solution, eliminating the burden of generating private keys, creating certificate signing requests (CSR), renewing certificates, and other maintenance tasks.

## 1. Universal SSL

Free, automatic wildcard certificates

## 1. Dedicated SSL

Paid, dedicated certificates at \$5 or \$10

Add custom SSL certificate and key

Enter private key and certificate

Private key Paste from file

Paste key as shown on the lines below:  
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----  
QmFzZTY0IGVuY29kZWQgIjpdmF0ZSBzXkg2GF0YSBleGldHMgaGVyZQ==  
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----

Certificate Paste from file

Paste certificate as shown on the lines below:  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
QmFzZTY0IGVuY29kZWQgI2VydGlmaWNhdGUgZGF0YSBleGldHMgaGVyZQ==  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

Bundle Method

Compatible (default)

# Setup: Configuring SSL (Cloudflare-issued)

## Order SSL Certificate

X

Select Type      Add Hostnames      Validate Domain      Finish

**Universal SSL**

<https://orangecloud.cf>  
Certificate Authority  
 orangecloud.cf

- Dedicated to your domain
- Common name of ssl123456.cloudflaressl.com
- Only protects orangecloud.cf and \*.orangecloud.cf

**Dedicated SSL**

<https://orangecloud.cf>  
Certificate Authority  
 orangecloud.cf

- Dedicated to your domain
- Common name of orangecloud.cf
- Automatically renewed
- Only protects orangecloud.cf and \*.orangecloud.cf

**Dedicated SSL with Custom Hostnames**

<https://staging.orangecloud.cf>  
Certificate Authority  
 orangecloud.cf

- Dedicated to your domain
- Common name of orangecloud.cf
- Automatically renewed
- Protects orangecloud.cf, \*.orangecloud.cf, and up to 50 hostnames/wildcards

**Current certificate**      **Contact Customer Success**

**Contact Customer Success**

# ACE - Lab - Onboarding-C

1. Go to Cloudflare dashboard.
2. Access Traffic - Health Checks.
3. Configure health checks.

Today's origin: 35.234.81.115

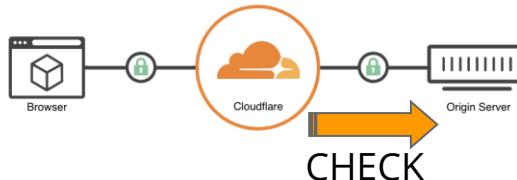
(You can 'bring your own origin' if you want.)



# Set up origin health checks

Set up a criteria of health checks and get alerted when origin server is unreachable from Cloudflare edge.  
(under Traffic - Health Checks)

## Standalone Health Checks



The screenshot shows the 'Health Checks' section of the Cloudflare dashboard. It displays a summary message: 'Monitor the health of your origin by creating a Health Check.' and 'You have used 20 of 1000 Health Checks.' Below this, there are two tabs: 'API' and 'Help'.

The 'Manage Health Checks' table lists four entries:

Status	Name	Failures last 24hr	Enabled
Healthy	https_test	0	<button>On</button> <button>↔</button> <button>🔗</button> <button>X</button>
Healthy	19	0	<button>On</button> <button>↔</button> <button>🔗</button> <button>X</button>
Healthy	21	0	<button>On</button> <button>↔</button> <button>🔗</button> <button>X</button>
Healthy	Fail_every_10	1.26k	<button>On</button> <button>↔</button> <button>🔗</button> <button>X</button>

A large orange rectangle highlights the 'Failures last 24hr' column for the 'Fail\_every\_10' entry, which shows a significant number of failures (1.26k).

Not provisioning?  
Not showing active?

You sure you put the  
correct TXT record?  
<https://dnschecker.org>



dnschecker.org/#TXT/cloudflare-verify.test.ace-training.cf

DNS CHECK

cloudflare-verify.test.ace-tra	TXT	Search	CD Flag	Refresh: 20 sec.
Holtsville NY, United States	-	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Canoga Park, CA, United States	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mountain View CA, United States	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dothan, United States	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
St. Petersburg, United States	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barrie, Canada	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yekaterinburg, Russian Federation	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cullinan, South Africa	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dalfsen, Netherlands	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lille, France	-	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CHECK DNS PROPAGATION

Have you recently switched web host or started a new website, then you are in the right place! DNS Checker provides free DNS lookup service for checking domain name server records against a randomly selected list of DNS servers in different corners of the world. Do a quick DNS propagation lookup for any domain name and check DNS data collected from all location for confirming that the website is completely propagated or not worldwide.

Ads keep servers running. [Donate instead?](#)

cloudflare-verify.test.ace-training.cf - DNS Propagation Map by DNSChecker.org



If correct,  
give CF some time.



# ACE - Lab - Onboarding-D

1. Go to Cloudflare dashboard - DNS.
2. configure: 'staging' and enter 35.234.81.115 with A record type.
3. Go to Freenom DNS.
4. enter 'staging' and enter  
staging.<yourdomain.cf>.cdn.cloudflare.net  
CNAME record type.  
staging.<yourdomain.cf> --[CNAME]-->  
staging.<yourdomain.cf>.cdn.cloudflare.net
5. Check the CNAME record propagation at  
<https://dnschecker.org>.



# Staging: DNS Response

## Local testing

HTTP(s) and Websocket traffic can be pushed through Cloudflare from your local machine by altering your host file with a valid Cloudflare IP. ([How to alter your host file](#)).



## Development domain testing

A stand-alone development domain is recommended to allow testing before moving production traffic through Cloudflare.



## Subdomain Testing

A development subdomain works as well. It is also possible to CNAME a subdomain to your production traffic if your server is configured to properly handle a different host header.

### Orange-cloud — Active proxy

Record resolves to Cloudflare IP address for HTTP(s) and Websocket traffic.

### Grey-cloud — Inactive Proxy

Record resolves to the configured IP address. Non-HTTP(s) traffic should be grey-clouded

[What records are appropriate to orange-cloud? - Knowledge Base](#)

# ACE - Lab - Onboarding-F

- 1. Use your terminal or POSTMAN to send below two requests, and compare the difference in HTTP response headers.**
  - a. curl -svo /dev/null/ <http://35.234.81.115/>
  - b. curl -svo /dev/null/ <http://staging.<yourdomain.cf>>
- 2. Are you able to connect to HTTPS to both sites? Think of a reason about why you can or can't.**



# Staging - Header Confirmation example

```
curl -svo /dev/null http://whiskytango.us/img/sg50/IMG_0191.jpg
*   Trying 104.16.41.188...
* Connected to whiskytango.us (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /img/sg50/IMG_0191.jpg HTTP/1.1
> Host: whiskytango.us
> User-Agent: curl/7.43.0
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK -Server HTTP Response
< Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2016 17:53:47 GMT
< Content-Type: image/jpeg
< Content-Length: 222670
< Connection: keep-alive
< Set-Cookie: __cfduid=d64e283e5e56319b47401dd2cf2327e5c1466531627; expires=Wed, 21-Jun-17 17:53:47 GMT; path=/; domain=.whiskytango.us; HttpOnly
< Last-Modified: Tue, 18 Aug 2015 09:05:34 GMT
< ETaa: "55d2f55e-365ce"
< CF-Cache-Status: HIT -Cache Status
< Expires: Tue, 21 Jun 2016 21:53:47 GMT
< Cache-Control: public, max-age=14400
< Accept-Ranges: bytes
< Server: cloudflare-nainx
< CF-RAY: 2b69526f25e34408-SFO-DOG -CloudFlare RayID
<
{ [839 bytes data]
* Connection #0 to host whiskytango.us left intact
```

# Prepare your origin network

## Preparing your network

- Configure firewalls to prevent access to your servers, load balancers, and other infrastructure from non-Cloudflare IP addresses
  - This means allowlisting [Cloudflare IPs](#) in your Access Control List to prevent rate-limiting or false positives from any intrusion detection systems.
- Prevents attackers from recording/recognizing the “fingerprints” of your hardware when probing your IPs

## Set up Cloudflare Standalone Health Checks

- At Cloudflare dashboard, set up Cloudflare standalone health checks to verify the origin server responds to Cloudflare data center’s HTTP(S)/TCP requests.
- You can find it at Traffic/Health Checks. Select the relevant region as per the business requirement.
- Proceed to the next step only after the health checks are marked as .

# Prepare your origin network

## Review HTTP headers and cookies added by Cloudflare

- Cloudflare passes all HTTP headers as-is from the client to the origin and adds additional headers as specified [here](#). Review the headers and make sure the origin server will work as expected.
- Cloudflare uses HTTP cookies to maximize network resources, manage traffic, and protect our Customers' sites from malicious traffic and the details are described [here](#). Review the cookies and make sure the origin server will work as expected.
- Whenever in doubt, run a local/staging test at the step 7 and verify there's no problem.

## Restoring original user IP addresses (optional)

- HTTP requests will be coming from Cloudflare, instead of the actual users. Cloudflare adds "CF-Connecting-IP" and standard "X-Forwarded-For" headers to all request
- Nginx, Apache, and IIS configs to switch the logged IP are available.
- You can find out how to easily restore the originating IP address [here!](#)

# Staging - Rollback Planning

Although everyone expects things to go smoothly. Below are some options in case you need to roll back customer traffic quickly and safely.

Option	What it will do	Activation Time
<b>Disable Specific Features</b>	If specific capabilities are causing issues with your application, they can be disabled on a selective basis. For example, <a href="#">Caching</a> can be disabled on a per-path basis.,	5-30 seconds
<a href="#"><b>Grey Cloud DNS Records</b></a>	Grey-clouding a DNS record will remove all proxying from that particular record. We will only provide DNS service for the record. This will solve for proxy-related issues such as non-HTTP protocols, SSL conflicts, or redirect loops.	5-30 seconds
<a href="#"><b>Pause the Domain</b></a>	Pausing the domain will remove all proxying from the Cloudflare service. We will act simply as a DNS provider. This will solve for any proxy-related issues such as SSL conflicts or redirect loops.	5-30 seconds
<a href="#"><b>Rollback Nameservers</b></a>	Although most drastic, this solution will return the application to its default state. It will not be using Cloudflare DNS or Cloudflare's proxy service. This is useful to solve DNS and proxy issues.  Recommendation: For cautious customers, DNS TTLs can be set very low to ensure a rollback happens quickly.	5 minutes - hours (depends on DNS TTLs)

# Cutover: Changing nameservers

At this point:

1. The account and application are on Cloudflare's system.
2. All DNS records match your current configuration and are properly orange-clouded.
3. Any SSL certificates are uploaded.
4. Traffic has been functionally tested.
5. Rollback plans are in place.
6. You can now safely change your the authoritative nameservers at the client's registrar. (Or change CNAME records for a CNAME setup)

Change your Nameservers

To activate domain.com you must point your nameservers (DNS) to Cloudflare. In order to start receiving all the speed and security benefits of Cloudflare, [change your nameservers](#):

The diagram illustrates the process of changing nameservers. On the left, under 'From', there are two entries: 'ex1.example.com' and 'ex2.example.com'. An arrow points from these to the right, where they are listed under 'To' as 'noah.ns.cloudflare.com' and 'robin.ns.cloudflare.com'. Both 'noah.ns.cloudflare.com' and 'robin.ns.cloudflare.com' have small edit icons next to them.

[I need help changing my nameservers ▶](#)

[Changing Nameservers Knowledge Base](#)

DNS Propagation Tools

<https://www.whatismydns.net/>

<https://dnschecker.org/>

# ACE - Lab - Onboarding-E

1. Activate Cloudflare for production "www" host.



# ACE - Summary so far

- Major steps in Cloudflare onboarding
  - Scoping - What products you need?
  - Setup - Create CF account, add your domain.
  - Configuration - DNS, SSL etc.
  - Staging - Compatibility test vs origin (**\*important!**)
  - Deployment - Push prod traffic.



# ACE - Summary so far

- Major customer decisions in onboarding
  - DNS
    - Prod traffic? Full setup.
    - POC/Trial? CNAME setup.
  - SSL
    - Easier life? Cloudflare provisioned cert.
    - Specific requirements? Custom cert (BYOCert).
  - Plan (Enterprise)
  - Do you need Spectrum?
    - Non-web (TCP/UDP based) service to onboard?
    - Web app with non-standard ports?
  - Do you need Load Balancing?



# ACE - Summary so far

- Key concerns in onboarding?
  - Changing DNS
    - Any Downtime?
  - SSL Transition
    - Auto-renew with customer's own branding?
  - Application Downtime
    - Why we need origin compatibility test?
  - Staging/Testing Traffic
    - Always recommend non-production (staging) for POC
    - Recommend to keep staging host for ongoing test



# Agenda

## Implementing Cloudflare

Technical Architecture Review

Implementation Overview

Onboarding Steps Workshop

Configuration: User Administration

Implementation Detail: DNS,SSL

Useful Tooling for Cloudflare

Product Extensions Onboarding Overview

You Are  
Here



PARTNER  
NETWORK

// Configuration: Administration

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Review applications and customer needs	Create accounts, users, and basic settings	Configure accounts and individual applications	Functional Testing	Production changes
<i>DNS Decisions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authoritative</li><li>• Subdomain Only</li></ul>	<i>Create Account</i>	<i>Configure DNS records</i>	<i>DNS Response</i>	<i>Final DNS Changes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nameserver or CNAME</li></ul>
<i>SSL Options</i>	<i>Add Applications</i>	<i>Add TLS Certificates</i>	<i>Client IP Restoration &amp; Header Confirmation</i>	
<i>Plan Selection</i>	<i>Add License</i>	<b><i>Configuration Best Practices</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admin</li><li>• Security</li><li>• Performance</li></ul>	<i>Configuration review and tuning</i>	
<i>Add-On Requirements</i>		<i>Configure Add Ons (if required)</i>	<i>Rollback Planning</i>	

# Easily Administer Accounts, Users & Domains

## Multi-Tenant

Support multiple accounts and provide a group of users role-based permissions to better control the administration of your domains. Each user has their own role and limited API key. [Learn More](#)

- Super Administrator
- Analytics Admin
- DNS Admin
- Crypto (SSL/TLS), Caching, Performance, Page Rules, and Customization
- Firewall Admin
- Raw Log Access
- Cache Purge

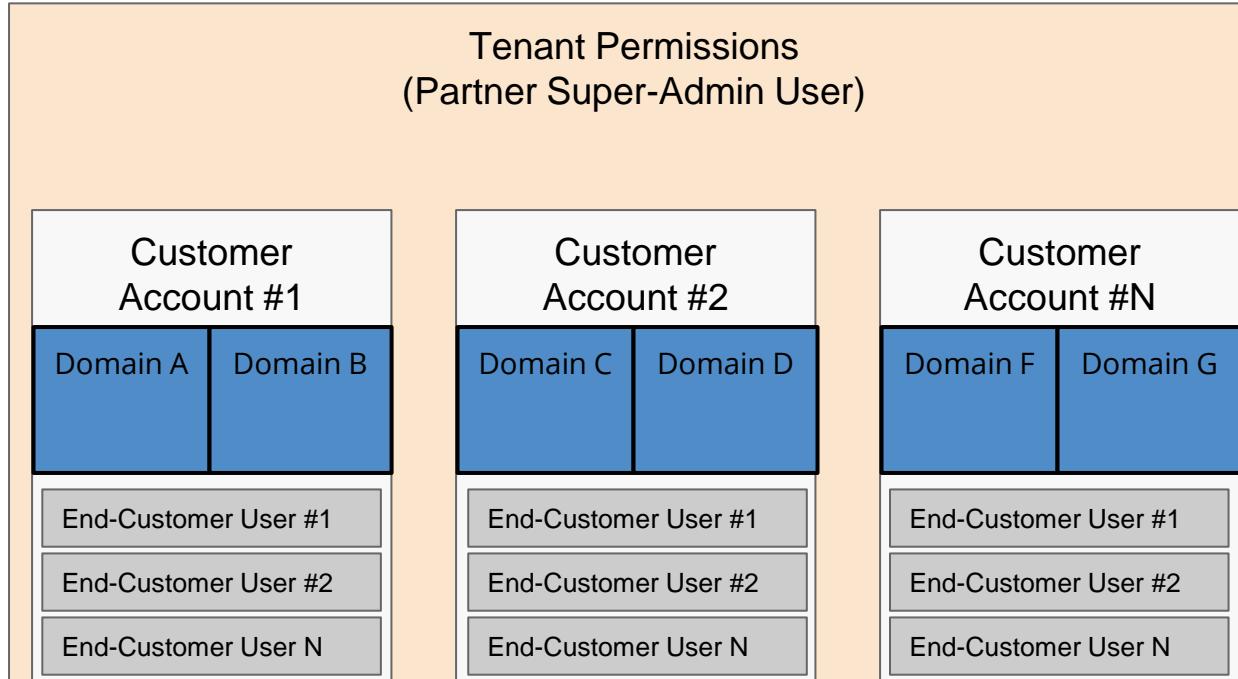
## SSO Support

Cloudflare supports SSO providers (SAML providers)

## Enforce 2FA

Ensure your entire dashboard is secure by enforcing 2-factor authentication for your organization.

# Access to all resources to manage customers



Note: A fully-managed Cloudflare experience may not end up inviting end-customers to accounts.

# Quickly And Easily Review Changes Made To Your Account And Domains



## Quick Log Review

Easily review audit logs and drill down to detailed information from the dashboard.

The screenshot shows the Cloudflare Audit Log interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Cloudflare logo, a 'Select Website' dropdown, and user account information ('Guest', '+ Add Site', 'Support', and an email address). Below the navigation is a heading 'Audit Log' with the subtext 'Viewing 12 months of actions performed in your account.' A date range selector shows 'Today' to 'Aug 2016'. Below this are two search fields: 'User' (with a placeholder 'user@example.com') and 'Domain' (with a placeholder 'example.com'). The main area is a table of log entries:

Date	Action	Performed By	Performed On	Details
5 days ago	Toggle waf set	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Firewall change setting	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Firewall change setting	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Firewall change setting	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Firewall change setting	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Remove custom cert	otheruser@cloudflare.c...	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Toggle waf set	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>
5 days ago	Toggle waf set	user@cloudflare.com	cloudflare.com	<a href="#">Details</a>

A 'Send Feedback' button is located at the bottom right of the table area.

## API Log Export

Export logs via API for further filtering, inspection and monitoring using any log analysis tool

## Customizable Filters

Whether for compliance reviews or change monitoring, easily pare down logs by the desired field including: date, user and domain.

## Simple Configuration Change Review

Make compliance reviews and monitoring configuration changes easy with Audit Logs

Cloudflare runs one of the largest managed DNS services answering requests for over **38% of all managed DNS traffic** in the world.

// Implementation Detail: DNS + SSL

# Manage your DNS records with ease.

## DNS Records

Configure your domain name system by adding, deleting, and editing your records as necessary. Records without an orange or grey-cloud cannot be proxied. [Upload or export zone files in BIND format.](#)

The screenshot shows the Cloudflare DNS management interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'Add record' and 'Advanced' buttons. Below it, a note says '[name] points to [IPv4 address] and has its traffic proxied through Cloudflare.' The main form has fields for 'Type' (set to 'A'), 'Name' (containing '@ for root'), 'IPv4 address' (empty), 'TTL' (set to 'Auto'), and 'Proxy status' (set to 'Proxied'). At the bottom right are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

## DNSSEC

Ensures that your website's traffic is safely directed to the correct servers, so that a connection to a website is not intercepted by a man-in-the-middle.



## Nameserver Options

- Default Cloudflare Nameservers
- Custom Nameservers ([ns1.example.com](#))
- Shared Custom Nameservers

NS	art.ns.cloudflare.com
NS	jean.ns.cloudflare.com

# ✚ Secondary DNS, Analytics & More

## Secondary DNS

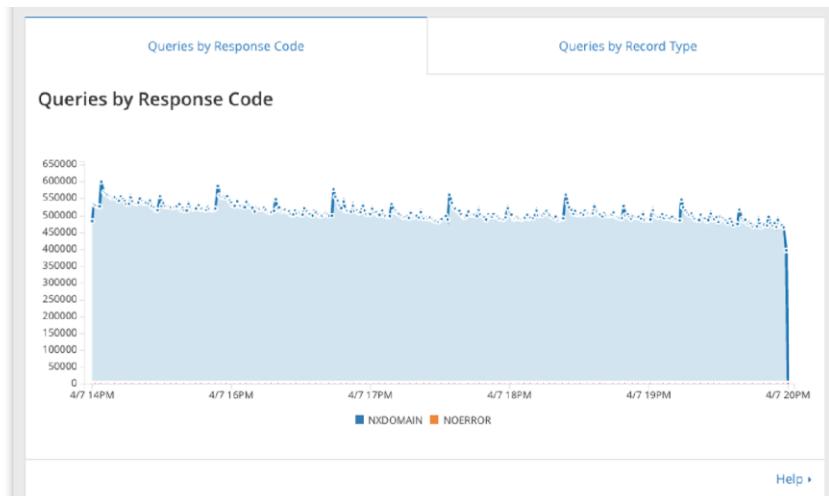
Cloudflare Secondary DNS service complements our authoritative DNS with the ability to automatically pull DNS records via zone transfers. This allows customers to work with multiple DNS vendors.

## DNS Analytics

Gain valuable insight into DNS traffic. Understand and visualize data through metrics such as query count, response time, response codes, data centers, and more.

## Related Products

- [DNS Flood Mitigation](#)
- [Cloudflare Reliability](#)
- [DNSSEC](#)
- [Registrar](#)
- [DNS Firewall](#)



# ACE - Exercise - DNS

Let's verify... “why Cloudflare DNS”

1. Go to <https://www.solvedns.com/dnsspeedtest/>
2. Test any non-cloudflare domain  
(e.g. freenom.com)
3. Test any domain using Cloudflare DNS (Full setup)  
(e.g. cloudflare.com)

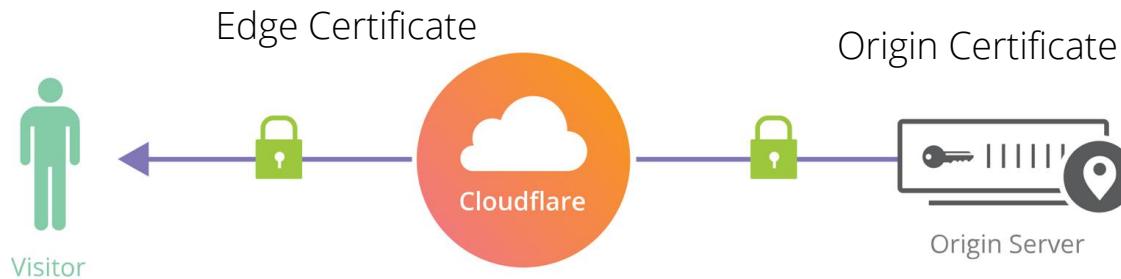
This can show a rough result of as-is and to-be when your prospective customer moves to Cloudflare's DNS.



**Encrypting** as much web traffic as possible to **prevent data theft** and other tampering is a critical step toward building a safer, better Internet.

// Cloudflare One-Click SSL

# As a reverse proxy, there are now two connections to encrypt



# TLS Settings

## Flexible

- Edge to origin not encrypted
- Self-signed certificates are not supported



## Full (strict)

- **RECOMMENDED**
- Encrypts end-to-end
- Requires a trusted CA or Cloudflare Origin CA certificate



## Full

Edge to origin certificates can be self-signed



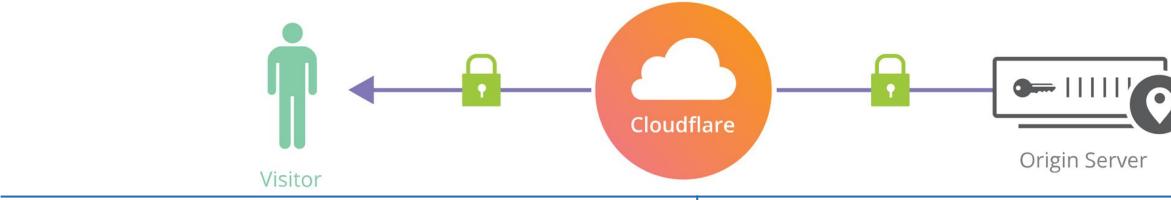
## Strict (SSL-only Origin Pull)

- Same as Full (strict)
- Request to the origin must always be encrypted (Enterprise only)



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# Many options to encrypt traffic end-to-end

 <p>The diagram illustrates the end-to-end encryption process. A green stick figure icon labeled "Visitor" is connected by a purple line with a green padlock to a red circular "Cloudflare" logo. This line then continues as a purple line with a green padlock to a white rectangle containing a key icon and a location pin, labeled "Origin Server".</p>	
Cloudflare Provisioned	<p><b>Universal SSL Pack</b> Keep HTTPS easy with <a href="#">free and automatic wildcard certificates</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHA2 ECDSA; SHA2 RSA Cloudflare will lazy-load the right certificate for each browser!</li></ul> <p><b>Advanced Cert Manager, Dedicated SSL</b> Secure multiple levels of subdomains with your own certificates.</p>
Custom Certificates	<p><b>Upload Custom Certificates</b> Business and Enterprise customers can serve their own <a href="#">certificates</a> from Cloudflare's edge. They can even select which data center regions the private key is stored and served from with <a href="#">Geo Key</a>.</p> <p>Or, customers can keep their private key with our <a href="#">Keyless SSL offering</a>.</p> <p><b>Origin CA</b> A <a href="#">Cloudflare-issued certificate</a> can be provided to encrypt traffic from our edge to your origin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cloudflare-managed Key and CSR (ECDSA, RSA)</li><li>• Upload your own CSR</li></ul> 
	<p><b>Keep the origin certificate</b> Serve your certificate for traffic from our edge to your origin.</p>

# Advanced Certificate Manager

## Create an Advanced Certificate

### Certificate Authority

DigiCert

### Certificate Hostnames

You may enter up to 50 hostnames or wildcards (48 remaining):

jeann.net \*.jeann.net x

### Validation method

TXT Validation (recommended)

### Certificate Validity Period

1 year

auto renewal 30 days before expiration

3 months

auto renewal 30 days before expiration

1 month

auto renewal 7 days before expiration

2 weeks

auto renewal 3 days before expiration

# Custom Certificates (Customer Uploaded)

- Customer uses their own certificates.
- Usually used with **Extended Validation Certificate**
- Customer must manage renewal of certificate on expiry (email reminder)
- All Enterprise licenses receive one Custom SSL upload slot
- Can entitle more slots for additional cost.
- Customer uploads certificate and private key.
- Highest priority certificate.

 Cloudflare, Inc. [US] | <https://www.cloudflare.com>



<https://support.cloudflare.com/hc/en-us/articles/200170466-How-do-I-upload-a-custom-SSL-certificate-Business-or-Enterprise-only->

# Upload Custom Certificates

**POST** Create SSL Configuration permission needed: #ssl:edit

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Upload a new SSL certificate for a zone

POST zones/:zone\_identifier/custom\_certificates

Required parameters		
Name /type	Description /example	Constraints
<b>certificate</b> string	The zone's SSL certificate or certificate and the intermediate(s) <pre>-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----\nMIIDtTCCAp2gAwIBA</pre>	
<b>private_key</b> string	The zone's private key <pre>-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----\nMIIEowIBAAKCA</pre>	

Enter private key and certificate

SSL Certificate

Paste from file

Paste certificate as shown on the lines below:

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----\nQmFzZTY0IGVuY29kZWQgY2VydGlmaWNhdGUgZGF0YSBleGlzdHMgaGVyZQ==\n-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Bundle Method

Compatible (recommended)

Private key

Paste from file

Paste key as shown on the lines below:

```
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----\nQmFzZTY0IGVuY29kZWQgchJpdmF0ZSBrZXkgZGF0YSBleGlzdHMgaGVyZQ==\n-----END PRIVATE KEY-----
```

**Private Key Restriction** Beta

Specify the region below where your private key can be held locally for optimal TLS performance. HTTPS connections to any excluded data center will still be fully encrypted, but will incur some latency while Keyless SSL is used to complete the handshake with the nearest allowed data center.

Distribute to all Cloudflare data centers (optimal performance)



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# Origin CA Details

- Allows customers to use FULL (Strict) validation of origin **without buying their own certificate**.
- Cloudflare Certificate Authority issues CSR and signs certificate.  
Customer can optionally use their own CSR.
- Not trusted by any client other than CF edge servers.
- Long expiry times.
- Intermediate and Root certificate chain available on support KB where needed.

<https://support.cloudflare.com/hc/en-us/articles/218689638-What-are-the-root-certificateAuthorities-CAs-used-with-Cloudflare-Origin-CA->

## Origin Certificates

Generate a free TLS certificate signed by Cloudflare to install on your origin server.

Create Certificate

Origin Certificates are only valid for encryption between Cloudflare and your origin server.

# ACE - Exercise - SSL

Once you onboarded, HTTPS is already available for your site.

1. Check the current available SSL certificate information
2. Automatically redirect http:// requests to https://
3. Order an **Advanced Certificate** with your preferred custom hostnames, validity period, certificate authority.
4. Upload your own certificate in the dashboard.

This lab show how easy SSL is with Cloudflare



# Implementation Best Practices & Reference

1. Always prepare [Customer Onboarding Checklist](#) before onboarding a customer
2. Review [Cloudflare Implementation Documentation](#)
3. Review [2020 Cloudflare Enterprise Best Practices](#)



**IMPORTANT**

Cloudflare's IP reputation database identifies and blocks new and evolving threats across all **25+ million applications** on the network.

## // Useful Tools

# Common Tools

Tool	How its used	Example
<b>dig</b>	Dig is command line tool similar to nslookup that is used to run DNS queries and check DNS records for a given domain/website.	<a href="#">dig cloudflare.com +short</a>
<b>cURL</b>	cURL is a command line tool used to transport data using the URL syntax.	<a href="#"><code>curl -svo /dev/null http://www.cloudflare.com/</code></a>
<b>MTR/ Traceroute</b>	Network based command line tools used to measure performance/latency on a particular path to a given host/destination.	<a href="#">mtr -rwc 30 IPADDRESS/HOSTNAME</a> <a href="#">traceroute IPADDRESS/HOSTNAME</a>
<b>HAR Files</b>	A HAR file is a recording of HTTP requests ran from a web browser. Here is an example of a recording being done from within Chrome's dev tools:	<a href="#">Generating a HAR file</a>

# 3rd party tools: Chrome Browser + Postman

Tool	How its used	Example
<b>Claire</b>	Claire adds an unobtrusive icon to your browser that turns orange when you are browsing a website that uses Cloudflare.	<a href="#">Chrome Webstore</a>
<b>Dr.Flare</b>	Get insights of your Cloudflare website. Provides an easy way to see benefits with Cloudflare.	<a href="#">Chrome Webstore</a>
<b>Postman Tools</b>	Postman is an API client that makes API calls easier to make by giving the user a full Graphical User Interface. With Collections you can upload all of the formatting for all of our API calls so that it's plug and play.	<a href="#">Cloudflare Postman Collection</a>

# ACE - Exercise - Useful Tools

Try the following:

1. dig yourdomain.cf
2. curl -svo /dev/null/ https://yourdomain.cf
3. curl -svo /dev/null/ http://www.yourdomain.cf/ --connect-to ::35.234.81.115
4. mtr [www.yourdomain.cf](#)
5. mtr 35.234.81.115





# Example DIG Outputs

```
dig londinium.xyz

; <>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <>> londinium.xyz
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 48929
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 5, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;londinium.xyz.      IN      A
DNS Records
;; ANSWER SECTION:
londinium.xyz.      4       IN      A      104.16.19.212
londinium.xyz.      4       IN      A      104.16.17.212
londinium.xyz.      4       IN      A      104.16.18.212
londinium.xyz.      4       IN      A      104.16.16.212
londinium.xyz.      4       IN      A      104.16.15.212

::: Query time: 613 msec
;; SERVER: 8.8.8#53(8.8.8.8)  DNS Resolver
;; WHEN: Mon Mar 20 17:56:25 2017
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 111
```

```
dig +trace londinium.xyz
; <>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <>> +trace londinium.xyz
;; global options: +cmd
169743  IN      NS      a.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      b.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      c.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      d.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      e.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      f.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      g.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      h.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      i.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      j.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      k.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      l.root-servers.net.
169743  IN      NS      m.root-servers.net.
;; Received 228 bytes from 8.8.8.8#53(8.8.8.8) in 117 ms
xyz.          172800  IN      NS      x.nic.xyz.
xyz.          172800  IN      NS      y.nic.xyz.
xyz.          172800  IN      NS      z.nic.xyz.
xyz.          172800  IN      NS      generationxyz.nic.xyz.
;; Received 287 bytes from 193.0.14.129#53(193.0.14.129) in 30 ms
londinium.xyz.    3600   IN      NS      dawn.ns.cloudflare.com.
Londinium.xyz.    3600   IN      NS      matt.ns.cloudflare.com.
;; Received 86 bytes from 185.24.64.42#53(185.24.64.42) in 11 ms
londinium.xyz.    5      IN      A      104.16.18.212
londinium.xyz.    5      IN      A      104.16.16.212
londinium.xyz.    5      IN      A      104.16.19.212
londinium.xyz.    5      IN      A      104.16.17.212
londinium.xyz.    5      IN      A      104.16.15.212
;; Received 111 bytes from 2400:cb00:2049:1::adf5:3b83#53(2400:cb00:2049:1::adf5:3b83) in 6 ms
```

Root DNS

TLD Nameservers

Cloudflare Nameservers

DNS Records

# Using cURL

Here are some example **cURL** commands used to check server responses:

```
curl -svo /dev/null http://www.example.com/
```

```
curl -svo /dev/null --user-agent "USERAGENTSTRING" http://www.example.com/
```

```
curl -svo /dev/null --header "Host: www.example.com" http://ORIGINIP/
```

```
curl -svo /dev/null --header http://www.example.com --resolve www.example.com:80:ORIGINIP
```

More detailed instructions here [Using cURL with Cloudflare](#)



# Sample CURL commands

To simulate how Cloudflare proxying works before change NS

- curl <http://domain.com> --resolve domain.com:<port>:<Cloudflare IP>
- curl -svo /dev/null <https://domain.com> --resolve domain.com:443:104.18.159.80
- curl -svo /dev/null <https://domain.com/assets/03c8cc1c.png> --resolve https://domain.com/assets/03c8cc1c.png:104.16.50.144

# Sample Curl Response

```
curl -svo /dev/null http://whiskytango.us/img/sg50/IMG_0191.jpg
*   Trying 104.16.41.188...
* Connected to whiskytango.us (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /img/sg50/IMG_0191.jpg HTTP/1.1
> Host: whiskytango.us
> User-Agent: curl/7.43.0
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK -Server HTTP Response
< Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2016 17:53:47 GMT
< Content-Type: image/jpeg
< Content-Length: 222670
< Connection: keep-alive
< Set-Cookie: __cfduid=d64e283e5e56319b47401dd2cf2327e5c1466531627; expires=Wed, 21-Jun-17 17:53:47 GMT; path=/; domain=.whiskytango.us; HttpOnly
< Last-Modified: Tue, 18 Aug 2015 09:05:34 GMT
< ETaa: "55d2f55e-365ce"
< CF-Cache-Status: HIT -Cache Status
< Expires: Tue, 21 Jun 2016 21:53:47 GMT
< Cache-Control: public, max-age=14400
< Accept-Ranges: bytes
< Server: cloudflare-nainx
< CF-RAY: 2b69526f25e34408-SFO-DOG -CloudFlare RayID
<
{ [839 bytes data]
* Connection #0 to host whiskytango.us left intact
```



# Using MTR/Traceroute

MTR/Traceroutes are network based command line tools used to measure performance/latency on a particular path to a given host/destination.

Here are examples of both commands:

```
mtr -rwc 30 IPADDRESS/HOSTNAME
```

```
traceroute IPADDRESS/HOSTNAME
```

# Example MTR Output

```
mtr -rwc 30 8.8.8.8
Start: Wed Jun 22 02:39:52 2016
HOST: beaker.local
      Loss%   Snt   Last    Avg   Best Wrst StDev
1.|-- unknown.maxonline.com.sg    6.7%   30  23.4  37.3   8.8 425.7  78.6
2.|-- unknown.maxonline.com.sg    13.3%   30  16.1  28.5   9.7 165.8  39.0
3.|-- 172.21.13.65                3.3%   30  90.1  42.9   9.8 477.4  86.5
4.|-- 172.20.7.174                3.3%   30  28.4  31.6  10.2 169.9  37.6
5.|-- 203.117.37.205              10.0%   30  11.3  34.4  11.3 128.6  29.6
6.|-- 203.117.36.41                10.0%   30  23.6  25.9  10.2  60.5  14.2
7.|-- 203.117.34.34                10.0%   30  18.1  36.2  13.0 185.6  41.7
8.|-- 72.14.196.189               13.3%   30  13.6  23.6  10.9 111.8  19.6
9.|-- 209.85.254.177              3.3%   30  14.9  27.5  11.4 106.3  22.8
10.|-- 72.14.234.109               6.7%   30  13.0  38.8  13.0 160.6  39.9
11.|-- google-dns-a.google.com     3.3%   30  31.2  36.4  10.6 208.5  47.2
```

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## // Add-On Implementation Overview

# Non-DNS Product Extensions

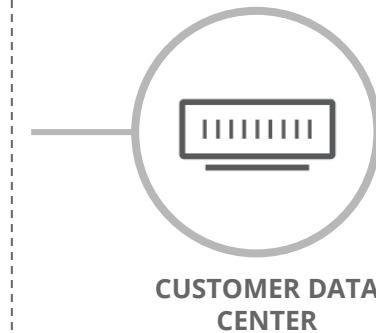
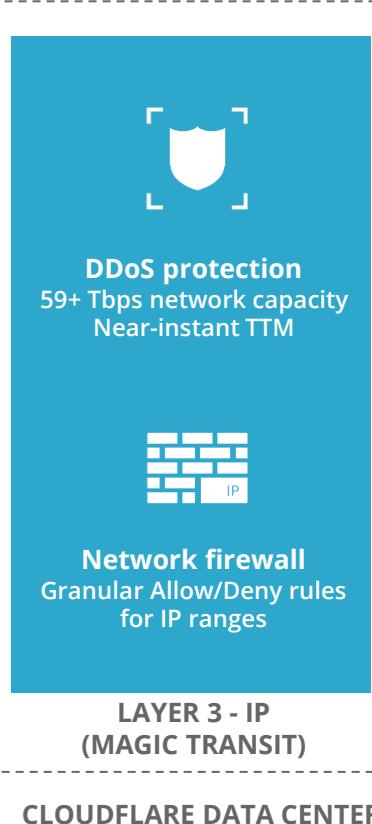
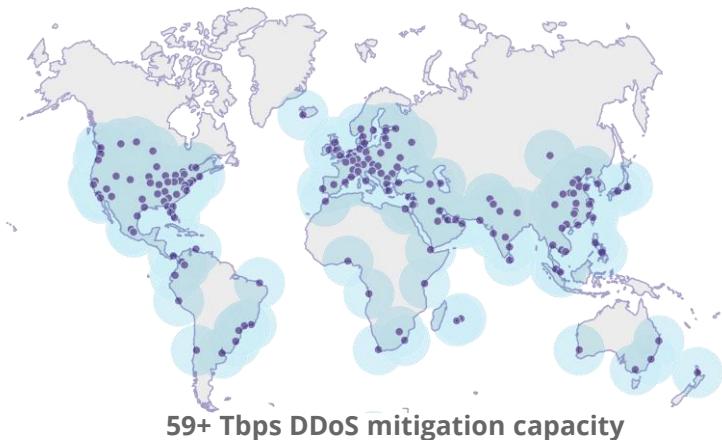


Cloudflare Magic Transit - BGP-based protection for Layer 3 & 4



Cloudflare For Teams - Web Gateway

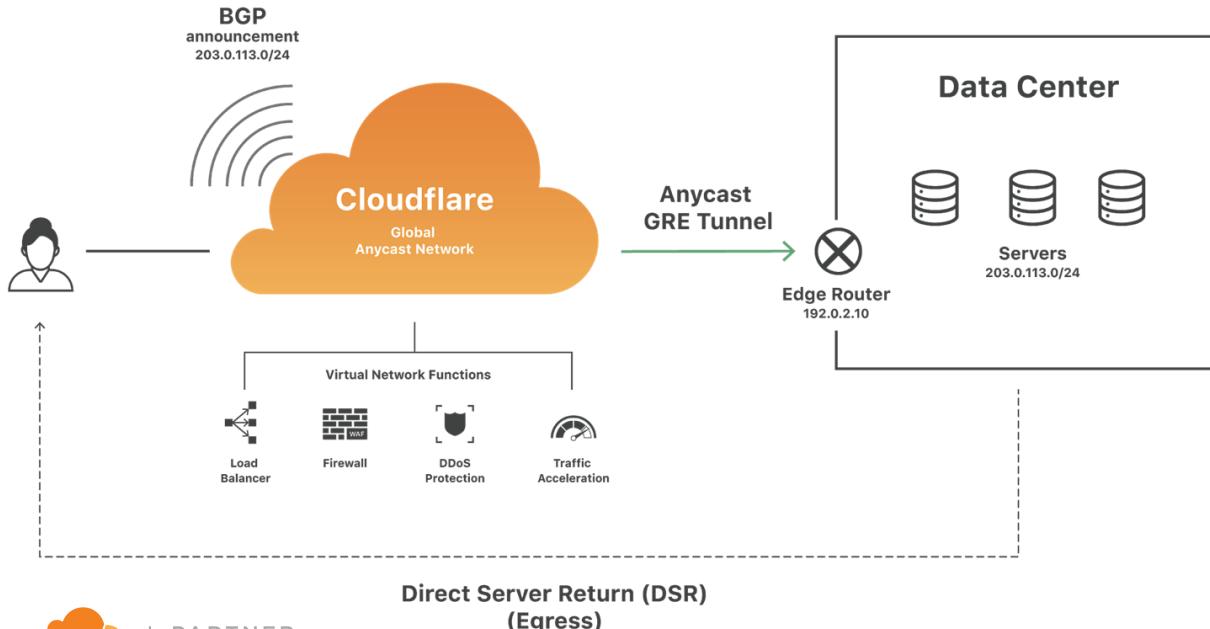
# Our **battle-tested network** stack, in front of **your data center**



# How it works



## Modern Architecture



### Connect:

Using BGP route announcements customer network traffic is ingested by Cloudflare

### Protect and Process:

All traffic inspected for attacks automatically and immediately

### Accelerate:

Clean traffic is routed back to the customer network over Cloudflare. Anycast GRE tunnels deliver traffic to the customer network



# Cloudflare for Teams



## Access

Zero Trust security for any internal apps built on top of Cloudflare's global network.



## Gateway

A secure web gateway that's faster and less cumbersome to manage and use.

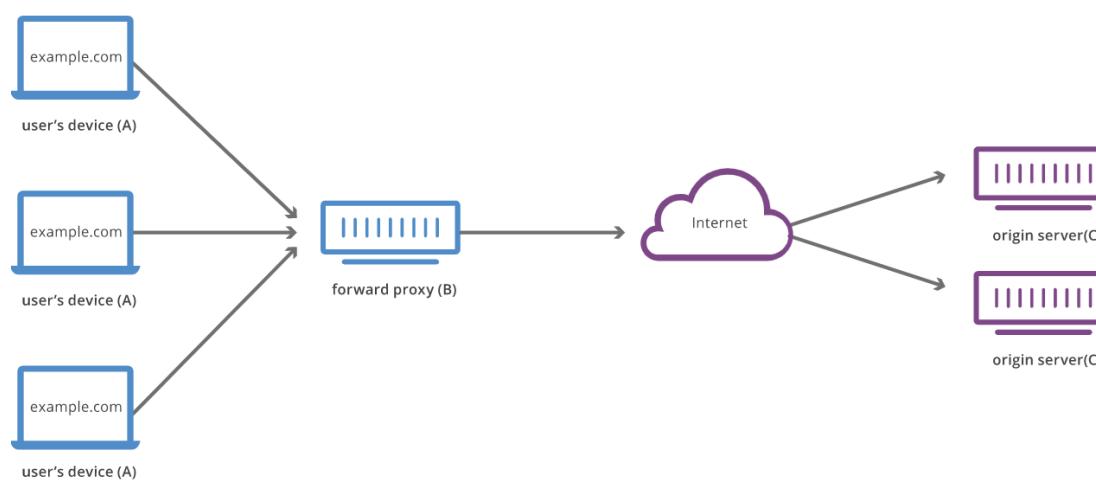


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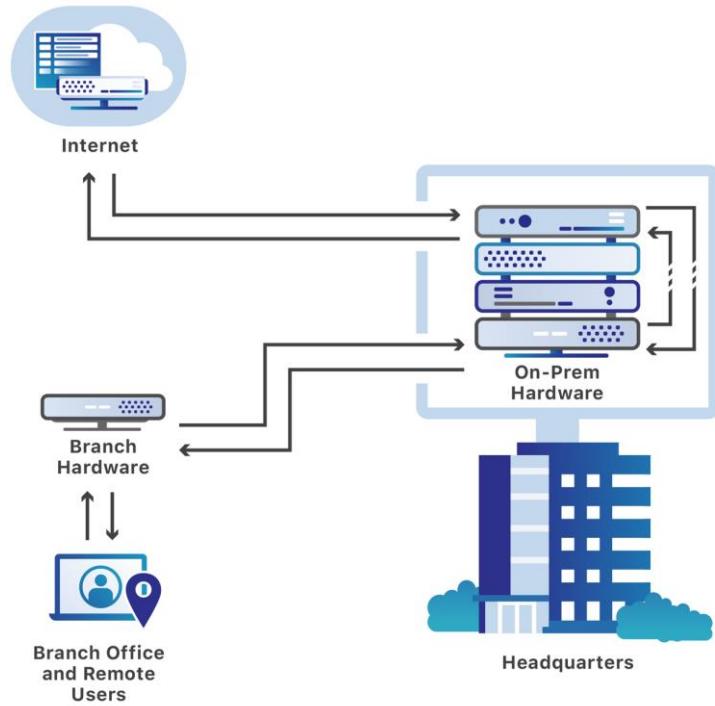
# Cloudflare Gateway

- Gateway is a **full forward-proxy** to secure devices, users and networks from security threats like malware, phishing, ransomware etc.

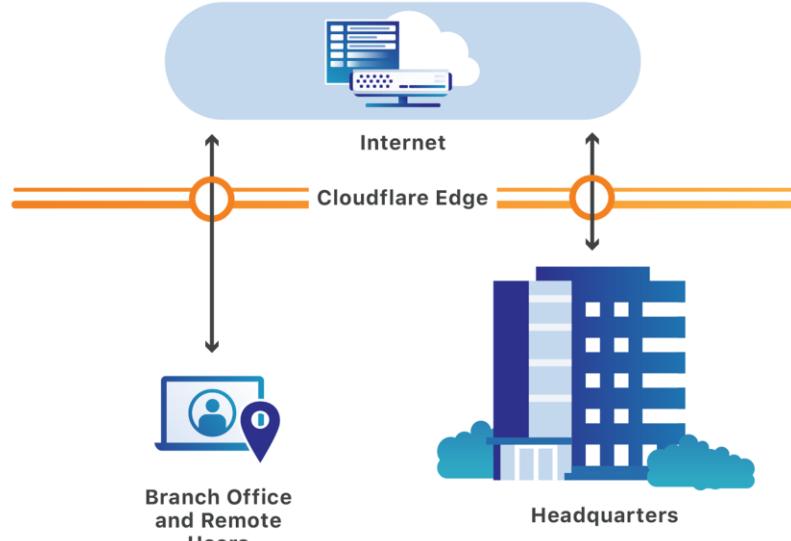


# Cloudflare for Teams

## Legacy Problem

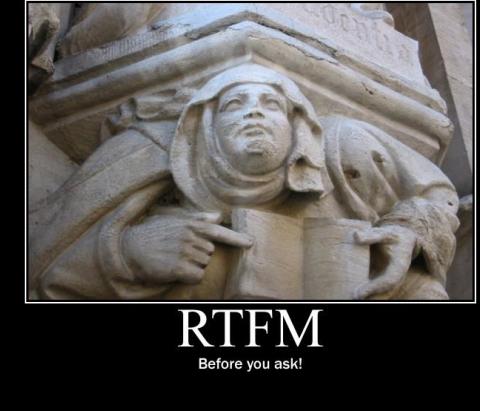


## Cloudflare Solution



# Technical Resources

1. [Cloudflare Implementation Documentation](#)
2. [2020 Cloudflare Enterprise Best Practices](#)
3. [Cloudflare University](#) (partners-only)
4. [Partners Asset Library](#)
5. Product documentations - <https://developers.cloudflare.com/>
6. Knowledgebase - <https://support.cloudflare.com/hc/en-us>
7. Learning Center (public) - <https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/>



A wide-angle photograph of a natural landscape. In the foreground, there's a dark green grassy area with some low-lying plants. Beyond it is a large, calm lake with a deep blue color. In the background, there are several mountain ranges. The closest range has some green vegetation and small patches of snow. Further back, there are more majestic, snow-capped peaks under a clear, light blue sky.

THANK YOU

See you at  
“Optimizing Cloudflare” !