

Implementing Azure Bastion and Azure Firewall



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Overview



Describe network virtual appliances

Plan, deploy, and configure Azure Bastion Service

Plan, deploy, and configure Azure Firewall



Describe Network Virtual Appliances



Network Virtual Appliances (NVAs)



Preconfigured virtual machines (VMs)

- Web application firewalls
- Application delivery controllers
- Load balancers
- WAN optimizers

Thin Linux layer plus enterprise software

Network Virtual Appliances (NVAs)



Popular vendors

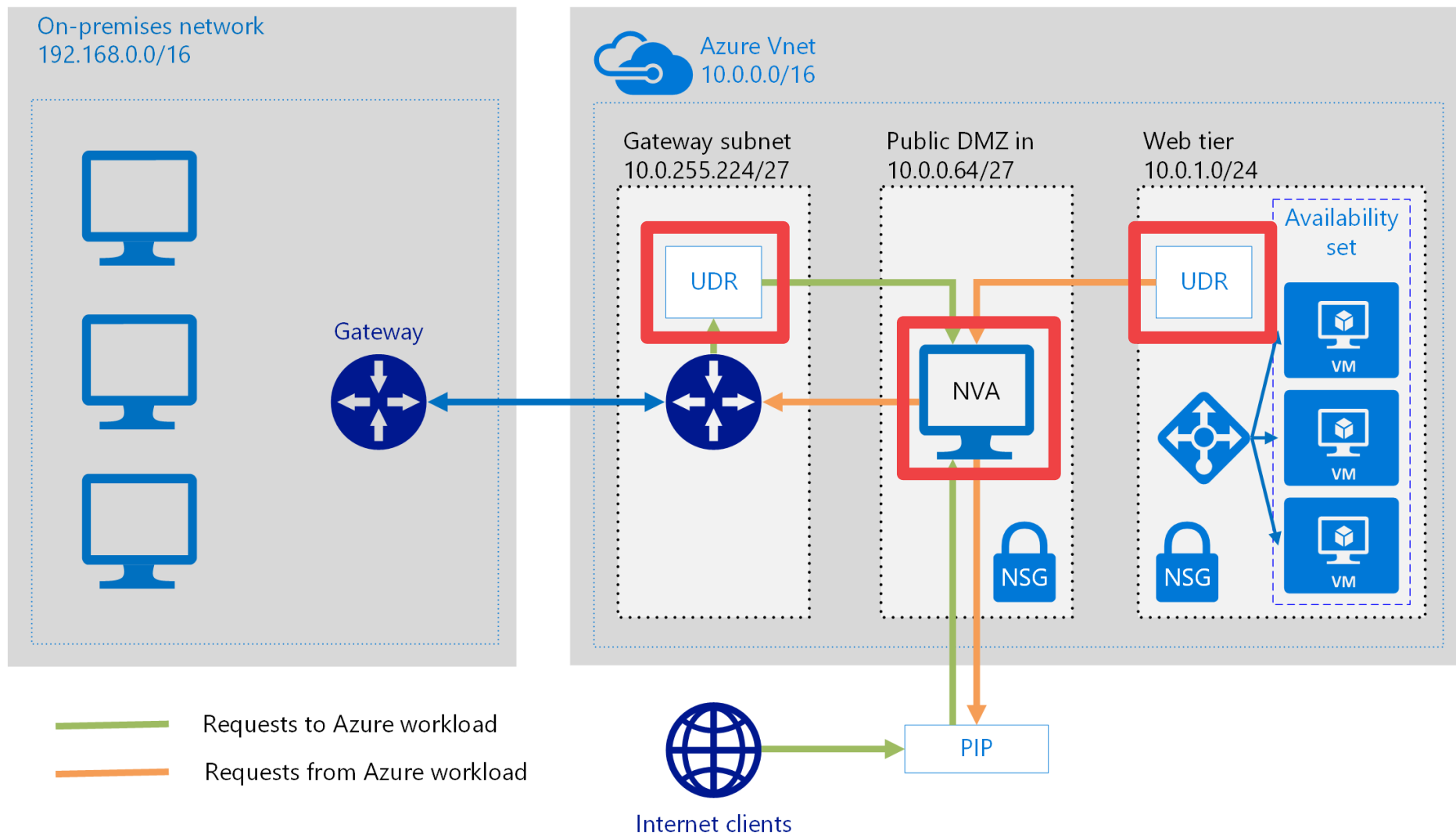
- Cisco
- F5 Networks
- NetApp

Flexible licensing

Requires an understanding of user-defined routing (UDR) in Azure



Sample NVA Topology



Azure Bastion



The Use Case

Failed RDP Brute Force Attack					
Filter					
ATTACKED RESOURCE ^	COUNT ^	DETECTION TIME ^	STATE ^	SEVERITY ^	
vm1classic	1	8:41:37 PM	Active	⚠ Medium	...
VM2	1	11:14:38 AM	Active	ℹ Low	...
VM1	1	11:14:37 AM	Active	ℹ Low	...

Microsoft publishes their service tags every month

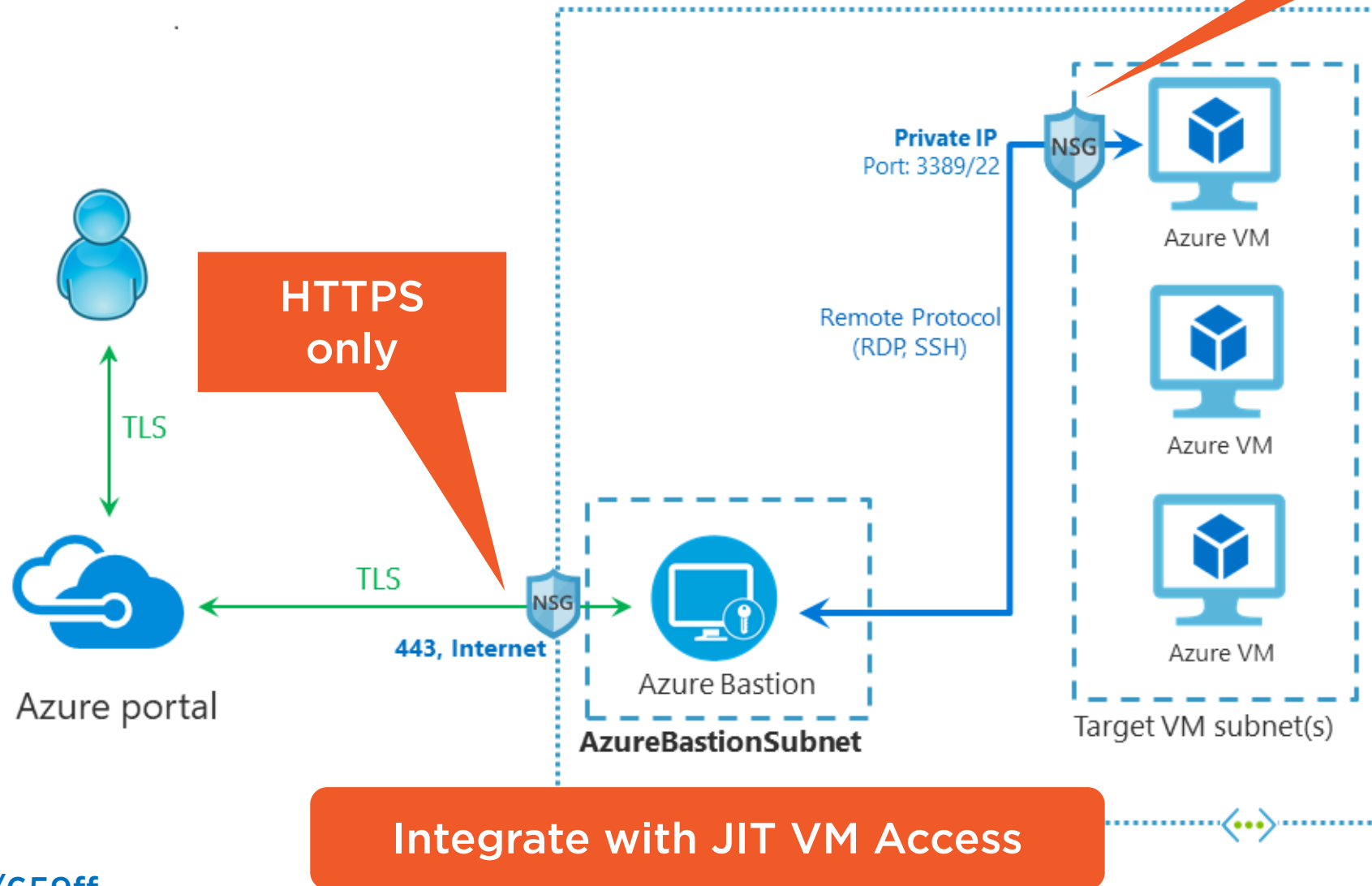
You may have VMs with public IP addresses

Bad actors perform port scanning for RDP (3389) and SSH (22)





Azure Bastion





Azure Bastion Points to Ponder

No service chaining

One Bastion per
virtual network

Fully managed

No stop; no RDP
policy

Browser experience

Client tools are on the
roadmap

NSGs

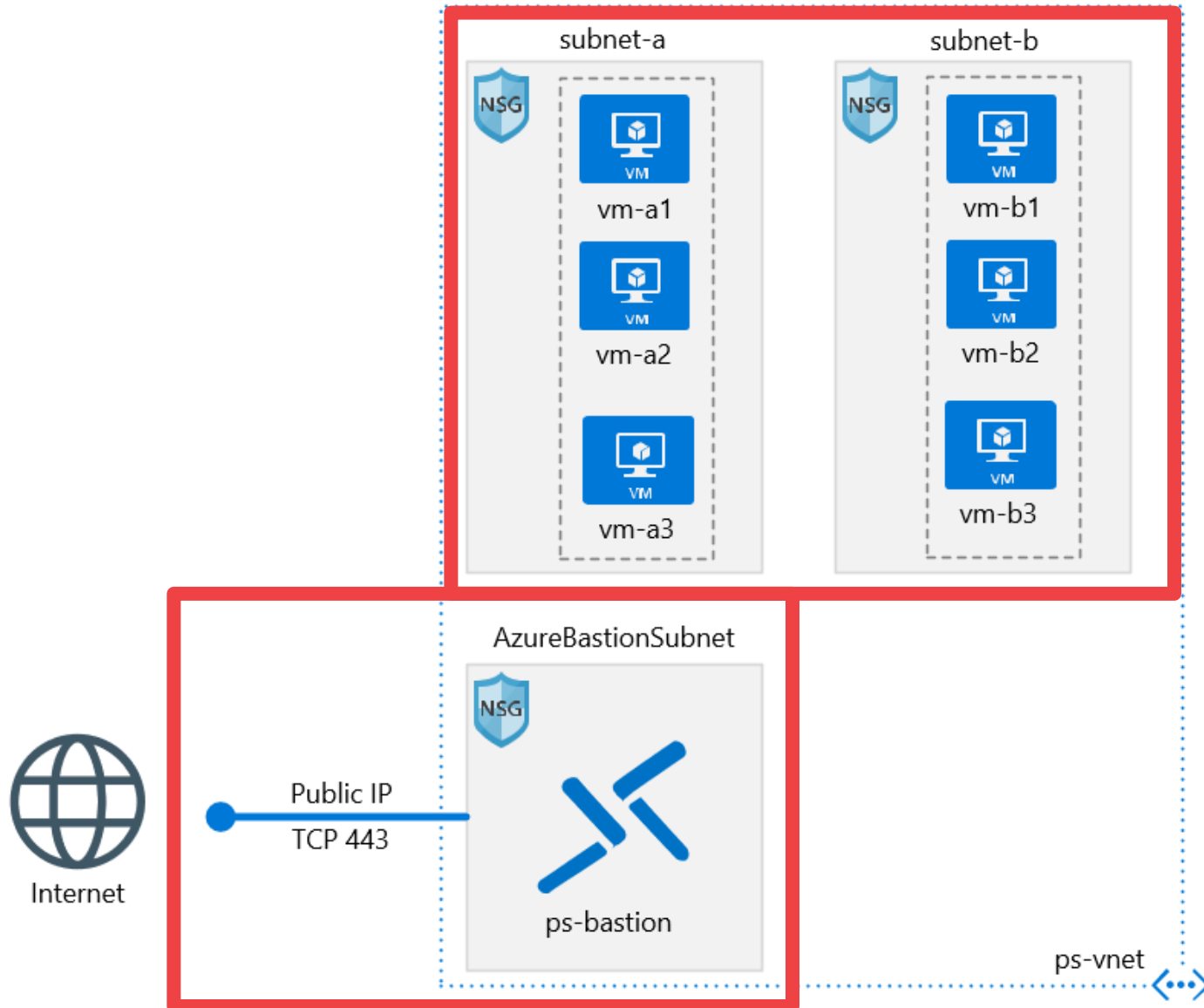
Ingress from Internet
and AB control plane

NSGs

Egress to VMs and
AzureCloud tag



Lab Topology



Demo



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Add a Bastion

Connect

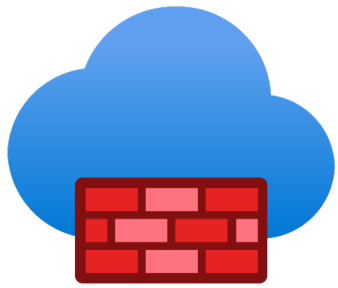
Layer in JIT VM Access

Connect

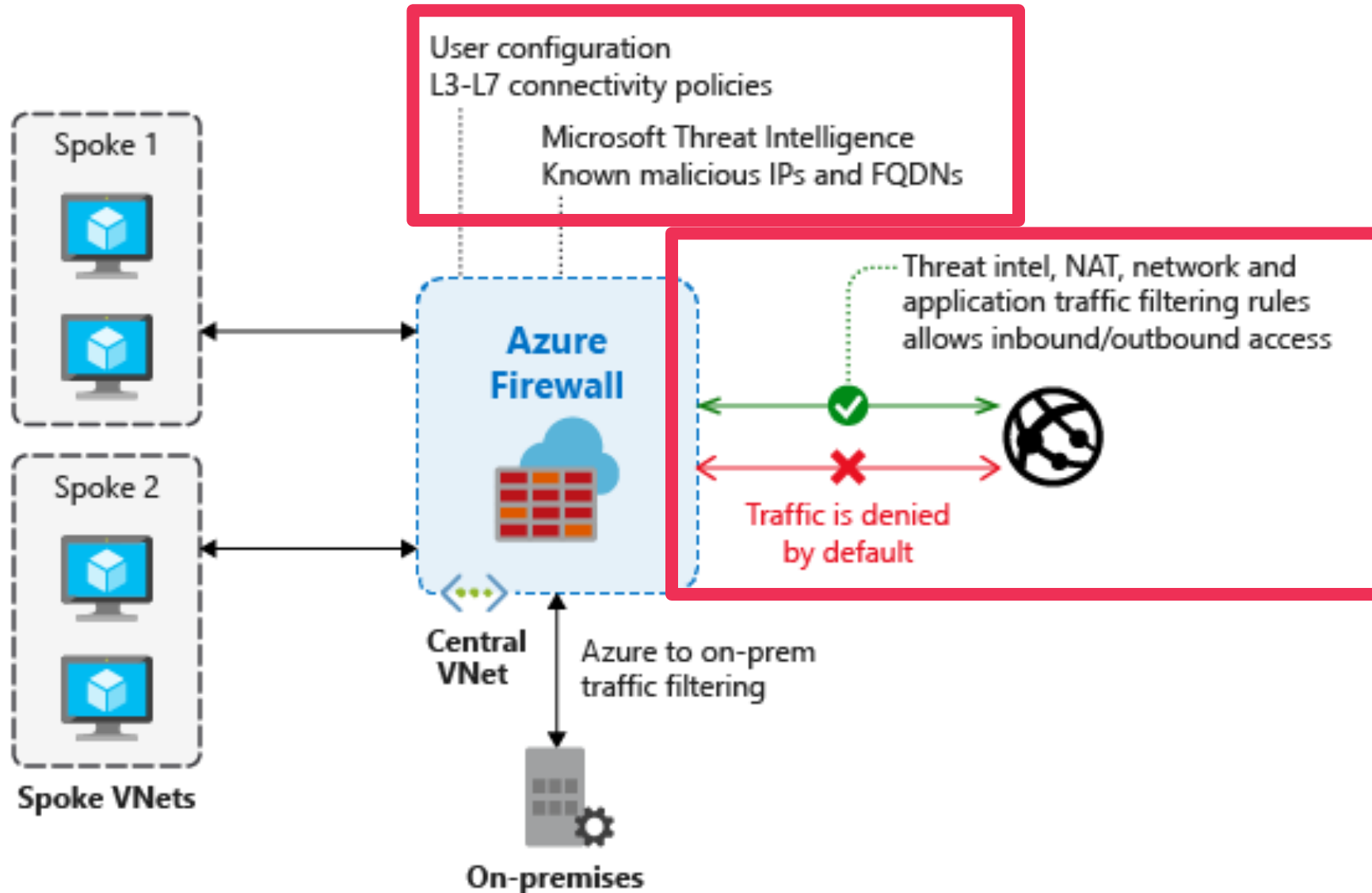


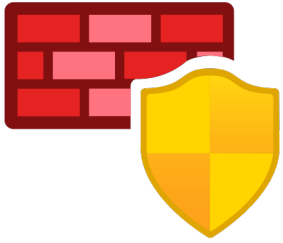
Azure Firewall



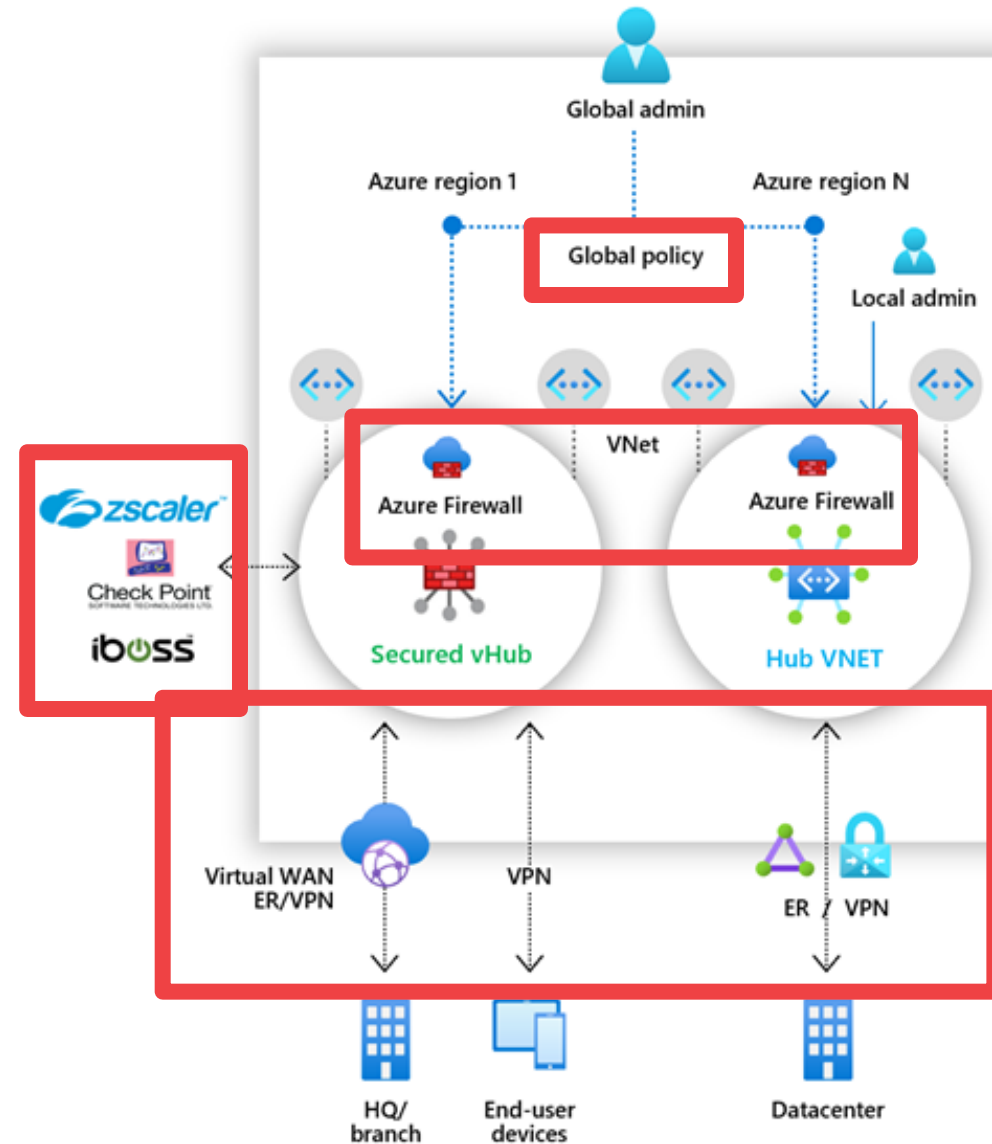


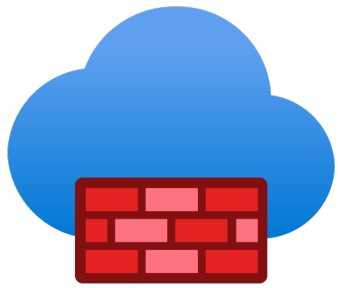
Azure Firewall





Azure Firewall Manager





Azure Firewall Points to Ponder

No NSGs

Firewall disables NSGs
on its subnet

Cost savings

Deallocate and
allocate

Service chaining

Firewall can centrally
route and filter

Forced Tunneling

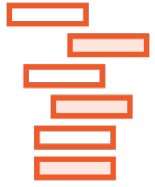
Useful in a hybrid
cloud environment

Scale-out

You need a /26
firewall subnet



Azure Firewall, Bastion, and JIT VM Access



Either an NSG or Azure Firewall can be used with JIT VM Access



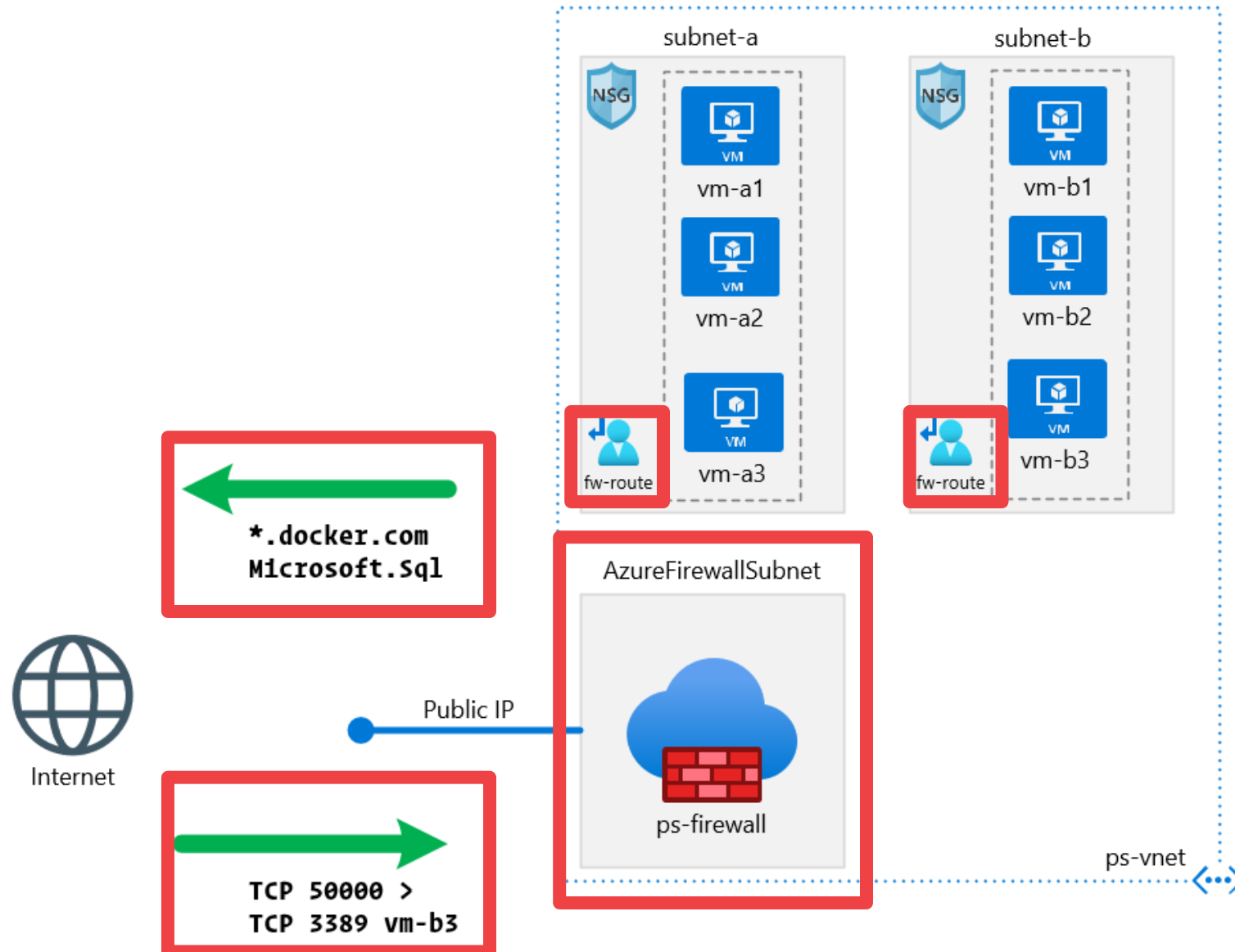
Connect through the Firewall's public IP (DNAT)



Bastion and JIT VM Access are incompatible (according to Microsoft)



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Demo



2

Add Azure Firewall

- Route tables

Make DNS rule

Make a DNAT rule



Summary



At this point, there is no good reason to have your Azure VM management ports open

Consider Azure Firewall Manager policy for centralized administration

Don't forget about third-party NVAs

Thanks!

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