



AWS VPC - Basics



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What is VPC?



Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

- A VPC is a network environment linked to your AWS account that you can create in a few minutes!
- With a VPC, you can launch your EC2 instances in your own virtual network
- You can use a default VPC (already created for you by AWS)
 - With default subnets in range 172.31.0.0/16 question: how many IP addresses are available?
- You can also create additional VPCs that you can define and customize according to your needs
 - In that VPC you can choose your subnets, availability zones, customize IP address ranges (CIDR), and a lot more...
- An EC2 instance is always linked to one VPC (not possible more than one)
- By default, an EC2 instance is linked to your default VPC but you can configure your instance to be linked to another VPC you created
- It is similar to a real network, except that you don't need any hardware to maintain because everything is **virtualized** and **hosted in AWS datacenters**

What is VPC?

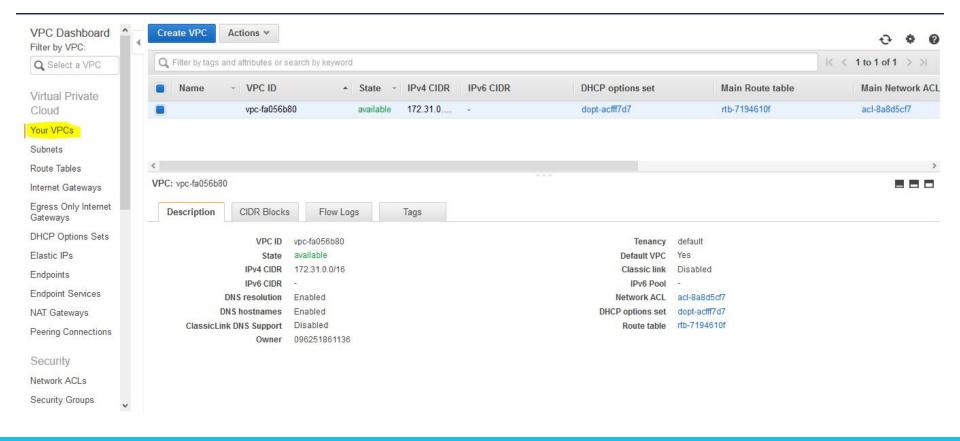


Why not using the default VPC?

- For lab and testing it is often enough to use the default VPC
- However, when you work for a company you will probably have to create your own custom VPC instead
 of using the default VPC
- The default VPC always use the IP addresses range 172.31.0.0/16 and you cannot change it!
- If you create your own VPC, you can also create your own subnets and you will have more control on the choice of IP addresses
- There are also many advanced AWS features that are not available with a default VPC

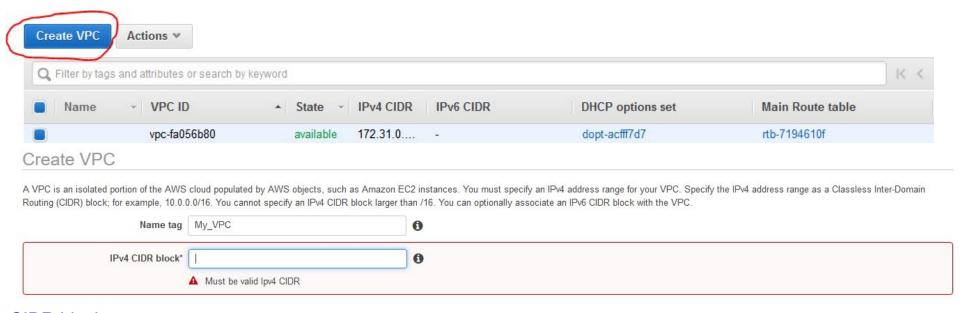
The VPC Dashboard





Create a VPC





CIDR block

- When creating a VPC, you will first be asked to configure a Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) block
- It is the IP address range you want to use for your VPC. Remember what you learned in network / Cisco course...
- For example 10.10.0.0/16 means all IP addresses between 10.10.0.0 and 10.10.255.255 (total 65 536 addresses)

Create a VPC





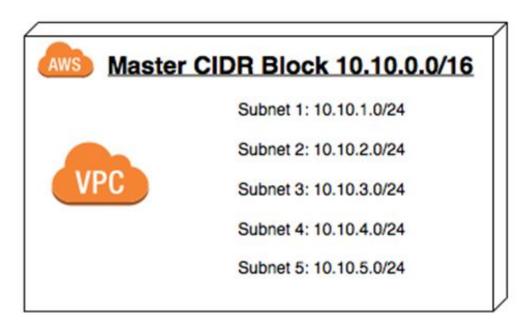
- Create a new VPC
- Custom CIDR block

Subnet



What is a subnet?

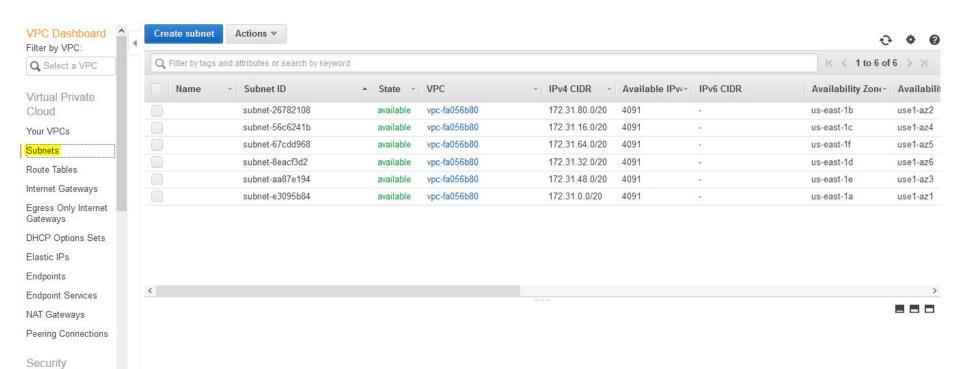
- Subnet is the acronym for sub-network
- It is a range of IP addresses within your
 VPC's CIDR block
- A subnet is linked to a VPC
 - A subnet can only have one VPC
 - However a VPC can have multiple subnets
- An EC2 instance's network interface
 should be assigned to a subnet
- 2 types of subnets: private and public
 - private subnet only uses private IP addresses (instances not connected to the Internet)
 - **public subnet** uses private IP addresses + public IP addresses (connected to the Internet)



Subnet

Network ACLs Security Groups





Subnet





- Create 2 different subnets A and B
- Assign an instance to the new VPC and subnet A
- Assign a new secondary network interface to the other subnet B
- Make subnet A public
- Assign public and private subnets to a new instance

Internet Gateway



What is an Internet Gateway?

- An Internet Gateway is required to connect your VPC and your instances to Internet
- It acts like a router in a normal network to route traffic for IP addresses outside your VPC
- It allows communication between instances in your VPC and the internet
- An Internet Gateway should be attached to your VPC
- You can have only one Internet Gateway per VPC
- An Internet Gateway is simple to configure:
 - you just need to attach the Internet Gateway to a VPC
- However you need to update your route tables
 if you want to use your Internet Gateway
 - We will see that in a moment...



Internet Gateway





- Create a new Internet Gateway
- Assign the new Internet Gateway to the new VPC

Route Table



What is a route table?

- A route table in AWS acts the same way as a route table in a normal router (Mikrotik, Cisco, etc.)
- A route table is assigned to a specific subnet
- If you want your public subnet and your instances in this subnet to be reachable from Internet,
 you need to configure the route table on this subnet
- In this route table, you should create a route to redirect all traffic outside your VPC to your Internet Gateway
 - Remember, 0.0.0.0/0 means "all traffic"

IMPORTANT: Remember that your instance cannot be reachable from Internet if you don't configure the route table to redirect all traffic to your VPC's Internet Gateway

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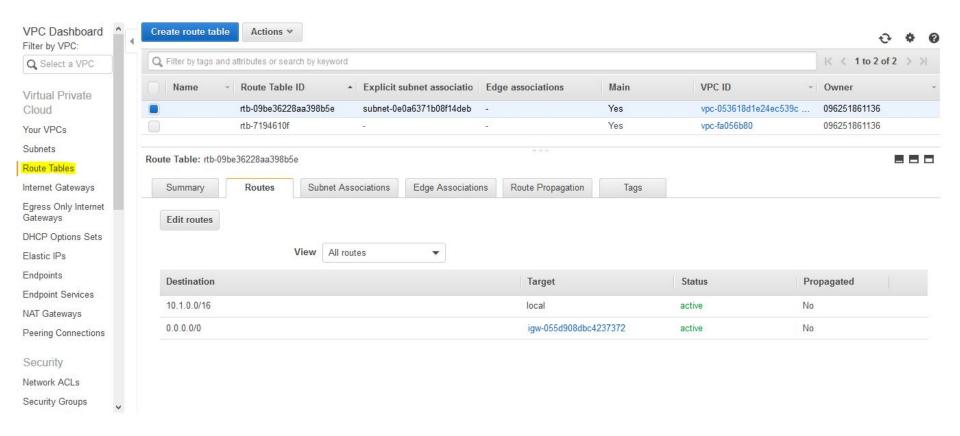
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- Identify the route table linked to your public subnet
- Create a new route to route all traffic outside your VPC to the Internet Gateway
- Check the updated route table on your public subnet
- Finally, now you can connect to your instance in your public subnet!

What's next



What we have learned in this module

- What is a VPC
- Why you need to create your own VPC
- How to create your first VPC
- How to configure a Subnet
- How to configure an Internet Gateway
- How to configure a Route table
- How to connect an EC2 instance to your new VPC and subnets

What we will learn in the next modules

- How to use NAT
- How to work with Network ACL
- How to do VPC Peering to connect multiple VPCs
- How to automatically create instances for a website using AWS ElasticBeanstalk
- How to use DNS and administer a domain name using AWS Route53
- And a lot more.....



Questions



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