



Network topology examples

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Network topology examples

In addition to the required Grid Network, you can choose whether to configure Admin Network and Client Network interfaces when designing the network topology for a single or multi-site deployment.

Internal ports are only accessible over the Grid Network. External ports are accessible from all network types. This flexibility provides multiple options for designing a StorageGRID deployment and setting up external IP and port filtering in switches and firewalls. For more information about internal and external ports, see the network port reference.

If you specify that a node's Client Network interface is untrusted, configure a load balancer endpoint to accept the inbound traffic. For information about configuring untrusted Client Networks and load balancer endpoints, see the instructions for administering StorageGRID.

Related information

[Administer StorageGRID](#)

[Network port reference](#)

Grid Network topology

The simplest network topology is created by configuring the Grid Network only.

When you configure the Grid Network, you establish the host IP address, subnet mask, and Gateway IP address for the eth0 interface for each grid node.

During configuration, you must add all Grid Network subnets to the Grid Network Subnet List (GNSL). This list includes all subnets for all sites, and might also include external subnets that provide access to critical services such as NTP, DNS, or LDAP.

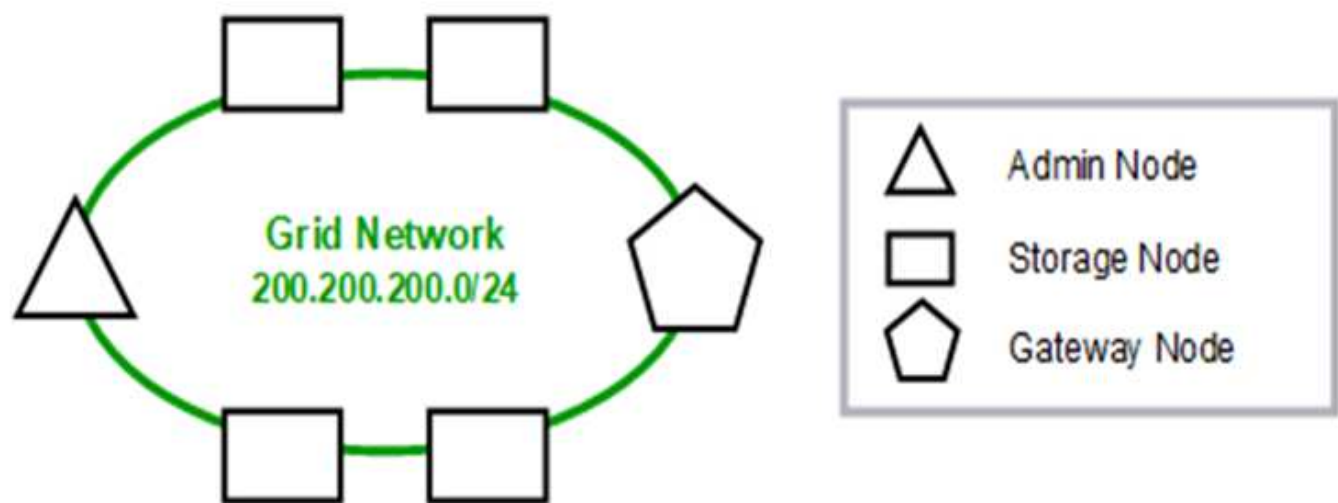
At installation, the Grid Network interface applies static routes for all subnets in the GNSL and sets the node's default route to the Grid Network gateway if one is configured. The GNSL is not required if there is no Client Network and the Grid Network gateway is the node's default route. Host routes to all other nodes in the grid are also generated.

In this example, all traffic shares the same network, including traffic related to S3 and Swift client requests and administrative and maintenance functions.



This topology is appropriate for single-site deployments that are not externally available, proof-of-concept or test deployments, or when a third-party load balancer acts as the client access boundary. When possible, the Grid Network should be used exclusively for internal traffic. Both the Admin Network and the Client Network have additional firewall restrictions that block external traffic to internal services. Using the Grid Network for external client traffic is supported, but this use offers fewer layers of protection.

Topology example: Grid Network only



Provisioned		
GNSL → 200.200.200.0/24		
Grid Network		
Nodes	IP/mask	Gateway
Admin	200.200.200.32/24	200.200.200.1
Storage	200.200.200.33/24	200.200.200.1
Storage	200.200.200.34/24	200.200.200.1
Storage	200.200.200.35/24	200.200.200.1
Storage	200.200.200.36/24	200.200.200.1
Gateway	200.200.200.37/24	200.200.200.1

System Generated			
Nodes	Routes		From
All	0.0.0.0/0 →	200.200.200.1	Default
	200.200.200.0/24 →	eth0	Link
			Interface IP/mask

Admin Network topology

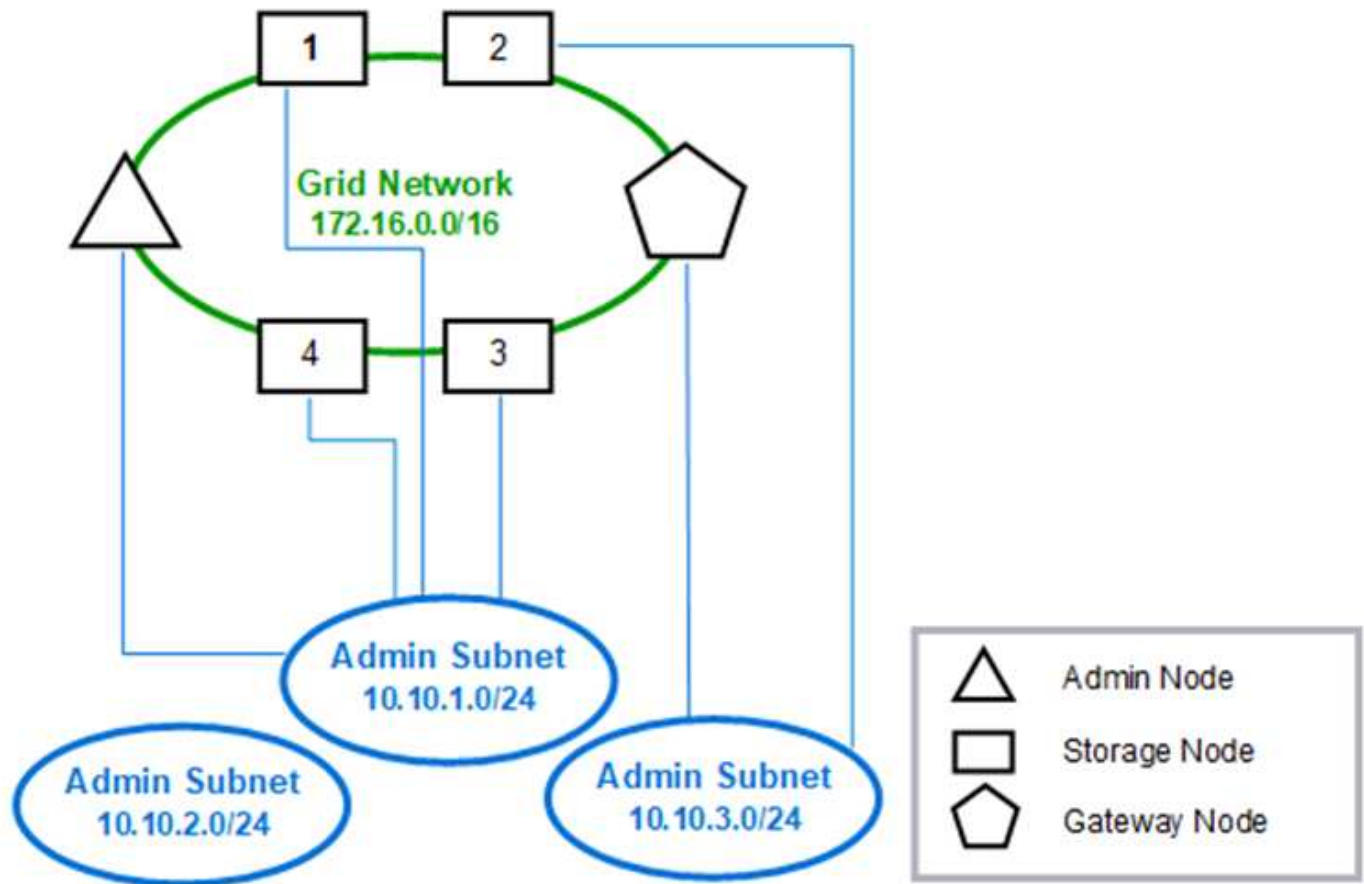
Having an Admin Network is optional. One way that you can use an Admin Network and a Grid Network is to configure a routable Grid Network and a bounded Admin Network for each node.

When you configure the Admin Network, you establish the host IP address, subnet mask, and Gateway IP address for the eth1 interface for each grid node.

The Admin Network can be unique to each node and can consist of multiple subnets. Each node can be configured with an Admin External Subnet List (AESL). The AESL lists the subnets reachable over the Admin Network for each node. The AESL must also include the subnets of any services the grid will access over the Admin Network, such as NTP, DNS, KMS, and LDAP. Static routes are applied for each subnet in the AESL.

In this example, the Grid Network is used for traffic related to S3 and Swift client requests and object management. while the Admin Network is used for administrative functions.

Topology example: Grid and Admin Networks



GNSL → 172.16.0.0/16

AESL (all) → 10.10.1.0/24 10.10.2.0/24 10.10.3.0/24

Nodes	Grid Network		Admin Network	
	IP/mask	Gateway	IP/mask	Gateway
Admin	172.16.200.32/24	172.16.200.1	10.10.1.10/24	10.10.1.1
Storage 1	172.16.200.33/24	172.16.200.1	10.10.1.11/24	10.10.1.1
Storage 2	172.16.200.34/24	172.16.200.1	10.10.3.65/24	10.10.3.1
Storage 3	172.16.200.35/24	172.16.200.1	10.10.1.12/24	10.10.1.1
Storage 4	172.16.200.36/24	172.16.200.1	10.10.1.13/24	10.10.1.1
Gateway	172.16.200.37/24	172.16.200.1	10.10.3.66/24	10.10.3.1

System Generated					
Nodes	Routes			Type	From
All	0.0.0.0/0	→	172.16.200.1	Default	Grid Network gateway
Admin, Storage 1, 3, and 4	172.16.0.0/16	→	eth0	Static	GNSL
	10.10.1.0/24	→	eth1	Link	Interface IP/mask
	10.10.2.0/24	→	10.10.1.1	Static	AESL
	10.10.3.0/24	→	10.10.1.1	Static	AESL
Storage 2, Gateway	172.16.0.0/16	→	eth0	Static	GNSL
	10.10.1.0/24	→	10.10.3.1	Static	AESL
	10.10.2.0/24	→	10.10.3.1	Static	AESL
	10.10.3.0/24	→	eth1	Link	Interface IP/mask

Client Network topology

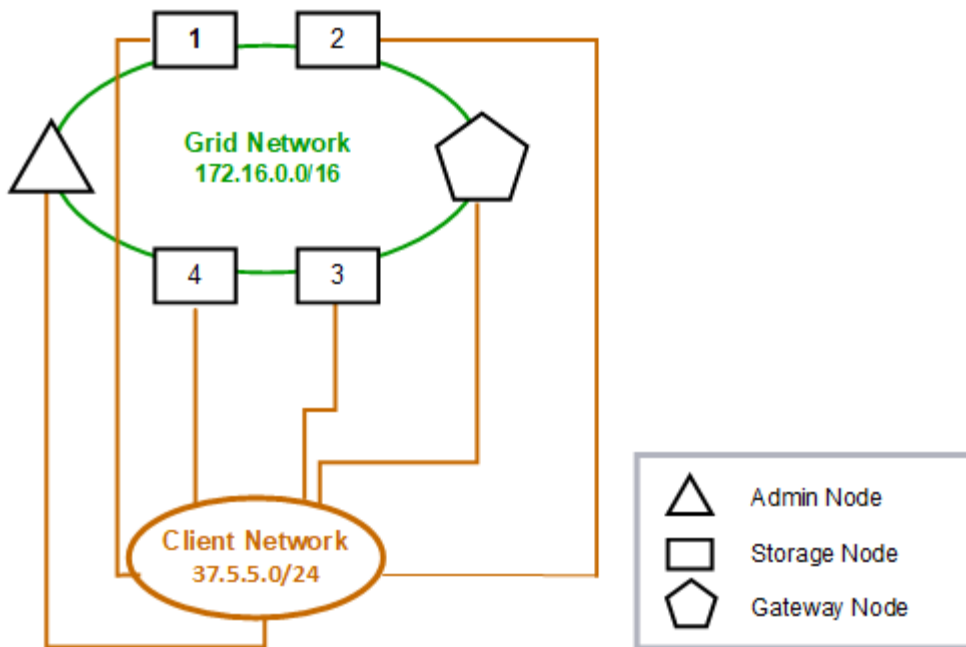
Having a Client Network is optional. Using a Client Network allows client network traffic (for example, S3 and Swift) to be separated from grid internal traffic, which allows grid networking to be more secure. Administrative traffic can be handled by either the Client or Grid Network when the Admin Network is not configured.

When you configure the Client Network, you establish the host IP address, subnet mask, and Gateway IP address for the eth2 interface for the configured node. Each node's Client Network can be independent of the Client Network on any other node.

If you configure a Client Network for a node during installation, the node's default gateway switches from the Grid Network gateway to the Client Network gateway when installation is complete. If a Client Network is added later, the node's default gateway switches in the same way.

In this example, the Client Network is used for S3 and Swift client requests and for administrative functions, while the Grid Network is dedicated to internal object management operations.

Topology example: Grid and Client Networks



Provisioned

GNSL → 172.16.0.0/16

Nodes	Grid Network	Client Network	
	IP/mask	IP/mask	Gateway
Admin	172.16.200.32/24	37.5.5.10/24	37.5.5.1
Storage	172.16.200.33/24	37.5.5.11/24	37.5.5.1
Storage	172.16.200.34/24	37.5.5.12/24	37.5.5.1
Storage	172.16.200.35/24	37.5.5.13/24	37.5.5.1
Storage	172.16.200.36/24	37.5.5.14/24	37.5.5.1
Gateway	172.16.200.37/24	37.5.5.15/24	37.5.5.1

System Generated

Nodes	Routes		Type	From
All	0.0.0.0/0	→ 37.5.5.1	Default	Client Network gateway
	172.16.0.0/16	→ eth0	Link	Interface IP/mask
	37.5.5.0/24	→ eth2	Link	Interface IP/mask

Topology for all three networks

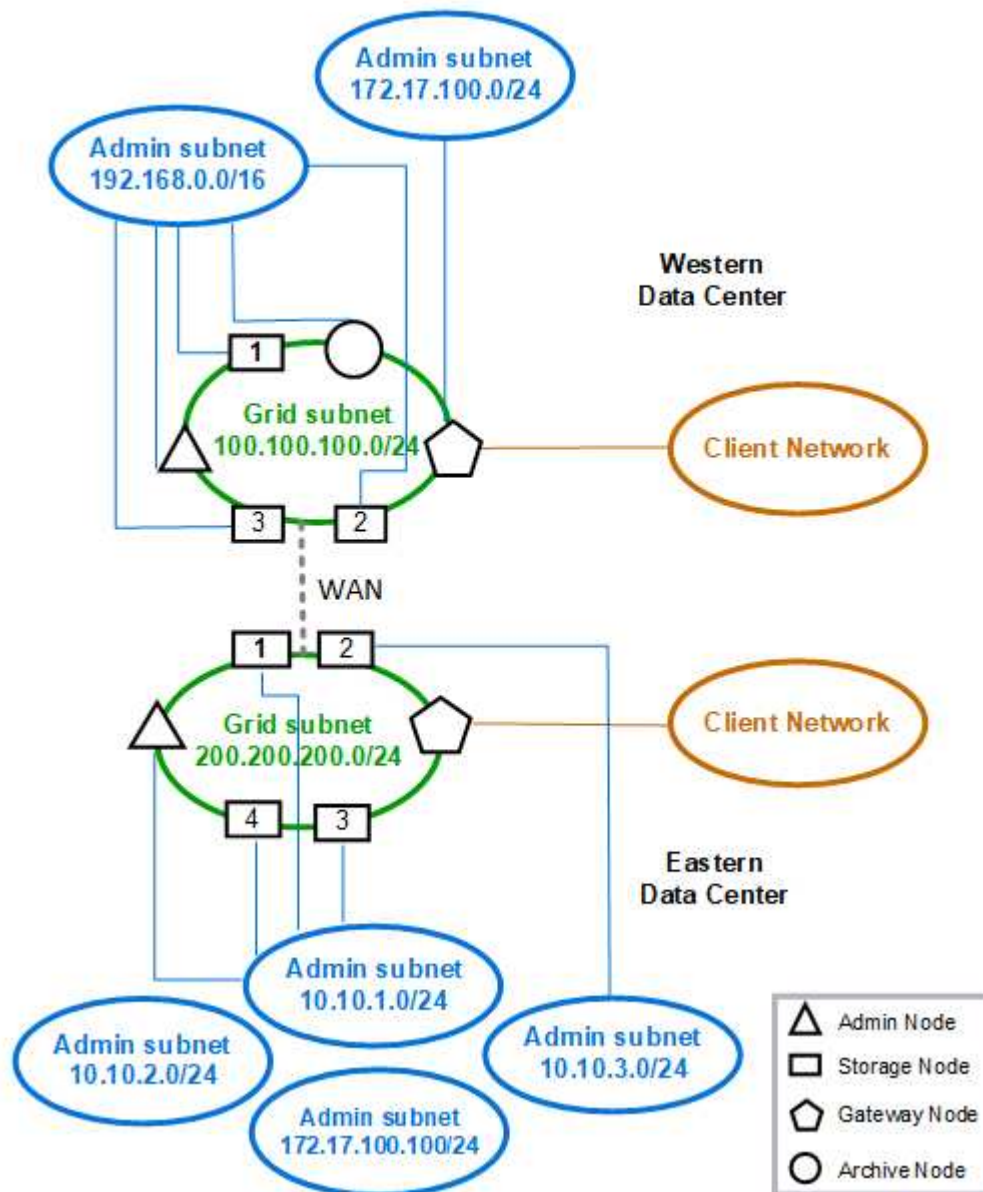
You can configure all three networks into a network topology consisting of a private Grid

Network, bounded site-specific Admin Networks, and open Client Networks. Using load balancer endpoints and untrusted Client Networks can provide additional security if needed.

In this example:

- The Grid Network is used for network traffic related to internal object management operations.
- The Admin Network is used for traffic related to administrative functions.
- The Client Network is used for traffic related to S3 and Swift client requests.

Topology example: Grid, Admin, and Client Networks



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