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Creating Your Virtual Data Center: VPC Fundamentals and Connectivity

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Amazon VPC is how you do networking on AWS. In this session, we walk through the fundamentals of Amazon VPC. First, we cover build-out and design fundamentals for VPCs, including picking your IP space, subnetting, routing, security, NAT, and much more. We then transition into different approaches and use cases for optionally connecting your VPC to your physical data center with VPN or AWS Direct Connect. This *mid-level architecture discussion is aimed at architects, network administrators, and technology decision-makers* interested in understanding the building blocks that AWS makes available with **Amazon VPC**. Learn how you can connect VPCs with your offices and current data center footprint.

Amazon EC2
Instance



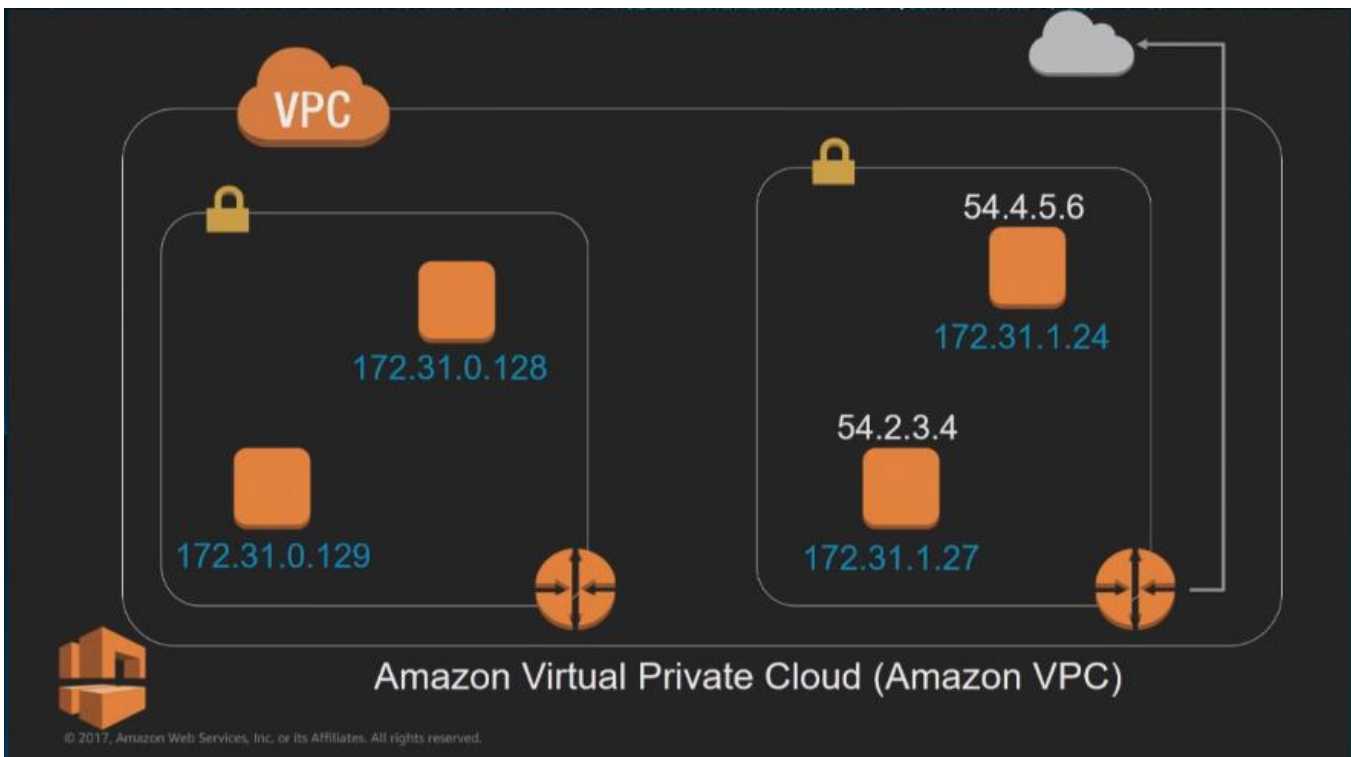
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The EC2 instances can be run in your VPC, you have full control over the EC2 instances and can pick things for them like the IP address,



You are going to divide the VPC up into smaller sub-networks as above (for higher availability),



You can also choose what connectivity to use for certain parts of your network,

What to expect from this session

- Get familiar with **VPC concepts**
- **Walk through** a basic VPC setup
- Learn about the ways in which you can tailor **your virtual network** to meet your needs

Walkthrough:
Setting up an Internet-connected VPC

This is a VPC with internet access, it is called your **default VPC**.

Creating an Internet-connected VPC: Steps



Choosing an address range



Create subnets in Availability Zones



Creating a route to the Internet



Authorizing traffic to/from the VPC



Choosing an IP address range

This is our private network, so we get to pick an IP address range to use within it.

CIDR notation review

CIDR range example:

172.31.0.0/16



This is Classless Inter-Domain Routing **CIDR** notation that we use a lot in VPC networks, it is an IPv4 address followed by a slash followed by a number.

CIDR notation review

CIDR range example:

172.31.0.0/16

1010 1100 0001 1111 0000 0000 0000 0000



CIDR works by writing out the IPv4 address out in binary to get a 32-bit number as above, the '/16' means that you hold the highest 16 bits steady and the lower 16 bits can vary. So, this gives us the IP range 172.31.x.x because all those possibilities can exist in this IP range above

CIDR notation review

CIDR range example:

172.31.0.0/16

1010 1100 0001 1111 0000 0000 0000 0000



**NET202 - IPv6 in the Cloud:
Protocol and AWS Service
Overview**

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VPC also supports IPv6 and there is a session later today about that

Choosing an IP address range for your VPC



Avoid ranges that overlap with other networks to which you might connect.

172.31.0.0/16

Recommended:
RFC1918 range

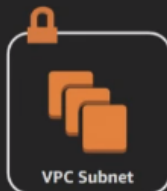
Recommended:
/16
(65,536 addresses)

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In RFC1918, 172.x.x.x is a recommendation for private networks IP addresses, the **'/16'** gives us over **65,536 IP address** possibilities to use within that VPC for our instances. If you have other VPCs or data centers that you will like to connect this VPC to, you need to pick ranges of IP addresses that do not overlap each other to prevent conflicts. You can start with a smaller VPC IP ranges to be safe



Subnets

Subnets are a sub-range of that IP address space we created for the VPC. **Subnets are how you use the VPC to deploy high availability applications.**

VPC subnets and Availability Zones



172.31.0.0/16

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AWS has 16 Regions and a VPC is within a Region.

VPC subnets and Availability Zones



172.31.0.0/16

eu-west-1a

eu-west-1b

eu-west-1c

Availability Zone

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A Region is divided into AZs as above. **An AZ is like a data center with its own redundant power and networking for isolation.** You generally want to build your apps across multiple AZs.

VPC subnets and Availability Zones



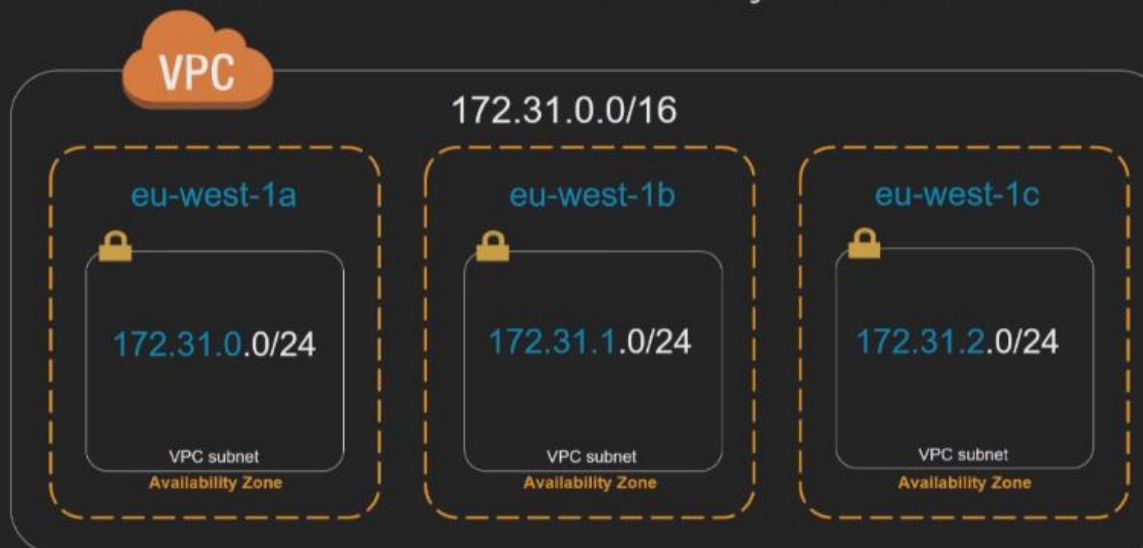
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A Subnet is within an AZ and you need subnets because when you create certain AWS resources like EC2 instances, you will have to specify the subnets that you want those resources deployed in. **Having subnets is how you get your AWS resources into specific AZs.** You can add or remove subnets within an AZ and even have multiple subnets within an AZ.

VPC subnets and Availability Zones



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We also **pick IP address ranges for our subnet from within the VPCs IP address range** as above.

VPC subnet recommendations



- **/16 VPC** (65,536 addresses)
- At least **/24 subnets** (251 addresses)
- Use **multiple Availability Zones** per VPC through multiple subnets

5 IP addresses are reserved in a subnet's possible 256 addresses to give us the 251 address range above.



Route to the Internet

How do we send traffic to the internet?

Routing in your VPC

- **Route tables** contain rules for which packets go where
- Your VPC has a *default* route table
- But, you can assign different **route tables** to different **subnets**

Routing in your VPC is done with Route Tables, which are a simple, easy to read list of rules that specifies which traffic should be sent to which gateway. You can override routing on a subnet by subnet basis.

Create Route Table Delete Route Table Set As Main Table

Search Route Tables and their X

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rtb-04304e61

Summary Routes Subnet Associations Route Propagation Tags

Cancel Save

Destination	Target	Status	Propagated	Remove
172.31.0.0/16	local	Active	No	

Add another route

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172.31.0.0/16	local	Active

Add another route

Traffic destined for my VPC stays in my VPC

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There is only one rule here for traffic destined for anywhere within this VPC to stay get routed to destination within this VPC, other traffic going elsewhere we just get DROPPED!

Internet gateway

Buttons: Create Internet Gateway, Delete, Attach to VPC, Detach from VPC

Search: Search Internet Gateways and X

Name	ID	State	VPC
igw-3376c756	igw-3376c756	attached	vpc-327d1857 (172.31.0.0/16) ...

igw-3376c756

Summary | Tags

ID: igw-3376c756

State: attached

Attached VPC ID: vpc-327d1857 (172.31.0.0/16) | Demo VPC

Attachment state: available

Send packets here if you want them to reach the Internet

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To send traffic to the internet you need to create an internet gateway IGW, and you attach the IGW to your VPC.

Buttons: Create Route Table, Delete Route Table, Set As Main Table

Associat Main VPC

Name	ID	Subnets	Main	VPC
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rtb-04304e61

Summary | Routes | Subnet Associations | Route Propagation | Tags

Edit

Destination	Target	State	Propagate
172.31.0.0/16	local	Active	No
0.0.0.0/0	igw-3376c756	Active	No

Everything that isn't destined for the VPC: send to the Internet

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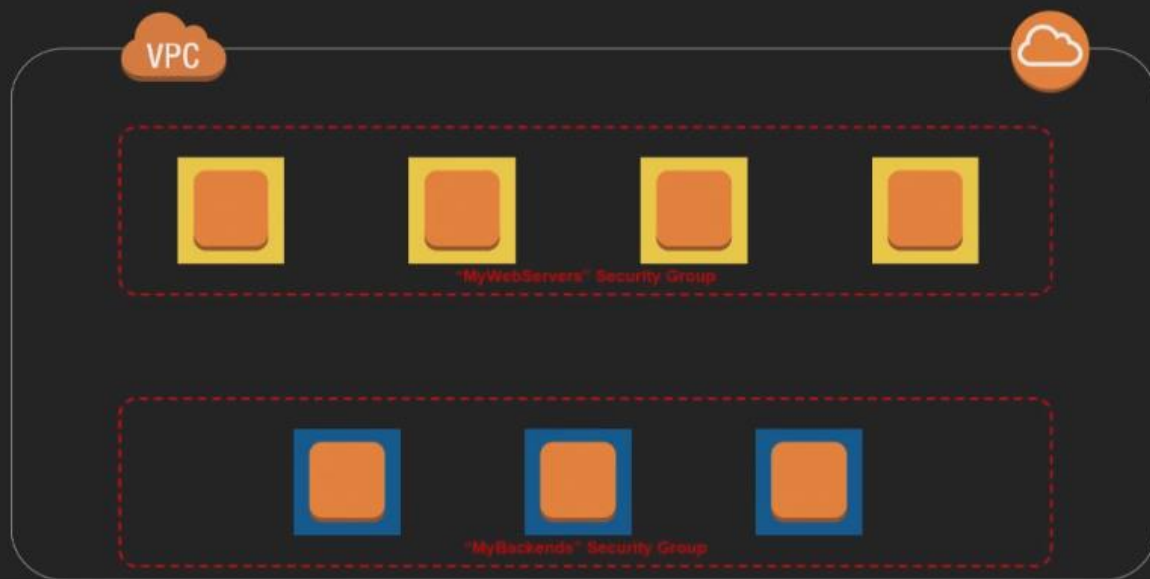
We add a new route/rule that says anything that matches **0.0.0.0/0** (CIDR notation for 'match all traffic') should be sent to the IGW for the internet. The IGW is an abstraction backed by something HA.



Network security in your VPC: Security groups

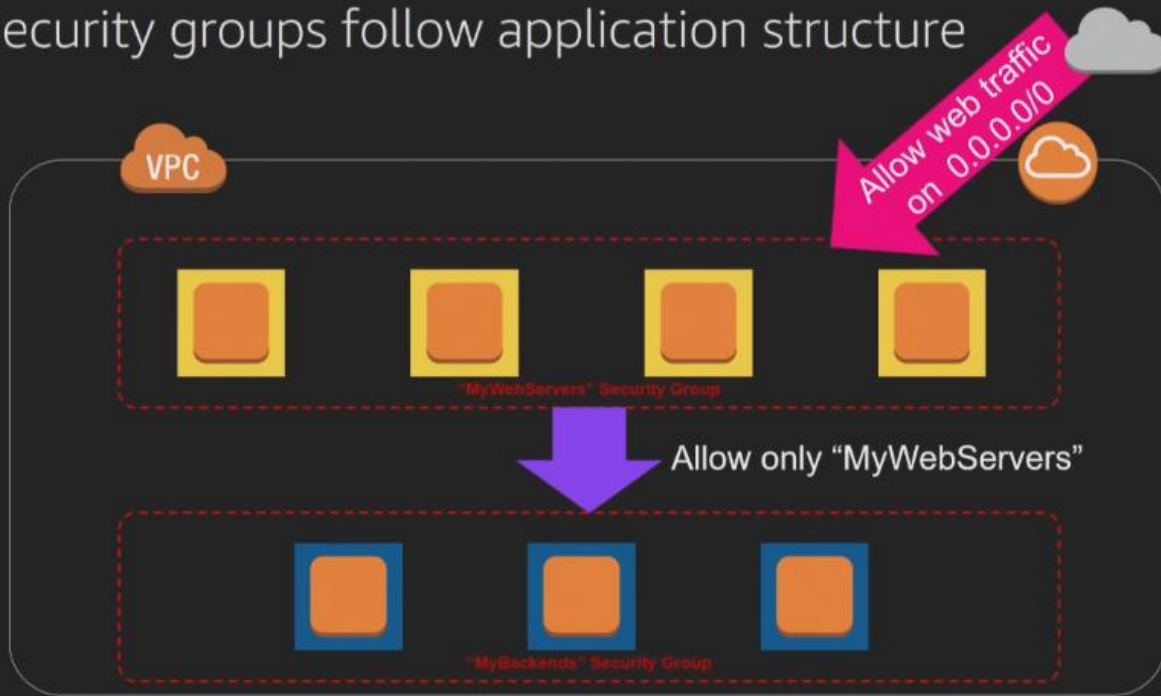
We don't want to just receive traffic from anywhere, this is why we need network security for our VPC. AWS VPC has tools for network security (in place of using firewalls in traditional data centers DCs).

Security groups follow application structure



Assuming we have the yellow web services within our VPC that received requests from the internet, then they in turn make requests to the blue backend services for some data to fulfill those requests. They are in different security groups SGs with different rules applying to them as below

Security groups follow application structure



Security groups example: Web servers

Create Security Group Actions

search: vpc-5999ce3e Add filter

Name	Group ID	Group Name	VPC ID	Description
WebServersGroup	sg-067c927d	MyWebServers	vpc-5999ce3e	Group for web servers
BackendsGroup	sg-aa7896d1	MyBackends	vpc-5999ce3e	Group for backend hosts
	sg-1c7c9267	default	vpc-5999ce3e	default VPC security group

Security Group: sg-067c927d

Description Inbound Outbound Tags

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Description
HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0	Allow all HTTP tra...
HTTP	TCP	80	::/0	Allow all HTTP tra...

This is what it would look like in the EC2 console, we have created SGs to do the specific things we need and attached the instances to the relevant SGs

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Rule descriptions

SGs allow you to specify the Type of traffic like HTTP, the Protocol like TCP, the Port like 80, the Source IPs allowed like 0.0.0.0/0 and a description for each rule.

Security groups example: Backends

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Security Group: sg-aa7896d1

Description Inbound Outbound Tags

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Description
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	2345	sg-067c927d (MyWebServers)	Allow traffic from...
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	2345	sg-067c927d (MyWebServers)	Allow traffic from...

For the backends SG that are not allowing all traffic

Security groups example: Backends

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for creating and managing security groups. At the top, there's a 'Create Security Group' button and an 'Actions' dropdown. Below this is a search bar with the text 'search : vpc-5999ce3e' and an 'Add filter' button. A table lists security groups:

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Below the table, the 'Security Group: sg-aa7896d1' is selected, and the 'Inbound' tab is active. A table shows the inbound rules:

Type	Protocol	Port Range	Source	Description
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	2345	sg-067c927d (MyWebServers)	Allow traffic from...
Custom TCP Rule	TCP	2345	sg-067c927d (MyWebServers)	Allow traffic from...

A purple callout bubble points to the 'Source' column of the first rule, containing the text: 'Allow application traffic from web servers only'.

The Source is not a range of IPs but another SG, they will only allow traffic coming from any EC2 instances belonging to the MyWebServers security group.

Security groups in VPC: Additional notes

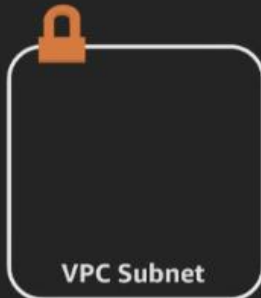
- Follow the *"principle of least privilege"*
- VPC allows creation of **egress** as well as **ingress** security group rules



Ingress is incoming traffic, Egress is for outgoing traffic. We can create rules for outgoing traffic also even though the default is to allow all outgoing traffic.

Connectivity options for VPCs

Beyond Internet connectivity



Restricting
Internet access

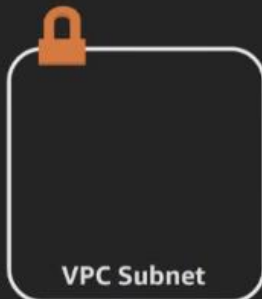


Connecting to other
VPCs



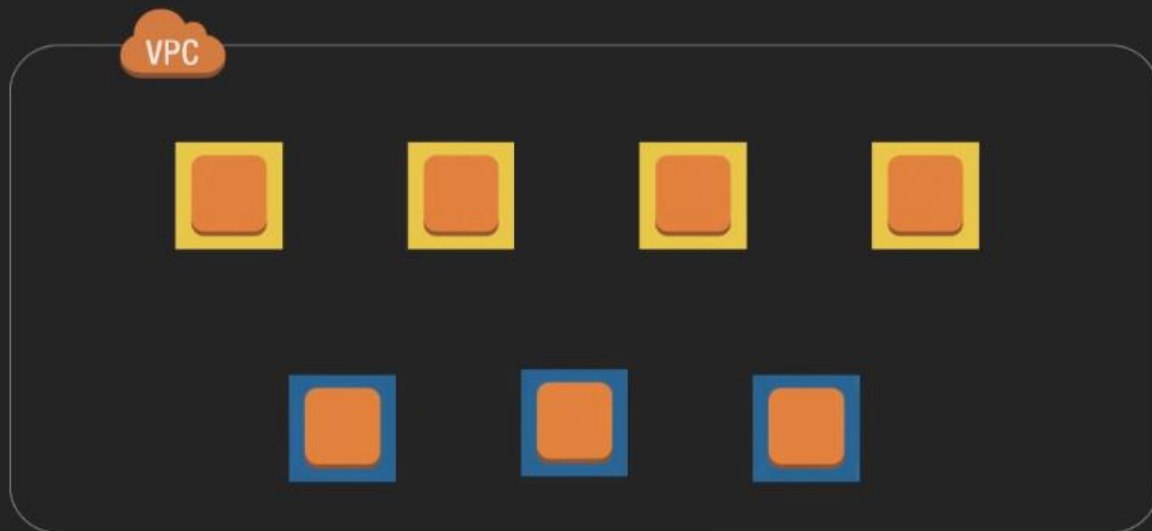
Connecting to your
corporate network

You can restrict access to your VPC, connect your VPCs together using VPC peering, even connect your corporate data center network to your VPC like during migration to the cloud or running a hybrid infrastructure.



Restricting Internet access:
Routing by subnet

Routing by subnet

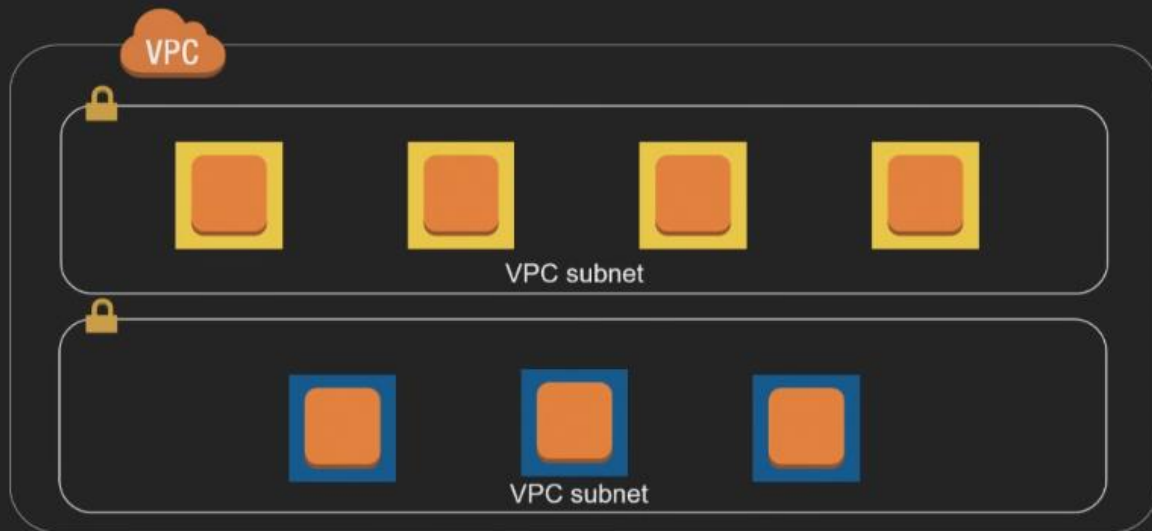


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Routing by subnet

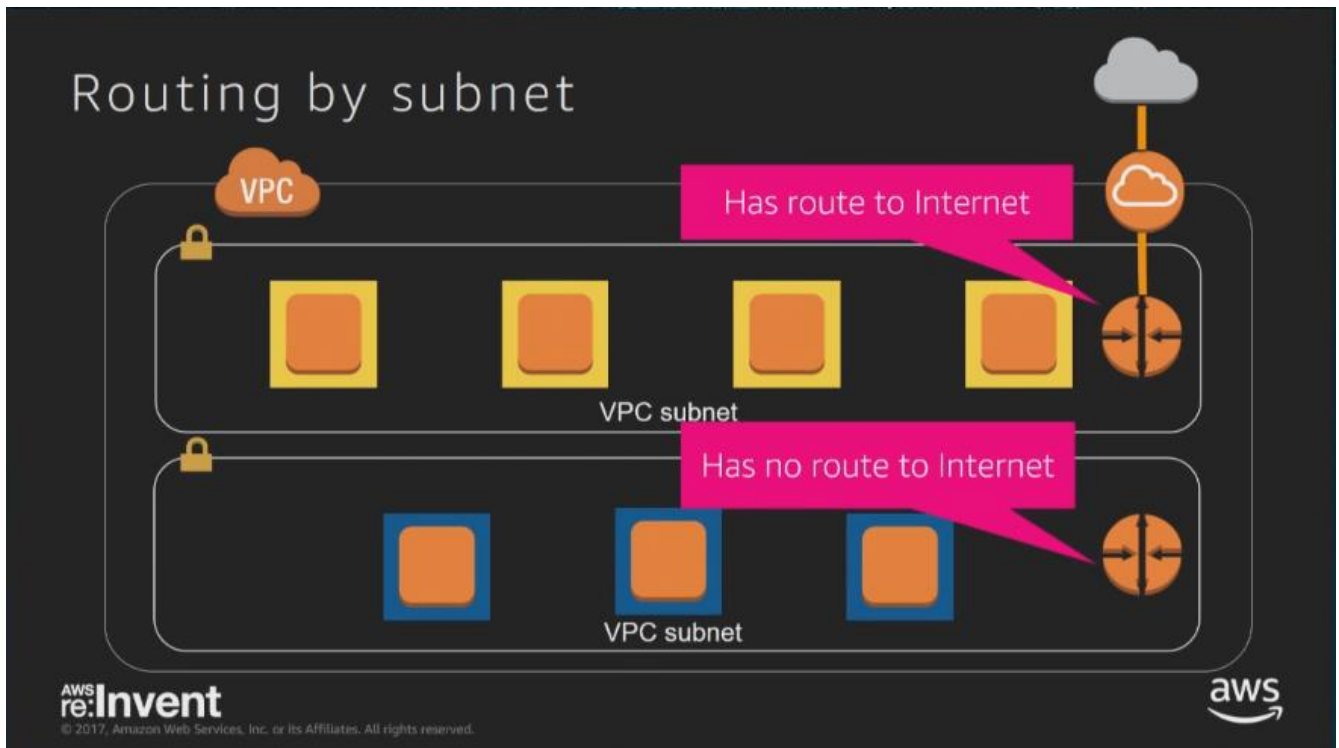


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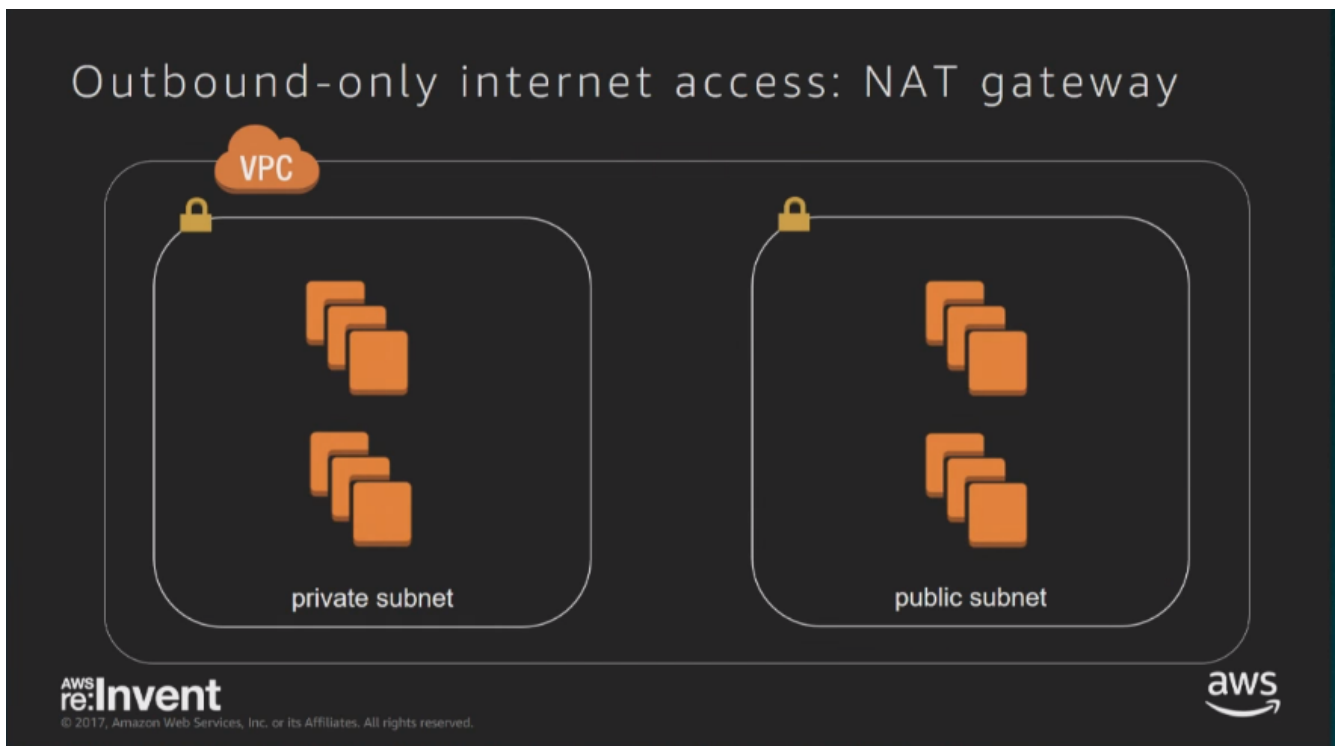
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You can put each group of instances into their own subnet as above, because ***the subnet is the unit that we can do routing on.***

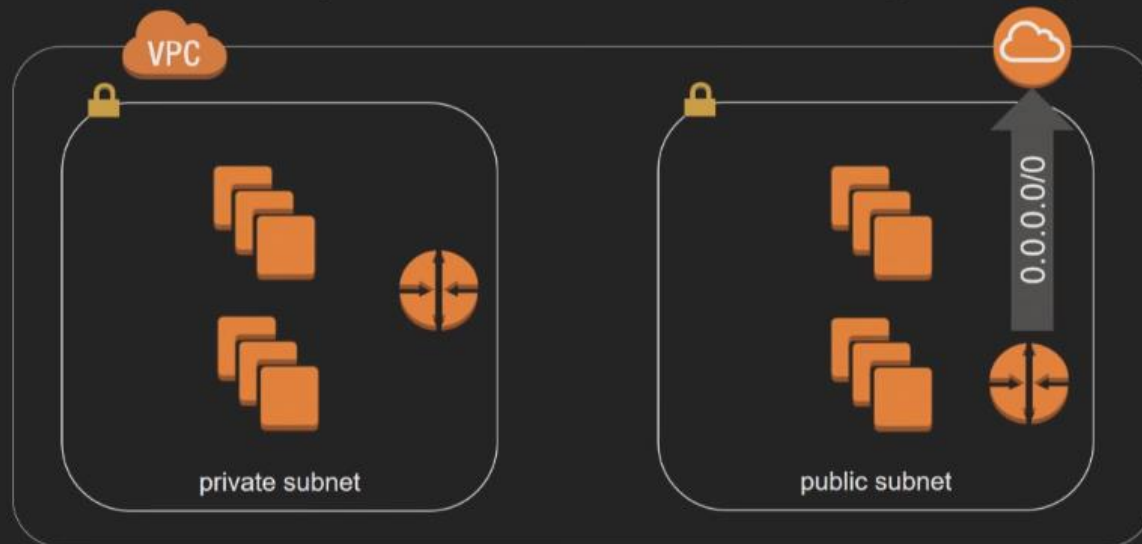


We can then say that the web servers have a route table that has a route to the internet through an IGW, but the backend servers don't have an IGW and cannot reach the internet. This is useful for compliance and audit requirements to show that some servers are not reachable by the internet. **A subnet that has a route to the internet through an IGW is called a Public Subnet**, while **a subnet with no route to an IGW to the internet is called a Private Subnet**.



An instance in a private subnet cannot get yum repo updates from the internet because it has no route to the internet. You can use **Network Address Translation** NAT instance in this case to run a NAT instance in the public subnet to proxy traffic going out to the internet

Outbound-only internet access: NAT gateway



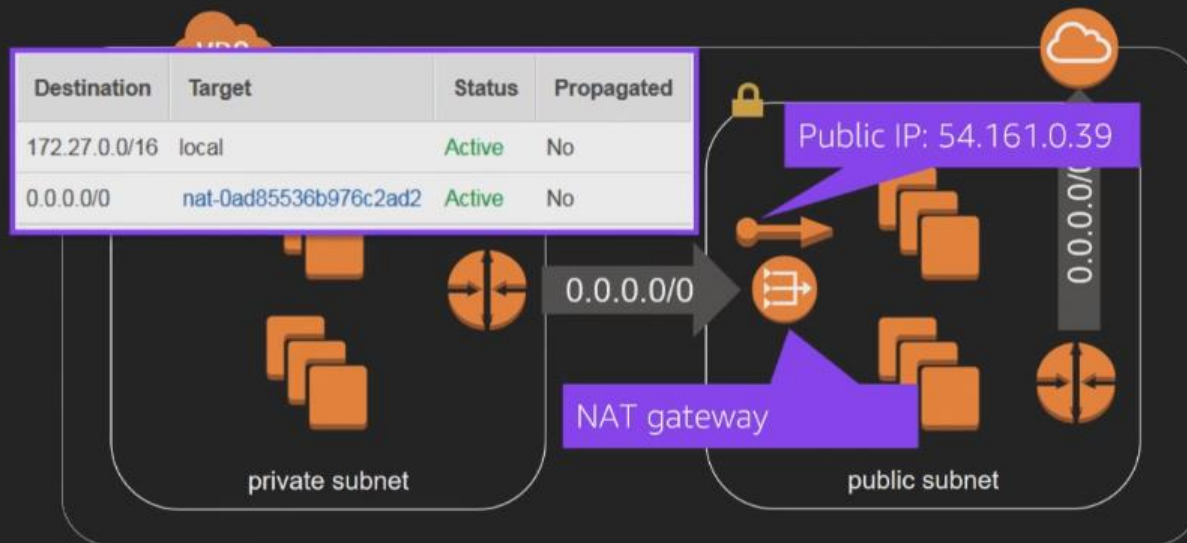
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A NAT helps translate IPs on packets out to the internet and back again to the original calling instance in the private subnet.

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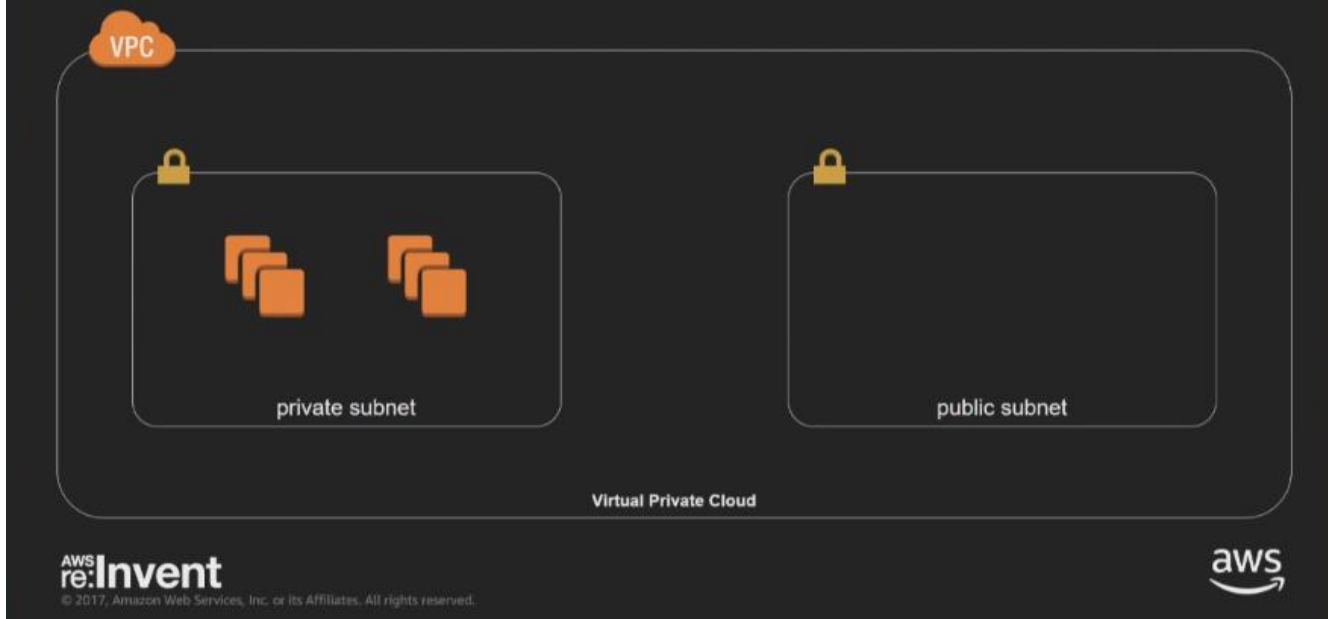
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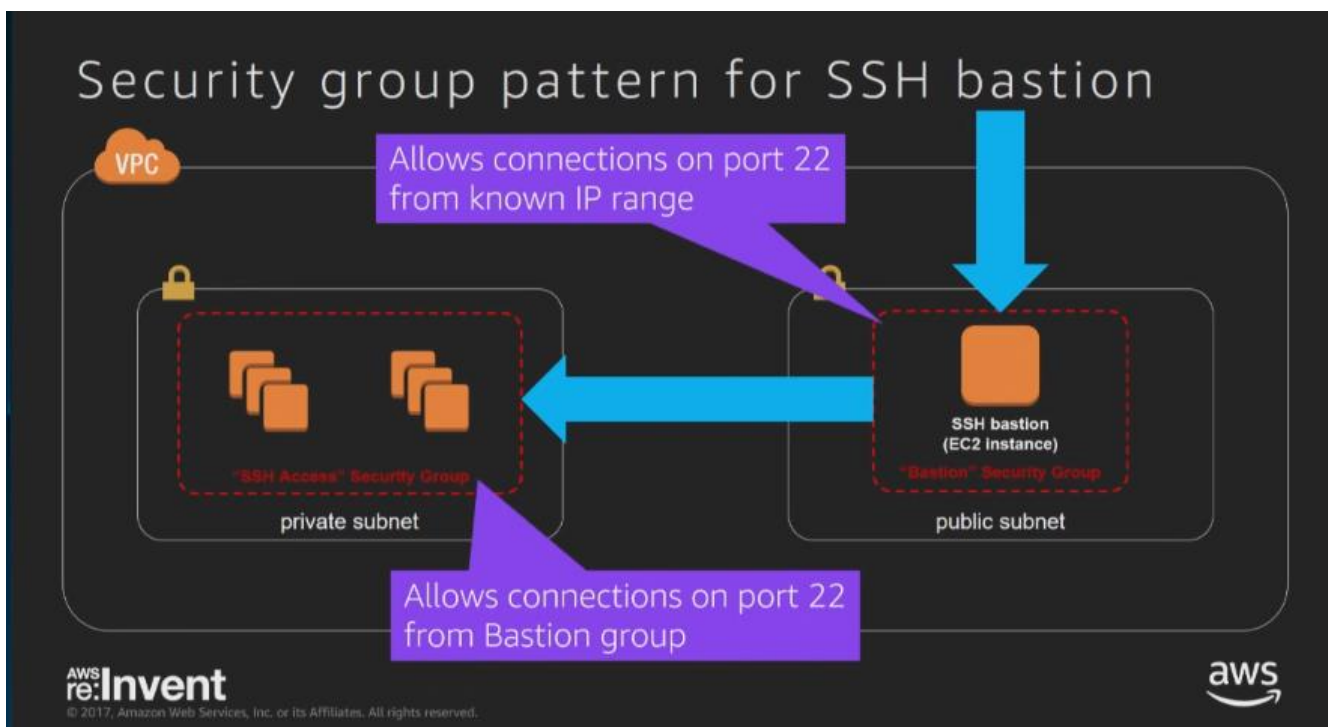


A NAT gateway is a gateway that you send traffic to when you want that traffic to be NATed and have NAT. you create this in the EC2 console by specifying an Elastic IP address that you control. Then all traffic that you send to that NAT gateway for the internet is going to appear on the internet as if it were coming from the Public IP. It works exactly like the rules approach.

Security group pattern for SSH bastion



We want to be able to SSH into the private subnet instances but we can't get to them since we have no route to the internet.



We can create an EC2 instance that is an SSH bastion in the public subnet, this will act like a proxy for our SSH connections. The SSH bastion instance is put in a SG that has only its SSH port 22 opened and only allows incoming traffic from IPs in a known IP address range like IP addresses used within our data center. We can then SSH into instances in our private subnet using the SSH bastion instance.



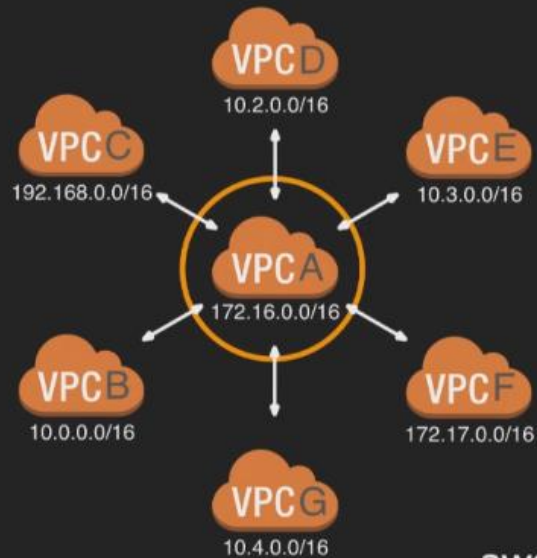
Inter-VPC connectivity: VPC peering

For architectures having multiple VPCs or multiple accounts, we can use VPC peering to share resources or services between instances in different VPCs instead of using traffic over the internet.

Example VPC peering use: Shared services VPC

- Common/core services

- Authentication/directory
- Monitoring
- Logging
- Remote administration
- Scanning



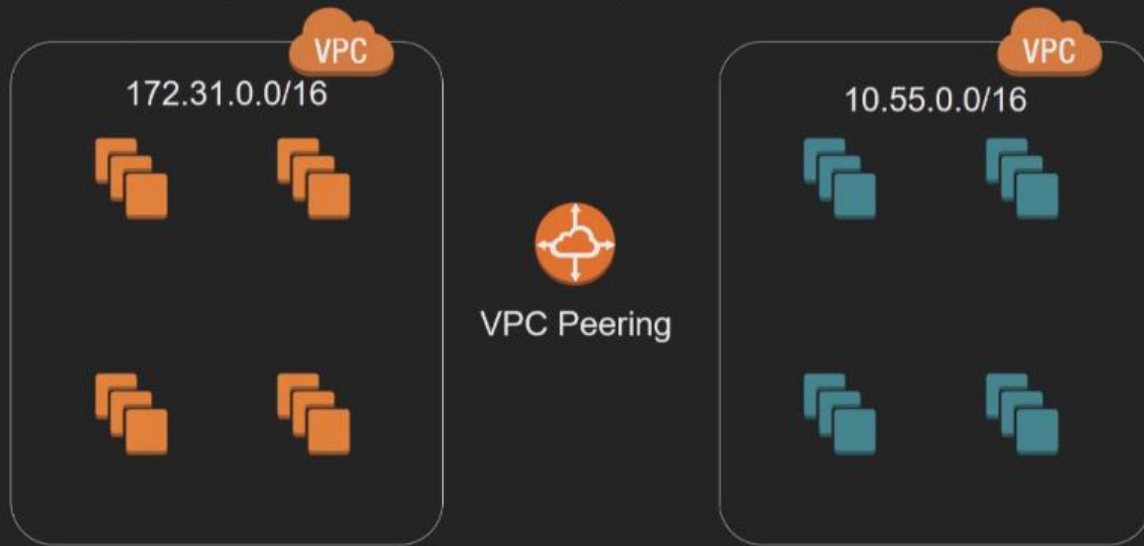
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VPC Peering gives you full private non-IP connectivity between 2 non-overlapping VPCs. This allows you to build a spoke-and-wheel architecture like above.

Security groups across peered VPCs

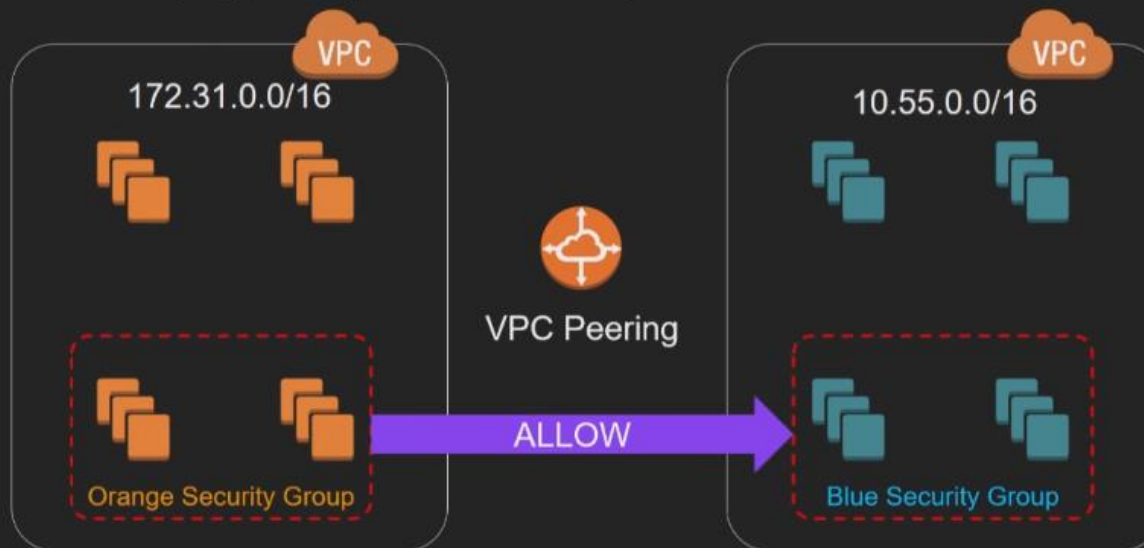


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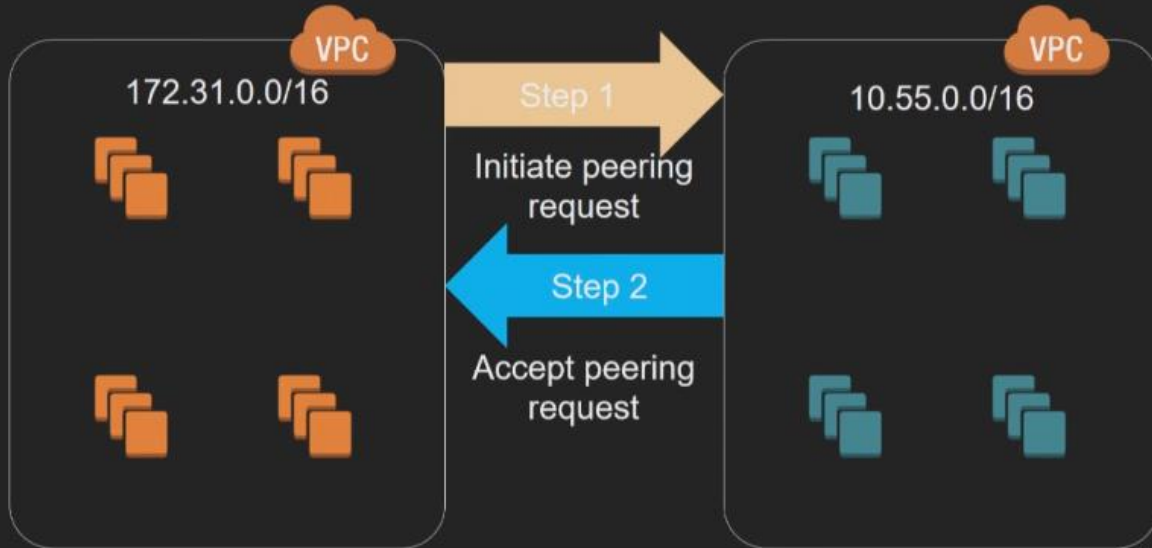
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Your SGs still work exactly the same way

Establish a VPC peering: Accept request

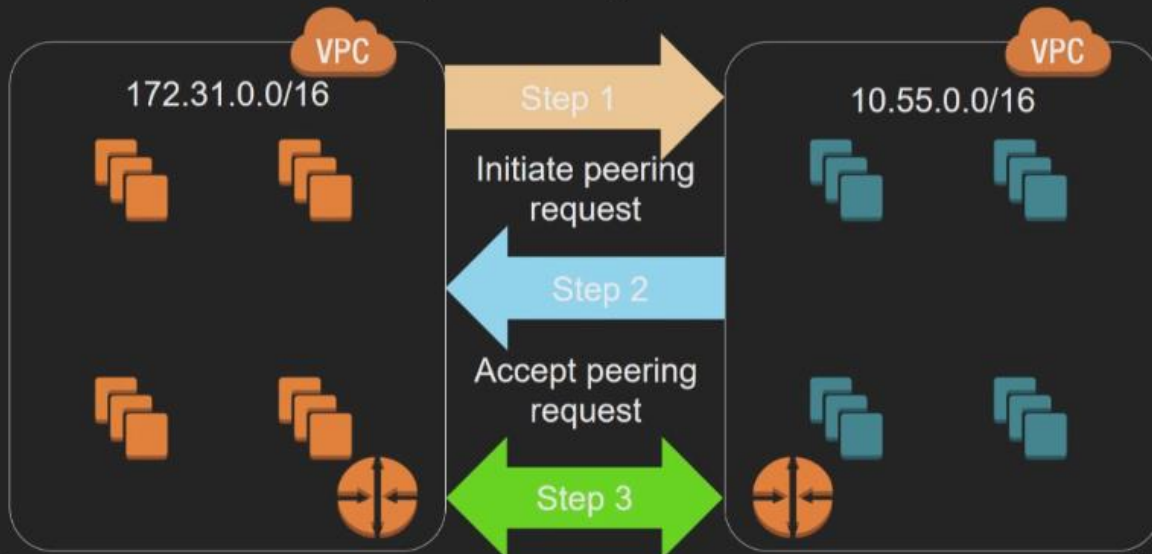


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Establish a VPC peering: Create a route



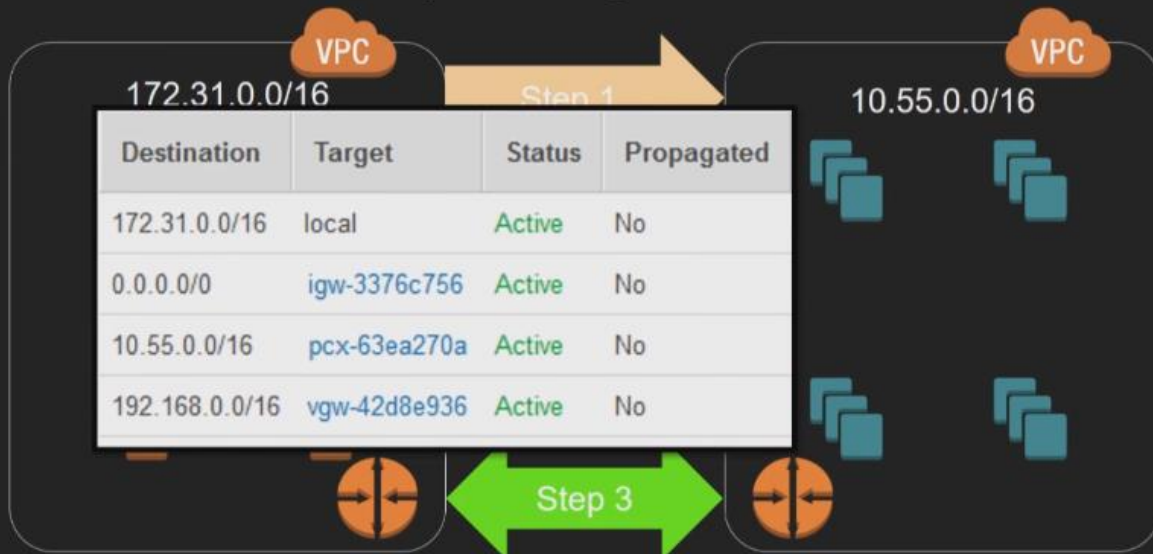
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Then you have a peering connection but no traffic is going to be sent yet until you add route rules as below

Establish a VPC peering: Create a route

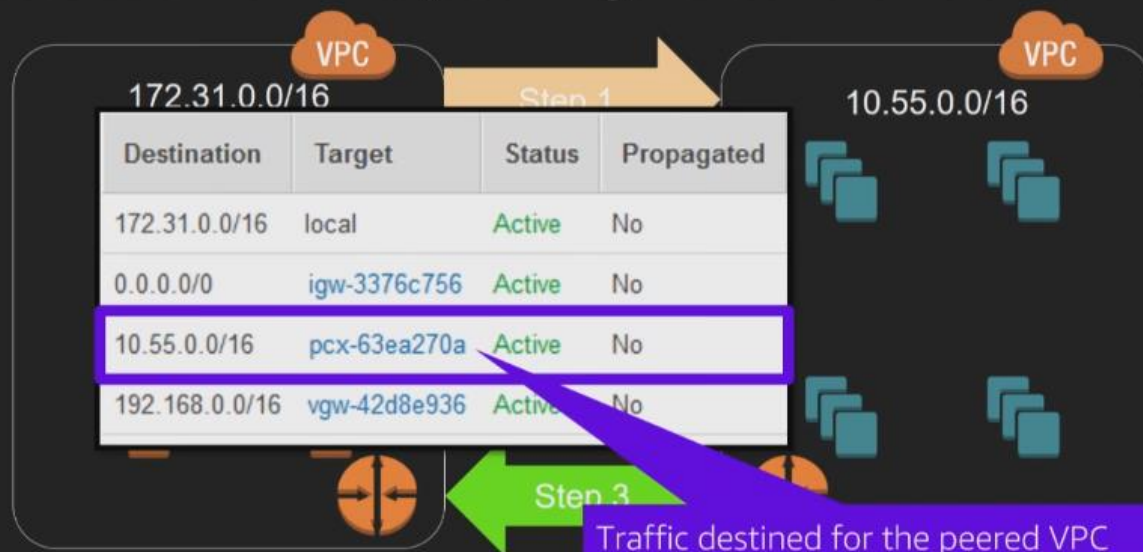


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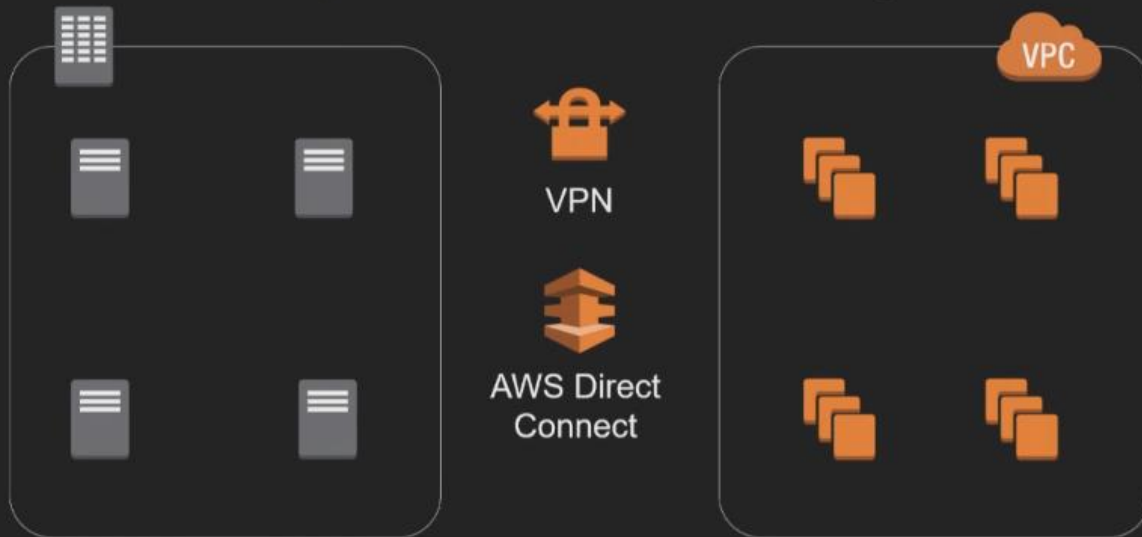
From one of the VPCs, you send traffic for the peering VPC over to the peering connection. The **VGW** is a **Virtual Private Gateway** discussed next.



Connecting to on-premises networks: AWS Virtual Private Network and AWS Direct Connect

This is good for hybrid networks.

Extend an on-premises network into your VPC

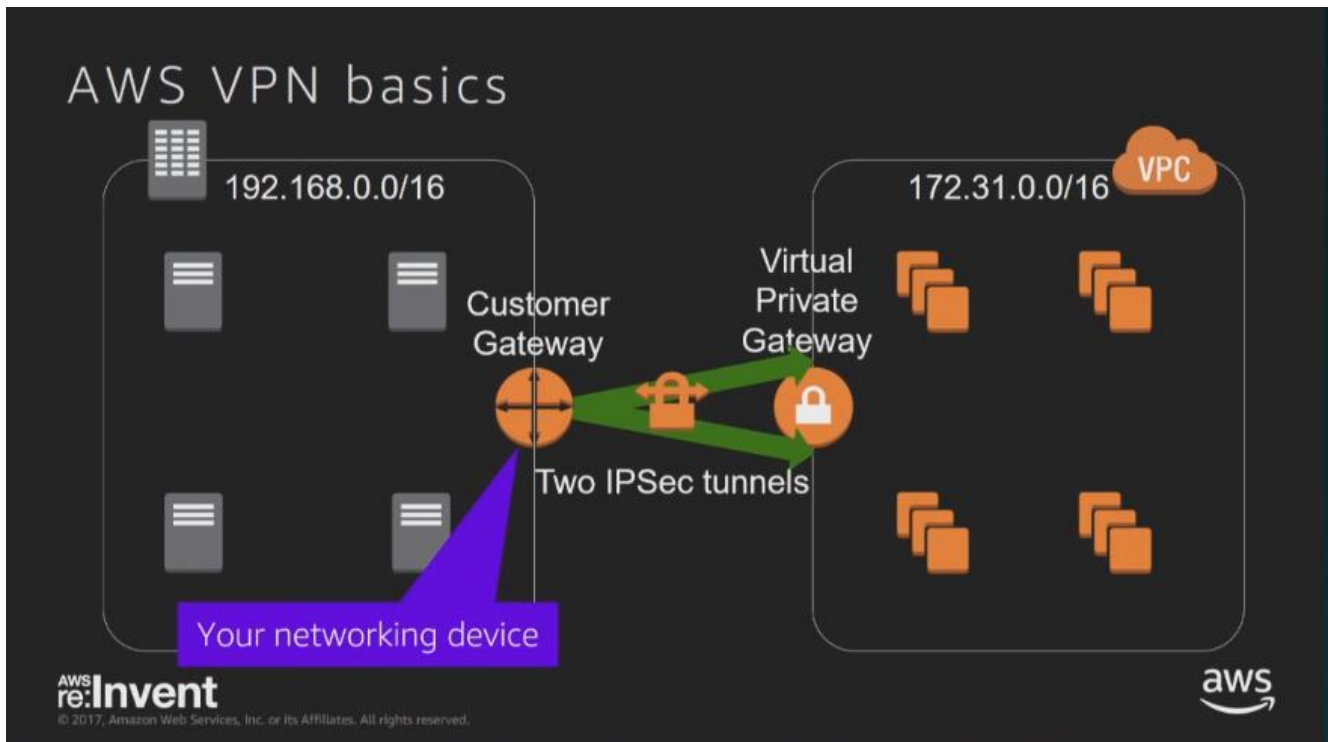


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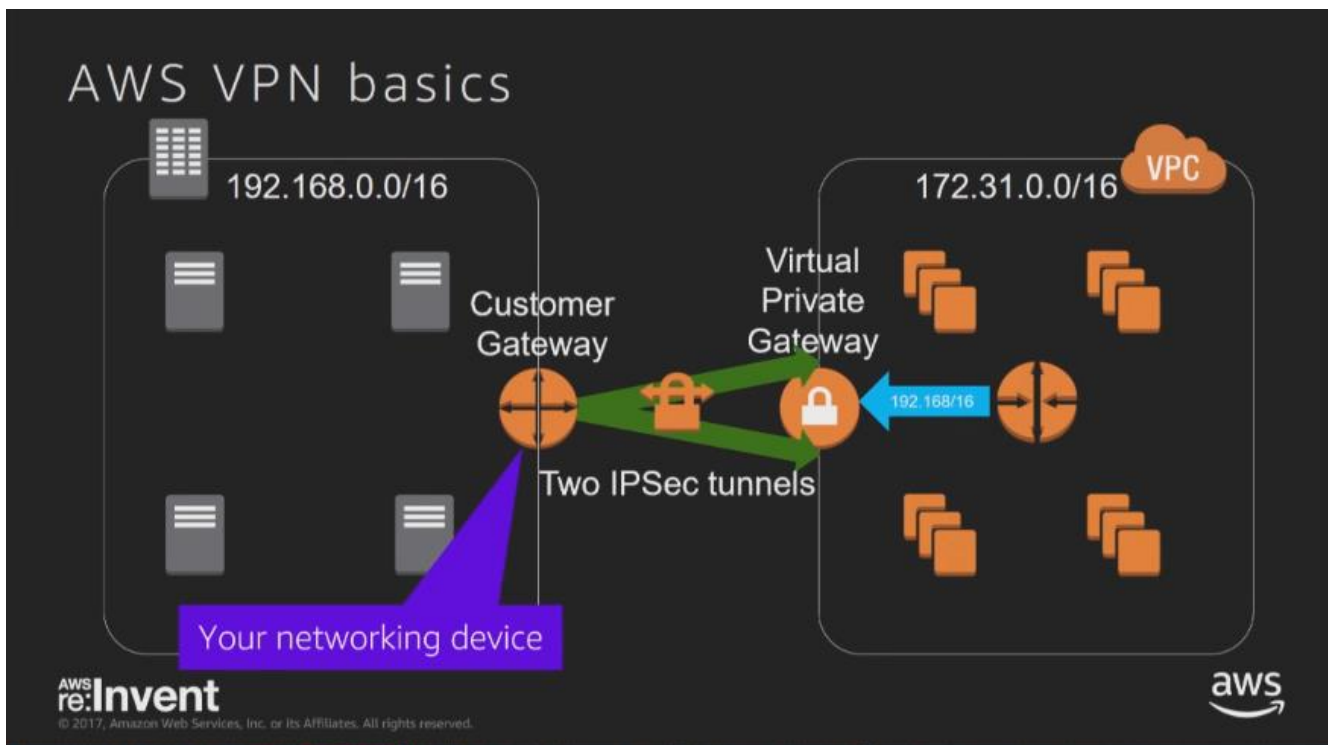
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There are 2 technologies that we can use to connect your EC2 resources to other resources running in your own data center DC or corporate networks, **VPC** and **AWS DirectConnect**.



In your own **DC** you will need to configure one of your own devices like a **router** and use instructions to set this up as your **Customer Gateway** and give AWS the statically routable address of the Customer Gateway device. Then on the VPC side, you create your Virtual Private Gateway VGW and you are going to get 2 IPsec tunnels so that you can send encrypted traffic from your on-premises DC to your VPC over the internet.



You need to configure the IPsec tunnels further because they terminate in 2 separate AZs that allow you to take advantage of the AWS global infrastructure. The last thing to do is to add a route to your route table to route traffic that looks destined for your on-premises network to your VGW to forward via the IPsec tunnels.

AWS VPN and AWS Direct Connect

- Both allow **secure connections** between your network and your VPC
- **VPN** is a pair of IPsec tunnels over the Internet
- **AWS Direct Connect** is a dedicated line with lower per-GB data transfer rates
- For **highest availability**: Use both



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AWS DirectConnect is literally plugging a cable from your equipment into AWS equipment at one of the available collocation centers around the world for very high data transfer needs.

VPC and the rest of AWS

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DNS in-VPC with
Amazon Route 53



AWS Services in
your VPC



VPC endpoints for
AWS Services



Logging VPC traffic
with VPC flow logs

You can do some interesting things within your VPC with DNS.



DNS in a VPC

DNS is a very basic service of a network, DNS allows you to do domain name resolution. In VPC, you can do splitterizing DNS

VPC DNS options

Search VPCs and their properties

Name	VPC ID	State	VPC CIDR	DHCP options set	Route table
Demo VPC	vpc-327d1857	available	172.31.0.0/16	dopt-08b5bf6a	rtb-04304e61

vpc-327d1857 (172.31.0.0/16) | Demo VPC

Summary | Flow Logs | Tags

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State: available
VPC CIDR: 172.31.0.0/16
DHCP options set: dopt-08b5bf6a
Route table: rtb-04304e61
ClassicLink: Disabled

Network ACL: acl-5cc5b539
Tenancy: Default
DNS resolution: yes
DNS hostnames: yes

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ClassicLink: Disabled

Use Amazon DNS server

DNS resolution: yes
DNS hostnames: yes

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There are 2 DNS options available in the VPC console and you want to say YES to both options because it gives you some nice features. **DNS resolution** option is if you want Amazon to take care of DNS for you instead of you having to run your own DNS server.

VPC DNS options

Search VPCs and their properties

Name	VPC ID	State	VPC CIDR	DHCP options set	Route table
Demo VPC	vpc-327d1857	available	172.31.0.0/16	dopt-08b5bf6a	rtb-04304e61

vpc-327d1857 (172.31.0.0/16) | Demo VPC

Summary | Flow Logs

VPC ID: vpc-327d1857 | Demo VPC
State: available
VPC CIDR: 172.31.0.0/16
DHCP options set: dopt-08b5bf6a
Route table: rtb-04304e61
ClassicLink: Disabled

Use Amazon DNS server

Have EC2 auto-assign DNS hostnames to instances

DNS resolution: yes
DNS hostnames: yes

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The **DNS hostnames** option means that every time you launch an EC2 instance, you will get a hostname.

Amazon Route 53 private hosted zones

Back to Hosted Zones | Create Record Set | Import Zone File | Delete Record Set

Record Set Name: Any Type | Aliases Only | Weighted Only

example.demohostedzone.org → 172.31.0.99

demohostedzone.org. NS ns-1024.awsdns-00.org ns-512.awsdns-00.net.

demohostedzone.org. SOA ns-1536.awsdns-00.co.uk. awsdns-hostmaster.amazon.com. 1 3600 60 240 3600

Create Record Set

Name: example.demohostedzone.org

Type: A - IPv4 address

Alias: ☐ Yes ☒ No

TTL (Seconds): 60 +1m 5m 1h 1d

Value: 172.31.0.99

IPv4 address. Enter multiple addresses on separate lines.
Example:
192.0.2.235
198.51.100.234

Routing Policy: Simple

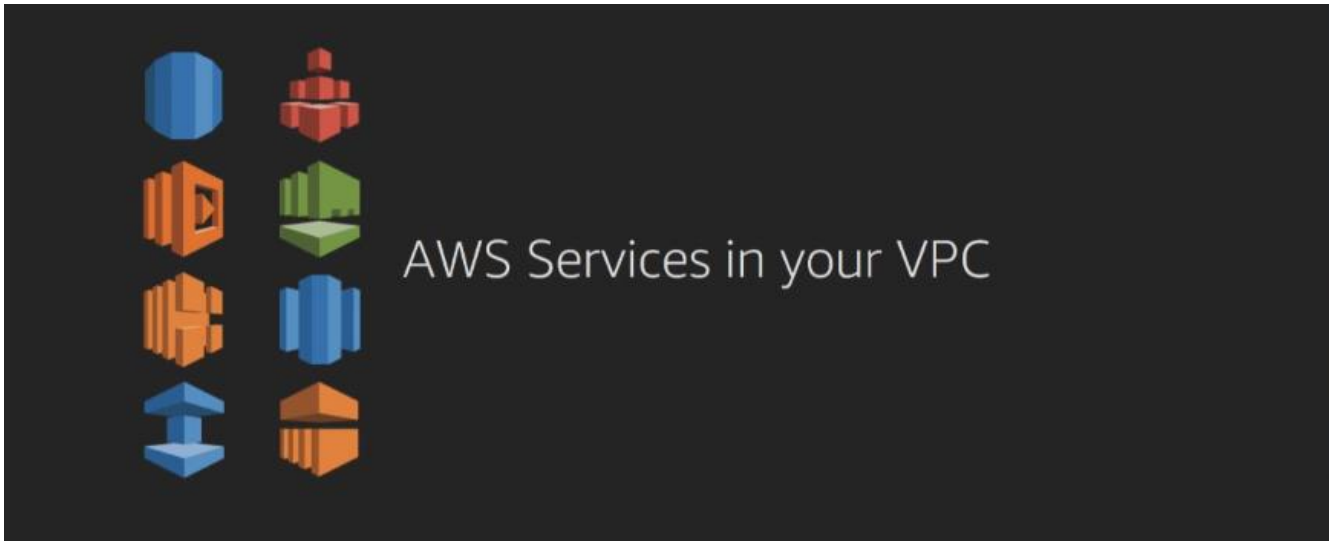
Route 53 responds to queries based only on the values in this record.
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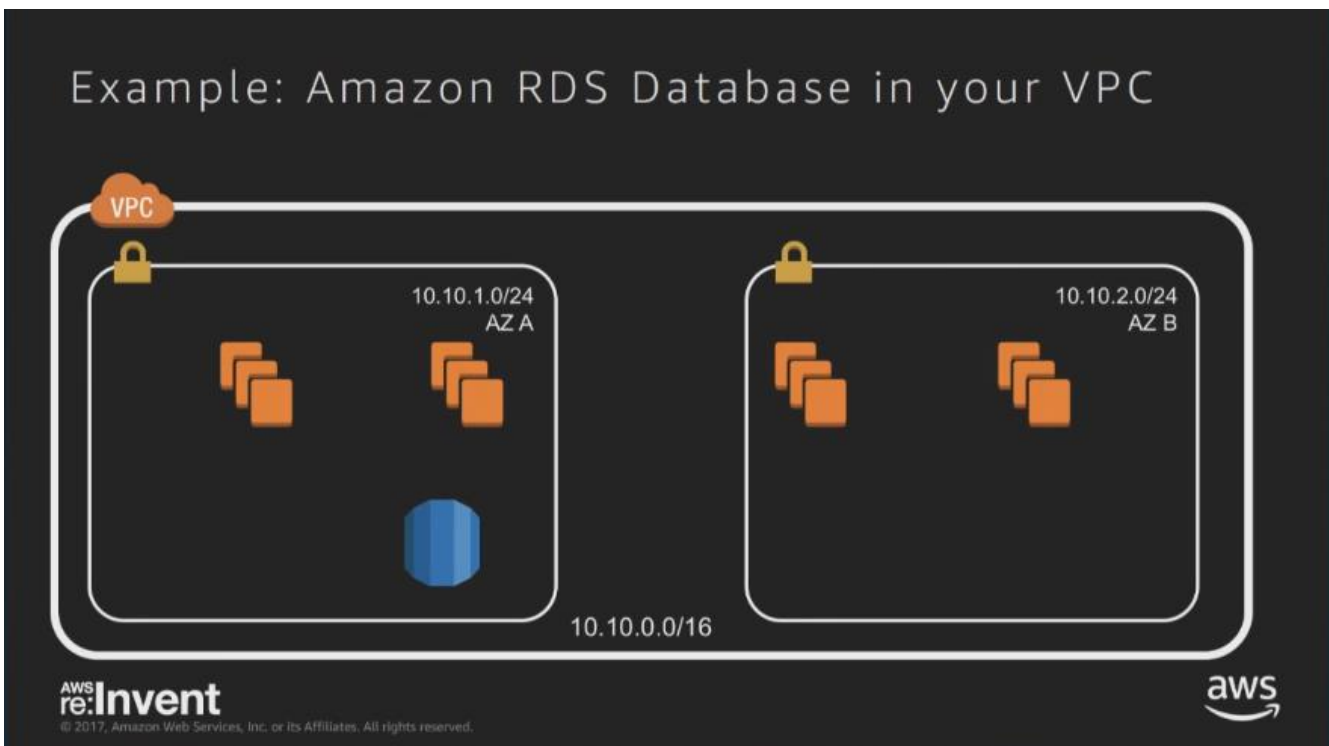
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This is a look at Amazon Route53 console, Route53 is Amazon's managed DNS service mostly used for public facing DNS. You can also use a Private Hosted Zone which allows you to take over a zone inside of your VPC. The above shows that **we have taken over the demohostedzone.org zone even though we do not own that domain name, but within our VPC we can control what DNS does and make demohostedzone.org do whatever we want.** In this case, **we have pointed**

*the domain name **example.demohostedzone.org** to point to the IP address **172.31.0.99** which is a **private IP** within our VPC's Private Subnet.*

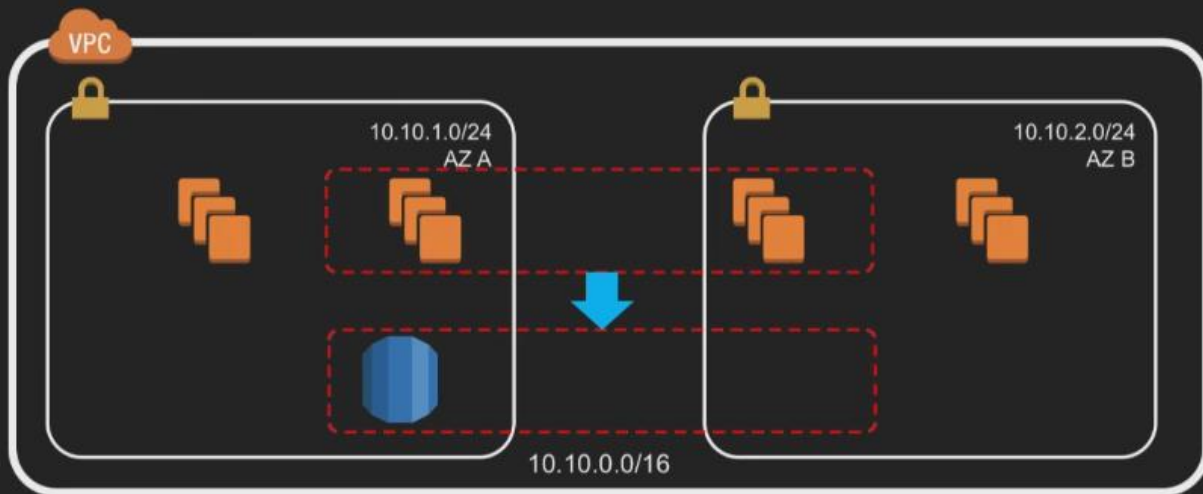


Lots of AWS services are running infrastructure on your behalf, so we can give you the choice to run it inside your own network or VPC. Let us see 2 patterns that get used a lot, the patterns exist to take advantage of the HA of the AWS infrastructure.



When you create an RDS database you are given the option of running the RDS database within your VPC,

Example: Amazon RDS Database in your VPC



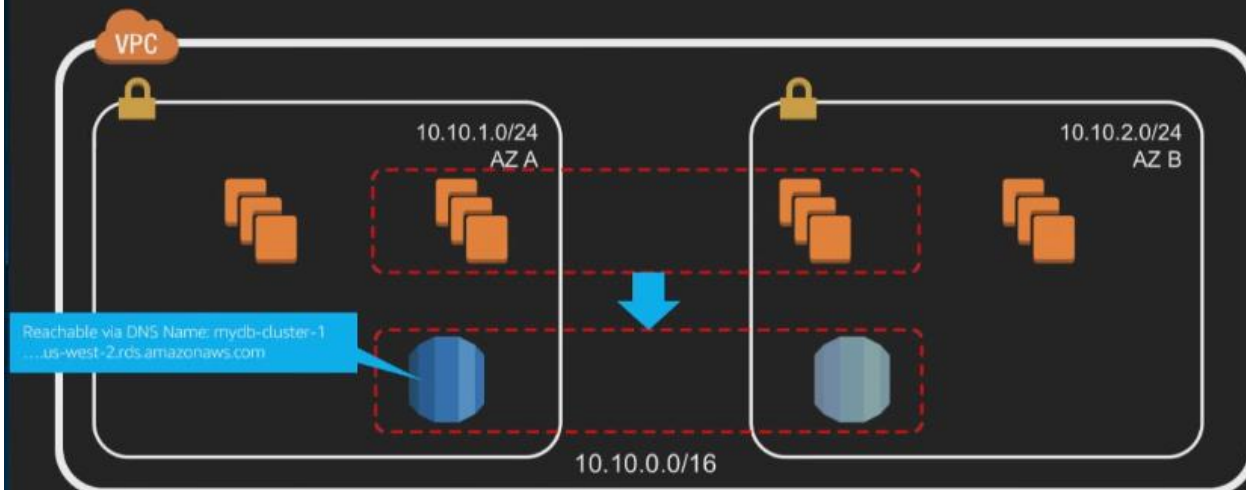
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The first thing you are asked about is your SGs and your Subnets for your AZs,

Example: Amazon RDS Database in your VPC



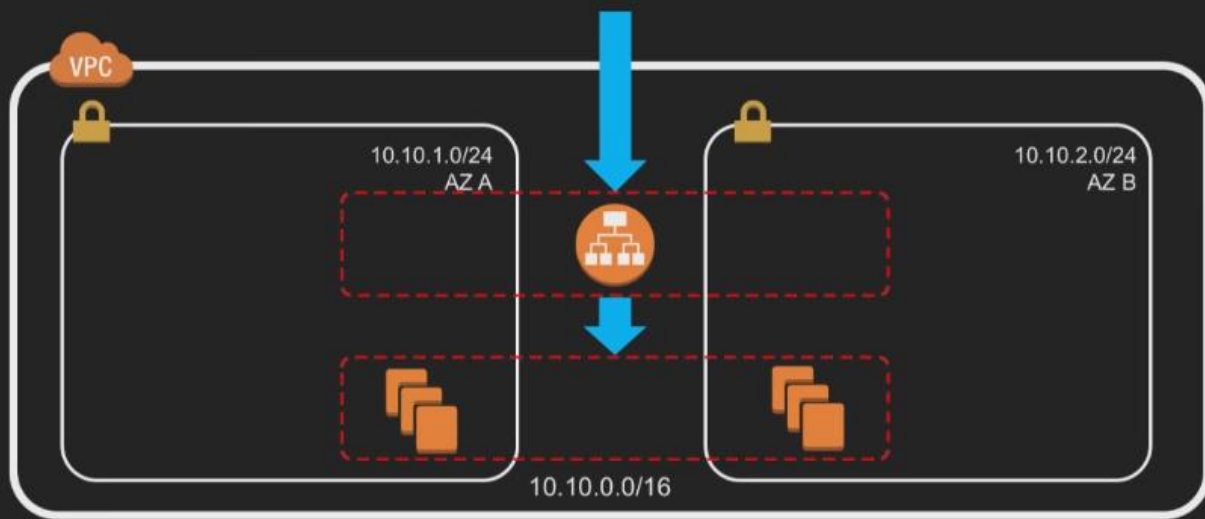
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When you specify subnet spread over different AZs, you get a master RDS database in one subnet in an AZ and also get a failover candidate on standby in a 2nd AZ. This is an **Active-Standby pattern**. You also get a DNS name that always point to the active database.

Example: Application Load Balancer in your VPC



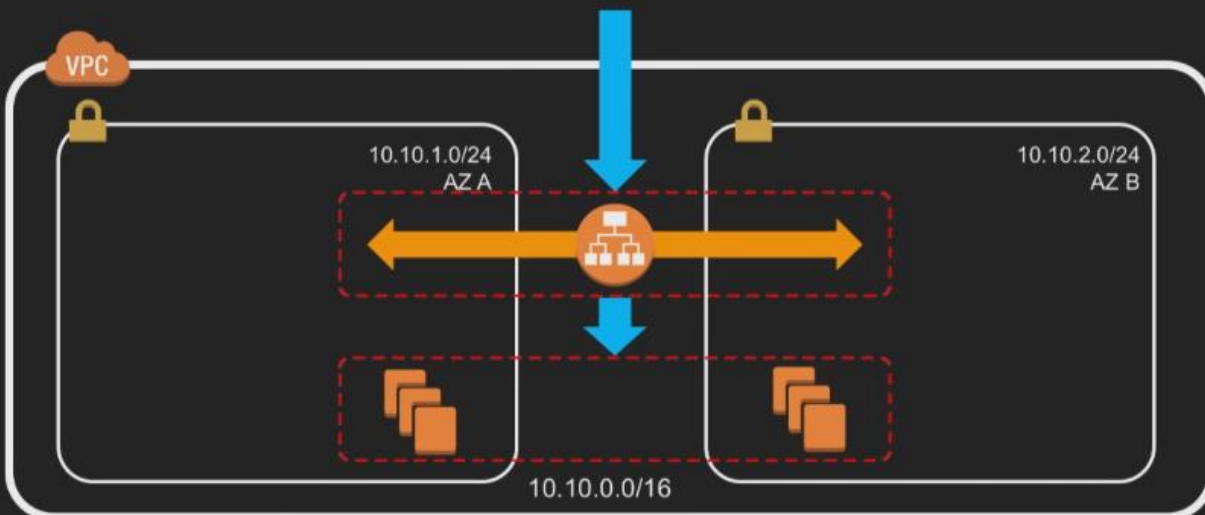
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The 2nd example is the **Application Load Balancer** ALB, this is a Layer 7 or HTTP load balancer run by ELB.

Example: Application Load Balancer in your VPC



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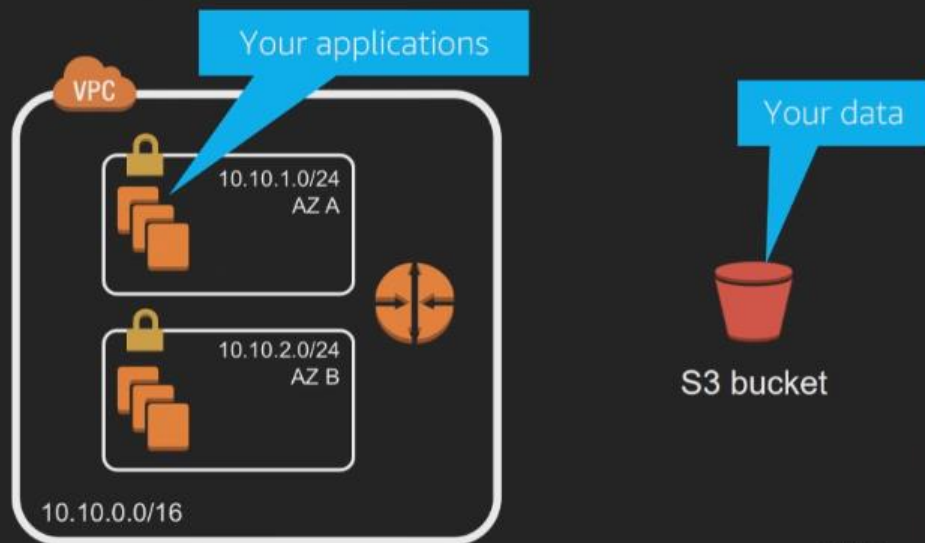
You are again asked to specify Subnets that will define your AZs. Your ALB is then going to create active nodes in multiple AZs for constant load balancing and HA.



VPC Endpoints for AWS Services

VPC endpoints give a direct private connection to AWS services from within your VPC, it allows you to continue to practice the principle of least privilege. You also get some nice tools for access management.

Amazon S3 and your VPC



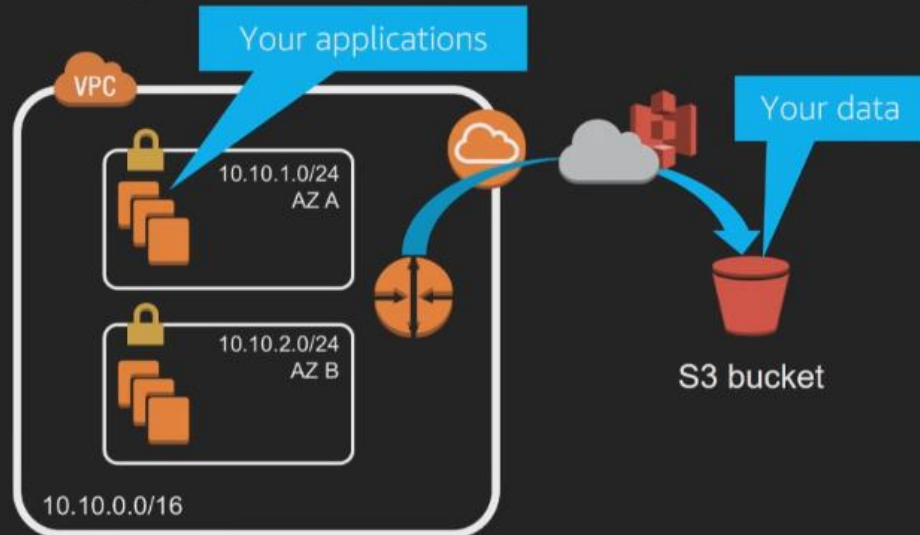
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You have your apps running in your VPC and you have your data stored in S3 buckets, but your data is like a part of your applications.

Amazon S3 and your VPC



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When you resolve the S3 bucket's DNS name, you are going to get a public IP address. So, if you want to access your data in S3, then you have to create a way to go over the internet to get that access using the bucket's public DNS name using an IGW or a NAT gateway.

Gateway VPC Endpoints

Endpoints > Create Endpoint

Create Endpoint

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A gateway endpoint serves as a target for a route in your route table for traffic destined for the service.

Service Name Select a service ⓘ

Service Name	Owner	Type
<input checked="" type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.dynamodb	amazon	Gateway
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ec2	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ec2messages	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.elasticloadbalancing	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.kinesis-streams	amazon	Interface
<input checked="" type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.s3	amazon	Gateway
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.servicecatalog	amazon	Interface
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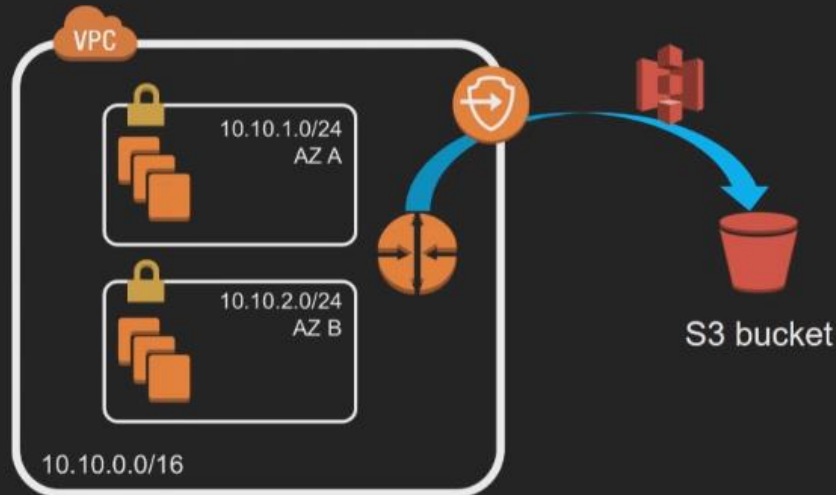
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[Cancel](#) [Create endpoint](#)

VPC Endpoints helps solve the problem of going over the internet to get access to your S3 data. The **2 types of VPC endpoints** are the **Gateway VPC Endpoints** and the **Interface VPC Endpoints**.

VPC Endpoints: Amazon S3 and DynamoDB



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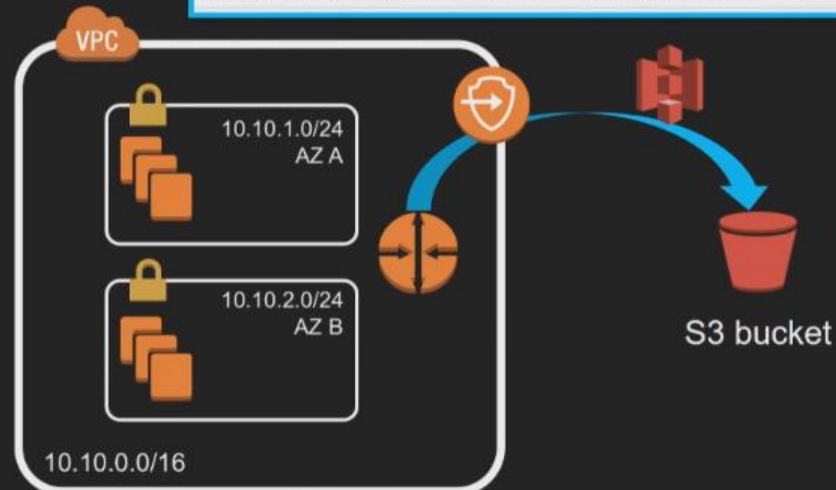
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Gateway VPC Endpoints are supported for S3 and DynamoDB.

VPC Endpoints: Amazon S3 and DynamoDB

Destination	Target	Status	Propagated
172.31.0.0/16	local	Active	No
pl-68a54001 (com.amazonaws.us-west-2.s3)	vpce-3a14fc53	Active	No



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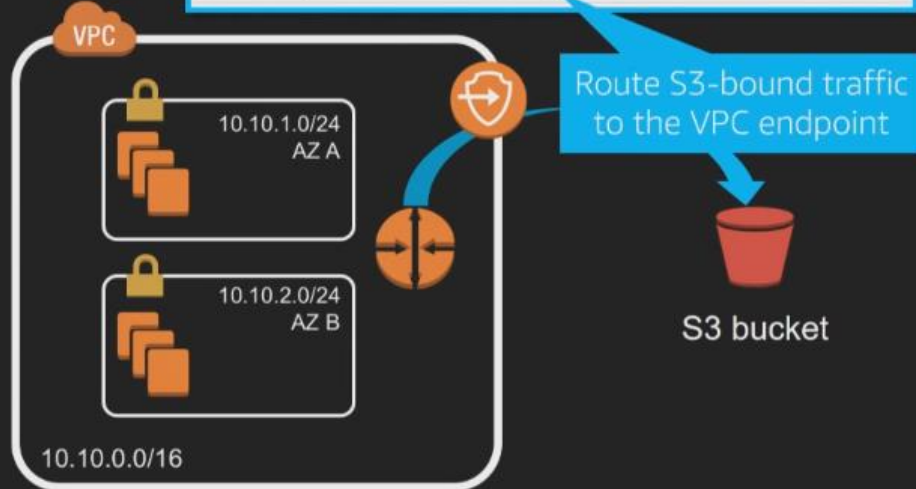
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You simply create a **Gateway VPC Endpoint** and then create a route in your route table that behave like the other gateways and takes traffic destined for S3 bucket should be sent to the VPC Endpoint.

VPC Endpoints: An

Destination	Target	Status	Propagated
172.31.0.0/16	local	Active	No
pl-68a54001 (com.amazonaws.us-west-2.s3)	vpce-3a14fc53	Active	No

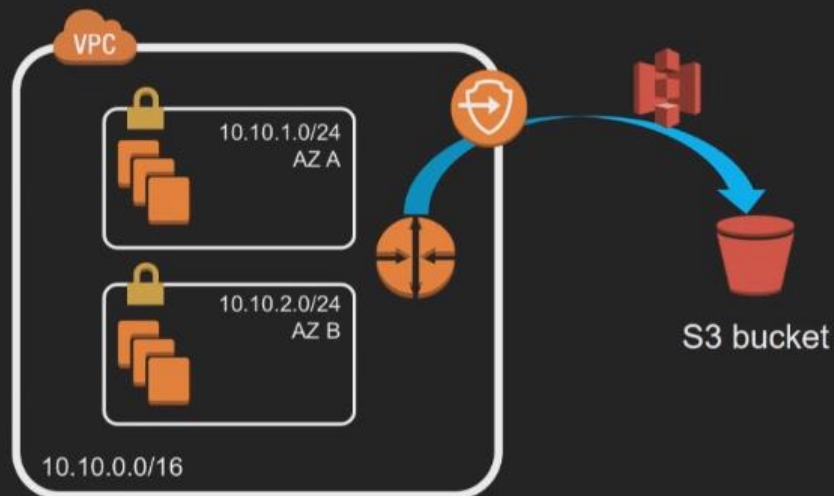


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IAM policy for VPC Endpoints



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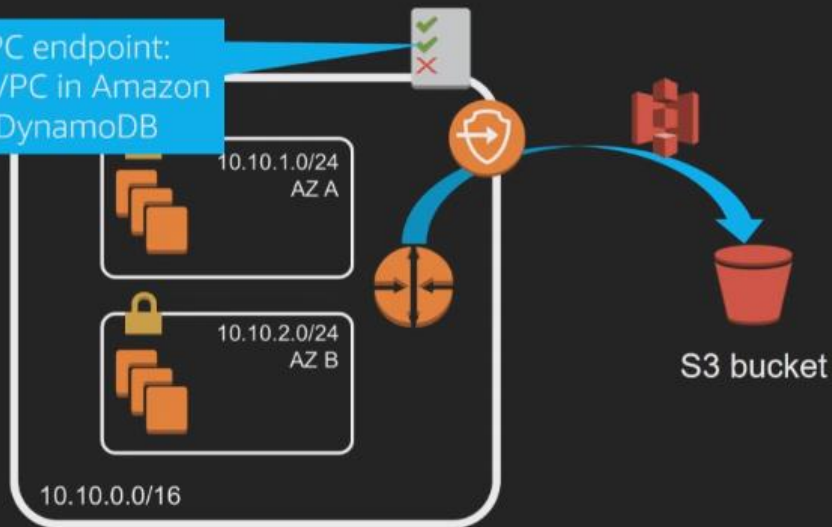
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Using VPC Endpoints, you get the ability to add IAM policies on the VPC Endpoint.

IAM policy for VPC Endpoints

IAM policy at VPC endpoint:
restrict actions of VPC in Amazon
S3 or Amazon DynamoDB



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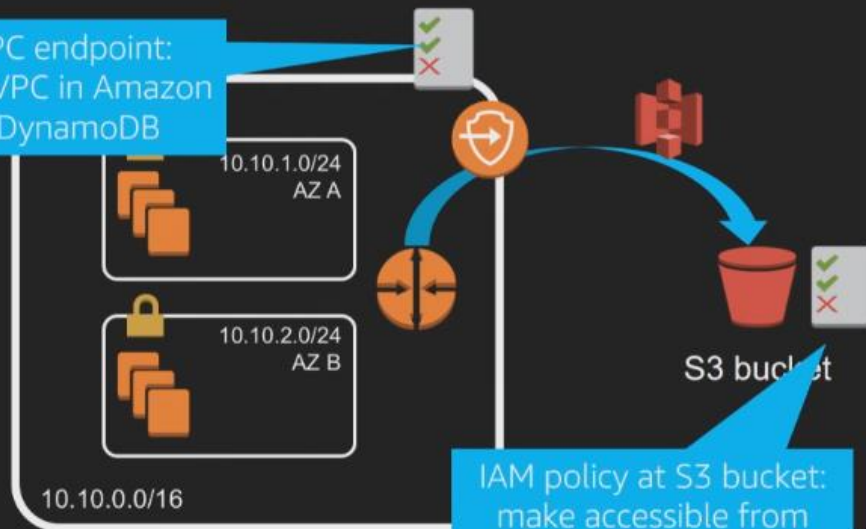
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This applies directly to the VPC Endpoint, so you can say exactly what the VPC can do and cannot do with each service that it is talking to using the IAM policies.

IAM policy for VPC Endpoints

IAM policy at VPC endpoint:
restrict actions of VPC in Amazon
S3 or Amazon DynamoDB



IAM policy at S3 bucket:
make accessible from
VPC endpoint only

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With S3 you also have the ability to add a policy on the S3 bucket, this means that we can lock down the S3 bucket to only allow access from traffic coming from that particular VPC Endpoint.

Interface VPC Endpoints

Endpoints > Create Endpoint

Create Endpoint

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Service Name Select a service ⓘ

Filter by attributes

Service Name	Owner	Type
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.dynamodb	amazon	Gateway
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ec2	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ec2messages	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.elasticloadbalancing	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.kinesis-streams	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.s3	amazon	Gateway
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.servicecatalog	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ssm	amazon	Interface

VPC*

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Cancel Create endpoint

The 2nd type of VPC Endpoint is the **Interface VPC Endpoint**, this is also called **AWS PrivateLink for AWS Services**.

Interface VPC Endpoints

Endpoints > Create Endpoint

Create Endpoint

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Service Name Select a service ⓘ

Filter by attributes

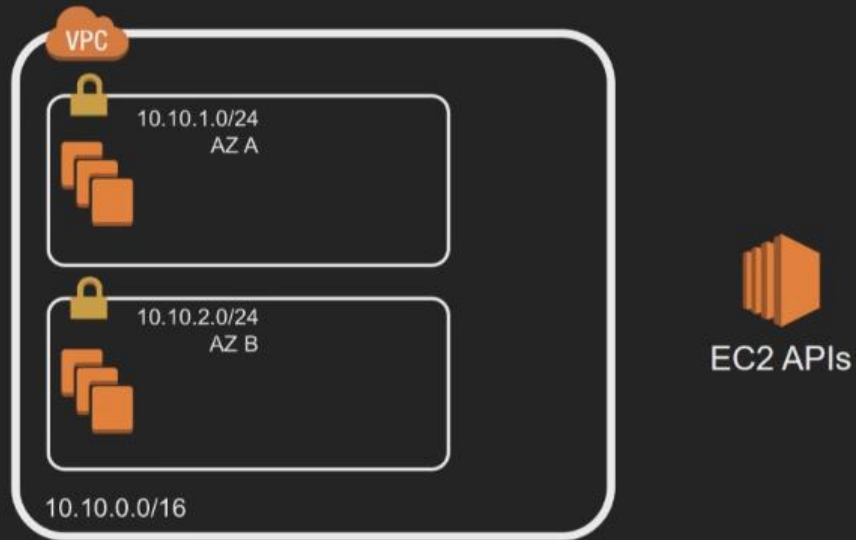
Service Name	Owner	Type
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.dynamodb	amazon	Gateway
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<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ec2messages	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.elasticloadbalancing	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.kinesis-streams	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.s3	amazon	Gateway
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.servicecatalog	amazon	Interface
<input type="radio"/> com.amazonaws.eu-west-1.ssm	amazon	Interface

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AWS PrivateLink is a VPC endpoint

AWS PrivateLink for AWS Services



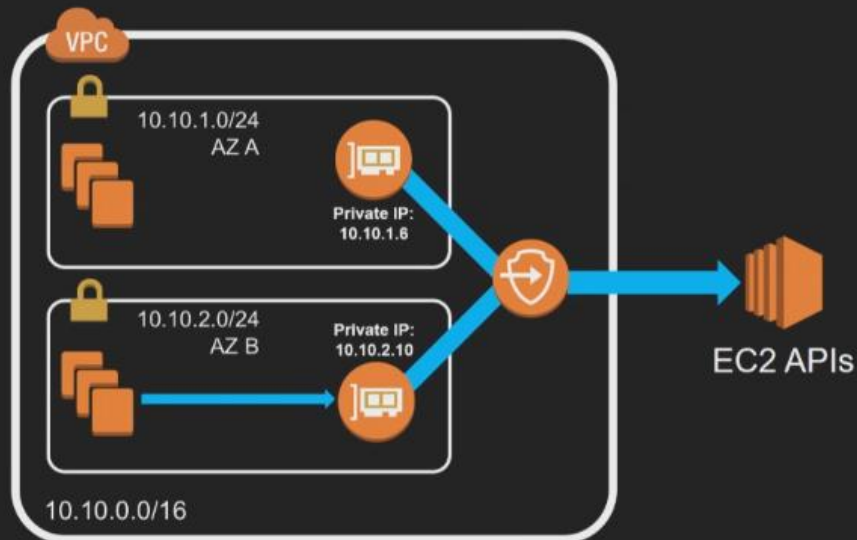
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When you create a VPC endpoint, you specify subnets and it creates an **Elastic Network Interface** ENI in each of the subnets that you specify.

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The ENI has a Private IP and when you send traffic to the Private IP, it goes to the VPC endpoint and directly to the service. This gives you Private IP connectivity to AWS services from within your VPC.

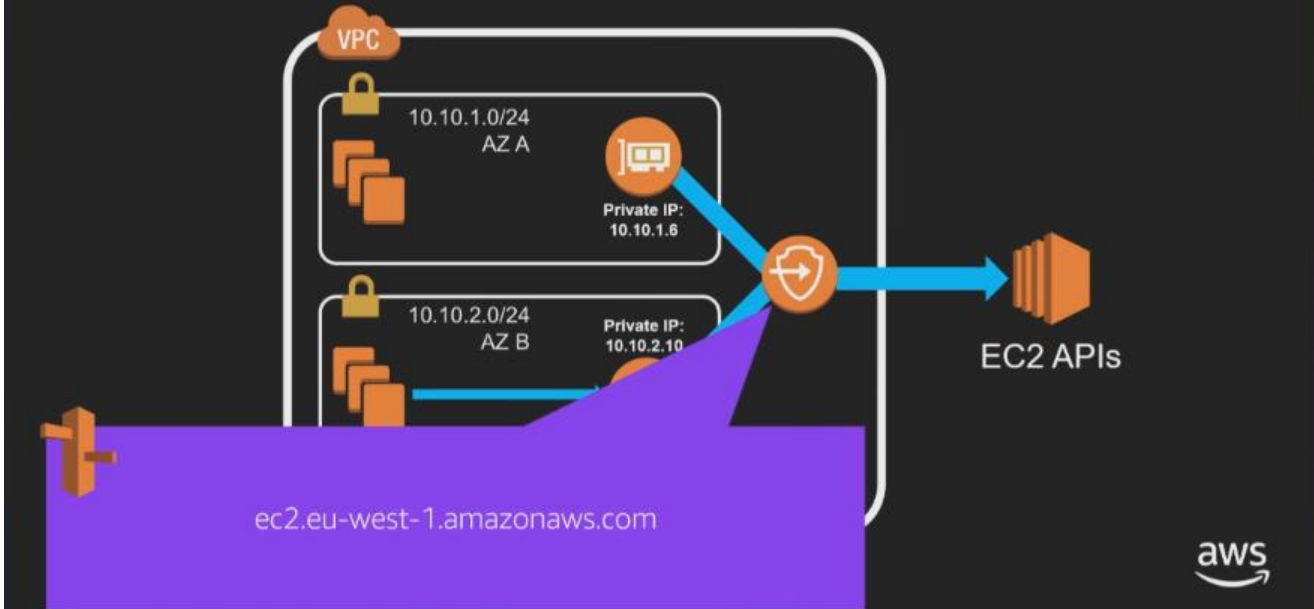
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Because this is not a gateway and you don't use routing tables to send traffic to it, you get given some DNS name. You get one DNS name that will have all of the IPs, and you also get a zonal DNS name for each specific IP so that you can keep traffic within a zone if you want to.

AWS PrivateLink for AWS Services



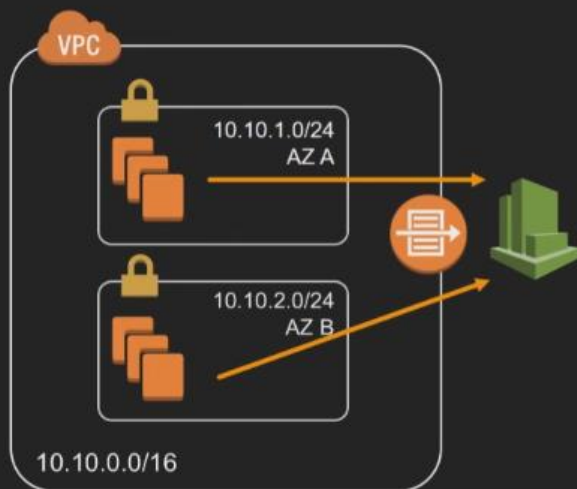
You can also choose to let AWS manage a DNS name in your VPC that looks exactly like the DNS name of the service outside of your VPC. So that when you resolve that DNS inside your VPC, you will go your VPC endpoint and if you were outside you will go to the public endpoint.



VPC Flow Logs:
VPC traffic metadata in Amazon
CloudWatch Logs

VPC Flow Logs gives you visibility into your VPC, you don't have to manage any infrastructure for this to work

VPC Flow Logs



- **Visibility** into effects of security group rules
- **Troubleshooting** network connectivity
- Ability to **analyze** traffic

VPC Flow Logs: Setup

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for setting up VPC Flow Logs. At the top, there's a 'Create VPC' button and an 'Actions' dropdown. Below this is a search bar with 'SEC302' entered. A table lists VPCs, with 'SEC302VPC' (vpc-63a54a04) in an 'available' state. The console then shows the details for 'vpc-63a54a04 (10.0.0.0/16) | SEC302VPC'. There are tabs for 'Summary', 'Flow Logs', and 'Tags'. The 'Flow Logs' tab is active, displaying a message: 'You can create flow logs on your resources to capture IP traffic flow information for'. Below this is a 'Create Flow Log' button. At the bottom, there's a table for flow log configuration with columns: 'Flow Log ID', 'Filter', 'CloudWatch Logs Group', and 'IAM Role ARN'. The values are: '6-7347a71a', 'ALL', 'VPCFlowLogs', and 'arn:aws:iam::167820227276:role/SEC302VPCFlowLogs'.

Name	VPC ID	State	VPC CIDR
SEC302VPC	vpc-63a54a04	available	10.0.0.0/16

vpc-63a54a04 (10.0.0.0/16) | SEC302VPC

Summary Flow Logs Tags

You can create flow logs on your resources to capture IP traffic flow information for

Create Flow Log

Flow Log ID	Filter	CloudWatch Logs Group	IAM Role ARN
6-7347a71a	ALL	VPCFlowLogs	arn:aws:iam::167820227276:role/SEC302VPCFlowLogs

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VPC Flow Logs: Setup

This screenshot is identical to the one above, but includes a blue callout box with the text 'VPC traffic metadata captured in Amazon CloudWatch Logs'. A blue arrow points from this text to the 'VPCFlowLogs' group in the 'CloudWatch Logs Group' column of the configuration table. The 'Create Flow Log' button is also highlighted with a red rectangle.

Name	VPC ID	State	VPC CIDR
SEC302VPC	vpc-63a54a04	available	10.0.0.0/16

vpc-63a54a04 (10.0.0.0/16) | SEC302VPC

Summary Flow Logs Tags

You can create flow logs on your resources to capture IP traffic flow information for

Create Flow Log

Flow Log ID	Filter	CloudWatch Logs Group	IAM Role ARN
6-7347a71a	ALL	VPCFlowLogs	arn:aws:iam::167820227276:role/SEC302VPCFlowLogs

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VPC Flow Logs data in CloudWatch Logs

Filter events all 30s 5m 1h 6

Time (UTC -04:00)	Message
2016-11-11T16:48:01.123Z	Who's this?
16:48:01.123Z	# dig +short -x 109.236.86.32
16:48:01.123Z	internetpolice.co.
16:48:01.123Z	UDP Port 53 = DNS
16:48:01.123Z	REJECT
16:48:01.123Z	2 280328680831 eni-19116c47 109.236.86.32 10.0.0.117 60000 27015 17 1 53 1474750081 1474750133 REJECT OK
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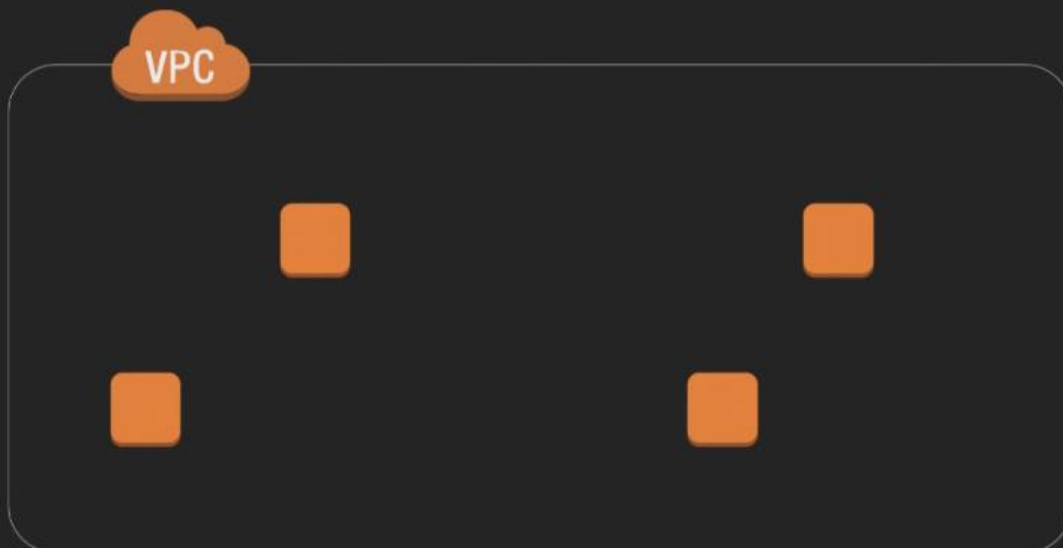
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This entry is a reject traffic log, we can do a reverse lookup to see who was scanning traffic on our instance

VPC: Your Private Network in AWS

The VPC Network

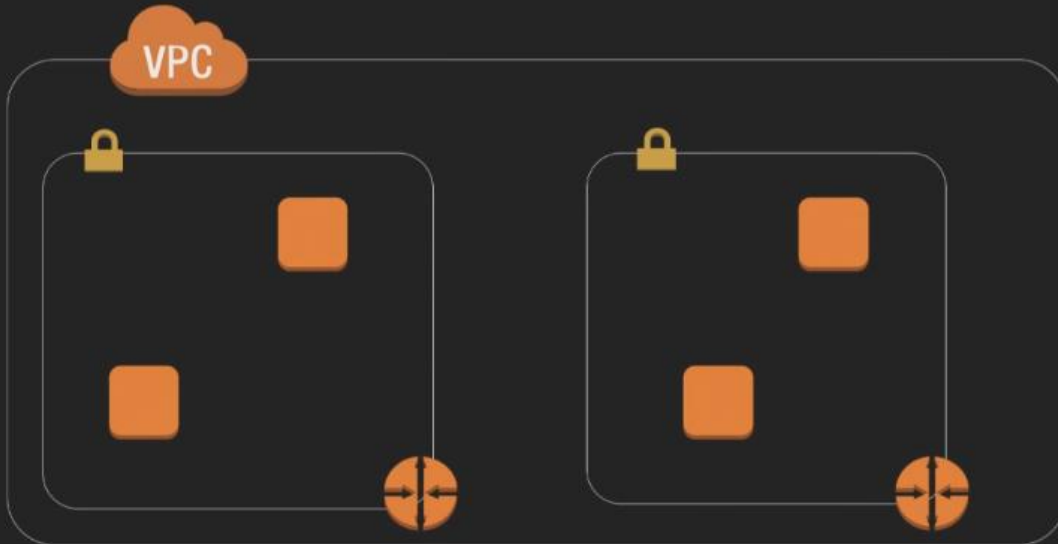


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The VPC Network



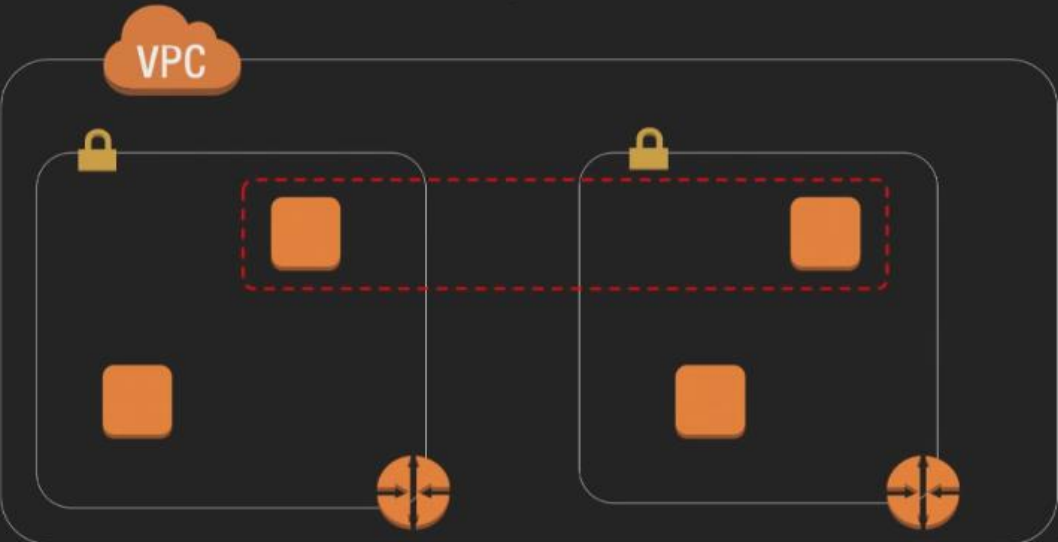
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Use subnets for HA applications

VPC Network Security



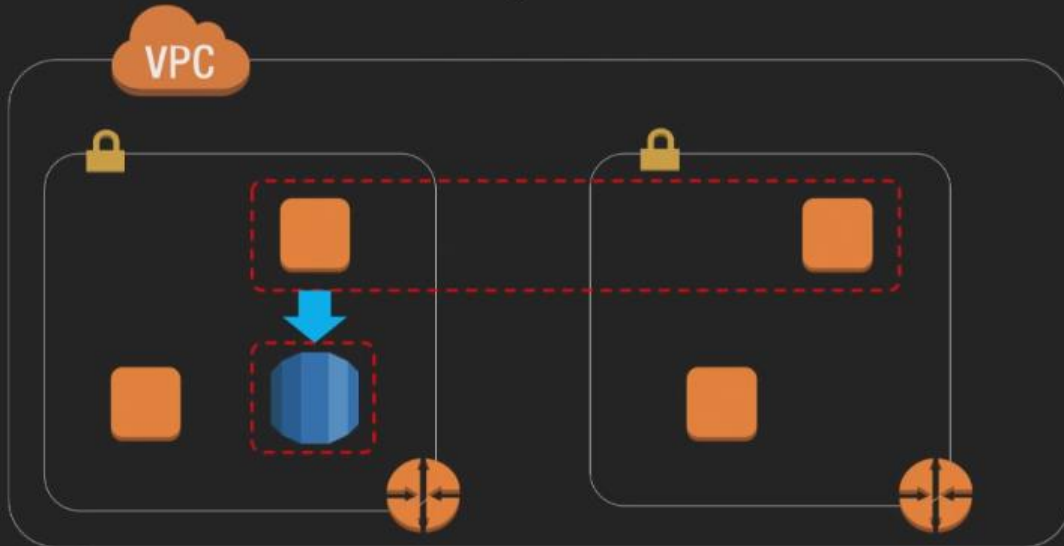
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Security groups help us control who has access to talk to whom

VPC Network Security



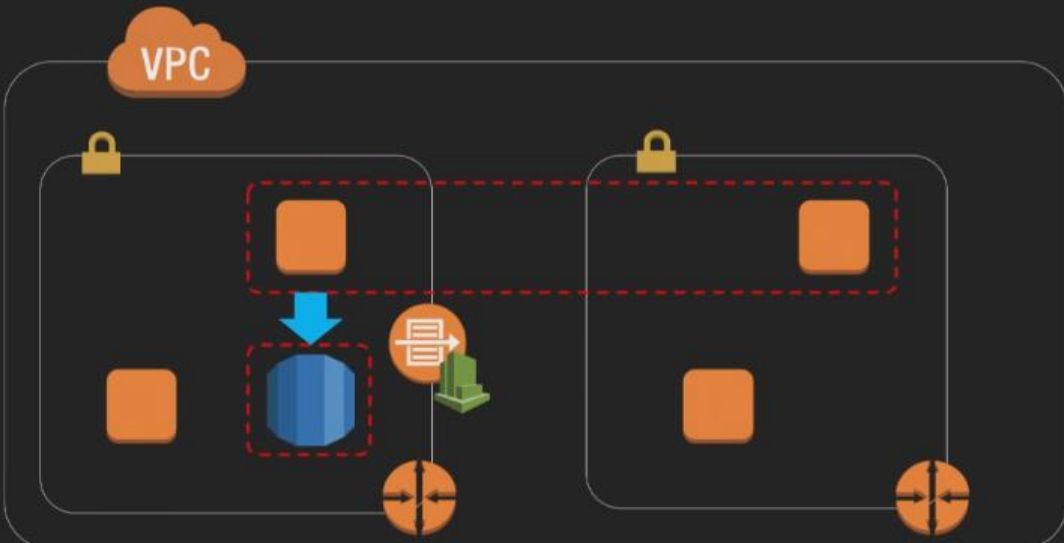
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We can also run AWS services inside our VPC

VPC Network Security

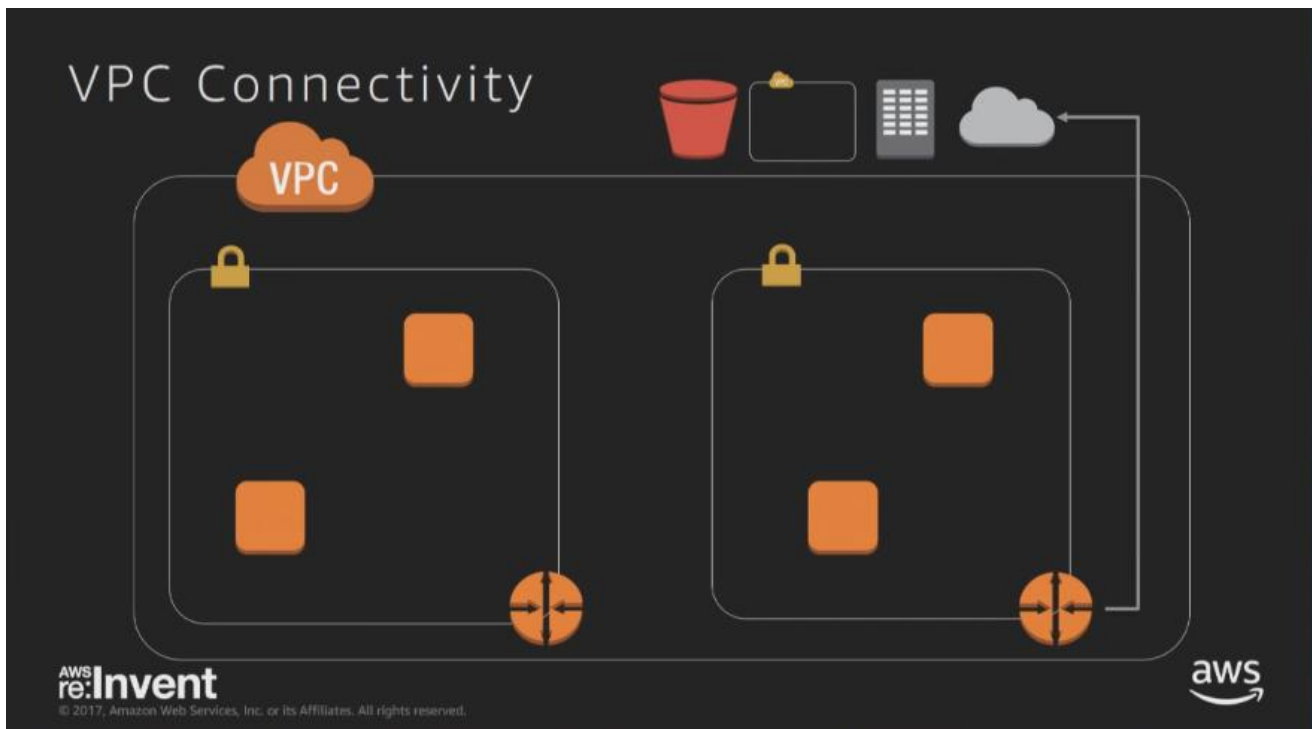


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We can also get visibility into our VPC using AWS VPC Flow Logs.



We can get connectivity to the internet using **IGW**, connectivity to your on-premises DC and networks using **VPN** and **AWS DirectConnect**, to other VPCs using VPC Peering, and to other AWS services like S3 using **VPC Endpoints**.

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- NET305 - Advanced VPC Design and New Capabilities for Amazon VPC
- NET308 - VPC Design Scenarios for Real-Life Use Cases
- NET309 - Best Practices for Securing an Amazon VPC
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