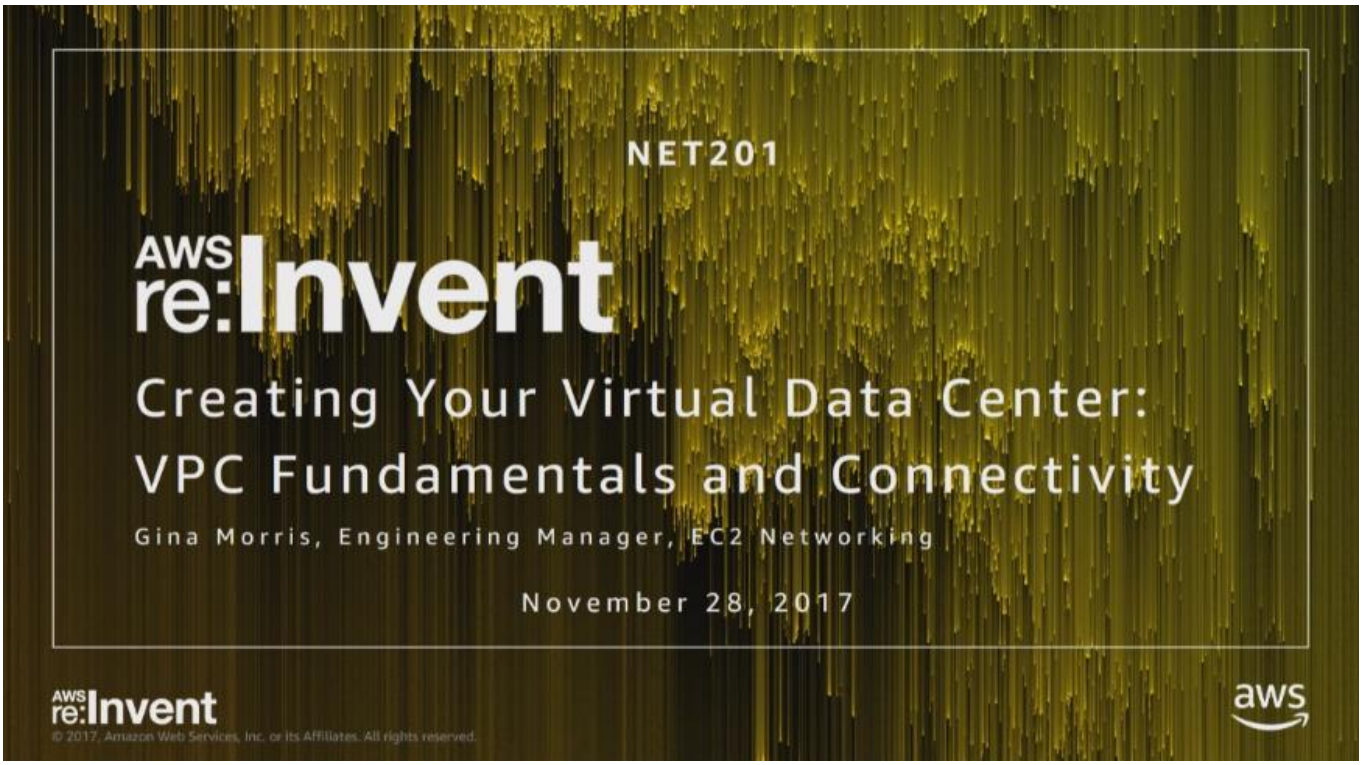
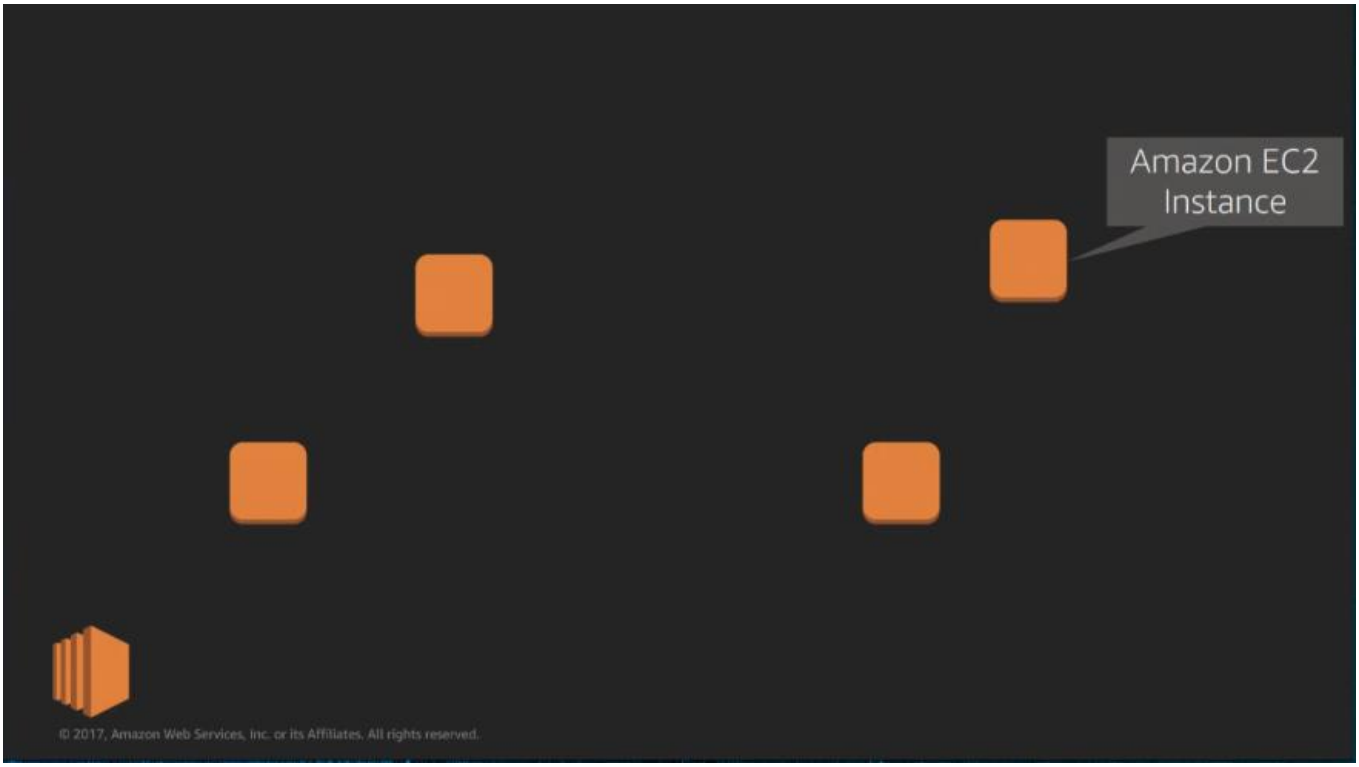
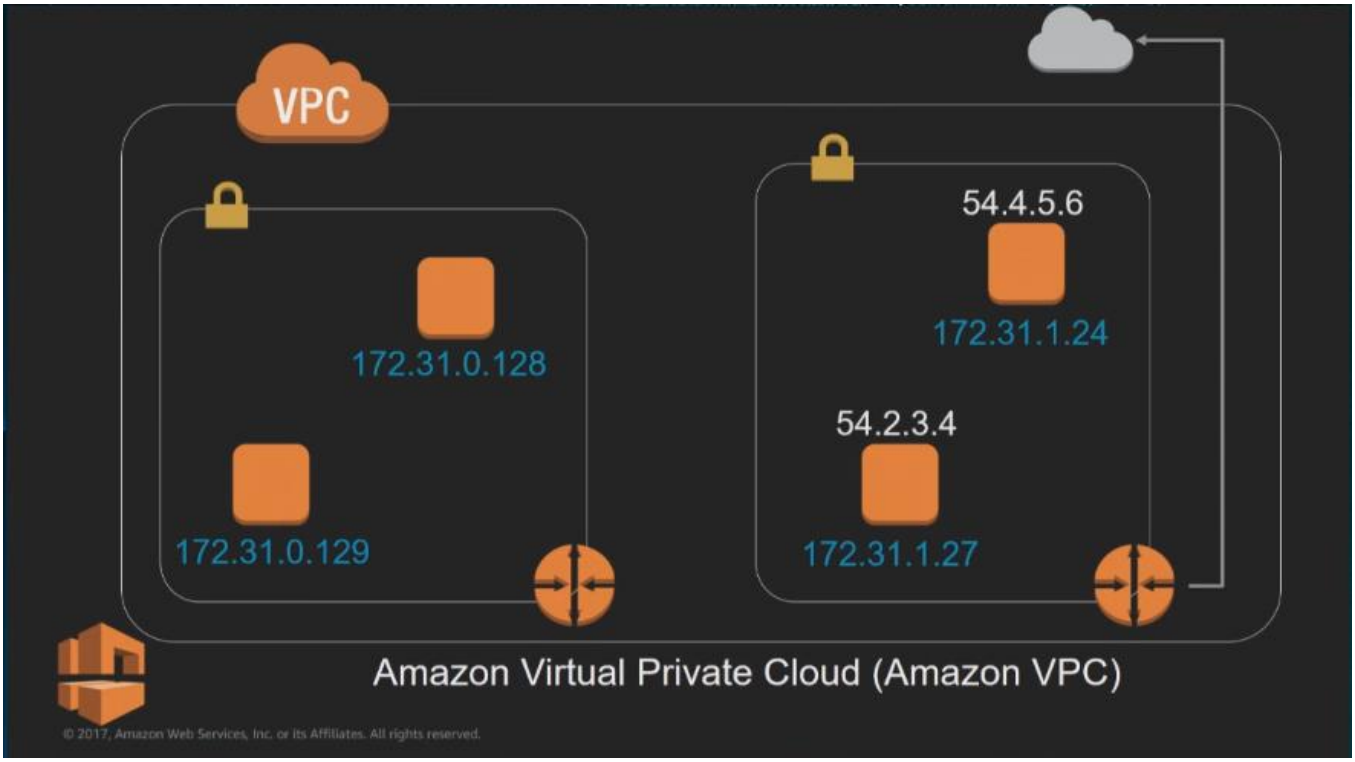


Amazon VPC is how you do networking on AWS. In this session, we walk through the fundamentals of Amazon VPC. First, we cover build-out and design fundamentals for VPCs, including picking your IP space, subnetting, routing, security, NAT, and much more. We then transition into different approaches and 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.



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),



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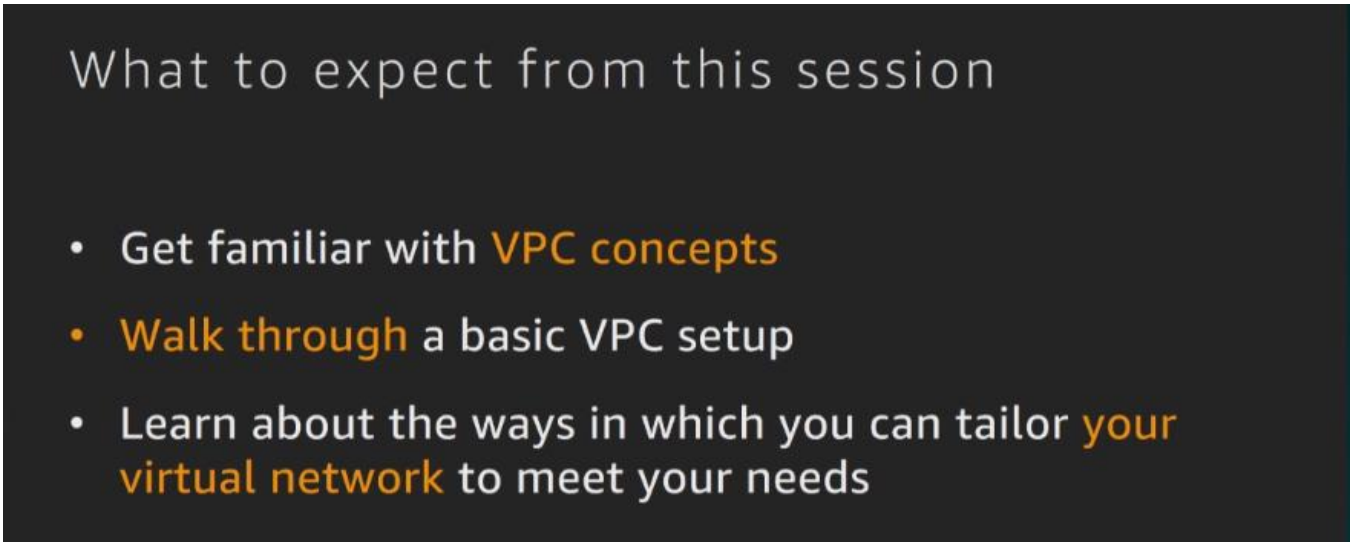
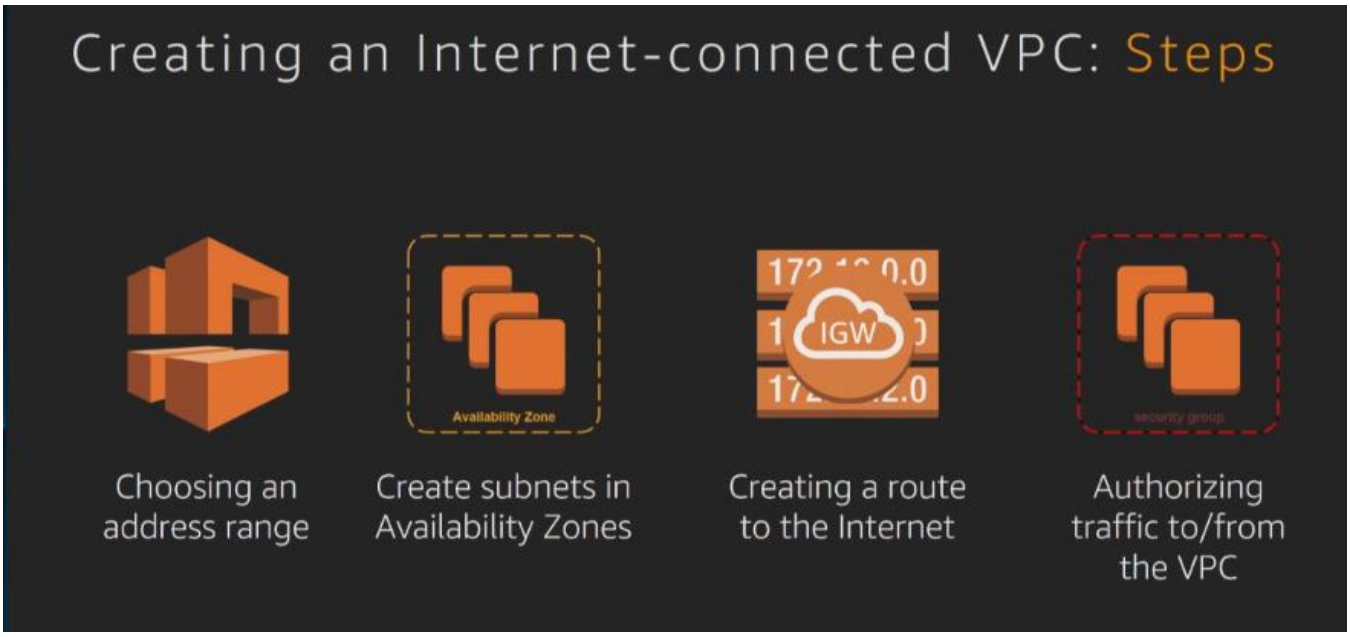
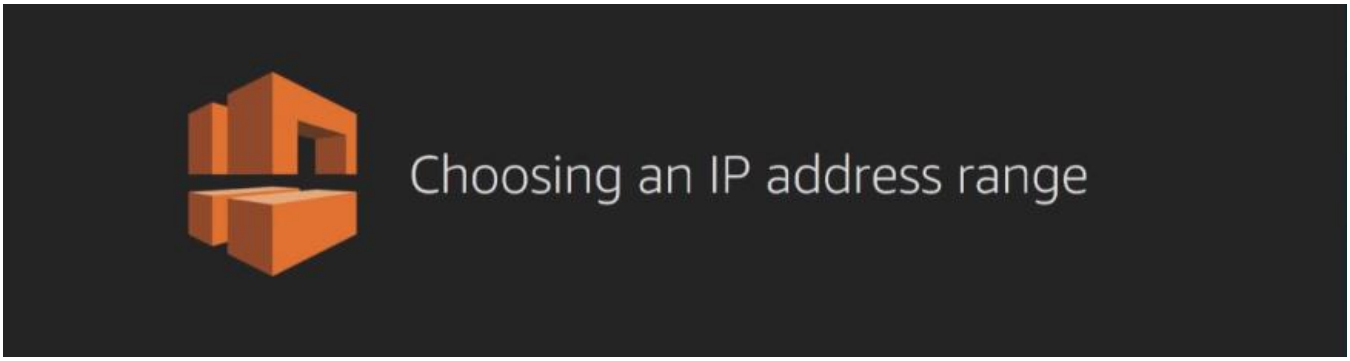


This is a VPC with internet access, it is called your ***default VPC***.

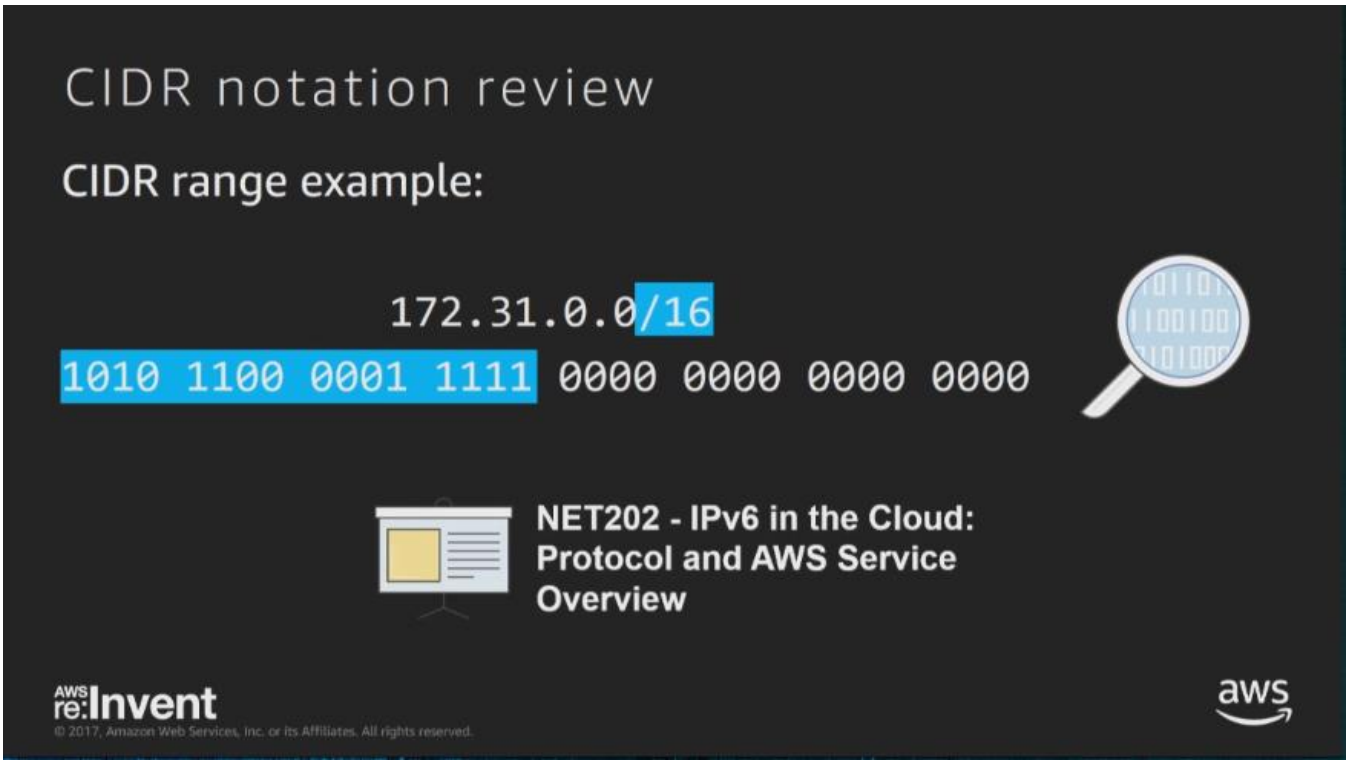




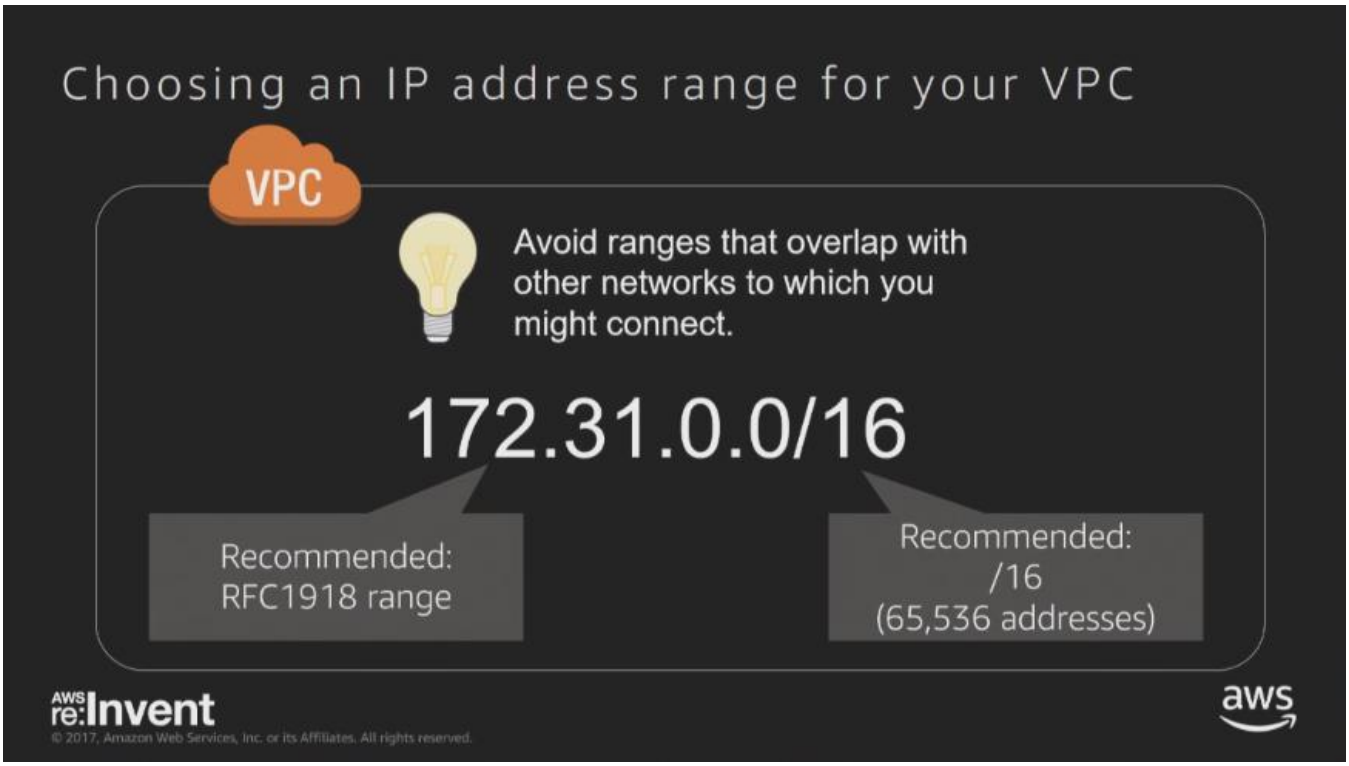
This is our private network, so we get to pick an IP address range to use within it.

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.

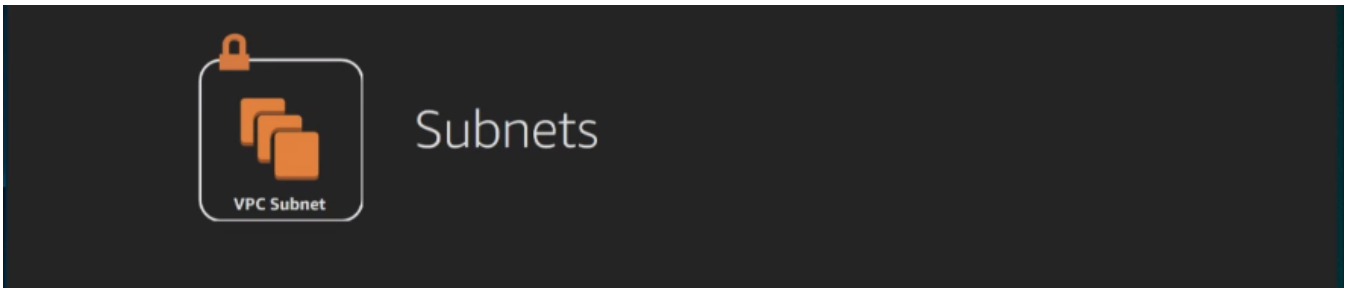
CIDR works by writing out the IPv4 address out in binary to get a 32-bit number as above, the '/16' means that you hold the highest 16 bits steady and the lower 16 bits can vary. So, this gives us the IP range 172.31.x.x because all those possibilities can exist in this IP range above



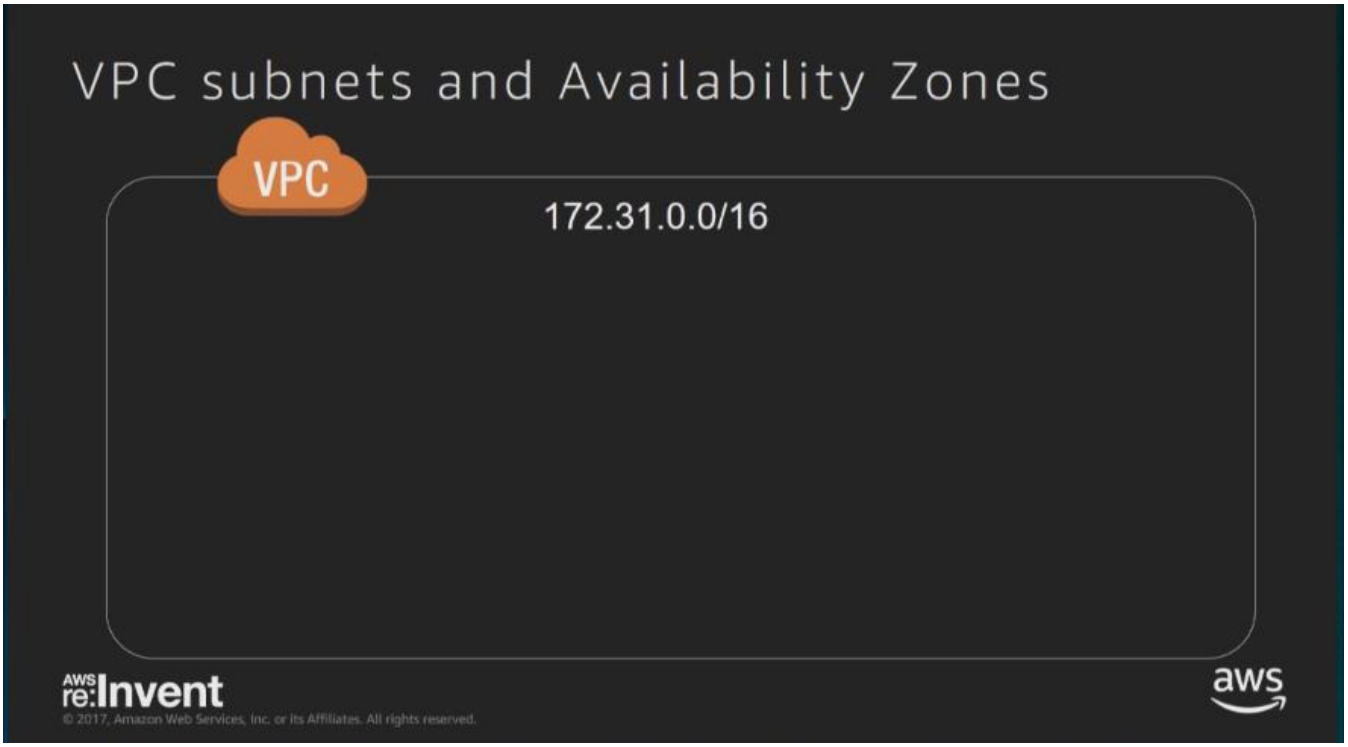
VPC also supports IPv6 and there is a session later today about that



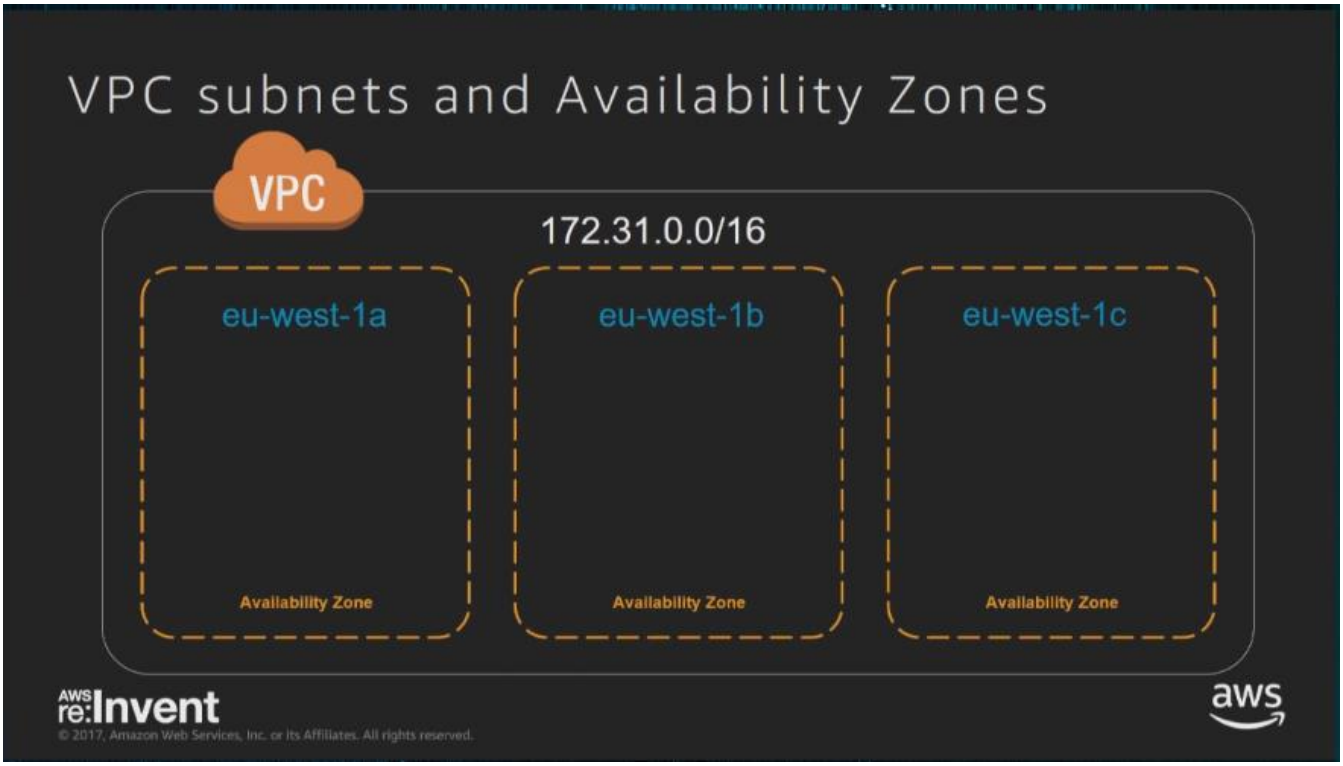
In RFC1918, ***172.x.x.x is a recommendation for private networks IP addresses***, the ***'/16' gives us over 65,536 IP address*** possibilities to use within that VPC for our instances. If you have other VPCs or data centers that you will like to connect this VPC to, you need to pick ranges of IP addresses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



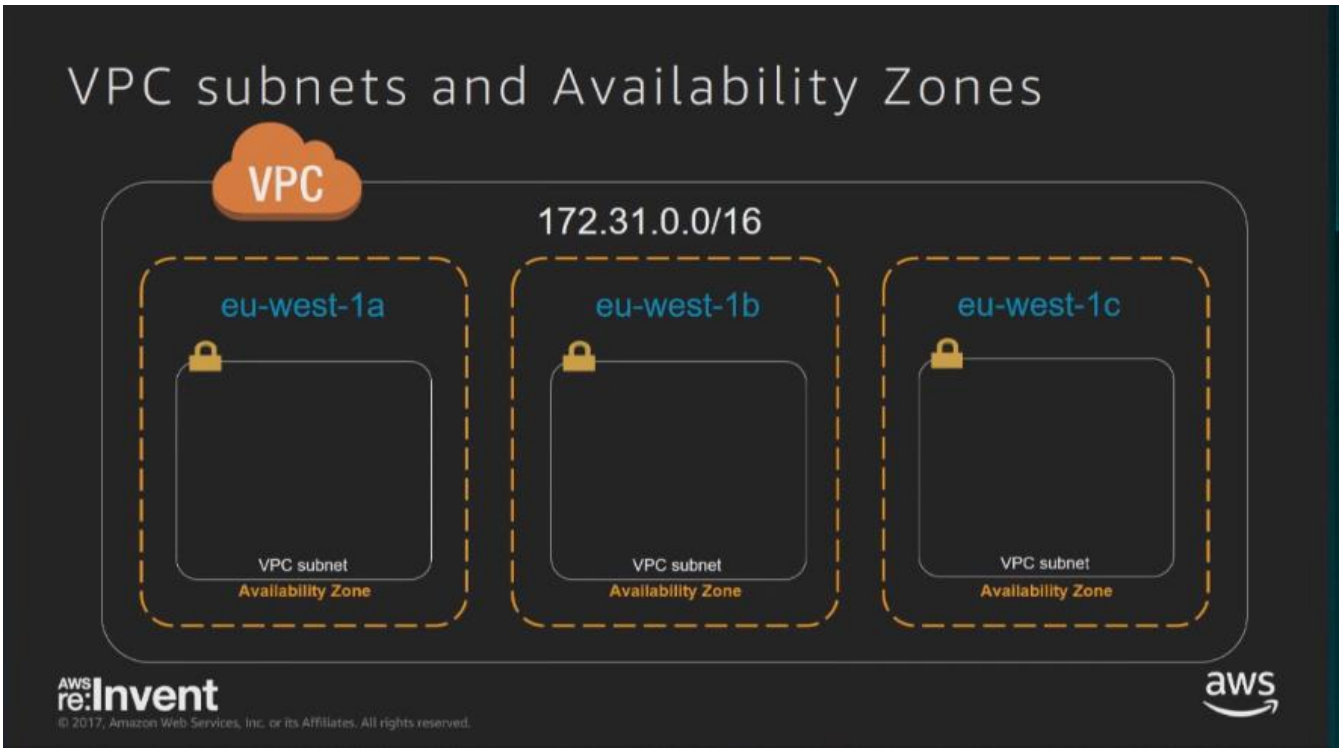
Subnets are a sub-range of that IP address space we created for the VPC. ***Subnets are how you use the VPC to deploy high availability applications***.



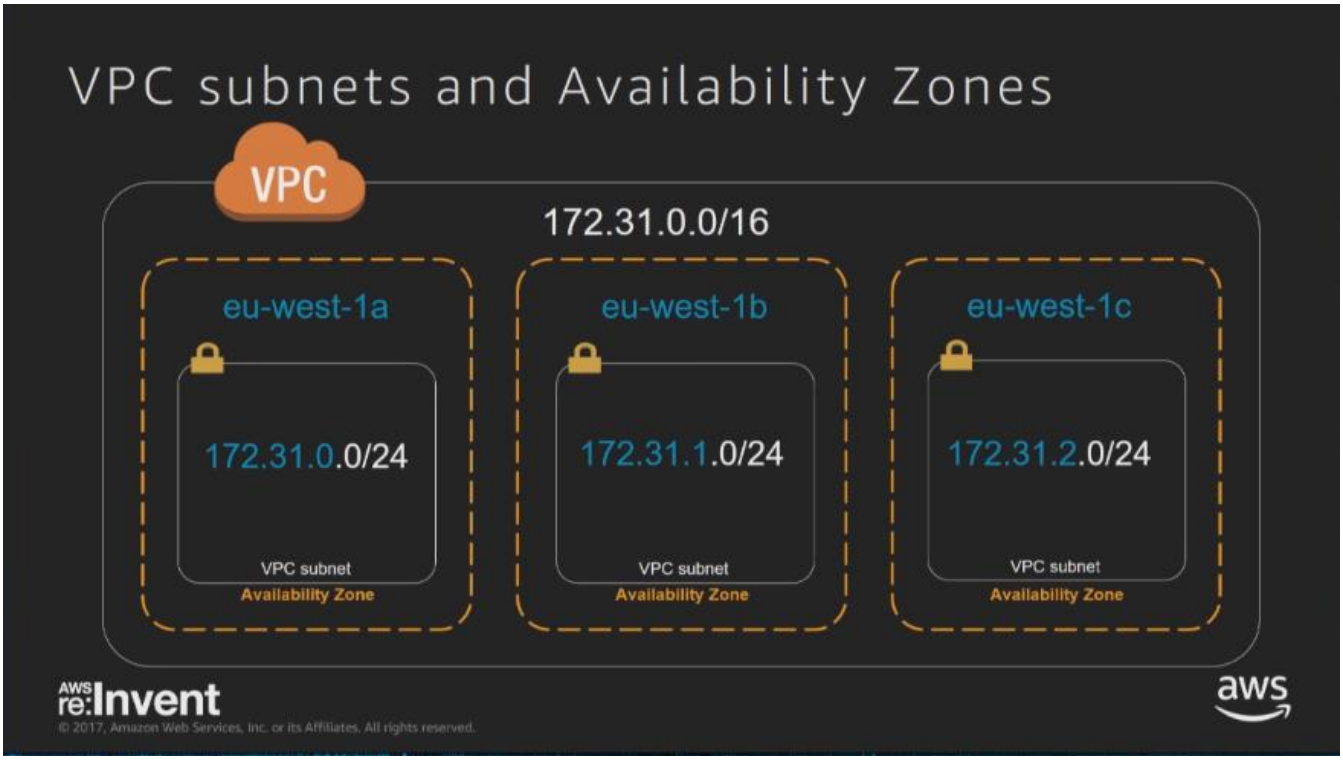
AWS has 16 Regions and a VPC is within a Region.



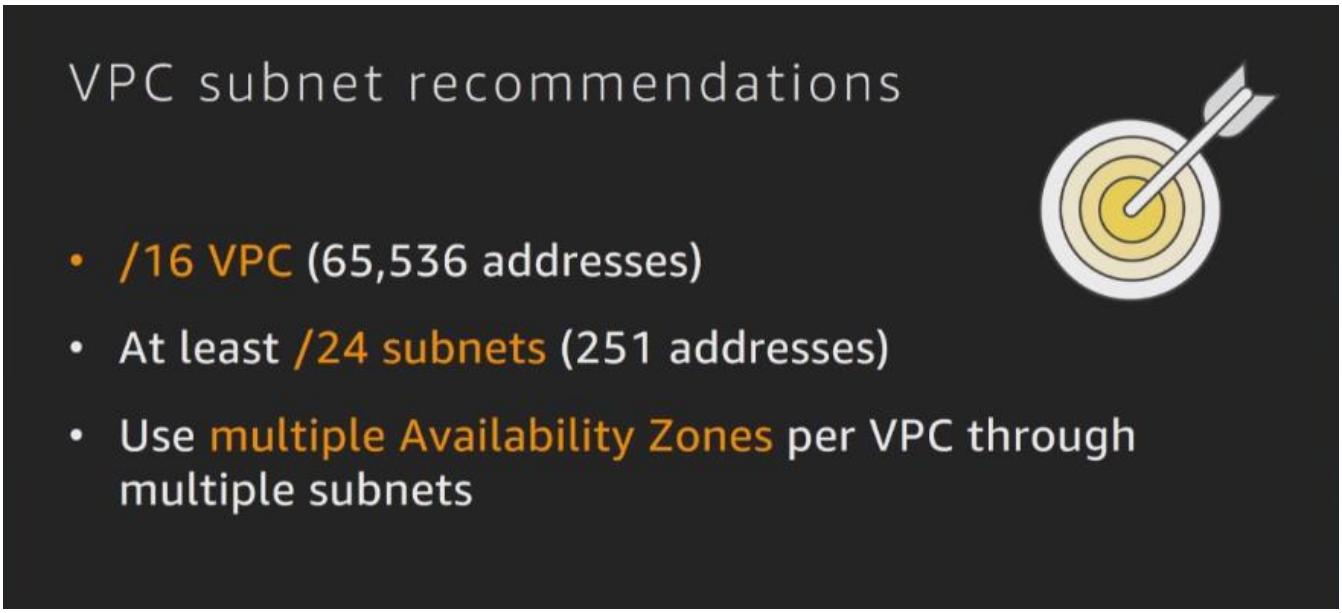
A Region is divided into AZs as above. ***An AZ is like a data center with its own redundant power and networking for isolation***. You generally want to build your apps across multiple AZs.



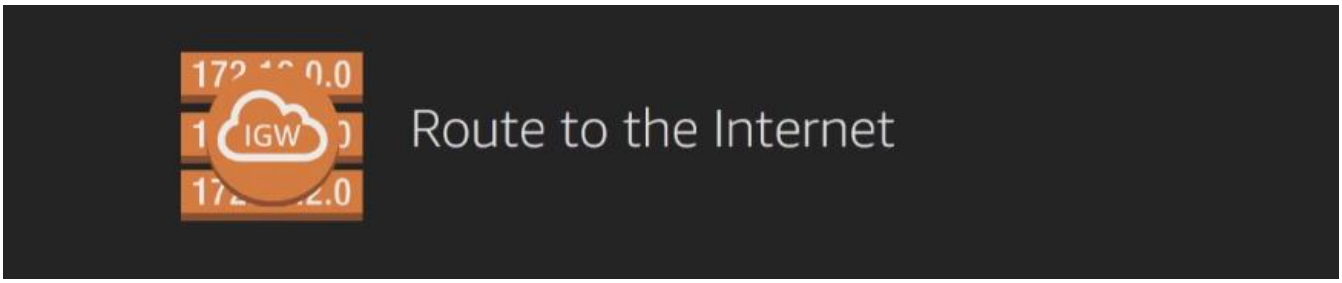
A Subnet is within an AZ and you need subnets because when you create certain AWS resources like EC2 instances, you will have to specify the subnets that you want those resources deployed in. ***Having subnets is how you get your AWS resources into specific AZs***. You can add or remove subnets within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



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



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



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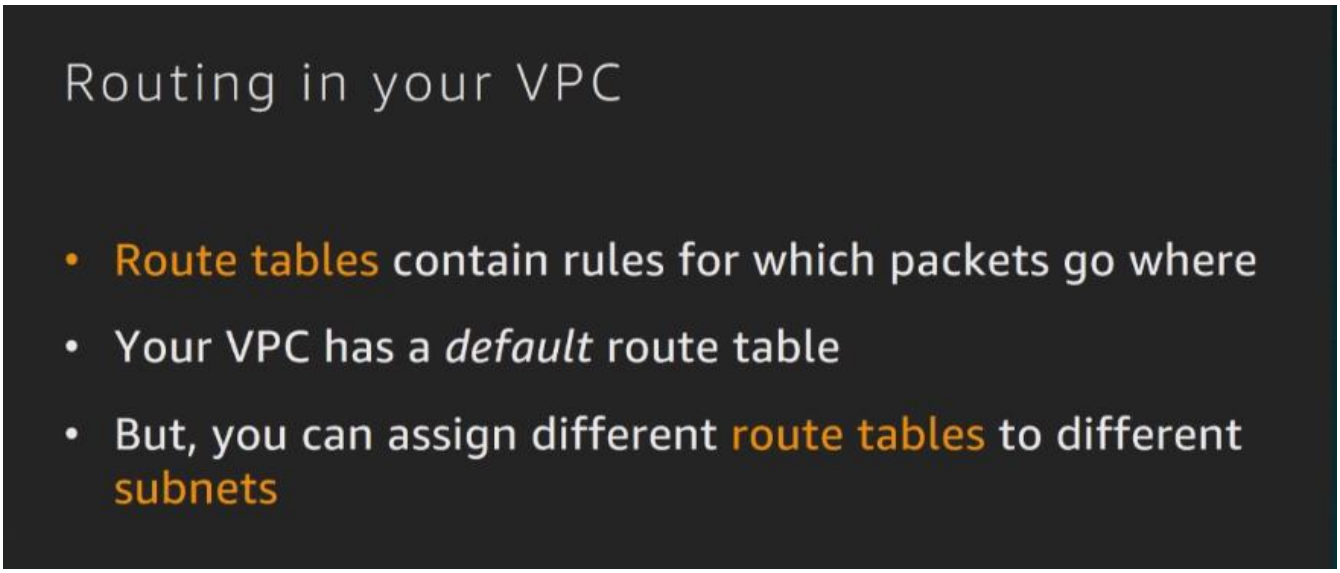
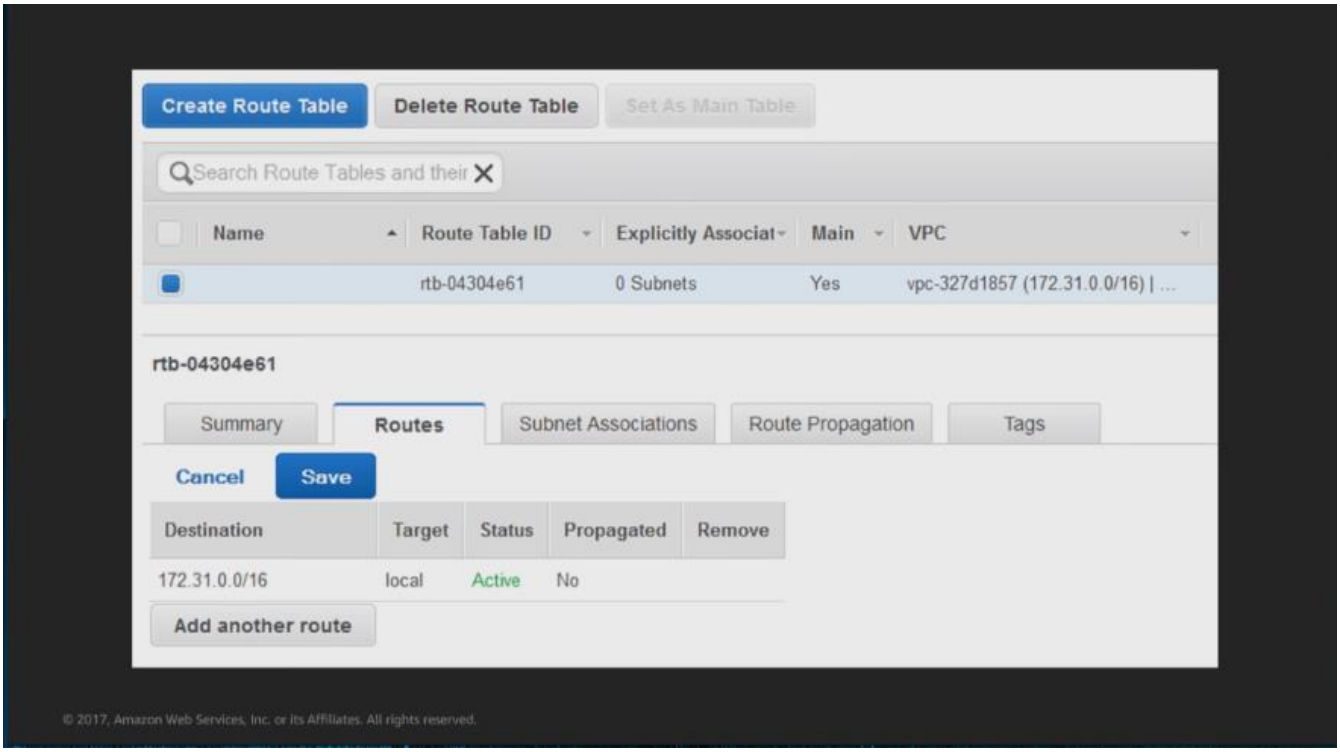
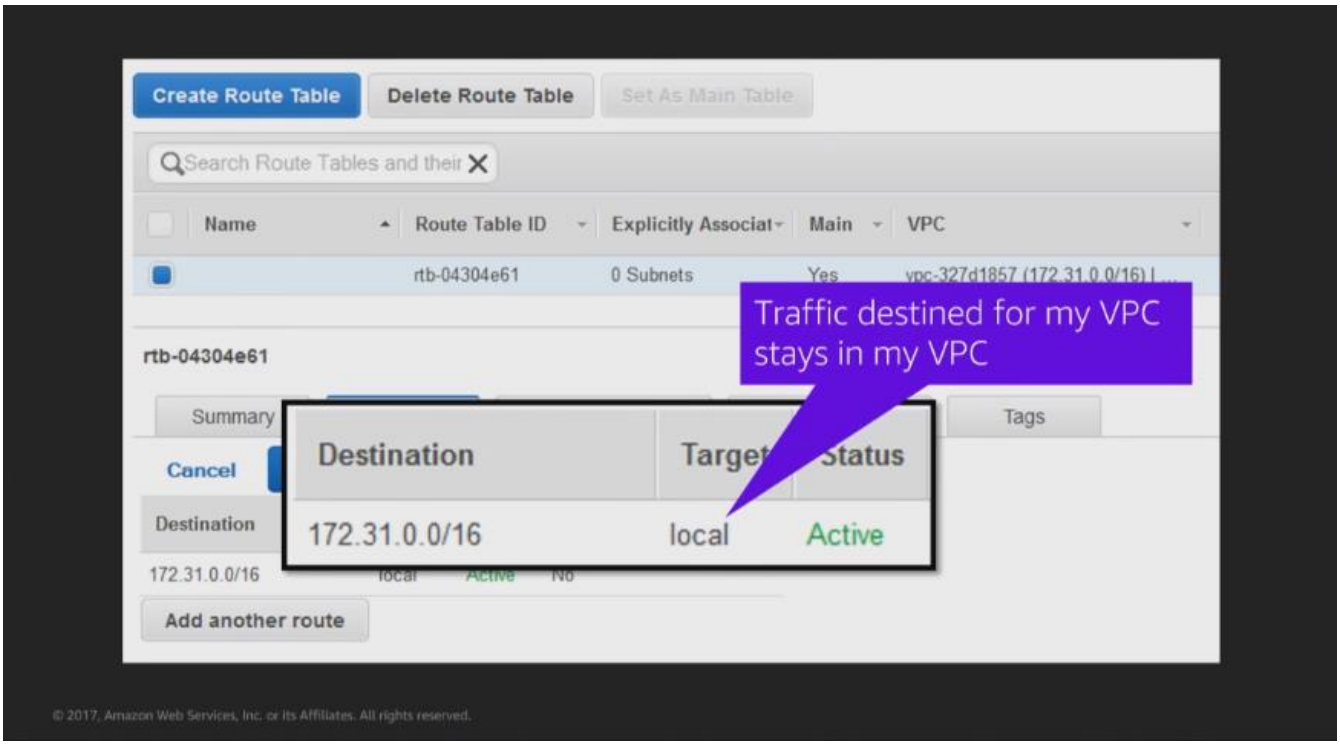
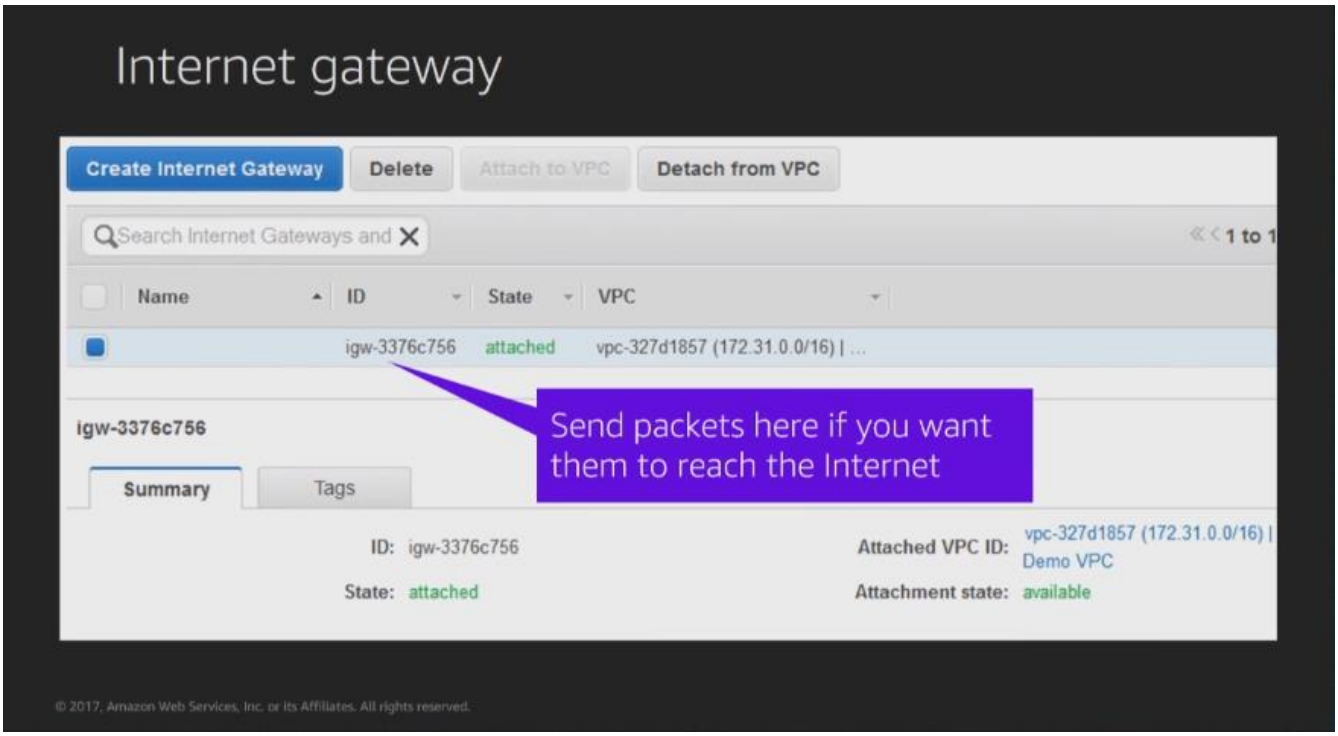


Routing in your VPC is done with Route Tables, which are a simple, easy to read list of rules that specifies which traffic should be sent to which gateway. You can override routing on a subnet by subnet basis.

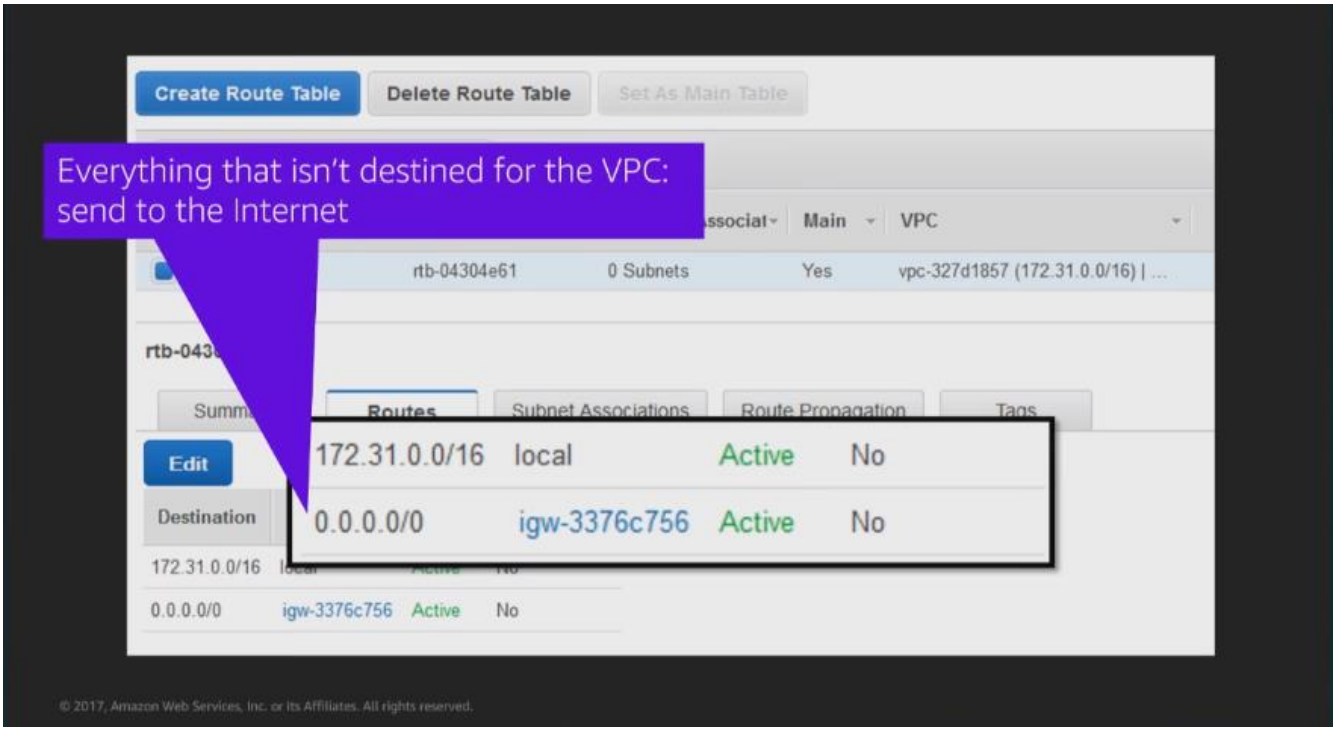




There is only one rule here for traffic destined for anywhere within this VPC to stay get routed to destination within this VPC, other traffic going elsewhere we just get DROPPED!

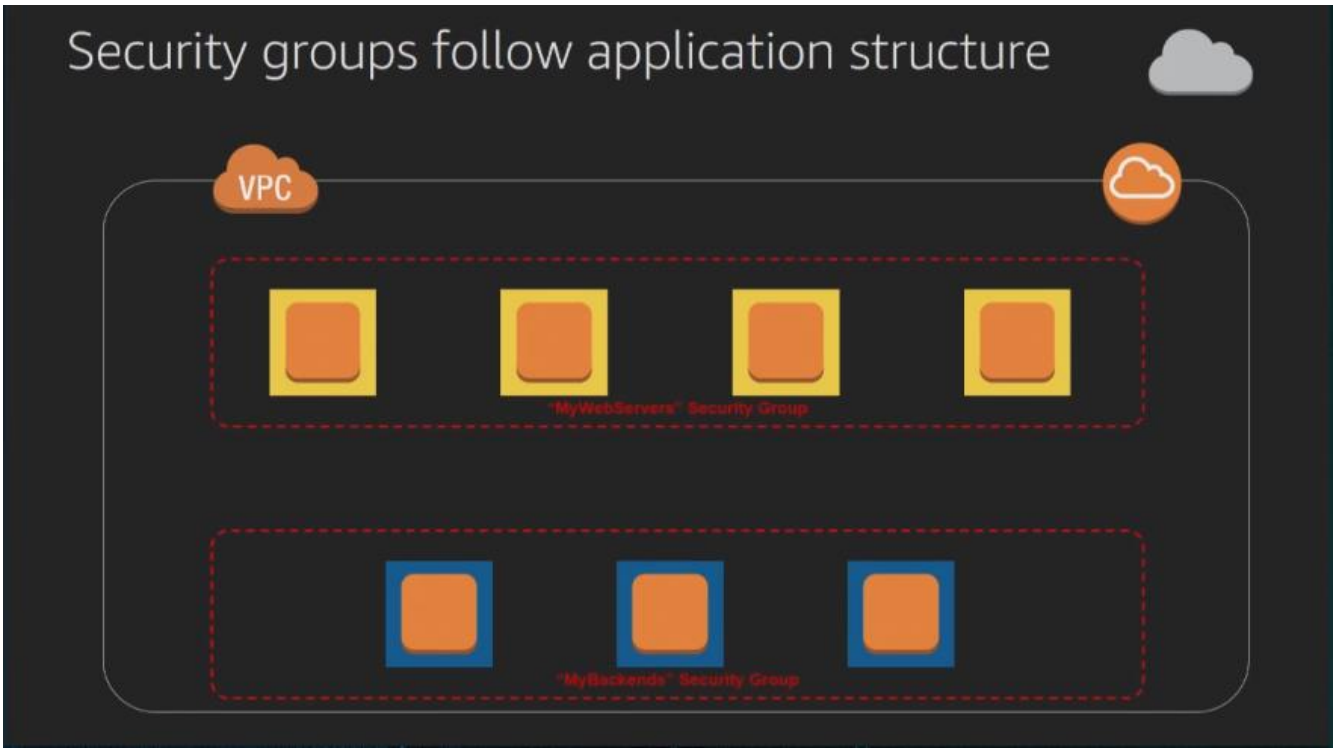


To send traffic to the internet you need to create an internet gateway IGW, and you attach the IGW to your VPC.

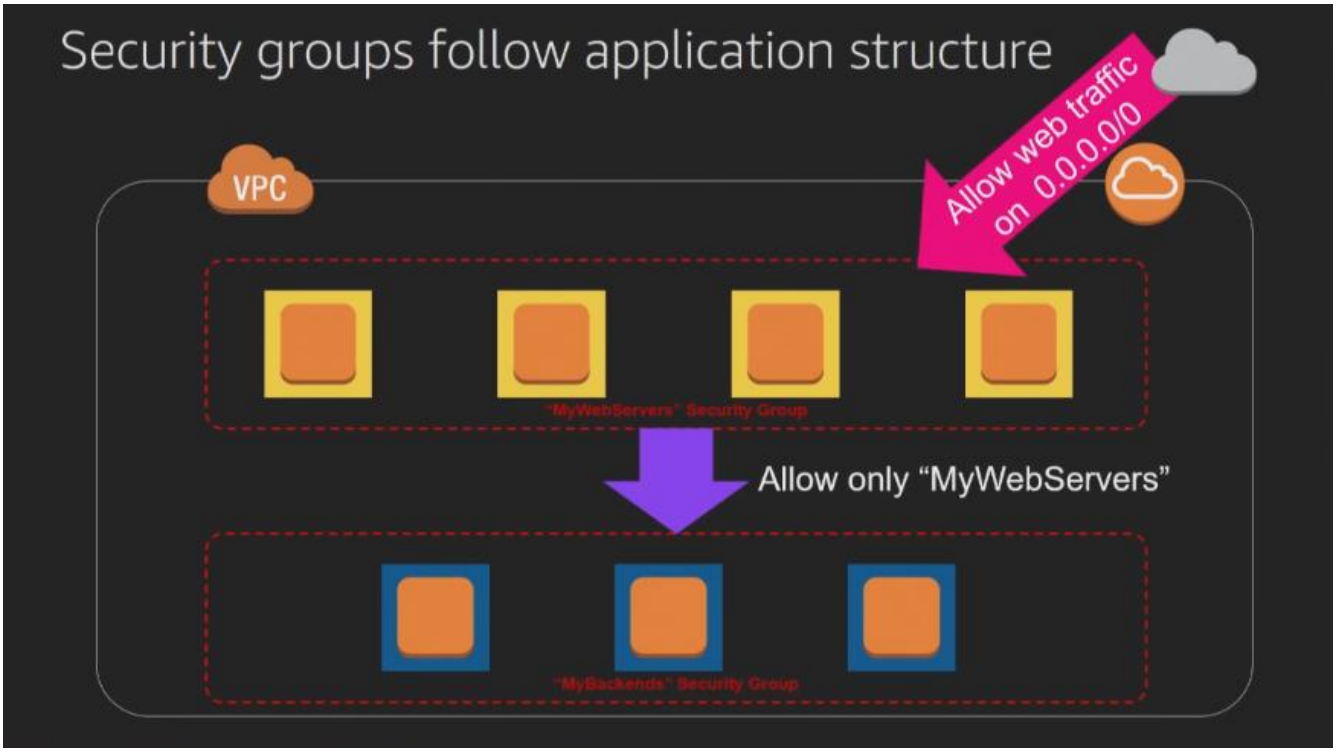


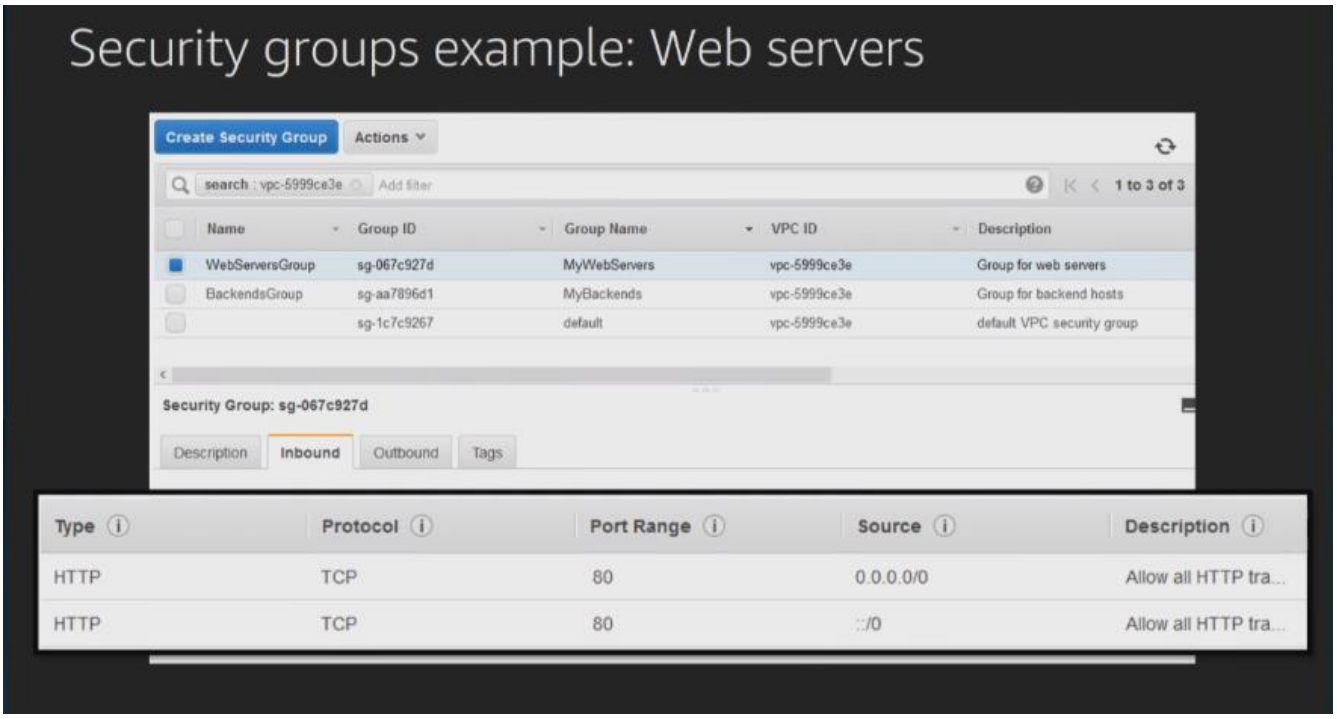
We add a new route/rule that says anything that matches ***0.0.0.0/0 (CIDR notation for 'match all traffic')*** should be sent to the IGW for the internet. The IGW is an abstraction backed by something HA.

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).

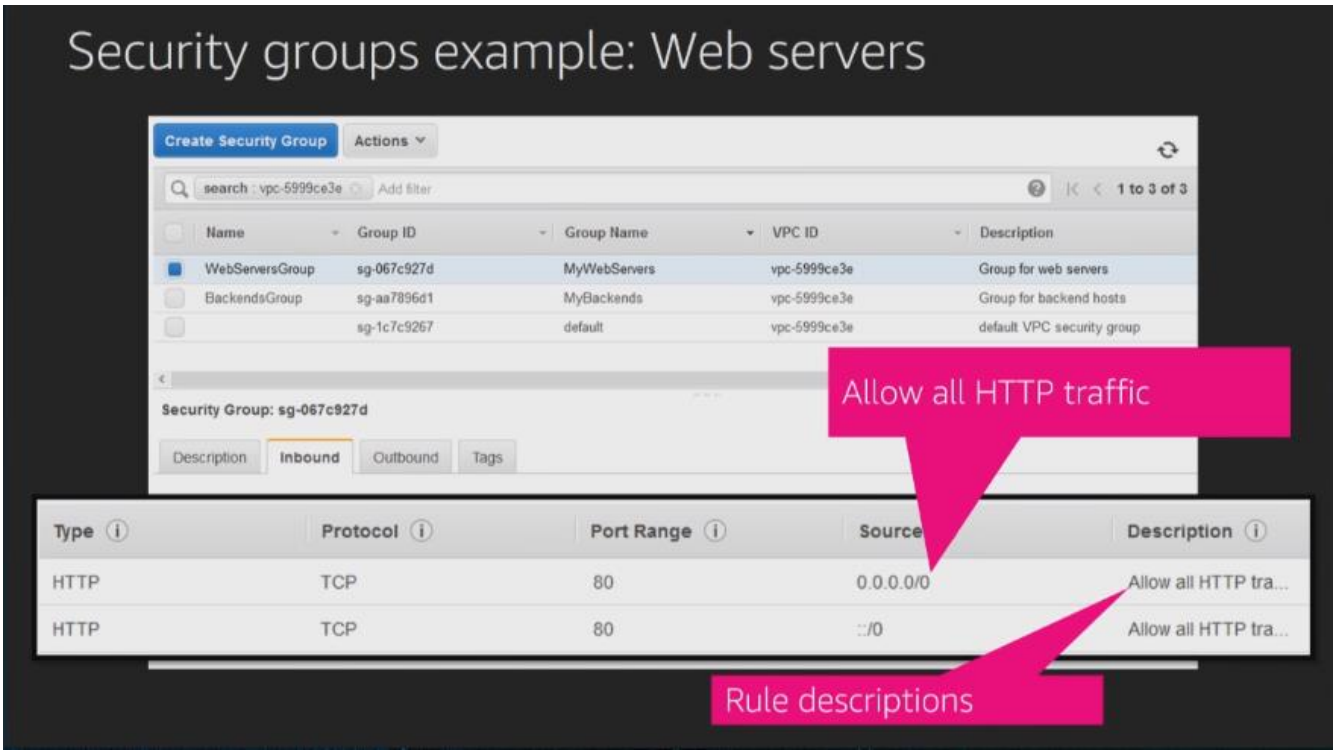


Assuming we have the yellow web services within our VPC that received requests from the internet, then they in turn make requests to the blue backend services for some data to fulfill those requests. They are in different security groups SGs with different rules applying to them as below

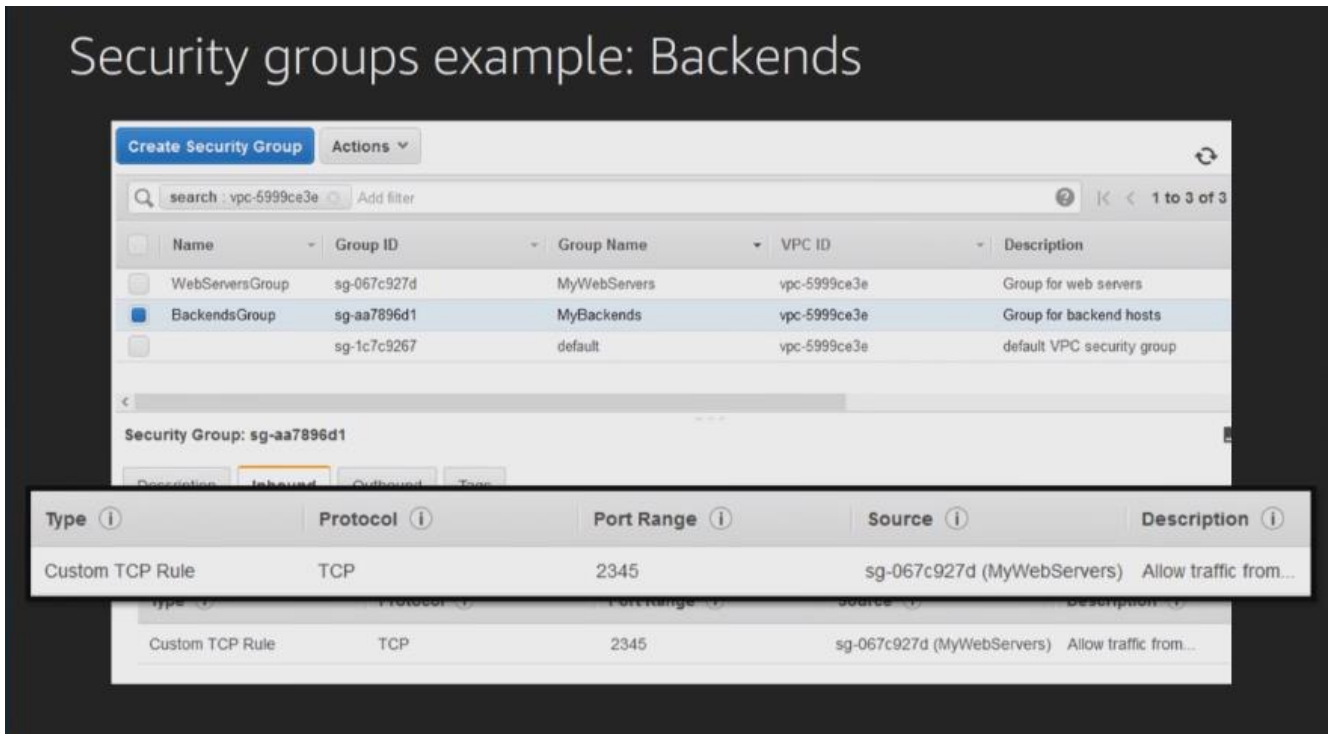




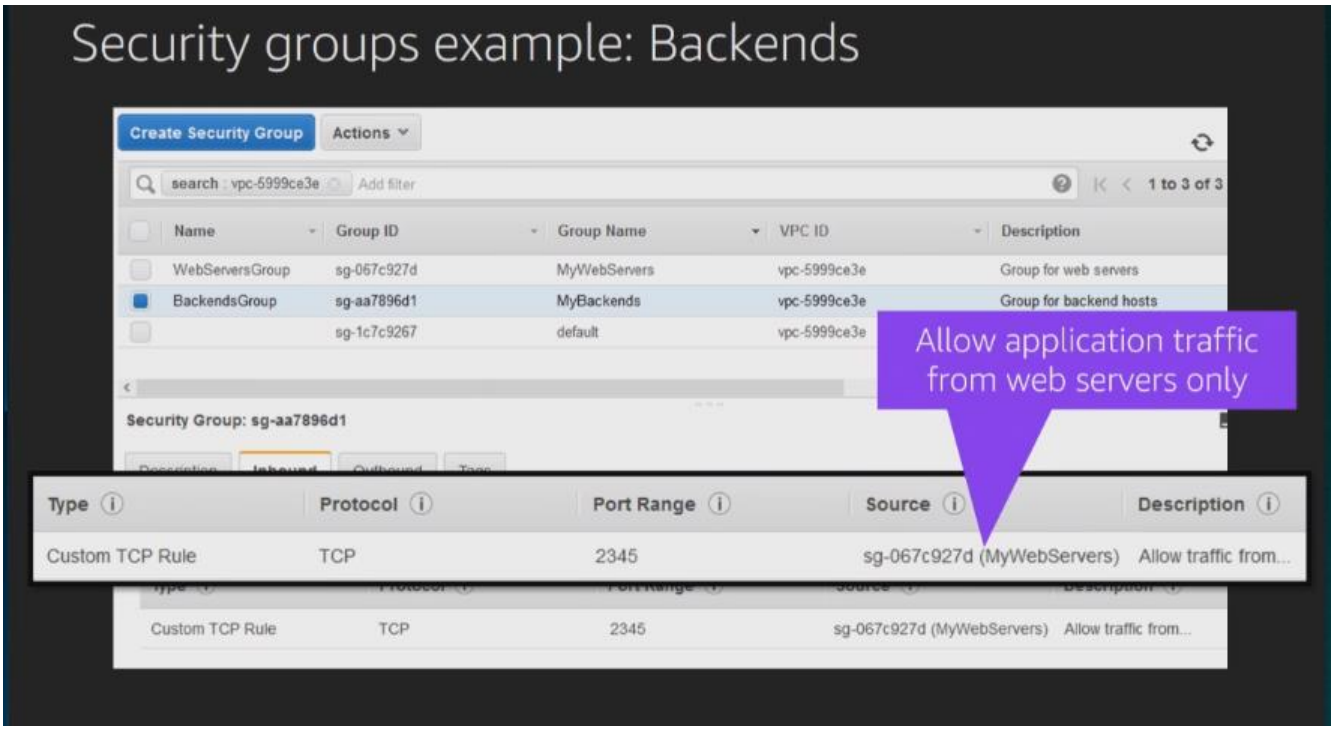
This is what it would look like in the EC2 console, we have created SGs to do the specific things we need and attached the instances to the relevant SGs



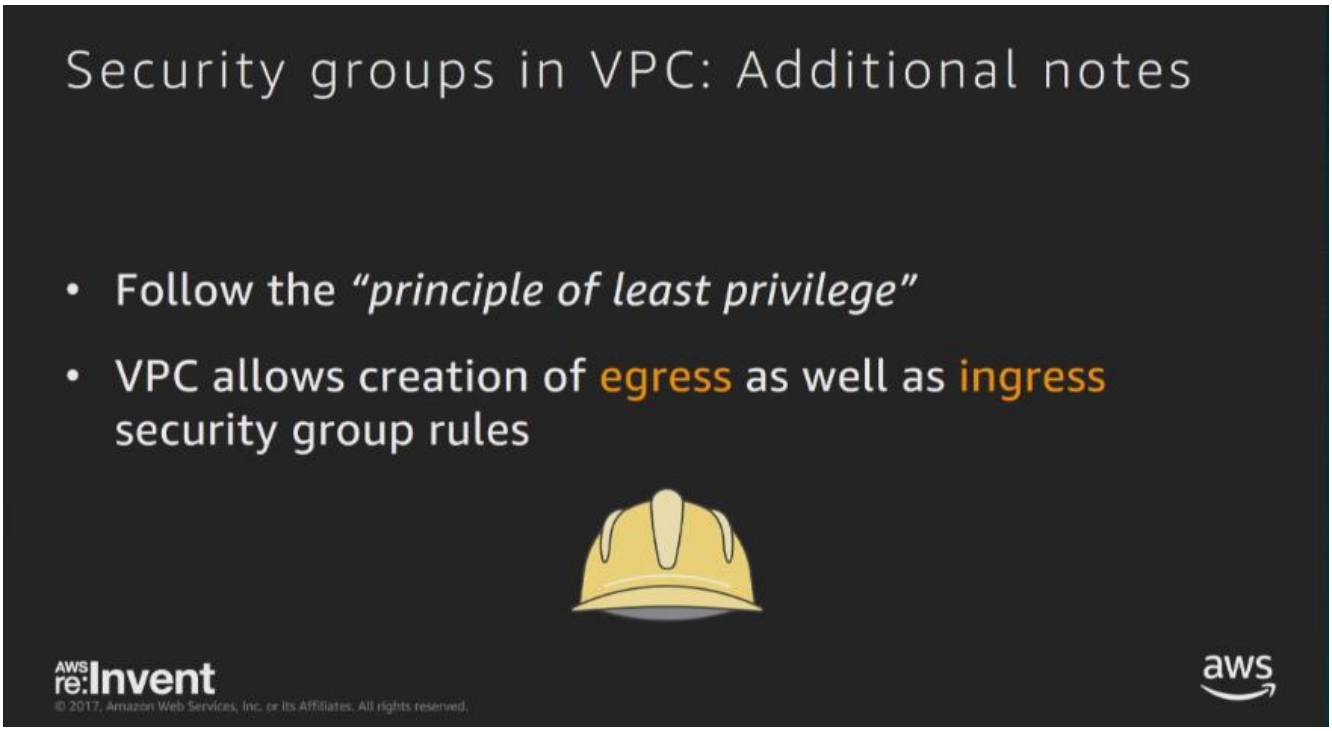
SGs allow you to specify the Type of traffic like HTTP, the Protocol like TCP, the Port like 80, the Source IPs allowed like 0.0.0.0/0 and a description for each rule.



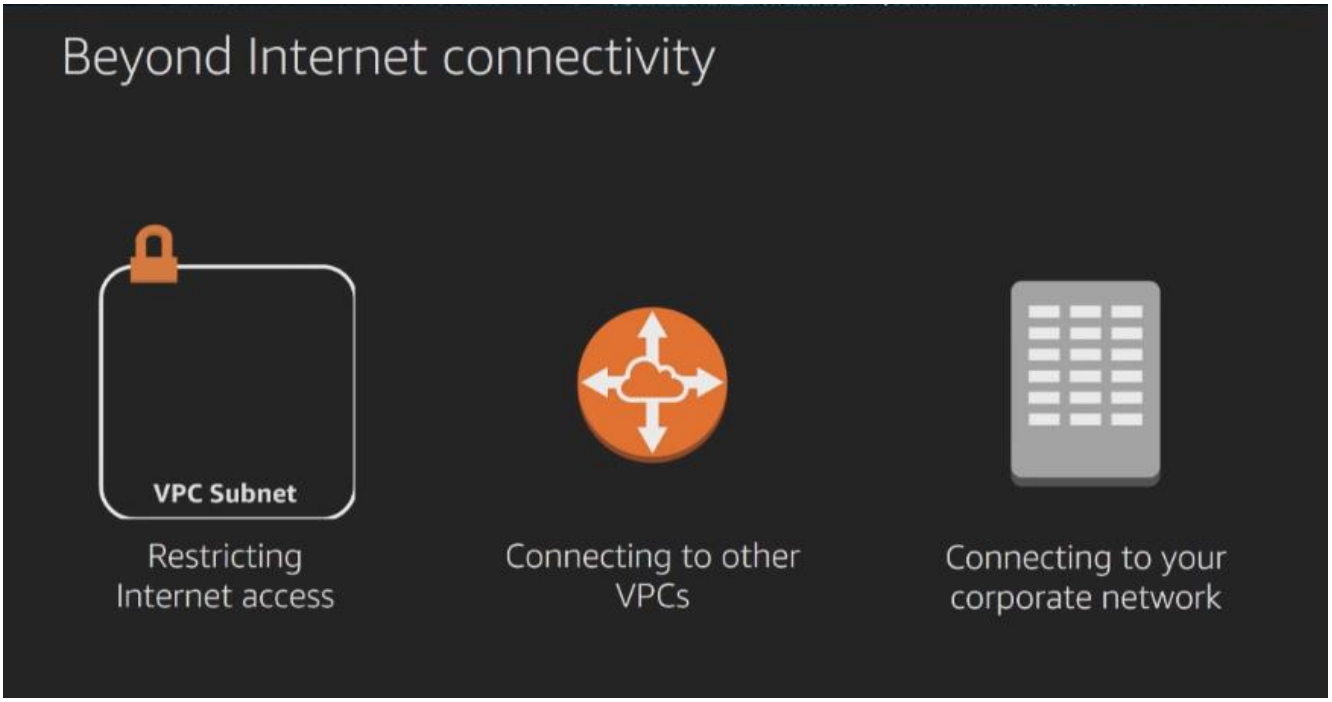
For the backends SG that are not allowing all traffic



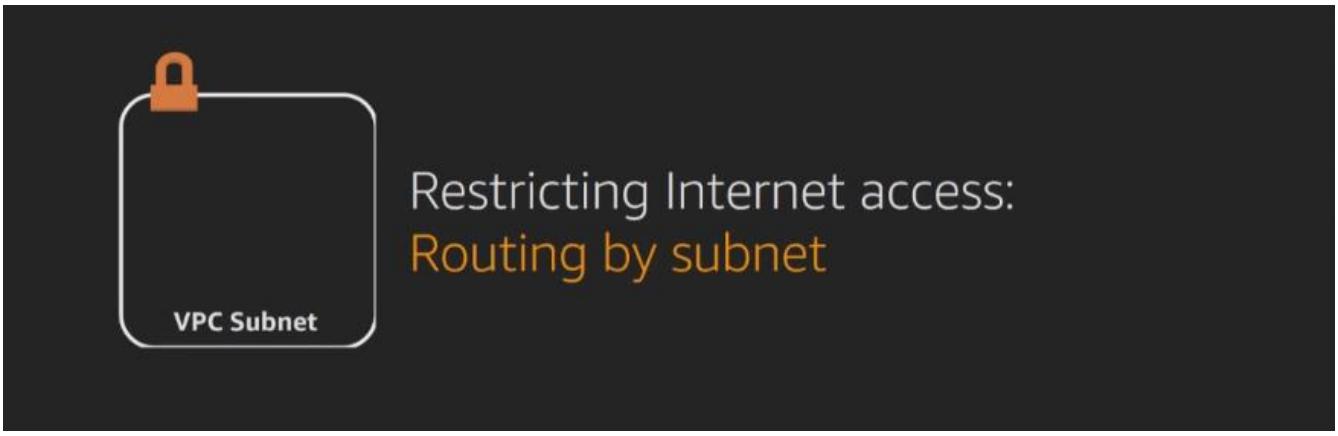
The Source is not a range of IPs but another SG, they will only allow traffic coming from any EC2 instances belonging to the MyWebServers security group.

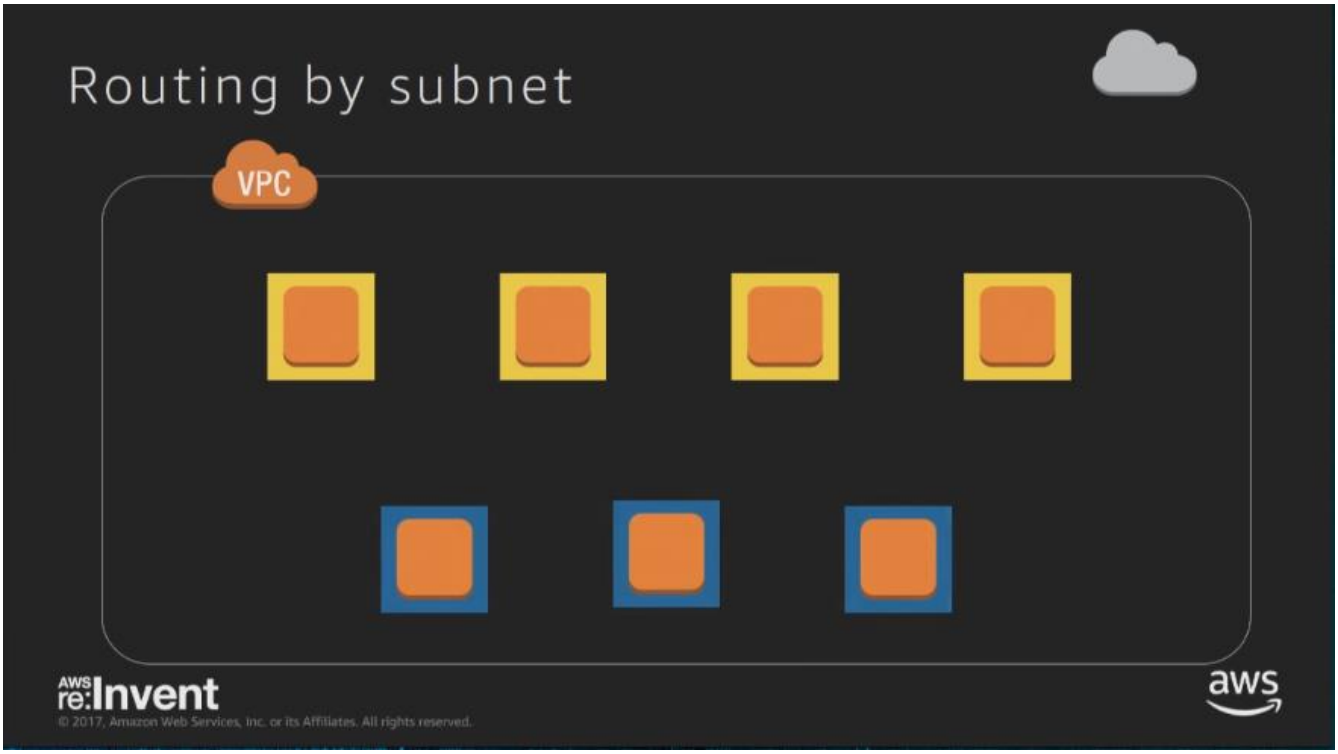


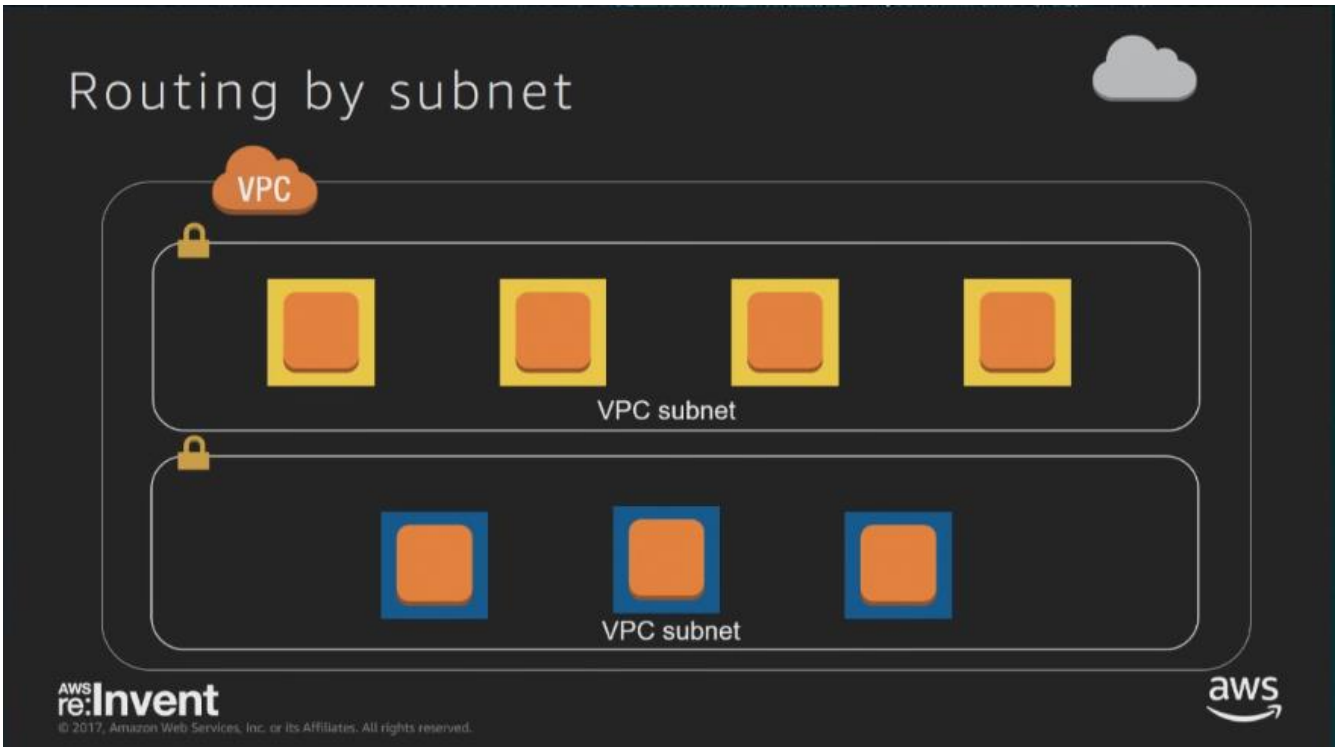
Ingress is incoming traffic, Egress is for outgoing traffic. We can create rules for outgoing traffic also even though the default is to allow all outgoing traffic.



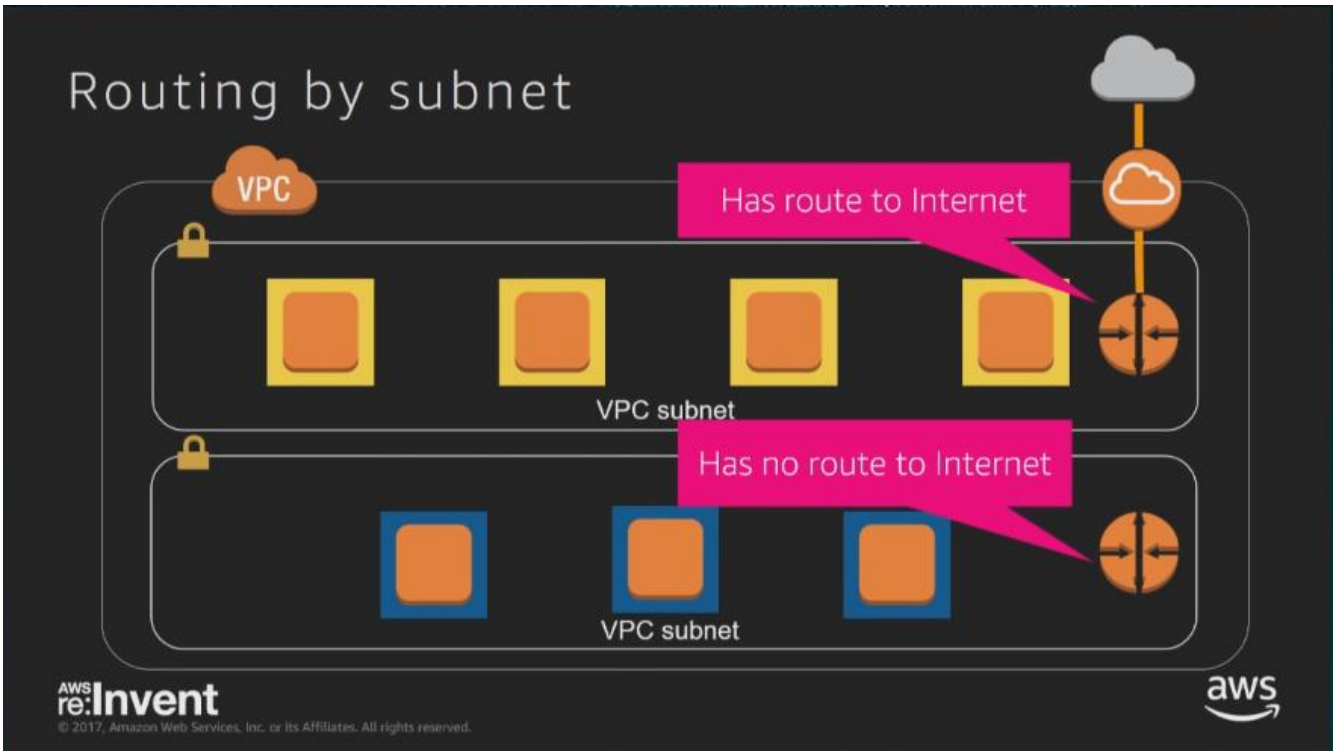
You can restrict access to your VPC, connect your VPCs together using VPC peering, even connect your corporate data center network to your VPC like during migration to the cloud or running a hybrid infrastructure.



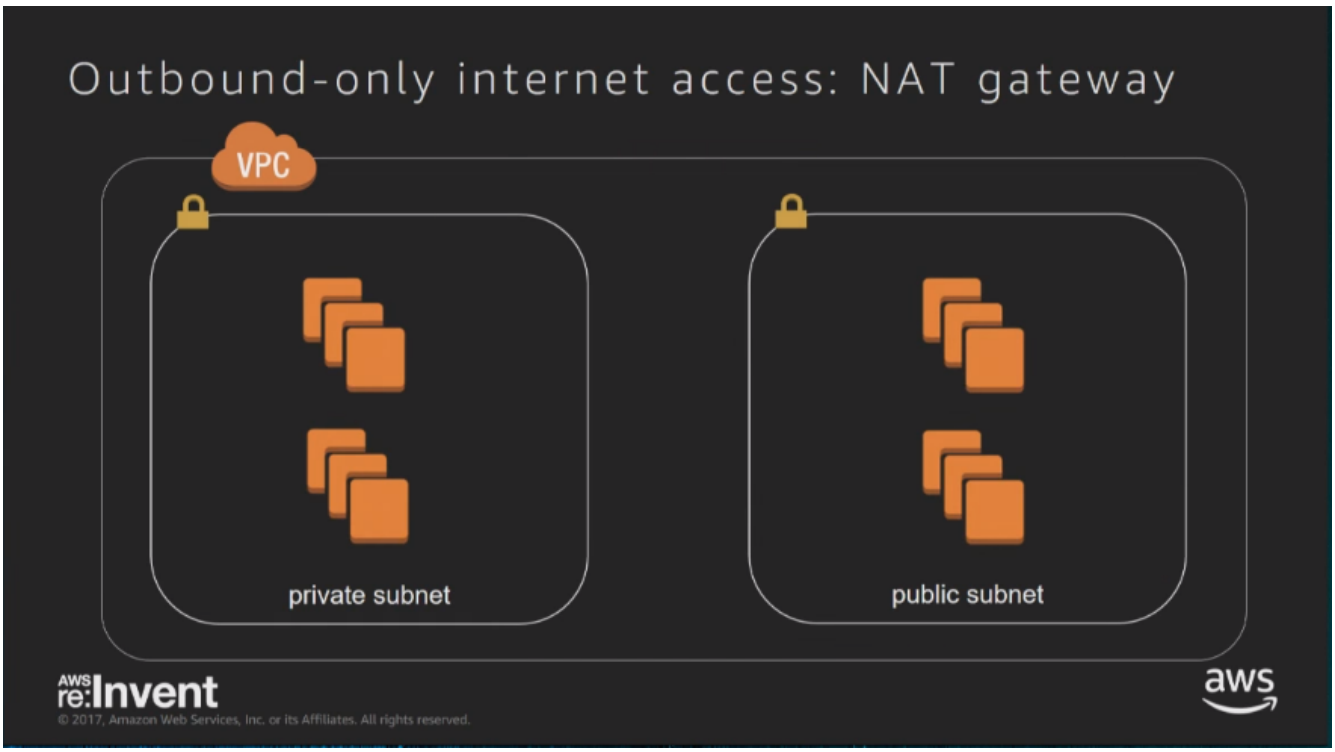




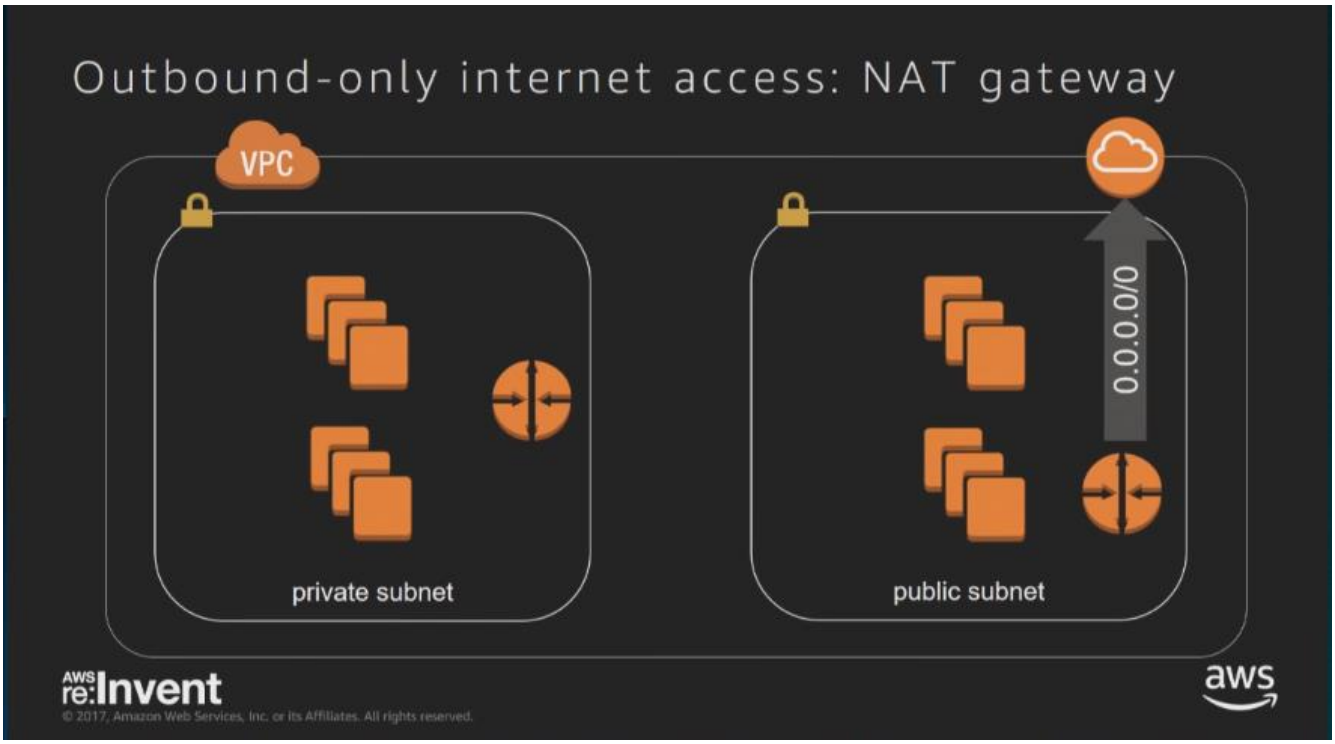
You can put each group of instances into their own subnet as above, because ***the subnet is the unit that we can do routing on***.



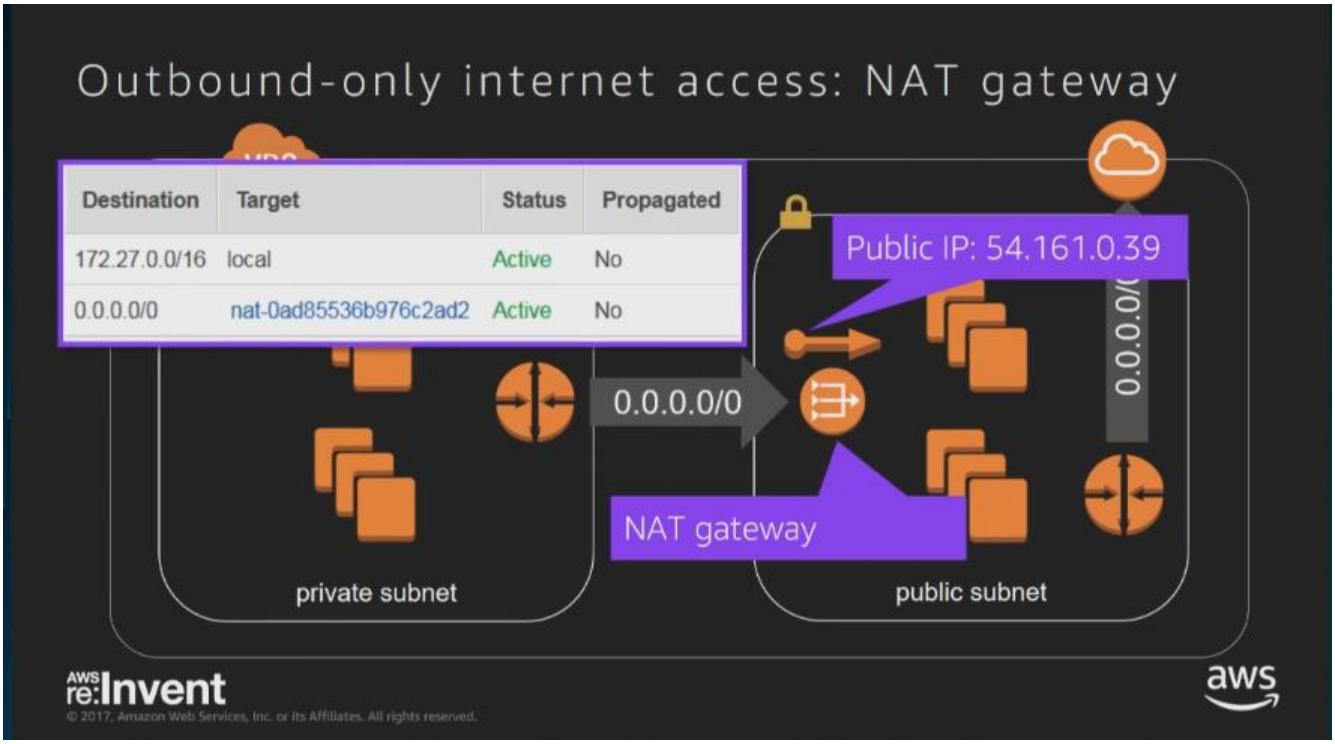
We can then say that the web servers have a route table that has a route to the internet through an IGW, but the backend servers don't have an IGW and cannot reach the internet. This is useful for compliance and audit requirements to show that some servers are not reachable by the internet. ***A subnet 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***.



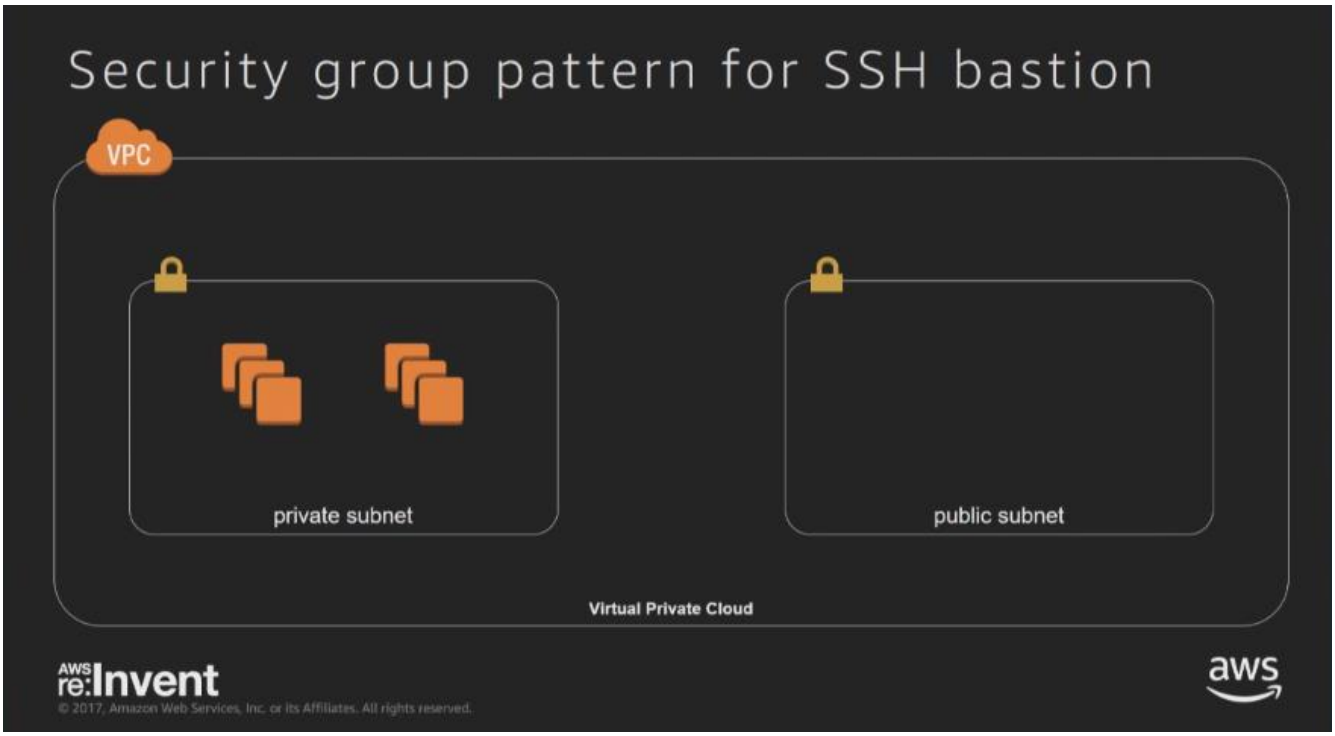
An instance in a private subnet cannot get yum repo updates from the internet because it has no route to the internet. You can use ***Network Address Translation*** NAT instance in this case to run a NAT instance in the public subnet to proxy traffic going out to the internet



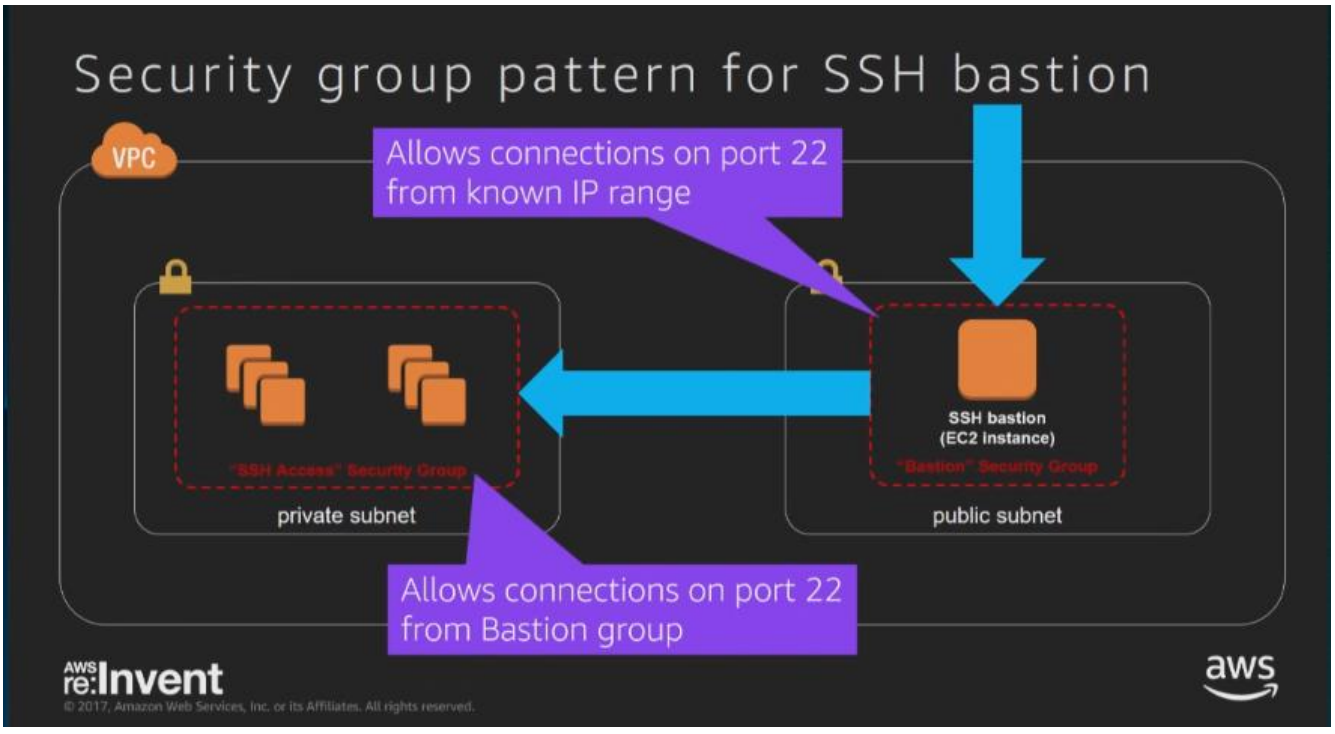
A NAT helps translate IPs on packets out to the internet and bac again to the original calling instance in the private subnet.



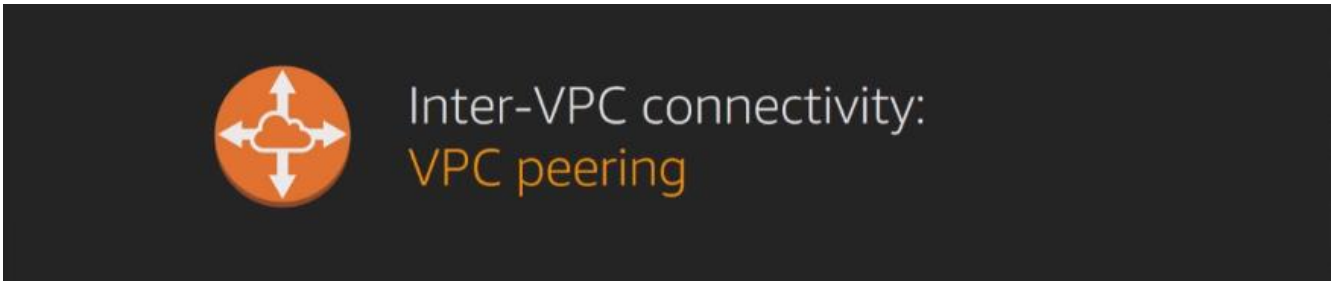
A NAT gateway is a gateway that you send traffic to when you want that traffic to be NATed and have NAT. you create this in the EC2 console by specifying an Elastic IP address that you control. Then all traffic that you send to that NAT gateway for the internet is going to appear on the internet as if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



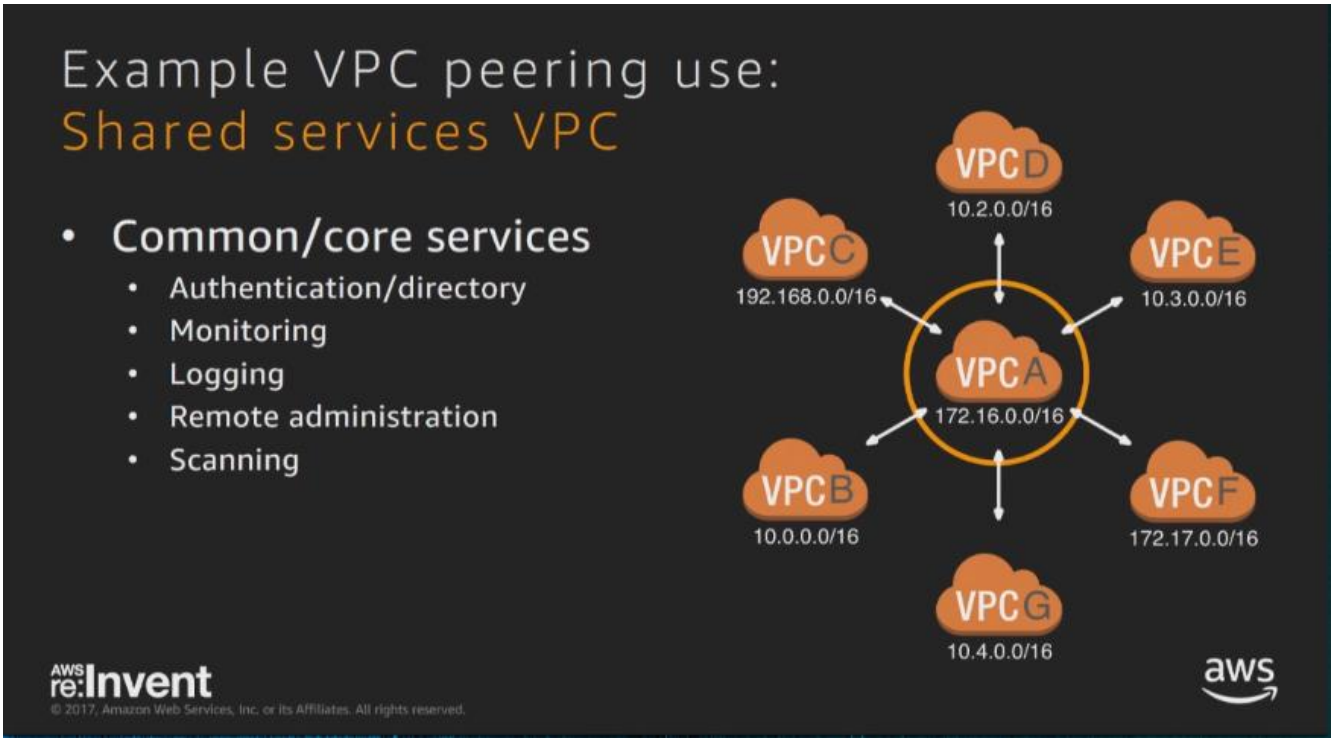
We want to be able to SSH into the private subnet instances but we can't get to them since we have no route to the internet.



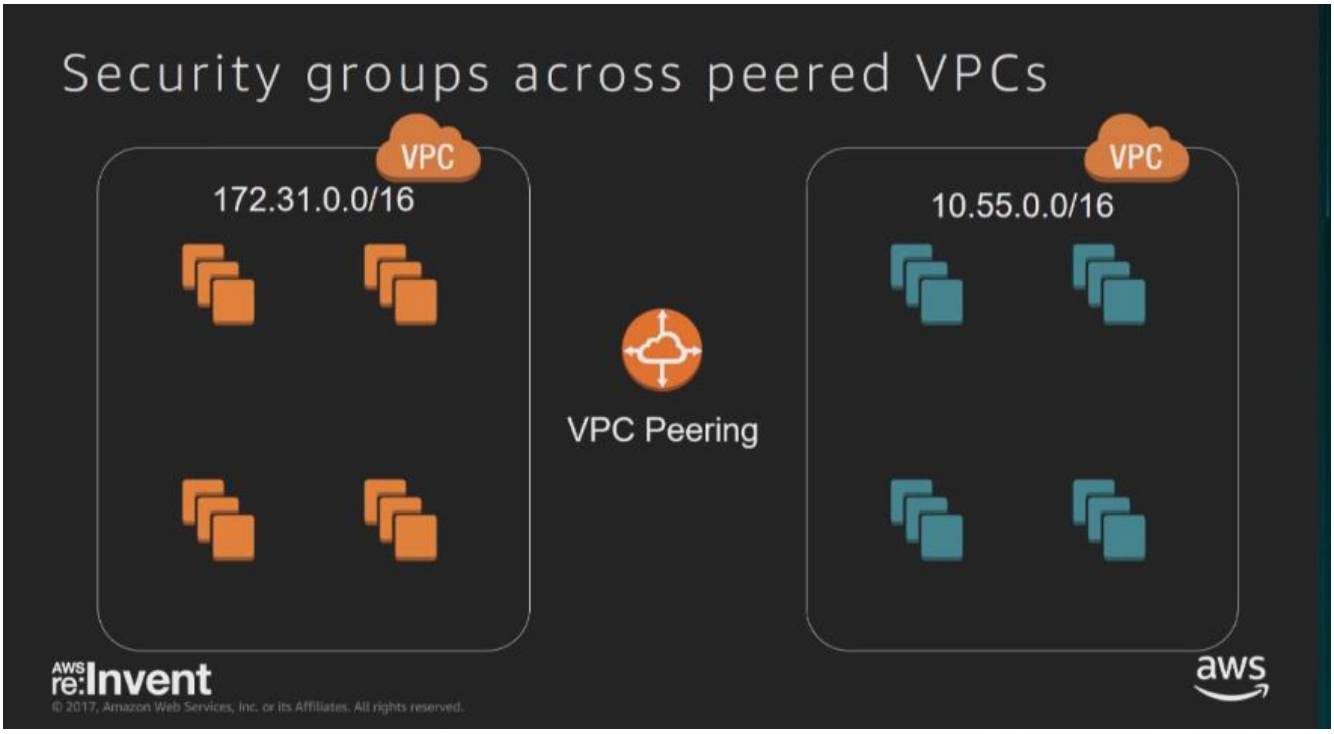
We can create an EC2 instance that is an SSH bastion in the public subnet, this will act like a proxy for our SSH connections. The SSH bastion instance is put in a SG that has only its SSH port 22 opened and only allows incoming traffic from IPs in a known IP address range like IP addresses used within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

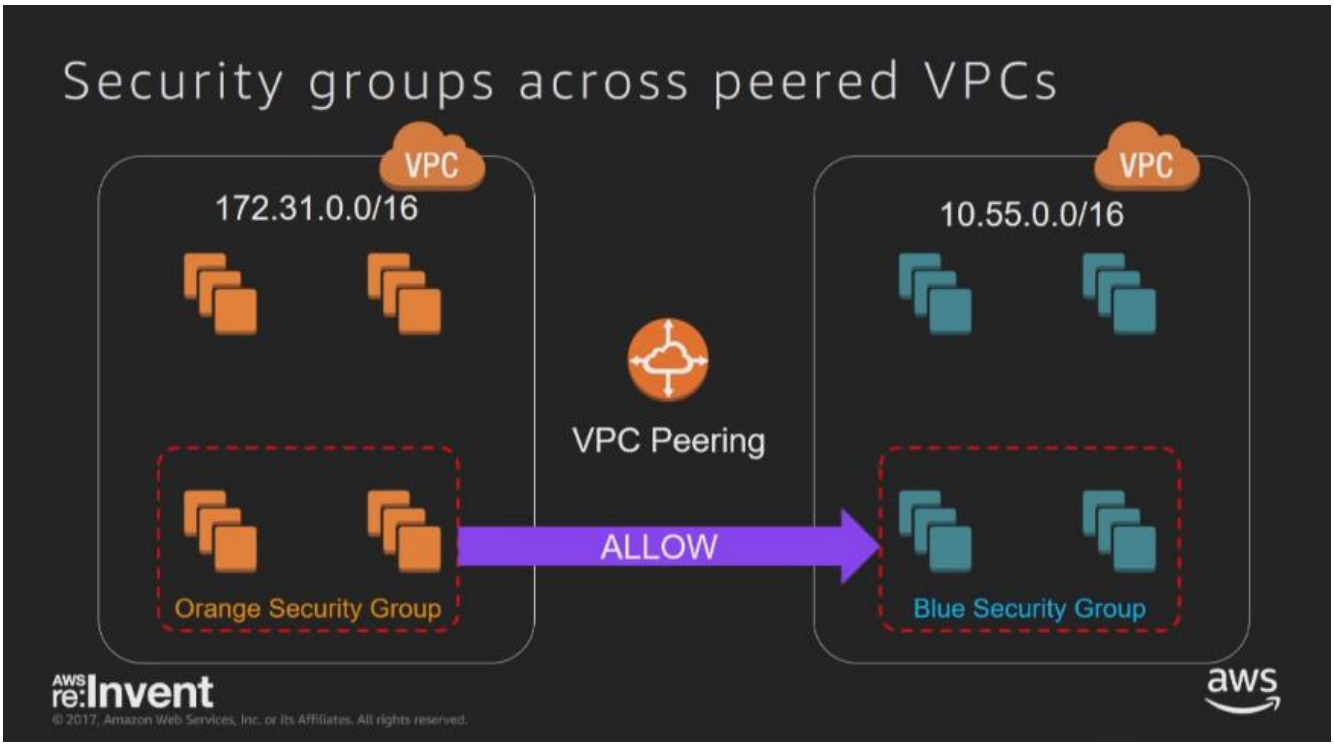


For architectures having multiple VPCs or multiple accounts, we can use VPC peering to share resources or services between instances in different VPCs instead of using traffic over the internet.

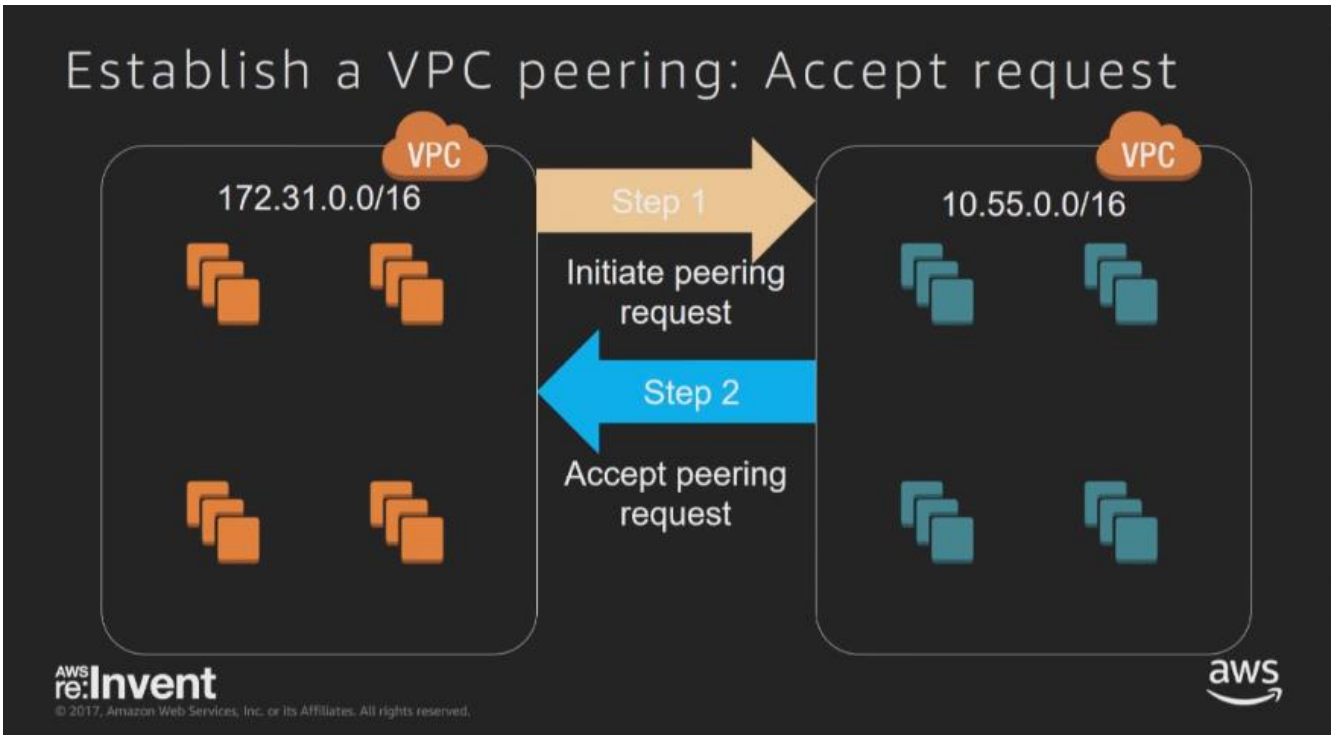


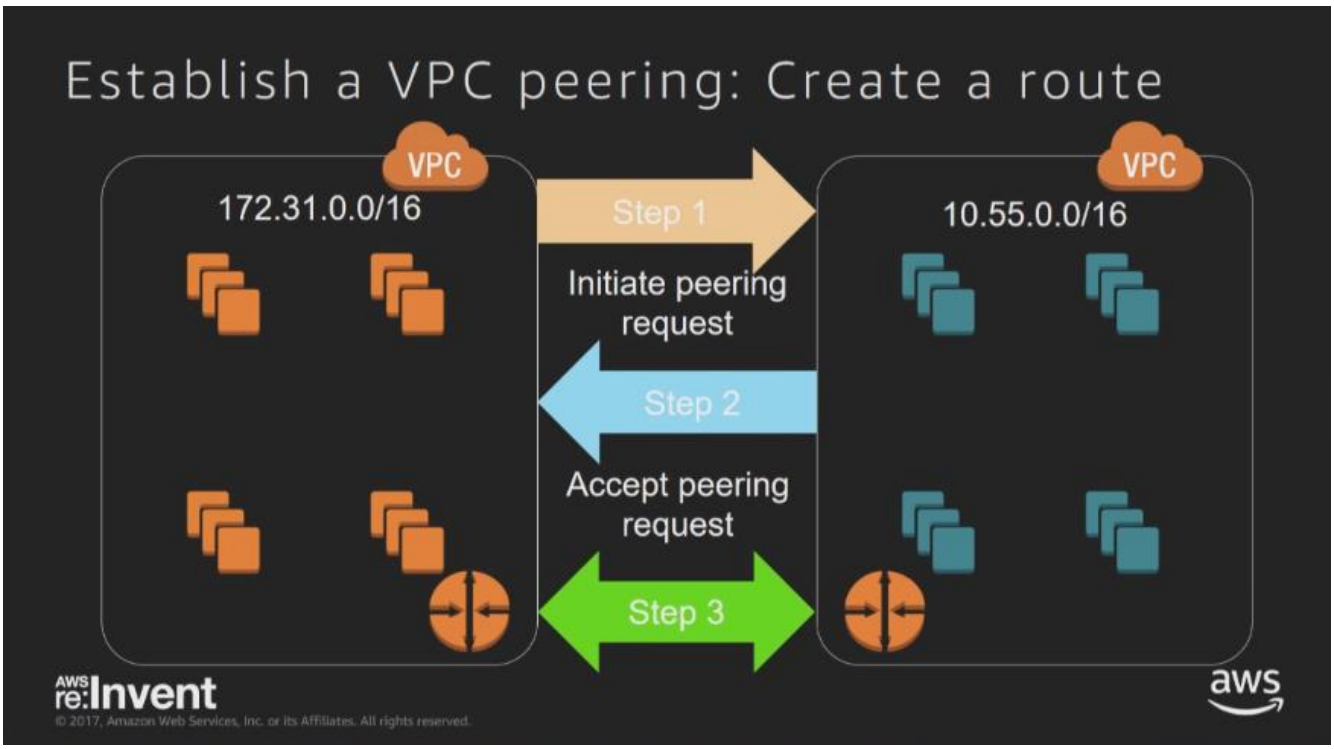
VPC Peering gives you full private non-IP connectivity between 2 non-overlapping VPCs. ***This allows you to build a spoke-and-wheel architecture*** like above.



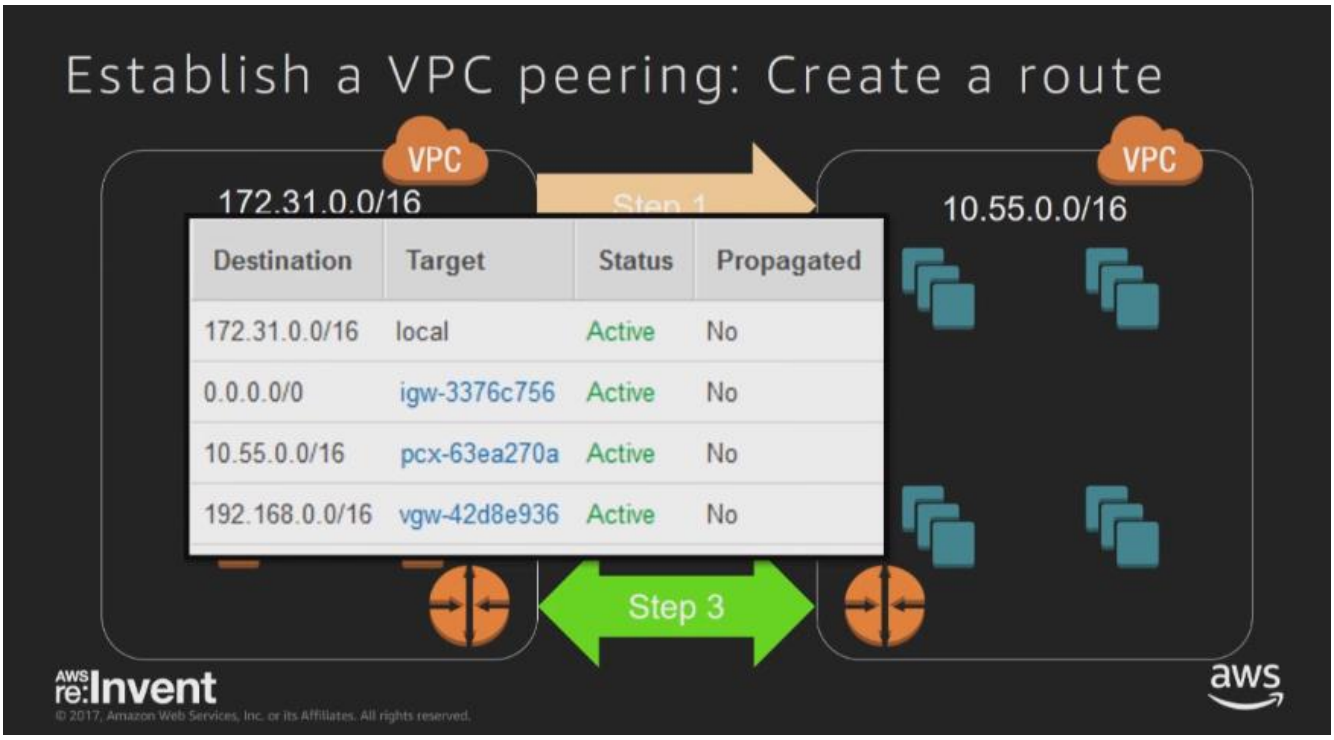


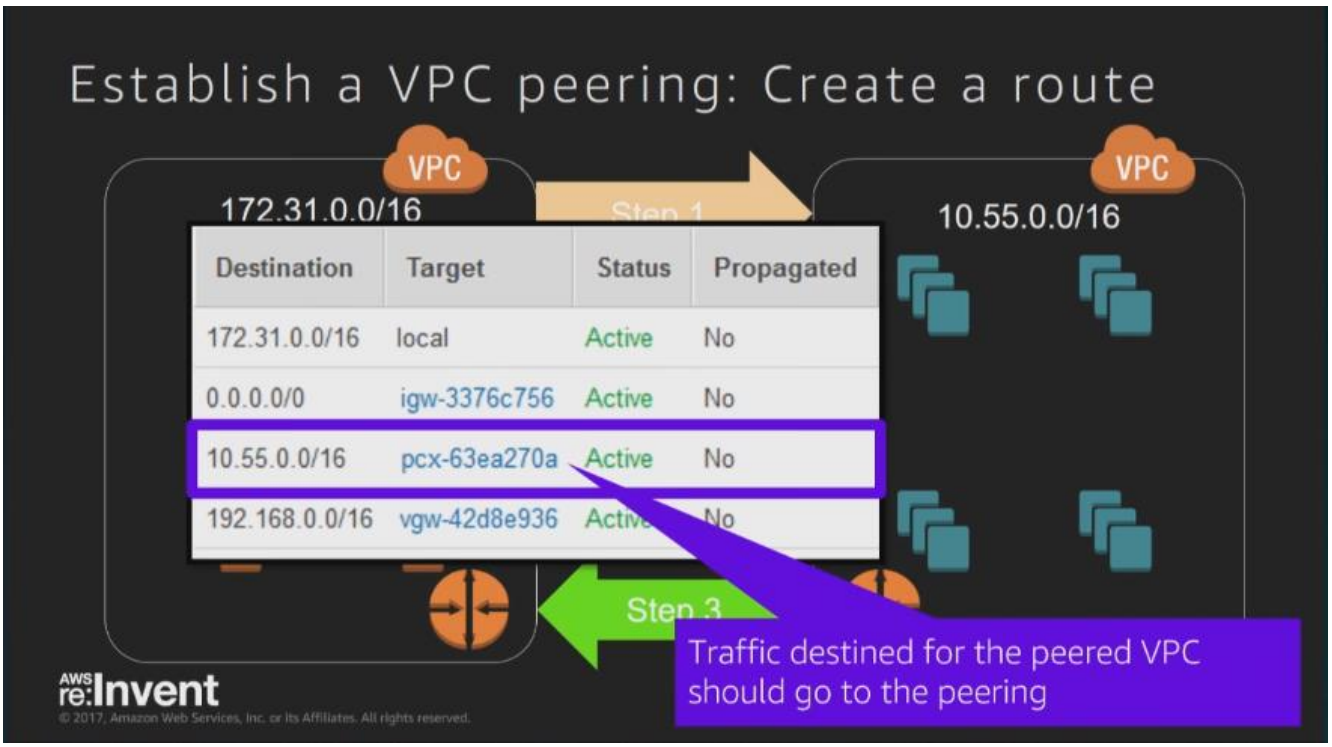
Your SGs still work exactly the same way





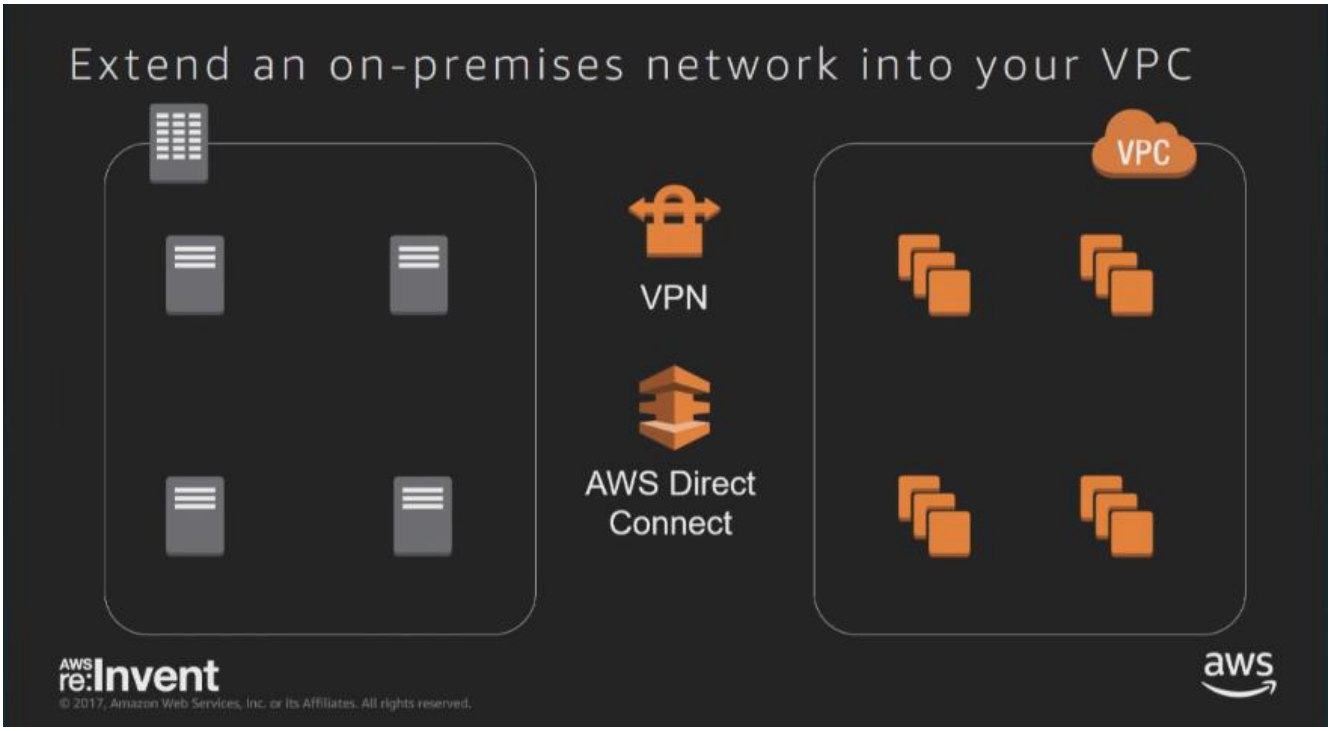
Then you have a peering connection but no traffic is going to be sent yet until you add route rules as below



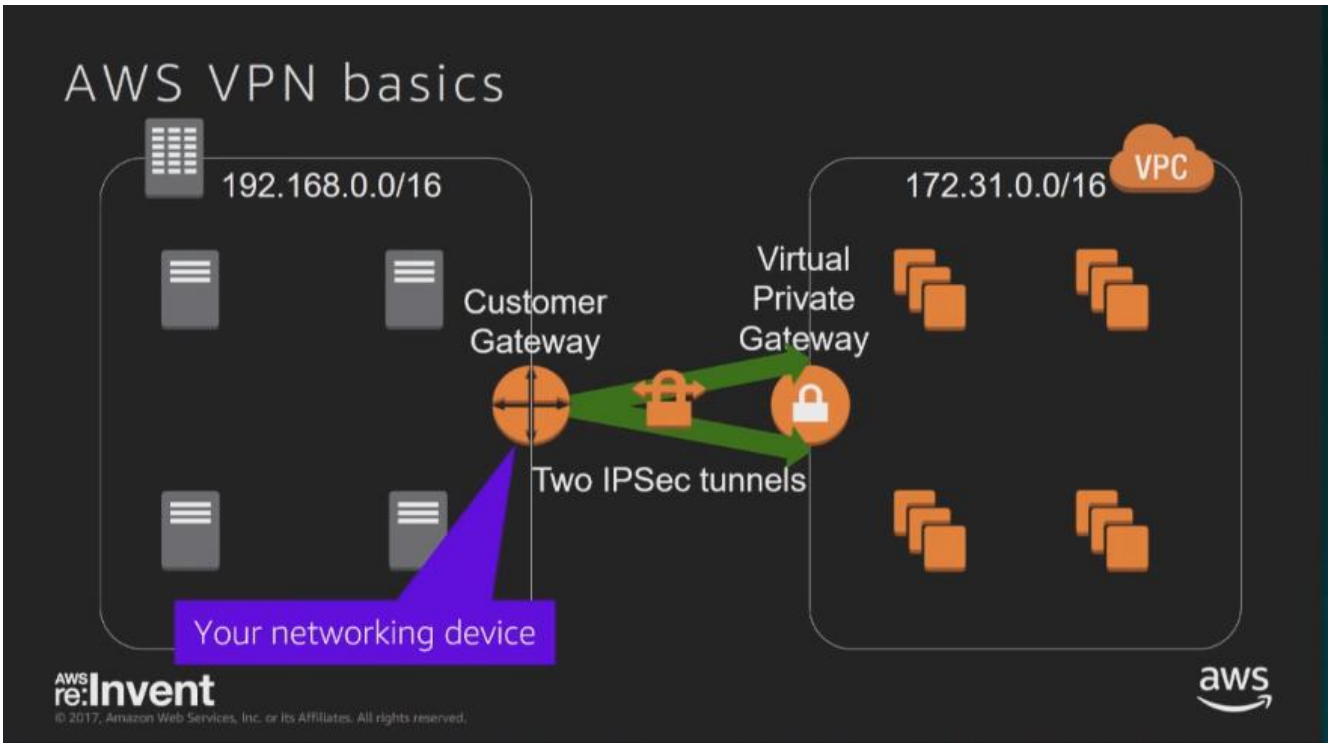


From one of the VPCs, you send traffic for the peering VPC over to the peering connection. The ***VGW*** is a ***Virtual Private Gateway*** discussed next.

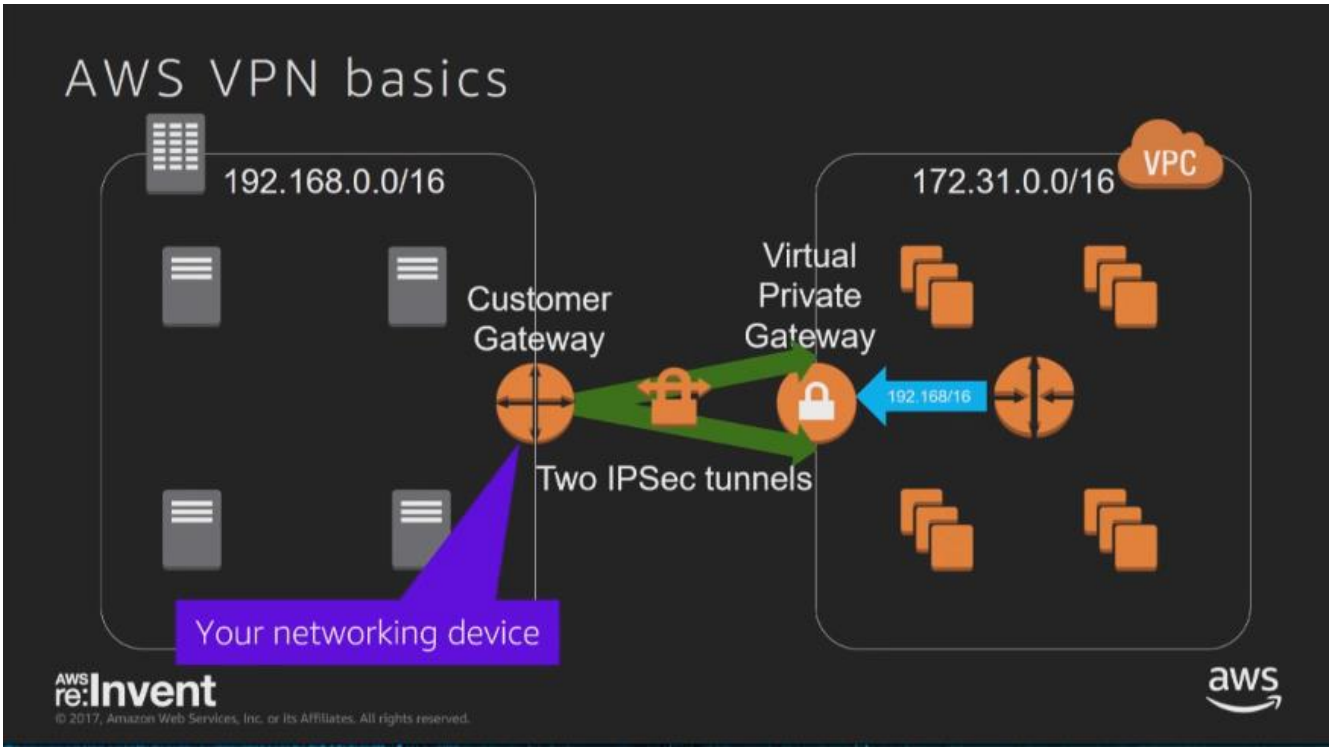
This is good for hybrid networks.



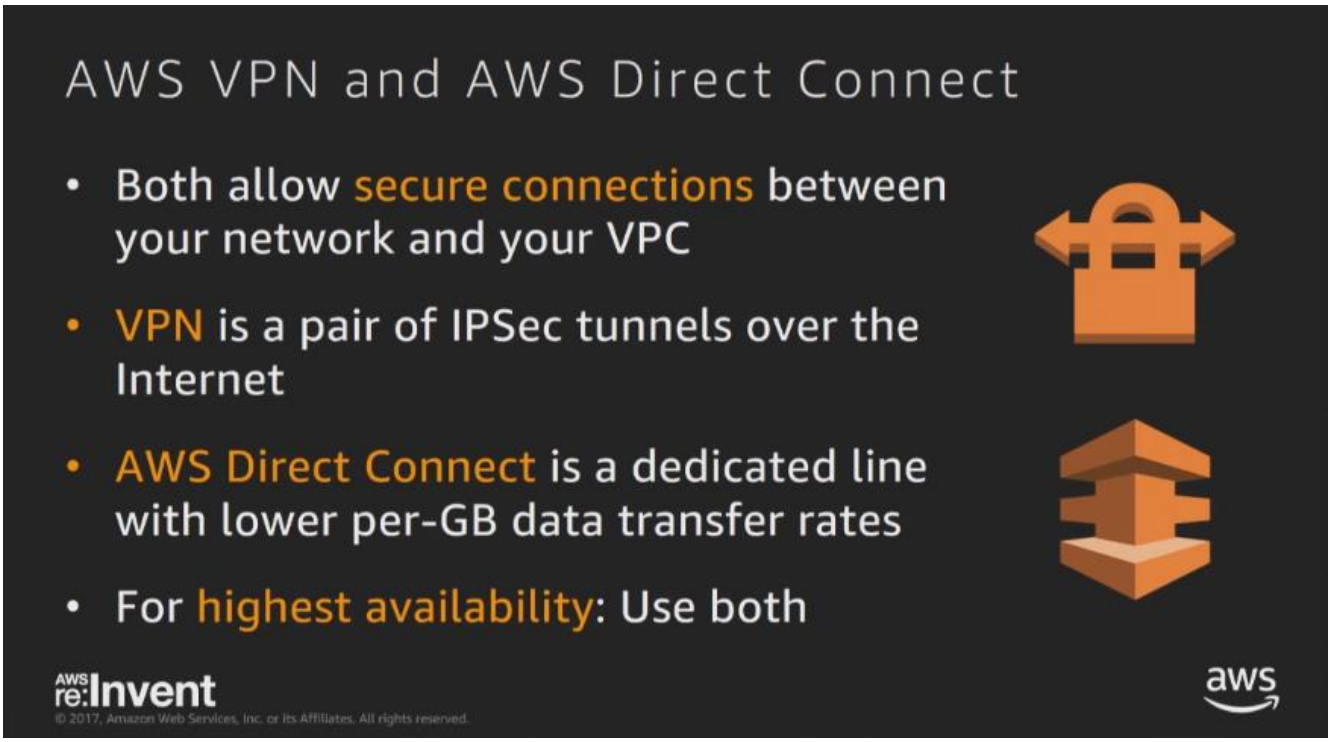
There are 2 technologies that we can use to connect your EC2 resources to other resources running in your own data center DC or corporate networks, ***VPC*** and ***AWS DirectConnect***.



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.

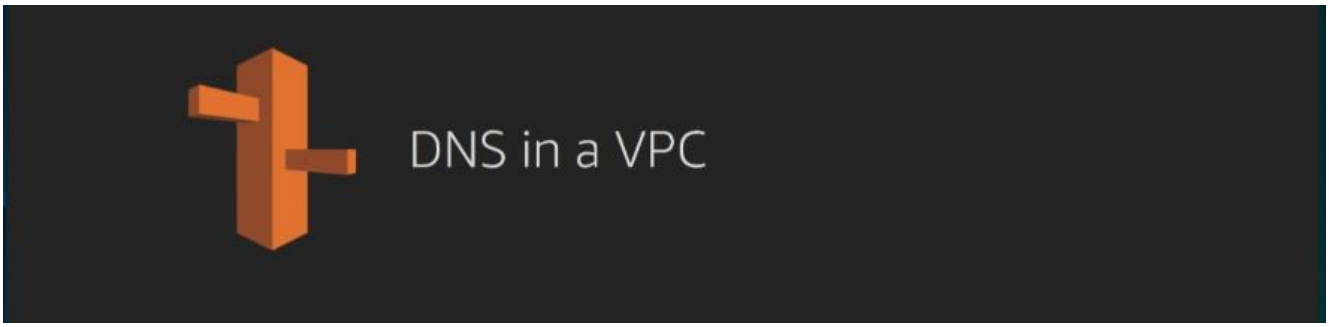


You need to configure the IPSec tunnels further because they terminate in 2 separate AZs that allow you to take advantage of the AWS global infrastructure. The last thing to do is to add a route to your route table to route traffic that looks destined for your on-premises network to your VGW to forward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

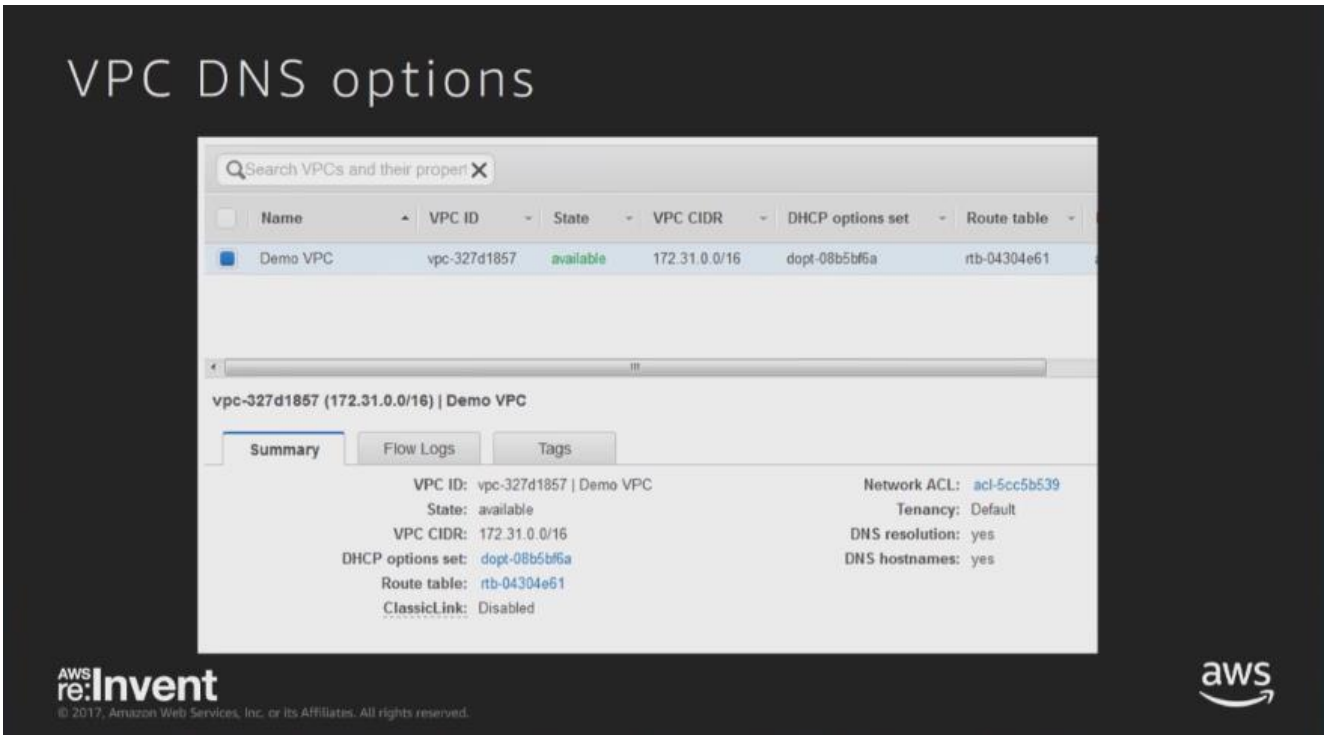


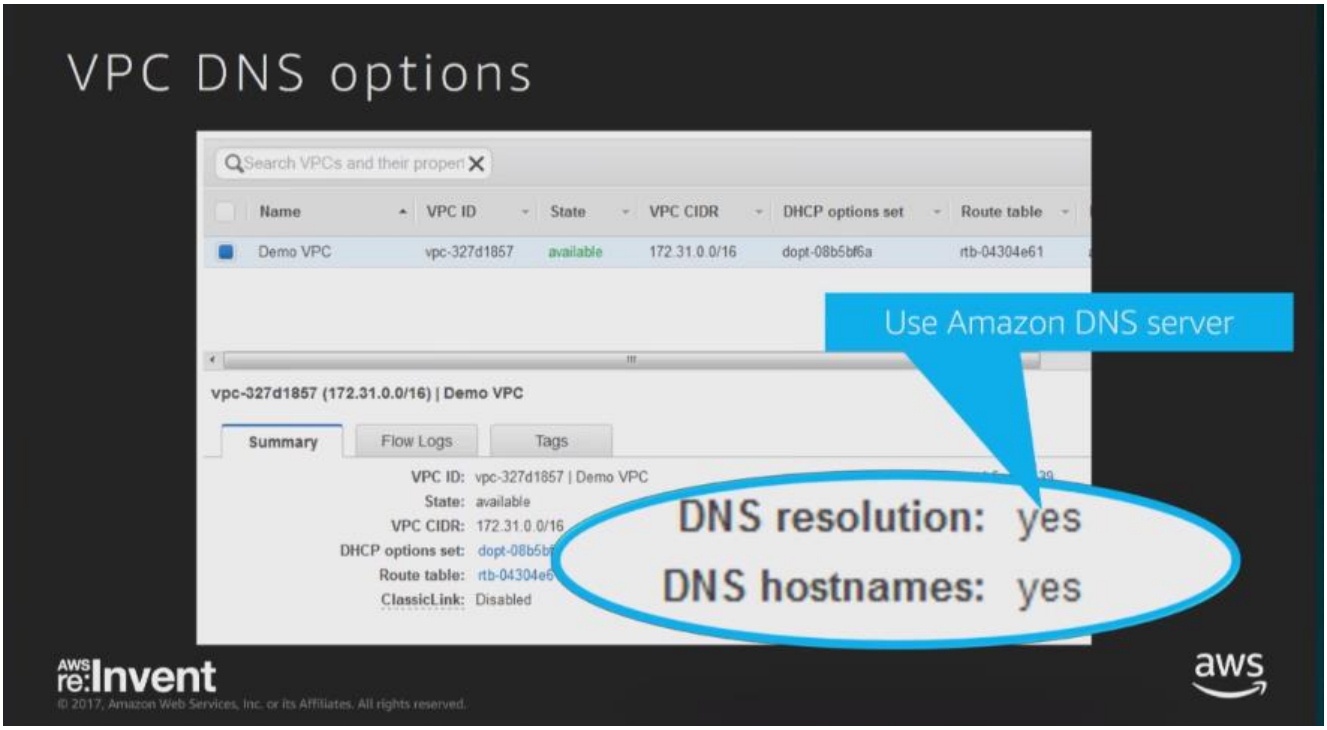
AWS DirectConnect is literally plugging a cable from your equipment into AWS equipment at one of the available collocation centers around the world for very high data transfer needs.

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

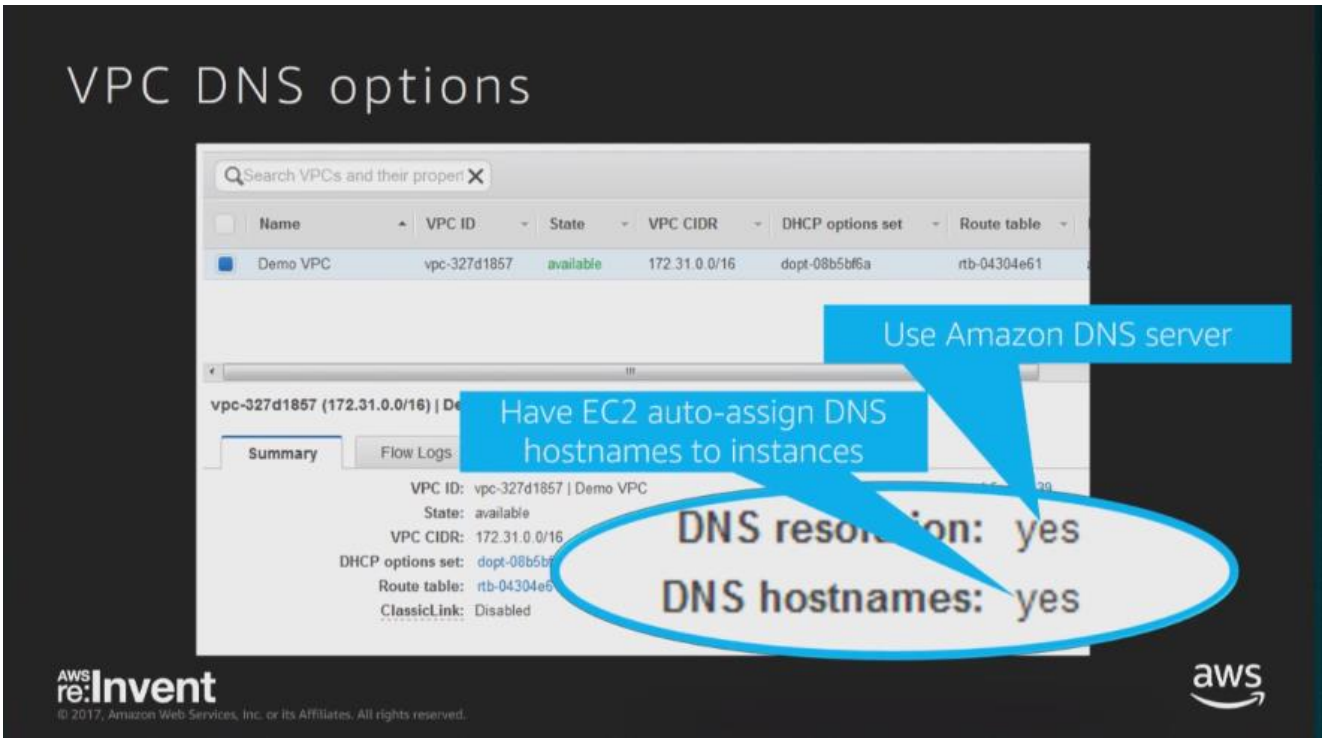


DNS is a very basic service of a network, DNS allows you to do domain name resolution. In VPC, you can do splitterizing DNS





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.



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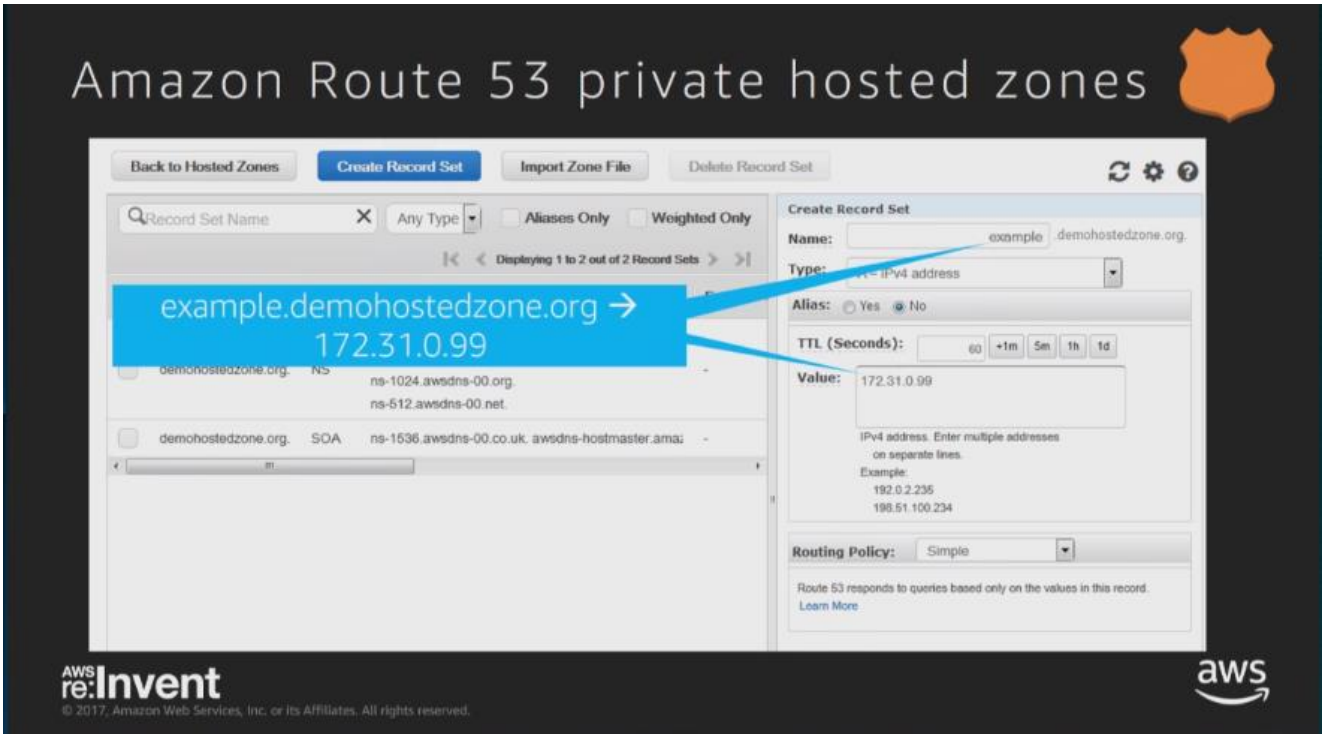
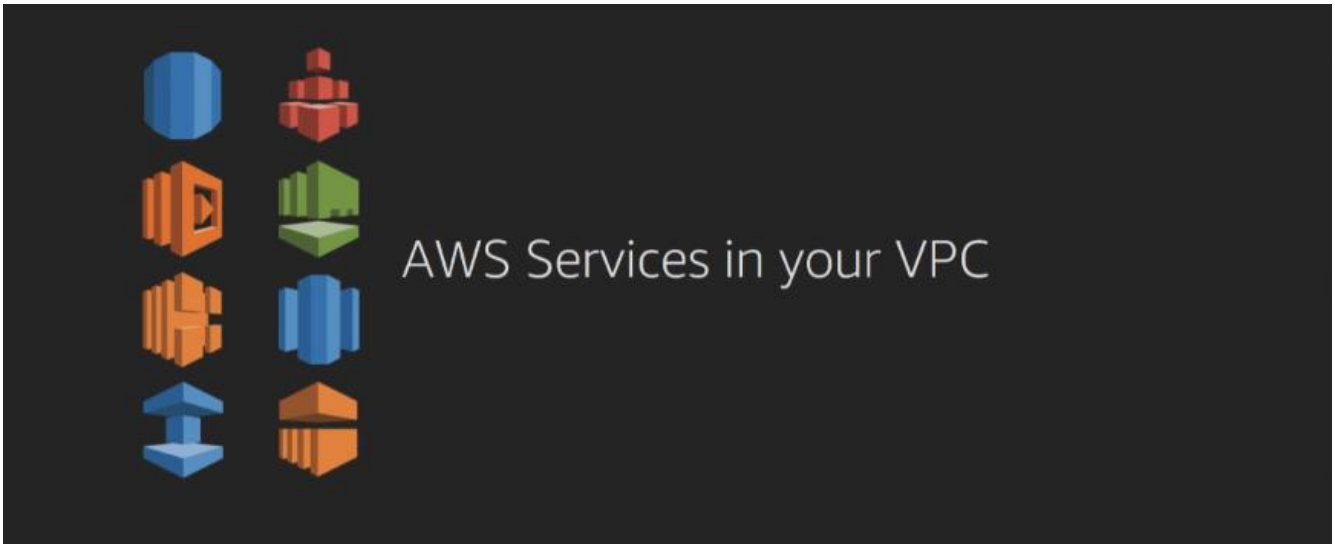
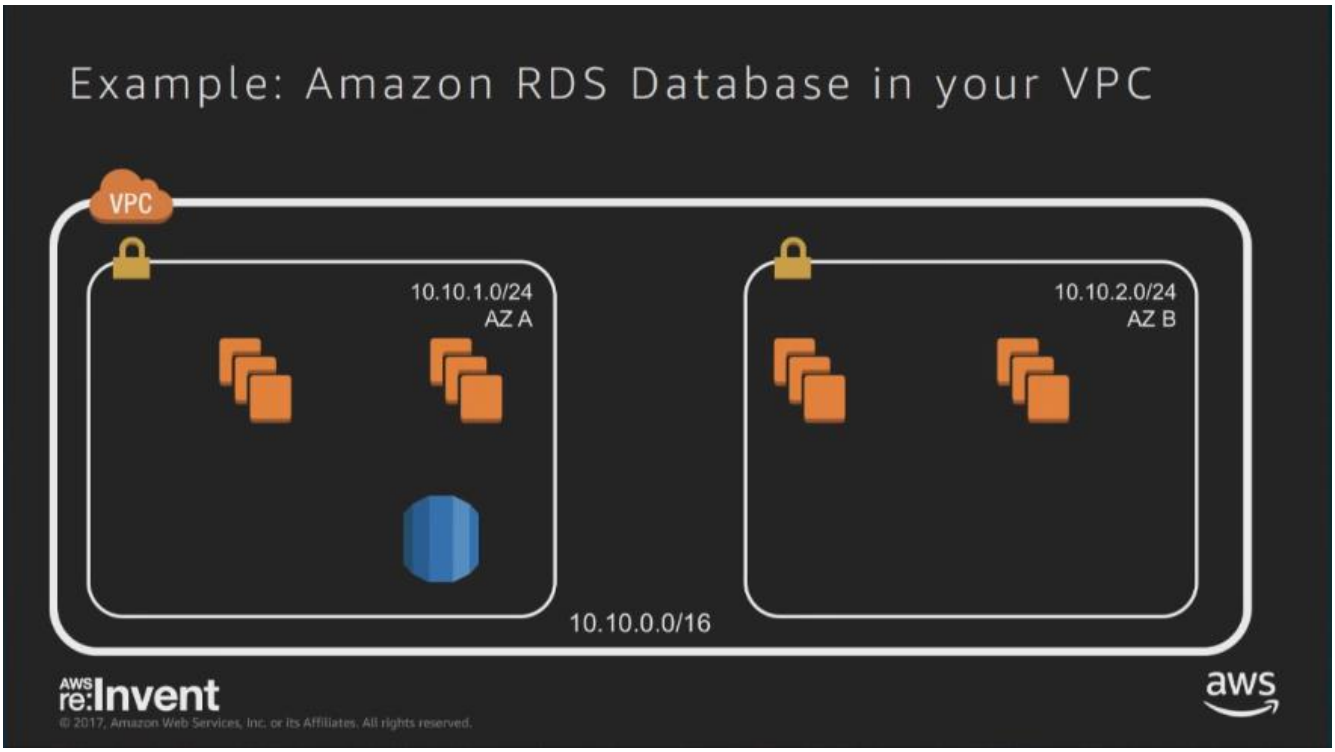


This is a look at Amazon Route53 console, Route53 is Amazon's managed DNS service mostly used for public facing DNS. You can also use a Private Hosted Zone which allows you to take over a zone inside of your VPC. The above shows that ***we have taken over the demohostedzone.org zone even though we do 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***

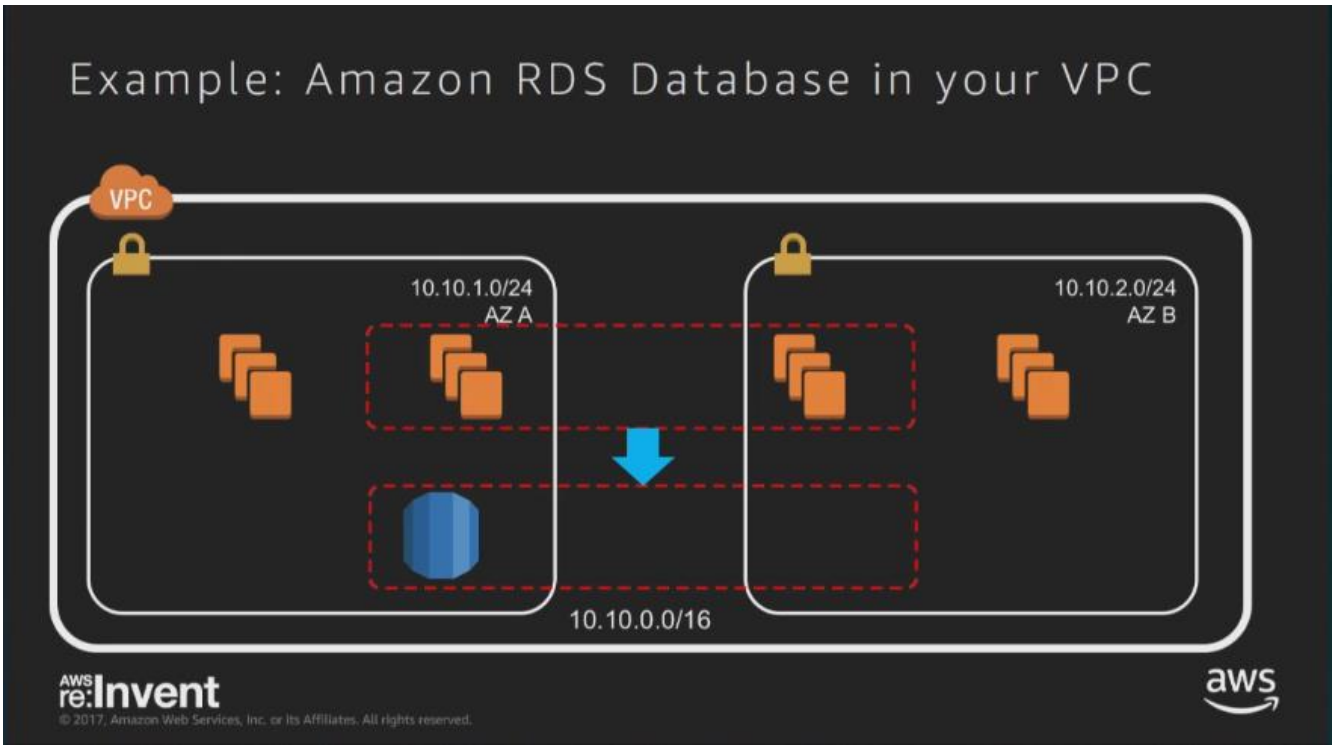
the domain name example.demohostedzone.org to point to the IP address 172.31.0.99 which is a ***private IP*** within our VPC's Private Subnet.



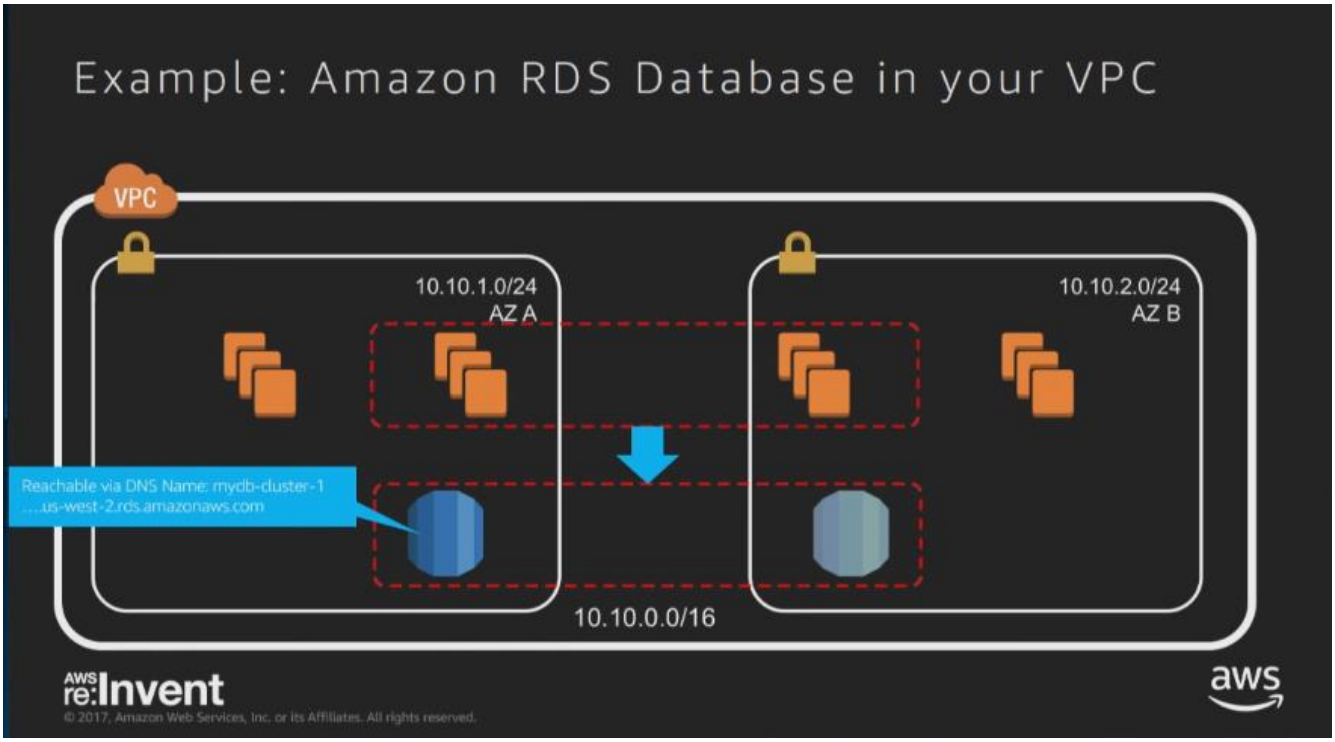
Lots of AWS services are running infrastructure on your behalf, so we can give you the choice to run it inside your own network or VPC. Let us see 2 patterns that get used a lot, the patterns exist to take advantage of the HA of the AWS infrastructure.



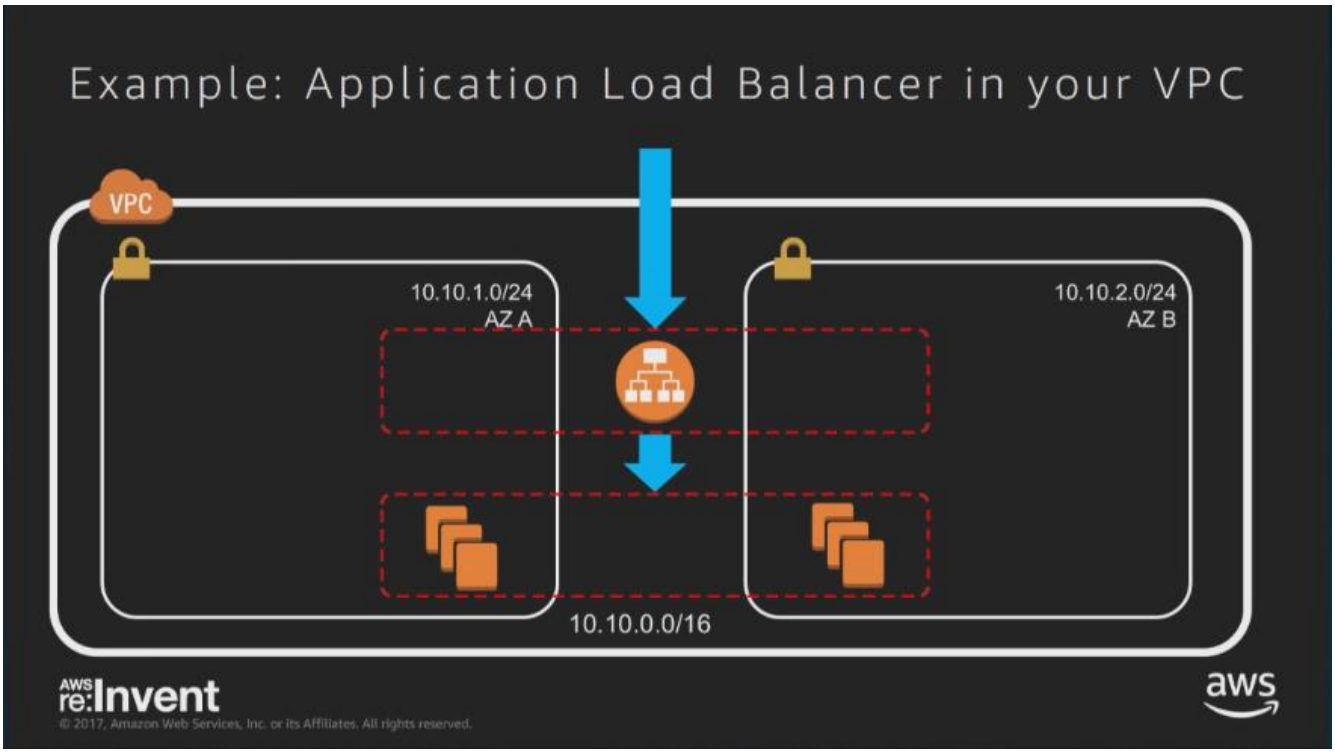
When you create an RDS database you are given the option of running the RDS database within your VPC,



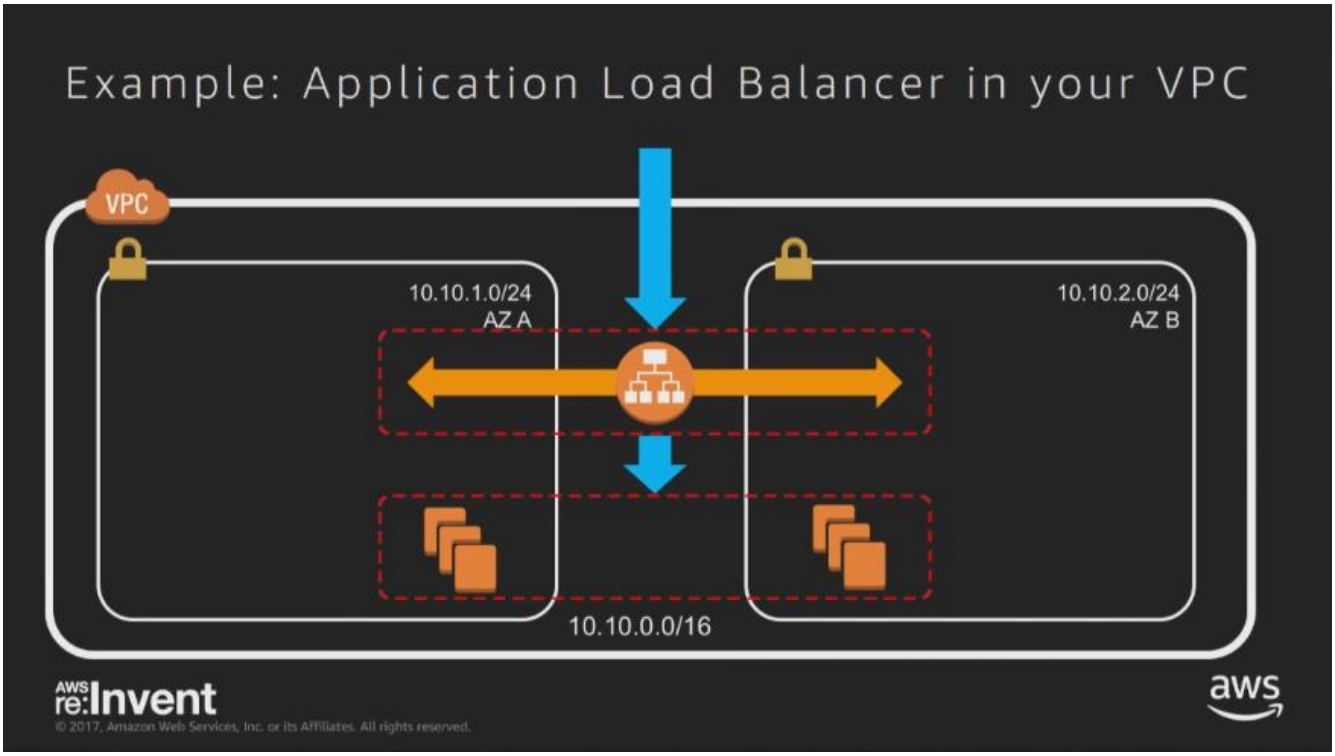
The first thing you are asked about is your SGs and your Subnets for your AZs,



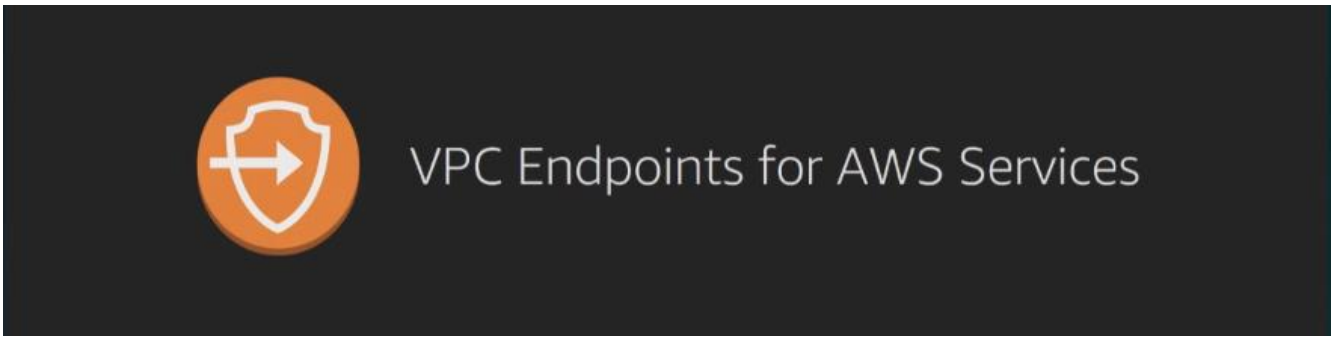
When you specify subnet spread over different AZs, you get a master RDS database in one subnet in an AZ and also get a failover candidate on standby in a 2nd AZ. This is an ***Active-Standby pattern***. You also get a DNS name that always point to the active database.



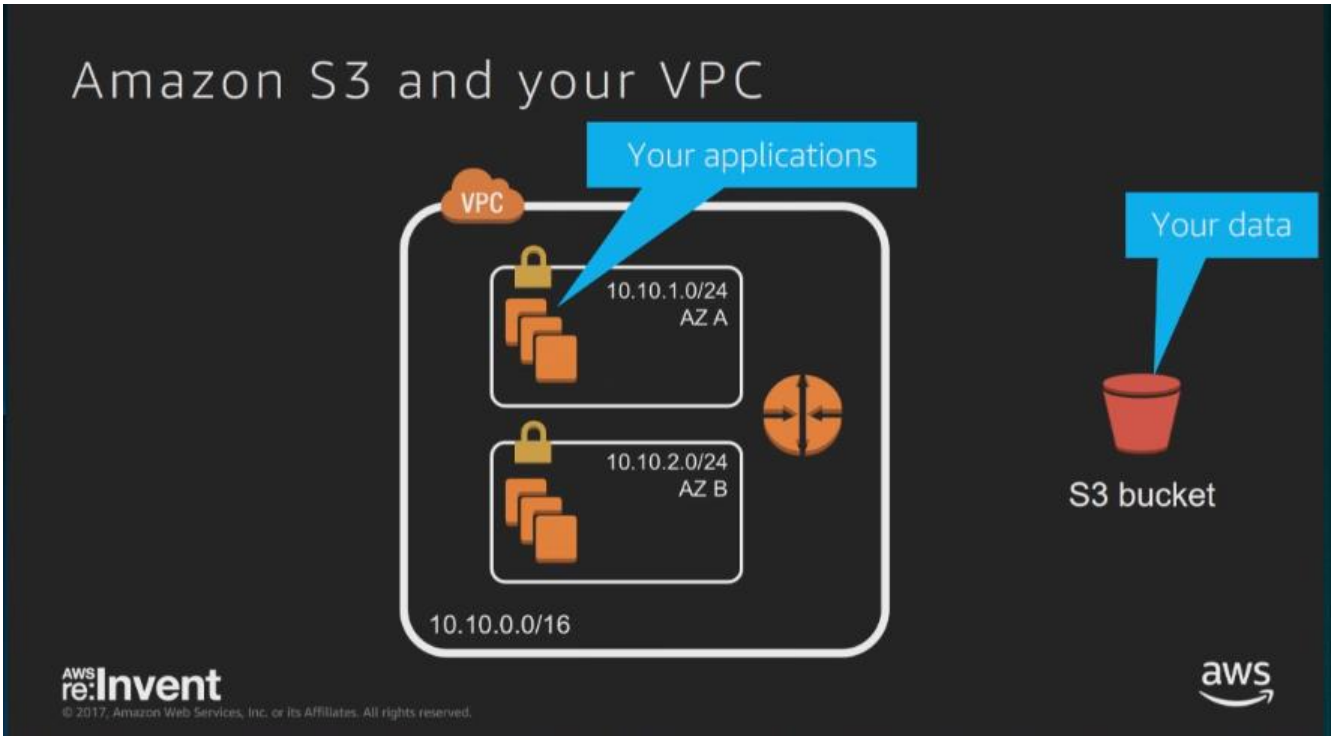
The 2nd example is the ***Application Load Balancer*** ALB, this is a Layer 7 or HTTP load balancer run by ELB.



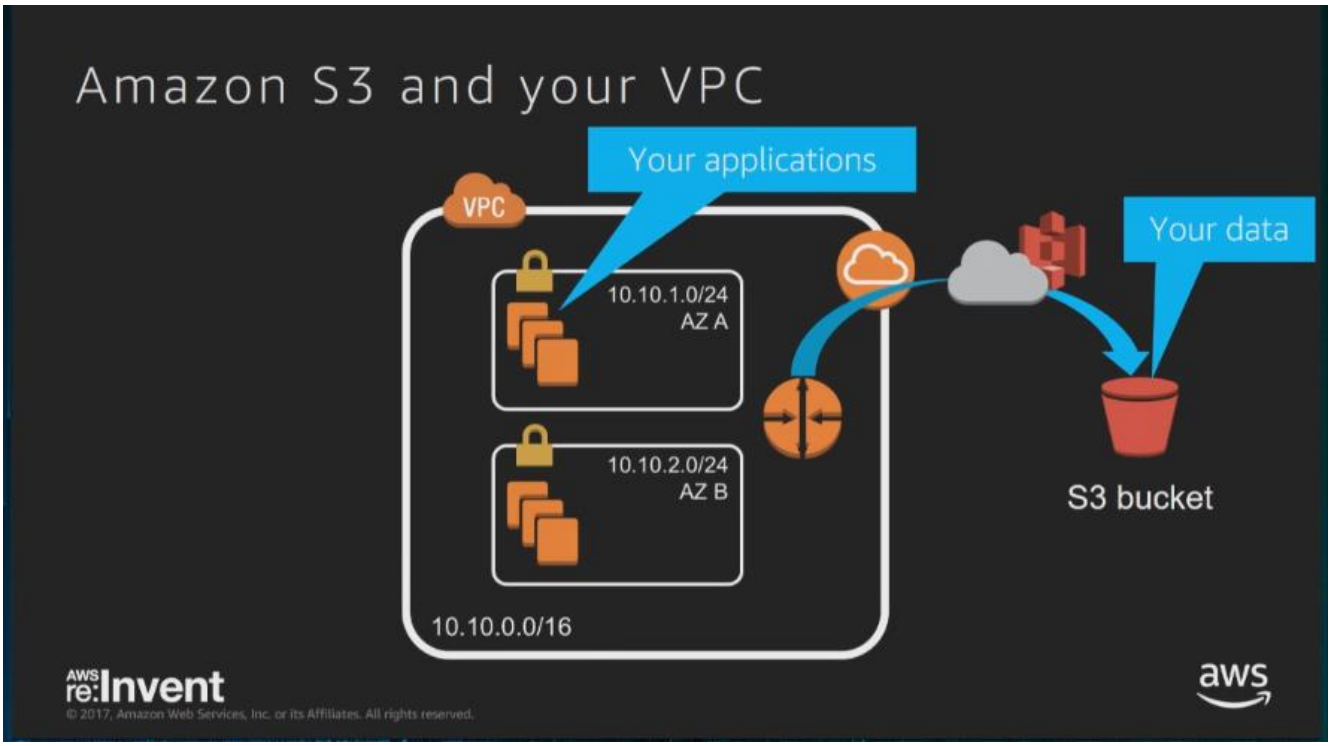
You are again asked to specify Subnets that will define your AZs. Your ALB is then going to create active nodes in multiple AZs for constant load balancing and HA.



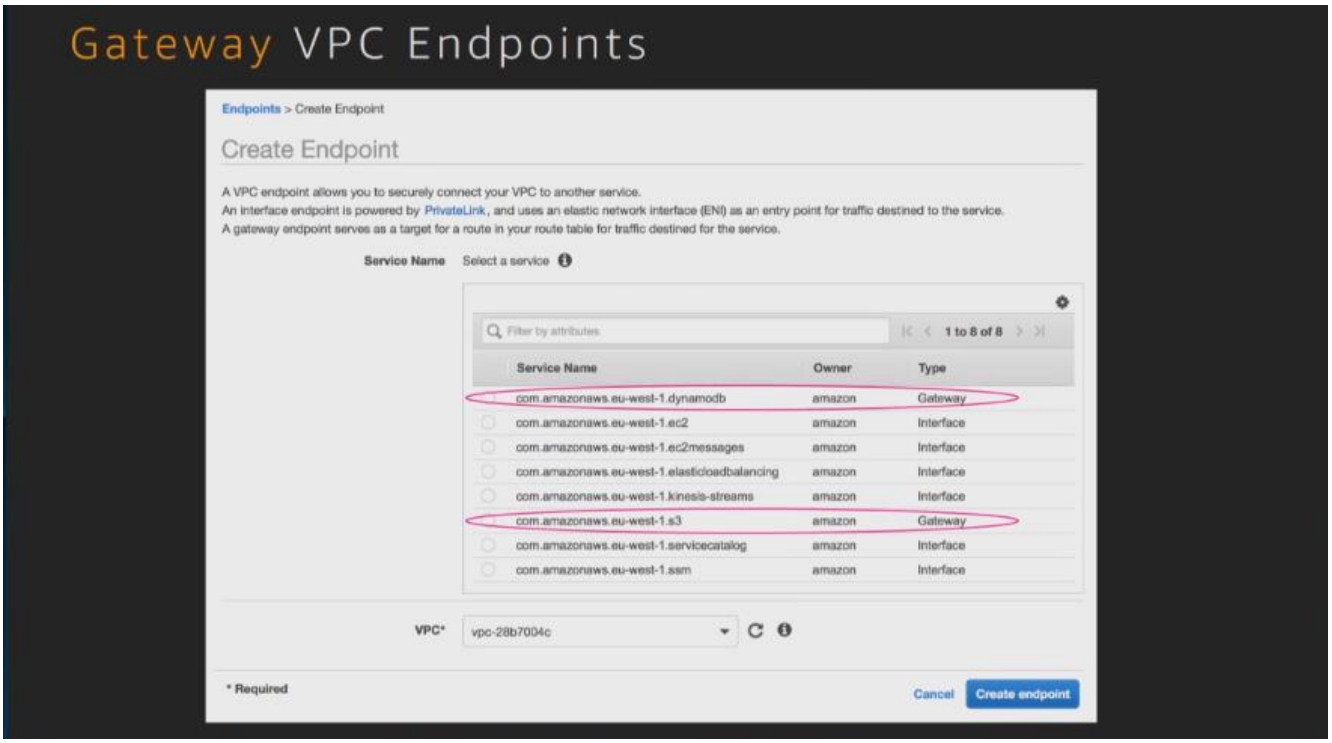
VPC endpoints give a direct private connection to AWS services from within your VPC, it allows you to continue to practice the principle of least privilege. You also get some nice tools for access management.



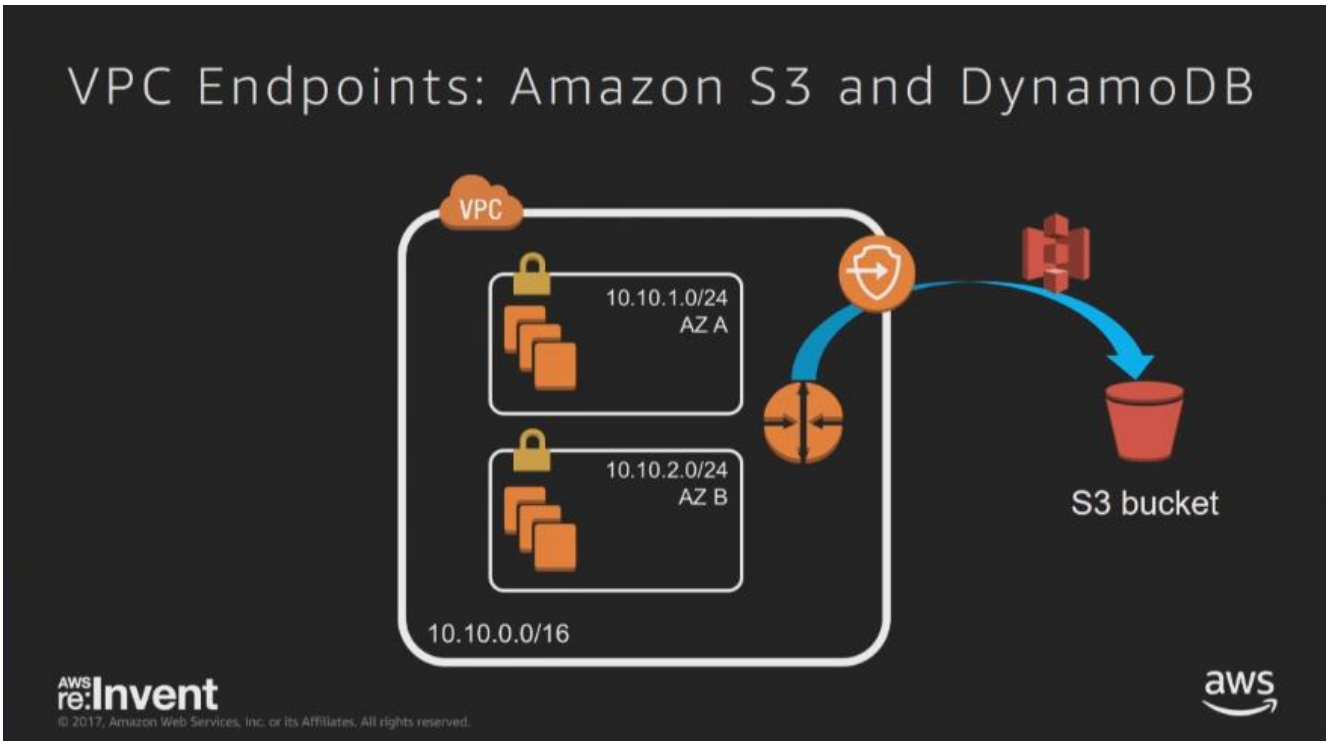
You have your apps running in your VPC and you have your data stored in S3 buckets, but your data is like a part of your applications.



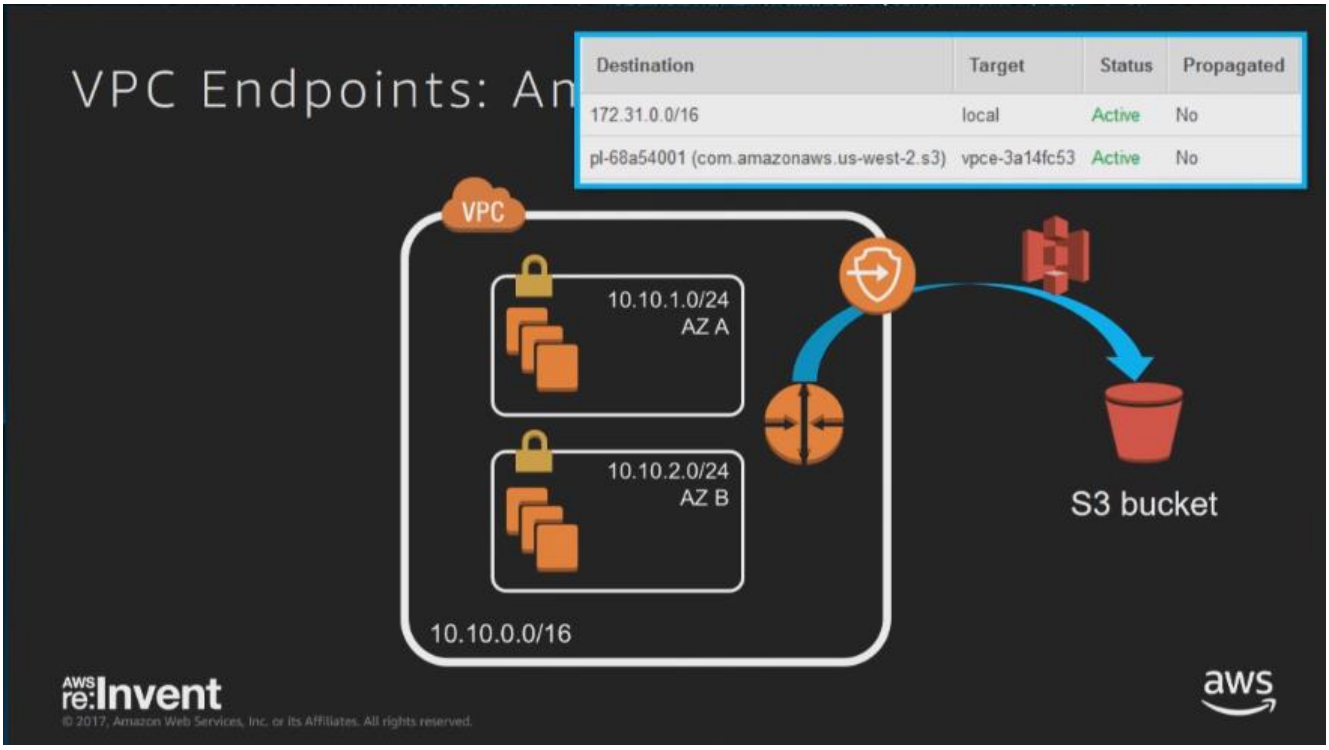
When you resolve the S3 bucket's DNS name, you are going to get a public IP address. So, if you want to access your data in S3, then you have to create a way to go over the internet to get that access using the bucket's public DNS name using an IGW or a NAT gateway.



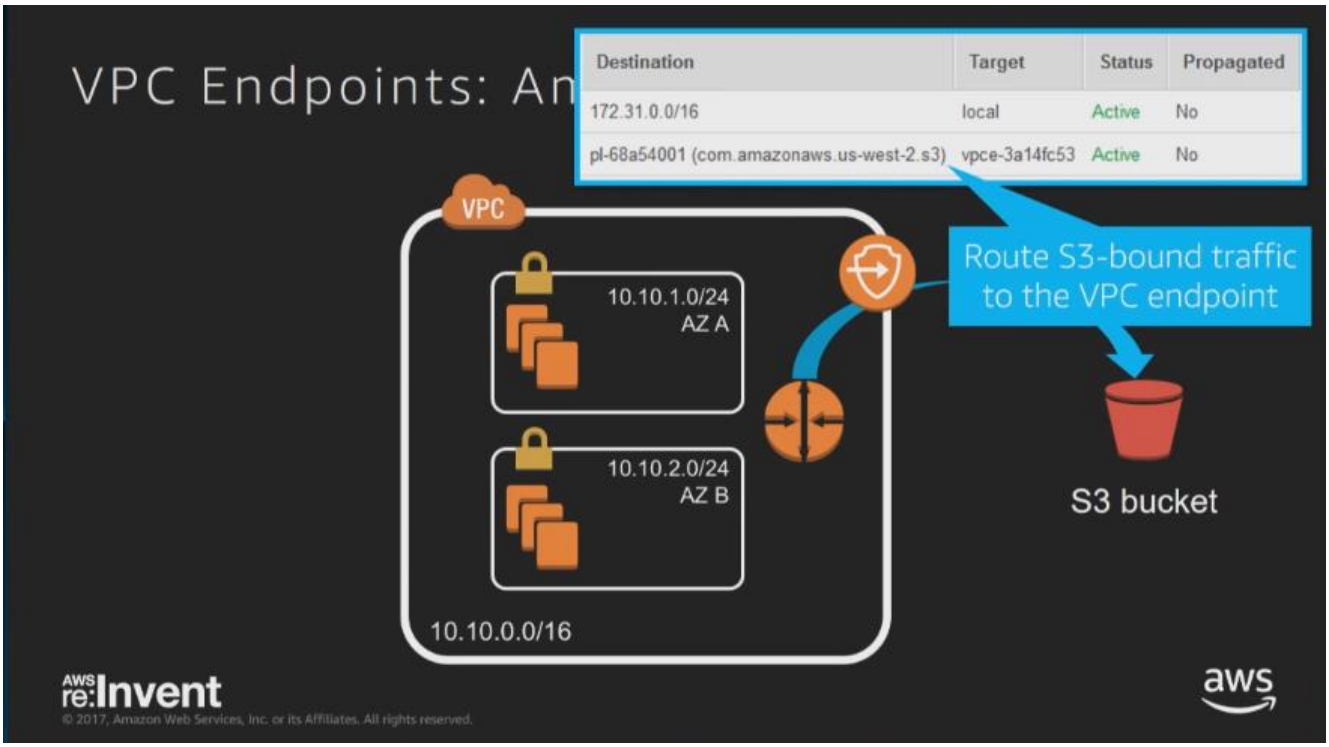
VPC Endpoints helps solve the problem of going over the internet to get access to your S3 data. The ***2 types of VPC endpoints*** are the ***Gateway VPC Endpoints*** and the ***Interface VPC Endpoints***.

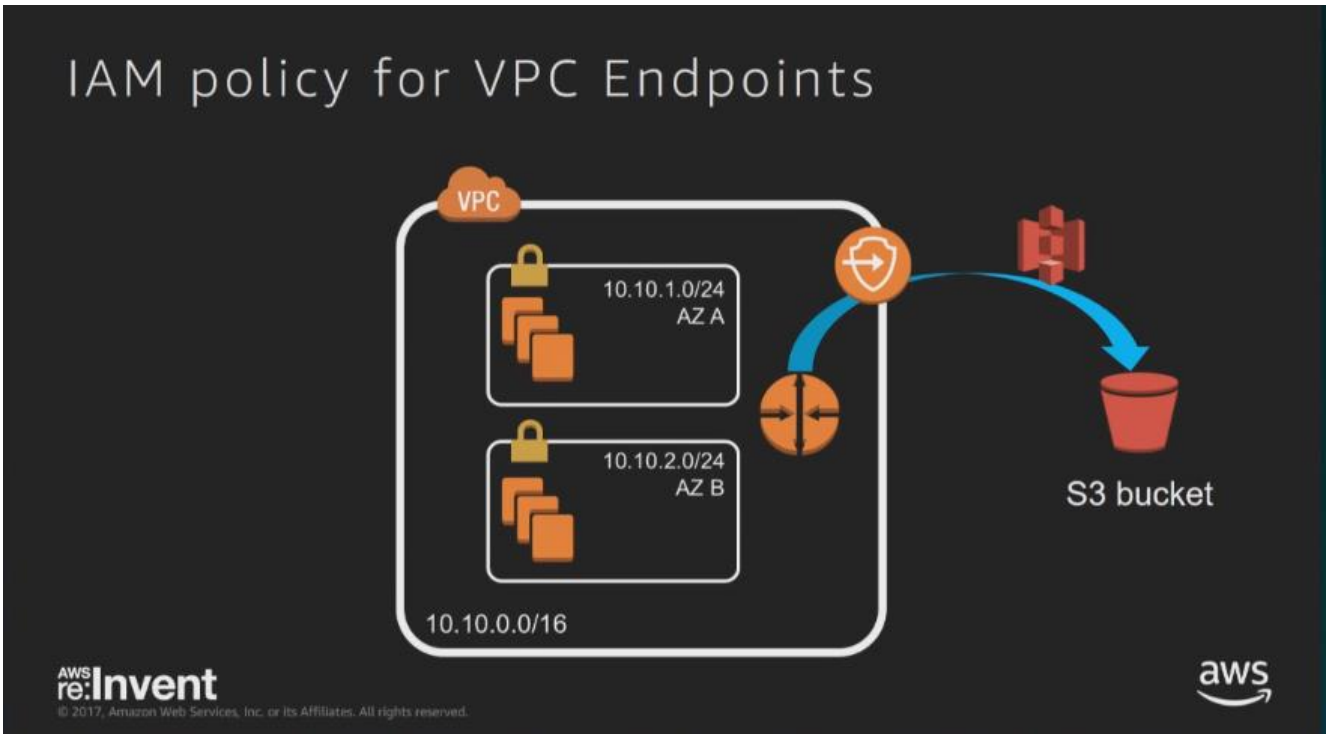


Gateway VPC Endpoints are supported for S3 and DynamoDB.

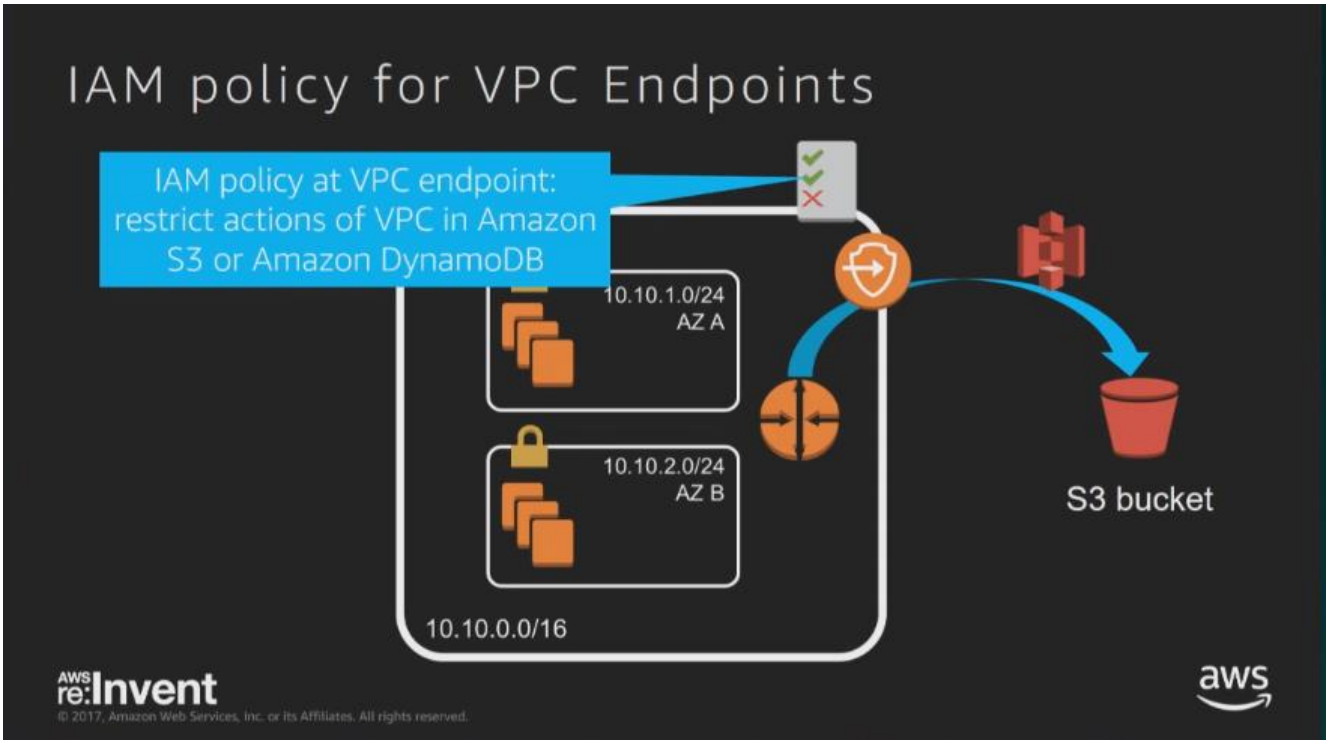


You simply create a ***Gateway VPC Endpoint*** and then create a route in your route table that behave like the other gateways and takes traffic destined for S3 bucket should be sent to the VPC Endpoint.

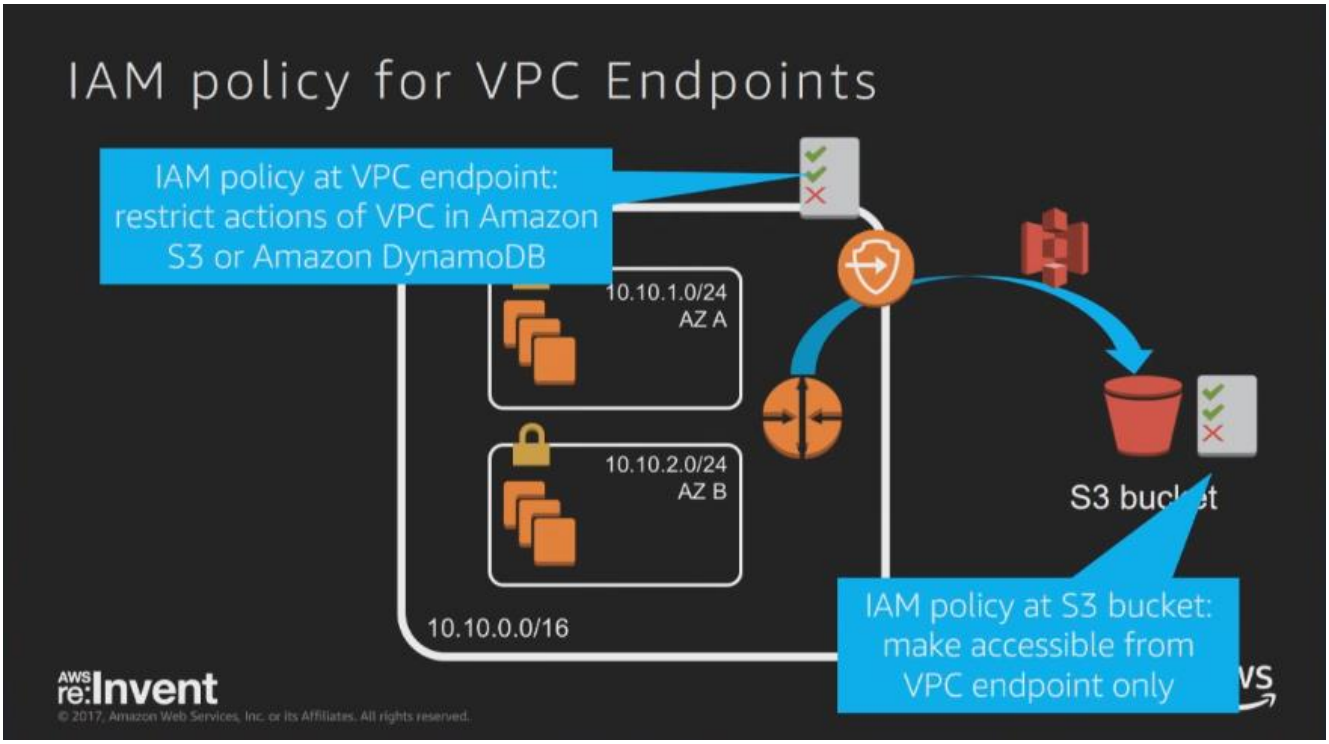




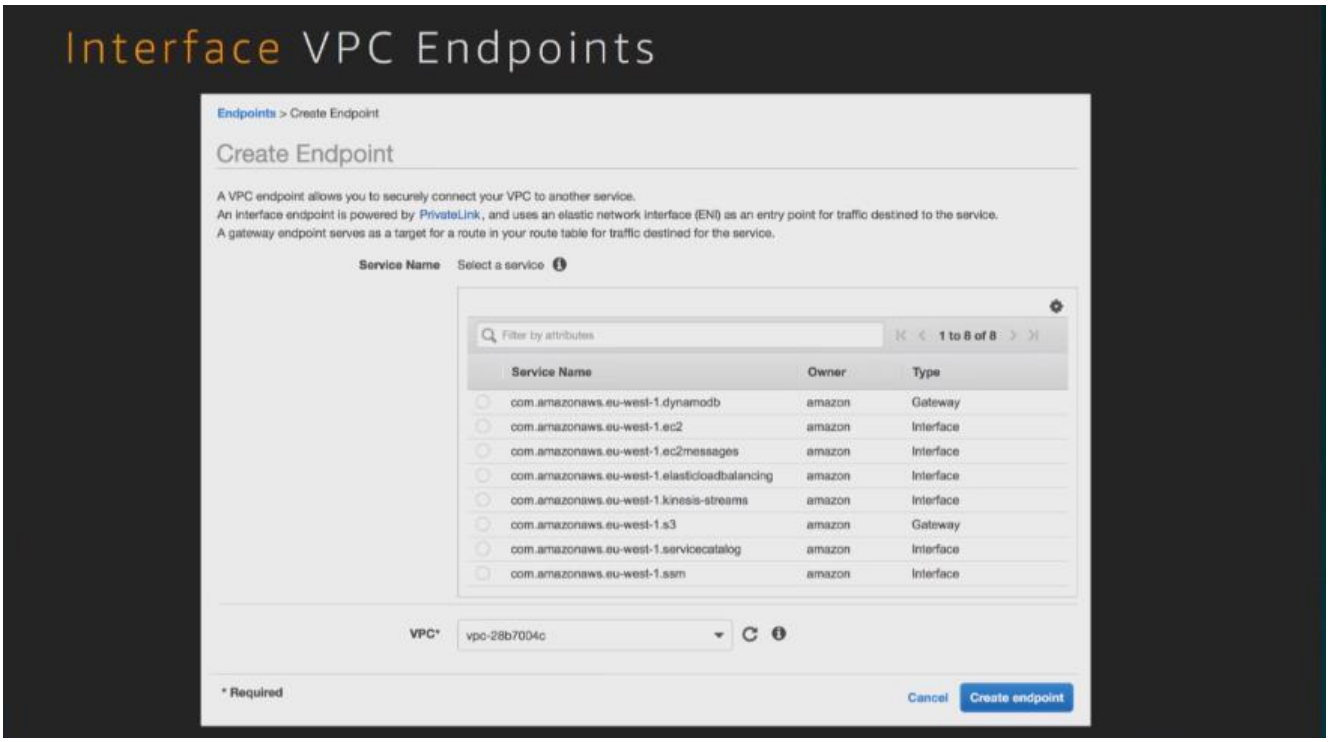
Using VPC Endpoints, you get the ability to add IAM policies on the VPC Endpoint.



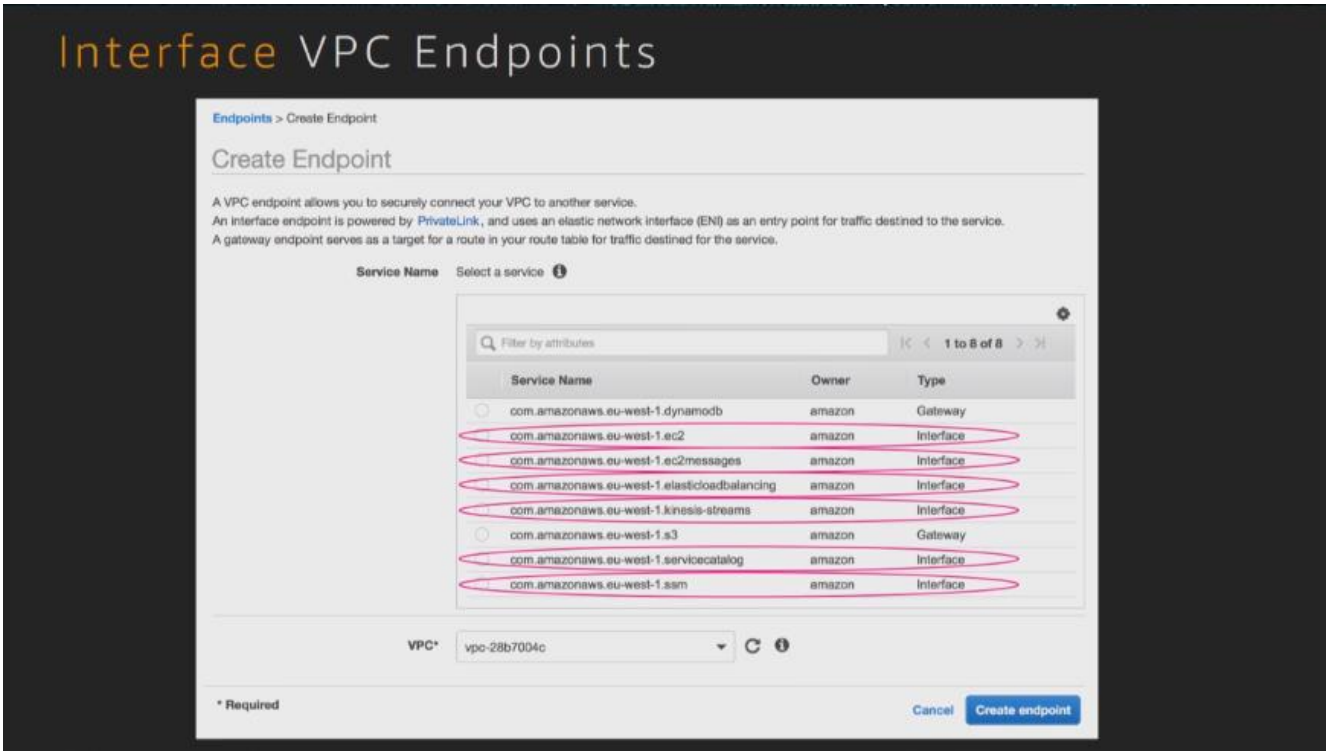
This applies directly to the VPC Endpoint, so you can say exactly what the VPC can do and cannot do with each service that it is talking to using the IAM policies.

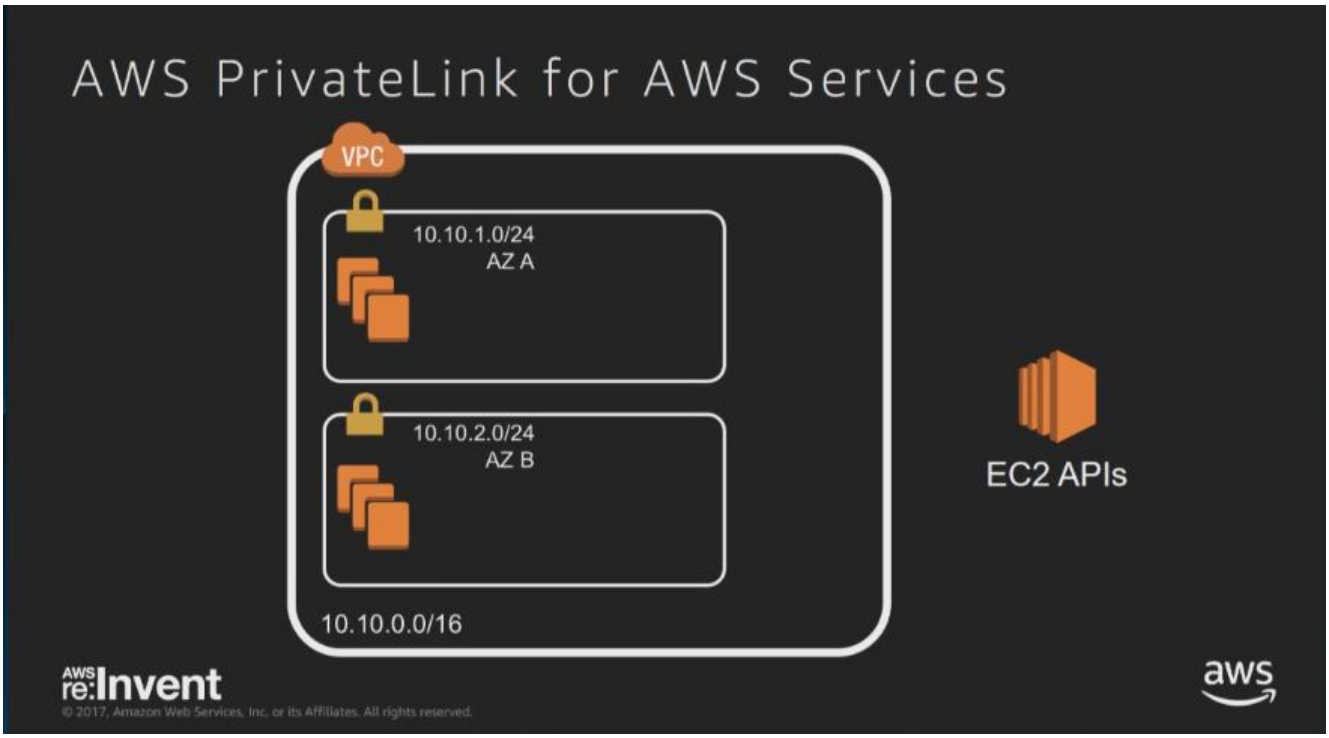


With S3 you also have the ability to add a policy on the S3 bucket, this means that we can lock down the S3 bucket to only allow access from traffic coming from that particular VPC Endpoint.



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





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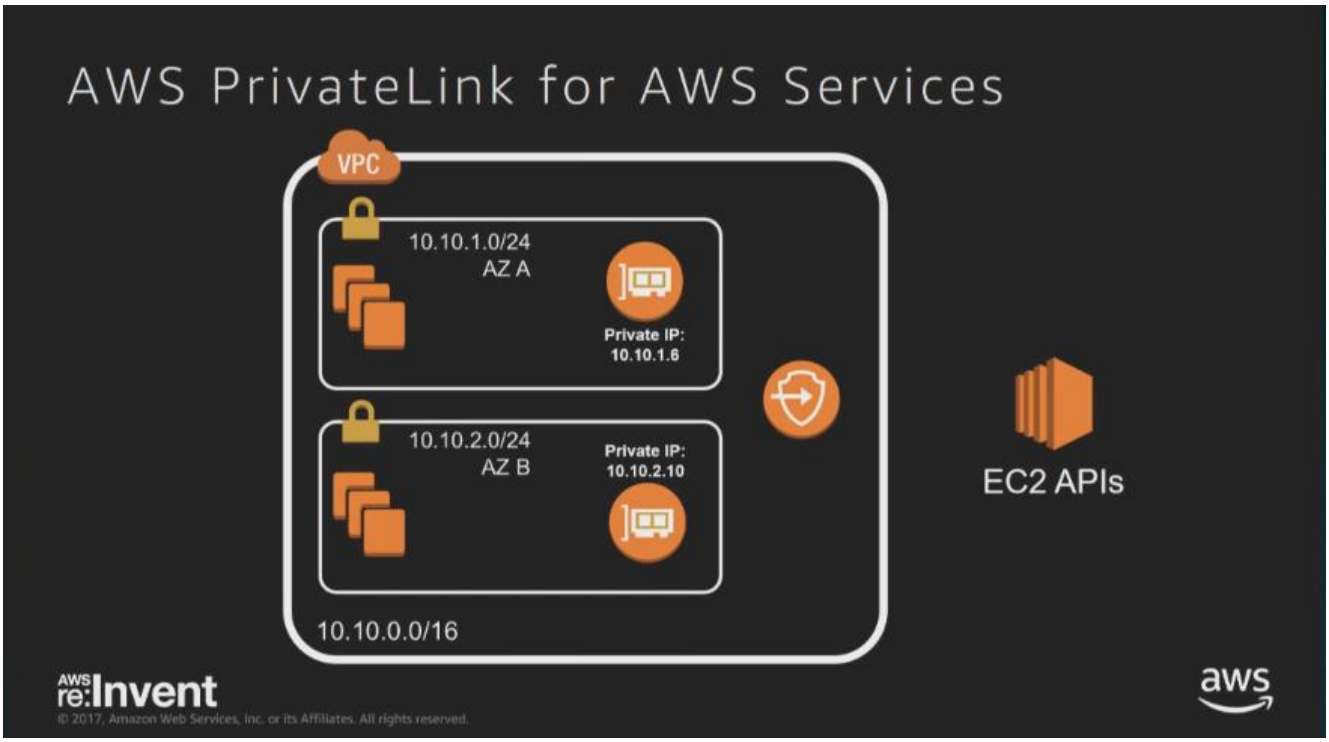
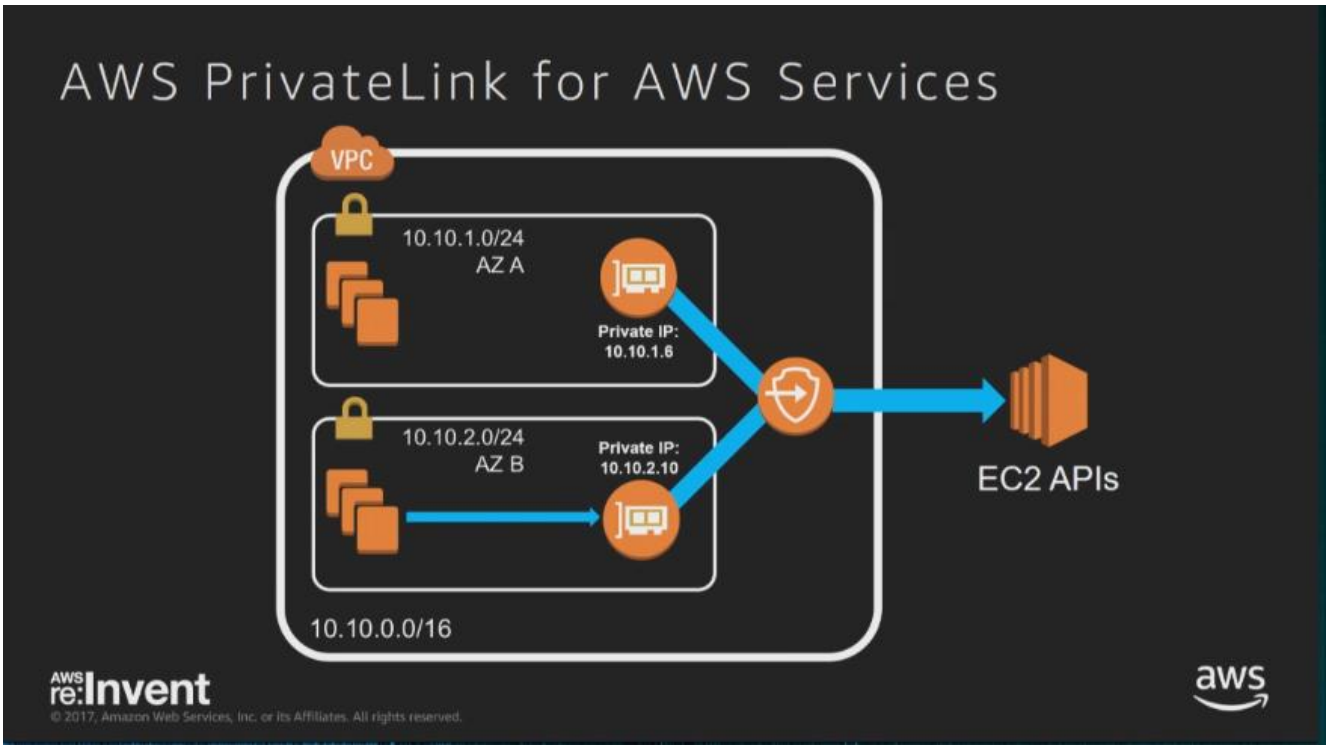
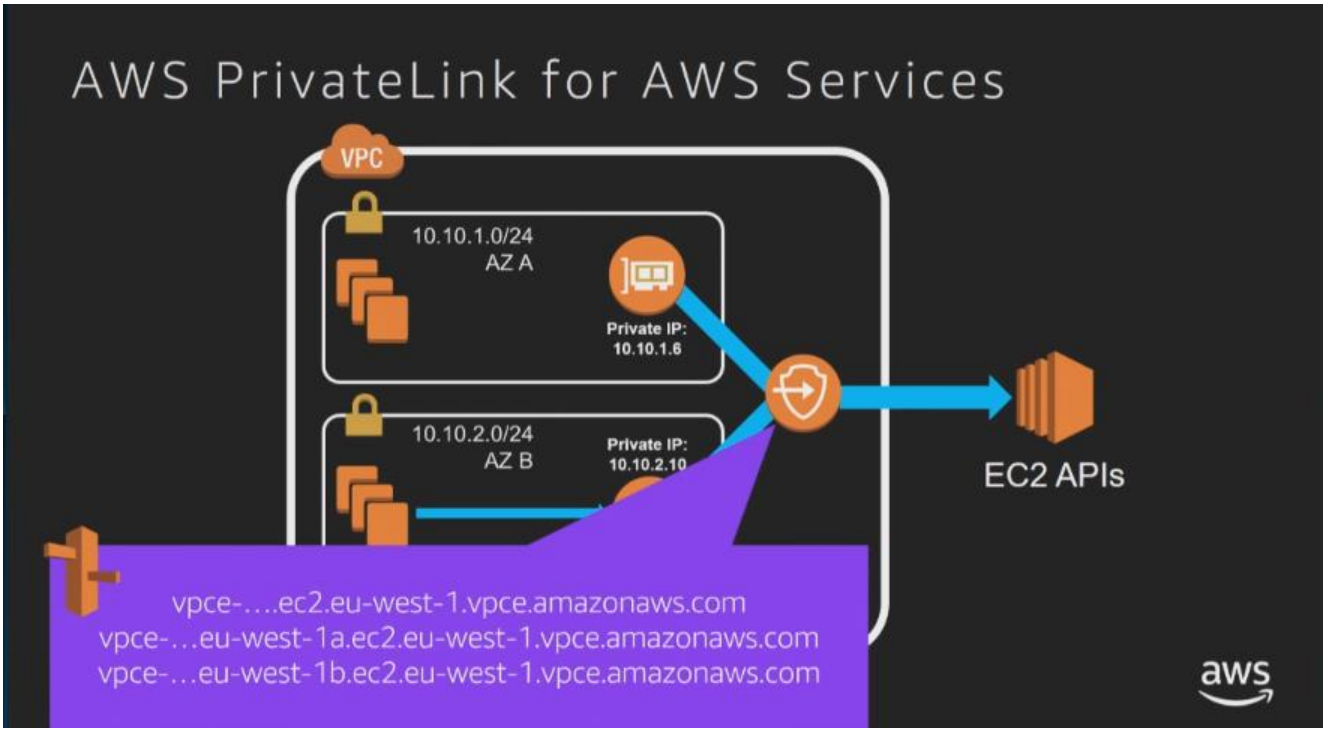


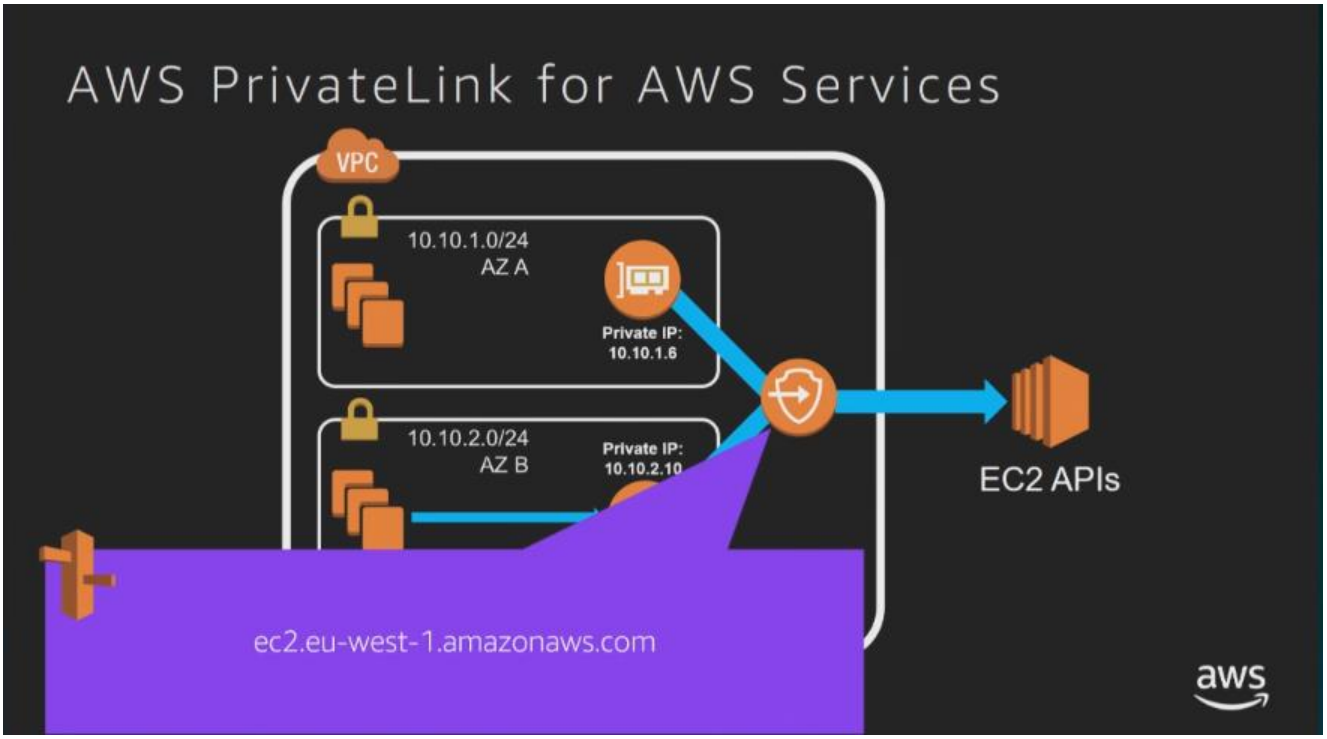
When you create a VPC endpoint, you specify subnets and it creates an ***Elastic Network Interface*** ENI in each of the subnets that you specify.



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.

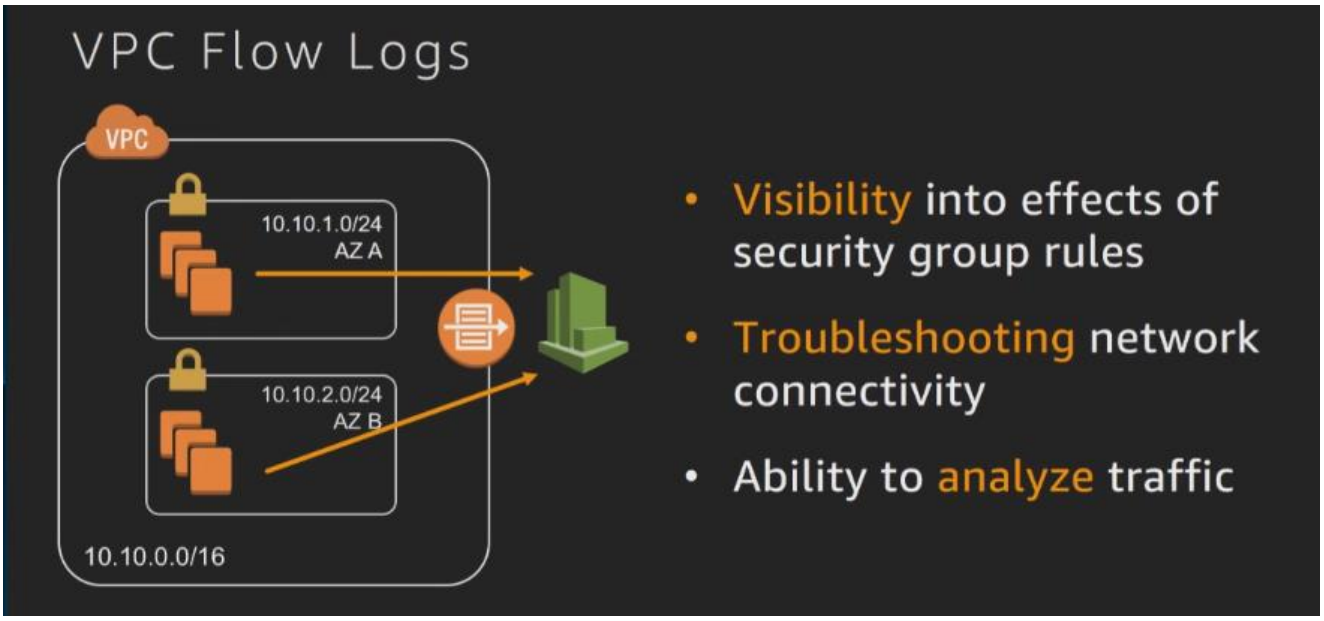


Because this is not a gateway and you don't use routing tables to send traffic to it, you get given some DNS name. You get one DNS name that will have all of the IPs, and you also get a zonal DNS name for each specific IP so that you can keep traffic within a zone if you want to.



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



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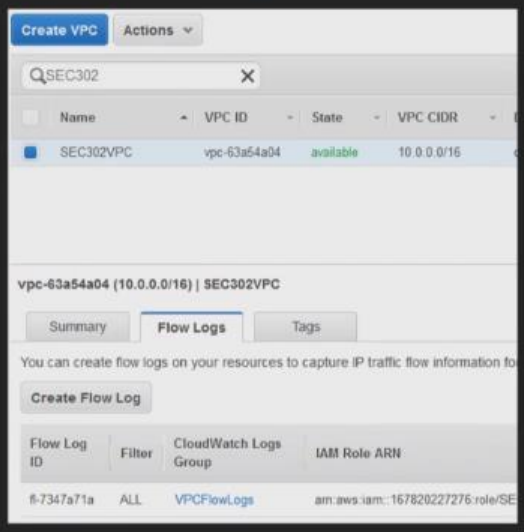

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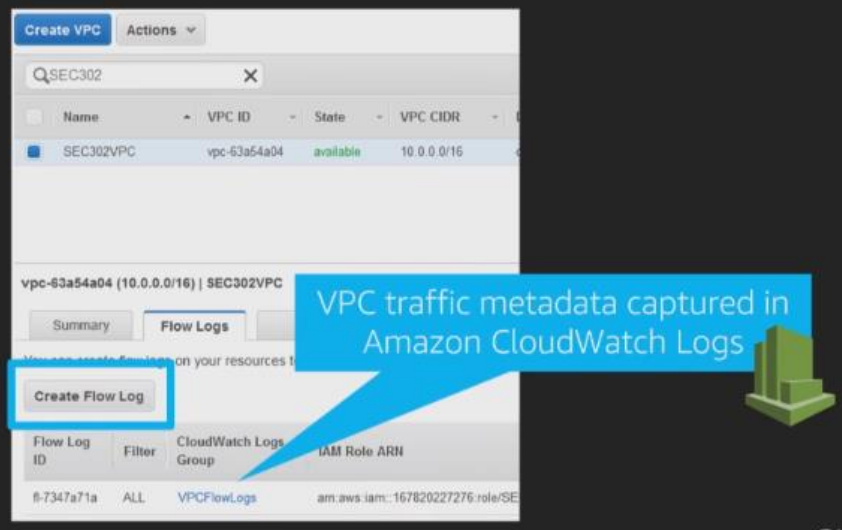

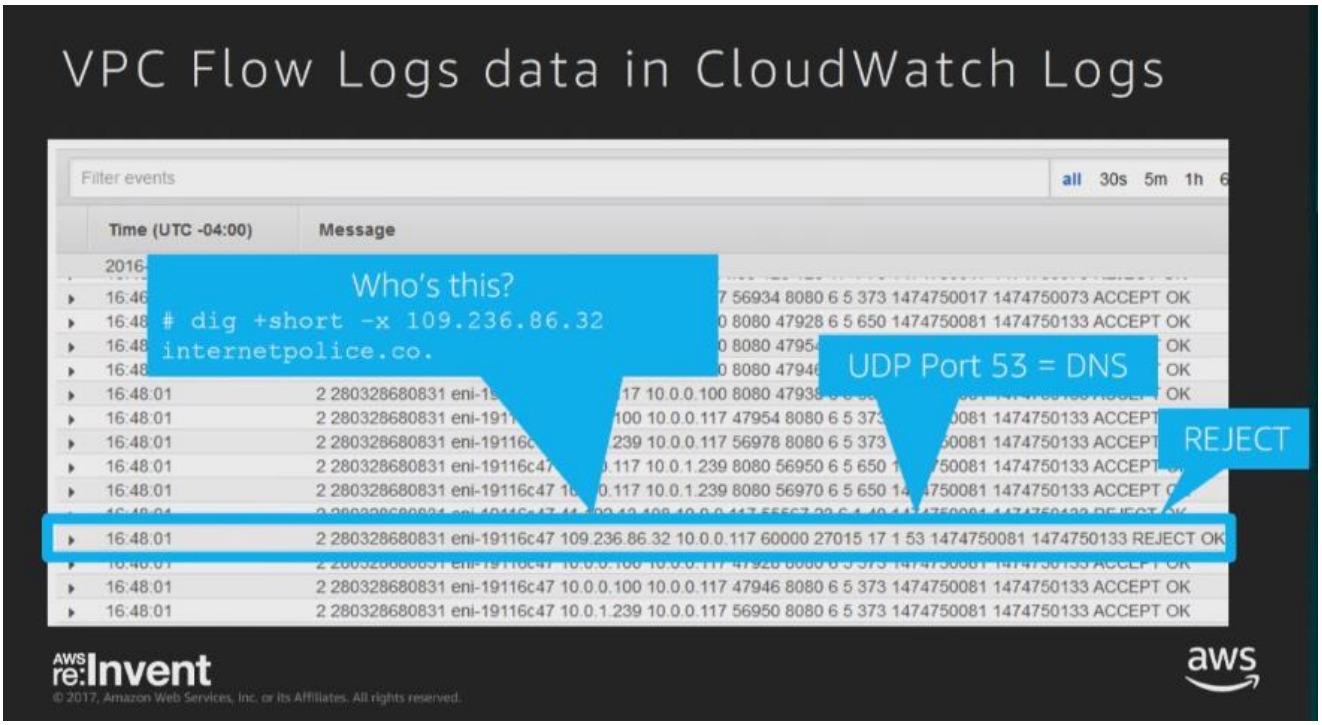

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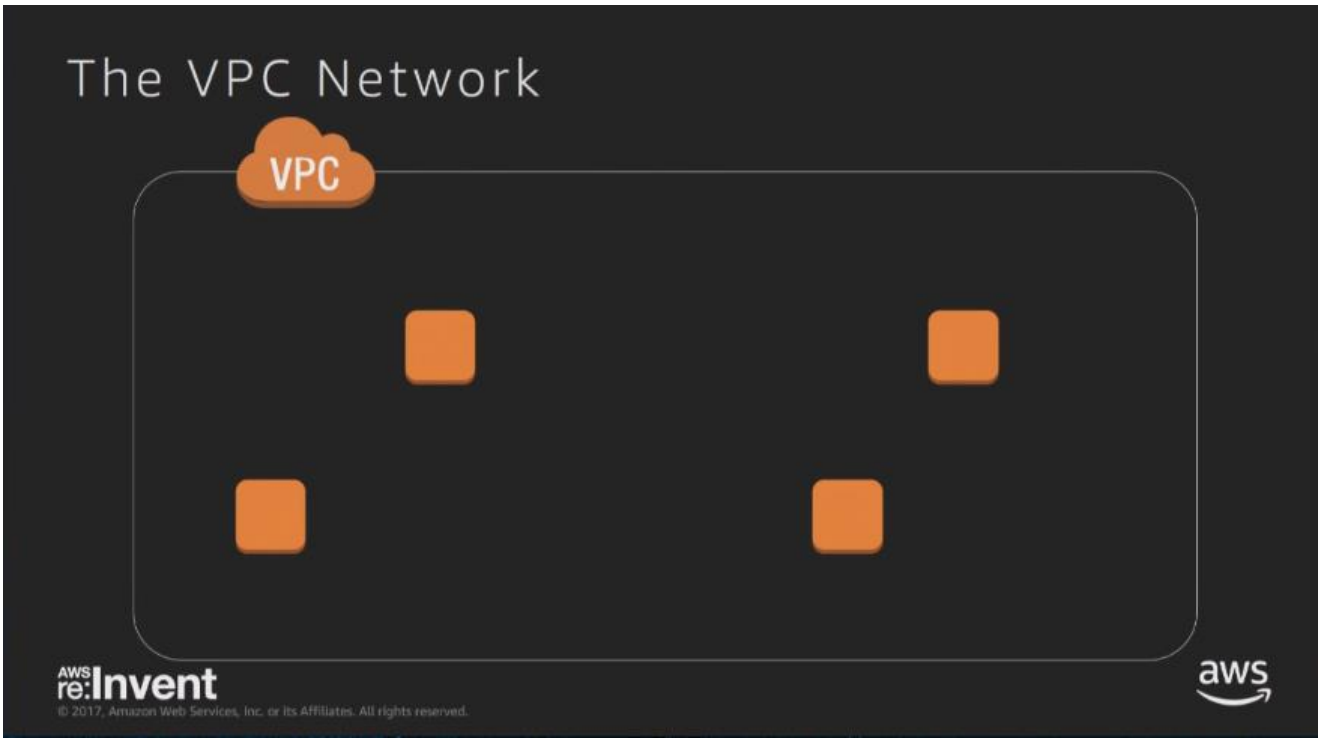

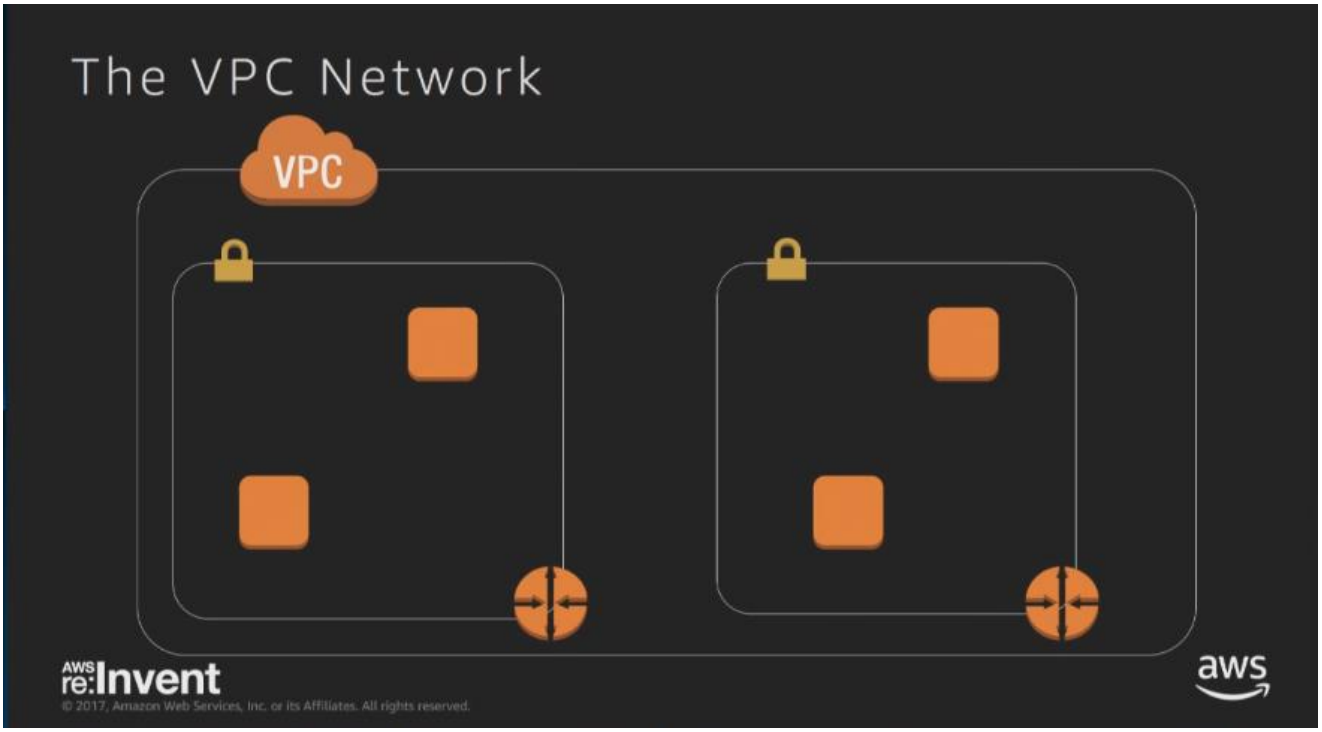

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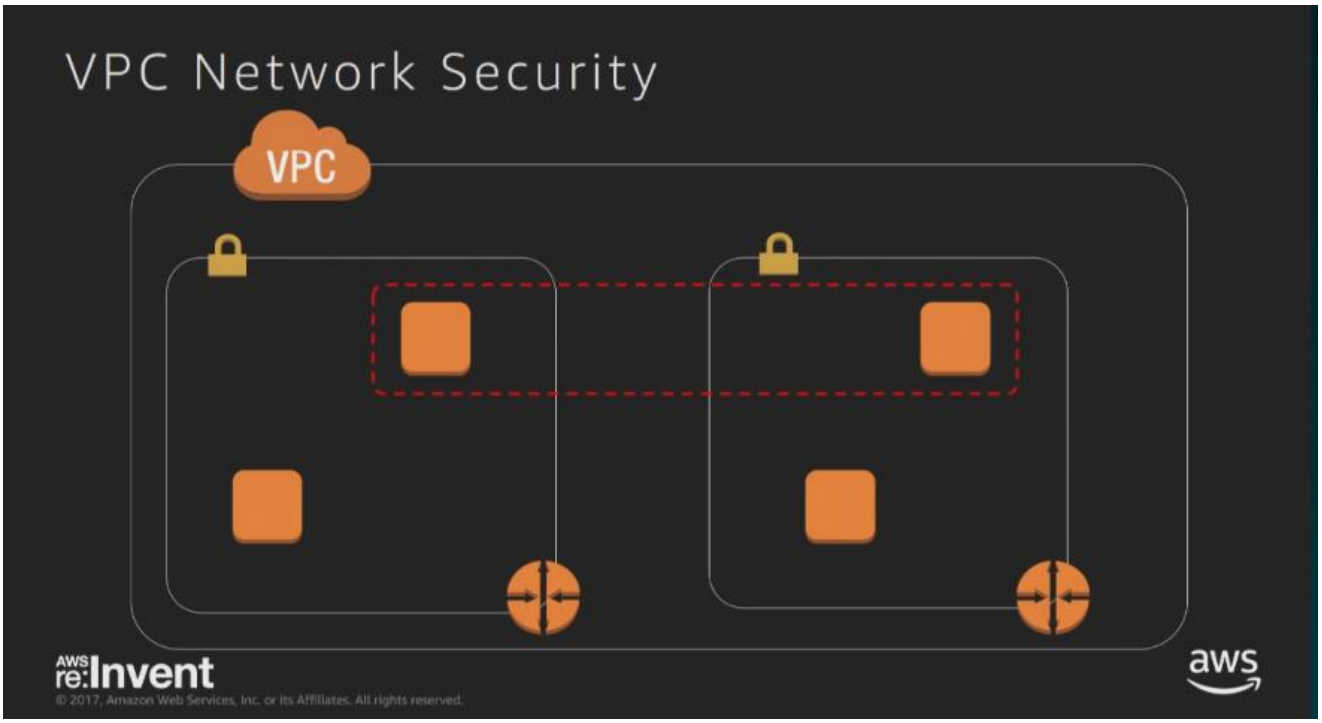
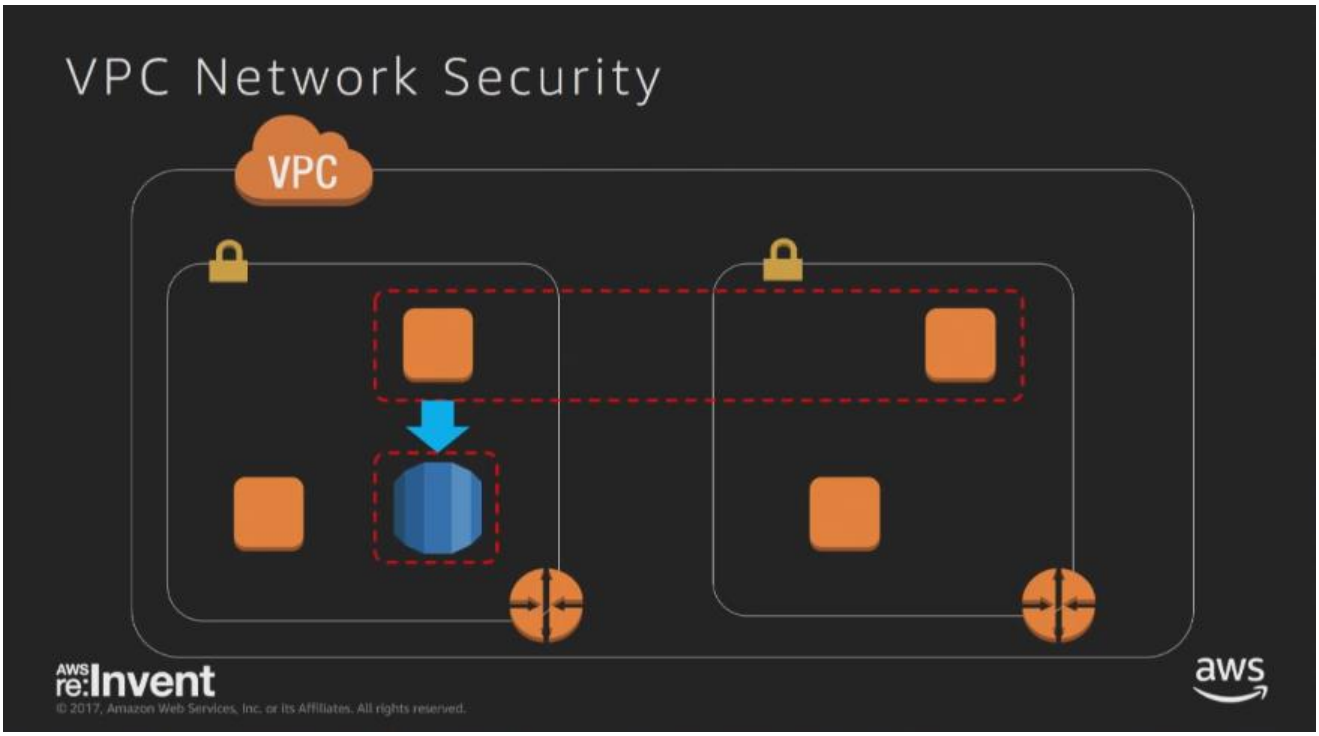


Security groups help us control who has access to talk to whom



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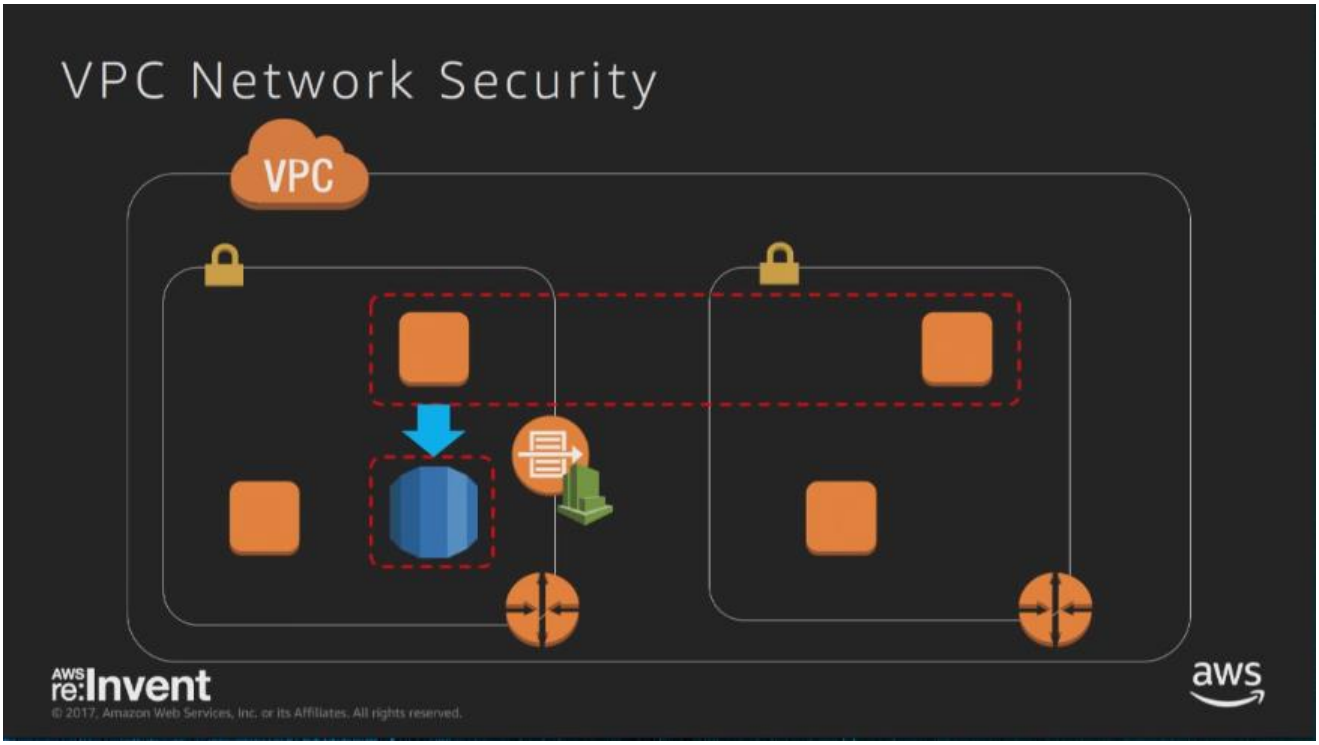
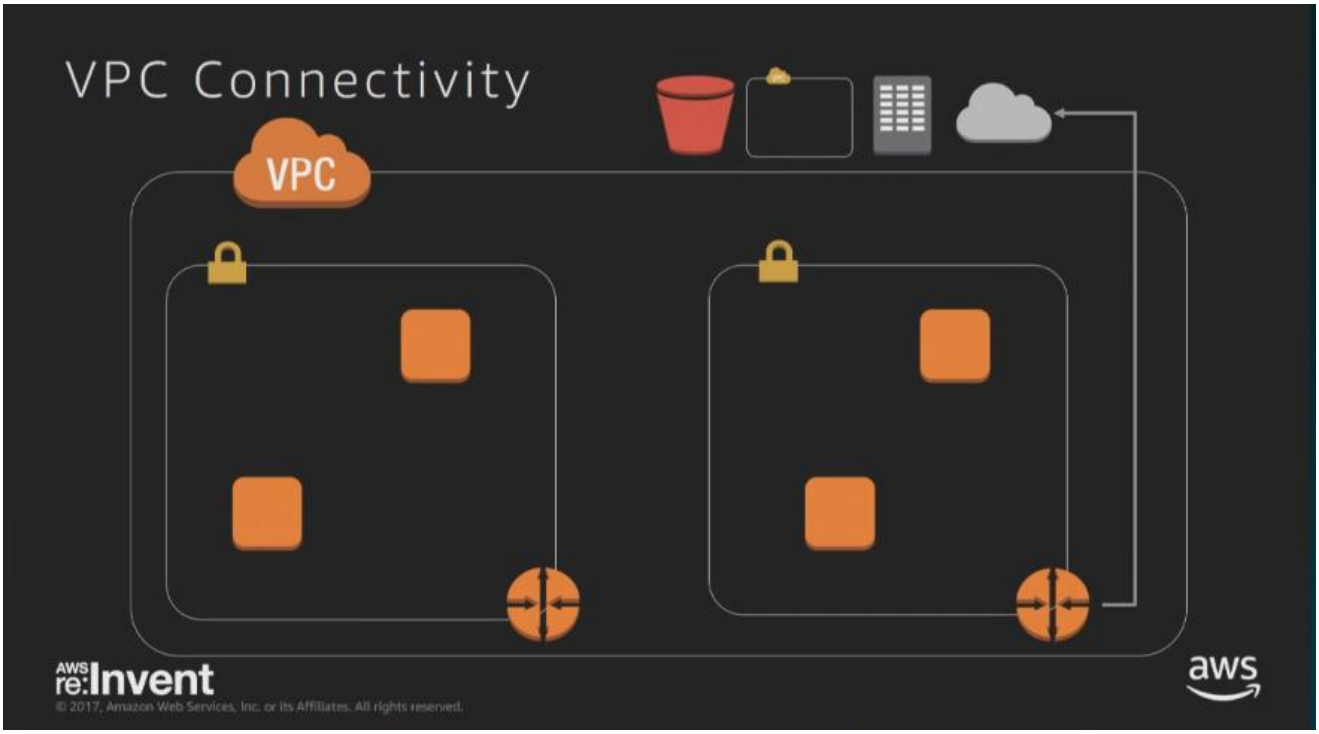


We can also get visibility into our VPC using AWS VPC Flow Logs.



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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