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Hybrid Network connectivity to AWS

AWS FUNDAMENTALS



AWS CONNECTIVITY OPTIONS

- Internet
- VPN
 - AWS Managed
 - 3rd Party Solutions
- Direct Connect

INTERNET CONNECTION

- Console access via HTTPS
- Access to S3 buckets and other internet facing services
- Security Groups to permit access over internet to VPC
- Limited in capability
- Good use case if no direct back-end connectivity is required
- No QOS

MULTI-AZ EXAMPLE



- Two Public subnets with NAT Gateway for outgoing traffic
- Two Private subnets

Public and private multi-AZ VPC with NAT gateways

VPN – AWS MANAGED

- IPSEC VPN from On-Premise to AWS Region
- AWS creates Two Tunnels per VPN Connection
 - Redundancy to two different Availability Zones
- Can use Static Routing or BGP Dynamic Routing
 - Dynamic routing is preferred
- Limited configuration options
- Keepalives must be sent from on-premise in order for tunnels to remain active
- No QOS

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$VPN - 3^{RD} PARTY$

- Instead of using the AWS managed VPN you can install a 3rd party VPN solution and manage it yourself
- Same concept as the AWS VPN but you have more granular control over the VPN
- Cisco CSR 1000V, PFSense, PaloAlto
- Many images are available on the AWS marketplace



VPC PEERING LIMITATIONS

- AWS provides the capability for VPC's to communicate to each other across accounts and regions
- VPC peering connections are nontransative and cannot be used to connect VPN or direct connect to additional VPC.



DIRECT CONNECT

- Direct Connect provides high speed connections into AWS regions over either cross connections at specific data centers or over MPLS providers
- Use cases are for working with large data transfers, real-time data feeds, or hybrid environments
- Direct connect provides QOS capabilities not available in any other solution
- Direct connect is also the most expensive solution for connecting to AWS.

DIRECT CONNECT LOCATIONS

- AWS regions have partner Colocation Providers and Telecom Carriers that can provide cross-connectivity into AWS – e.g. Equinex and Level-3
- Direct Connect provides either sub IGB, IGb or I0Gb connections
- IGB and I0GB connections can be Layer-2 connected while sub IGb are not and can only connect Layer-3 to a VPC.
- https://aws.amazon.com/directconnect/partners/

DIRECT CONNECT SIMPLE EXAMPLE



DIRECT CONNECT - TRANSIT VPC



- Overcomes VPC Peering limitations
- Adds complexity and management of 3rd party VPN

DIRECT CONNECT GATEWAYS

Direct Connect Gateways – Allows for connections between VPCs sharing the same direct connection



SUMMARY

| Internet | VPN | Direct-Connect |
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| No direct back-end connectivity | Provides multi-AZ Tunnels | Provides L2 or L3 connectivity to VPCs |
| Access to public facing services | For AWS VPN keep-alive traffic must be sent from on- prem | Direct connect partner required |
| Least Expensive | Use AWS managed or 3 rd party VPN | High Speed connectivity options |
| No QOS | Less Configuration for AWS Managed | Transit VPC or direct VPC connections |
| | VPN must be established to each VPC | Direct Connect Gateway can provide multi-VPC connectivity in same account |
| | No QOS | Most Expensive |
| | | QOS |