Virtual Private Cloud

Service Overview

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What Is Virtual Private Cloud?

VPC Overview

Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) allows you to provision logically isolated virtual private networks for cloud resources, such as cloud servers, containers, and databases. You can create subnets, security groups, network ACLs, route tables, and more to manage cloud resources flexibly. You can also use EIPs to connect cloud resources in VPCs to the Internet, and use Direct Connect and VPN to connect on-premises data centers to VPCs to build a hybrid cloud network.

The VPC service uses network virtualization technologies, such as link redundancy, distributed gateway clusters, and multi-AZ deployment, to ensure network security, stability, and availability.

Product Architecture

The following describes the basics, security, connectivity, and O&M of VPCs.

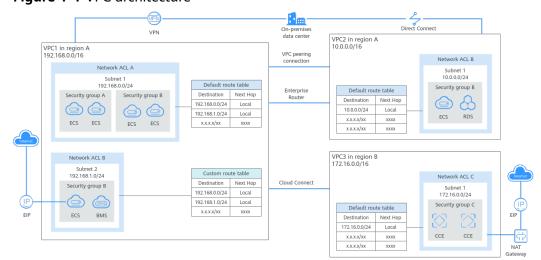


Figure 1-1 VPC architecture

Table 1-1 Architecture description

Item	Brief	Details
VPC basics	A VPC is a logically isolated virtual private network. You can define a CIDR block for each VPC and add one or more subnets. You can also configure route tables to control where the traffic from your subnet is directed. VPCs are logically isolated from each other, but subnets in a VPC can communicate with each other by default.	 IPv4 CIDR block: When creating a VPC, you need to specify an IPv4 CIDR block for it. Supported IPv4 CIDR blocks are 10.0.0.0/8-24, 172.16.0.0/12-24, and 192.168.0.0/16-24. Subnet: You can divide a VPC into one or more subnets as required to deploy your instances (such as cloud servers, containers, and databases). Private IP addresses are then assigned to your instances from the subnets where they are running. For more information, see Subnet. Route table: Each VPC comes with a default route table that allows communications between subnets in a VPC. You can add routes to the default route table or create a route table to control traffic. For details, see Route Tables and Routes.
VPC securit y	Security groups and network ACLs protect the cloud resources deployed in a VPC.	 Security groups protect instances. You can add inbound and outbound rule to protect all the resources in a security group. For details about security groups, see Security Groups and Security Group Rules. Network ACLs protect associated subnets. You can add inbound and outbound rule to protect all the resources in a subnet. For details, see Network ACL Overview. Network ACLs protect subnets, while security groups protect instances in a subnet. If both security group and network ACL rules are configured, traffic matches network ACL rules first and then security group rules. For details, see What Is Access Control?

Item	Brief	Details
VPC connec tivity	You can combine VPC and other networking services to build networks to meet different requirements. Use VPC peering connections or an enterprise router to connect different VPCs in the same region. Use Cloud Connect to connect VPCs in different regions. Use an EIP or NAT gateway to allow the instances in a VPC to the Internet. Use Direct Connect or VPN to connect an on-premises data center to VPCs.	 Connecting VPCs in the same region VPC peering connections: connect VPCs in a region in the same account or different accounts. For details, see VPC Peering Connection Overview. Enterprise routers: connect multiple VPCs in the same region, as a high-performance centralized router. For details, see What Is an Enterprise Router? VPC peering connections are free of charge, while enterprise routers are not free. Compared with VPC peering connections, enterprise routers simplify the network structure and make it easy for scale-out and O&M. Connecting VPCs across regions Cloud Connect: connects VPCs in different regions to quickly build cross-region networks. For details, see What Is Cloud Connect? Connecting a VPC to the Internet EIPS: enable your cloud resources to communicate with the Internet. For details, see What Is Elastic IP? Public NAT gateways: enables instances (such as ECSs or BMSs) in a VPC to share an EIP to communicate with the Internet. A public NAT gateway supports up to 20 Gbit/s of bandwidth. For details, see What Is NAT Gateway? Connecting an on-premises data center to a VPC Direct Connect: allows you to establish a stable, high-speed, low-latency, secure, and dedicated network connection

Item	Brief	Details
		that connects your on-premises data center to the cloud. Direct Connect helps you build a flexible, scalable hybrid cloud computing environment. For details, see What Is Direct Connect?
		 VPN: establishes a secure, encrypted communication tunnel between your on- premises data center and your VPC. For details, see What Is Virtual Private Network?
		Compared with Direct Connect, VPN is cost-effective and can be quickly deployed.
VPC O&M	VPC flow logs and traffic mirroring track traffic in a VPC for network O&M.	VPC flow logs: records traffic to and from a VPC in real time. VPC flow logs help you monitor network traffic, analyze network attacks, and determine whether security group and network ACL rules require modification. For details, see VPC Flow Log Overview.
		Traffic mirroring: mirrors traffic that meets a mirror filter from an elastic network interface to a destination, where you can use the mirrored traffic for inspection, audit analysis, and troubleshooting. For details, see Traffic Mirroring Overview.

Accessing the VPC Service

You can access the VPC service through the management console or using HTTPS-based APIs.

- Management console
 - You can use the console to directly perform operations on VPC resources. To access the VPC service, log in to the **management console** and select **Virtual Private Cloud** from the console homepage.
- API

If you need to integrate a VPC into a third-party system for secondary development, you can use APIs to access the VPC service. For details, see the **Virtual Private Cloud API Reference**.

Product Advantages

Flexible Configuration

You can create VPCs, add subnets, specify IP address ranges, configure DHCP, and set route tables. You can configure the same VPC for ECSs that are in different availability zones (AZs).

Secure and Reliable

VPCs are logically isolated through tunneling technologies. By default, different VPCs cannot communicate with each other. You can use network ACLs to protect subnets and use security groups to protect ECSs. They add additional layers of security to your VPCs, so your network is secure.

VPC 1

Network
ACL
Subnet 1

Subnet 2

Network
ACL
Subnet 1

Subnet 2

Security
group

Security
group

Router

VPC 2

Network
ACL
Subnet 1

Subnet 2

Security
group

Security
group

Figure 2-1 Secure and reliable

Seamless Interconnectivity

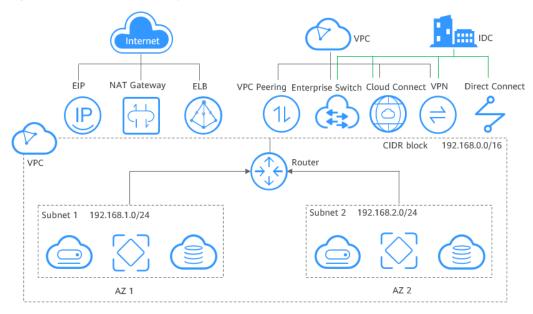
By default, instances in a VPC cannot access the Internet. You can use EIPs, NAT gateways, Direct Connect connections, VPN connections, and load balancers to enable access to or from the Internet.

By default, instances in different VPCs cannot communicate with each other. You can create a VPC peering connection to enable the instances in the two VPCs in the same region to communicate with each other using private IP addresses.

You can use a Layer 2 connection gateway (L2CG) provided by our Enterprise Switch service to establish network communication between the cloud and onpremises networks, and migrate data center or private cloud services to the cloud without changing subnets.

Multiple connectivity options are available to meet diverse service requirements for the cloud, enabling you to deploy enterprise applications with ease and lower enterprise IT operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Figure 2-2 Interconnectivity



High-Speed Access

Dynamic BGP is used to provide access to various carrier networks. You can establish over 20 dynamic BGP connections to different carriers. Dynamic BGP connections enable real-time failovers based on preset routing protocols, ensuring high network stability, low network latency, and smooth access to services on the cloud.

Advantage Comparison

Table 2-1 lists the advantages of a VPC over a traditional IDC.

Table 2-1 Comparison between a VPC and a traditional IDC

Item	VPC	Traditional IDC
Deployment cycle	 You do not need to perform complex engineering deployment, including engineering planning and cabling. You can determine your networks, subnets, and routes on Huawei Cloud based on service requirements. 	You need to set up networks and perform tests. The entire process takes a long time and requires professional technical support.
Total cost	Huawei Cloud provides flexible billing modes for network services. You can select whichever one best fits your business needs. There are no upfront costs and network O&M costs, reducing the total cost of ownership (TCO).	You need to invest heavily in equipment rooms, power supply, construction, and hardware materials. You also need professional O&M teams to ensure network security. Asset management costs increase with any change in business requirements.
Flexibility	Huawei Cloud provides a variety of network services for you to choose from. If you need more network resources (for instance, if you need more bandwidth), you can expand resources on the fly.	You have to strictly comply with the network plan to complete the service deployment. If there are changes in your service requirements, it is difficult to dynamically adjust the network.
Security	VPCs are logically isolated from each other. You can use security features such as network ACLs and security groups, and even security services like Advanced Anti-DDoS (AAD) to protect your cloud resources.	The network is insecure and difficult to maintain. You need professional technical personnel to ensure network security.

3 Application Scenarios

Dedicated Networks on Cloud

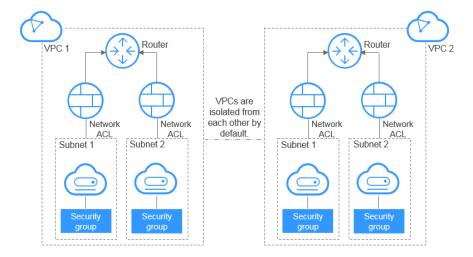
Scenario

Each VPC represents a private network and is logically isolated from other VPCs. You can deploy your service system in a VPC so it will have a private network environment on Huawei Cloud. If you have multiple service systems, for example, a production system and a test system, you can deploy them in two different VPCs to keep them isolated. If you want to establish communication between these two VPCs, you can create a VPC peering connection to link them.

Related Services

ECS

Figure 3-1 Dedicated networks on cloud



Web Application or Website Hosting

Scenario

You can host web applications and websites in a VPC and use the VPC as a regular network. With EIPs or NAT gateways, you can connect ECSs running your web

applications to the Internet. You can use load balancers to evenly distribute traffic across multiple ECSs.

Cloud resources in a VPC can use the following cloud services to connect to the Internet.

Table 3-1 Accessing the Internet

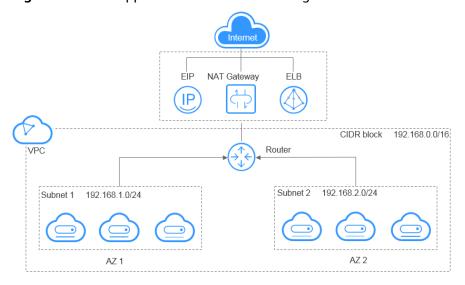
Cloud Service	Applicatio n Scenario	Description	Related Operations
EIP	Single ECS accesses the Internet.	You can assign an EIP and bind it to an ECS so that the ECS can access the Internet or provide services accessible from the Internet. You can unbind the EIP from the ECS to disable access at any time. You can use shared bandwidth and shared data packages to streamline costs.	Elastic IP
NAT Gatewa y	Multiple ECSs share an EIP to access the Internet.	A NAT gateway offers both source network address translation (SNAT) and destination network address translation (DNAT). SNAT allows multiple ECSs in the same VPC to share EIPs to access the Internet. In this way, you can reduce management costs and prevent the EIPs of ECSs from being exposed to the Internet. DNAT uses port-level data forwarding. It maps EIP ports to ECS ports so that the ECSs in a VPC can share the same EIP and bandwidth to provide Internet-accessible services. However, DNAT does not balance traffic.	Using SNAT to Access the Internet Using DNAT to Provide Services Accessible from the Internet

Cloud Service	Applicatio n Scenario	Description	Related Operations
ELB	Evenly distribute incoming traffic across multiple ECSs in high- concurrenc y scenarios, such as e- commerce.	Load balancers evenly distribute traffic across multiple backend ECSs (at Layer 4 or Layer 7). You can bind EIPs to ECSs to allow access from the Internet. ELB expands the capabilities and improves availability of your applications by eliminating single points of failures.	What Is Elastic Load Balance?

Related Services

ECS, EIP, NAT Gateway, and ELB

Figure 3-2 Web application or website hosting



Web Application Access Control

Scenario

You can create a VPC and security groups to host multi-tier web applications in different security zones. You can associate web servers and database servers with different security groups and configure different access control rules for security groups. You can launch web servers in a publicly accessible subnet. But then, to ensure security, you can run database servers in subnets that are not publicly accessible.

Related Services

ECS

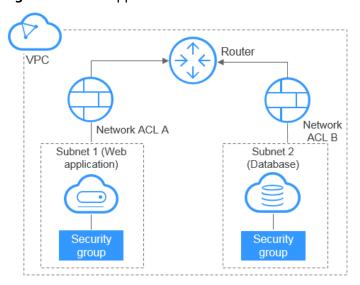


Figure 3-3 Web application access control

VPC Connectivity Options

Scenario

You can use the following cloud services to allow two VPCs to communicate with each other.

Table 3-2 Connecting VPCs

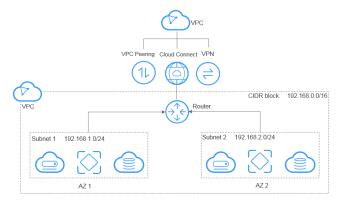
Cloud Service	Applicatio n Scenario	Description	Related Operations
VPC Peering	Connect VPCs in the same region.	You can request a VPC peering connection with another VPC in your account or in another account, but the two VPCs must be in the same region. VPC peering connections are free.	Creating a VPC Peering Connection with Another VPC in Your Account Creating a VPC Peering Connection with a VPC in Another Account
Cloud Connect	Connect VPCs in different regions.	Cloud Connect allows you to connect two VPCs in the same account or in different accounts even if they are in different regions.	Communication Between VPCs Across Regions

Cloud Service	Applicatio n Scenario	Description	Related Operations
VPN	Use VPN to connect VPCs across regions at a low cost.	VPN uses an encrypted communications tunnel to connect VPCs in different regions and sends traffic over the Internet. It is inexpensive, easy to configure, and easy to use. However, the quality of VPN connections depends on the quality of your Internet connections.	Connecting to a VPC Through a VPN

Related Services

ECS, Cloud Connect, and VPN

Figure 3-4 VPC connectivity options



Hybrid Cloud Deployment

Scenario

If you have an on-premises data center and you do not want to migrate all of your services to the cloud, you can build a hybrid cloud, which will let you keep core data in your data center.

Cloud Service	Applicati on Scenario	Description	Related Operations
VPN	Use VPN to connect a VPC to an on- premises data center at a low cost.	VPN uses an encrypted communications tunnel to connect a VPC on the cloud to an on-premises data center and sends traffic over the Internet. It is inexpensive, easy to configure, and easy to use. However, the quality of VPN connections depends on the quality of your Internet connections.	Connecting to a VPC Through a VPN Using an Enterprise Switch to Allow an On- premise Data Center and a VPC to Communicate at Layer 2
Direct Connect	Use a physical connectio n to connect a VPC to an on-premises data center.	Direct Connect provides physical connections between VPCs and data centers. It features low latency and is very secure. Direct Connect is a good choice if you have strict requirements on network transmission quality.	Accessing Multiple VPCs Using a Connection Using an Enterprise Switch to Allow an On- premise Data Center and a VPC to Communicate at Layer 2

Table 3-3 Connecting to an on-premises data center

Related Services

ECS, Cloud Connect, Direct Connect, and VPN

Subnet 1 (Web application)

Network ACL A

Socurity group

Socurity

Socurity

Network ACL B

Direct Connect

Connection

Direct Connect

Socurity

Gateway

On-premises data center

Direct Connect

Connection

On-premises data center

Figure 3-5 Hybrid cloud deployment

4 Functions

Table 4-1 lists common VPC functions.

Before using the VPC service, you should be familiar with the basic concepts, such as subnets, route tables, security groups, and EIPs. This will make it easier to understand VPC functions.

Table 4-1 Common VPC functions

Category	Function	Description
VPC and Subnet	VPC	A VPC provides an isolated virtual network for your cloud resources. You can flexibly configure and manage the network.
		You can create VPCs, modify basic information about VPCs, add a secondary CIDR block to a VPC, remove a secondary CIDR block from a VPC, delete VPCs, and export the VPC list.
		For details, see Creating a VPC .
	Subnet	A subnet is a unique CIDR block with a range of IP addresses in your VPC. All resources in a VPC must be deployed on subnets.
		You can create subnets, modify subnet information, and delete subnets.
		For details, see Creating a VPC .
	Route Table	A route table contains routes, which determine where traffic is directed.
		When you create a VPC, the system automatically creates a default route table. The route table ensures that all subnets in the VPC can communicate with each other. You can also add custom routes to control where traffic is directed.
		You can add, query, modify, and delete routes.
		For details, see Route Table Overview.

Category	Function	Description
	Virtual IP Address	A virtual IP address can be shared among multiple ECSs. You can configure both private and virtual IP addresses for an ECS, and you can access the ECS through either IP address. A virtual IP address has the same network access capability as a private IP address. If you require high availability, you can use virtual IP addresses because they support active/standby ECS switchover.
		You can assign and release virtual IP addresses, bind a virtual IP address to an EIP or ECS, and access a virtual IP address through an EIP, a VPN, Direct Connect, or VPC peering connection.
		For details, see Virtual IP Address Overview.
	IPv4 and IPv6 Dual- Stack	IPv4 and IPv6 dual stack allows your resources to use both the IPv4 and IPv6 addresses for private and public network communication.
	Network	You can create an IPv4/IPv6 dual-stack network or add an IPv6 subnet to a VPC to form a dual-stack network.
		For details, see IPv4 and IPv6 Dual-Stack Network.
	VPC Flow Log	A VPC flow log records information about the traffic going to and from a VPC. VPC flow logs help you monitor network traffic, analyze network attacks, and determine whether security group and network ACL rules require modification.
		You can create, view, enable, disable, and delete VPC flow logs.
		For details, see VPC Flow Log Overview.
Access Control	Security Group	A security group is a collection of access control rules for ECSs that have the same security protection requirements and are mutually trusted within a VPC. You can create a security group and define different access rules to protect the ECSs that it contains.
		You can create and delete security groups, add, replicate, modify, delete, import or export security group rules, view the security group of an ECS, change the security group of an ECS, and add cloud resources to or remove them from a security group.
		For details, see Security Group Overview .

Category	Function	Description
	Network ACL	A network ACL is an optional layer of security for your subnets. You can associate one or more subnets with a network ACL to control traffic in and out of the subnets.
		You can create, view, modify, delete, enable, disable network ACLs, associate subnets with or disassociate them from network ACLs, and add, modify, change the sequence of, enable, disable, and delete network ACL rules.
		For details, see Network ACL Overview .
EIP and Bandwidth	EIP	The Elastic IP (EIP) service enables you to use static public IP addresses and scalable bandwidths to connect your cloud resources to the Internet.
		You can assign EIPs, bind EIPs to cloud resources, unbind EIPs from cloud resources, release EIPs, modify EIP bandwidth, and upgrade static BGP to dynamic BGP.
		For details, see EIP Overview .
	Shared Bandwidth	Shared bandwidth allows multiple EIPs to share the same bandwidth. All ECSs, BMSs, and load balancers that have EIPs bound in the same region can share a bandwidth.
		You can assign, modify, delete a shared bandwidth, add EIPs to a shared bandwidth, and remove EIPs from a shared bandwidth. For details, see Shared Bandwidth Overview .
Resource Interconnectio n	VPC Peering Connection	A VPC peering connection is a network connection between two VPCs. A VPC peering connection allows two VPCs communicate with each other using private IP addresses as if they were in the same VPC. You can create a VPC peering connection between your own VPCs, or between your VPC and a VPC of another account within the same region. However, you cannot create a VPC peering connection between VPCs in different regions.
		You can create a VPC peering connection with another VPC in your account or with a VPC in another account. You can also view, modify, and delete VPC peering connections.
		For details, see VPC Peering Connection Overview.

Category	Function	Description
Monitoring	Viewing Metrics	You can view the bandwidth and EIP usage of the VPC service through Cloud Eye, create and set alarm rules, and customize the monitored objects and notification policies without adding plug-ins. For details, see Supported Metrics.
Auditing	Viewing Audit Logs	With CTS, you can record operations performed on the VPC service for further query, audit, and backtracking purposes. You can view and export operation records of the last seven days on the CTS console.
Tag	Tag Management	Tags help you identify and manage cloud resources. You can manage VPC tags, subnet tags, and EIP tags.
Permissions	Permissions Management	You can use Identity and Access Management (IAM) to implement fine-grained permissions management for your VPCs, allowing enterprises to set different access permissions based on organizations and responsibilities. You can create an IAM user, grant permissions to the user, and create custom VPC policies.

5 Security

5.1 Shared Responsibilities

Huawei guarantees that its commitment to cyber security will never be outweighed by the consideration of commercial interests. To cope with emerging cloud security challenges and pervasive cloud security threats and attacks, Huawei Cloud builds a comprehensive cloud service security assurance system for different regions and industries based on Huawei's unique software and hardware advantages, laws, regulations, industry standards, and security ecosystem.

Figure 5-1 illustrates the responsibilities shared by Huawei Cloud and users.

- Huawei Cloud: Ensure the security of cloud services and provide secure clouds. Huawei Cloud's security responsibilities include ensuring the security of our IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS services, as well as the physical environments of the Huawei Cloud data centers where our IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS services operate. Huawei Cloud is responsible for not only the security functions and performance of our infrastructure, cloud services, and technologies, but also for the overall cloud O&M security and, in the broader sense, the security and compliance of our infrastructure and services.
- **Tenant**: Use the cloud securely. Tenants of Huawei Cloud are responsible for the secure and effective management of the tenant-customized configurations of cloud services including IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS. This includes but is not limited to virtual networks, the OS of virtual machine hosts and guests, virtual firewalls, API Gateway, advanced security services, all types of cloud services, tenant data, identity accounts, and key management.

Huawei Cloud Security White Paper elaborates on the ideas and measures for building Huawei Cloud security, including cloud security strategies, the shared responsibility model, compliance and privacy, security organizations and personnel, infrastructure security, tenant service and security, engineering security, O&M security, and ecosystem security.

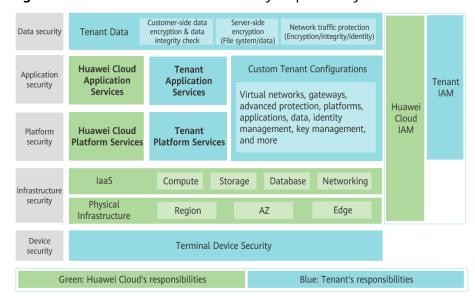


Figure 5-1 Huawei Cloud shared security responsibility model

5.2 Identity Authentication and Access Control

Identity Authentication

Identity and Access Management (IAM) enables you to easily manage users and control their access to Huawei Cloud services and resources.

You can use IAM to control access to your VPC resources. IAM permissions define which actions on your cloud resources are allowed or denied.

After creating an IAM user, the administrator needs to add it to a user group and grant the permissions required by VPC to the user group. Then, all users in this group automatically inherit the granted permissions.

- IAM Functions
- Permissions

Access Control

Security Groups

A security group is a collection of access control rules for cloud resources, such as cloud servers, containers, and databases, that have the same security protection requirements and that are mutually trusted within a VPC. After a security group is created, you can create various access rules for the security group, these rules will apply to all cloud resources added to this security group.

You can create and delete security groups, add, replicate, modify, delete, import or export security group rules, view or change the security group of an ECS, and add ECSs to or remove them from a security group.

You can define access rules for a security group. Then these rules will apply to all cloud resources added to this security group.

For details, see **Security Group Overview**.

Network ACLs

A network ACL is an optional layer of security for your subnets. You can associate one or more subnets with a network ACL to control traffic in and out of the subnets.

You can create, view, modify, delete, enable, disable network ACLs, associate subnets with or disassociate them from network ACLs, add, modify, change the sequence of, enable, disable, and delete network ACL rules.

You can define network ACL rules to control traffic in and out of the subnets.

For details, see **Network ACL Overview**.

5.3 Auditing and Logging

Auditing

Cloud Trace Service (CTS) records operations on cloud resources in your account. You can use the logs to perform security analysis, track resource changes, audit compliance, and locate faults.

After CTS is enabled, it can record VPC operations.

- If you want to enable and configure CTS, refer to CTS Getting Started.
- If you want to know supported operations on VPCs, refer to Supported VPC
 Operations.
- If you want to view traces, refer to **Viewing Traces**.

Logging

A VPC flow log records information about traffic going to and from your VPC. VPC flow logs help you monitor network traffic, analyze network attacks, and determine whether security group and network ACL rules require modification.

- VPC Flow Log Overview
- Creating a VPC Flow Log

5.4 Risk Monitoring

Cloud Eye is a multi-dimensional resource monitoring platform. You can use Cloud Eye to monitor the utilization of service resources, track the running status of cloud services, configure alarm rules and notifications, and quickly respond to resource changes.

With Cloud Eye, you can view the bandwidth and EIP usage. You can also create alarm rules and configure monitoring thresholds and alarm notifications. This will ensure you learn about VPC resource status in a timely manner.

- What Is Cloud Eye?
- Supported Metrics
- Viewing Metrics

6 Notes and Constraints

Constraints on VPC Resources

Note the restrictions on the following VPC resources before using them.

- VPC and subnet CIDR blocks
- Secondary IPv4 CIDR blocks
- Route table and routes
- Virtual IP addresses
- Network interfaces
- Supplementary network interfaces
- Security groups
- Network ACLs
- IP address groups
- VPC peering connections
- Shared VPCs
- IPv4/IPv6 dual-stack networks
- VPC flow logs
- Traffic mirrors

VPC Resource Quotas

A quota defines the maximum number of resources of a certain type that can be created in a region.

Suppose the VPC quota in CN-Hong Kong is 5. If two VPCs have been created in this region, the remaining quota is 3.

To help you save quotas, Huawei Cloud sets limit on the maximum number of cloud resources that you can create in each region.

You can **log in to the console** to view the default quotas for each resource. To increase the resource quota, you can refer to **Applying for a Higher Quota**.

Table 6-1 lists the quotas about VPC resources. Resource quotas are displayed by region. By default, the quotas are the same across regions.

Table 6-1 VPC resource quotas

Item	Default Quota	Adjustable
Maximum number of VPCs per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of subnets per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of route tables that can be associated with a VPC in a region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of routes per route table in a region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	No
Maximum number of security groups per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of security group rules per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of network ACLs per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of IP address groups per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	Yes Submit a service ticket
Maximum number of VPC peering connections per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	No
Maximum number of VPC flow logs per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	No
Maximum number of mirror sessions per region	Quotas vary by your account type and service level. You can go to the console to check your quotas.	No

VPC and Related Services

Figure 7-1 shows the relationship between VPC and other services.

Figure 7-1 VPC and related services

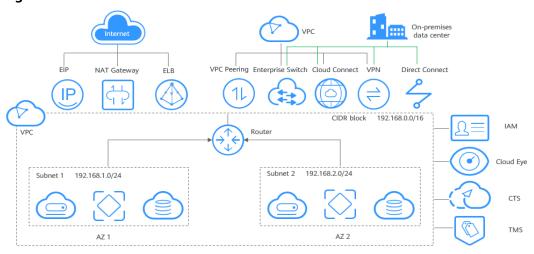


Table 7-1 Related services

Interactive Function	Service	Reference
Secure networks for ECSs.	Elastic Cloud Server (ECS)	Adding a Security Group Rule
Connect ECSs in a VPC to the Internet.	Elastic IP (EIP)	Connecting ECSs in a VPC to the Internet Using EIPs
	NAT Gateway	Using SNAT to Access the Internet
Connect a VPC to a local data center.	Virtual Private Network (VPN)	Virtual Private Network
	Direct Connect	Direct Connect

Interactive Function	Service	Reference
Distribute incoming traffic to multiple ECSs in a VPC.	Elastic Load Balance (ELB)	Elastic Load Balance
Assign different permissions to employees in your enterprise to access your VPC resources.	Identity and Access Management (IAM)	Identity and Access Management
Check the bandwidth and traffic usage.	Cloud Eye	Viewing Metrics
Record VPC-related operations for later query, audit, and backtracking.	Cloud Trace Service (CTS)	Viewing Audit Logs
Tags identify VPC resources for purposes of easy categorization and quick search.	Tag Management Service (TMS)	Managing EIP Tags

8 Billing

VPC provides a wide range of cloud resources. Some are free, while some are not. **Table 8-1** describes how these resources are billed.

Table 8-1 VPC resource billing

Resource	Billing Description
VPC	Free
Subnet	Free
Route table	Free
VPC peering connection	Free
Elastic network interface	Free
Supplementary network interface	Free
IP address group	Free
Security group	Free
Network ACL	Free
VPC flow log	Free
Traffic Mirroring	Free

Resource	Billing Description
EIP and bandwidth	If you use EIPs and bandwidths, you need to pay for their prices.
	EIP reservation price If your pay-per-use EIP has no instance bound, you will be billed for the EIP reservation price.
	Fixed bandwidth
	 EIP bandwidth prices: bandwidth prices of yearly/ monthly EIPs and pay-per-use EIPs (by bandwidth); traffic price of pay-per-use EIPs (by traffic)
	 Shared bandwidth price
	– Shared data package price
	For details, see EIP Billing .
VPC endpoint	If you use VPC endpoints, you need to pay for them. For details, see VPC Endpoint Billing.

□ NOTE

Currently, free resources are not billed. You will be notified in advance if the billing starts.

9 Permissions

If you need to assign different permissions to personnel in your enterprise to access your VPCs, IAM is a good choice for fine-grained permissions management. IAM provides identity authentication, permissions management, and access control, helping you to securely access your Huawei Cloud resources.

With IAM, you can create IAM users, and assign permissions to control their access to specific resources. For example, if you want some software developers in your enterprise to use VPCs but do not want them to delete VPCs or perform any other high-risk operations, you can grant permissions to use VPCs but not permissions to delete them.

If your HUAWEI ID does not require IAM for permissions management, you can skip this section.

IAM is a free service. You only pay for the resources in your account. For more information, see IAM Service Overview.

VPC Permissions

New IAM users do not have any permissions assigned by default. You need to first add them to one or more groups and attach policies or roles to these groups. The users then inherit permissions from the groups and can perform specified operations on cloud services based on the permissions they have been assigned.

VPC is a project-level service deployed for specific regions. When you set **Scope** to **Region-specific projects** and select the specified projects (for example, **apsoutheast-1**) in the specified regions (for example, **CN-Hong Kong**), the users only have permissions for VPCs in the selected projects. If you set **Scope** to **All resources**, users have permissions for VPCs in all region-specific projects. When accessing VPCs, the users need to switch to the authorized region.

You can grant permissions by using roles and policies.

- Roles: A coarse-grained authorization strategy provided by IAM to assign
 permissions based on users' job responsibilities. Only a limited number of
 service-level roles are available for authorization. When you grant permissions
 using roles, you also need to attach dependent roles. Roles are not ideal for
 fine-grained authorization and least privilege access.
- Policies: A fine-grained authorization strategy that defines permissions required to perform operations on specific cloud resources under certain

conditions. This type of authorization is more flexible and is ideal for least privilege access. For example, you can grant VPC users only the permissions for managing a certain type of resources. A majority of fine-grained policies contain permissions for specific APIs, and permissions are defined using API actions. For the API actions supported by VPC, see **Permissions Policies and Supported Actions**.

Table 9-1 lists all the system-defined permissions for VPC.

Table 9-1 System-defined permissions for VPC

Policy Name	Description	Policy Type	Dependencies
VPC FullAccess	Full permissions for VPC	System- defined policy	To use the VPC flow log function, users must also have the LTS ReadOnlyAcce ss permission.
VPC ReadOnlyAcces s	Read-only permissions on VPC.	System- defined policy	None
VPC Administrator	Most permissions on VPC, excluding creating, modifying, deleting, and viewing security groups and security group rules. To be granted this permission, users must also have the Tenant Guest permission.	System- defined role	Tenant Guest policy, which must be attached in the same project as VPC Administrator.

Table 9-2 lists the common operations supported by system-defined permissions for VPC.

Table 9-2 Common operations supported by system-defined permissions

Operation	VPCReadOnlyAcces s	VPC Administrator	VPC FullAccess
Creating a VPC	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Modifying a VPC	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a VPC	Not supported	Supported	Supported

Operation	VPCReadOnlyAcces s	VPC Administrator	VPC FullAccess
Viewing VPC information	Supported	Supported	Supported
Creating a subnet	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Viewing subnet information	Supported	Supported	Supported
Modifying a subnet	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a subnet	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Creating a security group	Not supported	Not supported	Supported
Viewing security group information	Supported	Not supported	Supported
Modifying a security group	Not supported	Not supported	Supported
Deleting a security group	Not supported	Not supported	Supported
Adding a security group rule	Not supported	Not supported	Supported
Viewing a security group rule	Supported	Not supported	Supported
Modifying a security group rule	Not supported	Not supported	Supported
Deleting a security group rule	Not supported	Not supported	Supported
Creating a network ACL	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Viewing a network ACL	Supported	Supported	Supported

Operation	VPCReadOnlyAcces s	VPC Administrator	VPC FullAccess
Modifying a network ACL	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a network ACL	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Adding a network ACL rule	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Modifying a network ACL rule	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a network ACL rule	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Creating a VPC peering connection	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Modifying a VPC peering connection	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a VPC peering connection	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Querying a VPC peering connection	Supported	Supported	Supported
Accepting a VPC peering connection request	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Rejecting a VPC peering connection request	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Creating a route table	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a route table	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Modifying a route table	Not supported	Supported	Supported

Operation	VPCReadOnlyAcces s	VPC Administrator	VPC FullAccess
Associating a route table with a subnet	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Adding a route	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Modifying a route	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a route	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Creating a VPC flow log	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Viewing a VPC flow log	Supported	Supported	Supported
Enabling or disabling a VPC flow log	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Deleting a VPC flow log	Not supported	Supported	Supported

Helpful Links

- What Is IAM?
- Creating a User and Granting VPC Permissions
- Permissions Policies and Supported Actions

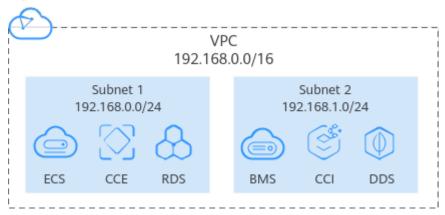
10 Basic Concepts

10.1 Subnet

A subnet is a unique CIDR block with a range of IP addresses in a VPC. All resources in a VPC must be deployed on subnets.

- All instances in different subnets of the same VPC can communicate with each other by default, and the subnets can be located in different AZs. If you have a VPC with two subnets in it and they are located in different AZs, they can communicate with each other by default.
- A cloud resource can be in a different AZ from its subnet. For example, a cloud server in AZ 1 can be in a subnet in AZ 3. If AZ 3 becomes faulty, cloud servers in AZ 1 can still use the subnet in AZ 3, and your services are not interrupted.

Figure 10-1 Subnet

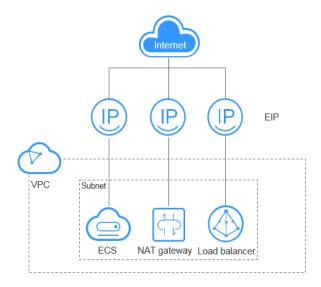


10.2 Elastic IP

The Elastic IP (EIP) service enables your cloud resources to communicate with the Internet using static public IP addresses and scalable bandwidths. EIPs can be bound to or unbound from ECSs, BMSs, virtual IP addresses, NAT gateways, or load balancers.

Each EIP can be used by only one cloud resource at a time.

Figure 10-2 Accessing the Internet using an EIP



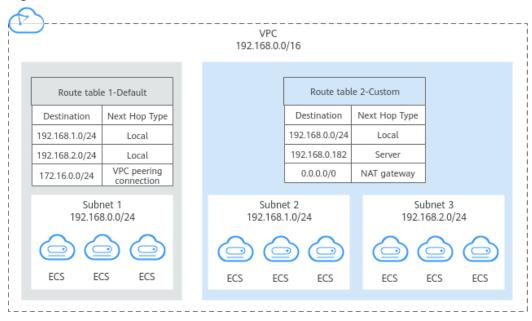
10.3 Route Table

What Is a Route Table?

A route table contains a set of routes that are used to control the traffic in and out of your subnets in a VPC. Each subnet must be associated with a route table. A subnet can only be associated with one route table, but you can associate multiple subnets with the same route table.

Both IPv4 and IPv6 routes are supported.

Figure 10-3 Route tables



- Default route table: Each VPC comes with a default route table. If you create
 a subnet in the VPC, the subnet associates with the default route table. The
 default route table ensures that subnets in a VPC can communicate with each
 other.
 - You can add routes to, delete routes from, and modify routes in the default route table, but cannot delete the table.
 - When you create a VPN, Cloud Connect, or Direct Connect connection, the default route table automatically delivers a route that cannot be deleted or modified.
- Custom route table: If you do not want to use the default route table, you can create a custom route table and associate it with the subnet. Custom route tables can be deleted if they are no longer required.

The custom route table associated with a subnet affects only the outbound traffic. The default route table of a subnet controls the inbound traffic.

By default, the quota for custom route tables is 0. To create custom route tables, **apply for a quota increase first**.

Route

You can add routes to both default and custom route tables and configure the destination, next hop type, and next hop for the routes to determine where network traffic is directed. Routes are classified into system routes and custom routes.

- System routes are automatically added by the VPC service and cannot be modified or deleted. After a route table is created, the following system routes will be added to the route table:
 - Routes whose destination is 100.64.0.0/10 (IP address range used to deploy public services, for example, the DNS server). The routes direct instances in a subnet to access these services.
 - Routes whose destination is 198.19.128.0/20 (IP address range used by internal services, such as VPC Endpoint).
 - Routes whose destination is 127.0.0.0/8 (local loopback addresses)
 - Routes whose destination is a subnet CIDR block and that enable instances in a VPC to communicate with each other.

If you enable IPv6 when creating a subnet, the system automatically assigns an IPv6 CIDR block to the subnet. Then, you can view IPv6 routes in its route table. Example destinations of subnet CIDR blocks are as follows:

■ IPv4: 192.168.2.0/24

IPv6: 2407:c080:802:be7::/64

• Custom routes are routes that you can add, modify, and delete. The destination of a custom route cannot overlap with that of a system route.

You can add a custom route and configure information such as the destination and next hop in the route to determine where network traffic is directed. **Table 10-1** lists the supported types of next hops.

You cannot add two routes with the same destination to a VPC route table even if their next hop types are different. The route priority depends on the destination. According to the longest match routing rule, the destination with a higher matching degree is preferentially selected for packet forwarding.

Table 10-1 Next hop type

Next Hop Type	Description	Supported Route Table
Server	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to an ECS in the VPC.	Default route tableCustom route
		table
Extension NIC	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to the extension NIC of an ECS in the VPC.	Default route tableCustom route table
BMS user- defined network	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a BMS user-defined network.	Custom route table
VPN gateway	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a VPN gateway.	Custom route table
Direct Connect gateway	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a Direct Connect gateway.	Custom route table
Cloud connection	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a cloud connection.	Custom route table
Supplementary network interface	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to the supplementary network interface of an ECS in the VPC.	Default route table
		Custom route table
NAT gateway	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a NAT gateway.	Default route table
		Custom route table
VPC peering connection	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a VPC peering connection.	Default route table
		Custom route table

Next Hop Type	Description	Supported Route Table
Virtual IP address	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a virtual IP address and then sent to	Default route table
	active and standby ECSs to which the virtual IP address is bound.	Custom route table
VPC endpoint	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a VPC	Default route table
	endpoint.	Custom route table
Cloud container	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a cloud container.	Default route table
		• Custom route table
Enterprise router	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to an enterprise router.	Default route table
		• Custom route table
Cloud firewall	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to a cloud firewall.	Default route table
		 Custom route table
Internet gateway	Traffic intended for the destination is forwarded to an internet gateway.	Default route table
		• Custom route table

□ NOTE

If you specify the destination when creating a resource, a system route is delivered. If you do not specify a destination when creating a resource, a custom route that can be modified or deleted is delivered.

For example, when you create a NAT gateway, the system automatically delivers a custom route without a specific destination (0.0.0.0/0 is used by default). In this case, you can change the destination. However, when you create a VPN gateway, you need to specify the remote subnet as the destination of a route. In this case, this route will be delivered as a system route. Do not modify the route destination on the **Route Tables** page. If you do, the destination will be inconsistent with the configured remote subnet. To modify the route destination, go to the specific resource page and modify the remote subnet, then the route destination will be changed accordingly.

10.4 Security Group

A security group is a collection of access control rules for cloud resources, such as cloud servers, containers, and databases, that have the same security protection

requirements and that are mutually trusted. After a security group is created, you can configure access rules that will apply to all cloud resources added to this security group.

Each security group can have both inbound and outbound rules. You need to specify the source, port, and protocol for each inbound rule and specify the destination, port, and protocol for each outbound rule to control the inbound and outbound traffic to and from the instances in the security group. As shown in **Figure 10-4**, you have a VPC (**VPC-A**) with a subnet (**Subnet-A**) in region A. An ECS (**ECS-A**) is running in **Subnet-A** and associated with security group **Sg-A**.

- Security group Sg-A has a custom inbound rule to allow ICMP traffic to ECS-A from your PC over all ports. However, the security group does not have rules that allow SSH traffic to ECS-A so you cannot remotely log in to ECS-A from your PC.
- If ECS-A needs to access the Internet through an EIP, the outbound rule of Sg-A must allow all traffic from ECS-A to the Internet.

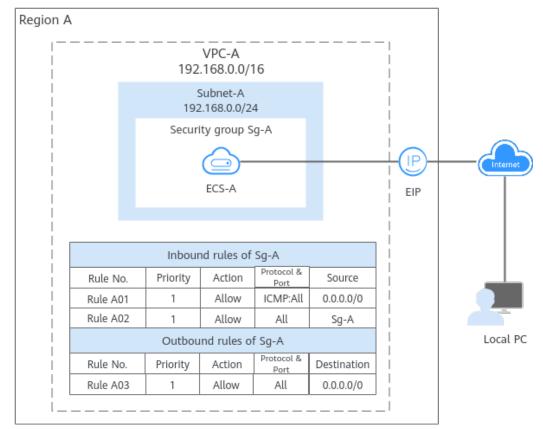


Figure 10-4 A security group architecture

10.5 VPC Peering Connection

A VPC peering connection is a networking connection that connects two VPCs for them to communicate using private IP addresses. The VPCs to be peered can be in the same account or different accounts, but must be in the same region.

- If you want to connect VPCs in different regions, use Cloud Connect.
- You can use VPC peering connections to build different networks. For details, see VPC Peering Connection Usage Examples.

Figure 10-5 shows an application scenario of VPC peering connections.

- There are two VPCs (VPC-A and VPC-B) in region A that are not connected.
- Service servers (ECS-A01 and ECS-A02) are in VPC-A, and database servers (RDS-B01 and RDS-B02) are in VPC-B. The service servers and database servers cannot communicate with each other.
- You need to create a VPC peering connection (peering-AB) between VPC-A and VPC-B so the service servers and database servers can communicate with each other.

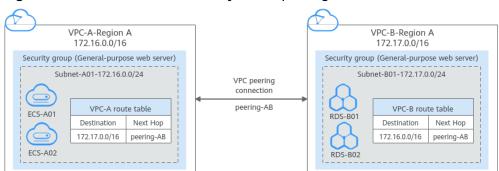


Figure 10-5 Two VPCs connected by a VPC peering connection

10.6 Network ACL

A network ACL is an optional layer of security for your subnets. After you add inbound and outbound rules to a network ACL and associate subnets with it, you can control traffic in and out of the subnets.

A network ACL is different from a security group. A security group protects the instances in it, such as ECSs, databases, and containers, while a network ACL protects the entire subnet. Security groups are a mandatory layer of protection but network ACLs are optional. Network ACLs and security groups can be used together for fine-grained access control.

You need to specify the protocol, source port and address, and destination port and address for each inbound and outbound rule of the network ACL. Suppose you have two subnets in region A, as shown in Figure 10-6. Subnet-X01 is associated with network ACL Fw-A, and ECSs deployed in this subnet provide web services accessible from the Internet. Subnet-X02 is associated with network ACL Fw-B. Subnet-X02 and Subnet-Y01 are connected through a VPC peering connection. Now, you need to configure inbound and outbound rules to allow ECS-C01 in Subnet-Y01 to remotely log in to ECSs in Subnet-X02.

• Inbound and outbound rules on Fw-A:

Custom inbound rule **A01** allows any IP address to access the ECSs in **Subnet-X01** through port 80 over TCP or HTTP. If the traffic does not match custom rule **A01**, the default rule is applied and the traffic is denied to flow into the subnet.

Stateful network ACLs allow responses to inbound requests to leave the subnet without being controlled by rules. The responses from ECSs in **Subnet-X01** can go out of the subnet. Other outbound traffic is not allowed to leave **Subnet-X01**, because the default rule is applied.

• Inbound and outbound rules on Fw-B:

Custom inbound rule **B01** allows **ECS-C01** in **Subnet-Y01** to use access the ECSs in **Subnet-X02** through port 22 over TCP or SSH.

Custom outbound rule **B02** allows all ICMP traffic over any port. The ping traffic from ECSs in **Subnet-X02** to **ECS-C01** in **Subnet-Y01** can be routed successfully to test the network connectivity.

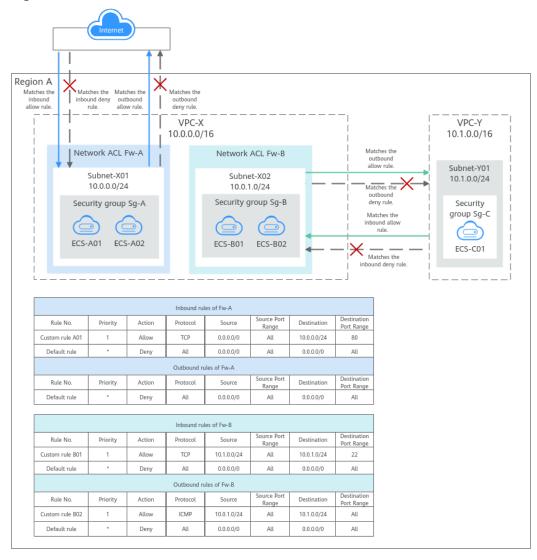


Figure 10-6 Network ACL rules

10.7 Virtual IP Address

A virtual IP address is a private IP address that can be independently assigned from and released to a VPC subnet. You can:

- Bind one or more virtual IP addresses to an ECS so that you can use either the
 virtual IP address or private IP address to access the ECS. If you have multiple
 services running on an ECS, you can use different virtual IP addresses to
 access them.
- Bind a virtual IP address to multiple ECSs. You can use a virtual IP address and an HA software (such as Keepalived) to set up a high-availability active/standby cluster. If you want to improve service availability and eliminate single points of failure, you can deploy ECSs in the active/standby pair or deploy one active ECS and multiple standby ECSs. In this case, the ECSs can use the same virtual IP address. If the active ECS goes down, the standby ECS becomes the active ECS and continues to provide services.

Generally, ECSs use private IP addresses for internal network communication. A virtual IP address has the same network access capabilities as a private IP address. You can use either of them to enable layer 2 and layer 3 communications in a VPC, access a different VPC using a peering connection, enable Internet access through EIPs, and connect the cloud and the on-premises servers using VPN connections and Direct Connect connections. **Figure 10-7** describes how private IP addresses, the virtual IP address, and EIPs work together.

- Private IP addresses are used for internal network communication.
- The virtual IP address works with Keepalived to build an HA cluster. ECSs in this cluster can be accessed through one virtual IP address.
- EIPs are used for Internet communication.

122.9.9.85 122.9.9.87 VPC 172.16.0.0/16 subnet-B subnet-A 172.16.0.0/24 172.16.1.0/24 Virtual IP address 172.16.0.2 Keepalived FCS-A-02 Private IP Private IP address Private IP address address 172.16.1.12 172.16.0.118 172.16.0.84

Figure 10-7 Different types of IP addresses used by ECSs

10.8 Elastic Network Interface

An elastic network interface (referred to as a network interface in this documentation) is a virtual network card. You can create and configure network interfaces and attach them to your instances (ECSs and BMSs) to obtain flexible and highly available network configurations.

Network Interface Types

- A primary network interface is created together with an instance by default, and cannot be detached from the instance.
- An extended network interface is created on the Network Interfaces console, and can be attached to or detached from an instance.

Application Scenarios

Flexible migration

You can detach a network interface from an instance and then attach it to another instance. The network interface retains its private IP address, EIP, and security group rules. In this way, service traffic on the faulty instance can be quickly migrated to the standby instance, implementing quick service recovery.

• Traffic management

You can attach multiple network interfaces that belong to different subnets in a VPC to the same instance, and configure the network interfaces to carry the private network traffic, public network traffic, and management network traffic of the instance. You can configure access control policies and routing policies for each subnet, and configure security group rules for each network interface to isolate networks and service traffic.

10.9 Supplementary Network Interface

Supplementary network interfaces are a supplement to elastic network interfaces. If the number of elastic network interfaces that can be attached to your ECS cannot meet your requirements, you can use supplementary network interfaces, which can be attached to VLAN subinterfaces of elastic network interfaces.

Application Scenarios

Supplementary network interfaces are attached to VLAN subinterfaces of elastic network interfaces. **Figure 10-8** shows the networking diagram.

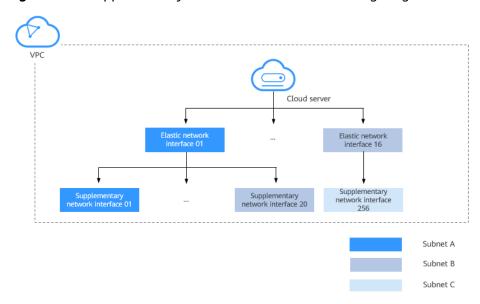


Figure 10-8 Supplementary network interface networking diagram

The number of elastic network interfaces that can be attached to each ECS is limited. If this limit cannot meet your requirements, you can attach supplementary network interfaces to elastic network interfaces.

- You can attach supplementary network interfaces that belong to different subnets in the same VPC to an ECS. Each supplementary network interface has its private IP address and EIP for private or Internet communication.
- You can security group rules for supplementary network interfaces for network isolation.

10.10 IP Address Group

An IP address group is a collection of IP addresses. It can be associated with security groups and network ACLs to simplify IP address configuration and management.

You can add IP address ranges and IP addresses that need to be managed in a unified manner to an IP address group. An IP address group can work together with different cloud resources. **Table 10-2** lists the resources that can be associated with an IP address group.

Table 10-2 Resources that can be associated with an IP address group

Resource	Description	Example
Security group	The Source or Destination of a security group rule can be set to IP address group .	As shown in Figure 10-9 , the inbound rule of security group sg-A uses IP address group ipGroup-A as the source.

Resource	Description	Example
Network ACL	The Source or Destination of a network ACL is set to IP address group .	As shown in Figure 10-9 , the inbound rule of network ACL fw-A uses IP address group ipGroup-A as the source.

Security Group sg-A IP address group Inbound rule Outbound rule ipGroup-A Source Destination ipGroup-A 0.0.0.0/0 IP address range 10.1.0.0/16 Network ACL 192.168.0.0/16 Single IP address Inbound rule Outbound rule 10.0.2.5/32 Source Source 172.16.0.10/32 0.0.0.0/0 ipGroup-A Destination Destination 0.0.0.0/0 0.0.0.0/0

Figure 10-9 Using IP address group

10.11 Region and AZ

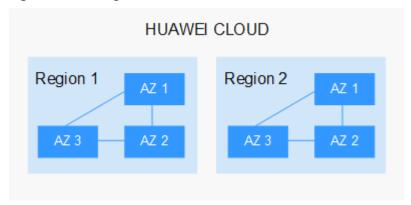
Concept

A region and availability zone (AZ) identify the location of a data center. You can create resources in a specific region and AZ.

- Regions are divided based on geographical location and network latency.
 Public services, such as Elastic Cloud Server (ECS), Elastic Volume Service (EVS), Object Storage Service (OBS), Virtual Private Cloud (VPC), Elastic IP (EIP), and Image Management Service (IMS), are shared within the same region. Regions are classified into universal regions and dedicated regions. A universal region provides universal cloud services for common tenants. A dedicated region provides specific services for specific tenants.
- An AZ contains one or more physical data centers. Each AZ has independent cooling, fire extinguishing, moisture-proof, and electricity facilities. Within an AZ, computing, network, storage, and other resources are logically divided into multiple clusters. AZs within a region are interconnected using high-speed optical fibers, to support cross-AZ high-availability systems.

Figure 10-10 shows the relationship between regions and AZs.

Figure 10-10 Regions and AZs



Huawei Cloud provides services in many regions around the world. You can select a region and an AZ based on requirements. For more information, see **Huawei Cloud Global Regions**.

Selecting a Region

When selecting a region, consider the following factors:

Location

It is recommended that you select the closest region for lower network latency and quick access.

- If your target users are in Asia Pacific (excluding the Chinese mainland), select the CN-Hong Kong, AP-Bangkok, or AP-Singapore region.
- If your target users are in Africa, select the **AF-Johannesburg** region.
- If your target users are in Latin America, select the LA-Santiago region.
 - □ NOTE

The LA-Santiago region is located in Chile.

Resource price

Resource prices may vary in different regions. For details, see **Product Pricing Details**.

Selecting an AZ

When deploying resources, consider your applications' requirements on disaster recovery (DR) and network latency.

- For high DR capability, deploy resources in different AZs within the same region.
- For lower network latency, deploy resources in the same AZ.

Regions and Endpoints

Before you use an API to call resources, specify its region and endpoint. For more details, see **Regions and Endpoints**.