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# Securing the Cloud

Identity Management and  
Network Security in the Cloud

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# Agenda

## Identity & Access Management

- Core concepts: user, groups, roles, policies
- Demos: multi-factor authentication; S3 access control policies; introducing roles for Instances

## EC2 networking

- EC2 classic networking
- Introducing Virtual Private Cloud
- Demos: network control via security groups; public and private connectivity to VPC; forensics in the cloud



# Identity & Access Management

- ❏ Identities & access control for AWS management plane
  - AWS APIs and console
  - Not for operating system or application level
  - Partners like Xceedium provide integrations across levels
- ❏ Principals: users, groups, and roles
- ❏ Actions: service-specific verbs
- ❏ Resources: very rich set of AWS objects
  - Addressable via Amazon Resource Names (ARNs)
- ❏ Single policy language applies everywhere



# Example Policy

```
{
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "s3:ListAllMyBuckets",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3::*",
      "Condition": {} //e.g., time, transport, source ARN, source IP, UserAgent, Referrer
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetBucketLocation",
        "s3:ListBucket",
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:PutObject"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::qcon-nyc",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::qcon-nyc/*"
    }
  ]
}
```



# Model: Principals and Resources

- ❏ Single policy language used to express permissions on both principals and resources (actions on either/both)
- ❏ Some services support only actions/verbs; others provide resource-level permissioning
  - More resource-level will be added over time
- ❏ Policies are AND'd together; first “deny” ends processing



# Model

## User-Based Permissions

### Larry

Can Read, Write, List  
On Resource X

### Sam

Can Read  
On Resources Y, Z

### Managers

Can List  
On Resources X, Y, Z

### Admins

Can do All Actions  
On All Resources

## Resource-Based Permissions

### Resource X

Bob: Can Read, Write, List  
Jim: Can Read, List  
Sara: Can List  
Doug: Can Read, Write, List  
etc...

### Resource Y

Bob: Can Read, Write, List  
Larry: Can Read  
Sam: Can Write, List  
etc...



For summary of service-level support, see

[http://docs.amazonwebservices.com/AM/latest/UserGuide/Using\\_SpecificProducts.html](http://docs.amazonwebservices.com/AM/latest/UserGuide/Using_SpecificProducts.html)



# IAM Demos

- ❏ Create user, assign to group
- ❏ Add virtual MFA for interactive sessions (and some APIs)
- ❏ Create S3-related policy
- ❏ Login as new user, try S3 operations
- ❏ Start instance in role, view identity metadata



# Roles for Instances

- Example of using new STS model of auth in a REST call:

```
https://sdb.amazonaws.com/  
?Action=GetAttributes  
&AWSAccessKeyId=Access Key ID provided by AWS Security Token Service  
&DomainName=MyDomain  
&ItemName=MyItem  
&SignatureVersion=2  
&SignatureMethod=HmacSHA256  
&Timestamp=2010-01-25T15%3A03%3A07-07%3A00 &Version=2009-04-15  
&Signature=Signature calculated using the SecretKeyId provided by AWS STS  
&SecurityToken=Security Token Value
```

- AWS SDKs to the work for you





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- Additional capabilities of Virtual Private Cloud



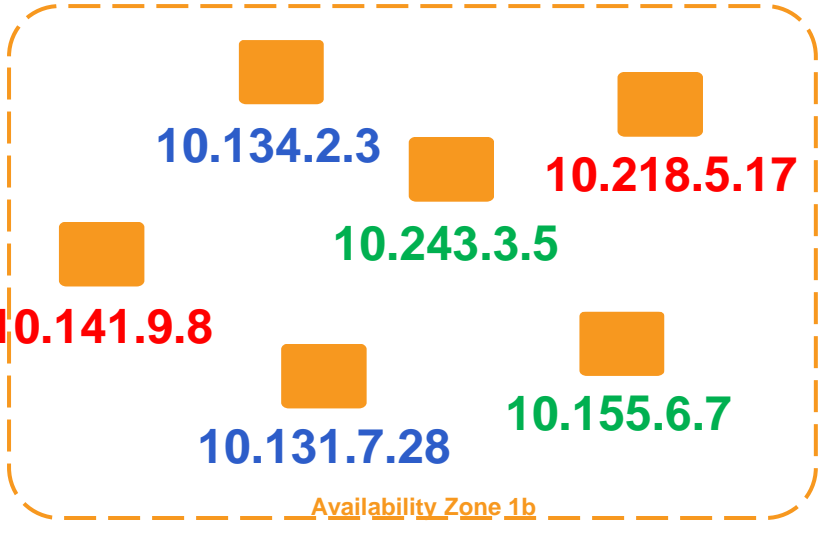
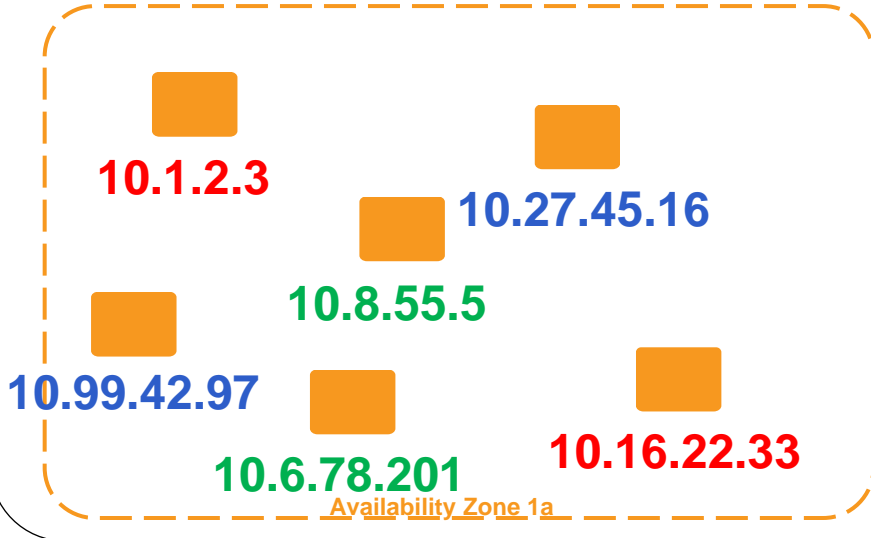
# EC2 Standard Networking

- ❏ Distinct private/internal and public/external IPs
  - True 1:1 NAT (no port translation)
  - “Split-brained” DNS
  - Addresses change upon reboot
- ❏ Security groups control ingress
- ❏ Elastic IPs: fixed public IPs





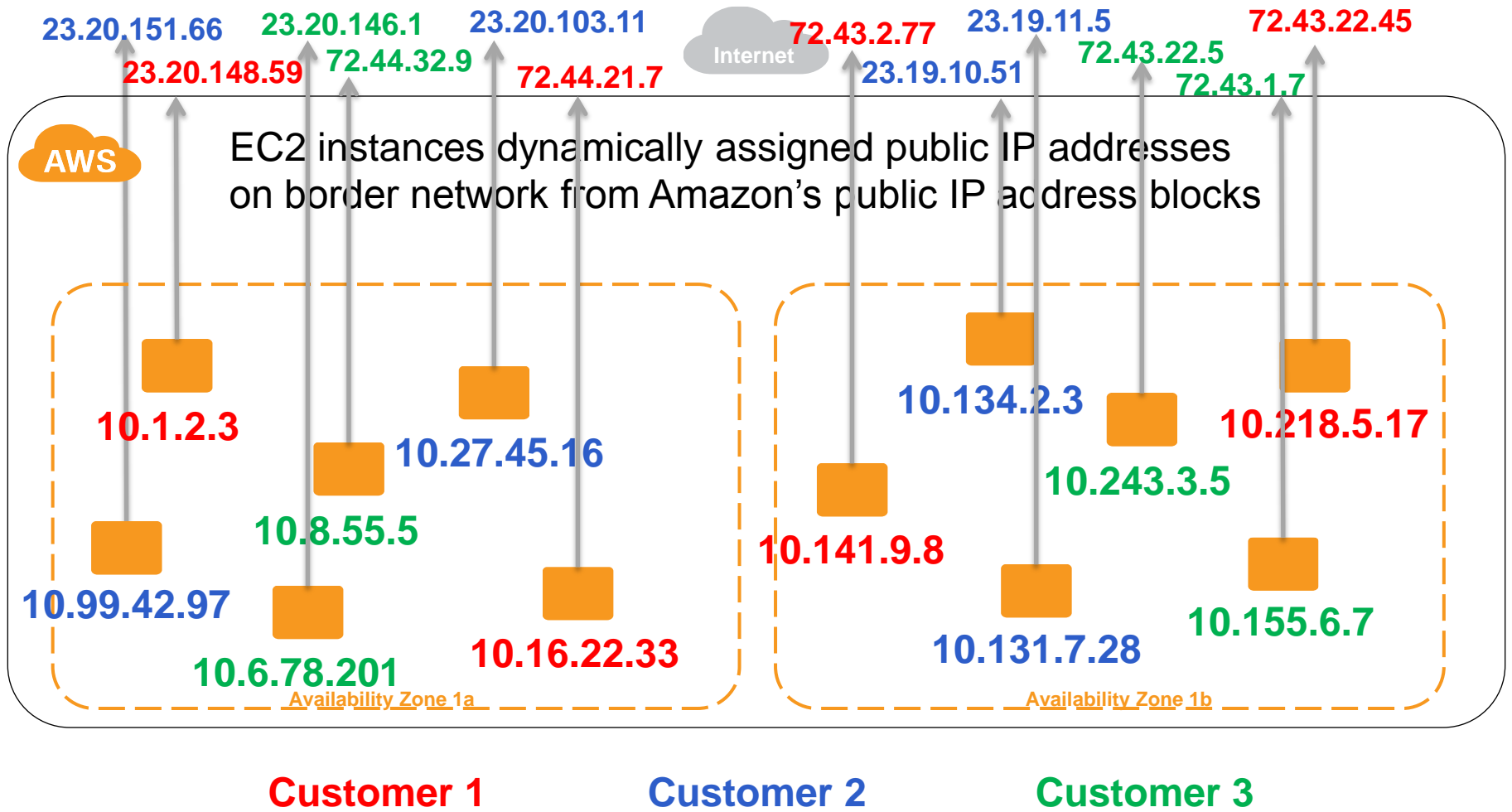
EC2 instances dynamically assigned private IP addresses from the one large internal Amazon IP address range



Customer 1

Customer 2

Customer 3



# Introducing AWS Virtual Private Cloud

- 📦 User-defined virtual IP networking for EC2
- 📦 Private or mixed private/public addressing and ingress/egress
- 📦 Re-use of proven and well-understood networking concepts and technologies



# VPC Capabilities in a Nutshell

- 📦 User-defined address space up to /16
  - *Completely* disjoint from all other tenant networks
- 📦 Up to 20\* user-defined subnets up to /16
- 📦 User-defined:
  - Virtual routing, DHCP servers, and NAT instances
  - Internet gateways, private, customer gateways, and VPN tunnels
- 📦 Private IPs are stable once assigned
- 📦 *Internet access is not automatic*
- 📦 Elastic Network Interfaces (virtual NICs)



# Enhanced Security Capabilities

- Network topology, routing, and subnet ACLs
- Security group enhancements
  - Egress control; dynamic (re)assignment; multiple SGs; richer protocol support
- Multiple network interfaces per instance
- Completely private networking via VPN
- Support for dedicated instances

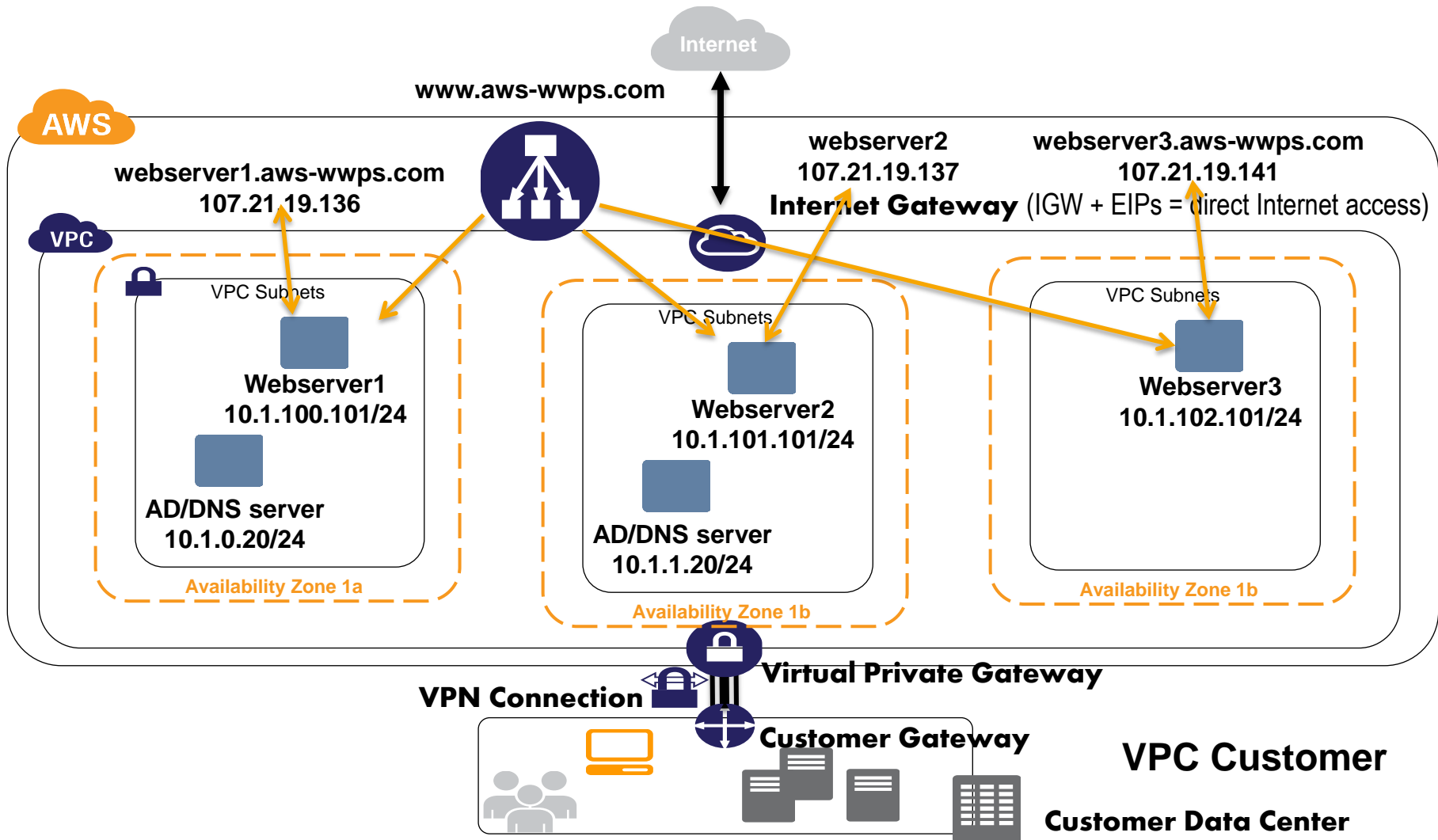


# Common Use Cases

- ❏ Mixing public and private resources
  - *E.g.*, web-facing hosts with DMZ subnets, control plane subnets
- ❏ Workloads that expect fixed IPs and/or multiple NICs
- ❏ AWS cloud as private extension of on-premises network
  - Accessible from on-premises hosts
  - No change to addressing
  - No change to Internet threat/risk posture







AWS

VPC

www.aws-wwps.com

Internet

webserver1.aws-wwps.com  
107.21.19.136

webserver2  
107.21.19.137

webserver3.aws-wwps.com  
107.21.19.141

Internet Gateway (IGW + EIPs = direct Internet access)

VPC Subnets

Webserver1  
10.1.100.101/24

AD/DNS server  
10.1.0.20/24

Availability Zone 1a

VPC Subnets

Webserver2  
10.1.101.101/24

AD/DNS server  
10.1.1.20/24

Availability Zone 1b

VPC Subnets

Webserver3  
10.1.102.101/24

Availability Zone 1c

VPN Connection

Virtual Private Gateway

Customer Gateway

VPC Customer

Customer Data Center

# Rich Capabilities in VPC

- ❏ ELB, AutoScaling, CloudWatch, alarms
- ❏ Relational Database Service (MySQL engine, for now)
- ❏ Elastic MapReduce
- ❏ CloudFormation
- ❏ And many others, with more to come...
- ❏ “Blackbox” services with public endpoints reachable via Internet gateway (or VPN)

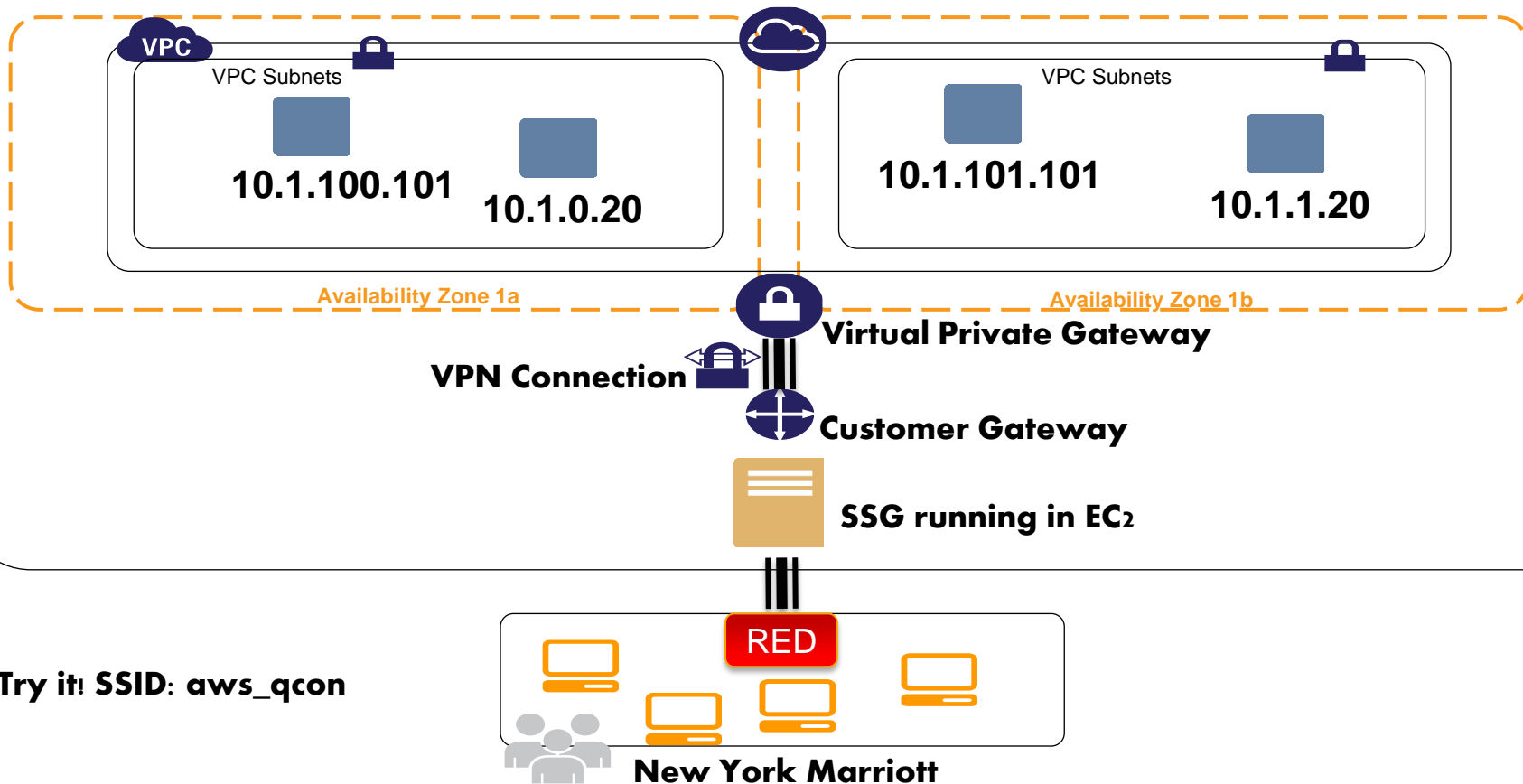


# Networking Demos

- 📦 Ping instances from inside and outside VPC
- 📦 Change security group content and examine behavior
  - Ping
  - Egress control (web browser)
- 📦 Drop public IPs, switch to accessing VPC from (virtual) “on premises” network



# Simulation of “on-premises” VPC access via Sophos Security Gateway (ASG) EC2 virtual appliance and Sophos Remote Ethernet (RED) device



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Questions & Answers