AWS Outposts: User Guide
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What is AWS Outposts?

AWS Outposts is a fully managed service that extends AWS infrastructure, services, APIs, and tools to customer premises. By providing local access to AWS managed infrastructure, AWS Outposts enables customers to build and run applications on premises using the same programming interfaces as in AWS Regions, while using local compute and storage resources for lower latency and local data processing needs.

An Outpost is a pool of AWS compute and storage capacity deployed at a customer site. AWS operates, monitors, and manages this capacity as part of an AWS Region. You can create subnets on your Outpost and specify them when you create AWS resources such as EC2 instances, EBS volumes, ECS clusters, and RDS instances. Instances in Outpost subnets communicate with other instances in the AWS Region using private IP addresses, all within the same VPC.

For more information, see the AWS Outposts product page.

Key concepts

- **Outpost site** – The customer-managed physical buildings where AWS will install your Outpost. A site must meet the facility, networking, and power requirements for your Outpost.
- **Outpost configurations** – Mixes of Amazon EC2 compute capacity, Amazon EBS storage capacity, and networking support. Each configuration has unique power, cooling, and weight support requirements.
- **Outpost capacity** – Compute and storage resources available on the Outpost. You can view and manage the capacity for your Outpost from the AWS Outposts console.
- **Outpost equipment** – Physical hardware that provides access to the AWS Outposts service, including racks, servers, switches, and cabling owned and managed by AWS.
- **Service link** – Network route that enables communication between your Outpost and its associated AWS Region.
- **Local gateway** – A logical interconnect virtual router that enables communication between your Outpost and your on-premises network.

AWS resources on Outposts

You can create the following resources on your Outpost to support low-latency workloads that must run in close proximity to on-premises data and applications:

- Amazon EC2 instances and EBS volumes – [Launch an instance on your Outpost](p. 21)
- Amazon ECS clusters – [Amazon Elastic Container Service on AWS Outposts](p. 21)
- Amazon EKS nodes – [Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service on AWS Outposts](p. 21)
- Amazon EMR clusters – [EMR Clusters on AWS Outposts](p. 21)
- Amazon RDS DB instances – [Amazon RDS on AWS Outposts](p. 21)
- AWS App Mesh Envoy proxy – [AWS App Mesh on AWS Outposts](p. 21)

Pricing

You can choose from a variety of Outpost configurations, each providing a combination of EC2 instance types and EBS volumes. The pricing for these configurations includes the EC2 instances and EBS volumes,
plus delivery, installation, and maintenance of the Outpost equipment. You can also increase your compute and storage capacity over time by upgrading your configuration.

You purchase a configuration for a 3-year term and can choose from three payment options: All Upfront, Partial Upfront, and No Upfront. If you choose the Partial or No Upfront payment option, monthly charges will apply. Any upfront charges apply 24 hours after your Outpost is installed and the compute and storage capacity is available for use. For more information, see the AWS Outposts pricing page.
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Network components

How AWS Outposts works

AWS Outposts is designed to operate with a constant and consistent connection between your Outpost and an AWS Region. To achieve this connection to the Region, and to the local workloads in your on-premises environment, you must connect your Outpost to your on-premises network. Your on-premises network must provide wide area network (WAN) access back to the Region and to the internet. It must also provide LAN or WAN access to the local network where your on-premises workloads or applications reside.

The following image shows an Outpost rack. The 42U rack is 80 inches high by 24 inches wide by 48 inches deep.

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AWS Outposts network components

An AWS Outposts extends an Amazon VPC from an AWS Region to an Outpost with the VPC components that are accessible with the Region, including internet gateways, virtual private gateways, Amazon VPC Transit Gateways, and VPC endpoints. An Outpost is homed to an Availability Zone in the Region and is an extension of that Availability Zone that you can use for resiliency.

The following diagram shows the network components for your Outpost.

• VPCs and subnets
• A local gateway
VPCs and subnets

A virtual private cloud (VPC) spans all Availability Zones in its AWS Region. You can extend any VPC in the Region to your Outpost by adding an Outpost subnet. To add an Outpost subnet to a VPC, specify the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the Outpost when you create the subnet.

Outposts support multiple subnets. You can specify the EC2 instance subnet when you launch the EC2 instance in your Outpost. You cannot restrict the hardware server where the instance is deployed, because the Outpost is a pool of AWS compute and storage capacity.

Each Outpost can support multiple VPCs that can have one or more Outpost subnets. For information about VPC quotas, see Amazon VPC Quotas in the Amazon VPC User Guide.

You create Outpost subnets from the VPC CIDR range of the VPC where you created the Outpost. You can use the Outpost address ranges for resources such as EC2 instances that reside in the Outpost subnet. AWS does not directly advertise the VPC CIDR, or the Outpost subnet range to your on-premises location.

Local Gateway

A local gateway is a local interconnect virtual router that enables communication between your Outpost and your on-premises network. You can also use the local gateway for communication for internet-
Customer-owned IP addresses

During the installation process, AWS creates an address pool, known as a customer-owned IP address pool, based on information that you provide about your on-premises network, and then assigns it to the local gateway. Customer-owned IP addresses provide local, or external connectivity to resources in your Outpost subnets through your on-premises network. You can assign these addresses to resources on your Outpost, such as EC2 instances, using Elastic IP addresses. The following requirements apply to the customer-owned IP address pool:

- You must be able to route the address in your network
- The CIDR block must be a minimum of /26

When you allocate an Elastic IP address from your customer-owned IP address pool, you continue to own the IP addresses in your customer-owned IP address pool and are responsible for advertising them as needed on your internal networks or WAN.

You can optionally share your customer-owned pool with multiple AWS accounts in your AWS Organizations using the AWS Resource Access Manager. For information about how to share a customer-owned IPv4 addresses, see Sharing Your Resources in the AWS RAM User Guide. You use the customer-owned pool after you launch the Outpost instance. For more information see, the section called “Step 3: Allocate and associate an Elastic IP address with the instance” (p. 22).

Routing

By default, every Outpost subnet inherits the main route table from its VPC. You can create a custom route table and associate it with an Outpost subnet. You can include a local gateway as a next-hop target for traffic to be routed to your on-premises network.

The route tables for Outpost subnets work as they do for Availability Zone subnets. You can specify IP addresses, internet gateways, local gateways, virtual private gateways, and peering connections as destinations. For example, each Outpost subnet, either through the inherited main route table, or a custom table, inherits the VPC local route. This means that all traffic in the VPC, including the Outpost subnet with a destination in the VPC CIDR remains routed in the VPC. You cannot configure a more specific range than the VPC CIDR local route on the Outpost for Outpost subnets.

Outpost subnet route tables can include the following destinations:

- **VPC CIDR range** – AWS defines this at installation. This is the local route and applies to all VPC routing, including traffic between Outpost instances in the same VPC.
• **Customer on-premises network** – The local gateway routes this traffic for low latency routing to the on-premises network.

• **AWS Region destinations** – This includes prefix lists for Amazon S3, Amazon DynamoDB gateway endpoint, AWS Transit Gateways, virtual private gateways, internet gateways, and VPC peering.

Consider a scenario with the following configuration:

- A VPC with a CIDR block 10.0.0.0/16 that spans Availability Zone 1 and Availability Zone 2
- Three subnets in the VPC, Subnet 1 in Availability Zone 1 (10.0.1.0/24), Subnet 2 in Availability Zone 2 (10.0.2.0/24), and Subnet 3 in the Outpost, the Outpost is homed to Availability Zone 2 (10.0.3.0/24).
- An EC2 instance in Subnet 1 with an IP address of 10.0.1.25.
- An EC2 instance in Subnet 2 with an IP address of 10.0.2.34.
- Two EC2 instance in Subnet 3 with private IP addresses 10.0.3.112 and 10.0.3.113.
- An on-premises network CIDR of 172.16.0.0/24.
- A local gateway that uses BGP advertisement (10.1.0.0/26) for the Outpost to the on-premises network.
- A customer-owned IP pool (10.1.0.0/26).
- An Elastic IP address association that maps 10.0.3.112 to 10.1.0.2 and 10.0.3.113 to 10.1.0.3.

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>10.0.0.0/16</td>
<td>Local</td>
<td>Defined by AWS</td>
<td>The local VPC route. This route allows for intra-VPC connectivity, including subnets in the AWS Region.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.0.0.0</td>
<td>internet-gateway-id</td>
<td>Defined by the user</td>
<td>This route allows instances to connect to the public internet. Instances in Subnet 3 need an Elastic IP address assigned to allow for internet connectivity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>172.16.0.0/24</td>
<td>local-gateway-id</td>
<td>Defined by the user</td>
<td>This route allows the instances in Subnet 3 to connect to the</td>
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</table>
### Example: Local gateway routing

Consider a scenario with the following configuration:

- A VPC with a CIDR block 10.0.0.0/16
- A subnet in the VPC with a CIDR block 10.0.3.0/24
- An EC2 instance in the subnet with a private IP address 10.0.3.112
- A local gateway
- A customer-owned IP pool (10.1.0.0/26)
- An Elastic IP address association that maps 10.0.3.112 to 10.1.0.2
- A router on the customer on-premises network that performs NAT

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<tr>
<td>0.0.0.0</td>
<td>local-gateway-id</td>
<td>Defined by the user</td>
<td>Instances in the subnet need an Elastic IP address assigned at the internet gateway to allow for internet connectivity.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Local gateway access to the internet

The local gateway can provide access to the internet to your Outpost subnets. You can configure the route table so that the local gateway can route traffic to the public internet, specifically the 0.0.0.0 route in the Outpost subnet route table. The local gateway uses NAT to translate the EC2 instance Elastic IP address to the customer-owned IP address (10.1.0.2), and then sends the traffic to the customer router. The router uses NAT to translate the customer-owned IP address to a public IP address on the router, and then sends the traffic to the destination. If you do not want the instance to natively connect to the internet, create a NAT instance.
Outbound instance traffic to the on-premises network

Traffic initiated from the EC2 instance with a destination of the on-premises network uses the Outpost subnet route table. The traffic routes to the local gateway, where the local gateway translates the EC2 instance Elastic IP address to the customer-owned IP address (10.1.0.2), and then sends the traffic to the destination.

Inbound traffic from the on-premises network to the instance

Traffic from the on-premises network to the EC2 instance uses the customer-owned IP address (10.1.0.2) as the destination. When the traffic reaches the local gateway, the local gateway translates the customer-owned IP address to the EC2 instance Elastic IP address, and then sends the traffic to the VPC.

**DNS**

By default, EC2 instances in Outposts subnets can use the Amazon Route 53 DNS Service to resolve domain names to IP addresses. Route 53 supports DNS features, such as domain registration, DNS routing, and health checks for instances running in your Outpost. Both public and private hosted Availability Zones are supported for routing traffic to specific domains. Route 53 resolvers are hosted in the AWS Region. Therefore, service link connectivity from the Outpost back to the AWS Region must be up and running for these DNS features to work.

You might encounter longer DNS resolution times with Route 53, depending on the path latency between your Outpost and the AWS Region. In such cases, you can use the DNS servers installed locally in your on-premises environment. To use your own DNS servers, you must create DHCP option sets for the servers and associate them with the VPC. You must also ensure that there is IP connectivity to these DNS servers. You might also need to add routes to the local gateway routing table for reachability. Because DHCP option sets have a VPC scope, instances in both the Outpost subnets and the Availability Zone subnets for the VPC will try to use the specified DNS servers for DNS name resolution.

Outpost connectivity to the local network

You need the following components to connect your Outpost to your on-premises network:

1. Physical connectivity from the Outpost patch panel to your customer devices.
2. Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) to establish two link aggregation group (LAG) connections to your Outpost network devices and to your local network devices.
3. Virtual LAN (VLAN) connectivity between the Outpost and your customer devices.
4. Layer 3 point-to-point connectivity for each VLAN.
5. Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) for the route advertisement between the Outpost and your on-premises service link.
6. BGP for the route advertisement between the Outpost and your on-premises local gateway.

For more information about AWS Outposts hardware and connectivity information, see [AWS Outposts Now Available – Order Yours Today.](#)

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Physical connectivity

An Outpost rack has two physical network devices that attach to your local network.

An Outposts requires a minimum of two physical links between these Outpost network devices and your local network devices. An Outpost supports the following uplink speeds and quantities for each Outpost network device.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Uplink speed</th>
<th>Number of uplinks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Gbps</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Gbps</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40 Gbps</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100 Gbps</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The uplink speed and quantity are symmetrical on each Outpost network device. If you use 100 Gbps as the uplink speed, you must configure the link with forward error correction (FEC CL91).

Outpost racks can support single-mode fiber (SMF) with Lucent Connector (LC), multimode fiber (MMF), or MMF OM4 with LC. AWS provides the optics that are compatible with the fiber that you provide at the rack position.

In the following diagram, the physical demarcation is the fiber patch panel in each Outpost. You provide the fiber cables that are required to connect the Outpost to the patch panel.

Link aggregation

AWS Outposts uses the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) to establish two link aggregation group (LAG) connections to your Outpost network devices and to your local network devices. The links from each Outpost network device are aggregated into an Ethernet LAG to represent a single network connection. These LAGs use LACP with standard fast timers.
To enable an Outpost installation at your site, you must configure your side of the LAG connections on your network devices.

The following diagram shows four physical connections between each Outpost network device and its connected local network device. We use Ethernet LAGs to aggregate the physical links connecting the Outpost network devices and the local network devices.

From a logical perspective, ignore the Outpost patch panels as the demarcation point and use the Outpost networking devices.

For deployments that have multiple racks, an Outpost must have four physical links between the aggregation layer of the Outpost network devices and your local network devices.

Virtual LANs

Each LAG between an Outpost network device and a local network device must be configured as an IEEE 802.1q Ethernet trunk. This enables the use of multiple VLANs for network segregation between data paths.

Each Outpost has the following data paths between the on-premises network and its network:

- **Service link VLAN** – Enables communication between the Outpost and the AWS Region for both management of the Outpost and intra-VPC between the AWS Region and Outpost. This VLAN provides access to the AWS Region, which enables the service link connection from the Outpost to be established back to the Region. The service link is a custom VPN or VPNs from the Outpost to the Region. It is connected to the Outpost that is configured in the Availability Zone when your purchase the Outpost.

- **Local gateway VLAN** – Enables VPC traffic from your VPC to your local LAN. This VLAN enables instances running on the Outpost to communicate with your on-premises network. It also enables them to communicate with the internet through your on-premises network.

You can only configure the service link VLAN and local gateway VLAN between the Outpost and your local network devices.

An Outpost is designed to segregate the service link and local gateway data paths into two isolated networks. This enables you to choose which of your networks can communicate with services running on the Outpost. It also enables you to make the service link an isolated network from the local gateway network by using multiple route table on your local device, commonly known as Virtual Routing and Forwarding instances (VRF). The demarcation line exists at the port of the Outpost network devices. AWS manages any infrastructure on the AWS side of the line, and you manage any infrastructure on your side of the line.
To integrate your Outpost with your on-premises network during the installation and on-going operation, you must allocate the VLANs used between the Outpost network devices and the local network devices. You need to provide this information to AWS before the installation.

**Network layer connectivity**

Each Outpost network device requires an IP address on each VLAN. This enables them to communicate with the customer local network devices to establish a BGP session. We recommend that you use a dedicated subnet, with a /30 or /31 CIDR, to represent this logical point-to-point connectivity. Both the service link VLAN and local gateway VLAN are point-to-point connections. We do not recommend that you bridge the VLANs between your local devices.

To establish the service link path, you must provide the following for each Outpost networking device: a service link VLAN subnet (/30 or /31) and an IP address for the service link VLAN on the Outpost network device.

To establish the local gateway path, you must provide the following for each Outpost networking device: a local gateway VLAN subnet (/30 or /31) and an IP address for the local gateway VLAN.

Consider the following example with an Outpost, two Outpost network devices (OND) and two customer devices.

There are two separate connections for this configuration. Connection 1 represents the connections from the customer device 1 to the Outpost network device 1 and has 2 VLANs. Connection 2 represents the connections from the customer device 2 to the Outpost network device 2 and has 2 VLANs.

The following table shows example values for the required subnets for the Connection 1 CIDRs for the subnet and devices.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VLAN</th>
<th>Subnet</th>
<th>Customer Device 1 IP</th>
<th>AWS OND 1 IP</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>172.16.0.0/30</td>
<td>172.16.0.2/30</td>
<td>172.16.0.1/30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>10.0.0.0/0</td>
<td>10.0.0.2/30</td>
<td>10.0.0.1/30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following table shows example values for the required subnets for the Connection 2 CIDRs for the subnet and devices.
The Outpost establishes an external BGP peering from each Outpost network device to a local network device for local gateway connectivity. It uses a private Autonomous System Number (ASN) that you assign to establish the external BGP sessions. AWS provides the attributes as part of the installation process. Each Outpost network device has a single external BGP peering to a local network device using its service link VLAN.

Service link connectivity is established from devices in the Outpost rack that are connected to the Outpost network devices. These devices use IP addresses from an infrastructure subnet that you create (one /26 CIDR per rack) prior to the installation of your Outpost.

The CIDR block from the infrastructure subnet requires connectivity to AWS across a public path. It must be assigned from a public address range that you own, or from the private address range (RFC 1918) with network address translation (NAT) provided at the edge on your local network. This range is advertised from the Outpost network devices as two /27 CIDR blocks in order to meet the durability needs of the rack and to support link and device failures.

You must provide a service link BGP ASN and an infrastructure subnet CIDR (/26) for the Outpost. For each Outpost network device, provide the BGP peering IP address on the VLAN of the local network device and the BGP ASN of the local network device.

Consider the scenario where you have an Outpost with two Outpost network devices connected by a service link VLAN to two local devices. You configure the following infrastructure, and local device BGP ASN attributes for each service link:

- The service link BGP ASN. The valid values are 64512-65535.
- The infrastructure CIDR. This must be a /27 CIDR.
- The local device 1 service link BGP peer IP address.
- The local device 1 service link BGP peer ASN. The valid values are 0-65535.
- The local device 2 service link BGP peer IP address.
- The local device 2 service link BGP peer ASN. The valid values are 0-65535.

The Outpost establishes an external BGP peering session over the service link VLAN using the following process:
1. Each Outpost network device uses the ASN to establish a BGP peering session with its connected local network device.
2. The BGP session advertises the /27 infrastructure subnet.
3. The subnet is used for connectivity from the Outpost to the AWS Region.

Service link infrastructure subnet advertisement and IP range

The service link infrastructure subnet is a /26 CIDR range that you provide during the pre-installation process. The service link VLAN provides the connectivity to the AWS public Outpost service. The service link subnet is the Outpost source, which initiates the connectivity.

Outpost network devices advertise the /26 CIDR range as two /27 CIDR blocks to support link and device failures.

You must provide a service link BGP ASN and an infrastructure subnet CIDR (/26) for the Outpost. For each Outpost network device, provide the BGP peering IP address on the VLAN of the local network device and the BGP ASN of the local network device.

If you have a multiple rack deployment, you must have one /26 subnet per rack.

Consider the scenario where you have an Outpost with two Outpost network devices connected by a service link VLAN to two local devices. The following attributes are configured for this example:

- The service link subnet assigned to the Outpost infrastructure is 10.0.5.0/27.
- The Outpost infrastructure uses addresses from the service link CIDR range, from Outpost network device 1 to the local device 1 for example 10.0.5.2, 10.0.5.3.
- The Outpost infrastructure uses addresses from the service link CIDR range, from Outpost network device 1 to the local device 1 for example 10.0.5.33, 10.0.5.34.

Output network device 1 establishes a BGP session with local device 1, and then advertises the 10.0.5.0/27 to local device 1. Output network device 2 establishes a BGP session with local device 2, and then advertises the 10.0.5.0/27 to local device 2.

Local gateway BGP connectivity

The Outpost establishes an external BGP peering from each Outpost network device to a local network device for connectivity to the local gateway. It uses a private Autonomous System Number (ASN) that
you assign in order to establish the external BGP sessions. Each Outpost network device has a single external BGP peering to a local network device using its local gateway VLAN.

The Outpost establishes an external BGP peering session over the local gateway VLAN between each Outpost network device and its connected local device. The peering session is established between the /30 or /31 IPs that you provided when you set up network connectivity and uses point-to-point connectivity between the Outpost network devices and local network devices. For more information, see the section called “Network layer connectivity” (p. 11).

Each BGP session uses the private ASN on the Outpost network device side, and an ASN that you choose on the local device side. AWS provides the attributes as part of the pre-installation process.

Consider the scenario where you have an Outpost with two Outpost network devices connected by a service link VLAN to two local devices. You configure the following local gateway and local device BGP ASN attributes for each service link:

- AWS provides the local gateway BGP ASN. The valid values are 64512-65535.
- You provide the customer owned CIDR that gets advertised. This must be a /[16-28] CIDR.
- You provide the local device 1 local gateway BGP peer IP address.
- You provide the local device 1 local gateway BGP peer ASN. The valid values are 0-65535.
- You provide the local device 2 local gateway BGP peer IP address.
- You provide the local device 2 local gateway BGP peer ASN. The valid values are 0-65535.

Local gateway customer-owned IP subnet advertisement

During the pre-installation process, AWS creates an address pool, known as a customer-owned IP address pool, based on information that you provide about your on-premises network. You can create Elastic IP addresses from this pool, and then assign the addresses to resources on your Outpost, such as EC2 instances.

The local gateway translates the Elastic IP address to an address in the customer-owned pool. The local gateway advertises the translated address to your on-premises network, and any other network that communicates with the Outpost. The addresses are advertised on both local gateway BGP sessions to the local network devices.

Consider the scenario where you have an Outpost with two Outpost network devices connected by a service link VLAN to two local devices. The following is configured:

- A VPC with a CIDR block 10.0.0.0/16
- A subnet in the VPC with a CIDR block 10.0.3.0/24
- An EC2 instance in the subnet with a private IP address 10.0.3.112
• A customer-owned IP pool (10.1.0.0/26)
• An Elastic IP address association that associates 10.0.3.112 to 10.1.0.2
• A local gateway that uses BGP advertisement to advertise 10.1.0.0/26 to the on-premises network through the local devices

Outpost connectivity to AWS Regions

AWS Outposts supports two types of wide area network (WAN) connectivity: service links and local gateways.

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Connectivity through service links

When an Outpost is provisioned, it initiates the service link VPN back to the AWS Region, and builds the service link VPN connection. The Outpost must be able to reach the public AWS ranges, either through the public internet or AWS Direct Connect public virtual interface. This connectivity can be through specific routes in the service link VLAN, or through a default route of 0.0.0.0/0. For more information about the public ranges for AWS, see AWS IP Address Ranges.

After the service link is established, the Outpost is in service and is managed by AWS. The service link is used for traffic between the Outpost any associated VPCs, and management traffic to the Outpost. Management traffic is considered as control-plane traffic. In addition to control-plane traffic, the service link is used for traffic between the Outpost and any associated VPCs.

You can use AWS Direct Connect, or an internet gateway to connect to the public internet.
In the following diagram, the configuration extends the Amazon VPC from the AWS Region to the Outpost. An AWS Direct Connect public virtual interface is the service link connection. The following traffic goes over the service link and public virtual interface:

- Control plane
- Intra VPC traffic between the Outpost and the AWS Region

If you are using a firewall with an internet gateway to limit connectivity from the service link VLAN, you can block all inbound connections, because the service link VPN initiates from the Outpost to the Region, never from the Region.

If you use a firewall to limit the connectivity from the service link VLAN, you can block all inbound and outbound connections because the service link VPN initiates from the Outpost to the AWS Region. You must configure the following outbound rules on any firewall between the AWS Region and the service link VLAN. If the firewall is stateful, connections from the Outpost that are allowed outbound (initiated from the Outpost), should be allowed back inbound. If the firewall is stateless, you must allow connections back inbound.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Source Port</th>
<th>Source Address</th>
<th>Destination Port</th>
<th>Destination Address</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>Outpost service link /26</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>Outpost Region's public routes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>1025-65535</td>
<td>Outpost service link /26</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>Outpost Region's public routes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Connectivity through the local gateway**

The primary role of a local gateway is to provide connectivity from an Outpost to your local on-premises LAN. It also provides connectivity to the internet through your on-premises network. The local gateway can also provide a data plane path back to the AWS Region. If you already have connectivity between your LAN and the Region through AWS Site-to-Site VPN or AWS Direct Connect, you can use the same path to connect from the Outpost to the AWS Region privately.

The data plane path for the local gateway traverses from the Outpost, through the local gateway, and to your private local gateway LAN segment. It would then follow a private path back to the AWS service endpoints in the Region.
Redundant internet connections

When you build connectivity from your Outpost to the AWS Region, we recommend that you create multiple connections for higher availability and resiliency. For more information, see AWS Direct Connect Resiliency Recommendations.

If you need connectivity to the public internet, you can use redundant internet connections and diverse internet providers, just as you would with your existing on-premises workloads.
Outpost site requirements

An Outpost site is the physical location where AWS will install your Outpost. Before you order an Outpost, verify that your site will meet the following requirements.

Requirements
- Facility (p. 18)
- Networking (p. 18)
- Power (p. 18)

Facility

- **Temperature and humidity** – The ambient temperature must be between 41° F (5° C) and 104° F (40° C) and the relative humidity must be between 8% and 80% with no condensation.
- **Airflow** – The rack position must provide at least 145.8 times the kVA of cubic feet per minute (CFM) airflow.
- **Loading dock** – Your loading dock must accommodate a rack crate that is 94 inches high by 54 inches wide by 51 inches deep.
- **Weight support** – The location where the rack will be installed and the path to that location must support the weight specified in the order summary at the rack point loads. This includes freight and standard elevators.
- **Clearance** – The equipment is 80 inches high by 24 inches wide by 48 inches deep. Any doorways, hallways, turns, ramps, and elevators must provide sufficient clearance. At the final resting position, there must be at least 48 inches front clearance and 24 inches rear clearance.
- **Seismic bracing** – To the extent required by regulation or code, you will install and maintain appropriate seismic anchorage and bracing for the rack while it is in your facility.
- **Facility access** – You will not change the facility in a way that negatively affects the ability of AWS to access, service, or remove the Outpost.
- **Elevation** – The elevation of the room where the rack is installed must be below 10,005 feet (3,050 meters).

Networking

- Provide uplinks with speeds of 1, 10, 40, or 100 Gbps.
- Provide either single-mode fiber (SMF) with Lucent Connector (LC), multimode fiber (MMF), or MMF OM4 with LC.
- Provide one or two upstream devices (switches or routers). We recommend two devices to provide high availability.

Power

The Outposts power shelf supports three power configurations. The configuration of the power shelf depends on how the server capacity is racked.
### Power

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AC line voltage</th>
<th>Single phase 200 to 277 VAC (50 or 60 Hz) or three phase 346 to 480 VAC (50 to 60 Hz)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Power consumption</td>
<td>5 kVA (4 kW), 10 kVA (9 kW), or 15 kVA (13 kW)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AC protection (upstream power breakers)</td>
<td>30 or 32 A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AC inlet type (receptacle)</td>
<td>Single phase L6-30P (30A) or IEC309 P+N+E, 6 hour (32 A), three phase AH530P7W 3P+N+E, 7 hour (30 A), or three phase AH532P6W 3P+N+E 6 hour (32 A)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whip length</td>
<td>10.25 ft (3 m)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whip - Rack cabling input</td>
<td>From above or below</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The power shelf has two inputs, S1 and S2, that can be configured as follows.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Power (kVA)</th>
<th>Redundant, single phase</th>
<th>Redundant, three phase</th>
<th>Single phase</th>
<th>Three phase</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>2 x L6-30P or IEC309, 1 drop to S1 and 1 drop to S2</td>
<td>2 x AH530P7W or AH532P6W, 1 drop to S1 and 1 drop to S2</td>
<td>1 x L6-30P or IEC309, 1 drop to S1</td>
<td>1 x AH530P7W or AH532P6W, 1 drop to S1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>4 x L6-30P or IEC309, 2 drops to S1 and 2 drops to S2</td>
<td>2 x L6-30P or IEC309, 2 drops to S1</td>
<td>3 x L6-30P or IEC309, 3 drops to S1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>6 x L6-30P or IEC309, 3 drops to S1 and 3 drops to S2</td>
<td>3 x L6-30P or IEC309, 3 drops to S1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Get started with AWS Outposts

To begin using AWS Outposts, you must create an Outpost and order Outpost capacity. For more information about Outposts configurations, see our catalog. After your Outpost equipment is installed, the compute and storage capacity is available for you when you launch EC2 instances and create EBS volumes on your Outpost.

Tasks
- Create an Outpost and order Outpost capacity (p. 20)
- Launch an instance on your Outpost (p. 21)

Create an Outpost and order Outpost capacity

When you order Outpost capacity, you can choose from a variety of Outpost configurations, each providing a mix of EC2 instance types and EBS volumes.

Prerequisites
- An Outpost site is the physical location where AWS will install your Outpost equipment. Before ordering capacity, verify that your site meets the requirements for AWS Outposts. For more information, see Outpost site requirements (p. 18).
- You must have an AWS Enterprise Support plan.

To create an outpost
1. Open the AWS Outposts console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/outposts/.
2. Choose Create Outpost.
3. Provide a name and description for your Outpost.
4. Choose Create site. Complete and submit the form, then select the site that you created.
5. Select an Availability Zone for your Outpost.
6. Choose Create Outpost.

To order outpost capacity
1. Open the AWS Outposts console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/outposts/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose Outposts catalog, and then do the following:
   a. Select a capacity configuration for your Outpost. If the available capacity configurations do not meet your needs, you can request a custom capacity configuration instead.
   b. Choose Place order.
   c. Select the Outpost that you created.
   d. Choose Place order.
3. You can view the status of your order using the AWS Outposts console. The initial status of your order is Order received. An AWS representative will contact you within three business days. You will receive an email confirmation when the status of your order changes to Order processing. An AWS representative may contact you to get any additional information that is required by the AWS installation team.
If you have any questions about your order, contact AWS Support.

4. To fulfill the order, AWS will schedule a date and time with you. You will also receive a checklist of items to verify or provide before the installation. The AWS installation team will arrive at your site at the scheduled date and time. The team will roll the rack to the identified position and your electrician can power the rack. The team will establish network connectivity for the rack over the uplink that you provide, and will configure the rack's capacity. The installation is complete when you confirm that the EC2 and EBS capacity for your Outpost is available from your AWS account.

Launch an instance on your Outpost

After your Outpost is installed and the compute and storage capacity is available for use, you can launch EC2 instances and create EBS volumes on your Outpost using an Outpost subnet.

Prerequisite

You must have an Outpost installed at your site. For more information, see Create an Outpost and order Outpost capacity (p. 20).

Tasks

- Step 1: Create a subnet (p. 21)
- Step 2: Launch an instance on the Outpost (p. 21)
- Step 3: Allocate and associate an Elastic IP address with the instance (p. 22)
- Step 4: Configure local connectivity (p. 23)
- Step 5: Test the connectivity (p. 24)

Step 1: Create a subnet

You can add Outpost subnets to any VPC in the AWS Region for the Outpost. When you do so, the VPC also spans the Outpost. For more information, see AWS Outposts network components (p. 3).

To create an outpost subnet

1. Open the AWS Outposts console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/outposts/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose Outposts.
3. Select the Outpost, and then choose Actions, Create subnet.
4. Select the VPC and specify an IP address range for the subnet.
5. Choose Create.

Step 2: Launch an instance on the Outpost

You can launch EC2 instances in the Outpost subnet that you created. Security groups control inbound and outbound traffic for instances in an Outpost subnet, just as they do for instances in an Availability Zone subnet. To connect to an EC2 instance in an Outpost subnet, you can specify a key pair when you launch the instance, just as you do for instances in an Availability Zone subnet.

To launch an instance in your outpost subnet

- Use the run-instances to launch an instance in the Outpost subnet. For more information about launching an instance, see run-instances in the AWS CLI Command Reference.
Step 3: Allocate and associate an Elastic IP address with the instance

If you want to use a shared customer-owned pool, the pool must be shared before you start the configuration. For information about how to share a customer-owned IPv4 addresses, see Sharing Your Resources in the AWS RAM User Guide.

You can allocate an Elastic IP address and assign it to the instance as follows:

Amazon EC2 console

To allocate and associate an Elastic IP address with the instance

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.
2. In the navigation pane, choose Elastic IPs.
3. Choose Allocate new address.
4. For Network Border Group, select the location from which the IP address is advertised.
5. For Public IPv4 address pool, choose Customer owned IPv4 address pool.
6. For Customer owned IPv4 address pool, select the pool that you configured.
7. Choose Allocate, and close the confirmation screen.
8. In the navigation pane, choose Elastic IPs.
9. Select an Elastic IP address, and choose Actions, Associate address.
10. Select the instance from Instance, and then choose Associate.

AWS CLI

To allocate and associate an Elastic IP address with the instance

1. Use describe-coip-pools to retrieve information about your specified customer-owned address pools. For more information, see describe-coip-pools in the AWS CLI Command Reference.

Note the PoolId return value.

Example

```bash
aws ec2 describe-coip-pools
```

Output

```json
{
  "CoipPools": [
    {
      "PoolId": "ipv4pool-coip-0abcdef0123456789",
      "Poolcidrs": [
```
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Step 4: Configure local connectivity

You must explicitly associate a VPC with the local gateway route table to provide connectivity between the VPC and your local network. When you create a route, you can specify IP addresses, internet gateways, local gateways, virtual private gateways, and peering connections as destinations.

To configure routing

1. Associate the VPC with the local gateway route table as follows:
   a. On the navigation pane, choose Local gateway route tables.
   b. Select the route table, and then choose Actions, Associate VPC.
   c. For VPC, select the VPC to associate with the local gateway route table.
   d. Choose Associate VPC.

2. For the instance in your Outpost subnets to communicate with the local network, you must add a route with the local gateway as the next hop target to your Outpost your VPC subnet route table.
Step 5: Test the connectivity

You can test connectivity by using the appropriate use cases, as follows:

- Test the connectivity from your local network to the Outpost. From a computer in your local network, run the ping command to the Outpost instance's customer-owned IP address (that you created in the section called "Step 2: Launch an instance on the Outpost" (p. 21)). In the following example, the COIP is 192.0.2.128.

```
ping 192.0.2.128
Pinging 192.0.2.128
Reply from 192.0.2.128: bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.0.2.128: bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.0.2.128: bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 192.0.2.128
Packets: Sent = 3, Received = 3, Lost = 0 (0% lost)
Approximate round trip time in milliseconds
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
```

- Test the connectivity from an Outpost instance to your local network. Depending on your operating system, use `ssh` or `rdp` to connect to the private IP address of your Outpost instance. For information about connecting to a Linux instance, see Connect to your Linux instance in the Amazon EC2 User Guide for Linux Instances. For information about connecting to a Windows instance, see Connect to your Windows instance in the Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances.

After the Outpost instance is running, run the ping command to an IP address of a computer in your local network. In the following example, the IP address is 192.0.2.130.

```
ping 192.0.2.130
Pinging 192.0.2.130
Reply from 192.0.2.130: bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.0.2.130: bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.0.2.130: bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 192.0.2.130
Packets: Sent = 3, Received = 3, Lost = 0 (0% lost)
Approximate round trip time in milliseconds
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
```

- Test connectivity between the AWS Region and the Outpost. Use `run-instance` to launch an instance in the subnet in the AWS Region. For more information, see run-instances in the AWS CLI Command Reference.

Example
Step 5: Test the connectivity

```bash
aws ec2 run-instances --image-id ami-abc12345 --count 1 --instance-type c5.large
--key-name MyKeyPair --security-group-ids sg-1a2b3c4d --subnet-id subnet-6e7f829e
```

After the instance is running, perform the following operations:

1. Get the AWS Region instance private IP address, for example 10.0.0.5. This information is available in the Amazon EC2 console on the instance detail page.

2. Depending on your operating system, use `ssh` or `rdp` to connect to the private IP address of your Outpost instance.

3. Run the ping command from your Outpost instance to the AWS Region instance IP address. In the following example, the IP address is 10.0.0.5.

```plaintext
ping 10.0.0.5
Pinging 10.0.0.5
Reply from 10.0.0.5:  bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.0.0.5:  bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.0.0.5:  bytes=32 time=<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 10.0.0.5
Packets: Sent = 3, Received = 3, Lost = 0 (0% lost)

Approximate round trip time in milliseconds
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
```
Local gateways

A local gateway is a logical networking device that enables communication between your Outpost and your on-premises network. You can also use the local gateway for communication between your Outpost and its parent AWS Region.

Each Outpost supports one local gateway. The AWS account associated with the Outpost owns the local gateway.

A local gateway has the following components:

- **Route tables** - AWS creates a local gateway for your Outpost, and a local gateway route table as part of the installation process.
- **Virtual interfaces** - AWS creates one VIF for each LAG, and then associates the VIF with the default local gateway route table. The local gateway route table has a default route to the two VIFs for local network connectivity.

AWS configures a local gateway for your Outpost and a local gateway route table during the installation process. Each Outpost supports a single local gateway. The local gateway is owned by the AWS account associated with the Outpost. You can share the local gateway with other AWS accounts or organizational units using AWS Resource Access Manager.

Local gateway route tables

AWS creates a local gateway for your Outpost, and a local gateway route table as part of the installation process. AWS configures two VIFs, one for each of the ONDs that are physically connected to the local network.

View local gateway route table routes

The local gateway route table is configured with a default route to each of the VIFs. After the route tables are provisioned, you can view the local gateway route tables using the AWS Outposts console, or the AWS CLI.

**AWS Outposts console**

To view the local gateway route table routes

1. Open the AWS Outposts console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/outposts/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose Local gateways, and then select the local gateway.
3. Select the local gateway route table.
4. Choose Routes to see the route for each VIF.

**AWS CLI**

To view the local gateway route table routes

Use the describe-local-gateway-route-tables AWS CLI command.

Example
VPC associations

You must associate the VPCs in your Region with your local gateway route table. They are not associated by default.

Create a VPC association

Use the following procedure to associate a VPC with a local gateway route table.

AWS Outposts console

To associate a VPC

1. Open the AWS Outposts console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/outposts/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose Local gateway route tables.
3. Select the route table, and then choose Actions, Associate VPC.
4. For VPC, select the VPC to associate with the local gateway route table.
5. Choose Associate VPC.

AWS CLI

To associate a VPC

Use the create-local-gateway-route-table-vpc-association command.

Example

```
aws ec2 create-local-gateway-route-table-vpc-association --local-gateway-route-table-id lgw-rtb-059615ef7deEXAMPLE --vpc-id vpc-07ef66ac71EXAMPLE
```

Output

```json
{
}
```
Delete a VPC association

Use the following procedure to disassociate a VPC from a local gateway route table.

AWS Outposts console

To disassociate a VPC

1. Open the AWS Outposts console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/outposts/.
2. On the navigation pane, choose Local gateway route tables.
3. Select the route table.
4. Select the VPC, and then choose Disassociate.

AWS CLI

To disassociate a VPC

Use the delete-local-gateway-route-table-vpc-association command.

```
aws ec2 delete-local-gateway-route-table-vpc-association --local-gateway-route-table-id local gateway route table id --vpc-id vpc id
```

Example

```
aws ec2 delete-local-gateway-route-table-vpc-association --local-gateway-route-table-id lgw-rtb-059615ef7dEXAMPLE --vpc-id vpc-07ef66ac71EXAMPLE
```

Output

```
{
  "LocalGatewayRouteTableVpcAssociation": {
    "LocalGatewayRouteTableVpcAssociationId": "lgw-vpc-assoc-0ee765bcc8EXAMPLE",
    "LocalGatewayRouteTableId": "lgw-rtb-059615ef7dEXAMPLE",
    "LocalGatewayId": "lgw-09b493aa7cEXAMPLE",
    "VpcId": "vpc-07ef66ac71EXAMPLE",
    "State": "associated"
  }
}
```
Security in AWS Outposts

Security at AWS is the highest priority. As an AWS customer, you benefit from a data center and network architecture that is built to meet the requirements of the most security-sensitive organizations.

Security is a shared responsibility between AWS and you. The shared responsibility model describes this as security of the cloud and security in the cloud:

- **Security of the cloud** – AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs AWS services in the AWS Cloud. AWS also provides you with services that you can use securely. Third-party auditors regularly test and verify the effectiveness of our security as part of the AWS Compliance Programs. To learn about the compliance programs that apply to AWS Outposts, see AWS Services in Scope by Compliance Program.

- **Security in the cloud** – Your responsibility is determined by the AWS service that you use. You are also responsible for other factors including the sensitivity of your data, your company’s requirements, and applicable laws and regulations.

This documentation helps you understand how to apply the shared responsibility model when using AWS Outposts. It shows you how to meet your security and compliance objectives. You also learn how to use other AWS services that help you to monitor and secure your resources.

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Data protection in AWS Outposts

AWS Outposts conforms to the AWS shared responsibility model, which includes regulations and guidelines for data protection. AWS is responsible for protecting the global infrastructure that runs all AWS services. AWS maintains control over data hosted on this infrastructure, including the security configuration controls for handling customer content and personal data. AWS customers and APN Partners, acting either as data controllers or data processors, are responsible for any personal data that they put in the AWS Cloud.

For data protection purposes, we recommend that you protect AWS account credentials and set up individual user accounts with AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM), so that each user is given only the permissions necessary to fulfill their job duties.

For more information about data protection, see the AWS Shared Responsibility Model and GDPR blog post on the AWS Security Blog.

Encryption at Rest

Amazon EBS encryption is an encryption solution for your EBS volumes and snapshots. It uses AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer master keys (CMK). With Outposts, encryption is enabled by default. For more information, see Amazon EBS Encryption in the Amazon EC2 User Guide.
Encryption in transit

AWS encrypts in-transit data between your Outpost and its AWS Region.

Use an encryption protocol such as Transport Layer Security (TLS) to encrypt sensitive data in transit through the local gateway to your local network.

Data deletion

When you stop or terminate an EC2 instance, the memory allocated to it is scrubbed (set to zero) by the hypervisor before it is allocated to a new instance, and every block of storage is reset.

Identity and Access Management for AWS Outposts

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is an AWS service that helps an administrator securely control access to AWS resources. IAM administrators control who can be authenticated (signed in) and authorized (have permissions) to use AWS resources. IAM enables you to create users and groups under your AWS account. You control the permissions that users have to perform tasks using AWS resources. You can use IAM for no additional charge.

By default, IAM users don't have permissions for AWS Outposts resources and operations. To allow IAM users to manage AWS Outposts resources, you must create an IAM policy that explicitly grants them permissions, and attach the policy to the IAM users or groups that require those permissions.

When you attach a policy to a user or group of users, it allows or denies the users permission to perform the specified tasks on the specified resources. For more information, see Policies and Permissions in the IAM User Guide guide.

Policy structure

An IAM policy is a JSON document that consists of one or more statements. Each statement is structured as follows.

```
{
  "Statement": [{
    "Effect": "effect",
    "Action": "action",
    "Resource": "arn",
    "Condition": {
      "condition": {
        "key": "value"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

There are various elements that make up a statement:

- **Effect**: The effect can be Allow or Deny. By default, IAM users don't have permission to use resources and API actions, so all requests are denied. An explicit allow overrides the default. An explicit deny overrides any allows.
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Example policies

In an IAM policy statement, you can specify any API action from any service that supports IAM. For AWS Outposts, use the following prefix with the name of the API action: `outposts:`. For example:

- `outposts:CreateOutpost`
- `outposts:DescribeOutposts`

To specify multiple actions in a single statement, separate them with commas.

```json
"Action": ["outposts:action1", "outposts:action2"]
```

You can also specify multiple actions using wildcards. For example, you can specify all AWS Outposts API actions whose name begins with the word "Get".

```json
"Action": "outposts:Get*"
```

To specify all AWS Outposts API actions, use the * wildcard.

```json
"Action": "outposts:*"
```

Infrastructure security in AWS Outposts

As a managed service, AWS Outposts is protected by the AWS global network security procedures that are described in the Amazon Web Services: Overview of Security Processes whitepaper.

You use AWS published API calls to access AWS Outposts through the network. Clients must support Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.0 or later. We recommend TLS 1.2 or later. Clients must also support cipher suites with perfect forward secrecy (PFS) such as Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (DHE) or Elliptic Curve Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE). Most modern systems such as Java 7 and later support these modes.

Additionally, requests must be signed using an access key ID and a secret access key that is associated with an IAM principal. Or you can use the AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS) to generate temporary security credentials to sign requests.

For more information about the infrastructure security provided for the EC2 instances and EBS volumes running on your Outpost, see Infrastructure Security in Amazon EC2.

VPC Flow Logs function the same way as they do in an AWS Region. This means that you can be published to CloudWatch Logs, Amazon S3, or to Amazon GuardDuty for analysis. Flow log data needs to be sent back to the region for publication to these services, so is not visible from CloudWatch or others when the Outpost is in a disconnected state.
Resilience in AWS Outposts

AWS Outposts is designed to be highly available. Outpost racks are designed with redundant power and networking equipment. For additional resilience, we recommend that you provide dual power sources and redundant network connectivity for your Outpost.

For high availability, you can provision additional built-in, and always active capacity on the Outpost. Outpost capacity configurations are designed to operate in production environments, and support N+1 instances for each instance family, by default. AWS recommends that you allocate sufficient additional capacity for your mission-critical applications to enable recovery and failover in the case of any underlying host issue. You can use the Amazon CloudWatch capacity availability metrics and set alarms to monitor the health of your applications, create CloudWatch actions to configure automatic recovery options, and monitor capacity utilization of your Outpost over time.

When you create an Outpost, you select an Availability Zone from an AWS Region. This Availability Zone supports control plane operations such as responding to API calls, monitoring the Outpost, and updating the Outpost. To benefit from the resiliency provided by AWS Availability Zones, you can deploy applications on multiple Outposts, each attached to a different Availability Zone. This enables you to build additional application resilience and avoid a dependence on a single Availability Zone. For more information about AWS Regions and Availability Zones, see AWS Global Infrastructure.

Compliance validation for AWS Outposts

The existing compliance certifications for AWS Services apply to services running entirely in an AWS Region. AWS Outposts and services on an Outpost require a separate evaluation for certifications.

Under the shared responsibility model, AWS is responsible for the hardware and software that run AWS services. This applies to AWS Outposts, just as it does to an AWS Region. This includes patching the infrastructure software and configuring infrastructure devices. As a customer, you are responsible for implementing best practices for data encryption, patching their guest operating system and applications, identity and access management, and operating system, network, and firewall configurations.

AWS uses secure channels from manufacturing through installation and delivery of the Outpost equipment. When the Outpost equipment is on your site, any replacement parts are delivered through the same secure channels and are checked for tampering. No server or switch repairs occur on site.

As a customer, you are responsible for the physical security and environmental controls at the facility where the Outpost is located, and for providing networking between the Outpost and the AWS Region. Your responsibilities include the following:

- Physical and environmental security of the Outpost, starting from the moment that the Outpost equipment arrives at your facility to the point at which the Outpost equipment is removed at the end of the term or for repairs.
- Physical access controls around the Outpost equipment at your facility. This includes background checks and security training for facility staff.
- Data management policies, including terminating EC2 instances and deleting data volumes before the Outpost equipment is removed at the end of the term or for repairs.
- Configuring and maintaining a network connection between the Outpost and the AWS Region. Communication sent over this connection between the Outpost and the Region is encrypted by AWS.
- Encrypting any traffic traveling over your network to the local gateway.
Monitor your outpost

AWS Outposts integrates with the following services that offer monitoring and logging capabilities:

**CloudWatch metrics**

You can use Amazon CloudWatch to retrieve statistics about data points for your Outposts as an ordered set of time series data, known as metrics. You can use these metrics to verify that your system is performing as expected. For more information, see CloudWatch metrics for AWS Outposts (p. 33).

**CloudTrail logs**

You can use AWS CloudTrail to capture detailed information about the calls made to AWS APIs and store them as log files in Amazon S3. You can use these CloudTrail logs to determine which calls were made, the source IP address where the call came from, who made the call, when the call was made, and so on.

The CloudTrail logs contain information for calls to API actions from services on an Outpost, such as Amazon EC2 and Amazon EBS. The CloudTrail logs do not contain information about the calls to the API actions for AWS Outposts.

**VPC Flow Logs**

You can use VPC Flow Logs to capture detailed information about the traffic going to and from your Outpost and within your Outpost. For more information, see VPC Flow Logs in the Amazon VPC User Guide.

CloudWatch metrics for AWS Outposts

AWS Outposts publishes data points to Amazon CloudWatch for your Outposts. CloudWatch enables you to retrieve statistics about those data points as an ordered set of time series data, known as metrics. Think of a metric as a variable to monitor, and the data points as the values of that variable over time. For example, you can monitor the total number of healthy targets for a load balancer over a specified time period. Each data point has an associated timestamp and an optional unit of measurement.

You can use metrics to verify that your system is performing as expected. For example, you can create a CloudWatch alarm to monitor a specified metric. If the metric goes outside what you consider an acceptable range, CloudWatch can initiate an action, such as sending a notification to an email address.

For more information, see the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

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**Outpost metrics**

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View CloudWatch metrics for your outpost

You can view the CloudWatch metrics for your load balancers using the CloudWatch console.

To view metrics using the CloudWatch console

2. In the navigation pane, choose **Metrics**.
3. Select the **Outposts** namespace.
4. (Optional) To view a metric across all dimensions, enter its name in the search field.

**To view metrics using the AWS CLI**

Use the following `list-metrics` command to list the available metrics.

```bash
aws cloudwatch list-metrics --namespace AWS/Outposts
```

**To get the statistics for a metric using the AWS CLI**

Use the following `get-metric-statistics` command to get statistics for the specified metric and dimension. CloudWatch treats each unique combination of dimensions as a separate metric. You can't retrieve statistics using combinations of dimensions that were not specially published. You must specify the same dimensions that were used when the metrics were created.

```bash
aws cloudwatch get-metric-statistics --namespace AWS/Outposts --metric-name InstanceTypeCapacityUtilization --statistics Average --period 3600 --dimensions Name=OutpostId,Value=op-01234567890abcdef Name=InstanceType,Value=c5.xlarge --start-time 2019-12-01T00:00:00Z --end-time 2019-12-08T00:00:00Z
```
Outpost maintenance

Under the shared responsibility model, AWS is responsible for the hardware and software that run AWS services. This applies to AWS Outposts, just as it does to an AWS Region. For example, AWS manages security patches, updates firmware, and maintains the Outpost equipment. AWS also monitors the performance, health, and metrics for your Outpost and determines whether any maintenance is required.

Hardware maintenance

If AWS detects an irreparable issue with hardware hosting EC2 instances running on your Outpost, we will send you instance retirement notices for the affected instances. With high availability mode, the built-in redundant capacity is added to the pool of available capacity in the Outpost, making it available for instance launches. If you stop and start an affected instance, this migrates it to the available capacity, and the hypervisor scrubs (sets to zero) all data that was allocated to the instance from the hardware. If you do not stop and start an affected instance, AWS stops and starts it for you when it reaches its scheduled retirement date. For more information, see Instance Retirement in the Amazon EC2 User Guide.

If hardware maintenance is required, AWS will contact you to confirm a date and time for the AWS installation team to visit your Outpost site. You can schedule a visit as soon as two business days from the time that you speak with the AWS team.

When the AWS installation team arrives on site, they will replace the unhealthy hosts, switches, or rack elements and bring the new capacity online. They will not perform any hardware diagnostics or repairs on site. If they replace a host, they will remove and destroy the NIST-compliant physical security key, effectively shredding any data that might remain on the hardware. This ensures that no data leaves your site. If they replace an Outpost networking device, information about your IP addresses might be present on the device when it is removed from the site.

Firmware updates

Updating the Outpost firmware does not typically affect the instances on your Outpost. In the rare case that we need to reboot the Outpost equipment to install an update, you will receive an instance retirement notice for any instances running on that capacity.
## Document history

The following table describes the releases for AWS Outposts.

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