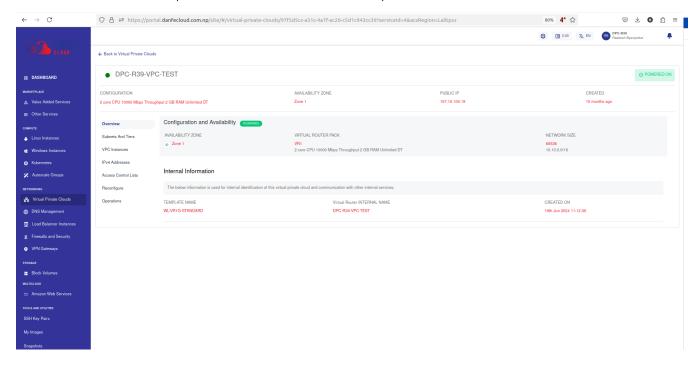
1. About Virtual Private Clouds

Details about Virtual Private Cloud operations and actions can be found in their respective sections.



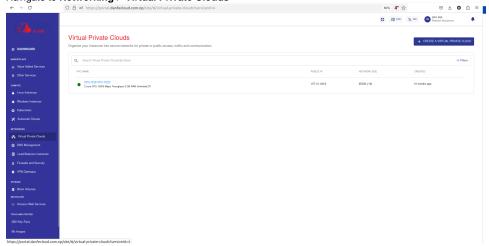
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2. Create, List and View VPCs

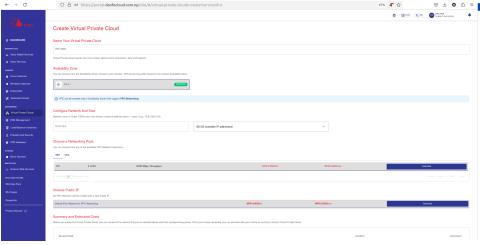
Creating a VPC

To create a VPC, follow the below steps:

1. Navigate to Networking > Virtual Private Clouds

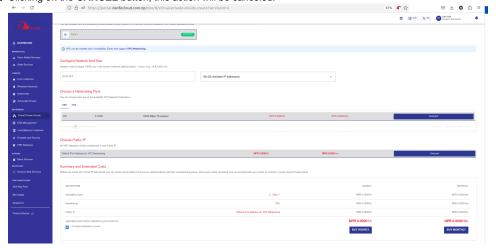


- 2. Click the **NEW VIRTUAL PRIVATE CLOUD** button.
- 3. Choose an Availability Zone, which is the geographical region where your VPC will be configured.
- Specify network address base size and select size i.e. The super CIDR for the internal IP allocation in an x.x.x.x/x format.
- 5. Choose a Networking pack from the available network collections.6. Select the default IPv4 address for VPC Networking to create the VPC network with a new Public IP address.



- 7. Verify the Estimated Cost of your VPC, based on the options that you have chosen from the Summary and Estimated Costs Section.
- 8. Select the I have read and agreed to the End User License Agreement and Privacy Policy option.
- 9. Clicking the BUY HOURLY or BUY MONTHLY button, a confirmation pop-over will open up, and the price summary will be displayed along with the discount codes, if you have any in your account.
 - a. You can apply any of the discount codes listed by clicking on the APPLY button.
 - b. You can also remove the applied discount code by clicking the **REMOVE** button.

c. Clicking on the CANCEL button, this action will be canceled.



10. Click on the CONFIRM to create the VPC.

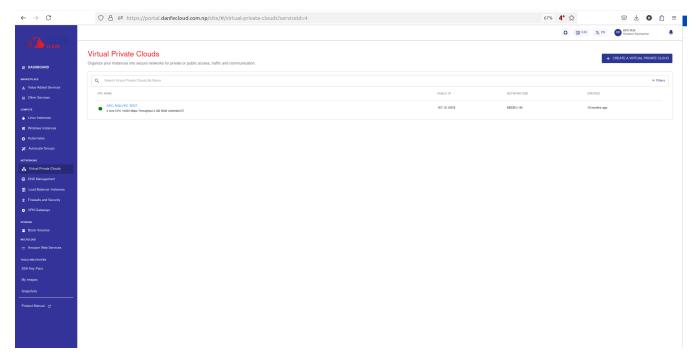
Once ready, you'll be notified of this purchase on your email address on record.

NOTE: This might take up to 5-8 minutes. You may use the Cloud Console during this time, but it is advised that you do not refresh the browser window.

Viewing Available VPC

All VPC created in a user account can be accessed from **Networking > Virtual Private Clouds** on the main navigation panel. The listing will have the following details.

- VPC Name
- Public IP
- Network Size
- Created



3. Overview

To view a list of sections and the various operations or actions you can perform by going inside the particular section, click on the VPC name. Below the VPC name is an informational view where you can find the details below.

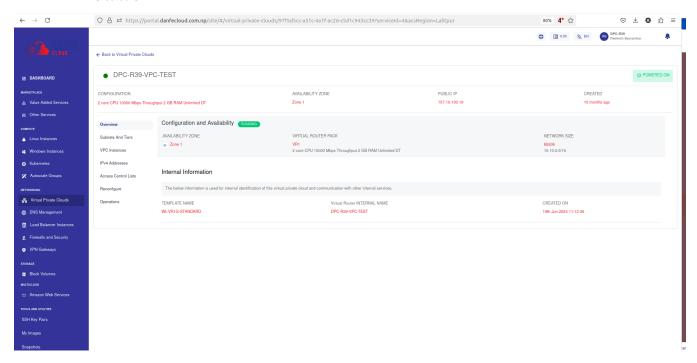
- Configuration
- Availability Zone
- Public IP
- Created

Along with the summary, the following information is readily available under the **Overview** tab:

- . Configuration and Availability-
 - The instance's status, **RUNNING**, is displayed in **green**, whereas **STOPPED** is displayed in grey.
 - Information about the Virtual Router Pack.
 - · Information about the Network Size.
- Internal Information-

This displays the information that is used for internal identification of this VPC router and communication with other internal services.

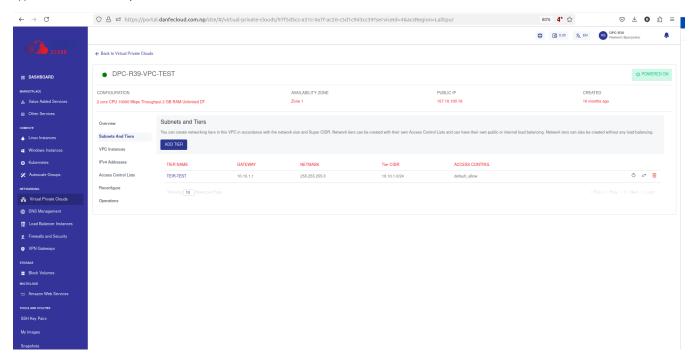
- Template Name
- Virtual Router Internal Name
- Created On



From here on, VPC operations, configurations and other available functions can be managed by navigating to the respective tabs/sections.

4. Creating VPC Subnets and Tiers

VPCs follow the convention of 3-tiered architectures, with web, app, and DB tiers forming the norm. You can, however, configure these tiers to suit your application architecture or just follow the common convention.



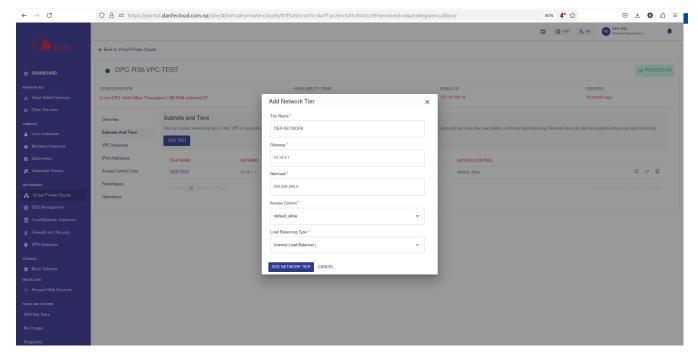
To add a tier to your VPC, navigate to the VPC you wish to add the tier to, and click the **ADD TIER** option present inside the **SUBNETS AND TIERS** section of the VPC. This will open up a dialog box asking you to provide the following information:

- Name of the tier.
- Gateway for the subnet.
- Netmask for the tier/subnet.

NOTE: The gateway should be consistent with the subnet mask.

- Default access control policy for this tier.
- Load balancing type required on this tier.

NOTE: To set up a public load balancer, you need to select Public LB on this dropdown. There can only be 1 tier of type Public LB in a network.



To create the tier or subnet to be used as part of the VPC, click on **ADD NETWORK TIER**.

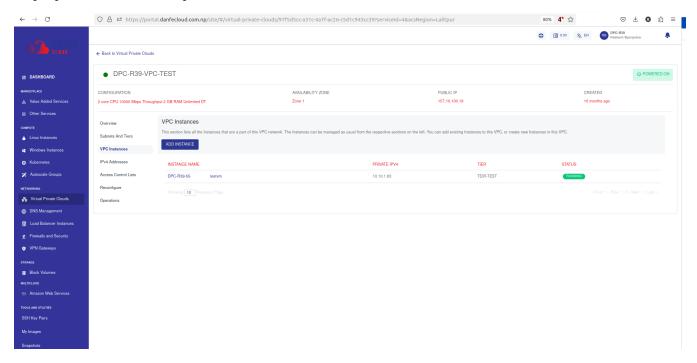
There are three icons available on the right side for quick actions like restarting the network, replacing the access control list, and deleting the tier.

NOTE: Only empty tiers can be deleted, which means that in order to delete a tier, ensure that there are no Instances and no NAT rule(s) associated with it.

5. Managing VPC Instances

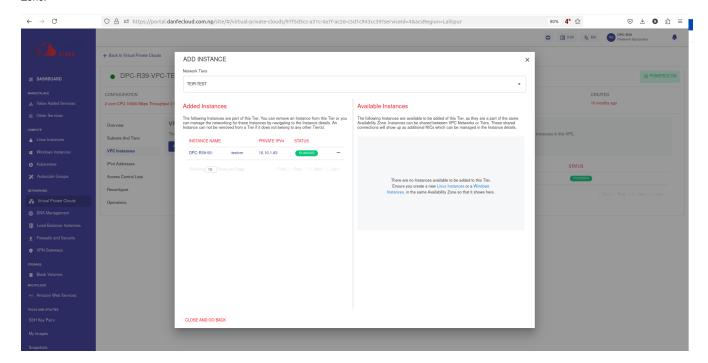
Viewing VPC Instances

Apiculus Cloud Console offers a quick means to view Instances that are part of a VPC network, and to associate or dissociate Instances with VPCs by navigating to VPC details and selecting **VPC Instances**.



Adding (or Removing) Instances to VPC

To view all Instances that are available to be added to this VPC, click the **ADD INSTANCE** button. Since VPC allows adding multiple NICs to instances, instances can be shared between VPC networks (and across tiers within the same VPC), as long as the VPC networks are within the same Availability Zone.



NOTE: An Instance created in any VPC/advanced Availability Zone must be attached to at least one subnet.

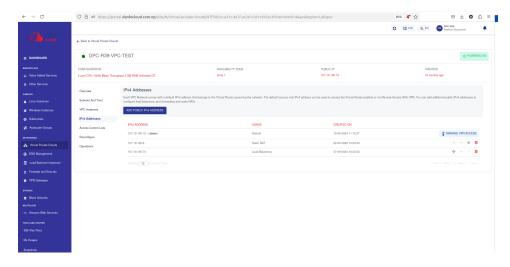
6. IPv4 Addresses and VPC

IPv4 Addresses are an integral part of using VPC networking, and need to be used to access various components of the VPC. By default, a public IPv4 Address is assigned to the VR which can communicate through the internet to transmit traffic to/from the VR. This IPv4 can also be used for configuring remote access (L2TP) and site-to-site (IPSec) VPN connections.

Using Additional IPv4

Primarily, IPv4 Addresses can be used for configuring access and NAT-ing via:

- Load balancing
- Port Forwarding
- Static NAT



As a first step, a new IPv4 Address needs to be added to the VPC, which can be done using the ADD PUBLIC IPv4 ADDRESS button.

note: Public IPv4 addresses may carry a price which may vary depending on availability of IPv4 addresses in the country of operation, and/or how the service provider has priced them.

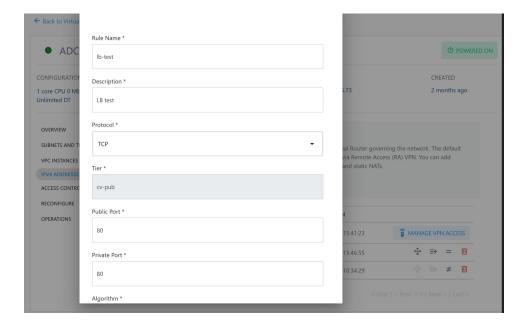
Configuring Load Balancing

To configure the Load Balancing Rule, follow these steps:

1. To create Load Balancing Rule, click the icon.



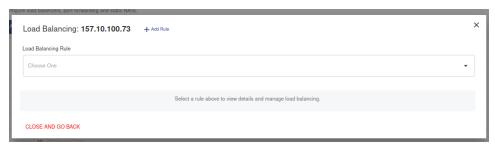
- 2. The following window appears:
- 3. Click **Add Rule**. The following window appears:



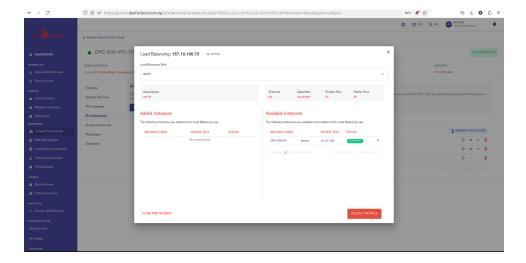
- 4. Specify the following details in the window:
 - A name and description for the load balancer rule.
 - Protocol to use for the load balancer.
 - · Select the Tier.
 - The load balancing algorithm to use.
 - Public and private port mapping.
- 5. Click the ADD LOAD BALANCING RULE button.

Once the load balancer rule has been created, you can navigate to load balancer and add (or remove) Instances to this rule. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Click the Load Balancer Rule icon.



- 2. Select the Load Balancing Rule.
- 3. The following window appears:



- 4. This window shows Instances that are part of this load balancer, and those available to be added.
- 5. Click the + icon to add an instance and the X icon to remove an instance.

note: To delete this Load Balancing Rule, click DELETE THIS RULE.

To verify the load balancer configuration, log into each virtual machine behind it, create an **index.html** file with different content on each, and access the public IP address from your browser. If configured correctly, each browser page refresh should take turns in loading the two index.html pages.

note: A load balancer IP rule can only be configured if the tier/subnet type is set to Public IP.

Configuring Port Forwarding

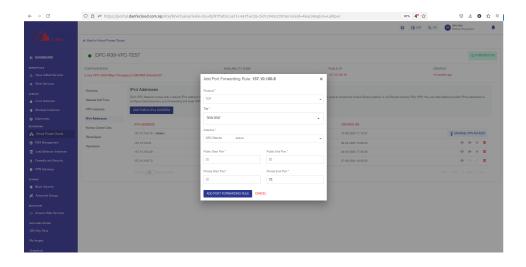
A Port Forwarding rule is required for accessing the virtual machines contained in a VPC. Since virtual machines in a VPC only have a private IP address, a public IP address is required for each virtual machine that you want to access from your terminal.

To configure port forwarding, follow these steps:

1. To configure Port Forwarding Rule, click the icon.



- 2. The following window appears:
- 3. Click ADD RULE. The following window appears:



- 4. Specify the following details in the window:
 - Protocol for port-forwarding.
 - The tier and the Instance to port-forward to.
 - Set the Public and private port range.
- 5. Click ADD PORT FORWARDING RULE.
 - note: The end ports should be equal to or greater than the start ports.

Once the Port-Forwarding rule is created, you can view its details by following these steps:

1. Click the Port Forwarding Rule icon.



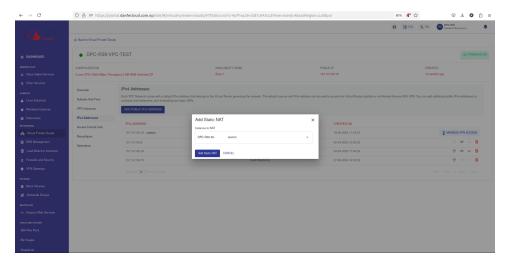
- 2. The following window appears:
- 3. In this window, you can view the Instance where this rule is configured, along with the private and public port range mappings.

To test if port-forwarding is configured correctly, use the public IP to SSH into the virtual machine the IP forwards to.

note: A Port-Forwarding IP address can be used to configure multiple Port-Forwarding access rules but with one virtual machine. To port-forward into a different virtual machine, you'll need to purchase an additional public IP address.

Configuring Static NAT

- 1. To use the public IP as a static translation, click the icon.
- **2.** The following window appears:



3. Select the Instance you want to assign the public IP to, then click ${\bf Add\ Static\ NAT}.$

To test whether static NAT has been configured correctly, you can use the public IP to SSH into the virtual machine that the IP is NAT-ing to.

7. Managing Access Control on VPC Subnets

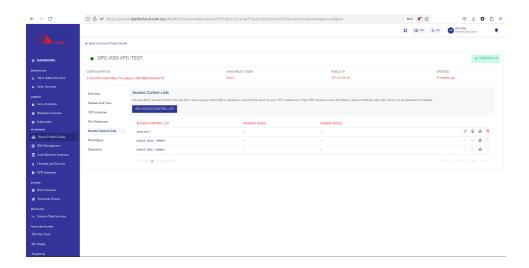
Access control policies can be created using Access Control Lists (ACL) and configuring rules within these ACL (called ACL Rules). An ACL can then be applied to any tier within the VPC. These policies govern what traffic is allowed or restricted into and from your VPC network tiers.

note

Each VPC comes with default_allow and default_deny ACL, which can be edited but not deleted.

To access the ACL navigate to VPC details and select the Access Control Lists tab. You can perform the following actions on any available ACL:

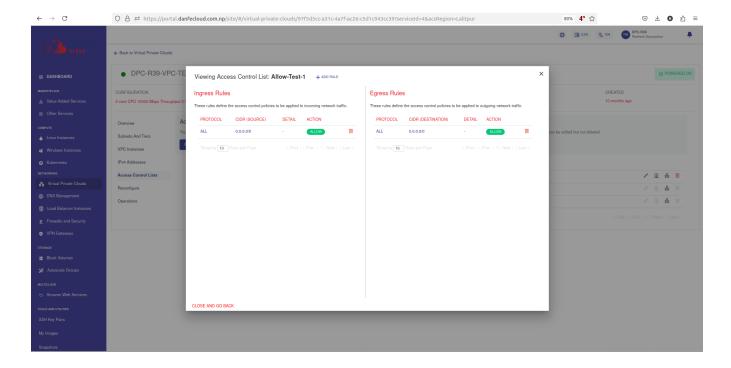
- Edit the ACL name
- Add an ACL rule
- · Assign the ACL to a tier
- Delete the ACL



Creating Custom ACL and Adding Rules

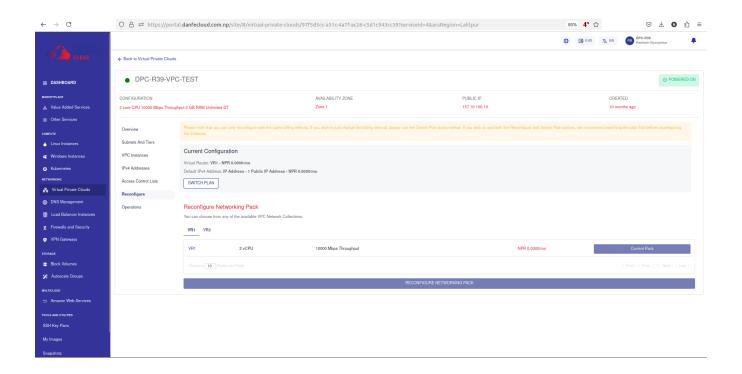
You can create a custom ACL by clicking the **ADD ACCESS CONTROL LIST** button and assigning a name to the ACL. An ACL is a collection of individual traffic control rules that must be configured after the ACL is created.

Any available ACL (existing or new) can be viewed in detail by clicking its name in the list. This displays a list of rules that govern ingress (incoming) and egress (outgoing) traffic for the subnet. From this section, you can create new rules or delete existing ones.



8. Reconfiguring a VPC

The Reconfigure section/tab lists your current subscription details and allows you to reconfigure the networking pack or switch between **hourly** and **monthly** pricing.



note: You can only reconfigure with the same billing interval. To change the billing interval, use the Switch Plan button. We recommend switching the plan first before reconfiguring the instance if you wish to use both the Reconfigure and Switch Plan options. In either case, you will be charged based on the reconfiguration, not the existing plan.

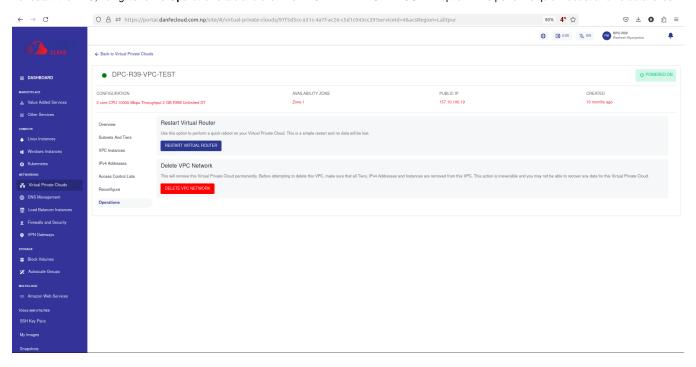
9. VPC Management and Basic Operations

VPC management offers the following operations. These are basic VPC management actions and don't have any impact on the actual network configurations.

Powering ON/OFF the Virtual Router

Switching the VPC power state is possible using the **power status** button on top. This is usually **green** if the VPC is powered ON, and greyed out if powered OFF.

To restart the VPC, navigate to the Operations tab and click the RESTART VIRTUAL ROUTER option. This performs quick reboot and no data is lost.



Deleting a VPC

To delete a VPC, navigate to the Operations Section and click the DELETE VPC NETWORK button. Deleting a VPC removes it permanently.

note: Before attempting to delete this VPC, ensure that all Tiers, IPv4 Addresses, and Instances are removed from this VPC. This action is irreversible, and you may not be able to recover any data for this VPC.