

Deploy Azure Transit VNET DMVPN Solution

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Prerequisites for Deploying the Transit VNet Solution

- You must have an Azure account for your Cisco Catalyst 8000V instance.
- Ensure that your licenses are registered and valid.
- Ensure that the hub is up and running before you configure the spokes.

Restrictions for Deploying the Transit VNet Solution

- You cannot deploy a Spoke VNet in another Cloud Service Provider.
- You cannot configure the transit VNet solution for all locations. To view the list of locations that are supported, after you create an instance, see all the options in the **Location** field from the Configure Basic Settings page.

How to Deploy Azure Transit VNET DMVPN

Create a Transit VNet Hub

This procedure is the first step in configuring the transit VNet solution. This is a very important part of the deployment where you have to configure the Transit VNet settings. These settings correspond to the DMVPN IPsec parameters that are stored as metadata in the Transit-VNet storage account with an Access-Key. When configuring the spoke templates, you need to configure the TVNET Storage account and the Access-key only. The relevant DMVPN IPsec parameters required for spokes are automatically selected from the device.

- **Step 1** Sign in to the Microsoft Azure portal.
- **Step 2** Click **Create a Resource**, search for your Cisco Catalyst 8000V deployment, and press **Enter**. The system searches and displays the Transit VNET templates for DMVPN.
- **Step 3** Select **Transit VNET DMVPN > Create**.
- **Step 4** In the Basics screen, enter the name of the Virtual machine, the name for the Transit VNet hub, and your username.

Note Ensure that you use only lower case for **Transit VNet Name**.

- **Step 5** From the **Authentication Type** drop-down list, select the **SSH Public Key** option.
- **Step 6** Specify a password and reenter the password to confirm.
- **Step 7** Select the appropriate image version from the **SKU** drop-down list.
- **Step 8** From the **Location** drop-down list, select one of the regions where TVNET hub can be deployed.
- Step 9 In the Cisco C8000V Settings page, configure the settings. For more information on configuring the Cisco Catalyst 8000V settings, see the *Deploying the Cisco Catalyst 8000V on Microsoft Azure* section.
- **Step 10** In the Transit VNet Settings, configure the following settings:
 - a) **TVNET Storage Account** The storage account name that is derived from the Transit VNet name with the keyword 'strg' added to the name. You require this value while creating a spoke. The value in this field is auto-populated. However, you can edit the value in this field.
 - b) **Private TVNET Storage Account** Select the storage account which is required for saving keys. This field is required for Autoscaler deployments.
 - c) **DMVPN Tunnel ID** The Tunnel ID used for setting up tunnel in all the Cisco Catalyst 8000V devices both hub and spoke.
 - d) **DMVPN Tunnel Key** The Tunnel Key, which is a 6-8 digit numerical value.
 - e) IPSEC Tunnel Authentication -
 - f) IPSEC Tunnel Cipher -
 - g) **IPSEC Shared Key** The keyword for authenticating the tunnel.
 - h) **DMVPN Tunnel Network** The tunnel network that is used for the DMVPN overlay.

Note The default option might clash with the VNet created for the Hub. Ensure that this value does not overlap with the exiting Virtual Networks (VNet).

At this point, you don't have to configure subnets through the Configure Subnets section.

- **Step 11** Verify the parameters in the Summary screen, and click **OK**.
- **Step 12** From the **Buy** section, click **Create** to deploy the Transit VNet Hub solution. This step creates the following resources:
 - 2 Cisco Catalyst 8000V instances (C8000V1 & C8000V2) Virtual-machines deployed in a single Availability-Set
 - 2 Storage disks (1 each for each Cisco Catalyst 8000V)
 - 4 NICs (2 NICs for each Cisco Catalyst 8000V instance)
 - 1 Security-Group for the entire Transit-VNET (which opens up only SSH for inbound)
 - 2 Public-IP's (1 PIP for each instance)
 - 2 Route-Tables (1 RT for each subnet of the instance)
 - 2 Storage Accounts (1 Storage for the Cisco Catalyst 8000V Diagnostics and 1 Storage for Transit-VNET metadata)

- 1 VNET /16 CIDR
- All the above deployed using 1 Resource-Manager group (deleting this RG will delete all the above components)

It takes several minutes for the deployment to be complete and for the resources to be created. You can monitor the deployment by clicking **All Resources** and choosing the **Group By Type** option. After the deployment is complete, the notification panel displays the message *Deployment Succeeded*.

Create an Azure DMVPN Spoke VNET

Before you begin

Ensure that your Hub is created successfully before you create a Spoke for the transit VNet solution.

- **Step 1** From the Microsoft Azure Marketplace, search and select the **Cisco CSR 1000V DMVPN Transit VNet** template.
- **Step 2** Click the template, and select the appropriate Spoke option that you want, from the drop-down list.
- Step 3 Click Create.
- **Step 4** In the Basics settings screen, ensure that you specify the following configuration details:
 - a) **Filename** Specify the name of the Transit VNet in this field.
 - b) **Transit VNet Storage Name** This is the same as the TVNET Storage Account value from the Hub configuration. This name is derived from the Transit VNet name with 'strg' keywork added.
 - c) Storage Key To access the Storage Key, search and click the public Hub and click the Access Key option.
- **Step 5** Configure the other values in the Basics Settings screen, and click **OK**.
- Step 6 In the Cisco Catalyst 8000V Settings screen, you can choose to either configure the fields or leave them as is (default values).

For information about the parameters, see How to Deploy aCisco Catalyst 8000V on Microsoft Azure.

- Note Availability Zones are not yet fully supported with all the regions in Microsoft Azure. The solution template hence does not have an option for availability zones, but resiliency is taken care using "Availability-Sets". For more information, see the Microsoft Azures documentation:

 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/availability-zones/az-overview.
- **Step 7** Click the arrow next to **Virtual Network** to specify values for the virtual network and click **OK**.
- **Step 8** In the **Address Space** field, enter the address of the virtual network using Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) notation.
 - Note The VNET CIDR denotes the physical ip-address subnets that will be used for the Cisco Catalyst 8000V devices in the TVNET-HUB. The CIDR block is usually a /16 subnet which will be subnetted further into two /24 subnets. The first 3 IP addresses of each subnet will be reserved for Azure Route-Table and other services. The IP allocations begin from the 4th ip of the subnet and this will be automatically mapped to the public ip that is assigned dynamically. The public ip enables access to Internet, hence becomes the NBMA address in the DMVPN scenario.
- Step 9 Click the arrow next to Configure the Subnets, and click OK.
- **Step 10** In the Summary screen, review the configured parameters. After you validate the template, click **OK**.

Step 11 Click **Create** to deploy the TVNet Spoke solution.

Note For every additional Spoke that you want to create, follow steps 1 through 10.

Verifying the Configuration

Verifying on the Transit VNET Hubs

The following commands show that the spokes have successfully established DMVPN tunnels to Transit VNet Hub1 and are able to exchange EIGRP routes with the Transit VNet Hub1. The solution enables DMVPN-Phase 3 feature - NHRP Shortcut Switching. When these commands are run on Transit VNet Hub2, the command outputs are similar to Transit VNet Hub1. This indicates that the spokes have successfully established DMVPN tunnels to both the Cisco Catalyst 8000V in the Transit VNet hubs and have successfully exchanged EIGRP routes with both the hubs. The hubs are deployed in active-active mode for greater resiliency.

Step 1 Run the show ip interface brief command.

Example:

Transit-Hub# show ip interface brief Interface IP-Address OK? Method Status Protocol 10.1.0.4 GigabitEthernet1 YES DHCP up up GigabitEthernet2 10.1.1.5 YES DHCP up up 172.16.1.1 Tunnell1 YES TETP up up VirtualPortGroup0 192.168.35.1 YES TFTP up up p1-tvnet-csr-1#

Notice the higlighted portion in the configuration output. This indicates that the Tunnel is up. If the system does not display the Tunnel in this configuration output, you must go to the guestshell and look at the TVNet logs. Run the show log command to access the TVNet logs.

Step 2 Run the show crypto isakmp sa command to view the IKE sessions for the two DMVPN connections from the spokes.

Example:

```
Transit-Hub# show crypto isakmp sa

IPv4 Crypto ISAKMP SA

dst src state conn-id status

10.1.0.4 168.62.164.228 QM_IDLE 1042 ACTIVE

10.1.0.4 40.114.69.24 QM_IDLE 1043 ACTIVE

IPv6 Crypto ISAKMP SA
```

Step 3 Run the show crypto session command to view the IPsec sessions for the two DMVPN connections from the spokes.

Example:

```
Transit-Hub# show crypto session detail
Crypto session current status
Code: C - IKE Configuration mode, D - Dead Peer Detection
K - Keepalives, N - NAT-traversal, T - cTCP encapsulation
X - IKE Extended Authentication, F - IKE Fragmentation
R - IKE Auto Reconnect, U - IKE Dynamic Route Update
Interface: Tunnell1
Uptime: 1w3d
```

```
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 40.114.69.24 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: tvnet-Tun-11
     Phase1 id: 12.1.0.4
     Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 10.1.0.4/4500 remote 40.114.69.24/4500 Active
         Capabilities:DN connid:1043 lifetime:18:32:04
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 10.1.0.4 host 40.114.69.24
       Active SAs: 2, origin: crypto map
       Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 32 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607996/3474
       Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 32 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607998/3474
Interface: Tunnel11
Uptime: 1w3d
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 168.62.164.228 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: tvnet-Tun-11
     Phase1 id: 11.1.0.4
     Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 10.1.0.4/4500 remote 168.62.164.228/4500 Active
         Capabilities:DN connid:1042 lifetime:18:02:01
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 10.1.0.4 host 168.62.164.228
        Active SAs: 2, origin: crypto map
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 32 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607970/2427
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 32 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607982/2427
```

Step 4 Run the show dmypn command to view the status of the DMVPN on the device.

Example:

```
Transit-Hub# show dmvpn
Legend: Attrb --> S - Static, D - Dynamic, I - Incomplete
      N - NATed, L - Local, X - No Socket
      T1 - Route Installed, T2 - Nexthop-override
      C - CTS Capable, I2 - Temporary
      # Ent --> Number of NHRP entries with same NBMA peer
      NHS Status: E --> Expecting Replies, R --> Responding, W --> Waiting
      UpDn Time --> Up or Down Time for a Tunnel
______
Interface: Tunnelll, IPv4 NHRP Details
Type: Hub, NHRP Peers: 2,
# Ent Peer NBMA Addr Peer Tunnel Add State UpDn Tm Attrb
1 40.114.69.24 172.16.1.137 UP 1w3d DN 1 168.62.164.228 172.16.1.147 UP 1w3d DN
    1 168.62.164.228
                     172.16.1.147
                                   UP
                                         1w3d
```

Step 5 Run the show vrf command to view the display routes from each of the spokes on the transit VNet.

Example:

```
Transit-Hub# show vrf

Name
Default RD
Protocols Interfaces
tvnet-Tun-11
64512:11
ipv4
Tul1
```

Step 6 Run the show ip eigrp vrf <vrf-name> neighbors command to view the status of the EIGRP neighbors.

Example:

Transit-Hub# show ip eigrp vrf tvnet-Tun-11 neighbors

Step 7 Run the show ip route vrf <vrf-name> command to view the route specific to a VRF.

Example:

```
Transit-Hub# show ip route vrf tvnet-Tun-11
Routing Table: tvnet-Tun-11
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
      D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
      N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
      E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
      i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
          - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
      o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP, 1 - LISP
      a - application route
       + - replicated route, % - next hop override, p - overrides from PfR
Gateway of last resort is not set
     11.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 2 subnets
D EX
        11.1.0.0 [170/26880256] via 172.16.1.147, 1wld, Tunnell1
D EX
        11.1.1.0 [170/26880256] via 172.16.1.147, 1wld, Tunnell1
     12.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 2 subnets
D EX
       12.1.0.0 [170/26880256] via 172.16.1.137, 1wld, Tunnell1
D EX
        12.1.1.0 [170/26880256] via 172.16.1.137, 1wld, Tunnell1
     172.16.0.0/16 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C
        172.16.1.0/24 is directly connected, Tunnell1
        172.16.1.1/32 is directly connected, Tunnell1
D EX 192.168.35.0/24 [170/26905600] via 172.16.1.147, 1wld, Tunnell1
                      [170/26905600] via 172.16.1.137, 1wld, Tunnell1
```

Verifying the Connectivity Between the Spokes and the Hub

The following commands show that the spokes are connected to both the Cisco Catalyst 8000V TVNET HUBs and have been able to exchange the EIGRP routes from both the hubs. As the DMVPN solution is deployed as DMVPN-Phase3 (NHRP shortcut-switching) and the hubs are deployed in the active-active mode, the EIGRP route towards SPOKE2 points to the tunnel-overlay ip-address of spoke2.

Step 1 Run the show ip interface brief command to view the interface ip addresses on the device.

Example:

Spoke# show ip interface brief IP-Address OK? Method Status Protocol Interface 11.1.0.4 YES DHCP up GigabitEthernet1 up GigabitEthernet2 11.1.1.4 YES DHCP up up Tunnel11 172.16.1.147 YES TFTP up YES TFTP VirtualPortGroup0 192.168.35.1 up up

Step 2 Run the show dropn command to check the status of the DMVPN on the device.

Example:

```
Spoke# show dmvpn
Legend: Attrb --> S - Static, D - Dynamic, I - Incomplete
    N - NATed, L - Local, X - No Socket
    T1 - Route Installed, T2 - Nexthop-override
    C - CTS Capable, I2 - Temporary
    # Ent --> Number of NHRP entries with same NBMA peer
    NHS Status: E --> Expecting Replies, R --> Responding, W --> Waiting
```

Notice the configuration output that is highlighted. This indicates that the spokes are up and have established a connection with the hub.

Step 3 Run the show crypto isakmp sa command to view the IKE sessions for the two DMVPN connections from the spokes.

Example:

Step 4 Run the show crypto session command to view the IPsec sessions for the two DMVPN connections from the spokes.

Example:

```
Spoke# show crypto session detail
Crypto session current status
Code: C - IKE Configuration mode, D - Dead Peer Detection
K - Keepalives, N - NAT-traversal, T - cTCP encapsulation
X - IKE Extended Authentication, F - IKE Fragmentation
R - IKE Auto Reconnect, U - IKE Dynamic Route Update
Interface: Tunnel11
Uptime: 1w3d
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 40.117.131.133 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: (none)
     Phase1 id: 10.1.0.4
     Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 11.1.0.4/4500 remote 40.117.131.133/4500 Active
         Capabilities:DN connid:1025 lifetime:17:33:41
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 11.1.0.4 host 40.117.131.133
       Active SAs: 2, origin: crypto map
       Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 2250 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607927/726
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 2251 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607957/726
Interface: Tunnel11
Uptime: 1w3d
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 40.117.128.85 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: (none)
      Phase1_id: 10.1.0.5
      Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 11.1.0.4/4500 remote 40.117.128.85/4500 Active
         Capabilities: DN connid: 1026 lifetime: 17:33:44
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 11.1.0.4 host 40.117.128.85
        Active SAs: 2, origin: crypto map
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 2252 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607960/2046
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 2253 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607976/2046
```

Step 5 Run the show up eigrp neighbor command to view the status of the EIGRP neighbors.

Example:

```
      Spoke# show ip eigrp neighbor

      EIGRP-IPv4 Neighbors for AS(64512)

      H Address
      Interface
      Hold Uptime (sec)
      RTO Q Seq (sec)
      Cnt Num

      1 172.16.1.2
      Tull
      13 1w3d
      24 1362 0 23
      0 23

      0 172.16.1.1
      Tull
      12 1w3d
      8 1362 0 23
```

Step 6 Run the show ip route eigrp command to view the EIGRP route information.

Example:

```
Spoke# show ip route eigrp
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       {\tt N1} - OSPF NSSA external type 1, {\tt N2} - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       {\tt E1} - OSPF external type 1, {\tt E2} - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP, 1 - LISP
       a - application route
      + - replicated route, % - next hop override, p - overrides from PfR
Gateway of last resort is 11.1.0.1 to network 0.0.0.0
      12.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 2 subnets
       12.1.0.0 [170/28160256] via 172.16.1.137, 1w3d, Tunnel11
D EX
                  [170/28160256] via 172.16.1.137, 1w3d, Tunnel11
D EX
         12.1.1.0 [170/28160256] via 172.16.1.137, 1w3d, Tunnel11
                  [170/28160256] via 172.16.1.137, 1w3d, Tunnel11
```

Verifying Spoke to Spoke Connectivity

The following commands help in testing connection between two spokes. As the feature supported is DMVPN-Phase 3, the **traceroute** command displays the packets sent from spoke 1 to spoke 2. However, the first packet is lost due to NHRP resolution as Spoke 1 sends the packet to the hub to obtain the address of Spoke 2. When Spoke 1 receives the address, a dynamic IPsec tunnel is established between Spoke 1 and Spoke 2.

```
Spoke1# clear crypto sa counters
Spoke1# ping 12.1.1.4 source gigabitEthernet 2 repeat 100
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 100, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 12.1.1.4, timeout is 2 seconds:
Packet sent with a source address of 11.1.1.4
Success rate is 99 percent (99/100), round-trip min/avg/max = 1/1/6 ms
Spoke# show dmvpn
Legend: Attrb --> S - Static, D - Dynamic, I - Incomplete
      N - NATed, L - Local, X - No Socket
      T1 - Route Installed, T2 - Nexthop-override
      C - CTS Capable, I2 - Temporary
      # Ent --> Number of NHRP entries with same NBMA peer
      NHS Status: E --> Expecting Replies, R --> Responding, W --> Waiting
      UpDn Time --> Up or Down Time for a Tunnel
______
Interface: Tunnelll, IPv4 NHRP Details
Type:Spoke, NHRP Peers:3,
 # Ent Peer NBMA Addr Peer Tunnel Add State UpDn Tm Attrb
   1w3d
   1 40.117.128.85 172.16.1.2 UP 1w3a 140.114.69.24 172.16.1.137 UP 00:00:07 DN
```

```
Spoke# traceroute 12.1.1.4 source gigabitEthernet 2
Type escape sequence to abort.
Tracing the route to 12.1.1.4
VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)
 1 172.16.1.137 2 msec * 3 msec
p1spoke1#
p1spoke1#
plspokel#sh crypto sess detail | i pkts
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 101 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607985/3581
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 100 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607989/3581
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 12 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607924/621
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 14 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607955/621
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 13 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607957/1941
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 13 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607975/1941
Spoke# show crypto session detail
Crypto session current status
Code: C - IKE Configuration mode, D - Dead Peer Detection
K - Keepalives, N - NAT-traversal, T - cTCP encapsulation
X - IKE Extended Authentication, F - IKE Fragmentation
R - IKE Auto Reconnect, U - IKE Dynamic Route Update
Interface: Tunnel11
Uptime: 00:00:36
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 40.114.69.24 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: (none)
      Phase1 id: 12.1.0.4
      Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 11.1.0.4/4500 remote 40.114.69.24/4500 Active
          Capabilities:DN connid:1027 lifetime:23:59:23
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 11.1.0.4 host 40.114.69.24
        Active SAs: 4, origin: crypto map
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 101 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607985/3563
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 100 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607989/3563
Interface: Tunnel11
Uptime: 1w3d
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 40.117.131.133 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: (none)
      Phase1 id: 10.1.0.4
      Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 11.1.0.4/4500 remote 40.117.131.133/4500 Active
          Capabilities:DN connid:1025 lifetime:17:31:38
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 11.1.0.4 host 40.117.131.133
        Active SAs: 2, origin: crypto map
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 16 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607923/603
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 18 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607955/603
Interface: Tunnel11
Uptime: 1w3d
Session status: UP-ACTIVE
Peer: 40.117.128.85 port 4500 fvrf: (none) ivrf: (none)
      Phase1 id: 10.1.0.5
      Desc: (none)
  Session ID: 0
  IKEv1 SA: local 11.1.0.4/4500 remote 40.117.128.85/4500 Active
          Capabilities: DN connid: 1026 lifetime: 17:31:41
  IPSEC FLOW: permit 47 host 11.1.0.4 host 40.117.128.85
        Active SAs: 2, origin: crypto map
        Inbound: #pkts dec'ed 17 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607957/1923
        Outbound: #pkts enc'ed 17 drop 0 life (KB/Sec) 4607975/1923
```

Troubleshooting

To view the status of your deployment, log in to your Cisco Catalyst 8000V instance and run the show log command. If your depolyment is successful you should see the [AzureTransitVNET] Success. Configured all the required IOS configs message.

If you do not see this message and experience any errors while configuring the Transit VNet solution, check whether:

- The DMVPN tunnel is established between the hub and the spoke. In most cases, there might be a problem with the following values: *TransitVNETname*, *TransitVNETStoragename* or *TransitVNETStoragekey*.
- The Guestshell is up and running for the TVNet packages that are to be installed.