# **Alibaba Cloud Express Connect**

Getting Started (New Console)

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# **Generic conventions**

Table -1: Style conventions

Style	Description	Example
•	This warning information indicates a situation that will cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	Danger: Resetting will result in the loss of user configuration data.
<b>A</b>	This warning information indicates a situation that may cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	Warning: Restarting will cause business interruption. About 10 minutes are required to restore business.
	This indicates warning information, supplementary instructions, and other content that the user must understand.	Notice: Take the necessary precautions to save exported data containing sensitive information.
	This indicates supplemental instructions, best practices, tips, and other content that is good to know for the user.	Note: You can use Ctrl + A to select all files.
>	Multi-level menu cascade.	Settings > Network > Set network type
Bold	It is used for buttons, menus, page names, and other UI elements.	Click <b>OK</b> .
Courier font	It is used for commands.	Run the cd /d C:/windows command to enter the Windows system folder.
Italics	It is used for parameters and variables.	bae log listinstanceid Instance_ID
[] or [a b]	It indicates that it is a optional value, and only one item can be selected.	ipconfig [-all -t]
{} or {a b}	It indicates that it is a required value, and only one item can be selected.	swich {stand   slave}

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# 1 Methods for interconnecting VPCs

#### Overview

To meet different demands in different scenarios, Alibaba Cloud provides different products for connecting VPCs. You can use CEN or Express Connect to connect VPCs. We recommend that you use CEN because it is easy to configure and automatically distributes and learns routes.

#### • CEN

Cloud Enterprise Network (CEN) is a service that allows you to create a global network for rapidly building a distributed business system with a hybrid cloud computing solution. CEN enables you to build a secure, private, and enterprise-class interconnected network between VPCs in different regions and your local data centers.

#### Express Connect

You can create a peering connection to build an intranet communication channel between two VPCs.

#### **Scenarios**

Scenario	Product	Method
Connect VPCs in the same region using the same account	CEN	Connect VPCs in the same region using the same account
	Express Connect	Interconnect two VPCs under the same account
Connect VPCs in the same region using different accounts	CEN	Connect VPCs in the same region using different accounts
	Express Connect	Interconnect two VPCs under different accounts
Connect VPCs in different regions using the same account	CEN	Connect VPCs in different regions using the same account
	Express Connect	Interconnect two VPCs under the same account
Connect VPCs in different regions using different accounts	CEN	Connect VPCs in different regions using different accounts

Scenario	Product	Method
	· '	Interconnect two VPCs under different accounts

### 2 Interconnect two VPCs under the same account

This tutorial describes how to use Express Connect to connect two VPCs under the same account.

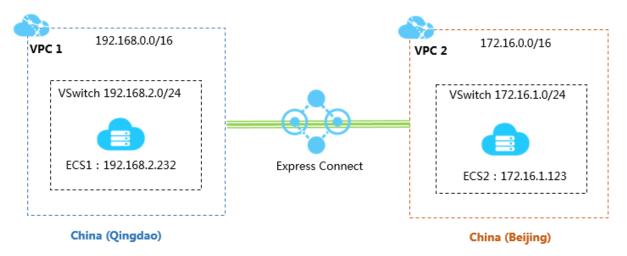


#### Note:

If this is the first time that you are using Express Connect to interconnect two VPCs, we recommend that you use Cloud Enterprise Network (CEN). For more information, see *Tutorial overview*.

#### **Example**

This tutorial uses the following two VPCs as an example to show you how to fulfill VPC intercommunication by using Express Connect.



#### **Prerequisites**

The Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) blocks of the VPCs or VSwitches that you want to interconnect do not conflict.

#### Step 1: Create a peering connection

Perform the following steps to create a peering connection:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect* console.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VPC Peering Connections > VPC-to-VPC.
- 3. Select a region.

In this example, select China (Qingdao).

4. Click Create Peering Connection.

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**5.** Configure the peering connection.

In this example, use the following configurations:

- Connection Type: Select VPC-to-VPC.
- Routers to Create: Select Initiator and Acceptor.

The system sets the selected local VPC as the connection initiator, sets the peer VPC as the acceptor, and automatically connects the initiator and the acceptor.

- Local Region: Select the region of the local VPC. In this example, select China (Qingdao).
- Local VPC ID: Select the local VPC, that is, the initiator of the connection. In this example, select VPC1.
- Peer Region: Select the region of the peer VPC. In this example, select China (Beijing).
- Peer VPC ID: Select the peer VPC to be connected. In this example, select VPC2.
- Specification: Select a bandwidth for the interconnection. In this example, select 2 Mb.
- 6. Click **Buy Now** and complete the payment.
- 7. Go back to the **VPC Peering Connections** page to check the created peering connection.

When the initiator and the acceptor are both in the activated state, the connection is established successfully.



#### **Step 2: Configure routes**

After establishing the peering connection, add a route for each of the two interconnected VPCs.

Perform the following steps to configure the routes:

- 1. On the **VPC Peering Connections** page, find the created peering connection.
- 2. Click Route Settings under the initiator instance.



**3.** Click **Add Route Entry**, enter the destination CIDR block of the VPC or VSwitch that you want to connect, and then click **Confirm**.

In this example, enter the CIDR block of the peer VPC: 172.16.0.0/16.

4. Click Route Settings under the acceptor instance.



**5.** Click **Add Route Entry**, enter the destination CIDR block of the VPC or VSwitch that you want to connect, and then click **Confirm**.

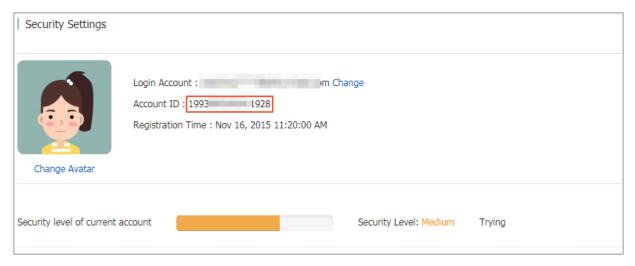
#### **Step 3: Configure security groups**

After establishing the peering connection between the two VPCs, you need to configure security groups to enable the intercommunication of ECS instances in these two VPCs.

This tutorial uses the ECS instances and security groups in the following table as an example.

Configuration	Account A	Account A
Account ID	AccountID_A	AccountID_A
ECS instance ID	InstanceID_A	InstanceID_B
Security group ID	SecurityGroupID_A	SecurityGroupID_B

You can view the account ID in the Account Center.



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Perform the following steps to configure the security group rule:

- 1. Log on to the ECS console.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Networks and Security > Security Groups**.
- **3.** Select the region of the instance.
- 4. Find the target security group and then click Add Rules.
- 5. On the Security Group Rules page, click Add Security Group Rule.
- **6.** Configure the security group rule, select the protocol type, and enter the port range.



#### Notice:

For cross-region VPC interconnection, select the CIDR block authorization type and enter the CIDR block of the peer VPC.

If you select the security group authorization type, make sure that the VPCs are in the same region.

In this example, select the CIDR block authorization type.

#### **Step 4: Test the connection**

After establishing the peering connection and adding the routes, you can log on to an ECS instance of either VPC and ping the IP address of an ECS instance in the other VPC. If the ping succeeds, the connection between the two VPCs is successful.

### 3 Interconnect two VPCs under different accounts

This tutorial describes how to use Express Connect to connect two VPCs under different accounts.

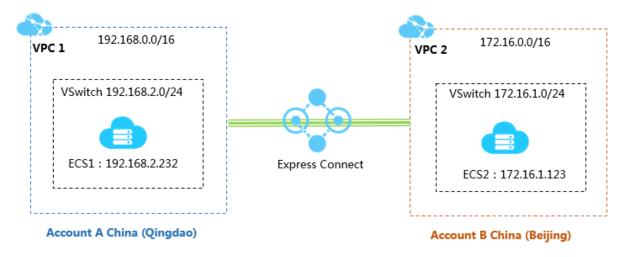


#### Note:

If this is the first time you are using Express Connect to interconnect two VPCs, we recommend that you use CEN. For more information, see *Tutorial overview*.

#### **Example**

In cross-account VPC interconnection, you need to create an initiator and an acceptor separately , establish a peering connection, and then configure routes. This tutorial uses the following two VPCs as an example. VPC1 under account A acts as the initiator and VPC2 under account B acts as the acceptor.



#### **Prerequisites**

- You have obtained the Alibaba Cloud account ID of the peer VPC and the VRouter ID of the VPC.
- The Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) blocks of the VPCs or VSwitches that you want to interconnect do not conflict.

#### Step 1: Create an initiator

Perform the following steps to create an initiator:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect console* using the credentials of account A.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VPC Peering Connections > VPC-to-VPC.

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- 3. Click Create Peering Connection.
- 4. Configure the peering connection.

Use the following configurations:

- Account: Select Different from Peer's.
- Connection Type: Select VPC-to-VPC.
- · Routers to Create: Select Create Initiator.

Only the initiator can initiate the connection to the acceptor.

- Local Region: Select the region of the VPC. In this example, select China (Qingdao).
- Local VPC ID: Select the VPC for which the initiator instance is created. In this example, select VPC1.
- **Peer Region**: Select the region where the VPC to be connected is located. In this example, select **China (Beijing)**.
- Specification: Select a bandwidth for the interconnection. In this example, select 2 Mb.
- 5. Click **Buy Now** and complete the payment.
- **6.** Go back to the **VPC Peering Connections** page to check the created initiator instance.



#### Step 2: Create an acceptor

Perform the following steps to create an acceptor:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect console* using the credentials of account B.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VPC Peering Connections > VPC-to-VPC.
- 3. Click Create Peering Connection.
- **4.** Configure the peering connection.

Use the following configurations:

- Account: Select Different from Peer's.
- Connection Type: Select VPC-to-VPC.
- Routers to Create: Select Acceptor Only.
- Local Region: Select the region of the VPC. In this example, select China (Beijing).
- Local VPC ID: Select the VPC for which the acceptor instance is created. In this example, select VPC2.

- Peer Region: Select the region where the VPC to be connected is located. In this example, select China (Qingdao).
- Specification: The acceptor bandwidth depends on the initiator bandwidth. In this example, select Default.
- **5.** Click **Buy Now** and complete the payment.
- **6.** On the **VPC Peering Connections** page, check the created acceptor instance and note down its ID. In this example, the acceptor instance ID is ri-2zeix2g86uoyisagyz0pn.



#### Step 3: Add the initiator

After creating an initiator and an acceptor, you must add the initiator for the acceptor.

Perform the following steps to add the initiator for the acceptor:

- **1.** Log on to the *Express Connect console* using the credentials of account B.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VPC Peering Connections > VPC-to-VPC.
- **3.** Select the region of the acceptor.

In this example, select China (Beijing).

4. Find the created acceptor instance and click Add Initiator.



**5.** On the **Add Instance** page, select **Another Account** and enter the initiator router interface. In this example, enter ri-m5e33r3n78zyi5573kf85. Click **OK**.

#### Step 4: Add the acceptor and establish a peering connection

After you add the initiator and the acceptor, the initiator can actively initiate and establish a peering connection between the two VPCs.

In this example, the connection initiator is VPC1 under account A. Perform the following steps to establish a peering connection:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect console* using the credentials of account A.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VPC Peering Connections > VPC-to-VPC.

3. Select the region of the initiator instance.

In this example, select China (Qingdao).

4. Click Add Acceptor.



- On the Add Instance page, select Another Account and enter the acceptor router interface.
   In this example, enter ri-2zeix2q86uoyisagyz0pn. Click OK.
- 6. Click > Initiate Connection.



When the connection is established, the initiator and the acceptor enter the activated state.



#### **Step 5: Configure routes**

After establishing a peering connection, you need to add a route for each of the two VPCs.

Perform the following steps to configure the routes:

- 1. Log on to the Express Connect console using the credentials of account A.
- 2. On the VPC Peering Connections page, find the created peering connection.
- 3. Find the initiator instance and click **Route Settings**.



 Click Add Route Entry, enter the CIDR block of the VPC or VSwitch to be connected, and click Confirm.

In this example, enter the CIDR block of the peer VPC: 172.16.0.0/16.

- **5.** Log on to the *Express Connect console* using the credentials of account B.
- 6. Find the acceptor instance and click Route Settings.



Click Add Route Entry, enter the CIDR block of the VPC or VSwitch to be connected, and click Confirm.

In this example, enter the CIDR block of the peer VPC: 192.168.0.0/16.

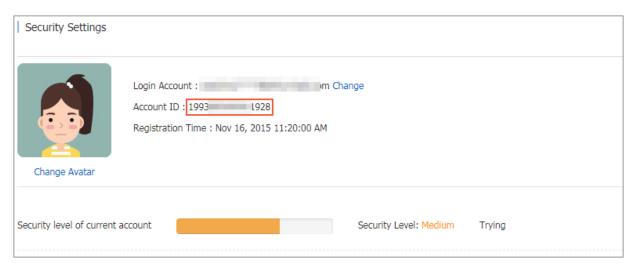
#### **Step 6: Configure security groups**

After establishing a peering connection between two VPCs, you need to configure security groups to enable the intercommunication of ECS instances in these two VPCs.

This tutorial uses the ECS instances and security groups in the following table as an example.

Configuration	Account A	Account B
Account ID	AccountID_A	AccountID_B
ECS instance ID	InstanceID_A	InstanceID_B
Security group ID	SecurityGroupID_A	SecurityGroupID_B

You can view the account ID in the Account Center.



Perform the following steps to configure the security group rule:

- 1. Log on to the ECS console.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Networks and Security > Security Groups**.
- **3.** Select the region of the instance.
- 4. Find the target security group and then click Add Rules.

- 5. On the Security Group Rules page, click Add Security Group Rule.
- **6.** Configure the security group rule, select the protocol type, and enter the port range. Then select the authorization type according to the following information.

Scenario	Authorization type	Description
Cross-region VPC interconnection	CIDR block	The CIDR block of the peer VPC.
Same-region VPC interconnection	Security group	The ID of the security group associated with the peer ECS instance.
		Note:  If the VPCs to be interconnected belong to different accounts, select Allow Other Accounts and in the Account ID field, enter the peer account ID.



#### Notice:

- If the VPCs to be interconnected are in different regions, select the CIDR block authorizat
  ion type and enter the CIDR block of the peer VPC. In this example, select the CIDR block
  authorization type.
- If the VPCs to be interconnected are in the same region, select the security group
  authorization type. In cross-account interconnection, select Allow Other Accounts and in
  the Account ID field, enter the peer account ID.

#### **Step 7: Test the connection**

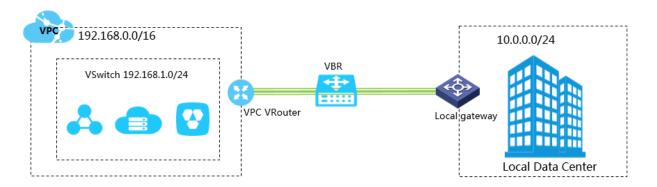
After establishing the peering connection and adding routes, you can log on to an ECS instance of either VPC and ping the IP address of an ECS instance in the other VPC. If the ping succeeds, the connection between the two VPCs is successful.

# 4 Connect a local IDC to a VPC through a physical connection

This tutorial describes how to use Express Connect to implement intercommunication between your local IDC and the Alibaba Cloud VPC.

#### Example

This tutorial uses the VPC and local IDC configurations shown in the following figure.



#### **Prerequisites**

You have submitted a ticket and obtained the geographic position of the access point.

#### Step 1: Apply for a physical connection interface and complete leased line access

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect* console.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click Physical Connections > Physical Connection Interfaces.
- 3. Click Apply for New Interface.
- **4.** Configure the interface. Perform the following configurations:
  - Name: Enter the name of the physical connection interface.
  - Access Point: Select the nearest access point to your local IDC. In this example, select apcn-zhangjiakou-xrt-A.
  - Service Provider: Select your physical connection provider. In this example, select China
     Mobile.
  - Port Type: Select the access port of the physical connection. In this example, select 1 Gbit/s Electrical Port.
  - **Bandwidth**: Enter a bandwidth value (unit: Mbps) based on your specific service needs. In this example, enter **2**.

- Location: Enter the address of your local IDC.
- Redundancy: If you want to implement Equal-Cost Multi-Path (ECMP) routing through two
  physical connections, you can select another physical connection to provide redundancy in
  this physical connection.

In this example, do not select a redundant physical connection.

**5.** Click **OK**. On the **Physical Connection Interfaces** page, check the physical connection interface you have applied for.

The physical connection interface status is **Applying**.

6. Wait for Alibaba Cloud to review your application. Normally, the review will be completed on the next workday. When the physical connection interface status becomes Approved, click Pay for Connection and complete the payment.

The system automatically allocates you a port and a physical connection ID.

- 7. The physical connection interface status becomes **Connecting**. Click **View** to view the details, such as IDC location, cabinet location, and port information.
- 8. Notify your service provider of the port information. After conducting a resource survey, the service provider will provide a list of personnel who will be sent to the Alibaba Cloud IDC at the access point, and provide relevant information, such as arrival time and physical connection ID.
  Open a new ticket to inform Alibaba Cloud after-sales personnel of the information about the leased line to be deployed by the service provider.
- 9. On the next workday, Alibaba Cloud after-sales personnel will schedule a visit to the IDC for your service provider and give you the contact information of the reception personnel in the IDC. You need to notify your service provider of the preceding information. After the service provider completes deployment in the Alibaba Cloud IDC, Alibaba Cloud after-sales personnel will change the physical connection interface status to Pending Confirmation.
- **10.**After your service provider notifies you that the physical connection is deployed, find the physical connection in the console and click **Confirm**.

When the physical connection interface status changes to **Enabled**, the physical connection is completed.



#### Step 2: Create a virtual border router

After the physical connection is established, you need to create a Virtual Border Router (VBR) for it as a forwarding bridge between the VPC and your local IDC.

To create a VBR, perform the following steps:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect* console.
- In the left-side navigation pane, click Physical Connections > Virtual Border Routers (VBRs).
- 3. Click Create VBR. In this example, configure the VBR as follows:
  - Account: Select Current Account.
  - Name: Enter the VBR name.
  - Physical Connection Interface: Select the physical connection interface created in Step 1.
  - VLAN ID: Enter the VLAN ID. In this example, enter 1678.
  - Gateway IP Address on Alibaba Cloud Side: Enter the gateway from the VPC to your local IDC. In this example, enter 10.0.0.1.
  - Gateway IP Address on Customer Side: Enter the gateway from your local IDC to the VPC. In this example, enter 10.0.0.2.
  - Subnet Mask: Enter the subnet mask of the IP address on Alibaba Cloud side and customer side. In this example, enter 255.255.255.0.
- 4. Click OK.

#### Step 3: Create a peering connection

After the physical connection is established, you also need to establish a peering connection between the VBR associated with the physical connection and the VPC to be connected.

To create a peering connection, perform the following steps:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect* console.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VPC Peering Connections > VBR-to-VPC.
- 3. Click Create Peering Connection.
- 4. Configure the peering connection.

Perform the following configurations:

- Belongs to Current Account : Select Yes.
- Connection Type: Select VBR-to-VPC.
- Routers to Create: Select Initiator and Acceptor.

In physical connection scenarios, the initiator of a peering connection must be a VBR.

- Local Region: Select the region where the VBR is located. In this example, select China (Zhangjiakou-Beijing Winter Olympics).
- Local Access Point: Select the access point of the physical connection. In this example, select ap-cn-zhangjiakou-xrt-A.
- Local VBR ID: Select the created VBR. In this example, select VBR1.
- Peer Region: Select the region where the peer VPC is located. In this example, select
   China (Zhangjiakou-Beijing Winter Olympics).
- Peer VPC ID: Select the peer VPC. In this example, select VPC1.
- Bandwidth: Select the bandwidth for intercommunication. In this example, select 1Gb.
- 5. Click **Buy Now** and complete the payment.
- **6.** Check the created peering connection. When the initiator and the acceptor are in **Activated** status, the peering connection is established successfully.



#### Step 4: Configure VPC routing

After establishing a peering connection, you need to add a route entry destined for your local IDC to the VPC.

To forward the traffic destined for your local IDC (11.11.11.0/24) to the VBR, perform the following steps:

1. On the VPCs page, locate the intercommunicated VPC, and then click the ID of the VPC.



- 2. In the Network Resources area, click the route table link.
- On the Route Tables page, click the route table ID of the VPC, and then click Add Route Entry.
- **4.** Configure the route entry as follows and then click **OK**:

- Destination CIDR Block: Enter the CIDR block of your local IDC. In this example, enter 10.0.0.0/24.
- Next Hop Type: Select Router Interface (To VBR).
- General Routing: Select the VBR associated with the physical connection.

#### **Step 5: Configure VBR routing**

To configure VBR routing destined for your local IDC and the VPC respectively, perform the following steps:

- 1. Log on to the *Express Connect* console.
- 2. In the left-side navigation pane, click VBR-to-VPC.
- 3. Locate the target VBR, and then click Route Settings.



- 4. Click Add Route Entry.
- **5.** In the displayed dialog box, enter the CIDR block of the VPC (In this example, enter 192.168.0.0/16), and then click **Confirm**.
- 6. Click Add Route Entry again.
- 7. Enter the CIDR block of your local IDC (In this example, enter 10.0.0.0/24), and then click **Confirm**.

#### Step 6: Configure routing for your local IDC

Now the route configuration for the Alibaba Cloud side is completed. On the physical connection device, you still need to configure a route destined for the VPC. You can configure a static route or BGP route as follows to forward data from your local IDC to VBR:

Static route

Example:

```
ip route 192.168.0.0/16 10.0.0.2
```

Dynamic route

You can also forward data between your local IDC and the VBR by configuring BGP. For more information, see *Configure BGP*.

After the route configuration is completed, the intranet communication link between your local IDC and VPC (local IDC→physical connection→VBR→VPC) is established.



#### Note:

You can manage the access between your local IDC devices and Alibaba Cloud products by adjusting the ECS security group rules or adding an RDS whitelist.

#### **Step 7: Test the connection**

After the VPC is connected to the local data center, test the speed of the leased lines to ensure that they can meet service needs.