



# Running IxLoad in the Cloud

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# Introduction

AWS's CloudFormation Templates (CFT) simplify the process of provisioning and management on AWS.

Templates are configured to create the services or applications desired, and AWS CloudFormation uses those templates quickly and reliably to provision the services or applications (called "stacks").

Ixia has created a CloudFormation template to enable deployment of IxLoad in AWS. The template deploys IxVM instances and DUT instances in a new VPC.

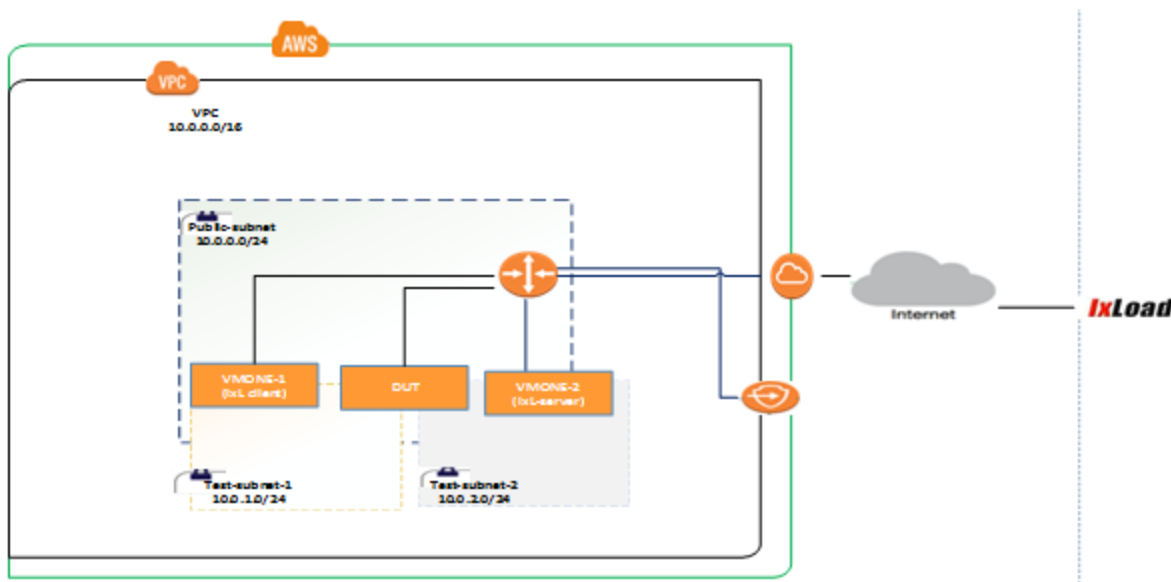
Every newly-deployed instance has one public network and 1 to 8 test network ports, each with a private IP address.

In addition to the instances, the IxLoad CloudFormation template automatically creates the following AWS entities:

- One VPC with same name as given for Stack name.
- One public subnet and one private subnets for each of the test interface specified during stack creation.
- Two new routing tables named with the stack name. One table is for public routing and the other for private routing. All private subnets are associated with the private routing table.
- An internet gateway that is assigned to the public routing table and public subnet
- Two security groups named with the stack name. One group is for the management interface and the other is for the test interfaces.
- Two IAM roles, EC2ReadOnlyRole and LambdaExecutionRole, named with stack name. These roles are assigned to newly created virtual test appliance instances.

The image below shows the IxLoad AWS topology.

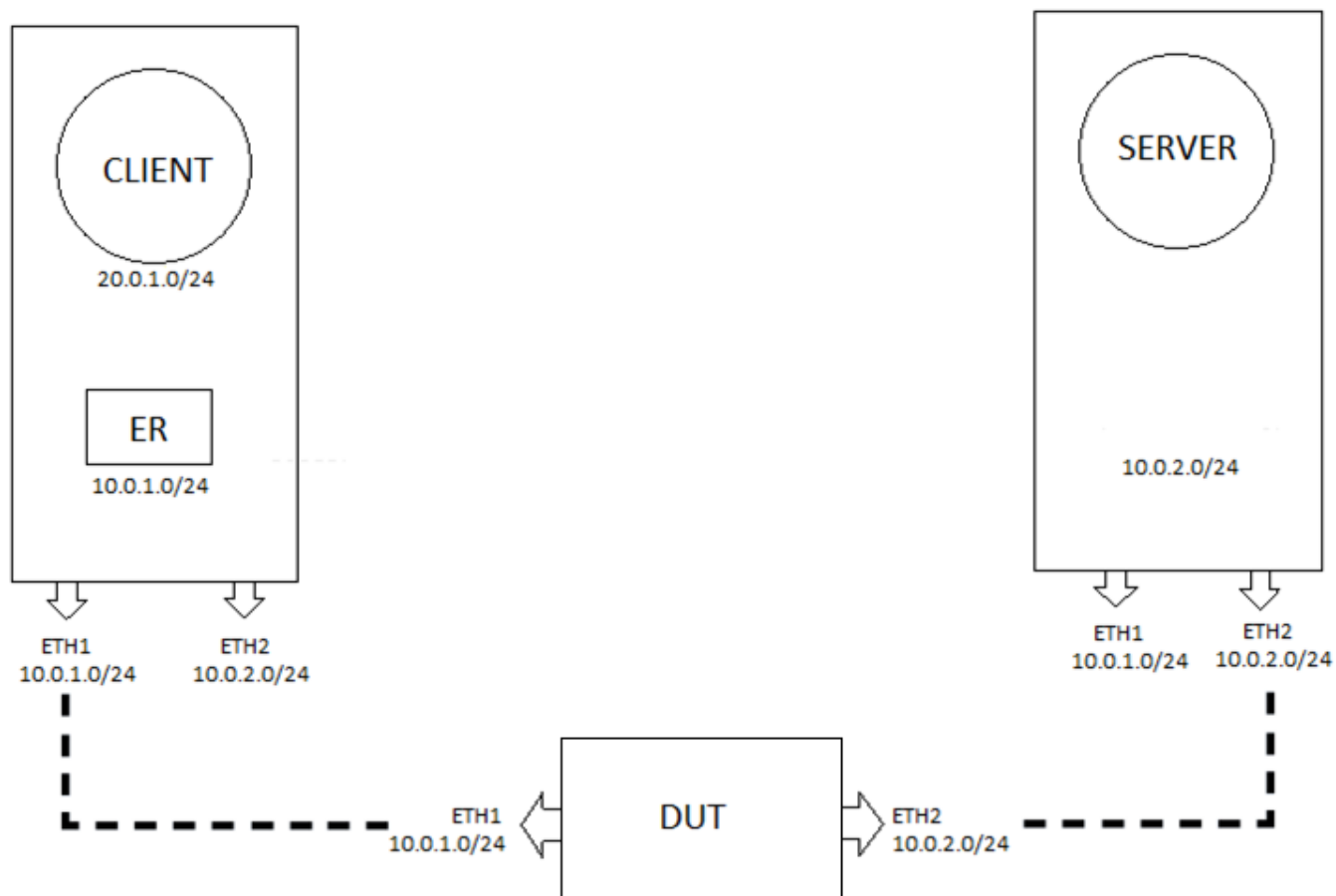
## IxLoad AWS topology



## IxLoad test topology

You can configure the client network with or without an Emulated Router (ER).

The image below shows an IxLoad client NetTraffic connected to a server NetTraffic through a DUT.



# Deployment

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This section describes how to use the Ixia CloudFormation template to deploy and configure IxVM virtual test appliance instances on AWS.

## Before you begin

Before you begin, you must:

- have an AWS user ID that has IAM Role Creation and Lambda Execution privileges
- create a key pair before using CFT
- know the AMI IDs of the virtual test appliance image and the DUT image. These images should be visible in the AMI bucket of the required region. To find the virtual test appliance AMI ID, open the AWS community, filter for `ixia` and select Ixia Virtual Test Appliance <version> AMI ID.
- know the external IP (NAT) address of the network that you use to access AWS. You can get this address from your IT department, or you can get it by using the following procedure:
  1. In your AWS account, create a new security rule
  2. For Source, select My IP.  
AWS will display your network's external IP.

After deploying the template, you must configure the secondary IP addresses of each instance, either manually or by using a script.

## Deployment

To deploy the template:

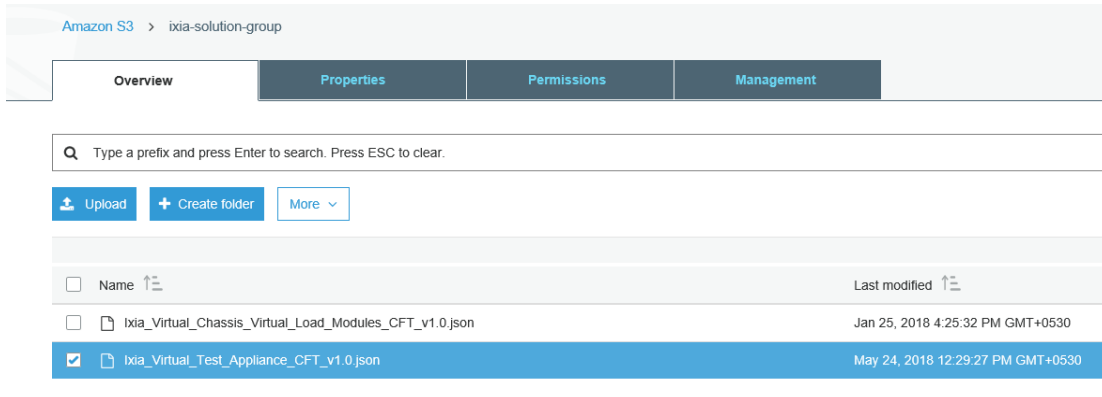
1. Login to AWS.
2. Select the json template file.

You can either use the pre-configured Ixia S3 template json file or you can use your own.

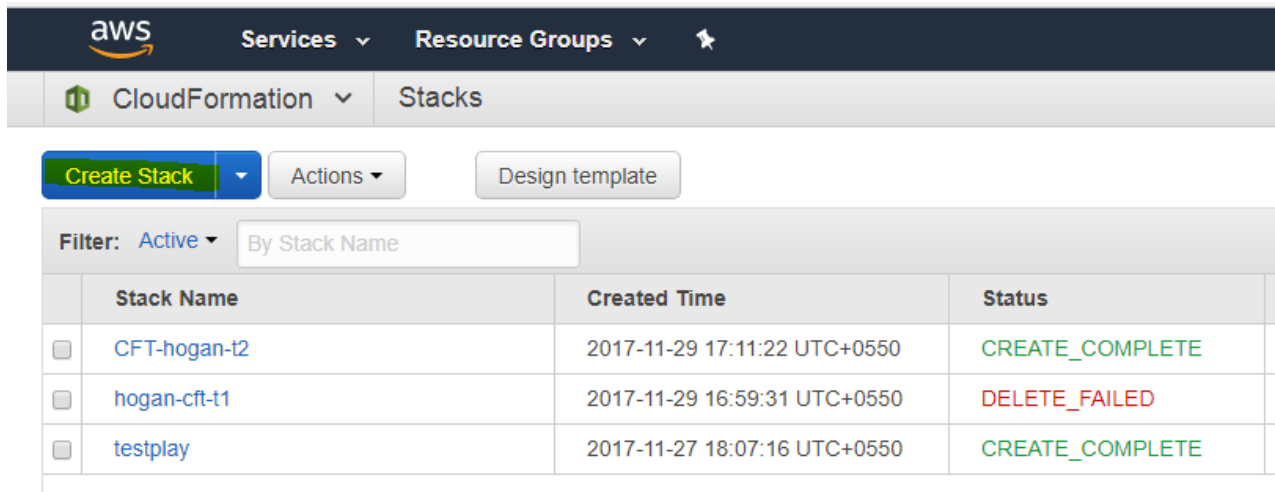
- If you want to use the Ixia json file, its url is:  
`https://s3.amazonaws.com/ixia-solution-group/Ixia_Virtual_Test_Appliance_CFT_v1.1.json`
- If you want to use your own, upload it to your local S3 bucket and get the url for the json file.



## Deployment



- Click Services | CloudFormation, then click Create Stack.



The Create Stack page displays.

- Under Choose a template, click Specify an Amazon S3 template URL, then enter the URL of the json file you want to use.

## Create stack

## Select Template

Specify Details

Options

Review

## Select Template

Select the template that describes the stack that you want to create. A stack is a group of related resources that you manage as a single unit.

**Design a template** Use AWS CloudFormation Designer to create or modify an existing template. [Learn more.](#)

Design template

**Choose a template** A template is a JSON/YAML-formatted text file that describes your stack's resources and their properties. [Learn more.](#)

☐ Select a sample template

☐ Upload a template to Amazon S3

Browse... No file selected.

☒ Specify an Amazon S3 template URL

[View/Edit template in Designer](#)

5. Click Next.

The Specify Details page displays.

6. Enter the parameters for the VMOne instance.

Observe the following guidelines:

**DUT:**

- If you intend to deploy a DUT, configure 2 interfaces (Eth1 and Eth2) under the IXIA-VM Configuration section.
- If you do not intend to deploy a DUT, specify 0 for "Instance count" under "DUT Configuration"

**Enhanced Networking:**

- If you want to use an instance that has SR-IOV (Enhanced Networking) enabled, select "C3.8xlarge" in the Instance type field.
- If you do not need an instance that has SR-IOV enabled, select "m3.xlarge" in the Instance type field.
- For a list of other instance types that support SR-IOV, see "Enhanced Networking Types" in <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/enhanced-networking.html>.
- Make sure you enter your network's external IP (NAT) that you use to access AWS.

7. After you have entered the VMOne parameters, click Next.

## Deployment

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Services

Resource Groups

CloudFormation

Stacks

Create Stack

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Support

Create stack

Select Template

Specify Details

Options

Review

Specify Details

Specify a stack name and parameter values. You can use or change the default parameter values, which are defined in the AWS CloudFormation template. [Learn more.](#)

Stack name

ixia-virtual-test-appliance

Parameters

NETWORK CONFIGURATION

VPC Configuration

Username

keysight

Enter Team or Individual Name Responsible for the Stack.

Project

AWS project

Enter Project Name

Availability Zone

us-east-1a

Preferred availability zone

VPC

10.0.0.0/16

IP Address range for the VPC

Management-Network

10.0.0.0/24

IP Address range for the Management-Subnet (eth0)

IXIA-VM Configuration

AMI-ID for VMOne

ami-bca19ac6

AMI-ID for the vmone instances

Instance Type

c3.8xlarge

Please select VMOne instance type. NOTE-1: Before selecting, ensure if that instance-type is supported in the selected region. NOTE-2: If you want to select low-performance single-test-NIC explicitly, select one of the following: t2.micro, t2.medium, m3.starge, c3.4dlarge, c4.4dlarge, m4.4dlarge.

SSH Key

aws\_reg

Existing KeyPair to login to the VMONE Instances

Eth1

10.0.1.0/24

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. Eth1 is compulsory

Eth2

10.0.2.0/24

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. Eth2 is compulsory

Eth3

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. NIC won't be created if value is not provided

Eth4

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. NIC won't be created if value is not provided

Eth5

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. NIC won't be created if value is not provided

Eth6

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. NIC won't be created if value is not provided

Eth7

Subnet CIDR for the connected interface. NIC won't be created if value is not provided

Instance Count

2

Number of VMOne instances to be launched. Min-Value=1, Max-Value=20

DUT Configuration

AMI-ID for DUT

AMI-ID for DUT

Instance Type

c3.8xlarge

Please select DUT instance type. NOTE: Before selecting, ensure if that instance-type is supported in the selected region.

SSH Key

aws\_reg

Existing KeyPair to login to the DUT

Instance Count

0

Number of DUT to be launched. Min-Value=0, Max-Value=20

Security-Group Configuration

External-IP

XXX.XXX

IP address range used to SSH and access management GUI on the EC2 instances

Cancel

Previous

Next

Feedback

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The Options page displays.

8. Enter a tag a (key-value pair) that you can use to identify the instance.

## Options

## Tags

You can specify tags (key-value pairs) for resources in your stack. You can add up to 50 unique key-value pairs for each stack. [Learn more.](#)

	Key (127 characters maximum)	Value (255 characters maximum)
1	Name	CFT

## Permissions

You can choose an IAM role that CloudFormation uses to create, modify, or delete resources in the stack. If you don't choose a role, CloudFormation uses the permissions defined in your account. [Learn more.](#)

IAM Role

Enter role arn

## ► Advanced

You can set additional options for your stack, like notification options and a stack policy. [Learn more.](#)

- Under Capabilities, click the checkbox for "I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources. The template needs this permission to access and control custom resources through the lambda function.

## Capabilities

**i** The following resource(s) require capabilities: [AWS::IAM::Role]

This template contains Identity and Access Management (IAM) resources that might provide entities access to make changes to your AWS account. Check that you want to create each of these resources and that they have the minimum required permissions. [Learn more.](#)

☒ I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources.

[Quick Create Stack](#) (Create stacks similar to this one, with most details auto-populated)

Cancel Previous **Create**

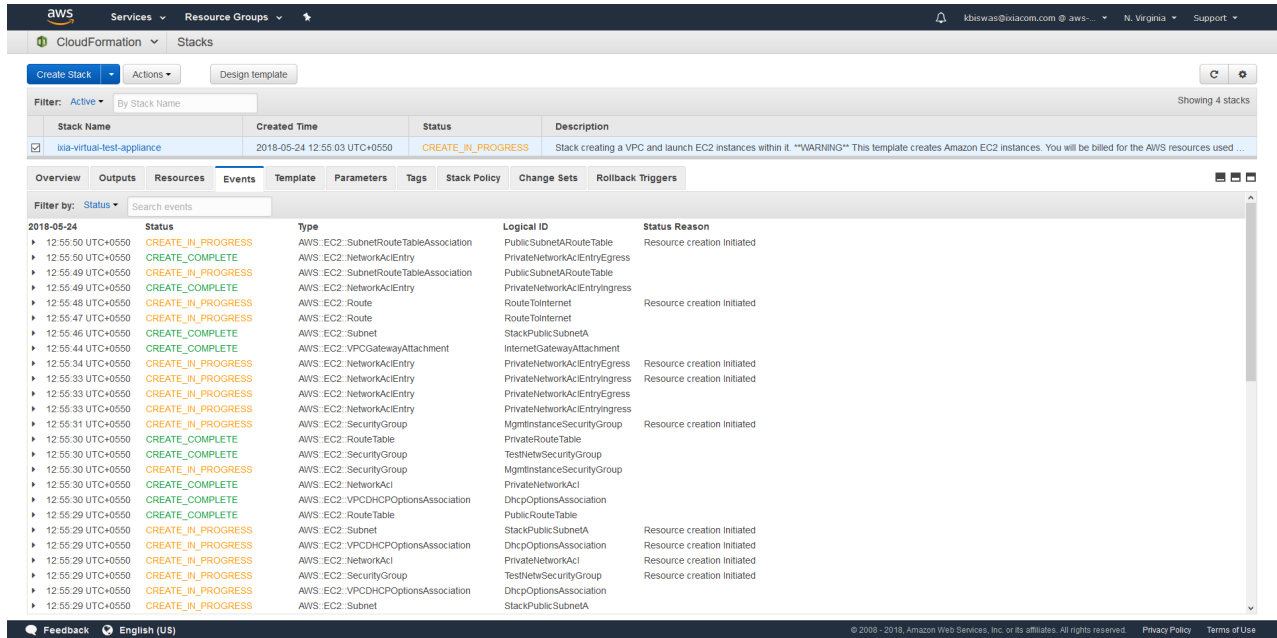
- Click Create.  
AWS begins deploying the stack.

On the CloudFormation Stacks page, the stack deployment status will show `CREATE_IN_PROGRESS`.

You can click the Events tab to view the status of various sub-tasks.

When the stack has been deployed, the stack status displays as `CREATE_COMPLETE`.

## Deployment



11. After the stack is deployed, click the Outputs tab and make a note of:

- the login information for each instance.
- the VMONE INSTANCE DETAILS, which displays the IP address details in json format

For example, in the deployment shown in the image below, there are two Virtual Test Appliances:

IXIA-VMONE-i-0b1fc16f1ef2c6852

and

IXIA-VMONE-i-09231ad866bcc7b7d

Each Virtual Test Appliance has three interfaces: - one management interface (Eth0) and two test interfaces. There are two test interfaces because when the appliance was configured from the CFT, two test interfaces, Eth1 and Eth2, were specified. .

Each Virtual Test Appliance displays its IP address list. For example "IXIA-VMONE-i-0b1fc16f1ef2c6852" has IP list "{ 'Eth0': ['10.0.0.132'], 'Eth1': '10.0.1.143', 'Eth2': '10.0.2.239', 'Public\_IP': ['107.20.71.231'] }".

Eth0 interface has a private IP address of 10.0.0.132 , which is associated with public IP address 107.20.71.231. This virtual test appliance can be added to IxLoad using this public IP address.

Eth1 interface has a private IP address of 10.0.1.143, and Eth2 has a private IP address of 10.0.2.239. These are the IP addresses that must be configured as test ports in IxLoad.

Stack Name	Created Time	Status	Description
iia-virtual-test-appliance	2018-05-24 12:55:03 UTC+0550	CREATE_COMPLETE	Stack creating a VPC and launch EC2 instances within it. **WARNING** This template creates Amazon EC2 instances. You will be billed for the AWS resources used...

Output Name	Value	Description
SSHLoginToOUTInstanceCMD	ssh -i iia-virtual-test-appliance-ssh-key-pem admin@PublicIP	ssh command syntax to login to DUT instance
TestSubnet7	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-7
TestSubnet6	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-6
TestSubnet5	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-5
TestSubnet4	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-4
TestSubnet3	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-3
TestSubnet2	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-2
TestSubnet1	subnet-9d5691d1	Test Subnet-1
PublicRoutingTable	rtb-ddd837a2	Public Routing Table
SecurityGroupTestInterface	sg-8ad8b0c2	Test Interface Security Group
VMONEINSTANCEDETAILS	["iia-VMONE-i-0b1f16f1e2c6852", {"Eth0": [{"IP": "10.0.0.132"}], "Eth1": [{"IP": "10.0.1.143"}, {"IP": "10.0.2.239"}, {"IP": "107.20.71.231"}], "iia-VMONE-i-09231ad866bcc7b7d", {"Eth0": [{"IP": "10.0.0.172"}], "Eth1": [{"IP": "10.0.1.37"}, {"IP": "10.0.2.176"}, {"IP": "134.235.141.166"}]}]	vmone instance details
ManagementNetworkSubnet	subnet-9d5691d1	Management Interface Subnet
SecurityGroupManagementInterface	sg-64d9b12c	Management Interface Security Group
DUTINSTANCEDETAILS	["iia-DUT-i-0b1f16f1e2c6852", {"Eth0": [{"IP": "10.0.0.132"}], "Eth1": [{"IP": "10.0.1.143"}, {"IP": "10.0.2.239"}, {"IP": "107.20.71.231"}]}]	DUT instance details
VPCCIDR	10.0.0.0/16	VPC CIDR
SSHLoginToVmoneInstanceCMD	ssh -i iia-virtual-test-appliance-ssh-key-pem admin@PublicIP	ssh command syntax to login to vmone instance
ManagementNetworkCIDR	10.0.0.0/24	Management Network CIDR
StackVPC	vpc-i391af88	VPC ID

## Security groups

The CloudFormation template automatically creates security groups and configures the ports allowed for the inbound and outbound rules for both the management and the test interfaces.

### Management interfaces

For the management interfaces, the ports allowed are:

Inbound rule:

TCP Ports	22, 80, 443, 111, 2601, 998-999, 1000, 1080, 2345, 3222, 3601, 4501, 4502, 4601, 5285, 5286, 5236, 5237, 5480, 5488, 5489, 6001-6005, 6665, 6967, 6978, 8021, 8022, 8881, 8989, 8990, 9101, 9102, 9613-9676, 10115, 10116, 10119, 17662, 17668-17777, 18765, 21123, 21653
UDP Ports	67, 68, 123, 161, 162, 605, 1000, 6004, 10116
ICMP	<none>

Outbound rule:

ICMP	<none>
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### Test interfaces

Inbound rule: All ports

Outbound rule: All ports



**Note:**

IxLoad uses the `boto3` python library to extract AWS-related information.

`boto3` uses public IP addresses that vary by region to communicate with AWS. These IPs are listed on the following page:

<https://ip-ranges.amazonaws.com/ip-ranges.json>

You must manually add the required IPs to virtual test appliance's management security group manually.

For more information, see:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws-ip-ranges.html>

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## Configuring secondary IP addresses

By default, the CloudFormation template configures only one IP address per interface. If you need to use multiple IP addresses per interface, you must configure secondary IP addresses.

You can configure secondary IP addresses manually or automatically.

### Manually

Refer to this page in the AWS documentation for the procedure on configuring secondary IP addresses:

<https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/secondary-private-ip-address/>

### Automatically

Create a python script to automatically configure secondary IP addresses.

1. Configure the AWS CLI. Refer to this page in the AWS documentation:  
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/awscli-install-linux.html#awscli-install-linux-path>
2. Install `boto3`:  

```
# pip install boto3 --user
```
3. After installing `boto3`, configure AWS CLI with the `aws configure` command along with the AWS Access Key ID and AWS Secret Access Key.

```
[ec2-user@ip-10-0-0-5 ~]$ aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [*****I2BQ]
AWS Secret Access Key [*****y]
```

4. Create a python script with content listed below.
5. Execute the script with required parameters:

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```
python createCustomPrivateIP.py [instance-id] [eth1/eth2/...] [start_ip] [stop_ip] [Region Name]
```

## Script

```
## USAGE : python createCustomPrivateIP.py [instance-id] [eth1/eth2/...] [start_ip] [stop_ip] [Region Name]
## EXAMPLE: python createCustomPrivateIP.py i-0cba4998da080d95e eth1 10.0.1.37 10.0.1.39 us-east-1

import sys
import boto3
from botocore.exceptions import ClientError

client = boto3.client('ec2', region_name= sys.argv[5])
ec2 = boto3.resource('ec2', region_name= sys.argv[5])

start_ip = sys.argv[3]      #start_ip = '172.31.15.171'
stop_ip  = sys.argv[4]      #stop_ip  = '172.31.15.174'

## Create IP-Address-Range
def undotIPv4 (dotted):
    return sum (int (octet) << ( (3 - i) << 3) for i, octet in enumerate (dotted.split ('.') ) )
def dotIPv4 (addr):
    return '.'.join (str (addr >> off & 0xff) for off in (24, 16, 8, 0) )
def rangeIPv4 (start, stop):
    for addr in range (undotIPv4 (start), undotIPv4 (stop) ):
        yield dotIPv4 (addr)

if (sys.argv[2] == 'eth1'):
    device_index=1
elif (sys.argv[2] == 'eth2'):
    device_index=2
elif (sys.argv[2] == 'eth3'):
    device_index=3
elif (sys.argv[2] == 'eth4'):
    device_index=4
elif (sys.argv[2] == 'eth5'):
    device_index=5
elif (sys.argv[2] == 'eth6'):
    device_index=6
elif (sys.argv[2] == 'eth7'):
    device_index=7
else:
    device_index=8
```



## Deployment

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```
try:
    vpc_instances = ec2.network_interfaces.filter(Filters=[{'Name':
'attachment.instance-id', 'Values': [sys.argv[1]]}, {'Name': 'attachment.device-
index', 'Values': [str(device_index)]}])
    for interfaces in vpc_instances:
        for ip_list in rangeIPv4 (start_ip, stop_ip):
            responsel = client.assign_private_ip_addresses
(NetworkInterfaceId=interfaces.id, PrivateIpAddresses=[ip_list],)
            print(responsel)
except ClientError as e:
    print(e)
```

# Configuring an IxLoad test in AWS

After using the CFT to deploy your AWS instances, you can use them in an IxLoad test.

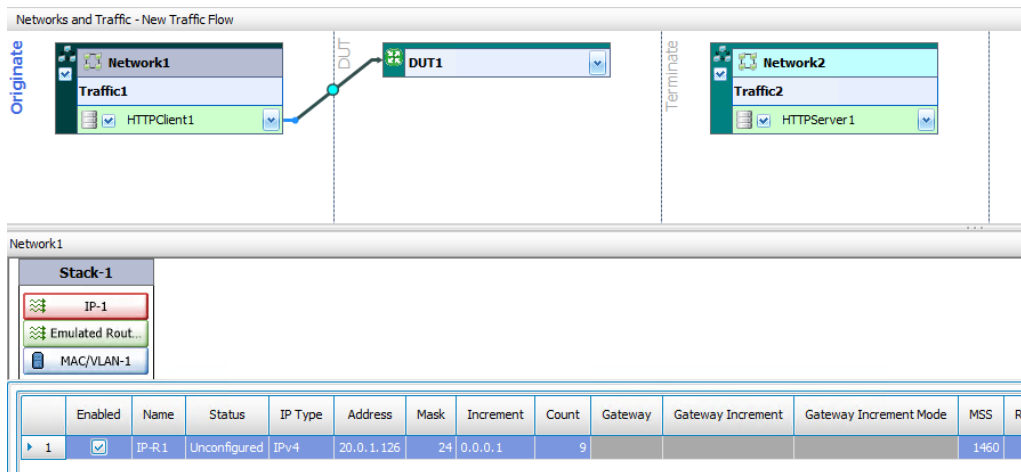
There are two ways to configure a test in IxLoad with AWS instances, depending on how you want to configure the MAC and IP addresses for the test:

- [Manual configuration](#), in which you enter the MAC and IP addresses
- [Automatic configuration](#), in which IxLoad detects and learns the MAC and IP addresses

## Manually Configuring MAC and IP Addresses

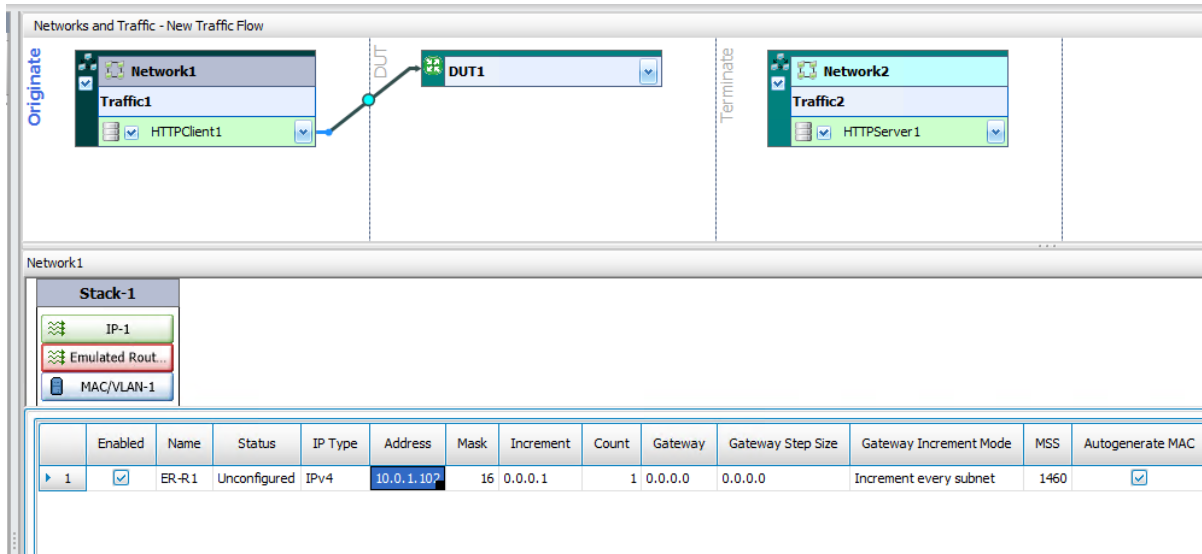
To manually configure an IxLoad test in AWS:

1. Start IxLoad.
2. Display the network configuration page, and add:
  - one client NetTraffic
  - one DUT NetTraffic
  - one server NetTraffic
3. On the client NetTraffic, select the IP stack, and specify test port IP address for client traffic.

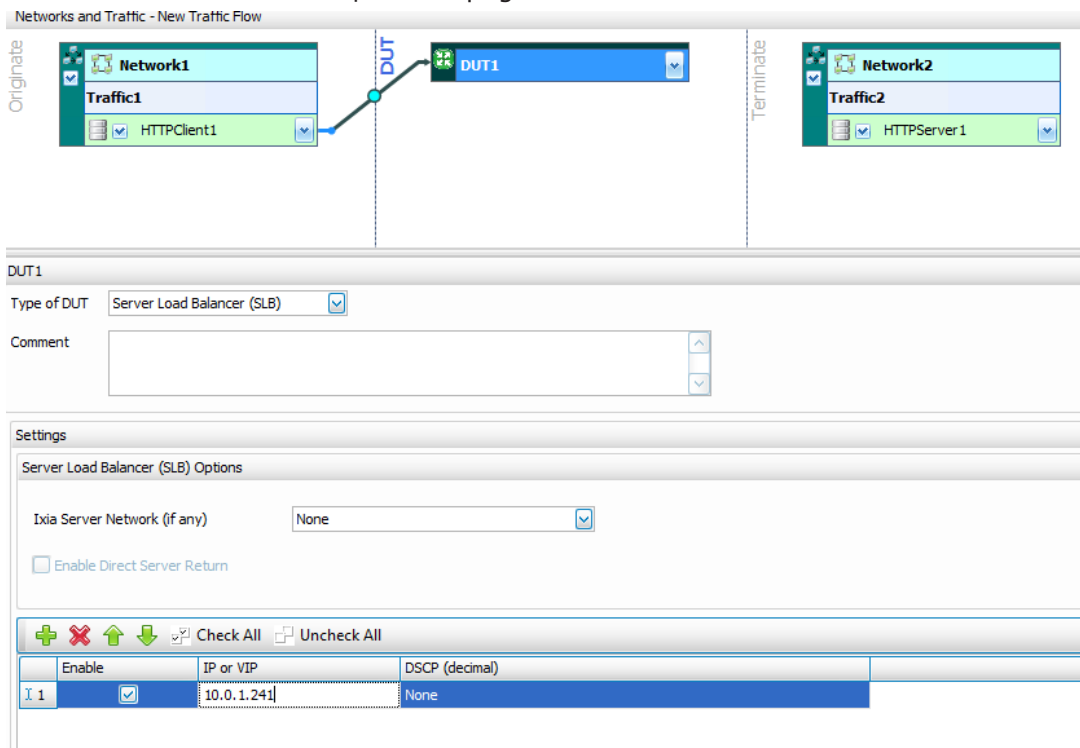


On the client-side NetTraffic, select the Emulated Router stack, and specify its IP address. Use the address that is configured on the Eth1 interface of the first VMone instance. You can find this address under `VMONEINSTANCEDETAILS` on the Outputs tab of the CloudFormation | Stacks page.

## Configuring an IxLoad test in AWS

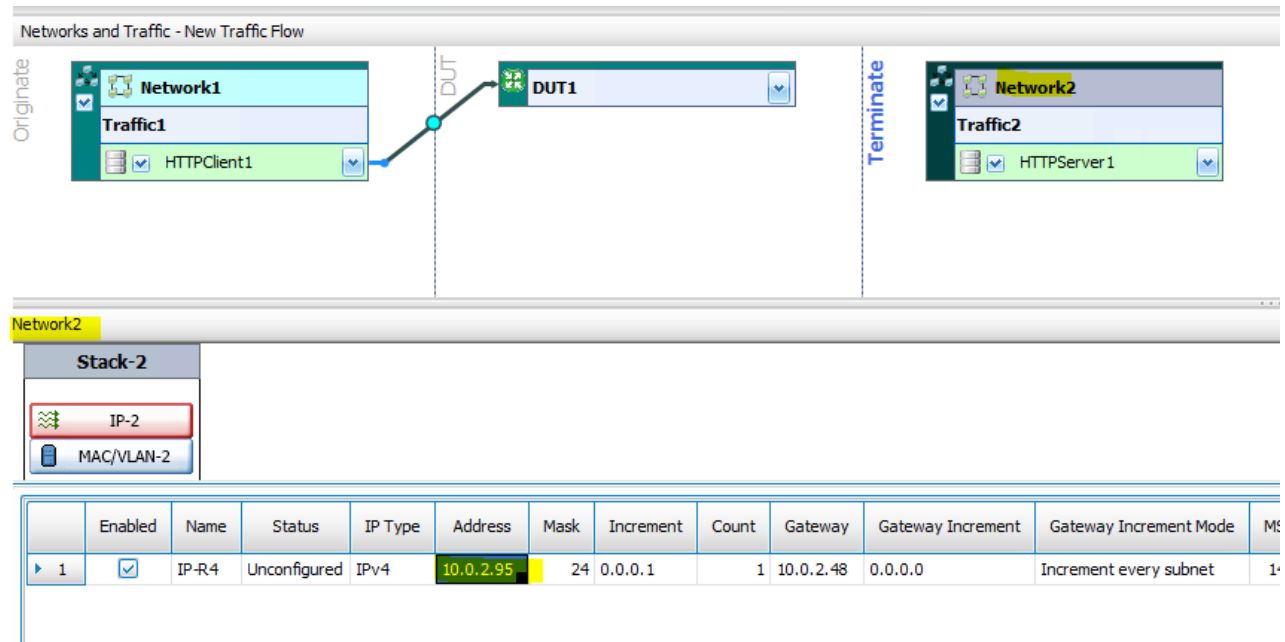


- Select the DUT config, and specify IP address. Use the address that is assigned to Eth1 IP of the DUT deployed by the CFT. You can find this address under `DUTINSTANCEDETAILS` on the Outputs tab of the CloudFormation | Stacks page.



- On the server NetTraffic, select the IP stack, and specify its IP address which is assigned to Eth2 of the 2nd VMone instance. For the gateway IP address, specify the address that is assigned to Eth2 IP of the DUT. You can find this address under `VMONEINSTANCEDETAILS` on the Outputs tab of

the CloudFormation | Stacks page.



6. Click **Start** to start the test.

## Automatically Configuring MAC and IP Addresses

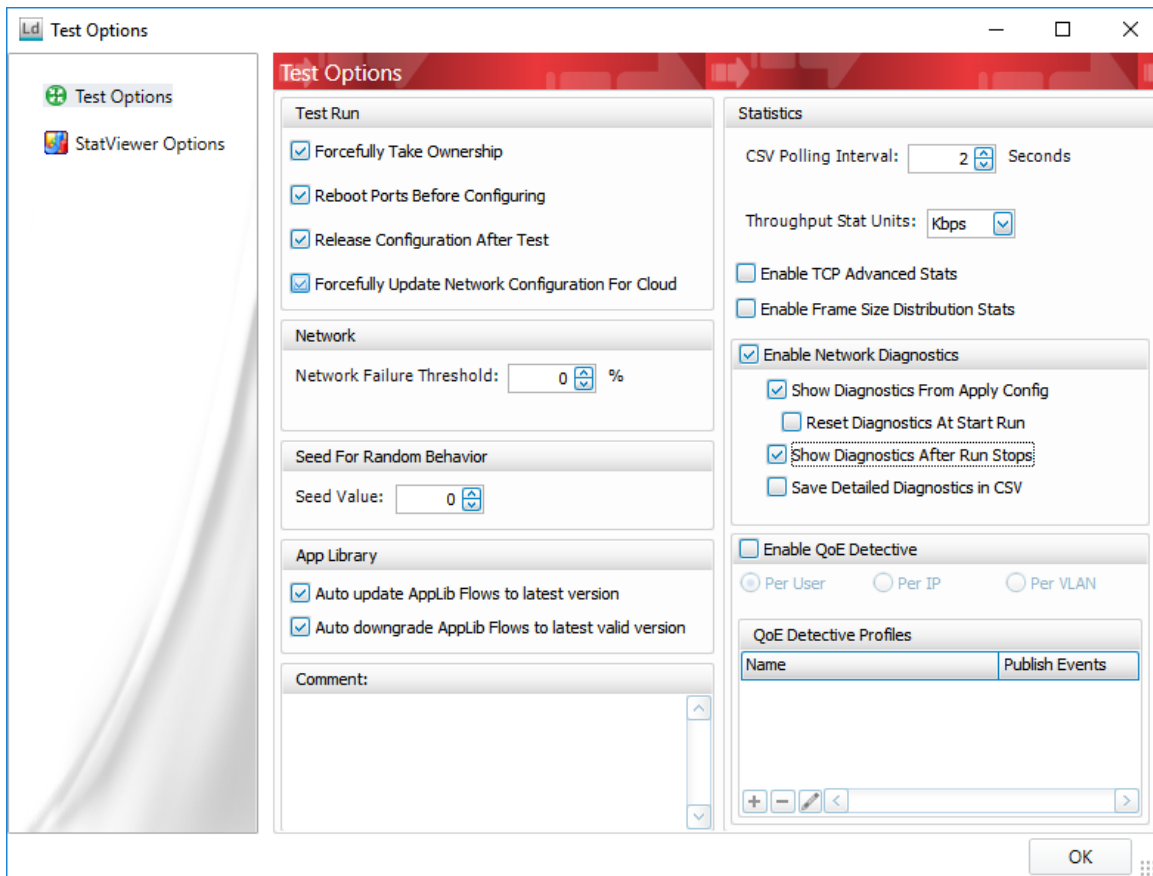
### Before you begin

Before you begin to configure a cloud test with automatic addresses, there are some aspects of IxLoad's behavior in a cloud configuration that you should be aware of:

- The **Forcefully Update Network Configuration for Cloud** option
- The **Update Network For Cloud** button
- How IxLoad distributes the automatically-learned addresses from cloud instances

These are described in this section

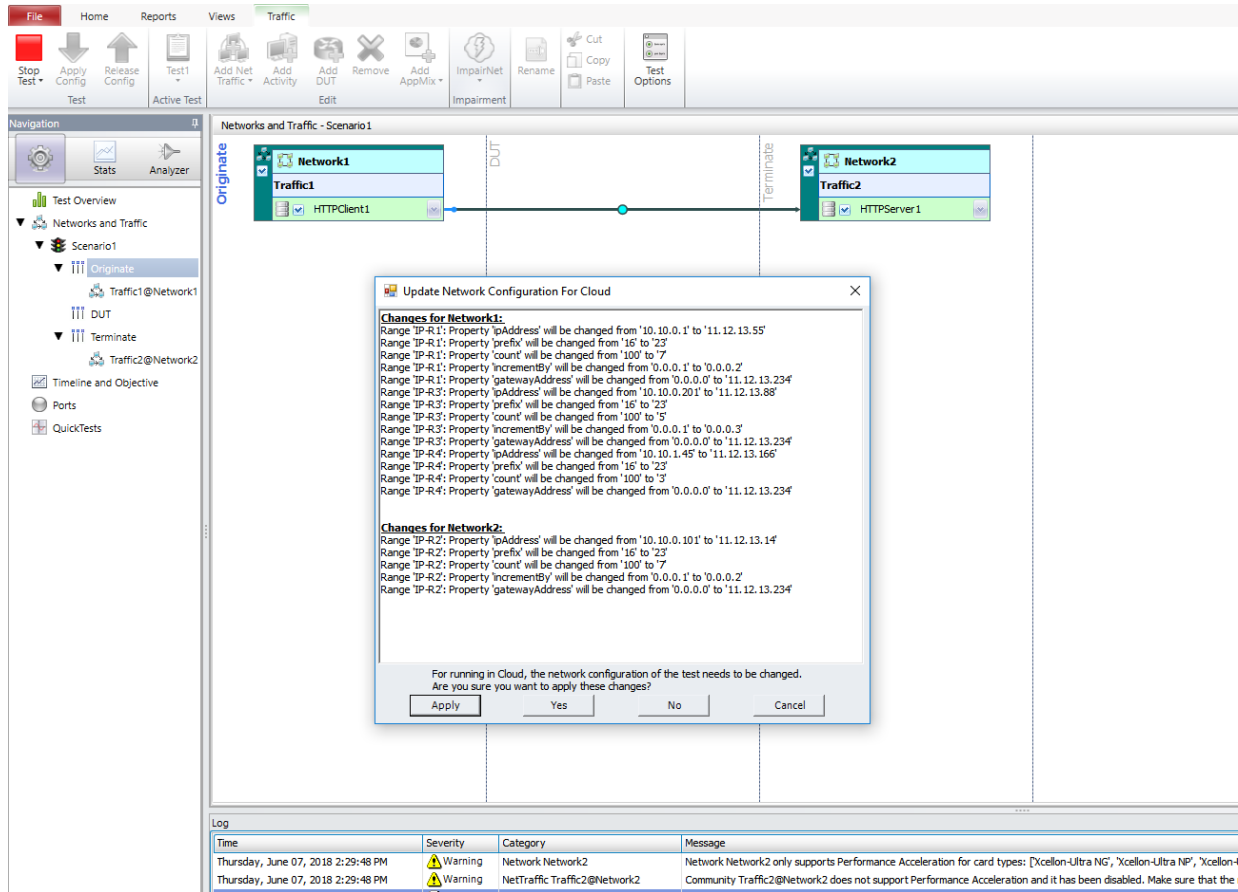
On the **Test Run | Test Options** window, there is a checkbox named **Forcefully Update Network Configuration for Cloud**.



Checking this control allows IxLoad to update the test configuration with information from the cloud instances. During the Apply Config phase of the test (when IxLoad is downloading the test configuration to the ports), the following happens:

When running a test from the GUI	When running a test from an automation script:
<p>If Forcefully Update is enabled, IxLoad prompts you if the configuration should be automatically changed.</p> <p>The prompt contains information about the changes that are going to be made</p> <p><b>Yes:</b> If you choose "Yes", IxLoad will attempt to modify the configuration and then apply the configuration to the ports.</p> <p><b>No:</b> If you choose "No", IxLoad will attempt to run with the existing configuration.</p> <p><b>Cancel:</b> If you choose "Cancel", the test stops (it does not attempt to apply the configuration)</p> <p><b>Apply:</b> If you choose "Apply", IxLoad applies the automatic changes, but does not start the test.</p> <p>If Forcefully Update is disabled, IxLoad will attempt to run with the existing configuration, and any errors will be displayed during the Apply Config phase.</p>	<p>If Forcefully Update is enabled, IxLoad attempts to modify the configuration and then apply the configuration to the ports.</p> <p>If Forcefully Update is disabled, IxLoad attempts to run with the existing configuration and any errors will be returned during the Apply Config phase.</p>

## Configuring an IxLoad test in AWS



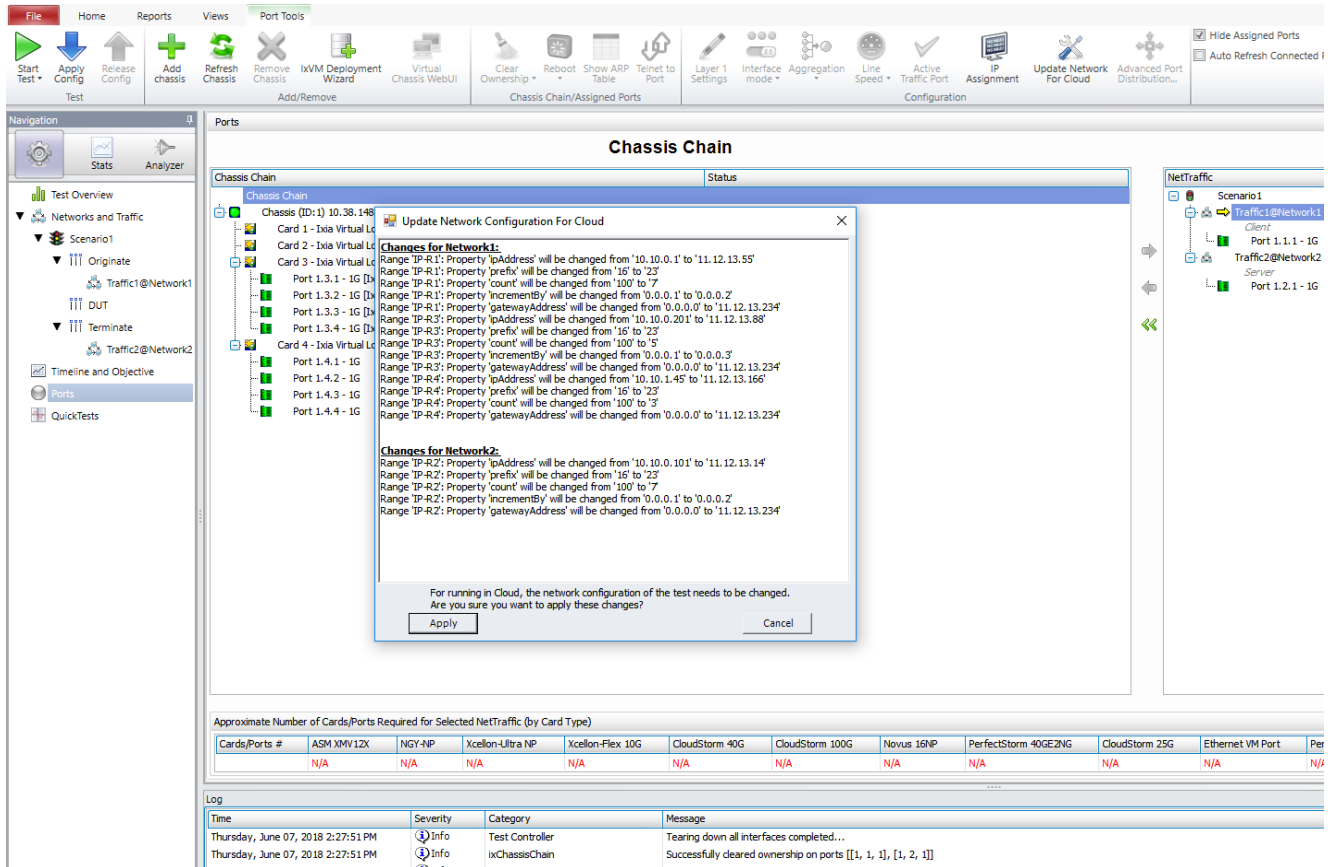
## Update Network for Cloud Button

On the Ribbon (on the Network tab and Port Tools tab, next to IP Assignments) there is button named Update Network For Cloud.

You can click **Update Network For Cloud** any time when the test is not running, and IxLoad will retrieve the addresses available from the cloud instances.

**Apply:** If you choose “Apply”, IxLoad applies the automatic changes, but does not start the test.

**Cancel:** If you choose "Cancel", the test stops (it does not attempt to apply the configuration).



## How IxLoad updates the Network Configuration

### With an Emulated Router

IxLoad uses the first allowed IP address on each assigned port as the Connected IP address. The number of ranges of Emulated Router and the count of each range are not important.

After the addresses have been learned and the configuration updated, the number of Emulated Router ranges will equal the number of ports assigned and count=1 on each range. If there are not enough ranges, extra ranges are added. If there are more ranges than ports assigned, the extra ranges are removed.

The 'Autogenerate MAC' option is disabled on all the Emulated Router ranges.

MAC addresses are updated.

If the test has both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses. IxLoad does not update the MAC addresses to avoid a MAC overlap error. The test will work because promiscuous mode is disabled.



VLAN is disabled on all ranges.

Unconnected IP addresses are not changed.

### **Without an Emulated Router**

The Random IP checkbox is automatically disabled during the update.

The 'Autogenerate MAC' option is left as it is on all the IP ranges.

IxLoad uses the first chunk of IPs with equal increment on each port.

For example if the cloud allows the following IP addresses:

1.1.1.11

1.1.1.12

1.1.1.13

1.1.1.16

1.1.1.17

1.1.1.20

1.1.1.22

1.1.1.24

the IPs that IxLoad is going to use are startIP = 1.1.1.11, increment = 0.0.0.1, count = 3.

If the existing configuration has three ranges, IxLoad will use:

Range 1: startIP = 1.1.1.11, increment = 0.0.0.1, count = 3

Range 2: startIP = 1.1.1.16, increment = 0.0.0.1, count = 2

Range 3: startIP = 1.1.1.20, increment = 0.0.0.2, count = 3

IxLoad does not add or remove any IP ranges from the configuration. This means that some issues could occur.

For example, if multiple ports are assigned:

- If the per-port distribution type is IP Round Robin, the automatic update fails.
- If the per-port distribution type is Consecutive IPs, the automatic update fails if the existing ranges don't have an equal number of IPs.

If the per-port distribution type is Consecutive Ranges, there shouldn't be any issues, except the case when there are too many ranges in the original configuration.

The typical sequence that can come from Cloud is a counter or a list of counters. A counter is a sequence that can be described with start, increment and count.

### **Counters and ranges**

In the example above, there is a list of 3 counters:

Counter1: start=1.1.1.11, increment=0.0.0.1, count=3

Counter2: start=1.1.1.16, increment=0.0.0.1, count=2

Counter3: start=1.1.1.20, increment=0.0.0.2, count=3

What happens if there are fewer counters than ranges?

Using the example above, assume that there are 4 ranges, and the total number of allowed IPs is 8.

First, the number of IPs is divided by the number of ranges:  $8/4=2$

This means that IxLoad first tries to allocate 2 IPs for each range.

If it fails, IxLoad tries again with 1 IP for each range.

IxLoad tries allocating 2 IPs for each range by taking IPs from each counter in chunks of 2.

If a counter remains with less than 2 IPs, IxLoad moves to the next range.

Therefore, using the example addresses above, IxLoad attempts to distribute the addresses as follows:

1.1.1.11 1.1.1.12	Range 1
1.1.1.13	skipped, moves to the next counter
1.1.1.16 1.1.1.17	Range 2
1.1.1.20 1.1.1.22	Range 3
1.1.1.24	skipped

At this point, it gives up because there are no counters to continue with and cover the fourth range. This means that the attempt failed and it will try with 1 IP per range.

With 1 IP per range, it will allocate the addresses as follows:

1.1.1.11	Range 1
1.1.1.12	Range 2
1.1.1.13	Range 3
1.1.1.16	Range 4

Suppose there are 3 ranges instead of 4.

The number of IPs is divided by the number of ranges:  $8/3=2$

It tries with 2 IPs per range, and it succeeds:

1.1.1.11 and 1.1.1.12	Range 1
1.1.1.16 and 1.1.1.17	Range 2
1.1.1.20 and 1.1.1.22	Range 3

### **What happens if the sequence is not a counter or a list of counters?**

There are situations in which the sequence may not be a counter or a list of counters

For example, this sequence:

```
1.1.1.1
1.1.1.2
1.1.1.3
1.1.2.1
1.1.2.2
1.1.1.3
1.1.3.1
1.1.3.2
1.1.3.3 ...
```

In these situations, IxLoad simply converts this sequence to a list of counters of 1 element each and applies the usual algorithm. Each range will receive a single IP.

### **What happens if a range is OK and doesn't need to be changed?**

- All the IP addresses must be included in the sequence of the allowed IPs
- The prefix must be correct
- The gateway must be correct
- Random IP must be disabled

If the cloud allows the following sequence of IPs:

```
1.1.1.11
1.1.1.12
1.1.1.13
1.1.1.16
1.1.1.17
1.1.1.20
1.1.1.22
1.1.1.24
```

and the configuration has 3 ranges,

One range has IP = 1.1.1.12, increment = 0.0.0.4, count = 3

The other two ranges have bad configurations because they that do not match.

The good range will not be changed.

IP addresses 1.1.1.12, 1.1.1.16 and 1.1.1.20 will be removed from the sequence of allowed IPs as they are already used by this range:

```
1.1.1.11
1.1.1.12
1.1.1.13
1.1.1.16
1.1.1.17
1.1.1.20
1.1.1.22
1.1.1.24
```

The remaining sequence will be represented as 3 counters:

Counter1: start=1.1.1.11, increment=0.0.0.2, count=2

Counter2: start=1.1.1.17, increment=0.0.0.5, count=2

Counter3: start=1.1.1.24, increment=0.0.0.0, count=1

Then the usual algorithm will be applied for the two remaining ranges:

Range1 will receive addresses 1.1.1.11 and 1.1.1.13

Range2 will receive addresses 1.1.1.17 and 1.1.1.22

## Limitations

Automatic address learning has the following limitations:

- Only plain IP stacks (with or without emulated router) are updated.
- For Custom Mesh configurations, updates are not reflected in the Custom Mesh GUI.
- Only IP addresses in Stack Manager stacks are updated. IP addresses used in other areas of IxLoad (for example, as the destination for L4-7 traffic or on a virtual DUT) are not updated. These addresses must be updated manually.
- If the configuration has IPv6 enabled on any range but the port has no IPv6 addresses, the update will fail. The reverse is also true: if the port has only IPv6 addresses but IPv6 is disabled on the ranges, the update will also fail.

## Configuring a test with automatic MAC and IP address learning

To automatically configure an IxLoad test in AWS:

1. Start IxLoad.
2. On the Test Run | Test Options window, check **Forcefully Update Network Configuration for Cloud** option.
3. Display the network configuration page, and add:
  - one client NetTraffic
  - one DUT NetTraffic
  - one server NetTraffic
4. Select the DUT config, and specify IP address.

**DUT1**

Type of DUT: Server Load Balancer (SLB)

Comment:

**Settings**

Server Load Balancer (SLB) Options

Ixia Server Network (if any): None

☐ Enable Direct Server Return

	Enable	IP or VIP	DSCP (decimal)
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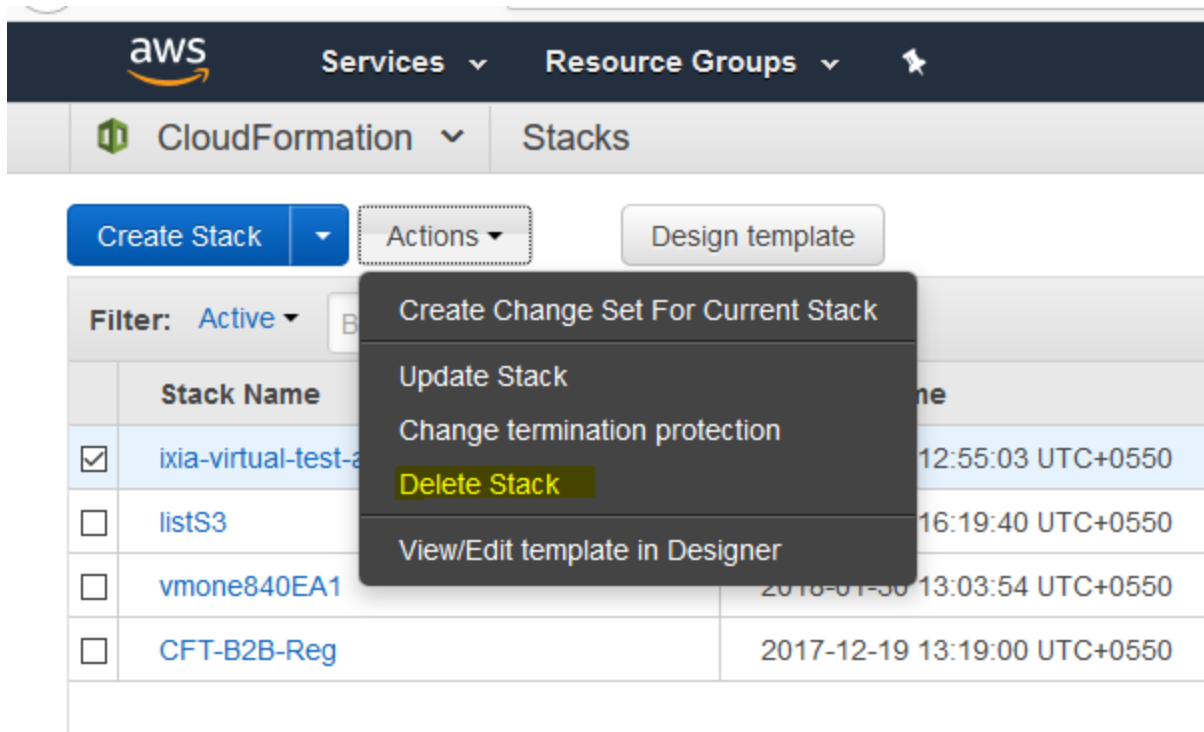
5. On the Ribbon (on the Network tab and Port Tools tab, next to IP Assignments), click **Update Network For Cloud**.
6. Click **Start** to start the test.

# Deleting a stack

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To delete a stack:

1. Display the CloudFormation page.
2. Select the stack
3. Click the "Actions" drop down list, then click Delete Stack.  
AWS terminates all instances, and deletes all resources created during the stack creation process.



## Known Limitations

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Delete stack operations can take more than 10 minutes

Instead of an elastic IP address, a public IP address is assigned to management interface of each instance

A maximum of 5 elastic IP addresses can be allocated per account / per region

A maximum of 5 VPCs can be created per account / per region

For instances based on the c3.8xlarge, c4.8xlarge, and similar instance types, a maximum of 8 interfaces can be created on each instance.

For instances based on the c3.8xlarge, c4.8xlarge, and similar instance types, a maximum of 30 IP addresses (including secondary IPs) can be allocated per interface on each instance.

Promiscuous mode must be disabled on all interfaces. All IP packets will use the interface MAC address

All Data protocols are supported on IxLoad AWS instances. Storage protocols are not supported.

The IP versions (IPv4/IPv6) used on the VM port and in the IxLoad configuration must be compatible:

- If the configuration has IPv6 enabled on any range, but the port has no IPv6 addresses, the update will fail. If the port has only IPv6 addresses but the configuration has no IPv6 ranges enabled, the update will fail.
- If the configuration has IPv4 enabled on any range, but the port has no IPv4 addresses, the update will fail. If the port has only IPv4 addresses, but the configuration has no IPv4 addresses ranges enabled, the update will fail.

