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Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay for Microsoft Azure Cloud Environments

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Before You Begin

The Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay system is a reliable and scalable video collaboration infrastructure solution you can deploy on-premises or in a cloud environment in edge, core, or combination configurations.

Audience, Purpose, and Required Skills

The primary audience for this guide is system administrators and network engineers who configure, maintain, and support the telecommunications infrastructure and video conferencing environment.

We assume that you're very familiar with and trained in Microsoft Azure. For more information about Microsoft Azure, see the [Microsoft Azure website](#).

To perform some of the implementation and maintenance tasks described in this guide, you must have basic technical knowledge and skills in the following disciplines:

- Current telecommunications practices, protocols, and principles
- Telecommunication basics and video teleconferencing
- Networking, security certificates, and software configuration

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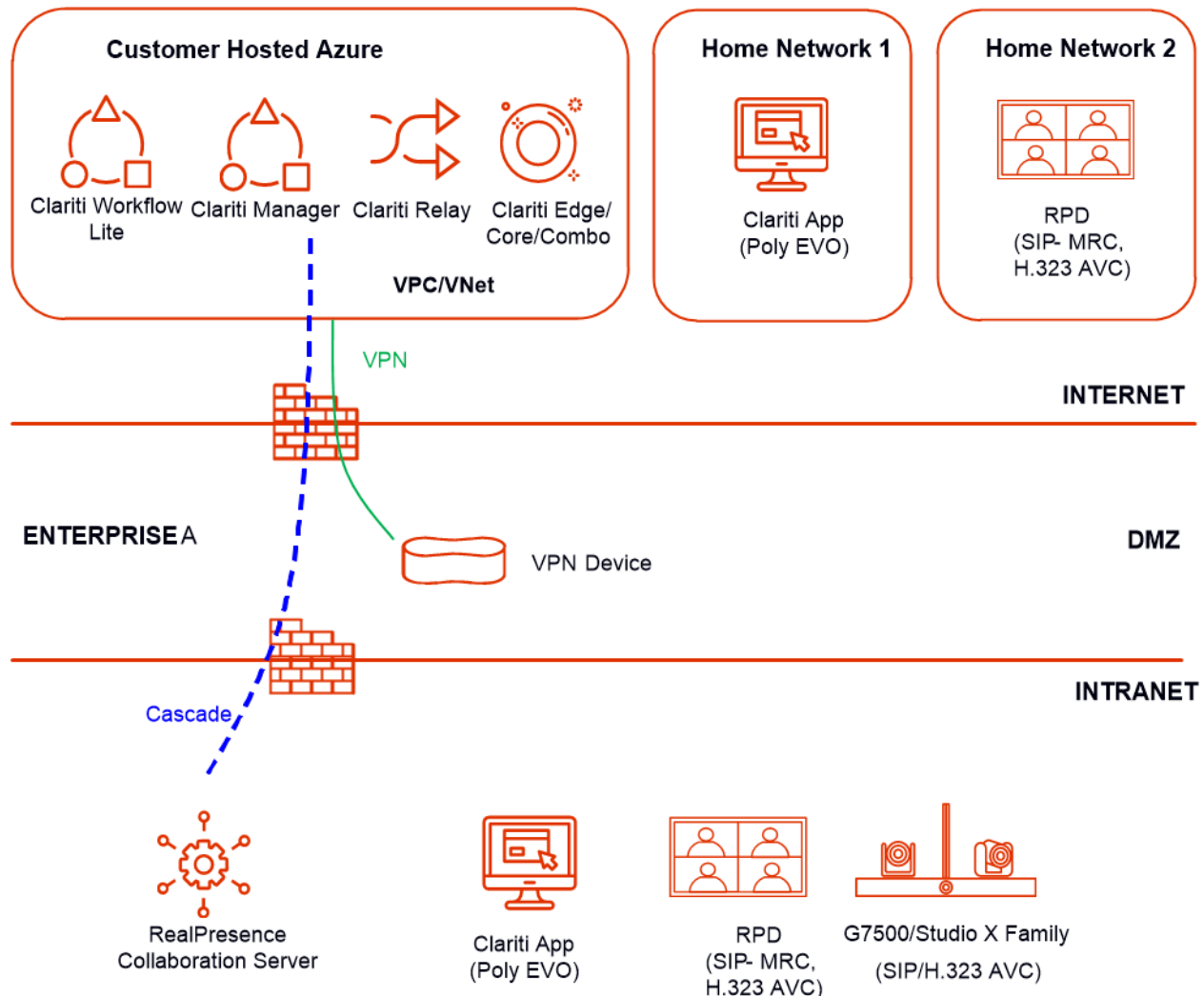
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Configuration Options

There are several released Microsoft Azure configurations for Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay. The configuration option you use depends on the type of licensing you want to use and the type of connection your deployment uses.

Poly Clariti Deployment – Private Cloud

Poly Clariti Deployment for Private Cloud



The following configuration is for Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay systems deploying in the private cloud. Poly Clariti App (Poly EVO), G7500/X30/X50 SIP or H.323 AVC, RealPresence Desktop SIP MRC, RealPresence Desktop H.323 AVC, GS SIP MRC, or GS H.323 AVC call to Poly Clariti Edge/Core/Combo to dial into Poly Clariti Meeting. System establishes SVC Cascade between RealPresence Collaboration Server and Poly Clariti Relay for AVC endpoints. Route traffic through VPN and/or over internet.

Poly Clariti Deployment Requirements

The following tables provide Poly Clariti deployment requirements for your installation. Before you start, choose the correct size of the VM instance based on your Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay capacity needs.

Small Deployments

The following tables provide recommended component requirements and maximum capacity information for small deployments using Poly Clariti in an Azure environment.

Poly Clariti Recommended VM Host Deployment Settings for Small Deployments

Component	Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay	Poly Clariti Workflow Lite
Type	F8s v2	D2d v4
vCPUs / virtual cores	6	2
Memory (GB)	16	8
Minimum CPU speed (GHz)	2.4	2.4
Total required (GHz)	14.4	4.8
Minimum CPU family	Haswell	Haswell
Hard disk (GB)	146	60
Random IOPS	110	110
Capacities	200 Poly EVO calls	Up to 500 devices

Recommended Azure Instance Types for Small Deployments

Component	Value
VM size	A8_v2
Offering	Standard
Family	General purpose
vCPUs	8
RAM (GiB)	16

Component	Value
Data disks	16
Max IOPS	16 × 500
Temporary Storage	80
Premium disk support	No
Cost per month (estimated)	\$297.60

Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge Maximum Capabilities for Small Deployments

Maximum Capability	Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core
Concurrent Registrations per cluster	1600	1600	1600
HTTPS tunnel calls (RealPresence Web Suite SIP calls)	200	200	N/A
Number of clusters enabled for conference rooms	N/A	N/A	3
Number of concurrent SIP<->H.323 gateway calls	200	200	200
Number of contacts registered to a Skype for Business server per cluster	N/A	25,000	25,000
Number of MCUs enabled for conference rooms	N/A	5	5
Number of network usage data points retained per cluster	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Number of Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge clusters in a supercluster	N/A Superclustering not supported	N/A Superclustering not supported	3
Number of sites	N/A	100	100
Number of subnets	N/A	1000	1000

Maximum Capability	Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core
Size of Active Directory supported	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000,000 users 1,000,000 groups You can import up to 10,000 groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000,000 users 1,000,000 groups You can import up to 10,000 groups
Throughput (Mbps)	700	700	N/A
Total concurrent conference room (VMR) calls for a supercluster	N/A Superclustering not supported	N/A Superclustering not supported	600
Total concurrent conference room (VMR) calls per cluster	200	200	200
Total point-to-point concurrent calls for a supercluster	N/A Superclustering not supported	N/A Superclustering not supported	600
Total point-to-point concurrent calls for a cluster	200	200	200

Medium-Large Deployments

The following tables provide recommended component requirements and maximum capacity information for medium-large deployments using Poly Clariti in an Azure environment.

Poly Clariti Recommended VM Host Deployment Settings for Medium-Large Deployments

Component	Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay	Poly Clariti Workflow Lite
Type	F16s v2	D4d v4
vCPUs / virtual cores	12	4
Memory (GB)	16	16
Minimum CPU speed (GHz)	2.4	2.4
Total required (GHz)	28.8	9.6
Minimum CPU family	Haswell	Haswell
Hard disk (GB)	146	60
Random IOPS	210	110

Component	Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay	Poly Clariti Workflow Lite
Capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poly Clariti Core - 5000 Poly EVO calls • Poly Clariti Edge or combo -1000 Poly EVO Calls • Poly Clarity Relay - 1000 Poly EVO calls 	Up to 1000 devices

Recommended Azure Instance Types for Medium-Large Deployments

Component	Value
VM size	B16ms
Offering	Standard
Family	General purpose
vCPUs	16
RAM (GiB)	64
Data disks	32
Max IOPS	8640
Temporary Storage	128
Premium disk support	Yes
Cost per month (estimated)	\$495.50

Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge Maximum Capabilities for Medium-Large Deployments

Maximum Capability	Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core
Concurrent Registrations per cluster	5000	5000	1,500
HTTPS tunnel calls (RealPresence Web Suite SIP calls)	200	200	N/A
Number of clusters enabled for conference rooms	N/A	N/A	3
Number of concurrent SIP<->H.323 gateway calls	500	500	500

Maximum Capability	Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge	Poly Clariti Core
Number of contacts registered to a Skype for Business server per cluster	N/A	25,000	25,000
Number of MCUs enabled for conference rooms	N/A	64	64
Number of network usage data points retained per cluster	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Number of Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge clusters in a supercluster	N/A Superclustering not supported	N/A Superclustering not supported	10
Number of sites	N/A	500	500
Number of subnets	N/A	5000	5000
Size of Active Directory supported	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000,000 users • 1,000,000 groups You can import up to 10,000 groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000,000 users • 1,000,000 groups You can import up to 10,000 groups
Throughput (Mbps)	700	700	N/A
Total concurrent conference room (VMR) calls for a supercluster	N/A Superclustering not supported	N/A Superclustering not supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3600 H.323 only • 10,800 SIP only To support 3600 H.323 or 10,800 SIP calls, the supercluster must contain at least three clusters
Total concurrent conference room (VMR) calls per cluster	1000	1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1200 H.323 only • 3600 SIP only
Total point-to-point concurrent calls for a supercluster	N/A Superclustering not supported	N/A Superclustering not supported	50,000
Total point-to-point concurrent calls for a cluster	1000	1000	5000

Installation

Use the following instructions to install Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in a Microsoft Azure environment. Once you create your VM instances, they're autonomous machine instances that operate per normal Poly product documentation.

Note the following:

- We assume that any Microsoft Azure specific configuration (like VNet) is already available in your environment.
- In-place product upgrades aren't supported for cloud environments. If you need to upgrade, use your system's backup and restore mechanism to restore the configuration to a new instance.
- Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge don't support a High Availability (HA) configuration for Azure deployments.

Create an Installation Image

Create a base image for all your VM instances.

To create an installation image:

- 1 Obtain the Azure `.vhd` image file for Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay. If your image file is compressed (`.zip` or `.gzip`), expand to a `.vhd` file.
- 2 Create a storage account in your Azure subscription.
- 3 In your storage account, add a blob storage container to hold the `.vhd` image files in Azure (for example, `vm-images`).
- 4 Get the URL for your blob storage container (for example, `https://<mystorage>.blob.core.windows.net/vm-images`).
- 5 Upload the `.vhd` file to your blob container as a fixed sized `.vhd` image using one of the following options:
 - a **Recommended:** Use a command such as `Add-AzureRmVhd` to upload and convert the dynamic `.vhd` file to your blob storage in a single step.
 - b Convert the `.vhd` file to a fixed-size `.vhd` disk file and upload it using Azure CLI or Azure Az commands. For more information, see your Hyper-V or Azure documentation.
- 6 Create an install image from the uploaded `.vhd` file.

This image is the base image for all your VM instances once you create them.

Create a Single VM Instance

Deploy Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in a single NIC configuration using DHCP.

Make sure you choose the correct size of the VM instance based on your Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay capacity needs. For more information, see [Poly Clariti Deployment Requirements](#).

Important: The VM instance's security settings must allow access to your VM from network locations required by the products and services you're deploying. For a list of ports, you must open on your internal and external firewalls, see the Ports Summary section of the [Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge Security and Privacy Guide](#).

To create a single VM instance:

- 1 Select your installation image.
- 2 Configure the DNS and NTP settings in the Azure environment to ensure proper network communication and discovery of host names.
- 3 **Optional:** If the Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge configuration has a public and private IP assigned by default, go to **Network Settings > IPv4** and add the public IP address to the **NAT** field. Poly recommends that you purchase a public static IP address to use a public IP address in your deployment. Otherwise, if your public IP address changes, you must update the NAT address configuration on the Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge local interface, which requires a system reboot.

Note: There is no public IP for Poly Clariti Relay.

- 4 Name your instance using an FQDN format (for example, `myinstance.mydomain`) instead of a simple name (for example, `myinstance`).
This name can be the same as or in addition to your optional Azure DNS name. For more information, see your Azure documentation.
- 5 Start your Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay instance. The instance displays on the **Network Settings** page.
- 6 Log in to the Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay system web interface using the default login (`admin`) and password (`Polycom12#$`) and change the default password.

Once you create the VM instance, configure Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in your Azure cloud environment.

Create Multiple VM Instances

Deploy Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in a four-NIC configuration to segregate WAN-side and LAN-side traffic.

Make sure you choose the correct size of the VM instance based on your Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay capacity needs. For more information, see [Poly Clariti Deployment Requirements](#).

Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay don't support DHCP when configuring multiple network interfaces. You must reserve static IP addresses in Azure for a multiple network interface configuration.

Important: The VM instance's security settings must allow access to your VM from network locations required by the products and services you're deploying. For a list of ports you must open on your internal and external firewalls, see the Ports Summary section of the [Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge Security and Privacy Guide](#).

To create multiple VM instances:

- 1 Select your installation image.
- 2 Configure the DNS and NTP settings in the Azure environment to ensure proper network communication and discovery of host names.
- 3 **Optional:** If the Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge configuration has a public and private IP assigned by default, go to **Network Settings > IPv4** and add the public IP address to the **NAT** field.
Poly recommends that you purchase a public static IP address to use a public IP address in your deployment. Otherwise, if your public IP address changes, you must update the NAT address configuration on the Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge local interface, which requires a system reboot.
- 4 Name your instance using an FQDN format (for example, `myinstance.mydomain`) instead of a simple name (for example, `myinstance`).
This name can be the same as or in addition to your optional Azure DNS name. For more information, see your Azure documentation.
- 5 Configure the multiple network interfaces.
 - a Shut down the Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay instance and select it to bring up the detailed view.
 - b Go to **Networking > Attach Network Interface > Create Network Interface**.
 - c Assign a static private IP address on the appropriate subnet and give it the appropriate network security group.
 - d Repeat the previous steps to add additional interfaces.
- 6 Start your Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay instance. The instances display on the **Network Settings** page.
- 7 Log in to the Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay system web interface using the default login (`admin`) and password (`Polycom12#$`) and change the default password.

Once you create the VM instance, configure Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in your Azure cloud environment.

Configuring Your System

For more information on configuration options and how to deploy and configure Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in your Azure cloud environment, see the [Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay Administrator Guide](#).

Note: While deploying Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in Azure, a provisioning error message may appear on the console. You can ignore this message, as no functionality is impacted. The system continues in normal state.

Using the Deployment Wizard

After you install Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay in the Azure cloud, use the [Poly Clariti Core and Poly Clariti Edge Deployment Wizard](#) to configure your system.

The wizard asks questions about your network and unified communications environment, then it produces a backup file you can upload onto the Poly Clariti Edge server. It also produces a `.csv` file or HTML page that contains a list of IP addresses and ports that you must open on your firewall.

Security Considerations

When you connect to Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay via SSH, the default login is `dmaremot` and password is `!/useResponsibly/!` You are required to change the default password or general SSH access to the instance using Azure security configurations.

Licenses

Poly Clariti Core, Poly Clariti Edge, and Poly Clariti Relay support both stand-alone licensing (using a CFS key) and licensing through the Poly License Center.