

Cloud Access Architecture Guide

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Introduction

Teradici Cloud Access solutions enable enterprises to easily deliver Windows, Linux and macOS desktops and applications from public or private clouds, with the highest user experience and security, and total cloud independence.

Who Should Read This Guide?

This guide provides information for system administrators who are looking to implement, install, and develop Teradici Cloud Access solutions. This guide provides you with information you can use to better understand:

- PCoIP and PCoIP Ultra protocol capabilities.
- User connection and licensing models for Cloud Access Software.
- The components of a Teradici Cloud Access solution.
- How to architect Teradici Cloud Access solutions for public cloud infrastructure and on-premises datacenters.
- Where to find detailed information on how to optimize and customize your Teradici Cloud Access solution.
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- How Teradici CAS Manager enables scalable and cost-effective Cloud Access deployments by managing cloud compute costs, facilitating authentication and brokering PCoIP connections to remote Windows or Linux workstations.

What is PCoIP® Technology?

The PCoIP protocol provides remote desktop access to physical or virtualized computers, enabling fully interactive, visually seamless, and secure computing anywhere as a progressive alternative to a local deployment model. Enterprise users in offices, factories, home environments, out in the field or on the go use their favorite devices to connect over any IP network (including LAN, public internet or cellular networks) to remote computers located in corporate data centers, public clouds or even PCs at their office desks. All a user requires is PCoIP client software installed on a local client device (e.g., Windows PC, macOS device or mobile device) or purpose-built PCoIP Client such as a thin client or stateless PCoIP Zero Client. At the remote computer, installed PCoIP Agent software uses advanced display compression to deliver remote computing experiences for remote physical workstations, GPU-enabled virtual workstations, or standard virtual desktops.. PCoIP also supports many of the peripheral devices available to physical machines, including keyboard, mouse, USB devices, tablets, multiple monitors, printers, audio devices, as well as custom options.

The PCoIP protocol ensures ultra-secure remote connectivity so that corporate IP remains secured within the enterprise cloud or data center, no matter where the user is located and without any need for a virtual private network (VPN). A single PCoIP connection between a remote computer and a client device delivers an encrypted stream of compressed display pixels and audio to the client, while concurrently delivering encrypted keyboard, mouse, USB and audio streams in the opposite direction from the client to the remote computer.

The PCoIP protocol, and PCoIP Cloud Access Software, offers unrivaled performance in terms of user interactivity, frame rate and image quality. PCoIP also features a 'build-to-lossless' capability which ensures lossless reproduction of the original display image at the PCoIP Client endpoint. Lossless reproduction is critical particularly in instances such as medical diagnostics, geospatial analysis, and media production, where the image itself contains important visual information. PCoIP protocol uses the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) which is much better suited for streaming media and real time display situations than TCP-based alternatives, especially over high latency networks.

Key Benefits of PCoIP Technology

The following features and benefits are key aspects of PCoIP technology:

- **Host Rendering:** Pixel-level processing means corporate intellectual property remains secured within the cloud or enterprise data center.
- **Optimized Multi-codec and Auto-Offload:** Highest image quality with intelligent use of CPU or GPU encoder resources, efficient build-to-lossless and optimized bandwidth consumption on any network.
- **Dynamic Network Adaptation:** Automatically delivers the best possible user experience under changing network conditions.
- **Encrypted Pixel Transmission:** AES-256 Encrypted pixels ensures ultra-secure connections to PCoIP endpoints.
- **True Multicloud Solutions - End to End:** Deploy Windows, Linux or macOS on public, private or hybrid cloud infrastructure, including Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, VMware ESXi or Red Hat KVM. Additionally PCoIP is integrated in Amazon Workspaces, VMware Horizon and major managed service providers (MSPs).

Who Uses PCoIP Technology?

Teradici PCoIP technology is used in a wide range of industries, including government, education, financial services, healthcare, oil and gas, automotive, media and entertainment, architecture, engineering and construction, manufacturing, and design. For information on specific industry applications, check out the [case studies](#) featured on the Teradici website.

PCoIP Ultra

PCoIP Ultra protocol enhancements from Teradici offer a significant step in PCoIP performance to meet the demands of next-generation remote workstation environments offering a faster, more interactive experience. PCoIP Ultra includes features such as CPU-Offload, GPU-Offload, Auto-Offload and AV-Lock that enable users in demanding industries such as media and entertainment, broadcast, game development or CAD to enjoy seamless access to graphics-intensive workloads delivered anywhere.

PCoIP Ultra supports 4K/UHD multi-monitor displays, high frame rate workloads, faithful text clarity and bit-exact color accuracy while also making intelligent use of the CPU, GPU, and network bandwidth.

PCoIP Ultra is disabled by default. To enable it, see [Enabling PCoIP Ultra](#).

PCoIP Ultra Enhancements

PCoIP Ultra provides the following benefits:

- Support for 4K/UHD high frame rate content.
- PCoIP Ultra CPU Offload provides efficient scaling across multicore CPUs leveraging AVX2 instructions.
- PCoIP Ultra GPU Offload provides CPU and network bandwidth efficiencies by leveraging the H.264 encoder capabilities of NVIDIA NVENC hardware.
- PCoIP Ultra Auto-Offload offers build-to-lossless color accuracy in conjunction with network efficiency by automatically switching between CPU Offload, and GPU Offload modes, based on display activity.

Requirements

To take advantage of PCoIP Ultra, you need to meet these requirements:

- PCoIP Ultra CPU Offload requires support for AVX2 instructions on both the remote computer and the client device.
- PCoIP Ultra GPU Offload and PCoIP Auto-Offload require a PCoIP supported NVIDIA graphics card on the remote computer.

Troubleshooting PCoIP Ultra

For troubleshooting information around implementing the PCoIP Ultra protocol enhancements, see the knowledge base article: [Troubleshooting PCoIP Ultra](#).

Overview

Cloud Access Software enables PCoIP connections between users and remote workstations or desktops using any of several connection models dependent on number of users, location of users relative to remote workstations, your desire to incorporate public cloud workstations and your authentication requirements. Ultimately, your deployment architecture may be based on one or more of these connection models according to your corporate use case:

- [Unmanaged direct connection](#)
- [Managed connections for on-site users](#)
- [Managed connections for WAN users connecting to on-premises resources](#)
- [Managed connections for on-site users and public cloud workstations](#)
- [Managed connections for remote workstations in multicloud environments](#)
- [Connections brokered by third parties](#)

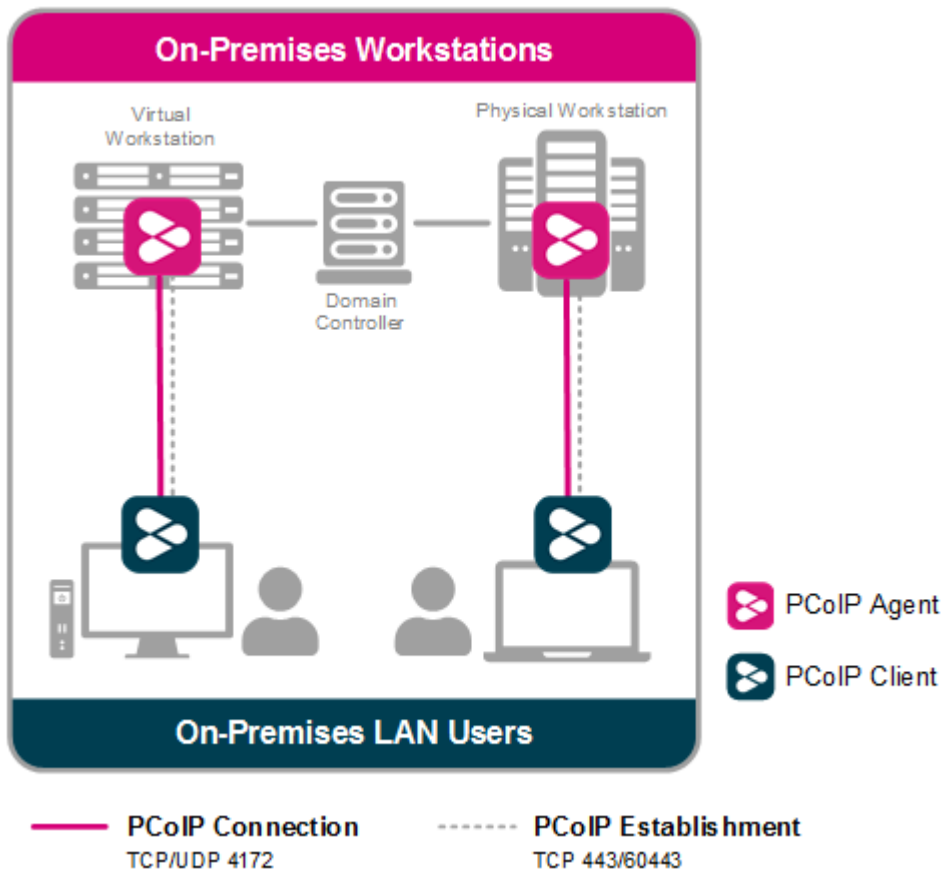
You can choose to license your Cloud Access Software deployment using the Teradici Cloud Licensing Service or a PCoIP License Server, as described [here](#).

Session Establishment

For troubleshooting tips, FAQs and specific documentation around PCoIP Session Establishment, see the following KB article <https://help.teradici.com/s/article/4529>. This article includes guidelines, troubleshooting checklists as well as links to the PCoIP connection instructions found in the various Teradici component guides.

Unmanaged Direct Connections

Unmanaged direct connections as shown below are well suited to proof of concepts, trials and small to medium sized LAN deployments where flexibility in machine assignment and multifactor authentication may not be required. Each PCoIP endpoint connects directly to the IP address of a remote workstation.



Each PCoIP Client connects to PCoIP Agent software installed on a remote workstation. To learn more about PCoIP Clients, see [PCoIP Clients](#). To learn more about PCoIP Agents, see [PCoIP Agents](#).

Managed Direct Connections

Managed connections For larger LAN deployments, or WAN deployments incorporating on-premises and/or public cloud workstations, connection management capabilities, are useful or even necessary to facilitate connections between PCoIP Clients and remote workstations which may be provisioned behind firewalls or reside on a collection of public clouds. Teradici CAS Manager is offered as a Teradici managed service or installable software that provides a single management plane and supports several connection models described in the sections below.

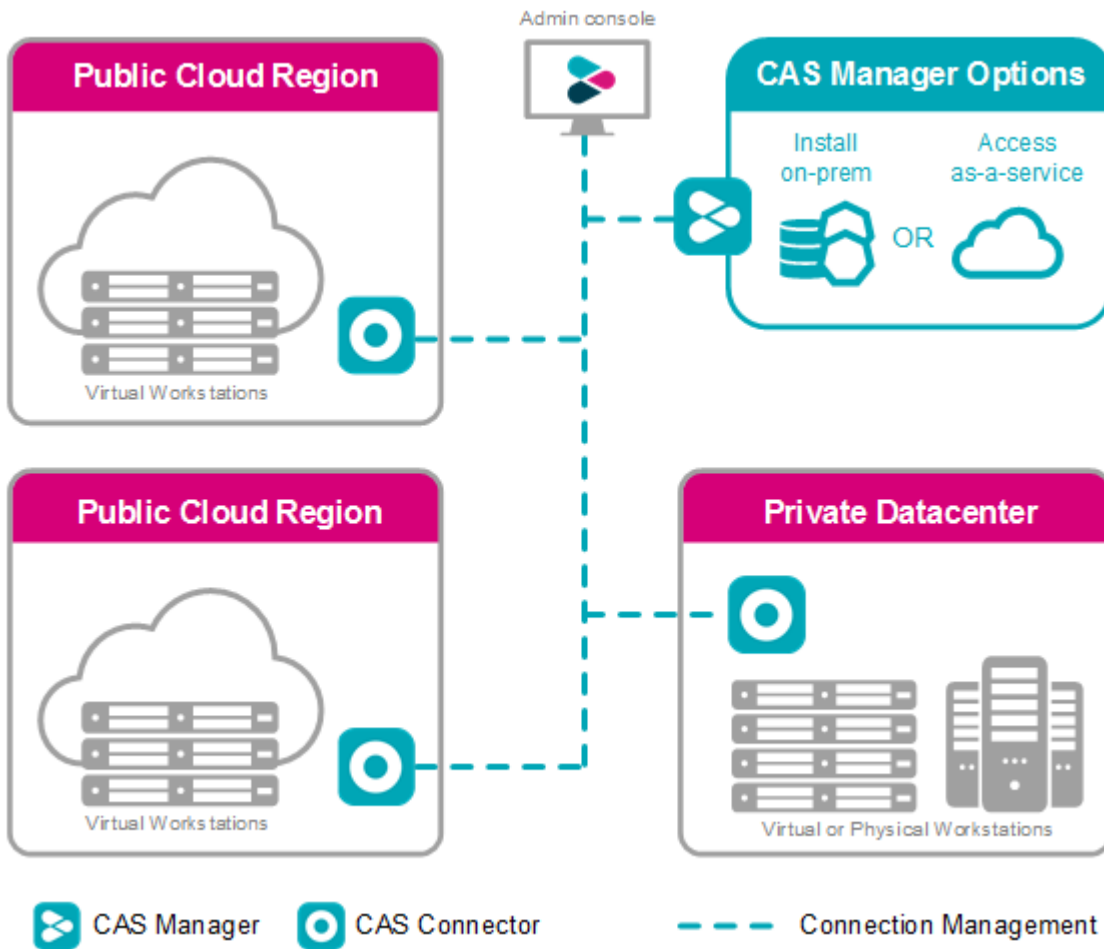
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CAS Manager enables you to install multiple CAS Connectors in multiple cloud regions as well as in an on-premises environment.

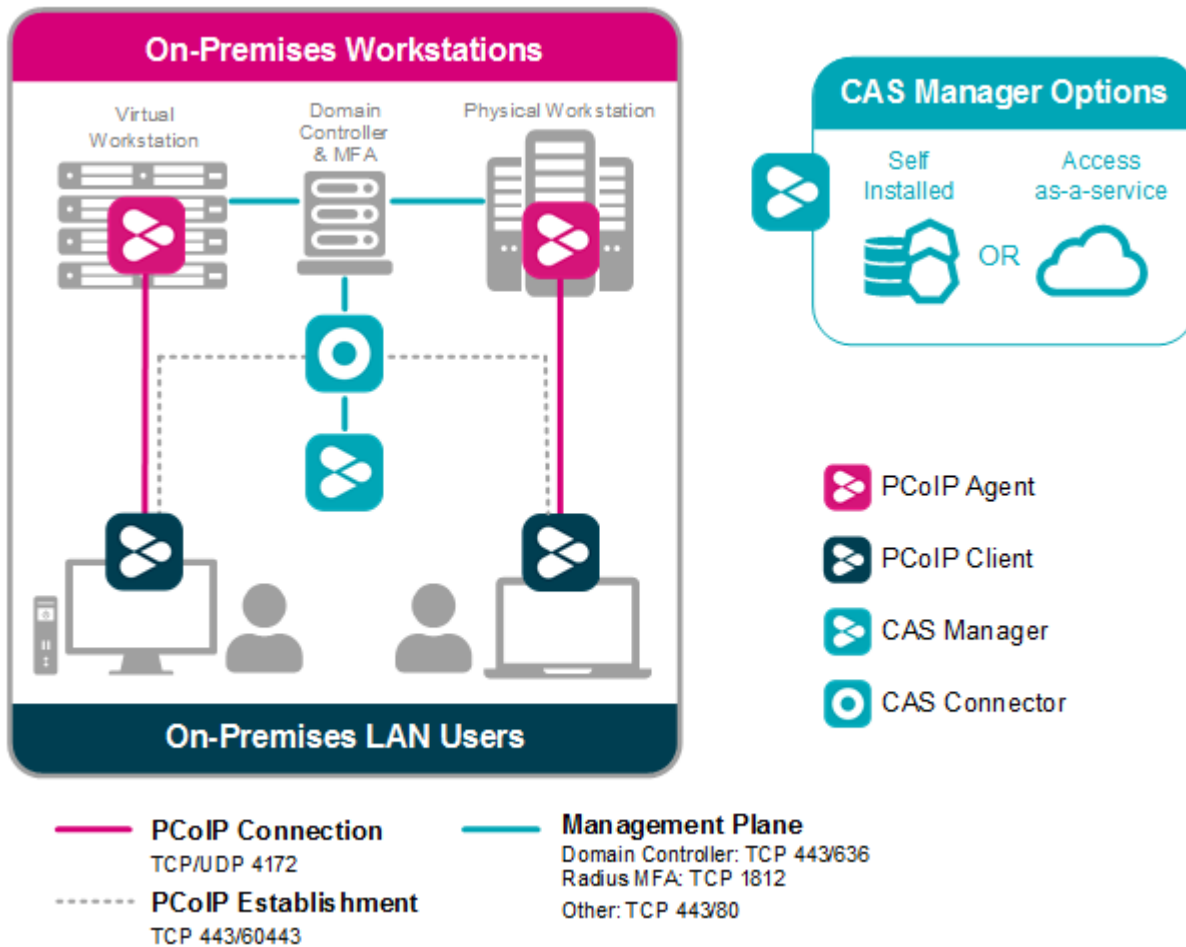


In addition to managing cloud compute costs, CAS Manager handles user entitlement, authentication (including RADIUS-compatible multifactor authentication (MFA)) and brokering of connections during PCoIP session establishment. The CAS Connector enables external users to access their remote desktops without the complexity of endpoint VPNS.

For more information on Teradici CAS Manager, see [CAS Manager](#).

Managed Connections for On-site LAN Users

LAN Users establish a PCoIP connection with a remote workstation by first connecting to an internally published IP address of the CAS Connector.



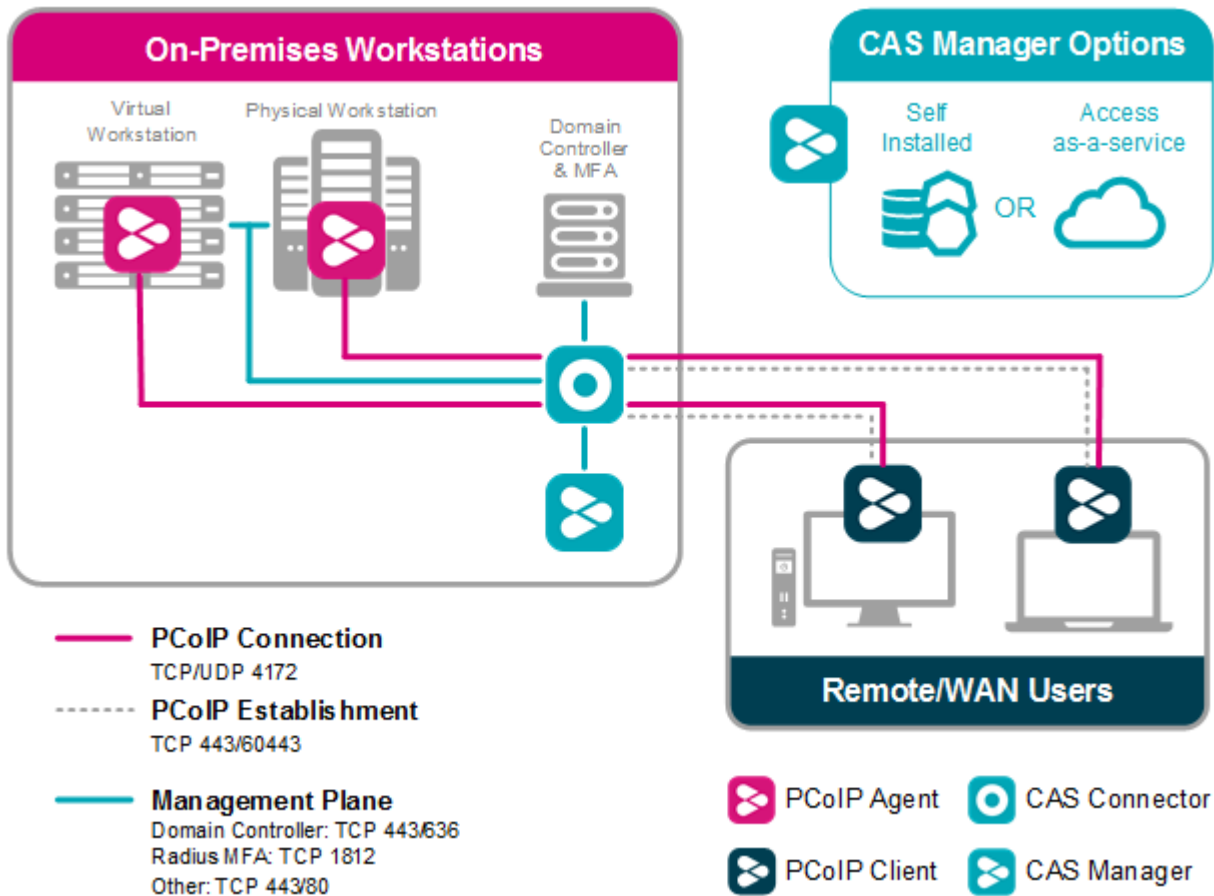
CAS Connector configuration details are described in the [CAS Manager Administrators guide](#).

Managed Connections for WAN Users Connecting On-Premises

Off-site WAN users wishing to connect to on-premises remote workstations connect to an externally published IP address of the CAS Connector.

CAS Connector DMZ Deployment

The CAS Connector is conventionally deployed in a DMZ or semi-trusted zone (not shown in the diagram) and may be coupled with a reverse proxy to facilitate load balancing.



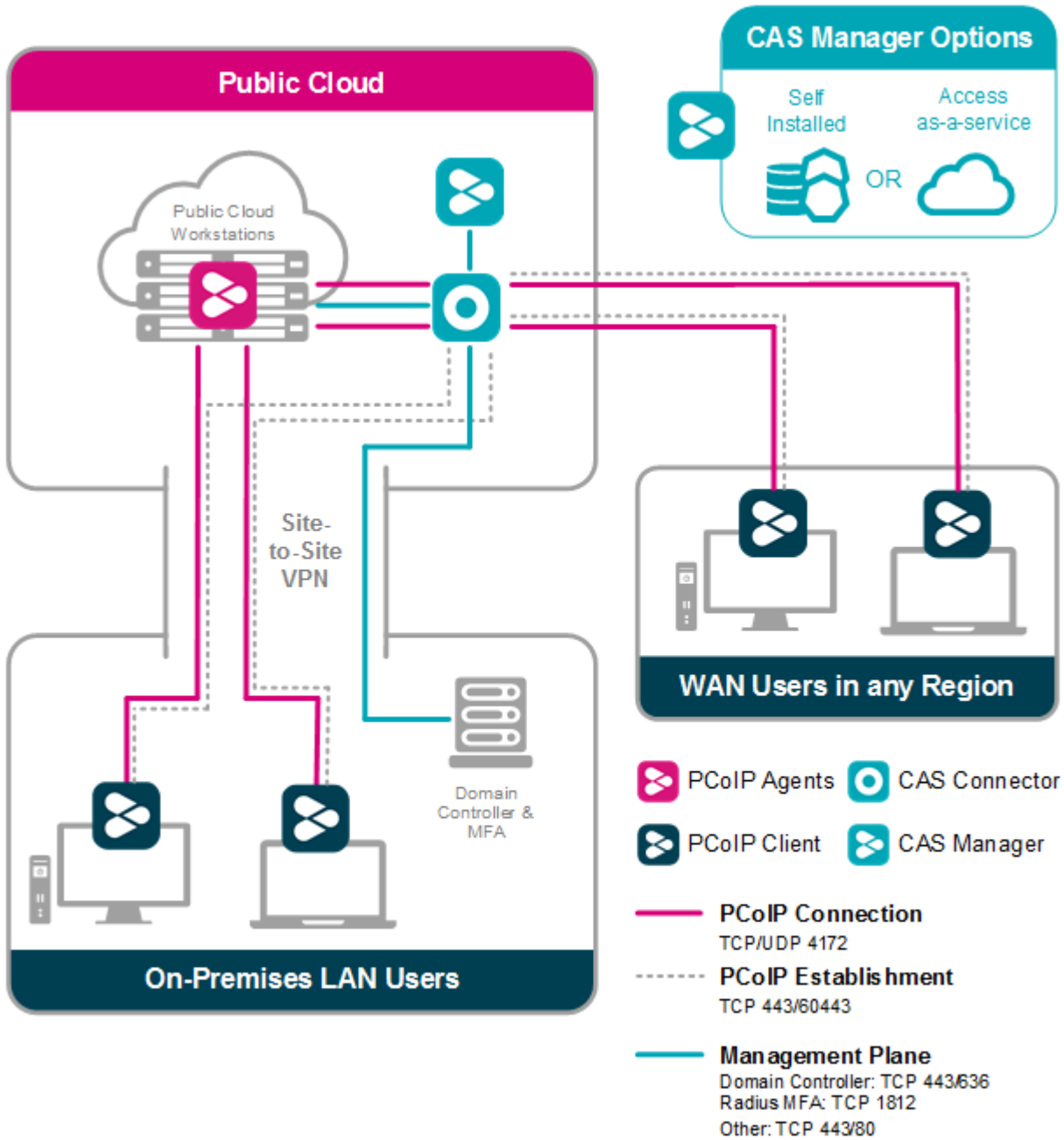
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Managed Connections for Public Cloud Workstations

CAS Manager supports connections to public cloud workstations. By deploying the CAS Connector in your preferred public cloud (in one or more regions and/or multiple public clouds), you can provide your on-site users with public cloud workstations or support users across different geographic regions with the nearest public cloud workstations. By choosing public cloud workstations situated geographically close to your remote users, the user experience is optimized.



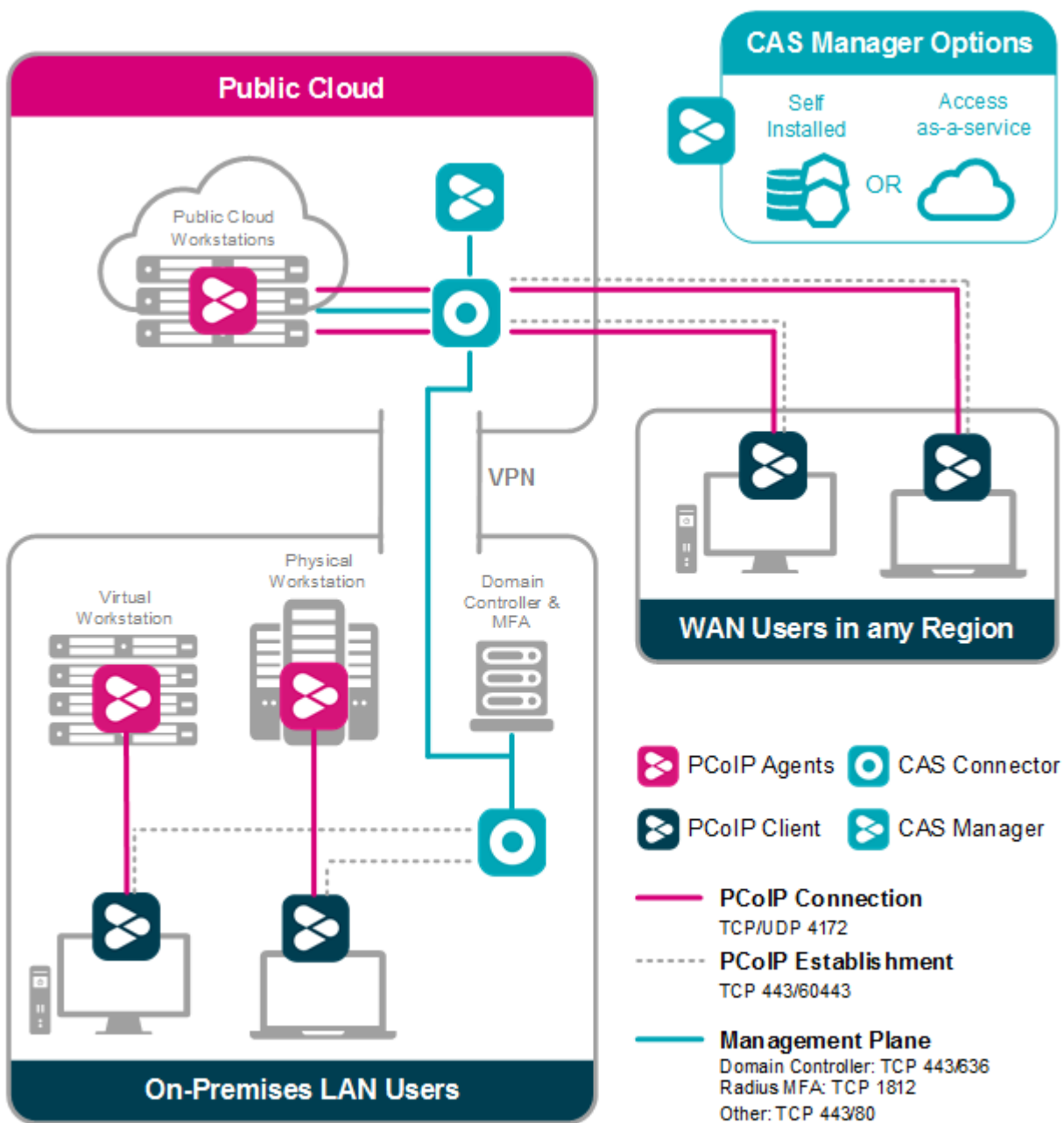
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Managed Connections for Multicloud Workstations

CAS Manager supports hybrid multicloud deployments comprising a combination of on-premises remote workstations (e.g. on VMware ESXi or KVM) and public cloud workstations in your preferred public cloud (in one or more regions and/or multiple public clouds). This is achieved by deploying the CAS Connector both on-premises and in one or more public clouds. By choosing public cloud workstations situated geographically close to your remote users, the user experience is optimized.



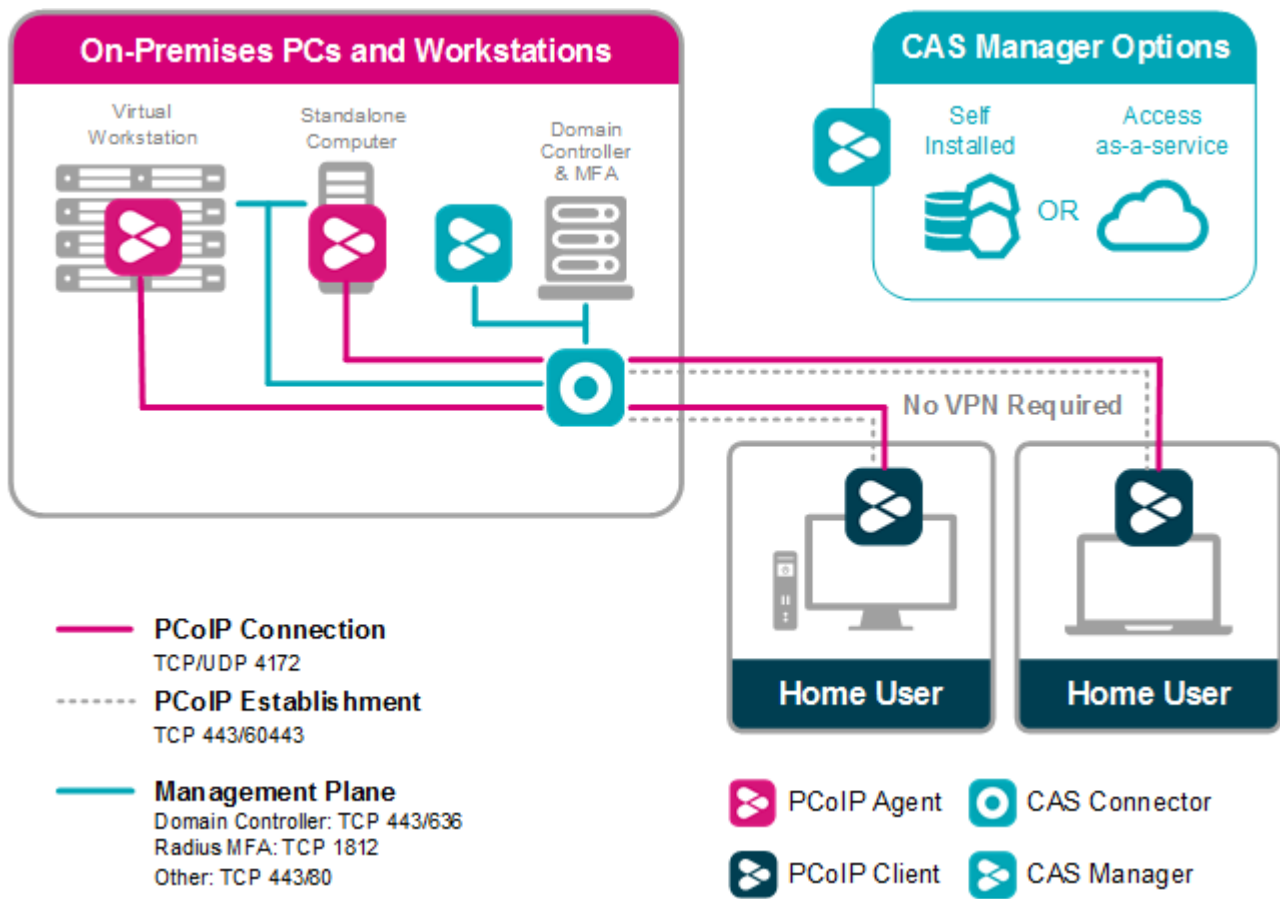
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Work-from-Home Options with Cloud Access Software

Teradici Cloud Access Software can offer a number of different solutions to your corporate work-from-home demands. The following image outlines a top-level architecture of the Work-from-Home scenario with Cloud Access Software:



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For an in-depth view of our work-from-home offerings, please see our [Work-from-Home Rapid Response Guide](#).

This guide outlines:

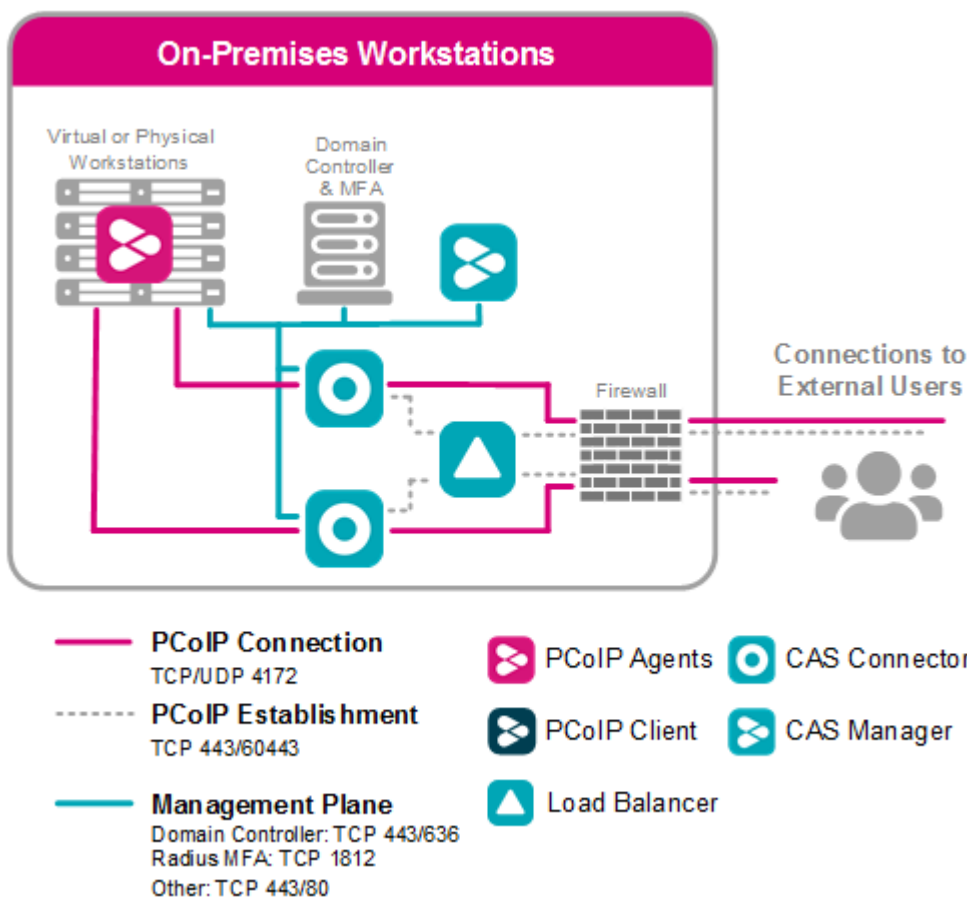
- [Work-from-Home options for Standalone Computers.](#)
- [Work-from-Home options with Remote Workstation Cards.](#)
- [Work-from-Home options with Cloud Access Software.](#)
- [Work-from-Home options for VMware Horizon.](#)
- [Performance Tips for Work-from-Home Use Cases.](#)

Load Balancer Solutions


Load balancers may be added to a Cloud Access Software deployment to distribute system and to optimize performance by distributing PCoIP connections across several CAS Connectors.

Using Load Balancing for On-Premises Deployments


The following diagram outlines a load balancing scenario for a Cloud Access Software deployment with Cloud Access Manager integration.




Load balancers must support both HTTP and sticky sessions (jsessionid). During the session establishment phase, the CAS Connector passes its ExternalRoutableIP configuration value to the PCoIP Client. After the session has been established, the PCoIP Client uses the provided IP address to communicate directly with the CAS Connector. TCP Ports 443/60443 can be opened for session establishment.

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 **ExternalRoutableIP must point to the CAS Connector**

If the `ExternalRoutableIP` setting is configured to point to the load balancer instead of the CAS Connector, the load balancer may direct the PCoIP Client to the incorrect CAS Connector on the wrong server and the PCoIP Client will not be able to establish a session.

 **CAS Connector Public IP Addresses**

In the above configuration, each CAS Connector must have a unique public IP address and it must be routable externally for port 4172.

Load Balancer Session Planning

The number of users allocated per individual CAS Connector varies according to user type and considerations such as display topology and resolution. At present, the throughput of PCoIP traffic through an individual CAS Connector is limited to approximately 400 Mbps. As an example, a typical 1080p VDI workloads demanding less than 5 Mbps per session would allow in excess of 80 concurrent sessions per CAS Connector instance. In contrast, a 4K/UHD video editorial user or VFX artist may require upward of 50 Mbps on average, limiting each CAS Connector instance to less than 10 concurrent sessions.

Licensing Models for Cloud Access Software

Cloud Access Software is supported by two licensing models. Each model requires a specific license type:

- **Teradici Cloud Licensing Service:** These licenses should be used if your PCoIP agent has access to the internet.
- **License Server based licenses:** These licenses should be used if your PCoIP agent runs in a restricted environment and does not have access to the internet.

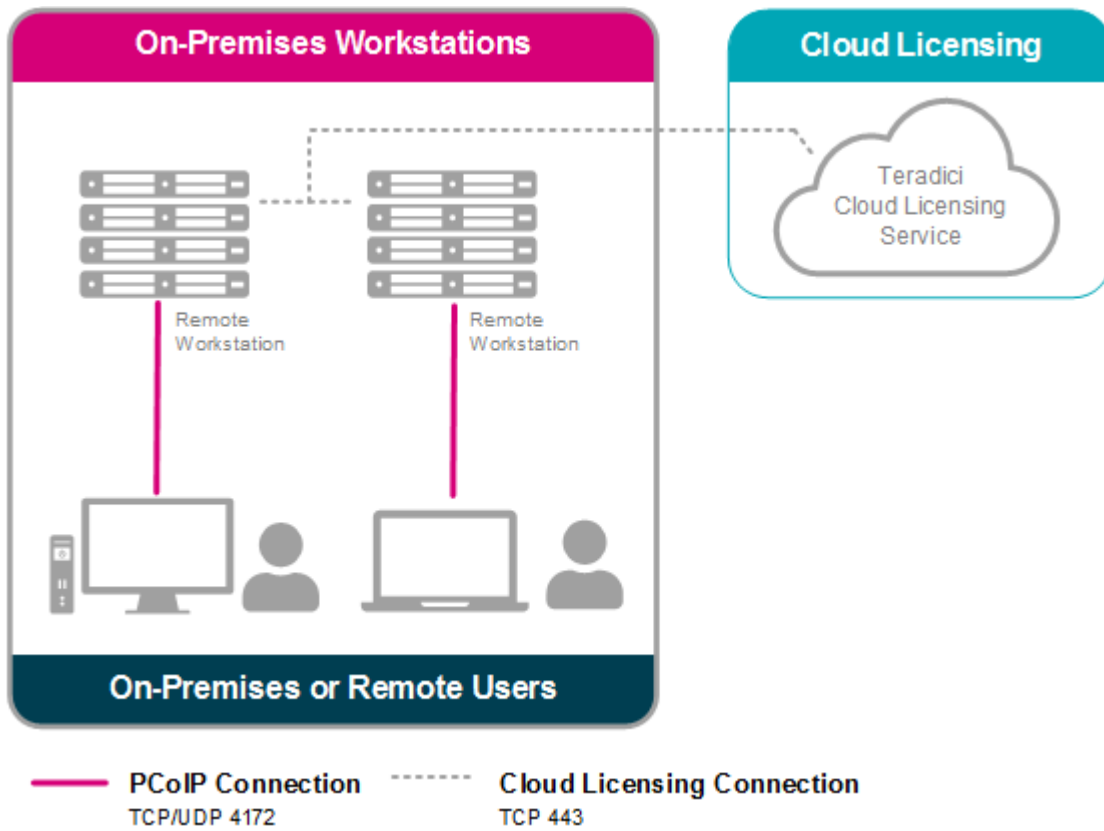
Most PCoIP deployments can take advantage of the automated Teradici Cloud Licensing Service which eliminates the complexity of on-premises licensing infrastructure. If your deployment cannot use cloud licensing, either because the site is not connected to the public internet or local management of licenses is necessary then License Server based licensing may be the appropriate licensing model.

Whitelisting the Licensing URLs

If the remote workstation does not have internet access you can whitelist the licensing URLs and still use cloud licensing, see [Teradici Cloud Licensing - Whitelisting FAQ](#)

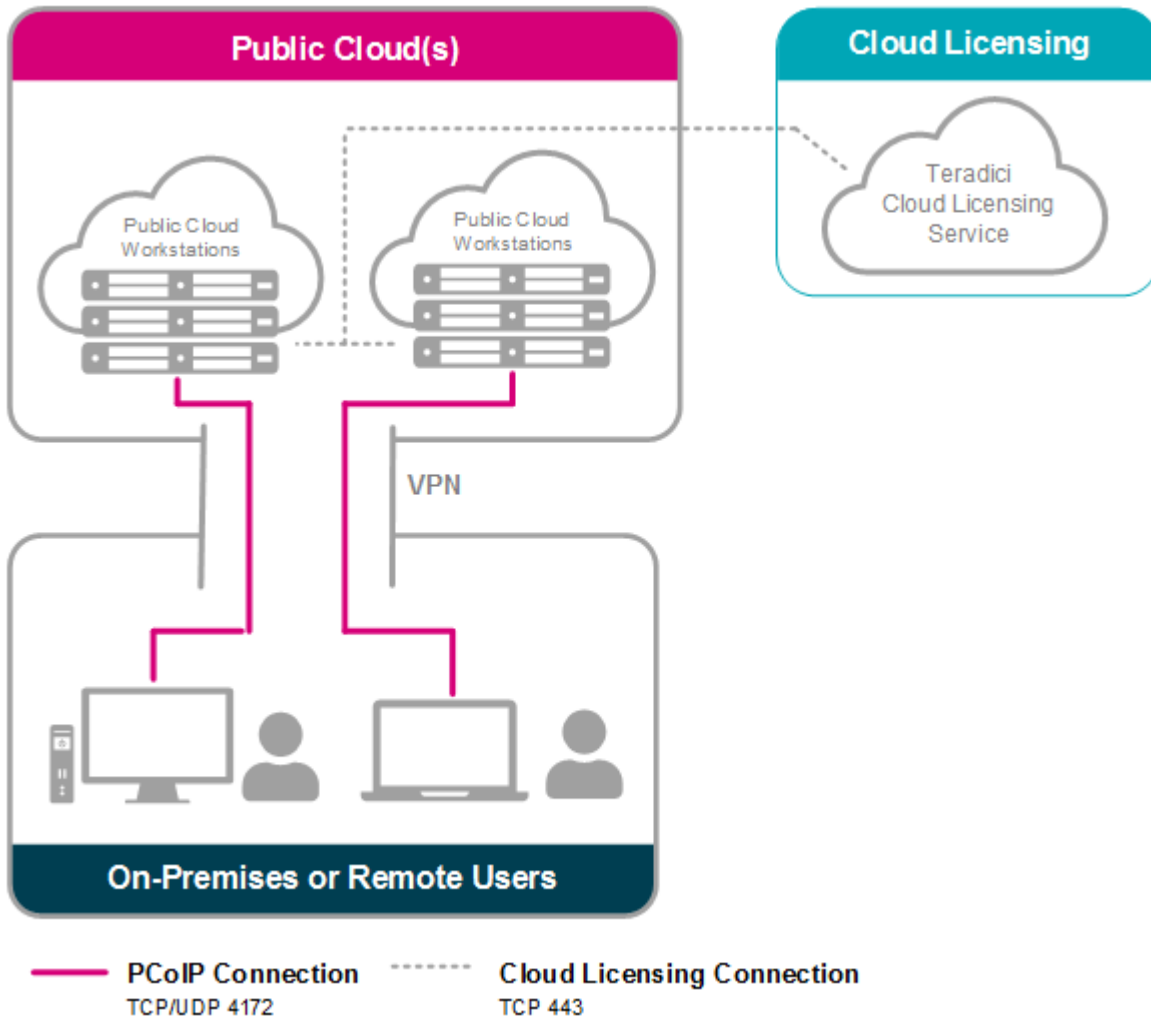
Cloud Licensing Service for On-Premises Workstations

The following image outlines the Cloud Licensing Service model for an on-premises scenario.



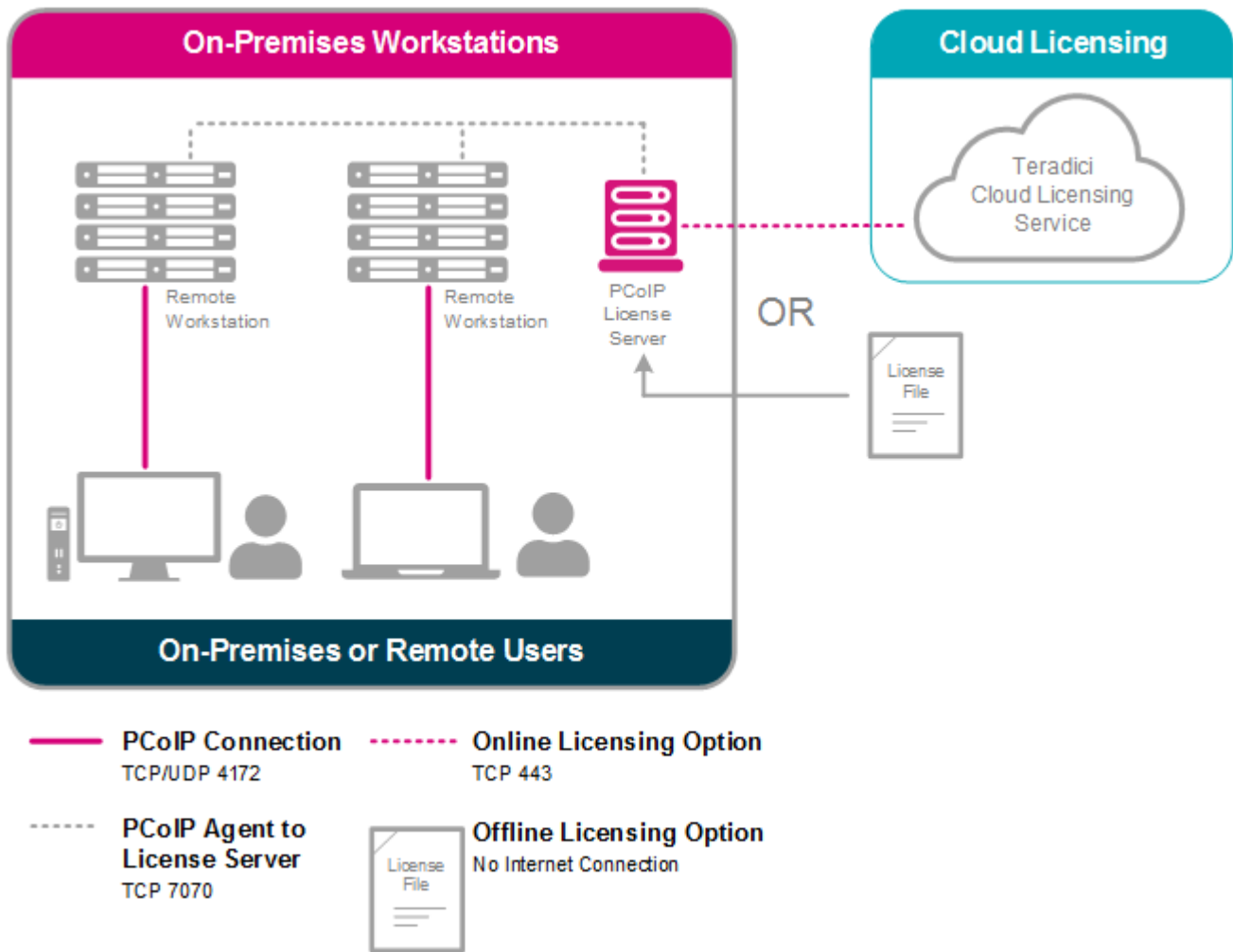
Cloud Licensing Service for Public Cloud Workstations

The following image outlines the Cloud Licensing Service model for a public cloud scenario.



PCoIP License Server Model

The following image outlines the PCoIP License Server model. The License Server can be used either online or offline.



For information on the Teradici License Server, see [Teradici License Server](#).

For more information on these licensing options, see [System Requirements for Licensing](#).

Security Features

Cloud Access Software incorporates features that maximize the security of any deployment model, including on-premises, hybrid or public cloud architectures:

- RADIUS-based multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- All PCoIP components use security certificates to ensure a trusted, end-to-end Transport Layer Security (TLS) connection for TCP communications.
- The PCoIP UDP protocol is encrypted with industry-standard secure AES-256 encryption.
- Cloud Access Connector ensures secure PCoIP traffic flow between external and internal networks.
- The PCoIP protocol is host-rendered and no data ever leaves the remote workstation, except encrypted pixels.

Firewall Settings

The PCoIP protocol uses ports UDP:4172, TCP:4172 and either TCP:443 or TCP:60443 as preferred. These ports must be open to allow the flow of PCoIP traffic through the firewall. For an in-depth look at the port settings for different environments relating to Cloud Access Software, PCoIP Management Console and PCoIP Zero Clients, see the following [KB Article](#).

Security Certificates

Certificates are used to ensure that all communication endpoints are trusted. All communications between PCoIP components are performed over encrypted secure channels that use certificates for validation.

CAS Manager MFA Integrations

It is possible to integrate third-party MFA applications with CAS Manager and Cloud Access Software. Teradici has tested MFA integrations with certain applications and versions of Cloud

Access Software, within specific environments. The links outlined below point to knowledge base articles that outline the processes involved in setting up these specific integrations.

 **Third-Party MFA Information**

The knowledge base articles contain steps and processes that were accurate at the time of testing. **Teradici does not take responsibility for updates to third-party applications, or updates to how these applications work.** Using different versions of these applications may not yield the same results and may lead to different behavior. If you discover that the steps outlined below are no longer valid, please contact Teradici and we will investigate.

- [Cloud Access Software - Okta MFA Integration in GCP](#)

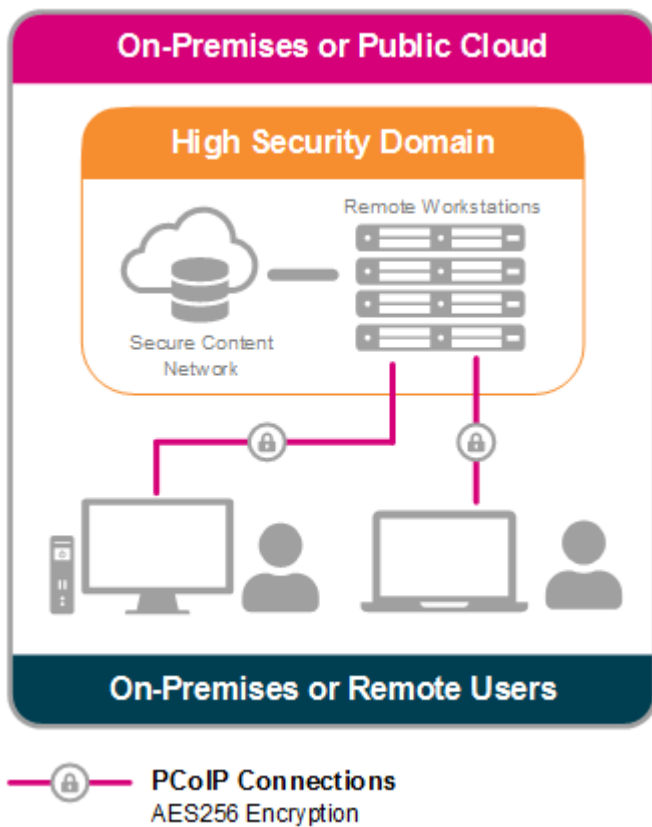
Disaster Recovery

Business continuity can take many forms. Whether it be a bank processing transactions without interruptions, a retail store transacting sales at point of sale terminals, or universities running computer labs with zero downtime, business continuity is important to every type of organization. Downtime can result in significant losses in revenue or permanent damage to a brand's reputation.

Cloud Access Software from Teradici is a perfect option and solution to base your companies and organizations disaster recovery plan around. For detailed information on how to use Cloud Access Software as part of your disaster recovery strategy, see [Disaster Recovery for Virtual Desktops](#).

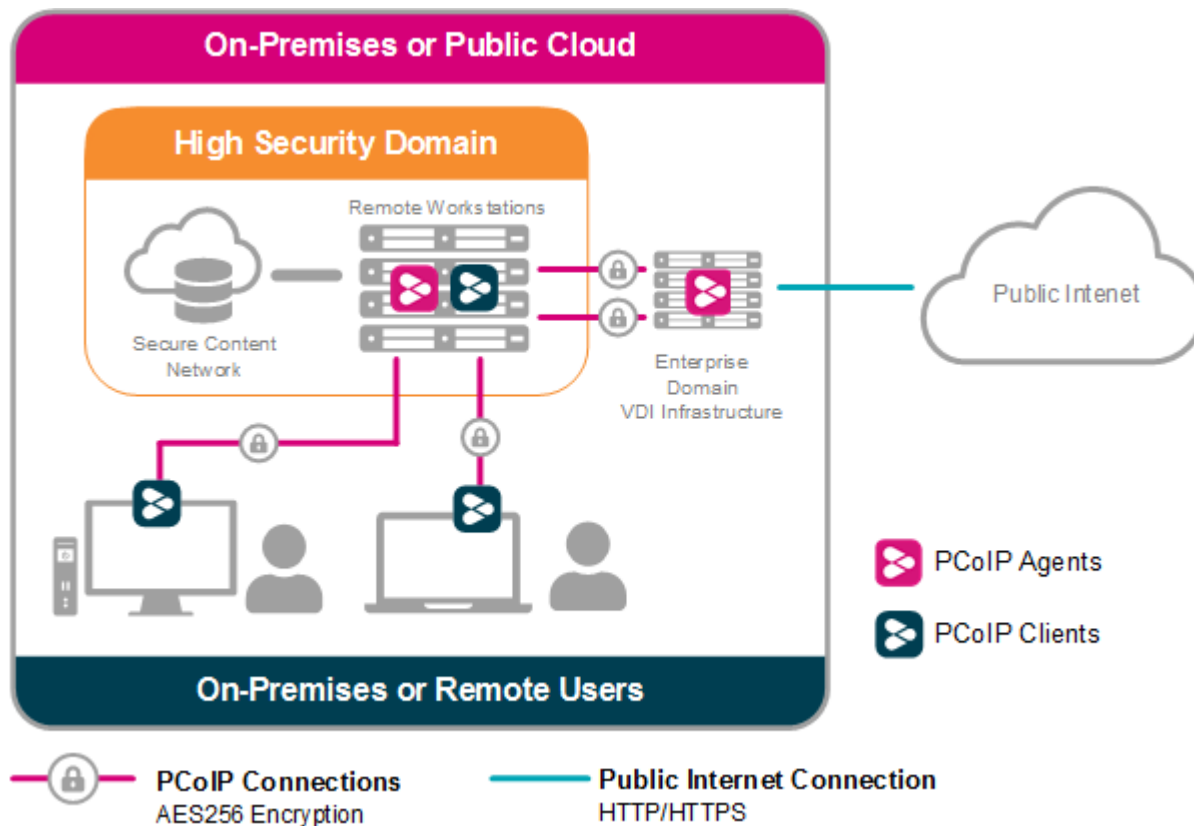
Isolating a Secure Content Network

Major media and entertainment corporations rely on the PCoIP protocol to conform with MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) and CDSA (Content Delivery and Security Association) best practices in addition to meeting Trusted Partner Network (TPN) compliance obligations. Media assets are securely isolated on production networks, only accessible from authorized network endpoints as an AES-256 encrypted stream of pixels. As media assets themselves are never downloaded to the endpoints, intellectual property remains secured, no matter what applications are used, as outlined in the image below.



Accessing the Public Internet from an Isolated Workstation

Users inside highly secured enterprises, such as TPN certified environments or those compliant with MPAA or CDSA best practices, may require the public internet for access to media assets or other information. Cloud Access Software enables isolated remote workstations, such as those attached to content networks, to access the public internet via back-to-back PCoIP connections as outlined in the image below.



Referring to the diagram above, the secured remote workstation is deployed with both PCoIP Agent software and PCoIP Client software. While the PCoIP Agent software serves encrypted pixels to the user at the PCoIP Client, a second PCoIP Agent deployed on a generic virtual desktop outside the high security domain serves the remote workstation with the internet browser image of the virtual desktop, also in the form of encrypted pixels. Such an architecture which is supported on both Linux and Windows remote workstations, ensures that the airgap perimeter of the high security domain is only traversed with encrypted pixels which adheres to compliance practices.

Public Cloud Implementations

Cloud Access solutions can be implemented and deployed on Microsoft Azure, AWS and Google Cloud environments, as well as on-premises. The following section points to reference information on these cloud vendors, specifically looking at the platform architectures.

Cloud Access on Microsoft Azure

For general information on Microsoft Azure's cloud architecture, see [Azure Architecture Center](#).

For information about graphics processing options for Microsoft Azure, see <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-machines/windows/sizes-gpu#nv-series>

For information on the system requirements for Cloud Access on Microsoft Azure:

- [Graphics Agent for Windows - System Requirements](#)
- [Standard Agent for Windows - System Requirements](#)
- [Graphics Agent for Linux - System Requirements](#)
- [Standard Agent for Linux - System Requirements](#)

Cloud Access on AWS

For general information on AWS's cloud architecture, see https://docs.aws.amazon.com/index.html#lang/en_us

For information around building a GPU workstation on AWS with Cloud Access Solutions, see <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/building-a-gpu-workstation-for-visual-effects-with-aws/>

For information on AWS cloud video editing with Teradici Cloud Access, see <https://aws.amazon.com/quickstart/architecture/cloud-video-editing/>

For information on AWS cloud VFX workstations with Teradici Cloud Access, see <https://aws.amazon.com/quickstart/architecture/vfx-workstations-with-teradici/>

For information on the system requirements for Cloud Access on AWS:

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Cloud Access on Google Cloud

For general information on Google Cloud's cloud architecture and products, see <https://cloud.google.com/docs/>

For information around building a virtual linux workstation on Google Cloud with Cloud Access Solutions, see <https://cloud.google.com/solutions/creating-a-virtual-gpu-accelerated-linux-workstation>

For information on the system requirements for Cloud Access on Google Cloud:

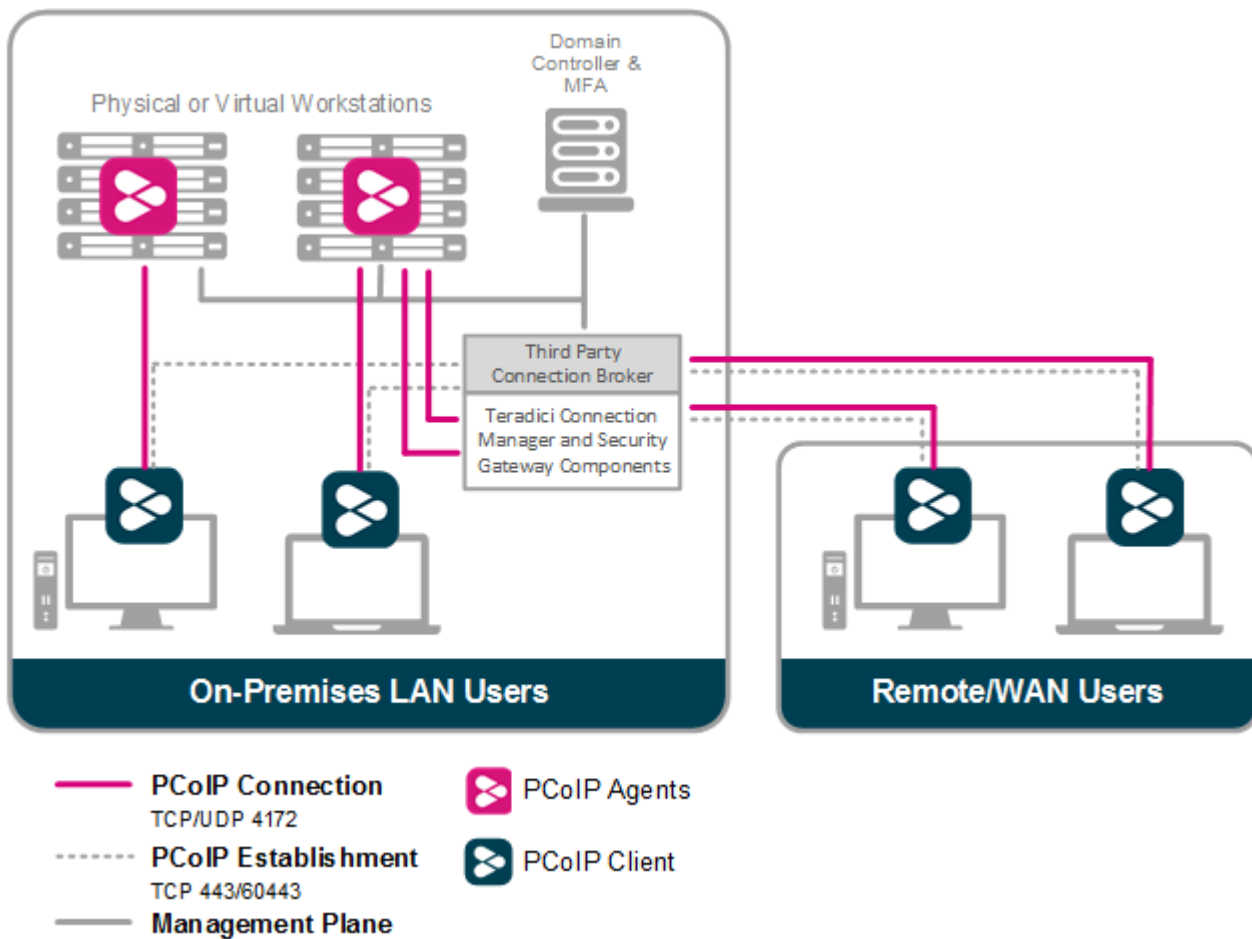
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Using Third Party Connection Brokers

Cloud Access Software is fully compatible with third-party brokers without the deployment of CAS Connector or features included with Cloud Access Manager. Consult third party documentation for pricing and deployment details. When using a third-party connection broker, PCoIP connections are brokered in conjunction with the Teradici Connection Manager and Security Gateway, see [Connection Manager and Security Gateway](#). Please consult the third-party broker documentation for information on what what deployment architectures are supported.



PCoIP Clients

The PCoIP Client is a standalone hardware device or software application that enables the user to connect to the remote workstation. The PCoIP Client decodes a stream of PCoIP pixels from the remote workstation and presents the results to the user. The PCoIP Client is offered in different forms, including PCoIP Zero Clients, iOS, Android and Chrome OS mobile clients and software clients compatible with Windows, Linux and macOS operating systems.



PCoIP Zero Clients



Mobile Clients



Software Clients

For more information on the PCoIP Clients, see the following guides:

- [PCoIP Zero Client Administrators' Guide](#)
- [PCoIP Software Client for Windows Administrators' Guide](#)
- [PCoIP Software Client for Mac Administrators' Guide](#)
- [PCoIP Software Client for Linux Administrators' Guide](#)

Other PCoIP Compatible Clients

Other PCoIP-compatible clients are available through OEM partners, resellers, and developers, such as a Teradici PCoIP Zero Client or a PCoIP-optimized thin client.

PCoIP Agents

The PCoIP Agent is a standalone software application installed on a virtual computer or remote workstation that will securely encode the desktop and efficiently stream pixels-only to the PCoIP Client. There are different versions of agents available for supporting both standard and graphics PC architectures. PCoIP Agents are available for Windows and Linux platforms.

PCoIP Graphics Agent

A PCoIP Graphics Agent leverages a discrete graphics processor and associated 3D APIs, including OpenGL and DirectX. The PCoIP Graphics Agent is optimized for the latest GPUs, including NVIDIA GRID GPUs supporting NVIDIA Capture SDK and AMD GPUs supporting AMD RapidFire SDK.

PCoIP Standard Agent

A PCoIP Standard Agent provides each user with a dedicated remote desktop. A PCoIP Standard Agent is optimized for VDI, DaaS, and cloud deployments. A PCoIP Standard Agent does not support GPU-accelerated 3D graphics.

For more information on the PCoIP Agents and supported operating systems, see the following guides:

- [Graphics Agent for Windows - System Requirements](#)
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In all deployment environments, CAS Manager interacts seamlessly with Cloud Access Connectors to access and manage your remote desktops and workstations.

For more information on CAS Manager, see [CAS Manager](#).

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The Cloud Access Connector is an access hub installed in the customer environment which facilitates PCoIP Client connections to remote workstations. The Cloud Access Connector operates in conjunction with the Teradici Cloud Access Manager Service to provide user authentication and entitlement for remote workstation access, including MFA. For more information on the Cloud Access Connector, see [Cloud Access Manager](#).

PCoIP Licensing

Teradici cloud licensing simplifies the deployment and activation of Cloud Access licenses. Cloud licensing avoids the need to deploy and maintain a license server. Whether you are a new Cloud Access Software administrator, or upgrading your existing Cloud Access Software deployment, licenses are now much easier to obtain and manage.

If your users have internet access from their host VMs, you should be using cloud licensing. It's simple to deploy and easily managed, avoids the need for a license server, and supports internet proxy services. If your users do not have internet access (and you cannot use a proxy), use a license server. Although the license server requires installation and maintenance, you can manage your licenses from a single location and easily license new VMs

For a more detailed view of operating system requirements, memory recommendations, socket configuration recommendations, port configuration and bandwidth and CPU recommendations for the PCoIP License Server, see the guide listed below:

- [Teradici PCoIP License Server 2.1 Administrators' Guide](#)

PCoIP Management Console

PCoIP Management Console allows IT administrators to quickly provision new Zero client devices, review metrics, configure settings, update firmware, and view event logs. For more information on the Management console, see [PCoIP® Management Console Administrators' Guide](#).

PCoIP Virtual Channel SDK

The PCoIP Virtual Channel Software Development Kit (SDK) enables developers to build custom PCoIP Virtual Channel plug-ins for PCoIP sessions. You can implement PCoIP Virtual Channel functionality as a plug-in to send encrypted data between servers and client endpoints during an active PCoIP session.

The PCoIP Virtual Channel Application Programming Interface (API) is available as an optional add-on to solution developers who want to extend the types of traffic flowing through the PCoIP session, such as clipboard redirection, local printing, and customised device support.

The PCoIP Virtual Channel SDK supports up to 15 virtual channels and once a customer's use case is established can be accessed, and utilised.

Required Knowledge

A developer should have an understanding of how the PCoIP protocol works, have knowledge of C++/C, Visual Studio and CMake. Building plugins for other platforms requires the SCons software construction tool which in turn supports Python, a gcc compiler or a corresponding toolchain which supports the pthreads library. Developers can use CMake to configure and generate platform and compiler specific build files and build the target plugins across all platforms. Customers can also engage with the Teradici Professional Services team to build these plugins. For information on this, see [here](#).

Support for Customization Components

Teradici recommends consulting the PCoIP Agent and PCoIP VChan SDK documentation for the install, upgrade and uninstall of the PCoIP VChan plugins. There is no support from Teradici's GSS team for customization components such as SDKs and APIs. If customers require support from GSS for these components they are required to purchase [Premium/Developer Support](#) from Teradici.

For Third Party Brokers

For a list of PCoIP-compatible connection brokers available from third party vendors, see [Commercial Third-Party Brokers](#) on the Teradici support site. As an alternative to using a third party connection broker, Teradici Cloud Access Manager is a cloud service included with Cloud Access subscriptions that simplifies and automates Cloud Access Software deployments, including connection broker services. For more information on Cloud Access Manager, see [Cloud Access Manager](#).