

DISASTER RECOVERY NAAR AZURE IN DE PRAKTIJK



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WHAT I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT

- Settings some definitions
- Key challenges
- Azure Site Recovery capabilities
- Design principals
- Reference design
- Q&A



SOME DEFINITIONS

HIGH AVAILABILITY

- Component failure
- Automated failover
- Automated failback
- No data loss

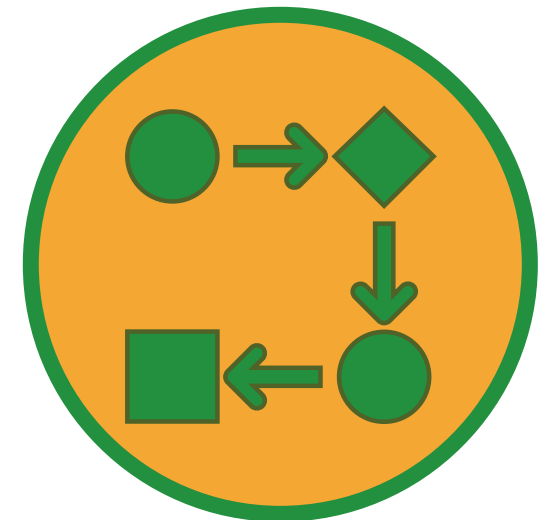
DISASTER RECOVERY

- Big smoking hole
- Manual failover
- Complex failback
- Data loss possible



KEY CHALLENGES: ORGANIZATIONAL


- Have a clear scope against what you're trying to recover from
 - “big smoking hole”
 - ransomware?
 - doesn't replace backup as a business requirement
- Design to keep it as simple as possible: limit panic mode
 - operational at production runtime
 - during a disaster scenario
- Documentation & passwords
- RTO & RPO
- Never assume



KEY CHALLENGES: TECHNICAL

- Connectivity
 - who needs to connect to what and how
 - how will users connect?
 - how will external partners and applications connect?
 - Size for your requirements
- Identity: Don't lose your keys
- Performance is not our concern.
- Keep your failover scripts accessible (e.g. Azure DevOps)



A close-up photograph of several interlocking metal gears. The gears are made of a light-colored metal, possibly aluminum or steel, and are arranged in a circular pattern. The teeth of the gears are sharp and pointed. The background is dark, making the metallic surfaces stand out. A semi-transparent white rectangular box with a green border is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

a successful technical disaster recovery doesn't mean
your business is back up & running

AZURE SITE RECOVERY CONCEPTS

- Replication (async)
 - ▶ Support for Hyper-V , VMware & physical servers
 - ▶ Windows & Linux
 - ▶ On-premises to Azure
 - ▶ Azure to Azure
 - ▶ VSS Capable: Application consistent
- Pricing
 - ▶ ASR agent: €21,08 / server / month
 - ▶ Storage: €20 / TB / month
 - ▶ No compute costs for ASR compute in production scenario
 - Additional running VMs might be required



DESIGN PRINCIPALS

- Try to keep the IP plan where possible
 - Azure networking starts at Layer 3
- Design to keep it manageable
- Have identity ready to go
- ASR isn't always one-size-fit-all
 - check the compatibility matrix
 - The application might do it better
- Have a minimal hot standby setup as beachhead
 - management server
 - firewall nodes
 - vpn endpoints
- Execute tests



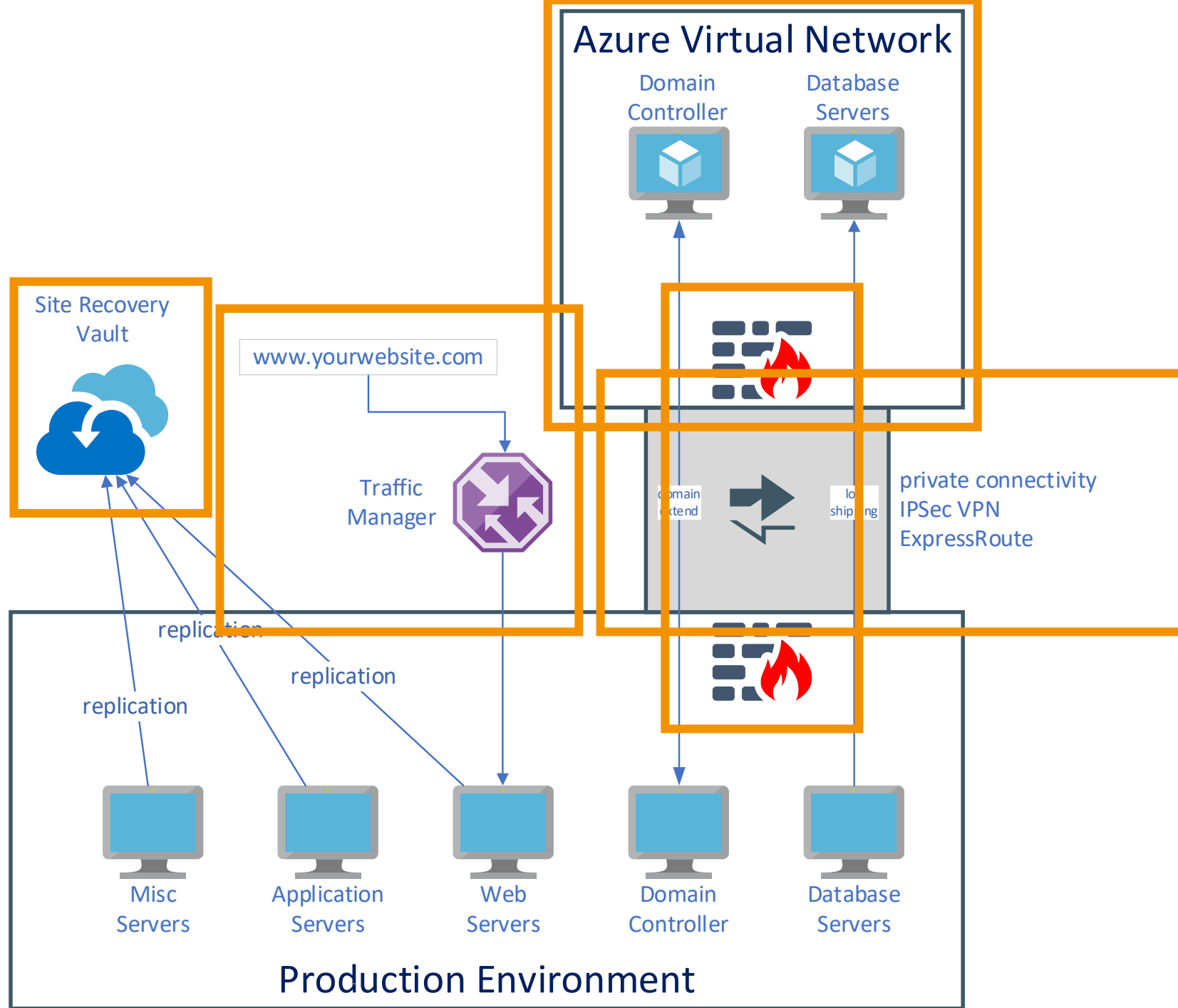
SOLVING THE NETWORK QUESTION

- External DNS: Traffic manager
- Reroute BGP or VPN connectivity
- Publish external services
- How to provide connectivity for end users?
 - Point to Site VPN (e.g. Azure VPN gateway or NGFW)
 - Application / Desktop delivery (e.g. Windows Virtual Desktop)
 - Failover Office location connected to the LAN

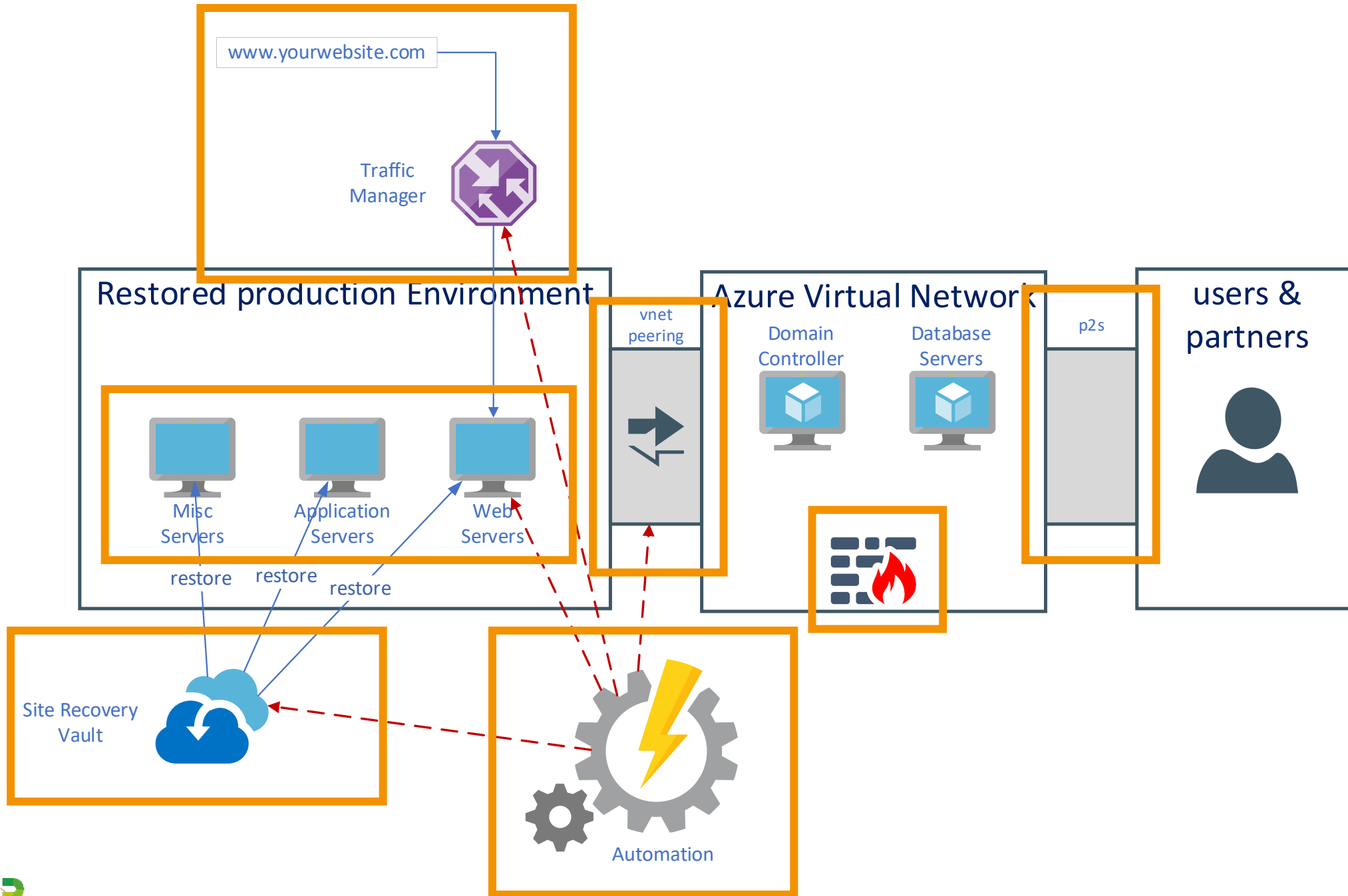




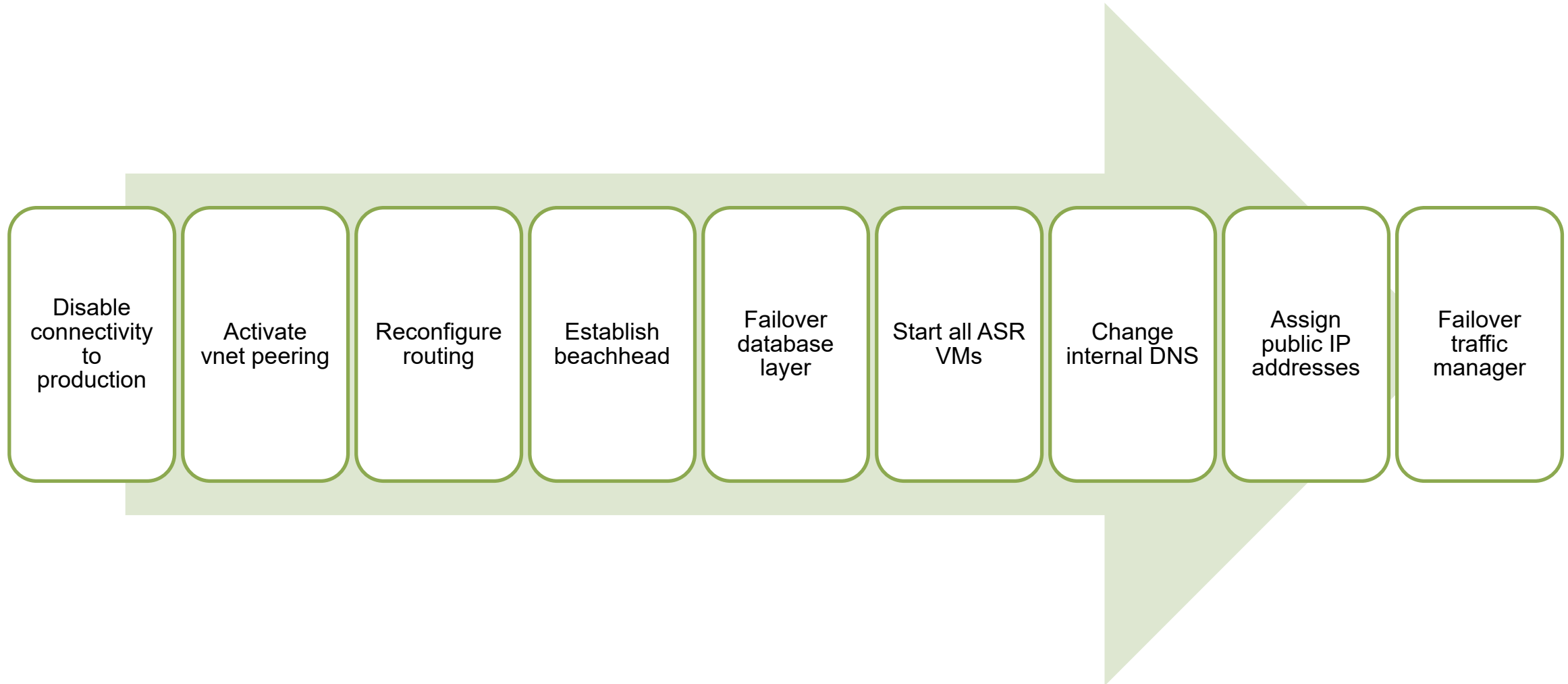
Reference design







RUNBOOK EXAMPLE – AUTOMATED STEPS



KEY TAKEAWAYS

Know what you're protecting against

Keep it simple

Map out network requirements

Check what the application has to offer

Recurrent testing

Go beyond the technical





Q&A

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