Cloud Computing EE 655/755
Assignment #4

INTRODUCTION:

1. Azure Overview:

Microsoft Azure is a cloud computing platform that offers a wide range of services for building, deploying, and managing applications and services through Microsoft's global network of data centers. Azure provides services such as virtual machines, databases, storage, networking, and more, enabling businesses to scale their operations and infrastructure based on demand.

2. PuTTY:

PuTTY is a free and open-source SSH and telnet client used to access remote servers securely. It allows users to connect to a remote machine or server over a network and perform various tasks, such as running commands, transferring files, and managing configurations.

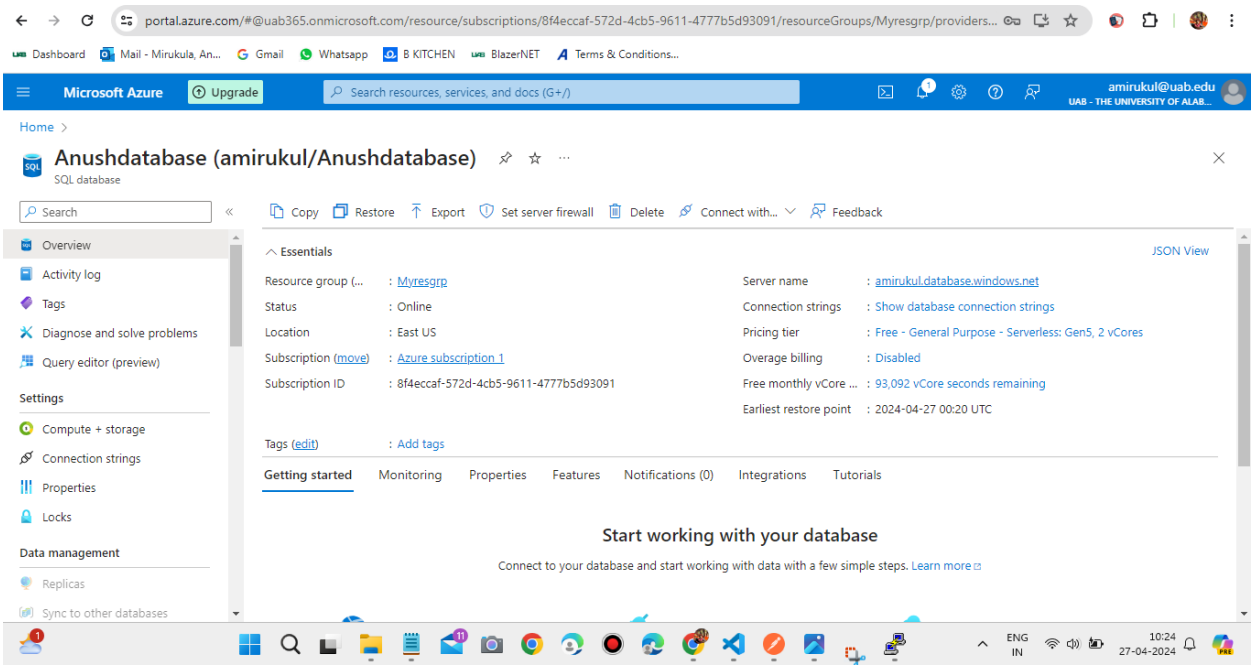
3. Postman:

Postman is a popular API development tool used for testing, documenting, and debugging APIs. It provides a user-friendly interface for sending HTTP requests to APIs, inspecting responses, and automating API testing workflows.

Using Azure, PuTTY, and Postman Together:

1. Creating Azure Resources:

- Azure SQL Database:
  - Log in to the Azure portal (portal.azure.com).
  - Navigate to "SQL databases" and create a new database instance.



- Configure database settings, such as server name, resource group, and pricing tier.

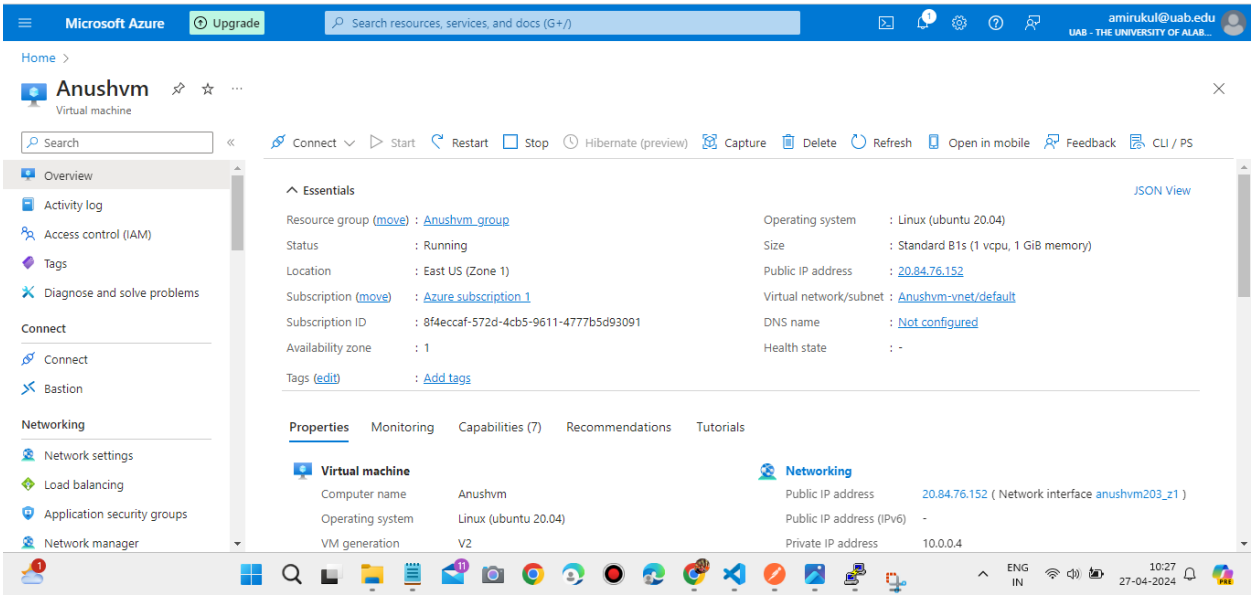
- Obtain connection credentials (server name, username, password) for accessing the database.

- Azure Virtual Machine (VM):

- Navigate to "Virtual machines" in the Azure portal.

- Create a new VM instance, specifying details like OS type, size, disk, and networking settings.

- Connect to the VM using SSH (for Linux VMs) or RDP (for Windows VMs) to access the remote server environment.



2. Accessing Azure VM Using PuTTY:

1. Download PuTTY:

If you haven't already, download PuTTY from the official website: [PuTTY Download Page](https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html).

2. Launch PuTTY:

After installing PuTTY, launch the PuTTY application.

3. Enter VM Details:

In the PuTTY configuration window:

- Enter the VM's public IP address or DNS name in the "Host Name (or IP address)" field.

- Specify the SSH port (default is 22).

- Ensure that the connection type is set to "SSH".

4. Establish SSH Connection:

Click the "Open" button to initiate the SSH connection to the Azure VM.

5. Log in to the VM:

After clicking "Open", PuTTY will open a terminal window prompting you to log in:

- Enter your username for the Azure VM when prompted.

- Enter your password for the Azure VM when prompted (if you're using password-based authentication).

6. Verify Connection:

Once you've entered your credentials (username/password or SSH key), PuTTY will attempt to connect to the Azure VM. If the connection is successful, you'll see the terminal window with a command prompt for the VM.

7. Using PuTTY:

You can now use PuTTY to run commands, manage files, and perform administrative tasks on the Azure VM through the SSH connection.

Make sure you have the necessary credentials (username/password or SSH key) for logging in to your Azure VM. Adjust the SSH port and other settings as per your VM configuration.

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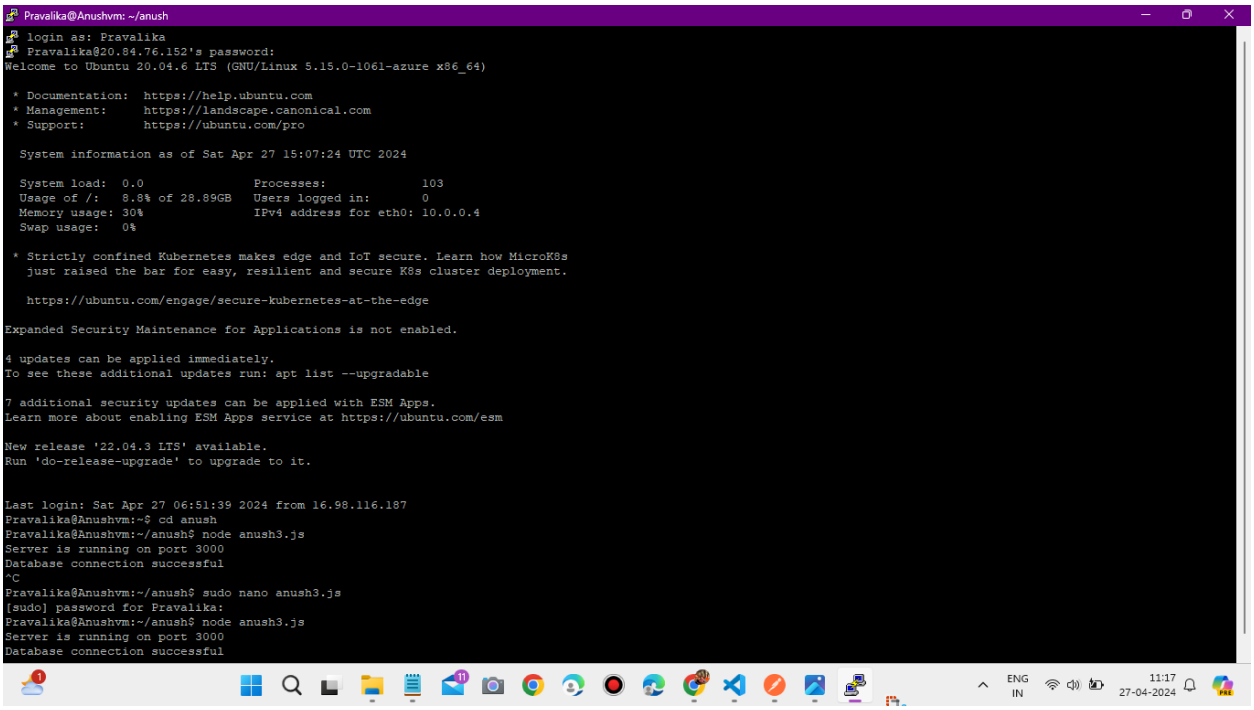
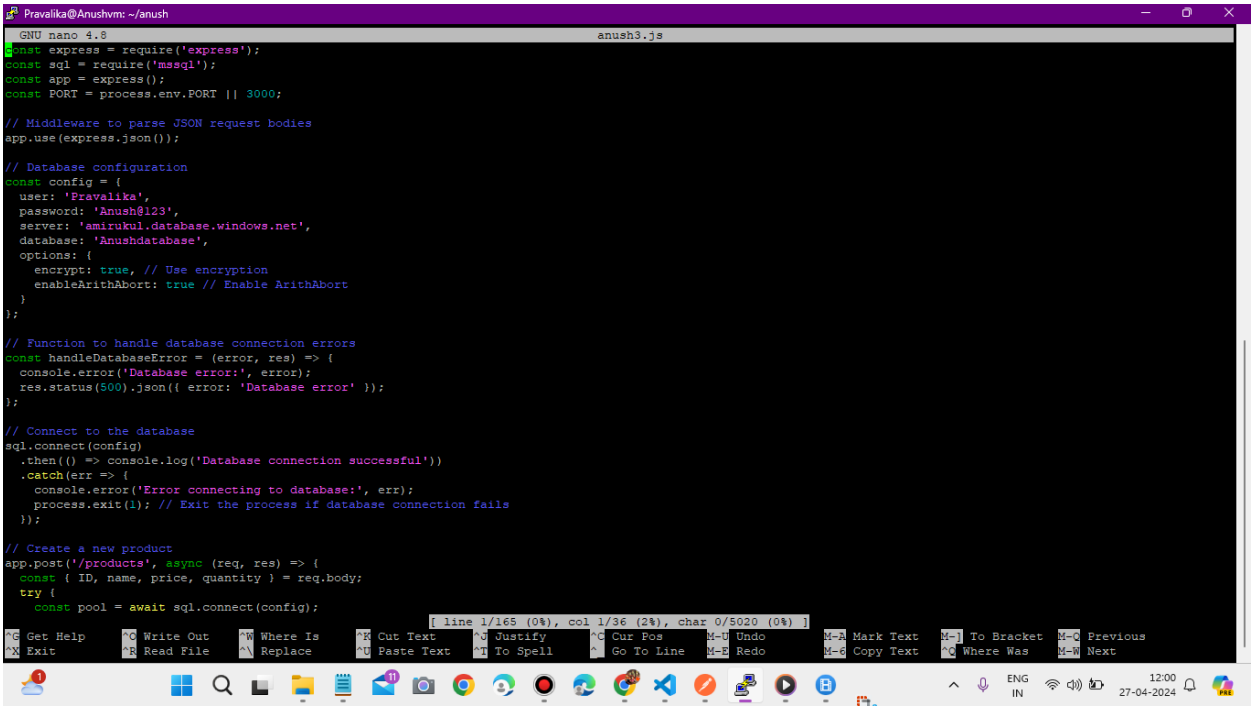




3. Testing APIs with Postman:

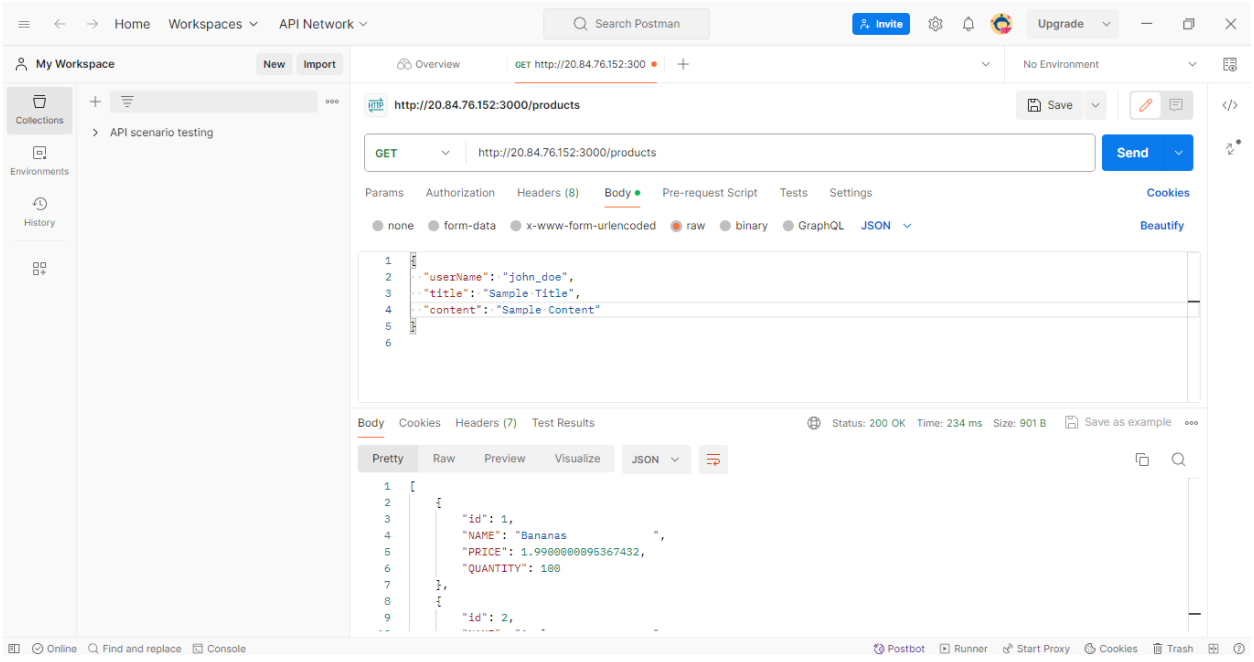
- Install Postman on your local machine.

- Create a new request in Postman and enter the API endpoint URL.

- Choose the HTTP method (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE) and add any required headers or parameters.

- Send the request to the API and view the response, including status codes, headers, and JSON data (if applicable).

- Use Postman's features for organizing requests, saving collections, and running automated tests.



Understanding Access and Security:

- Azure resources like databases and VMs have specific access controls and security measures.

- Use Azure's IAM (Identity and Access Management) to manage user roles and permissions for accessing resources.

- Ensure secure communication by using HTTPS for APIs and SSH/RDP for remote server access.

- Implement firewall rules, network security groups (NSGs), and encryption protocols to protect data and network traffic.

Best Practices:

- Regularly update software and services to the latest versions for security patches and performance improvements.

- Backup critical data and configurations to prevent data loss in case of failures or disasters.

- Monitor Azure resources using Azure Monitor and set up alerts for proactive monitoring and troubleshooting.

Conclusion:

Azure, PuTTY, and Postman are powerful tools for creating, managing, and testing cloud-based applications and infrastructure. By understanding how to use them together, developers and administrators can streamline development workflows, ensure system reliability, and deliver scalable solutions on the Azure platform.