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Introduction

Azure is more than just another laaS platform on which you host virtual machines. It strongly integrates with existing infrastructures, on different levels. For instance, it's easy to create a backup of your onpremises machines to Azure or manage your on-premises system updates from Azure. With the recent release of Windows Admin Center and Windows Server 2019, the hybrid scenario's are becoming even easier to implement. This lab introduces some hybrid functionality between on-premises machines and Azure services.

During the exercises you will be guided to deploy a couple of virtual machines, both on-premises and in Microsoft Azure. You will be deploying Windows Admin Center with several Azure integrations to show how easy this actually is. You'll find you hardly need any experience in the Azure Portal. To end the lab, you will create a cloud tiered storage solution. By leveraging Azure File Sync, you can reach almost unlimited growth to existing on-premises fileserver and makes migration to another fileserver really easy.

Estimated time to complete this lab

120 minutes

Objectives

During this lab, you will learn how to get started with Azure to;

- Make your way through the Azure Portal
- Deploy a Virtual Machine both on Azure and Hyper-V
- Install Windows Admin Center on a local server
- Integrated Windows Admin Center with several Azure services
- Deploy a cloud-tiered storage solution

Prequisites

To complete this course, you will be needing;

- Laptop/computer with Windows 10, Hyper-V Manager role and WiFi connected
- Account with an Azure CSP Subscription

Materials

All student materials are available for download here:

https://github.com/Copaco/handsonlab/





Activity 1: Getting Started

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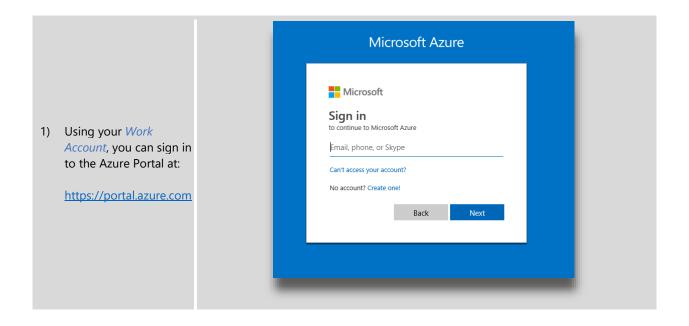
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Objectives

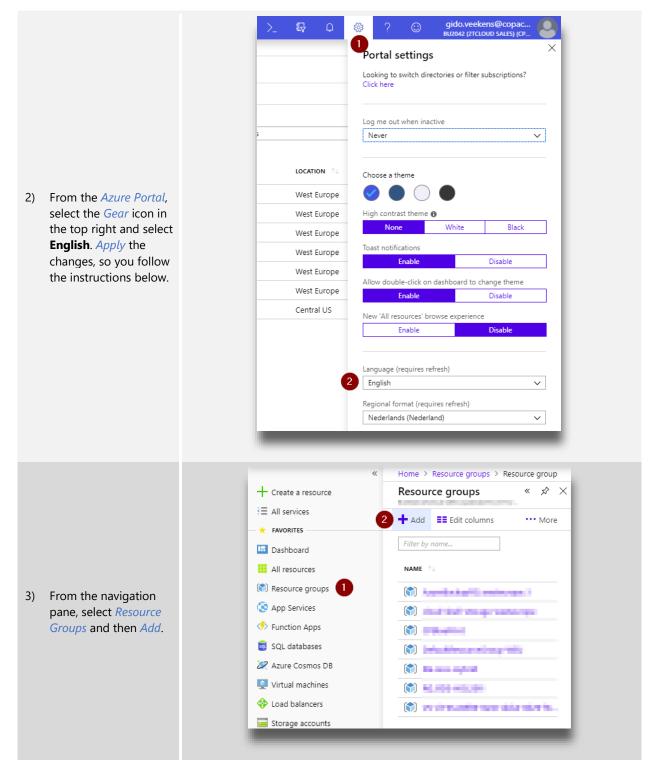
In this activity, you will configure the components necessary to perform this lab;

- Login to your Azure tenant
- Create a Resource Group
- Deploy Azure Active Directory Domain Services

Exercise 1a: Login to the Azure Portal

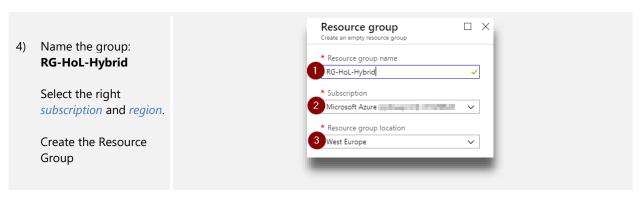




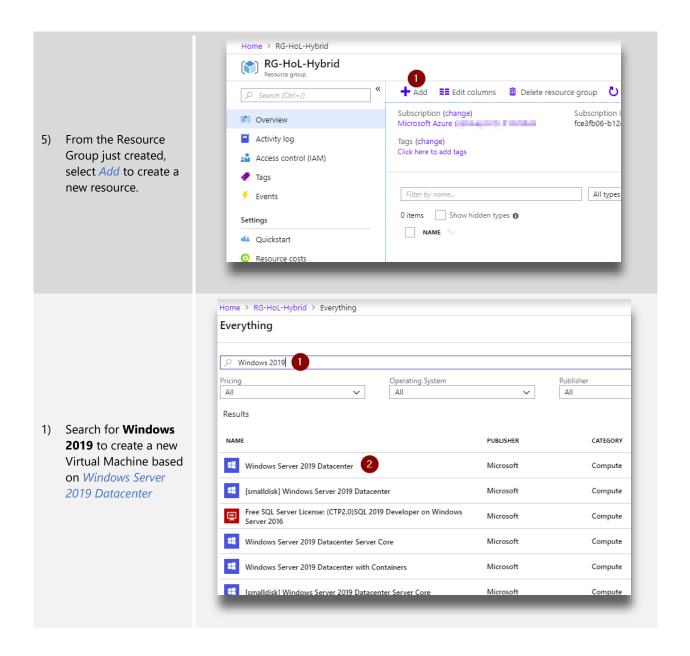


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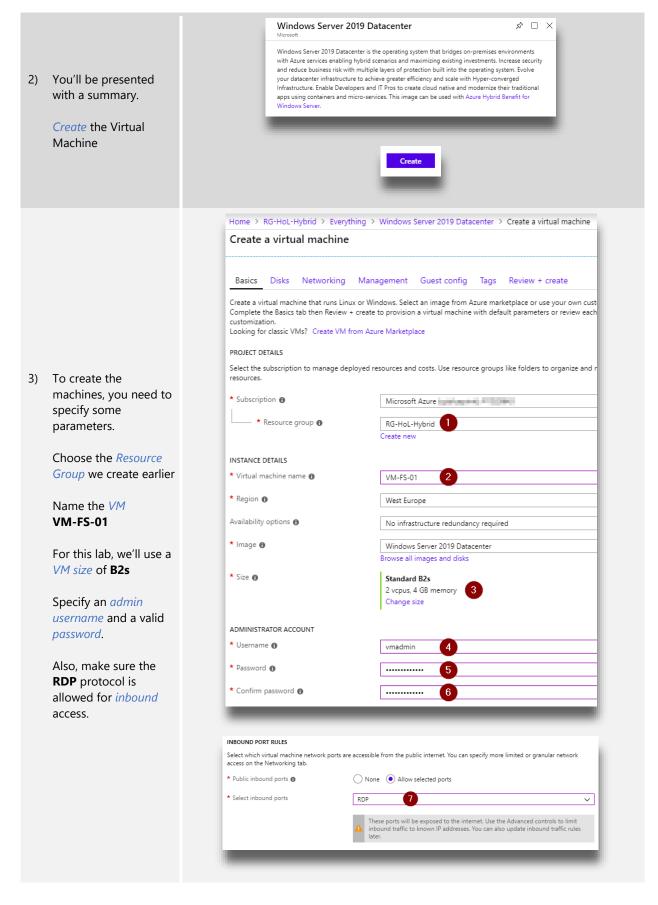


Exercise 1b: Deploy a Azure Virtual Machine



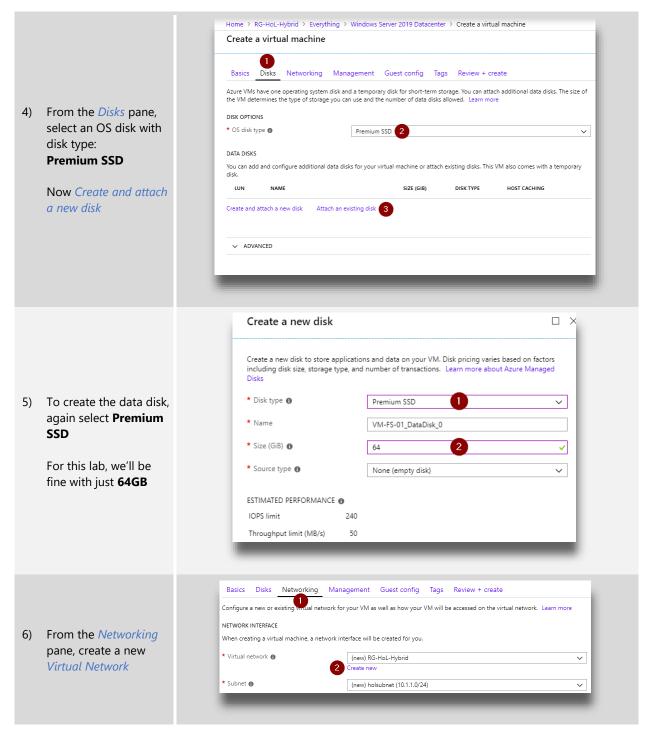










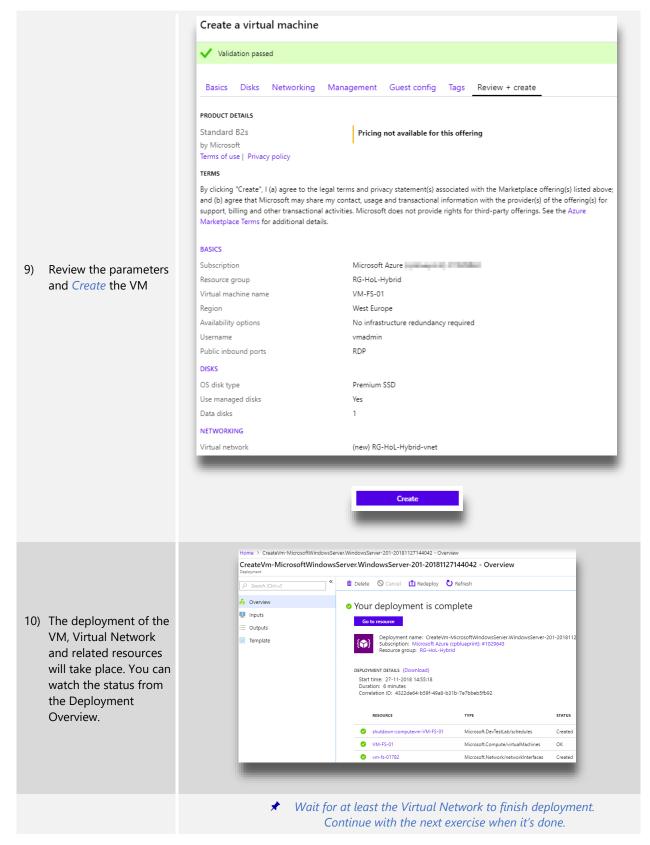






The Microsoft Azure Virtual Network service enables Azure resources to securely communicate with each other in a virtual networ isolation of the Azure cloud dedicated to your subscription. You can connect virtual networks to other virtual networks, or your or Name the Virtual * Name RG-HoL-Hybrid Network: ADDRESS SPACE rg-HoL-Hybrid The virtual network's address space, specified as one or more address prefixes in CIDR notation (e.g. 192.168.1.0/24). Adjust the address range: ADDRESS RANGE ADDRESSES OVERLAP 10.1.0.0/23 10.1.0.0/23 10.1.0.0 - 10.1.1.255 (512 addresses) RG-HoL-Hybrid-vnet (10.1.0.0/23) (0 Addresses) Define a *subnet* named holsubnet within the The subnet's address range in CIDR notation. It must be contained by the address space of the virtual network. address range, for SUBNET NAME ADDRESS RANGE instance: 10.1.1.0/24 ✓ 10.1.1.0/24 4 10.1.1.0 - 10.1.1.255 (256 addresses) holsubnet 3 (0 Addresses) Basics Disks Networking Management Guest config Tags Review + create Configure monitoring and management options for your VM. MONITORING Boot diagnostics 🚯 On Off OS guest diagnostics 🚯 On Off Diagnostics storage account 6 (new) rgholhybriddiag 8) To prevent IDENTITY unnecessary costs from System assigned managed identity 1 On Off this lab, enable autoshutdown on this VM. AUTO-SHUTDOWN Enable auto-shutdown 🚯 ① On ○ Off 18:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Amsterdam, Berlin, Bern, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna On Off

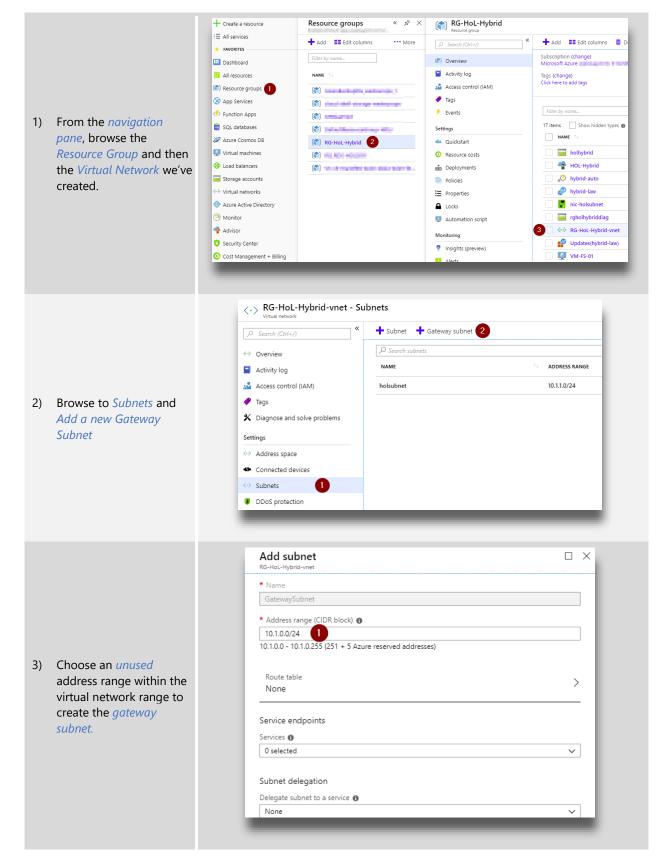




Exercise 1c; Deploy a VPN Gateway Subnet



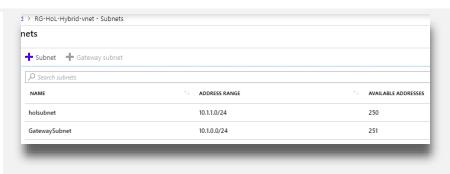




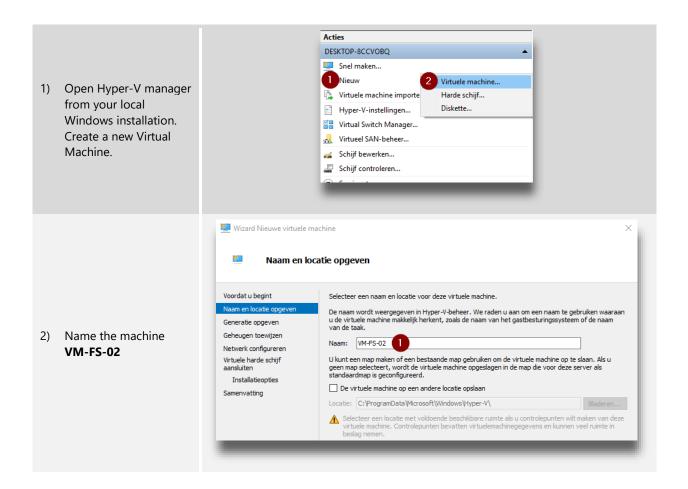
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4) Wait for the subnet to be created and show up in the virtual network subnets.

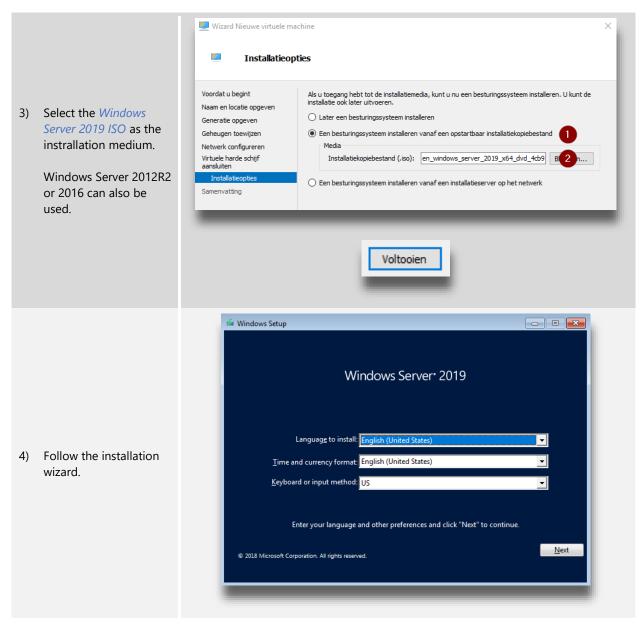


Exercise 1d: Create a Hyper-V Virtual Machine



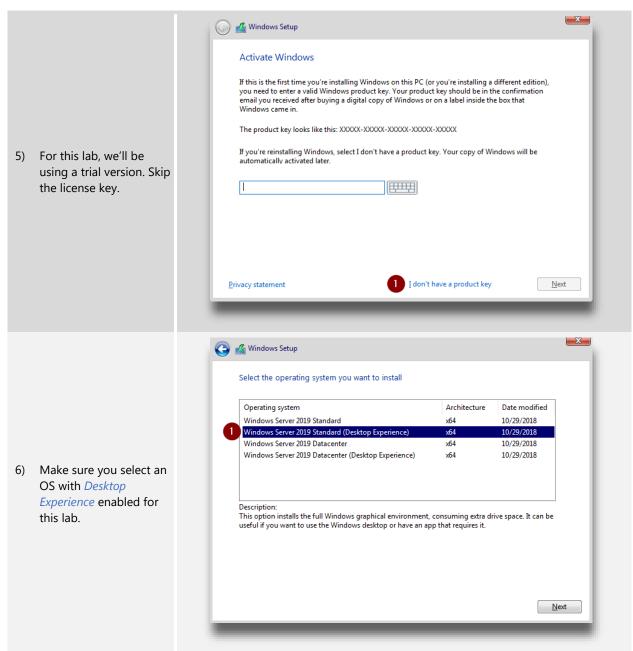






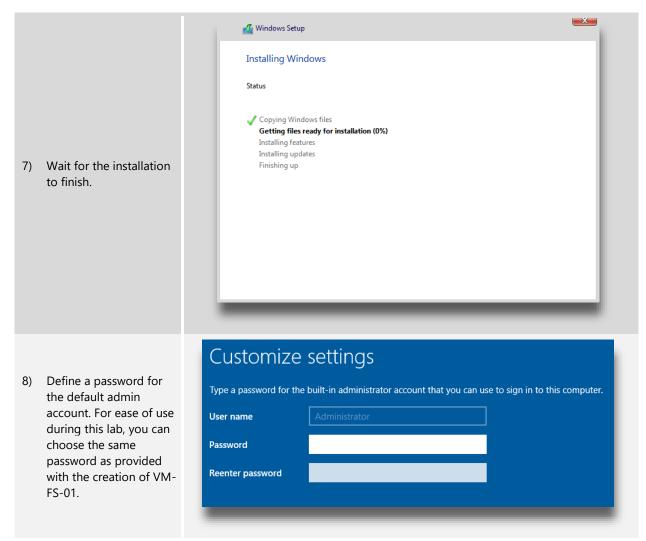
















Activity 2: Configure Windows Admin Center

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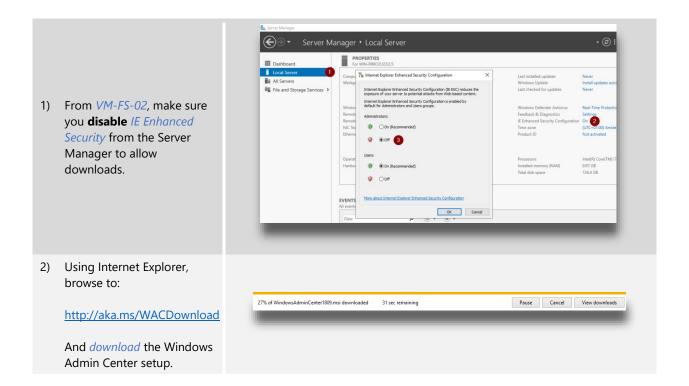
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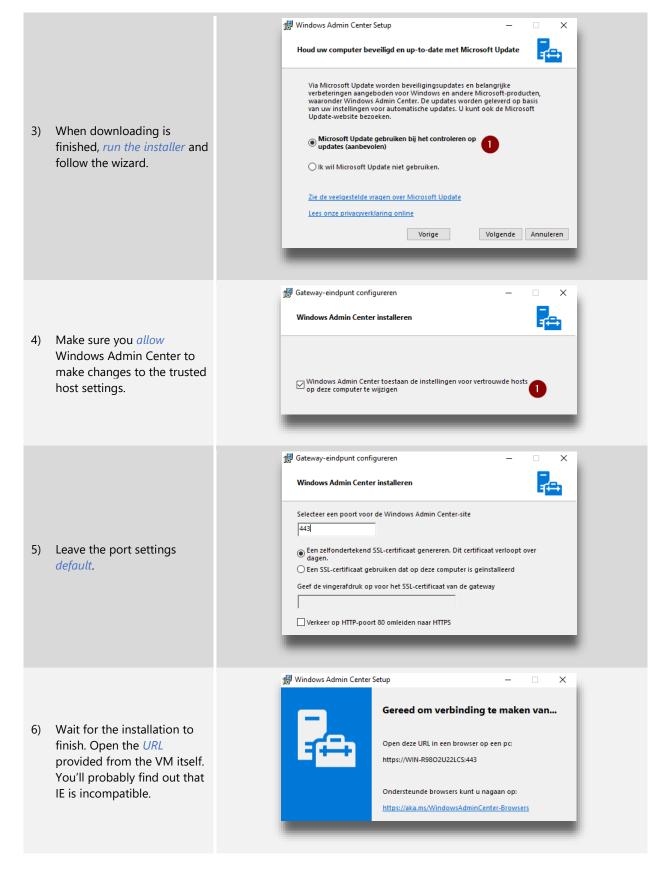
- Install Windows Admin Center
- Deploy a point-to-site VPN to Azure from the Windows Admin Center
- **Enable Azure Backup**
- Configure Update Management from Azure Automation

Exercise 2a: Deploy Windows Admin Center

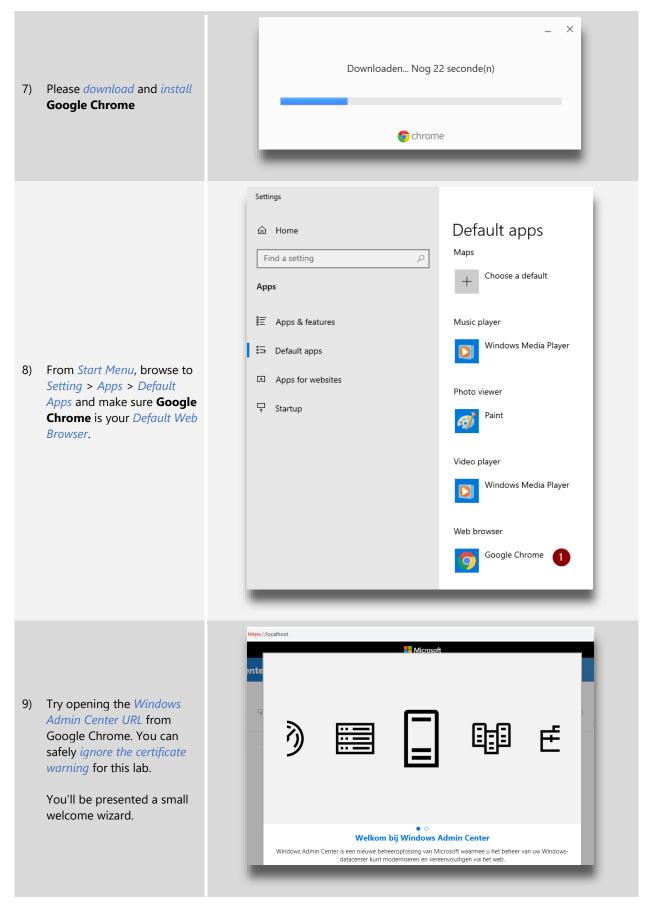






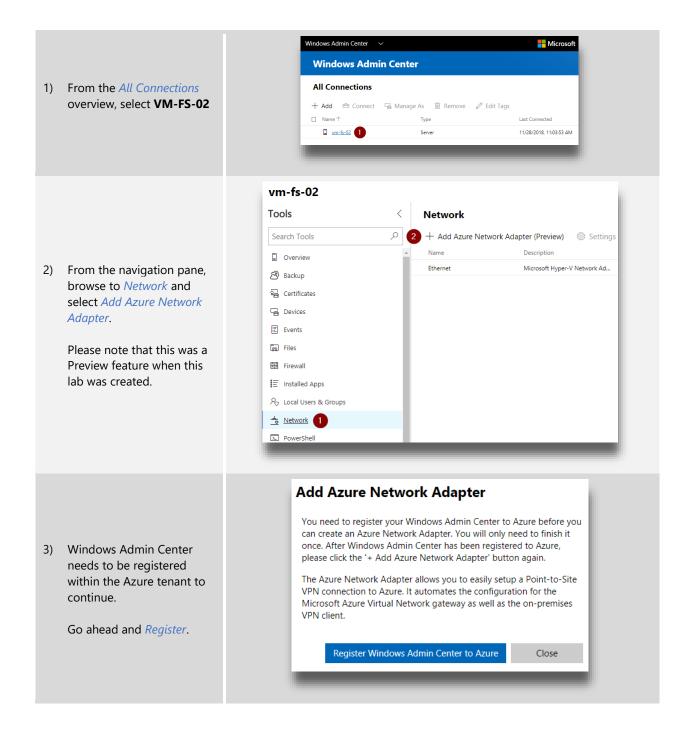




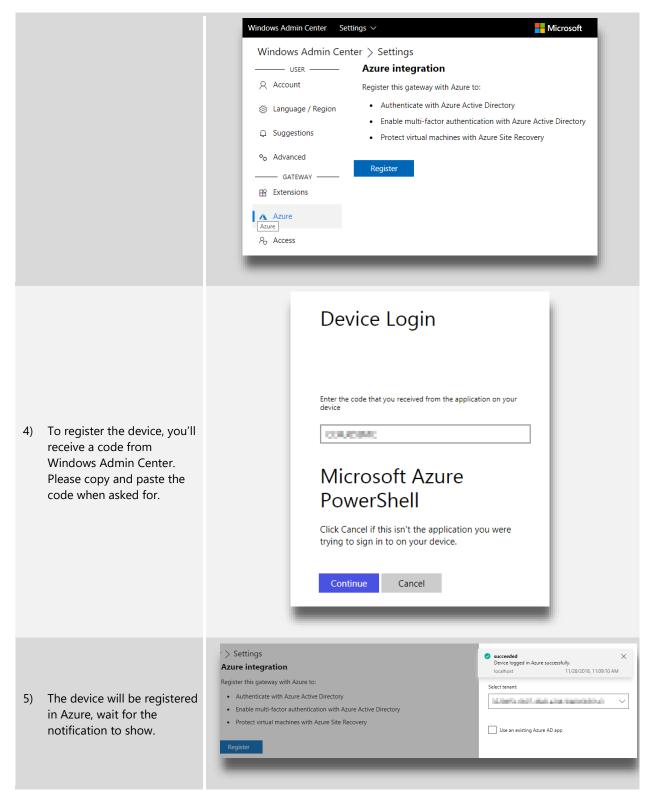




Exercise 2b: Connect to Azure Virtual Network

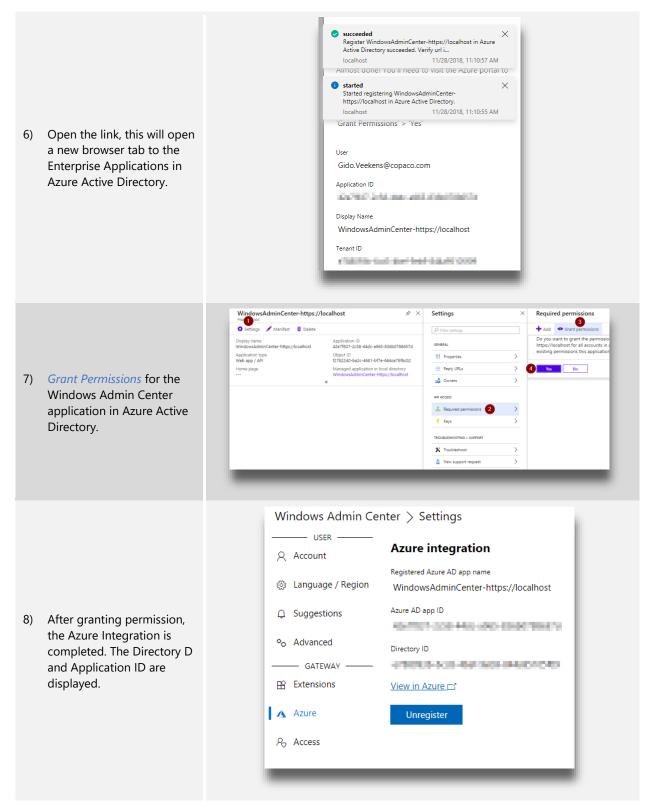






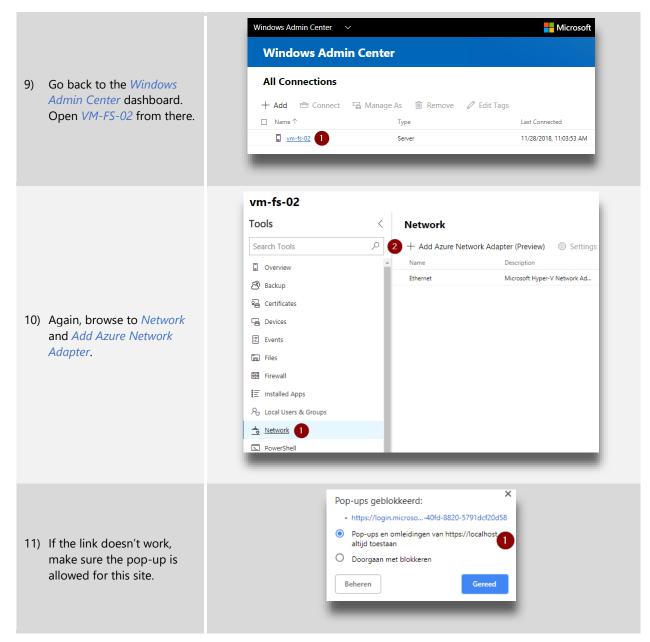




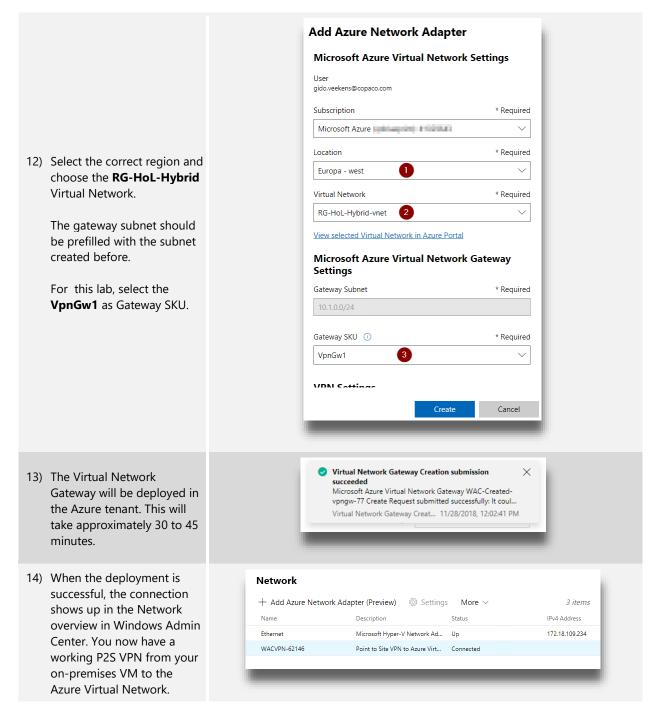






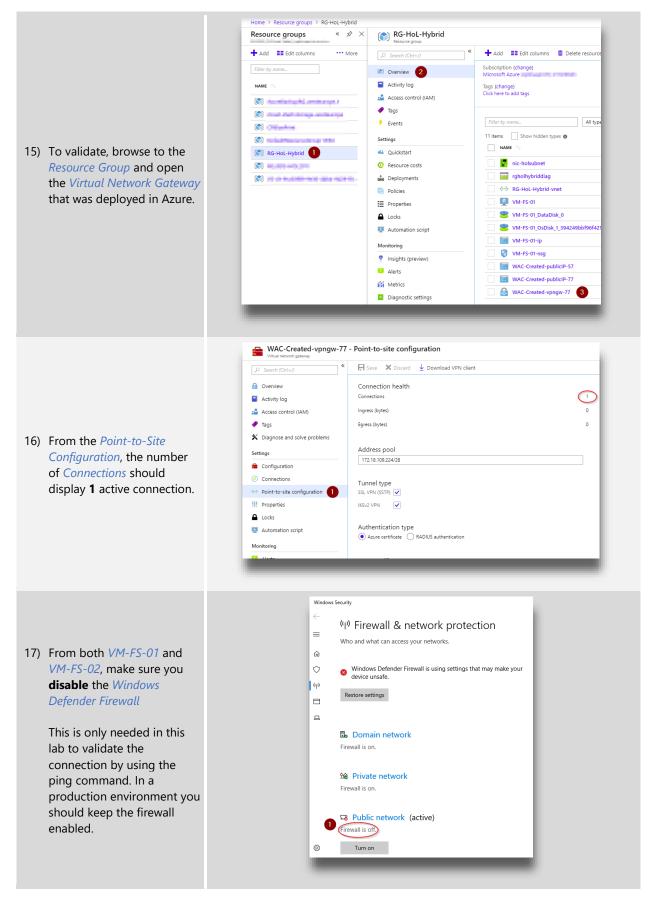














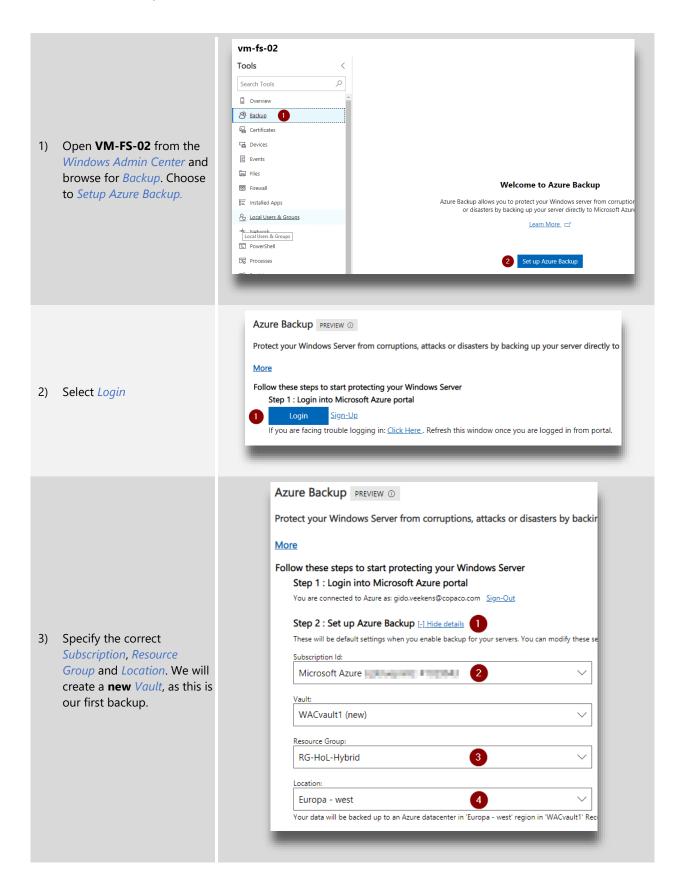


18) From *VM-FS-02*, run a Administrator: Windows PowerShell Command Prompt or PS C:\Users\Administrator> ping -a 10.1.1.4 PowerShell. Try to ping the pinging 10.1.1.4 with 32 bytes of data: from 10.1.1.4: bytes=32 time=27ms from 10.1.1.4: bytes=32 time=23ms from 10.1.1.4: bytes=32 time=20ms IP of VM-FS-01. As there's no shared DNS server in this lab, pinging the hostname won't be possible. **Windows Admin Center AILConnections** 19) From the Windows Admin Center dashboard, Add Name ↑ Туре another server. <u>vm-fs-02</u> **Add Server Connection** + Add Tags Add one server Import a list of servers Don't attempt to resolve the server name. 20) Fill in the IP of VM-FS-01 as the Server Name and Server name credentials of the local 10.1.1.4 admin account you specified before. Submit with Credentials Needed Access was denied to '10.1.1.4'. You can still add it to your Credentials. connections list, but you will need to provide administrator credentials to connect to the server. Again, resolving the $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \end{tabular} Use my Windows account for this connection \\ \hline \end{tabular}$ hostname won't be possible Use another account for this connection in this lab. Please check the Username mark, so you can connect vmadmin using the IP instead. Password ↑ These credentials are stored for this session only (10.1.1.4) Tools Overview Q Search Tools 🖰 Restart 🕚 Shutdown 🕜 Enable Disk Metrics 🖉 Edit Co Overview 21) After the agent installation 🙈 Backup has finished, the Azure VM ☐ Certificates will show up in the on-10.0.17763 4 GB ☐ Devices premises Windows Admin Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2673 v4 @ 2.30GHz Microsoft Corporation Center. Files EE Firewall Real-time protection: On





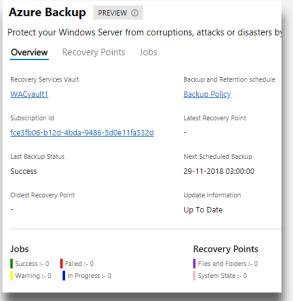
Exercise 2c: Backup the local VM to Azure





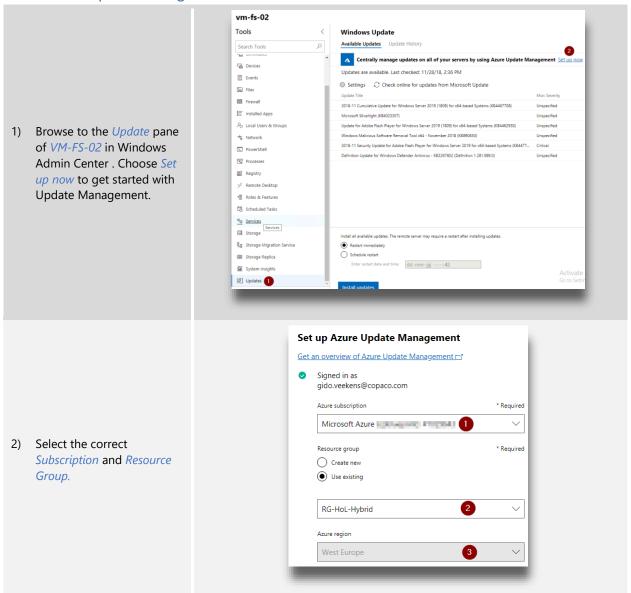
Step 3: Select Backup Items and Schedule This selection is applied by default when you enable backup for your servers. You can modify the 4) We will create a full backup, What do you want to protect? Select all that apply ✓ System State so include both the **System** State and drives. 1 ✓ C:\ Total back up size Your Selections roughly calculate to the size below. Learn more about how much this will cost For the schedule of Files 26.42 GB and Folders, choose Daily Backup Schedule [-] Hide details 2 with 1 year retention. Files and Folder schedule: Daily, retain 1 year For *System State*, select Daily with a retention of System State schedule: 14 days. Daily, retain 14 days Please note that in this lab Files and Folder schedule: we won't perform an actual Backup daily, retain for 30 days, weekly backups (Monday) for 4 weeks, monthly backups for 12 backup. Feel free to select System State schedule: any schedule you like. Backup System State daily, retain daily backups for 14 days, local time: 11:00 Step 4: Enter Encryption Passphrase Encryption passphrase is used to encrypt backups and is required to recover data. * Encryption passphrase (minimum 16 characters) 5) Specify an *Encryption* * Confirm passphrase passphrase, so your data will be encrypted. Save this passphrase to a secure location. Microsoft cannot recover data if the passphrase is los Apply Cancel

6) Explore the Azure Backup dashboard in Windows Admin Center. As no actual job has been ran, only few statistics are shown.



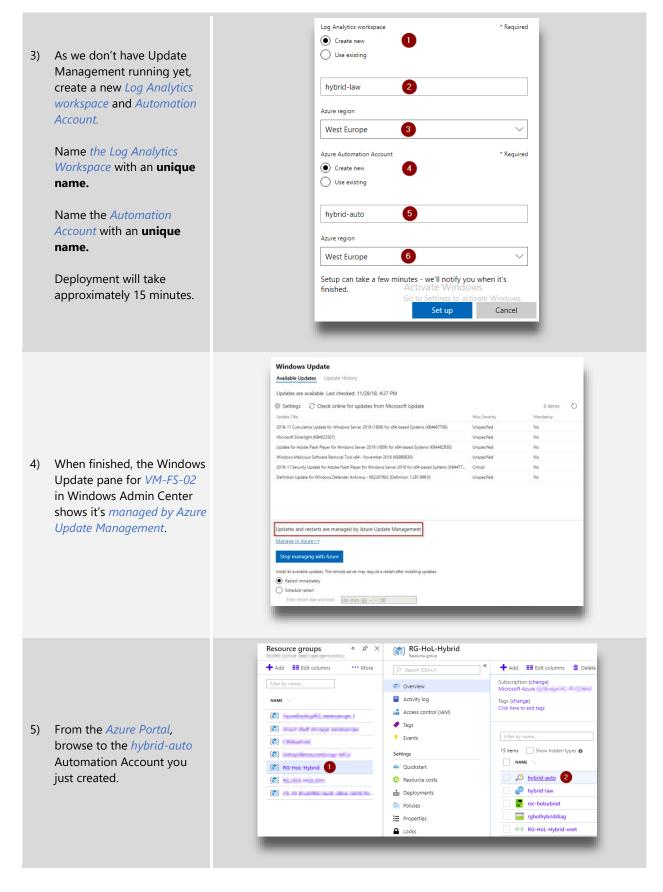


Exercise 2d: Update Management







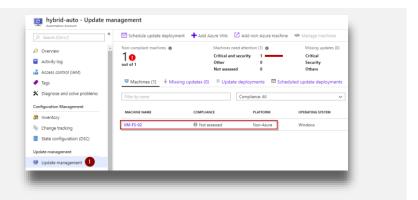


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6) From *Update Management* in the navigation pane, notice that *VM-FS-02* is being shown.

Please note that the final results of the assessment can take up to 24 hours to show.





Activity 3: Deploy Azure Files Sync

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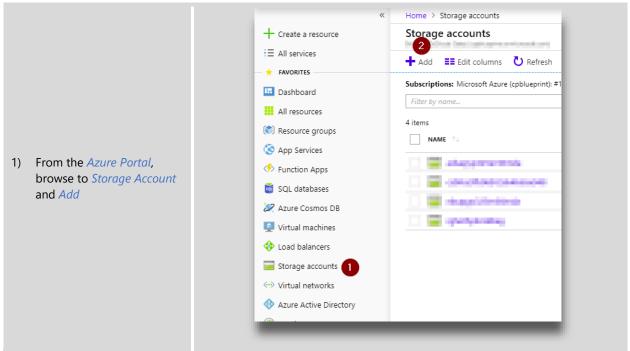
30 minutes

Objectives

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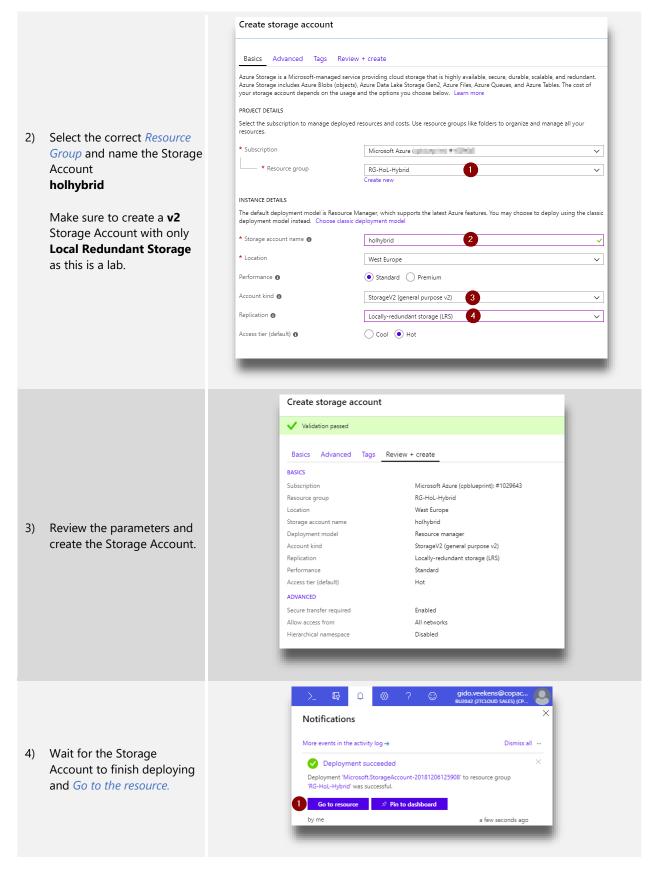
- · Create an Azure File share
- Deploy the Azure Files Sync agent
- Configure the sync by leveraging the cloud tiering option

Exercise 3a: Deploy a Storage Account with Azure Files



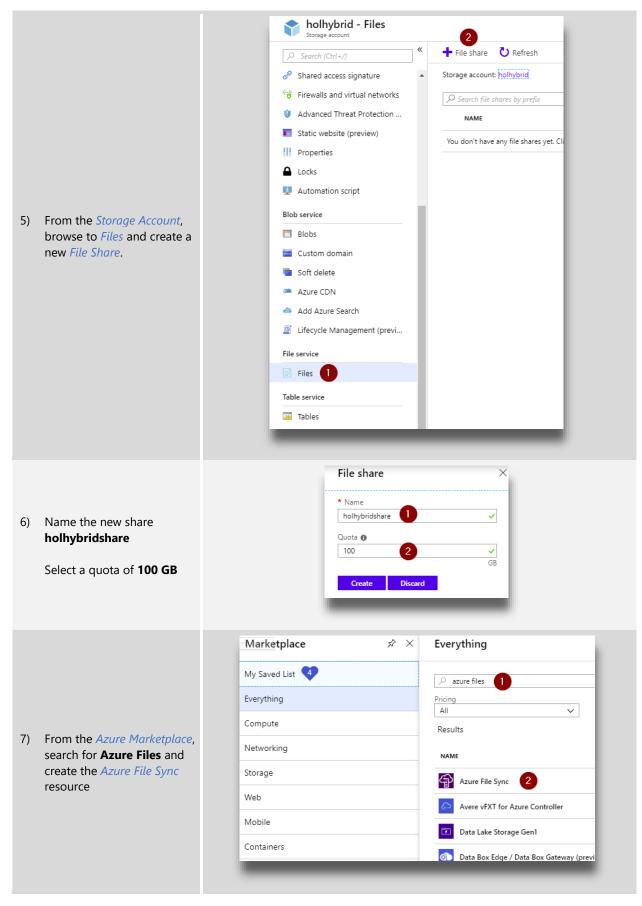






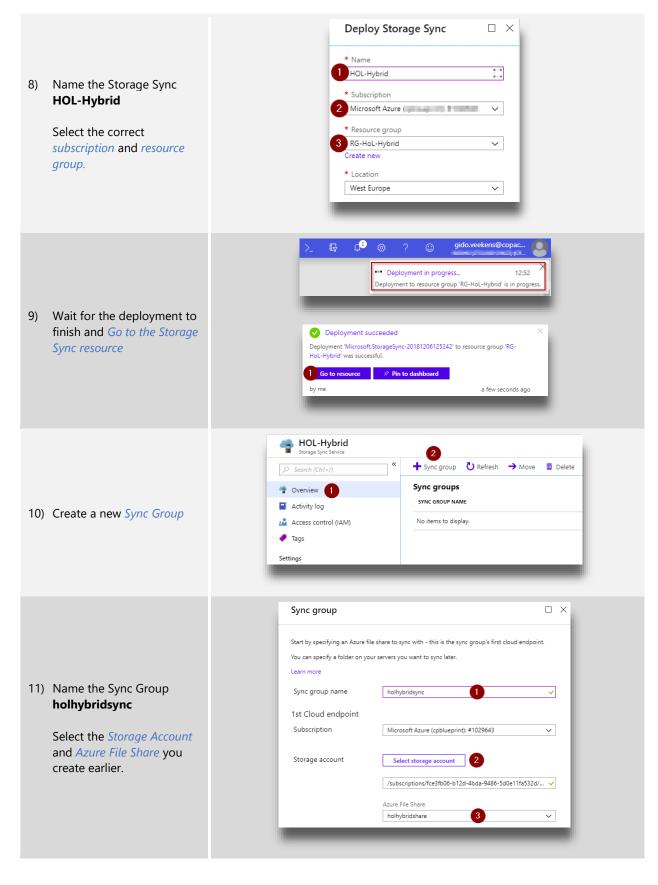








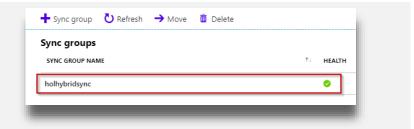




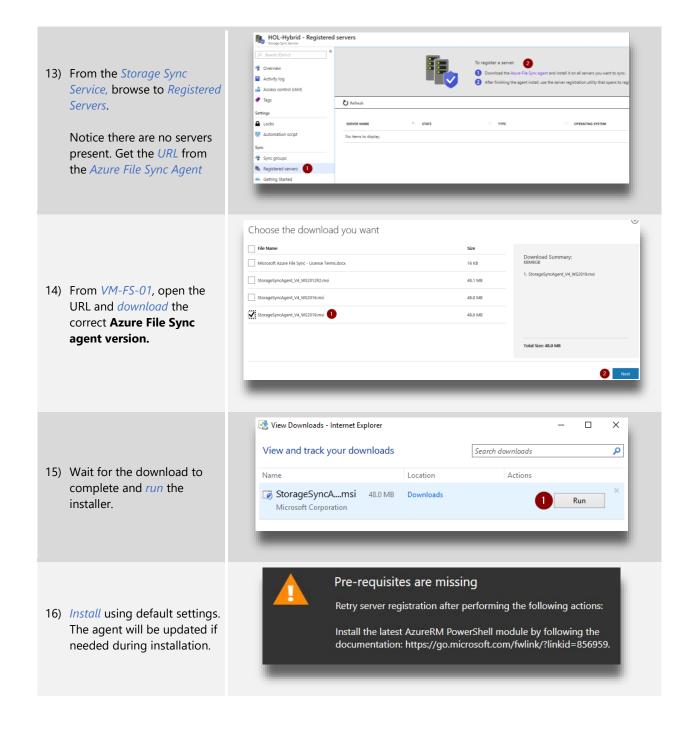
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12) Wait for the new *Sync Group* to give a *healthy* status.

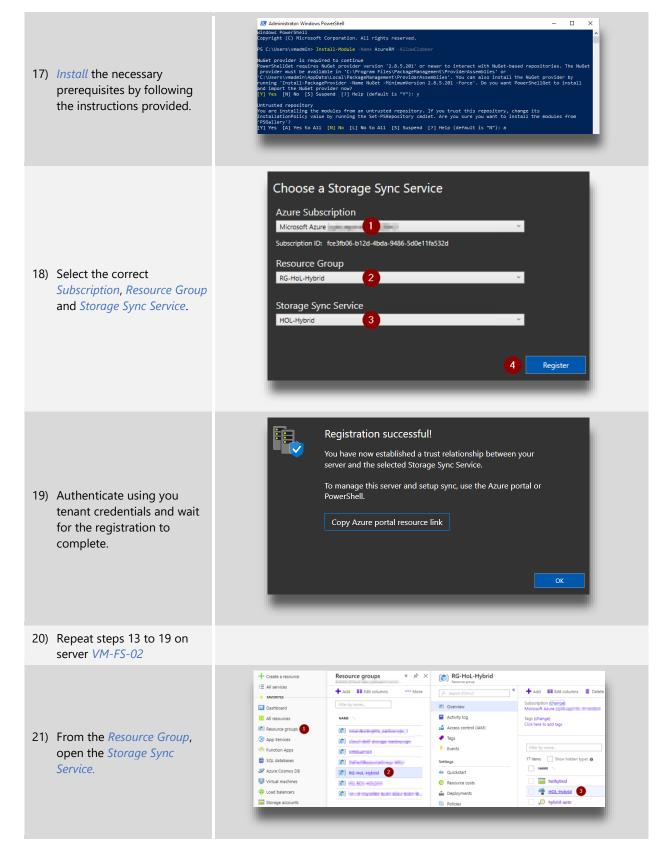


Exercise 3b: Deploy Azure Files Sync Agent



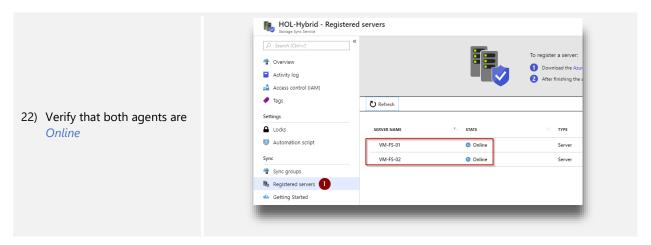
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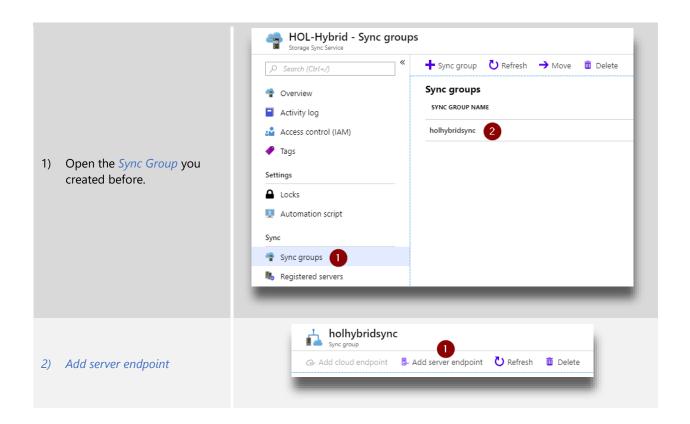


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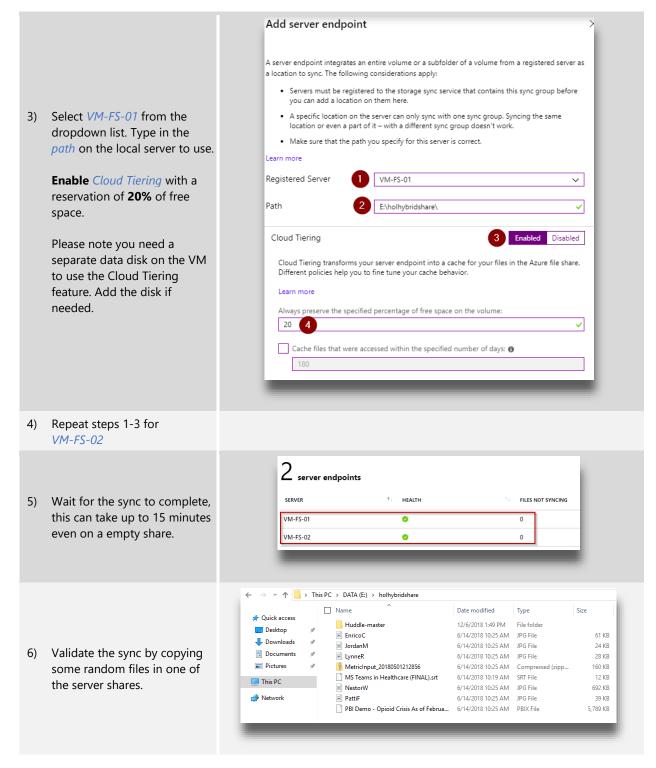


Exercise 3c: Configure sync using cloud tiering



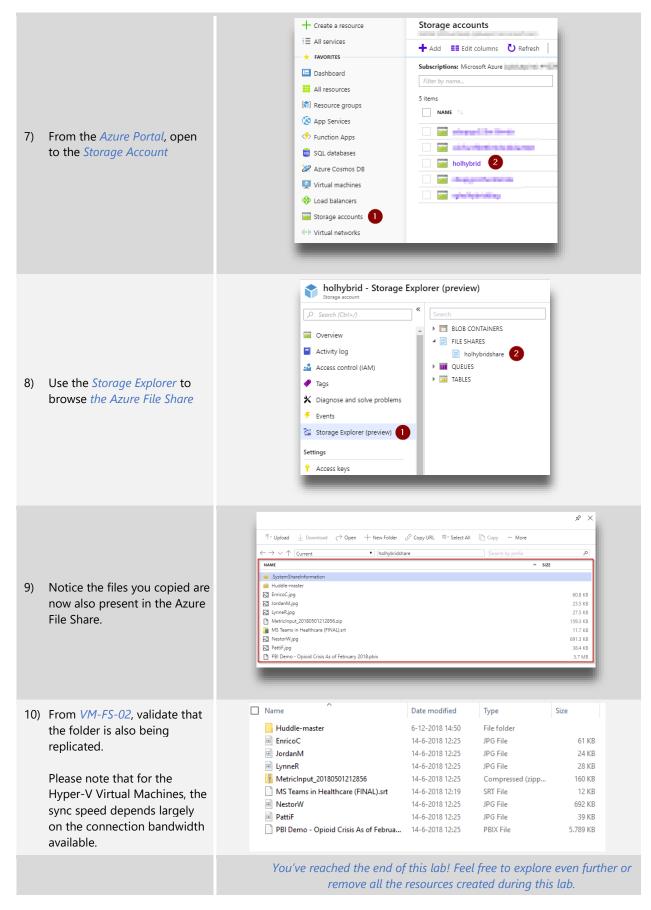














Remove resources in Azure tenant

Pleas make sure you shut down any Virtual Machines in Azure If you don't need them, so they won't be charged for their compute resources. Also, if you finished the lab, you can safely delete all resources created in this lab. This way no more consumption will take place.

To do so, open the Resource Group you created during this lab. Select the *Delete Resource Group* button in the top bar and *confirm* the deletion. Wait for some time and all resource will be deleted.



Additional resources

Windows Admin Center

Windows Admin Center Documentation

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/manage/windows-admin-center/understand/windows-admin-center

Extensions

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/manage/windows-admin-center/extend/extensibility-overview

Azure Files

Azure Files Documentation

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/files/storage-files-introduction

Azure File Sync Release Notes

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/files/storage-files-release-notes

Azure File Sync Agent download

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=57159

Microsoft Ignite Sessions

Ignite - Windows Server management reimagined with Windows Admin Center https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQeXhfD5WrY

Ignite – Establishing hybrid connectivity with Windows Server 2019 and Microsoft Azure https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMSD3o3huiU

Ignite - From Hyper-V to hyper-converged infrastructure with Windows Admin Center https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCDX142KgVc