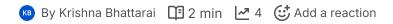




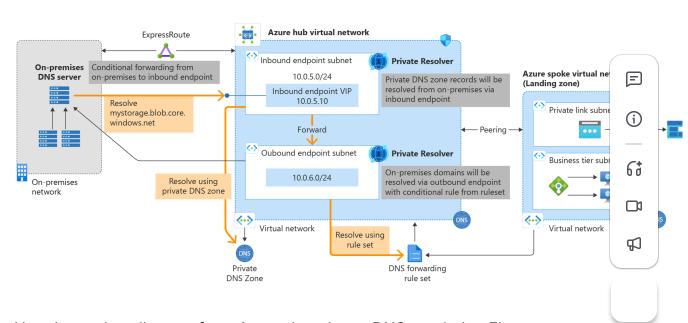
# Private DNS Resolver



One of the most important components of HaloMD's network Architecture is our Private DNS Resolver.

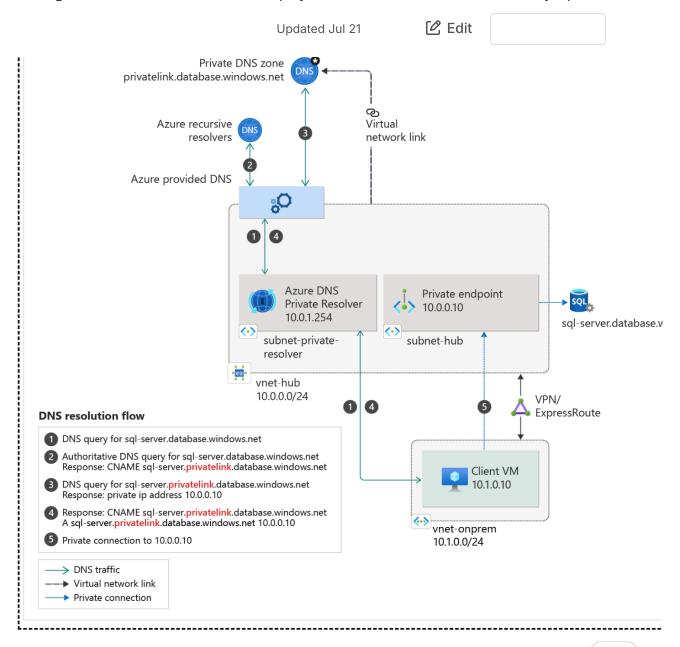
In this article, I will demystify, clarify, and document how Private DNS Resolver works.

Here is a General Architectural Diagram of a Private DNS Resolver. Note that the subnets shown in the diagram are not specific to HaloMD, this is a generic diagram from Azure:



Here is another diagram from Azure that shows DNS resolution Flow:

The following diagram illustrates the DNS resolution sequence from an on-premises network. The configuration uses a Private Resolver deployed in Azure. The resolution is made by a private DNS zo



## So what is a Private DNS Resolver?

In general terms, it is a fully managed, cloud-native service that enables DNS resolution between Azure virtual networks and on-premise environments without having to deploy custom DNS servers.

## So architecturally where does this live?

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central point of DNS resolution. In our case, it exists nere:

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It has a notion of these main components:

- inbound endpoint
- outbound endpoint
- virtual network links

**Inbound Endpoint:** This is the endpoint that accepts DNS Queries from peered-VNets or from on-premises environments if so configured. For us, this endpoint has a specific IP address that is **10.62.0.68** 

As an example, when someone does a nslookup using the **HaloMD VPN**, they will and should see this:

```
1 nslookup briefbuilder.halomd.com
2 Server: 10.62.0.68
3 Address: 10.62.0.68#53
4
5 Non-authoritative answer:
6 Name: briefbuilder.halomd.com
7 Address: 10.60.8.17
```

Notice how the server is 10.62.0.68? That is our Private DNS Resolver's endpoint.

**Outbound Endpoint:** So the purpose of this outbound endpoint is so that it can send DNS queries to other components like conditional forwarders, on premises DNS servers etc. This endpoint requiers a dedicated subnet in the VNet where it is provisioned, with no other service running in the subnet, and

can only be delegated to **Microsoft.Network/dnsResolvers**. DNS Queries sent to the outbound endpoint will egress from Azure.

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## Our forwarder:

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For example, we currently have an outbound endpoint named **hub-eus2-pDNS-outbound-1** and this component has what are called "**rulesets**", and those rulesets are essentially **DNS forwarding rulesets**. So these rulesets have "rules". For example, we have a ruleset where we forward specific DNS queries to the DNS controllers on the Mpower Tenant.

For example, we have a rule called "MPW\_SA\_TRUST\_DNS\_SVR" that says if we get a request for a domain name stxn.local. we forward those requests to these specific IPs

- 1 10.10.0.8:53
- 2 10.100.48.4:53
- 3 10.100.48.5:53
- 4 10.10.0.5:53

**Virtual Network Links:** Virtual network links are an important component of how all of this works. So these links help with the name resolution for virtual networks that are linked to an outbound endpoint with a DNS forwarding ruleset.

#### **Other Relevant Articles**

More information can be found in this Azure Article: What is Azure DNS Private Resolver? It goes in depth on what other restrictions exist.

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