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Challenge 2 - Let's get ready to cluster!

Background

Containers are extremely useful on their own, but their flexibility and potential is multiplied when deployed to an orchestrator/cluster.

You can learn more about the value of orchestrators at docs.microsoft.com (<https://docs.microsoft.com>), or more specifically the following links:

- [Service Fabric and Containers](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/service-fabric/service-fabric-containers-overview)
(<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/service-fabric/service-fabric-containers-overview>)

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- Introduction to Azure Container Service (AKS)

([https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/)
[aks/](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/)
[kubernetes](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/))

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Once you have a cluster configured, you can react quickly to demand and leverage the extended functionality of the underlying platform to best suit your needs whether that's:

- Deploying quickly and reliably.
- Scaling on at will to meet demand.
- Rolling out new features or upgrades.
- Utilizing only what resources you need for your current provision.

Challenge

Your team's goal in this challenge is to deploy the same container you used in challenge 1, to a cluster in Azure either with Service Fabric (<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/service-fabric/>) or Azure Container Service (AKS) (<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/>) in the *EastUS* Azure region.

Success Criteria

- Create a cluster in Azure, running v1.0 of your chosen container, in the *EastUS* Azure region.

References

- You can find the Minecraft containers on Docker Hub (<https://hub.docker.com/r/openhack/minecraft-server/>)
- HINT: There is a second port on a Minecraft server for RCON (Remote Console) **25575**, in addition to the default

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connection port (25565). The hack portal uses this to verify your server!!

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Some other useful resources in addition to the ones in challenge 1 are:

- [Azure resource naming best practices](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/best-practices/naming-conventions)
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- [Azure CLI reference](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/get-started-with-azure-cli) (<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/get-started-with-azure-cli>)
- [Kubectl overview](https://kubernetes.io/docs/user-guide/kubectl-overview/) (<https://kubernetes.io/docs/user-guide/kubectl-overview/>)
- [Service Fabric Containers Overview](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/service-fabric/service-fabric-containers-overview)
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