

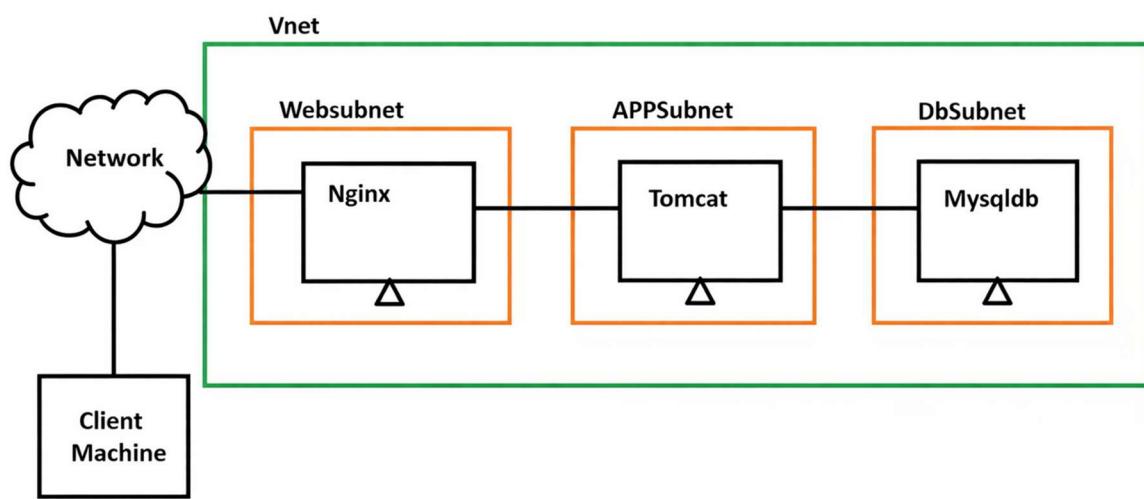
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Project -1

Building a 3-Tier Architecture On Azure



3-Tier Architecture

This project demonstrates the implementation of a **3-tier architecture on Microsoft Azure** to build a secure and scalable web application environment. The architecture is divided into three layers: a **Web Server layer** that handles client requests, an **Application Server layer** running **Apache Tomcat on port 8080**, and a **Database layer** using **MySQL on port 3306**. Each tier is deployed on separate Azure Virtual Machines to ensure proper isolation and manageability.

The Web Server acts as the entry point for users and forwards application requests to the internal application layer. The Application Server processes all business logic and communicates with the database server to store and retrieve data. The Database Server is placed in a private network to protect sensitive information and allow access only from the application tier.

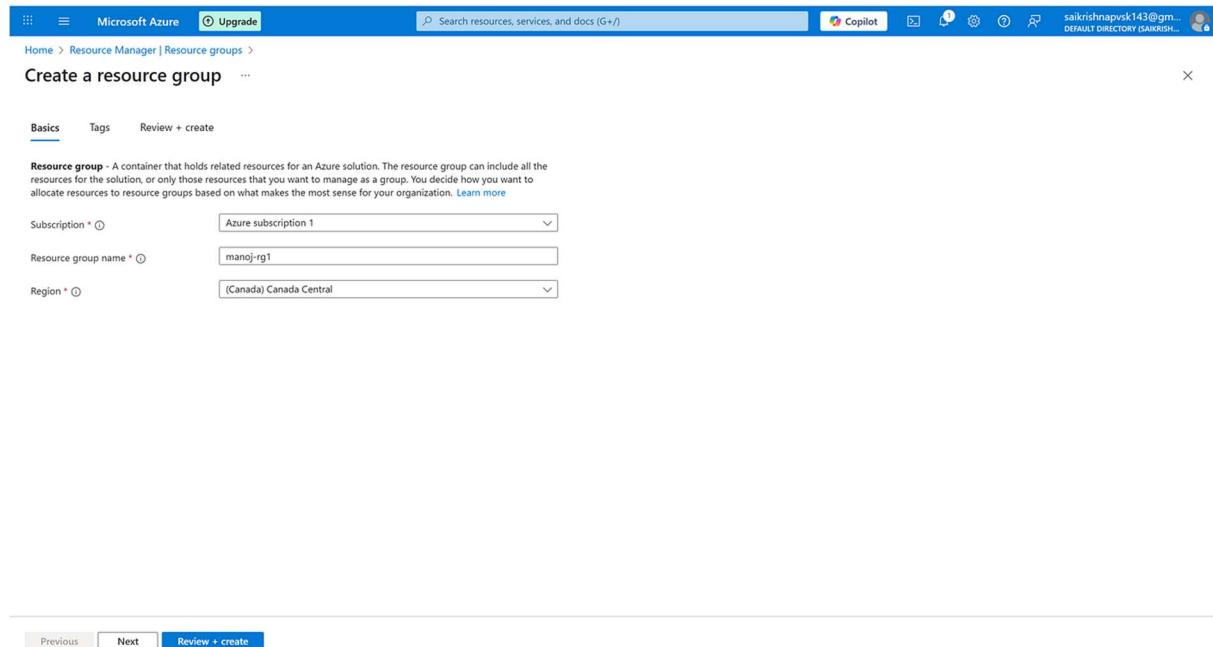
By using Azure Virtual Networks, subnets, and Network Security Groups, the architecture follows cloud best practices for security, availability, and scalability. This project represents a real-world enterprise-style deployment of a multi-tier application using Microsoft Azure.

Prerequisites:

- Azure Free Trail Subscription
- Resource Group
- Virtual Network (VNet)
- Subnets-WebServer (10.0.0.0), AppServer (172.16.0.0), DB server (172.16.1.0)
- Network Security Group (NSG)

Steps to Build 3-Tier Architecture:

Step 1: Create a Resource Group



The screenshot shows the Azure portal's 'Create a resource group' wizard. The 'Basics' tab is active. The 'Subscription' dropdown is set to 'Azure subscription 1'. The 'Resource group name' input field contains 'manoj-rg1'. The 'Region' dropdown is set to '(Canada) Canada Central'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons, and a highlighted 'Review + create' button.

Select a region of your choice and assign a name to your Resource Group (RG) and then click on **Review + Create**.

Step 2: Create a Virtual Network (VNet):

Search for a “Virtual Network” and click on create.

The screenshot shows the 'Create virtual network' wizard on the 'Basics' step. It includes sections for 'Project details' (Subscription: Azure subscription 1, Resource group: manoj-rg1) and 'Instance details' (Virtual network name: manoj-web-vnet, Region: (Canada) Canada Central). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons, and a prominent blue 'Review + create' button.

Select a Resource Group, where the VNet is deployed and give a name to the Virtual Network and select a region and click next and move to IP Address section.

Note: The region of Resource Group and VNet can be different as it is not mandatory to be same, and it does not effect our architecture.

The screenshot shows the 'Create virtual network' wizard on the 'IP addresses' step. It includes a summary of the address space (10.0.0.0/16, 65,536 addresses) and a table for defining subnets. A new subnet named 'web-subnet' is listed with the range 10.0.0.0 - 10.0.0.255 and size /24 (256 addresses). Buttons at the bottom include 'Add IPv4 address space' and navigation buttons for 'Previous', 'Next', and 'Review + create'.

Here select **IP Address and CIDR Range** as required for your architecture and edit the name and subnet. Here we are going to use this Subnet for Web Server.

Create Another Virtual Network:

The screenshot shows the 'Create virtual network' wizard on the 'Basics' step. At the top, there are tabs for 'Basics', 'Security', 'IP addresses', 'Tags', and 'Review + create'. Below the tabs, a descriptive text explains that Azure Virtual Network (VNet) is the fundamental building block for private networks. It mentions that VNet enables secure communication between Azure resources like VMs and the internet, and it provides additional benefits like scale, availability, and isolation. A 'Learn more' link is provided. The 'Project details' section asks for a subscription and resource group. The 'Subscription' dropdown is set to 'Azure subscription 1' and the 'Resource group' dropdown is set to 'manoj-rg1', with a 'Create new' option available. The 'Instance details' section asks for a 'Virtual network name' (set to 'app-db-vnet') and a 'Region' (set to '(Canada) Canada East'). There is also a 'Deploy to an Azure Extended Zone' link. At the bottom of the screen are 'Previous', 'Next', and 'Review + create' buttons.

Here select a different region and click on next and move to IP Address page.

The screenshot shows the 'Create virtual network' wizard on the 'IP addresses' step. At the top, there are tabs for 'Basics', 'Security', 'IP addresses', 'Tags', and 'Review + create'. Below the tabs, a descriptive text explains how to configure the virtual network address space with IPv4 and IPv6 ranges and subnets. It mentions that Azure assigns IP addresses from the subnet. A 'Learn more' link is provided. The 'Allocate using IP address pools' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Add a subnet' button is visible. The main area shows an existing address space entry for '172.16.0.0/16' with the range '172.16.0.0 - 172.16.255.255' and '65,536 addresses'. Below this, there is a table for subnets:

Subnets	IP address range	Size	NAT gateway
app-subnet	172.16.0.0 - 172.16.0.255	/24 (256 addresses)	-
db-subnet	172.16.1.0 - 172.16.1.255	/24 (256 addresses)	-

At the bottom, there is a 'Delete address space' button and a 'Add IPv4 address space' button. Navigation buttons 'Previous', 'Next', and 'Review + create' are at the very bottom.

Here change the VNet range and Create two Subnets, and click on create.

172.16.0.0 - It will be assigned to App Server

172.16.1.0 - It Will be assigned to DB Server

Note: We are creating two VNets in two different regions because, Azure Free trial doesn't provide **1vCPU** service (Total of 4vCPU's). And here we need three servers so we use two different VNets in two different regions.

Step 3: Create Virtual Machines:

Now it's time to create VM's or Servers.

Web Server:

Search for Virtual Machines and click on create and select first option (virtual machine).

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Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription *  Azure subscription 1 

Resource group *  manoj-rg1 
[Create new](#)

Instance details

Virtual machine name *  manoj-webserver 

Region *  (Canada) Canada Central 
[Deploy to an Azure Extended Zone](#)

Availability options  No infrastructure redundancy required 

Security type  Trusted launch virtual machines 
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Image *  Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS - x64 Gen2 (free services eligible) 
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VM architecture  Arm64 x64

Run with Azure Spot discount 

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Here select the RG and give a name to your VM, and Select the region where you created you first VNet i.e; **manoj-web-vnet**. and select availability options you need and the image (Ubuntu), and scroll down

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Size * Standard_D2s_v3 - 2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory (US\$81.03/month)

Enable Hibernation Hibernate does not currently support Trusted launch and Confidential virtual machines for Linux images. [Learn more](#)

Administrator account

Authentication type Password

Username * manoj

Password * *****

Confirm password * *****

Inbound port rules

Select which virtual machine network ports are accessible from the public internet. You can specify more limited or granular network access on the Networking tab.

Public inbound ports * Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports * SSH (22)

This will allow all IP addresses to access your virtual machine. This is only recommended for testing. Use the Advanced controls in the Networking tab to create rules to limit inbound traffic to known IP addresses.

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Select the size (smallest size 2vcpus), and select SSH or password as you wish (here i selected password and gave username and password), and allow SSH port, because we need it to connect to the server, and go disks page.

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Standard D2s v3 disks will be retired on September 6, 2020. [Select alternative storage](#)

Azure VMs have one operating system disk and a temporary disk for short-term storage. You can attach additional data disks. The size of the VM determines the type of storage you can use and the number of data disks allowed. [Learn more](#)

VM disk encryption

Azure disk storage automatically encrypts your data stored on Azure managed disks (OS and data disks) at rest by default when persisting it to the cloud.

Encryption at host Encryption at host is not registered for the selected subscription. [Learn more](#)

OS disk

OS disk size Image default (30 GiB)

OS disk type * Standard HDD (locally-redundant storage)

The selected VM size supports premium disks. We recommend Premium SSD for high IOPS workloads. Virtual machines with Premium SSD disks qualify for the 99.9% connectivity SLA.

Delete with VM

Key management Platform-managed key

Enable Ultra Disk compatibility Ultra disk is supported in Availability Zone(s) 1,2,3 for the selected VM size Standard_D2s_v3.

Data disks for manoj-webserver

You can add and configure additional data disks for your virtual machine or attach existing disks. This VM also comes with a

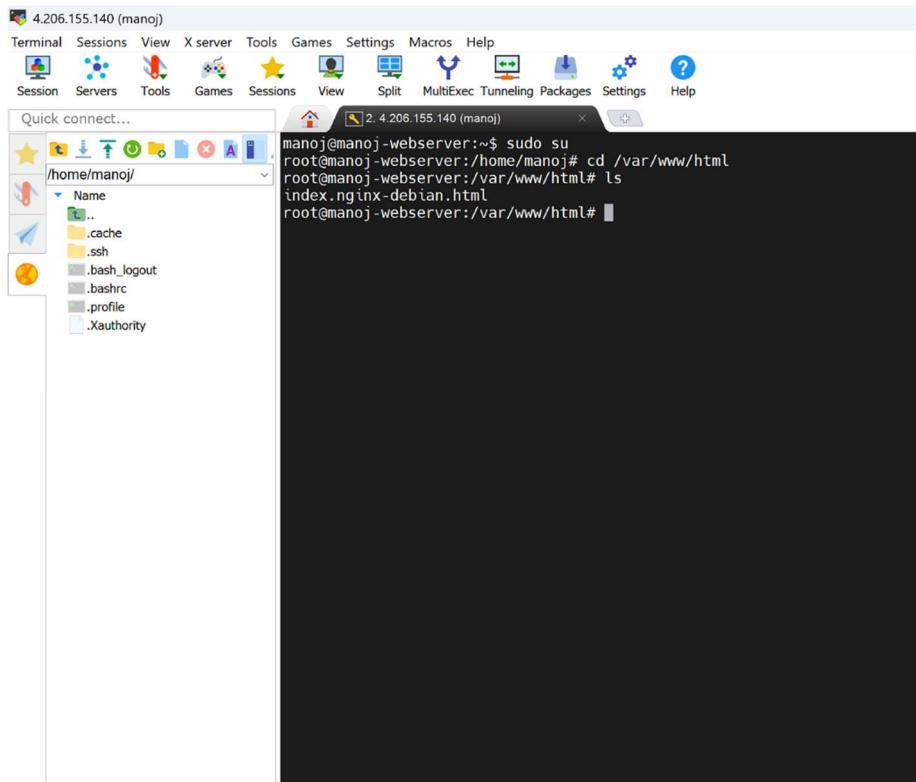
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Select the disk type, here i selected HDD, and click on next.

Here select the VNet (manoj-web-vnet), which is created for web server and select the subnet range and click on next and move to Advanced settings page.

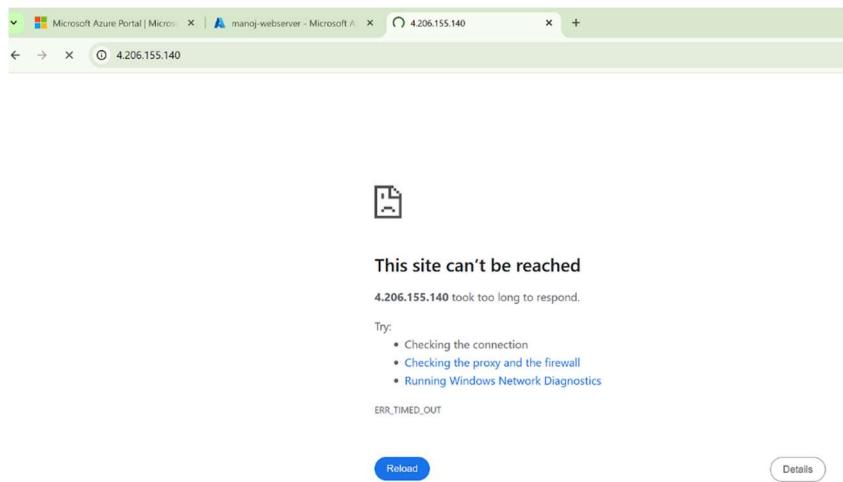
In this server we need to install **Nginx server**, that is used and wed server (frontend server), so write the commands as shown in custom data, this will automatically install nginx server while creating the VM, and then click on review + create.

Now lets connect to the server and check whether the nginx server is installed or not. Here i used **Mobaxterm**, to connect to the Vm's using SSH and provide the **public ip** of the machine and enter password.



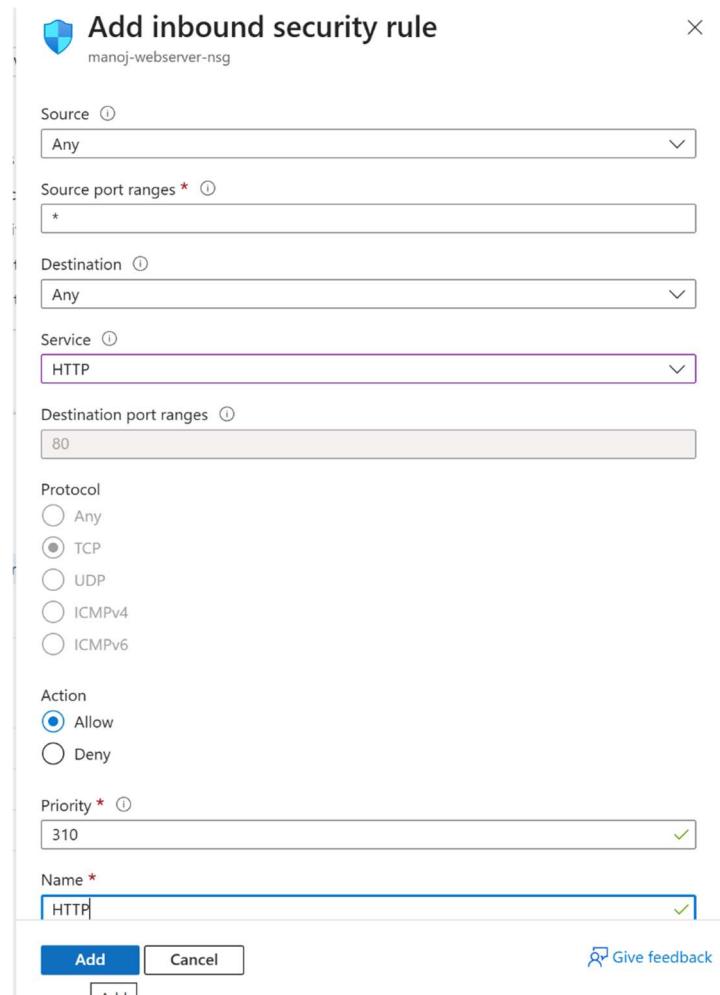
Execute the “**cd /var/www/html**” command to move to the directory and execute ls command to check the nginx is installed or not. In the screenshot you can check the nginx server is showed.

Now lets try to access the server by typing our server public ip address in chrome.



So we can see the server is not been accessed, so here we need to set **inbound rules** to allow http port no.80.

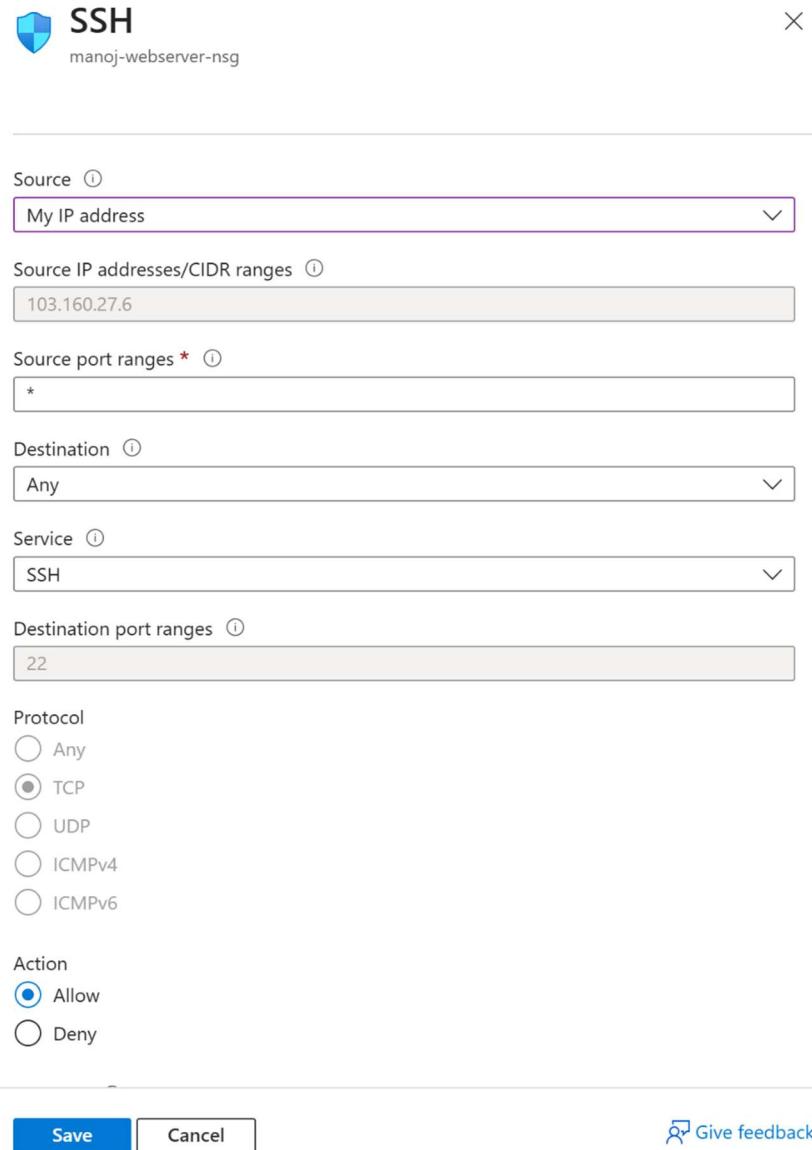
Go to web server and go to network setting and scroll down, there you can find inbound and outbound rules and set them as follow and click add.



Now anyone can access the nginx server, now go to chrome and search with our public ip.



So the nginx server is being able to access, and we also need to change the ssh inbound rule, because only the host should have the access to the main host server. Now go to network settings and click on ssh edit and give the ip address of the host machine to access the main web server.



App Server:

Now its time to create App Server, Search for Virtual Machines and click on create and select first option (virtual machine).

Follow the same steps while of WebServer while creating App Server VM as well, but there will be some changes.

The region will be different. The region should be as same as the 2nd VNet i.e; app-db-vnet. Here the both App server and DB Server will be in same VNet with different subnets.

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Subscription * ⓘ

Azure subscription 1

Resource group * ⓘ

manoj-rg1

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Instance details

Virtual machine name * ⓘ

manoj-appserver

Region * ⓘ

(Canada) Canada East

[Deploy to an Azure Extended Zone](#)

Availability options ⓘ

No infrastructure redundancy required

Security type ⓘ

Trusted launch virtual machines

[Configure security features](#)

Image * ⓘ

 Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS - x64 Gen2 (free services eligible)

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VM architecture ⓘ

Arm64

x64

Run with Azure Spot discount ⓘ

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Size * ⓘ

Standard_D2s_v3 - 2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory (US\$81.03/month)

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Enable Hibernation ⓘ

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Administrator account

Authentication type ⓘ

SSH public key

Password

Username * ⓘ

manoj

Password * ⓘ

Confirm password * ⓘ

Inbound port rules

Select which virtual machine network ports are accessible from the public internet. You can specify more limited or granular network access on the Networking tab.

Public inbound ports * ⓘ

None

Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports

Select one or more ports

 All traffic from the internet will be blocked by default. You will be able to change inbound port rules in the VM > Networking page.

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Here deny the ports, we will add inbound rules later.

The screenshot shows the 'Networking' tab of the Azure VM creation wizard. Under 'Virtual network', 'app-db-vnet' is selected. Under 'Subnet', 'app-subnet (172.16.0.0/24)' is chosen. Under 'Public IP', '(new) manoj-appserver-ip' is selected. Under 'NIC network security group', 'Basic' is chosen. Under 'Public inbound ports', 'None' is selected. A note at the bottom states: 'All traffic from the internet will be blocked by default. You will be able to change inbound port rules in the VM > Networking page.' Navigation buttons at the bottom include '< Previous', 'Next : Management >', and 'Review + create'.

Select app-db-vnet and select 172.16.0.0/24 subnet for this server and click on review + create.

DB Server:

Now create another VM — DB Server as same as APP server by selecting different subnet 172.16.1.0/24.

The screenshot shows the 'Project details' tab of the Azure VM creation wizard. Under 'Subscription', 'Azure subscription' is selected. Under 'Resource group', 'manoj-rg1' is selected. Under 'Instance details', 'Virtual machine name' is 'manoj-dbserver', 'Region' is '(Canada) Canada East', 'Availability options' is 'No infrastructure redundancy required', 'Security type' is 'Trusted launch virtual machines', and 'Image' is 'Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS - x64 Gen2 (free services eligible)'. Under 'VM architecture', 'x64' is selected. A checkbox for 'Run with Azure Spot discount' is unchecked. Navigation buttons at the bottom include '< Previous', 'Next : Disks >', and 'Review + create'.

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Size * ⓘ Standard_D2s_v3 - 2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory (US\$81.03/month) See all sizes

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Administrator account

Authentication type ⓘ Password

Username * ⓘ manoj

Password * Confirm password *

Inbound port rules

Select which virtual machine network ports are accessible from the public internet. You can specify more limited or granular network access on the Networking tab.

Public inbound ports * ⓘ None Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports Select one or more ports

All traffic from the internet will be blocked by default. You will be able to change inbound port rules in the VM > Networking page.

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Networking

Define network connectivity for your virtual machine by configuring network interface card (NIC) settings. You can control ports, inbound and outbound connectivity with security group rules, or place behind an existing load balancing solution. [Learn more](#)

Network interface

When creating a virtual machine, a network interface will be created for you.

Virtual network * ⓘ app-db-vnet Create new

Subnet * ⓘ db-subnet (172.16.1.0/24) Manage subnet configuration

Public IP ⓘ (new) manoj-dbserver-ip Create new

NIC network security group ⓘ Basic Advanced

Public inbound ports * ⓘ None Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports Select one or more ports

All traffic from the internet will be blocked by default. You will be able to change inbound port rules in the VM > Networking page.

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Step 4: Setting Up Peering:

We need to do Network Peering because we used two different VNet's to deploy our servers and it is necessary that the three servers should communicate with each other, so we use peering.

Peering: Acts as bridge between two virtual networks.

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Add peering

...

manoj-web-vnet

Virtual network peering enables you to seamlessly connect two or more virtual networks in Azure. This will allow resources in either virtual network to directly connect and communicate with resources in the peered virtual network.

Remote virtual network summary

Peering link name *	<input type="text" value="web-appdb-peering"/>
I know my resource ID ⓘ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subscription *	<input type="text" value="Azure subscription 1"/>
Virtual network *	<input type="text" value="app-db-vnet (manoj-rg1)"/>

Remote virtual network peering settings

Allow 'app-db-vnet' to access 'manoj-web-vnet' ⓘ

Allow 'app-db-vnet' to receive forwarded traffic from 'manoj-web-vnet' ⓘ

Allow gateway or route server in 'app-db-vnet' to forward traffic to 'manoj-web-vnet' ⓘ

Enable 'app-db-vnet' to use 'manoj-web-vnet's' remote gateway or route server ⓘ

[Add](#)

[Cancel](#)

Go to any one of the two VNet's, ex: manoj-web-vnet and click on peering option from the left side window and give a name to the peering and select the virtual network (destination vnet) i.e; app-db-vnet and click on add.

This will add the peering and we can verify whether the server are communicating or not by using "ping" command.

```

root@manoj-webserver:/# ping 172.16.0.4
PING 172.16.0.4 (172.16.0.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=14.0 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=11.8 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=11.6 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=11.7 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=11.6 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=11.8 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=11.8 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.0.4: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=11.7 ms
^C
--- 172.16.0.4 ping statistics ---
8 packets transmitted, 7 received, 12.5% packet loss, time 7066ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 11.642/12.032/14.016/0.811 ms
root@manoj-webserver:/# ping 172.16.1.4
PING 172.16.1.4 (172.16.1.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.16.1.4: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=15.2 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.4: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=11.6 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.4: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=11.6 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.4: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=13.1 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.4: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=11.8 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.4: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=11.5 ms
^C
--- 172.16.1.4 ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 6 received, 0% packet loss, time 5008ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 11.496/12.471/15.244/1.363 ms
root@manoj-webserver:/#

```

Step 5: Adding Inbound and Outbound Rules:

Web Server (Frontend): for web server we already added the inbound rules above and it should be accessed by public as it is the frontend page.

App Server (Backend): App Server should be private and should not be access by public.

- App server should only communicate with web server, so set the rules as follow.

The screenshot shows the Azure portal's Network settings for the 'manoj-appserver149' interface. The 'Network interface / IP configuration' section shows the interface is primary and has a private IP of 172.16.0.4. The 'Rules' section lists three inbound port rules:

Priority	Name	Port	Protocol
65000	AllowVnetInBound	Any	Any
65001	AllowAzureLoadBalancerInBound	Any	Any

The 'Add inbound security rule' dialog is open, showing the following configuration:

- Source:** IP Addresses: 10.0.0.4
- Destination:** IP Addresses: 172.16.0.4
- Protocol:** Any
- Action:** Allow
- Port:** 8080

Here the source should be the private ip of webserver (10.0.0.4) and destination should be app server private ip (172.16.0.4).

DB Server (Database): The DB Server should not have connection with the web server (frontend), so we deny all ports or requests from webserver, here we give source webserver (10.0.0.4) and destination db server (172.16.1.4) private address and select any ports and select deny.

 Add inbound security rule

manoj-dbserver-nsg

Source ⓘ

IP Addresses

Source IP addresses/CIDR ranges * ⓘ

10.0.0.4

Source port ranges * ⓘ

*

Destination ⓘ

IP Addresses

Destination IP addresses/CIDR ranges * ⓘ

172.16.1.4

Service ⓘ

Custom

Destination port ranges * ⓘ

*

Protocol

Any

TCP

UDP

ICMPv4

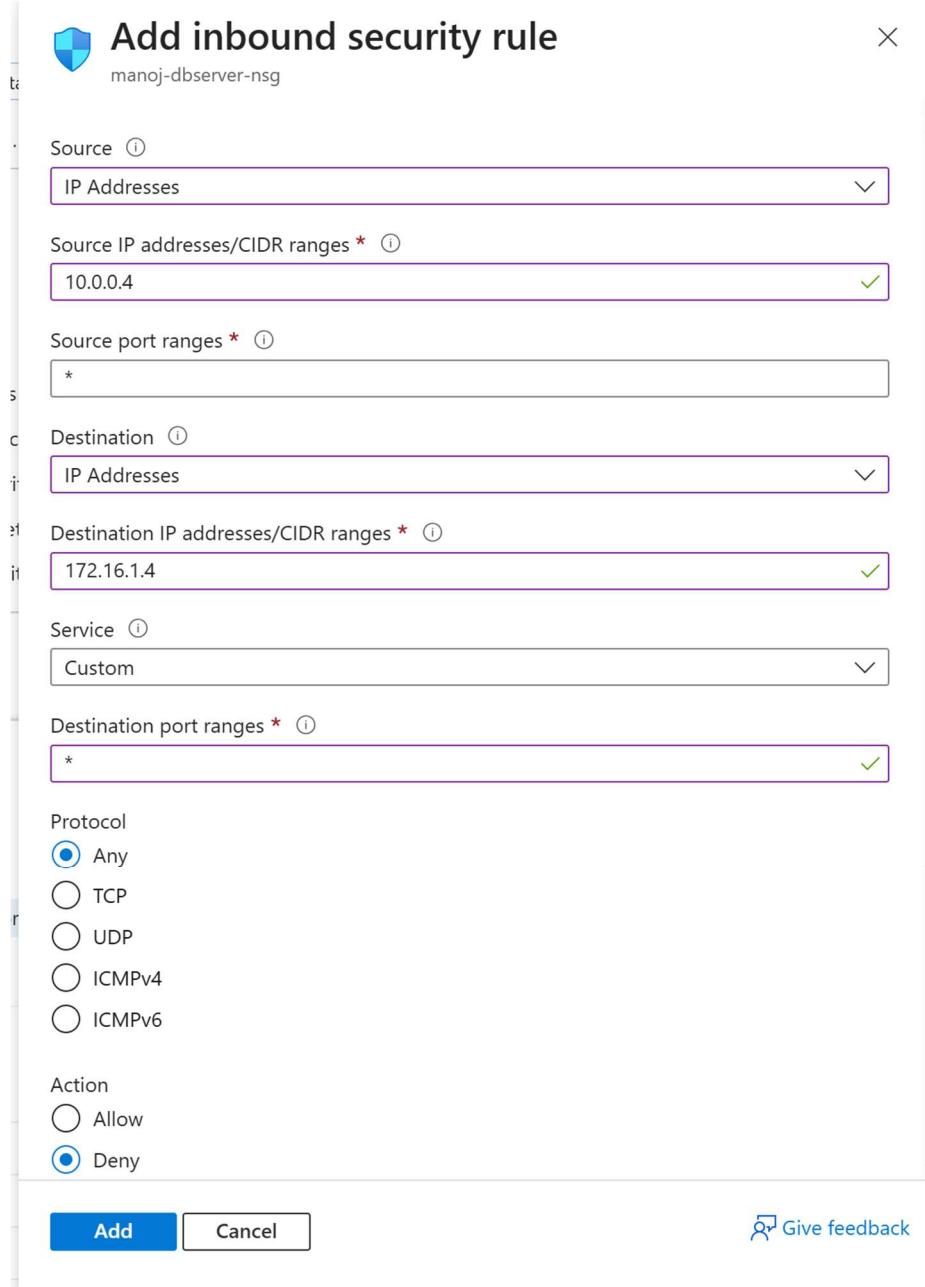
ICMPv6

Action

Allow

Deny

Add Cancel Give feedback



But database make requests and response from the app server so we give 3306 — mysql port access by giving appserver private ip as source and db server private ip as destination and allow 3306 port.

The screenshot shows the Azure Network settings for a VM. On the left, under 'Network interface', it lists: Network interface (manoj-dbserver183), Virtual network / subnet (app-db-vnet / db-subnet), Public IP address (4.248.5.117), Private IP address (172.16.1.4), and Admin security rules (0). On the right, the 'allow-app-db' rule is detailed:

- Source:** IP Addresses (172.16.0.4)
- Destination:** IP Addresses (172.16.1.4)
- Service:** Custom
- Protocol:** Any
- Port:** 3306
- Action:** Allow

Step 6: Installing and Configuring Tomcat in AppServer:

- So the setting up of all servers are done and now lets see the connectivity between the,

webserver and app server - telnet 172.16.0.4 8080 , command. Here we will get error because we didnot install tomcat in appserver.

```
manoj@manoj-dbserver:~$ telnet 172.16.0.4 8080
Trying 172.16.0.4...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused
manoj@manoj-dbserver:~$
```

So follow the below commands to install and run tomcat in appserver. Here we can directly run appserver from webserver by the using SSH command: **ssh manoj@172.16.0.4**, we can directly move to appserver and execute the below commands from root user.

- apt update
- apt install openjdk-11-jdk -y
- useradd -m -U -d /opt/tomcat -s /bin/false tomcat - to create tomcat user
- cd /tmp
- wget <https://archive.apache.org/dist/tomcat/tomcat10/v10.1.19/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz> - to install tomcat from internet

- `mkdir -p /opt/tomcat` - create a directory
- `tar -xzf /tmp/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz -C /opt/tomcat --strip-components=1` - extract after download in the created directory

```
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# wget https://downloads.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.19/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz -P /tmp
--2025-12-18 10:17:31-- https://downloads.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.19/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz
Resolving downloads.apache.org (downloads.apache.org)... 88.99.208.237, 135.181.214.104, 2a01:4f9:3a:2c57::2, ...
Connecting to downloads.apache.org (downloads.apache.org)|88.99.208.237|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 404 Not Found
2025-12-18 10:17:31 ERROR 404: Not Found.

root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# cd /tmp
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# wget https://dlcdn.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.24/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.24.tar.gz
--2025-12-18 10:19:33-- https://dlcdn.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.24/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.24.tar.gz
Resolving dlcdn.apache.org (dlcdn.apache.org)... 151.101.2.132, 2a04:4e42::644
Connecting to dlcdn.apache.org (dlcdn.apache.org)|151.101.2.132|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 404 Not Found
2025-12-18 10:19:34 ERROR 404: Not Found.

root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# cd /tmp
wget https://archive.apache.org/dist/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.19/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz
--2025-12-18 10:19:48-- https://archive.apache.org/dist/tomcat/tomcat-10/v10.1.19/bin/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz
Resolving archive.apache.org (archive.apache.org)... 65.108.204.189, 2a01:4f9:1:a:a84::2
Connecting to archive.apache.org (archive.apache.org)|65.108.204.189|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 12718453 (12M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz'

apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz    100%[=====] 12.13M   389KB/s   in 33s
2025-12-18 10:20:21 (381 KB/s) - 'apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz' saved [12718453/12718453]
```

- `ls /opt/tomcat` - must see (bin conf lib logs webapps work temp)

```
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# chown -R tomcat:tomcat /opt/tomcat
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# chmod +x /opt/tomcat/bin/*.sh
chmod: cannot access '/opt/tomcat/bin/*.sh': No such file or directory
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# ls /tmp
apache-tomcat-10.1.19
apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz
hsperfdata_root
snap-private-tmp
systemd-private-6962605a13ec4817861eac5408c291e3-chrony.service-MbX5ih
systemd-private-6962605a13ec4817861eac5408c291e3-polkit.service-00W2GO
systemd-private-6962605a13ec4817861eac5408c291e3-systemd-logind.service-2FJjuJ
systemd-private-6962605a13ec4817861eac5408c291e3-systemd-resolved.service-C5xwWw
systemd-private-6962605a13ec4817861eac5408c291e3-ModemManager.service-g1VTPx
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# mkdir -p /opt/tomcat
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# tar -xzf /tmp/apache-tomcat-10.1.19.tar.gz -C /opt/tomcat --strip-components=1
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# ls /opt/tomcat
BUILDING.txt CONTRIBUTING.md LICENSE NOTICE README.md RELEASE-NOTES RUNNING.txt bin conf lib logs temp webapps work
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# chmod +x /opt/tomcat/bin/*.sh
```

- `chown -R tomcat:tomcat /opt/tomcat` - change ownership
- `chmod +x /opt/tomcat/bin/*.sh` - change permission
- `nano /etc/systemd/system/tomcat.service` - to create systemmed file

[Unit]

Description=Apache Tomcat

After=network.target

[Service]

Type=forking

User=tomcat

Group=tomcat

Environment=JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64

Environment=CATALINA_HOME=/opt/tomcat

Environment=CATALINA_BASE=/opt/tomcat

ExecStart=/opt/tomcat/bin/startup.sh

ExecStop=/opt/tomcat/bin/shutdown.sh

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "2. 4.206.155.140 (manoj)". The file being edited is "/etc/systemd/system/tomcat.service". The content of the file is as follows:

```
GNU nano 7.2
[Unit]
Description=Apache Tomcat Web Application Server
After=network.target
[Service]
Type=forking
User=tomcat
Group=tomcat
Environment="JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64"
Environment="CATALINA_HOME=/opt/tomcat"
Environment="CATALINA_BASE=/opt/tomcat"
Environment="CATALINA_PID=/opt/tomcat/temp/tomcat.pid"
ExecStart=/opt/tomcat/bin/startup.sh
ExecStop=/opt/tomcat/bin/shutdown.sh
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

- `systemctl daemon-reload`
- `systemctl start tomcat`
- `systemctl enable tomcat`

```
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# systemctl enable tomcat
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/tomcat.service → /etc/systemd/system/tomcat.service.
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# systemctl status tomcat
● tomcat.service - Apache Tomcat
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/tomcat.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-12-18 10:36:41 UTC; 1min 16s ago
       Main PID: 4674 (java)
          Tasks: 34 (limit: 9432)
         Memory: 112.2M (peak: 116.2M)
            CPU: 6.650s
           CGroup: /system.slice/tomcat.service
               └─4674 /usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64/bin/java -Djava.util.logging.config.file=/opt/tomcat/conf/logging.properties -Djava.util.logging.manager=org.apache.juli.ClassLoaderLogManager

Dec 18 10:36:41 manoj-appserver systemd[1]: Starting tomcat.service - Apache Tomcat...
Dec 18 10:36:41 manoj-appserver startup.sh[4667]: Tomcat started.
Dec 18 10:36:41 manoj-appserver systemd[1]: Started tomcat.service - Apache Tomcat.

root@manoj-appserver:/tmp# ufw allow 8080/tcp
Rules updated (v6)
root@manoj-appserver:/tmp#
```

- `ss -tulnp | grep 8080` — to check 8080 port is open or not
- Now go to webserver root address and retype the telnet command: `telnet 172.16.0.4 8080`

```
root@manoj-webserver:/# telnet 172.16.0.4 8080
Trying 172.16.0.4...
Connected to 172.16.0.4.
Escape character is '^]'.
```

Step 7: Installing and Configuring MySql database in DB Server:

Now we need to install MySql database in DB Server and try to connect from appserver to dbserver using: telnet 172.16.1.4

Now lets connect to app server from web server usinf SSH command and then from app server we connect to DB server using SSH command :

```
ssh manoj@172.16.1.4
```

We cannot directly connect to dbserver from webserver because we denied all the ports communication of dbserver with webserver.

Execute the following commands to install and configure MySql database:

- apt update
- apt install mysql-server -y
- systemctl start mysql
- systemctl enable mysql
- systemctl status mysql

```
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj# systemctl start mysql
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj# systemctl enable mysql
Synchronizing state of mysql.service with SysV service script with /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable mysql
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj# systemctl status mysql
● mysql.service - MySQL Community Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/mysql.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-12-18 10:54:15 UTC; 1min 20s ago
     Main PID: 3509 (mysqld)
       Status: "Server is operational"
        Tasks: 37 (limit: 9447)
      Memory: 365.3M (peak: 380.7M)
        CPU: 1.530s
       CGroup: /system.slice/mysql.service
               └─3509 /usr/sbin/mysqld

Dec 18 10:54:13 manoj-dbserver systemd[1]: Starting mysql.service - MySQL Community Server...
Dec 18 10:54:15 manoj-dbserver systemd[1]: Started mysql.service - MySQL Community Server.
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj#
```

- mysql_secure_installation - and press yes for all
- ss -tulnp | grep 3306

```
tcp LISTEN 0 70 127.0.0.1:33060 0.0.0.0:* users:(("mysqld",pid=3509,fd=21)) tcp
LISTEN 0 151 127.0.0.1:3306 0.0.0.0:* users:(("mysqld",pid=3509,fd=23))
```

You will get this msg after executing the above command, this indicates the port number is running and listening correctly.

Now try to connect db server from app server, but the connection will be refused.

```

manoj@manoj-appserver:~$ telnet 172.16.1.4 3306
Trying 172.16.1.4...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused
manoj@manoj-appserver:~$ ^C
manoj@manoj-appserver:~$ █

```

This is because in above grep command the ip is 127.0.0.1:3306, so it will connect to only that ip, so we need to change it to 0.0.0.0:3306 to connect using any ip address. Go to db server again and execute

- nano /etc/mysql/mysql.conf.d/mysqld.cnf

execute this cmd you will get as below image

```

GNU nano 7.2                                         /etc/mysql/mysql.conf.d/mysqld.cnf *
#
# The MySQL database server configuration file.
#
# One can use all long options that the program supports.
# Run program with --help to get a list of available options and with
# --print-defaults to see which it would actually understand and use.
#
# For explanations see
# http://dev.mysql.com/doc/mysql/en/server-system-variables.html

# Here is entries for some specific programs
# The following values assume you have at least 32M ram

[mysqld]
#
# * Basic Settings
#
user          = mysql
# pid-file     = /var/run/mysqld/mysqld.pid
# socket       = /var/run/mysqld/mysqld.sock
# port         = 3306
# datadir      = /var/lib/mysql

# If MySQL is running as a replication slave, this should be
# changed. Ref https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/server-system-variables.html#sysvar_tmpdir
# tmpdir        = /tmp
#
# Instead of skip-networking the default is now to listen only on
# localhost which is more compatible and is not less secure.
bind-address    = 0.0.0.0 █
mysqlx-bind-address = 127.0.0.1
#
# * Fine Tuning
#
key_buffer_size   = 16M
# max_allowed_packet = 64M
# thread_stack     = 256K
# thread_cache_size = -1

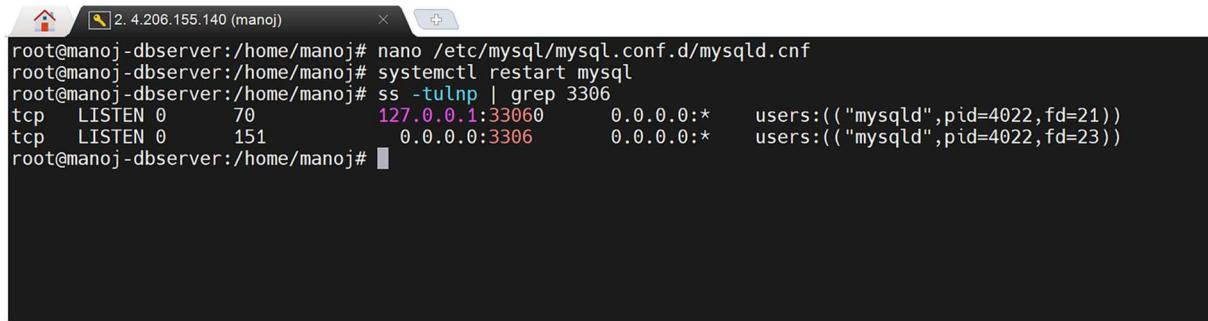
# This replaces the startup script and checks MyISAM tables if needed
# the first time they are touched
myisam-recover-options = BACKUP

# max_connections   = 151

```

Here change the bind-address from 127.0.0.1 to 0.0.0.0

- again execute: ss -tulnp | grep 3306



```
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj# nano /etc/mysql/mysql.conf.d/mysqld.cnf
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj# systemctl restart mysql
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj# ss -tulnp | grep 3306
tcp    LISTEN  0      70          127.0.0.1:3306          0.0.0.0:*      users:(("mysqld",pid=4022,fd=21))
tcp    LISTEN  0      151         0.0.0.0:3306          0.0.0.0:*      users:(("mysqld",pid=4022,fd=23))
root@manoj-dbserver:/home/manoj#
```

127.0.0.0:3306 is changed to 0.0.0.0:3306

Now try to connect to database server from appserver,



```
root@manoj-appserver:/home/manoj# telnet 172.16.1.4 3306
Trying 172.16.1.4...
Connected to 172.16.1.4.
Escape character is '^]'.
^Host 'manoj-appserver.internal.cloudapp.net' is not allowed to connect to this MySQL serverConnection closed by foreign host.
root@manoj-appserver:/home/manoj#
```

So the connection is established between appserver and dbserver.

Conclusion:

This project successfully demonstrates the implementation of a **3-tier architecture on Microsoft Azure**, following industry best practices for scalability, security, and maintainability. By separating the Web Server, Application Server, and Database Server into individual tiers, the system achieves better isolation, easier management, and improved performance.

The use of **Azure Virtual Networks, subnets, and Network Security Groups** ensures secure communication between tiers while restricting unauthorized access. The Web Server acts as the public entry point, the Application Server handles business logic using Apache Tomcat, and the Database Server securely stores data using MySQL in a private subnet.

Overall, this architecture reflects a real-world enterprise deployment model and provides a strong foundation for building scalable cloud applications. The project highlights how Azure services can be effectively used to design and deploy a secure multi-tier application environment.