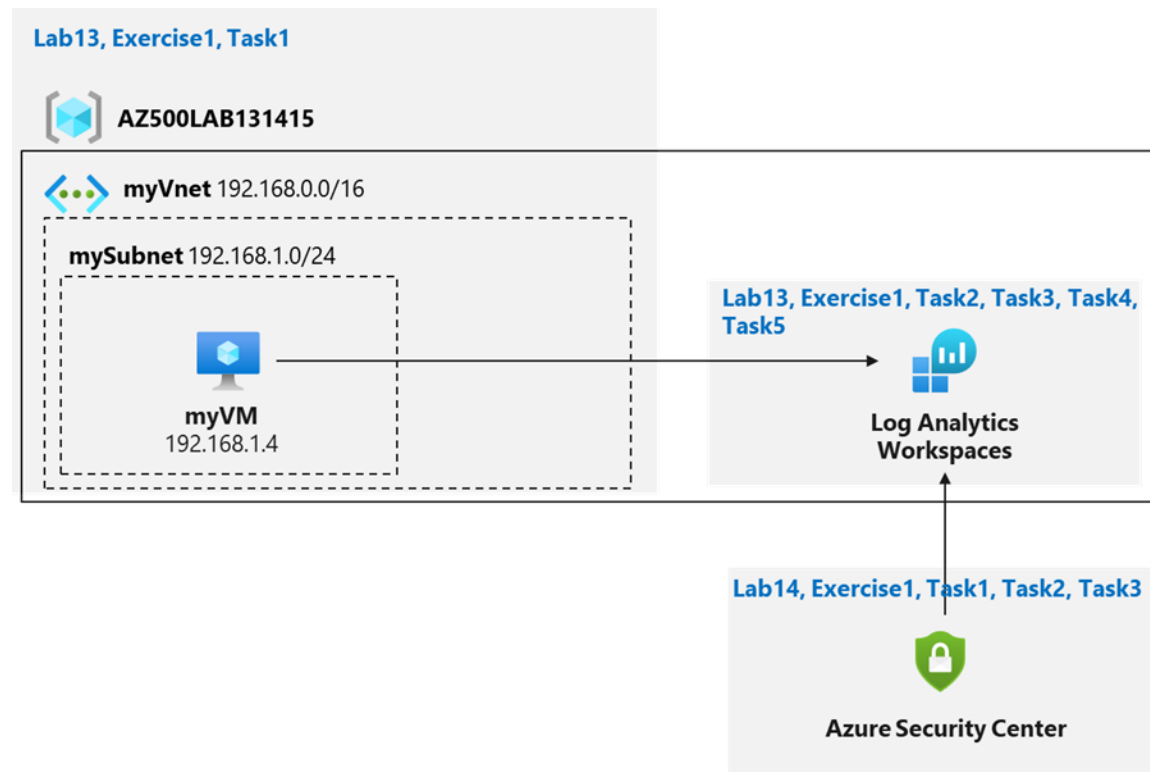


Lab 14: Microsoft Defender for Cloud



In this exercise, you will complete the following tasks:

- Task 1: Configure Microsoft Defender for Cloud
- Task 2: Review the Microsoft Defender for Cloud recommendations
- Task 3: Implement the Microsoft Defender for Cloud recommendation to enable Just in time VM Access

Task 1: Configure Microsoft Defender for Cloud

On the Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Getting started blade, click Upgrade.

In the Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Getting started blade, in the Install agents tab, scroll down and click Install agents.

The screenshot shows the 'Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Getting started' blade in the Azure portal. The 'Install agents' tab is selected. The main content area displays a message: 'Security Center detected virtual machines without the data collection agent installed!'. It explains that to receive security alerts and recommendations, the agent must be installed. A 'Learn more >' link is provided. Below this, there are two options: 'Install agents automatically' (which states the Log Analytics agent will be automatically installed on all VMs in the selected subscription) and 'Continue without installing agents' (which notes that many important security features won't work without agents). The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'Getting started' selected. The top navigation bar includes 'Upgrade', 'Get started', and 'Install agents'.

Review all the features that are available as part of Microsoft Defender plans.

The screenshot shows the 'Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Overview' blade in the Azure portal. The 'Overview' tab is selected. The main content area displays a summary of the subscription's security posture. It includes a 'Security posture' section with a 'Secure score' of 0% and a 'Security posture' graph. The graph shows the score for Azure (0%), AWS (0%), and GCP (0%). Below the graph, there is a link to 'Explore your security posture >'. To the right of the graph, there are three metrics: '13/13' for 'Unsigned recommendation', '0/0' for 'Overdue recommendations', and '0' for 'Attack paths'. On the far right, there is a 'Security alerts' section with a count of '--'. Below the 'Security posture' section, there is a 'VMs with OpenSSL vulnerabilities' section, which includes a link to 'Active containers using vulnerable images' and a link to 'Enable agentless scanning'. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'Overview' selected. The top navigation bar includes 'Subscriptions' and 'What's new'.

Enable all Microsoft Defender for Cloud Plans and click Save.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings | Defender plans' page in the Microsoft Defender for Cloud portal. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Settings, Defender plans, Email notifications, Workflow automation, Integrations, Continuous export, Policy settings, Security policy, and Governance rules (preview). The main content area has a 'Select Defender plan' button and an 'Enable all' button. Below this is a table of Defender plans:

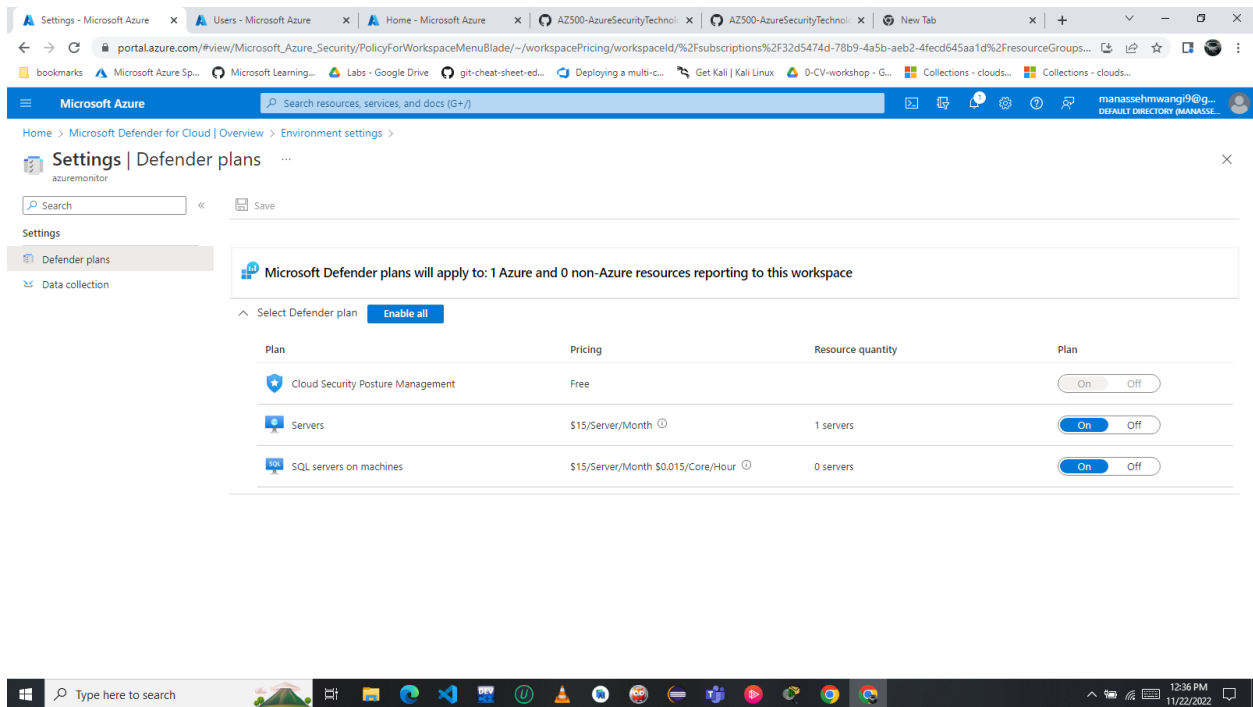
| Plan | Pricing | Resource quantity | Monitoring coverage | Status |
|------------------|--|--|--|--------|
| Defender CSPM | Free (preview) Details > | N/A | Full Settings > | On Off |
| Servers | Plan 2 (\$15/Server/Month) Change plan > | 1 servers | Partial Settings > | On Off |
| App Service | \$15/instance/Month Details > | 0 instances | Full Settings > | On Off |
| Databases | Selected: 4/4 Select types > | Protected: 1/1 instances | Full Settings > | On Off |
| Storage | \$0.02/10K transactions New pricing plan available > | 1 storage accounts | Full | On Off |
| Containers | \$7/VM core/Month Details > | 1 container registries; 0 Kubernetes cores | Full Settings > | On Off |
| Key Vault | \$0.02/10K transactions Details > | 0 key vaults | Full | On Off |
| Resource Manager | \$4/1M resource management operations Details > | | Full | On Off |
| DNS | \$0.7/1M DNS queries Details > | | Full | On Off |

make sure that Auto provisioning is set to on for the first item Log Analytics agent for Azure VMs.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings & monitoring' page in the Microsoft Defender for Cloud portal. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Settings & monitoring, Continue, and a message 'When you enable an extension, it will be installed on any new or existing resource, by assigning a security policy.' The main content area has a 'Defenders plans: All' button and a table of components:

| Component | Description | Defender plans | Configuration | Status |
|---|---|----------------|---|--------|
| Log Analytics agent/Azure Monitor agent 1 of 2 components missing. Fix | Collects security-related configurations and event logs from the machine and stores the data in your Log Analytics workspace for analysis. Learn more | | Agent Type: Log Analytics Selected workspace: default workspace Security events: None Edit configuration | On Off |
| Vulnerability assessment for machines | Enables vulnerability assessment on your Azure and hybrid machines. Learn more | | - | On Off |
| Guest Configuration agent (preview) | Checks machines for security misconfigurations in the OS, applications, and environment settings. This deploys the agent to Azure virtual machines. Hybrid machines connected to Azure Arc already have this agent included in the Azure Connected Machine agent. Learn more about the Guest Configuration agent, in Understand Azure Policy's Guest Configuration. | | - | On Off |
| Agentless scanning for machines (preview) | Scans your machines for installed software and vulnerabilities without relying on agents or impacting machine performance. Learn more | | Edit configuration | On Off |
| Defender DaemonSet | Deployed to each worker node, collects security-related data and sends it to Defender for analysis. Viewed for runtime operations and security capabilities provided by Defender for | | - | On Off |

Enable all Microsoft Defender for Cloud plans is selected and click Save.

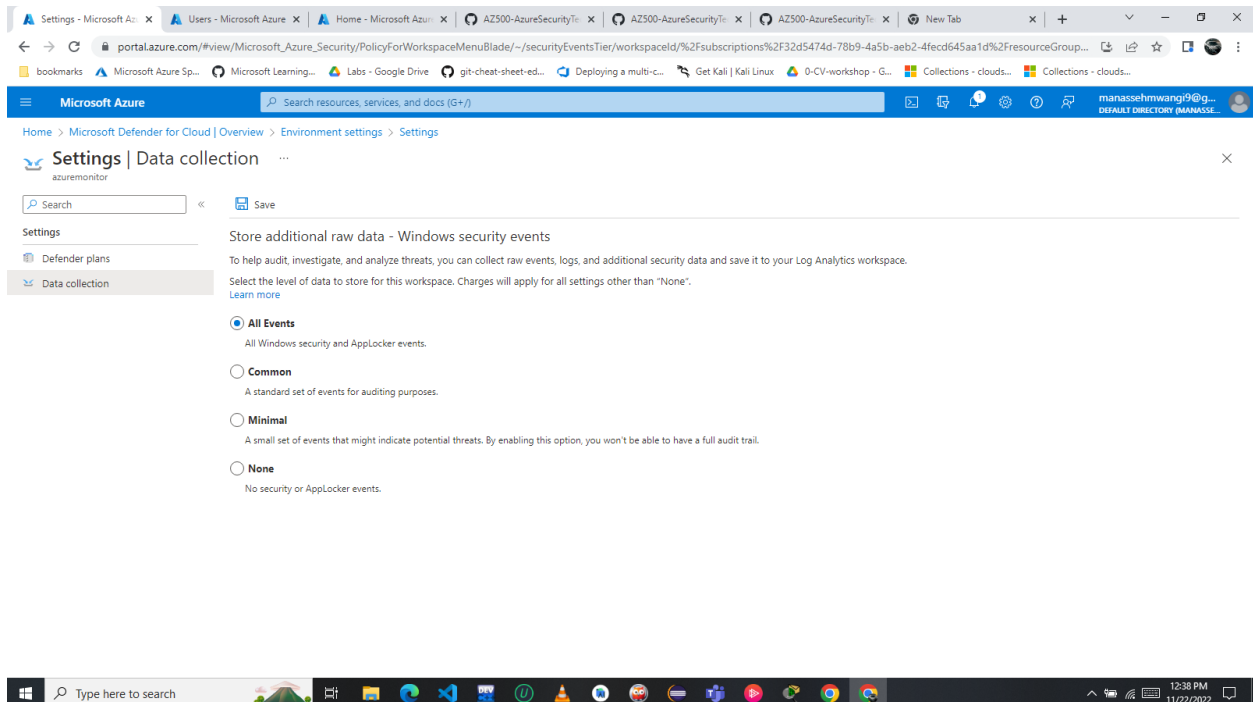


Microsoft Defender plans will apply to: 1 Azure and 0 non-Azure resources reporting to this workspace

Select Defender plan **Enable all**

| Plan | Pricing | Resource quantity | Plan |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Cloud Security Posture Management | Free | | <input type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off |
| Servers | \$15/Server/Month ⓘ | 1 servers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off |
| SQL servers on machines | \$15/Server/Month \$0.015/Core/Hour ⓘ | 0 servers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off |

Data collection from the Microsoft Defender for Cloud Select All Events and Save.



Store additional raw data - Windows security events

To help audit, investigate, and analyze threats, you can collect raw events, logs, and additional security data and save it to your Log Analytics workspace. Select the level of data to store for this workspace. Charges will apply for all settings other than "None". [Learn more](#)

☒ **All Events**
All Windows security and AppLocker events.

☐ **Common**
A standard set of events for auditing purposes.

☐ **Minimal**
A small set of events that might indicate potential threats. By enabling this option, you won't be able to have a full audit trail.

☐ **None**
No security or AppLocker events.

Task 2: Review the Microsoft Defender for Cloud recommendation

On the Inventory blade, select the myVM entry.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal's Inventory blade. At the top, there are filters for Subscriptions, Resource Groups, Resource types, Monitoring agent, Environment, and Recommendations. Below these filters, a summary shows 15 total resources, 6 unhealthy resources, 0 unmonitored resources, and 0 unregistered subscriptions. A table lists the resources with columns for Resource name, Resource type, Subscription, Monitoring agent, Defender for Cloud, and Recommendations. The 'myvm' entry is highlighted in blue.

| Resource name | Resource type | Subscription | Monitoring agent | Defender for Cloud | Recommendations |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Azure Pass - Sponsorship | Subscription | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | On | ... |
| myvm | Virtual machines | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | Installed | On | ... |
| sqlsvmmmm | SQL servers | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | On | ... |
| aksclustermmm | Kubernetes services | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | On | ... |
| csb1003200996681fe | Storage accounts | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | On | ... |
| acrmhmc | Container registries | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | On | ... |
| aks-vnet-17855502 | Virtual networks | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | | ... |
| myvnet | Virtual networks | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | | | ... |

On the Resource health blade, on the Recommendations tab, review the list of recommendations for myVM.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal's Resource health blade for the 'myvm' virtual machine. The 'Recommendations' tab is selected, showing a list of recommendations with columns for Severity, Description, and Status. The recommendations are sorted by severity, with High severity items at the top.

| Severity | Description | Status |
|----------|--|-------------------|
| High | Adaptive application controls for defining safe applications should be enabled on your machines | N/A - Unspecified |
| High | Install endpoint protection solution on virtual machines | Unhealthy |
| High | Allowlist rules in your adaptive application control policy should be updated | N/A - Unspecified |
| High | Virtual machines should encrypt temp disks, caches, and data flows between Compute and Storage resources | Unhealthy |
| High | File integrity monitoring should be enabled on machines | N/A - Unspecified |
| High | Management ports of virtual machines should be protected with just-in-time network access control | Unhealthy |
| High | Virtual machines should be migrated to new Azure Resource Manager resources | Healthy |
| High | All network ports should be restricted on network security groups associated to your virtual machine | Unhealthy |
| High | Windows web servers should be configured to use secure communication protocols | N/A - Unspecified |
| High | Internet-facing virtual machines should be protected with network security groups | Healthy |
| High | Log Analytics agent should be installed on virtual machines | Healthy |
| High | Adaptive network hardening recommendations should be applied on internet facing virtual machines | Healthy |
| Medium | Machines should have a vulnerability assessment solution | Unhealthy |

Task 3: Implement the Microsoft Defender to enable Just in time VM Access

select the Workload protections under Cloud Security tile.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Defender for Cloud Workload protections dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Recommendations, Security alerts, Inventory, Cloud Security Explorer (Preview), Workbooks, Community, Diagnose and solve problems, Cloud Security, Security posture, Regulatory compliance, Workload protections (selected), Firewall Manager, DevOps Security (Preview), Management, Environment settings, Security solutions, and Workflow automation. The main content area displays 'Defender for Cloud coverage' with a donut chart showing 8 total resources, all fully covered (100%). Below this, a grid shows coverage for various services: Azure SQL database servers (1/1), Storage (1/1), Containers (2/2), Servers (2/2), Resource Manager subscriptions (1/1), and DNS subscriptions (1/1). A 'Security alerts' section shows 4 alerts, with a legend for High, Medium, and Low severity. The right sidebar features 'Insights' with a plan to upgrade to New Containers and 'Most prevalent security alerts'.

Select Enable JIT on 1 VM

The screenshot shows the 'Just-in-time VM access' configuration page. The page title is 'Just-in-time VM access' with a sub-header 'Last week'. The main content area is titled 'What is just-in-time VM access?' and explains that it enables users to lock down VMs by blocking inbound traffic to specific ports. Below this, a section titled 'How does it work?' explains that upon a user request, Azure RBAC, Defender for Cloud will decide whether to grant access, and if approved, it configures NSGs to allow inbound traffic for a requested amount of time. The 'Virtual machines' section shows a table with columns: Virtual machine, Resource group, Subscription Name, Severity, and Reason. The table lists one VM, 'myVM', in the 'AZ500LAB131415' resource group, under the 'Azure Pass - Sponsorship' subscription, with a 'High' severity. A button 'Enable JIT on 1 VM' is visible in the top right corner of the table area.

| Virtual machine | Resource group | Subscription Name | Severity | Reason |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------|--|
| myVM | AZ500LAB131415 | Azure Pass - Sponsorship | High | This VM is protected by an NSG that allows access to management ports. |

Referencing the port 22, click the ellipsis button and then click Delete. Click save

Home > Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Workload protections > Just-in-time VM access >

JIT VM access configuration

myVM

+ Add Save X Discard

Configure the ports for which the just-in-time VM access will be applicable

| Port | Protocol | Allowed source IPs | IP range | Time range (hours) | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|-----|
| 22 (Recommended) | Any | Per request | N/A | 3 hours | ... |
| 3389 (Recommended) | Any | Per request | N/A | 3 hours | ... |
| 5985 (Recommended) | Any | Per request | N/A | 3 hours | ... |
| 5986 (Recommended) | Any | Per request | N/A | 3 hours | ... |

Type here to search

Check the Secure Score to determine the impact of implementing these features.

Home > Microsoft Defender for Cloud

Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Workload protections

Showing subscription 'Azure Pass - Sponsorship'

Search Subscriptions What's new

General

- Overview
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- Cloud Security Explorer (Preview)
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- Diagnose and solve problems

Cloud Security

- Security posture
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- Workload protections
- Firewall Manager
- DevOps Security (Preview)

Management

Defender for Cloud coverage

8 TOTAL

Fully covered (100%)
Agent not installed (0%)
Not covered (0%)

| Resource Type | Count | Status |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Azure SQL database servers | 1/1 | Upgrade |
| Storage | 1/1 | Upgrade |
| Containers | 2/2 | Upgrade |
| Servers | 2/2 | Upgrade |
| DNS subscriptions | 1/1 | Upgrade |
| Resource Manager subscriptions | 1/1 | Upgrade |

Security alerts

High severity: 0
Medium severity: 0
Low severity: 0

1 Tue 3 Thu 5 Sat 7 Mon 9 Wed 11 Fri 13 Sun 15 Tue 17 Thu 19 Sat 21 Mon

Insights

Upgrade to New Containers plan

Cloud-native Kubernetes security capabilities including hardening, vulnerability assessment, and run-time protection for your Azure, hybrid.

Most prevalent security alerts

Most attacked resources

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