**Permissions to start/stop Azure Instances**

**Prerequisites**: We should have Owner roles on the Tenant to add the RBAC roles and to create Security groups and to map users.

The end user should have contributor role assigned to their -c accounts.

**Process**: To allow an end user to start and stop an Azure VM, you can follow these steps:

1. **Create a custom RBAC role:** To define the necessary permissions, you'll need to create a custom role in Azure. This role will include the necessary permissions to start and stop the VM. You can create a role with the following permissions:

* 1. Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/start
  2. Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/restart
  3. Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/deallocate.

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1. **Assign the role to a security group**: Create a security group in Azure Active Directory (AD) and assign the custom role you created in step 1 to this group. The security group will act as a container for members who will have the permission to start and stop the VM.

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1. **Add users to the security group:** Add the end users who should have the ability to start and stop the VM to the security group created in step 2.

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1. **Assign the security group to the VM:** Go to the Azure portal, navigate to your VM, and grant the "Contributor" role to the security group you created in step 2. This will give the members of the security group the necessary permissions to manage the VM.

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1. With these steps, the users who are members of the security group will be able to start, stop, restart, and deallocate the assigned VM.

**Note:** Make sure to adjust the custom role's permissions and scope as per your specific requirements and limit the permissions to only what is necessary for the users to perform their tasks.