

N-Tier Architecture

Our task is to implement an N-Tier architecture on azure portal.

Follow the following instructions to make it.

Create a virtual network named Vnet on a new resource group named N-TierRG with 3 different subnets named WebVN, AppVN and DatabaseVN : -

The screenshot displays the 'Create virtual network' wizard in the Microsoft Azure portal. The 'Basics' tab is active, showing the following configuration:

- Subscription:** Azure for Students
- Resource group:** ((New) N-TierRG) (with a 'Create new' link below)
- Instance details:**
 - Name:** Vnet
 - Region:** Central India

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The virtual network's address space, specified as one or more address prefixes in CIDR notation (e.g. 192.168.1.0/24).

IPv4 address space

10.0.0.0/16 10.0.0.0 - 10.0.255.255 (65536 addresses)

☐ Add IPv6 address space

The subnet's address range in CIDR notation (e.g. 192.168.1.0/24). It must be contained by the address space of the virtual network.

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Subnet name	Subnet address range	NAT gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> WebVN	10.0.0.0/24	-
<input type="checkbox"/> AppVN	10.0.1.0/24	-
<input type="checkbox"/> DatabaseVN	10.0.2.0/24	-

A NAT gateway is recommended for outbound internet access from subnets. Edit the subnet to add a NAT gateway. [Learn more](#)

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Basics

Subscription Azure for Students

Resource group (new) N-TierRG

Name vnet

Region Central India

IP addresses

Address space 10.0.0.0/16

Subnet WebVN (10.0.0.0/24),AppVN (10.0.1.0/24),DatabaseVN (10.0.2.0/24)

Tags

None

Security

BastionHost Disabled

DDoS protection plan Basic

Firewall Disabled

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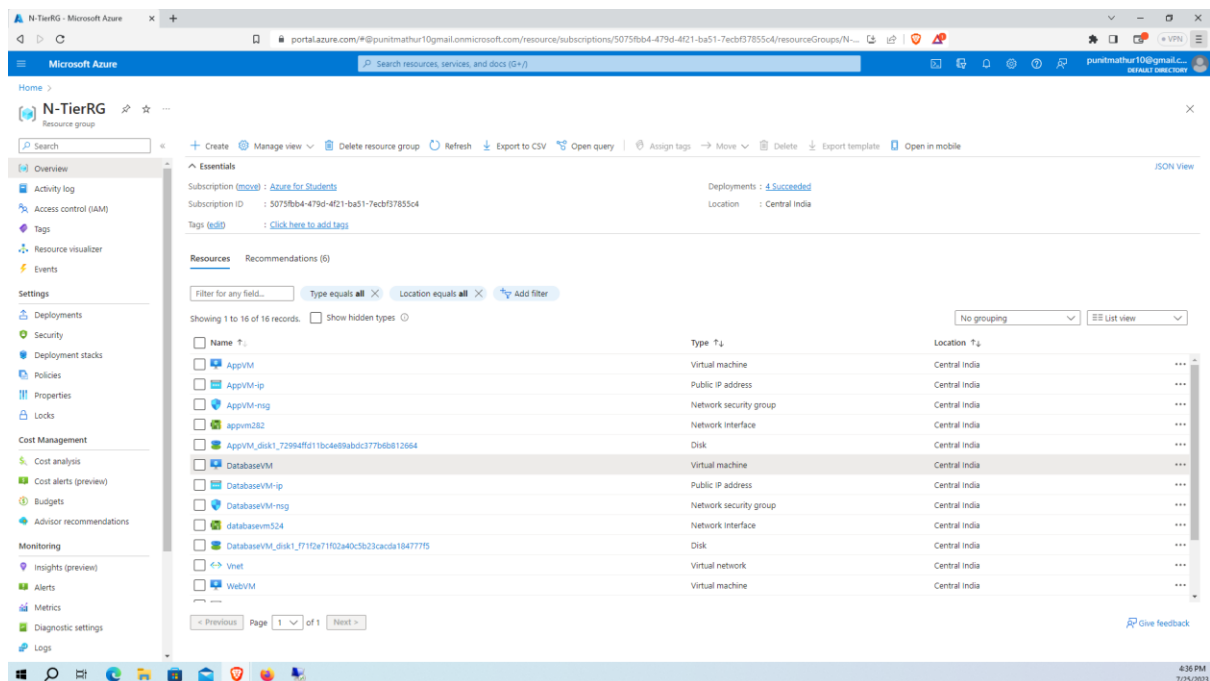
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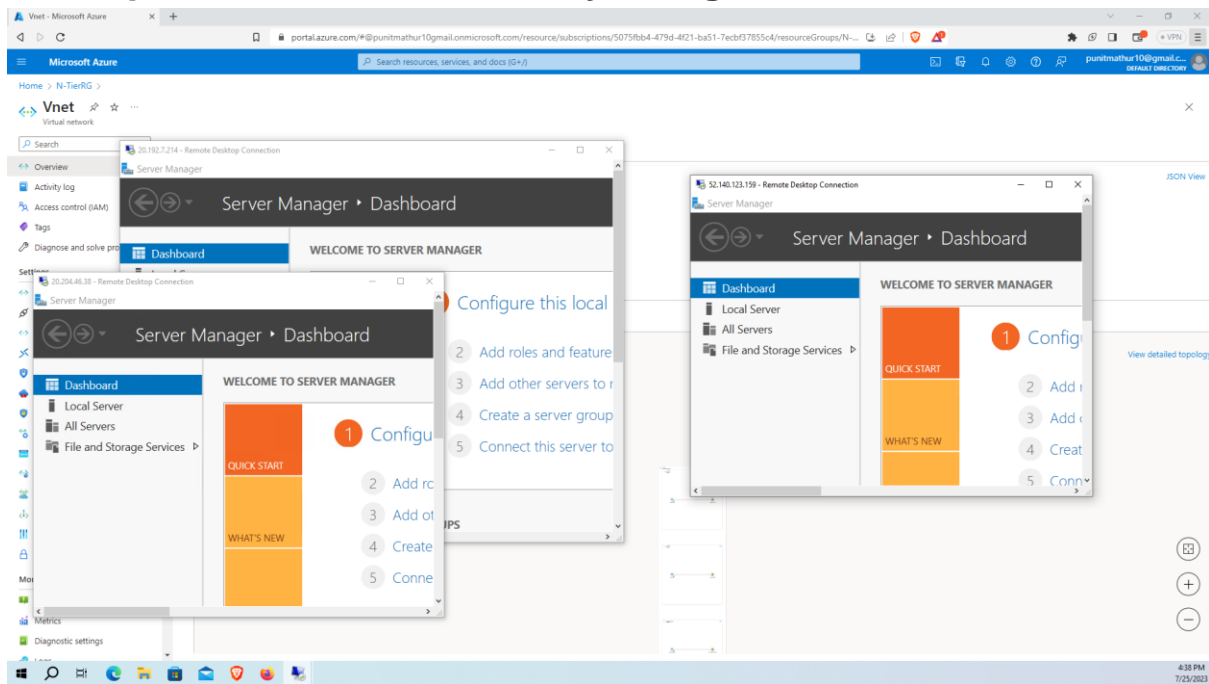
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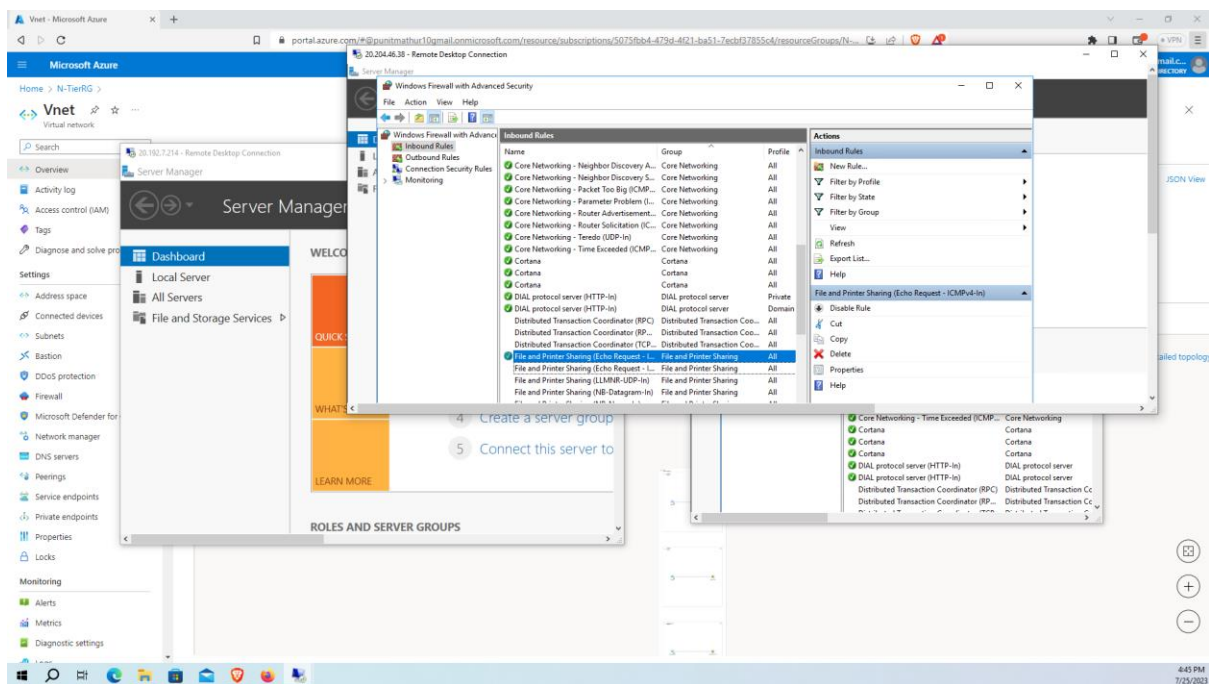
Now we will create 3 VMs named WebVM, AppVM and DatabaseVM on the same resource group N-TierRG. Attributes of all three will remain the same such as image will be Windows Server 2016 Datacenter, size as Standard_DS1_v2. The difference between all the three machines will be their virtual networks since WebVM will be connected to WebVN, AppVM will be connected to AppVN and likewise DatabaseVM will be connected to DatabaseVN.



Now open them simultaneously using RDP.



Now, to enable connectivity among the VMs, enable the ICMP protocol in all the VMs. To enable the ICMP protocol, go to the Windows Firewall with Advanced Security then in this pop-up go to the Inbound port rules and then in this search ICMP (IPv4) then on the right side click on Enable rule.



- DB Tier should not access any tier (Web & App tier)
- App tier should access the DB tier and Web tier as well,
- Web tier should access only App tier.
- Only Web tier is allowed to connect to the internet.

Now as we can see the first technical requirement is DB Tier should not access any other tier. To do so we need to add outbound rules in the DatabaseVM. Now, go to the outbound port rule and click on the add outbound port rule and then in the add outbound security rule window, select the Destination as IP Address and write down the IP Address subnet of the other two VMs (i.e., AppVM and WebVM) then in the destination port ranges type * and then in the action, select Deny and then click on Add.

Now as per the fourth requirement (Only Web Tier is allowed to connect to the internet). So, to stop the internet service on DatabaseVM, again click on Add Outbound port rule and in the security rule window, select Service Tag in the destination and then in the Destination Service Tag, select Internet.

Now, in the service select Https and, in the action, select Deny and then click on Add. Similarly, do the above step for the service HTTP and then click on Add to add the outbound security rule.

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databasevm524

IP configuration: ipconfig1 (Primary)

Network Interface: databasevm524 Effective security rules Troubleshoot VM connection issues Topology

Virtual network/subnet: VNet/DatabaseVNet NIC Public IP: 20.192.7.214 NIC Private IP: 10.0.2.4 Accelerated networking: Enabled

Inbound port rules Outbound port rules Application security groups Load balancing

Network security group DatabaseVM-nsg (attached to network interface: databasevm524) Impacts 0 subnets, 1 network interfaces

Priority	Name	Port	Protocol	Source	Destination	Action
100	DenyAnyCustomAnyOutbound	Any	Any	Any	10.0.0.0/24, 10.0.1.0/24	Deny
110	DenyAnyHTTPOutbound	443	TCP	Any	Internet	Deny
120	DenyAnyHTTPOutbound	80	TCP	Any	Internet	Deny
65000	AllowVNetOutbound	Any	Any	VirtualNetwork	VirtualNetwork	Allow
65001	AllowInternetOutbound	Any	Any	Any	Internet	Allow
65500	DenyAllOutbound	Any	Any	Any	Any	Deny

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Similarly do this for AppVM too :-

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appvm282

IP configuration: ipconfig1 (Primary)

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Virtual network/subnet: VNet/AppVNet NIC Public IP: 20.204.46.38 NIC Private IP: 10.0.1.4 Accelerated networking: Enabled

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Network security group AppVM-nsg (attached to network interface: appvm282) Impacts 0 subnets, 1 network interfaces

Priority	Name	Port	Protocol	Source
100	DenyCIDRBlockCustomAnyOutbound	Any	Any	10.0.0.0/24, 10.0.1.0/24
110	DenyTagHTTPSOutbound	443	TCP	Internet
65000	AllowVNetOutbound	Any	Any	VirtualNetwork
65001	AllowInternetOutbound	Any	Any	Any
65500	DenyAllOutbound	Any	Any	Any

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DenyTagHTTPSOutbound

Source: Service Tag

Source service tag: Internet

Source port ranges: *

Destination: Any

Service: HTTPS

Destination port ranges: 443

Protocol: TCP

Action: Deny

Priority: 110

Name: DenyTagHTTPSOutbound

Description:

Save Cancel Give feedback

Now, as per the third requirement (Web Tier should access only the App Tier/VM). To complete this requirement, go to the WebVM -> Networking -> Outbound port rules and then click on Add Outbound Port rules and in the Outbound Security Rule window, select the destination as IP Address and in the destination IP address, write the Subnet of the DatabaseVM and in the destination port rules, write down the * and then in the Action, select the Deny and then click on Add.

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the 'WebVM | Networking' page is open, showing the 'Outbound port rules' tab. A table lists existing rules: 'DenyAnyCustomAnyOutbound' (Priority 100), 'AllowVnetOutbound' (Priority 65000), 'AllowInternetOutbound' (Priority 65001), and 'DenyAllOutbound' (Priority 65500). The 'DenyAnyCustomAnyOutbound' rule is selected, and its configuration window is open on the right.

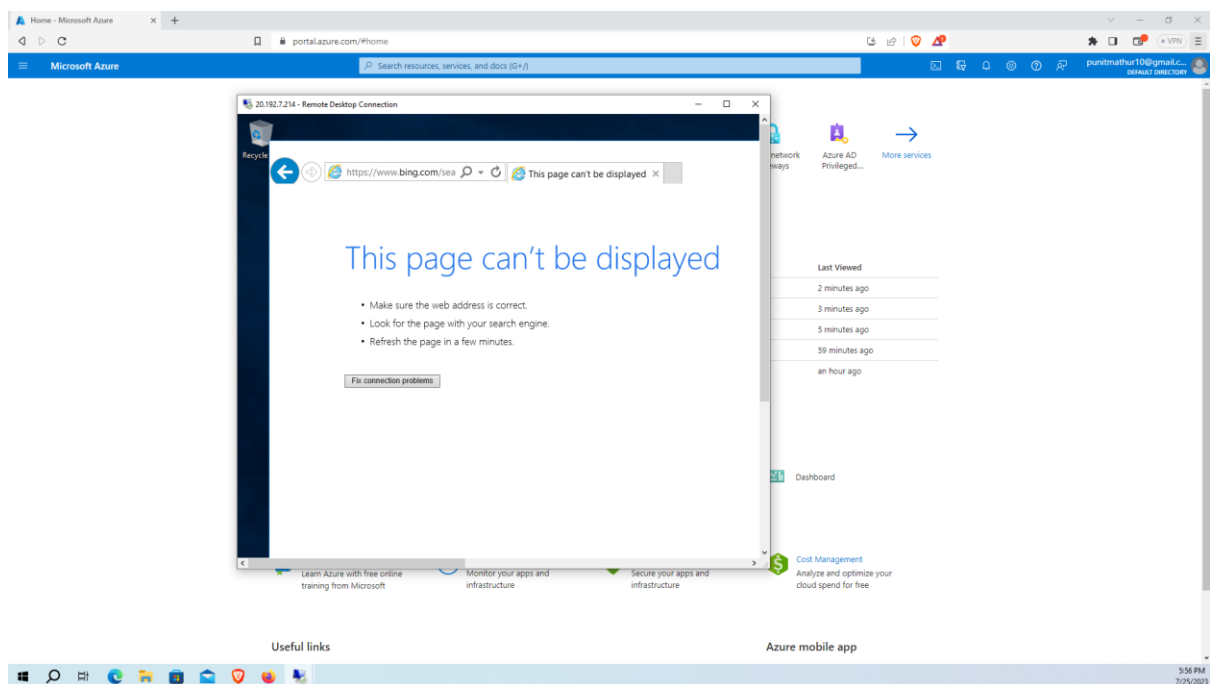
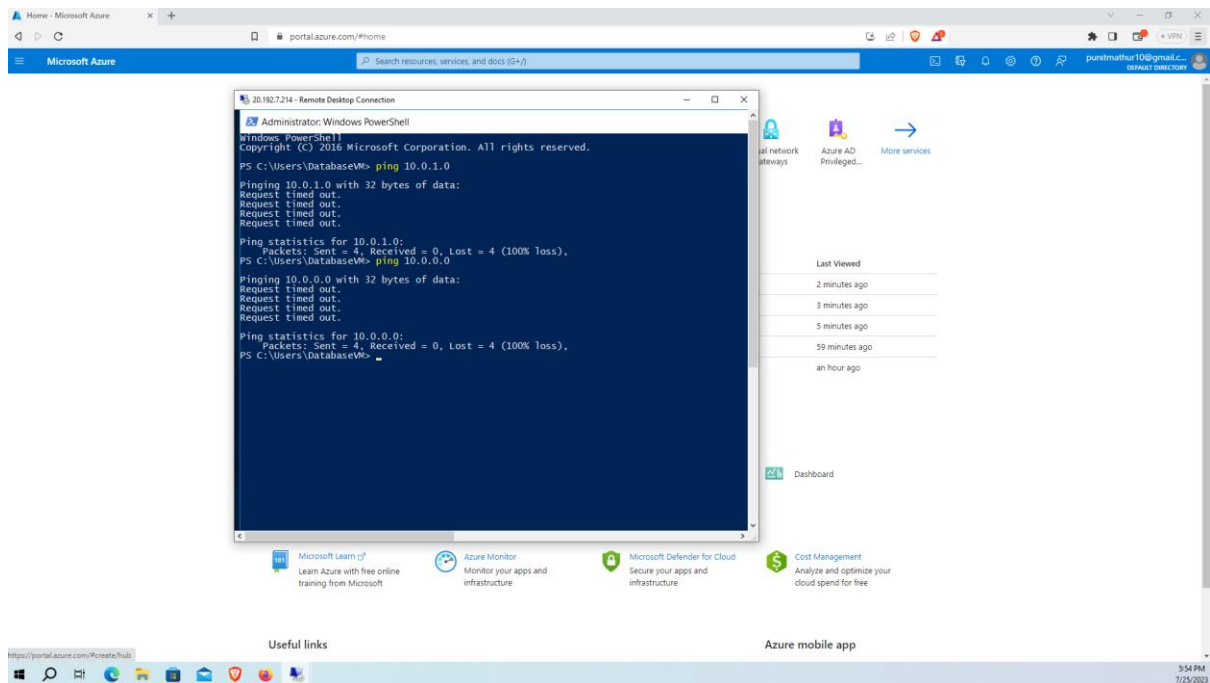
The 'DenyAnyCustomAnyOutbound' configuration window shows the following settings:

- Source:** Any
- Source port ranges:** *
- Destination:** IP Addresses
- Destination IP addresses/CIDR ranges:** 10.0.2.0/24
- Service:** Custom
- Destination port ranges:** *
- Protocol:** Any
- Action:** Deny
- Priority:** 100
- Name:** DenyAnyCustomAnyOutbound
- Description:** (empty)

The 'Save' button is visible at the bottom of the configuration window.

Now we will test the configuration of N-Tier technical requirement :-

Now in DatabaseVM open the powershell and Ping 10.0.1.0 and Ping 10.0.0.0, you will receive request time out. Also open internet explorer to check the internet connection.



Do the same for AppVM and WebVM as well : -

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal with a Remote Desktop Connection window open. The terminal window displays the following commands and output:

```
PS C:\Users\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\RemoteDesktop> ping 10.0.2.4
Pinging 10.0.2.4 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 10.0.2.4: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.0.2.4: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.0.2.4: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.0.2.4: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Ping statistics for 10.0.2.4:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 0ms
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Virtual machine	3 minutes ago
Virtual machine	5 minutes ago
Virtual machine	59 minutes ago
Resource group	an hour ago

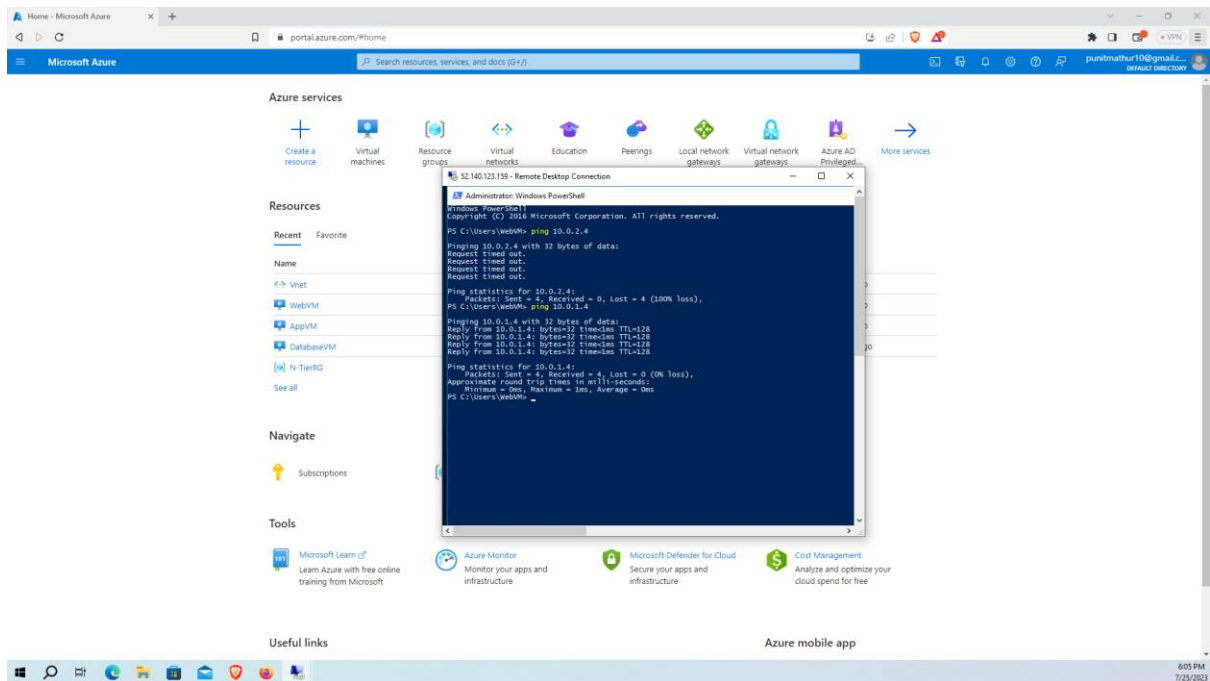
The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal with a Remote Desktop Connection window open. The browser window displays a 'This page can't be displayed' error message with the following text:

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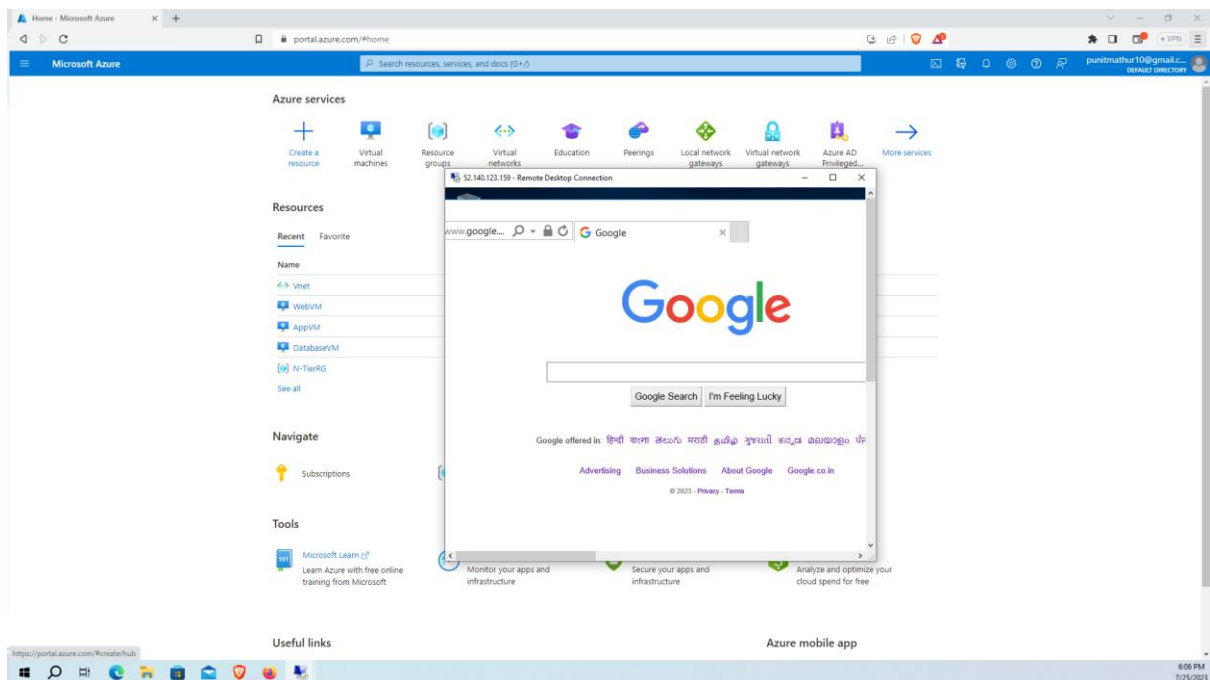
- Make sure the web address is correct.
- Look for the page with your search engine.
- Refresh the page in a few minutes.

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Here we can see that internet connection is working as per our requirements.



Task is Completed.