

# Lab 3: Create a Ubuntu (Linux) virtual machine in the Azure portal and connect to it via SSH

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**Applies to:** ✓ Linux VMs

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Azure virtual machines (VMs) can be created through the Azure portal. The Azure portal is a browser-based user interface to create Azure resources. This quickstart shows you how to use the Azure portal to deploy a Linux virtual machine (VM) running Ubuntu 18.04 LTS. To see your VM in action, you also SSH to the VM and install the NGINX web server.

If you don't have an Azure subscription, create a [free account](#) before you begin.

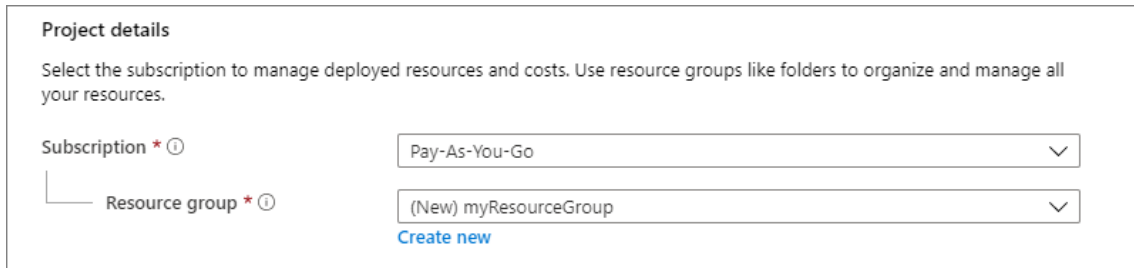
## Sign in to Azure

Sign in to the [Azure portal](#) .

## Create virtual machine

1. Type **virtual machines** in the search.
2. Under **Services**, select **Virtual machines**.
3. In the **Virtual machines** page, select **Create** and then **Virtual machine**. The **Create a virtual machine** page opens.

4. In the **Basics** tab, under **Project details**, make sure the correct subscription is selected (replace the select the appropriate subscription for your account from the dropdown; for example, in this example it is "Pay-As-You-Go" but in your case it may have a different name) and then choose to **Create new** resource group. Type *myResourceGroup* for the name.\*.



Project details

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

Subscription \* ⓘ Pay-As-You-Go

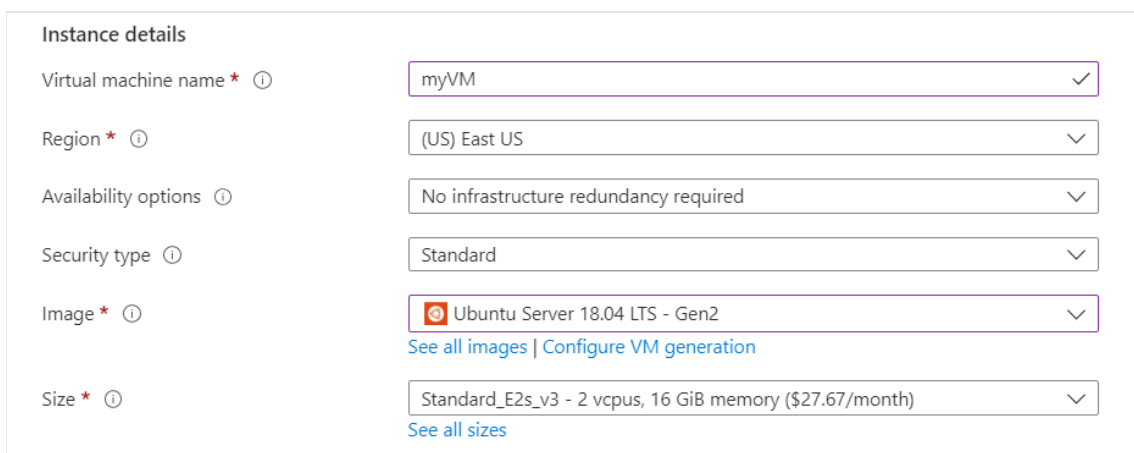
Resource group \* ⓘ (New) myResourceGroup

[Create new](#)

5. Under **Instance details**, type *myVM* for the **Virtual machine name**, and choose *Ubuntu 18.04 LTS - Gen2* for your **Image**. Leave the other defaults. The default size and pricing is only shown as an example.

Size availability and pricing is dependent on your region and subscription.

**IMPORTANT: For this lab, make sure you select the appropriate size (CPU, RAM, etc.) from the Size dropdown to minimize cost of usage.**



Instance details

Virtual machine name \* ⓘ myVM

Region \* ⓘ (US) East US

Availability options ⓘ No infrastructure redundancy required

Security type ⓘ Standard

Image \* ⓘ Ubuntu Server 18.04 LTS - Gen2


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Size \* ⓘ Standard\_E2s\_v3 - 2 vcpus, 16 GiB memory (\$27.67/month)

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6. Under **Administrator account**, select **SSH public key**.
7. In **Username** type *azureuser*.
8. For **SSH public key source**, leave the default of **Generate new key pair**, and then type *myKey* for the **Key pair name**.

Administrator account

Authentication type  ☒ SSH public key ☐ Password

Username \*   ✓


SSH public key source  ▼

Key pair name \*  ✓


9. Under **Inbound port rules** > **Public inbound ports**, choose **Allow selected ports** and then select **SSH (22)** and **HTTP (80)** from the drop-down.

**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 \*  ▼

 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.

10. Leave the remaining defaults and then select the **Review + create** button at the bottom of the page.
11. On the **Create a virtual machine** page, you can see the details about the VM you are about to create. When you are ready, select **Create**.
12. When the **Generate new key pair** window opens, select **Download private key and create resource**. Your key file will be download as **myKey.pem**. Make sure you know where the **.pem** file was downloaded, you will need the path to it in the next step.
13. When the deployment is finished, select **Go to resource**.
14. On the page for your new VM, select the public IP address and copy it to your clipboard.

Operating system	: Linux (ubuntu 18.04 LTS)
Size	: Standard D2s v3 (2 vCPUs, 32 GB memory)
Public IP address	: 10.111.12.123 

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# Connect to virtual machine

Create an SSH connection with the VM.

1. If you are on a Mac or Linux machine, open a Bash prompt. If you are on a Windows machine, open a PowerShell prompt.
2. At your prompt, open an SSH connection to your virtual machine. Replace the IP address with the one from your VM, and replace the path to the `.pem` with the path to where the key file was downloaded.

Console	= Copy
<pre>ssh -i .\Downloads\myKey1.pem azureuser@10.111.12.123</pre>	

## Tip

The SSH key you created can be used the next time you create a VM in Azure. Just select the **Use a key stored in Azure** for **SSH public key source** the next time you create a VM. You already have the private key on your computer, so you won't need to download anything.

# Install web server

To see your VM in action, install the NGINX web server. From your SSH session, update your package sources and then install the latest NGINX package.

Bash	= Copy
<pre>sudo apt-get -y update sudo apt-get -y install nginx</pre>	

When done, type `exit` to leave the SSH session.

# View the web server in action

Use a web browser of your choice to view the default NGINX welcome page. Type the public IP address of the VM as the web address. The public IP address can be found on the VM overview page or as part of the SSH connection string you used earlier.



## Clean up resources

When no longer needed, you can delete the resource group, virtual machine, and all related resources. To do so, select the resource group for the virtual machine, select **Delete**, then confirm the name of the resource group to delete.