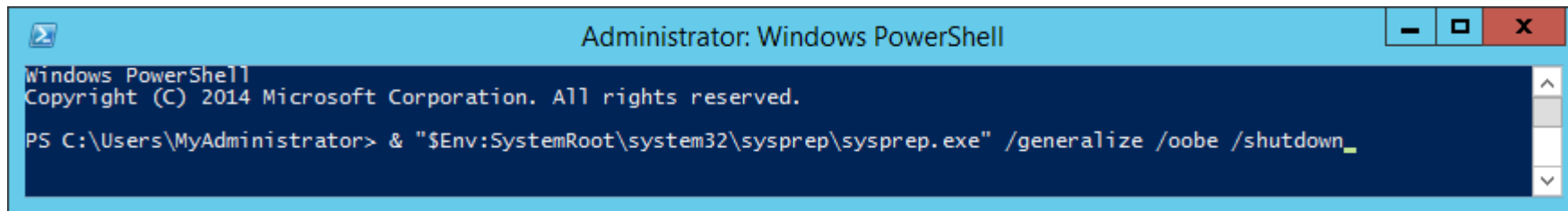


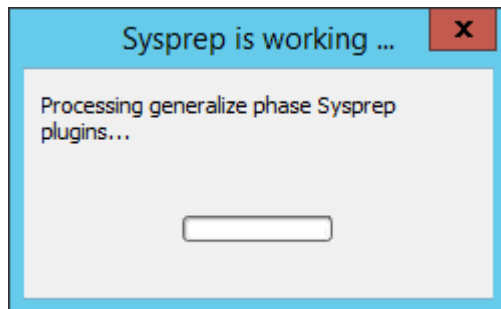
Prepare your virtual machine

Now that your VM is ready and customized the way you want, you are ready to transform it as a VM image. To do so, you need a tool called sysprep. Be sure to be logged in your Windows Server VM on Azure, open a PowerShell window and execute the following:

```
& "$Env:SystemRoot\system32\sysprep\sysprep.exe" /generalize /oobe /shutdown
```

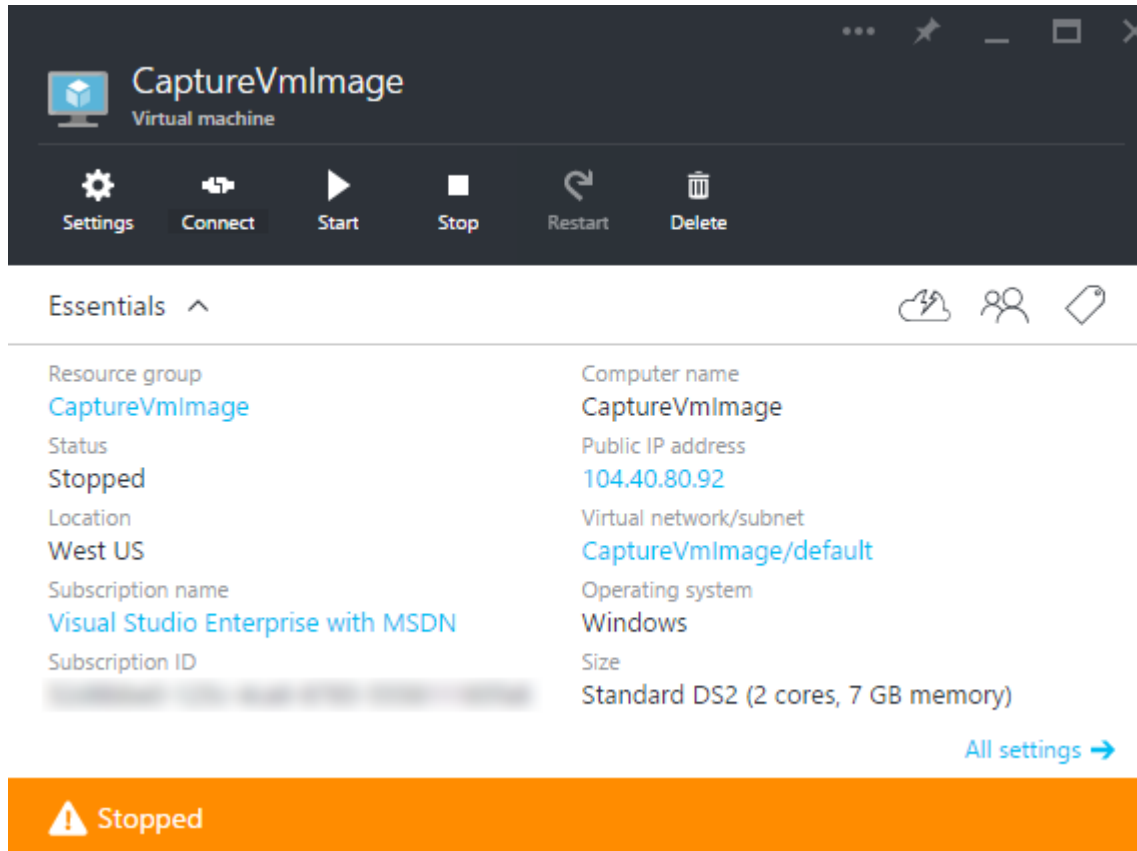


You will see a dialog telling you that Sysprep is working, it will take at least 2-3 minutes.



The `/shutdown` parameter will shut down the VM when sysprep is done generalizing the VM.

Allow a minute or two so that you can see that your VM status is marked as stopped in the portal.



CaptureVmImage
Virtual machine

Settings Connect Start Stop Restart Delete

Essentials ^

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| Resource group | Computer name |
| CaptureVmImage | CaptureVmImage |
| Status | Public IP address |
| Stopped | 104.40.80.92 |
| Location | Virtual network/subnet |
| West US | CaptureVmImage/default |
| Subscription name | Operating system |
| Visual Studio Enterprise with MSDN | Windows |
| Subscription ID | Size |
| XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX | Standard DS2 (2 cores, 7 GB memory) |

[All settings →](#)

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