

# **Implement Monitoring**

(LAB-204-11-01)

## **Lab scenario**

You need to evaluate Azure functionality that would provide insight into performance and configuration of Azure resources, focusing in particular on Azure virtual machines. To accomplish this, you intend to examine the capabilities of Azure Monitor, including Log Analytics.

## **Objectives**

In this lab, you will:

- Provision the environment
- Create and configure an Azure Log Analytics workspace
- Review default monitoring settings of Azure virtual machines
- Configure Azure virtual machine diagnostic settings
- Review Azure Monitor functionality
- Review Azure Log Analytics functionality
- Review Azure Activity Log functionality

## **Task 1: Provision Azure Resources**

In this task, you will deploy a virtual machine that will be used to test monitoring scenarios.

### **Step 1: Create Virtual Machine**

1. Click the **virtual machines** link in the left-hand navigation bar.
2. Click the **Create** button to start the creation process.
3. You will be required to **fill in specific information** regarding your virtual machine, including:
  - a. **Subscription:** Select **Default subscription**
  - b. **Resource Group:** Create **new** resource group **Az-204-11-01-RG**
  - c. **Virtual Machine Name:** Write **LAB-204-11-VM**

- d. **Region:** Select region **West US2**
- e. **Image:** Dropdown and Select **Windows Server 2019 Datacenter**
- f. **Size:**
  - i. Select **Change size**
  - ii. Search & **Select B2ms** virtual machine
- g. **Administrator Account:**
  - i. **Username:** Write **master**
  - ii. **Password:** Write **Lab@password**
- h. **Inbound Port Rules:**
  - i. **Public inbound ports:** Select **Allow selected ports**
  - ii. **Select inbound ports:**
    - a. Dropdown and select **RDP (3389)**
    - b. Dropdown and select **HTTP (80)**

**Note:** Leave other details as default.

- 4. Click the **Next: Disks** to continue

**Note:** Leave all the details as default.

- 5. Click the **Next: Networking** to continue.

**Note:** Leave all the details as default.

- 6. Click the **Next: Management** to continue.

- i. **Boot diagnostics:** Select **Disable**.
- ii. **Enable auto-shutdown:** **Uncheck** the Option.

**Note:** Leave the other details as default.

7. Click on the **Next: Advanced** to continue

**Note:** Leave the other details as default.

8. Click the **Next: Tags** to continue.

**Note:** Leave the other details as default.

9. Click the **Next: Review + create** button to continue.

**Note:** **Wait**, unless you see the **validation passed** message. If not verify each step of configuration from starting.

## Task 2: Create Azure Log Analytics Workspace

In this task, you will create and configure an Azure Log Analytics workspace.

### Step 1: Register Microsoft Services

10. From the Azure Portal, go to the left menu, Select **All Services**.
11. Search and Select **Subscriptions** under **All Services**.
12. Select your **Default subscriptions**

### Register Microsoft.Insight

- a. Under settings, select **Resource Providers**.
- b. Search **Microsoft.Insights**.
- c. **Register** the **Microsoft.Insight**, if status is showing as **NotRegistered**.



13. Under settings, select **Resource Providers**.

### Register Microsoft.AlertsManagement

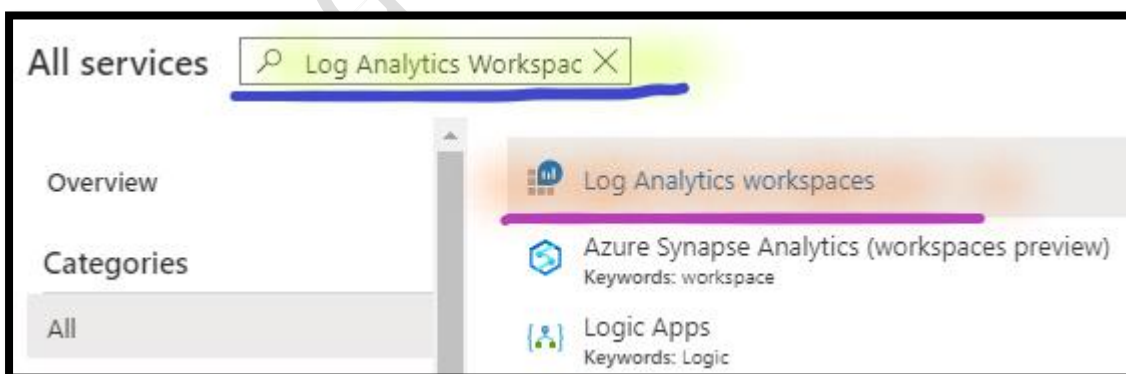
- Search **Microsoft.AlertsManagement**.
- Register** the **Microsoft.AlertsManagement**, if status is showing as **NotRegistered**.



**Note:** Wait, till status showing **Registered**, for Insights and AlertsManagement. It takes **~10-15 mnts**.

## Step 2: Create Azure Log Analytics Workspace

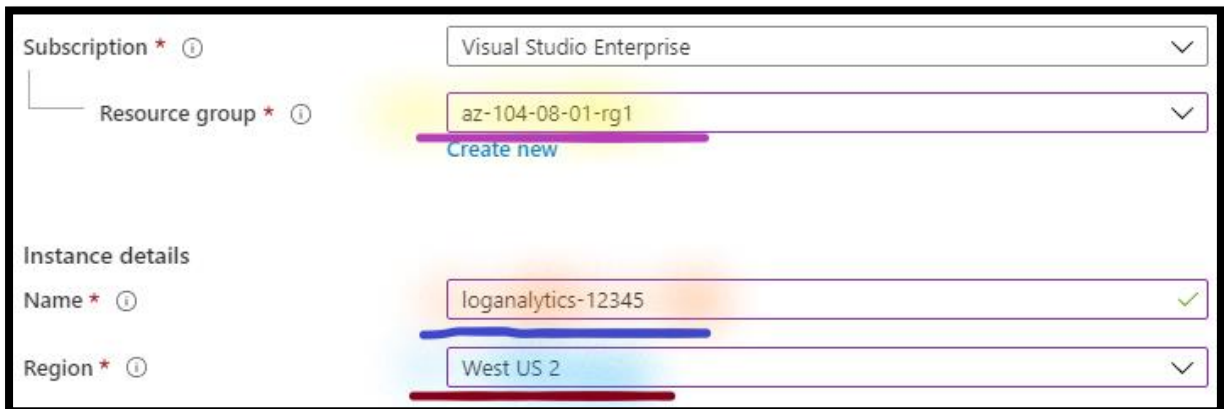
- From the Azure Portal, go to the left menu, Select **All Services**.
- Search and Select **Log Analytics workspaces** under all services
- Select **Create** and **configure**:



- Subscription:** Select your **Default subscription**
- Resource Group:** Dropdown & Select **AZ-204-11-01-RG**
- Name:** Write **loganalytics-123**

**Note:** Replace **123** to make the name unique.

- d. **Region:** Dropdown and Select **West US2**



- e. Select **Next: Pricing Tier**

**Note:** Leave other details as default.

- f. Select **Next: Tags**

**Note:** Leave other details as default.

- g. Select **Next: Review + Create**

- h. Select **Create**

**Note:** **Wait**, till deployment gets **completed**.

## Step 2: Configure Log Analytics

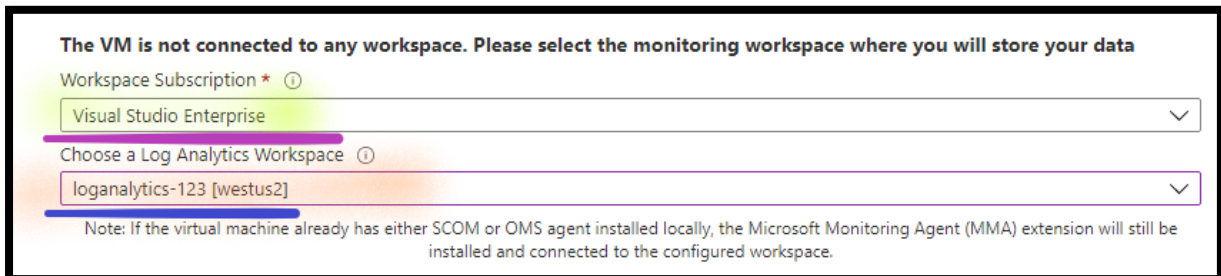
17. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

18. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

19. Select **Logs** under **monitoring**

- a. Select **Enable**.

- i. Workspace Subscription: Dropdown and Select your **Default Subscription**.
- ii. **Log analytics workspace**: Dropdown and Select **loganalytics-123**



The VM is not connected to any workspace. Please select the monitoring workspace where you will store your data

Workspace Subscription \* ⓘ  
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Choose a Log Analytics Workspace ⓘ  
loganalytics-123 [westus2]

Note: If the virtual machine already has either SCOM or OMS agent installed locally, the Microsoft Monitoring Agent (MMA) extension will still be installed and connected to the configured workspace.

- iii. Select **Enable**.

**Note:** **Don't Wait**, go to the next step.

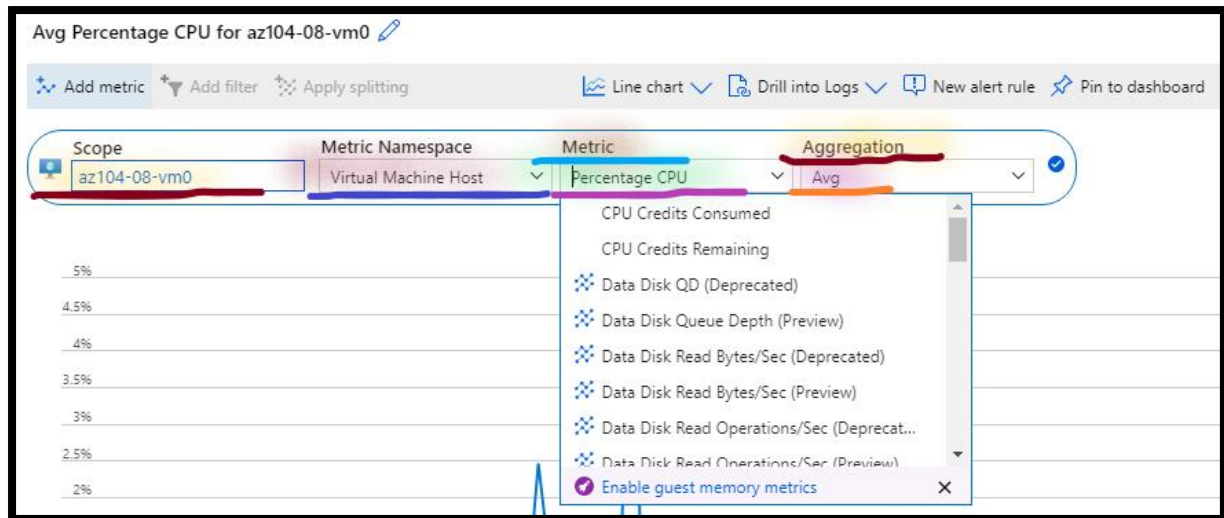
### Task 3: Review the Metrics

In this task, you will review default monitoring settings of Azure virtual machines.

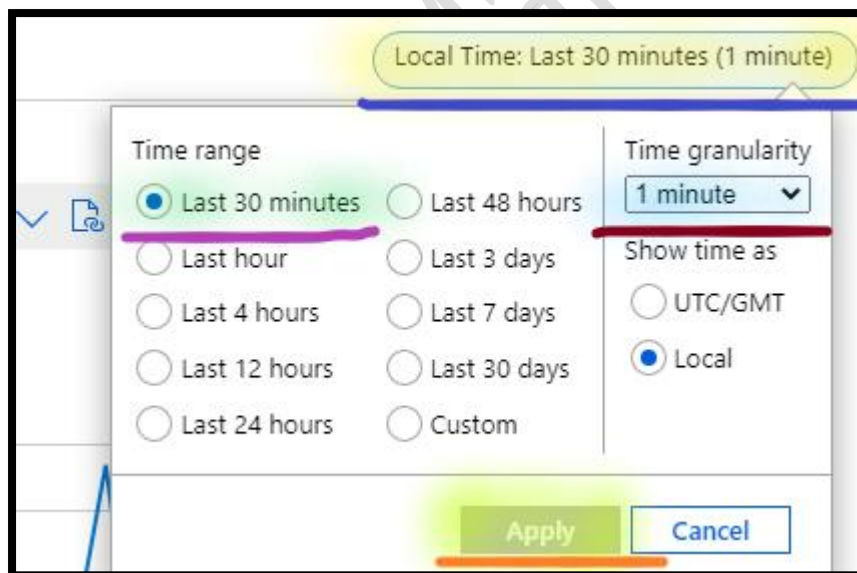
#### Step 1: Review the CPU metrics using Metrics Explorer

20. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**
21. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine
22. Select **Metrics** under **monitoring**
  - b. In the **Metric drop-down list**, review the list of available metrics.

**Note:** The list includes a range of CPU, disk, and network-related metrics that can be collected from the virtual machine host, without having access into guest-level metrics.



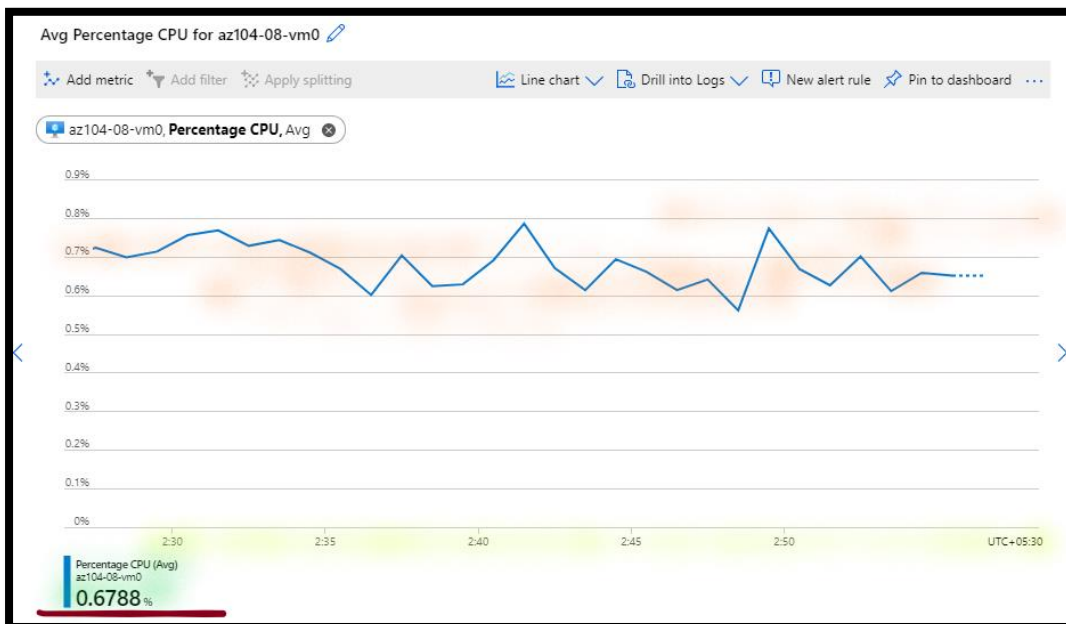
- i. **Metric:** Dropdown and Select **Percentage CPU**.
- ii. **Aggregation:** Dropdown and Select **Avg**.
- c. **Go to the right site,** Click on **Local time**.
  - i. **Time range:** Select **Last 30 minutes**.
  - ii. **Time granularity:** Dropdown and Select **1 minute**.



- iii. Select **Apply**.

**Note:** Review, the resulting results.

**Note:** If you get **Error retrieving data**, **Wait**, for mnts. and Refresh your Screen to view the metrics.



**Note:** You can also **add additional metrics** to view from the same dashboard.

## Task 4: Configure Azure VM Diagnostic Settings

In this task, you will configure Azure virtual machine diagnostic settings.

### Step 1: Enable Guest Level Monitoring

23. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

24. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

25. Select **Diagnostic settings** under **monitoring**

a. **Diagnostic storage account:** Select **Create new**

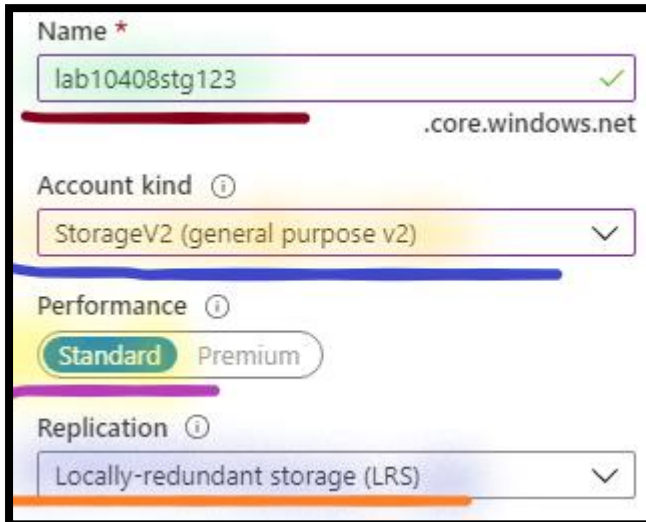
i. **Name:** Write **lab20408stg123**

**Note:** Replace **123**, to make the storage account name unique.

ii. **Account kind:** Dropdown and Select **Storage v2**



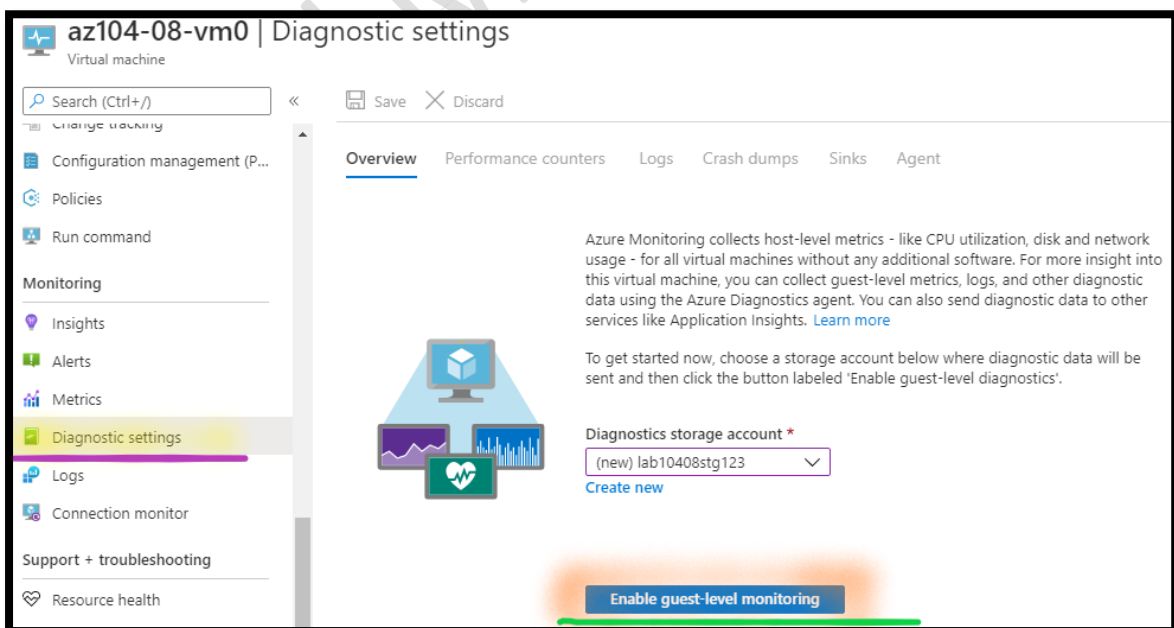
- iii. **Performance:** Select **Standard**
- iv. **Replication:** Dropdown and Select **Locally-redundant storage (LRS)**



The screenshot shows the 'Name' field with the value 'lab10408stg123' and a green checkmark. Below it, the 'Account kind' dropdown is set to 'StorageV2 (general purpose v2)'. The 'Performance' section has two radio buttons: 'Standard' (selected) and 'Premium'. The 'Replication' dropdown is set to 'Locally-redundant storage (LRS)'.

- v. Select **Ok**
- b. Select **Enable guest-level monitoring**

**Note:** Wait, till **diagnostic settings** gets enabled. It takes **~5 mnts.**



The screenshot shows the 'Diagnostic settings' page for a virtual machine named 'az104-08-vm0'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'Diagnostic settings' highlighted. The main content area shows the 'Overview' tab. It includes a description of Azure Monitoring, a 'Diagnostics storage account' dropdown set to '(new) lab10408stg123', and a large blue button labeled 'Enable guest-level monitoring' at the bottom.

**Note:** **Wait**, till deployment gets completed.

## Step 2: View the Performance Counters

26. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

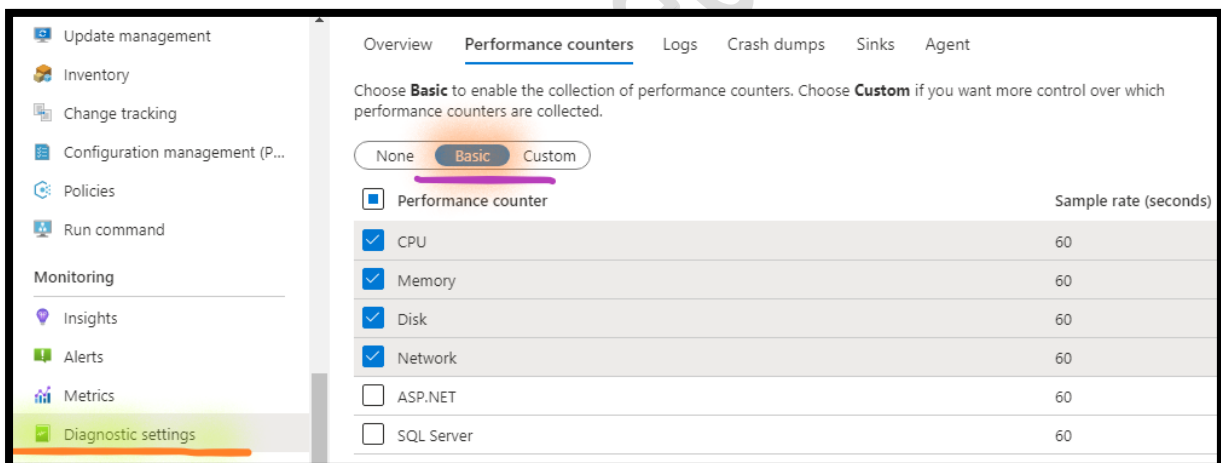
27. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

28. Select **Diagnostic settings** under **monitoring**

29. Select **Performance counters**

**Note:** **Review**, the available counters.

**Note:** By default, CPU, memory, disk, and network counters are enabled. You can switch to the Custom view for more detailed listing.



## Step 3: View the Logs

30. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

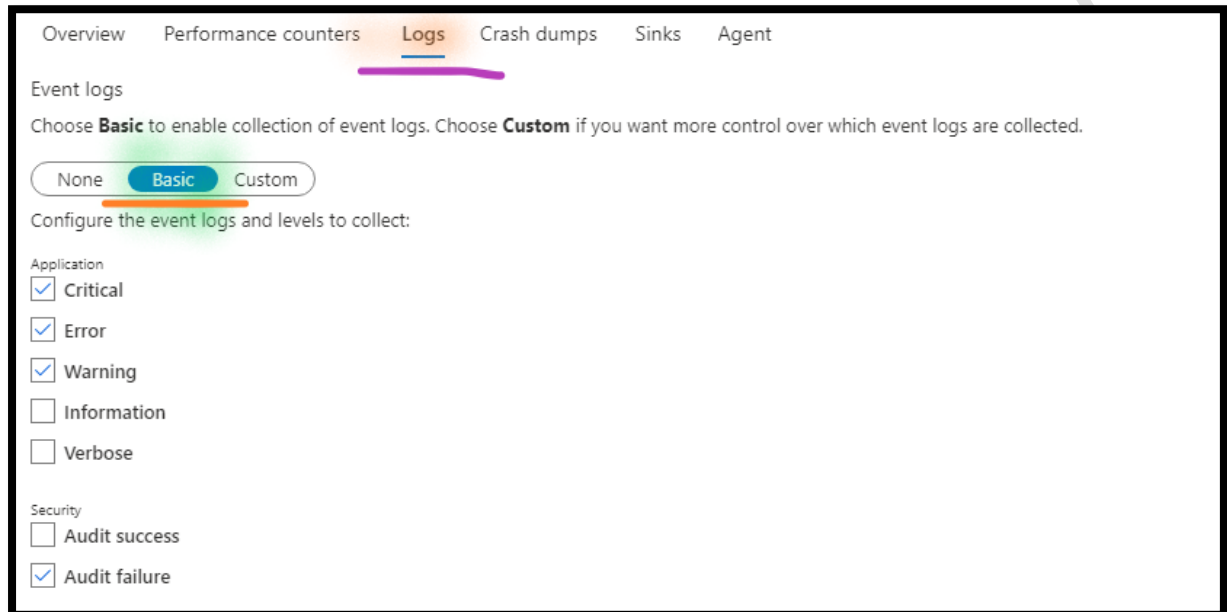
31. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

32. Select **Diagnostic settings** under **monitoring**

33. Select **Performance counters**

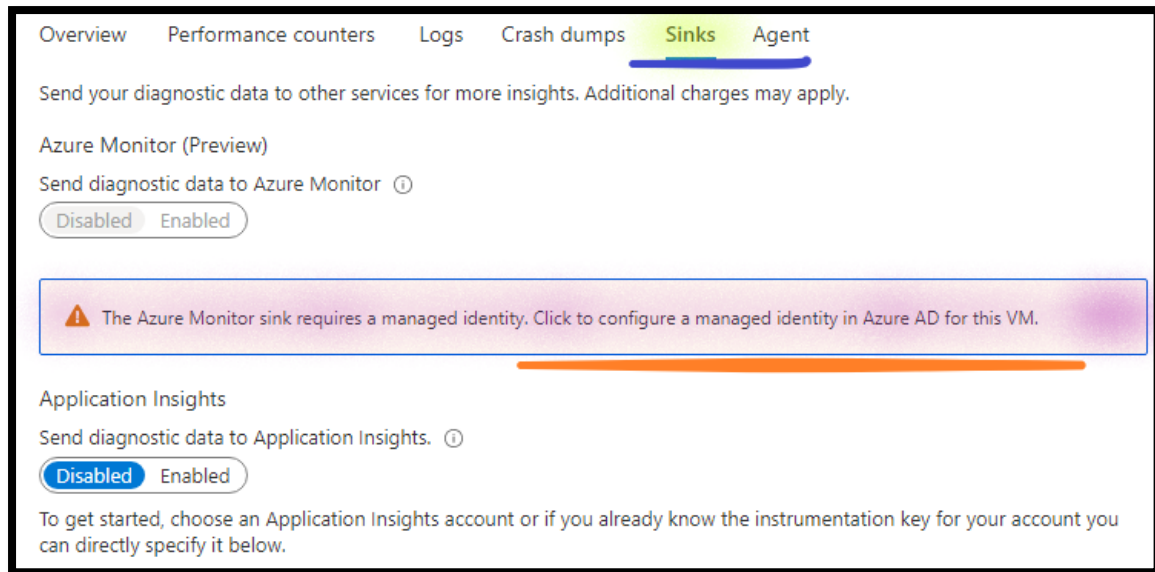
**Note:** **Review**, the available event log collection options.

**Note:** By default, log collection includes critical, error, and warning entries from the Application Log and System log, as well as Audit failure entries from the Security log. Here as well you can switch to the Custom view for more detailed configuration settings.



#### Step 4: Enable Sink

34. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**
35. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine
36. Select **Diagnostic settings** under **monitoring**
37. Select **Sinks**
  - a. Select, **Select Click to configure a managed identity in Azure AD for this VM.**



- i. Select **System Identity**.
- ii. Select **On**.
- iii. Select **Save**.

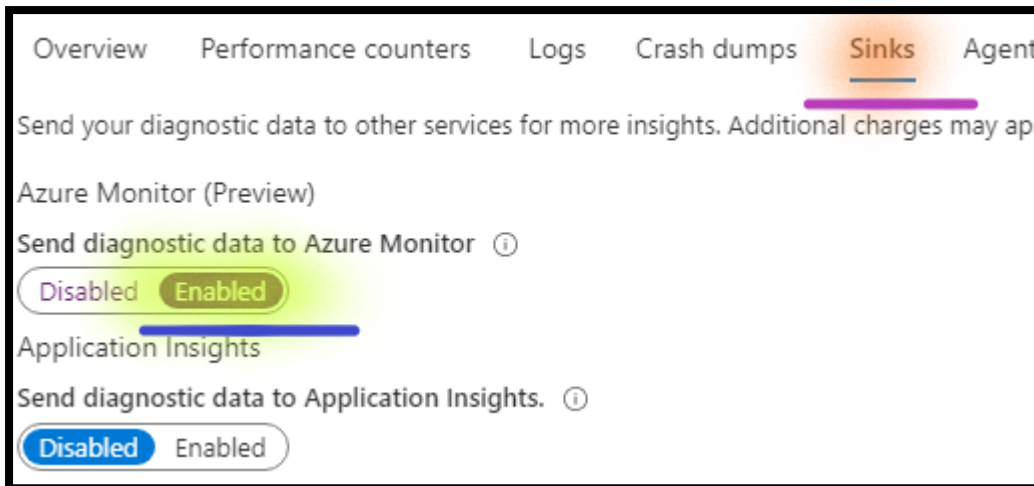
38. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

39. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

40. Select **Diagnostic settings** under **monitoring**

41. Select **Sinks**

- a. **Send diagnostic data to Azure Monitor:** Select **Enabled**
- b. **Send diagnostic data to Application Insights:** Select **Disabled**.



c. Select **Save**.

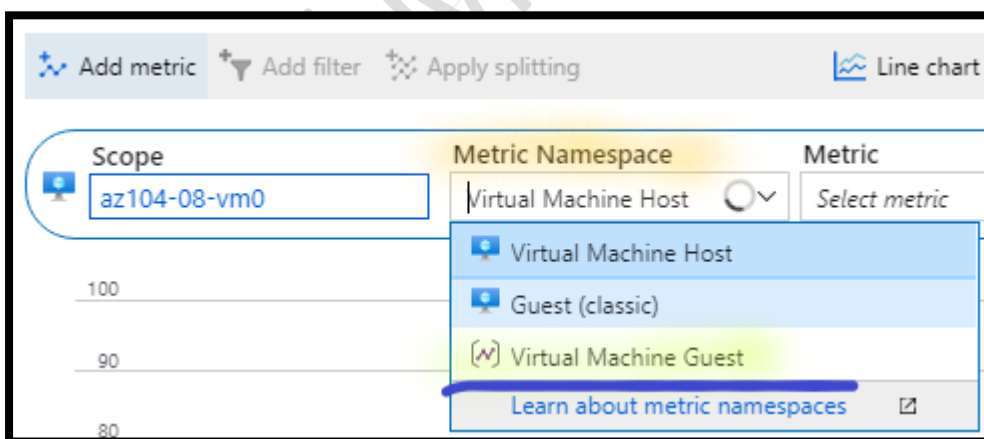
### Step 5: View the Guest Level Monitoring

42. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

43. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

44. Select **Metrics** under **monitoring**

a. **Metric namespace:** Dropdown and Select **Virtual Machine Guest**.



**Note:** If you don't see the Virtual machine Guest option, Go to the Sinks and Disable it and re-enable it.

b. **Metric: Review** the list of **available metrics**.

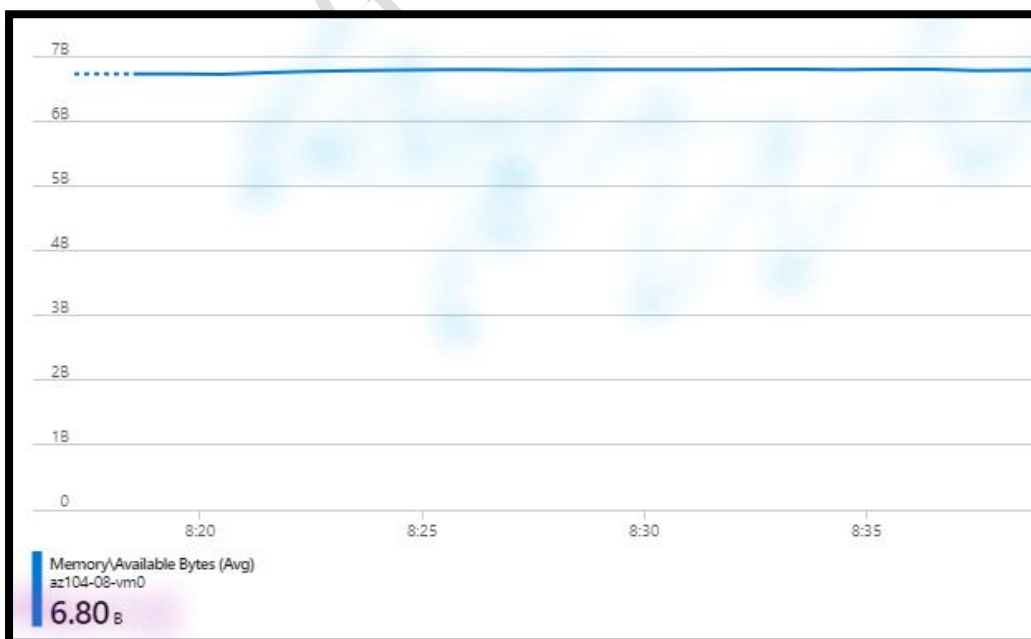
**Note:** The list includes additional guest-level metrics not available when relying on the host-level monitoring only.

- i. **Metric:** Dropdown and Select **Memory/ Available Bytes**.
  - ii. **Aggregation:** Dropdown and Select **Avg**.
- c. **Go to right**, Click on **Local time**.
- i. **Time range:** Select **Last 30 minutes**.
  - ii. **Time granularity:** Dropdown and Select **1 minute**.
  - iii. Select **Apply**.

Scope	Metric Namespace	Metric	Aggregation
az104-08-vm0	Virtual Machine Guest	Memory\Available Bytes	Avg

**Note:** **Review**, the resulting results. You get the available memory.

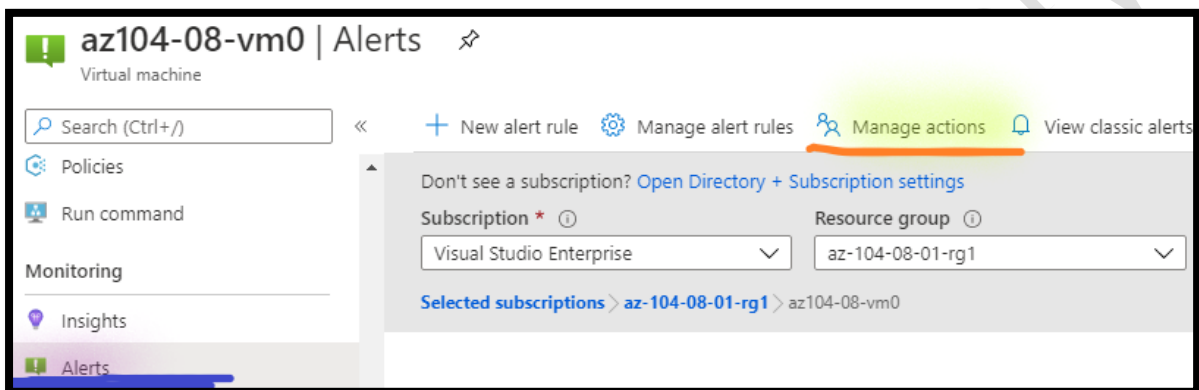
**Note:** If you get **Error retrieving data**, **Wait**, for mnts. and Refresh your Screen to view the metrics.



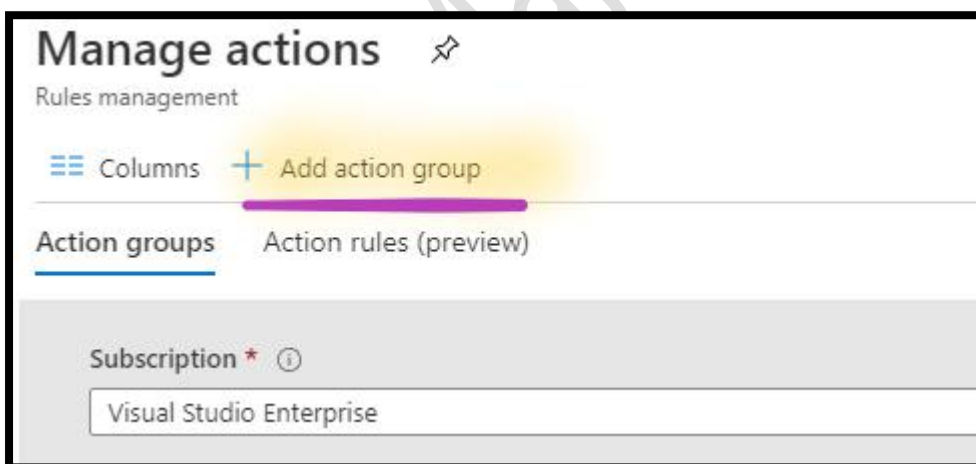
## Task 5: Configure Azure Alert

### Step 1: Create Action Group

45. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**
46. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine
47. Select **Alerts** under **monitoring**
48. Click **Manage actions**



49. Select **Add action group**



- a. **Subscription:** Select your **Default subscription**
- b. **Resource group:** Dropdown and Select **AZ-204-11-01-RG**
- c. **Action group name:** Write **LAB-204-Alert-Group**
- d. **Display name:** Write **Alert-Group**

Subscription \* ⓘ Visual Studio Enterprise

Resource group \* ⓘ az-104-08-01-rg1

Instance details

Action group name \* ⓘ LAB-104-Alert-Group ✓

Display name \* ⓘ Alert-Group ✓

This display name is limited to 63 characters

- e. Select **Next: Notification**
- f. **Notification type:** Dropdown and Select **Email/SMS message/ Push/ Voice**
  - 1) **Name:** Write **LAB-104-Notification**

Notifications

Configure the method in which users will be notified when the action group triggers receiver details and add a unique description. This step is optional.

Notification type ⓘ	Name ⓘ
Email/SMS message/Push/Voice	LAB-104-Notification ✓

- o **Email:** Enable **email**
  - i. Provide **your email id**
- o **SMS:** Enable **SMS**
  - i. Select your **country code**
  - ii. Provide **your mobile no.**



☒ Email  
 Email \*  ✓

☒ SMS (Carrier charges may apply)  
 Country code \*  ✓

Phone number \*  ✓

2) Press **Ok**

- g. Select **Next: Actions**
- h. Select **Next: Tags**
- i. Select **Next: Review + Create**
- j. Select **Create**

**Note:** You can see your action group.

**Manage actions**

Rules management

Columns + Add action group

**Action groups** Action rules (preview)

Subscription \* ⓘ Resource group \* ⓘ

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Search action groups

Action group name	↑↓	Short name	↑↓	Resource group	↑↓	Status
LAB-104-Alert-Group		Alert-Group		az-104-08-01-rg1		Enabled

**Note:** If you are unable to view action group, it takes few mnts. to view the action group.

**Don't wait,** go to the next step.

**Note:** You can receive e-mail /sms that **You ve been added to an Azure Monitor action group.**

## Step 2: Create Alert

50.From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

51.Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

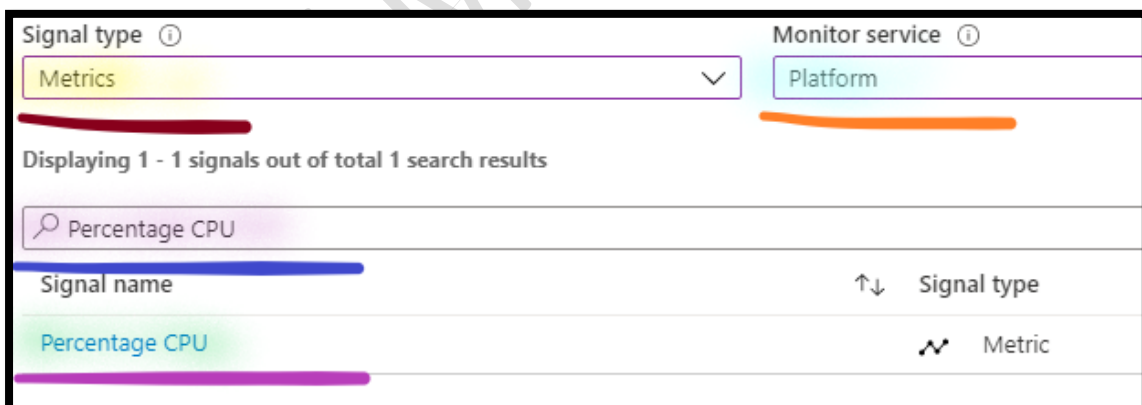
52.Select **Alerts** under **monitoring**

53.Select **New Alert rule**

**Note:** You can see the virtual machine **az204-11-vm** is already added under resource.

54.**Condition:** Click on **Add Condition**

- Signal type:** Dropdown & Select **Metrics**
- Monitor service:** Dropdown & select **Platform**
- Signal name:** Search and Select **Percentage CPU**



**Note:** You can see new blade to configure signal logic.

55.In **Alert logic section**, configure:

- Threshold:** Select **Static**

- b. **Operator:** Select **Greater than**
- c. **Aggregation type:** Select **Average**
- d. **Threshold value:** Write **2**
- e. **Aggregation granularity:** Dropdown and Select **1 Minute**
- f. **Frequency of evaluation:** Dropdown and Select **Every 1 Minute**

Alert logic

Threshold ⓘ

Static Dynamic

Operator ⓘ Aggregation type \* ⓘ Threshold value \* ⓘ

Greater than Average 2

Condition preview

Whenever the average percentage cpu is greater than 2 %

Evaluated based on

Aggregation granularity (Period) \* ⓘ Frequency of evaluation ⓘ

1 minute Every 1 Minute

- g. select **Done**

56. In **Action group section**, configure:

- a. Click on **Add Action group**, under **actions**
- b. Select **LAB-204-Alert-Group**
- c. Click **Select**

57. In **Alert rule details section**, configure:

- a. **Alert rule name:** Write **Az204-11-VM -Monitoring-Group**
- b. **Description:** Write **Az204-11-VM CPU Utilisation exceed 2%**

### Alert rule details

Provide details on your alert rule so that you can identify and manage it later.

Alert rule name \* ⓘ

Description

Save alert rule to resource group \* ⓘ

Severity \* ⓘ

Enable alert rule upon creation ☒

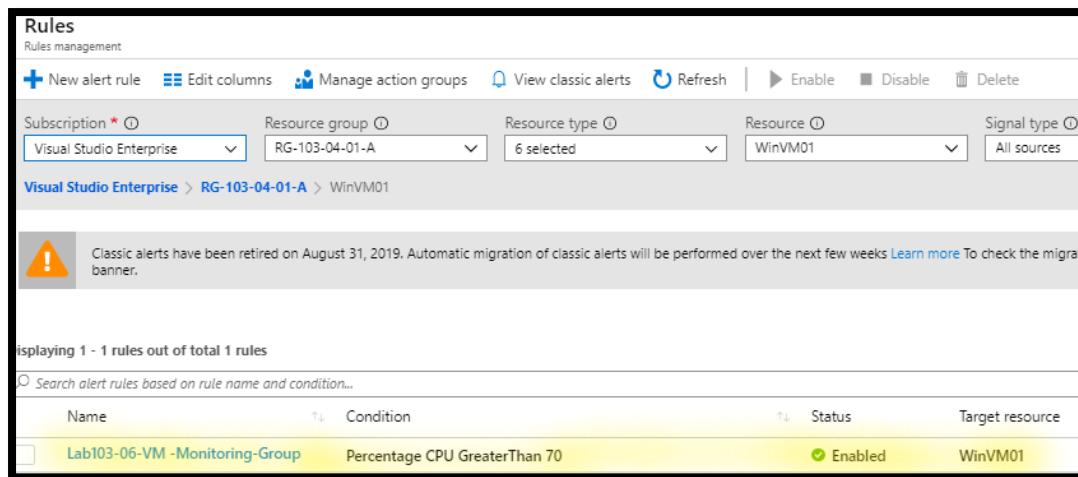
**Note:** Leave other settings as default.

- c. Click on **Create alert rule**

### Step 3: Verify Alert rule

58. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**
59. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine
60. Select **Alerts** under **monitoring**
61. Select **Manage Alert rule**

**Note:** You can see the newly created alert rule.



## Step 4: Stress VM CPU for Alert

62. Login to **Az204-11-VM** windows virtual machine via **RDP**.

63. Go to **Start** menu, right click on **Start** & **Run**.

- a. In the **open**, write **cmd**
- b. **Run** the following to initiate the infinite loop that should increase the CPU utilization above the threshold of the newly created alert rule. **From the command line interpreter**, run the **following**:

```
for /l %a in (0,0,1) do echo a
```

## Step 5: Review the CPU metrics

64. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

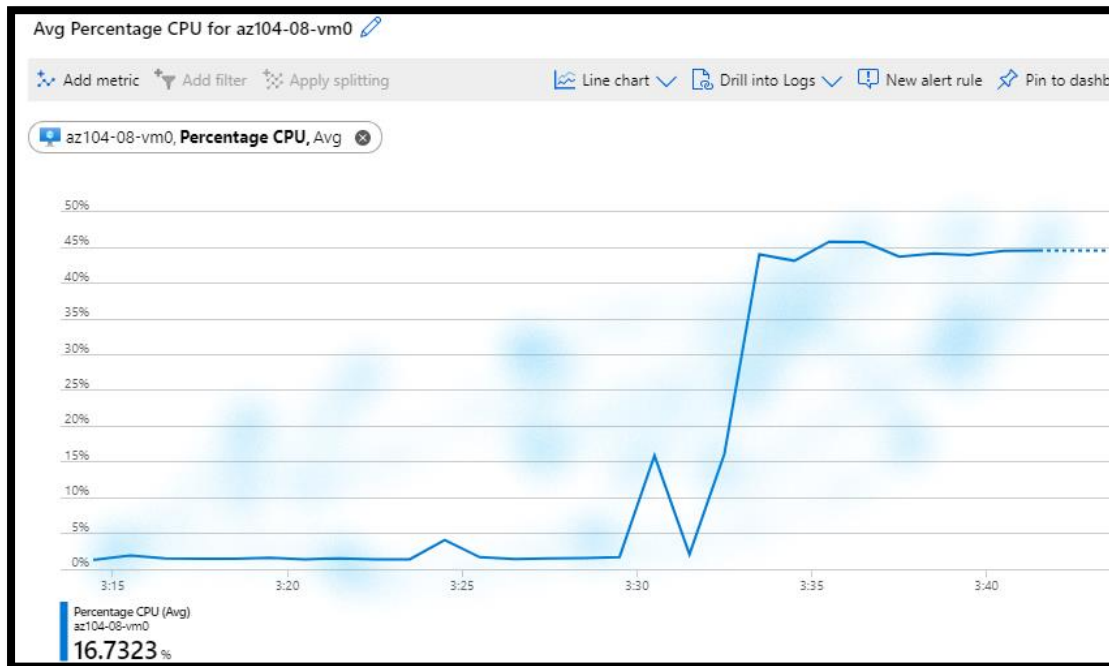
65. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

66. Select **Metrics** under **monitoring**

- a. In the **Metric drop-down list**, **review** the list of available metrics.
  - i. **Metric**: Dropdown and Select **Percentage CPU**.
  - ii. **Aggregation**: Dropdown and Select **Avg**.
- b. **Go to the right**, Click on **Local time**.

- i. **Time range:** Select **Last 30 minutes**.
- ii. **Time granularity:** Dropdown and Select **1 minute**.
- iii. Select **Apply**.

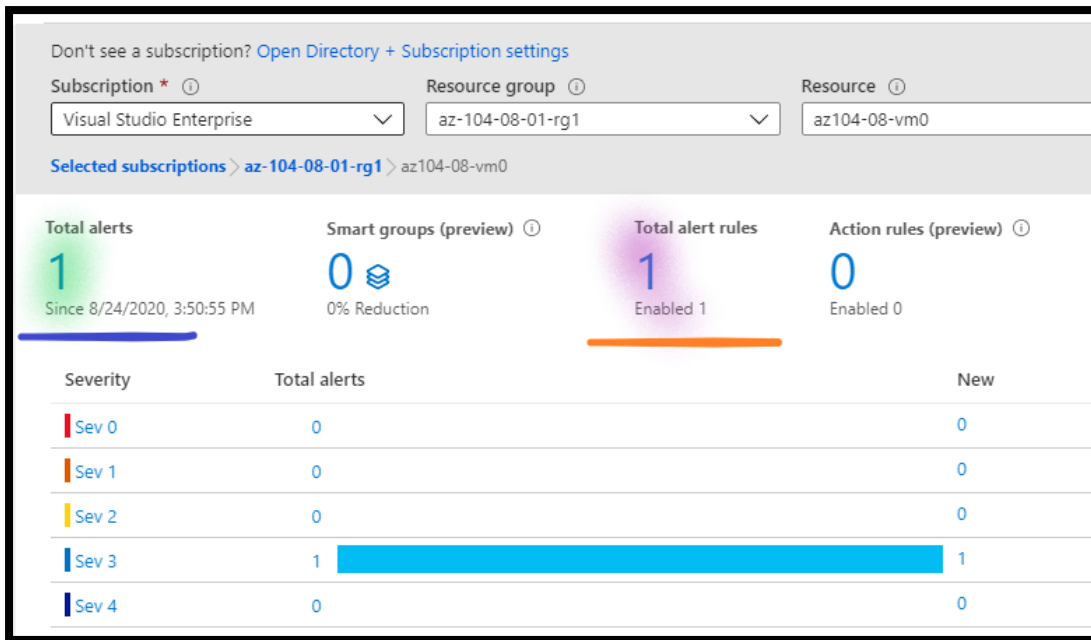
**Note:** You can see the CPU metrics going beyond threshold. Keep Refresh to check the current CPU status.



## Step 6: Monitor Alert

67. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**
68. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine
69. Select **Alerts** under **monitoring**

**Note:** First alert takes ~15 mnts., you will see the triggered alert details.



70. You will receive **email** and **sms** for your azure monitor alert rule.

**Note: Don't wait**, go to the next step.

## Task 6: Review Azure Log Analytics

### Step 1: Review Azure Log Analytics functionality

71. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

72. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

73. Select **Logs** under **monitoring**

74. In the **query window**, paste the following query to see all heartbeats over the last two minutes and click **Run**:

```
Heartbeat
| where TimeGenerated > now() - 2m
```

The screenshot shows the Azure Monitor query interface. At the top, there's a 'Run' button and a 'Time range: Set in query' dropdown. Below the query editor, the query is: `1 Heartbeat`  
`2 | where TimeGenerated > now() - 2m`  
`3`

The results section shows 'Completed' with a duration of '00:00:01.354' and '2 records'. The table has columns: 'TimeGenerated [Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi]', 'SourceComputerId', and 'ComputerIP'.

TimeGenerated [Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi]	SourceComputerId	ComputerIP
> 8/25/2020, 9:27:21.540 PM	1f8ddb2-4b87-48a4-988e-795d630bccb7	52.191.136.168
> 8/25/2020, 9:28:21.550 PM	1f8ddb2-4b87-48a4-988e-795d630bccb7	52.191.136.168

**Note:** You can review the result.

## Task 6: Review Azure Activity Log

### Step 1: Query Activity Logs

75. To view the **activity logs** through the portal, select resource group **AZ-204-11-01-RG**

76. Select **Activity Log**

- You will see **summary of recent operations**. A default set of filters is applied to the operations.
- To quickly run a pre-defined set of filters, select **Quick Insights**

The screenshot shows the Azure Activity Log interface for resource group 'RG-103-04-01-A'. The left sidebar has a search bar and a list of options: Overview, Activity log (selected), Access control (IAM), Tags, Events, Settings, and Quickstart.

The main area shows filters: Management Group: None, Subscription: Visual Studio Enterprise, Timespan: Last 6 hours, Event severity: All. Below the filters, it says '16 items'.

Operation name	Status	Time	Time stamp	Subscription
> Create or update metric alert	Succeeded	24 min ago	Tue Oct 22 ...	Visual Studio Enterprise
> Delete Virtual Network Peering Proxy	Accepted	2 h ago	Tue Oct 22 ...	Visual Studio Enterprise



- c. Select one of the options. For example, select **Failed deployments** to see errors from deployments.

**Note:** Use filters to get more details.

## Step 2: Create Activity Log Alert

77. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Resource group**
78. Open resource group **AZ-204-11-01-RG**
79. Click **Alert** under monitoring
80. Select **New Rule Alert**
81. Click on **Select resource**, under Resource
  - a. **Filter by subscription:** Dropdown & select **default subscription**
  - b. **Filter by resource type:** Dropdown & select **Virtual machines**
  - c. Under **resource** select your **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine
  - d. Select **Done**
82. Click on **Select conditions**, under **Conditions**
  - a. **Signal type:** Dropdown & Select **Activity log**
  - b. **Monitor service:** Dropdown & select **Activity log–Administrative**
  - c. **Signal name:** Select **All Administrative operations**

**Configure signal logic**

Choose a signal below and configure the logic on the next screen to define the alert condition.

Signal type ⓘ  
Activity Log

Monitor service ⓘ  
Activity Log - Administrative

Displaying 1 - 14 signals out of total 14 signals

Search by signal name

Signal name	↑↓	Signal type	↑↓	Monitor service
All Administrative operations		Activity Log		Administrative
Create or Update Virtual Machine (Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines)		Activity Log		Administrative
Delete Virtual Machine (Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines)		Activity Log		Administrative

**Note:** New blade of Configure signal logic gets open.

- i. In **Alert logic** section, configure:
  - 1) **Event level:** Dropdown and Select **Informational**.
  - 2) **Status:** Dropdown and Select **All**.

**Note:** Leave other settings as default.

**Alert logic**

Event Level ⓘ  
Informational

Status ⓘ  
All

Event initiated by ⓘ  
\* (All services and users)

- 3) Select **Done**
- d. Click on **Select action group**, under **Action group**
  - i. Select **LAB-204-Alert-Group**
  - ii. Click **Select**
- e. In **Alert rule details** section, configure:
  - i. **Alert rule name:** Write **AZ204-11-VM-State-Monitoring-Group**

- ii. **Description:** Write **AZ204-11-VM State Change**

**Note:** Leave other settings as default.

- iii. Click on **Create alert rule**

### Step 3: Verify Alert rule

83. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Virtual machines**

84. Select & Open **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

85. Select **Alerts** under **monitoring**

- a. Select **Manage Alert rule**

**Note:** You can see the newly created alert rule.

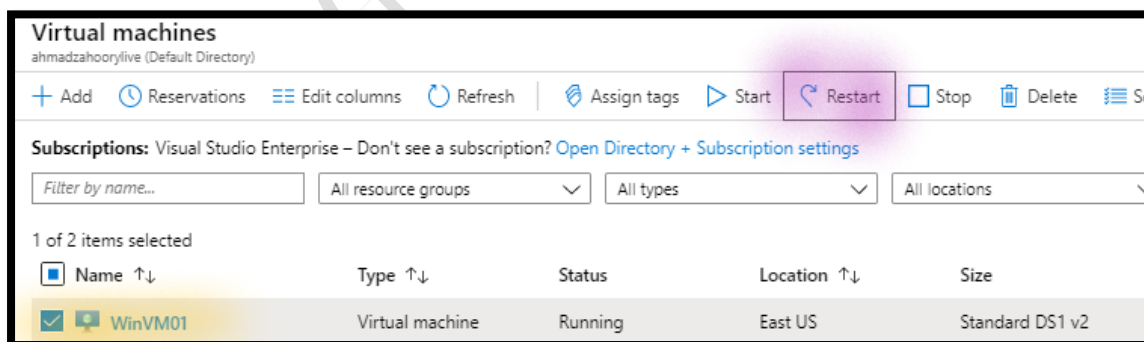
### Step 4: Change the Virtual machine state

86. From Azure portal, go to left side, select **Resource group**

87. Open resource group **AZ-204-11-01-RG**

88. Select **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine

- a. **Restart** the **Az204-11-VM** virtual machine



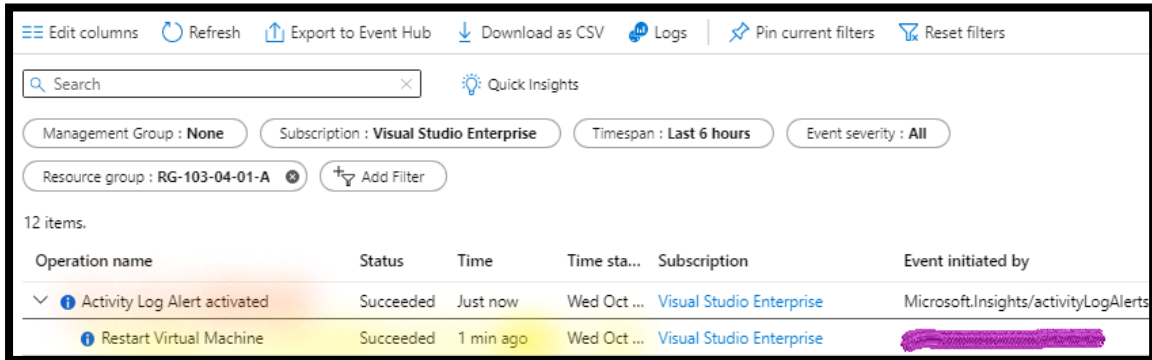
### Step 5: Check the Activity Logs

89. To view the **activity logs** through the portal, select resource group **AZ-204-11-01-RG**

- a. Select **Activity Log**

**Note:** You can **Alert activated** activity log.

- b. Expand the **Activity Log Alert activated** to view the **Restart Virtual Machine** log and **event initiated** by



The screenshot shows the Azure Activity Log interface. At the top, there are filters for Management Group (None), Subscription (Visual Studio Enterprise), Timespan (Last 6 hours), and Event severity (All). Below these, there is a search bar and a 'Quick Insights' button. The main table displays 12 items. The first item is 'Activity Log Alert activated' with a status of 'Succeeded' and a time of 'Just now'. The second item is 'Restart Virtual Machine' with a status of 'Succeeded' and a time of '1 min ago'. The table columns are: Operation name, Status, Time, Time sta..., Subscription, and Event initiated by.

Operation name	Status	Time	Time sta...	Subscription	Event initiated by
Activity Log Alert activated	Succeeded	Just now	Wed Oct ...	Visual Studio Enterprise	Microsoft.Insights/activityLogAlerts
Restart Virtual Machine	Succeeded	1 min ago	Wed Oct ...	Visual Studio Enterprise	

**Note:** You will see the triggered alert details.

## Task 5: Delete Environment

### Step 1: Delete Resource Group

90.Delete **AZ-204-11-01-RG** resource group