

CST8921 – Cloud Industry Trends

Lab 2 Report

Title

Securing Cloud Resources: Exploring Cloud Security Trends with AWS/Azure/GCP.

Introduction

In this lab, we delve into crucial aspects of cloud security, focusing on data protection and asset security. Using AWS, Azure, or GCP, participants learn to implement security policies, service endpoints, and network configurations to safeguard cloud resources and prevent unauthorized access, fostering a comprehensive understanding of cloud security concepts.

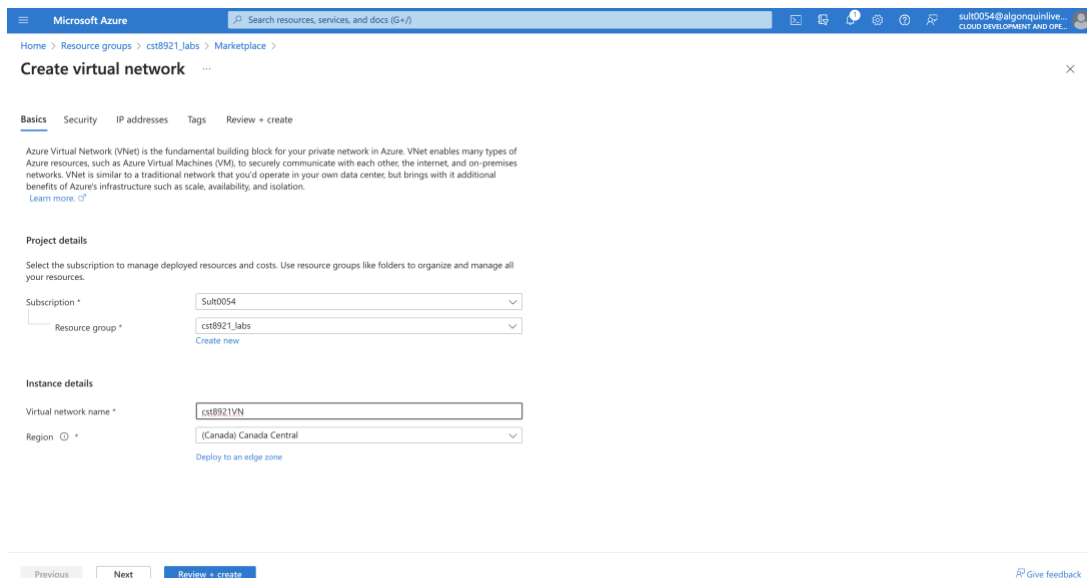
Steps

Step 1: Create an Allowed Locations Policy

- Set up an Allowed Locations policy to ensure resources are only created in a specific region.

Step 2: Service Endpoints and Securing Storage

- Task 1: Create a virtual network in the Canada Central region.



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Azure Virtual Network (VNet) is the fundamental building block for your private network in Azure. VNet enables many types of Azure resources, such as Azure Virtual Machines (VM), to securely communicate with each other, the internet, and on-premises networks. VNet is similar to a traditional network that you'd operate in your own data center, but brings with it additional benefits of Azure's infrastructure such as scale, availability, and isolation. [Learn more.](#)

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

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Resource group * cst8921_labs [Create new](#)

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Virtual network name * cst8921VN

Region () * ((Canada) Canada Central)

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Deployment name : cst8921VN
Subscription : Sult0054
Resource group : cst8921_labs

Start time : 1/22/2024, 7:02:11 PM
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- Task 2: Add a subnet to the virtual network and configure a storage endpoint.
 - Enable service endpoint, create a subnet, and select Microsoft Storage as a service endpoint.

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Name	IPv4	IPv6	Available IPs
default	10.0.0.0/24	-	251

Add subnet

Name *
cst8921sub1

Subnet address range *
10.0.1.0/24
10.0.1.0 - 10.0.1.255 (251 + 5 Azure reserved addresses)

☐ Add IPv6 address space

NAT gateway
None

Network security group
None

Route table
None

SERVICE ENDPOINTS

Create service endpoint policies to allow traffic to specific azure resources from your virtual network over service endpoints. [Learn more](#)

Services
Microsoft.Storage

Service endpoint policies
0 selected

SUBNET DELEGATION

Delegate subnet to a service
None

Save

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Name	IPv4	IPv6	Available IPs
default	10.0.0.0/24	-	251
cst8921sub1	10.0.1.0/24	-	251

Add subnet

10.0.2.0/24

10.0.2.0 - 10.0.2.255 (251 + 5 Azure reserved addresses)

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Network security group

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Services

Microsoft.Storage

Service endpoint policies

0 selected

SUBNET DELEGATION

Delegate subnet to a service

None

NETWORK POLICY FOR PRIVATE ENDPOINTS

The network policy affects all private endpoints in this subnet. Select the types of network policies that control traffic going to the private endpoints in this subnet. [Learn more](#)

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- Configure two subnets.

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default	10.0.0.0/24	-	251	-	-	-
cst8921sub1	10.0.1.0/24	-	251	-	-	-
cst8921sub2	10.0.2.0/24	-	251	-	-	-

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- Task 3: Configure a network security group to restrict access to the subnet.
 - Create an NSG in Canada Central Region.



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Create network security group

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Resource group *cst8921_labs

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Name *cst8921_NSG

Region *Canada Central

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✔ Your deployment is complete

Deployment name : Microsoft.NetworkSecurityGroup-20240122191034

Subscription : Sult0054

Resource group : cst8921_labs

Start time : 1/22/2024, 7:12:22 PM

Correlation ID : 24388371-94d3-42dd-a29a-b3f698e59caa

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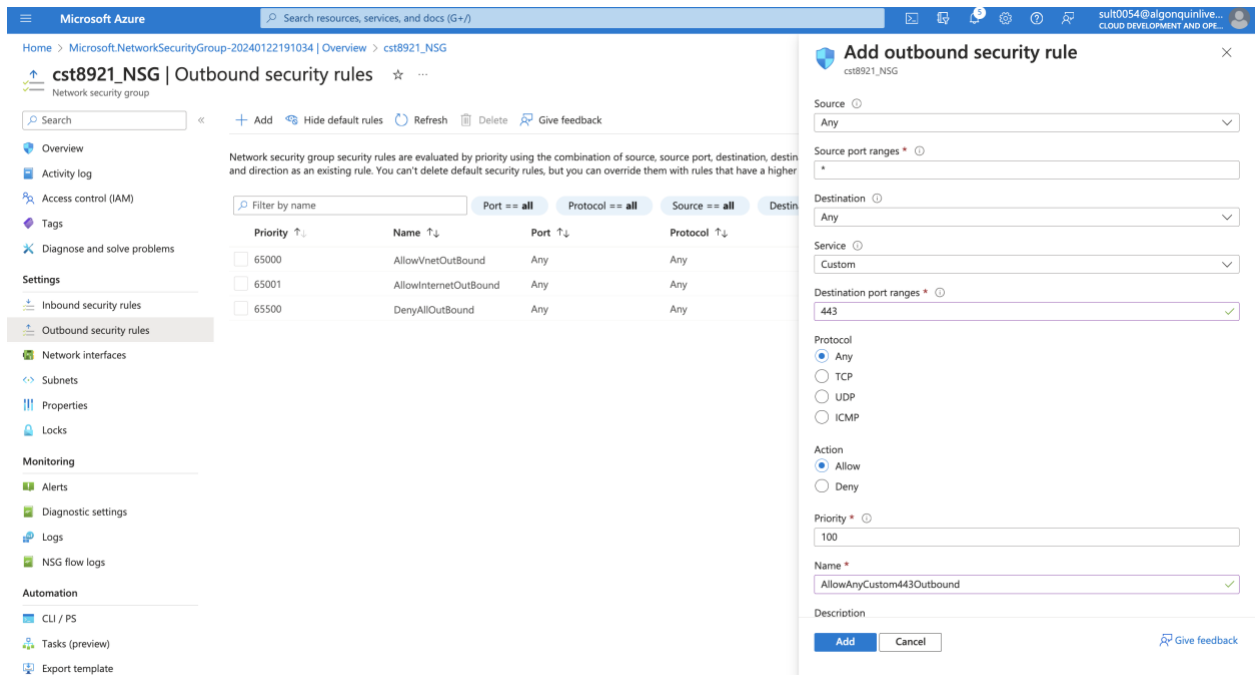
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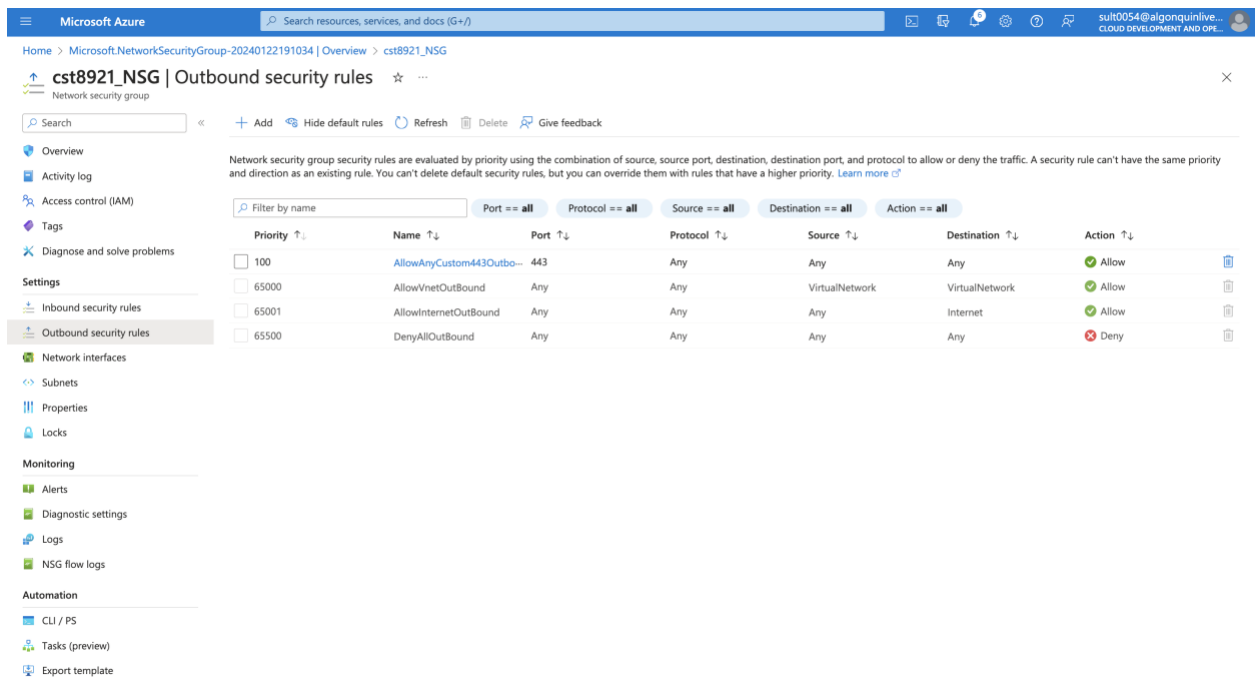
- Create a rule allowing outbound communication to Azure Storage service.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the navigation pane is open, showing the 'cst8921_NSG' network security group. The main area displays the 'Add outbound security rule' dialog. The dialog fields are as follows:

- Source: Any
- Source port ranges: *
- Destination: Any
- Service: Custom
- Destination port ranges: 443
- Protocol: Any (selected)
- Action: Allow (selected)
- Priority: 100
- Name: AllowAnyCustom443Outbound
- Description: (empty)

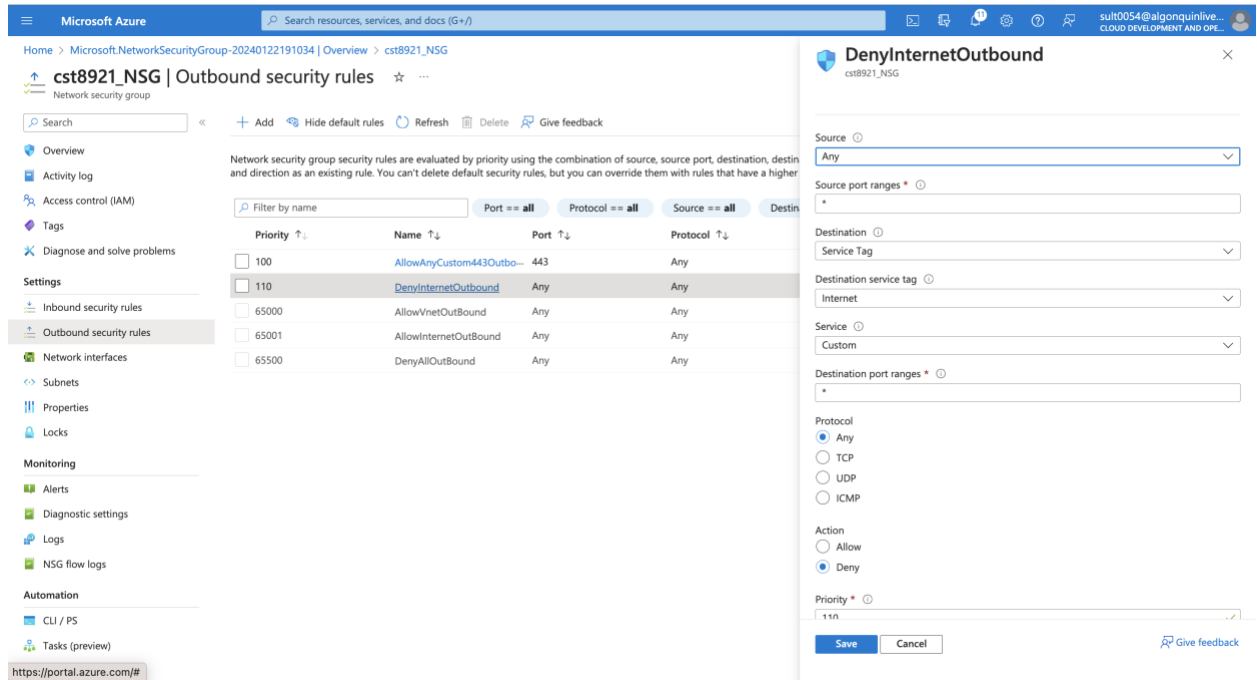
At the bottom of the dialog are 'Add' and 'Cancel' buttons, and a 'Give feedback' link.



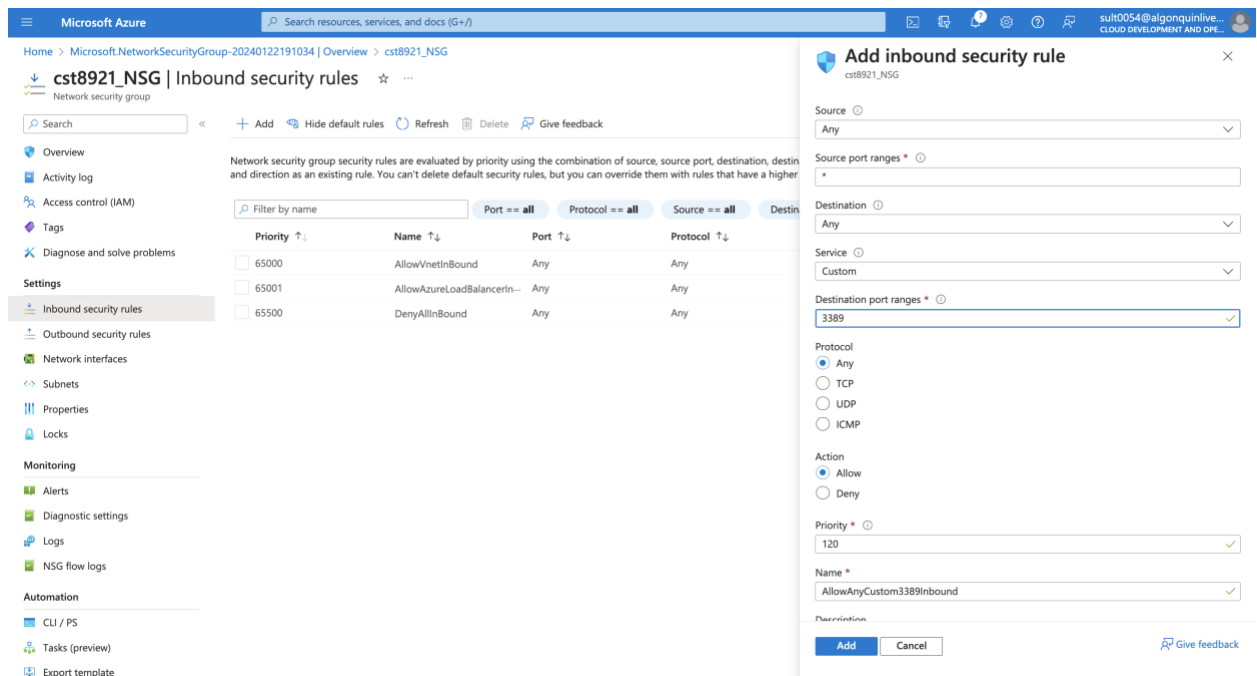
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Priority	Name	Port	Protocol	Source	Destination	Action
100	AllowAnyCustom443Outbound	443	Any	Any	Any	Allow
65000	AllowVnetOutBound	Any	Any	VirtualNetwork	VirtualNetwork	Allow
65001	AllowInternetOutBound	Any	Any	Any	Internet	Allow
65500	DenyAllOutBound	Any	Any	Any	Any	Deny

- Task 4: Configure a network security group to allow RDP on the public subnet.
 - Create outbound security rules and inbound rules for RDP.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface for configuring a Network Security Group (NSG) rule. The left sidebar displays the navigation menu with options like Overview, Activity log, Access control (IAM), Tags, Diagnose and solve problems, Settings, Inbound security rules, Outbound security rules (selected), Network interfaces, Subnets, Properties, Locks, Monitoring, Alerts, Diagnostic settings, Logs, NSG flow logs, Automation, CLI / PS, and Tasks (preview). The main content area shows the 'cst8921_NSG | Outbound security rules' page. A table lists existing rules, with 'DenyInternetOutbound' (Priority 110) selected. The right-hand pane shows the configuration for this rule: Source is 'Any', Source port ranges are '*', Destination is 'Service Tag', Destination service tag is 'Internet', Service is 'Custom', Destination port ranges are '*', Protocol is 'Any' (selected), Action is 'Deny' (selected), and Priority is '110'. The 'Save' button is visible at the bottom of the configuration pane.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface for configuring an inbound security rule. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area shows the 'cst8921_NSG | Inbound security rules' page. A table lists existing rules, with 'DenyAllInBound' (Priority 65500) selected. The right-hand pane shows the configuration for a new rule: Source is 'Any', Source port ranges are '*', Destination is 'Any', Service is 'Custom', Destination port ranges are '3389' (selected), Protocol is 'Any' (selected), Action is 'Allow' (selected), Priority is '120', and Name is 'AllowAnyCustom3389Inbound'. The 'Add' button is visible at the bottom of the configuration pane.

- Task 5: Create a storage account with a file share.

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Create a storage account

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Select the subscription in which to create the new storage account. Choose a new or existing resource group to organize and manage your storage account together with other resources.

Subscription *

Resource group *
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Instance details

Storage account name *

Region *
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Performance * ☒ Standard: Recommended for most scenarios (general-purpose v2 account)
☐ Premium: Recommended for scenarios that require low latency.

Redundancy *

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Deny network access from the internet, except for the private subnet.

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Network connectivity

You can connect to your storage account either publicly, via public IP addresses or service endpoints, or privately, using a private endpoint.

Network access *

☐ Enable public access from all networks

☐ Enable public access from selected virtual networks and IP addresses

☒ Disable public access and use private access

Private endpoint

Create a private endpoint to allow a private connection to this resource. Additional private endpoint connections can be created within the storage account or private link center.

+ Add private endpoint

Name	Subscription	Resource g...	Region	Target sub-...	Subnet	Private DN...
Click on add to create a private endpoint						

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Network access *

Enable public access from all networks

Enable public access from selected virtual networks and IP addresses

Disable public access and use private access

Virtual networks

Only the selected network will be able to access this storage account. [Learn more](#)

Virtual network subscription

Sult0054

Virtual network

cst8921VN

Create virtual network

Manage selected virtual network

Subnets

default (10.0.0.0/24) (Microsoft.Storage endpoint will be added)

One or more subnets you have selected require a 'Microsoft.Storage' endpoint to be added. Service traffic utilizing these subnets may be interrupted temporarily while the endpoint is added. [Learn more](#)

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Your deployment is complete

Deployment name: cst8921storageac_1705970805529

Subscription: Sult0054

Resource group: cst8921_labs

Start time: 1/22/2024, 7:46:50 PM

Correlation ID: 7f26a6e5-a160-4a90-a9d4-8eb108e64f2c

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- Task 6: Deploy virtual machines into the designated subnets.

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Create a virtual machine

Create a virtual machine that runs Linux or Windows. Select an image from Azure marketplace or use your own customized image. Complete the Basics tab then Review + create to provision a virtual machine with default parameters or review each tab for full customization. [Learn more](#)

Project details

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

Subscription *

Resource group *
[Create new](#)

Instance details

Virtual machine name *

Region *

Availability options

Availability zone *
You can now select multiple zones. Selecting multiple zones will create one VM per zone. [Learn more](#)

Security type

Image *
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Create a virtual machine

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Define network connectivity for your virtual machine by configuring network interface card (NIC) settings. You can control ports, inbound and outbound connectivity with security group rules, or place behind an existing load balancing solution. [Learn more](#)

Network interface

When creating a virtual machine, a network interface will be created for you.

Virtual network *
[Create new](#)

Subnet *
[Manage subnet configuration](#)

Public IP
[Create new](#)

NIC network security group ☐ None
☒ Basic
☐ Advanced

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.

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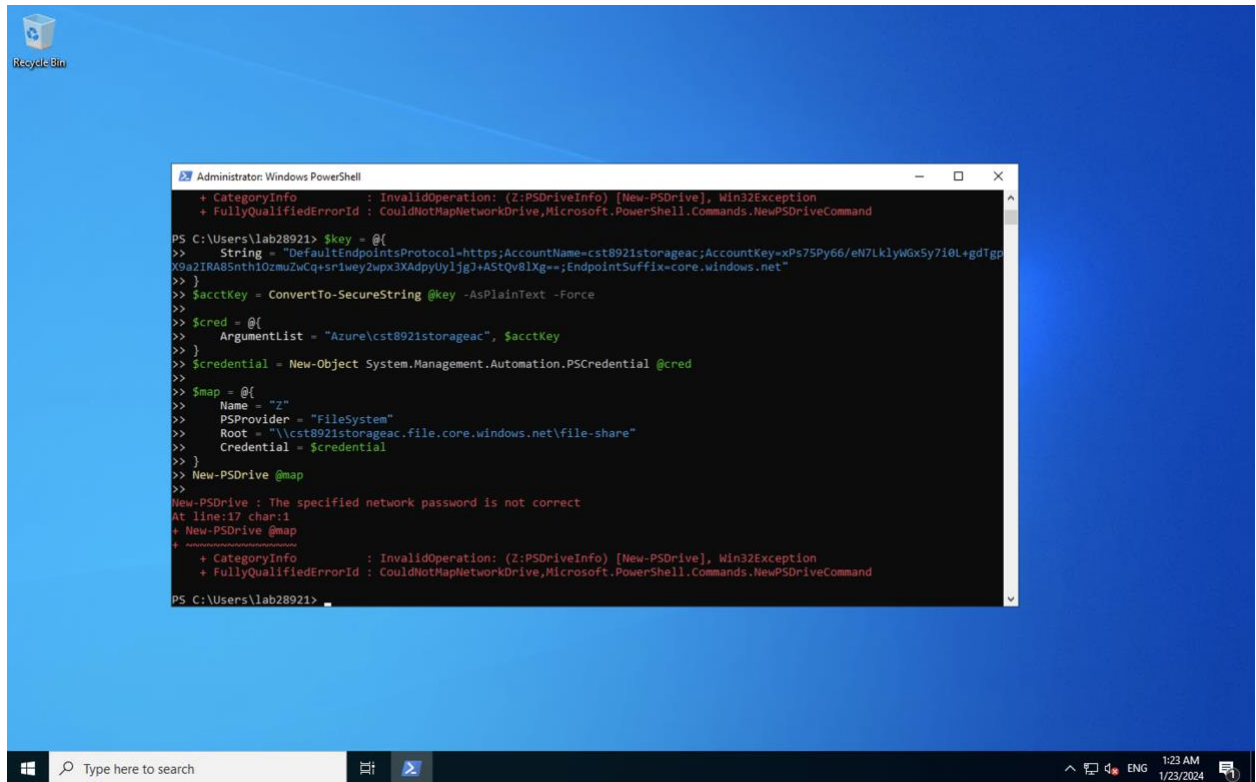
- Task 7: Test the storage connection from the private subnet.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. The top navigation bar includes the 'Microsoft Azure' logo, a search bar, and user information for 'sult0054@algonquinlive...'. The main content area is titled 'cst8921storageeac | Access keys'. It provides instructions on how to use access keys and offers a link to learn more about managing them. The 'Storage account name' is 'cst8921storageeac'. Two keys are listed: 'key1' and 'key2', both last rotated on 1/22/2024. Each key has a 'Key' field (partially obscured by a box) and a 'Connection string' field (partially obscured by a box). Buttons for 'Hide' and 'Show' are present next to each key's fields. The left sidebar shows various Azure services, with 'Access keys' selected under the 'Security + networking' category.

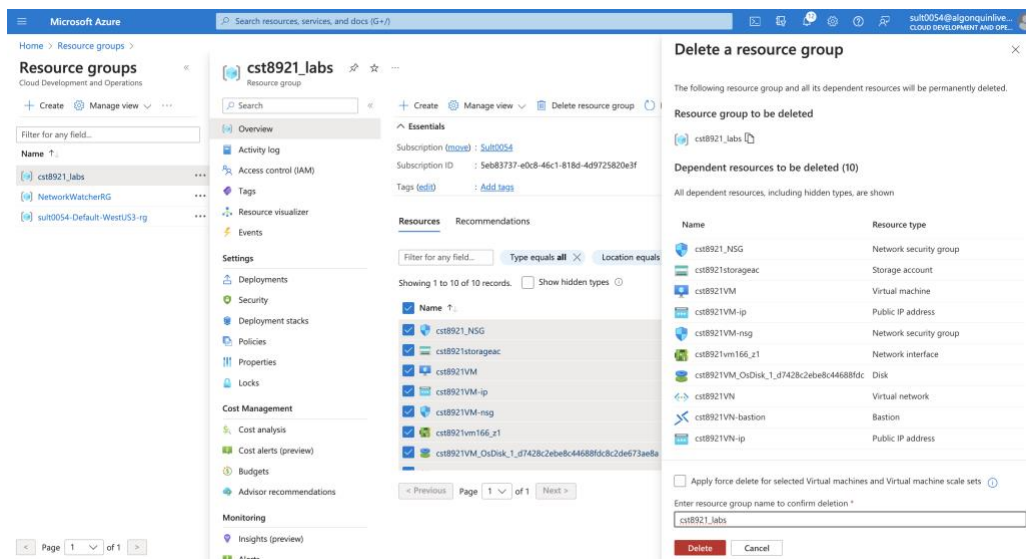
The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment with a blue background. A 'Recycle Bin' icon is visible on the left. A 'Windows PowerShell' window is open, displaying the following text: 'Administrator: Windows PowerShell', 'Windows PowerShell', 'Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.', 'Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows', and 'PS C:\Users\lab28921>'. The taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows logo, a search bar, and the system clock indicating 1:13 AM on 1/23/2024.

Step 3: Test the Storage Connection from the Public Subnet

- Task 8: Attempt to map the drive to the file share in the storage account from the public subnet to confirm access denial.



Deleting all the resources



Results

Participants successfully implemented cloud security measures, creating policies, configuring service endpoints, and securing storage access. By deploying virtual machines and testing storage connections from specific subnets, the lab provides hands-on experience in ensuring authorized access and preventing unauthorized attempts. The documentation and screenshots in the lab report showcase a thorough understanding of cloud security concepts.