

Lab 08: Azure Firewall Report

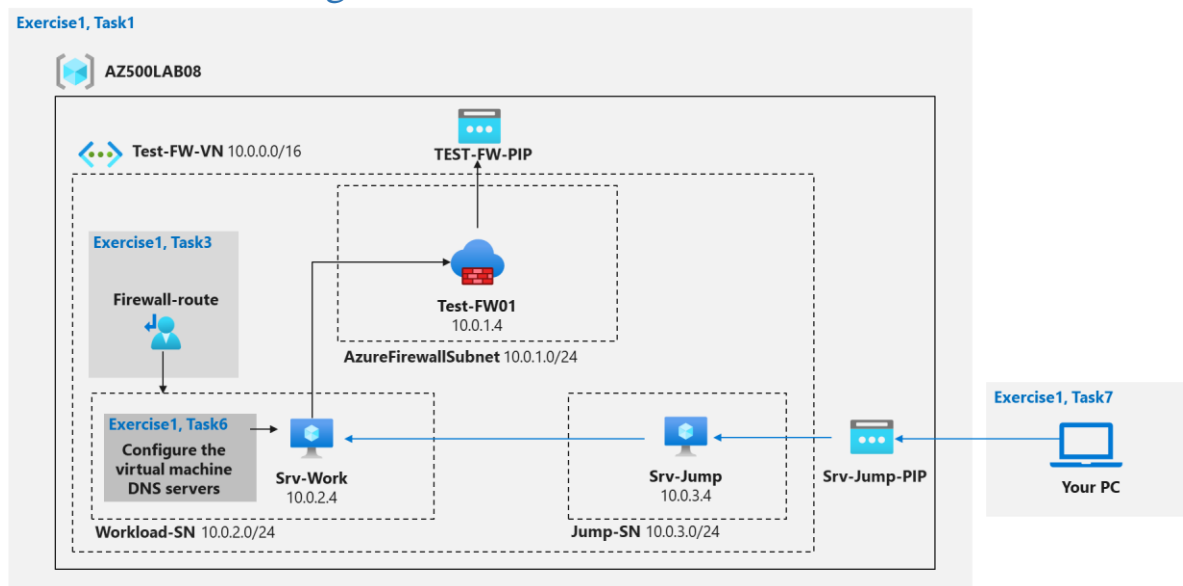
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Introduction

The Lab 08: Azure Firewall, provides an environment to learn and implement the powerful features of Azure Firewall and delve into implementing robust network security measures within the environment. The lab scenario consists of a virtual network with two subnets: a workload subnet and a jump host subnet, each containing virtual machines. My primary focus will be on ensuring secure outbound traffic from the workload subnet by configuring a custom route that directs all outbound traffic through Azure Firewall. Additionally, I will establish Firewall Application rules to limit outbound access exclusively to www.bing.com. To facilitate external DNS server lookups, I will set up Firewall Network rules. Throughout this hands-on lab, I will aim to gain practical experience in deploying, configuring, and managing Azure Firewall, empowering me to enhance cloud and network security.

Azure Firewall diagram

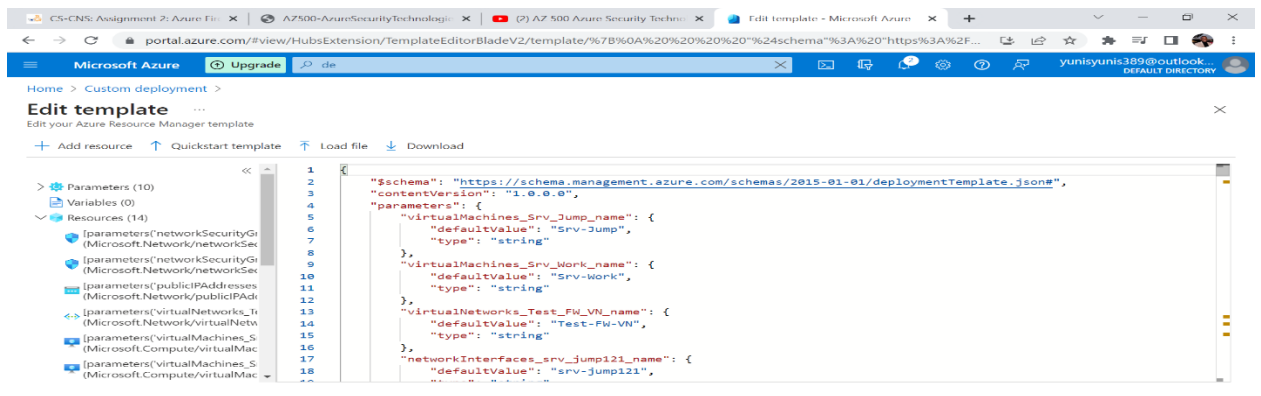


Exercise 1: Deploy and test an Azure Firewall

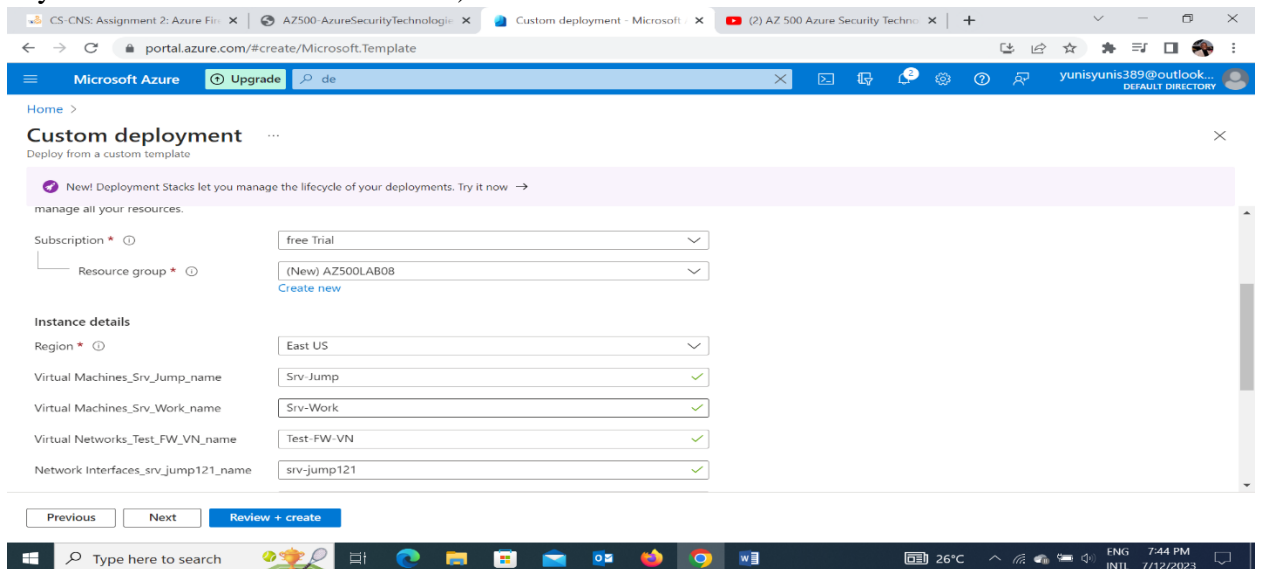
Task 1: Use a template to deploy the lab environment.

In this task, I will review and deploy the lab environment and create a virtual machine by using an ARM template.

1. Sign-in to the Azure portal <https://portal.azure.com/>.
2. In the Azure portal, in the Search resources, services, and docs text box at the top of the Azure portal page, type Deploy a custom template and press the Enter key.
3. On the Custom deployment blade, click the Build your own template in the editor option.
4. On the Edit template blade, click Load file, locate the \Allfiles\Labs\08\template.json file and click Open.
5. On the Edit template blade, click Save.



- On the Custom deployment blade, ensure that the following settings are configured (leave any others with their default values):



- Click Review + create, and then click Create.

Task 2: Deploy the Azure firewall

In this task I will deploy the Azure firewall into the virtual network.

- In the Azure portal, in the **Search resources, services, and docs** text box at the top of the Azure portal page, type **Firewalls** and press the **Enter** key.
- On the **Firewalls** blade, click **+ Create**.
- On the **Basics** tab of the **Create a firewall** blade, specify the following settings (leave others with their default values):

static public IP address for your virtual network resources allowing outside firewalls to identify traffic originating from your virtual network. The service is fully integrated with Azure Monitor for logging and analytics. [Learn more](#)

Project details

Subscription *

Resource group * [Create new](#)

Instance details

Name *

Region *

Availability zone

Information Premium firewalls support additional capabilities, such as SSL termination and IDPS. Additional costs may apply. [Learn more](#)

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Firewall SKU

☐ Basic

☒ Standard

☐ Premium

Firewall management

☐ Use a Firewall Policy to manage this firewall

☒ Use Firewall rules (classic) to manage this firewall

Choose a virtual network

☐ Create new

☒ Use existing

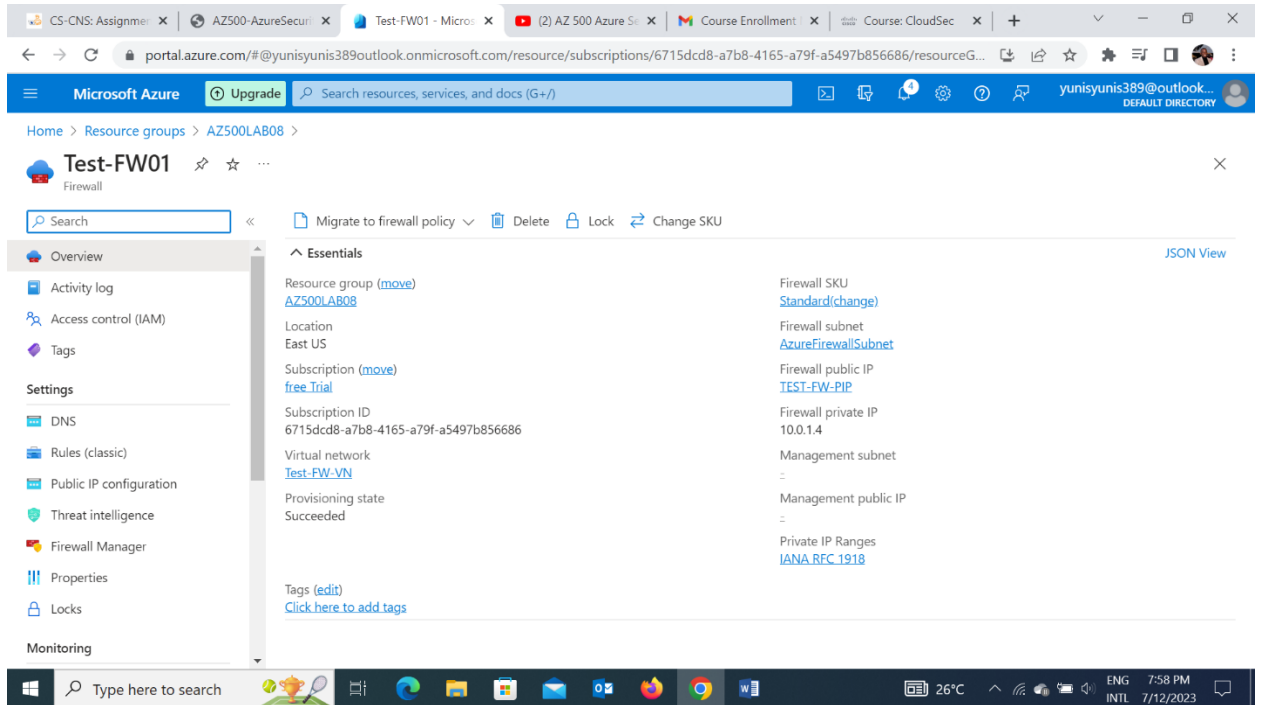
Virtual network

Public IP address * [Add new](#)

Forced tunneling ☐ Disabled

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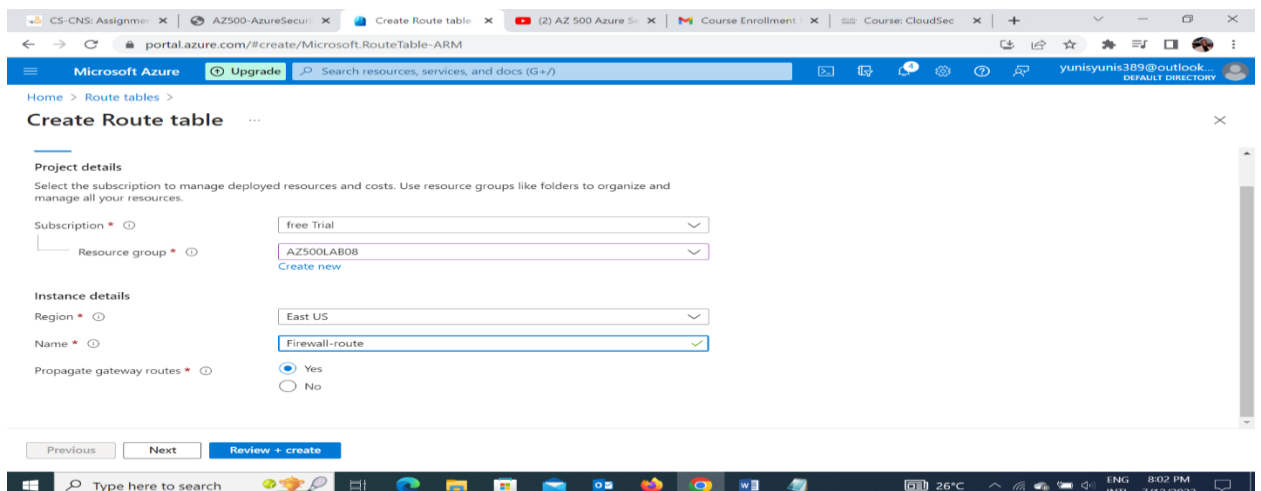
4. Click **Review + create** and then click **Create**.
5. In the Azure portal, in the Search resources, services, and docs text box at the top of the Azure portal page, type Resource groups and press the Enter key.
6. On the Resource groups blade, in the list of resource group, click the AZ500LAB08 entry.
7. In the list of resources, click the entry representing the Test-FW01 firewall.
8. On the Test-FW01 blade, identify the Private IP address that was assigned to the firewall.



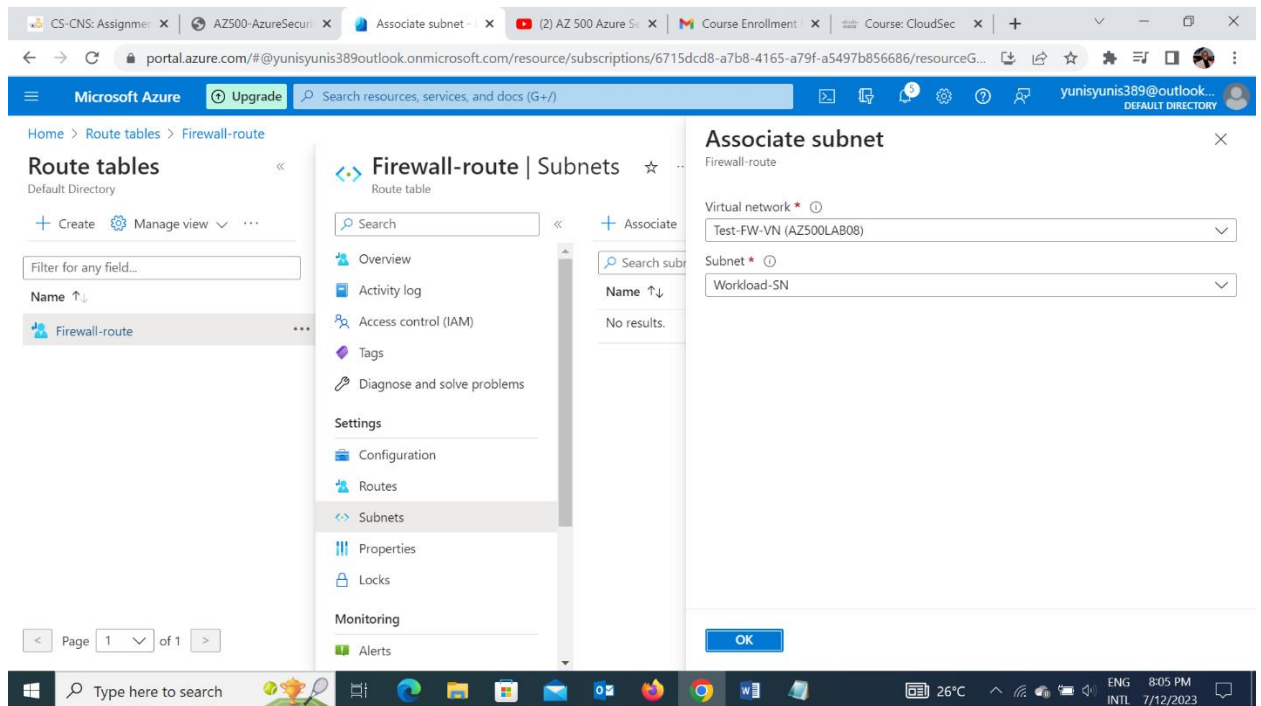
Task 3: Create a default route

In this task, I will create a default route for the **Workload-SN** subnet. This route will configure outbound traffic through the firewall.

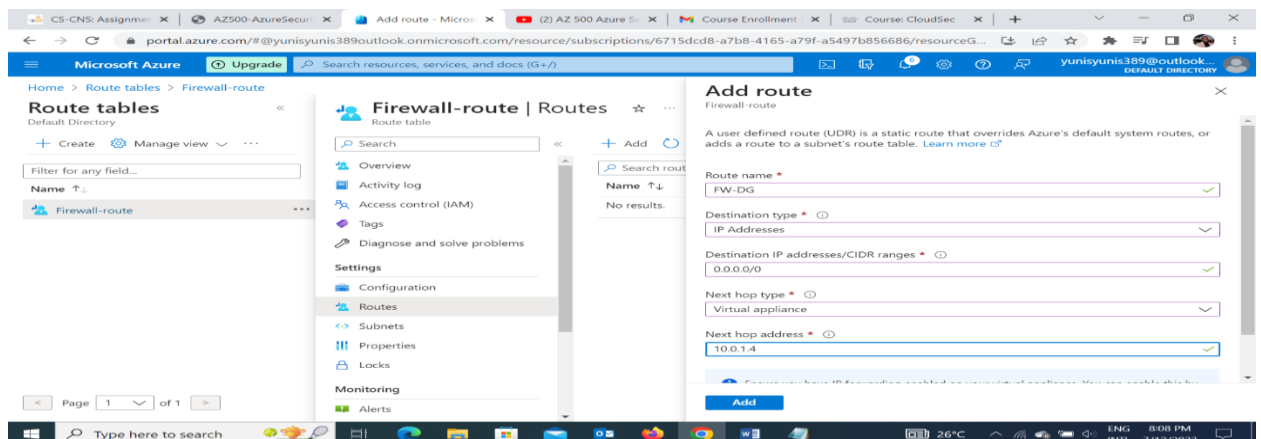
1. In the Azure portal, in the **Search resources, services, and docs** text box at the top of the Azure portal page, type **Route tables** and press the **Enter** key.
2. On the **Route tables** blade, click **+ Create**.
3. On the **Create route table** blade, specify the following settings:



4. Click Review + create, then click Create, and wait for the provisioning to complete.
5. On the Route tables blade, click Refresh, and, in the list of route tables, click the Firewall-route entry.
6. On the Firewall-route blade, in the Settings section, click Subnets and then, on the Firewall-route | Subnets blade, click + Associate.
7. On the Associate subnet blade, specify the following settings:



8. Click OK to associate the firewall to the virtual network subnet.
9. Back on the Firewall-route blade, in the Settings section, click Routes and then click + Add.
10. On the Add route blade, specify the following settings:



Task 4: Configure an application rule

In this task I will create an application rule that allows outbound access to www.bing.com

1. In the Azure portal, navigate back to the **Test-FW01** firewall.
2. On the **Test-FW01** blade, in the **Settings** section, click **Rules (classic)**.
3. On the **Test-FW01 | Rules (classic)** blade, click the **Application rule collection** tab, and then click **+ Add application rule collection**.
4. On the **Add application rule collection** blade, specify the following settings (leave others with their default values):

Microsoft Azure | Upgrade | Search resources, services, and docs (G+)

Home > Firewalls > Firewalls (Default Directory)

+ Create | Filter for any field... | Name ↑↓ | Test-FW01

Add application rule collection

Name * App-Coll01 ✓

Priority * 200 ✓

Action * Allow ✓

Rules

FQDN tags

name	Source type	Source	FQDN tags
	IP address	*, 192.168.10.1, 192.168.10.0/24, 192.1...	0 selected
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The value must not be empty.
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FQDN tags may require additional configuration. [Learn more](#)

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5. On the **Add application rule collection** blade, create a new entry in the **Target FQDNs** section with the following settings (leave others with their default values):

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Target FQDNs

name	Source type	Source	Protocol/Port	Target FQDNs
AllowGH ✓	IP address	10.0.2.0/24	http:80, https:443 ✓	www.bing.com ✓

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6. Click **Add** to add the Target FQDNs-based application rule.

Task 5: Configure a network rule

In this task, I will create a network rule that allows outbound access to two IP addresses on port 53 (DNS).

1. In the Azure portal, navigate back to the **Test-FW01 | Rules (classic)** blade.
2. On the **Test-FW01 | Rules (classic)** blade, click the **Network rule collection** tab and then click **+ Add network rule collection**.
3. On the **Add network rule collection** blade, specify the following settings (leave others with their default values):
4. On the **Add network rule collection** blade, create a new entry in the **IP Addresses** section with the following settings (leave others with their default values):

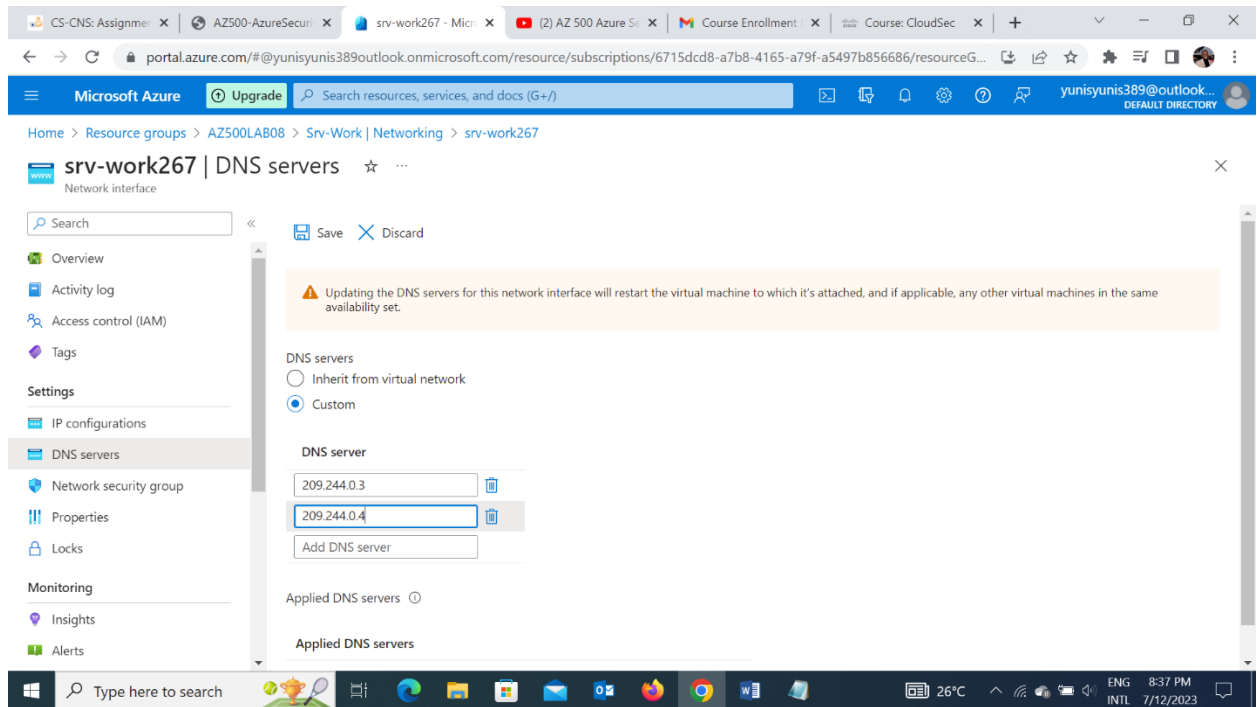
The screenshot shows the 'Add network rule collection' blade in the Azure portal. The blade is titled 'Add network rule collection' and has a search bar at the top. The 'Action' is set to 'Allow'. Under the 'IP Addresses' section, a new entry is being added with the name 'AllowDNS', Protocol 'UDP', Source type 'IP address', Source '10.0.2.0/24', Destination type 'IP address', Destination Address '209.244.0.3, 209.244.0.4', and Destination Ports '53'. The 'Service Tags' and 'FQDNs' sections are also visible but empty. The 'Add' button is at the bottom right of the blade.

5. Click **Add** to add the network rule.

Task 6: Configure the virtual machine DNS servers

In this task, I will configure the primary and secondary DNS addresses for the virtual machine. This is not a firewall requirement.

1. In the Azure portal, navigate back to the **AZ500LAB08** resource group.
2. On the **AZ500LAB08** blade, in the list of resources, click the **Srv-Work** virtual machine.
3. On the **Srv-Work** blade, in the **Settings** section, click **Networking**.
4. On the **Srv-Work | Networking** blade, click the link next to the **Network interface** entry.
5. On the network interface blade, in the **Settings** section, click **DNS servers**, select the **Custom** option, add the two DNS servers referenced in the network rule: **209.244.0.3** and **209.244.0.4**, and click **Save** to save the change.

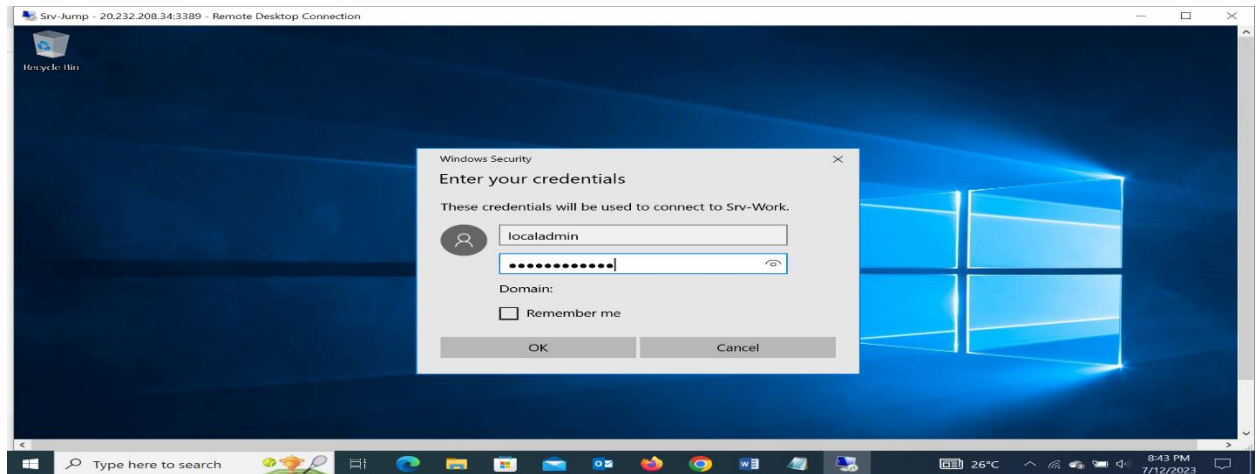


6. Return to the **Srv-Work** virtual machine page.

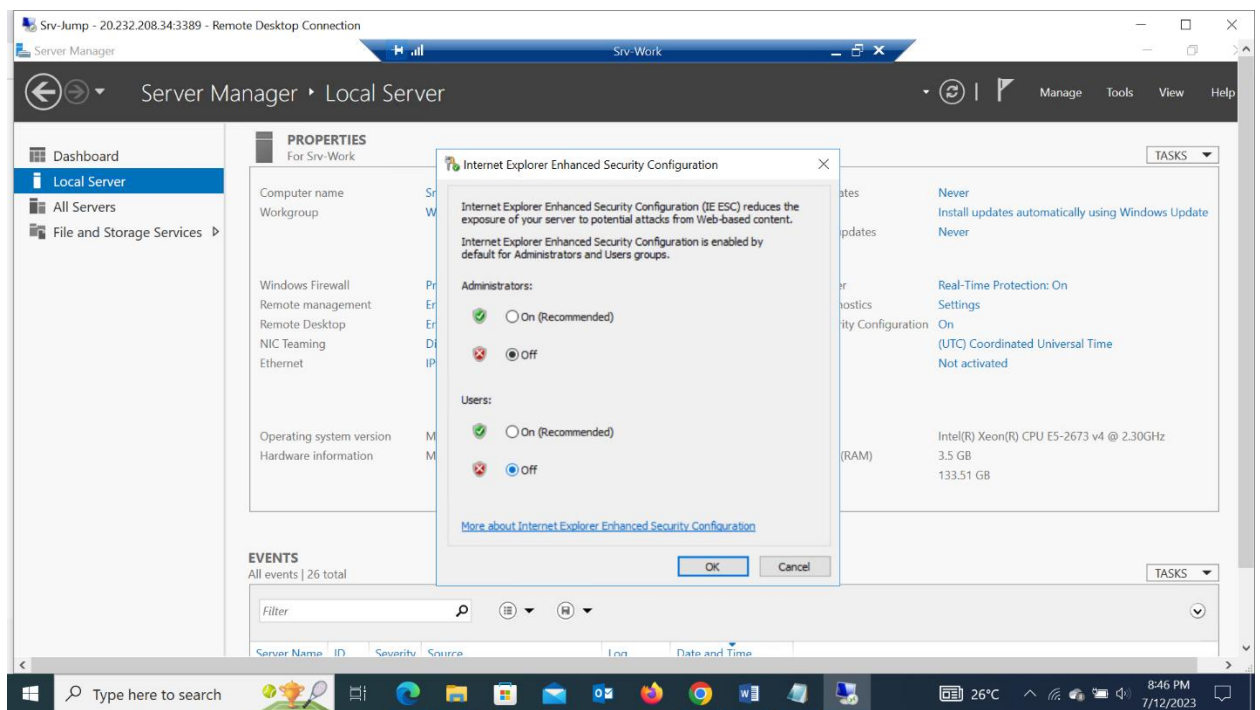
Task 7: Test the firewall

In this task, I will test the firewall to confirm that it works as expected.

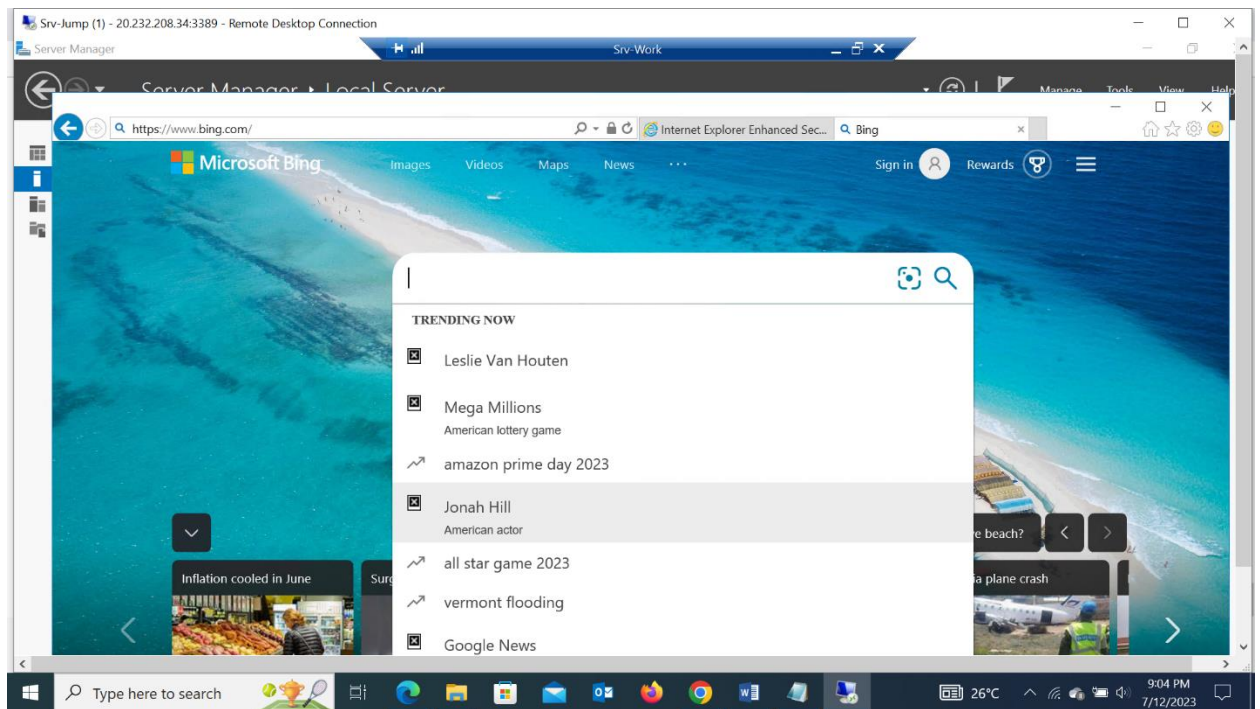
1. In the Azure portal, navigate back to the **AZ500LAB08** resource group.
2. On the **AZ500LAB08** blade, in the list of resources, click the **Srv-Jump** virtual machine.
3. On the **Srv-Jump** blade, click **Connect** and, in the drop down menu, click **RDP**.
4. Click **Download RDP File** and use it to connect to the **Srv-Jump** Azure VM via Remote Desktop. When prompted to authenticate, provide the following credentials:
5. Within the Remote Desktop session to **Srv-Jump**, right-click **Start**, in the right-click menu, click **Run**, and, from the **Run** dialog box, run the following to connect to **Srv-Work**.
6. When prompted to authenticate, provide the following credentials:



7. Within the Remote Desktop session to Srv-Work, in Server Manager, click Local Server and then click IE Enhanced Security Configuration.
8. In the Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration dialog box, set both options to Off and click OK.

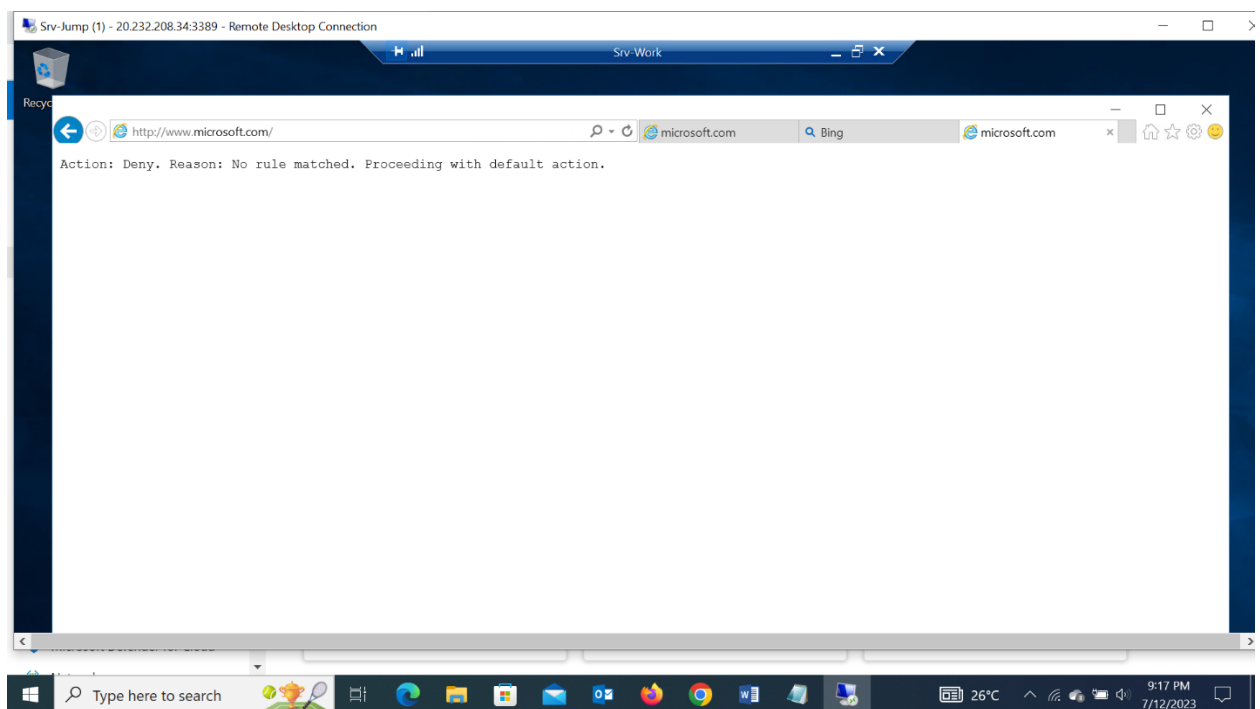


9. Within the Remote Desktop session to Srv-Work, start Internet Explorer and browse to <https://www.bing.com>.



The website should successfully display. The firewall allows access.

10. Browse to <http://www.microsoft.com/>



This is expected, since the firewall blocks access to this website.

11. Terminate both Remote Desktop sessions.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Lab 08: Azure Firewall has provided me with a deep understanding of the power and importance of implementing robust network security measures within our Azure environment. Throughout this lab, I explored the functionalities and capabilities of Azure Firewall, focusing on securing outbound traffic from a workload subnet. By configuring custom routes, Firewall Application rules, and Firewall Network rules, I have gained practical experience in directing and filtering network traffic to ensure secure and controlled access. This lab has highlighted the significance of Azure Firewall in protecting our resources against unauthorized access and potential threats. By deploying, configuring, and managing Azure Firewall, I have acquired the skills and knowledge necessary to strengthen our network security posture and safeguard cloud environment. This lab has empowered me to take control of our network security and implement effective measures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our resources.