Steps to create a virtual machine in Microsoft azure:
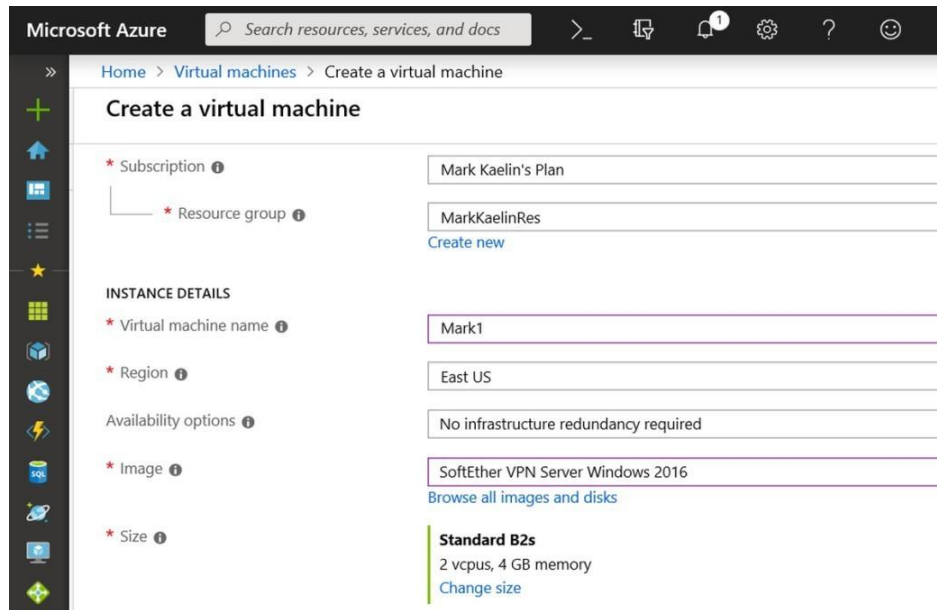
1) Click Create a resource in the upper left-hand corner of the Azure portal.

2) Select Compute, and then select Windows Server 2016 Datacenter.

3) Enter the virtual machine information. The user name and password entered here is used to sign in to the virtual machine. The password must be at least 12 characters long and meet the defined complexity requirements. Choose a Location such as East US 2 that supports availability zones. When complete, click OK
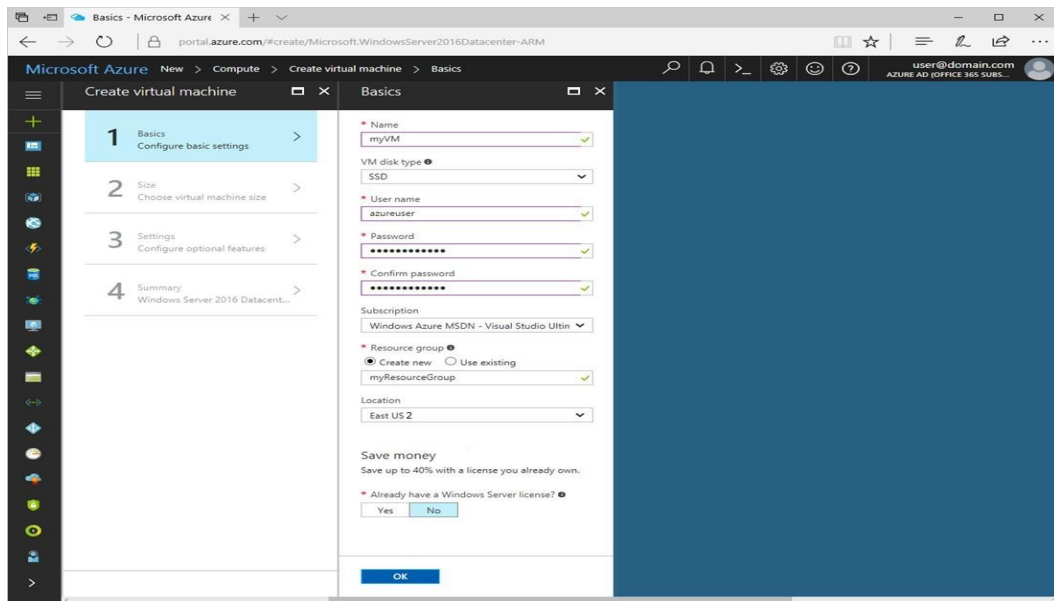
4) Choose a size for the VM. Select a recommended size, or filter based on features. Confirm the size is available in the zone you want to use

5) Under Settings > High availability, select one of the numbered zones from the Availability zone dropdown, keep the remaining defaults, and click OK.
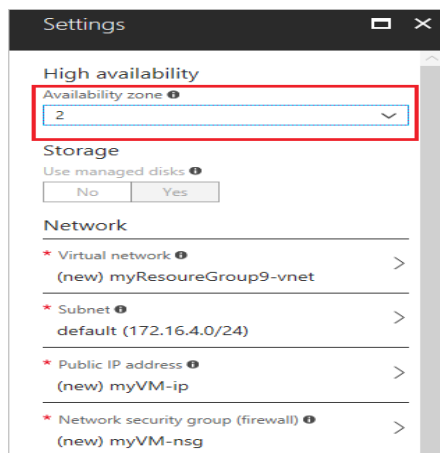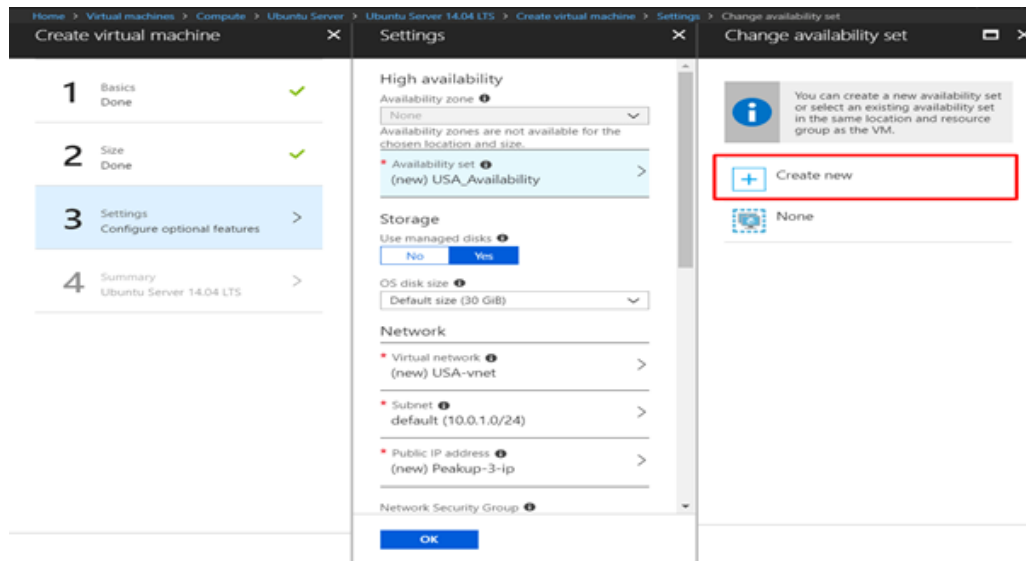
6) On the summary page, click Create to start the virtual machine deployment

Connect to virtual machine

Create a remote desktop connection to the virtual machine. These directions tell you how to connect to your VM from a Windows computer. On a Mac, you need an RDP client such as this Remote Desktop Client from the Mac App Store.

1. Click the Connect button on the overview page for your virtual machine.
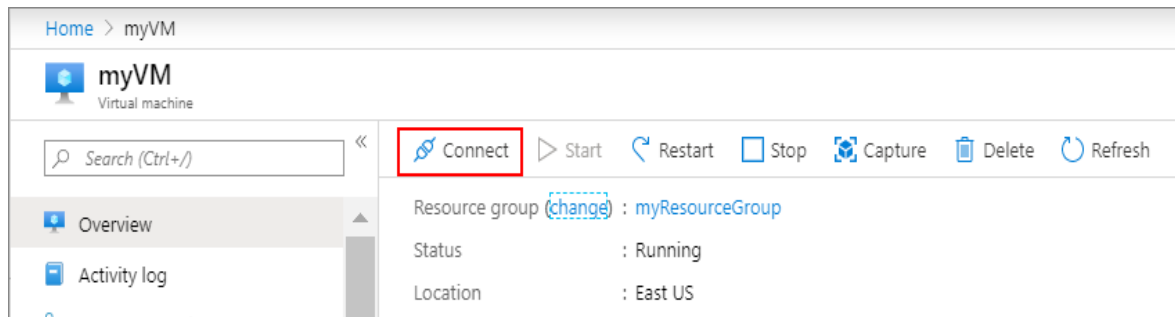
2. In the Connect to virtual machine page, keep the default options to connect by IP address, over port 3389, and click Download RDP file.

3. Open the downloaded RDP file and click Connect when prompted.