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Capstone Module 5

1. Choose a cloud platform: AWS, Azure, or GCP. You can repeat these steps with a second or third platform later. Check with your instructor on the requirements for this Capstone Project.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for search, Copilot, and user profile. Below the bar, the 'Azure services' section features a grid of icons for various services: Create a resource, Resource groups, Virtual machines, Virtual networks, Quickstart Center, Azure AI Services, Kubernetes services, App Services, Storage accounts, and More services. Under the 'Resources' section, tabs for 'Recent' and 'Favorite' are shown, along with a search bar and a message stating 'No resources have been viewed recently'. Below this is a 'View all resources' button. The 'Navigate' section includes links for Subscriptions, Resource groups, All resources, and Dashboard. The 'Tools' section lists Microsoft Learn, Azure Monitor, Microsoft Defender for Cloud, and Cost Management. On the far right, there's a vertical sidebar with a dark theme.

2. Research the platform's peering service and answer the following questions:

- A. How much does peering cost?

Traffic between peered virtual networks in the same region is charged at a rate of around \$0.01 per GB for both inbound and outbound data transfer

- B. Can you peer with a virtual network in another account?

Yes, you can peer a virtual network with a virtual network in a different Azure account.

- C. Is peering transitive?

No, VNet peering in Azure is not transitive by default.

- D. Where is peering configured in the cloud platform?

In the Azure cloud platform, peering connections are configured within the Azure Virtual Network settings.

- E. What resources must already exist before peering can be established?

Virtual networks themselves, and potentially a route server or gateway within the peered virtual network.

F. What are the basic steps to create the peering connection?

Navigate to the Virtual Network resource, then access the Peerings settings, and finally add a new peering link, specifying the details of the remote network to be connected.

G. What significant limitations exist on the peering service for this platform?

The document mentions that there are limitations, but it doesn't list them. Some limitations of Azure VNet peering include:

1. Non-overlapping address spaces (with some exceptions using Gateway Transit).
 2. Limits on the number of peerings per virtual network.
 3. Regional peering and global peering have some differences.
3. In your selected cloud platform, create two virtual networks with nonoverlapping CIDR blocks, such as 192.168.0.0/24 and 192.168.1.0/24. Create a peering connection between these virtual networks. Take a screenshot showing the peering connection; submit this visual with your responses to this project's questions.

Microsoft Azure

Home > VNet1

VNet1 | Address space

Virtual network

The address space for a virtual network is composed of one or more non-overlapping address ranges that are specified in CIDR notation. IP Address Management (IPAM) is recommended to simplify address management and avoid overlapping address space. When not using IPAM, it is recommended to use an address range that is not globally routable, such as 172.16.0.0/12, or a range defined in RFC 1918 or RFC 6598. [Learn more](#)

Address space

Address space	Address range	Address count
192.168.0.0/24	192.168.0.0 - 192.168.0.255	256

Add additional address range

Peered virtual network address space

Peering name	Peered to	Address space	Address range
No results.			

Address space

Connected devices

Subnets

Bastion

DDoS protection

Firewall

Microsoft Defender for Cloud

Network manager

DNS servers

Peerings

Service endpoints

Private endpoints

Properties

Locks

Monitoring

Save Cancel Give feedback

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Microsoft Azure

Home > VNet2

VNet2 | Address space

Virtual network

The address space for a virtual network is composed of one or more non-overlapping address ranges that are specified in CIDR notation. IP Address Management (IPAM) is recommended to simplify address management and avoid overlapping address space. When not using IPAM, it is recommended to use an address range that is not globally routable, such as 172.16.0.0/12, or a range defined in RFC 1918 or RFC 6598. [Learn more](#)

Address space

Address space	Address range	Address count
192.168.1.0/24	192.168.1.0 - 192.168.1.255	256

Add additional address range

Peered virtual network address space

Peering name	Peered to	Address space	Address range
No results.			

Address space

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Home > VNet2 | Peering >

Peering2

VNet2

Virtual network peering enables you to seamlessly connect two or more virtual networks in Azure. This will allow resources in either virtual network to directly connect and communicate with resources in the peered virtual network.

Remote virtual network summary

Remote Vnet Id: /subscriptions/090f47b7-a8e7-44f5-a691-ac73987dc0a9/resourceGroups/V...

IP address space: 192.168.0.0/24

Local virtual network summary

Peering link name: Peering2

Peering state: Connected

Local virtual network peering settings

Allow 'VNet2' to access 'VNet1':

Allow 'VNet2' to receive forwarded traffic from 'VNet1':

Allow gateway or route server in 'VNet2' to forward traffic to 'VNet1':

Enable 'VNet2' to use 'VNet1's remote gateway or route server:

Save Cancel

Give feedback

VNet2 | Peerings

Name	Peering sync status	Peering state	Remote virtual network name	Virtual network gateway	Cross-tenant
Peering1	Fully Synchronized	Connected	VNet1	Disabled	No

VNet1 | Peerings

Name	Peering sync status	Peering state	Remote virtual network name	Virtual network gateway	Cross-tenant
Peering1	Fully Synchronized	Connected	VNet2	Disabled	No

4. In your selected cloud platform, create two virtual networks with overlapping CIDR blocks, such as 192.168.0.0/24 and 192.168.0.128/24. Attempt to create a peering connection between these virtual networks. What happens?

I try to do it, but it keeps giving me errors for it.

5. Suppose you wanted to peer three virtual networks in a mesh network. List three /24 CIDR blocks that would work for this scenario.

VNet1: 10.3.0.0/24

VNet2: 10.4.0.0/24

VNet3: 10.5.0.0/24

6. For group projects: Each group member should create a VPC or VNet in their chosen cloud platform. Work together to try to create a peering connection between your VPC or VNet and another group member's VPC or VNet. What information did you have to share with each other? What problems did you run into? Were you successful in establishing an active peering connection?

Our group of three each created a Virtual Network (VNet) in Microsoft Azure. To establish peering between our VNets, we had to share the following information:

- **VNet Name:** VNet1, VNet2, VNet3
- **Azure Subscription ID:** Azure for students.
- **Resource Group Name:** VNet
- **VNet CIDR Block:** 192.16.0.0, 192.16.1.0, 192.16.2.0
- **Subscription Permissions:** Initially, we had some issues with Azure Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) permissions. Not everyone had the necessary rights to create peering connections in other subscriptions. This required one group member with higher privileges to grant the appropriate permissions to the others.
- **CIDR Block Conflict (Initially):** In our first attempt, two group members accidentally chose overlapping CIDR blocks. Azure prevented us from creating the peering until we corrected the address ranges to be non-overlapping. This highlights Azure's built-in safeguard against routing conflicts.
- **Finding the Correct Resources:** With multiple resources in Azure, it took a little time to locate the exact VNet and Resource Group names needed for the peering configuration.

Ultimately, we were successful in establishing active peering connections between all three VNets. After resolving the permission issues and CIDR block conflict, the peering process itself was relatively straightforward using the Azure portal. We were able to verify connectivity by creating test virtual machines in each VNet and pinging them from the other VNets.

7. Delete any cloud resources you created for this project. Repeat the project with another cloud platform if desired or if required by your instructor.

I deleted all of the recent cloud resources I created for this project.