

Taking the "Public" Out of Public Cloud: Getting Started with Private Endpoints



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What to expect





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Intro to Private Endpoints

- What is an endpoint
- Public vs Private Endpoints
- Why Private Endpoints are more secure

10
mins

2

7 Steps to Success: Deploying and configuring Private Endpoints

- 7 steps to successfully deploy and configure a Private Endpoint
 - DNS
- Demo

40
mins

3

Common mistakes to avoid

- Using “select networks”
- Non-centralized Private DNS Zones

15
mins



Why is this important?





What is an endpoint?





What is an endpoint?

An IP endpoint refers to a **unique network address** that identifies a specific **device or application** on a **network**.

It is composed of an **IP address** and a **port number**.

The combination of the IP address and the port number creates a unique endpoint that can be used for **communication** and **data transfer** between devices over a network.



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Public vs Private Endpoints



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What is an endpoint?

When talking about endpoints of Azure PaaS services, they fall into two categories:

Public Endpoints

Public IP Addresses

Private Endpoints

Private IP Addresses



Why is it more secure?





Why is it more secure?

Public Endpoint

- Location information is publicly available; the IP address is resolvable from the public internet.
- By default, anyone on the public internet has access.

Public Endpoint with Selected Networks enabled

- Location information is publicly available; the IP address is resolvable from the public internet.
- Restricted access to selected networks and IP addresses.

Private Endpoint

- Location information is **not** publicly available; the IP address is **not** resolvable from the public internet.
- Can only access from **within** the private network.



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7 Steps to Success!



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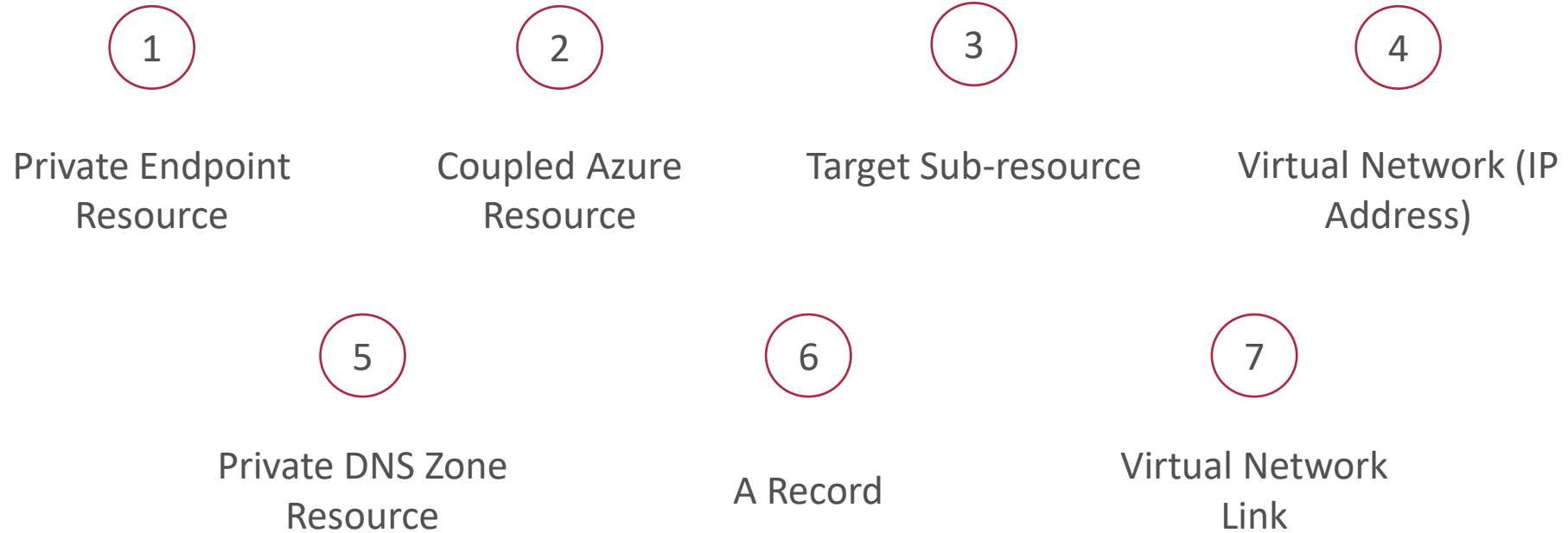
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7 Steps to Success





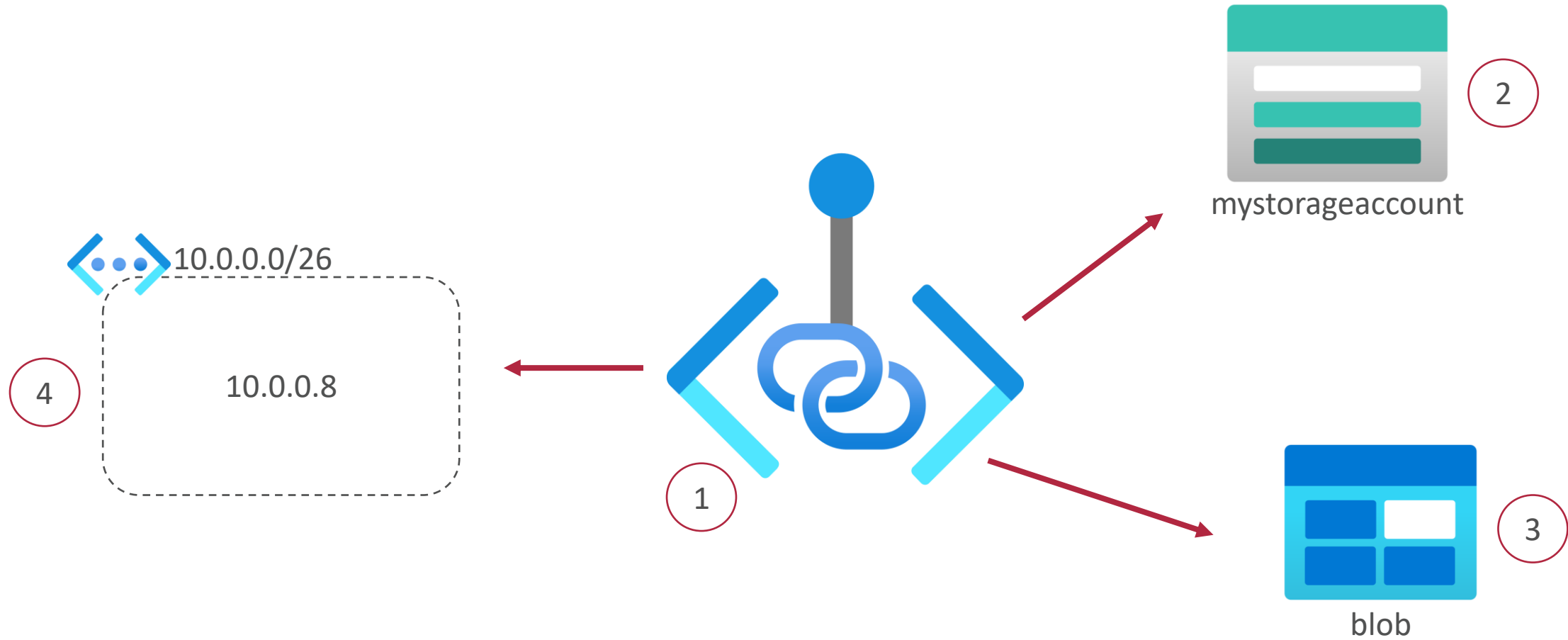
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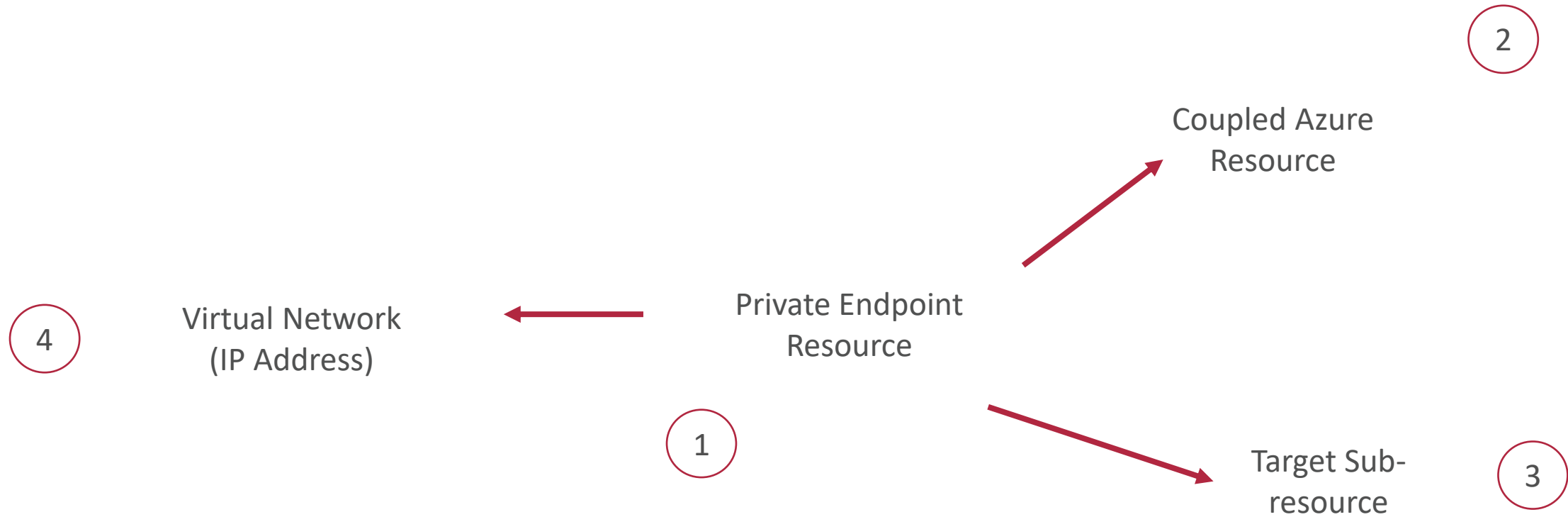


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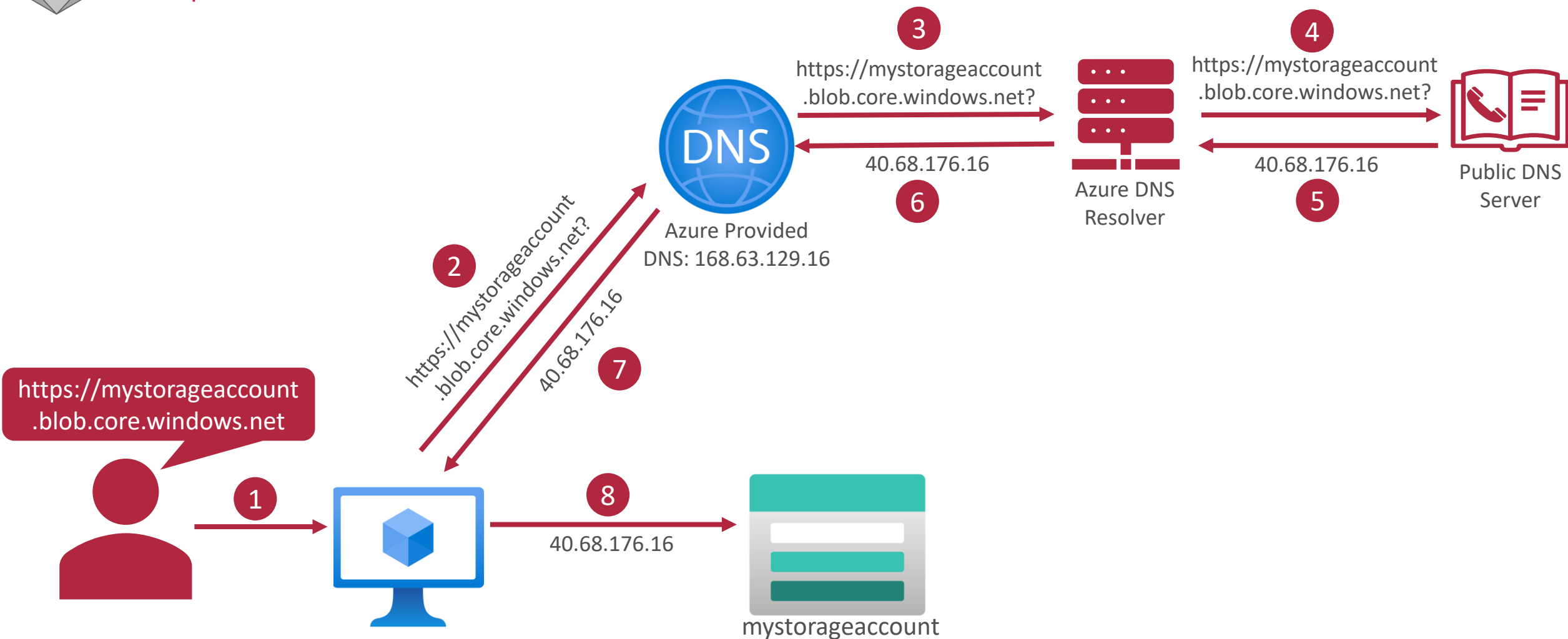
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Private DNS Zone



Steps 5 – 7: Private DNS Zone





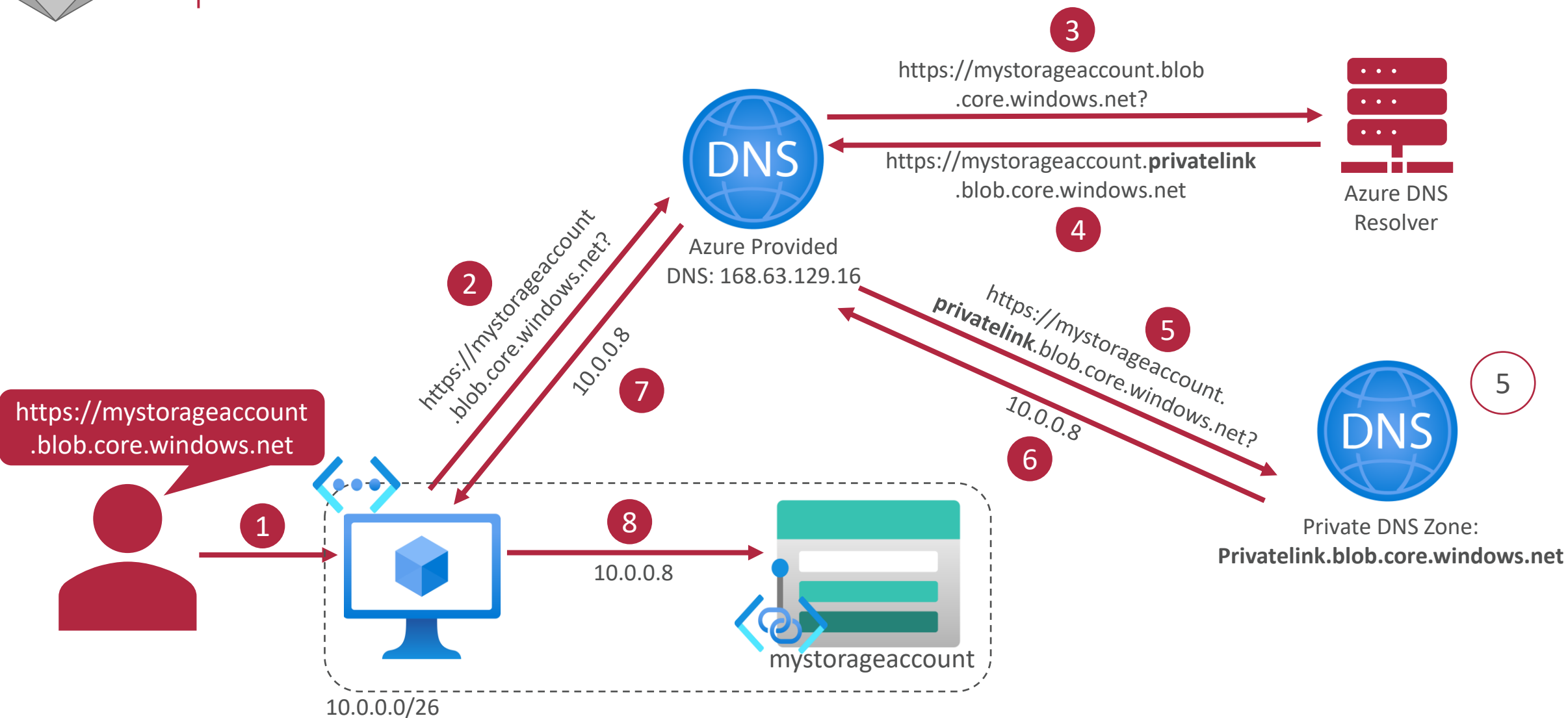
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Azure Private DNS Zones:

- Azure Resource;
- Global resource, expected to be centralised;
- Private phonebook – not resolvable from the internet.



Steps 5 – 7: Private DNS Zone



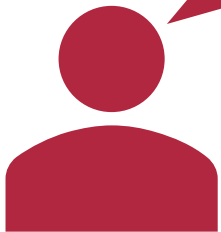


Steps 5 – 7: Private DNS Zone



Private DNS Zone:
Privatelink.blob.core.windows.net

[https://mystorageaccount
.blob.core.windows.net](https://mystorageaccount.blob.core.windows.net)



Private DNS Zone:
Privatelink.vaultcore.azure.net

[https://mykeyvault
.vault.azure.net](https://mykeyvault.vault.azure.net)



Private DNS Zone:
Privatelink.database.windows.net

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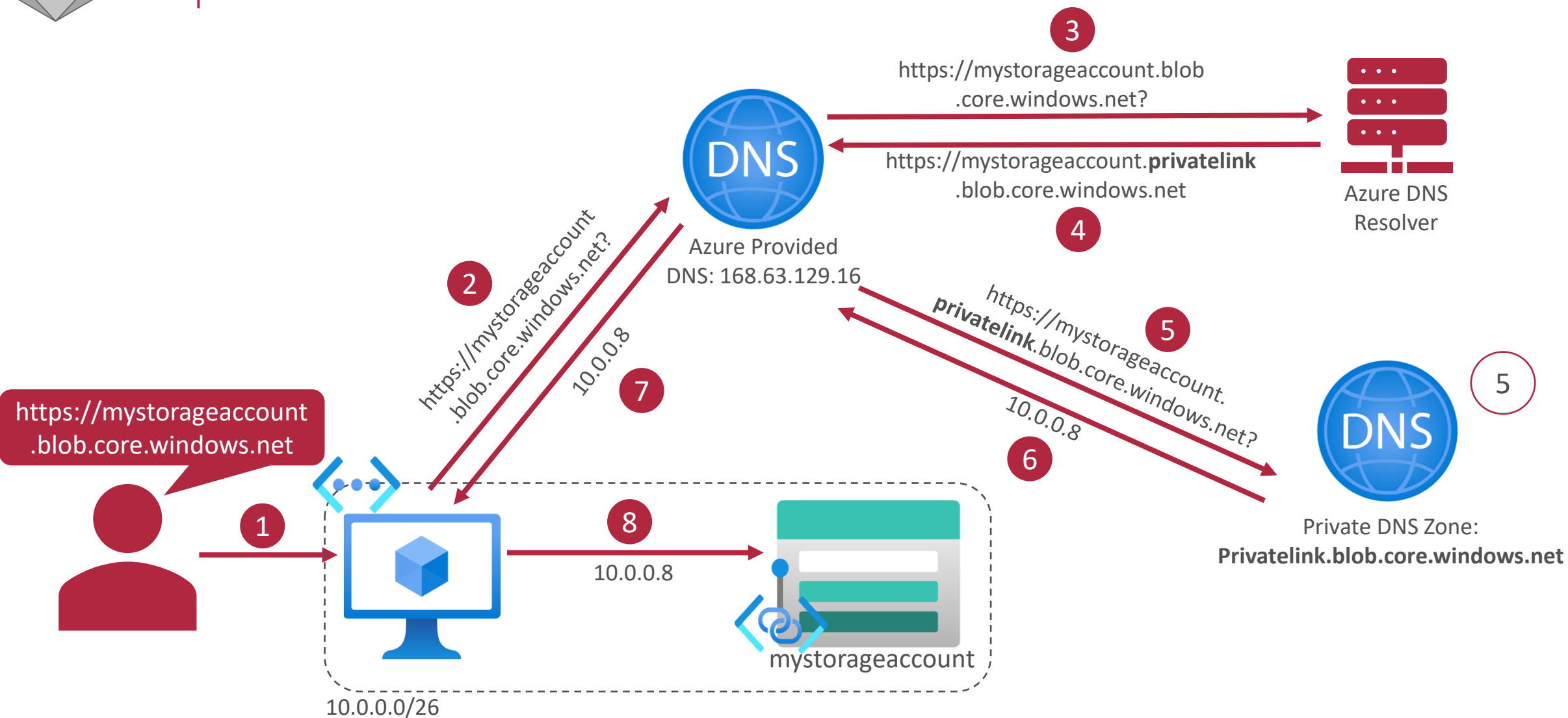
<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/private-link/private-endpoint-dns>

For Azure services, use the recommended zone names as described in the following table:

Private link resource type / Subresource	Private DNS zone name	Public DNS zone forwarders
Azure Automation / (Microsoft.Automation/automationAccounts) / Webhook, DSCAndHybridWorker	privatelink.azure-automation.net	azure-automation.net
Azure SQL Database (Microsoft.Sql/servers) / sqlServer	privatelink.database.windows.net	database.windows.net
Azure SQL Managed Instance (Microsoft.Sql/managedInstances)	privatelink.{dnsPrefix}.database.windows.net	{instanceName}. {dnsPrefix}.database.windows.net
Azure Synapse Analytics (Microsoft.Synapse/workspaces) / Sql	privatelink.sql.azuresynapse.net	sql.azuresynapse.net
Azure Synapse Analytics (Microsoft.Synapse/workspaces) / SqlOnDemand	privatelink.sql.azuresynapse.net	{workspaceName}- ondemand.sql.azuresynapse.net
Azure Synapse Analytics (Microsoft.Synapse/workspaces) / Dev	privatelink.dev.azuresynapse.net	dev.azuresynapse.net
Azure Synapse Studio (Microsoft.Synapse/privateLinkHubs) / Web	privatelink.azuresynapse.net	azuresynapse.net
Storage account (Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts) / Blob (blob, blob_secondary)	privatelink.blob.core.windows.net	blob.core.windows.net
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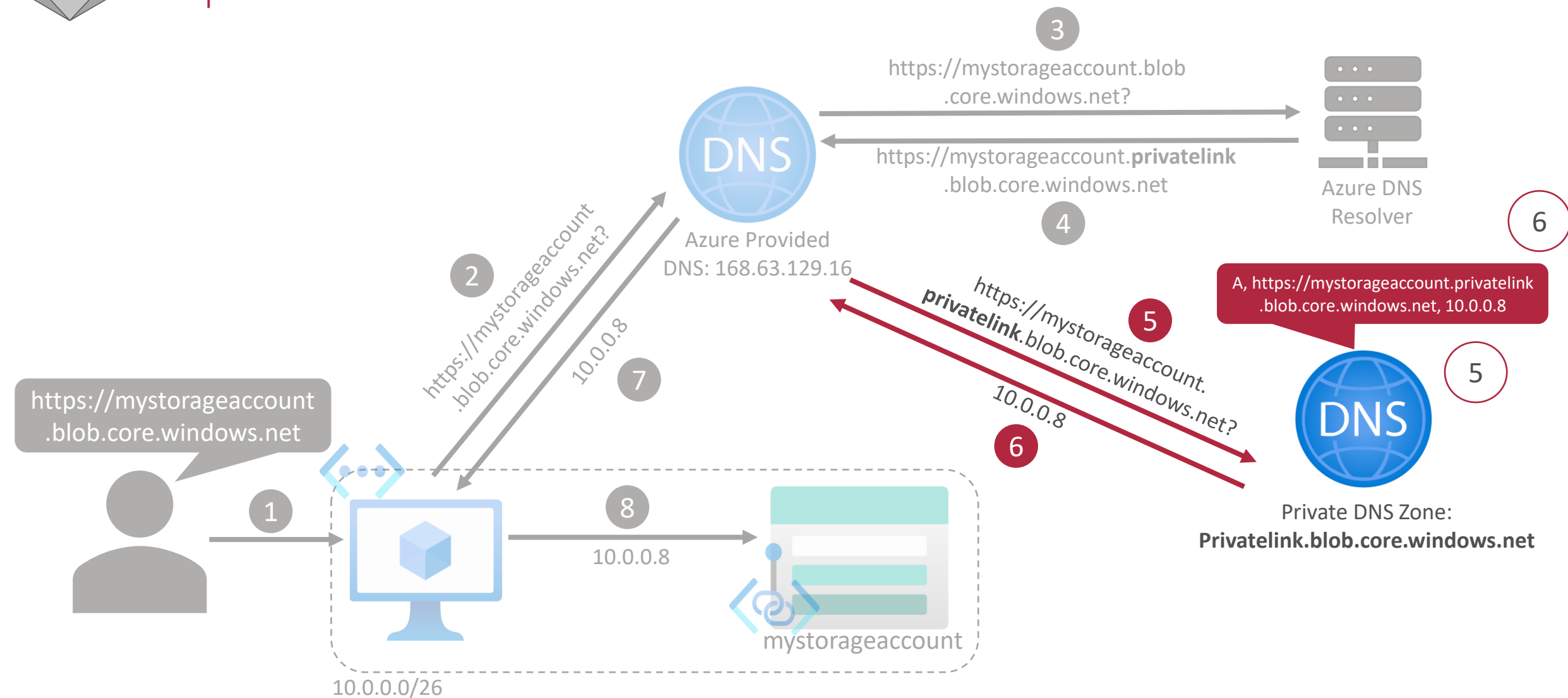


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Steps 5 – 7: A Record

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A Record



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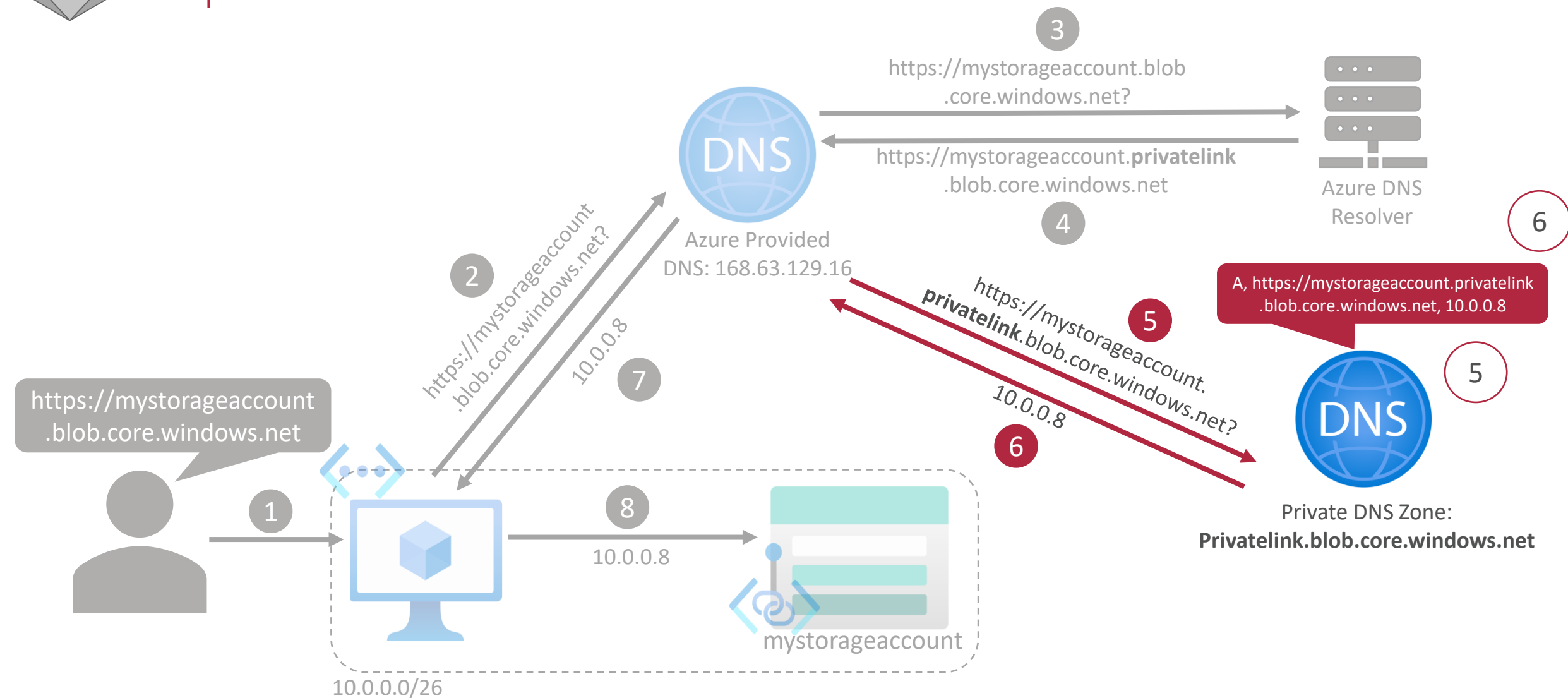
DNS Records are the **instructions** that live in the DNS Servers (the phonebook) on **how to handle DNS queries** for a particular **domain**.

There are lots of types of DNS Records.

A Records contain a domain's associated **IP Addresses**.

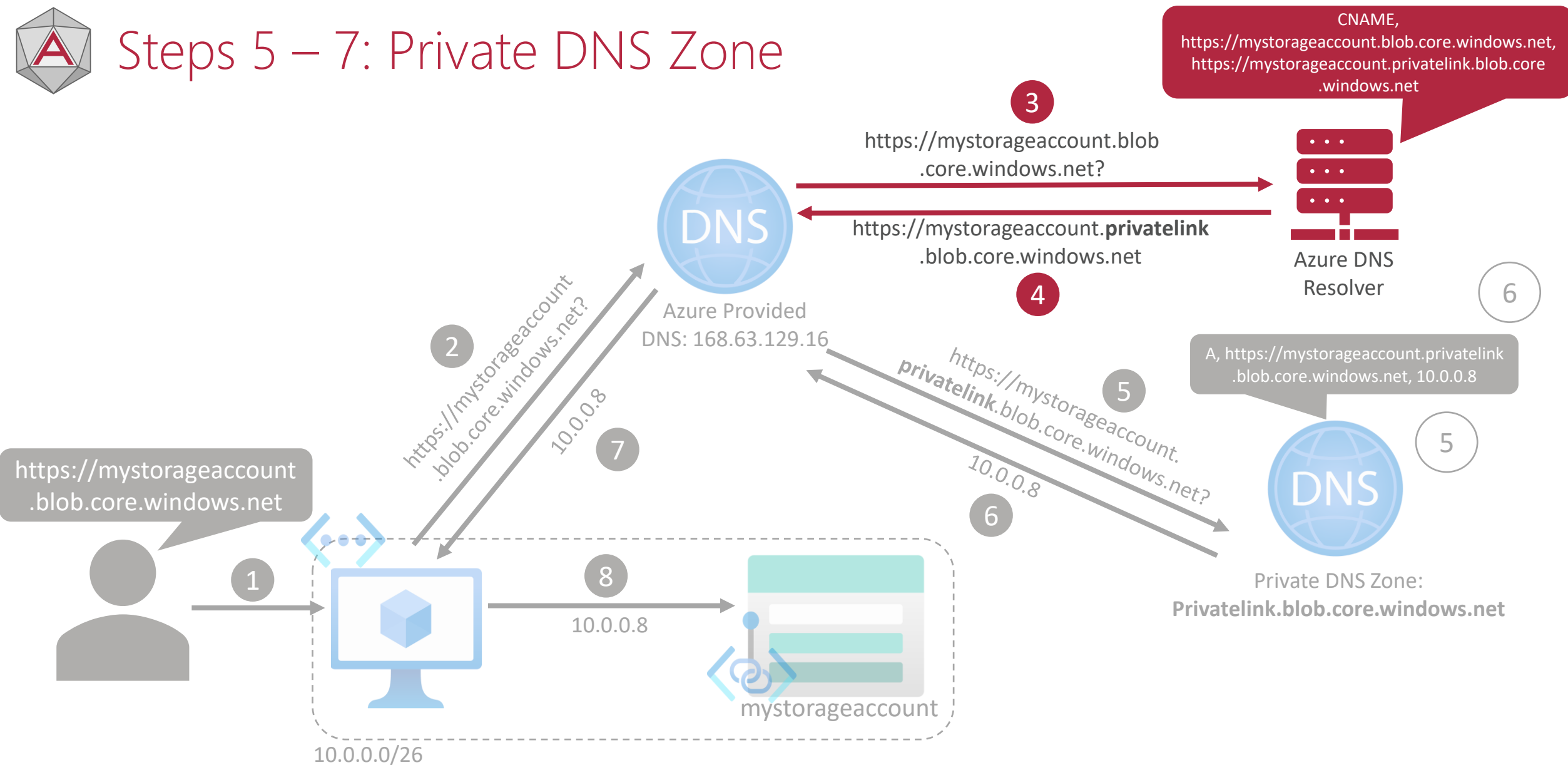


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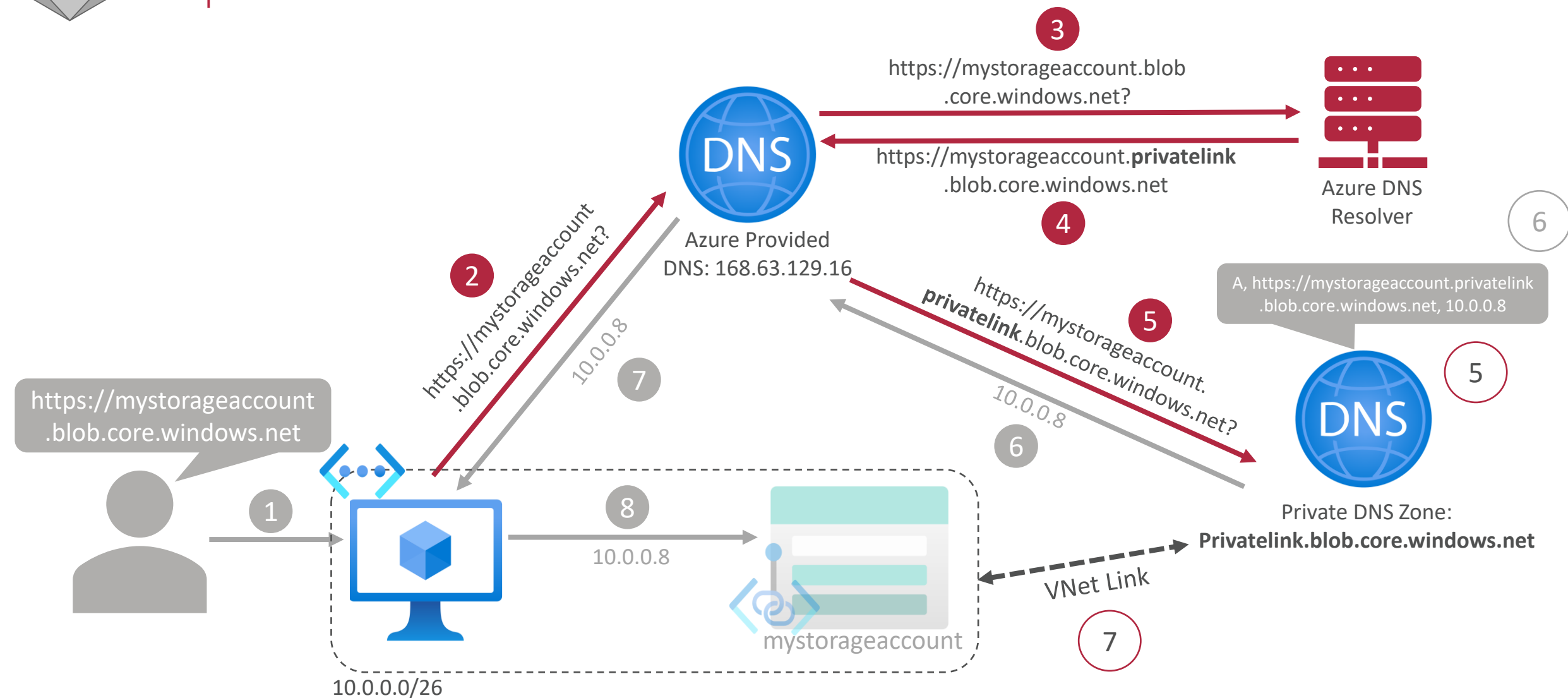


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Steps 5 – 7: VNet Link

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VNet Link



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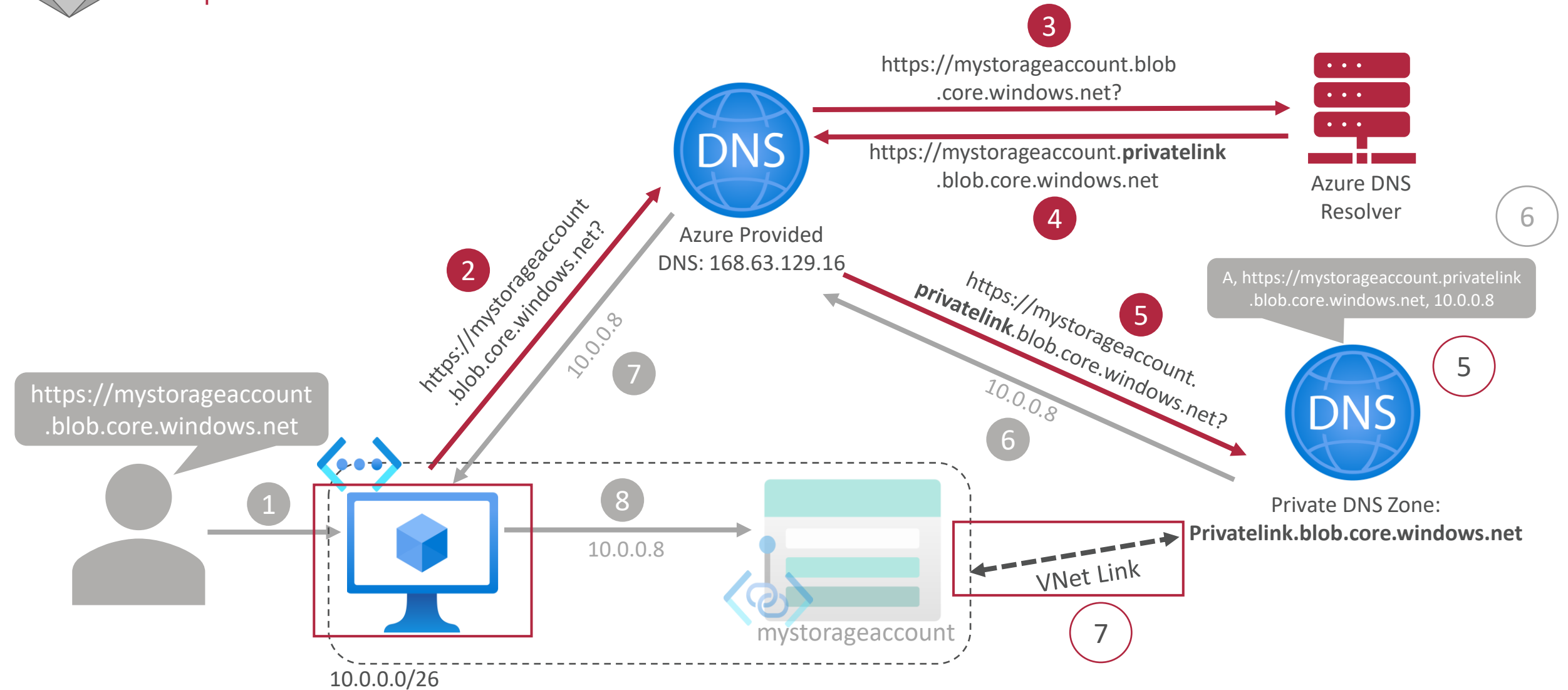
By default, **VNets are not aware of Private DNS Zones**, so any client (e.g. a VM) inside the VNet cannot use the zones to look up IP addresses.

We have to **explicitly connect** VNets to Private DNS Zones. This is called a **VNet Link**.

Once a VNet is linked to a Private DNS Zone, any client within that VNet can successfully **send DNS queries** to that zone.



Steps 5 – 7: Private DNS Zone





7 Steps to Success

1. Private Endpoint Resource
2. Coupled Azure Resource
3. Target Sub-resource
4. Virtual Network (IP Address)
5. Private DNS Zone Resource
6. A Record
7. Virtual Network Link



Demo: Setting up a private endpoint





Common mistakes





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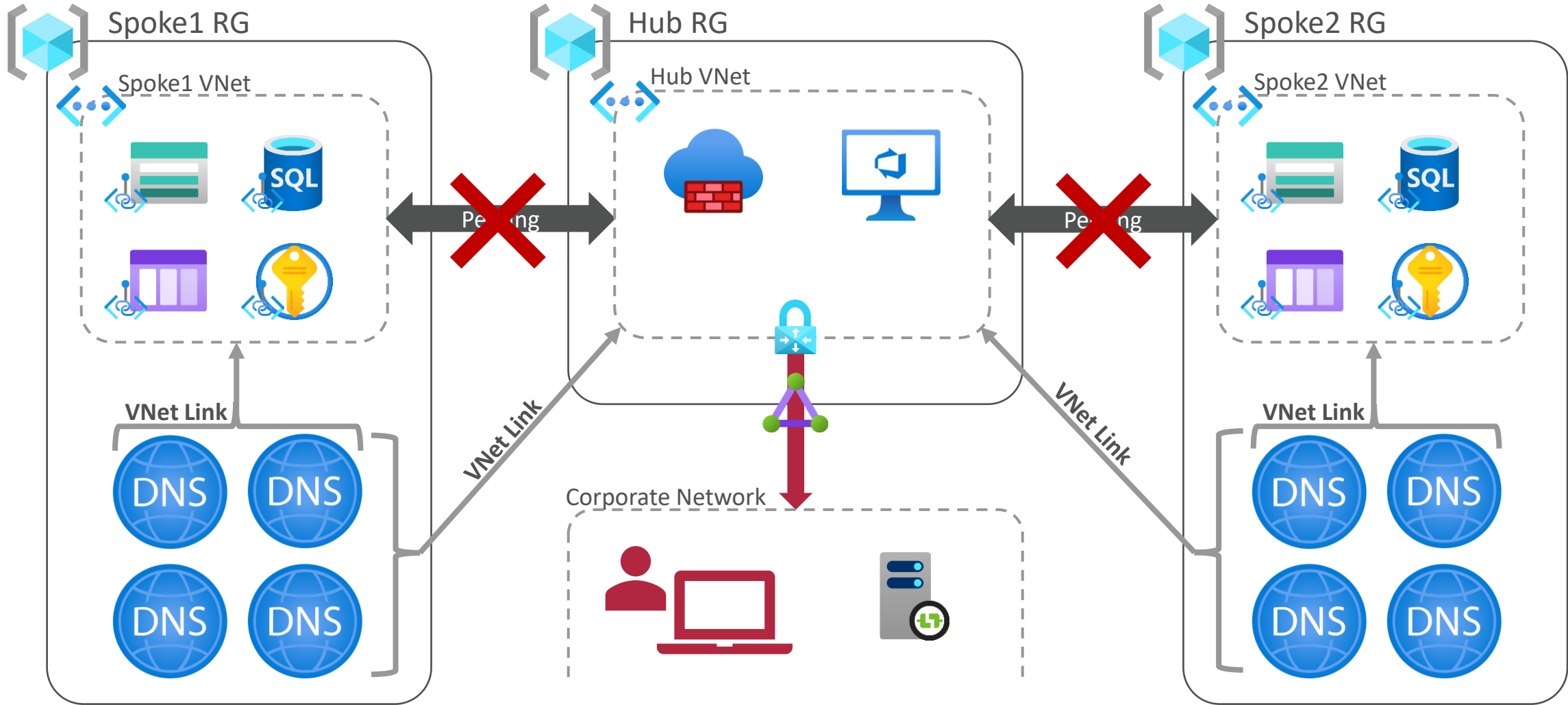
Non-centralised Private
DNS Zones

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Using the “Selected
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of “Disable all public
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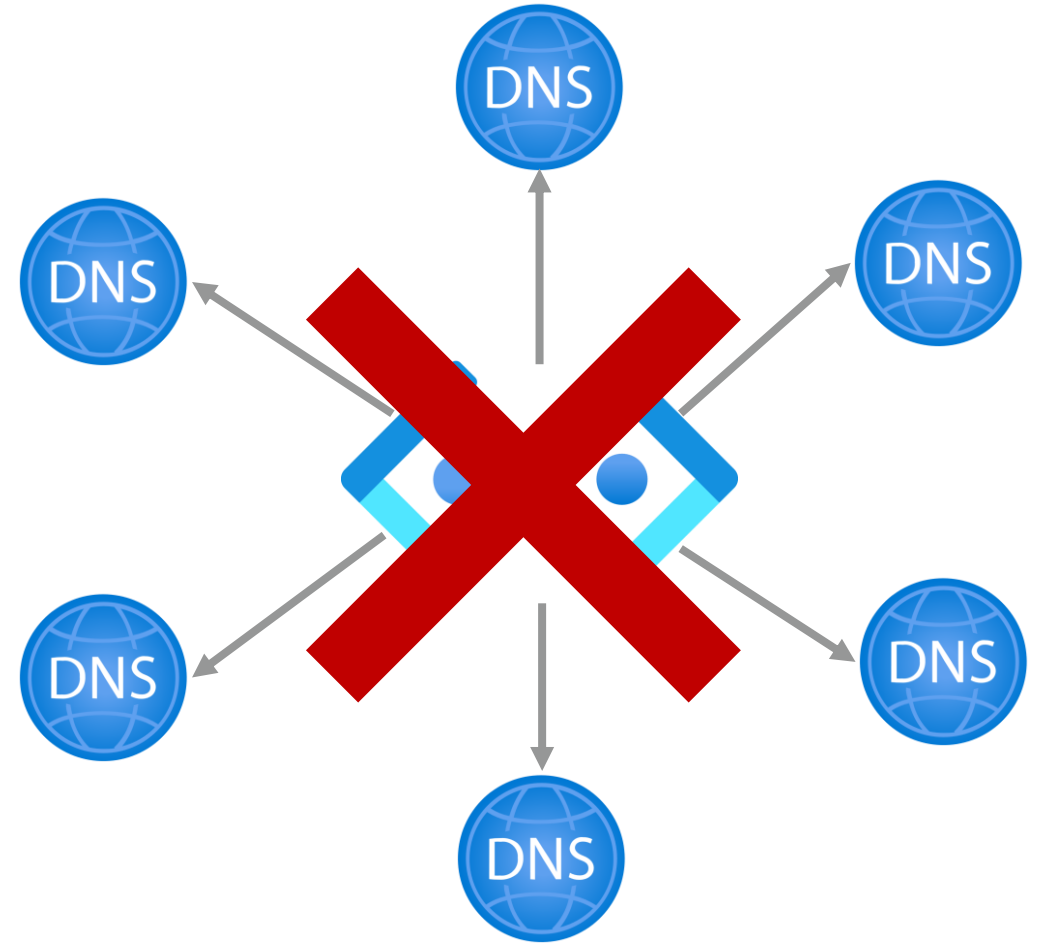
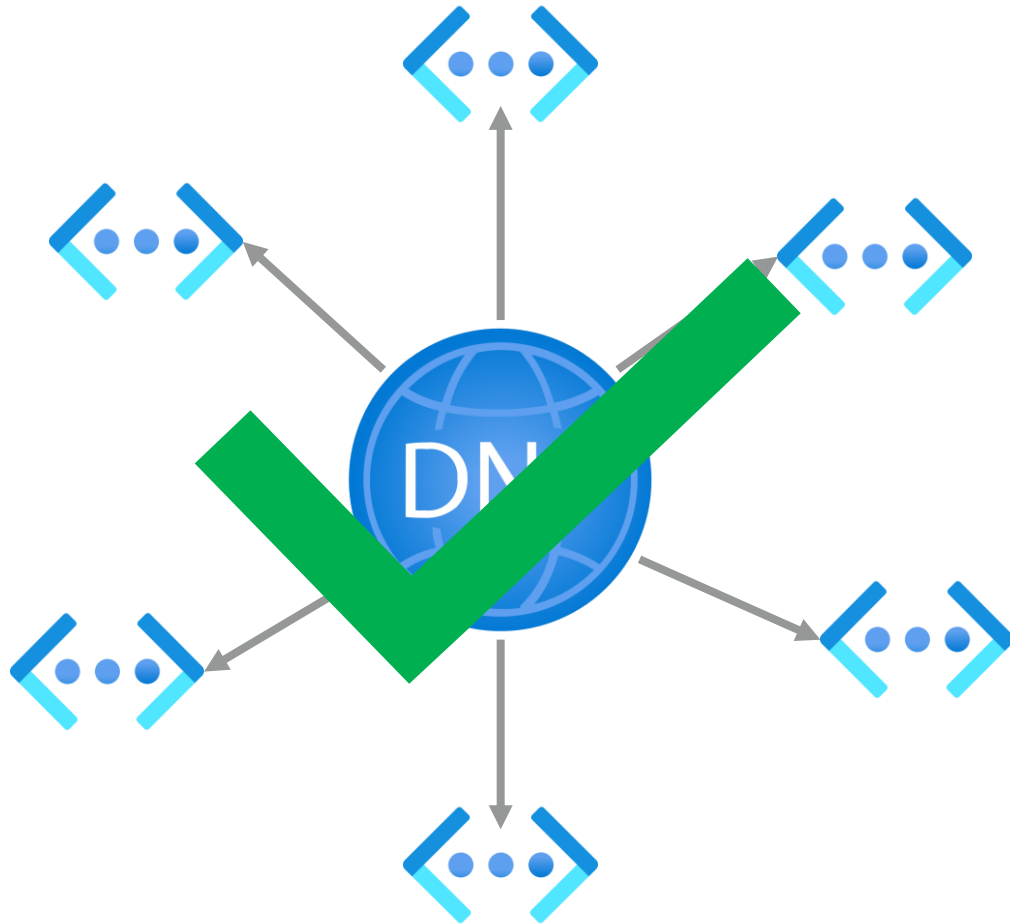


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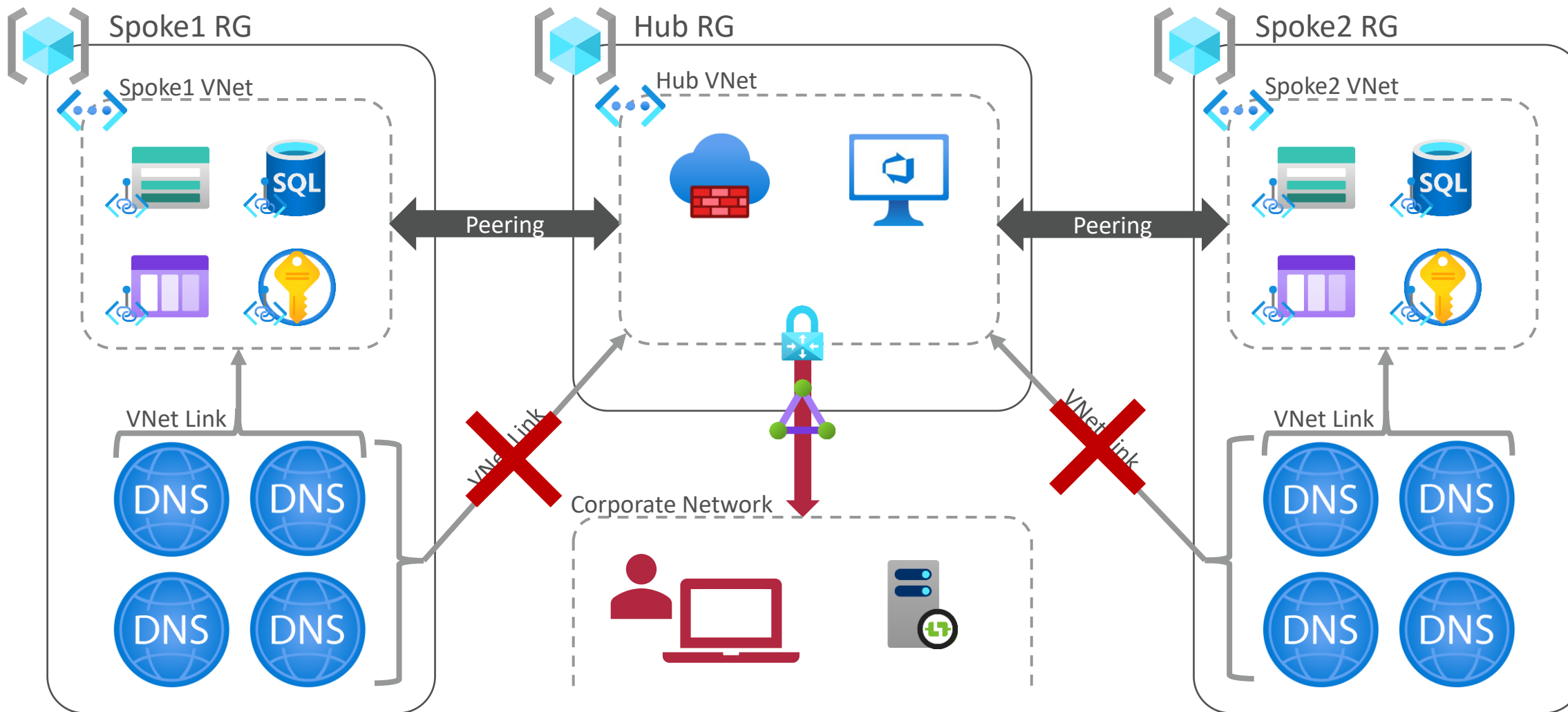


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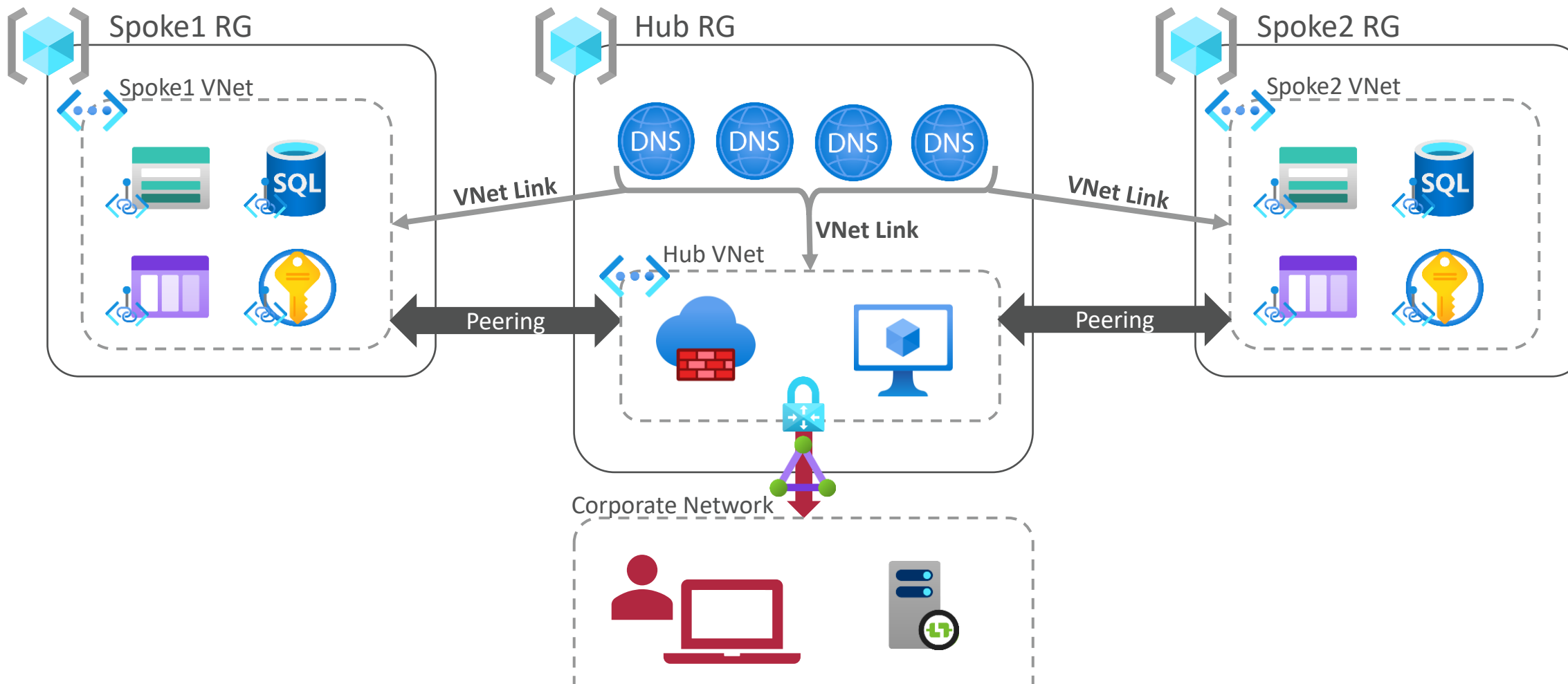


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2. Using "Selected Networks" option

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Save Discard Refresh

Public network access

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☒ Enabled from selected virtual networks and IP addresses

☐ Disabled

Configure network security for your storage accounts. [Learn more](#)

Virtual networks

+ Add existing virtual network + Add new virtual network

Virtual Network	Subnet	Address range	Endpoint Status	Resource Group	Subscription
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Firewall

Add IP ranges to allow access from the internet or your on-premises networks. [Learn more](#).

Address range

90.195.143.160

IP address or CIDR

Resource instances

Specify resource instances that will have access to your storage account based on their system-assigned managed identity.

Resource type	Instance name
Select a resource type	Select one or more instances

Exceptions

☒ Allow Azure services on the trusted services list to access this storage account. ⓘ

☐ Allow read access to storage logging from any network

☐ Allow read access to storage metrics from any network

Network Routing

Determine how you would like to route your traffic as it travels from its source to an Azure endpoint. Microsoft routing is recommended for most customers.

Routing preference * ⓘ

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Azure Private DNS Zone names:

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