

# Deploy an AKS cluster using the portal. Access the dashboard and create roles for multiple users

To deploy an Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) cluster using the Azure portal first we will have to deploy an AKS cluster Azure AD Integration using follow steps:

- 1) Sign in to the Azure Portal.
- 2) Create an AKS Cluster :
  - Navigate to Create a resource > Kubernetes Service.
  - Subscription, Resource Group, Cluster name, Region.
  - Select Kubernetes version (default is fine).
  - Configure **Primary Node Pool**:
    - Node size, count (e.g., 2 nodes), and availability zones (optional).
  - Authentication:
    - Enable Azure AD integration
    - Leave default options unless custom Azure AD app registration is required.
  - Click Review + Create, then Create.

Now our cluster has been deployed.

Now we will connect our Azure cluster to terminal as follow:

1. Install Azure CLI and kubectl:

```
$ curl -sL https://aka.ms/InstallAzureCLIDeb | sudo bash
```

To Install kubectl

```
$ az aks install-cli
```

2. Get Cluster Credentials:

```
$ az login
```

```
$ az aks get-credentials --resource-group <RESOURCE_GROUP> --name <CLUSTER_NAME>
```

This updates `~/.kube/config` with Azure AD authentication.

3. Verify Connection:

```
$ kubectl get nodes
```

## Access the Kubernetes

To Access the Kubernetes Dashboard, first

1. we will have to install Dashboard  
(if not enabled by default)

```
$ kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes/dashboard/v2.7.0/aio/deploy/recommended.yaml
```

## 2. Create a Service Account for the Dashboard:

```
# dashboard-admin.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: dashboard-admin
  namespace: kubernetes-dashboard
---
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
metadata:
  name: dashboard-admin
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
  name: dashboard-admin
  namespace: kubernetes-dashboard
roleRef:
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: cluster-admin
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```

To apply it:

```
$ kubectl apply -f dashboard-admin.yaml
```

## 3. To access the Dashboard:

```
$ kubectl proxy
```

## Create roles

To create Roles and Bind to Azure AD Users

### 1. Define a Role

```
# pod-reader-role.yaml
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
  namespace: default
  name: pod-reader
rules:
- apiGroups: [""]
  resources: ["pods"]
```

```
verbs: ["get", "watch", "list"]
```

Apply it :

```
$ kubectl apply -f pod-reader-role.yaml  
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```

2. Bind the Role to an Azure AD User:

```
# pod-reader-binding.yaml  
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1  
kind: RoleBinding  
metadata:  
  name: pod-reader-binding  
  namespace: default  
subjects:  
- kind: User  
  name: user1@domain.com # Azure AD UPN  
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io  
roleRef:  
  kind: Role  
  name: pod-reader  
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```

Apply:

```
$ kubectl apply -f pod-reader-binding.yaml
```

Now we have deployed Azure Kubernetes cluster and created the multiple role for users