

SOP Add Azure Firewall Rule

Status of SOP:

✓ Endorsed.

Related Platform	Component
Azure	Azure Firewall

Problem

✗ How to add Azure Firewall rule?

POSSIBLE CAUSE:

- Service request from application team to add a new rule on Azure Firewall

What is Azure Firewall?

Azure Firewall is a managed, cloud-based network security service that protects your Azure Virtual Network resources. It's a fully stateful firewall as a service with built-in high availability and unrestricted cloud scalability.

NATURE OF REQUEST:

A ServiceNow request would be received to add a rule at Azure firewall.

WORKFLOW OF SERVICENOW REQUEST:

1. Once ServiceNow request is received. Open request item (RITM) mentioned in the ServiceNow request. Look for below two items in the request: -
 - a). Attachment containing application firewall rules to be implemented.
 - b). Application architecture diagram -> This is required to get a view of the current application architecture and how all other rules are implemented.

📄 If the architecture diagram is missing in RITM. Drop an email to requester asking for the same and only then proceed with the request

2. Analyze the requested firewall rules mentioned in RITM for below checkpoints:

- a). Verify if the requested ports are present under "**Azure Firewall Core Rules**" section of the below document. If yes, then implementation is not required. As the core rules mentioned in this section are implemented for all 4 regions in Azure and do not need to be requested by application teams.

<https://spo.bhpbilliton.com/sites/cloud/SitePages/AzureNetworkSegmentation.aspx>

- b). Verify that the request is not for any of the ports mentioned below as the following firewall rule requests will be rejected: -

**** Port 25 SMTP: all traffic in Azure must be encrypted as per Cyber security controls, only ports 465 and 587 encrypted SMTP are allowed.**

**** Port 22 and 3389 remote access to VMs from desktops: CyberArk and Citrix should be used for secure remote access.**

**** Port 1433 direct SQL Server access from desktops: SQL to SQL is allowed but otherwise a jump box must be used for remote administration, no desktop shall access SQL in Azure directly.**

**** Unencrypted MQTT: Only encrypted MQTT is allowed.**

📄 Check "Azure Firewall Rule" section of the below doc for more information.

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PROCESS:

Raise a Normal Change Request

Once all the above required pre checks are performed, open a Normal Change Request, and procure necessary approvals before implementing the change.

Please go to page 20 of the below *Change Control document* :

[Service Management: As-Is Change Management \(ServiceNow\)](#)

Please select the respective Cloud Factory assignment group when raising a change request in Service Now

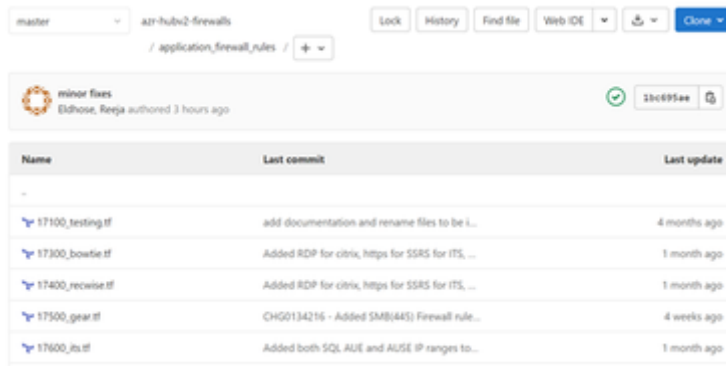
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Solution

1. Go to below repository to add the application rule. Different rule files are present under this repository (**FIG 1**).

https://gitlab.com/bhp-cloudfactory/azure-foundations/azr-hubv2-firewalls/-/tree/master/application_firewall_rules

(FIG 1)

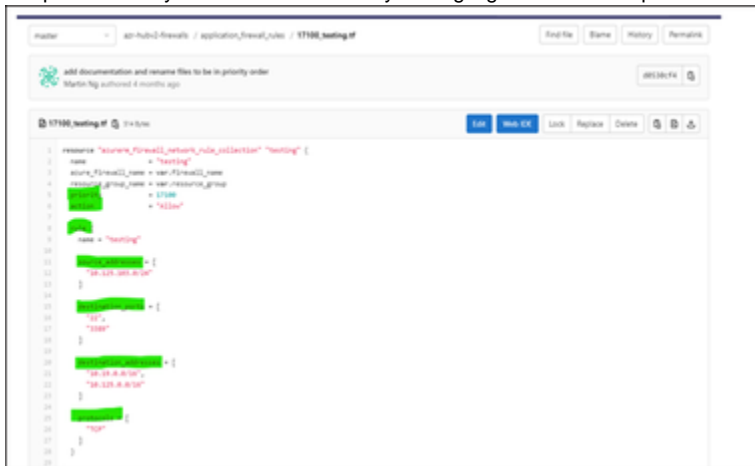


2. Copy one of existing rule files and create a new file with below naming convention:

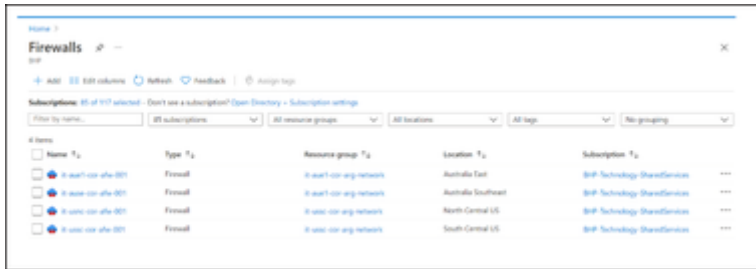
<priority>_<app name>.tf

For e.g. 1000_abc.tf

3. Open the newly created file and modify the highlighted details as per SNOW request to implement the new rule and save the file.



4. Go to the terraform workspace and trigger the workflow.
5. Once the workflow is successfully triggered, go to the Azure portal to validate the rule.
6. Search for **Firewalls** service on Azure portal. There are four firewalls configured one for each region. Rules will be implemented in all four regions after successful workflow trigger.



7. Click on any of the firewall and then click on **Rules (classic)** under **Settings**. Choose the newly implemented rule (**FIG a**). Azure Firewall rules will be added under "Network rule collection" for IP Addresses **Rules (FIG b)**.

FIG (a)

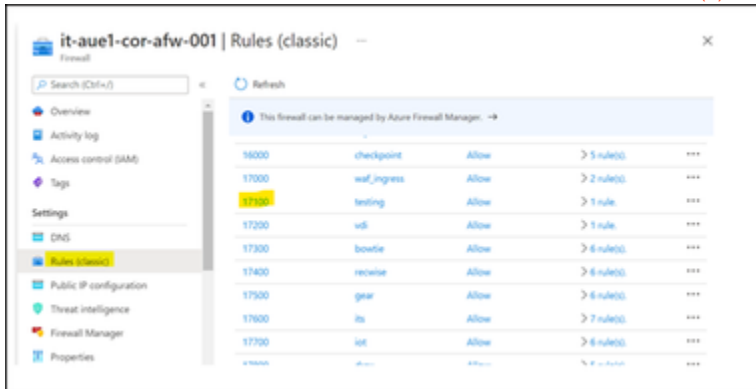
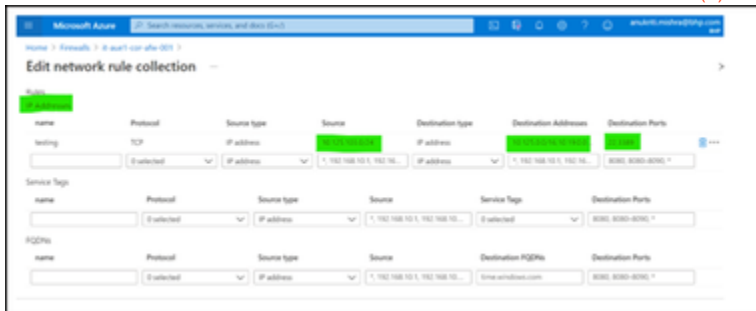


FIG (b)



8. Once rule is successfully implemented and validated at your end, drop an email to the requester to validate from application point of view.