.NET CORE AZURE VM DEPLOY GUIDE

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ABSTRACT. Simple and easy way to deploy your .NET Core web application to the Azure Ubuntu-based virtual machine.

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1. VIRTUAL MACHINE CREATION

Firstly, it is necessary to create a virtual machine (unexpectedly) where deployment to be hosted on. In this guide is considered free virtual machine of type Standard B1ms (1 vcpu, 2 GiB memory) with Ubuntu 20.04 operating system. Definitely it won't be considered step by step creation in this document, however required VM parameter are as follows:

- Size: Standard B1ms (1 vcpu, 2 GiB memory)
- OS: Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS Gen2
- Availability options: No infrastructure required
- Authentication type: SSH public key
- SSH public key source: Use existing public key (create it before you created VM)

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- Public inbound ports: HTTP(80), HTTPS(443), SSH(22)
- OS disk type: Standard SSD
- Encryption type: Default
- Public IP: Basic SKU, Static (be sure to create static IP)
- Select inbound ports: HTTP(80), HTTPS(443), SSH(22)
- Boot diagnostics: Disabled

Chosen parameters of the virtual machine are collected in order to minimize vm's cost. If you are not sure, refer to the screenshots via the link.

2. Connect to VM via SSH

It is assumed that programmer uses WSL 2 under Windows 10 in order to work with VM via the SSH. By default, SSH keys are stored under the path c/Users/username/.ssh. Assume that RSA key-pair is stored there and have the names id_rsa and id_rsa.pub for private and public keys respectively. In order to interact the VM via SSH it is necessary to copy RSA keypair to the WSL username/.ssh folder, we use the commands under WSL

- cp /mnt/c/Users/pkolosov/.ssh/id_rsa /.ssh/
- cp /mnt/c/Users/pkolosov/.ssh/id_rsa.pub /.ssh/

Then connection is available now using the command

• ssh -i /.ssh/id_rsa razumovsky_r@MachineStaticIP

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Windows PowerShell
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pkolosov@DESKTOP-NDC7K7Q:~$ ssh -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa razumovsky_r@
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.13.0-1023-azure x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
                       https://landscape.canonical.com
https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 * Management:
 * Support:
  System information as of Mon May 23 18:48:58 UTC 2022
  System load: 0.0
Usage of /: 4.9% of 28.90GB
Memory usage: 12%
                                           Processes:
                                                                         106
                                          Users logged in: 0
IPv4 address for eth0: 10.0.0.5
  Swap usage:
 l update can be applied immediately.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
Last login: Mon May 23 18:13:16 2022 from |
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
 razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm:~$|
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Figure 1. SSH connected successfully.

3. Install .NET SDK and Runtime to the Ubuntu 20.04

Next, we should install the .NET SDK (unexpectedly again) in order to run our application. Proceeding, we refer to the Microsoft documentation article named Install the .NET SDK or the .NET Runtime on Ubuntu, precisely the version is 20.04. As per documentation, consider the following commands to install .NET 6.0 SDK to your Ubuntu VM

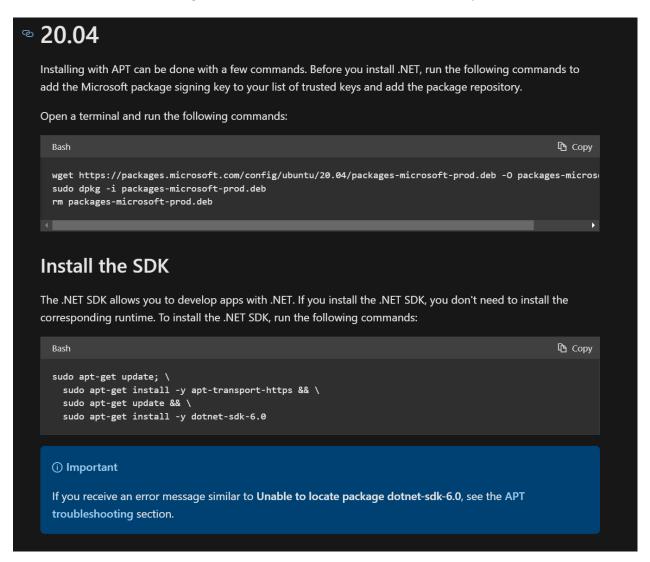


Figure 2. Ubuntu 20.04 install .NET 6.0 SDK MSDN.

Prepare your virtual machine applying the commands

- wget https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/20.04/packages-microsoft-prod.de
 -0 packages-microsoft-prod.deb
- sudo dpkg -i packages-microsoft-prod.deb
- rm packages-microsoft-prod.deb

The terminal output is as follows

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Windows PowerShell
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razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm:~$ wget https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/20.04/packages-microsoft-prod.deb -0 packa
ges-microsoft-prod.deb
 --2022-05-24 14:20:42-- https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/20.04/packages-microsoft-prod.deb
Resolving packages.microsoft.com (packages.microsoft.com)... 13.90.56.68
Connecting to packages.microsoft.com (packages.microsoft.com)|13.90.56.68|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 3690 (3.6K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'packages-microsoft-prod.deb
2022-05-24 14:20:42 (496 MB/s) - 'packages-microsoft-prod.deb' saved [3690/3690]
 razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm:~$ sudo dpkg -i packages-microsoft-prod.deb
Selecting previously unselected package packages-microsoft-prod.
(Reading database ... 57953 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack packages-microsoft-prod.deb ...
Unpacking packages-microsoft-prod (1.0-ubuntu20.04.1)
Setting up packages-microsoft-prod (1.0-ubuntu20.04.1)
razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm:~$ rm packages-microsoft-prod.deb
razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm:~$ |
```

Figure 3. Virtual machine preparation..

Apply the following commands in order to install the SDK

- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt-get install -y apt-transport-https
- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt-get install -y dotnet-sdk-6.0

The terminal output after .NET 6.0 SDK installation is as follows

Figure 4. Ubuntu 20.04 install .NET 6.0 SDK terminal output.

Figure 5. Ubuntu 20.04 install .NET 6.0 SDK terminal output.

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Selecting previously unselected package netstandard-targeting-pack-2.1.

Preparing to unpack .../8-netstandard-targeting-pack-2.1.2.1.0-1_.and64.deb ...

Unpacking netstandard-targeting-pack-2.1 (2.1.0-1) ...

Selecting previously unselected package dothet-sdh-6.0.

Preparing to unpack .../9-dothet-sdh-6.0.(6.0.300-1_.and64.deb ...

Unpacking dothet-sdh-6.0 (6.0.300-1] ...

Setting up dothet-sdh-6.0 (6.0.300-1] ...

Setting up dothet-tangeting-pack-6.0 (6.0.5-1) ...

Setting up dothet-sdh-6.0 (6.0.5-1) ...

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Setting up dothet-sdh-6.0 (6.0.5-1) ...

Setting
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Figure 6. Ubuntu 20.04 install .NET 6.0 SDK terminal output.

In order to install the .NET Runtime we refer again to the Microsoft documentation, that

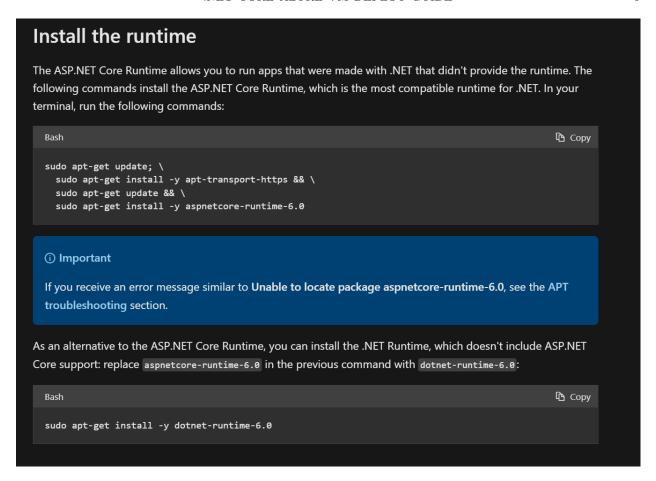


Figure 7. Ubuntu 20.04 install .NET 6.0 SDK terminal output.

We install .NET runtime using the commands

- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt-get install -y apt-transport-https
- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt-get install -y aspnetcore-runtime-6.0

Terminal output as follows

Figure 8. Ubuntu 20.04 install .NET 6.0 Runtime terminal output.

4. Copy build files to the VM via SSH

Now we have to build our .NET Core Web Application to the specified folder, say /mango-linux-build/src. Note that it is much better to build it on behalf of Windows 10 main machine, not WSL 2.0 one. We use the following commands to build .NET Core Web App with Release configuration

- cd E:/RiderProjects/MangoMessengerAPI/MangoAPI.Presentation
- dotnet publish "MangoAPI.Presentation.csproj" -r linux-x64
 - -o /mango-linux-build/src

Terminal output is as follows

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Mindows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6

PS E: USers-pholosov> cd E:/RiderProjects/MangoMessengerAPI/MangoAPI.Presentation
PS E: RiderProjects/MangoMessengerAPI/MangoAPI.Presentation
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Figure 9. Build .NET Web app terminal output.

Let's create the folder mango-backend where build files to be stored. Do not forget to connect to your Azure VM via SSH. Do not also forget to assign read-write privileges to the folder, using the commands

- sudo mkdir /mango-backend
- sudo chmod a+rwx /mango-backend

Terminal output:

Figure 10. Create folder at remote VM.

As next step consider to copy build files to the remote folder on your Azure VM. We copy on behalf of WSL 2.0 this time. In order to copy the build files we use following commands

- cd /mnt/e/mango-linux-build
- scp -r -i /.ssh/id_rsa ./src/* razumovsky_r@VM_IP_ADDRESS:/home/razumovsky_r/mango-backend

Terminal output:

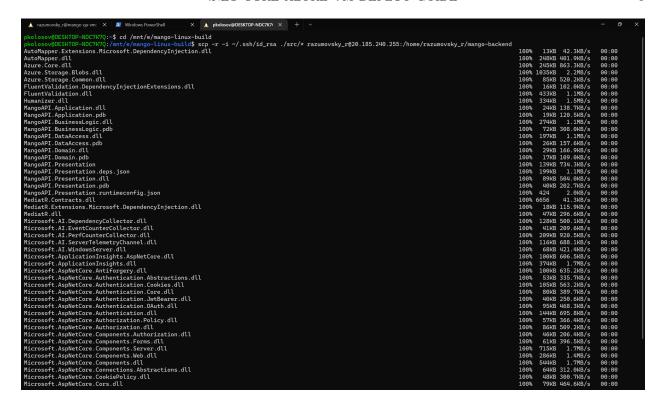


Figure 11. Copy build files via SSH.

Ensure build files are copied successfully to the remote VM, use the command ls -1 mango-backend. Terminal output:

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🇼 razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm 🛛 🔼 Windows PowerShell
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razumovsky_r@mango-qa-vm:~$ ls -l mango-backend/
total 109356
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201728 May 24 18:26 MangoAPI.DataAccess.dll
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29696 May 24 18:26 MangoAPI.Domain.dll
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142849 May 24 18:26 MangoAPI.Presentation
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-rwxrwxr-x 1 razumovsky_r razumovsky_r
                                                   40580 May 24 18:26 MangoAPI.Presentation.pdb
-rwxrwxr-x 1 razumovsky_r razumovsky_r
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Figure 12. Check files at remote VM.

- 5. Configure Ubuntu service
- 6. Install and configure Nginx server
 - 7. Configure domain name and SSL
 - 8. Deploy frontend project
 - 9. Conclusions

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