CODE, DEPLOY AND MAINTAIN YOUR AZURE (DATA) INFRASTRUCTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

Have you been deploying your Azure databases and all connected resources through the portal? Are you fed-up with clicking, weird resource naming and mostly, with having to deal with changes manually?

If you are working in Azure and you have anything to do with data and the infrastructure, this session is for you!

Azure Infrastructure as Code offers a plethora of possibilities, but the first time I checked it out, all I saw were Azure Resource Manager (ARM) templates. Hard to read, harder to write. They gave me headaches. It seems I wasn't the only one with that problem, because there are excellent tools to help you out! My favourite, and the one I'm using in this session is Terraform.

Now why is this presenter talking about this? I've deployed a number of customer environments with this language. Whenever there's a security update, like a new policy for example, I can deploy this to all customers in minutes. I'll only have to code this once and can easily deliver it many times, saving them time and money. Resources we can spend in other areas like ETL, ELT etc.

During the session, I'll demonstrate the basics of a data deployment, following the spirit of the Microsoft Well Architected Framework. I'll show you my way of working, the structure and and the end result. There is no need to try and photograph what's happening on screen, all the scripts will be available after the session.



























Code and slides are available through Github



- The code is provided as is, without any warranty for your personal or company Azure Tenant
- Think, read, evaluate and then run
- Review the deployment before adding ANY data to it
- The code is intended as a demo and can function as a starting point for your own deployment. It is **not** production grade.



"IT Governance discovered 1,063 security incidents in 2022, which accounted for 480,014,323 breached records. That represents an 14.8% decrease in security incidents compared to 2021 (1,243)."





"The Dutch authority for personal data reported 21.151 data leaks and 1826 cyberattacks in 2022. In the last 5 years, 114,258 data leaks were reported."





"Stay out of these statistics!"



Any security officer, any company, anywhere in the world

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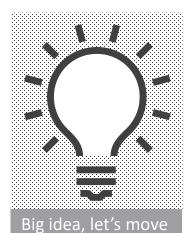






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Let's start our journey



this data solution

to the cloud!







- More than just resource security
- More than user security
- Assume Breach, Zero Trust, Well Architected Framework



More then resource security

- Create policies to prevent unwanted changes or deployments
- Add locks to prevent accidental changes or deletes



More than user security

- 2FA or MFA should be the default
- Enable Just in Time access
- Enable Priviliged Identity Management
- Educate your key users
- Enforce security tools like Key Vault



Assume breach, Zero Trust, WAF/CAF

- What can you do to prevent this breach?
- Hackers are constantly scanning for open ports
- Always deny traffic, unless
- Use the guidelines, don't take them literally



Infrastructure as Code

- What is it?
- Which flavors are available
- Azure DevOps and GitHub
- Review before release



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What is it?

- Easiest way to deploy resources in the cloud
- Repeatable without differences
- Configurable with parameters

Flavors

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- ARM templates
- AZ Powershell commandlets
- Bicep
- Terraform / Terragrunt
- Pulumi
- Bring your own hybrid

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Azure DevOpsand GitHub

- Code repositories
- Kanban boards to support Agile and Scrum ways of working
- Pipelines to do the heavy lifting
- Pull requests to enforce review of the code before it gets released

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The demos

- Created in Terraform, with PowerShell acting as a support act
- Not better or worse than Bicep, just different
- No DevOps included to prevent information overload

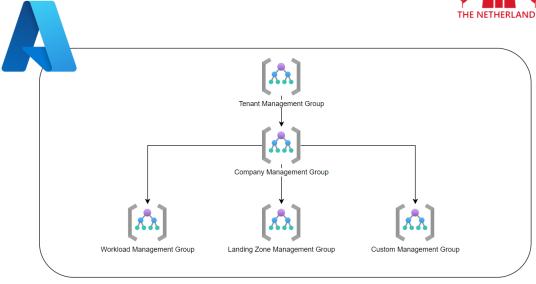
- From the ground up
- Management group with policy
- From subscription to resourcegroup
- Networking first
- Private endpoints only
- No public access
- VPN and Bastion
- Encryption everywhere



Management group with Policies

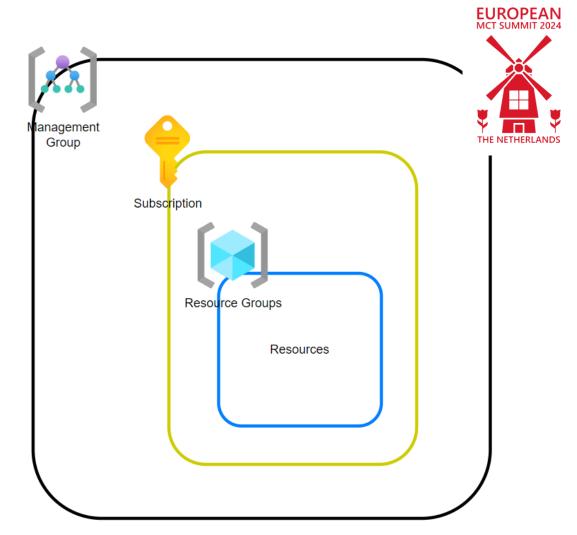
- Example policy:
 - restrict VM sizes
 - Allow west europe only





Management Group to Resource Group

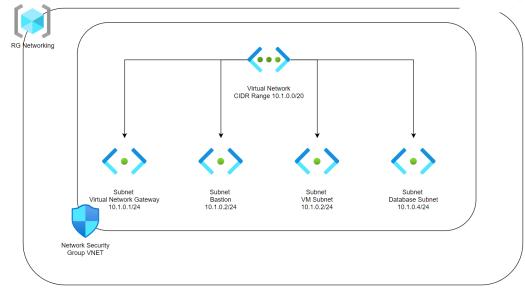
- Remember permission inheritance
- One to many relationship



Networking first

- Local Virtual Network, think about your CIDR range
- Subnets matter!
- Secure subnets with a Network Security Group

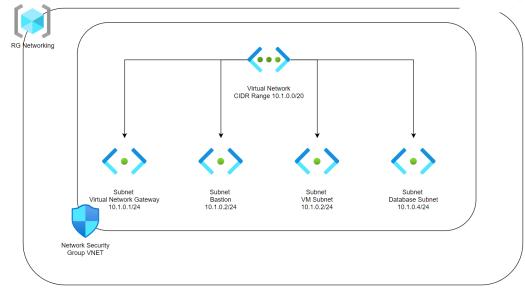




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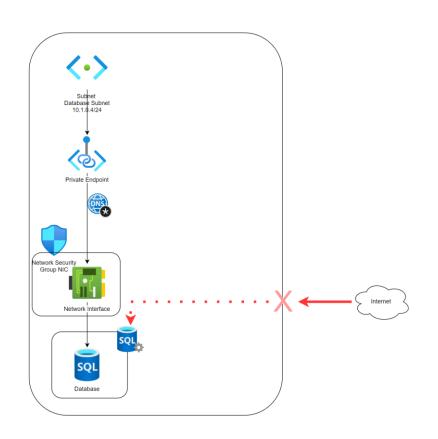
- Secure each Network Interface Card and Private Endpoint with it's own NSG
- Add a useful description to each NSG rule





Private endpoints only

- Azure DNS entries
- Secure each Network Interface Card and Private Endpoint with it's own NSG
- Add a useful description to each NSG rule

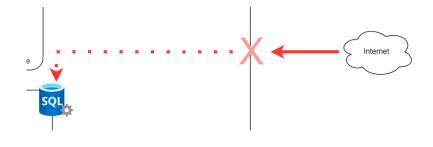




No public access

- Create a policy if you can
- Check each resource if this can be turned off
- Try and connect to each resource to check!

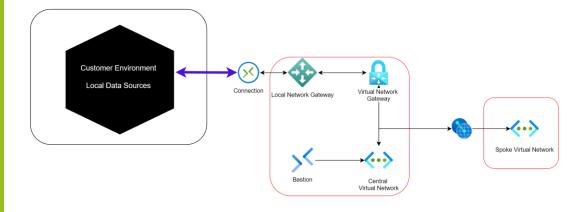




VPN and Bastion

- VPN is hard, but worth the effort
- Make sure you allow the correct CIDR Ranges
- You CAN lose the Azure Firewall if ALL traffic goes through the onpremises firewall.

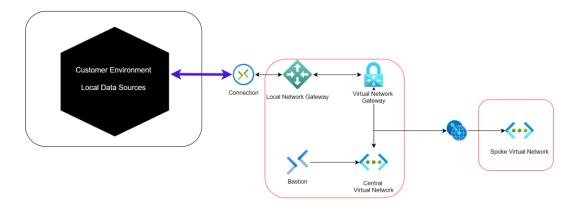




VPN and Bastion

- Use Bastion if you need RDP access from the Azure Portal
- Always secure these resources with a Network Security Group



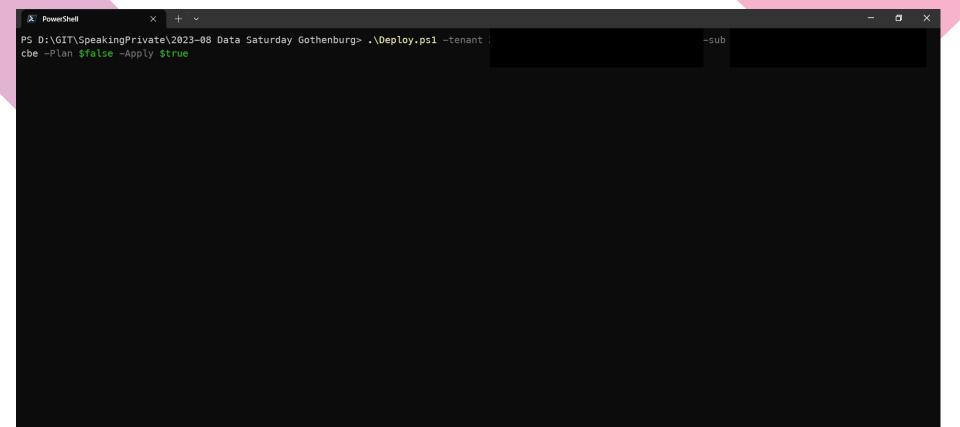


Encryption everywhere

- Databases have Transparent
 Database Encryption enabled by default
- Add your own certificate to add to the connection security
- Disk encryption is enabled by default, but make sure your Key Vault can store the keys







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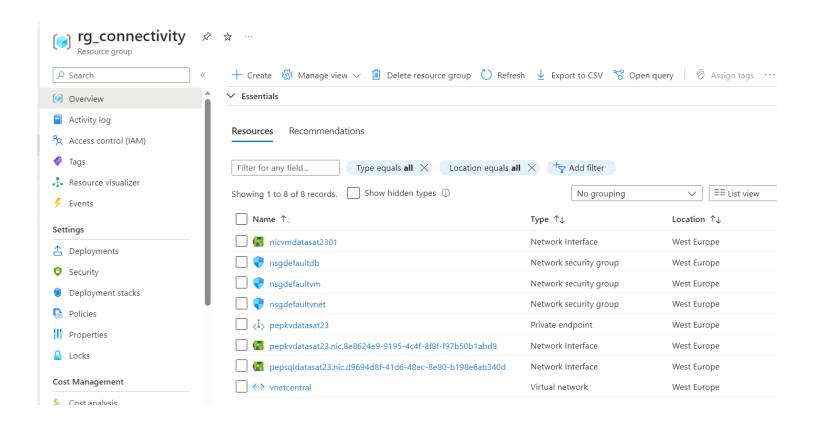
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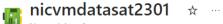
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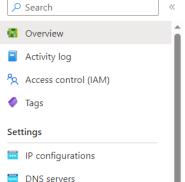
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Network interface





∧ Essentials

Resource group (move) : rg connectivity

Location (move) : West Europe

Subscription (move) : Visual Studio Enterprise-abonnement

Subscription ID : 814facf9-bf12-4ee9-abee-3cd632b1dcbe

Accelerated networking: Disabled

Virtual network/subnet : vnetcentral/snetVirtualMachines

Private IPv4 address: 10.1.3.9

Public IPv4 address : -

Private IPv6 address: -

Public IPv6 address : -

Attached to : vmdatasat23 (Virtual machine)

nsgdefaultvm (Network security group)

Type : Regular

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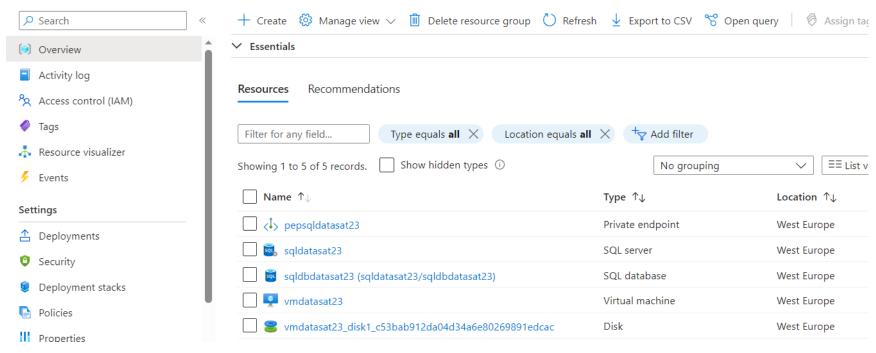
Network security group



- Activity log
- Access control (IAM)
- Tags
- X Diagnose and solve problems

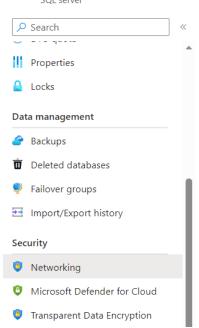
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Azure Bastion Subnet		10.1.1.0/24			
snetDatabases		10.1.2.0/24			
snetVirtualMachines		10.1.3.0/24			





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Public network access

Public Endpoints allow access to this resource through the internet using a public IP address. An application or resource thaccess this resource. Learn more

Public network access



Selected networks

 Connections from the IP addresses configured in the Firewall rules section bel more

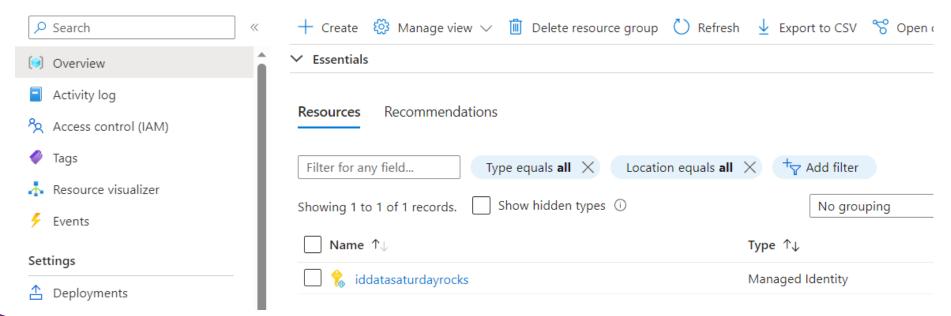
Virtual networks

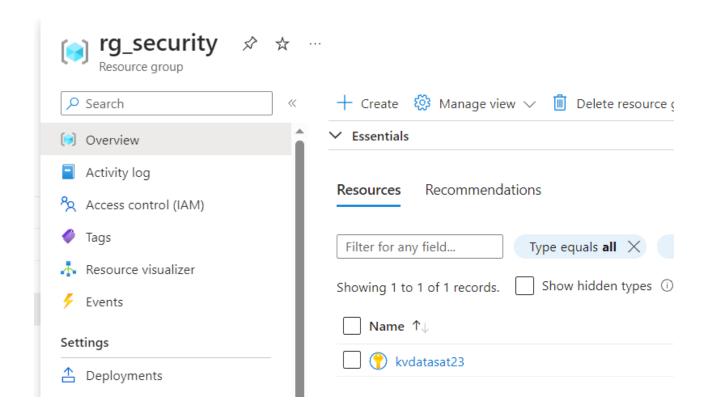
Allow virtual networks to connect to your resource using service endpoints. Learn more⊡

+ Add a virtual network rule

Rule	Virtual network	Subnet	Address range	Endpoint status
sqldatasat23-vnet-rule	vnetcentral	snetVirtualMachines	10.1.3.0/24	Succeeded

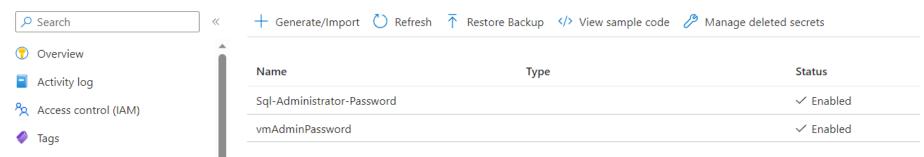






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