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.

Deploying your data infrastructure with confidence

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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.

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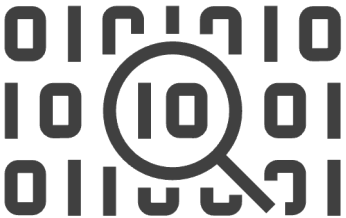

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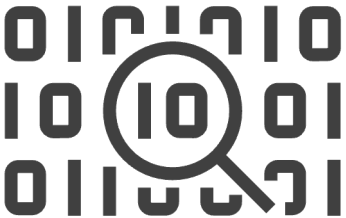

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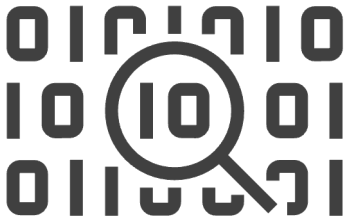

Any security officer, any company, anywhere in the world

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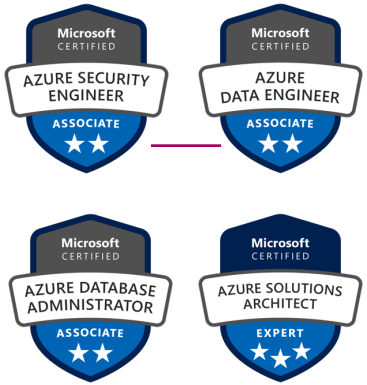

SQL: DBA, Performance tuning

Azure: architect, developer, admin

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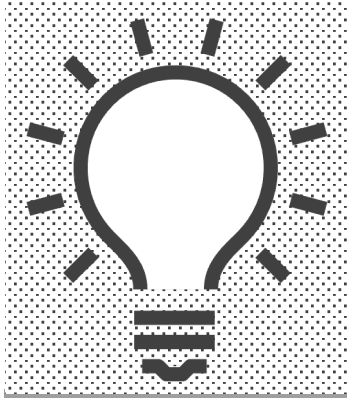
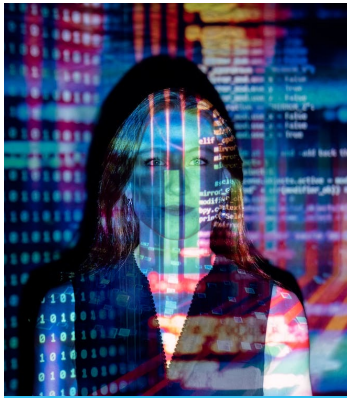
Let’s start our journey

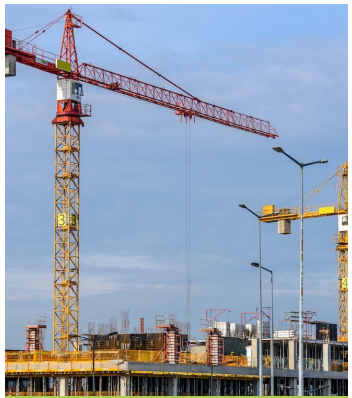


Big idea, let’s move this data solution to the cloud!

Architect for security



Learn and use infrastructure as code



Start building your solution

Architect for security

- 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

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More than user security

- 2FA or MFA should be the default
- Enable Just in Time access
- Enable Priviliged Identity Management

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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

What is it?

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

Flavors

- ARM templates
- AZ Powershell commandlets
- Bicep, Azure Automation
- Terraform / Terragrunt
- Pulumi, Ansible, CrossPlane
- Bring your own hybrid

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Azure DevOps and GitHub

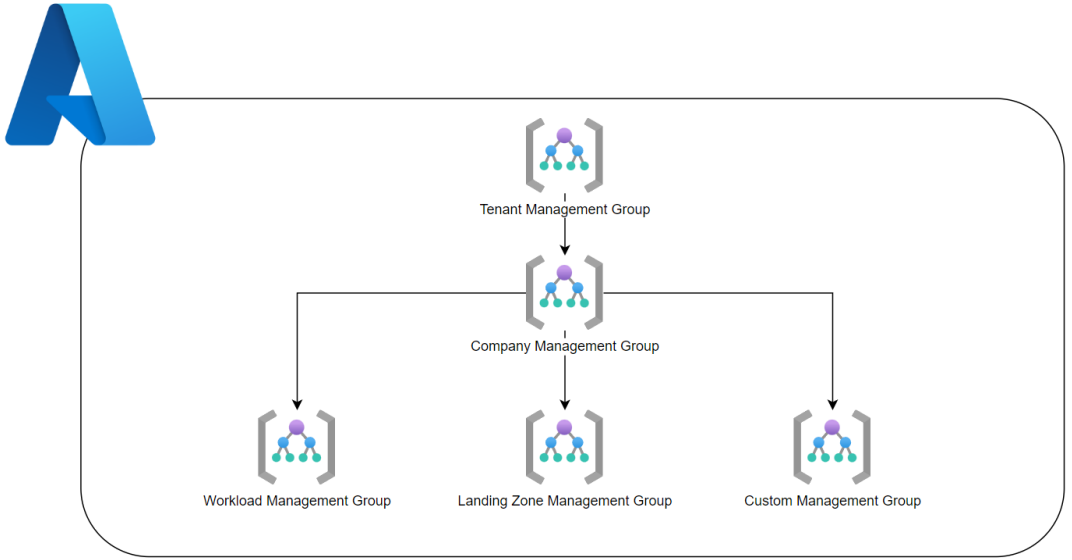
- Code repositories
- Kanban boards to support Agile and Scrum ways of working
- Pipelines to do the heavy lifting
- Pull requests to enforce review of the code before it gets released

Building your solution

- 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

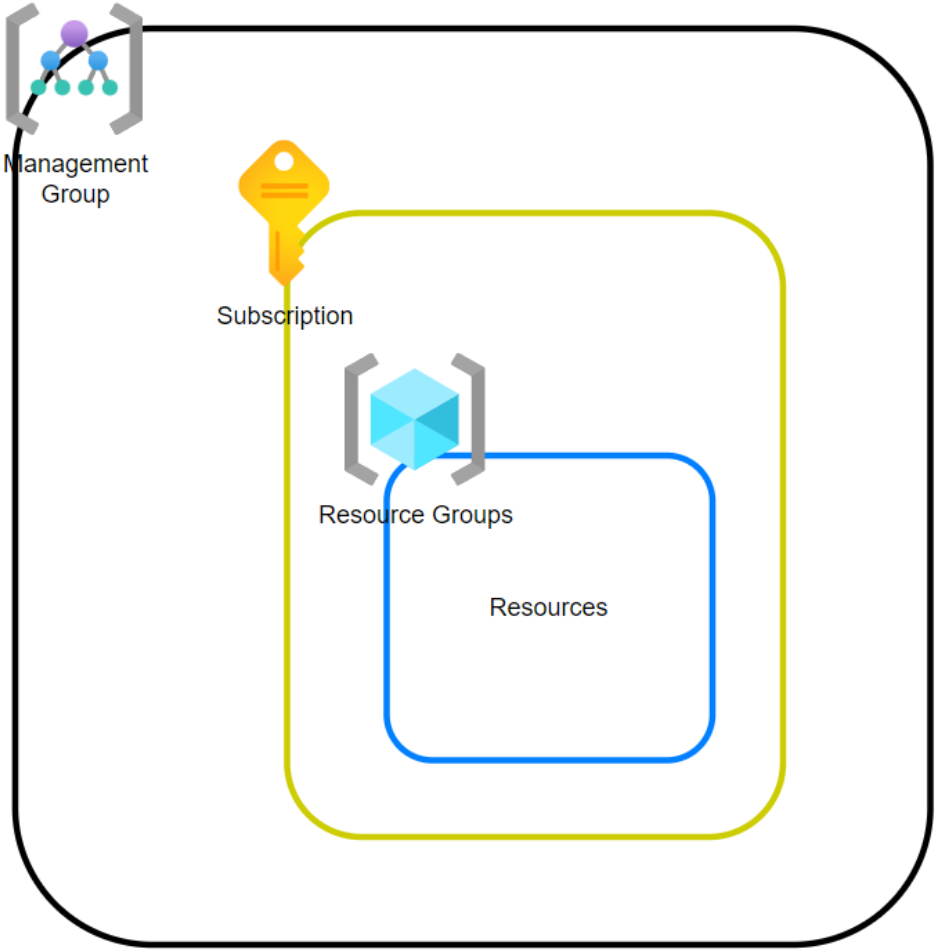
Management group with Policies

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



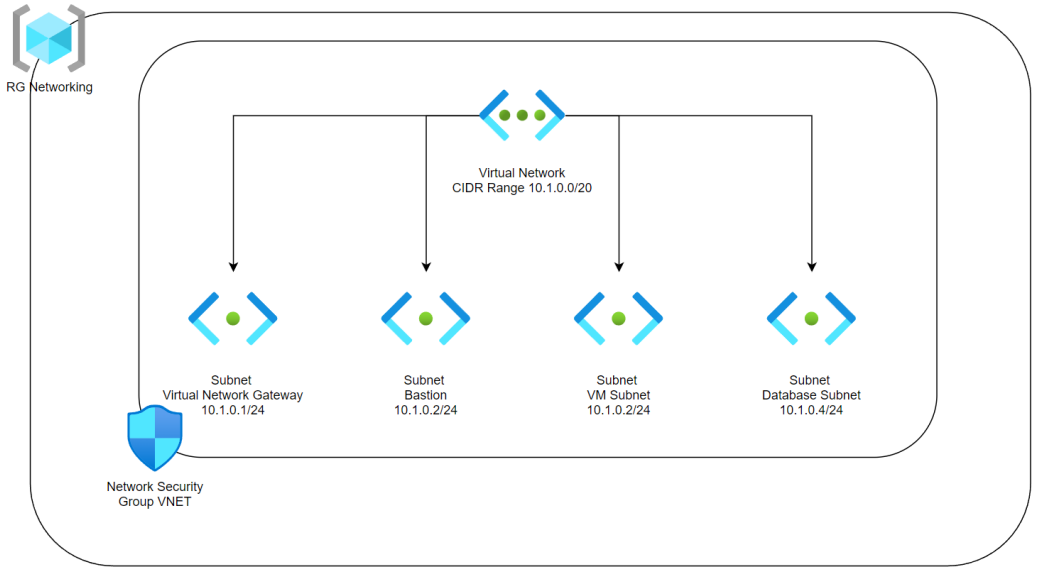
Management Group to Resource Group

- Remember permission inheritance
- One to many relationship



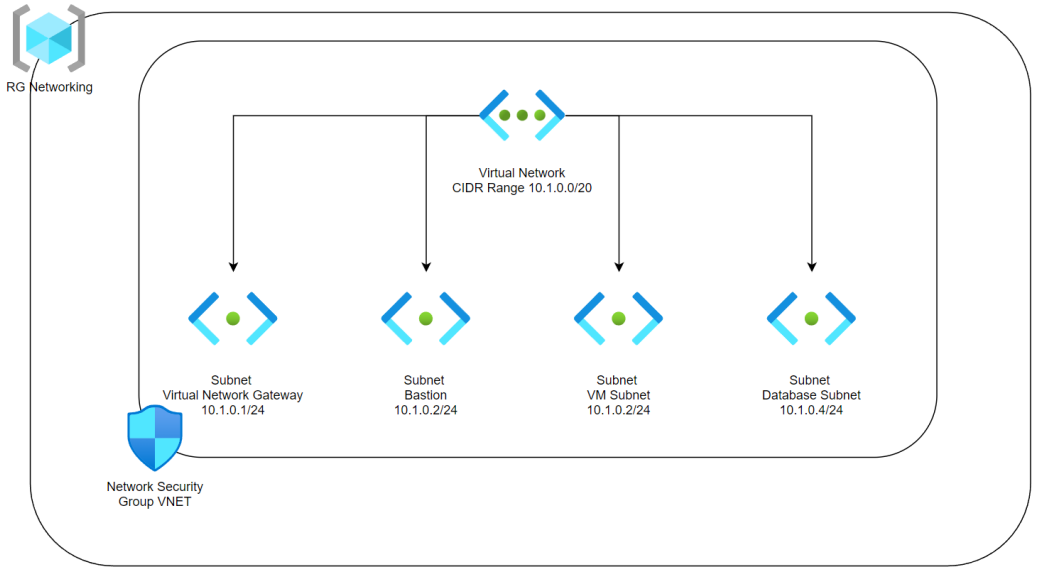
Networking first

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



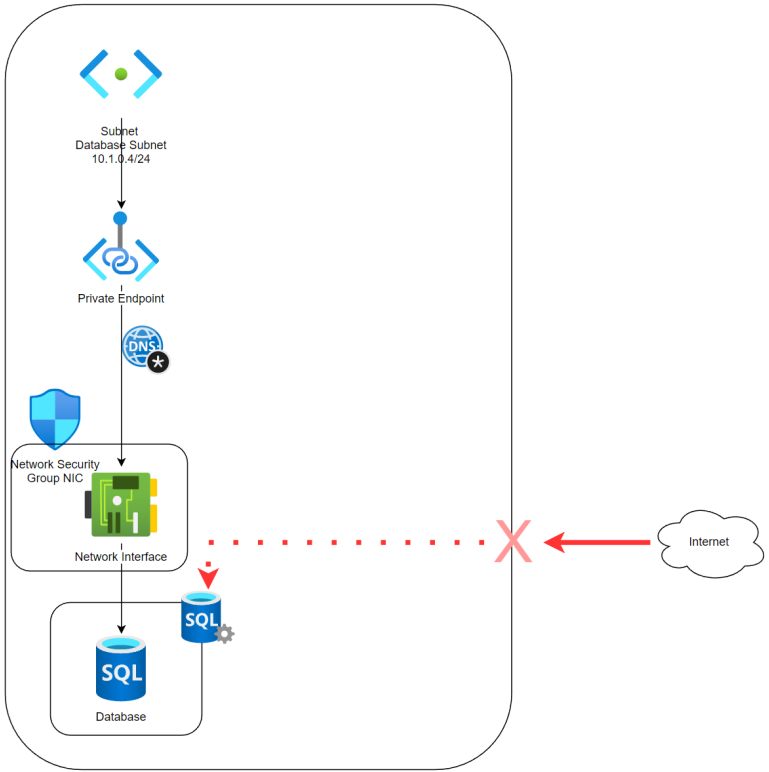
Networking first

- 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
- Check if the ‘outside’ connection is denied



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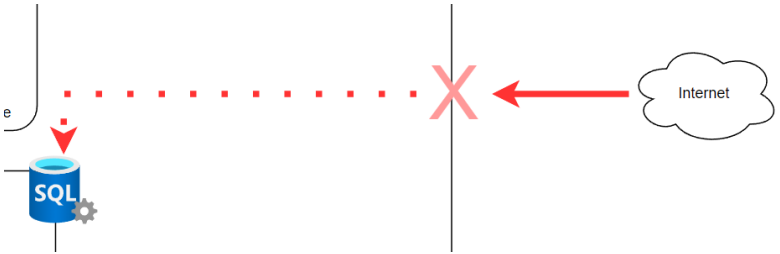
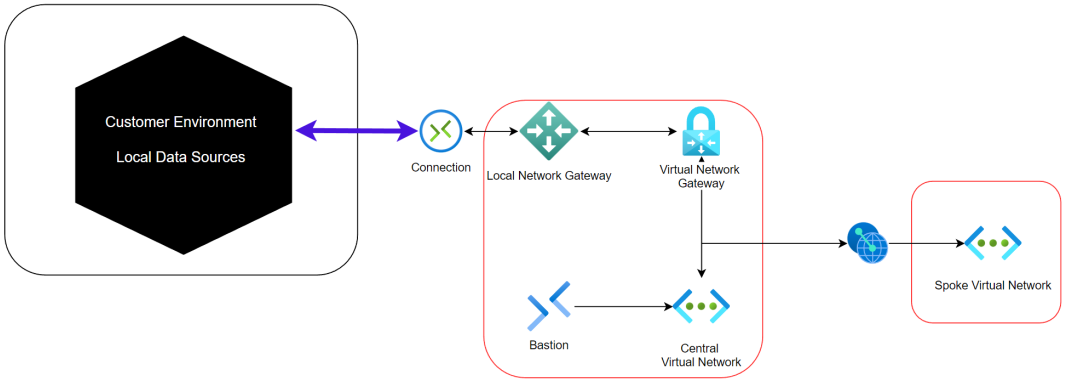
No public access

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



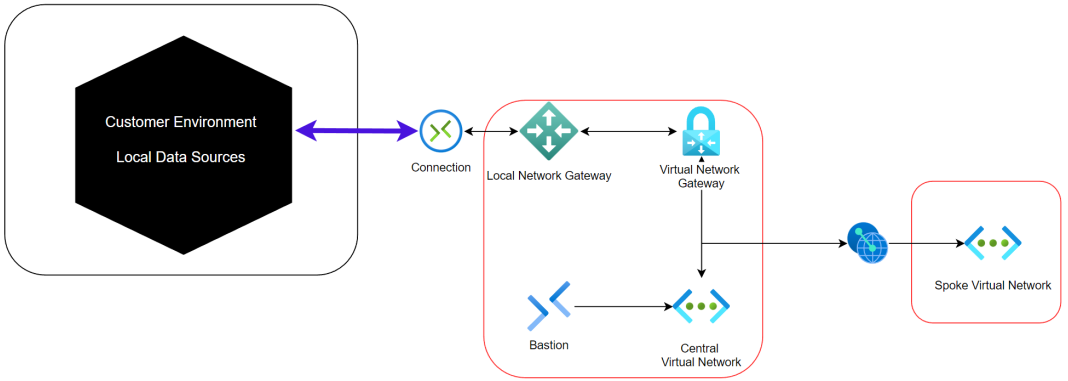
VPN and Bastion

- 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 on-premises firewall.



VPN and Bastion

- Use Bastion if you need RDP access from the Azure Portal
- Always secure these resources with a Network Security Group
- Distance matters (Latency!)



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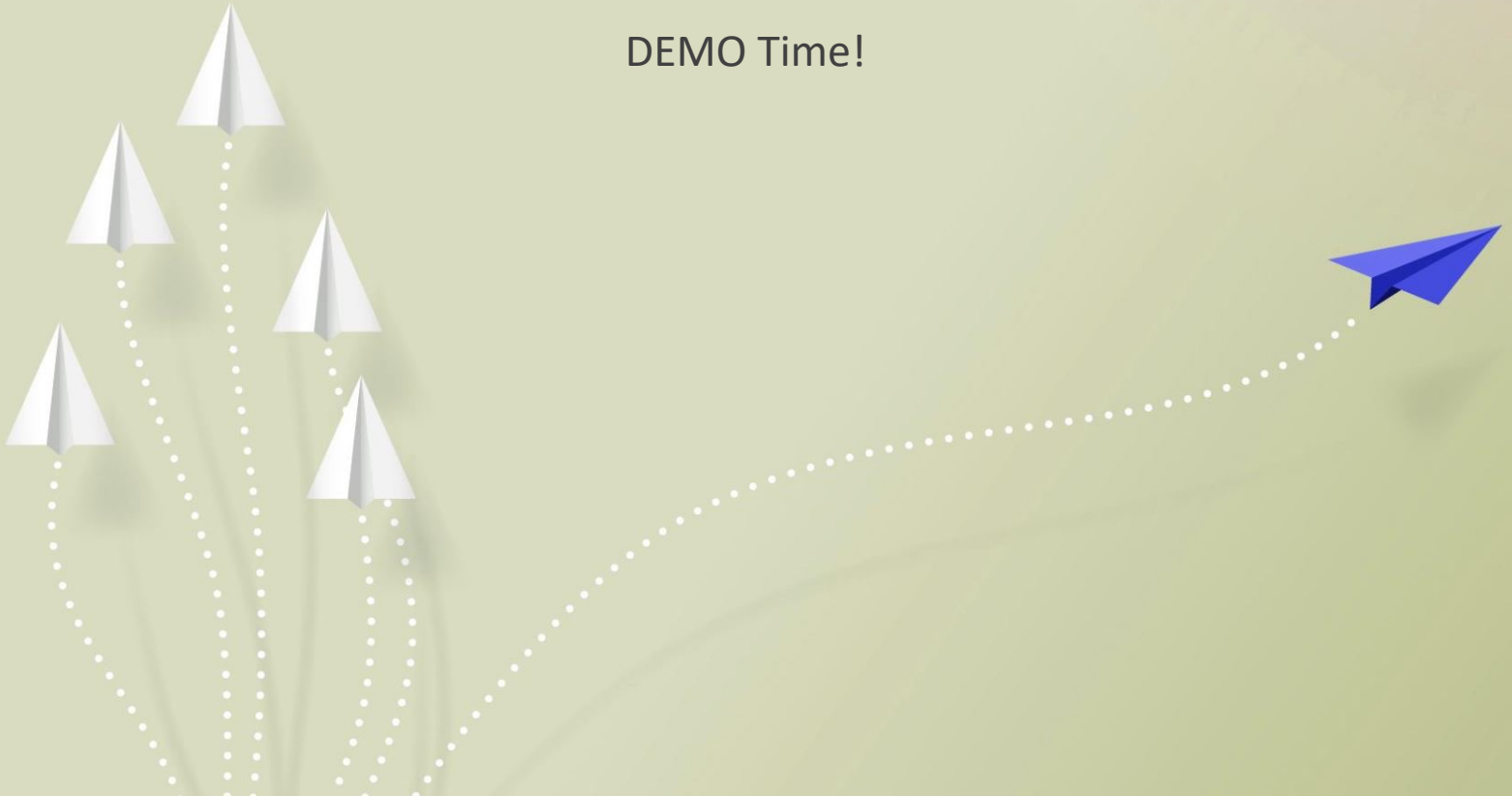
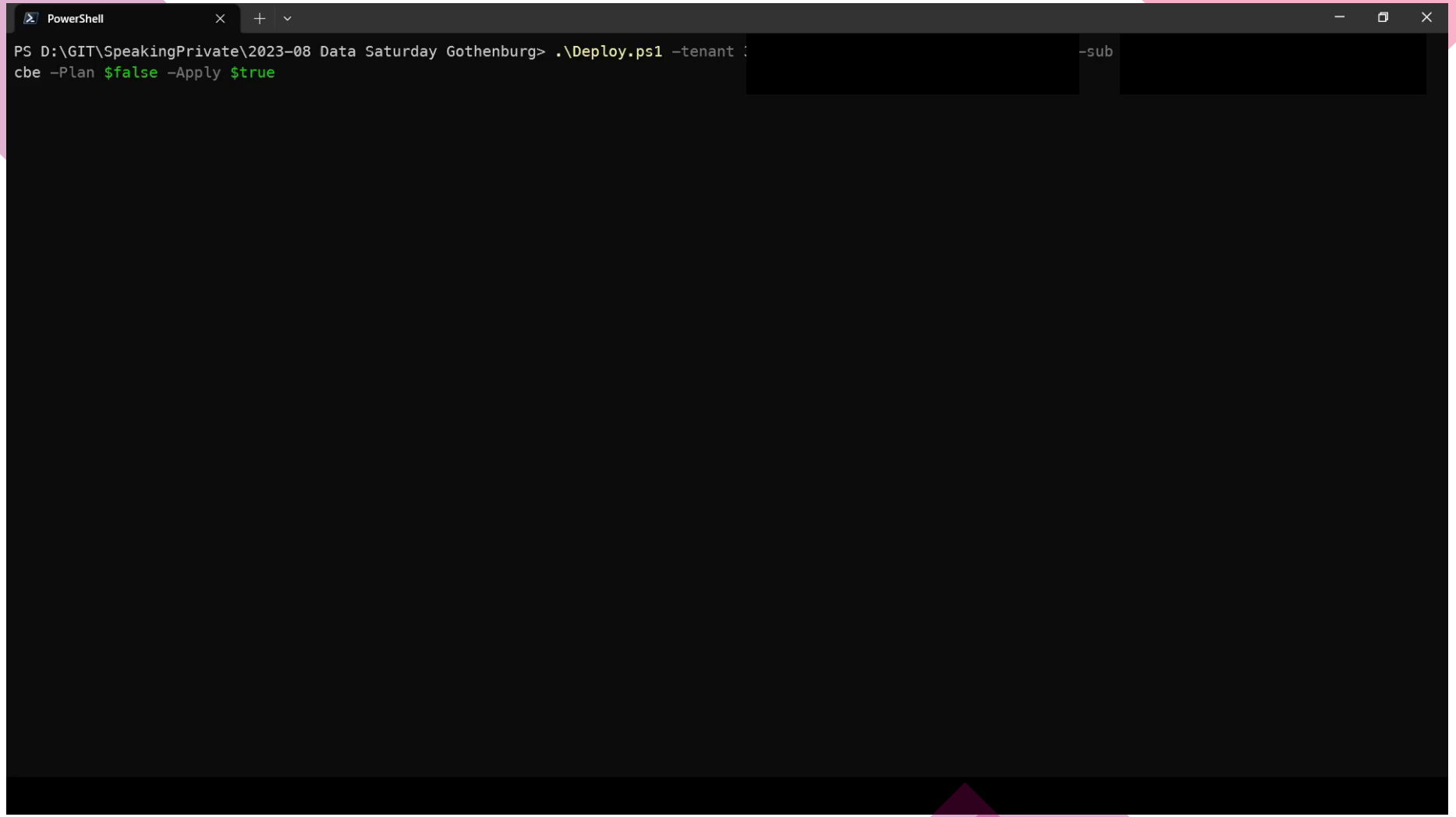
Encryption everywhere

- 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

DEMO Time!

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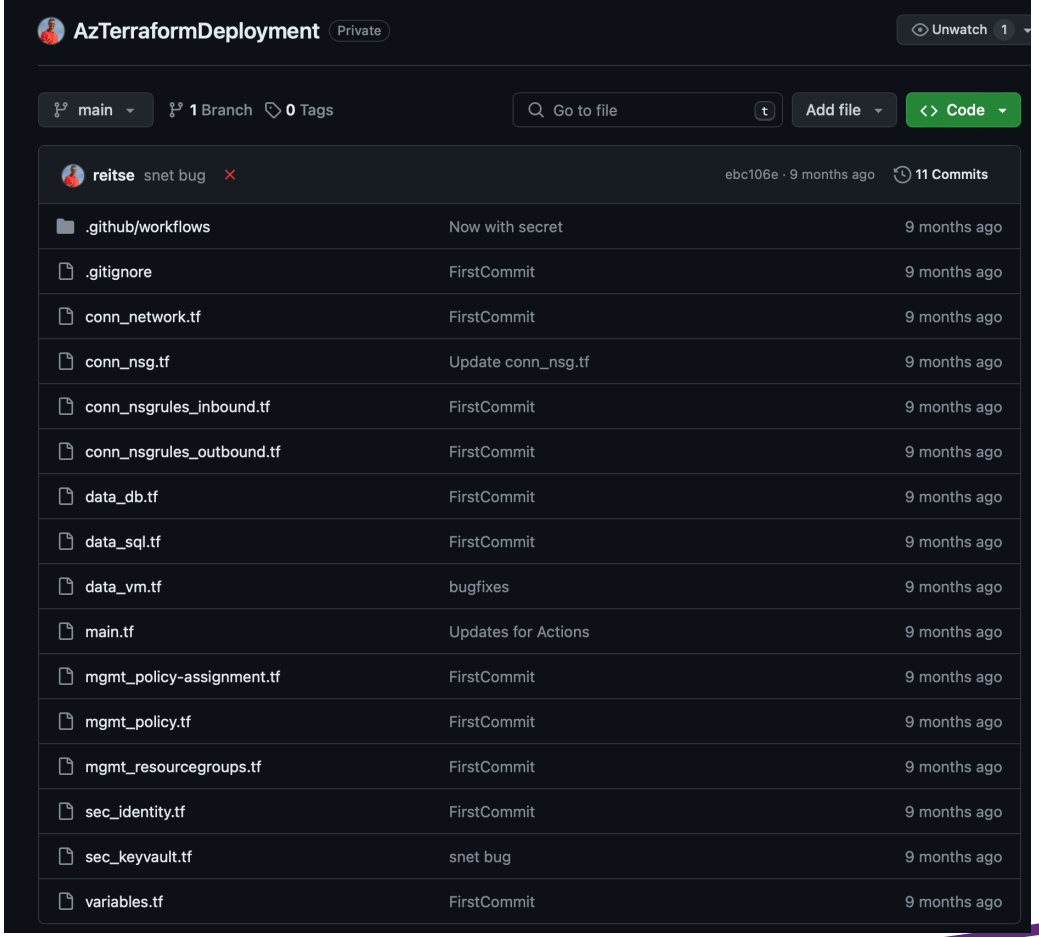
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name: 'Azure Terraform deployment'

on:
  push:
    branches: [ "main" ]
  pull_request:

permissions:
      id-token: write
      contents: read

jobs:
  Windows-latest:
      runs-on: windows-latest
      steps:
        - name: 'Azure Login'
          uses: azure/login@v1
          with:
            client-id: ${{ secrets.AZURE_CLIENT_ID }}
            tenant-id: ${{ secrets.AZURE_TENANT_ID }}
            subscription-id: ${{ secrets.AZURE_SUBSCRIPTION_ID }}
            enable-AzPSSession: true

        - name: 'Get resource group with PowerShell action'
          uses: azure/powershell@v1
          with:
             inlineScript: |
               Get-AzResourceGroup
               az account set -s ${{ secrets.AZURE_SUBSCRIPTION_ID }}
               az group create --location "westeurope" --name rgtfdeployment
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    {
      write-host "Resource Exists, moving on" -Foregroundcolor green
    }
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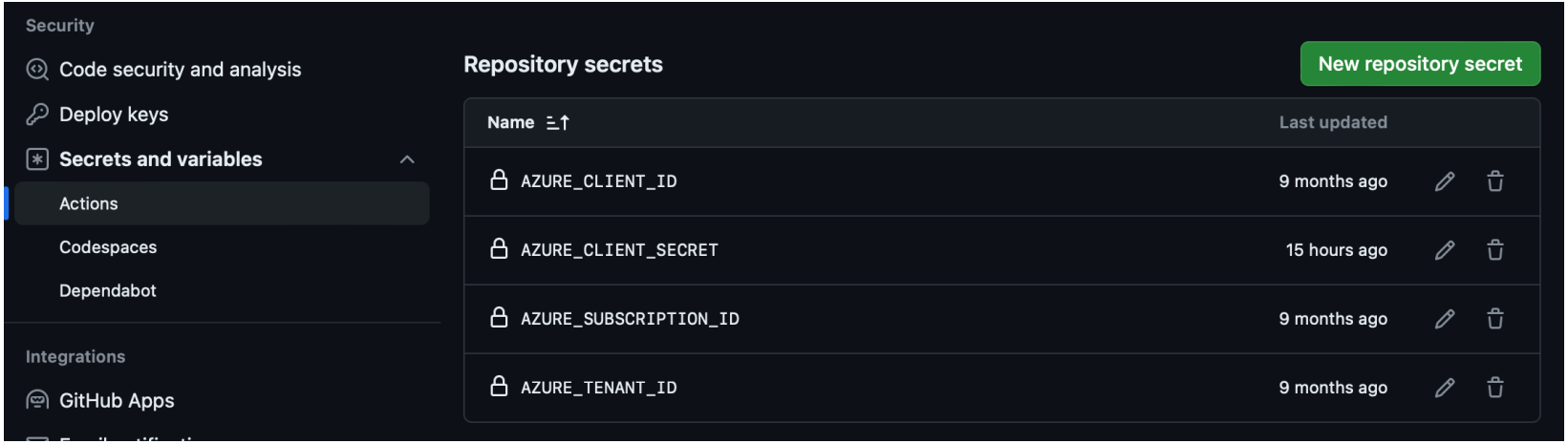
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rg_data	Visual Studio Enterprise-abonnement
rg_identity	Visual Studio Enterprise-abonnement
rg_security	Visual Studio Enterprise-abonnement

Tags (edit)

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Deployment : Terraform

Environment : Data Saturday Demo

Landing_Zone : Analytics

Owner : Reitse Eskens

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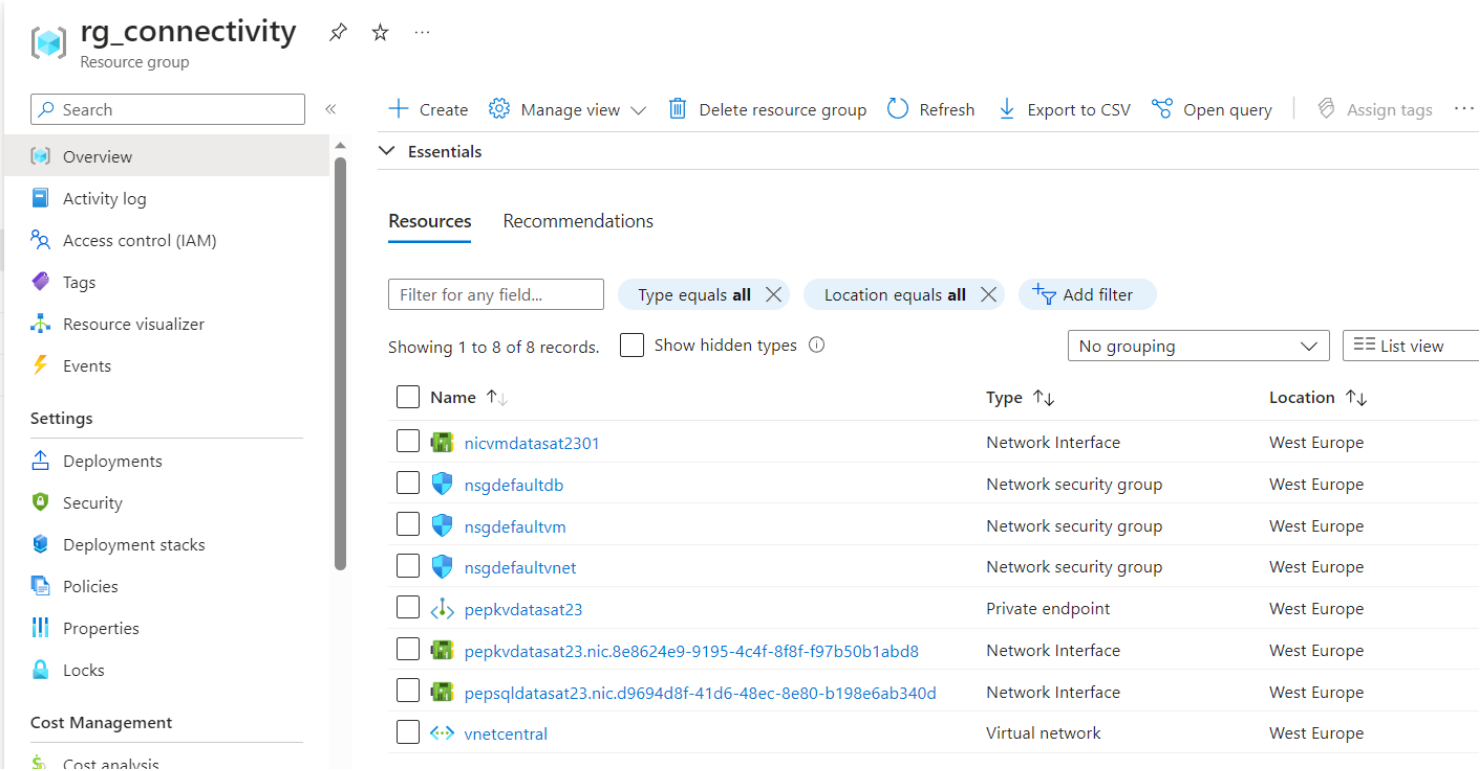
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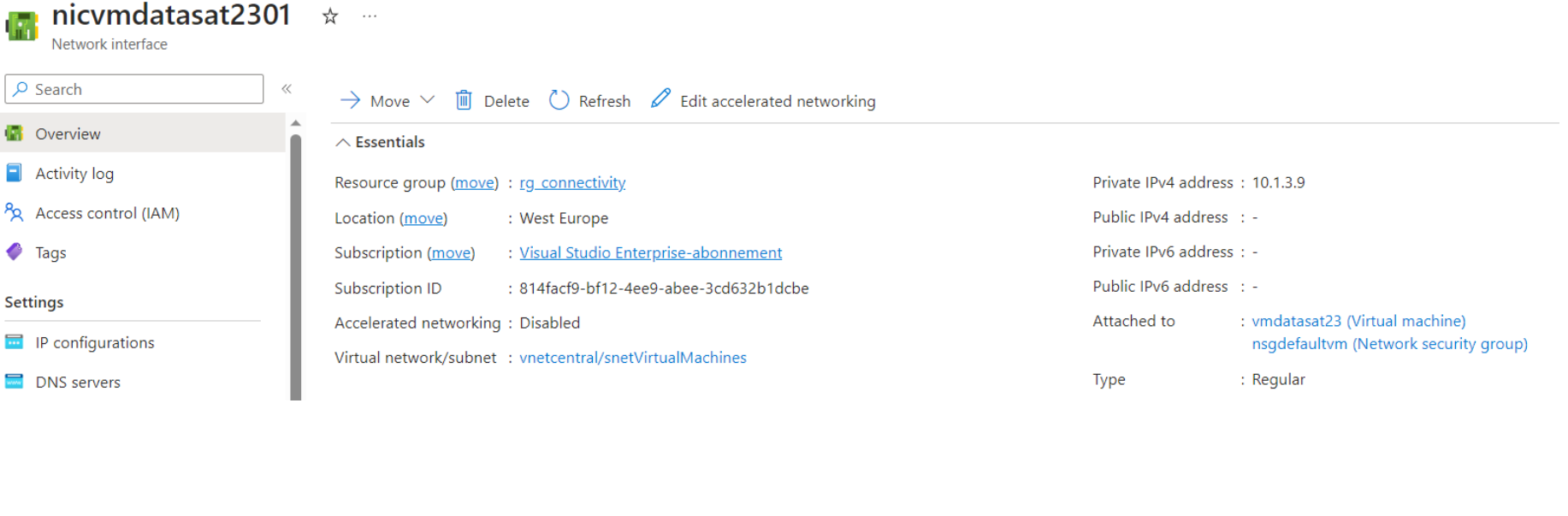
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Private IPv4 address : 10.1.3.9
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nsgdefaultvm (Network security group)
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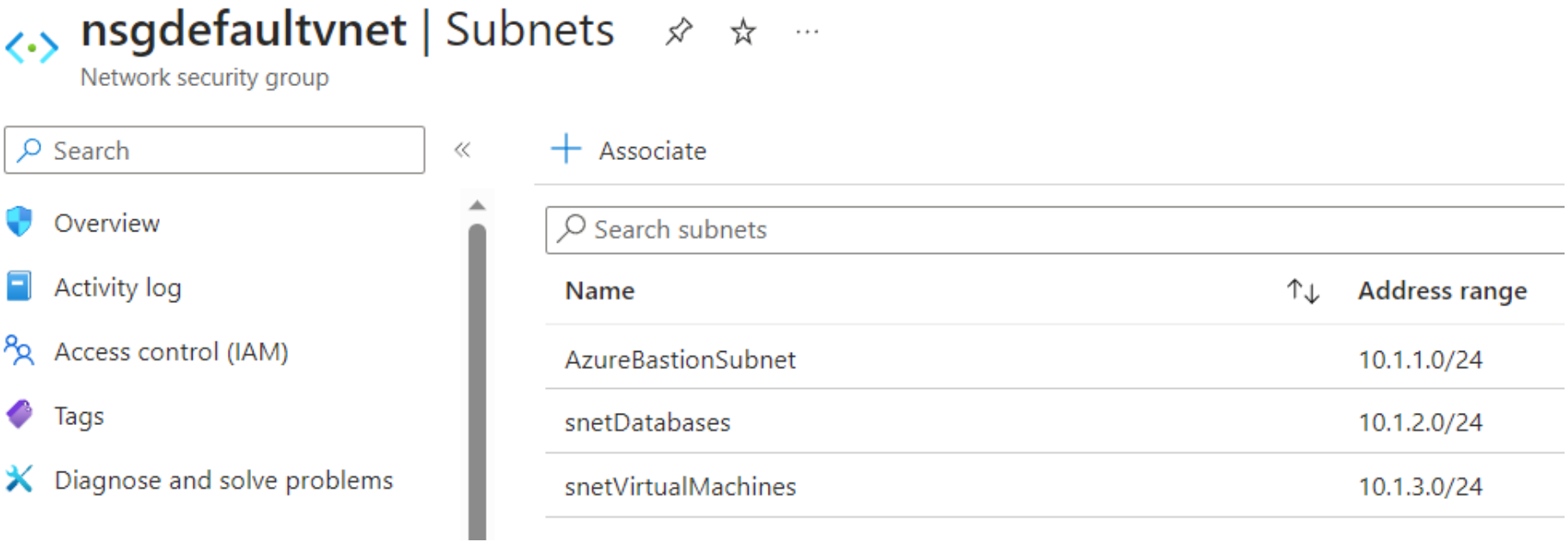
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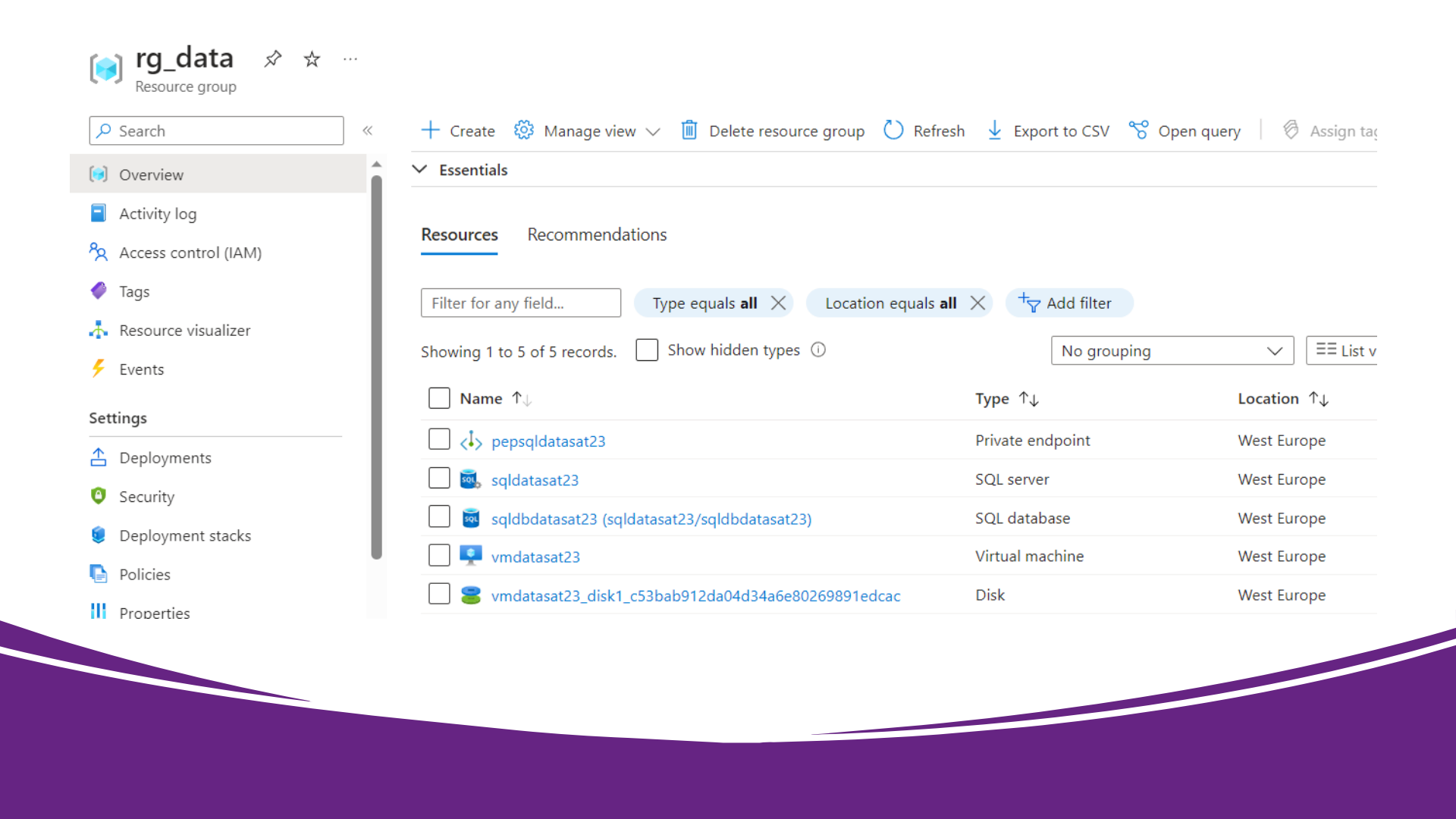
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Deleted databases

Failover groups

Import/Export history

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Networking

Microsoft Defender for Cloud

Transparent Data Encryption

Public network access

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

Public network access

- ○ Disable
- ◉ 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

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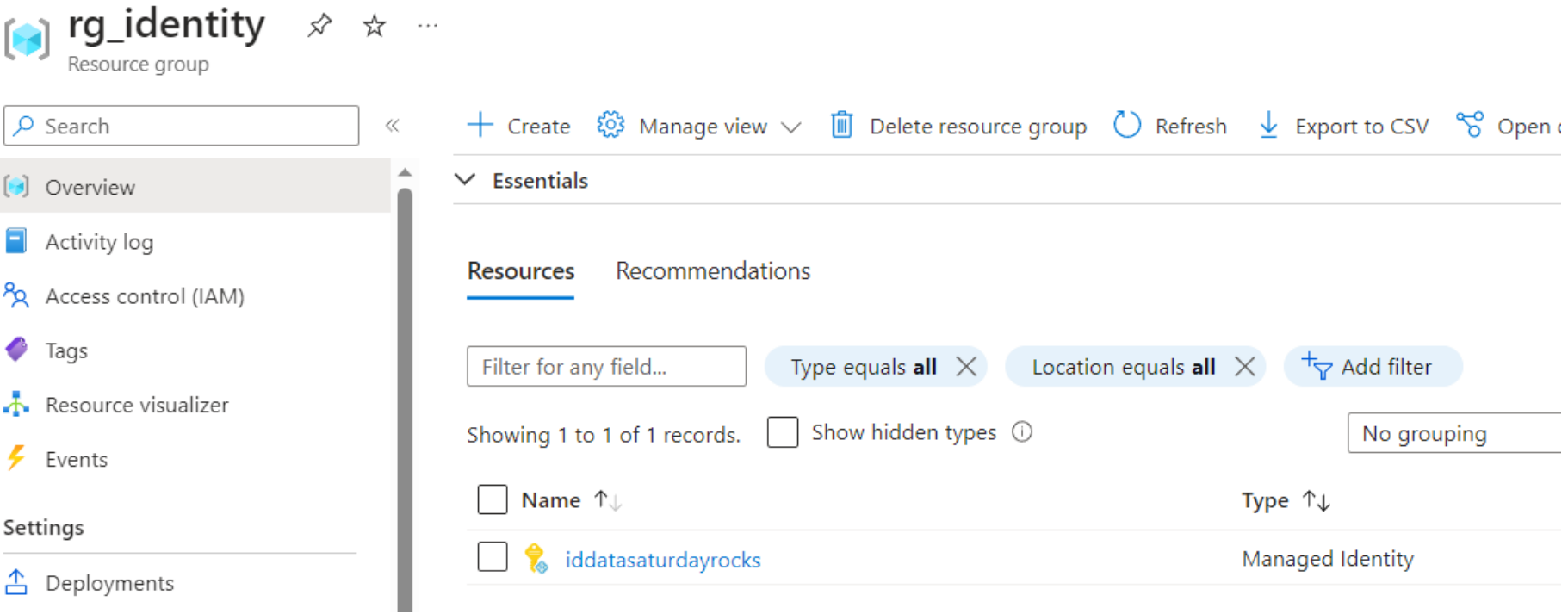
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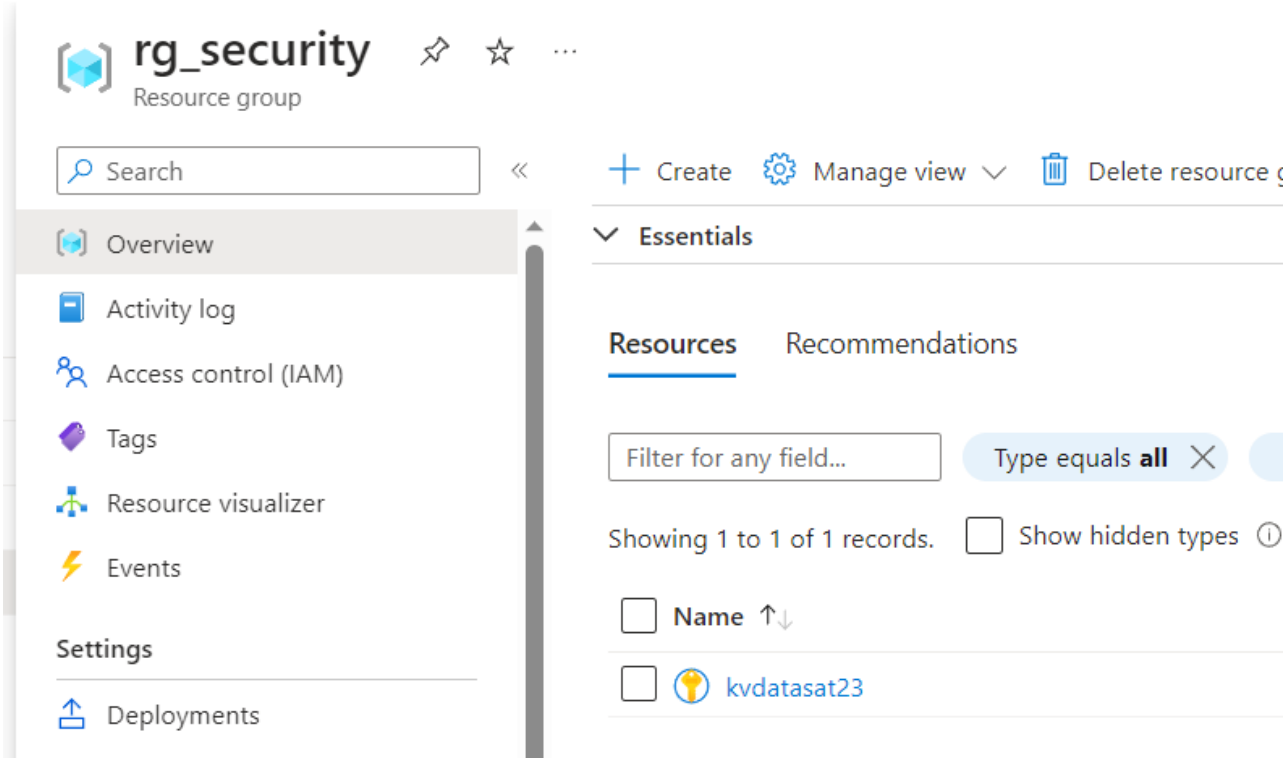
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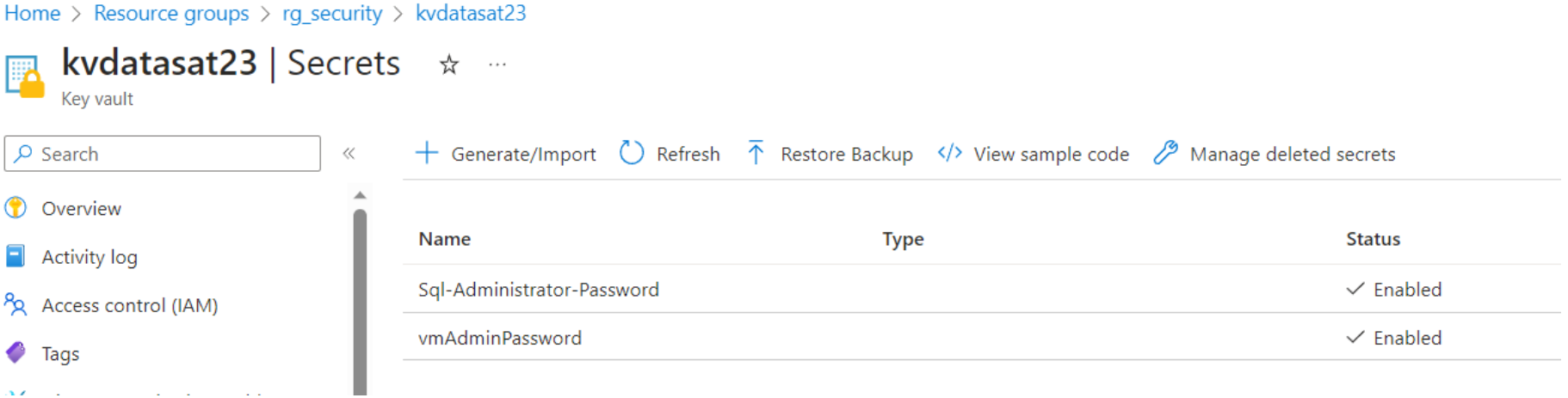
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Enabled

Session evaluation

Github Repo