

Microsoft Homework Assignment

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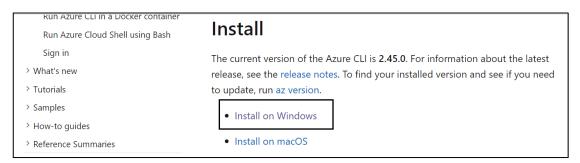
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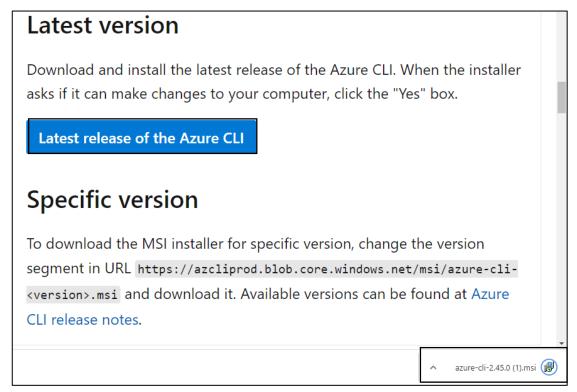
1. Prerequisites Requirements

1.1 Azure CLI Installation

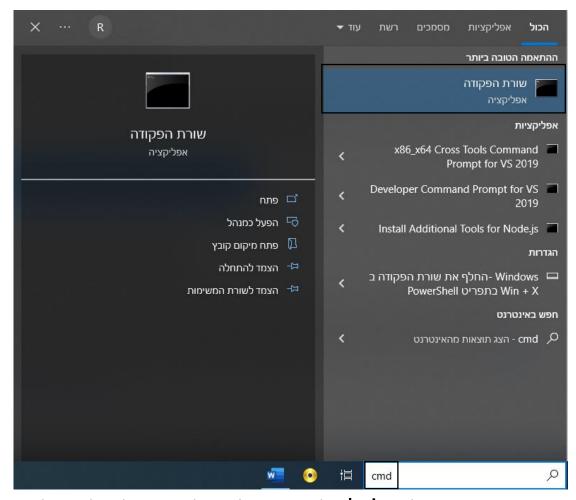
Go to this <u>link</u>. In the Install section click on **Install on Windows**



Click on **Latest release of the azure CLI** and download the .msi file and install it on your machine.



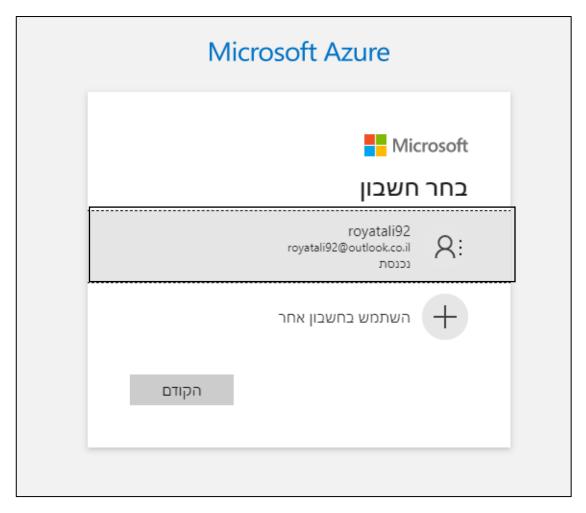
after the installation finished type cmd in the search bar and click on it



In the window that opened type the command az login and press Enter.



In the browser select your Microsoft outlook account



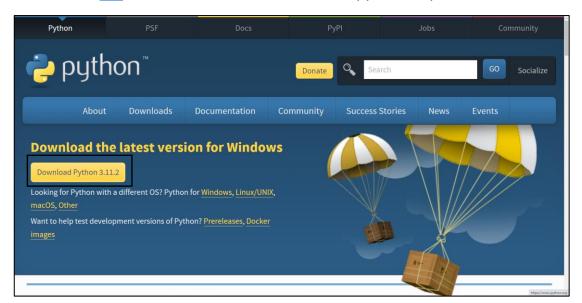
This step will authenticate your azure CLI with your account

You have logged into Microsoft Azure!	
You can close this window, or we will redirect you to the <u>Azure CLI documentation</u> in 10 seconds.	,

1.2 Python Installation

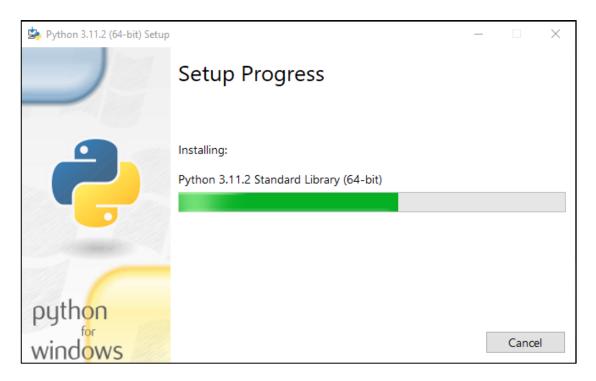
In order to run the code snippets below you will need to install **Python** first.

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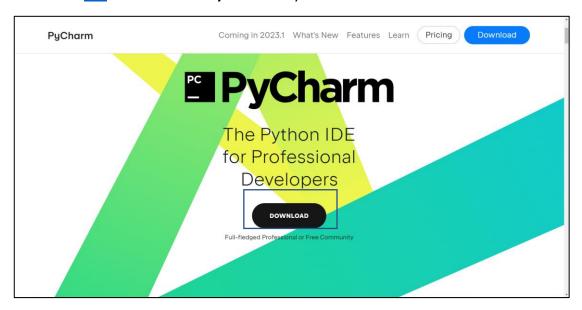
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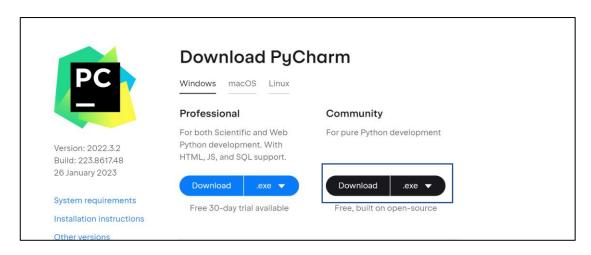


After that you will need PyCharm

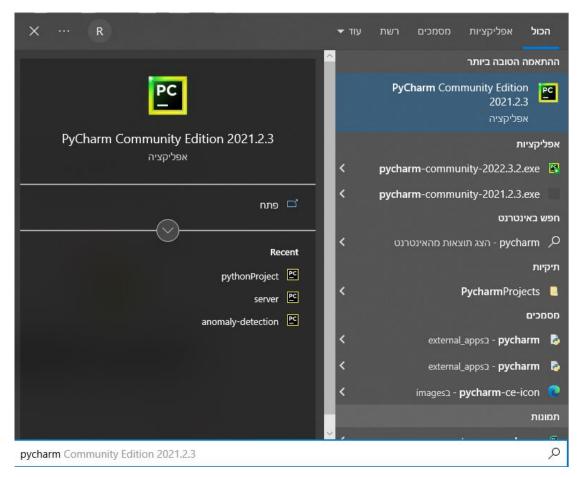
Go to this **link** and download **PyCharm** for your machine



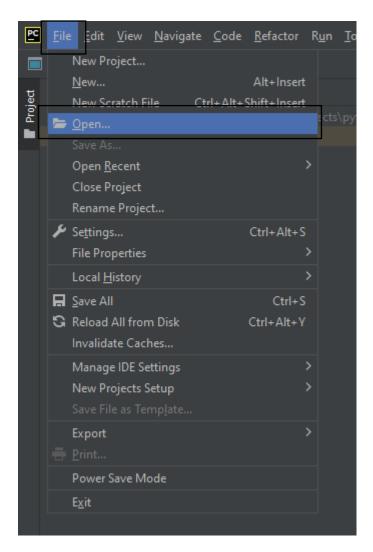
Click on download and download the community version and install it afterwards



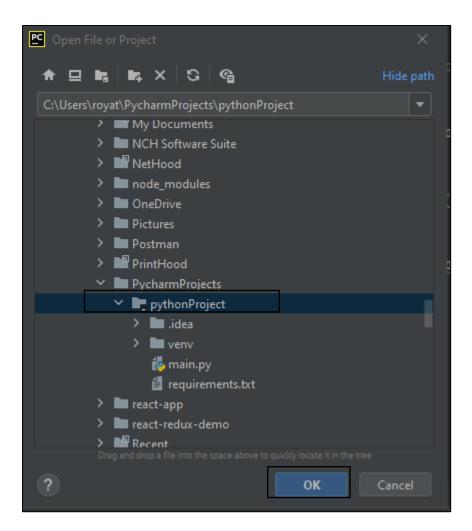
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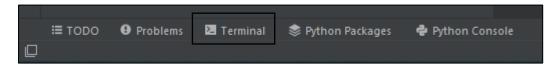
Once it opens click on file->open



In the window that just opened select the folder python Project where it located and press ${\bf OK}$



Open the terminal console. It located on the bottom of the window



In the terminal type **pip install -r requirements.txt.** that will install all the necessary packages related to the project.



After all the requirements installed. Type in the terminal **python main.py** to run the script.

```
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Windows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell <a href="https://aka.ms/pscore6">https://aka.ms/pscore6</a>
PS C:\Users\royat\PycharmProjects\pythonProject> python main.py
```

2. Code Snippets

2.1 createResourceGroup

```
def createResourceGroup(subscription_id_resource_group_name,location):
    print('Creating ResourceGroup' + resource_group_name + '...')

# Set the subscription ID and resource group name
    subscription_id = subscription_id
    resource_group_name = resource_group_name
    |location = location

# Create a ResourceManagementClient instance using AzureCliCredential
    credential = AzureCliCredential()
    resource_client = ResourceManagementClient(credential, subscription_id)

# Create the resource group
    resource_group_params = ResourceGroup(location=location)
    resource_client.resource_groups.create_or_update(resource_group_name, resource_group_params)

print('Finished Creating ResourceGroup' + resource_group_name + '...')
```

This code defines a function named 'createResourceGroup' that takes three parameters:

- subscription_id: The ID of your Azure subscription
- resource group name: The name of the resource group to be created
- location: The Azure region where you want to deploy the resource group

The function then uses the Azure SDK to create a new resource group in azure with the given parameters. Here's a summary of what the code does:

- 1. Print a message indicating that the function is starting to create a new resource group with the specified name.
- 2. Set the values of the subscription_id, resource_group_name, and location parameters to local variables of the same names.

- 3. Create an instance of the AzureCliCredential class, which represents the credentials needed to authenticate with Azure using the Azure CLI.
- 4. Create an instance of the ResourceManagementClient class, which is used to interact with Azure resources.
- 5. Create a ResourceGroup object with the specified location.
- 6. Call the create_or_update method of the resource_client.resource_groups object, passing in the resource group name and the ResourceGroup object created in step 5. This method creates a new resource group or updates an existing one with the same name.
- 7. Print a message indicating that the function has finished creating the new resource group.

2.2 createAccountStorage

This Python function that creates an Azure Storage account using the Azure Resource Manager and Storage clients. It takes in four parameters:

- subscription id: The ID of your Azure subscription
- resource_group_name: The name of the resource group in which the storage account will be created
- account name: The name of the storage account to be created
- loc: The Azure region where you want to deploy the storage account

The function first creates a StorageAccountCreateParameters object, which specifies the parameters for the storage account to be created, including the SKU (e.g., Standard_LRS) and kind (e.g., StorageV2). It then creates an AzureCliCredential object to authenticate with your Azure subscription, and creates instances of the ResourceManagementClient and StorageManagementClient classes. The function uses these clients to create the resource group (if it doesn't already exist) and the storage account.

Finally, the function prints a message indicating that the storage account has been created, including its name and ID.

2.3 createl inuxVIrtualMachine

```
LOCATION = loc
```

```
poller = network client.virtual networks.begin create or update(
```

```
network client.public ip addresses.begin create or update(
```

This Python script provisions a Linux virtual machine in Azure, including the necessary network components such as a virtual network, subnet, and IP address. The script uses the Azure SDK for Python and requires the user to provide some parameters, such as the subscription ID, resource group name, and VM name. The script then uses these parameters to create the necessary resources, using Azure CLI-based authentication.

Here's a brief summary of the steps involved:

- 1. Acquire a credential object using CLI-based authentication.
- 2. Provision a resource group.
- 3. Provision a virtual network.
- 4. Provision a subnet.
- 5. Provision an IP address.
- 6. Provision a network interface client.
- 7. Provision the virtual machine.

The script uses polling to wait for the completion of each resource provisioning step before moving on to the next one.

2.4 createWindowsVirtualMachine

```
LOCATION = loc
```

```
"location": LOCATION,
```

```
RESOURCE GROUP NAME,
        "location": LOCATION,
compute client = ComputeManagementClient(credential,
VM NAME = vmname
```

This code creates a Windows virtual machine in Azure. It first provisions a resource group, virtual network, subnet, IP address, and network interface client, before finally provisioning the virtual machine. The virtual machine is created with Windows Server 2019, with the specified hardware profile and OS profile. The network profile of the virtual machine is also specified, along with the network interface client created earlier.

The provisioning of each resource is done using Azure SDK for Python, and the credentials are acquired using Azure CLI-based authentication. The script prints messages to provide information on each provisioning step.

2.5 setNetworkSecurityGroup

This Python code defines a function setNSG that sets up a new Network Security Group (NSG) in Azure using the Azure SDK for Python. Here's what the code does:

- 1. Imports the necessary libraries for working with Azure resources: AzureCliCredential and NetworkManagementClient from the azure.mgmt.network package.
- 2. Defines the function setNSG with four input parameters: subscription_id, resource_group_name, nsg_name, and loc.
- 3. Sets the values of subscription_id, resource_group_name, and nsg_name to the input parameters of the same names.
- 4. Creates an instance of the AzureCliCredential class to authenticate the Azure CLL.
- 5. Creates an instance of the NetworkManagementClient class, passing in the credential and subscription_id.
- 6. Creates a new NetworkSecurityGroup object, passing in the value of loc as the location parameter.
- 7. Calls the begin_create_or_update method of the network_security_groups client to create or update the NSG in Azure, passing in the values of resource_group_name, nsg_name, and nsg as parameters.
- 8. Prints a message indicating that the NSG setup is complete.

This function can be used to set up a new Network Security Group in Azure using Python. To use this function, you would need to provide values for the input parameters subscription id, resource group name, nsg name, and loc.

2.6 AssociateNetworkSecurityGroupWithNIC

```
def associateNsgWithNic(subscription_id_resource_group_name_nsg_name_nic_name):
    print("Associating Network Security Group with server nic...")

# Replace the values with your own
    subscription_id = subscription_id
    resource_group_name = resource_group_name
    nsg_name = nsg_name
    nic_name = nic_name

# Create the Azure CLI credential
    credential = AzureCliCredential()
    network_client = NetworkManagementClient(credential, subscription_id)

# Get the NSG
    nsg = network_client.network_security_groups.get(resource_group_name, nsg_name)

# Get the NIC
    nic = network_client.network_interfaces.get(resource_group_name, nic_name)

# Associate the NSG with the NIC
    nic.network_security_group = nsg
    nic_result = network_client.network_interfaces.begin_create_or_update(resource_group_name, nic_name, nic)
    print("Finished Associating Network Security Group with server nic!")
```

This function associates a Network Security Group (NSG) with a network interface card (NIC) in an Azure environment. The NSG provides security rules to control network traffic to and from the NIC.

Here is a breakdown of what the function does:

The function takes in four parameters:

- subscription id: The ID of the Azure subscription that contains the resources.
- resource_group_name: The name of the resource group that contains the resources.
- nsg name: The name of the NSG to associate with the NIC.
- nic name: The name of the NIC to associate with the NSG.

The function creates an Azure CLI credential and a NetworkManagementClient object.

The function retrieves the NSG from the resource group.

The function retrieves the NIC from the resource group.

The function sets the network_security_group property of the NIC to the retrieved NSG.

The function updates the NIC with the new NSG association.

The function prints a message indicating that the association is complete.

Overall, this function is useful for managing network security in an Azure environment by associating NSGs with NICs.

2.7 SetPort3389ForRemoteConnection

```
def setPort3389(subscription_id,resource_group_name,nsg_name):
    print("Setting Port 3389 for remote connection...")

# Set subscription ID, resource group name, and NSG name subscription_id = subscription_id
    resource_group_name = resource_group_name
    nsg_name = nsg_name

# Create a NetworkManagementClient instance using
AzureCliCredential
    credential = AzureCliCredential()
    network_client = NetworkManagementClient(credential,
subscription_id)

# Get the NSG
    nsg =
```

This function sets up an inbound security rule to allow remote desktop connection on port 3389 in a network security group (NSG). The function performs the following actions:

- 1. Sets the Azure subscription ID, resource group name, and NSG name
- 2. Uses the AzureCliCredential to create a NetworkManagementClient instance
- 3. Retrieves the existing NSG object using the get() method
- 4. Creates a new security rule object to allow RDP traffic on port 3389
- 5. Appends the new security rule to the existing NSG object
- 6. Calls the begin_create_or_update() method to update the NSG on Azure.

This function assumes that the NSG already exists and that the Azure CLI is already authenticated.

2.8 CopyBlobsFromStorageAccountAToB

```
def copy_blobs(source_connection_string, dest_connection_string,
src_container_name, dst_container_name, number_of_blobs):
    print('Start creating, uploading, and copying ' +
```

```
str(number of blobs) + ' blobs...')
BlobServiceClient.from connection string(destination connection strin
 lob=source blob name).url
       destination blob client =
```

This function copies blobs from a source storage account to a destination storage account. It uses the Azure Blob Storage Python SDK to create BlobServiceClient objects for each storage account and then creates containers in both accounts. It

then uploads a specified number of blobs to the source container and copies them to the destination container. The function takes in the source and destination storage account connection strings, the names of the source and destination containers, and the number of blobs to create, upload, and copy

3. Usage

To use this functions in a python script you need to call them with the desirable parameters.

```
def createResourceGroup(subscription_id, resource_group_name, location)

def createAccountStorage(subscription_id, resource_group_name, account_name, loc)

def createLinuxYm(subscription_id, resource_group_name, vname, subname, ipconfigname, nicname, vmname, username,

def createWindowsVm(subscription_id, resource_group_name, vname, subname, ipconfigname, nicname, vmname, username,

def setNSG(subscription_id, resource_group_name, loc)

def associateNsgWithNic(subscription_id, resource_group_name, nsg_name, nic_name)

def setPort3389(subscription_id, resource_group_name, nsg_name)

def copy_blobs(source_connection_string, dest_connection_string, src_container_name, dst_container_name, number_of_blobs)
```

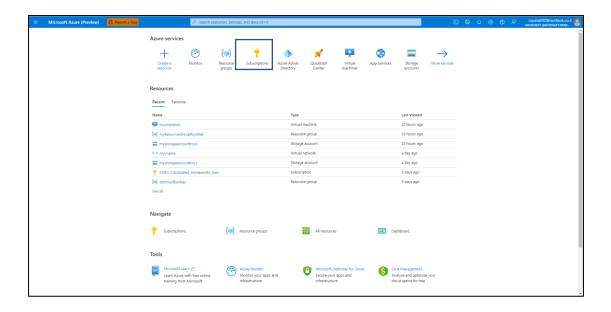
4. Parameters Obtaining

There is a couple of parameters you need to provide to the functions above.

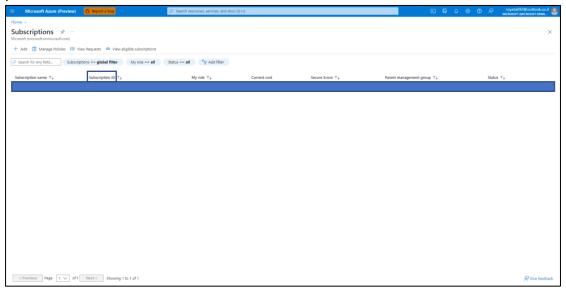
Here is how to obtain them:

4.1 Subscription ID

Open this <u>link</u> to Azure portal
 In the window that opened click on **Subscriptions**



2. After you clicked in the next window you should see the subscription ID of your account.



5. Automating the task copy_blobs

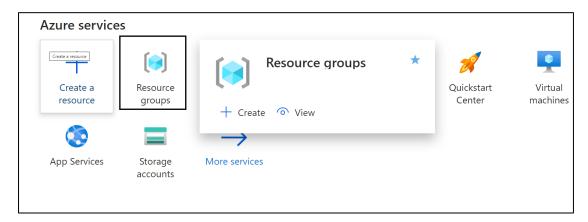
As part of the assignment the function copy_blobs that creates, uploads and copy 100 blobs from one storage account to another (source to destination) needs to run on the virtual machine (server) created previously and it needs to be automated.

I chose to automate it using Windows scheduler.

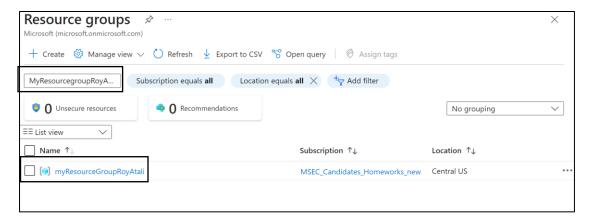
Here is how to do it:

1.Go to this link. It will open the Azure portal

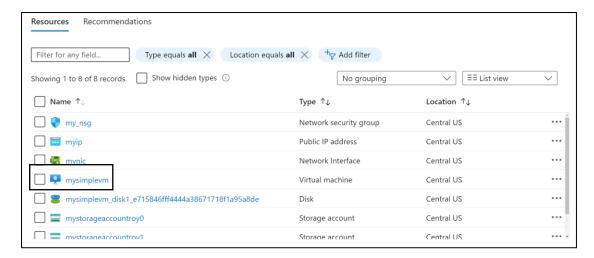
2.click on Resource Groups



3.search your resource group and click on it



In the resources click on your virtual machine

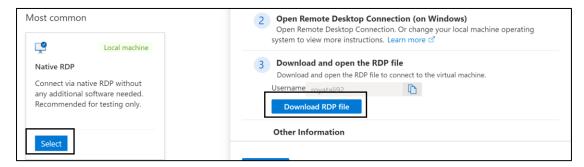


Click on Connect



Click on Select

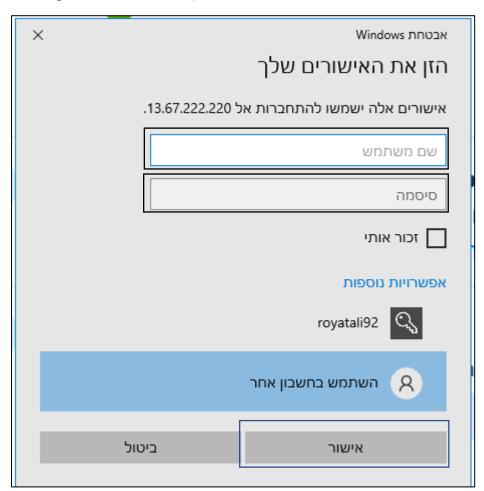
And **Download RDP file**. This will download a remote desktop connection for connecting remotely to your virtual machine



Click on התחבר/connect

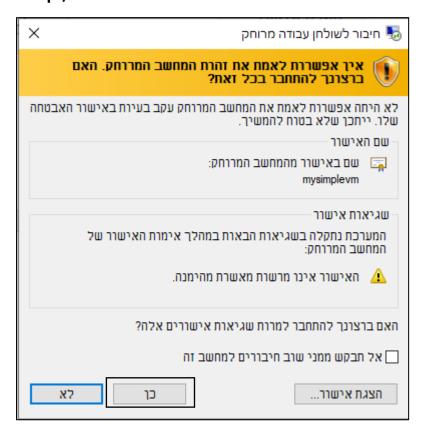


Enter your credentials (username and password you provide previously when creating the virtual machine)



And click אישור / OK

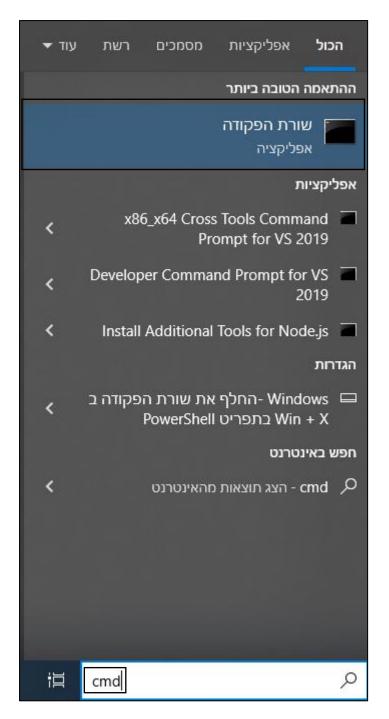
click p / Yes



After that you will need to install Python and PyCharm on the virtual machine.

You can do that by looking in the **Prerequisites/Requirements** section above.

After installed go to the search bar on the Virtual Machine and type cmd.



In the command prompt type the command:

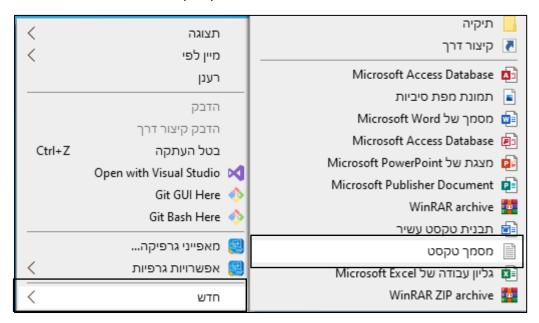
cd AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python311\Scripts
and press enter.



Then type these commands one by one and then press Enter after each one:

- 1. pip install azure-identity
- 2. pip install azure-storage-blob
- 3. pip install azure-mgmt-storage

After the installation is finished open notepad by clicking right click on the mouse then select מסמך טקסט/Text document



Rename the file to whatever name you like



```
Copy and paste this code to it:
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
from azure.identity import AzureCliCredential
from azure.mgmt.storage import StorageManagementClient
from azure.storage.blob import BlobServiceClient, generate_account_sas,
ResourceTypes, AccountSasPermissions
def getStorageAccountNames(subscription id,resource group name):
  storage_accounts_names = []
  # Create an AzureCliCredential object to authenticate with Azure
  credential = AzureCliCredential()
  # Create a StorageManagementClient object using the AzureCliCredential object
  storage_mgmt_client = StorageManagementClient(credential, subscription_id)
  # Get the list of storage accounts associated with the current Azure credentials
  storage accounts =
storage_mgmt_client.storage_accounts.list_by_resource_group(resource_group_na
me)
  # Iterate over the storage accounts and print their names
  for account in storage accounts:
    storage_accounts_names.append(account.name)
  return storage_accounts_names
```

```
def
renewConnectionStrings(subscription id,resource group name,storage account na
me):
  # Create the Azure Resource Manager and Storage clients
  credential = AzureCliCredential()
  storage client = StorageManagementClient(credential, subscription id)
  keys = storage client.storage accounts.list keys(resource group name,
storage_account_name)
  sas token = generate account sas(
    account_name=storage_account_name,
    account key=keys.keys[0].value,
    resource types=ResourceTypes(service=True, container=True, object=True),
    permission=AccountSasPermissions(read=True, write=True, delete=True,
list=True, add=True, create=True,
                     update=True, process=True, immutablestorage=True,
permanentdelete=True),
    expiry=datetime.utcnow() + timedelta(hours=1)
 )
  connection_string =
f'BlobEndpoint=https://{storage_account_name}.blob.core.windows.net/;QueueEnd
point=https://{storage account name}.queue.core.windows.net/;FileEndpoint=http
s://{storage_account_name}.file.core.windows.net/;TableEndpoint=https://{storage
account name}.table.core.windows.net/;SharedAccessSignature={sas token}'
  return connection string
def copy blobs(source connection string, dest connection string,
src container name, dst container name, number of blobs):
  print('Start creating, uploading, and copying ' + str(number_of_blobs) + ' blobs...')
```

```
# Enter your source and destination storage account connection strings
  source connection string = source connection string
  destination connection string = dest connection string
  # Create a BlobServiceClient object for each storage account
  source blob service client =
BlobServiceClient.from connection string(source connection string)
  destination blob service client =
BlobServiceClient.from_connection_string(destination_connection_string)
  # Create a container in the source storage account
  source container name = src container name
  source blob service client.create container(source container name)
  # Upload 100 blobs to the source container
  for i in range(1, number_of_blobs+1):
    source blob name = "blob" + str(i)
    source_blob_data = b"Hello, World!"
    source blob client =
source_blob_service_client.get_blob_client(container=source_container_name,
                                      blob=source blob name)
    source blob client.upload blob(source blob data)
  # Create a container in the destination storage account
  destination_container_name = dst_container_name
  destination blob service client.create container(destination container name)
  # Copy the 100 blobs from the source container to the destination container
  for i in range(1, number of blobs+1):
```

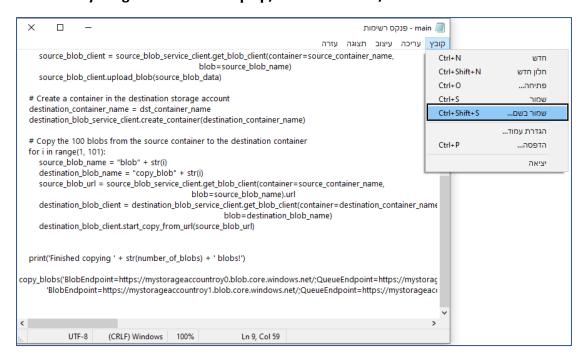
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source_blob_name = "blob" + str(i)
    destination blob name = "copy blob" + str(i)
    source blob url =
source_blob_service_client.get_blob_client(container=source_container_name,
                                    blob=source_blob_name).url
    destination_blob_client =
destination blob service client.get blob client(container=destination container n
ame,
                                           blob=destination blob name)
    destination blob client.start copy from url(source blob url)
  print('Finished copying ' + str(number of blobs) + ' blobs!')
#function calls
#source storage account, dest storage account =
getStorageAccountNames(subscription id,resource group name)
#source connection string = renewConnectionStrings(subscription id,
resource group name, source storage account)
#dest connection string = renewConnectionStrings(subscription id,
resource_group_name, dest_storage_account)
#copy blobs(source connection string, dest connection string,
src container name, dst container name, number of blobs)
```

*remember to change these parameters in the functions calls according to yours:

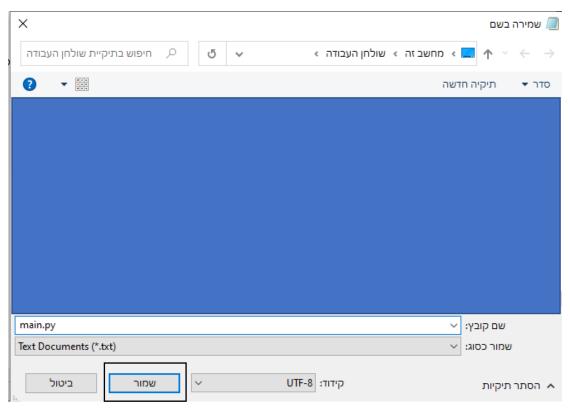
- 1. subscription id
- 2. resource_group_name
- 3. src container name
- **4.** dst container name

5. number_of_blobs

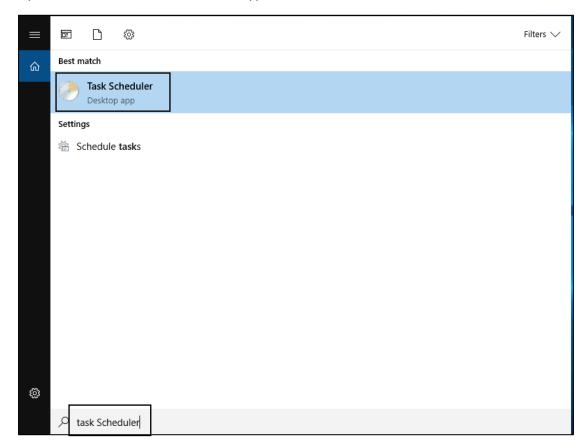
When everything is done click on שמור בשם/file->שמור בשם/save as



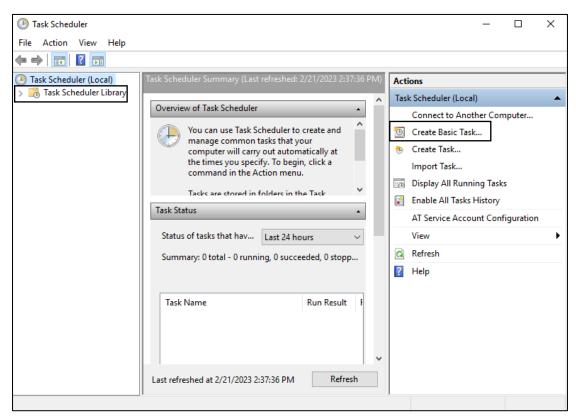
Save the file with .py extension for example main.py



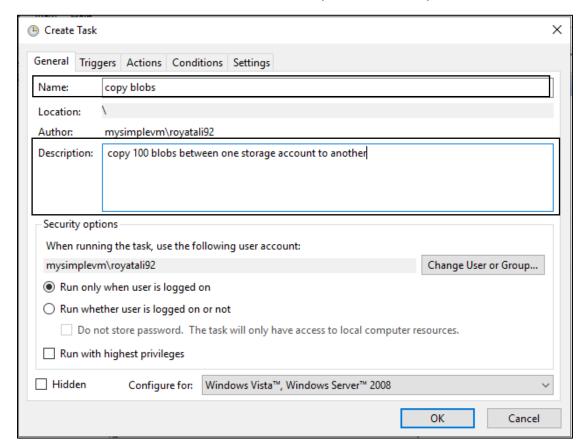
Open the windows search bar and type task Scheduler and click on it



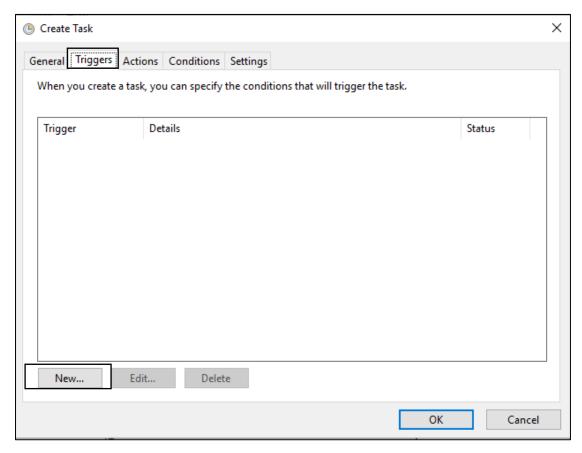
In the window that opened choose Task Scheduler Library and then Create Task



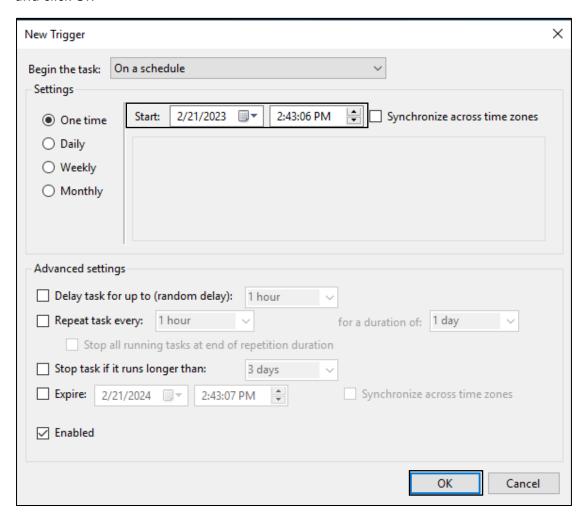
In General Tab Give the task a name and description like in the picture below



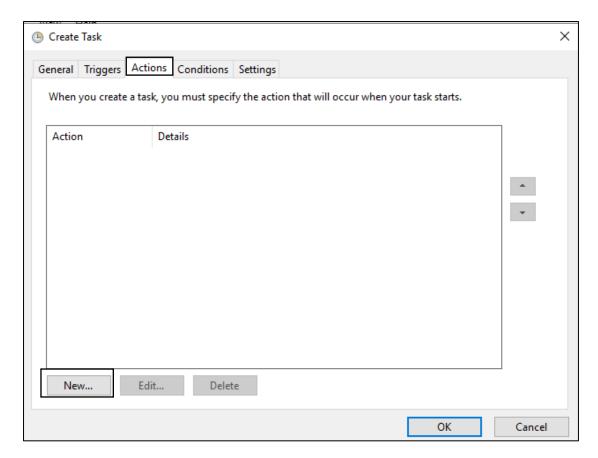
Move to Triggers Tab and select New...



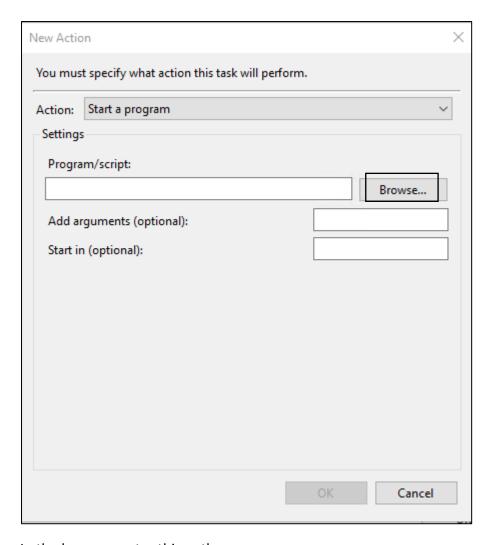
In the New Trigger Window choose the appropriate start date/time to run the script and click OK



Move to Actions Tab and click New...

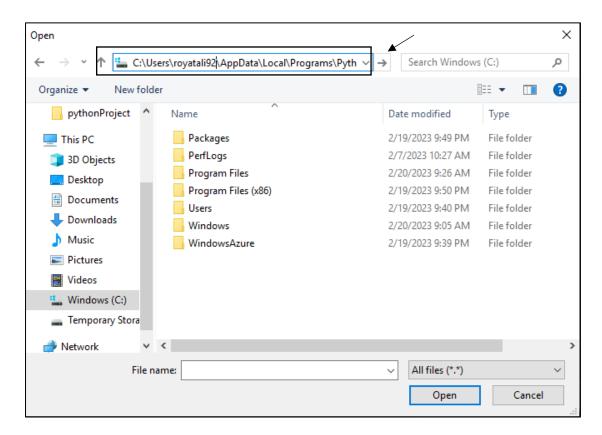


In the New Action Window select Browse

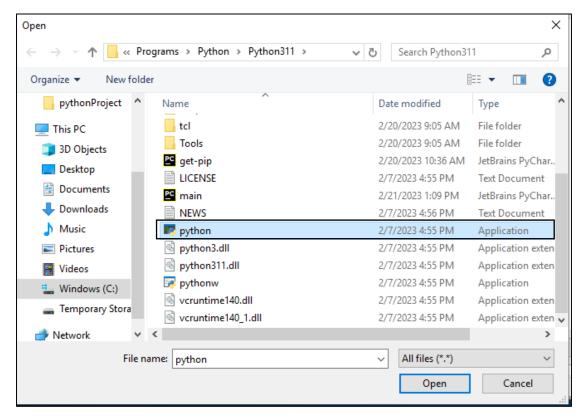


In the browser enter this path:

C:\Users\yourUserName\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python311\
And press the arrow button in the picture below

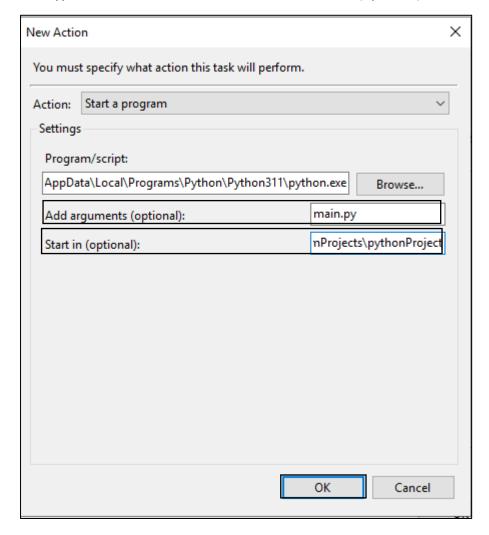


Choose python from the list and press Open



Back to the New Action Window type the file name with the extension of .py in the Add arguments(optional) field

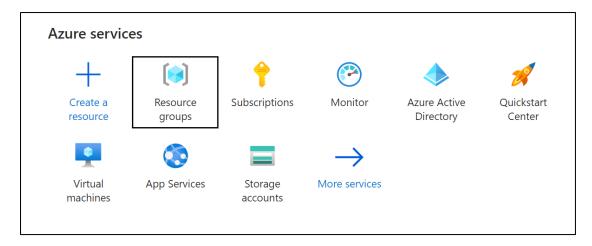
And type the where the file is located in the Start in (optional) field and click OK



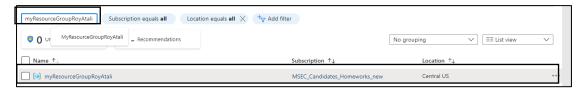
Press OK in the Actions Window to confirm and the script will run at the given time/date.

You can see the blobs in the source and destination containers at the Azure Portal Go to the <u>link</u> it will open the Azure portal.

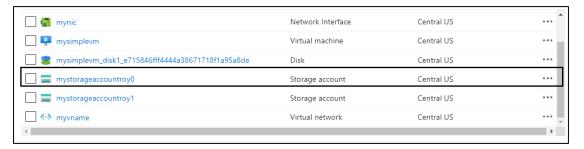
Click on Resource Groups



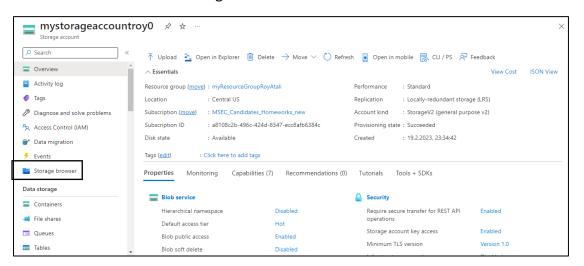
In the search bar type your resource group and click on it



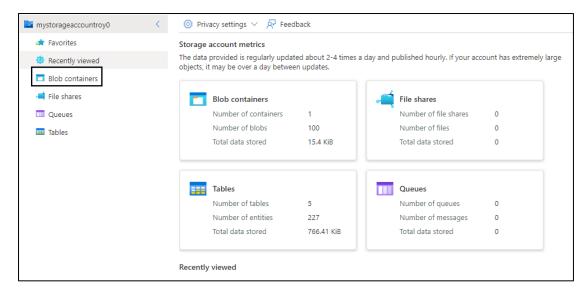
Choose the source storage account from the list. For example mystorageaccountroy0



On the side menu choose Storage Browser



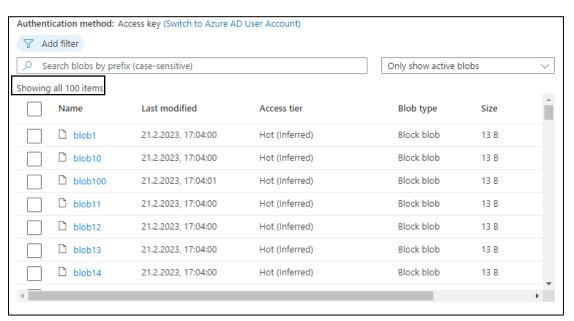
And then Blob Containers



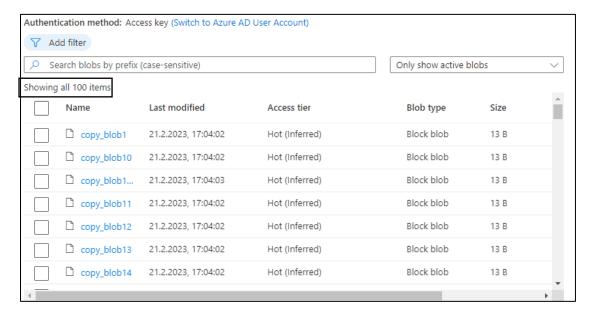
Choose the container we just created with the 100 blobs in it



And we can see there are 100 blobs created



Now navigate the same way to the destination account storage and we can see there are 100 copies of the source blobs



6. Monitoring

In order to monitor our system of server and 2 storage accounts we use the Azure portal **Monitor** blade.

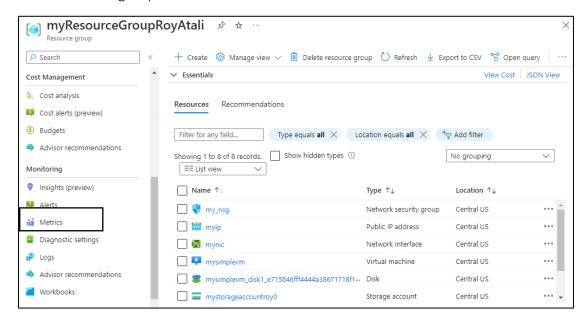
Go to this <u>link</u> it will open the Azure portal. On the homepage click **Resource groups**.



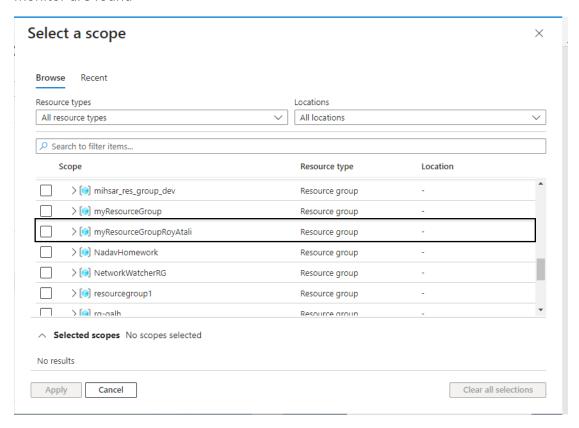
Then in the search bar type the name of your resource group and select it from the list



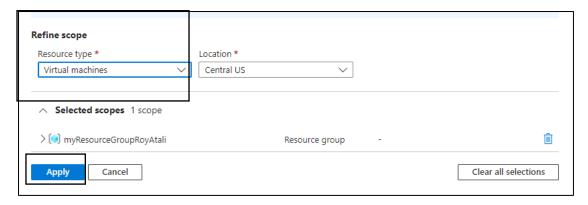
In the resource group window on the left side menu choose metrics



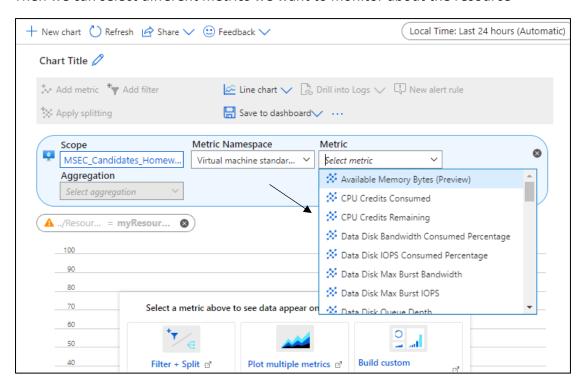
In the metrics Window select scope – the resource group in which the resources to be monitor are found



Select the resource type you want to monitor and press Apply



Then we can select different metrics we want to monitor about the resource

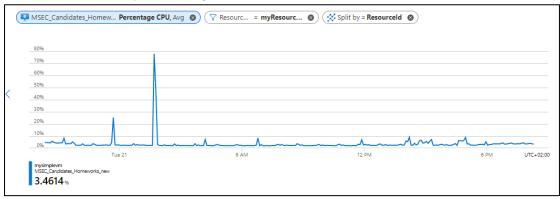


The different metrics for the server (VM) I chose to focus on are:

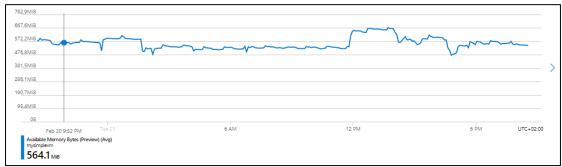
- 1. **Server CPU utilization:** Monitor the percentage of CPU usage on the server. High CPU utilization could indicate performance issues or resource constraints.
- 2. **Server Available Memory:** This metric represents the amount of memory available for use by applications and processes. You can monitor it to ensure that the virtual machine has sufficient memory to handle its workload.
- 3. **Server Network Traffic:** Monitor the amount of inbound and outbound traffic to and from the server and storage accounts. High network traffic could indicate a security threat or network congestion.

6.1 Server (Virtual Machine Metrics)

6.1.1 Server CPU percentage/utilization

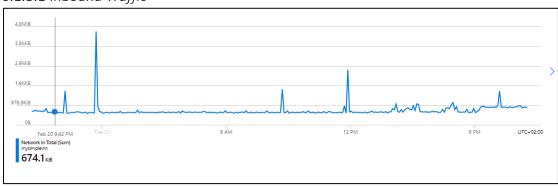


6.1.2 Server Available Memory

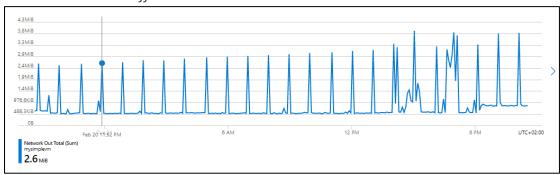


6.1.3 Server Network Traffic

6.1.3.1 Inbound Traffic



6.1.3.2 Outbound Traffic

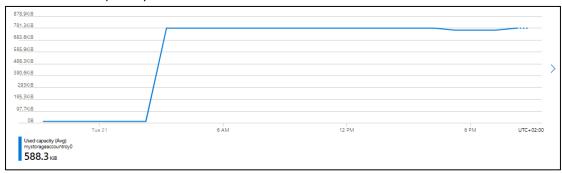


The different metrics for the storage accounts I chose to focus on are:

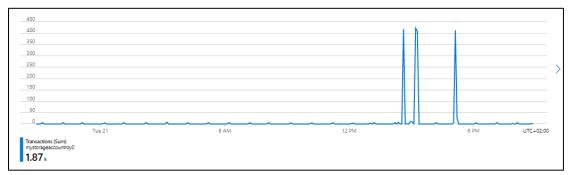
- Used capacity: Used capacity refers to the amount of storage space that is being used by the data stored in your storage account. By monitoring used capacity, you can identify when you are approaching the storage limit of your account and take action to ensure that you have sufficient storage capacity for your data. This can include adding additional storage capacity to your account, optimizing your data storage practices to reduce data usage, or archiving or deleting data that is no longer needed.
- 2. **Transactions:** This metric measures the number of operations performed on the storage account, such as reads, writes, and deletes. Monitoring this metric can help you understand the workload on the storage account and identify any potential issues related to transaction volume.
- 3. **Egress:** This metric measures the amount of data that is being sent out of the storage account. Monitoring this metric can help you understand the bandwidth requirements of your applications and identify any potential issues related to data transfer.
- 4. **Ingress:** This metric measures the amount of data that is being sent into the storage account. Monitoring this metric can help you understand the data transfer requirements of your applications and identify any potential issues related to data ingestion.
- 5. **Availability:** This metric measures the availability of the storage account over a period of time. Monitoring this metric can help you understand the reliability of the storage account and identify any potential issues related to downtime or service interruptions.
- 6. **Latency:** This metric measures the time it takes for a request to be processed by the storage account. Monitoring this metric can help you understand the performance of the storage account and identify any potential issues related to slow response times

6.2 Source Storage Account Metrics

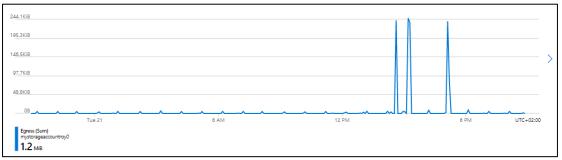
6.2.1 Used capacity



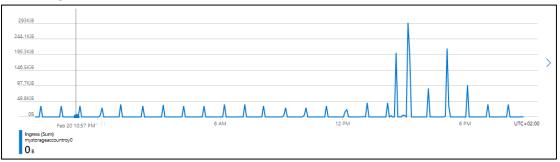
6.2.2 Transactions



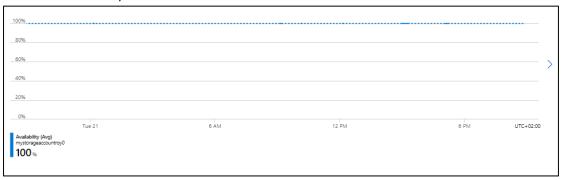
6.2.3 Egress



6.2.4 Ingress

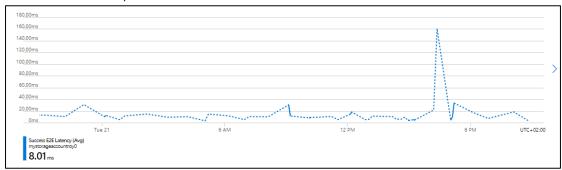


6.2.5 Availability

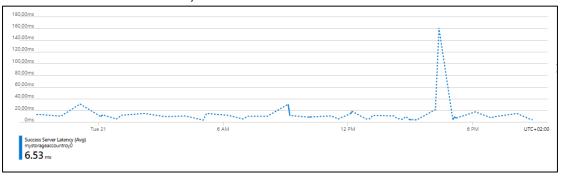


6.2.6 Latency

6.2.6.1 E2E Latency

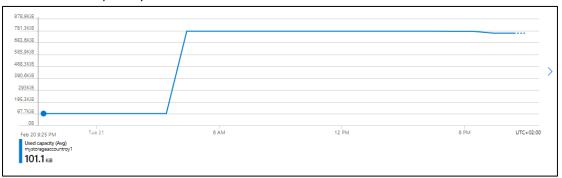


6.2.6.2 Success Server Latency

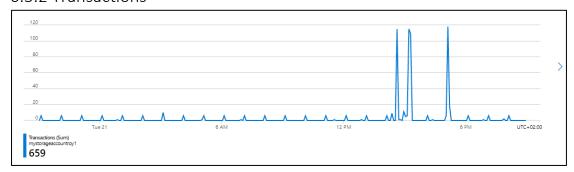


6.3 Destination Storage Account Metrics

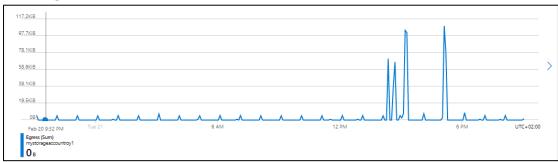
6.3.1 Used capacity



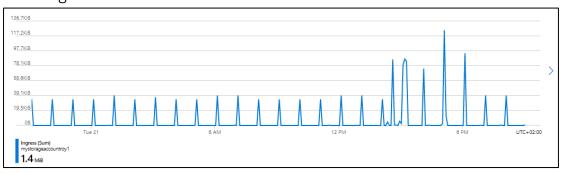
6.3.2 Transactions



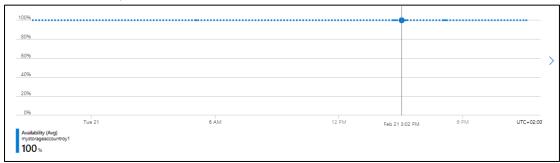
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6.3.4 Ingress

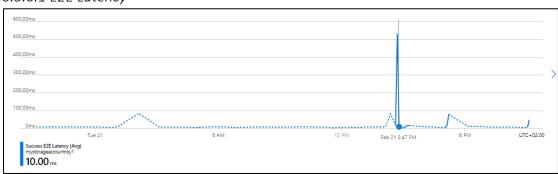


6.3.5 Availability

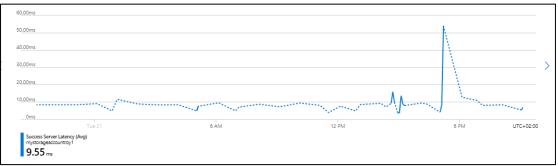


6.3.6 Latency

6.3.6.1 E2E Latency



6.3.6.2 Success Server Latency



7. Github Link

Go to this <u>link</u>. it will open the GitHub repository that contains all the script files for this project.