Final Project - REPORT

Azure Batch

Preamble:

We begin our installation and configuration of Azure Batch with the aid or either a MacBook or Linux machine, that I used during my work. A windows machine will also suffice; I do not have one at my disposal to reproduce the required steps.

Problem Statement:

We have a need to deploy a number of commute nodes within the cloud to perform a series of jobs and tasks. We can scale these commute nodes up and down as needed. We can also easily destroy the environment and replace it through automation via scripts and the Azure CLI if needed. This project assumes that we have a need to deploy a few extra Apache webservers running on Ubuntu and host a website comprised of static html.

Pre-requisites:

We begin our installation by installing a few required elements. The first is the Azure CLI itself. This is located for download at https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/install-azure-cli?view=azure-cli-latest

I already have Homerrew installed on my Mac to allow me to easily install via a single command.



Next, we will need to install the Azure Batch CLI Extensions with this command:

```
az extension add --source https://github.com/Azure/azure-batch-cli-
extensions/releases/download/azure-batch-cli-extensions-
2.0.1/azure batch cli extensions-2.0.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl
```

Next we will run a shell(bash) script that I created that will completely create all the require items that are needed in <3 minutes. It will prompt for 2 questions:

- 1) How many nodes
- 2) Batch pool name (id)

IMPORTANT: I must make note that I coded the JSON files for use with a set poolID I called, "webservers" and I had to code my vnet/subnet and subscriptionID. You would need to make updates to these scripts as needed for your environment.

CREATING AZURE BATCH ACCOUNT SCRIPT

Create the files I have below with the same names. As noted earlier, updates to the scripts would be needed for your subscription name, resource group name, storage account names, etc.

```
SCRIPT NAME: create project.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Feb 8, 2018
# Kirk Dahl
# Azure Deep Dive Training
# Final Project - Microsoft Azure Batch
echo "STOP - have you logged into Azure yet? (y/n)"
read answer
case $answer in
 y) ;;
 n) exit;;
 *) exit;;
#CREATE RESOURCE GROUP
echo
echo
echo "Creating Resource Group"
az group create \
  --name rg-kirkdahl \
  --location eastus
#CREATE STORAGE ACCOUNT
echo
echo
echo "Creating Storage Account"
az storage account create \
  --resource-group rg-kirkdahl \
```

```
--name sakirkdahl \
  --location eastus \
  --sku Standard LRS
#CREATE VNET
echo
echo
echo "Creating VNET"
az network vnet create \
  --name vnet-kirkdahl \
  --resource-group rg-kirkdahl \
  --subnet-name subnet-kirkdahl
######## BEGIN THE MICROSOFT BATCH INSTALLATION ################
#CREATE BATCH ACCOUNT
echo
echo
echo "Creating Batch Account"
az batch account create \
  --name batchkirkdahl \
  --storage-account sakirkdahl \
  --resource-group rg-kirkdahl \
  --location eastus
#UPLOAD APPLICATION
echo
echo "Creating Application Package"
az batch application package create \
 --resource-group rg-kirkdahl \
 --name batchkirkdahl \
 --application-id PartyApp \
 --package-file ./18.zip \
 --version 1.0
#CREATE JOB
echo
echo "Creating Job"
az batch job create \
  --id PartyApp \
  --account-name batchkirkdahl \
  --account-endpoint https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com \
  --pool-id webservers
```

```
#CREATE TASKS - using json files
echo
echo
echo "Creating Job Tasks"
# FIRST TASK UNZIPS WEBSITE CODE
az batch task create \
--job-id PartyApp \
--account-name batchkirkdahl \
--account-endpoint https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com \
--json-file ./batch-task.json
# SECOND TASK RESTART APACHE SERVER
az batch task create \
--job-id PartyApp \
--account-name batchkirkdahl \
--account-endpoint https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com \
-- json-file ./batch-task2.json
#CREATE BATCH POOL
echo
echo
echo "Creating Batch Pool"
az batch pool create \
 --template batch-pool.json \
 --account-name batchkirkdahl \
 --account-endpoint https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com
```

SUPPORTING FILES

FILENAME: batch-pool.json

```
}
    },
    "pool": {
        "type": "Microsoft.Batch/batchAccounts/pools",
        "apiVersion": "2016-12-01",
        "properties": {
            "id": "[parameters('poolId')]",
            "virtualMachineConfiguration": {
                "imageReference": {
                    "publisher": "Canonical",
                    "offer": "UbuntuServer",
                    "sku": "16.04.0-LTS",
                    "version": "latest"
                "nodeAgentSKUId": "batch.node.ubuntu 16.04"
            "vmSize": "STANDARD A1",
            "enableInterNodeCommunication": true,
            "targetDedicatedNodes": "[parameters('nodeCount')]",
            "enableAutoScale": false,
            "maxTasksPerNode": 1,
            "taskSchedulingPolic": {
                "nodeFillType": "pack"
            },
            "url":
"https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com/pools/webservers",
            "networkConfiguration": {
                "poolendpointConfiguration": {
                     "inboundNatPools": [
                        {
                        "backendPort": 80,
                        "frontendPortRangeEnd": 4000,
                        "frontendPortRangeStart": 3000,
                        "name": "http.0",
                        "networkSecurityGroupRules": [
                                 "access": "allow",
                                 "priority": 150,
                                 "sourceAddressPrefix": "*"
                        ],
                        "protocol": "tcp"
                    1
                "subnetId": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-
50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/vnet-
kirkdahl/subnets/subnet-kirkdahl"
            "applicationPackageReferences": [
                    "applicationId": "PartyApp",
                    "version": 1.0
            ],
```

FILENAME: batch-task.json

```
"applicationPackageReferences": [
      "applicationId": "partyapp",
      "version": "1.0"
 ],
 "commandLine": "sudo -S unzip -u /mnt/batch/tasks/apppackages/partyapp*.zip
-d /var/www/html",
 "constraints": {
   "maxTaskRetryCount": 1
 "containerSettings": null,
 "dependsOn": null,
 "displayName": "unzip",
 "id": "unzipSite",
  "userIdentity": {
    "autoUser": {
     "elevationLevel": "admin",
     "scope": "task"
   "userName": null
 }
}
```

FILENAME: batch-task2.json

```
"maxTaskRetryCount": 1
},
"containerSettings": null,
"dependsOn": null,
"displayName": "unzip",
"id": "restartApache",
"userIdentity": {
    "autoUser": {
        "elevationLevel": "admin",
        "scope": "task"
    },
    "userName": null
}
```

Drawback – Bug - Unknown

During my working with these scripts, I ran across something that would prohibit me from viewing the websites from the internet. During installation of the batch pool, I use this NetworkConfiguration class. However, the use of "poolEndpointConfiguration is required by the Azure CLI, yet it creates NO inbound_nat_pools. The Azure Batch application does not yet allow for manual addition or manipulation of the auto-built load-balancers it creates as of yet. So it must be added during the installation in the GUI or by script. When I created the pool via the GUI and then performed a az batch pool show command, the output showed the json as "endpointConfiguration" — not poolEndpointConfiguration. I was caught in a catch-22. So to make my website viewable from the internet, I was forced to create the Batch Pool via the GUI.

```
"subnetId": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/vnet-kirkdahl/subnets/subnet-kirkdahl"
},
```

You can see the az command complains about missing inboundNatPools in "poolEndpointConfiguration". So the code must have "pool". However, the GUI creates the json with no "pool"

```
Kirks-MacBook:Final Project el5vgxz$ az batch pool create --template batch-pool.json --account-name batchkirkdahl --account-endpoint https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com/pools/dependents/final project el5vgxz$ account-endpoint https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com/pools/dependents/final project el5vgxz$ | --account-endpoint https://b
```

OUTPUT FROM SCRIPTS

My scripts. The main create_project.sh uses the 3 json packages and the 18.zip is a copy of the free demo website that I will upload.

```
Kirks-MacBook:code el5vgxz$ ls -l
total 6240
-rw-r--r-@ 1 el5vgxz staff 2181249 Feb 7 12:24 18.zip
-rw-r--r-@ 1 el5vgxz staff 2736 Feb 8 20:15 batch-pool.json
-rw-r--r-@ 1 el5vgxz staff 540 Feb 8 17:43 batch-task.json
-rw-r--r-@ 1 el5vgxz staff 447 Feb 8 11:25 batch-task2.json
-rwxr-xr-x@ 1 el5vgxz staff 3128 Feb 8 15:47 create_project.sh
```

I will execute the script with the time command to illustrate the speed at which this can be created. No barring the issue with the pool create issue noted above.

time ./create_project.sh

```
"location": "eastus",
  "managedBy": null,
  "name": "rg-kirkdahl",
  "properties": {
    "provisioningState": "Succeeded"
  "tags": null
_____
Creating Storage Account
{
  "accessTier": null,
  "creationTime": "2018-02-09T03:31:16.690234+00:00",
  "customDomain": null,
  "enableHttpsTrafficOnly": false,
  "encryption": {
    "keySource": "Microsoft Storage",
    "keyVaultProperties": null,
    "services": {
      "blob": {
        "enabled": true,
        "lastEnabledTime": "2018-02-09T03:31:16.721500+00:00"
     "enabled": true,
        "lastEnabledTime": "2018-02-09T03:31:16.721500+00:00"
      "queue": null,
      "table": null
  },
"id": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
"id": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/sakirkdahl",
  "identity": null,
  "kind": "Storage"
  "lastGeoFailoverTime": null,
  "location": "eastus",
  "name": "sakirkdahl",
  "networkAcls": {
    "bypass": "AzureServices",
    "defaultAction": "Allow",
    "ipRules": [],
"virtualNetworkRules": []
  "primaryEndpoints": {
    "blob": "https://sakirkdahl.blob.core.windows.net/",
    "file": "https://sakirkdahl.file.core.windows.net/"
    "queue": "https://sakirkdahl.queue.core.windows.net/"
    "table": "https://sakirkdahl.table.core.windows.net/"
 "provisioningState": "Succeeded",
  "resourceGroup": "rg-kirkdahl",
  "secondaryEndpoints": null,
  "secondaryLocation": null,
  "sku": {
    "name": "Standard_LRS",
"tier": "Standard"
  "statusOfPrimary": "available",
  "statusOfSecondary": null,
  "tags": {},
```

```
"type": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts"
Creating VNET
  "newVNet": {
    "addressSpace": {
      "addressPrefixes": [
        "10.0.0.0/16"
      ]
    "dhcpOptions": {
      "dnsServers": []
    "enableDdosProtection": false,
    "enableVmProtection": false,
    "etag": "W/\"549d3b42-0a87-4891-a7ec-d857ee305ea9\"",
    "id": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/vnet-kirkdahl",
    "location": "eastus"
    "name": "vnet-kirkdahl"
    "provisioningState": "Succeeded",
   "resourceGroup": "rg-kirkdahl",
"resourceGuid": "dc03c0e8-6906-47f5-975c-9a004bbe0f83",
    "subnets": [
      {
        "addressPrefix": "10.0.0.0/24",
        "etag": "W/\"549d3b42-0a87-4891-a7ec-d857ee305ea9\"",
        "id": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/vnet-kirkdahl/subnets/subnet-
kirkdahl",
        "ipConfigurations": null,
        "name": "subnet-kirkdahl",
        "networkSecurityGroup": null,
        "provisioningState": "Succeeded",
        "resourceGroup": "rg-kirkdahl",
        "resourceNavigationLinks": null,
        "routeTable": null,
        "serviceEndpoints": null
      }
    "tags": {},
"type": "Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks",
    "virtualNetworkPeerings": []
}
______
Creating Batch Account
_____
  "accountEndpoint": "batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com",
  "activeJobAndJobScheduleQuota": 20,
  "autoStorage": {
    "lastKeySync": "2018-02-09T03:32:02.293335+00:00",
    "storageAccountId": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-
50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/sakirkdahl"
 },
"dedicatedCoreQuota": 20,
```

```
"id": "/subscriptions/21ad651f-2ff2-49d2-87b2-50c56efef22c/resourceGroups/rg-
kirkdahl/providers/Microsoft.Batch/batchAccounts/batchkirkdahl",
  "keyVaultReference": null,
  "location": "eastus",
  "lowPriorityCoreQuota": 20,
  "name": "batchkirkdahl"
  "poolAllocationMode": "BatchService",
 "poolQuota": 20,
  "provisioningState": "Succeeded",
  "resourceGroup": "rg-kirkdahl",
 "tags": null,
  "type": "Microsoft.Batch/batchAccounts"
Creating Application Package
_____
{
  "format": "zip"
  "id": "PartyApp",
  "lastActivationTime": "2018-02-09T03:32:26.179577+00:00",
  "state": "active",
  "storageUrl": "https://sakirkdahl.blob.core.windows.net/app-partyapp-
627b1b2b504c2257c681dab6e3ba291e70663afc/partyapp-1.0-5380fd75-9aa1-468e-a88b-
b0d1ddaeaa08?sv=2015-04-
05&sr=b&sig=LUiGrxpeA9FZVEDg%2FDLiIgMFhJuBV%2BLVUdYy%2FqAjEk0%3D&st=2018-02-
09T03%3A27%3A26Z&se=2018-02-09T07%3A32%3A26Z&sp=rw", "storageUrlExpiry": "2018-02-09T07:32:26.903629+00:00",
  "version": "1.0"
}
_____
Creating Job
The behavior of this command has been altered by the following extension:
azure batch cli extensions
_____
Creating Job Tasks
  "affinityInfo": null,
  "applicationPackageReferences": [
      "applicationId": "partyapp",
      "version": "1.0"
    }
  "authenticationTokenSettings": null,
  "commandLine": "sudo -S unzip -u /mnt/batch/tasks/apppackages/partyapp*.zip -d
/var/www/html; cp /var/www/html/partytime/index.html /var/www/html",
   "constraints": {
   "maxTaskRetryCount": 1,
"maxWallClockTime": "10675199 days, 2:48:05.477581",
    "retentionTime": "10675199 days, 2:48:05.477581"
  "containerSettings": null,
  "creationTime": "2018-02-09T03:32:32.515388+00:00",
  "dependsOn": null,
  "displayName": "unzip"
  "eTag": "0x8D56F6DC1222C5D",
  "environmentSettings": null,
```

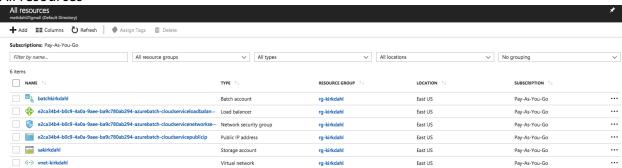
```
"executionInfo": {
  "containerInfo": null,
  "endTime": null,
  "exitCode": null,
  "failureInfo": null,
  "lastRequeueTime": null,
  "lastRetryTime": null,
  "requeueCount": 0,
  "result": null,
  "retryCount": 0,
  "startTime": null
"exitConditions": null,
"id": "unzipSite"
"lastModified": "2018-02-09T03:32:32.515388+00:00",
"multiInstanceSettings": null,
"nodeInfo": null,
"outputFiles": null,
"previousState": null,
"previousStateTransitionTime": null,
"resourceFiles": null,
"state": "active",
"stateTransitionTime": "2018-02-09T03:32:32.515388+00:00",
"stats": null,
"url": "https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com/jobs/PartyApp/tasks/unzipSite",
"userIdentity": {
   "autoUser": {
    "elevationLevel": "admin",
    "scope": "task"
  "userName": null
}
"affinityInfo": null,
"applicationPackageReferences": [
    "applicationId": "partyapp",
    "version": "1.0"
  }
],
"authenticationTokenSettings": null,
"commandLine": "sudo -S systemctl restart apache2",
"constraints": {
  "maxTaskRetryCount": 1,
"maxWallClockTime": "10675199 days, 2:48:05.477581",
"retentionTime": "10675199 days, 2:48:05.477581"
},
"containerSettings": null,
"creationTime": "2018-02-09T03:32:35.129339+00:00",
"dependsOn": null,
"displayName": "unzip"
"eTag": "0x8D56F6DC2B107D5"
"environmentSettings": null,
"executionInfo": {
   "containerInfo": null,
  "endTime": null,
  "exitCode": null,
  "failureInfo": null,
  "lastRequeueTime": null,
  "lastRetryTime": null,
  "requeueCount": 0,
  "result": null,
  "retryCount": 0,
  "startTime": null
```

```
},
"exitConditions": null,
  "id": "restartApache",
  "lastModified": "2018-02-09T03:32:35.129339+00:00",
  "multiInstanceSettings": null,
  "nodeInfo": null,
  "outputFiles": null,
  "previousState": null,
  "previousStateTransitionTime": null,
 "resourceFiles": null,
  "state": "active",
  "stateTransitionTime": "2018-02-09T03:32:35.129339+00:00",
  "stats": null,
  "url": "https://batchkirkdahl.eastus.batch.azure.com/jobs/PartyApp/tasks/restartApache",
  "userIdentity": {
    "autoUser": {
     "elevationLevel": "admin",
     "scope": "task"
    "userName": null
 }
}
Creating Batch Pool
_____
The behavior of this command has been altered by the following extension:
azure batch cli extensions
You are using an experimental feature {Pool Template}.
nodeCount (The number of pool nodes): 2
poolId (The pool ID ): webservers
You are using an experimental feature {Package Management}.
      1m45.783s
real
user
      0m4.814s
      0m2.816s
sys
Kirks-MacBook:code el5vgxz$
```

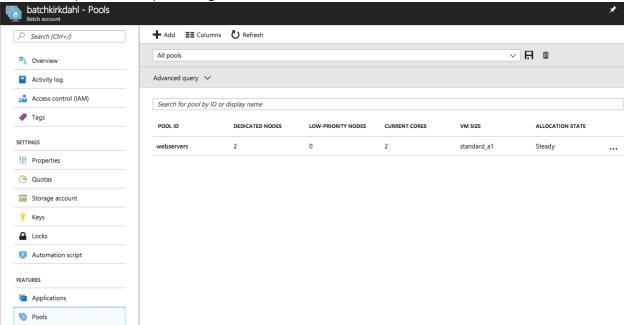
SCREEN SHOTS ILLUSTRATING PORTAL VIA OF OUTPUT

I will not show screenshots that show the various items that were created in the portal via the script above that took just under 2 minutes to execute.

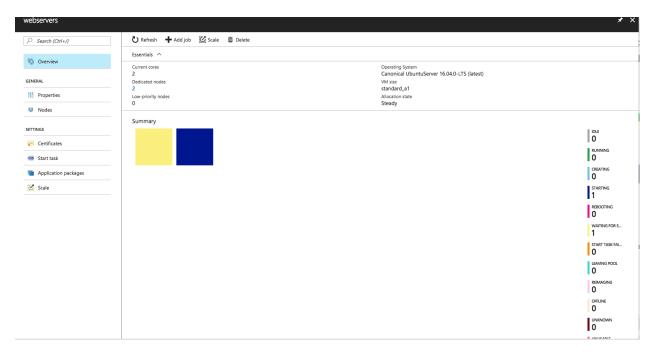
All resources



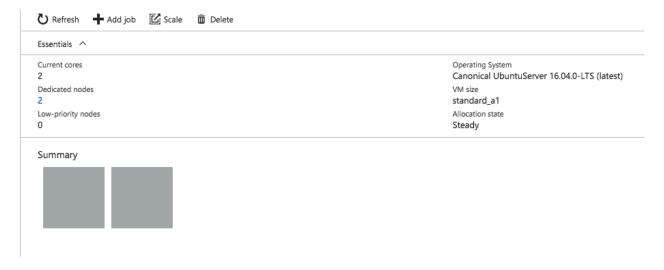




One Node is starting and the other has started and is now waiting on startup tasks (install unzip and apache)



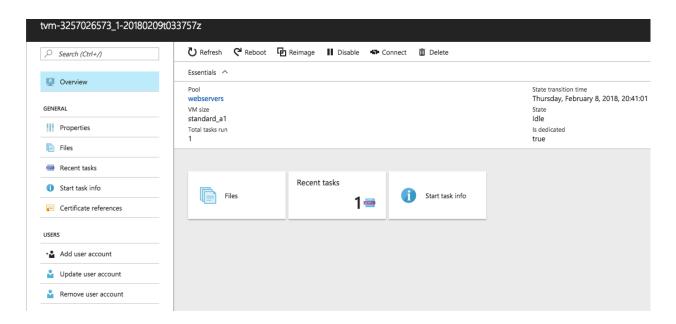
Both nodes have completed startup tasks and are idle



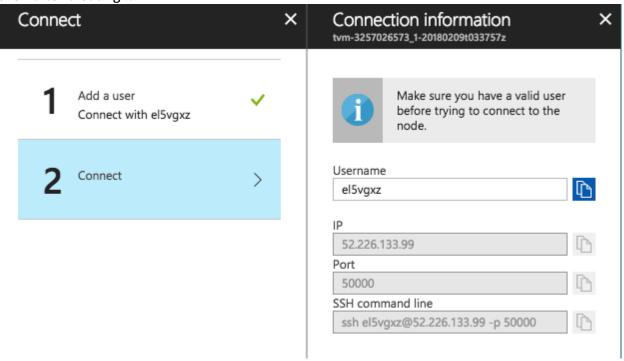
Another view of both nodes



Detail of a single node showing the single (startup task) that was run



Adding a user so that I can SSH into one of the nodes. When adding user, change the expire time to a day ahead. It runs GMT and after a certain in the day, your account will be expired even after creating it.



Kirks-MacBook:code el5vgxz\$ ssh el5vgxz@52.226.133.99 -p 50000 Password:

Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-47-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

Get cloud support with Ubuntu Advantage Cloud Guest:
 http://www.ubuntu.com/business/services/cloud

219 packages can be updated.
123 updates are security updates.

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

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Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

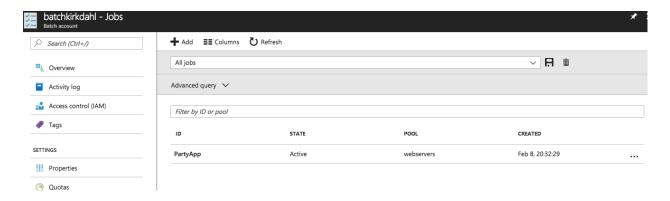
el5vgxz@faa1f864394442779b572ada4c66da1a000000:~\$ sudo -i
root@faa1f864394442779b572ada4c66da1a000000:~#

This shows unzip was installed

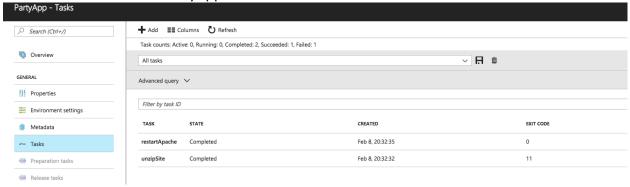
root@faa1f864394442779b572ada4c66da1a000000:~# unzip UnZip 6.00 of 20 April 2009, by Debian. Original by Info-ZIP.

This shows Apache2 was installed

This shows the "PartyApp" job



This shows TASKS in the PartyApp JOB



Now, the tasks show completed. But they never ran on the nodes, because it took too long to create the nodes while the script was creating everything. To get the tasks to run on the nodes now. We have two options.

- 1) Reboot the nodes, they will go through startup tasks and then job/tasks
- 2) Delete the tasks and recreate with command line from the script.

You can see on the node that the PartyApp website does not exist yet in the /var/www/html. This is done bu the unzipSite task

```
root@faa1f864394442779b572ada4c66da1a000000:/var/www/html# ll total 20 drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Feb 9 03:40 ./ drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Feb 9 03:40 ../ -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 11321 Feb 9 03:40 index.html
```

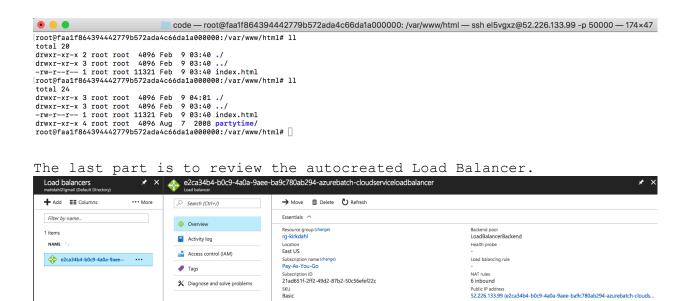
I have deleted the task and recreated by just running the az batch task create from my script.



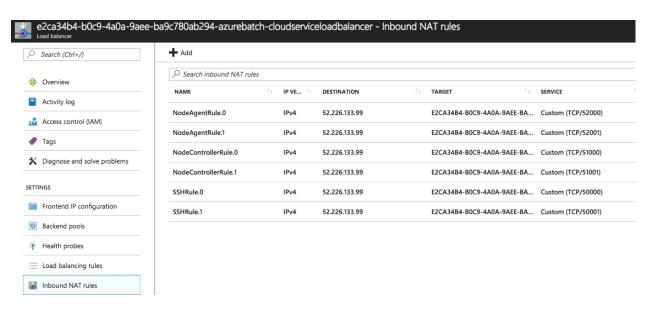
The tasks will immediately run and then completed with exit code of 0 (success). If the codes were different, then we could review the stdout and stderr files from the portal.



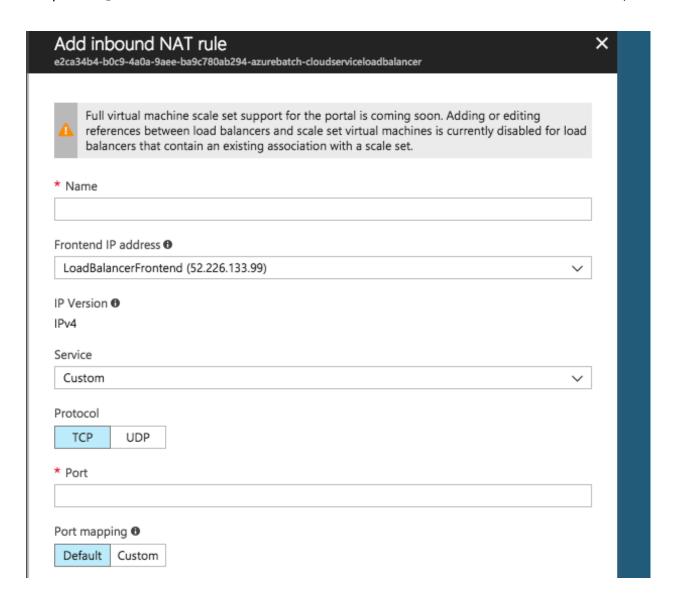
You can see that now I perform a listing and the website was unzipped into the apache folder



We will see that there are 6 inbound nat rules. 3 for each node by default. However, my rule for port 80 was never created as I mentioned earlier when using the script due to what I believe is bug in the CLI.

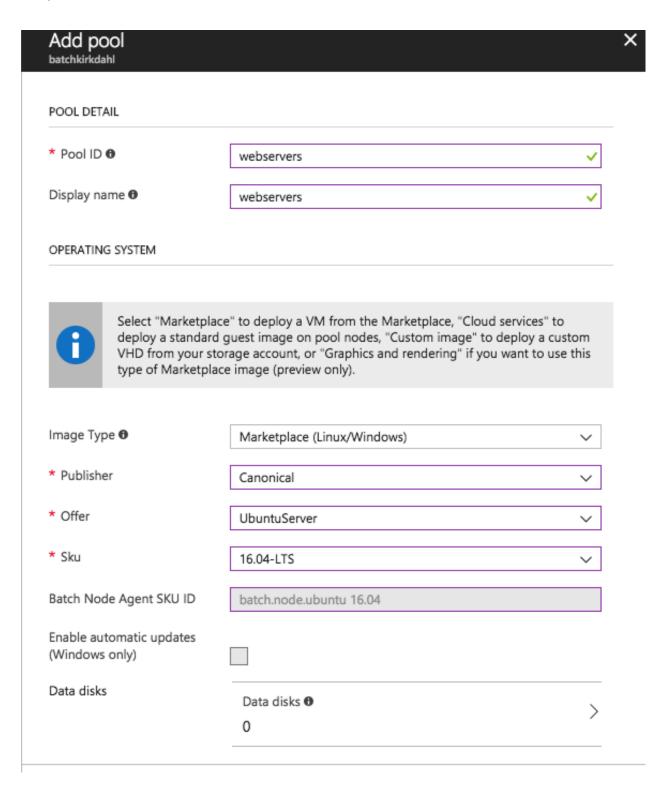


And we can not manually create one or edit these as of yet per the warning. So we can not see the webservers from their public IP on the loadbalancer. **The work around is to create the Batch Pool in the GUI**



CREATING THE BATCH POOL IN THE GUI

We start with giving a name and picking vm os tuype



We then select the VM size, the number of nodes and a startup command

NODE SIZE		
* Node pricing tier (View full pricing details)	Standard A1 (1 Cores, 1.8 GB)	~
SCALE		
Mode	Fixed Auto scale	
Target dedicated nodes 6	1	~
Low priority nodes ⊕	0	Target cores: 1
Resize timeout 6	15	minutes
START TASK		
Start task 6	Enabled	~
Max task retry count ⊕	0	
	/bin/bash -c apt-get install unzip apache2	~
* Command line •		
then select to run task as a	idmin	
User identity 6	Task autouser, Admin	~
Wait for success 6	True False	
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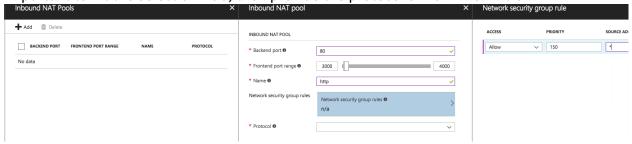
Then select the Application package we want deployed to the nodes.



We then add the inbound Nat rule

We create the backup port as 80 for default on apache, then provie name of "http". We define a port range for the NAT. We cannot use 50000-52000 reserved by Azure. We add an NSG to allow * for source addresses.

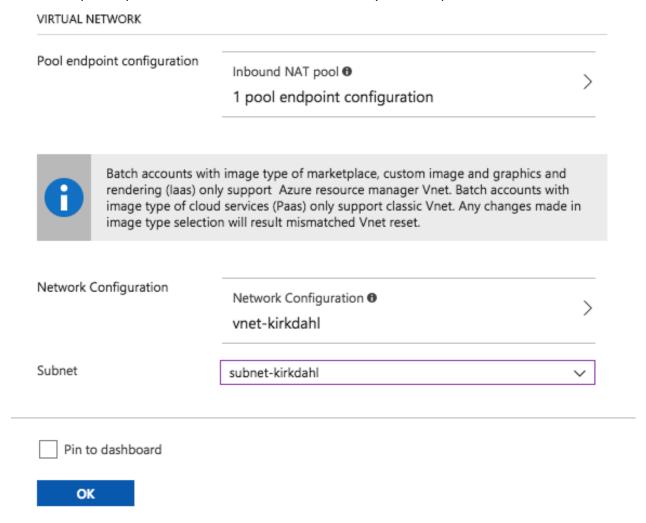
Important to hit the Select on NSG, then provide the protocol of TCP. Then hit Ok.



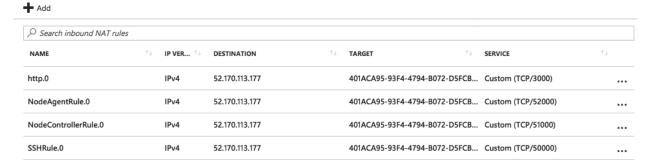
Once Create, its important to check-box the new 80 inbound rule AND hit the Select button

BACKEND PORT	FRONTEND PORT RANGE	NAME	PROTOCOL
✓ 80	3000 — 4000	http	tcp

This adds our inbound nat rule, after which we select the VNET and subnet which must be created in pre-requisite time. I have them included in my shell script. Then click OK



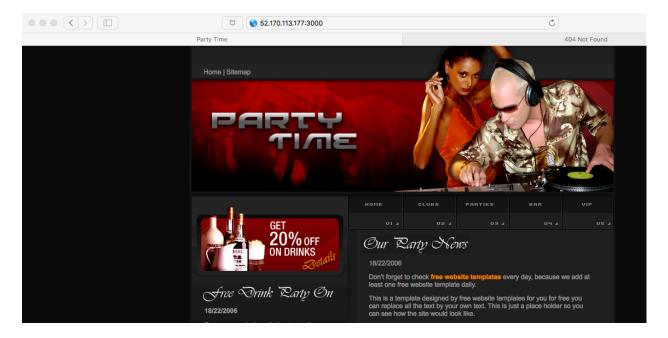
After creating the Pool manually with the GUI. We can see in the new load balancer the default 3 inbound nat rules and the additional one that we added for http



We delete the tasks and recreate them and they complete the installation of the website on the new node in the new pool we just created.

I did have to add the end update my code as I unzipped the partime app into its own directory. And the website could not find the links. I had to ssh onto the node and run cp /var/www/html/partytime/* -R /var/www/html

You can see that the public ip from the screenshot before with nat rules and port 3000 line up to display the website on the internet.



CONCLUSSION:

In Conclusion, I found some of the JSON using the classes outside my background. The GUI is extremely intuitive to have a site up and running. Or any jobs for that matter that you wish to executes via an app with input files and deliever output and then spoin down the machines.