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# I. ASSIGNMENT 1

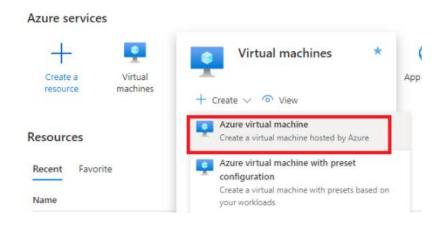
# **Requirements:**

- 1. Create a virtual machine
- 2. Access VM
- 3. Install XAMPP

# **Implementation steps:**

# **Step 1: Access the Azure Portal**

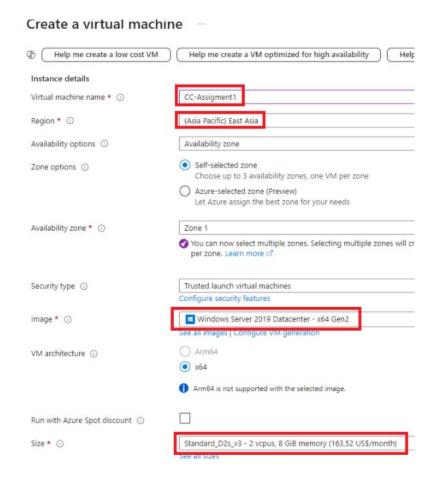
First, go to the official Azure portal by navigating to <a href="https://portal.azure.com/">https://portal.azure.com/</a>. Once we're logged in, locate and select "Virtual Machines" from the dashboard. After that, click on the "CREATE" button to begin setting up a new virtual machine.



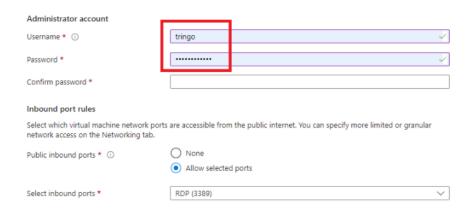
**Step 2: Configuring the Virtual Machine** 

To begin, we need to configure our virtual machine according to the project requirements. This process involves specifying several key details about the virtual machine.

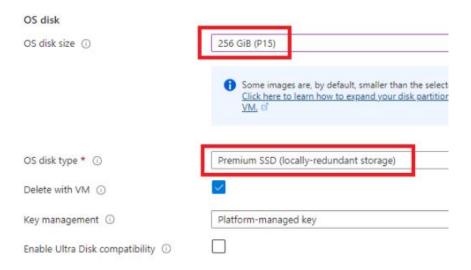
- Virtual machine name: We assign a recognizable name to our VM, such as `CC-Assignment1.
- Region: We choose `(Asia Pacific) East Asia`. Choosing the correct region can affect performance and cost.
- Availability options: We select `Zone 1`, which allows us to distribute resources for higher availability in that specific zone.
- Security type: Ensure that Trusted launch virtual machines is selected to enable security features for the VM.
- Image: We choose the image `Windows Server 2019 Datacenter x64 Gen2`. This ensures that the VM runs the desired version of Windows Server
- VM Size: We choose Standard\_D2s\_v3, which provides 2 vCPUs and 8 GiB of memory, balancing cost and performance effectively.



- Administrator username and password: The username is `tringo` and the password is strong to maintain the security of the virtual machine.
- Inbound port rules: We choose Allow selected ports and enable RDP (3389), allowing remote desktop protocol (RDP) access to manage the VM from other devices.



- Disk size: We set the size to 256 GiB (P15), providing enough storage for our operating system and necessary software.
- Disk type: We select Premium SSD (locally-redundant storage) to ensure high performance and reliability.

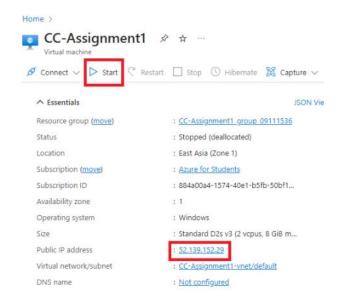


After configuring the machine, review all the settings to ensure they meet the necessary requirements. If everything looks good, click "Review + Create" to finalize and create the virtual machine.



# **Step 3: Starting the Virtual Machine**

Once the virtual machine is successfully created, click on the "Start" button to power it on. After the machine starts, we will be provided with a public IP address. Make sure to copy this IP address as we will need it for remote access.



# **Step 4: Connecting to the Virtual Machine**

To connect to the virtual machine, open "Remote Desktop Connection" on wer local machine. In the Remote Desktop window, paste the public IP address we copied earlier and click "Connect."



# **Step 6: Authentication**

We will be prompted to enter the password that was set during the virtual machine configuration. Enter the password and proceed to log in.

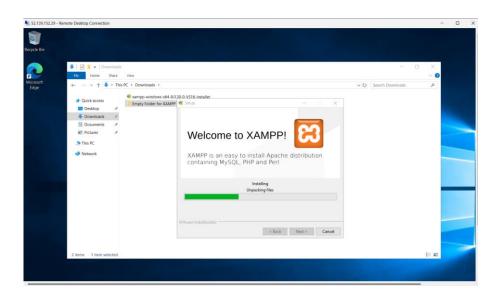


**Step 7: Accessing the Virtual Machine** Once successfully connected to the virtual machine, we can now use it as a remote desktop environment. Open the Edge browser, which is pre-installed on the virtual machine, and navigate to the official XAMPP website to download the XAMPP software.

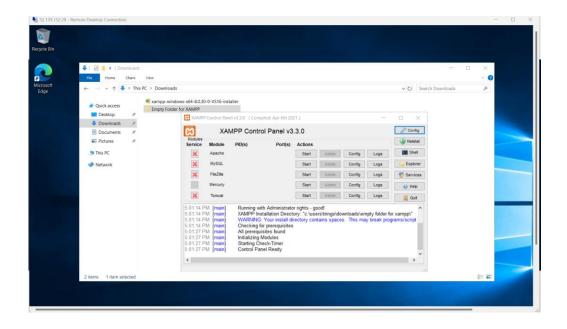


# **Step 8: Installing XAMPP**

After downloading the XAMPP installer, run the installation file. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation process. Ensure that we select the necessary components, such as Apache and MySQL, during the installation.

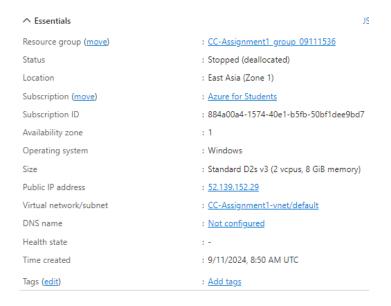


Once the installation process is complete, we should see a confirmation message. We have now successfully installed XAMPP on wer virtual machine, and it is ready for use.



# II. VIRTUAL MACHINE CONFIGURATION EXPLAINATION

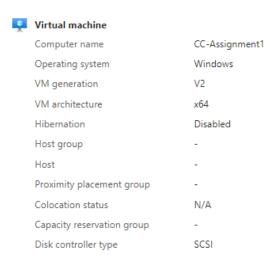
1. Essentials



- Resource group: The resource group that contains the virtual machine, in this case, "CC-Assignment1\_group\_09111536". The resource group helps manage related resources more easily.
- Status: The current status of the virtual machine is "Stopped (deallocated)", meaning the virtual machine is turned off, and hardware resources (CPU, RAM) have been released, which helps save costs.
- Location: The geographical location of the virtual machine, in "East Asia (Zone 1)".
- Subscription: The virtual machine is running under the "Azure for Students" subscription, with a specific "Subscription ID" to manage the account.

- Size: The virtual machine configuration type is "Standard D2s v3", with 2 vCPUs (virtual CPUs) and 8 GiB (gigabytes) of RAM.
- Public IP address: The public IP address of the virtual machine is "52.139.152.29", allowing access from external networks.
- Virtual network/subnet: The virtual machine belongs to the virtual network "CC-Assignment1-vnet/default", which helps manage network connections between resources within the same environment.
- DNS name: The virtual machine does not have a DNS (Domain Name System) name configured yet. DNS would help easily identify and access the virtual machine through a domain name.
- Time created: The time when the virtual machine was created, in this case, "9/11/2024, 8:50 AM UTC".

#### 2. Virtual machine



- Computer name: The name of the virtual machine is "CC-Assignment1".
- Operating system: The operating system installed on the virtual machine is Windows.
- VM generation: The virtual machine is of generation V2, indicating the generation of the virtual hardware being used.
- VM architecture: The architecture of the virtual machine is "x64", suitable for 64-bit operating systems and software.
  - Hibernation: The hibernation feature is disabled.

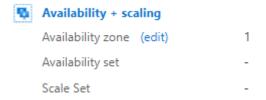
- Host group/Host/Proximity placement group/Colocation status/Capacity reservation group: These fields are not configured, meaning there is no dedicated host, host group, or specific resource allocation strategy.
- Disk controller type: The disk controller type is SCSI (Small Computer System Interface), a standard for hard drive communication.

# 3. Azure Spot:



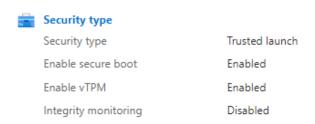
- Azure Spot: The virtual machine has the Azure Spot feature enabled, which allows using virtual machines at a lower cost but with the possibility of being stopped when Azure needs resources.
- Azure Spot eviction policy: The policy when the machine is stopped is "Deallocate", meaning resources will be freed.

# 4. Availability + scaling:



- Availability zone: The virtual machine is deployed in "Zone 1", one of the availability zones within the Azure data center.
- Availability set/Scale Set: The virtual machine is not configured for high availability or scaling sets.

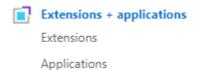
# 5. Security type:



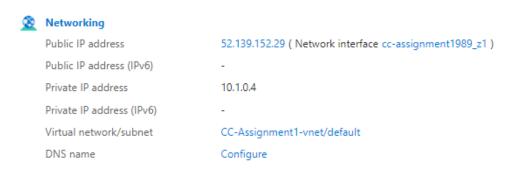
- Trusted launch: This virtual machine supports trusted launch.
- Enable secure boot: The secure boot feature is enabled, protecting the virtual machine from malware during startup.
- Enable vTPM: The virtual TPM (Trusted Platform Module) feature is also enabled, providing encryption and hardware security.
  - Integrity monitoring: The integrity monitoring feature is disabled.
- 6. Health monitoring:



- Health monitoring: Health monitoring is not enabled on this virtual machine.
- 7. Extensions + applications:



- Extensions: No extensions are installed on the virtual machine.
- Applications: No applications are installed yet.
- 8. Networking



- Public IP address: The public IP address of the virtual machine is "52.139.152.29".
- Private IP address: The virtual machine also has a private IP address of "10.1.0.4" for internal communication within its private network.

- Virtual network/subnet: The virtual machine is part of the virtual network "CC-Assignment1-vnet/default".
- DNS name: No DNS name has been configured for the virtual machine.

# 9. Size



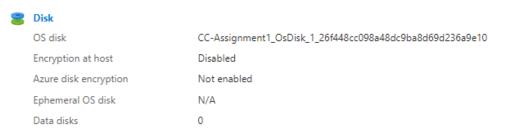
- Size: The virtual machine configuration is "Standard D2s v3", with 2 vCPUs and 8 GiB RAM.

# 10. Source image details



- Source image publisher: The virtual machine is using the operating system published by "MicrosoftWindowsServer".
- Source image offer: The virtual machine is running Windows Server from the "Windows Server" offer.
- Source image plan: This offer is from the "2019-datacenter-gensecond" release, a data center edition of Windows Server.

# 11. Disk



- OS disk: The operating system disk is labeled "CC-Assignment1 OsDisk 1".
- Encryption at host: Encryption at the host level is disabled.
- Azure disk encryption: The virtual machine is not using Azure disk encryption.
- Ephemeral OS disk: No ephemeral operating system disk is being used.
- Data disks: No data disks are attached to the virtual machine.

# 12. Auto-shutdown



Auto-shutdown Not enabled

Scheduled shutdown

- Auto-shutdown: The auto-shutdown feature is not enabled.
- Scheduled shutdown: No scheduled shutdown is configured.

#### III. ASSIGNMENT 2

# Requirements:

- 1. Deploy a static website
- 2. Deploy the website with a database connection

Implementation steps:

# **Step 1: Opening the Source Code and Deploying Locally**

In this step, we begin by accessing the source code of our project through the integrated development environment (IDE), Visual Studio Code (VSCode). Once the necessary project files are loaded, the file explorer on the left panel clearly displays the structure of the website, including HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files.

We select the `index.html` file, which is the main entry point of our static website. The code is written in standard HTML with links to various stylesheets and scripts that enhance the website's functionality and design. To preview the website locally, we utilize the "Live Server" extension in VSCode, a useful tool that allows us to instantly serve the website on a local web server.

By clicking the "Go Live" button located at the bottom-right corner of the IDE, our website is launched in the browser. This feature ensures that any changes made to the code are instantly reflected in real time without needing to refresh the page manually. At this point, our static website is successfully deployed in a local environment, and we can begin testing its layout and interactive features.

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After successfully launching our local server using the **Go Live** feature in Visual Studio Code, it's important to note the port number that our local server is using. In this case, as shown in the image, the local server is running on **Port 5500**.

This port number is crucial for accessing our website locally through a web browser. For example, to view the website, we would enter http://localhost:5500 in the browser's address bar.

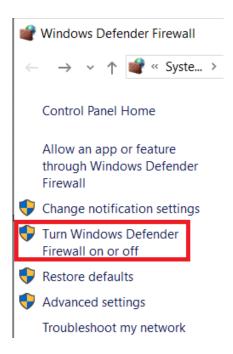
By remembering this port number, we can consistently access and interact with the website while making further adjustments or testing different functionalities.



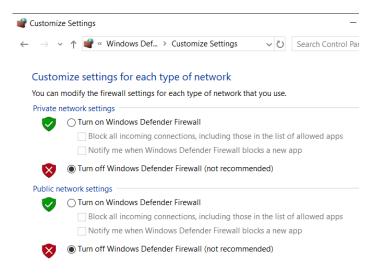
# **Step 2: Turning Off the Firewall on the Virtual Machine**

To ensure our virtual machine can serve the website without any interruptions, we need to adjust the firewall settings. Specifically, we will turn off the firewall to allow unrestricted access for testing purposes.

We begin by accessing the Windows Defender Firewall settings on the virtual machine. From the Control Panel, we select the option Turn Windows Defender Firewall on or off, as highlighted in the image. This option allows us to temporarily disable the firewall for both public and private networks.

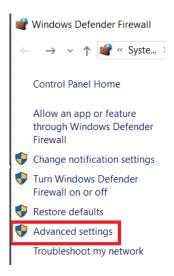


By turning off the firewall, we remove any potential blocks that might prevent our local server from functioning properly or from being accessed externally. However, it is essential to remember that this step should only be performed in a secure testing environment to prevent unauthorized access.

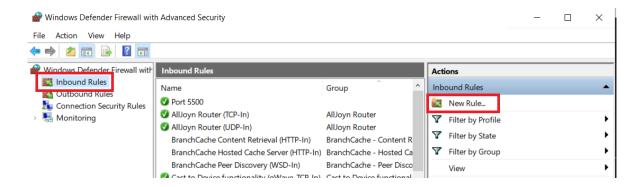


# Step 3: Configuring the Inbound Rule in Windows Firewall

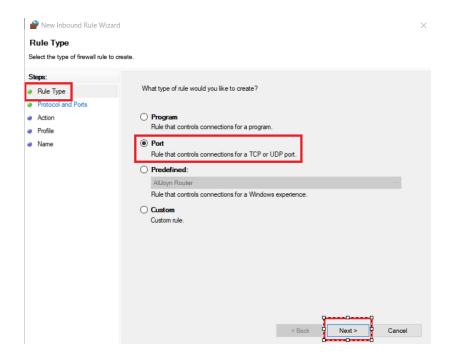
In this step, we need to configure the firewall to allow traffic through the specific port used by our local server (Port 5500). To do this, we will create a new inbound rule to allow connections on this port.



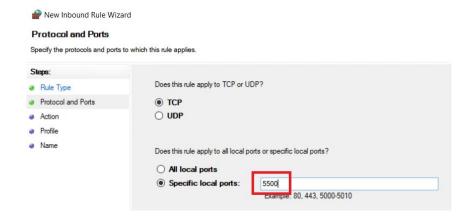
We begin by navigating to the Advanced settings section of the Windows Defender Firewall. From the Inbound Rules section, we select New Rule to create a new custom rule.



Rule Type: We choose the Port option, as we want to control connections based on a specific port. After selecting this option, we click Next



Protocol and Ports: We select TCP as the protocol and specify 5500 as the local port. This ensures that all incoming traffic on Port 5500 is allowed. Once again, we click Next to proceed.

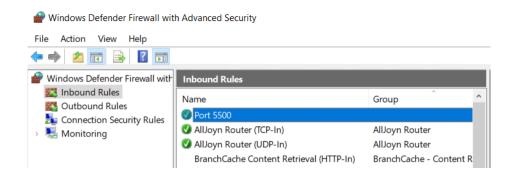


Action: We choose to Allow the connection to permit traffic through the specified port.

Profile: We select all the profile types (Domain, Private, Public) to ensure the rule applies in all network environments. Afterward, we click Next.

Name: We name the rule, for example, Port 5500, to easily identify it in the firewall rules list. Finally, we confirm by clicking Finish.

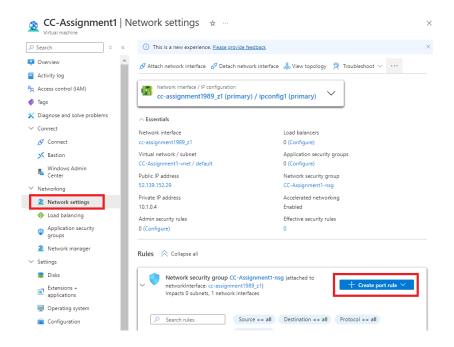
After completing these steps, the new inbound rule for Port 5500 appears in the list, and our virtual machine is now set to accept traffic through this port.



Step 4: Configuring Port 5500 in Azure Virtual Machine

In this step, we configure port 5500 for our virtual machine within the Azure portal to ensure proper network connectivity. This is essential for enabling external traffic to access our virtual machine through this specific port.

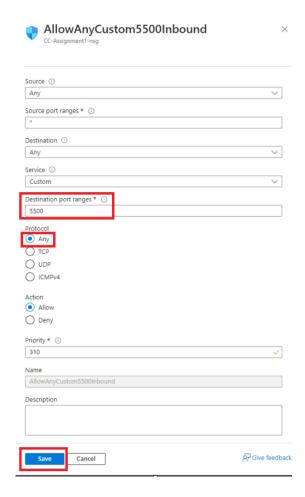
We begin by navigating to the Network settings of the virtual machine in the Azure portal. In this section, we select Create port rule to add a new network security rule.



In the Destination port ranges, we set the port to 5500. This ensures that all traffic directed to port 5500 is properly routed.

For the Protocol, we choose Any to allow all types of network protocols through this port. This broad setting ensures flexibility in testing and communication.

After confirming the settings, we click Save to apply the rule.



Once completed, our new inbound rule appears in the list, confirming that port 5500 is now configured and ready to accept external connections.

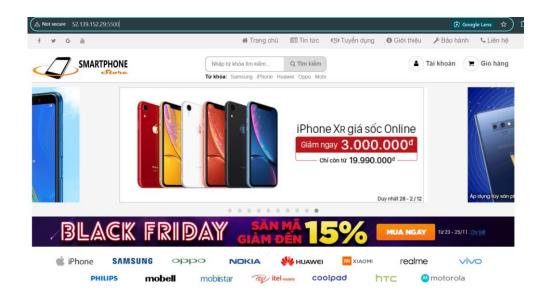


# **Step 5: Accessing the Website from External Devices**

We copy the Public IP Address along with the port number that we previously configured (in this case, <a href="http://52.139.152.29:5500/">http://52.139.152.29:5500/</a>). This IP address allows us to access the website hosted on the virtual machine.

Next, we paste the URL into the web browser of another device that is connected to the same Wi-Fi network. This ensures that the device can communicate with the virtual machine through the specified port.

Once the URL is entered, we are able to view our website live in the browser. As shown in the image, the website is fully operational and accessible from external devices, confirming that the network and firewall configurations are successful.



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