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Foreword by

Acknowledgments

From Dave

Cristal, you are my rock and my source of inspiration. For the past 20 + years you have been there with me every step of the way. Not only are you the "BEST Wife" in the world you are my partner in crime. Christian, Trinity, Keira, Serena, Mickaila, Mackenzie, and Rycker, you kids, are so patient with your dear old dad when he locks himself away in the office for yet another book. Taking the time to watch you grow in life, sports, and become little leaders of this new world is incredible to watch.

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Last but not least, the MVPDays volunteers, you have donated your time and expertise and helped us run the event in over 20 cities across North America. Our latest journey has us expanding the conference worldwide as a virtual conference. For those of you that will read this book, your potential is limitless just expand your horizons, and you never know where life will take you.

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Recently Dave has been honored to take on the role of Conference Co-Chair of TechMentor with fellow MVP Sami Laiho. The lineup of speakers and attendees that have been to this conference over the past 20 years is fantastic. Come down to Redmond or Orlando in 2018, and you can meet him in person. Checkout his speaking site at www.davekawula.com

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MVPDays Online

The purpose of this book is to showcase the fantastic expertise of our guest speakers of MVPDays Online. They have so much passion, expertise, and expert knowledge that it only seemed fitting to write it down in a book.

MVPDays was founded by Cristal and Dave Kawula back in 2013. It started as a simple idea; "There's got to be a good way for Microsoft MVPs to reach the IT community and share their vast knowledge and experience in a fun and engaging way" I mean, what is the point in recognizing these bright and inspiring individuals, and not leveraging them to inspire the community that they are a part of.

We often get asked the question "Who should attend MVPDays"?

Anyone that has an interest in technology is eager to learn and wants to meet other like-minded individuals. This Roadshow is not just for Microsoft MVP's it is for anyone in the IT Community.

Make sure you check out the MVPDays website at www.mvpdays.com. You never know maybe the roadshow will be coming to a city near you.

The goal of this particular book is to show you how to survive a Ransomware Attack using Azure Site Recovery. Each chapter is broken down into a unique tip, and we hope you find some immense value in what we have written.

Sample Files

All sample files for this book can be downloaded from www.checkyourlogs.net and https://github.com/dkawula/Surviving-a-Ransomware-Attack-Using-Azure-Site-Recovery

Additional Resources

In addition to all the tips and tricks provided in this book, you can find extra resources like articles and video recordings on our blog http://www.checkyourlogs.net

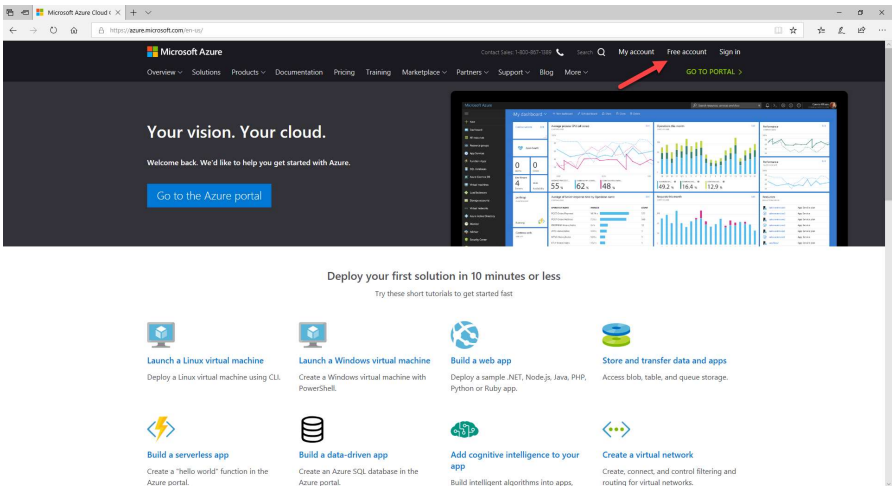
Chapter 1

Setting up your Azure Subscription from Scratch

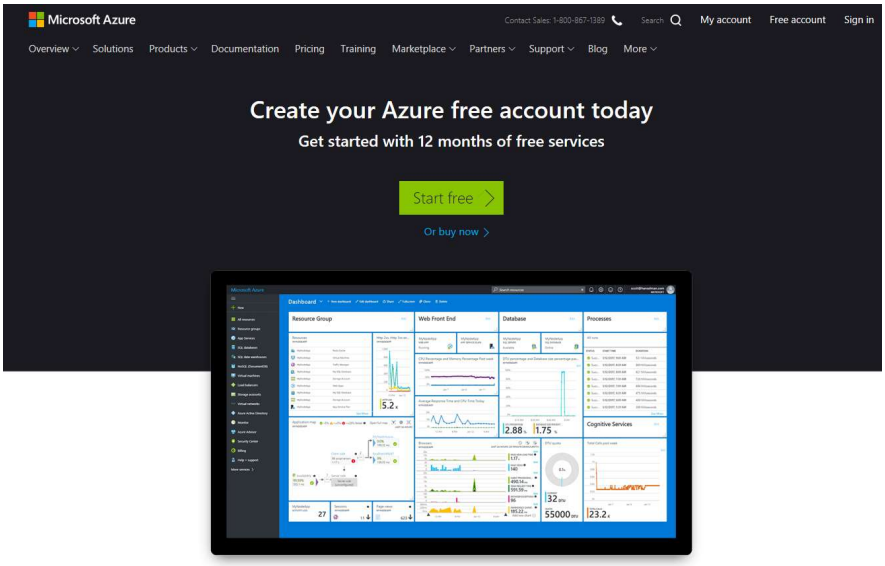
As we know, there are lots of features in Microsoft Azure, to use those features, you need to create a Microsoft Azure account, it's straightforward to create, also you will get $200 credits at the first month.

If you are a newcomer on Microsoft Azure, no worry, I am going to show you how to create Azure free account with $200 credit today, follow the steps as below.

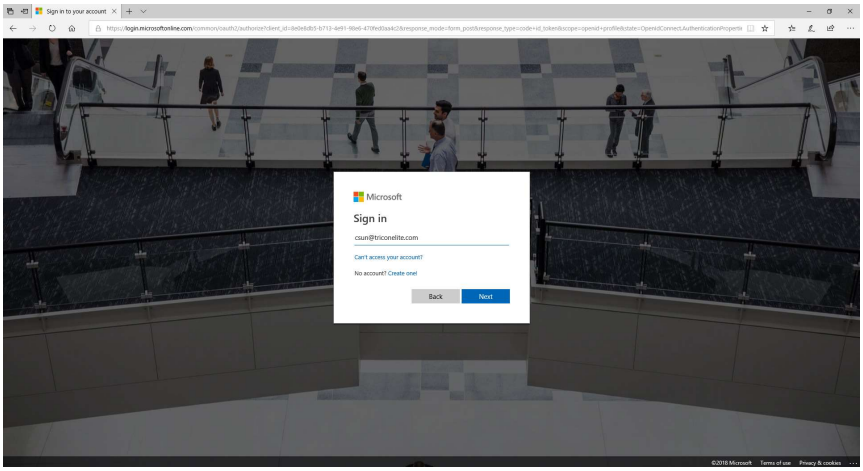
1. Go to https://www.azure.com and then click Free account.



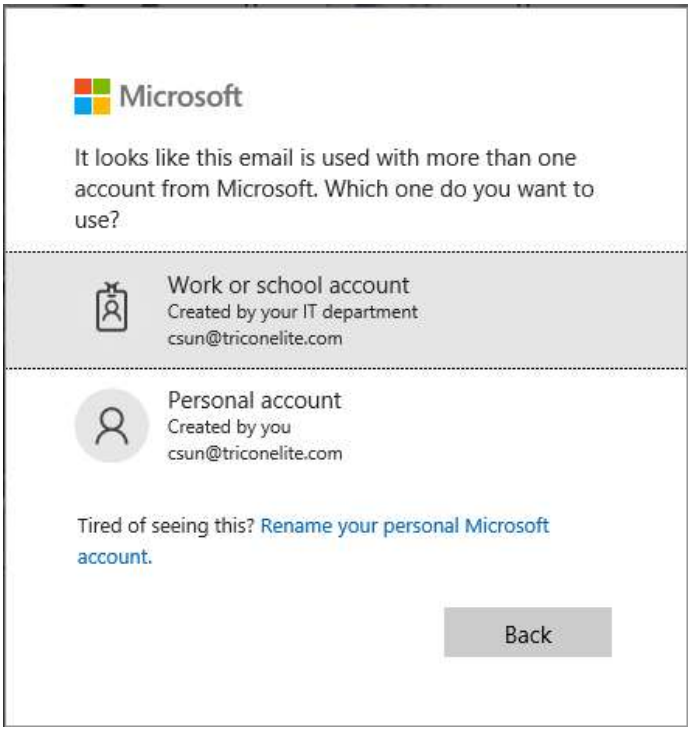
2. On the free account page, click Start free.



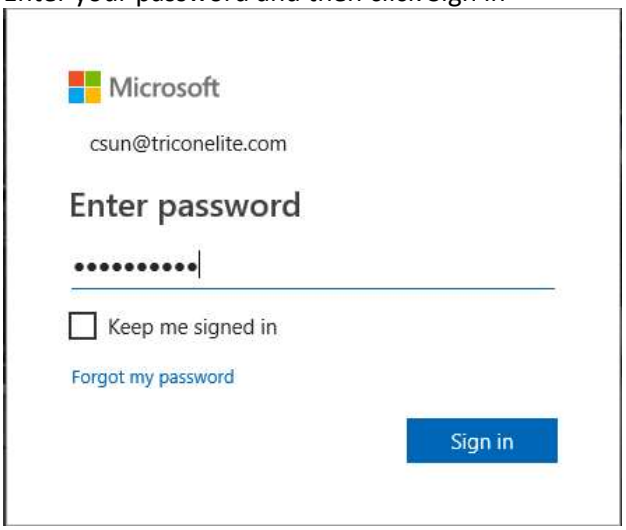
3. If you have an account with Microsoft already (e.g., office 365, outlookf.com ….), enter your email address and then click Next. If you don't have Microsoft account, please click Crete one.



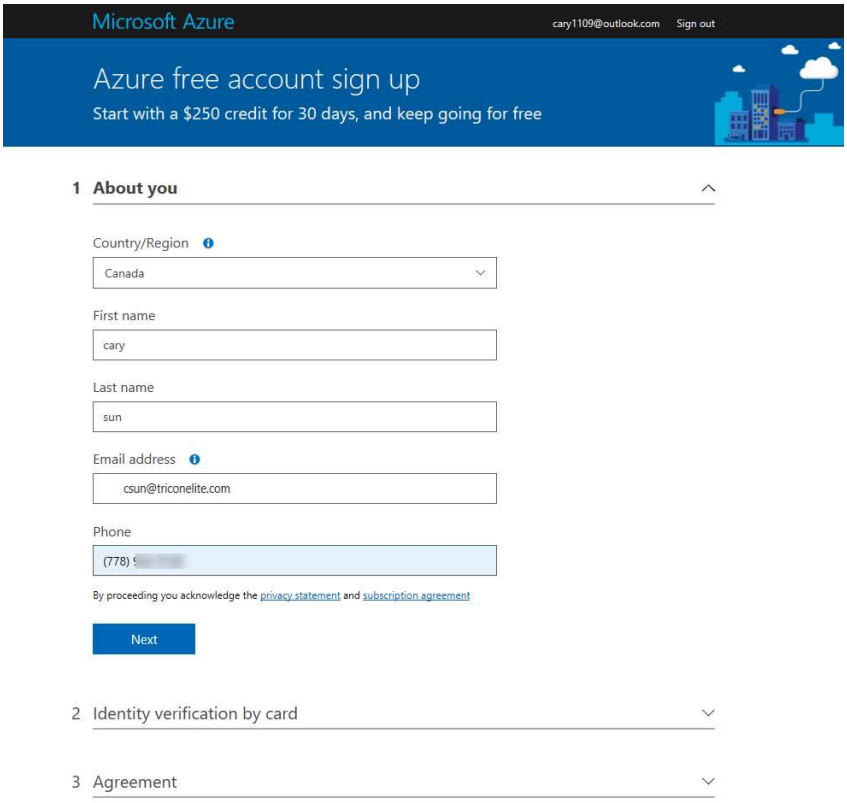
4. If your email address is used with more than on account from Microsoft, you need to select which account do you want to use.



5. Enter your password and then click Sign in

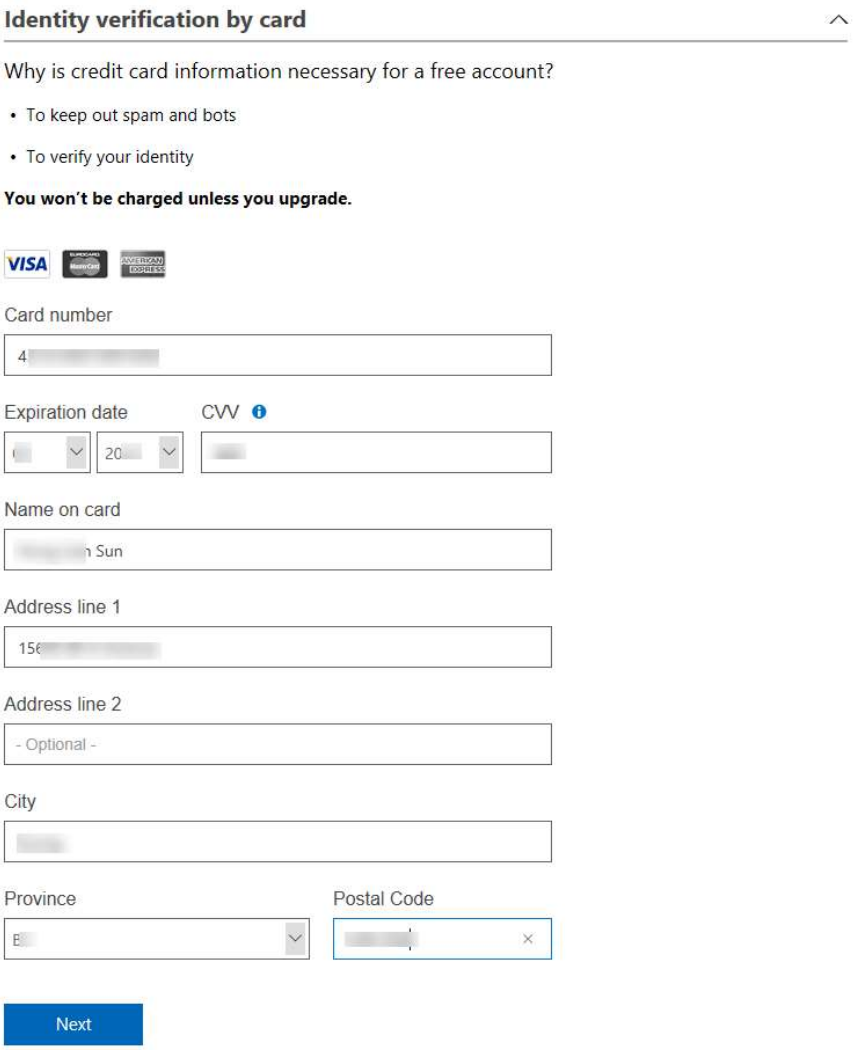


6. On the About you page, enter your personal information and then click Next.



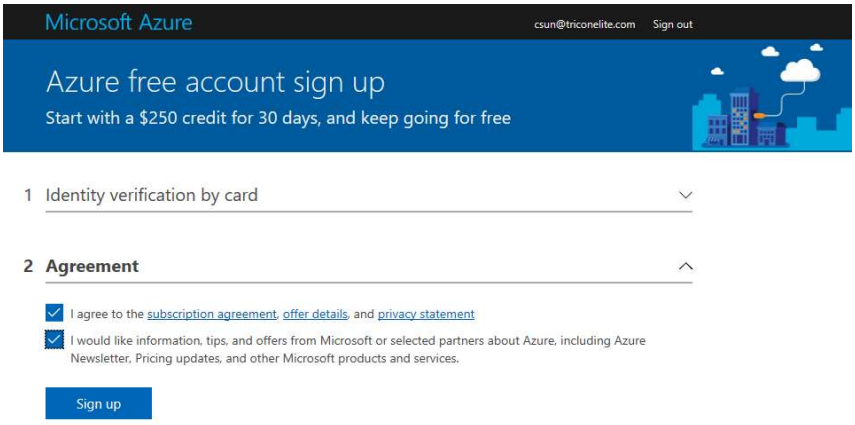
7. On the Identity verification by card page, you need to enter your credit card information and then click Next. Don't worry, Microsoft won't charge you until you upgrade your free

account to pay as you go or others account type.

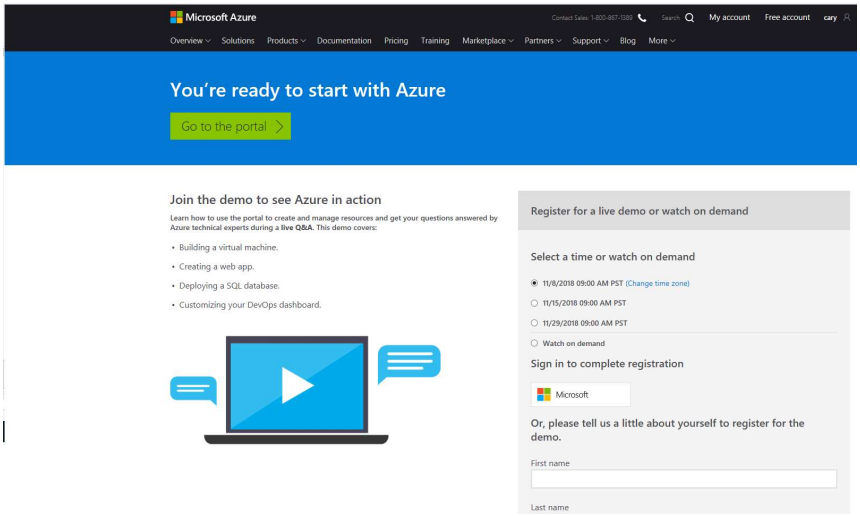


8. On the Agreement page, select I agree to the subscription agreement, offer details, and privacy statement and I would like information, tips, and offers from Microsoft or selected partners about Azure, including Azure Newsletter, Pricing updates, and other

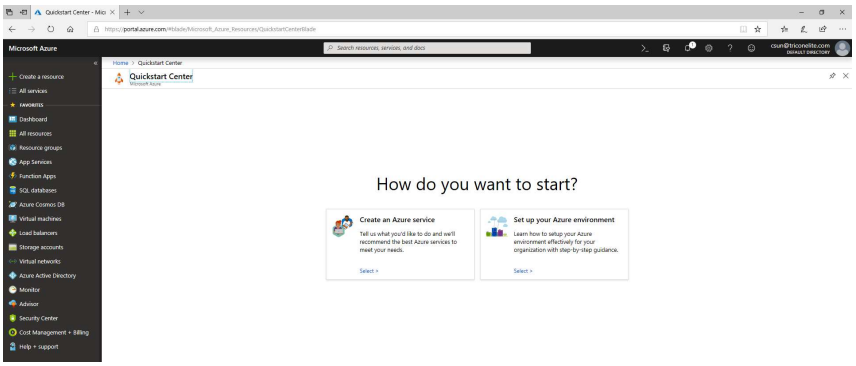
Microsoft products and services, and then click Sign up.



9. Congratulation! You're ready to start with Azure and get $250 create for free. You need to click Go to the portal and enjoy Azure features there.



10. That's it you have now successfully setup your first Azure Tenant and have access to the Azure Portal.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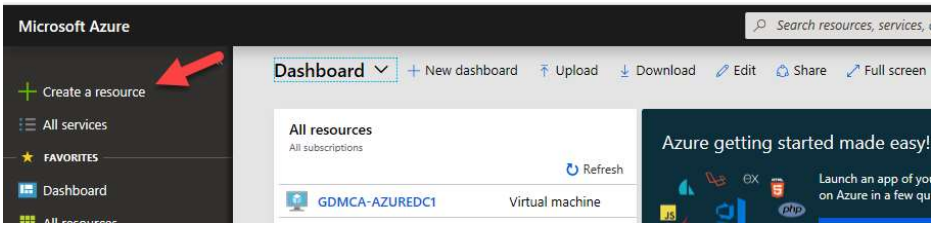
Chapter 2

Building a Hyper-V Nested VM with Multiple Public IP Addresses in Azure

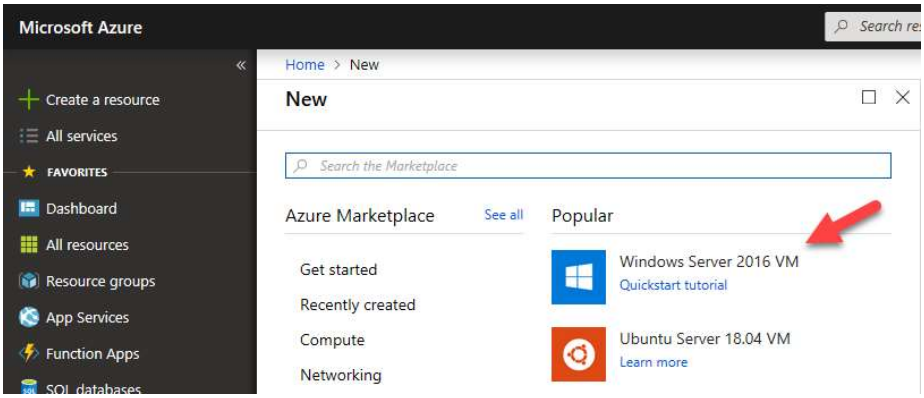
In this chapter, we are going to show you how to build a Hyper-V nested VM with multiple public IP addresses. In this lab configuration, you only need to pay Microsoft for one Hyper-V host (VM) with storage and public IP addresses. After it is configured, you can install a firewall, create VMs, a load balancer, configure customer routing, port forwarding and so on. These scenarios can be used to build up real-world labs for Test, Development, or even proof of concepts.

Building a Windows Server 2016 Virtual Machine

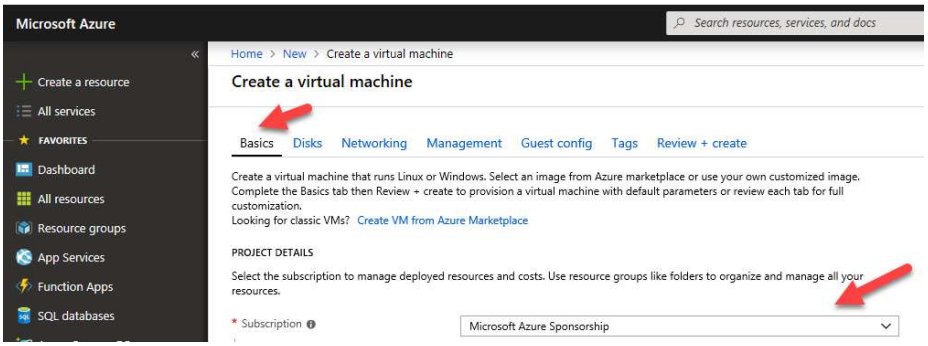
1. Logon to your Microsoft Azure Account and select Create a resource.



2. On the New page, select Windows Server 2016 VM

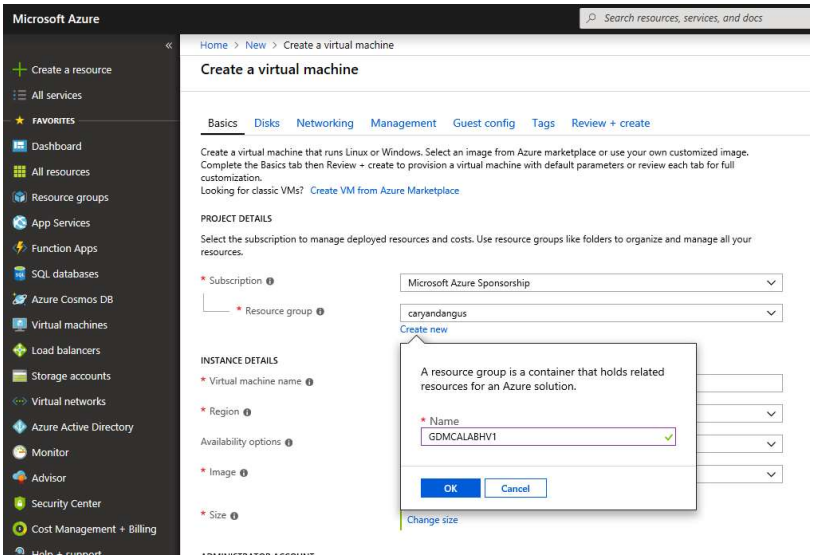


3. On the Create a virtual machine page, click Basics and select your Azure Subscription to pay for this virtual machine.



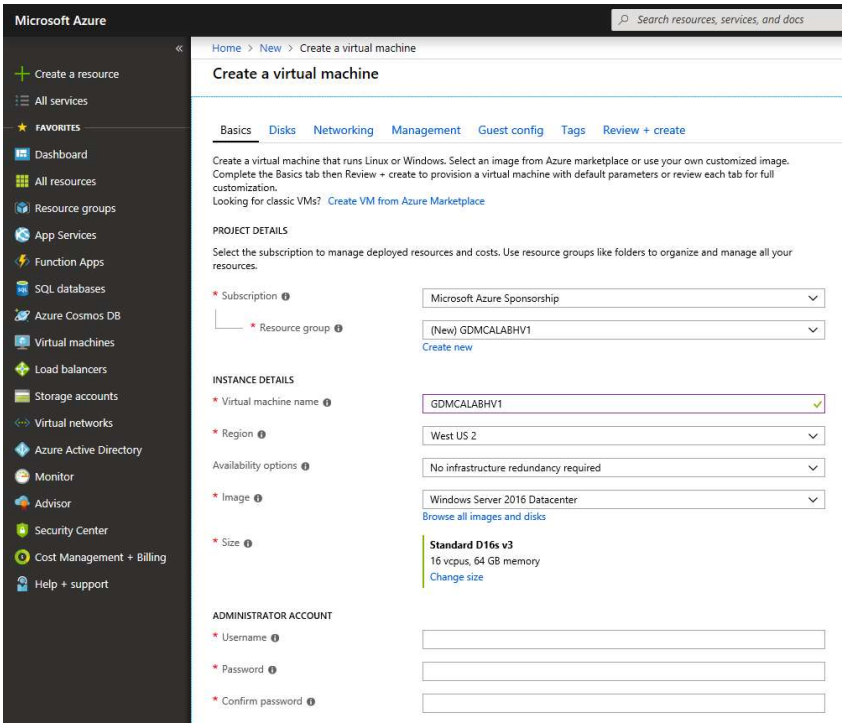
4. Select Create new under the Resource group and enter resource group name, I will recommend it as your virtual machine name, because it will easy to maintain your

resources, and then click OK.

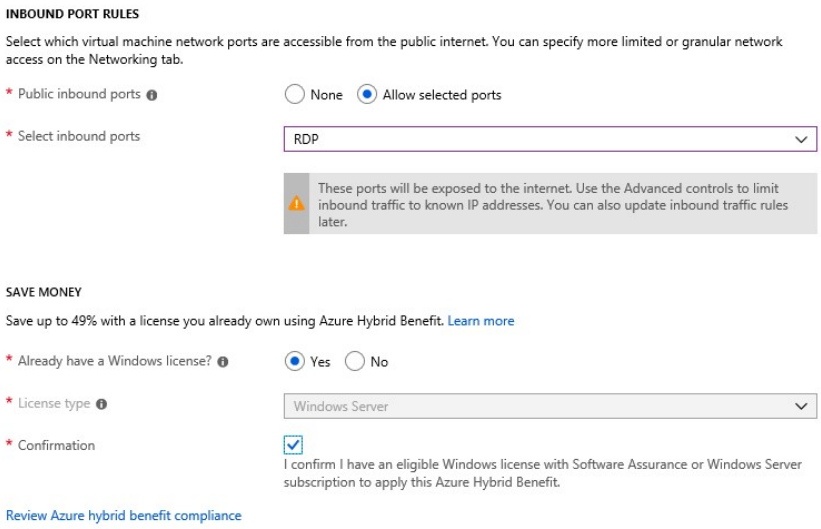


5. **Virtual Machine Name**: Enter Virtual Machine Name as your resource group name.
   Region: Select Region for the virtual machine. For my case, I am using West US 2.
   Availability options: keep the default setting
   Image: select Windows Server 2016 Datacenter
   Size: click change size and select the Dv3 and Ev3 VM sizes. Because we need to enable nested virtualization.
   Username: Enter login user name
   Password: Enter login password

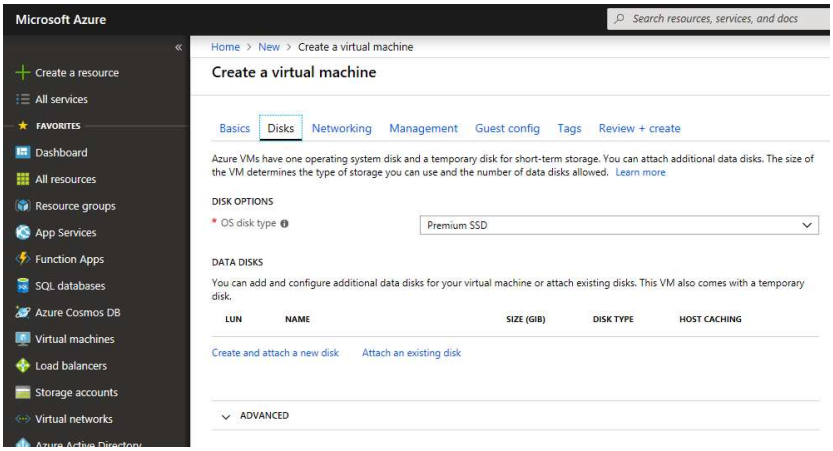
Confirm password: Reenter login password



Public inbound ports: Select Allow selected ports.
Select inbound ports: Select RDP (3389)
Already have a Windows license: Select Yes if you have a license already.
Confirmation: select I confirm I have an eligible Windows license with Software Assurance or Windows Server subscription to apply for this Azure Hybrid Benefit.

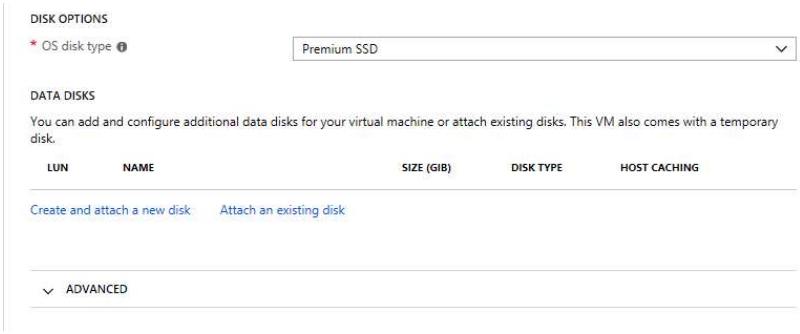


6. On the Create a Virtual Machine page, click Disks.

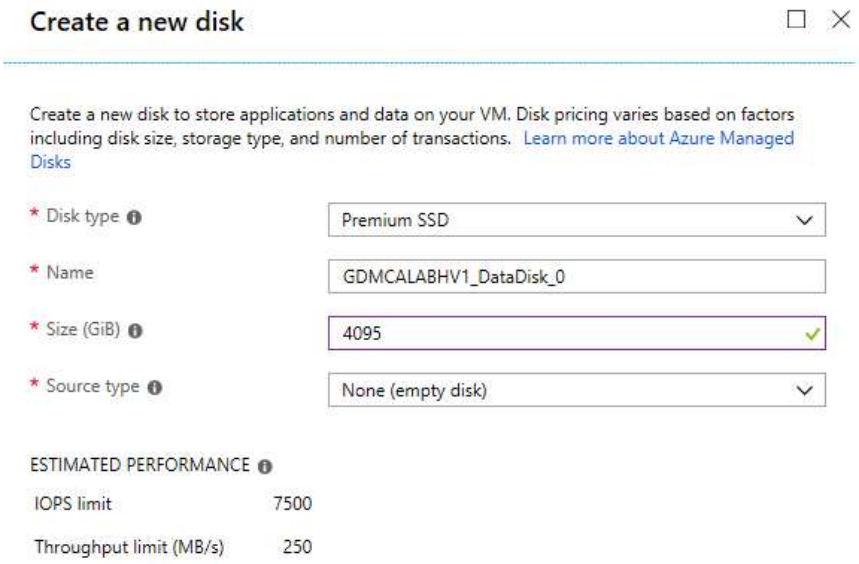


OS disk type: Select Premium SSD

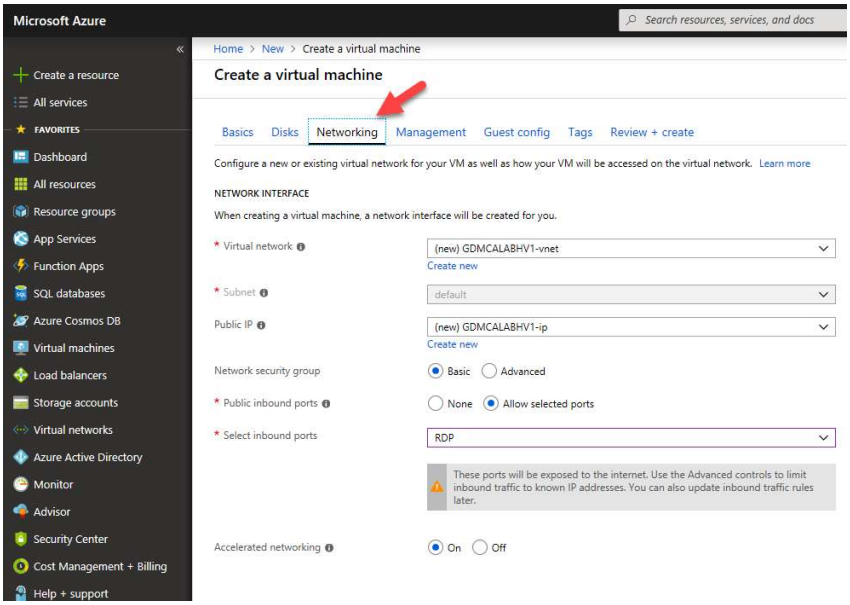
DATA DISKS: Select Create and attach a new disk (this storage space is for your nested VMs)



7. On the Create a new disk page, settings as follow and then click OK.
   Disk type: Select Premium SSD
   Name: keep the default name
   Size(**GiB**): 4095
   Source type: None



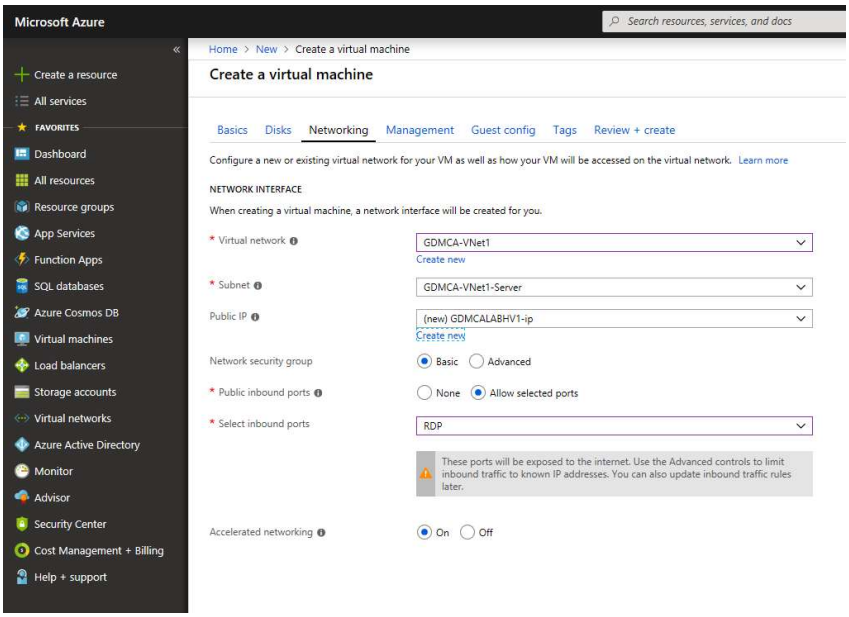
8. On the Create a virtual machine page, click Networking.



Virtual network: Select vnet if you have existing vnet if not, you can keep the default settings.

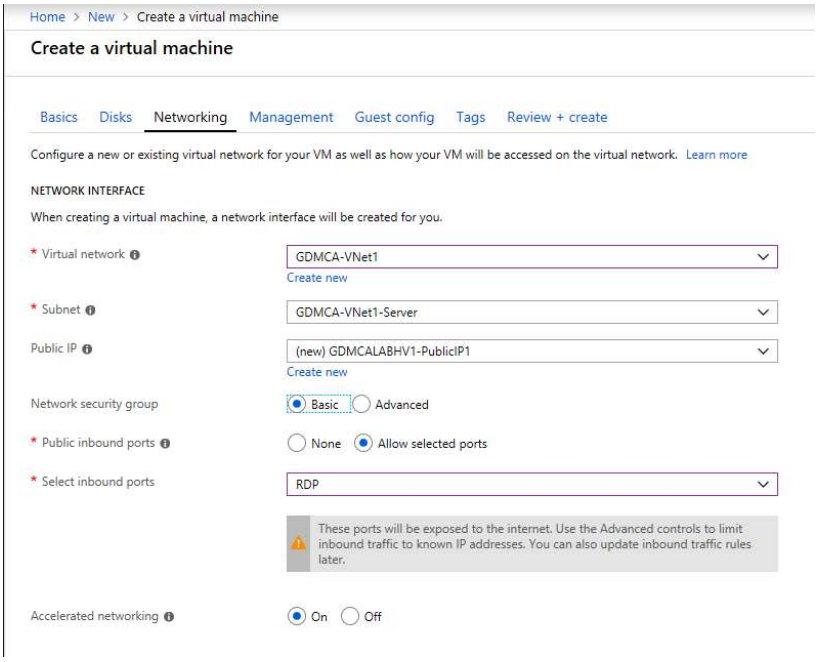
Subnet: Select subnet name if you have an existing subnet; if not, you can keep the default settings.

Public IP: click Create new

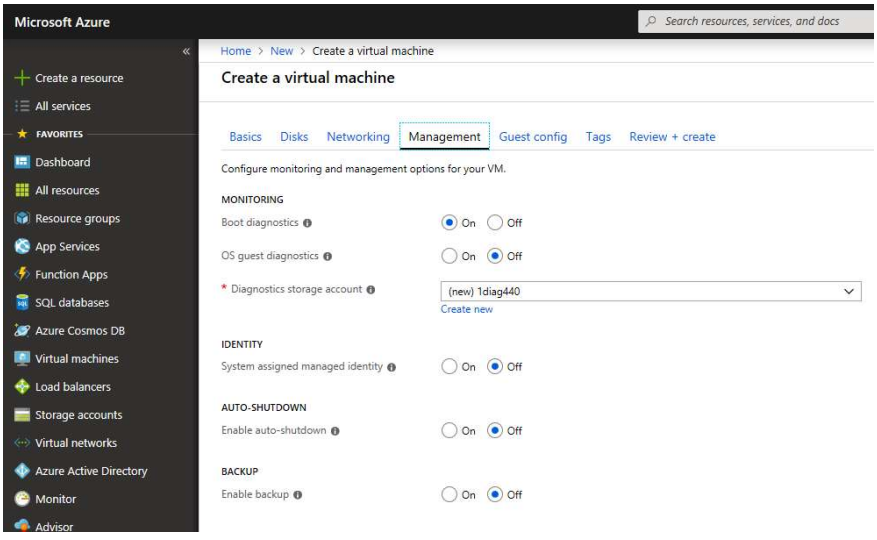


9. On the Create Public IP address page, the settings are as follows
   Name: Enter the Public IP address name.
   SKU: Basic
   Assignment: Static
10. To complete Networking settings as follow:
    Network security group: Basic
    Public inbound ports: Allow selected ports
    Select inbound ports: RDP

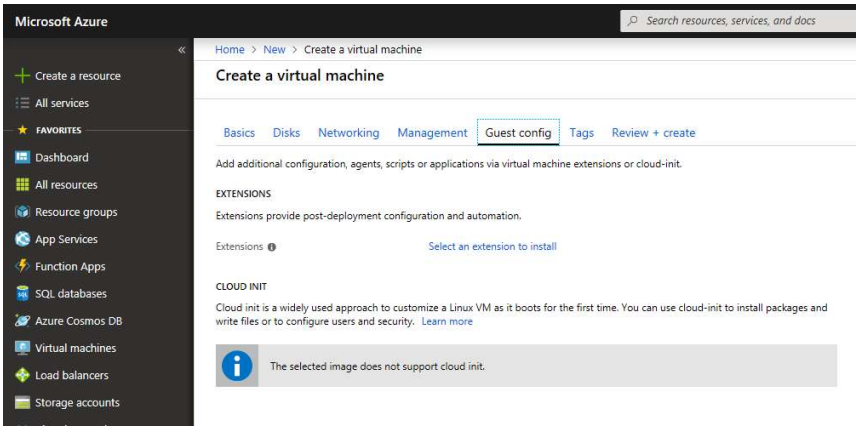
Accelerated networking: On



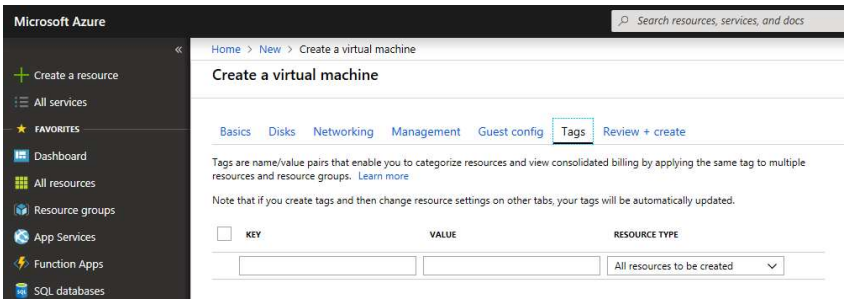
1. On the Create a virtual machine page, click Management and keep the settings as default.



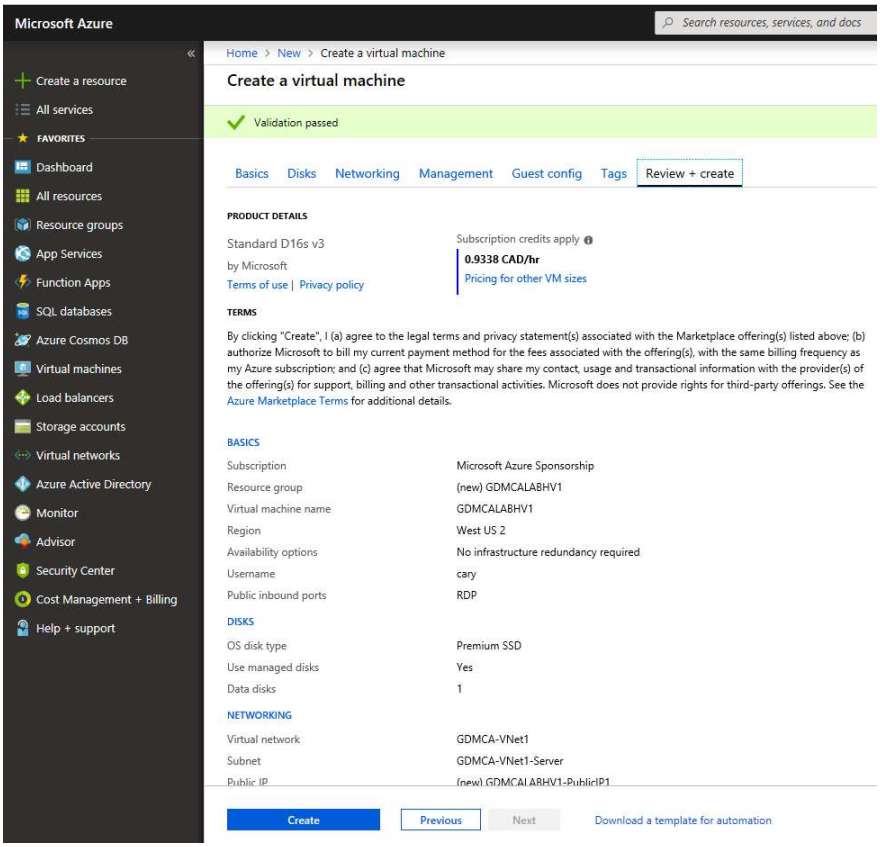
11. On the Create a virtual machine page, click Guest config and keep the settings as default.



12. On the Create a virtual machine page, click Tags and keep the settings as default.

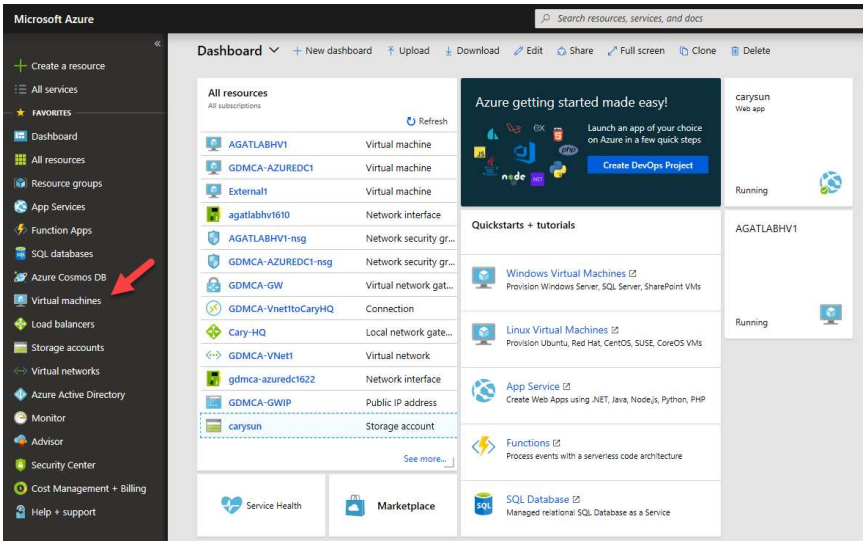


13. On the Create a virtual machine page, click Review + create and make sure Validation passed and then click Create.

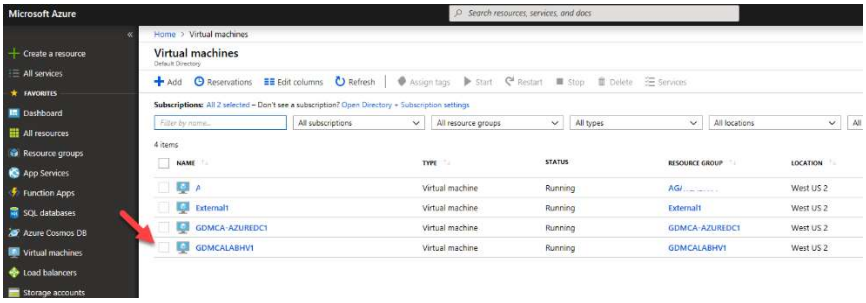


Creating Multiple Internal and External IP's for the Lab

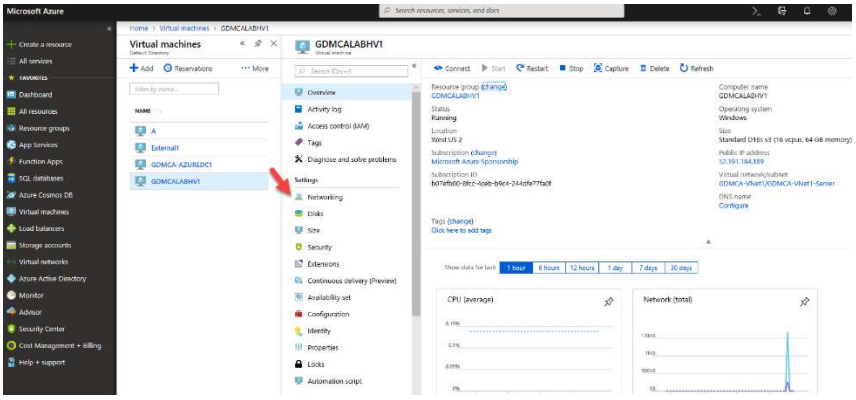
1. On the Microsoft Azure portal page, select Virtual machines.



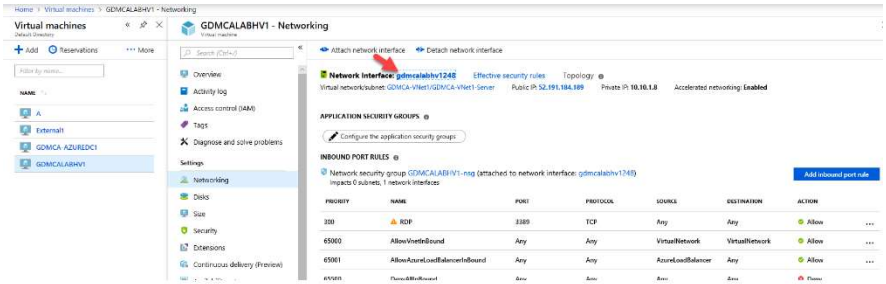
2. On the Virtual machines page, click GDMCALABHV1.



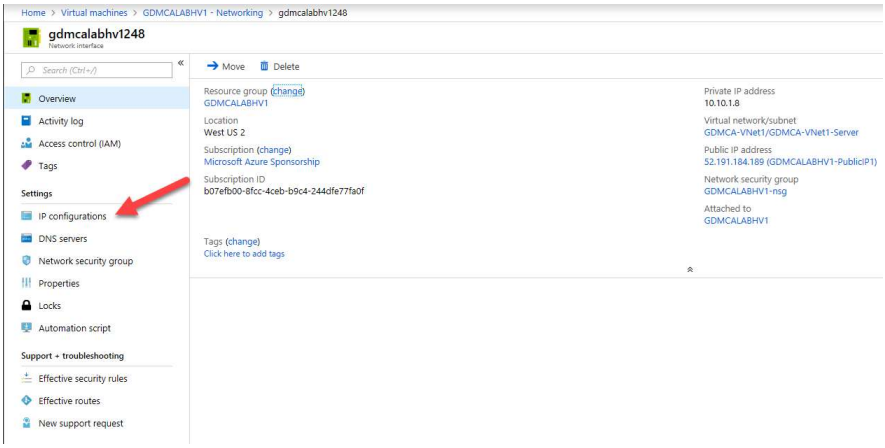
3. On the GDMCALABHV1page, select Networking.



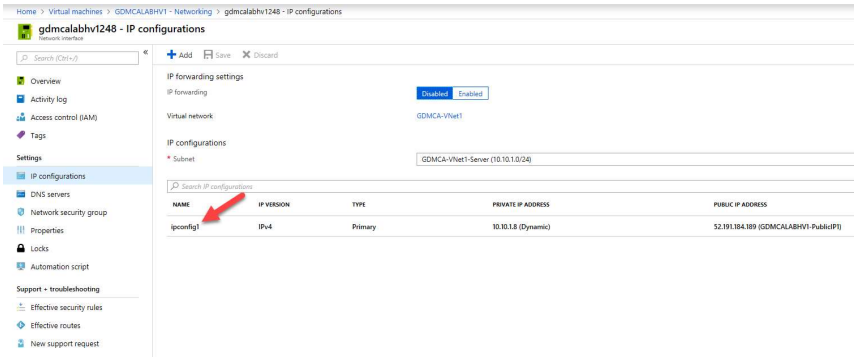
4. On the GDMCALABHV1-Networking page, select Network Interface: gdmcalabhv1238.



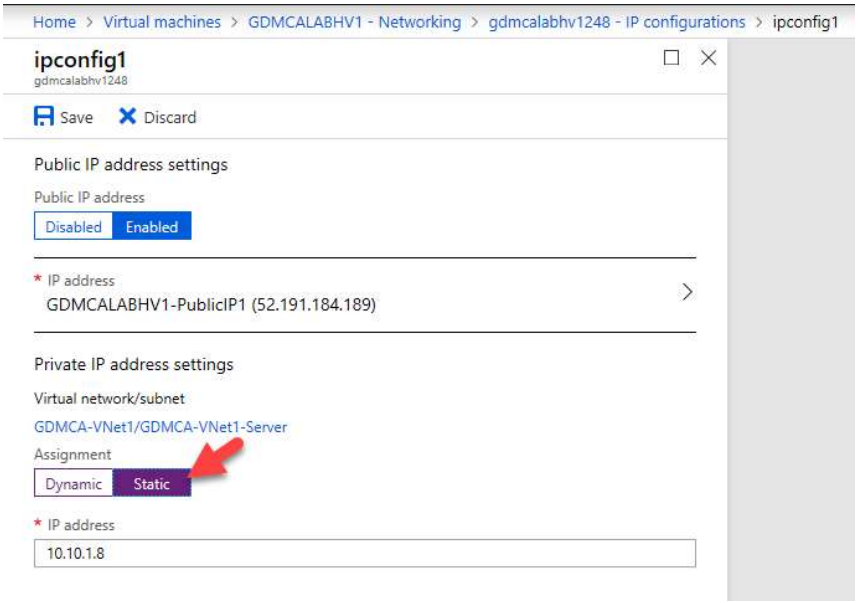
5. On the Network Interface page, select IP configurations.



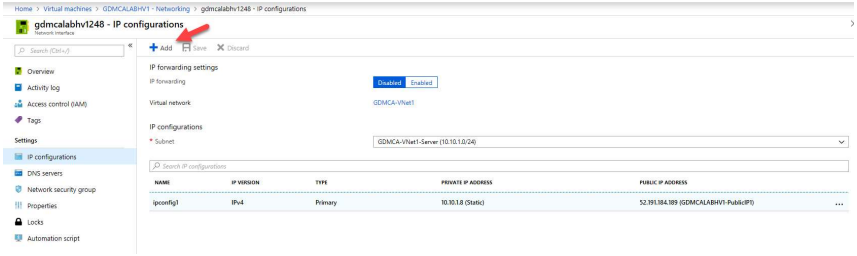
6. On the IP configurations page, select ipconfig1.



7. Change assignment setting from Dynamic to Static, and then click Save.



8. Go back to the IP configurations page, click Add.



9. On the Add IP configuration page, settings as follow and then click OK.

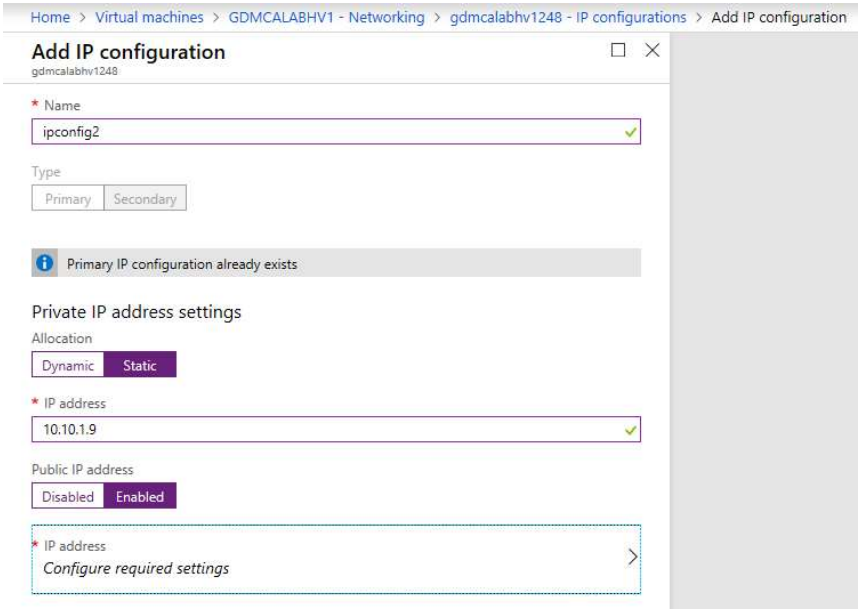
Name: ipconfig2

Private IP address Allocation: Static

IP address: 10.10.1.9

Public IP address: Enable

IP address: click configure required settings

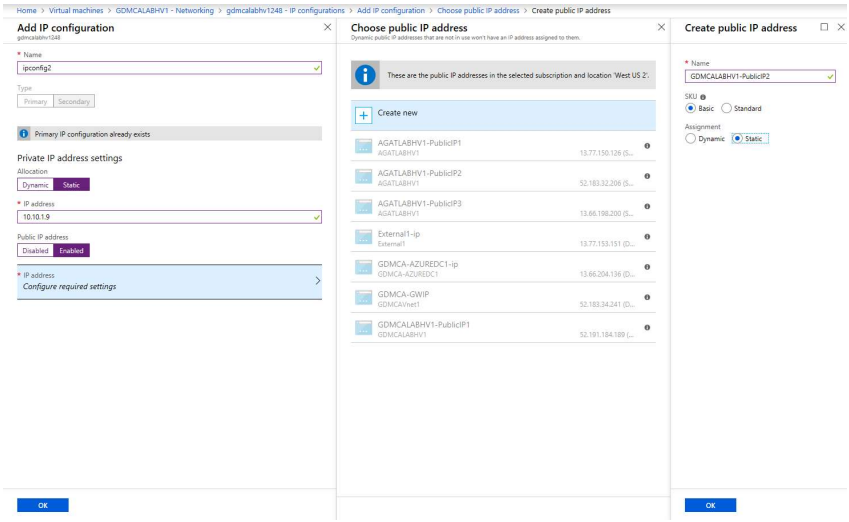


10. Choose public IP address: Create new

    Name: Enter name for Public IP

    SKU: Basic

Assignment: Static and then click OK

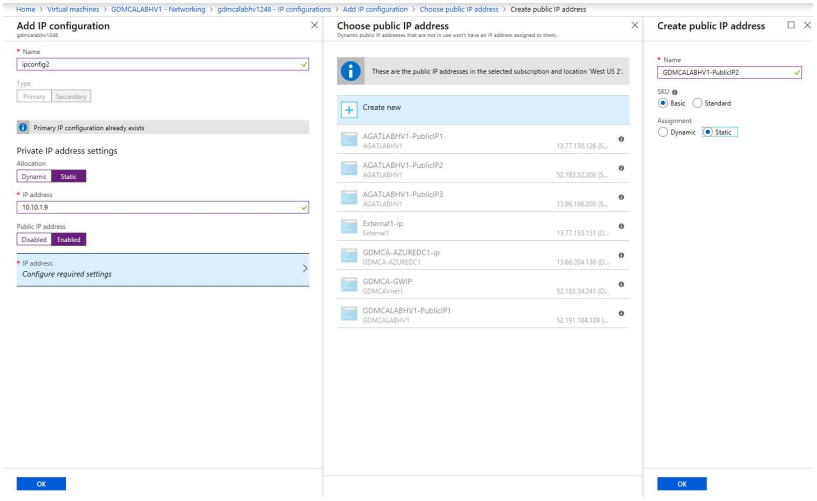


Choose public IP address: Create new

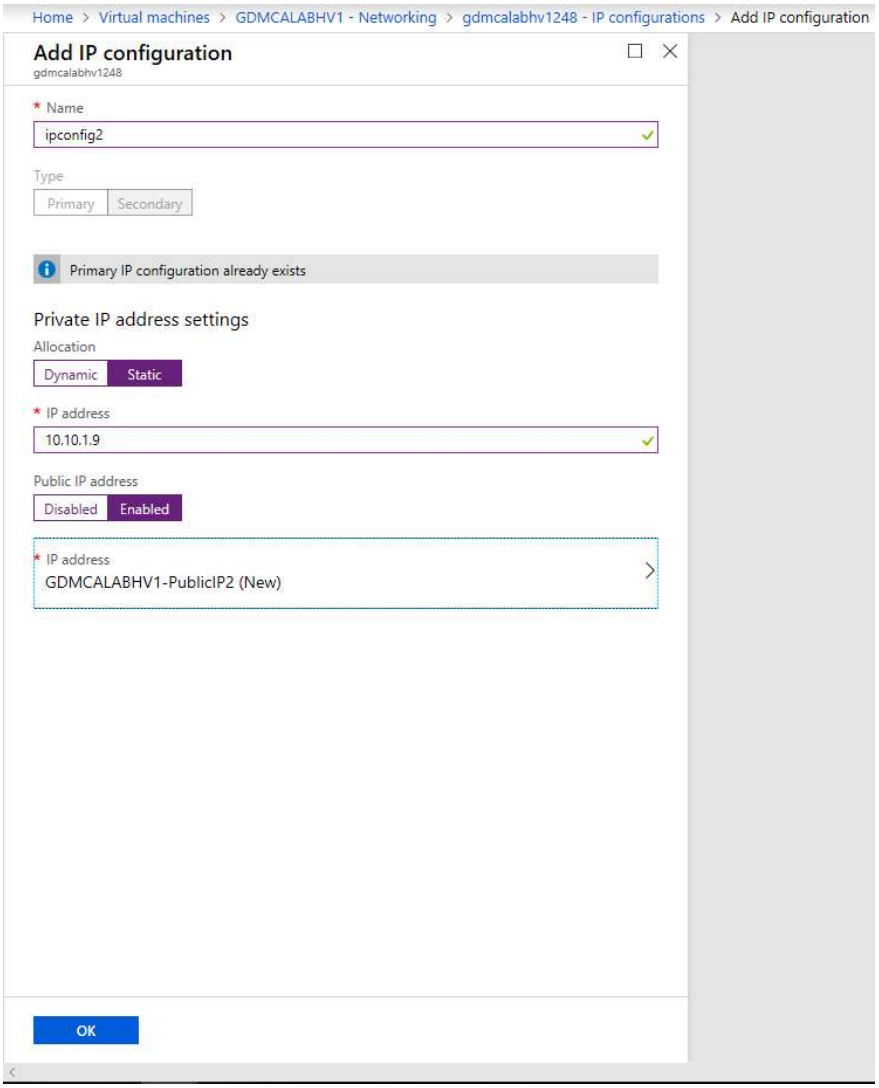
Name: Enter name for Public IP

SKU: Basic

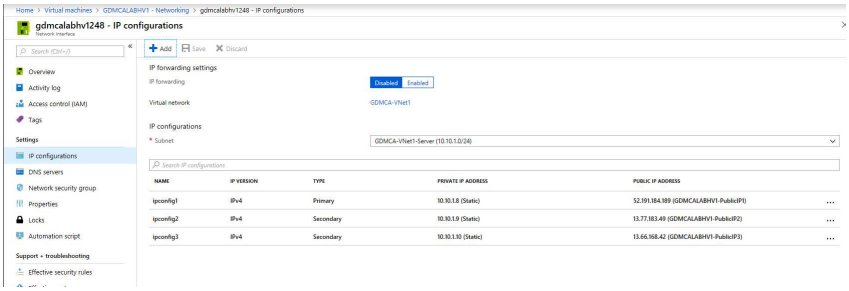
Assignment: Static and then click OK



11. On the Add IP configuration page, click OK.

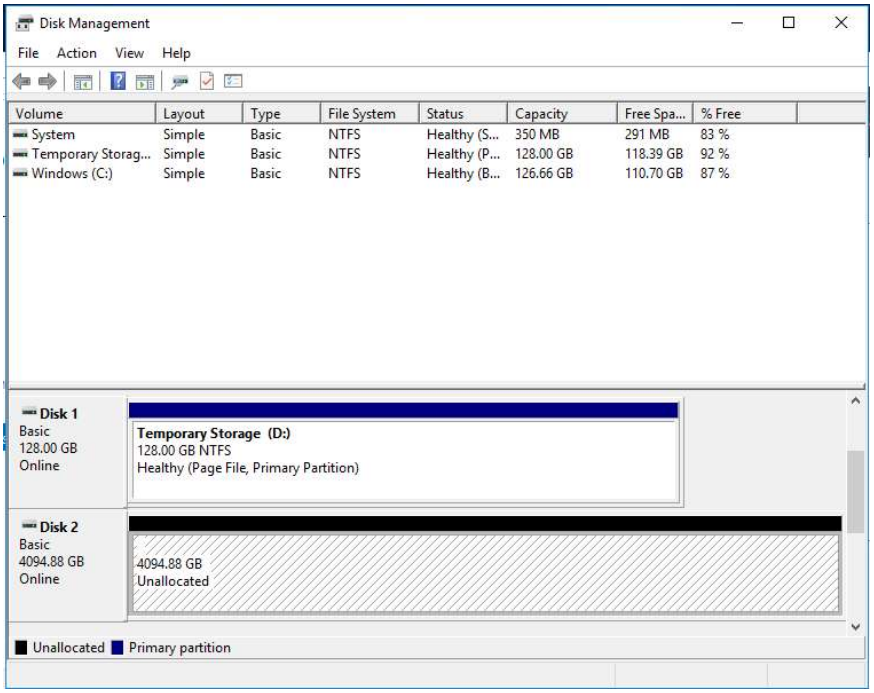


12. Repeat Add IP configurations steps If you need more public IP addresses.

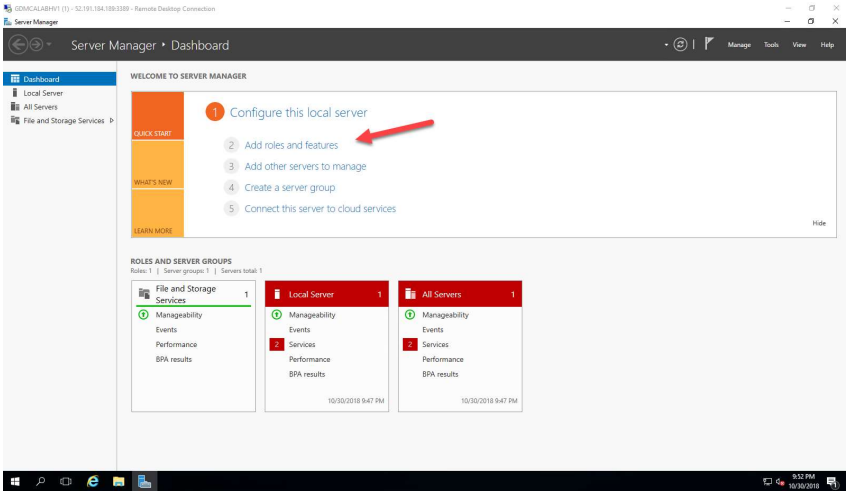


Enable Hyper-V in the LAB Virtual Machine

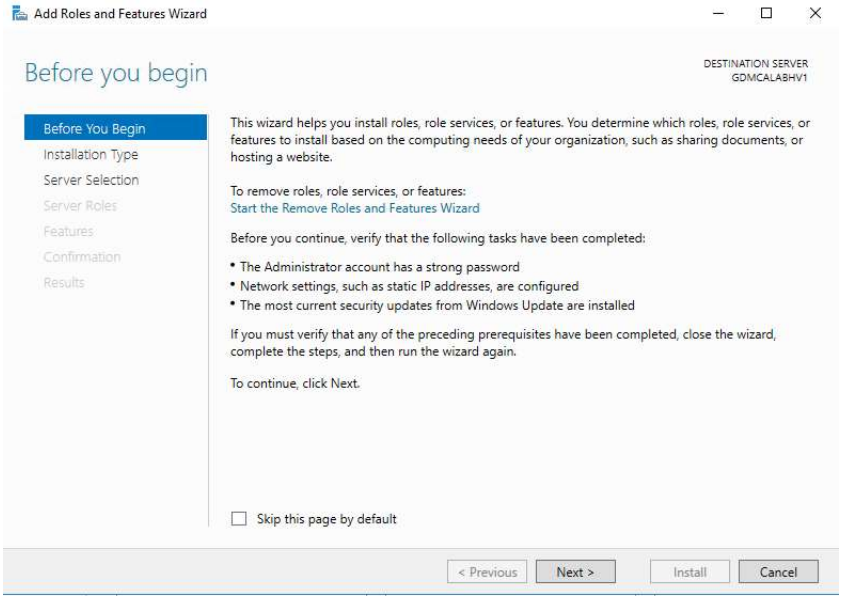
1. Start Azure virtual machine and log in.
2. Open Disk Management to partition and format for your new 4TB storage space. (Use ReFS + 64 KB Block Size.)



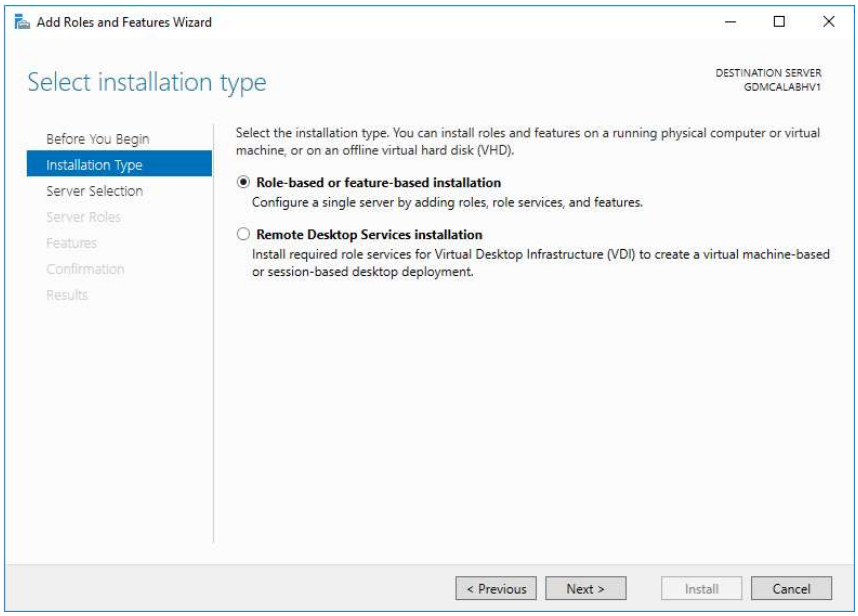
3. On the Server Manager Dashboard, click Add roles and feature.



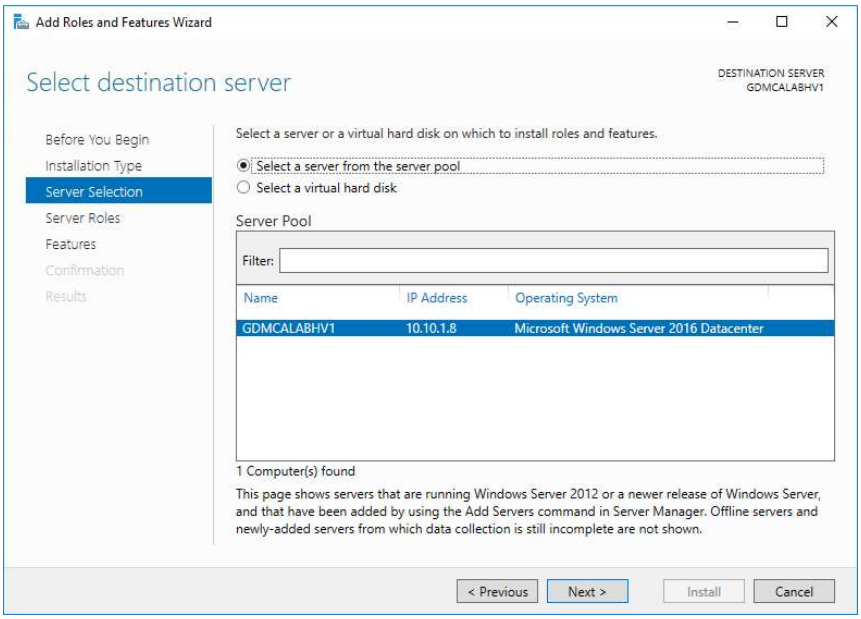
4. On the Before you begin page, click Next.



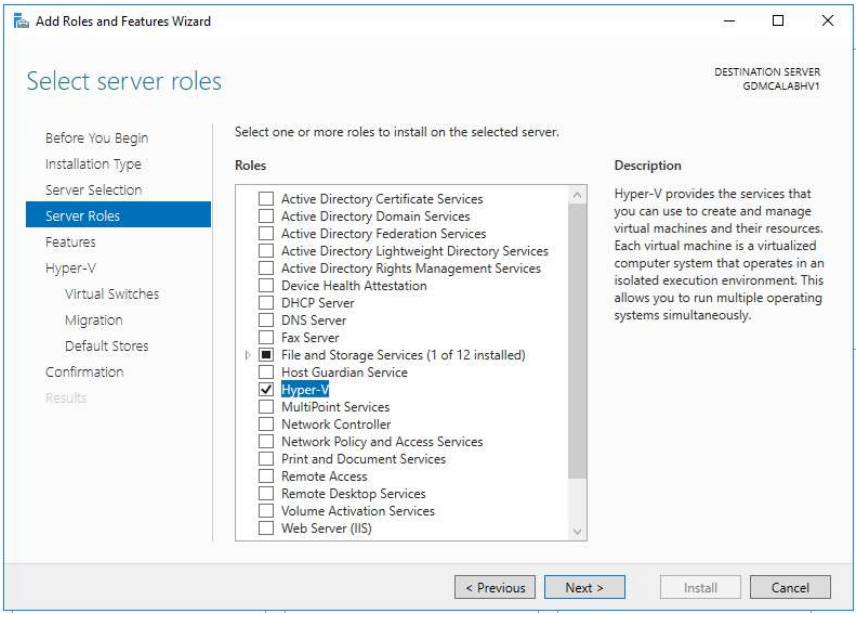
5. On the Select installation type, select Role-based or feature-based installation and then click Next.



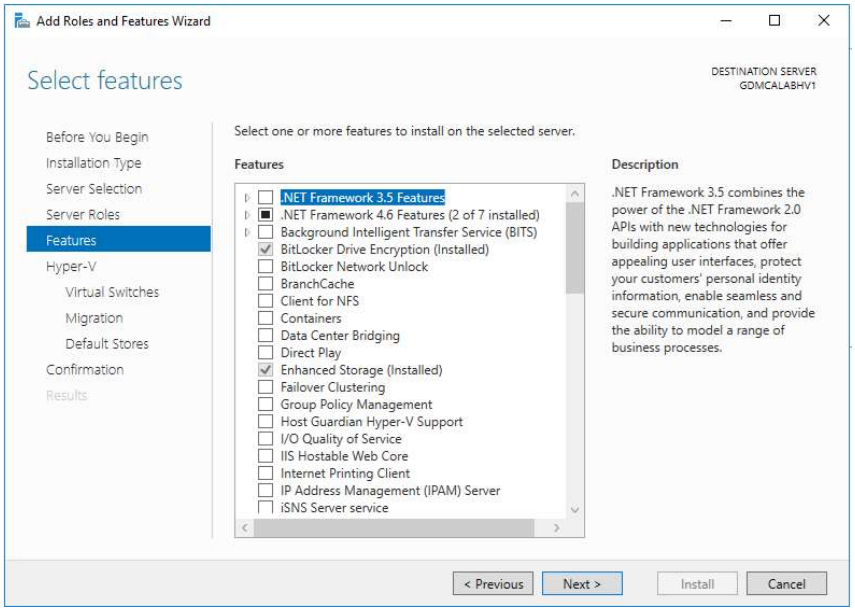
6. On the Select destination server page, click Next.



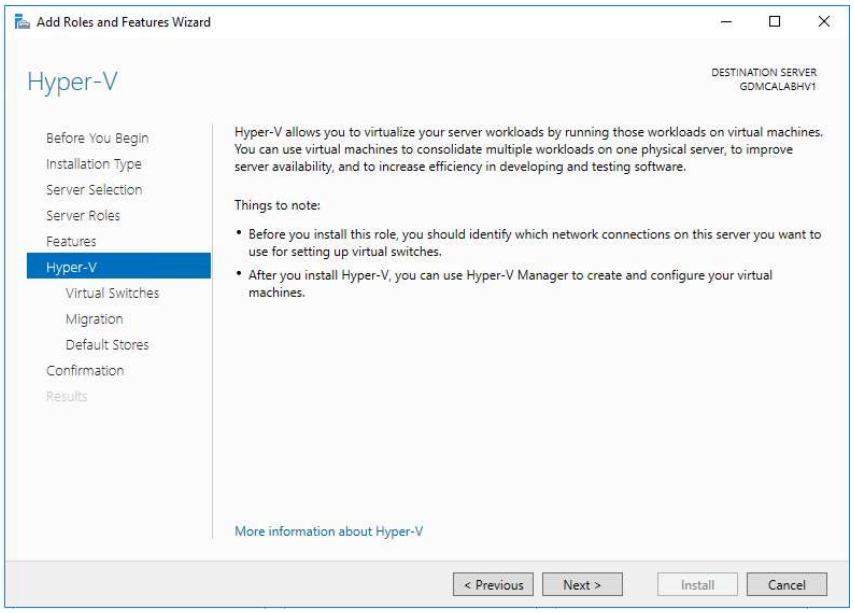
7. On the Select server roles page, select Hyper-V, click Add Features and then click Next.



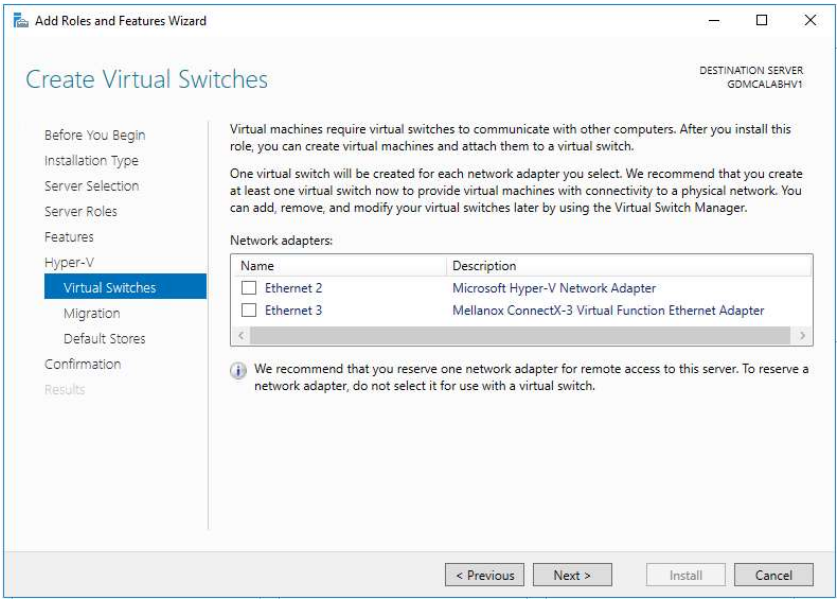
8. On the Select features page, click Next.



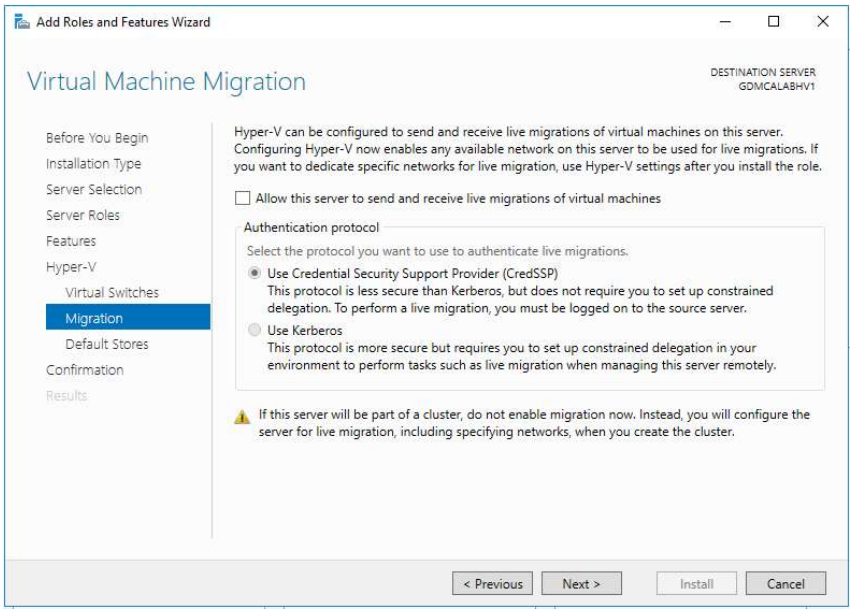
9. On the Hyper-V page, click Next.



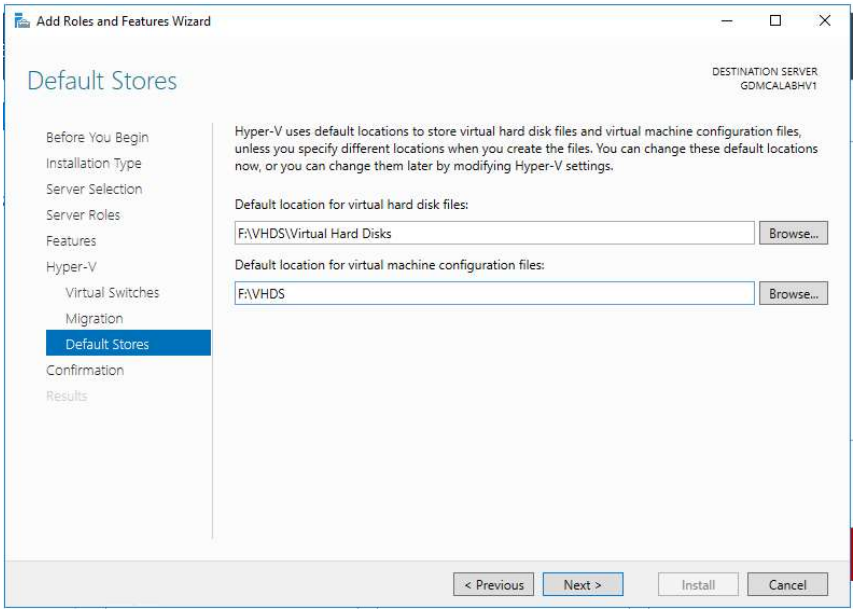
10. On the Create Virtual Switches page, don't select any interface and click Next.



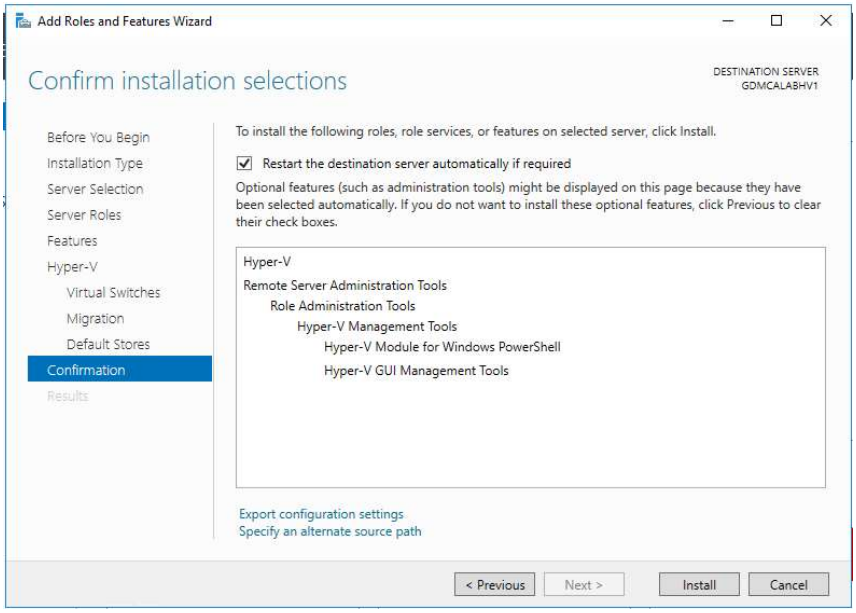
11. One the Virtual Migration page, click Next.



12. On the Default Stores page, you can change the default location to your new 4TB storage space and then click Next.

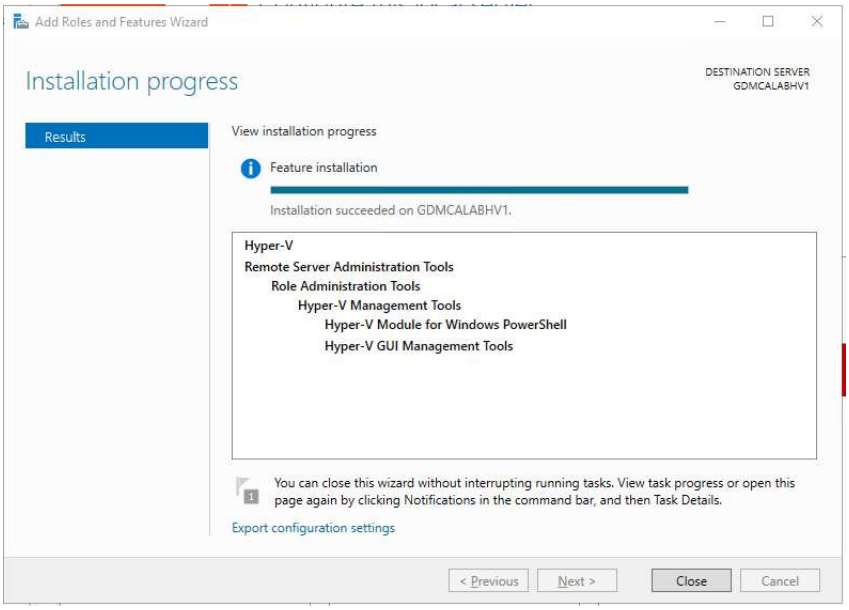


13. On the Confirm installation selections page, select Restart the destination server automatically if required and then click install.



14. Login to Azure Virtual machine after it restarted.

15. On the installation progress page, click Close.



Configuring NAT Networking with one Public IP Address

To configure NAT Networking, we need to create an Internal Virtual Switch for nested guest VMs. In general, there are two options for networking with nested virtual machines, MAC Address Spoofing, and NAT networking. Unfortunately, MAC Address Spoofing is not possible in a public cloud environment. So, If you are using an Azure virtual machine network interface as your Hyper-V external virtual switch and have assigned it to nested guest VMS, the guest VMs won't be able to access the Internet. At this point, we have no choice, but to use NAT networking.

The steps below show how to configure a NetNat Virtual Switch with a single Public IP Address.

1. We can create an internal virtual switch and create NAT rules via Powershell cmdlet as follow:

```
NNew-VMSwitch -Name "NATNetwork" -SwitchType Internal
Get-NetAdapter
New-NetIPAddress -IPAddress 192.168.100.1 -PrefixLength 24 -
InterfaceIndex 14
New-NetNat -Name "NATNetwork" -InternalIPInterfaceAddressPrefix
192.168.100.0/24
```