

A Penetration Tester's Guide to the Azure Cloud

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Key direction

- + Understand main Azure components and concepts.
- + Familiarise with Azure's key security features.
- Explore penetration testing capability in Azure.
- + Demonstrate Azurite.



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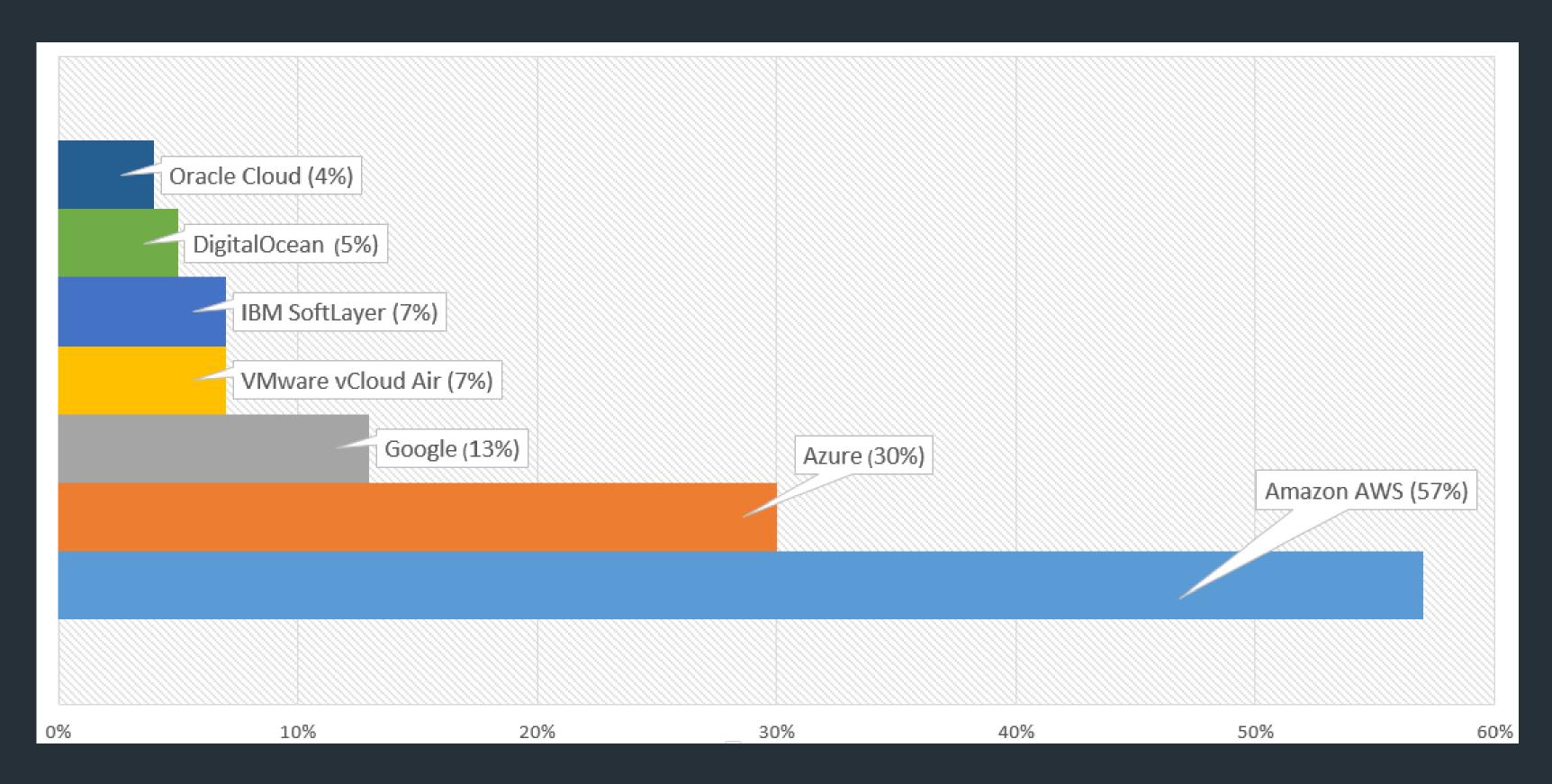
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Cloud Services Trends, Challenges & Azure

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How is the use of public Cloud services distributed this year?



Source: RightScale 2016 State of the Cloud Report



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Cloud Computing Challenges

- Security Are there appropriate security controls to secure the deployments?
- + Compliance Can companies store sensitive data (e.g. PII, payment data) in the Cloud?
- + Trust/Privacy Can companies trust the Cloud provider with their assets?
- + Governance Do Cloud services provide appropriate controls to monitor and control the security of the systems?



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Azure Service Models & Responsibilities

On-premises	laaS	PaaS	SaaS
Application	Applications	Applications	Applications
Data	Data	Data	Data
Runtime	Runtime	Runtime	Runtime
Middleware	Middleware	Middleware	Middleware
O/S	O/S	O/S	O/S
Virtualisation	Virtualisation	Virtualisation	Virtualisation
Servers	Servers	Servers	Servers
Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
Networking	Networking	Networking	Networking
	Tenant Manages	Azure Manages	



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Azure Deployment

- Subscription
- + Deployment models:
 - Classic Based on cloud services
 - Azure Resource Manager (ARM) Based on resource groups
- + Regions (e.g. East US)
- + Templates
- + Extensions (e.g. Microsoft Antimalware)



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Azure Management

- Web Access Azure Management Portal (Classic Mode)
 & Azure Portal (Classic and Resource Manager Modes)
- API Access Azure Service Management (ASM) & Resource Manager (ARM) REST APIs
- Command-line Access Azure PowerShell & Azure
 Client Tools
- + Traditional Clients RDP, WinRM & SSH

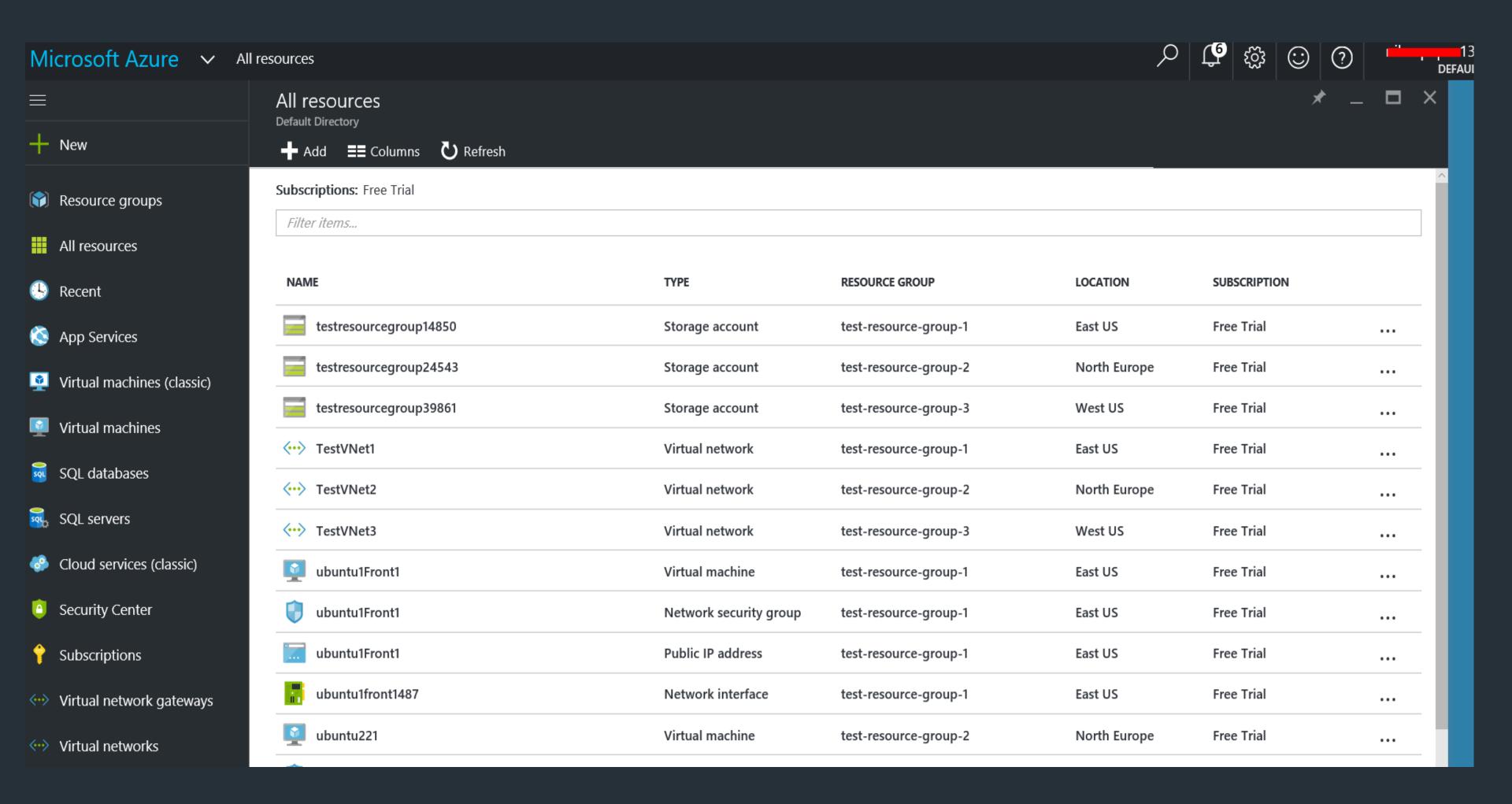
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Azure Portal





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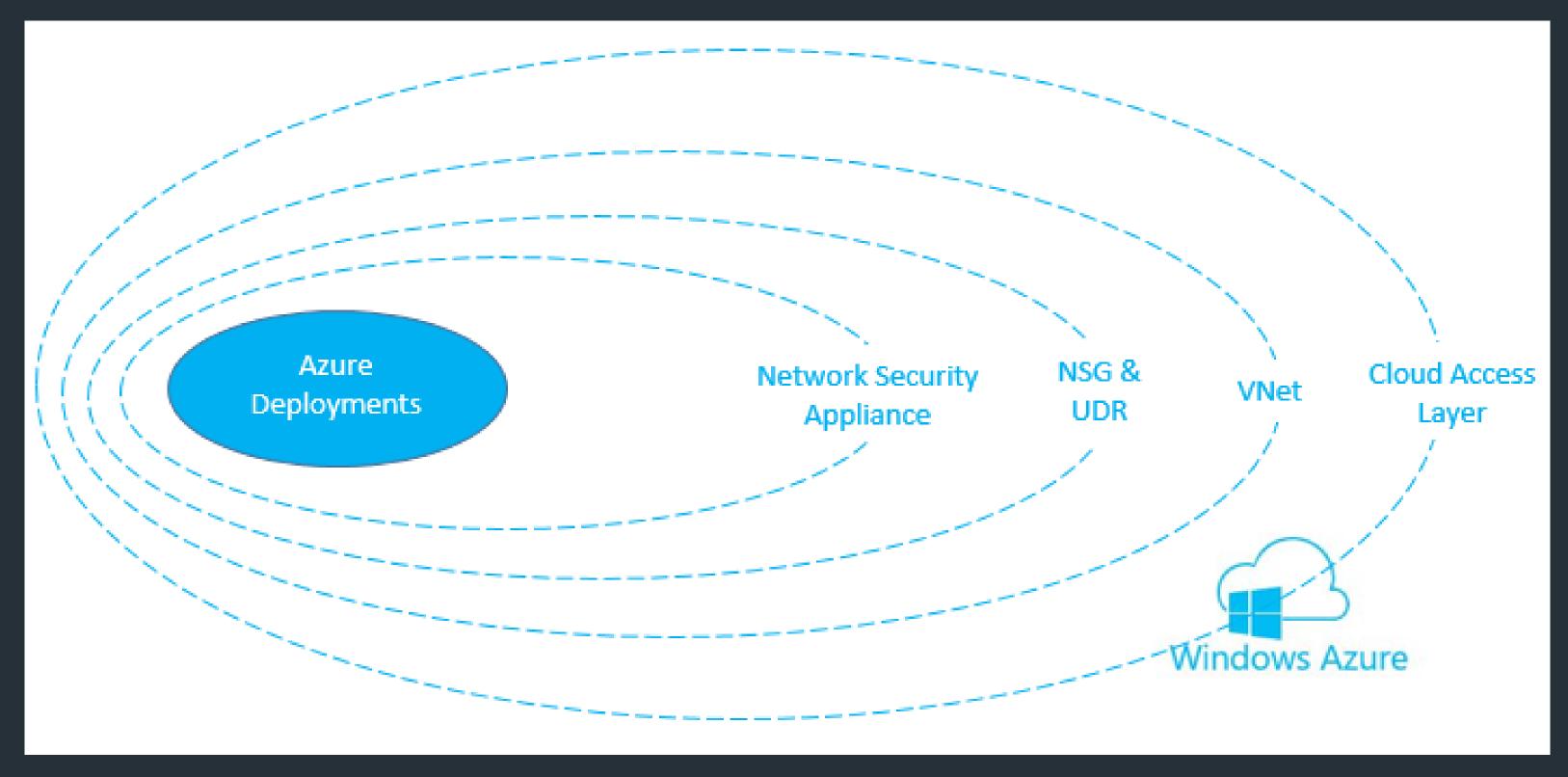
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Network Security

+ Azure provides controls to secure each network layer:



Source: Microsoft Azure







Cloud Access Layer

- + DDoS Protection
 - Offers DDoS protection against large-scale attacks. In case of attack customer resources are served from different location (DC or region).
 - Transparent protection Not accessible/configurable from customers.
 - Tenant responsible for the DDoS protection of their individual applications/infrastructure (e.g. in case they experience a targeted attack).
 - 3rd party solutions available as VMs to protect against targeted DDoS attacks (e.g. aiProtect)







Virtual Network (VNet)

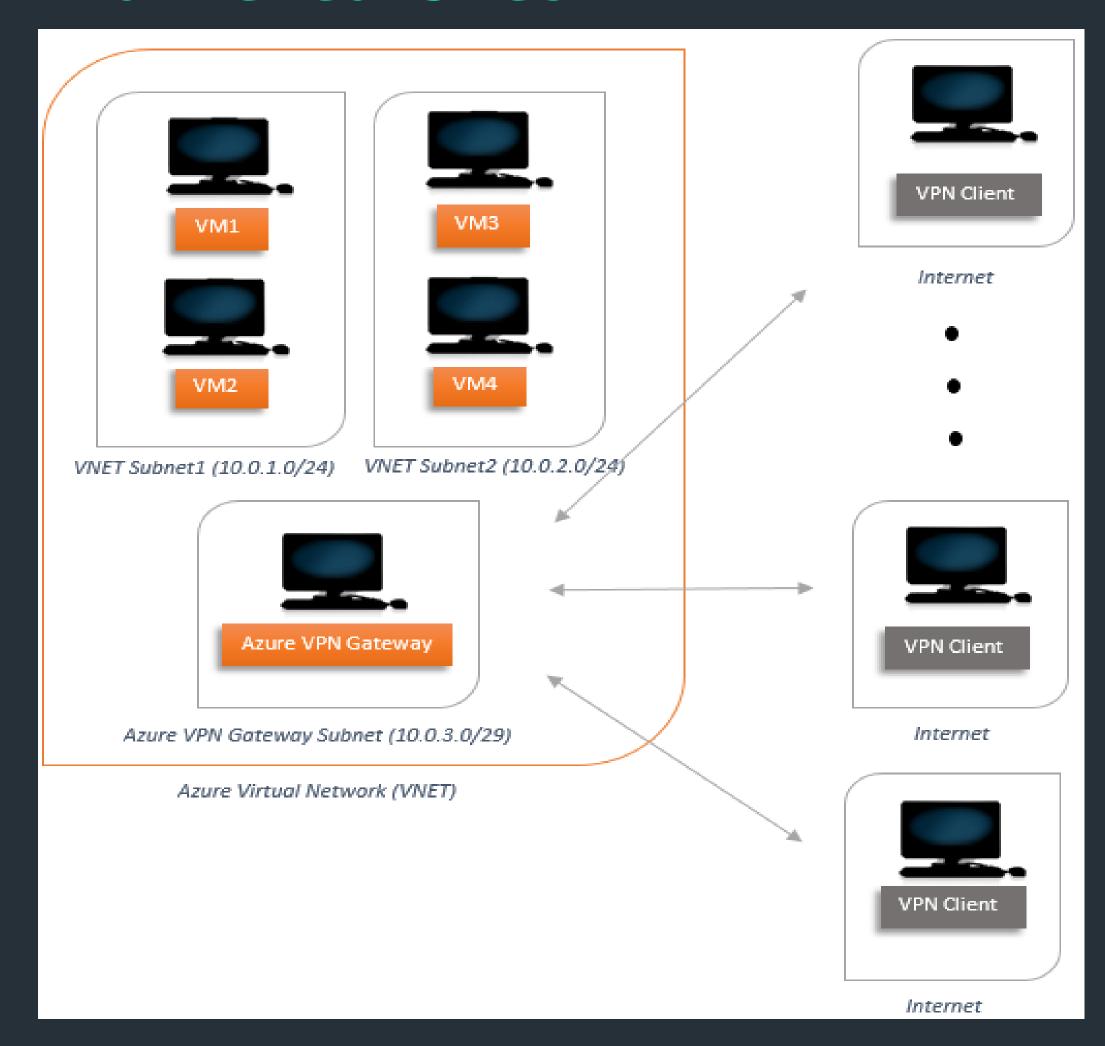
- + Network isolation/segregation
- Contains Subnets and Gateway Subnets
- Connectivity Scenarios
 - RDP/SSH/WinRM services exposed on the Internet
 - Point-to-Site VPN
 - Site-to-Site VPN
 - ExpressRoute

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VNet - Point-to-Site VPN



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- P2S VPN Connect to VNet Gateway in Classic & Resource Manager Models
- + Tenant to generate client certificate for authentication to VPN service.
- + In Classic model Download VPN client package from Azure Management Portal (Windows 32-bit & 64-bit supported).
- + In Resource Manager model PowerShell cmdlet
 - PS> Get-AzureRmVpnClientPackage
 - -ResourceGroupName [Resource Group]
 - -VirtualNetworkGatewayName [VNet Gateway]
 - -ProcessorArchitecture Amd64
- + Pentester to authenticate with the client certificate.

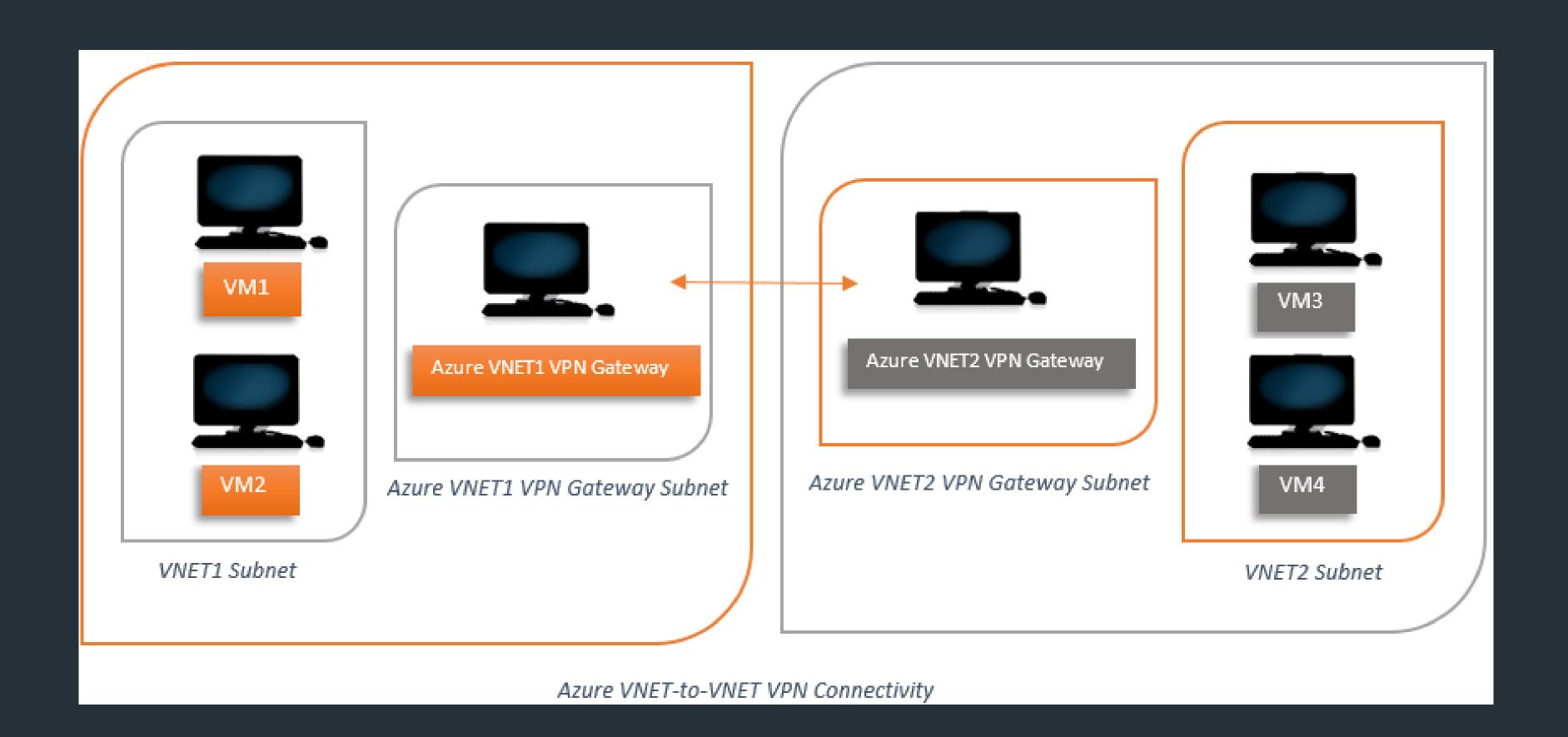


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VNet - Site-to-Site (S2S) VPN



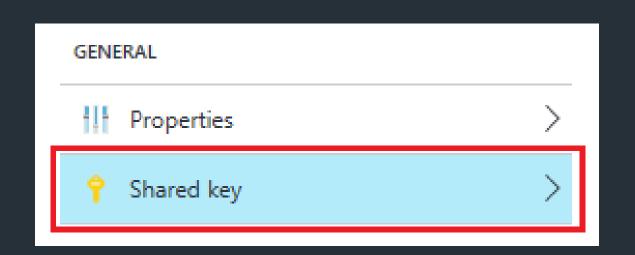
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VNet - Site-to-Site (S2S) VPN

+ VNet-to-VNet connection requires a Pre-Shared Key (PSK) for encryption. Can be found in cleartext in the connection 'Settings' pane:





<••>	Shared key TestVNET2-to-TestVNET4
F Save	X Discard
* Shar	ed key (PSK) © 7

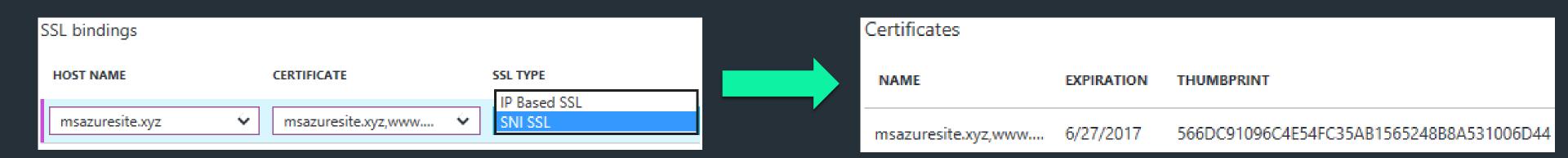






Transport Security - Web Apps

+ SSL/TLS Certificate



- IP-based or SNI-based
- + Extensions for 'Let's encrypt' CA support
- Extension to enforce HTTPS access.
- + Configuration to redirect from HTTP to HTTPS: https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/websites-configure-ssl-certificate/

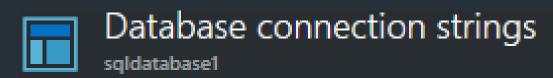


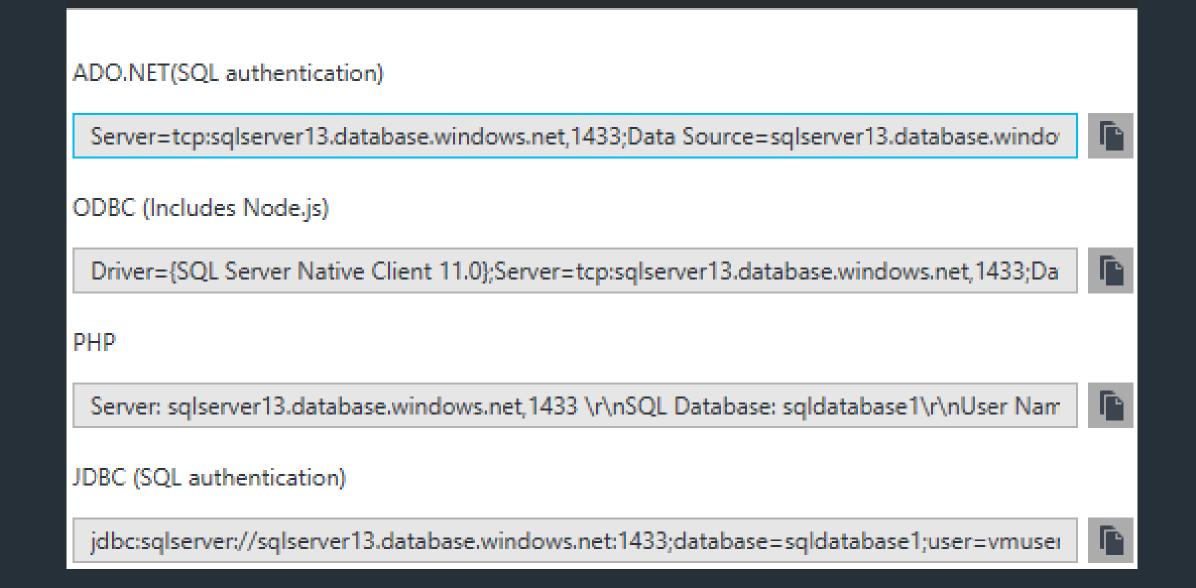




Transport Security - Azure SQL Database

+ Azure SQL Database connection strings









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Transport Security - Azure SQL Database

+ Azure SQL Database connection strings:

```
{Server=tcp:sqlserver13.database.windows.net,1433;Data
Source=sqlserver13.database.windows.net;Initial
Catalog=sqldatabase1;Persist Security Info=False;User
ID={your_username};Password={your_password};MultipleActi
veResultSets=False;Connection Timeout=30;
Encrypt=True;TrustServerCertificate=False;}
```

- TrustServerCertificate=False; #Always validate server's certificate Mitigate against MitM attacks
- Encrypt = True; # Encrypt all communications





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Network Security Virtual Appliances

- + IDS, IPS, WAF → 3rd party Virtual Machines (e.g. Barracuda Firewall, F5)
- + VPN appliances available in Azure's Marketplace





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- Network Access Control Network Security Groups (NSGs)
- Access control lists for Subnets and VMs (Classic) / NICs (Resource Manager)
- + Can be created once and be used multiple times.
- + Structure Source IP, Source Port, Destination IP, Destination Port, Protocol, Direction
- + When created, they contain default rules with very low priority.

PRIORITY	NAME	SOURCE	DESTINATION	SERVICE	ACTION
65000	AllowVnetInBound	VirtualNetwork	VirtualNetwork	Any/Any	Allow
65001	AllowAzureLoadBalancerInBound	AzureLoadBalancer	Any	Any/Any	Allow
65500	DenyAllInBound	Any	Any	Any/Any	Deny







Endpoint Access Control List (ACL)

- Applied at the endpoint (e.g. VM)
- Cannot co-exist with NSGs on a VM.
- + When created all access to VM is blocked.







User Defined Routing (UDR)

- Routing in Azure is performed automatically based on systems routes.
- UDR allows to specify routes when used in combination with 3rd party security appliances.
- VM acting as network appliance requires IP forwarding enabled.
- + Considered security best practice for defence-in-depth.

Azure Security Controls & Pentesting Network Access Control





Azure SQL Server & Database Firewall

- Exposed on the Internet on port 1433/tcp Hostname convention: <azuresqlservername>.database.windows.net
- + Connectivity to Azure SQL Server through SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS).
- + Firewall configuration allows only trusted IP addresses to connect to the server.

Firewall settings Allow access for specific IPs		
Save Discard Add client		
Allow access to Azure services	ON OFF	
Client IP address	.132	
RULE NAME	START IP	END IP







Azure SQL Server & Database Firewall

- + Firewall configuration can also be applied at the database level.
- + T-SQL command in the SSMS:

```
SQL> EXECUTE sp_set_database_firewall_rule N'MWR Test IP 1','1.2.3.4','1.2.3.4';
```

+ List configured database firewall rules in SSMS (T-SQL):

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM sys.database_firewall_rules;
```

	id	name	start_ip_address	end_ip_address	create_date	modify_date
1	1	MWR Test IP 1	.131	.131	2016-06-29 14:16:40.217	2016-06-29 14:16:40.217







Traffic in Azure

- + By default, Azure resources require to connect to Azure services to provide details about their status or request information e.g. DHCP request.
- Example: DHCP, DNS and Health monitoring: 168.63.129.16

118 19.149168607	10.0.1.4	168.63.129.16	TCP	74 36120 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=7087228 TSecr=0 WS=128
119 19.149595720	168.63.129.16	10.0.1.4	TCP	74 80 → 36120 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=847398678 TSecr=7087228
120 19.149617621	10.0.1.4	168.63.129.16	TCP	66 36120 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=7087228 TSecr=847398678
121 19.149652822	10.0.1.4	168.63.129.16	HTTP	212 GET /machine/?comp=goalstate HTTP/1.1
122 19.151113165	168.63.129.16	10.0.1.4	TCP	1494 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
123 19.151129366	10.0.1.4	168.63.129.16	TCP	66 36120 → 80 [ACK] Seq=147 Ack=1429 Win=32128 Len=0 TSval=7087228 TSecr=847398678

 Azure Datacentre IP address ranges: https://www.microsoft.com/engb/download/details.aspx?id=41653







Encryption

- + OS & disk encryption
 - Bitlocker for Windows
 - DM–Crypt for Linux
- + Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) for SQL Databases
- + Azure storage Blob encryption
- + Key management service → Azure Key Vault

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Azure Key Vault

- Cryptographic key management service
- Acts as secure container for keys and secrets:
 - Keys Cryptographic keys, stored encrypted in HSM (powered by Thales) or Software.
 - Secrets SSL/TLS certificates, passwords, connection strings.
 - Azure services do not have access to the keys unless specifically instructed (e.g. access keys to boot encrypted OS)
 - Keys do not leave the region of the Key Vault.
 - Keys are not exportable.
 - Key Encryption Key (KEK) adds additional layer of security.





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Azure Key Vault - Properties

+ Retrieve Key Vault 'test-key-vault-1' configuration:

```
PS> Get-AzureRmKeyVault -VaultName 'test-key-vault-1'
```

+ Can Azure services access it?

```
[...] Enabled For Disk Encryption? : True [...] # Key vault was created with '-enabledForDiskEncryption'
```

+ Review "Access Policies" property for assigned permissions:

```
e.g. Access Policies
    [...]
    Permissions to Keys : all # Access
permission for keys
    Permissions to Secrets : all # Access
permissions for secrets
```

Azure Security Controls & Pentesting Encryption





Azure Key Vault - Key Properties

+ Retrieve Key Vault's key 'test-key-vault-1-kek-1' configuration:

```
PS> Get-AzureKeyVaultKey -Name test-key-vault-1-kek-1 -VaultName test-key-vault-1
```

+ Key type:

```
[...] "kty":"RSA" [...]
```

- RSA: Keys (2048-bit RSA key) processed by Key Vault software encrypted at-rest with encryption key located at Azure's HSM.
- RSA-HSM: Key (2048-bit RSA key) stored in Thales HSM.
- + Key operations:

```
[...] "key_ops":["encrypt","decrypt","sign","verify","wrapKey","unwrapKey"] [...]
```

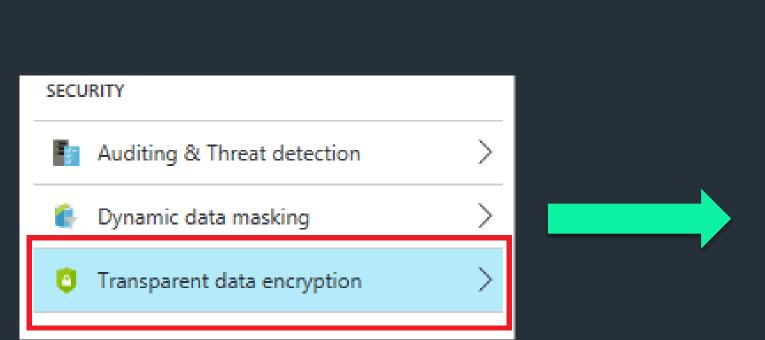
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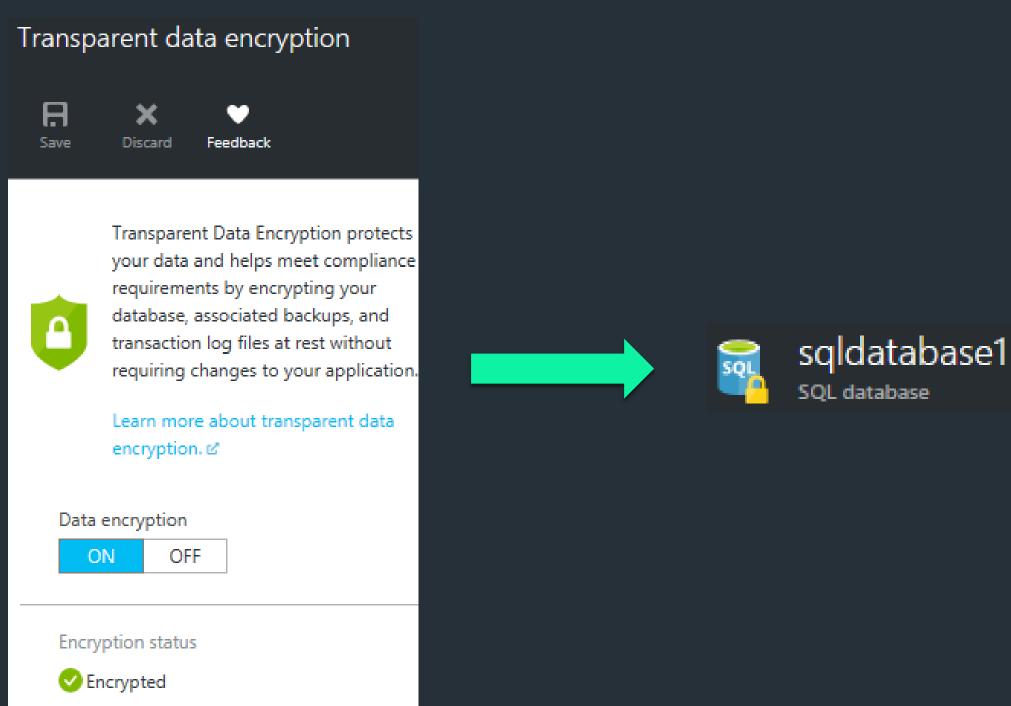




Azure SQL Database

+ Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) for SQL databases – Configuration through Azure Portal "Settings" pane:





Azure Security Controls & Pentesting Encryption





Azure SQL Database

 Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) for SQL databases – Encrypt through SSMS:

```
SQL> ALTER DATABASE [database_name] SET ENCRYPTION ON; # Azure SQL Database level
```

+ Authoritative way to review encryption status in the DB:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM sys.dm_database_encryption_keys;
```

Output:

	database_id	encryption_state	create_date	regenerate_date	modify_date	set_date	opened_date	key_algorithm	key_length	encryptor_thumbprint	encryptor_type
1	2	3	2016-07-10 20:09:28.457	2016-07-10 20:09:28.457	2016-07-10 20:09:28.457	1900-01-01 00:00:00.000	2016-07-10 20:09:28.457	AES	256	0x	ASYMMETRIC KEY
2	5	3	2016-06-29 09:39:08.503	2016-06-29 09:39:08.503	2016-06-29 09:39:08.503	2016-06-29 09:39:13.707	2016-07-10 20:09:28.457	AES	256	515B	CERTIFICATE

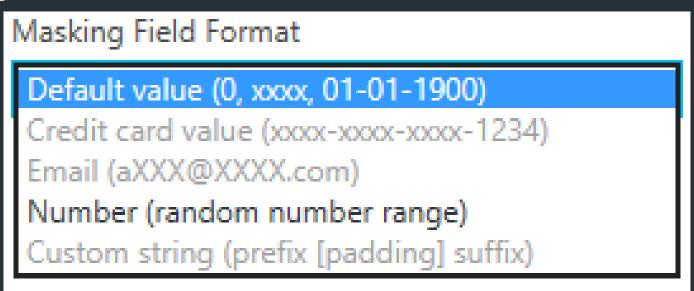




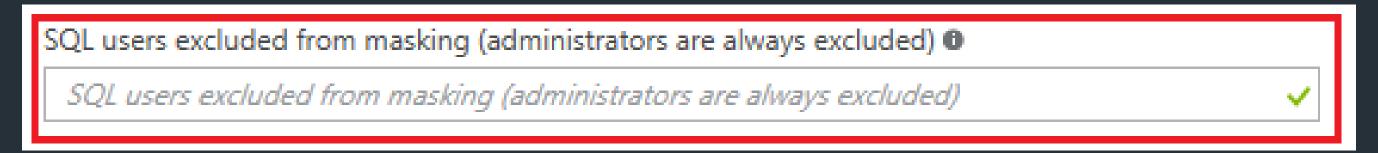


Database Data Masking

- + Azure SQL database supports data masking at column level.
- + Various masking formats based on the data:



 Admins and specified users can view the data unmasked – defined in each masking rule:



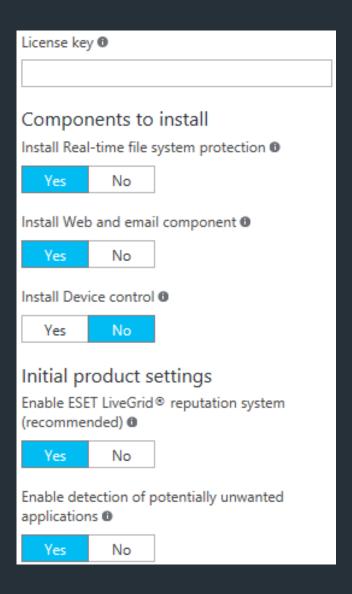
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Endpoint Protection

- Anti-virus & Anti-Malware
 Extensions
 - ESET File Protection
 - Deep Security Trend Micro
 - Microsoft Antimalware



EXCLUDED	FILES AND LOCATIONS	0
EXCLUDED	FILE EXTENSIONS 0	
EXCLUDED	PROCESSES 0	
REAL-TIME	PROTECTION ®	
Enable	Disable	
RUN A SCH	HEDULED SCAN ®	
Enable	Disable	
SCAN TYPE	0	
Quick	Full	
SCAN DAY	0	
Saturday		~
SCAN TIME	0	
120		

Azure Security Controls & Pentesting - Backup Security

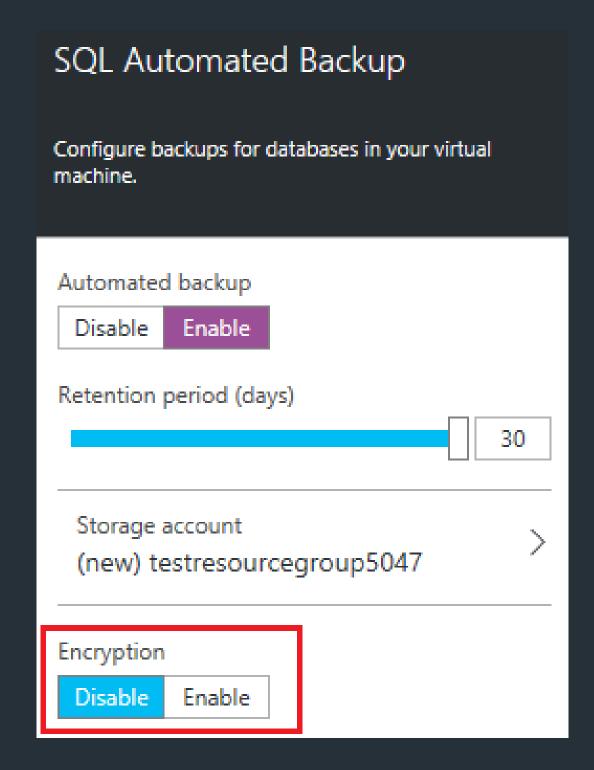


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Backup Security

 MSSQL – Configuration during VM creation:











Access Controls

- + Classic model
- + Role Based Access Control (RBAC) Resource Manager model
- + Azure Active Directory Identities
- + 3rd Party Authentication/Authorisation SSO
- + Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)

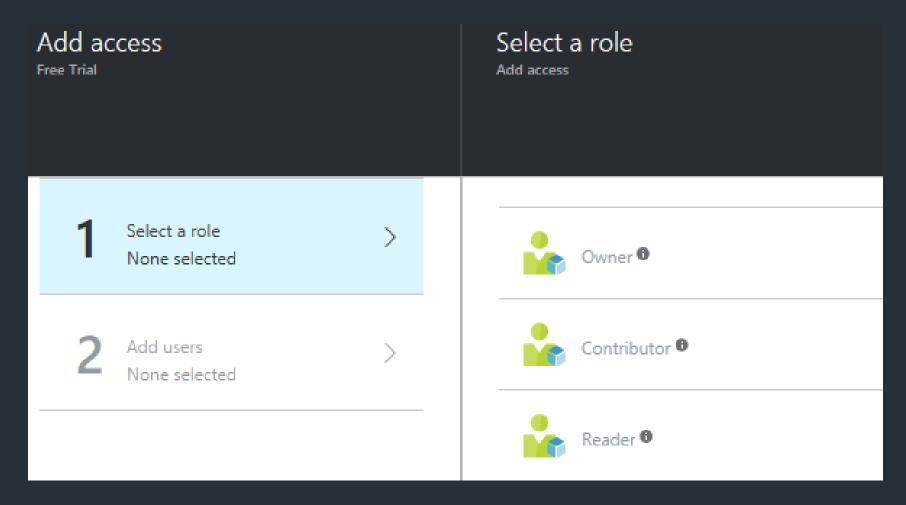






Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Fine-grained access configuration



+ Service administrators (Classic model) inherit 'Owner' user role:

USE	R		ROLE	ACCESS
		Subscription admins 0	Owner	Inherited

Azure Security Controls & Pentesting Access Controls



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- Authentication/Authorisation Azure SQL Database
- Administrator dbo (member of the db_owner group)
- + Other Groups:
 - db_datareader Grants read access to every table in the database.
 - dbmanager Permissions to create new databases.
 - db_owner Full control of a database.

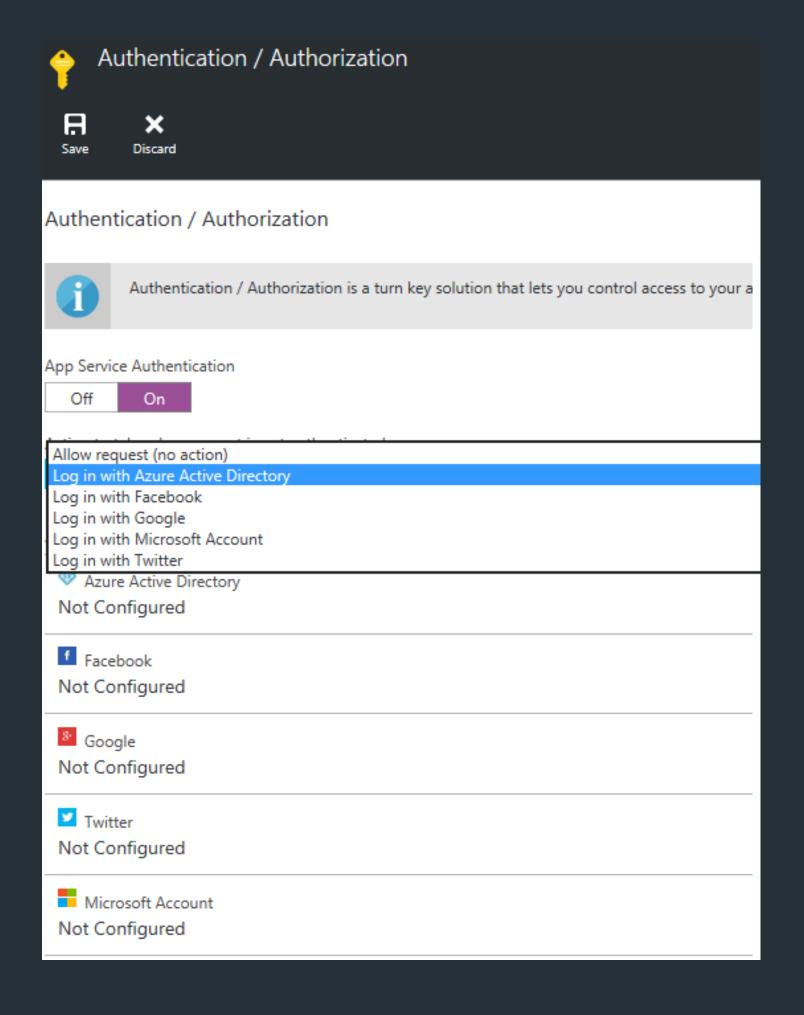
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Authentication/Authorisation - Web Apps



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Scanning Azure Services Externally

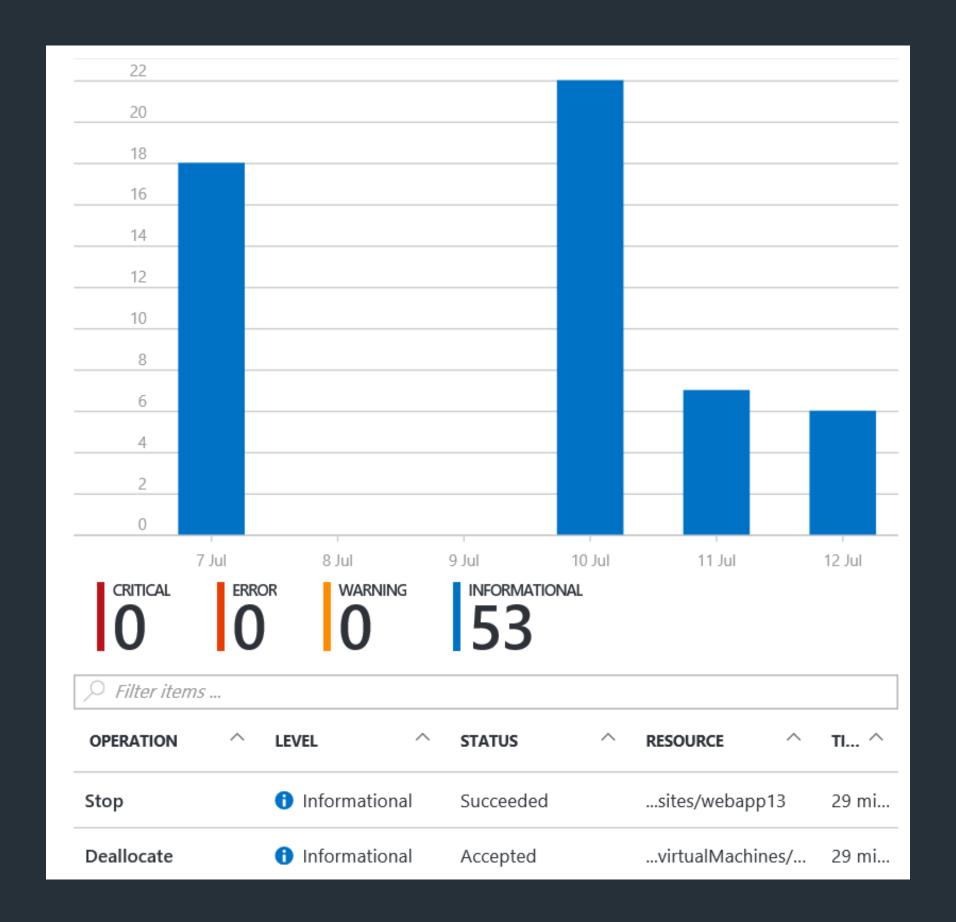
- + Vnet Gateway (65535 ports TCP, 1000 ports UDP)
 - 443/tcp, 8443/tcp, 8444/tcp, 10001/tcp, 10002/tcp, 20000/tcp
 - 500/udp Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
- Azure SQL Server (65535 ports TCP)
 - 443/tcp, 1433/tcp, 1434/tcp, 1439/tcp, 5002/tcp, 5022/tcp, 5024/tcp, 8000/tcp
 Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
- + Azure Web App (65535 ports TCP)
 - 80/tcp, 443/tcp, 454/tcp, 455/tcp, 1221/tcp, 4016/tcp, 4018/tcp, 4020/tcp Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Azure Security Controls & Pentesting – Auditing & Monitoring





Auditing & Monitoring



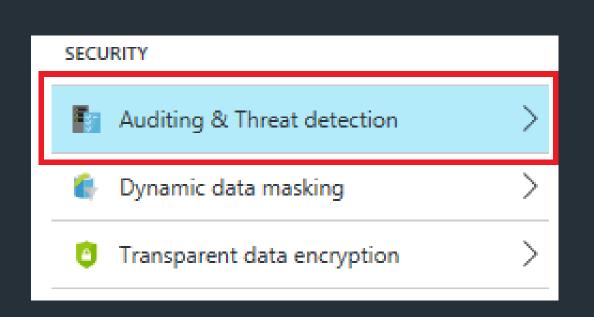
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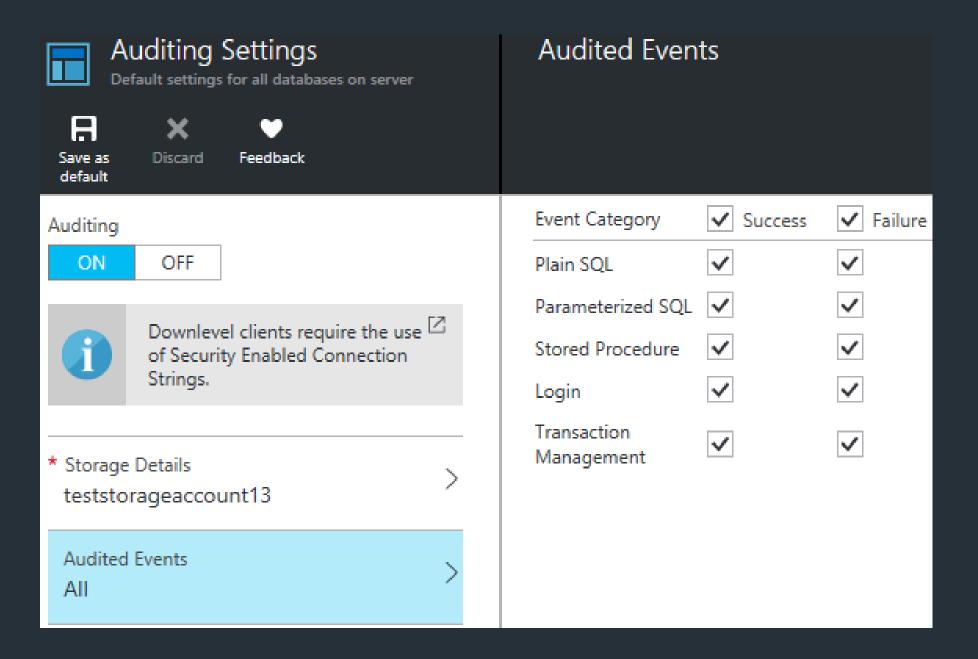




Auditing - Azure SQL Server

+ Auditing configuration





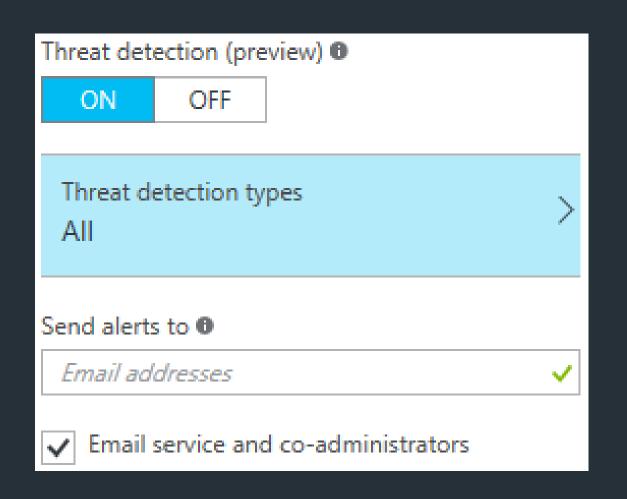






Threat Detection - Azure SQL Server

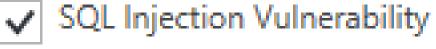
+ Threat detection



Threat detection types



✓	SQL	Inje	ction
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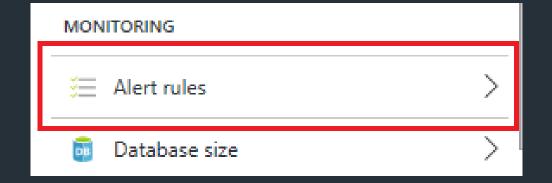
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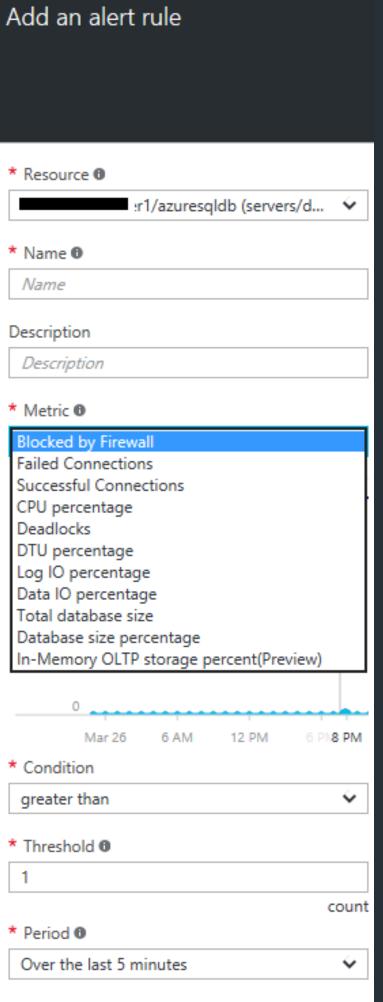


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Monitoring - Azure SQL Server

+ Monitoring of various events based on configured rules.





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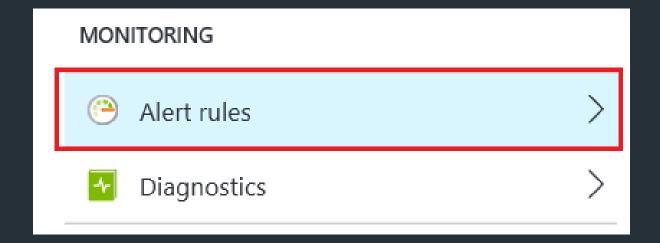
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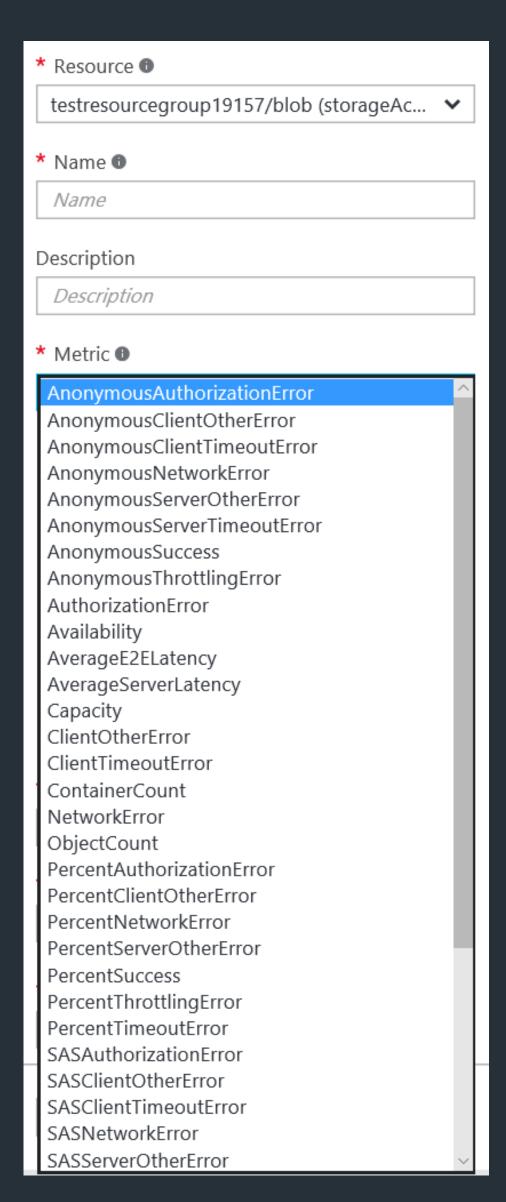




Monitoring - Azure Storage

+ Monitoring of various events based on configured rules.











Azure Security Centre

+ Prevention

- Centralised management of deployed security controls.
- Immediate mitigation of defects through the interface.

+ Detection

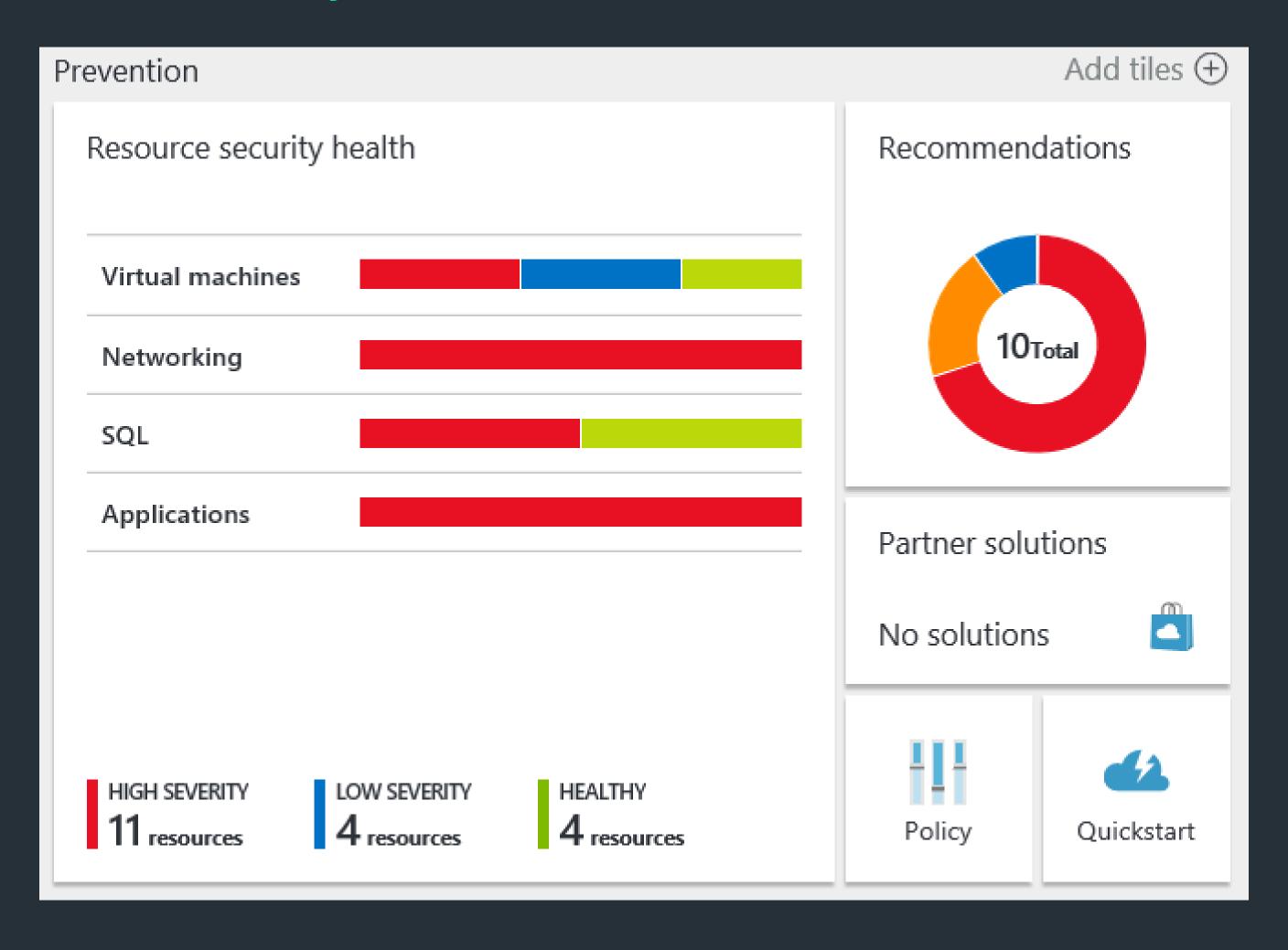
- Monitoring of systems' security status.
- Identification of potential threats.







Azure Security Centre - Prevention



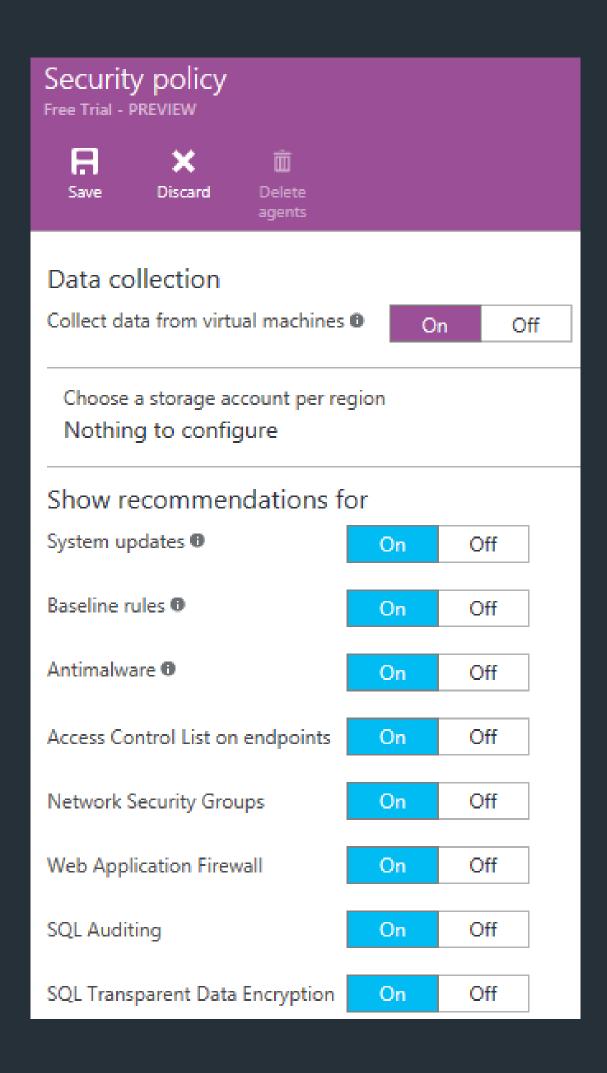
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Azure Security Centre - Prevention

- Security Policy
 - Recommendations based on specific security policy e.g. baseline rules, web application firewall
 - The results represent the health of the deployed resources.
 - Provides recommendations for remedial actions to be taken.









Azure Security Centre - Detection



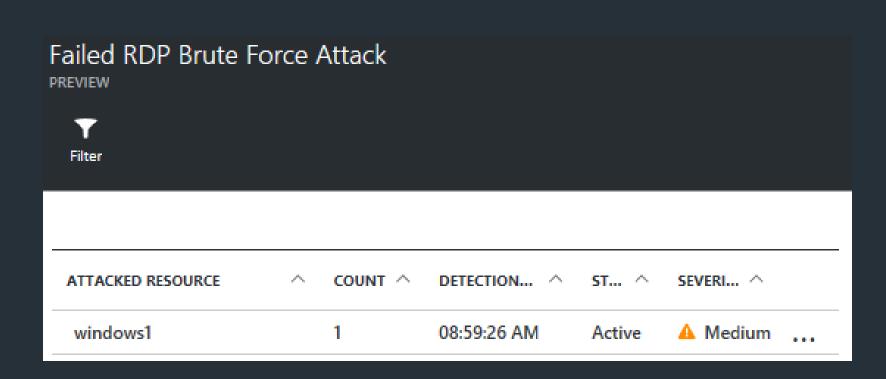
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Azure Security Centre - Detection

+ Detailed description of any unauthorised and/or malicious attempts and actions that took place to address an attack.



Several Remote Desktop login attempts were detected from Windows7, none of them succeeded. Event logs analysis shows that in the last 46 minutes there were 153 failed attempts. DESCRIPTION 152 of the failed login attempts aimed at non-existent 1 of the failed login attempts aimed at existing users. DETECTION TIME Friday, 1 July 2016 08:59:26 SEVERITY Medium STATE Active ATTACKED RESOURCE windows1 DETECTED BY Microsoft ACTION TAKEN Detected SOURCE Windows7 ALERT START TIME (UTC) 07/01/2016 07:13:55 NON-EXISTENT USERS **EXISTING USERS** FAILED ATTEMPTS 153 SUCCESSFUL LOGINS 0

46 minutes

Failed RDP Brute Force Attack

windows1 - PREVIEW

ATTACK DURATION

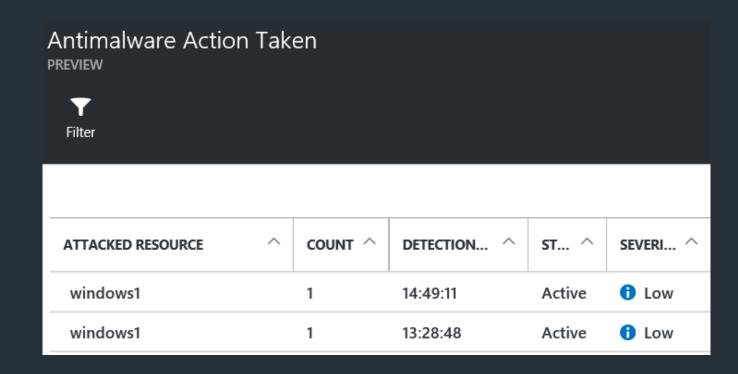
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Azure Security Centre - Detection

+ Integration with the Azure extensions and reporting of identified issues.



Antimalware Action Taken
windows1 - PREVIEW

Microsoft Antimalware has taken action to protect this machine from malware or other potentially unwanted software.

For more information please see the following:

http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?

linkid=37020&name=Virus:DOS/EICAR_Test_File&threa

tid=2147519003&enterprise=1

DESCRIPTION Name: Virus:DOS/EICAR_Test_File

ID: 2147519003 Severity: Severe Category: Virus

Path:

ws\INetCache\IE\PKETD7EM\eicar[1].com

Detection Origin: Internet

Detection Type

DETECTION TIME Friday, 1 July 2016 13:28:48

SEVERITY Low

STATE Active

ATTACKED RESOURCE windows1

DETECTED BY Microsoft Antimalware

ACTION TAKEN Blocked



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Azurite Explorer & Azurite Visualizer

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Azurite Explorer

+ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ntm-VagQiJQ





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Azurite Visualizer

+ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvzSc28_NLA





Conclusions

- Familiarisation with Azure terms, building blocks and security controls is required.
- + Azure provides various tools to support testing activities.
- + Azure provides functionality to apply best practices and secure deployments.
- Not the most mature Cloud platform, but it's getting there gradually at least from a security perspective.



PS> Listen-ToTheAudience

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https://labs.mwrinfosecurity.com

Azurite Explorer and
 Azurite Visualizer code on Github

https://github.com/mwrlabs/Azurite