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Connecting to Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL using an Azure private endpoint

Abstract

You can use an Azure private endpoint to securely and privately connect to your Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account on a virtual network. This article explains how to configure an Azure private endpoint in the Azure portal.

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Overview

A private endpoint is a network interface for an Azure service in your virtual network. When you create a private endpoint for your Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account, it provides secure connectivity between clients on your virtual network and your Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account. The private endpoint is assigned an IP address from the IP address range of your virtual network.

Before you connect to Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL using an Azure private endpoint, perform the following prerequisite tasks in Azure:

1. Create a network security group (optional).
2. Create a virtual network.
3. Add a subnet to the virtual network.
4. Create a virtual machine.
5. Create an Azure private endpoint.
6. Create a virtual network link.
7. Verify the Azure private endpoint configuration.

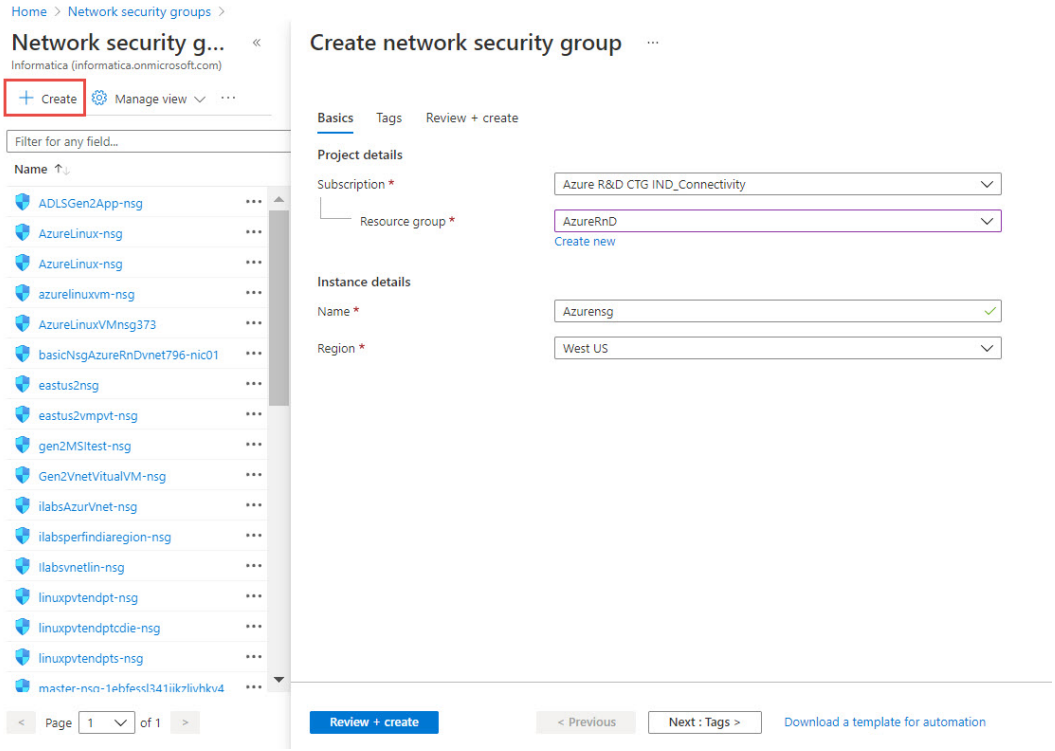
Create a network security group

Create a network security group to allow or deny access to Azure resources in an Azure Virtual Network.

A network security group consists of a set of access control rules that allow or deny access to the resources in an Azure Virtual Network. You can associate a network security group to subnets or individual network interfaces attached to virtual machines.

A network security group is not a mandatory requirement to use an Azure private endpoint.

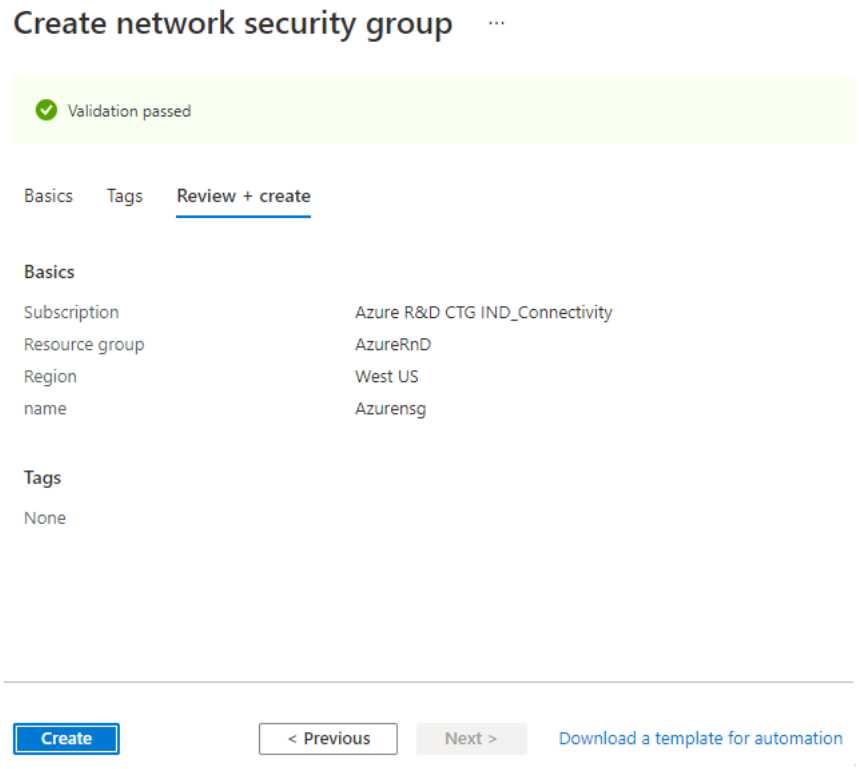
1. Log in to the Azure portal.
2. In the search box, enter **Network security groups** , and select **Network security groups** in the search results.
3. On the **Network security groups**, click **Create**.
4. On the **Basics** tab, enter the project and instance details.



   a. In the **Subscription** field, select your subscription for which you want to create the virtual network.
   b. In the **Resource group** field, select the resource group in which the Azure resources are deployed and managed.
   c. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the network security group.
   d. In the **Region** field, select the region.

      Note: Ensure that the network security group, the virtual network, and all the Azure resources are in the same region.

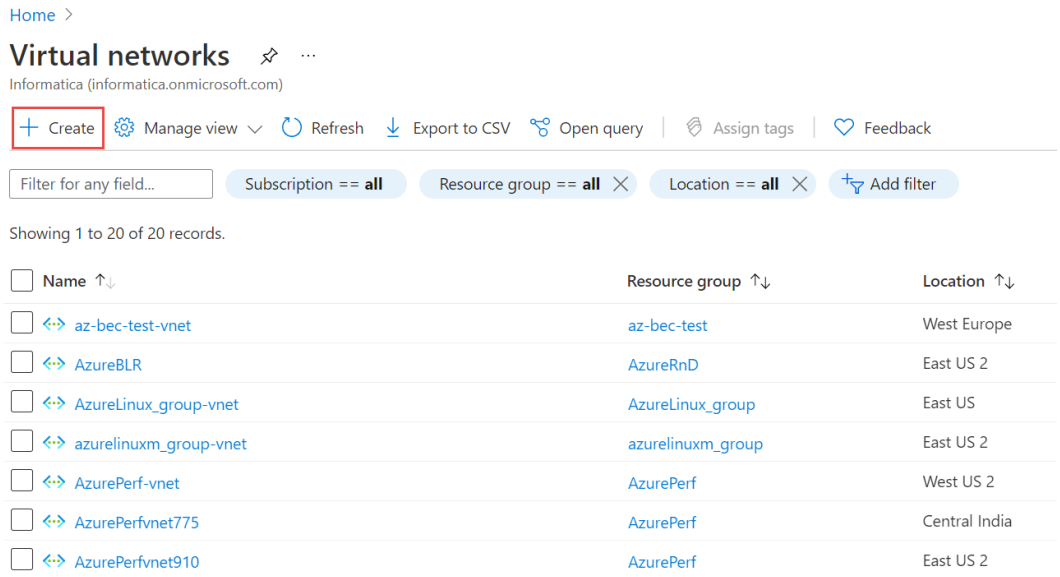
5. Click **Review + Create**, verify the configurations, and click **Create**.



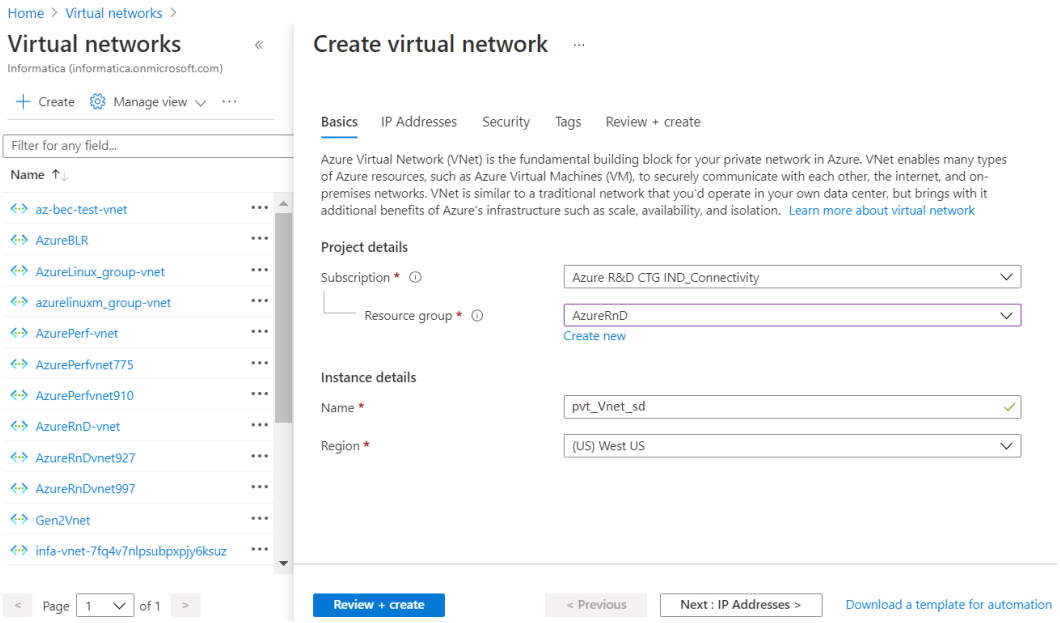
Create a virtual network

Create an Azure Virtual Network to allow Azure resources, such as Azure Virtual Machines, to securely communicate with each other, the internet, and on-premises networks.

1. In the search box, enter **Virtual networks**, and select **Virtual networks** in the search results.
2. On the **Virtual networks** page, click **Create**.



3. On the **Basics** tab, enter the project and instance details.



   a. In the **Subscription** field, select your subscription for which you want to create the virtual network.

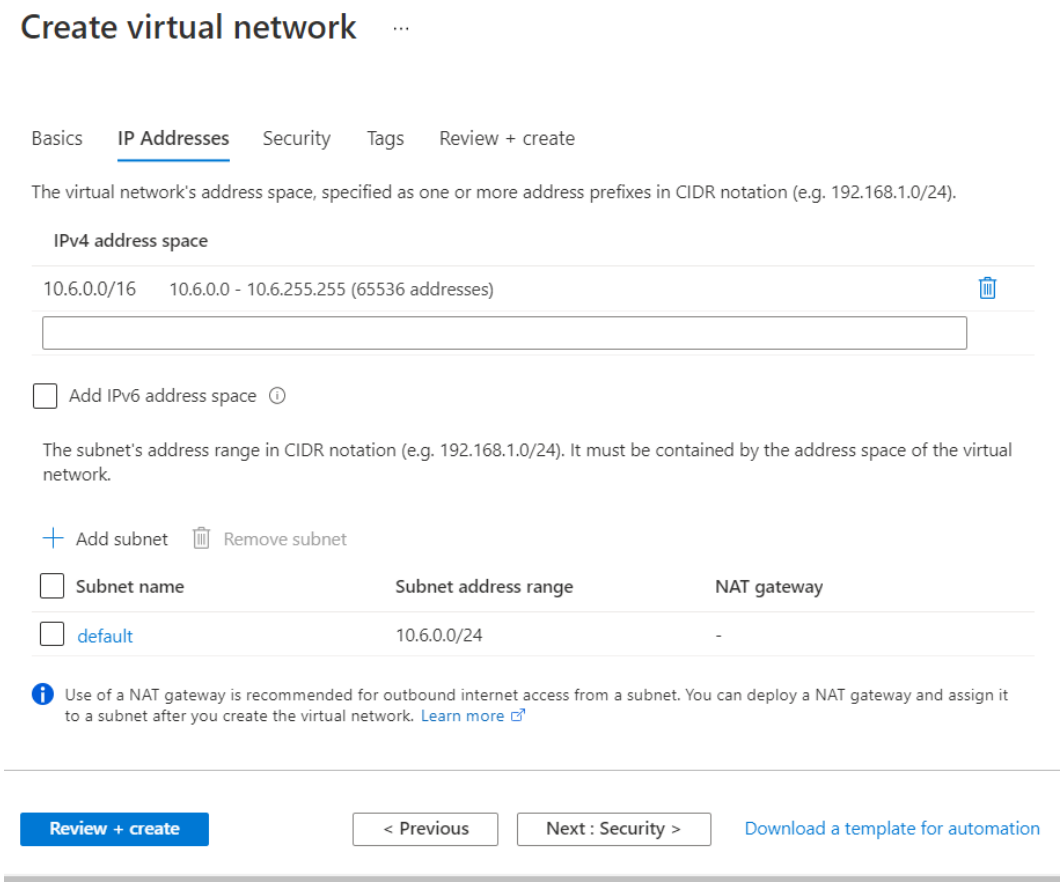
   b. In the **Resource group** field, select the resource group in which the Azure resources are deployed and managed.

   c. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the virtual network.

   d. In the **Region** field, select the region.

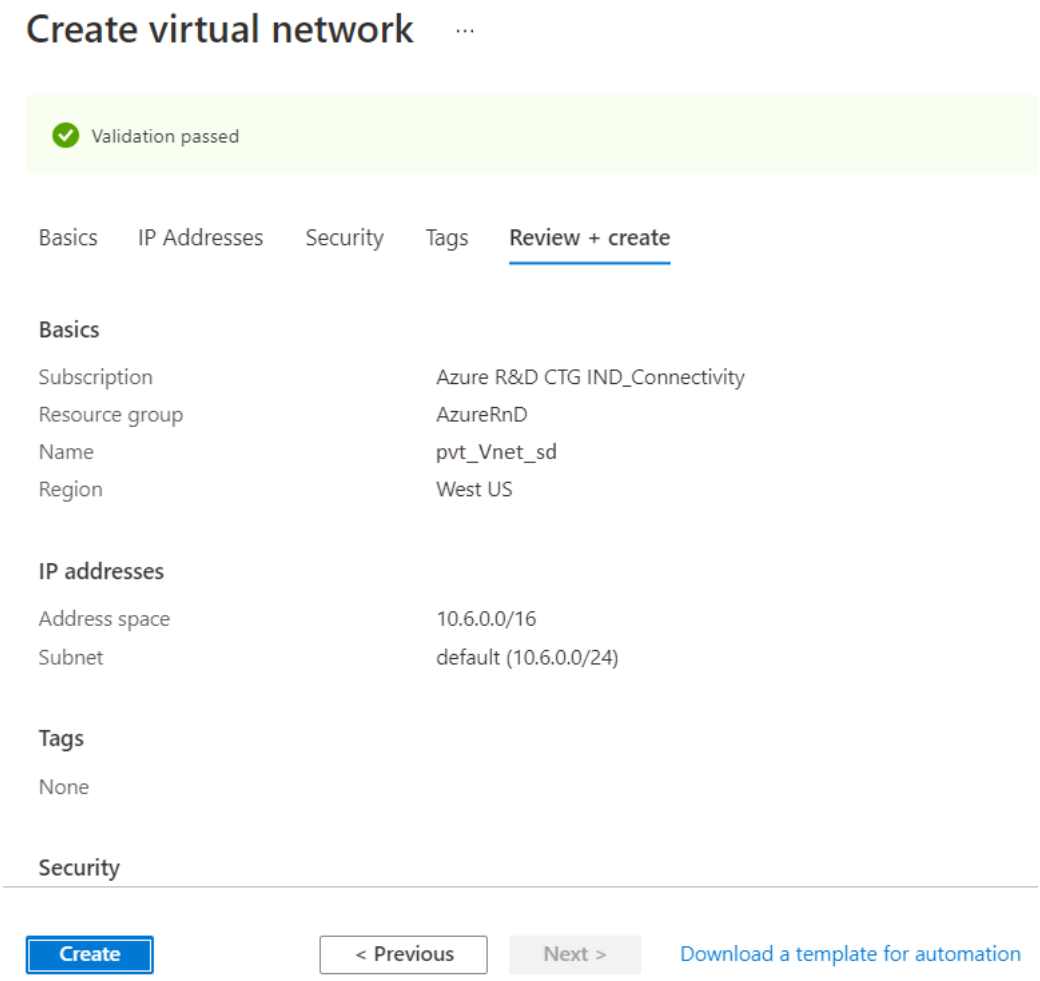
      Note: Ensure that the virtual network and all the Azure resources are in the same region.

4. Click **Next: IP Addresses**.
   The IP Addresses tab shows the IP address space of the virtual network and the address range of the subnet.



You can use the default subnet or add a new subnet. The subnet address range must be contained by the address space of the virtual network.

5. Click **Review + Create**, verify the configurations, and click **Create**.

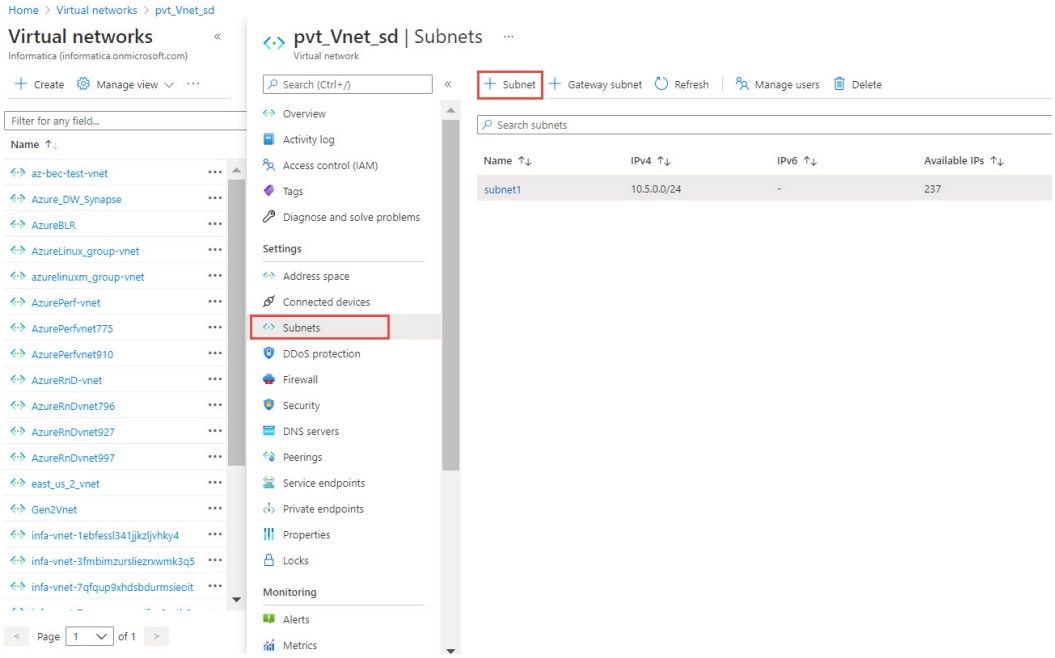


Add a subnet to the virtual network

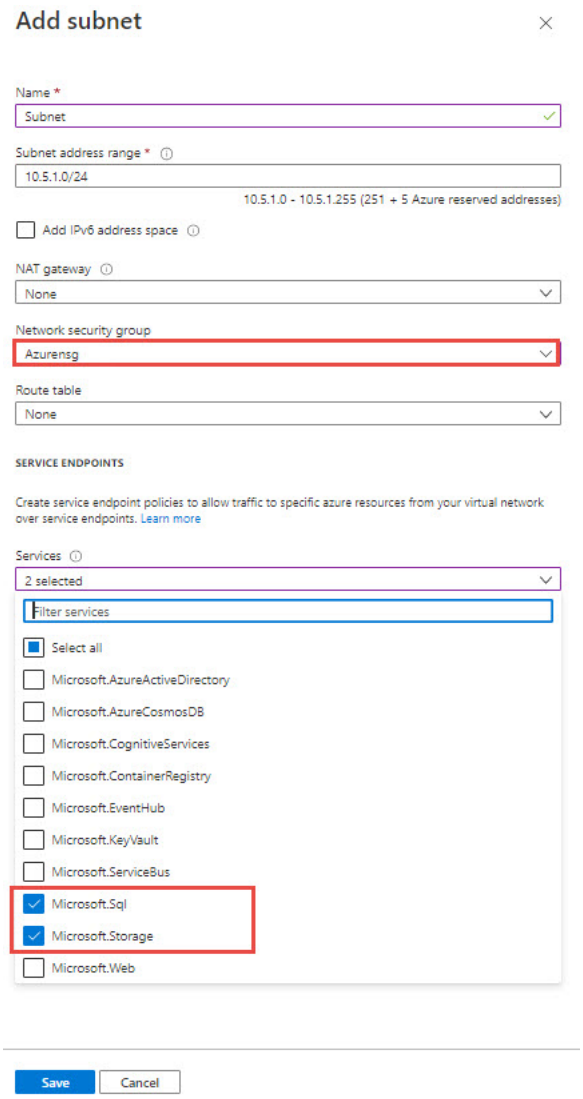
Add a subnet to the virtual network to deploy the Azure resources.

A subnet is a range of IP addresses in the virtual network. You can segment the virtual network into one or more sub-networks and allocate a portion of the virtual network's address space to each subnet. You can then deploy Azure resources in a specific subnet.

1. Go to the virtual network that you created.
2. Under **Settings**, click **Subnets**.



3. Click **Subnet**.
   The **Add subnet** page appears.

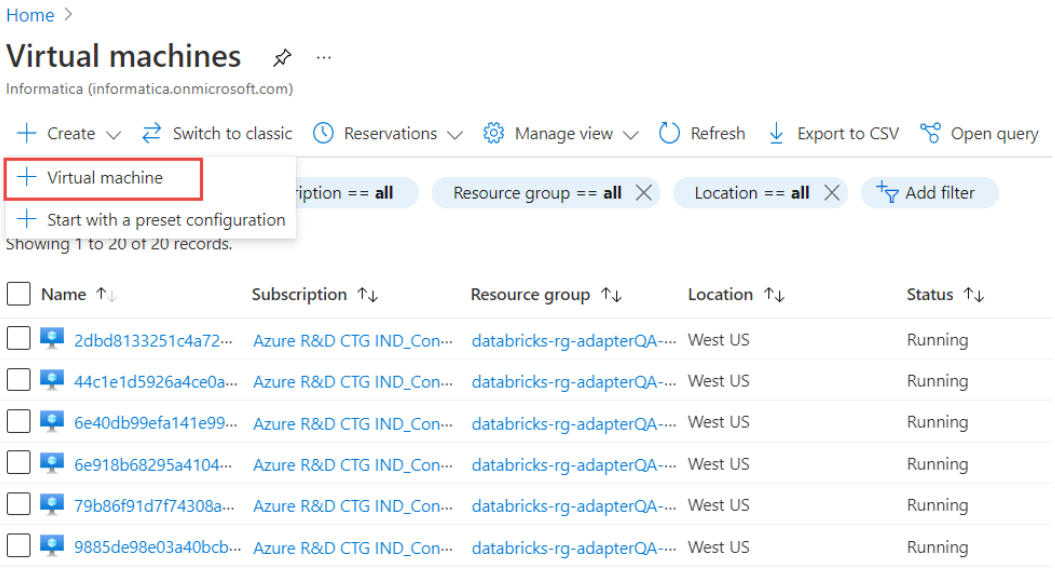


4. In the **Name** field, enter a name for the subnet.
5. In the **Subnet address range** field, you can specify an address range as per your requirement or use the default subnet address range .
   The subnet address range must be contained by the address space of the virtual network. You can't edit the address range of a subnet which is in use.
6. In the **Network security group** field, select the network security group that you created. If you don't want to use a network security group, select **None**.
7. In the **Services** field, select **Microsoft.Sql** and **Microsoft.Storage**
8. Click **Save**.

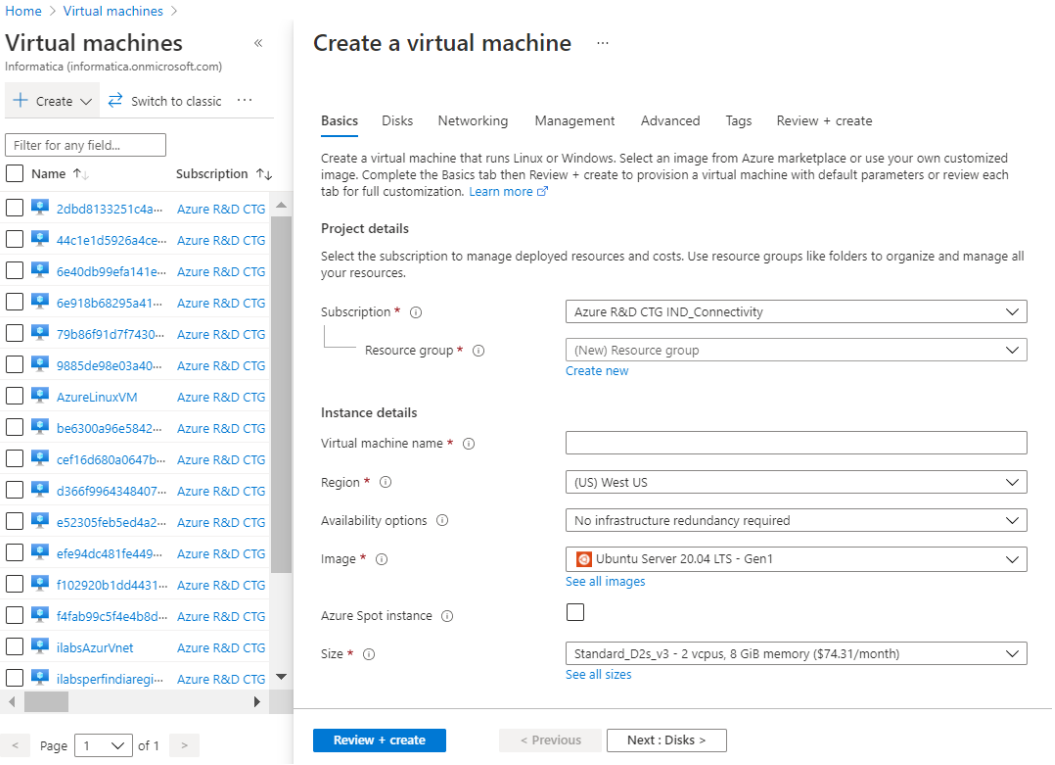
Create a virtual machine in the subnet

Create an Azure virtual machine to host your applications in the cloud on Windows and Linux operating systems.

1. In the search box, enter **Virtual machines** , and select **Virtual machines** in the search results.
2. Click **Create** > **Virtual machine**.



3. On the **Basics** tab, enter the project, instance, and authentication details.



a. In the **Subscription** field, select the subscription for which you want to create the virtual machine.

b. In the **Resource group** field, select the resource group in which the Azure resources are deployed and managed.

c. In the **Virtual machine name** field, enter a name for the virtual machine.
Once you create the virtual machine, you can't change the virtual machine name.

d. In the **Region** field, select the region.

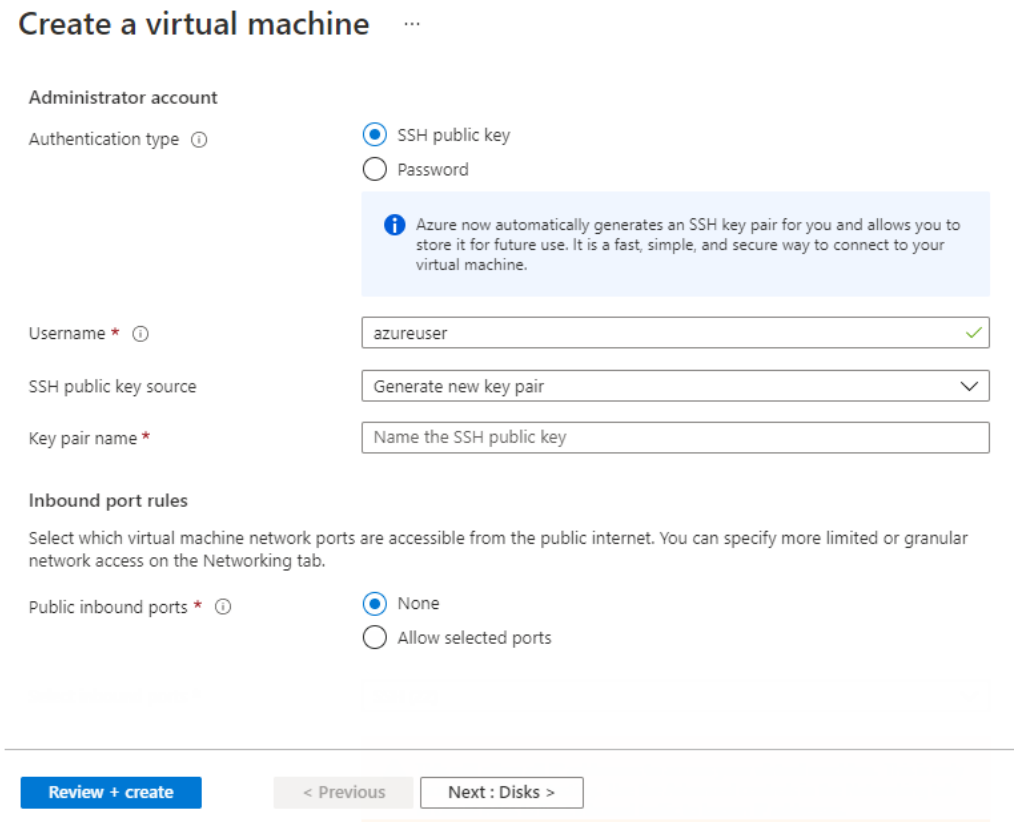
Note: Ensure that the subscription, resource group, and region for the virtual machine are the same as that of the virtual network.

e. In the **Availability** options field, you can choose to replicate the virtual machine in availability zones or availability sets to protect your applications and data from datacenter outages and maintenance events.

f. In the **Image** field, select the base operating system or application for the virtual machine.

g. In the **Size** field, select the size of the virtual machine that determines factors such as processing power, memory, and storage capacity.

h. In the **Authentication type** field, select if the administrator account must use the user name and password or SSH keys for authentication.



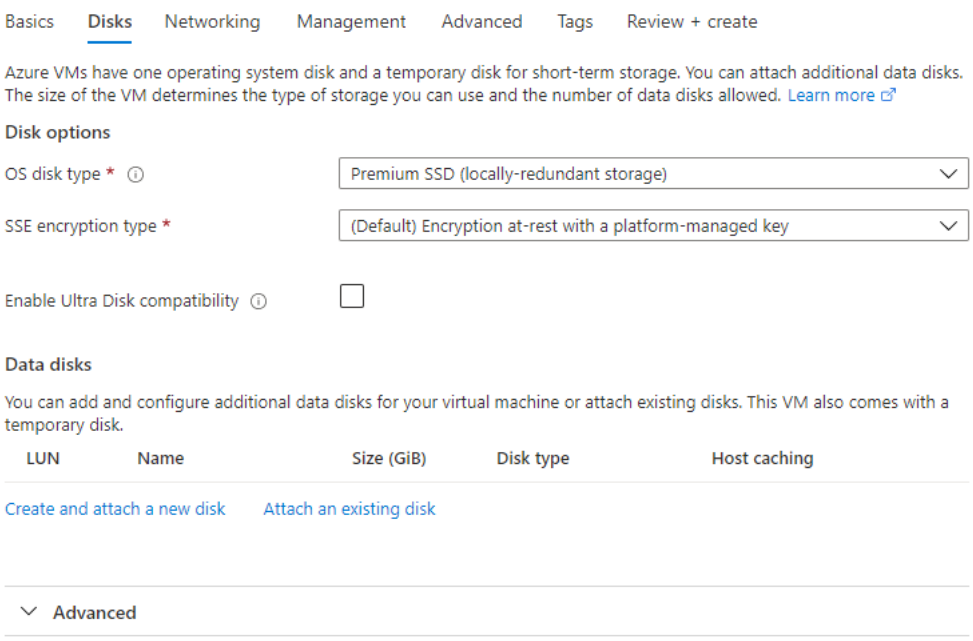
If you select the **SSH public key** option, enter the user name and key pair name.

If you select the **Password** option, enter the values in the username, password, and confirm password fields.

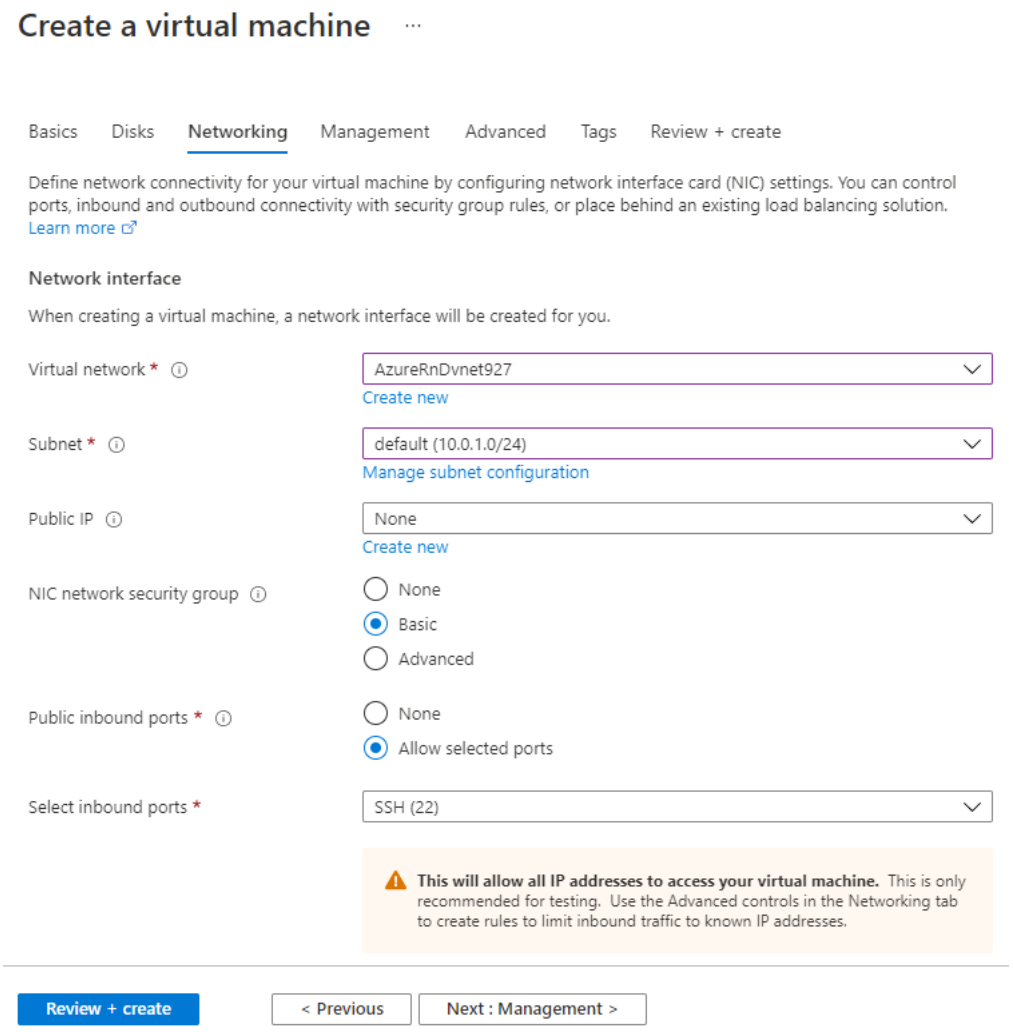
i. In the **Public inbound ports** field, select **None**.

j. Click **Next : Disks**.

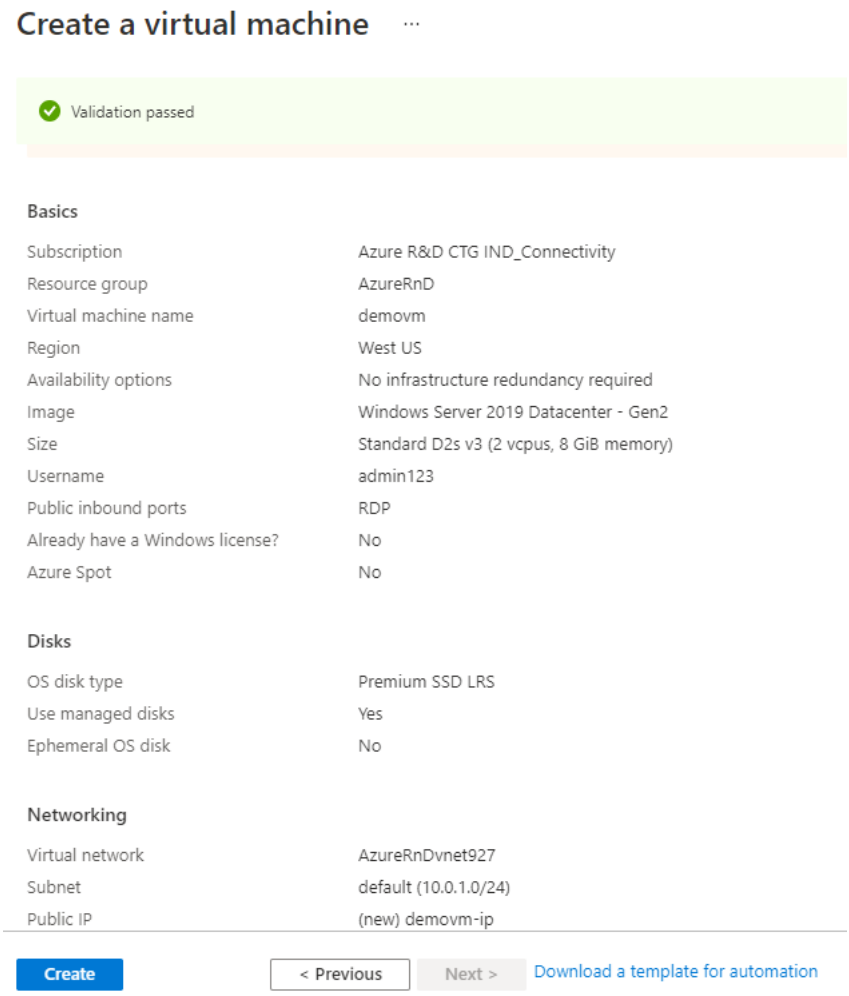
4. On the **Disks** tab, you can select the disk type for your virtual machine or use the default disk type. You can also configure additional data disks or attach existing disks.



5. Click **Next : Networking**.
6. On the **Networking** tab, select the virtual network and the subnet that you created, and then click **Review + create**.



7. On the **Review + create** tab, verify the configurations for the virtual machine.



8. Click **Create**.

Create an Azure private endpoint

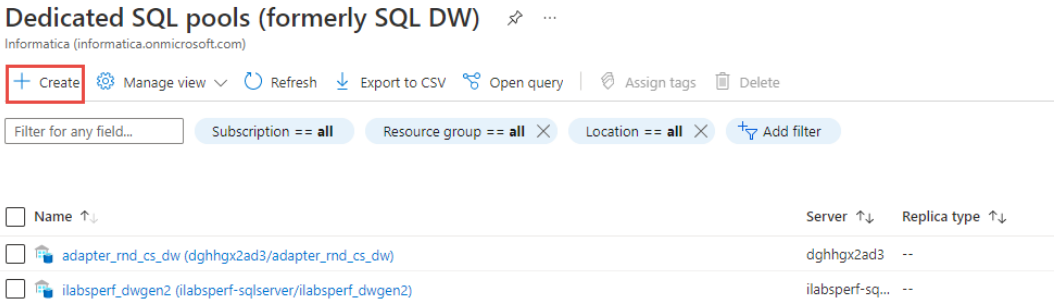
Create an Azure private endpoint for secured connectivity between clients on your virtual network and your Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account.

You can create a private endpoint for an existing or a new Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account.

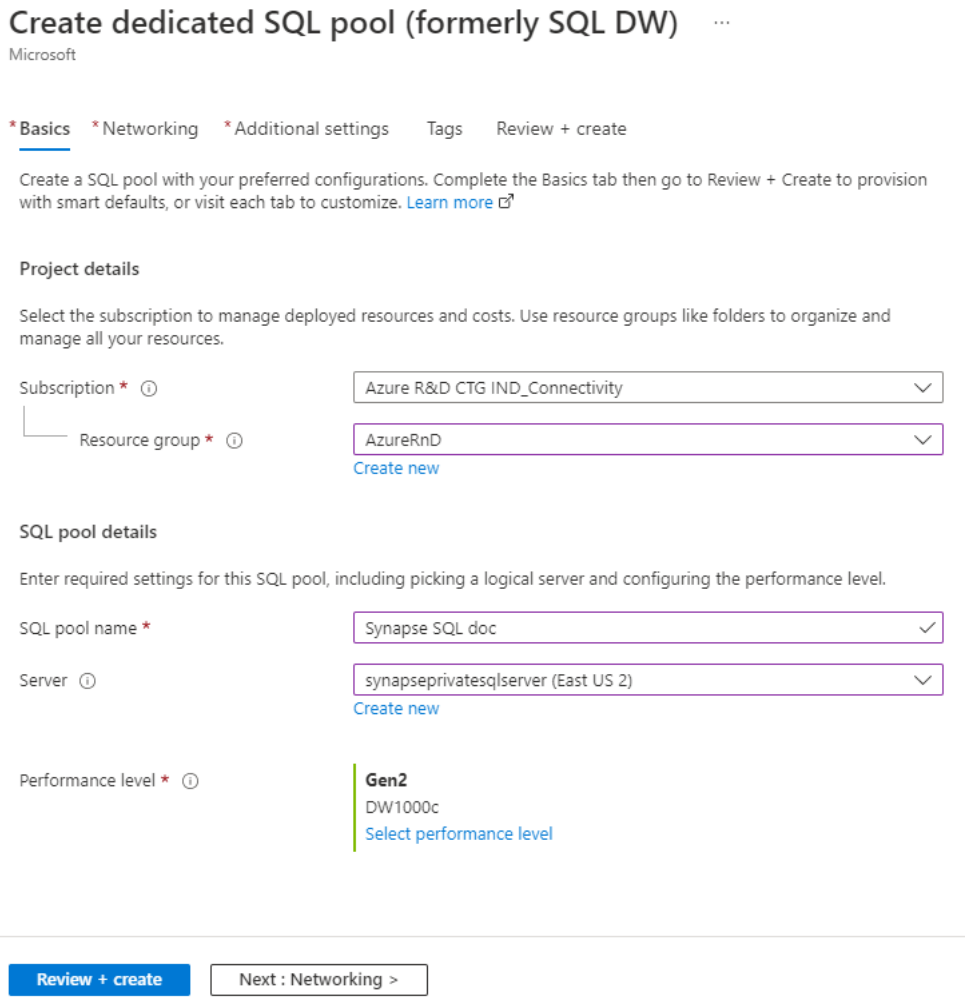
Create a private endpoint for a new Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account

1. In the search box, enter **Dedicated SQL pools**, and then select **Dedicated SQL pools** in the search results.

2. On the **Dedicated SQL pools** page, click **Create** to create a new Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account.



3. On the **Basics** tab, enter the project and SQL pool details.



   a. In the **Subscription** field, select the subscription in which you want to create the account.

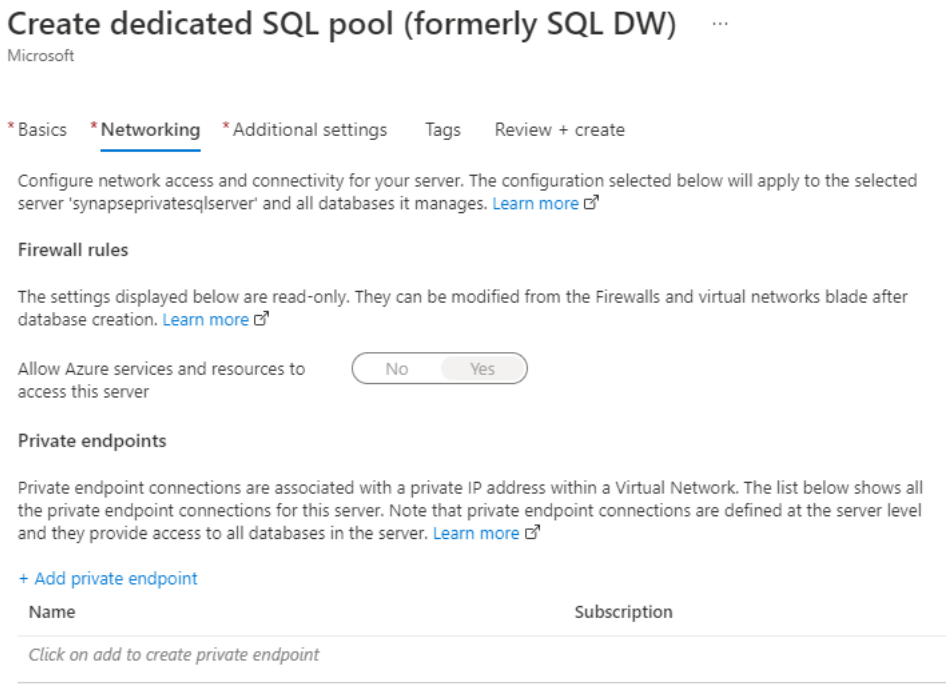
   b. In the **Resource group** field, select the resource group in which the Azure resources are deployed and managed.

   c. In the **SQL pool name** field, enter a name for the Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account.

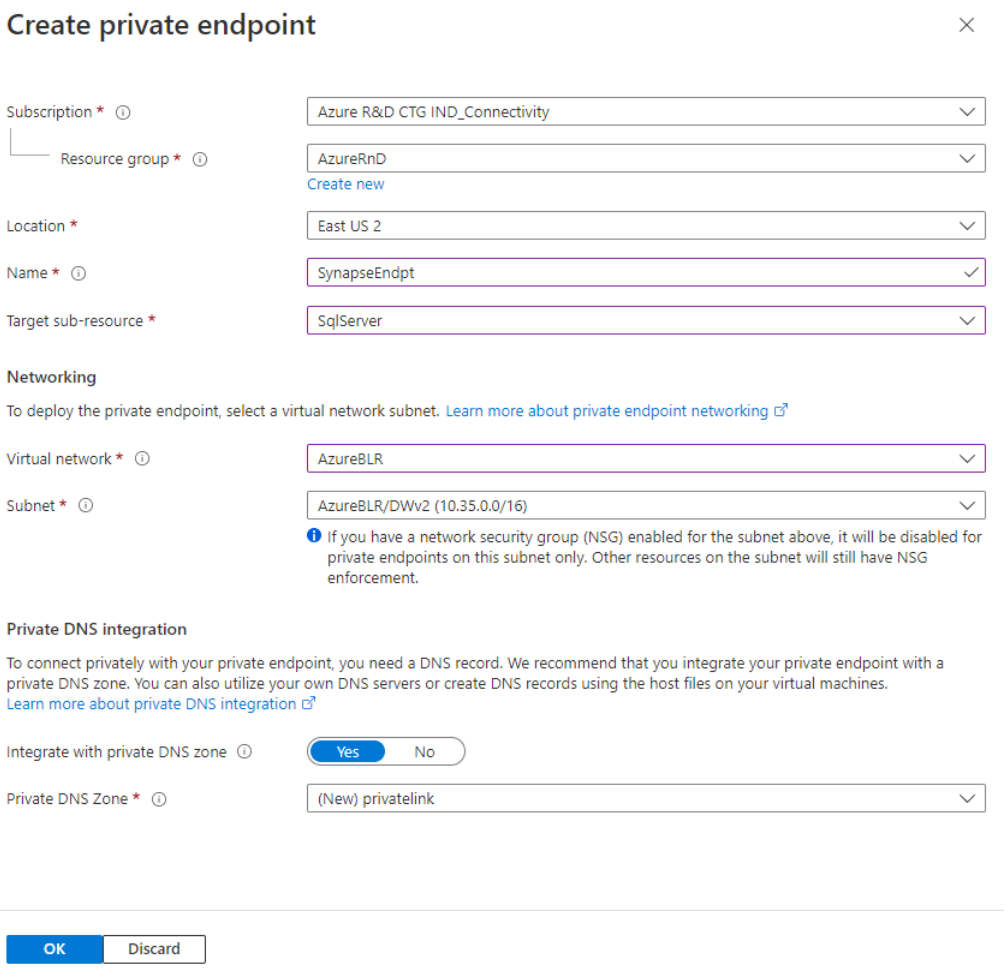
      Note: The name must be unique in the server, must not exceed 60 characters in length, and must not contain reserved words.

d. In the **Server** field, select an existing SQL server or create a new server.

4. On the **Networking** tab, click **Add private endpoint**.



a. In the **Subscription** field, select the subscription for which you want to create the private endpoint.



b. In the **Resource group** field, select the resource group in which the Azure resources are deployed and managed.

c. In the **Location** field, select the location.

Note: Ensure that the subscription, resource group, and location for the private endpoint are the same as that of the virtual network.

d. Enter a name for the private endpoint.

e. In the **Target sub-resource** field, select **SqlServer**.

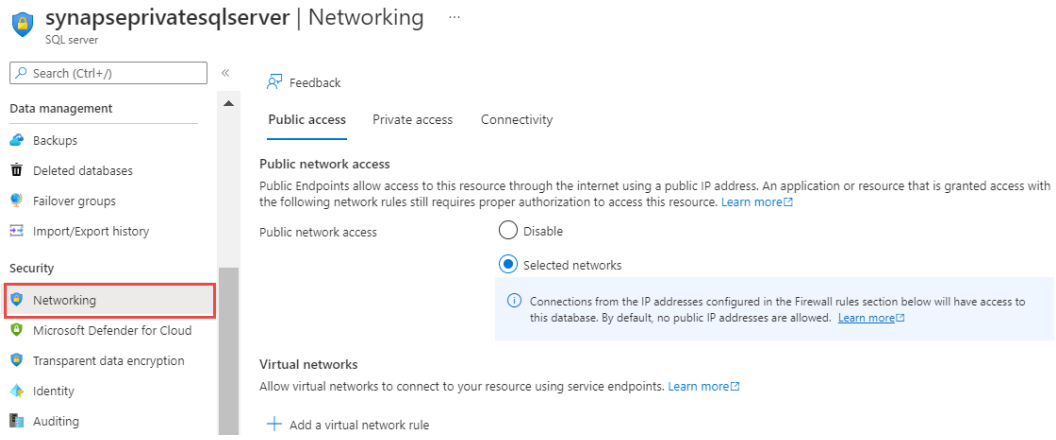
f. In the **Networking** section, select the virtual network and the subnet that you created.

g. Click **OK**

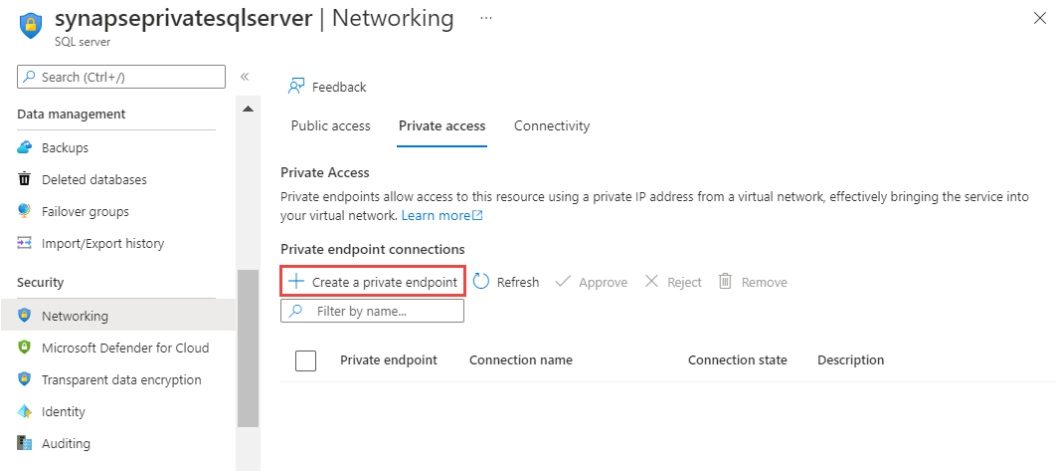
5. On the **Review + Create** tab, verify the details, and then click **Create**.

Create a private endpoint for an existing Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account

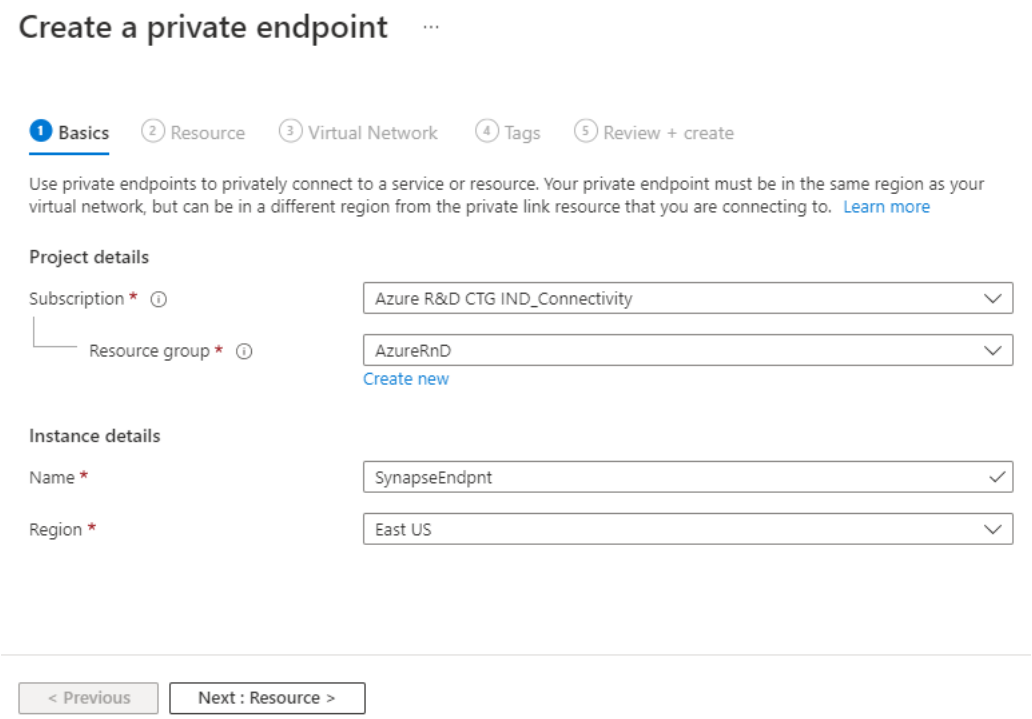
1. Navigate to the SQL server that contains the Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account for which you want to create a private endpoint.
2. Click **Networking**.



3. On the **Public access** tab, select **Selected networks**.
4. On the **Private access** tab, click **Create a private endpoint**.



5. On the **Basics** tab, enter the project and instance details.



a. In the **Subscription** field, select the subscription for which you want to create the private endpoint.

b. In the **Resource group** field, select the resource group in which the Azure resources are deployed and managed.

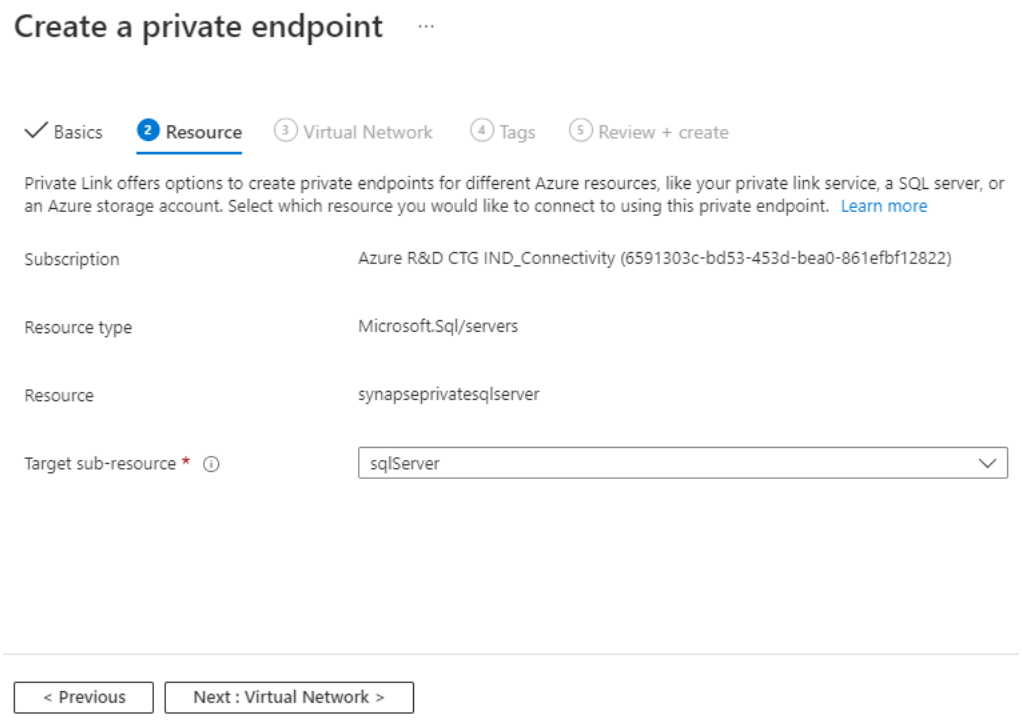
c. Enter a name for the private endpoint.

d. In the **Region** field, select the location for the private endpoint.

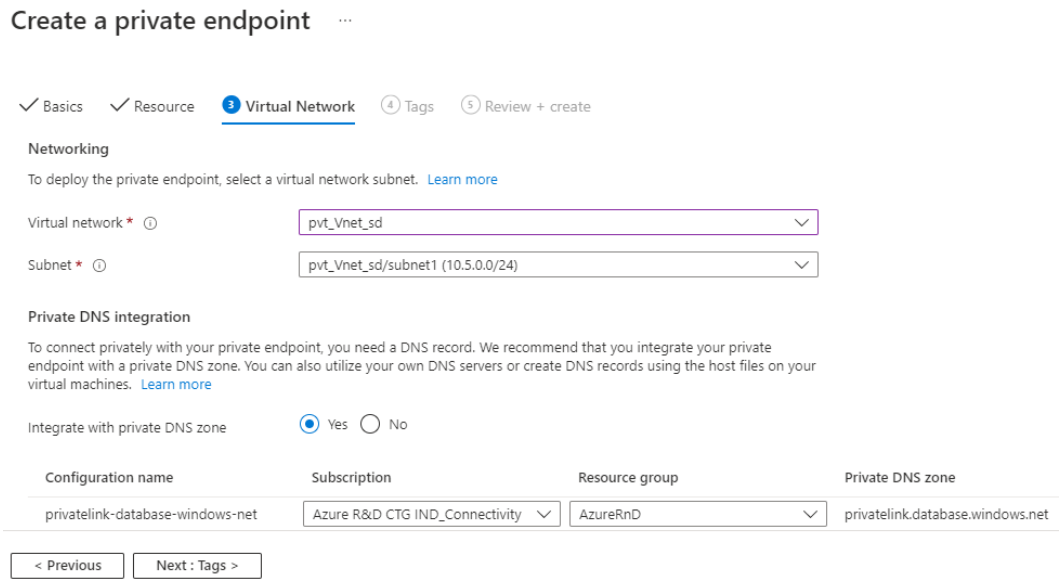
   Note: Ensure that the subscription, resource group, and location for the private endpoint are the same as that of the virtual network.

e. Click **Next : Resource**.

6. On the **Resource** tab, select the **Target sub-resource** as **sqlServer** and then click **Next : Virtual Network**.



7. On the **Virtual Network** tab, select the virtual network and subnet that you created, and then click **Next : Tags**.

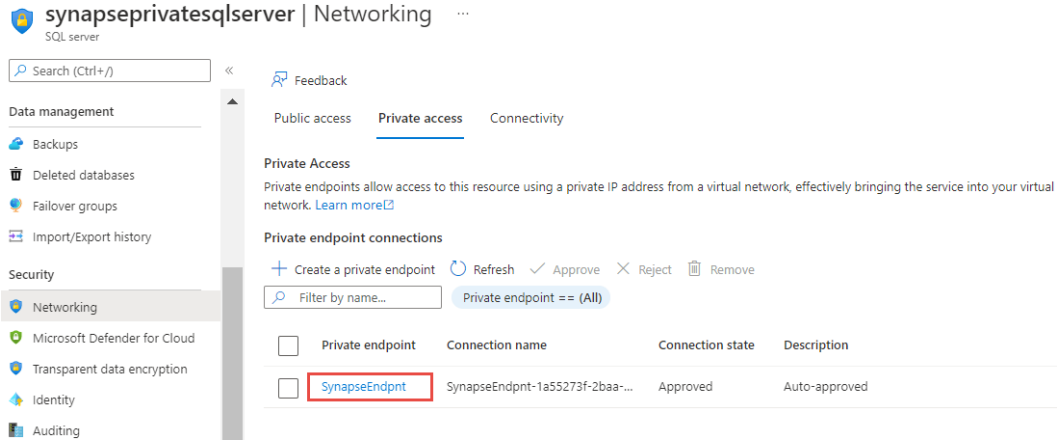


8. Optional. On the **Tags** tab, create tags to categorize resources and view consolidated billing by applying the same tag to multiple resources and resource groups, and then click **Next : Review + Create**.
9. On the **Review + Create** tab, verify the details, and then click **Create**.

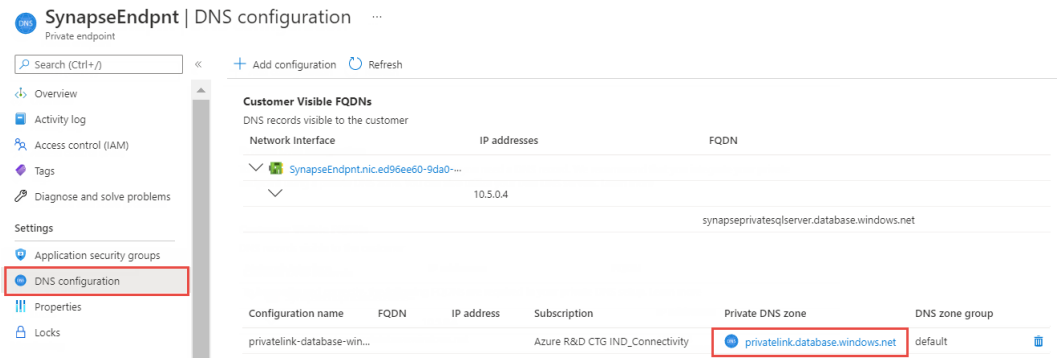
Create a virtual network link

Create a virtual network link to link the virtual network to the private DNS zone of the private endpoint. Once linked, virtual machines hosted in that virtual network can access the private DNS zone.

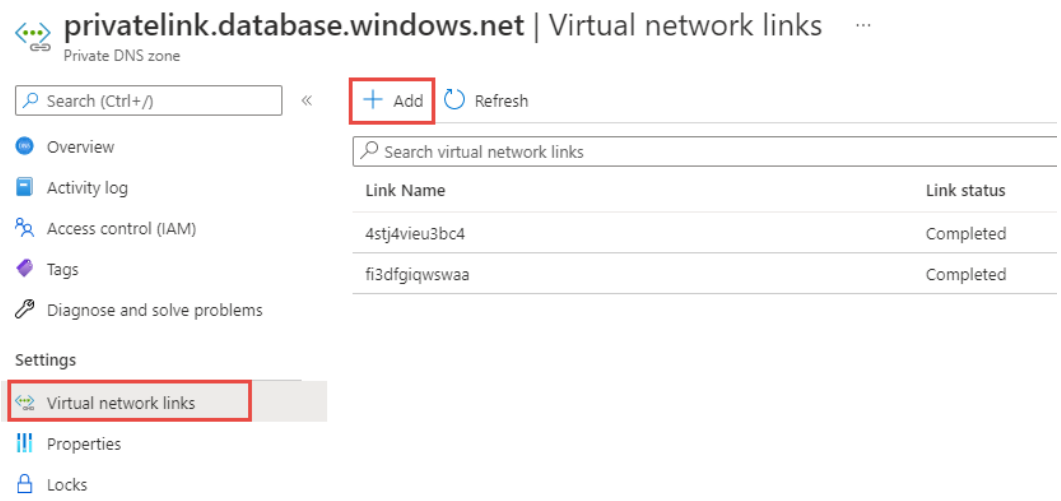
1. Go to the **Networking** tab of the SQL server that contains the Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL account for which you have created the private endpoint.
2. On the **Private access** tab, click the name of the private endpoint that you created.



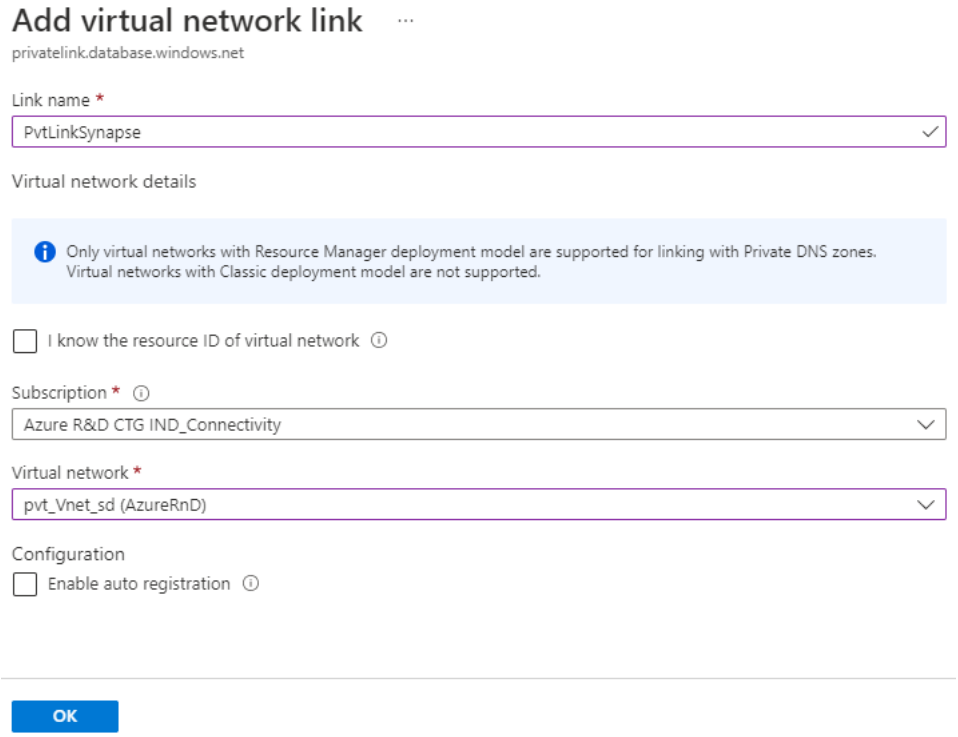
3. Click **DNS configuration**.



4. On the **DNS configuration** page, click the Private DNS zone for the private endpoint.
5. Click **Virtual network links**, and then click **Add**.



6. In the **Link name** field, enter a name for the virtual network link.



7. Select the **Subscription** and the **Virtual network** you want to link with.
8. Click **OK**.

Verify the Azure private endpoint configuration

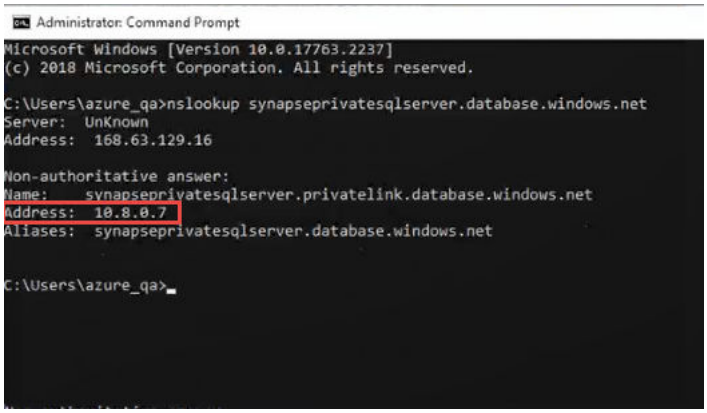
After you configure the private endpoint, verify if the requests to Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL go through the private endpoint.

1. Log in to the virtual machine that you created.

2. Open the command prompt and enter the command in the following format:
   `nslookup <SQL server name>.database.windows.net`

   For example, `nslookup synapseprivatesqlserver.database.windows.net`.

   If the requests to Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL go through the private endpoint, the command prompt shows the IP address of the private endpoint.



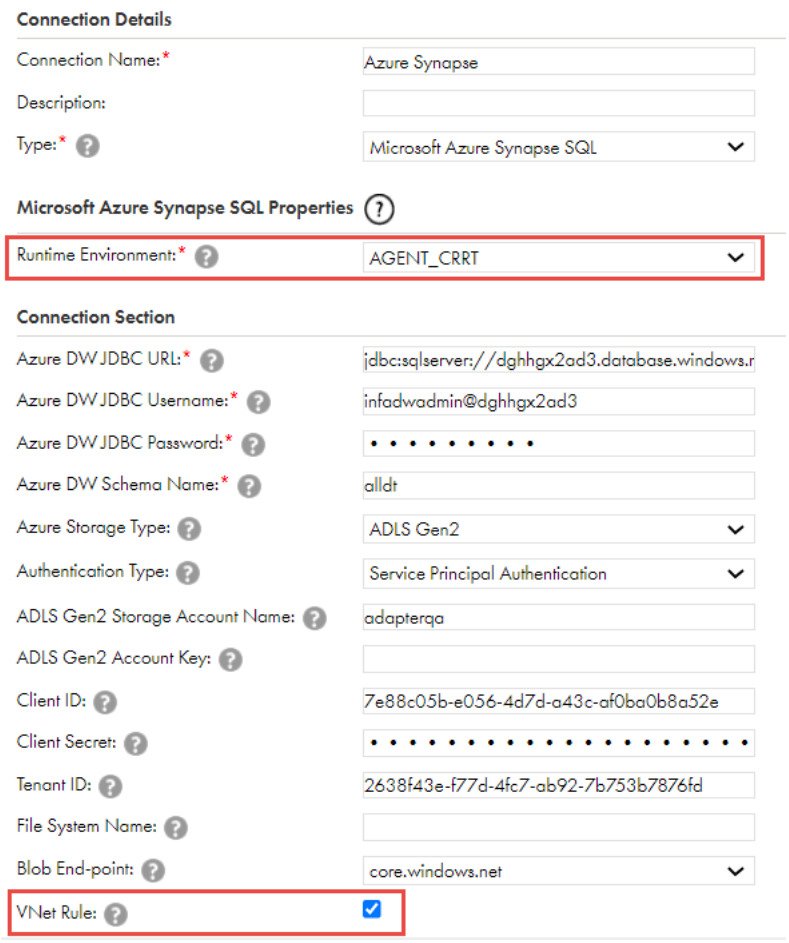
Configure settings for Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL connection

Configure the settings for the Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL connection to use the private endpoint.

When you set up the Microsoft Azure Synapse SQL connection, select the Secure Agent installed on the virtual machine that you created and enable the virtual network.

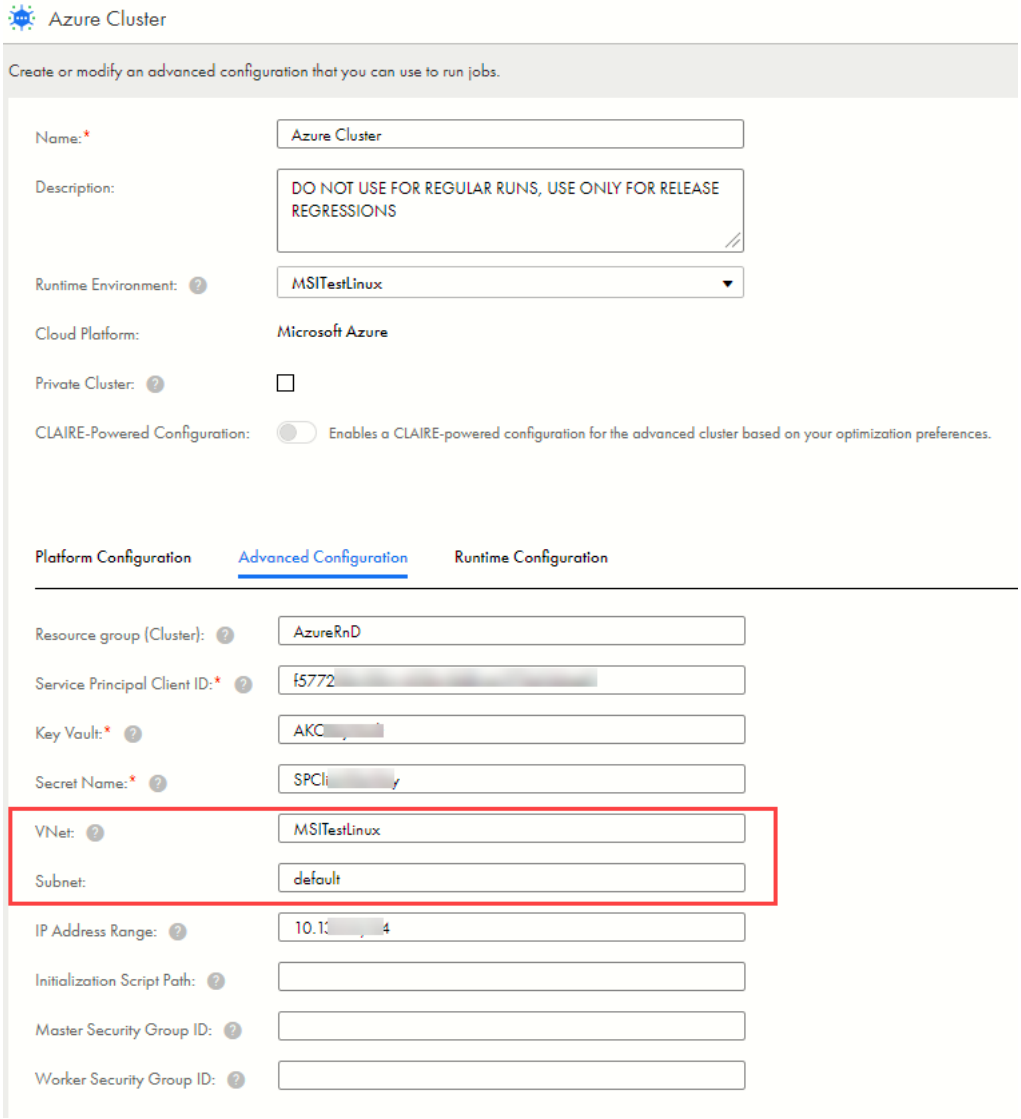
You can use a private endpoint when you stage files in Microsoft Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 and use the service principal authentication or shared key authentication to connect to the storage.

1. Log in to Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services.
2. Click **Administrator**.
3. Edit an existing connection or create a new connection.
4. Select the Secure Agent installed on the virtual machine and enable the virtual network in the connection properties.



5. Click **Test Connection**, and then click **Save**.
6. In **Administrator**, navigate to **Advanced Clusters** to create or modify an Advanced Configuration.

7. In the **Advanced Configuration** tab, add the Vnet and Subnet properties that is linked with the private DNS zone. This helps to spawn the cluster resources under this subnet and provide access to the private DNS zone.



You can also configure a private endpoint to connect to Microsoft Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 to stage files.

For more information, see the Informatica How-To Library article,
Connecting to an Azure storage account using an Azure private endpoint.

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