

VMWARE HORIZON CLOUD SERVICE ON MICROSOFT AZURE

Complete the following tasks to prepare your Microsoft Azure subscription and network for the deployment of VMware Horizon® Cloud Service™. Ensure every step is completed as described below to complete a successful deployment.

Setup Checklist

| HORIZON CLOUD CONTROL PLANE REQUIREMENTS | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Active My VMware account to log in to the Horizon Cloud Control Plane. |
| MICROSOFT AZURE SUBSCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Valid Microsoft Azure subscription in a supported Microsoft Azure environment (Public Azure, Azure China, Azure Germany and Azure Government). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Valid Microsoft Azure administrative privileges in Microsoft Azure subscription. For additional information, see Get Started with Role-Based Access Control in the Azure portal . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Minimum Microsoft Azure capacity available for Horizon Cloud infrastructure in addition to expected Desktop/App workload. Note that as long as this capacity is made available, Horizon Cloud will automatically deploy these VMs and no manual installation is required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployment Engine/"Jumpbox" (Transient) – 1 x Standard_F2 • Node/Management Node – 1 x Standard_D3_v2 • VMware Unified Access Gateway™ (optional) – 2 x Standard_A4_v2 • Base images, Desktops and RDSH farm (See Horizon Cloud Base Image, Desktops and Farms section.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Service principal and authentication key created. For additional details, see Use portal to create an Azure Active Directory application and service principal that can access resources . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Service principal must be assigned Contributor role at the subscription level. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Required resource providers registered in Microsoft Azure subscription. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft Azure subscription ID, directory ID, application ID and key identified. |
| NETWORK REQUIREMENTS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft Azure Virtual Network (VNet) created in desired Microsoft Azure region with applicable address space to cover required subnets. For additional details, see Azure Virtual Network . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 non-overlapping address ranges in CIDR format, reserved for subnets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management subnet – /28 minimum • Tenant subnet – /28 minimum with /24 - /22 preferred, based on number of Desktops and RDS servers • DMZ subnet – /28 minimum when Unified Access Gateway is deployed (optional) Do not manually create these subnets on the VNet ahead of time. Subnets are created on VNet during the Horizon Cloud deployment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NTP server(s) available and accessible from Horizon Cloud Node and Unified Access Gateways. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Configure the Virtual Network (VNet) DNS server, pointing to a valid DNS server that can resolve both internal machine names and external names. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Outbound internet access on the Microsoft Azure Virtual Network (VNet) to specific DNS names, that must to be resolvable and reachable using specific ports and protocols. This is required for deployment and ongoing operations, see Horizon Cloud DNS, Ports, Protocol Requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proxy server information if required for outbound internet access on the Microsoft Azure Virtual Network (VNet), that is used during deployment and ongoing operations of the Horizon Cloud environment (optional) |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft Azure VPN/Express Route configured (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FQDN for external user access (Required for Unified Access Gateway). Cannot contain underscores. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public DNS record created for external end-user access that matches the FQDN, pointing to Microsoft Azure load balancer (optional). For additional details, see Configuring a custom domain name for an Azure cloud service . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certificate for Unified Access Gateway in .pem format (Required for Unified Access Gateway). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two-Factor Authentication to an on-premises authentication server (optional) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNS Addresses for Unified Access Gateway to resolve the name of the authentication server • Routes for Unified Access Gateway to resolve network routing to the authentication server |
| ACTIVE DIRECTORY REQUIREMENTS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One of the following supported Active Directory configurations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-premises Active Directory Server connected via VPN/Express Route • Active Directory Server located in Microsoft Azure • Microsoft Azure Active Directory Domain Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Supported Windows Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) domain functional levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows Server 2012 R2 • Windows Server 2016 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Domain bind account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Directory domain bind account (a standard user with read access) that has permission to read objects in AD • Set account password to "Never Expire" and "Cannot Change" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Auxiliary domain bind account (Cannot use the same account as above) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Directory domain bind account (a standard user with read access) that has permission to read objects in AD. • Set account password to "Never Expire" and "Cannot Change" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Domain join account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Directory domain join account which can be used by the system to perform Sysprep operations and join computers to the domain, typically a new account ("domain join useraccount") • Is a member of the Horizon Cloud Administrators Group • This account requires the following Active Directory permissions: Create Computer Objects, Delete Computer Objects, and Write All Properties. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Auxiliary domain join account (Optional, cannot use the same account as above) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Directory domain join account which can be used by the system to perform Sysprep operations and join computers to the domain, typically a new account ("domain join aux useraccount") • Is a member of the Horizon Cloud Administrators Group • This account requires the following Active Directory permissions: Create Computer Objects, Delete Computer Objects, and Write All Properties. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Active Directory groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon Cloud Administrators – Active Directory security group for Horizon Cloud administrators; contains the Horizon Cloud administrative users and domain join account. This group is added to the "Super Administrators" role in Horizon Cloud. • Horizon Cloud Users – Active Directory security group for the users which will have access to Desktops and RDS session-based desktops and published applications in Horizon Cloud. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Active Directory organizational unit(s) (OU) for Desktops and RDS session-based desktops and/or published applications |

| PORTS AND PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Specific ports and protocols are required for ongoing operations of the Horizon Cloud environment, see Horizon Cloud DNS, Ports, Protocol Requirements |
| HORIZON CLOUD BASE IMAGE, DESKTOPS and FARMS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Base for Master Image – One of the supported Microsoft Azure VM configurations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard_D2_v2 • Standard_D3_v2 • Standard_NV6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Desktop Model selection for the Desktop Assignments – One or more of the supported Microsoft Azure VM configurations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard_A1_v2 • Standard_A2_v2 • Standard_A4_v2 • Standard_A8_v2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RDS Server Model selection for the RDS Farms – One or more of the supported Microsoft Azure VM configurations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard_D2_v2 • Standard_D3_v2 • Standard_D4_v2 • Standard_NV6 • Standard_NV12 • Standard_NV24 |
| LICENSING | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft Windows 10 Licensing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 and/or 2016 Licensing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft Windows RDS Licensing Servers – VMware recommends redundant licensing servers for high availability. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Microsoft RDS User and/or Device CALs |

Deployment Workflow

After completing the preceding checklist, follow the suggested workflow to deploy and start administering the service.

1. Perform the preparatory tasks outside of Horizon Cloud. See [Getting Started with VMware Horizon Cloud on Microsoft Azure](#).
2. Add cloud capacity and deploy the node. See [Getting Started with VMware Horizon Cloud on Microsoft Azure](#).
3. Register your Active Directory domain with the deployed node. See *Register Your Horizon Cloud Node's First Active Directory Domain* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
4. Upload SSL certificates, if you will have clients connecting directly to the node and not through Unified Access Gateway. See *Upload SSL Certificates to a Horizon Cloud Node* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
Uploading an SSL certificate is recommended, even if Unified Access Gateway is used. The SSL certificate ensures that clients making direct connections to the node environment can have trusted connections.
5. Configure a VDI desktop or RDS server master image. See *Create a Master Virtual Machine from the Microsoft Azure Marketplace* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
6. Convert that master image into an assignable image. See *Convert a Configured Master Virtual Machine to an Assignable Image* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
7. Create a Desktop Assignment to provide either dedicated or floating VDI desktops. See *Creating Desktop Assignments in Horizon Cloud* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
8. Create an RDSH farm to provide session desktops and create assignments to use those desktops. See *Farms in Horizon Cloud* and *Create an RDSH Session Desktop Assignment* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
9. Create an RDSH farm to provide remote applications and create assignments to those remote applications. See *Farms in Horizon Cloud*, *Importing New Applications from an RDSH Farm*, and *Create a Remote Application Assignment* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).
10. When a node is deployed to have Internet-enabled desktops, you must create a CNAME record in your DNS server that maps the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) that you entered in the deployment wizard to the node's load balancer's auto-generated public FQDN.

When a node is deployed with the Internet Enabled Desktops option set to Yes (the default), the deployed Unified Access Gateway is configured with a load balancer IP address that has an autogenerated public FQDN in the form `vmw-hcs-nodeID-uag.region.cloudapp.azure.com`, where `node-ID` is the node's UUID and `region` is the Microsoft Azure region where the node is located. In the deployment wizard, you provided:

- Your FQDN (for example, `ourOrg.example.com` or `ourApps.ourOrg.example.com`). This FQDN is the one which your end users use to access their desktops.
- An SSL certificate that is associated with that FQDN and which is signed by a trusted certificate authority.

Your DNS server must map those two FQDNs. When the addresses are mapped, your end users can enter your provided FQDN as the server address in the VMware Horizon Client™ or use the FQDN with HTML Access to access their desktops.

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ourApps.ourOrg.example.com
vmw-hcs-nodeID-uag.region.cloudapp.azure.com
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For details on how to locate the load balancer's public FQDN in the Administration Console, see *Obtain the FQDN of the Node's Load Balancer to Map in your DNS Server* in the [Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).

After the preceding workflow steps are completed, your end users can launch their entitled desktops and remote applications using your FQDN in the Horizon Client or with HTML Access.

Reference Architecture

Use the architecture diagram below for reference. For additional details, see the [VMware Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#).

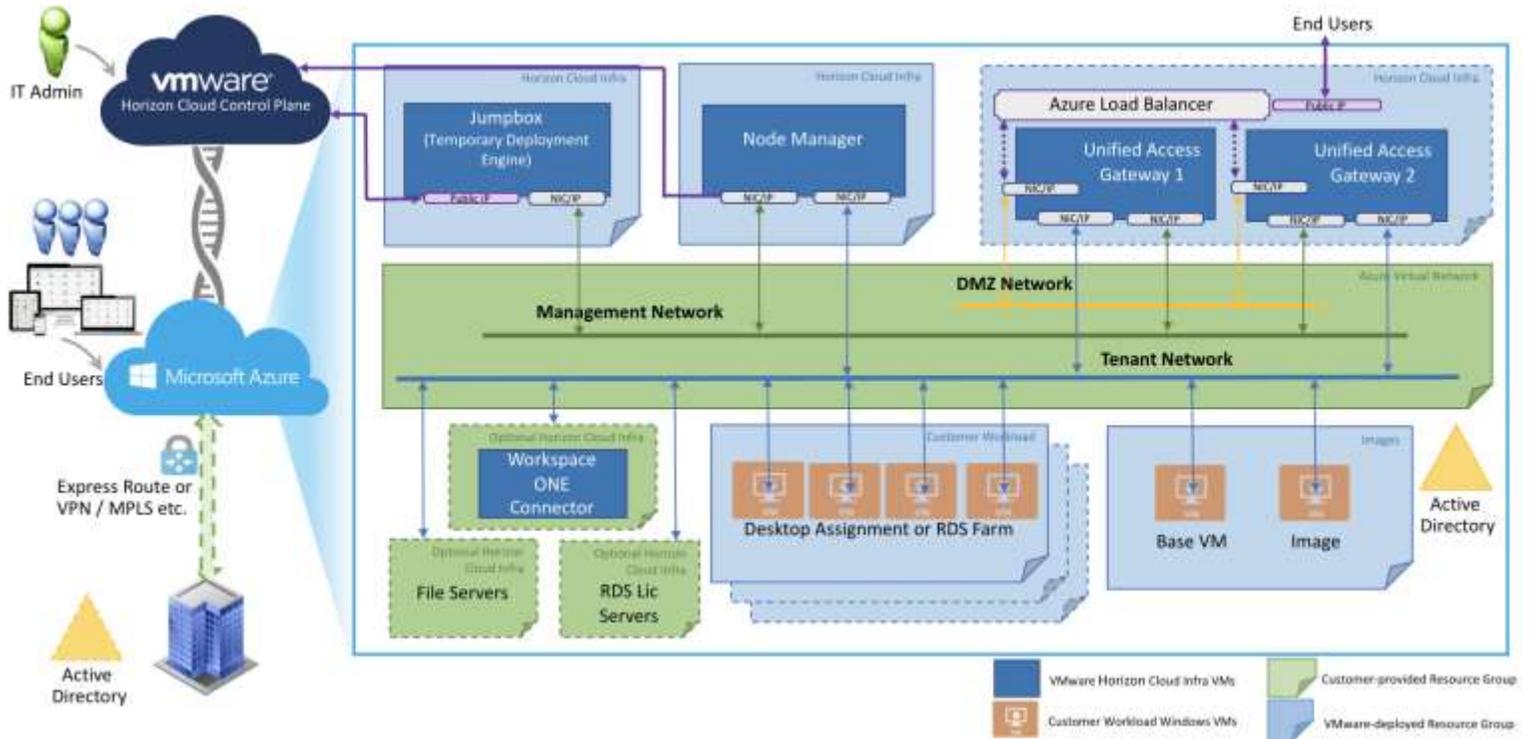


Figure 1: Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Architecture

Resources

See the following resources for additional information.

- [Getting Started with VMware Horizon Cloud on Microsoft Azure](#)
- [VMware Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure Administration Guide](#)
- [VMware Unified Access Gateway](#)
- [Quick Start Tutorial for VMware Horizon Cloud on Microsoft Azure](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Resource Manager overview \(15 minutes\)](#)
- [Create Microsoft Azure Service Principal \(5 minutes\)](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Virtual Network \(VNet\) \(6 minutes\)](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Virtual network peering \(8 minutes\)](#)