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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

This guide explains how to set up Backup Gateway on Microsoft Azure to store backups in the Azure cloud.

Typically, you will only need to create a VM with Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure on Azure, specifying the required details like VM user name and password, credentials for a partner account in Acronis Backup Cloud, and such.

Once the virtual machine is running, you should be able to store backups in the Azure cloud, without having to log in to Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure.

1.1 Important Requirements and Restrictions

1. When working with public clouds, Backup Gateway uses the local storage (inside the VM) as the staging area as well as to keep service information. It means that the data to be uploaded to the cloud is first stored locally and only then sent to the destination. Because of this, you must make sure that the local storage is redundant and permanent. Using temporary disks may result in data loss.
2. You must update Acronis Backup Agents to version 12.0.4492 (Windows/Mac) or 12.0.4470 (Linux). Otherwise agents' attempts to place backups in the new storage backend will result in "Backup failed" errors.
3. Choose a correct disk template to ensure desired backup performance (see example in the next paragraph). Make sure to plan ahead, because disk template cannot be changed. In such a case, you will need to add a new disk with the correct template to the VM, add the new disk to the storage cluster, release the old disk from the storage cluster, and delete it from the VM.

Performance and size of a local VM disk depends on its template. For example, a **STANDARD_DS1** virtual machine has the dedicated bandwidth of 32 MB/s for premium storage disk traffic. In turn, a **P10**

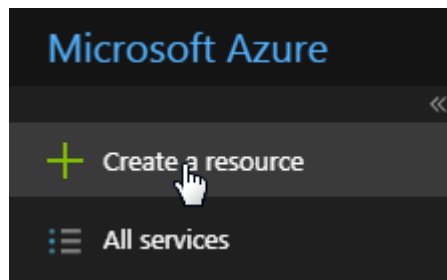
premium storage disk can provide the bandwidth of 100 MB/s. If a **P10** premium storage disk is attached to a **STANDARD_DS1** virtual machine, its performance will be capped at 32 MB/s instead of the maximum 100 MB/s it can provide. For more details on premium storage, see [Azure documentation](#).

CHAPTER 2

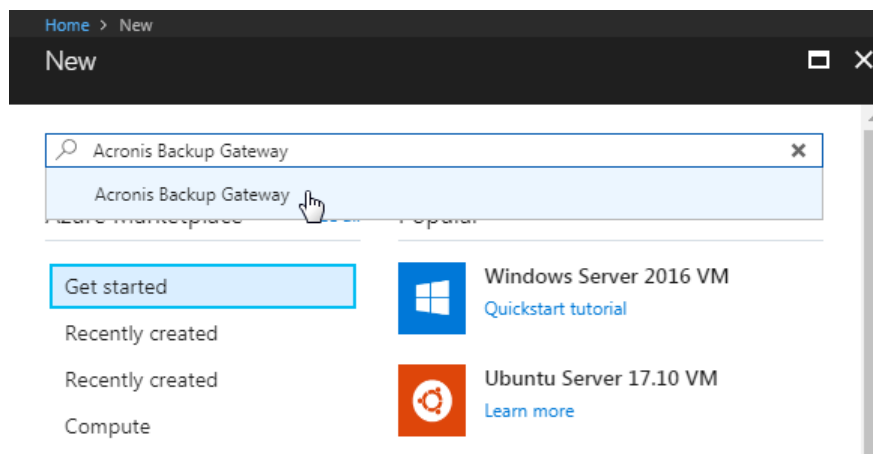
Creating Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure Virtual Machine

First, you need to create a VM with Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure. Do the following:

1. On the Dashboard, click **Create a resource**.



2. On the **Home > New** pane, find and click Backup Gateway in the Azure Marketplace.



3. On the **Home > New > Backup Gateway** pane, click **Create**.

Home > New > Acronis Backup Gateway

A Acronis Backup Gateway
Acronis

Acronis Backup Cloud lets service providers quickly solve customer data protection problems with a proven and feature-rich hybrid backup and recovery service that protects any system and device anytime, anywhere.

Acronis Storage is a fast, safe, and proven software-defined storage for block, file, and object data. It features Acronis Backup Gateway that adds public cloud storage capabilities to Acronis Backup Cloud. The gateway enables Acronis Backup Cloud agents working on user computers to store backups on Microsoft Azure Storage.

Valid service provider subscriptions to Microsoft Azure Storage and Acronis Backup Cloud are required.

This is a single-node deployment of Acronis Backup Gateway.

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Select a deployment model ⓘ

Resource Manager ▼

Create

The VM creation wizard will open.

4. On wizard's **Basics** pane, specify a user name and password for VM's admin account, set the public access policies, specify a password for the Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure web panel, choose a subscription type, resource group, and location. Click **OK**.

Home > New > Acronis Backup Gateway > Create Acronis Backup Gateway > Basics

Create Acronis Backup Gateway

1 Basics Configure basic settings

2 Gateway settings Configure VM and storage

3 Acronis Backup Cloud settings Register cloud storage

4 Summary Acronis Backup Gateway

5 Buy

* User name **i**
abgwadmin ✓

* Authentication type
Password SSH public key

* Password
..... ✓

* Confirm password
..... ✓

Public SSH access to Acronis Storage node **i**
Restrict ▾

Public access to Acronis Storage management panel **i**
Restrict ▾

* Acronis Storage management panel password
..... ✓

* Confirm password
..... ✓

Subscription
Pay-As-You-Go ▾

* Resource group **i**
 Create new Use existing
abgw ✓

* Location
East US ▾

OK

5. On wizard's **Gateway settings** pane:

- In **Virtual machine size**, the recommended VM size, A2, should be selected by default.
- In **Storage account**, give a name to the account; select **Storage (general purpose v2)**, then **Cool** and **Locally-redundant storage (LRS)**.

If you only have **Storage (general purpose v1)**, you need to upgrade your account.

- In **Storage account container**, specify a name.

- In **Public IP address**, select **Static** in **Assignment**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create public IP address' pane of the wizard. The 'Assignment' section has the 'Static' radio button selected. The 'Name' field contains 'publicip'. The 'SKU' section has the 'Basic' radio button selected. The 'Assignment' section has the 'Static' radio button selected. The 'Create Acronis Backup Gateway' pane shows the 'Gateway settings' step selected. The 'Gateway settings' pane shows the 'Public IP address' field with the value '(new) publicip' and the 'DNS prefix' field with the value 'abgw1'.

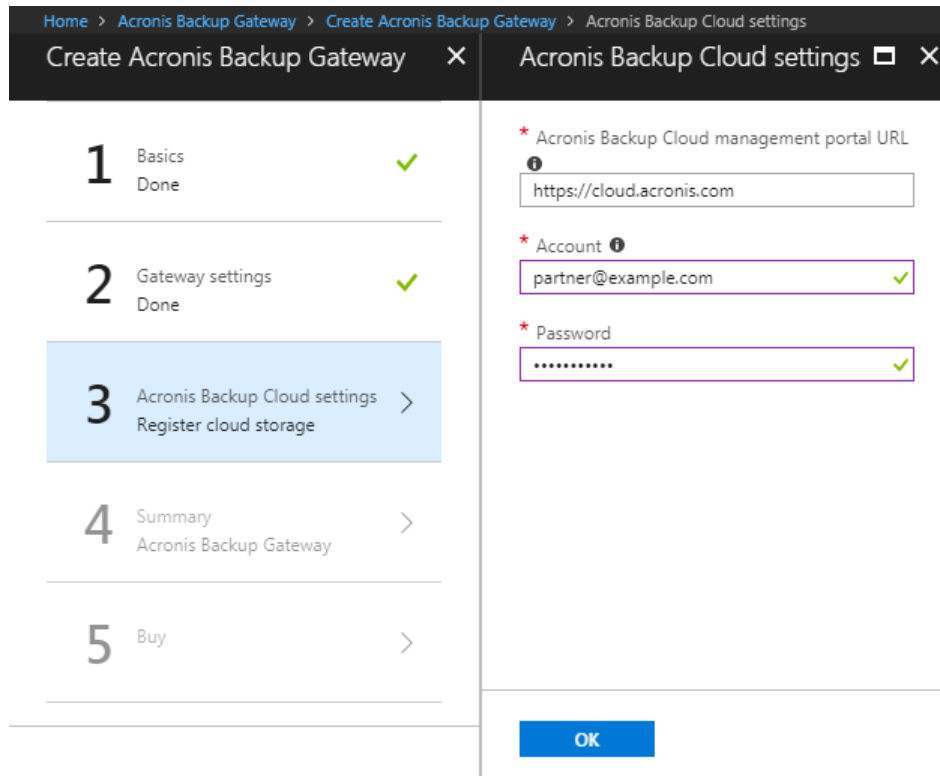
- In **DNS prefix**, specify a DNS prefix for your Backup Gateway, e.g., **abgw1**.

The Backup Gateway will be registered in Acronis Backup Cloud under the static public IP address and DNS name.

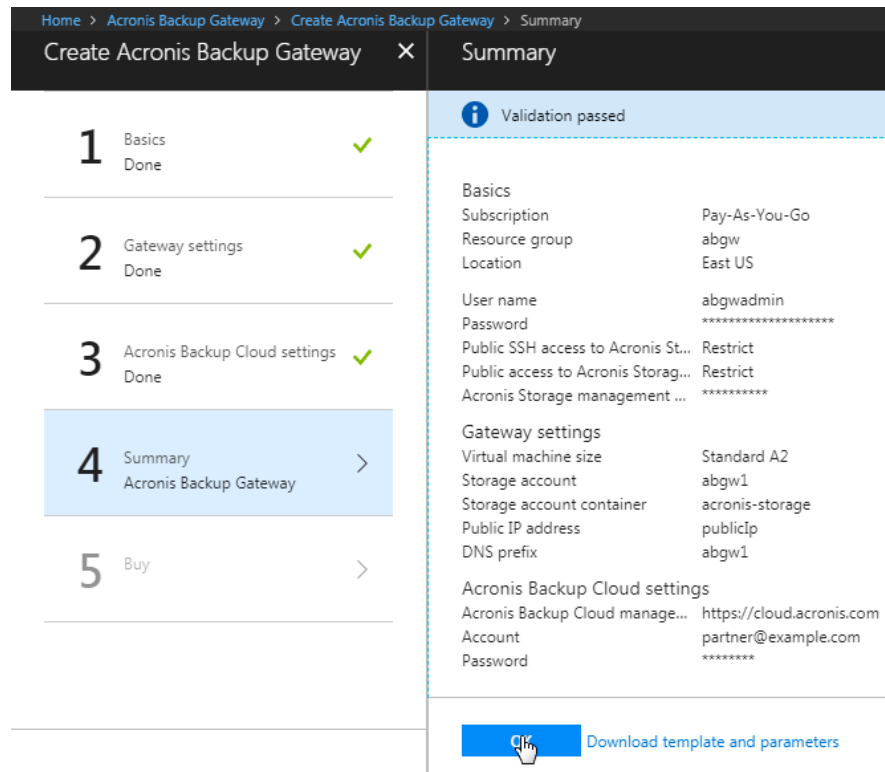
Note: The public IP address and DNS name cannot be changed later.

Having set the required options, click **OK**.

6. On wizard's **Acronis Backup Cloud settings** pane, provide the credentials of your partner account in Acronis Backup Cloud. The cloud management portal URL, <https://cloud.acronis.com>, should be specified by default. Click **OK**.



7. On wizard's **Summary** pane, make sure all the options are set correctly, wait until validation passes, and click **OK**.



8. On wizard's **Create** pane, read the terms of use and privacy policy and click **Create**.

After the VM is running, log in to the Acronis Data Cloud admin panel and check that the new Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure is shown in the **Storages** section (for more details, see the [Acronis Data Cloud documentation](#)). Finally, perform a test backup to the Azure cloud to make sure that everything is working correctly.

CHAPTER 3

Performing Additional Tasks

Normally, you only need to create and run a VM with Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure on Azure to be able to store backups in the Azure cloud. Logging in to Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure itself is not required.

If, however, you need to perform some additional tasks that require you to log in to Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure, you can access your Azure VM using the domain name and user credentials specified during VM deployment. You will also need to open a port to the VM.

The tasks related to Backup Gateway that you can perform in Acronis Software-Defined Infrastructure are described in the more general *Backup Gateway Quick Start Guide*:

- [Connecting to Public Cloud Storage via Backup Gateway](#)
- [Migrating Backups from Older Solutions](#)
- [Monitoring Backup Gateway](#)
- [Releasing Nodes from Backup Gateway](#)