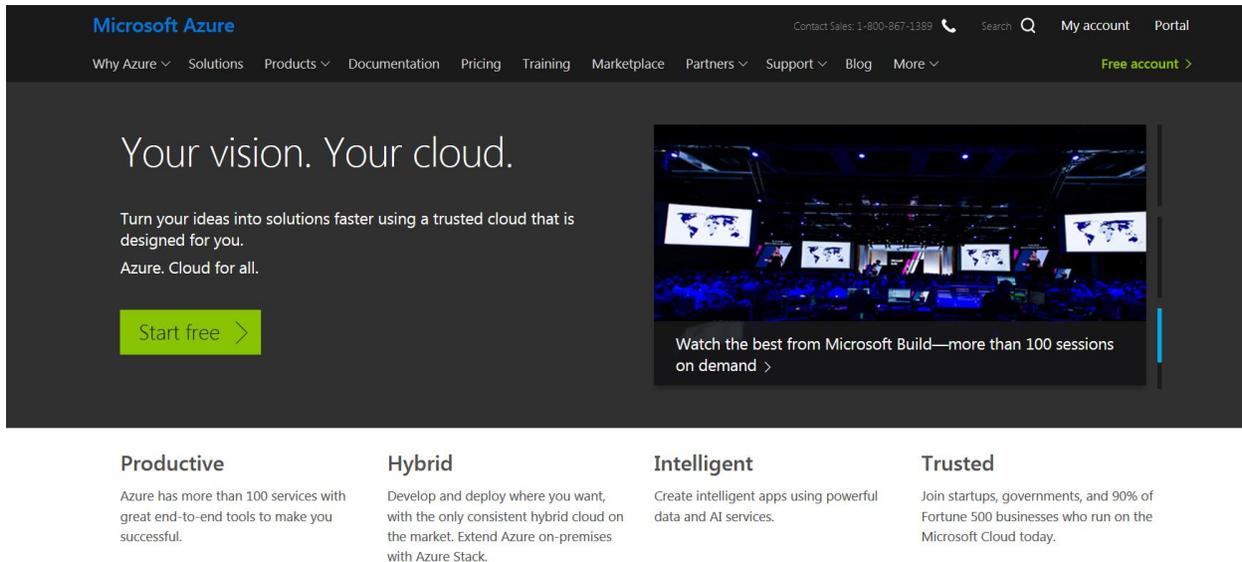


Make an Azure Virtual machine: Step by step instructions

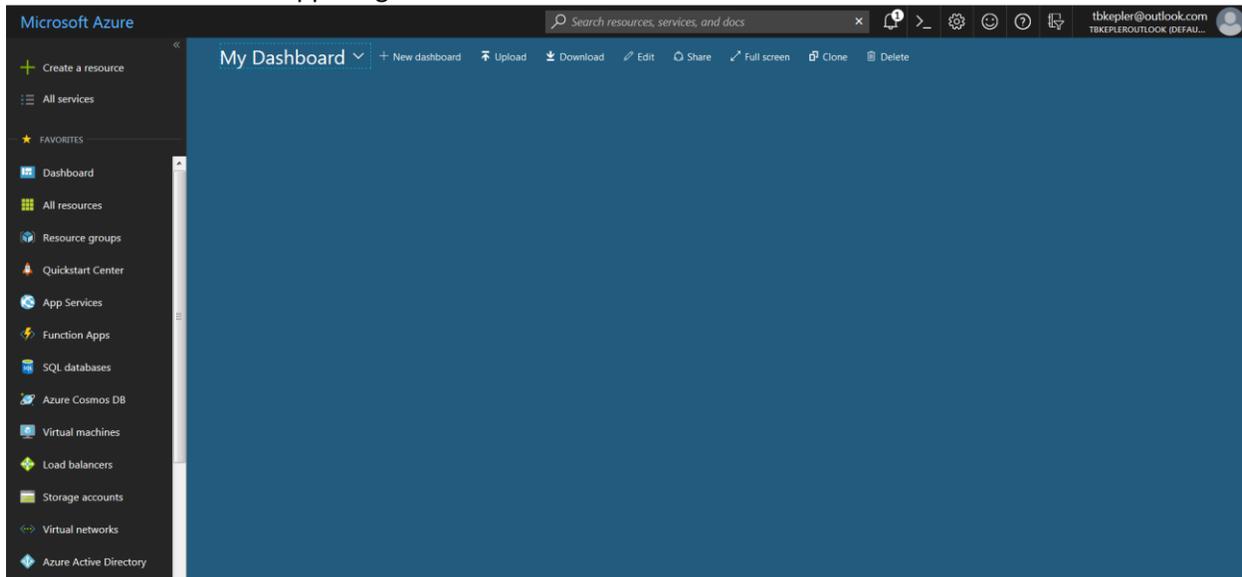
Create an azure account if you don't already have one at <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/free/>

Save the username and password either in your browser or on paper, etc. You'll need them shortly.

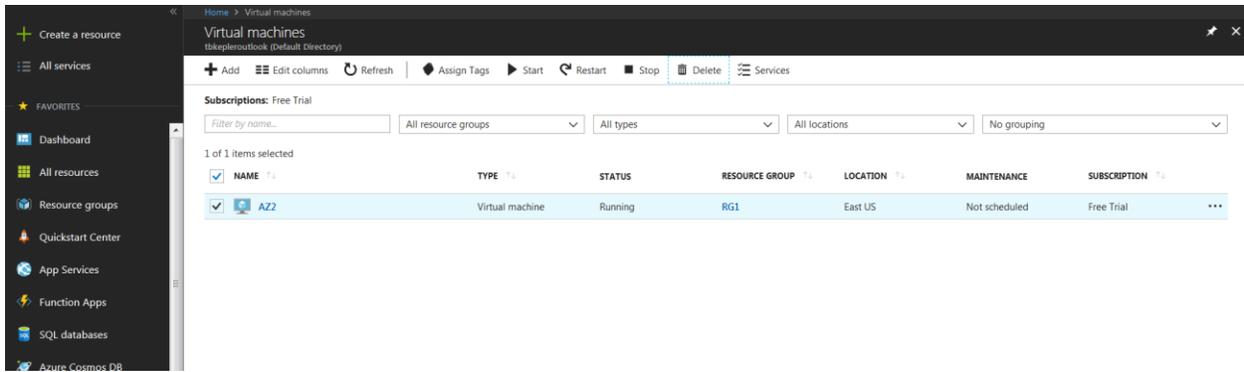
Go to <https://azure.microsoft.com>. You should see the following website.



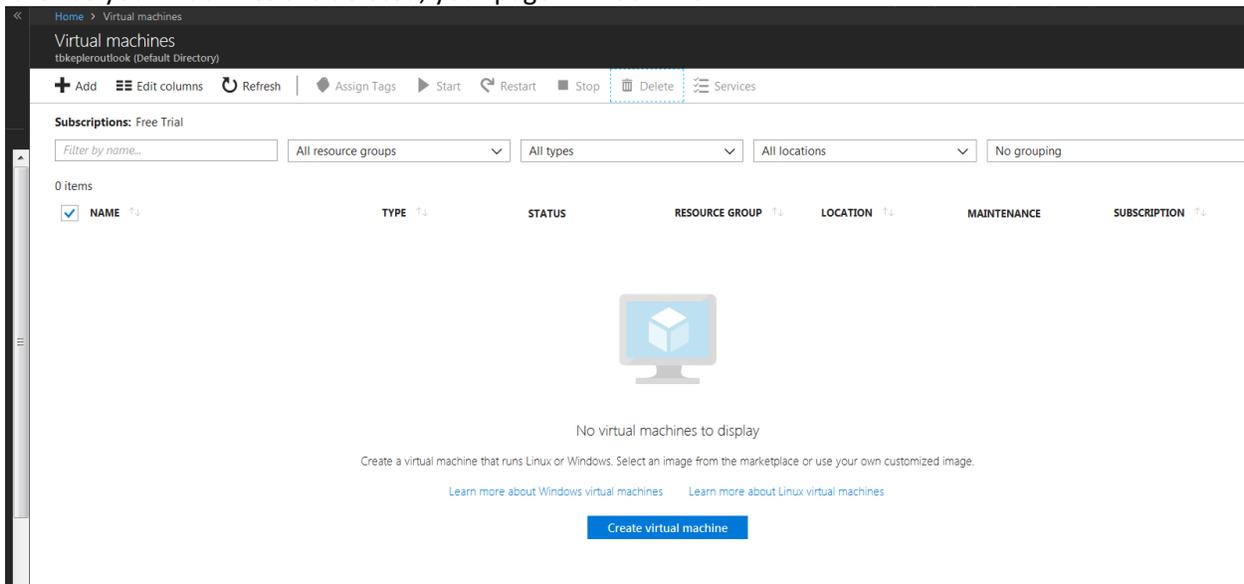
Click on “Portal” in the upper right.



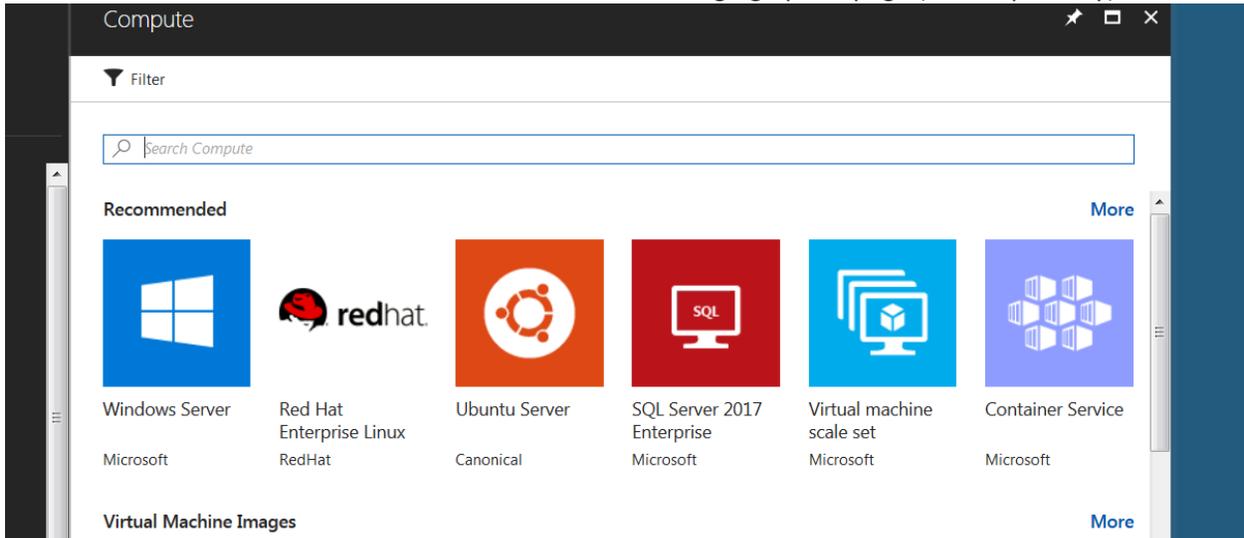
Click “Virtual machines” on the panel on the left. A new page opens:



If you have any machines you have created that do not work, check the box next to the name and delete it. Once your machines are deleted, your page will look like

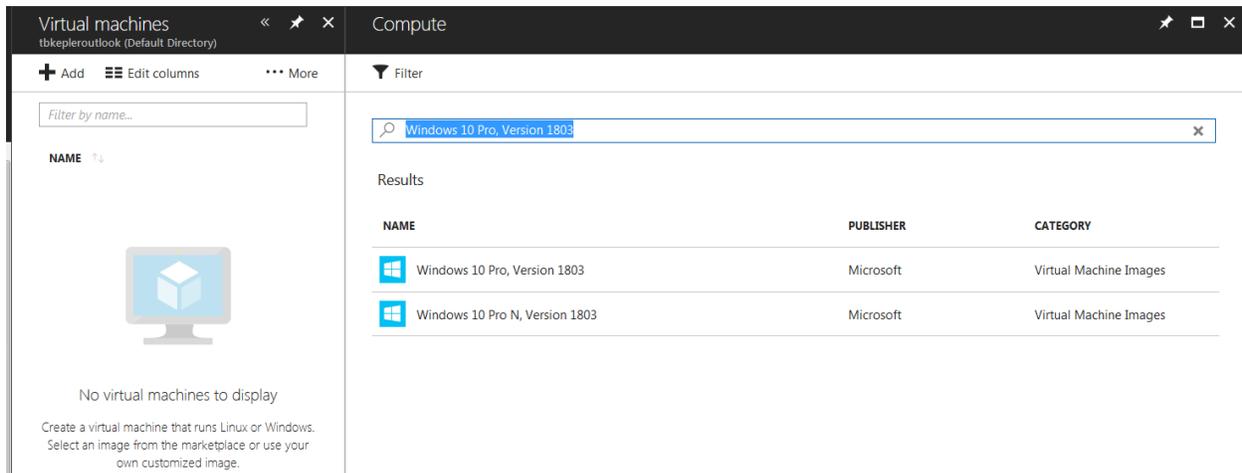


Click on "Create virtual machine" at the bottom center, bringing up the page (shown partially):

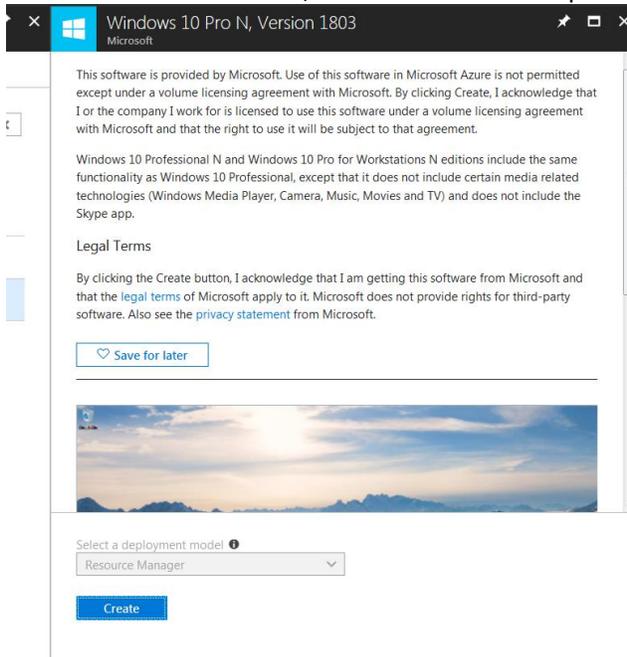


Do not choose any of the big icons. Instead, type the following into the search box:

Windows 10 Pro, Version 1803

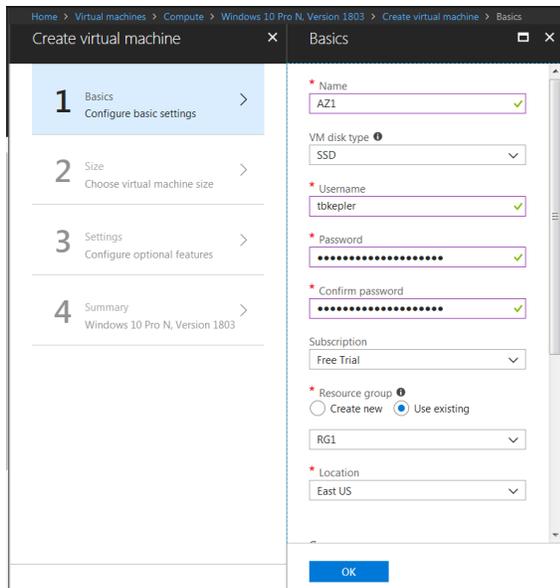


Select Windows 10 Pro N, Version 1803. A new panel will open on the right:

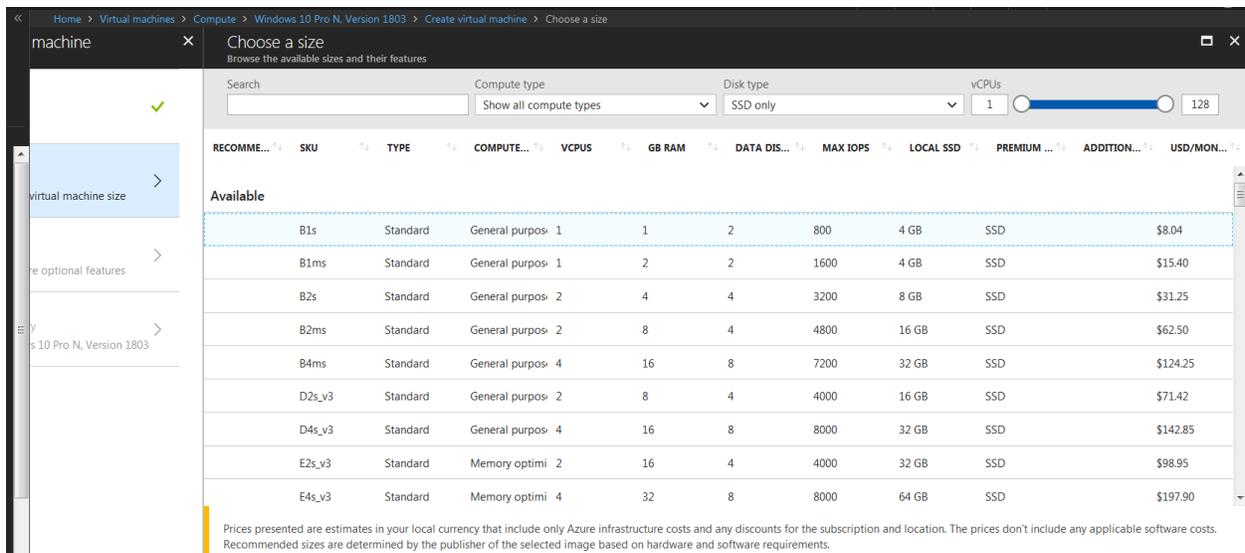


Click the "Create" button.

Fill out the "Basics" form as shown below. The Name is a name you make up for your virtual machine. Anything will do. Choose "SSD" for the VM disk type. Enter the username and password you used for setting up the Azure account. Subscription: Free Trial. Resource Group: Create New and give it any name you desire. My form below shows a name I already had.

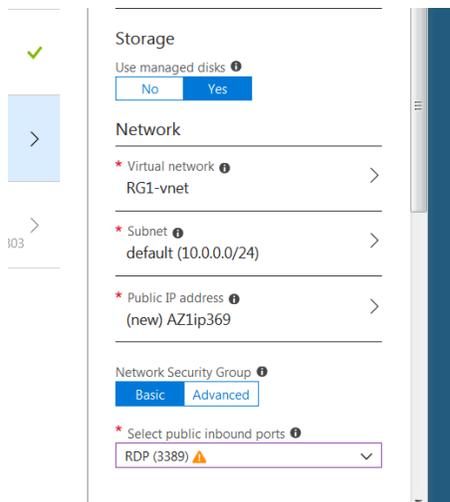


Click OK.

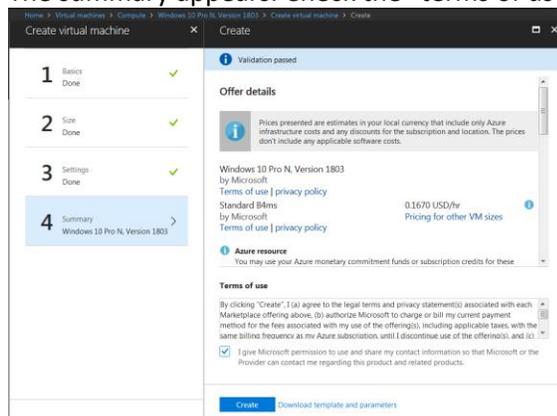


Choose General purpose 4 on the 5th line (B4ms) and click Select.

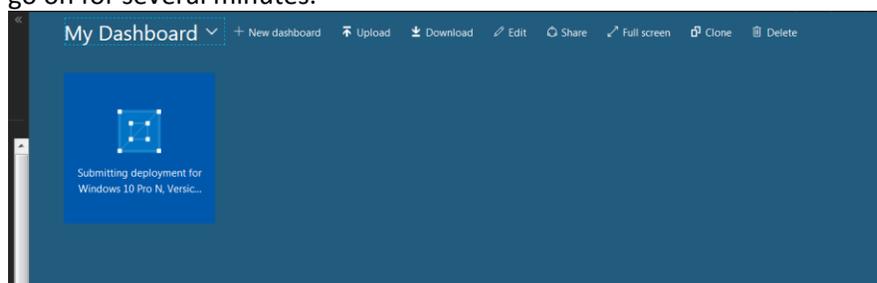
On the next form go to "Select public inbound ports". Select RDP (3389). Leave everything else at its defaults and click OK.



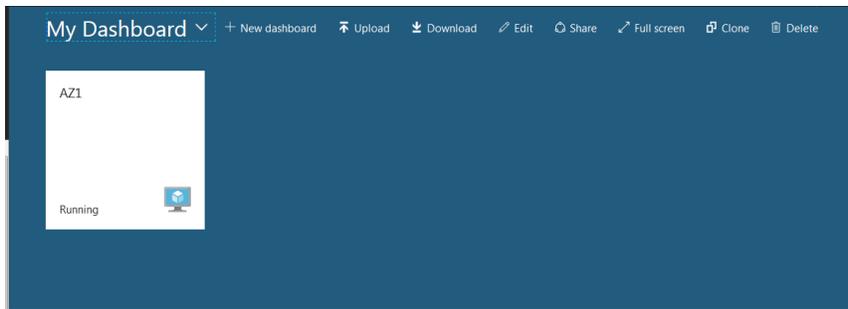
The summary appears. Check the “terms of use” box and click Create.



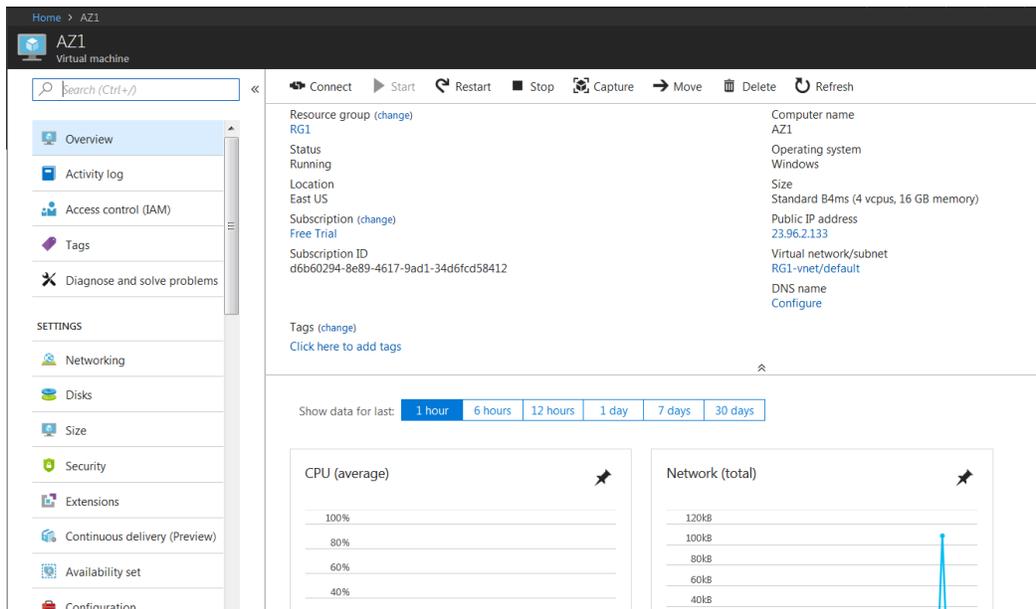
The waiting for deployment page opens and indicates the deployment is in progress. This process may go on for several minutes.



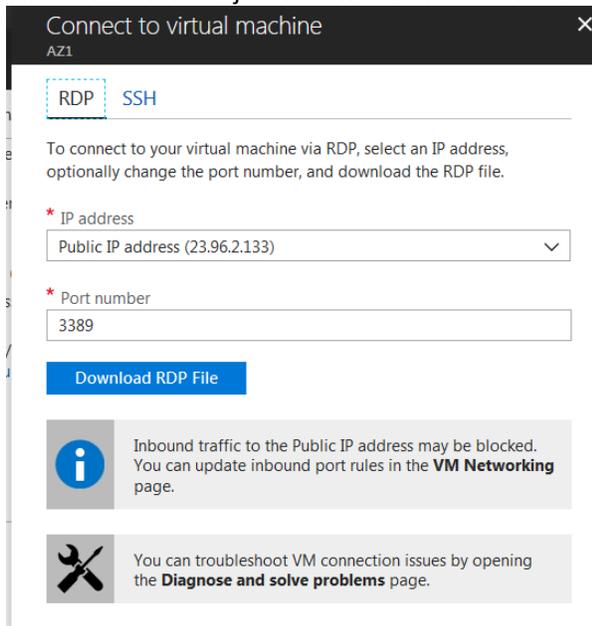
Eventually it will finish (it took me about 15 minutes) and the “Submitting” icon becomes a “Running” icon.



Click on that icon and it will take you to your machine control panel, which looks, in part like this:



Click on "Connect" just below the black banner to open the connection panel



For windows users, you can probably just click on "Download RDP File", but for mac users, it may be more reliable to copy the IP address (here: 23.96.2.133) and the port number. You may not need the latter.

Mac users will have installed a windows remote desktop app. I have been successful with "Microsoft Remote Desktop". On the mac desktop (or whatever its called), the icon says "RD client". Open that app. In the upper right corner, touch the plus sign to add a new connection. An "add new" dialog opens. Select "Desktop".

For PC name enter the IP address you copied down from above, e.g., 23.96.2.133 in my case).

Leave the rest as is and click "save". It should now have an icon in the app. Touch that icon to log into the virtual machine with the credentials you saved in step one.