

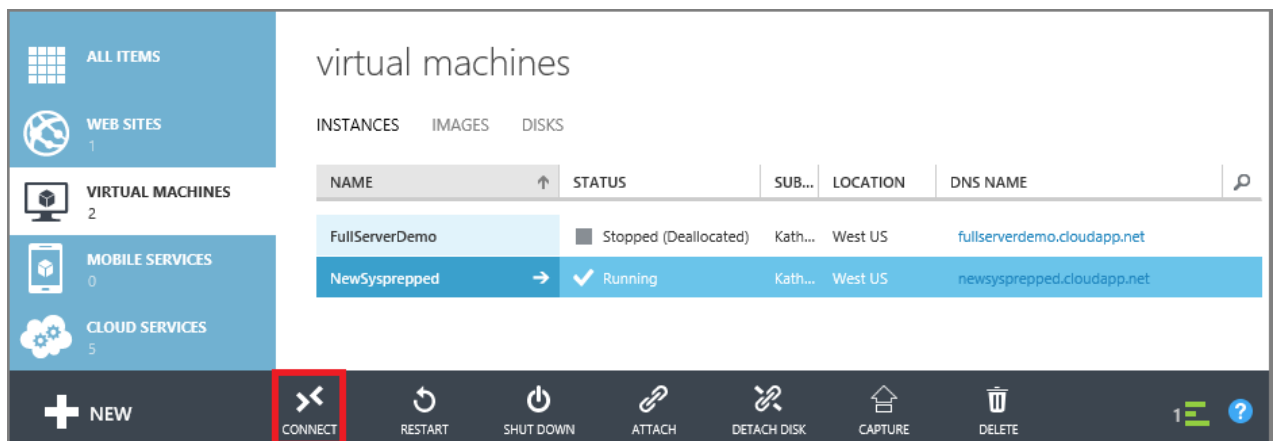
How to Log on to a Virtual Machine Running Windows Server

For a virtual machine that's running the Windows Server operating system, you use the Connect button in the Management Portal to start a Remote Desktop Connection.

NOTE:

If you need to reset the user name or password, or enable RDP in the virtual machine, you can use the [VMAccess](#) extension to do that. For requirements and troubleshooting tips, see [Connect to an Azure virtual machine with RDP or SSH](#).

1. If you have not already done so, sign in to the [Azure Management Portal](#).
2. Click **Virtual Machines**, and then select the appropriate virtual machine.
3. On the command bar, click **Connect**.



4. Click **Open** to use the Remote Desktop Protocol file that was automatically created for the virtual machine.
5. Click **Connect** to continue.



6. Type the user name and password of the administrative account on the virtual machine, and then click **OK**. This is the user name and password you specified when you created the virtual machine, unless the virtual machine is now a domain controller. In that case, type the user name and password of a domain administrator account for the domain.
7. Click **Yes** to verify the identity of the virtual machine.



You can now work with the virtual machine just as you would with any other server.