

Alma Linux 8 – Neo4j 5 Community

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1.) Overview

This document is provided as a user guide for the Alma Linux 8 – Neo4j 5 Community product offering on the Azure Marketplace. Please reach out to support@cloudimg.co.uk if any issues are encountered following this user guide for the chosen product offering.



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2.) Access & Security

Please update the security group of the target instance to allow the below ports and protocols for access and connectivity.

Protocol	Type	Port	Description
SSH	TCP	22	SSH connectivity
Custom TCP	TCP	7474	Neo4j Front end console

3.) System Requirements

The minimum system requirements for the chosen product offering can be found below

Minimum CPU	Minimum RAM	Required Disk Space
1	1 GB	20 GB

4.) Connecting to the Instance

Once launched in the Azure Virtual Machines Service, please connect to the instance via an SSH client using the **azureuser** with the key pair associated at launch. Once connected as the **azureuser**, you will be able to **sudo** to the **root** user by issuing the below command.

Switch to the root user

```
sudo su -
```

5.) On Startup

An OS package update script has been configured to run on boot to ensure the image is fully up to date at first use. You can disable this feature by removing the script from `/stage/scripts/` and deleting the entry in `crontab` for the root user.

Disable the OS update script from running on reboot

```
rm -f /stage/scripts/initial_boot_update.sh
crontab -e
#DELETE THE BELOW LINE. SAVE AND EXIT THE FILE.
@reboot /stage/scripts/initial_boot_update.sh
```



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6.) Filesystem Configuration

Please see below for a screenshot of the server disk configuration and specific mount point mappings for software locations.

```
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
devtmpfs        451M   0  451M   0% /dev
tmpfs           469M   0  469M   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs           469M  6.3M  463M   2% /run
tmpfs           469M   0  469M   0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/nvme0n1p2  38G   3.2G   33G   9% /
/dev/nvme1n1    9.8G  558M   8.8G   6% /var/lib/neo4j
/dev/nvme0n1p1  2.0G  185M   1.7G  11% /boot
tmpfs           94M   0    94M   0% /run/user/1002
```

Mount Point	Description
/boot	Operating System Kernel files
/var/lib/neo4j	Neo4j data directory

7.) Server Components

Please see below for a list of installed server components and their respective installation paths. The below versions are subject to change on initial boot based on the initial_boot_update.sh script finding new versions of the software in the systems package repositories.

Component	Version	Software Home
Cloud-Init	22.1-1	/etc/cloud
Neo4j	5.1.3	/var/lib/neo4j
Azure CLI	2.53.1	/lib64/az



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8.) Scripts and Log Files

The below table provides a breakdown of any scripts & log files created to enhance the useability of the chosen offering.

Script/Log	Path	Description
Initial_boot_update.sh	/stage/scripts	Update the Operating System with the latest updates available.
Initial_boot_update.log	/stage/scripts	Provides output for initial_boot_update.sh

9.) Using System Components

Instructions can be found below for using each component of the server build mentioned in section 7 of this user guide document.

Azure CLI

Using Azure CLI – as any OS user.

```
az
```

Cloud-Init

Edit the /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg file to reflect your desired configuration. A link to the cloud-init official documentation can be found below for referencing best practise for your use case.

<https://cloudinit.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

```
vi /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg
```

Neo4j

The Neo4j database service has been configured to start on boot, please use the below commands to start, stop and check the status of the service.



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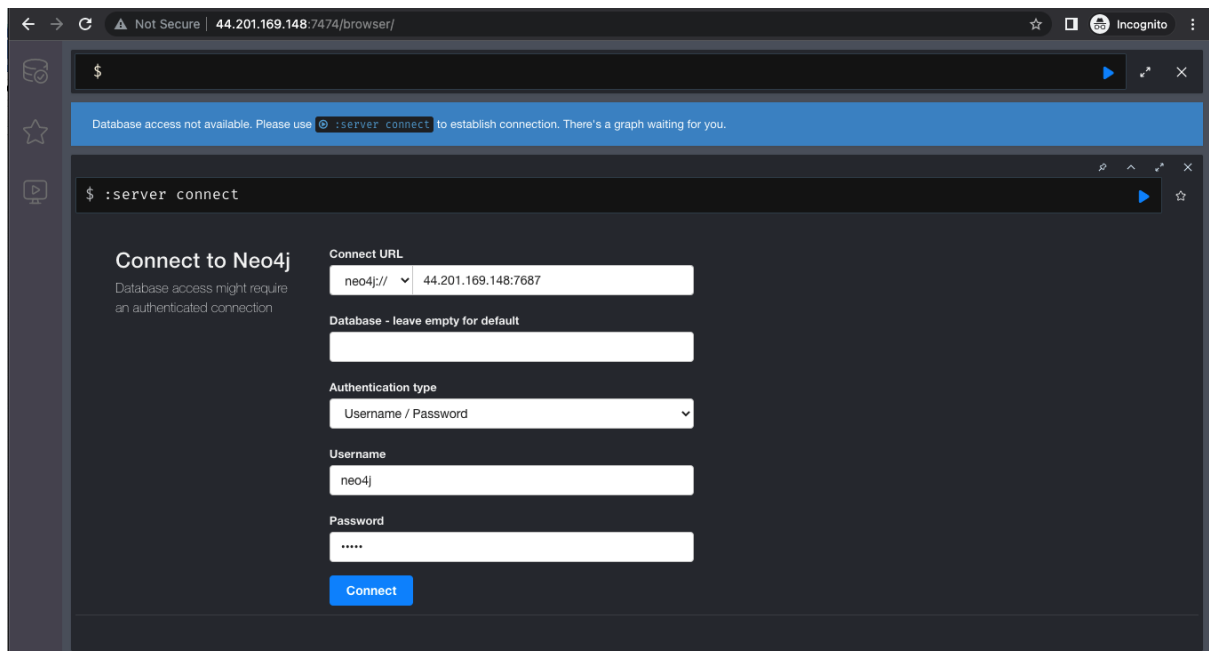
```
#Check the neo4j Server is running
systemctl status neo4j

#Stop the neo4j Server
systemctl stop neo4j

#Start the neo4j Server
systemctl start neo4j
```

Once the neo4j server status has started, you will be able to access the front end via the below URL exchanging the values between <> to match that of your own Instance.

<PRIVATE/PUBLICIP>:7474



A screen like the above should now load, enter the default username and password for the above fields leaving all others default.

Username = neo4j

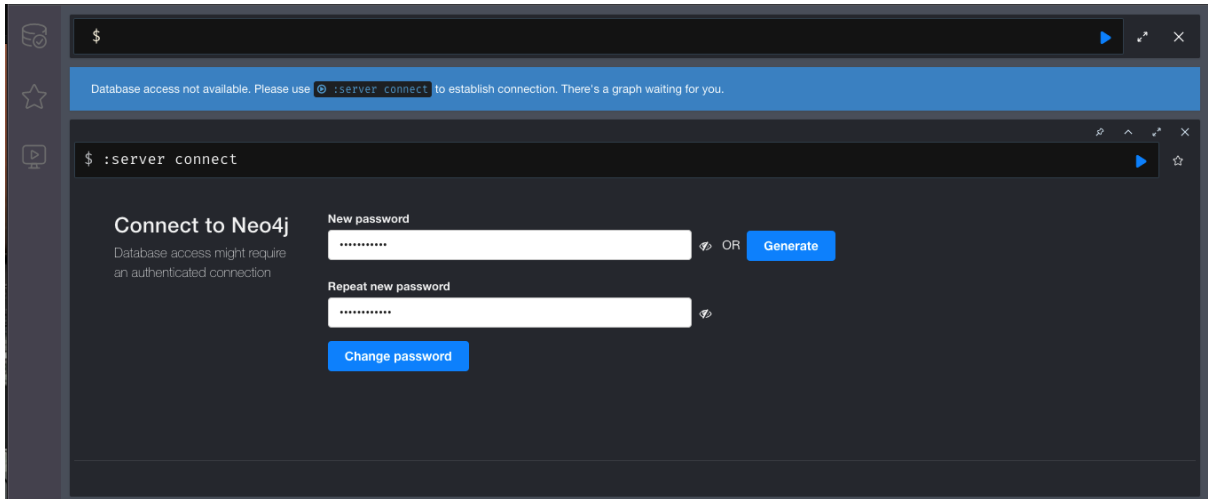
Password = neo4j

Click Connect



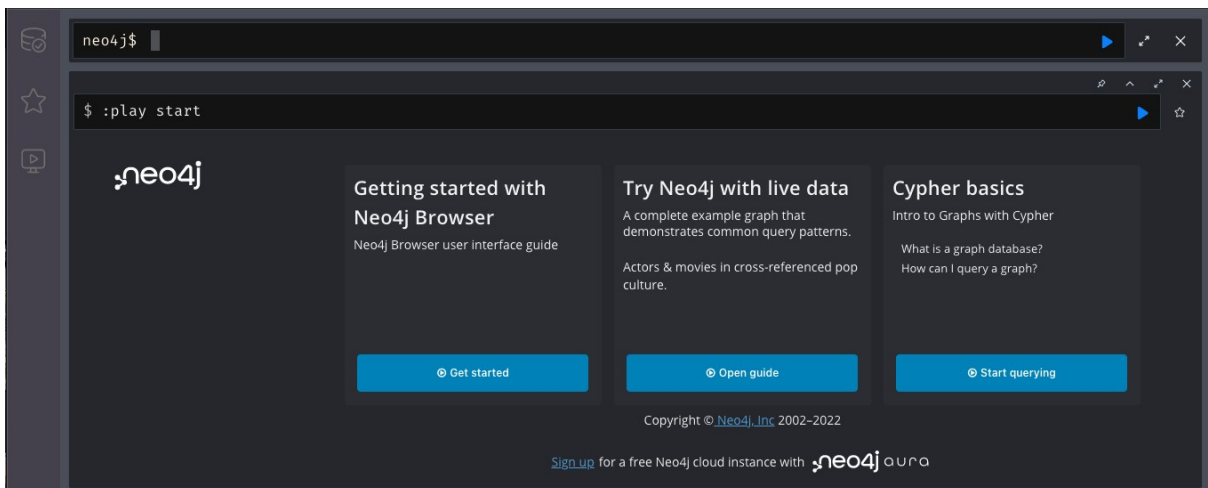
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You will now be prompted to set a new password of your choice.

Once entered, click Change password.



Neo4j is now ready for use.



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