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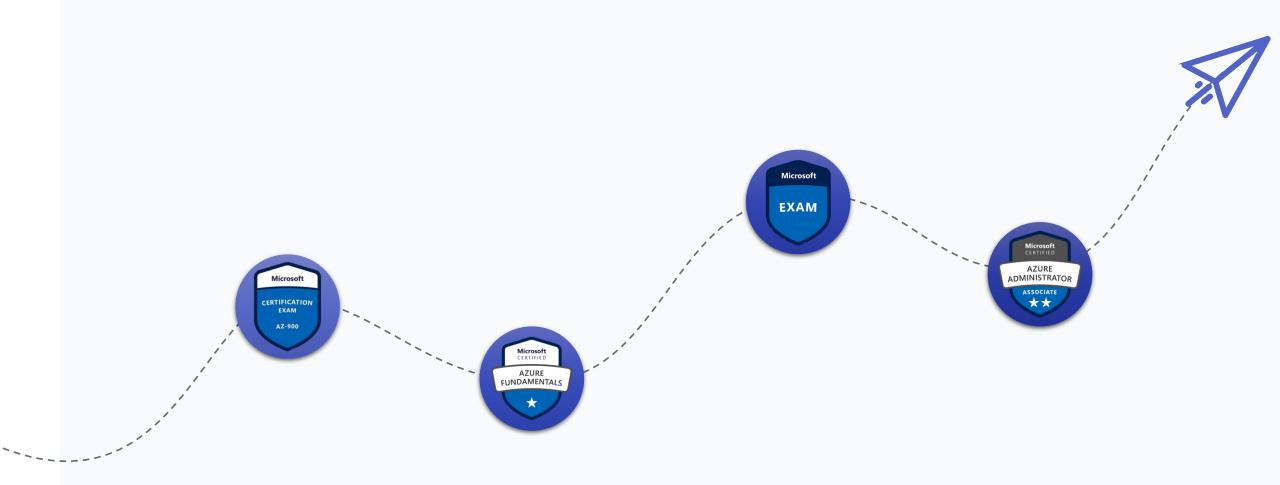
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Certification Roadmap



AZ-900 (Azure Fundamentals is optional). Passing score for AZ-104 is 700

Manage identities and governance

15-20%

Implement and manage storage

15-20%

Deploy and manage compute resources

20-25%

Configure and manage virtual networking

25-30%

Monitor and backup resources

10-15%

Exam AZ-104: Skills Measured

As an administrator, you need to implement, manage and administer compute, network, storage, identity, governance and monitoring. This includes creating, updating, resizing, and deleting resources in cloud infrastructure as needed.

One of the prerequisites for the course is basic knowledge of Azure services and strong knowledge of compute, storage, and network concepts. In large enterprise organizations, you will be a part of a team which focuses on administering one or more Azure services.



Exam AZ-104: Microsoft Azure Administrator

START

Understand the basics of Azure Active Directory and how it's different from traditional AD. Along with learn user management and group management in Azure AD.



Module 1

Managing Azure

Active Directory

Subscription and Governance



Managing Azure Subscriptions and implementing governance using Azure Policy, Azure Tags and Role Based Access Control.

Learn how to manage Azure Virtual Networks and some of the core networking concepts such as User Defined Routes, Azure DNS, Azure Firewall and Network Security Groups.



Implementing virtual networking



Start planning and deploy your virtual machines to Azure.
Understand how to set up scaling and high availability for Azure VMs.

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MODULE 4 Configure VMs

MODULE 5 Load Balancing



Load Balancing is required to balance the requests between our Azure workloads. Explore different load balancing solutions available in Azure

Learn how to deploy Azure-to-Azure connectivity and Azure-to-onpremises connectivity.



MODULE 6 Intersite connectivity



Start automating resource deployment using ARM templates and configure your VMs with the help of VM Extensions.



MODULE 7

Automating deployment and configuration

MODULE 8 Securing storage



Learn how to secure your Azure Storage Accounts

Understand how to work storage services like Azure Blobs and Azure Files.



MODULE 9

Administering Azure Blobs and Azure Files



Get familiarized with tools that can be used to manage Azure Storage. Explore Azure Storage Explorer, AZCopy, and Import/Export

service





Explore Azure Container Instances and Azure Kubernetes Service..



MODULE 10 Managing Storage

Learn Azure App Service Plans and Azure App Service



MODULE 12

Configuring containers



Learn how to setup backup and disaster recovery in Azure

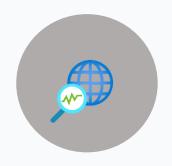


MODULE 13

Implement backup and recovery

MODULE 14

Network Monitoring



Set up network monitoring tools to troubleshoot network related issues

Configure monitoring for Azure resources.



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MODULE 15

Resource Monitoring

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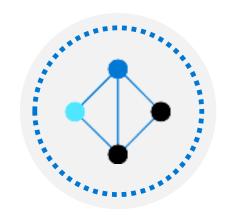
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Managing Azure Active
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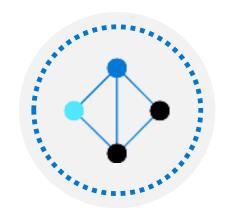


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Introduction to Azure AD



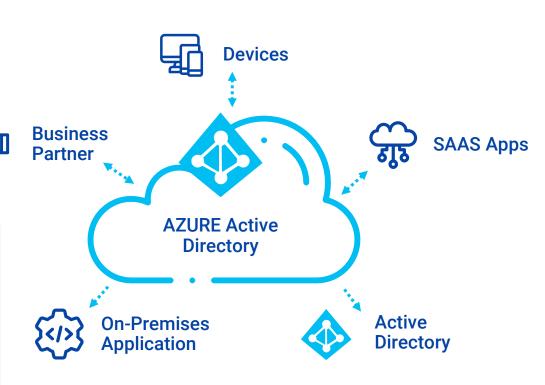




Azure Active Directory

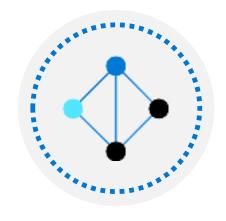
Cloud based identity and directory management service enabling access to Azure services and other SaaS solutions like Microsoft 365, DropBox, Concur, Salesforce etc.

Offers self-service options including password reset, authentication, device management, hybrid identities, and single sign-on.





Azure AD concepts







Identity

Any object that can be authenticated is considered as an identity. It could be a user, group, managed identity, or service principals.







Account

When we associate data attributes to an identity, we call it an account. For example, a user will have multiple attributes like location, department, manager, phone number etc.



Azure AD Account

Accounts that are created in Azure AD or another Microsoft cloud service is known as Azure AD Account.



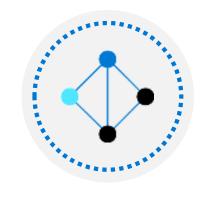
Azure AD tenant or directory

Dedicated instance of Azure AD that is created during the sign-up of any Microsoft cloud service subscription. Tenant and directory means the same and you can use interchangeably





Azure AD vs Active Directory Domain Services





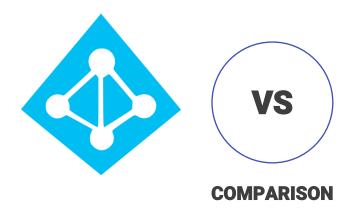






Azure AD vs Active Directory Domain Services

- Queried using HTTP/HTTPS
- Protocols used for authentication (+)includes SAML, WS-Federation, OpenID connect. OAuth is used for authorization
- Federation can be setup with third (+)party providers like Facebook.
- Azure AD is a managed service offering.

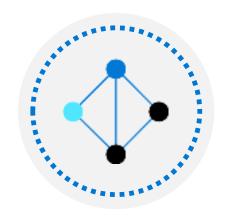




- Queried using LDAP
- Kerberos is used AD DS authentication
- Federation is only to other domains; third party services are not supported.
- ADDS will be running on VMs or physical servers.



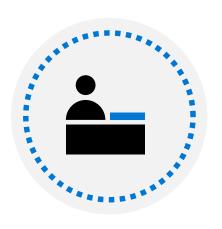
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Premium P2	No directory object limit	Single Sign on & Core IAM	B2B collaboration	O365 Identity & Access	Hybrid identities	Conditional Access	Identity Protection	Identity Governance
Premium P1	No directory object limit	Single Sign on & Core IAM	B2B collaboration	O365 Identity & Access	Hybrid identities	Conditional Access		
M365 Apps	No directory object limit	Single Sign on & Core IAM	B2B collaboration	O365 Identity & Access				
Free	50,000 directory objects	Single Sign on & Core IAM	B2B collaboration					

User Accounts









User accounts are used for authentication and authorization, all users must have an account.



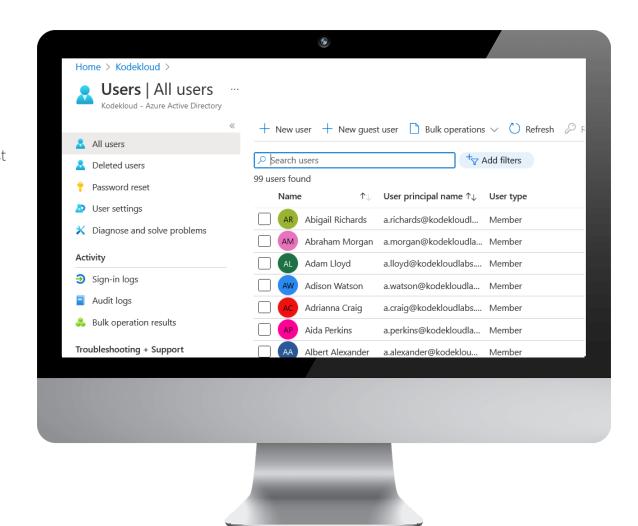
Each user account can have optional properties such as address, department etc.



All users can be accessed from Azure Active Directory > Users > All Users.



We can also perform bulk operations like bulk create, bulk invite, and bulk delete.





Cloud Identities

These are users exist only in azure AD. Can be Azure AD or external Azure AD as well.



Guest Accounts

These are users exist outside of Azure and they are invited for collaboration. Microsoft accounts, Live accounts etc.



Directory synchronized users

These users are synchronized from your on-premises Windows AD. We cannot create directory synchronized users; they need to be synchronized.





Managing User Accounts



Create a user: This will create a user in your Azure AD. The identity created as part of this process will have a sign in name from your tenant.



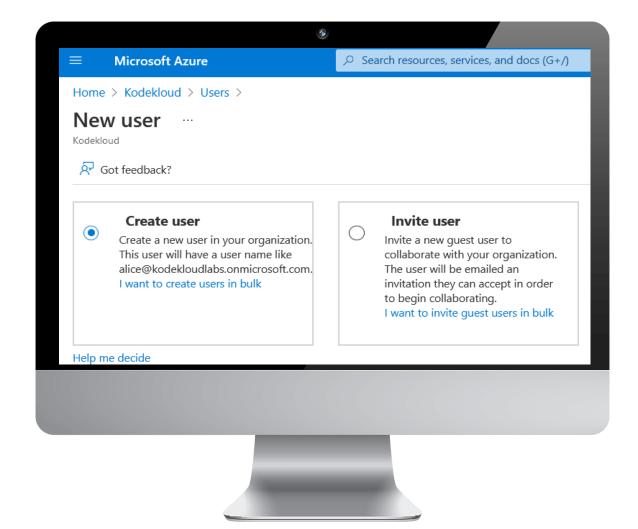
Invite a user: This will help us to invite guest users to collaborate with your organization. An invitation will be triggered to the email address, and they must accept the invitation to start collaborating.



User can be deleted if needed. Deleted users will be retained for 30 days and can be restored during this window.



All sign in and audit log can be tracked.





Bulk Operations







(1) User Accounts – Bulk Operations



Bulk operations will let you download a CSV template where you add users you want to create, delete, or invite. Using bulk operation, we can easily work on these operations rather than doing one by one.



Bulk create: Create users in bulk



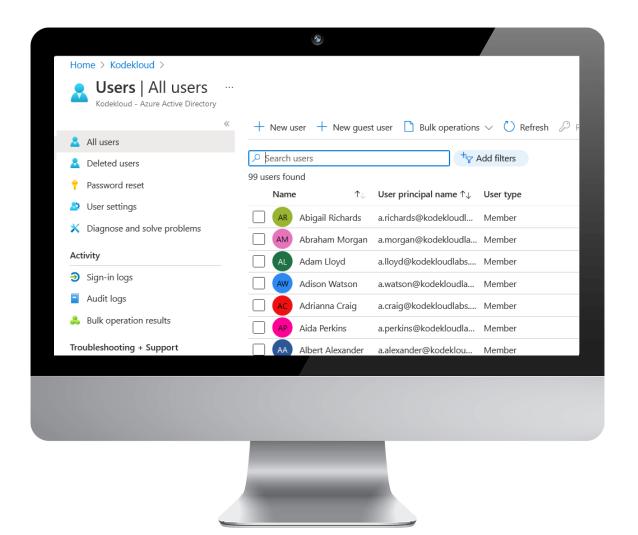
Bulk invite: Invite external users for collaboration in bulk.



Bulk delete: Delete existing users in bulk



Download users: Creates export of all users in the directory



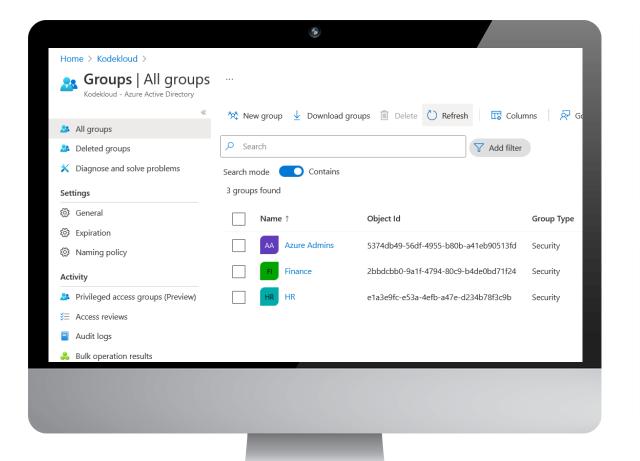


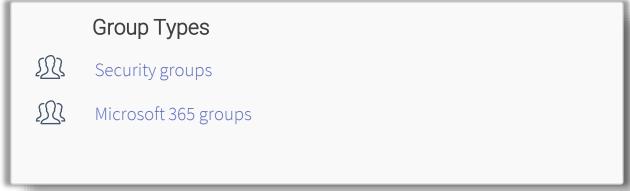
Group Account

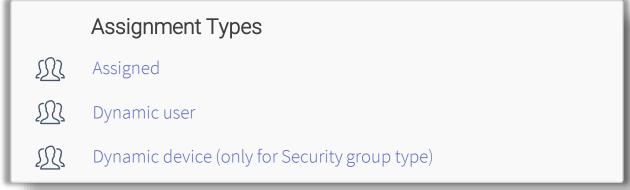




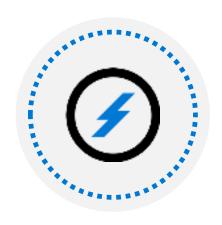






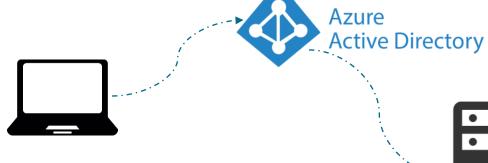


Azure AD Join













Single sign-on

Microsoft Store for Business

Enterprise state roaming

Windows Hello

Device Management

On-premises access

Single sign-on

Enable SSO for your apps, services, and SaaS solutions

Access to Microsoft Store for Business

Publish your internal applications to Microsoft Store for Business for internal users.

Enterprise State Roaming

Synchronize your user settings and configuration across devices

Windows Hello support

For supported Windows devices, users can use facial or biometric sign in.

Device Management

Check device compliance and restrict access to applications

Access to on-prem apps

Enable seamless access to on-premises applications and resources.



Self service password reset (SSPR)







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Enables users to reset password without the need to call IT helpdesk.



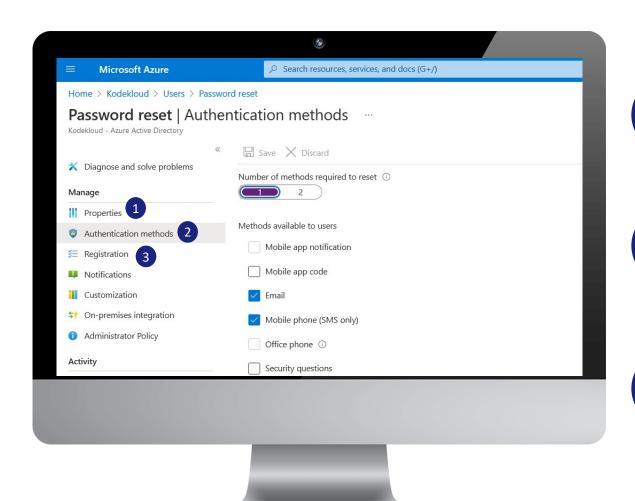
Setup multiple methods for resetting the password.



Requires Premium P2 license as this a premium feature.



Target all users or a group of users and enable SSPR. For admin accounts, SSPR is enabled by default.





Enable SSPR for all users or for selected groups

Step 2

Setup the number of authentication methods requires for reset and the available methods

Step 3 3

Users will be requested to register for SSPR during next sign in where they can enable their reset method.



Multi tenant environments







Relationship

Each Azure AD organization or tenant is fully independent. There is no parent-child relationship between these tenants. Each tenant will be considered as a separate entity.

Resource Independence

Creation or deletion of a resource in one tenant has no impact on any resource in another tenant.

Administration independence

The level of permissions of the user is only valid within the tenant. If a user is Global Administrator in one tenant and non-admin user in another tenant, that user will not have admin rights in the tenant where the user non-admin.

Synchronization independence

We can setup synchronization of account data for each Azure AD tenant independently.

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Managing Subscriptions







S Azure Subscriptions



Logical container that defines the billing boundary for the usage.



Resources deployed in Azure will be mapped to an Azure subscription



Subscriptions can also help in setting up environmental boundaries



Every subscription will have a unique ID and it's called the subscription ID.





An account can have multiple subscriptions.



Identities that are part of Azure AD or an identity from any trusted Microsoft cloud service can sign up for a subscription



There are different types of subscriptions based on the use case scenario.

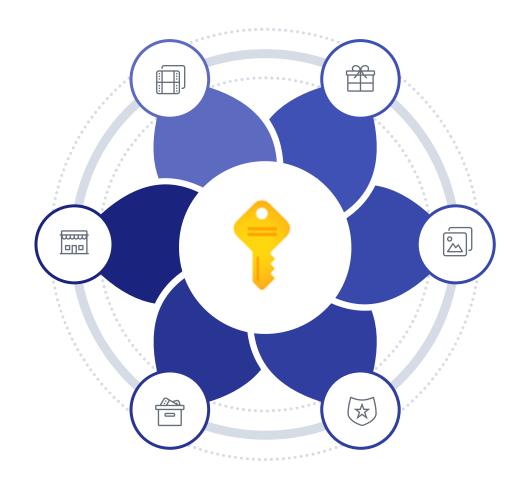


Subscription also act as a scope for access management.





Subscription offer types





Enterprise Agreements

Recommended for organizations with 500 or more users or devices that offers the cloud services and software licenses at discounted rates



Pay-as-you-go

Ideal for small organizations, where they don't have the budget to make upfront agreements



Cloud Solution Provider

Subscriptions licensed via Microsoft Partners, ideal for small to medium organizations. Billing is managed by the partner.



Free Trial

\$200 credit for 30 days and free limited access for 12 months.



Azure for Students

Students are eligible for \$100 credit for 12 months upon verification of student credentials

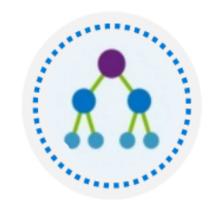


Visual Studio

Credit based subscriptions offered to Visual Studio Professional and Enterprise subscribers.



Understanding the hierarchy







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Management groups offers a scope above subscriptions by which you will be able to group subscriptions together.



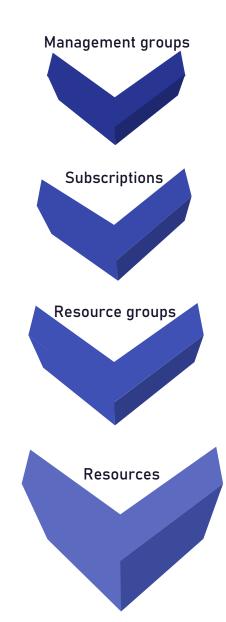
Root Management group is created by default, and you have up to 6 levels of nested groups excluding the root group.

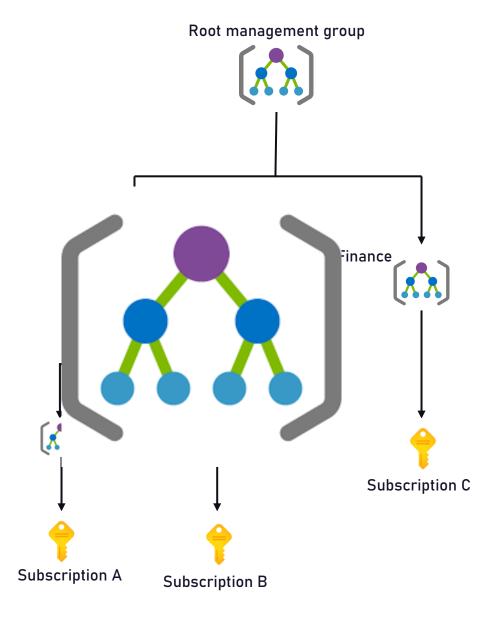


Each subscription will contain one or more resources groups for logically grouping resources like virtual machines, databases etc.



Hierarchy helps in implementing policies, access and cost management







Working with Role Based Access Control

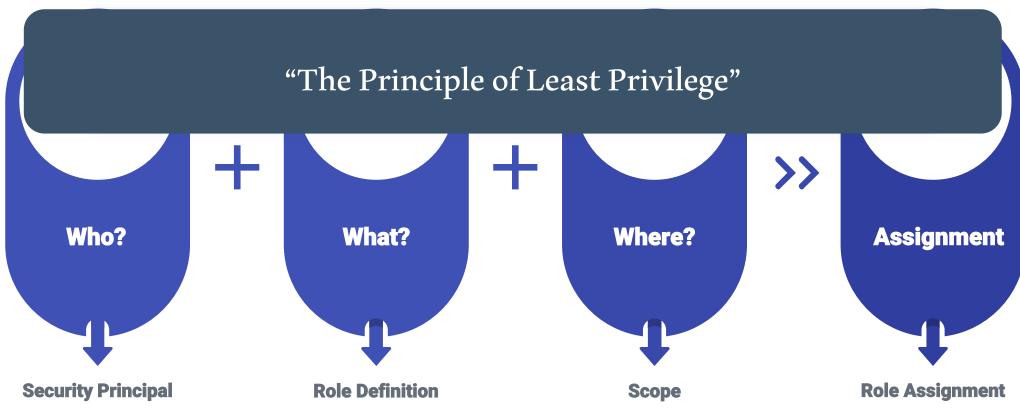






Role Based Access Control

Enables administrators to grant access to Azure resources and to segregate duties within the team.



Any identity which is requesting for access. It could be a user, group, service principal or managed identity.

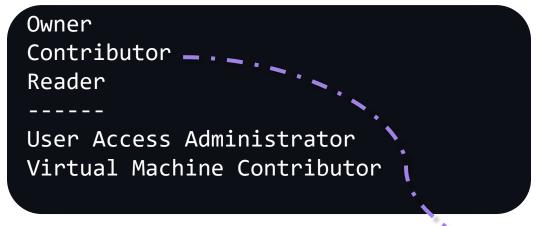
Defines a set of operations that a particular role can perform. Written in JSON format.

Limit of access, defines a boundary.

When we attach a role definition to a service principal at a particular scope, then it becomes a role assignment. Max: 2000 in each subscription.







Built-in roles

Helpdesk Admin Webapps Operator

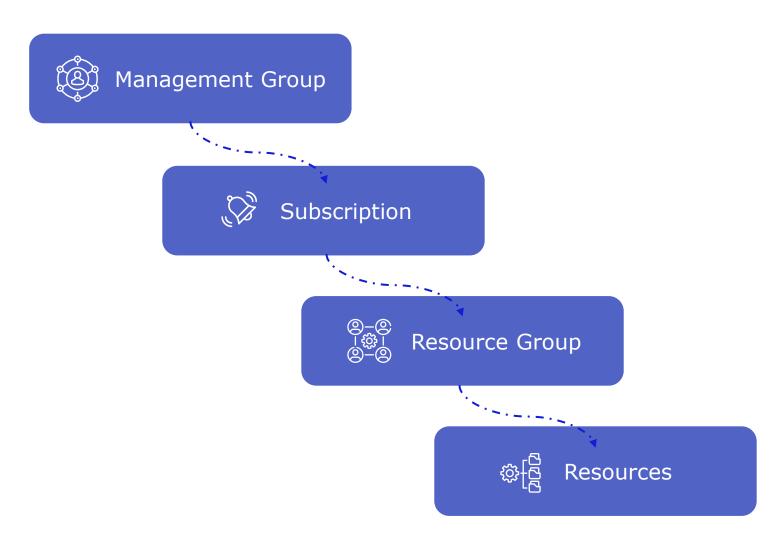
Custom roles

Contributor

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resources, but does not allow you to assign roles in
Azure RBAC, manage assignments in Azure Blueprints
, or share image galleries.",
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       "Microsoft.Authorization/elevateAccess/Action",
       "Microsoft.Blueprint/blueprintAssignments/write",
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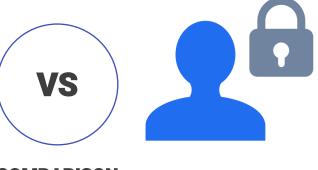




Azure RBAC vs Azure AD Roles

- Used to manage access to Azure resources
- Scopes include Management groups,
 Subscriptions, Resource Groups, and
 Resources
- Role assignments can be managed via Azure Portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, ARM templates, and REST API
- Example roles includes Owner, Contributor, Reader, User Access Administrator etc.



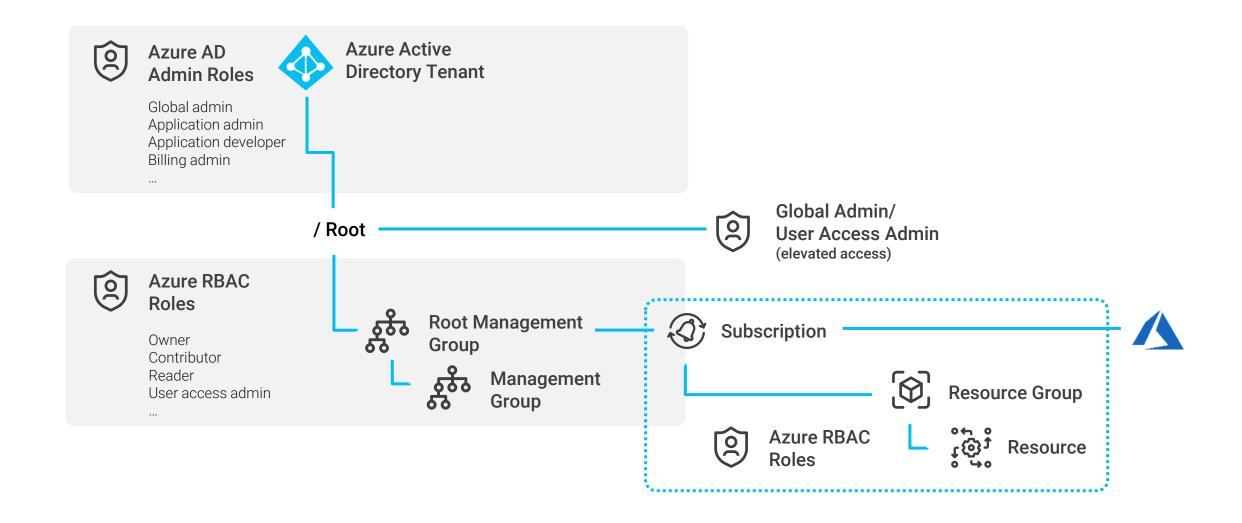


- Used to manage Azure AD features
- Scope is at the Azure AD tenant level
- Roles can be managed via Azure Portal, M365 Admin Portal, Microsoft Graph API, Azure AD and Graph PS module.
- Example roles includes Global
 Administrator, Billing Administrator,
 Global Reader etc.





Azure RBAC vs Azure AD Roles





Built-in-roles and Custom Roles





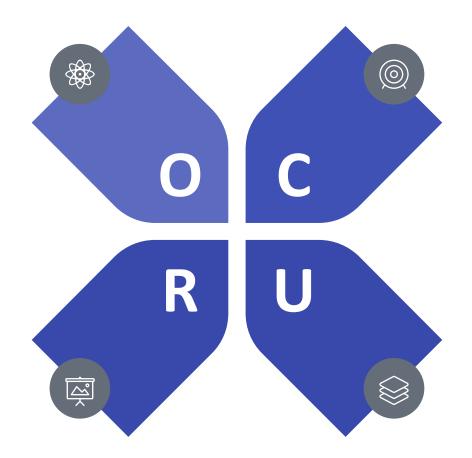


Built-in roles

Built-in roles are roles offered by Azure which we can assign to users, groups, service principals, and managed identities. Following are the fundamental roles that you need to be aware of.

Owner

Full access to all resources and can delegate access to other users.



Contributor

Create and manage all types of resources, however, cannot grant access to others.

Reader

Read access to all resources, no permission to make changes to the resources.

User Access Administrator

User access to Azure resources can be managed using this role.







Custom RBAC roles can be used to create fine tuned roles for your environment, if the built-in roles doesn't meet your specific needs



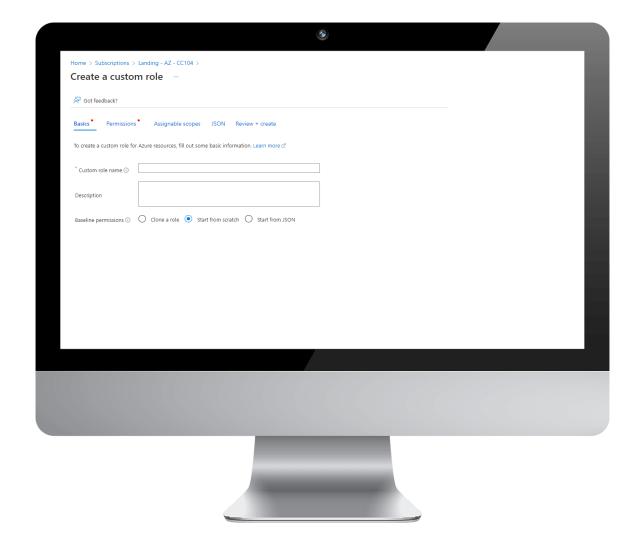
Custom roles can be created from Azure Portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI and REST API



Each directory can have up to 5000 custom roles



We can assign custom roles to users, groups, and service principals to any scope; same way we work with built-in roles.



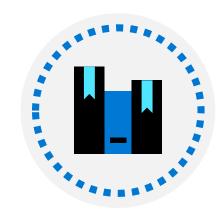


Multi tenant Managing access using Azure Portal





Azure Tags







Adding metadata

Using tags we can add metadata to our subscription, resource groups, and resources



Logical grouping

With tags, we can logically filter our resources for management purposes



Name-value pair

Tags uses a name value pair. Tag name is limited to 512 characters and tag value is limited to 256 character. Maximum number of tags we can assign is limited to 50.



Cost Management

Tags can be used to filter Azure usage and cost management. The tags added to resources will be propagated to Azure Billing system.





Resource Locks









Avoids accidental changes

With the help of resource locks, we can protect our resources from accidental changes or deletion.



Resources with read-only locks cannot be modified and this will prevent any changes to the resource.



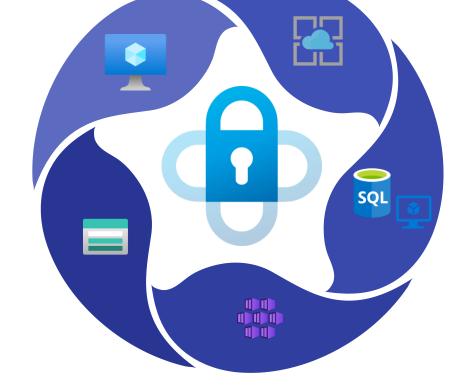
Inheritance

Locks can be applied at the subscription, resource group, and resource level. The lock will inherit to the lower scopes.



Delete locks

Resources with delete lock can be modified, however, they cannot be deleted. Ideal for resources which you would like to modify and at the same time, prevent accidental deletion.



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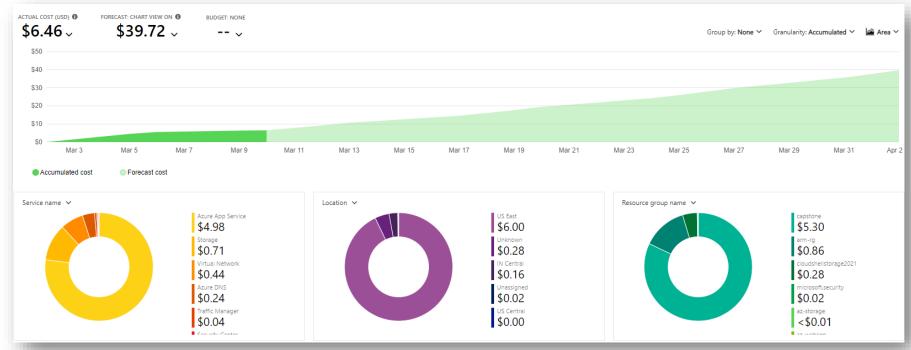


Analyzing costs











We can analyze the current spending and see cost forecast. We can also connect our AWS cost to Azure Cost Management



Using Cost Management, we can define fine tuned budgets targeting specific scopes and further narrow it down using filters. We can also generate cost related recommendations.

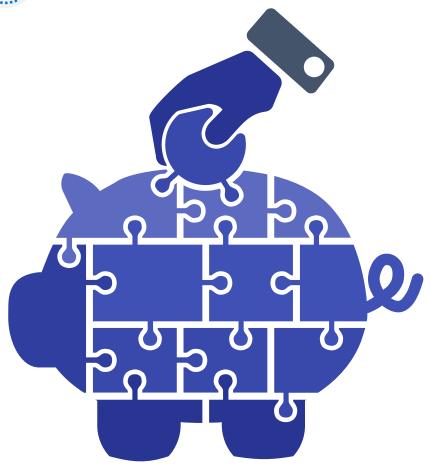


Export data

We can export our cost data to a storage account in Azure. The data can be exported as a one-time export or a recurring export which works based on the schedule we define.



© Cost savings











Azure Reserved Instances (RI)

For instances that are planned for long term and is running 24x7 can be reserved. Reservations can be purchased for 1 year or 3 year with upfront payment or equated monthly payments.



Credits

Credit based subscriptions such Visual Studio
Enterprise, Visual Studio Professional, MPN could
provide you monthly credits that can be used for
testing and developing solutions on Azure.



Azure Hybrid Benefit (AHUB)

You can purchase Windows and SQL licenses from Software Assurance can use with your Azure VMs and PaaS services. AHUB is cheaper than PAYG licensing cost



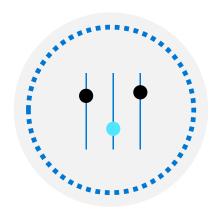
Regions

In Azure, every region has a different pricing. When you deploying resources, choose low-cost regions. While selecting low-cost regions, make sure you are not comprising the compliance or performance of your workloads.

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Azure Policy







Helps us to create, manage, and assign policies. Policies can be used to define organizational standards and identify non-compliant resources

Definition

Policy definition is a JSON document which is used to define the policy and its effect. Azure has built-in policies that we can use, or you can write your own custom policies

Assignment

Assignment is the process assigning a policy definition to a scope. Once it's assigned policy enforcement is done.



Scope

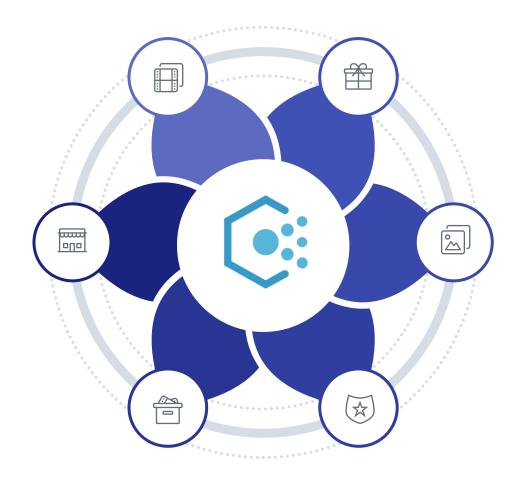
Like RBAC, we must specify the scope to which we want to enforce the policy. We can scope to management group, subscription, or to resource group.

Compliance

After assigning the policy, we can evaluate the compliance to understand compliant and noncompliant resources.



Azure Policy – Use cases





Allowed resources types

Defines a set of resources that can be created in the selected scope



Require tags

Enforce tags that needs to be added to the resources



Allowed virtual machine SKUs

Defines a set of VM SKUs that can be deployed.



Inherit tags

Inherit tags from subscription or resource group



Allowed locations

Defines a set of cloud locations where we can deploy resources.



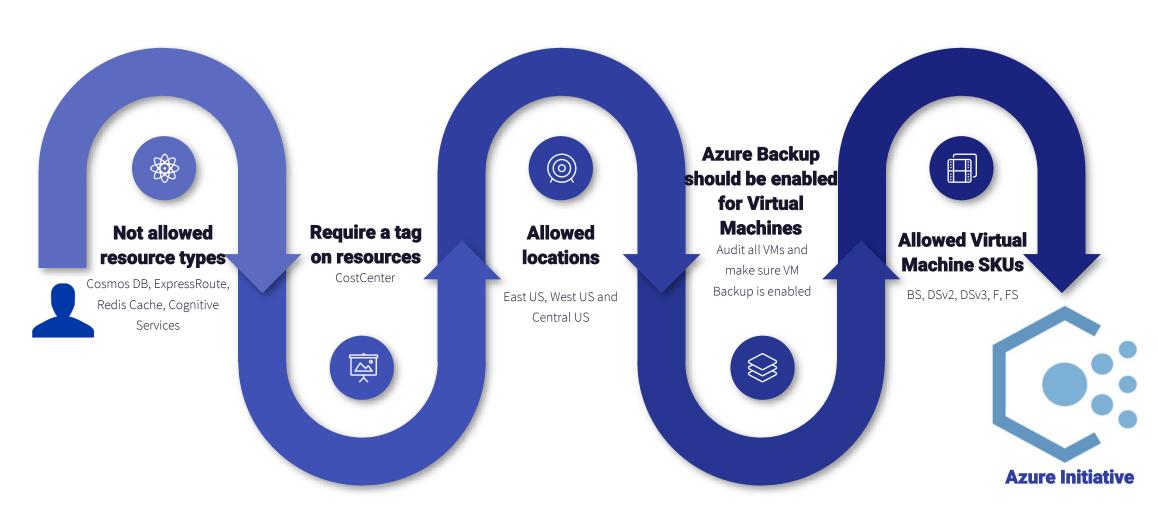
Allowed resource group locations

List of locations where you can create resource groups.



Initiative

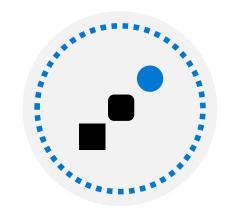
Chaining policy definitions so that they can assigned as single item and the compliance can be evaluated



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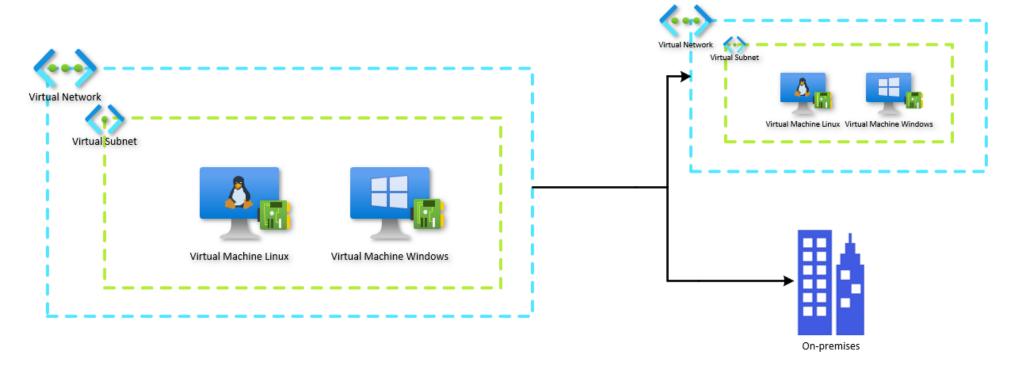


Creating and configuring virtual networks











Representation of cloud network

Logical representation of your network in the cloud. Azure Virtual Networks (VNets) helps us to create and manage networking in Azure



Dedicated instance

Every VNet instance in Azure is private and dedicated



Hybrid scenarios

With the help of VNets, we can extend our communication to on-premises datacenters and other cloud providers securely.



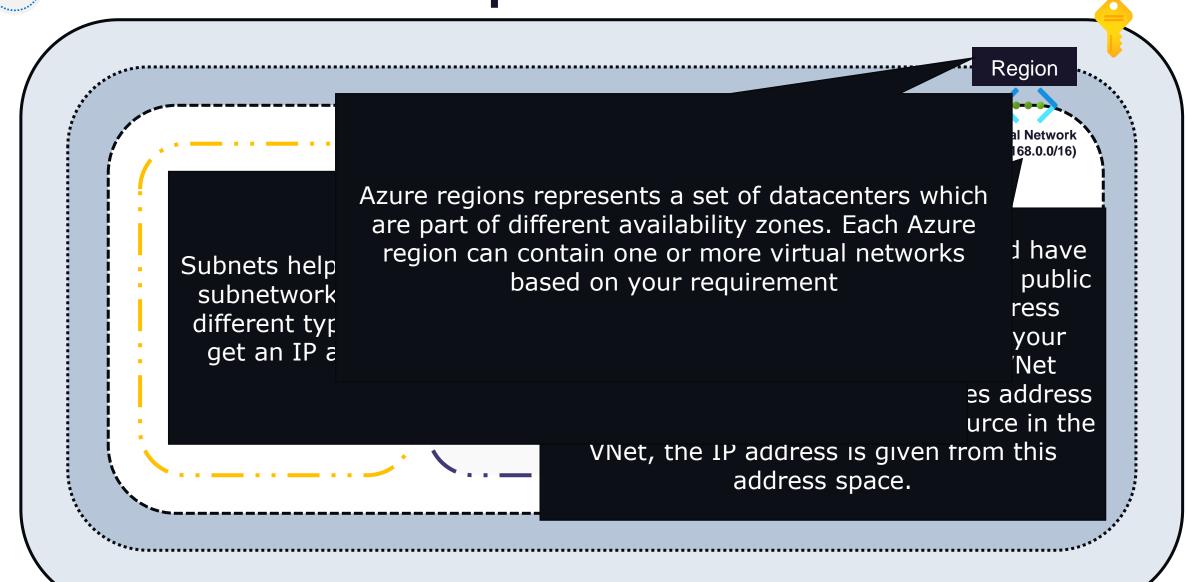
Connectivity between Azure services

Virtual Network is responsible for facilitating connectivity between Azure Virtual Machines and other Azure services. Also, enables Azure VMs to connect to Internet.



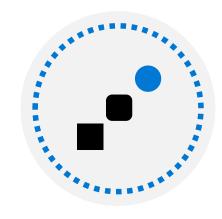


Virtual Network Concepts





Private and Public IP addresses

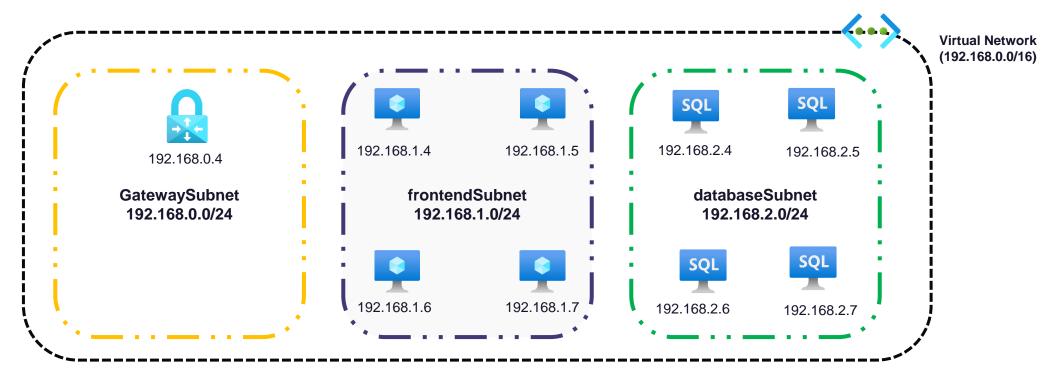






Private IP addresses

Used within Azure Virtual Network, and with hybrid scenarios involving VPN Gateways and ExpressRoute connections



Allocation methods



Static

Helps in setting up static IP address for domain controllers, web servers and DNS servers which do not change even if the servers are rebooted.

Also used with services such internal LBs and Application Gateways.

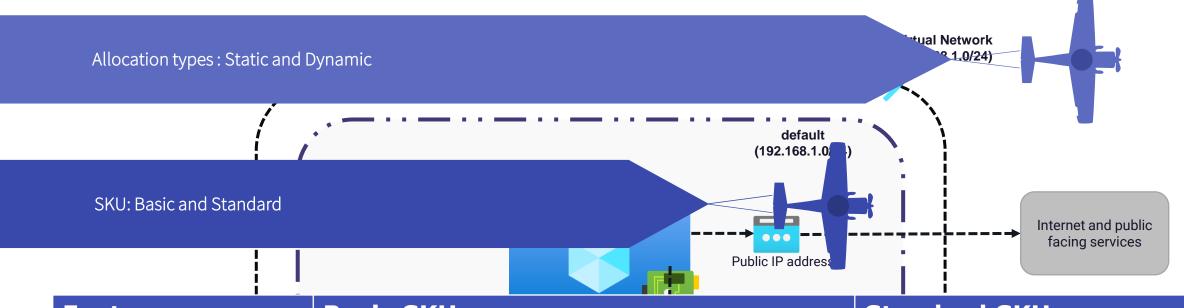


Dynamic

This is the default option, where the IP address is dynamically allocated from the address pool. If you restart a server and if the previous IP address is not available, Azure will assign another available IP address from the address space.



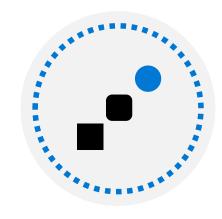
Public IP addresses



Feature	Basic SKU	Standard SKU
IP Allocation	Static/Dynamic	Static
Security	By default, open	By default, closed
Resources	Virtual Machine NIC, VPN Gateways, Public Load Balancers, Application Gateways	Virtual Machine NIC, Public Load Balancers, Application Gateways
Redundancy	No zone redundancy	Zone redundant



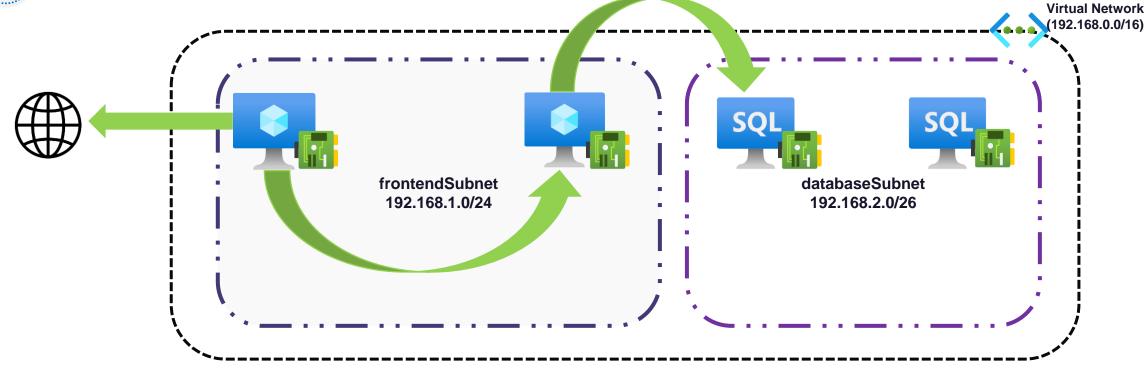
User Defined Routes







User Defined Routes





Communication between VMs in the same subnet



Communication between VMs in different subnets in the same virtual network.

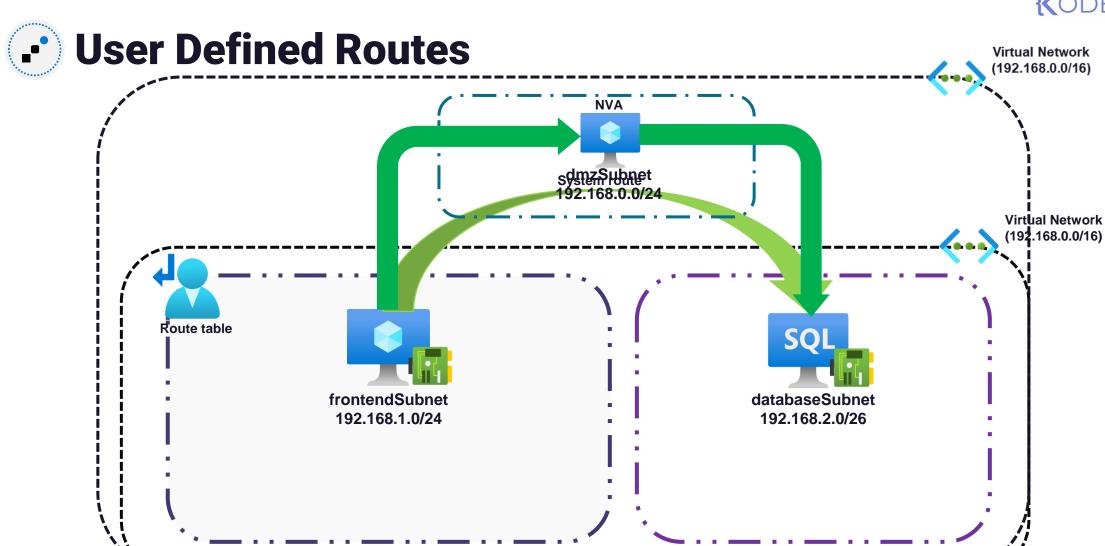
Communication from VM to the Internet



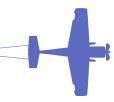
Communication via Site-to-Site and ExpressRoute connection while using VPN gateways

System routes



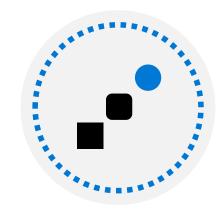


The next hope can be a virtual network gateway, virtual network, internet, or virtual appliance

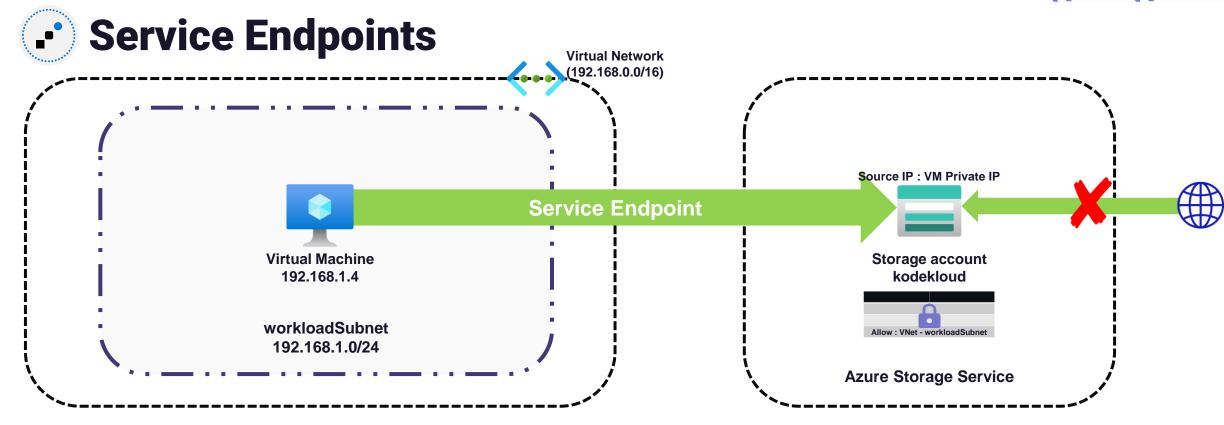




Service Endpoints





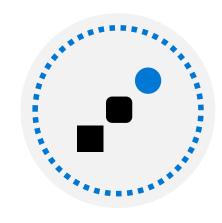


Benefits

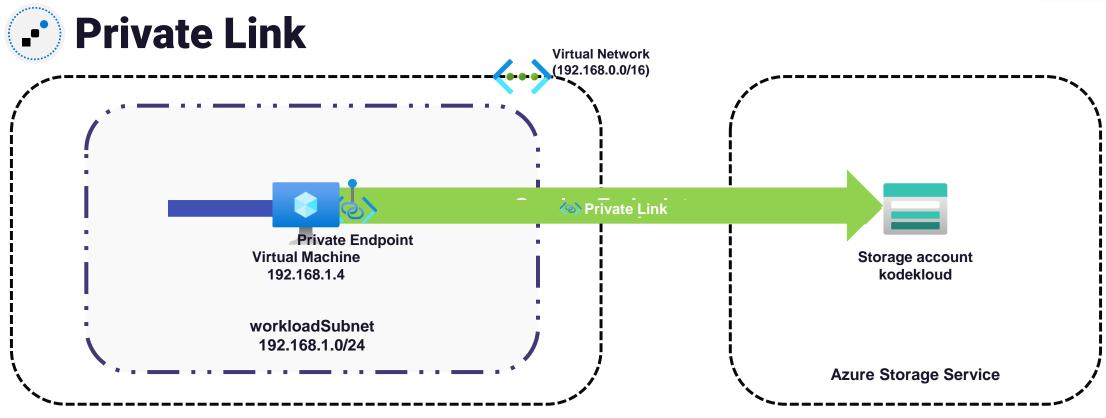
- Access Azure services with better security
- (+) Leverages Microsoft backbone network
- (+) Ease of setup and management
- Supported services include Azure Storage, Azure SQL Database, Azure Synapse Analytics, Azure Database for PostgreSQL server, Azure Database for MySQL server, Azure Database for MariaDB server, Azure Cosmos DB, Azure Key Vault, Azure Service Bus, Azure Event Hubs, ADLS Gen1, Azure App Service, Azure Cognitive Services, and Azure Container Registry (preview)



Private Link





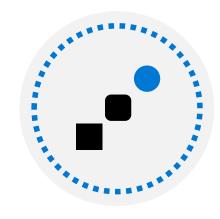


Benefits

- Connect to Azure services via private connection
- (+) Seamless integration with on-premises and peered networks
- Eliminates risk of data exfiltration
- (+) Direct availability in Azure VNets

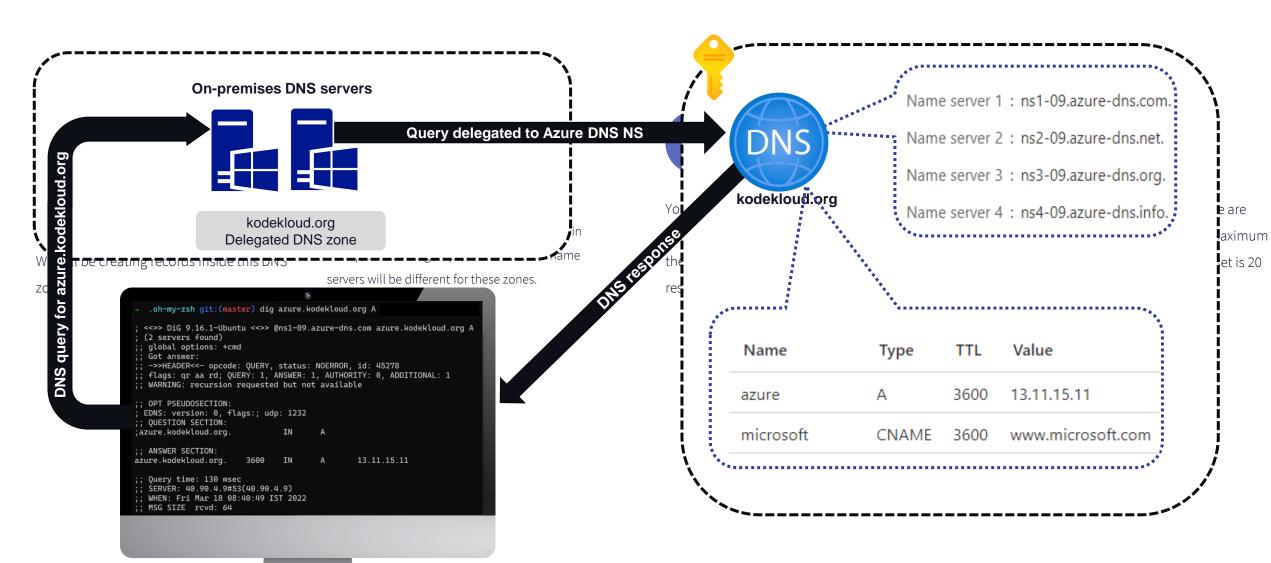


Azure DNS



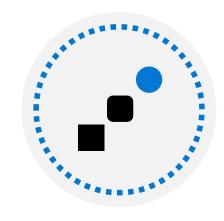








Private zones

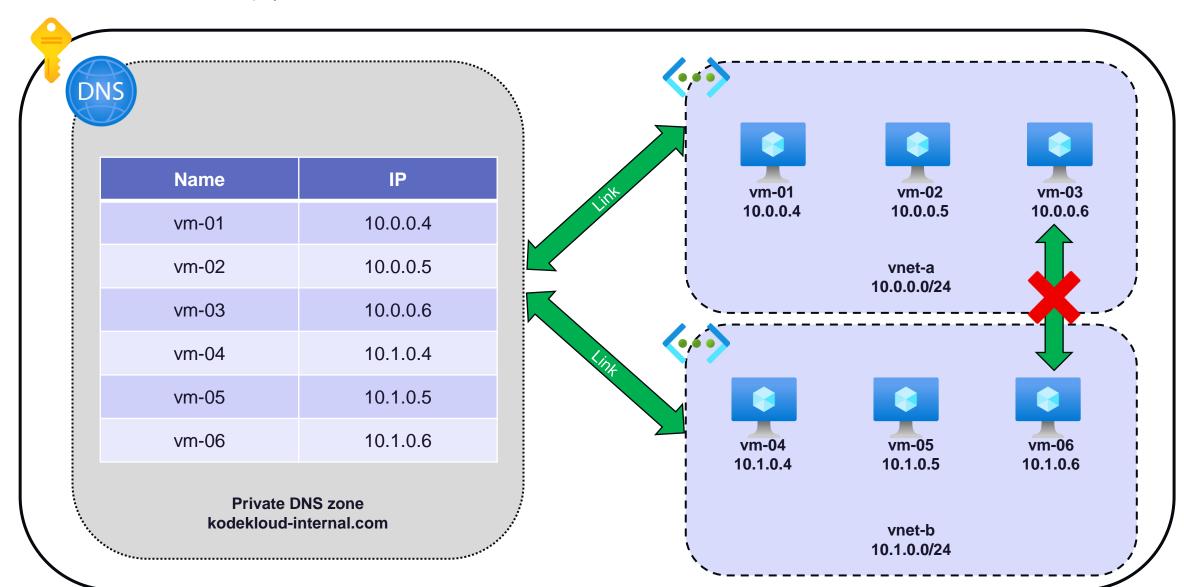






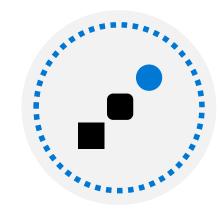
→ Private DNS zones

Name resolution for services deployed in Azure Virtual Network





Network Security Groups







→ Network Security Groups



NSG operate at layer 4 and allows us to filter the incoming and outgoing traffic from a virtual network



Rule set

NSG comprises a set of priority-based rules that can be used to allow or deny inbound or outbound traffic.



NSGs can be associated to subnets and network interfaces. You can associate multiple subnets and network interfaces to a single NSG.



Evaluation

Rules applied at subnet and network interface level is evaluated separately. Traffic requires "allow" rule at both levels to be admitted.







∴ Network Security Group Rules



Rules are evaluated based on the priority. There is a set of default rules which cannot be modified or deleted.

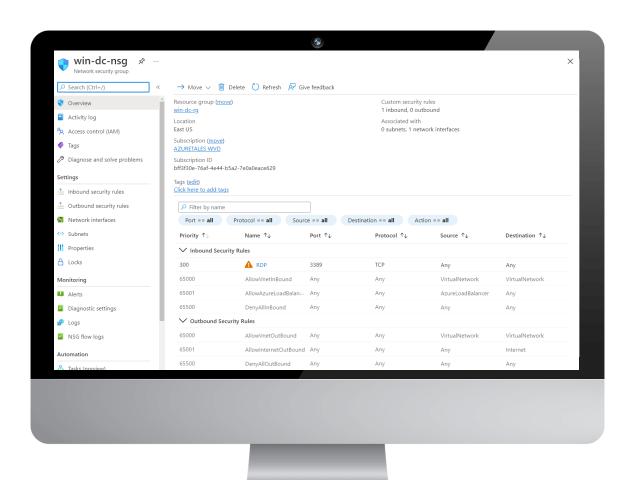
Nevertheless, we can override these rules by creating rules with higher priority. Rules can be created based on the following attributes besides the IP details:



Port range: You can configure ports or a port range.

Priority: Lower the number higher the priority. Values range from 100-4096. Values in 65000 range is for default rules.

Action: Allow or Deny







∴ Effective Security Rules



Inbound traffic : Source → Subnet NSG → Network Interface NSG Outbound traffic: VM → Network interface NSG → Subnet NSG

NSG



Azure Firewall



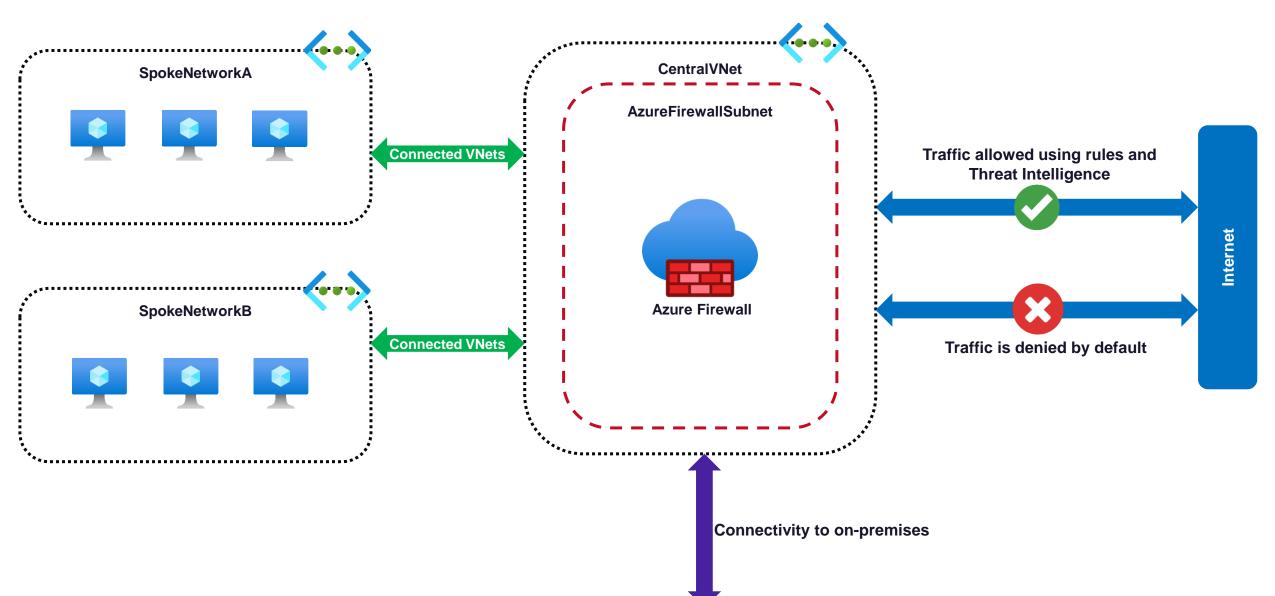








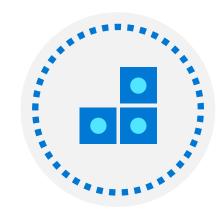




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Planning VMs









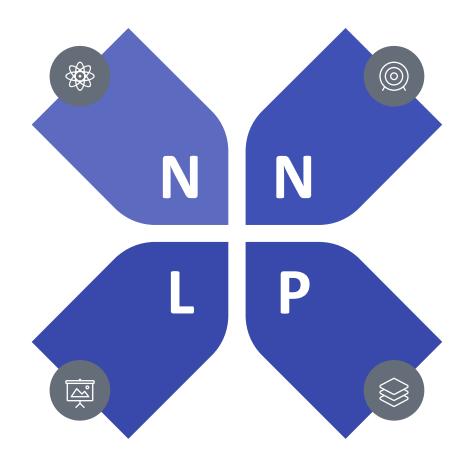




We need to plan certain aspects before deploying our virtual machines

Networking

We need to plan our networking address spaces based on the number of virtual machines you are planning to create. Also, make sure the network address spaces are not overlapping.



Naming

Naming convention helps us in recognizing VMs by looking their names. Try adding environment, role, service, and region details to VM names. For example, we could name production webserver in East US as "web-prod-eus"

Location

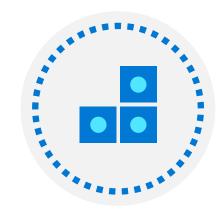
You need to check the availability of VM sizes in Azure regions. Choose low-cost regions if you are flexible with data residency. Also, for production resources choose regions closer to your customers to avoid performance issues. Azure has 60+ regions to choose from.

Pricing

Consider pricing models such as Pay-As-You-Go and Reserved Instances. For low priority development workloads choose Spot VMs. Licensing cost can be reduced by using Azure Hybrid Benefit.



Managing VM sizes







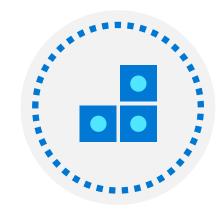
Virtual Machine Sizing

Choosing the virtual machine size and family depends on what type of workload you are running. Azure offers different VM families targeting different types of workloads

Туре	Sizes	Targeted workloads	
General Purpose	B, Dsv3, Dv3, Dasv4, Dav4, DSv2, Dv2, Av2, DC, DCv2, Dv4, Dsv4, Ddv4, Ddsv4, Dv5, Dsv5, Ddv5, Ddsv5, Dasv5, Dadsv5	Balanced CPU-to-memory ratio. Ideal for testing and development, small to medium databases, and low to medium traffic web servers.	
Compute optimized	F, Fs, Fsv2, FX	High CPU-to-memory ratio. Good for medium traffic web servers, network appliances, batch processes, and application servers.	
Memory optimized	Esv3, Ev3, Easv4, Eav4, Ebdsv5, Ebsv5, Ev4, Esv4, Edv4, Edsv4, Ev5, Esv5, Edv5, Edsv5, Easv5, Eadsv5, Mv2, M, DSv2, Dv2	High memory-to-CPU ratio. Great for relational database servers, medium to large caches, and in-memory analytics.	
Storage optimized	LSv2	High disk throughput and IO ideal for Big Data, SQL, NoSQL databases, data warehousing and large transactional databases.	
GPU	NC, NCv2, NCv3, NCasT4_v3, ND, NDv2, NV, NVv3, NVv4, NDasrA100_v4, NDm_A100_v4	Specialized virtual machines targeted for heavy graphic rendering and video editing, as well as model training and inferencing (ND) with deep learning. Available with single or multiple GPUs.	
HPC	HB, HBv2, HBv3, HC, H	Our fastest and most powerful CPU virtual machines with optional high-throughput network interfaces (RDMA).	
Confidential computing	DCsv2, DCsv3, and DCdsv3	Confidential computing allows you to isolate your sensitive data while it's being processed. Ideal for banks and hospitals which handle customer PII.	



Virtual Machine Storage





Virtual Machine Storage



Performance tiers

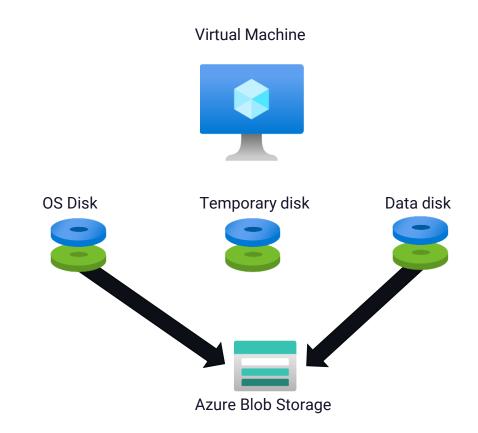


Azure disks can be created in different performance tiers such as Standard HDD, Standard SSD, Premium SSD or Ultra SSD. Based on the tiers the IOPS and performance will vary. Standard HDD is the cheapest option. You can change tier even after creating the disks. Premium SSD is required for IO intensive applications.

Management

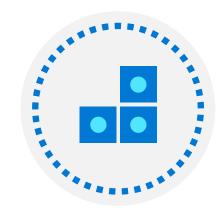


When creating VMs, you can choose between, Managed disks and Unmanaged disks. In Unmanaged disks, customer needs to take care of the underlying storage account which is used to store the VHD file. In case of Managed disks, the underlying storage account will be managed by Microsoft, and you can use the service. Microsoft recommends to use Managed disks.





Creating VMs







Creating Virtual Machine (Portal)



Basics (mandatory): Subscription, Resource group, Region, VM Image, Size, Port rules



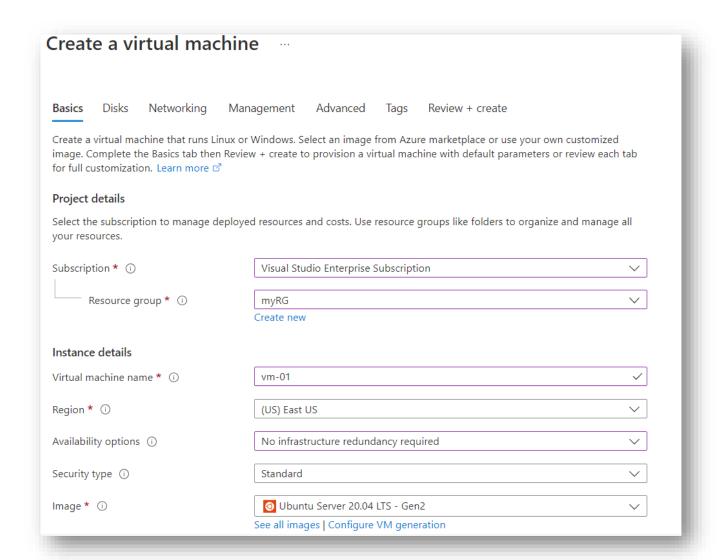
Disks: Disk type, size, data disks



Networking: Virtual Network, subnet, NSG, load balancing



Management: Monitoring, Diagnostic Account, Azure AD login, Backup, Auto-shutdown







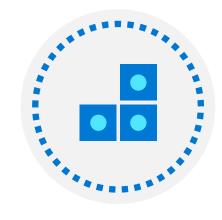
Creating Virtual Machine (PowerShell & Azure CLI)

```
> PowerShell
PS > New-AzVm
-ResourceGroupName "web-rg"
-Name "∨m-01"
-Location "East US" `
-VirtualNetworkName "vm-01-vnet"
-SubnetName "default"
-SecurityGroupName "vm-01-nsg"
-PublicIpAddressName "vm-01-pip"
```

```
> Azure CLI
$ az vm create \
--name ∨m-01 \
--resource-group web-rg \
--image UbuntuLTS \
--location EastUS2 \
--admin-username adminuser \
--admin-password Pa$$w0rd1234
```



Connecting to VMs





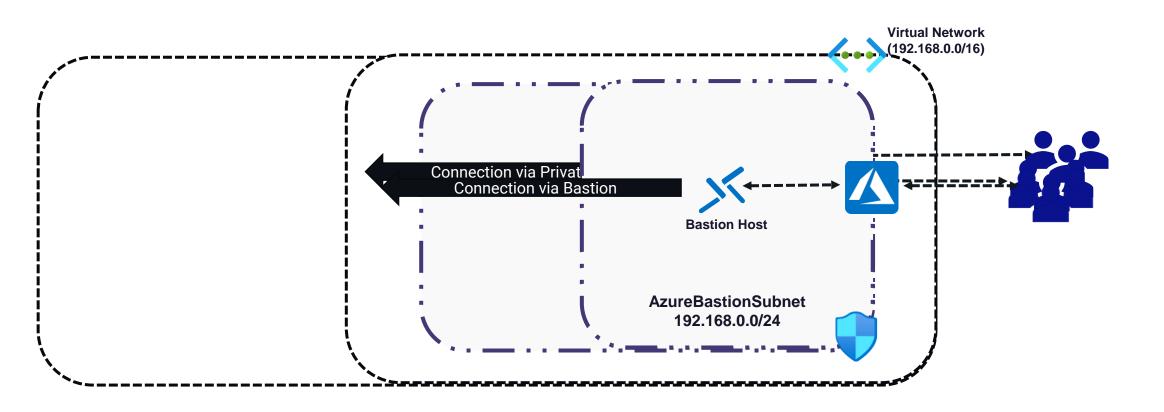


Connecting to Virtual Machines

Public IP

Jumpbox

Azure Bastion





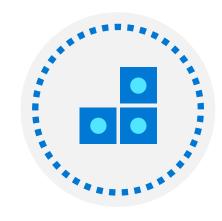


Connecting to Virtual Machines

Operating System	Protocol/ Port	Authentication Method
	RDP (TCP/3389) WinRM (TCP5986)	Password Certificates
	SSH (TCP/22)	Password



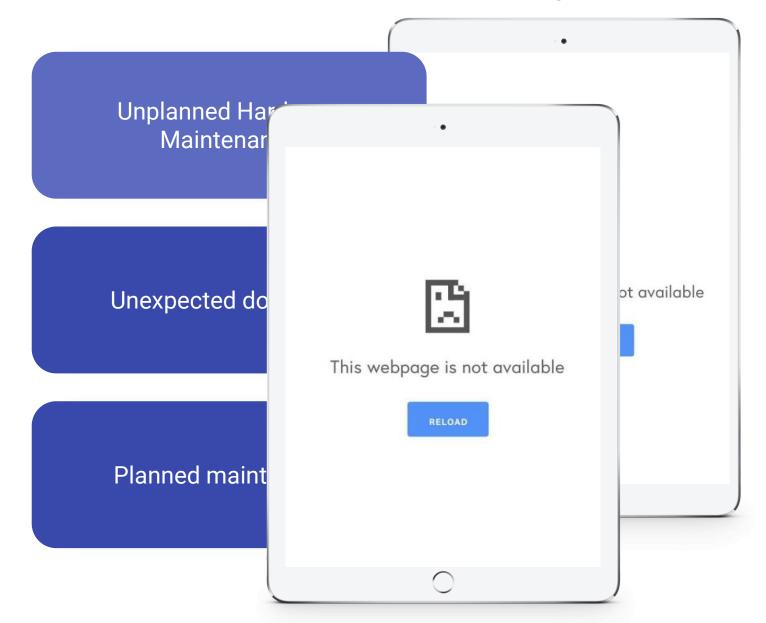
Configuring high availability







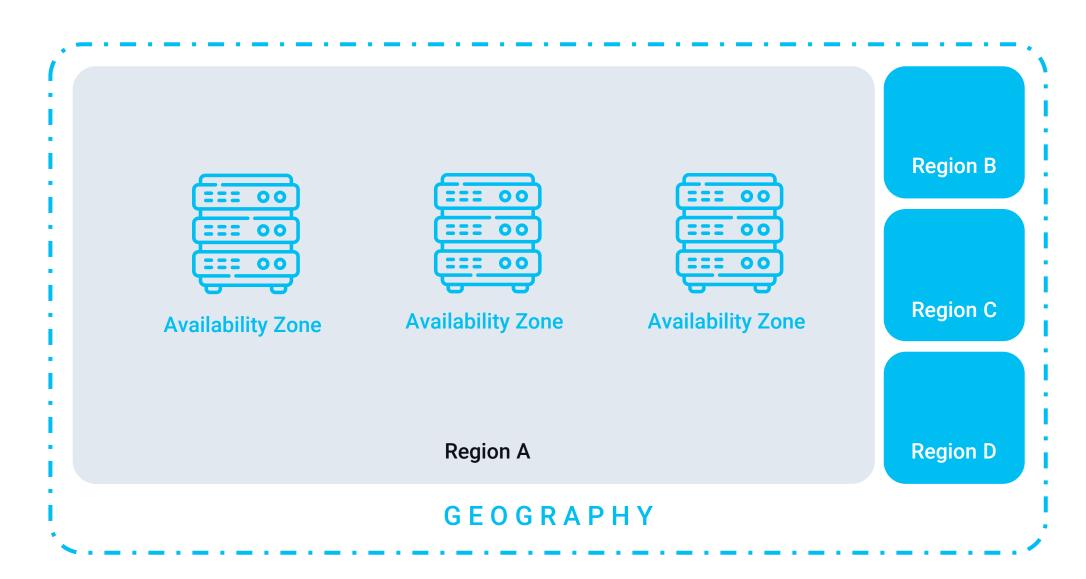
Configuring High Availability







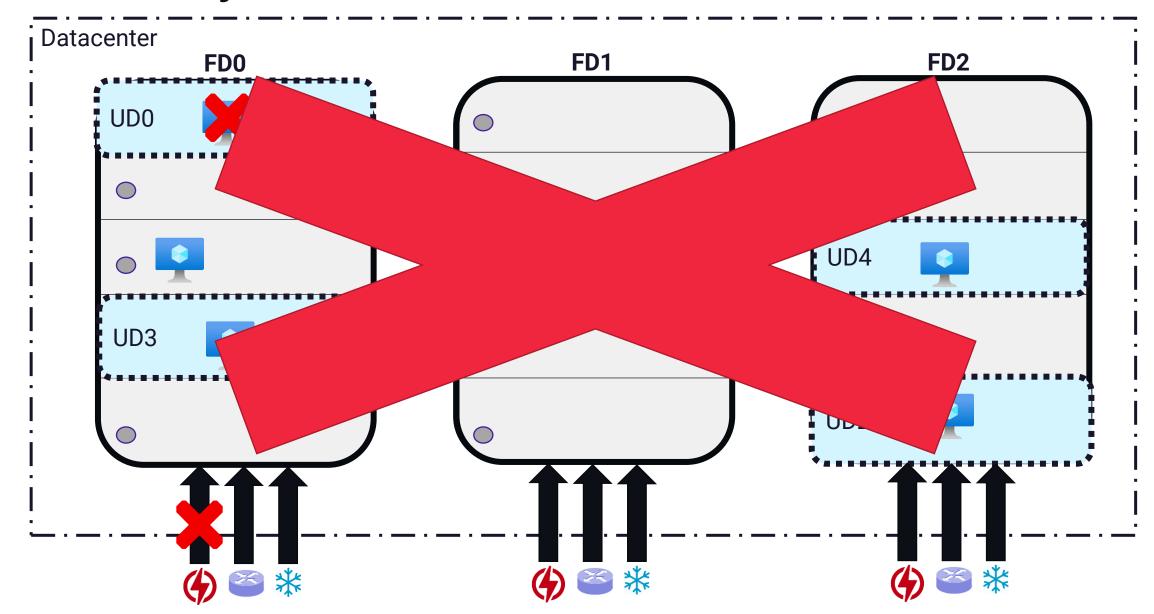
Configuring High Availability







Availability Set







Availability zones



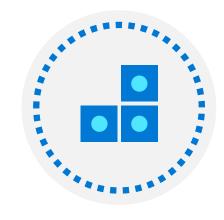








Deploying VM Scale Sets





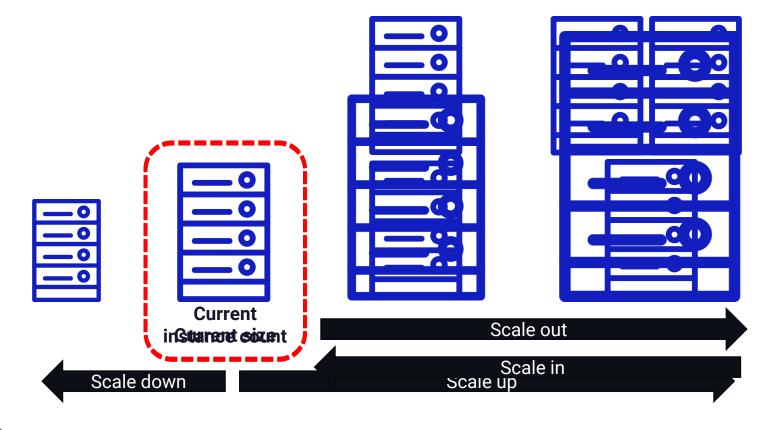




Adding or removing compute power to an instance is called vertical scaling. Increasing compute power is called scale up and decreasing compute power is called scale down. This process is usually manual.



Increasing or decreasing number of instances is called horizontal scaling. This is usually automated with the help of some criteria like metrics or schedule; hence it's also called autoscaling. Increasing instances is called scale out and decreasing instances is called scale in.







Deploying VM Scale Sets



Azure Virtual Machine Scale set is used to create a group of load balanced VMs and manage them. VMSS supports use of Azure Load Balancer and Application Gateway



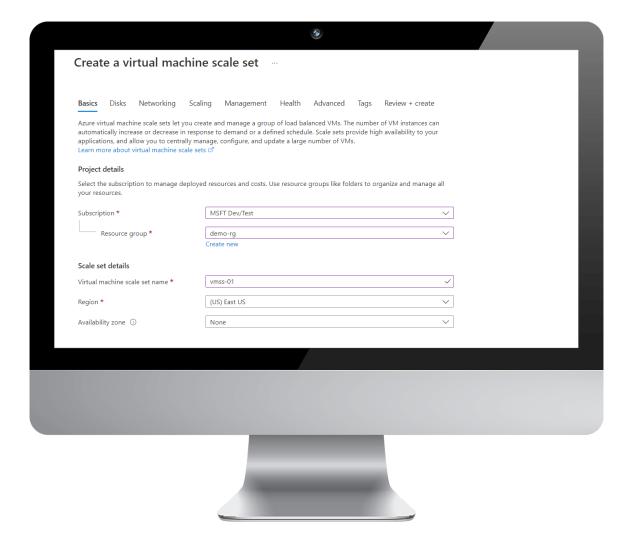
We can increase or decrease the number of instances based on schedule, metrics, or on demand. All VMs in a scale set are created from the same base OS and configuration.



We can distribute the VMs in a scale set across availability zones for high availability. If one VM becomes unavailable, customers can access the application via other VMs in the scale set.



For images from marketplace and custom images, scale set can scale up to 1000 instances. If you create scale set using a managed image, the limit is set to 600.



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Azure Load Balancer









Azure Load Balancer is a Layer 4 load balancer which supports Azure Virtual Machines and Azure Virtual Machine Scale Sets as backend.



Load Balancer is offered in two SKUs: Standard and Basic SKU

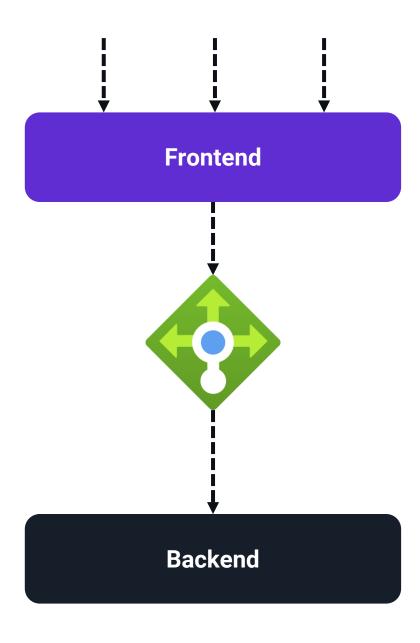


Supports all TCP/UDP protocols



Security is managed with the help of Network Security Groups













Standard Load Balancer

Recommended for production scenarios because of the SLA. Offers HTTPS health probe

Feature	Basic	Standard
Backend pool size	Up to 300 instances	Up to 1000 instances
Health probes	TCP, HTTP	TCP, HTTP, HTTPS
Redundancy	Not available	Zone redundant and zonal redundant
Multiple frontend	Inbound only	Inbound and outbound
Security	Open by default. NSG is optional	Closed, unless traffic is allowed by NSG
SLA	Not applicable	99.99%



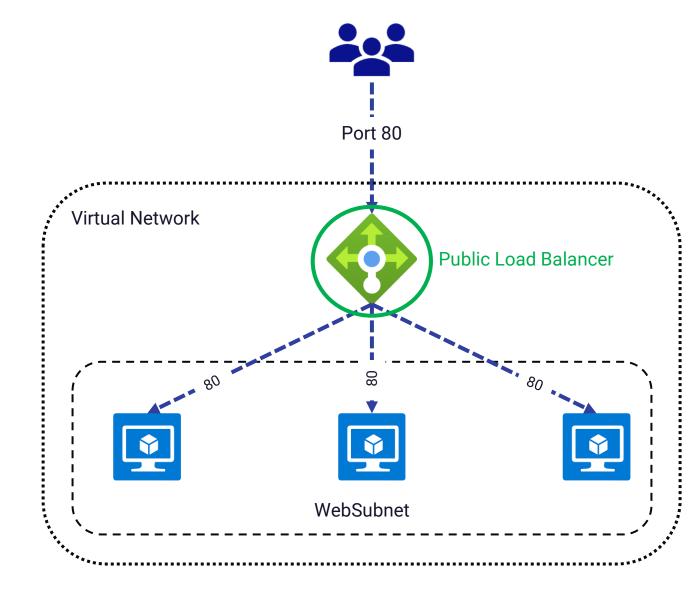


Public Load Balancer



Ideal for public facing workloads

- Public load balancer will have public IP address
- Incoming traffic's public IP address and port number will be mapped to the private IP address and port number of the backend servers.
- With the help of load balancing rules, we can distribute the traffic across backend servers.
- Used in all public facing workloads which require load balancing.



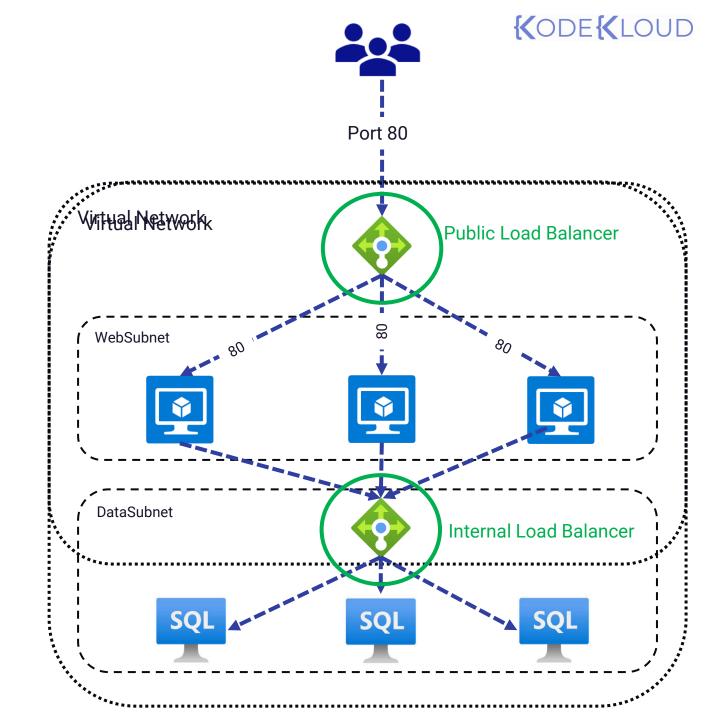


Internal Load Balancer



Ideal for internal workloads

- Internal load balancer doesn't have public IP address as frontend
- Incoming traffic inside the virtual network or from a VPN can be distributed across the backend servers
- This load balancer is never exposed to the internet, so the IP addresses and port numbers are not visible to the internet.
- Used in internal resources that needs to be accessed from Azure or onpremises via VPN connection.





Load Balancer Rules



Load balancing rules

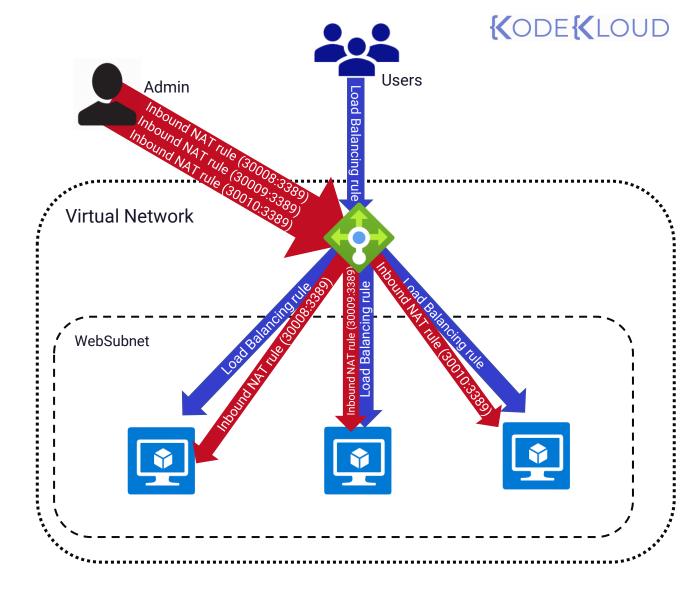
The incoming traffic to backend pools is distributed with the help of load balancing rules. We can create frontend IP to backend IP port mapping and the traffic is distributed accordingly.



Instead of backend pool, we can target a specific virtual machine and create a NAT rule. Frontend IP and port combination is used to send traffic to IP and port of the designated VM.



Allows instances in the backend pool to communicate to the Internet and other endpoint.







Session Persistence



Request will be routed based on a 5-tuple hash. Five tuple comprises of Source IP, Source Port, Destination IP, Destination port, and Protocol.

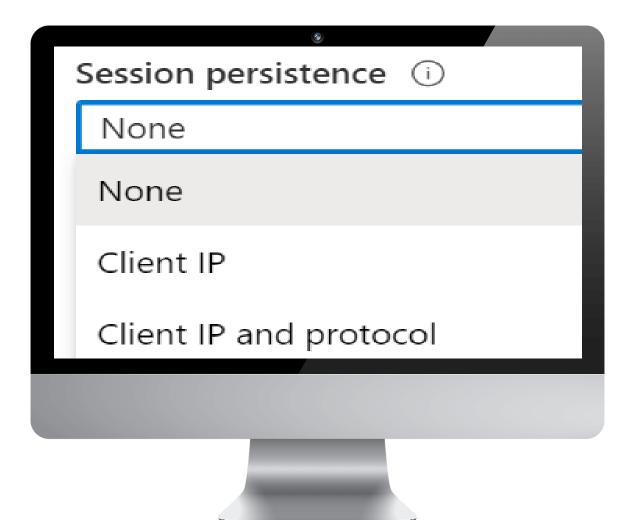
Requests can be handled by any VM and the chances of getting a new VM for every session is very high.



Client IP is called two-tuple where the hash of source IP and destination IP is used to route the traffic. Requests will be handled by the same VM if the source IP or destination IP doesn't change.

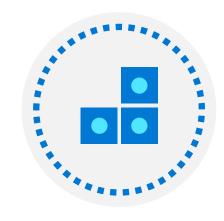


This is also called as three-tuple hash, where the hash of source IP, destination IP and protocol is used to route the traffic to the VM. Requests coming from same IP and protocol will be handled by the same VM.





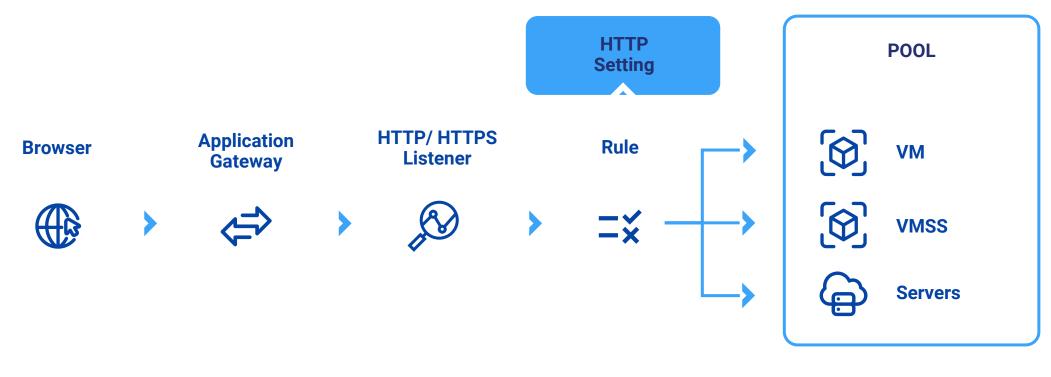
Azure Application Gateway







Application Gateway





Manages HTTP, HTTPS, HTTP/2, and WebSocket requests. Requests will be routed to the backend pool. Web Application Firewall can be added to Application Gateway as an option component.



Routing and features

Requests can be routed to the backend pool based on URL also known as path-based routing. Also, we can host multiple sites behind an application gateway. Features includes URL Redirect, SSL termination, Rewrite HTTP headers and Custom error pages.



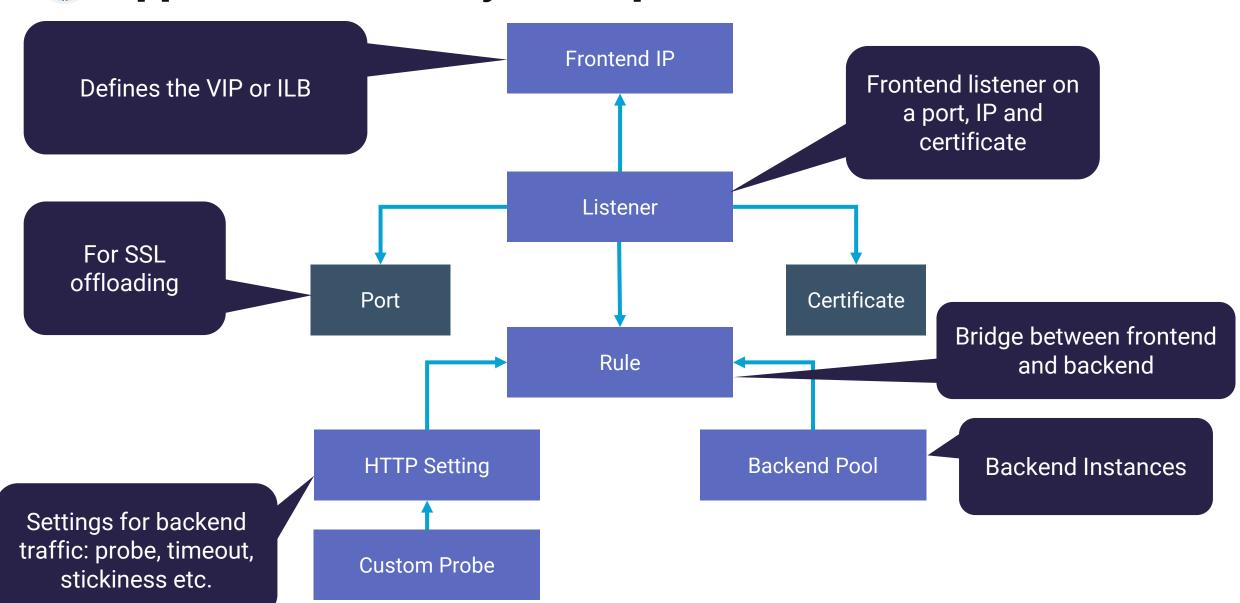
Backend pools

The web servers can be hosted in Azure Virtual Machines, Azure Virtual Machine Scale Sets, Azure App Services, and even on-premises servers.





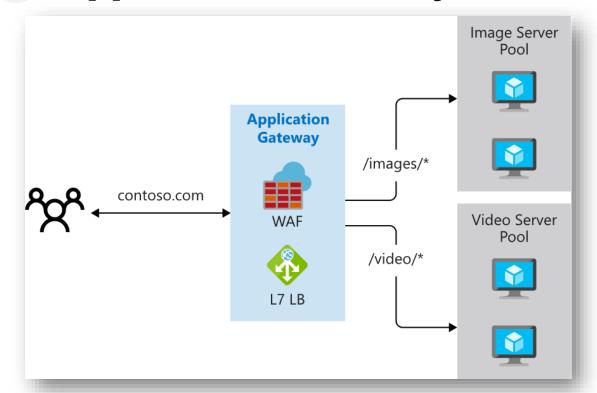
Application Gateway - Components

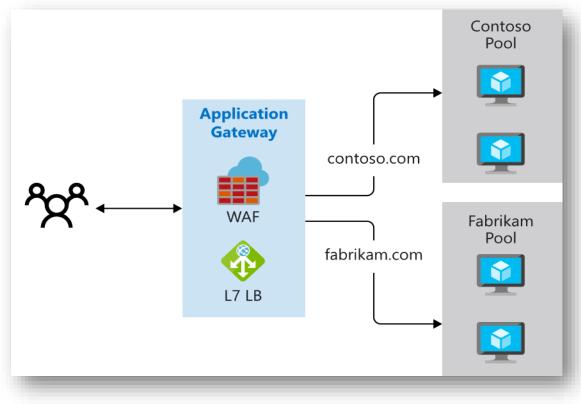






Application Gateway – Routing Rules







Path based routing

Based on the path in the URL, we can route the request to different backend pools. Ideal for routing requests to different backend pools optimized for different paths.

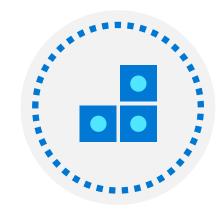


Multiple-site routing

Multiple sites can be hosted behind a single application gateway. Based on the domain, the request can be routed to the backend pool hosting the requested domain.



Other load balancing solutions







Other load balancing solutions





Modern CDN solution that provides reliable, fast content delivery . Azure Front Door is a global solution which leverages the Microsoft's global edge network with hundreds of global and local point-of-presence locations. These endpoints are distributed across the globe and closer to your customers.

We can deploy our solutions in multiple regions and load balance using the Azure Front Door. Path based routing and multiple-site routing is available.

Web Application Firewall can be added as an optional component.





ATM or Azure Traffic Manager is a DNS based load balancer. Traffic coming to your public facing applications can be distributed across the globe with the help of ATM.

As this is a DNS load balancer, it uses DNS to direct the client request to an endpoint based on the routing rule we configure. Traffic Manager finds the best endpoint for you based on the routing and returns a DNS response with the endpoint name. Client then directly reaches out to the endpoint.

ATM can be used with the public facing services deployed in Azure or non-Azure environments. Routing methods includes Priority, Weighted, Geography, Performance and Nested Profile.





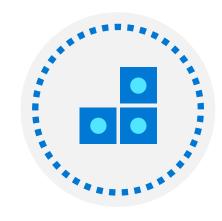
Comparing Load Balancing Solutions

Feature	Application Gateway	Front Door	Load Balancer	Traffic Manager
Usage	Optimize delivery from application server farms while increasing application security with web application firewall.	Scalable, security- enhanced delivery point for global, micro service- based web applications.	Balance inbound and outbound connections and requests to your applications or server endpoints.	Distribute traffic optimally to services across global Azure regions, while providing high availability and responsiveness.
Protocols	HTTP, HTTPS, HTTP2	HTTP, HTTPS, HTTP2	TCP, UDP	Any
Internal support	Yes		Yes	
Cross Region	No	Yes	Preview	Yes
Environment	Azure, non-Azure cloud, on premises	Azure, non-Azure cloud, on premises	Azure	Azure, non-Azure cloud, on premises
Security	WAF	WAF, NSG	NSG	-

Reference architecture examples



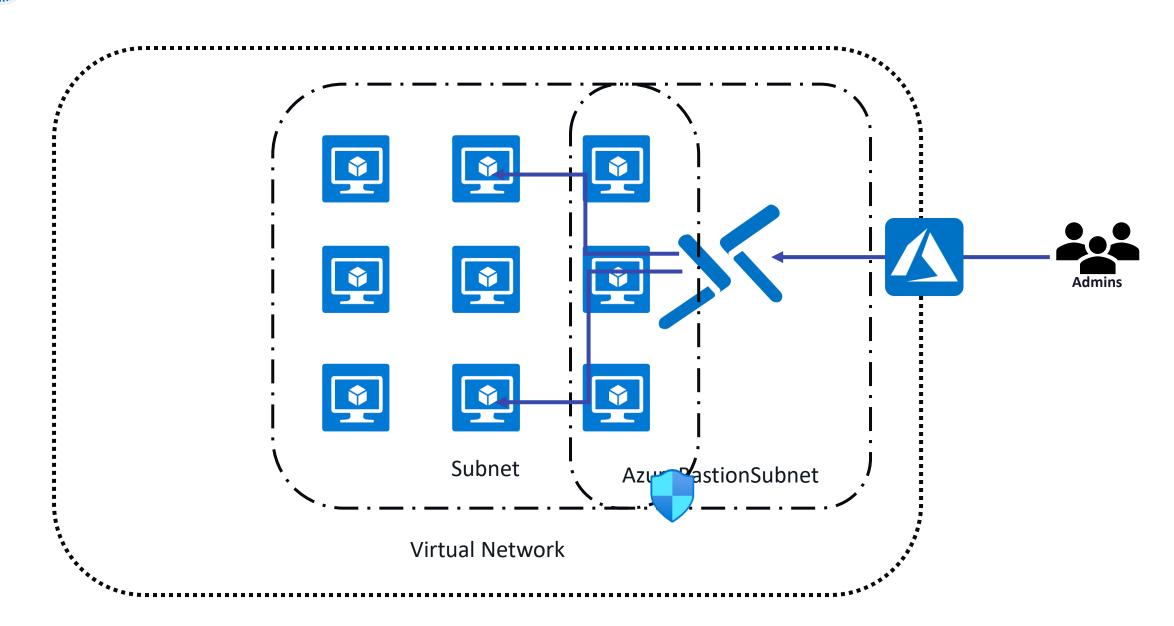
Azure Bastion







Azure Bastion









Direct RDP and SSH in Azure Portal

No need to deploy or download SSH and RDP clients to your computer, you can RDP/SSH from browser.



No need to tweak NSGs

No need to manage and write complex rules in your NSG as Bastion is connecting to private IP address



Hardening

Bastion is a platform managed service and hardening in one place only.



Public IP is not required

Since we are connecting via Bastion Host, there is no need to main public IP addresses for our virtual machines.



Port scanning protection

Since we are not exposing any public IPs, attackers cannot perform port scanning.



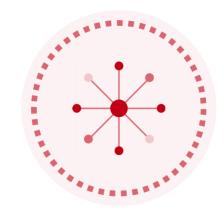
Basic and Standard SKUs

Basic SKU provides base functionality as in direct RDP/SSH access. The Standard SKU enables premium features that allow Azure Bastion to manage remote connectivity at a larger scale.

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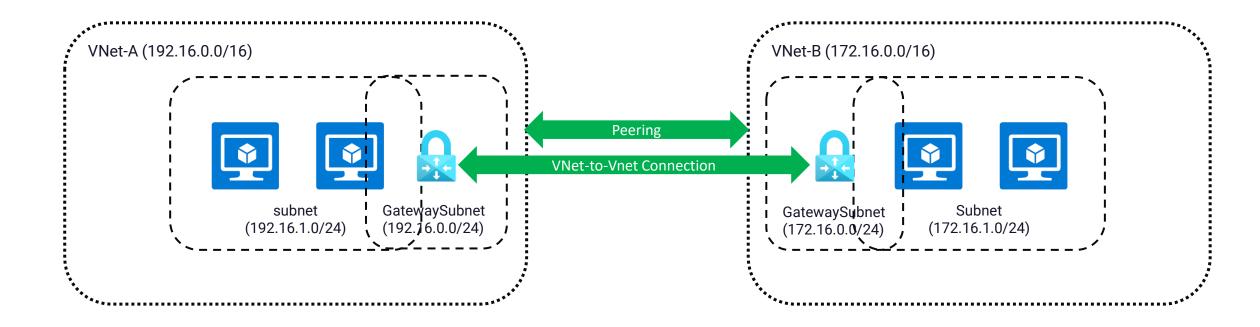


Intersite connectivity



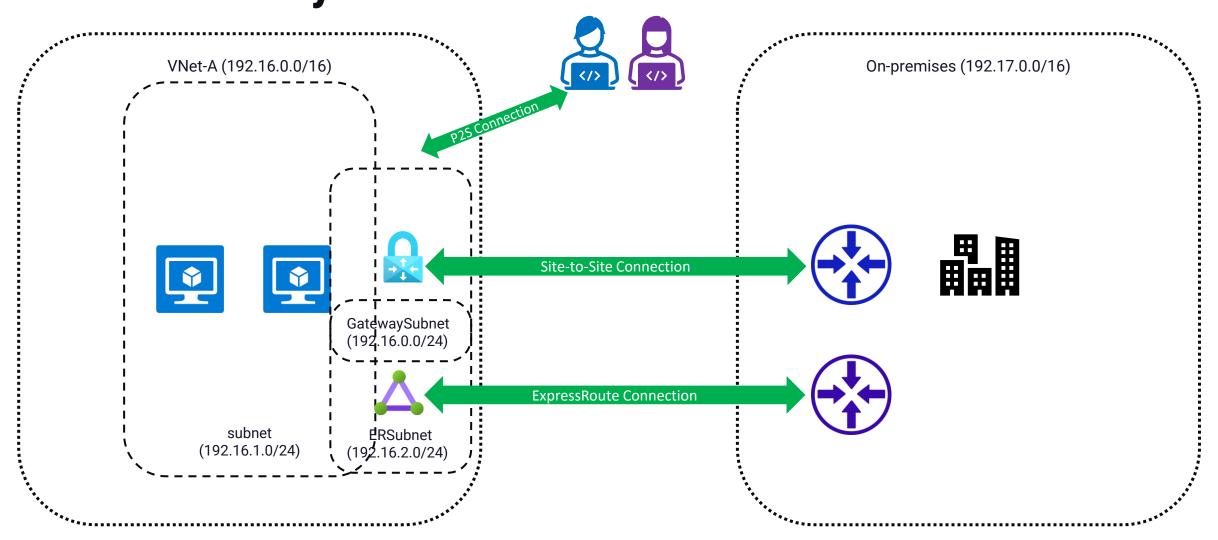


Intersite Connectivity - Azure-to-Azure connectivity



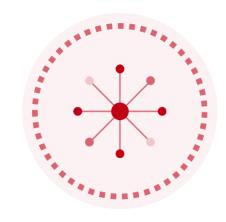


Intersite Connectivity – Azure-to-on premises connectivity



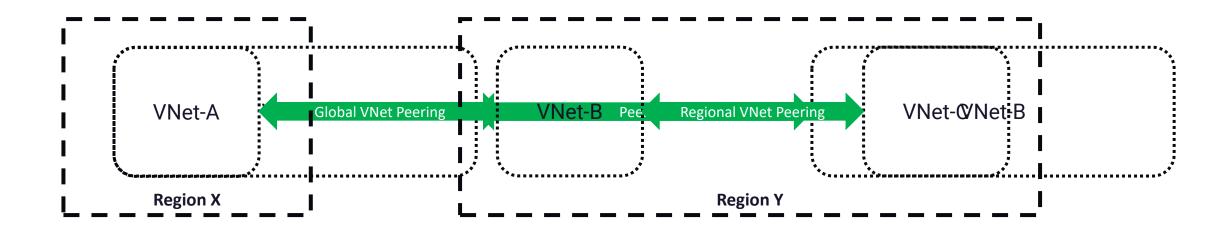


Virtual Network Peering





Yirtual Network Peering





Types of peering: Global VNet Peering and Regional VNet Peering.



High speed data transfer, easy configuration and great performance



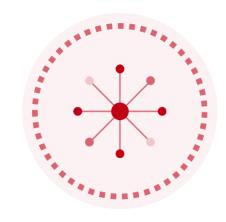
Uses Microsoft backbone network for data transfer, so privacy and low latency is offered in peering

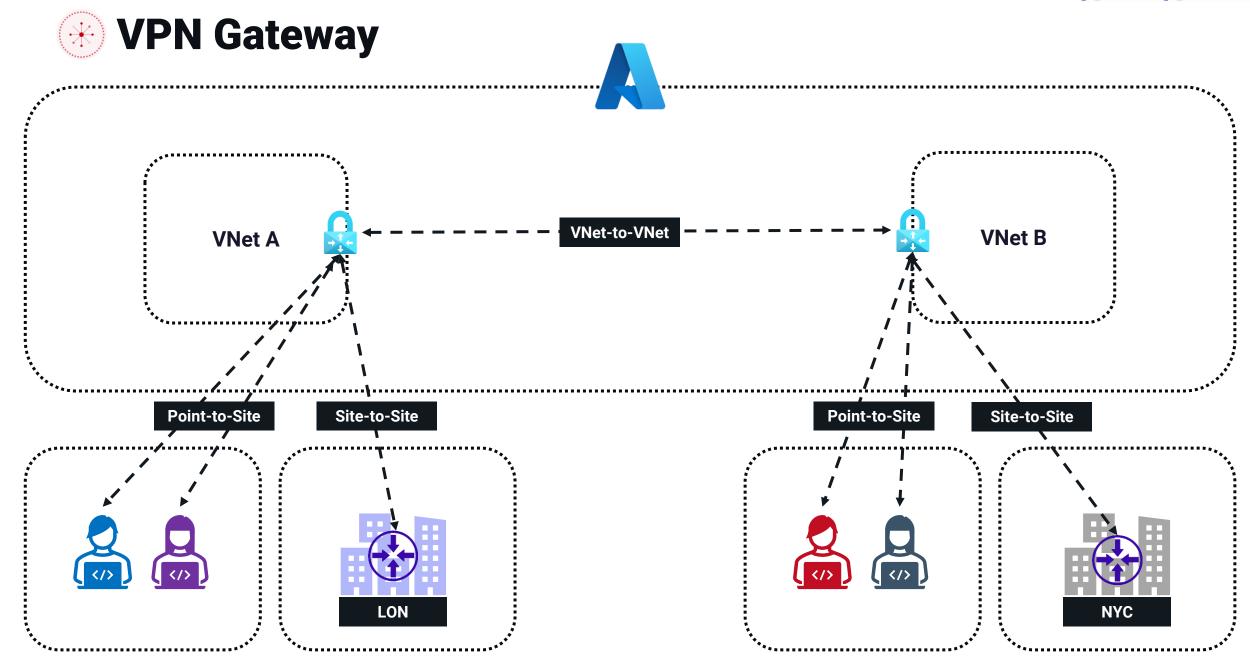


Provides connectivity between Azure virtual networks. The virtual networks can reside in the same region, different region, same subscription, different subscription, same tenant or different tenant



VPN Gateway







VPN Gateway SKUs

Gen	SKU	S2S/VNet-to-VNet Tunnels	P2S IKEv2 Connections	Throughput Benchmark
Gen 1	VpnGw1/Az	Max. 30	Max. 250	650 Mbps
Gen 1	VpnGw2/Az	Max. 30	Max. 500	1.0 Gbps
Gen 2	VpnGw2/Az	Max. 30	Max. 500	1.25 Gbps
Gen 1	VpnGw3/Az	Max. 30	Max. 1000	1.25 Gbps
Gen 2	VpnGw3/Az	Max. 30	Max. 1000	2.5 Gbps
Gen 2	VpnGw4/Az	Max. 100	Max. 5000	5.0 Gbps
Gen 2	VpnGw5/Az	Max. 100	Max. 10000	10.0 Gbps



SKU is selected based on the number of connections and throughput you require.



Resizing

Within generation, we can resize the VPN gateway based on the requirement.



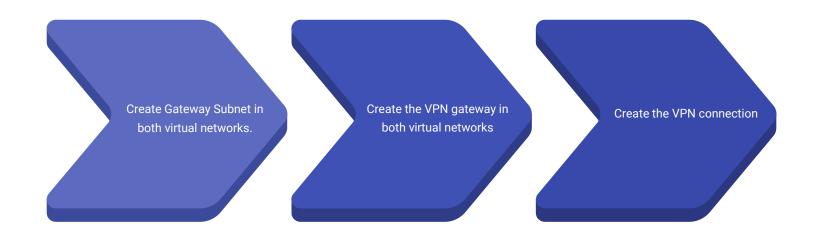
Basic SKU

In addition to the above SKUs, we have Basic SKU which is considered as legacy and should not be used.



W VNet-to-VNet Connection

Establish VNet-to-VNet connection using VPN gateways



Gateway Subnet

VPN Gateways requires a dedicated subnet to deploy the gateway. First, we need to create Gateway Subnet in both of our virtual networks.

VPN Gateway

Once the Gateway Subnet is created, we will deploy the VPN gateway to the subnet.
Creating a VPN gateway would take around approx.: 40 minutes.

VNet-to-VNet connection

After creating the VPN gateway, then we need to create VNet-to-VNet connection from the VPN Gateway



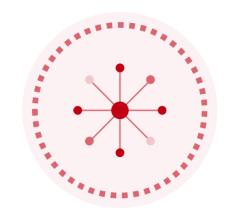


W VNet Peering v/s VNet-to-VNet Connection

Property	VNet Peering	VNet-to-VNet Connection
Number of connections	Up to 500 VNet peerings per VNet	One VNet can have only VPN Gateway and connection count is SKU dependent
Pricing	Ingress + Egress	Gateway hourly cost + egress
Encryption	No encryption. Software level is recommended.	IPsec/IKE
Bandwidth	No restrictions	SKU dependent
Route	Routed via Microsoft backbone network and is private	Routed via public internet, however encrypted
Public IP	No public IP or internet is used	Public IP is involved
Transitivity	Nontransitive	Transitive (BGP enabled)
Initial setup time	Fast	~ 30-40 minutes
Use cases	Data replication, database failover, and other scenarios needing frequent backups of large data.	Scenarios where encryption is needed and not latency/bandwidth sensitive.



Site-to-Site and Point-to-Site

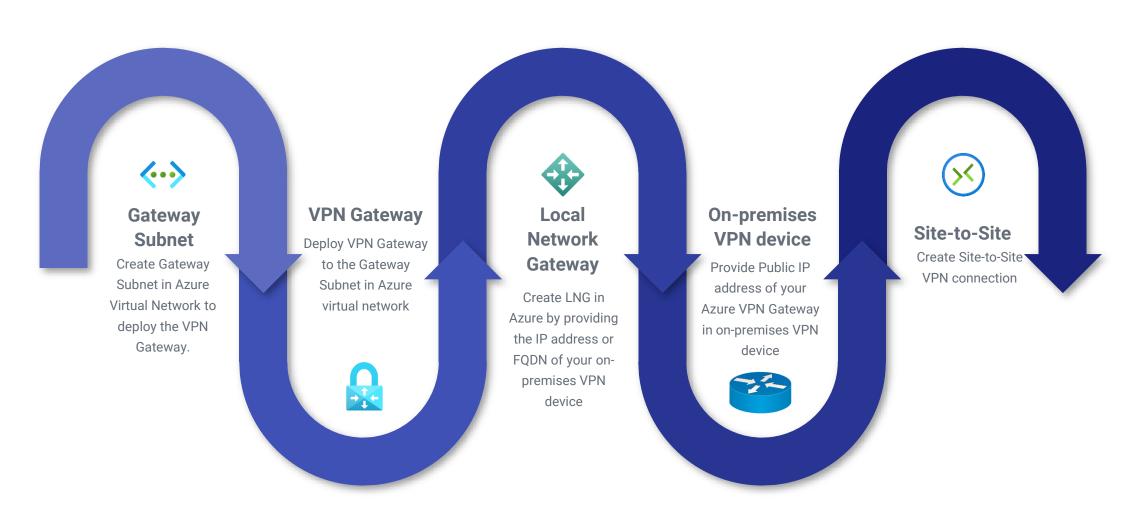






Site-to-Site connection

Connecting to your virtual network to an on-premises site or non-Azure site.

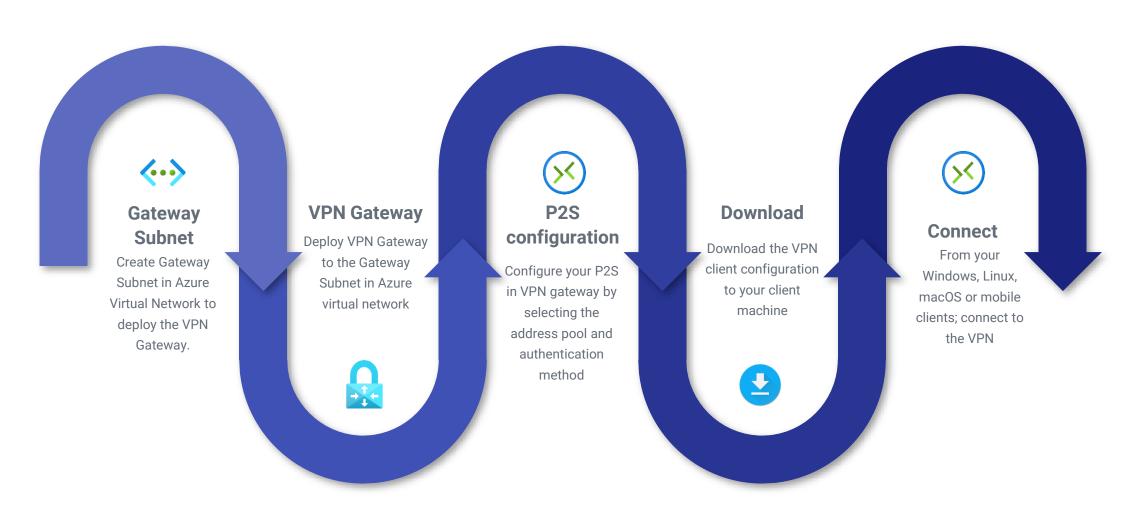






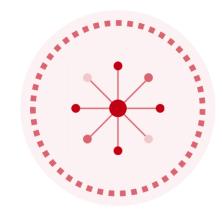
Point-to-Site connection

Connecting to your virtual network from a device



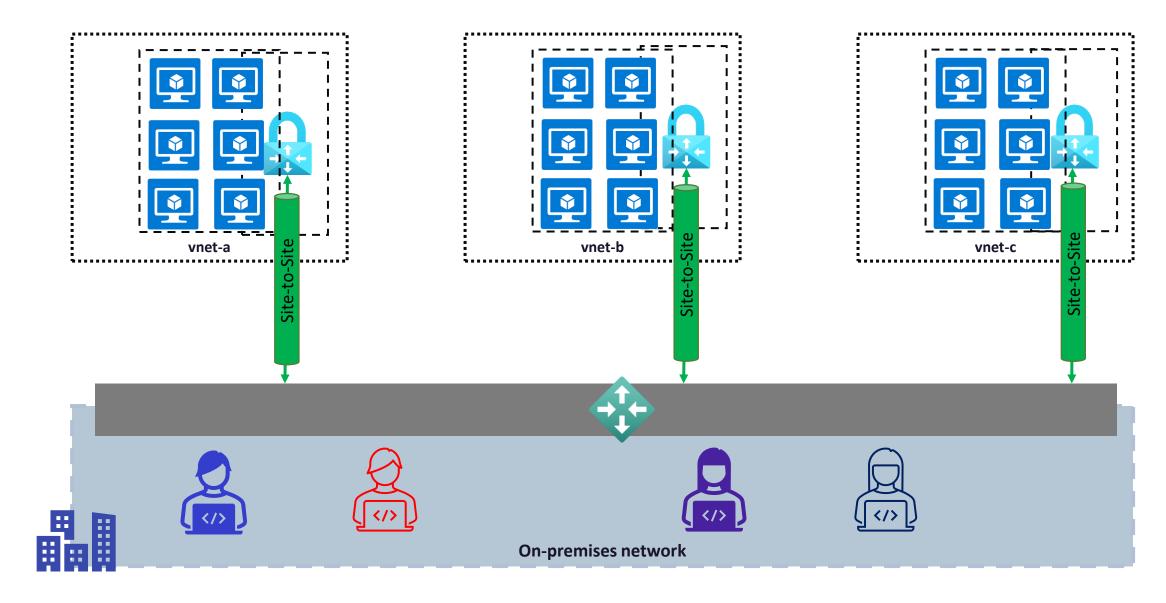


Gateway Transit





Gateway Transit

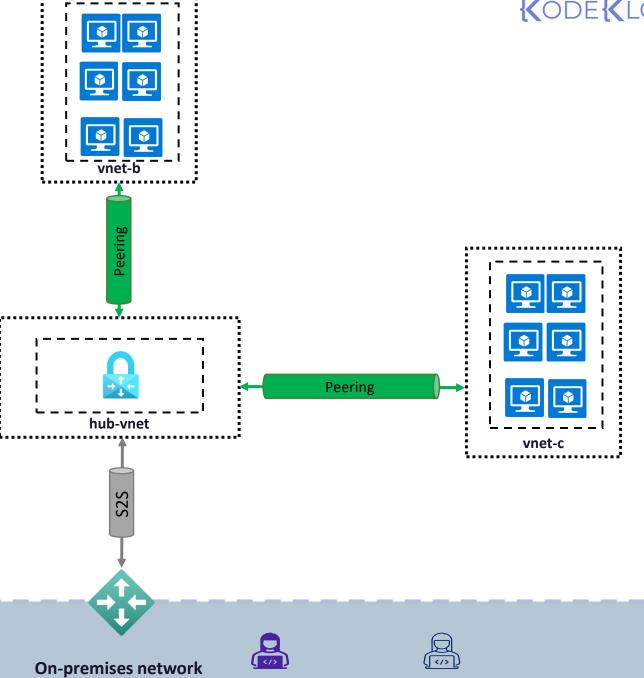




Gateway Transit

vnet-a







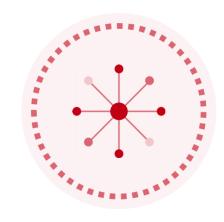




Peering

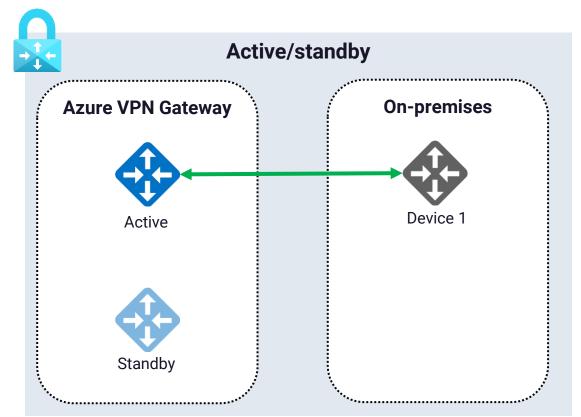


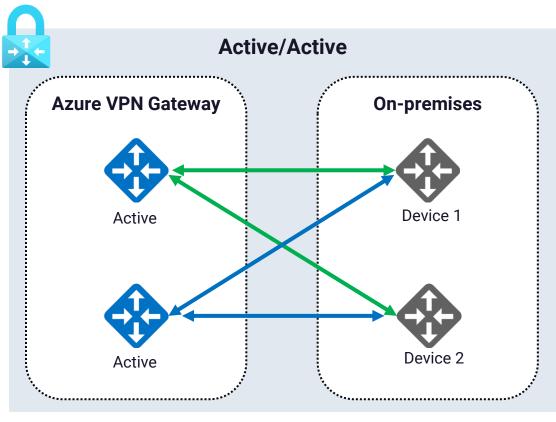
High Availability





High Availability







Default count

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Cost

There will be always two instances of VPN
Gateway, default selection is Active/standby

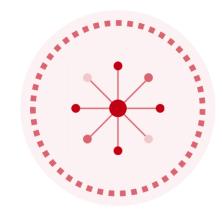
The cost of the gateway includes the cost of two instances. Regardless of whether it's active/standby or active/active cost will be same.



High availability can be ensured by enabling Active/active configuration. You should make sure that you have similar setup in on-premises.

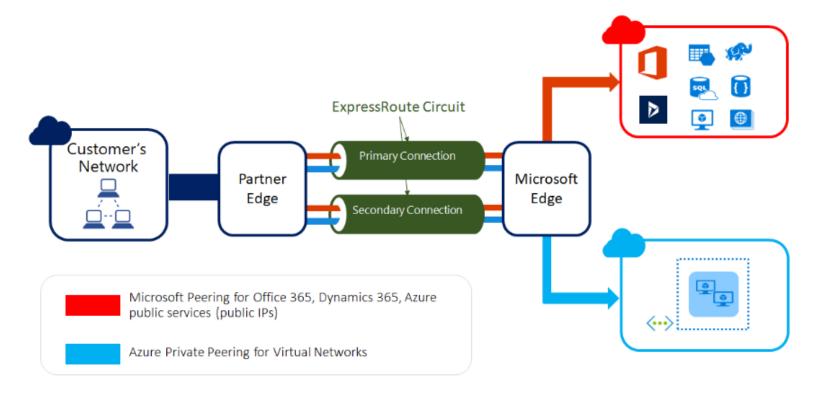


ExpressRoute





⊕ ExpressRoute





Private connectivity

ExpressRoute offers private connectivity between on-premises infrastructure and Microsoft datacenters.



Partner network

Traffic is routed with the help of partner network and public internet is not used.



Features

Reliable, secure, low latency and high-speed connection.



ExpressRoute



Redundant L3 connectivity



Within a geography, connectivity is available to all regions



Bandwidth options vary from 50 Mbps to 100 Gbps



ExpressRoute circuit is offered in Local, Standard and Premium SKUs



In Local SKU, you will be charged under the Unlimited plan. In unlimited outbound data transfer is free.



With Standard and Premium SKU, you can select between a Metered or an Unlimited data plan. In metered, you will be charged for outbound data transfer.



With the addition of premium add-on, you can get global connectivity.







ExpressRoute connectivity models



Co-located at a cloud exchange

If your facility is already co-located with cloud exchange, then virtual cross connections to Microsoft cloud can be provisioned through the co-location provider's Ethernet exchange. L2 and managed L3 cross connections are supported.



Point-to-Point Ethernet connection

By leveraging point-to-point Ethernet links, you can connect your on-premises network to Microsoft cloud. L2 or managed L3 connections are supported.



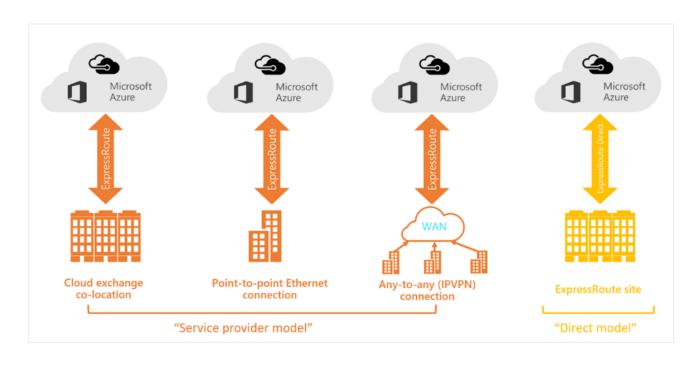
Any-to-Any (IPVPN)

With the integration of your WAN to Microsoft cloud, you can make it look like Microsoft cloud is one of your branch offices. Supports managed L3 connectivity.



Direct model

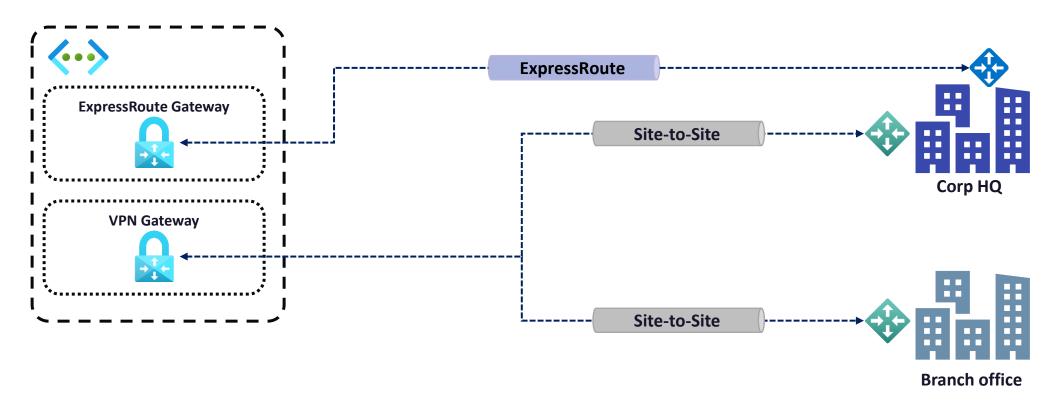
Establish connectivity by directly connecting to Microsoft's global network at a peering location nearby.







Co-existing ExpressRoute and Site-to-Site





Failover path

Though ExpressRoute has redundant connection, we can use S2S connection as a failover path for ExpressRoute



Branch office connectivity

We can use S2S connectivity to connect to branch offices or other sites which are not connected to ExpressRoute.

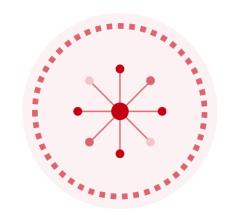


Separate gateways

ExpressRoute and VPN requires separate gateways for communication.



Virtual WAN





W Virtual WAN



Brings together all connections

We can connect Point-to-Site, Site-to-Site, Virtual Network and ExpressRoute connections to VWAN.



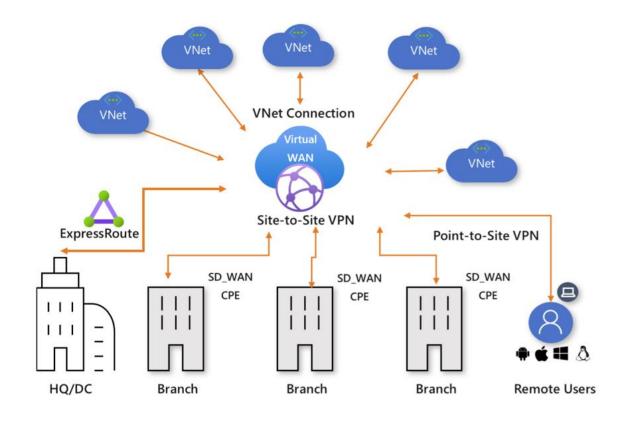
Seamless connectivity

Connects Azure virtual networks and resources to the hub seamlessly.



Advanced architecture

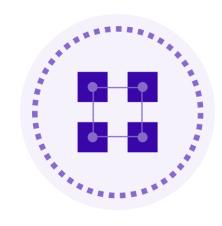
With the help VWAN, we can advance our hubspoke architecture. End-to-end traffic flow can be visualized.



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Creating ARM template







Azure Resource Manager



Management layer

Azure Resource Manager or ARM is the management layer responsible for creating, updating and managing resources.



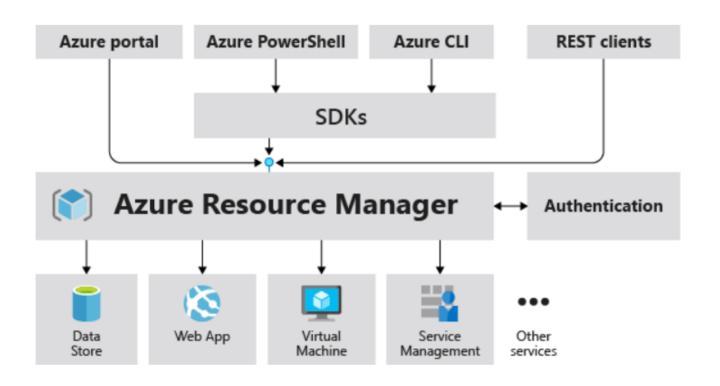
Way to deploy resources

Regardless of whether you are using Azure Portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI or REST API; Azure Resource Manager offers a way to deploy and manage the resources.



Features

Access Control, Locks, Tags, Resource Groups, and Templates are some of the features offered by ARM, which was not available in the previous model – Azure Service Manager







Azure Resource Manager (ARM) Templates



Declarative automation

ARM templates uses JSON file. In declarative automation, you need to declare the resources but not how to create them. Creating the resources is Resource Manager's responsibility.



Consistent and reusable

Environments deployed via ARM template will be consistent. With the help of parameters, we can share and reuse the template to create environment from scratch.



Error prone tasks and simplify deployment

If we are creating environment manually chances of human error will be there and with ARM templates, we can deploy all the resources we define in a single operation.



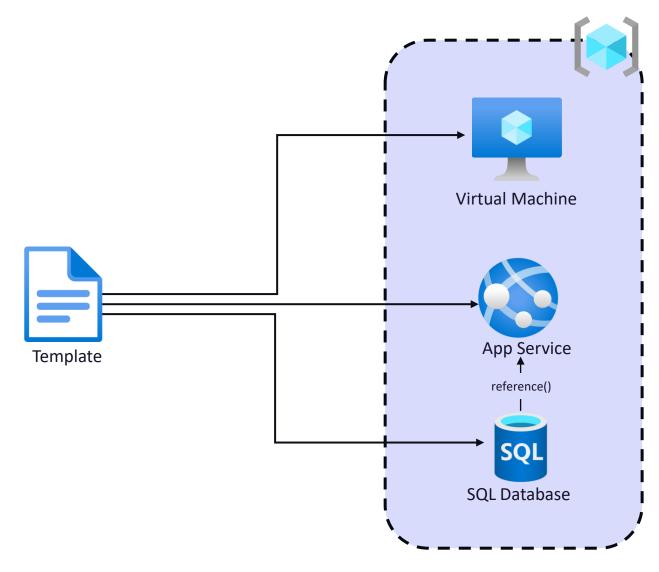
Linkable and helps complex deployment

You can write small ARM templates and link them to a parent template. This helps in managing different parts of the template efficiently. With ARM templates, we can deploy complex environments in the correct dependency order.

```
Visual Studio Code
    "$schema":
"https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/
2019-04-01/deploymentTemplate.json#",
    "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
    "parameters": {},
    "functions": [],
    "variables": {},
    "resources": [],
    "outputs": {}
```

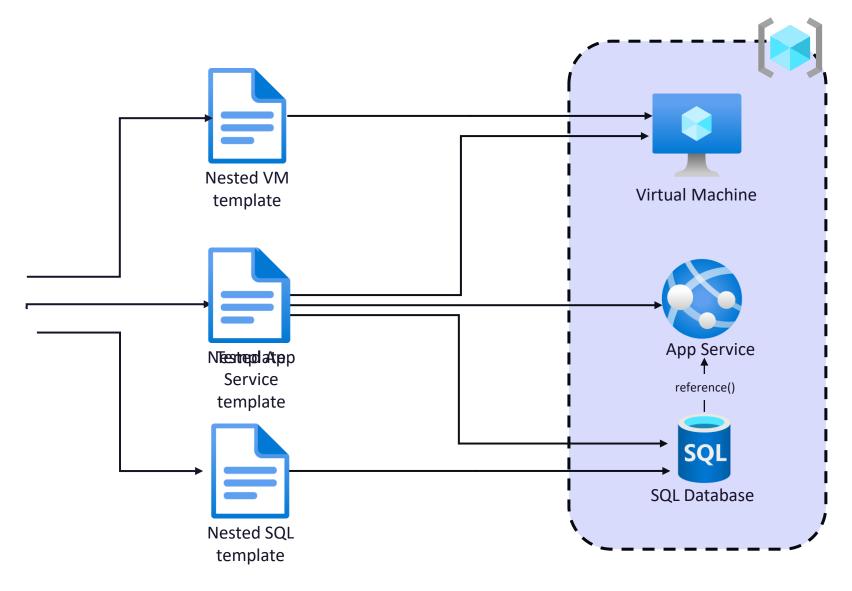




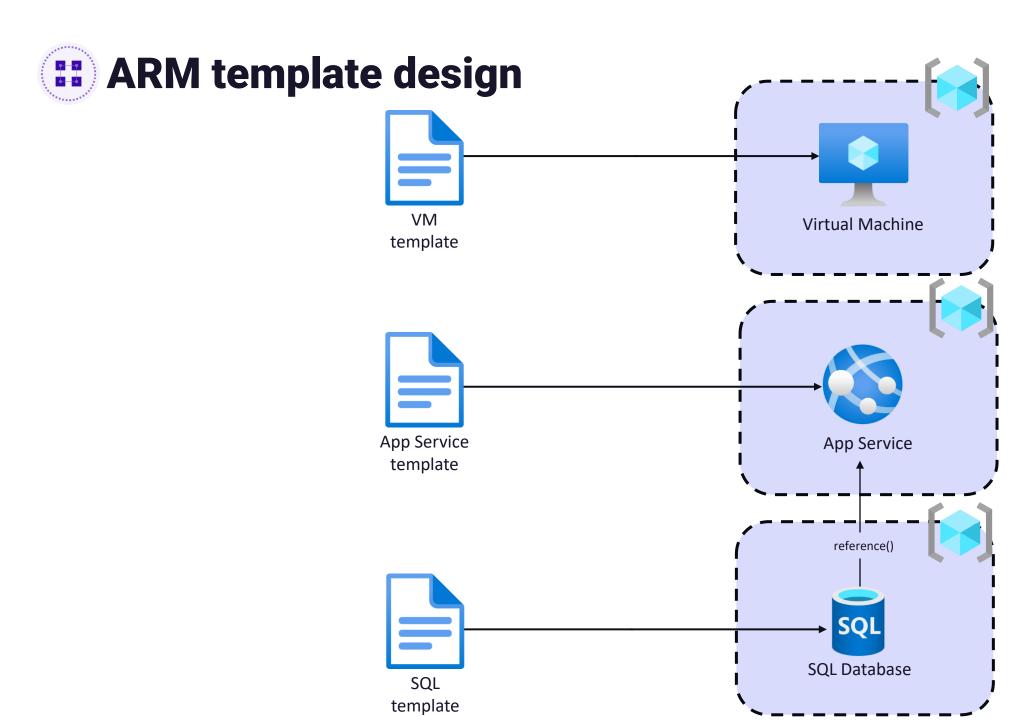








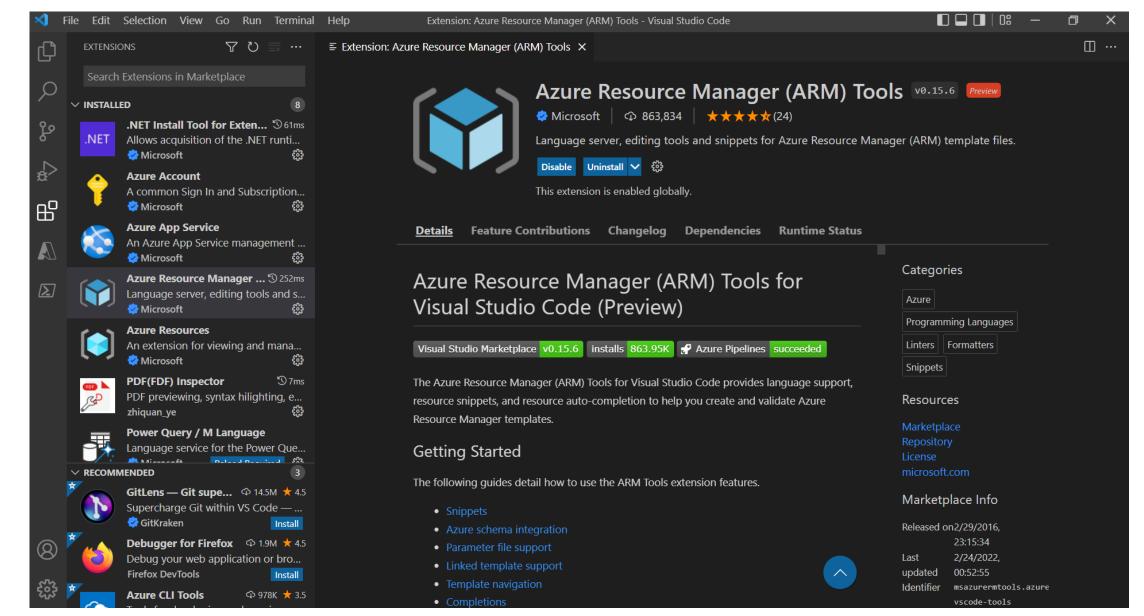








ARM Extension for VS Code (optional)





```
Visual Studio Code

{
    "$schema":
    "https://schema.management.azure.com/schema
    s/2019-04-01/deploymentTemplate.json#",
}
```

\$schema*

References the location of the JSON file schema that describes the version of the template language. We can deploy ARM templates to different scopes like tenant, management groups, subscriptions; based on the scope that we are selecting the schema will change.



```
"contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
```

contentVersion*

Used to version the template, the default value is 1.0.0.0. Any value can be given to this element. Content version is useful if you are storing your templates in a source control and would like to keep the changes tracked in different versions. Proper versioning will help users to pick the latest version of your template.



EXECUTE ARM Template structure

```
Visual Studio Code
"parameters": {
       "location": {
           "type": "string",
            "allowedValues" :[
               "East US",
               "West US"
            "defaultValue": "East US",
            "metadata": {
               "description": "Location of the resource"
   },
```

parameters

During resource deployment, the parameter value can be provided as an input to the template. Parameters helps making the templates reusable, where users can supply different values during execution without the need to modify the template.



```
Visual Studio Code
"variables": {
        "publicIPAddressName": "app-gw-pip"
   },
```

variables

Variables can be used to hardcode value to the templates. If you are referencing a value with the help of variables and if that value needs to be modified; instead of updating all occurrences, you just need to update the value of the variable.





```
Visual Studio Code
"functions": [
            "namespace": "userspace",
            "members": {
               "VMNameGenerator": {
                    "parameters": [
                            "name": "userstring",
                            "type": "string"
                    "output": {
                        "value": "function-return-value",
                        "type": "string"
```

functions

We can create user defined functions in ARM templates that can be used to replace repeated code blocks.





```
Visual Studio Code
"resources": [
          "name": "appServicePlan1",
          "type": "Microsoft.Web/serverfarms",
          "apiVersion": "2020-12-01",
          "location": "[parameters('location')]",
          "sku": {
              "name": "F1",
              "capacity": 1
          "tags": {
              "displayName": "appServicePlan1"
          "properties": {
              "name": "appServicePlan1"
```

resources*

Resources we intend to create, or update will be declared inside this element. Here, we can reference the parameters, variables, and functions we created earlier.





```
Visual Studio Code
"outputs": {
  "hostname": {
     "type": "string",
     "value":"[reference(resourceId('Microsoft.Network/publicI
PAddresses', variables('publicIPAddressName'))).dnsSettings.fqd
n]"
   },
```

outputs

Display values that are returned after deployment.





Azure Quickstart Templates

Deploy Azure resources through the Azure Resource Manager with community-contributed templates to get more done. Deploy, learn, fork and contribute back.



What is Azure Resource Manager

Azure Resource Manager allows you to provision your applications using a declarative template. In a single template, you can deploy multiple services along with their dependencies. You use the same template to repeatedly deploy your application during every stage of the application life cycle.

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This template creates new Azure VMs based on which configuration you choose. It configures a new AD domain controler, a new hierarchy/standalone bench with SQL ...

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This template configures a WAF rule for Azure Front Door to rate limit incoming traffic for a given frontend host.

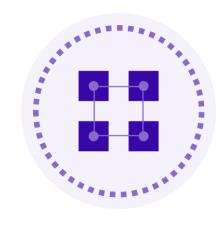


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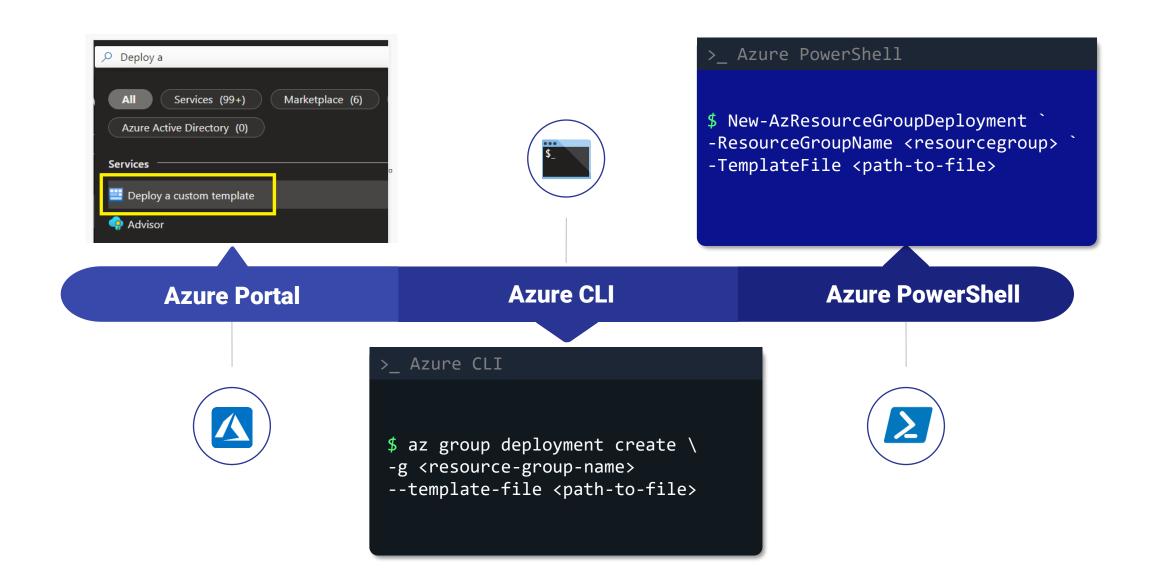


Deploy ARM template



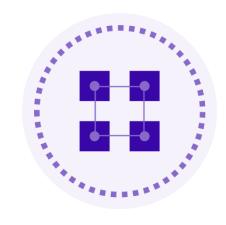


Deploy ARM template





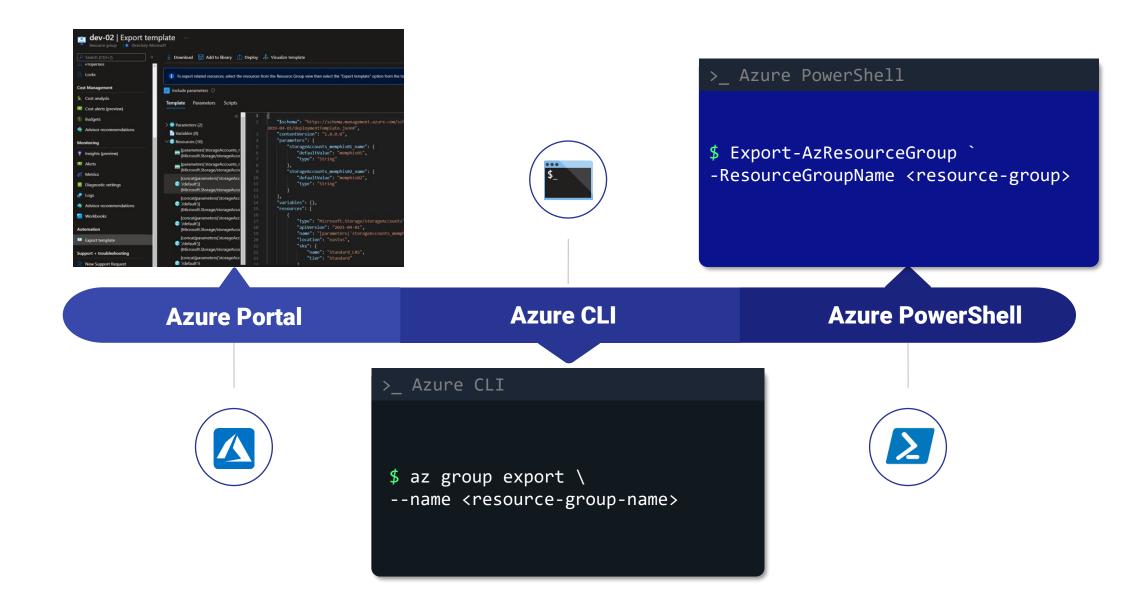
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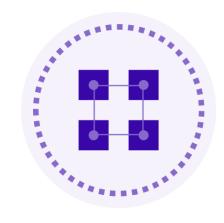


Exporting deployments as ARM template





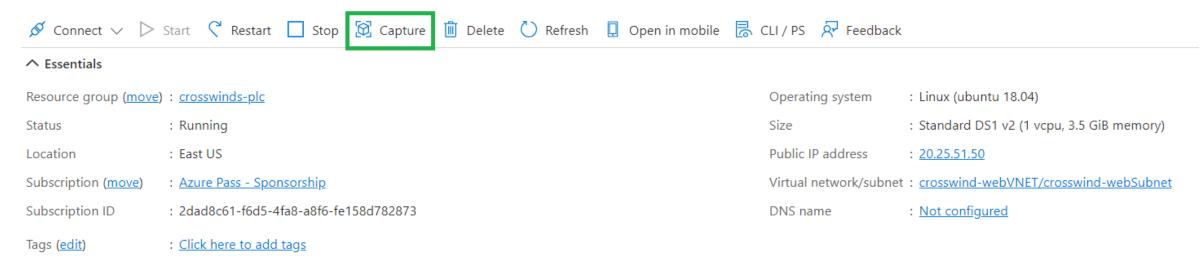
Creating VHD Templates





Creating VHD Templates



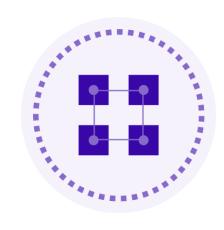


- Generalized: VMs created from this image require hostname, admin user, and other VM related setup to be completed on first boot
- Specialized: VMs created from this image are completely configured and do not require parameters such as hostname and admin user/password

Operating
System State



Virtual Machine Extensions







Virtual Machine Extensions



Small applications

Automation tasks and post deployment configuration can be done with the help of extension.



Management

Extensions can be managed with Azure Portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI and ARM templates..



Scope

Extensions can be used for post-deployment configuration during the VM deployment or on existing VMs.



Platform

Extensions and their availability will vary based on the operating system. We have different extensions available for Windows and Linux VMs.



Home > Virtual machines > dc-server >

Install an Extension



Chef VM Extension for windows

Chef Software Inc.

Install the Chef Infra Client on your Virtual Machine and bootstrap to your Chef Server





CloudLink SecureVM Agent

Dell EMC

CloudLink SecureVM by Dell EMC



Control-M Agent

BMC Software, Inc.

Deploy a Control-M Agent to manage application workloads running on



Custom Script Extension

Microsoft Corp.

Custom Script handler extension for Windows



Datadog Agent

Datadog Inc.

Datadog monitoring agent will enable you collect detailed information on applications running inside your VM



DxEnterprise for Windows

DH2i Company

Create SQL Server FCIs and Availability Groups without WSFC/Pacemaker or networking complexity



Dynatrace OneAgent

Dynatrace

Dynatrace OneAgent for Windows.



ESET File Security

ESET

ESET File Security extension for Microsoft Azure



HPE Security Fortify Application Defender

HPE Security Fortify

Application Defender Agent

Kaspersky Hybrid Cloud Security Agent

Kaspersky Lab

Windows workload security with unified orchestration_automated



Microsoft Antimalware

Microsoft Corp.

Microsoft Antimalware for Azure Virtual Machines





Custom Script Extension



Supported scenarios

Custom Script extension can be used for simple and complex scripts. Scripts will not continue execution if the workflow includes reboot. PowerShell scripts can be selected and optionally arguments can be passed.



Duration

Script can run up to 90 minutes, if the script takes more than 90 minutes to execute, then it will be a timed-out operation. Also, the VM should be in running state to execute the script.



Dependency access

Storage and network access is required by the extension. For successful execution of the script, we need to make sure that the content is available.



Error handling and data sensitivity

Plan for error handling and how to handle sensitive data such as passwords, connection strings, storage account keys etc.

Home > Virtual machines > dc-server > Install an Extension > Configure Custom Script Extension Extension		
Create Review + create Script file (Required) * ①		Browse
Arguments (Optional) ①		





B Desired State Configuration



Supported scenarios

DSC uses PowerShell DSC which will help you to carry out complex deployments which includes reboot as well. DSC will ensure that the state is achieved.



Configuration

Easy to read scripts called configuration is created in a declarative way. Configuration is saved in PS1 format.



When to use DSC?

If your post deployment configuration includes complex steps such as reboots, then CSE is not the right choice. Choose DSC in all complex scenarios where CSE is not supported.



Blocks

Configuration block is the outermost script block, we will give a name to the configuration define the script. Node block defines the computers that are under the scope of the configuration. Each node block has one or more resource where we define the configuration.

```
>_ configuration.ps1
Configuration IISConfiguration
  Node "localhost"
    WindowsFeature WebServer
      Name = "Web-Server"
      Ensure = "Present"
    WindowsFeature IISManagementTools
      Name = "Web-Mgmt-Tools"
      Ensure = "Present"
    WindowsFeature IISDefaultDoc
      Name = "Web-Default-Doc"
      Ensure = "Present"
```

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Storage accounts







Storage accounts

Microsoft Azure's storage solution for object storage, file storage, message queue and a NoSQL store for meeting modern application requirements.



High availability and durability

Storage account comes with different redundancies to fulfill your durability requirements.

Data stored in the storage account can be replicated to different datacenters and even across regions ensuring high availability for the data.



Security

By default, all data written to the storage account is encrypted by Storage Encryption Service. To access the data storage accounts, provide different authorization methods such as storage keys, shared access signature, and Azure AD.



Scalability and Managed

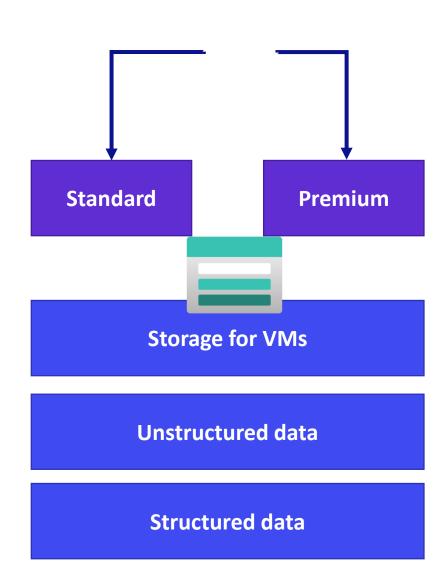
Azure Storage is a platform managed service, depending upon the requirement it will automatically scale the storage and performance.



Access

HTTP or HTTPS can be used to access the data that is stored in Azure Storage. With the help SDKs provided by Microsoft, developers can easily integrate Azure Storage with their code.

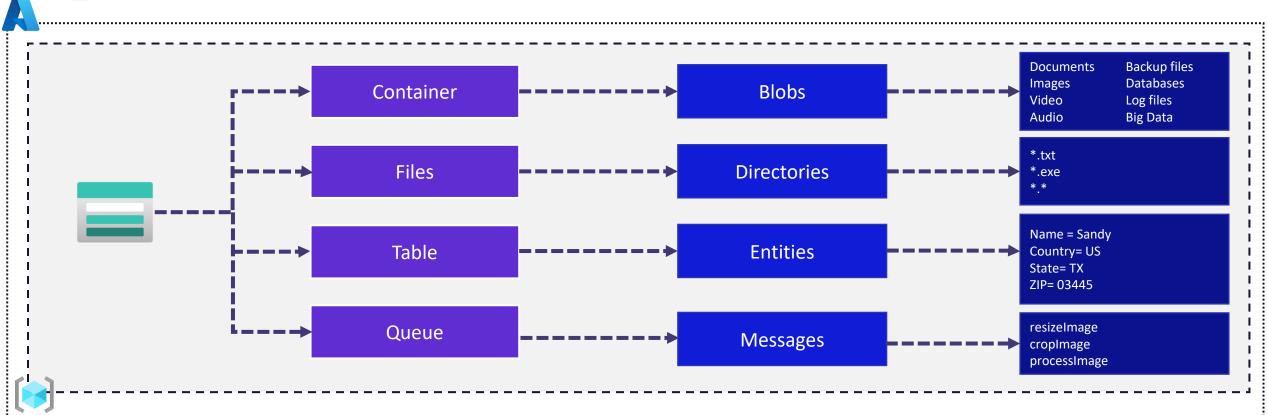
Azure Storage also supports Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI and REST API.







Storage services



Azure Containers

An object store with immense scaling capability.

Ideal for storing unstructured data such as text or binary data.

Azure Files

Managed file share

Used to provision highly available file shares in cloud that can be mounted to cloud and on-premises machines.

Azure Tables

NoSQL datastore

Ideal for storing structured non-relational data

Azure Queues

Messaging store

Used to store messages and retrieve messages between application components that needs to be processed asynchronously.





Storage account types

Туре	Services	Performance tiers	Replication options
Blob storage	Blob	Standard	LRS, GRS, RA-GRS
General Purpose V1	Blob, File, Queue, Table, and Disk	Standard, Premium	LRS, GRS, RA-GRS
General Purpose V2	Blob, File, Queue, Table, and Disk	Standard, Premium	LRS, ZRS, GRS, RA-GRS, GZRS, RA-GZRS
Block blob storage	Blob	Premium	LRS, ZRS
File storage	Files	Premium	LRS, ZRS



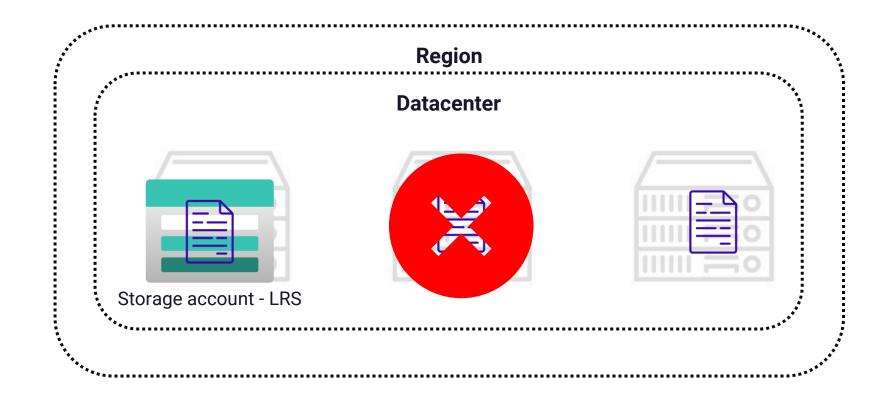
Storage redundancy







Storage replication – Locally Redundant Storage





Replication

Data is replicated and will retain three copies of data across fault domain within a single datacenter. Since the data is replicated only within a single data center, LRS is the cheapest option.



Durability

LRS offers 99.9999999999 (11 9's) of durability. Data stored in LRS is protected from hardware failures as the data is stored in different fault domains.



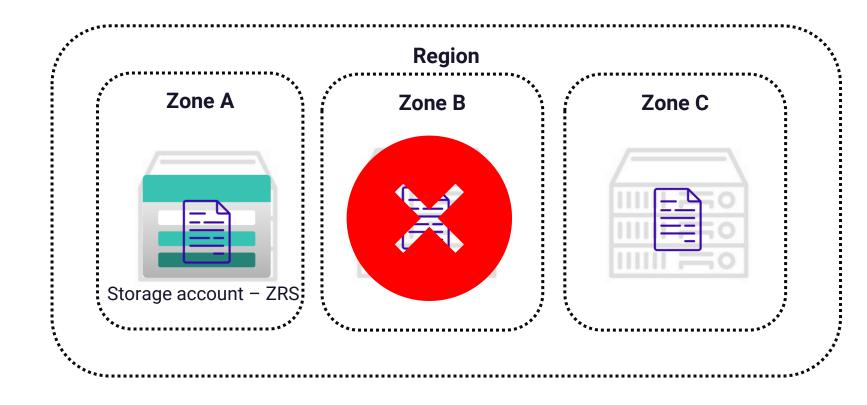
Chances of failure

As the replicated copies are stored within a single datacenter, if the entire datacenter is down, then the data will not be available





Storage replication – Zone Redundant Storage





Replication

Data is replicated and will retain three copies of data across availability zones within a single region.



Durability

ZRS offers 99.99999999999 (12 9's) of durability. Data stored in ZRS is protected from datacenter failures as each zone where the datacenter resides is physically separated from each other.



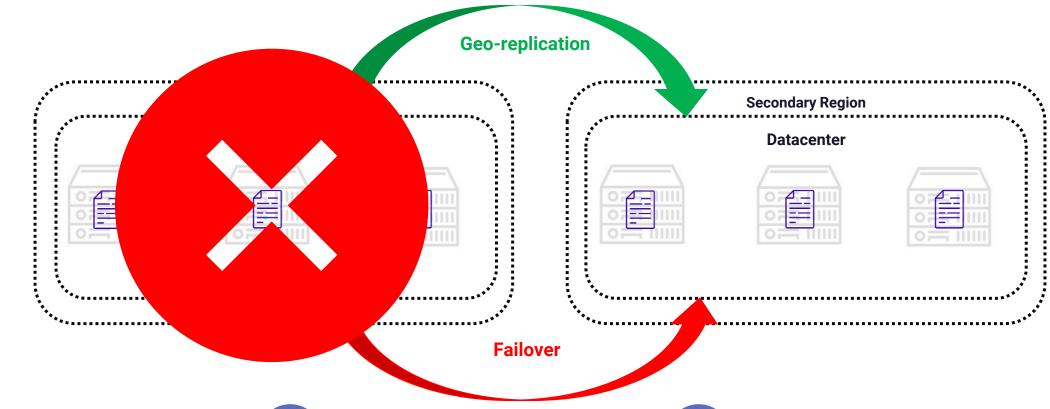
Chances of failure

As the replicated copies are stored within a single region, if the entire region goes down, then the data will not be available





Storage replication – Geo Redundant Storage





Storage account - GRS

Replication

Data is replicated across three fault domains in a datacenter which is part of the primary region and is asynchronously replicated to secondary region where we will have three copies across fault domains.



Durability

GRS offers 99.9999999999999 (16 9's) of durability. If the primary region goes down, a failover will happen, and secondary region will become available for read requests.



Considerations

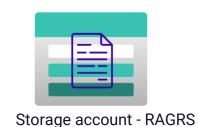
The primary region will be available for all operations and secondary will be only available after failover. The failover can be Microsoft initiated or customer initiated.

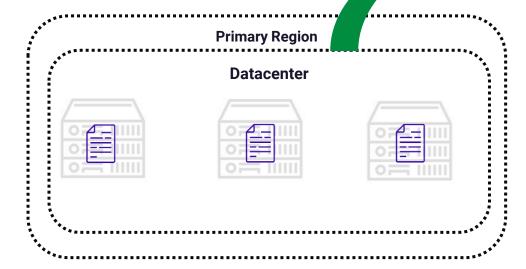


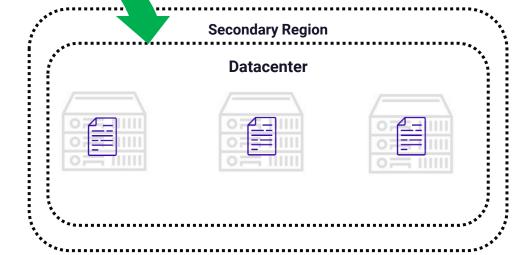


Storage replication – Read access Geo **Redundant Storage**











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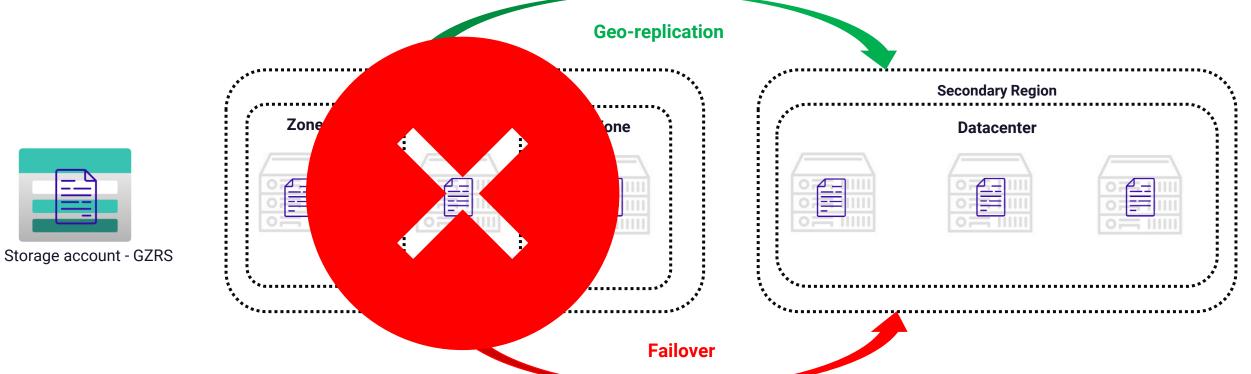
Considerations

The secondary region will be always available for reach operations regardless whether there is a failover or not.





Storage replication –Geo Zone Redundant **Storage**





Replication

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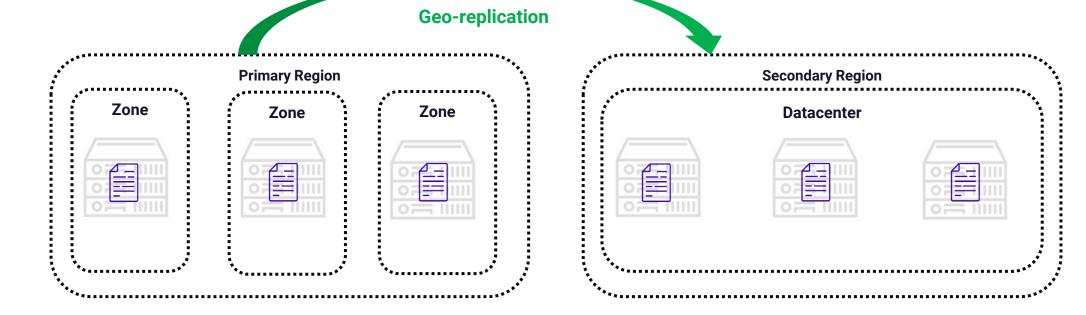
Considerations

As we saw in the case of GRS, the primary region will be available for all operations and secondary will be only available after failover. The failover can be Microsoft initiated or customer initiated





Storage replication –Read Access Geo Zone **Redundant Storage**





Storage account - GZRS

Replication

Three copies will be spread across availability zones within the primary region and is asynchronously replicated to secondary region where we will have three copies across fault domains.



Durability

durability



Considerations

Here secondary region will be always available regardless of whether there is a failover or not.





Accessing storage endpoints

Based on the storage account name and the service, every service has its own unique endpoint

cprotocol>://<storage account name>.<service>.core.windows.net Your storage account name blob, queue, file, table http, https

For a storage account named "kodekloud", the endpoints will be:

Service	Endpoint
Container service	https://kodekloud.blob.core.windows.net
Queue service	https://kodekloud.queue.core.windows.net
File service	https://kodekloud.file.core.windows.net
Table service	https://kodekloud.table.core.windows.net

If needed, we can use our own custom domain with CNAME mapping

DNS CNAME entry	Alias
blobs.kodekloud.com	kodekloud.blob.core.windows.net



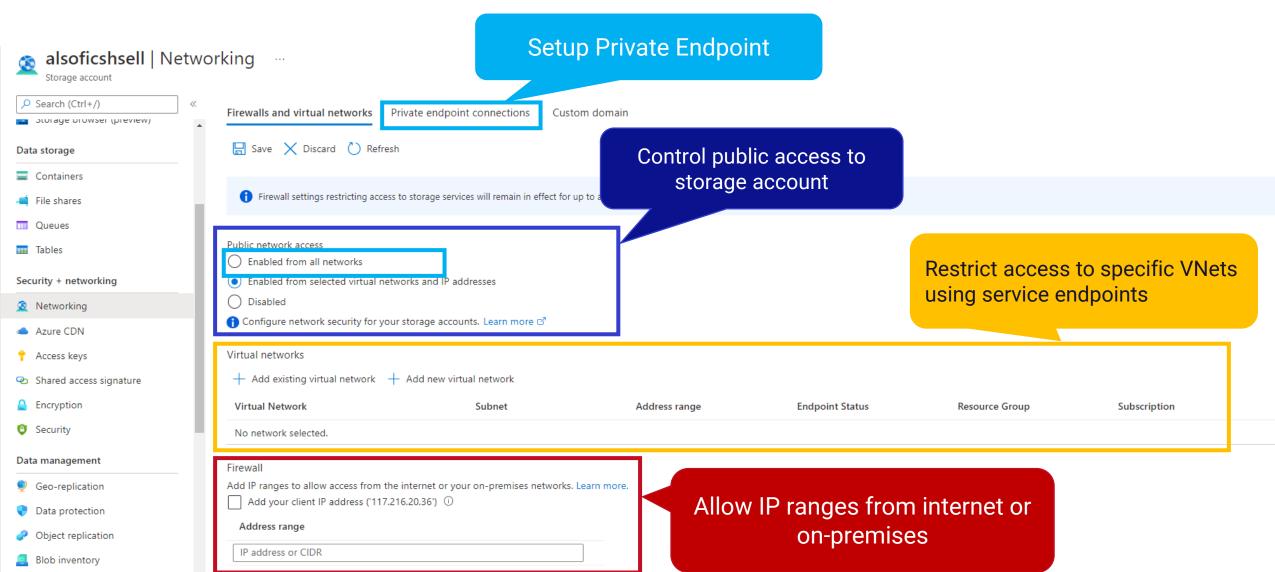
Securing storage endpoints







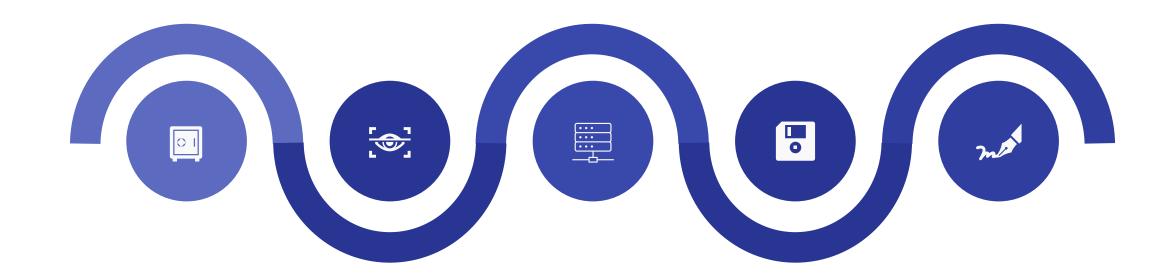
Securing storage endpoints







Storage security capabilities



Encryption

By default, without any additional configuration, all data written to the storage account is encrypted by Storage Service Encryption (SSE)

Authentication

With help of Azure AD and RBAC, we can authenticate and requests and provide authorization to storage services.

Data in transit

Client-side encryption, HTTPS, and SMB 3.0 is used to secure data in transit.

Disk encryption

OS and Data disks of Linux and Windows VMs can be encrypted using Azure Disk Encryption (ADE).

Shared access signature

Fine tuned granular access can be given to storage services with the help of SAS.



Storage Service Encryption (SSE) and Azure Disk Encryption (ADE)







Storage Service Encryption (SSE)



Data at rest is protected using SSE. All data written to Azure Disks, Blob, File, Queue, and Table is encrypted using SSE and is decrypted when the data is retrieved.



Strong cipher

SSE uses 256-bit AES encryption to encrypt the data. The encryption, decryption, data management and key management is done by storage service. SSE cannot be disabled.



Compliance

Organizations doesn't need develop in-house encryption methods to encrypt data stored in Azure storage. Using SSE organizations can meet their compliance and security requirements.



Bring your own keys

If you would like to control the encryption keys and their rotation, you replace Microsoft managed keys with Customer Managed Keys. You need to create an Azure Key Vault to store the key and the storage service will retrieve the key from Key Vault for encryption and decryption.

Encryption

Encryption scopes

Storage service encryption protects your data at rest. Azure Storage encrypts your data as it's written in our datacenters, and automatically decrypts it for you as you access it.

Please note that after enabling Storage Service Encryption, only new data will be encrypted, and any existing files in this storage account will retroactively get encrypted by a background encryption process.

Learn more about Azure Storage encryption

Encryption selection

Enable support for customer-managed keys (i)
Blobs and files only

Infrastructure encryption ①
Disabled

Encryption type

Microsoft-managed keys

Oustomer-managed keys





Azure Disk Encryption (ADE)



Using ADE, we can encrypt OS and Data Disks of Windows and Linux virtual machines. ADE uses BitLocker for Windows and DM-Crypt for Linux to encrypting the disks. Encryption keys are stored in Azure Key Vault.



When you are using Azure Backup, the encryption keys are backed up to the recovery service vault.

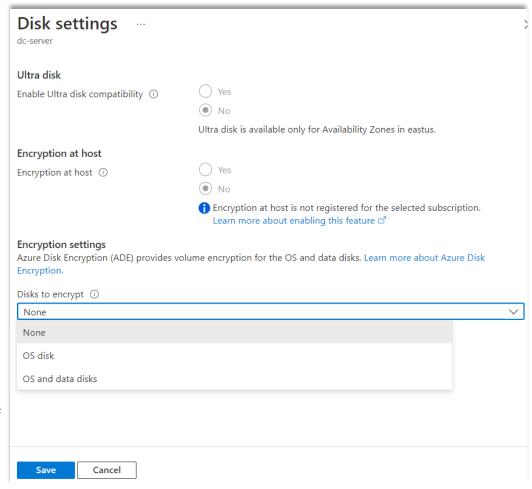
Also, the backups are encrypted. ASE uses AES 256-bit encryption.



Since the disk is encrypted, only the VM owner will be able to retrieve the data stored in the VM. If anyone downloads the VHD and attaches to another VM, without the keys, they will not be able to read the data.



If you are encrypting both OS and Data disk, there will be a small performance impact due to the encryption and decryption activity. The impact is very minimal, however, if your application is CPU intensive then you can skip the OS disk and encrypt data disk only to enhance performance.





Storage security - Authorization







Storage security - Authorization

Storage Account Keys

Two 512-bit keys will be generated for every storage account, and this can be rotated. Account keys are like root passwords, and we need to secure them to avoid unauthorized access.

Azure AD

Using Azure AD and RBAC we can authenticate and authorize requests from users. Currently Azure AD authentication is supported by Blobs, Queues, and Tables only. For Files, SMB access can be given with the help of AAD Domain Services.



Shared access signature

Delegate access to storage at a very granular level. SAS are generated using account keys but with fine tuned access.

Anonymous

We can enable anonymous access to our blobs and containers. As the request is anonymous, we don't need pass any authorization header.



Storage Account Keys





Storage Account Keys



Be cautious with the account key!

Account key is like the root password, the user possessing the account keys can perform any action against the storage account. Microsoft recommends to save the key to Azure Key Vault and regularly rotate them.



Two keys

Azure provides two 512-bit keys for every storage account. You can either one of these in your API calls in your authorization header. Users with permission to Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/listkeys/action can view, read or copy the key via Azure Portal, Azure CLI, and Azure PowerShell.

key1 Rotate key

Last rotated: 5/17/2022 (2 days ago)

Key

LQVU0JF+e0BJq84X3Fw+pyl9I1J7ZbJsAvJZeD2YJiKTx9sdu90nWen6HFKWOqdpK4...

Connection string

DefaultEndpointsProtocol=https;AccountName=alsoficshsell;AccountKey=LQVU0...

key2 () Rotate key

Last rotated: 5/17/2022 (2 days ago)

Key

qRFvqNojdj3ISTWmLnZjyjXKXFczS7bFV5FtuDW+4Ircqy6iR3XuAXamd26clK1

Connection string

DefaultEndpointsProtocol=https;AccountName=alsoficshsell;AccountKey=aPEvq...



Shared Access Signature





Shared Access Signature



Fine tuned access

Instead of giving full access via account keys we can fine tune the access via SAS. We can control the allowed services, allowed resource types, permissions, start time, end time, IP address and protocol using SAS



Three types of SAS keys

- ✓ User delegation SAS
- ✓ Service SAS
- ✓ Account SAS

Allov	ved services (i)				
/	Blob V File V Queue V Table				
Allov	ved resource types ①				
	Service Container Object				
Allov	ved permissions ①				
✓	✓ Read ✓ Write ✓ Delete ✓ List ✓ Add ✓ Create ✓ Update ✓ Process ✓ Immutable storage				
Blob	versioning permissions ①				
~]	Enables deletion of versions				
Allov	ved blob index permissions ①				
~	Read/Write				
Start	and expiry date/time ①				
Start	05/19/2022	12:01:40 PM			
End	05/19/2022	8:01:40 PM			
(UT	C+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi				
Allov	ved IP addresses ①				
For	example, 168.1.5.65 or 168.1.5.65-168.1.5.70				

HTTPS only HTTPS and HTTP



Shared Access Signature

Name	Excerpt	Explanation
Resource URI	https://kodekloud.blob.core.windo	Blob endpoint

https://kodekloud.blob.core.windows.net?sv=2020-08-04&ss=bfqt&srt=sc&sp=rwdlacup&se=2022-05-

19T14:31:40Z&st=2022-05-19T06:31:40Z&sip=168.11.12.13-

168.11.12.19&spr=https&sig=66iXqzZSakarJO5J210%2ByoPRVXTeT%2FTJcHHSEkUjHr0%3D

Fermissions	sp-i wuiacup	Supports read, write, delete, list, add, create, and dpdate
Start time	st=2022-05-19T06:31:40Z	Start date and time in UTC
End time	se=2022-05-19T14:31:40Z	End date and time in UTC
IP address range	sip=168.11.12.13-168.11.12.19	Allowed IP range
Protocol	spr=https	Only HTTPS requests are allowed
Signature	sig=66iXqzZSakarJO5J210%2ByoPRV XTeT%2FTJcHHSEkUjHr0%3D	Unique signature which is HMAC computed over a string to sign and key using SHA256, then Base64 encoding on top of that.



Azure AD Authentication





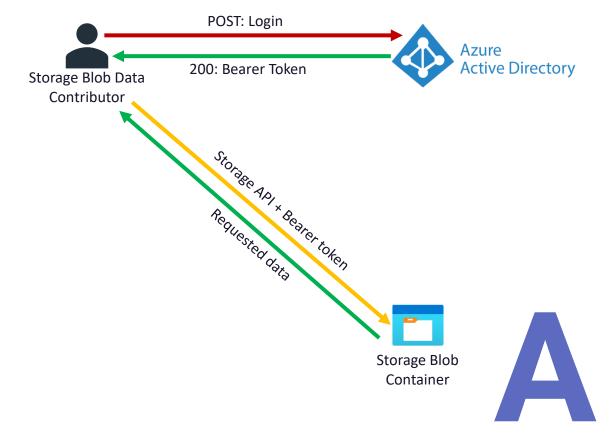
Azure AD Authentication



Microsoft recommends using Azure AD authentication for accessing Blobs, Queues and Tables. Azure AD integrates features such as MFA, Conditional Access to enhance the request to access storage.

Requires dedicated RBAC roles

Even if you are the Owner or Contributor of the subscription, you would still require storage specific RBAC to authorize storage access requests. These RBAC can be assigned to any scope and the access will be inherited. Example: Storage Blob Data Owner, Storage Queue Data Contributor.





Anonymous access to blobs





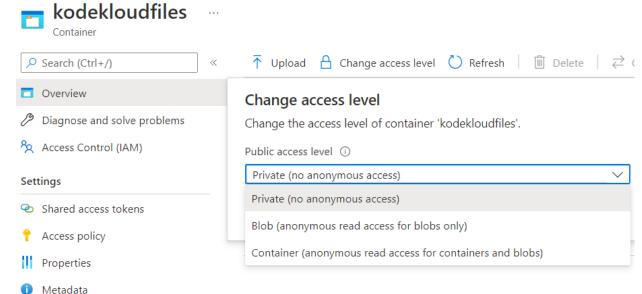
Anonymous access

O Public access without authorization

Anonymous access can be granted to blobs and containers. Read request to blobs and containers with anonymous access enabled, doesn't require any sort of authorization.

O Ideal for public facing content

Used to share documents, images, or any unstructured data stored in blob storage to public.





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Creating Azure File share







Creating Azure File Share



Enterprise grade file share

With file shares, we can share files across virtual machines and non-Azure workloads. Any number of Azure or non-Azure virtual machines can mount and work on the file share simultaneously. Also supports backup and snapshot for data recovery.

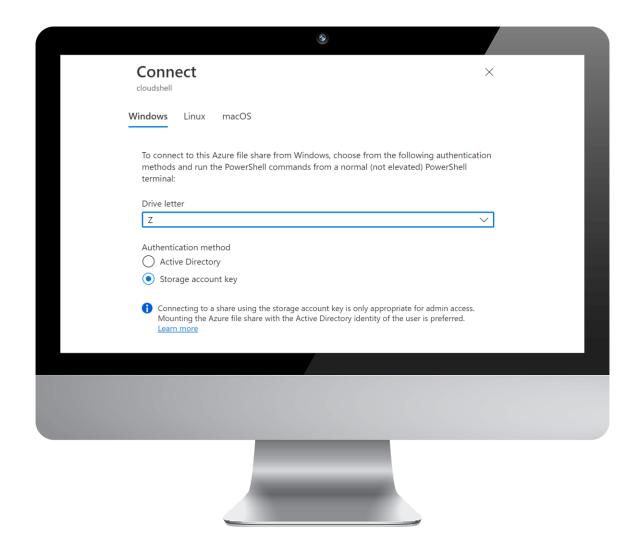


Supports Windows, Linux and macOS

Azure provides easy to use scripts to mount the file share to Windows, Linux and macOS computers. Computers can interact with Azure file share as they work with on-premises file shares. Port 445 needs to be open for SMB traffic.



Firstly, we can decommission on-premises file share and migrate to Azure Files. It can be used for storing diagnostic data, tool and utilities which needs to be shared with teams.





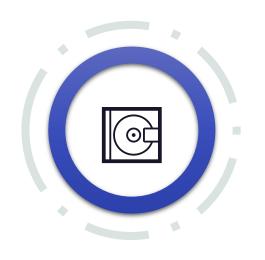
Configuring Azure File Sync service







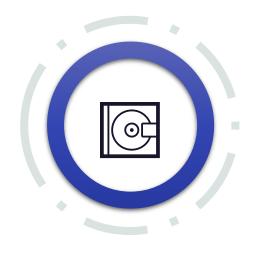
Without losing the flexibility, performance, and compatibility for your on-premises file servers, extend and centralize your file shares in Azure Files using Azure File Sync. Use SMB, NFS, and FTPS to connect with your file shares.



Lift and shift

Centralize your file share and provide access to file shares across Windows

Servers and Azure Files. Helps to share files across multiple sites at ease.



Adding new offices

You can easily onboard new branch offices and share files with them.



BCDR

Azure Backup will backup your onpremises data once the sync is established. Restoring data after a catastrophic failure will be quick.



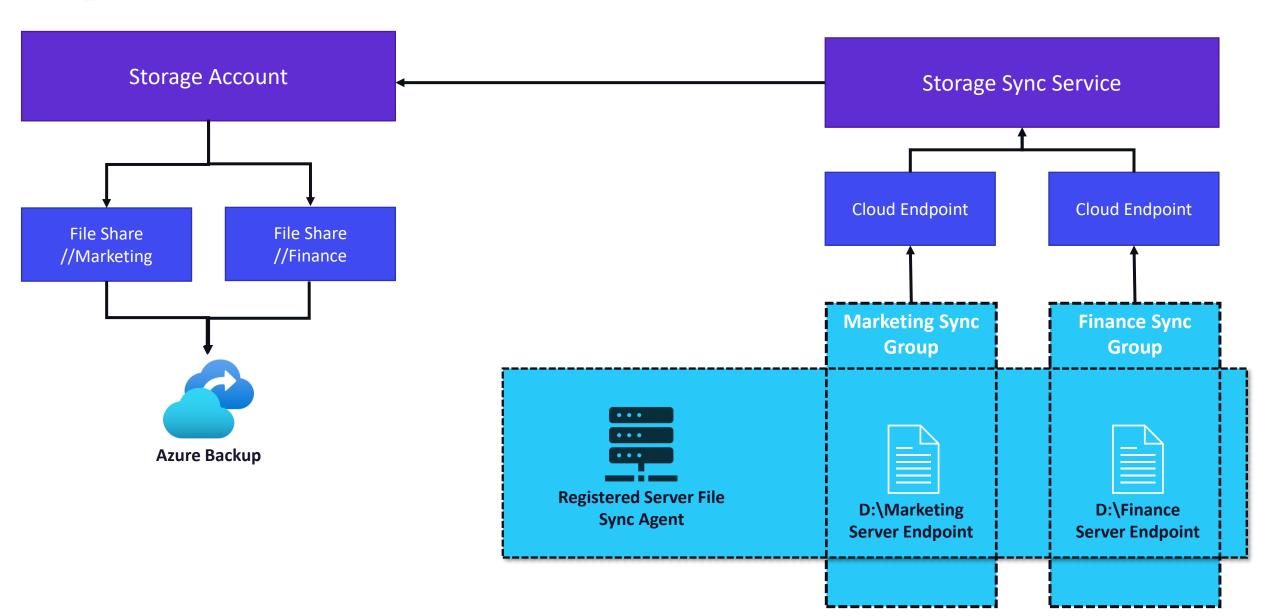
Archiving

File Sync caches data that has been used recently. Data which is not in consumption will be stored in Azure Files and is retrieved only upon request. You can control this using the cloud tiering feature.





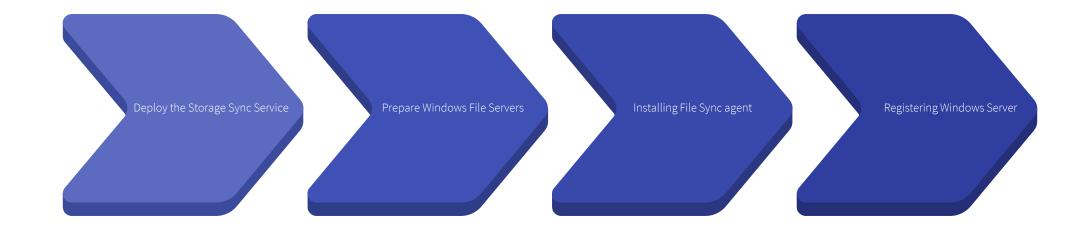
Azure File Sync - Components







Azure File Sync - Implementation



Deploy the Storage Sync Service

In the Azure Portal, we need to create a Storage Sync Service. This will be deployed to a resource group like the storage account

Prepare Windows File Servers

All servers we are planning to register requires preparation. Some prerequisites include disabling IE Enhanced Security and installing latest version of PowerShell

Installing File Sync Agent

File Sync Agent needs to be installed on the prepared Windows Server. Agent is responsible for the sync to Azure file share.

Register Windows Server

Once the agent is installed, you will be redirected to the server registration window. Registration is required to establish trust with the Storage Sync Service.



Configuring Azure Blob Storage

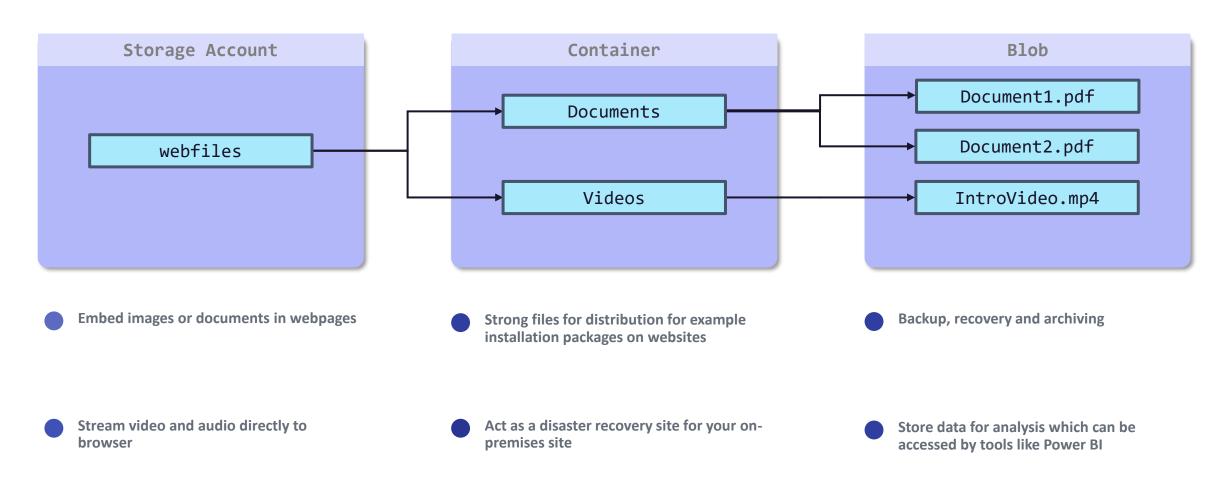






Azure Containers (Blob Storage)

Provides storage for storing unstructured data as in any type of text or binary data. Blob Storage is referred to as "object storage"

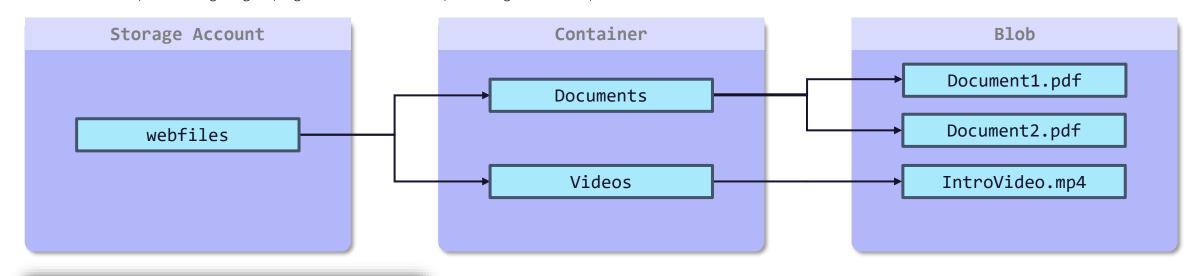






Creating Containers

All objects or blobs we upload should be in a container. A storage account can have unlimited number of containers and each container can have unlimited blobs. Containers provides logical grouping of blobs, acts as a scope of assign RBAC and public access level





- Private
 No anonymous access to data stored in the container

 Blob
 - Anonymous read access to blobs only
- Container

 Permission to read and list entire container, which includes all the blobs



Storage Tiers







Blob Access Tiers

Based on the frequency of access, we can optimize storage cost using access tiers.



Hot

Ideal for storing data that is frequently accessed.



Cool

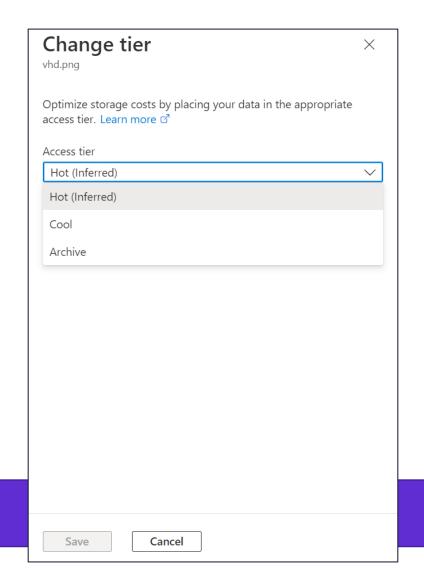
Ideal for storing large amounts data that is not accessed frequently and is stored for at least 30 days.



Archive

Ideal for that can tolerate several hours of retrieval latency and will remain the archive tier for at least 180 days.

Tier	Storage Cost	Access Cost
Hot	\$\$\$	\$
Cool	\$\$	\$\$
Archive	\$	\$\$\$





Access tiers can be switched any time as required



Lifecycle Management







Blob Lifecycle Management

O Policy based transition

We can transition blobs to cooler tiers automatically based on the last modified date.

O Delete blobs and snapshots

Besides transitioning to cooler tiers, LCM can be used to delete blobs and blob snapshots after X number of days if they are not modified.

(O) Filtering option

We can apply the policy to all the blobs in the storage or limit blobs with filters

(O) Target different types

LCM can target block blobs and append blobs and further apply to sub types such as base blobs, versions and snapshots.

Code View "rules": ["enabled": true, "name": "rule", "type": "Lifecycle", "definition": { "actions": { "baseBlob": { "tierToCool": { "daysAfterModificationGreaterThan": 60 "tierToArchive": { "daysAfterModificationGreaterThan": 180 "delete": { "daysAfterModificationGreaterThan": 365 "filters": { "blobTypes": ["blockBlob"

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Import/Export Service







Import workflow

Create an Import job in Azure Portal referencing your destination storage account. Upload the journal files.

Hard drives are delivered to the datacenter and drives are processed. The hard drives are returned to you and your data is in Azure
Storage













Identifying that data that needs to moved to Azure. Using the WAImportExport tool, prepare the disks and copy the contents to the disk. This will generate the journal files.

Ship the drives to the Azure datacenter and update the Import job with the tracking ID of the package. Also provide the return address for Microsoft to return the drives

Data is copied from the hard drive to the storage account.





Export workflow

Ship your drives to Azure datacenter and the carrier delivers them.

The hard drives are encrypted with BitLocker and the job will be updated with the keys

Hard drives are shipped back to the customer, and they can decrypt the disk using the keys in the job













Identify the data that you want to move and create an export job in Azure Portal Drives are processed at the datacenter and the data from storage account is copied to the hard drives

The hard drives are packed, and they are ready for shipping



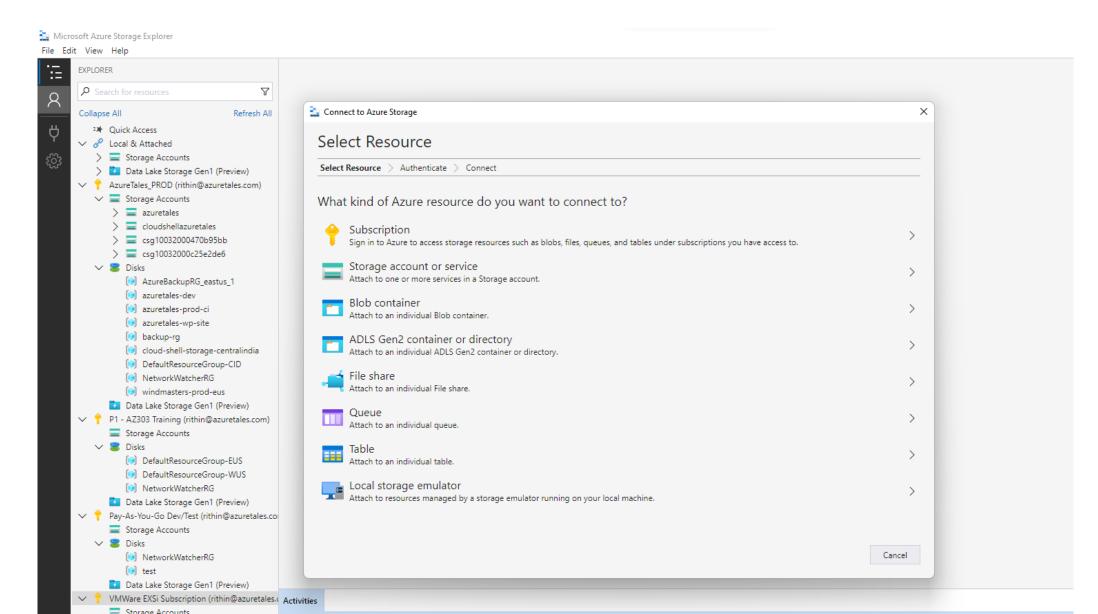
Azure Storage Explorer







Azure Storage Explorer





AzCopy









Supports multiple scenarios

AzCopy can be used as a multi-cloud datar transfer tool. It supports
Azure Blobs, Azure Files, Amazon S3, GCP, ADLS Gen2 APIs etc. Data
movement between these and on—premises is supported by azcopy.



Enhanced resiliency

Every instance will create a job ID and related log file. If your job is getting failed, you can restart or review the logs to understand what went wrong.



Supports include, exclude, wildcards and recursive

We can use include or exclude flags along with wildcard patterns.

Recursive can be used to copy all files within a folder. We can also list or remove blobs in a given path.



Authentication and suppport

AzCopy can be authenticated using SAS tokens or Azure Active Directory. AzCopy can be installed on Windows, Linux or macOS computers.

>_ Terminal

```
#Get help
azcopy /?

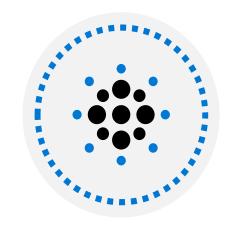
#Copy files
azcopy copy <source> <destination> [options]
azcopy copy ./myfiles/visio.png
https://kodekloud.blob.core.windows.net/files
/files?sv=2020-08-
04&ss=bfqt&srt=sc&sp=rwdlacup&se=2022-05-
19T14:31:40Z&st=2022-05-
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0%2ByoPRVXTeT%2FTJcHHSEkUjHr0%3D
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#Copy using AAD azcopy login --tenant-id xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx-xxxx azcopy copy ./myfiles/visio.png https://kodekloud.blob.core.windows.net/file s/files

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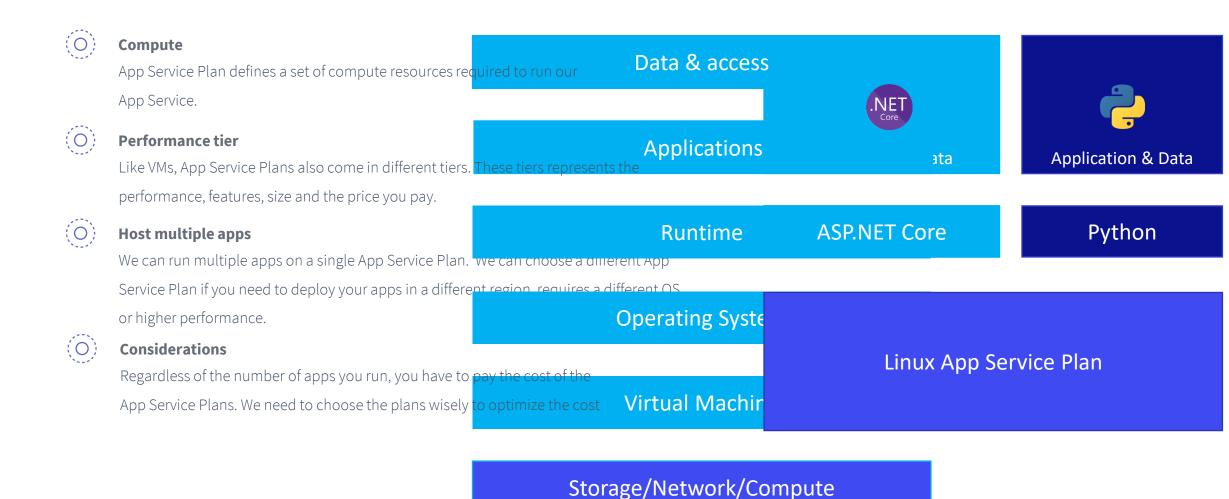


Creating an App Service











App Service Plans

Selected Features	Free	Shared	Basic	Standard	Premium	Isolated
Web, mobile, or API apps	10	100	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Disk space	1 GB	1 GB	10 GB	50 GB	250 GB	1 TB
Auto Scale	_	-	-	Supported	Supported	Supported
Deployment Slots	0	0	0	5	20	20
Max Instances	_	_	Up to 3	Up to 10	Up to 30	Up to 100

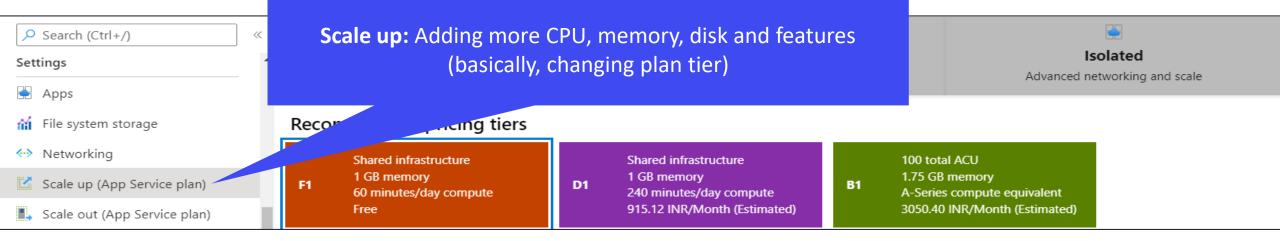
Shared Compute (Free & Shared): Run apps on the shared Azure VM infrastructure where your app will be placed along with other apps.

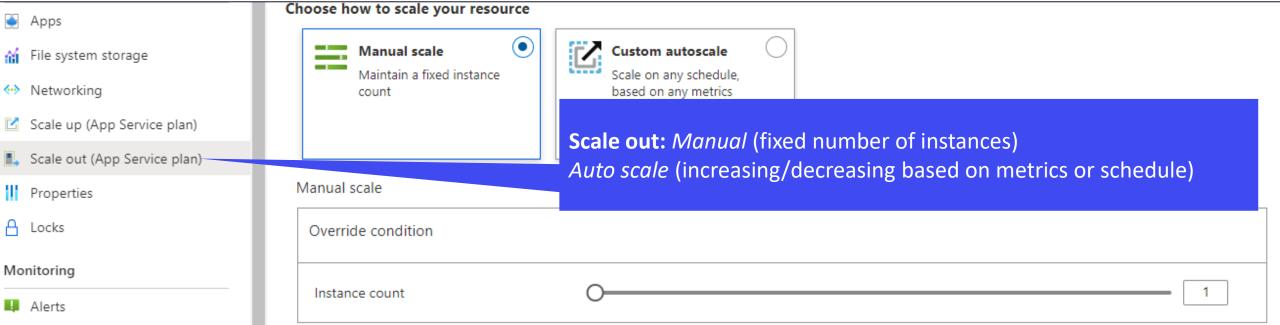
Dedicated Compute (Basic, Standard, and Premium): Dedicated VMs will be provisioned, and your apps will be running on that

Isolated: Dedicated VMs will be provisioned in dedicated virtual networks.



App Service Plans























Single plan

Using App Service Plan, we can host web apps, API apps, mobile apps, and serverless apps.

(O) Fully managed PaaS solution

Developers can focus on enhancing their code, while Microsoft will take care of the underlying virtual machines and infrastructure

(O) CI/CD and Visual Studio Integration

Support CI/CD from source control and we can directly publish our code from Visual Studio.

(O) API and mobile features

Features like CORS support, offline data sync, push notifications making it best candidate for hosting mobile apps.

Support multiple languages

Developer can run .NET, .NET core, Node.js, PHP, Java, Python, and even containerized applications on App Service.

Security and Compliance

Enterprise compliance standards such as ISO, SOC, and PCI is there for App Service. Also, we can setup authentication with Azure AD or social login.

(O) Marketplace templates

We can use templates like WordPress, Drupal etc. from Azure

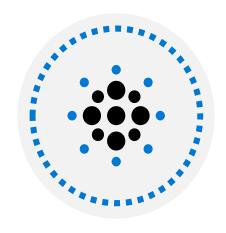
Marketplace with App Service, making our deployments easier.

(O) Run Function apps

Functions can be run on your existing app service plan without the need to provision additional infrastructure.



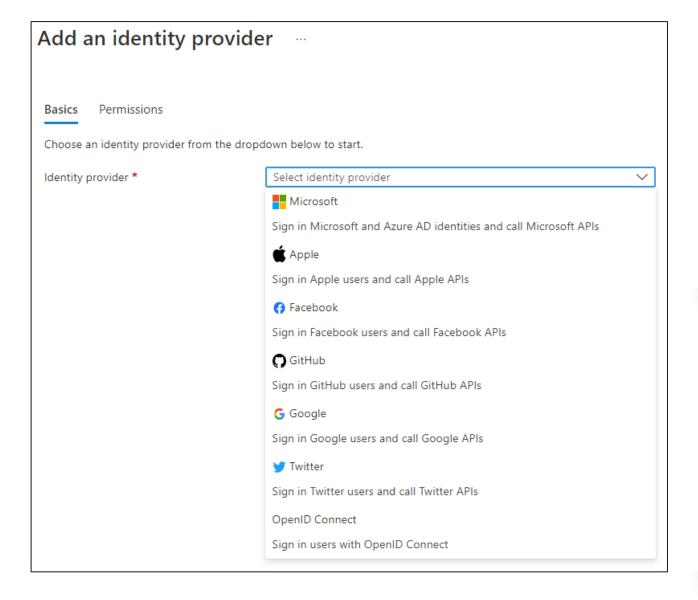
Securing an App Service







Securing App Service



Authentication

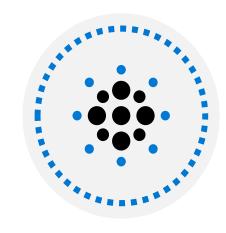
Enable authentication for Azure App Service. Supports Microsoft, Apple, Facebook, GitHub, Google, Twitter, or any service that's using OpenID Connect. Default selection will be anonymous, where users can access the app without presenting any credentials.

Security

- SSL certificates
- Diagnostic settings for troubleshooting
- Network ACI
- Integrate keys with Azure Key Vault



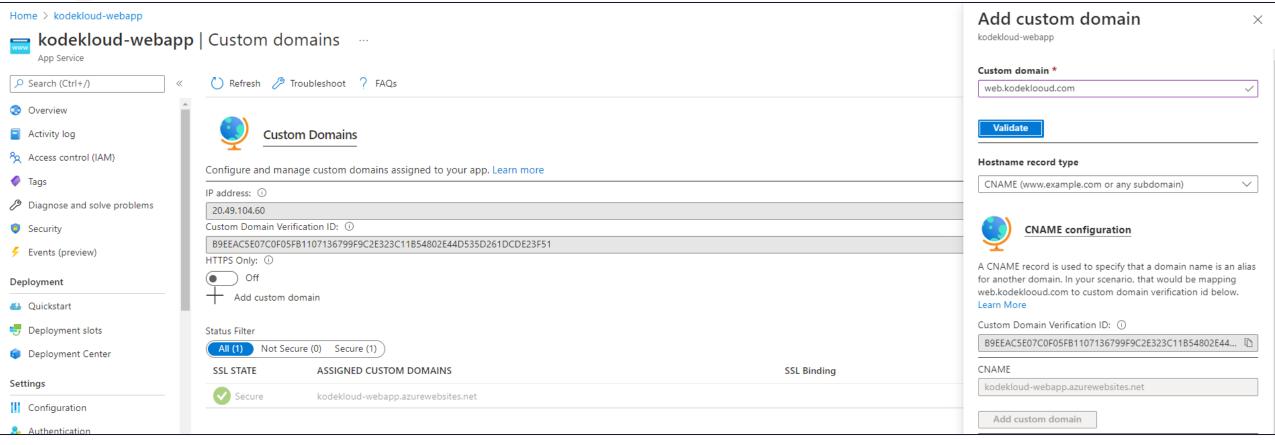
Custom Domains







Custom Domains in App Service





Branding

By default, Azure creates an entry in azurewebsites.net domain. You can bring in your own domain and add to your app service. You need to validate the domain, before you could add to the App Service



Supports A or CNAME mapping

Requires to create TXT record to prove domain ownership. Once that's done, you can add an A record or CNAME record to map the custom domain to App Service.

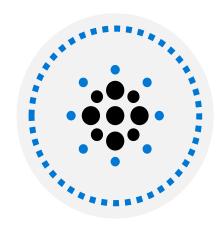


Plan dependent

Custom domains are supported from Basic plan onwards.



Backup App Service







Backup App Service



Backup Storage

Select the target container to store your app backup.	
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Storage Settings

Storage not configured



Backup Schedule

Configure the schedule for your app backup.

Scheduled backup





Backup Database

Select the databases to include with your backup. The backup database list is based on the app's configured connection strings. Note: Individual databases in the backup can be 4GB max but the total max size of the backup is 10GB. If your database is large and growing, use Azure Backup for database backup instead.



Manual and scheduled backups

Backup supports manual or scheduled backup which includes the backup of configuration, file contents, and the connected database.



Filters and multiple restore options

Backup can be up to 10 GB of app and database. Full and partial backups can be configured. We can restore the app to a previous restore point or create a new app altogether.

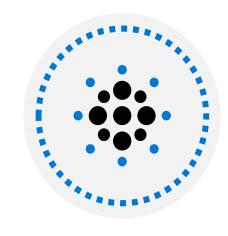


Plan dependent

Backup requires Standard or Premium plan

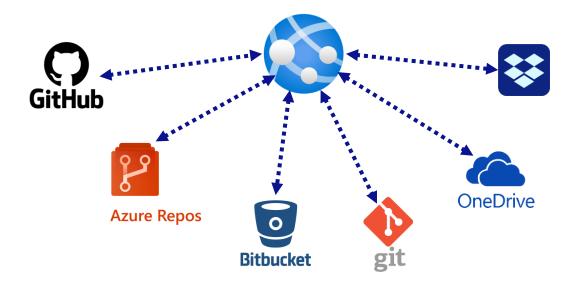


CI/CD and Deployment slots









Automated Deployment

Automated deployment (CI/CD) is where developers will be push new code which includes features, patches and bug fixed with minimal impact to end users. These features will be immediately updated in Azure App Service. We can integrate App Services with GitHub, Bitbucket, Local Git and Azure Repos

Manual Deployment

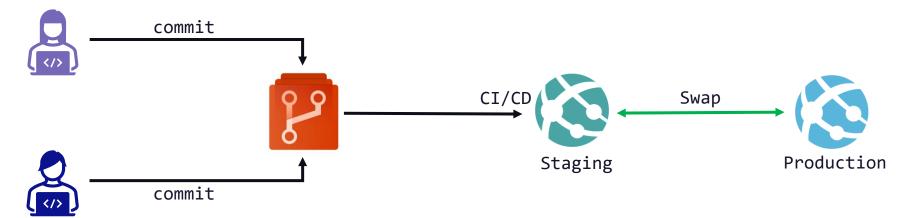
Manual Deployment is where developers can store their code in a remote cloud storage like OneDrive/Dropbox or to an external git.

In manual deployment, developers need to manually push the code to the location for the App Service to update.





Deployment slots



(O) Slots representing different environments

With the help of deployment slots, we can run different versions of our application like prod, qa, dev etc.

Unique URLs

Deployments slots will have their own unique URL like your App Service

O Reduces downtime and rollback strategy

As we are swapping, deployment slots avoids cold start and hence eliminate service disruption. Since this is a swap, we can always swap and roll back to the last known good configuration.

O Test before swapping

Developers get a chance to test and validate their code in App Service before pushing to production.

Auto swap

We can configure auto-swap in scenarios where validation is not needed.

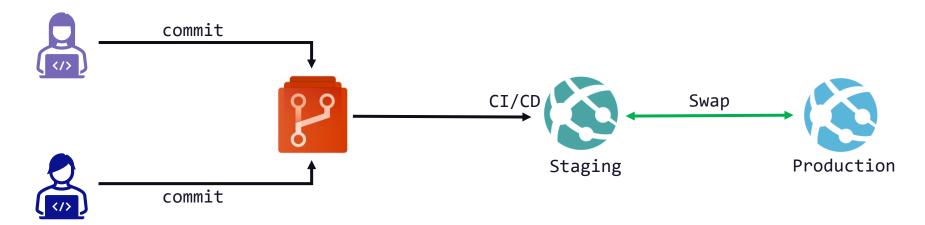
(O) Plan dependent

Number of slots supported depends on the service plan. Free, Shared, and Basic plan doesn't support deployment slots. Standard supports up to 5, Premium supports up to 20 and Isolated supports up to 20 slots.





Deployment slots - considerations





Decision

Decide whether you want to clone an app configuration, clone from another deployment slot or do no copy anything.

Settings that can be swapped		
General settings	WebJobs contents	
App Settings & Path mappings	Hybrid connections*	
Connection strings	Service Endpoints*	
Handler mappings	Azure CDN*	



Understand what will be swapped or not

Understand the list of settings that can be swapped and cannot be swapped.

Settings that aren't swapped				
Publishing endpoints	Scale settings	CORS		
Custom domain names	IP restrictions	VNet integration		
Non-public certificates	Always On	Managed identities		
TLS/SSL settings	Diagnostic settings	Settings that end with _EXTENSION_VERSION suffix		

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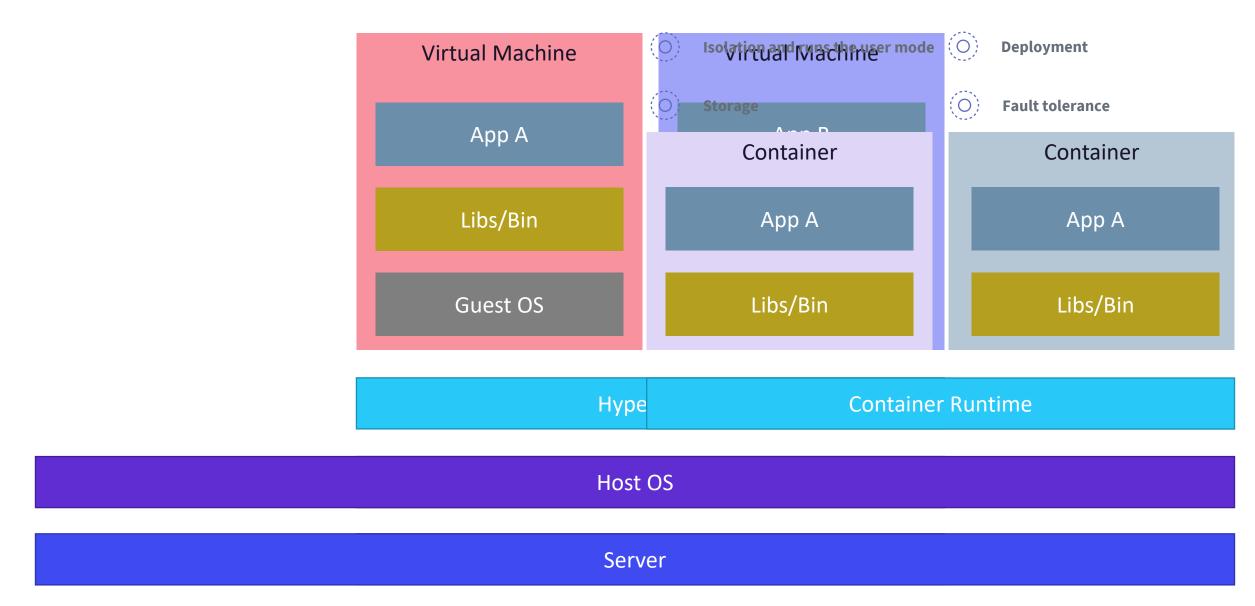


Azure Container Instances



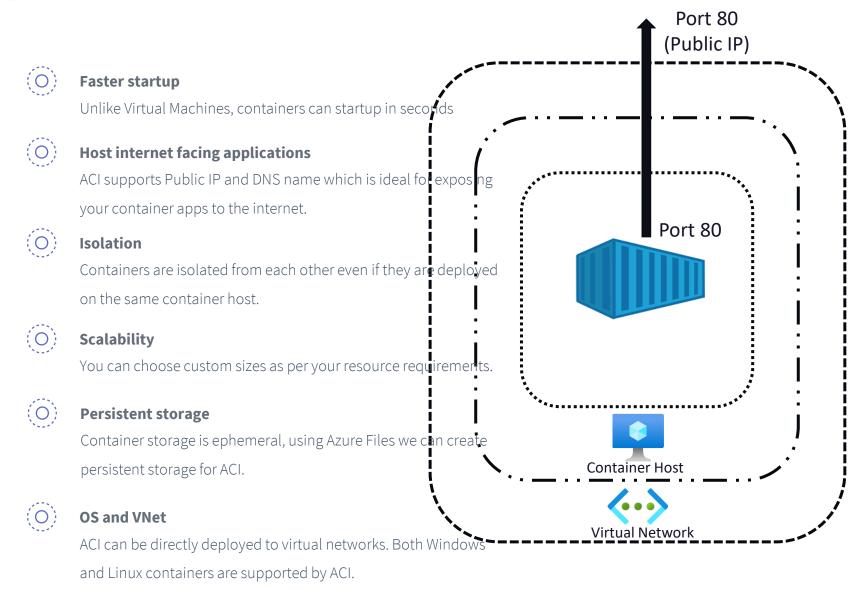


Virtual Machines v/s Containers











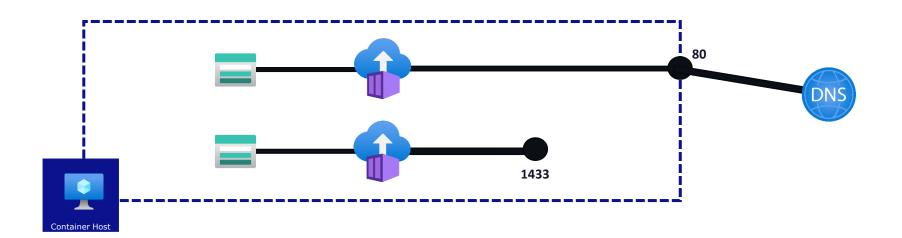
Container Groups





Container groups

Collection of containers that get scheduled on the same container host machine they share resources, lifecycle, local network, and storage volumes.





Deployment options

Container Groups can be deployed using ARM templates or YAML file. If your container group includes Azure resources like a file share, then ARM template is the better option.



Resource allocation

Resource requests of the container group is calculated by summing up resource request of individual containers that's part of the container group.



Shared networking

Public IP address, one or more ports, and DNS label can be shared within container group. In order to reach the containers from internet, we need to expose the port to the internet.

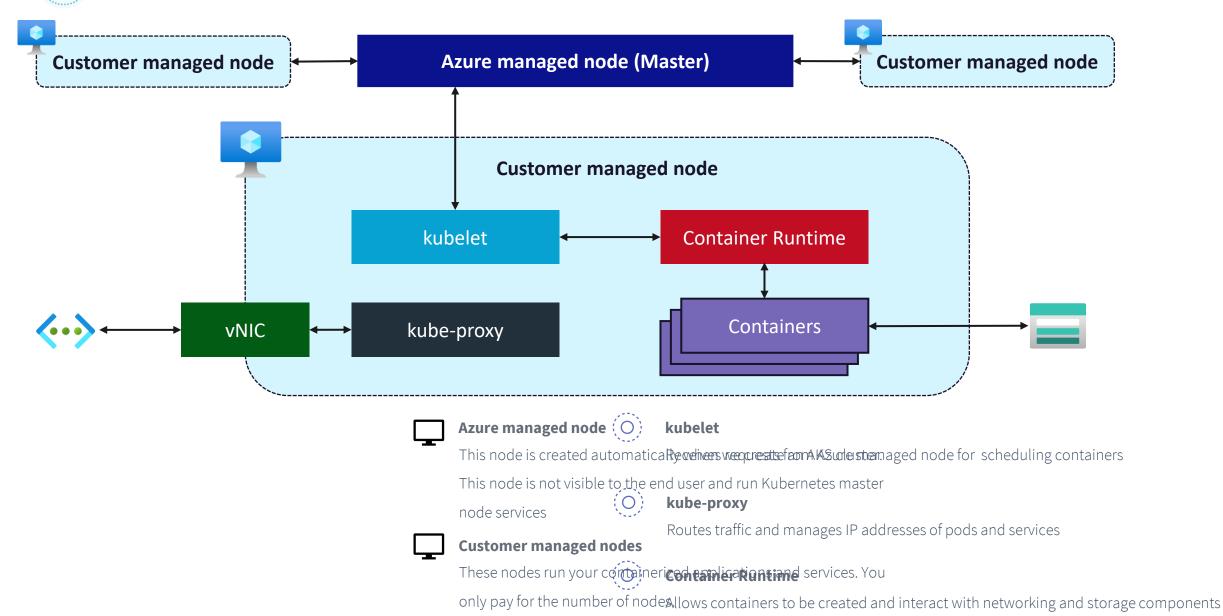


Azure Kubernetes Service





Azure Kubernetes Services





AKS Terminology

O Pools

Logical grouping of nodes with identical configuration

O Nodes

VMs that are running containerized application. Nodes are managed by Kubernetes master node which is not visible to the end user.

Pods

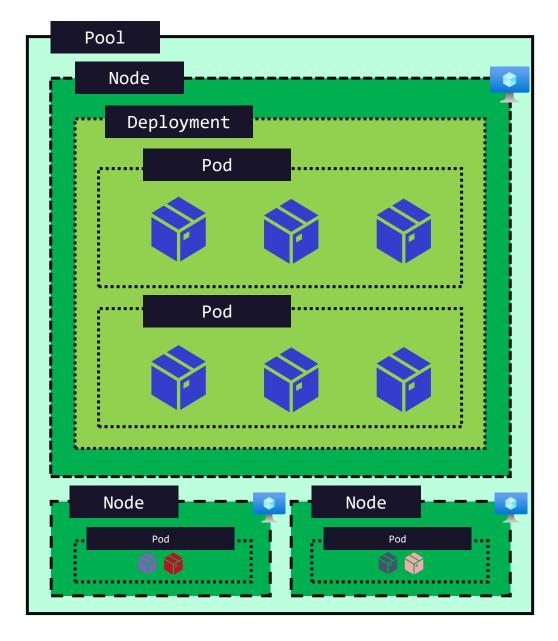
Smallest unit of deployment which is a collection of one or more containers representing a single instance of your application.

Deployment

Creates one or more identical replicas of your pod

(O) Manifest

YAML or JSON file used for deployment





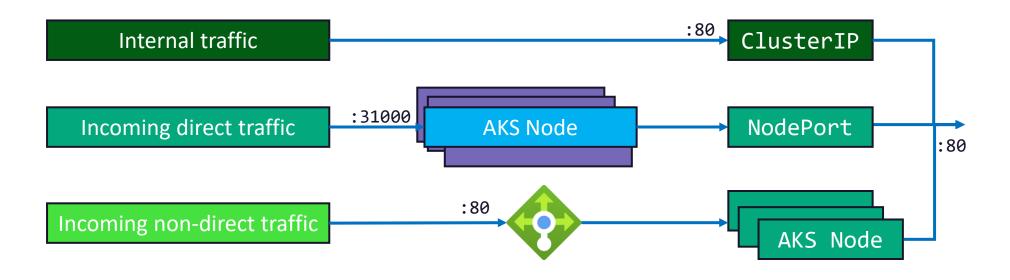
AKS Networking





AKS Networking

Services in Kubernetes provide internal and external network connectivity to pods



(O) ClusterIP

Facilitates internal communication with other apps in your cluster. There is no external access.

ClusterIP is the default Kubernetes service

NodePort

Open a specific port on the node and forward traffic to pod via the service. You can choose port numbers 30000-32767 and number of services is limited to one service per port

(O)

LoadBalancer

Creates an Azure Load Balancer which will route the traffic from external to the service. This is the standard way to expose your applications to the internet.





Create Kubernetes cluster

Basics Node pools Access Networking Integrations Advanced Tags Review + create

You can change networking settings for your cluster, including enabling HTTP application routing and configuring your network using either the 'Kubenet' or 'Azure CNI' options:

- The **kubenet** networking plug-in creates a new VNet for your cluster using default values.
- The **Azure CNI** networking plug-in allows clusters to use a new or existing VNet with customizable addresses. Application pods are connected directly to the VNet, which allows for native integration with VNet features.

Learn more about networking in Azure Kubernetes Service

Network configuration (i)



Azure CNI



AKS Storage





AKS Storage

(O) Volumes

Volumes can be used to store, retrieve, and persist data. Local storage is fast and easy to use, on the other hand, Kubernetes treats pods as ephemeral. If needed, we can create persistent volume using Azure Files or Azure Managed Disk.

O Persistent Volumes

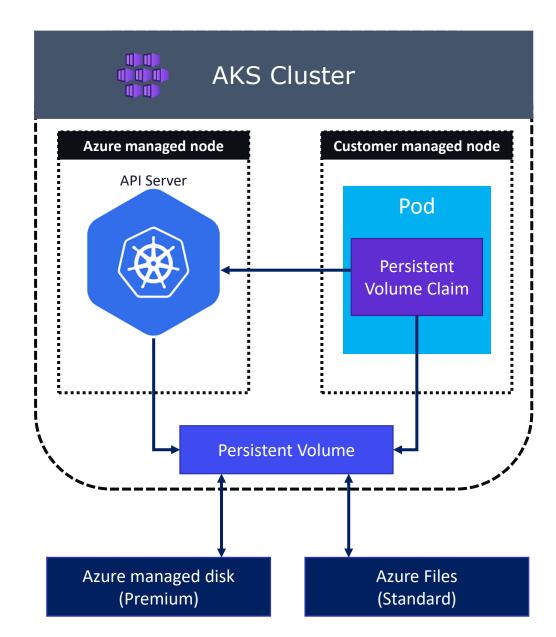
Volume created along with pod is deleted when the pod is deleted. With the help of persistent volume (PV) we can persist the storage even after deleting the pod.

Storage class

While creating storage, we can use StorageClasses to define the tier of the storage required. You can select Premium or Standard. With the help of reclaimPolicy parameter, we can define if the storage needs to be persisted or not.

(O) Persistent Volume Claims

Using PVC, we can request Azure Managed Disk or Azure File for a specific tier (via StorageClass), access mode and size.





AKS Scaling





AKS Scaling

(O) Manual scale

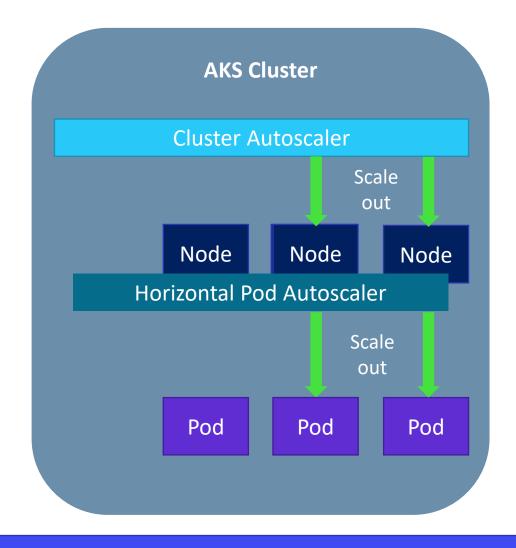
Based on the requirement, you can independently increase the number of pods replicas or increase the number of nodes.

(O) Cluster autoscaler

Cluster autoscaler can increase the number of nodes in the cluster automatically based on demand. API server checks every 10 seconds for validate if there are any changes required on the node count.

(O) Horizontal Pod Autoscaler

Based on the demand, HPA will automatically increase the number of pod replicas. Metrics API checks every 30 seconds to see if there any changes required on the replica count.





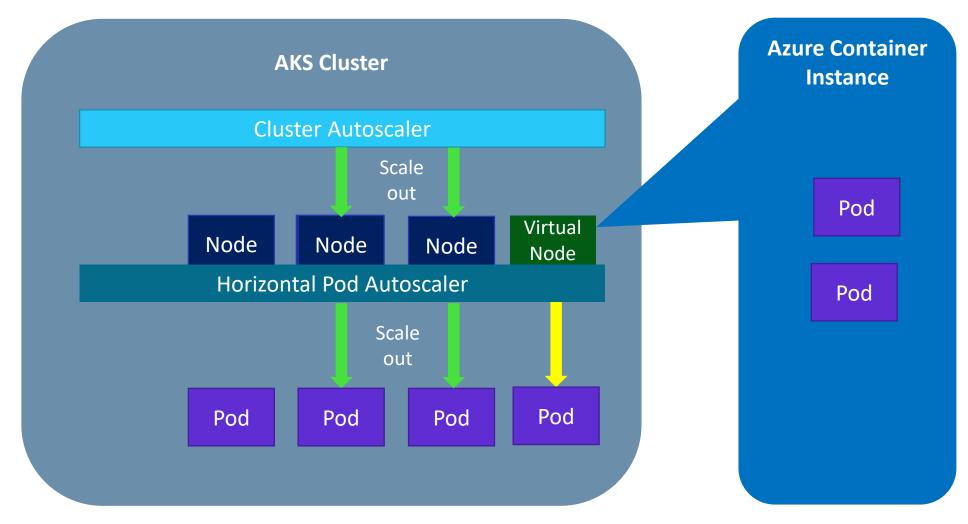


AKS Bursting





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Azure Demonstration



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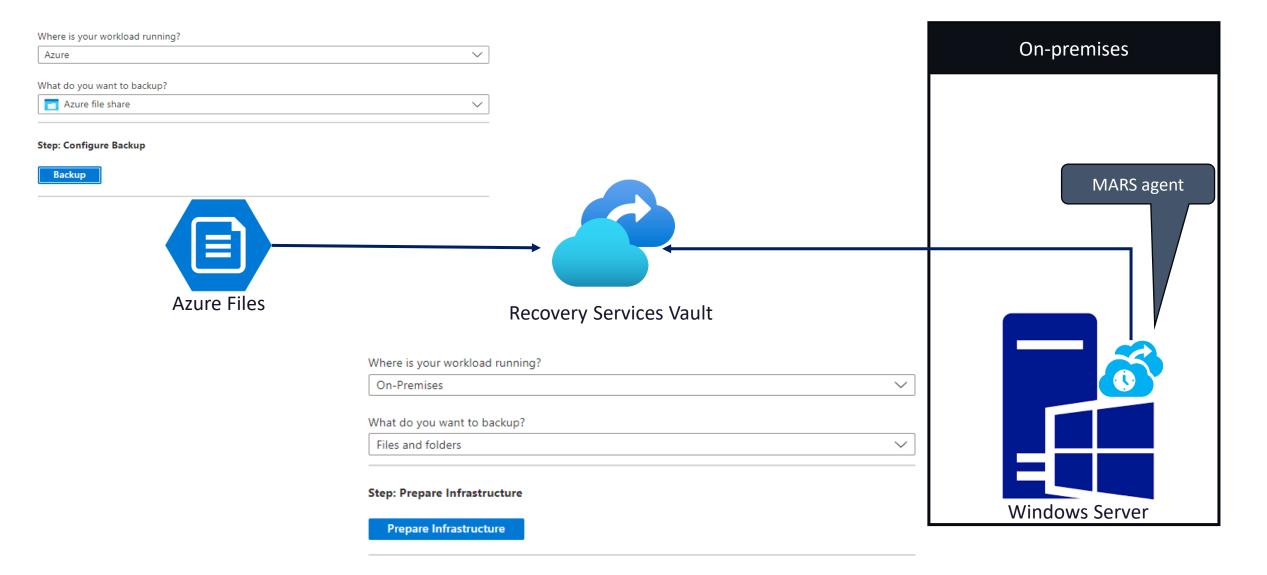


File and Folder Backup





File and Folder Backup



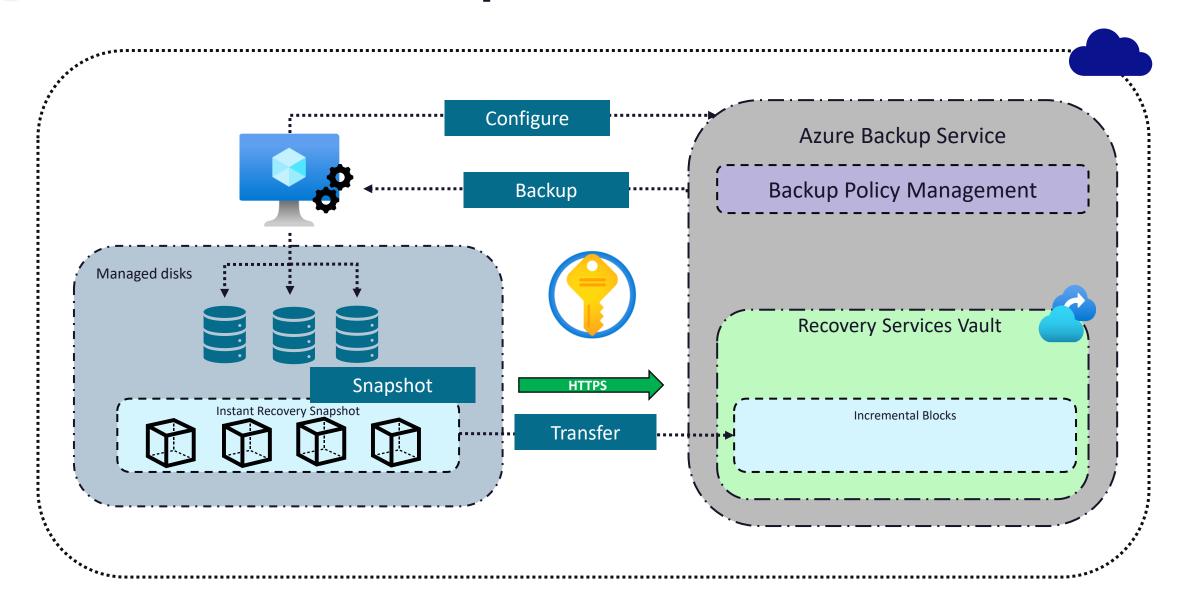


Virtual Machine Backup





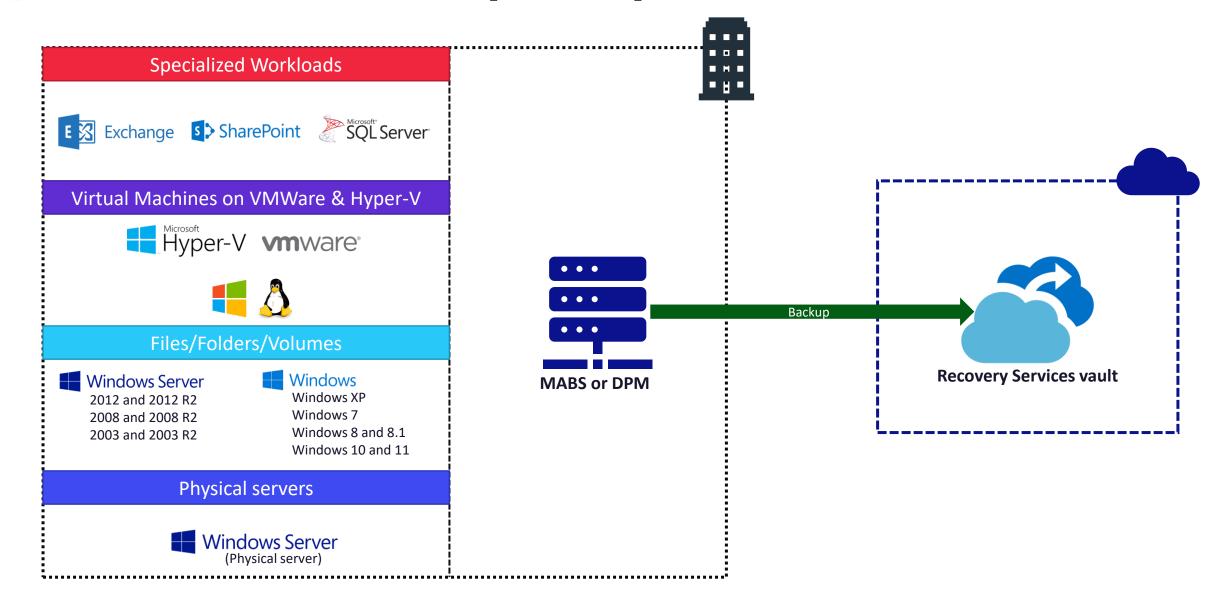
Virtual Machine Backup – Azure VMs







Virtual Machine Backup – On-premises VMs



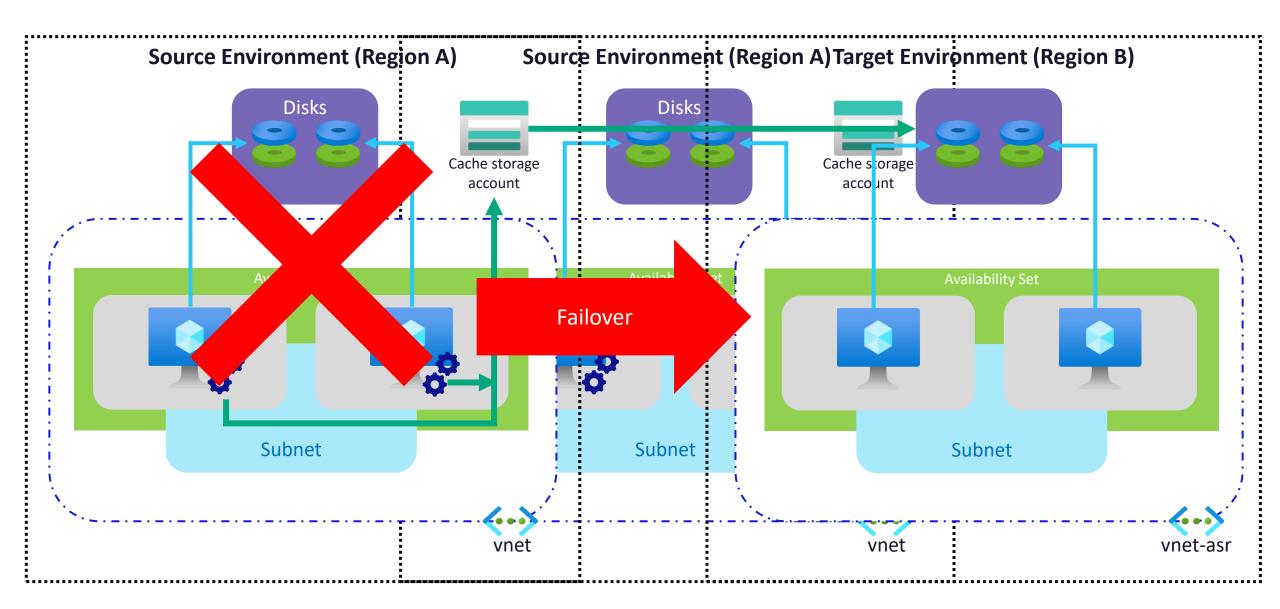


Azure Site Recovery





Azure Site Recovery



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Network Watcher





Network Watcher

Network diagnostic tools



NSG diagnostic

Next hop

Effective security rules

VPN troubleshoot

Packet capture

Connection troubleshoot

Monitoring



Connection monitor (classic)

Connection monitor

Network Performance Monitor

Logs

NSG flow logs

Diagnostic logs

Traffic Analytics



Network Watcher is a regional service that can be used to diagnose, monitor, and setup logging for resources that are deployed in Azure Virtual Network



Network Watcher





IP Flow verify is used to verify inbound and outbound connectivity from or to a VM from a remote IP address



Next hop is used to identify the next destination the traffic will be routed to.



VPN diagnostics will help you diagnose VPN connectivity issues and troubleshoot them.



NSG Flow Logs will store the details of the traffic through an NSG in a storage account.



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troubleshoot can be
used to identify
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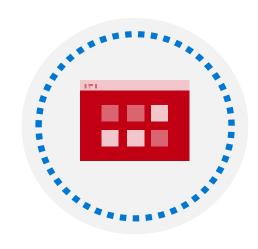


Topology can be used to see the topology of your Azure infrastructure.

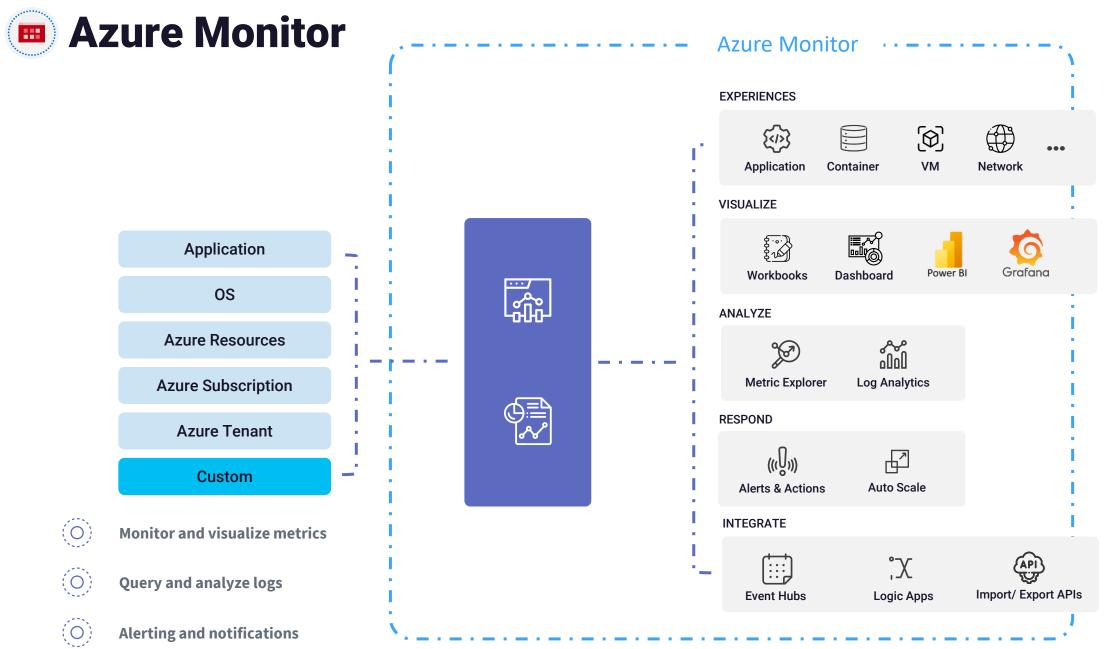
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Azure Monitor

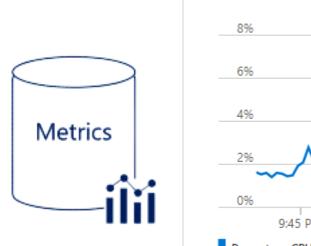


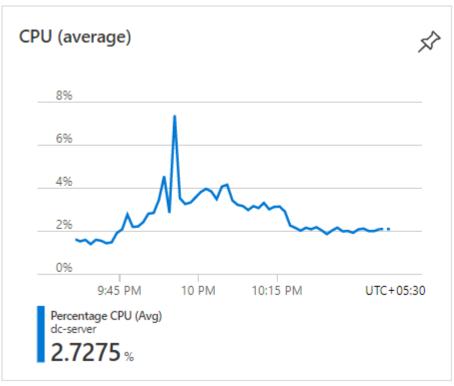


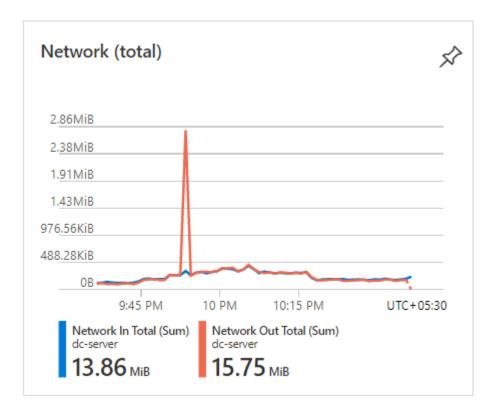




Metrics









Zero configuration required

Metrics are collected from Azure resources without any additional configuration. Thus, collected data is displayed in the Overview blade of the resource and we can analyze further with the help of Metrics Explorer.



Time series

Metrics are plotted on a time axis to represent the state of a system at a point in time.

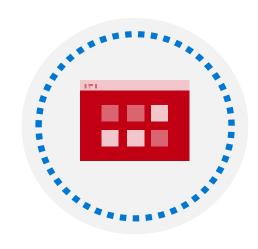


Near real time data

As Metrics can visualize real time data which represents the state of our system, it's easy to monitor and troubleshoot issues.



Azure Monitor







VMProcess where Computer contains "SQL" and ExecutableName == "svchost" extend TimeInEST = TimeGenerated - 5h project TimeInEST, Computer, ExecutableName, Group, FileVersion Chart



TimeInEST [UTC]	Computer	ExecutableName	Group	FileVersion
> 5/30/2022, 4:57:06.186 PM	SQL01.na.contosohotels.com	svchost	Microsoft® Windows® Operati	10.0.14393.0 (rs1_release.160715-1616)
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Organized as records

Logs represent data that are organized into different records. Each record represents an event or information

Results



Requires additional configuration

Logs collected are stored in Log Analytics and this collection requires agents to be configured on the source.

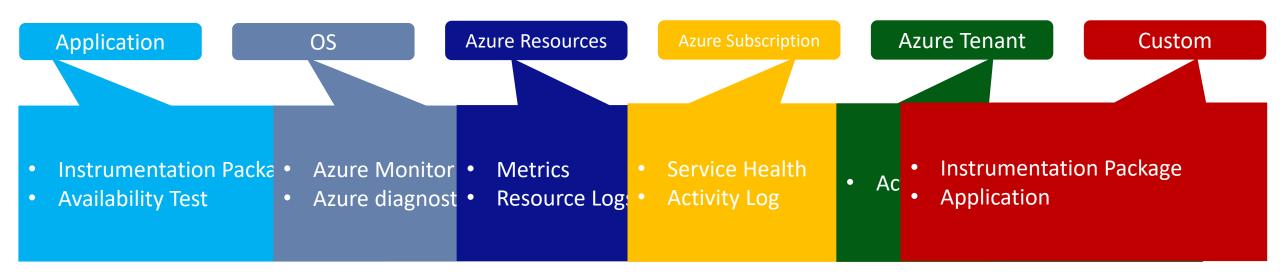


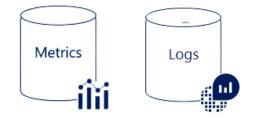
Rich query language

Log Analytics supports Kusto Query Language (KQL) for querying the data stored in the repository. KQL supports simple queries and complex queries where you can perform joins, aggregations, and analytics.





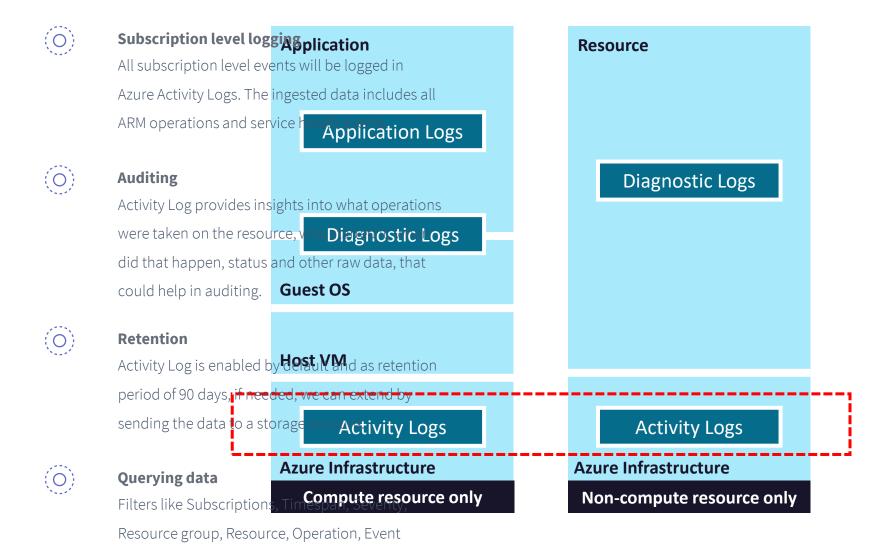






Azure Activity Log

initiated by, and Search for keywords





Azure Activity Log – Event Categories



All Resource Manager create, update, delete, and action operations are categorized under Administrative

Security

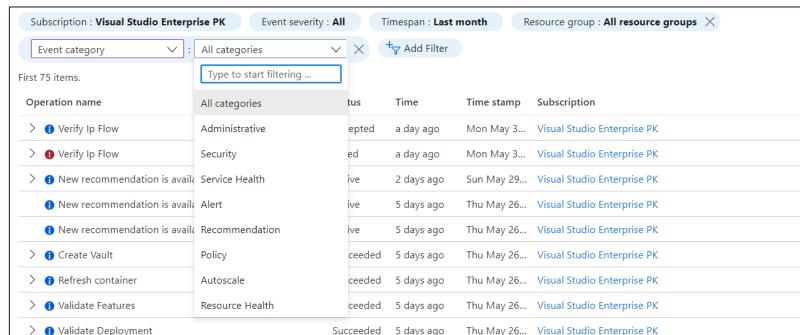
All security alerts generated by Microsoft Defender for cloud will be mapped under this category.

Service Health

Any service health incidents happened to Azure Resources, this may or not may not include your resources.

Alert

Any alerts triggered in Azure Alerts.



(O)Recommendation

All recommendations generated in Azure Advisor

Autoscale

This category contains all scale in and out events

Policy

All policy effects will be mapped to this category.

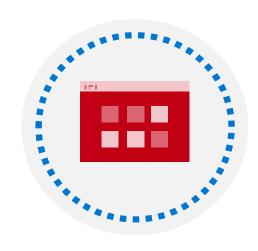
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Resource Health

Health events associated your Azure resources.

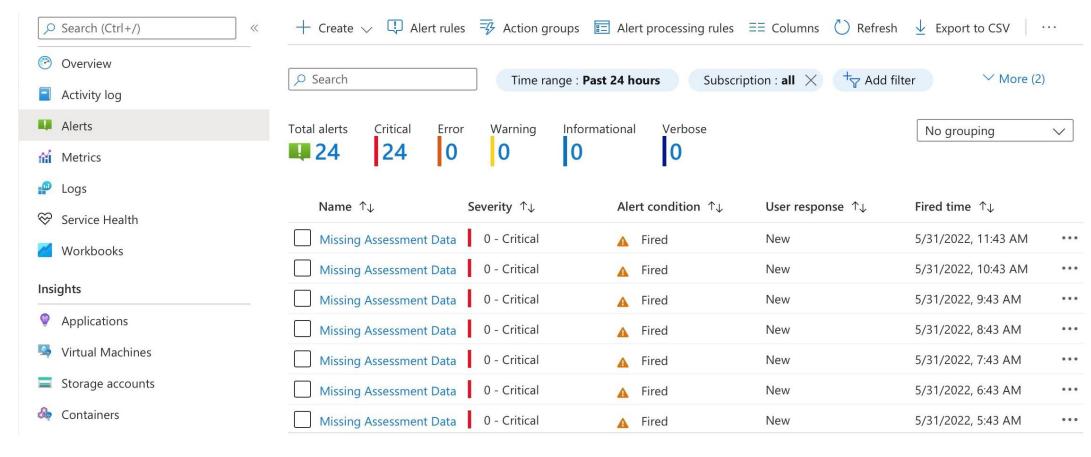


Azure Alerts





Azure Monitor Alerts





Unified Authoring Experience

We can create alerts for Activity Logs, Service
Health Events, Log Analytics, Metrics etc. In all
these scenarios the authoring experience is same.



Classify based on severity and response

Azure Alerts supports severity (0-4), so you easily prioritize the alerts. Secondly, we can categorize by user response New, Acknowledged or Closed.



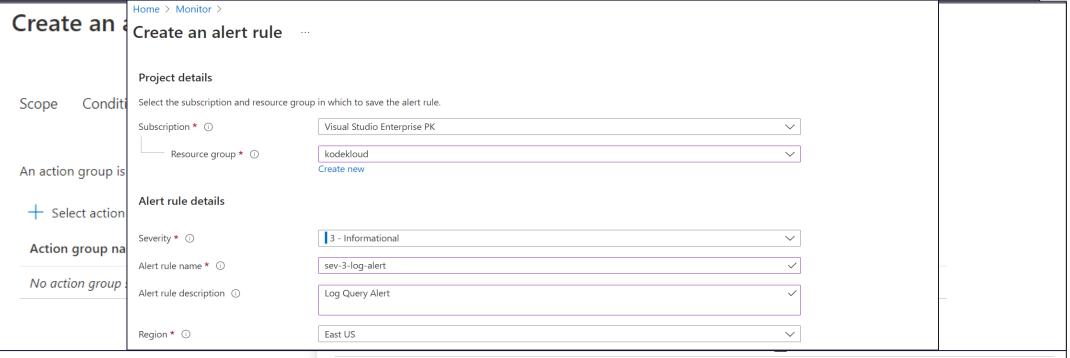
Integrate with Action Groups

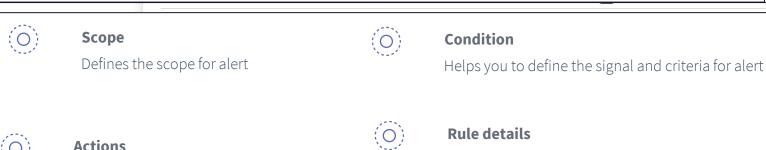
Define your notification and automation preferences with the help of Action Groups.





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Actions
Integrate alerts with Action Groups
Specify name, severity, region, resource group and subscription for the alert.





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Notification

- Email Azure Resource Manager Role (Owner/ Contributor/ Reader/ Monitoring Contributor/ Monitoring Reader)
- Email/SMS/Push/Voice



Actions

- Automation Runbook
- Azure Function
- Event Hub
- ITSM
- Logic App
- Secure Webhook
- Webhook

Create an action group

Logic App

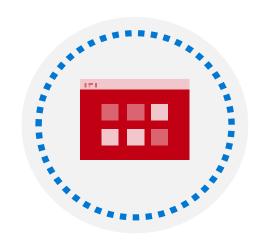
Webhook

Secure Webhook

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Log Analytics







(O) Data collection

Data generated from resources in cloud and onpremises can be collected to Azure Log Analytics workspace.

(Reporting and visualization

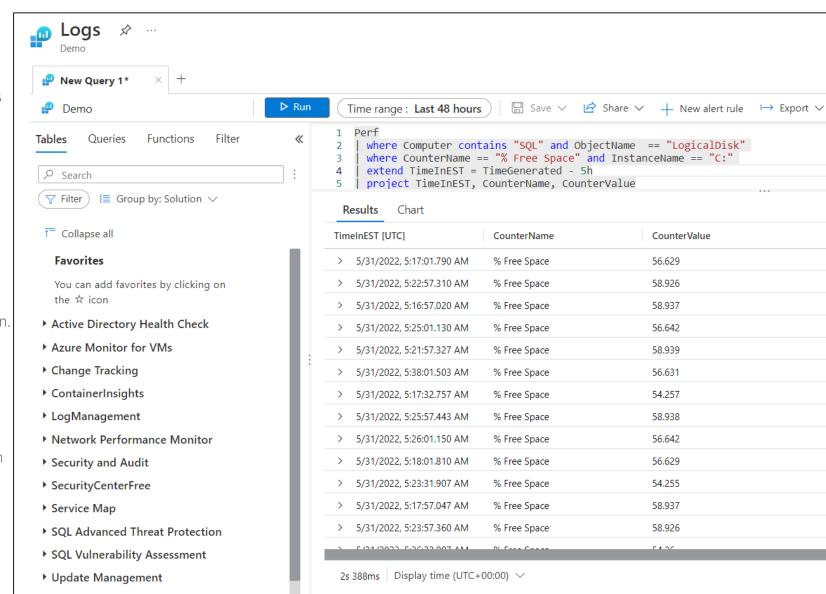
Use KQL to create rich reports and visualization

(O) Workspace

A workspace should be created for data ingestion.
You can create one or more workspaces in
different regions as per your requirement.

Pricing

Cost is for data ingestion (GB) and data retention (days). Log Analytics offers 30 days of cost-free data retention.









Workspace

Resource created in Azure to collect, analyze, aggregate, and visualize the data from onboarded resources.



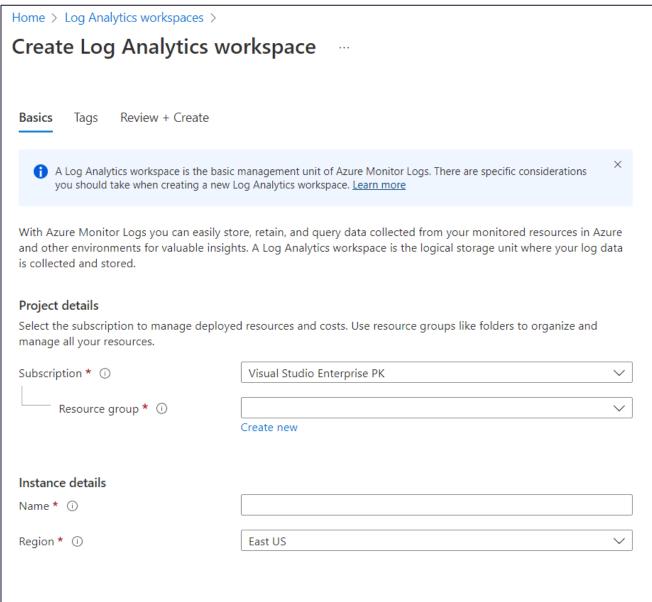
Data isolation

You can create workspaces in different regions to meet compliance and data residency requirements.



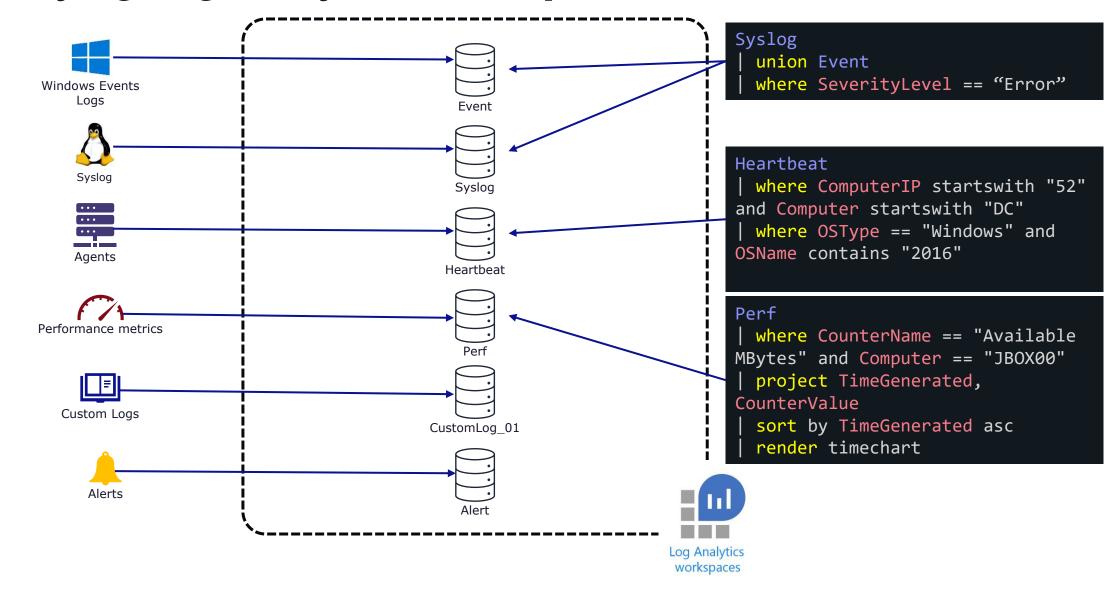
Stores Insights and Sentinel data

Data ingested by other services like Application
Insights and Sentinel use Log Analytics Workspace
to store data.



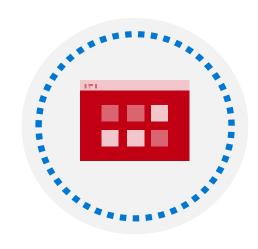


Querying Log Analytics Workspace



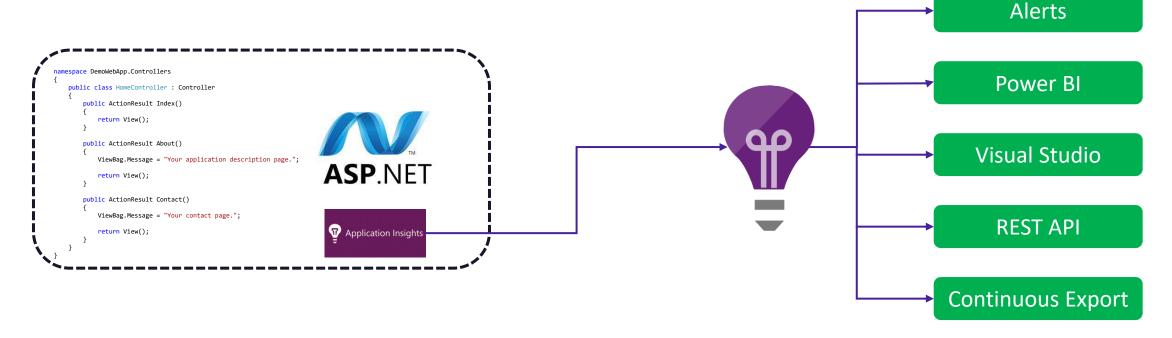


Application Insights





Application Insights





Continuous Monitoring

Ability to monitor failures and unavailability of our applications continuously.



Availability test

Ability to perform availability test from different geographic regions to observe latency and performance.



Supports Azure and non-Azure applications

We can install the instrumentation package on Azure and non-Azure environment to monitor our applications.

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