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# Migrating a legacy ASP.NET 2-tiered application to Azure using Container Services - Hands-On-Labs step-by-step

#### Abstract and Learning Objectives

This workshop enables anyone to learn, understand and build a Proof of Concept, in performing a multi-tiered legacy ASP.NET web application using Microsoft SQL Server database, platform migration to Azure public cloud, leveraging on different Azure Platform Azure A Service (PaaS) and Azure Container Services.

After an introductory module on cloud app migration strategies and patterns, students get introduced to the basics of automating Azure resources deployments using Visual Studio and Azure Resource Manager (ARM) templates. Next, attendees will learn about Microsoft SQL database migration to SQL Azure PaaS, as well as deploying and migrating Azure Web Apps.

After these foundational platform components, the workshop will totally focus on the core concepts and advantages of using containers for running web apps, based on Docker, Azure Container Registry (ACR), Azure Container Instance (ACI), as well as how to enable container cloud-scale using Azure Container Services (ACS) with Kubernetes and Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS).

The focus of the workshop is having a Hands-On-Labs experience, by going through the following exercises and tasks:

- Deploying a 2-tier Azure Virtual Machine (Webserver and SQL database Server) using ARM-template automation with Visual Studio 2017;
- Migrating a legacy SQL 2012 database to Azure SQL PaaS (Lift & Shift);
- Migrating a legacy ASP.NET web application to Azure Web Apps (Lift & Shift);
- Containerizing a legacy ASP.NET web application using Docker;
- Running Azure Container Instance (ACI) from an Azure Container Registry (ACR) image;
- Deploy and run Azure Container Services (ACS) with Kubernetes;
- Deploy and run Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS);
- Managing and Monitoring Azure Container Services (ACS) and Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS);



#### Hands-On-Lab Scenario

The baseline of the hands-on-lab scenario is starting from an 8-year-old legacy ASP.NET application, developed around 2010, currently offering a product catalog browsing web page, pulling the product catalog list from a legacy Microsoft SQL Server 2012 database, running on dedicated Windows Server 2012 R2 Virtual Machines. (This could be seen as a subset of a larger application landscape within your organization, think of manufacturing database information, HR solutions, e-commerce platforms,... and alike). Imagine this application is running in our on-premises datacenter, where you want to perform an "application digital migration" to Azure Public cloud. You will use several Azure cloud-native services and solutions, ranging from Virtual Machines, Platform Services and different Container Solutions on Azure.

#### Requirements

#### Naming Conventions:

IMPORTANT: Most Azure resources require unique names. Throughout these steps you will see the word "[SUFFIX]" as part of resource names. You should replace this with your initials, guaranteeing those resources get uniquely named.

#### Azure Subscription:

Participants need a "pay-as-you-go", MSDN or other paid Azure subscription

#### a) Azure Trial subscriptions won't work

- b) In one of the Azure Container Services tasks, you are required to create an Azure AD Service Principal, wich typically requires an Azure subscription owner to log in to create this object. If you don't have the owner right in your Azure subscription, you could ask another person to execute this step for you.
- c) The Azure subscription must allow you to run enough cores, used by the baseline Virtual Machines, but also later on in the tasks when deploying the Azure Container Services, where ACS agent and master machines are getting set up. If you follow the instructions as written out in the lab guide, you need 12 cores.
- d) If you run this lab setup in your personal or corporate Azure payable subscription, using the configuration as described in the lab guide, the estimated Azure consumption costs for running the setups during the 2 days of the workshop is \$20.

#### Other requirements:

Participants need a local client machine, running a recent Operating System, allowing them to:

- browse to https://portal.azure.com from a most-recent browser;
- establish a secured Remote Desktop (RDP) session to a lab-jumpVM running Windows Server 2016;



#### Alternative Approach:

Where the lab scenario assumes all exercises will be performed from within the lab-jumpVM, (since several tools will be installed on the lab-jumpVM or are already installed by default), participants could also execute (most, if not all...) steps from their local client machine.

The following tools are being used throughout the lab exercises:

- Visual Studio 2017 community edition (updated to latest version)
- Docker for Windows (updated to latest version)
- Azure CLI 2.0 (updated to latest version)
- Kubernetes CLI (updated to latest version)

Make sure you have these tools installed prior to the workshop, if you are not using the lab-jumpVM. You should also have full administrator rights on your machine to execute certain steps within using these tools.

#### Final Remarks:

VERY IMPORTANT: You should be typing all of the commands as they appear in the guide, except where explicitly stated in this document. Do not try to copy and paste from Word to your command windows or other documents where you are instructed to enter information shown in this document. There can be issues with Copy and Paste from Word or PDF that result in errors, execution of instructions, or creation of file content.

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#### Bonus Lab 9: Deploying a Windows Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS);

#### What you will learn

This lab is not part of the official content of the series, but since we managed to integrate the brand new announced (March 25<sup>th</sup> 2019) Windows Container Azure Kubernetes Service on Azure, and showcased a few demos in session 7 and 8, we decided to provide an additional lab guide on how to deploy it.

#### Time Estimate

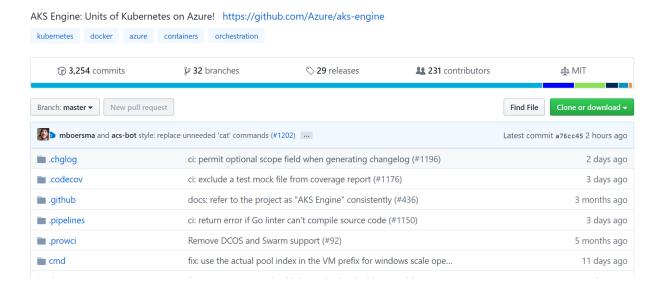
This lab shouldn't take longer than 60 minutes.

#### Task 1: Understanding Windows-based AKS Service Deployment with aks-engine

Azure provides a full and native integration of the Linux based AKS platform on Azure, allowing a deployment of the service using common Azure tools (Azure Portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, ARM templates, Terraform,...)

However, since the Windows-based AKS Cluster is still brand-new in Azure, the deployment and management works a little bit different. Instead of using any of the common Azure deployment tools, for now, we need to use aks-engine. Which is currently available as of GitHub Project.

1. Browse to https://github.com/Azure/aks-engine





- 2. While we will not use a lot of the different tools and sample files offered in this Repo, it is an interesting resource if you want to continue learning how Windows Containers AKS will evolve and testing out different deployment.
- 3. From your management station (a Windows 10, Mac or Linux client having the Azure command line tools installed), you first need to install aks-engine on it. Binary downloads for the latest version of aks-engine are available on Github. Download AKS Engine for your operating system, extract the binary and copy it to your \$PATH. You can also choose to install aks-engine using gofish. To do so, execute the command gofish install aks-engine. You can install gofish following the instructions for your OS.
- 4. On macOS, you can install aks-engine with Homebrew. Run the command brew install Azure/aks-engine/aks-engine to do so.
- 5. On **Windows**, you can install aks-engine **via Chocolatey** by executing the command **choco install aks-engine**.
- 6. On Linux, the method I will be using, you can install aks-engine via install script doing:

```
curl -o get-akse.sh
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Azure/aks-engine/master
/scripts/get-akse.sh
chmod 700 get-akse.sh
./get-akse.sh
```

7. Run aks-engine on the client to validate it is installed successfully and ready to run.



#### pdtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine

```
odtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0:~/aks-engine$ aks-engine
Jsage:
  aks-engine [flags]
  aks-engine [command]
Available Commands:
  completion Generates bash completion scripts
 deploy Deploy an Azure Resource Manager template generate Generate an Azure Resource Manager template
  get-versions Display info about supported Kubernetes versions
              Help about any command

Scale an existing Kubernetes cluster

Upgrade an existing Kubernetes cluster

Print the version of AKS Engine
  help
  scale
  upgrade
                  Print the version of AKS Engine
 version
Flags:
      --debug
                                  enable verbose debug logs
  -h, --help
                                help for aks-engine
       --show-default-model Dump the default API model to stdout
Use "aks-engine [command] --help" for more information about a command.
pdtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0:~/aks-engine$
```

#### Task 2: Deploying the Windows-based AKS Cluster with aks-engine

As our management client is up-and-running now, we can continue with preparing and running the actual AKS cluster deployment. This involves the following steps:

- 1. Log on to Azure
- 2. Create a new Azure Resource Group that will hold the AKS Cluster resources
- 3. Create a Service Principal, allowing all AKS Cluster resources to communicate with each other, within the boundaries of the Resource Group.
- 4. Create/Update an aks-engine deployment API-setup file (JSON), having the characteristics and parameters needed for the deployment
- 5. Run aks-deploy with deployment parameters

That will kick off the actual AKS Cluster deployment, based on an Azure Resource Manager template that gets generated.



1. Authenticate to Azure by running

#### az login

```
② C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

— □ >
pdtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0:~/aks-engine$ az login

Note, we have launched a browser for you to login. For old experience with device code, use "az login --use-device-code"

■
```

- 2. This will **prompt** you for your Azure administrative Credentials. Once logged on from the browser, you can close the browser session and return to the management client.
- 3. Create a new Azure Resource Group, by initiating the following command:

az group create -name 2ndWinAKSRG -location WestUS

4. Next, create a new Azure AD Service Principal, by initiating the following command, where the scope reflects the "id" of the Azure Resource Group created in the previous step:

```
az ad sp create-for-rbac --role="Contributor" --
scopes="/subscriptions/0a407898-c077-442d-0000-
0000000/resourceGroups/2ndWinAKSRG"
```



- 5. **Take Note** of the appld, as well as the password, as we need that information later on.
- 6. The next steps involves creating our aks-engine deployment JSON file. You can grab several examples from the aks-engine Repo on GitHub, in the examples subfolder. I have used the **Kubernetes-windows-complete.json** as a starting point.
- 7. Run the following command to initiate this JSON file on your client:

#### nano Kubernetes-windows-complete.json

pdtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine

8. Similar to an Azure Resource Manager (ARM) template file, or Terraform alike scenario, you define the technical building blocks and characteristics of the Windows AKS Cluster infrastructure resources. Feel free to modify settings like vmSize, dnsPrefix and



agentpoolProfiles name to your situation. Besides those, you also need to provide credentials for the Windows VMs, as well as providing the ServicePrincipalProfile information, clientid and secret, based on the results from the previous steps.

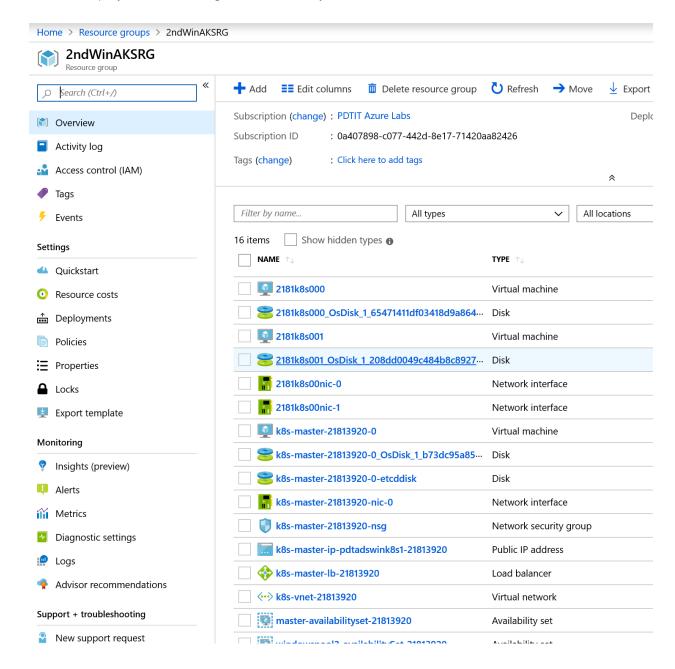
- 9. When done, save the file and close nano editor.
- **10.** Finally, we run the aks-engine deploy step, providing some additional parameters for the deployment.

```
aks-engine deploy --subscription-id "0a407898-c077-442d-8e17-
70000000000000" \
     --client-id="dae76072-f4d3-4eb3-8ad8-000000000" \
     --client-secret="0506a1f1-db7d-4b6b-a074-000000000" \
     --resource-group 2ndWinAKSRG \
     --location westus \
     --api-model kubernetes-windows-complete.json
```

11. After a few seconds, you get a notification message, stating the deployment started, and will take some time.

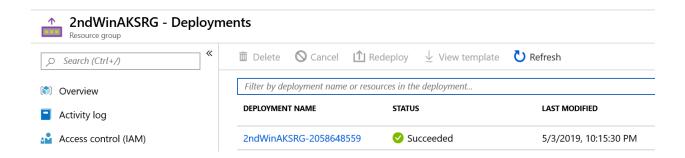


12. From here, you can check back in the Azure Portal, under the 2ndWinAKSRG Resource Group, how the deployment is creating all the necessary Kubernetes IAAS resources.



13. If you select **Deployments** under the **Settings** pane of the Resource Group, you can follow the actual deployment, like a typical ARM deployment.





- 14. Wait for the deployment to have the status succeeded.
- 15. When connecting back to the management client, you will also see notification information there:

- 16. Compared to the Linux-based AKS Service, deploying both the AKS Cluster resource in a Resource Group, as well as the MC\_Resource Group containing the actual cluster Infrastructure components, aks-engine deployment doesn't work in that way. It creates all the resources in the Azure Resource Group you define. But it does not create the actual Azure Kubernetes Service Resource itself. That's hopefully changing in an update soon enough.
- 17. In order to manage the AKS cluster, we have to run all commands from our management client. Starting with reading out the details of our AKS Cluster object. During the aks-engine deployment cycle, several cluster-related files are getting created in an subfolder \_output in the directory from where you ran the deployment itself.

```
odtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine/_output/pdtadswink8s1

odtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine/_output/pdtadswink8s1$ dir

apimodel.json azuredeploy.json ca.key etcdclient.crt etcdpeer0.key kubeconfig

apiserver.crt azuredeploy.parameters.json client.crt etcdclient.key etcdserver.crt kubectlClient.crt

apiserver.key ca.crt client.key etcdpeer0.crt etcdserver.key kubectlClient.key

odtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine/_output/pdtadswink8s1$
```

18. To see these details, browse to \_output/<aksclustername>/kubeconfig folder. Here, run the following command to see the parameter information of the actual deployment:

nano kubeconfig.westus.json



It is the details of this kubeconfig file we need to authenticate to our AKS Cluster in Azure.

- 19. Close nano editor.
- 20. Run the following command to read the information of the deployed AKS Cluster:

KUBECONFIG=\_output/pdtadswink8s1/kubeconfig/kubeconfig.westus.jso
n kubectl cluster-info

```
@ pdtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine
pdtadmin@DESKTOP-V4UDCF0: ~/aks-engine$ KUBECONFIG=_output/akswink8s1/kubeconfig/kubeconfig.westus.json kubectl cluster-info
Kubernetes master is running at https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com
CoreDNS is running at https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kubernetes-dashboard is running at https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kttps:kubernetes-dashboard:/proxy
Mutrics-server is running at https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/https:metrics-server:/proxy
tiller-deploy is running at https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/tiller-deploy is running at https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/https://akswink8s1.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/https://akswink8s1.westu
```

21. This confirms connectivity with the Win AKS Cluster.



#### Task 3: Pushing a Windows container to the Windows AKS Cluster and run it

Now we have our AKS Cluster up-and-running, lets take it to the next step, and actually pushing an application container to it, and run our web application. We will use a sample Microsoft ASP.NET container, from the Microsoft public Container Registry.

1. Start nano Kubernetes.yml

```
Paste in the following sample code:
Note: this object looks like a screenshot, but you can actually select all lines and copy/paste (2)
apiVersion: apps/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: aspnethelloworld2
spec:
  replicas: 1
  strategy:
    rollingUpdate:
      maxSurge: 1
      maxUnavailable: 1
  minReadySeconds: 5
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: aspnethelloworld2
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: devopspdt813acr
        image: mcr.microsoft.com/azure-app-
service/samples/aspnethelloworld:latest
        ports:
        - containerPort: 80
      imagePullSecrets:
        - name: acr-auth
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: aspnethelloworld2
spec:
  type: LoadBalancer
```



```
ports:
- port: 80
selector:
app: aspnethelloworld2
```

- 2. Save the file as Kubernetes.yml and close nano editor
- 3. Run the following command, allowing the creation of a new Kubernetes Pod, based on the settings in the Kubernetes.yml file.

KUBECONFIG=\_output/akswink8s1/kubeconfig/kubeconfig.westus.json kubectl create -f kubernetes.yml

4. To validate the POD is actually getting created, run the following command:

KUBECONFIG=\_output/akswink8s1/kubeconfig/kubeconfig.westus.json kubectl get pods

The POD has a Status of **COntainerCreating**, which is positive. Give it another few minutes and check back by relaunching the command.

Sweet! The POD is running.

5. In order to check if the application workload itself is running, we need to trace the external IP-address of our POD. Run the following command to see this information:

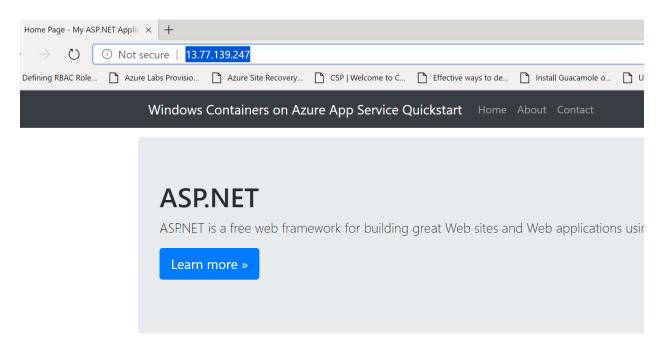


### KUBECONFIG=\_output/akswink8s1/kubeconfig/kubeconfig.westus.json kubectl get services -watch



Although the POD is already running, there is no external-IP attached to it. Wait a few more minutes, until the External-IP is known.

6. Once the external-IP shows up, try connecting to it from your browser: The sample asp.net Windows container is running as expected!



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#### Summary

This completes the lab in which you deployed a Windows AKS Cluster, using aks-engine. You pushed a POD configuration using a Kubernetes.yml file, and validated the POD was running as expected.



#### Closing

This workshop enabled you to learn, understand and build a Proof of Concept, in performing a multitiered legacy ASP.NET web application using Microsoft SQL Server database, platform migration to Azure public cloud, leveraging on different Azure Platform Azure A Service (PaaS) and Azure Container Services

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After having covered these foundational platform components and app as well as database transformation to the Azure public cloud, the workshop continued with a focus on the core concepts and advantages of using different container services, available in Azure today:

- containers for running web apps, based on Docker,
- Azure Container Registry (ACR),
- Azure Container Instance (ACI),
- as well as how to enable container cloud-scale using Azure Container Services (ACS) with Kubernetes and Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS).

Throughout this workshop, the following labs were performed:

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- Lab 7: Deploy and run Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS);
- Lab 8: Managing and Monitoring Azure Container Services (ACS) and Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS);
- Bonus Lab 9: Deploying a Windows Container AKS Cluster in Azure

For any further information or references, please have a look at the following Microsoft Docs around containers:

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/overview/containers/

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/kubernetes-service/

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/app-service/containers/

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/container-registry/



https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/container-instances/

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/

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