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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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Lab 5: Running Azure Container Instance (ACI) from an Azure Container Registry (ACR) image

What you will learn

In this lab, you start from creating a new Azure Container Registry resource. Next, after authenticating to this ACR, you learn how to tag and push the Docker image you created in the previous lab to an Azure Container Registry. Lastly, you run an Azure Container Instance, based on the Docker image that is stored in the Azure Container Registry.

Time Estimate

This lab should take about an hour to complete.

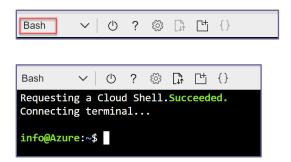
Task 1: Creating an Azure Container Registry using Azure CloudShell

As we now validated our Docker image is running successfully in a container, we can migrate this image to an Azure Container Registry (ACR). This will allow to reuse this image for future Azure Container solutions we will be talking about.

1. Log on to the Azure Portal, http://portal.azure.com, with your Azure admin credentials. From here, Open Cloud Shell



2. Follow the configuration steps if this is the first time you launched Cloud Shell. In the Environment, make sure you choose Bash.



3. Execute the following Azure CLI commands, to create a new Azure Resource Group:

az group create --name [SUFFIX]-dockerRG --location EastUS2



```
info@Azure:~$
az group create --name ADS-DockerRG --location EastUS2
{
   "id": "/subscriptions/0a407898-c077-442d-8e17-71420aa82426/resourceGroups/ADS-DockerRG",
   "location": "eastus2",
   "managedBy": null,
   "name": "ADS-DockerRG",
   "properties": {
        "provisioningState": "Succeeded"
    },
    "tags": null
}
info@Azure:~$
```

4. Followed by another Azure CLI command to create the Azure Container Registry:

```
az acr create --resource-group [Suffix]-dockerRG --name
[SUFFIX]ACR --sku Basic --admin-enabled true
```

5. The next involves connecting to the Azure Container Registry we just created, and pushing our Docker image into it. This relies on the following command:

```
az acr login -name [SUFFIX]ACR -resource-group [SUFFIX]-dockerRG
```

```
Bash V O ? S L C {}

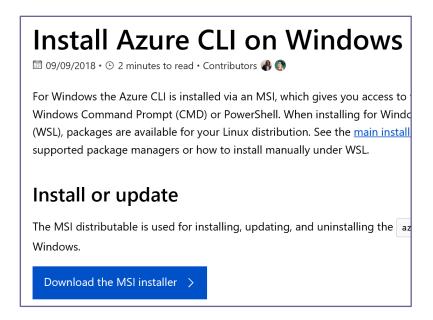
info@Azure:~$ az acr login --name adsacr --resource-group ads-dockerRG

This command requires running the docker daemon, which is not supported in Azure Cloud Shell.

info@Azure:~$
```

- 6. This means, we have to execute the remaining commands from our local lab-jumpVM, instead of the Azure Cloud Shell. We should install the Azure CLI for Windows using the following link: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/install-azure-cli-windows?view=azure-cli-latest
- 7. From the appearing web page, scroll down to the Download MSI installer button, and click it.





8. At the download prompt, choose SAVE; once the file is downloaded, select RUN



9. The Microsoft CLI 2.0 for Azure Setup Installer launches



- 10. Press the Install button to continue. Wait for the installation to finish successfully.
- 11. To validate the Azure CLI is installed fine, open a new PowerShell window, and initiate the following command:



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell

windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\labadmin> az

Welcome to Azure CLI!

Use `az -h` to see available commands or go to https://aka.ms/cli.

Telemetry

The Azure CLI collects usage data in order to improve your experience. The data is anonymous and does not include commandline argument values. The data is collected by Microsoft.

You can change your telemetry settings with `az configure`.

welcome to the cool new Azure CLI!

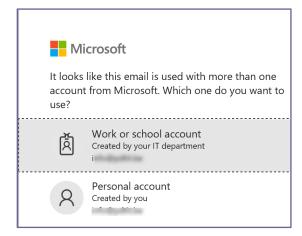
Use `az --version` to display the current version. Here are the base commands:
```

12. This confirms Azure CLI 2.0 is running as expected. We can continue with our Azure Container Registry creation process. But first, we need to "authenticate" our session to Azure, by running the following command:

az login

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\labadmin> az login
-
```

13. This opens your internet browsers, and prompts for your Azure admin credentials:





14. After successful login, the following information is displayed:



- 15. You can close the internet browser.
- **16.** When you go back to the PowerShell window, it will show you the JSON output of your Azure subscription, related to this Azure admin user:

17. If you should have multiple Azure subscriptions linked to the same Azure admin credentials, run the following AZ CLI command to guarantee you are working in the correct subscription:

az account set --subscription "your subscription name here"

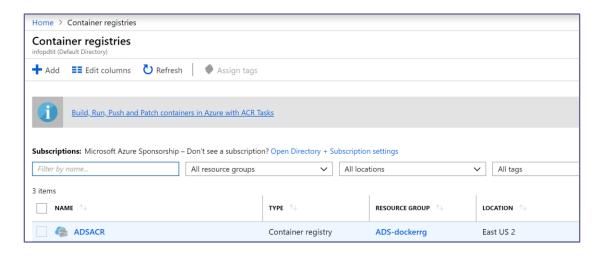


18. Let's try to redo our Azure Container Registry process, by executing the following command:

az acr create --resource-group [SUFFIX]-DockerRG --name [SUFFIX]ACR --sku Basic --adminenabled true



19. While the JSON output is here, you can also validate from the Azure Portal



20. Next, we need to authenticate to the Azure Container Registry itself, using the following command:

```
az acr login --name ADSACR --resource-group ADS-DockerRG
```

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell

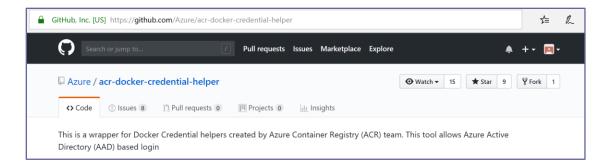
PS C:\Users\labadmin> az acr login --name ADSACR --resource-group ADS-DockerRG
Login Succeeded

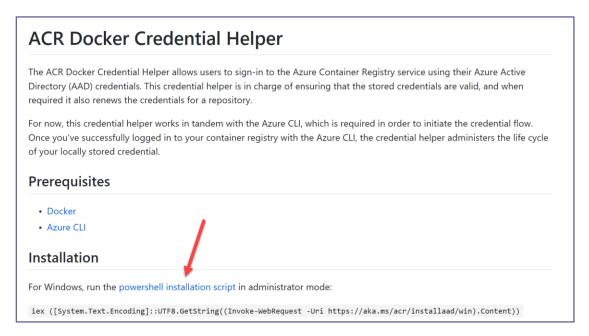
PS C:\Users\labadmin> _
```

21. Note, ONLY if the above command should fail, it is most probably related to an issue with the Windows Credential Store. The work-around for now is running another PowerShell that is available on GitHub, allowing to install the ACR-Docker-Credential-Helper:

https://github.com/Azure/acr-docker-credential-helper







Download the install.ps1 from the link (with the red arrow)



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
                                                                                                                                                                          П
                                                                                                                                                                                     X
PS C:\users\p\Downloads> .\install.ps1
Security warning
Security warning
Run only scripts that you trust. While scripts from the internet can be useful, this script can potentially harm your
computer. If you trust this script, use the Unblock-File cmdlet to allow the script to run without this warning
message. Do you want to run C:\users\p\Downloads\install.ps1?

[D] Do not run [R] Run once [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "D"): r

ACR Credential Helper currently does not support Windows Credential Manager because Windows Credential Manager only supp
ort saving tokens with less than 2.5KB blob size.
 1. A json file will be used to store all your credentials.
 2. You will have to re-login to any existing Docker registry after the installation.
 Continue? [Y/n]: y
 StatusCode
 StatusDescription : OK
                           : {80, 75, 3, 4...}
: HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-MD5: N9ZEaAmDPB0IAymL+wTz2A==
Content
 RawContent
                              x-ms-request-id: 83a0a5d2-201e-008e-1056-48613a000000
                               x-ms-version: 2014-02-14
                              x-ms-lease-status: unlocked
                              x-ms-lease-state: available
                            : {[Content-MD5, N9ZEaAmDPB0IAymL+wTz2A==], [x-ms-request-id, 83a0a5d2-201e-008e-1056-48613a000000], [x-ms-version, 2014-02-14], [x-ms-lease-status, unlocked]...}
 Headers
RawContentLength : 4161209
PSPath
                            : \verb| Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\FileSystem::C:\users\p\Downloads\deleteme|\\
PSParentPath
                            : Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\FileSystem::C:\users\p\Downloads
PSChildName
                            : deleteme
 PSDrive
 PSProvider
                              Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\FileSystem
 PSIsContainer
                              deleteme
Name
 FullName
                              C:\users\p\Downloads\deleteme
 Parent
                              Downloads
 Exists
 Root
 Extension
                              9/9/2018 6:00:10 PM
9/9/2018 4:00:10 PM
 CreationTime
 CreationTimeUtc
                              9/9/2018 6:00:10 PM
9/9/2018 6:00:10 PM
9/9/2018 4:00:10 PM
9/9/2018 6:00:10 PM
9/9/2018 4:00:10 PM
 LastAccessTime
 LastAccessTimeUtc :
 LastWriteTime
 LastWriteTimeUtc
 Attributes
                              Directory
 Mode
                              deleteme
 BaseName
```

22. And try to authenticate again to the Azure Container Registry.

Task 2: Pushing a Docker image into an Azure Container Registry

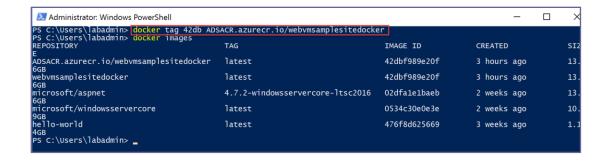
1. As we now have connectivity towards the ACR, we can push our Docker image to it. There is however a dependency that the name of our Docker image has the name of the Azure Container Registry in it. So we first need to update the Docker image tag for our Docker image, by executing the following command:

```
docker images (To get the image ID number)

docker tag 42db [SUFFIX]ACR.azurecr.io/webvmsamplesitedocker

docker images (To validate the "new" image)
```



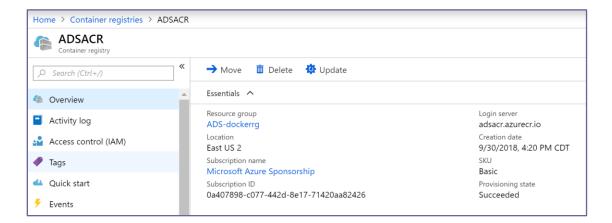


2. Execute the following command to upload this image to the Azure Container Registry:

docker push [SUFFIX]ACR.azurecr.io/webvmsamplesitedocker

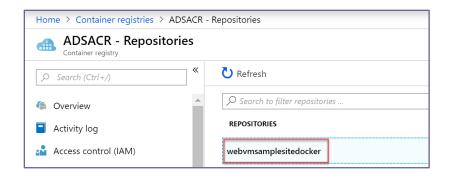
Note: Since this image is about 13GB in size, this initial upload process might take some time.

3. From the Azure Portal | All Services | Azure Container Registries | select the ACR you created earlier.

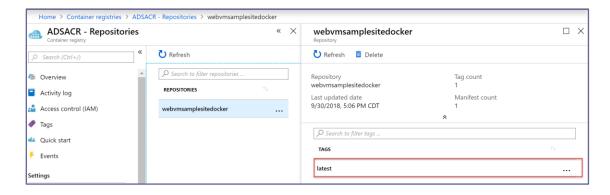


4. In the blade menu to the left under the **Services** section, **click Repositories**. Notice the Docker image "webvmsamplesitedocker" is stored in here.



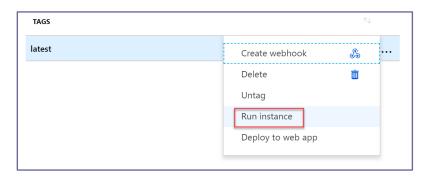


5. Click the webvmsamplesitedocker repository, which opens the specific details for this image, exposing its version:



Task 3: Running an Azure Container Instance from a Docker image in Azure Container Registry

1. Click the ... next to latest, and choose Run Instance



2. This opens the Create Container Instance blade. Complete the parameter fields using the following information:

- Container Name samplesitecontainer

- OS-type Windows



- Subscription

your Azure Subscription

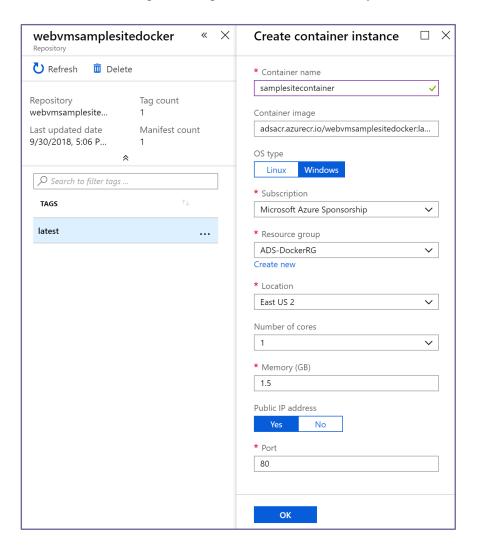
- Resource Group

select [Suffix]-DockerRG as Resource Group

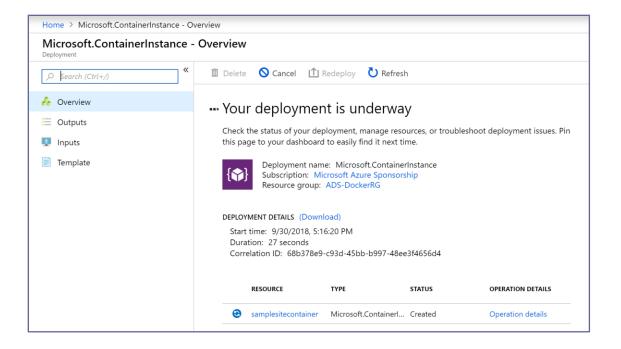
- Location

should be picked up from the Resource Group

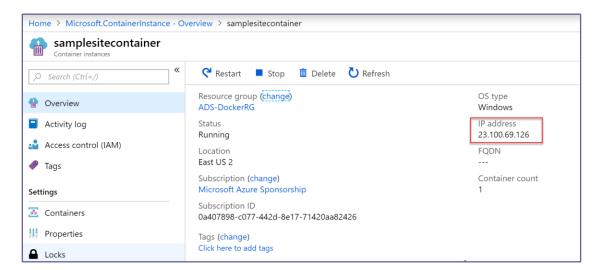
Leave all other settings unchanged (1 core, 1,5GB memory, Public IP address YES and Port 80)



- 3. Press **OK** to have the Container Instance created.
- 4. You can follow the process from the notification area



- 5. Wait for the deployment process to complete successfully.
- 6. Once the deployment is finished, open the Azure Container Instance in the portal (All Services | Container Instances), and browse to the ACI "samplesitecontainer" that just got created.



7. Copy the IP address for this Azure Container Instance, or directly browse to it from your internet browser

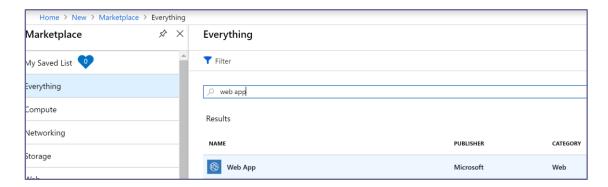




8. The sample website starts successfully, and again has connectivity to the underlying SQL Azure database. Notice the name of the Azure Container Instance is visible too.

Task 4: Deploy a Container using Azure Web Apps

1. From the Azure Portal | Create New Resource | Web App.

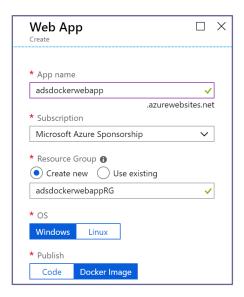




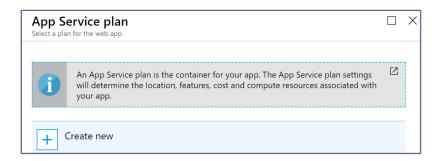
2. **Press the Create** button to open the Web App blade. Complete the required parameters as follows:

- App Name: [SUFFIX]dockerwebapp.azurewebsites.net- Resource Group: Create New | [SUFFIX]dockerwebappRG

OS: WindowsPublish: Docker Image



3. For the Service Plan parameter, click Create New



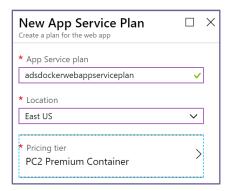
4. **Complete** the required parameters for the App Service Plan as follows:

- App Service Plan: [SUFFIX]dockerwebappserviceplan

- Location: East US

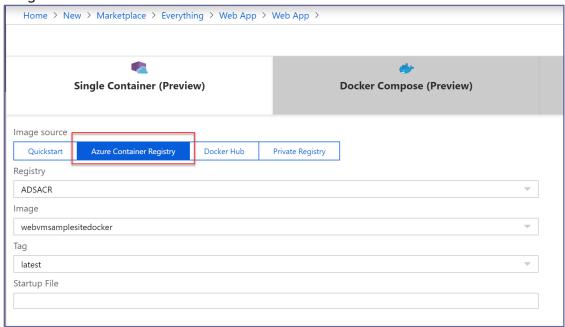
- **Pricing Tier:** Select the PC2 Premium Container plan





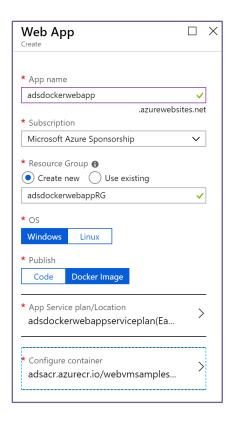
And confirm the plan with **OK**.

- 5. **Completing the "Configure Container"** parameter opens the detailed blade, where you **make** the following selections:
 - Single Container (Preview)
 - Image Source Azure Container Registry
 - Registry [SUFFIX]ACR
 - image webvmsamplesitedocker
 - Tag latest

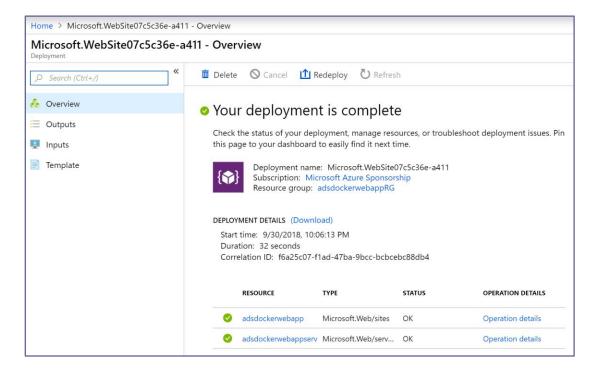


6. **Confirm the creation** by pressing the **Apply** button. Your container web app settings are now like this:



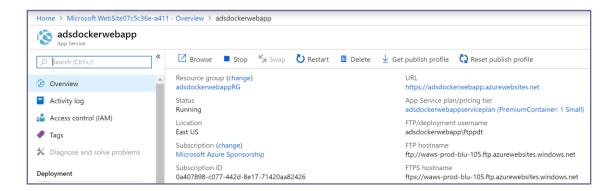


- 7. Press the Create button to start the deployment of the Azure Web App for Containers.
- 8. Follow-up on the deployment from the notification area.

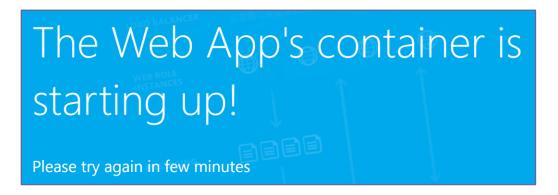




9. Once deployed, browse to the [SUFFIX]dockerwebapp Azure Resource, which opens the detailed blade:



10. Copy the URL and paste it in your internet browser. Note the message about the container starting up:



11. Go back to the Azure Portal, which still has your Azure Web App for Containers open; here, browse to Settings | Container Settings and look at the LOGs section. This shows the different steps undergoing to get the container running.



12. Wait for the Logs output mentioning the container is started and configuration completed successfully.





13. If you go back to your browser window with the "container starting message" and refresh it, it opens up the containerized web application as expected.



14. This completes this task.

Summary

In this lab, you created an Azure Container Registry in Azure, pushed a local Docker image to the Azure Container Registry, and learned how to run an Azure Container Instance from this Docker image. You also learned how to deploy an Azure Web App for Containers for running your Docker image as an Azure Web App.



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