



Connect to Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL with the SDK



Agenda

- Import and use the Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK
- Configure the Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK

Import and use the Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK

Understand the SDK

Class	Description
Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos.CosmosClient	Client-side logical representation of an Azure Cosmos DB account and the primary class used for the SDK
Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos.Database	Logically represents a database client-side and includes common operations for database management
Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos.Container	Logically represents a container client-side and includes common operations for container management

The *Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos* library is the latest version of the .NET SDK for Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL.

Import from a package manager

The *Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos* library, including all of its previous versions, are hosted on *nuget* to make it easier to import the library into a .NET application.

Importing a NuGet package

```
dotnet add package  
Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos
```

```
dotnet add package  
Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos \  
--version 3.22.1
```

.NET project file

```
<Project Sdk="Microsoft.NET.Sdk">  
  <PropertyGroup>  
    <OutputType>Exe</OutputType>  
    <TargetFramework>net6.0</TargetFramework>  
  </PropertyGroup>  
  <ItemGroup>  
    <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos"  
      Version="3.22.1" />  
  </ItemGroup>  
</Project>
```

Connect to an online account

Once the *Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos* library is imported, you can begin using the namespaces and classes within your .NET project.

Import the namespace

```
using Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos;
```

Use the CosmosClient class

```
// Use with a connection string  
string connectionString = "AccountEndpoint=https-  
://dp420.documents.azure.com:443/;AccountKey=fDR2ci90gkdkvERTQ==";  
  
CosmosClient client = new (connectionString);
```

```
// Use with an endpoint and key  
string endpoint = "https-  
://dp420.documents.azure.com:443/";  
string key = "fDR2ci90gkdkvERTQ==";  
  
CosmosClient client = new (endpoint, key);
```

Read properties of the account

```
AccountProperties account = await  
client.ReadAccountAsync();
```

Property	Description
Id	Gets the unique name of the account
ReadableRegions	Gets a list of readable locations for the account
WritableRegions	Gets a list of writable locations for the account
Consistency	Gets the default consistency level for the account

Interact with a database and a container

Once you have a client instance, you can retrieve or create a database or container.

Interact with a database

```
// Retrieve an existing database  
Database database =  
client.GetDatabase("cosmictworks");
```

```
// Create a new database  
Database database = await  
client.CreateDatabaseAsync("cosmictworks");
```

```
// Create database if it doesn't already exist  
Database database = await  
client.CreateDatabaseIfNotExistsAsync("cosmictworks");
```

Interact with a container

```
// Retrieve an existing container  
Container container = database.GetContainer("products");
```

```
// Create a new container  
Container container = await  
database.CreateContainerAsync(  
    "cosmictworks",  
    "/category1d",  
    400  
);
```

```
// Create container if it doesn't already exist  
Container container = await  
database.CreateContainerIfNotExistsAsync(  
    "cosmictworks",  
    "/category1d",  
    400  
);
```

Implement client singleton

CosmosClient class features implemented on your behalf:

- Instances are already thread-safe
- Instances efficiently manage connections
- Instances cache addresses when operating in direct mode

* The Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK team recommends that you use a single instance per AppDomain for the lifetime of the application.

Configure connectivity mode

The *CosmosClientOptions* class provides a range of options that you can configure for the client when it connects to an account.

Overriding default client options

```
// Constructor that takes an endpoint and key  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
CosmosClient client = new (endpoint, key, options);
```

```
// Constructor that takes the connection string  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
CosmosClient client = new (connectionString, options);
```

Changing the connection mode

```
// Configures the client to use Direct connection mode.  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
{ ConnectionMode = ConnectionMode.Direct };
```

```
// Configures the client to use Gateway connection mode.  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
{ ConnectionMode = ConnectionMode.Gateway };
```

Setting the preferred application region[s]

```
// Configs single preferred region for client to connect to.  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
{ ApplicationRegion = "westus" };
```

```
// Configs the client to use custom failover/priority list.  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
{ ApplicationPreferredRegions = new List<string> { "westus", "eastus" } };
```

Changing the current consistency level

```
// Configures the client to use eventual consistency.  
CosmosClientOptions options = new ();  
{ ConsistencyLevel = ConsistencyLevel.Eventual };
```

Consistency Levels

- Bounded Staleness
- ConsistentPrefix
- Eventual
- Session
- Strong

Lab – Connect to Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL with the SDK



- Prepare your development environment
- Create an Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL account
- View the Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos library on NuGet
- Import the Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos library into a .NET project
- Use the Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos library
- Test the script

Configure the Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK

Enable offline development

Azure Cosmos DB emulator

- The emulator is available to run in Windows, Linux, or as a Docker container image.
- To pull the Azure Cosmos DB emulator Docker Image run the CLI command:

```
docker pull mcr.microsoft.com/cosmosdb/linux/azure-cosmos-emulator
```

Configuring the SDK to connect to the emulator

```
// The emulator's endpoint is https://localhost:<port>/ using SSL with the default port set to 8081.  
string endpoint = "https://localhost:8081/"  
  
// The emulator's key is a static well-known authentication key. The default value for this key is:  
string key = "C2y6yDjf5/R+obON8A7Cgv30VRDJWEHLM+4QDU5DE2nQ9nDuVTqobD4b8mG6yPMbIZnqyMsEcaGQy67XTw/Jw==";  
  
// Once those variables are set, create the CosmosClient like you would for a cloud-based account.  
CosmosClient client = new (endpoint, key);
```

Handle connection errors

Since requests could fail for various reasons, you should have error handling logic.

- The Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK for .NET has built-in logic to handle common transient failures for read and query requests.
- The SDK does NOT automatically retry write requests. Your application code should implement retry logic for failed writes.

Common HTTP status codes where retrying your request makes sense.

- 429: Too many requests
- 449: Concurrency error
- 500: Unexpected service error
- 503: Service unavailable

Common HTTP status codes that also might need error handling.

- 400: Bad request
- 401: Not authorized
- 403: Forbidden
- 404: Not found

Implement threading and parallelism

The SDK implements thread-safe types and some degrees of parallelism.

Use async/await in .NET

```
// Use Task-based features to asynchronously invoke SDK client methods.  
Database database = await  
    client.CreateDatabaseIfNotExistsAsync("cosmicworks");  
  
// Avoid blocking the async exec using Task.Wait or  
Task.Result like:  
Database database =  
    client.CreateDatabaseIfNotExistsAsync("cosmicworks").Result;
```

Configure max concurrency, parallelism, and buffered item count

```
// The query returns 500 items per page.  
QueryRequestOptions options = new () { MaxItemCount = 500 };  
  
// The query runs 5 concurrent operations on the client-side.  
QueryRequestOptions options = new () { MaxConcurrency = 5 };  
  
// The Query buffers 5000 items at the client-side.  
QueryRequestOptions options = new () { MaxBufferedItemCount = 5000 };
```

Use built-in iterators instead of LINQ methods

```
// Use SDK included methods such as ToFeedIterator<T> that  
// asynchronously retrieves the results and don't block other calls.  
container.GetItemLinqQueryable<T>()  
    .Where(i => i.categoryId == 2)  
    .ToFeedIterator<T>();  
  
// Avoid LINQ methods such as ToList that block other calls.  
container.GetItemLinqQueryable<T>()  
    .Where(i => i.categoryId == 2)  
    .ToList<T>();
```

Configure logging

The SDK includes a client builder class that simplifies the process of injecting custom handlers into the HTTP requests and responses.

Client builder

```
// To use the builder, add the using directive Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos.Fluent.  
using Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos.Fluent;  
  
// Create an instance with either the connection string or endpoint/key.  
CosmosClientBuilder builder = new (connectionString);  
CosmosClientBuilder builder = new (endpoint, key);  
  
// Add the fluent methods and then build the CosmosClient instance.  
CosmosClient client = builder.Build();
```

Creating a custom RequestHandler implementation

```
public class LogHandler : RequestHandler  
{  
    public override async Task<ResponseMessage> SendAsync(RequestMessage request, CancellationToken cancellationToken)  
    {  
        Console.WriteLine($"[{request.Method.Method}]\t{request.RequestUri}");  
        ResponseMessage response = await base.SendAsync(request, cancellationToken);  
        Console.WriteLine($"[{Convert.ToInt32(response.StatusCode)}]\t{response.StatusCode}");  
        return response;  
    }  
}
```

Lab – Configure the Azure Cosmos DB for NoSQL SDK for offline development



- Prepare your development environment
- Start the Azure Cosmos DB Emulator
- Connect to the emulator from the SDK
- View the changes in the emulator
- Create and view a new container
- Stop the Azure Cosmos DB Emulator

Review



1 Which class should you use to interact with containers in the Azure Cosmos DB SDK for .NET?

- DocumentCollection.
- CosmosContainer.
- Container.

2 What is the name of the Azure Cosmos DB SDK for .NET on NuGet?

- Microsoft.Azure.Cosmos.
- Microsoft.Azure.Documents.
- Microsoft.Azure.DocumentDB.

3 Which class should you inherit from to create a class that intercepts SDK-side HTTP requests and inject extra logic?

- RequestHandler
- HttpRequest
- RequestMessage



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