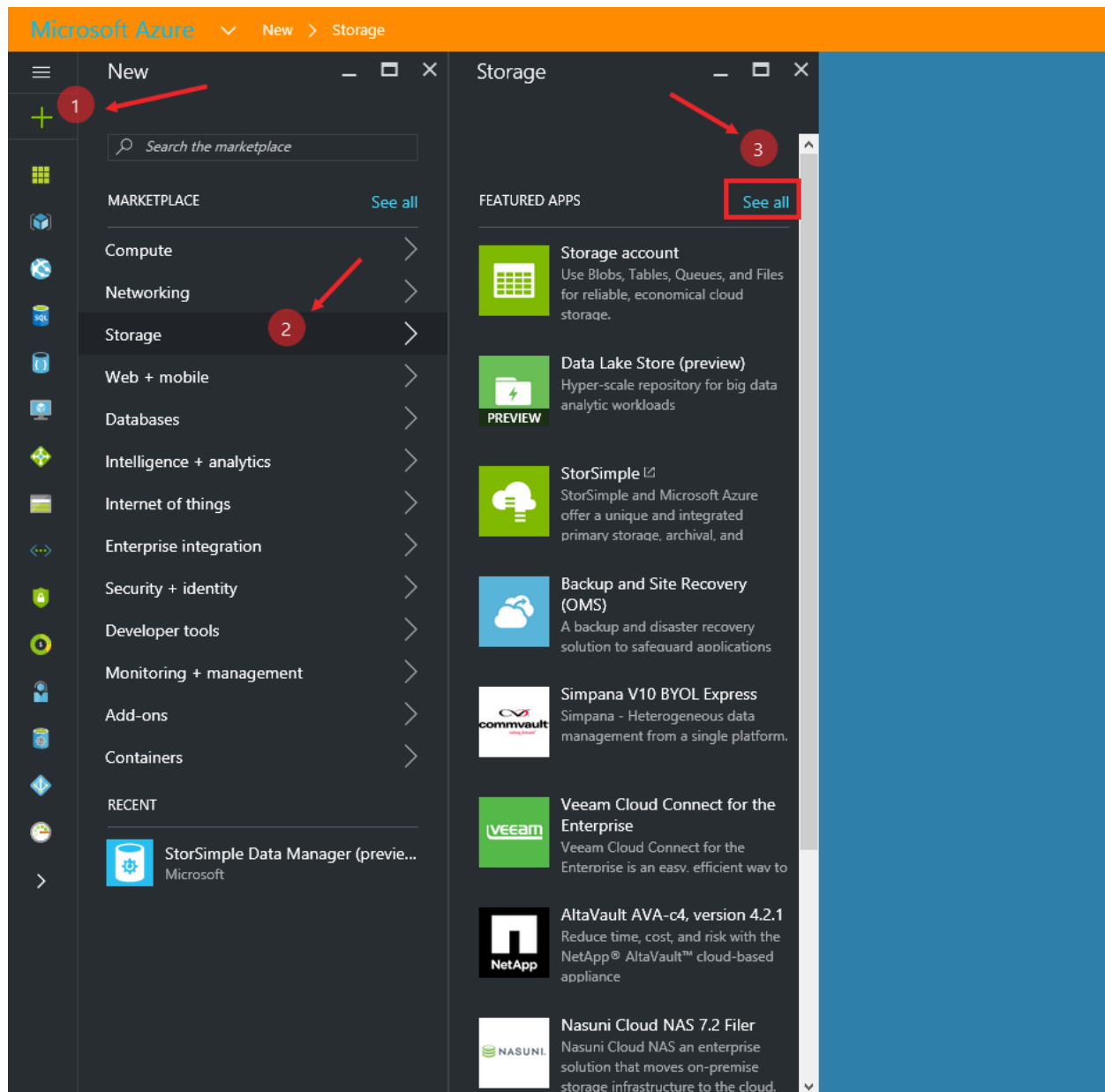# Prerequisites

This exercise assumes that you have

- an active Azure subscription.

- access to a registered StorSimple 8000 series device

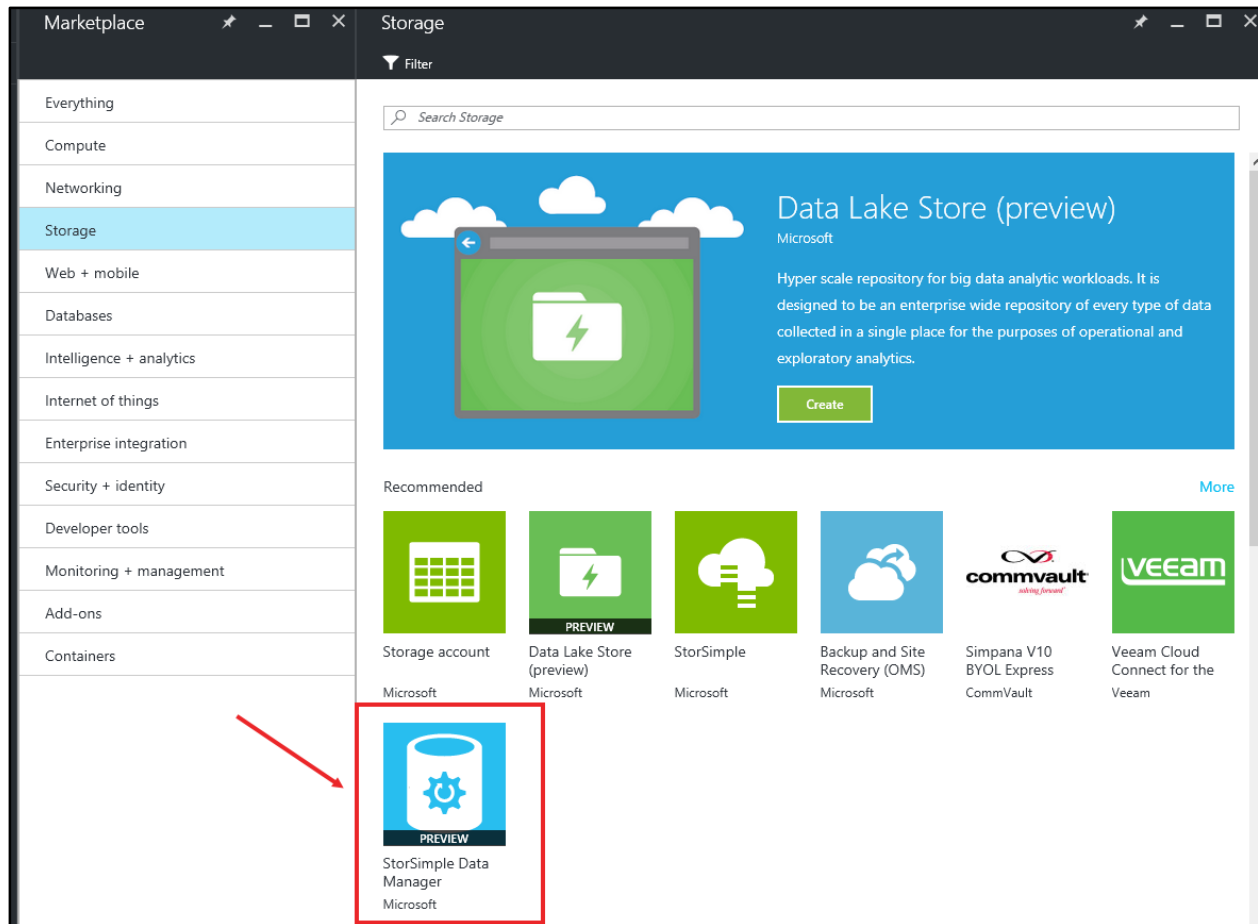- all keys associated with the device.

Signing up for private preview

The StorSimple Data Manager is in private preview. Perform the following steps to sign up for a private preview of this service:
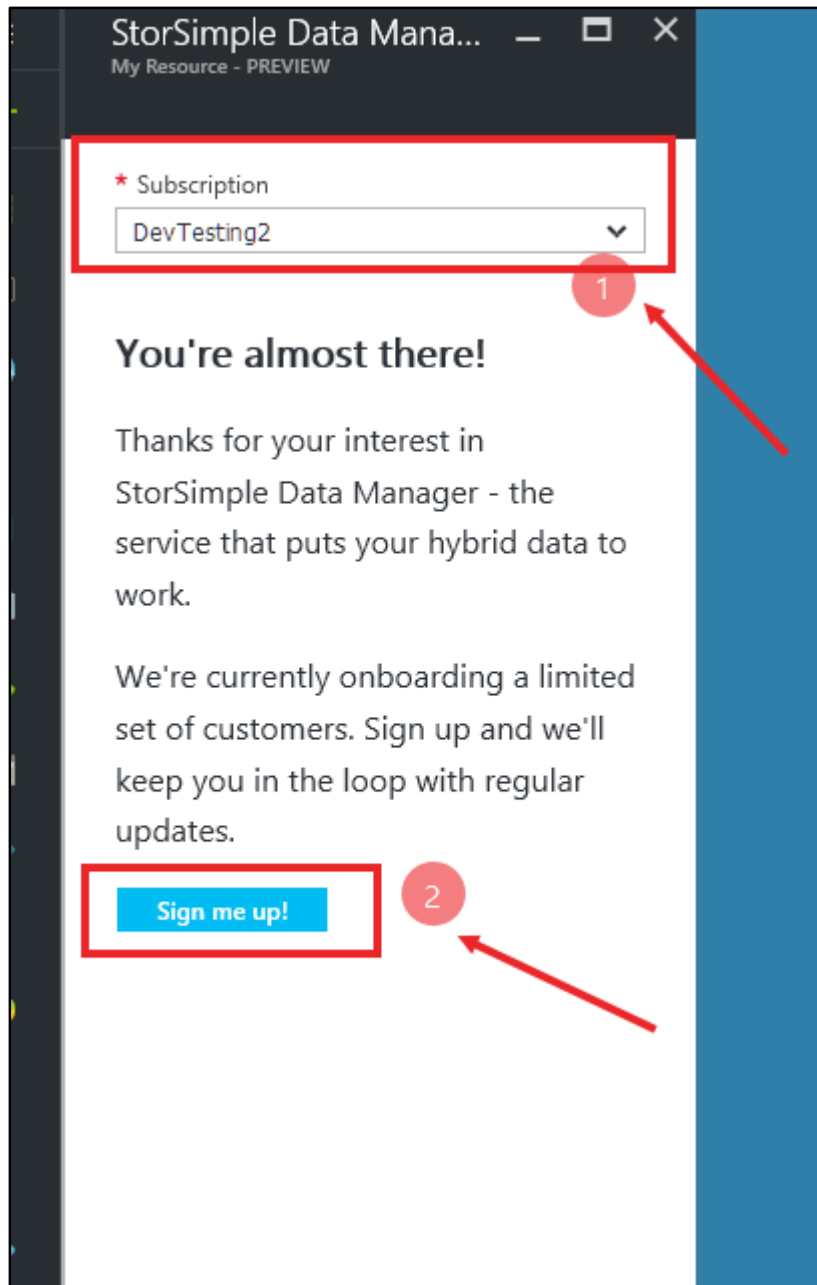
1. Go to https://aka.ms/HybridDataManager . This is the Azure portal with the StorSimple Data Manager extension. Log in with your Azure credentials.

2. Click the + icon to create a new service. Click **Storage** and then click **See All** in the following blade.

3. You will see the StorSimple Data Manager icon.

4. Click StorSimple Data Manager icon and then click **Create**. Pick the subscription that you want to enable for the private preview and then click **Sign me up!**

5. This sends us a request to onboard you. We will onboard you as soon as possible. After your subscription is enabled, you can create a StorSimple Data Manager service.

6. To easily access the StorSimple Data Manager service, you can pin it to your favorites by clicking the star icon as below.

Shift+Space to toggle favorites

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