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resource group
--name myResourceGroup --location eastus

AKS cluster and enable the cluster autoscaler

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--sku standard \
r-autoscaler \
```

o create the cluster and configure the cluster autoscaler settings.

Existing AKS cluster to enable the cluster

command to enable and configure the cluster autoscaler on the node pool for the e `--enable-cluster-autoscaler` parameter, and specify a node `--min-count`

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updates an existing AKS cluster to enable the cluster autoscaler on the node pool a minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 nodes:

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r-autoscaler \  

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o update the cluster and configure the cluster autoscaler settings.

cluster autoscaler settings

node pools in your AKS cluster, skip to the **autoscale with multiple agent pools**. Multiple agent pools require use of the `az aks nodepool` command set to specific properties instead of `az aks`.

create an AKS cluster or update an existing node pool, the cluster autoscaler was set to 1, and the maximum node count was set to 3. As your application may need to adjust the cluster autoscaler node count.

unt, use the `az aks update` command.

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dates cluster autoscaler on the single node pool in *myAKSCluster* to a minimum of nodes.

er makes scaling decisions based on the minimum and maximum counts set on it does not enforce them after updating the min or max counts. For example, of 5 when the current node count is 3 will not immediately scale the pool up to 5. If the value on the node pool has a value higher than the current number of nodes, the settings will be respected when there are enough unschedulable pods present that trigger additional nodes and trigger an autoscaler event. After the scale event, the new state is reflected.

ce of your applications and services, and adjust the cluster autoscaler node counts for performance.

Autoscaler profile

more granular details of the cluster autoscaler by changing the default values in the autoscaler profile. For example, a scale down event happens after nodes are under-

s. If you had workloads that ran every 15 minutes, you may want to change the scale down under utilized nodes after 15 or 20 minutes. When you enable the cluster autoscaler, the default profile is used unless you specify different settings. The cluster autoscaler profile has the following settings that you can update:

Property	Default value
How often the cluster is reevaluated for scale up or down	10 seconds
How long after scale up that scale down evaluation resumes	10 minutes
How long after node deletion that scale down evaluation resumes	scan-interval
How long after scale down failure that scale down evaluation resumes	3 minutes
How long a node should be unneeded before it is eligible for scale down	10 minutes
How long an unready node should be unneeded before it is eligible for scale down	20 minutes
Utilization level, defined as sum of requested resources divided by capacity, at which a node can be considered for scale down	0.5
Maximum number of seconds the cluster autoscaler waits for pod termination when scaling down a node	600 seconds
Whether to spread pods across similar node pools and balances the number of nodes between them	false
Which node pool expander to be used in scale up. Possible values: <code>most-pods</code> , <code>random</code> , <code>least-waste</code> , <code>priority</code>	random
Whether the cluster autoscaler will never delete nodes with pods with local storage, for example, EmptyDir or HostPath	true
Whether the cluster autoscaler will never delete nodes with pods from kube-system (except daemonSet or mirror pods)	true

um number of empty nodes that can be deleted at the same time	10 nodes
Description	Default value
enarios like burst/batch scale where you don't want CA to act before the netes scheduler could schedule all the pods, you can tell CA to ignore eduled pods before they're a certain age.	0 seconds
um percentage of unready nodes in the cluster. After this percentage is ded, CA halts operations	45%
um time the autoscaler waits for a node to be provisioned	15 minutes
er of allowed unready nodes, irrespective of max-total-unready-percentage	3 nodes

er profile affects all node pools that use the cluster autoscaler. You can't set an r node pool.

er profile requires version 2.11.1 or greater of the Azure CLI. If you need to install all Azure CLI.

r autoscaler profile on an existing AKS cluster

[↗](#) command with the `cluster-autoscaler-profile` parameter to set the cluster our cluster. The following example configures the scan interval setting as 30s in the

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az aks cluster-autoscaler-profile \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster myAKSCluster \
  --scan-interval=30s
```

cluster autoscaler on node pools in the cluster, those clusters will also use the le. For example:

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```
az aks update \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster myAKSCluster \
  --cluster-autoscaler-profile
```

```
az aks \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster myAKSCluster \
  --set cluster-autoscaler \
```

When you create a new cluster autoscaler profile, any existing node pools with the cluster autoscaler enabled will be updated to use the new profile immediately.

Use the cluster autoscaler profile when creating an AKS cluster

Use the `cluster-autoscaler-profile` parameter when you create your cluster. For example:

```
az aks create \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster myAKSCluster \
  --set cluster-autoscaler \
  --cluster-autoscaler-profile scan-interval=30s
```

This command creates an AKS cluster and defines the scan interval as 30 seconds for the cluster-autoscaler. The command also enables the cluster autoscaler on the initial node pool, sets the minimum node count to 1 and the maximum node count to 3.

Reset the cluster autoscaler profile to default values

Use the `az aks update` command to reset the cluster autoscaler profile on your cluster.

```
az aks update \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster myAKSCluster \
  --set cluster-autoscaler-profile ""
```

Disable the cluster autoscaler

To disable the cluster autoscaler, you can disable it using the `az aks update` command, with the `disable-cluster-autoscaler` parameter. Nodes aren't removed when the cluster

```
az aks update \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster myAKSCluster \
  --set cluster-autoscaler disable-cluster-autoscaler
```

your cluster after disabling the cluster autoscaler by using the [az aks scale](#) command to re-enable the horizontal pod autoscaler, that feature continues to run with the cluster. If too many pods may end up unable to be scheduled if all node resources are in use.

Re-enabling the disabled cluster autoscaler

To re-enable the cluster autoscaler on an existing cluster, you can re-enable it using the [az aks](#) command specifying the `--enable-cluster-autoscaler`, `--min-count`, and `--max-count` options.

Retrieving cluster autoscaler logs and status

Cluster autoscaler events, logs and status can be retrieved from the autoscaler add-on.

The cluster autoscaler runs on your behalf and runs it in the managed control plane. You can use the `kubectl` command to see the logs and operations from CA.

To push logs from the cluster autoscaler into Log Analytics, follow these steps.

1. Go to the Log Analytics workspace and create a new data source logs to push cluster-autoscaler logs to Log Analytics. [Instructions are available](#) here. Make sure you check the box for `cluster-autoscaler` when selecting options for "Logs".

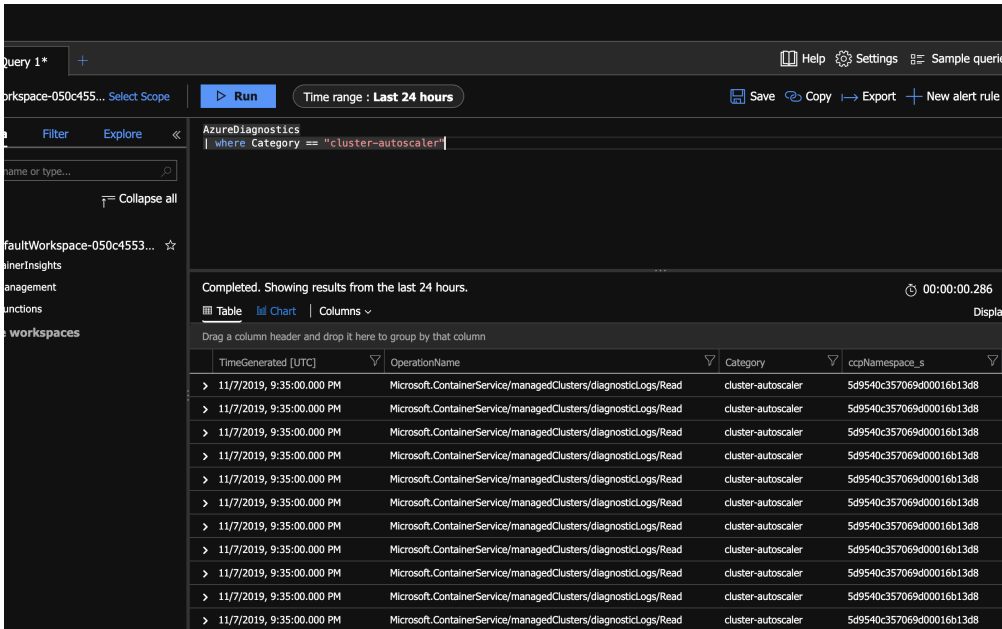
2. Go to the Log Analytics workspace and create a new query section on your cluster via the Azure portal.

3. Enter the following example query into Log Analytics:

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```
where Category == "cluster-autoscaler"
```

Similar to the following example as long as there are logs to retrieve.



The screenshot shows the Azure portal Log Analytics interface. A query is entered: `where Category == "cluster-autoscaler"`. The results table shows logs from the last 24 hours.

TimeGenerated [UTC]	OperationName	Category	ccpNamespace_s
11/7/2019, 9:35:00.000 PM	Microsoft.ContainerService/managedClusters/diagnosticLogs/Read	cluster-autoscaler	5d9540c357069d00016b13d8
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The cluster autoscaler will also write out health status to a `configmap` named `cluster-autoscaler-health`. To view these logs, execute the following `kubectl` command. A health status will be reported if the cluster autoscaler is configured with the cluster autoscaler.



```
gmap -n kube-system cluster-autoscaler-status -o yaml
```

that is logged from the autoscaler, read the FAQ on the [Kubernetes/autoscaler](#)

Cluster autoscaler with multiple node pools

can be used together with [multiple node pools](#) enabled. Follow that document to add multiple node pools and add additional node pools to an existing cluster. When using the cluster autoscaler, you enable the cluster autoscaler on each individual node pool in the cluster and add scaling rules to each.

Assumes you followed the [initial instructions](#) earlier in this document and you want to increase a node pool's max-count from 3 to 5. Use the [az aks nodepool update](#) command to update the pool's settings.



```
az aks nodepool update \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster-name myAKSCluster \
  --nodepool-name nodepool1 \
  --set cluster-autoscaler \
```

can be disabled with [az aks nodepool update](#) and passing the `--disable-cluster-autoscaler` parameter.



```
az aks nodepool update \
  --resource-group myResourceGroup \
  --cluster-name myAKSCluster \
  --nodepool-name nodepool1 \
  --set cluster-autoscaler
```

To re-enable the cluster autoscaler on an existing cluster, you can re-enable it using the [az aks nodepool update](#) command, specifying the `--enable-cluster-autoscaler`, `--min-count`, and `--max-count` parameters.

When using the cluster autoscaler with nodepools that span multiple zones and features related to zones such as volume topological scheduling, the autoscaler should have one nodepool per zone and enable the `--balance-similar-node-pools` autoscaler profile. This will ensure that the autoscaler will scale up successfully and the sizes of the nodepools are balanced.

How to automatically scale the number of AKS nodes. You can also use the cluster autoscaler to automatically adjust the number of pods that run your application. For steps to use the cluster autoscaler, see [Scale applications in AKS](#).

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