

Chaos Engineering with Azure Chaos Studio pt. 1

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- this meetup will be streamed on YouTube!
- want to participate?
 - join our meetup to get access to the Zoom meeting
 - https://www.meetup.com/Azure-Meetup-Rosenheim
 - we do also monitor the comments on YouTube



Agenda

- Azure News
- Introduction to Chaos Engineering
- Key Principles
- Azure Chaos Studio
- FAQ / Networking



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AZURE NEWS



Azure News

- Azure Monitor integration with Azure Container Apps
- ContainerLogV2 Schema in Azure Monitor container insights
- Azure Firewall Basic
- Microsoft Azure Load Testing
- AAD for Azure Database for PostgreSQL Flexible Server
- Immutable vaults for Azure Backup
- AKS introduces two pricing tiers: Free and Standard



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INTRODUCTION TO CHAOS ENGINEERING



History

- 2003 Amazon
 - GameDays
- 2006 Google
 - DiRT
- 2010/2011 Netflix
 - Chaos Monkey
 - Simian Army
- 2012 Martin Fowler
 - Phoenix Servers
- 2014 Chaos Engineer (Netflix)





Today

- Pillar of Well-Architected Framework (WAF)
 - AWS, Azure, ...
- Conferences
 - Chaos Conf, Chaos Carnival, Conf42, ...
- CNCF
 - Chaos Mesh, Litmus Chaos, ...



Chaos Engineering

Chaos Engineering is the discipline of experimenting on a system in order to build confidence in the system's capability to withstand turbulent conditions in **production**.

https://principlesofchaos.org

But what does experimenting really mean?

- Controlled fault injection into a system or service
- That impacts functionality
- Is likely to occur in the real world



Goals

- Identify weaknesses
- Build confidence
- Experience
- Increase resiliency



Benefits

- Increased availability, reduced MTTR & MTTD
 - Teams who frequently run Chaos Engineering experiments have >99.9% availability
- https://www.gremlin.com/state-of-chaosengineering/2021/?soce2021=true



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KEY PRINCIPLES

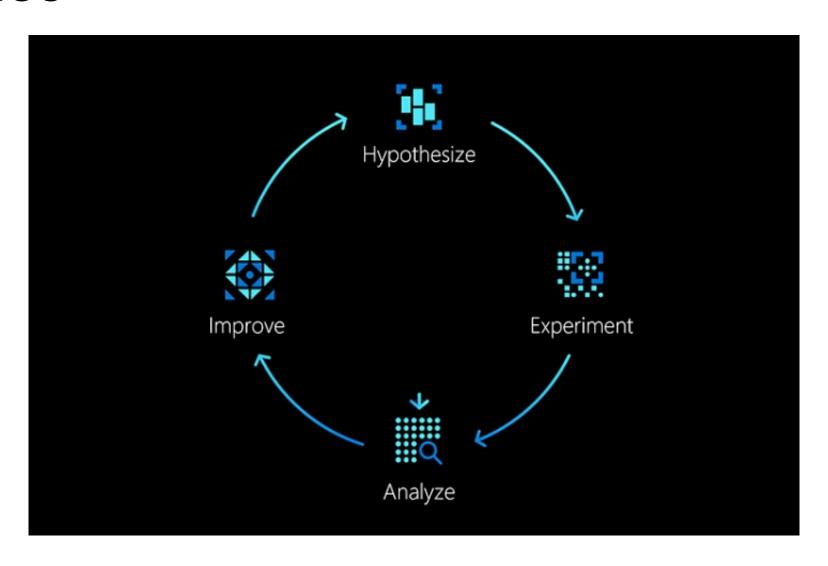


Key principles

- Build a Hypothesis around Steady State Behavior
- Vary Real-world Events
- Run Experiments in Production
- Automate Experiments to Run Continuously
- Minimize Blast Radius
- https://principlesofchaos.org/



Practice





At last...

You don't choose the moment, the moment chooses you.

You only choose how prepared you are when it does.

- Fire Chief Mike Burtch



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AZURE CHAOS STUDIO



General

- Managed with deep ARM integration
- Pillar of the Azure Well-Architected Framework (WAF)
- As of now Public Preview
 - Likely this will change in April
- Orchestrate fault-injection into Azure Resources
- Private option via vNet injection



Faults

- Types
 - Service-direct faults
 - Run directly against an Azure resource without installation
 - Agent-based faults
 - Installation of an Agent needed
- Providers
- Library



Resources

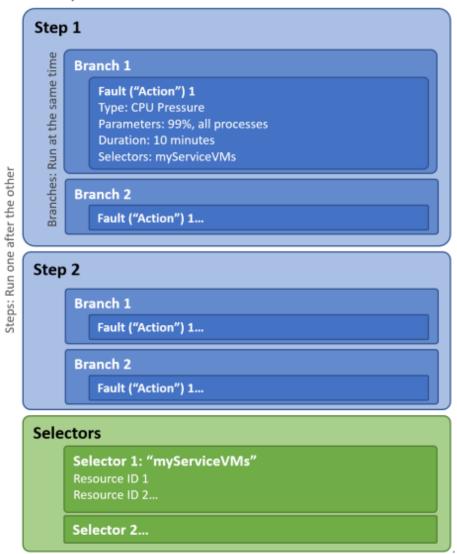
- Target
 - Enables Chaos Studio to interact with an Azure resource
- Capability
 - Child resource of Target
 - Enables a particular fault for a resource
- Experiment
 - Describes the faults to run and the resources to run against



Experiment

- Logic: How and When
 - Steps
 - Run one after the other
 - Branches
 - Run at the same time
- Selector: Target

Chaos Experiment





Experiment

```
properties: {
selectors: [
    type: 'List'
    id: 'Selector1'
    targets: [
        id: ChaosStudioTarget.id
       type: 'ChaosTarget'
steps: [
    name: 'akvAccessDenied10m'
    branches: [
        name: 'akvAccessDenied10m'
        actions: [
           name: 'urn:csci:microsoft:keyVault:denyAccess/1.0'
       type: 'continuous'
           duration: 'PT10M'
           selectorId: 'Selector1'
            parameters: []
```



Permissions & Security

- 3 Layers
 - Azure AD
 - Experiments
 - System Managed Identity
 - Resource onboarding
- Agents
 - User Assigned Identity



FAQ / NETWORKING



Useful links

- https://principlesofchaos.org/
- https://netflixtechblog.com/the-netflix-simian-army-16e57fbab116
- https://martinfowler.com/bliki/PhoenixServer.html
- https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/chaos-studio/



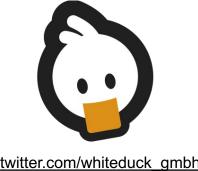
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