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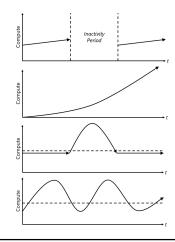
Module 01: Developing for Autoscaling

Lesson 01: Implement autoscaling rules and patterns



Computing patterns

- The most common computing patterns for cloud-based web apps:
 - · On and off:
 - · Common for batch processing
 - Waste of overprovisioned capacity
 - Growing fast:
 - · Represents a successful service
 - · Presents growth challenges
 - · Unpredictable bursting:
 - · Unexpected peaks of demand
 - · Waste of overprovisioned capacity
 - · Predictable bursting:
 - · Requires resource provisioning and deprovisioning
 - · Introduced increased management complexity



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Scale and auto-scale

- \cdot Cloud offers elastic scaling by using its practically unlimited resources
- Auto-scaling is the ability to monitor workload usage and automatically scale according to changes in usage levels
- · Many Azure services support manual and automatic scaling:
 - · infrastructure services such as Azure Virtual Machine Scale Sets
 - · application services such as Azure App Service
 - · database services such as Azure Cosmos DB.

Auto-scale metrics

- · App Service support autoscale:
 - · Requires service plans using Basic, Standard, or Premium pricing tiers
 - · Increases or decreases the instance count within the same service plan
 - · Supports a number of auto-scale metrics:
 - · CPU: CpuPercentage
 - · Memory: MemoryPercentage
 - · Data in: BytesReceived
 - · Data out: BytesSent
 - · HTTP queue: HttpQueueLength
 - · Disk queue: DiskQueueLength
 - Allow you to trigger alerts when the value of a metric crosses a custom threshold:
 - · Send email notifications to the service administrator and co-administrators
 - · Send email to additional email addresses that you specify
 - · Call a webhook
 - · Start the execution of an Azure runbook

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Lesson 02: Implement code that addresses a transient state



Transient errors

- Transient faults are typically self-correcting and include:
 - · momentary loss of network connectivity to components and services
 - · temporary unavailability of a service
 - · timeouts that occur when a service is busy
- Applications that use cloud services should be able to handle gracefully transient faults:
 - · If the action that triggered a fault is repeated after a suitable delay, it is likely to succeed

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Handling transient errors

Applications can handle a failure by using the following strategies:

- · Cancel: if the fault indicates that the failure is not transient
- · Retry: If the specific fault reported is unusual or rare
- · Retry after delay: If the fault is caused by a common connectivity or busy failure:
 - · The period between retries should be chosen to result in an even distribution of requests from multiple instances of the application:
 - 1. The application invokes an operation on a hosted service. The request fails, and the service host responds with HTTP response code 500 (internal server error).
 - 2. The application waits for a short interval and tries again. The request fails with HTTP response code 500.
 - 3. The application waits for a longer interval and tries again. The request succeeds with
 - · HTTP response code 200 (OK).



