How to Keep Your Security Posture Compliant While Managing Your Security Controls with IaC

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What we will cover



Security Controls in Azure?

Complia nce in Azure?

What is new IaC language Bicep?

Security Controls with Azure Bicep

Demo & Best **Practices**

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Company Info

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Legal Structure: LLC

· Headquarters: Bethesda, MD

SDVOSB Joint Ventures

CMMI-DEV & SVC Level 3 v2.0

ISO 9001; ISO27001; ISO20000

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- GSA MAS Cloud SIN
- GSA MAS IT Svcs SIN
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- CIO-SP3 Small Business
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Security Controls in Azure



- Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Security Monitoring and Alerting
- Network Security
- **Data Protection**
- Application Security
- Compliance and Governance
- Threat Intelligence



Compliance and Governance in Azure



- Azure Policy
- Microsoft Defender for Cloud
- Azure Security Benchmark
- Compliance Reporting
- Governance and Protection Disciplines









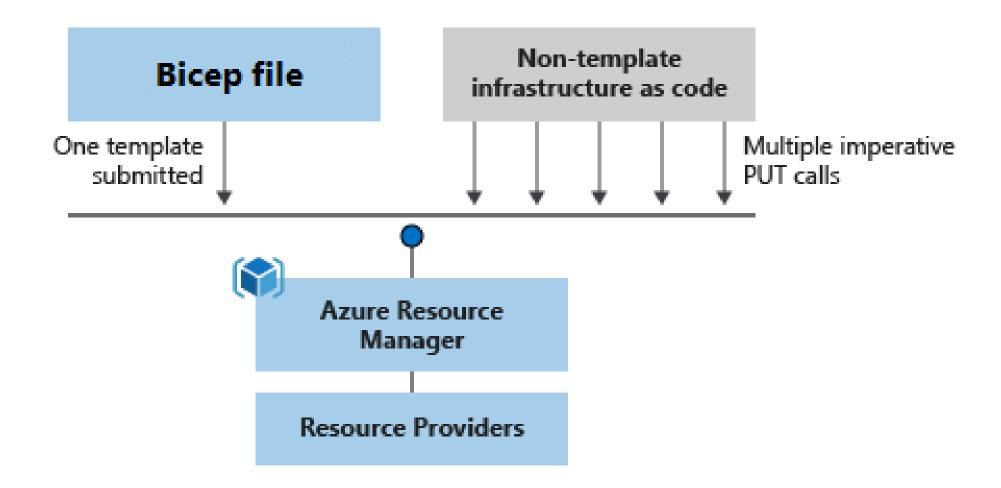
What is new IaC language Bicep?



- DSL for deploying Azure resources
- Transparent abstraction over ARM and ARM templates
- Simple way to author Azure resources
- Transpiled to standard ARM Template JSON files

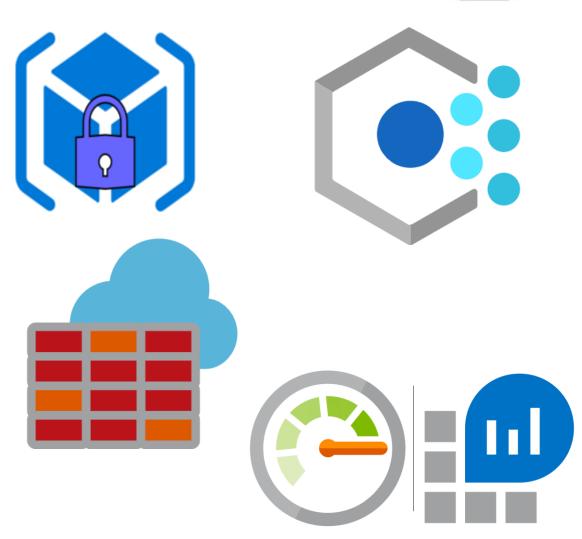


Relationship between Azure Bicep and ARM



Security Controls with Azure Bicep

- Resource locks
- **Azure Policy**
- **Azure Firewall**
- Data protection
- **Security Monitoring**
- **Network Security**
- Logging, auditing, etc.



Demo – Defining security policies



Deploying the security definitions, policies and locks



```
DEBUG CONSOLE PROBLEMS
PS C:\Work\Bicep-Starter> az deployment sub create --location eastus2 --template-file .\samples\custom-locations.bicep
The system cannot find the path specified.
Please provide string value for 'policyEffect' (? for help):
 [1] Audit
 [2] Deny
Please enter a choice [Default choice(1)]: 2
  "id": "/subscriptions/751fab54-447d-4b8f-8d44-12172466e856/providers/Microsoft.Resources/deployments/custom-locations",
  "location": "eastus2",
  "name": "custom-locations",
  "properties": {
    "correlationId": "df1bc4a1-f8d2-4320-8606-ec9a7d2135db",
    "debugSetting": null,
    "dependencies": [
        "depends0n": [
            "id": "/subscriptions/751fab54-447d-4b8f-8d44-12172466e856/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/c
            "resourceName": "custom-allowed-location",
            "resourceType": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions"
        "id": "/subscriptions/751fab54-447d-4b8f-8d44-12172466e856/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyAssignments/Resou
        "resourceName": "Resource-location-restriction",
        "resourceType": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyAssignments"
```

Demo – Modular code deployment and security



Modular deployment and securing the parameterization

```
EXPLORER
                                    modules > ← storage-param.bicep > ♦ namePrefix

✓ OPEN EDITORS

  🗙 💪 storage-param.bicep mod... M
                                            You, seconds ago | 1 author (You)
                                            // storage.bicep

✓ LEARN-BICEP

 > .vscode
                                            @description('The prefix that will appear infront of storage account name.')
 modules
                                            @allowed([
  storage-param.bicep
                                              'cll21'
  storage.bicep
                                              'test21'
  & vm-win.bicep
                                              'dev21'
 > param-files
                                            param namePrefix string = 'cll21'

∨ samples

  ♣ 1-deploy-rg.bicep
                                            @description('The storage account name.')
  ♣ 2-deploy-param-storage.bicep
                                            @minLength(3)
  ♣ 3-deploy-storage-w-Lock.bicep
                                            @maxLength(24)
  ♣ 4-deploy-policy.bicep
                                            param paramStorageName string = '${namePrefix}${uniqueString(resourceGroup().id)}'
                                            var stgName = toLower(paramStorageName)
  ♣ 5-deploy-fail.bicep
  € 6-deploy-vm.bicep
                                            @description('The flag that indicate need for a geo-redundant storage.')

√ scripts

                                            param geoRedundancy bool

■ demo-scripts.azcli

 .gitignore
                                            resource storageAccount 'Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts@2021-02-01' = {
```



Learning resources

Learn Bicep – GitHub



Azure Bicep First Look 📽



Building IaC with 🂪 Part 1 📽



Continue with 6 Part 2 *





Bicep Project - GitHub



AWESOME 🂪 - GitHub







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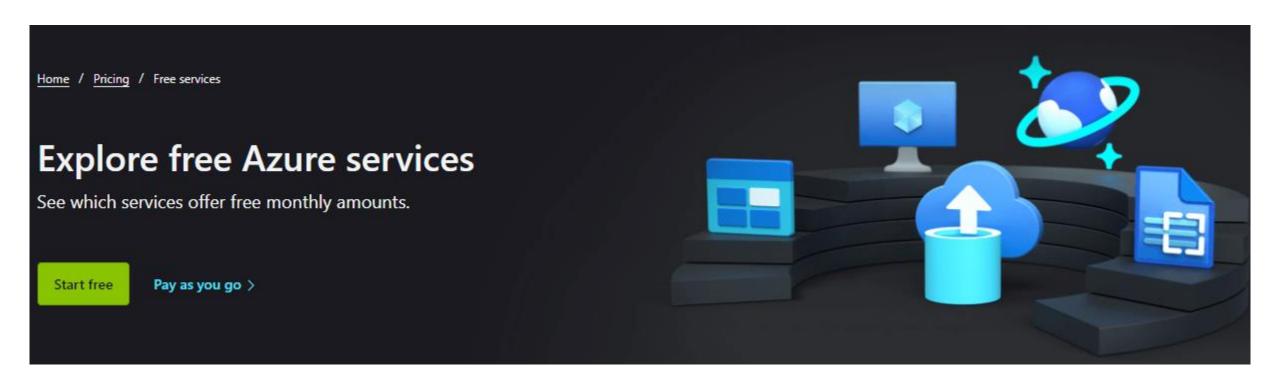




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