

Lab 8

CST8912_011

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Lab Report

Title

Implementing Cloud Resource Tagging and Governance in Azure

Introduction or Purpose

The purpose of this lab is to explore and implement cloud resource tagging and governance principles using Microsoft Azure. The primary objective is to ensure compliance with organizational policies by applying and enforcing tags on cloud resources, leveraging Azure Policy to automate tagging, and using resource locks to prevent accidental deletion. This lab demonstrates how tagging facilitates resource management, cost allocation, and compliance in a cloud environment, aligning with the shared responsibility model and industry standards for data handling. Through hands-on tasks, I aim to understand how to create, enforce, and inherit tags, as well as secure resources, ensuring a safe and organized cloud deployment.

Steps Covered in the Lab

The lab consists of five tasks, each building on the previous one to demonstrate resource tagging and governance in Azure. Below are the detailed steps completed during the investigation:

1. Task 1: Assign Tags via the Azure Portal
 1. Logged into the Azure portal at <https://portal.azure.com>.
 2. Searched for Resource groups and clicked + Create.
 3. Created a resource group named CST8912 in the Canada Central location under my subscription.
 4. Added a tag with Name: Cost Center and Value: 000 in the Tags section.
 5. Reviewed and clicked Create to finalize the resource group.
2. Task 2: Enforce Tagging via an Azure Policy
 1. Navigated to Policy in the Azure portal and selected Definitions under Authoring.
 2. Searched for require a tag and selected Require a tag and its value on resources.

- Assigned the policy with scope set to CST8912 resource group, naming it Require Cost Center tag with Default value, and set parameters: Tag Name: Cost Center, Tag Value: 000.
- Tested the policy by attempting to create a storage account without the required tag, confirming validation failed due to policy enforcement.

Require a tag on resource groups

Policy definition

Assign policy Edit definition Duplicate definition Select version (preview) Delete definition

Essentials

Name	: Require a tag on resource groups	Definition location	: -
Version (preview)	: 1.0.0	Definition ID	: /providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/9607b081-0a6d-4649-9c89-2efab0c9d525
Description	: Enforces existence of a tag on resource groups.	Type	: Built-in
Available Effects	: Deny	Mode	: All
Category	: Tags		

Definition Assignments (0) Parameters (1)

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1 {
2   "properties": {
3     "displayName": "Require a tag on resource groups",
4     "policyType": "BuiltIn",
5     "mode": "All",
6     "description": "Enforces existence of a tag on resource groups.",
7     "metadata": {
8       "version": "1.0.0",
9       "category": "Tags"
10    },
11    "version": "1.0.0",
12    "parameters": {
13      "tagName": {
14        "type": "string",
15        "metadata": {
16          "displayName": "Tag Name",
17          "description": "Name of the tag, such as 'environment'"
18        }
19      }
20    },
21    "policyRule": {
22      "if": {
23        "allOf": [
24          {
25            "field": "type",
26            "equals": "Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourceGroups"
27          },
28          {
29            "field": "[concat('tags[', parameters('tagName'), ']')]",
30            "exists": "false"
31          }
32        ]
33      },
34      "then": {
35        "effect": "deny"
36      }
37    }
38  },
39  "id": "/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/9607b081-0a6d-4649-9c89-2efab0c9d525/versions/1.0.0",
40  "type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/versions",
41  "name": "1.0.0"
42 }

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Home > Policy

Policy | Definitions

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Policy definition Initiative definition Refresh

Overview

Getting started

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Search

Require a tag

Scope: 2 selected

Definition type: All definition types

Policy type: All policy types

Category: All categories

Edit columns

Name %	Latest version (preview) %	Definition location %	Policies %	Type %	Definition type %	Category %
Require a tag on resource groups	1.0.0			BuiltIn	Policy	Tags
Require a tag and its value on resource groups	1.0.0			BuiltIn	Policy	Tags
Require a tag on resources	1.0.1			BuiltIn	Policy	Tags
Require a tag and its value on resources	1.0.1			BuiltIn	Policy	Tags

3. Task 3: Apply Tagging via an Azure Policy

- Deleted the previous policy assignment from Policy > Assignments.
- Assigned a new policy, Inherit a tag from the resource group if missing, with scope CST8912, named Inherit the Cost Center tag and its value 000 from the resource group if missing.
- Configured remediation to apply the Cost Center: 000 tag automatically.
- Created a storage account in CST8912 without manually adding tags, verifying the tag was inherited automatically.

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Errors



Summary

Raw Error

ERROR DETAILS

The specified resource does not exist.
RequestId:688b98c0-601e-0016-519e-97770a000000
Time:2025-03-18T00:43:38.5338636Z

(Code: ContainerOperationFailure)

WAS THIS HELPFUL?  

Explain with Copilot

Troubleshooting Options

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Tags are name/value pairs that enable you to categorize resources and view consolidated billing by applying the same tag to multiple resources and resource groups. Tag names
Do not enter names or values that could make your resources less secure or that contain personal/sensitive information because tag data will be replicated globally.

Name	Value
Cost Center	: 000
<input type="text"/>	: <input type="text"/>

cst81212 (Storage account)
Cost Center : 000
No changes

4. Task 4: Configure and Test Resource Locks

1. Accessed the CST8912 resource group, navigated to Locks under Settings, and added a lock named rg-lock with type Delete.

2. Attempted to delete the resource group from the Overview page, confirming the operation was denied due to the lock.
5. Task 5: Clean Up the Resources
1. Removed the policy assignment from Policy > Assignments.
 2. Deleted the Cost Center tag from the storage account and then deleted the storage account itself.
 3. Removed the rg-lock from the resource group and optionally deleted CST8912.

References

- Microsoft Azure Documentation: [Azure Policy Overview](#)
- CST8912 Lab Activity #8 Handout (Provided by Prof. Tanishq Bansal)