

Azure Bicep – from manual to magical

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Deploying Azure

(in den meisten Fällen)



Microsoft Azure

Home > Virtual machines >

Create a virtual machine

Changing Basic options

Basics Disks Network

Create a virtual machine that runs on Windows. Complete the Basics tab for full customization. [Learn more](#)

Project details

Select the subscription to manage your resources.

Subscription

Resource group

Instance details

Virtual machine name

Region

Availability options

Security type

Image

VM architecture

Run with Azure Spot discount

Size

Standard_D2s_v5 - 2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory (78.58 €/month)

See all sizes

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Hallo Josef!

Danke dir für die Anlage der VM!

Nur leider brauche ich für **JEDEN** unserer 250 Kunden eine VM !!

Bitte **BIS MORGEN** anlegen danke! 😊

Mit freundlichen Grüßen / Best regards

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Head of Research & Development

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Nachteile

„Manueller“ Cloud Betrieb

Aufwand für wiederholende Tasks

Dokumentation

Neue Ressourcen sind nicht konsistent

Infrastructure as Code

Vorteile

Standardisierung

- Jedes Deployment folgt demselben Schema

Nachvollziehbare Bereitstellung

- Mit Template + Parameter kann ein Bereitstellungsvorgang gänzlich nachvollzogen werden

Entwicklung als „Code-Projekt“

- Agile Prozesse / Weiterentwicklungen
- Geordnete Inkremente

Meist genutzte IaC - Sprachen in Azure



Azure Bicep



ARM



**HashiCorp
Terraform**

Azure Bicep

The evolution of ARM

- ▶ Since 2020
- ▶ Motto: „Make ARM easier to read“
- ▶ Deklarative DSL*
 - = Beschreibung des gewünschten Endzustands



* = Domain Specific Language

Bicep Playground

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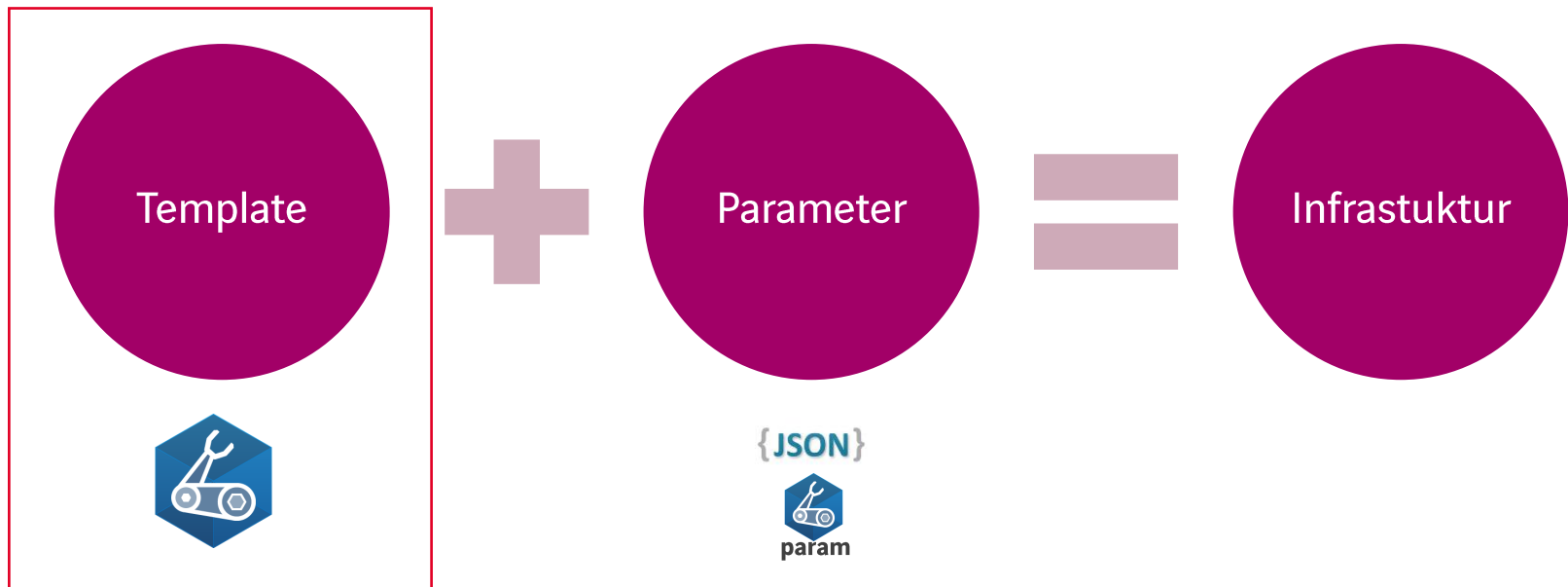
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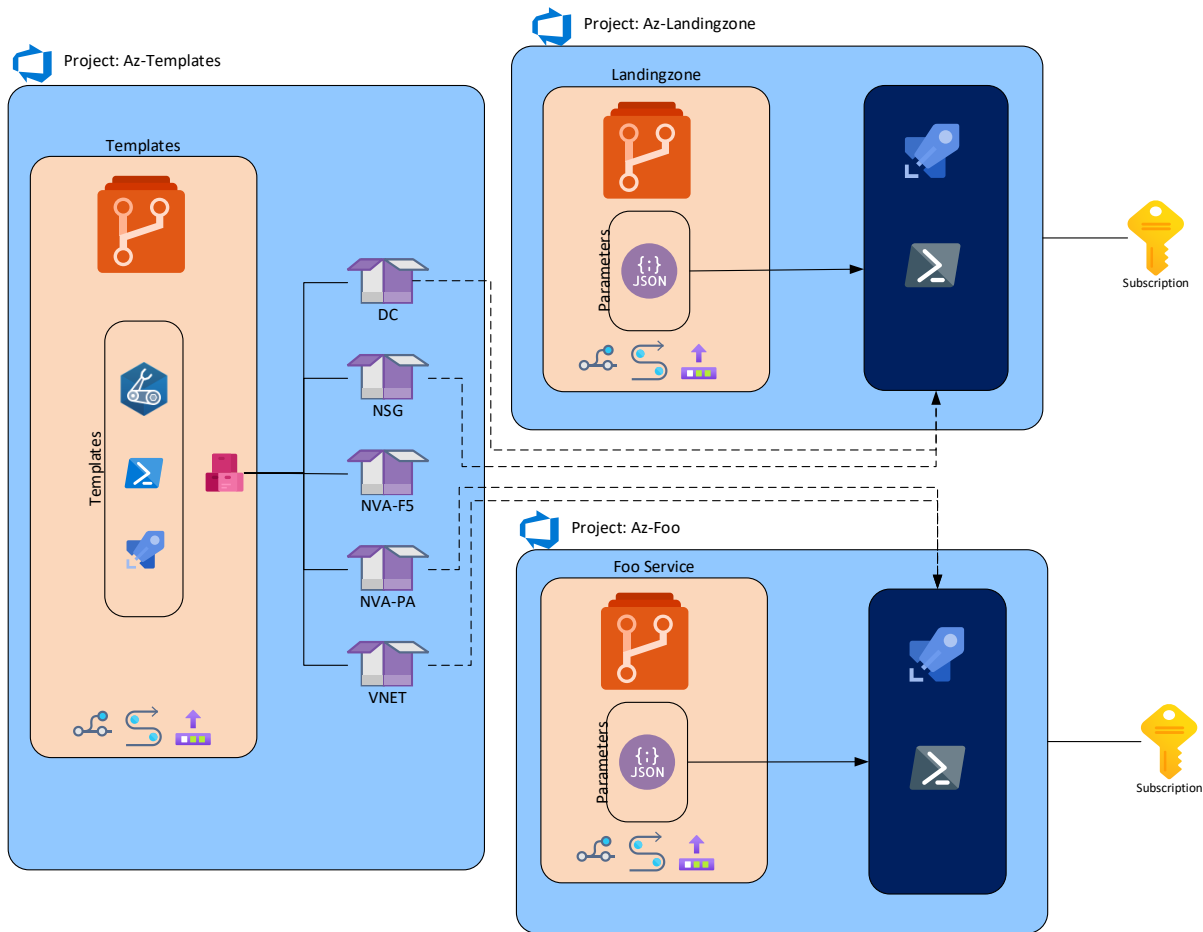
Sample Template ▾

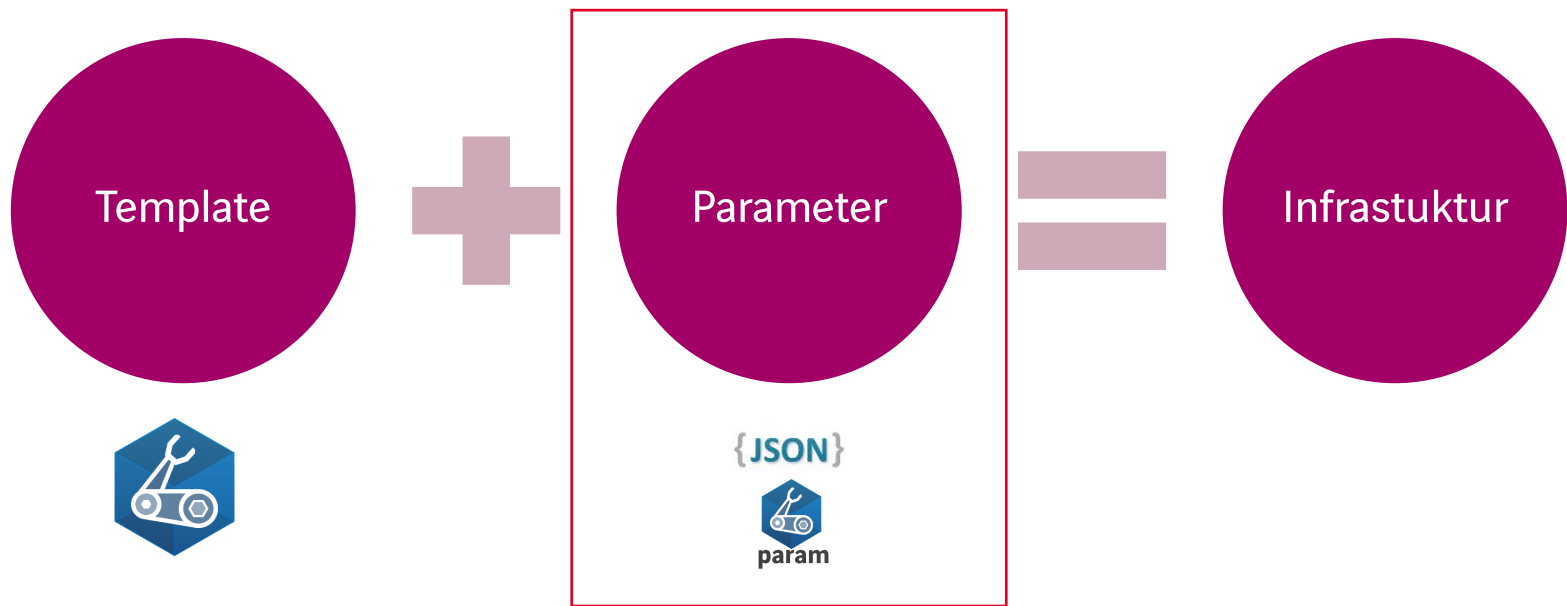
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9 resource server 'Microsoft.Sql/servers@2019-06-01-preview' = {
10   name: serverName
11   location: location
12   properties: {
13     administratorLogin: administratorLogin
14     administratorLoginPassword: administratorLoginPassword
15   }
16 }
17
18 resource sqlDB 'Microsoft.Sql/servers/databases@2020-08-01-preview' = {
19   name: '${server.name}/${sqlDBName}'
20   location: location
21   sku: {
22     name: 'Standard'
23     tier: 'Standard'
24   }
25 }
26
```

```
1 {
2   "$schema": "https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/2019-04-01/deploymentschema.json",
3   "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
4   "metadata": {
5     "_generator": {
6       "name": "bicep",
7       "version": "0.4.1008.15138",
8       "templateHash": "9634475065903215417"
9     }
10  },
11  "parameters": {
12    "serverName": {
13      "type": "string",
14      "defaultValue": "[uniqueString('sql', resourceGroup().id)]"
15    },
16    "sqlDBName": {
17      "type": "string",
18      "defaultValue": "SampleDB"
19    },
20    "location": {
21      "type": "string",
22      "defaultValue": "[resourceGroup().location]"
23    },
24    "administratorLogin": {
25      "type": "string"
26    },
27    "administratorLoginPassword": {
28      "type": "secureString"
29    }
30  },
31  "functions": [],
32  "resources": [
33    {
34      "type": "Microsoft.Sql/servers",
35      "apiVersion": "2019-06-01-preview",
36      "name": "[parameters('serverName')]",
37      "location": "[parameters('location')]",
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Konzepte







Unterteilung von IaC Deployments

~ meine „Persönliche“

STATEFUL

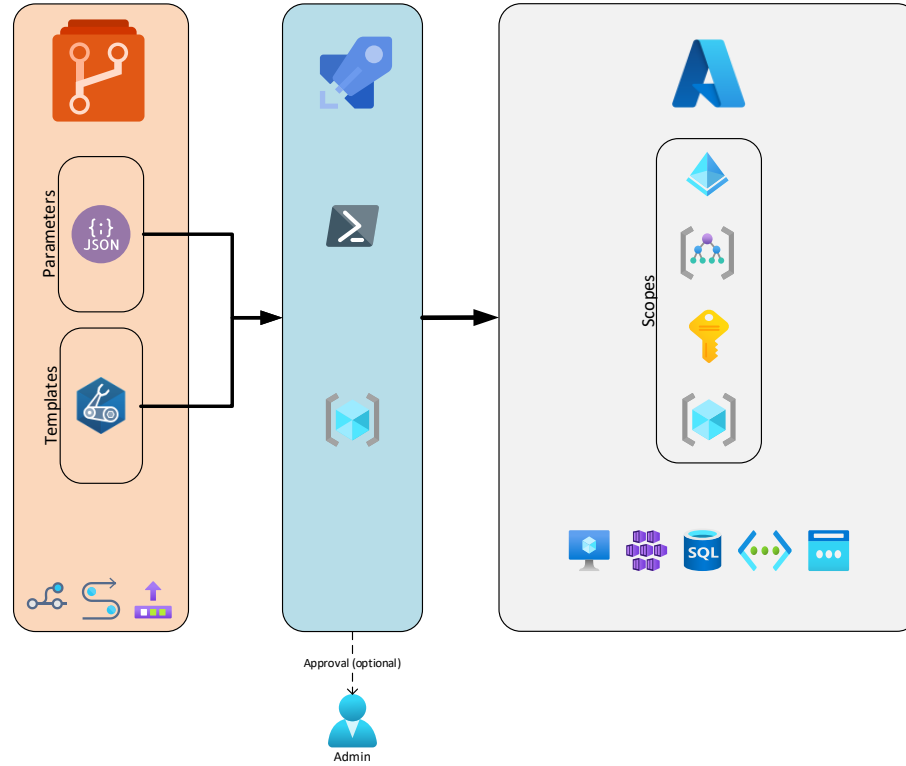
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- Gute Nachvollziehbarkeit / Dokumentation
 - Landingzone
 - Services

STATELESS

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- Keine Notwendigkeit eines späteren Abrufs oder Änderung der Parameter
- „Requestable Items“
 - Virtual Machine
 - Spoke vNet

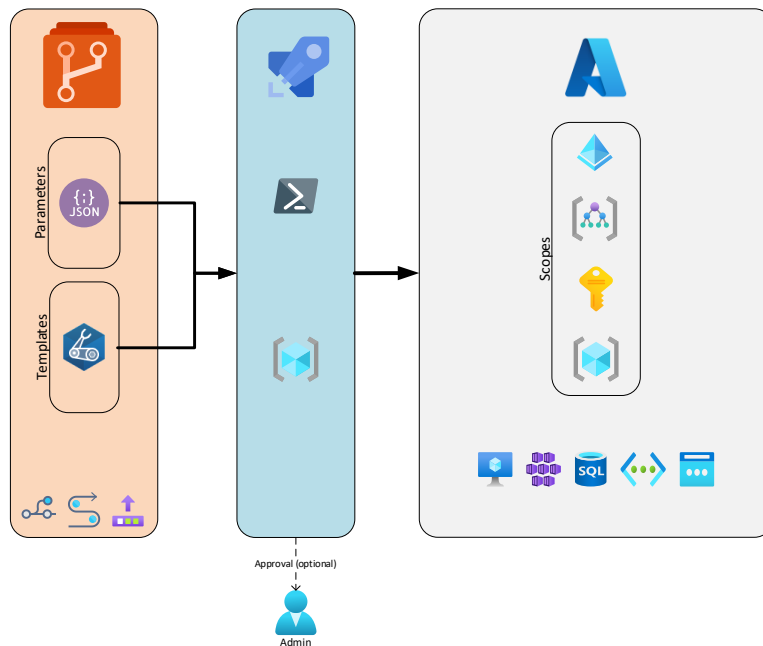


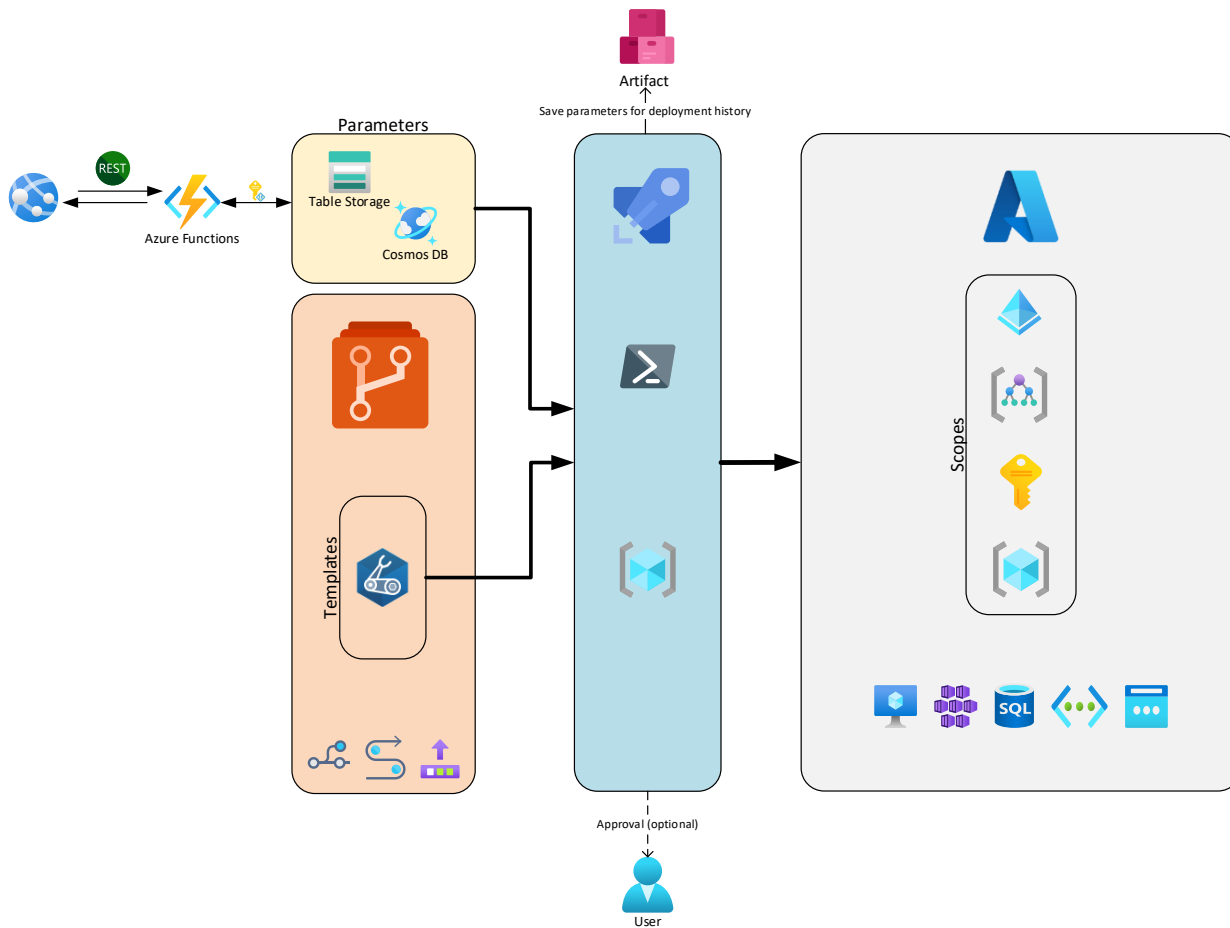
Deploy to Azure



Parameter by Repository

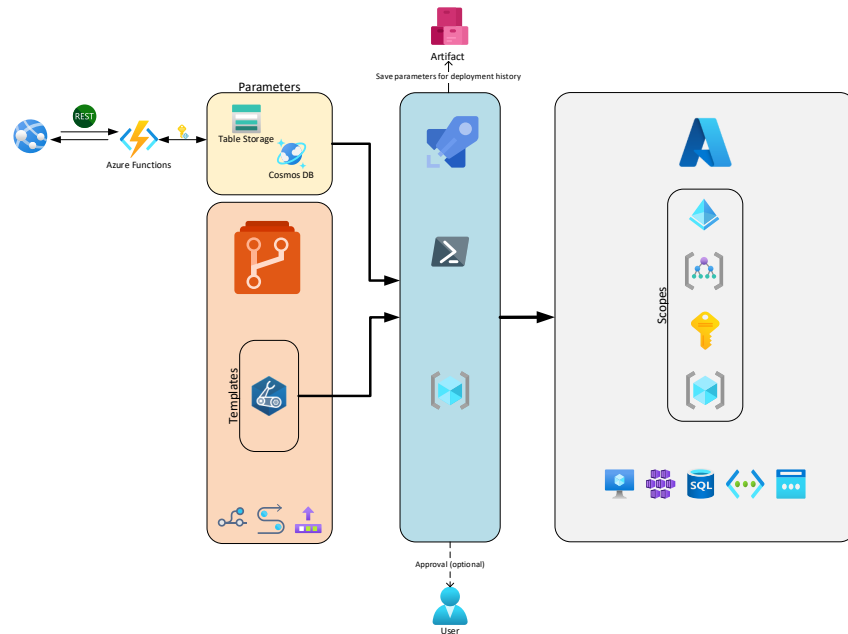
- ▶ Werte werden im Parameters-JSON im Repository gespeichert
- ▶ Änderungen erfolgen per Push ins Repository
- ▶ Tracking der Änderungen über Git-Versionierung
- ▶ 1 Parameter-File = 1 Deployment
- ▶ Kein Automatismus vorhanden ☹️





Parameters by Database

- ▶ Werte kommen von einem Table Storage / Cosmos DB als NoSQL Database Entry
- ▶ Externes Handling erfolgt per Azure Function
- ▶ Abruf von Parameter über PowerShell Skript Task
- ▶ Automatismus und Deployment Status vorhanden
- ▶ Allerdings: keine native Rückverfolgbarkeit von Änderungen



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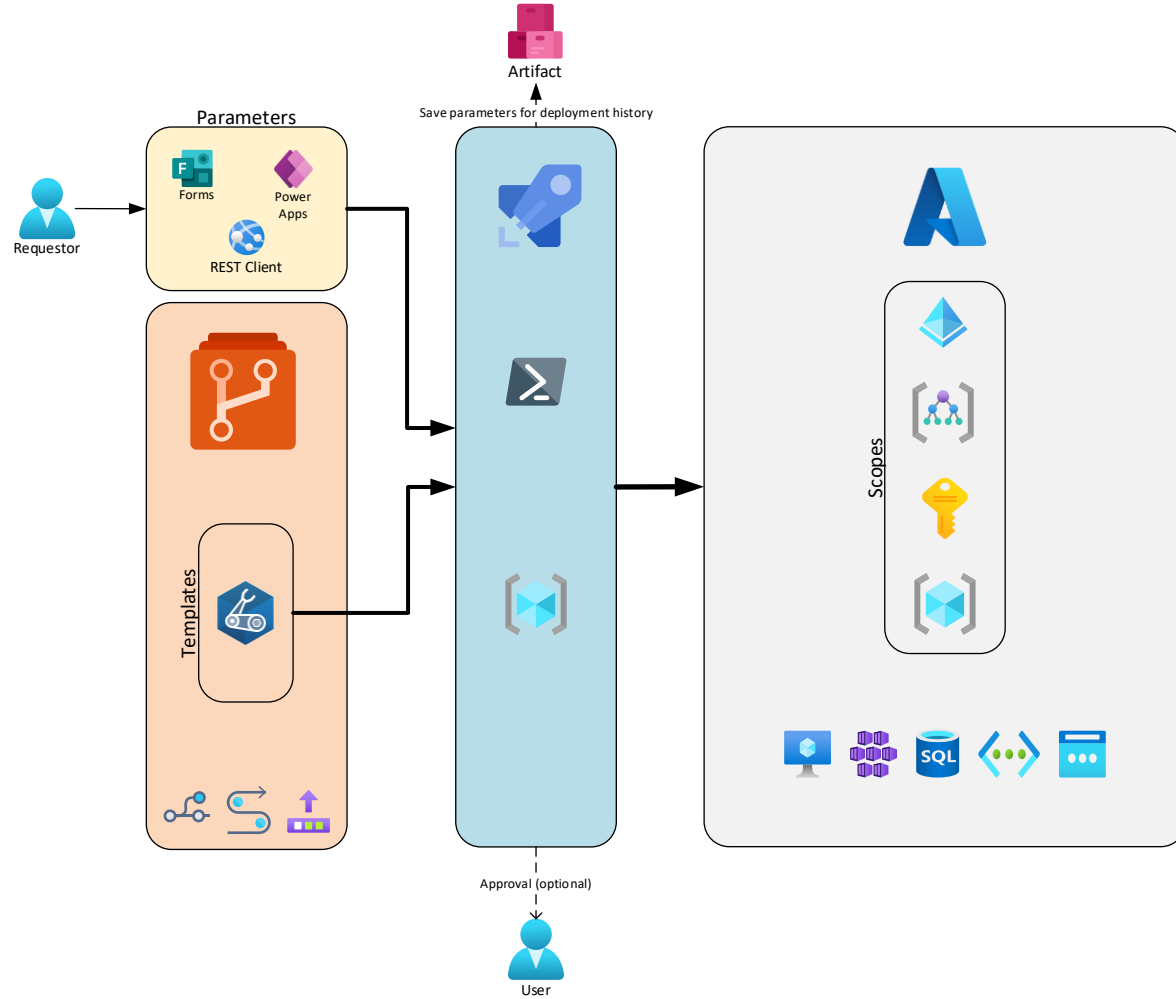
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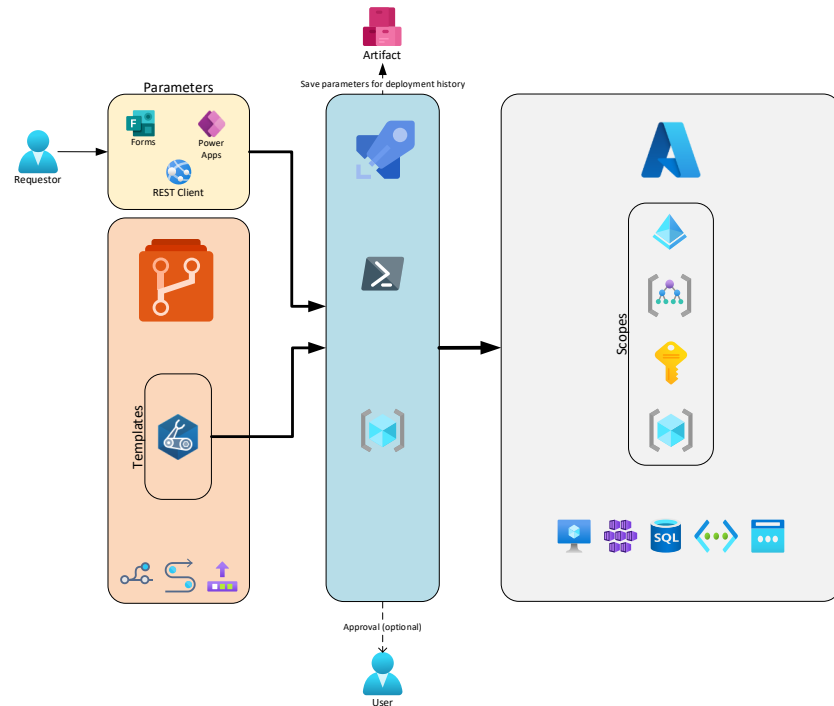
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Parameters by Request

- ▶ Deployment wird über Power Platform oder 3rd Party API angefragt
- ▶ Übergabe aller relevanten Parameter über Eingabemaske
- ▶ Parameter werden in Artifact gespeichert
 - -> Nachvollziehbarkeit!



Zusammenfassung

Strategien zur Parameterbereitstellung

STATEFUL

Repository



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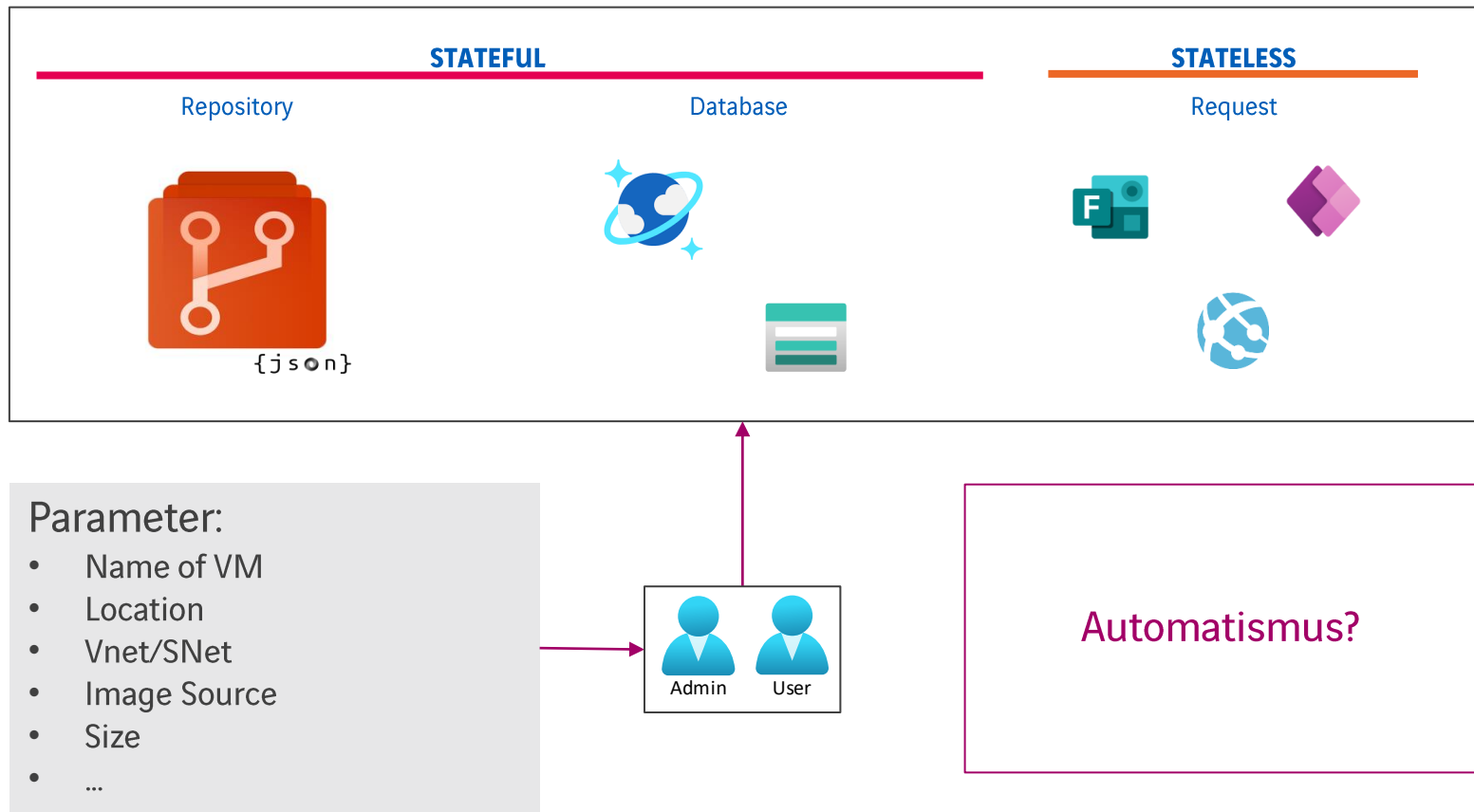
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STATELESS

Request





Automatic Parameter Sources

Azure Naming Tool

- Naming API
- standardisierte Ressourcennamen aus Naming Convention
- REST API kompatibel



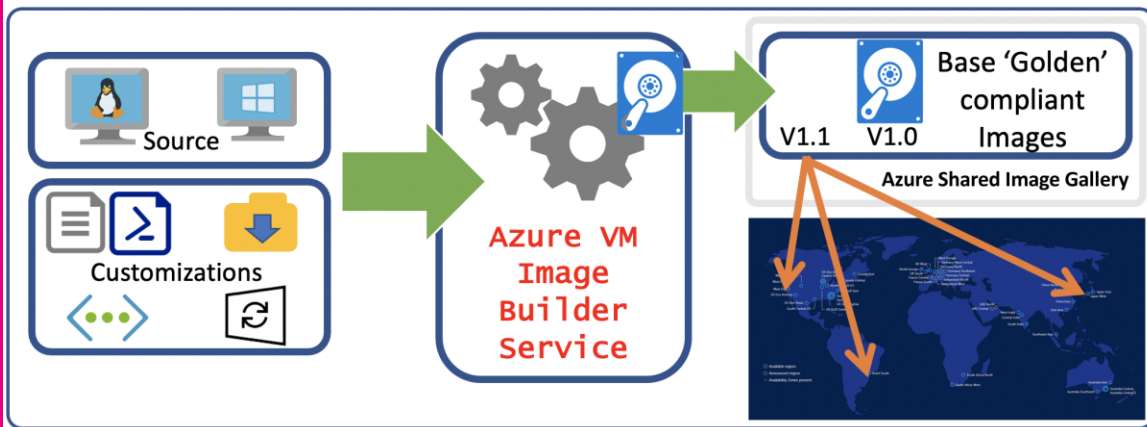
Azure IPAM

- Automatisiertes IPAM für Azure
- Bereitstellung von IP Adressbereiche für Deployments
- REST API



Azure Image Builder

- Basierend auf HashiCorp Packer
- "Image as Code"
- Erstellung von Images für verschiedene Anwendungen:
 - AVD
 - Enterprise Servers



Code-Security

Defender for Cloud

Better say: „Defender for DevOps“

- ▶ Kann IaC-Code nach aktuellsten Microsoft-Sicherheitsrichtlinien bewerten
- ▶ Ausführung per Azure Pipeline möglich
- ▶ Output: SARIF-File



30 SARIF Results

msdo(1).sarif

LOCATIONS 11

RULES 10

LOGS 1

Filter results

Line

Message

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INFO

ANALYSIS STEPS 0

STACKS 0

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Rule Id

AZR-000200

Rule Name

Azure.Storage.MinTLS

Rule Description

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Level

error

Kind

—

Baseline State

new

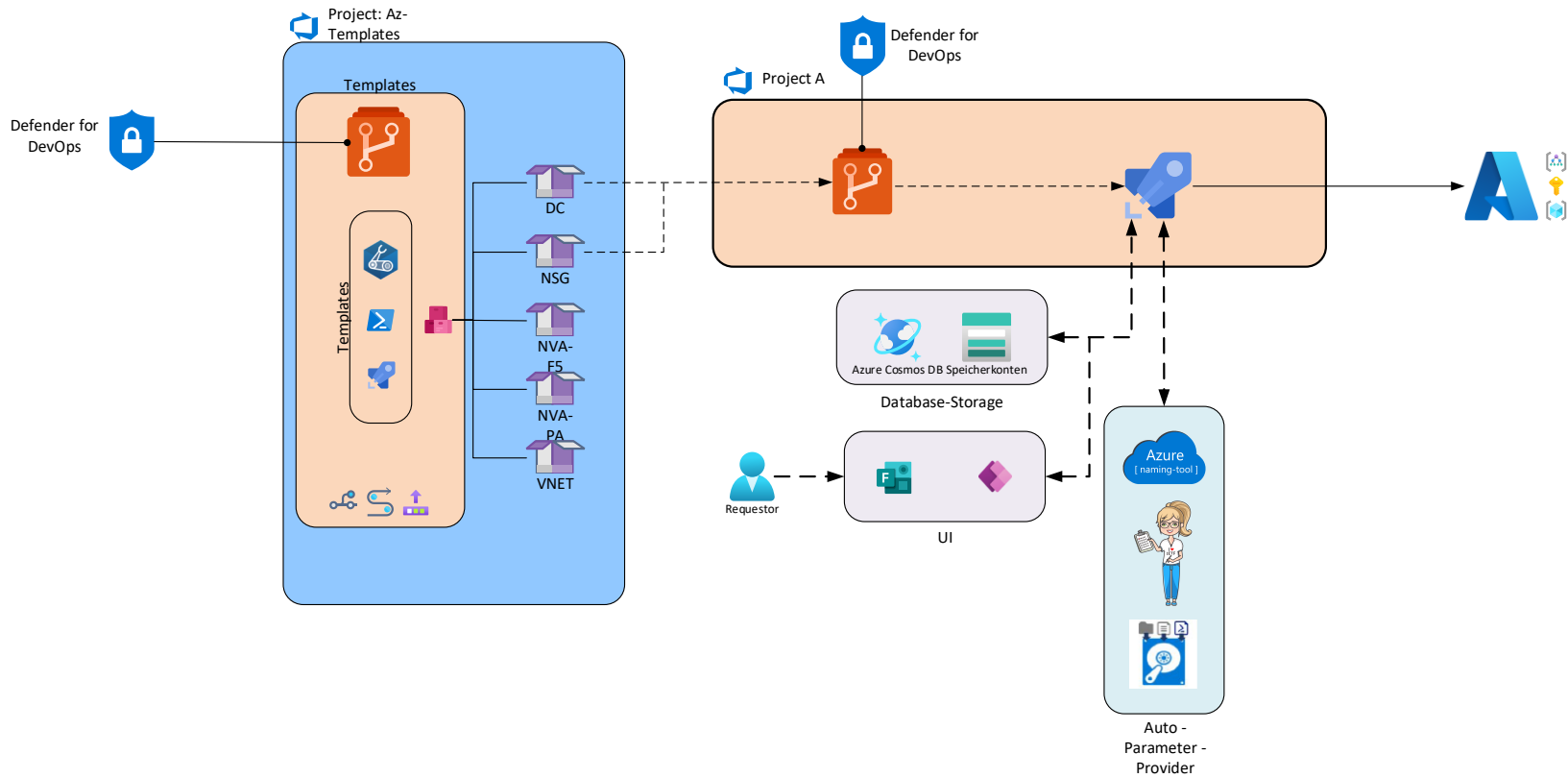
Locations

mod_SA.bicep

Log

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Zusammenfassung



Demo

Thanks a lot!



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- 16:15 – 16:55 – Hybrid Cloud Track

Eagle Eye - Flying a Drone using Unity 3D Across the Mixed Reality Spectrum



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```

1  {
2    "$schema": "https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/2015-01-01/deploymentParameters.json#",
3    "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
4    "parameters": {
5      "serverName": {
6        "value": ""
7      },
8      "sqlDBName": {
9        "value": ""
10     },
11     "location": {
12       "value": ""
13     },
14     "administratorLogin": {
15       "value": ""
16     },
17     "administratorLoginPassword": {
18       "value": ""
19     }
20   }
21 }

```

```

1  using './main.bicep'
2
3  param serverName = ''
4  param sqlDBName = ''
5  param location = ''
6  param administratorLogin = ''
7  param administratorLoginPassword = ''
8
9

```