



# Microsoft Azure for .NET Developers

# HELLO!

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# About This Course



- ▶ This guide is designed for developers and architects starting their journey into Microsoft Azure.
- ▶ Explores the ins and outs of Microsoft Azure and teaches how to use the best services for different application scenarios.
- ▶ Reviews website, database, and desktop and mobile application integrations with various Azure services.
- ▶ Demonstrates how Microsoft Azure does the heavy infrastructural lifting for you.

# Learning Outcomes

- ▶ Learn Microsoft Azure
- ▶ Different Cloud Hosting Models
  - ▶ IaaS | PaaS | SaaS
- ▶ Azure Resource Manager
  - ▶ Azure Portal | Powershell | CLI
- ▶ Integrating Azure Services
  - ▶ Azure App Services (Web, Functions, etc.)
  - ▶ Storage (SQL, CosmosDB, BLOB, etc.)
  - ▶ Events and Messaging (Service Bus, etc.)
  - ▶ Security (Azure AD, Key Vault)



# Assumptions



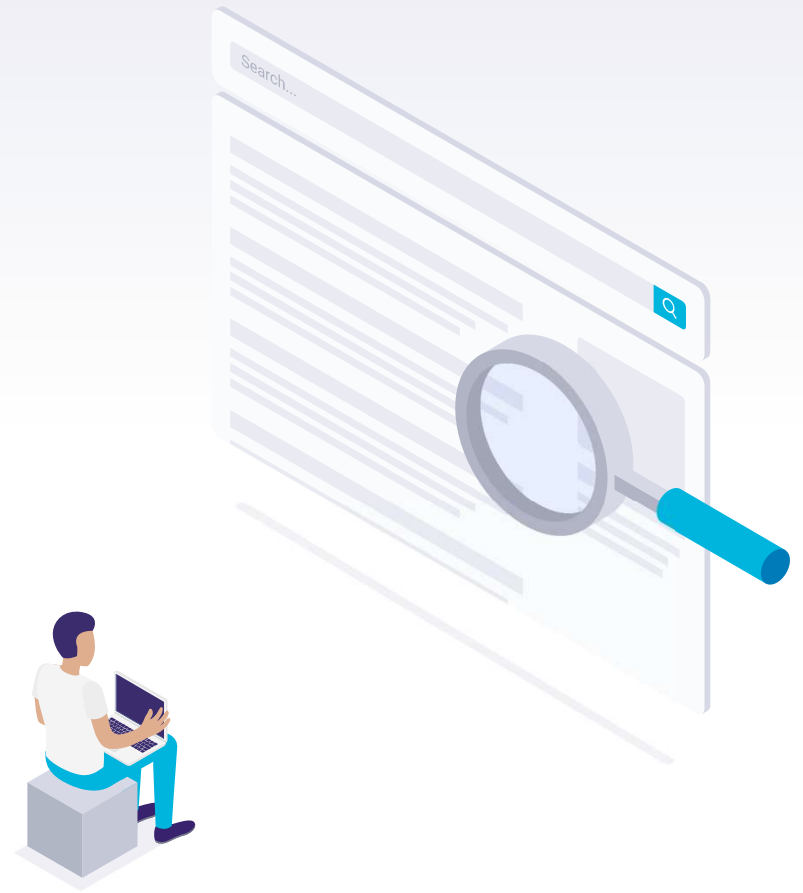
- ▶ You are already a Developer and have a working knowledge of development techniques.
- ▶ You have a working knowledge of databases and virtualization
- ▶ You have a working knowledge of application security

# Development Environment

- ▶ Visual Studio 2022 (Windows / macOS)
  - ▶ Visual Studio Code (All)
  - ▶ .NET 6 / 7 SDK ( Future Proof)
- ▶ Azure PowerShell and CLI (All)
- ▶ Docker (All)
- ▶ Azure Data Studio (All)

# Welcome!

## Let's get Started





# What is Microsoft Azure?



# What is Microsoft Azure?

- ▶ Microsoft Azure is Microsoft's cloud computing platform, providing several services for development and hosting.
- ▶ Azure enables the rapid development of solutions and is a cloud hosting alternative to on-prem environments.
- ▶ Offers compute, storage, network, and application services, allowing you to focus on building great solutions



# Azure Services

- ▶ Azure includes many services in its cloud computing platform.
- ▶ **Compute services** - Virtual Machines—both Linux and Windows, Cloud Services, App Services (Web Apps, Mobile Apps, Logic Apps, API Apps, and Function Apps), Container Service.



# Azure Services

- ▶ **Data services** – Microsoft Azure Storage (BLOB, Queue, Table, and Azure Files services), Azure SQL Database, DocumentDB, and the Redis Cache.
- ▶ **Application services** – Azure Active Directory (Azure AD), Service Bus for connecting distributed systems, HDInsight for big data, Azure Scheduler, and Azure Media Services.



# Azure Services

- ▶ Network services –Virtual Networks, ExpressRoute, Azure DNS, Azure Traffic Manager, and the Azure Content Delivery Network.
- ▶ It is worthwhile to have some understanding of the different services available, and how you might use them to improve your application.





# Getting Started with Azure

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- ▶ Sign up for an Azure free account at <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/free/>
  - ▶ This includes credits to explore paid Azure services and over 25 services you can use for free forever.
  - ▶ Start with \$200 Azure credit
  - ▶ 30 Day trial
  - ▶ Flexible Pay-As-You-Go subscription model





# Different Cloud Hosting Options

# Benefits of Microsoft Azure?

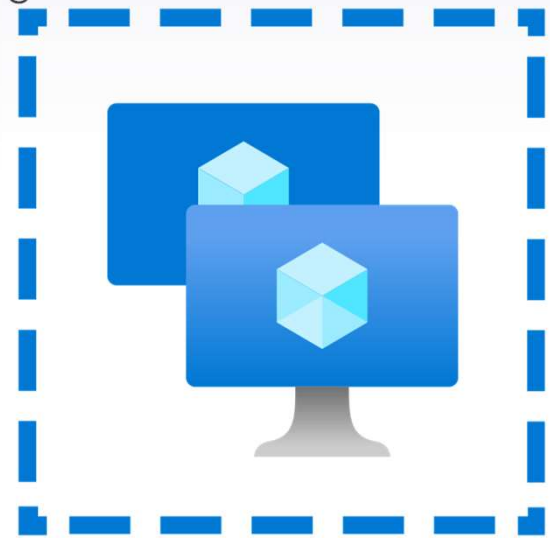
- ▶ Azure provides the flexibility to set up development and test configurations quickly.
- ▶ Azure allows you to start with low upfront costs and scale rapidly as needed.
- ▶ Offers an alternative to physical infrastructure needs.
  - ▶ IaaS – Infrastructure as a Service
  - ▶ PaaS – Platform as a Service
  - ▶ SaaS – Software as a Service





# ► IaaS: Infrastructure as a service

- ▶ With IaaS, Azure runs and manages server farms running virtualization software, enabling you to create VMs that run on the vendor's infrastructure.
- ▶ Support for Windows or Linux VMs on which you can install anything. want on it.
- ▶ Azure provides the ability to set up virtual networks, load balancers, and storage and to use many other services that run on its infrastructure.
- ▶ No control over the hardware or virtualization software, but you do have control over almost everything else.



# ▶ PaaS: Platform as a service

- ▶ Simply deploy your application into an optimized application-hosting environment provided by Azure.
- ▶ This frees developers from infrastructure management, so we can focus on development.
- ▶ Azure provides several PaaS compute offerings:
  - ▶ Web Apps feature in Azure App Service and
  - ▶ Azure Cloud Services (web and worker roles).
- ▶ Developer friendly alternative to IaaS



# ► SaaS: Software as a service

- ▶ SaaS is software that is already hosted and managed for the end customer.
- ▶ It is based on a multitenant architecture, where a single version of the application is used for all customers.
- ▶ SaaS software typically is licensed through a monthly or annual subscription.
- ▶ Examples of SaaS:
  - ▶ Office 365
  - ▶ WordPress
  - ▶ Your next cloud hosted solution!





# Section Review

# Azure in Review

- ▶ Review of Microsoft Azure
- ▶ Benefits of using Azure
- ▶ Getting Started With Azure
  - ▶ Create free account
- ▶ Cloud Hosting Models
  - ▶ IaaS
  - ▶ PaaS
  - ▶ SaaS





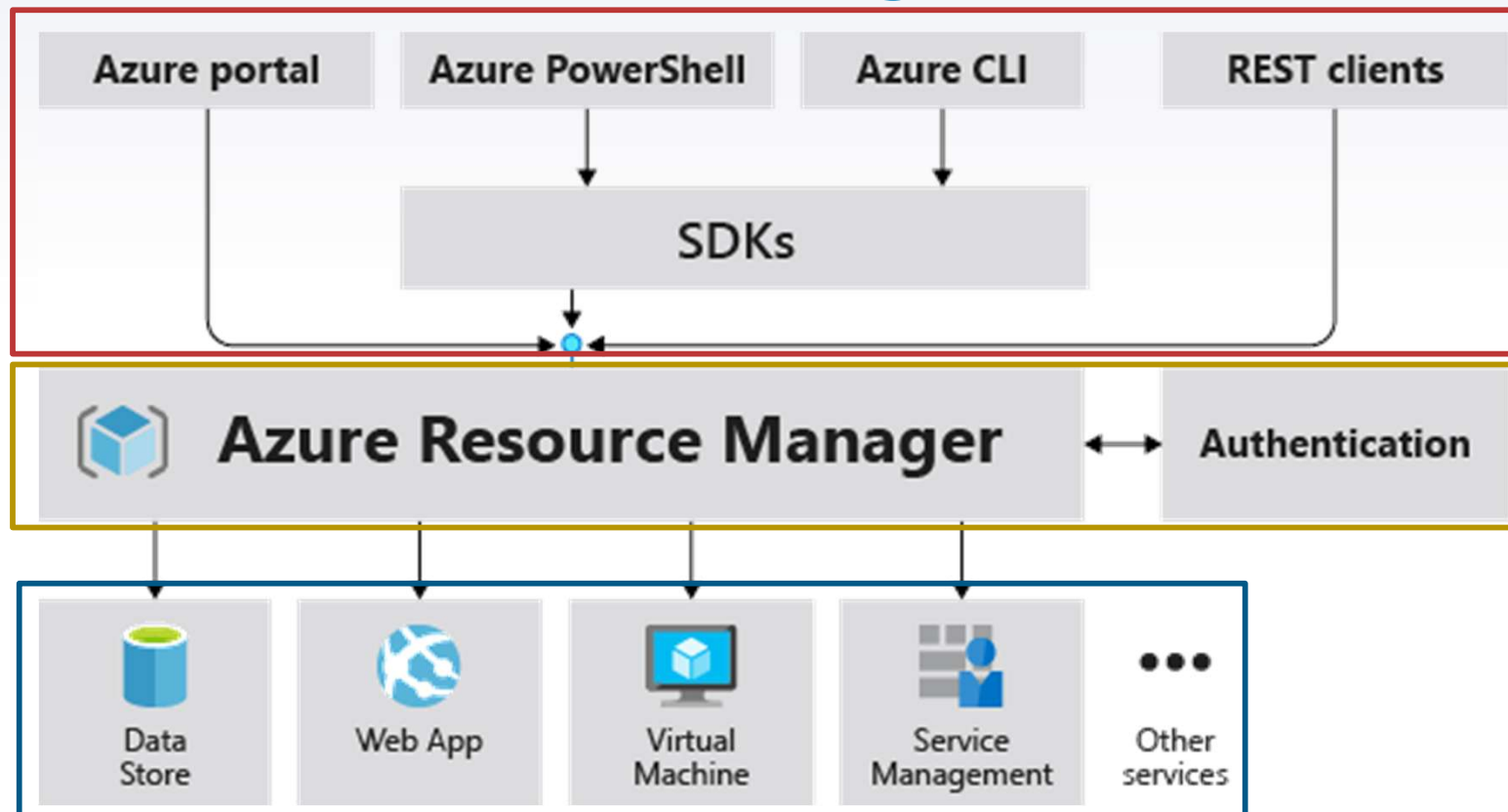
# What is Azure Resource Manager?

# ▶ Resource Manager

- ▶ Azure Resource Manager is the deployment and management service for Azure.
- ▶ It provides a management layer that enables you to create, update, and delete resources in your Azure account.
- ▶ Features management provides access control, locks, and tags, to secure and organize your resources after deployment.
- ▶ Underlying API for managing resources



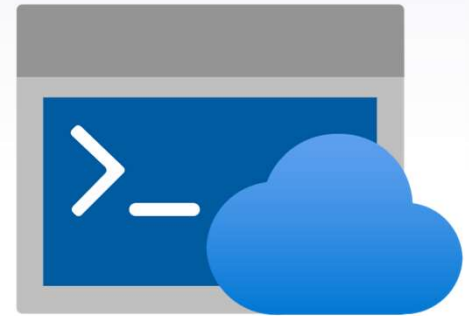
# Resource Manager





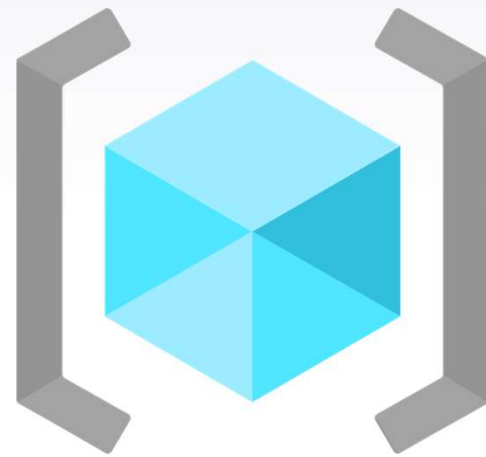
# ▶ ARM Clients and Interfaces

- ▶ Commands through any of the Azure APIs, tools, or SDKs, are handled through the same API. This ensures consistency.
- ▶ **Azure Portal** – Web-based user interface that allows us to manage our resources and services.
- ▶ **Azure PowerShell and CLI** – A client that allows us to author scripts to automate resource management tasks
- ▶ **REST Clients** – Consume the underlying API and allow for custom resource management solutions



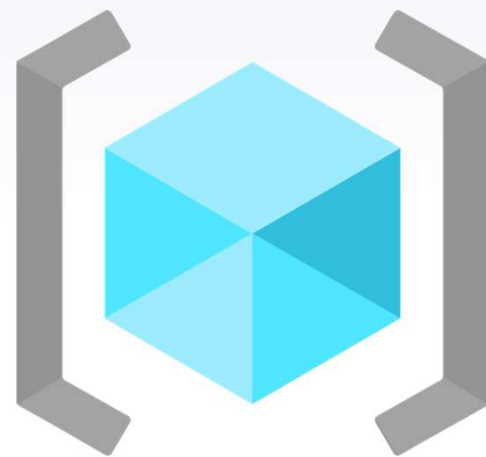
# ► Key Terms

- ▶ **resource** - An item or service that can be provisioned in Azure. Virtual machines, storage accounts, web apps, databases, and virtual networks are examples of resources.
- ▶ **resource group** - A container with related resources for an Azure solution. A resource group includes those resources that you want to manage as a group.

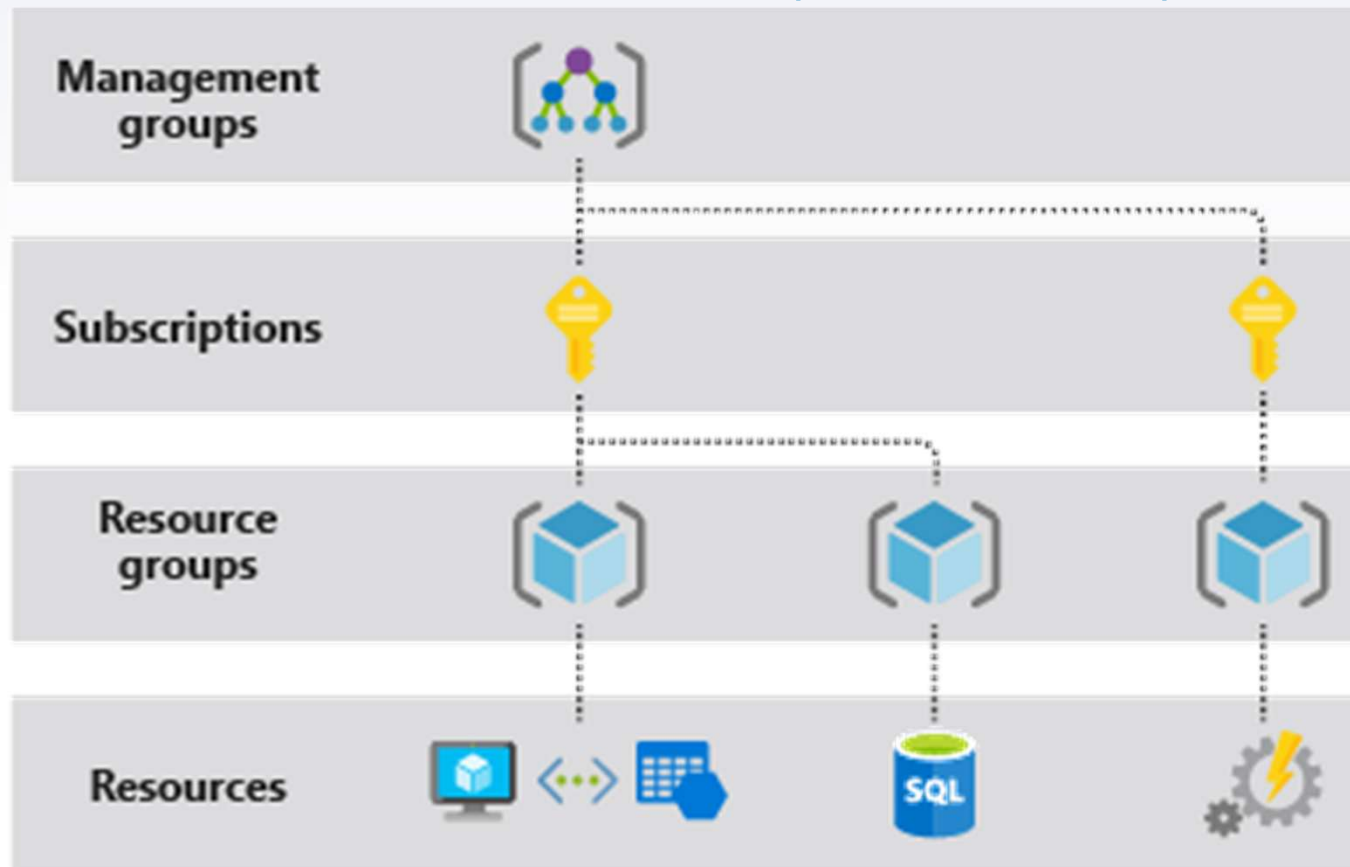


# Key Terms

- ▶ **declarative syntax** - Syntax that lets you state what you want to provision, without having to write the sequence of programming commands to create it.
  - ▶ ARM templates - A JSON file that defines one or more resources to deploy to a resource group, subscription, management group, or tenant.
  - ▶ Bicep - A file for declaratively deploying Azure resources. Optimized for Infrastructure as code delivery.



# ► Resource Group Scope





# Create Resources via Azure Portal



# Understanding Azure PowerShell



# Understanding Azure CLI



# Create Resources via Azure Portal





# Section Review

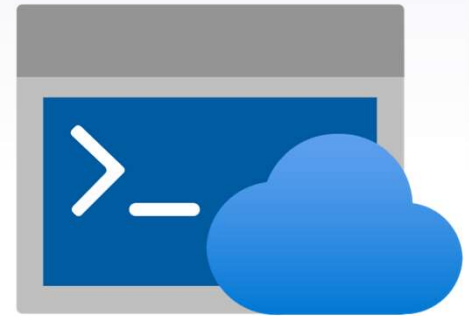
# ► Azure Portal

- ▶ Easy
- ▶ User friendly
- ▶ Fastest way to manage resources
- ▶ Difficult for automation



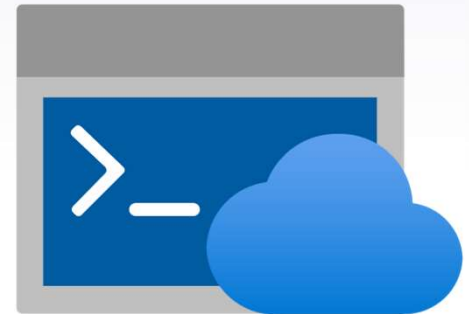
# ► Azure PowerShell

- ▶ Extends PowerShell Commands
- ▶ Easy to access in Portal
- ▶ Easy to setup on local PC
- ▶ Easy to automate resource deployments
- ▶ Big learning curve



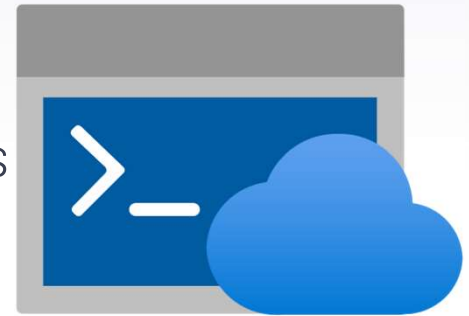
# ► Azure CLI

- ▶ Native Azure Bash syntax
- ▶ Available in all command line interfaces once installed
- ▶ Easier to understand than PowerShell (debatable)
- ▶ Return is in JSON, so easy to integrate into existing dashboards and tools
- ▶ Big Learning Curve



# ▶ ARM Clients and Interfaces

- ▶ Azure Portal – Web-based user interface that allows us to manage our resources and services.
- ▶ Azure PowerShell and CLI – A client that allows us to author scripts to automate resource management tasks
- ▶ Can be used to provision any Azure resource, with the same degree of accuracy.





# Section Review



# Azure App Service

# ► Explore Azure App Service

- ▶ Learn Azure App Service key components
- ▶ Understand different hosting models
- ▶ Learn Web App deployment techniques
- ▶ Explore authentication and authorization
- ▶ Managing Azure App Service using CLI





# ▶ Examining Azure App Service

- ▶ HTTP Based service for hosting web applications
  - ▶ REST APIs, back-ends, Web Apps, etc.
  - ▶ .NET/.NET Core, NodeJS, Java, PHP, Python
- ▶ Supports autoscaling to adjust to request loads
- ▶ Supports Windows and Linux runtimes
- ▶ Supports automated and manual deployment models
- ▶ PaaS offering



# ▶ Reviewing Azure App Service

- ▶ Deployments
  - ▶ Manual - Azure CLI, Publish with UI Tools
  - ▶ Automated - CI/CD (GitHub Actions)
- ▶ App Configuration
- ▶ Monitoring and Logging
  - ▶ Log Stream and Application Insights (Open Telemetry)
  - ▶ Auto-Healing and Health Checks



# ▶ Reviewing Azure App Service

- ▶ App Service Plans
  - ▶ Deployment Slots
  - ▶ Auto-Scaling
- ▶ Authentication and Authorization
  - ▶ Little to no code required





# Azure SQL

# ► Explore Azure SQL

- ▶ Learn Azure SQL Offerings
- ▶ Learn to create an Azure SQL Instance
- ▶ Learn how to connect an ASP.NET Core Web App
- ▶ Learn how to connect to an Azure App Service
- ▶ Understand key administration tasks



# ► Environment and Tools

- ▶ SQL Server Management Studio
- ▶ Azure Data Studio
- ▶ Visual Studio
  - ▶ ASP.NET Core
  - ▶ Entity Framework
- ▶ Azure App Service





# Azure SQL

# ► Examining Azure SQL

- ▶ Hosted relational database-as-a-service (DBaaS) . Falls into the *Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)* category.
- ▶ Best for applications that need the latest stable SQL Server features.
- ▶ Requires little to no administration.
- ▶ Fully managed SQL Server database engine and based on the latest stable Enterprise Edition of SQL Server.





# Azure SQL Deployment Models

- ▶ Single Database
  - ▶ Resources are isolated and managed by a logical SQL Server
  - ▶ Optimized for cloud-applications
  - ▶ Auto-scaling, auto-pause, and high availability built-in
- ▶ Elastic pool
  - ▶ Collection of database-sharing resources
  - ▶ Single databases can be imported
  - ▶ Optimized for multi-tenant SaaS applications
  - ▶ Cost-effective solution for managing multiple databases with different usage patterns.



# ► Benefits of Azure SQL

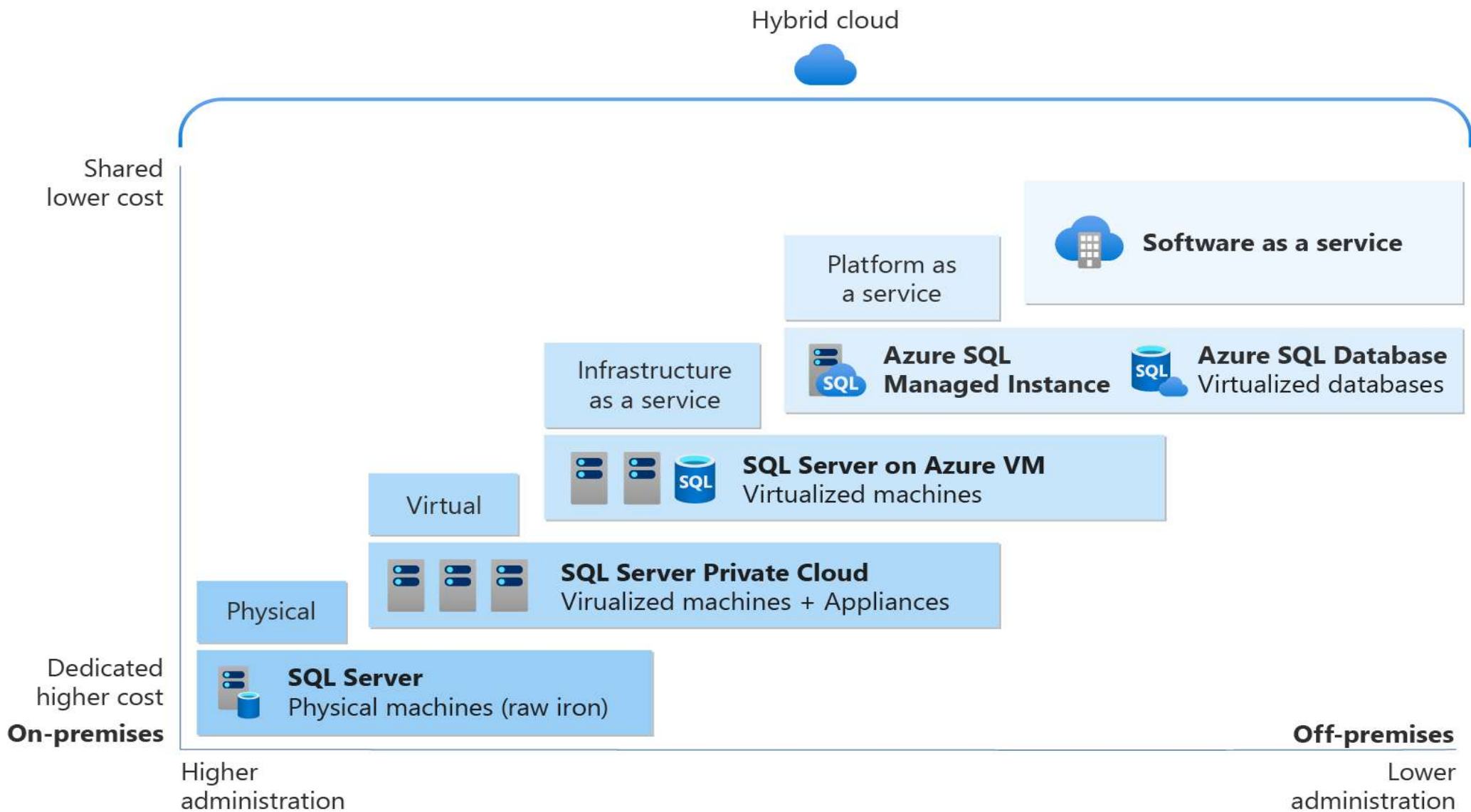
- ▶ Compatible with your favorite tools, including SQL Server Management Studio and Entity Framework.
- ▶ Databases in Azure SQL Database are reliable and robust, offering 99.99 percent uptime.
- ▶ Supports Geo-replication, replicating in real-time
- ▶ Features built-in encryption at rest and in transit
- ▶ Automatic auditing
- ▶ Automatic database tuning



# ► Other Azure SQL Offerings

- ▶ Azure SQL Managed Instance
  - ▶ *Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)*,
  - ▶ Best for most migrations to the cloud.
  - ▶ SQL Managed Instance is a collection of system and user databases
  - ▶ lift-and-shift ready.
- ▶ SQL Server on Azure VM
  - ▶ *Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS)*
  - ▶ Run SQL Server inside a virtual machine (VM) in Azure.





# MySQL, PostgreSQL, and MariaDB

- ▶ Azure provides MySQL, PostgreSQL, and MariaDB managed databases
- ▶ Just spin them up and don't have to worry about any of the underlying infrastructure.
- ▶ Just like Azure SQL Database and Azure Cosmos DB, these databases are universally available, scalable, highly secure, and fully managed.
- ▶ Easily replace your on-prem MySQL, PostgreSQL, and MariaDB databases with the cloud versions
- ▶ Enjoy the advantage of having it run fully managed in the cloud.





# Azure SQL Review

# ► Azure SQL Review

- ▶ How to publish Azure SQL
- ▶ Different Hosting options
- ▶ Learn to connect to Azure SQL with development tools
- ▶ Learn how to connect via Entity Framework Core
- ▶ Learn how to add Connection Strings in Azure Web App





# Azure Cosmos DB



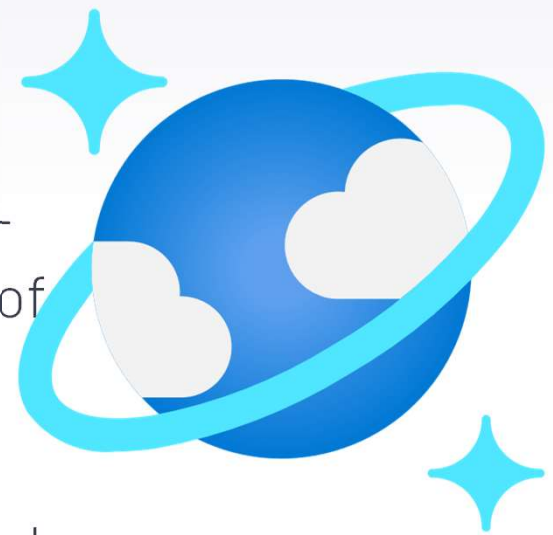
# ► Explore Azure Cosmos DB

- ▶ Learn Azure Cosmos DB
- ▶ Understand Azure Cosmos DB APIs
- ▶ Understand NoSQL Databases
- ▶ Use Azure Cosmos DB Local Emulator
- ▶ Perform CRUD operations with Cosmos Client with Blazor App



# ► Explore Azure Cosmos DB

- ▶ Azure Cosmos DB is a fully managed NoSQL and relational database for modern app development.
- ▶ Perfect for applications that need to respond in real-time to significant changes and increasing volumes of data.
- ▶ Azure Cosmos DB takes database administration off your hands with automatic management, updates and patching





# Azure Cosmos DB

# ► Azure Cosmos DB APIs

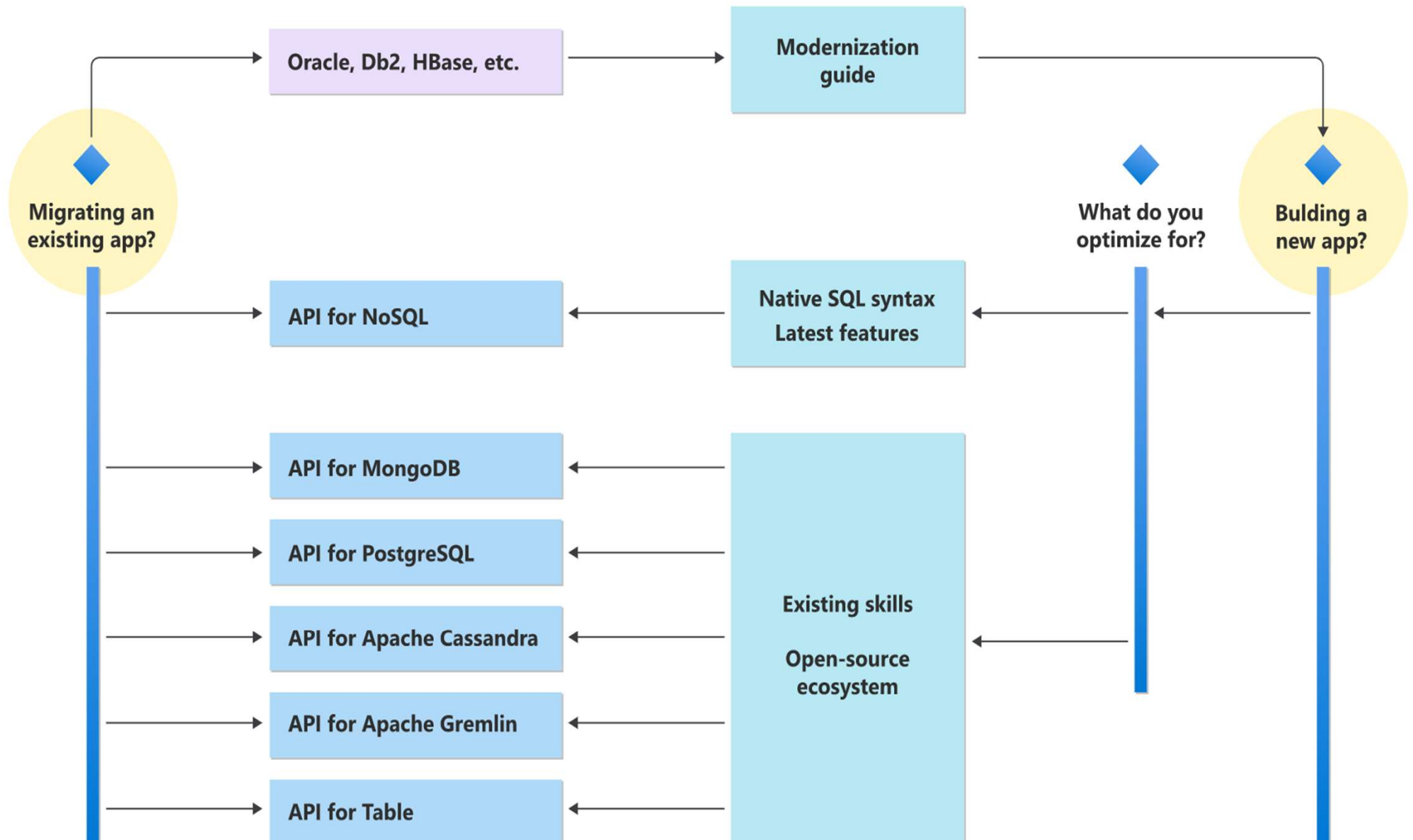
- ▶ Azure Cosmos DB offers multiple database APIs.
- ▶ Offers storage options using documents, key-value, graph, and column-family data models.
- ▶ Azure Cosmos DB can emulate various other database technologies without the overhead of management and scaling approaches.
- ▶ All APIs offer automatic scaling of storage and throughput, flexibility, and performance guarantees.



# ► Azure Cosmos DB APIs

- Offers multiple database APIs,
  - NoSQL - Recommended for new applications
  - MongoDB - Best for migrations
  - PostgreSQL - Best for migrations
  - Cassandra - Best for migrations
  - Gremlin - Best for migrations
  - Table - Key/value storage. Best for Migrations





# ► Azure Cosmos DB Parts

- ▶ Account
  - ▶ Databases
  - ▶ Containers
  - ▶ Items
- ▶ Unique endpoint
- ▶ Supports Stored Procedures and Triggers
- ▶ Supports SQL dialect





# Azure Cosmos DB



# ► Uses for Azure Cosmos DB

- ▶ Web, mobile, gaming, and IoT application that handle massive amounts of data reads and writes globally.
- ▶ Azure Cosmos DB's guarantees high availability, throughput, low latency, and tunable consistency.
- ▶ Automatic Azure region data replication with zero downtime with Strong consistency.



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# ► Design Considerations

- ▶ Uses JSON Objects to store data
- ▶ Uses primary key and partition key
- ▶ Partition key is used to categorize data and create logical partitions.
- ▶ Each logical partition can store up to 20 GB of data.
- ▶ Physical containers are created to host one or more logical containers



# ▶ Choosing a partition key

- ▶ Must be a value that doesn't change, string and have high cardinality
- ▶ If your container has a property with a wide range of possible values, it is a good partition key candidate.
  - ▶ For instance, the record ID. It has several possible values, but only one value per record.
- ▶ For large read-heavy containers, choose a partition key that frequently appears as a filter in your queries, like the key value



# ► Azure Cosmos DB Review

- ▶ How to create Azure Cosmos DB Account
- ▶ How to create a database using NoSQL API
- ▶ How to manipulate records using .NET Core
- ▶ How to use Data Explorer
- ▶ How to setup local emulation
- ▶ NoSQL data management
- ▶ How to design for partition keys

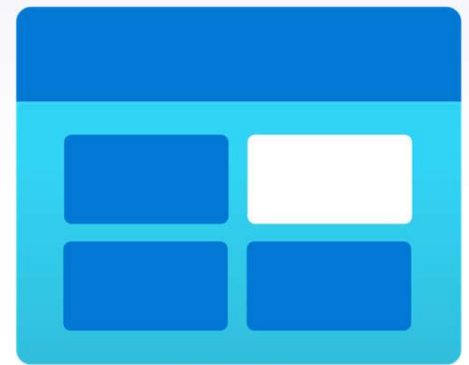




# Azure Storage Account

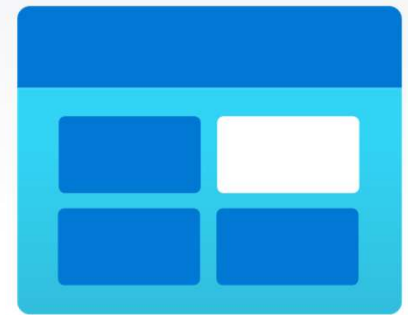
# ► Objectives

- ▶ Learn about Azure Storage Accounts
- ▶ Explore Azure Blob Storage
- ▶ Explore Azure Table Storage
- ▶ Explore Azure Queue Storage
- ▶ Work with Azure Storage and .NET Core



# ► Explore Azure Blob Storage

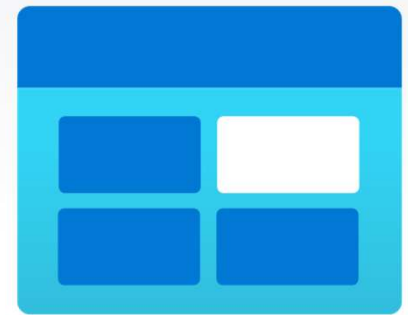
- ▶ Azure Blob Storage is a cloud-based storage service for unstructured like text files, images, and videos.
- ▶ It is a scalable, secure, and cost-effective solution for storing large amounts of data in the cloud.
- ▶ Supports security features such as encryption, authentication, and authorization to protect your data.
- ▶ Data can be accessed from anywhere worldwide via HTTP or HTTPS.
- ▶ Client libraries are available for different languages, including: .NET, Ruby, Java, among others





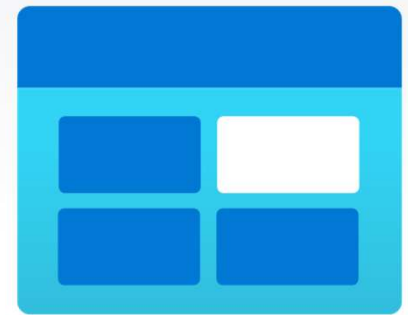
# Commonly Used For

- ▶ Serving images or documents directly to a browser.
- ▶ Storing files for distributed access.
- ▶ Streaming video and audio.
- ▶ Writing to log files.
- ▶ Storing data for backup and restore, disaster recovery, and archiving.
- ▶ Storing data for analysis by an on-premises or Azure-hosted service.



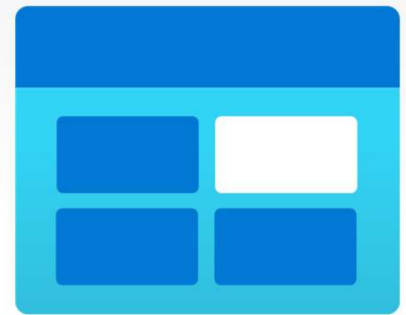
# Commonly Used For

- ▶ Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2, Microsoft's enterprise big data analytics solution for the cloud.
- ▶ Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 offers a hierarchical file system as well as the advantages of Blob Storage, including:
  - ▶ Low-cost, tiered storage
  - ▶ High availability
  - ▶ Strong consistency
  - ▶ Disaster recovery capabilities



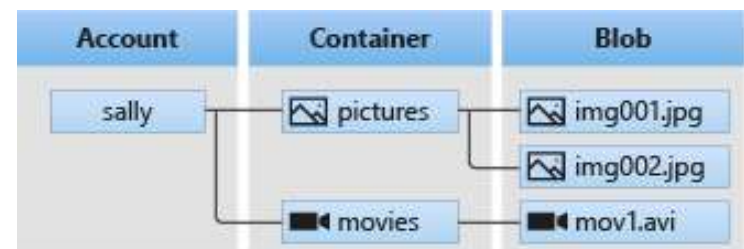
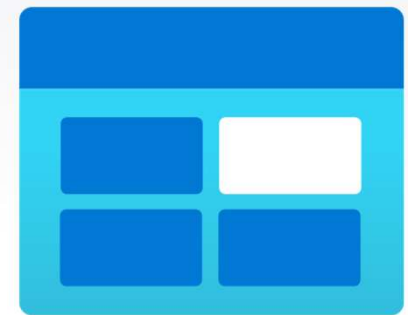
# Storage Tiers

- ▶ Hot
  - ▶ Frequently accessed data
  - ▶ Most Costly
- ▶ Cool
  - ▶ Infrequently accessed data
  - ▶ Less Costly
- ▶ Archive
  - ▶ Rarely accessed data
  - ▶ For extended file backups and least costly



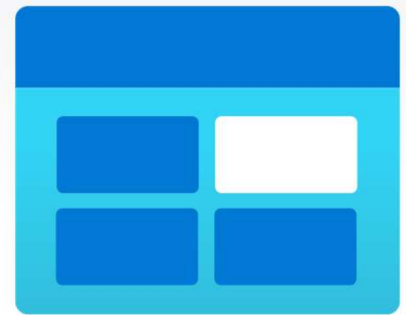
# Components

- ▶ The storage account
  - ▶ provides a unique namespace in Azure for your data.
  - ▶ Every object that you store in Azure Storage has an address that includes your unique account name.
- ▶ A container in the storage account
  - ▶ A container organizes a set of blobs, similar to a directory in a file system.
- ▶ A blob in a container



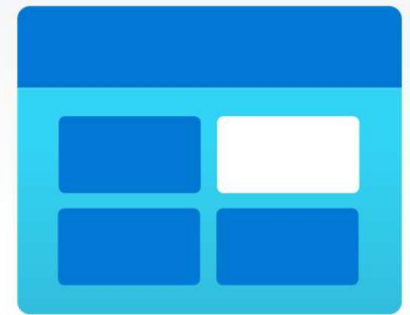
# Types of Blobs

- ▶ Block blobs
  - ▶ Store text and binary data.
  - ▶ Made up of data blocks storing up to about 190.7 TiB.
- ▶ Append blobs
  - ▶ Has blocks like block blobs, but are optimized for append operations.
  - ▶ Ideal for logging data from virtual machines or similar operations



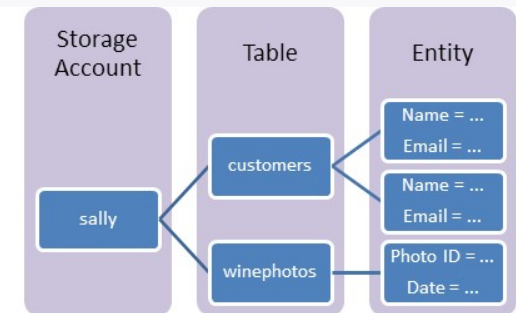
# Types of Blobs

- ▶ Page blobs
  - ▶ Store random access files up to 8 TiB in size.
  - ▶ Page blobs store virtual hard drive (VHD) files for Azure virtual machines.



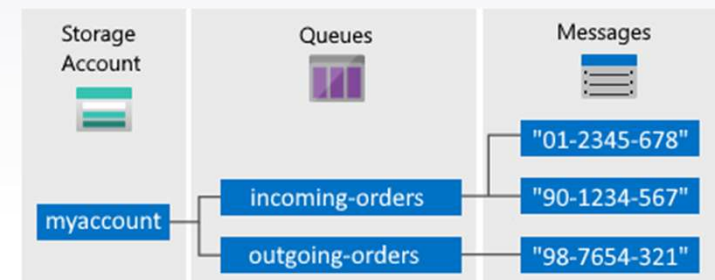
# Azure Table Storage

- ▶ A service that stores non-relational structured data (also known as structured NoSQL data) in the cloud, providing a key/attribute store with a schemaless design.
- ▶ Easily to adapts to your data as the needs of your application evolve.
- ▶ Access is fast and cost-effective and is typically lower in cost than traditional SQL for similar volumes of data.



# Azure Queue Storage

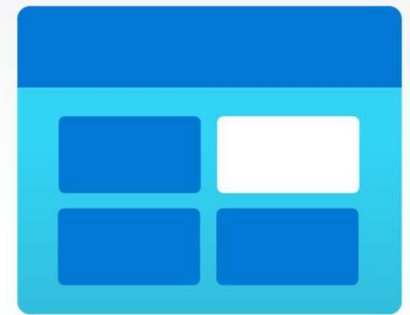
- ▶ Service for storing large numbers of messages.
- ▶ Messages can be accessed from anywhere via authenticated calls using HTTP or HTTPS.
- ▶ A queue message can be up to 64 KB in size.
- ▶ May contain millions of messages up to the total capacity limit of a storage account.
- ▶ Commonly used to create a backlog of work to process asynchronously.





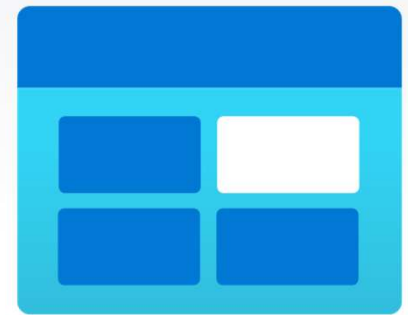
# Web Project

- ▶ Registration form for conference attendees
- ▶ ASP.NET MVC
  - ▶ Azure Table Storage
  - ▶ Azure Blob Storage
  - ▶ Azure Queue Storage
    - ▶ Console App



# ► Azure Storage Review

- ▶ How to create and manage a Storage Account
  - ▶ Blob, Table, and Queue Storage Services
- ▶ How to use Azure Portal and local storage browser clients to interact with services.
- ▶ Develop .NET Core Solution to use Storage Account
- ▶ Asynchronous communication using Queues (Pub-Sub pattern)





# Azure Service Bus

# ► Objectives

- ▶ Learn about Azure Service Bus
- ▶ Learn the difference between the Service Bus and Storage Queues
- ▶ Develop Publisher and Subscriber (Pub-Sub) code
- ▶ Understand how message brokers work



# ► Why use Messaging?

- ▶ Transfer business data between applications.
- ▶ Decouple applications
- ▶ Improve reliability and scalability of applications and services.
- ▶ Less data loss since the message broker will store the message if the consumer is not online.
- ▶ Allows for multiple consumers to process the same data simultaneously, without interfering with each other.



# ► Explore Azure Service Bus

- ▶ Fully managed enterprise message broker (PaaS)
- ▶ Supports message queues and publish-subscribe topics.
- ▶ Best for enterprise applications that need transactions, ordering, duplicate detection, strong consistency, and reliability.
- ▶ Supports features like first-in and first-out (FIFO), batching, transactions, dead-lettering, temporal control, routing and filtering, and duplicate detection



# ► Explore Azure Service Bus

- ▶ Supports Topics and subscriptions, enabling 1: $n$  relationships between publishers and subscribers.
- ▶ Allows you to do several operations in the scope of an atomic transaction. Results become visible to downstream consumers only upon success.
- ▶ Allows us to implement high-scale workflows and multiplexed transfers requiring strict message ordering or deferral.



# Explore Azure Service Bus

- ▶ Similar to RabbitMQ, Apache ActiveMQ.
- ▶ PaaS advantage:
  - ▶ No hardware failure
  - ▶ No OS and infrastructure maintenance required
  - ▶ Automated Backups
  - ▶ Failover Mechanisms





# ▶ Queue Storage

- ▶ Simple and flexible
- ▶ Queue Storage allows over 80GB of data in a queue
- ▶ Tracks progress for message processing, allowing several workers to process information in the event of failures
- ▶ Provides server-side logs of transactions in queues
- ▶ More costly than Service Bus
- ▶ Maximum Message live time is 7 days

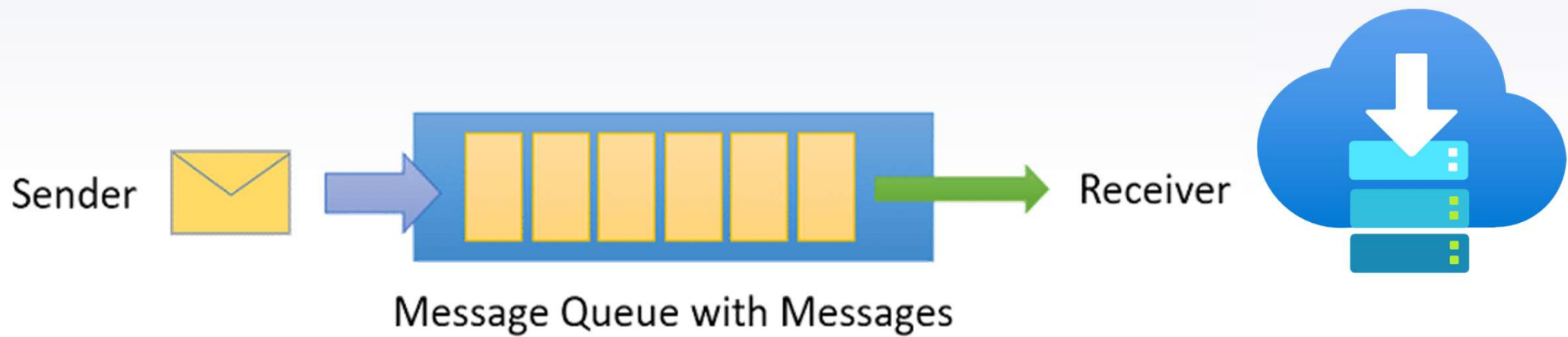


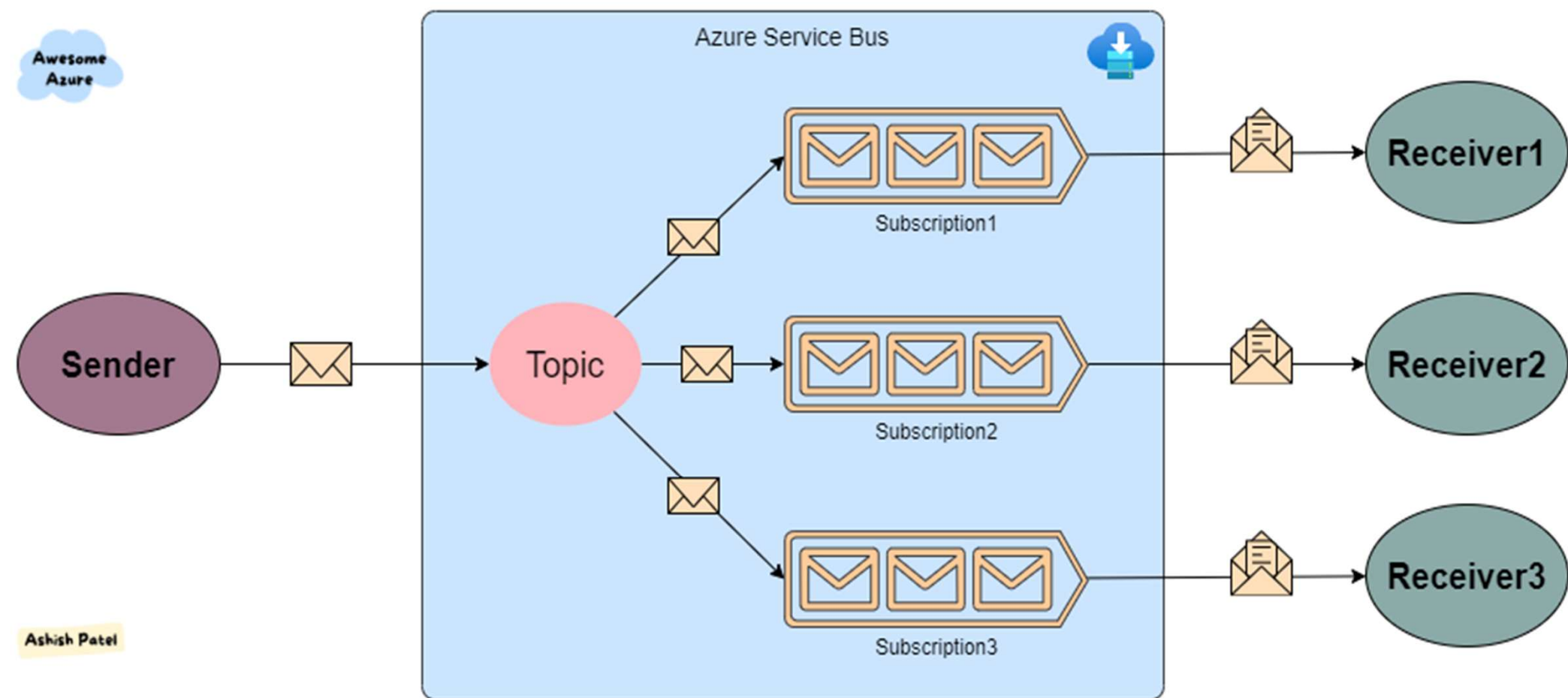
# ► Azure Service Bus

- ▶ Handles messages up to 1MB (as opposed to the 64KB limit on Queue Storage)
- ▶ Supports several enterprise-level features that ensure accurate message delivery
- ▶ Supports FIFO for ordered delivery
- ▶ Supports topics, a collection of queues
- ▶ Supports message transactions to ensure message consistency



# Queue





# Service bus Review

- ▶ How to create a Service Bus Namespace
- ▶ How to create a Queue
- ▶ How to create a topic
- ▶ How to Send and Receive Messages from Queues
- ▶ How to Topics and Subscriptions (Pub/Sub Pattern)





# Azure Functions

# ► Objectives

- ▶ Learn about Azure Functions
- ▶ Understand serverless architecture
- ▶ Develop Azure Functions with Azure Portal, Visual Studio, and Visual Studio Code.
- ▶ Learn how to build event-driven applications
- ▶ Use Durable Functions for workflows



# ▶ Exploring Azure Functions

- ▶ A serverless solution allowing you to
  - ▶ write less code,
  - ▶ maintain less infrastructure,
  - ▶ save on costs.
- ▶ Allows you to focus on writing code and not hardware and maintenance
- ▶ Allows us to develop event driven applications. Code runs when needed, based on some external factor
- ▶ Scalable and reliable solution





# ▶ Exploring Azure Functions

- ▶ Scenarios:

- ▶ RESTful API
- ▶ Process BLOB storage uploads and activities
- ▶ Real-time data processing (Azure SQL or Cosmos DB)
- ▶ Process messages in queues and service bus
- ▶ Scheduled tasks



# ▶ Exploring Azure Functions

- ▶ Supports several languages
  - ▶ C#
  - ▶ Java
  - ▶ JavaScript
  - ▶ PowerShell
  - ▶ Python
  - ▶ Rust/Go
  - ▶ TypeScript



# ► Exploring Azure Functions

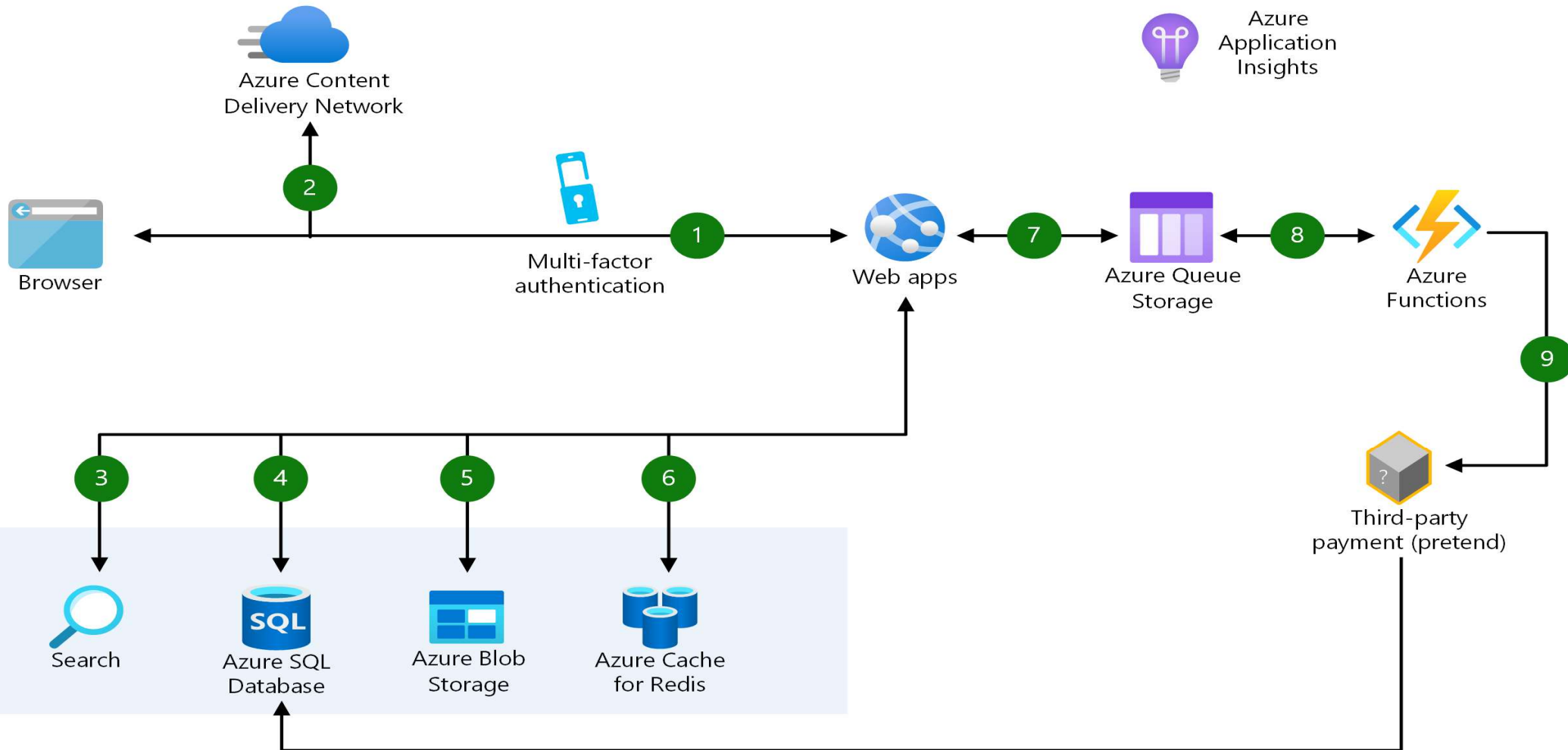
- ▶ Pricing options:
  - ▶ Consumption – Pay as You Go
  - ▶ Premium – Have preset resources allocated
  - ▶ App Service Plan – Host like an app service web app



# Serverless Architecture

- ▶ Minimizes time to delivery
- ▶ Fully managed services to boost developer productivity
- ▶ Optimizes resources and innovation
- ▶ Popular Azure Serverless Services:
  - ▶ Containers, Kubernetes, Functions, App Service, Service Bus, Event Grid, Cognitive Services (Bots, ML), Azure SQL, Cosmos DB, Blob Storage, Redis Cache, Azure AD





# ▶ Durable Functions

- ▶ *Durable Functions* allow you to write stateful functions in a serverless computing environment.
- ▶ Defines stateful workflows using *orchestrator functions* and *entity functions*
- ▶ Manages state, checkpoints, and restarts for you, allowing you to focus on your business logic.
- ▶ Simplifies **complex**, stateful coordination requirements in serverless applications.



# ▶ Durable Functions

- ▶ Pattern 1:
  - ▶ Function Chaining.
  - ▶ Executes functions in a sequence
  - ▶ One output can be used for the following function
- ▶ Pattern 2
  - ▶ Fan-in/Fan-out
  - ▶ Parallel execution of functions
  - ▶ Waits on all to finish before moving on



# ▶ Durable Functions

- ▶ *Other patterns*

- ▶ *Aggregator – collect data over a period to be used in one operation*
- ▶ *Human interaction – allows us to pause an operation pending human input (like an approval). Can be made to account for timeouts*
- ▶ *Monitor – Polls until conditions are met*
- ▶ *Async HTTP APIs – Can accept work and process in the background. The client can check on the status over time. Good for long-running operations*





# ▶ Section Review

- ▶ Learned to create Azure Functions
- ▶ Learned how to develop serverless solutions with Azure Services
- ▶ Used Visual Studio and Visual Studio Code for development
- ▶ Created a durable function
- ▶ Deployed Azure Functions App with several functions and bindings to different services

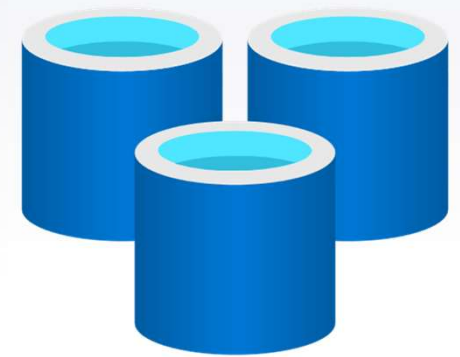




# Azure Cache for Redis

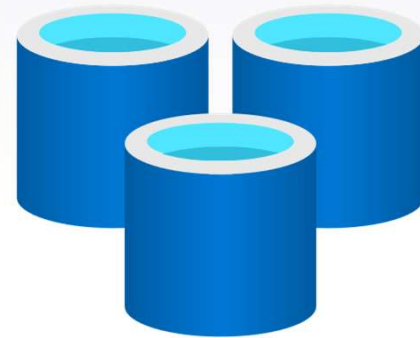
# ► Objectives

- ▶ Learn about Azure Redis Cache
- ▶ Understand why caching is important
- ▶ Provision Azure Redis Cache service
- ▶ Develop a .NET Core solution with caching features.



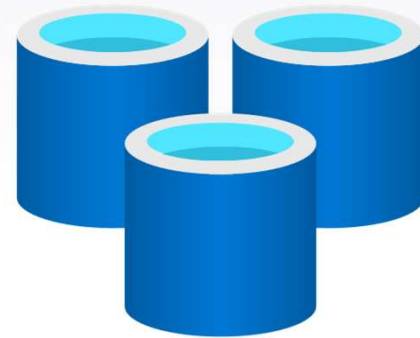
# ► What is caching?

- ▶ A cache is a high-speed data storage layer that stores a subset of typically transient data.
- ▶ Future requests for that data are served up faster than is possible by accessing the data's primary storage location.
- ▶ A cache typically stores a subset of data that is typically stored in databases
- ▶ Caching allows you to reuse previously retrieved or computed data efficiently.



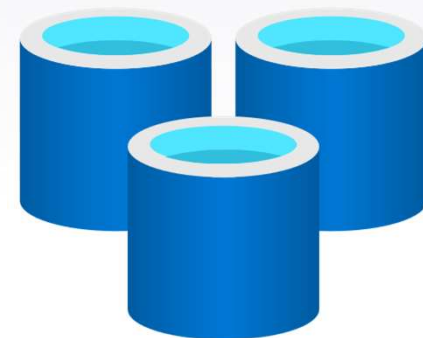
# Redis Cache

- ▶ An open-source in-memory data store used as a:
  - ▶ database,
  - ▶ cache,
  - ▶ streaming engine,
  - ▶ message broker.
- ▶ Redis has a large community of developers, architects, and contributors.
- ▶ Low latency solution for decreasing the load on the main data store.



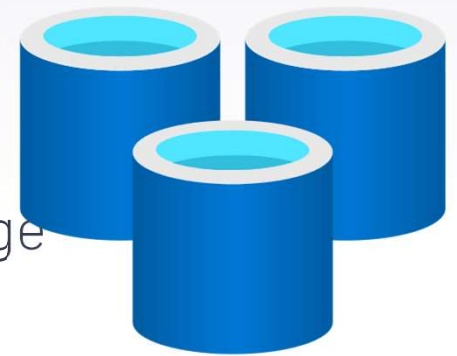
# ► Redis Cache

- ▶ Redis supports 5 data types:
  - ▶ Strings – store strings up to 512 megabytes in size
  - ▶ Hashes – maps between string fields and values or key-value pairs.
  - ▶ Lists – list of strings sorted by insertion order. Add values to the head or tail
  - ▶ Sets – unordered collection strings that can be managed
  - ▶ Ordered Sets – like sets, but entries are scored and ordered.



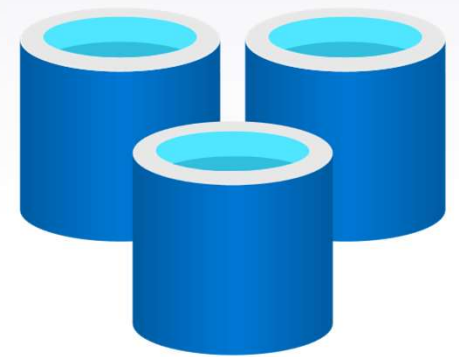
# ▶ Exploring Azure Cache for Redis

- ▶ Azure Cache for Redis provides a managed cloud solution based on the Redis software.
- ▶ Azure Cache for Redis provides:
  - ▶ critical low-latency and high-throughput data storage
  - ▶ secure and dedicated Redis server instances
  - ▶ full Redis API compatibility.
- ▶ Can be used as a distributed data or content cache, a session store, a message broker, and more.



# ▶ API Project

- ▶ Simple CRUD using Database
- ▶ Setup Local Redis Cache
  - ▶ Integrate with Redis for Read/Write operations
  - ▶ Provision Azure Cache for Redis
  - ▶ Use Azure Cache in code



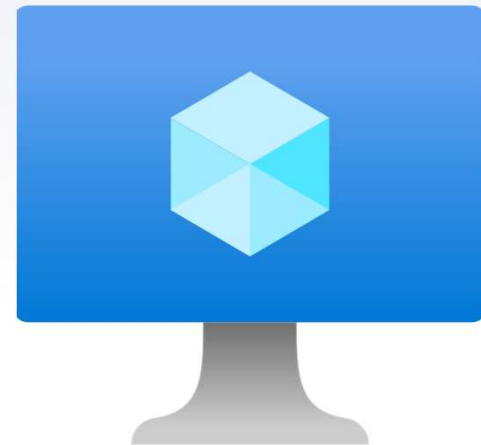




# Azure Virtual Machines

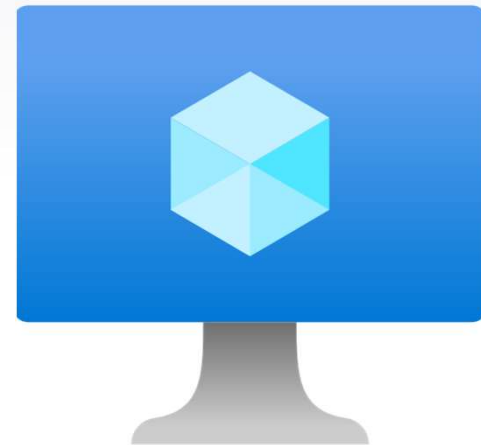
# Section Overview

- ▶ Learn virtual machines
- ▶ Understand IaaS
- ▶ Provision Virtual Machines
  - ▶ Azure Portal
  - ▶ Azure PowerShell
  - ▶ Azure CLI
  - ▶ ARM Templates



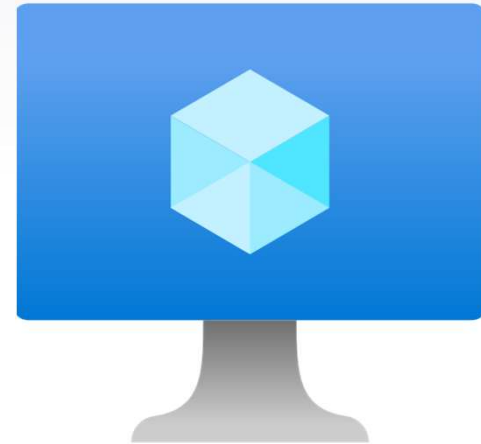
# ► Infrastructure as a Service

- ▶ A cloud service model that offers infrastructure resources, such as:
  - ▶ compute, storage,
  - ▶ networking,
  - ▶ machine virtualization
- ▶ Helps you to reduce maintenance of on-premises infrastructure and save money on hardware costs.
- ▶ Gives you the flexibility to scale your IT resources based on demand.



# ► Infrastructure as a Service

- ▶ All PaaS and SaaS services rely on IaaS resources
- ▶ IaaS resources can be provisioned and managed by customer
- ▶ Easy for lift and shift migration without completely reconfiguring architecture
- ▶ Reduces CapEx and improves SLAs
- ▶ Improves business continuity and disaster recovery
- ▶ Increased security



# ► Infrastructure as a Service



Azure Virtual Machines



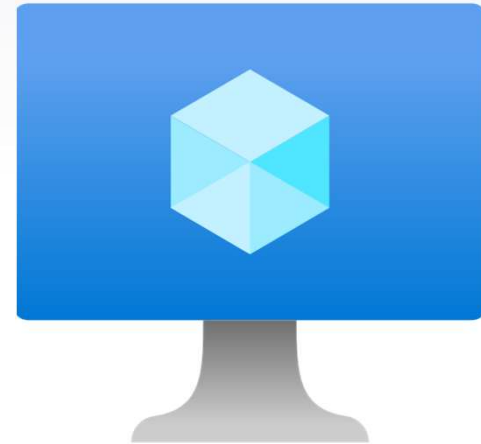
Azure Disk Storage



Azure networking

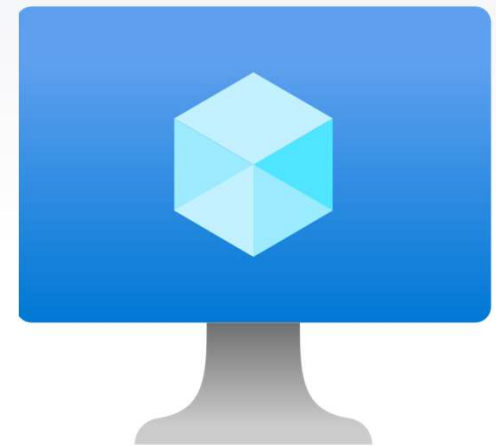


Security



# Section Review

- ▶ Learned about IaaS and the benefits
- ▶ Provisioned Virtual Machine and supporting resources using:
  - ▶ Azure Portal
  - ▶ CLI and PowerShell
  - ▶ ARM Templates
- ▶ Connected to Virtual Machine via RDP





# Azure Containers

# Section Overview

- ▶ Learn about containerization
- ▶ Setup and use Docker locally
- ▶ Containerize .NET Core Project
- ▶ Understand Azure Container Instances
- ▶ Understand Azure Container Registry
- ▶ Review Kubernetes





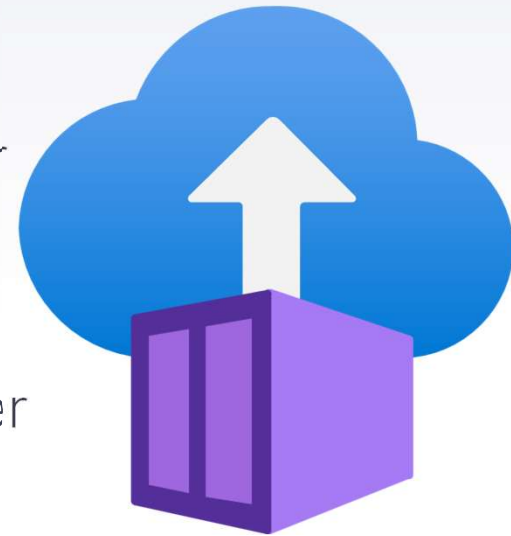
# ► Understanding Containers

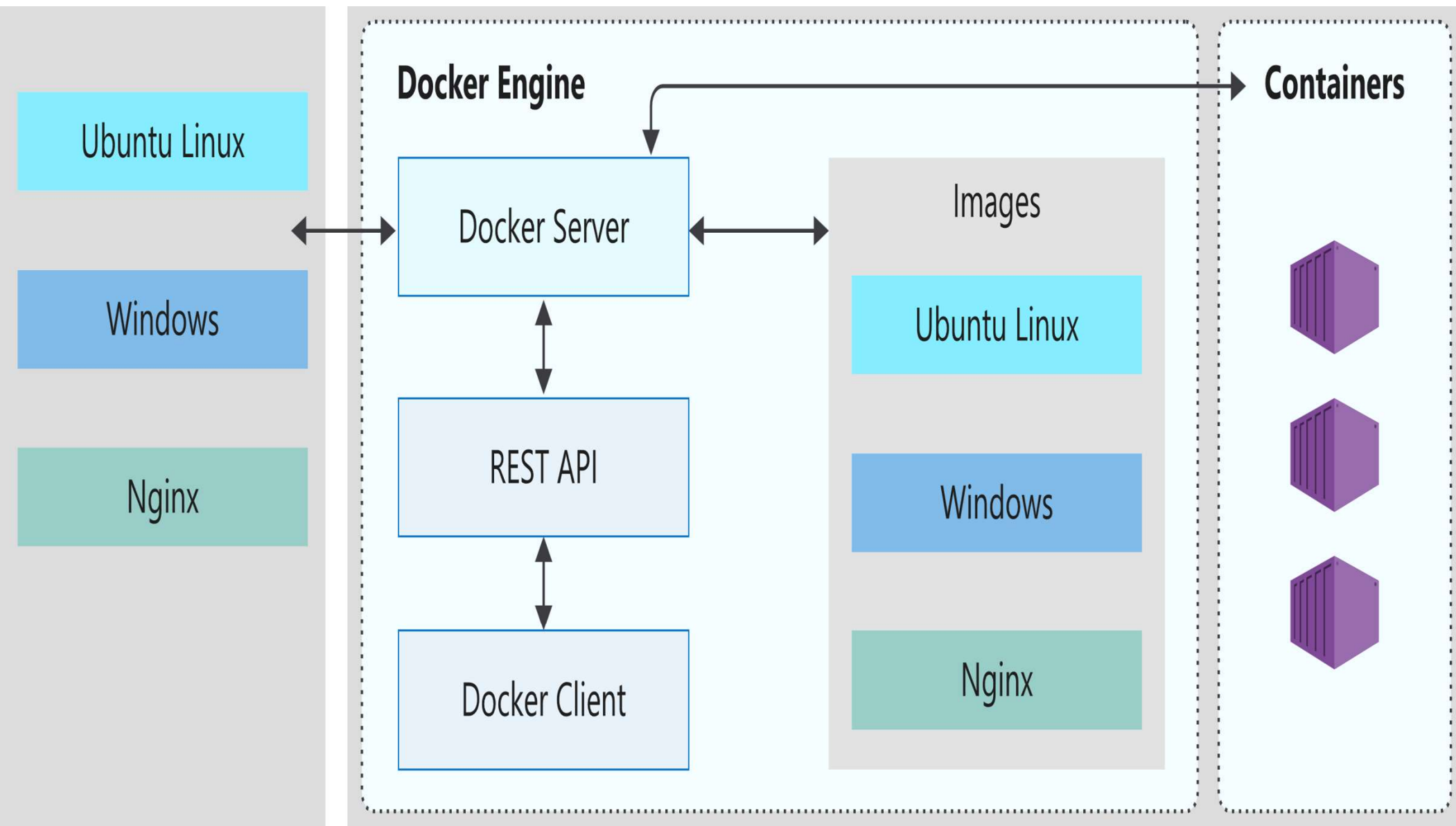
- ▶ A container is a standard unit of software that packages up code and all its dependencies, so the application runs quickly and reliably from one computing environment to another. (*source: [www.docker.com](http://www.docker.com)*)
- ▶ The problem?
  - ▶ Cost of virtualization
  - ▶ Differences in environments (dev, QA, prod)
  - ▶ Portability (changing hosting, OS, etc.)



# ► Understanding Containers

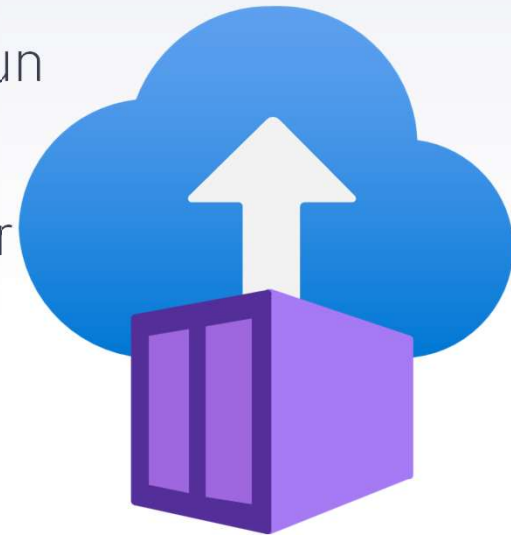
- Benefits of containers:
  - **Portability:** Docker created the industry standard for containers, so they could be portable anywhere
  - **Lightweight:** Containers share the machine's OS system kernel and therefore do not require an OS per application.
  - **Secure:** Applications are safer in containers.
  - **Immutable:** An image will always be the same when it is created.





# ► Using Docker

- ▶ A containerization platform used to develop, ship, and run containers.
- ▶ Doesn't use a hypervisor, and you can run Docker on your desktop or laptop if you're developing and testing applications.
- ▶ Supports Linux, Windows, and macOS.
- ▶ Supports production workloads for many variants of Linux and Microsoft Windows Server 2016 and above.
- ▶ Supported by many cloud providers, including Microsoft Azure



# ► Using DockerHub

- ▶ Docker Hub is a Software as a Service (SaaS) Docker container registry.
- ▶ Docker registries store and distribute the container images we create.
- ▶ Docker Hub is the default public registry Docker uses for image management.
- ▶ Supports public and private repositories



# Azure Containers

- ▶ Azure Container Instances
  - ▶ Loads and runs Docker images on demand.
  - ▶ Can retrieve an image from a registry, such as Docker Hub or Azure Container Registry.
- ▶ Azure Container Registry
  - ▶ A managed Docker registry service based on the open-source Docker Registry 2.0.
  - ▶ Private and hosted in Azure,
  - ▶ Allows you to build, store, and manage images for all types of container deployments.



# ► Using Kubernetes

- ▶ Offers reliable scheduling and orchestration for fault-tolerant application workloads.
- ▶ Provides a declarative approach to deployments, backed by a robust set of APIs for management operations.
- ▶ Provides container management for organizing, adding, removing, or updating several containers at a time.



# ► Using Kubernetes

- ▶ Abstracts useful tasks such as:
  - ▶ Self-Healing
  - ▶ Scaling
  - ▶ Network management
  - ▶ Storage
  - ▶ Container updates
  - ▶ Secret management







## Kubernetes Cluster

Control plane

kube-api-server

controller

scheduler

etcd

kubelet

kube-proxy

Container Runtime

Node

kubelet

kube-proxy

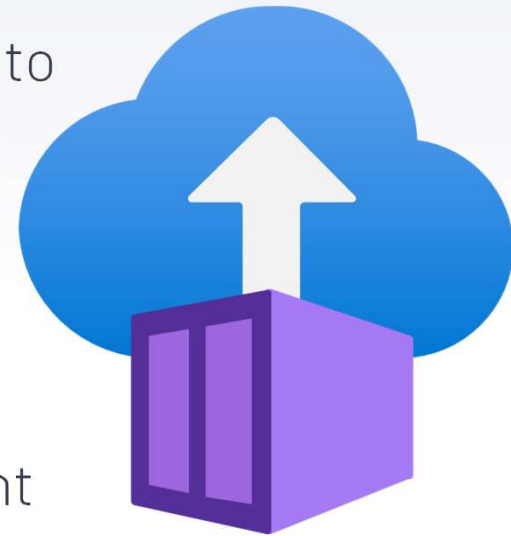
Container Runtime

Node



# Azure Kubernetes Service

- ▶ Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) offers the quickest way to develop and deploy containerized apps in Azure.
- ▶ Full power of Kubernetes and orchestration, backed by Microsoft Azure
- ▶ Offers more orchestration and management than Azure Container Instances. Can be thought of as a management service for ACI.



# Section Review

- ▶ Learned about containerization and Docker
- ▶ Containerized .NET Core Project
  - ▶ Dockerfile
  - ▶ Additional resources
- ▶ Deployed app to Azure Container Instances
- ▶ Created Container image for Azure Container Registry
- ▶ Reviewed Kubernetes and Container Orchestration





Azure AD

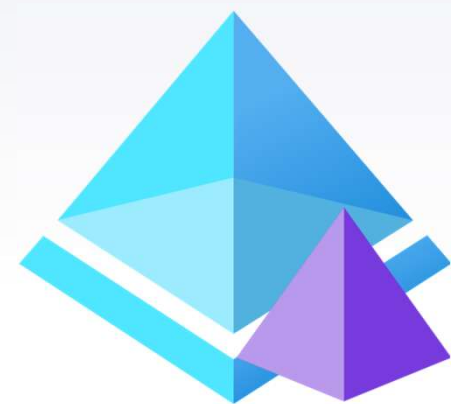
# Section Overview

- ▶ Learn Azure AD
  - ▶ B2B – Business to Business (Internal facing)
  - ▶ B2C – Business to Customer (External facing)
- ▶ Learn to create an Azure Tennant
- ▶ Learn to develop a Single-Sign-On solution
  - ▶ Secure API with token
  - ▶ Understand OAuth2.0 Code Flow
  - ▶ Learn 'On Behalf Of' Flow



# Version Check

- ▶ Visual Studio 2022
- ▶ .NET 5.0 (Out-Of-Support)
  - ▶ Startup.cs
  - ▶ Program.cs
    - ▶ `services.AddAuthentication(...);`
- ▶ .NET 6/7/8
  - ▶ Program.cs
    - ▶ `builder.Services.AddAuthentication(...);`



# ► Understanding Azure AD

- ▶ Managed offering of Active Directory
- ▶ Enables your employees to access external resources like Microsoft 365, the Azure portal, and thousands of other SaaS applications.
- ▶ An OpenId Connect and OAuth2.0 identity provider
- ▶ Has two offerings:
  - ▶ Azure Active Directory (Internal)
  - ▶ Azure AD B2C (External)



# Section Review

- ▶ Create an Azure Tennant
- ▶ Learned Azure AD
  - ▶ Register an application
  - ▶ Setup Users, roles, claims
- ▶ Created and configured ASP.NET Core applications
  - ▶ OAuth2.0 Code Flow
  - ▶ On Behalf of Flow







# Conclusion

# Course Review

- ▶ Getting started with Azure
  - ▶ Account creation
  - ▶ Cloud Hosting options
- ▶ Azure Management Tools
  - ▶ Portal, CLI, and PowerShell
- ▶ Azure Service configurations and provisioning
  - ▶ Web, SQL, Cosmos DB, Functions, Storage, Messaging, Active Directory



# Course Review

- ▶ Serverless Architecture
- ▶ Infrastructure as a Service
  - ▶ Virtual machines
  - ▶ VNET
  - ▶ Storage Disks
- ▶ Docker, Containers and Registries
- ▶ Azure Active Directory



# Course Review

- ▶ .NET Core Development
  - ▶ Visual Studio and VS Code (w/ dotnet CLI)
- ▶ Azure SDKs and packages
  - ▶ Cosmos DB Clients
  - ▶ Queue, Table and BLOB Storage
  - ▶ Service Bus senders and receivers
  - ▶ Azure Functions



THANK YOU

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