Azure Administrator Role

The Azure Administrator implements, manages, and monitors identity, governance, storage, compute, and virtual networks in a cloud environment. The Azure Administrator will provision, size, monitor, and adjust resources as appropriate. Candidates should have a minimum of six months of hands-on experience administering Azure. Candidates should have a strong understanding of core Azure services, Azure workloads, security, and governance. Candidates for this exam should have experience in using PowerShell, the Command Line Interface, Azure Portal, and ARM templates.

Course Description

This course teaches IT Professionals how to manage their Azure subscriptions, secure identities, administer the infrastructure, configure virtual networking, connect Azure and on-premises sites, manage network traffic, implement storage solutions, create and scale virtual machines, implement web apps and containers, back up and share data, and monitor your solution.

Level: Intermediate

Course Audience

This course is for Azure Administrators. Azure Administrators manage the cloud services that span storage, networking, and compute cloud capabilities, with a deep understanding of each service across the full IT lifecycle. They take end-user requests for new cloud applications and make recommendations on services to use for optimal performance and scale, as well as provision, size, monitor and adjust as appropriate. This role requires communicating and coordinating with vendors. Azure Administrators use the Azure Portal and as they become more proficient, they use PowerShell and the Command Line Interface.

Prerequisites

Successful Azure Administrators start this role with experience in virtualization, networking, identity, and storage.

- Understanding on-premises virtualization technologies, including: VMs, virtual networking, and virtual hard disks.
- Understanding network configurations, including TCP/IP, Domain Name System (DNS), virtual private networks (VPNs), firewalls, and encryption technologies.
- Understanding Active Directory concepts, including users, groups, and role-based access control.
- Understanding resilience and disaster recovery, including backup and restore operations.

You can gain the prerequisites and a better understanding of Azure by completing the following online training modules. This free training will give you the experience you need to get the most out of this course.

- AZ-104: Prerequisites for Azure Administrators.
- Azure Fundamentals part 1: Describe core Azure concepts
- Azure Fundamentals part 2: Describe core Azure services
- Azure Fundamentals part 3: Describe core solutions and management tools on Azure
- Azure Fundamentals part 4: Describe general security and network security features
- Azure Fundamentals part 5: Describe identity, governance, privacy, and compliance features
- Azure Fundamentals part 6: Describe Azure cost management and service level agreements

Expected learning

- Secure identities with Azure Active Directory and users and groups.
- Manage subscriptions, accounts, Azure policies, and Role-Based Access Control.
- Administer Azure using the Resource Manager, Azure Portal, Cloud Shell, Azure PowerShell, CLI, and ARM templates.
- Configure virtual networks including planning, IP addressing, Azure DNS, Network Security Groups, and Azure Firewall.
- Configure intersite connectivity solutions like VNet Peering, virtual network gateways, and Site-to-Site VPN connections.
- Manage network traffic using network routing and service endpoints, Azure Load Balancer, and Azure Application Gateway.
- Implement, manage, and secure Azure storage accounts, blob storage, and Azure files with File Sync.
- Plan, create, and scale virtual machines.
- Administer Azure App Service, Azure Container Instances, and Kubernetes.
- Backup files, folders, and virtual machines.

 Monitor the Azure infrastructure with Azure Monitor, Azure alerts, Log Analytics, and Network Watcher.

Course Outline

Module 01 – Administer Identity

In this module, you will learn how to secure identities with Azure Active Directory and implement users and groups. This module includes:

- Configure Azure Active Directory
- Configure Users and Groups
- Lab 01 Manage Azure Active Directory Identities

Module 02 – Administer Governance and Compliance

In this module, you will learn about managing your subscriptions and accounts, implementing Azure policies, and role-based access control. This module includes:

- Configure Subscriptions and Accounts
- Configure Azure Policy
- Configure Role-based Access Control (RBAC)
- Lab 02a Manage Subscriptions and RBAC
- Lab 02b Manage Governance via Azure Policy

Module 03 – Administer Azure Resources

In this module, you will learn about the tools an Azure Administrator uses to manage their infrastructure. This includes the Resource Manager, Azure Portal, Cloud Shell, Azure PowerShell, CLI, and Azure Resource Manager Templates. This module includes:

- Configure Azure Resources with Tools
- Use Azure Resource Manager
- Configure Resources with ARM Templates
- Lab 03a Manage Azure resources by Using the Azure Portal
- Lab 03b Manage Azure resources by Using ARM Templates
- Lab 03c Manage Azure resources by Using Azure PowerShell (optional)
- Lab 03d Manage Azure resources by Using Azure CLI (optional)

Module 04 – Administer Virtual Networking

In this module, you will learn about basic virtual networking concepts like virtual networks and subnetting, IP addressing, network security groups, Azure Firewall, and Azure DNS. This module includes:

- Configure Virtual Networks
- Configure Network Security Groups
- Configure Azure Firewall
- Configure Azure DNS

Lab 04 - Implement Virtual Networking

Module 05 – Administer Intersite Connectivity

In this module, you will learn about intersite connectivity features including VNet Peering, VPN Gateway Connections, ExpressRoute, and Virtual WAN. This module includes:

- Configure VNet Peering
- Configure VPN Gateway
- Configure ExpressRoute and Virtual WAN
- Lab 05 Implement Intersite Connectivity

Module 06 - Administer Network Traffic

In this module, you will learn about network traffic strategies including network routing, Azure Load Balancer, and Azure Application Gateway. This module includes:

- Configure Network Routing and Endpoints
- Configure Azure Load Balancer
- Configure Azure Application Gateway
- Lab 06 Implement Traffic Management

Module 07 - Administer Azure Storage

In this module, you will learn about basic storage features including storage accounts, blob storage, storage security, Azure files and File Sync, and managing storage (tooling). This module includes:

- Configure Storage Accounts
- Configure Blob Storage
- Configure Storage Security
- Configure Azure Files and File Sync
- Configure Storage with Tools
- Lab 07 Manage Azure Storage

Module 08 - Administer Azure Virtual Machines

In this module, you will learn about Azure virtual machines including planning, creating, availability and extensions. This module includes:

- Configure Virtual Machines
- Configure Virtual Machine Availability
- Configure Virtual Machine Extensions
- Lab 08 Manage Virtual Machines

Module 09 - Administer PaaS Compute Services

In this module, you will learn how to administer computing features like Azure App Service Plans, Azure App Service, Container Services, and Azure Kubernetes Service.

Configure Azure App Service Plans

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- Configure Azure App Service
- Configure Azure Container Instances
- Configure Azure Kubernetes Service
- Lab 09a Implement Web Apps
- Lab 09b Implement Azure Container Instances
- Lab 09c Implement Azure Kubernetes Service

Module 10 – Administer Data Protection

In this module, you will learn about backing up files and folders, and virtual machine backups. This module includes:

- Configure File and Folder Backups
- Configure Virtual Machine Backups
- Lab 10 Implement Data Protection

Module 11 - Administer Monitoring

In this module, you will learn about monitoring your Azure infrastructure including Azure Monitor, alerting, and log analytics. This module includes:

- Configure Azure Monitor
- Configure Azure Alerts
- Configure Log Analytics
- Configure Network Watcher
- Lab 11 Implement Monitoring