

# Writing and Testing Precompiled Azure Functions in Visual Studio 2017

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## GETTING STARTED IN VISUAL STUDIO



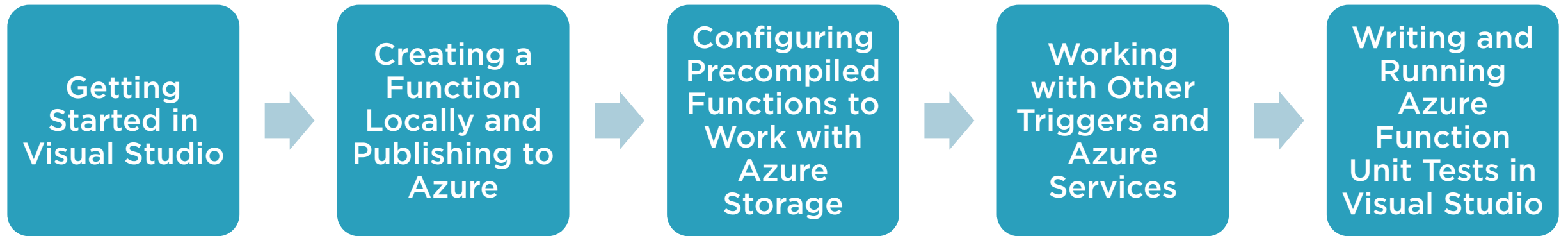
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# Course Overview



# Overview



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Core concepts overview

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An introduction to Azure Function code attributes

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# Why Azure Functions?



**Fully managed compute environment**

**High reliability**

**Security**

**Auto-scaling**

**Pay-per-use (Consumption plan)**

**Less boilerplate code to write/maintain**

**Integrate easily with range of services**



# Benefits of Precompiled Functions

**Normal C# classes, not .csx C# script files**

**Familiar environment of Visual Studio**

- IntelliSense
- Debugging, breakpoints, etc.
- NuGet package manager
- Test Explorer
- 3rd party tools (e.g. ReSharper, etc.)

**Local Azure Functions runtime  
environment**

**Create unit test projects**

**Better cold-start performance**

- .csx compiled when first request

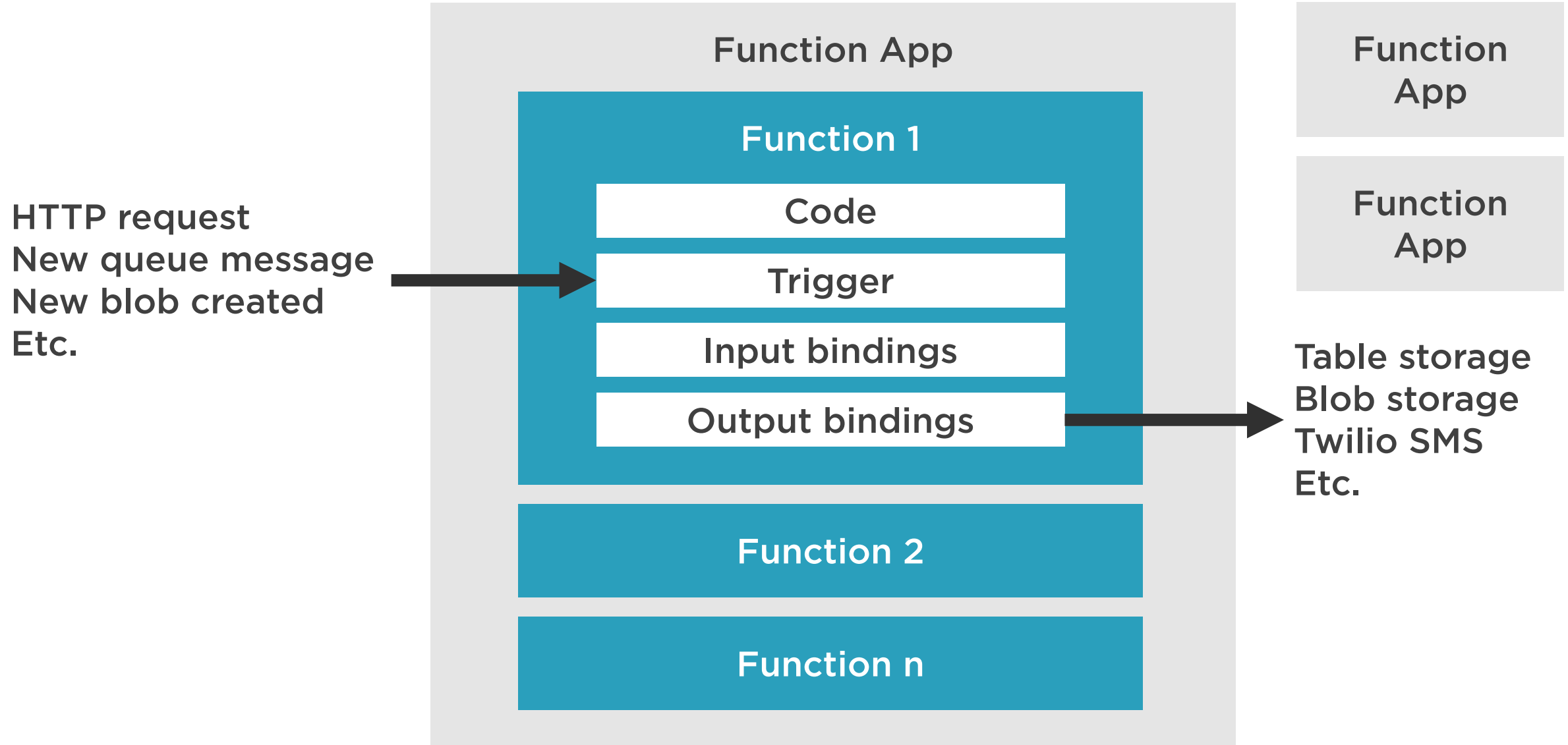


# “Azure Functions Fundamentals”

by Mark Heath



# Core Concepts Overview



# An Overview of Creating Precompiled Functions in Visual Studio

**Create Azure account**

**Create new Azure Functions project in Visual Studio**

**Add one or more functions to the project**

- Select trigger type
- Create function C# class file
- Basic trigger information configured
- Trigger and binding attributes

**Compile**

**Run & debug functions locally**

**Add unit test project**

**Publish functions to Azure**





# Azure Functions Core Tools command line interface

[github.com/Azure/azure-functions-cli](https://github.com/Azure/azure-functions-cli)



# An Introduction to Azure Function Code Attributes

```
[FunctionName("ValidateApplication")]
```

```
[HttpTrigger] [BlobTrigger] [QueueTrigger] ...
```

```
[Queue] [Blob] [Table] [ServiceBus] [EventHub] ...
```



```
[FunctionName("MakeApplication")]
```

```
public static async Task<HttpResponseMessage> Run(
```

```
    [HttpTrigger(AuthorizationLevel.Anonymous, "post", Route = null)]
```

```
    HttpRequestMessage req,
```

```
    [Blob("submitted-applications/{rand-guid}")]
```

```
    TextWriter applicationBlobStorage,
```

```
    TraceWriter log)
```

```
{
```

```
    // function code
```

```
}
```



# Summary



## Why Azure Functions?

- Pay-per-use
- Auto-scaling

## Core concepts

- Function code
- Triggers & bindings
- Function apps

**An overview of creating precompiled functions in Visual Studio**

**[FunctionName] [HttpTrigger]**

**Setting up the development environment**

**Created an Azure Functions project in Visual Studio**



Next:

Creating a Function Locally and  
Publishing to Azure

