

Encrypting Data with Always Encrypted



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Overview



Why encrypt data in Azure SQL Database?

Understanding Azure SQL Database “Always Encrypted”

Deterministic vs. randomized encryption

Demo: Azure SQL Database Always Encrypted

- A new secure column in the *contact* table
- Update *MyAddressBook+* code
- Randomized vs. deterministic

Other Azure SQL encryption options

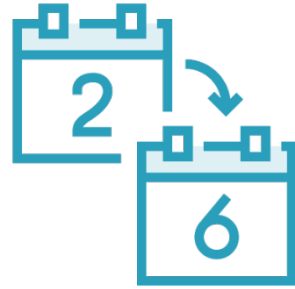
Module summary



Sensitive Information



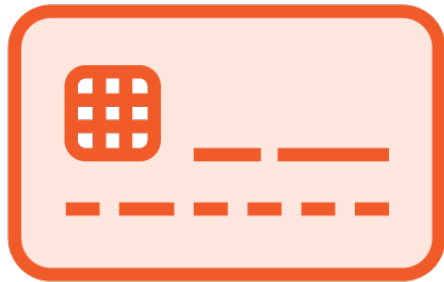
Email address



Date of birth



Phone number



Social security
number



Salary



Password

Why Encrypt Data in Azure SQL Database?



Bad Guys

Hackers Could access your database files, then they can see confidential information



Good Guys

DBAs have full access over your database. Should they see your information?



Azure SQL Database “Always Encrypted”

**Data encryption technology
available in Azure SQL
Database and SQL Server**

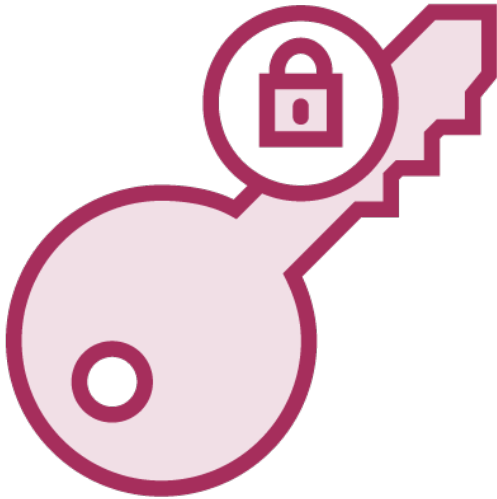
**Protect sensitive data at rest
on the server**

**During movement between
client and server**

**Ensuring that sensitive data
never appears as plaintext
inside the database system**



Who Can See the Data Then?



Users/Accounts

Who have the encryption key

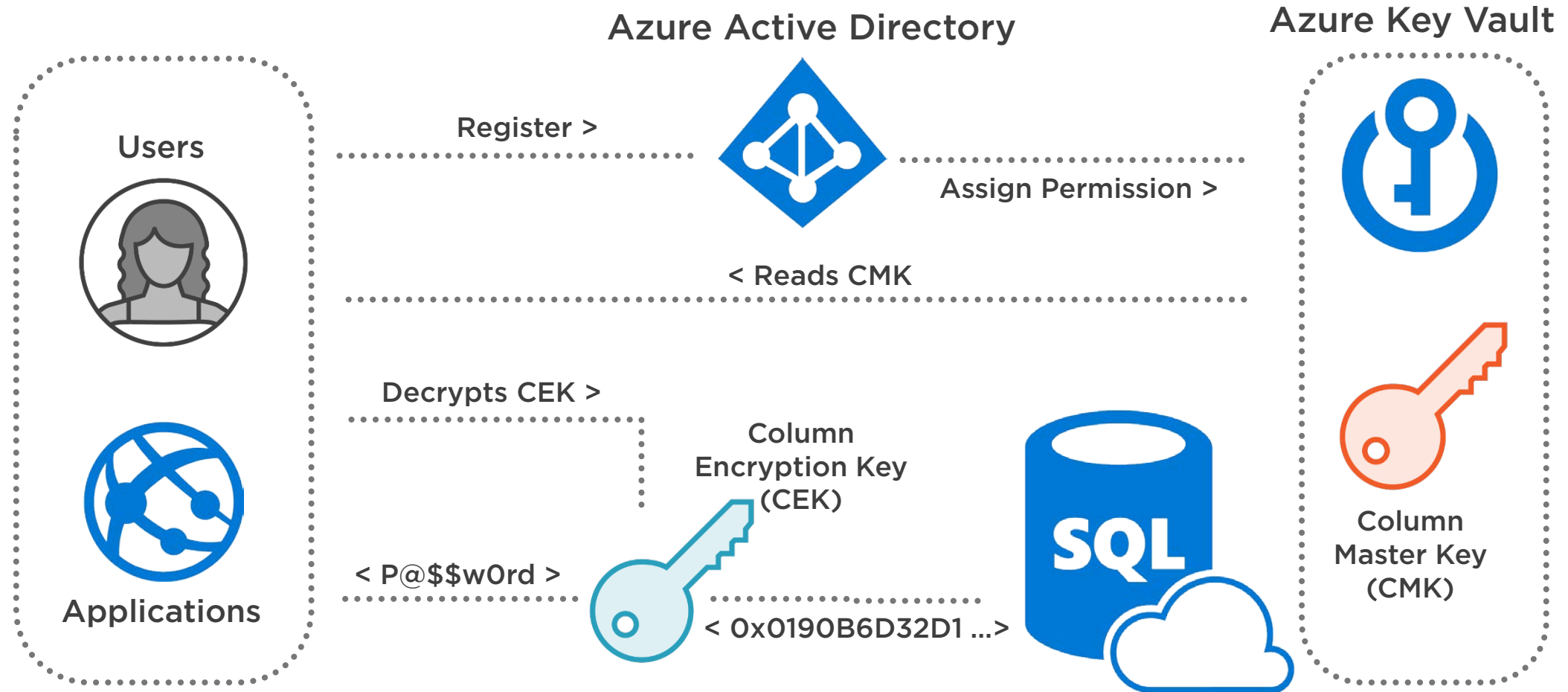


Applications/Services

Which have the encryption key



How Does “Always Encrypted” Work?



Column Encryption Types

Randomized

Generates different encrypted value for the same plain text

More secure, the encrypted values are difficult to guess

Prevents searching, grouping, indexing, and joining on encrypted columns

Confidential comments, not searched

Deterministic

Generates the same encrypted value for any given plain text

Easy to guess specially for small set of possible encrypted values

Allows lookups, equality joins, grouping and indexing on encrypted columns

Government ID number, emails, etc.



Demo



Add a SIN number column to the contacts table

Configure Always Encrypted for the new column

- Storing CMK in Azure Key Vault

Update *MyAddressBook+* code to work with the new updates

Randomized vs. deterministic encryption in action

Confirm that *MyAddressBook+* can encrypt and decrypt the data



Install-Package

Microsoft.SqlServer.Management.AlwaysEncrypted.AzureKeyVaultProvider

Install-Package Microsoft.IdentityModel.Clients.ActiveDirectory

Code Changes for Always Encrypted

Install above *NuGet* packages



Column Encryption Setting=Enabled

Code Changes for Always Encrypted

Enable “Always Encrypted” in the connection string



```
static void InitializeAzureKeyVaultProvider()  
  
public async static Task<string> GetToken(string authority, string  
resource, string scope)
```

Code Changes for Always Encrypted

Register the Azure Key Vault provider with ADO.NET, so the CMK can be read from Key Vault at runtime



```
DynamicParameters parameter = new DynamicParameters();  
parameter.Add("@SIN_Number", contact.SIN_Number, DbType.String,  
ParameterDirection.Input, 9);
```

Code Changes for Always Encrypted
Use query parameters with fixed length in your queries



Other Azure SQL Encryption Options

Always Encrypted

Client Side, data is
“always encrypted” in
transition & in the SQL
database

Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)

Server side, encrypts SQL Server,
Azure SQL Database, and Azure
SQL Data Warehouse data files
(at rest)



Demo



Examining Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) option on the server level

Examining Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) option on the database level



Summary



The need to encrypt Azure SQL data

Azure SQL Database Always Encrypted

Deterministic or randomized encryption

Demo: Azure SQL Database
Always Encrypted

Other Azure SQL encryption options

