

Lab 09a - Implement Web Apps

Lab scenario

You need to evaluate the use of Azure Web apps for hosting Contoso's web sites, hosted currently in the company's on-premises data centres. The web sites are running on Windows servers using PHP runtime stack. You also need to determine how you can implement DevOps practices by leveraging Azure web apps deployment slots.

Objectives

In this lab, you will:

- Task 1: Create an Azure web app
- Task 2: Create a staging deployment slot
- Task 3: Configure web app deployment settings
- Task 4: Deploy code to the staging deployment slot
- Task 5: Swap the staging slots
- Task 6: Configure and test autoscaling of the Azure web app

Instructions

Exercise 1

Task 1: Create an Azure web app

In this task, you will create an Azure web app.

1. Sign in to the [Azure portal](#).
2. In the Azure portal, search for and select **App services**, and, on the **App Services** blade, click + **Add**.
3. On the **Basics** tab of the **Web App** blade, specify the following settings (leave others with their default values):

Setting	Value
Subscription	the name of the Azure subscription you are using in this lab
Resource group	the name of a new resource group az104-09a-rg1
Web app name	any globally unique name
Publish	Code
Runtime stack	PHP 7.3
Operating system	Windows
Region	the name of an Azure region where you can provision Azure web apps
App service plan	accept the default configuration

- Click **Next: Monitoring >**, on the **Monitoring** tab of the **Web App** blade, set the **Enable Application Insights** switch to **No**, click **Review + create**, and then click **Create**.

Note: Typically, you would want to enable **Application Insights**, however, its functionality is not used in this lab.

Note: Wait until the web app is created before you proceed to the next task. This should take about a minute.

- On the deployment blade, click **Go to resource**.

Task 2: Create a staging deployment slot

In this task, you will create a staging deployment slot.

- On the blade of the newly deployed web app, click the **URL** link to display the default web page in a new browser tab.

2. Close the new browser tab and, back in the Azure portal, in the **Deployment** section of the web app blade, click **Deployment slots**.

Note: The web app, at this point, has a single deployment slot labelled **PRODUCTION**.

3. Click + **Add slot**, and add a new slot with the following settings:

Setting	Value
Name	staging
Clone settings from	Do not clone settings

4. Back on the **Deployment slots** blade of the web app, click the entry representing the newly created staging slot.

Note: This will open the blade displaying the properties of the staging slot.

5. Review the staging slot blade and note that its URL differs from the one assigned to the production slot.

Task 3: Configure web app deployment settings

In this task, you will configure web app deployment settings.

1. On the staging deployment slot blade, in the **Deployment** section, click **Deployment Centre**.

Note: Make sure you are on the staging slot blade (rather than the production slot).

2. In the **Continuous Deployment (CI/CD)** section, select **Local Git**, and then click **Continue**.
3. Select **App Service build service**, click **Continue**, and then click **Finish**.
4. Copy the resulting **Git Clone Url** to Notepad.

Note: You will need the Git Clone Url value in the next task of this lab.

5. Click **Deployment Credentials** toolbar icon to display **Deployment Credentials** pane.
6. Click **User credentials**.

- Complete the required information, and then click **Save Credentials**.

Setting	Value
User name	any unique name
Password	Pa55w0rd1234

- Note:** You will need these credentials in the next task of this lab.

Task 4: Deploy code to the staging deployment slot

In this task, you will deploy code to the staging deployment slot.

- In the Azure portal, open the **Azure Cloud Shell** by clicking on the icon in the top right of the Azure Portal.
- If prompted to select either **Bash** or **PowerShell**, select **PowerShell**.

Note: If this is the first time you are starting **Cloud Shell** and you are presented with the **You have no storage mounted** message, select the subscription you are using in this lab, and click **Create storage**.

- From the Cloud Shell pane, run the following to clone the remote repository containing the code for the web app.

```
git clone https://github.com/Azure-Samples/php-docs-hello-world
```

- From the Cloud Shell pane, run the following to set the current location to the newly created clone of the local repository containing the sample web app code.
- Set-Location -Path \$HOME/php-docs-hello-world/
- From the Cloud Shell pane, run the following to add the remote git (make sure to replace the [deployment_user_name] and [git_clone_url] placeholders with the value of the **Deployment Credentials** user name and **Git Clone Url**, respectively, which you identified in previous task):
- git remote add [deployment_user_name] [git_clone_url]

Note: The value following git remote add does not have to match the **Deployment Credentials** user name, but has to be unique

- From the Cloud Shell pane, run the following to push the sample web app code from the local repository to the Azure web app staging deployment slot (make sure to replace the [deployment_user_name] placeholder with the value of the **Deployment Credentials** user name, which you identified in previous task):

9. `git push [deployment_user_name] master`
10. If prompted to authenticate, type the [deployment_user_name] and the corresponding password (**Pa55w0rd1234**).
11. Close the Cloud Shell pane.
12. On the staging slot blade, click **Overview** and then click the **URL** link to display the default web page in a new browser tab.
13. Verify that the browser page displays the **Hello World!** message and close the new tab.

Task 5: Swap the staging slots

In this task, you will swap the staging slot with the production slot

1. Navigate back to the blade displaying the production slot of the web app.
2. In the **Deployment** section, click **Deployment slots** and then, click **Swap** toolbar icon.
3. On the **Swap** blade, review the default settings and click **Swap**.
4. Click **Overview** on the production slot blade of the web app and then click the **URL** link to display the web site home page in a new browser tab.
5. Verify the default web page has been replaced with the **Hello World!** page.

Task 6: Configure and test autoscaling of the Azure web app

In this task, you will configure and test autoscaling of Azure web app.

1. On the blade displaying the production slot of the web app, in the **Settings** section, click **Scale out (App Service plan)**.
2. Click **Custom autoscale**.
Note: You also have the option of scaling the web app manually.
3. Leave the default option **Scale based on a metric** selected and click **+ Add a rule**
4. On the **Scale rule** blade, specify the following settings (leave others with their default values):

Setting	Value
Metric source	Current resource
Time aggregation	Maximum
Metric namespace	App Service plans standard metrics
Metric name	CPU Percentage
Operator	Greater than
Metric threshold to trigger scale action	10
Duration (in minutes)	1
Time grain statistic	Maximum
Operation	Increase count by
Instance count	1
Cool down (minutes)	5

- Note:** Obviously these values do not represent a realistic configuration, since their purpose is to trigger autoscaling as soon as possible, without extended wait period.
- Click **Add** and, back on the **az10408vmss0 - Scaling** blade, specify the following settings (leave others with their default values):

Setting	Value
Instance limits Minimum	1
Instance limits Maximum	2

Setting	Value
Instance limits Default	1

7. Click **Save**.
8. In the Azure portal, open the **Azure Cloud Shell** by clicking on the icon in the top right of the Azure Portal.
9. If prompted to select either **Bash** or **PowerShell**, select **PowerShell**.
10. From the Cloud Shell pane, run the following to identify the URL of the Azure web app.

```
11. $rgName = 'az104-09a-rg1'
12. $webapp = Get-AzWebApp -ResourceGroupName $rgName
```

13. From the Cloud Shell pane, run the following to start and infinite loop that sends the HTTP requests to the web app:

```
while ($true) { Invoke-WebRequest -Uri $webapp.DefaultHostName }
```

14. Minimize the Cloud Shell pane (but do not close it) and, on the web app blade, in the **Monitoring** section, click **Process explorer**.

Note: Process explorer facilitates monitoring the number of instances and their resource utilization.

15. Monitor the utilization and the number of instances for a few minutes.

Note: You may need to **Refresh** the page.

16. Once you notice that the number of instances has increased to 2, reopen the Cloud Shell pane and terminate the script by pressing **Ctrl+C**.

17. Close the Cloud Shell pane.

Clean up resources

Note: Remember to remove any newly created Azure resources that you no longer use. Removing unused resources ensures you will not see unexpected charges.

1. In the Azure portal, open the **PowerShell** session within the **Cloud Shell** pane.

2. List all resource groups created throughout the labs of this module by running the following command:

```
Get-AzResourceGroup -Name 'az104-09a*'
```

3. Delete all resource groups you created throughout the labs of this module by running the following command:

```
Get-AzResourceGroup -Name 'az104-09a*' | Remove-AzResourceGroup -Force -AsJob
```

Note: The command executes asynchronously (as determined by the `-AsJob` parameter), so while you will be able to run another PowerShell command immediately afterwards within the same PowerShell session, it will take a few minutes before the resource groups are actually removed.

Review

In this lab, you have:

- Created an Azure web app
- Created a staging deployment slot
- Configured web app deployment settings
- Deployed code to the staging deployment slot
- Swapped the staging slots
- Configured and test autoscaling of the Azure web app