Migration Using Azure SQL Managed Instance

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Introduction

Azure SQL Database Managed Instance is a new deployment model of Azure SQL Database, providing near 100% compatibility with the latest SQL Server on-premises (Enterprise Edition) Database Engine. Managed Instance allows existing SQL Server customers to lift and shift their on-premises applications to the cloud with minimal application and database changes. At the same time, Managed Instance preserves all PaaS capabilities (automatic patching and version updates, automated backups, high-availability), that drastically reduces management overhead and TCO. This lab walks you through the steps to create a Managed Instance.

For more information: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/sql-database/sql-database-managed-instance-get-started

Migration using SQL Managed Instance

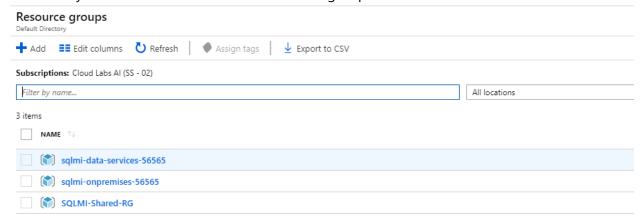
Exercise 0: Verify the Pre-deployed resources

Overview

You are given access to a pre-deployed SQL Managed Instance and SQL Server 2008 VM along with Data Migration Service which is pre-deployed in Azure

Task 1: Connect to Azure Portal

- 1. Launch a browser and navigate to https://portal.azure.com. Once prompted, login with the Azure Credentials from the Lab Details Page.
- 2. In the Stay signed in? pop-up window, click No
- 3. In the Welcome to Microsoft Azure pop-up window, click Maybe Later Note: If you receive a pop-up for Azure Advisor, click the X in the top right corner of the pop-up to close it.
- 4. You will be directed to the dashboard.
- 5. From the left side of the Page, select Resource Groups
- 6. Note that you will have access to three Resource groups:



7. SQL Server 2008 VM is deployed in ODL-onpremises-**** Resource group and the SQLMI-Shared-RG has Managed Instance. Resource Group named sqlmi-data-services**** contains Data Migration Service and Azure Data Factory

Exercise 1: View and Backup the Database

Overview

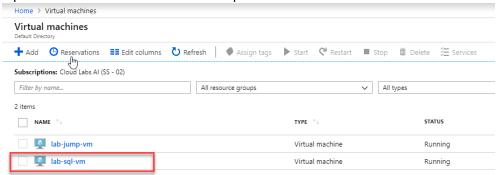
In this lab we are focusing on the offline database migration of an SQL 2008 database from "on-premises" to an Azure SQL Managed Instance (SQL-MI).

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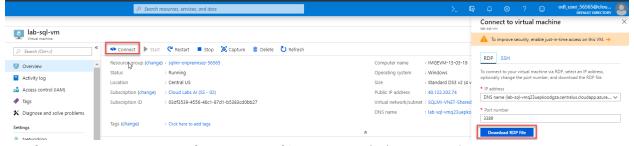
- * On-premise connectivity to Azure via virtual network gateway or ExpressRoute
- * Secure Azure Virtual Network connectivity configuration for on-premises connectivity

Task 1: View the data

- 1. Launch Azure Portal and Browse through Virtual Machine
- 2. Open Virutal Machine named lab-sql-vm



3. Click on Connect and Download RDP File. Launch the RDP file once downloaded.



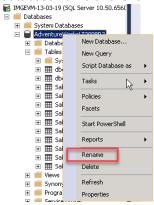
- 4. Use **demouser** as username as **demopassword1!** as password when connecting.
- Open SSMS (SQL Server Management Studio) from the SQL Server VM to launch SQL Server 2008 Management application



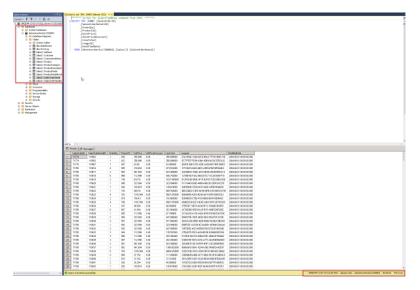
- On the Connect to Server dialog click the Authentication drop down and choose SQL Server Authentication. Leave Server Name as default
- 7. Enter "labuser" for Login
- 8. Enter "demopassword1!" for the Password and click Connect



9. In SQL Server Management Studio's Object Explorer tree view open the Databases node. You should see a database named **AdventureWorksLT2008R2**. We need to rename this database first to avoid conflict when migrating to MI with other users in the class. Right Click on the database name and Click **Rename**.



- 10. Add your Name or deploymentID(In Azure Portal, your resource group ends with a number), you can use any of these as suffix to **AdventureWorksLT2008R2** and click **Enter**.
- 11. Drill down to the SalesLT.SalesOrderDetail table in the object explorer tree by double clicking on Databases, **AdventureWorksLT2008R2**, Tables
- 12. Right click on SalesLT.SalesOrderDetail and choose Select Top 1000 Rows
- 13. Make a note of the row count on the bottom right of the results windows.



Task 2: Backup the database

Azure Data Migration Service will use the backup file to initialize the target database before starting the process of capturing the oning transactions. In this section we will create the backup which contains the schema and data. Azure's Data Migration Service requires that your backup has Perform checksum enabled so we need to make sure that is turned on.

- In object explorer right click on the database AdventureWorksLT2008R2, and select New Query
- 2. In the query window **enter** the following Transact SQL (T-SQL) to create the backup file and press execute

```
USE [master]
ALTER DATABASE [AdventureWorksLT2008R2] SET RECOVERY FULL WITH NO_WAIT
BACKUP DATABASE [AdventureWorksLT2008R2] TO DISK =
N'c:\Backup\aw.bak' WITH NOFORMAT, NOINIT, NAME =
N'AdventureWorks-Full Database Backup', SKIP, NOREWIND, NOUNLOAD,
STATS = 10, CHECKSUM declare @backupSetId as int select
@backupSetId = position from msdb..backupset where
database_name=N'AdventureWorksLT2008R2' and backup_set_id=(select
max(backup_set_id) from msdb..backupset where
database_name=N'AdventureWorksLT2008R2') if @backupSetId is null
begin raiserror(N'Verify failed. Backup information for database
''AdventureWorksLT2008R2'' not found.', 16, 1) end RESTORE
VERIFYONLY FROM DISK = N'c:\Backup\aw.bak' WITH FILE =
@backupSetId, NOUNLOAD, NOREWIND
```

3. Congratulations you have backed up the AdventureWorks database. Next we will run the Data Migration Assistant to check on database compatibility. Backup is stored in C:\Backup\aw.bak



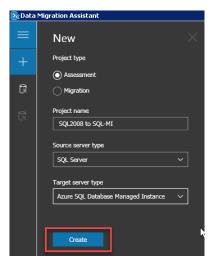
Exercise 2: Check Database Compatibility for Migration

Overview

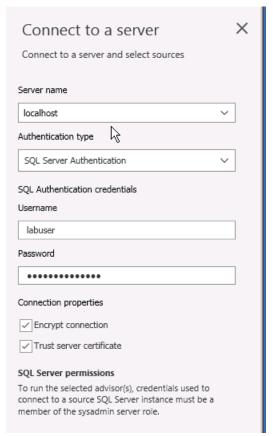
A best practice is to download and run this Microsoft's Data Migration Assistant in order to see if there are any issues that you may encounter before you start down the path of migration.

Task 1: Check with Microsoft's Data Migration Assistant

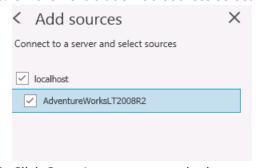
- 1. Minimize the Sql Server Management Studio window to see the Desktop. We will come back to SSMS later.
- 2. Double click the Microsoft's Data Migration Assistant desktop icon to launch Microsoft's Data Migration Assistant
- 3. On the left column near the top click the plus "+" sign to start a new project
- 4. Under Project type Assessment should be selected
- 5. For Project name enter the following **SQL2008 to SQL-MI**
- 6. Source server type **SQL Server** should be selected
- 7. For Target server type click the drop down and select **Azure SQL Database Managed Instance**
- 8. Click Create



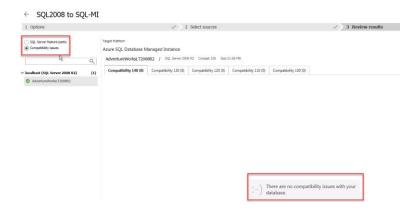
- 9
- 10. On the next screen ensure Check database compatibility and Check feature parity are selected
- 11. On the bottom right click **Next**
- 12. On the right in the Connect to a server blade enter the following for Server name: **localhost**
- 13. For Authentication type click the drop down and select **SQL Server Authentication**
- 14. For Username enter the following: labuser
- **15.** For Password enter the following: **demopassword1!**
- 16. Ensure both Encrypt connection and Trust server certificate are **checked**
- 17. At the bottom click **Connect**



18. On the next blade Add sources select AdventureWorks and click Add at the bottom



- 19. Click Start Assessment on the bottom right
- 20. You should see the result.
- 21. On the left under Options you may now click Compatibility issues and should see a similar successful notice
- 22. Click the X in the upper right to close the Data Migration Assistant application
- 23. On the pop-up question dialog click Yes to lose all the work
- 24. Congratulations you have delivered on a best practice.



Exercise 3: Offline Data Migration

Overview

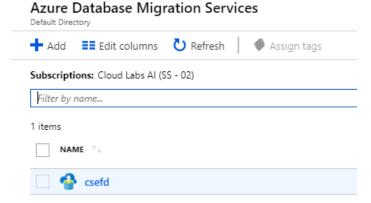
In offline migration mode you need to perform full backup which we did earlier. Configure and srun the DMS activity. DMS will take these files from local share, upload it to Azure Storage account, and then restore the database on SQL MI.

Follow these steps to create a DMS migration project and start the migration. This is the bulk of the demo and has a lot of instructions so be sure to keep scrolling down until you are done.

Task 1: Start Migration

Create DMS Project

- 1. Open the Azure portal browser session you created earlier
- On the Dashboard tile, select All resources, search Azure Database Migration Services and select the resource you have access, to open the Data Management Service Note: The Overview information shows the Virtual network information. For DMS to work it needs connectivity to both the source and destination databases.
- 3. You should see a pre-created DMS Service. Open that.



4. On the DMS blade at the top click + **New Migration Project**Note: If the button is grayed out, there is also a 'New Migration Project' button toward the middle of the window.



- 5. On the New migration project blade, for Project name enter SQL-2008-XPRESSMigrate-2008
- For Source server type select SQL Server
 Note: This drop down shows the current list of supported databases. Microsoft will continue to add to this list. Based on the source you choose, the Target server type populates with supported targets.
- 7. For the Target server type choose Azure SQL Database Managed Instance
- 8. Click on Choose type of activity to review the list of options. Select **Offline data migration**Note: Different Source and Targets may have different options for activity (example: schema only migration). As Microsoft continues to improve DMS this drop down will have more migration activity options.
- 9. On the Type of activity blade choose **Save**
- 10. On the bottom of New migration project blade choose **Create and run** activity

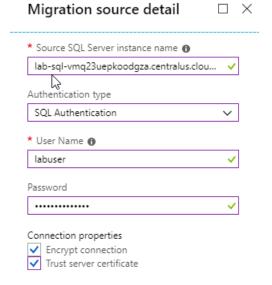
 Note: You have just created the DMS project and now the Migration Wizard is being launched.



Migration Source Details

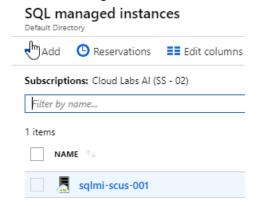
- 11. On step 1 Select source, in the Migration Source Details blade, in the Source SQL server instance name field enter IP Address/DNS Name of the SQL Server 2008 VM used in Task-1 to connect to SQL Server VM via RDP
- 12. For Authentication type select **SQL Authentication**
- 13. For User Name enter labuser
- 14. For Password enter **demopassword1!**
- 15. Ensure both Encrypt connection and Trust server certificate are selected
- 16. Click **Save** at the bottom of the pane

Note: DMS will test SQL connectivity to the source server.



Migration Target Details

17. On step 2, Select target, For Target Server Name, Find the DNS name of managed instance. On the Dashboard tile, select All resources, search **SQL Managed Instance** and available database managed instance.



18. Click on available manaed instance and copy the Hostname.



- 19. For the Authentication Type, select **SQL Authentication** from the drop down.
- 20. Provide "contosoadmin" as the User Name
- 21. Provide "IAE5fAijit0w^rDM" as the Password
- 22. Click **Save** at the bottom of this blade

Map to target databases

- On step 3, Select databases, In the list of SOURCE DATABASE ensure only AdventureWorks*****
 is selected
- 24. Click **Save** at the bottom of this blade

Select Logins

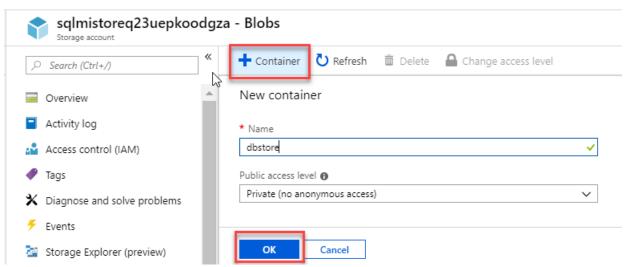
25. Check Source Logins and then click on **Save**

Configure Migration settings

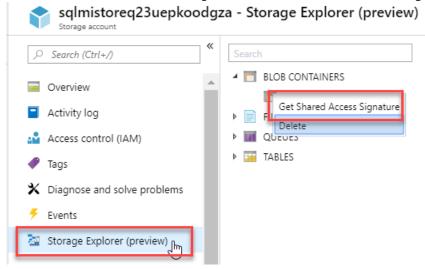
This dialog give DMS the information it needs to access the backup file you created earlier. The location, username and password will be used to access the backup file. The storage account will be used while DMS is performing the migration.

Click on Configure migration settings and enter the following details.

- 26. Choose source backup options: I will let Azure Database Migration Service create backup files.
- 27. Network share location that Azure Database Migration Service can take database backups to: \\{SQLServerVMDNSName}\\Backup
- 28. Windows User Azure Database Migration Service impersonates to upload files to Azure Storage: .\demouser
- 29. Password: demopassword1!
- 30. Now navigate to Azure Portal in a new **browser Tab**. Select Storage Accounts from the left side and select the storage account with name such as **sqlmistore*********.
- 31. Click on Blobs
- 32. Then Create a container in that storage account with name such as **dbstore**.



33. Now, Click on **Storage Explorer**, Expand Blob Containers and right click on the newly created container named **dbstore**. On Right click, Click Get **Shared Access Signature**.



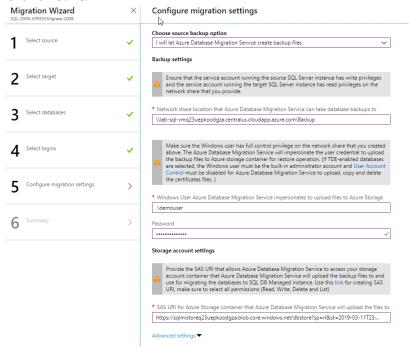
34. Specify Date and Time, Ensure to check all boxes including write and delete. It is advised to take a day before current date as start date to avoid any time zone issues.



35. Copy the SAS URL



- 36. Paste this URL on the Database migration settings
- 37. Click on Save.



Migration summary

38. Now enter the following details.

Activity Name: **migration-activity** Validation option: **Do not validate**

39. Now click on **Run migration**



Congratulations, you have successfully configured and started a migration project.

Task 2: Connect to SQL-MI and Verify

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Some discussion topics are:

- * Ensure the connection string is a config value and not hard-coded.
- * Script the changing of the connection string.

These instructions will demonstrate how to connect to the SQL Managed Instance.

- Go back to the SQL Server Management Studio application in SQL Server 2008 VM. In Object Explorer on the left click the connect icon
- 2. In the Connect to Server dialog leave Server type as Database Engine

- 3. In Server Name Enter the following the database managed instance hostname copied earlier.
- 4. For Authentication ensure **SQL Server Authentication** is selected
- 5. Provide "contosoadmin" as the User Name
- 6. Provide "IAE5fAijit0w^rDM" as the Password
- 7. Click **Connect**



Verify Results

Now we will verify that all rows have been copied

- 8. Under Object Explorer, Expand Databases and Select the database name you migrated.
- 9. Drill down to the SalesLT.SalesOrderDetail table in the object explorer tree by double clicking on your Database name, **AdventureWorksLT2008R2-yourcustomsuffix**, Tables
- 10. Right click on SalesLT.SalesOrderDetail and choose Select Top 1000 Rows
- 11. Make a note of the row count on the bottom right of the results windows. The total number of records in the result set (bottom right) should match the ones from the source.
 - Congratulations on a successful migration of SQL Server 2008 to SQL Managed Instance.
- 12. In Next Step, We'll do online migration. In order to do that, We'll delete the currently migrated DB from Managed Instance to avoid name conflict. Right Click on your Database name AdventureWorksLT2008R2-yourcustomsuffix under managed instance and click Delete. Be sure not to delete the database from on-premesis.

Exercise 4: Online Data Migration

Overview

In online migration mode you need to perform full backup which we did earlier. Configure and run the DMS activity. Then when performing cut over the incremental transaction log backups will be processed. DMS will take these files from local share, upload it to Azure Storage account, and then restore the database on SQL MI - starting from the last full backup, and then applying all incremental transaction log backups.

Task 1: Start Migration

Create DMS Project

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- On the Dashboard tile, select All resources, search Azure Database Migration Services and select the resource you have access, to open the Data Management Service Note: The Overview information shows the Virtual network information. For DMS to work it needs connectivity to both the source and destination databases.
- On the DMS blade at the top click + New Migration Project
 Note: If the button is grayed out, there is also a 'New Migration Project' button toward the middle of the window.
- 4. On the New migration project blade, for Project name enter Migrate-2008
- For Source server type select SQL Server
 Note: This drop down shows the current list of supported databases. Microsoft will continue to add to this list. Based on the source you choose, the Target server type populates with supported targets.
- 6. For the Target server type choose Azure SQL Database Managed Instance
- 7. Click on Choose type of activity to review the list of options. Select Online data migration

Note: Different Source and Targets may have different options for activity (example: schema only migration). As Microsoft continues to improve DMS this drop down will have more migration activity options.

- 8. On the Type of activity blade choose **Save**
- 9. On the bottom of New migration project blade choose Create and run activity

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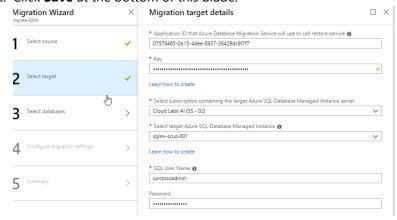
- 10. On step 1 Select source, in the Migration Source Details blade, in the Source SQL server instance name field enter IP Address/DNS Name of the SQL Server 2008 VM same way we did earlier.
- 11. For Authentication type select **SQL Authentication**
- 12. For User Name enter labuser
- 13. For Password enter demopassword1!
- 14. Ensure both **Encrypt connection** and **Trust server certificate** are selected
- 15. Click **Save** at the bottom of the pane

Note: DMS will test SQL connectivity to the source server.

Migration Target Details

Live migration to SQL-MI requires an execution context. Azure Active Directory allows you to create Application ID's and key which provide that context. We have prepared one for you to use and added it with reader access to the SQL Managed Instance.

- 16. Application ID: 07578465-0b15-4dee-8837-36429dc8f7f7
- 17. Key: 1cwlCTDn2iAPlagSj9Lu0gnpl89GlDmkXEykMztO4n4=
- 18. The subscription should be defaulted to your current subscription
- 19. For Select target Azure SQL Database Managed Instance, select the **managed instance** one listed in the drop down
- 20. Provide "contosoadmin" as the User Name
- 21. Provide "IAE5fAijit0w^rDM" as the Password
- 22. Click **Save** at the bottom of this blade.



Note: DMS will now validate connectivity to the target server. These properties are also viewable on the overview pane of the Azure DMS service.

Map to target databases

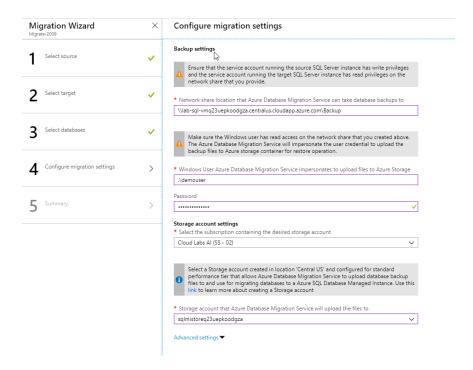
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Click on Configure migration settings and enter the following details.

- 25. Network share location that Azure Database Migration Service can take database backups to: \\{SQLServer2008VM_DNSName}\\Backup
- 26. Windows User Azure Database Migration Service impersonates to upload files to Azure Storage: .\demouser
- 27. Password: demopassword1!
- 28. For subscription use the default which should already be selected for you
- 29. For Storage account click the drop down and select available storage account name such as **sqlmistore*********
- 30. On the bottom click Save

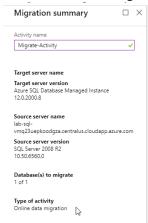


Migration summary

31. Now enter the following details.

Activity Name: Migrate2Azure

32. Now click on **Run migration** at the bottom of this blade.



33. Wait a few seconds then click refresh on the upper left of the blade.

Congratulations, you have successfully configured and started a migration project.

Task 2: Cutting over to Azure [IN PROGRESS]

We have started the execution of the migration job specifically DMS is processing the full backup. You will need to click refresh multiple times as it can take up to a minute for these activities to start. The actual data movement once initialized runs pretty quickly and keeps updating the target with changes based on the transaction logs DMS sees on the share you provided.

We have experienced no downtime up till now. The cut over process will cause a minimal amount of downtime as we drop all connections to the database, process the final transaction log (known as the tail) move them to the cloud.

If the database is isolated from direct access the only switchover is the service tier connection. Any applications that use the old database will need to update their database configuration to point to the new Azure database.

These steps will help you complete the cutover. We will stop the load, put the database into SINGLE_USER mode and backup the last transactions. Since DMS is monitoring that share it will automatically upload the transaction log and apply it to the current database copy on SQL MI.

As soon as the transaction log is processed we will perform the cutover in DMS and the SQL-MI database will become available for read-write.

Monitor Progress

On the activity blade and will need to use the refresh button to monitor the progress

- 1. Under Database Name, Click on the **AdventureWorks**, to see the details of the migration
- 2. You can see the database files that have been processed here. Let's start the cutover.

Creating the final transaction Log

We will now backup the transaction log (tail) for the last set of records that have been written to the database. Since this is the final operation for this database we need to ensure there are no other connections to the database. We will accomplish this by setting it to SINGLE_USER mode where our backup will be the only user. Please follow these instructions exactly.

- In object explorer right click on the database AdventureWorksLT2008R2 and select New Query
- 4. In the query window enter the following Transact SQL (T-SQL) to create the tail-log backup file and press execute.

5.

USE [master]

ALTER DATABASE [AdventureWorksLT2008R2] SET SINGLE_USER WITH ROLLBACK IMMEDIATE; BACKUP LOG [AdventureWorksLT2008R2] TO DISK = N'C:\Backup\aw-tail.bak' WITH NO_TRUNCATE , NOFORMAT, NOINIT, NAME = N'AdventureWorks-Full Database Backup', SKIP, NOREWIND, NOUNLOAD, NORECOVERY , STATS = 10, CHECKSUM declare @backupSetId as int select @backupSetId = position from msdb..backupset where database_name=N'AdventureWorks' and backup_set_id=(select max(backup_set_id) from msdb..backupset where database_name=N'AdventureWorks') if @backupSetId is null begin raiserror(N'Verify failed. Backup information for database ''AdventureWorksLT2008R2'' not found.', 16, 1) end RESTORE VERIFYONLY FROM DISK = N'C:\Backup\aw-tail.bak' WITH FILE = @backupSetId, NOUNLOAD, NOREWIND

Perform Cutover

- 6. On the Azure portal at the top left of the migration activity blade click Refresh
- 7. Click on database named **AdventureWorksLT2008R2-Suffix**

You should see the new file **aw-tail.bak** show up. We need to wait for its status to be **Restored** before we can start the cut over. This may take up to 5 minutes.

- 8. Click **Start Cutover** when aw-tail.back is **Restored**
- 9. On the Complete cutover check the []Confirm box and click Apply

DMS will now complete the process of cutting over to the Azure database and finish the migration activity. The source database will also be marked as Restoring.

- 10. Wait until the progress bar at the bottom indicates **Completed**
- 11. click the **X** at the top right to close the Complete cutover pane

12. On the Migrate2Azure pane click the **X** in the top right of the Migrate2Azure pane to close it

On the Migrate2Azure pane the STATUS should be Completed

Great job, you have completed the cut over to Azure for your database migration.

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- 14. In the Connect to Server dialog leave Server type as Database Engine
- 15. In Server Name Enter the SQL Server MI Hostname used earlier
- 16. For Authentication ensure **SQL Server Authentication** is selected
- 17. Provide "contosoadmin" as the User Name
- 18. Provide "IAE5fAijit0w^rDM" as the Password
- 19. Click Connect

Verify Results

Now we will verify that all rows have been copied

- 20. Open the SQL Server Manager Studio application and select the SQL-MI Azure server connection
- 21. Under Object Explorer, Expand Databases and Select the database name you migrated.
- 22. Drill down to the SalesLT.SalesOrderDetail table in the object explorer tree by double clicking on your Database name, **AdventureWorksLT2008R2-yourcustomsuffix**, Tables
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Exercise 5: Cloud Performance and Security

Overview

Azure not only allows you to run your database in the cloud but Azure's infrastructure brings additional capabilities for customers over running on-premises.

Customers now have:

- Rapid response to scale-up or down their service
- Immediate benefits in security and performance capabilities
- Reduced cost and time to implement disaster recovery
- World wide footprint for growth
- Additional services like Machine Learning, A.I.Task 1: Connect to Azure Portal

Azure has a comprehensive environment for running your Postgres database. This exercise is optional and will show you a few of the benefits of moving your database to Azure.

Azure database features

- 1. On the Azure portal browser click Dashboard on the left side
- 2. In the All resources tile click on the Azure SQL Managed Instance resource
- 3. On the Overview pane you'll see a lot of service monitoring status information
- 4. Under Security on the left side of the pane click on Advanced Data Security
- 5. Under Security on the left side of the pane click on Transparent data encryption Note: you can bring your own key for SQL-MI providing increased level of protection and data ownership

Azure provides a wealth of additional capabilities that you may instantly leverage in order to operate more securely and efficiently.

Great Job!!

Conclusion

Now that we have migrated the database all that remains is to perform standard testing and application cut over.

In this lab you have seen how easy it is to setup and migrate a live database with minimal downtime. Azure DMS makes it easy to migrate to Azure database services. Azure makes it easy to operate securely and improve performance as well as readily leverage the full cloud eco-system for value added services.

Additional resource links | Additional Help

- An excellent SQL-MI technical article
- SQL Compatibility levels
- Supported scenarios
- Tutorial SQL to SQL Managed Instance
- PowerSHell SQL to SQL Managed Instance
- DMS service sizing