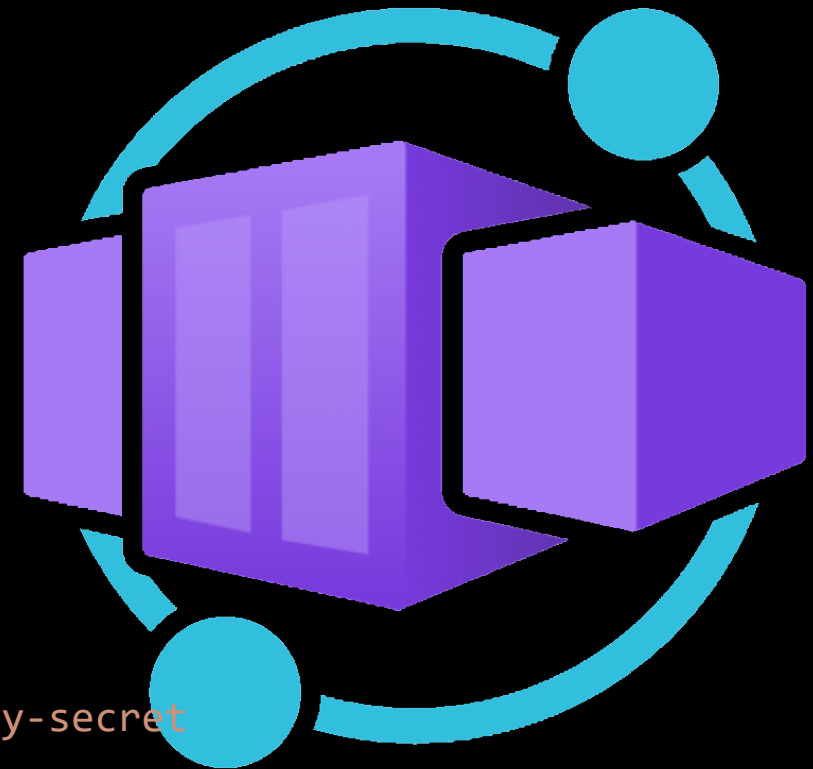


Secure Secrets in Azure Container Apps

```
type: Microsoft.App/app
name: aca-app
properties:
  configuration:
    secrets:
      - name: my-secret-01
        value: MyDatabasePassword
        keyVaultUrl: null
        identity: null
      - name: my-secret-02
        value: null
        keyVaultUrl: https://my.vault.azure.net/secrets/my-secret
        identity: /subscriptions/82f6...
```



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Why Securing Secrets ?

Store config in the environment : [The Twelve-Factor App \(12factor.net\)](https://12factor.net)

Application configuration **should not be hardcoded** as constant within the source code.

It should be stored within **configuration files** (YAML, JSON, XML, .config, etc) or as **env variables**.

Configurations like background color, app version, backend URL are not sensitive data.

Configurations like **API Token, database password or connection string are sensitive data**.

This data should be **accessible by only the application that needs it**.

Other applications should not have access.

Creating Secrets and reference Key vault (in YAML)

```
type: "Microsoft.App/jobs"
name: "aca-job-processor-wp"
properties:
  configuration:
    secrets:
      - name: my-secret-01
        value: MyDatabasePassword
        keyVaultUrl: null
        identity: null
      - name: my-secret-02
        value: null
        keyVaultUrl: "https://mykv.vault.azure.net/secrets/my-secret-02"
        identity: "/subscriptions/82f6..."
```

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Secrets are key/value pairs that can be used to protect sensitive data like passwords and connection strings. Secrets that you store here will be valid across all your revisions. Note that changing secrets will not create a new revision.

Key ↑	Value	Edit	Delete
my-secret-01	My Secret Connection String value		
my-secret-02	https://kvaca12357911.vault.azure.net/secrets/my-secret-02		

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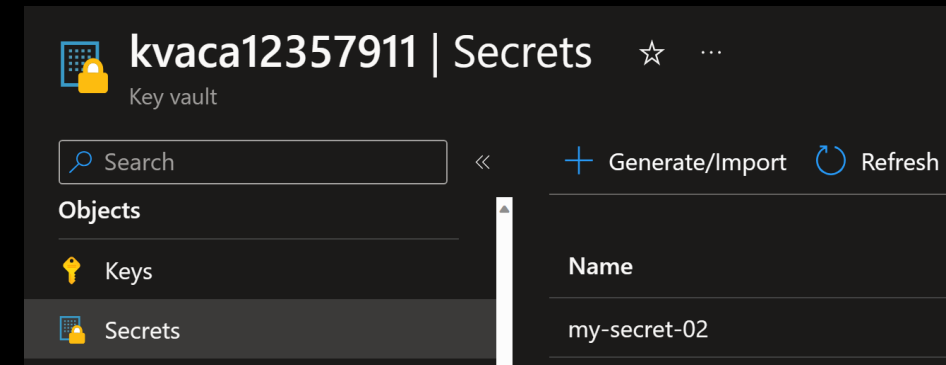
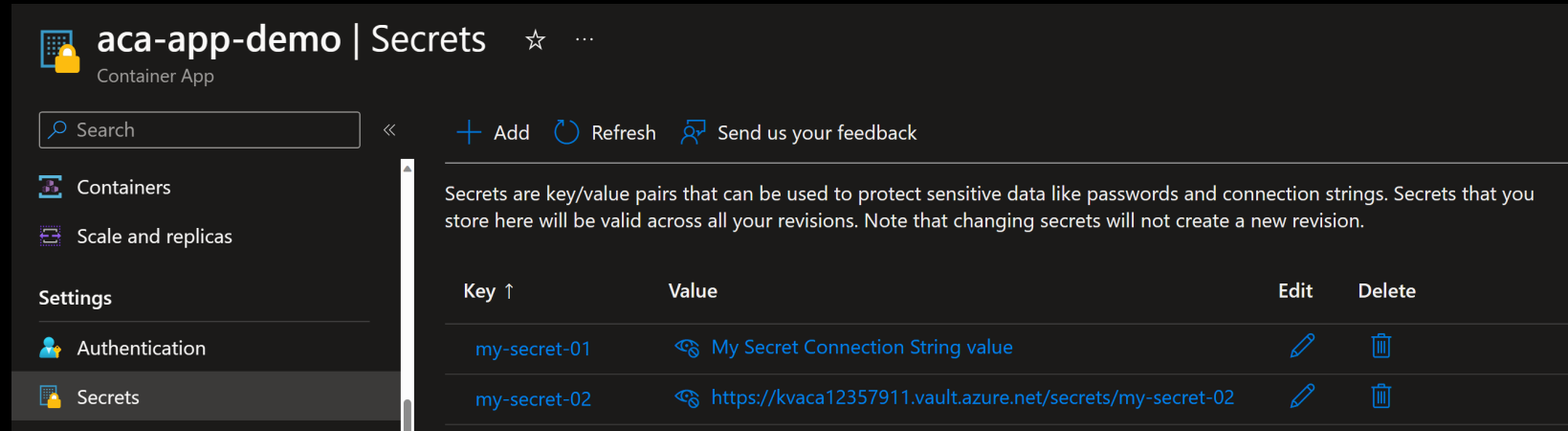
Secrets

Name
my-secret-02

The Managed Identity will be used to authenticate to Key vault.


Mount Secrets in environment variables (in YAML)

```
type: "Microsoft.App/jobs"
name: "aca-job-processor-wp"
properties:
  configuration:
    secrets:
      - name: my-secret-01
        value: MyDatabasePassword
        keyVaultUrl: null
        identity: null
      - name: my-secret-02
        value: null
        keyVaultUrl: "https://mykv.vault.azure.net/secrets/my-secret-02"
        identity: "/subscriptions/82f6..."
  template:
    containers:
      env:
        - name: MY_ENV_SECRET_01
          secretRef: my-secret-01
        - name: MY_ENV_SECRET_02
          secretRef: my-secret-02
```



```
My_secret = os.getenv("MY-ENV-SECRET_01")
My_env_secret_kv= os.getenv("MY_ENV_SECRET_02")
```

Mount Secrets in environment variables (in YAML)

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One or more containers, along with settings such as scale rules, can be specified in a container app. Edit the container app to change the configuration.

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Name ↑	Source	Value
MY_ENV_VAR	Manual entry	Hello Container Apps!
MY_SECRET_01	Reference a secret	my-secret-01
MY_SECRET_02	Reference a secret	my-secret-02

Container App mount Secrets as Volume (ARM/Bicep)

```
"template": {
  "containers": [
    {
      "image": "myregistry/myQueueApp:v1",
      "name": "myQueueApp",
      "volumeMounts": [
        {
          "name": "mysecrets",
          "mountPath": "/mnt/secrets"
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "volumes": [
    {
      "name": "mysecrets",
      "storageType": "Secret"
    }
  ]
}
```

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Container Scale Secrets Volumes

Add, edit, or delete your secrets volumes. If you delete a volume, it will be automatically unmounted from your container app. [Learn more](#)

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Volume name
mysecrets

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Name *

Mount all secrets ☒

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Accessing Secrets from env variables and volume

```
az containerapp exec -n aca-app-demo -g rg-containerapp-secrets --command bash
```

```
root@aca-app-demo--qify6f3-5c6f44d5f-blvh8:/app# printenv | grep MY_SECRET
MY_SECRET_01=My Secret Connection String value
MY_SECRET_02=P@ssw0rd123!
```

```
root@aca-app-demo--qify6f3-5c6f44d5f-svszm:/app# ls /mnt/secrets/
my-secret-01 my-secret-02
```

```
root@aca-app-demo--qify6f3-5c6f44d5f-svszm:/app# cat /mnt/secrets/my-secret-01
My Secret Connection String value
```

```
root@aca-app-demo--qify6f3-5c6f44d5f-svszm:/app# cat /mnt/secrets/my-secret-02
P@ssw0rd123!
```