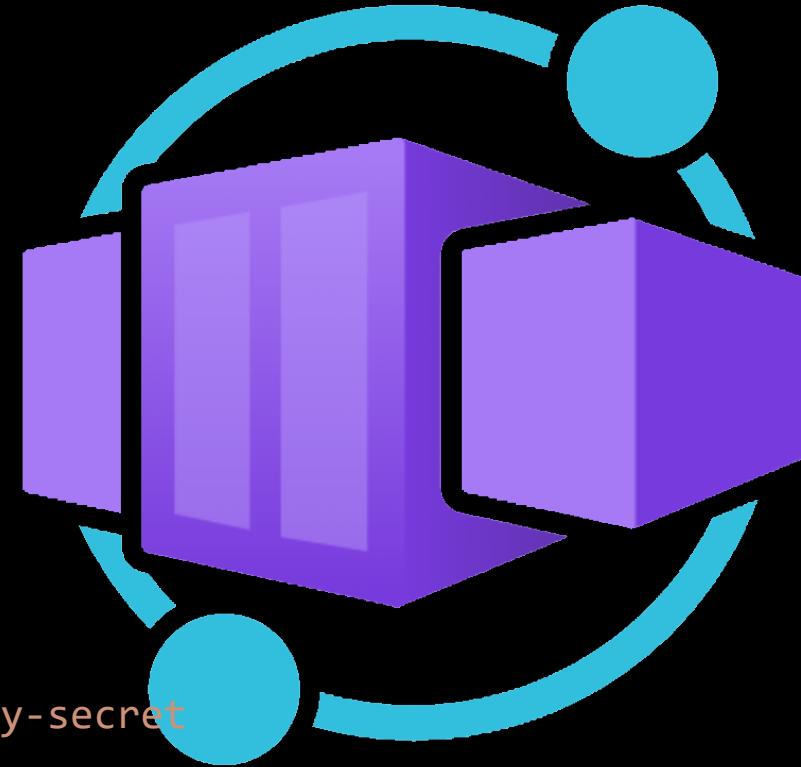


Secure Secrets in Azure Container Apps

```
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 \(12factor.net\)](#)

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..."
```

The screenshot shows the 'Secrets' blade for the 'aca-app-demo' Container App. It includes a search bar, navigation links for 'Containers', 'Scale and replicas', 'Settings', 'Authentication', and 'Secrets', and buttons for '+ Add', 'Refresh', and 'Send us your feedback'. A note explains that secrets are key/value pairs used to protect sensitive data like passwords and connection strings. The secrets table lists:

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

The screenshot shows the 'Secrets' blade for the 'kvaca12357911' Key vault. It includes a search bar, navigation links for 'Objects', 'Keys', and 'Secrets', and buttons for '+ Generate/Import' and 'Refresh'. The secrets table lists:

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
```

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

Name
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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Container App

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Edit and deploy Refresh

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.

Revision: aca-app-demo--qify6f3

Container: aca-app

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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

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MY_ENV_VAR

Manual entry

Hello Container Apps!

MY_SECRET_01

Reference a secret

my-secret-01

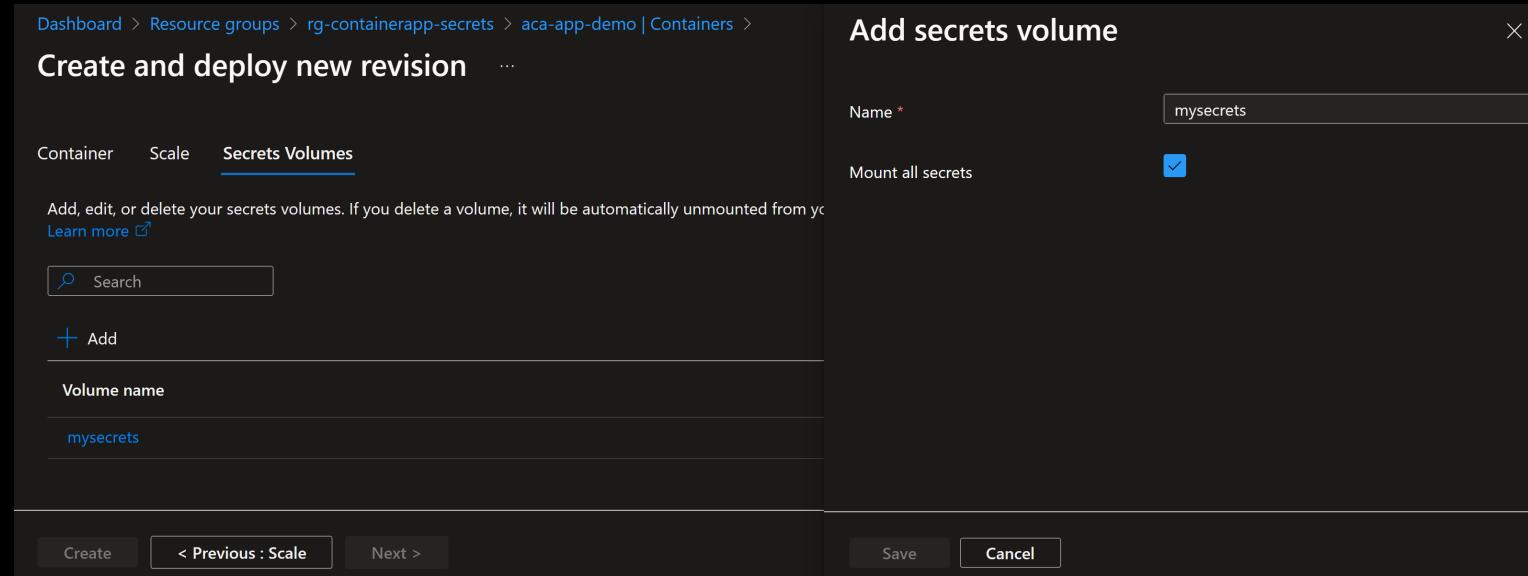
MY_SECRET_02

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"  
        }  
    ]  
}
```



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!
```