

Access to Keyvault using Secret Store CSI & Workload Identity



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What is the problem here ?

How a Pod can connect to external secret store providers to retrieve Secrets ?

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config	chore: update tools dependencies and generate manifests	6 months ago
controllers	feat: add token requests client (#805)	10 months ago
deploy	release: update manifest and helm charts for v1.2.4	3 months ago
docker	chore: use kubectl 1.25.4 in driver-crvs	27 days ago
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Secrets Store CSI driver for Kubernetes
secrets - Integrates secrets stores with
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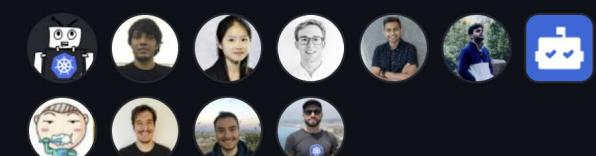
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Azure Key Vault provider for Secret Store CSI driver allows you to get secret contents stored in Azure Key Vault instance and use the Secret Store CSI driver interface to mount them into Kubernetes pods.

[azur.../secrets-store-csi-driver-p...](https://azure.github.io/secrets-store-csi-driver-p...)

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internal	Update alpine and go.mod dependencies (#176)	3 months ago
manifest_staging/deployment	Deployment: Stop using beta.kubernetes.io/os label (#183)	last month
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📁 charts/secrets-store-csi-driver-...	Update Chart.yaml	3 months ago	
📁 deployment	Update YAMLs to match Helm chart security context (#129)	2 months ago	
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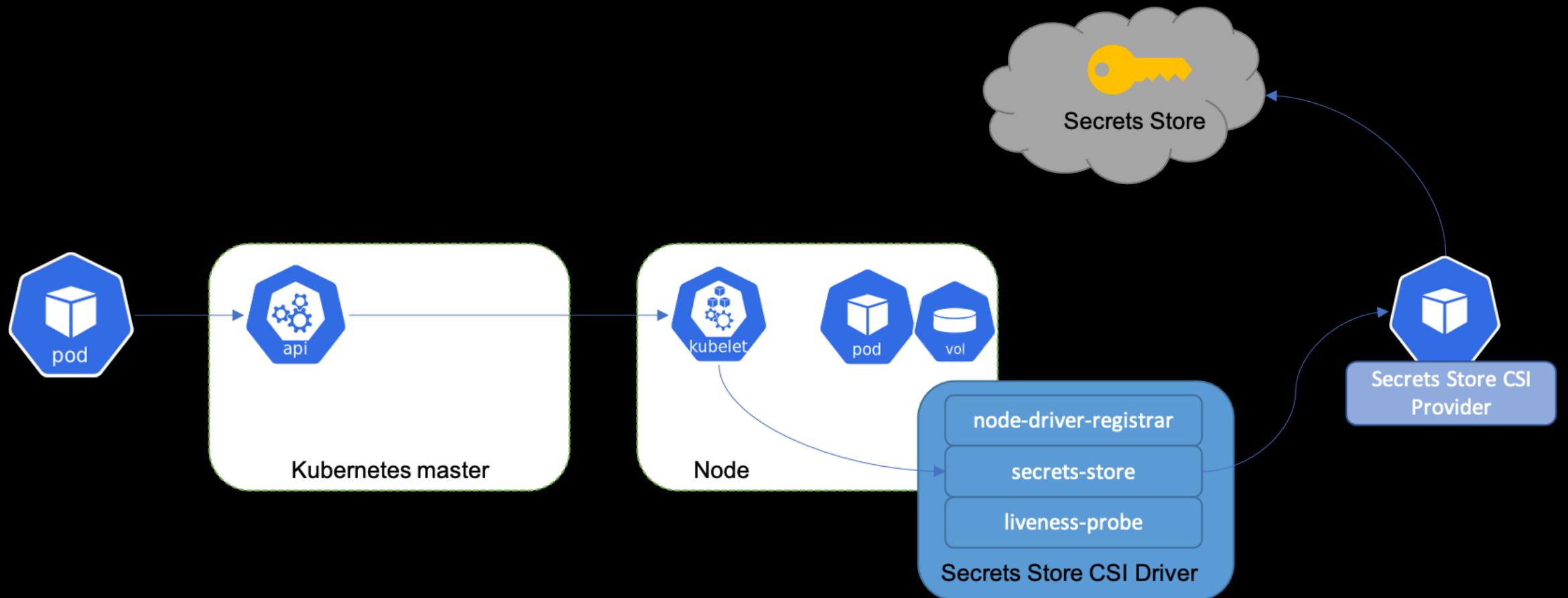
The AWS provider for the Secrets Store CSI Driver allows you to fetch secrets from AWS Secrets Manager and AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store, and mount them into Kubernetes pods.

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Secrets Store CSI architecture



Secret Store CSI in AKS - authentication options

1. Service Principal (SPN)

Works for any kubernetes cluster, but SPN credentials are stored in k8s

2. System Managed Identity attached to the VMSS (Nodepool)

Uses one single Identity that is available to all Pods and all Nodes

3. User Managed Identity attached to the VMSS (Nodepool)

Identity is available to all Pods and all Nodes

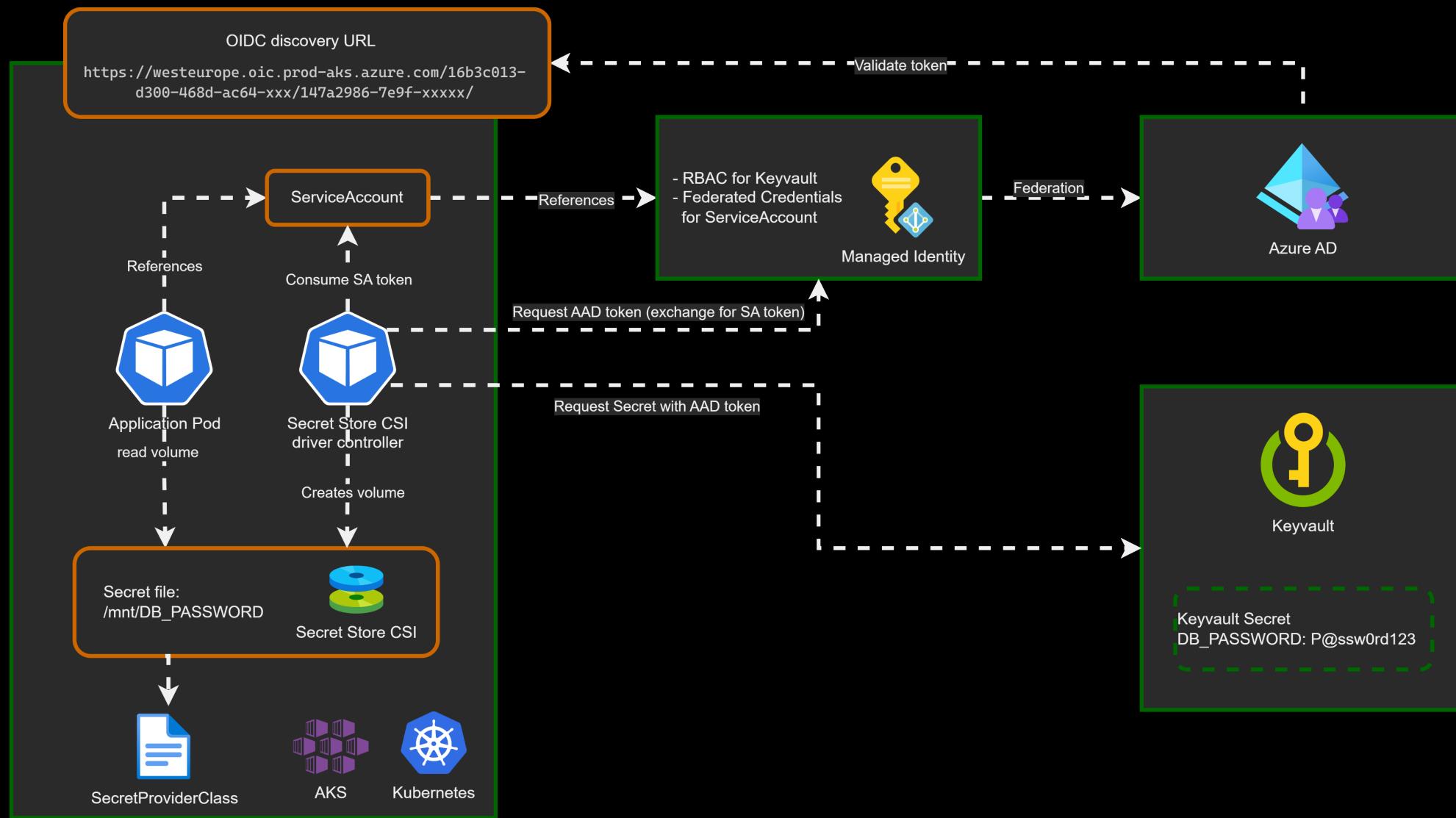
4. User Managed Identity attached to the VMSS with Pod Identity

Pod Identity intercepts calls to IMDS/Identity

5. Workload Identity with Service Account

Works for any kubernetes cluster, no credentials, native to kubernetes

Secrets Store CSI & Workload Identity together



Create AKS cluster with Secrets Store CSI & Workload Identity

```
$ az group create -n aks_rg -l westeurope  
  
$ az aks create -g aks_rg -n aks_cluster `  
    --enable-addons azure-keyvault-secrets-provider `  
    --enable-secret-rotation `  
    --rotation-poll-interval 5m `  
    --enable-oidc-issuer `  
    --enable-workload-identity  
  
$ az aks update... # also possible (doesn't need to recreate the cluster)
```

What will be created ?

```
$ az aks show -n $AKS_NAME -g $AKS_RG --query "oidcIssuerProfile.issuerUrl" -otsv  
//https://westeurope.oic.prod-aks.azure.com/16b3c013-d300-468d-ac64-  
7eda0820b6d3/147a2986-7e9f-4357-8e76-76d2c293a35d/  
$  
$ kubectl get pods -n kube-system `  
    -l 'app in (secrets-store-csi-driver, secrets-store-provider-azure)'  


| NAME                                   | READY | STATUS  | RESTARTS | AGE  |
|----------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|------|
| aks-secrets-store-csi-driver-fdbgq     | 3/3   | Running | 0        | 106s |
| aks-secrets-store-csi-driver-g85p5     | 3/3   | Running | 0        | 111s |
| aks-secrets-store-provider-azure-6dphc | 1/1   | Running | 0        | 106s |
| aks-secrets-store-provider-azure-f6xcb | 1/1   | Running | 0        | 111s |

  
$ az aks show -n $AKS_NAME -g $AKS_RG -o tsv `  
    --query addonProfiles.azureKeyvaultSecretsProvider.identity.clientId  
//6c082379-0f2c-4dce-b41f-c3b53d83caed
```



azurekeyvaultsecretsprovider-aks-cluster

Managed Identity

Create Azure Keyvault and Secret

```
$ az keyvault create -n $AKV_NAME -g $AKS_RG --enable-rbac-authorization  
$ az keyvault secret set --vault-name $AKV_NAME --name $AKV_SECRET_NAME `  
--value "P@ssw0rd123!"
```

The screenshot shows the Azure Key Vault interface for the vault 'akv4aks4app0135'. The left sidebar has tabs for 'Keys', 'Secrets' (which is selected), and 'Certificates'. The main area displays a table with the following data:

Name	Type	Status	Expiration date
MySecretPassword		✓ Enabled	

At the top, there is a search bar, a 'Generate/Import' button, a 'Refresh' button, a 'Restore Backup' button, a 'View sample code' button, and a 'Manage deleted secrets' button.

Create User Assigned Managed Identity

```
$ az identity create -g $AKS_RG -n $IDENTITY_NAME
```

```
$ az role assignment create --assignee $IDENTITY_CLIENT_ID `  
    --role "Key Vault Secrets User" `  
    --scope $AKV_ID
```

The screenshot shows the Azure portal interface for managing a user-assigned managed identity named 'user-identity-aks-4-akv'. The left sidebar lists several options: Overview, Activity log, Access control (IAM), Tags, Azure role assignments (which is currently selected), and Associated resources (preview). The main content area is titled 'user-identity-aks-4-akv | Azure role assignments'. It includes a search bar, a 'Add role assignment (Preview)' button, and a 'Refresh' button. A note states: 'If this identity has role assignments that you don't have permission to read, they won't be shown in the list.' Below this, a 'Subscription *' dropdown is set to 'Microsoft-Azure-NonProd'. The table below shows the current role assignment:

Role	Resource Name	Resource...	Assigned To	Condition
Key Vault Secrets User	akv4aks4app0135	Key vault	user-identity-aks-4-akv	None

Managed Identity is not attached to the VMSS/Nodepool

 user-identity-aks-4-akv | Associated resources (preview) 

Managed Identity

 Refresh

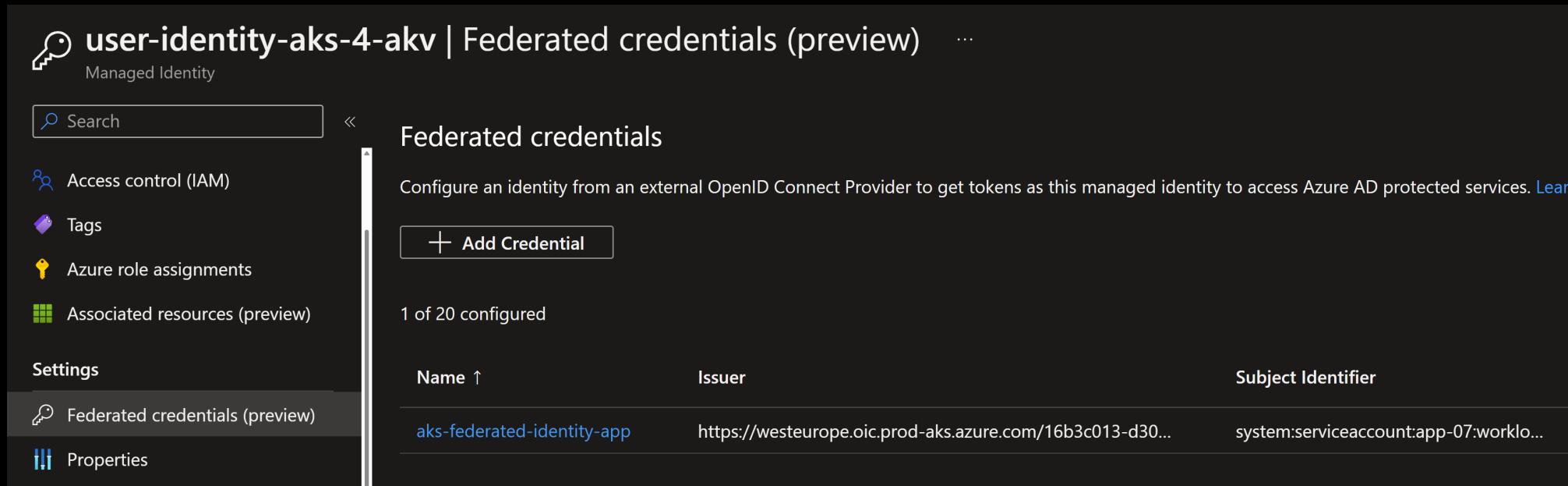
 Filter for any field...

Name ↑↓	Type ↑↓	Resource group ↑↓	Subscription ↑↓
No resources			

Azure role assignments
Associated resources (preview)
Settings
Federated credentials (preview)

Configure federated credentials for Managed Identity

```
$ az identity create -g $AKS_RG -n $IDENTITY_NAME  
  
$ az identity federated-credential create -n $FEDERATED_IDENTITY_NAME  
  -g $AKS_RG  
  --identity-name $IDENTITY_NAME  
  --issuer $AKS_OIDC_ISSUER  
  --subject system:serviceaccount:${NAMESPACE_APP}:${SERVICE_ACCOUNT_NAME}
```



The screenshot shows the Azure portal interface for managing a managed identity named "user-identity-aks-4-akv". The left sidebar includes options for Access control (IAM), Tags, Azure role assignments, Associated resources (preview), Settings, Federated credentials (preview), and Properties. The main content area is titled "Federated credentials" and contains a sub-instruction: "Configure an identity from an external OpenID Connect Provider to get tokens as this managed identity to access Azure AD protected services." A large "Add Credential" button is present. Below it, a message states "1 of 20 configured". A table lists one federated credential entry:

Name ↑	Issuer	Subject Identifier
aks-federated-identity-app	https://westeurope.oic.prod-aks.azure.com/16b3c013-d30...	system:serviceaccount:app-07:worklo...

Edit Federated Credential

...

Configure an identity from an external OpenID Connect Provider to get tokens as this managed identity to access Azure AD protected services.

Federated credential scenario * ⓘ

Configure a Kubernetes service account to get tokens as this application and access Azure resou... ▾

[Configuration guide for Kubernetes identities](#) ↗

Connect your Kubernetes cluster

Please enter the details of the Kubernetes cluster that you want to connect to Azure Active Directory. These values will be used by Azure AD to validate the connection and should match your Kubernetes OIDC configuration.

Cluster Issuer URL * ⓘ

`https://westeurope.oic.prod-aks.azure.com/16b3c013-d300-468d-ac64-7eda0820b6d3/cb981066-d...`

Namespace * ⓘ

app-07

Service Account * ⓘ

workload-identity-sa

Subject identifier * ⓘ

system:serviceaccount:app-07:workload-identity-sa

This value is generated based on the Kubernetes account details provided.[Edit \(optional\)](#)

Credential details

Enter and review the details for this credential. The credential name cannot be edited after creation.

Name * ⓘ

aks-federated-identity-app

Audience * ⓘ

api://AzureADTokenExchange

[Edit \(optional\)](#)

How it works: SecretProviderClass

```
apiVersion: secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1
kind: SecretProviderClass
metadata:
  name: akv-spc-app # needs to be unique per namespace
spec:
  provider: azure # accepted provider options: azure or vault or gcp
  parameters:
    usePodIdentity: "false"
    useVMManagedIdentity: "false"
    clientId: "b7d9e3a0-116c-40e8-988e-4e899d41b2e5" # uses workload identity
    keyvaultName: akv4aks4app0179 # Set to the name of your key vault
    cloudName: "AzurePublicCloud"
  objects: |
    array:
    - |
      objectName: MySecretPassword
      objectType: secret # object types: secret, key, or cert
      objectVersion: "" # [OPTIONAL] object versions, default to latest if empty
      tenantId: "16b3c013-xxxx-468d-ac64-7eda0820b6d3" # The tenant ID of the key vault
```

Pod using Secret Store

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  annotations:
    azure.workload.identity/client-id: b7d9e3a0-116c-40e8-988e-4e899d41b2e5
  labels:
    azure.workload.identity/use: "true"
  name: workload-identity-sa
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx-deploy
spec:
<code removed>
  spec:
    serviceAccountName: workload-identity-sa
    containers:
      - image: nginx
        name: nginx
        volumeMounts:
          - name: secrets-store-inline
            mountPath: "/mnt/secrets-store"
            readOnly: true
    volumes:
      - name: secrets-store-inline
        csi:
          driver: secrets-store.csi.k8s.io
          readOnly: true
          volumeAttributes:
            secretProviderClass: akv-spc-app
```

```
$ kubectl exec -it $POD_NAME -n $NS_APP -- cat /mnt/secrets-store/$AKV_SECRET_NAME
P@ssw0rd123!
```



DEMO

Secret Store CSI – features

The plugin can retrieve Secrets, Keys and Certificates from Keyvault

Works with both Keyvault RBAC and Policy Assignment mode

Auto rotation feature with poll interval

If secrets are updated in Keyvault, the plugin will sync (restart pod with Reloader)

The plugin checks for new updates each 2 minutes by default, but could be changed

Used also to retrieve TLS certificates for Ingress Controller or app pods

Supports mounting multiple secrets store objects as a single volume

Features \ Providers	Azure	GCP	AWS	Vault
Sync as Kubernetes secret	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rotation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows	Yes	No	No	No
Helm Chart	Yes	No	No	Yes

Set Secret as environment variable

<https://secrets-store-csi-driver.sigs.k8s.io/topics/set-as-env-var.html>

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: secrets-store-inline
spec:
  containers:
    - name: busybox
      image: k8s.gcr.io/e2e-test-images/busybox:1.29
      command:
        - "/bin/sleep"
        - "10000"
      volumeMounts:
        - name: secrets-store01-inline
          mountPath: "/mnt/secrets-store"
          readOnly: true
      env:
        - name: SECRET_USERNAME
          valueFrom:
            secretKeyRef:
              name: foosecret
              key: username
      volumes:
        - name: secrets-store01-inline
          csi:
            driver: secrets-store.csi.k8s.io
            readOnly: true
            volumeAttributes:
              secretProviderClass: "azure-sync"
```

```
apiVersion: secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1
kind: SecretProviderClass
metadata:
  name: azure-sync
spec:
  provider: azure
  secretObjects:
    - secretName: foosecret
      type: Opaque
      labels:
        environment: "test"
      data:
        - objectName: secretalias
          key: username
  parameters:
    usePodIdentity: "false"
    keyvaultName: "$KEYVAULT_NAME"
  objects: |
    array:
      - |
        objectName: $SECRET_NAME
        objectType: secret
        objectAlias: secretalias
        objectVersion: $SECRET_VERSION
      - |
        objectName: $KEY_NAME
        objectType: key
        objectVersion: $KEY_VERSION
  tenantId: "tid"
```

SecretProviderClassPodStatus

Contains details about the current object versions that have been loaded in the pod mount.

<https://secrets-store-csi-drivers.sigs.k8s.io/concepts.html>

```
apiVersion: secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1
kind: SecretProviderClassPodStatus
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: "2021-01-21T19:20:11Z"
  generation: 1
  labels:
    internal.secrets-store.csi.k8s.io/node-name: kind-control-plane
    manager: secrets-store-csi
    operation: Update
    time: "2021-01-21T19:20:11Z"
  name: nginx-secrets-store-inline-crd-dev-azure-spc
  namespace: dev
  ownerReferences:
  - apiVersion: v1
    kind: Pod
    name: nginx-secrets-store-inline-crd
    uid: 10f3e31c-d20b-4e46-921a-39e4cace6db2
  resourceVersion: "1638459"
  selfLink: /apis/secrets-store.csi.x-k8s.io/v1/namespaces/dev/secretproviderclasspodstatus
  uid: 1d078ad7-c363-4147-a7e1-234d4b9e0d53
status:
  mounted: true
  objects:
  - id: secret/secret1
    version: c55925c29c6743dcbb9bb4bf091be03b0
  - id: secret/secret2
    version: 7521273d0e6e427dbda34e033558027a
  podName: nginx-secrets-store-inline-crd
  secretProviderClassName: azure-spc
  targetPath: /var/lib/kubelet/pods/10f3e31c-d20b-4e46-921a-39e4cace6db2/volumes/kubernetes-pv/1d078ad7-c363-4147-a7e1-234d4b9e0d53
```

Best practices for Secret Store CSI

Use 1 User Managed Identity per application

Ideally, each application would have its own Keyvault, secrets and SecretProviderClass.

Deploy the driver and providers into the kube-system or a separate dedicated namespace

On pod delete, the corresponding volume is cleaned up and deleted.

<https://secrets-store-csi-driver.sigs.k8s.io/topics/best-practices.html>

Resources

Secrets Store CSI driver

<https://secrets-store-csi-drivers.sigs.k8s.io/>

Azure Key Vault provider for Secret Store CSI driver

<https://github.com/Azure/secrets-store-csi-driver-provider-azure>

Demo with code

https://github.com/HoussemDellai/docker-kubernetes-course/tree/main/40_secret_store_csi_keyvault