# AKS storage using Shared Disk & Availability Zones



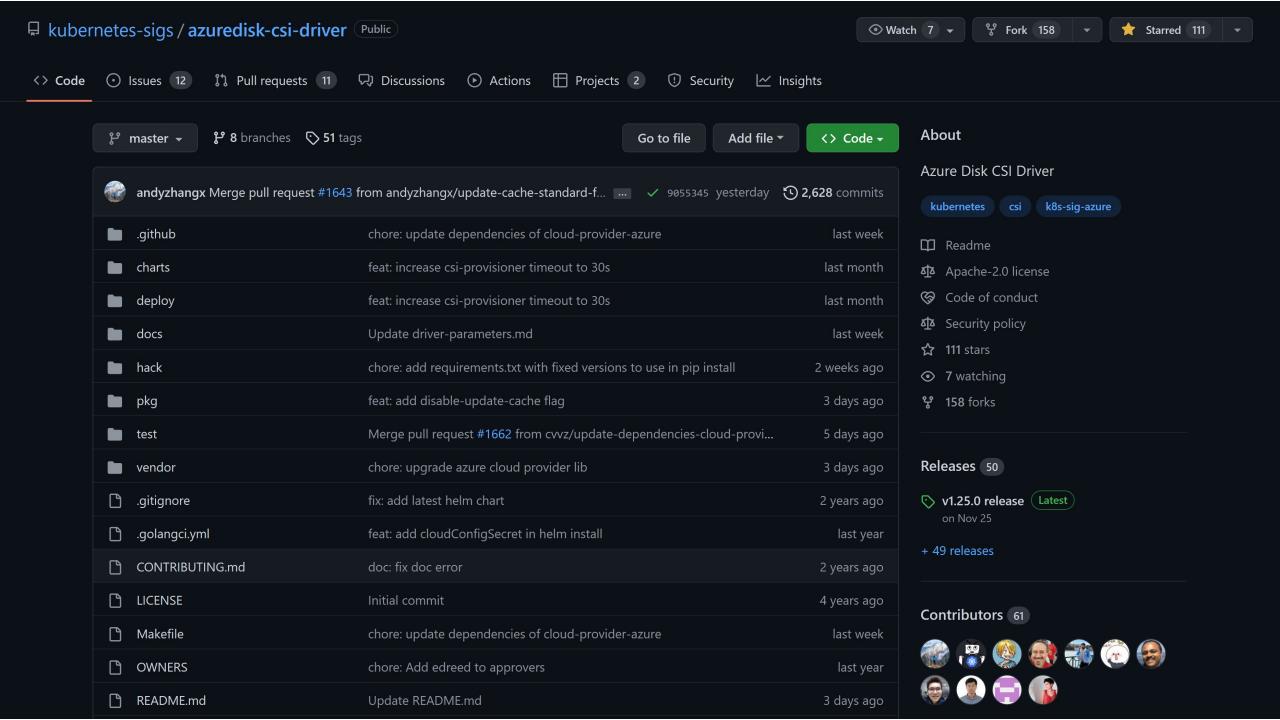


Azure Disk, by default LRS, is zonal resource.

Azure Disk could be ZRS, available in multiple Availability Zones.

Azure Disk, by default, is mounted to one single virtual machine.

Well, not anymore with **Shared Disk**.



#### **Shared Disks with AKS**

Mounted to more than one node simultaneously

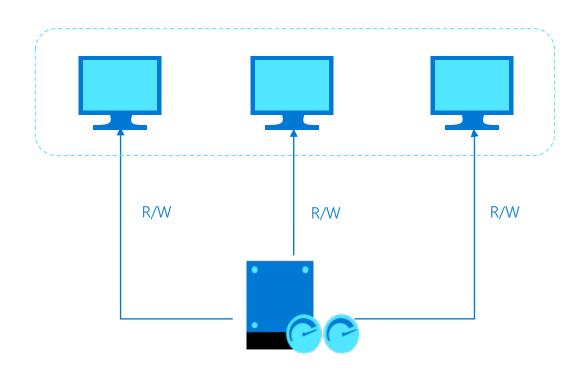
Use ReadWriteMany (RWX) accessMode and Raw Block Device with Block volumeMode

One single node can write at a time

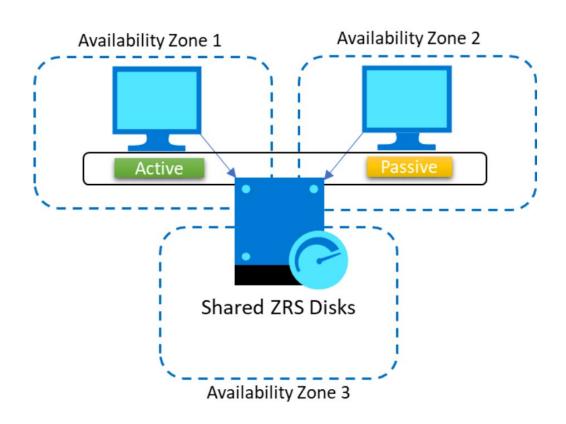
Container will see a device instead of a file system

Can be used with applications that can manage writes, reads, locks, caches, fencing on raw block volumes

Can be used with PPG for lowest latency
Supports Ultra Disk, Premium SSD & Standard SSD
Supports LRS and ZRS disks

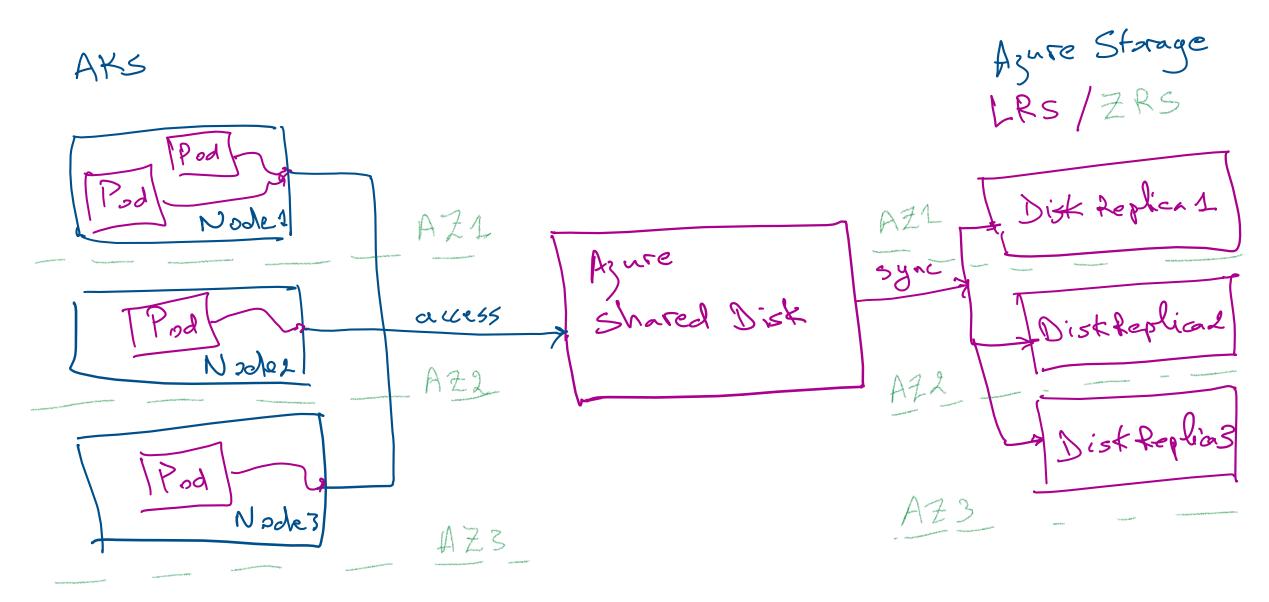


#### ZRS disk attached to clustered VMs and shared



Using Availability Zones for VMs, you can allocate primary and secondary VMs in different zones for higher availability and attach a shared ZRS disk to the VMs in different zones.

### How shared disk works



```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: zrs-shared-managed-csi
provisioner: disk.csi.azure.com
parameters:
  skuName: Premium ZRS
  maxShares: "2"
  cachingMode: None # N/A with maxShares>1
reclaimPolicy: Delete
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: zrs-shared-pvc-azuredisk
spec:
  accessModes:
    ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 256Gi
  volumeMode: Block
  storageClassName: zrs-shared-managed-csi
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    app: nginx
  name: nginx
spec:
  replicas: 3
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: nginx
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: nginx
        image: nginx
        volumeDevices: # instead of volumeMounts
          - name: azuredisk
            devicePath: /dev/sdx # not mountPath
      volumes:
        name: azuredisk
          persistentVolumeClaim:
            claimName: zrs-shared-pvc-azuredisk
```

## Shared Disk is managed by more than 1 AKS node Shared Disk could use ZRS feature

