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#### 1. What is the change feed in Azure Cosmos DB?

- A persistent, ordered log of item changes (inserts and updates) in a container.
- Enables event-driven processing without polling the whole dataset.

# 2. What types of changes does the change feed capture?

- Creates and updates only.
- Deletes are not included. You must implement soft delete patterns if needed.

### 3. How do you read from the change feed using the SDK?

```
var iterator = container.GetChangeFeedIterator<MyItem>(
    ChangeFeedStartFrom.Beginning(), ChangeFeedMode.Incremental);
while (iterator.HasMoreResults)
{
    var response = await iterator.ReadNextAsync();
    foreach (var item in response)
    {
        // Process item
    }
}
```

#### 4. What is the difference between manual polling vs. Change Feed Processor?

- Manual polling: Directly queries the feed; full control but must manage state and scaling.
- Change Feed Processor: Auto-scales and handles lease/state tracking via a lease container.

#### 5. How do you implement the Change Feed Processor in .NET?

```
var processor = container
    .GetChangeFeedProcessorBuilder<MyItem>("myProcessor", async (changes, token) =>
{
    foreach (var item in changes) { /* process */ }
})
.WithInstanceName("worker1")
.WithLeaseContainer(leaseContainer)
.Build();
await processor.StartAsync();
```

Requires a lease container for tracking progress.

### 6. How do you scale out a change feed listener?

- Use **multiple instances** of Change Feed Processor with the same lease container.
- The processor automatically partitions work across instances.

# 7. What are common use cases for the change feed?

- Event-driven processing (e.g., send emails, process orders)
- Real-time analytics
- Data movement to other stores (e.g., SQL, Blob Storage)
- Cache invalidation or sync

## 8. What is lease container and why is it required?

- A separate Cosmos DB container used by Change Feed Processor to track progress.
- Stores checkpoints and ownership info for scaling and fault-tolerance.

# 9. How do you resume reading from a specific point in the change feed?

- Change Feed Processor resumes automatically via lease container.
- Manual method: use ChangeFeedStartFrom.Time() or ChangeFeedStartFrom.ContinuationToken().

### 10. What are best practices for change feed implementations?

- Use **dedicated lease container** in same database.
- Ensure idempotent processing logic.
- Handle **throttling and retries** using SDK's retry policies.
- Monitor lag and exceptions for performance tuning.