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1. What are function triggers and how do they differ from bindings?

Triggers start the function — only one allowed per function.

Bindings are for data input/output — zero or more allowed.

Example: HttpTrigger, TimerTrigger, BlobTrigger.

2. What are the main trigger types tested on the exam?

- HttpTrigger
- TimerTrigger
- BlobTrigger
- QueueTrigger
- CosmosDBTrigger
- ServiceBusTrigger

3. How do you implement an HTTP trigger?

```
[FunctionName("HttpExample")]
public static IActionResult Run(
    [HttpTrigger(AuthorizationLevel.Function, "get", "post")] HttpRequest req)
{
    return new OkObjectResult("Hello from HTTP trigger");
}
```

Supports get, post, etc. Use AuthorizationLevel to control access.

4. How do you implement a Timer trigger and define its schedule?

```
[FunctionName("TimerExample")]
public static void Run([TimerTrigger("0 */5 * * * *")] TimerInfo myTimer)
{
    // Executes every 5 minutes
}
```

CRON format: "{second} {minute} {hour} {day} {month} {day-of-week}".

5. How do you implement a Blob trigger?

```
[FunctionName("BlobExample")]
public static void Run(
    [BlobTrigger("container/{name}", Connection = "AzureWebJobsStorage")] Stream myBlob, string name)
{
    // Reacts to new/updated blobs
}
```

6. How do you implement a Queue Storage trigger?

```
[FunctionName("QueueTriggerExample")]
public static void Run(
    [QueueTrigger("my-queue", Connection = "AzureWebJobsStorage")] string queueItem)
{
    // Processes messages from Azure Queue Storage
}
```

7. How do you implement a Cosmos DB trigger?

```
[FunctionName("CosmosTriggerExample")]
public static void Run(
    [CosmosDBTrigger(
        databaseName: "db",
        collectionName: "coll",
        ConnectionStringSetting = "CosmosDBConnection",
        LeaseCollectionName = "leases")] IReadOnlyList<Document> input)
{
    // Reacts to inserts and updates in Cosmos DB
}
```

Leases track change feed progress.

8. How do you implement a Service Bus trigger?

```
[FunctionName("ServiceBusExample")]
public static void Run(
    [ServiceBusTrigger("queue-name", Connection = "ServiceBusConnection")] string message)
{
    // Handles messages from Azure Service Bus Queue
}
```

Use "queue-name" or "topic-name", "subscription-name" for topics.

9. How do you handle errors and retries in triggered functions?

- **Retry policies** can be set in host.json:

```
{
  "retry": {
    "strategy": "fixedDelay",
    "maxRetryCount": 3,
    "delayInterval": "00:00:05"
  }
}
```

- Unhandled exceptions automatically trigger retries (except for HTTP).
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10. What are best practices for managing trigger configuration?

- Use **app settings** for all connection strings
- Abstract trigger values (e.g., queue name, CRON) into settings
- Use **dependency injection** for service management
- Limit execution time (set `functionTimeout`)
- Avoid long-running or blocking operations