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Subject: Azure Fundamentals

Unit 2: Familiarity with the various Azure services

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Outline

- Familiarity with the various Azure services and their common use cases
- Azure Virtual Machines
- Azure App Services
- Azure Storage
- Azure Functions
- Azure SQL Database





Regions:

A region is a geographical area on the planet that contains one, or multiple datacenters that are nearby and connected with a low-latency network. When you deploy a resource in Azure, you'll need to choose the region where you want your resource deployed.









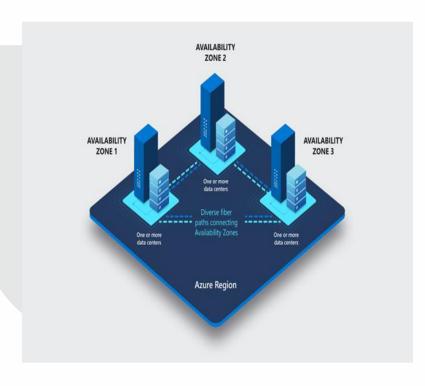
^{*} Three Azure Government region locations undisclosed





Availability Zones

- Availability zones are physically separate datacenters within an Azure region.
- Each availability zone is made up of one or more datacenters equipped with independent power, cooling, and networking.
- An availability zone is set up to be an isolation boundary. If one zone goes down, the other continues working.



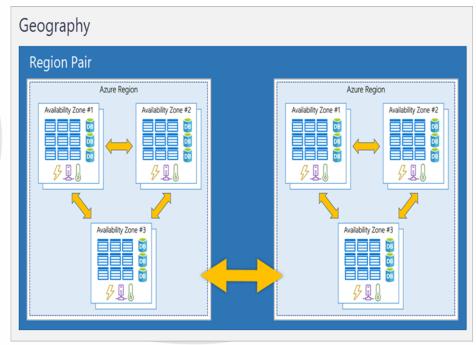






Region Pairs

- Most Azure regions are paired with another region within the same geography (such as US, Europe, or Asia) at least 300 miles away
- This approach allows for the replication of resources across a geography that helps reduce the likelihood of interruptions because of events such as natural disasters, civil unrest, power outages, or physical network outages that affect an entire region
- For example, if a region in a pair was affected by a natural disaster, services would automatically fail over to the other region in its region pair.





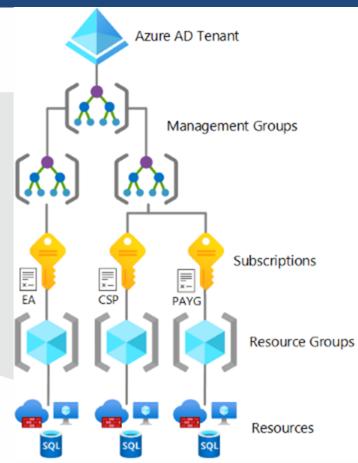


Azure subscription

- In Azure, subscriptions are a unit of management, billing, and scale.
- Similar to how resource groups are a way to logically organize resources, subscriptions allow you to logically organize your resource groups and facilitate billing.
- Using Azure requires an Azure subscription
- An account can have multiple subscriptions

There are two types of subscription boundaries that you can use

- **Billing boundary**: This subscription type determines how an Azure account is billed for using Azure E.g. Pay As You Go, CSP, Enterprise Agreement
- Access control boundary: Azure applies access-management policies at the subscription level







- A resource is the basic building block of Azure. Anything you create, provision, deploy, etc. is a resource. Virtual Machines (VMs), virtual networks, databases, cognitive services, etc. are all considered resources within Azure.
- Resource groups are logical groupings of resources. When you create a resource, you're required to place it into a resource group.
- When you apply an action to a resource group, that action will apply to all the resources within the resource group. If you delete a resource group, all the resources will be deleted. If you grant or deny access to a resource group, you've granted or denied access to all the resources within the resource group.







a. Compute Services

1. Azure Virtual Machines (VMs)

Use Cases: Running Windows and Linux virtual machines in the cloud, hosting applications, disaster recovery, and running development and test environments.

2. Azure App Services

Use Cases: Hosting web apps, RESTful APIs, and mobile backends. It supports .NET, .NET Core, Java, Ruby, Node.js, PHP, or Python.

3. Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

Use Cases: Simplifying the deployment, management, and operations of Kubernetes. Running containerized applications.





Networking Services

1. Azure Virtual Network

Use Cases: Creating a logically isolated network in Azure. Connects Azure resources securely with each other, the internet, and on-premises networks.

2. Azure Load Balancer

Use Cases: Distributing incoming network traffic across multiple servers to ensure no single server becomes overwhelmed.

3. Azure Content Delivery Network (CDN)

Use Cases: Delivering high-bandwidth content by caching data at strategically placed physical nodes across the world.





Storage Services

1. Azure Blob Storage

Use Cases: Storing massive amounts of unstructured data, such as text or binary data. Serving images or documents directly to a browser.

2. Azure File Storage

Use Cases: Replacing or supplementing on-premises file servers. Lift-and-shift applications that use native file system APIs to share file data across applications.

3. Azure Disk Storage

Use Cases: Providing high-performance, durable block storage for Azure VMs.





Database Services

1. Azure SQL Database

Use Cases: Running relational databases in the cloud. Supporting existing SQL Server applications.

2. Azure Cosmos DB

Use Cases: Building highly responsive and highly available global applications. Storing and managing large amounts of data with elastic and rapid scalability.

3. Azure Database for PostgreSQL/MySQL

Use Cases: Hosting relational databases that support PostgreSQL/MySQL. Modernizing and deploying applications faster.





Analytics Services

1. Azure Synapse Analytics

Use Cases: Combining big data and data warehousing. Integrating with other Azure services for a full analytics solution.

2. Azure Data Lake Storage

Use Cases: Storing data of any size, shape, and speed for big data analytics. Integrating with Hadoop and other big data frameworks.

3. Azure Data Factory

Use Cases: Orchestrating and automating data movement and data transformation. Data integration and ETL.





AI and Machine Learning Services

1. Azure Machine Learning

Use Cases: Building, training, and deploying machine learning models. Managing the entire machine learning lifecycle.

2. Azure Cognitive Services

Use Cases: Adding vision, speech, language, and decision-making capabilities to applications.

3. Azure Bot Service

Use Cases: Developing intelligent bots that can interact with users naturally.





Internet of Things (IoT) Services

1. Azure IoT Hub

Use Cases: Connecting, monitoring, and managing billions of IoT assets. Secure and reliable bi-directional communication between IoT applications and devices.

2. Azure IoT Central

Use Cases: Simplifying IoT solution development and management. Rapidly deploying IoT solutions without deep cloud solution development skills.

3. Azure Sphere

Use Cases: Providing secured, connected microcontroller unit (MCU) devices from the silicon to the cloud.





DevOps Services

1. Azure DevOps

Use Cases: Planning smarter, collaborating better, and delivering faster with a set of modern dev services.

2. Azure Pipelines

Use Cases: Automating builds and deployments, integrating CI/CD.

3. Azure Repos

Use Cases: Providing Git repositories or Team Foundation Version Control for source control.





Security Services

1. Azure Security Center

Use Cases: Providing unified security management and advanced threat protection across hybrid cloud workloads.

2. Azure Key Vault

Use Cases: Managing keys, secrets, and certificates. Enhancing data protection and compliance.

3. Azure Active Directory (AD)

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Management Tools

1. Azure Monitor

Use Cases: Collecting, analyzing, and acting on telemetry data from Azure and on-premises environments. Monitoring applications, infrastructure, and network.

2. Azure Automation

Use Cases: Automating frequent, time-consuming, and error-prone IT management tasks.

3. Azure Advisor

Use Cases: Providing personalized best practices recommendations to optimize Azure deployments.





Cloud Concepts



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