

Exam DP-200: Implementing an Azure Data Solution – Skills Measured

This exam was updated on November 24, 2020. Following the current exam guide, we have included a version of the exam guide with Track Changes set to “On,” showing the changes that were made to the exam on that date.

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Implement Data Storage Solutions (40-45%)

Implement non-relational data stores

- implement a solution that uses Cosmos DB, Data Lake Storage Gen2, or Blob storage
- implement data distribution and partitions
- implement a consistency model in Cosmos DB
- provision a non-relational data store
- provide access to data to meet security requirements
- implement for high availability, disaster recovery, and global distribution

Implement relational data stores

- provide access to data to meet security requirements
- implement for high availability and disaster recovery
- implement data distribution and partitions for Azure Synapse Analytics
- implement PolyBase

Manage data security

- implement data masking
- encrypt data at rest and in motion

Manage and Develop Data Processing (25-30%)

Develop batch processing solutions

- develop batch processing solutions by using Data Factory and Azure Databricks
- ingest data by using PolyBase
- implement the integration runtime for Data Factory
- create linked services and datasets
- create pipelines and activities
- create and schedule triggers
- implement Azure Databricks clusters, notebooks, jobs, and autoscaling
- ingest data into Azure Databricks

Develop streaming solutions

- configure input and output
- select the appropriate built-in functions
- implement event processing by using Stream Analytics

Monitor and Optimize Data Solutions (30-35%)

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- monitor relational and non-relational data stores
- implement Blob storage monitoring
- implement Data Lake Storage Gen2 monitoring
- implement Azure Synapse Analytics monitoring
- implement Cosmos DB monitoring
- configure Azure Monitor alerts
- implement auditing by using Azure Log Analytics

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- optimize Azure Synapse Analytics
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