Next is Platform as a Service, or PaaS. It is a superset of IaaS and,

like IaaS, PaaS includes infrastructure, service, storage, and networking,

but also middleware, development tools, business intelligence (or BI) services, database management systems, and more.

PaaS is designed to support the complete web application lifecycle: building, testing, deploying, managing, and updating.

On Azure, the PaaS offering avoids the expense and complexity of buying and managing software licenses, the underlying application infrastructure, and middleware.

You manage the applications and services that you develop,

and the cloud service provider typically manages everything else. For Azure, this could be security features, development tools, and data warehouse services.