Managing Azure SQL Server Database Performance

HOSTING SQL SERVER DATABASES IN AZURE



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Introduction



Hosting options for SQL Databases

- Infrastructure-as-a-Service (laaS) options
- Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) options
- Factors to consider when choosing the data offering
- Demo: Create a single database in Azure SQL Database

Migration Methods

- Online methods
- Offline methods
- Demo: Migrating SQL Server database to Azure using Data Migration Assistant (DMA)

Hosting Options for SQL Databases



Options to Host your SQL Server Workloads

Infrastructure-as-a-Service (laaS)

- Host model
- Full control over the database engine
 - Requires to manage infrastructure
 - Requires to manage software updates and security
 - Expensive option for high available databases

Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)

- Build model
- No need to set up infrastructure
- No need to manage software updates
- Fully managed service
- Autoscale feature
- Cost effective solution



laaS Hosting Options



SQL Server on Azure virtual machines

- Lift and shift ready for existing applications
- Fast migration to the cloud
- Minimal changes or no changes
- Full control over the database engine



PaaS Hosting Options

Single Database



- Fully managed service
- Built-in intelligence support
- Active geo-replication
- Advanced ThreatProtection
- Serverless compute tier available

Elastic Pool



- Shared resource model (compute and storage)
- Cost effective solution with fixed budget
- All benefits of single database
- Elastic jobs feature

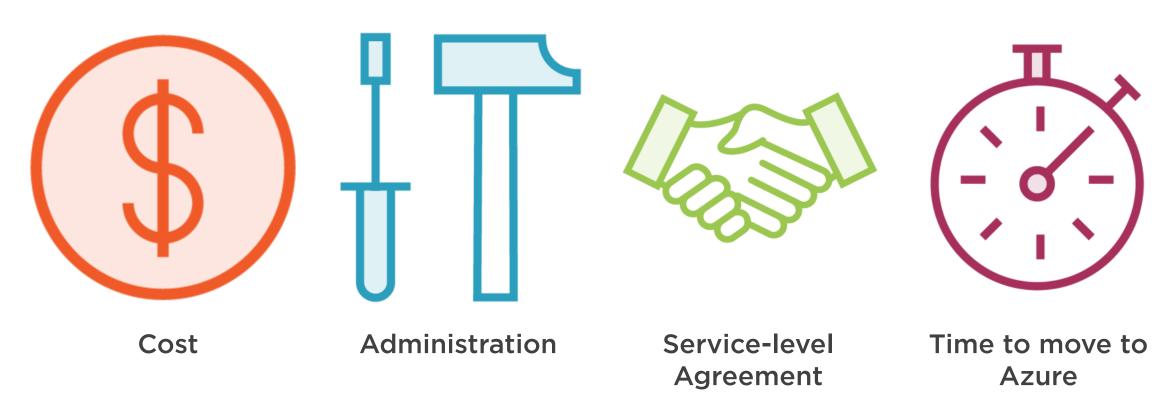
SQL Managed Instance



- Compatibility with SQL CLR, SQL Server Agent and Cross Database Queries
- Easy lift and shift
- Full isolation and security



Factors to Consider When Choosing the Data Offering



Demo

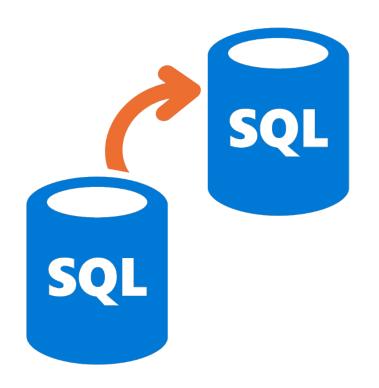


Steps

- Create Azure SQL Database
- Explore the database features available

Migration Methods





Transactional Replication

- Near real-time synchronization
- Synchronize changes between distributed databases
- Publisher and Subscriber mode
- Changes managed by Distributor component
- Multiple types of replication



Bulk Load

- Migrate full database using BACPAC file
- Migrate data file using Bulk Insert statement
- Bulk copy data using Bulk Copy Program (BCP) utility
- Manual and Offline migration





SQL Server Management Studio Database Deploy

- Available since version SQL Server 2012
- Manual scripting migration
- Few limitations and requirements (clustered indexes, extended properties)

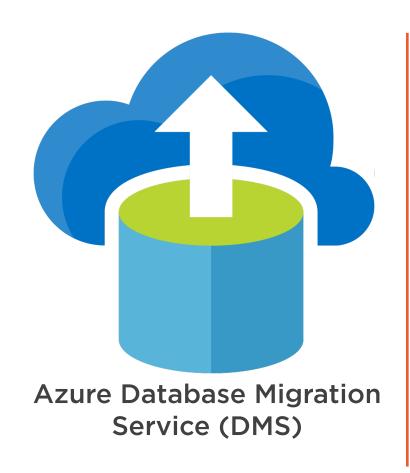




Azure Database Migration Assistant (DMA)

- Schema only, Data only or Schema and Data migration
- Assess the migration
- Recommendations feature
- Migration of single source to single target
- Free migration





- Fully managed service
- Multiple sources
- Multiple targets
- Offline and Online migration support
- Migration reports using DMA tool
- Automated migration
- Continuous sync

Demo



Steps

- Migrate SQL Server database to Azure using DMA
- Explore DMA features



Summary



How to pick the best option to host your SQL Database in Azure

Understand the factors to decide between the different options to host your SQL Database in Azure

Options available to migrate your SQL Server database to Azure

How to create a single database in Azure SQL Database

How to migrate a SQL Database to Azure

