



Azure SQL in a Day



Lessons



Introduction to Azure SQL

SQL Database vs Managed Instance

Creating an Azure SQL Database

Scaling, Service Tiers, and Purchasing Models

Client and Monitoring Tools

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Maintenance Automation

Lesson 1: Introduction to Azure SQL

What is Microsoft Azure?

Microsoft Azure is Microsoft's public cloud computing platform

Over 140 countries across 60 regions worldwide

Windows and Linux

Scale globally

- Reach more locations, faster, with the performance and reliability of a vast global infrastructure.

Safeguard data

- Rely on industry-leading data security in the region and across our network.

Promote sustainability

- Help build a clean-energy future and accelerate progress toward your sustainability goals.

What is Microsoft Azure?

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/global-infrastructure/regions/>



Cloud Hosting Models

Managed by customer

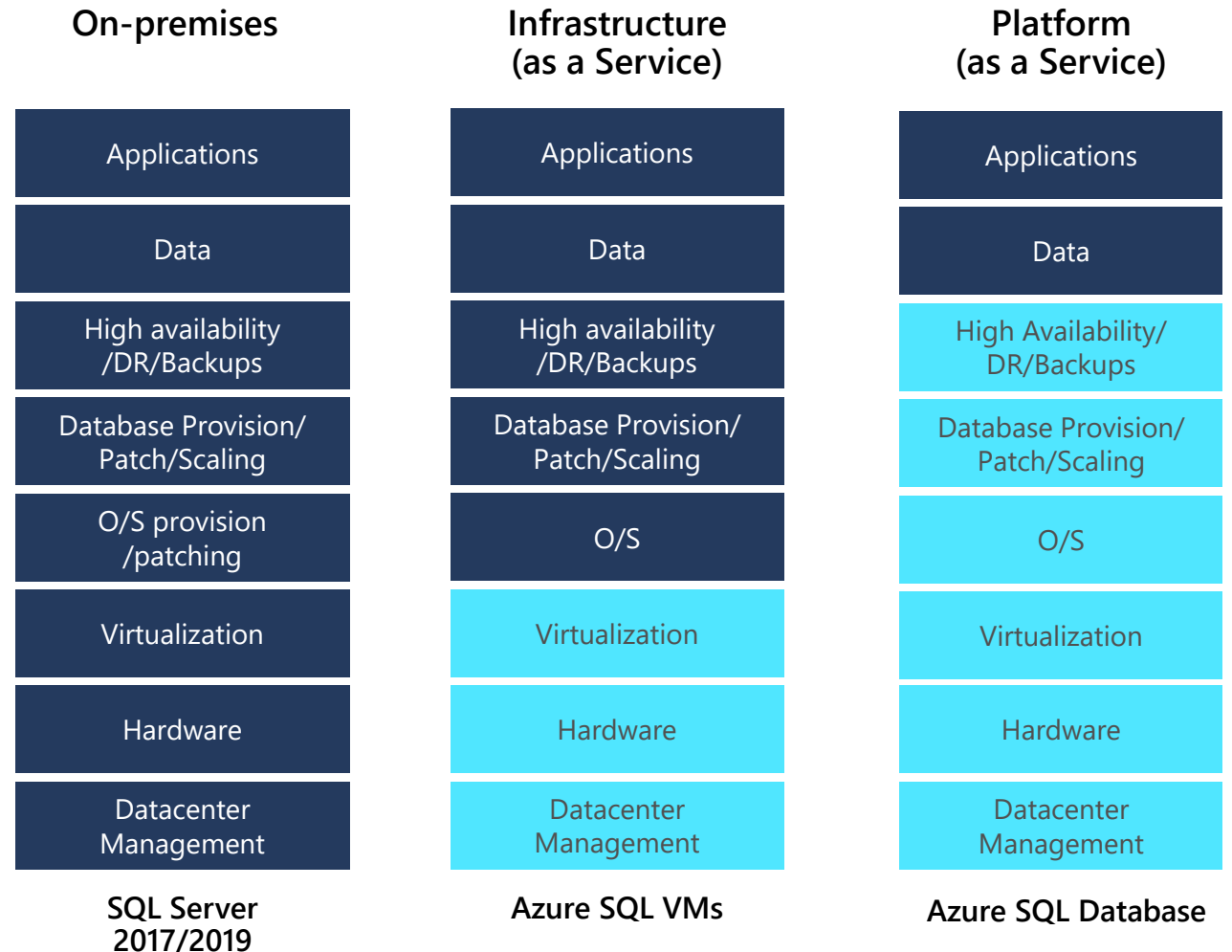
Managed by Microsoft

On-premises costs tend to be driven by hardware and data center management costs

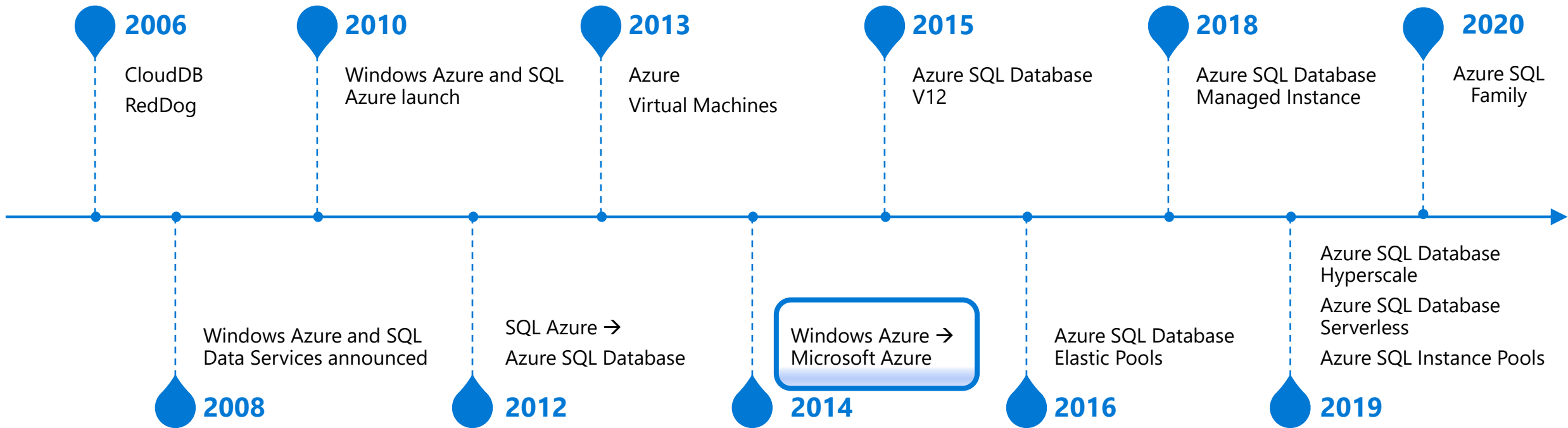
Infrastructure-as-a-Service reduces cost categories related to data center and compute

Platform-as-a-Service off-loads customers' most administrative tasks to Azure, further improving efficiency with machine-learning capabilities for performance and security

- **Managed Instance:** instance-level deployment for lift-shift existing apps to Azure, fully backward compatible
- **Single database:** database-level deployment for new apps



Azure SQL has come a long way



Azure SQL Family

Explore Azure SQL database services



SQL Server on Azure Virtual Machines

Migrate your SQL workloads to Azure with ease while maintaining complete SQL Server compatibility and operating system-level access

[Learn more >](#)



Azure SQL Managed Instance

Modernize your existing SQL Server applications at scale with an intelligent, fully managed service

[Learn more >](#)



Azure SQL Database

Support modern cloud applications on an intelligent, fully managed service that includes serverless compute

[Learn more >](#)

Questions?



Lesson 2: Azure SQL Database vs Managed Instance

What are my options?



I want a Virtual Machine

Azure manages the hardware

You own the OS and SQL Server

You own monitoring and HADR



SQL Server in
Azure Virtual Machine



I want a SQL Server

Azure manages the hardware and OS

You get a SQL Server, but we help
you manage it

You need SQL Server feature
compatibility and low friction move



Managed Instance
Single Instance Pool



Azure SQL Database
Single Elastic Pool

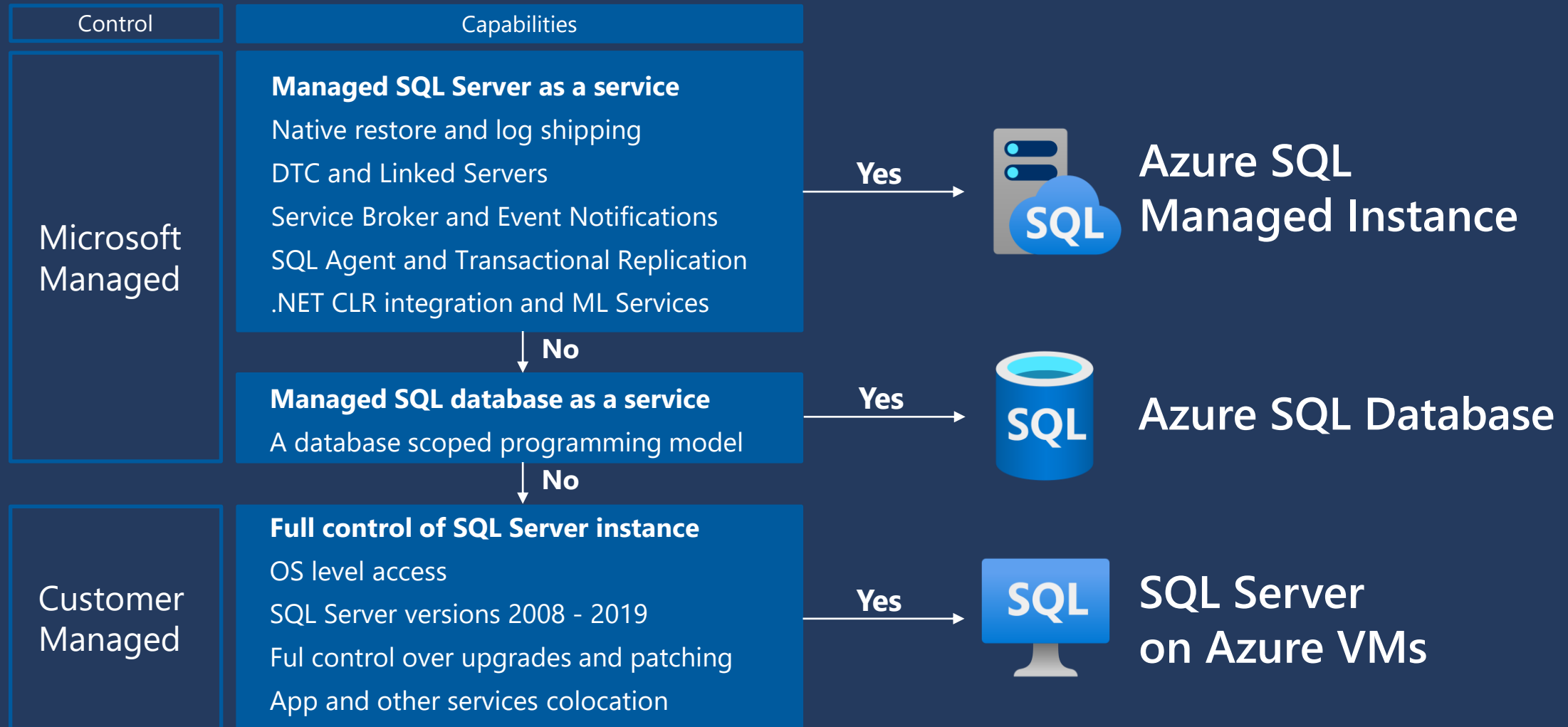
I want a database

Azure manages the hardware, OS,
and SQL Server

Azure gives you predictable
performance

Azure provides HADR, monitoring,
and intelligence

Which Azure SQL offering is right for you?



Azure SQL PaaS deployment options



Azure SQL Database

Managed instances

Best for most lift-and-shift migrations to the cloud



Single instance

- SQL Server surface area (vast majority).
- Native virtual network support.
- Fully managed service.

Instance pool*

- Resource sharing between multiple instances to price optimize.
- Simplified performance management for multiple databases.
- Fully managed service.

*Instance pool is currently in public preview, more details [here](#)

Databases

Best for modern cloud applications. Hyperscale and serverless options are available



Single database

- Hyperscale storage (up to 100TB).
- Serverless compute.
- Fully managed service.

Elastic pool

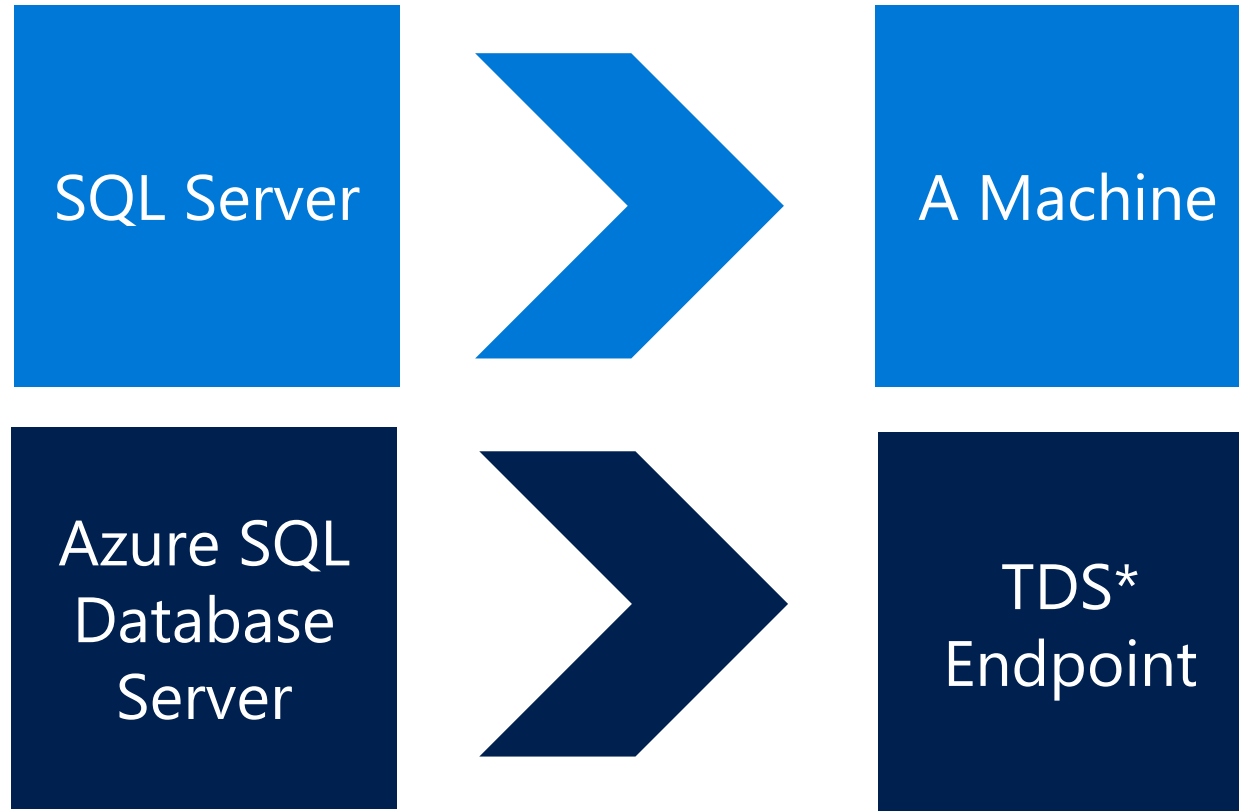
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Lesson 3: Creating an Azure SQL Database

Azure SQL Database Server is not a machine...



*TDS = Tabular Data Stream

Server Provisioning

Service head that contains databases

Connect via Fully Qualified Domain Name

Initially contains only a **master** database

Create SQL Database Server

Microsoft

Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription * ⓘ PFE Subscription ▼

Resource group * ⓘ (New) AzureSQLDatabaseRG ▼
[Create new](#)

Server details

Enter required settings for this server, including providing a name and location.

Server name * dbssql essentials ✓
.database.windows.net

Location * (US) East US ▼

Authentication

Select your preferred authentication methods for accessing this server. Create a server admin login and password to access your server with SQL authentication, select only Azure AD authentication [Learn more](#) using an existing Azure AD user, group, or application as Azure AD admin [Learn more](#), or select both SQL and Azure AD authentication.

Authentication method

☒ Use SQL authentication

☐ Use only Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) authentication

☐ Use both SQL and Azure AD authentication

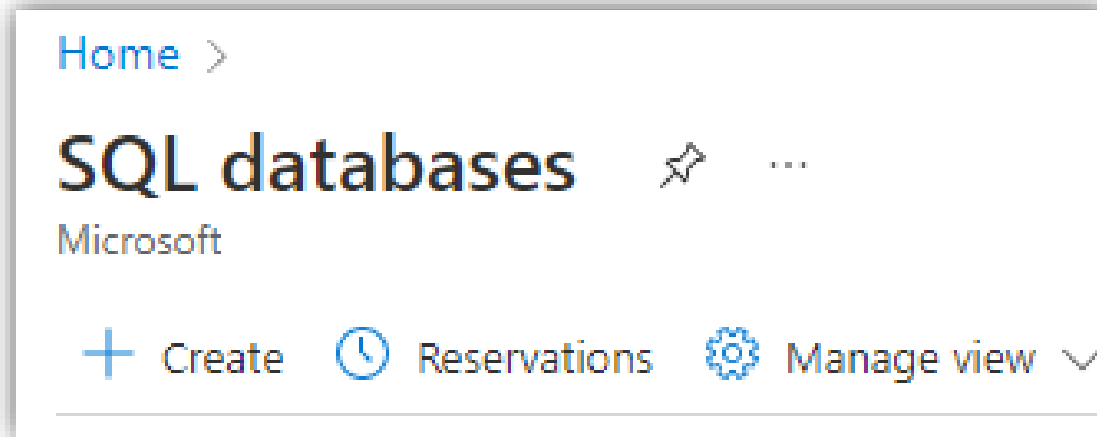
Server admin login * sqlserveradmin ✓

Password * ✓

Confirm password * ✓

[Review + create](#) [Next : Networking >](#)

Create the database



PowerShell:

```
New-AzSqlDatabase -ResourceGroupName "reourcegroupsqlgsp"
-SERVERNAME "server1" -DatabaseName "database1"
-Edition "Standard" -RequestedServiceObjectiveName "S1"
```

Transact-SQL:

```
CREATE DATABASE MyFirstAzureSQLDatabase
(MAXSIZE = 500 MB, EDITION = 'standard', SERVICE_OBJECTIVE = 'S1');
```

Create SQL database

[Home](#) > [Azure SQL](#) > [Select SQL deployment option](#) >

Create SQL Database

Microsoft

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription * ⓘ MCAPS-Hybrid ▼

Resource group * ⓘ jdSQLRG ▼

[Create new](#)

Database details

Enter required settings for this database, including picking a logical server and configuring the compute and storage resources

Database name * SalesDB ✓

Server * ⓘ jdsq Azure (East US) ▼

[Create new](#)

Want to use SQL elastic pool? ⓘ ☐ Yes ☒ No

Compute + storage * ⓘ

General Purpose
Standard-series (Gen5), 2 vCores, 32 GB storage, zone redundant disabled
[Configure database](#)

Questions?



What is an Azure SQL elastic pool?



Managing and scaling multiple databases that have varying and unpredictable usage demands.



A pool is shared by multiple databases to accommodate unpredictable periods of usage by individual databases.



Provisioning resources for the entire pool. It is a cost-effective solution for running multiple data bases with a fixed Budget.



Simply add and remove databases with downtime.

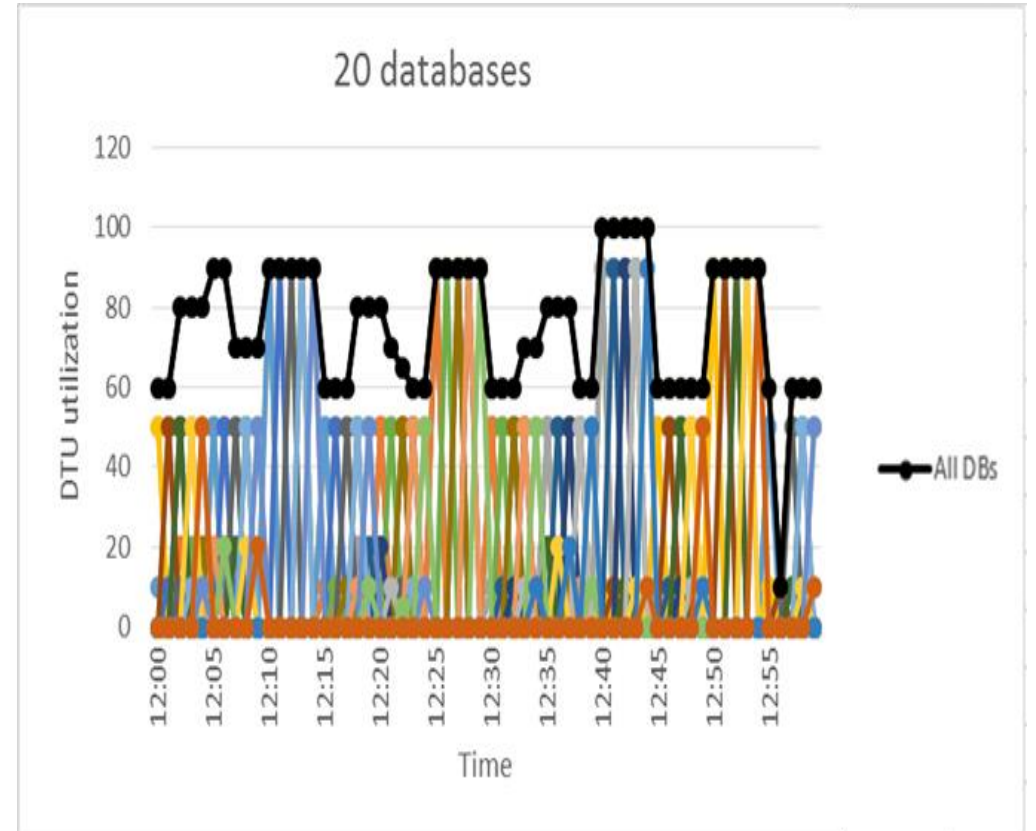
When to consider a pool?

Assessing
database
utilization
patterns.

There are large
differences
between peak
utilization and
average utilization
per database.

The peak
utilization for each
database occurs at
different points in
time.

eDTUs are shared
between many
databases.



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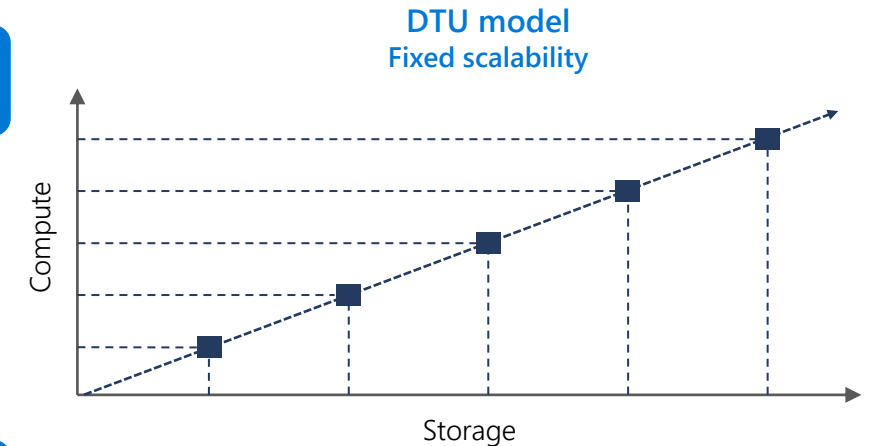


Lesson 4: Scaling, Service Tiers, and Purchasing Models

Azure SQL Database Purchasing models and resources

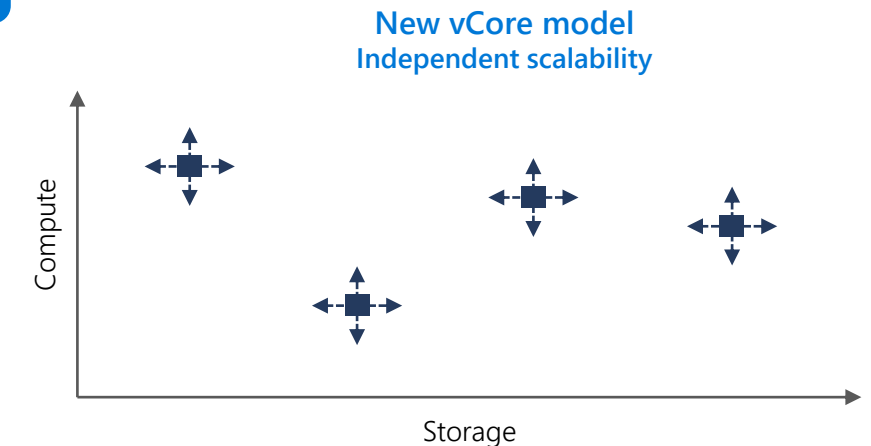
Database Transaction Unit (DTU) model

- Pre-packaged, bundled unit that represents the database power.
- Designed for **predictable performance**, but somewhat inflexible and limited in options.
- DTU sizing offers simplicity of choice.
- Blended measure of CPU, memory, and read-write rates.



vCore model

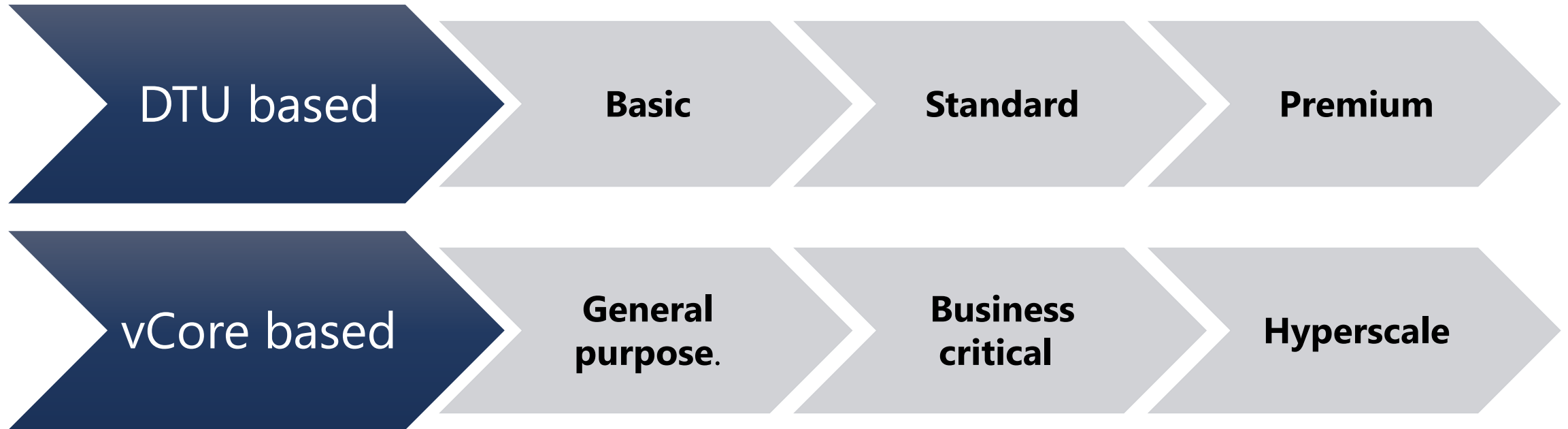
- À La carte approach deconstructs the DTU model into separate parts.
- Customers can select compute and storage independently.
- Allows customers to right-size their compute requirements in the cloud.
- vCore sizing offers flexibility of choice.
- Provides a choice between a **provisioned compute tier** and a **serverless compute tier**.



Purchasing models available for Azure SQL Database deployment:

Purchasing model/ Deployment model	DTU based	vCore based
Single Database	✓	✓
Elastic Pool	✓	✓
Managed Instance	✗	✓
Hyperscale service tier (single databases)	✗	✓

Overview Service Tiers



Standard 100DTUs = 1vCore
Premium 125DTUs = 1vCore

Changing Performance Levels (DTU)

PowerShell

- Set-AzSqlDatabase

REST

- Update database

Azure CLI

- az sql db update

T-SQL

- ALTER DATABASE ... MODIFY
(EDITION = ...)

Service and compute tier

Select from the available tiers based on the needs of your workload. The vCore model provides a wide range of configuration controls and offers Hyperscale and Serverless to automatically scale your database based on your workload needs. Alternately, the DTU model provides set price/performance packages to choose from for easy configuration. [Learn more](#)

Service tier

DTUs [Compare DTU options](#)

5 (Basic)

Data max size (GB)

DTU-based purchasing model

- Basic (For less demanding workloads)
- Standard (For workloads with typical performance requirements)
- Premium (For IO-intensive workloads)

Changing Performance Levels (vCore)

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Service tier

General Purpose (Scalable compute and storage options) ▼

Compute tier

vCore-based purchasing model

General Purpose (Scalable compute and storage options)

Hyperscale (On-demand scalable storage)

Business Critical (High transaction rate and high resiliency)

DTU-based purchasing model

Basic (For less demanding workloads)

Standard (For workloads with typical performance requirements)

Premium (For IO-intensive workloads)

up to 80 vCores, up to 408 GB memory

[Change configuration](#)

Compute Hardware

Select the hardware configuration based on confidential computing hardware depends on

Hardware Configuration

Save money

Already have a SQL Server License? Save with a license you already own with Azure Hybrid Benefit. Actual savings may vary based on region and performance tier. [Learn more](#)

☐ Yes ☒ No

vCores [Compare vCore options](#)



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Data max size (GB) ⓘ



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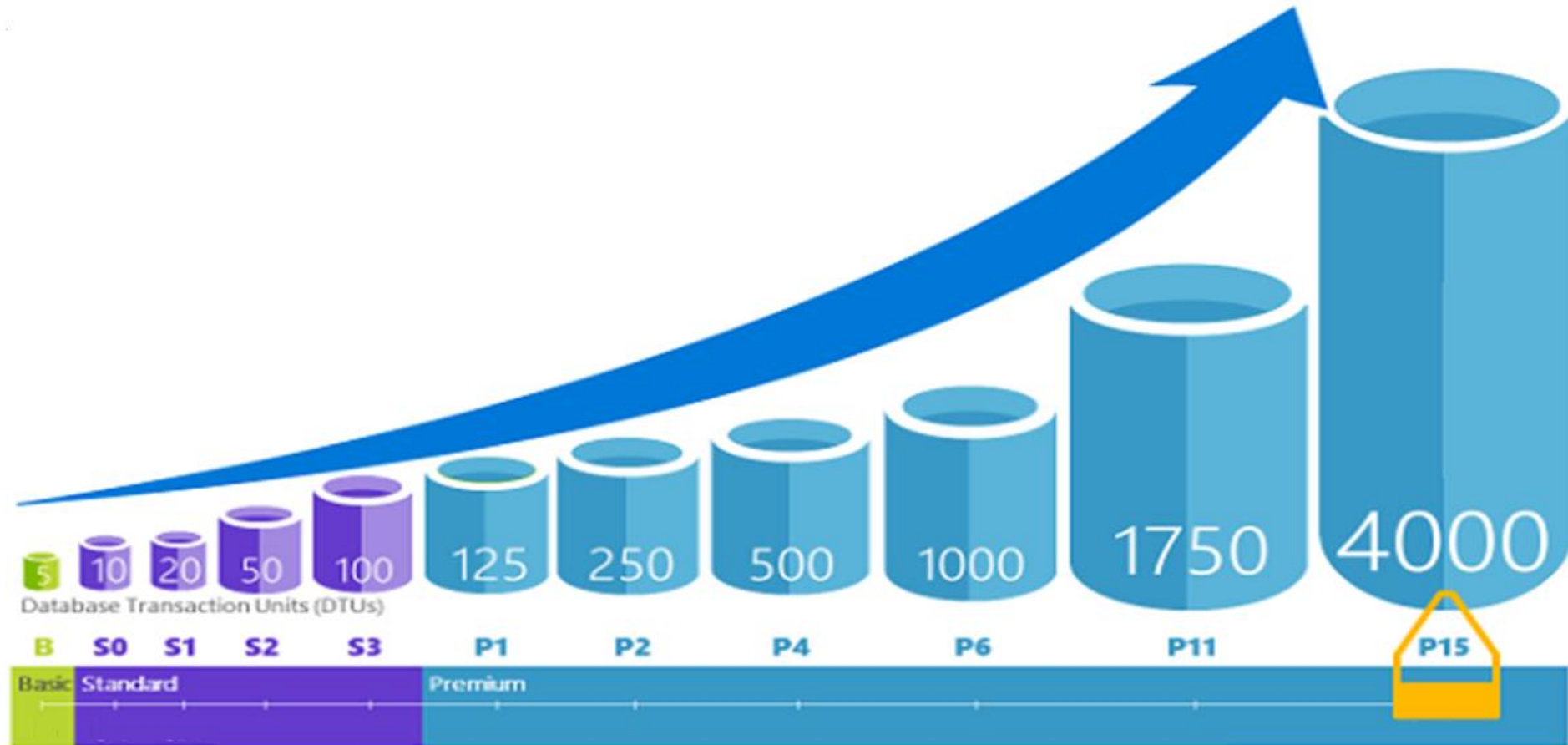
Demonstration

Overview of Service Tiers available for Azure SQL Database

- Review the different Service Tiers, Compute and Hardware options available while creating an Azure SQL Database.



Database Transaction Units (DTUs)



DTU-based model: Service Tiers

	Basic	Standard									Premium					
		S0	S1	S2	S3	S4	S6	S7	S9	S12	P1	P2	P4	P6	P11	P15
Built for	Light transactional workloads	Medium transactional workloads									Heavy transactional workloads					
Available SLA	99.99%															
Database max. size	2 GB	250 GB			1 TB									4 TB		
Point-in-time restore ("oops" recovery)	Any point within 7 days	7-35 days (7 days by default)														
Business continuity	Active geo-replication, up to four readable secondary backups															
Security	Auditing, row-level security, dynamic data masking, Advanced Threat Protection															
Performance objectives	Transactions per hour	Transactions per minute									Transactions per second					
Database transaction units (DTUs)	5	10	20	50	100	200	400	800	1,600	3,000	125	250	500	1,000	1,750	4,000


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[Resource limits for single databases using the DTU-based purchasing model](#)

vCore-based purchasing model: Provisioned compute tier

Simplicity:

- We remain committed to the DTU-based model and the simplicity it offers customers who want a pre-configured solution.




Flexibility:

- The vCore-based model reflects our commitment to customer choice and to simplify the hybrid benefit for customers migrating from on-premises.

Customers pay for:

- Service tier + number of vCores.
- Type and amount of data storage.
- Number of IO.
- Backup storage (RA-GRS).

vCore-based purchasing model: Provisioned compute tier

Service tier	 General purpose		 Business critical		 Hyperscale
Best for	Most budget-oriented workloads		Critical business applications with high IO requirements.		VLDB OLTP and HTAP workloads with highly scalable storage and read-scale requirements.
Deployment option	Single / Elastic Pools Managed Instance		Single / Elastic Pools Managed Instance		Single
Compute tiers	Gen5: 2 to 80 vCore Fsv2-series*: 72 vCore Serverless: 0.5 to 16 vCore		Gen5: 4 to 80 vCore	Gen5: 2 to 80 vCore M-series*: 128 vCore	Gen5: 4 to 80 vCore
Storage	Premium remote		Local SSD		Local SSD Cache
	5GB – 4TB per instance	32GB – 16TB per instance	5GB – 4TB per instance	32GB – 16TB per instance	Scale from 5GB to 100TB of storage in 1GB increments
In-Memory	Not supported		Supported		Not supported
Read-write IO	~2ms for all data access		<0.5ms for all data access		<0.5ms for hot data access ~2ms otherwise
Availability	1 replica, no read-scale replicas		3 read replicas, zone-redundant HA	3 replicas, 1 read-scale replica, zone-redundant HA	Primary read/write replica + up to 4 read replicas
Backups	RA-GRS, 7-35 days (7 days by default)		RA-GRS, 7-35 days (7 days by default)		LRS, ZRS, RA-GRS, 7-35 days (7 days by default)

For latest information reference: <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/details/sql-database/>

* Fsv2-series and M-series are currently in preview.

Choose from hardware generations

	Gen 5	Fsv2-series	M-series	DC-Series
Hardware	Intel E5-2673 v4 (Broadwell) 2.3 GHz processors, fast eNVM SSD vCore=1 LP (hyper-thread)	Intel Xeon Platinum 8168 (SkyLake) processors	Intel Xeon E7-8890 v3 2.5 GHz processors	Intel® XEON E-2288G processors. Featuring Intel Software Guard Extension (Intel SGX))
Performance levels	1 to 80 vCores	72 vCores (1 vCore = 1 hyper-thread)	128 vCores (1 vCore = 1 hyper-thread)	Provision up to 8 vCores (physical)
Memory	5.1 GB per vCore for provisioned compute Up to 24 GB per vCore for serverless compute	1.9 GB per vCore	29 GB per vCore	4.5 GB per vCore
Storage	Up to 4TB remote SSD storage Up to 4TB local SSD storage	Up to 4TB remote SSD storage	Up to 4TB local SSD storage	Up to 4TB remote SSD storage

- Balance performance requirements and price with two hardware generations
- Match your on-premises application behavior
- Fsv2, M, and DC series are Generally available but in limited regions

Questions?



vCore-based purchasing model: Serverless compute tier



On-demand flexible scale

Operate at the true rhythm of your business.

Adapts compute resources to the workload without sacrificing performance.

Automatically pauses and resumes.



Cost-effective

Pay for performance. Period.

Pay only for compute resources you consume, on a per-second basis.

Further optimize costs with configurable compute thresholds.



Fully managed & intelligent
Focus on your applications, not your infrastructure

Fully-managed and intelligent database service.

Built-in 99.99% availability.

Best for unpredictable and intermittent workloads on single databases, such as:



Dev/test



Line of Business



E-commerce

Provisioned compute and serverless meet different needs

Optimize compute provisioning and billing for your workload

Databases with provisioned compute...

Provision compute resources upfront.

Bill on an hourly basis.

Common scenarios

Workloads with regular and substantial compute utilization.

Multiple databases with bursty usage patterns that can be consolidated into a single server and use *elastic pools* for better price optimization.



Serverless databases...

Scale up or down to meet workload requirements, instead of pre-provisioning.

Bill on a per-second basis.

Common scenarios

Workloads with unpredictable and intermittent usage patterns or performance requirements .

Workloads where the requirements are unknown, and you can delegate compute sizing to the service.



Serverless price to performance with per-second billing

Compute resources scale dynamically up or down based on workload requirements.

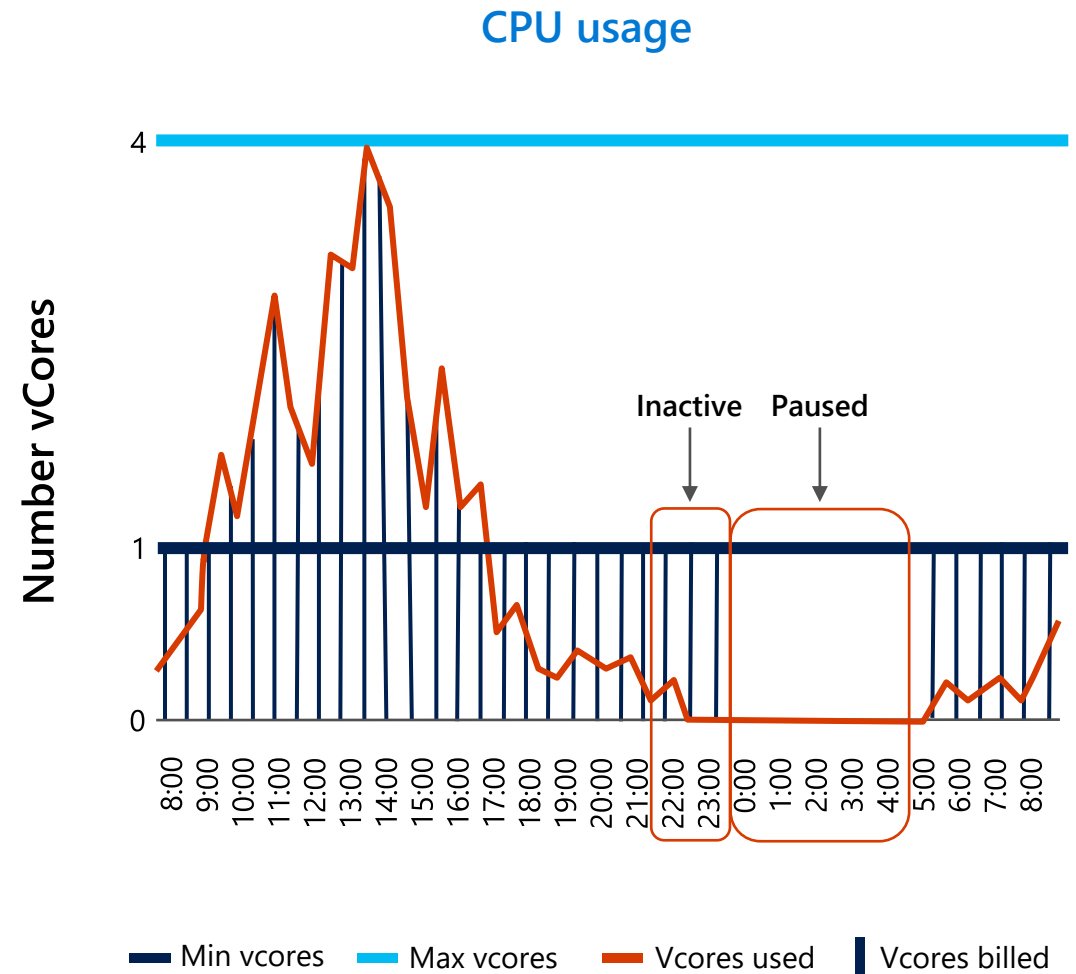
Configure minimum and maximum vCores to define the range of available compute capacity.

Use auto-pause delay to define the time period the dataset must be inactive before pausing.

The database is automatically resumed when the next login or other activity occurs.

Pay for compute based on the vCores and memory used per second, with lowest billing based on configured vCore minimum.

When the database is paused, the compute cost is zero and only storage costs are incurred.



Pay only for what you need

DTUs			vCores		
Basic	Standard	Premium	General Purpose	Business Critical	Hyperscale
Small databases particularly those in development phases.	General purpose databases with moderate performance requirements.	Mission-critical databases with high performance and high-availability requirements.	Data applications with basic IO and basic availability requirements.	Business critical data applications with fast IO and high availability requirements.	VLDB OLTP and HTAP workloads with highly scalable storage and read-scale requirements.



Elastic scale and performance: Three service tiers within DTU-based model, and two tiers within vCore-based model let you scale up and down based on throughput needs and offer better resource isolation and an improved billing experience.



Business continuity and data protection: A spectrum of business-continuity features across tiers lets you dial up control over data recovery and failover.



Familiar and fully-managed: Near-complete SQL Server compatibility and unprecedented efficiencies as your applications scale with a near-zero maintenance service and a variety of familiar management tools and programmatic APIs.

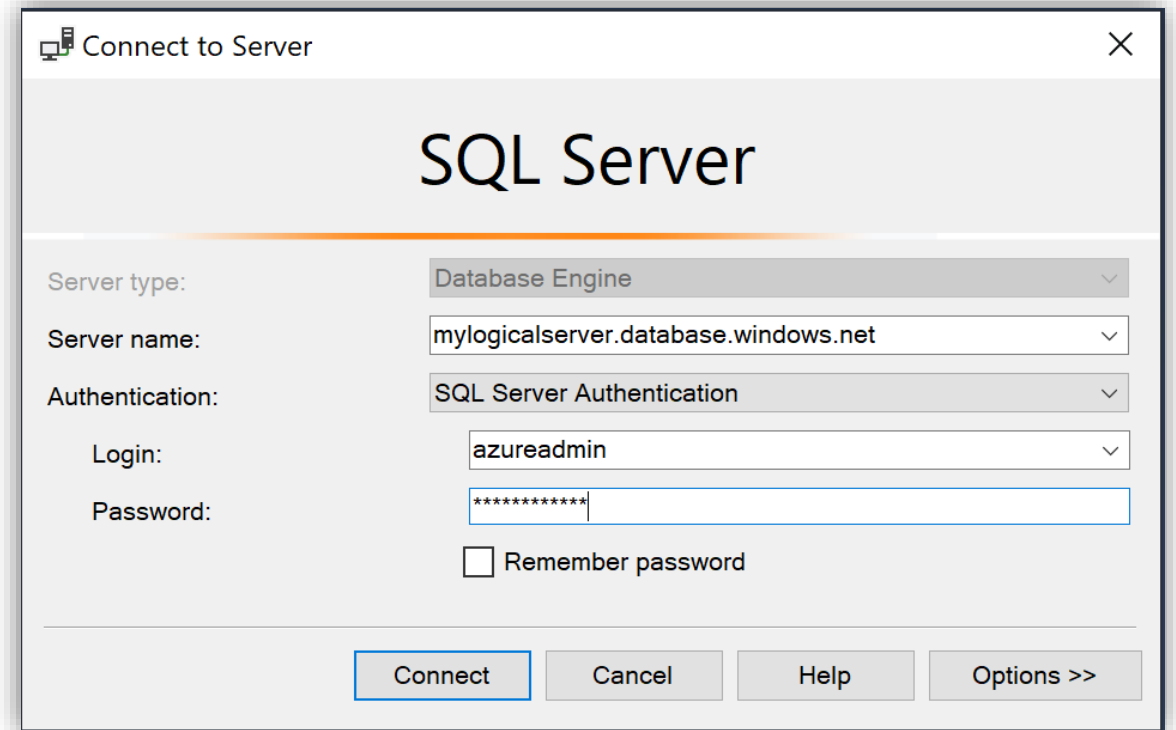
Lesson 5: Client and Monitoring Tools

SQL Server Management Studio

Download
the latest
version of
SSMS.

Get the fully
qualified
domain
name of
your Azure
SQL Server.

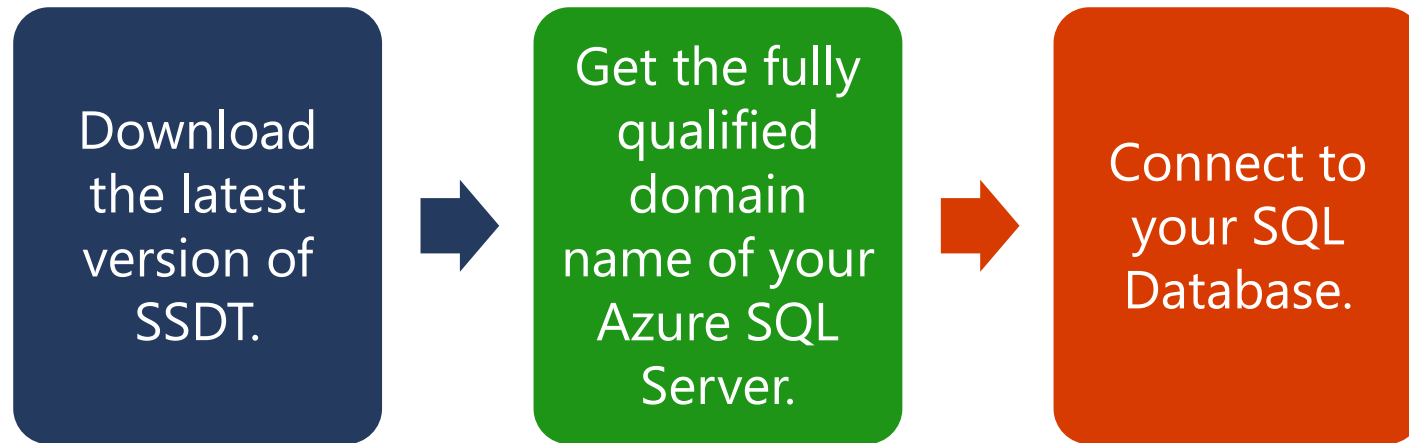
Connect to
your SQL
Database.



The screenshot shows the 'Connect to Server' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Server type:** Database Engine
- Server name:** mylogicalserver.database.windows.net
- Authentication:** SQL Server Authentication
- Login:** azureadmin
- Password:** (masked with asterisks)
- ☐ Remember password
- Buttons:** Connect, Cancel, Help, Options >>

SQL Server Data Tools



The screenshot shows the 'Connect' dialog box in SQL Server Data Tools. The 'Browse' tab is active, displaying a search bar and a tree view with 'Local', 'Network', and 'Azure' options. Below the tree view, the following fields are populated:

- Server Name: mylogicalserver.database.windows.net
- Authentication: SQL Server Authentication (dropdown)
- User Name: azureadmin
- Password: [masked with dots]
- Remember Password: ☐
- Database Name: <default> (dropdown)

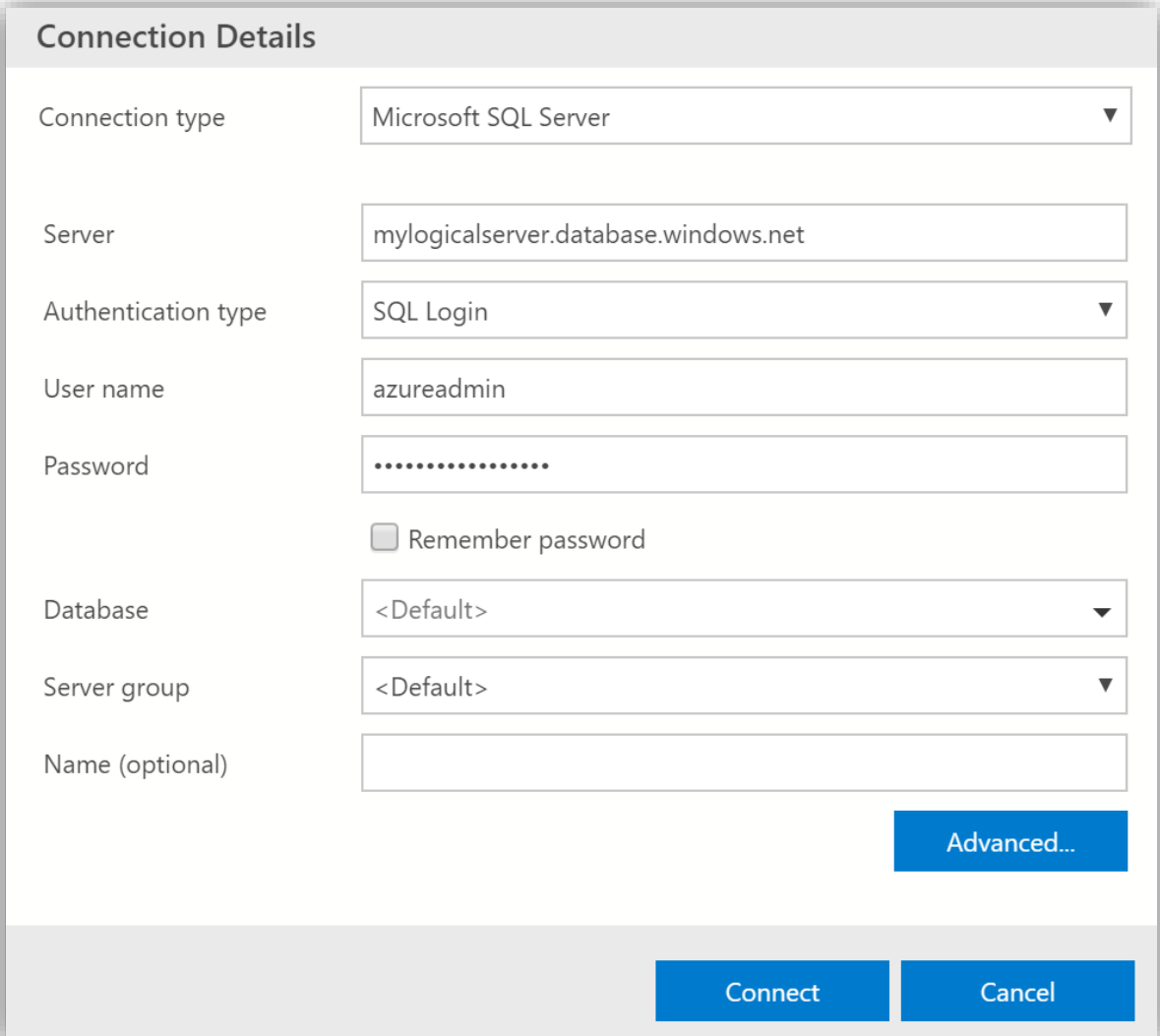
At the bottom right, there is a link for 'Advanced...' and two buttons: 'Connect' and 'Cancel'.

Azure Data Studio

Download the latest version of Azure Data Studio.

Get the fully qualified domain name of your Azure SQL Server.

Connect to your SQL Database.



The screenshot shows the 'Connection Details' dialog box in Azure Data Studio. It contains the following fields and options:

- Connection type:** A dropdown menu set to 'Microsoft SQL Server'.
- Server:** A text box containing 'mylogicalserver.database.windows.net'.
- Authentication type:** A dropdown menu set to 'SQL Login'.
- User name:** A text box containing 'azureadmin'.
- Password:** A text box with masked characters (dots). Below it is a checkbox labeled 'Remember password' which is currently unchecked.
- Database:** A dropdown menu set to '<Default>'.
- Server group:** A dropdown menu set to '<Default>'.
- Name (optional):** An empty text box.

At the bottom right of the dialog, there are three buttons: 'Advanced...' (in a blue box), 'Connect' (in a blue box), and 'Cancel' (in a blue box).

Management APIs

PowerShell

- New-AzSqlDatabase
- Get-AzSqlDatabase
- Set-AzSqlDatabase
- Remove-AzSqlDatabase
- New-AzResourceGroup
- New-AzSqlServer
- Get-AzSqlServer
- Set-AzSqlServer
- Remove-AzSqlServer
- New-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- Get-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- Set-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- Remove-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- New-AzSqlServerVirtualNetworkRule

Azure CLI

- az sql db create
- az sql db list
- az sql db list-editions
- az sql db list-usages
- az sql db show
- az sql db update
- az sql db delete
- az group create
- az sql server create
- az sql server list
- az sql server list-usages
- az sql server show
- az sql server update
- az sql server delete
- az sql server firewall-rule create
- az sql server firewall-rule list
- az sql server firewall-rule show
- az sql server firewall-rule update
- az sql server firewall-rule delete

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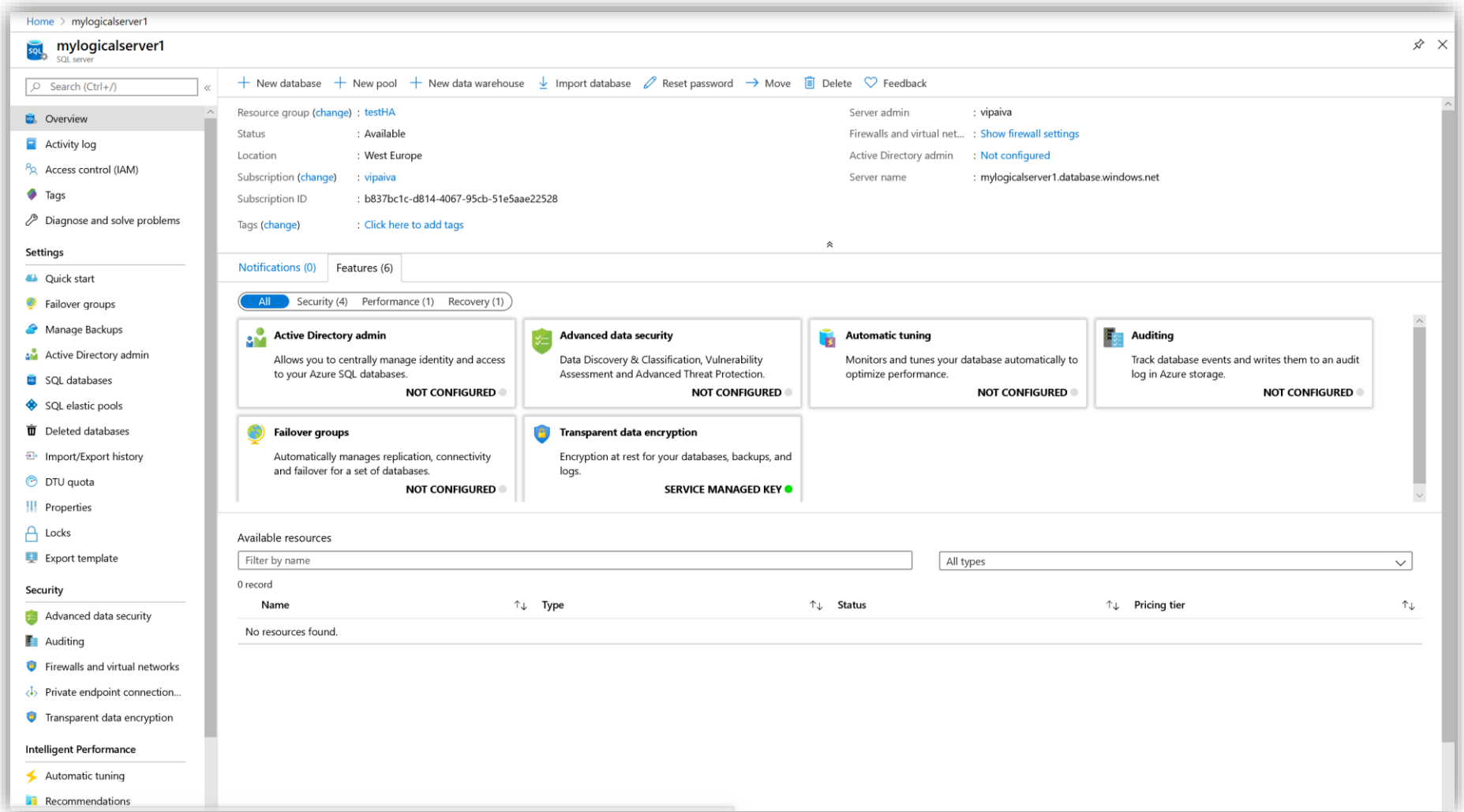
Transact-SQL

- CREATE DATABASE
- ALTER DATABASE
- DROP DATABASE
- sys.database_service_objectives
- sys.dm_db_resource_stats
- sys.resource_stats
- sys.database_connection_stats
- sys.event_log
- sp_set_firewall_rule
- sys.firewall_rules
- sp_delete_firewall_rule
- sp_set_database_firewall_rule
- sys.database_firewall_rules
- sp_delete_database_firewall_rule

REST API

- Servers - Create or update
- Servers - Delete
- Servers - Get
- Servers - List
- Servers - List by resource group
- Servers - Update
- Databases - Create or update
- Databases - Delete
- Databases - Get
- Databases - List by elastic pool
- Databases - List by server
- Databases - Update
- Firewall rules - Create or update
- Firewall rules - Delete
- Firewall rules - Get
- Firewall rules - List by server

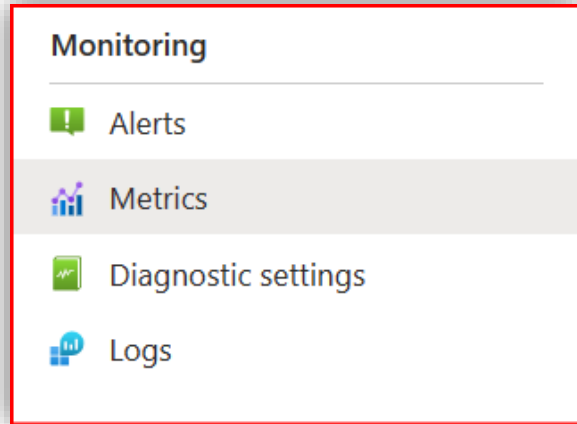
Azure Portal



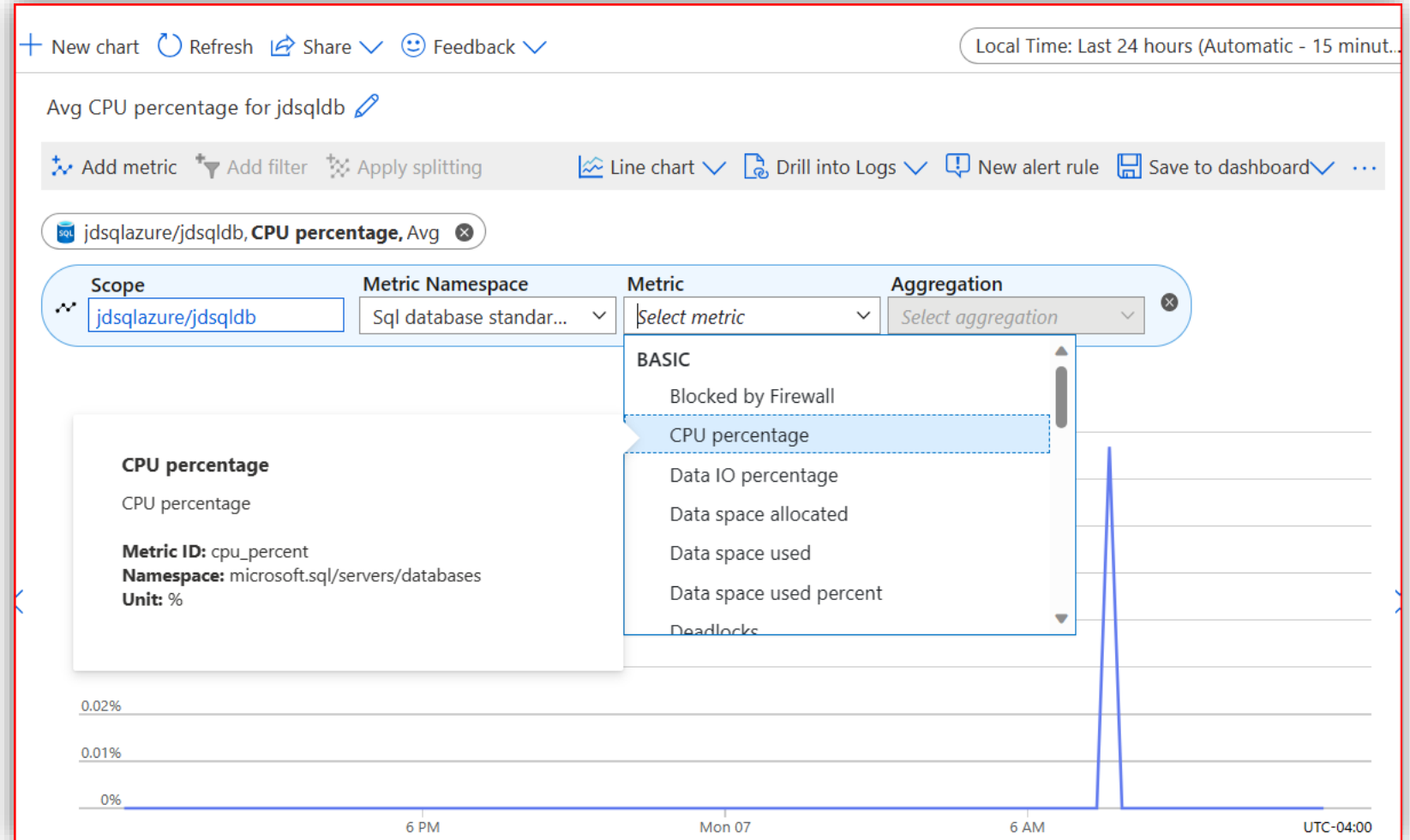
Questions?



Metrics and Alerts



- Metrics enable you to see if a database is approaching the limits of CPU, memory, IO, or storage resources.
- High DTU, CPU or IO utilization may indicate that your workload needs more resources.



Purpose of Alerts for Azure SQL Database

Database alerts can help to proactively trigger various events related to database connectivity, high DTU usage or deadlocks, etc.

It helps to proactively resolve underlying issues to avoid application outages and improve user experience.

Metric values

- The alert triggers when the value of a specified metric crosses a threshold you assigned in either direction. It triggers when the condition is first met and then when that condition is no

SQL Database alert values

Metric Name	Aggregation Type	Minimum Alert Time Window
CPU percentage	Average	5 minutes
Data IO percentage	Average	5 minutes
Log IO percentage	Average	5 minutes
DTU percentage	Average	5 minutes
Total database size	Maximum	30 minutes
Successful Connections	Total	10 minutes
Failed Connections	Total	10 minutes
Blocked by Firewall	Total	10 minutes
Deadlocks	Total	10 minutes
Database size percentage	Maximum	30 minutes
In-Memory OLTP storage percent(Preview)	Average	5 minutes
Workers percentage	Average	5 minutes
Sessions percent	Average	5 minutes
DTU limit	Average	5 minutes
DTU used	Average	5 minutes

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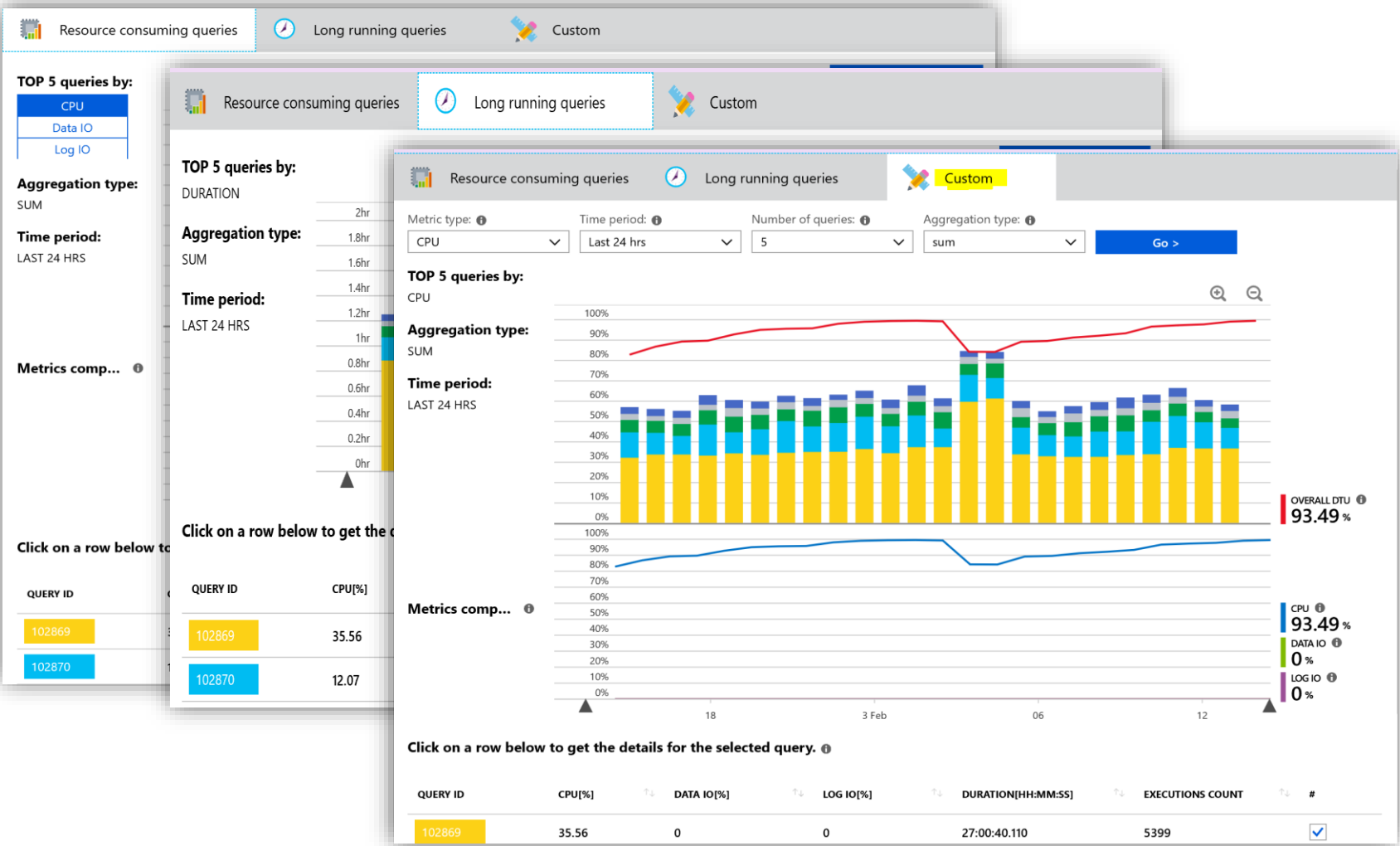
Query Performance Insight

Intelligent Performance

- Performance overview
- Performance recommendati...
- Query Performance Insight
- Automatic tuning

Query Performance Insight

- Shows top performance degrading queries by showing most resource consuming queries, long running queries and custom configuration.
- Can drill through the queries to see Query text, CPU, data IO and Log IO utilization %, Duration and Execution count.

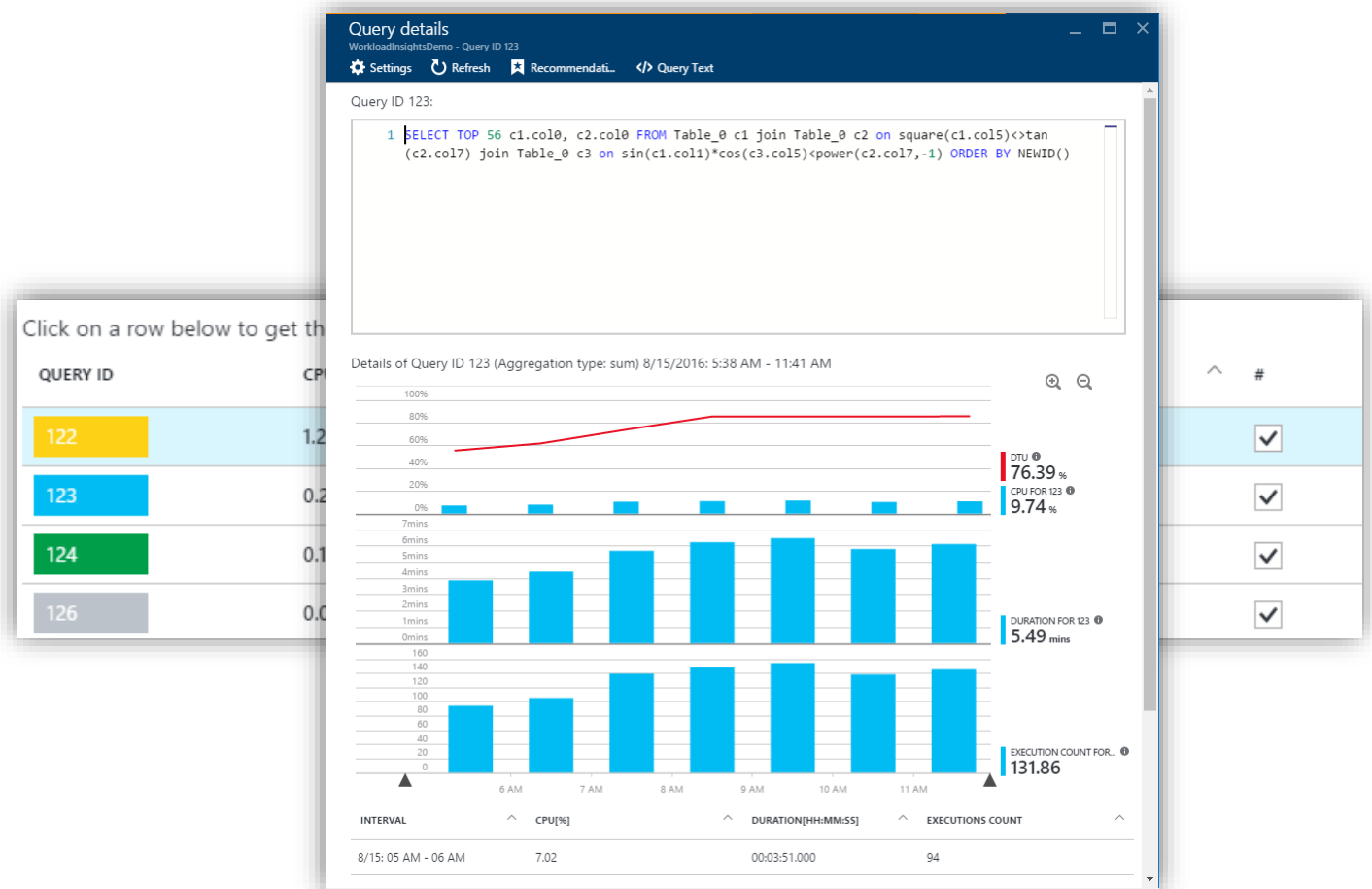


Viewing individual query details

Get details for the individual queries

- CPU Consumption
- Duration
- Execution Count

It does not capture DDL queries



Questions?



Lesson 6: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Business Continuity Problems

Enabling the application to continuously operate during unplanned and planned disruptive events.

Disruption scenarios in general:

- Local hardware or software failures
- Data corruption or deletion typically caused by an application bug or human error.
- Datacenter outage, possibly caused by a natural disaster.
- Upgrade or maintenance errors.

Basic (DTU), Standard (DTU), General Purpose (vCore) High Availability

Behaves like Failover Cluster Instance

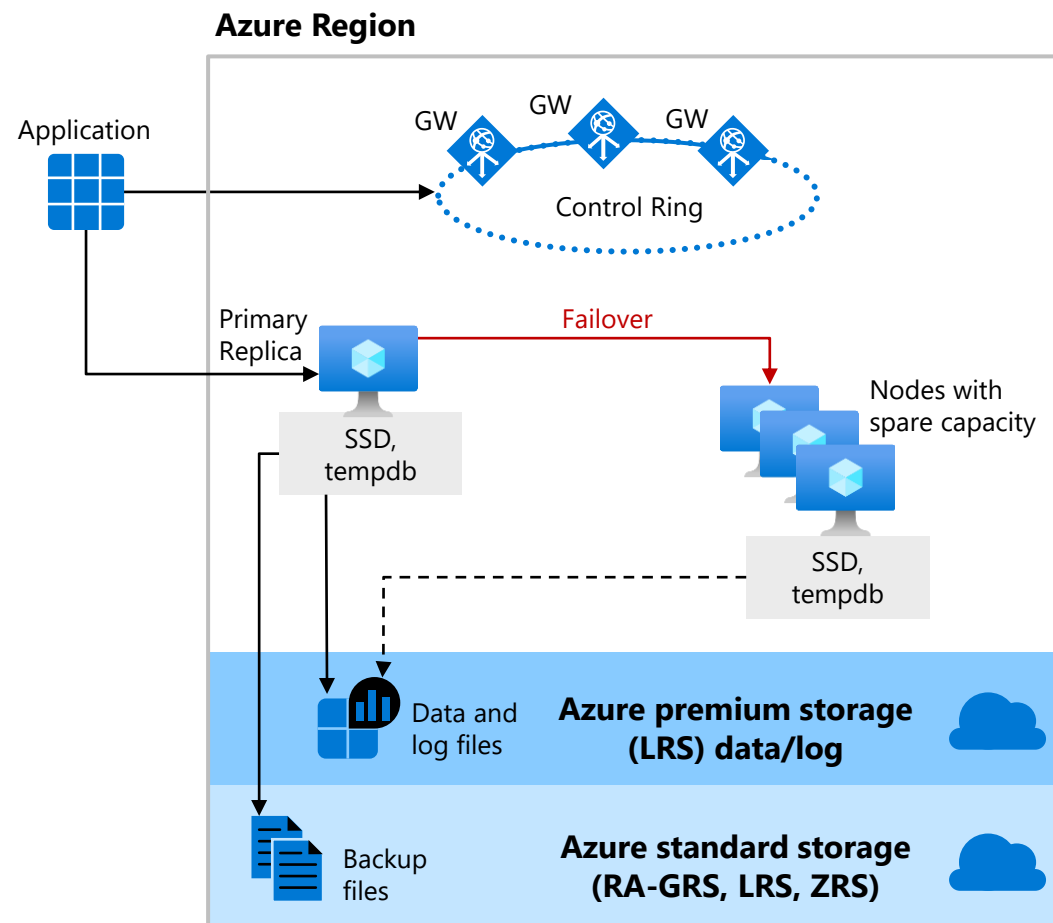
Remote storage provides data redundancy within a datacenter

Backup files are in a different location with geo-redundancy

Failover decisions based on SQL and Service Fabric

Recovery time depends on spare capacity

Connectivity redirection built-in



Premium (DTU) and Business Critical (vCore) High Availability

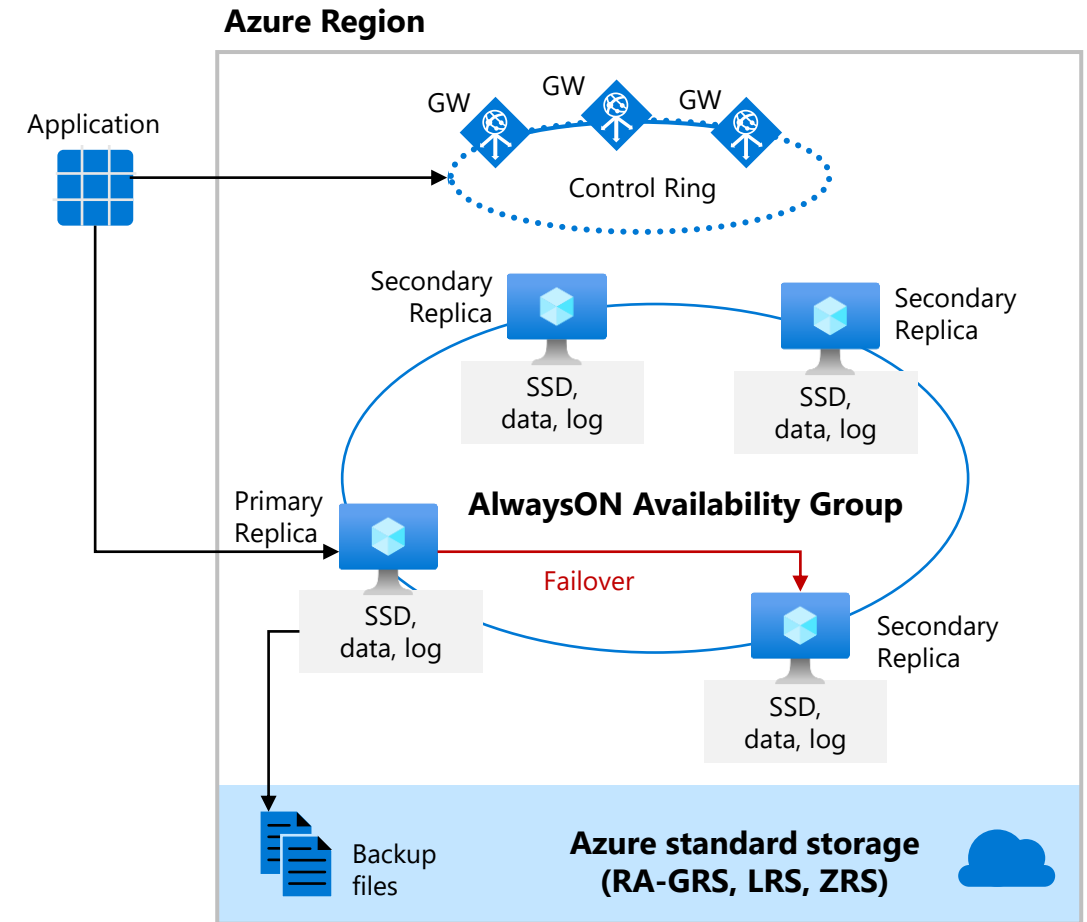
High availability is achieved by replicating both compute and storage to additional nodes.

High availability is implemented using a technology like SQL Server Always On Availability Groups.

The cluster includes a single primary replica for read-write workloads, and up to three secondary replicas (compute and storage) containing copies of data.

The failover is initiated by the Azure Service Fabric.

As an extra benefit, the premium availability model includes Read Scale-Out feature.



Zone redundant configuration

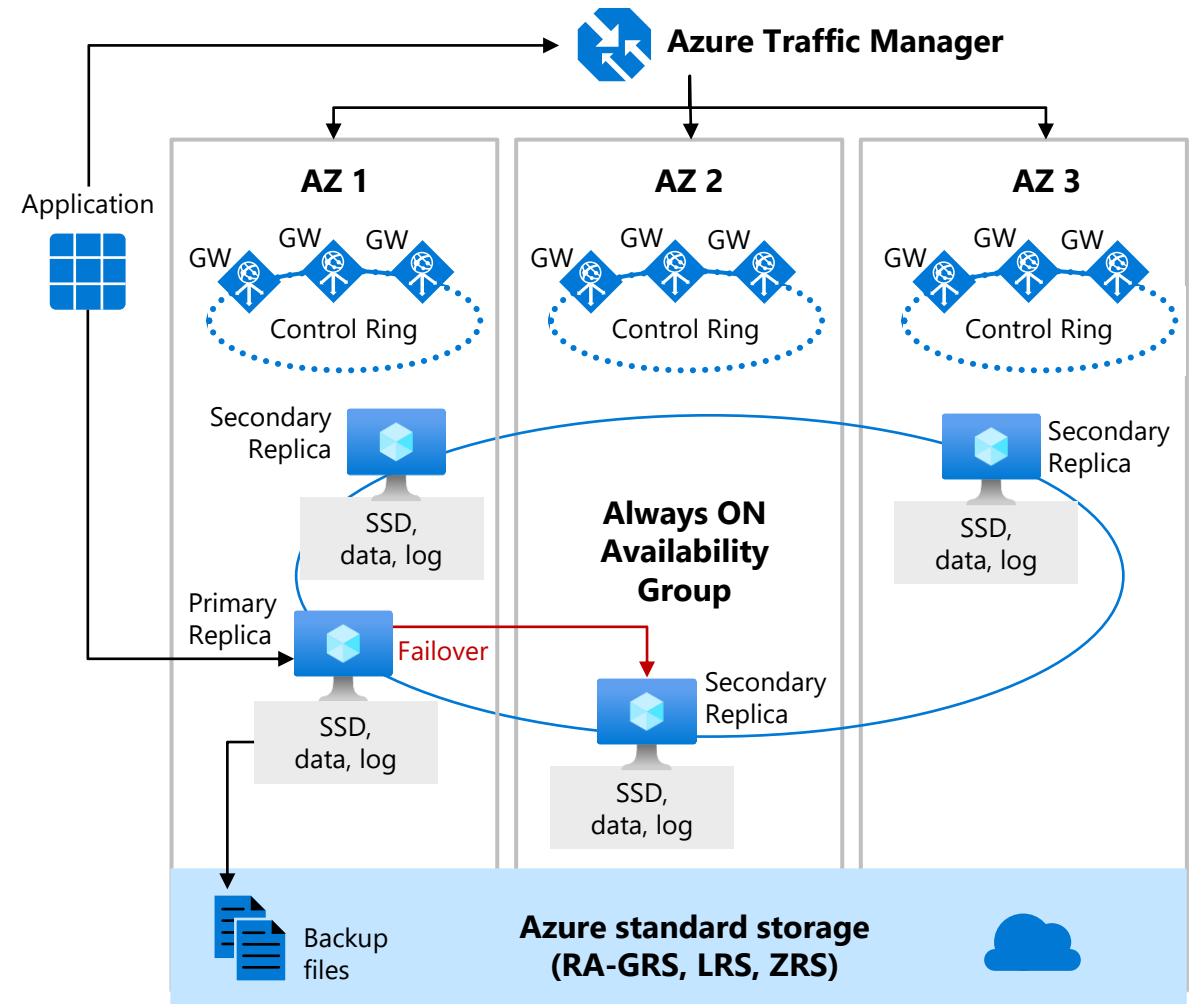
By default, the cluster of nodes for the premium availability model is created in the same datacenter.

SQL Database can place different replicas of the Business-Critical database to different availability zones in the same region.

The routing is controlled by Azure Traffic Manager (ATM).

The zone redundant databases have replicas in different datacenters with some distance between them, the increased network latency may impact the performance.

Zone redundant configurations are currently only supported in the Premium or Business Critical tiers



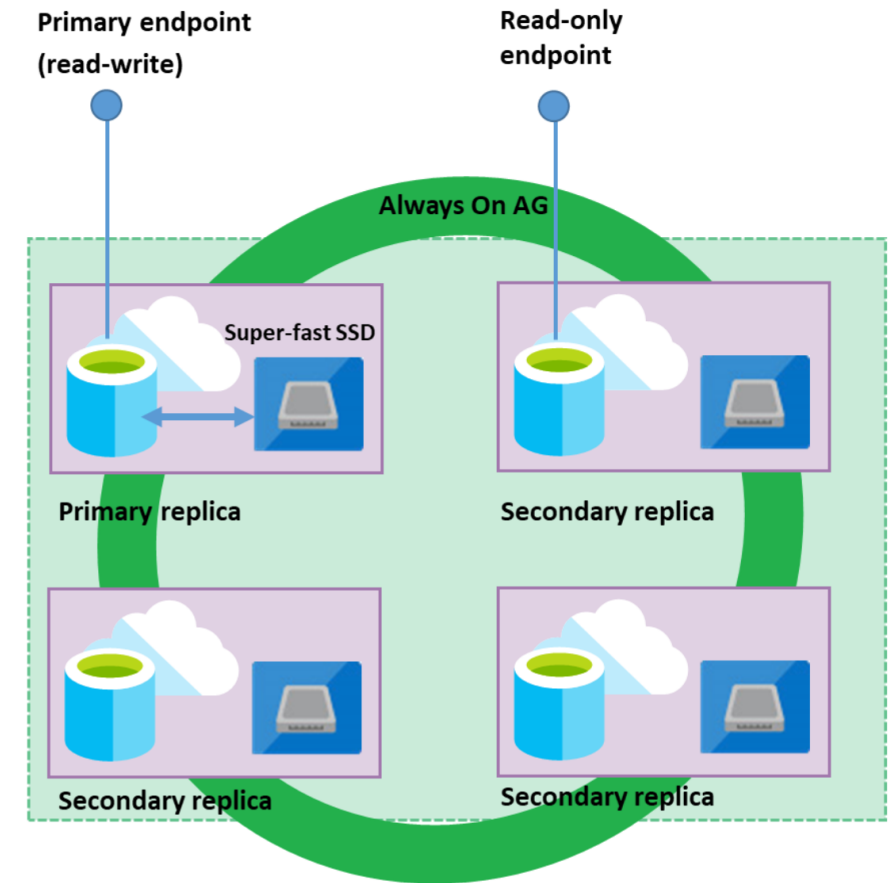
Read Scale-Out

Each database in the Premium and Business Critical service tiers is automatically provisioned with several AlwaysON replicas to support the availability SLA. These replicas are provisioned with the same compute size as the read-write.

Read Scale-Out redirects the read-only client connections to one of the ready-only replicas available instead of sharing the read-write replica.

Effectively isolate the read-only workload from the main read-write workload and doubles the compute capacity of the database or elastic pool at no additional charge.

This is ideal to scale-out for complex analytical workloads without affecting the primary OLTP workload.



Service Level Agreement (SLA)

Service tier	Single zone SLA	Multiple zones SLA
Basic, Standard, General Purpose	99.99%	N/A
Premium, Business critical	99.99%	99.995%

Business continuity	Service tier	SLA
Recovery point objective (RPO)	Business critical with Geo-DR	5 sec
Recovery Time Objective (RTO)	Business critical with Geo-DR	30 sec

[SLA for Azure SQL Database](#)

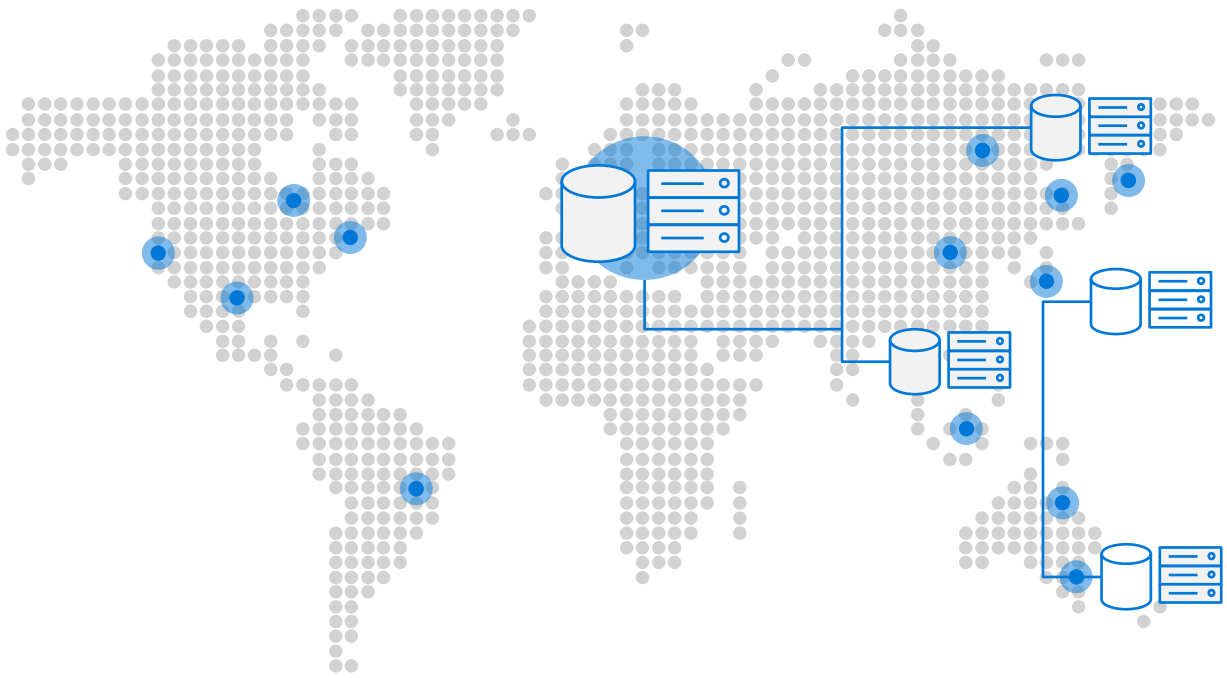
[SLA for Azure SQL Managed Instance](#)

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Active Geo-replication

Service levels	Basic, standard, premium Self service
Readable secondaries	Up to 4
Regions available	Any Azure region
Replication	Automatic, asynchronous
Manageability tools	REST API, PowerShell, or Azure Portal
Recovery time objective (RTO)	<1 hour
Recovery point objective	<5 minutes
Failover	On demand



Up to 4 secondaries

Active geo-replication capabilities

Asynchronous
Replication

Readable secondary
databases

Multiple Readable
Secondary Replicas

Configurable
performance level of
the secondary database

User-controlled failover
and failback

Keeping credentials
and firewall rules in
sync

Failover groups extend geo-replication

Enable geo-replication for a group of databases within a server.

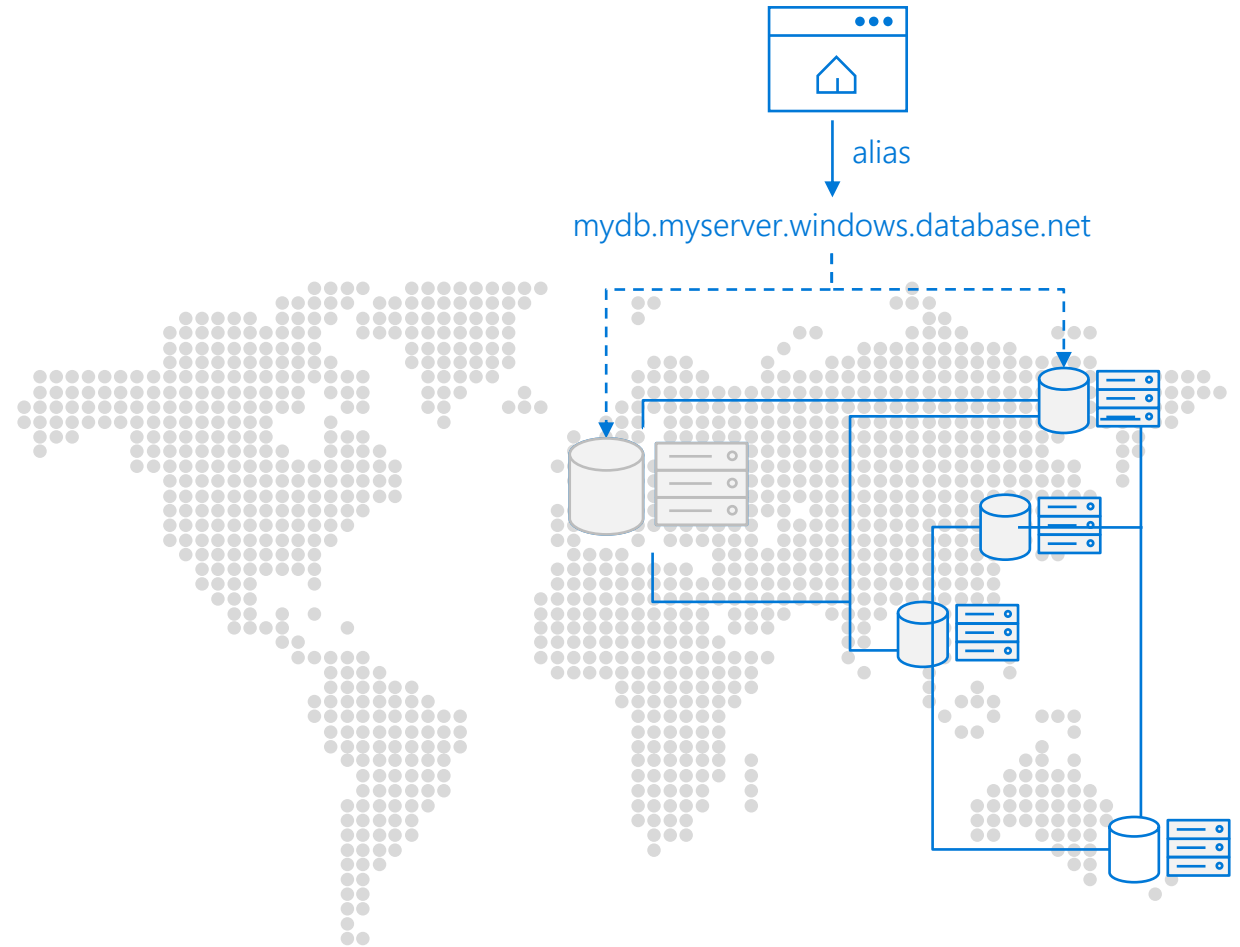
Automatically or manually failover a group of databases.

Available for all service tiers.

Configure the auto-failover policy that best meets your application needs.

Usage of and listener end-points.

DNS record is automatically updated.



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Auto-failover group capabilities

Failover group

Failover group listener

Automatic Failover Policy

Grace Period with Data
Loss

Active geo-replication vs auto-failover groups

	Geo-replication	Auto-failover groups
Automatic failover	No	Yes
Fail over multiple databases simultaneously	No	Yes
Update connection string after failover	Yes	No
Managed instance supported	No	Yes
Can be in same region as primary	Yes	No
Multiple replicas	Yes	No
Supports read-scale	Yes	Yes

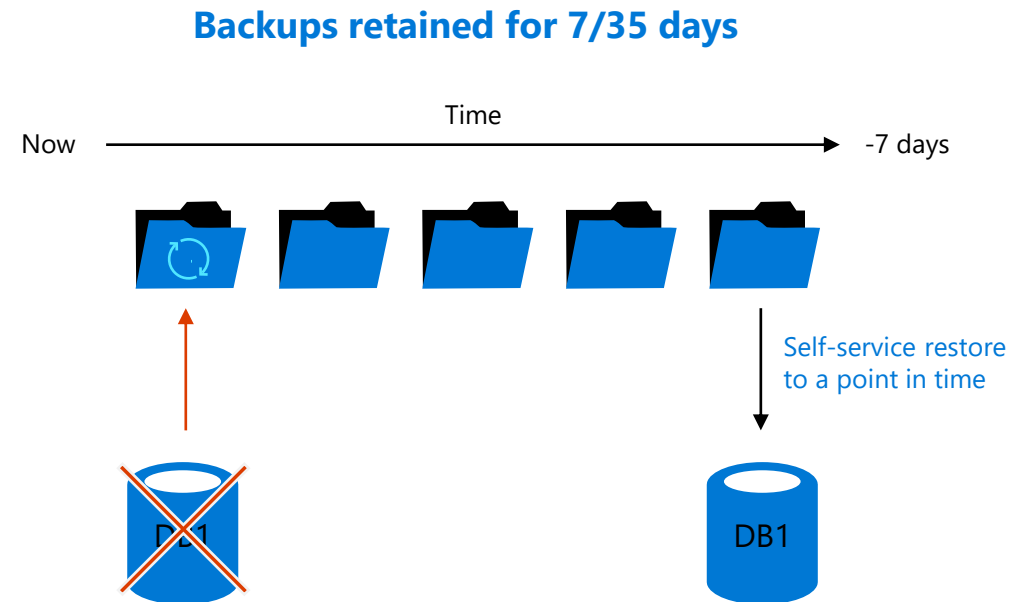
Questions?



Backup and restore

Auto backups and Point in Time Restore (PITR)

- Full Database backup once a week
- Log Backups every 5-10 minutes
- Differential Backups every 12-24 hours
- Backup files on Azure storage with RA-GRS replicated
 - Can optionally select LRS or ZRS
- Backup Integrity checks
- Restore to new database
- Point-in-Time retention defaults to 7 days (up to 35 days)
- Long-term retention (up to 10 years) of backups
- Geo-restore of databases if primary region down
- Restore backups of deleted databases



Setting Backup Policies

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SQL server

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Data management

- Backups
- Deleted databases
- Failover groups
- Import/Export history

Security

- Networking
- Microsoft Defender for Cloud
- Transparent Data Encryption
- Identity
- Auditing

Intelligent Performance

Refresh Feedback Configure policies

Available backups **Retention policies**

Configure and manage your automated backup retention policies. Long-term retention policies enable you to keep full backups for up to 10 years.

Search for a database

Databases in the Basic tier are limited to a 7 day retention policy.

Database	PITR	Differential backup frequency
jdsqldb	7 Days	24 Hours

Configure policies
SQL server

Point-in-time-restore
Specify how long you want to keep your point-in-time backups. [Learn more](#)

How many days would you like PITR backups to be kept? 7

Differential backup frequency
Specify how often you want differential backups to be taken. [Learn more](#)

Take a differential backup every:
24 Hours

Long-term retention
Specify how long you want to keep your long-term retention backups. You may choose to keep yearly backups for up to 10 years. [Learn more](#)

Weekly LTR Backups
Keep weekly backups for:
6 Week(s)

Recover an Azure SQL database

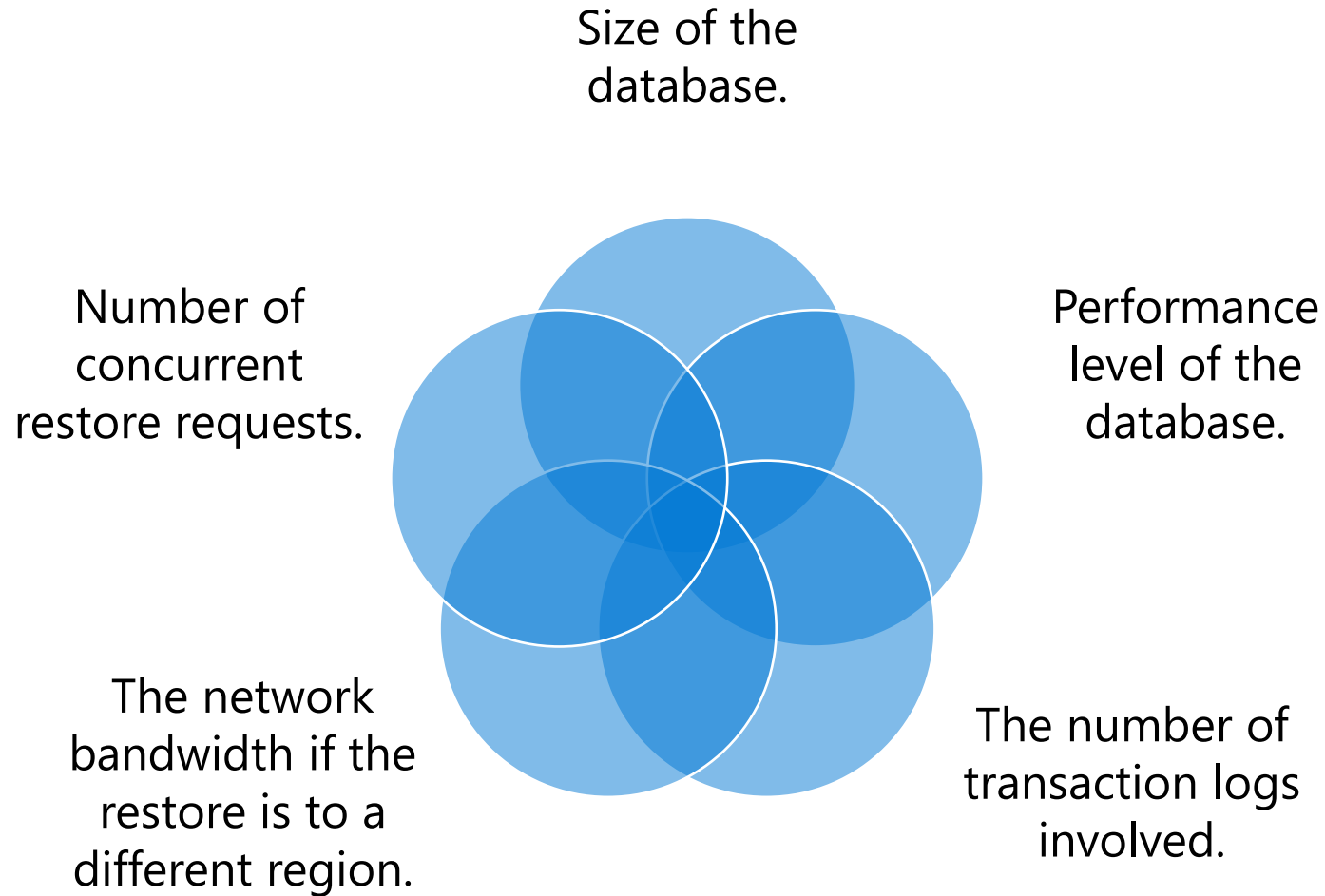
By default, Azure SQL Database backups are stored in **geo-replicated blob storage** (RA-GRS storage type).

The following options are available for database recovery from automated database backups. You can:

- Create a **new database** on the **same SQL Database server**, recovered to a specified point in time within the retention period.
- Create a **database** on the **same SQL Database server**, recovered to the deletion time for a deleted database.
- Create a **new database** on any SQL Database server **in the same region**, recovered to the point of the most recent backups.
- Create a **new database** on any SQL Database server **in any other region**, recovered to the point of the most recent replicated backups.

If you configured backup long-term retention, you could also create a new database from any long-term retention backup on any SQL Database server.

Factors Affecting Recovery Time



Lesson 7: Maintenance Automation

Automating Maintenance

Maintenance Tasks

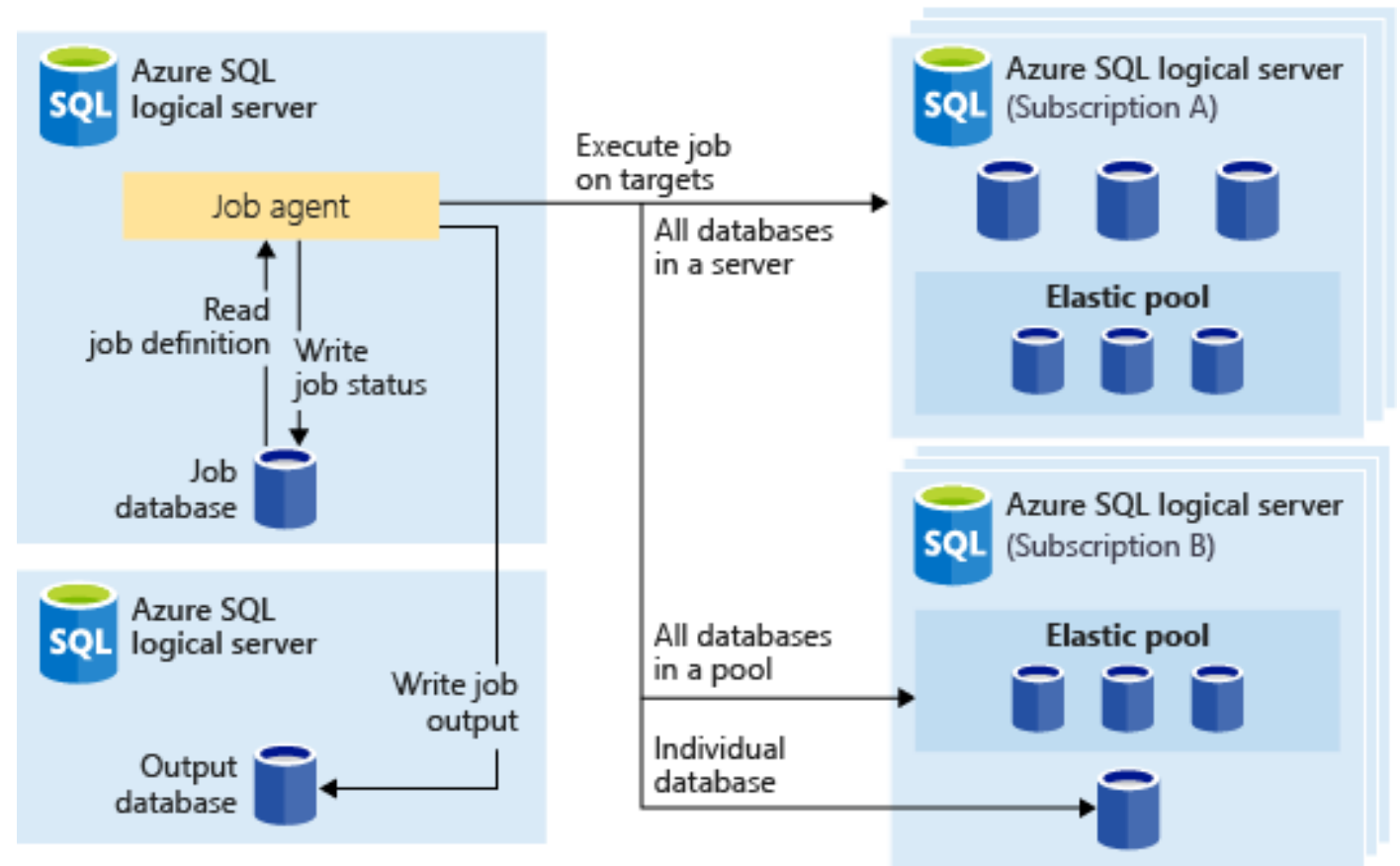
- Index maintenance same as On-Premises.
- Update statistics same as On-Premises.
- Support for running DBCC CHECKDB

Scheduling Jobs

- Azure SQL Database does not support SQL Server Agent.
 - You can use SQL Server Agent to schedule jobs from On-Premises if the Azure SQL Database is setup as a Linked Server.
- Use Elastic Database Jobs or Azure Automation instead.

What are Elastic Database Jobs?

Elastic Database Jobs provide the ability to run one or more T-SQL scripts in parallel, across a large number of databases, on a schedule or on-demand.



Elastic Job Components

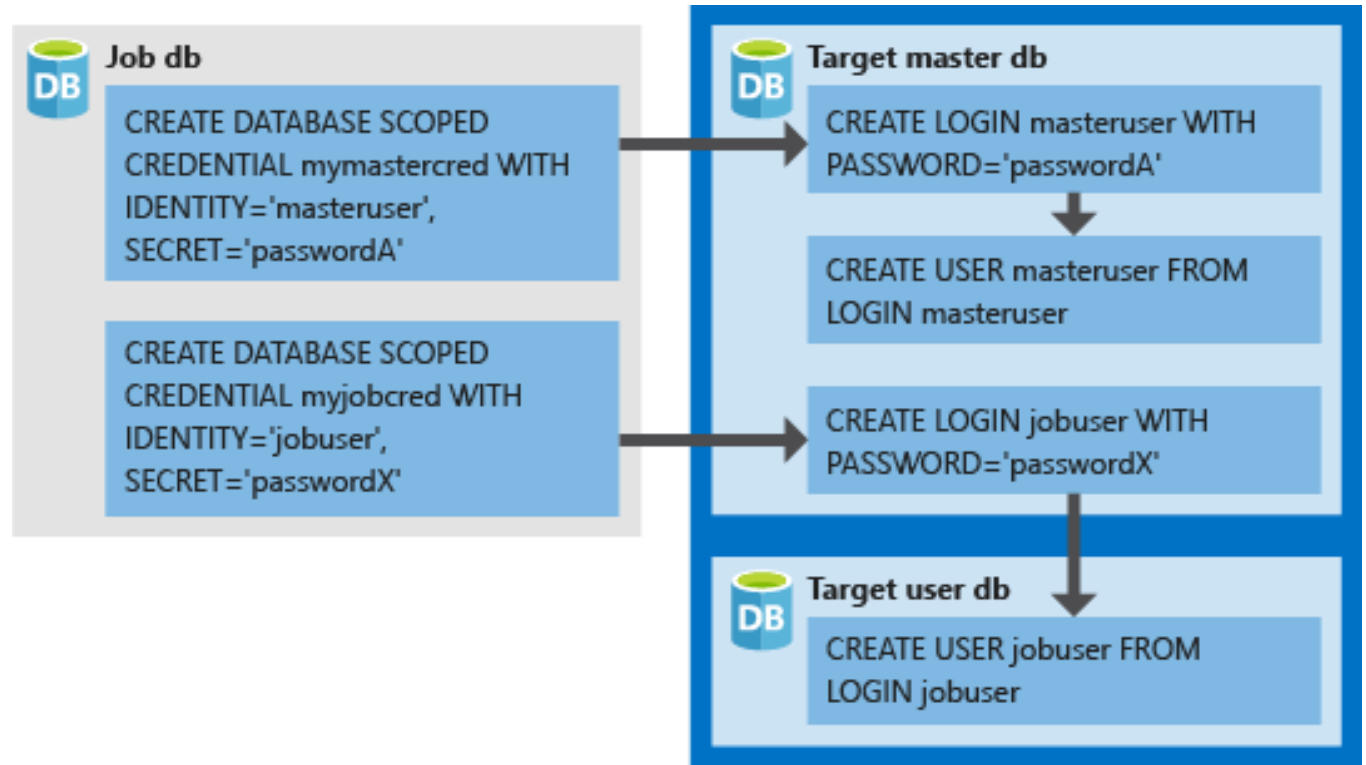
Component	Description
Elastic Job Agent	The Azure resource you create to run and manage Jobs.
Job Database	An Azure SQL database the job agent uses to store job related data, job definitions, etc.
Target Group	The set of servers, pools, databases, and shard maps to run a job against.
Job	A job is a unit of work that is comprised of one or more job steps. Job steps specify the T-SQL script to run, as well as other details required to execute the script.

Credentials for running jobs

Database Scoped
Credentials

Used to connect to
master database

Create a user in every
database.



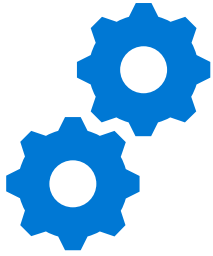
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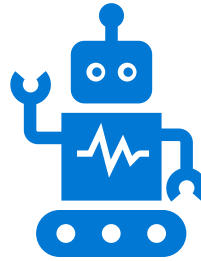
Azure Automation

Microsoft Azure Automation provides a way for users to automate the manual, long-running, error-prone, and frequently repeated tasks that are commonly performed in a cloud and enterprise environment.

Azure Automation - Runbook



Automating processes with runbooks.



Runbook is a set of tasks that perform some automated process in Azure Automation.



Based on Windows PowerShell/
Windows PowerShell Workflow.

Azure Automation vs. SQL Server Agent Job

Azure Automation	SQL Server Agent Job
Create an Azure Automation Account	Create an SQL Server Agent Job
Create a runbook	Create a Job Step
Test the runbook	Start Job at Step
Publish the runbook	Save the job
Schedule the runbook	Schedule the SQL Server Agent Job
View jobs of the runbook	View History

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