

# Manage Security for Azure SQL Database

Module 4



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Lesson 1: Introduction to Azure SQL Database Security

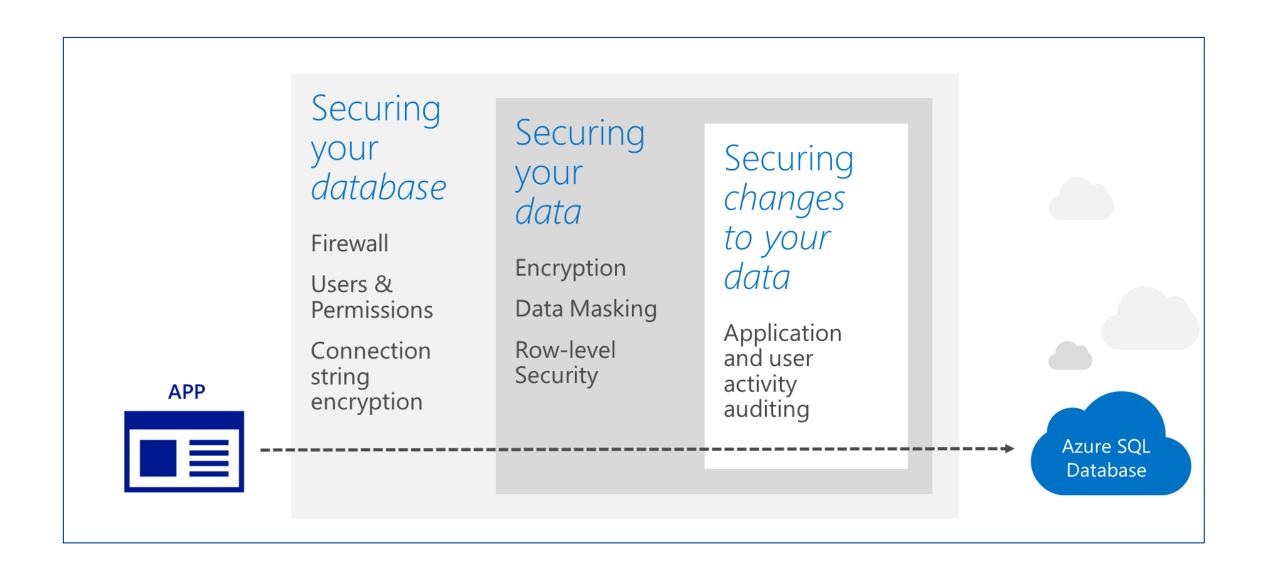
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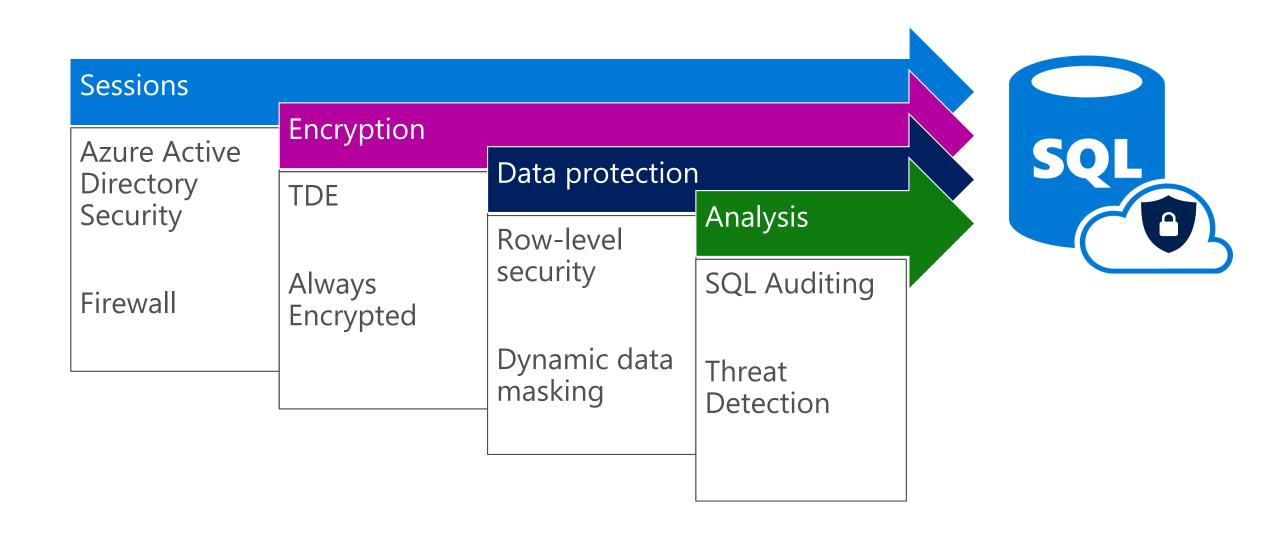
· Know the various options to manage security for an Azure SQL Database.



# **Azure SQL Database Security Layers**



## **Security Features for Azure SQL DB**



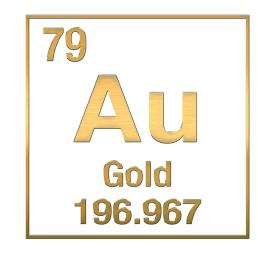
#### The Security Gold Standard



**AUTHENTICATION** – Verifies who you are



**<u>AU</u>THORIZATION** – Assigns what you can do





**AUDITING** – Monitors what you did

# Types of data encryption

Data encryption	Encryption technology	Customer value
In transit	Transport Layer Security (TLS) from the client to the server.	Protects data between client and server against snooping and man-in-the-middle attacks.
		NOTE: Azure SQL Database is phasing out Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) 3.0 and TLS 1.0 in favor of TLS 1.2.
At rest	Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) for Azure SQL Database.	Protects data on the disk. Key management is done by Azure, which makes it easier to obtain compliance.
In use (end-to-end)	Always Encrypted for client- side column encryption.	Data is protected end-to-end, but the application is aware of encrypted columns.
		This is used in the absence of data masking and TDE for compliance-related scenarios.



**Questions?** 



# **Knowledge Check**

List the security features available for Azure SQL Database.

Name the feature to encrypt the data both at rest and motion.

**Lesson 2: Implement Entra ID Security** 

## **Objectives**

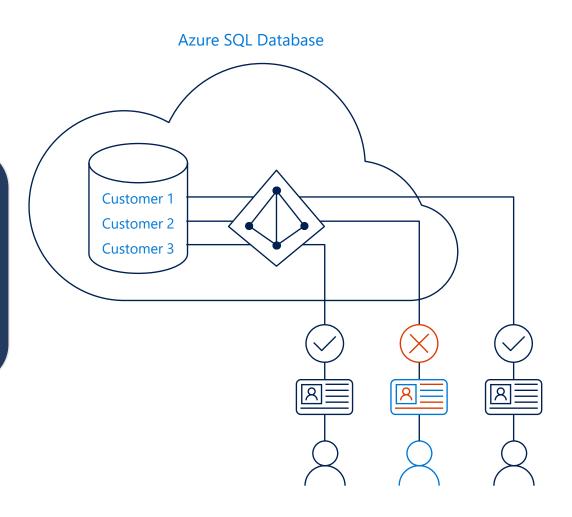
After completing this learning, you will be able to:

 Know how to leverage Azure Active Directory security for authenticating connections to an Azure SQL Database.

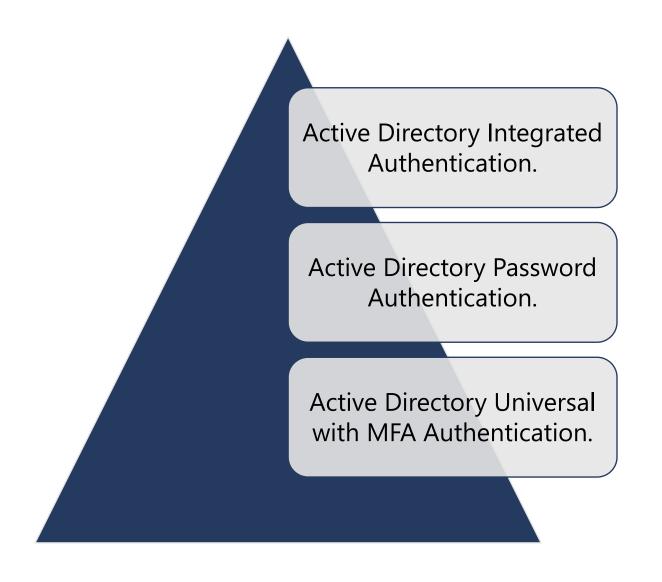


#### Azure Active Directory(AAD) Security

Azure Active Directory authentication is a mechanism of connecting to Microsoft Azure SQL Database by using identities in Azure Active Directory (Azure AD)



# Three Types of AAD Authentication



#### **Benefits of AAD Authentication**

Centrally manage user permissions.

Alternative to SQL Server authentication.

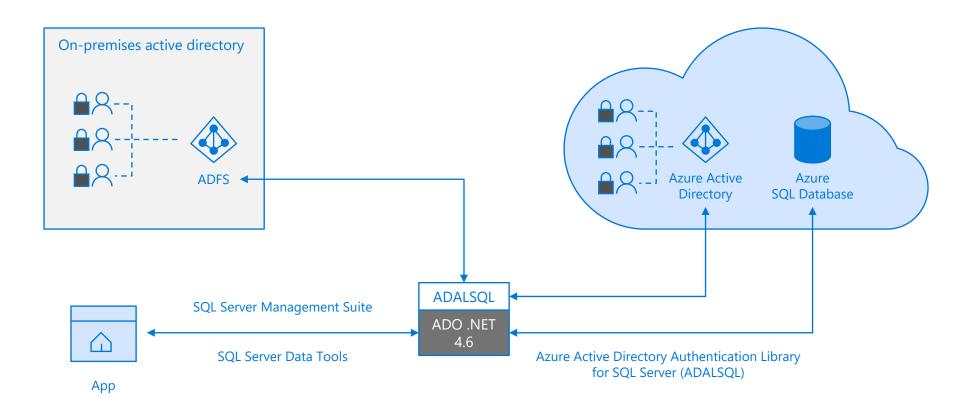
Allows password rotation in a single place.

Enables management of database permissions using external Azure Active Directory groups.

Stops password storing by using integrated Windows authentication and other forms of authentication supported by AAD.

#### **Trust architecture**

#### Azure Active Directory and Azure SQL Database



#### **Demonstration**

# **Implement AAD Authentication**

- Connect to Azure Active Directory.
- Connect to Azure SQL DB using SSMS through AAD authentication.



**Questions?** 



# **Knowledge Check**

List three benefits of Azure Activity Directory Authentication.

Can we use Windows authentication for Azure SQL Database?

Lesson 3: Manage Logins in Azure SQL Database

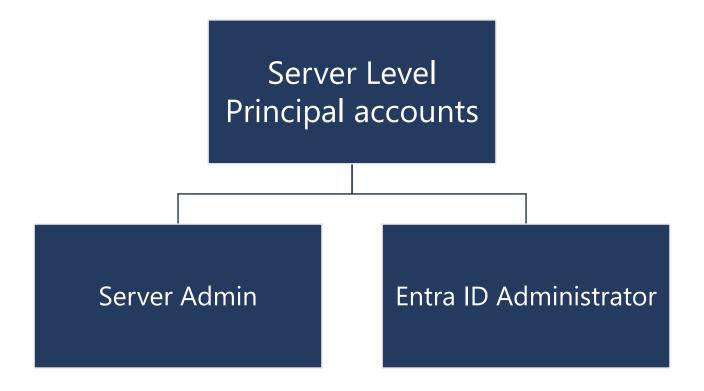
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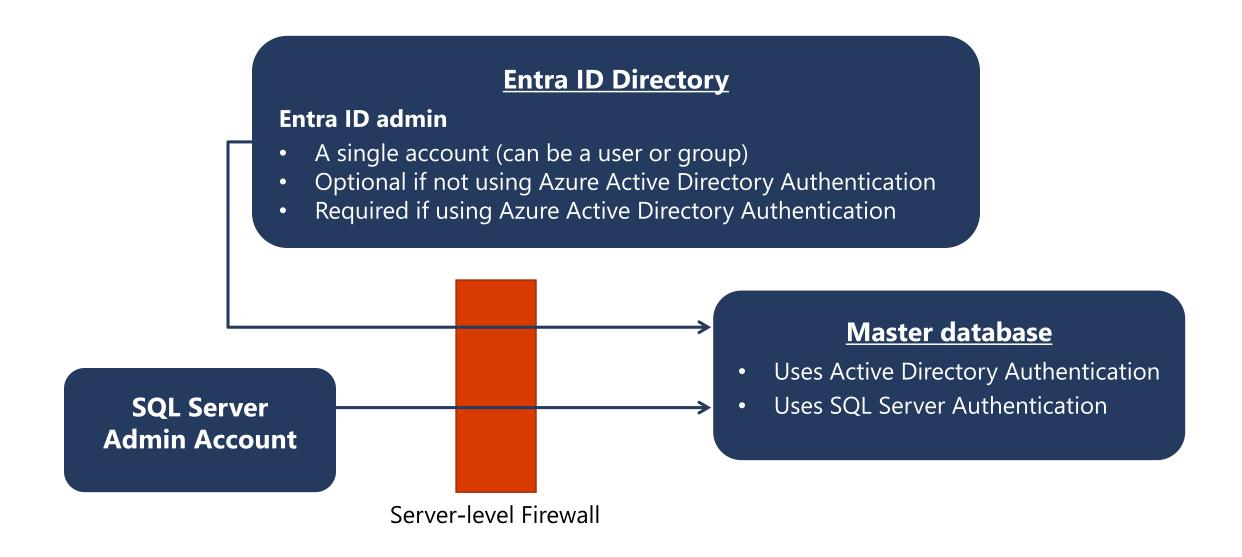
· Manage logins within Azure SQL Database.



#### **Unrestricted Administrative Accounts**



#### **Administrator Access Path**



# **Additional Special Roles**

#### **Database Creators**

- ALTER ROLE dbmanager\* ADD MEMBER Mary;
- ALTER ROLE dbmanager\* ADD MEMBER [mike@contoso.com];



<sup>\*</sup>dbmanager is a database role in virtual master database.

#### Additional Special Roles (continued)

#### Login Managers

- ALTER ROLE loginmanager\* ADD MEMBER Mary;
- ALTER ROLE loginmanager\* ADD MEMBER [mike@contoso.com];



<sup>\*</sup>loginmanager is a database role in virtual master database.

#### Non-administrator Users

- Generally, non-administrator accounts do not need access to the virtual master database.
- Create contained database users at the database level.

#### **Options:**

Azure Active Directory authentication contained database user.

SQL Server authentication contained database user. SQL Server authentication user based on a SQL Server authentication login.

#### **Groups and Roles**

# Azure Active Directory authentication

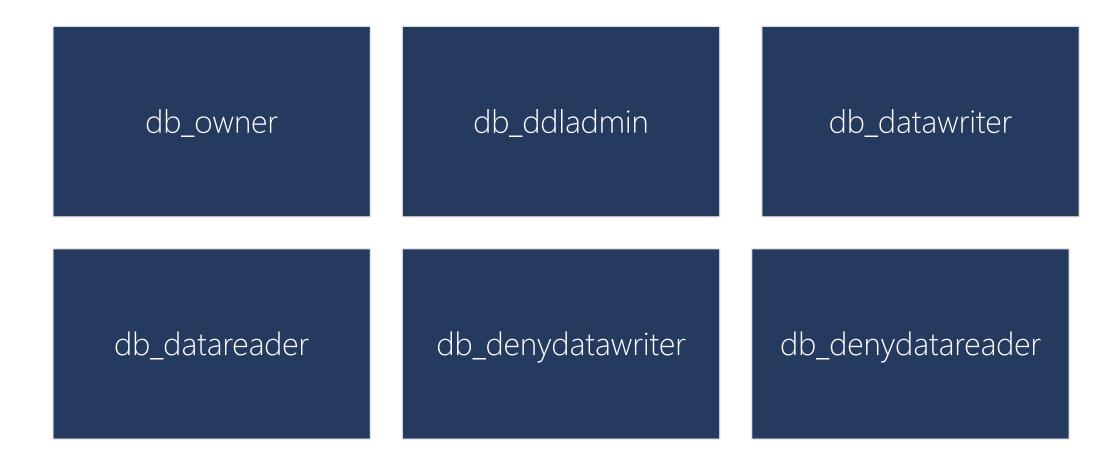
- Put Azure Active Directory users into an Azure Active Directory group.
- Create a contained database user for the group.
- Place one or more database users into a database role.
- Assign permissions to the database role.

#### SQL Server authentication

- Create contained database users in the database.
- Place one or more database users into a database role.
- Assign permissions to the database role.

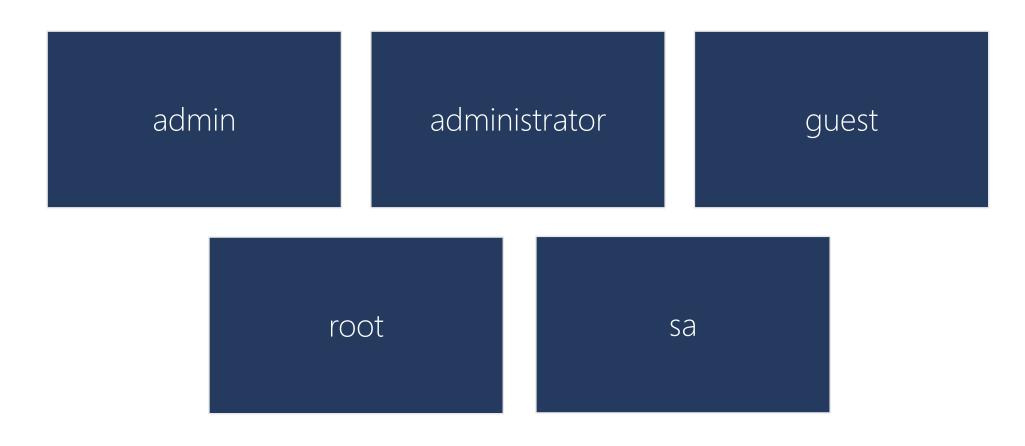
#### **Database Roles**

The database roles can be the built-in roles such as:



## **Naming Requirements**

Certain usernames are not allowed for security reasons. You cannot use the following names:



#### **Demonstration**

# **Connect to an Azure SQL DB using SQL Authentication**

- Using SQL Login + SQL User.
- Using Contained Database User.



**Questions?** 



## **Knowledge Check**

Name the two unrestricted admin accounts for Azure SQL Database?

Name the Additional server-level administrative roles for Azure SQL Database?

# Lesson 4: Implement Firewall Rules and Virtual Networks

#### **Objectives**

After completing this learning, you will be able to:

- · Configure firewall rules on server and database level
- Configure virtual networks on your logical SQL Server



#### Securing your database with firewalls

Initially, all access to your Azure SQL Database server is blocked by the firewall.

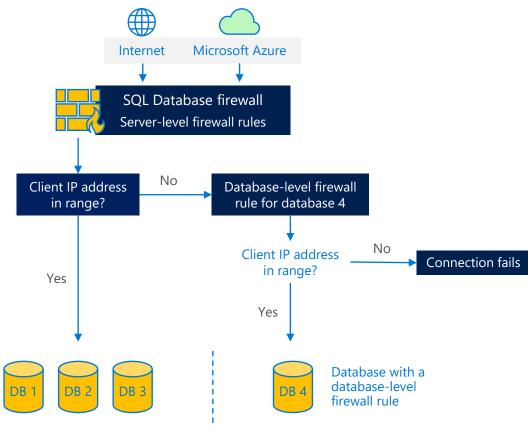
In order to begin using your Azure SQL Database server, you must go to the Management Portal.

Server-level firewall rules enable clients to access all the databases within the same logical server.

Database-level firewall rules enable clients to access certain databases within the same logical server.

Database-level firewall rules for master and user databases can only be created and managed by using Transact-SQL statements and only after you have configured the first server-level firewall.

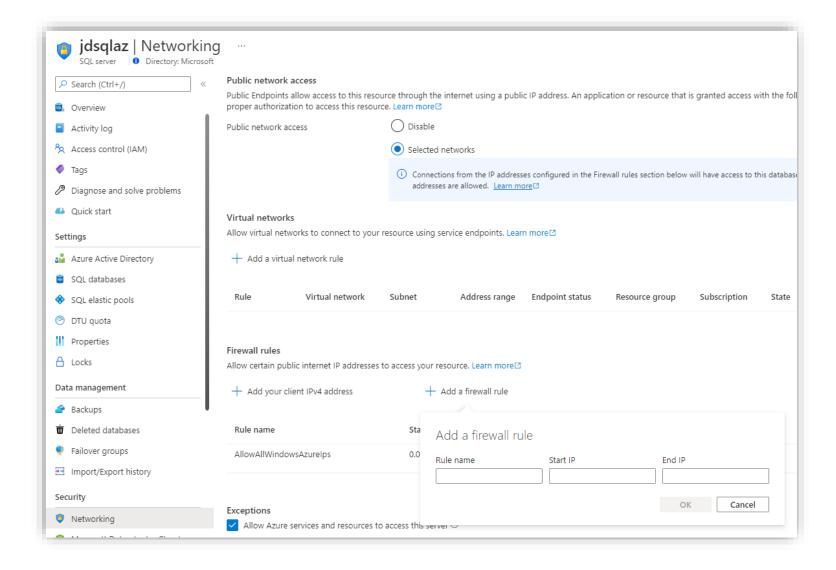
Microsoft recommends using database-level firewall rules whenever possible to enhance security and to make your database more portable.



**SQL** Database Server

Windows Azure Platform

# Firewall configuration using portal



By default, Azure blocks all external connections to port 1433.

Enable in the following ways in Azure portal:

Security -> Networking

## Firewall configuration using PowerShell/T-SQL

## Manage SQL Database firewall rules using code

#### Windows PowerShell Azure cmdlets

- Get-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- New-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- Set-AzSqlServerFirewallRule
- Remove-AzSqlServerFirewallRule

#### Transact SQL

- sys.firewall\_rules
- sp\_set\_firewall\_rule
- sp\_delete\_firewall\_rule
- sys.database\_firewall\_rules
- sp\_set\_database\_firewall\_rule
- sp\_delete\_database\_firewall\_rule

```
# PS Enable Azure connections

PS C:\>New-AzSqlServerFirewallRule -
ResourceGroupName "ResourceGroup01" -ServerName
"Server01" -FirewallRuleName "Rule01" -
StartIpAddress "192.168.0.198" -EndIpAddress
"192.168.0.199"
```

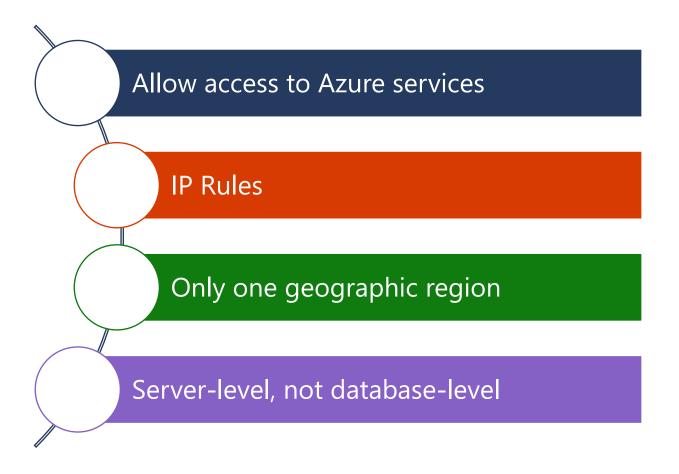
```
# PS Allow external IP access to SQL Database
PS C:\> New-AzureSqlDatabaseServerFirewallRule -
ServerName "Server01" -RuleName "FirewallRule" -
StartIpAddress 10.1.1.1 -EndIpAddress 10.1.1.2
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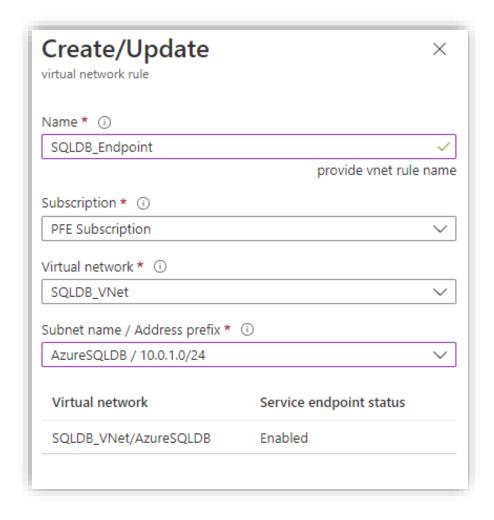
```
-- T-SQL Enable Azure connections

sp_set_firewall_rule N'Allow Windows Azure',
'0.0.0.0','0.0.0.0'
```

```
-- T-SQL Allow external IP access to SQL Database sp_set_firewall_rule N'myRule1', '12.1.1.1','12.1.1.2'
```

## Virtual Network service endpoints



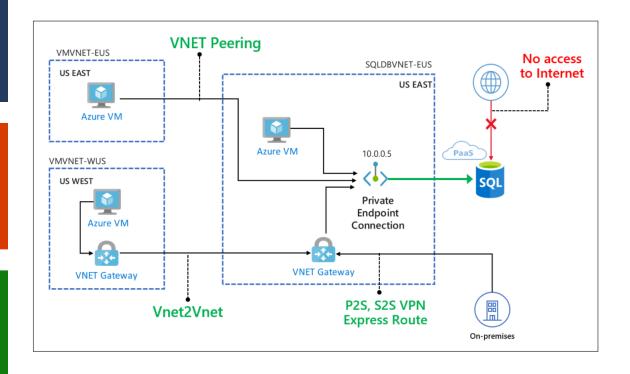


## **Private Link\* for Azure SQL Database**

Connection via a private endpoint, that is a private IP address within a specific VNet and Subnet.

Enable cross-premises access to the private endpoint using ExpressRoute, private peering, or VPN tunneling.

Subsequently all access via public endpoint can be disabled and not need to use the IP-based firewall.



<sup>\*</sup>Private Link is currently in preview.

**Questions?** 



## **Knowledge Check**

True or False? Initially, all access to your Azure SQL Database server is blocked by the firewall?

Can you use the Azure Portal to configure database-level firewall rules?

Why should you use Virtual Network Service Endpoints?

Lesson 5: Implement Transparent Data Encryption

## **Objectives**

After completing this learning, you will be able to:

· Know how to secure data at rest using Transparent Data Encryption.



## **Understanding TDE Functionality**

Data is encrypted at rest.

Encryption keys are managed by Azure.

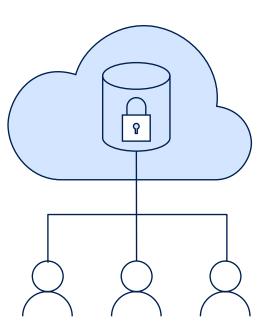
Performs real-time I/O encryption and decryption of the data at the page level.

**SQL** Database

Each page is decrypted when it's read into memory and then encrypted before being written to disk.

TDE is enabled for all newly deployed Azure SQL Databases.

No need for application change.



Support for equality operations (including joins) on encrypted data.

Bring You Own Key (BYOK) supported.

## **Encryption Keys**

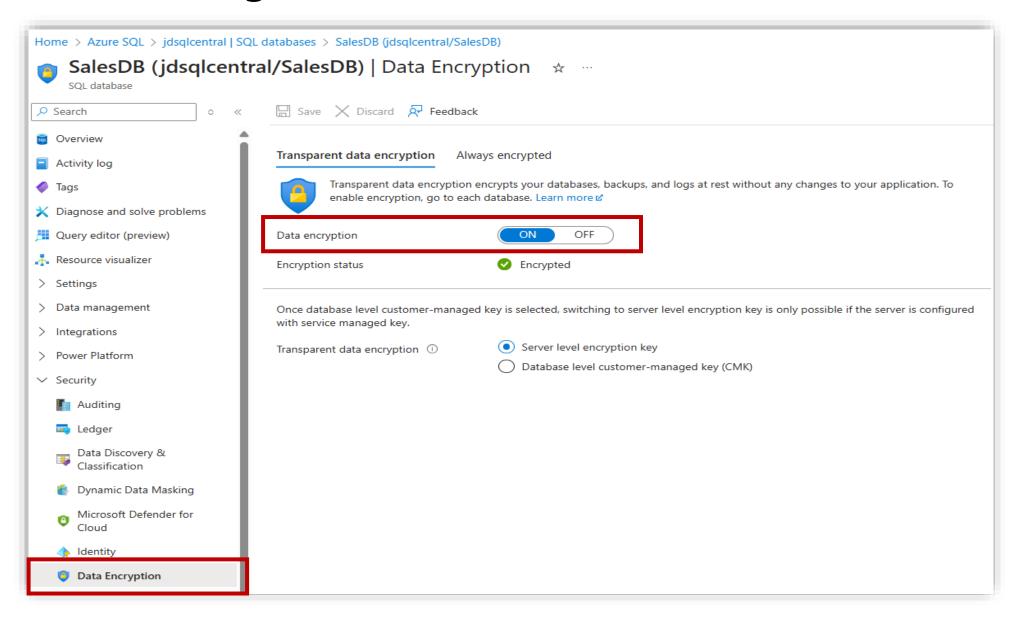
## Service-managed transparent data encryption

- The database encryption key is protected by a built-in server certificate.
- Unique for each server.
- Primary and geo-secondary database are protected by the primary database's parent server key.
- Microsoft automatically rotates these certificates at least every 90 days.

#### **Bring Your Own Key**

- Take control over your transparent data encryption keys and control who can access them and when.
- Azure Key Vault.
- You set the asymmetric key at the server level, and all databases under that server inherit it.
- You can control key management tasks such as key rotations and key vault permissions.

## **Enable TDE Using Azure Portal**

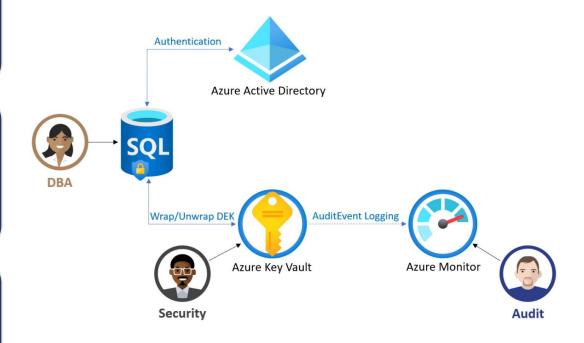


## TDE with customer-managed key (BYOK)

You are responsible for and in a full control of a key lifecycle management (key creation, upload, rotation, deletion), key usage permissions, and auditing of operations on keys.

The key used for encryption of the Database Encryption Key (DEK), called TDE protector, is a customer-managed asymmetric key stored in a customer-owned and customer-managed Azure Key Vault (AKV), a cloud-based external key management system.

TDE protector is set at the logical server level and is inherited by all encrypted databases associated with that server.



#### **Demonstration**

## Implement TDE using Azure Portal and T-SQL Code

 Enable TDE With Bring Your Own Key using Azure Portal.



**Questions?** 



## **Knowledge Check**

Does TDE encrypt the data in motion?

What kind of application changes are required to use TDE?

Which 2 types of Encryption Keys can be used for TDE?

Lesson 6: Implement Always Encrypted

## **Objectives**

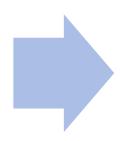
After completing this learning, you will be able to:

· Know how to secure data at rest and in motion using Always encrypted.



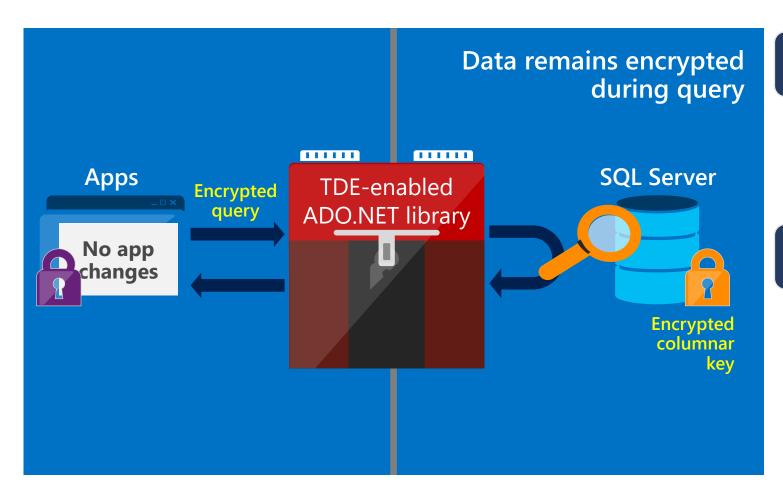
## **Always Encrypted**

Always Encrypted allows clients to encrypt sensitive data inside client applications and never reveal the encryption keys to SQL Database.



As a result, Always Encrypted provides a separation between those who own the data (and can view it) and those who manage the data (but should have no access).

## **Understanding Always Encrypted Functionality**



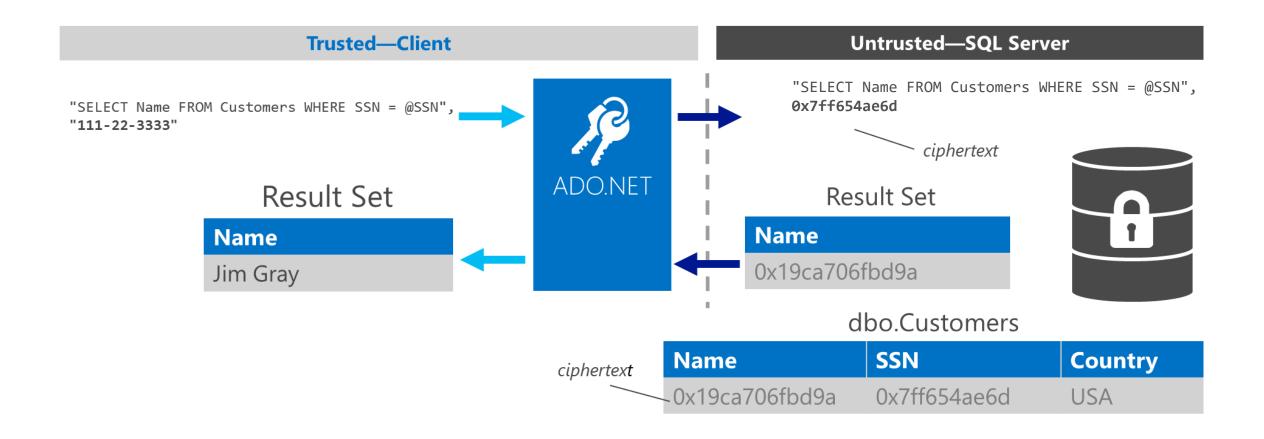
### Capability

 Transparent client-side encryption, while SQL Server executes T-SQL queries on encrypted data.

#### Benefits

- Sensitive data remains encrypted and query-able at all times.
- Unauthorized users never have access to data or keys.
- No changes to applications are necessary.

## **Understanding Always Encrypted Functionality (Contd.)**



## **Encryption Methodologies**

Two types of encryption are available:





Randomized encryption uses a method that encrypts data in less predictable manner.

Deterministic encryption uses method that always generates the same encrypted value for any given plain text value.

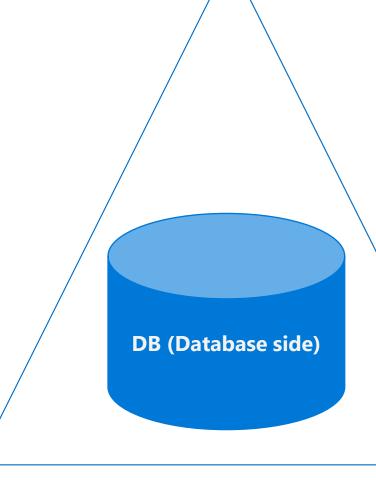
#### Randomized encryption

- Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x17cfd50a
- Repeat: Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x9b1fcf32
- Allows for transparent retrieval of encrypted data **but no operations**.
- More secure

#### Deterministic encryption

- Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x85a55d3f
- Repeat: Encrypt('123-45-6789') = 0x85a55d3f
- Allows for transparent retrieval of encrypted data and quality.
- Comparison (for example, in WHERE clauses and joins, distinct, group by).

## **Enabling Always Encrypted on Azure SQL DB**



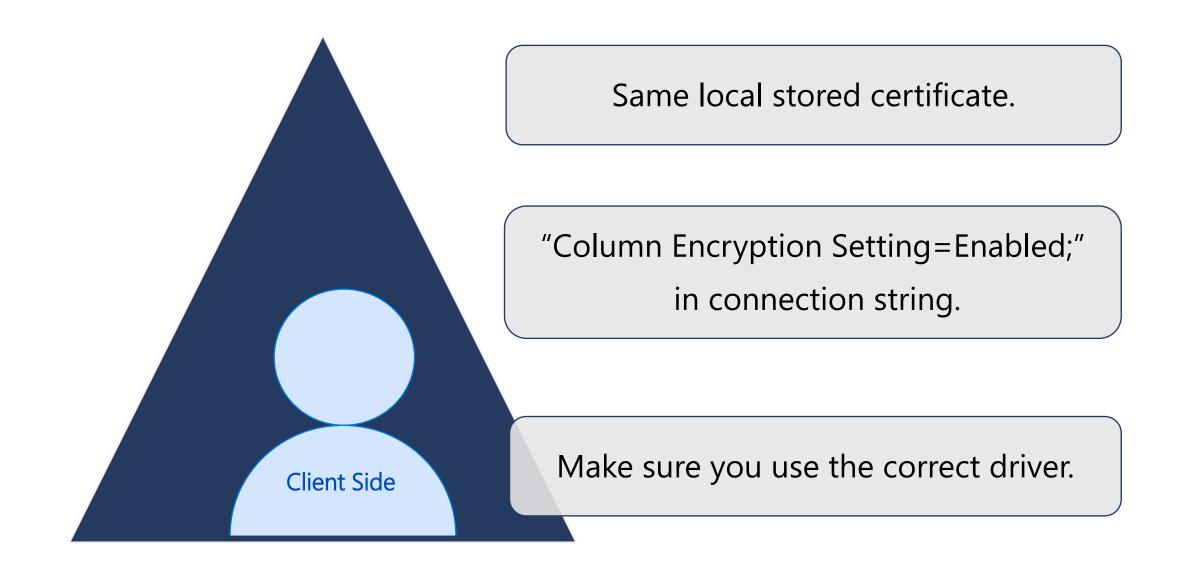
Create a local, self-signed certificate on the development machine, which will act as a Column Master Key (CMK). The CMK will be used to protect Column Encryption Keys (CEK), which encrypts the sensitive data.

Create a CMK store definition object in the database, which will store the information about the location of the CMK. The certificate will never be copied to the database or SQL Server machine.

Create a Column Encryption Key (CEK). You use column encryption keys to encrypt data in database columns.

Create a table with encrypted columns.

## **Enabling Always Encrypted on Azure SQL DB (contd.)**



## **Demonstration**

### **Enable Always Encrypted**

- Enable Always Encrypted
- Select data through Application.



# Implement Always Encrypted

- **Exercise 1:** Implement Always Encrypted on Azure SQL Database.
- Exercise 2: Use the .Net Client App to Test Always Encrypted.



**Questions?** 



## **Knowledge Check**

Can a DBA see Always Encrypted data?

What are the 4 steps that you need to perform to enable Always Encrypted?

Lesson 7: Implement Row Level Security

## **Objectives**

After completing this learning, you will be able to:

· Know how to control access to the data using Row Level Security (RLS).



## Row Level Security (RLS)

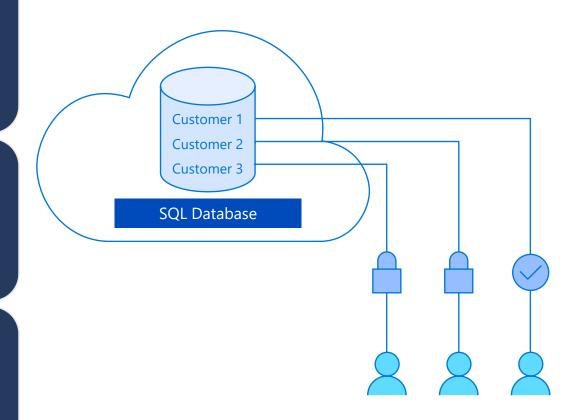
Row-Level Security enables customers to control access to rows in a database table based on the characteristics of the user executing a query.

## **Understanding RLS Functionality**

Fine-grained access control over specific rows in a database table.

Helps to prevent unauthorized access when multiple users share the same tables, or to implement connection filtering in multitenant applications.

Enforcement logic inside the database and schema is bound to the table.



## **RLS Implementation details**

User-defined inline Can be arbitrarily Predicate table-valued complicated, function (iTVF) containing joins with function implementing other tables. security logic Binds a predicate Security function to a Two types: filter particular table, predicates and predicate applying it for all blocking predicates. queries. Collection of security Security predicates for managing security policy across multiple tables.

Performance?
Inline functions get optimized to provide comparable performance to views, as if the logic were directly embedded in the original query statement

CREATE SECURITY POLICY mySecurityPolicy
ADD FILTER PREDICATE dbo.fn\_securitypredicate(ving, startTime, endTime)
ON dbo.patients

## **Demonstration**

## Implement RLS using T-SQL Code

• Enable RLS using T-SQL.



# Implement Row Level Security

• **Exercise 1**: Implement Row Level Security on Azure SQL Database.



**Questions?** 



## **Knowledge Check**

What is the purpose of the predicate function?

Why do we need row level security (RLS)?

Lesson 8: Implement Dynamic Data Masking

# **Objectives**

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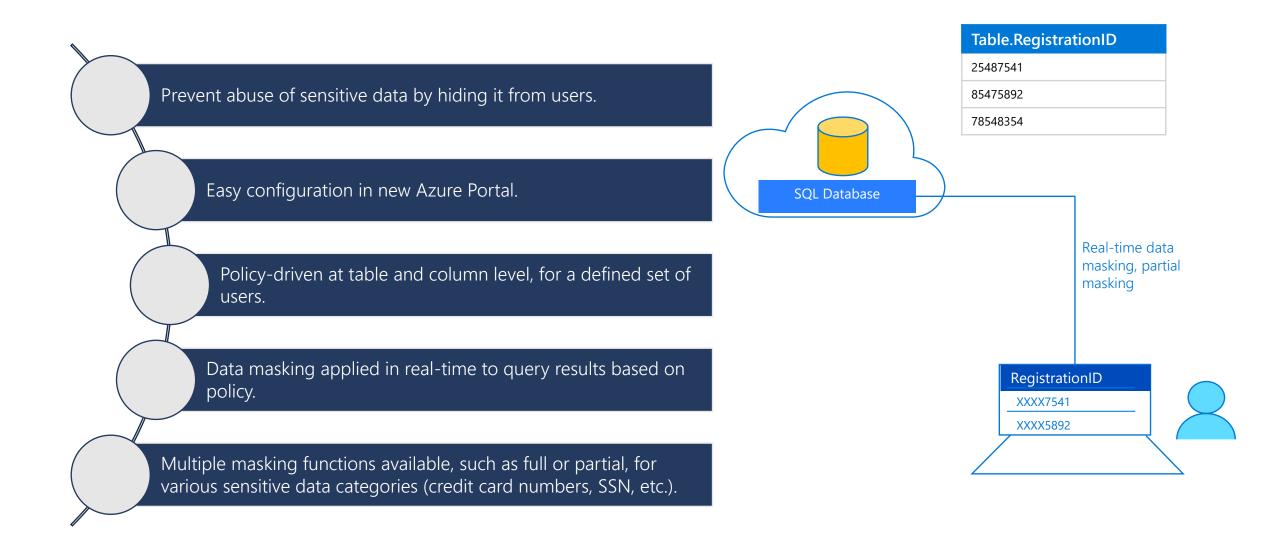
· Know how to mask the critical data using Dynamic Data Masking.



## **Dynamic Data Masking**

Dynamic Data Masking is a policy-based security feature that helps to limit the exposure of data in a database by returning masked data to non-privileged users who run queries over designated database fields.

# **Understanding Dynamic Data Masking Functionality**

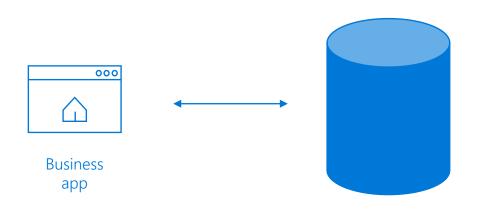


## **Enable Dynamic Data Masking on Azure SQL DB**

Security officer defines dynamic data masking policy in T-SQL over sensitive data in the Employee table.

The app user selects from the Employee table.

The dynamic data masking policy obfuscates the sensitive data in the query results.



```
ALTER TABLE dbo.Employee
ALTER COLUMN [FirstName] ADD MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'partial(1, "xxx", 2)')

ALTER TABLE dbo.Employee
ALTER COLUMN [EMAIL] ADD MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'email()')

ALTER TABLE dbo.Employee
ALTER COLUMN [Salary] ADD MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'random(2000,20000)')

GRANT UNMASK to admin1
```



SELECT EmployeeID, FirstName, MiddleInitial, LastName, EMAIL, Salary FROM [Employee]

#### Other Login

EmployeeID	FirstName	MiddleInitial	LastName	EMAIL	Salary
1	Lydia	L	Kelley	Lydia.Kelley@contoso.com	57353
2	Julia	T	James	Julia.James@contoso.com	138286
3	Chester	D	Dixon	Chester.Dixon@contoso.com	117503
4	Darla	D	Faulkner	Darla.Faulkner@contoso.com	74581
5	Danny	S	Velasquez	ngyacnl7@contoso.com	94116
	1 2 3 4	1         Lydia           2         Julia           3         Chester           4         Darla	1         Lydia         L           2         Julia         T           3         Chester         D           4         Darla         D	1         Lydia         L         Kelley           2         Julia         T         James           3         Chester         D         Dixon           4         Darla         D         Faulkner	1 Lydia L Kelley Lydia.Kelley@contoso.com 2 Julia T James Julia.James@contoso.com 3 Chester D Dixon Chester.Dixon@contoso.com 4 Darla D Faulkner Darla.Faulkner@contoso.com

#### Admin Login

	EmployeeID	FirstName	MiddleInitial	LastName	EMAIL	Salary
1	1	Lxxxia	L	Kelley	LXXX@XXXX.com	19530
2	2	Jxxxia	T	James	JXXX@XXXX.com	7376
3	3	Cxxxer	D	Dixon	CXXX@XXXX.com	17612
4	4	Dxxxla	D	Faulkner	DXXX@XXXX.com	7050
5	5	Dxxxny	S	Velasquez	nXXX@XXXX.com	12530

## **Demonstration**

# **Implement Dynamic Data masking T-SQL Code**

Enable Dynamic Data masking using T-SQL.



**Questions?** 



# **Knowledge Check**

What's the purpose of Dynamic Data Masking?

List two different masking rules in Dynamic Data Masking?

Lesson 9: Implement Auditing for Azure SQL Database

# **Objectives**

After completing this learning, you will be able to:

· Know how you can configure Auditing on Azure SQL Database.



# **SQL** Auditing

SQL Auditing tracks database events and writes them to an audit log in your Azure storage account, Log Analytics workspace or Event Hubs.

Helps you maintain regulatory compliance, understand database activity, and gain insight into discrepancies and anomalies that could indicate business concerns or suspected security violations.

Enables and facilitates adherence to compliance standards, although it doesn't guarantee compliance.

# **SQL** Auditing (continued)

Gain insight into database events and streamline compliancerelated tasks.

Configurable to track and log database activity.

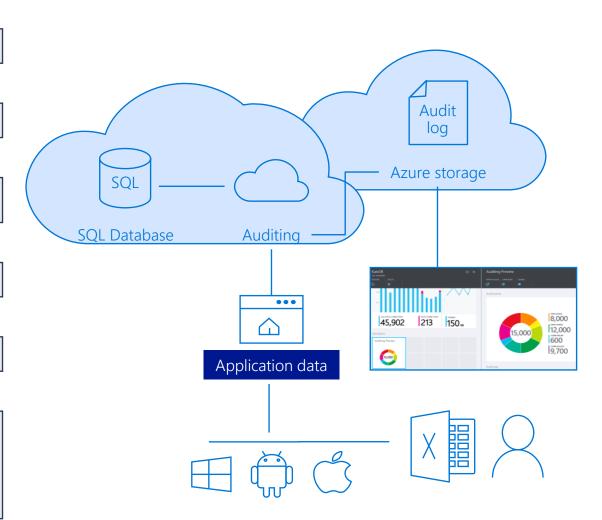
Dashboard views in portal for at-a-glance insights.

Audit logs reside Azure Storage Account, Log Analytics or Event Hub.

Available in Basic, Standard, Premium and Managed Instance.

#### The default auditing policy includes:

- BATCH\_COMPLETED\_GROUP
- SUCCESSFUL\_DATABASE\_AUTHENTICATION\_GROUP
- FAILED\_DATABASE\_AUTHENTICATION\_GROUP



# Analyze audit logs and reports

#### Azure Monitor logs

Azure portal

#### **Event Hub**

Avro Tools or similar tools

#### Azure storage account

- Azure Storage Explorer
- Azure portal
- Power BI
- SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)
- PowerShell

#### **Demonstration**

# Implement Auditing for Azure SQL Database

 Enable auditing for Azure SQL Database using Azure portal.



**Questions?** 



# **Knowledge Check**

Which 3 action groups are configured by default when you enable auditing?

Where are the auditing records stored?

Which tools can you use to analyze the Audit Logs?

Lesson 10: Data Discovery and Classification

# **Objectives**

After completing this learning, you will be able to:

 Know how to discover, classify, label & protect the sensitive data in your databases



# **Data Discovery and Classification**

Data discovery & classification provides advanced capabilities built into Azure SQL Database for **discovering**, **classifying**, **labeling** & **protecting** the sensitive data in your databases.

## Data Discovery and Classification (continued)



## **Demonstration**

# Data Discovery and Classification

• Classify your SQL Database.



Lesson 11: Microsoft Defender for SQL

# **Objectives**

After completing this learning, you will be able to:

- Know how to proactively identify security threats like SQL Injection or anomalous SQL login by enabling threat detection
- Know how to discover, track, and help you remediate potential database vulnerabilities



## Microsoft Defender for SQL

Formerly known as Advanced Data Security (ADS),

# Microsoft Defender for SQL provides a set of advanced SQL security capabilities, including:

- Advanced Threat Protection detects anomalous activities indicating unusual and
  potentially harmful attempts to access or exploit your database. It continuously
  monitors your database for suspicious activities, and it provides immediate
  security alerts on potential vulnerabilities, Azure SQL injection attacks, and
  anomalous database access patterns. Advanced Threat Protection alerts provide
  details of the suspicious activity and recommend action on how to investigate and
  mitigate the threat.
- <u>Vulnerability Assessment</u> is an easy-to-configure service that can discover, track, and help you remediate potential database vulnerabilities. It provides visibility into your security state, and it includes actionable steps to resolve security issues and enhance your database fortifications.

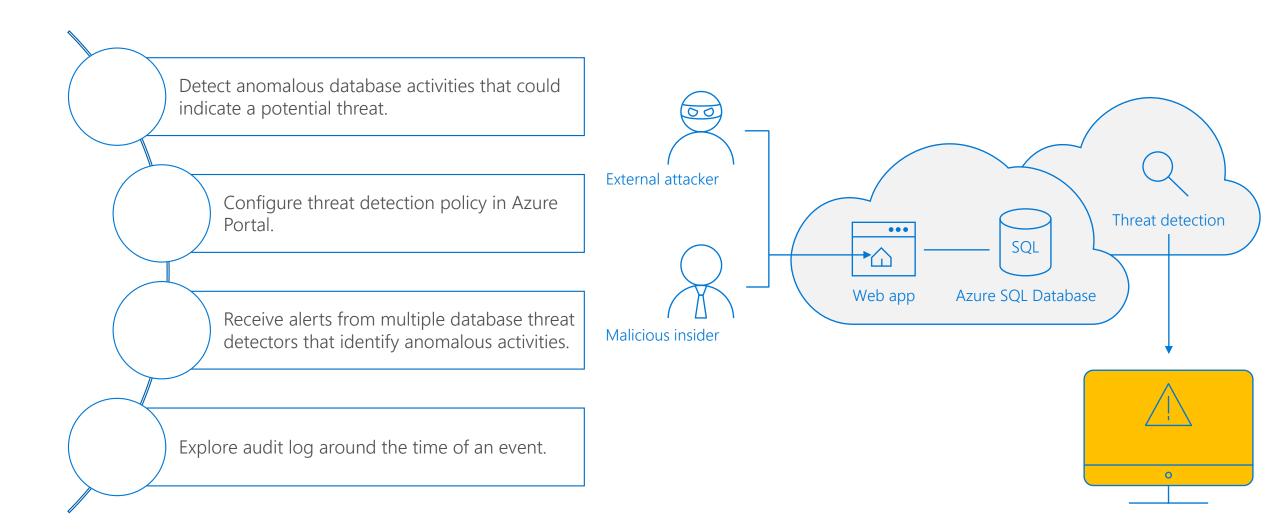
#### **Advanced Threat Detection**

Advanced Threat Protection for single and pooled databases detects anomalous activities indicating unusual and potentially harmful attempts to access or exploit databases.

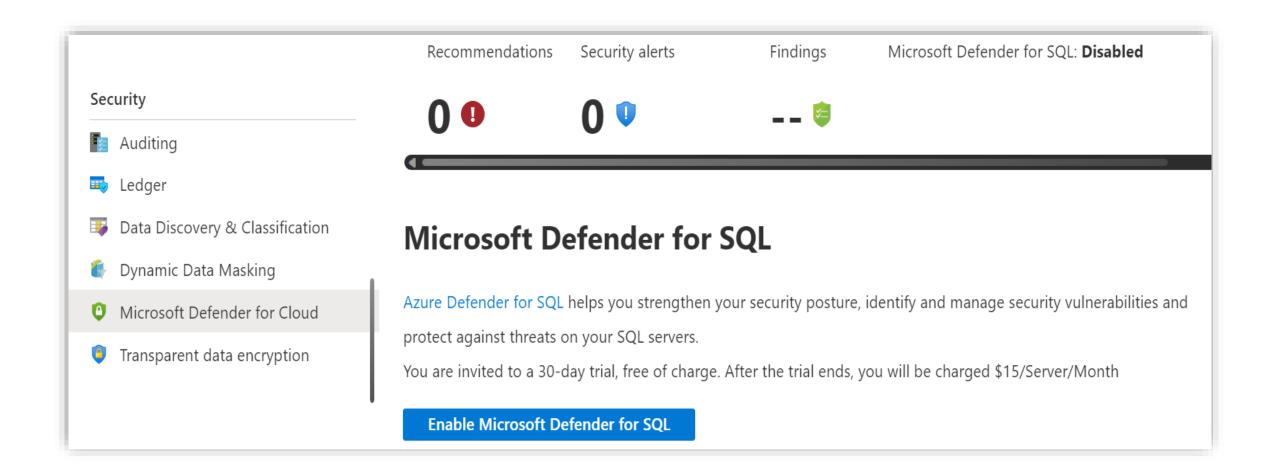
#### Advanced Threat Protection can identify:

- Potential SQL injection, Access from unusual location or data center.
- Access from unfamiliar principal or potentially harmful application.
- Brute force SQL credentials.

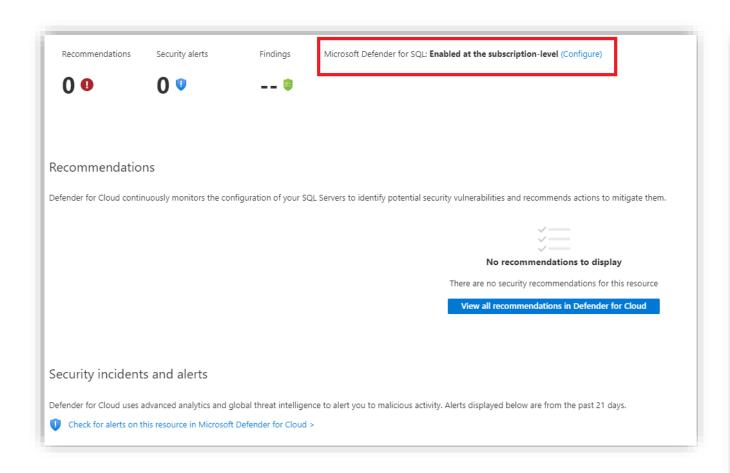
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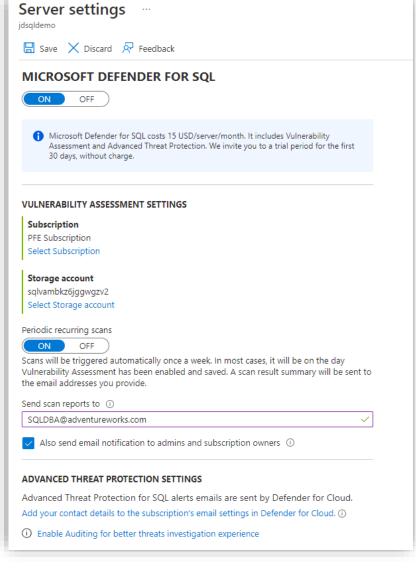


## **Enable Microsoft Defender for SQL**

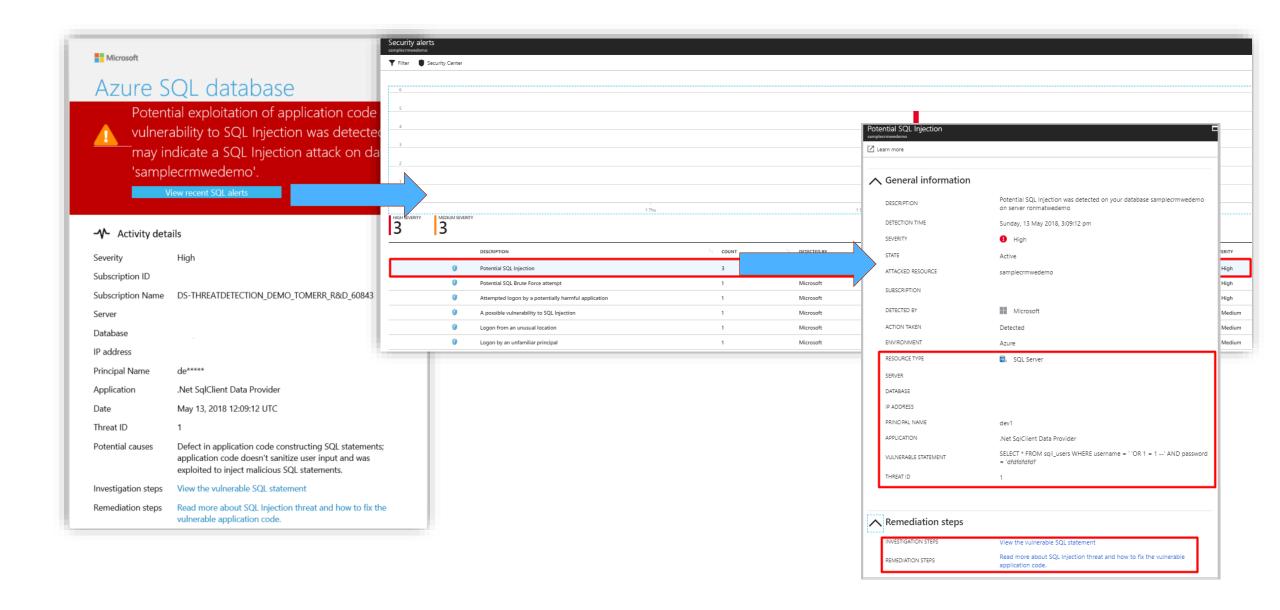


# Configure Microsoft Defender for SQL for Email Alerts





#### **Review Microsoft Defender Email Alerts**



#### **Review Recommendations and Alerts**

#### Recommendations

Defender for Cloud continuously monitors the configuration of your SQL Servers to identify potential security vulnerabilities and recommends actions to mitigate them.

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No recommendations to display

There are no security recommendations for this resource

View all recommendations in Defender for Cloud

#### Security incidents and alerts

Defender for Cloud uses advanced analytics and global threat intelligence to alert you to malicious activity. Alerts displayed below are from the past 21 days.



Check for alerts on this resource in Microsoft Defender for Cloud >

### **Azure SQL Database Threat Detection Alerts**

Vulnerability to SQL Injection Potential SQL Injection Access from unusual location Access from unusual Azure data center Access from unfamiliar principal Access from a potentially harmful application Brute force SQL credentials

### **Demonstration**

# Microsoft Defender for for Azure SQL Database

 Enable Threat Detection for Azure SQL Database.



# **SQL Vulnerability Assessment**

SQL Vulnerability Assessment is an easy to configure service that can **discover**, **track**, and **help you remediate potential database vulnerabilities**. Use it to **proactively** improve your database security.

## **SQL Vulnerability Assessment (continued)**

Get visibility

Discover sensitive data and potential security holes.

Remediate

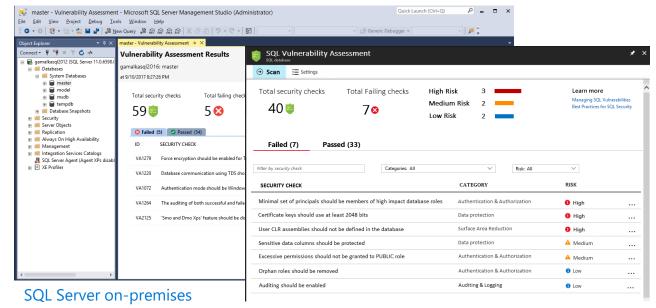
Actionable remediation and security hardening steps.

Customize

Baseline policy tuned to your environment, allowing you to focus on deviations.

Report

Pass internal or external audits to facilitate compliance.



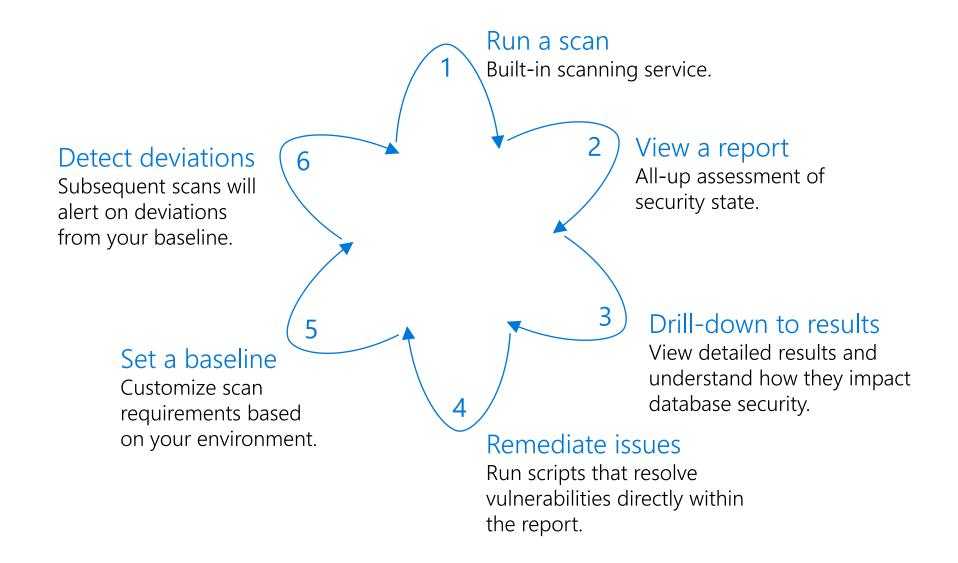
Azure SQL Database



Identifies, tracks, and resolves SQL security vulnerabilities



# **Using Vulnerability Assessment**



## **Demonstration**

### **Vulnerability Assessment**

 Run a scan, review the report and set a baseline.



# Vulnerability Assessment

 Exercise 1: Run a scan, review the report and set a baseline.



**Questions?** 



# **Knowledge Check**

List one important event type captured in threat detection.

Where are the threat detection records stored?

What are the steps to implement a Vulnerability Assessment?

# Module Summary

Introduction to Azure SQL Database Security

Implement Azure Active Directory Security

Manage Logins in Azure SQL Database

Implement Firewall Rules and Virtual Networks

Implement Transparent Data Encryption

Implement Always Encrypted

Implement Row Level Security

Implement Dynamic Data Masking

Implement Auditing for Azure SQL Database

Implement Microsoft Defender for SQL

