

Alexa on Azure

Practical use cases for getting started with Azure Functions

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What are Azure Functions?



Some Benefits



Abstraction of Servers



Instant Scale



Sub-second billing



Focus on Logic

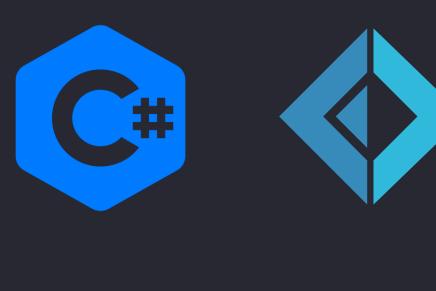


Speed & Availability



Different Languages

Language Support



















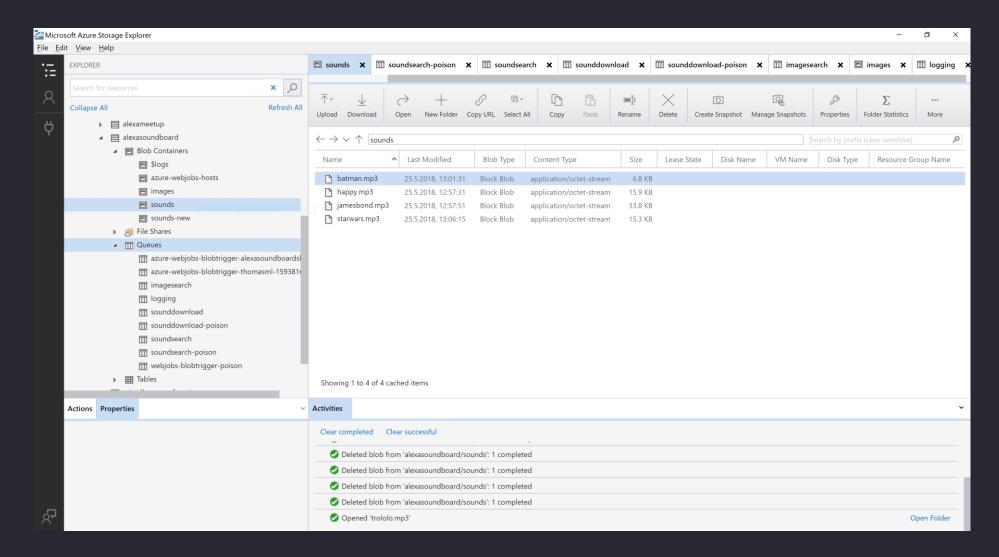




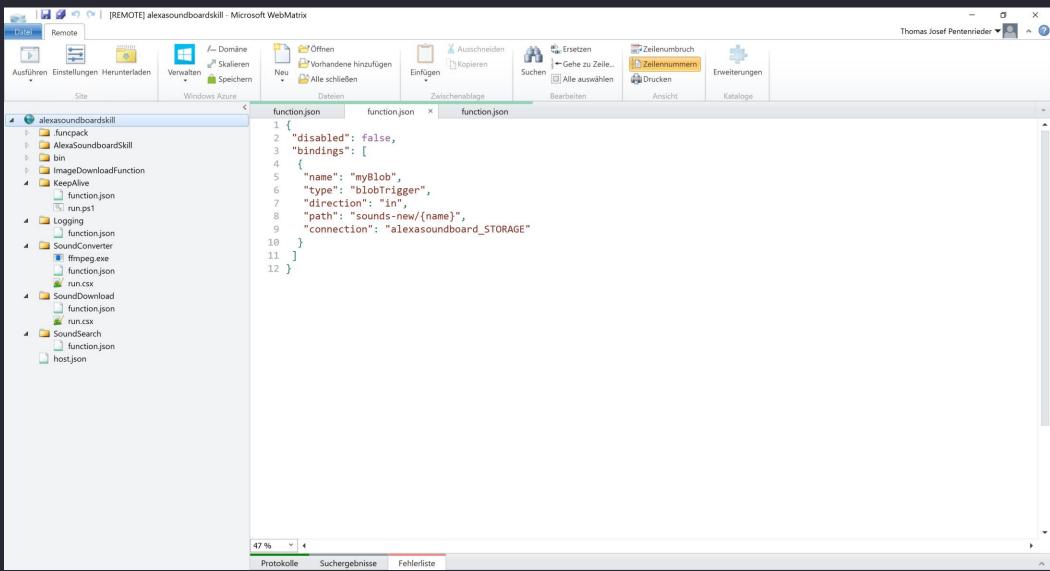
Local Testing

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C:\Users\SebastianJensen\AppData\Local\AzureFunctionsTools\Releases\1.0.12.1\cli\func.exe
Listening on http://localhost:7071/
Hit CTRL-C to exit...
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] Reading host configuration file 'C:\R\ml.AzureFunctions\AzureFunctionsSamples\AzureFunctionsSample
s\bin\Debug\net461\host.json'
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] Host configuration file read:
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] {}
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] Starting Host (HostId=desktopqfsj8l7-1489999363, Version=1.0.11702.0, InstanceId=445150b3-0f5a-44f
9-aa46-5da544eb055b, ProcessId=30220, AppDomainId=1, Debug=False, ConsecutiveErrors=0, StartupCount=1, FunctionsExtensio
nVersion=)
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] Loaded custom extension 'BotFrameworkConfiguration'
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] Loaded custom extension 'SendGridConfiguration'
[14.05.2018 19:47:14] Loaded custom extension 'EventGridExtensionConfig'
[14.05.2018 19:47:15] registered EventGrid Endpoint = http://localhost:7071/admin/extensions/EventGridExtensionConfig
[14.05.2018 19:47:15] Generating 11 job function(s)
[14.05.2018 19:47:17] Found the following functions:
[14.05.2018 19:47:17] AzureFunctionsSamples.Alexa.AlexaCalculatorFunction.Run
[14.05.2018 19:47:17] AzureFunctionsSamples.Alexa.AlexaHelloNameFunction.Run
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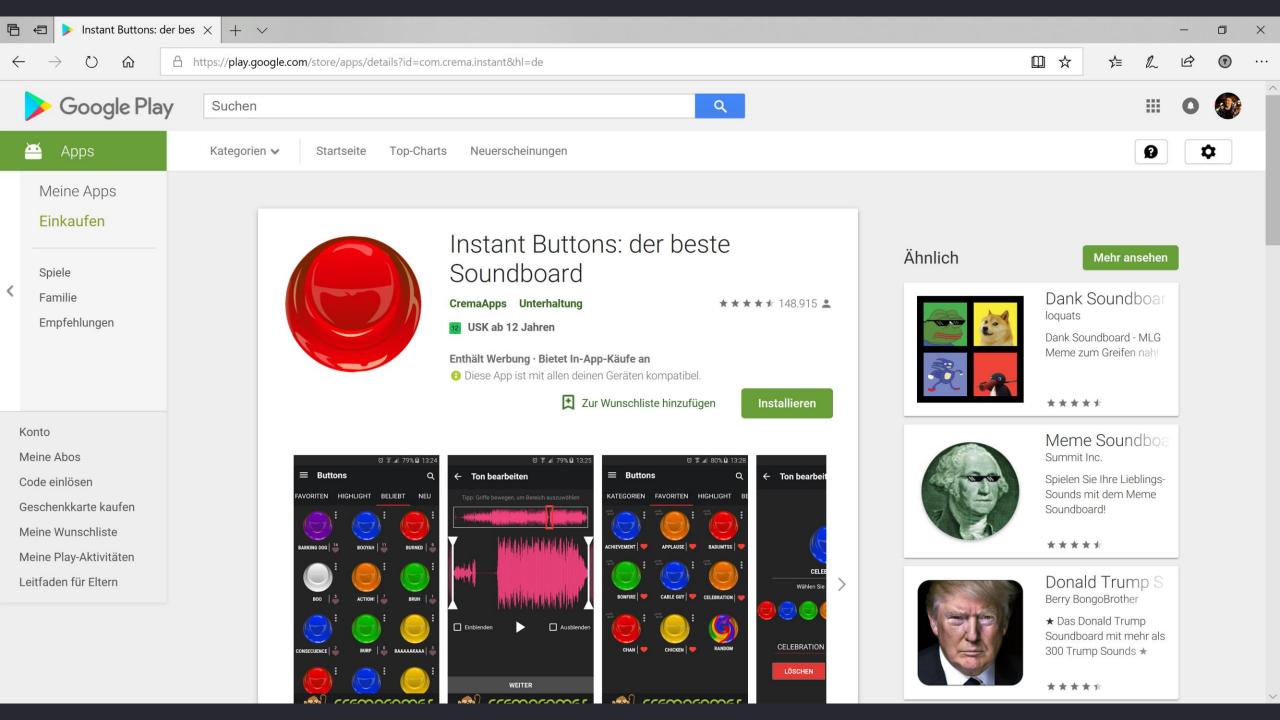
Voice Assistant: Alexa

Alexa

- Amazon
- April 2014
- Echo Family
- Windows-PCs later this year...
 - Demo during Microsoft Build Conference 2018

Wording: Skill

- Voice Experiences, which can be developed by third parties
- Extends the available functions
- "Voice Apps" with focused functionality
- Are currently available for free
- Be activated or deactivated via voice commands or companion apps



Demo

Pros of Azure Functions

- Azure Functions are cheap.
- Azure Functions are simple for simple scenarios.
- The amount of code you write in a function will probably be less than writing the same behavior outside of Azure Functions.

Cons of Azure Functions

- The languages and the runtimes for Azure Functions are not specialized.
- Deploying, authoring, testing, and executing a function is difficult outside of Azure.
- Startup time of the function is sometimes a little bit slow.

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Any questions?



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