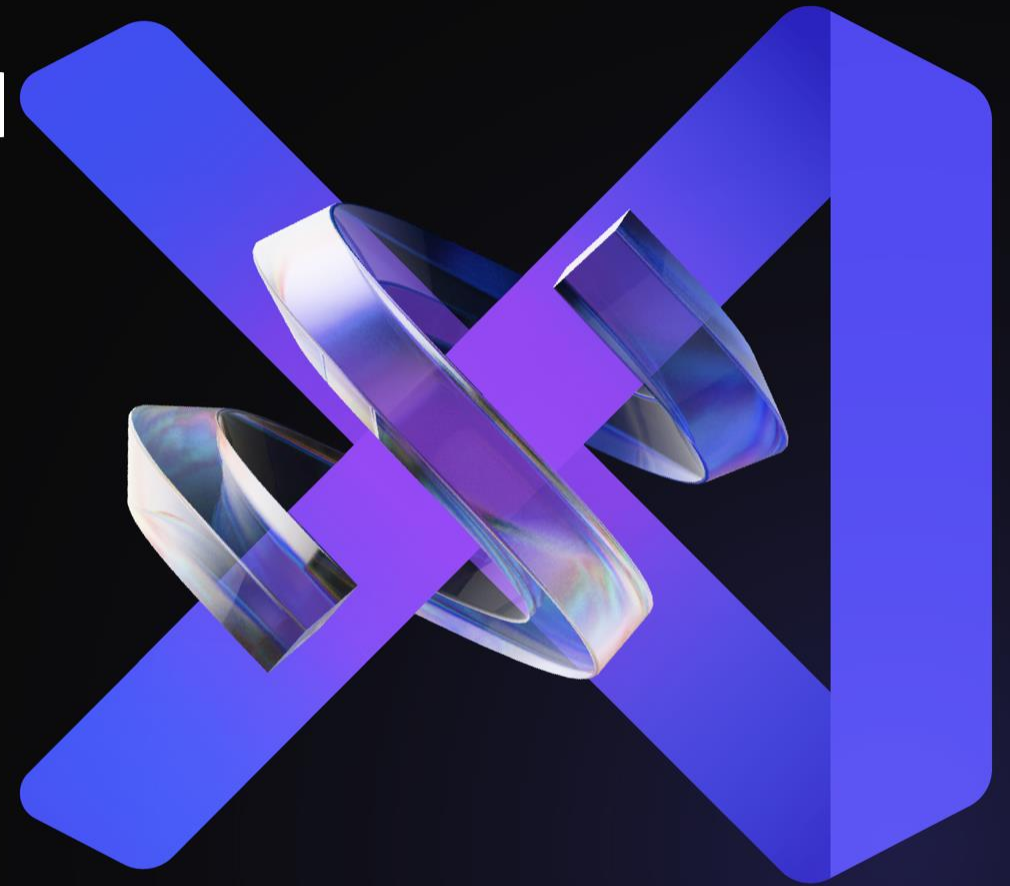


# Unleashing the Potential of Hybrid Cloud: Streamlining Multi-Cloud Management and On-Premises Integration

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# Agenda



Introduction to Hybrid Cloud



Azure Arc and Kubernetes



Integrating On-Premises with Cloud



Conclusion





# Hybrid Cloud

# Hybrid Cloud Definition

Hybrid Cloud is a combination of public and private cloud services, along with on-premises infrastructure, creating a unified computing environment that offers greater flexibility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness.

# Types of Hybrid Cloud

Split cloud and on-premise usage

Extend on-premise usage with simple cloud services

- Storage or database services
- VPN or ExpressRoute into the cloud

Unify on-premises and cloud environment

- Run cloud services in your datacenter

# Benefits of Hybrid Cloud

Data Sovereignty

Security

Latency

Cost

Resiliency

# Challenges of Hybrid Cloud

Complex infrastructure

Security and compliance

Data integration

Skill set



# Run Azure Services On-Premises

Azure Stack Edge

Azure Stack Hub

Azure Stack HCI

Azure Arc

# Azure Stack HCI

Azure Stack HCI OS is an operating system based on Windows Server

Built on proven technologies such as Hyper-V, Storage Spaces Direct, and Azure-inspired SDN

Each cluster consists of 1 to 16 physical servers

Often used in disconnected scenarios



Azure portal, ARM and bicep templates, Azure CLI and tools

Microsoft  
Entra ID



Azure Site Recovery



Azure Backup



Azure File Sync



Azure Update Manager



Additional  
Azure services  
integration via  
Arc



Azure Policy



Azure Monitor



Azure Key Vault



Microsoft Defender for Cloud



## Azure Stack HCI solution



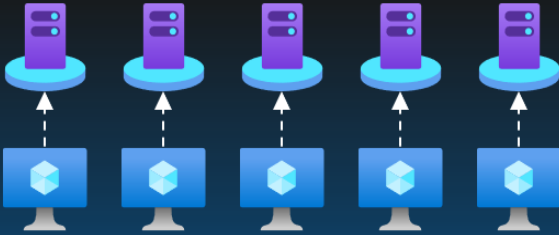
Traditional, non-containerized applications



Kubernetes-based  
applications



Arc-enabled services



Windows and Linux virtual machines as Arc-enabled servers



Azure Virtual Desktop



AKS enabled by Azure Arc



Hyper-V



Storage Spaces Direct

Azure Stack HCI Operating System



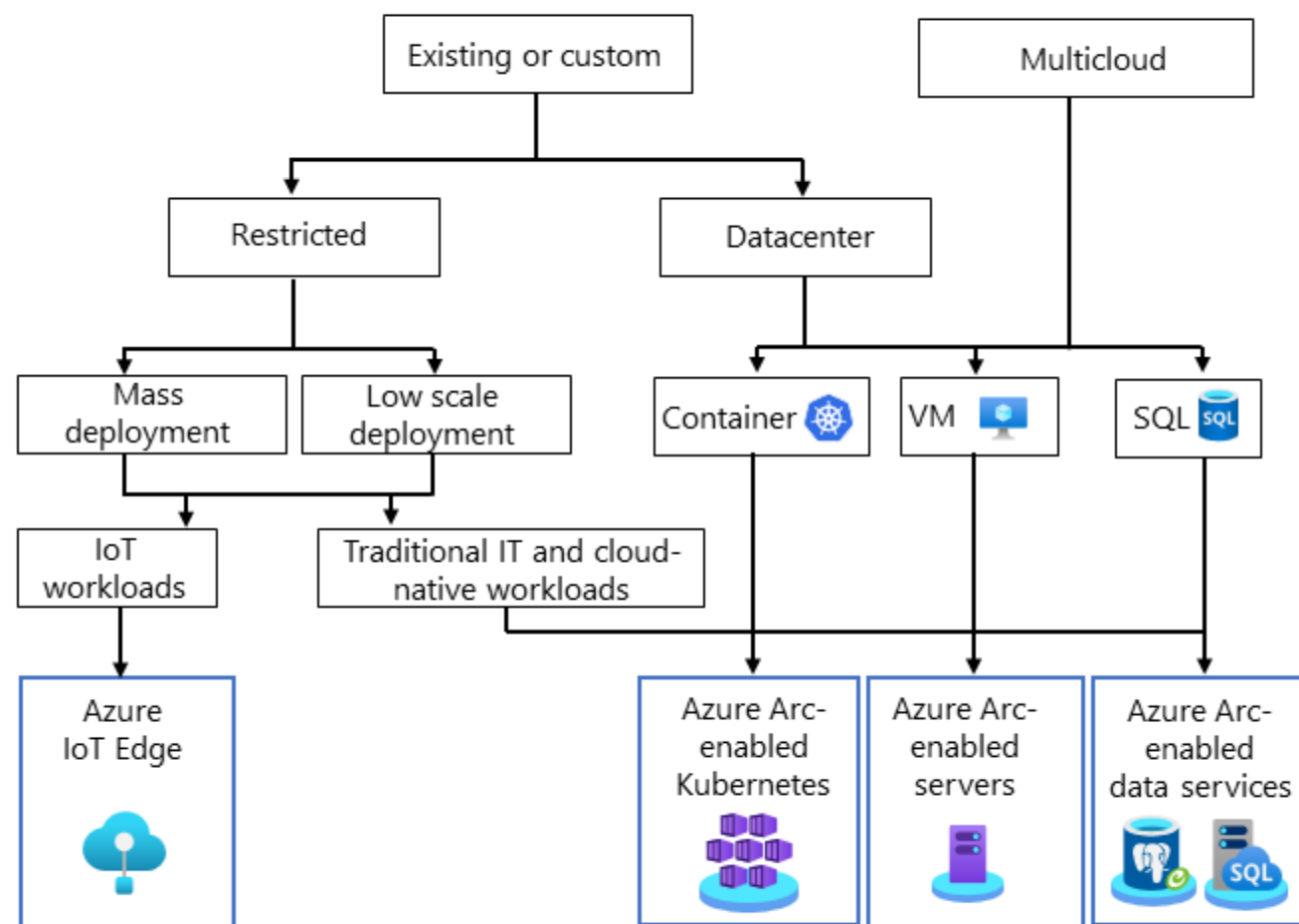
Premier solutions



Validated nodes



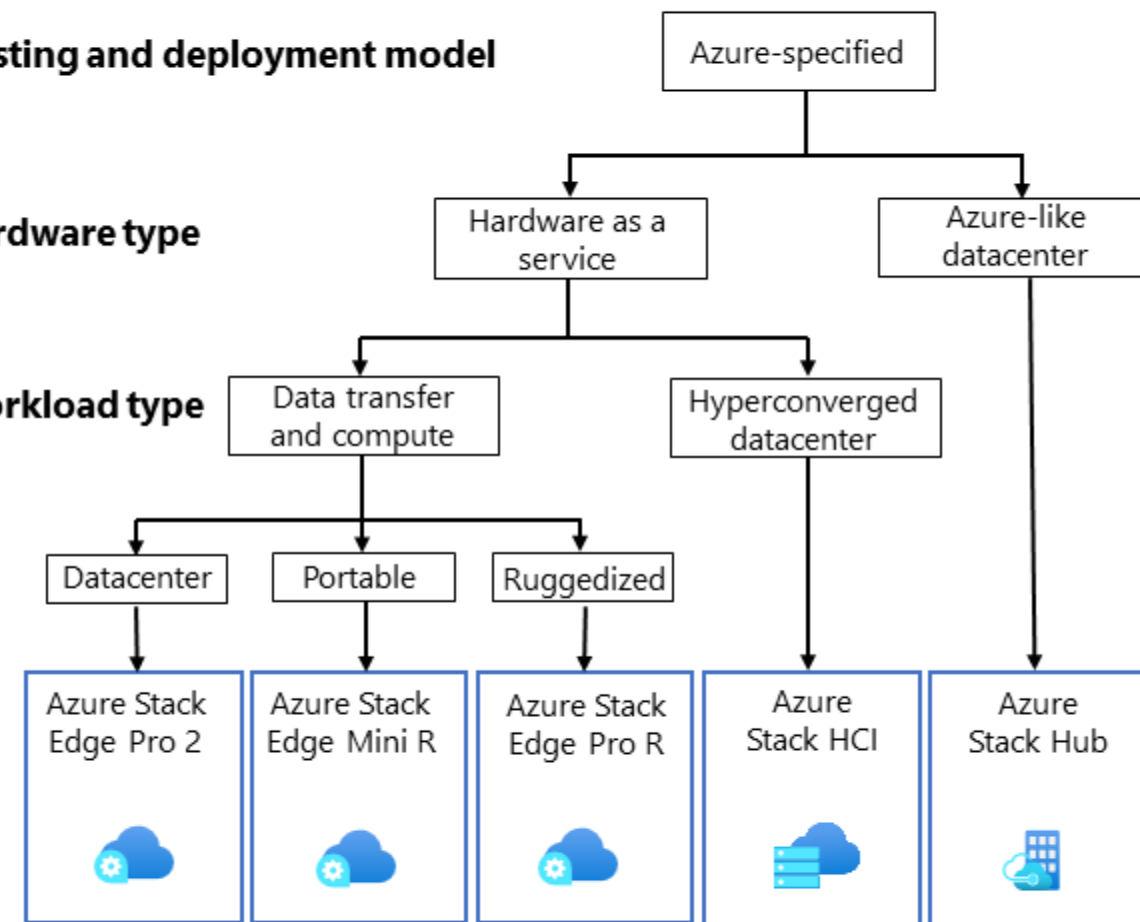
Integrated systems



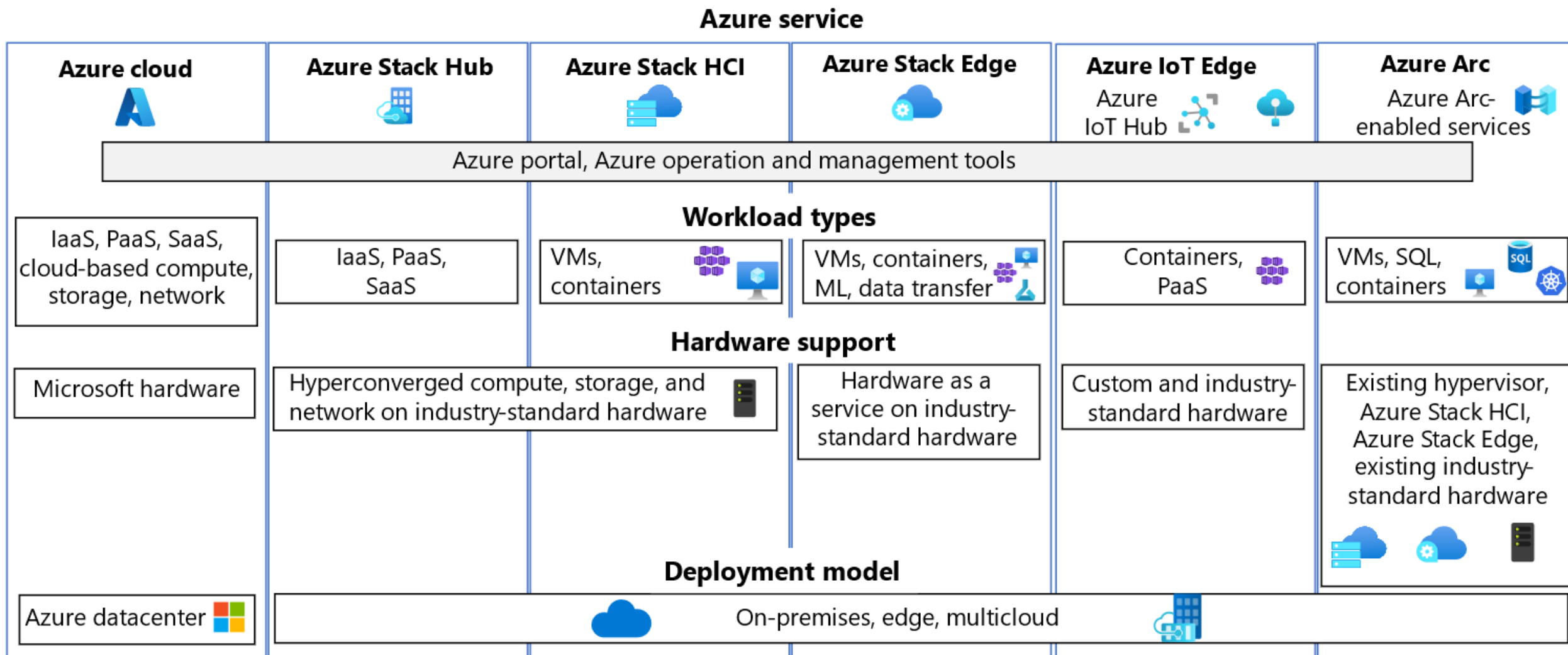
## Hosting and deployment model

### Hardware type

### Workload type



### Azure service



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# Azure Arc

# Azure Arc Overview




Project infrastructure running outside of Azure into Azure

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- Any CNCF certified Kubernetes distribution
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-  Azure Arc virtual machines (preview)
-  Azure Stack HCI
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-  SCVMM management servers

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-  PostgreSQL (preview)
-  SQL managed instances

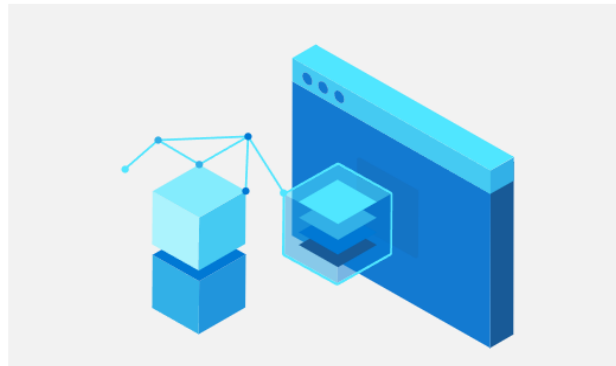
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-  Logic apps (preview)

Get started Infrastructure Services Learn more

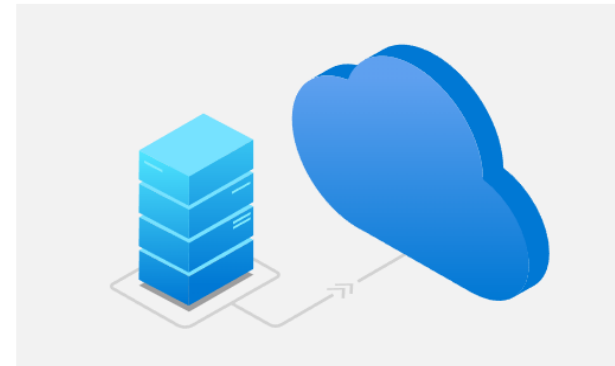
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Manage infrastructure as it was running in Azure

- Update Management
- Configuration Management
- Microsoft Cloud Defender

# Azure Arc-enabled Kubernetes

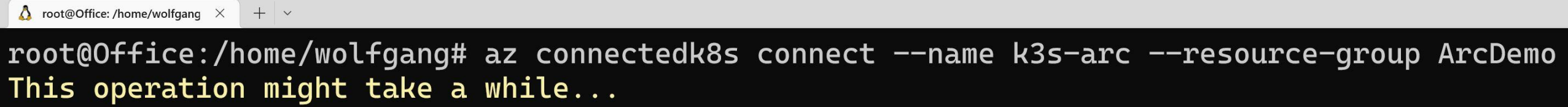
Install Azure Arc extensions to manage the cluster

- Azure Monitor
- GitOps with Flux
- Azure Policy
- Azure Key Vault Secrets Provider

Securely access cluster without opening inbound ports

# Azure Arc Installation

Install with Azure CLI

A terminal window with a title bar showing 'root@Office: /home/wolfgang'. The terminal content shows a command to connect to Azure Arc using the Azure CLI, followed by a message indicating the operation might take some time.

```
root@Office: /home/wolfgang# az connectedk8s connect --name k3s-arc --resource-group ArcDemo
This operation might take a while...
```

# Azure Arc Installation

Install with Azure CLI

Applications are installed in the azure-arc namespace

# Azure Arc Applications

```
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang> kubectl get pods -n azure-arc
```







NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
cluster-metadata-operator-5dcbb5d97b-k2pwb	2/2	Running	0	14m
clusterconnect-agent-5776f946d9-jchl4	3/3	Running	0	14m
clusteridentityoperator-bf596c845-h8s7s	2/2	Running	0	14m
config-agent-6cd59d5896-d4tvx	2/2	Running	0	14m
controller-manager-59bcd87698-m8jj9	2/2	Running	0	14m
extension-events-collector-55c95b8c4d-m8l5d	2/2	Running	0	14m
extension-manager-75d47f499f-62twm	3/3	Running	0	14m
flux-logs-agent-7d7dc6754f-l24tq	1/1	Running	0	14m
kube-aad-proxy-775476dd6d-bpdl1d	2/2	Running	0	14m
metrics-agent-595bcfdc9-4jpkg	2/2	Running	0	14m
resource-sync-agent-c9559b855-bggcp	2/2	Running	0	14m

# Azure Arc in the Azure Portal




“Single pane of glass”

Manage outside infrastructure within Azure







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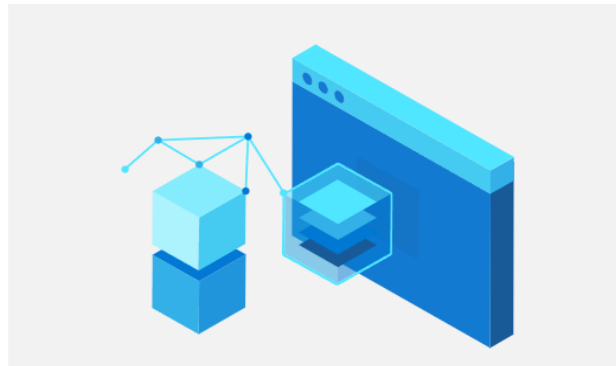
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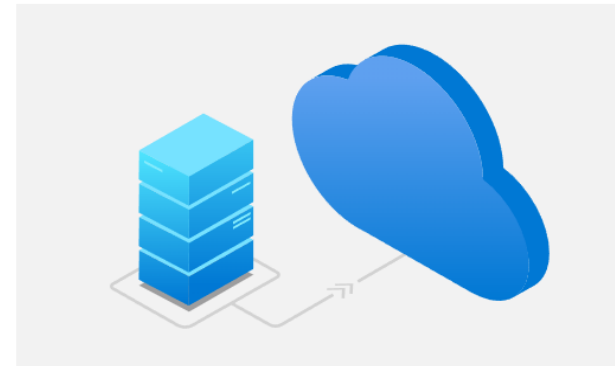
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# Azure Arc | Kubernetes clusters

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🏷️ Assign tags

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Filter for any field...

Subscription equals **all**

Type equals **all**

Resource group equals **all** ✕

+🔍 Add filter

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 records.

No grouping

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<input type="checkbox"/>	k3s-Arc	Kubernetes - Azure Arc	<a href="#">ArcDemo</a>	1.27.7	West Europe





# k3s-Arc | Namespaces

Kubernetes - Azure Arc



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## Kubernetes resources (preview)

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## Settings

- Extensions
- Open Service Mesh
- GitOps
- Policies
- Properties
- Locks



Sign in to view your Kubernetes resources.

A service account bearer token is required to view the Kubernetes resources on this cluster. This can be created using kubectl while connected to your cluster via CLI. [Learn how to create a service account bearer token](#)

Service account bearer token \* ⓘ

Sign in



# Azure Arc Extensions

# Azure Arc extensions

Bring Azure Services to your Kubernetes cluster

- GitOps for deployments
- Azure Monitor
- Azure Key Vault Secrets Provider

# Git Ops Extension

Uses Flux as GitOps agent

Can be installed via Azure CLI or Azure Portal

2 repositories

- Application repository
- Configuration repository



Azure  
DevOps



Trigger CI



CI Pipeline

Push  
Image



Azure  
Container  
Registry

Pull  
Image



Kubernetes



Azure Arc-enabled  
Kubernetes cluster

Deploy state change



Flux

Pull desired cluster state

GitOps Connector

Application  
Repo

Validate PR



PR Pipeline

Trigger CD



CD Pipeline

Desired State PR



GitOps  
Repo

Cluster 1

Cluster ...j

Cluster N

# Git Ops Extension Installation

Single Azure CLI command to configure and install GitOps operator

# Git Ops Extension Installation

```
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang> az k8s-configuration flux create `
>> --cluster-name k3s-Arc `
>> --resource-group ArcDemo `
>> --name arcdemo-gitops `
>> --namespace azurearcdemo `
>> --cluster-type connectedClusters `
>> --scope cluster `
>> --https-user wolfgang@programmingwithwolfgang.com `
>> --https-key 7ubfok7viuepij24pymxblsekhyjcdjxbsqgcczyp1suo6sv3x5a `
>> --url https://dev.azure.com/ProgrammingWithWolfgang/AzureArcDemo/_git/AzureArcDemoGitOps `
>> --branch master `
>> --kustomization name=app path=./AzureArcDemo prune=true
D:\a\_work\1\s\build_scripts\windows\artifacts\cli\Lib\site-packages\cryptography\hazmat\backends\openssll
/backend.py:27: UserWarning: You are using cryptography on a 32-bit Python on a 64-bit Windows Operating
System. Cryptography will be significantly faster if you switch to using a 64-bit Python.
'Microsoft.Flux' extension not found on the cluster, installing it now. This may take a few minutes...
```

# Git Ops Extension Installation

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 **k3s-Arc | GitOps** ☆ ...  
Kubernetes - Azure Arc



 Create  Delete  Refresh

 Configuration

Settings



 Extensions




 Open Service Mesh

 GitOps

 Policies

 Properties

 Flux configurations can now be monitored across clusters, subscriptions, resource groups, etc. [Learn more](#) 

<input type="checkbox"/>	Configuration	Compliance	Namespace	Scope	State	Source last updated
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">arcdemo-gitops</a>	 Compliant	azurearcdemo	cluster	 Succeeded	Wed Jan 17 2024 03:25:58 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time) 



# Git Ops Extension Installation

[Home](#) > [k3s-Arc | GitOps](#) >



**k3s-Arc/arcdemo-gitops**

GitOps configuration



Delete



Refresh



Give feedback



Overview



Configuration objects



Source



Kustomizations

## Status

Compliance state	Compliant
Configuration objects	<a href="#">3 objects</a>
Installation status	Succeeded
Source last sync commit	master@sha1:4ad385bd016dc352ecc0839505f22794c2...
Source last updated	2024-01-17, 3:25:58 a.m.
Status last updated	2024-01-17, 3:47:01 a.m.

## Properties

Namespace	azurearcdemo
Scope	cluster
Type	Flux v2
Kustomizations	<a href="#">1 Kustomizations</a>

## Source

Source kind	GitRepository
Repository URL	<a href="https://dev.azure.com/ProgrammingWithWolfgang/Az...">https://dev.azure.com/ProgrammingWithWolfgang/Az...</a>
Repository reference type	Branch
Branch	master
Repository public key	---
Sync interval	1 mins
Sync timeout	1 mins

# GitOps Deployment

```
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang> kubectl get pods -n azurearcdemo
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
azurearcdemo-64fbd7fcfc-4v6qr	1/1	Running	0	28m

# GitOps Repository

Kustomize file referencing all release files

# GitOps Repository

```
apiVersion: kustomize.config.k8s.io/v1  
kind: Kustomization  
resources:  
- HelmRelease.yaml
```

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Kustomize file referencing all release files

HelmRelease YAML file containing information about the Helm chart

apiVersion: helm.toolkit.fluxcd.io/v2beta1

kind: HelmRelease

metadata:

name: azurearcdemo

namespace: azurearcdemo

annotations:

clusterconfig.azure.com/use-managed-source: "true"

spec:

interval: 1m

releaseName: azurearcdemo

chart:

spec:

chart: ./AzureArcDemo/charts/azurearcdemo

# GitOps Pipeline

CD Pipeline reads newest tag from Azure Container Registry

Replace tag in values.yaml file

Commit changes to master branch

GitOps Agent sees changes and applies them to the K8s cluster

# Azure Key Vault Secrets Provider Extension

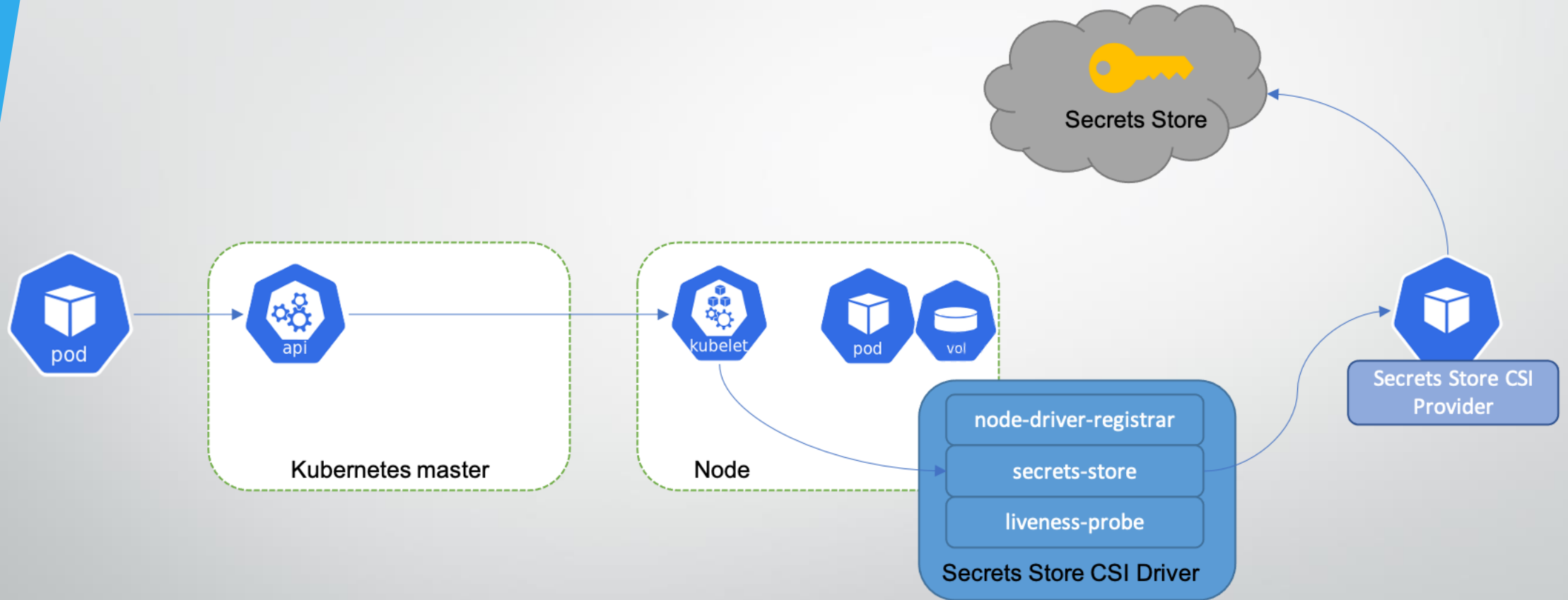
Mount secrets from Azure Key Vault into Kubernetes

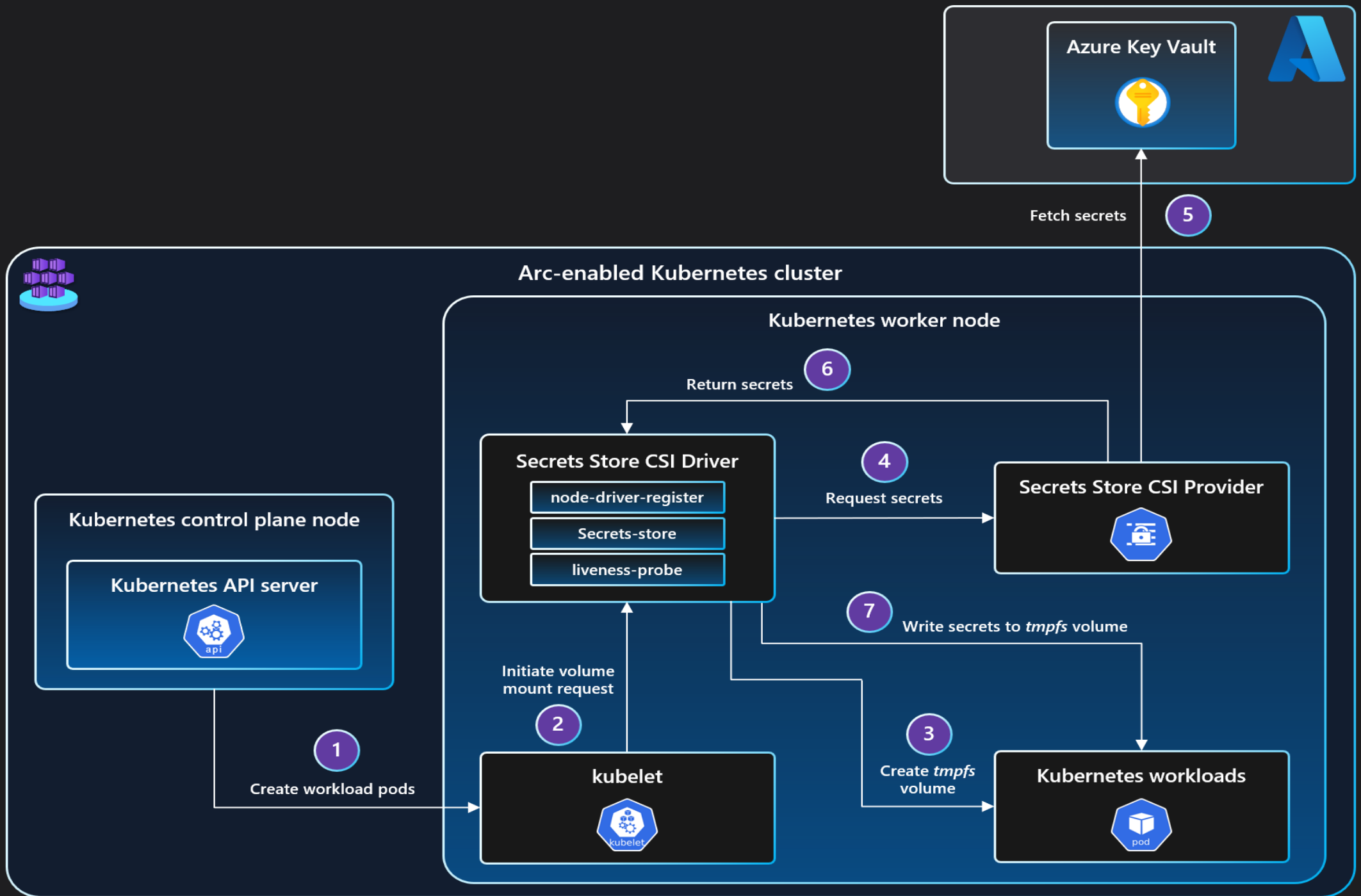
Secrets are retrieved using gRPC

Get all advantages from Azure Key Vault



# Azure Key Vault Secrets Provider Extension





# Azure Monitor Extension

Azure Monitor agent is installed in its own namespace

Agent sends information to Log Analytics Workspace

Azure Monitor:

- Dashboards
- Alerting
- Container Insights

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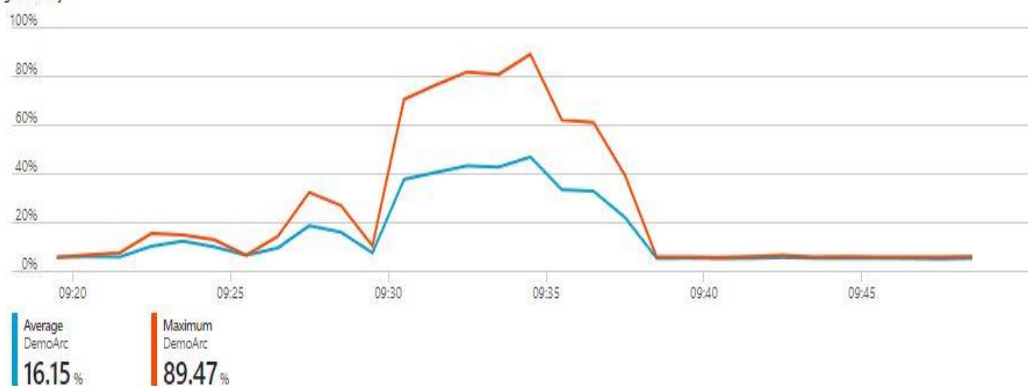
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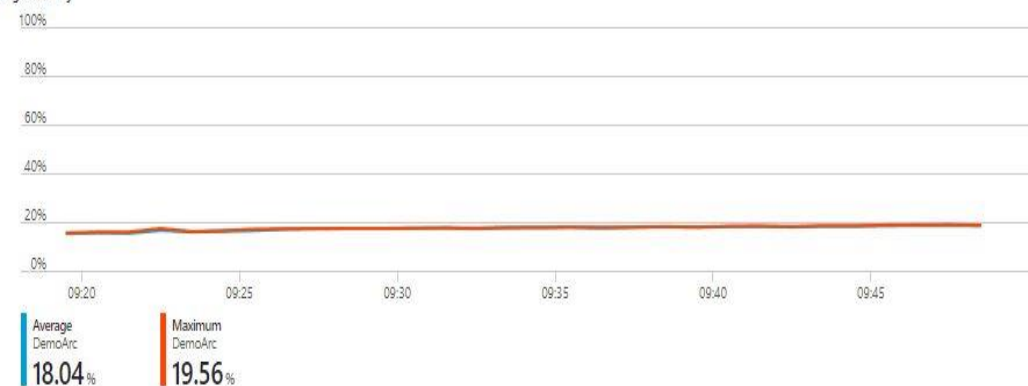


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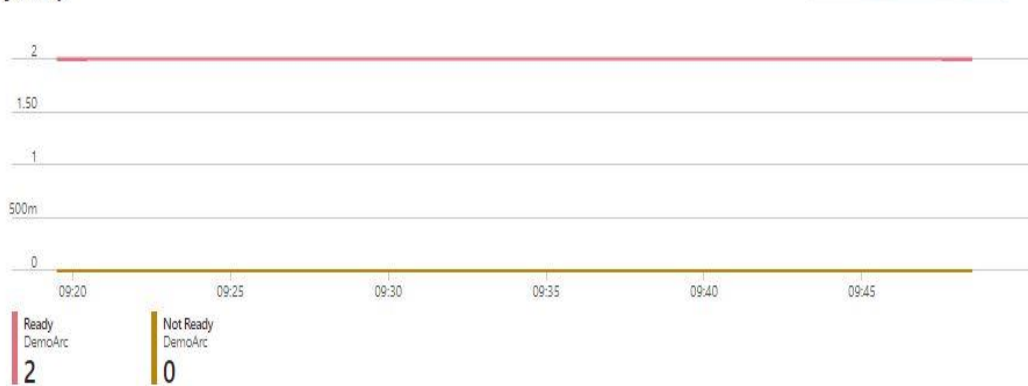
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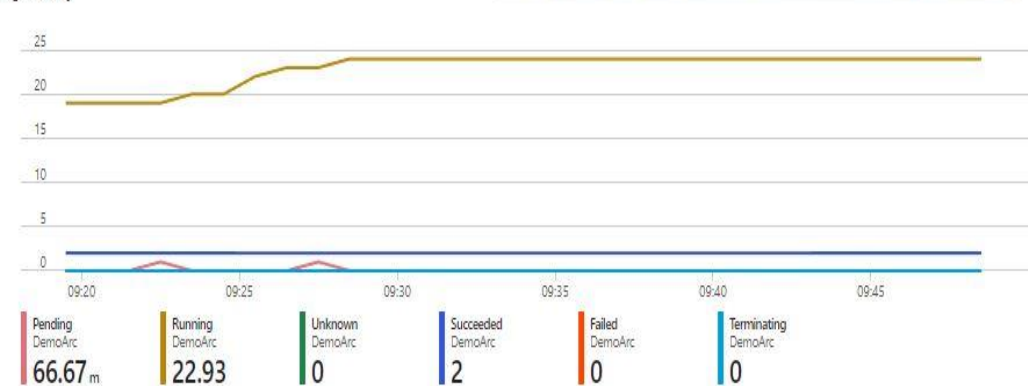
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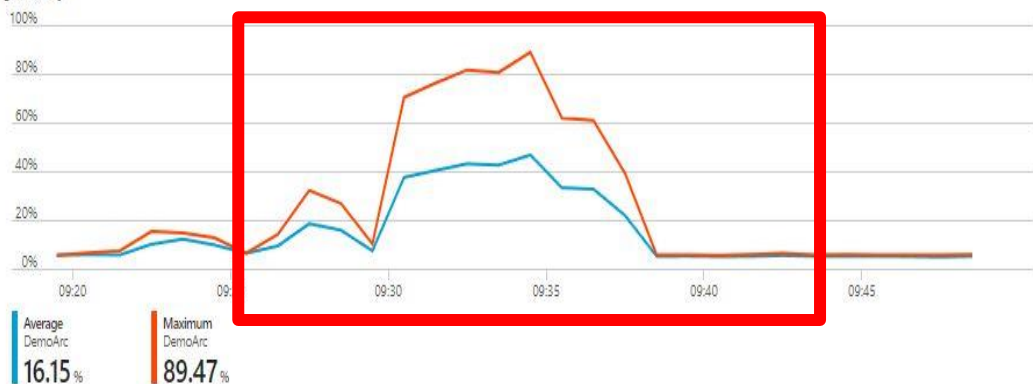
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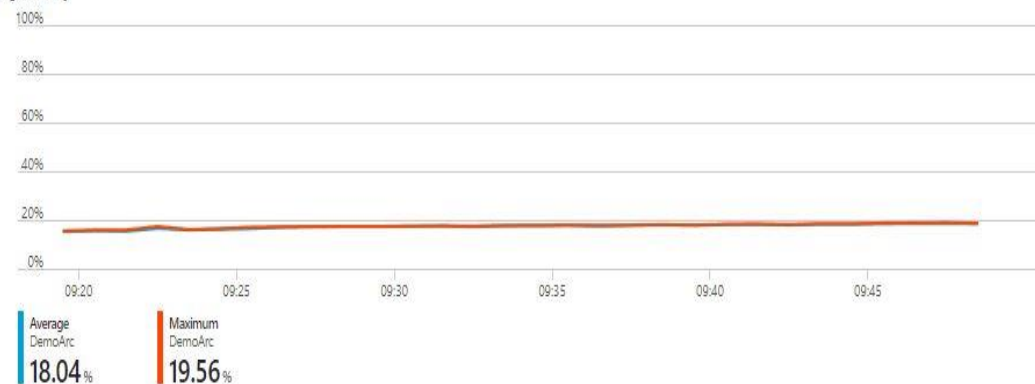


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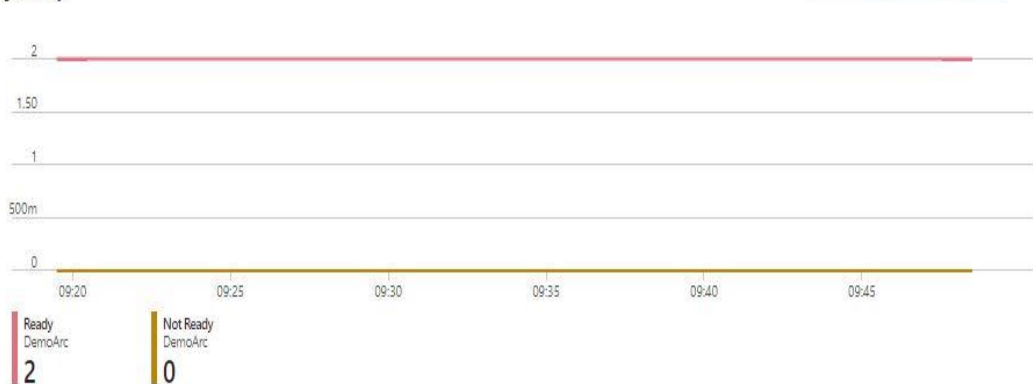
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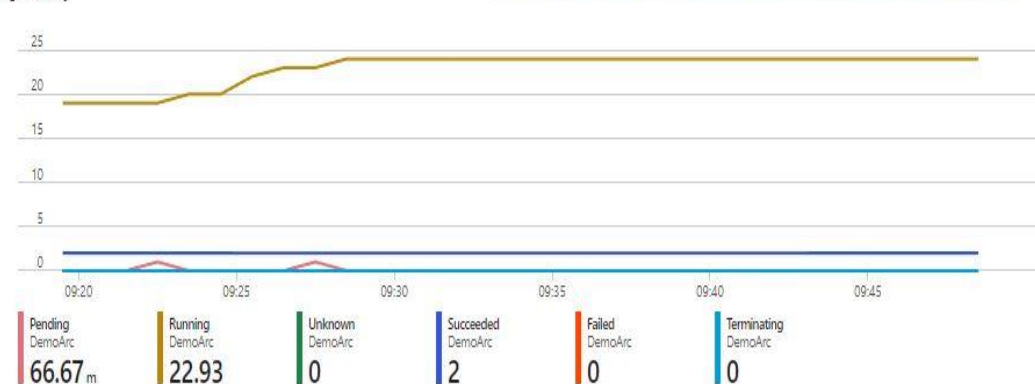
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Metric: CPU Usage (millicores) ▾

Min Avg 50th 90th 95th Max

Name	Status	95th % ↓	95th	Pod	Node	Restarts	UpTime	Trend 95th % (1 bar = 1m)
customerapi	✓ Ok	91%	1810 mc	customerapi-5d5f8d96c5-v8nt7	master	0	25 mins	
mqtt	✓ Ok	64%	322 mc	mqtt-58b75468c-zcnzx	master	0	27 mins	
kube-aad-proxy	✓ Ok	17%	17 mc	kube-aad-proxy-8564d4dd5d-qqcby	worker1	0	54 mins	
omsagent	✓ Ok	7%	10 mc	omsagent-727fd	worker1	0	31 mins	
omsagent	✓ Ok	4%	6 mc	omsagent-4pftj	master	0	32 mins	
fluent-bit	✓ Ok	4%	0.8 mc	config-agent-69dccb554d-7swhm	worker1	0	57 mins	
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flux-logs-agent	✓ Ok	3%	1 mc	flux-logs-agent-86cf4f7b7d-55fld	worker1	0	58 mins	
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# Azure Arc Services

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## Azure Arc-enabled infrastructure

- Azure Arc-enabled servers
- Azure Arc-enabled Kubernetes
- Azure Stack HCI



# Azure Arc Services

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- Azure Logic Apps
- Azure Event Grid
- Azure Functions
- Azure API Management
- Azure Container Apps

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## Azure Arc-enabled data services

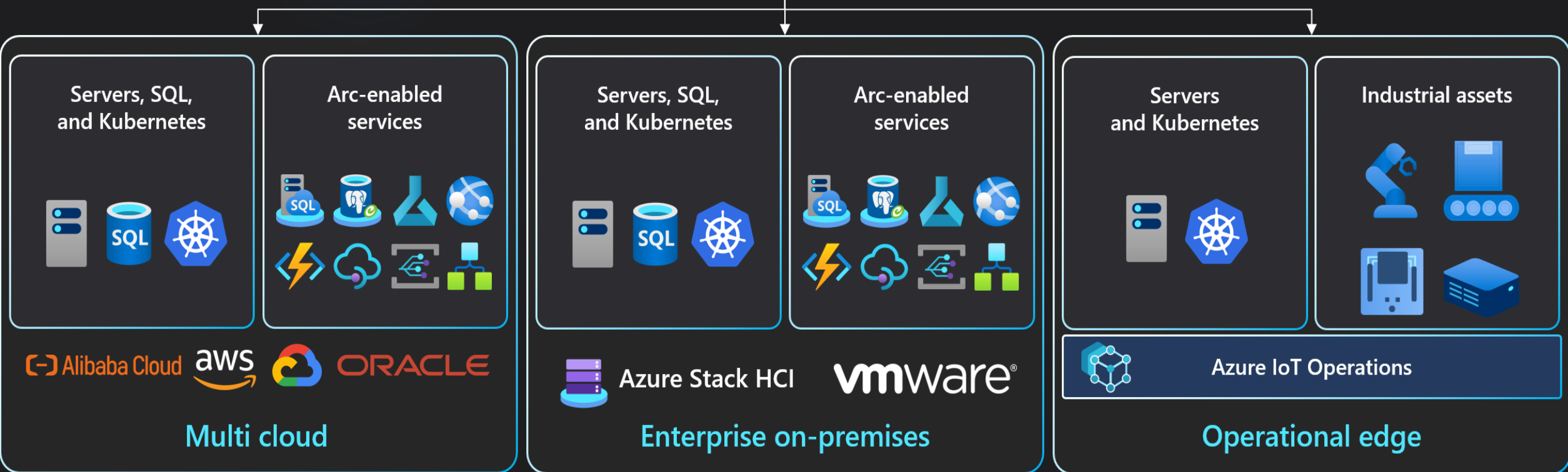
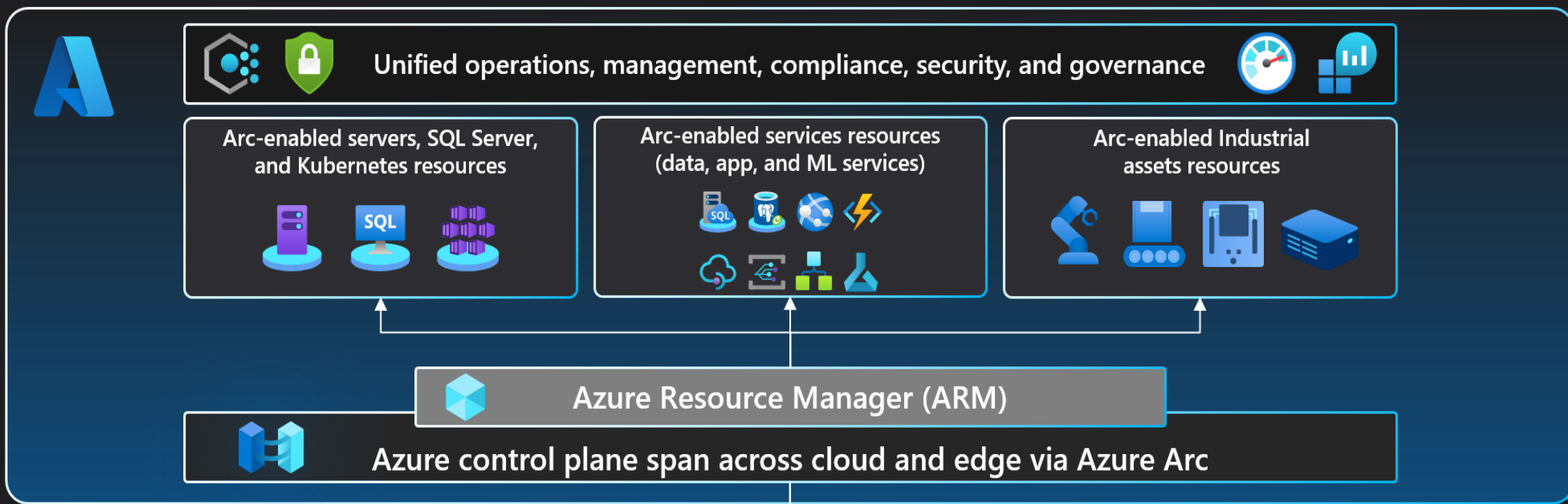
- Azure SQL Managed Instance
- PostgreSQL Hyperscale
- Azure Machine Learning

# Azure Arc Services

Azure Arc-enabled services run inside a Kubernetes cluster

Bring Azure services to your on-prem datacenter

Developers can continue using their tools





# Hybrid Cloud Conclusion

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Powerful tool to combine on-premises requirements with cloud services

Manage on-premises infrastructure from the cloud

- Data never leaves your datacenter
- Combine cloud services with low latency

Broad technical knowledge necessary

Too many applications to talk about them in just one hour

# Azure Arc Conclusion

Proof of concept was successful

Powerful service

Major focus from Microsoft

Broad IT-knowledge needed

Services can be a bit buggy

Documentation sometimes complicated

# Resources

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[Azure Arc Documentation](#)

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