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Lab 5

05 - Implement Azure Key Vault (5 min):

In this walkthrough, we will create an Azure Key vault and then create a password secret within that key vault, providing a securely stored, centrally managed password for use with applications.

Task 1: Create an Azure Key Vault:

1. Sign in to the Azure portal.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal homepage. At the top, there's a banner with the message "Hi Yumaan, see what more you can get from your Azure free account." Below the banner are four cards: "Take a free online course on Microsoft Learn", "Watch a demo and attend a live Q&A", "Start a project with Quickstart Center", and "Explore support resources". Below these cards is a section titled "Azure services" with icons for "Create a resource", "App Services", "Storage accounts", "Virtual networks", "Virtual machines", "Quickstart Center", "Azure AI Foundry", "Kubernetes services", "SQL databases", and "More services".

2. From the All services blade, search for and select Key vaults, then select **+Add +New +Create **.

The screenshot shows the "All services" blade with a search bar containing "key vaults". Below the search bar, there are two main sections: "Key vaults" and "Backup vaults". Under "Key vaults", there are links for "Recovery Services vaults" and "SSH keys". At the bottom of the page, there are "Give feedback" and "Help improve this page" buttons.

3. Configure the key vault (replace xxxx in the name of the key vault with letters and digits such that the name is globally unique). Leave the defaults

for everything else. Setting Subscription Value Use default supplied
Resource group Create new resource group Key vault name keyvaulttestxxx
Location East US Pricing tier Standard

All services > Key vaults >

Create a key vault ...

Azure Key Vault is a cloud service used to manage keys, secrets, and certificates. Key Vault eliminates the need for developers to store security information in their code. It allows you to centralize the storage of your application secrets which greatly reduces the chances that secrets may be leaked. Key Vault also allows you to securely store secrets and keys backed by Hardware Security Modules or HSMs. The HSMs used are Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 Level 2 validated. In addition, key vault provides logs of all access and usage attempts of your secrets so you have a complete audit trail for compliance.

Project details

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

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Subscription * | Azure subscription 1 |
| Resource group * | (New) keyvault Create new |
| Instance details | |
| Key vault name * ⓘ | keyvaulttest33 |
| Region * | Central India |
| Pricing tier * ⓘ | Standard |

4. Note replace xxxx to find a unique name.
5. Click Review + create, and then click Create.
6. Once the new key vault is provisioned, click Go to resource. Or you can locate your new key vault by searching for it.

7. Click on the key vault Overview tab and take note of the Vault URI. Applications that use your vault through the REST APIs will need this URI.

The screenshot shows the Azure Key Vault Overview page for a vault named 'keyvaulttest33'. The left sidebar includes links for Activity log, Access control (IAM), Tags, Diagnose and solve problems, Access policies, Resource visualizer, Events, Objects (Keys, Secrets, Certificates), and Settings. The main content area displays vault details: Resource group (move) : keyvault, Location : Central India, Subscription (move) : Azure subscription 1, Subscription ID : a3e17407-645b-4443-990f-e8d6df69025c, Vault URI : https://keyvaulttest33.vault.azure.net/, Sku (Pricing tier) : Standard, Directory ID : 77bb594d-e634-4e22-8183-5e6df10ad2db, Directory Name : Default Directory, Soft-delete : Enabled, and Purge protection : Disabled. Below this, there's a section titled 'Manage keys and secrets used by apps and services' with a note about using a vault per application per environment. A 'Get started' button is at the bottom.

8. Take a moment to browse through some of the other key vault options. Under Settings review Keys, Secrets, Certificates, Access Policies, Firewalls and virtual networks. Note: Your Azure account is the only one authorized to perform operations on this new vault. You can modify this if you wish in the Settings and then the Access policies section.

Task 2: Add a secret to the Key Vault:

In this task, we will add a password to the key vault.

1. Under Settings click Secrets, then click + Generate/Import.
2. Configure the secret. Leave the other values at their defaults. Notice you can set an activation and expiration date. Notice you can also disable the secret.
Setting Value Upload options Manual Name Example Password Value hVFkk96

Create a secret

Upload options: Manual

Name * ⓘ: ExamplePassword ✓

Secret value * ⓘ:

Content type (optional):

Set activation date ⓘ:

Set expiration date ⓘ:

Enabled: Yes

Tags: 0 tags

Create **Cancel**

3. Click Create.

4. Once the secret has been successfully created, click on the ExamplePassword, and note it has a status of Enabled

keyvaulttest2280133 | Secrets ⋮

The secret 'ExamplePassword' has been successfully created.

| Name | Type | Status | Expiration date |
|-----------------|------|-----------|-----------------|
| ExamplePassword | | ✓ Enabled | |

4. Select the secret you just created, note the Secret Identifier. This is the url value that you can now use with applications. It provides a centrally managed and securely stored password.



Properties

Created 11/6/2025, 5:35:06 PM

Updated 11/6/2025, 5:35:06 PM

Copy to clipboard

Secret Identifier

[https://keyvaulttest2280133.vault.azure.net/secrets/ExamplePassword/...](https://keyvaulttest2280133.vault.azure.net/secrets/ExamplePassword/)

Settings

Set activation date ⓘ



Set expiration date ⓘ



Enabled Yes No

Tags 0 tags

Secret

Content type (optional)

Show Secret Value

Secret value

5. Click the button Show Secret Value, to display the password you specified earlier.

Tags 0 tags

Secret

Content type (optional)

Hide Secret Value

Secret value

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Apply

Discard changes

Close