Monitoring



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Overview

What you need to think about to be successful

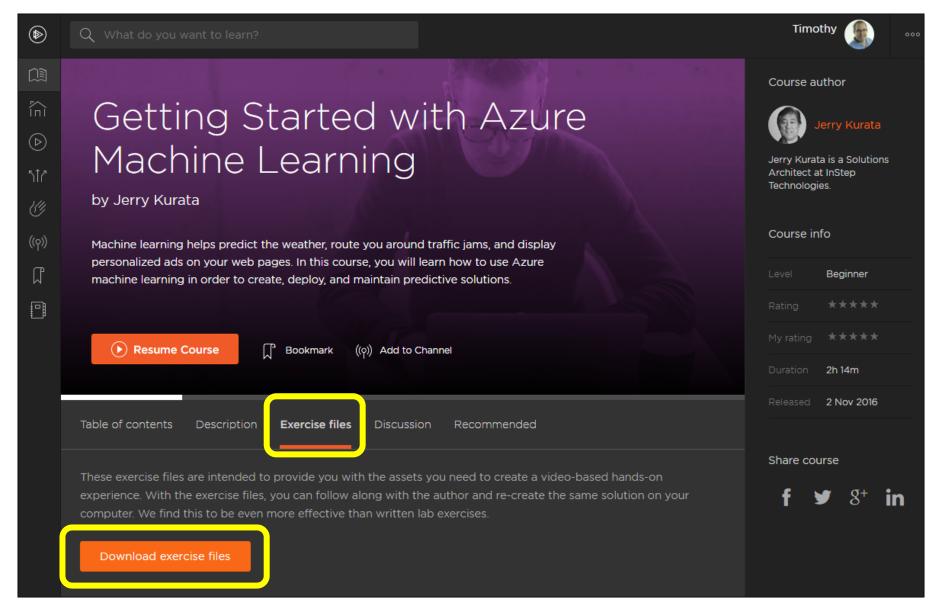
Diagnostics and metrics

Log search

Alerting



Exercise Files





What You Need to Think About to Be Successful



Things to Keep in Mind Regarding Azure VM Monitoring

You're free to use native tools (PerfMon, ps)

Take Azure into account when evaluating mon. solutions

Learn about webhooks, REST, and SQL

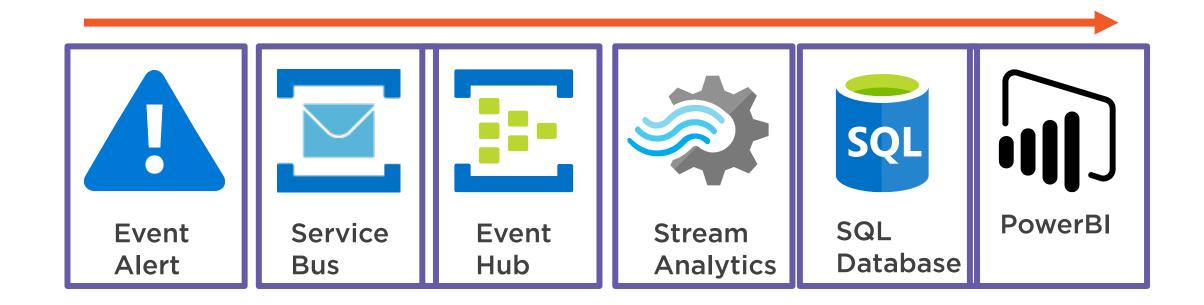
With hybrid cloud, you can use System Center

OMS is a tightly integrated solution

Consider streaming data via Event Hub



The Azure Event Hub Workflow



Monitoring - A Layered Approach

Resource level

- Internal tools
- Metrics, alert rules

Resource Group level

Monitor blade

Enterprise level

- ••Hybrid nodes
- Log Analytics
- Azure Automation



Diagnostics and Metrics



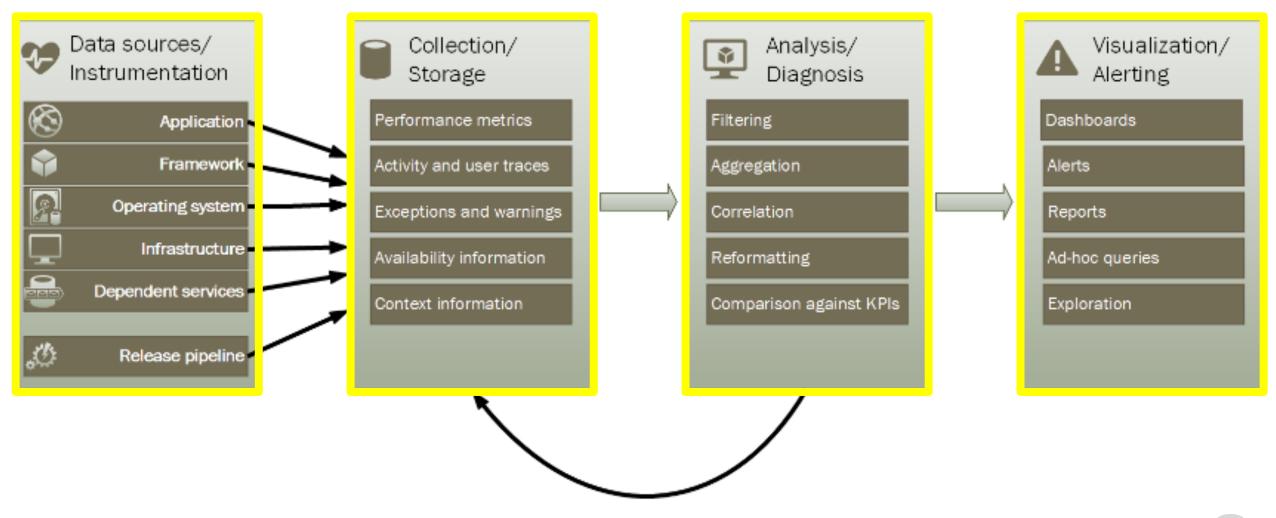


Telemetry

An automated communications process by which measurements and other data are collected at remote or inaccessible points and transmitted to receiving equipment for monitoring



Monitoring and Diagnostics Pipeline





Azure Diagnostics Data

Event tracing

Configured by app developers

Performance counters

The 4 traditional subsystems

Event logs

You likely have experience here

Application logs

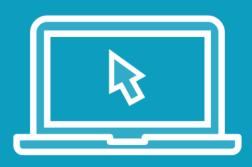
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Azure Diagnostics logs

Table and/or blob storage



Demo



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Enable monitoring for VMsStart with Portal

Then show PowerShell



Log Search



Monitoring – Questions of Scale and Intelligence

Log flood

- So many data sources
- ••How to quickly extract value?

Predictive analytics

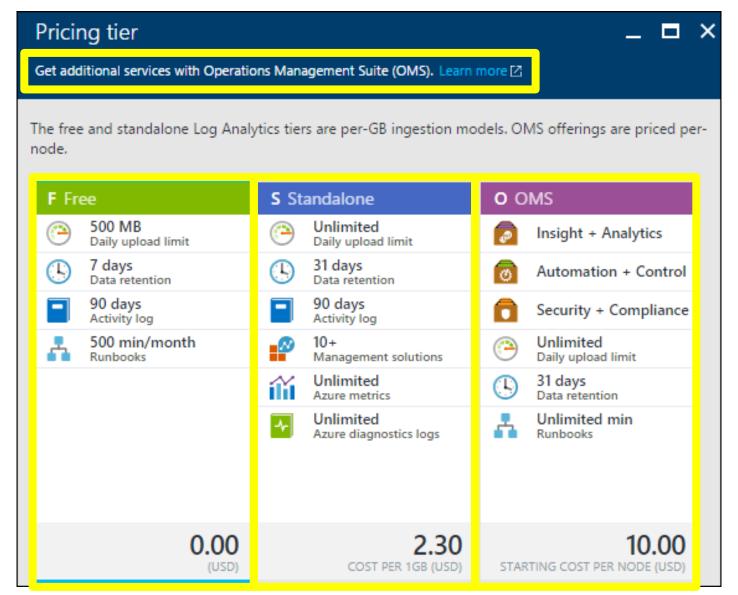
••How to know what to look for?

Automation

Immediate remediation



OMS Log Analytics



Log Analytics



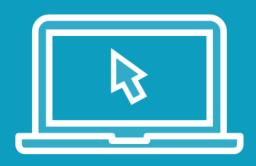


OMS Insight & Analytics





Demo



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Visit OMS Pricing page

OMS Log Analytics

Server Explorer in Visual Studio

Storage Explorer



Alerting



The Need for an Alerting Solution

Avoiding surprises

Email, SMS

Third-party Security and Event Management (SIEM)

Azure integration is eminently possible





Webhook

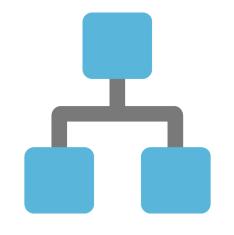
A way for an app to provide other applications with realtime information. Also called a web callback or an HTTP push API. The payload is ordinarily JSON.



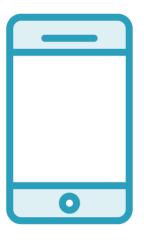
What Can You Do with Webhooks?







Script Execution
Azure Automation
runbooks



SMS Text Twilio API



Demo



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Show integration with....Datadog?



For Further Learning

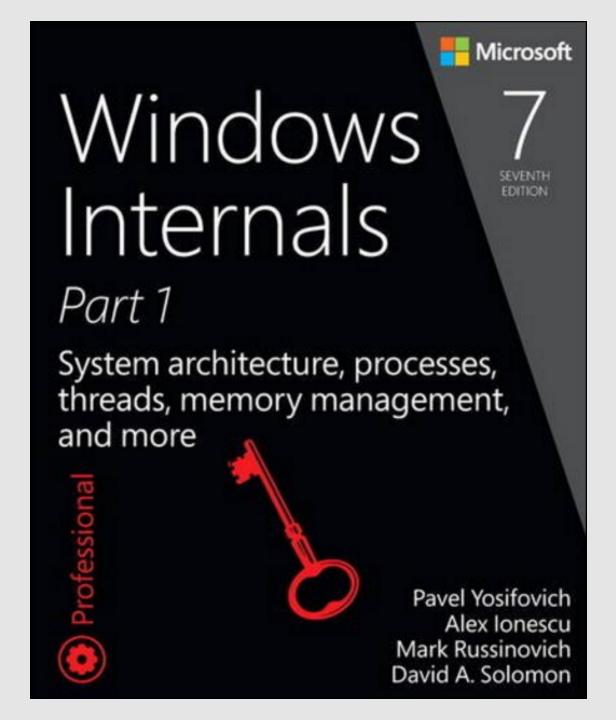
Windows Performance Monitoring Fundamentals (Bruce Mackenzie-Low)

A worthwhile four-hour investment

Web API Design (Shawn Wildermuth)

Even if you're not a developer, you should understand REST and APIs





Book Reference

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Required reading for any professional who supports Windows (client or server)



Summary



The question now isn't how to generate actionable data

- It's what to do with the data

Take advantage of Log Analytics and the centralization and intelligence it offers

Next module: Troubleshooting and Support

