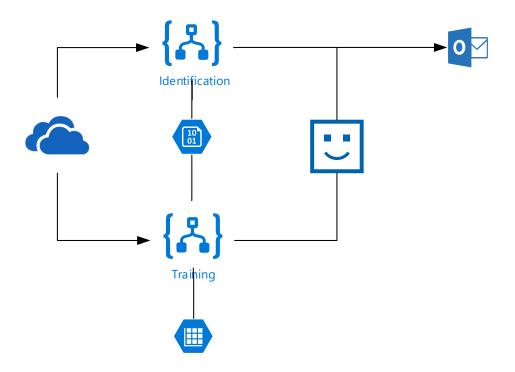
# LAB: Recognising people with Cognitive Services Face API

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### Objective

In this lab we are going to build a pair of Logic Apps, one to identify people from their photos and one to train the model. Images for both Logic Apps will be picked up from OneDrive, copied to intermediate Blob Storage, and then processed by Cognitive Services Face API.



### **Prerequisites**

- An Azure Subscription
- OneDrive
  - o Two folders in OneDrive, an IdentifyFaces folder and a TrainFaces folder

#### Recommended

• Azure Storage Explorer: https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/features/storage-explorer/

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### Log in to the Azure Portal

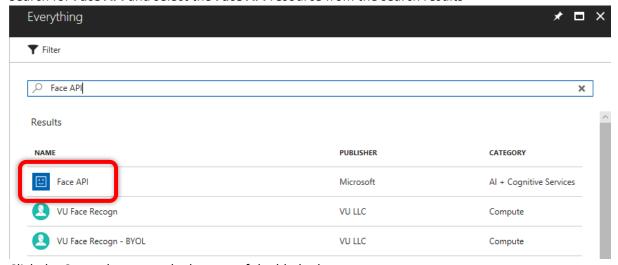
• Log in to https://portal.azure.com

#### Create a new dashboard

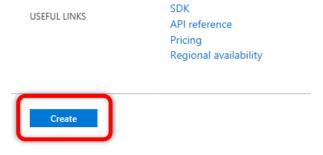
• Create a new dashboard by clicking + New dashboard and name it GIBC

### Create a Face API resource and Resource Group

- Click + Create a resource
- Search for Face API and select the Face API resource from the search results

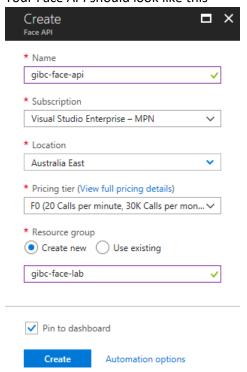


• Click the Create button at the bottom of the blade that appears



- Name the resource gibc-face-api, select a subscription and set the location to Australia East
- Set the pricing to the free F0 tier
  - Note that you can only have 1 F0 tier Face API per subscription
- Under Resource group select Create new and name the resource group gibc-face-lab
- Make sure to tick Pin to dashboard

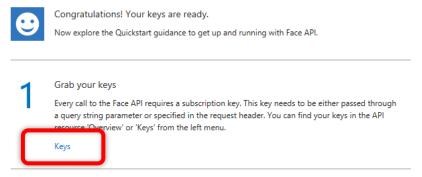
• Your Face API should look like this



- Click Create, deployment should take around 30 seconds
- Click **Go to resource** from the alert that pops up

#### Get your Face API key

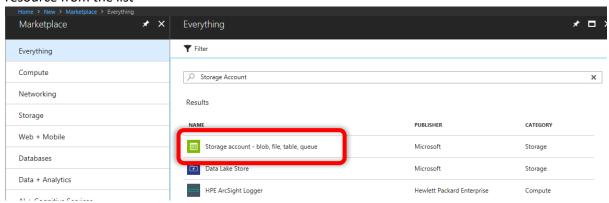
You'll be taken straight to the Quick start page. Click the Keys link under 1. Grab your key
and save it somewhere safe for use later



### Create Storage Resources

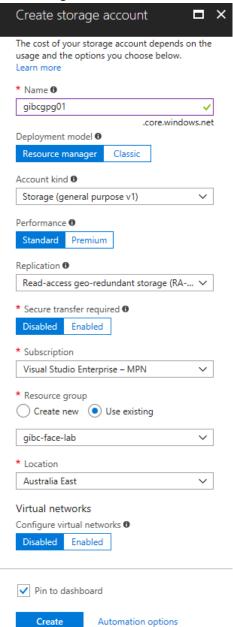
#### Create a Storage Account

- Click + Create a resource again
- Search for Storage Account and select the Storage account blob, file, table, queue resource from the list



- Click the Create button at the bottom of the blade that appears
- Set a unique name for the storage account (3 to 24 lowercase alphanumeric characters)
- Since this is only for testing you can leave most settings at their defaults:
  - o Deployment model: Resource manager
  - Account kind: Storage (general purpose V1)
  - o Performance: Standard
  - o Replication: Read-access geo-redundant storage
  - Secure transfer required: Disabled
  - Subscription: <your subscription>
  - Virtual networks: Disabled
- For Resource group select Use existing and select the gibc-face-lab resource group that you
  created when you created the Face API
- Make sure to tick Pin to dashboard.

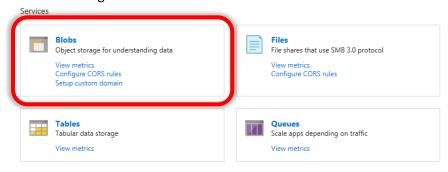
• Your Storage Account should look like this



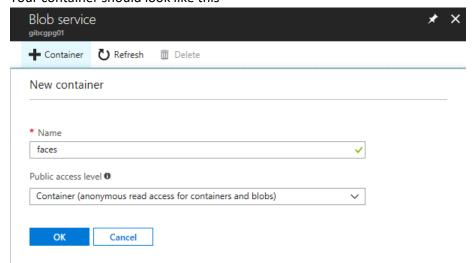
- Click Create, deployment will take 30 60 seconds
- From the alert that pops up click Go to resource

#### Create a Blob Container

• From the Storage Account Overview blade click Blobs



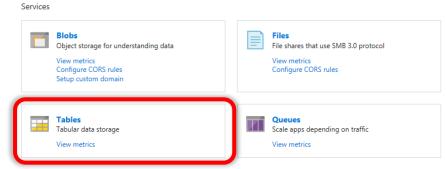
- Copy the Primary blob service endpoint (e.g. <a href="https://your-storage-account-name.blob.core.windows.net">https://your-storage-account-name.blob.core.windows.net</a>) somewhere safe for later.
- Click + Container
- Name the new container faces and set the Public access level to Container
  - We're going to be accessing blobs from the container by URL late, and for our lab purposes it's easiest to just make the container public. In a production scenario you would consider using something more secure, such as SAS tokens.
- Your container should look like this



Click OK and close the Blob service black using the X at the top-right

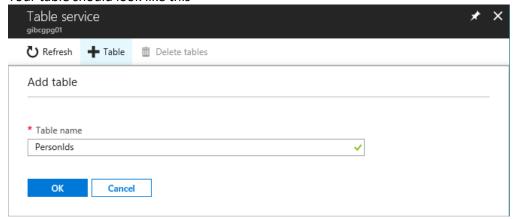
#### Create a Table

- You should be back on the Storage Account's Overview blade
- Click Tables



- Ignore any prompts about Azure Cosmos DB, we're not going to use that for this lab
- Click + Table
- Set the Table name to PersonIds

• Your table should look like this

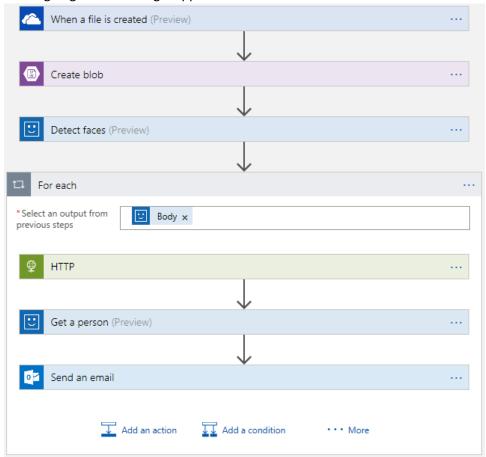


• Click OK

### Identifying a Face with Logic Apps

### What We're Going to Build

• We're going to build a Logic App which will look like this



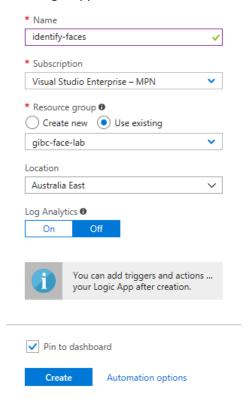
#### Create the Logic App

• In the Azure Portal click + Create a resource

Search for Logic App and select the Logic App resource from the list



- Click the **Create** button at the bottom of the blade that appears
- Set the Name of the logic app to identify-faces
- Set the Subscription to your subscription.
- Set **Resource group** to **Use existing** and select the **gibc-face-lab** resource group.
- Set Location to Australia East.
- Leave Log Analytics set to Off.
- Make sure you tick Pin to dashboard.
- Your Logic App should look like this



- Click Create, deployment should take 30 60 seconds
- From the alert that pops up click Go to resource

#### Author the Logic App

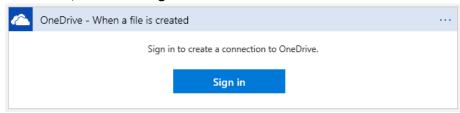
 In the Logic Apps Designer blade that appears scroll down until you find the Blank Logic App template and click it

#### Add the OneDrive Trigger

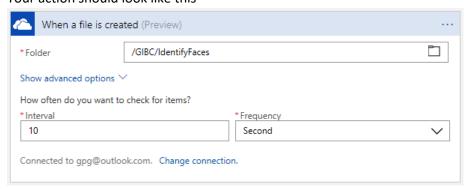
 The first step is to add a Trigger, so in the Search all connectors and triggers box search for OneDrive and select OneDrive - When a file is created



 Since you haven't connected to OneDrive before you'll need to sign in and create a connection, so click the Sign In button



- Click Yes to the permissions request to complete the connection
- In the **Folder** field click the **folder icon** and select the folder in your OneDrive that you'll put faces in for identification (**IdentifyFaces** if you created folders from the recommendations)
- In the action settings, set the **Interval** to **10 Seconds** for this lab so we don't have to wait too long for changes to be detected
- Your action should look like this

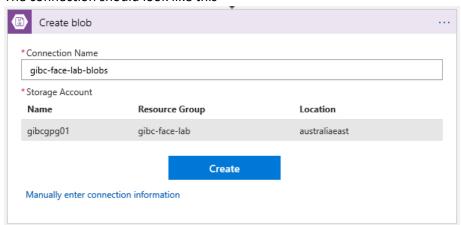


#### Copy the file to Blob storage

- Click + New step, then Add an action
- Search for Blob and select the Azure Blob Storage Create blob action

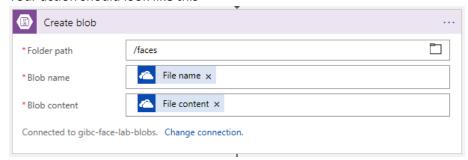


- First, we'll have to create a connection to the Storage Account we created earlier
  - Name the connection gibc-face-lab-blobs
  - Select the storage account you created earlier
- The connection should look like this



- Click Create
- In the action settings click the **folder icon** in the **Folder path** field and select the **faces** container you created earlier

- Click in the **Blob name** field and from the popup select **File name**
- Click in the **Blob content** field and from the popup select **File content**
- Your action should look like this



#### **Detect any Faces**

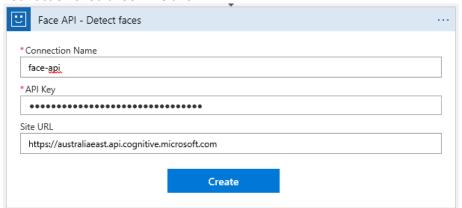
- Before we can identify a face we first need to detect any faces in the input image
- Click + New step, then Add an action
- Search for Detect Faces and select the Face API Detect faces action



- We'll need to create a connection to the Face API
- Name the connection face-api
- For this GIBC 2018 lab we're initially going to use a pre-trained Face API instance that has already been created, then later you'll create and train your own instance, so for now set the API Key to

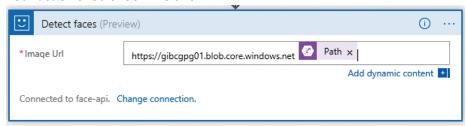
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- Set the Site URL to <a href="https://australiaeast.api.cognitive.microsoft.com">https://australiaeast.api.cognitive.microsoft.com</a>
- Your action should look like this



- Click Create
- In the action settings click in the **Image Url** field and enter the Blob endpoint you saved earlier without a trailing slash, e.g. <a href="https://gibcgpg01.blob.core.windows.net">https://gibcgpg01.blob.core.windows.net</a>, then with the cursor at the end of the URL click **Path** from the popup

• Your action should look like this



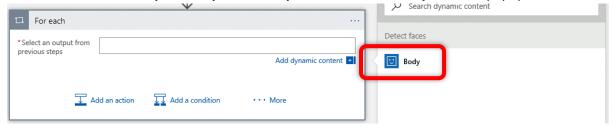
• Note that Detect Faces will return more than one Face ID if the image you provide has multiple faces in it

#### **Identify any Faces**

- Now that we have detected a face in the image we need to identify it. Unfortunately, there
  isn't an action for this yet in Logic Apps, but it's very easy for us to make the REST API call
  ourselves.
- Because we might have more than one face detected we'll add a **For Each** loop to iterate over each Face ID.
- Click + New step, but this time click ... More and select Add a for each



Click in the Select an output from previous steps field and select Body from the popup



Within the For each action click Add an action, search for HTTP, and select HTTP – HTTP



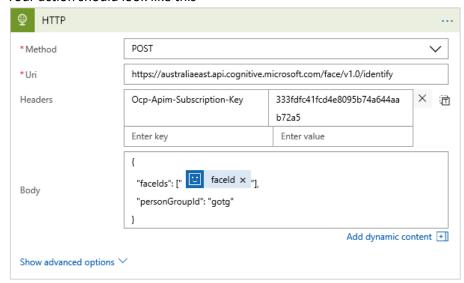
- Set Method to POST
- Set the Uri to <a href="https://australiaeast.api.cognitive.microsoft.com/face/v1.0/identify">https://australiaeast.api.cognitive.microsoft.com/face/v1.0/identify</a>
- Set the first header key to Ocp-Apim-Subscription-Key and the value to 333fdfc41fcd4e8095b74a644aab72a5
- Set the **Body** to the following JSON content:

```
"faceIds": [""],
"personGroupId": "gotg"
}
```

 Put the cursor in between the empty quotes "" after "faceIds" and select Face Id from the popup, the Body field should look like this



Your action should look like this



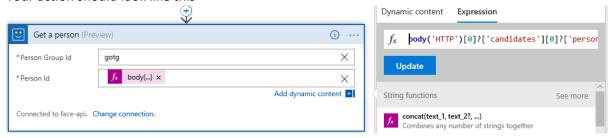
• The response we receive will contain a **personId** for the person that best matches the face provided if the match exceeds a certain threshold (0.5 by default), we will use this to look up the person's details

#### Get the Identified Person's Name

 In the For each loop click Add an action, search for Get Person, then select the Face API -Get a person action



- In the action settings set the Person Group Id to gotg
- Click in the **Person Id** field, click the **Expression** tab in the popup and set the expression to: body ('HTTP') [0] ['candidates'] [0] ['personId']
- Your action should look like this



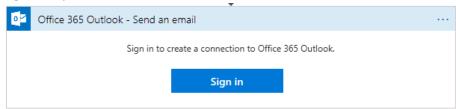
#### Send an Email with the Persons Name and Picture

Finally, we're going to email ourselves when we detect a face successfully. NOTE: This
assumes that you have an Office 365 Outlook account to use. If you want to use
Outlook.com, Gmail, or another service then you can search for the appropriate service and
use that connector instead.

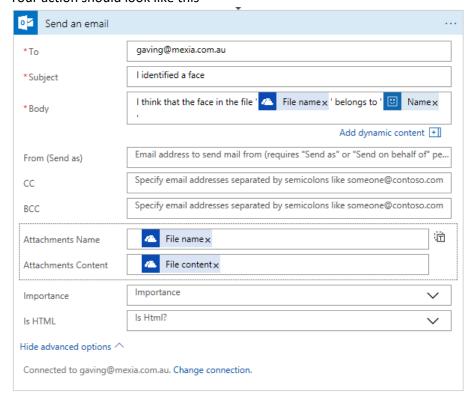
In the For each action click Add an action, search for Outlook and select the Office 365
 Outlook - Send an email action



• Sign in to your account to create a connection

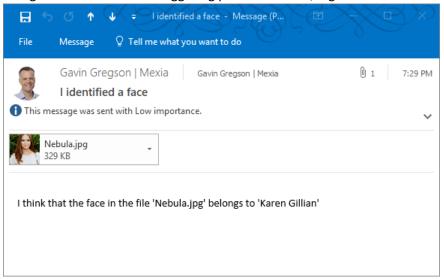


- Set **To** to your email address
- Set Subject to I identified a face
- Set Body to I think that the face in the file "belongs to"
- Place the cursor between the empty quotes " after the word file and select File name from the popup under the When a file is created category (you'll probably need to scroll to the bottom to find it)
- Place the cursor between the empty quotes " after the word **to** and select **Name** from the popup under the *Get a person* category
- Click Show advanced options
- Click in the **Attachments Name 1** field and select **File name** from the popup under the **When a file is created** category.
- Click in the **Attachments Content 1** field and select **File contents** from the popup, also under the **When a file is created** category.
- Your action should look like this



#### Try it Out

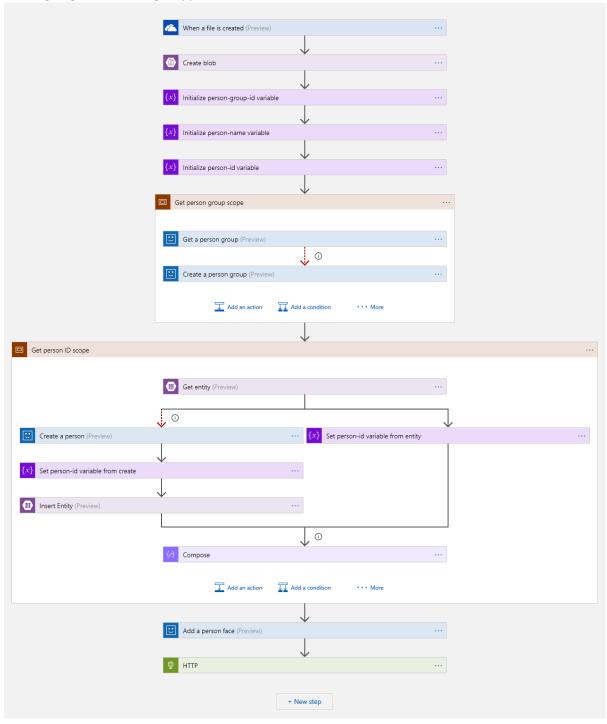
• Drop a photo that the Face API has been trained on into the folder the OneDrive trigger is connected to and if all goes well you should get an email in under 30 seconds with the recognised name and the triggering photo attached, e.g.



### Training the Face API with Logic Apps

#### What We're Going to Build

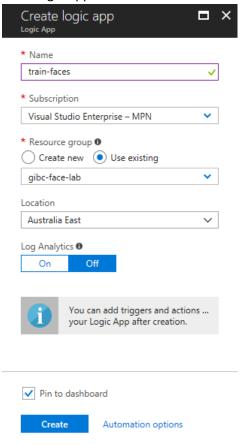
• We're going to build a Logic App which will look like this



#### Create the Logic App

- In the Azure Portal click + Create a resource
- Search for Logic App and select the Logic App resource from the list
- Click the Create button at the bottom of the blade that appears
- Set the Name of the logic app to train-faces
- Set the **Subscription** to your subscription.

- Set **Resource group** to **Use existing** and select the **gibc-face-lab** resource group.
- Set Location to Australia East.
- Leave Log Analytics set to Off.
- Make sure you tick Pin to dashboard.
- Your Logic App should look like this



- Click Create, deployment should take 30 60 seconds
- From the alert that pops up click Go to resource

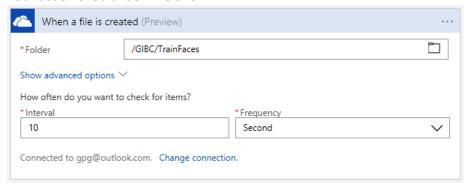
#### Author the Logic App

• In the Logic Apps Designer blade that appears scroll down until you find the Blank Logic App template and click it

#### Add the OneDrive Trigger

- The first step is to add a Trigger, so in the Search all connectors and triggers box search for OneDrive and select OneDrive - When a file is created
- You already have a connection to OneDrive so the action should use that automatically, but if you are presented with a Sign In option then just sign in and create a new connection
- In the **Folder** field click the **folder icon** and select the folder in your OneDrive that you'll put faces in for identification (**TrainFaces** if you created folders from the recommendations)
- In the action settings, set the **Interval** to **10 Seconds** for this lab so we don't have to wait too long for changes to be detected

Your action should look like this

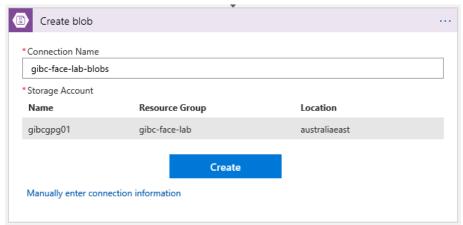


#### Copy the file to Blob storage

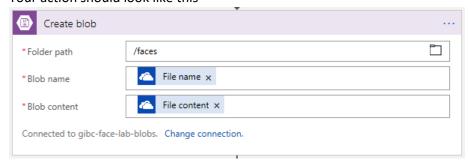
- Click + New step, then Add an action
- Search for **Blob** and select the **Azure Blob Storage Create blob** action



- First, we'll have to create a connection to the Storage Account we created earlier
  - Name the connection gibc-face-lab-blobs
  - Select the storage account you created earlier
- The connection should look like this

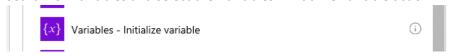


- Click Create
- In the action settings click the **folder icon** in the **Folder path** field and select the **faces** container you created earlier
- Click in the Blob name field and from the popup select File name
- Click in the Blob content field and from the popup select File content
- Your action should look like this

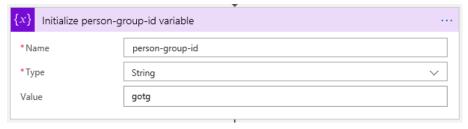


#### Initialise a Variable to store the Person Group ID

- Click + New step, then Add an action
- Search for Variables and select the Variables Initialize variable action

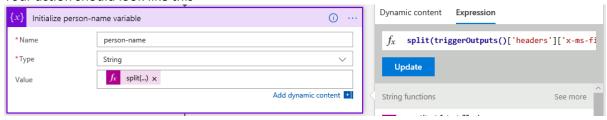


- Set the Name to person-group-id
- Set the Type to String
- Set the Value to gotg
- It's good practice to name actions meaningfully, particularly if there are going to multiple of the same type, so click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this Action Initialize person-group-id variable
- Your action should look like this



#### Initialise a Variable to store the Person's Name

- As before, Click + New step, then Add an action, search for Variables and select the Variables - Initialize variable action
- Set the Name to person-name
- Set the Type to String
- Click in the Value field and in the popup click the Expression tab
- Set the Expression to
   split(triggerOutputs()['headers']['x-ms-file-name'], '-')[0]
- Click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this Action Initialize person-name variable
- Your action should look like this



#### Initialise a Variable to store the Person's ID

- Once more click + New step, then Add an action, search for Variables and select the Variables - Initialize variable action
- Set the Name to person-id
- Set the Type to String
- Leave the Value field blank
- Click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this Action Initialize person-id variable

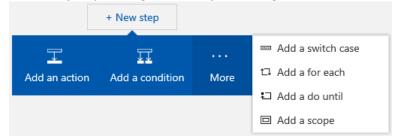
Your action should look like this



### Get or Create a Person Group

#### Create a Scope

Add a scope by clicking + New step, selecting ... More and clicking Add a scope



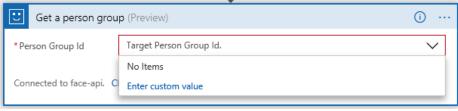
- Click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this scope Get person group scope
- Creating a scope just lets us group and organise Actions, and roll them up when we don't need
  to see them. It has no effect on Variables, in fact you currently cannot initialise a Variable with
  a scope (but you can set an existing one)

#### Try to Get an Existing Person Group

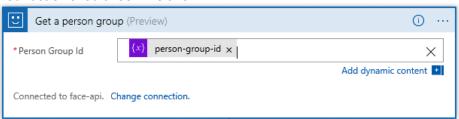
 Within the scope click Add an action, search for person group and select Face API - Get a person group



Click in the Person Group Id field and select Enter custom value from the dropdown list



- Select the **person-group-id** variable from the popup
- Your action should look like this



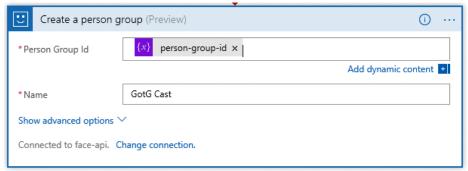
• The first run through the person group won't exist, so we need to add an action which will run in the event of an error and which will create the missing person group for us.

#### Create a Person Group

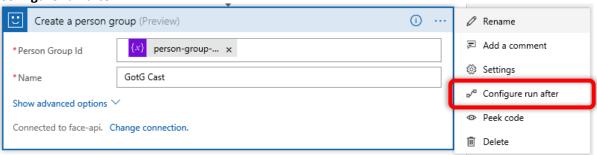
Within the scope click Add an action, search for person group and select Face API - Create a
person group



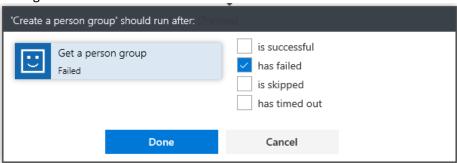
- Click in the Person Group Id field and select the person-group-id variable from the popup.
- Set the Name field to GotG Cast.
- Your action should look like this



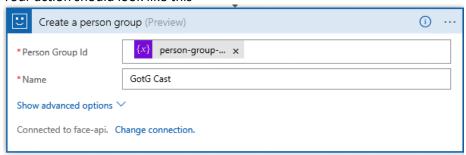
You need to configure this Action to run only when the previous Get a person group Action
fails; to do this click the Ellipsis (...) menu for the Create a person group action and click
Configure run after



• Untick the **is successful** checkbox and tick the **has failed** checkbox instead, the run after settings should look like this

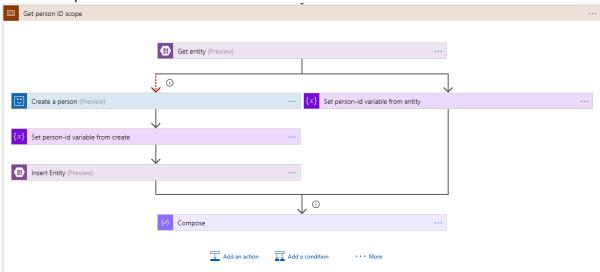


- Click Done
- Your action should look like this



#### Get or Create a Person ID for a Person

- For simplicity in this lab we're going to encode the name of the person in our filenames by naming convention, e.g. **Amanda Citizen-01.jpg**
- This will be a little more complex, so here is a reference for what we're going to build in the next few steps



#### Create a scope

- Add a scope by clicking + New step, selecting ... More and clicking Add a scope
- Click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this scope Get person ID scope
- Your scope should look like this



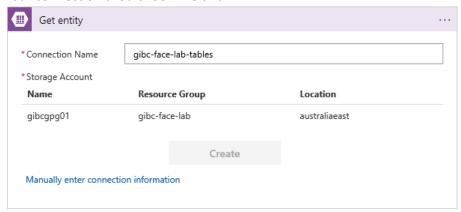
#### Try to Get an Existing Person ID from Table Storage

Within the scope click Add an action, search for Table Storage and select the Azure Table
 Storage - Get entity action



- Since this is the first time you're adding a Table Storage action you'll need to create a connection
- Name the connection gibc-face-lab-tables and select the storage account you created for this lab

Your connection should look like this



- Click Create
- For the **Table** select the **PersonIds** table you created earlier
- Click in the Partition Key field and select the person-group-id variable from the popup
- Click in the Row Key field and select the person-name variable from the popup
- Your action should look like this



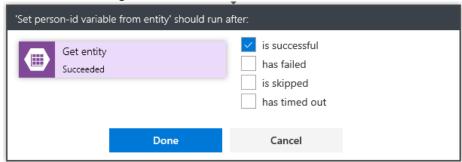
#### Set the person-id Variable if Successful

 Within the Scope click Add an action, search for Set Variable and select the Variables - Set variable action

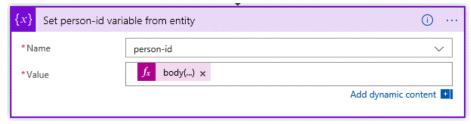


- Click in the **Name** field and select the **person-id** variable
- Click in the Value field, click the Expression tab in the popup and set the expression to body ('Get\_entity') ['Id']
- Click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this Action Set person-id variable from entity
- This action should only run if the Get entity action succeeded, so click the Ellipsis (...) menu
  again, select Configure run after, and ensure has failed is unticked (is successful should
  remain ticked)

• The run after settings should look like this

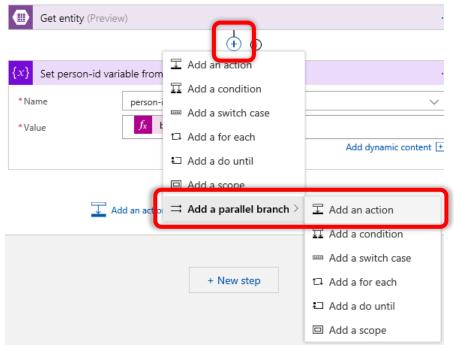


- Click Done
- Your action should look like this



#### Create a Person ID if None Exists

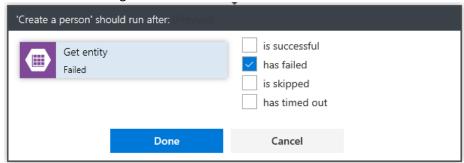
- Now we have a person ID if the person already exists, but we need to handle the case where they don't already exist
- If there's no matching record in Table Storage the **Get entity** action will error, so we'll add a separate branch to execute in that case
- Hover over the arrow between the Get entity and click the + sign, select Add a parellel branch, then Add an action



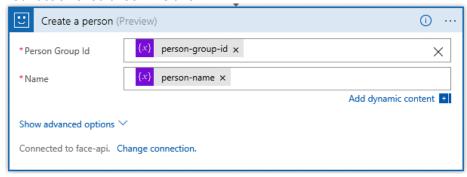
• Search for Create Person and select the Face API - Create a person action



- Click in the Person Group Id field and select Enter custom value and select the persongroup-id variable from the popup.
- Click in the Name field and select the person-name variable from the popup
- This action should only run if the **Get entity** action failed, so click the **Ellipsis (...) menu** again, select **Configure run after**, and untick **is successful** and tick **has failed**
- The Create a person action will now run only when the Get entity Action fails
- The run after settings should look like this



- Click Done
- Your action should look like this



#### Set the person-id Variable if one was Created

- Click the + below the Create a person action and select Add an action, search for Set Variable and select the Variables - Set Variable action
- Click the Name field and select person-id
- Click the Value field and select Person Id under Create a person from the popup
- Click on the Ellipsis (...) menu, select Rename and name this Action Set person-id variable from create
- Your action should look like this



#### Save the Person ID if one was Created

• Click the + below the **Set person-id variable from create** action and select **Add an action**, search for **Table Storage** and select the **Azure Table Storage** - **Insert Entity** action

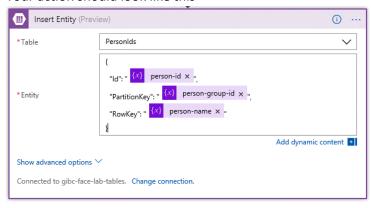


• Click the **Table** field and select **PersonIds** from the dropdown

- The **Entity** field is a JSON object containing the fields to be inserted into the entity, it must contain **PartitionKey** and **RowKey** properties and we will also add an **Id** field
- Copy the following empty JSON object into the **Entity** field {

```
"Id": "",
"PartitionKey": "",
"RowKey": ""
}
```

- Place the cursor between the empty quotes "" after "Id" and click **person-id** from the popup; repeat this for **PartitionKey** and **person-group-id**, and **RowKey** and **person-name**
- · Your action should look like this

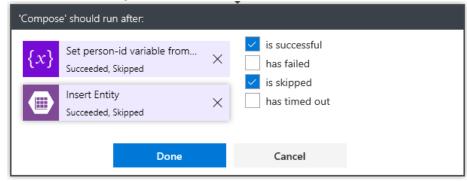


#### Joining the Branches

- Note that one of the branches we've created will always be skipped, and that means that the final state of the scope will be set to *skipped* unless we do something about it
- To fix this we'll join the branches together with an empty action which we'll set to succeed if either of the previous branches is successful
- At the bottom of the scope click the Add an action button, search for Compose and select the Data Operations – Compose action

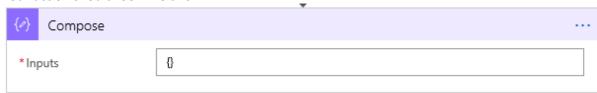


- Click in the **Inputs** field and set the contents to an empty JSON object
- Click the Ellipsis (...) menu and select Configure run after
- Click on the **Set person-id variable from...** tile and make sure **is successful** and **is skipped** are both ticked
- Click on the Insert Entity tile and make sure is successful and is skipped are both ticked
- The run after settings should look like this for both tiles



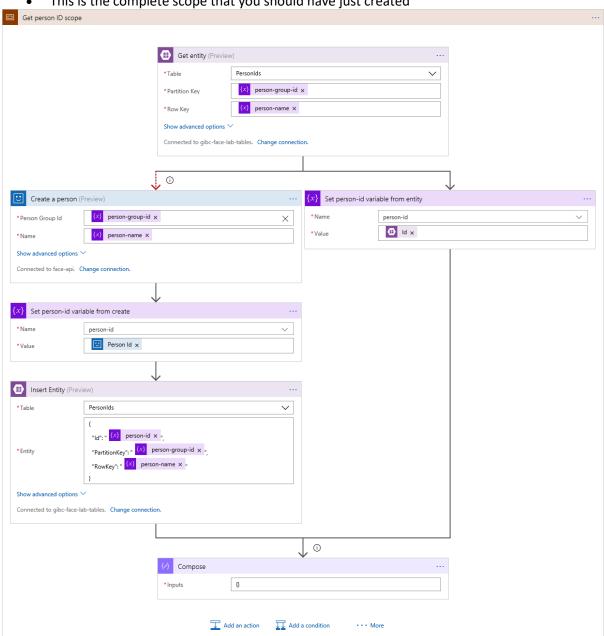
• Click Done

Your action should look like this



#### What you Just Built

• This is the complete scope that you should have just created

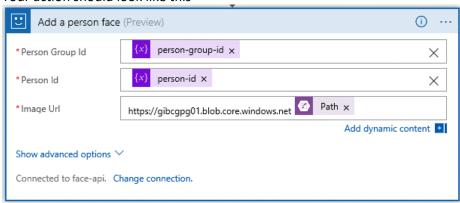


#### Add the Face Image to the Person

 In the Logic App click + New step, search for Add Person Face and select the Face API - Add a person face action

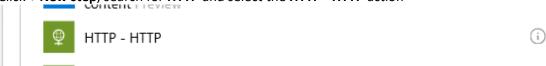


- Click the Person Group Id field, click Enter a custom value and select the person-group-id
   Variable from the popup
- Click the Person Id field, click Enter a custom value and select the person-id Variable from the popup
- Click in the **Image Url** field. Enter the Blob endpoint you saved earlier without a trailing slash, e.g. <a href="https://gibcgpg01.blob.core.windows.net">https://gibcgpg01.blob.core.windows.net</a>, and then with the cursor at the end of the URL click **Path** from the popup
- Your action should look like this



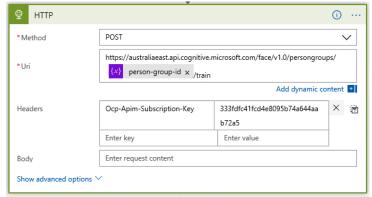
### Training the model

- Once faces have been added, removed or changed in a Person Group we need to train the
  model to incorporate those changes. We train the model on an entire Person Group. For this
  lab we're going to train the model after each training image is added, but in the real world if
  we were going to make many changes we'd perform the modifications by themselves and
  then train the model one time after all the changes were completed. We might even train the
  model on a schedule, such as once a day, depending on our needs.
- Click + New step, search for HTTP and select the HTTP HTTP action



- Set Method to POST
- Set URL to https://australiaeast.api.cognitive.microsoft.com/face/v1.0/persongroups//train
  - Note the double slash before **train**, we're going to put a variable in between them.
- Place the cursor in between the // before train, and select the person-group-id variable from the popup
- Set the first header **key** to **Ocp-Apim-Subscription-Key** and the **value** to the **Face API Key** you saved when you created your Face API instance.

Your action should look like this



#### Try it Out

- Drop one or more training photos named in this format [Person Name]-[Number].jpg (e.g. Amanda Citizen-01.jpg) into the training folder that you selected for the OneDrive trigger
- After a few seconds the image should be picked up, a person ID retrieved or created, and the person group trained
- You can use the Logic Apps **Overview** to see the status of runs
- You can now go back to your identify-faces Logic App and change the Face API key to your own key, and try recognising faces for people that you've trained a model on
- NOTE: If you drop multiple image files into the folder at the same time you may see some runs marked as failed. This is because you can't start training the model while another training session is already running. In reality you would create a mechanism so that this didn't occur, but for the purposes of simplicity this has been omitted for this lab.