

# Module 1: Overview of the Microsoft Azure Platform

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## Lab: Exploring the Azure Portal

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### Exercise 1: Signing in to the Azure Portal

#### Task 1: Sign in to the Azure Portal

1. On the Start screen, click the **Internet Explorer** tile.
2. Go to (<https://portal.azure.com> <<https://portal.azure.com>>).
3. Enter the email address of your Microsoft account.
4. Click **Continue**.
5. Enter the password for your Microsoft account
6. Click **Sign In**.
7. If this is your first time logging in to the Azure portal, you will see a dialog with a tour of the portal. Click **Get Started**.

**Results:** After completing this exercise, you will have signed in to the Azure Portal.

### Exercise 2: Customizing the Azure Portal

#### Task 1: Customize the Dashboard

1. After the dashboard is fully loaded, right-click the **Dashboard** (home screen), and then click **Edit dashboard**.
2. In the **Tile Gallery**, drag the *Service Health* tile onto your dashboard.
3. Click the gray button with three ellipses "...".

4. Select the **2x4** size option.
5. In the **Tile Gallery**, drag the *Markdown* tile onto your dashboard.
6. In the **Content** section of the **Edit Markdown** dialog that appears, update the content with the following markup:

```
# Account Details:
## Corporate Account
Account ***; is managed by the ``IT department``.
> &copy;2016
```

7. Click the **Update** button.
8. Right-click the **Dashboard** (home screen), and then click **Done customizing**.

## Task 2: View a blade

1. In the navigation pane on the left side, click **More Services**.
2. Within the list located in the **Browse** panel that displays, click **Subscriptions**.
3. Observe the **Subscriptions** blade that displays.
4. In the navigation pane on the left side, click **More Services**.
5. Within the list located in the **Browse** panel that displays, click **Portal Settings**.
6. Observe the **Portal Settings** blade that displays.

## Task 3: Begin a journey

1. At the top-left corner of the screen, click **New**.
2. In the **New** panel that displays, click the **See all** link next to the **Marketplace** header.
3. In the **Marketplace** blade that displays, click **Web + Mobile**.
4. In the **Web + Mobile** blade that displays, locate the search box at the top of the blade, type in the text **starter** and then press *Enter*.

5. In the search **results**, locate and select the **ASP.NET Starter Web App** option.
6. In the **ASP.NET Starter Web App** blade that displays, click **Create**.
7. In the next **ASP.NET Starter Web App** blade that displays, click the **App Service plan/Location** option.
8. In the App Service Plan blade, click the **Create New** button.
9. Provide a name for your new **App Service Plan**.

If a textbox is not available, simply click the **create new** option in the **App Service Plan** dialog.

10. Scroll to the left, and click the close (X) button on the first **ASP.NET Starter Web App** blade to close the journey.
11. In the **Message from webpage** Internet Explorer dialog box, click **OK**.

**Results:** After completing this exercise, you will have viewed blades, journeys, and journey parts.

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