# **About Me**



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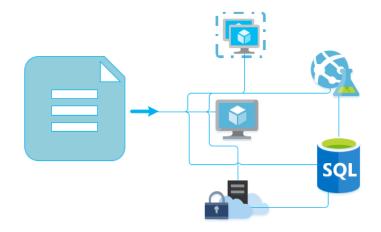
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Implementing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions





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#### What is Infrastructure as Code (IaC)?

Is the process of managing and provisioning computing infrastructure using a declarative approach

#### What is it for?

- •To **solve** the problem of **environment drift** in the release pipeline
- Helps to reduce/eliminate inconsistency among environments that leads to issues during deployments
- Save time!!!

#### **Benefits**

- •Repeatedly deploy your solution throughout the development lifecycle and have confidence your resources are deployed in a consistent state
- Accelerate provisioning of environments
- •**Define** the dependencies between resources so they are deployed in the correct order and with the right specs
- •Facilitate applying tags to resources to logically organize all the resources in your subscription. Helping to clarify your organization's billing by viewing costs for a group of resources sharing the same tag (e.g. Cost Center, Workload, Environment, etc.)

#### Key definitions so you know the lingo:

**Azure Portal**: Helps to build, manage and monitor from simple to complex cloud applications

**Navigation Bar**: Bar on the left with shortcuts to various resources type and services

**Blade**: Navigation pane where resource information, configuration, monitoring, etc. is presented to the Azure portal user

**Resource Group (RG):** Logical container for resources in Azure. It contains **resources with the same lifecycle** which should be secured, managed and deployed as a unit

**Resources:** Individual services in Azure such as Virtual Networks, Virtual Machines, Storage Accounts, Data Lakes, App Servers, etc.

#### Key definitions so you know the lingo (cont...):

**Resource Provider**: Each resource provider offers a set of resources and operations for working with an Azure service. Allows access to resources type and in turn allows communication between each resource and Azure Resource Manager API

The name of a resource type is in the format:

#### {resource-provider}/{resource-type}

For example, the Azure SQL server type is Microsoft.Sql/servers.

**Azure Resource Manager (ARM API):** Framework which allows us to provision and manage resources in Azure such as hosted databases, virtual machines, etc.

#### **ARM Templates**

Is what really **gives you the ability to roll out Azure IaC** since it defines the infrastructure and configuration of an Azure solution (laaS, PaaS) **using a JSON file that can be checked into source control and managed like any other code file**.

The template allows you to declare the objects, type, names and properties of your solution but doesn't deploy code onto those resources, but you can use some other technology such as **DSC** or **PowerShell** to manage the deployments onto the infrastructure once it is deployed.

An **ARM template** is *idempotent*, which means it can be executed as many times as you wish and the result will be the same every single time. Azure takes care of the execution and identifies the changes that need to be executed either create a new object or change an existing object that has the same *name* and *type*.

# **Quick Demo**

Creating an Storage Account via the Azure Portal and view the ARM template

#### **ARM Templates (cont...)**

#### Do you remember that *environment drift*?

When a template is deployed you have the option of either using "incremental" or "complete" mode deployment.

**Incremental mode**: uses the template to add additional resources to an existing resource group. The benefit of this is that you don't lose any infrastructure that is missing from the template but the downside is that you will have to clean any old and unused resources.

**Complete mode**: deletes any objects that are not part of the template and the resource group you are deploying to. With this mode you get the ability to know that whenever you deploy will be in exactly the same state.

#### **ARM Template sections**

#### •\$schema (required)

•JSON schema file that describes the version of the template language

#### •contentVersion (required)

•Used to make sure that the right template is being used and match your solution code

#### Parameters (optional)

•Are the way to customize the templates, the end-user inputs for various aspects of the template

#### •Variables (optional)

•Are values that you either know beforehand or you can construct from the input parameters (example you application name, code, etc.)

#### •Resources (required)

•Is the main section of the whole ARM template, where you define what resources should be deployed, define dependencies between resources, etc.

#### •Outputs (optional)

•is used to output any values after the deployment of the ARM Template. This can output any lds or connection strings based on the deployed resources.

#### **ARM Template sections - Parameters**

Parameter object properties:

- •type: data Type of the parameter
  - •string or secureString any valid JSON string
  - •int any valid JSON integer
  - •bool any valid JSON boolean
  - object any valid JSON object
  - array any valid JSON array
- •defaultValue: the default value. End-user will be able to change this value when deploying the template but if no value is provided then this value is used
- •allowedValues: an Array of values which are allowed for the parameter. Only a value from this set is allowed as an input
- •minLength: the minimum length the parameter must have
- •metadata: used to provide a description as to what the parameter means

#### **ARM Template sections – Parameters (cont...)**

### **Using parameters:**

Use the *parameters* function in your template (in variables or resources section) by using square parenthesis ([...]) to indicate to the ARM engine to evaluate whatever is inside the parenthesis:

[parameters('windowsOSVersion')]

If the parameter value is assigned to a property

"sku": "[*parameters*('windowsOSVersion')]"

#### **ARM Template structure – Parameters (cont...)**

#### **Best Practices:**

- Provide complete descriptive names (no matter how long)
- •Try to always provide *default values*
- •Provide metadata so that you can provide insight as to what the parameter is used/meant for
- •Use Pascal casing to name your parameters: First letter should be a lower case letter, then every new word will have the first letter as an upper case letter and no space between words. E.g. windowsOSVersion
- •Use properties like minLength and Allowed values to impose restrictions. This reduces any human errors.

#### **ARM Template structure – Variables**

- •Once defined, variables can be reused at multiple locations in the resources section and used to define a resource property
- •Variables can be either simple or complex data types
- •To make the template more generic the use of *dynamic constructs* (Helper Functions) is recommended [e.g. concat(), resourceID(), resourceGroup(), subscription(), listKeys(), etc]

**Concat()**: Can take many inputs and it will concatenate the value of all the inputs provided

**resourceGroup()**: Returns an object that represents the current resource group to which the template is being deployed. E.g.:

- resourceGroup().id
- resourceGroup().name
- resourceGroup().location



#### **ARM Template sections – Variables (cont...)**

**subscription()**: Returns details about the subscription for the current deployment **resourceID()**: Use this function to determine the ID of a resource that already exists in Azure

resourceId ([subscriptionId], [resourceGroupName], resourceType, resourceName1, [resourceName2]...)

- •subscriptionID (optional)- if you want to refer a different subscription. Default value is the current subscription
- •resourceGroupName (optional) Name of the resource group where the resource exists. Default is the current resource group in which you are deploying the template
- •resource Type (required) Type of resource including resource provider namespace
- •resource Name 1 (required) Name of the resource
- •resource Name 2 (optional) Next resource name segment if resource is nested.

#### **ARM Template sections – Variables (cont...)**

```
"variables": {
   "coreServicesLocationCode": "[split(parameters('CoreServicesLocation'), '-')[1]]",
   coreServicesLocationValue": "[split(parameters('CoreServicesLocation'), '-')[0]]",
    alternateServicesLocation2Value": "[split(parameters('AlternateServicesLocation2'), '-')[0]]",
    "tagApplication": "[parameters('Application')]",
    "tagEnvironment": "[parameters('Environment')]",
    "tagCostCenter": "[parameters('CostCenter')]",
   "imagePublisher": "MicrosoftWindowsServer",
   "imageOffer": "WindowsServer",
    'availabilitySetName": "[concat('gba-', parameters('Environment'), '-', parameters('VirtualMachineID') ,'-as-', variables('CoreServicesLocationCode'))]",
    'subnetRef": "[concat(variables('vnetId'), '/subnets/', parameters('VirtualNetworkSubnetName'))]",
   "networkInterfaceNamePrefix": "BackendVMNic",
   "lbId": "[resourceId('Microsoft.Network/loadBalancers', variables('loadBalancerName'))]",
   "diagnosticsStorageAccountName": "[concat('gba', parameters('Environment'), 'rdvmdiagssg', variables('CoreServicesLocationCode'))]", //"[variables('vhdStor
```

#### **Using variables:**

Use the *variables* function in your template (in variables or resources section) by using the square parenthesis ([...]) to indicate to the ARM engine to evaluate whatever is inside the parenthesis:

"storageAccountName": "[variables('storageAccountName')]"

#### **ARM Template sections – Variables (cont...)**

#### **Best Practices:**

- Provide complete descriptive names (no matter how long)
- •Use *dynamic constructs to dynamically generate variables*. This reduces any human errors
- •Use Pascal casing to name your parameters: First letter should be a lower case letter, then every new word will have the first letter as a upper case letter and no space between words. E.g. storageAccountName
- Anything that is used more than once and is not required to be entered by an end-user should be created as a variable

#### **ARM Template sections – Resources**

This is where you define what resources should be deployed as well as the dependencies between resources. A resource object contain different elements:

apiVersion (required) - Version of the API. e.g. "2015-06-15"

**type** (required) - Type of the resource. This value is a combination of the namespace of the resource provider and the resource type that the resource provider supports. e.g. Azure SQL server will have type as "Microsoft.Sql/servers"

**name** (required) - Name of the resource. The name must follow URI component restrictions and also the Azure naming restrictions if any. e.g. Storage account name can only be lower case and has to be globally unique (due the public endpoint)

**location** (optional) - Use supported geo-locations of the provided resource without any spaces. Or use the resource group's location dynamically

**tags** (optional, but highly recommended) - Tags that are associated with the resource. Defining tags will **facilitate billing in your organization**. Example CostCenter, Environment, Workload, Application

#### **ARM Template sections – Resources**

**dependsOn** (optional) - Other resources in the same template, that the current resource being defined depends on. The dependencies between resources are evaluated and resources are deployed in their dependent order.

When resources are not dependent on each other, they are attempted to be deployed in parallel. The value can be a comma-separated list of resource names or resource unique identifiers.

**properties** (optional) - Resource specific configuration settings. e.g. Account type property for a Storage Account name.

**Resources** (optional) - Child resources that depend on the resource being defined. e.g. Extension resources for a Virtual Machine resource.



#### **ARM Template sections – Outputs**

Use to output any values after the deployment of the ARM Template. Outputs are any IDs or connection strings based on the deployed resources. It can be used for when working with Linked Templates

Each output object has 2 properties:

- •Type Data Type of the output
- •Value Value of the output

#### **ARM Templates Limits**

- Template size limit of 1 MB\*
- Parameter file size limit of 64 KB
- 256 parameters
- 256 variables
- 800 resources (including copy count)
- 64 output values
- 24,576 characters in a template expression

#### **Execution during deployment:**

The "Resource Management" REST API takes the ARM template and:

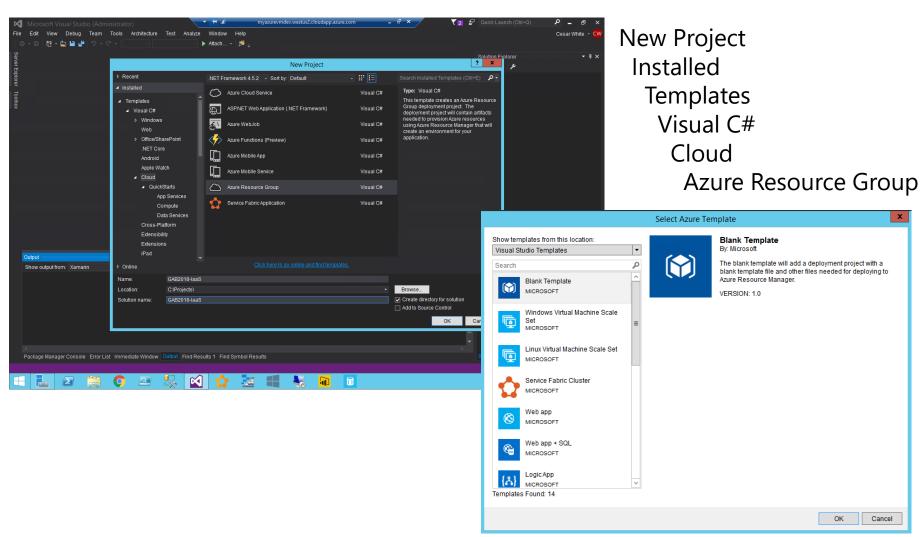
- Parses the JSON Document
- •Fills-in any parameters that are passed in
- Executes any ARM template functions
- •Calls the REST API of whatever type of resource that needs to be created to create it

<sup>\*</sup>Limit applies to the final state of the template





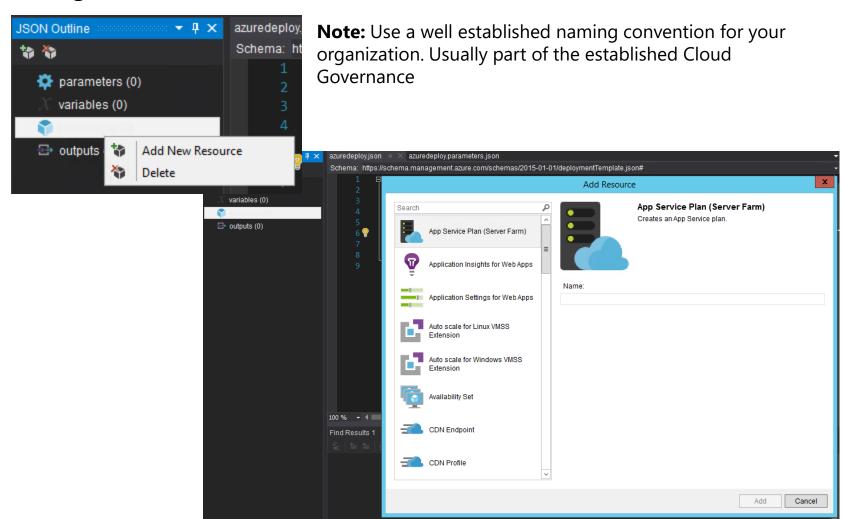
#### To create an ARM Template in Visual Studio





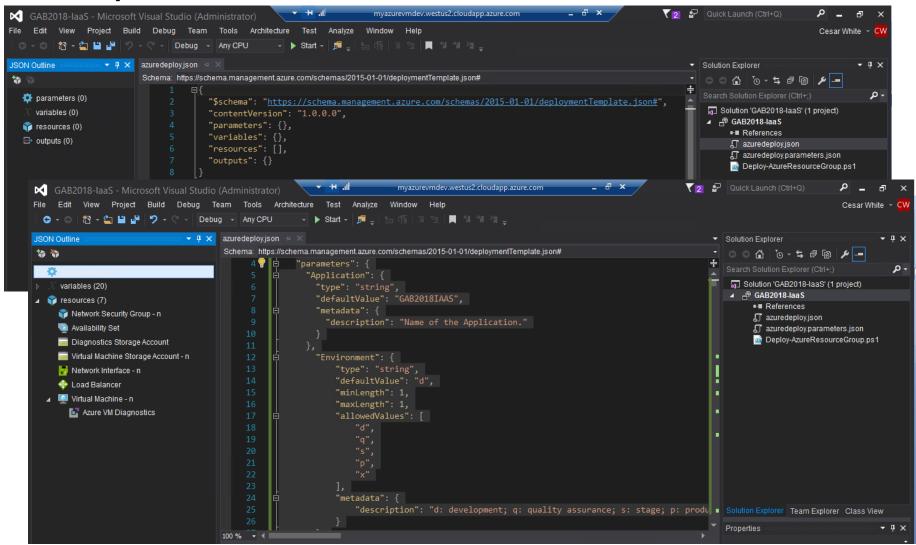


#### **Adding Resources**



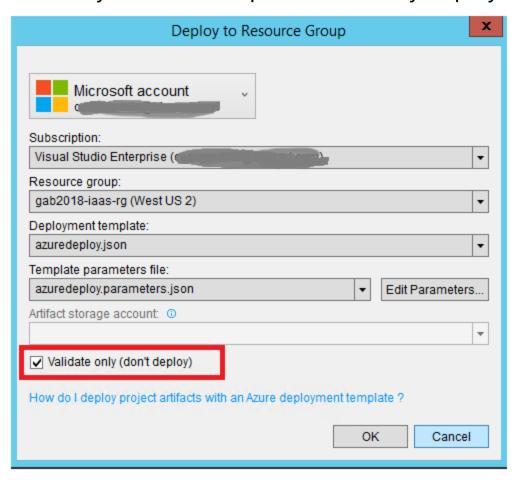


#### **ARM Template in Visual Studio**



#### **ARM Template Validation**

\*Always validate your ARM template before any deployment

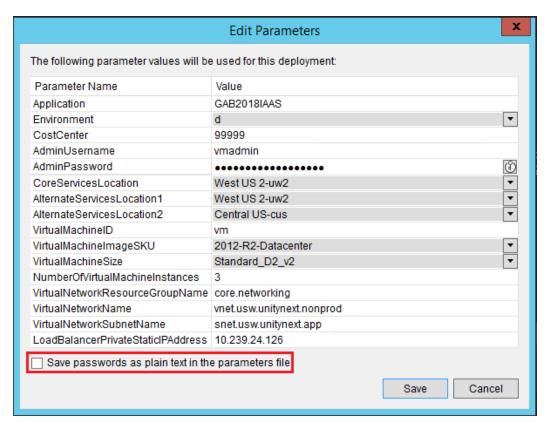


#### **ARM Template Validation**

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03:02:32 - The following parameter values will be used for this operation:
03:02:32 - Application: GAB2018IAAS
03:02:32 - Environment: d
03:02:32 - CostCenter: 99999
03:02:32 - AdminUsername: admin
03:02:32 - AdminPassword: <securestring>
03:02:32 - CoreServicesLocation: West US 2-uw2
03:02:32 - AlternateServicesLocation1: West US 2-uw2
03:02:32 - AlternateServicesLocation2: Central US-cus
03:02:32 - VirtualMachineID: vm
03:02:32 - VirtualMachinelmageSKU: 2012-R2-Datacenter
03:02:32 - VirtualMachineSize: Basic A0
03:02:32 - NumberOfVirtualMachineInstances: 3
03:02:32 - VirtualNetworkResourceGroupName: core.networking
03:02:32 - VirtualNetworkName: vnet.usw.unitynext.nonprod
03:02:32 - VirtualNetworkSubnetName: snet.usw.unitynext.app
03:02:32 - LoadBalancerPrivateStaticIPAddress: 10.239.24.125
03:02:32 - Build started.
03:02:32 - Project "GAB2018-laaS.deployproj" (StageArtifacts target(s)):
03:02:32 - Project "GAB2018-laaS.deployproj" (ContentFilesProjectOutputGroup target(s)):
03:02:32 - Done building project "GAB2018-laaS.deployproj".
03:02:32 - Done building project "GAB2018-laaS.deployproj".
03:02:32 - Build succeeded.
03:02:32 - Launching PowerShell script with the following command:
03:02:32 - 'C:\Projects\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018-laaS\bin\Debug\staging\GAB2018
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ValidateOnly
03:03:00 -
03:03:00 -
03:03:00 - Environment
                                                                 : AzureCloud
03:03:00 - Account
                                                             : cesar_white@xxxxxxx.com
03:03:00 - TenantId
                                                             03:03:00 - SubscriptionId
                                                             03:03:00 - SubscriptionName : Visual Studio Enterprise
03:03:00 - CurrentStorageAccount :
03:03:00 -
03:03:03 - [VERBOSE] Performing the operation "Replacing resource group ..." on target "".
03:03:04 - [VERBOSE] 3:03:04 AM - Created resource group 'gab2018-iaas-rg' in location 'westus2'
03:03:04 -
03:03:04 - ResourceGroupName : gab2018-iaas-rg
03:03:04 - Location
03:03:04 - ProvisioningState: Succeeded
03:03:04 - Tags
03:03:04 - TagsTable
03:03:04 - Resourceld
                                                        03:03:04 -
                                                  eGroups/gab2018-iaas-rg
03:03:04 -
03:03:06 -
03:03:06 - Template is valid.
03:03:06 -
03:03:06 -
03:03:06 -
03:03:06 - Validated template 'azuredeploy.json' against resource group 'gab2018-iaas-rg'
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#### **ARM Template Parameters**



### \*Do not save the passwords for production, etc.

#### **Best practice**

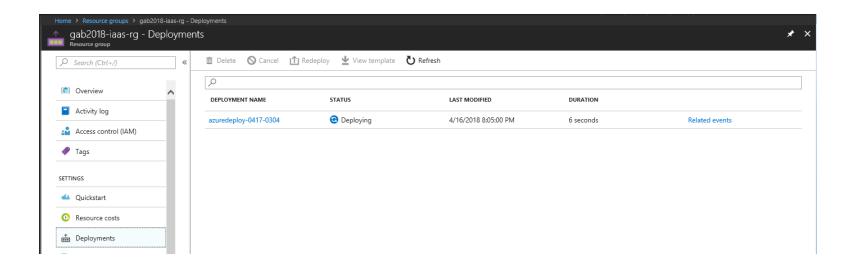
Create a parameters file per environment:

azuredeploy. **dv**. parameters. json azuredeploy. **qa**. parameters. json azuredeploy. **st**. parameters. json azuredeploy. **pr**. parameters. json



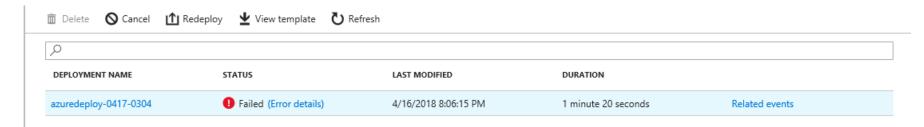
### No because the template was validated...

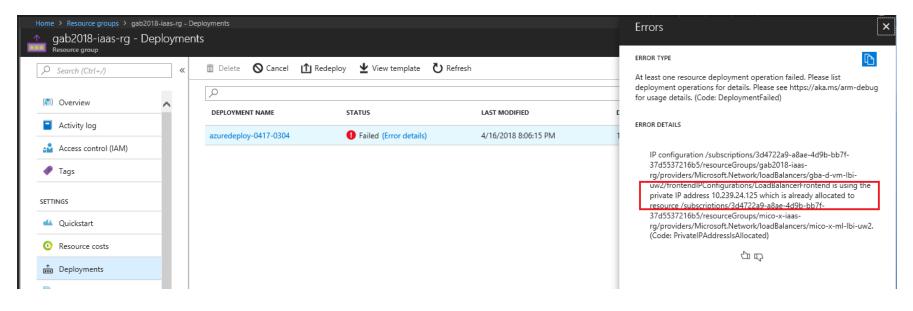
### and deploying...





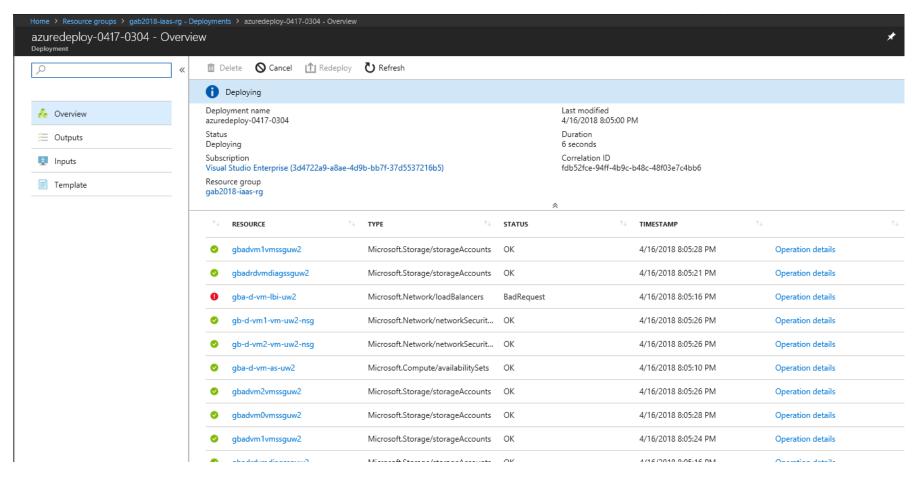
#### **Errors might happen...**





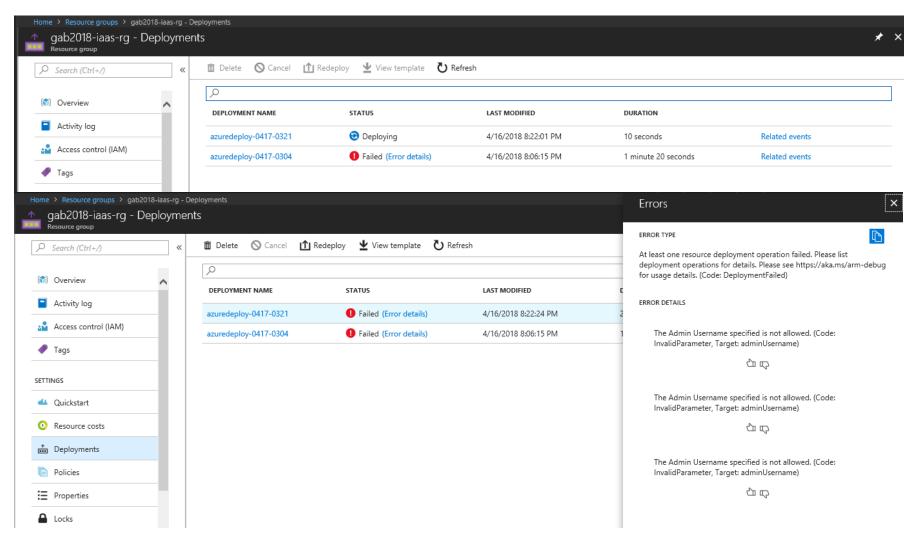


#### Some resources will be provisioned...



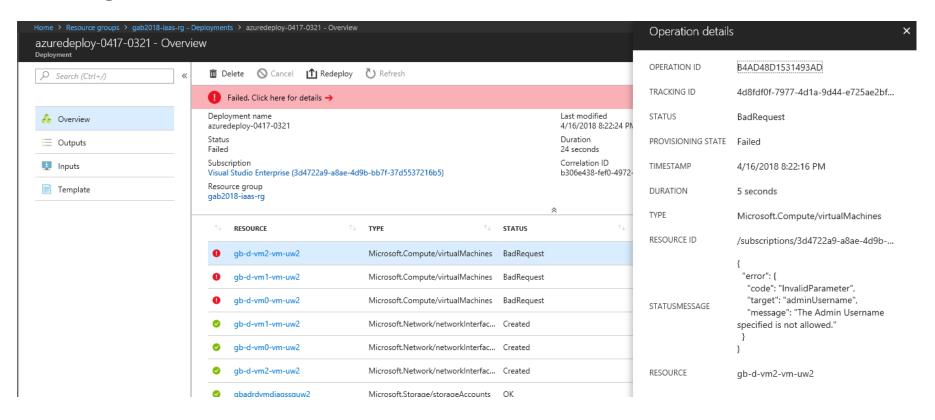


### You can try again...



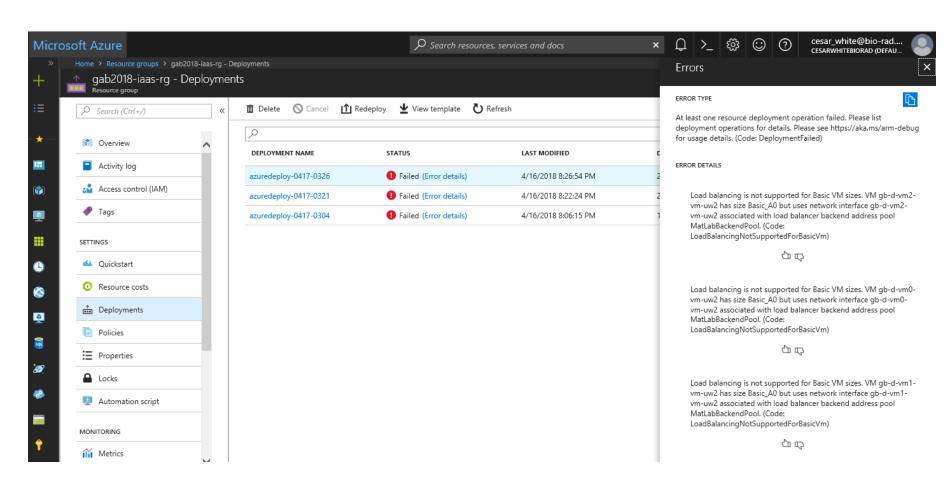


#### You might encounter new errors...



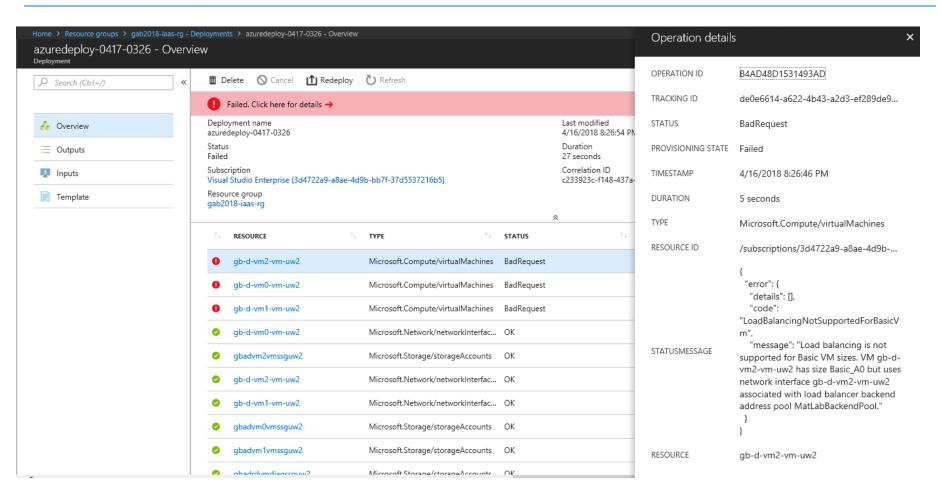


#### And more new errors...



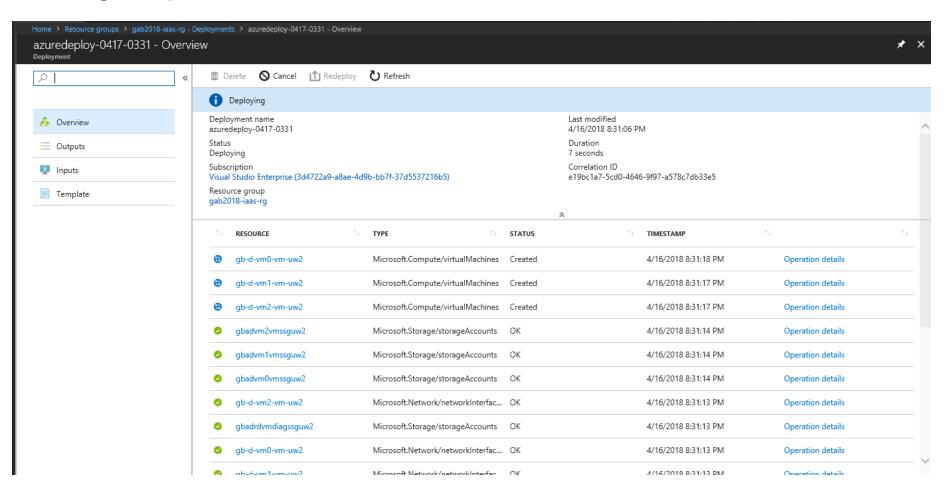






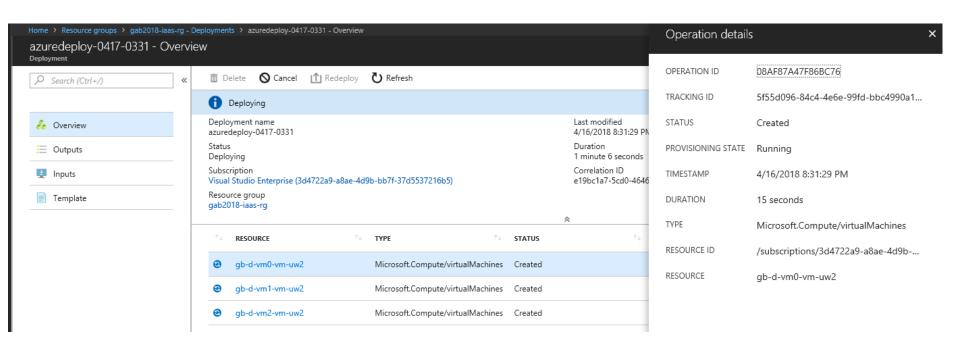


#### Don't give up...



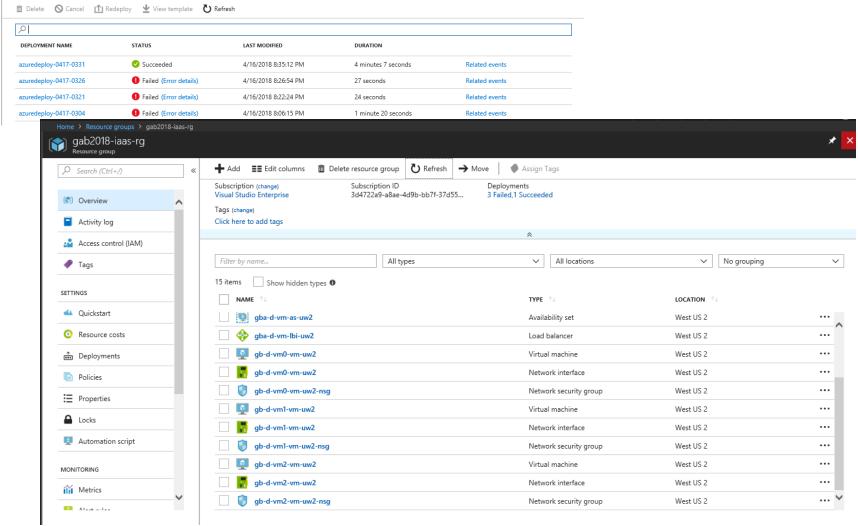


#### With time...

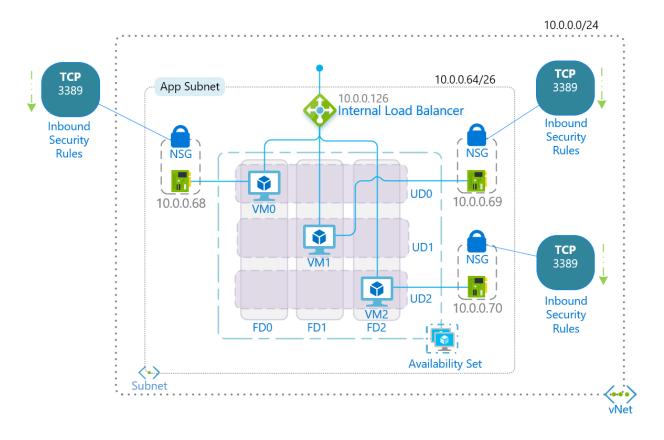




#### You will deploy error free templates...

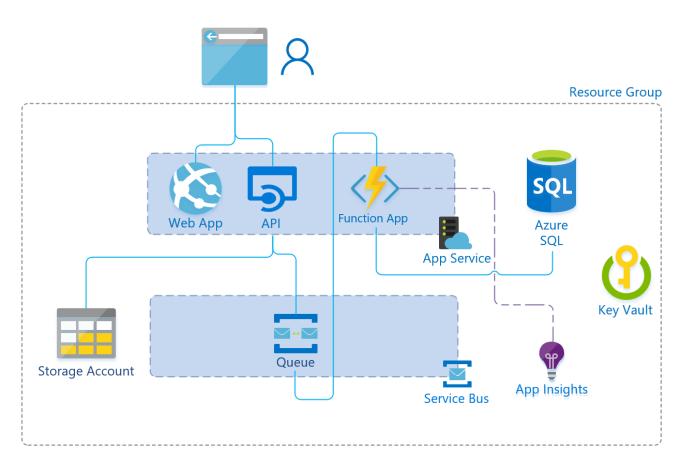


#### **Infrastructure As A Service - Demo**



- Availability Set
- •Fault Domain
- Upgrade Domain
- •n VM's
- Load Balancer
- •NSG/Rules

#### **Platform As A Service - Demo**



- App Service
- •Web App
- •API
- Function App
- App Insights
- Service Bus / Queue
- Storage Account
- Azure SQL
- Key Vault

### **Tips & Tricks**

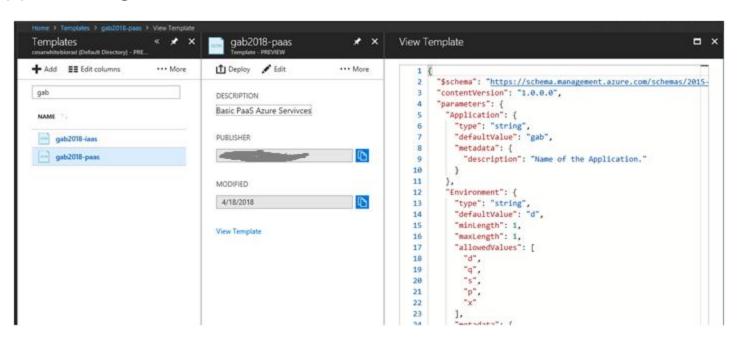
- Azure Portal Templates
- •Behind the scenes of the Azure Portal... the resources
- Quick Start Templates
- •Break down your templates with Linked Templates





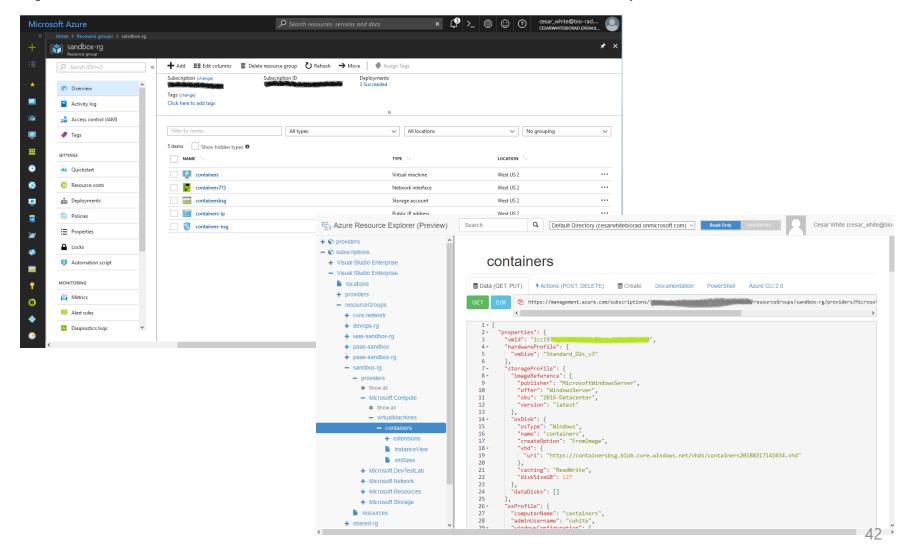
#### **Tips & Tricks –** Azure Portal Templates

- Create a library of your ARM templates
- Deploy within the Azure Portal
- •Share ARM templates across your enterprise
- Support an Agile environment





#### Tips & Tricks - Behind the scenes of the Azure Portal... https://resources.azure.com/



### **Tips & Tricks - Templates Access and Quick Start Templates**

if you know the provider and type you can access the documentation as follows:

https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/templates/{provider-namespace}/{resource-type}

#### Example:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/templates/Microsoft.Sql/servers

#### **Quick Start Templates**

https://github.com/Azure/azure-quickstart-templates

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/resources/templates/

#### **Tips & Tricks -** Break down your templates with Linked Templates

To help create a modular template solution to for the enterprise:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-resource-manager/resource-group-linked-templates

https://blog.kloud.com.au/2016/04/16/break-down-your-templates-with-linked-templates-part-1/

#### **GTK (Good To Know)**

#### **ARM Templates References**

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/rest/api/

https://github.com/Azure/azure-rest-api-specs

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-resource-manager/resource-group-template-functions#resource-functions

Terraform with Azure (Beyond ARM Templates)

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/terraform/terraform-overview





# **Questions?**



# Thank you!!!

Have a great Cloudy rest of your day:D