



Self Managed vs Managed Cluster

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Agenda

 DIY Kubernetes

 AKS: Managed Kubernetes

 Developer Experience

 Instrumentation, observability & alerting

 Reduce cost and streamline operations

 AI

 Security

From infrastructure to **innovation**

Managed Kubernetes empowers you to do more

Focus on your containers and code, not the plumbing of them.

Responsibilities	DIY with Kubernetes	Managed Kubernetes on Azure
Containerization		
Application iteration, debugging		
CI/CD		
Cluster hosting		
Cluster upgrade		
Patching		
Scaling		
Monitoring and logging		

 Customer

 Microsoft

DIY Kubernetes

Strengths

- Greater control on configuration, customization, deployment and security options
- No lock-in
- Can mix and match best in class management tools
- Potentially cost effective in some scenarios at scale if internal resources are already accounted for

Weaknesses

- Difficult to set-up and maintain for internal teams
- Many integration points
- Potentially a weaker solution than off the shelf
- Less documentation, templates and support
- Higher TCO when fully counting costs
- Landing Zone and Baseline is cumbersome
- Complex upgrade process

Achieve more with Azure Kubernetes Service



Achieve efficiency and
operational excellence



Build resilient, global
applications



Enhance developer
productivity



Differentiate with
innovation and open
source

AKS provides a modern platform for intelligent apps

</> Choice

Integrated with IDEs for your favorite framework/language, bring your code or container

🎛 Reliability and scale

Autoscale, high availability with a service-level agreement (SLA)-backed uptime, continuous backups

🛡 Security

Policy enforcement, RBAC, secrets management, authN and authZ, secure container supply chain



Integrated CI/CD

Delivery w/ GitHub AS, GitHub Actions, Azure DevOps, and others



Patching/upgrade

Automatic platform maintenance and security patching. Rolling updates w/o downtime, version pinning, rollbacks



Self healing and resilience

Health checks and self healing of unhealthy apps, harden using chaos engineering principles, and load testing tools



Blue-green deploys

Seamlessly rollout new versions of apps for user testing or change management while maintaining uptime



Observability

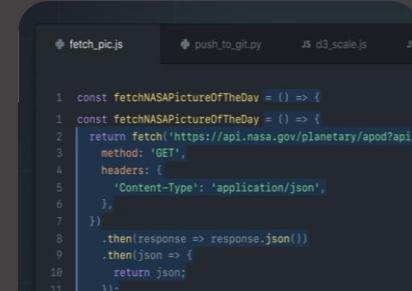
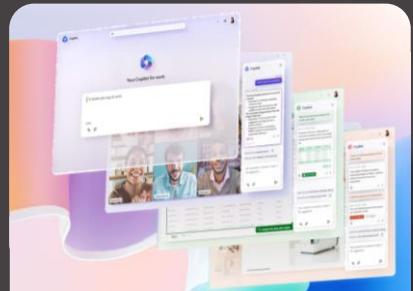
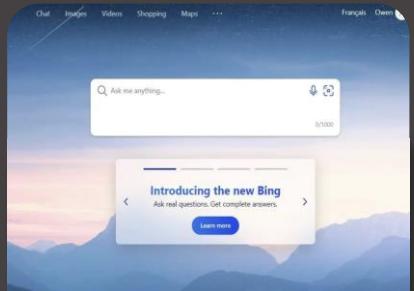
System insights for faster issue resolution, health checks



Managed operations

Opinionated and simplified operations through a fully managed service. Managed addons, nodes & lifecycle

Innovate on a pressure tested platform



Microsoft modernized our own flagship apps and services for highly differentiated experiences

AI-based
search with
ChatGPT



Modern work
across Office 365



AI-powered
meeting recaps



Personalized
recommendations



Copilot
assisted coding



Azure powers OpenAI and ChatGPT



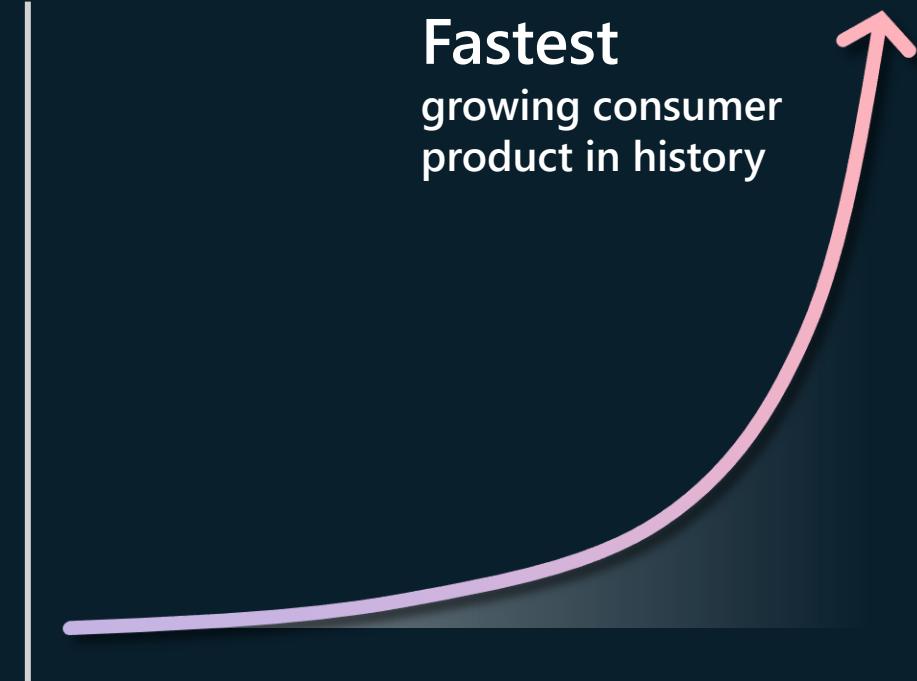
ChatGPT

Runs on Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

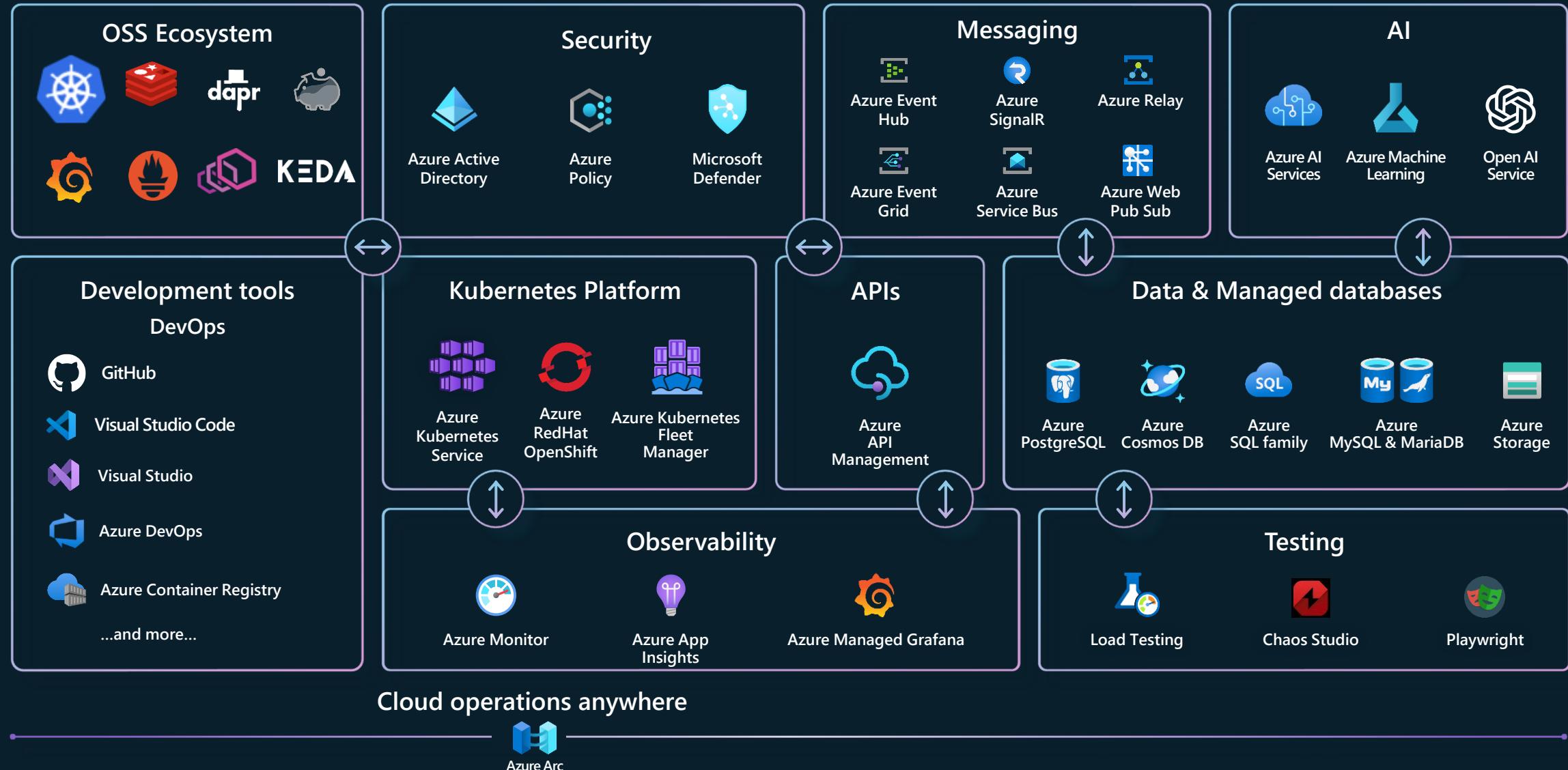
Backed by Azure Cosmos DB

Developed on GitHub

Fastest
growing consumer
product in history

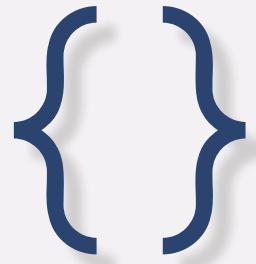


End to End Cloud Native Platform



Developer experience

What does it look like for developers on Kubernetes?



Bootstrapping and
development



Continuous
deployment



Observability,
testing, and scaling

Code-to-cloud with AKS

Zero to sixty in seconds

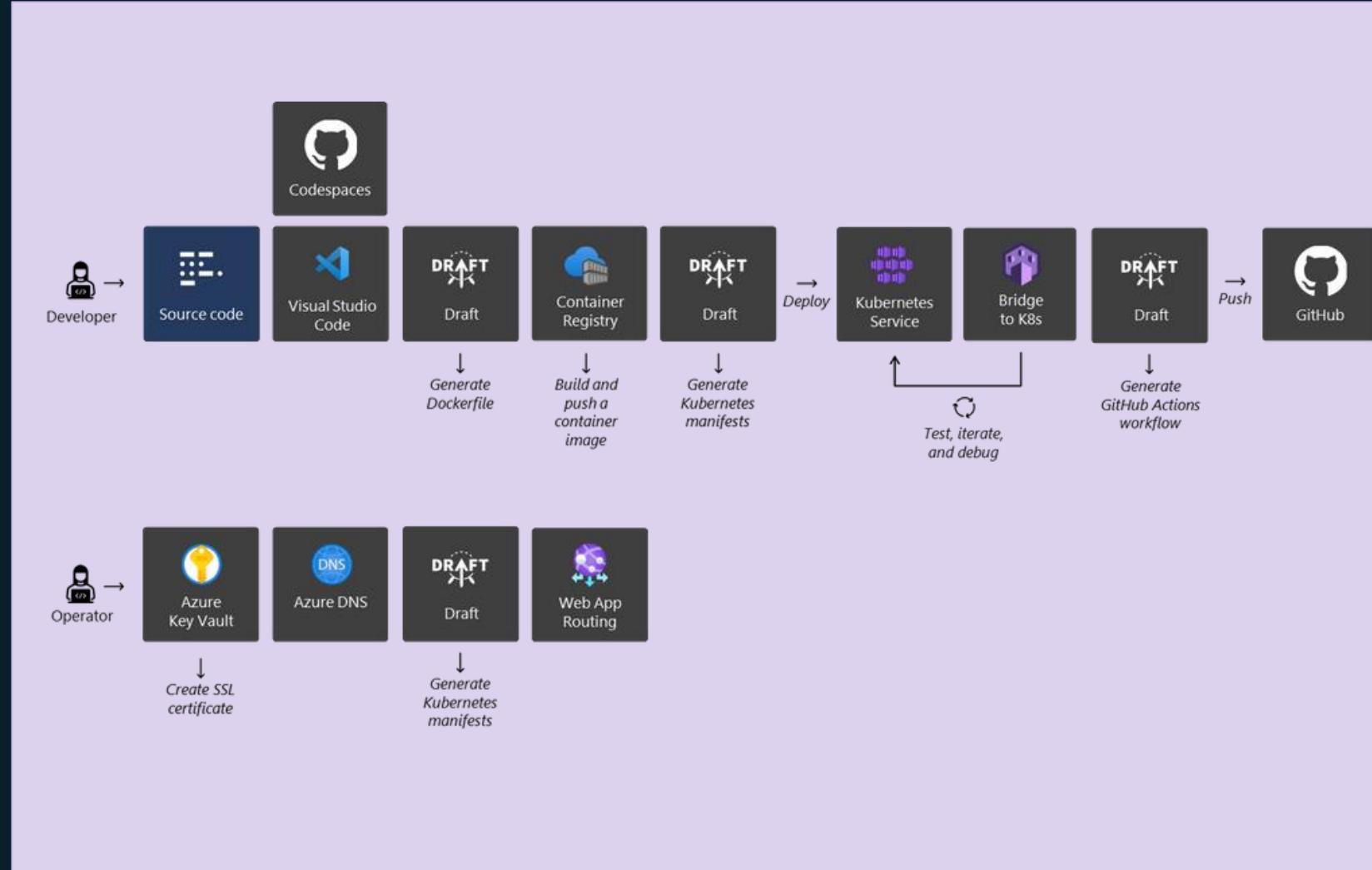
- Quickly bootstrap containerized applications with Automated Deployments (w/ Draft)
- Easily create extensible CI/CD pipelines with GitHub actions

Common tasks made simple

- Auto-complete K8s manifests in VS Code
- Easily and securely expose endpoints with App Routing
- Scale on app-centric metrics via KEDA

Optimized for microservices

- Leverage hardened microservice patterns with Dapr
- Debug microservices locally without mocks using Bridge to Kubernetes



Work

Create a resource - Microsoft Azure

https://ms.portal.azure.com/#create/hub

Microsoft Azure (Preview)

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Microsoft (MICROSOFT.ONMIL)

Dealing with Upgrade Complexities



Staying within a supported K8s version



Keep upgrade success rate high



Avoiding workload disruptions

AKS Upgrade Strategy

Staying within a supported K8s version

- Automated upgrade framework
- OS Upgrade Channel
- Long Term Support (LTS)
- Platform Support up to N-3 (Coming: AKS-initiated auto-upgrades)

Keep upgrade success rate high

- Upgrade Dry-run, PDB validation
- Upgrade groups
- Soak time, maxSurge default
- AKS Release Tracker

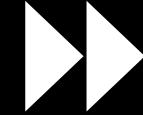
Avoiding workload disruptions

- Breaking change detection and Pre-flight checks
- Clear status updates
- Planned maintenance
- Upgrade Rollback / Reset
- Workload metrics-based upgrade

AKS Kubernetes version Long Term Support (LTS)



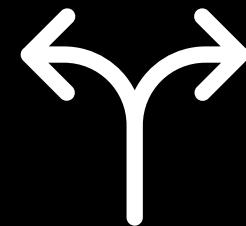
Two years of Microsoft support, including CVEs and critical bugs



Upgrade available to the next AKS Kubernetes LTS



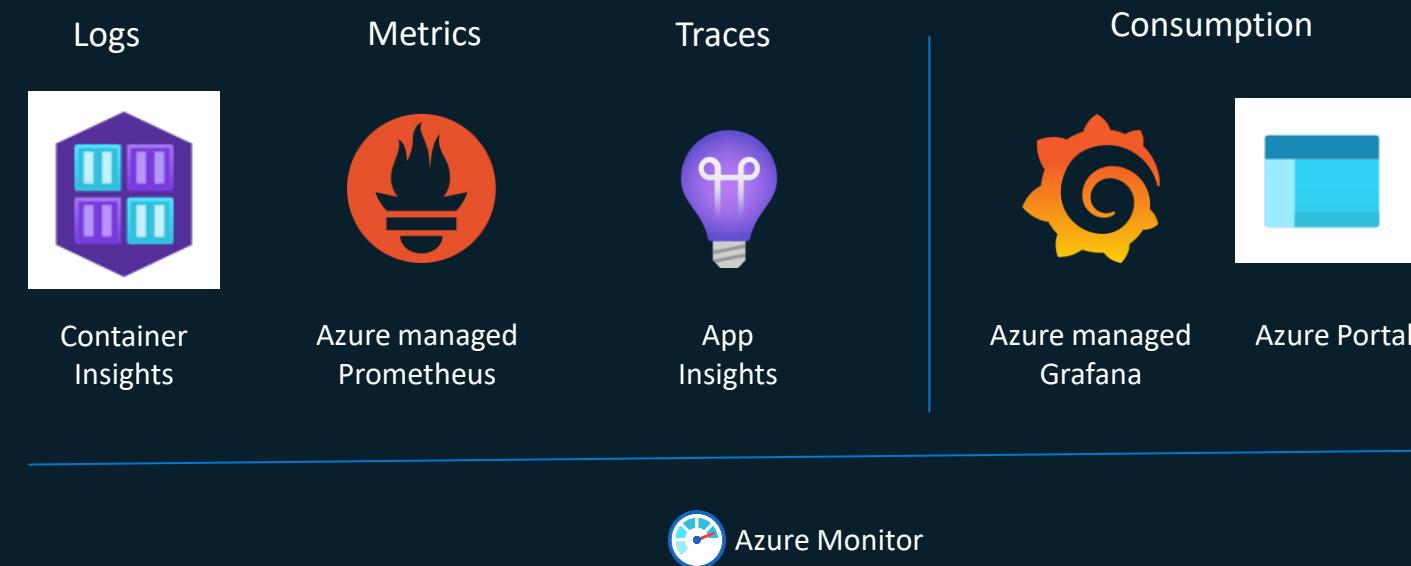
Ability to return to the upstream version train



Forked after upstream EOL, maintained by Microsoft

Instrumentation, observability & alerting

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Container Insights

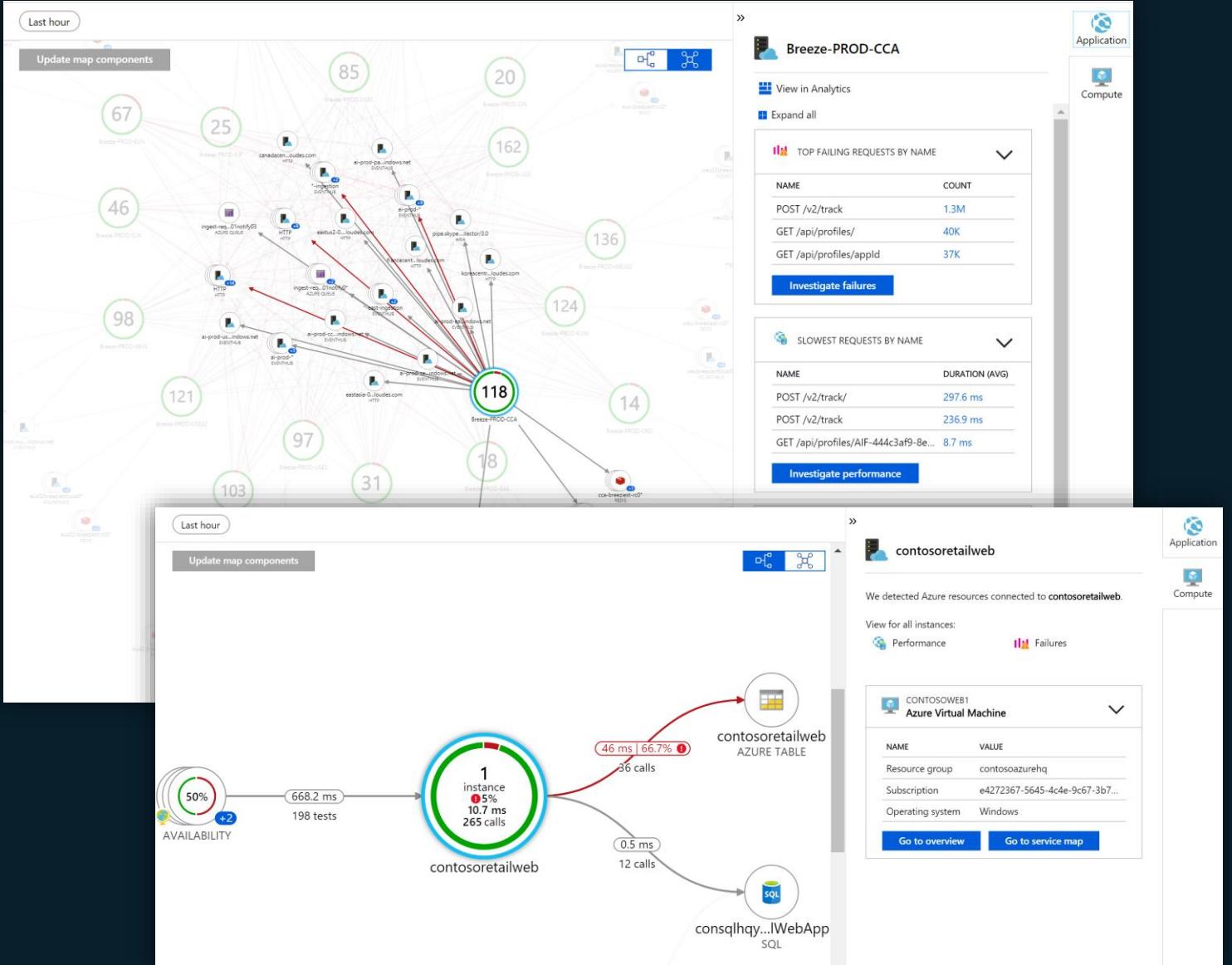
- Collects troubleshooting logs and Live cluster events
- Recommended alerts to proactively identify
- Visualizations to monitor health and performance of your cluster
- Complements Prometheus and Grafana for end-to-end Kubernetes monitoring across microservices and infrastructure

The screenshot shows the Container Insights web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'aul-prom-demo', 'Kubernetes service', 'Directory: Microsoft', 'Refresh', 'View All Clusters', 'Recommended alerts (Preview)', 'Monitor Settings', and 'View Grafana Workspaces'. Below the navigation is a search bar with 'Time range = Last 6 hours' and 'Add Filter' buttons. The main area has tabs for 'What's new', 'Cluster', 'Reports', 'Nodes' (which is selected), 'Controllers', and 'Containers'. A search bar under 'Nodes' allows filtering by 'Search by name...' and 'Metric' (CPU Usage (millicores) (computed from Capacity)). There are also buttons for 'Min', 'Avg', '50th', '90th', '95th', and 'Max'. The 'Nodes' table lists several pods with columns for 'Name', 'Status', '95th %', '95th', 'Containers', and 'UpTime'. One pod, 'ama-metrics-node-mmnn6x', is highlighted with a checkmark. A message below the table says 'The query returned 200 or more rows of data. Please filter the data above to see all rows.' To the right of the table is a 'Live Events' panel titled 'ama-metrics-node-mmnn6x | Live Events'. It shows a list of log entries with timestamps, pod names, and error messages. Some entries include URLs like 'mcr.microsoft.com/azurediagnostics/prod/prometheus-collector/images:5.3.0-main-10-06-2022-cc49872'.



Application Insights

- Available on all major RPs – AKS, App Services, Functions and more.
- Monitor apps in .NET, Python, Java, Node.js or any other language with [OSS SDKs](#)
- Distributed tracing via [App Map](#) and [End to End transaction details](#)
- Transition with 1-click from App Map to [VM Map](#) for diagnostics
- Monitor calls to [SQL](#), Eventhub, Cosmos Db, etc.
- Visualize events & metrics in real time with [Live Metrics Stream](#)



Enhanced Cluster Troubleshooting

In the portal today

- Kubernetes Events: Real-time Cluster Signals
- Cluster Autoscaler Metrics: Resource Allocation Fine-Tuning
- Optimizing Node Performance with Node Saturation Metrics

The screenshot displays three stacked views of the Azure AKS portal:

- Top View:** Shows the "ContosoCluster | Events" page. A red box highlights the "Type equals all" filter button in the search bar. The table lists Kubernetes events such as pod creation and container pull.
- Middle View:** Shows the "xiao-cas-test1 | Node pools" page. A red box highlights the "Autoscale events" section, which shows 76 events, 0 warnings, and 76 scale-up notifications.
- Bottom View:** Shows the "aks-agentpool-18305681-vms000001 | Overview" page for a specific node. A large red box highlights the "Conditions" tab, which displays node status metrics like CPU and memory usage. A callout box provides guidance on avoiding workload disruptions due to node conditions.

AKS Monitoring

Optimized for cost and streamlined operations

Frequency

Specify how often to collect data between 1 and 30min

Namespace

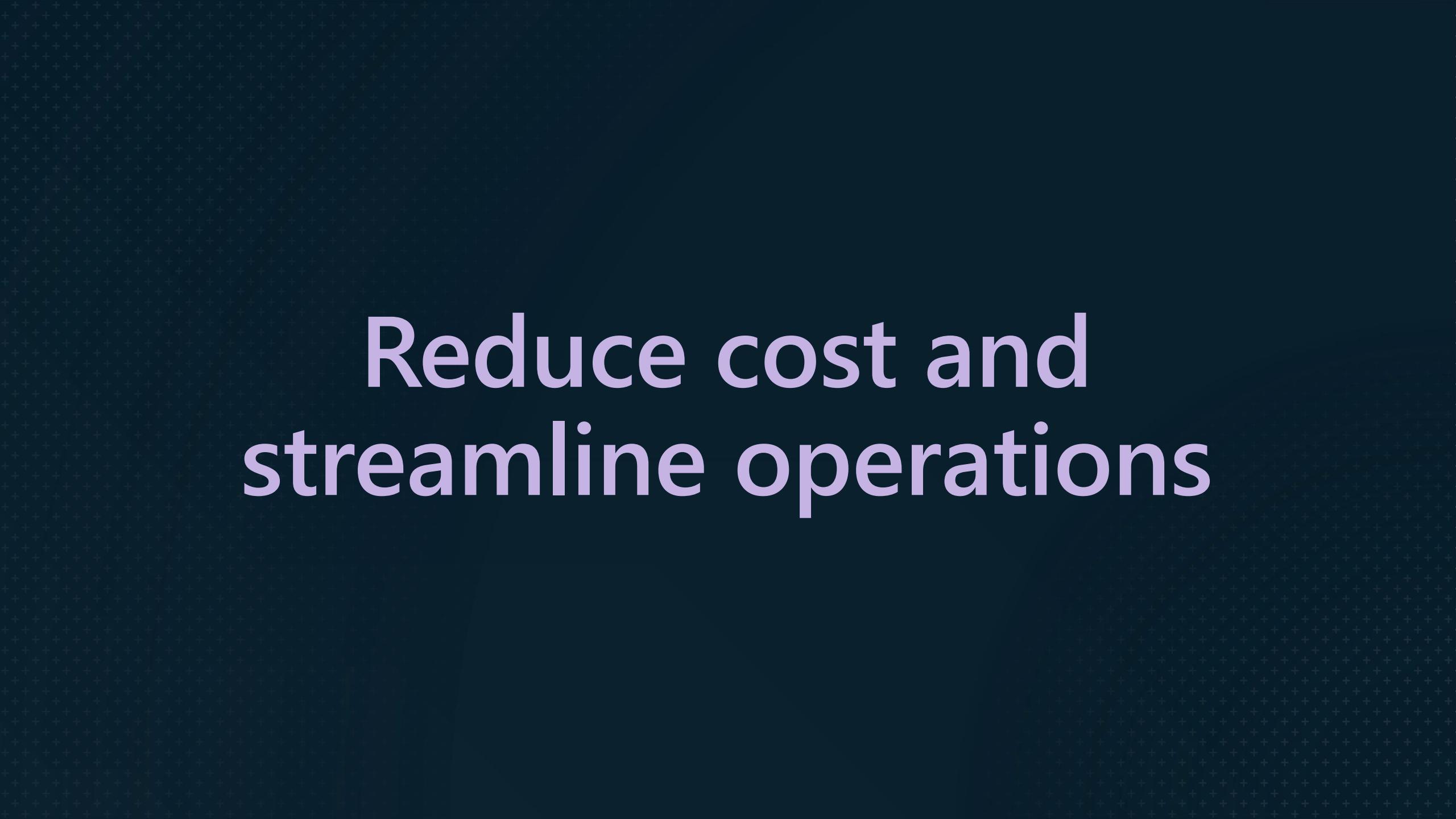
Include or exclude specific namespaces from data ingestion

Per-table config

Individually select which data tables to ingest into your Log Analytics workspace

Basic logs

Reduced ingestion cost with basic query capabilities, ideal for verbose logs and sporadic troubleshooting cases



Reduce cost and
streamline operations

AKS Cost Analysis

aka.ms/aks/cost-analysis

Azure native experience for cost visibility and allocation

Built on top of open source, vendor neutral CNCF sandbox project
OpenCost

Available for Standard and Premium tier AKS clusters at no additional cost

Ensure costs are allocated to the right teams to drive accountability

Identify high spend areas and opportunities to optimize costs

Proactively identify cost anomalies to prevent unanticipated overspending

Kubernetes specific views

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Cost analysis interface. At the top, it displays total and average costs: \$729.75 and \$23.54 per day, respectively. Below this, it shows a summary for three Kubernetes clusters:

Cluster	Resource group	Location	Total
cluster3	staging-clusters	westus2	\$344.47
cluster1	View	westus2	\$205.22

For the selected cluster, a detailed breakdown of costs is provided:

Name	Type	Idle	Used	System	Total
nodepool1	Virtual machine scale set	\$4.63	\$72.38	\$7.80	\$84.81
cluster1	Kubernetes service	\$0.00	\$74.39	\$0.00	\$74.39
kubernetes	Load balancer	\$13.33	\$5.27	\$0.00	\$18.60
aks-nodepool1-389520aks-n...	Disk	\$1.41	\$8.20	\$0.00	\$9.61
20.252.1.4	Public IP address	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.71	\$3.71
20.99.128.37	Public IP address	\$3.00	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$3.71
20.99.138.255	Public IP address	\$3.00	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$3.71
20.252.27.7	Public IP address	\$2.00	\$1.72	\$0.00	\$3.71
aks-nodepool1-389520aks-n...	Disk	\$0.30	\$1.72	\$0.00	\$2.02
pvc-19a562ff-2f53-4a25-bdc...	Disk	\$0.03	\$0.57	\$0.00	\$0.60

Kubernetes cluster view

Kubernetes namespace view

Microsoft Azure Search resources, services, and docs (G+)

Home > Cost analysis >

Cost analysis ...

Scope: (change)

Kubernetes namespaces +

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Filter rows < Oct 2023 > Cluster: cluster1

Total (USD) Average

\$205.22 77% **\$6.62** / day

Showing 7 of 7 kubernetes namespaces

Namespace	Clusters	Compute	Networking	Storage	Total
Service charges	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74.39
microservicesdemo	1	\$45.33	\$4.60	\$6.21	\$56.15
kube-system	1	\$27.05	\$0.00	\$4.48	\$31.53
Idle charges	1	\$4.63	\$21.41	\$1.75	\$27.79
System charges	1	\$7.80	\$3.71	\$0.00	\$11.52
azure-vote	1	\$0.00	\$1.93	\$0.00	\$1.93
azure-vote-1693280385632	1	\$0.00	\$1.93	\$0.00	\$1.93

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Kubernetes assets view

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Cost analysis ...

Scope: (change)

Kubernetes assets +

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Filter rows < Oct 2023 > Cluster: cluster1

Total (USD) Average

\$205.22 77% **\$6.62** / day

Showing 4 of 4 service categories

Category

Compute

Name	Type	Meter	Idle	Used	System	Total
nodepool1	Virtual machine scale set	D2 v2/DS2 v2	\$4.63	\$72.38	\$7.80	\$84.81
nodepool1	Virtual machine scale set	Intra Continent Data Transfer...	<\$0.01	<\$0.01	<\$0.01	<\$0.01
nodepool1	Virtual machine scale set	Standard Data Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
nodepool1	Virtual machine scale set	Inter Continent Data Transfe...	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Service

Networking

Name	Type	Meter	Idle	Used	System	Total
kubernetes	Load balancer	Standard Included LB Rules ...	\$13.33	\$5.27	\$0.00	\$18.60
20.252.1.4	Public IP address	Standard IPv4 Static Public IP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.71	\$3.71

AI everywhere



Microsoft Copilot for Azure

An AI companion that simplifies how you design, operate, optimize, and troubleshoot both apps and infrastructure from cloud to edge.

Available initially in Azure portal. Expanding to Azure mobile app and CLI.



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Generate deep insights instantly

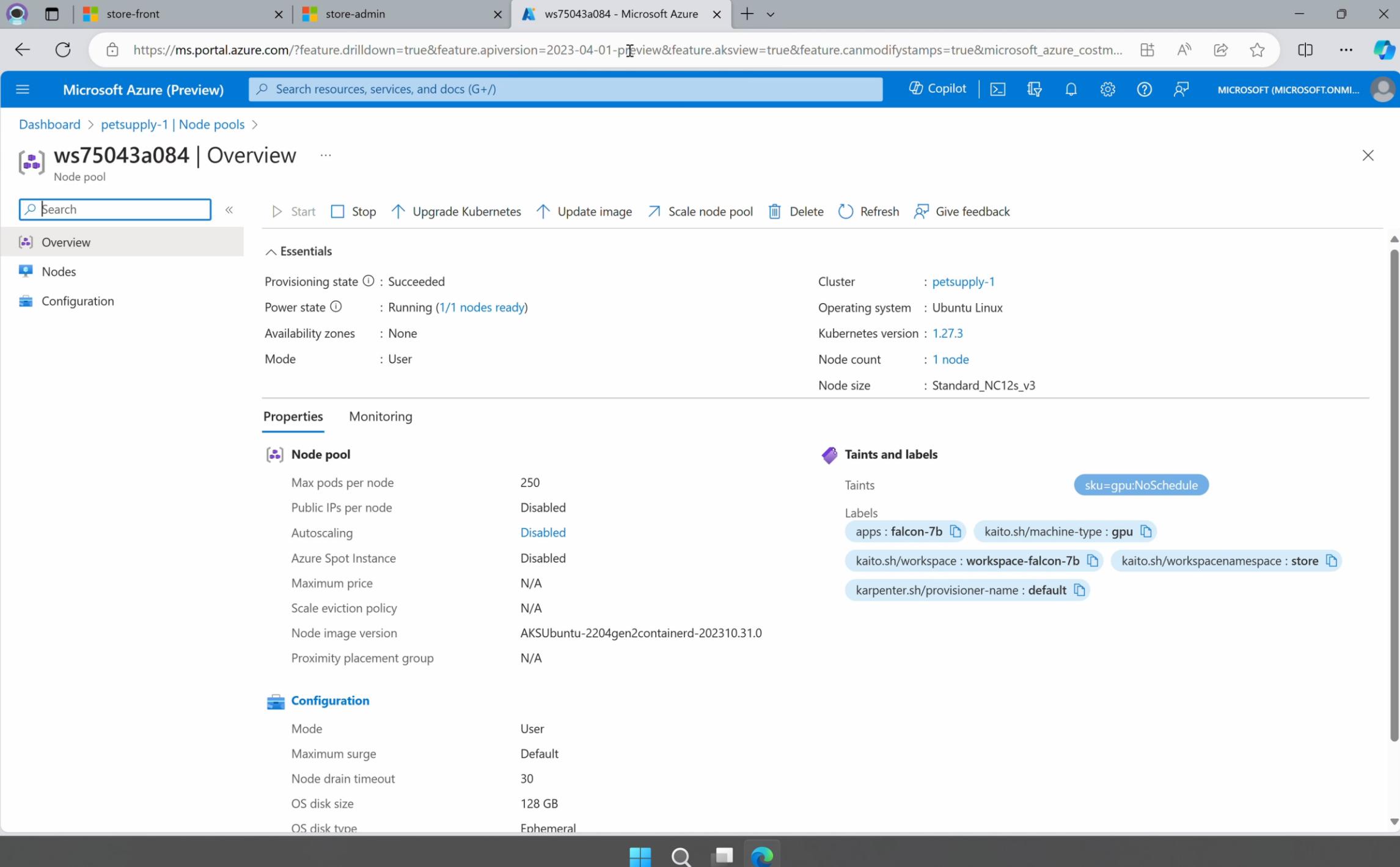
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security

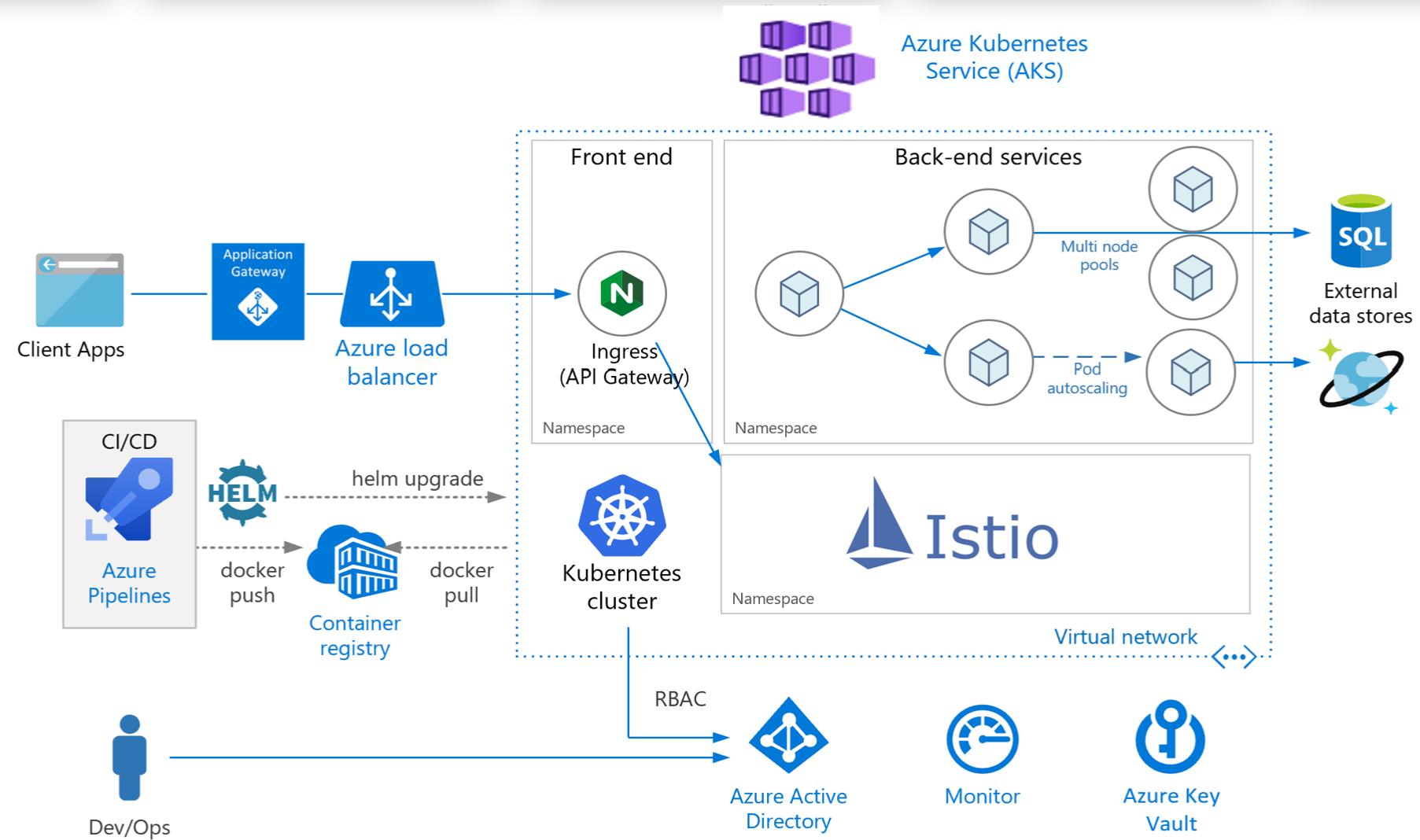
Build Security

Registry Security

Cluster Security

Infrastructure Security

Application Security



Azure Policy

AKS Built-in policy to harden cluster and applications

Leverage Custom Policy to craft your own policies

Azure Policy built-in definitions for Azure Kubernetes Service

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 Feedback

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This page is an index of [Azure Policy](#) built-in policy definitions for Azure Kubernetes Service. For additional Azure Policy built-ins for other services, see [Azure Policy built-in definitions](#).

The name of each built-in policy definition links to the policy definition in the Azure portal. Use the link in the **Version** column to view the source on the [Azure Policy GitHub repo](#).

Initiatives

Name	Description	Policies	Version
[Preview]: Use Image Integrity to ensure only trusted images are deployed	Use Image Integrity to ensure AKS clusters deploy only trusted images by enabling the Image Integrity and Azure Policy Add-Ons on AKS clusters. Image Integrity Add-On and Azure Policy Add-On are both pre-requisites to using Image Integrity to verify if image is signed upon deployment. For more info, visit https://aka.ms/aks/image-integrity .	3	1.1.0-preview
[Preview]: AKS Guardrails	A collection of Kubernetes best practices that are recommended by Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS). For the best experience, use AKS Guardrails to assign this policy initiative: https://aka.ms/aks/guardrails .	11	1.3.1-preview
Kubernetes cluster pod security baseline standards for Linux-based workloads	This initiative includes the policies for the Kubernetes cluster pod security baseline standards. This policy is generally available for Kubernetes Service (AKS), and preview for Azure Arc enabled Kubernetes. For instructions on using this policy, visit https://aka.ms/kubepolicydoc .	5	1.4.0
Kubernetes cluster node	This initiative includes the policies for the Kubernetes cluster node.	8	2.4.0

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