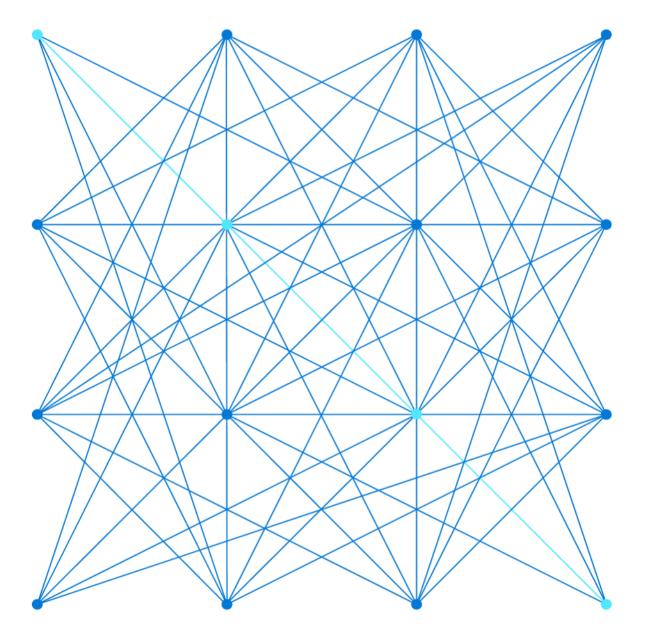


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# Administer Azure Storage



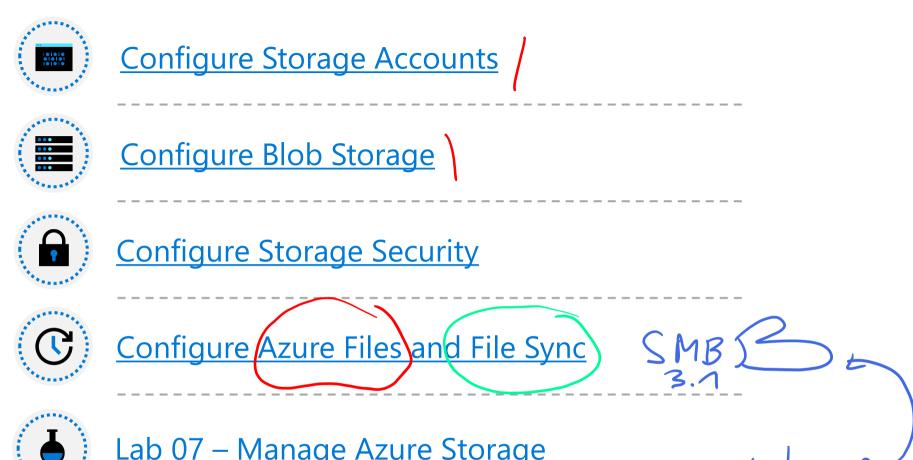
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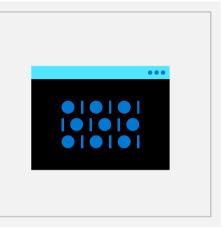
# **Administer Azure Storage** Introduction





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# **Configure Storage Accounts**



# Configure Storage Accounts Introduction







- Determine Replication Strategies
- Access Storage
- Secure Storage Endpoints
- Demonstration Secure a Storage Endpoint
- Summary and Resources

# **Implement Azure Storage**

A service that you can use to store files, messages, tables, and other types of information

Durable, secure, scalable, managed, accessible

Storage for virtual machines, unstructured data and structured data

Two tiers: Premium and Standard

# **Explore Azure Storage Services**

**Azure Containers:** A massively scalable object store for text and binary data

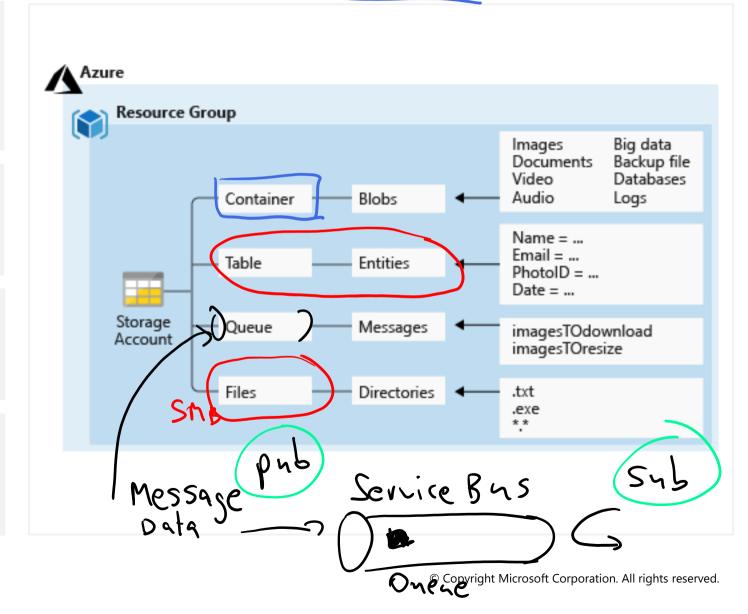
**Azure Tables:** Ideal for storing structured, non-relational data

**Azure Queues:** A messaging store for reliable messaging between application components

**Azure Files:** Managed file shares for cloud or on-premises deployments

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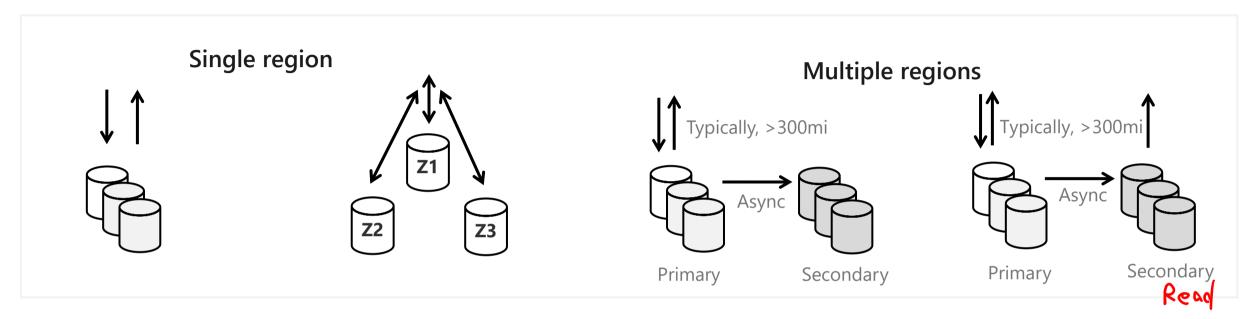
# **Determine Storage Account Kinds**

	Storage Account	Recommended usage
	Standard general-purpose v2	Most scenarios including Blob, File, Queue, Table, and Data Lake Storage.
	Premium block blobs	Block blob scenarios with high transactions rates, or scenarios that use smaller objects or require consistently low storage latency.
	Premium file shares	Enterprise or high-performance file share applications.
	Premium page blobs	Premium high-performance page blob scenarios.



All storage accounts are encrypted using Storage Service Encryption (SSE) for data at rest

# **Determine Replication Strategies** (1 of 2)



#### **LRS**

- Three replicas, one region
- Protects against disk, node, rack failures
- Write is acknowledged when all replicas are committed
- Superior to dual-parity RAID

#### **ZRS**

- Three replicas, three zones, one region
- Protects against disk, node, rack, and zone failures
- Synchronous writes to all three zones

#### GRS

- Six replicas, two regions (three per region)
- Protects against major regional disasters
- Asynchronous copy to secondary

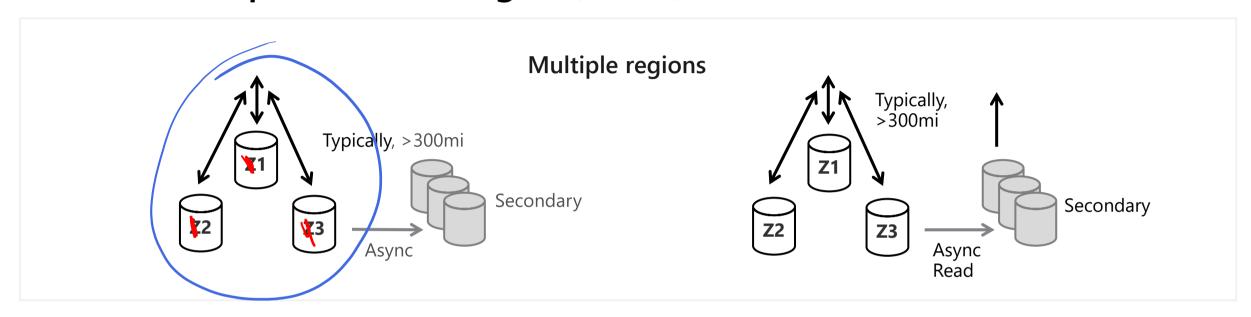
#### **RA-GRS**

- GRS + read access to secondary
- Separate secondary endpoint
- Recovery point objective (RPO) delay to secondary can be queried

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# **Determine Replication Strategies (2 of 2)**



#### **GZRS**

- Six replicas, 3+1 zones, two regions
- Protects against disk, node, rack, zone, and region failures
- Synchronous writes to all three zones and asynchronous copy to secondary

#### **RA-GZRS**

- GZRS + read access to secondary
- Separate secondary endpoint
- RPO delay to secondary can be queried

# **Access Storage**

#### Every object has a unique URL address – based on account name and storage type

Container service: https://mystorageaccount.blob.core.windows.net

Table service: https://mystorageaccount.table.core.windows.net

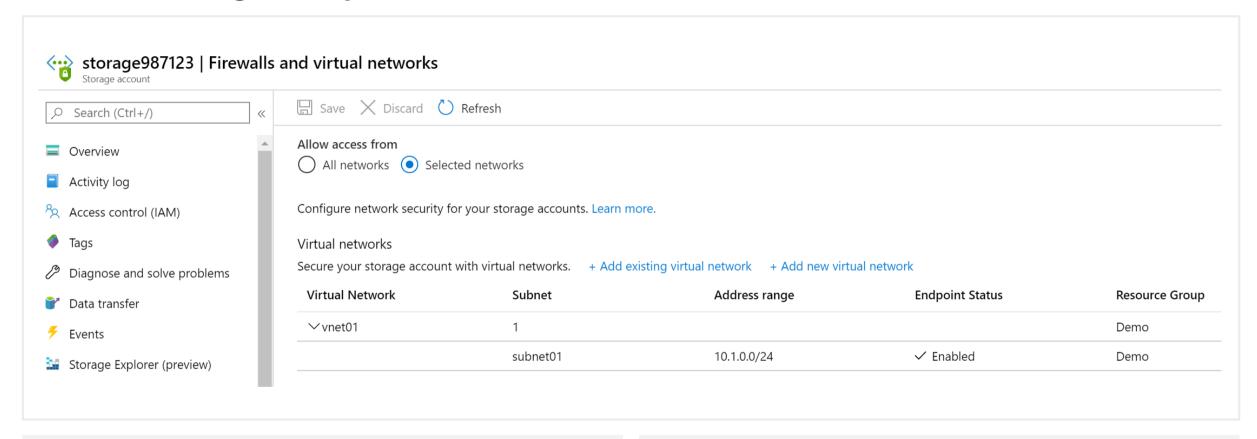
Queue service: https://mystorageaccount.queue.core.windows.net

File service: https://mystorageaccount.file.core.windows.net

If you prefer you can configure a custom domain name

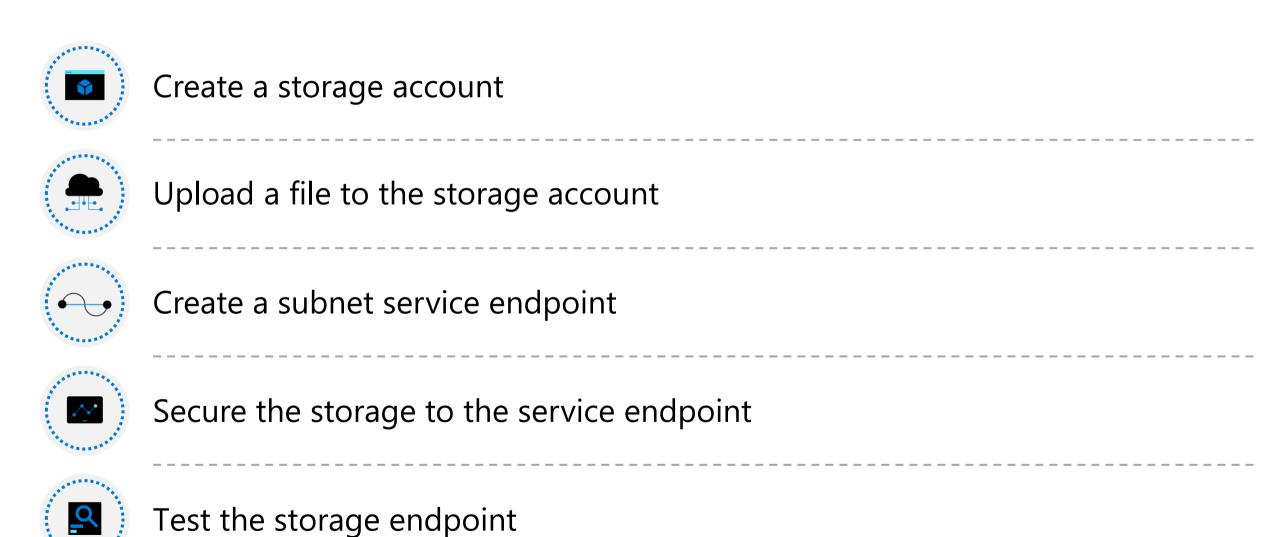
CNAME record	Target
blobs.contoso.com	contosoblobs.blob.core.windows.net

# **Secure Storage Endpoints**



Firewalls and Virtual Networks restrict access to the Storage Account from specific Subnets on Virtual Networks or public IP's Subnets and Virtual Networks must exist in the same Azure Region or Region Pair as the Storage Account

# **Demonstration – Secure a Storage Endpoint**



# Summary and Resources – Configure Storage Accounts

**Knowledge Check Questions** 

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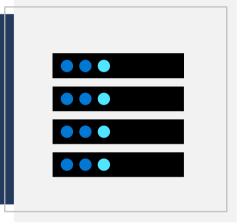


<u>Create an Azure Storage account (Sandbox)</u>

Provide disaster recovery by replicating storage data across regions and failing over to a secondary location

A sandbox indicates a hands-on exercise.

# **Configure Blob Storage**



# Configure Blob Storage Introduction





- Create Blob Access Tiers
- Add Blob Lifecycle Management Rules
- O Determine Blob Object Replication
- Demonstration Blob Storage
- Summary and Resources

<sup>\*</sup> Upload Blobs and Determine Storage Pricing are not covered.

### Implement Blob Storage

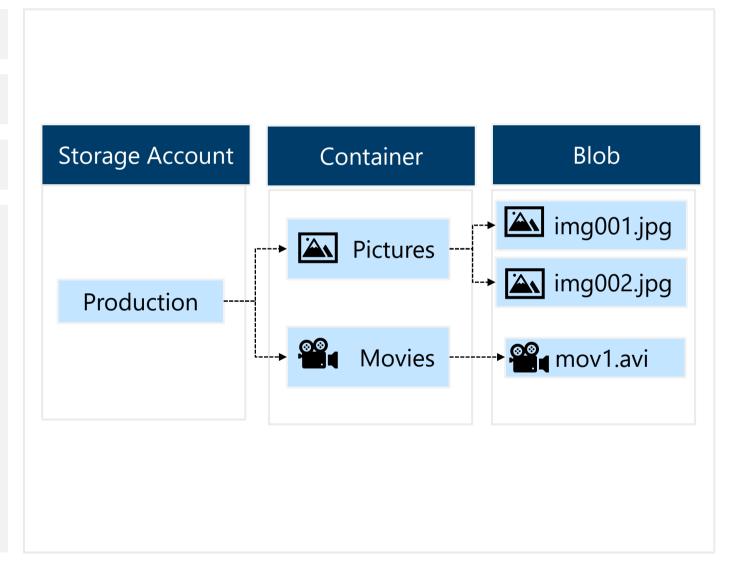
Stores unstructured data in the cloud

Can store any type of text or binary data

Also referred to as object storage

#### Common uses:

- Serving images or documents directly to a browser
- Storing files for distributed access
- Streaming video and audio
- Storing data for backup and restore, disaster recovery, archiving
- Storing data for analysis by an onpremises or Azure-hosted service



#### **Create Blob Containers**

All blobs must be in a container

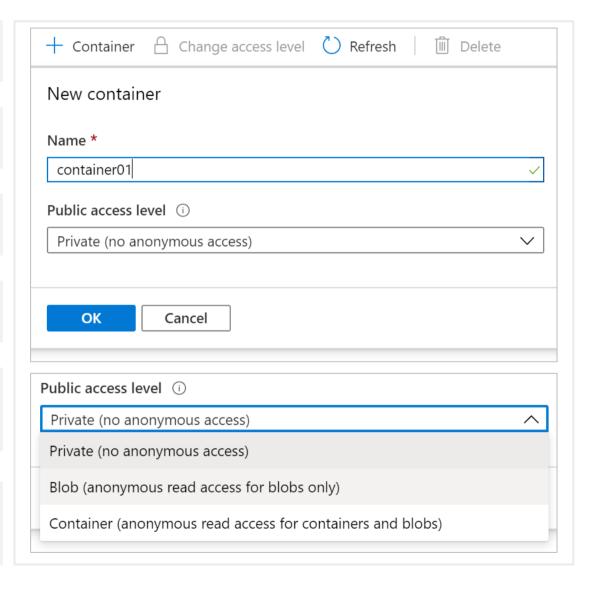
Accounts have unlimited containers

Containers can have unlimited blobs

**Private blobs** – no anonymous access

**Blob access –** anonymous public read access for blobs only

**Container access** – anonymous public read and list access to the entire container, including the blobs

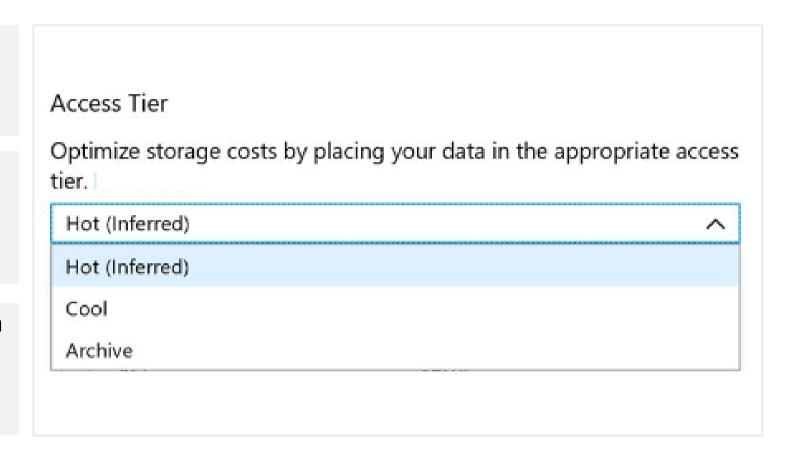


#### **Create Blob Access Tiers**

**Hot tier** – Optimized for frequent access of objects in the storage account

Cool tier – Optimized for storing large amounts of data that is infrequently accessed and stored for at least 30 days

Archive – Optimized for data that can tolerate several hours of retrieval latency and will remain in the Archive tier for at least 180 days





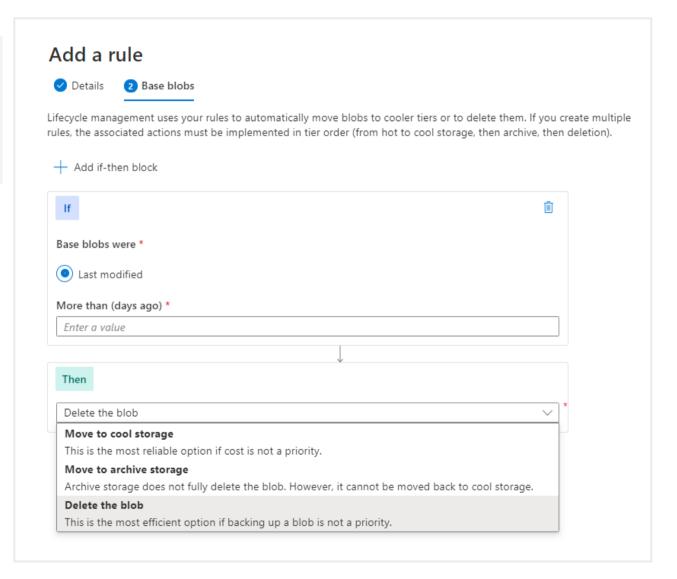
You can switch between these access tiers at any time

# Add Blob Lifecycle Management Rules

Transitioning of blobs to a cooler storage tier to optimize for performance and cost

Delete blobs at the end of their lifecycle

Apply rules to filtered paths in the Storage Account



# **Determine Blob Object Replication**

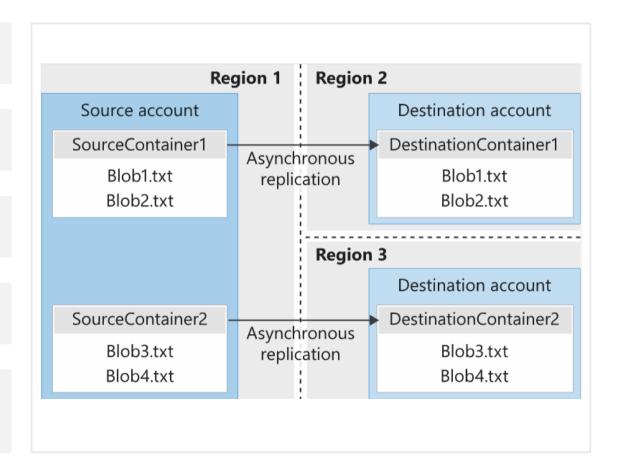
Asynchronous to any other Region

Minimizes latency for read requests

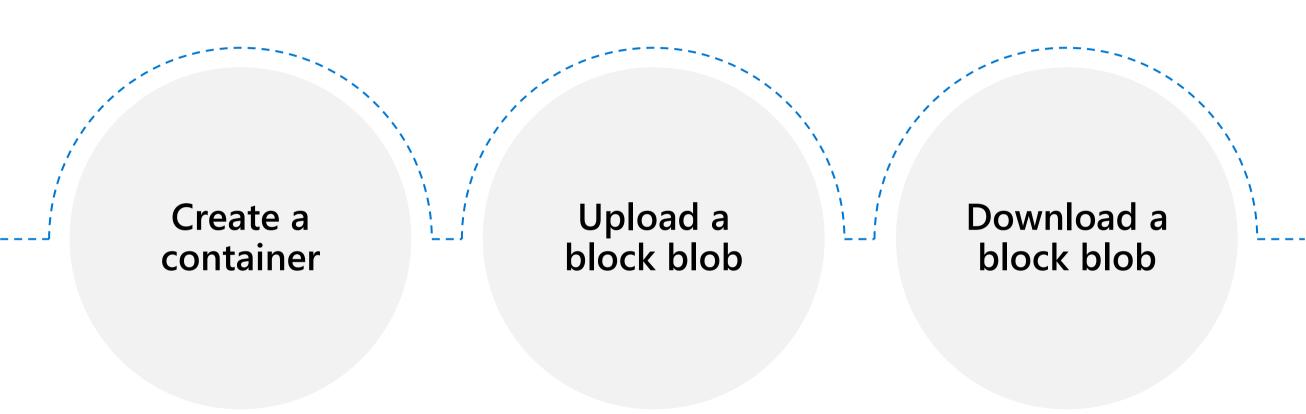
Increases efficiency for compute workloads

Optimizes data distribution

Optimizes costs



# **Demonstration – Blob Storage**



# Summary and Resources - Configure Blob Storage

**Knowledge Check Questions** 





Optimize storage performance and costs using Azure Blob storage tiers (Sandbox)

<u>Gather metrics from your Azure Blob Storage containers</u> (Sandbox)

A sandbox indicates a hands-on exercise.

# **Configure Storage Security**



# Configure Storage Security Introduction



**Review Storage Security Strategies** 



Create Shared Access Signatures



Identify URI and SAS Parameters



Demonstration – SAS (Portal)



**Determine Storage Service Encryption** 



Create Customer Managed Keys



Apply Storage Security Best Practices



Summary and Resources

# **Review Storage Security Strategies**



Storage Service Encryption



Shared Access Signatures – delegated access



Authentication with Azure AD and RBAC



Shared Key – encrypted signature string



Client-side encryption, HTTPS, and SMB 3.0 for data in transit



Anonymous access to containers and blobs



Azure disk encryption



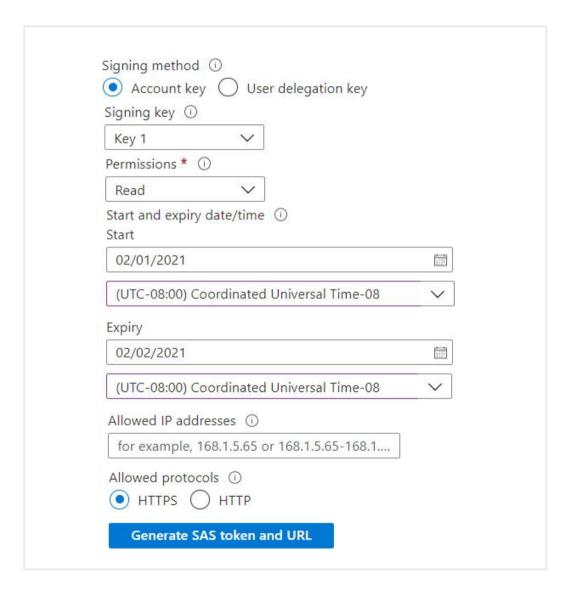
# **Create Shared Access Signatures**

Provides delegated access to resources

Grants access to clients without sharing your storage account keys

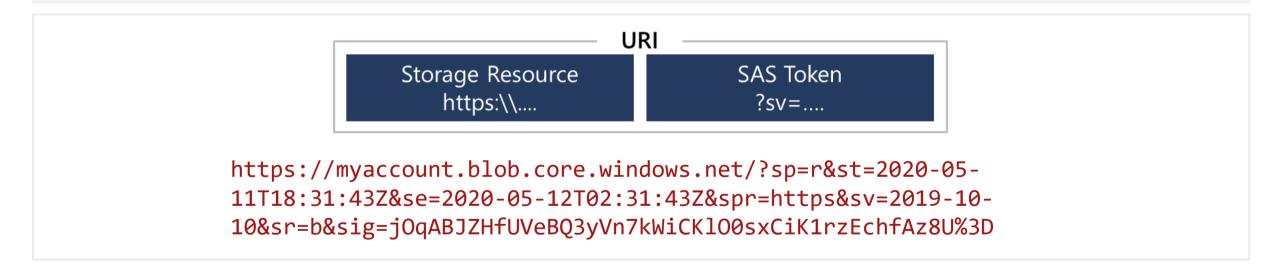
The account SAS delegates access to resources in one or more of the storage services

The service SAS delegates access to a resource in just one of the storage services



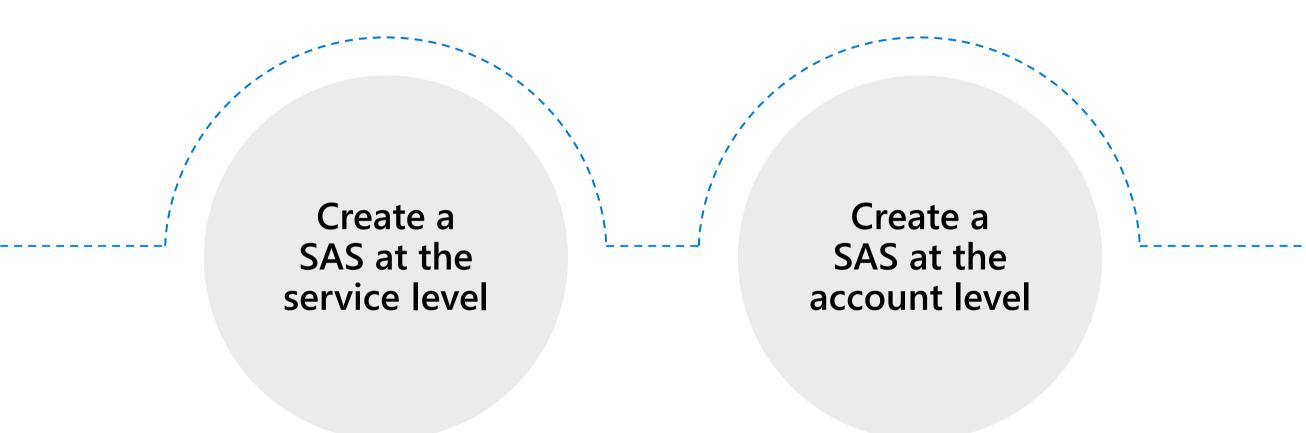
### **Identify URI and SAS Parameters**

- A SAS is a signed URI that points to one or more storage resources
- Consists of a storage resource URI and the SAS token



Includes parameters for resource URI, storage services version, services, resource types, start time, expiry time, resource, permissions, IP range, protocol, signature

# Demonstration – SAS (Portal)



# **Determine Storage Service Encryption**

Protects your data for security and compliance

Automatically encrypts and decrypts your data

Encrypted through 256-bit AES encryption

Is enabled for all new and existing storage accounts and cannot be disabled

Is transparent to users

#### Encryption





Storage service encryption protects your data at rest. Azure Storage encrypts your data as it's written in our datacenters, and automatically decrypts it for you as you access it.

By default, data in the storage account is encrypted using Microsoft Managed Keys. You may choose to bring your own key.

Please note that after enabling Storage Service Encryption, only new data will be encrypted, and any existing files in this storage account will retroactively get encrypted by a background encryption process.

Learn More about Azure Storage Encryption

#### **Encryption type**



Microsoft Managed Keys



Customer Managed Keys



You can use your own key (next topic)

# **Create Customer Managed Keys**

Use the Azure Key Vault to manage your encryption keys

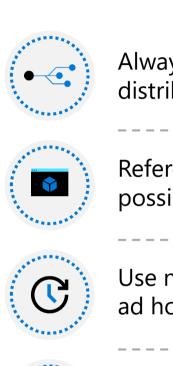
Create your own encryption keys and store them in a key vault

Use Azure Key Vault's APIs to generate encryption keys

Custom keys give you more flexibility and control

### **Encryption type** Microsoft Managed Keys Customer Managed Keys 1 The storage account named 'storage987123' will be granted access to the selected key vault. Both soft delete and purge protection will be enabled on the key vault and cannot be disabled. Learn more about customer managed keys \(\text{\text{\$\sigma}}\) **Encryption key** Enter key URI Select from Key vault Key vault and key \* Key vault: keyvault987123 Key: storagekey Select a key vault and key

# **Apply Storage Security Best Practices**



Always use HTTPS to create or distribute an SAS



Reference stored access policies where possible



Use near-term expiration times on an ad hoc SAS



Use Storage Analytics to monitor your application



Be careful with SAS start time



Be specific with the resource to be accessed



Understand that your account will be billed for any usage



Validate data written using SAS



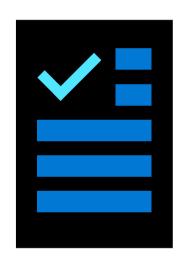
Don't assume SAS is always the correct choice

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# **Summary and Resources - Configure Storage Security**

**Knowledge Check Questions** 

Microsoft Learn Modules (docs.microsoft.com/Learn)



Secure your Azure Storage account

<u>Control access to Azure Storage with shared access signatures (Sandbox)</u>

**Implement storage security** 

A sandbox indicates a hands-on exercise.

# Configure Azure Files and File Sync



# Configure Azure Files and File Sync Introduction





Create File Share Snapshots

Demonstration – File Shares

Implement Azure File Sync

Identify Azure File Sync Components

Deploy File Sync

Configure Storage with Tools (summary only)

Summary and Resources

# **Compare Files to Blobs**

Feature	Description	When to use
Azure Files	SMB interface, client libraries, and a REST interface that allows access from anywhere to stored files	<ul> <li>Lift and shift an application to the cloud</li> <li>Store shared data across multiple virtual machines</li> <li>Store development and debugging tools that need to be accessed from many virtual machines</li> </ul>
Azure Blobs	Client libraries and a REST interface that allows unstructured data (flat namespace) to be stored and accessed at a massive scale in block blobs	<ul> <li>Support streaming and random-access scenarios</li> <li>Access application data from anywhere</li> </ul>

# **Manage File Shares**

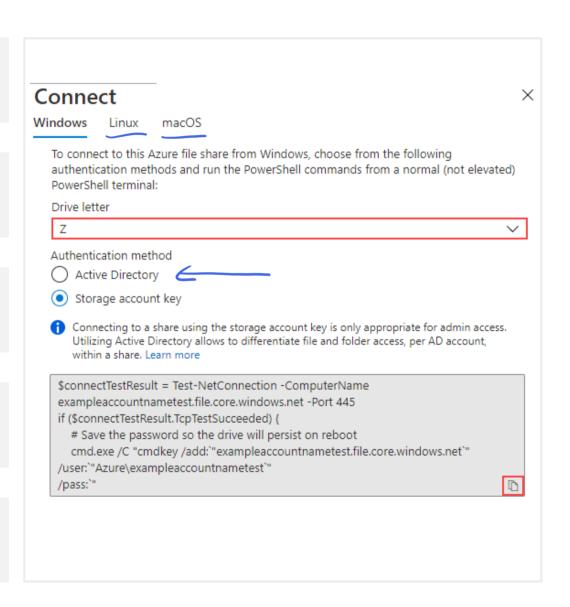
File share quotas

Windows – ensure port 445 is open

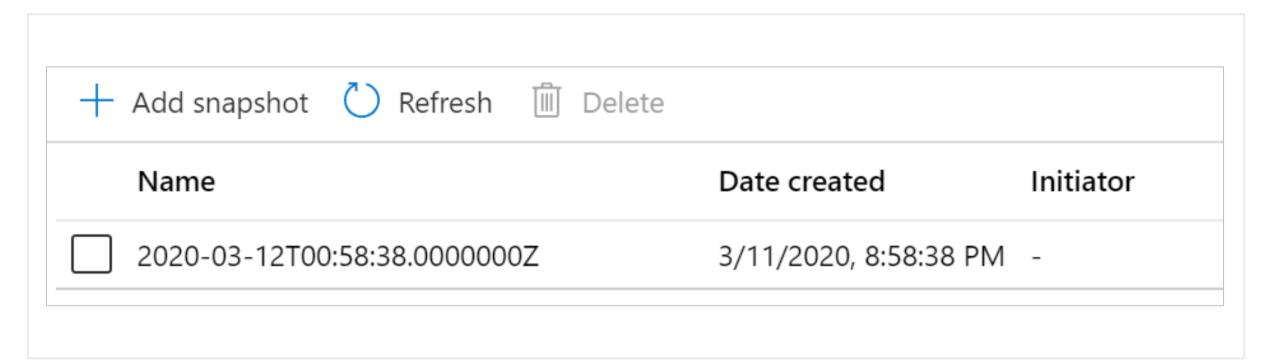
Linux – mount the drive

MacOS – mount the drive

Secure transfer required – SMB 3.0 encryption



### **Create File Share Snapshots**



Incremental snapshot that captures the share state at a point in time Is read-only copy of your data

Snapshot at the file share level, and restore at the file level

- Protection against application error and data corruption
- Protection against accidental deletions or unintended changes
- General backup purposes

### **Demonstration – File Shares**



Create a file share and upload a file



Manage snapshots



Create a file share (PowerShell - optional)

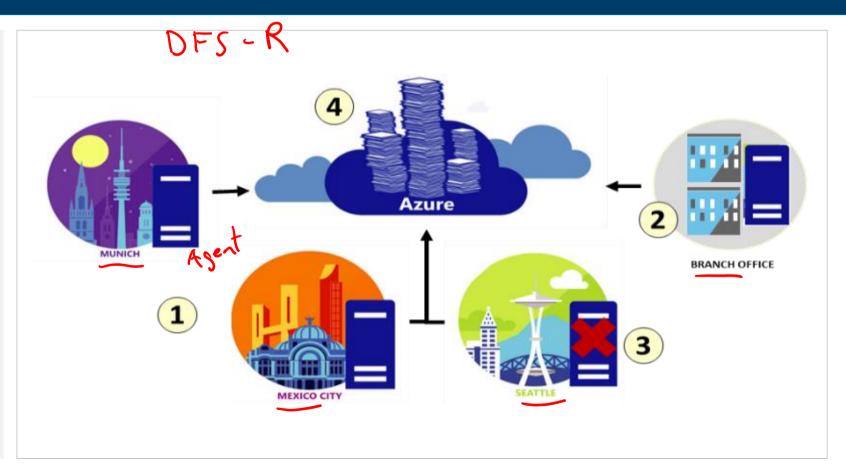


Mount a file share (PowerShell - optional)

# Implement Azure File Sync

Centralize your organization's file shares in Azure Files, while keeping the flexibility, performance, and compatibility of an on-premises file server

- 1. Lift and shift
- 2. Branch Office backups
- 3. Backup and Disaster Recovery
- 4. File Archiving



# **Identify File Sync Components**

The **Storage Sync Service** is the top-level resource

The **registered server** object represents a trust relationship between your server (or cluster) and the Storage Sync Service

The Azure File Sync agent is a downloadable package that enables Windows Server to be synced with an Azure file share

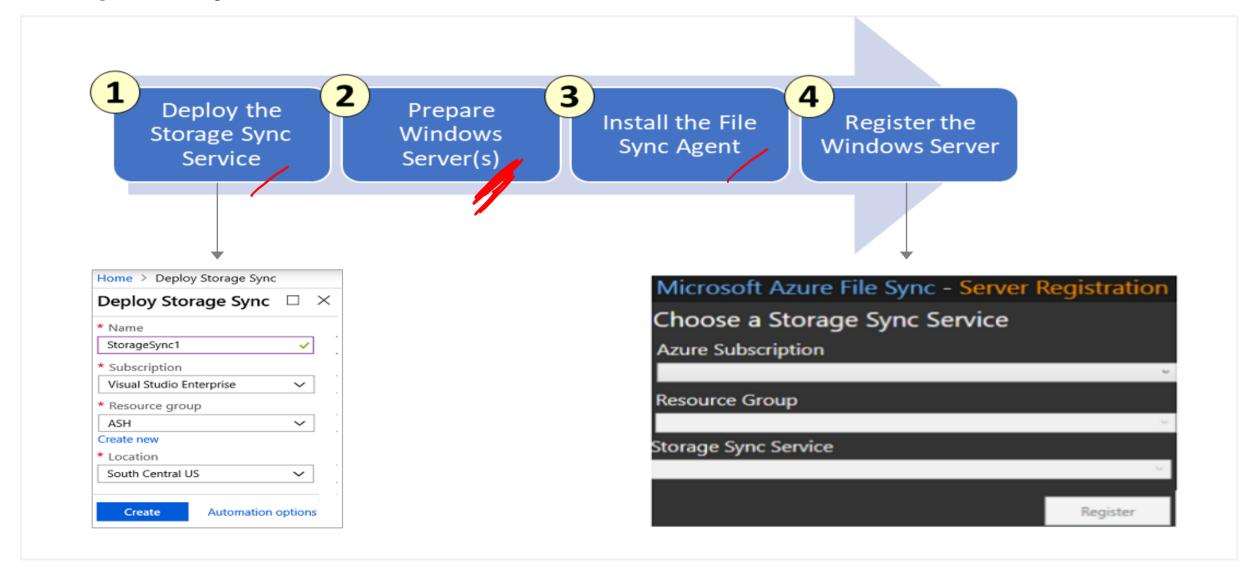
A **server endpoint** represents a specific location on a registered server, such as a folder

A cloud endpoint is an Azure file share

A sync group defines which files are kept in sync



# **Setup File Sync**

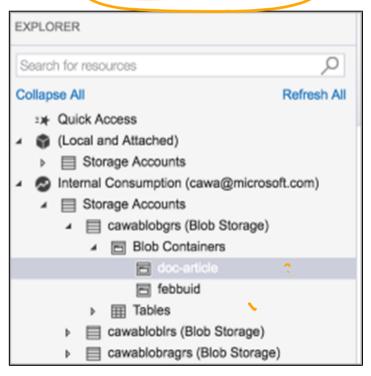












#### The Import and Export service

Create import/export job Create import/export job			
Basics Job details Shi	pping Tags	Review + create	
Project details			
Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.			
Subscription *	ASC DEMO		~
Resource group * ①	Create new		~
Name *			
Туре	Import into Azure		
Destination Azure region *			~



azcopy copy [source] [destination] [flags]

azcopy logic

# **Demonstration – Storage Explorer (optional)**



Download and install Storage Explorer



Connect to an Azure subscription



Attach an Azure Storage account



Generate a SAS connection string for the account you want to share



Attach to a storage account by using a SAS Connection string

# **Demonstration – AzCopy (optional)**



Install the AzCopy tool

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Explore the help

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Download a blob from Blob storage to the file system

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Upload files to Azure blob storage

# Summary and Resources - Configure Azure Files and File Sync

**Knowledge Check Questions** 





Extend your on-premises file share capacity using Azure File Sync

Implement a hybrid file server infrastructure

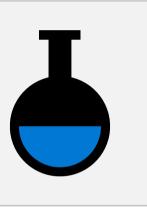
<u>Upload, download, and manage data with Azure Storage</u> <u>Explorer (Sandbox)</u>

Export large amounts of data from Azure by using Azure Import/Export

Copy and move blobs from one container or storage account to another from the command line and in code (Sandbox)

A sandbox indicates a hands-on exercise.

# Lab – Manage Azure Storage



# Lab 07 – Manage Azure Storage

#### Lab scenario

You need to evaluate the use of Azure Storage for storing files residing currently in on-premises data stores. While many of these files are not accessed frequently, there are some exceptions. You would like to minimize cost of storage by placing less frequently accessed files in lower-priced storage tiers. You also plan to explore different protection mechanisms that Azure Storage offers, including network access, authentication, authorization, and replication. Finally, you want to determine to what extent Azure Files service might be suitable for hosting your on-premises file shares

#### **Objectives**

#### Task 1:

Provision the lab environment

#### Task 4:

Manage authentication and authorization for Azure Storage

#### Task 2:

Create and configure Azure storage accounts

#### Task 5:

Create and configure an Azure Files shares

#### Task 3:

Manage blob storage

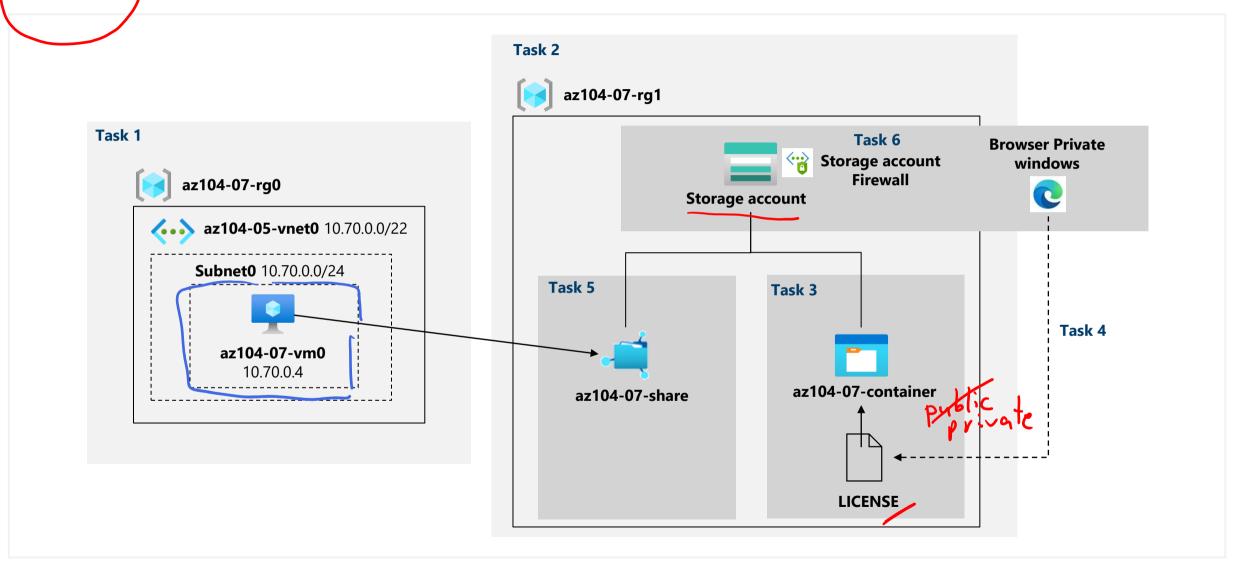
#### Task 6:

Manage network access for Azure Storage

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# Lab 07 - Architecture diagram



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