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Administer Azure Storage



Course Outline





01: Administer Identity



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05: Administer Intersite Connectivity



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07: Administer Azure Storage



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10: Administer Data Protection



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Learning Objectives - Administer Azure Storage

- Configure Storage Accounts
- Configure Blob Storage
- Configure Storage Security
- Configure Azure Files
- Lab 07 Manage Azure Storage

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Explore Azure Storage Services

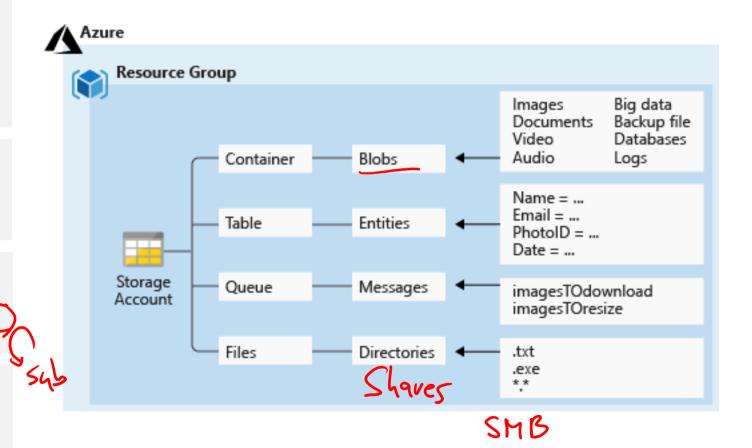
A service that you can use to store files, messages, tables, and other types of information

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

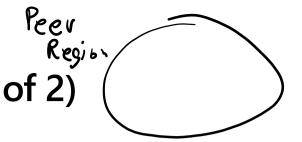


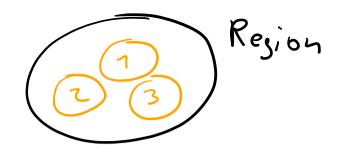
Determine Storage Account Kinds

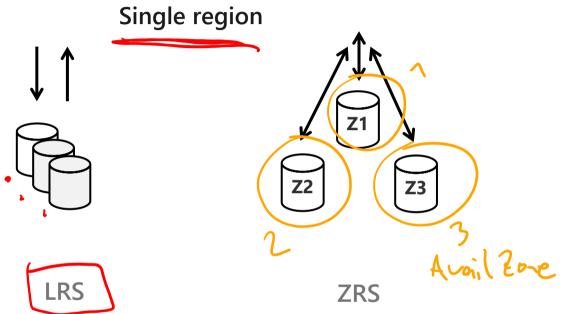
All storage accounts are encrypted using Storage Service Encryption (SSE) for data at rest

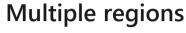
Storage Account	Recommended usage
Standard general-purpose v2	Most scenarios including Blob, File, Queue, Table, and Data Lake Storage.
Premium block blobs	Block blob scenarios with high transactions rates, or scenarios that use smaller objects or require consistently low storage latency.
Premium file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

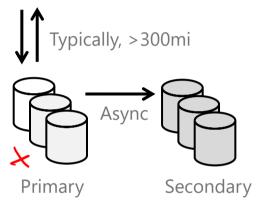
Determine Replication Strategies (1 of 2)

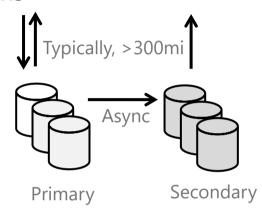












- Three replicas, one region
- Protects against disk, node, rack failures
- Write is acknowledged when all replicas are committed
- Superior to dual-parity RAID

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

Six replicas, two regions (three per region)

GRS

- Protects against major regional disasters
- Asynchronous copy to secondary

RA-GRS

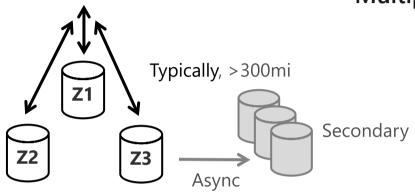
- GRS + read access to secondary
- Separate secondary endpoint
- Recovery point objective (RPO) delay to secondary can be queried

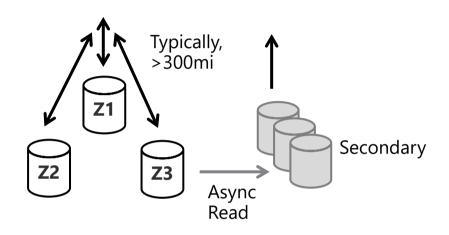
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Determine Replication Strategies (2 of 2)

Multiple regions





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

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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

Firewalls and virtu	ual networks Custom domain
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Public network acce	ess
 Enabled from a 	all networks
C Enabled from s	selected virtual networks and IP addresses
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1 All networks, inc	cluding the internet, can access this storage account. Learn more
Network Routing	I _F
Determine how you	would like to route your traffic as it travels from its source to an
Azure endpoint. Mi	crosoft routing is recommended for most customers.
Routing preference	• ①
Microsoft netv	vork routing
	nbination of storage account kind, performance, replication, ses not support network routing.

Configure Blob Storage



Implement Blob Storage - Object Store

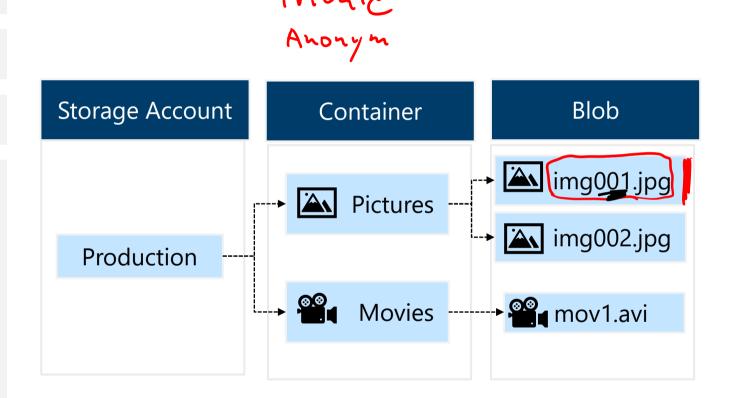
Stores unstructured data in the cloud

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



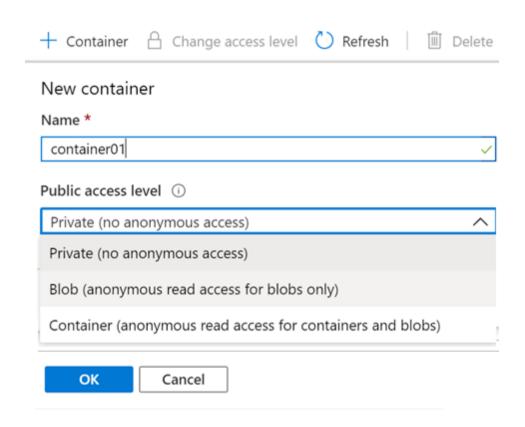
Create Blob Containers

All blobs must be in a container

Accounts have unlimited containers

Containers can have unlimited blobs

Restrict access using the public access level



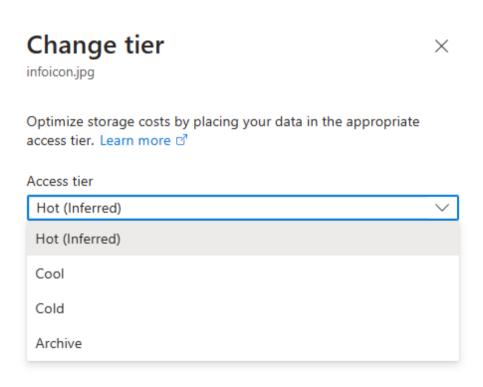
Create Blob Access Tiers

Hot tier – Data that is accessed or modified frequently

Cool tier – Data that is infrequently accessed or modified and stored for at least 30 days

Cold tier – Data that is infrequently accessed or modified and stored for at least 90 days

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

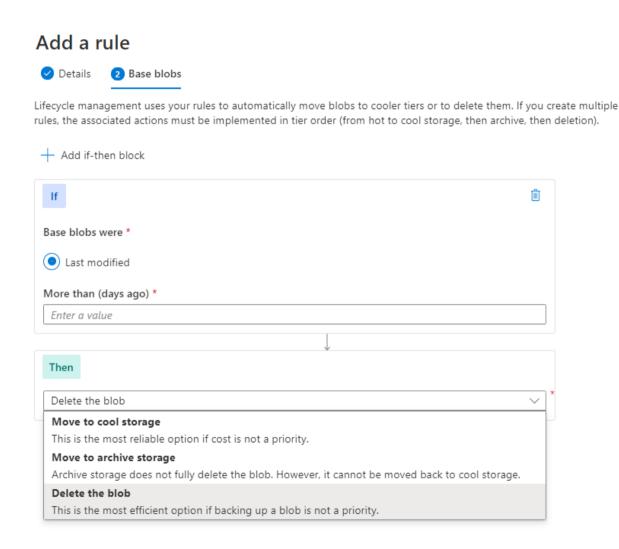


Add Blob Lifecycle Management Rules

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

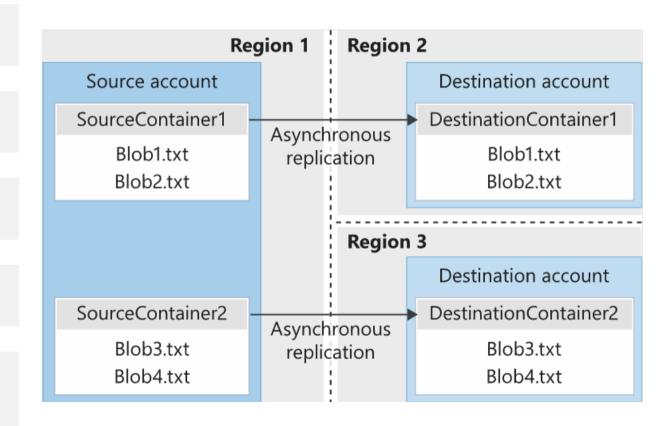
Asynchronous to any other Region

Minimizes latency for read requests

Increases efficiency for compute workloads

Optimizes data distribution

Optimizes costs





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

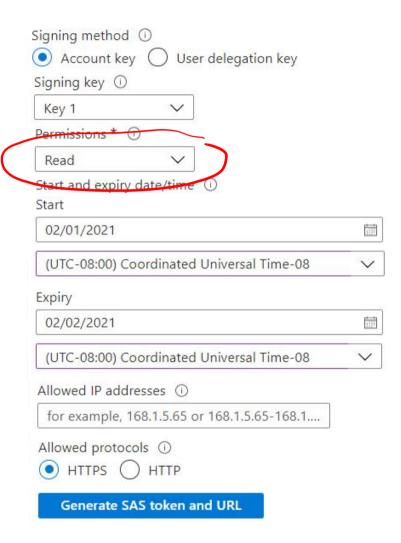
Create Shared Access Signatures

Provides delegated access to resources

Grants access to clients without sharing your storage account keys

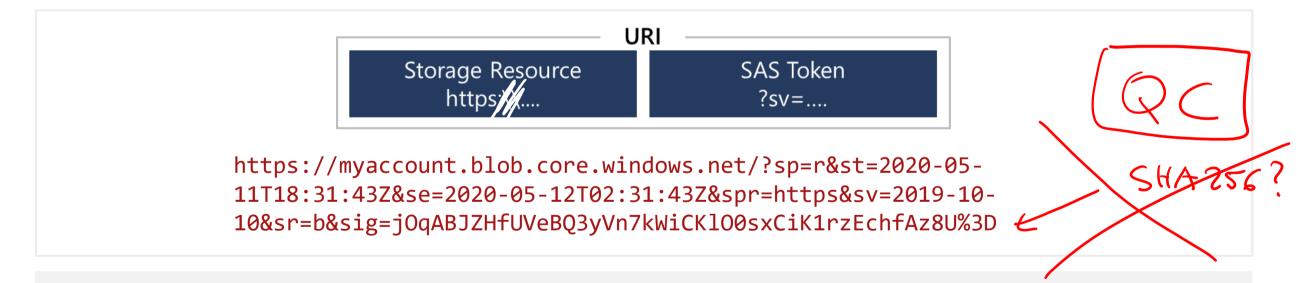
The account SAS delegates access to resources in one or more of the storage services

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

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Determine Storage Service Encryption

You can use your own key (next topic)

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



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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

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 □ □

Encryption key

- Enter key URI
- Select from Key vault

Key vault and key *

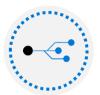
Key vault: keyvault987123

Key: storagekey

Select a key vault and key

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Apply Storage Security Best Practices



Always use HTTPS to create or distribute a SAS



Be specific with the resource to be accessed



Reference stored access policies where possible



Understand that your account will be billed for any usage



Use near-term expiration times on an ad hoc SAS



Validate data written using SAS



Use Storage Analytics to monitor your application



Don't assume SAS is always the correct choice



Be careful with SAS start time

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Configure Azure Files



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	 Lift and shift an application to the cloud Store shared data across multiple virtual machines Store development and debugging tools that need to be accessed from many virtual machines
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	 Support streaming and random-access scenarios Access application data from anywhere

Manage File Shares

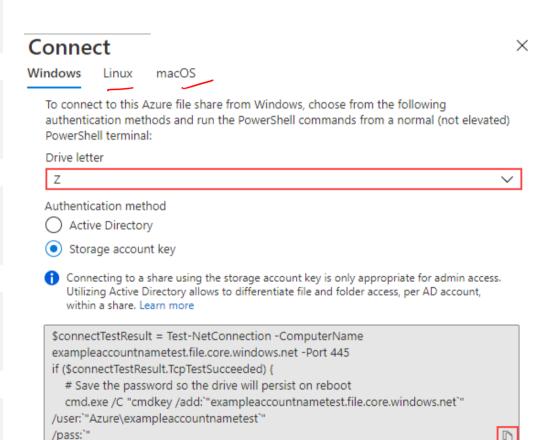
File share quotas

Windows – ensure port 445 is open

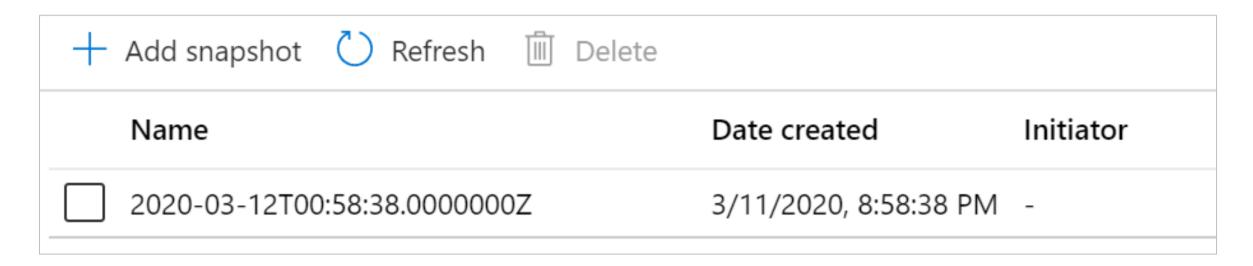
Linux – mount the drive

MacOS – mount the drive

Secure transfer required – SMB 3.0 encryption



Create File Share Snapshots



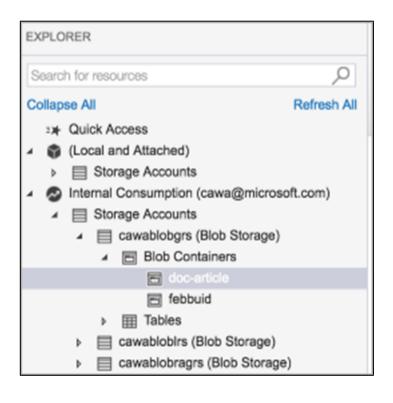
Incremental snapshot that captures the share state at a point in time Is read-only copy of your data

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

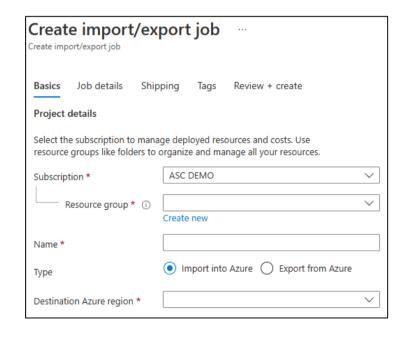
- Protection against application error and data corruption
- Protection against accidental deletions or unintended changes
- General backup purposes

Configure Storage with Tools (optional)

Azure Storage Explorer



The Import and Export service



AzCopy

azcopy copy [source]
[destination] [flags]



Lab 07 – Manage Azure Storage

You need to evaluate the use of Azure Storage. 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 how the Azure Files service might be used.

Objectives

Task 1: Provision the lab environment

Task 2: Create and configure Azure storage

accounts

Task 3: Manage blob storage

Task 4: Manage authentication and

authorization for Azure Storage

Task 5: Create and configure an Azure Files

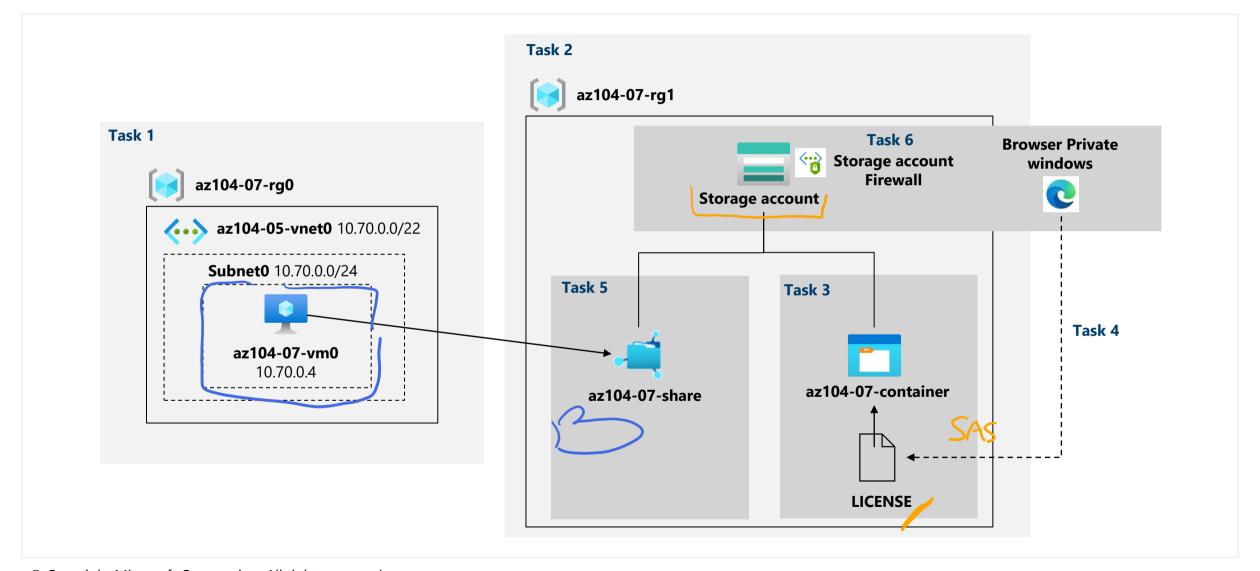
shares

Task 6: Manage network access for Azure

Storage



Lab 07 – Architecture diagram



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