# Misc

We can auto scale apps from STANDARD TIER.  
We can enable Always-On from BASIC TIER.

If developers want to publish Azure Functions from VS2019, they should install **Azure development workload.**

Want to get notified of service incidents and planned maintenances within Azure regions that might affect me? **Use Azure Service Health**

**Azure Service Health:** Notifies you about Azure service incidents and planned maintenance, so you can take action to mitigate downtime.

**Azure Monitor:** Helps you understand how your applications are performing and proactively identifies issues affecting them and the resources they depend on.

* Detect and diagnose issues across applications and dependencies with Application Insights.
* Correlate infrastructure issues with Azure Monitor for VMs and Azure Monitor for Containers.
* Drill into your monitoring data with Log Analytics for troubleshooting and deep diagnostics.
* Azure Monitor Container Health
* Data Collector API: collects data from any source, not just the built-in ones (create my own data inputs for Azure Monitor)

**Owners** of resources can grant access to others; **contributors** can control the resource but cannot give access to others.

**Azure tenant:** Dedicated, trusted instance of Azure AD (automatically created when organization signs up for Microsoft cloud service subscription) 🡪 represents a single organization.  
Can be **single tenant** (access other services in dedicated environment) or **multi-tenant** (access other services in shared environment, across multiple organizations).

**Privileged Identity Management with Azure AD:** monitoring, protection of superuser accounts, providing a higher level of oversight to those more powerful accounts

* Provide just-in-time privileged access to Azure AD and Azure resources
* Assign time-bound access to resources using start and end dates

CIAMs: Customer Identity Access Management solutions

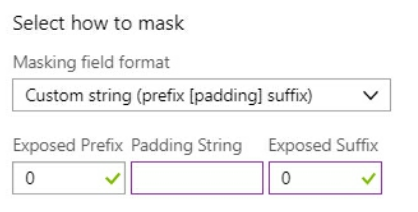
1. **Azure** Active Directory **B2B**: work with external partners, even if they do not have Azure AD. Securely share own Azure resources with them.  
   They can use their own credentials, authenticate with their own identity management, etc.  
   Use Azure AD B2B APIs to customize the invitation process, or write app-like self-service sign-up portals.  
   If they do not have Azure AD account, one is created for them when they redeem their invitation.  
   Access on tenant level, app level.  
   **Possible to use Azure AD, a multi-tenant app** (fetch user from different organization)
2. **Azure** Active Directory **B2C**: another identity-as-service. Users use social/enterprise/local account identities to get single sign-on access to apps and APIs in Azure.  
   White label authentication solution (can be customized, branded)

Collect info from user during registration, then pass it off to external system (and retrieve it again from external system when logging in later on)  
**Progressive profiling:** Register with minimal data, then get more at the next login, then more at the next login, etc  
~Third party identity verification and proofing

**Azure Active Directory Domain Services:** Provides managed domain services, such as domain join, group policy, lightweight directory access protocol, Kerberos, NTLM authentication that is fully compatible with Windows Server Active Directory.  
Replicated identity info from Azure AD, so works with Azure AD tenants, which are cloud only or even on premise.

**Azure Organization Units:** OUs in Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) lets use logically group objects (eg. User accounts, service accounts, computer accounts). Then admins can be assigned to specific OUs, apply group policy to enforce targeted config settings;

* AADDC Computers OU: contains computer objects for app computers that are joined to the managed domain.
* AADDC Users OU: contains users and groups synced in from the Azure AD tenant.

We need data masking for a column in the DB, so it looks like this: XXXX-XX-1234  
  
What should be exposed prefix: 0 (we expose only suffix)  
What should be exposed suffix: 4

**CRON Expressions:**  
\* \* \* \* \* \*  
Sec, Min, Hour, Day of Month, Month, Day of Week  
**Asterix (\*):** All values  
**Dash (-):** Range of values  
**Comma (,):** Set of values  
**Slash (/):** Interval value

* **Run once, every hour’s 5th minute:** 0 5 \* \* \* \*
* **Run once, every two hours:** 0 0 \*/2 \* \* \*
* **Run once, every hour from 9 AM to 5 PM:** 0 0 9-17 \* \* \*
* **Run once at 5AM and 6AM:** 0 0 5-6, \*, \*, \*
* **Run once at 5AM and 7AM:** 0 0 5,7, \*, \*, \*
* **0 \* 5 \* \* \*:** all minutes of 5 AM, where second is 0 (5:00:00, 5:01:00, 5:02:00 … 5:59:00)

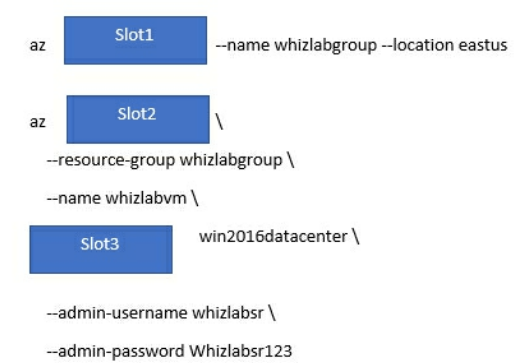
**We can use Monday, January, or Mon, Jan.**

I need to store data in tabular format, cost effectively: 100GB with less than 1 million accesses per month. **Use Table Storage**

Powershell commands: **[Verb]-Az[ServiceName]**

Azure CLI commands: **az batch account create**

# VM



Slot 1: group create  
Slot 2: vm create  
Slot 3: --image

There can be 1000 VMs in Virtual Machine scale set

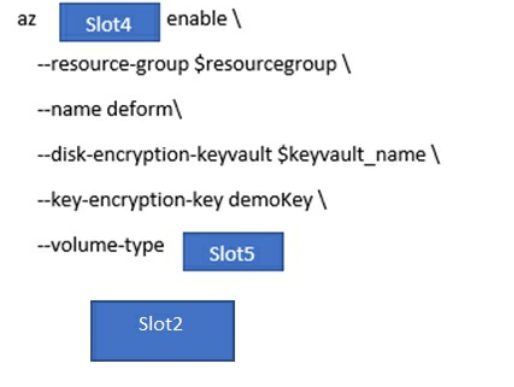
We use VMs to host websites. What’s the best way to deploy the site’s code to a brand new VM that will be used in automatic scaling? **Custom script VM extension to execute a Powershell script to do the deployment and configuration (don’t create a custom VM image, because every change requires the creation of a new custom image then + redeploy)**

I want to debug a VM running Windows Server and IIS: **download and install Visual Studio Remote Tools on the Azure VM**

# VM Encryption

We are securing a Linux VM with Disk Encryption





Slot 1: keyvault  
Slot 2: keyvault key  
Slot 3: vm  
Slot 4: vm encryption  
**Slot 5: all (volume type can be ALL, DATA or OS)**

We want a VM to be encrypted with keys from KeyVault:

1. New-AzVm
2. Get-AzKeyVault
3. Set-AzVmDiskEncryptionExtension

# Search

Supports multiple data sources.

A team has created an Index.  
We have to upload to the index  
**DO:**

* Create **SearchServiceClient** object to connect to the search index
* Create **DataContainer** which contains the documents which must be added
* Create a **DataSource** instance and set its Container prop to the **DataContainer**
* Set the **DataSource** property of the **ServiceServiceClient** to the created one

**DO NOT:**

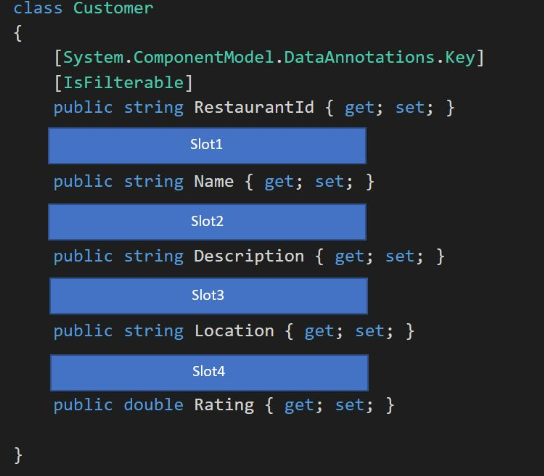
* Create SearchIndexClient, IndexBatch and call Documents.Index

Which object to use to create indexes in Azure Search?

* **SearchServiceClient**
* **SearchCredentials**

We want to use RegEx with search: **use QueryType of Full Lucense search**We want results organized as counts for name-value pairs: **use** **Facets**We want to list products via particular price range: **use Filters**

**Check again these, questions 99**



Search for resturants by name, description, location, cuisine

Narrow results further by location, cuisine, rating, family-friendliness

All words in description must be included in searches

Slot 1: [IsSearchable]  
Slot 2: [IsSearchable, **Required**]  
Slot 3: [IsSearchable, IsFilterable]  
Slot 4: [IsSearchable, IsFilterable]

Todo: check Required attribute

We have a Search Service, where a column was not marked as Searchable, but now it is – would a search work immediately? **No, we have to rebuild the entire index again**

**Rebuild index:** drop + recreate (whole thing, cannot be column by column)

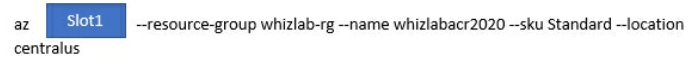
**Refresh Index:** longer runningbackground task, but add, remove, replace documents with minimal disruption

**Partition:** Provides index storage and IO for read/write operations (eg. When rebuilding or refreshing index)

**Replicas:** Instances of the search service, used primarily to load balance query operations (each replica hosts one copy of an index)

We are creating Search with 2 partitions and 2 replicas with PowerShell:  
New-AzSearchService  
-ResourceGroupName "skillcertlab-rg"  
-Name "skillcertlab-searchapp"  
-Sku "Standard"  
-Location "West US"  
-PartitionCount 2  
-ReplicaCount 2

# Azure Container Registry

Deploying Azure Container RegistrySlot 1: **acr create**

# Kubernetes

kubectl: command line tool that allows us to interact with the Kubernetes cluster

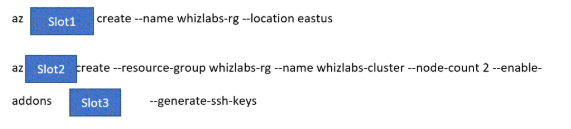
* kubectl apply: creates, updates resources in a cluster
* kubectl replace: deletes resource, then creates it again (apply tries to update it only)

Create Kubernetes cluster:

* az group create
* az aks create
* kubectl apply
* az aks get-credentials

Deploying a new Kubernetes cluster:  
- build new app image by using dockerfile  
- create an alias of the image with the fully qualified path to the registry  
- log into the registry and push the image

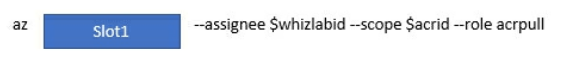
We are deploying AKS cluster:



Slot1: group  
Slot2: aks  
Slot3: monitoring (case study said so: Azure Monitor Container Health must be used to monitor the performance of workloads that are deployed to Kubernetes environments)

We have an app deployed to Kubernetes service, docker images stored in Container Registry  
We need to **deploy an updated version of the app to the cluster**  
- Create updated container image  
- Push the container image to the Container registry  
- Deploy the updated container image

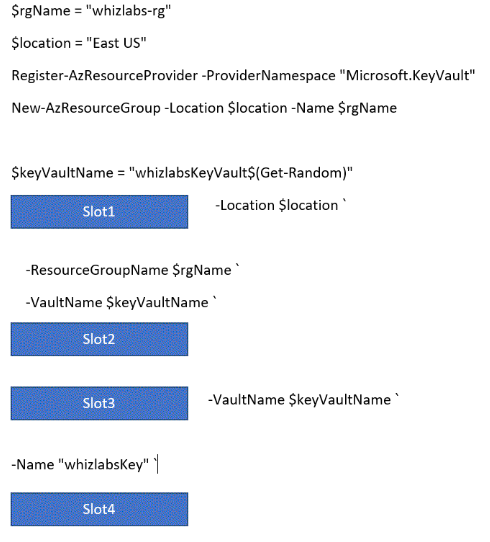
**When creating AKS cluster, this is fine:**az aks create  
--resource-group skillcertlabs-rg  
--name skillcertlabscluster  
--node-count 1  
--enable-addons monitoring  
--generate-ssh-keys

Kubernetes have rights to pull images from ACR:  
  
Slot 1: **role assignment** <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/tutorial-kubernetes-prepare-acr>

# Key Vault

We want to create a key in KeyVault via REST API:  
POST https://skillcertlabvault.vault.azure.net/keys/{keyname}/create?api-version=7.0

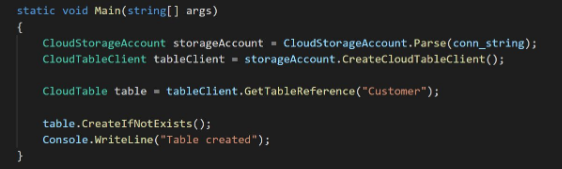
Body:  
   
Slot 1: key\_size (in bits, 2048, 3072, 4096)  
Slot 2: **key\_ops** (these are the allowed operations on the key: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/rest/api/keyvault/createkey/createkey>



Slot 1: New-AzKeyVault  
Slot 2: -EnabledForDiskEncryption  
Slot 3: Add-AzureKeyVaultKey  
Slot 4: -Destination “Software”

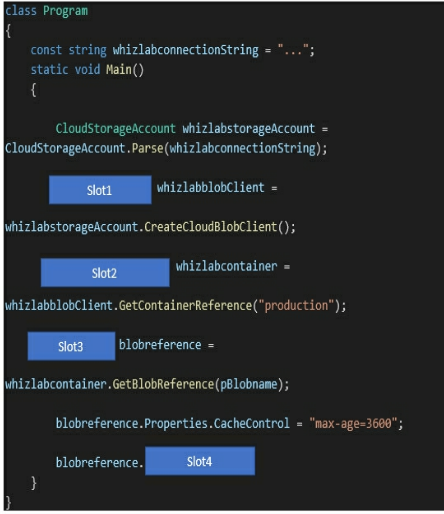
# Azure Storage Account

Max capacity of unmanaged storage: 2PB (North America + Europe – UK) else 500 TB  
Why create more storage accounts, if we won’t fill up 2PB? **We might exceed the 20.000 IO operations per sec.**

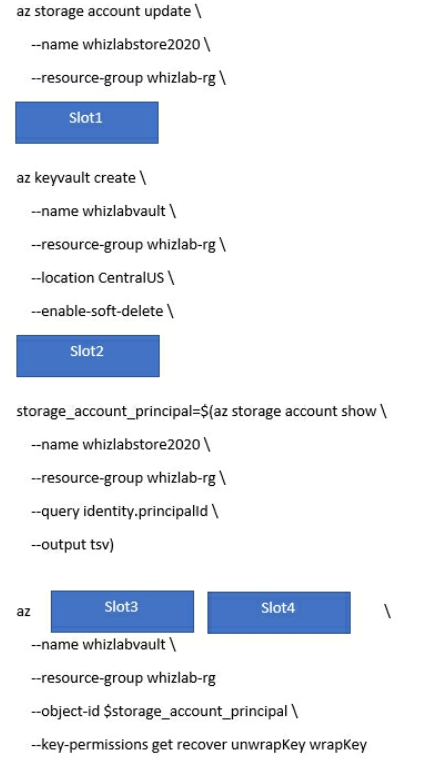


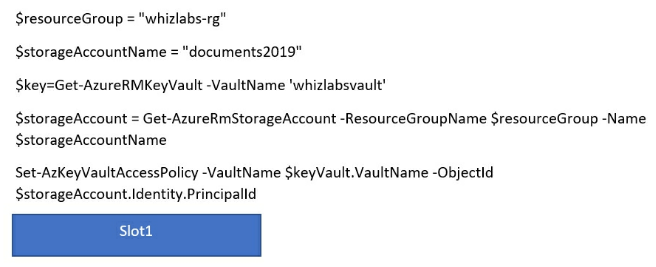
Can this create table Customer? **Yes, if connection string is provided**Can this work with CosmosDB? **Yes**Can this work with Azure Storage? **Yes 🡪 TableAPI is both for Azure Storage and CosmosDB**

We want to store files for 1 year, they won’t get accessed a lot: **use Blob Storage, Archieve tier  
Note, if we want to access these files, then change the tier of the object**

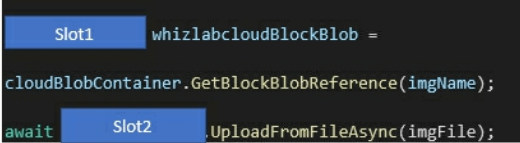
Storage account + CDN, set cache control for Blob in storage  


Slot 1: CloudBlobClient  
Slot 2: CloudBlobContainer  
Slot 3: CloudBlob  
Slot 4: SetProperties

Storage account, ensure data is encrypted at rest with key from key vault:  
  
Slot 1: **--assign identity**  
Slot 2: **--enable-purge-protection**  
Slot 3: keyvault  
Slot 4: set-policy  
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/common/storage-encryption-keys-cli>

  
(we are ensuring that the right script is in place to ensure that the storage account can use customer managed keys in the key vault)  
**-PermissionsToKeys wrapkey, unwrapkey, get**

[**https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/common/storage-service-encryption-customer-managed-keys**](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/common/storage-service-encryption-customer-managed-keys)



Uploading to blob  
Slot 1: **CloudBlockBlob**  
Slot 2: **CloudBlockBlob**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/blobs/storage-quickstart-blobs-dotnet>

We are using azcopy tool to copy objects from local folder (D:\demo) to storage account  
  
Slot 1: D:\demo (the local folder)  
Slot 2: <https://skillcertlabstore2020.blob.core.windows.net/demo> (full URI of blob container)  
**Slot 3: --recursive=true**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/common/storage-use-azcopy-v10>

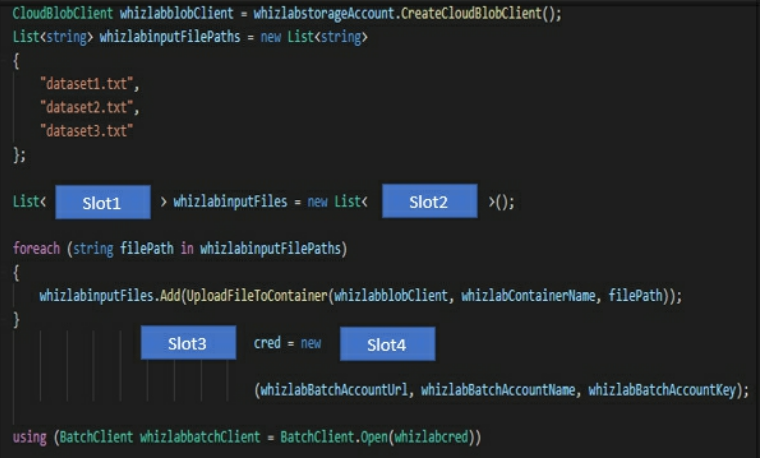
# Azure Blob Storage

Max block blob size: 4.75 TB

BLOB storage: concurrent updates shall not happen for same BLOB object: what to implement?  
**Set a Lease for the BLOB**

https://skillcertlabstore2020.blob.core.windows.net/demo/skillcertlabcommon.json?**[SLOT1]**Slot 1: **comp=lease**

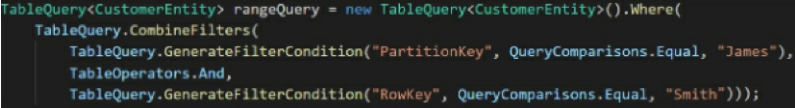
Leasing a block blob means putting a lock on it for write/delete operations.  
(15-60s or infinite)  
Acquire, Renew, Change (change id of existing lease), Release, Break (end lease, but another client cant acquire new release til this lease period has expired)

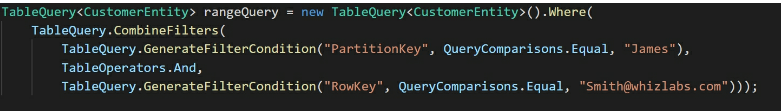
Slot 1: **RESOURCE FILE**  
Slot 2: RESOURCE FILE  
Slot 3: **BatchSharedKeyCredentials**  
Slot 4: BatchSharedKeyCredentials

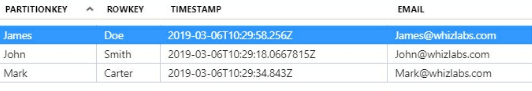
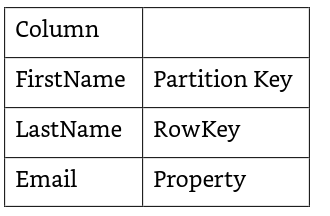
We have a report in BLOB and SQL DB that we want to access (linked in an email that must be valid if the user forwards the mail too)  
**Create a SharedAccessBlobPolicy and set the expiry time to two weeks from today.  
Call GetSharedAccessSignature on the blob and use the resulting link**

(created on the blob, not on the container, because we want to grant the least amount of access)

# Azure Table Storage

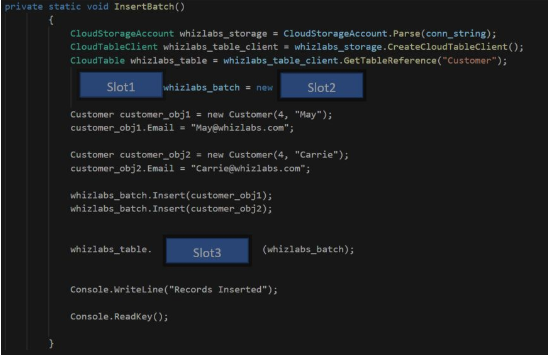
****Is this the same as the REST call /Customer(PartitionKey='James',RowKey='Smith')  
**Yes**

****Does this return all entities where rowkey is [Smith@skillcertlabs.com](mailto:Smith@skillcertlabs.com)  
**No, because AND filter on James**

We have table storage:  


We want FirstName = “James”  
TableQuery query = new TableQuery().Where(TableQuery.GenerateFilterCondition("**PartitionKey**", QueryComparisons.Equal, "James"));

**DO NOT USE FirstName – its not a column, it’s called PartitionKey**



Slot 1: TableBatchOperation  
Slot 2: TableBatchOperation  
Slot 3: ExecuteBatch

Querying from Azure storage (table Customers, partitioned by column firstname)  
Get all „Dave”s:

**TableQuery.GenerateFilterCondition(„PartitionKey”, QueryComparions.Equal, „Dave”)**

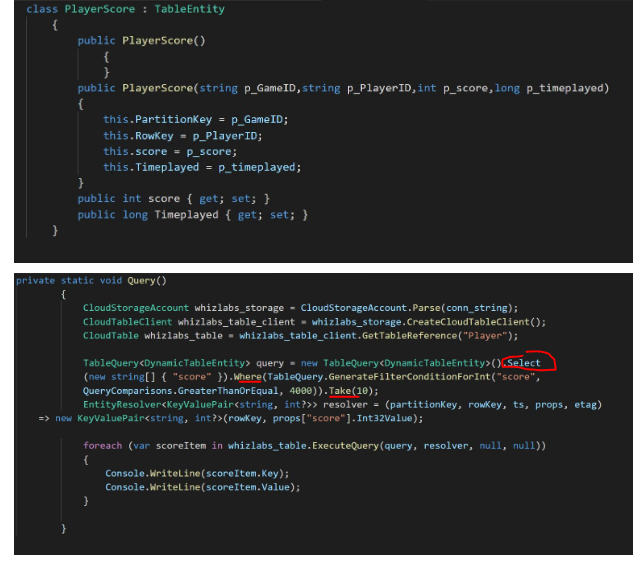
Table Storage:

* What is the parition key: The field with which we want to load balance the data
* What is the row key: Must have value



Slot 3: CloudTable  
Slot 4: TableOperation retrieve = TableOperation.Retrieve(p\_partitionKey, p\_rowKey)

This is valid:

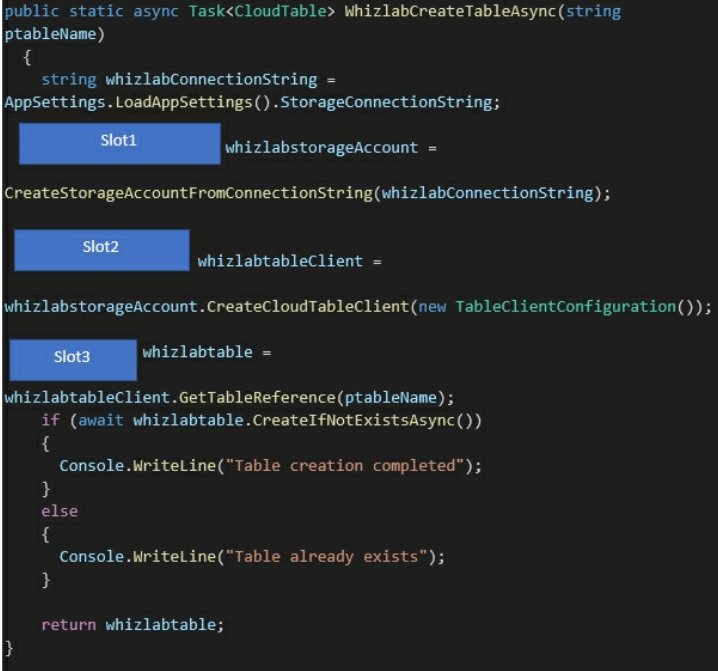


Fetch top 10 rows from table Customer via REST API from Table Storage:  
**https://skillcertlabstore2020.table.core.windows.net/Customers/10**

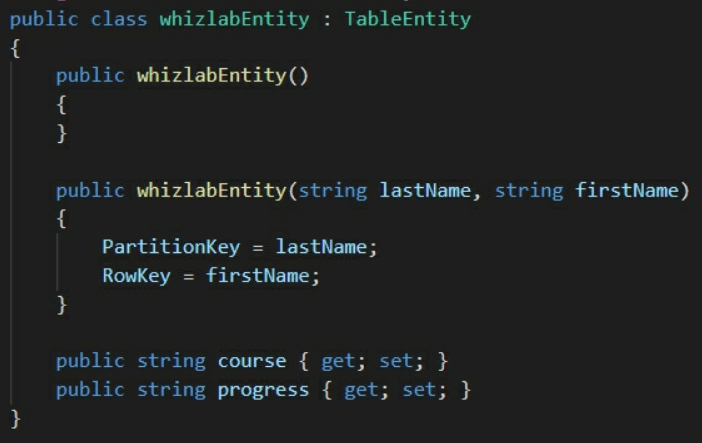
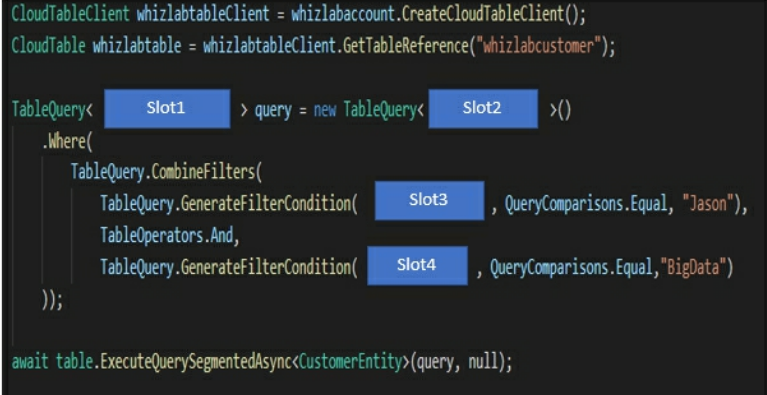
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/rest/api/storageservices/querying-tables-and-entities>

https://myaccount.table.core.windows.net/Tables('MyTable') -- returns table  
<https://myaccount.table.core.windows.net/MyTable> --returns rows

Some users needs some access to some tables from storage: **DO NOT USE ACCESS KEYS (provides access to EVERYTHING in storage account)  
DO NOT USE ACCESS TOKENS  
USE SHARED ACCESS SIGNATURES (to limit to just Azure Table storage)**

We are interacting with Table storage from .NET  


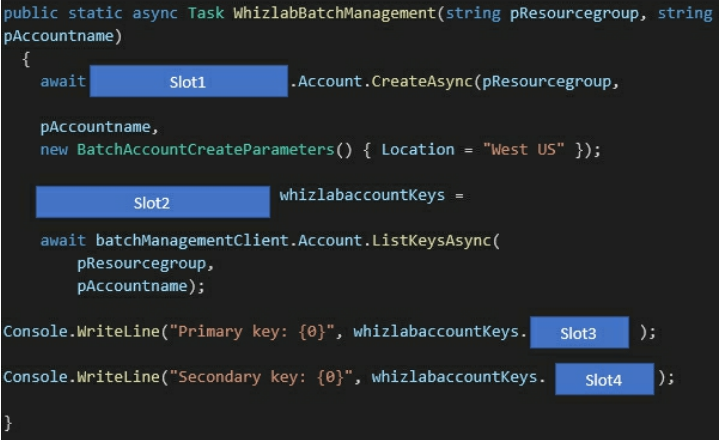
Slot 1: CloudStorageAccount  
Slot 2: CloudTableClient  
Slot 3: CloudTable

We have this: **“Get the customer whose last name is Jason, and course name is BigData”**  
  
  
Slot 1: whizlabEntity  
Slot 2: whizlabEntity  
Slot 3: lastName  
Slot 4: course  
 **?????  
NOTE: Apparently PartitionKey is not used in queries, refer to them as their normal column names  
This is not the case for PrimaryKeys  
??????**

# Batch Service

Azure Batch Service: create compute nodes 🡪 BatchClient.PoolOperations.CreatePool()  
Azure Batch Service: submit a job 🡪 JobOperations.CreateJob() + CloudJob.CommitAsync(Ienumerable, CancellationToken)

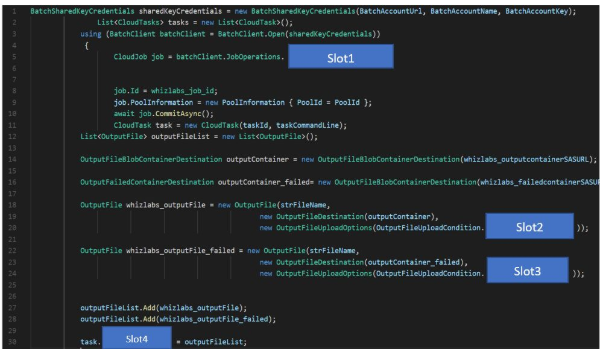
I have a Batch Service’s code, it should put its output to Storage account: **DO NOT get access keys of storage account and submit them to batch job, NOR use CORS (...) 🡪 use SAS (shared access signature)**

We are to interact with Batch Service (create account, retrieve keys)  
  
Slot 1: BatchManagementClient  
Slot 2: BatchAccountListKeyResult  
Slot 3: Primary  
Slot 4: Secondary

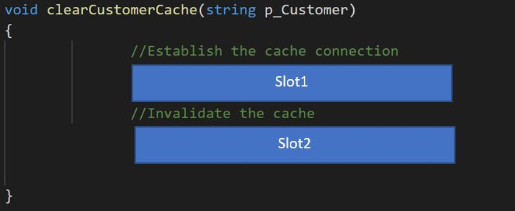
We have an Azure CLI script to work with Batch Service, what’s the good order to run?



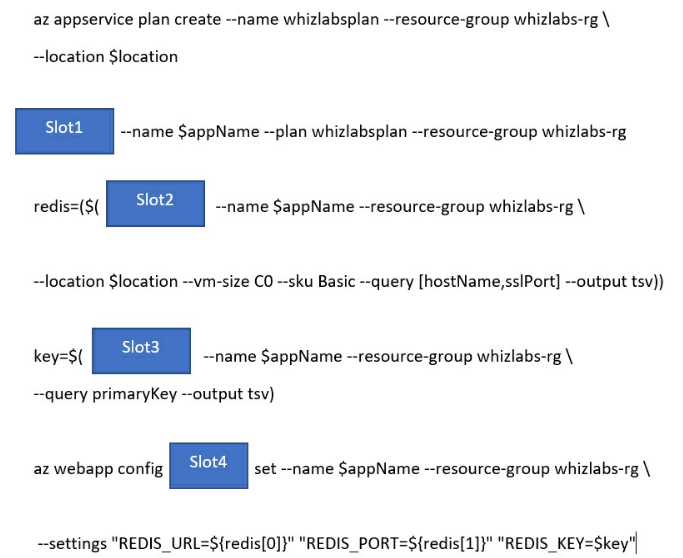
2, 4, 3, 1

  
Slot 1: CreateJob  
Slot 2: TaskSuccess  
Slot 3: TaskFailure  
Slot 4: OutputFiles

# Redis



Redis cache  
Slot 1: IDatabase cache = Connection.GetDatabase();  
Slot 2: cache.KeyDelete(p\_Customer);

WebApp with Redis  


Slot 1: az webapp create  
Slot 2: az redis create  
Slot 3: az redis list-keys  
Slot 4: appsettings

What to store in Redis cache: **Session state** (not HttpContext.Items, ViewState or TempData)

* Cache aside: load data from DB only when needed
* Content caching: static content
* User session caching: shopping carts, etc (before they used to use cookies, but they can grow, have to be validated, etc 🡪 use cookie as the key to the cache/db)
* Job and messauge queuing
* Distributed transaction

We want to increase memory limit of cache, but Redis won’t allow that: **implement Redis Cluster, add a second shard to double the memory available**

**Redis cluster:**

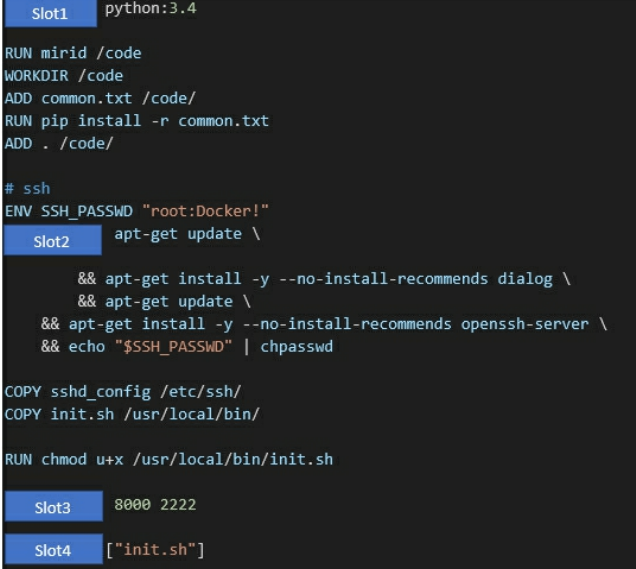
* Split dataset among multiple nodes
* Continue operations, even if some nodes are failing
* More throughput: linearly increases, as more shards are being added
* More memory size: linearly increases, as more shards are being added  
  Premium feature offers clustering, persistence, virtual network support.

10 shards per cluster (each is a primary/replicate cache pair managed by Azure)  
10 shards, create 530 GB of memory (53GB per one)

# Dockerfile

Create Dockerfile, with: application skillcertlabs.dll runs at startup, run a powershell script (both files are in the same directory as Dockerfile)

FROM microsoft/dotnet:2.-aspnetcore-runtime  
ENTRYPOINT[„dotnet”, „skillcertlabs.dll”]  
RUN powershell „skillcertlabsscript.ps1”

  
Slot 1: FROM  
Slot 2: RUN  
Slot 3: EXPONSE  
Slot 4: **ENTRYPOINT**

# SQL Database

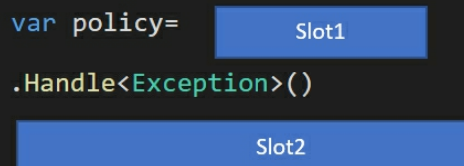
**Elastic Database Pools**: Manage, scale multiple DBs in a cost effective manner (which have varying, unpredictable usage demands). They are on a single SQL database server, share a set number of resources at a set price.  
Great, when DBs in the pool have independent utilization patterns (if all DBs in the pool peak at the same time, there won’t be any cost saving).

**Advanced Threat Protection:** optional, has a fee, but protects from unusual client behavior + potentially harmful attempts to access or exploit databases.

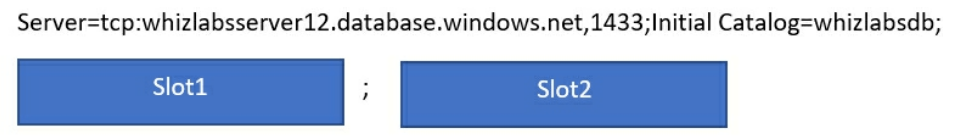
Azure does some automatic optimization for me:

* Remove unused indexes
* Add new indexes
* Force last good execution plan to get used

We are modifying Database.cs, to ensure retries are in place for any DB failure

  
Slot 1: new Policy  
Slot 2: WaitAndRetryAsync

**SQL DB, we want encrypted connection:**  
Set Encrypt=True  
Set **TrustServerCertificate**=False

  
Slot 1: Integrated Security=SSPI (uses Windows authentication)  
Slot 2: Encrypt=True (encrypt data in transit)

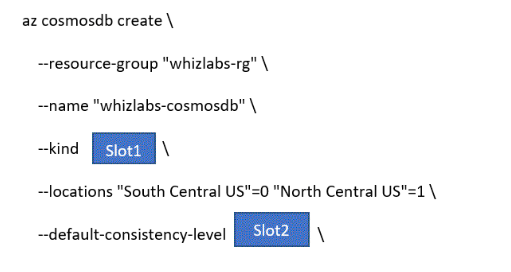
We have a SQL DB, with a column „SSN” to which external company should have no access: **use Enable AlwaysOn encryption**

* Incorrect answers include:
  + set column encryption as disabled,
  + Assign users to public fixed database role
  + Store column encryption keys in system catalogue view of the DB (nope, should be always in KeyVault)

# CosmosDB

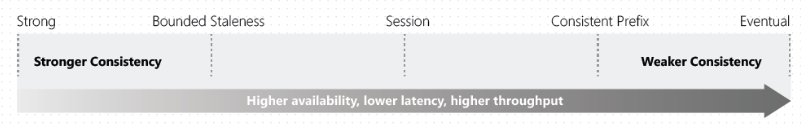
CosmosDB containers have unlimited storage capacity.

We aren’t paying for CPU, memory, etc, but for: **storage used in GB, provisioned request units per sec (RU/s)**

  
Requirement: we are using SQL queriesSlot1: **GlobalDocumentDB** (todo: review JSON, MongoDB, SQL options for **kind**)  
Slot2: whichever most suited from question

CosmosDB for hospital patients, requirements:

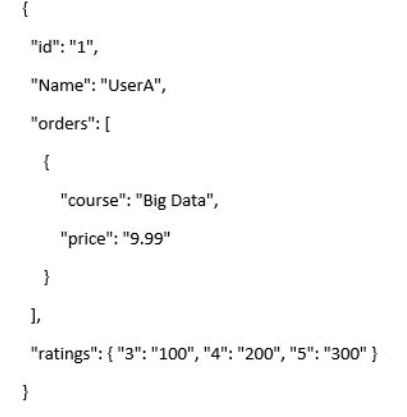
1. Status of patient must be the most recent (even if multiple users in different locations update the same patient’s records) 🡪 STRONG CONSISTENCY
2. Health of patient is recorded by one module, here it needs to be unsured that the data must be either the current version, or the previous version 🡪 BOUNDED STALENESS
3. If patient discharged, all charges to be processed, final bill processed 🡪 EVENTUAL CONSISTENCY



1. **Strong:** Reads return the most recent version (pricey)
2. **Bounded staleness:** Reads consistent with a **preconfigured lag**
   1. Lag can consist of a number of the most recent (K) versions or time interval (T)
3. **Session:** client session scope, best balance between strong consistency and performance by eventual consistency (best where writes occur in the context of a single user)
4. **Consistent Prefix:** Always read in the same order as I write (no guarantee that I can read all the data)
   1. If I write A, B, C then I can read: A or A,B or A,B,C (but never A,C or B,A,C)
5. **Eventual Consistency:** no guarantee for order

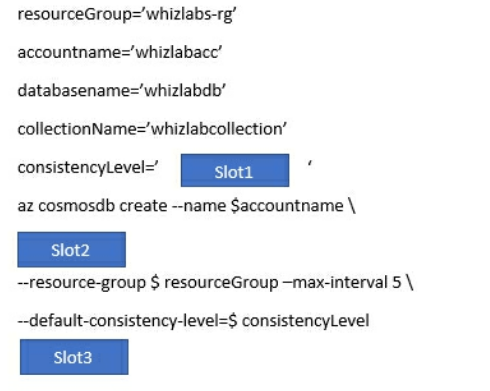
We are developing multiple apps, all of which use separate CosmosDB accounts

App A: not critical app, no orders of reads is required 🡪 **Eventual Consistency**  
App B: must never see out of order writes 🡪 **Consistent Prefix**  
App C: users must see the latest committed write 🡪 **Strong**  
App D: data can be stale by at most 2 versions 🡪 **Bounded Staleness**

We have a web app, users upload images to Blob storage  
This is sent to Azure Function, then into Cosmos DB:  
  
We want to get all items where order price is 9.99

  
Slot 1: customers.orders  
Slot 2: c.price

CosmosDb, we want 99.99% availability, accept writes even if network outage, or failures are happening  
Process data in the same sequence as writes are made  
Allow out of order data with max 5s tolarence  
Use SQL API



Slot1: BoundedStaleness  
Slot 2: --enable-automatic-failover true  
Slot 3: --locations ‘southcentalus=0 eastus=1’ (we are defining two, because of failover rate)

We are updating CosmosDB account, to ensure **failover rate is in place**

az cosmosdb update \  
--name "skillcertlabscosmosdb" \  
--resource-group "skillcertlabs-rg" \  
--locations "South Central US"=0 "North Central US"=1 "East US"=2

# WebApp

Max number of apps in a single **App Service free account**? 10

Azure App Service Environment (ASE): Fully isolated, dedicated environment for apps

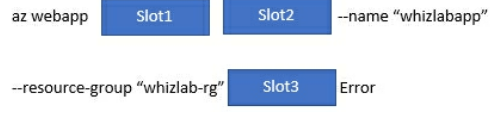
We are creating Docker/Go app to be deployed to Azure App Service Linux  
There’s no resource groups yet  
- az group create  
- az appservice plan create  
- az webapp create

We want to enable App Insights for web app, what needs to be enabled prior to that? **Always on** (???)  
We want web app to stay online always: **Shared tier is no good**, but **basic tier does support Always On** feature (**standard is OK too, but not as cost effective as Basic**)

WebApp has D1 subscription, needs scaling

* Configure web app to use Standard App Service Plan **(we need this. No Shared subscription is enough, but Premium is too much)**
* Enable autoscaling
* Configure scale condition
* Add scale rule

We want a Web App to scale on demand: **Application Insights metric**

We have a web app, we want to stream logs from the app and filter out on any errors:  
  
Slot 1: log  
Slot 2: tail  
Slot 3: --filter

**TODO: AZ LOG TAIL** <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/app-service/troubleshoot-diagnostic-logs>

We have a RESTful API backend as Web App  
To secure API, what to configure as **Target? 🡪 HTTPS endpoint**To secure API, what to configure as Gateway **🡪 Client cert**

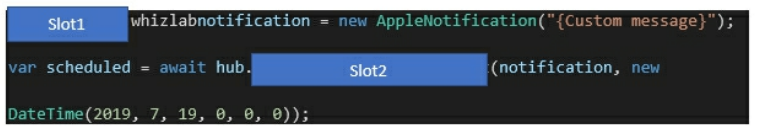
We have a Web App for 4 customers (they need it on separate, individual instances)

* Ability to automatically scale on demand
* Use deployment slots for staging
* Separate, isolated network
* **Use isolated app service plan**

To create a new app: **New-AzWebApp**

# Mobile App, Notification Hub

We are communicating with Notification Hubs SDK:



Slot 1: Notification  
Slot 2: ScheduleNotificationAsync

**Todo: SEND notification async vs SCHEDULE notification async**

* 1. **Push:** push local CUD changes (all of them) to DB via multiple REST calls
  2. **Pull:** per-table basis, SDK inserts the data to local store
  3. **Implicit Pushes:** pull is executed, but there are local changes (first executes push to sync context)
  4. **Incremental Sync:**

We have a mobile app that supports offline data sync, update latest messages during normal sync cycles. **Retrieve records from Offline Data Sync using Incremental Sync + Return the updatedAt column from the Mobile Service Backend and implement sorting by using the column**

**TODO: pull/push data sync incremental** <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/app-service-mobile/app-service-mobile-offline-data-sync>



Slot1: NotificationHubClient  
Slot2: NotificationHubClient  
Slot3: CreateClientFromConnectionString  
Slot4: SendWindowsNativeNotificationAsync

# App Insights

There’s too much logging done in App Insights: **Implement Application Insights Sampling**Sampling is a feature in [Azure Application Insights](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/app-insights-overview). It is the recommended way to reduce telemetry traffic and storage, while preserving a statistically correct analysis of application data.   
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/sampling>

We have an app using App Insights and we want to set a cap to not go above budget: **Set daily cap for the Application Insights instance**

We have an app with App Insights wired into it:

* We need to know if most customers are progressing through the entire process in the app, or if they are ending the process at some point: **FUNNEL**
* Is page load time impact how many people convert on my page? **IMPACT**
* Analyze how many users return to the app, how often they perform particular tasks or achieve goals: **RETENTION**
* Show how users navigate between pages and feature of the site: **USER FLOWS**

A cohort is a set of users, sessions, events, or operations that have something in common. In Azure Application Insights, cohorts are defined by an analytics query. In cases where you have to analyze a specific set of users or events repeatedly, cohorts can give you more flexibility to express exactly the set you’re interested in.

We are adding app insights logging (**make sure that log messages can be correlated to events tracked by App Insights**):  


Slot1: ApplicationInsightsLoggerOptions  
Slot2: IncludeEventId  
Slot3: app.ApplicationServices

# API Management

We are setting up API management in Azure, authentication via client certificates  
- **INSTALL THE CERTIFICATE INTO API MANAGEMENT**do not: create client certi within API management instance, or add the certi’s data to API management instance, or enable SSL on the API management instance  
  
What policies needs to be used to define the client certificate authentication attribute? **INBOUND** (not primary)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/api-management/api-management-authentication-policies>

we have an API Management instance, app accepts JSON data  
We have external partner connecting to it, data is sent in XML  
We have to ensure that data gets converted from XML to JSON: **use API management policy** (wrong answer: Event Hub namespace, this is used to log events from API management instance)

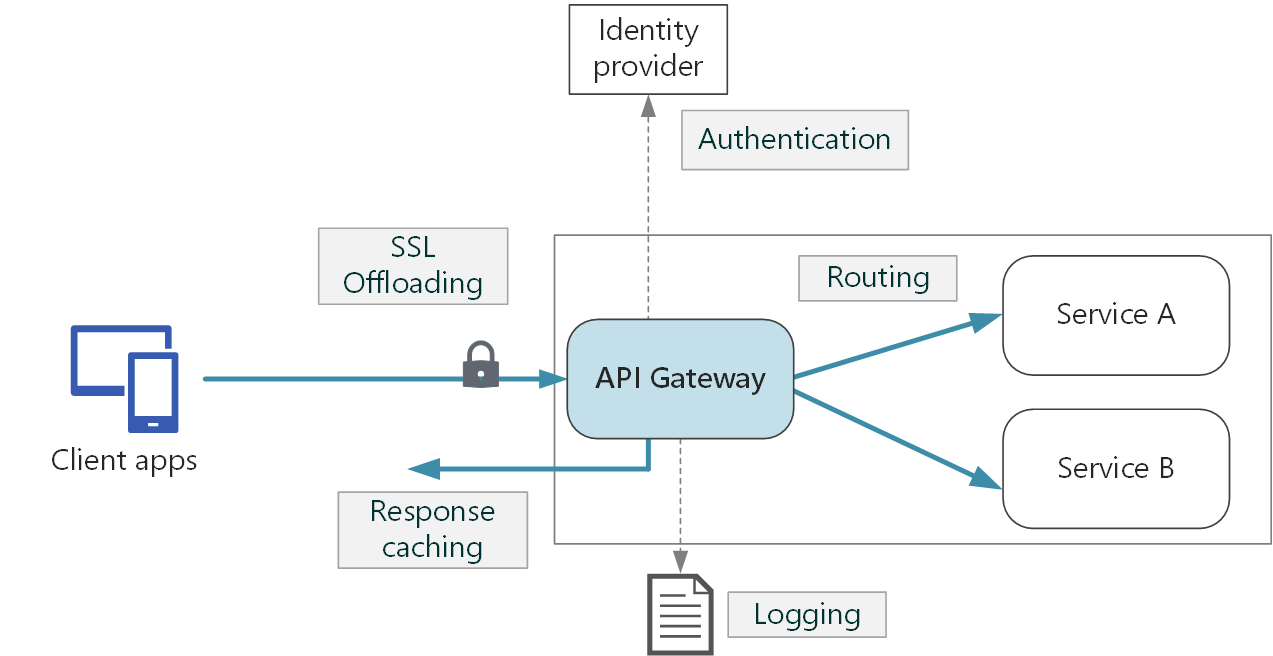
We have API Management, which must:  
- Support alternative input parameters  
- Remove formatting text from responses: **OUTBOUND Policy**  
- Provide additional context to backend services  
- Rewrite the request URL to match to the format expected by other web service: **INBOUND Policy  
-** Forward the user ID associated with the subscription key for the original request to the backend service: **INBOUND Policy**

**TODO:** <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/api-management/api-management-transformation-policies>

We are caching with Azure API Management:

* A set-variable policy to store the detected user identity: **Inbound policy**
* A cache-lookup-value policy: **Inbound policy**
* A cache-store-value policy: **Outbound policy**
* A find-and-replace policy to update the response body with the user profile info: **Inbound policy**

# Azure Application Gateway



An API Gateway can be API Management  
  
Azure Application Gateway: Load balancer, but eg. uses values from request header

Azure Load Balancer: **for VMs inside a region,** high performance, low latency, layer-4 load balancing.

Azure Traffic Manager: global DNS load balancing (flexible policies, eg. direct to closest, or least busy endpoint)

* **Priority:** select primary endpoint a few backups in case primary fails
* **Weighed:** distribute traffic across endpoints (evenly or by weight)
* **Performance:** redirect to closest endpoint in terms of lowest network latency
* **Geographic:** redirect to closest geographic endpoint by DNS
* **Multivalue:** can only have IPv4, IPv6 endpoints
* **Subnet:** map end user IP address ranges to specific endpoints
* Nested: flexible multi-level policies (combine)

# CDN

CDN uses the edge network to ensure that the files are closest to the users that need them, resulting in low latency.

**Verizon allows different static content to be served to mobiles, compared to full sized screens.**

Order CDN

1. User requests image from CDN URL, the DNS routes the request to the best performing Point of Presence location
2. If no edge server in the Point of Presence has an imagine in the cache, it will request it from the origin server
3. The origin server will return an image to the Edge server in the Point of Presence (it’ll cache the image and return the image to the user)
4. Subsequent s may redirected to the same Point of Presence

CDN service: if users make requests based on passing an ID parameter, then those should be always served from a Point of Presence, eg https://skillcertlabs.com/Customer.aspx?ID=1

What to set for query string setting of CDN? **Cache every unique URL  
todo** <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/cdn/cdn-query-string>

What if website’s static content is extremely personalized for each user? **CDN reads the HTML as it server is:**

* **Prefetch next set of URLs before the user browser requests them**
* **Apply dynamic compression to images**

# Logic Apps

Logic apps: edit B2B workflow, what to use 🡪 Enterprise Integration Pack  
Logic apps: edit definitions in JSON, what to use 🡪 Code View editor  
Logic apps: visually add functionality, what to use 🡪 Logic Apps Designer

We have an Azure Logic App not working:  
**DO: Review the run history, review the trigger history  
DON’T: Review the API connections, review the activity log**

If I have one running in multi-tenant environment, and I want it to have its own hardware and network, I should use: **Integrated Service Environment (ISE) [don’t confuse with ASE, App Service Environment]  
This is Logic App specific**

If logic app times out because it calls an API that fails to deliver before timeout: **make an async request instead**

These cannot be debugged, run or tested in local machine.

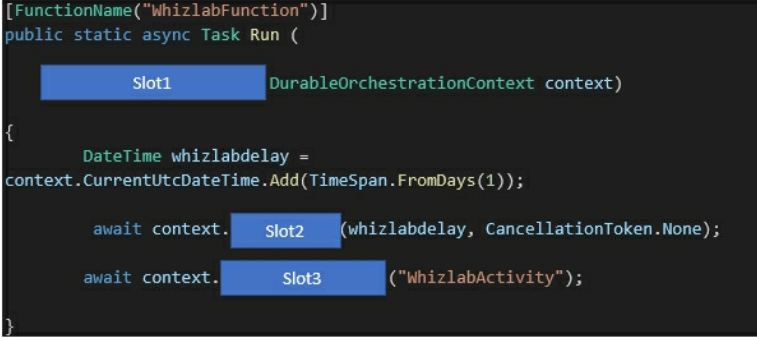
# Function Apps

Can be run, debugged, tested on local machine.

How to restrict public internet access: Removal of HTTP triggers, IP access restriction

Ensure that Azure Function writes to Azure Table storage: **use an output binding**

We have a couple apps as Functions, we want to enable App Insights for them  
Where to add instrumentation key? **App settings in Azure Functions**Config amount of telemetry items sent per sec, where to do this? **Host.json**

We are working with Durable Functions, create a durable timer function:  
  
Slot 1: **OrchestrationTrigger** cause when working with durable functions, we use orchestration trigger  
Slot 2: **CreateTimer**  
Slot 3: **CallActivityAsync**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/durable/durable-functions-timers>

We have an Azure Function which reads messages from queue, write data to Table storage



Slot 1: in  
Slot 2: table  
Slot 3: out

maxDequeueCount: by default, if function fails, it will retry an additional 4 times (5 tries in total)

# Web Jobs

* **Triggered**: manually/on schedule, runs on single instance that Azure selects for load balancing (no remote debugging)
* **Continous**: starts immediately after creation (endless loop), runs on all instances that the web app runs on (can be restricted to a single instance) (yes remote debugging)

Supported: EXE, PowerShell, JS  
NOT supported: Ruby

# Event Grid

We are integrating modules of app with Event Grid, they have to filter events  
- Endpoint A: receive failure messages for any resource deployed to Azure subscription: **use filter option EVENTTYPES**  
- Endpoint B: receive messages whenever objects are added to specific container in Blob storage: **Subject beings with or ends with**  
- Endpoint C: receive messages whenever data fields in the message has the value of ‘Org’: **Advanced fields and operators**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/event-grid/event-filtering>

Todo: refresh on Azure AD + Event Grid (topics vs subscriptions)

* Eg: sign in and sign outs need their separate topics
* SqlFilter
* CorrelationFilter
* True/FalseFilter
* No Filter: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/service-bus-messaging/topic-filters>

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Parsing event data from Event grid:



Slot1: id  
Slot2: topic  
Slot3: eventType

# Event Hub

Its speed is determined by the number of Throughput Units I reserve for it.  
Can be between 1 and 20.  
1 throughput unit means: **1 MB per sec or 1000 events per sec (whichever happens first)**

We are interacting with Event Hub: we want high throughput, what API to use? **CreateBatch**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/event-hubs/event-hubs-programming-guide>

Then use **SendAsync**

Event Hub, data is streamed to BLOB storage  
**Use Event Hubs Capture**<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/event-hubs/event-hubs-capture-enable-through-portal>

# Event message delivery service comparison

**Event:** lightweight notification of a condition or state change. Publisher has no expectation about how the event is handled (consumer decides).  
Discrete events: perfect for serverless solutions that need to scale  
Series events: analyzable, time-ordered, interrelated.

**Message:** Raw data, produced by a service to be consumed or stored. Publisher has expectation about how the message should be handled (contract exists on the two sides, eg. Publisher expects to get responded with a processed file from the raw data by the subscriber).

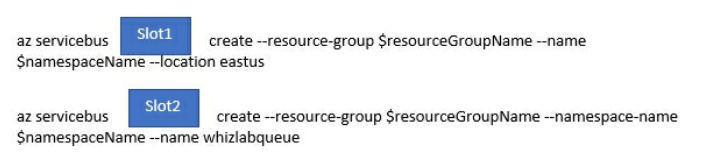
Service bus: Message, high value enterprise messaging  
Event Grid: Event (discrete), event distribution, react to status changes  
Event Hub: Event (series), event streaming, telemetry etc

# Service Bus

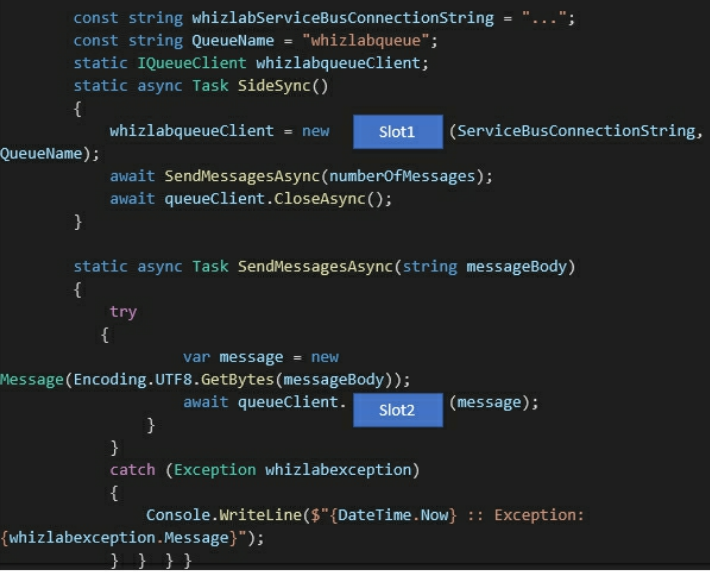
Enterprise grade message queue, intended for traditional enterprise apps.  
When handling high-value messages that cannot be lost or duplicated, use Azure Service Bus.

Brokered messaging service (stored messages in a broker, eg. Queue)

**Can be used for:** At the end of each day, the Wind Collector sends a message that contains all of the days statistics in JSON format which needs to be read, processed, and posted to the database.

We are creating Azure Service Bus queue  
  
Slot 1: namespace  
Slot 2: queue

Use Nuget Package: Microsoft.ServiceBus.Messaging to use EventHubClient

We have an app that needs to interact with Azure Service bus queue  
  
Slot 1: QueueClient  
Slot 2: SendAsync

We are creating a service bus in namespace “skillcertlabs”  
New-**AzureRmServiceBusQueue** -ResourceGroupName ""skillcertlabs-rg"" -**NamespaceName** skillcertlabs -Name skillcertlabsqueue -EnablePartitioning $False"

We have an app:

* Driver selects restaurant for which they will deliver order
* Orders are sent to all drivers in the area
  + But only orders for selected restaurant will get shown to drivers
  + First driver who accepts it, makes it disappears for others
* We are using Azure Service Bus

**CREATE A SINGLE SERVICE BUS Topic  
CREATE A SINGLE SERVICE BUS Namespace  
CREATE A SERVICE BUS Subscription for each restaurant for which a driver can receive messages**

Drivers are subscribers

We have a message that gets processed twice (processing completed, but exception thrown before deleting the message from the queue): **switch the queue to „at-most-once” delivery**

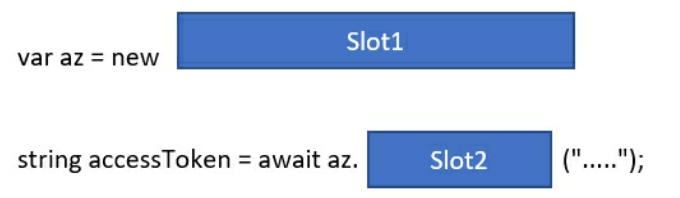
# Security

Things required for app to use Azure AD as its authentication provider

1. Redirect URI
2. Application ID

Where to store client certificates: **HTTP request header** (not client cookie, http message body or url query string)  
What encoding to use? **Base64**

We have a managed service identity, we want GetCredentials to access token via it:

  
Slot 1: Azure**ServiceTokenProvider**() <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/managed-identities-azure-resources/how-to-use-vm-token>  
Slot 2: GetAccessTokenAsync

Multi factor authentication for Azure AD:

* Needs Azure AD Premium
* Azure Ad 🡪 create new conditional access policy

Authentication:

* To communicate with MS Support: **Microsoft.Support/\***
* Useful:
  + Get-AzRoleDefinition –Name „Reader” | ConverTo-Json Out-File c:\sample.json
  + Set-AzRoleDefinition –Role $role
  + (there’s no update)

The user’s Security Pin must be stored in such a way that access to the database does not allow the viewing of Security Pins. The web application is the only system that should have access to Security Pins.

**NO:** “Using the Azure Portal, add Data Masking to the SecurityPin column, and exclude the dbo user.  
Add a SQL security policy with a filter predicate based on the user identity”  
*Data Masking is normally used when you want to mask certain parts of a column data value. Here we need to ensure that the Security PIN cannot be deciphered at all.*

**NO:** “Enable Always Encrypted for the SecurityPin column using a certificate based on a trusted certificate authority. Ensure users are given instructions to ensure that the certificate is installed on user machines”

**YES:** “Enable Always Encrypted for the SecurityPin column using a certificate contained in Azure Key Vault and grant the WebAppldentity service principal access to the certificate”

We have an app secured by using AAD account (which has full access to all namespaced of the AKS cluster) 🡪 **Place the AAD account into an Azure AD group, create a ClusterRoleBinding and assign it to the group**