Seven Advantages of Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing

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- Azure Cloud offers a pay-as-you-go pricing model (aka consumption-based pricing model)
- Key aspects to remember:
 - No upfront costs
 - Pay extra for resources only when needed (elasticity)
 - No infrastructure to purchase and manage



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- Azure Cloud is highly scalable and can accommodate any business growth; manual or automatic.
- Azure cloud can adapt to your business by scaling either vertically or horizontally













Vertical Scaling

Horizontal Scaling

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Azure Cloud is highly elastic and can adapt to demand changes, adding or removing resources

Remember the Black Friday example?

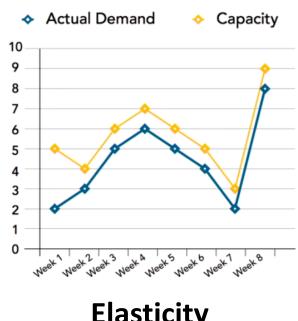








Usual Traffic Unexpected Heavy Traffic



Elasticity

Azure Cloud is Current

Azure Cloud is Always Up to Date (Current)

- ☐ Azure Cloud is always up to date, running on most current and recommended hardware and software versions
- Microsoft Azure is responsible for:
 - Hardware configuration
 - Software patching
 - SW and HW upgrades
 - Replace faulty equipment
- ... and everything is transparent to you!



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- With Azure Cloud you can really go global in minutes; easily deploy your application in multiple regions around the world with just a few clicks
- This means you can provide lower latency and a better experience for your customers at minimal cost
- Azure Global Infrastructure



Azure Cloud is Secure

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- Azure Cloud is Secure, enforcing strict security policies at both physical and digital layers
- Physical security is Azure Cloud's responsibility: secure DCs, cameras, locks, specialized security personnel, etc.



- Digital security: Azure provides access to resources in the cloud only to authorized users
- More about Azure Security in Module 10

Azure Cloud is Reliable

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Azure Cloud is highly reliable, providing redundancy and fault tolerance to resources

□ Azure Cloud infrastructure is built in order to accommodate disasters; if one component fails, a backup component will seamlessly take ownership, assuring service availability



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