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The image shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the 'New' button is highlighted with a red circle and the number 1. Below it, the 'Web + Mobile' category is highlighted with a red circle and the number 2. In the 'Featured' section, the 'Mobile App' service is highlighted with a red circle and the number 3. At the bottom left, the 'Pin to dashboard' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red circle and the number 6, and the 'Create' button is highlighted with a red circle and the number 7. On the right, the 'Mobile App' configuration form is shown. The 'App name' field is highlighted with a red circle and the number 4, and the 'Resource Group' section is highlighted with a red circle and the number 5. The 'App name' field contains 'myserviceexample' and the 'Resource Group' section has 'Create new' selected and 'myserviceexample' entered.

Creating services on the cloud and configuring them

Click **New** in the Azure control panel and select **Mobile App** from the list of services.

App name - specify a unique name for your service (in this case **myserviceexample**)

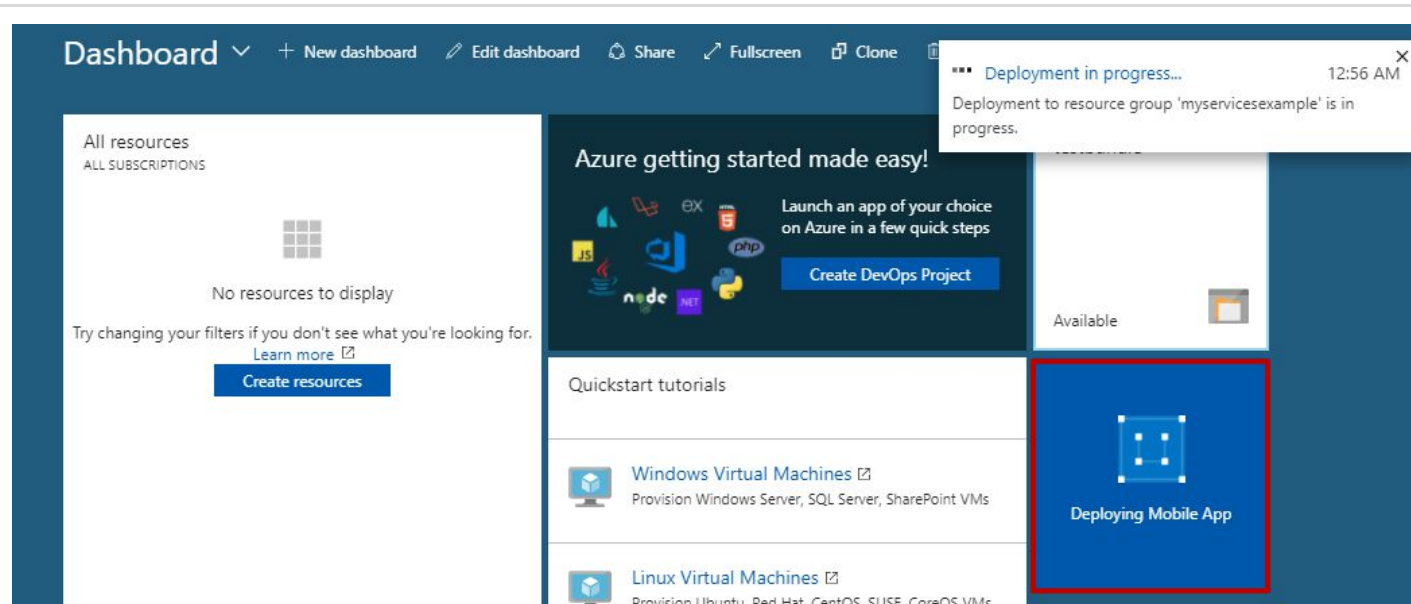
Resource Group you must select an existing one or specify a new one.

Within the resource groups, you can create the right groups of applications, services, and databases.

We recommend you to tick the **Pin to dashboard** option so that a link to our service appears on the main page.

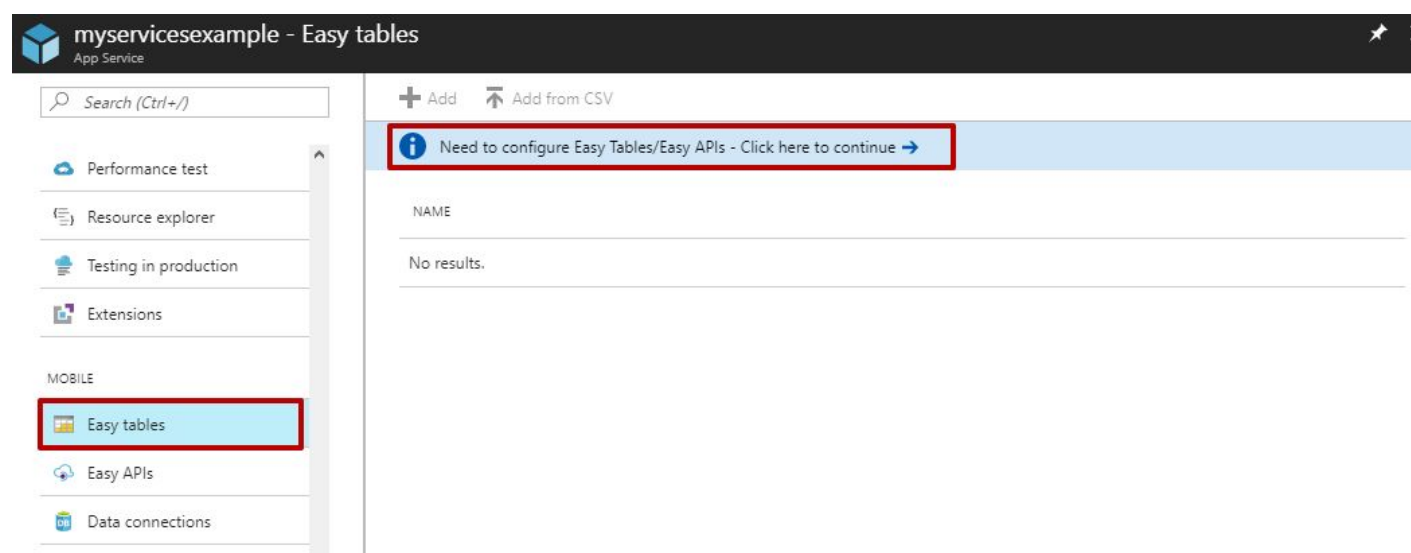
Click **Create**.

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By clicking the Create button, the process of deploying the service on the cloud will begin.

After the end of this process, the service will be ready for use.



To store the data of our game we will use **Easy Tables**. First, we need to quickly create an **MS SQL** database in which we will store our tables.

Select in the menu on the left **Easy Tables** and then **Click to continue**, click the arrow to the right, as in the screenshot.


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Easy Tables

Easy Tables is not supported on your current App Service app. Please initialize your App Service app for Easy Tables support.

1

 You need a database to use Easy Tables. Click here to create one.

2

Initialize your App Service app to use Easy Tables. Note that this will overwrite your existing site contents.
☐ I acknowledge that this will overwrite all site contents.

Create TodoItem table

Data Connections

+ Add

NAME	TYPE
No Data Connections	

Now we will continue setting up our tables, for step **1 Connect** a database, click on the exclamation mark and in the window **Data Connections** click button Add.

Add data connection

Type
SQL Database

SQL Database

Configure required settings

* Connection string
Configure required settings

Database

+ Create a new database

No databases found

SQL Database

* Name
dbserviceexample

* Target server
Configure required settings

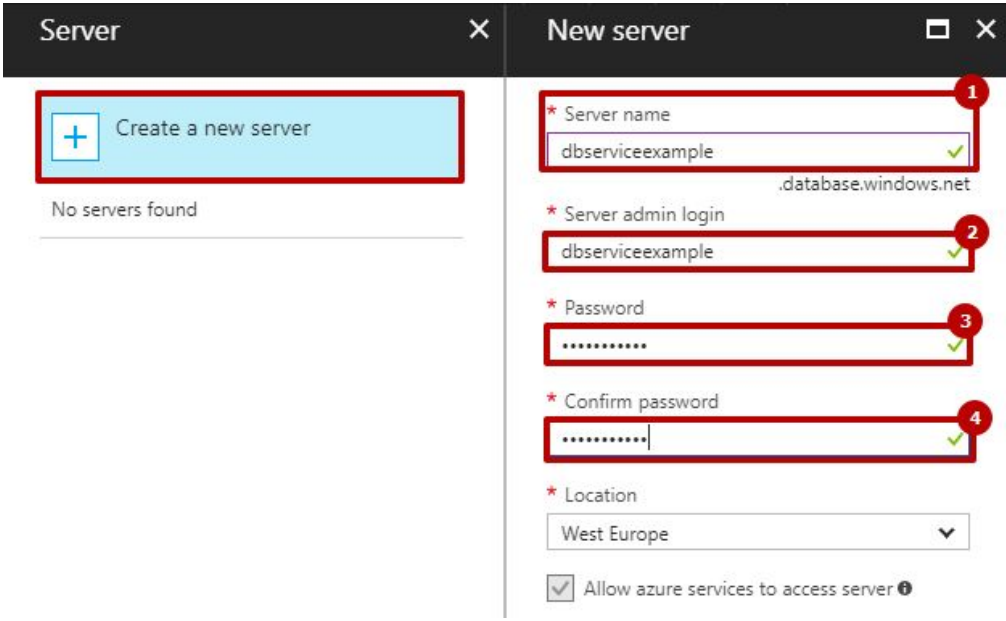
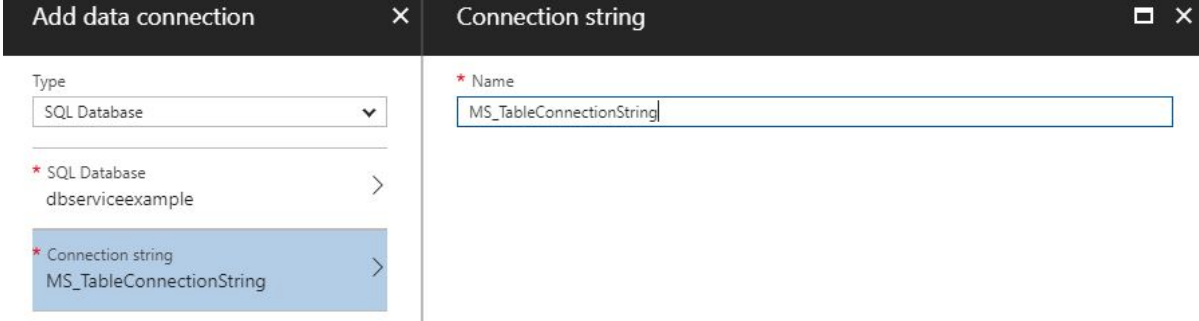

* Pricing tier
Configure required settings

* Collation
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In order to create a new connection, we need a database. Click **Create a new database** then enter the name of our database. Important field **Target server**. By default, you will not have a server, so we'll create it later.


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	<p>Click Create a new server to create the server.</p> <p>Server name can be any unique name, then create Server admin login (you need to remember it, copy it into a text file) and fill Password field - the password for the administrator (you also need to remember it, copy it to a text file) then select the server location and click Select.</p>
	<p>After that we need to connect to the newly created MS SQL server. In the Add data connection window, select Connection String. In addition to the name, sometimes the system asks for the administrator's name (we just created it) and the password. (We also just created it and I hope it was not forgotten). We press the button Ok.</p>
	<p>Now we are waiting for the connection to the database to appear.</p>

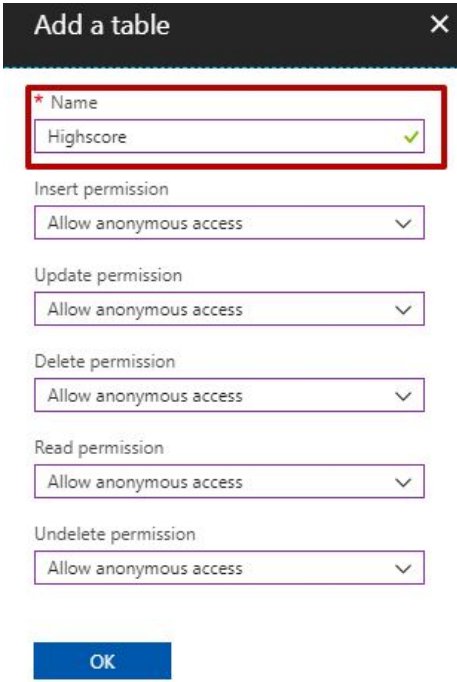
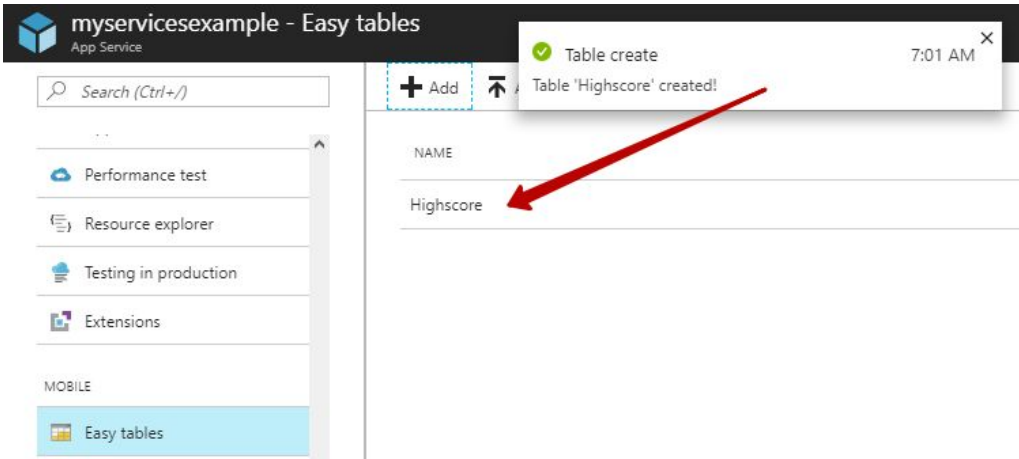
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	<p>You will see the Add a table menu, in order to avoid confusion, let's create a table named Highscore. Then press the Ok button.</p>
	<p>After the successful creation of the table, you will see it in the list.</p>

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The screenshot shows the Azure Data Studio interface with three panels. The left panel shows a table named 'Highscore' with 0 records. The middle panel shows the 'Schema' window for the 'Highscore' table, listing columns: id (String, true), createdAt (Date, true), updatedAt (Date, false), version (Version, false), deleted (Boolean, false), playername (String, false), and score (Number, false). The right panel shows the 'Add a column' dialog with 'Column name' set to 'score' and 'Data type' set to 'Number'. Red boxes and numbers highlight key actions: 1. 'Manage schema' button, 2. '+ Add a column' button, 3. 'Column name' input field, 4. 'OK' button, and 5. 'playername' and 'score' rows in the schema table.

NAME	TYPE	IS INDEX
id	String	true
createdAt	Date	true
updatedAt	Date	false
version	Version	false
deleted	Boolean	false
playername	String	false
score	Number	false

Now we need to configure our table, adding there a couple of fields that we want to use in the future. To do this, click **Manage Schema** on the right will appear the **Schema** window. In it you can see the standard fields that were created by default in the table. And now we need to add two new fields. Click **Add a column**. The first field we add is called **playername** of type string and the second field is a **score** of type number.

The screenshot shows the Unity 2017.2.0f3 interface. The 'New' button is highlighted with a red box. The interface shows a list of projects under 'On Disk' and 'In the Cloud'.

Connecting Services to a New Unity Project

Now let's connect our service to the unity project. To do this, we need to open Unity and create a new project.

In this project we used version Unity 2017.2.0f3

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Unity 2017.2.0f3

Projects Learn

New Open My Account

Project name

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Location

C:\Users\Stanislav\Desktop

3D 2D Add Asset Package

OFF Enable Unity Analytics

Cancel Create project

1 - Project name - enter the unique name of your new project.

2 - Location - specify the directory where the new project will be stored.

3 - Create project Click to start creating a new project.

> Data Saving Stan > Assets

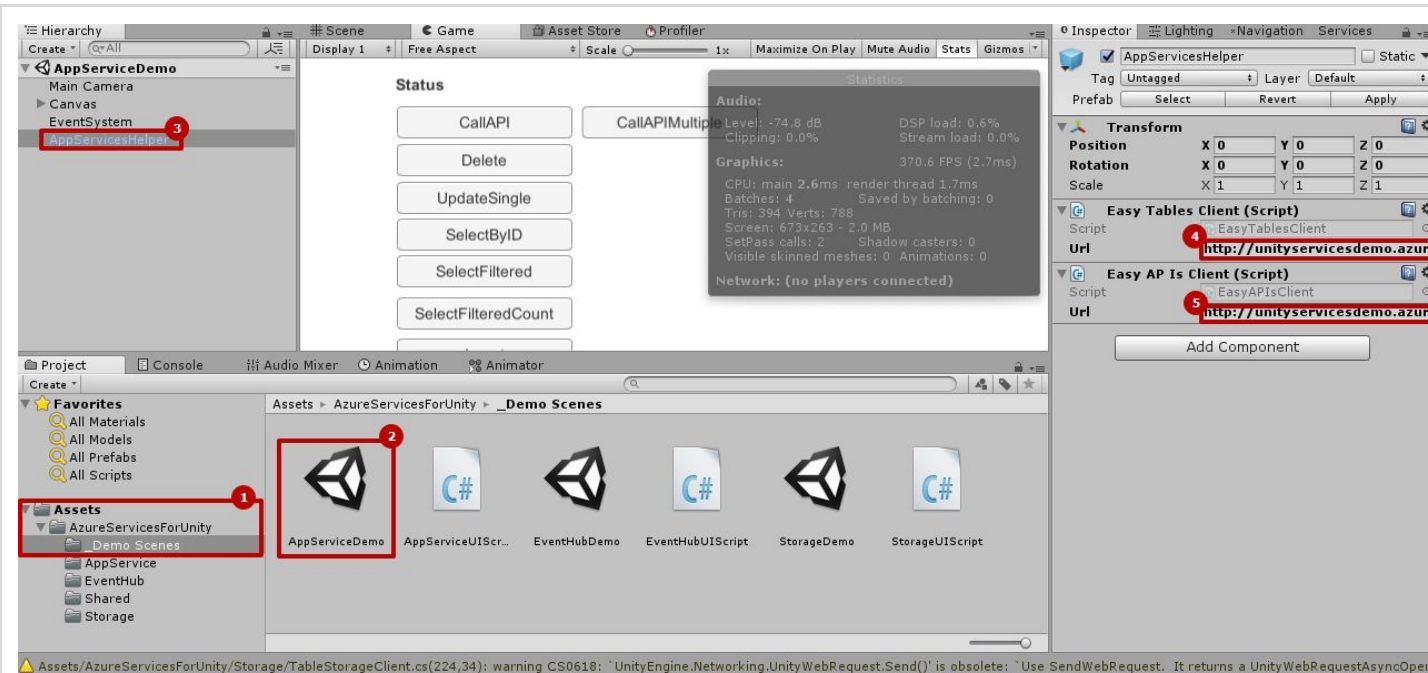
Name	Date modified	Type	Size
AzureServicesForUnity	07.09.2017 8:46	File folder	
AssetStoreTools.meta	07.09.2017 8:46	META File	1 KB
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Now we need to download the Assets for working with Azure services in Unity, link to Assets:

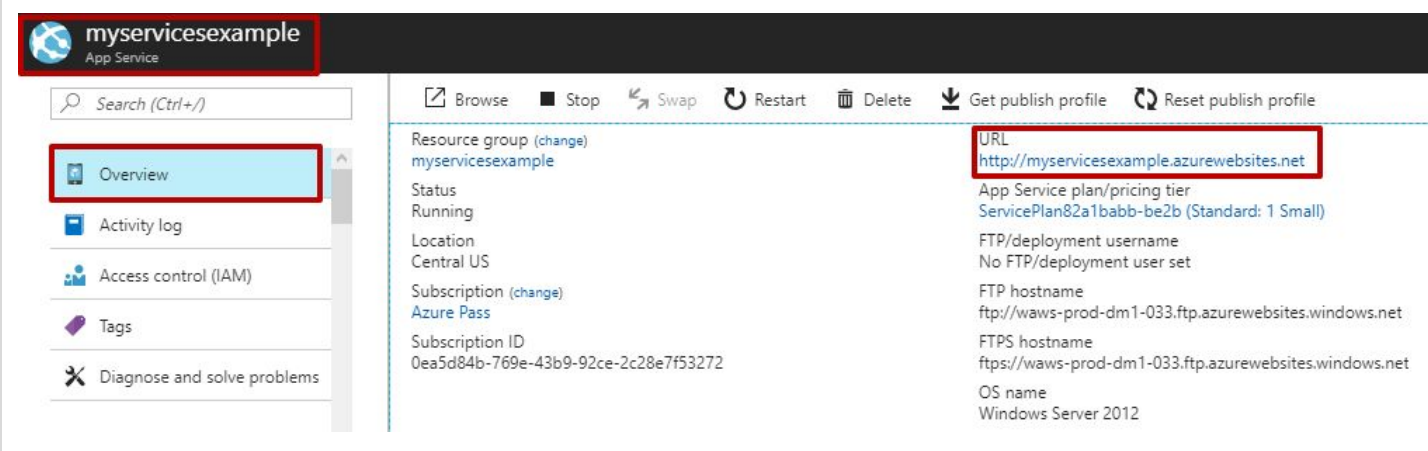
<https://github.com/dgkanatsios/AzureServicesForUnity>

Files from the Assets directory from the archive must be transferred to the **Assets** directory of your new Unity project.

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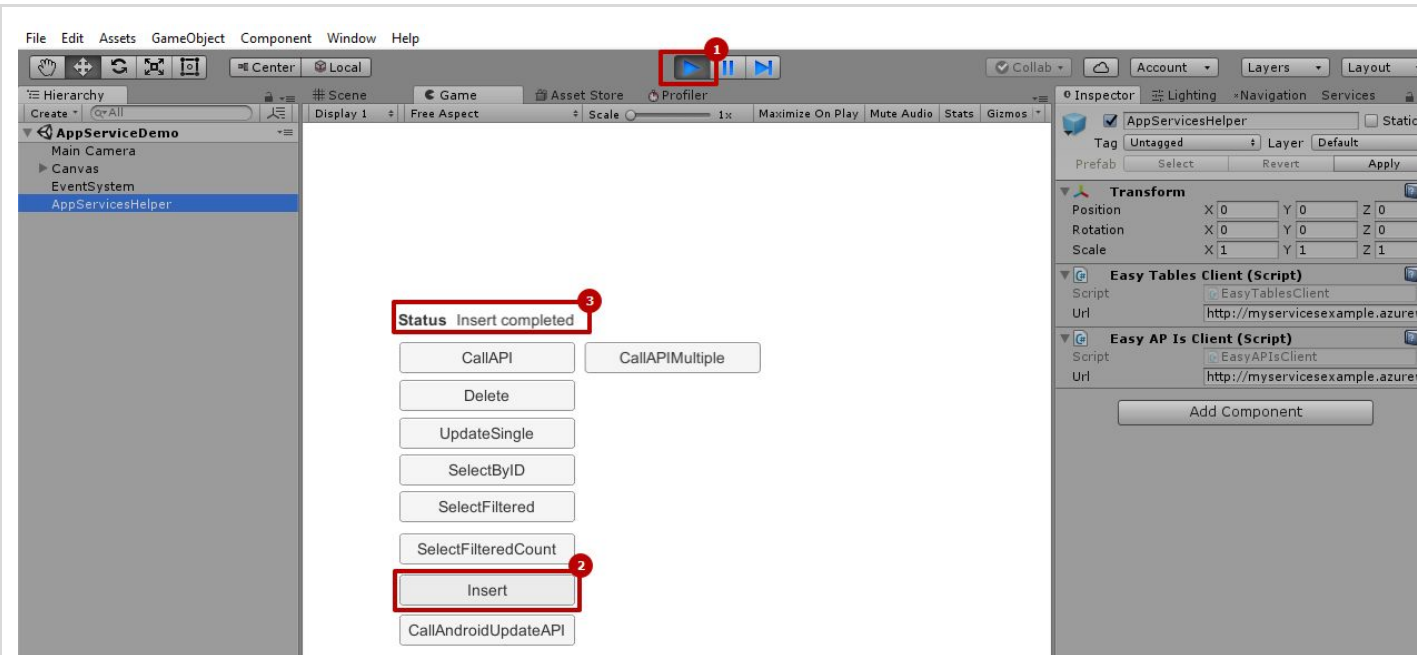
After we add the Asset to the project, it must be configured. Open the first demo scene with the name "**AppServiceDemo**", as shown in the screenshot, then select GameObject with the name "**AppServiceManager**" and in the inspector we see two scripts for the settings. We are interested in the **EasyTablesClient** script, we insert the path to our service, which you can take from Azure, as shown below.



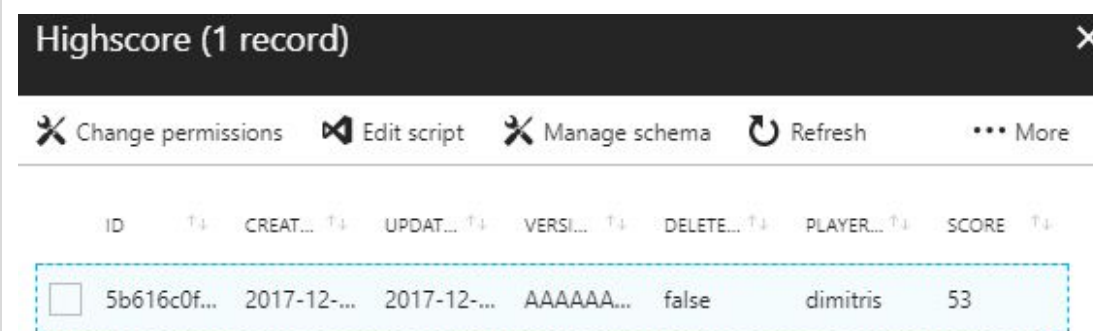
The path to the service you can take by contacting the previously created service **App Service** on the **Overview** tab.

Important: At this moment we are working with a demonstration project. When you work in your game project with Easy Tables, do not forget to put the **EasyTablesClient** script on the scene.

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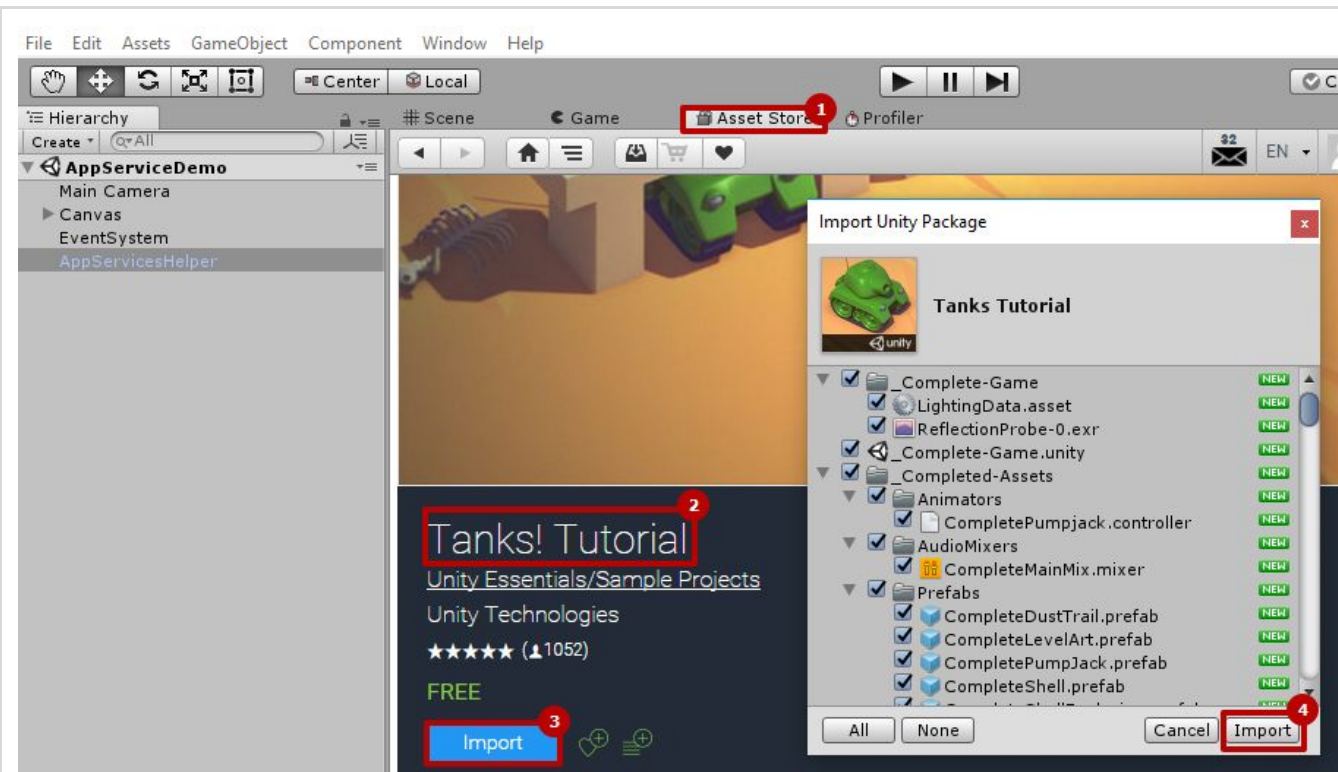


Let's now start our scene and see how it works. After startup, we need to press the **Insert** button and wait until the download status is set to **Insert completed**.

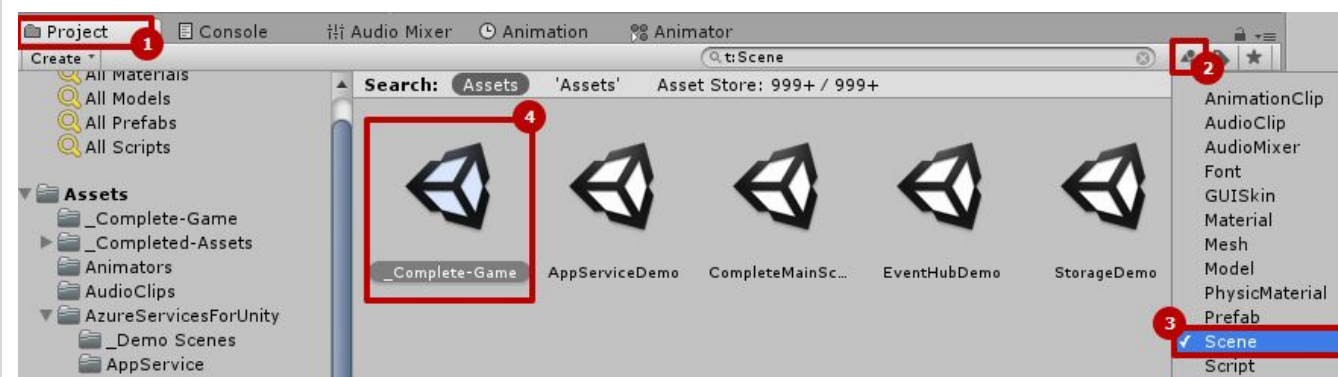


On the cloud in our **Highscore** table will have to appear a new record.

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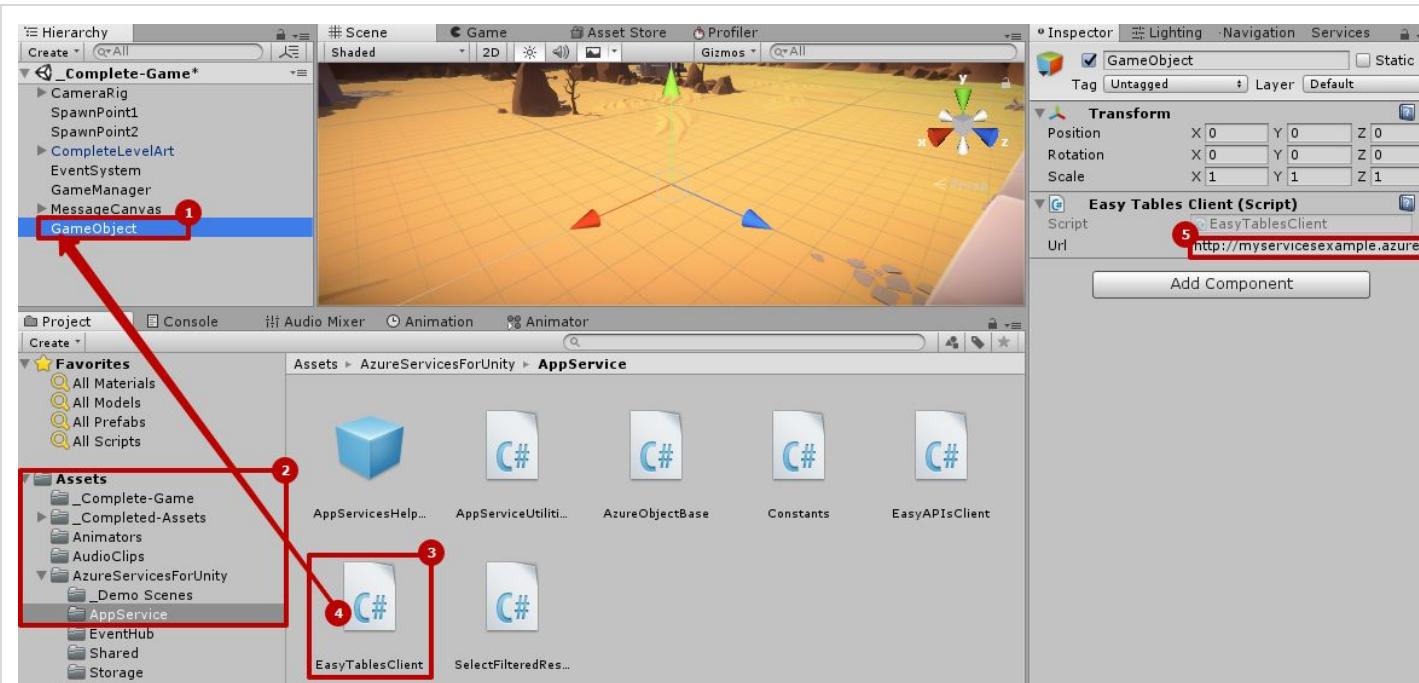


An excellent example of the official free tutorial unity called **Tanks!** Tutorial which we download from the **Unity Asset Store**. The screenshot below shows the sequence of actions to load this game into our project. First we open the **Asset Store** window in it in the search for the new **Tanks! Tutorial**, you will have the **Download** button first, when the Asset is downloaded, the **Import** button appears. Then click another **Import** button and wait for it to load into your project.



Let's open the main scene of our project, called "**_Complete-Game**". To do this, you need to open a filter in the **Project** window and select **Scenes**.

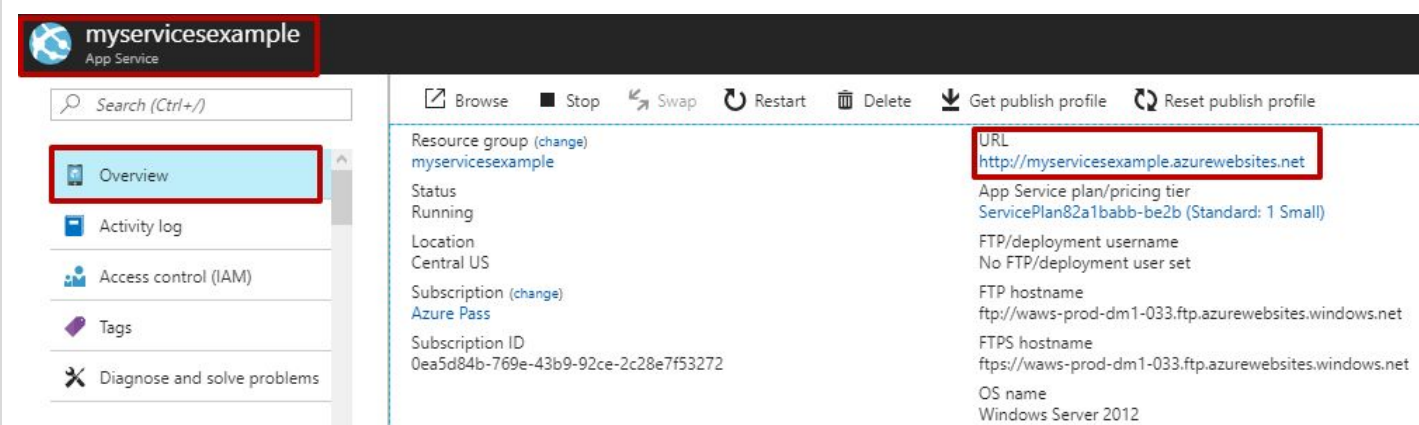
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In order for our save script to work in Azure, create an empty **GameObject** by right-clicking on the empty area of the **Hierarchy** window on the left side of the Unity

It's time to move the **EasyTablesClient** script to it (you can quickly find it by analogy of the scene search, specifying Scripts as a filter, or find it in the **Assets \ AzureServicesForUnity \ AppService** directory)

And now insert the URL of our service into the **URI** string of our script.



The address of our service has not changed and you can copy it by analogy with the previous example.

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```
GameManager.cs*
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Complete.GameManager
m_NumRoundsToWin

1 using System.Collections;
2 using UnityEngine;
3 using UnityEngine.SceneManagement;
4 using UnityEngine.UI;
5 using AzureServicesForUnity.AppService;
6

27 private void Start()
28 {
29     // Create the delays so they only have to be made once.
30     m_StartWait = new WaitForSeconds (m_StartDelay);
31     m_EndWait = new WaitForSeconds (m_EndDelay);
32
33     SpawnAllTanks();
34     SetCameraTargets();
35
36     // Once the tanks have been created and the camera is using them as targets, start the game.
37     StartCoroutine (GameLoop ());
38
39     //get the authentication token somehow...
40     //e.g. for facebook, check the Unity Facebook SDK at https://developers.facebook.com/docs/unity
41     EasyTablesClient.Instance.AuthenticationToken = "";
42
43
44 }
```

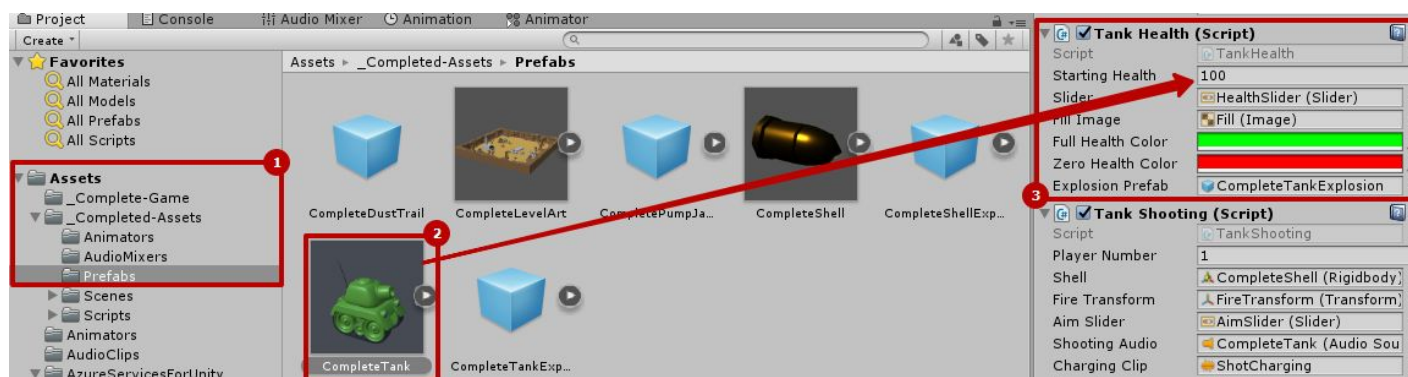
Let's now go into the **GameManager** script (it's in the **Assets \ _Completed-Assets \ Scripts \ Managers directory**) and add a couple of lines associated with the authorization.

We have to specify a namespace **using AzureServicesForUnity.AppService;**

In the current example, we leave this field empty.

Authorization code:

```
//get the authentication token somehow...
//e.g. for facebook, check the Unity Facebook SDK at
https://developers.facebook.com/docs/unity
EasyTablesClient.Instance.AuthenticationToken = "";
```



In our example of using **EasyTables** we will write in them the winner of the current round. In fact, it's possible to record any important game data such as progress, settings, player profile data. In order to understand which of the tanks won, his health should be zero, based on this we will modify the **TankHealth** script.

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```
TankHealth.cs | GameManager.cs
Data Saving Stan | Complete.TankHealth | m_StartingHealth

1 using UnityEngine;
2 using UnityEngine.UI;
3 using AzureServicesForUnity.AppService;
4 using AzureServicesForUnity.Shared;
5

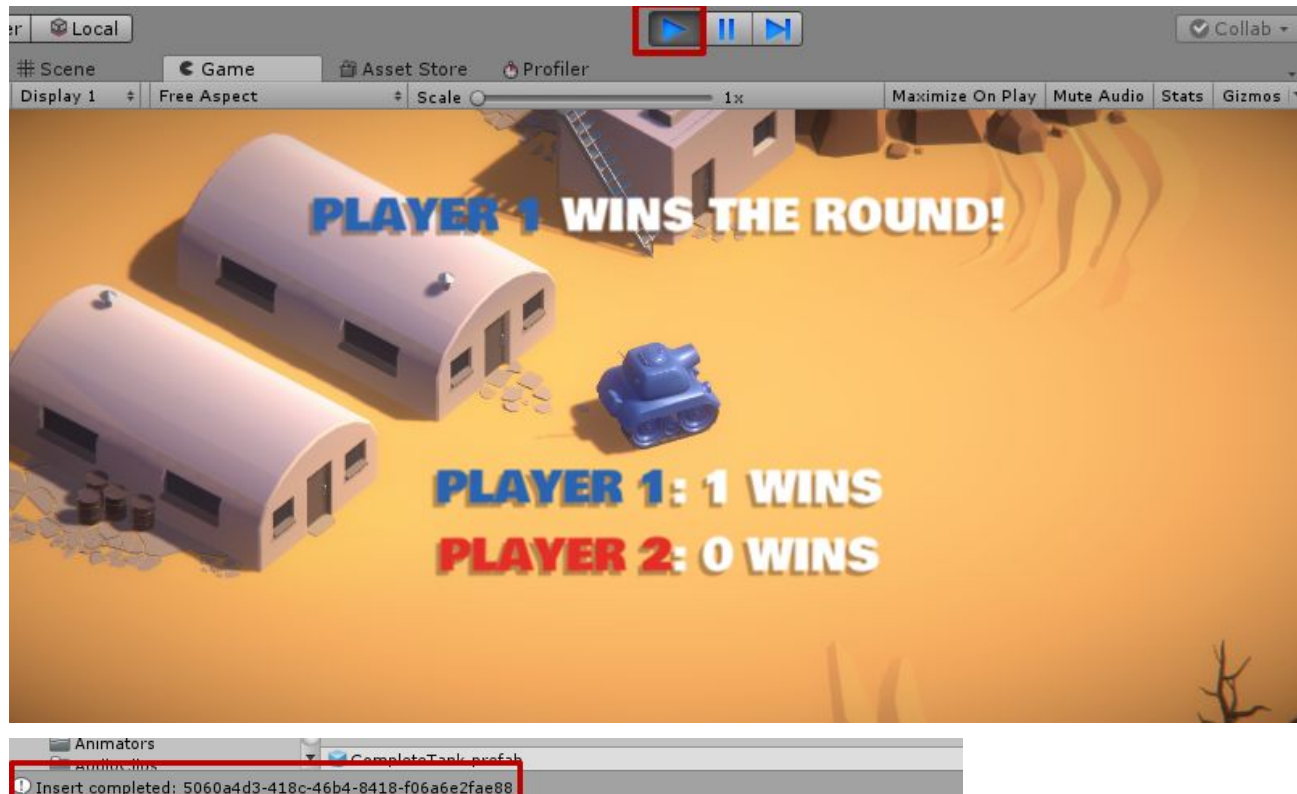
74 private void OnDeath ()
75 {
76     // Set the flag so that this function is only called once.
77     m_Dead = true;
78
79     // Move the instantiated explosion prefab to the tank's position and turn it on.
80     m_ExplosionParticles.transform.position = transform.position;
81     m_ExplosionParticles.gameObject.SetActive (true);
82
83     // Play the particle system of the tank exploding.
84     m_ExplosionParticles.Play ();
85
86     // Play the tank explosion sound effect.
87     m_ExplosionAudio.Play();
88
89     // Turn the tank off.
90     gameObject.SetActive (false);
91
92     Send();
93 }

95 public void Send()
96 {
97     Highscore score = new Highscore();
98     int playerNumber = 1;
99     if (GetComponent<TankMovement>().m_PlayerNumber == 1)
100     {
101         playerNumber = 2;
102         score.playername = "Player" + playerNumber;
103         score.score = 1;
104         EasyTablesClient.Instance.Insert(score, insertResponse =>
105         {
106             if (insertResponse.Status == CallBackResult.Success)
107             {
108                 string result = "Insert completed: " + insertResponse.Result.id;
109                 Debug.Log(result);
110             }
111             else
112             {
113                 Debug.Log("Status: " + insertResponse.Status);
114             }
115         });
116         Debug.Log("Sended " + score.playername);
117     }
118 }
```

Double-click on the name of the script **TankHealth** in the Script field will open it in the editor. In the **OnDeath ()** method, add the call to the **Send ()** method. This method works on the principle of Insert, after the tank dies, it creates a new record in the database, where it writes the name of the winner and just one in the score

```
public void Send()
{
    Highscore score = new Highscore();
    int playerNumber = 1;
    if (GetComponent<TankMovement>().m_PlayerNumber
== 1)
        playerNumber = 2;
    score.playername = "Player" + playerNumber;
    score.score = 1;
    EasyTablesClient.Instance.Insert(score, insertResponse
=>
    {
        if (insertResponse.Status == CallBackResult.Success)
        {
            string result = "Insert completed: " +
insertResponse.Result.id;
            Debug.Log(result);
        }
        else
            Debug.Log("Status: " + insertResponse.Status);
    });
    Debug.Log("Sended " + score.playername);
}
```

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After all the changes, do not forget to save the script. Then go to Unity and start the game.

After one of the tanks wins another in our database in the cloud will have to be a new record with the winner.

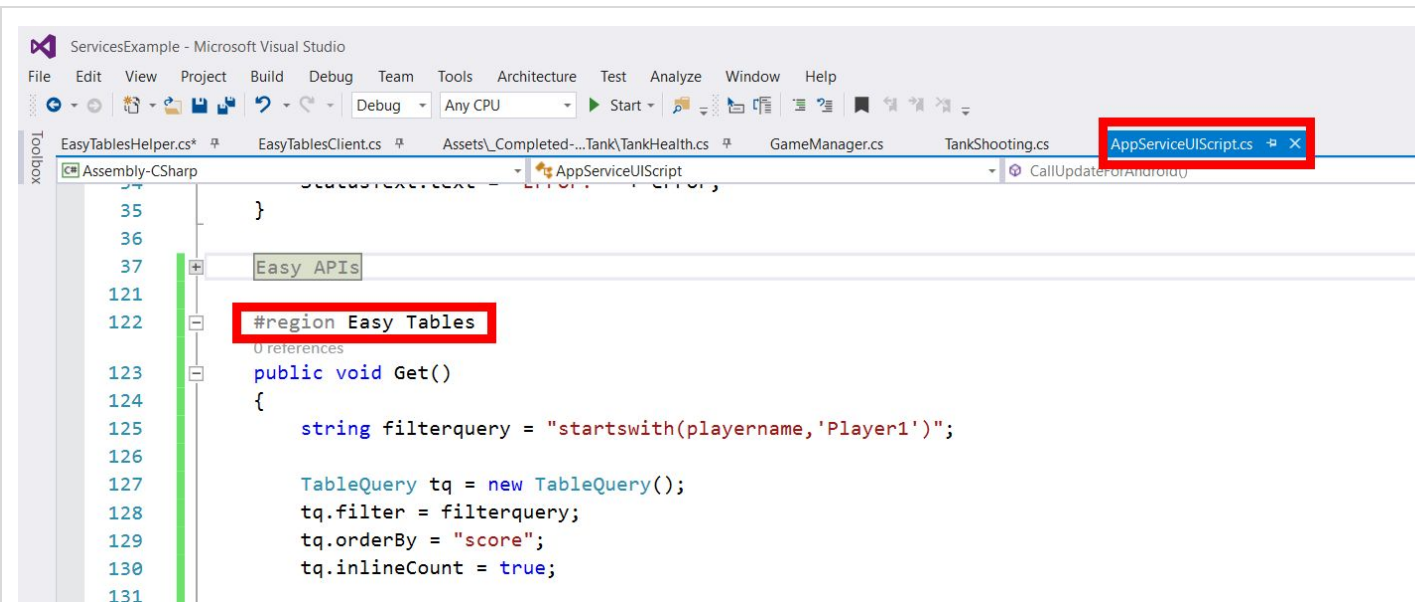
Unity will display the **Insert completed** status in the bottom corner of the console.

Highscore (2 records)							
ID	CREAT...	UPDAT...	VERS...	DELETE...	PLAYER...	SCORE	
5b616c0f...	2017-12-...	2017-12-...	AAAAAA...	false	dimitris	53	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 639f984b...	2017-12-...	2017-12-...	AAAAAA...	false	Player1	1	

Now go to the cloud on **EasyTables** in the **Highscore** table. You should find a new winner's player record.

Below we will consider an example of how you can get data about a particular player, or more precisely how you can easily make a method Select.

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Open the **AppServiceScript** script, then find the Easy Tables region, this is a list of methods for working with Easy Tables Api.

Insert - the method adds a new record to the table

Select (Query) - A method for retrieving records from a table using a query.

SelectById - a method by which you can get a record of its Id

Update - You can modify the data in the table.

DeleteById - Method of deleting a field in a database by its Id

<https://github.com/rio900/unityazureservices>

Below is a description of the available methods of working with **EasyTables**, which can be useful in your game.

Below is an example of a method for getting all the records for the first player. The query value can be edited by retrieving specific samples from the database.

```
public void Get()
{
    string filterquery = "startswith(playername,'Player1')";

    TableQuery tq = new TableQuery();
    tq.filter = filterquery;
    tq.orderBy = "score";
    tq.inlineCount = true;

    EasyTablesClient.Instance.SelectFiltered<Highscore>(tq, x
=>
    {
        if (x.Status == CallBackResult.Success)
        {
            foreach (var item in x.Result.results)
            {
                if (Globals.DebugFlag)
                Debug.Log(string.Format("ID is {0},score is {1},name is {2}",
                    item.id, item.score, item.playername));
                StatusText.text = string.Format("Brought {0} rows
out of {1}",
                    x.Result.results.Count(), x.Result.count);
            }
            else
                ShowError(x.Exception.Message);
        }
    });
    StatusText.text = "Loading...";
}
```