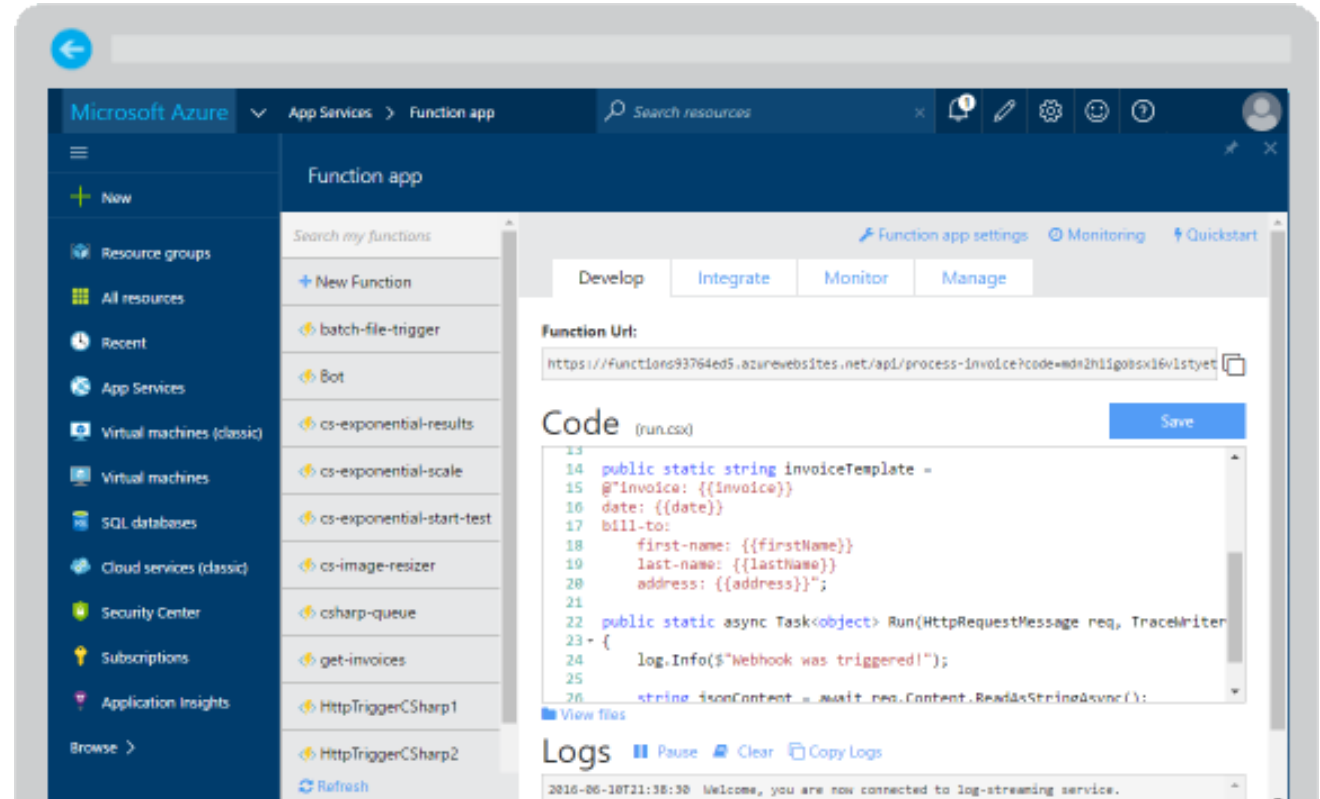


Architecting Serverless applications with Azure Functions

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Azure Functions

Create a “serverless” event-driven experience that extends the existing Azure App Service platform by building “nanoservices” that can scale based on demand



Why Azure Functions?

- Spin off web APIs in minutes
- Consume data for web and mobile
- Write functions in any language you choose
- Realtime
- Simple

Supported Languages and Tools

Create functions in JavaScript, C#, Python, and PHP, as well as scripting options such as Bash, Batch, and PowerShell, that can be triggered by virtually any event in Azure, 3rd party services, or on premise systems

Runtime version: Latest (~0.4)

Memory Size

Features

Continuous Integration
Deploy your function code from GitHub

Authentication/Authorization
For functions that use the HTTP trigger, you can require calls to be authenticated.

CORS
Allow your HTTP-triggered functions to be called from within a web browser.


API definition
Allow clients to more easily consume your HTTP-triggered functions.

The faster way to functions


Write any function in minutes - whether to run a simple job that cleans up a database or to build a more complex architecture. Creating functions is easier than ever before, whatever your chosen OS, platform, or development method. No install required.

Get started quickly with a premade function


1) Choose a scenario:



Timer



Data processing



Webhook + API

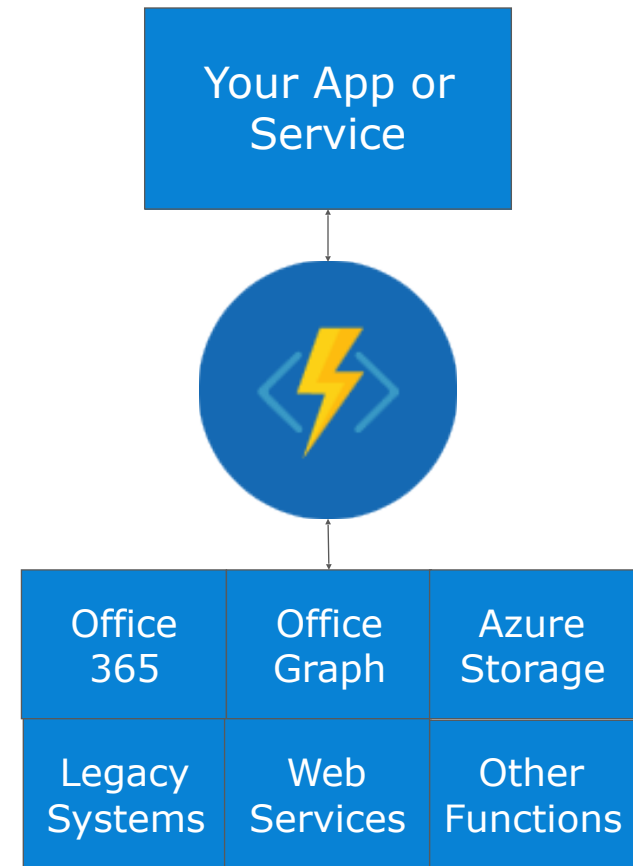
Authentication

Configure CORS

Configure API metadata

Common Scenarios

- Timer-based processing
- Azure service event processing
- SaaS event processing
- Serverless web application architectures
- Serverless mobile backends
- Real-time stream processing
- Real-time bot messaging



Function App Templates

Function App templates are categorized into general areas of Timer, Data Processing, and Webhook & API

Choose a template

Language: Scenario:

BlobTrigger - C# A C# function that will be run whenever a blob is added to a specified container	BlobTrigger - Node A Node.js function that will be run whenever a blob is added to a specified container	Empty - C# An empty C# function without triggers, inputs, or outputs	Empty - Node An empty Node.js function without triggers, inputs, or outputs
EventHubTrigger - Node A Node.js function that will be run whenever an event hub receives a new event	Generic Webhook - C# A C# function that will be run whenever it receives a webhook request	Generic Webhook - Node A Node.js function that will be run whenever it receives a webhook request	GitHub WebHook - C# A C# function that will be run whenever it receives a GitHub webhook request

- BlobTrigger
- EventHubTrigger
- Generic webhook
- GitHub webhook
- HTTPTrigger
- QueueTrigger
- ServiceBusQueueTrigger
- ServiceBusTopicTrigger
- TimerTrigger
- Blank & Experimental

Timer Function Apps

- Run at explicitly specified intervals, like every day at 2:00 am using CRON expressions, like "0 */5 * * * *" (every 5 minutes)
- Can send information to other systems, but typically don't "return" information, only write to logs
- Great for redundant cleanup and data management
- Great for checking state of services
- Can be combined with other functions

Data Processing Function Apps

- Run when triggered by a data event, such as an item being added to a queue or container
- Typically have in and out parameters
- Great for responding to CRUD events
- Great for performing CRUD events
- Great for moving content
- Access data across services

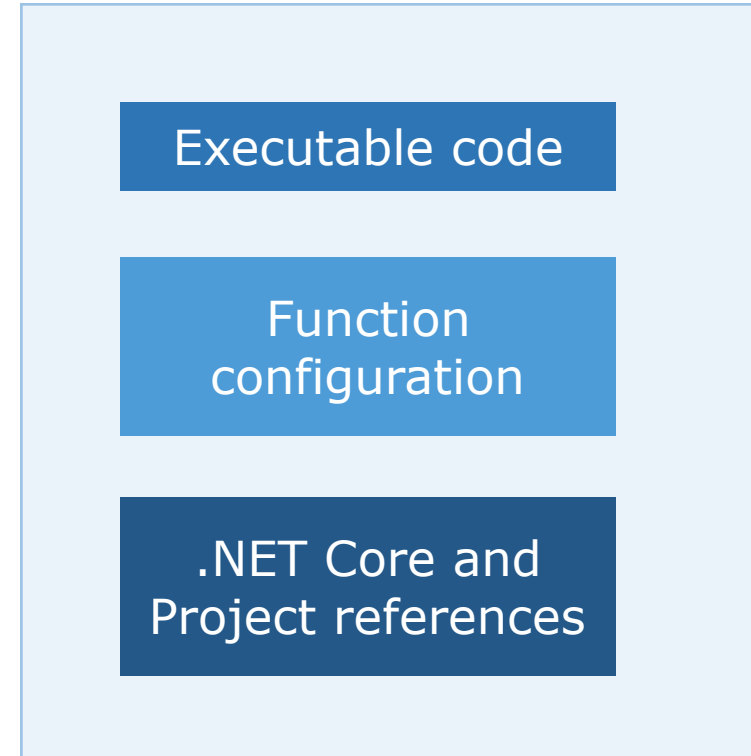


Webhook & API Function Apps

- Triggered by events in other services, like GitHub, Team Foundation Services, Office 365, OneDrive, Microsoft PowerApps
- Takes in a request and sends back a response
- Often mimic Web API and legacy web services flows
- Typically need CORS settings managed
- Best for exposing functionality to other apps and services
- Great for building Logic Apps

Anatomy of a Function

- A “Run” file that containing the function code
- A “Function” file containing all service and trigger bindings and parameters
- A “Project” file containing project assembly and NuGet package references
- App Service settings, such as connection strings and API keys



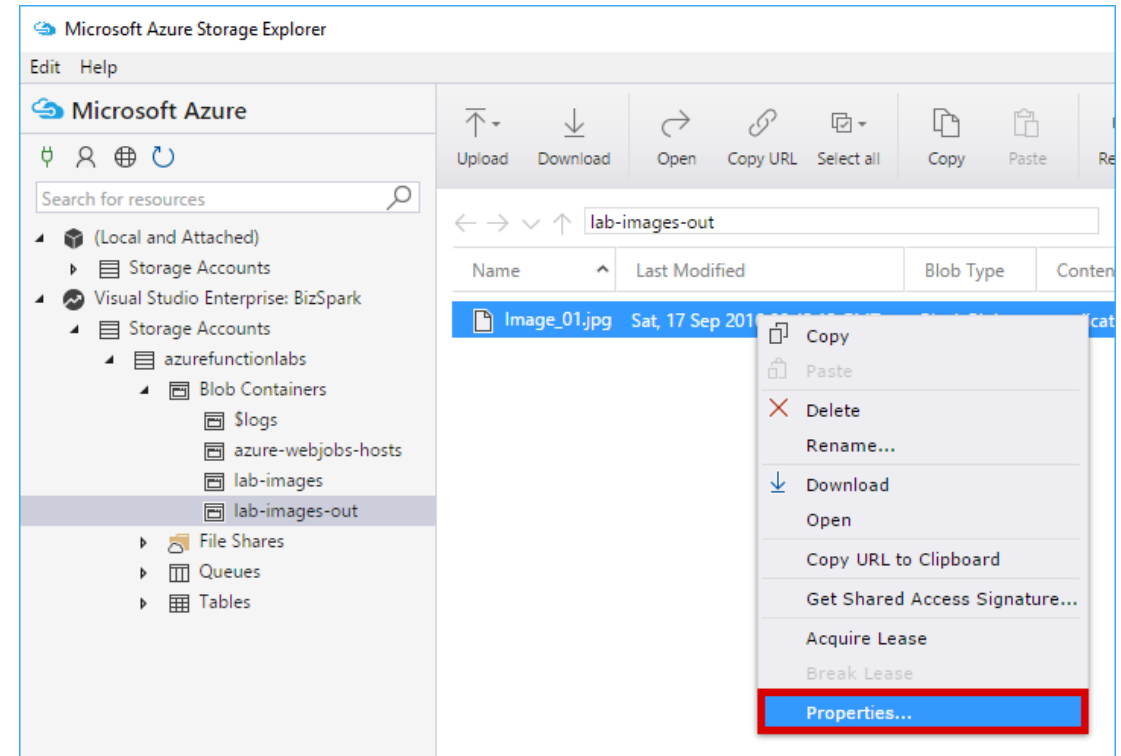
Function Bindings

Bindings serve as the basis for all connections to and from a function. Many bindings can be “bi-directional” as well.

Type	Service	Trigger	Input	Output
Schedule	Azure Functions	✓		
HTTP (REST or webhook)	Azure Functions	✓		✓*
Blob Storage	Azure Storage	✓	✓	✓
Events	Azure Event Hubs	✓		✓
Queues	Azure Storage	✓		✓
Tables	Azure Storage		✓	✓
Tables	Azure Mobile Apps		✓	✓
No-SQL DB	Azure DocumentDB		✓	✓
Push Notifications	Azure Notification Hubs			✓

Testing Functions

- Command-line tools
- 3rd party products such as Postman and Swagger
- Direct web calls via cURL
- Nested functions
- Microsoft Azure Storage Explorer
- Visual Studio Cloud Explorer





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