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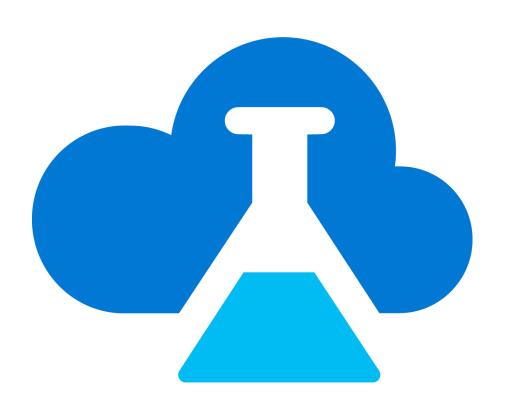
Computer labs in the cloud

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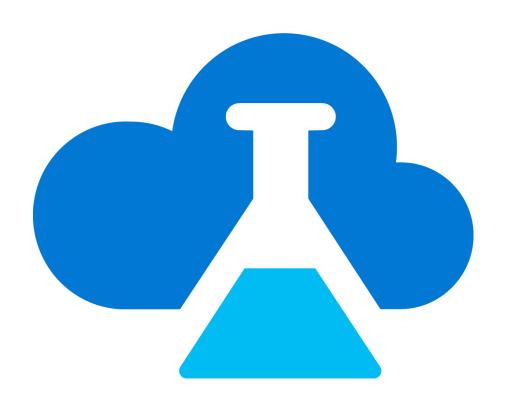
Azure Lab Services...

- provides lab resources to students in any location from any device
- enables faculty staff to create labs and manage their classes, reducing IT's support overhead
- has an all-inclusive pricing model to provide easy budgeting
- provides controls over scheduling and availability of lab resources to only pay for what is used

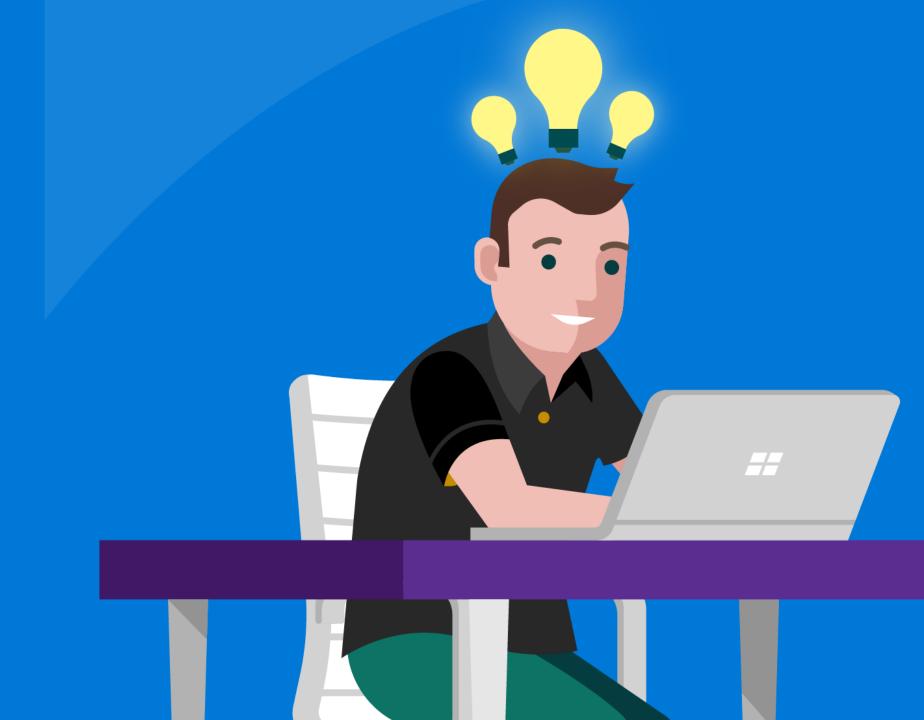


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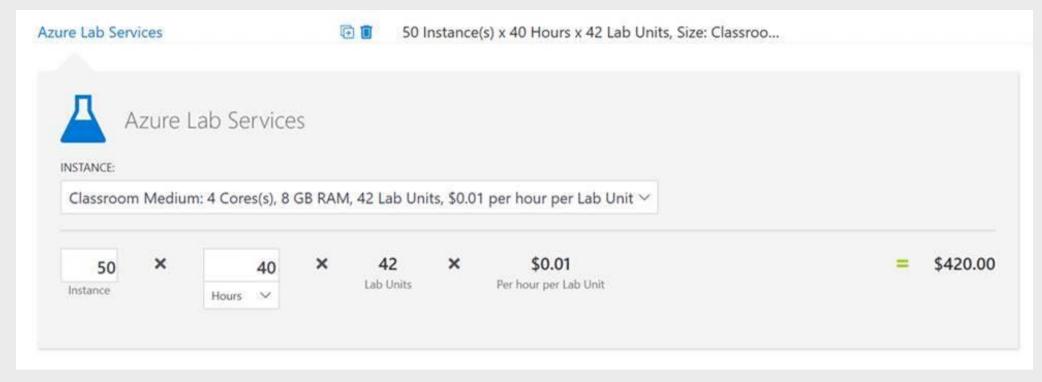
- ✓ Simple
- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Flexible



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Cost-effective



Azure Online Pricing Calculator

50 students (instances) with 40 hours of allocated lab time per month. Cost is all-inclusive of CPU, Storage, OS licensing and networking*

Success stories



"Microsoft creates an actual lab environment that doesn't require virtual servers....

It contextualizes and isolates the course environment for students and takes the burden off what the educational institution would normally have to do to create those spaces."

Jeff Krischel
IT architect at DeVry University



Source: https://cloudblogs.microsoft.com/industry-blog/microsoft-in-business/2019/08/27/how-devry-adopted-azure-lab-services-to-unify-learning-environments/? Irsc=0fefe8cc-5e23-4d9d-92c3-e2a3288920c0

IT

- ✓ Low overhead
- ✓ Easy management and scale

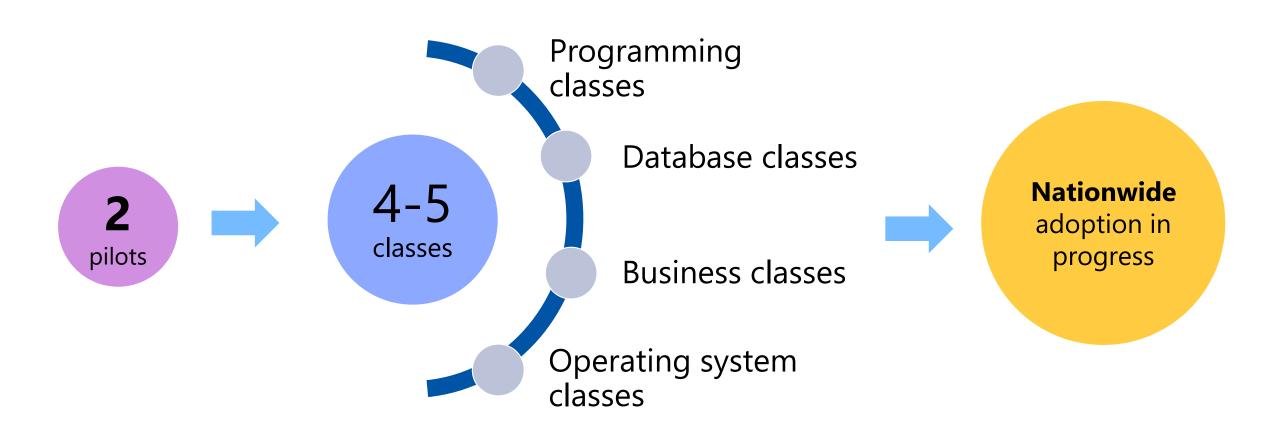
✓ Integration with existing AAD setup

Faculty

- ✓ Adapt curriculum quickly
- ✓ Flexible and easy setup and management labs

Students

- ✓ Easy hands-on learning experience
- ✓ Access from anywhere



"You can be at home or in another part of the world and still participate. We are setting up a large campus in Sri Lanka and the majority of the courses are around cyber and computer science.

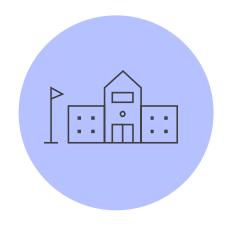
What Azure Lab Services does is with minimal to no additional cost or effort we have the ability to scale."

Vito Forte

Chief Information Officer at Edith Cowan University



Source: https://educationblog.microsoft.com/2019/07/edith-cowan-university-tears-down-learning-barriers-with-azure-lab-services/

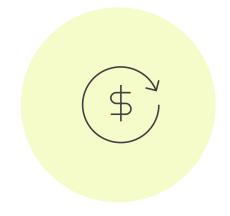


>30,000 graduate & undergraduate students

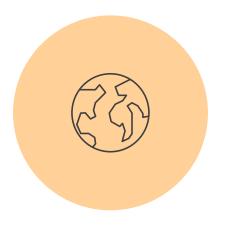


Aging on-prem infrastructure

Takes time and effort to maintain



Want to reduce cost and infrastructure footprint



Expanding to oversea campuses

Need to support online students

Example Class types



Shell scripting on Linux

✓ Small VM size

✓ Minimal Ubuntu VM setup with Ruby language and development tools



Ubuntu Server 18.04 LTS VM

Ruby

Gedit or Visual Studio Code

Read more in our documentation:

https://docs.microsoft.com//azure/lab-services/classroom-labs/class-type-shell-scripting-linux

Deep learning in natural language processing

- ✓ Small GPU VM size
- ✓ Data Science Virtual Machine for Linux from the Azure marketplace

Read more in our documentation:

https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/lab-services/classroom-labs/class-type-deep-learning-natural-processing



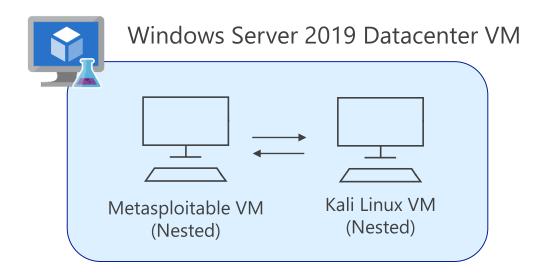
Data Science VM for Linux

- ✓ Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit
- ✓ TensorFlow
- ✓ MXNet
- ✓ Caffe, Caffe2
- ✓ Chainer
- ✓ NVIDIA DIGITS
- ✓ Deep Water
- ✓ Keras
- ✓ Theano
- ✓ Torch
- ✓ PyTorch
- ✓ Sample Jupyter notebooks
- ✓ Microsoft R Server
- ✓ Many other popular data science tools



Ethical hacking

- ✓ Medium (nested virtualization) VM size
- ✓ 2 Linux VMs within the same network



Read more in our documentation:

https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/lab-services/classroom-labs/class-type-ethical-hacking

FAQ

Q: What do I need to set up labs in Azure Lab Services?

A: An Azure subscription is needed to enable Azure Lab Services for your organization. Once it is enabled, lab creators and lab users do not need Azure subscriptions to use the service.

Q: What devices can I use?

A: Any device with a web browser and Remote Desktop client

Q: How can I control my costs?

A: Lab machines are only billed for running time. Scheduling and quotas can be set.

Q: Do the machines have internet access?

A: Yes

Q: Can I install my own software and data?

A: Yes, this is how the service is designed to work

O: Do students use shared instances?

A: No, every student in the lab is allocated their own lab machine

Resources |

Installing PowerShell Core: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/install/installing-powershell

Azure Lab Services / DevTest repository

https://github.com/Azure/azure-devtestlab.git

<u>https://github.com/francedot/Azure-Lab-Services-Tour/blob/master/CreateScheduleAZLabServices.ps1</u>

Enable remote desktop connection on Linux:

<u>https://docs.microsoft.com/bs-latn-ba/azure/lab-services/classroom-labs/how-to-enable-remote-desktop-linux</u> https://github.com/francedot/Azure-Lab-Services-Tour/blob/master/enable_rdp_ubuntu.sh

Azure Lab Services or DevTest Labs:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/lab-services/lab-services-overview#managed-lab-types-vs-devtest-labs

Get started!

- ✓ Have a pilot class in mind? Contact us! <u>a-frbona@microsoft.com</u> <u>azlabspilot@microsoft.com</u>
- ✓ Create your first lab: https://azure.microsoft.com/services/|

Check out class type examples in documentation: https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/lab-services/classroom-labs/class-types