# Use AzCopy to Transfer Data from One Storage Account to Another

#### Introduction

In the scenario for this hands-on lab, you are a storage administrator. The Data Science department needs you to migrate the data from one of their storage accounts to a new storage account with hierarchical namespaces.

They are currently using Azure HD Insight, but need the big data analytics capabilities that come with Gen 2 Data Lake Storage. Use the AzCopy tool within Azure Cloud Shell to perform the migration.



### Solution

Log in to the Azure Portal using the credentials provided on the lab instructions page.

- In the Azure Portal, click the Cloud Shell icon (> ) in the upper right.
- Select PowerShell.
- Click Show advanced settings.
- For Storage account, select Create new and give it a globally unique name (e.g., "cloudshell" with a series of numbers at the end).
- For File share, select Create new and give it a name of "fileshare".
- Click Create storage.

## **Create a Storage Container**

In Azure Cloud Shell, switch to bash:
 PS /home/cloud> bash

- Change to the cloud drive directory: cd clouddrive
- 3. Run a for loop to generate data:

```
cloud@azure:~$ for i in {000..100}
> do
> echo hello > "File${i}.txt"
> done
```

- 4. List the files to verify that the loop ran successfully:
- 5. List the storage accounts: az storage account list --query '[].{name:name, resourceGroup:resourceGroup}' -o json
- List the storage account key for the storage account starting in stor1: az storage account keys list -g "<RESOURCE\_GROUP\_ID>" -n "<STORAGE ACCOUNT NAME>"
- 7. Set environment variables for the storage account name and key: AZURE\_STORAGE\_ACCOUNT1="<STOR1\_ACCOUNT\_NAME>" AZURE\_STORAGE1\_KEY="<KEY1\_VALUE>"
  - List the storage account key for the storage account starting in stor2: az storage account keys list -g "<RESOURCE\_GROUP\_ID>" -n "<STORAGE ACCOUNT NAME>"
  - Set environment variables for the storage account name and key: AZURE\_STORAGE\_ACCOUNT2="<STOR2\_ACCOUNT\_NAME>" AZURE\_STORAGE2\_KEY="<KEY2\_VALUE>"
  - 10. Create the storage container:

```
az storage container create -n "container1" --account-name 
$AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT1 --account-key $AZURE_STORAGE1_KEY
```

### **Use AZCOPY to Transfer Data to Container**

1. Generate a SAS token:

```
az storage container generate-sas --account-name 
$AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT1 \
--name "container1" --permissions acdlrw --expiry <DATE> --auth-mode login \
--as-user
```

Note: The date must be within 7 days of the date that the SAS token is generated.

- 2. Copy the token.
- 3. List the storage account endpoints: az storage account list --query [].primaryEndpoints.blob -o json
- 4. Copy the files to the storage endpoint beginning with stor1 using AzCopy: azcopy copy './' '<STOR1\_ENDPOINT>/container1?<SAS\_TOKEN>' --recursive=true
  - 5. In the Azure Portal, verify that the files were added to the storage account successfully.

## **Create a Second Storage Container**

Create the second storage container:
 az storage container create -n "container2" --account-name
 \$AZURE STORAGE ACCOUNT2 --account-key \$AZURE STORAGE2 KEY

2. Verify that the container was created successfully: az storage container list --account-name \$AZURE\_STORAGE\_ACCOUNT2 \ --account-key \$AZURE STORAGE2 KEY

## **Copy Data between Storage Accounts using**

1. Generate a SAS token for container2:

az storage container generate-sas --account-name \$AZURE\_STORAGE\_ACCOUNT2 \
--name "container2" --permissions acdlrw --expiry <DATE> --auth-mode login \
--as-user

Note: The date must be within 7 days of the date that the SAS token is generated.

- 2. Copy the token.
- 3. List the storage account endpoints: az storage account list --query [].primaryEndpoints.blob -o json
- 4. Use AzCopy to transfer the files from container1 to container2: azcopy copy '<STOR1\_ENDPOINT>/container1/?<CONTAINER1\_SAS\_TOKEN>' '<STOR2 ENDPOINT>/container2?<CONTAINER2 SAS TOKEN>' --recursive=true

In the Azure Portal, verify that the files were transferred from container1 to container2.