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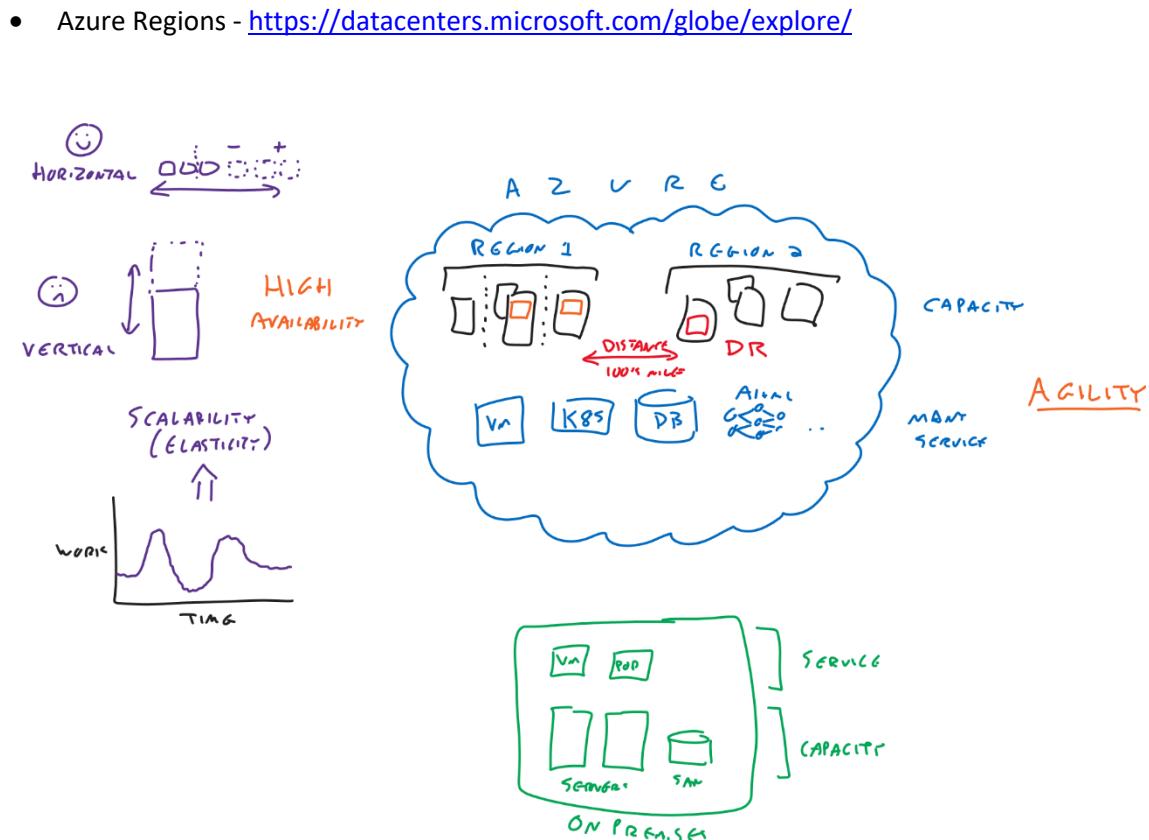
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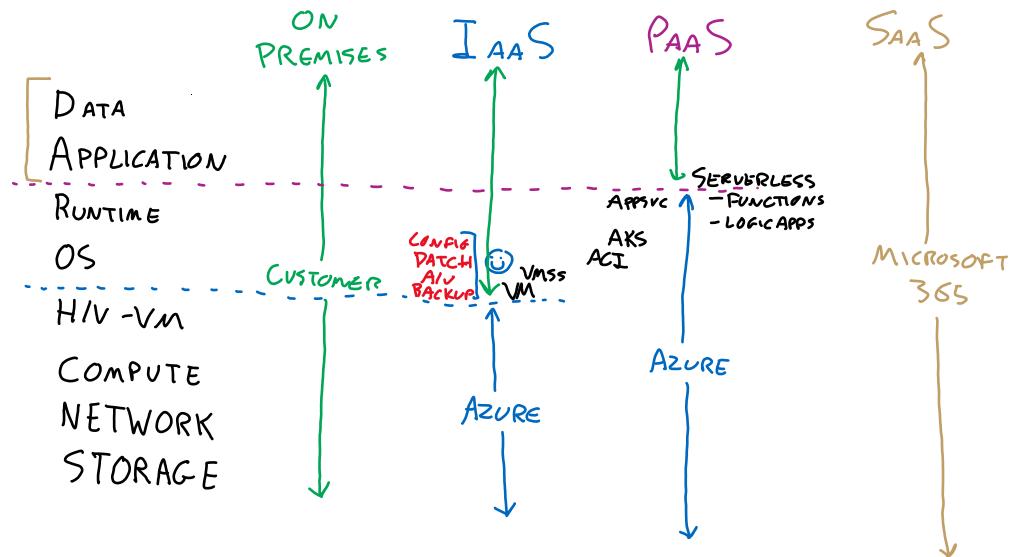
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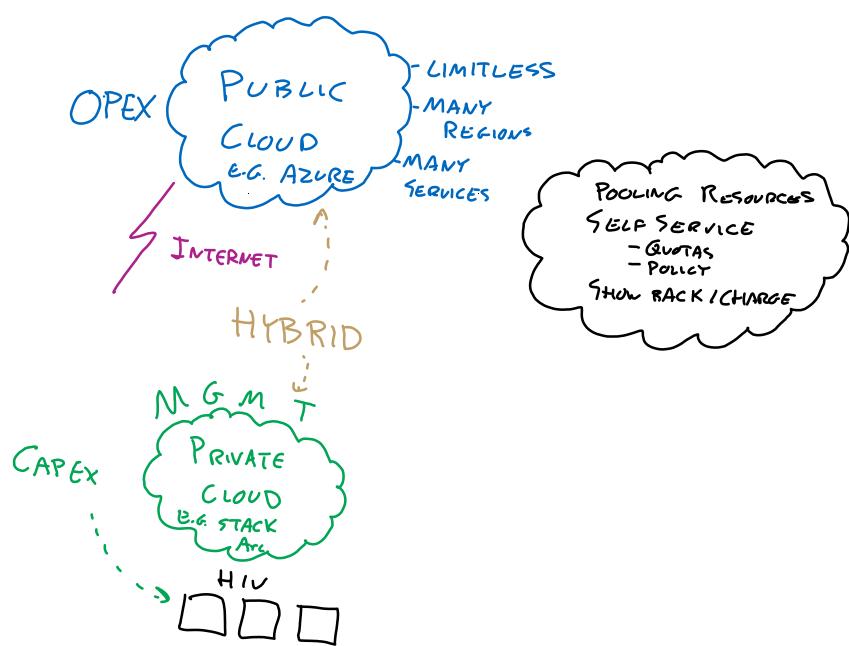
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Differences Between Cloud Service Categories



Differences Between Types of Cloud Computing



Reliability and Predictability

RELIABILITY

- AUTO HEALING
- STORAGE
x3
- AUTO SCALE
- SLA
- DESIGN FOR FAILURE
- MONITOR

PREDICTABILITY

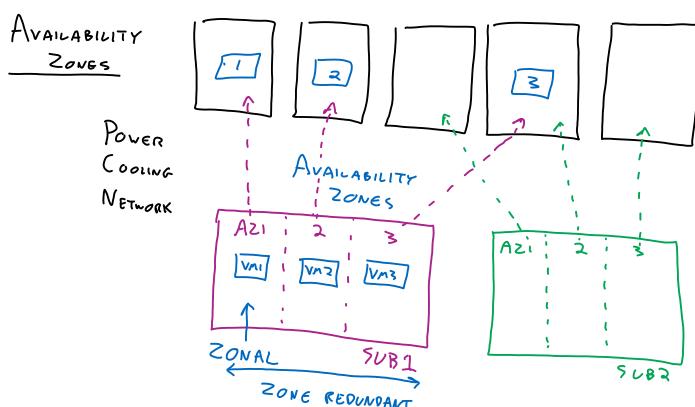
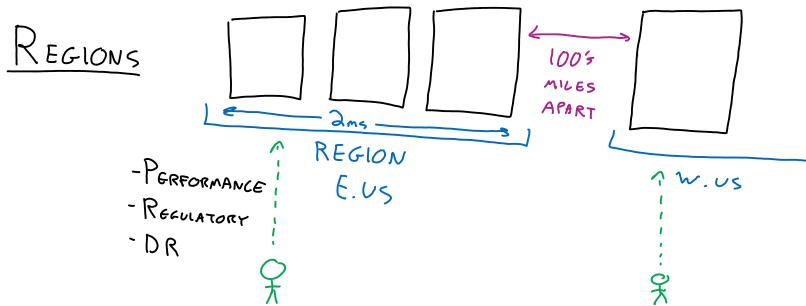
- SKU
- ACU
- BEHAVIOR
- USE TEMPLATES
- AUTOMATION
DevOps

Describe Core Azure Services

Benefits and Usage of Regions and Region Pairs

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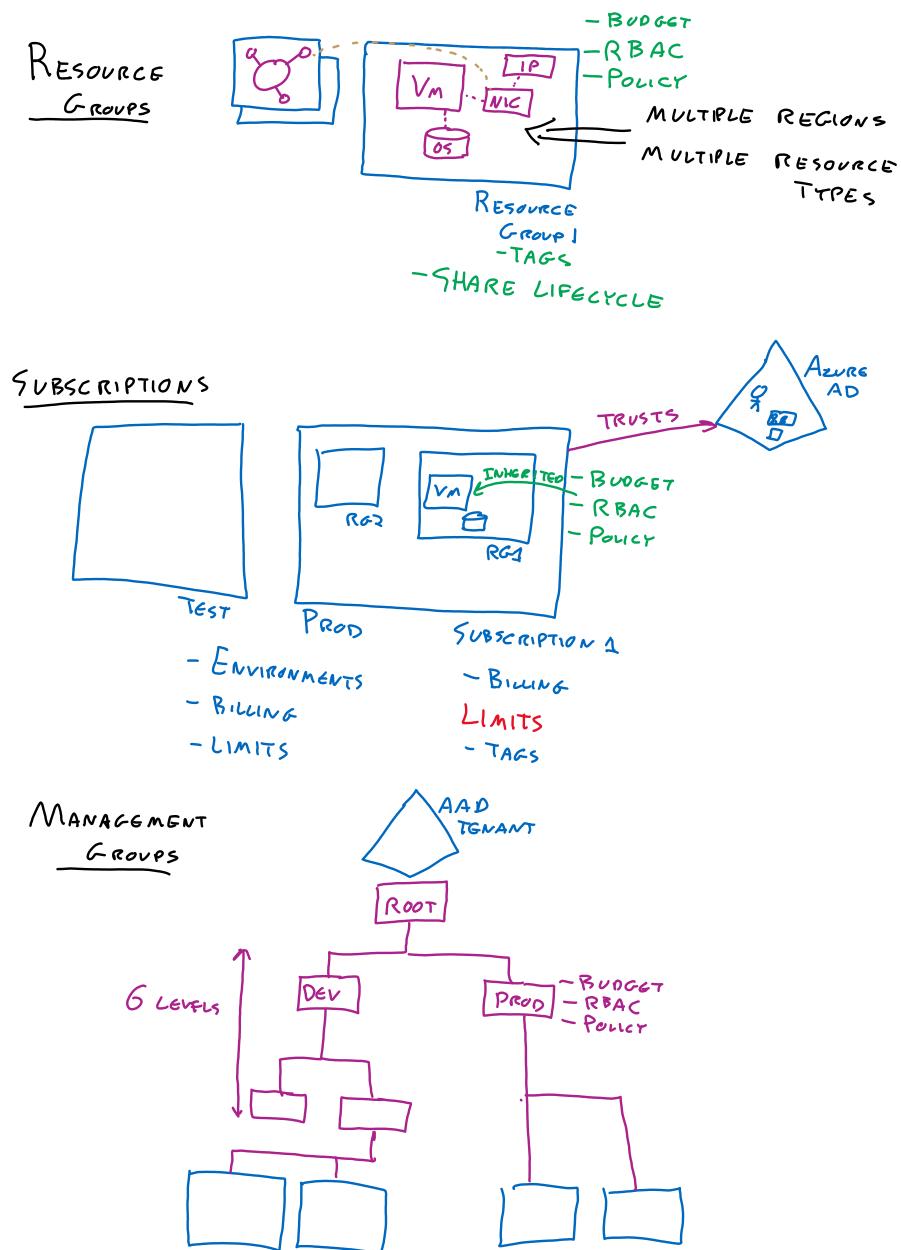
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```
Get-AzEnvironment #List environments
Get-AzLocation | ft #get regions in current environment
```

Benefits and Usage of Resource Groups

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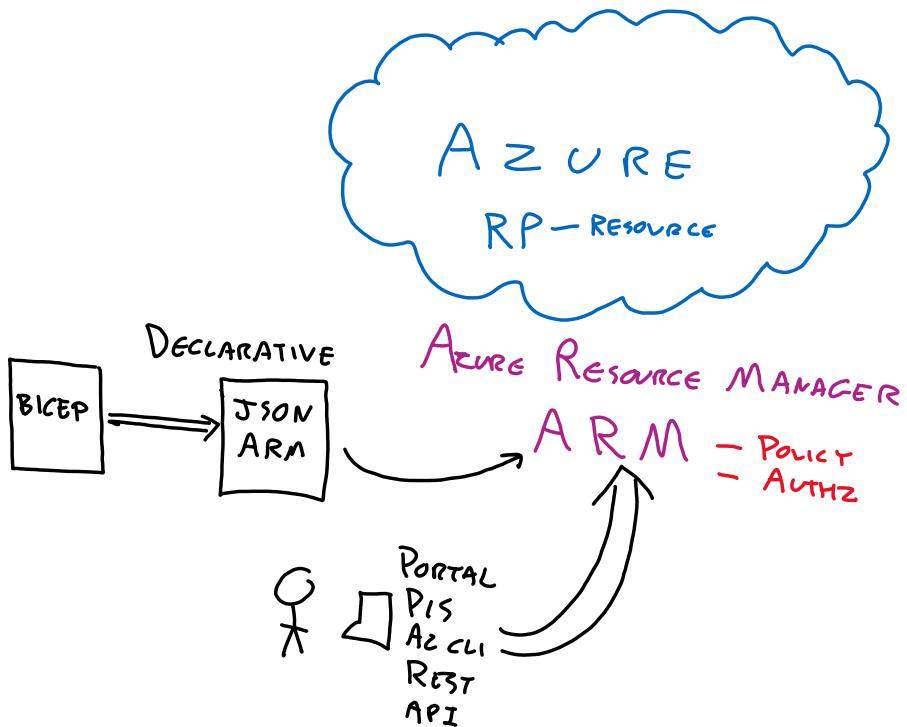
- Azure Subscription Limits - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/azure-resource-manager/management/azure-subscription-service-limits>



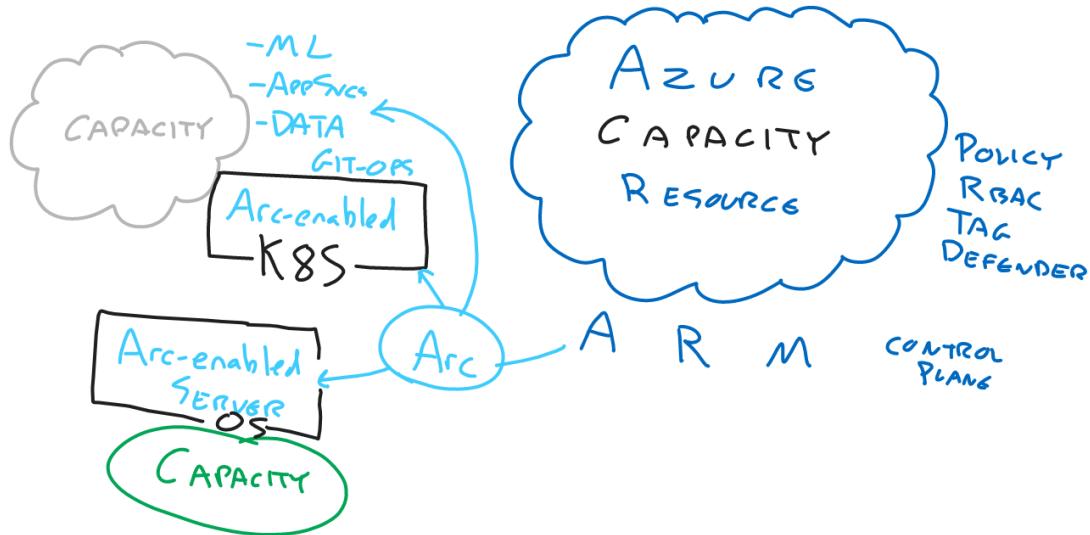
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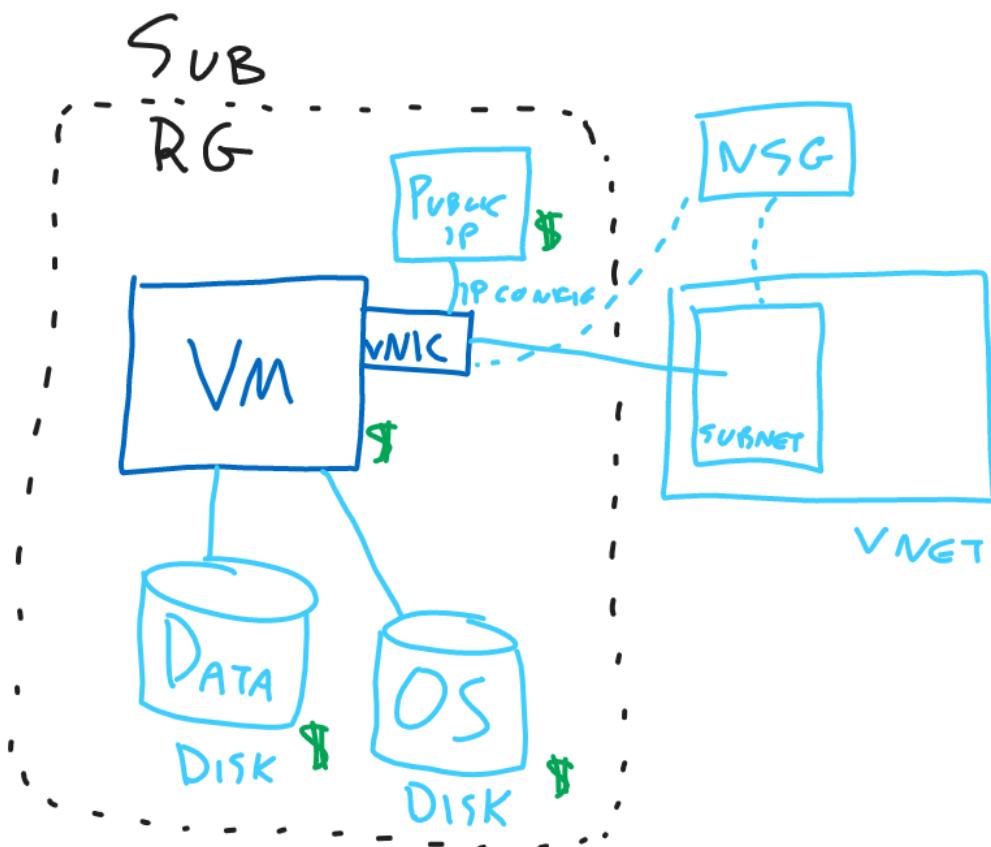
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Get-AzResourceProvider  
Get-AzResourceProvider -ProviderNamespace microsoft.compute | ft  
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```



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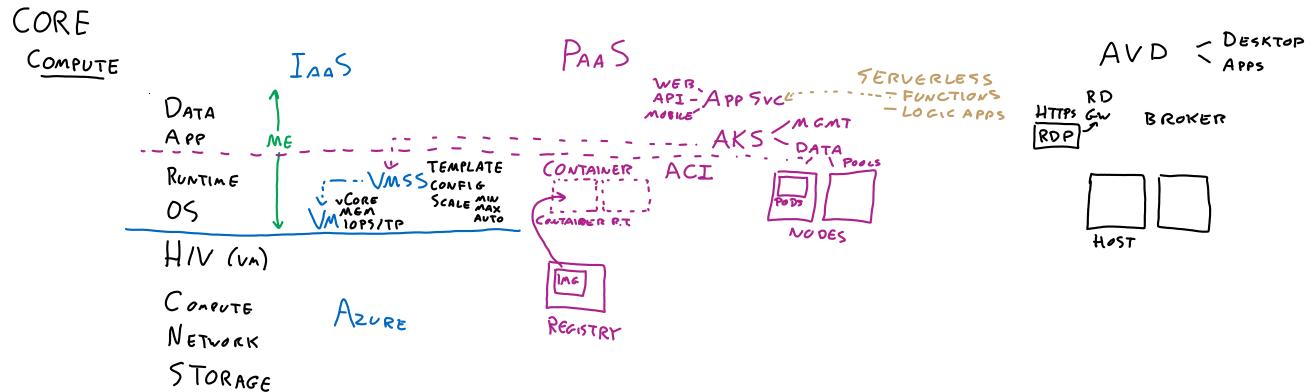
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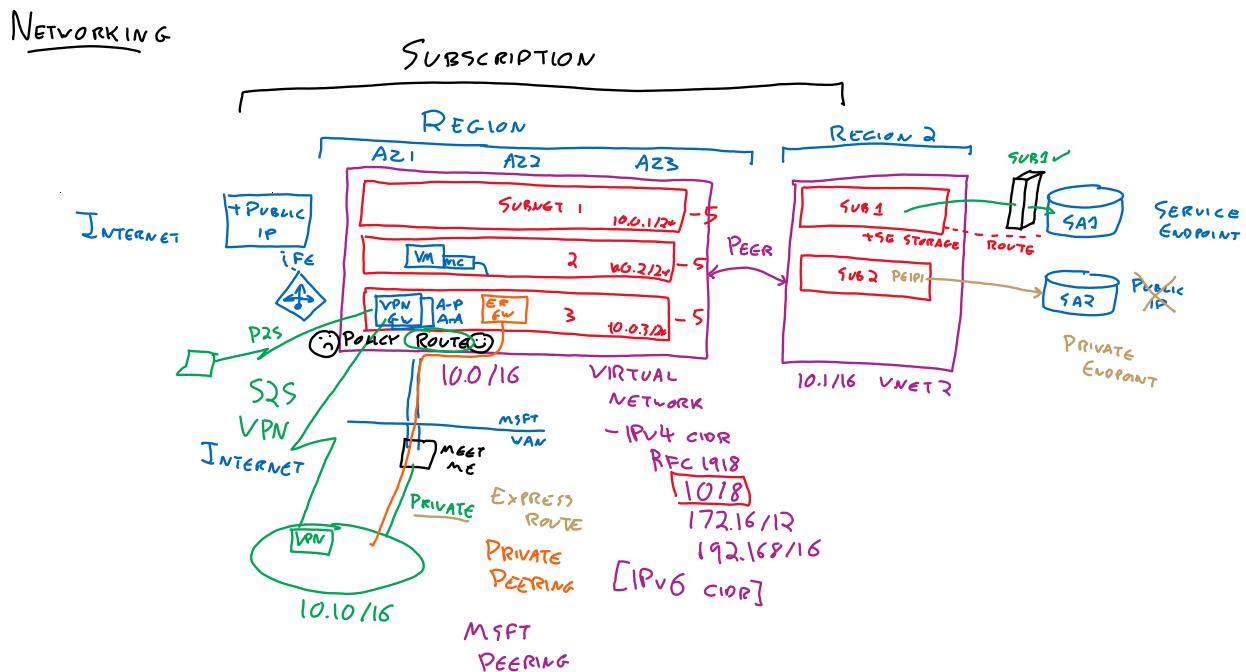
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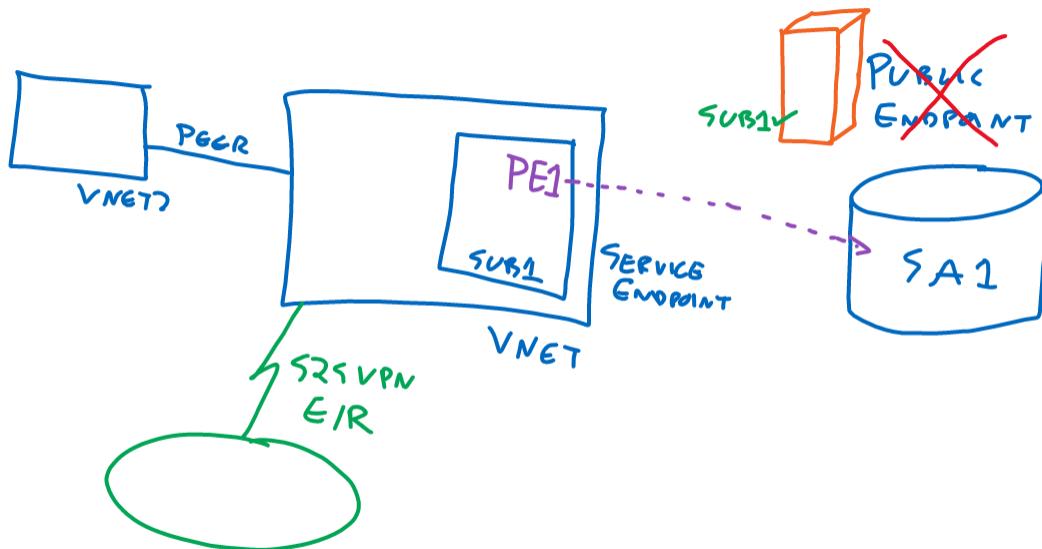
- VM SKUs - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/virtual-machines/sizes>



Benefits and Usage of Core Network Resources



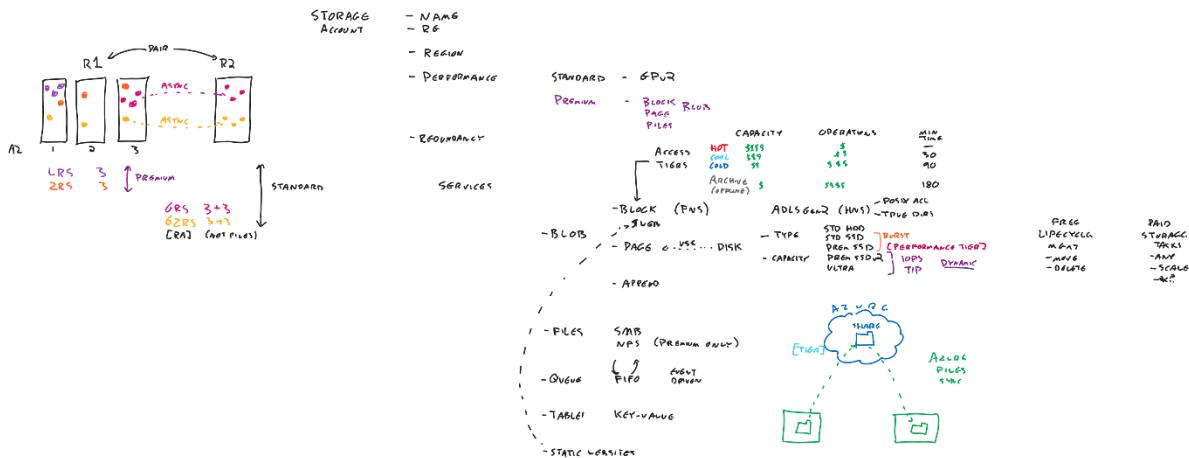
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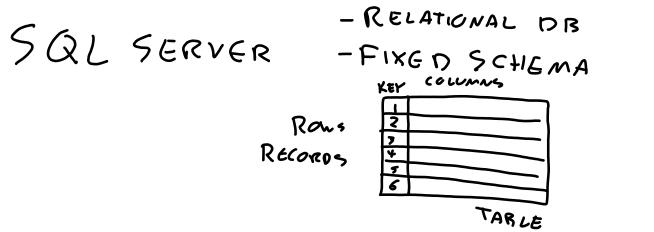


Benefits and Usage of Database Resources

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- SQL Feature Comparison - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/azure-sql/database/features-comparison>

DATA
R
BASE
RESOURCES



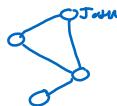
OPEN
SOURCE

MySQL
PostgreSQL
- CITUS
- MANAGED DATABASE
- HYPERSCALE
- MULTI SERVER
- SHARDING DATA

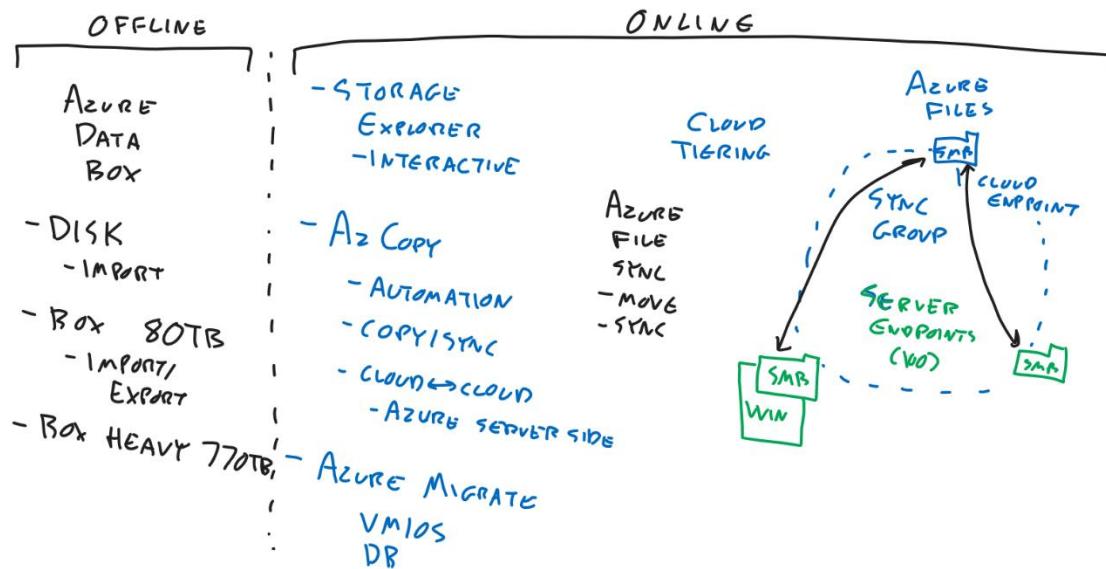
COSMOS DB

- MULTI MODEL
- MULTI CONSISTENCY

DOCUMENT - SQL, MONGODB
COLUMN - CASSANDRA
TABLE
GRAPH - GREMLIN

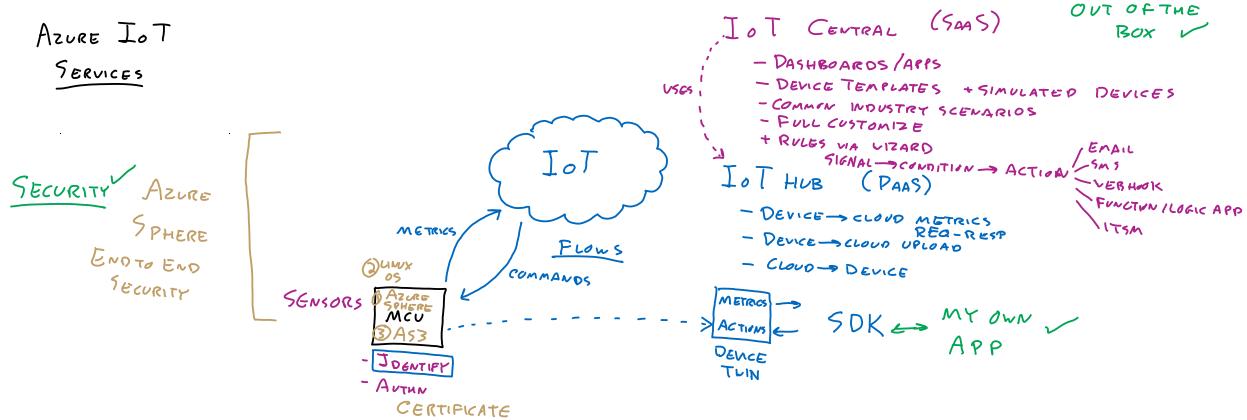


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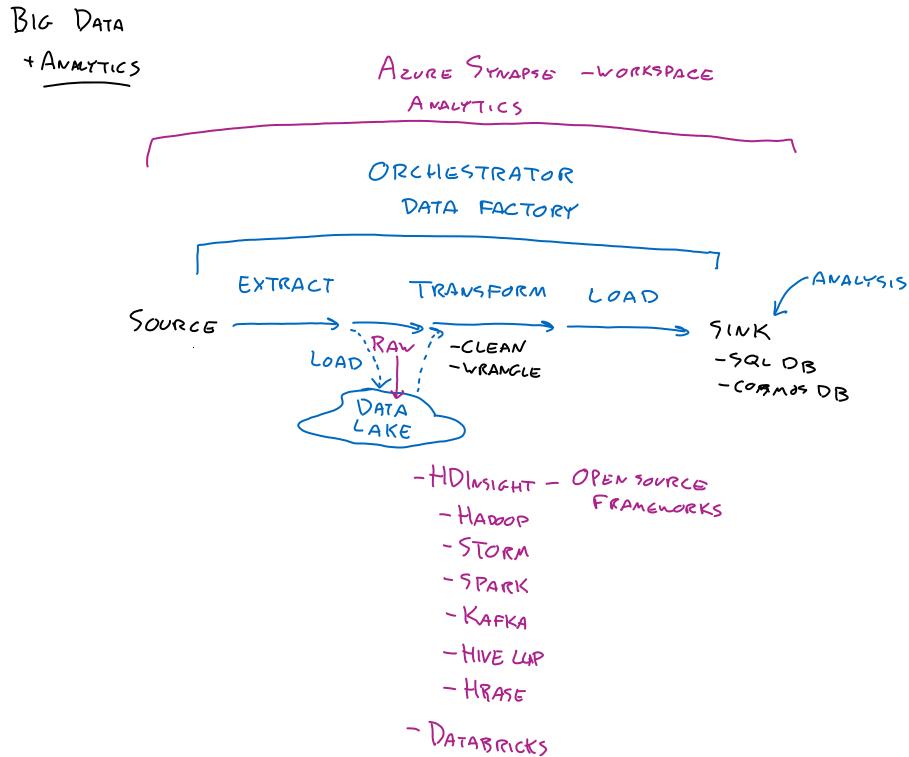


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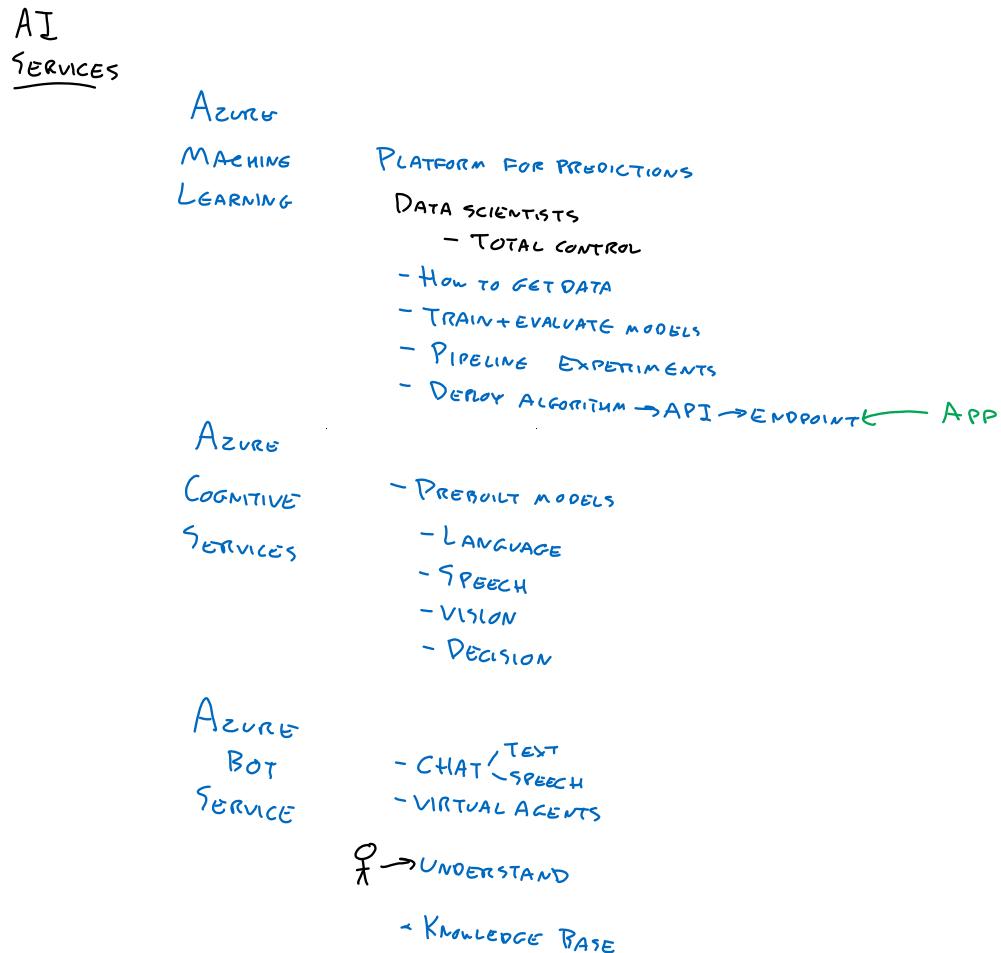
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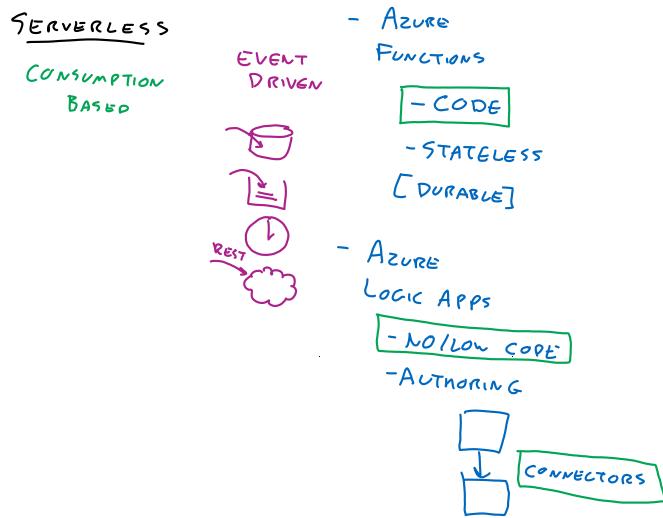
Benefits and Usage of Big Data and Analytics Services



Benefits and Usage of AI Services

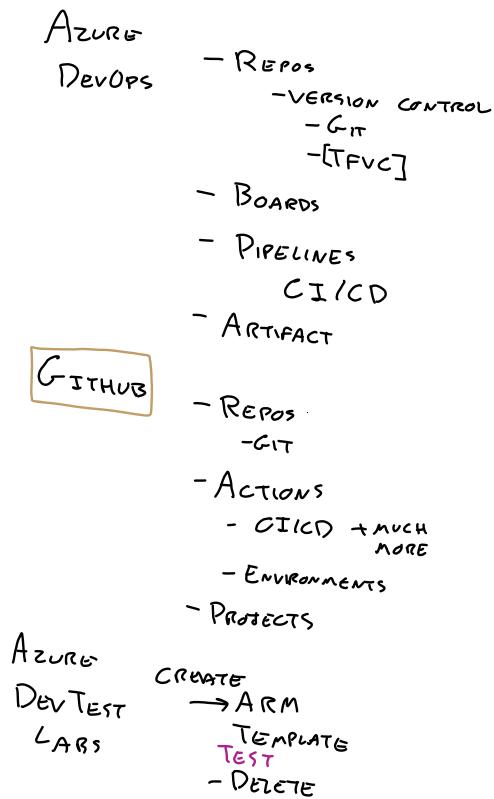


Benefits and Usage of Serverless Technologies

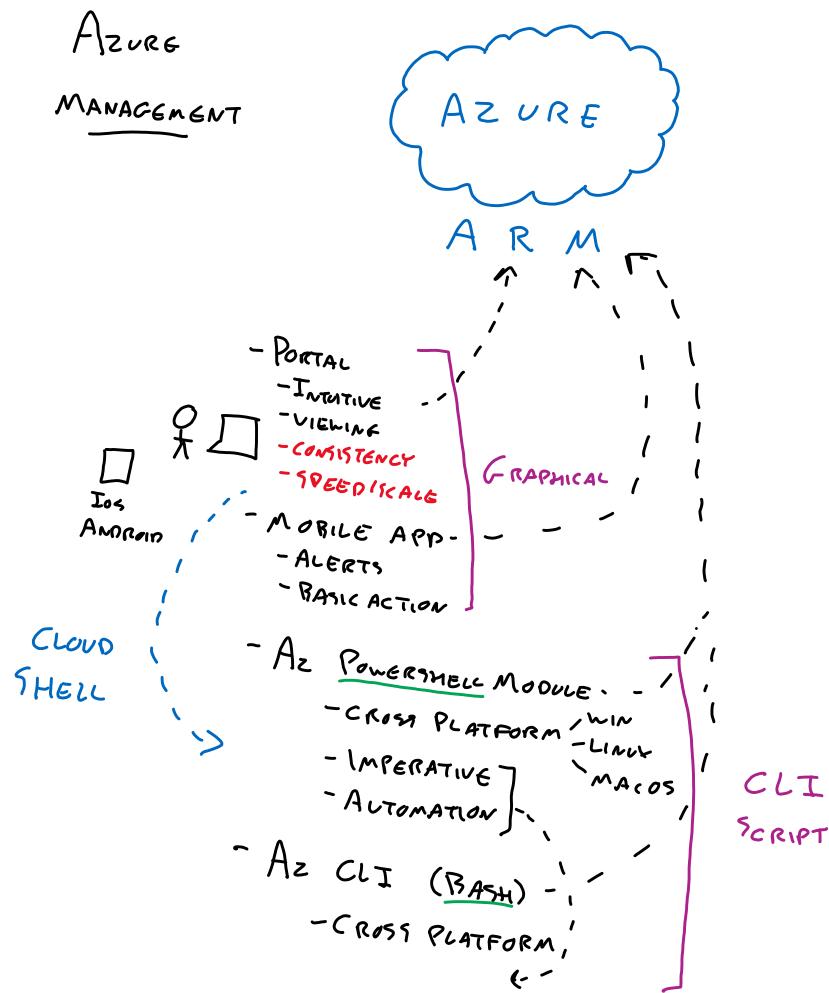


Benefits and Usage of DevOps Technologies

DevOps



Functionality of Azure Management Solutions

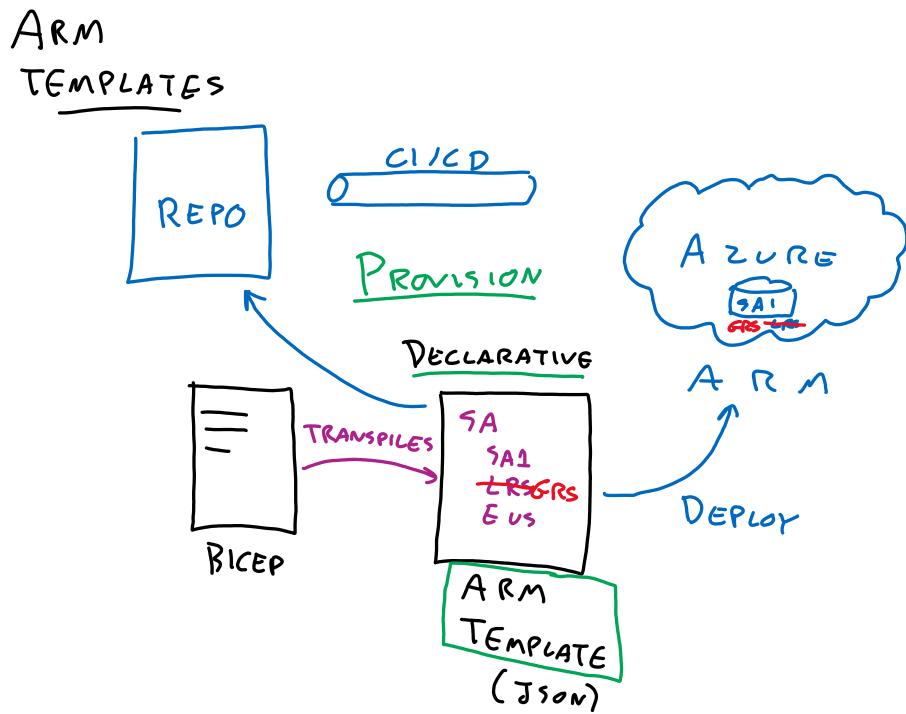


Functionality and Usage of ARM Templates

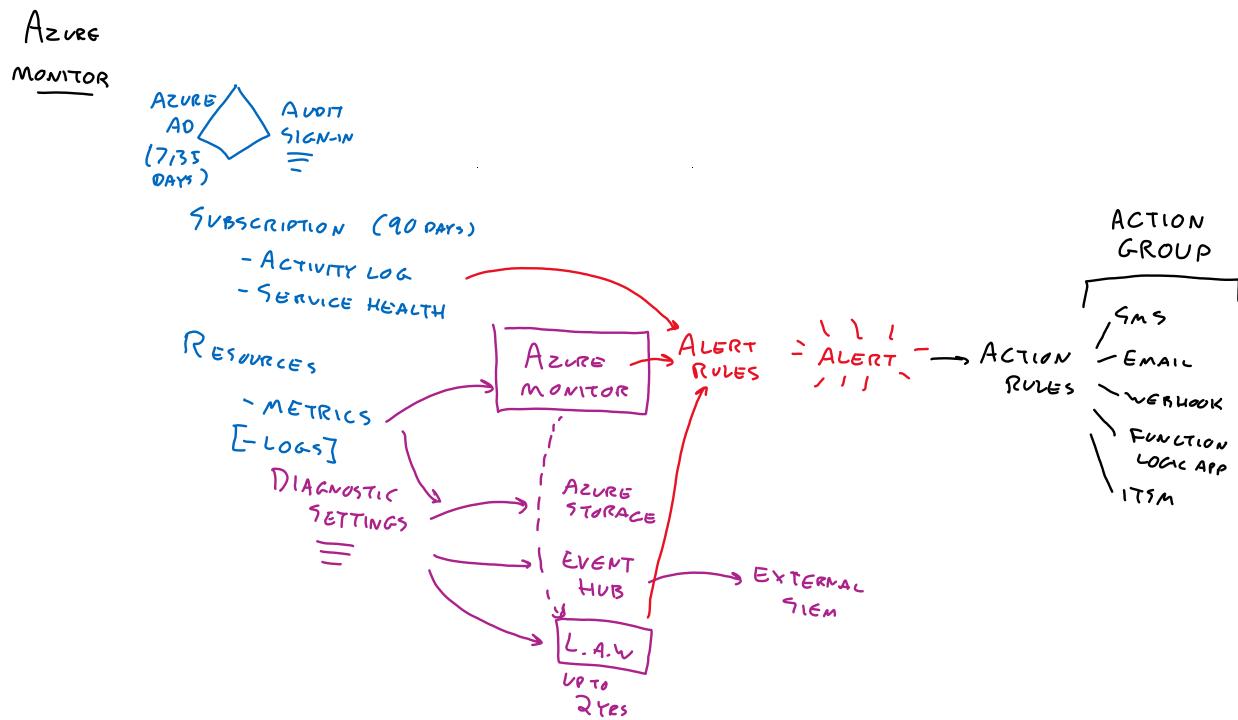
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- Sample ARM template -

<https://github.com/johnthebrit/AzureMasterClass/blob/master/Part11aCandDevOps/StorageRepo/ARMTemplates/StorageAccount.json>

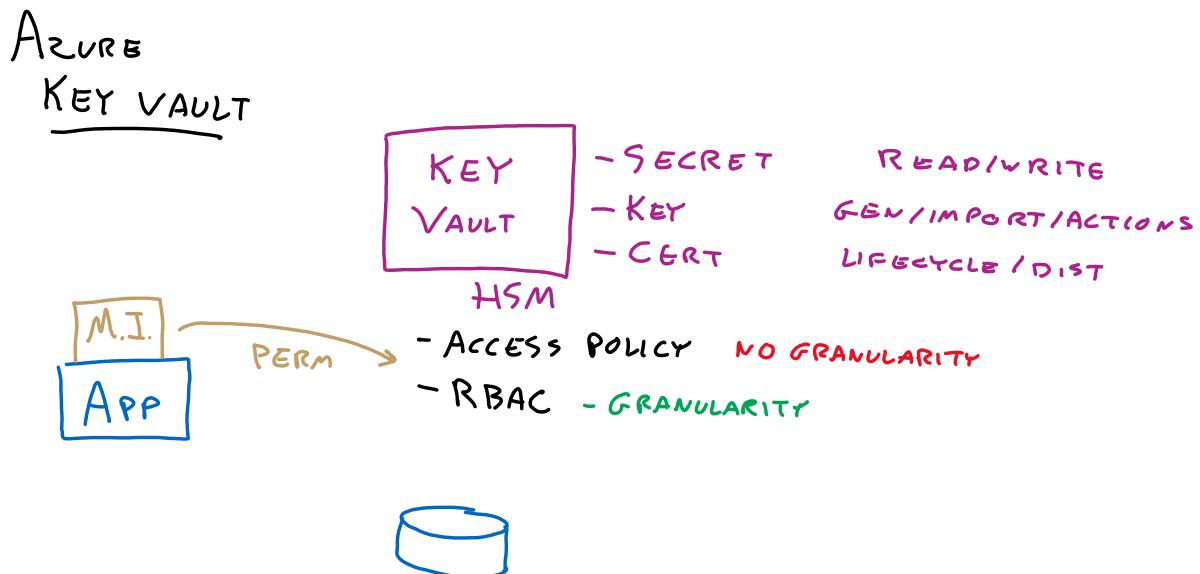


Functionality and Usage of Azure Monitor

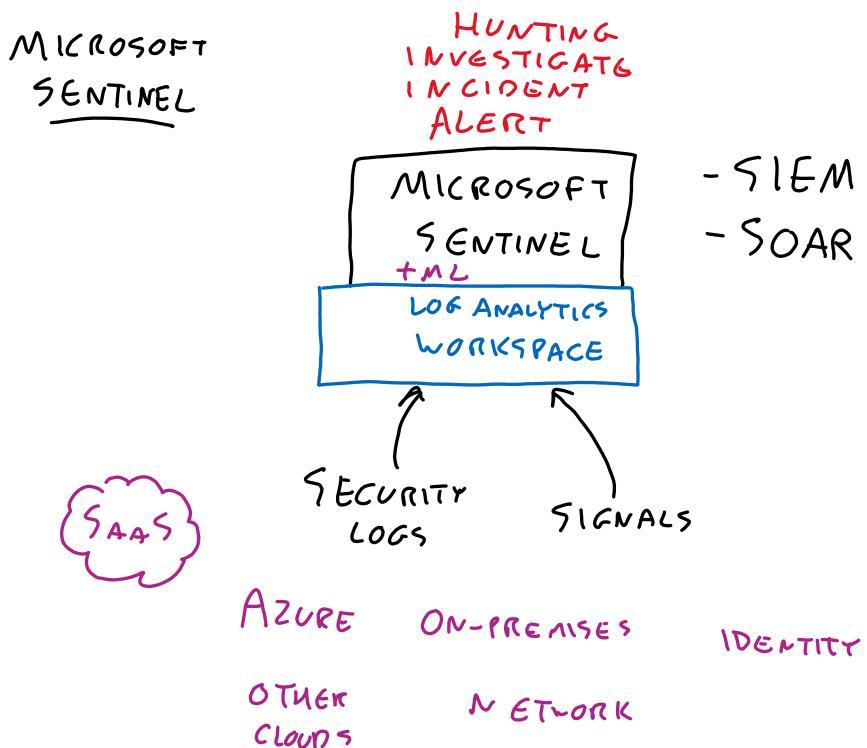


Describe General Security and Network Security Features

Functionality and Usage of Key Vault



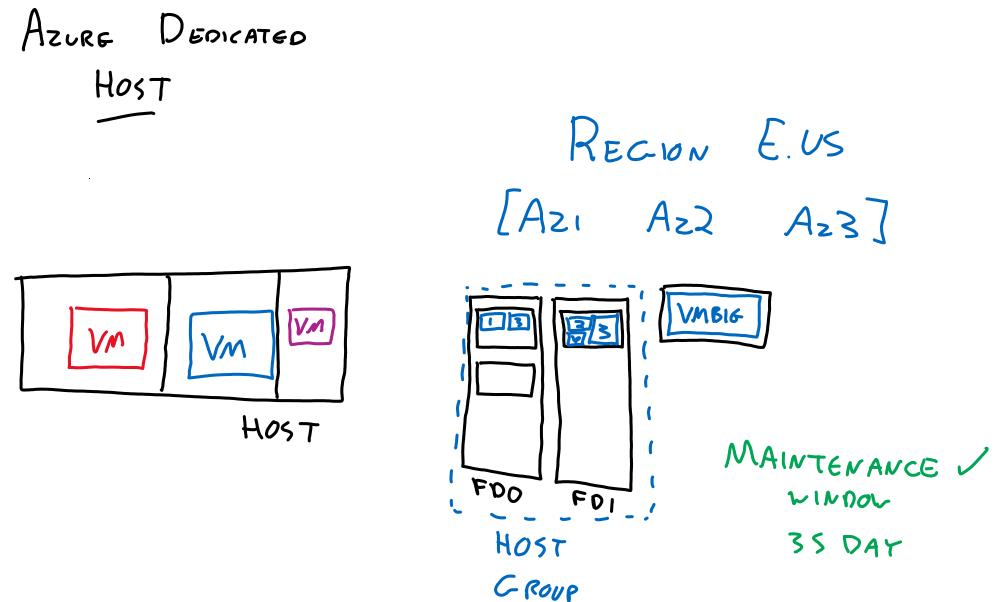
Functionality and Usage of Microsoft Sentinel



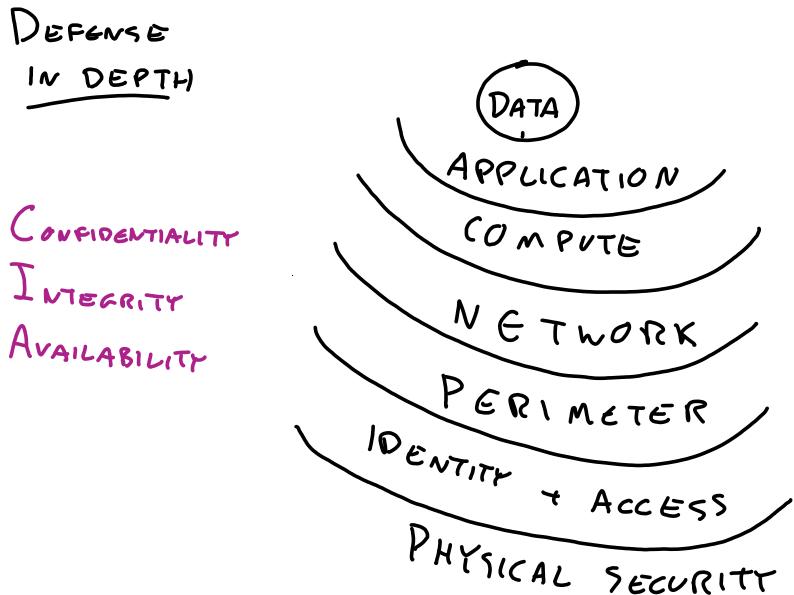
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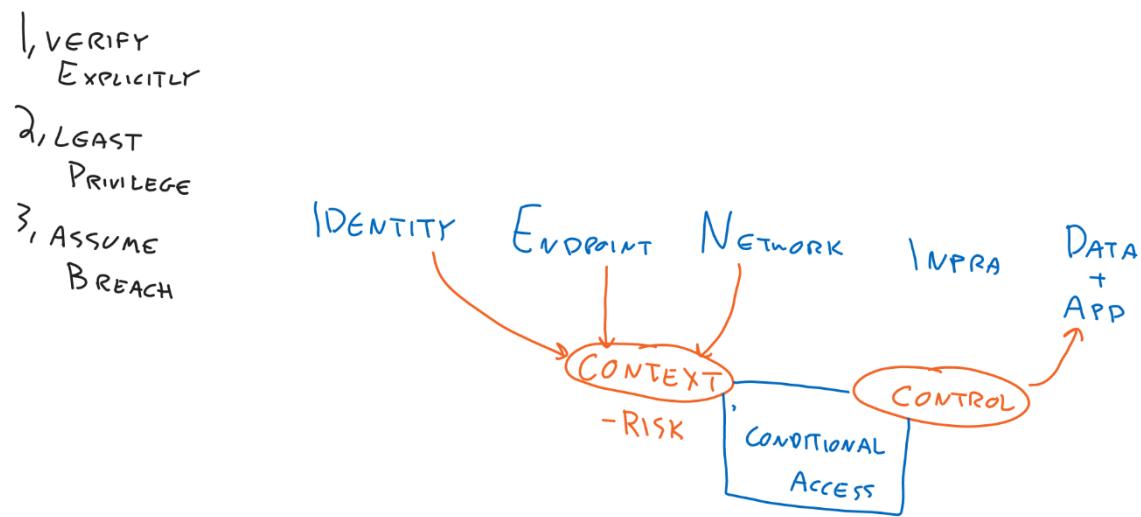
- Azure Dedicated Host - <https://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/details/virtual-machines/dedicated-host/>
- Azure Isolated VMs - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/virtual-machines/isolation>



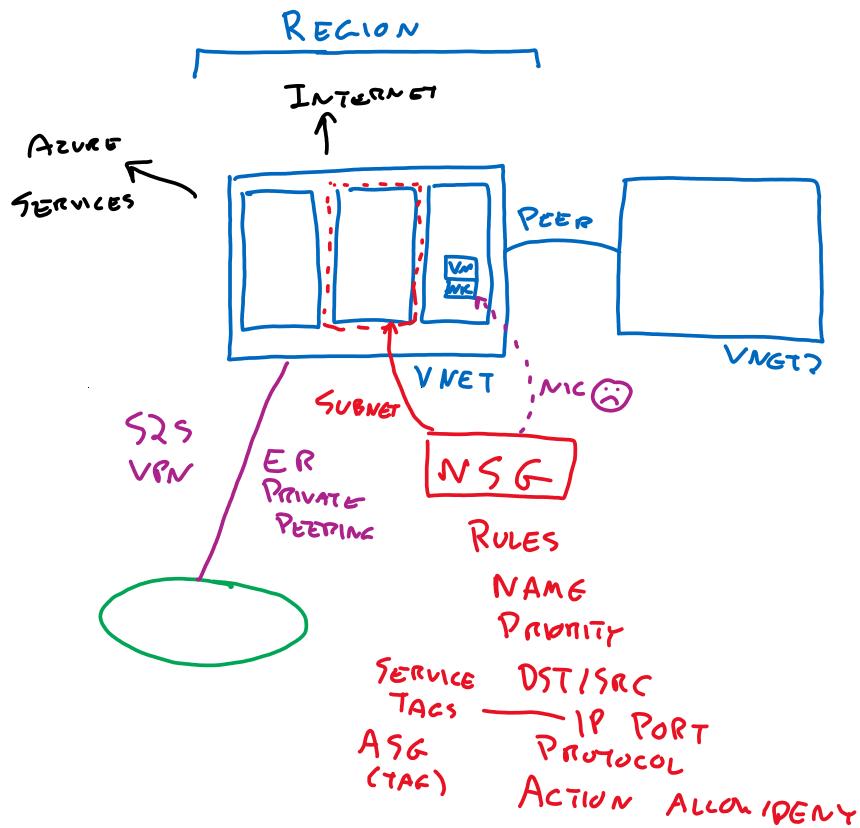
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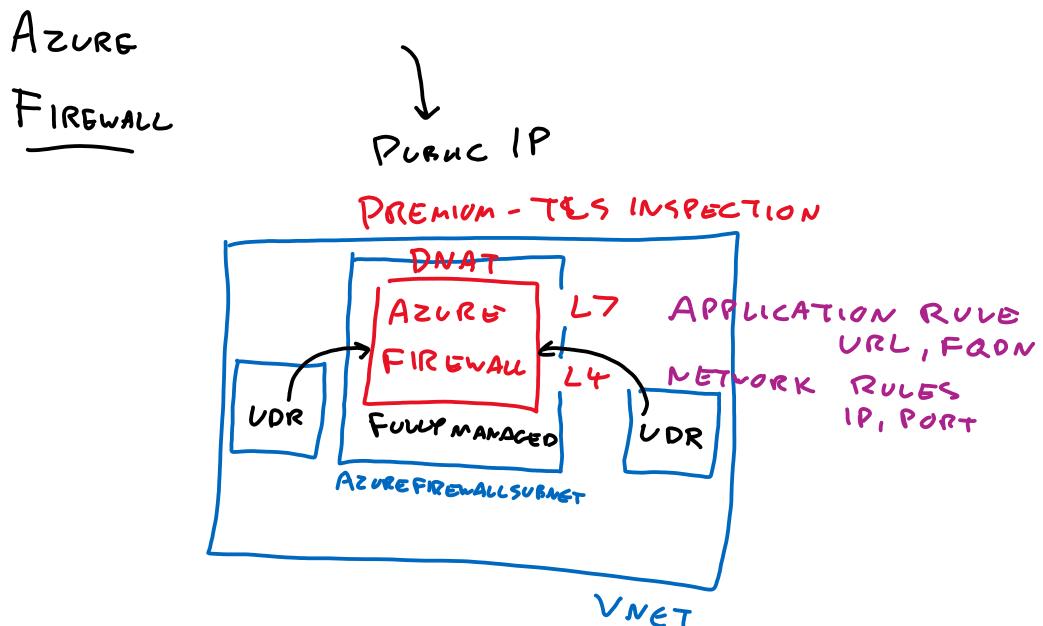
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Functionality and Usage of NSGs

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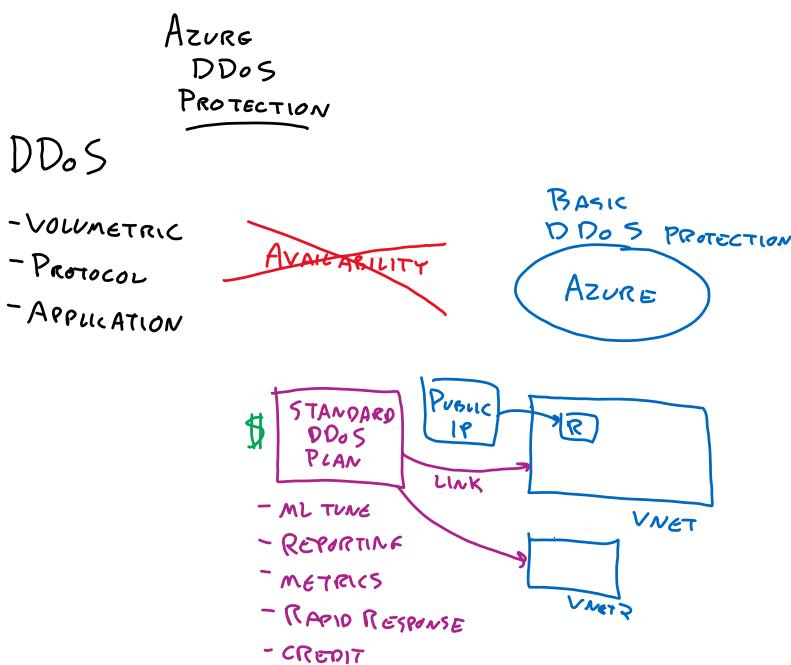
Functionality and Usage of Azure Firewall



Functionality and Usage of Azure DDoS Protection

Links

- DDoS Overview - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/ddos-protection/ddos-protection-overview>



Describe Identity, Governance, Privacy, and Compliance Features

Explain Authentication and Authorization

AUTHENTICATION (AUTHN)

VALIDATING IDENTITY

WE KNOW (PASSWORD)

WE ARE (BIOMETRIC)

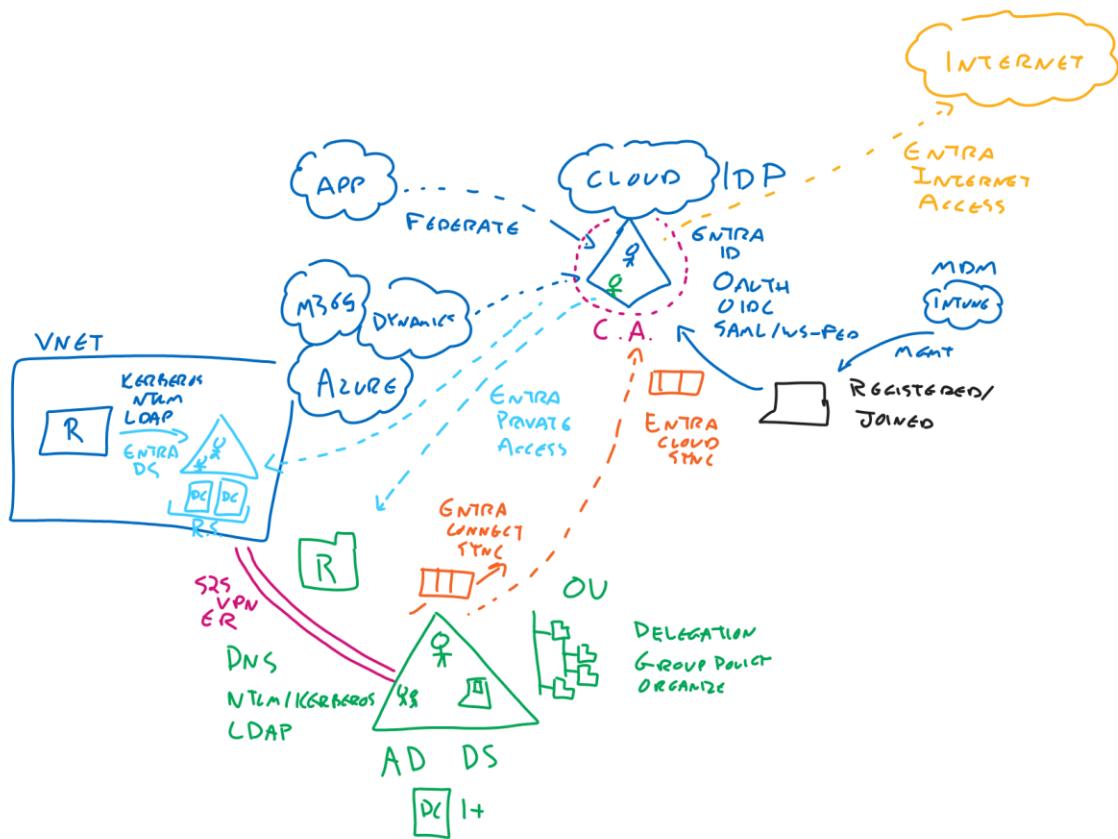
WE HAVE (TOKEN, PC)

AUTHORIZATION (AUTHZ)

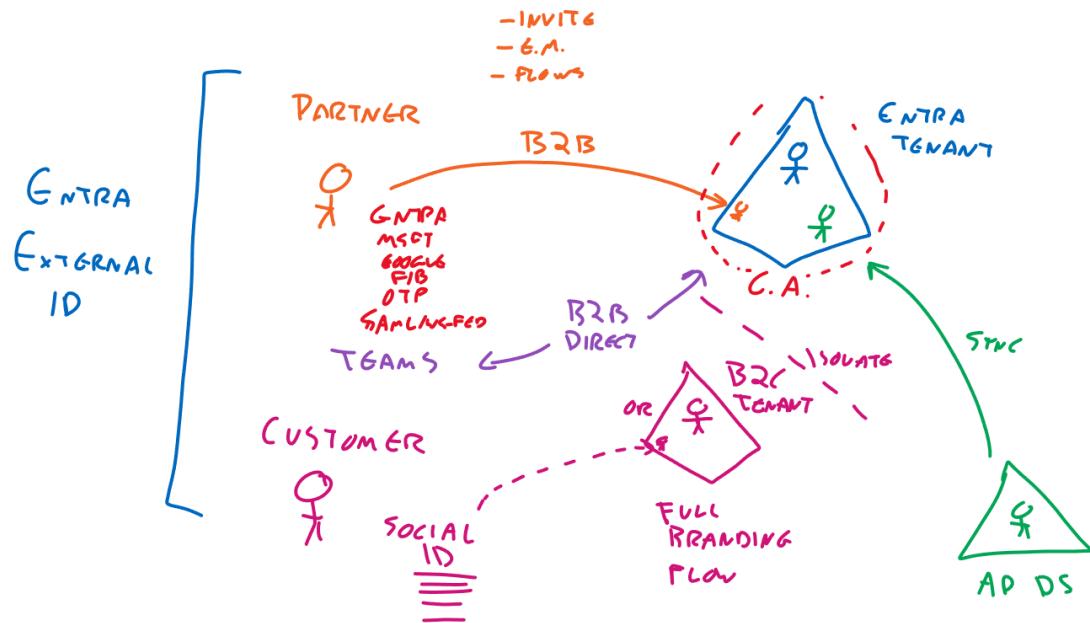
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RBAC

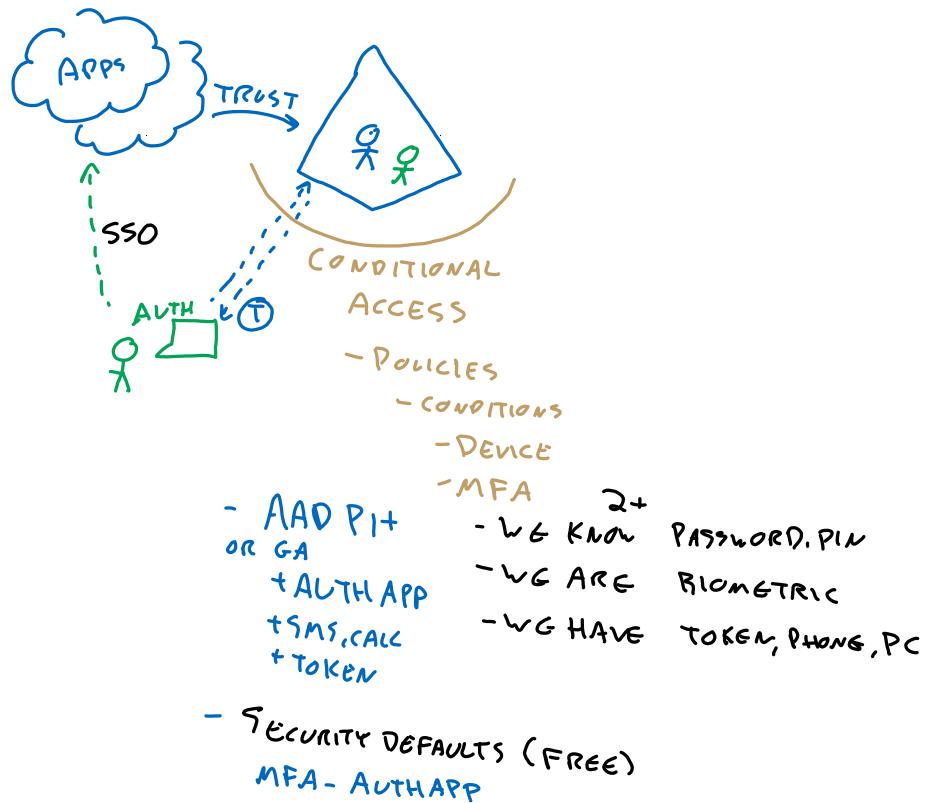
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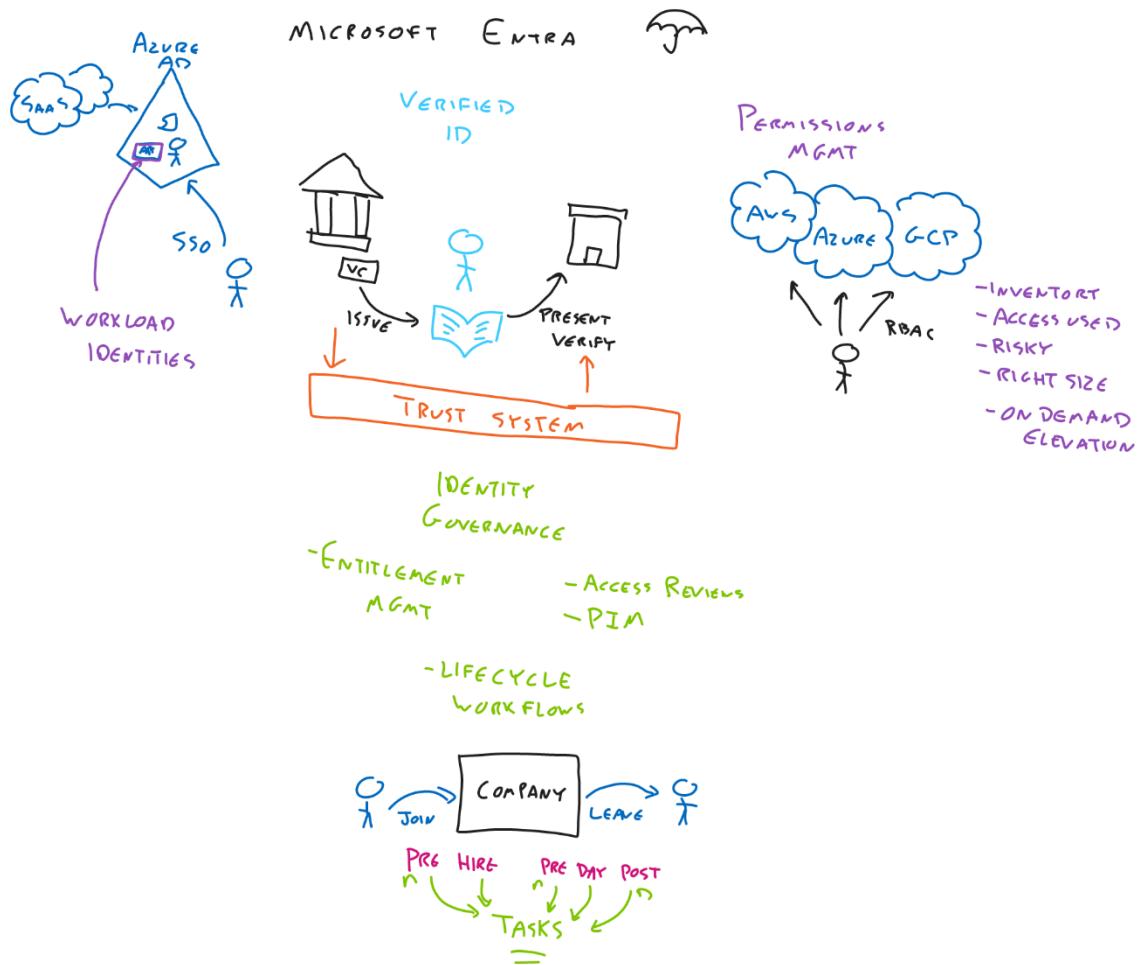
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Functionality of Conditional Access, MFA and SSO

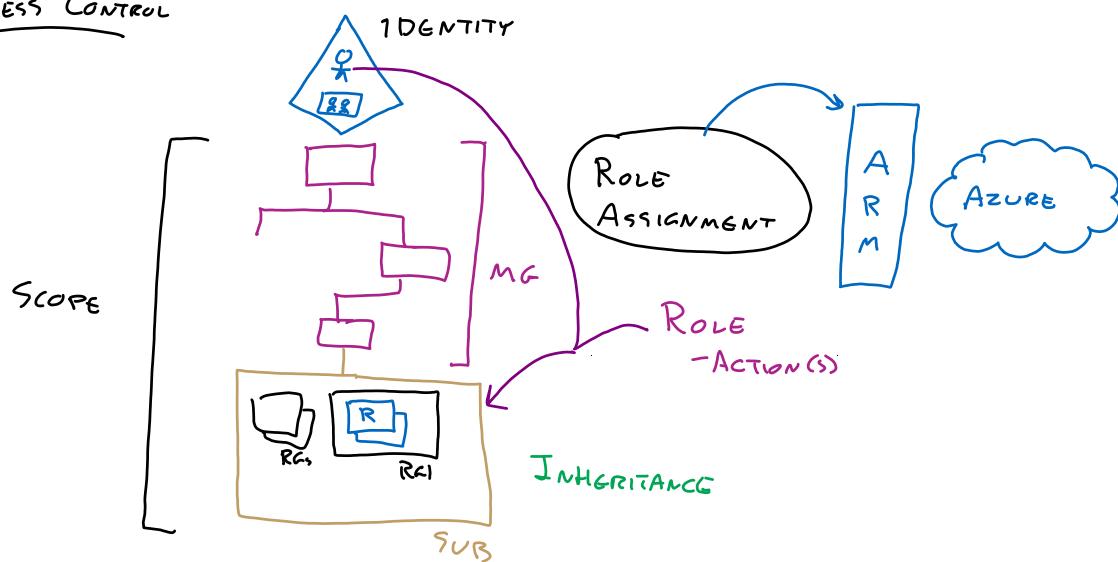
CONDITIONAL ACCESS,MFA + SSO

Overview of Microsoft Entra



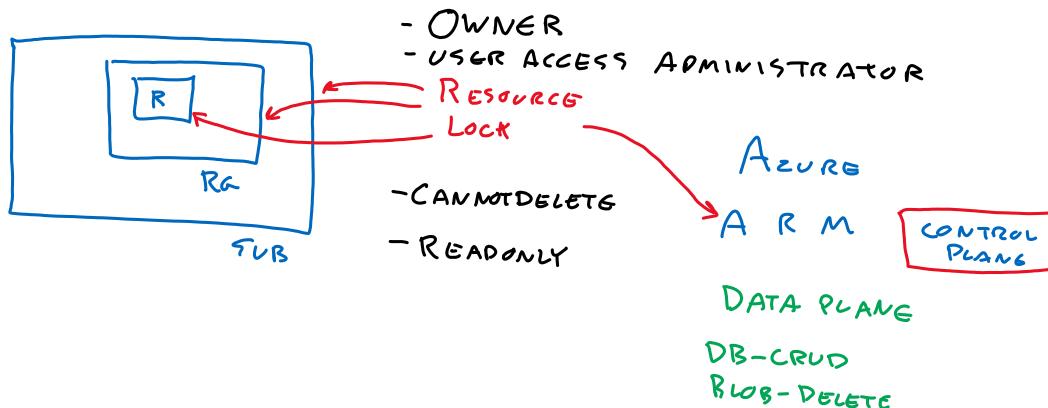
Functionality and Usage of RBAC

Role Based Access Control

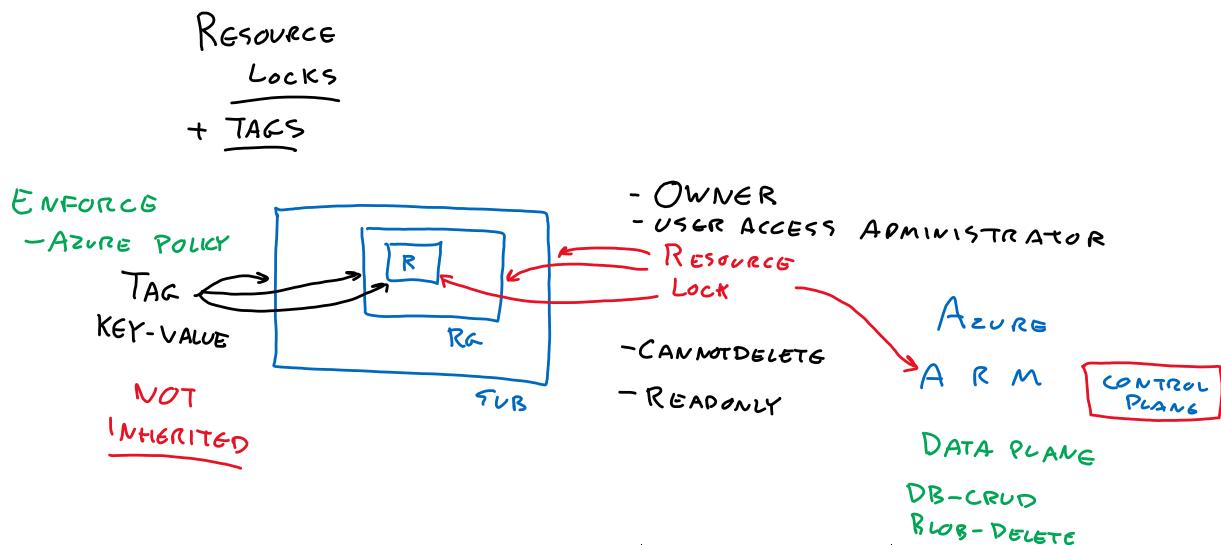


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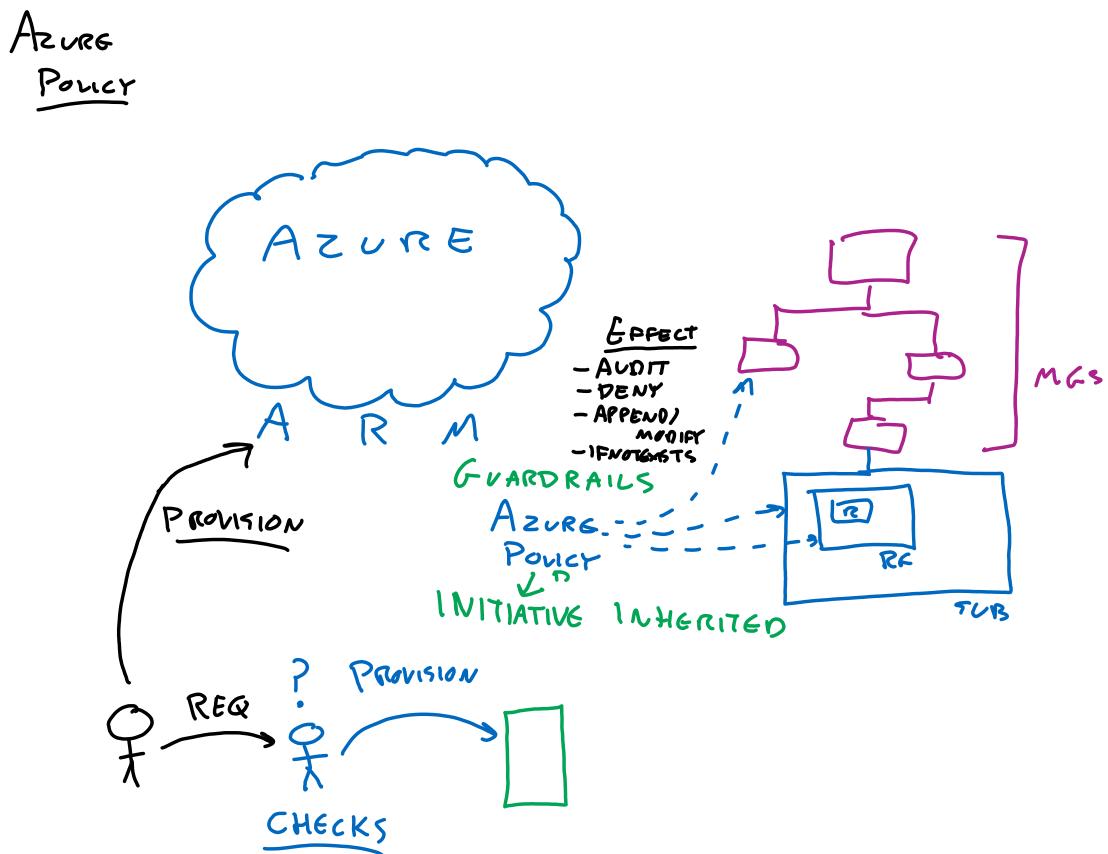
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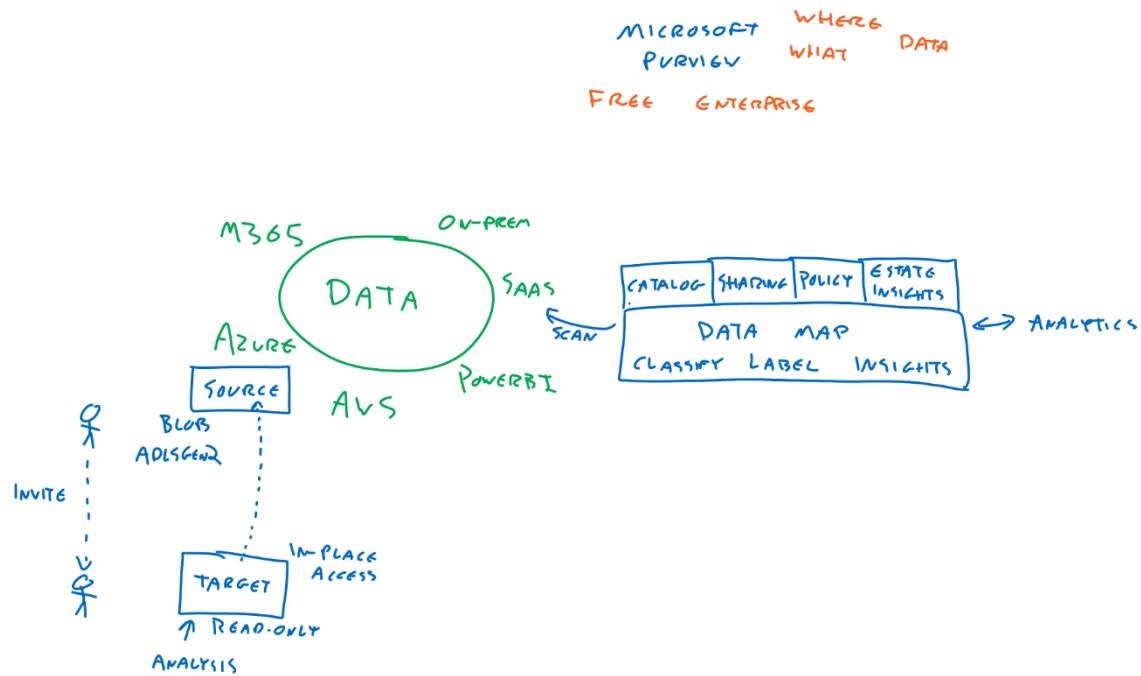
Functionality and Usage of Tags



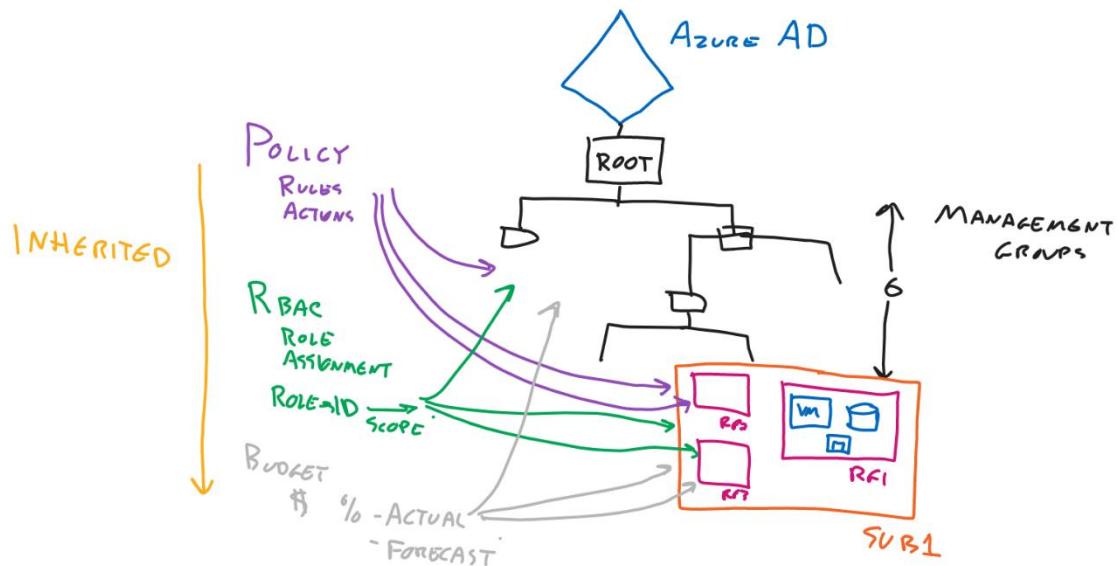
Functionality and Usage of Azure Policy



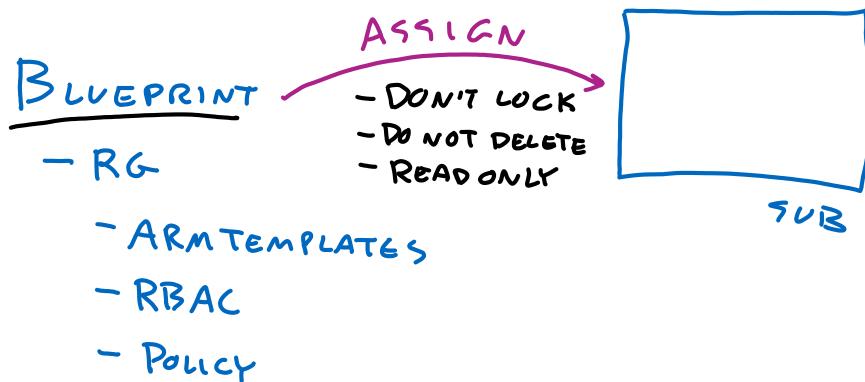
Purpose of Microsoft Purview



Governance Hierarchy Constructs



Functionality and Usage of Azure Blueprints



Describe Cloud Adoption Framework

Links

- CAF Overview - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/cloud-adoption-framework/overview>

Describe Microsoft Privacy Statement, Online Services Terms (OST) and Data Protection Amendment (DPA)

Links

- Microsoft Privacy Statement - <https://privacy.microsoft.com/privacystatement>
- OST - <https://www.microsoft.com/licensing/terms/product/ForallOnlineServices?azure-portal=true>
- DPA - <https://www.microsoft.com/licensing/docs/view/Microsoft-Products-and-Services-Data-Protection-Addendum-DPA>

Purpose of Trust Center and Azure Compliance Documentation

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- Trust Center - <https://www.microsoft.com/trust-center>

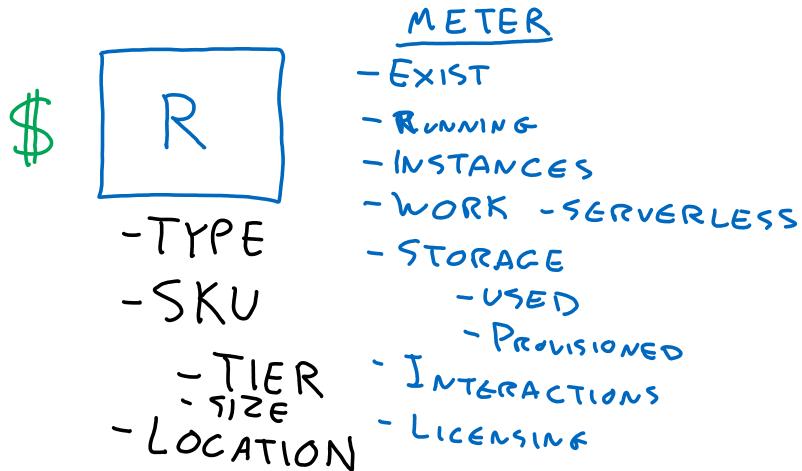
Purpose of Azure Sovereign Regions

Links

- Gov CIIS - <https://docs.microsoft.com/compliance/regulatory/offering-cjis>

Describe Azure Cost Management and Service Level Agreements

Factors That Affect Costs



Factors to Reduce Cost

Links

- <https://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/calculator/>
- Pricing Calculator Deep Dive - <https://youtu.be/rMKmbZ1SYQg>
- Azure Reservations Deep Dive - <https://youtu.be/vpTDXenagcM>



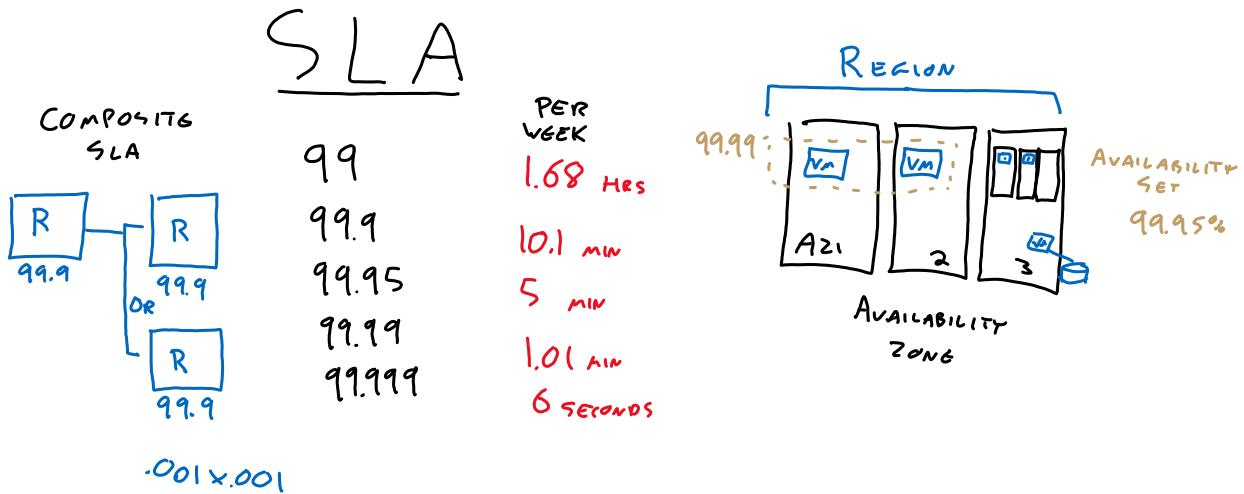
Functionality and Usage of Pricing and TCO Calculators

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- Azure Pricing Calculator - <https://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/calculator/>
- Azure TCO Calculator - <https://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/tco/calculator/>

Purpose of Service Level Agreements

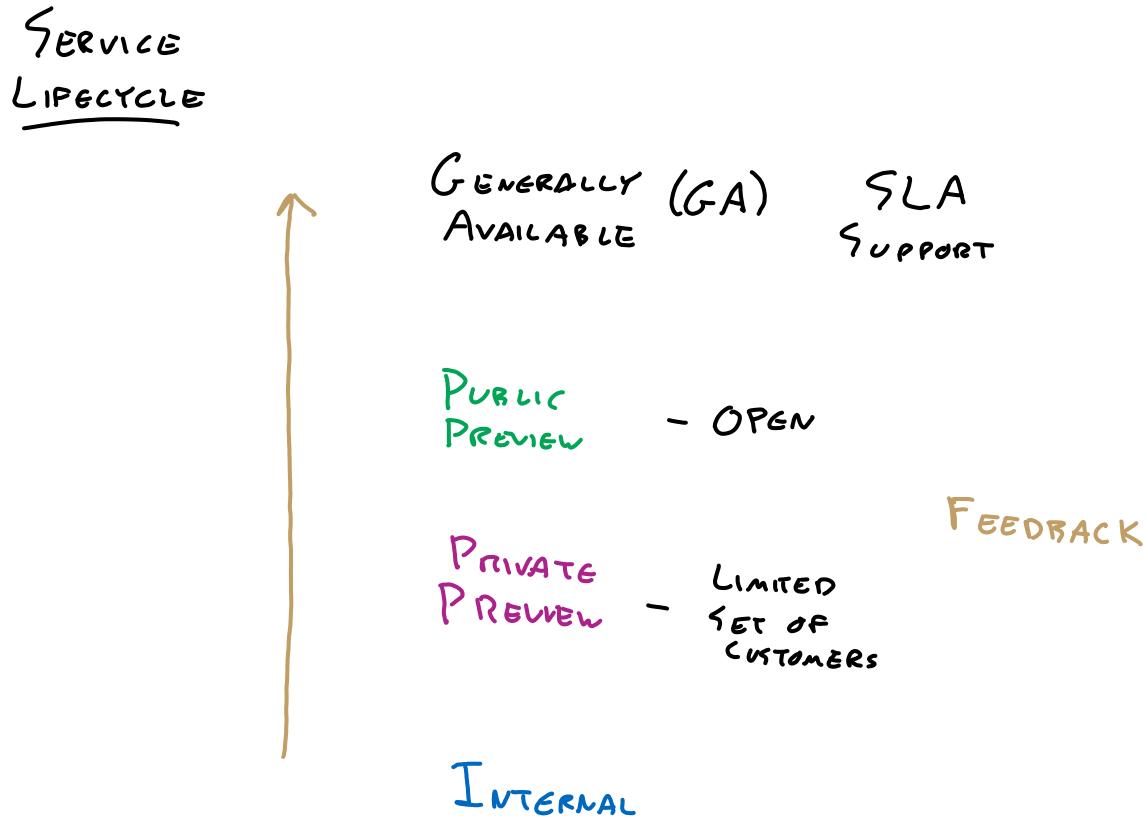
- Azure SLAs - <https://azure.microsoft.com/support/legal/sla/>
- Azure Status - <https://status.azure.com/status>
- Composite SLA documentation - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/architecture/framework/resiliency/business-metrics#understand-service-level-agreements>
- Composite SLA Deep Dive - https://youtu.be/_a3LPSZmkqY



Describe Service Lifecycle in Azure

Links

- Azure preview portal - <https://preview.portal.azure.com>
- Azure updates - <https://azure.microsoft.com/updates/>
- Azure weekly update playlist channel - <https://onboardtoazure.com>



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