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## Introduction



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## FORMAT

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## AGENDA

- Cloud and Microsoft Azure 101
- Identity and Governance
- Understanding Options, Cost and Optimization
- Azure Storage and Database Services
- Using Virtual Networks
- Enabling Azure-to-On-Premises Connectivity
- VMs and VM Scale Sets
- Containers and other Compute Services
- Load Balancing and Enabling External Connectivity to Azure Services
- High Availability, Disaster Recovery and Migration with Azure
- Secrets and Keys
- Monitoring and Security
- Infrastructure as Code and DevOps
- Other Key Azure Technologies to Complete your Azure Environment

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## SOUP TO NUTS

- Goal is to start from the beginning
- Build in a logical way from nothing to being able to architect and operate Azure environments

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## MASTER CLASS EVOLUTION

- Technology changes
- I will update modules over time
- I will add/remove potentially
- I will reference and link to deeper dives
- Make sure to subscribe and set the notification bell to find out about updates and new content
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## STAY CURRENT

- I post a [weekly update](#) every Sunday lunchtime
- Less than 15 minutes covering all the previous weeks changes



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## MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION?

- This is not focused on any specific certification
- My focus is to teach you Azure
- However this would help with:



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## LET'S BEGIN!



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## Foundation



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## CLOUD Services

- Many types of Cloud Service
- These cloud services can be hosted:
  - Within an organization's own infrastructure, Private Cloud, with full access to all aspects and all responsibility
  - From an external party accessed over the Internet and made available to general public, Public Cloud, e.g. Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services. Access only to specific aspects based on the service and responsibility based on type of service
  - Some organizations share an infrastructure which can be thought of as a Community Cloud
  - A combination of clouds brings a Hybrid Cloud solution

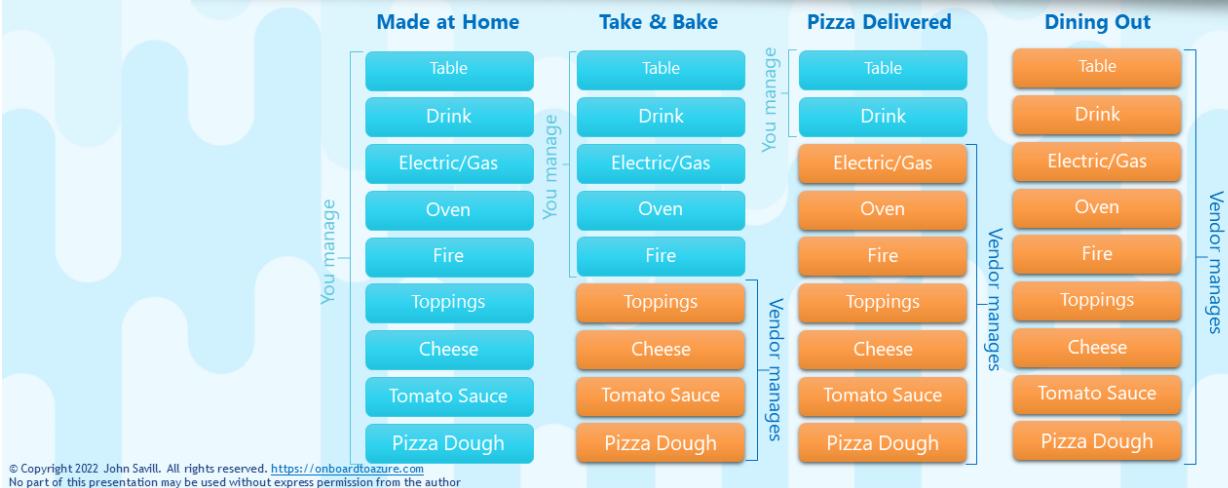
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## WHAT IS A “CLOUD”

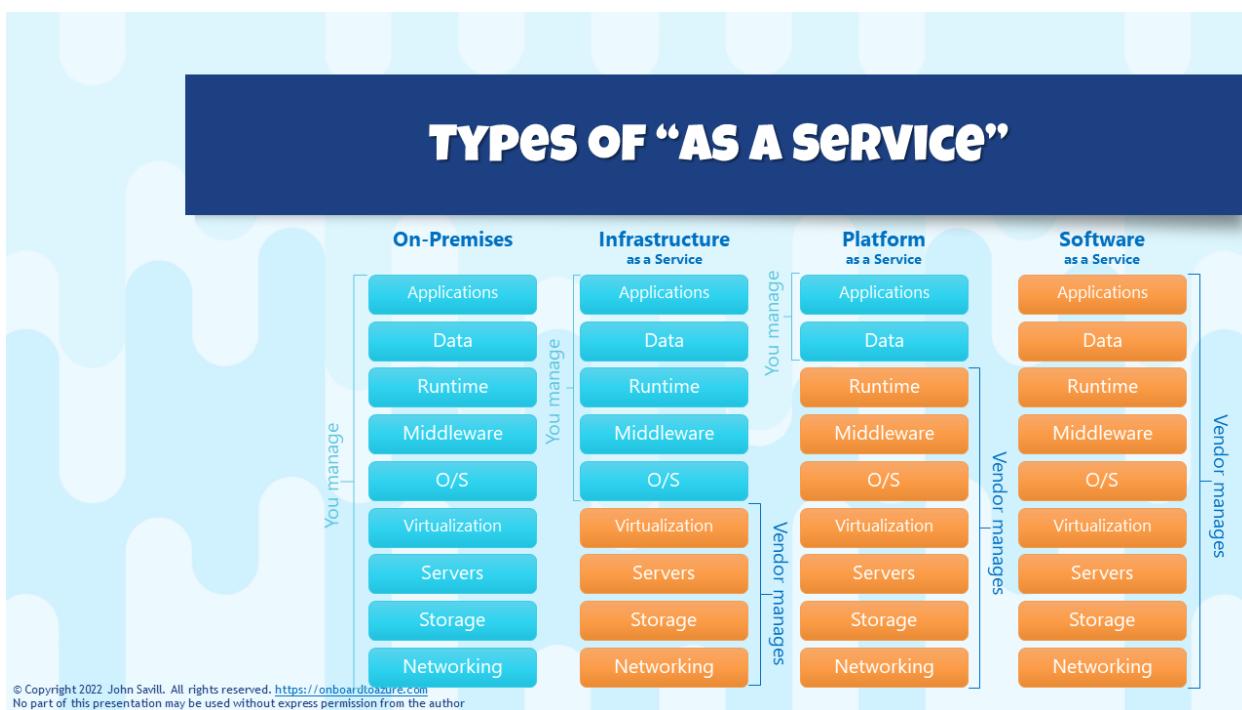
- Many definitions
- US NIST defines 5 critical characteristics to be a cloud
  - On-demand self-service
  - Broad network access
  - Resource pooling
  - Rapid elasticity
  - Measured service
- <http://dx.doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-145>

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## TYPES OF “AS A SERVICE”



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## IMPORTANT POINT

**In a real public cloud  
you are not putting  
in an order for  
servers to be racked!**

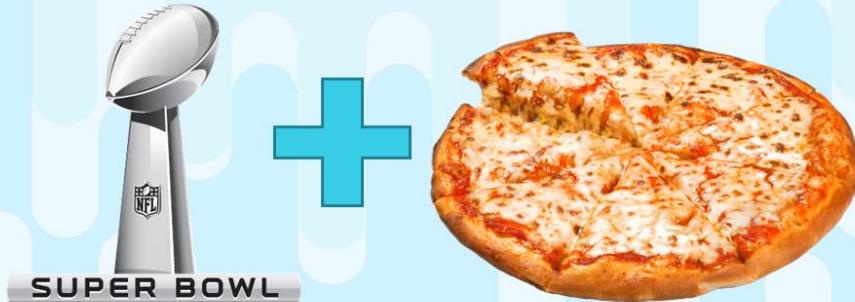
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## WHEN TO USE PUBLIC CLOUD SOLUTIONS

- There is no definite right or wrong answer
- Shift responsibility and focus on what matters to the business
- Different organizations have different priorities and can operate services/datacenters at different price points and environment impact
- Requirements for resiliency or proximity not possible or practical on-premises
- The key point is that Public Cloud solutions charge you based on consumption
  - If I consume 100 TB of storage I pay for 100 TB and not the 500 TB I may need in the future
  - If a virtual machine runs for 12 hours a month I pay for the 12 hours it is running only
- The fact you pay only when its needed means Public Cloud fits a number of key scenarios perfectly

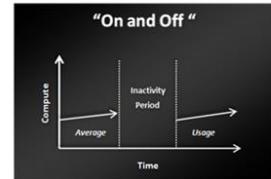
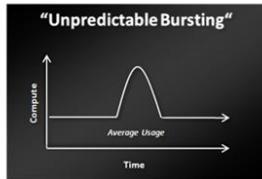
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## OTHER GREAT SCENARIOS

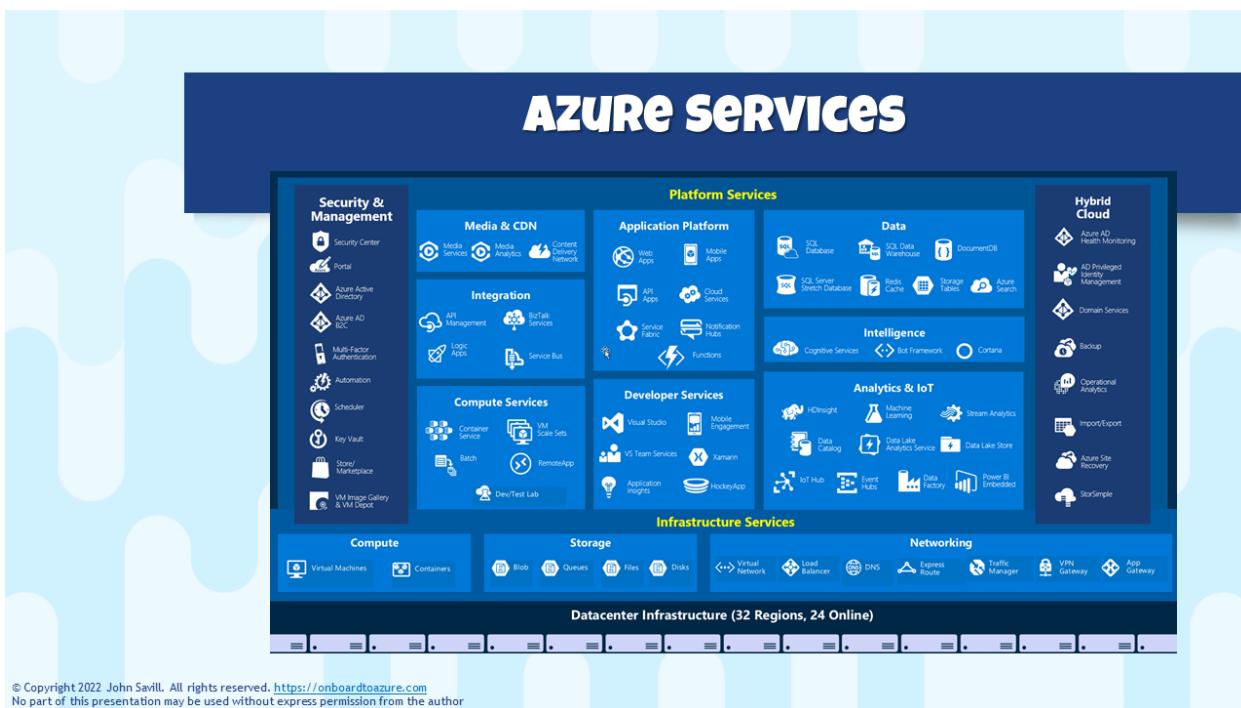


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## KEY SCENARIOS I SEE

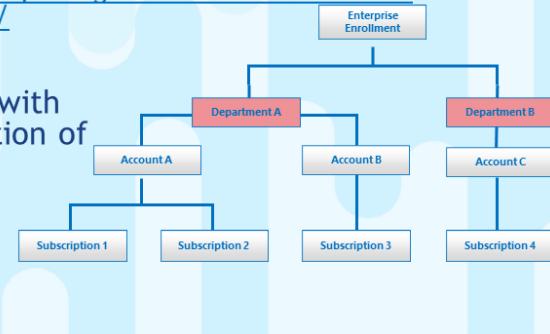
- Test and development
- Disaster Recovery
- DMZ scenarios
- Special projects
- Many organizations are just “all in”

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## HOW TO GET AZURE?

- Get a free one-month trial with \$200 credit
  - <http://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/free-trial/>
- Get Azure as part of your existing Visual Studio Enterprise
  - <https://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/member-offers/credit-for-visual-studio-subscribers/>
- Buy Azure as you use it
- Create an Azure agreement with Microsoft which allows creation of different subscriptions and administrators plus reduced rates
  - Cloud Service Provider



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## ACCOUNT SETUP METHODOLOGY

- Different options for creating accounts including:
  - Functional Teams (Sales, Legal, Marketing)
  - Business Divisions (Windows, Bing)
  - Geographic (North America, Europe)
  - Applications



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## LIMITS AND QUOTAS

- There are soft limits and hard limits
- Initially subscriptions have fairly low limits to help protect you from over use
- <http://azure.microsoft.com/documentation/articles/azure-subscription-service-limits/>
- You can increase this via Subscription - Usage + quotas - Request Increase
- On your account you can enable or remove spending limits

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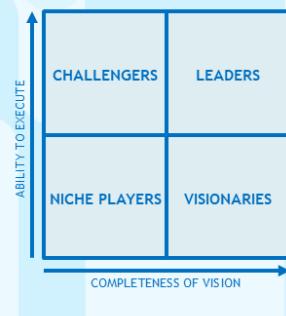
## RELIABILITY LAYER IN THE CLOUD

- Reliability in the hardware is what you often implement on-premises
  - Centralized storage (e.g. a SAN)
  - Clusters of hosts
  - Migration of VMs between hosts in planned situations and failover in unplanned
  - Typically single instance of workloads
- Reliability in the software is used in the cloud
  - Distributed, multiple instances of compute and storage
  - VMs typically not migrated during maintenance
- Note Azure datacenter architectures are highly durable and resilient!
- Reliability in the software is the only practical architecture for mega-scale however it does not mean its worse than reliability in the hardware
- You need to factor this as part of your architecture and provide reliability in the application through multiple instances

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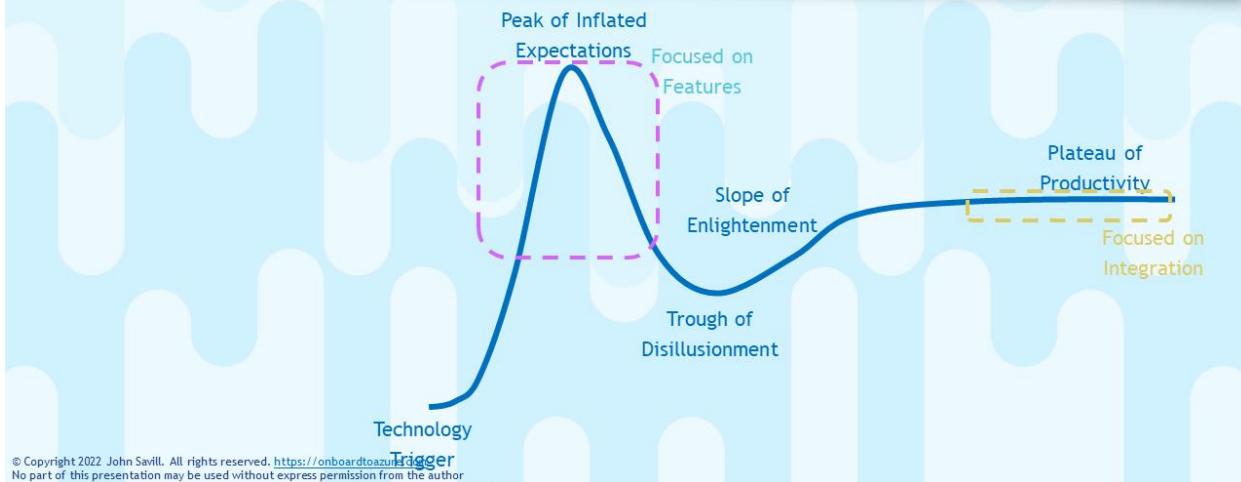
## WHY SHOULD YOU USE AZURE?

- Gartner has a magic quadrant around many technologies. The magic quadrant are leaders in their vision and ability to execute
- Microsoft is in the leader magic quadrant for many services, e.g.:
  - Cloud Infrastructure and Platform Services
  - Access Management
  - Cloud DBMS
  - Cloud AI Developer services
  - Multiple security offerings
  - ....
- Microsoft can provide a hybrid solution



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## BUT WHAT ABOUT Feature X?



## WHAT DOES THIS mean?

- Azure is really one of the few realistic big guys in this space
- The billions of dollars needed to be available geographically available and commit to the scale limit those who can truly play in this space
- Everyone else will likely be niche players
- You are betting on a good horse 😊
- If Azure does become self-aware it will treat you well as an early adopter

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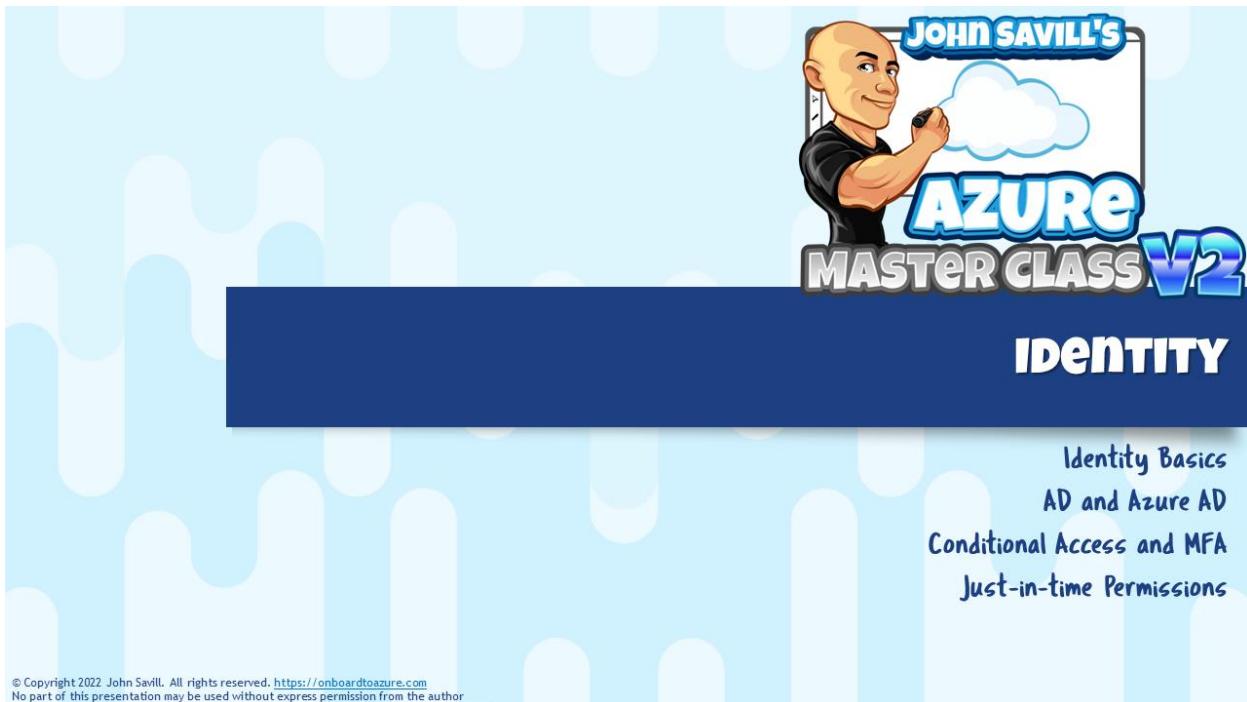


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- ▶ Azure PUE:  
 <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/3-key-cloud-adoption-trends-in-migrating-and-modernizing-workloads/>
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 <https://azure.microsoft.com/products/>

## Identity



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## THE NEED FOR IDENTITY

- For any service it's critical to be able to apply the principle of least privilege
- This requires granting certain actions (roles) to certain security principals at a defined scope
- We are focusing on the security principals
- Any actor should be uniquely identifiable
- A central store for the identities is required along with capabilities to use them

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## OR IS IT? Decentralized Identity

- Gaining momentum
- Puts the user in the center instead of an IdP
- The user (or other entity) owns the identity and controls information shared
- Other entities can issue credentials (issuer) to a subject that the subject can choose to share with other entities (verifier)
- This is all rooted in some trust system to ensure the authenticity and integrity of the credentials

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## ENTER.... AZURE AD

- Azure AD is the identity provider for the Microsoft clouds
  - Azure
  - Microsoft 365
  - Dynamics 365
- Azure AD ≠ AD in the cloud
- Azure AD SKUs and Licensing

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## HOW DO YOU GET AZURE AD?

- You probably already have it
- Azure AD is the directory service used by most Microsoft services including Office 365, Dynamics CRM and even Azure subscriptions
- Managed through Azure or Office Portal
- Can create additional Azure AD tenants
- By default will be a <name>.onmicrosoft.com
- Can add a custom domain name(s)

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## AZURE AD OBJECTS

- Users
- Groups (Assigned/Dynamic)
- Enterprise Applications/Azure Resources (Service Principals)
- Managed identities (special service principals)
- Devices
- Stuff
- Users and groups will often come from ADDS

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## AD → AZURE AD SYNC

- AD is the source of truth
- An Azure AD instance can only sync from one Azure AD Connect (and optional staging)
- One AD can sync to multiple Azure AD instances
- Azure AD Connect Cloud Sync provides a cloud-based sync engine

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## AUTHENTICATION & AUTHORIZATION

- Authentication (AuthN) - Proving who you are
- Authorization (AuthZ) - What I can do (access/actions)
- For Azure AD there is cloud and federated authentication
  - Password Hash (PHS) (cloud)
  - Pass-through Authentication (PTA) (hybrid)
  - Federation (hybrid)
- Generally recommended in this order
- PTA/Federation has benefits related to locked accounts/logon hours/expired password
- All methods can use either seamless (PHS/PTA) or single (federation) sign-on
- You can perform a staged rollout from federation to cloud authentication
- PHS recommended even if using another method as primary
- Authorization is always against Azure AD

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## ROLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

- Many built-in roles related to Azure AD and Microsoft SaaS solutions
- Roles can be given to users and a special type of group (cloud)
- Custom roles can be created if built-in do not meet requirements
- Always think least privilege
- Scope is normally global however Administrative Units can limit scope of roles to subset of users, groups and/or devices
- <https://mystaff.microsoft.com/> may be useful for simple management

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## PRIVILEGED IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

- Enables elevation of Azure AD (and ARM) roles when needed for limited time
- Can also be used to elevate to a privileged group membership or ownership for limited time
- Roles must be pre-assigned to be available for users
- Users then elevate on-demand or for a future time
- Azure AD P2 feature!

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## ENTRA PERMISSIONS MANAGEMENT

- Also allows on-demand elevation
- More ad-hoc at very granular permission level
- Works across clouds (Azure, AWS, GCP)
- Can also analyze permissions used and optionally right size
- Separate license

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## ACCESS REVIEWS

- Very often people change roles, get new permissions and never lose old permissions!
- Access reviews enable review on
  - Group membership
  - App assignment
  - Role assignment
- Review can be by administrators, delegated people or self-review

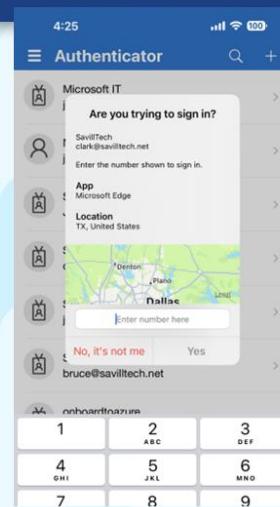
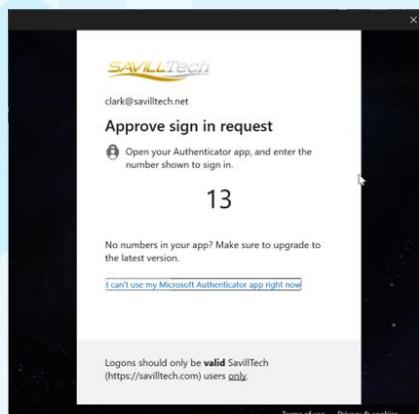
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## AZURE AD MFA

- Passwords on their own are not good!
- MFA blocks 99.9% of attacks
- What is MFA?
  - Something we know (pin/gesture)
  - Something we are (biometric)
  - Something we have (phone, token, laptop)
- Should be used sparingly or responding will become muscle memory and want to avoid MFA fatigue

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## AUTHENTICATION CONTEXT AND NUMBER MATCHING



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- Azure AD P1 OR use Security Defaults (or be a Global Admin)
- Passwordless such as H4B, authenticator app, FIDO2 key, CBA

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## SECURING REGISTRATION AND SSPR

- MFA registration is combined with SSPR
  - <https://aka.ms/SSPRsetup>
- There is a chicken & egg problem
- Users must initially setup their security registration which would authenticate with password only
- Conditional Access - User actions - Register security information can lock down
- <https://passwordreset.microsoftonline.com>

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## CONDITIONAL ACCESS

- Is triggered for any authorization regardless of authentication method
- Provides rich controls around users, roles, apps, environment etc
- AAD P1+

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## B2B AND B2C

- Often we will have people in other companies we want to collaborate with
- They can be invited into our AAD as a B2B guest
- Cross-tenant access settings provide control on collaboration and inbound MFA trust
- B2C is aimed at our customers as a separate type and tenant instance that is fully customizable with other types of social identity support
- Changes coming in future to more unification

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## ENTITLEMENT MANAGEMENT AND WORKFLOWS

- Enables access packages to be created of:
  - Groups
  - Applications
  - SharePoint sites
- Lifecycle workflows automate tasks associated with on and off boarding

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## AD IN AZURE?

- Good old AD DS is likely not going anywhere
- Azure AD DS provides a managed AD with objects replicated from AAD (requires password hash sync)
- If have existing AD typically extend that to Azure instead
- VMs can be auto-joined to AD through IaaS VM extension (store creds in Key Vault!)

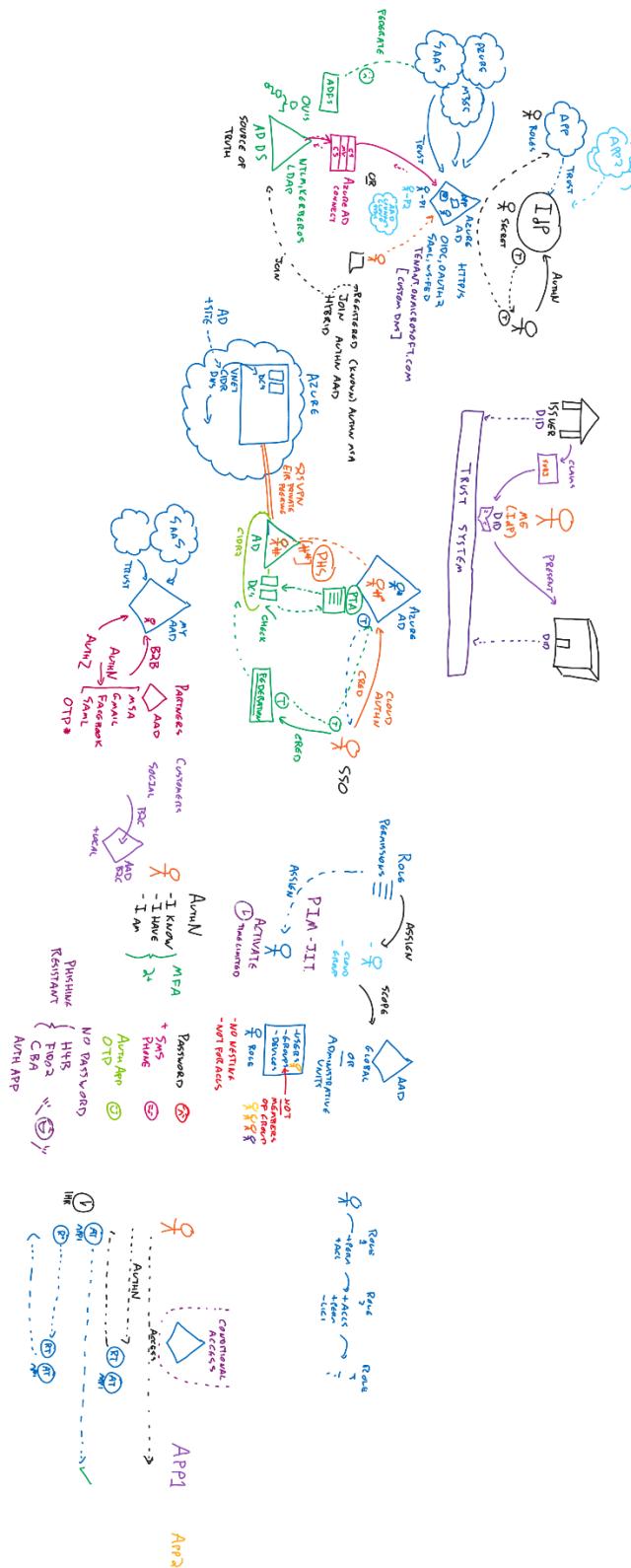
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Links for module

► Azure AD SKUs:

- 🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/authentication/concept-mfa-licensing#feature-comparison-based-on-licenses>

## Whiteboard for module



## Governance



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## GOVERNANCE 101

- Governance in the cloud is critical
- Our processes and behavior is different in the cloud compared to on-premises
- In the cloud by default there are many types of public facing services available
  - This could be bad!
- Governance is about enforcement of rules and ensuring proper functioning to standards

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## UNDERSTAND YOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Take some time to understand your requirements
  - Corporate standards and operational practices
  - Regulatory compliance
- Azure is a shared responsibility model for many aspects of compliance
- Compliance portal can help track

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**Often these are all  
around mitigating risk**

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## KEY ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENTS

- Management Groups
- Subscriptions
- Resource Groups

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## SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

- RBAC
- Policy
- Budget
- Locking (subscription/RG/resource)

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## A QUICK WORD ON ARM

- This will be covered in detail in the IaC module
- Understanding the structure of resources helps with Azure Policy
- Everything in Azure is made up of resources that are defined in resource providers
- A resource has properties and actions

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## RBAC

- At all levels, access control can be leveraged on the management plane
- Some services also support RBAC on data plane, e.g. some storage services
- Inherited
- Roles consist of actions that are assigned to security principal at a scope
- Can create custom roles
- Grant to groups not users
- Leverage PIM for just-in-time

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## ABAC

- RBAC may not be granular enough or you start to hit limits
- ABAC adds conditions to role assignments based on attributes of the resources and potentially the principal accessing
- Limited support today but growing

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## AZURE POLICY

- Azure Policy sits at the top of ARM and any CRUD operation has to pass through it
- Can be used for enforcement and audit
- Start with audit!
- A policy is a set of conditions built around resource attribute aliases and an effect
- Focus is on the resource but recent DenyAction impacts the type of operation, e.g. delete
- Policies can be grouped into initiatives for assignment and compliance

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## COST MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETS

- Cost Management provides insight and control of Azure (and AWS) spend
  - Cost analysis
  - Cost anomaly alerts
  - Budgets based on actual spend and forecast % of budget
  - Trigger Alerts & Action Groups
- Cost allocation with EA or Customer Agreement
- API is available along with PowerBI reports and ability to schedule exports
- Estimate Azure costs with Pricing Calculator
- Always optimize your Azure costs

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## WAYS TO OPTIMIZE COST

- Make sure you right size, autoscale, serverless and shutdown!
- But you still have to spend money 😊
- Reserved Instances provide a discount for a commitment of specific resource/family in specific region for a 1- or 3-year duration
- Azure Savings Plan is very flexible compute services in any region for 1 or 3 years with lower discount than RI
- Azure Hybrid Benefit allows utilization of existing Windows and SQL licenses to Azure resources to reduce bill
- On-Demand Capacity Reservation works with the above cost tools when used to provide SLA backed capacity availability

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## NAMING STANDARDS

- Having a standard is very important
- Azure has some great recommendations
- Remember naming conventions apply to all resources and guest OS
- Have consistent for cloud and on-premises

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## TAGGING!

- A name:value pair which can be very powerful
- Identify attributes/metadata of a resource
- Have standards for tags used and values
- Can enforce use through policy
  - Be careful of deny!
- Can be used for search, filter and billing
- Value could be document if required
- Not inherited but could be copied via policy
- Cost management enables inheritance for USAGE records related to billing

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## BLUEPRINTS & DEPLOYMENT STACKS

- Blueprints together different types of artifact in its own construct to “stamp” a configuration
  - Resource Groups, RBAC, ARM JSON, Policy
  - Different deploy modes
- The same can be done with regular templates (except the Deny assignments)
- Deployment Stacks are the deployment of a collection of resources and perform lifecycle operations on that collection of resources

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## AZURE RESOURCE GRAPH & RESOURCE CONFIGURATION CHANGES

- Provides way to query ARM very efficiently and across subscriptions using KQL
- KQL also used in Log Analytics
- Can use portal or PowerShell/CLI/REST
- Also powered by ARG is Resource Configuration Changes (ResourceChanges)

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## AZURE ADVISOR

- Throughout your Azure life there is constant re-evaluation and optimization
- Azure Advisor provides recommendations around key areas and should be checked weekly

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## KEY MICROSOFT RESOURCES

- [Aka.ms/governancedocs](https://aka.ms/governancedocs)
- [Landing Zones](#)
- [Cloud Adoption Framework](#)
- [Well-Architected Framework](#)
  - Includes a review
- [Azure Architecture Center](#)

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► Subscription limits:

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

► Pricing calculator:

🔗 <https://azure.microsoft.com/pricing/calculator/>

► Governance documentation:

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► Landing Zones:

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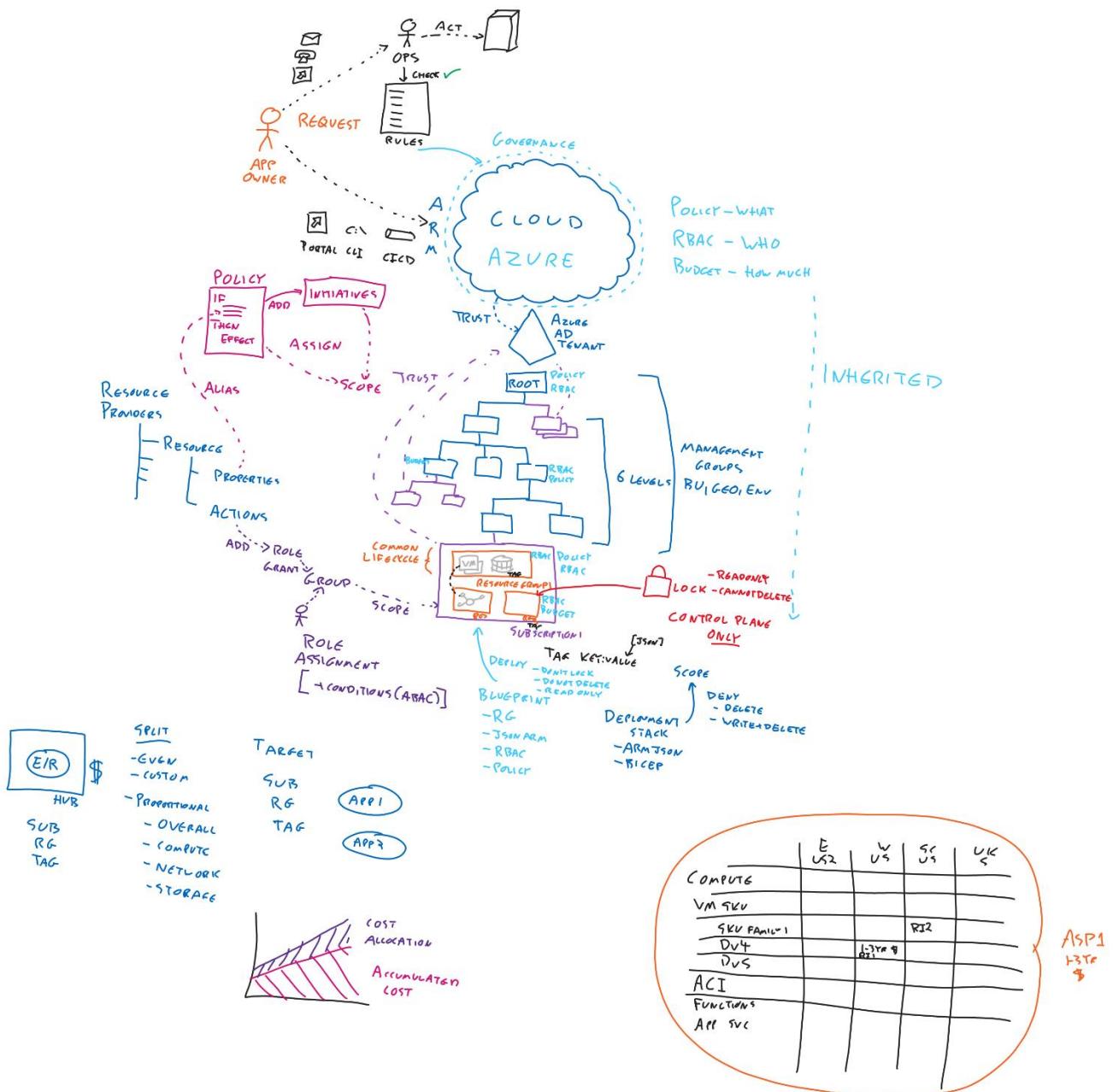
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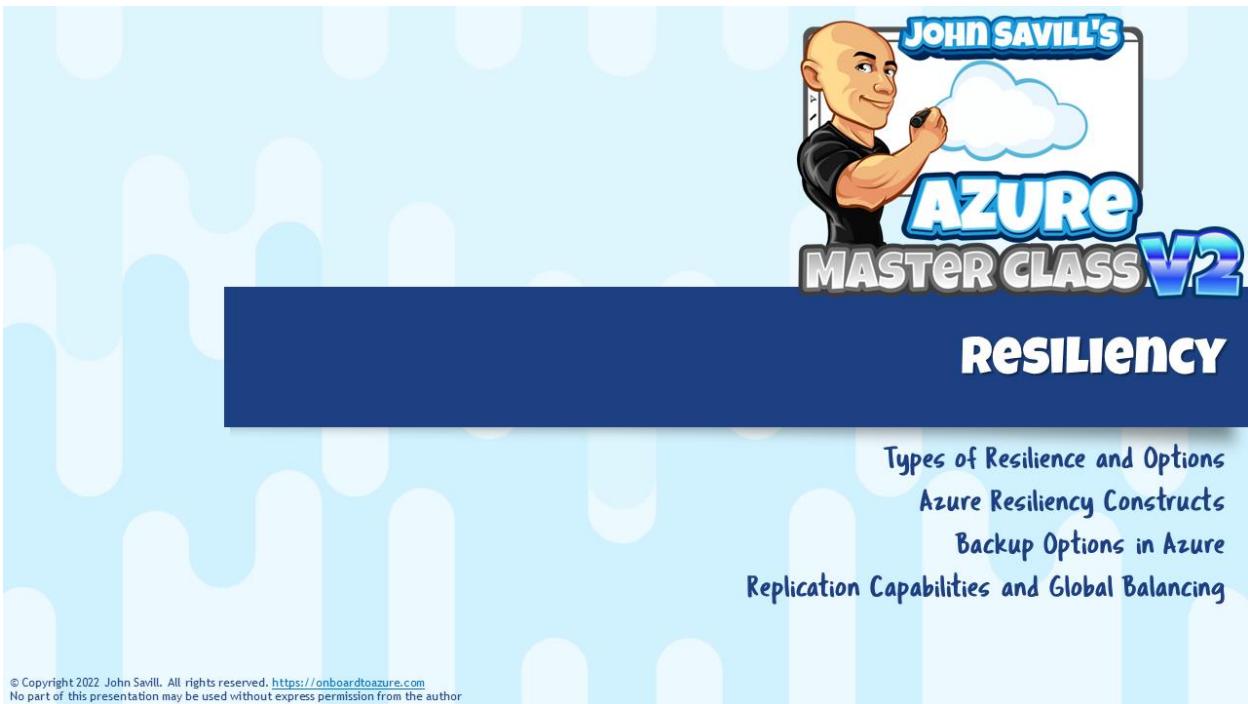
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## Whiteboard for module



## Resiliency



The slide features a blue header with the title "Resiliency". Above the header is a cartoon illustration of John Savill, a bald man with a goatee, wearing a black t-shirt, holding a marker and drawing a white cloud on a whiteboard. The whiteboard has "JOHN SAVILL'S" at the top, followed by "AZURE" in large letters, "MASTER CLASS" below it, and "V2" in a stylized font. Below the whiteboard is the word "Resiliency" in large, bold, white letters. The background of the slide has a light blue pattern of abstract shapes.

**Resiliency**

Types of Resilience and Options  
Azure Resiliency Constructs  
Backup Options in Azure  
Replication Capabilities and Global Balancing

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## WHAT ARE WE PROTECTING AGAINST?

- Software (App, OS, other) failure
- Hardware failure
- Corruption
- Attack/DoS
- Regulatory requirements
- Humans

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## WHAT CAN WE DO AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURES?

- Copy it somewhere else
- Have it exist/running somewhere else (stateless)
- Have previous point-in-time copy
  
- The point is we can mitigate using different options depending on the threat
- Often, we will have both to address different needs
- Make sure good monitoring is in place

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## WHAT CAN WE DO AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURES?

- Copy it somewhere else
  - Replication
- Have previous point-in-time copy
  - Backup
  - Snapshot

Often not interchangeable as address different types of requirement

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## WHAT CAN WE DO AGAINST HUMANS?

- Humans should have as little contact with production as possible
- Are your orchestration tools human proof?
- Use automated deployments triggered from version control systems that have automated validation and testing
- Deployment patterns are your friend when rolling out changes!

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## WHAT ARE WE PROTECTING AGAINST?

- Hardware failure - Replication
- Software failure - Replication
- Corruption - Backup/Snapshot
- Attack/DoS - Isolated export/backup/other
- Regulatory requirements - Backup
- Humans - Need processes

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## AVOID Pets



- Things will go wrong
- Avoid having unique snowflakes that require care and feeding (pets)
- Instances should be able to be recreated from version control stored configurations
- State should be in specific components of the application architecture, e.g. database

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## KNOWING THE SERVICES THAT MUST BE PROTECTED AND THEIR DEPENDENT SERVICES

- Understanding the systems that are key to your business is critical as they **MUST** be protected
- What tiers are they made up of and where is state?
- Understand the services that the key systems are dependent on is critical as they **MUST** be protected
- Understand the “nice to have”
- Understand the systems/access to use and control the environment which are **REQUIRED**

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## UNDERSTAND YOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR AVAILABILITY AND ARCHITECT ACCORDINGLY!

- Most services in Azure have an SLA
- Depending on the criticality of your service you will have a certain availability requirement
- Often will be a weighing of price of improving the SLA vs cost of downtime
- You need to architect your application and architecture to meet or exceed your SLA
- Overall SLA depends on the AND/OR relationship between instances of services

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## TEST TEST TEST

- Application testing
- Load testing
- Deployment process testing
- Failover testing
- Restore testing
- Security testing

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## CHAOS ENGINEERING

- When you test you likely not as creative as an average client of the system
- Chaos engineering introduces failures into the system
  - This will find issues
  - It will build confidence
- Azure Chaos Studio helps inject a little chaos

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## AZURE RESILIENCY CONSTRUCTS

Fault Domain

Availability Set - 99.95%

Availability Zone - 99.99%

Region and pairs

Proximity Placement Group

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## ASYNCHRONOUS VS SYNCHRONOUS REPLICATION

- Light is not fast enough
- Asynchronous - Transactions are committed on primary as created and then sent to secondary as fast as possible
  - No real impact to primary performance
  - Risk of data loss in unplanned failure
- Synchronous - Transactions are not committed on primary until acknowledged on the secondary
  - Can impact primary performance
  - No risk of data loss
- Asynchronous is used cross-site because of latency in nearly all scenarios

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## UNDERSTANDING AZURE RESOURCE SUPPORT FOR RESILIENCY CONSTRUCTS

- Some Azure services are global and resilient against any regional failure
  - Azure AD, Front Door, Traffic Manager, DNS zones
- Most are deployed to a specific region where different options are available
  - Regional
  - Zone-redundant
  - Zonal
- Make sure all components match and don't cross resiliency boundaries for dependencies

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## MULTI-REGION DEPLOYMENTS

- For true resiliency deploy to at least two regions
- Azure regions are paired for serialized platform updates
- This could be active/passive or active/active
- Ensure all core elements are available in other regions (don't be wasteful)
- Some resources cannot move between regions, e.g. public IP
- Need to balance between regions
  - Azure Traffic Manager, Azure Front Door, Cross-region Load Balancer, DNS, client-side (could be fallback)

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**Use IaC**  
**Ensures consistency**  
**Enables rebuild**  
**Policy to enforce consistency**  
**between deployments**

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## WHAT'S THE PReFeRence FOR REPLICATION?

- Native application/service multi-master
- Native application replication to standby (hot or warm)
- Hyper-V Replica at VM level (possible to Azure with Azure Site Recovery)
- In-OS replication (e.g. Mobility Service via ASR)
- Storage replication that is used by a Failover Cluster spanning locations or just making data available in Azure
  - Storage Spaces Direct (S2D)
- Restoring a backup/VM
- Not having any and leaving industry in disgrace

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## Remember

If there is no state does it need replicating?

Just have process to create as needed via IaC

Make sure have required artifacts!

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## WHAT ABOUT VM Replication?

- From on-premises to Azure two solutions via Azure Site Recovery (ASR)
  - Hyper-V VMs - Hyper-V Replica with host provider
  - VMware VMs or physical - Mobility Service (in-guest)
- Azure to Azure via ASR
  - Uses mobility service via extension
  - Multi-VM consistency groups
- Crash and app consistent recovery points
- You can also replicate from AWS to Azure!

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## WE DON'T PICK ONE

- We pick the highest one for EACH of the elements we need for DR!
- It's far better to have the best option for each type than a single "lowest common denominator" technology
- This means some extra considerations for management and failover but worth it!
- Processes can still be automated across technologies with recovery plans
- Cost should be considered as difference between replication to storage than replication to a running VM in Azure!

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## CLUSTERING IN AZURE IAAS

- Needed for solutions such as SQL AlwaysOn both in Azure and in hybrid scenarios
- Complicated as Azure does not allow IP's to float between VMs
- Common was to use a load balancer but in Server 2019 can use a distributed network name (DNN) instead for CNO
- Cloud Witness uses a storage account
- Shared disk supported IF shared storage required

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## DR PLANNED VS UNPLANNED

- There are really 3 types of DR failover
- Planned
  - “A storm is coming, let's move our systems to the DR location”
  - Should be no data loss or unexpected outage
- Unplanned
  - “Where did that storm come from and where has the datacenter gone?”
  - May be data loss and longer outage depending on replication and process
- Test
  - “Let's test a failover process, while not affecting production, in case there is a storm one day”
- Make sure your DR location and plan is part of your change control

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## AZURE BACKUP

- At the simplest level Azure also provides backup services via recovery vaults & backup
- These can be used by backup applications and many Azure components (including VMs via extension) in addition to hybrid
- Data can then be recovered when needed
- Delta-based storage with many recovery points
- Retention settings enable day, week, month and year retention goals
- Vaults can have local, zone-redundant or geo-redundant configuration
- Backup Center provides single pane of glass focused on the protected workload

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## SeRVICE BACKUP & SNAPSHOTS

- Some services utilize their own backup technologies, e.g. Azure SQL Database, PostgreSQL
- Some utilize snapshots such as Azure Files (which can be managed by Azure Backup)
- Azure Blob has PITR and soft delete
- Azure Block Blob also has object replication
- May need custom solution

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## PROTECTING BACKUPS

- Control plane RBAC first!
- Multi-user authorization (MUA) can protect if environment compromised
- MUA applies a Resource Guard on any critical recovery services vault operation
- A separate role must be granted to the backup operator for the resource guard before the critical operations can be performed
- Also have immutable vaults

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► Azure regions:

🔗 <https://azure.microsoft.com/explore/global-infrastructure/geographies/#overview>

► Regional pairs:

🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/reliability/cross-region-replication-azure#azure-cross-region-replication-pairings-for-all-geographies>

► Regional latency:

🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/networking/azure-network-latency>

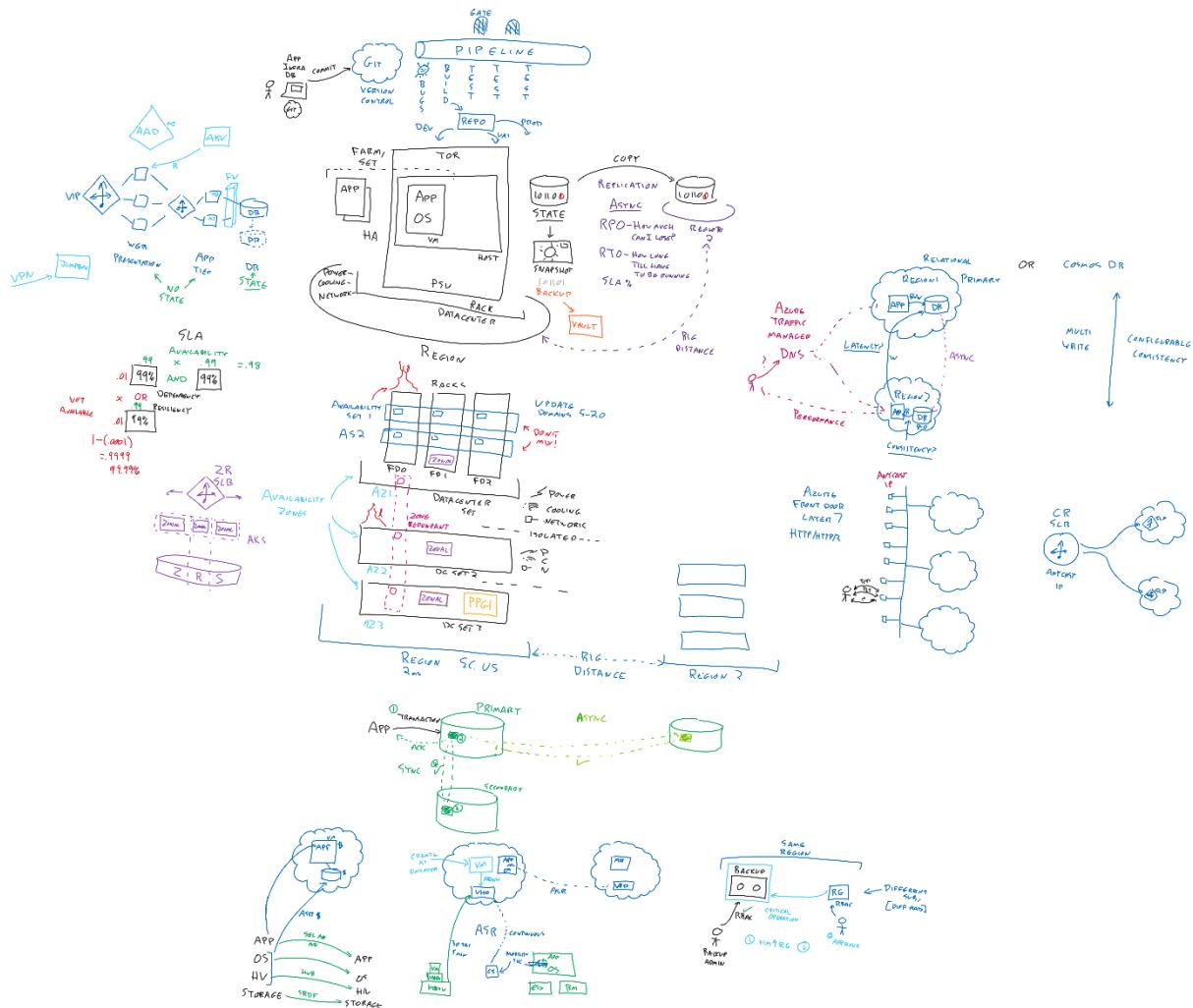
► Service zone support:

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► Shared disks:

🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/virtual-machines/disks-shared#disk-sizes>

## Whiteboard for module



## Storage



# AZURE STORAGE

Understanding Azure Storage Capabilities  
VM Storage  
Storage Tools

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## IMPORTANCE AND TYPES OF STORAGE

- Different workloads have needs for ephemeral and durable storage
- Types of data vary greatly as well
- Different types of capabilities are needed across types of data
- There is not one storage to rule them all

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## AZURE STORAGE 101

- Azure does not use traditional storage such as Storage Area Networks (mostly)
- Instead it uses a 3-tier architecture within storage stamps
- DNS is used for the namespace which is why URLs used to access, e.g.  
`http(s)://<account>.<service>.core.windows.net/<partition>/<object>`
- Data is replicated in two ways
  - Intra-stamp replication (stream layer) - Synchronous and keeps data durable within the stamps
  - Inter-stamp replication (partition layer) - Asynchronous replication of data across stamps

Front-End Layer

Partition Layer

Stream Layer

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## STORAGE ACCOUNTS

- Top-level namespace for storage services
- Created in a region
- Different types of storage account
- Can have various types of resiliency. This impacts ability to interact and the durability
- Supports API access then other means based on type
- Have 2 all-powerful account keys (protect them OR disable them)
- Capacity, IOPS and throughput vary based on performance tier and service
- Different access tiers (hot, cool, archive)
- Can enable monitoring and logging

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## Money

- Standard performance is consumption-based
- Some premium performance is provision-based
- Managed disks always provision-based
- Don't forget about operations and data transfer!

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## STORAGE ACCOUNT SERVICES

- Blob
  - Block [ADLSGen2 (hierarchical namespace) [NFS/SFTP] ]
  - Page
  - Append
- Table
- Queue
- Files (share SMB OR NFS 4.1)

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## DATA LAKE

- ADLSGen2 builds on blob
- Provides a data lake which is common as raw store for pipelines
- Regular blob is flat with any structure being virtual
- ADLSGen2 has true directory structure
- POSIX and AAD data plane RBAC
- If goal is analytics use data lake!

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## HOST A WEBSITE!

- If you only have static content you can host via blob
- Enable at account level
- Populate content into created \$web folder
- Place vanity domain in front of provided
- Azure Static Web apps likely better though!

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## NOT USING ACCOUNT KEY

- Azure AD integration
- Shared Access Signatures and Policy
  - Service SAS
  - Account SAS
  - Signed with account key
  - Cannot easily revoke without regenerating the signing account key
  - Ad hoc vs Service SAS with stored access policy
- Azure Files AD Integration

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**DON'T PANIC  
ABOUT SAS “PLAIN” TEXT  
HTTPS DOES NOT WORK  
THAT WAY**

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## ENCRYPTION

- Always encrypted at rest
- You can choose your own key via Key Vault
- Cross-tenant CMK supported
- Encryption scopes enable container/blob level
- Encryption in transit can be enforced at storage account level

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## NETWORKING

- Standard features like private endpoints, service endpoints, IP-based firewall etc
- Also Resource Instance Rules which allow access from specific instances of Azure services

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## LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT

- Consider access tiers
- Will want to move/delete based on modify and access of data
- Lifecycle management enables rules to be defined for blob

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## NATIVE PROTECTION

- Snapshots
  - Point-in-time view of blob or files share that is read-only
  - Incremental storage
- Blob versioning
- Change feed
- Soft delete
- Point-in-time restore!

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## AZURE FILE SYNC

- Consider have existing SMB file shares running on Windows Server
- Azure File Sync enables
  - Single cloud endpoint per sync group
  - Up to 100 servers per sync group
  - Replicates between via the cloud endpoint
  - Enables cloud tiering of data off local storage to cloud endpoint to optimize local capacity

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## AZURE NETAPP FILES

- First-party offering using NetApp hardware in Azure datacenters
- Provides different performance tiers
- SMB and NFS support (also dual for single volume)
- Uses delegated subnet of VNet
- Cross-region replication

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## MANAGED DISKS

- As the name suggests provides a managed disk experience by abstracting the storage account
- Disks are created with no visibility of storage account removing worries around IOPS per storage account
- Disks and snapshots become ARM resources
- Available for Standard HDD, SSD, Premium SSD (v1 and v2) and Ultra SSD
- Price based on provisioned capacity not the consumed capacity
- Can be dynamically expanded for data disks (not Ultra/Premium v2)
- No GRS option (ZRS for Std/Premium SSDv1 at time of recording)
- Add resiliency to Availability Sets by aligning
- SSD and Ultra disk have maxShares property
- CMK via Disk Encryption Sets which managed disks are placed in

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## VM STORAGE

- A VM is provisioned onto a host
- VM has an OS disk that is normally durable but for some can be ephemeral if state not required
- MOST VMs have a temporary drive (D: or /dev/sdb1 by default) which is not-persistent
  - Pagefile
  - Can be used as scratch drive
  - Do not put anything you care about on this drive
  - SSD based (Av1-series was HDD but deprecated)
- You can add additional data disks (1-64 depending on VM size) with configurable caching
- Others have special types of local storage such as NVMe
- The VM has data disk, IOPS and throughput limits which must be considered along with the attached disk limits. File-based storage goes via network and the VM's network limits
- Some have burst capabilities

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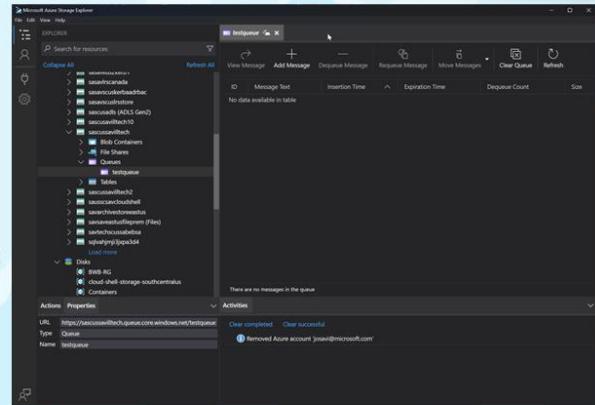
## VOLUMES BIGGER THAN MAX SIZE

- Depending on the size of the VM you can add up to 64 data disk
- Use Storage Spaces inside the VM to create a simple space combining the separate data disks (if more than 8 disk set number of columns to match number of disks)
- Do NOT use RAID sets
- Do NOT use parity or mirrored Storage Spaces, only simple (the storage is already replicated 3 times and is resilient)
- For SQL workloads you could choose to use SQL's own file group capabilities
- This also gives higher IOPS which is another reason to use multiple disks in a Storage Space
- With Premium SSDv2/Ultra this is likely not needed!

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## MICROSOFT AZURE STORAGE EXPLORER

- Free
- HTML 5 based tool
- Uses account or key authentication
- Works with blobs, disks, tables, queues and files
- Supports the server-side copying of data



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## AZCOPY

- AzCopy provides a server side, copy of blobs and files to, from and between storage accounts
- Can set concurrency to optimize throughput
- Has sync mode to only replicate changes

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## IMPORT/EXPORT

- If you have large amounts of blob/file/disk storage to store in Azure or take from Azure can use Import/Export
- Enables data to be copied to a 2.5 and 3.5 inch SSD and HDD drives that are SATA
- Data is encrypted using BitLocker
- Azure Data Box Disk with Azure provided SSDs
- Larger jobs via Azure Data Box [Heavy]

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## DATA GOVERNANCE

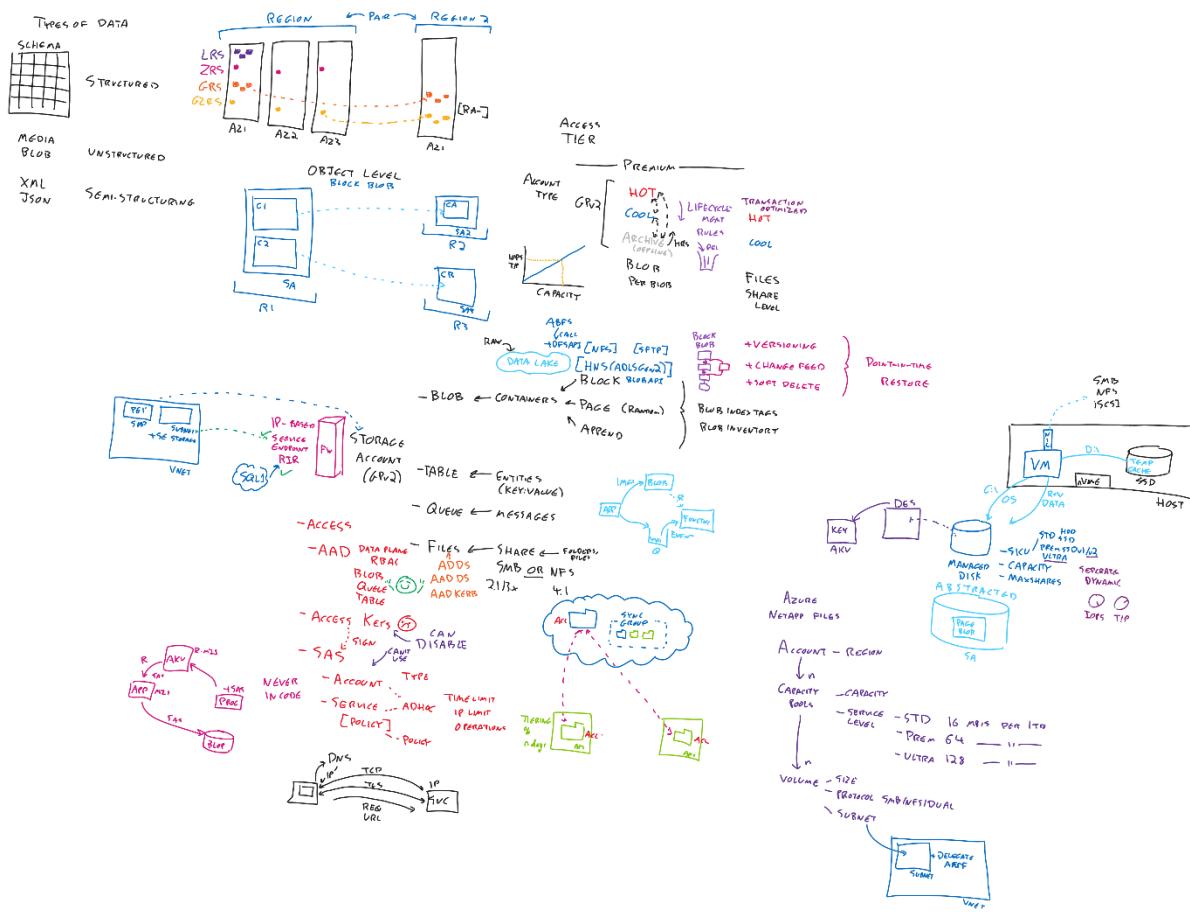
- Data is the most important asset for many organizations
- Knowing where your data is, its classification, lineage, compliance becomes critical
- Microsoft Purview provides a data governance solution across your entire data estate

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## Whiteboard for module



## Networking

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## VIRTUAL NETWORK BASICS

- A virtual network exists
  - Within a specific subscription
  - Within a specific region
  - It cannot span subscriptions nor regions
- A virtual network consists of one or more IP ranges
- Typically from [RFC 1918](#) but not exclusively
- The address space is broken up into subnets with the smallest subnet possible being a /29 which will give 3 usable IP addresses
- Subnets are regional and span Availability Zones

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## VM NIC

- IP always comes via fabric (OS using DHCP)
- IP can be reserved in ARM
- VMs can be configured with multiple NICs
- Each NIC can be in same or different virtual subnet but always in same virtual network
- Many VM types support accelerated networking
- Multiple IP configurations per NIC
- IP configuration has private IP and optional public IP

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## SUPPORTED TYPES OF IP TRAFFIC

- Standard IP-based protocols supported including:
  - TCP
  - UDP
  - ICMP
- Multicast, broadcast, IP-in-IP encapsulated packets and Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) blocked
- You cannot ping the Azure gateway or use tools such as tracert
- Traditional Layer 2 VLANs are not supported

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## IPV6?

- Virtual Networks are dual stack enabling IPv4 and IPv6 address ranges assigned
- IPv6 support in NSG, UDR, LB, peering etc.
- NIC CANNOT be IPv6 only
- Can enable IPv6 for existing resources (may require reboot)
- ExpressRoute private peering support
- Public IPs can be IPv4 or IPv6

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## EXTERNAL ACCESS

- There is no special “DMZ” subnet where resources get a public IP
- By default Azure provides outbound SNAT/PAT enabling resources to access the Internet and receive responses
- To provide services to the Internet either
  - Give the IP configuration an instance level public IP (not a good idea)
  - Place the instances behind an Azure load balancer, app gateway or NVA which has a public IP in the front-end configuration
  - Use a network virtual appliance with a public IP
- Care should be taken to only expose the ports required, e.g. 443

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**Don't enable RDP, SSH etc.  
to the Internet unless  
you really want to test  
your passwords!**

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## **BRING YOUR OWN IP**

- Normally you use Azure provided public IPs
- It is now possible to bring your own
- IPv4 prefix minimum /24
- Multi-stage process
- Validate -> Provision -> Commission

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## CONNECTING VIRTUAL NETWORKS

- If you wish to have multiple subscriptions and/or use multiple regions you will have multiple virtual networks
- In the past we could connect virtual networks using S2S VPN or by connecting to the same ExpressRoute circuit but both approaches have problems
- VNet peering enables virtual networks to be connected via the Microsoft backbone in the same or different regions (global peering)
- There is a small ingress and egress charge for traffic via network peering
- IP address spaces CANNOT overlap
- Can span subscriptions and even AAD tenants
- Peers are not transitive, but they can be!

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## CONNECTING TO on-PREMISES

- Many Azure services have external, Internet facing endpoints however often private connectivity is required
- There are a number of options to connect to virtual networks
  - P2S VPN - Connects a specific device to a virtual network
  - S2S VPN - Connects a network to a virtual network
    - S2S VPN gateways enable multiple VPN connections to different networks if route not policy based
  - ExpressRoute Private Peering - Connects a network to a virtual network via peering location and ExpressRoute Gateway (or at least mostly)
    - ExpressRoute circuits enable multiple virtual networks to be connected to a single circuit but vnet to vnet better via peering where practical
- Most enterprises will leverage ExpressRoute which has the benefit of not going over the Internet, consistent latency and can also provides optional Microsoft peering via route filter

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## EXPRESSROUTE FASTPATH

- A key component for private peering at the gateways that run in the vnet which have numerous functions
  - BGP
  - Part of the data path from the MSEE at the peering location to the target resource
- Fastpath removes the gateways as part of the data path enabling higher throughput
- Some features are limited or in [preview](#)

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## CONTROLLING TRAFFIC FLOWS

- By default traffic can freely flow within a virtual network and to any connected network
- To segment and control traffic within a virtual network, between networks and/or external a number of approaches can be utilized
  - Azure [Firewall](#) or an NVA with traffic routed to it via UDR
  - Network Security Groups, Application Security Groups and Service Tags
- NSGs can be applied at the subnet or NIC level but are always enforced at the NIC
- NSGs are made up of rules based on IP ranges/tags, ports and actions
- ASGs are tags applied to NICs which can be used instead of IP ranges in rules which may be easier to utilize

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## AZURE VIRTUAL WAN

- Provides a managed hub
- Each region within the vWAN instance gets a hub
- Two SKUs - Basic and Standard
  - Basic - S2S VPN only
  - Standard - S2S VPN, P2S VPN, ExpressRoute, inter-hub, VNet transitive and more

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## SERVICE ENDPOINTS AND SERVICE ENDPOINT POLICIES

- NSGs are focused on traffic into and out of the virtual network
- Many Azure PaaS offerings have their own firewall capabilities to lock down access
- It is often required to restrict a service to only specific subnets of specific virtual networks
- Service endpoints make a specific subnet known to a specific Azure service and add optimal path to service
- The virtual firewall on the service can then be configured to allow only that specific subnet
- **Service Endpoint Policies** allow specific instances of services to be allowed from a virtual network which is not possible with NSG service tags

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## AZURE PRIVATE LINK

- When an externally facing Azure PaaS service is accessed from a resource in a VNet the traffic stays on the Azure network
- The PaaS service still has an external facing endpoint that some companies do not want even with firewall/authentication lockdown
- Private Link enables PaaS services to have a private endpoint for a service instance created in a virtual network that is an avatar for that specific service instance
- Can also project custom services that are behind a standard load balancer using a Private Link Service
- Resources in the VNet can interact via the private endpoint directly to the service using the most efficient path
- Because it is instance specific helps stop data exfiltration
- Removes the need to peer VNets which can be important where VNets may have overlapping IP ranges

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## DNS IN AZURE

- Virtual networks can use Azure DNS or custom DNS
- Azure DNS can provide public and private zones
- Private Zone you pick name and full management
- VNets can be linked to Private DNS Zones in addition to the built-in internal.cloudapp.net which is always there
  - 1 private zone for auto-registration
  - 1000 private zone for resolution
- Also a private DNS resolver service available

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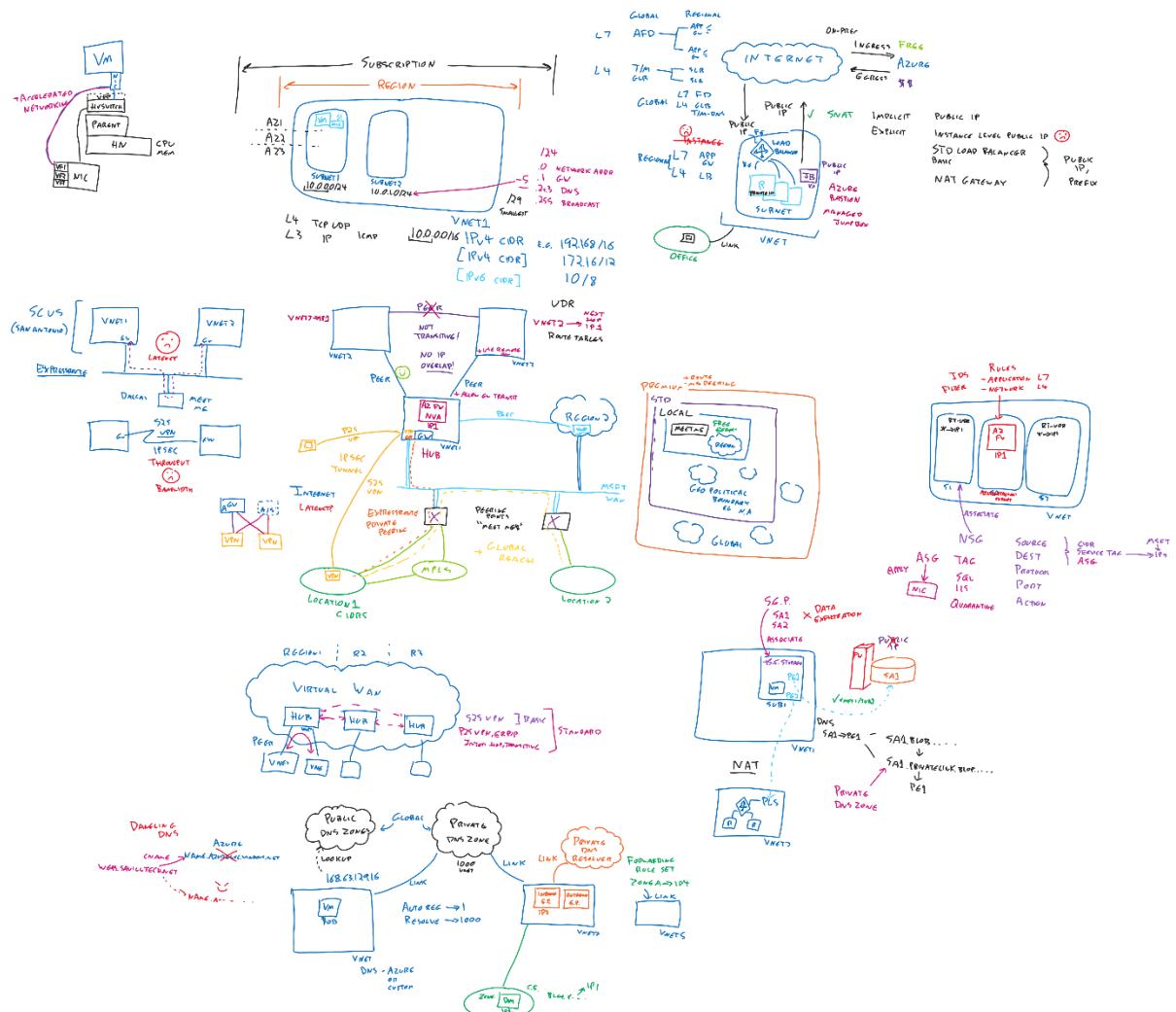
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## VMs and VMSS

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## VM BASICS

- Virtual machines (IaaS) are the building blocks of many services in Azure
- Often easiest to relate to as closely aligns with a VM on-premises
- Full access to everything inside the VM OS and above
- Also means responsible for everything OS and above (but lots of Azure extensions and services to help)

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## VM SERIES AND SIZES

- Often different workloads have different resource type requirements
- Like t-shirts there are different fits!
- Based on Intel, AMD and Arm processors depending on series
- Different VM series have different focus in terms of resource ratios and capabilities
- Within a series there are sizes with resources typically proportionally increasing
- Some VMs have vCPU constrained options to meet licensing requirements
- Processor measured in ACU

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## VM GENERATIONS

- Built on Hyper-V some of the new Gen2 capabilities are now available for Azure VMs
- Generation 1 VMs are based on BIOS
- Generation 2 VMs are UEFI-based which enables technologies such as trusted launch, SGX and more
- Not all VM SKUs support all generations
- VM images are generation specific as the boot architecture is different
- VHDX is not supported

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## HELP me PICK!

# Virtual machines selector!

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## VM BUILDING BLOCKS

- In ARM there is more than just the VM
  - VM [spot]
  - NIC[s] (connected to a subnet)
  - [Public IP] (linked to IP configuration on the NIC)
  - [NSG] (ideally use at subnet link)
  - OS disk (managed disk, could be ephemeral in cache/temp space)
  - Temp disk (normally, some do not have)
  - Data disks (cache options)
  - Extensions
  - [Infiniband, GPU, NVMe]
  - Availability Set, Availability Zone, Proximity Placement Groups
  - [Managed identity]
  - On-demand capacity reservation

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## SUPPORTED OS

- Windows
- Linux
- Large number of images in Azure marketplace
- Create your own images and can make easily available through Azure Compute Gallery
- Then apps inside and other agents as required

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## ONLY CHILD OPTIONS

- VMs are normally placed on a host with resources from other tenants
- Note more granular maintenance available when not sharing hosts
- Isolated VMs
- Dedicated host
- Azure Stack Hub, Edge and HCI (on-premises)
- Arc to bring Azure control and services anywhere
- Bare-metal such as SAP HANA and Nutanix solutions

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## MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- VMs can encounter various types of issues and maintenance
  - Planned maintenance (VM no-reboot vs reboot)
  - Unplanned hardware maintenance
  - Unexpected downtime
- Remember to use Availability Sets/Availability Zones to reduce impact (FDs and UDs)
- Multiple regions in case of region outage
- ALSO there is the maintenance of the OS INSIDE the VM that may also require reboots

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## AZURE PATCHING

- Different approaches are available
  - Let the guest OS just auto apply
  - Use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party tool like SCCM, WSUS
  - Do it manually
  - Azure automatic guest patch orchestration
- Critical and Security patches only
- Off-peak, availability-first principals
- Update Management Center

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## IMDS

- An endpoint available inside the guest used to communicate to the ARM to get information
- There is also metadata available about the VM that can be useful

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## IAAS PAAS LITE

- Azure Automanage takes a lot of the IaaS out of IaaS
- Based on certain configuration profiles key services are automatically used and configured

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## COMPUTE GALLERY

- Enables versioning and replication of resources
  - Images
  - VM apps
- Can be shared across subscriptions and tenants

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## AZURE ❤️ VMWARE

- Azure runs on Hyper-V
- Organizations may need to rapidly vacate datacenters and don't have time to retool
- Azure VMware Solution is first-party Azure offering in partnership with VMware

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## VM SCALE SETS (VMSS)

- Often a workload requires multiple instances
- Capacity may also vary over time
- There are two modes of operation
  - Flexible (preferred)
  - Uniform (legacy but still supported)
- VMSS uniform or flex profile enables a template and configuration to be defined along with scale parameters including optional AI

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## FLEXIBLE ORCHESTRATION MODES

- Flexible orchestration works very differently from uniform
  - Create an empty VMSS flex set
  - Can add any type of supported VM including spot/non-spot
  - Optionally can have a single VM profile as well that acts like uniform
  - VMs are VMs not a separate, special thing

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## VMSS GOOD TO KNOWS!

- Fault domains and zone balancing
- Spot-mix
- Rolling update of profile
- Auto image update \*
- Instance repair
- Scale-In Policy \*
- Termination notification
- Instance protection \*

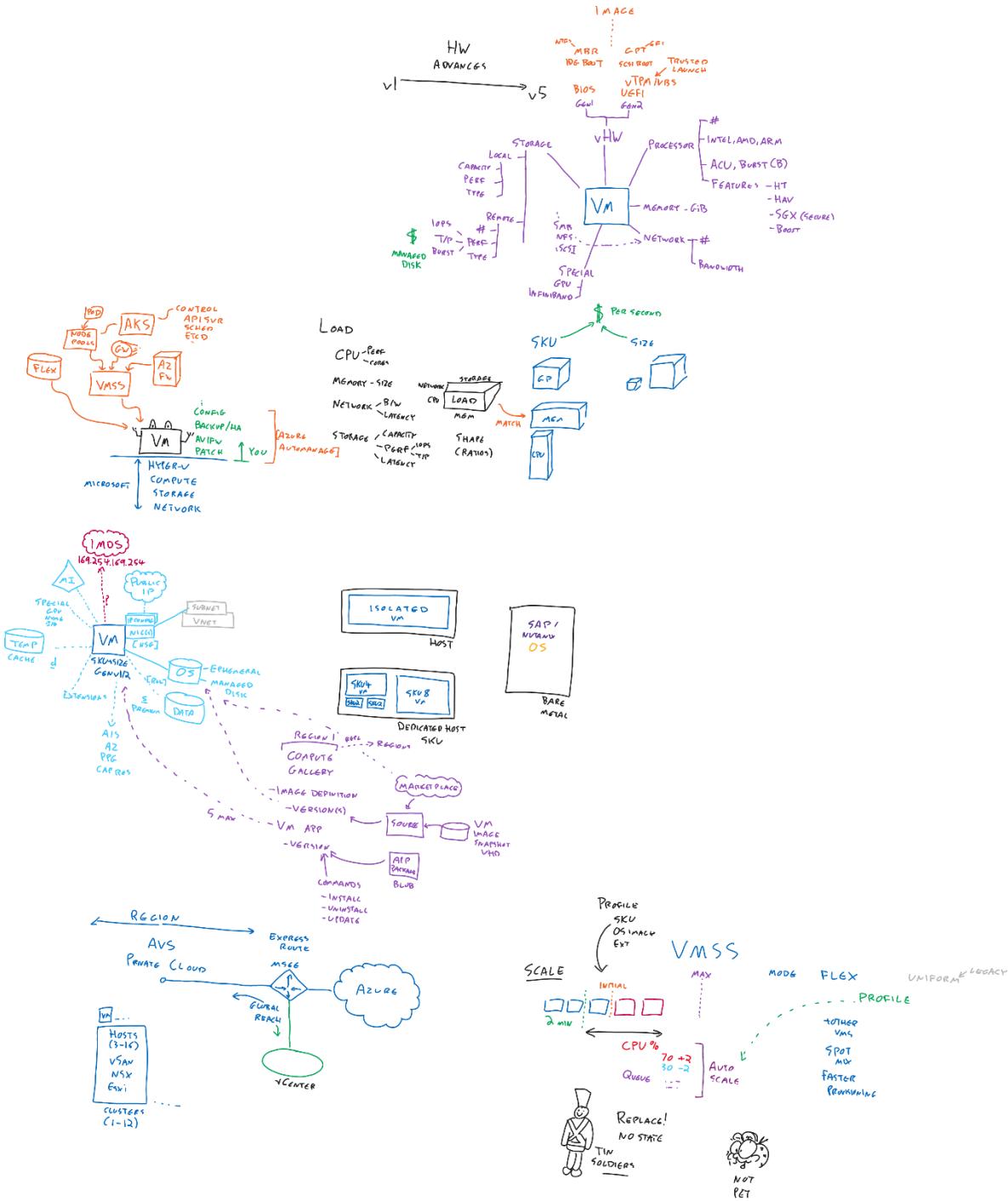
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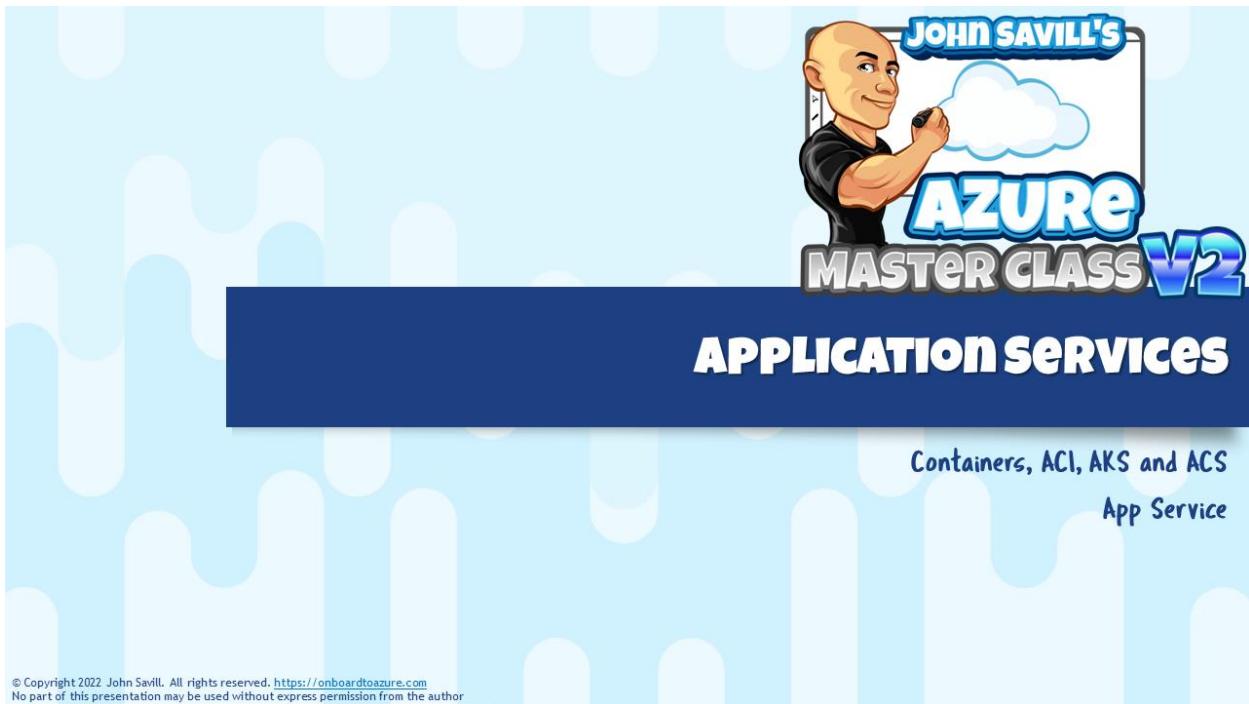
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## App Services



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## CONTAINERS

- VMs virtualize the hardware
- Containers virtualize the operating system
- Uses numerous OS capabilities like namespaces, cgroups, layers (union file system)
- Typically a container runs a primary process, and they share a lifecycle
- Created from an immutable image

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## CONTAINER SUPPORT

- Docker brought containers to the masses
  - Management, registry and original container runtime
- containerd is the common high-level runtime used
- Hyper-V Containers (isolated kernel)
- Azure Container Registry
  - Provides private repositories
  - Can be geo-replicated and/or zone redundant (with Premium SKU)
  - Place close to deployment to reduce latency, increase reliability
  - Can also run jobs to build the container image

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## AZURE CONTAINER INSTANCES

- Linux or Windows “Container as a Service”
- Built from standard or custom images
- Public or private ([Linux](#))
- Very useful for burst scenarios or very basic scenarios
- Can integrate with AKS via Virtual Kubelet

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## AZURE KUBERNETES SERVICE

- We often need more than one, isolated container
- Complete orchestration is required, Kubernetes
- AKS provides a Free and [Standard](#), managed Kubernetes environment for clusters
- You only pay for worker nodes which can auto-scale

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## AKS SPECIAL FEATURES

- Multiple node pools
- Stop/Start AKS cluster
- ACI for burst via virtual kubelet
- User node pools can use spot instances
- Auto-healing
- Auto-upgrade
- Managed identity use
- Portal resource access and DevOps

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## AZURE CONTAINER APPS

- Often micro services in containers need certain functionalities
- Dapr, KEDA, envoy are common components used with Kubernetes and are provided by Azure Container Apps while abstracting all the complexity

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## AZURE SPRING APPS

- Java is one of the most popular languages and Spring provides many benefits
- Provides a fully managed Spring Cloud environment built on the OSS or VMware Tanzu offering
- 3 tiers

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## APP SERVICE PLAN

- The “original” PaaS
- Hosting of web-based applications (HTTP/gRPC)
- Wide range of runtimes and languages supported
- Includes Windows and Linux (including containerized)
- Have a certain number of nodes with auto scale for standard and above in a plan
- Multiple applications can deploy to same plan (sharing resource)

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## APP SERVICE PLAN FEATURES

- Can scale up and out
- Deployment slots
- Different vnet integration options
- App Service Environment (ASE) dedicated deployment INTO your vnet

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## AZURE FUNCTIONS

- Serverless compute (but can run within App Service Plan resources)
- Event driven such as HTTP, schedule, event grid, blob creation
- Binds to additional inputs and outputs
- Wide support of languages
- 1 million executions FREE!

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## LOGIC APPS

- Graphical based orchestration of business logic
- Serverless and pay only when running
- Now runs on functions!
- Initiated via a trigger (such as some event)
- Logic app has many connectors and templates to get started

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## AZURE STATIC WEB APPS

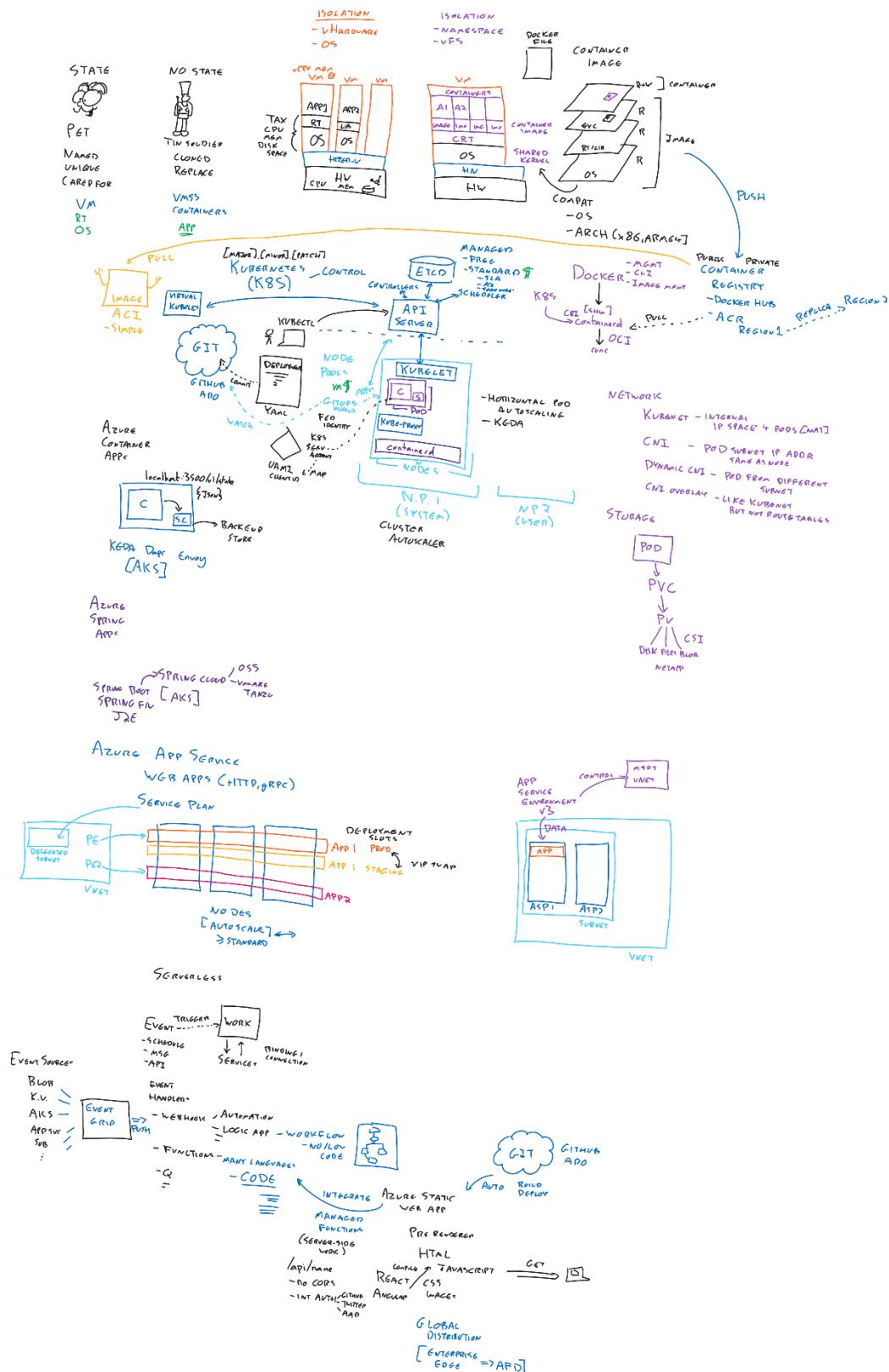
- Provides a globally distributed hosting solution for pre-rendered content
- Various SKUs available
- Integrates with managed Functions where server processing required
- DevOps integration

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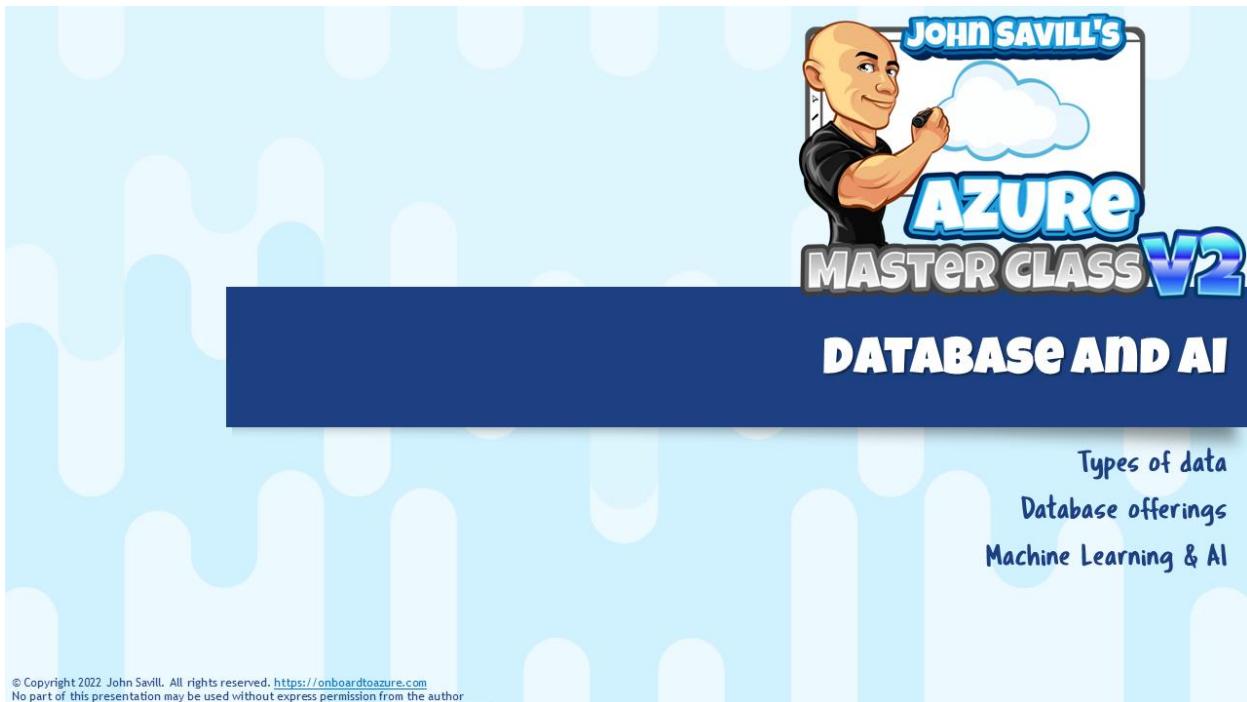
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## Database & A.I.



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## DIFFERENT TYPES OF DATA STRUCTURE

- Relational
- Non-relational
  - Document, e.g. self-describing like JSON, XML, YAML
  - Key-value
  - Columnar
  - Graph
- Unstructured

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## DATABASES IN AZURE

- You can just install anything in a VM!
- You are then responsible for everything
  - DB install, patch, upgrade
  - Backup
  - HA/DR
  - Tuning
- Well, maybe not

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## SQL SERVER

- A large number of different offerings
  - SQL Virtual Machines
  - Azure SQL Managed Instance
  - Azure SQL Database
  - Azure SQL Hyperscale
- Scale capabilities
- Geo-replication options

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## AZURE DATABASE FOR POSTGRESQL/MYSQL/MARIADB

- Built on community editions of open-source relational database
- Enhanced with Azure functionality
- Various offerings
- Flexible for MySQL and PostgreSQL are the future direction
- Cosmos DB for PostgreSQL (fka hyperscale)

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## COSMOS DB

- Built for global distribution
- Multi-model support
- Built around a partition key to distribute data and processing
- Configurable consistency

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## ENCRYPTION

- All support encryption including BYOK
- SQL - TDE, always encrypted, data masking
- TLS configuration for encryption-in-transit

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## DATA WAREHOUSES & ANALYTICS

- Read-only interactions against large amounts of data
- Used for gaining insights
- Storage often at the end of some data pipeline then used by analytics tools
- Azure Synapse is an example of a data warehouse and analytics solution

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## DATA FLOW

- Organizations commonly think about ETL/ELT and other data flows
- Source to sink and everything in-between
- Data lakes for initial raw store and potential use from analytics solutions directly
- Azure Data Factory as the control flow
- Various services used for data manipulation, analysis

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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & MACHINE LEARNING

- Azure has many AI services including ML
  - Vision
  - Language
  - Speech
  - Decision making
- These are grouped under Azure Cognitive Services
- There are also services that provide out-of-the-box solutions built on ACS
- Partner solutions via Azure OpenAI

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► SQL MI vs DB features:

🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/azure-sql/database/features-comparison?view=azuresql>

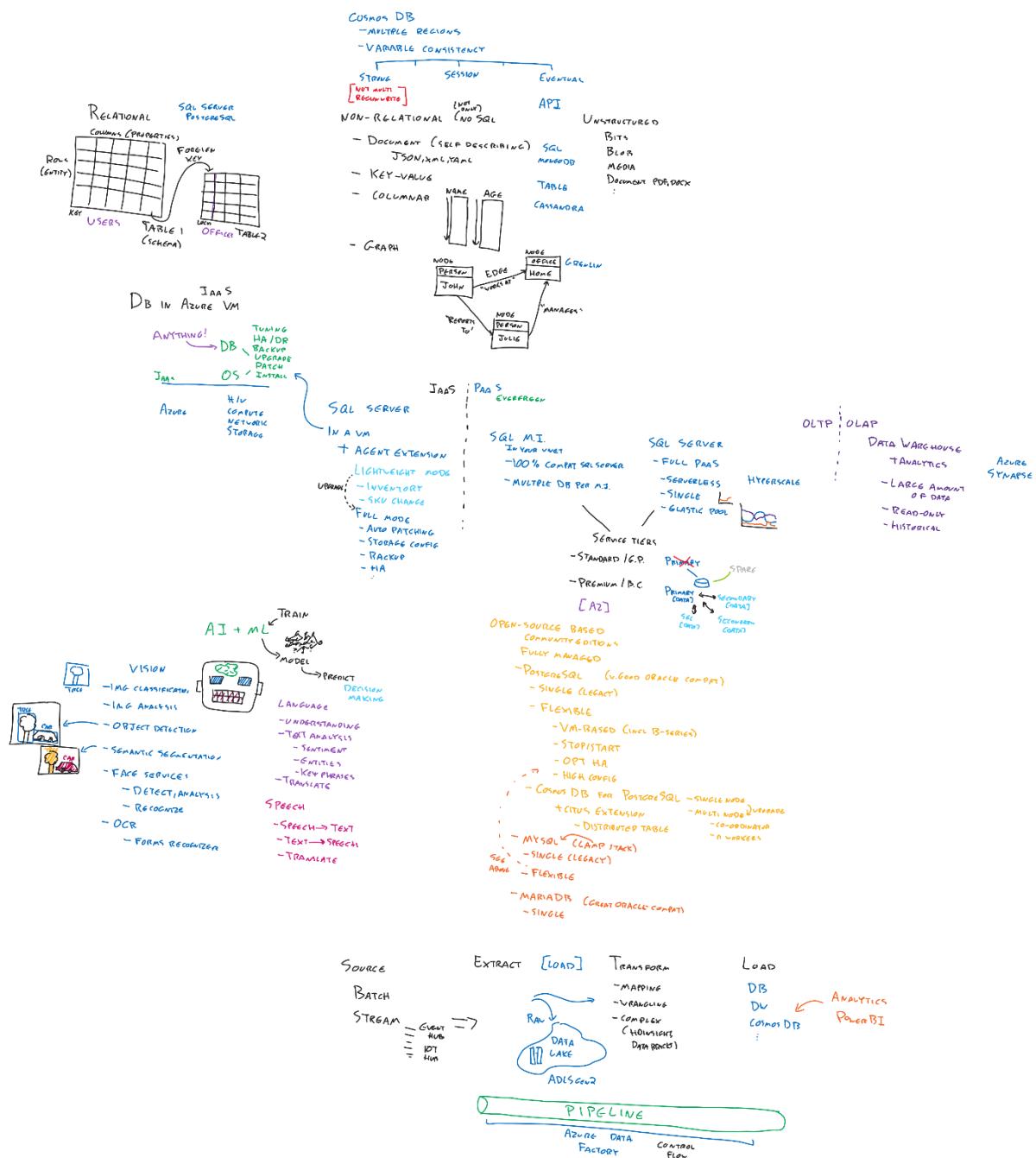
► SQL service architectures:

🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/azure-sql/database/high-availability-sla?view=azuresql&tabs=azure-powershell>

► Flexible PostgreSQL versions supported:

🔗 <https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/postgresql/single-server/concepts-version-policy>

## Whiteboard



## Monitoring & Security



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## MONITORING IN AZURE

- Azure is a shared responsibility model
- As you move up from IaaS to PaaS to SaaS you are responsible for less
- Have a plan!
- You still want to be aware of service health and availability
- Azure Monitor is the primary conduit to monitoring (and responding)
- You need to ensure you enable monitoring for the resources and aspects you care about/want to report on

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## WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE DATA?

- Visualizations for overall service
  - Ability to share
- Deeper analysis of issues
- Most likely we want to be able to react to certain conditions

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## STARTING TO THINK ABOUT SECURITY

- We have pre-emptive
- Always think about security with just enough access, permissions, patching, anti-malware, firewalls, NSGs, etc
- Minimize your responsibilities PaaS > IaaS
- Think good security hygiene
- Shift left on security
- Then monitoring and we must apply intelligence to holistic view of signals for threat protection

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## ZERO TRUST

- Always talk about layers of protection
- Zero trust focuses on 3 key tenants
  - Verify explicitly
  - Use least privilege
  - Assume breach

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## MICROSOFT DEFENDER FOR CLOUD

- Basic is free and works cross-cloud/hybrid
  - Cloud Security and Posture Management
  - Secure score!
- Enhanced
  - Defender CSPM
- Defender for \_\_\_\_\_

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## MICROSOFT SENTINEL

- Ingest data and provides intelligence and alerting/incidents
- Built on log analytics workspace
- Additional connectors/marketplace
- Notebooks/workbooks/hunting
- Automation

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## MANAGED IDENTITY

- Where possible we want to avoid having to store a credential for processes to use
- Let the credential be tied to the Azure resource
- Supported by many services
- Can have system-assigned (1:1) or user-assigned (1:n)

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## AZURE KEY VAULT

- Sometimes you still need secrets!
- Also support for keys and certificates
- Rotation policies for keys!
- Access policy or RBAC access model
- Azure Policy support for governance
- Can be event source for Event Grid

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