

Procedure to Forward Azure Activity Logs to Datadog

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Overview

Platform:	Azure
Owner of this SOP:	Fully Managed POD A
Cloud Services:	Azure Logs and Datadog

Problem

When requesters are asking to Azure collect activity/resource logs .

tester	Reviewer
@ Suresh Potlapalli (Deactivated)	

Solution

Raise a Normal Change Request

Please open a Normal SNOW request and get it approved before collecting activity logs and resource, And respective stake holders and application owners should be informed prior to this activity as new resources are required.

Note:



- The Event Hub must be in the same Location as the resource you want to submit logs from. For activity logs or other account-wide log sources, you can choose any region.

Summary

- This document explains how to forward Azure activity/resource logs to Datadog monitoring using Azure Event hub.
- The best method for submitting logs from Azure to Datadog is with the Agent or Daemon Set.
- For some resources it may not be possible. In these cases, Datadog recommends **creating a log forwarding pipeline using an Azure Event Hub** to collect Azure platform logs.

Prechecks:

- Datadog API key to integrate with Azure.
- Access to create the resources in Azure subscription.

General process:

- Create an Azure Event Hub.
- Setup the Datadog-Azure function with an Event hub trigger to forward logs to Datadog.
- Configure your Azure services to stream logs to the Event Hub by creating a diagnostic setting.

Steps to follow:

- The instructions below walk through a basic, initial setup using the Azure Portal.
- All of these steps can be also performed with the **Terraform Components**, CLI, or PowerShell

Create Event Hub Namespace:

- In the Azure portal, navigate to the Event Hubs overview and click create
- Enter the name, pricing tier, subscription, and resource group and location details

Create Namespace ...

Event Hubs

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription *

Resource group * [Create new](#)

Instance Details

Enter required settings for this namespace, including a price tier and configuring the number of units (capacity).

Namespace name * ☒ .servicebus.windows.net

Location * ☒
The region selected supports Availability zones. Your namespace will have Availability Zones enabled. [Learn more](#).

Pricing tier *

[Review + create](#) [< Previous](#) [Next: Networking >](#)

- Select your desired options for throughput units, pricing and networking. Click **Create**

Add Event hub to the Event Hub namespace:

- In the Azure portal, navigate event hub namespace. Click + Event Hub
- Select your desired options for name, partition-count, and message-retention. Click Create

datadog-ns-namespace ...

Event Hubs Namespace

Search (Ctrl+/) << [+ Event Hub](#) [Delete](#) [Refresh](#)

Tags (edit)
CostCentre : 9001590 [More \(7\)](#)

Local Authentication [Enabled](#)

Namespaces: 0 EVENT HUBS | KAFKA SURFACE: ENABLED | ZONE REDUNDANCY: ENABLED

Show data for the last: ☐ 1 hour ☒ 6 hours ☐ 12 hours ☐ 1 day ☐ 7 days ☐ 30 days

Requests	Messages	Throughput
100	100	1008
90	90	908
80	80	808
70	70	708
60	60	608
50	50	508
40	40	408

Create Azure Function App:

- In the Azure portal, navigate to Function Apps and click Create.
- Select a subscription, resource group, region, and enter a name for your function.
- Select Publish to Code, Runtime stack to Node.js, and Version to 12 LTS.
- Click Next :hosting Select a storage account, operating system, and plan type
- Click Next: networking select your desired options
- Review and create the new function app

Create Function App ...

Subscription * ⓘ

it-npe-toolingdev

Resource Group * ⓘ

datadog-log-forwarder-test

[Create new](#)

Instance Details

Function App name *

Datadog-test-FA

.azurewebsites.net

Publish *

☒ Code ☐ Docker Container

Runtime stack *

Node.js

Version *

12 LTS

Region *

Australia East

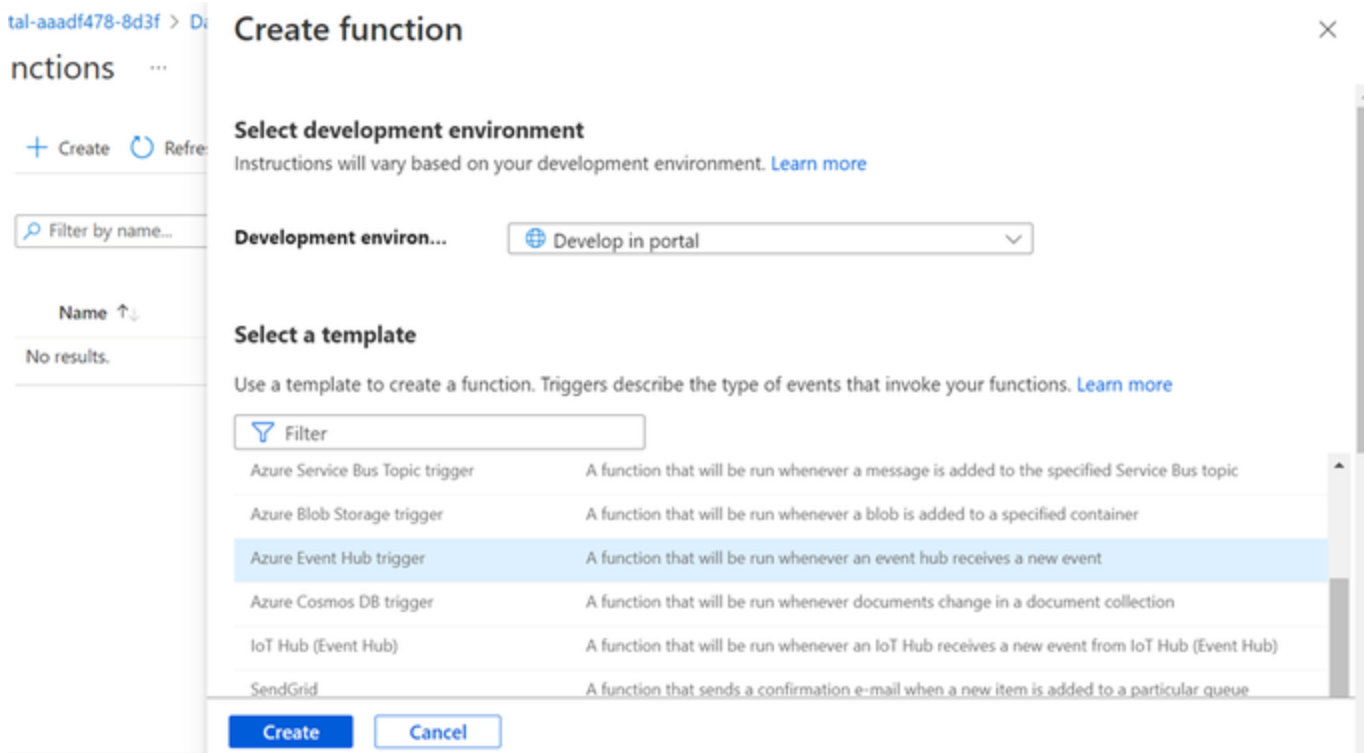
Review + create

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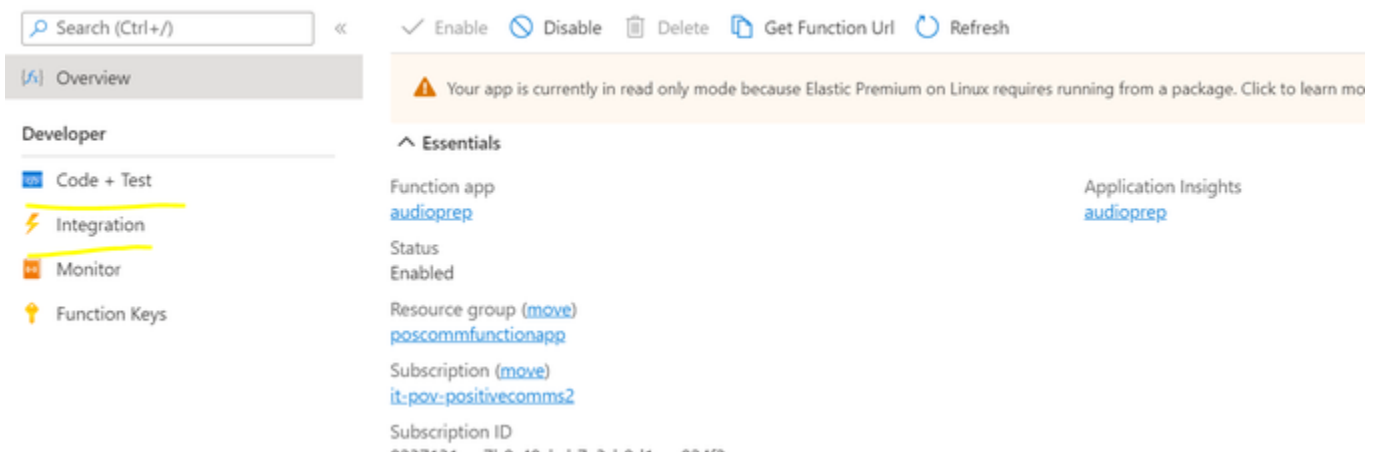
Add Function to Azure Function App:

- In the Azure portal, navigate to function app
- Select Functions from the functions menu and click Add.
- Select Azure Event Hub trigger from the templates menu and click New.
- Select Event hub namespace and Event Hub for Event Hub connection and click OK.
- Click Create Function



Point Event Hub trigger to Datadog:

- Select Event Hub trigger from the functions view.
- Click on Code + Test under the developer side menu.
- Add the [Datadog-Azure Function code](#) to your index.js file.
- Add DD API key by creating a DD_API_KEY environment variable under the configuration tab of function app or copy it into the function code by replacing <DATADOG_API_KEY> on line 22.



- Click on Integration then Azure Event Hubs under trigger and check the following settings: a. Event Parameter Name is set to event Hub Messages. b. Event Hub Cardinality is set to Many. c. Event Hub Data Type is left empty.
- Click Save.
- Verify your setup is correct by running the function and then checking the Datadog log explorer for the test message.

 Hide Controls | 79 logs found



>  1 Watchdog Insights Error outliers | [View all](#)

DATE	↓ H..	SER...	CONTENT
Mar 30 14:23:06.897		azure	> Test Message

Activity Logs:

- In the Azure portal, navigate to the Activity Log.
- Click on Diagnostic Settings.
- Click Add diagnostic setting.
- Under category details, select the categories of logs want to send to Datadog.
- Under destination details, select Stream to an event hub.
- Set the Event Hub namespace and name.
- Set the shared access key. This key should be configured with send or manage access.
- Click Save.
- Verify your setup is correct by checking the Datadog log explorer for logs from this resource.

[Home](#) > [Monitor](#) > [Diagnostic settings](#) >

Diagnostic setting ...

 Save  Discard  Delete  Feedback

A diagnostic setting specifies a list of categories of platform logs and/or metrics that you want to collect from a subscription, and one or more destinations that you would stream them to. Normal usage charges for the destination will occur. [Learn more about the different log categories and contents of those logs](#)

Diagnostic setting name `datadog-activity-logs-diagnostic-setting`

Logs

Categories

- ☒ Administrative
- ☒ Security
- ☒ ServiceHealth
- ☒ Alert
- ☒ Recommendation

Destination details

- ☐ Send to Log Analytics workspace
- ☐ Archive to a storage account
- ☒ Stream to an event hub

For potential partner integrations, [click to learn more about event hub integration](#).

 Cannot find resource 'datadog-ns-3c3608d8-5522-47a9-babf-a3183e48dfb6'. Either you do not have permission or this resource no longer exists.

Subscription

Resource Logs:

- In the Azure portal, navigate to the resource of the logs you want to send to Datadog.
- Under the monitoring section of the resource blade, click Diagnostic settings.
- Click Add diagnostic setting.
- Under category details, select the categories of logs you want to send to Datadog.
- Under destination details, select Stream to an event hub.
- Set the Event Hub namespace and name. These should match the Event Hub namespace and name that you used to create your Event Hub trigger.
- Set the shared access key. This key should be configured with send or manage access.
- Click Save.
- Verify your setup is correct by checking the Datadog log explorer for logs from this resource

Diagnostic setting

Save Discard Delete Feedback

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Diagnostic setting name *

Logs

Category groups ⓘ

☒ allLogs

Categories

☒ AzureBackupReport

☒ CoreAzureBackup

☒ AddonAzureBackupJobs

☒ AddonAzureBackupAlerts

Destination details

☐ Send to Log Analytics workspace

☐ Archive to a storage account

☒ Stream to an event hub

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Subscription

it-npe-toolingdev

Event hub namespace *

Creating DD monitor alerts for AZURE RSV backup failures:

- In the Datadog portal, navigate to the monitor - click new monitor
- Add search query details and conditions and team to notify and message

1 Define the search query

Source:azure.recoveryservices X ERROR X @eventName:Backup X

Count * group by (everything) ▼

Simple alert, triggers a single alert when a threshold is reached. Group by a facet to enable separate alerts by groups. ⓘ

2 Set alert conditions

Trigger when the metric is above or equal to ▼ the threshold during the last 30 minutes ▼

Alert threshold: >= 1

Warning threshold: >= Optional

Evaluate this monitor every 1 minute ▼

[P5] [Triggered] [TEST] Datadog-Backup-test

%%%

- Testing backup alert- ignore this alert @webhook-PodA-Alerts

Test notification triggered by suresh.potlapalli@bhp.com.

More than 1 log events matched in the last 2h against the monitored query:

source:azure.recoveryservices status:error @eventName:Backup

The monitor was last triggered at Fri Mar 25 2022 11:28:04 UTC.

[\[Monitor Status\]](#) · [\[Edit Monitor\]](#) · [\[Related Logs\]](#)

%%%



Azure key vault activity logs to Datadog:

Home > it-akv-002

it-akv-002 | Diagnostic settings

Key vault

Search (Ctrl+/) Refresh Feedback

Diagnostic settings are used to configure streaming export of platform logs and metrics for a resource to the destination of your choice. You may create up to five different diagnostic settings to send different logs and metrics to independent destinations. [Learn more about diagnostic settings](#)

Diagnostic settings

Name	Storage account	Event hub	Log Analytics workspace	Partner solution	Edit setting
setByKVPolicy	bcpdiagauekv	DatadogPoc/datadogeventh...	it-ae1-cor-oms-001	-	Edit setting

[+ Add diagnostic setting](#)

Click 'Add Diagnostic setting' above to configure the collection of the following data:

- AuditEvent
- AzurePolicyEvaluationDetails
- AllMetrics

Select the Event hub which was created in above step

Diagnostic setting ...

Save Discard Delete Feedback

BHP-Technology-SharedServices

Storage account *

bcpdiagaueakv

☒ Stream to an event hubFor potential partner integrations, [click to learn more about event hub integration.](#)

Subscription

it-npe-cfopssre

Event hub namespace *

DatadogPoc

Event hub name (optional) ⓘ

datadogeventhub

Event hub policy name

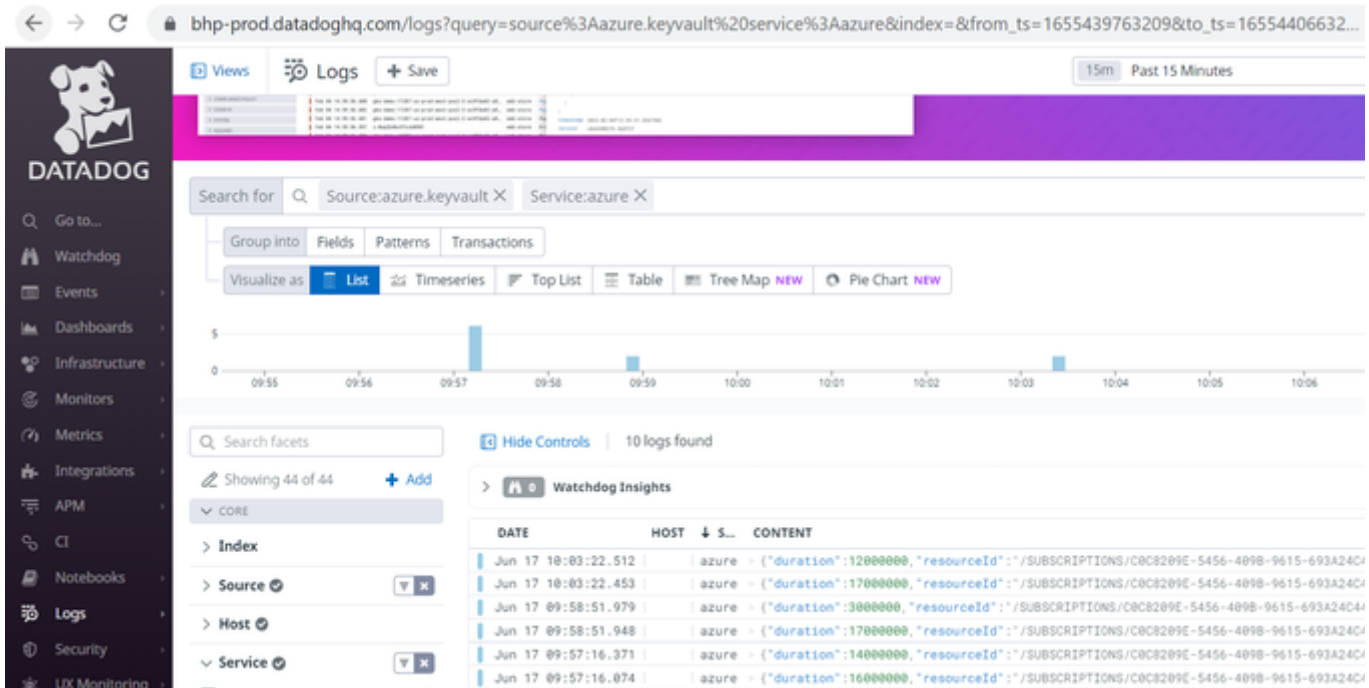
RootManageSharedAccessKey

Validate the Keyvault logs in Datadog Console:

search with the below filters under log explorer in Datadog Console

source: Azure.keyvault

service: Azure



Search for

Visualize as Timeseries Top List Table Tree Map NEW Pie Chart NEW

Showing 44 of 44 [+ Add](#)

Search facets

Hide Controls 10 logs found

DATE	HOST	S...	CONTENT
Jun 17 10:03:22.512	azure	-	{ "duration": 1200000, "resourceId": "/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-4098-9615-693A24C4" }
Jun 17 10:03:22.453	azure	-	{ "duration": 1700000, "resourceId": "/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-4098-9615-693A24C4" }
Jun 17 09:58:51.979	azure	-	{ "duration": 3000000, "resourceId": "/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-4098-9615-693A24C4" }
Jun 17 09:58:51.948	azure	-	{ "duration": 1700000, "resourceId": "/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-4098-9615-693A24C4" }
Jun 17 09:57:16.371	azure	-	{ "duration": 1400000, "resourceId": "/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-4098-9615-693A24C4" }
Jun 17 09:57:16.074	azure	-	{ "duration": 1600000, "resourceId": "/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-4098-9615-693A24C4" }

search query example to track the delete operation on key vault

Search for

Source:azure.keyvault X

Service:azure X

Event Name:SecretDelete X

Group into

Fields

Patterns

Transactions

Visualize as

List

Timeseries

Top List

Table

Tree Map NEW

Pie Chart NEW

09:15

09:20

09:25

09:30

09:35

09:40

09:45

09:50

Monitor Setup for Key vault Activity:

1 Define the search query

Source:azure.keyvault X Service:azure X resource.group:it-ae1-cor-spoke-share X
 Resource ID:/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C5C8205E-5456-409B-9615-693A24C44075/RESOURCEGROUPS/IT-AUE1-COR-SPOKE-SHARE/PROVIDERS/MICROSOFT.KEYVAULT/VAULTS/IT-AKV-002 X
 Event Name:(3 terms) X

Count group by (everything)

Simple alert, triggers a single alert when a threshold is reached. Group by a facet to enable separate alerts by groups.

2 Set alert conditions

Trigger when the metric is above the threshold during the last 15 minutes for any

Alert threshold: > 0

Warning threshold: > Optional

Evaluate this monitor every 1 minute

> Advanced options

3 Notify your team

Edit Preview Use Message Template Variables

Azure Key vault Activity "it-akv-002"

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Search query: logs("source:azure.keyvault service:azure resource_group:it-ael-cor-spoke-share @resourceId":"/SUBSCRIPTIONS/C0C8209E-5456-409B-9615-693A24C44079/RESOURCEGROUPS/IT-AUE1-COR-SPOKE-SHARE/PROVIDERS/MICROSOFT.KEYVAULT/VAULTS/IT-AKV-002" @evt.name:(SecretDelete OR SecretSet OR SecretUpdate)").index("*").rollup("count").last("15m") > 0

The screenshot shows the Datadog web interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation links: Go to..., Watchdog, Events, Dashboards, Infrastructure, Monitors, Metrics, Integrations, APM, CI, Notebooks, and Logs. The main content area is titled 'bhp-prod.datadoghq.com/monitors/74290350'. Below the title, it says 'NO DATA Monitor status since 8 seconds ago (17 Jun, 10:42:04 Asia/Calcutta)'. The monitor is named 'Azure Key vault Activity "it-akv-002"'. Under the 'Properties' section, the 'Log Monitor' details are shown: ID: 74290350, Created at Jun 17, 2022, 10:42 am, and by Ashok Reddy Bana. The 'TAGS' section is empty, and the 'PRIORITY' is 'Not Defined'. The 'QUERY' section contains a complex LogQL query. The 'MESSAGE' section shows the user '@ashokreddy.bana@bhp.com'. At the bottom, there is a filter bar for 'Filter monitor groups and their events' and a status bar showing '0 of 0 groups' with buttons for Alert, Warn, No Data, and OK. The right side of the status bar shows 'UTC+05:30', '1d', 'Past 1 Day', and navigation controls.

Log Monitor
 ID: 74290350
 Created at Jun 17, 2022, 10:42 am
 by Ashok Reddy Bana

QUERY

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logs{"source:azure.keyvault service:azure resource.group:it-ae1-cor-spoke-share @resourceId:"/SUBSCRIPTIONS/0BC8209E-5456-409B-9615-693A24C44079/RESOURCEGROUPS/IT-AUE1-COR-SPOKE-SHARE/PROVIDERS/MICROSOFT.KEYVAULT/VAULTS/IT-AKV-002" @evt.name:(SecretDelete OR SecretSet OR SecretUpdate)").index("*").rollup["count"].last("15m") > 0
```

MESSAGE @ashokreddy.bana@bhp.com

TAGS

PRIORITY Not Defined

Filter monitor groups and their events

0 of 0 groups

UTC+05:30 1d Past 1 Day

Reference Document :

<https://docs.datadoghq.com/integrations/azure/?tab=manualinstallation#log-collection> , <https://docs.datadoghq.com/logs/explorer/>

Cost:

Cost of this solution depends largely on the number of executions for Function App.

TC = Memory Size X Execution Time x Executions/Mo.

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-au/pricing/details/functions/>