Deploy and Manage Azure compute resources

The Virtual Machine Service



Virtual Machine Service

This service allows you to create a virtual machine on Azure

You don't need to manage physical servers

You can make use of On-demand pricing

You only pay based on how much you use



Buy servers

Costs money

Buy storage

Setup a network





Wifi Router



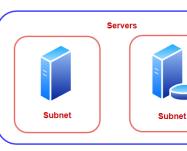
Each of your devices also gets assigned an IP address

This IP address helps to identify the devices on the network.

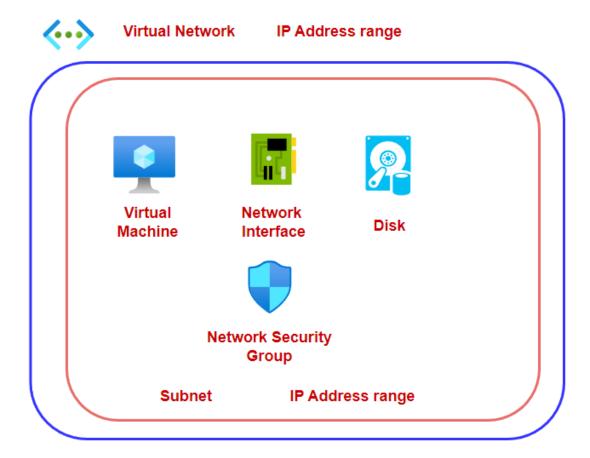
All devices are part of the network managed by your Wifi Router



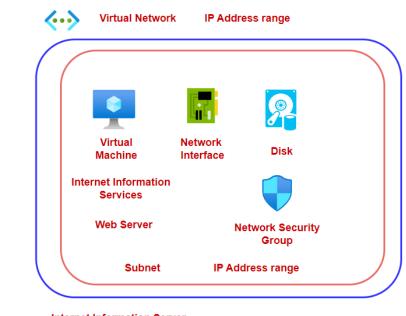




Network



Lab-Installing Internet Information Services





Internet Information Server listens for HTTP requests on port 80



Azure Virtual Machine

Linux OS

SSH is an encrypted connection protocol

You can use SSH keys for a more secure connection

This is based on public-private key pair

The public key is stored on the VM itself

You get the private key which is then used to authenticate onto the Linux VM

Azure Virtual Machine – Disks

Azure virtual machine - Disks



Designed to be highly available - 3 replicas of your

data are maintained.

The disks are managed by Azure

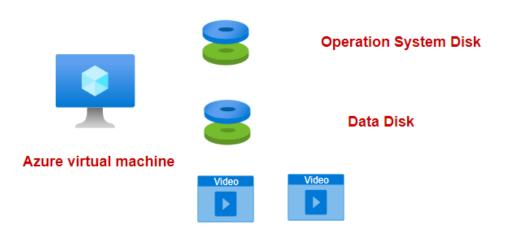
Operating System Disk - This has a pre-installed operating system.

Data Disk - You can store your application data here

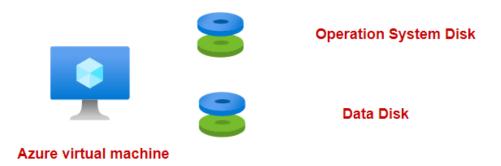
Temporary disk - This is not a managed disk. Here the data can be lost during a maintenance event or when you redeploy the VM.

There are different types of disks - Ultra Disks, Premium SSD, Standard SSD and Standard HDD.

Throughput and IOPS



Large videos, need higher throughput, be able to copy large data onto the disks





Lot of read and writes to data

What happens when we stop the machine

Restart / Stoping the VM



- 1. If you restart the VM, the data on the temporary disk remains as it is.
- 2. If you Stop/Deallocate the VM, The data on the temporary disk also gets erased.



Physical server



Physical server

Azure Disks-Server Side Encryption

Server-side Disk Encryption



Here your data is automatically encrypted using 256-bit AES Encryption

This protects the data at rest

This is done for Managed disks - OS and data disks



Storage Unit - Azure Data Center



By default the encryption is carried out with Platform Managed Keys

But you can also use your own Customer-Managed Keys. For this you need to make use of Disk Encryption Sets.

Lab- Azure Key Vault Service



Azure Key Vault







Encryption keys





Certificates



Secrets



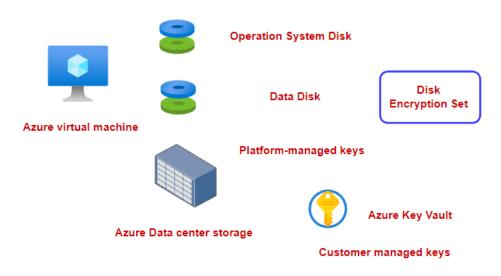




Azure Storage account keys

Quick review on the encryption options

Azure virtual machine - Disk Encryption - Server Side Encryption



<u>Azure virtual machine - Azure Disk</u> <u>Encryption</u>



Windows Server - BitLocker

Customer managed keys

Azure Shared Disks

Azure shared disks - This allows a managed disk to be attached to multiple virtual machines







Clustered SQL Server workload

Custom Script Extensions

Custom Script Extension





Want to install an application when the virtual machine is first launched

You want a script to run on the machine

The scripts can be stored in an Azure Storage Account or a GitHub account

Ensure that the scripts don't require user input

Don't put reboots inside of the script

Maxiumum allowable time for the script to run is 90 minutes

Azure Bastion Service

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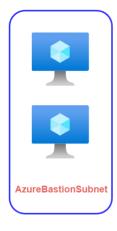


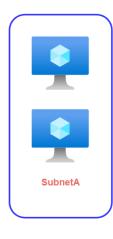
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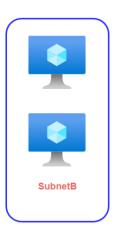




Connection via the Internet on port 443







Here you virtual machines don't need to have a Public IP address for connectivity

Availability Sets

Availability Sets

The availability set is a logical grouping of VM's. It helps to improve the entire availability of your application.



Azure Virtual Machine



Physical server in a datacenter

What happens if there is a fault in the underlying physical server?

Or maybe Azure needs to apply an update on the physical server that requires a restart of the server.

Availability Sets can be used to manage these issues.

Fault Domain

Update Domain

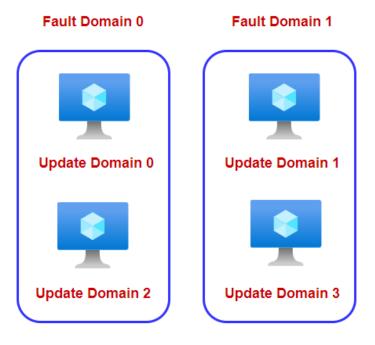
When you place your virtual machine as part of an Availability set, it gets assigned a fault and update domain.

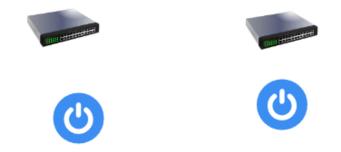
Update domain

Here Azure will apply updates to the physical infrastructure one update domain at a time.

Fault domain

Here the virtual machines in the fault domain share a common power source and network switch.





Common questions

Is there a cost for using Availability sets?

No. You just need to pay for the underlying virtual machines.

Am I supposed to create multiple virtual machines? Or does the Availability set feature create duplicate copies of the VM?

You have to create the multiple VM's. The Availability set is just a feature for managing availability of your machines.

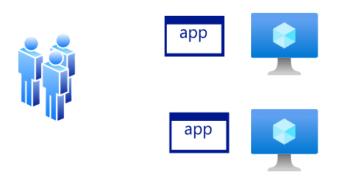
Does the Availability set replicate data across the VM's.

No. You manage all of these aspects. Remember the Availability set is just a feature for managing availability for your machines.

Availability Zones

Availability Zones

These are physical locations within an Azure region. These are made up of one or more datacenters. They have independent power, cooling and networking.



Azure Virtual Machine

In an Availability set, the machines might be located in a single datacenter

What happens if the datacenter goes down?

You can spread the deployment of your machines across datacenters by deploying them to different Availability zones







Common questions

Is there a cost for using Availability zones?

No. You just need to pay for the underlying virtual machines.

Then why not just make use of Availability zones instead of Availability sets?

This is because there is a charge of data transfer per GB between availability zones.

Does Availability zones replicate VM's or do data transfer?

No. Again this is all managed by you. Availability zones is just another availability feature from Azure.

Azure virtual machine scale sets

Virtual machine Scale Set





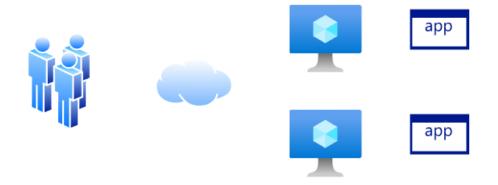




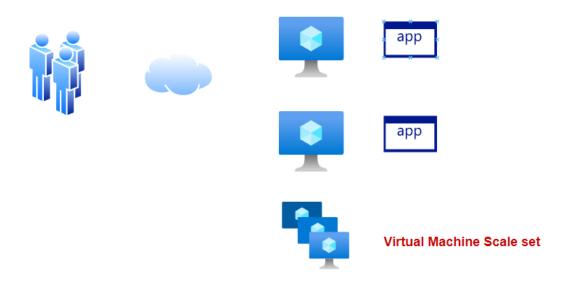
Load on the application increases

The load on the machine starts to increase

Application could face performance issues because of the load on the Azure virtual machine



In today's world of automation, manually adding a machine to your infrastructure setup is not the most ideal approach.



Virtual Machine Scale set is a group of virtual machines

Here the number of virtual machine instances can increase or decrease based on demand.

Understanding virtual machine images

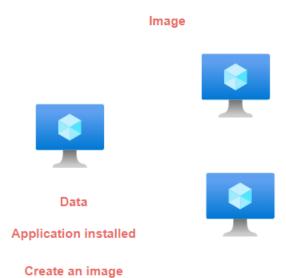


Image - This is a copy of the full VM which inloudes the data disks or just the OS disk

You can create an image and place as part of an Azure compute gallery

You can share the Azure compute gallery across your organization so that other users can create VM's based on the images stored in the gallery

Image Definition - This is a grouping of image versions. Each image definition has information about why the image was created and other information related to the image.

Image Version - This is used to create the VM.

Two types of images that you can create

Specialized VM Images	Generalized VM Images							
Here information about specific users and machine information is retained	Here information about specific users and machine information is removed							
So new VM's created out of the image will have the same computer name and admin user information	Here you have to perform the process of generalization. The original VM is unusable after you perform this process							

Development Phase





Web Application

Developers

Deployment phase



Azure Virtual Machine

Web Server - Internet Information Services

ASP.NET Core runtime







Azure virtual machine

You can log in as the administrator of the machine and install any application.

Azure Web Apps

They just want to host a web application on Azure.



This service has support for .NET, .NET Core, Java, Ruby, Node.js, PHP, Python.

This service can also scale up and scale down based on demand.





Here the physical server is managed by Azure

The virtual machine is also managed by Azure

If the company does not want the headache of managing the virtual machine.

App Service Plan

The App Service Plan defines the set of compute resources to assign to the Web App







Azure Web Apps

App Service Plan Based on the App Service Plan, you also get the available features.







Deployment Slots

Staging Environments for App Service Plans



Version 1

Version 2



Production Slot

Staging slot

Standard , Premium and Isolated App Service Plan

Applications in deployment slots have their own host names

- 1. You have the chance to validate all application changes in the staging deployment slot
 - 2. You can then swap the staging slot with the production slot
- 3. This helps eliminate the downtime for your application when new changes are deployed

4. You can also easily roll back the changes

Azure Web App- Virtual Network Integration

Azure Web App - VNET Integration



Virtual Network

10.0.0.0/16

SubnetA 10.0.0.0/24



10.0.0.4

Azure Web App



Standard App Service Plan or higher

Public Service 20.50.64.20

Allows the App service to access resources within the VNET

But it does not allow private inbound access to your Web App from the virtual network

The need for containers

Isolation







App dependencies Third-party libraries



App dependencies

Third-party libraries



App dependencies

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Containers helps to package the application along with libraries , frameworks and dependencies that are required.



Portability

Operating System

Services

Applications



Virtual Machine

Operating System

Services

Applications



Virtual Machine



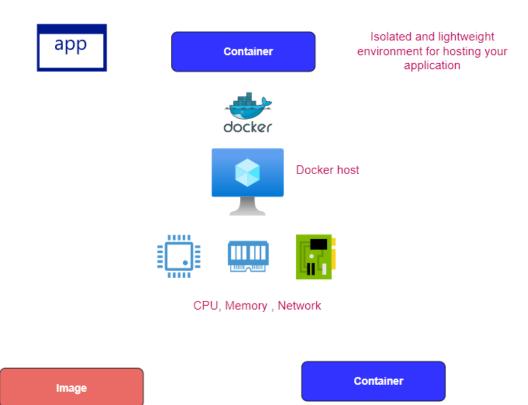
App dependencies

Third-party libraries

What is Docker

This is an open platform that is used for developing, shipping and running applications.

Docker has the ability to package and run an application in a loosely isolated environment called a container



This is a read-only template with instructions that are required to create the Docker container

This is a runnable instance of an image

The need for an image registry





Docker engine

nginx image

nginx container



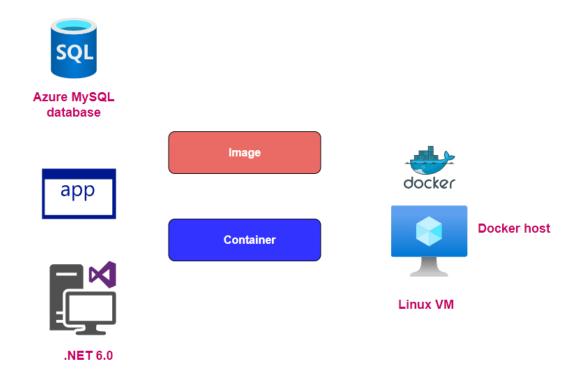
Repository of images

.Net Core application

Image

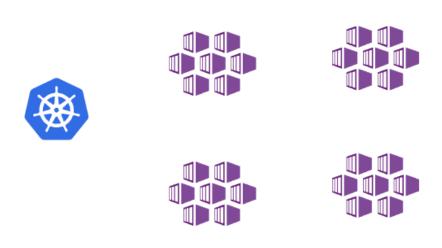
container

Containerize an application - Setup



Primer on Azure Kubernetes

Kubernetes

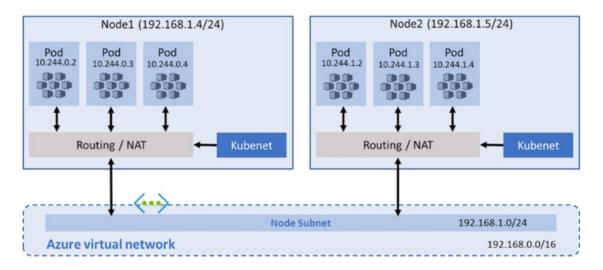


Managing containers at scale

Azure Kubernetes - Managed service for Kubernetes on Azure

Kubernetes is used to orchestrate your containers for hosting your applications

Azure Kubernetes- Configuring networking



https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/configure-kubenet

Nodes receive an IP address from the Azure virtual network

Pods receive an IP address from a logically different address space to the Azure virtual network subnet

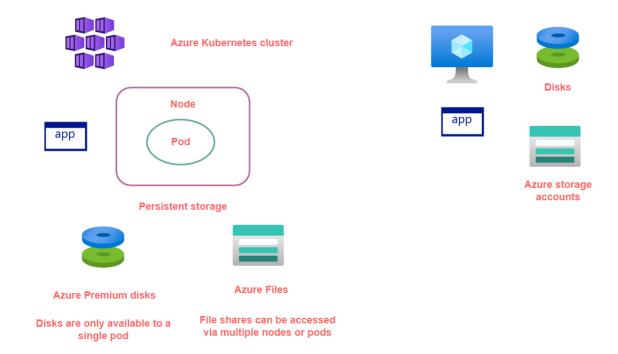
Network Address translation is then used

Azure Container Networking Interface

Every pod gets an IP address from the subnet and can be accessed directly

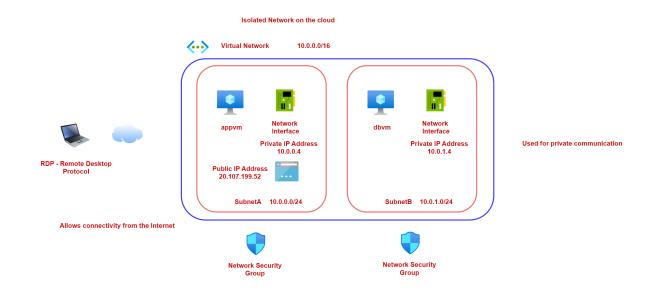
This could also lead to an IP address exhaustion

Azure Kubernetes Persistent Storage- Application Setup



Configure and manage virtual networking

Introduction to Virtual Networks in Azure



Quick note on address spaces

An IP address is a 32-bit number

It is written in a human-readable format

Example - 192.0.2.1

11000000.000000000.00000010.00000001

Each part of the IP address is an octet that is seperated by a dot notation

Each octet can have a decimal value between 0 and 255

	Minimum value -				0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Maximun	n valu	ie -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Number of values -	250	256 128 64		20		46		8			4		•
Number of Values -	256	0	0	32		16		(0		2 0
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Place value	128	64	32	16		8	}	4			2	1	

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0

The CIDR Notation

Network and host ID

An IP address is also associated with a subnet mask

The subnet mask is used to distinguish between the network and the host id

Example - 192.0.2.0

Subnet mask - 255.255.255.0

Here 192.0.2.0 is the network id



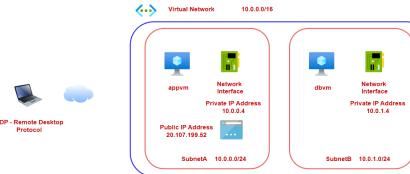
Here you get 256 total number of hosts

The number of usuable IP addresses is 254

192.0.2.0 is the network id and 192.0.2.255 is the broadcast id

About IP Addresses

Isolated Network on the cloud



Allows connectivity from the Internet





Used for private communication

Private IP addresses

Dynamic - This is assigned by Azure - The address is released if the network interface is deleted, or if it is assigned to a different subnet in the virtual network.

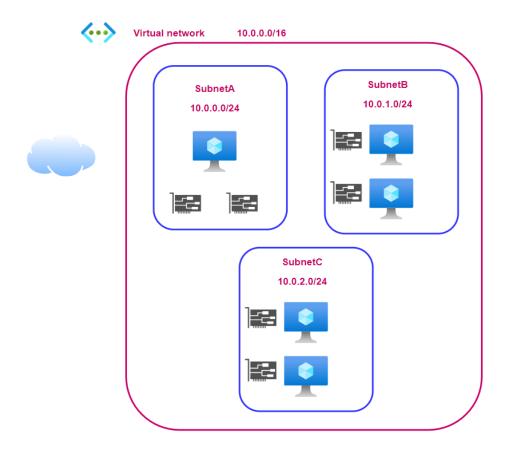
Static - Don't want the IP address to change

Public IP addresses

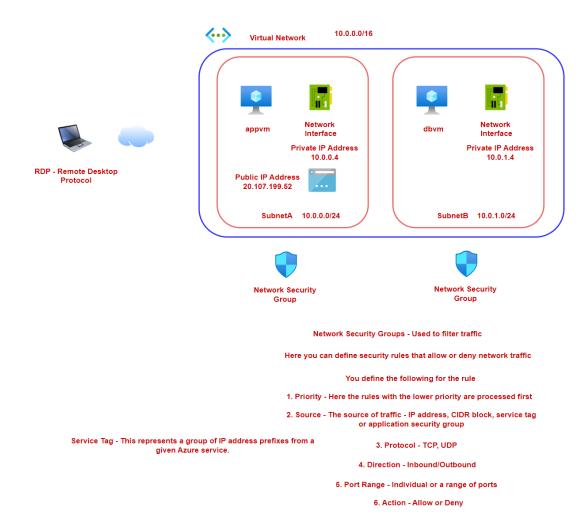
Static - The IP address is assigned the time the resource is created

Dynamic - The IP address is allocated when it is assigned to a resource. Also the IP address is released when you stop or delete the resource.

Attaching a secondary network interface

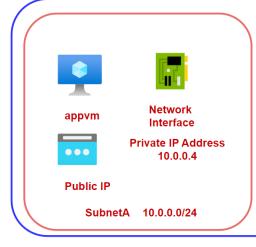


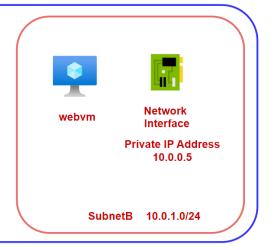
Network Security Groups



Application Security Groups



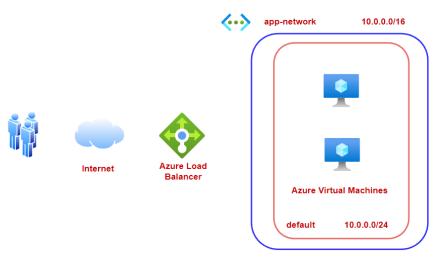








The Azure Load Balancer Service



Configuration

Public IP address - If it is a public load balancer

Health probe - This is used to monitor the backend machines

Load Balancing rules - These are used to direct the requests coming into the Load Balancer to the backend virtual machines.

The Load Balancer is used to distribute incoming traffic and distribute to the backend Azure virtual machines.

There are two different SKU's for the Load Balancer - Basic and Standard

Basic Load Balancer - No charge - But there is no SLA and there are other features like no built-in high availability.

Standard Load Balancer has an hourly charge. But you get different features like high availability via the use of Availability zones.

Load Balancer- Session Persistence







loadvm1







Public IP address

loadvm2

The Load balancer will create an affinity between the Load Balancer and the client for a session

Advantage - Can help in better performance for sessions

Disadvantage - If too many sessions are persisted on a server.

Azure Application Gateway

Azure Application Gateway

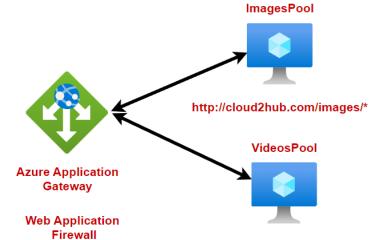
Web Traffic Load Balancer

Manage web traffic for applications

Layer 7 Load Balancer

Routing decisions are made based on the HTTP attributes





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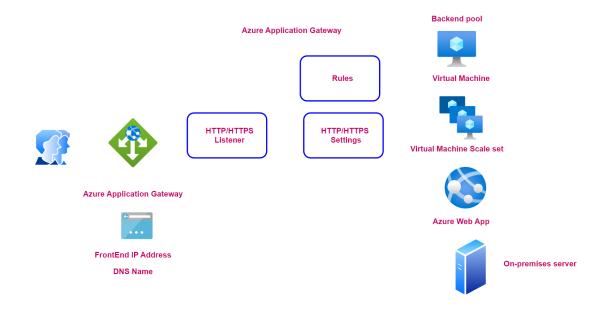
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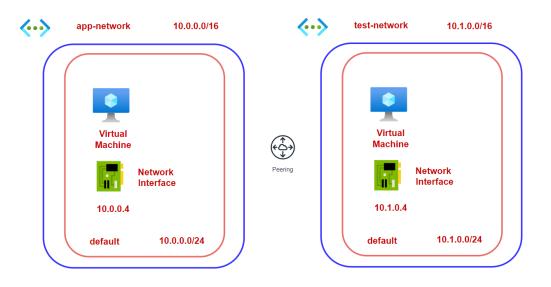
Workstation



Azure Application Gateway – Components



Virtual Network Peering



An Azure virtual network is an isolated network on the cloud

By default the Azure virtual machines cannot communicate across Azure virtual networks

For this you have to create an Azure virtual network peering connection

Azure Bastion

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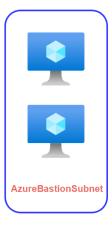


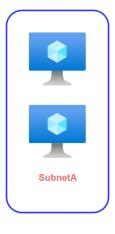
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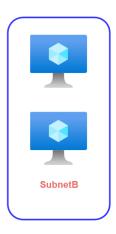




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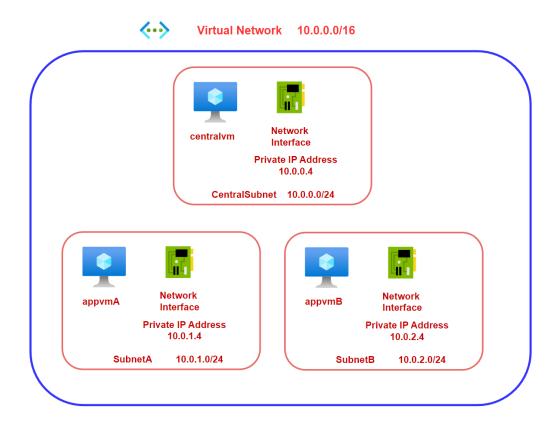






Here you virtual machines don't need to have a Public IP address for connectivity

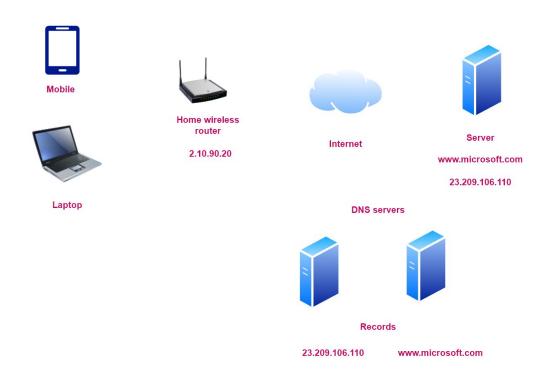
User Defined Routes



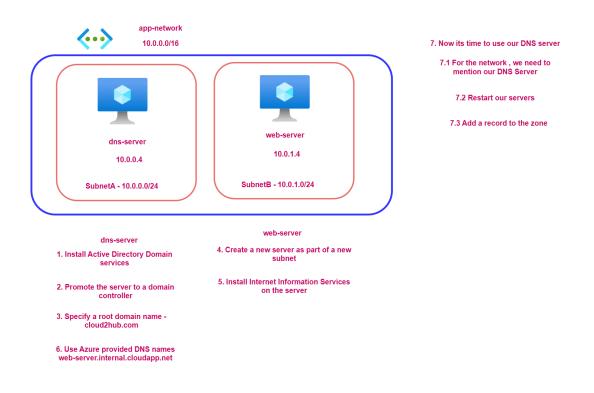
What is the domain name system



When packets of data need to be routed via the TCP protocol , a connection needs to be established between the client and the server with the use of IP addresses



Overview of setting up a Local DNS



Implement and manage storage

What are storage accounts

Azure Storage Accounts



This is storage on the cloud via the use of different services.

Azure Blob storage

This is an object storage service

This is great for storing unstructured data









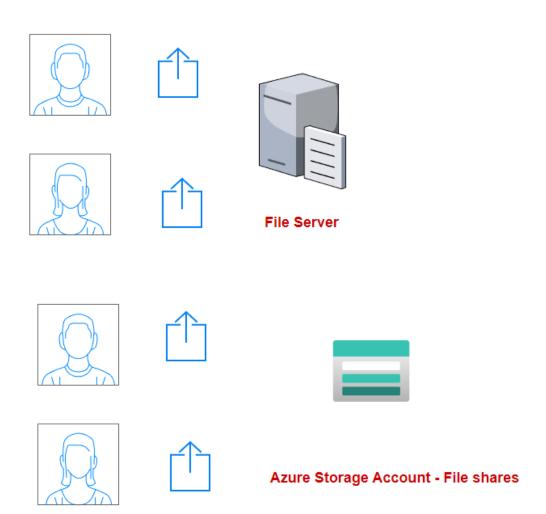
Data Disk

Azure virtual machine

Azure Blob storage can grow automatically based on demand Its great when you want to use it to store images, video, audio files.

Even good for storing backups.

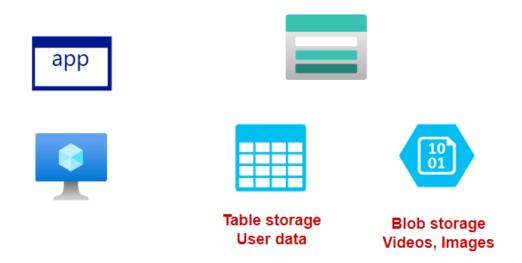
Azure File shares



Azure Table storage

This is great when you want to store non-relational structured data

This is when you data conforms to a schemaless design

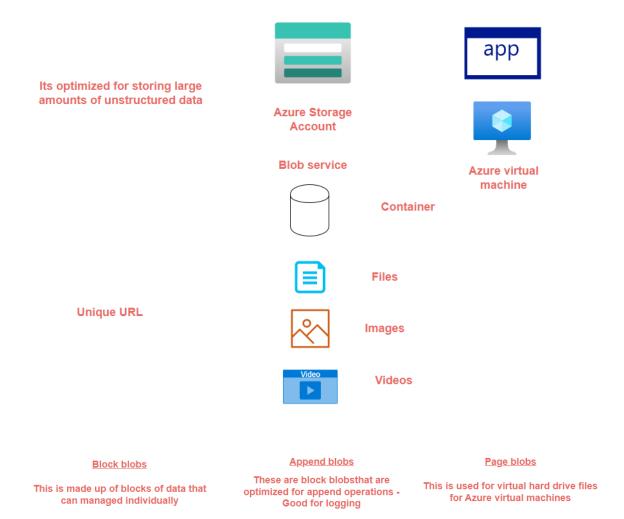


Azure Queue storage

This is a messaging based service



Azure Blob service



Azure Storage Accounts - Different authorization techniques











How can users or application authorize themselves to access the objects in the blob service

Access Keys

Shared Access Signatures Azure AD Authentication

Azure Storage Accounts - Data Redundancy

Azure Storage account - Redundancy

Multiple copies of your data are stored

This helps to protect against planned and unplanned events - transient hardware failures, network or power outages.



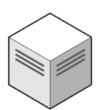




Storage Device

Locally-redundant storage

Data Center







Central US







Here three copies of your data are made

It helps to protect against server rack or drive failures







Storage Device

Storage Device

Storage Device

Zone-redundant storage

This helps to protect against data center level failures

Here data is replicated synchronously across three Azure availability zones





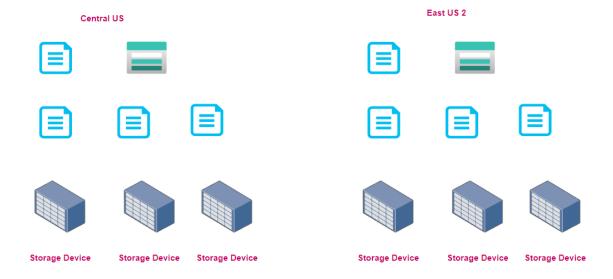


Central US

Each availability zone is a seperate physical location with independent power, cooling and networking

Geo-redundant storage

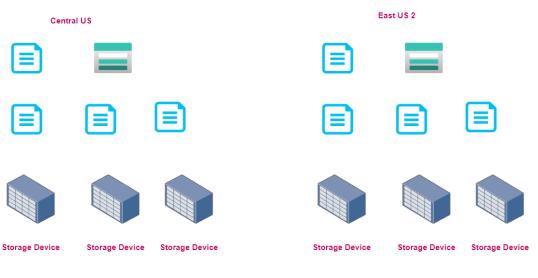
Here data is replicated to another region



Data is copied three times in the primary region using LRS

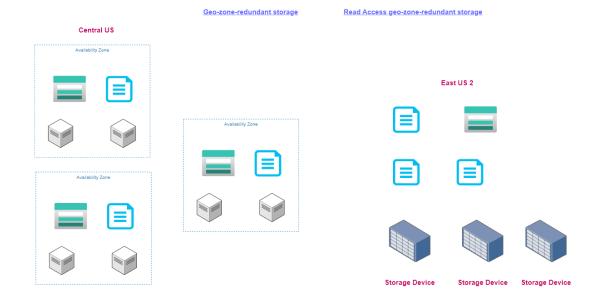
Data is copied three times in the secondary region using LRS

Read-access geo-redundant storage



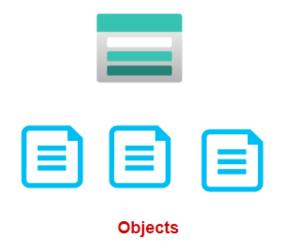
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Data is copied three times in the secondary region using LRS



Storage Accounts - Access Tiers

Azure storage access tiers



There is a cost for storing objects

There is a cost for accessing objects

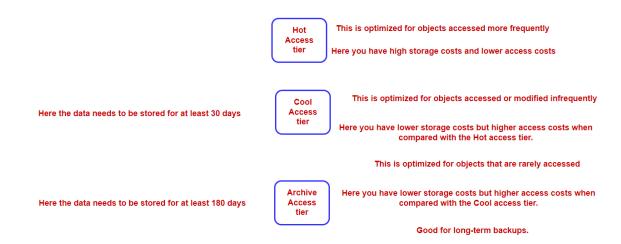
Companies might store millions of objects in a storage account

Use case - Initial there could be some objects that are accessed quite frequently. Then after some time, maybe a week or two, those objects are accessed less frequently.

Can a company save on costs when it comes to less frequently accessed objects.



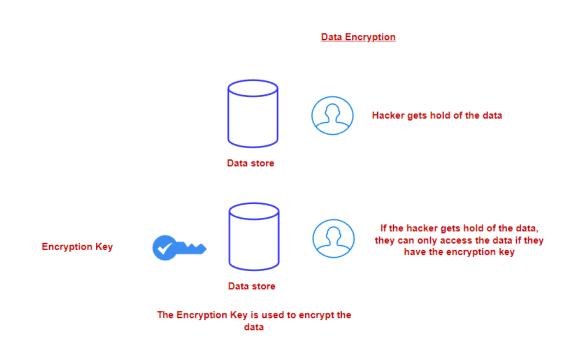
An object can be set to a particular tier

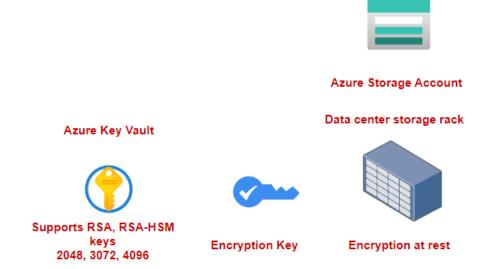


You can set the Hot and the Cool access tier at the storage account level.

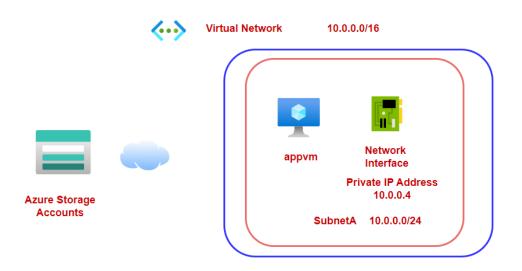
You can set the Hot ,Cool and Archive access tier at the blob level.

Azure Storage Encryption

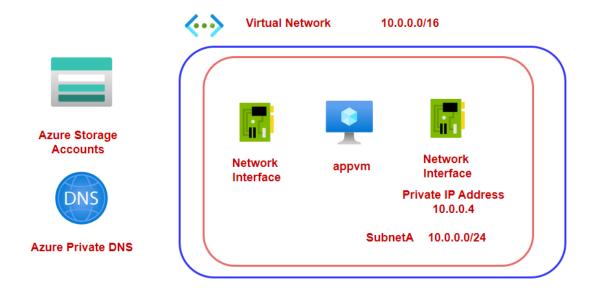




Firewall and Network settings



Azure Storage Accounts- Private Endpoints



Note on Premium storage accounts

Premium storage accounts



Premium block blobs

This is used when you need high performance when it comes to storage and access to data.

Here the data in the background is stored on solid-state drives. These are optimized for low latency.

Here the file transfer is also much faster.

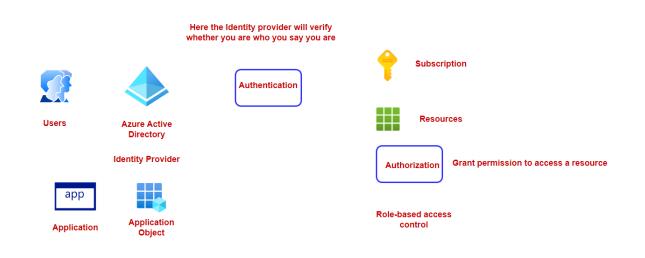
Workloads - Streaming , Machine Learning

You have higher storage costs but lower transaction costs

Data redundancy Locally-redundant storage (LRS): Lowest-cost option with basic protection against server rack and drive Performance (i) * failures. Recommended for non-critical scenarios. Zone-redundant storage (ZRS): Intermediate option with protection against datacenter-level failures. Premium account type (i) * Recommended for high availability scenarios. Locally-redundant storage (LRS) Redundancy (i) * You can't set the access tiers Premium file shares Here again you get high performance and low latency Backed by solid-state drives for storage **Data redundancy** Locally-redundant storage (LRS): Lowest-cost option with basic protection against server rack and drive Performance (i) * failures. Recommended for non-critical scenarios. Zone-redundant storage (ZRS): Intermediate option with protection against datacenter-level failures. Premium account type (i) * Recommended for high availability scenarios. Locally-redundant storage (LRS) Redundancy (i) *

Manage Azure identities and governance

What is Azure Active Directory



Trust between Azure Subscription and Azure AD

Trust between Azure AD and a subsription



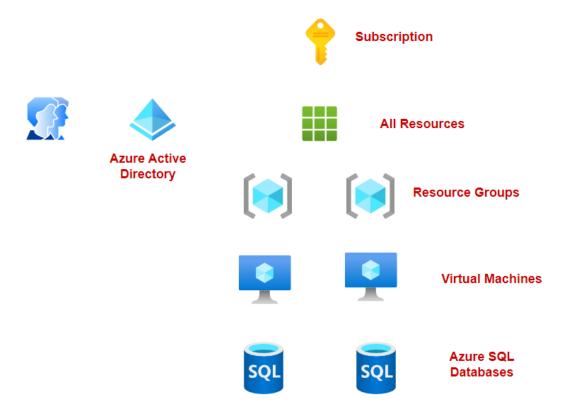
There is a trust relationship with Azure AD and an Azure subscription.

Each subscription can only trust a single Azure AD directory

Multiple subscriptions can trust the same Azure AD directory

Introduction to Role Based Access Control

Role-based access control



Note on Storage Account roles



What is Multi-Factor Authentication

Role-based access control



Subscription







All Resources







Resource Groups

The first step is authentication

User enters a user name and password

But for privileged users we should have an extra level of authentication

Multi-Factor Authentication





Virtual Machines





Azure SQL Databases

Administrative Units



DepartmentA



DepartmentB



DepartmentC



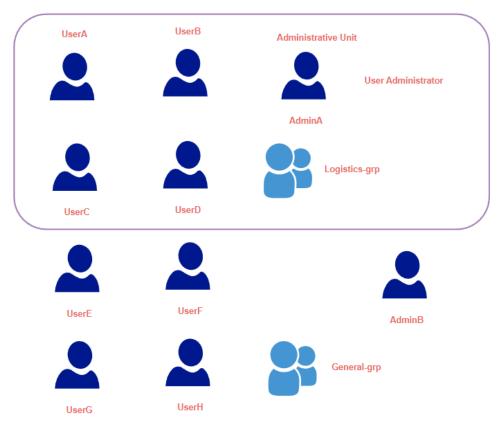






Lab- Administrative Units





Management Groups



Monitor and back up Azure resources

What is the Azure Monitor Service

Azure Monitor



Azure virtual machine



Azure Monitor

CPU Utilization Network utilization



Azure Monitor alerts

If the CPU utilization goes beyond a particular threshold

What is a Log Analytics Workspace

Log Analytics Workspace



Central Solution for all of your logs

Kusto query language



Azure Virtual Machines



On-premise servers

Data Collection Rules

What do you want to collect

Metrics - Memory

Windows Server -Windows Event Logs



Azure Backup for virtual machines

This provides access to data on the VM if something happens to the original VM

The backup data gets written to a Recovery Services vault





Azure virtual machines

Azure Site Recovery Services vault

East US

East US

Steps during a backup

- 1. First an extention is installed on the VM Supported for both Windows and Linux VM's
- 2. The backup tool first takes a snapshot of the data and stores it on the local machine
 - 3. The snapshot of data is then copied to the Recovery Service svault

Azure Site Recovery

Azure Site Recovery

Used for business continuity and for disaster recovery

Ensures your apps and workloads are running when there are planned or unplanned outages

Physical servers

Hyper-V VM's

VMWare



Server running your applications

Primary data center



Secondary data center



Server running your applications

Primary data center





Servers in Azure



VM in Azure



VM in Azure

The replication frequency is high , being as low as every 30 seconds for Hyper-V VMs

Hence the RPO is low. And because you can switch over quickly, the RTO is also low

You can run planned failovers with zero-data loss

Or unplanned failovers with minimal data loss

Azure Site Recovery- Azure VM – Overview



Target resource group

The VM will be part of the target resource group after the failover The target resource group must be in a different region other than the source region.



Azure virtual network



Azure virtual machine

This machine could also be part of an Availability set

Source North Europe



Azure storage account

This is required in the soure location. The VM changes are stored in the cache first before being sent to target storage.



Destination UK South Target Azure virtual network

The VM will be part of the target virtual network after the failover.