AI-Assisted Azure Management

Automating Scripts, Queries, and Deployments

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What is Copilot in Azure?

- AI-powered assistant for Azure management
- Natural language interface for cloud operations
- Unifies knowledge across 100+ Azure services
- Tailored to your resources and permissions
- Free with Azure subscription

Core Capabilities

- **Design:** Generate templates, discover patterns
- **Operate:** Create scripts, manage resources
- **Optimize:** Cost analysis, Advisor recommendations
- **Troubleshoot:** Diagnose issues, analyze health
- **Learn:** Ask questions, get best practices

Access & Features

- Portal and mobile app

- 19 languages supported

- Context-aware suggestions

- Secure, policy-compliant

- Responsible AI principles

Visual Studio Code and Azure

What is GitHub Copilot?

- AI-powered coding assistant in VS Code
- Code completions, chat, and autonomous coding
- Trained on public repositories
- Customizable with instructions, prompts, agents, and skills
- Free plan available, paid plans for extended usage

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- **Code Completions:** Inline suggestions as you type
- **Agent Mode:** Autonomous multi-step task execution
- **Natural Language Chat:** Ask questions, request changes
- **Smart Actions:** AI-enhanced commit messages, fixes, search
- **Customization:** Instructions, prompts, agents, MCP servers

Azure Integration & Customization

- `@azure` **Extension:** Agent mode with Azure-specific tools
- **Custom Instructions:** `.github/copilot-instructions.md`, `*.instructions.md`
- **Prompt Files:** Reusable `*.prompt.md` for common tasks
- **MCP Servers:** Connect external tools (Azure MCP, databases, APIs)
- **Multiple Models:** Switch between fast/reasoning models

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- **Break down complex tasks:** Instead of asking for everything at once, break large tasks into smaller, manageable steps.

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