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New product: Azure Managed Confidential Consortium Framework

NDA Gated Preview | Participant Resources & Preview Scope

v1.0

Est. Start: Est. Duration: 8 weeks Complexity: Medium (1-2 hours of

effort)

Description

Azure Managed Confidential Consortium Framework streamlines the experience of building, deploying, and operating a secure Confidential Consortium Framework (CCF) application on a governed network of participants. By leveraging the power of trusted execution environments in Azure, CCF provides users enterprise-ready multiparty systems while keeping the operator (Microsoft) out of the trusted computing base (TCB). This reduces reliance on a single party to execute based on a trust relationship. Network participants or members must achieve a majority vote to perform actions like adding a new consortium member or deploying code changes. Transactions on the network will produce cryptographically verifiable receipts to prove the network has not been tampered with. In addition, a central ledger records the history of the network for traceability and auditability.

Customer Use Cases:

- 1. A consortium of banks wants to share reference data about securities to understand if they are within market consensus. To form an accurate market view, the individual data points must come from authenticated participants without revealing the contents of the submissions and must aggregate correctly.
- 2. A payment provider can run payment data through regulator-provided fraud-detection algorithms, which can flag a transaction without revealing personal data. Then, an independent authority can audit and confirm the accuracy of the fraud detection algorithm for flagged payments while protecting user privacy.
- 3. One or more software publishers can submit their Software Bill of Materials (SBOMs) to a service that provides receipts that guarantee their provenance, total ordering, immutability, and compliance with registration policies. The end users benefit from transparency over the published software by checking offline-verifiable receipts without needing access to the service.

Known Issues / Limitations

• During private preview, Managed CCF is available in the South-Central US region only.

Q&A

- I don't know about Confidential Consortium Framework. Where can I learn about it?

 The open-source Confidential Consortium Framework (CCF) website is a good place to learn about the technology, the benefits. In addition, check out their documentation to begin building your CCF-aware applications that you can run on Azure Managed Confidential Consortium Framework.
- I want to use confidential computing but not sure what I can do with Azure Managed Confidential Consortium Framework.

You can build applications with governance controls on data that can benefit from confidential centralized computing. Imagine a network where multiple parties agree on the code that will be run for an application, each owns their data, and only shares data related summaries or selectively reveals part of the data when conditions are met. Transactions on the network remains auditable through a ledger.

- Is this similar to Distributed Ledger Technology?

 Distributed Ledger Technology(DLTs) and CCF technologies support similar use cases & scenarios, have similar concepts like merkle tree, ledger, fault tolerance etc., though differ in how trust is established. Particularly, CCF based technologies utilize centralized computation via hardware-based Trusted Execution Environments to establish trust in the network, thereby enhancing the governance controls experience on the network. For more information, please read our Architecture documentation to learn about core concepts.
- How do I begin?

You can use the instructions in this document to begin with Azure Managed CCF. We also have a quick start you can reference in CCF documentation.

Glossary

CCF	Confidential Consortium Framework
Consortium	A governance-based model where members can propose changes to a service.
	Other members can vote to accept or reject the change.

Preview Prerequisites

Aspect	Details
Required/Preferred	An active Azure subscription.
Environmental Requirements	Access to a Linux shell.
	A machine with Azure CLI or access to the Azure cloud shell. Azure CLI can
	be installed by following the instructions at How to install the Azure CLI
	Microsoft Learn
Required Roles & Permissions	Administrator
Clouds	Commercial Cloud

Feedback

What can be improved in the product experience?

What features would you like to see?

How might this technology support multi-party computing?

Would you be willing to pay a premium for this technology?

Onboarding to the Preview

Run the following commands in your subscription to enable the feature.

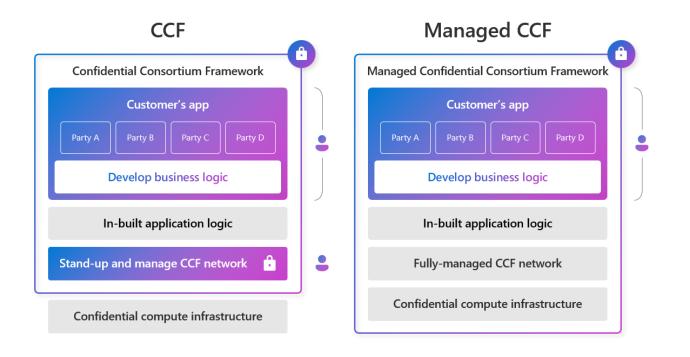
```
az feature registration create --namespace Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger --name ManagedCCF
az provider register --namespace Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger
```

If you get either of the following error messages during the registration, your Tenant Id is not part of the private preview. Please contact us to fix it.

{"error":{"code":"InvalidResourceType", "message":"The resource type could not be found in the namespace 'Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger' for api version '2022-09-08-preview'."}}

```
(FeatureRegistrationUnsupported) The feature 'ManagedCCF' does not support registration.
Code: FeatureRegistrationUnsupported
Message: The feature 'ManagedCCF' does not support registration.
```

How is Managed CCF different from CCF?



Deploying a Managed CCF instance from the Azure Portal

Customers can deploy a managed CCF instance from the Azure Portal or by using an ARM template. The following section will describe the steps to deploy a Managed CCF instance from the Azure Portal.

A managed CCF instance is governed by a consortium. The consortium members can propose changes to the service which can be accepted or rejected by other members of the consortium. Proposed changes include adding and removing members and users, deploying and updating an application, and updating the consortium. You need atleast one member identity certificate to create a Managed CCF instance and submit proposals. Before proceeding further, create member identity certificate(s) using the keygenerator.sh script available at microsoft/CCF: Confidential Consortium Framework (github.com). The instructions to use the script is available at Adding New Members - CCF documentation (microsoft.github.io).

1. Search for the Confidential Ledgers resource in the Azure Portal. **Note:** Please add these query strings to the portal URL to view the Managed CCF flight:

&feature.Microsoft_Azure_ConfidentialLedger_managedccf=true

- 2. Select the correct subscription from the drop down.
- 3. In the Resource Group drop down, either select an existing Resource Group or create a new one.
- 4. Provide a unique name for the Managed CCF instance. It will be used to generate a host name.
- 5. Select **South Central US** from the Region drop down.
- 6. Select 'Custom CCF Application' for the Account Type.
- 7. Select the 'Custom Javascript Application' for the Application Type.

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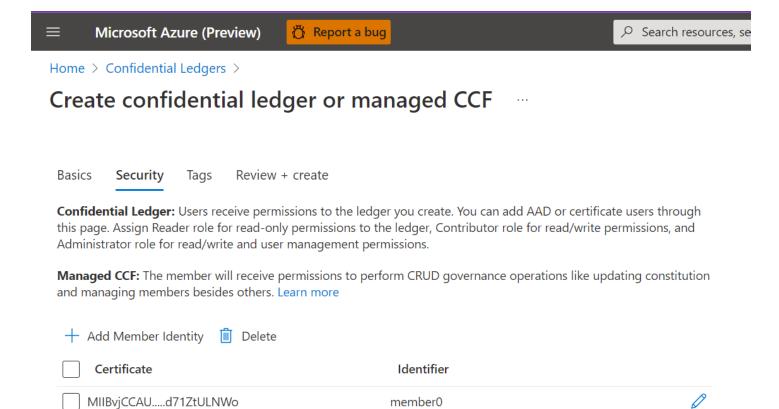
Subscription * ①	Azure Confidential Compute Ledger Test 1
Resource group * (i)	mccfdemorg ~
	Create new
Instance details	
Name * ①	contoso
Region * ①	South Central US
Account Type * (i)	Confidential Ledger: Recommended for general purpose storing metadata or logs for auditing
	 Custom CCF Application: Recommended for custom CCF network to build stateful services
Application details	
Application Type * ①	Sample Application
	Custom Javascript Application

Review + create

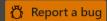
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- 8. Click the Next button.
- 9. Click the 'Add Member Identity' button. A new window will open.
- 10. Paste the contents of the public certificate in PEM format and click Submit.
- 11. Repeat steps 9 and 10 to add more members. At least one member's identity is required.



- 12. Click the Next button.
- 13. Add Tags as needed and click the Next button.



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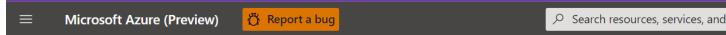
Basics Security **Tags** Review + create

Tags are name/value pairs that enable you to categorize resources and view consolidated billing by applying the same tag to multiple resources and resource groups. Learn more about tags

Note that if you create tags and then change resource settings on other tabs, your tags will be automatically updated.

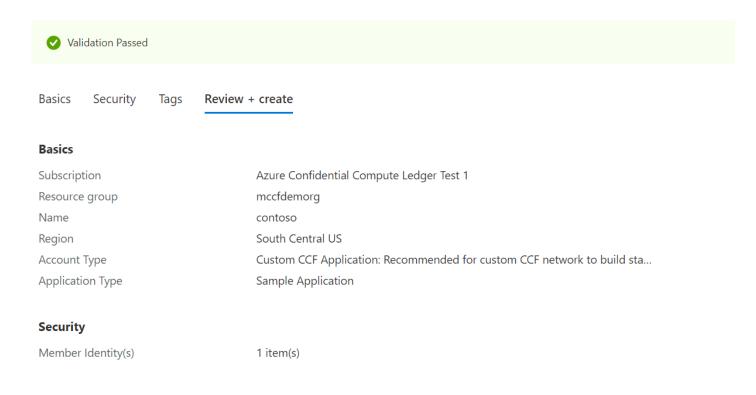


14. Review the information and click Create.



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When the instance is ready, make a note of the Identity Service endpoint and the Managed CCF instance endpoint displayed on the screen. The next step is to deploy the JavaScript/TypeScript application.

Deploy a Custom Application

Prerequisites:

- This section requires a Linux shell.
- The scripts used in this section are available at CCF/python/utils at main · microsoft/CCF (github.com)
- The managed CCF endpoint is https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com

This section will show the steps required to deploy a custom JavaScript banking application. The source code is available at https://github.com/microsoft/ccf-app-samples/tree/main/banking-app. The application supports certificate-based user authentication and ability to create accounts, deposit and transfer funds and view the balance.

Step 1: Download the Service Identity

Download the service identity certificate from the URI https://identity.confidential- ledger.core.azure.com/ledgerldentity/contoso and extract the value in the ledgerTlsCertificate field. Remove the new line characters and save them to a file called service_cert.pem. The contents of the service_cert.pem should be as follows.

```
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
MIIBUDCCAT6gAwIBAgIRAOsSYTZ5AaxLnXzm/TnLTQgwCgYIKoZIzj0EAwMwFjEU
MBIGA1UEAwwLQ0NGIE5LdHdvcmswHhcNMjMwMjE2MTUyNzU2WhcNMjMwNTE3MTUy
NzU1WjAWMRQwEgYDVQQDDAtDQ0YgTmV0d29yazB2MBAGByqGSM49AgEGBSuBBAAi
....
AwMDaAAwZQIxAOEAmx50FAt1aDfSsdLUoAsxcudtBYLmYI3oA4RuX+i/2XtxWFk7
...
uXRcBd2MA0uMRBsr
----END CERTIFICATE----
```

Step 2: Activate the Member(s)

The members (that were added from the Portal) will be in the 'Accepted' state. Use the commands below to activate them. The following commands assume that two members, namely member0 and member1 were added in the Portal.

```
### Activate Member0 ###

>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/gov/ack/update_state_digest -X POST
--cacert service_cert.pem --key member0_privk.pem --cert member0_cert.pem --silent >
request.json

>./scurl.sh https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/gov/ack --cacert service_cert.pem
--signing-key member0_privk.pem --signing-cert member0_cert.pem --header "Content-Type:
application/json" --data-binary @request.json

#### Activate Member1 ###
>>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/gov/ack/update_state_digest -X POST
--cacert service_cert.pem --key member1_privk.pem --cert member1_cert.pem --silent >
request.json

>./scurl.sh https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/gov/ack --cacert service_cert.pem
--signing-key member1_privk.pem --signing-cert member1_cert.pem --header "Content-Type:
application/json" --data-binary @request.json
```

After the members are activated, the next step is to deploy the banking application.

Step 3: Deploy the Banking Application

Managed CCF requires applications to be converted into an application bundle for deployment. The instructions are available at <u>JavaScript Application Bundle - CCF documentation (microsoft.github.io)</u>. The following commands will show how to deploy the application bundle.

```
### Submit the application bundle available in set_js_app.json ###

>proposal_id=`./scurl.sh --url https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/gov/proposals
--cacert service cert.pem --signing-key member0_privk.pem --signing-cert member0_cert.pem -
-data-binary @set_js_app.json -H "content-type: application/json"|jq -r '.proposal_id'`

### Member0 accepts the proposal ###
>./scurl.sh https://contoso.confidential-
ledger.azure.com/gov/proposals/${proposal_id}/ballots --cacert service_cert.pem --signing-
key member0_privk.pem --signing-cert member0_cert.pem --data-binary @vote_accept.json -H
"content-type: application/json"

### Member1 accepts the proposal ###
>./scurl.sh https://contoso.confidential-
ledger.azure.com/gov/proposals/${proposal_id}/ballots --cacert service_cert.pem --signing-
key member1_privk.pem --signing-cert member1_cert.pem --data-binary @vote_accept.json -H
"content-type: application/json"
```

Step 4: Add User(s)

Adding a user is a two-step process. The first step is to propose a new user followed by a voting on the proposal. We will add two users, namely user0 and user1.

```
### create vote accept.json ###
  "ballot": "export function vote (proposal, proposerId) {    return true }"
}
### Member0 proposes the addition of user0 ###
>proposal id=`./scurl.sh --url https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/gov/proposals
--cacert service cert.pem --signing-key member0 privk.pem --signing-cert member0 cert.pem --
data-binary @set_user0.json -H "content-type: application/json"|jq -r '.proposal_id'`
### Member0 accepts the proposal ###
>./scurl.sh https://contoso.confidential-
ledger.azure.com/gov/proposals/${proposal_id}/ballots --cacert service_cert.pem --signing-key
member0 privk.pem --signing-cert member0 cert.pem --data-binary @vote accept.json -H
"content-type: application/json"
### Member1 accepts the proposal ###
>./scurl.sh https://contoso.confidential-
ledger.azure.com/gov/proposals/${proposal id}/ballots --cacert service cert.pem --signing-key
member1_privk.pem --signing-cert member1_cert.pem --data-binary @vote_accept.json -H
"content-type: application/json"
```

We have submitted the application and added users to it. The next step is to submit transactions.

Step 4: Submit Transactions

The following commands will create two accounts, namely *current_account* and *savings_account* for user0 and user1 respectively. Next, we will deposit \$100 into the current_account and transfer \$40 from the current_account to the savings_account.

```
### Create current acccount for user 0 ###
>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/app/account/${user0 id}/current account -
X PUT --cacert service_cert.pem --cert member0_cert.pem --key member0_privk.pem
### Create savings account for user 1 ###
>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/app/account/${user1 id}/savings account -
X PUT --cacert service_cert.pem --cert member0_cert.pem --key member0_privk.pem
# Deposit $100 to current account ###
>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/app/deposit/${user0 id}/current account -
X POST --cacert service_cert.pem --cert member0_cert.pem --key member0_privk.pem -H "Content-
Type: application/json" --data-binary '{ "value": 100 }'
### Transfer $40 from user0 to user1 ###
curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/app/transfer/current_account -X POST-
--cacert service cert.pem --cert user0 cert.pem --key user0 key.key -H "Content-Type:
application/json" --data-binary "{ \"value\": 40, \"user_id_to\": \"${user1_id}\",
\"account_name_to\": \"savings_account\" }"
### Check the balance ###
>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/app/balance/current account -X GET
--cacert service cert.pem --cert user0 cert.pem --key user0 key.key
>curl https://contoso.confidential-ledger.azure.com/app/balance/savings account -X GET
--cacert service_cert.pem --cert user1_cert.pem --key user1_key.key
```

As a convenience, the banking application can be deployed from the Azure Portal by choosing the 'Sample Application' option. When chosen, step # 3 (Deploy the Banking Application) is redundant. The rest of the steps remain unchanged.



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Subscription * ①	Azure Confidential Compute Ledger Test 1	V
Resource group * ①	mccfdemorg Create new	V
Instance details		
Name * (i)	contoso	~
Region * ①	South Central US	~
Account Type * (i)	Confidential Ledger: Recommended for general purpose storing metadata or logs for auditing	
	 Custom CCF Application: Recommended for custom CCF network to build stateful services 	
Application details		
Application Type * ①	Sample ApplicationCustom Javascript Application	

Deploy a Managed CCF instance Using an ARM Template

An ARM template and the associated parameters file is available in the Appendix section of the document. It can be used to deploy a Managed CCF instance using the following commands.

```
### Login to Azure and set the active subscription ###
>az login
>az account set -s <<subscription id>>

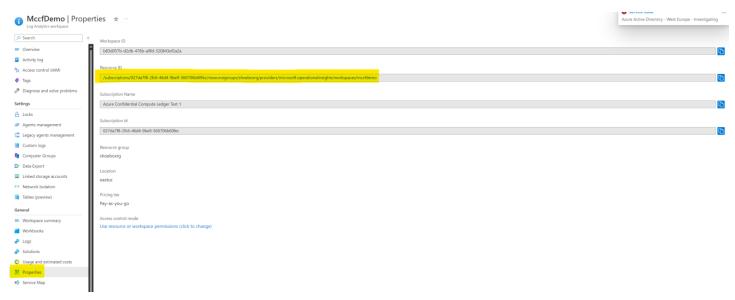
### Initiate a Managed CCF resource deployment ###
>az deployment group create -g <<resource group name>> --template-file template.json --
parameters parameters.json
```

When it is finished, you will find the Managed CCF resource inside the resource group that was supplied in the command.

View the Application Logs

The logs generated from the application can be viewed in the subscription where the Managed CCF instance is deployed. There is cost associated with enabling diagnostics on monitored resources. To determine the pricing for different regions, refer to this resource Pricing - Azure Monitor | Microsoft Azure.

- 1. Create a Log Analytics workspace by following the instructions available at Log Analytics workspace overview Azure Monitor | Microsoft Learn
- 2. After a workspace is created, make a note of the Resource ID from the Properties page.

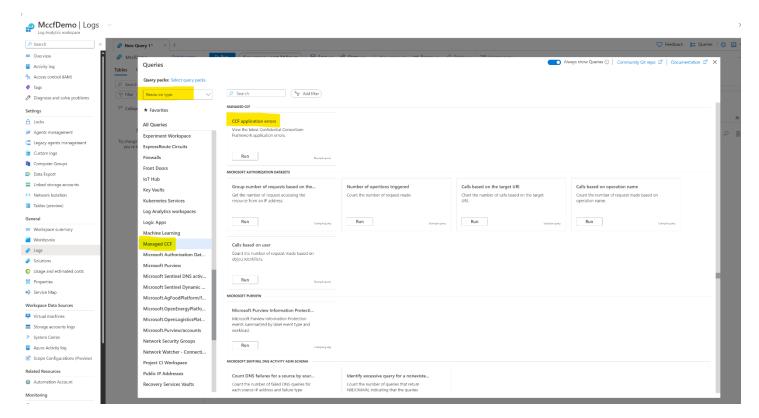


3. Open the Managed CCF instance. Make a note of the Resource ID from the Properties page.

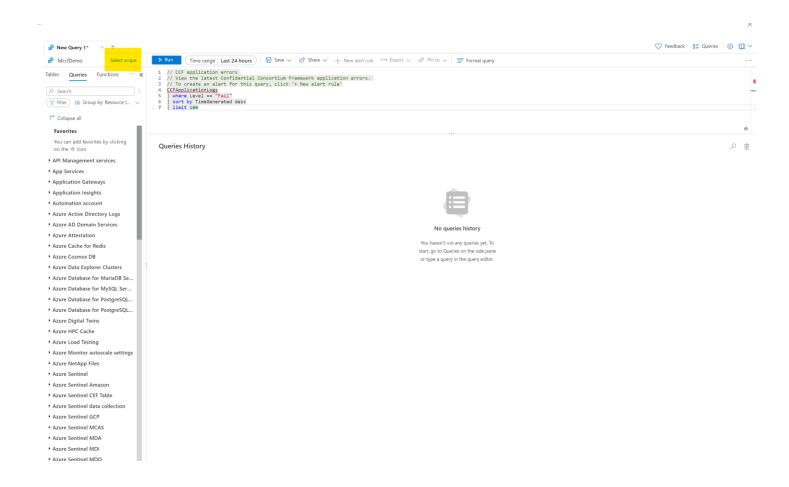


4. Enable Diagnostics on the Managed CCF instance using the following command.

- 5. Wait for a few minutes for the application logs to appear in the Log Analytics workspace.
- 6. Open the Logs page and group the queries by Resource type from the drop down. Navigate to the 'Azure Managed CCF' resource.



- 7. A sample KQL query called 'CCF application errors' is provided to view the errors emitted from the application. Click the Load to editor button.
- 8. Before executing the query, adjust the scope using the Select scope button.



For a complete reference on the Keyword Query Language syntax (KQL), refer to the documentation at <u>Keyword Query Language</u> (KQL) syntax reference | Microsoft Learn.

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Appendix

ARM Template file (template.json)

```
{
    "$schema": "https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/2019-04-
01/deploymentTemplate.json#",
    "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
    "parameters": {
        "resourceName": {
            "type": "String",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "Resource Name"
            }
        },
        "resourceType": {
            "defaultValue": "",
            "allowedValues": [
                "Public",
                "Private",
                "App"
            ],
            "type": "String",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "Values are App, Public or Private"
            }
        },
        "location": {
            "type": "String",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "Azure Region"
        },
        "aclAadBasedSecurityPrincipals": {
            "defaultValue": [],
            "type": "Array",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "AAD-based users"
            }
        },
        "aclCertBasedSecurityPrincipals": {
            "defaultValue": [],
            "type": "Array",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "Cert-based users"
            }
```

```
"mccfAppSourceUri": {
            "defaultValue": "",
            "type": "String",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "MCCF App type"
            }
        },
        "mccfAppLanguage": {
            "defaultValue": "JS",
            "allowedValues": [
                "JS",
                "CPP"
            "type": "String",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "MCCF Language Runtime"
            }
        },
        "mccfMemberBasedSecurityPrincipals": {
            "defaultValue": [],
            "type": "Array",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "Member identities"
            }
        },
        "tags": {
            "type": "Object",
            "metadata": {
                "description": "Additional Properties"
        }
    },
    "variables": {
        "copy": [
            {
                "name": "certBasedSecurityPrincipals",
                "count": "[length(parameters('aclCertBasedSecurityPrincipals'))]",
                "input": {
                    "cert":
"[last(take(parameters('aclCertBasedSecurityPrincipals'),copyIndex('certBasedSecurityPrincipa
ls',1))).cert]",
                    "ledgerRoleName":
"[last(take(parameters('aclCertBasedSecurityPrincipals'),copyIndex('certBasedSecurityPrincipa
ls',1))).ledgerRoleName]"
            },
```

```
"name": "memberBasedSecurityPrincipals",
                "count": "[length(parameters('mccfMemberBasedSecurityPrincipals'))]",
                "input": {
                    "certificate":
"[last(take(parameters('mccfMemberBasedSecurityPrincipals'),copyIndex('memberBasedSecurityPri
ncipals',1))).cert]",
                    "encryptionkey":
"[last(take(parameters('mccfMemberBasedSecurityPrincipals'),copyIndex('memberBasedSecurityPri
ncipals',1))).encryptionKey]",
"[last(take(parameters('mccfMemberBasedSecurityPrincipals'),copyIndex('memberBasedSecurityPri
ncipals',1))).tags]"
        ]
    },
    "functions": [],
    "resources": [
        {
            "type": "Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger/ManagedCCFs",
            "apiVersion": "2022-09-08-preview",
            "name": "[parameters('resourceName')]",
            "location": "[parameters('location')]",
            "tags":
"[if(contains(parameters('tags'),'Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger/ManagedCCFs'),parameters('tags
')['Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger/ManagedCCFs'],json('{}'))]",
            "properties": {
                "deploymentType": {
                    "languageRuntime": "[parameters('mccfAppLanguage')]",
                    "appSourceUri": "[parameters('mccfAppSourceUri')]"
                },
                "memberIdentityCertificates": "[variables('memberBasedSecurityPrincipals')]"
            "condition": "[equals(parameters('resourceType'),'App')]"
        },
        {
            "type": "Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger/ledgers",
            "apiVersion": "2020-12-01-preview",
            "name": "[parameters('resourceName')]",
            "location": "[parameters('location')]",
            "tags":
[if(contains(parameters('tags'),'Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger/ledgers'),parameters('tags')['
Microsoft.ConfidentialLedger/ledgers'],json('{}'))]",
            "properties": {
                "ledgerType": "[parameters('resourceType')]",
                "aadBasedSecurityPrincipals":
"[parameters('aclAadBasedSecurityPrincipals')]",
```

Parameters file (parameters.json)

```
{
  "$schema": "https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/2015-01-
01/deploymentParameters.json#",
  "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
  "parameters": {
      "resourceName": {
          "value": "contoso"
      },
      "resourceType": {
          "value": "App"
      },
      "location": {
          "value": "southcentralus"
      "aclAadBasedSecurityPrincipals": {
          "value": []
      },
      "aclCertBasedSecurityPrincipals": {
          "value": []
      },
      "mccfAppSourceUri": {
          "value": "sample"
      },
      "mccfAppLanguage": {
          "value": "JS"
      },
      "mccfMemberBasedSecurityPrincipals": {
        "value": [
            {
                "cert": "----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----\nMIIBvj...d71ZtULNWo\n----END
CERTIFICATE----",
                "shortCert": "MIIBvjCCAU.....d71ZtULNWo",
                "encryptionKey": "",
                "tags": {
                    "identifier": "member1",
```