

PKU Automation

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Overview

Executive Summary

Purpose

Scope

It is intended to include all elements required to deliver, secure and support the V3 Platform

Technical Design Elements

- ☒ Build Platform & IaC
- ☒ Azure Infrastructure
- ☒ Azure Subscription Policy
- ☒ Azure Resources
- ☒ Access Control Framework
- ☒ Storage and interdependant mounts
- ☒ Interfaces to other platforms
- ☒ User access and data systems
- ☒ Performance & Capacity Reporting
- ☒ Cost Management

Security & Resilience

- ☒ Secure by Design Architecture
- ☒ Adoption of NCSC Cloud Principles
- f ☒ Subscription Level Policy
- ☒ Resource Level Policy
- ☒ Adherence to Azure Best Practice
- ☒ Multi-Zone Infrastructure
- ☒ Resource Monitoring & Alerting
- ☒ Alert Groups for Platform Issues
- ☒ Splunk & Sophos

Process & Support

- ☒ All Resources as IaC
- ☒ External Processes Documented
- ☒ Sub-processes automated
- ☒ Dependency Maps
- ☒ Support Scenarios and Resolutions

for the second revision of the monitoring and alerting, it is intended that automated resolution to issues will be sought

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Requirement

High Level Solution

In principal technology and process proposition and component design

Component	Detail
Connect to Experian sFTP	visdualCron used on a locked down windows machine under AAD/GPO; The machine is located in locked down DMZ Subnet with connections allowed on a one to one allow basis. The experian endpoint is known and previously validated The credentials are controlled and managed by Experian The connection is via SFTP
List and Retrieve Files	The host has been previously verified by pknw1 The data retrieved is zipped and encrypted with a PGP key that is unavailable to this DMZ or its resources
Store Retrieved Files	Files are stored in an Azure storage account The DMZ Server has only a write SASS key The stoprage account is locked down to the DMZ and Processor Subnets
Decrypt Retrieved Files	The Decrypt machine has the only read access to the blob all decryption (which results in PII data) is done in memory and not stored on any non-transient storage. All storage is encrypted Azure Data Bricks is used for validation
Process Files	
Ingest Files	Write files into VCAP via secure connection hard remove files from transient storage with 0000 writes

Data Ingestion & Storage

sFTP Controller Process

- ☐ VisualCron

DMZ Network Controls

- ☐ Azure Virtual Networks
- ☐ Azure Firewall

sFTP Controller Controls

- ☐ GPO
- ☐ RBAC AAD

Azure Storage Controls

- ☐ Uni-direction SAS keys
- ☐ Network locked with Firewalls
- ☐ IAM Controls removed all non engineering roles

Decryption and Validation

Data Components

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Data Retrieval an d initial storage

Item	Details
vNet	
sNet	
VM	
VM OS	
Visual Cron	
sFTP credentials	
sFTP Endpoint	
Storage Account	
Storage Account Credentials	
Upload Scripts	
AzCopy	

High Level Design

Post proof of concept design based on pknw1 standards and best practice for products

Heading

File retireval

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participant Automation
Control Schedule
participant pknw1
participant Experian
participant "Azure\nStorage" as Storage
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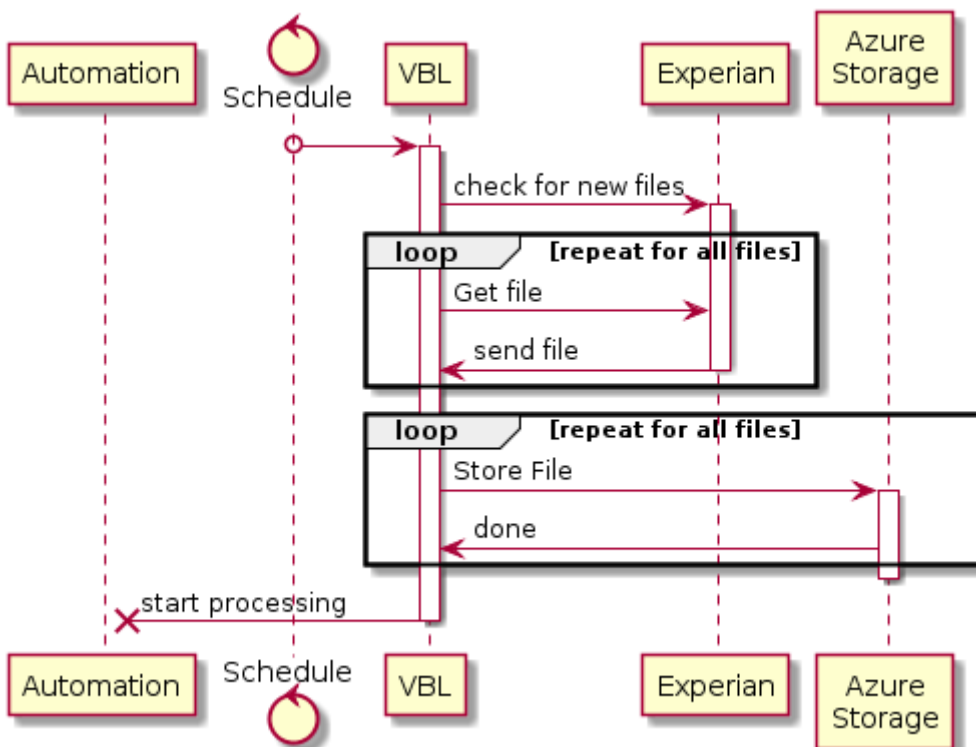
```
Schedule o->pknw1:
  activate pknw1
  pknw1->Experian: check for new files
  activate Experian

  loop repeat for all files
    pknw1->Experian: Get file
    Experian->pknw1: send file
    deactivate Experian
  end

  loop repeat for all files
    pknw1->Storage: Store File
    activate Storage
    Storage->pknw1: done
  end
  deactivate Storage

  pknw1->> Automation: start processing
  deactivate pknw1
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participant VCAP
participant "Decrypt &\n Validate" as pazapps001
participant "Azure\nAutomation" as Automation
participant "Azure\nKeystore" as Vault
participant "Azure\nStorage" as Storage
```

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note over Automation #5D8EBA
  Azure automation starts
  pazapps001 on demand
  when files are available
end note
Automation o-> pazapps001
```

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note over Vault, Storage #green
  Storage is secured by SAS
  Keys stored in Vault and
  restricted by RBAC
end note
```

group retrieve keys from Vault

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note over pazapps001, Vault #5D8EBA
  The decryption machine has to authenticate
  and download the storage access key and
  the PGP decryption key each restart
end note
```

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pazapps001-->Vault:
activate Vault
```

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note right of Vault #228B22
  SAS Key R/O
  RBAC SP
end note
```

```
Vault->pazapps001:
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deactivate Vault
```

```
activate pazapps001
```

```
pazapps001-->Vault:
```

```
deactivate pazapps001
```

```
activate Vault
```

```
note right of Vault #228B22
  PGP Decryption Key
  Accessible only by SP and
  only from the Decryption sNet
end note
```

```
Vault->pazapps001:
```

```
deactivate Vault
```

```
activate pazapps001
```

end

loop for all new files

```
pazapps001->Storage:
```

```
deactivate pazapps001
```

```
activate Storage
```

```
note left of Storage #228B22
  transfer encrypted
  files by https to
  local memory
end note
```

```
Storage->pazapps001
```

```
deactivate Storage
```

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note left of pazapps001 #yellow
  This is the point at
  which the data becomes
  readable and decrypted
end note
activate pazapps001 #yellow
```

```
end

loop for all new files

note over Automation, Storage #red
    Decryption and Load Process
    All completed in memory
end note

    pazapps001->pazapps001
note over Automation, Storage #yellow
    Once the process is complete
    all data is removed and machine
    returned to vanilla state
end note

    activate pazapps001 #red
    pazapps001->VCAP:
    activate VCAP #yellow
    VCAP->x pazapps001:

    deactivate pazapps001
    deactivate VCAP

    deactivate pazapps001
end group
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