

Introduction to Role based access control

Overview of Role based access control (RBAC)

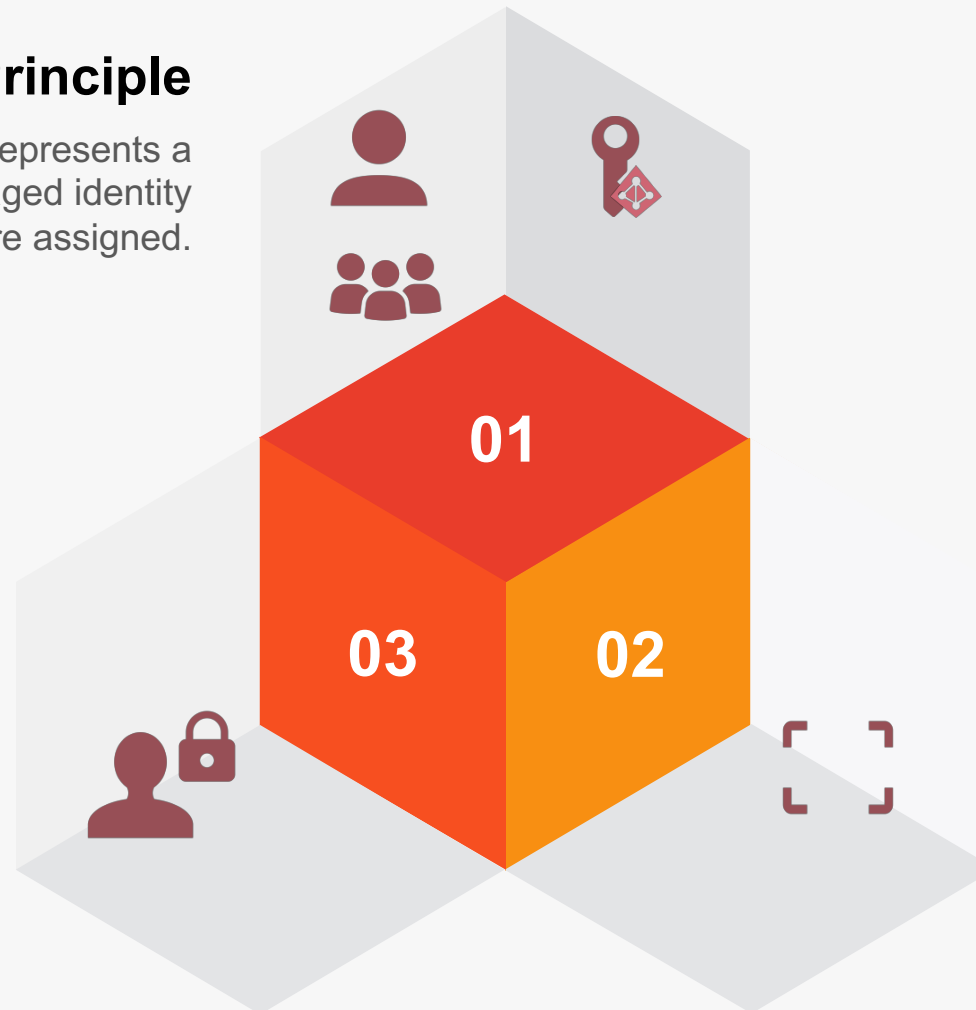
RBAC is an authorization system built on Azure Resource Manager that provides fine-grained access management of Azure resources.

Security Principle

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Role definition

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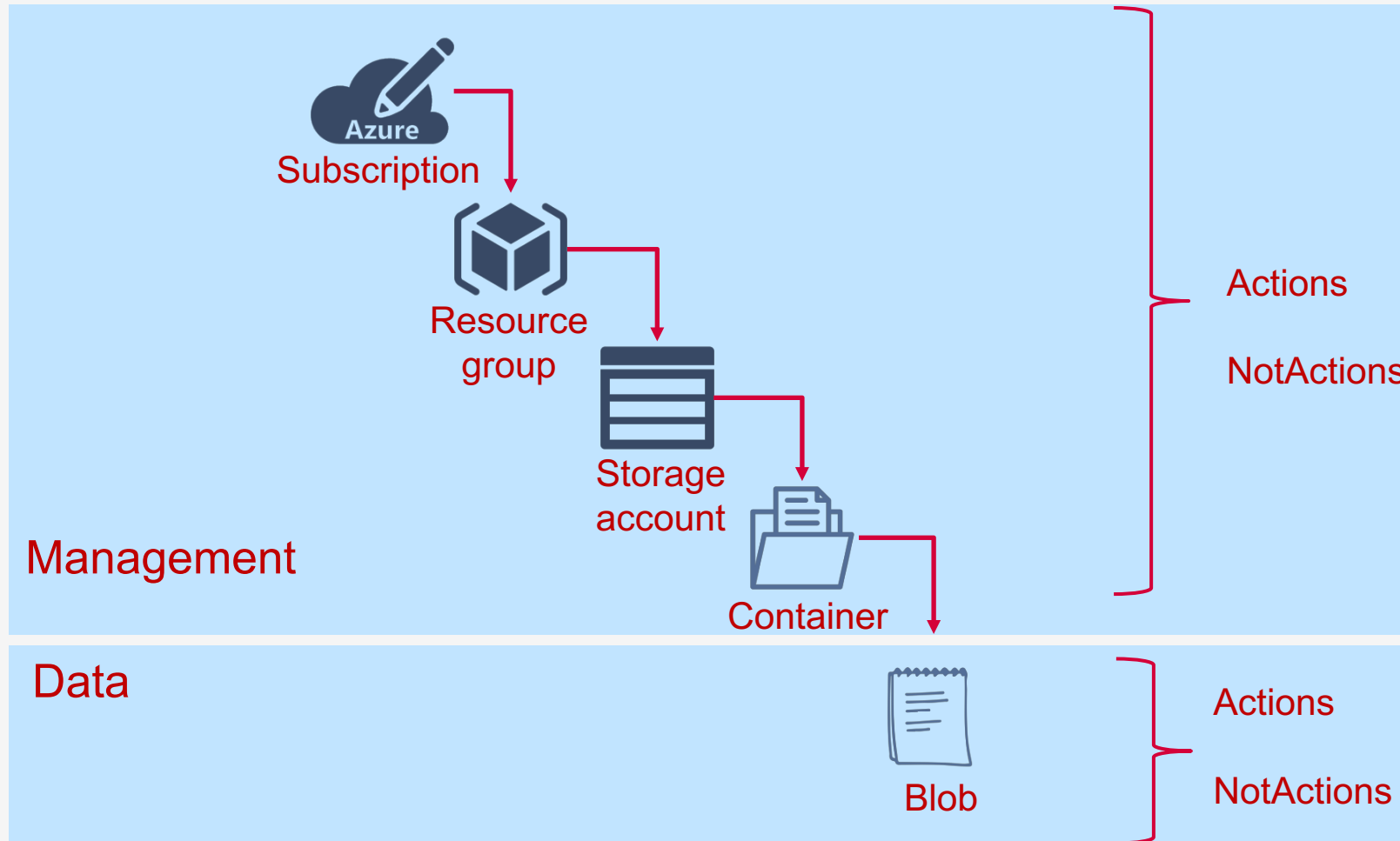
Scope

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- **User** - An individual who has a profile in Azure Active Directory. You can also assign roles to users in other tenants. For information about users in other organizations, see Azure Active Directory B2B.
- **Group** - A set of users created in Azure Active Directory. When you assign a role to a group, all users within that group have that role.
- **Service principal** - A security identity used by applications or services to access specific Azure resources. You can think of it as a user identity (username and password or certificate) for an application.
- **Managed identity** - An identity in Azure Active Directory that is automatically managed by Azure. You typically use managed identities when developing cloud applications to manage the credentials for authenticating to Azure services.

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A role definition lists the operations that can be performed, such as read, write, and delete. It can also list the operations that can't be performed or operations related to underlying data.



RBAC roles - Azure RBAC includes over 70 built-in roles. There are four fundamental RBAC roles

- Owner
- Contributor
- Reader
- User Access administrator

Azure AD administrator roles - Azure AD administrator roles are used to manage Azure AD resources in a directory such as create or edit users, assign administrative roles to others, reset user passwords, manage user licenses, and manage domains.

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- In Azure, you can specify a scope at multiple levels: management group, subscription, resource group, or resource. Scopes are structured in a parent-child relationship.

Role assignment

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A **role assignment** is the process of attaching a role definition to a user, group, service principal, or managed identity at a particular scope for the purpose of granting access. Access is granted by creating a role assignment, and access is revoked by removing a role assignment.

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