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AZ-203.2 Module 01: Create Azure App Service Web Apps

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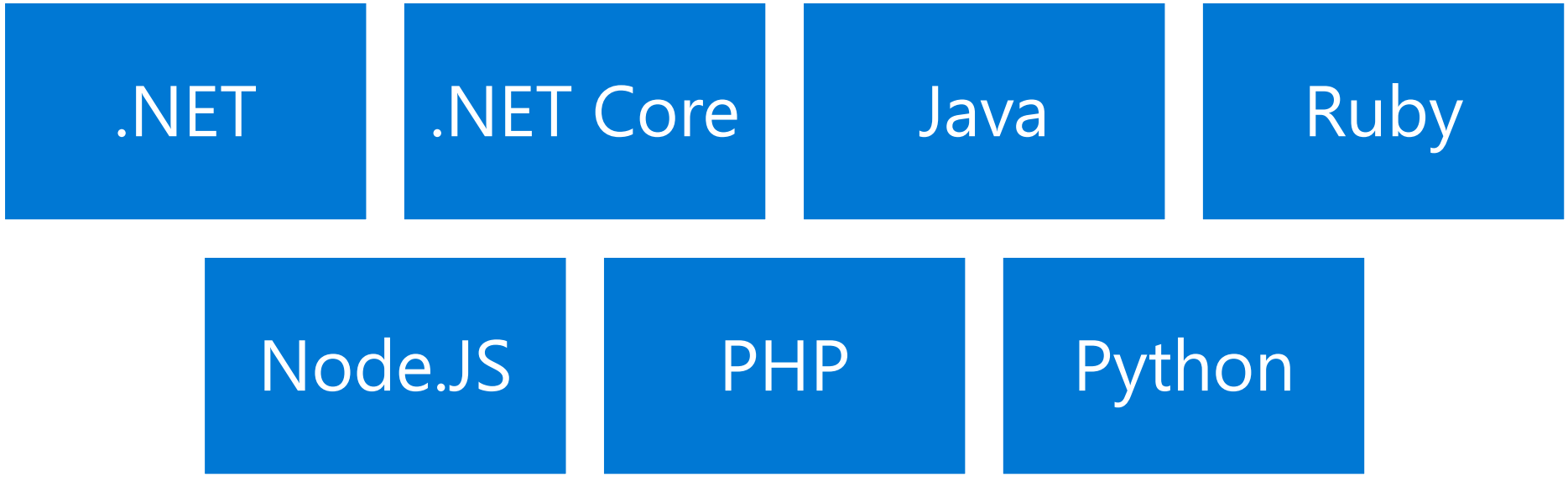
Topics

- Azure App Service core concepts
- Creating an Azure App Service web app
- Creating background tasks by using WebJobs

Lesson 01: Azure App Service core concepts

App Service

- Service for hosting web applications, REST APIs, and mobile backends can be developed in many of the following languages:



- Applications can execute and scale in a fully managed, sandbox environment

Web Apps

- Scalable hosting for web applications
  - Provides a quick way to host your web application in the cloud
  - Allows you to scale your web app without being required to redesign for scalability
  - Integrates with Visual Studio
  - Provides an open platform for many different programming languages
- Advantages
  - Near instant deployment
  - SSL and Custom Domain Names available in some tiers
  - WebJobs provide background processing for independent scaling
  - Can scale to larger machines without redeploying applications

Key features of App Service Web Apps

- Multiple languages and frameworks
  - First-class support for ASP.NET , ASP.NET Core, Java, Ruby, Node.js, PHP, or Python
- DevOps optimization
  - Continuous integration and deployment with Visual Studio Team Services, GitHub, Bitbucket, Docker Hub, or Azure Container Registry
- Global scale with high availability
  - Scale up or out manually or automatically. Host anywhere in the Microsoft global datacenter infrastructure
- Connections to SaaS platforms and on-premises data
  - More than 50 connectors for enterprise systems (such as SAP), SaaS services (such as Salesforce), and internet services (such as Facebook)

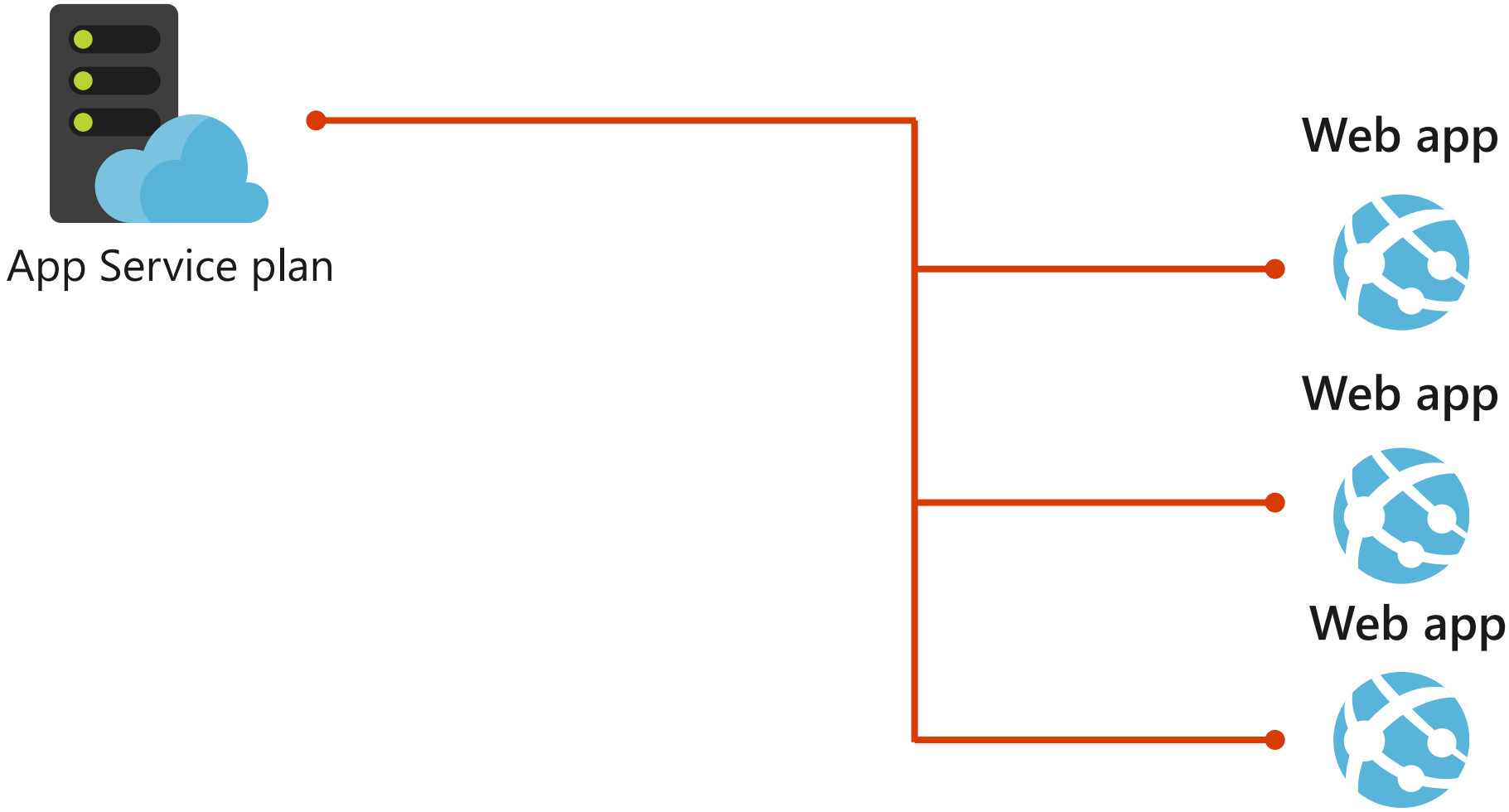
Key features of App Service Web Apps (cont.)

- Security and compliance
  - App Service is ISO, SOC, and PCI compliant
- Application templates
  - Templates in the Azure Marketplace, such as WordPress, Joomla, and Drupal
- Visual Studio integration
  - Streamline the work of creating, deploying, and debugging
- API and mobile features
  - Turn-key Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) support for RESTful API scenarios, and enables authentication, offline data sync, push notifications, and more
- Serverless code
  - Run code on-demand without having to explicitly provision or manage infrastructure

App Service plans

- App Service plans can logically group apps within a subscription:
  - Characteristics such as features, capacity, and tiers are shared among the website instance in the group
  - The App Service plan is the unit of billing in most cases
- Multiple App Service plans can exist in a single Resource Group and multiple apps can exist in a single App Service plan

App Service plans (continued)



Authentication and authorization

- Built-in authentication and authorization support
  - No extra code required to make use of these features
- User claims are made available to code
  - If you wish to enhance the authentication support, you can use your existing code with popular identity frameworks:
    - ASP.NET Identity
    - PHP server variables
- Built-in token store
- Logging and tracing enabled for authentication events
- Support for popular identity providers
  - Azure Active Directory (Azure AD), Microsoft accounts, Facebook, Google, Twitter, more…

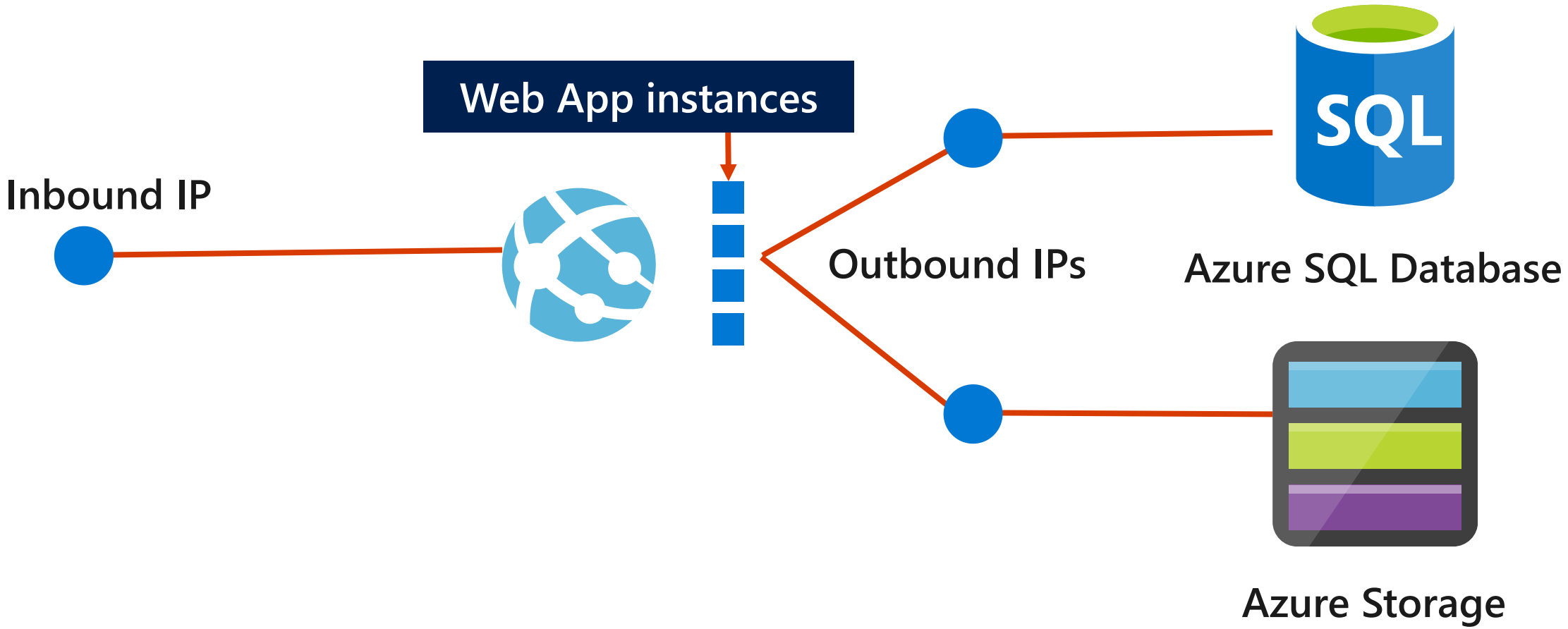
OS and runtime patching

- OS and application stack are managed by Azure on your behalf
- Monthly OS patching
  - Physical servers
  - Guest virtual machines
- Stable versions of application runtimes are periodically added to App Services
  - Some are installed side by side, while others replace existing versions
  - You can manually migrate from one application runtime to another

Inbound and outbound IP addresses

- Each app has a single inbound IP address
  - Regardless of scale-out quantity
- Inbound IP address can change
  - Delete an app and re-create it in a new resource group
  - Delete the last app in a resource group + region combination and re-create it
  - Delete an existing SSL binding
- You can opt to use a state inbound IP
- Each app has a set number of outbound IP addresses
  - The set and quantity changes as you scale your app between tiers

Outbound IP addresses



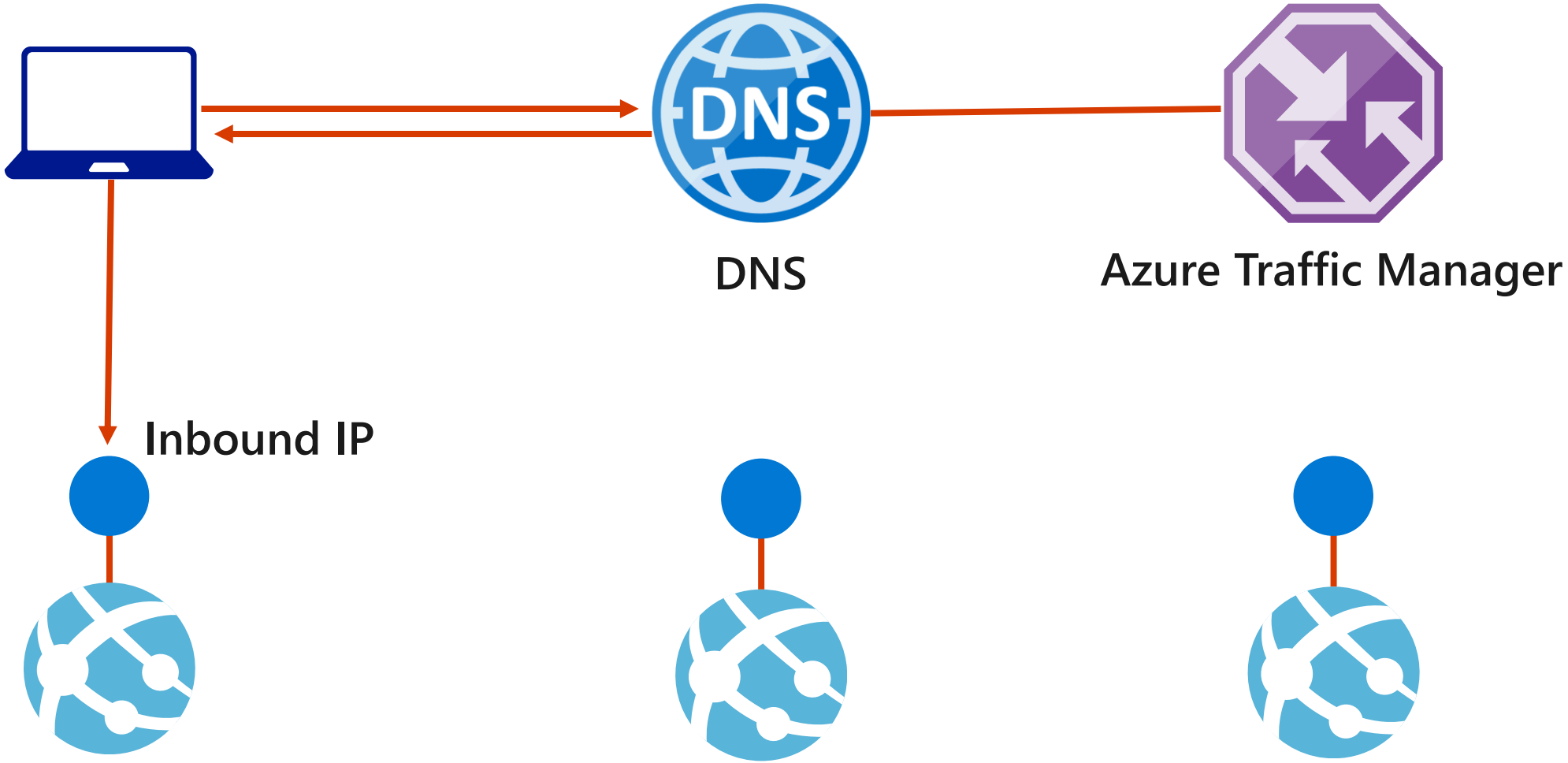
When IP addresses change

- Inbound
  - When you delete an app and recreate it
  - When you delete the last app in a resource group
  - When you delete an existing SSL binding
- Outbound
  - When you scale from a lower tier (Basic, Standard, Premium) to the Premium V2 tier

Controlling traffic by using Azure Traffic Manager

- Routes requests from clients to apps in Azure
- Keeps track of app status (running, stopped, deleted)
  - Will automatically route traffic away from an unavailable app
- Configured by using profiles
  - Stores the routing method for requests
  - Stores a list of endpoints (apps) to route requests to
  - Stores information about endpoint status

Azure Traffic Manager and Web Apps



Azure Traffic Manager routing methods

- Priority
  - Distribute users to a specific app
  - In case of failure, route users to backup apps based on a priority scheme
- Weighted
  - Distribute traffic across apps according to weights that you define
  - Your weight definition could potentially distribute users evenly
- Performance
  - Route users to the “closest” app location based on latency
- Geographic
  - Route users to specific app locations based on their current location

App Service environments (ASEs)

- App Service variant that provides a fully isolated and dedicated environment for securely running App Service apps at high scale
- Ideal for application workloads that require:
  - Very high scale, higher than typical App Service capacity
  - Network isolation and secure network access
  - High memory utilization
- Single or Multi-region
- Deployed to a virtual network
- An ASE is dedicated exclusively to a single subscription
  - Max 100 instances

Lesson 02: Creating an Azure App Service web app

Creating a web app with Azure CLI (continued)

```
# generate a unique name and store as a shell variable
webappname=mywebapp$RANDOM

# create a resource group
az group create --location westeurope --name myResourceGroup

# create an App Service plan
az appservice plan create --name $webappname --resource-group myResourceGroup --sku
FREE

# create a Web App
az webapp create --name $webappname `
    --resource-group myResourceGroup `
    --plan $webappname
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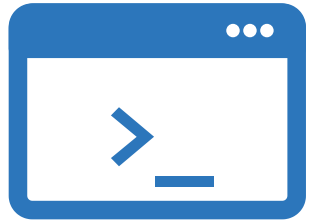

Deploying a web app with Azure CLI

```
# store a repository url as a shell variable
gitrepo=https://github.com/Azure-Samples/php-docs-hello-world

# deploy code from a Git repository
az webapp deployment source config --name $webappname --resource-group myResourceGroup
--repo-url $gitrepo --branch master --manual-integration

# print out the FQDN for the Web App
echo http://$webappname.azurewebsites.net
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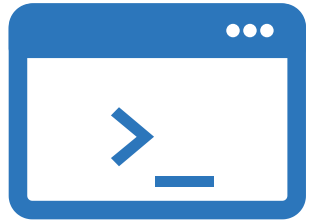


Creating a Web App with Azure PowerShell

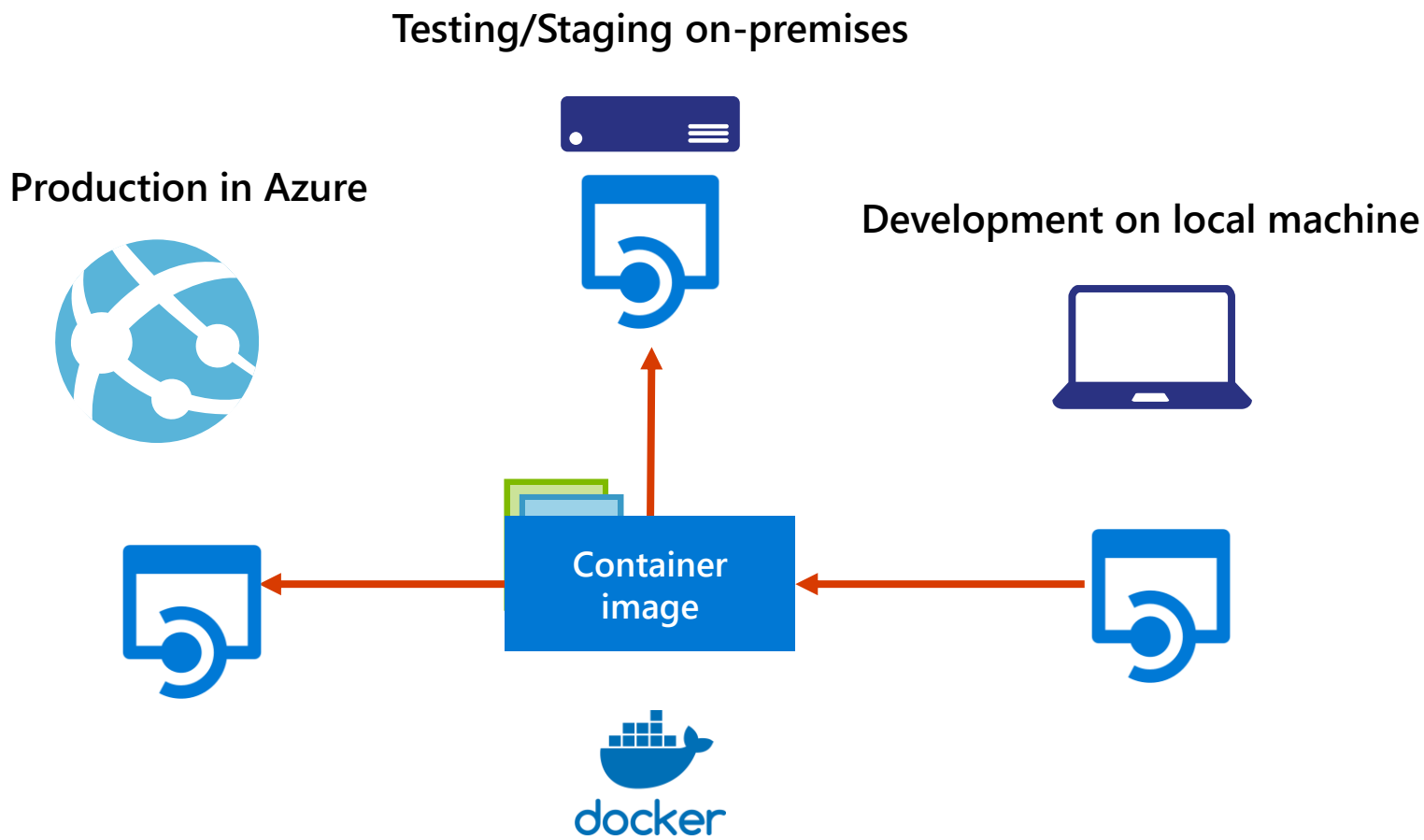
Command	Notes
`New-AzureRmResourceGroup`	Creates a resource group in which all resources are stored.
`New-AzureRmAppServicePlan`	Creates an App Service plan.
`New-AzureRmWebApp`	Creates an Azure Web App.
`Set-AzureRmResource`	Modifies a resource in a resource group.

App Service on Linux

Why Linux?

- Many application stacks are optimized for Linux:
  - Ruby/Rails, PHP, Node, and others
  - Often, better tools are available on Linux for these stacks
- New and upcoming frameworks are built for Linux first and then Windows
- Portability of Docker containers
- Linux is at the forefront of innovations in nano and microservice architecture

Docker in App Service on Linux



Web apps for Linux containers

Deploy applications and solutions that are containerized directly to App Service Web Apps

- Simplifies deployment
- Matches the already popular container workflow using:
  - CI/CD with Docker Hub, Azure Container Registry, or GitHub
- Compatible with existing App Service features:
  - Auto-scale, Deployment Slots, and others

Web apps for Linux containers (continued)

Containers can be sourced from your existing registries:

- Docker Hub:
  - Deploy images already shared on Docker Hub
  - Deploy the most popular official images
  - Private images are available on Docker Hub
- Azure Container Registry:
  - Managed service for hosting Docker images
  - Can deploy to Docker Swarm, Kubernetes, or Web App for Containers

Lesson 03: Creating background tasks by using WebJobs

WebJobs

- Built-in feature of Azure App Service
- Doesn’t incur additional costs and doesn’t require new resources
- Runs background tasks and scripts within the same application context as your apps
- Supports the following programs or scripts:
  - .cmd, .bat, .exe (using Windows cmd)
  - .ps1 (using PowerShell)
  - .sh (using Bash)
  - .php (using PHP)
  - .py (using Python)
  - .js (using Node.js)
  - .jar (using Java)

WebJob types

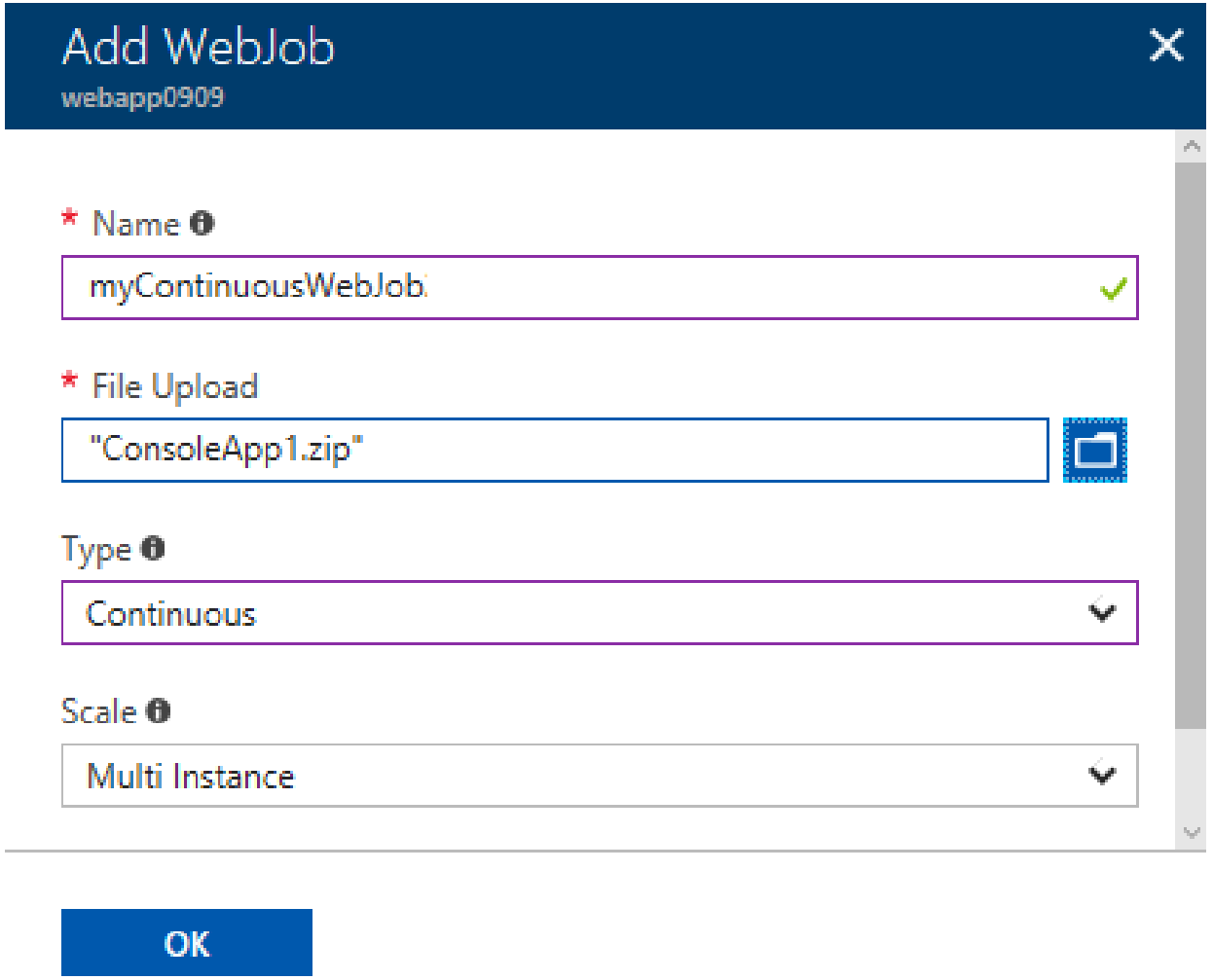
Continuous

- Starts immediately when the WebJob is created
- Runs on all instances that the web app runs on
- Supports remote debugging

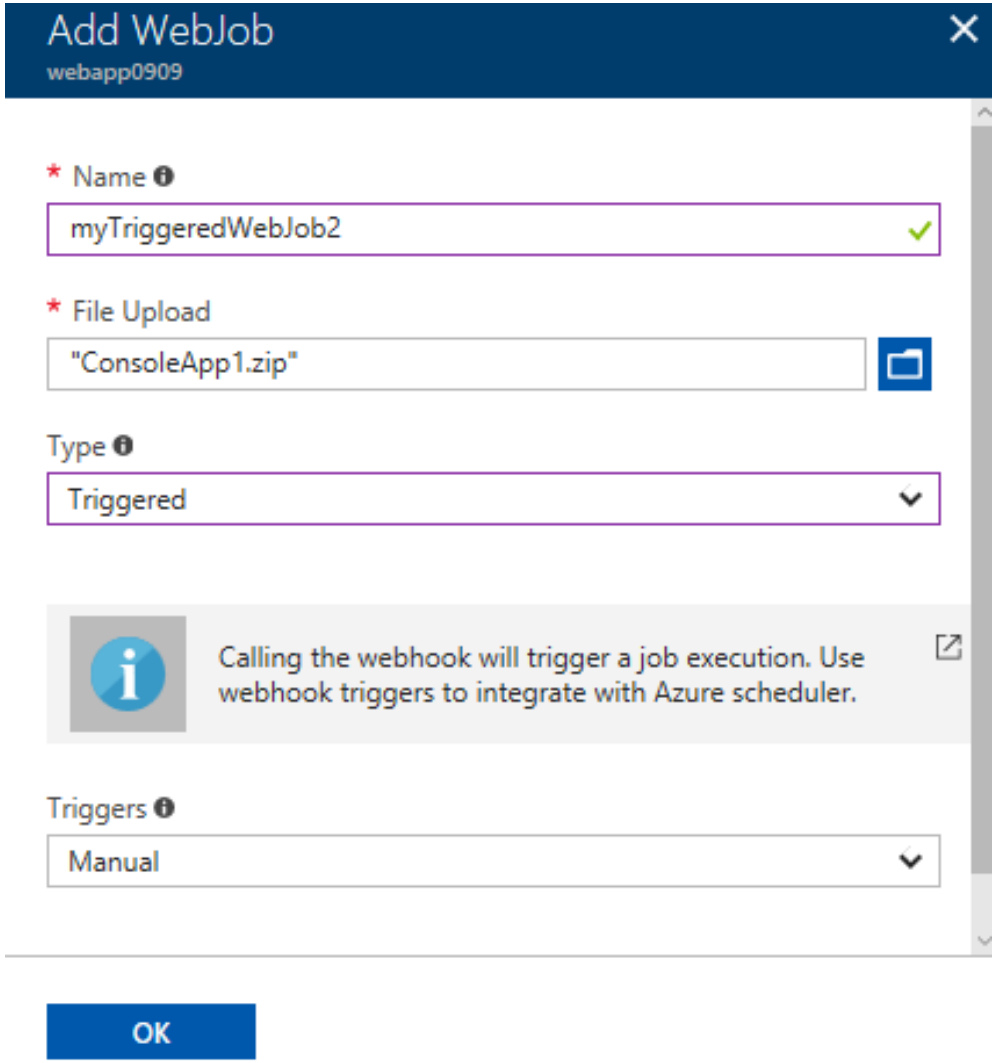
Triggered

- Starts only when triggered manually or on a schedule
- Runs on a single instance

Creating a continuous WebJob



Creating a triggered WebJob



Demo – Azure Web Apps

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