Introduction To Development With Azure Functions

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Schedule

	April 9	April 10	April 11
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration	Registration	Registration
9:00am – 9:50am	Workshops	Keynotes	Sessions
9:50am – 10:30am		Sessions	Sessions
10:30am – 11:20am		Sessions	Sessions
11:30am – 12:20pm		Sessions	Sessions
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00pm – 2:50pm	Workshops	Sessions	Sessions
3:00pm – 3:50am		Sessions	Sessions
4:10pm – 5:00pm		Sessions	Sessions
5:30pm – 6:30pm		Prizes	Prizes
6:30pm – 9:00pm		Party	

Overview

According to the Microsoft documentation:

> *Azure Functions is a serverless solution that allows you to write less code, maintain less infrastructure, and save on costs. Instead of worrying about deploying and maintaining servers, the cloud infrastructure provides all the up-to-date resources needed to keep your applications running.*
>
> *You focus on the code that matters most to you, in the most productive language for you, and Azure Functions handles the rest.*
>
> *https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/functions-overview*

The above may or may not be true depending on the choice you make for hosting.

Hosting Plans

- Consumption plan (Serverless)
  - Only pay when functions are used
  - Can be delays due to cold worker starts
- Premium
  - Requires an Azure App Service
  - Configure one or more pre-warmed workers
  - Additional workers added as needed
- App Service
  - Requires an Azure App Service
  - You manage hosting

Supported Languages

Depending on the hosting plan, you can use the following languages:

- C#
- TypeScript, JavaScript
- PowerShell
- Java
- Python

.NET Runtimes

Azure Functions currently supports two versions of the runtime host

- v1
  - Supported only for C# apps that must use .NET Framework
  - Support will end in September 2026
- v4
  - Recommended runtime version for functions in all languages

.NET: In-process vs isolated

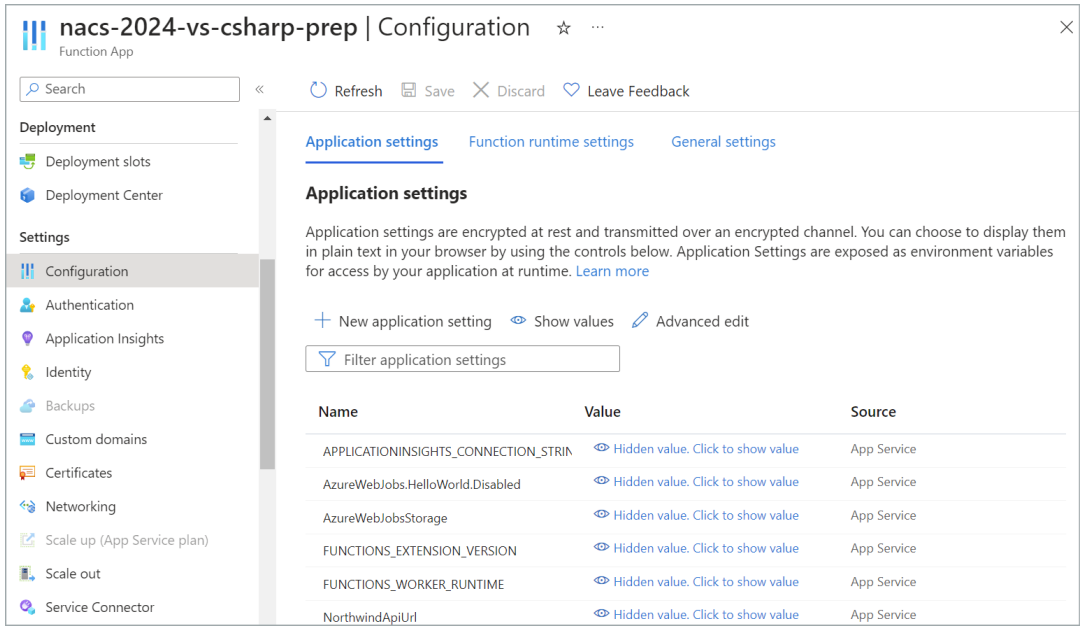
- In-process
  - Function code runs in the same process as the Functions host process
  - Support for in-process model ends in November 2026
- Isolated
  - Your function code runs in a separate .NET worker process

Triggers and Bindings

- Triggers
  - Causes a function to run
  - Each function must have exactly one trigger
- Bindings
  - Declaratively connecting another resource to the function
  - May be input, output or both
  - Data from bindings is provided to the function as parameters

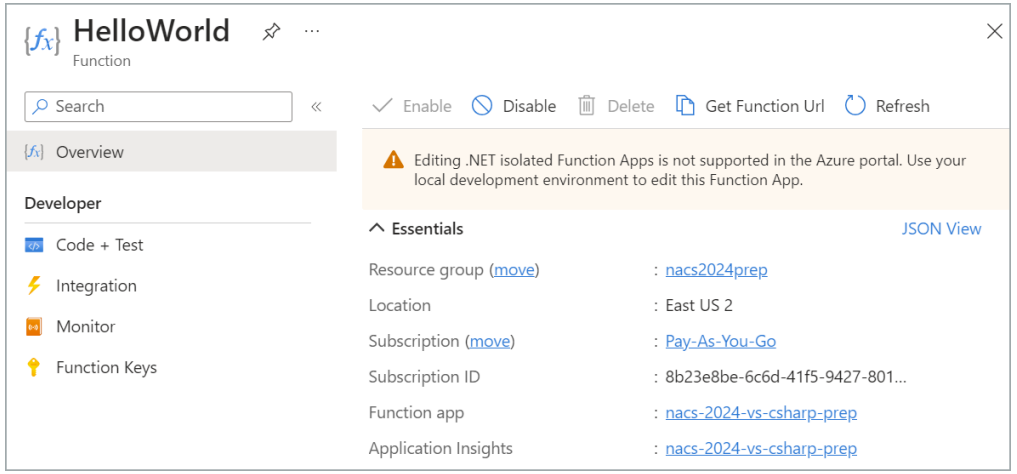
App Settings (Environment Variables)

- Running locally
  - Configured in local.settings.json file in project
- Running from Azure host
  - Configured in Azure portal

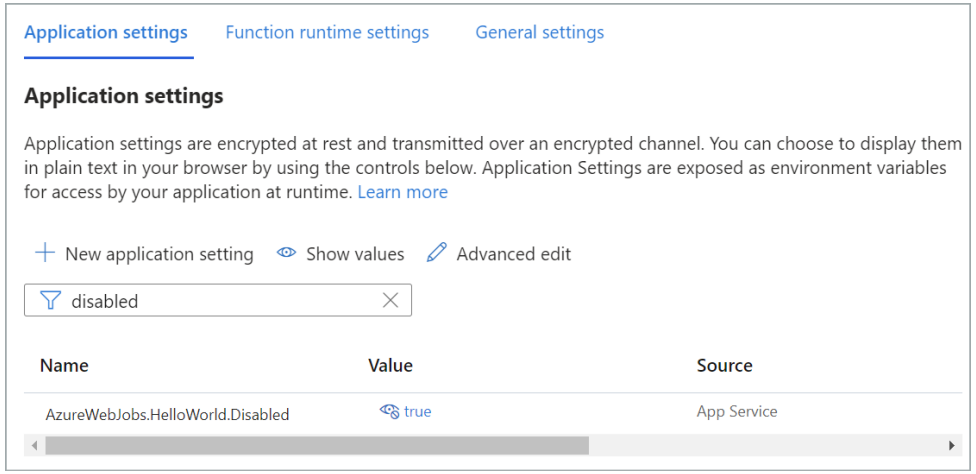


Disable Function

Function overview page



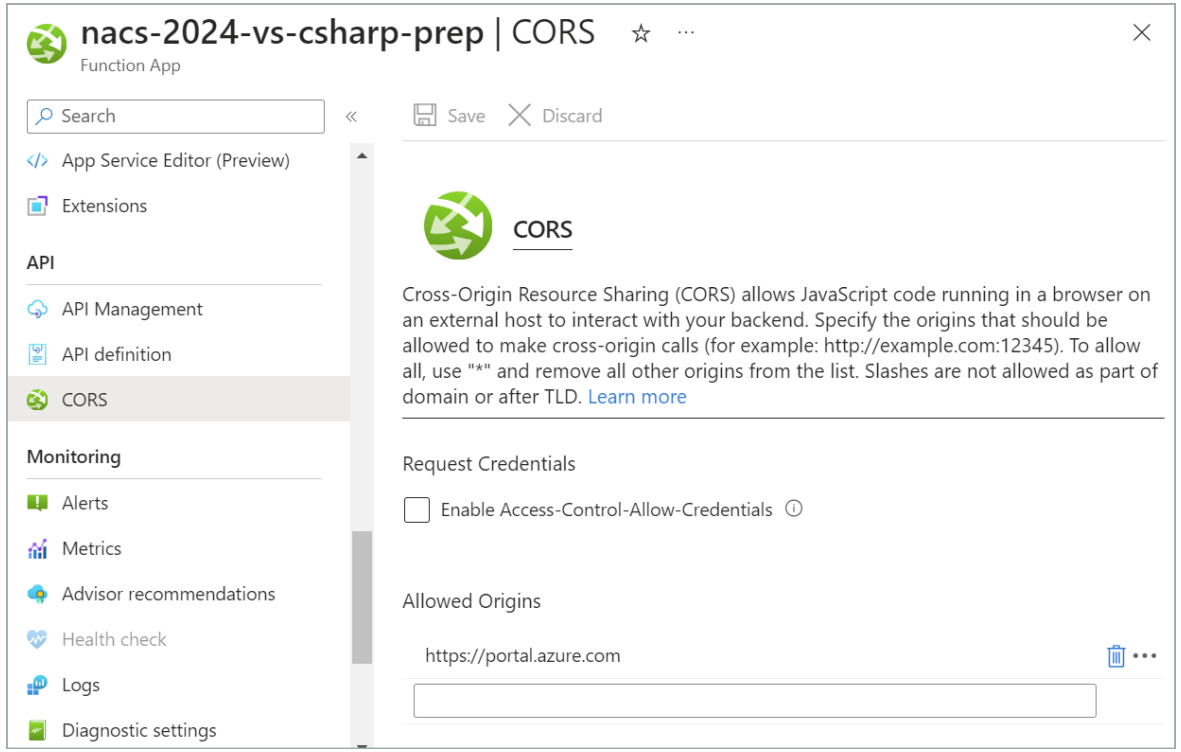
Environment variable



CORS

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) allows JavaScript code running in a browser on an external host to interact with your backend.

- Configured in Azure portal



Durable Functions

An extension of Azure Functions that lets you write stateful functions even in a serverless compute environment.

- Define stateful workflows by writing orchestrator functions
- Define stateful entities by writing entity functions
- Extension manages state, checkpoints, and restarts for you

Resources

Azure Functions Documentation
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/

Azure Functions Core Tools
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/functions-run-local

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