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Resources

Microsoft learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/certifications/exams/az-204
Skills outline: https://query.prod.cms.rt.microsoft.com/cms/api/am/binary/RE4oZ7B

Blog on AZ-204: <a href="https://endjin.com/blog/2020/07/how-to-prepare-for-exam-az-204-developing-solutions-for-exam-az-2

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Tools and resource management

- Install the Azure CLI: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/install-azure-cli
- Sign in with the Azure CLI: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/authenticate-azure-cli
- Install Visual Studio: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/visualstudio/install/install-visual-studio?view=vs-2019
- Tools and resource management learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/manage-resources-in-azure/

Azure Compute

- Virtual machines learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/deploy-a-website-with-azure-virtual-machines/
- Serverless learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/create-serverless-applications/
- Azure App Service learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/deploy-a-website-with-azure-app-service/
- Create a VM using the Azure CLI: https://docs.microsoft.com/bs-latn-ba/azure/virtual-machines/linux/quick-create-cli
- Create an Azure Function using Visual Studio: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/functions-develop-vs
- Comparison of Azure Compute platforms: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/architecture/modernize-with-azure-containers/modernize-existing-apps-to-cloud-optimized/choosing-azure-compute-options-for-container-based-applications
- Build, push, and run a Docker image: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/container-registry/container-registry-quickstart-task-cli
- Create a WebJob using the .NET SDK:
 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/app-service/webjobs-sdk-get-started

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Azure Storage

- Storage learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/store-data-in-azure/
- Azure Cosmos DB use cases: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/cosmos-db/use-cases
- Introduction to Azure Storage: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/common/storage-introduction
- Set up storage account using the CLI: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cli/azure/storage/account?view=azure-cli-latest
- Choose the correct API in Cosmos DB learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/modules/choose-api-for-cosmos-db/

Azure Security

- Security learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/secure-your-cloud-data/
- RBAC overview: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/role-based-access-control/overview
- Add/remove role assignments using the Azure CLI: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/role-based-access-control/role-assignments-cli
- Set up Key Vault secrets using .NET SDK: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/key-vault/secrets/quick-create-net
- Add authentication to Azure App Service with Azure AD: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/app-service
- Azure AD, security principals, and managed identities: https://endjin.com/blog/2019/01/managing-ap-plications-using-azure-ad-service-principals-and-managed-identities

Azure monitoring, optimizing, and troubleshooting

- Connect to Azure Redis Cache from the .NET SDK: <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-azure-redis-cache-dotnet-how-to-us
- Azure Monitor overview: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/overview
- Application insights overview:
 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/log-query/example-queries
- Log analytics queries examples: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/log-query/example-queries
- Transient failures: <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/architecture/modernize-with-azure-containers/modernize-existing-apps-to-cloud-optimized/build-resilient-services-ready-for-the-cloud-embrace-transient-failures-in-the-cloud

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Azure Integration

- Create your first Azure Logic App: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/logic-apps/quickstart-create-first-logic-app-workflow
- APIM learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/modules/build-serverless-api-with-functions-api-management/
- APIM policies: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/api-management/api-management-access-re-striction-policies
- Service connections learning path: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/connect-your-services-together/
- Comparing messaging services:
 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/event-grid/compare-messaging-services
- Comparing storage and Service Bus queues: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/ser-vice-bus-messaging/service-bus-azure-and-service-bus-queues-compared-contrasted
- Send and receive messages from Azure Storage queue using .NET SDK: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/overview/azure/storage.queues-readme