# Writing a CreateUiDefinition

This document explains how to write a CreateUiDefinition, which is used by the Azure Portal to generate UI for creating multi-virtual machine deployments.

## Overview

```
{
  "handler": "Microsoft.Compute.MultiVm",
  "version": "0.0.1-preview",
  "parameters": {
    "basics": [],
    "steps": [],
    "outputs": {}
  }
}
```

A CreateUiDefinition always contains three properties: handler, version, and parameters. For the purposes of this document, the handler should always be Microsoft.Compute.MultiVm, and the only supported version is 0.0.1-preview. In the future, additional versions will be available that enable additional functionality.

The schema of the parameters property depends on the combination of the specified handler and version. Today, the supported properties are basics, steps, and outputs. The basics and steps properties contain the elements to be displayed in the UI, and the outputs property is used to map the output values of elements to the parameters of the Azure Resource Manager template.

#### **Basics**

The Basics step is always the first step of the wizard generated when the Azure Portal parses a CreateUiDefinition. In addition to displaying the elements specified in <code>basics</code>, the portal also injects elements for users to choose the subscription, resource group, and location for the deployment. Generally, elements that query for deployment-wide parameters, like the name of a cluster or administrator credentials, should go in this step.

## Steps

The steps property can contain zero or more additional steps to display after basics, each of which contains one or more elements. Consider adding steps per role or tier of the application being deployed, like a step for questions related to the master and another for the slaves.

## Outputs

The outputs property is used by the Azure Portal to map the output values of the elements specified in basics and steps to the parameters of the associated Azure Resource Manager template. The keys of this dictionary are the names of the template parameters, and the values are properties of the output objects from the referenced elements. Another usage for outputs is to map the output of one element to the input (for example, defaultvalue) of another element. This can be used between elements on different and the same steps.

## Element schema

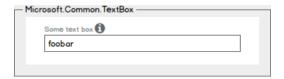
This section contains the schema for each of the supported elements that can be referenced in the basics and steps properties of a CreateUiDefinition. The schema for most elements is as follows:

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Common.TextBox",
  "label": "Some text box",
  "defaultValue": "foobar",
  "toolTip": "Keep calm and visit the [Azure Portal](portal.azure.com).",
  "constraints": {},
  "options": {}
}
```

- name (required) is used as an internal identifier to reference a specific instance of an element. The most common usage of the element name is in outputs when the output values of the elements in basics and steps are mapped to the parameters of the template. It can also be used to bind the output value of an element to the defaultValue of another element.
- type (required) is used to determine which UI control to render for the element. A list of supported types and their respective schemas is contained in the this document.
- label (required) is the display text of the element. Some element types contain multiple labels, so the value could be an object containing multiple strings.
- defaultValue (optional) is the default value of the element. Some element types support complex default values, so the value could an object.
- toolTip (optional) is the text to display in the tool tip of the element. Similar to label, some elements support multiple tool tip strings. Inline links can be embedded using Markdown syntax.
- constraints (optional) contains one or more properties that are used to customize the validation behavior of the element. The supported properties for constraints varies by element type.
   Some element types do not support customization of the validation behavior, and thus have no constraints property.
- options (optional) contains additional properties that customize the behavior of the element.
   Similar to constraints, the supported properties vary by element type.

## Microsoft.Common.TextBox

## **UI sample**



### Schema

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Common.TextBox",
  "label": "Some text box",
  "defaultValue": "foobar",
  "toolTip": "Halp!",
  "constraints": {
    "required": true,
    "regex": "^[a-z0-9A-Z]{1,30}$",
    "validationMessage": "Only alphanumeric characters are allowed, and the value must be 1-30 of
}
}
```

- If constraints.required is set to true, then the text box must contain a value to validate successfully. The default value is false.
- constraints.regex is a JavaScript regular expression pattern. If specified, then the text box's value must match the pattern to validate successfully. The default value is <code>null</code>.
- constraints.validationMessage is a string to display when the text box's value fails validation. If not specified, then the text box's built-in validation messages are used. The default value is <code>null</code>.
- It's possible to specify a value for constraints.regex when constraints.required is set to false. In this scenario, a value will not be required for the text box to validate successfully, but if one is specified, then it must match the regular expression pattern.

## Output

"foobar"

## Microsoft.Common.PasswordBox

### **UI sample**



#### Schema

```
{ "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Common.PasswordBox",
  "label": {
    "password": "Password",
    "confirmPassword": "Confirm password"
  },
  "toolTip": "",
  "constraints": {
   "required": true,
   "regex": "",
    "validationMessage": ""
  },
  "options": {
   "hideConfirmation": false
  }
}
```

- This element does not support the defaultValue property.
- For implementation details of constraints , see Microsoft.Common.TextBox
- If options.hideConfirmation is set to true, then the second text box for confirming the user's input is hidden. The default value is false.

"p4ssw0rd"

## Microsoft.Common.DropDown

## **UI** sample



### Schema

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Common.DropDown",
  "label": "Some drop down",
  "defaultValue": "Foo",
  "toolTip": "",
  "constraints": {
      "allowedValues": [
        {
            "label": "Foo",
            "value": "Bar"
        },
        {
            "label": "Baz",
            "value": "Qux"
        }
     ]
    }
}
```

• If specified, the value for defaultValue must be present in constraints.allowedValues . If not Microsoft Confidential

specified, the first item in constraints.allowedValues is selected by default. The default value is null.

- constraints.allowedValues must contain at least one item.
- The label for constraints.allowedValues is the display text for an item, and its value is the output value of the element when selected.
- This element does not support the constraints.required property. To emulate this behavior, add an item with a label and value of "" (empty string) to constraints.allowedValues.

### Output

"Bar"

## Microsoft.Common.OptionsGroup

### **UI** sample



#### Schema

```
"name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Common.OptionsGroup",
  "label": "Some options group",
  "defaultValue": "Foo",
  "toolTip": "",
  "constraints": {
    "allowedValues": [
        "label": "Foo",
        "value": "Bar"
      },
        "label": "Baz",
        "value": "Qux"
      }
    ]
 }
}
```

- If specified, the value for defaultValue must exist in constraints.allowedValues . If not specified, the first item in constraints.allowedValues is selected by default. The default value is null .
- constraints.allowedValues must contain at least one item.
- The label for constraints.allowedValues is the display text for an item, and its value is the output value of the element when selected.
- This element does not support the constraints.required property; an item must always be selected.

### Output

"Bar"

## Microsoft.Common.FileUpload

## **UI sample**



#### Schema

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Common.FileUpload",
  "label": "Some file upload",
  "toolTip": "",
  "constraints": {
      "required": true,
      "accept": ".doc,.docx,.xml,application/msword",
  },
  "options": {
      "multiple": false,
      "uploadMode": "file",
      "openMode": "text",
      "encoding": "UTF-8",
  }
}
```

- constraints.accept specifies the types of files that will be shown in the browser's file dialog. See
  the HTML5 specification for allowed values. The default value is null.
- If options.multiple is set to true, then the user will be allowed to select more than one file in the browser's file dialog. The default value is false.
- This element supports uploading files in two modes based on the value of <code>options.uploadMode</code>. If <code>file</code> is specified, then the output will be the contents of the file as a blob. If <code>url</code> is specified, then the file will be uploaded to a temporary location, and the output will be a URL of the blob. The default value is <code>file</code>.
- The value of options.openMode determines how the file will be read. If the file is expected to be plain text, specify text; else, specify binary. The default value is text.
- If options.uploadMode is set to file and options.openMode is set to binary, then the output will be base64-encoded.
- options.encoding specifies the encoding to use when reading the file. The default value is UTF-8, and is used only when options.openMode is set to text.

### Output

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If options.multiple is false and options.uploadMode is file, then the output will be the contents of the file as a JSON string:

```
"Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut la
```

If options.multiple is true and options.uploadMode is file, then the output will be the contents of the files as a JSON array:

"sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.

```
Lorem ipsum dolor

"Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.

"Duis aute irure dolor in reprehenderit in voluptate velit esse cillum dolore eu fugiat nulla pariatur.

] "Excepteur sint occaecat cupidatat non proident, sunt in culpa qui officia deserunt mollit anim id est laborum.
```

If options.multiple is false and options.uploadMode is url, then the output will be a URL as a JSON string:

```
"https://myaccount.blob.core.windows.net/pictures/profile.jpg?
sv=2013-08-15&st=2013-08-16&se=2013-08-17&sr=c&sp=r&rscd=file;%2
```

If options.multiple is true and options.uploadMode is url, then the output will be a list URLs as a JSON array:

```
[ "https://myaccount.blob.core.windows.net/pictures/profile1.jpg?sv=2013-08-15&st=2013-08-16&se: "https://myaccount.blob.core.windows.net/pictures/profile2.jpg?sv=2013-08-15&st=2013-08-16&se: "https://myaccount.blob.core.windows.net/pictures/profile3.jpg?sv=2013-08-15&st=2013-08-16&se: ]
```

## Microsoft.Common.Section

The section element provides a grouping mechanism for one or more child elements in a single blade.

## **UI sample**



### Schema

- elements must contain at least one element, and can contain all element types except Microsoft.Common.Section .
- This element does not support the toolTip or defaultValue properties.

To access the output values of elements in elements , use the <code>basics()</code> or <code>steps()</code> functions and dot notation:

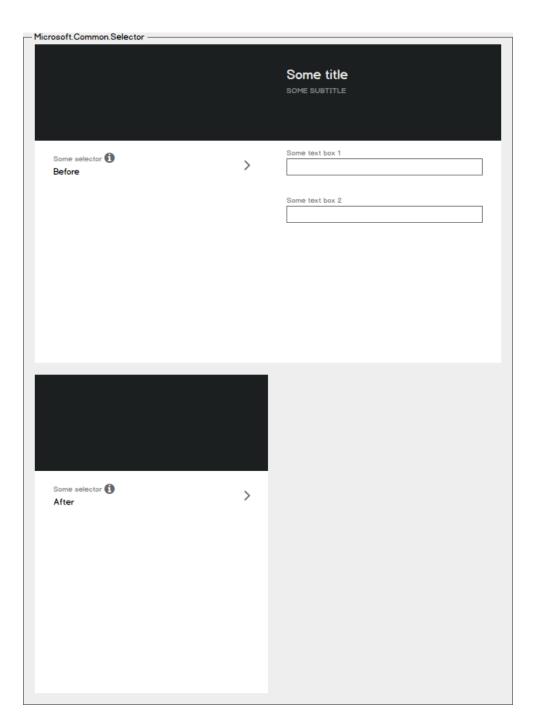
```
basics('section1').element1
```

Elements of type Microsoft.Common.Section have no output values themselves.

## Microsoft.Common.Selector

The selector element provides grouping mechanism for one or more elements in a child blade.

## **UI** sample



- In the top wireframe, the child blade has not yet validated successfully, so the sublabel.prevalidation value is used.
- In the bottom wireframe, the child blade has successfully validated, so the sublabel.postvalidation value is used.
- The sublabel.prevalidation value is also used if the child blade has not yet been opened, even if the child blade has no validation errors.

### Schema

```
"name": "selector1",
"type": "Microsoft.Common.Selector",
"label": "Some selector",
"sublabel": {
    "prevalidation": "Before",
    "postvalidation": "After"
},
```

- elements must contain at least one element, and can contain all element types including Microsoft.Common.Section and Microsoft.Common.Selector.
- Inline links can be embedded using Markdown syntax in the toolTip and bladeSubtitle properties.

To access the output values of elements in elements , use the <code>basics()</code> or <code>steps()</code> functions and dot notation:

```
basics('selector1').element1
```

If the selector is nested inside a section or another selector, use the <code>basics()</code> or <code>steps()</code> functions for the top-level element, and dot notion for the child elements:

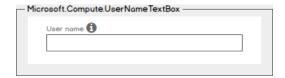
```
basics('section1').selector1.element1
```

Elements of type Microsoft.Common.Selector have no output values themselves.

## Microsoft.Compute.UserNameTextBox

This element provides a text box with built-in validation for Windows and Linux user names.

## **UI** sample



#### Schema

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Compute.UserNameTextBox",
  "label": "User name",
  "defaultValue": "",
  "toolTip": "",
  "constraints": { "required": true
```

```
},
  "osPlatform": "Windows"
}
```

- If constraints.required is set to true, then the text box must contain a value to validate successfully. The default value is true.
- osPlatform must be specified, and can be either Windows Or Linux.

"tabrezm"

## Microsoft.Compute.CredentialsCombo

This element provides a grouped set of controls with built-in validation for collecting either a Windows or Linux password or an SSH public key.

### **UI sample**



### Schema

If osPlatform is Windows, then this is the expected element definition:

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Compute.CredentialsCombo",
  "label": {
     "password": "Password",
     "confirmPassword": "Confirm password"
  },
  "toolTip": {
     "password": ""
  },
  "constraints": {
     "required": true
  },
  "options": {
     "hideConfirmation": false
  },
  "osPlatform": "Windows"
}
```

If osPlatform is Linux, then this is the expected element definition:

```
"name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Compute.CredentialsCombo",
   "authenticationType": "Authentication type",
   "password": "Password",
    "confirmPassword": "Confirm password",
   "sshPublicKey": "SSH public key"
 },
  "toolTip": {
   "authenticationType": "",
   "password": "",
   "sshPublicKey": ""
  "constraints": {
   "required": true
  "options": {
   "hideConfirmation": false
  "osPlatform": "Linux"
}
```

- osPlatform must be specified, and can be either Windows or Linux .
- If constraints.required is set to true, then the password or SSH public key text boxes must contain values to validate successfully. The default value is true.
- If options.hideConfirmation is set to true, then the second text box for confirming the user's password is hidden. The default value is false.

### Output

If osPlatform is Windows, or the user provided a password instead of an SSH public key, then this is the expected output:

```
{
  "authenticationType": "password",
  "password": "p4ssw0rd",
}
```

If the user provided an SSH public key, then this is the expected output:

```
{
    "authenticationType": "sshPublicKey",
    "sshPublicKey":
    "AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAIEA1on8gxCGJJWSRT4uOrR13mUaUk0hRf4RzxSZ1zRbYYFw8pfGesIFoEuVth4HKyF8k1y4mRUnYHP1XNMNMJl1JcEArC2asV8sH
}
```

## Microsoft.Compute.SizeSelector

This element provides a control for picking a size for one or more virtual machine instances.

## **UI sample**



#### Schema

```
"name": "element1",
"type": "Microsoft.Compute.SizeSelector",
"label": "Size",
"toolTip": "",
"recommendedSizes": [
 "Standard_D1",
  "Standard D2",
  "Standard_D3"
],
"constraints": {
  "allowedSizes": [],
  "excludedSizes": []
},
"osPlatform": "Windows",
"imageReference": {
 "publisher": "MicrosoftWindowsServer",
  "offer": "WindowsServer",
  "sku": "2012-R2-Datacenter"
},
"count": 2
```

- recommendedSizes should contain at least 3 sizes. The first recommended size will be used as the default.
- Any size in recommendedSizes will be automatically skipped if it's not available in the selected location, and the next recommended size will be used in its place.
- Any size not specified in the constraints.allowedSizes will be hidden, and any size not specified
  in constraints.excludedSizes will be shown. constraints.allowedSizes and
  constraints.excludedSizes are both optional, but cannot be used simultaneously.
- osPlatform must be specified, and can be either Windows or Linux . It's used to determine the hardware costs of the virtual machines.
- imageReference must be specified. It's used to determine the software costs of the virtual machines.
- count is used to set the appropriate multiplier for the label. It supports a static value, like 2, or a dynamic value from another element, like [steps('step1').vmCount]. The default value is 1.

#### Output

```
"Standard_D1"
```

## Microsoft.Storage.StorageAccountSelector

This element provides a control for picking a new or existing storage account.

### **UI** sample

```
Microsoft.Storage.StorageAccountSelector

Storage account (1)

(new) storageaccount01
```

### Schema

```
{
  "name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Storage.StorageAccountSelector",
  "label": "Storage account",
  "toolTip": "",
  "defaultValue": {
      "name": "storageaccount01",
      "type": "Premium_LRS"
  },
  "constraints": {
      "allowedTypes": [],
      "excludedTypes": []
  }
}
```

- If specified, defaultvalue.name will be validated for uniqueness automatically. If the storage
  account name is not unique, then the user will be required to specify a different name or choose
  an existing storage account.
- The default value for defaultValue.type is Premium\_LRS.
- Any type not specified in constraints.allowedTypes will be hidden, and any type not specified in constraints.excludedTypes will be Shown. constraints.allowedTypes and constraints.excludedTypes are both optional, but cannot be used simultaneously.

### Output

```
{
   "name": "storageaccount01",
   "resourceGroup": "rg01",
   "type": "Premium_LRS",
   "newOrExisting": "new"
}
```

## ${\bf Microsoft. Storage. MultiStorage Account Combo}$

This element provides a group of controls for creating multiple storage accounts, with names that start with a common prefix.

### **UI** sample



#### Schema

```
"name": "element1",
 "type": "Microsoft.Storage.MultiStorageAccountCombo",
   "prefix": "Storage account prefix",
   "type": "Storage account type"
  },
  "toolTip": {
   "prefix": "",
   "type": ""
 },
  "defaultValue": {
   "prefix": "sa",
   "type": "Premium LRS"
 },
  "constraints": {
   "allowedTypes": [],
   "excludedTypes": []
 },
  "count": 2
}
```

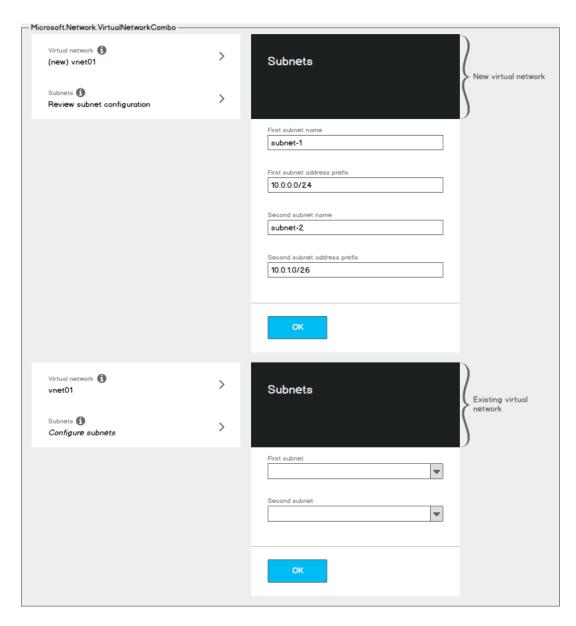
- The value for defaultValue.prefix is concatenated with one or more integers to generate the sequence of storage account names. For example, if defaultValue.prefix is foobar and count is 2, then storage account names foobar1 and foobar2 will be generated. Generated storage account names are validated for uniqueness automatically.
- The storage account names will be generated lexicographically based on count. For example, if count is 10, then the storage account names will end with integers 2 digits long, i.e. 01, 02, 03, etc.
- The default value for defaultValue.prefix is null, and for defaultValue.type is Premium\_LRS.
- Any type not specified in constraints.allowedTypes will be hidden, and any type not specified in constraints.excludedTypes will be Shown. constraints.allowedTypes and constraints.excludedTypes are both optional, but cannot be used simultaneously.
- In addition to generating storage account names, count is used to set the appropriate multiplier
  for the label. It supports a static value, like 2, or a dynamic value from another element, like
  [steps('step1').storageAccountCount]. The default value is 1.

```
{
   "prefix": "sa",
   "count": 2,
   "resourceGroup": "rg01",
   "type": "Premium_LRS"
}
```

### Microsoft.Network.VirtualNetworkCombo

This element provides a group of controls for picking a new or existing virtual network and configuring one or more subnets.

### **UI** sample



- In the top wireframe, the user has picked a new virtual network, so they will have the ability to customize each subnet's name and address prefix. Configuring subnets in this case is optional.
- In the bottom wireframe, the user has picked an existing virtual network, so they will have to map each subnet the template requires to an existing subnet. Configuring subnets in this case is required.

### Schema

```
"name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Network.VirtualNetworkCombo",
  "label": {
    "virtualNetwork": "Virtual network",
    "subnets": "Subnets"
},
  "toolTip": {
    "virtualNetwork": "",
    "subnets": ""
},
  "defaultValue": {
    "name": "vnet01",
    "addressPrefixSize": "/16"
},
```

```
"constraints": {
    "minAddressPrefixSize": "/16"
  },
  "subnets": {
    "subnet1": {
      "label": "First subnet",
      "defaultValue": {
        "name": "subnet-1",
        "addressPrefixSize": "/24"
      },
      "constraints": {
        "minAddressPrefixSize": "/24",
        "minAddressCount": 12,
        "requireContiguousAddresses": true
     }
    },
    "subnet2": {
      "label": "Second subnet",
      "defaultValue": {
        "name": "subnet-2",
        "addressPrefixSize": "/26"
      },
      "constraints": {
        "minAddressPrefixSize": "/26",
        "minAddressCount": 8,
        "requireContiguousAddresses": true
      }
    }
  }
}
```

- If specified, the first non-overlapping address prefix of size defaultValue.addressPrefixSize will be determined automatically based on the existing virtual networks in the user's subscription.
- The default value for defaultValue.name and defaultValue.addressPrefixSize is null.
- constraints.minAddressPrefixSize must be specified, and any existing virtual networks with an address space smaller than constraints.minAddressPrefixSize will be made unavailable for selection.
- subnets must be specified, and constraints.minAddressPrefixSize must be specified for each subnet.
- When creating a new virtual network, each subnet's address prefix is calculated automatically
  based on the virtual network's address prefix and the respective addressPrefixSize. When using
  an existing virtual network, any subnets smaller than the respective
  constraints.minAddressPrefixSize will be made unavailable for selection. Creating new subnets
  in an existing virtual network is not supported.
- If specified, subnets that do not contain at least minAddressCount available addresses will be
  made unavailable for selection; the default value is 0. To ensure that the available addresses are
  contiguous, specify true for requireContiguousAddresses; the default value is true.

```
{
   "name": "vnet01",
   "resourceGroup": "rg01",
   "addressPrefix": "10.0.0.0/16",
   "newOrExisting": "new",
   "subnets": {
        "subnet1": {
            "name": "subnet-1",
            "addressPrefix": "10.0.0.0/24",
            "startAddress": "10.0.0.1"
```

```
},
    "subnet2": {
        "name": "subnet-2",
        "addressPrefix": "10.0.1.0/26",
        "startAddress": "10.0.1.1"
    }
}
```

## Microsoft.Network.PublicIpAddressCombo

This element provides a group of controls for picking a new or existing public IP address and configuring a domain name label.

### **UI sample**



- If the user has picked no public IP address (i.e. 'None'), then the domain name label text box will be hidden
- If the user has picked an existing public IP address, then the domain name label text box will be disabled and its value will be the domain name label of the selected IP address.
- The domain name suffix (e.g. westus.cloudapp.azure.com) will automatically update based on the selected location.

#### Schema

```
"name": "element1",
  "type": "Microsoft.Network.PublicIpAddressCombo",
    "publicIpAddress": "Public IP address",
    "domainNameLabel": "Domain name label"
  },
  "toolTip": {
    "publicIpAddress": "",
    "domainNameLabel": ""
 },
  "defaultValue": {
    "publicIpAddressName": "ip01",
    "domainNameLabel": "foobar"
  "options": {
    "hideNone": false,
    "hideDomainNameLabel": false
 }
}
```

- If options.hideNone is set to true, then the option to select 'None' for the public IP address will be hidden. The default value is false.
- If options.hideDomainNameLabel is set to true, then the text box for domain name label will be hidden. The default value is false.

If the user selected no public IP address, then this is the expected output:

```
{
   "newOrExistingOrNone": "none"
}
```

If the user selected a new or existing IP address, then this is the expected output:

```
{
  "name": "ip01",
  "resourceGroup": "rg01",
  "domainNameLabel": "foobar",
  "newOrExistingOrNone": "new"
}
```

- When options.hideNone is specified, newOrExistingOrNone will always return none.
- When options.hideDomainNameLabel is specified, domainNameLabel will be undeclared.

## Microsoft.Compute.DiagnosticsCombo

### **UI** sample

Schema

Output

# **Supported functions**

This section contains the usage for each of the supported functions that can be used when getting or setting properties of an element.

## Referencing functions

### basics()

Get the outputs of elements in the Basics steps. The following example returns the output of the element named foo in the Basics step:

```
"[basics('foo')]"
```

### steps()

Get the outputs of elements in the specified step. To get the output of elements in the Basics step, use <code>basics()</code> instead. The following example returns the output of the element named <code>bar</code> in the step named <code>foo</code>:

```
"[steps('foo').bar]"
```

## **String functions**

```
concat()
Concatenate multiple, comma-separated strings. The following example will return the string foobar:
  "[concat('foo', 'bar')]"
Concatenating functions is also supported. The following example will concatenate the outputs of
basics('foo') and steps('bar'):
  "[concat(basics('foo'), steps('bar'))]"
Math functions
add()
Add two numbers. The following example returns 3:
  "[add(1,2)]"
sub()
Subtract two numbers. The following example returns 1:
  "[sub(3,2)]"
mul()
Multiply two numbers. The following example returns 6:
  "[mul(2,3)]"
div()
Divide two numbers. The following example returns 2:
  "[div(6,3)]"
floor()
Return a number rounded downward to the nearest integer. The following example returns 1:
  "[floor(1.2)]"
ceil()
Return a number rounded upward to the nearest integer. The following example returns 2:
  "[ceil(1.2)]"
```

# **Template functions**

location()

Return a string that represents the current location selected in the Basics step. For example:

"westus"

## **Contact**

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