

Serverless Apps

Use Cases for Azure Functions

Author:

Szymon Bernad



- Brief description of Azure Functions concepts
- Simple scenario asynchronous request processing
 - Example built on .Net 7 Isolated Azure Functions
- Using Azure Functions to improve legacy web app reliability
 - Real-life case of a simple workaround



- lightweight cloud services part of MS Azure "serverless" platform
- offered in "consumption-based" or App Service Plan modes
- meant to have relatively short lifetime and be stateless by design

Azure... Functions?

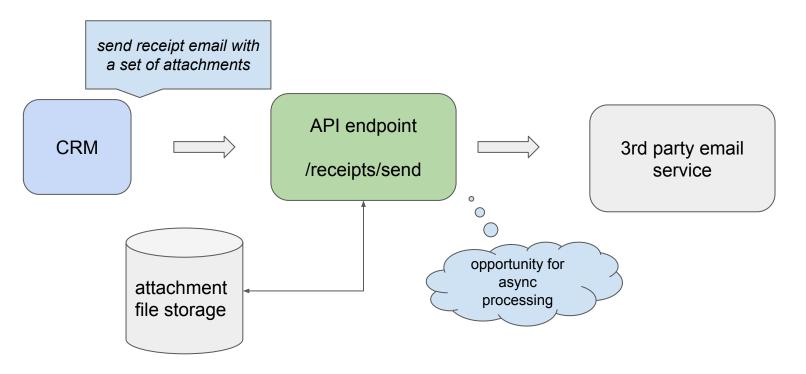
- many built-in integrations / input & output bindings
- improvements are still being added to the initial concept
 - Isolated vs In-Process (latest .Net, Asp.Net Core integration, Middleware)

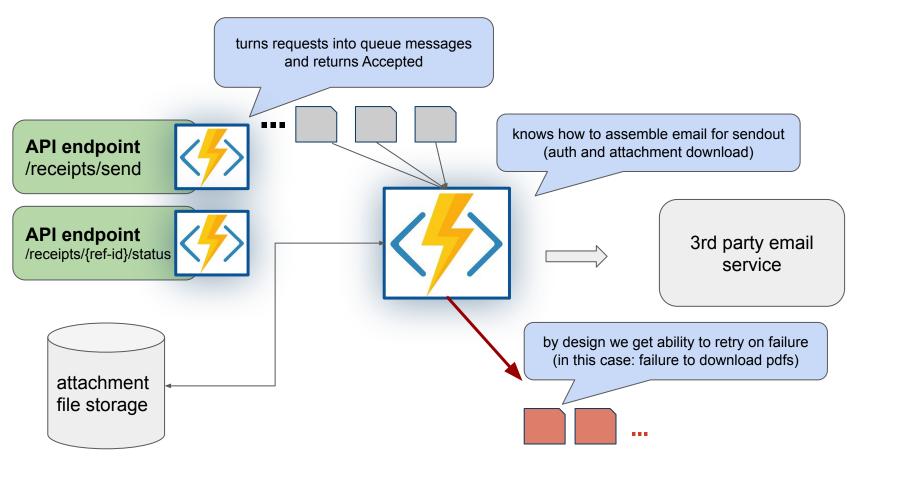
<u>Differences between in-process and isolate worker process .NET Azure Functions</u> | Microsoft Learn

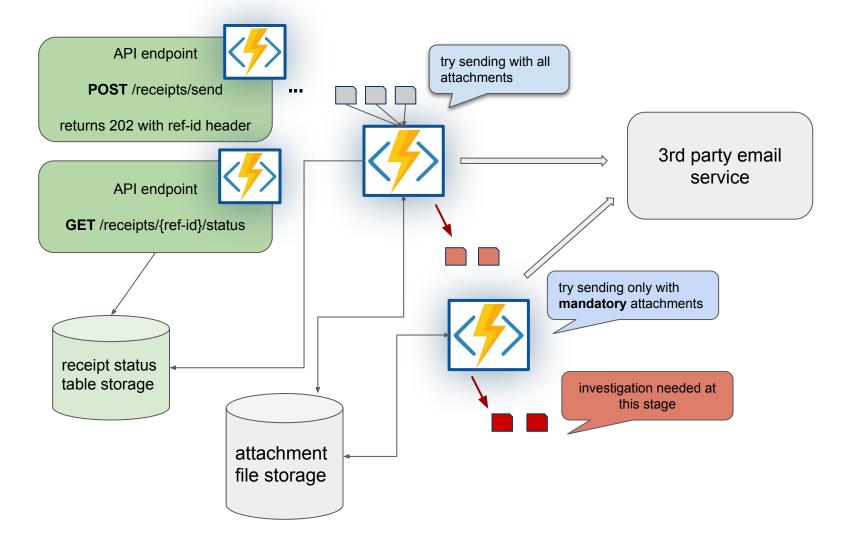
- ReadyToRun binaries
- Containerization with mcr.microsoft.com/azure-functions



Simple Use Case: asynchronous processing

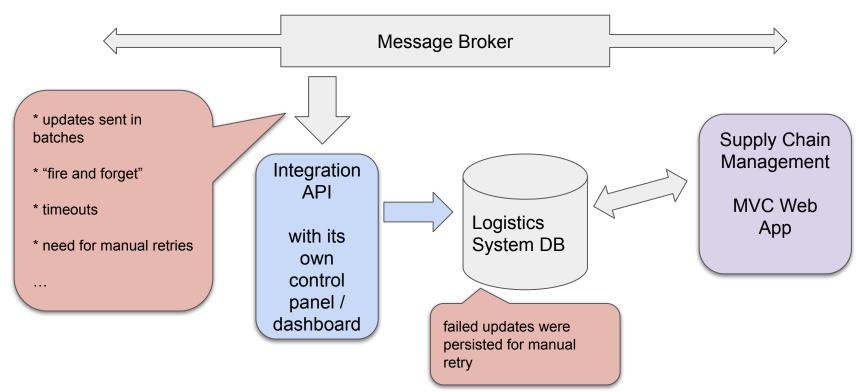






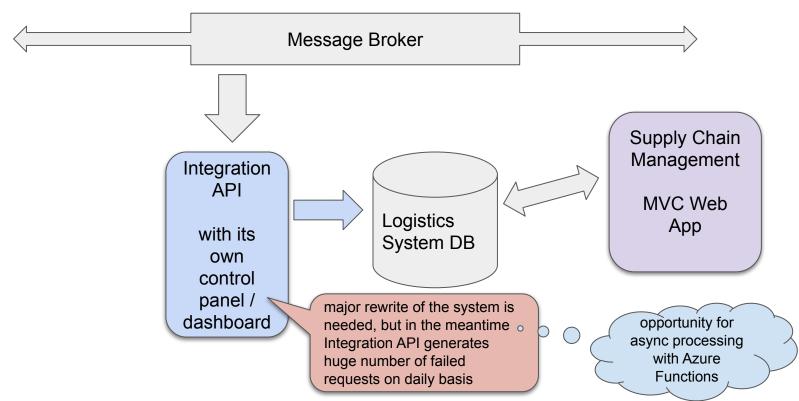


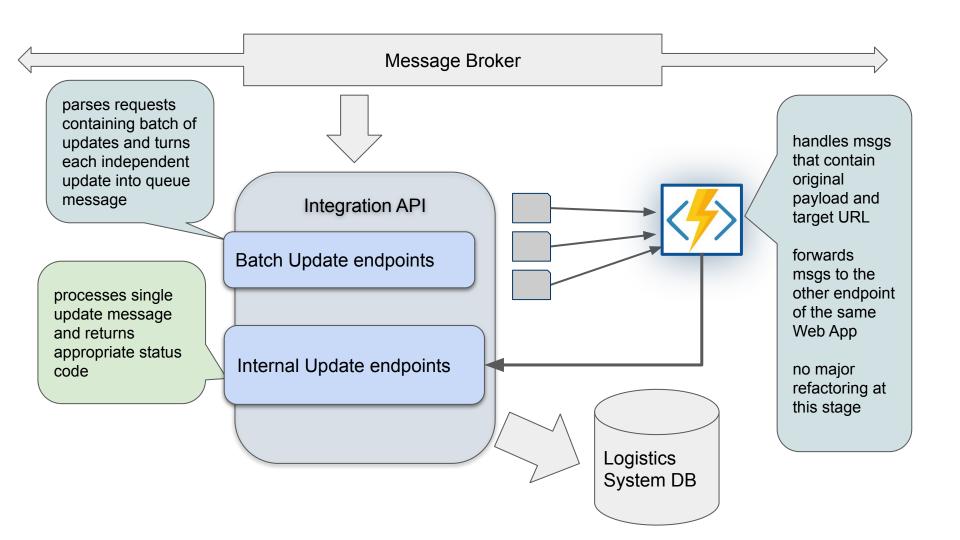
Using Azure Functions to improve legacy web app reliability





Using Azure Functions to improve legacy web app reliability







catch

Using Azure Functions to improve legacy web app reliability





- interesting outcome of this workaround:
 > 80% of update msgs succeeded on retry
- no need to change existing Azure infra as the same AppService Plan was reused
- opportunity to learn more about error patterns
- better use of ApplicationInsights logs
- increased confidence based on how easy it is to test & debug AzureFunctions

try {



catch



Thank you

github.com/sim8500/
serverless-azfunc