

[Microsoft Azure Cloud Services](#) is a highly scalable cloud hosting platform.

Compared to Azure Web Apps, the Cloud Services provide more control, but are slightly less easy to use and manage. This section provides information on how to configure and run Kentico in Azure Cloud Services.



Azure Web Apps

This section is about Azure Cloud Services. If you are interested in the alternative hosting option, **Azure Web Apps**, see [Running Kentico in Azure Web Apps](#) section. Or first see the [Microsoft Azure web hosting options](#) page.

Basic information about running Kentico in Microsoft Azure Cloud Services

- [Architecture of Microsoft Azure Cloud Services](#)
- [Requirements and limitations for running Kentico in Azure Cloud Services](#)
- [Lifecycle for developing Kentico projects in Azure Cloud Services](#)

Installation and deployment to Azure Cloud Services

To install and deploy a new Kentico Azure project to Azure Cloud Services:

1. [Prepare the cloud environment](#)
2. [Install Kentico as an Azure project](#)
3. [Configure the Azure project](#)
4. [Deploy the project to Cloud Services](#)
5. [Install the database for your project](#)

Additional information

- [Developing Kentico Azure projects locally](#) - learn how to set up Azure projects to prepare them for the development on your local machines.
- [Developing for Microsoft Azure - best practices](#) - our recommendations on how to configure Azure projects and your environment.
- [Configuring Azure storage](#) - in case you do not need to host your whole application in the cloud, you can utilize this hybrid scenario, which uses Microsoft Azure Storage as a file storage for your project.
- [Azure web.config settings](#) - see this reference for a list of available web.config setting keys for your Azure project.