

Azure SQL Database

◆ What is Azure SQL Database?

- Azure SQL Database is a **fully managed relational database service** on Microsoft Azure.
 - It's built on the latest version of **Microsoft SQL Server engine**, but you don't need to worry about installation, patching, or infrastructure management — Azure handles that for you.
 - You can use it for **OLTP (transactional), OLAP (analytics), or mixed workloads**.
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◆ Key Features

1. **Fully Managed (PaaS)** – No server maintenance, backups, or patching needed.
2. **High Availability** – Built-in replicas ensure **99.99% uptime SLA**.
3. **Scalability** – Scale up/down based on workload:
 - **DTU Model** (Database Transaction Unit – bundled CPU, memory, IOPS).
 - **vCore Model** (choose compute + storage independently).
4. **Security** – Advanced threat protection, encryption (TDE), firewall rules, Azure AD authentication.
5. **Backup & Restore** – Automated backups (point-in-time restore up to 35 days).

6. **Geo-Replication** – Create readable secondaries in other regions for disaster recovery.
 7. **Integration** – Works seamlessly with Power BI, Azure Functions, Logic Apps, and more.
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- ◆ **Deployment Models**

1. **Single Database** – One isolated database, best for small apps.
 2. **Elastic Pool** – Share resources among multiple databases.
 3. **Managed Instance** – Almost full SQL Server compatibility, ideal for lift-and-shift from on-prem.
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Lab: Deploy & Use Azure SQL Database

 **Objective:** Create an Azure SQL Database, connect to it, and run queries.

Step 1: Create Azure SQL Database

1. Log in to **Azure Portal** → <https://portal.azure.com>
2. Search “**SQL Database**” → Click **Create**.
3. Fill in details:

- **Subscription:** Your Azure subscription
 - **Resource Group:** RG-SQL-Lab (create new)
 - **Database Name:** StudentDB
 - **Server:** Create new → student-sqlserver
 - Server admin login: sqladmin
 - Password: YourStrongPassword123!
 - **Compute + Storage:** Start with **Basic (DTU model)** or **General Purpose (vCore)**
 - Leave other defaults → Click **Review + Create** → **Create**
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Step 2: Configure Firewall Rules

- Go to the created **SQL Server (student-sqlserver)** → Settings → **Networking**
 - Add client IP (your system's public IP).
 - Save → Now you can connect from your machine.
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Step 3: Connect to SQL Database

You can connect using:

- Azure Data Studio
- SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)
- Or from the **Azure Query Editor (Preview)** inside the portal

👉 Example using **Azure Query Editor**:

1. Open SQL Database → Query Editor.
2. Login with **sqladmin** and password.
3. Run queries:

-- Create a table

```
CREATE TABLE Students (
    StudentID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    Name NVARCHAR(50),
    Course NVARCHAR(50),
    Marks INT
);
```

-- Insert records

```
INSERT INTO Students (StudentID, Name, Course, Marks)
VALUES (1, 'Alice', 'Azure Fundamentals', 85),
       (2, 'Bob', 'AWS Basics', 90),
       (3, 'Charlie', 'DevOps Intro', 78);
```

-- Fetch data

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SELECT * FROM Students;
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Step 4: Test Scaling

- Go to your SQL Database → **Compute + Storage**
 - Change performance tier (Basic → Standard → Premium).
 - Notice how you can scale without downtime.
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Step 5: Explore Security

- Enable **Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)** (default ON).
 - Configure **Auditing & Threat Protection** from Security tab.
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 **End Result:** You've created a managed Azure SQL Database, inserted and queried data, scaled performance, and explored security features.
