



Demo: Azure Storage Encryption in Azure Portal

- ♦ Goal: Show how **encryption at rest** works in Azure Storage and how to **configure customer-managed keys (CMK)** instead of Microsoft-managed ones.
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Part 1: Understanding Azure Storage Encryption

Quick Concepts (Slide or verbal):

- Azure automatically **encrypts all data at rest** in storage accounts.
 - **Default:** Uses **Microsoft-managed keys**.
 - You can switch to **Customer-managed keys (CMK)** stored in **Azure Key Vault** for more control.
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Part 2: Hands-On Demo Steps (Azure Portal)




Step 1: Create a New Storage Account


1. Go to **Azure Portal** → **Storage Accounts**
2. Click “**+ Create**”
3. Fill in:
 - **Subscription & Resource Group**
 - **Storage Account Name**
 - **Region** (e.g., East US)
 - **Performance:** Standard
 - **Redundancy:** LRS (or any)
4. **Important:** Under **Advanced** → Encryption:

- Leave it as **Microsoft-managed keys** for now.
 - Click **Review + Create** → then **Create**
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Step 2: View Default Encryption Settings

Once deployed:

1. Go to your Storage Account → **Settings** → **Encryption**
2. You'll see:
 - Encryption at rest  enabled
 - **Microsoft-managed key** is being used

 Say: “By default, Microsoft handles the keys, so you don’t have to. But if you want more control—like key rotation policies—you can use your own.”

Step 3: Use Customer-Managed Keys (CMK)

A. Create a Key Vault

1. Go to **Key Vaults** → **+ Create**
2. Fill in:
 - Name, Resource Group, Region
3. Click **Review + Create** → then **Create**

B. Add an Encryption Key to the Vault

1. Go to your new Key Vault
2. Click **Keys** → **+ Generate/Import**
3. Choose:

- Method: Generate
- Name: `storageKey1`
- Key Type: RSA

4. Click **Create**

C. Assign Access to Storage Account

1. In the **Key Vault**, go to **Access Configuration**
2. Ensure that **RBAC** is enabled for key permissions
3. Go to **Access control (IAM)** → **+ Add role assignment**
 - Role: **Key Vault Crypto Service Encryption User**
 - Assign to: Your storage account's identity (if system-assigned identity isn't enabled, enable it first)

D. Update Storage Account to Use CMK

1. Go back to your **Storage Account** → **Encryption**
2. Select: **Customer-managed key**
3. Choose:
 - **Key Vault URI**
 - Select the key you created (`storageKey1`)
4. Save changes

Final Step: Confirm It's Working

- Back in **Encryption settings**, it will now show **Customer-managed key** with Key Vault info.
 - You can rotate keys manually in Key Vault or use automation.
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Teaching Notes

Teaching Tip

Use a real Azure subscription or sandbox (e.g. <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/training/azure/>)

Explain scenarios (e.g. finance apps needing CMK)

Show both Microsoft-managed and CMK

Why it Helps

Learners can follow along

Connects concept to real use

Contrast helps retention
