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COURSE OUTLINE MODULE 04

Introduction to Azure laaS Compute Solutions

Implementing Azure Batch Service and Disk Encryption

Designing and Developing Applications
That Use Containers

Implementing Azure App Service Web Apps and Mobile Apps

Implementing Azure App Service API Apps and Azure Functions

Developing Solutions That Use Azure Table Storage and Cosmos DE



Developing Solutions That Use Relational Database And Azure Blob Storage

Implementing Authentication and Access

Implementing Secure Data Solutions and Integrate Caching & CDN

Instrument Monitoring, Logging and Scalability
Of Apps & Services

Connecting to and Consuming Azure and Third-party Services

Developing Event-based and Message-based Solutions in Azure

Module 4 – Implementing Azure App Service Web Apps and Mobile Apps

Topics

- Azure App Services
- Azure App Service Plan
- Scaling An App Service Plan
- Azure App Service WebApps
- Azure WebApp Concepts
- Azure WebApp deployment through Portal, PowerShell and CLI
- Azure WebJobs
- Continuous And Triggered WebJobs
- Azure App Service Mobile Apps
- Registering Apps For Push Notifications
- Azure Notification Hubs

Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Understand App Service core concepts and capabilities
- Create App Service web apps by using Azure CLI, Azure Portal, and PowerShell
- Create continuous and triggered WebJobs
- Push an app on to the Mobile App service
- Know how to register apps for push notifications



Azure App Services



Understanding Azure App Services

- Azure App Service is the only cloud service that integrates everything you need to quickly and easily build web and mobile apps for any platform and any device
- It is built for developers
- App Service is a fully managed platform with powerful capabilities like
 - Built-in DevOps
 - Continuous integration with Visual Studio Team Services and GitHub
 - Staging and production support
 - Automatic patching

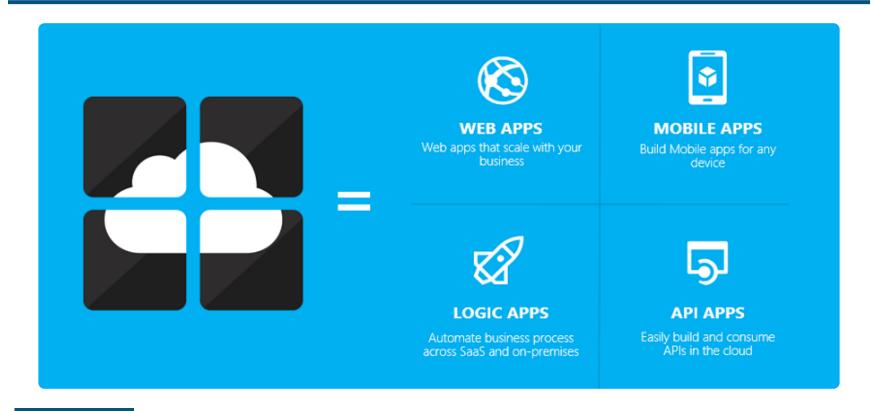


Benefits of Azure App Services

- Multiple language support .NET, Java, Node JS, PHP, or Python
- Easily integrate your logic with any mobile or web app via standard REST APIs
- Optimized for DevOps, with continuous integration support for Visual Studio Team Services and GitHub
- Enterprise Ready, Enterprise grade security and management and PCI compliant



Azure App Service Types



Azure App Service Plan

- Before getting done in creating any kind of App, we need to Create an App Service Plan
- An App Service Plan is a set of configurations that we choose for running our application
- In creating an App Service Plan, we specify 3 things;
 - 1. Name of the App service plan
 - 2. Location of the App deployment
 - 3. A Pricing Tier



Pricing Tier

- A Pricing Tier gives a user a specific amount of resources at a specific cost
- User selects a Pricing Tier according to their App's initial requirements
- These resources can also be scaled up later



Azure Pricing Tiers Overview



Free

To *quickly* evaluate platform and convert the app at any time to one of the paid plans without delays or downtime



Shared

It allows you to develop and test in an environment with features such as SSL, domain names, and more before production.

It is suitable for *low traffic sites*



<u>Basic</u>

It is for apps that have lower traffic requirements and do not need more advanced feature like auto scale and traffic management features.



Standard

This plan is for production API, Mobile, and Web apps.
There are *no limits* on the

limits on the number of apps/domains you can host using the Standard service plan.



Premium

Premium plan supports *larger numbers of scale instances*, additional connectors, and BizTalk capabilities, and includes all the *advanced capabilities* found in the Standard plan.

Which Pricing Tier will we Choose for our Web App?

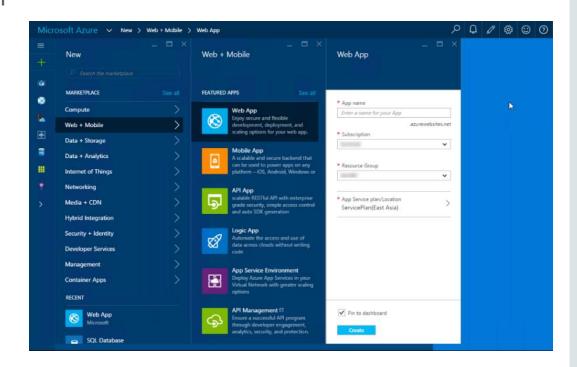


Creating an App Service Plan



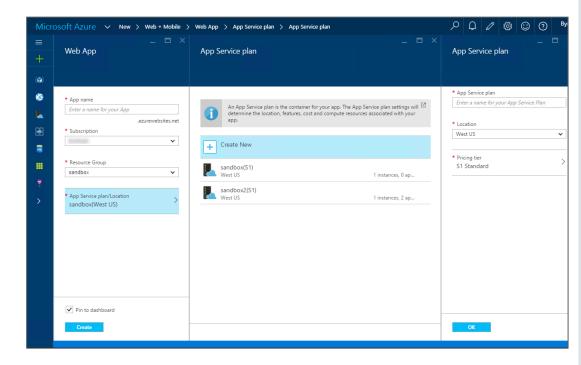
Creating an App Service Plan

- You can create an empty App Service plan from the App Service plan browse experience or as part of app creation
 - Login in to <u>http://portal.azure.com</u>
 - Click NEW, then select Web + mobile, then select Web Apps

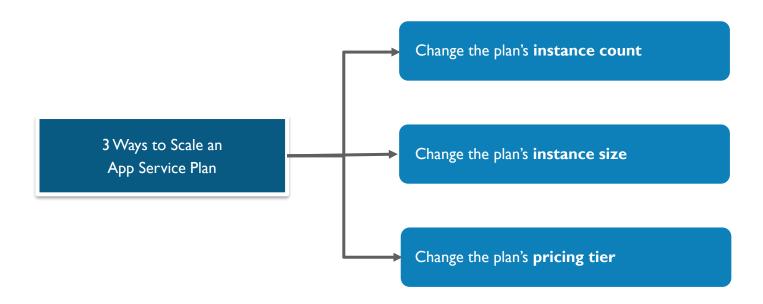


Creating an App Service Plan (Cont.)

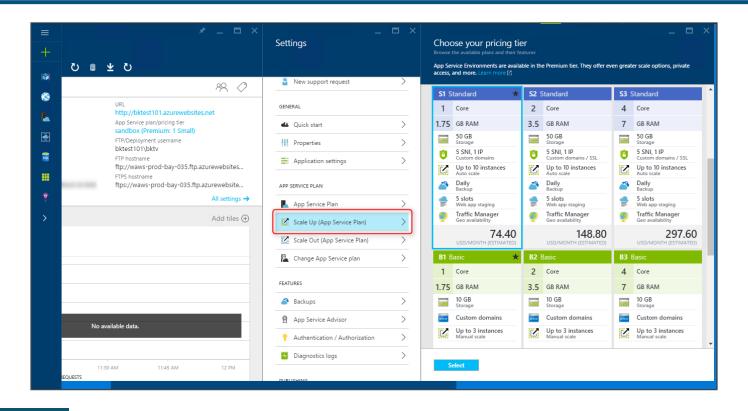
- 3. Create a New App Service Plan
- Click + Create New
- Type the App Service plan name and select an appropriate Location
- Click Pricing tier and select an appropriate pricing tier for the service.
 We have used FREE App Service Plan
- Select FREE App Service Plan
- Click Create



Scaling an App Service Plan



App Service Plan Dashboard View



Azure App Service WebApp

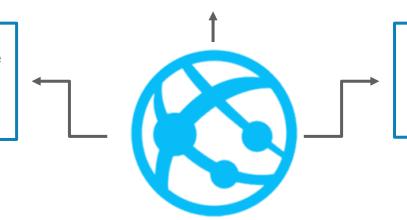


What is an Azure WebApp?

Azure Web App is a Service

provided by Azure for hosting a website or a web application on Azure cloud

A Developer has to focus on application code; Azure takes care of the infrastructure to scale and securely run it for users



Compute resources can be on shared or dedicated virtual machines

We will learn building Azure Web App in this module

Why Use Azure WebApp?





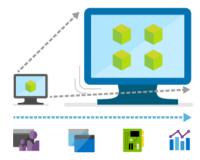


It is Flexible

- Supports many IDEs and frameworks, such as .NET, Java, PHP, Node.js
- You can use Git and Kudu to deploy Node.js or PHP web applications

It is Scalable

- Web application can be easily scaled up by configuring auto scale in the Azure portal
- Auto scale creates multiple instances a Web App that are load balanced automatically



Azure WebApp Concepts



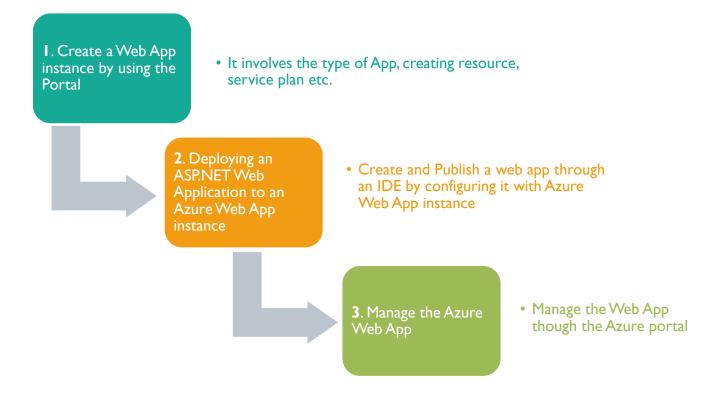
WebApp Concepts

• Existing WebApp templates with one-click installation of packages such as WebApp Gallery WordPress, Joomla, Drupal etc. WebApps enables you to quickly scale-up or out to handle any incoming **Auto-Scaling** customer load Enables you to automatically build, test & deploy WebApp on each successful **Continuous Integration** code check-in or integration tests • Implement staged deployment to verify your code in a pre-production **Deployment Slots** environment which is identical to your production WebApp in Azure App Service • Take Staged Deployments to the next level and perform A/B testing to verify your **Testing in Production** new code with a configurable fraction of your live traffic Run any program or script on Web Apps VMs. Run jobs continuously or on a WebJobs schedule and scale to run on multiple VMs

Using Azure WebApp



Steps to Use Azure WebApp Service



Creating a WebApp Instance

Select the type of your Web
Application

Select the Resource Group

Select your App Service Plan and Pricing Tier

Demo 1.1 – Create App Service WebApps By Using Portal

(Refer demo doc-1.1)

Demo 1.2 – Create App Service WebApps By Using Azure CLI

(Refer demo doc-1.2)

Run Background Tasks With WebJobs in Azure App Service

Run Background Tasks With WebJobs

- WebJobs is a feature of Azure App Service that enables you to run a program or script in the same context as
 a web app, API app, or mobile app
- There is no additional cost to use WebJobs
- The Azure WebJobs SDK can be used with WebJobs to simplify many programming tasks



Types of WebJobs

The following table describes the differences between Continuous and Triggered WebJobs:

Continuous		Triggered	
•	Starts immediately when the WebJob is created To keep the job from ending, the program or script typically does its work inside an endless loop If the job does end, you can restart it	•	Starts only when triggered manually or on a schedule.
•	Runs on all instances that the web app runs on You can optionally restrict the WebJob to a single instance.	•	Runs on a single instance that Azure selects for load balancing.
•	Supports remote debugging	•	Doesn't support remote debugging.

Types of WebJobs

NOTE: A web app can time out after 20 minutes of inactivity. Only requests to the actual web app reset the timer.

Viewing the app's configuration in the Azure portal or making requests to the advanced tools site

(https://<app_name>.scm.azurewebsites.net) don't reset the timer. If your app runs continuous or scheduled WebJobs, enable Always On to ensure that the WebJobs run reliably. This feature is available only in the Basic, Standard, and

Premium pricing tiers.

Supported File Types for Scripts or Programs

- The following file types are supported:
 - .cmd, .bat, .exe (using Windows cmd)
 - .ps1 (using PowerShell)
 - .sh (using Bash)
 - .php (using PHP)
 - py (using Python)
 - .js (using Node.js)
 - .jar (using Java)

Demo 2 – Create Continuous and Triggered WebJobs

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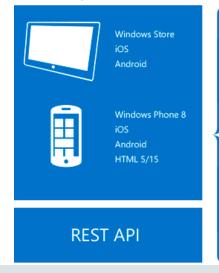
Azure App Service Mobile Apps



Mobile Apps in Azure App Service

- Highly scalable
- Globally available, mobile application development platform for:
 - Enterprise Developers and
 - System Integrators,

that brings a rich set of capabilities to mobile developers





With Mobile Apps You Can

- Build native and cross platform apps
- Connect to your enterprise systems
- Build offline-ready apps with data sync
- Push Notifications to millions in seconds



Demo 3 – Push an App onto the Mobile App Service

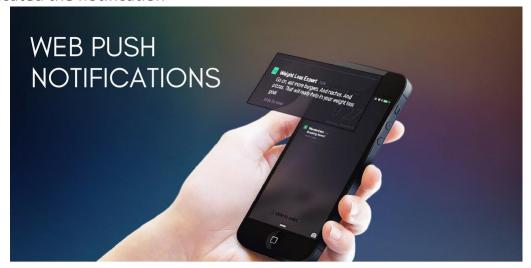
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Registering Apps for Push Notifications

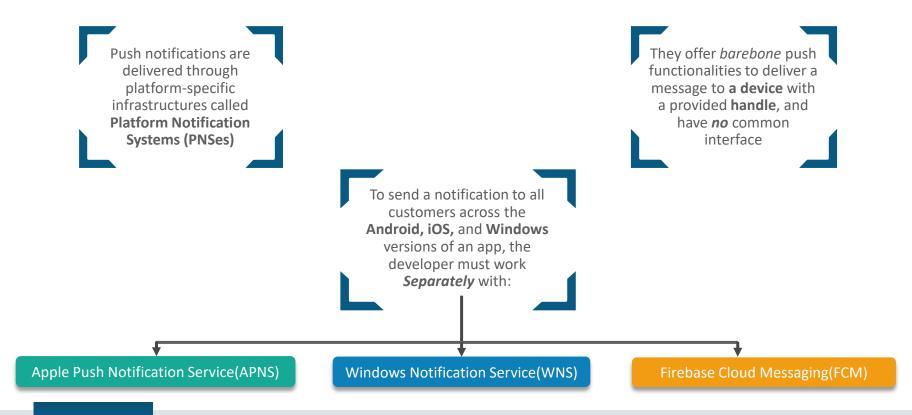


What are Push Notifications?

- Push notifications is a form of app-to-user communication where users of mobile apps are notified of certain desired information, usually in a pop-up or dialog box on a mobile device
- Users generally choose to view or dismiss the message; choosing the former opens the mobile application
 that communicated the notification

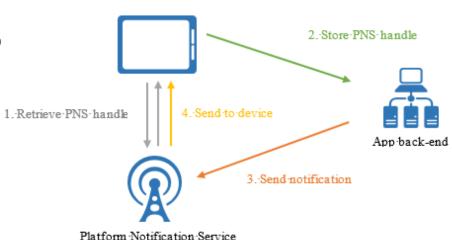


Working of Push Notifications



How Push Works at a High Level?

- An app decides it wants to receive notification, so it contacts PNS for the target platform where the app is running and requests a unique and temporary push handle
 - The handle type depends on the system (WNS uses URIs while APNS uses tokens)
- 2. The client app **stores** this handle in the app backend or provider
- 3. To send a push notification, the **app backend** contacts the PNS using the handle to target a specific client app
- The PNS *forwards* the notification to the device specified by the handle



Challenges of Push Notifications

Some of the infrastructural challenges are:

1

Backend has a hard time handling the **Platform dependency**

Scalability and **broadcasting** issue when there is a huge increase in devices

2

3

Maintenance of a registry for **Routing** purpose causes overhead of cost and time

What are Azure Notification Hubs?



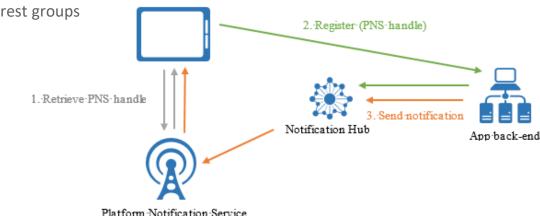
Azure Notification Hubs provide an *easy-to-use* and *scaled-out push engine* that allows you to send notifications to **any platform** (iOS, Android, Windows, Kindle, Baidu, etc.) from **any backend** (cloud or on-premises).



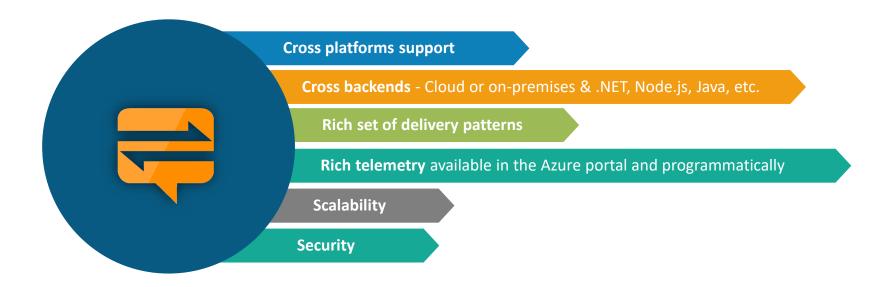
Notification Hubs works great for both enterprise and consumer scenarios.

Why Use Azure Notification Hubs?

- Notification Hubs eliminates all complexities associated with pushing notifications on your own from your app
 backend
- Its multi-platform, scaled-out push notification infrastructure reduces push-related coding and simplifies your
- With Notification Hubs, devices are merely responsible for registering their PNS handles with a hub, while the backend sends messages to users or interest groups



Notification Hubs – Advantages



Notification Hubs – Usage Scenarios

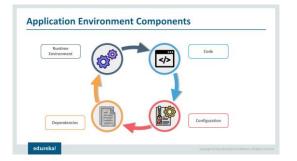
Send breaking news notifications to millions with low latency Send location-based coupons to interested user segments Send event-related notifications to users/groups for media/sports/finance/gaming apps Push promotional contents to apps to engage and market to customers Notify users of enterprise events like new messages and work items Send codes for multi-factor authentication

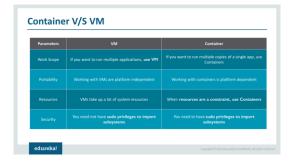
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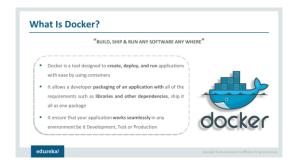
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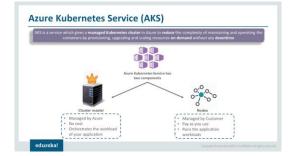






























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