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Lab: Azure App Service

Lab Objectives

In this lab, you will be learning how to create and manage the Azure App service deploy a virtual machine with an ARM template. You will:

1. Create a web app.
2. Create a PHP MySQL app.
3. Create an Azure Function.

Lab Requirements

- Up to date browser
- Azure account
- A free GitHub account

Instructions

1. Working individually, follow the procedure below.
2. Take screenshots, as described in the *Marking Criteria* section.
3. Create a document that includes all screenshots appropriately titled and described, and then upload it to Brightspace, as indicated by your instructor.
4. Be sure to include your name and student ID in the document.

Marking Criteria

Screenshots	Marks
Browser Window with FQDN, running PHP/MySQL with tasks	/5
Start VM Azure Function Test/Run window and insights log	/5
Total	/10

Note: This icon indicates when a screenshot is required.



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Procedure

Part 1: Create a Web App

Azure virtual machines are part of the IAAS (infrastructure as a service) offerings in Azure. To create a website using an Az VM, you would have to:

1. Create the VM.
2. Install a web server program like Apache on the VM.
3. Create your web pages.
4. Configure your web server program.
5. Set up your networking and IPs.
6. Manage and maintain the systems.

Azure App service is part of Azure PAAS (platform as a service) offerings. It allows you to create web applications without managing the underlying operating system, networking or web software. Azure app service is defined by Microsoft as a “fully managed web application hosting platform.”

☐ Navigate to the **Azure Web Services** page and click **Create App Service**.

☐ Select or create a resource group and give the app a name.

Note: The web app name must be globally unique and the site will end with **.azurewebsites.net**.

☐ Your app service can be deployed as code, as a Docker image or simply as a static web site. You created Docker images in a previous lab, so select **Code** as the publish method.

☐ Choose **Python 3.8**, your region and the **F1 Free Pricing** plan.

Instance Details

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Name * .azurewebsites.net

Publish * ☒ Code ☐ Docker Container ☐ Static Web App

Runtime stack *

Operating System * ☒ Linux ☐ Windows

Region *
Not finding your App Service Plan? Try a different region or select your App Service Environment.

Pricing plans

App Service plan pricing tier determines the location, features, cost and compute resources associated with your app. [Learn more](#)

Linux Plan (Canada Central) *
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Pricing plan
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- ☐ Review and create the app.
- ☐ When the deployment has finished, go to the overview page for the app and click the default domain name.

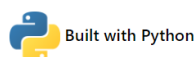
Your web app opens in a new browser tab with a basic app page.

→ ↺ 🔒 testwa2001.azurewebsites.net



Your web app is running and waiting for your content

Your web app is live, but we don't have your content yet. If you've already deployed, it could take up to 5 minutes for your content to show up, so come back soon.



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- ☐ In the Azure portal, scroll down the overview page for the app to see all of the information for the app, including its IP address.
- ☐ Delete the resource group if you want to stop accruing charges.

Part 2: Create a PHP MySQL App



In the last section, you created an app but there is no code in the app and it doesn't really do anything. In this section, you'll create a PHP app that is connected to a MySQL database.

Important notes for this section:

- When working through the tutorial, take your time, read the instructions carefully and look at the screenshots.
- Start at *1 - Create App Service and MySQL resources*.
- You only need to pull the application locally if you want to run it locally, so the *Sample Application* section is not necessary.
- In Step 6 of *1 - Create App Service and MySQL resources*, click the **Review** button and copy the database name, username and password **BEFORE** you click the **Create** button because you may not be able to see this information in the connection settings later in the tutorial.

Database (New)

i Username and password of the new database are generated automatically. To retrieve these values after the deployment, go to the App Settings section of the Configuration page.

Server name	msdocs-laravel-mysql-343-server
Engine	MySQL - Flexible Server
Database name	msdocs-laravel-mysql-343-database
Region	East US
Username	wnqacwcjsl
Password	*****  
Networking	
Virtual Network	(New) msdocs-laravel-mysql-343Vnet (10.0.0.0/16)
Inbound subnet	(New) msdocs-laravel-mysql-343Subnet (10.0.0.0/24)
DNS	Azure Private DNS Zone
Outbound subnet (Web App)	(New) msdocs-laravel-mysql-343AppSubnet (10.0.2.0/24)
Outbound subnet (Database)	(New) msdocs-laravel-mysql-343DbSubnet (10.0.1.0/24)

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- Things may take several minutes to work, so make sure a task is complete before you start the next one.

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Azure Functions allow you to trigger and run a small piece of code (function) that only accrues costs when it runs. Azure Functions are event driven and serverless (you do not have to manage a server operating system). Examples include:

- Azure functions can be created in many languages but the type of accounts you have may affect which languages can be used. In this section, you'll create an Azure Function that allows you to start a pair of virtual machines from an HTTP trigger event.

- ☐ Create two inexpensive virtual machines in a new resource group, and then stop (deallocate) them once they are deployed.

- ☐ Create the Function App, which is the container or environment for your function, code and bindings, by navigating to the **Azure Functions App** page and clicking the **Create Function App** button.
- ☐ Select the resource group you created for this section and give your Function App a unique name.
- ☐ Select **PowerShell Core** for the code and the latest version.
- ☐ Select your region and the plan type as **Consumption (Serverless)**. This plan has the fewest features and therefore costs the least.

Note: For more information, see: [Azure Functions hosting options](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/functions-scale) (<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/functions-scale>).

Create Function App ...

Basics Storage Networking Monitoring Deployment Tags Review + create

Create a function app, which lets you group functions as a logical unit for easier management, deployment and sharing of resources. Functions lets you execute your code in a serverless environment without having to first create a VM or publish a web application.

Project Details
Select a subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription *
Resource Group *
[Create new](#)

Instance Details
Function App name *
.azurewebsites.net

Publish * ☒ Code ☐ Docker Container

Runtime stack *

Version *

Region *

Operating system
The Operating System has been recommended for you based on your selection of runtime stack.

Operating System * ☐ Linux ☒ Windows

Plan
The plan you choose dictates how your app scales, what features are enabled, and how it is priced. [Learn more](#)

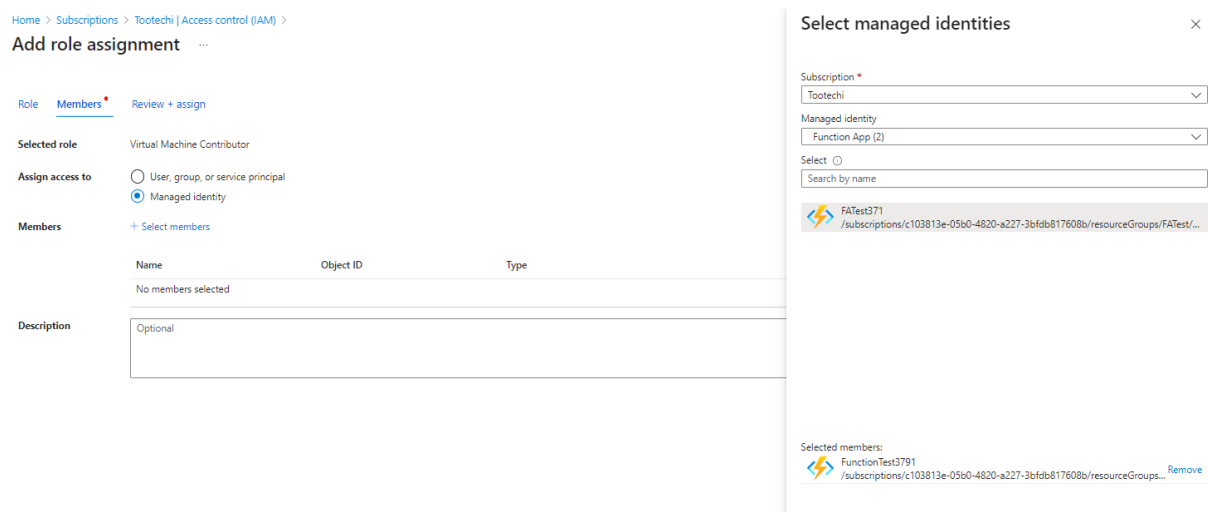
Plan type *

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- ☐ Click **Next** to advance to the Storage page. Since functions are serverless, they must be stored somewhere, so Azure creates a new storage account by default. Leave the default name or rename it to something more recognizable.
- ☐ Go to the **Monitoring** page and make sure *Application Insights* is set to **Yes**.
- ☐ Review and create the function.

As discussed previously, Azure uses RBAC to allow identities to access resources and perform tasks. While we tend to think of identities as users, a service can also be an identity. Your Function app is going to start a virtual machine, so it needs to have a role that allows it to start virtual machines.

- ☐ From the Overview page for the Function app, select **Identity** from the blade menu.
- ☐ Set the status to **On** and save.
- ☐ Navigate to your Subscriptions page, select **IAM (Access Control)** from the blade menu and then select **Add > New Role Assignment**.
- ☐ Type **Virtual Machine Contributor** into the search box and select it. Note the permissions given to the role.
- ☐ Click **Next** and select **Managed Identity** instead of users and groups.
- ☐ Click **Select Members** and then select your Function App.



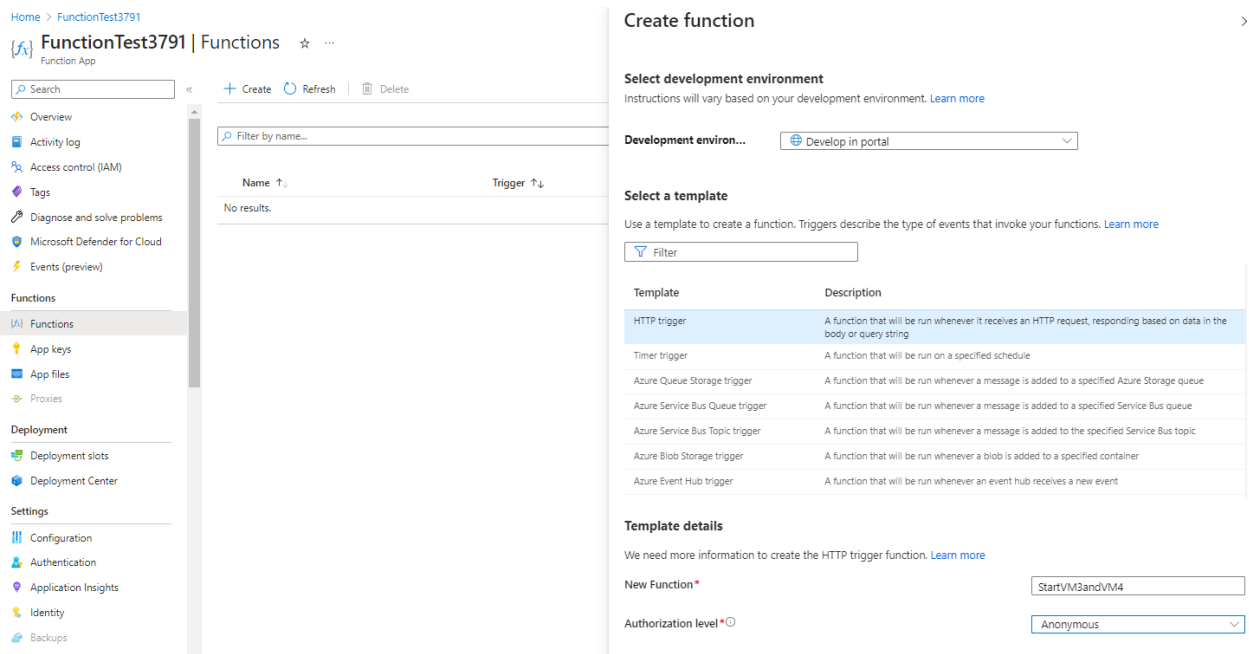
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- ☐ Review and assign the role.
- ☐ Return to the main page for your function app and select **Identity**.
- ☐ Under **Permissions** select **Azure Role Assignments** and verify that it has the *Virtual Machine Contributor* role.

Note: You can assign roles from this screen as well.

You have now created a container/environment with the appropriate permissions. Next, you need to create the function you want to run.

- ☐ Go back to the main page for your function app, select **Functions** from the blade menu and click **Create**.
- ☐ Select the **HTTP trigger** function because you want the action to be set in motion by HTTP.
- ☐ Give the function an appropriate name and set the **Authorization level** to **Anonymous**. This is the authorization to trigger the function.



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- ☐ Create the function.
- ☐ From the **Functions** page, select **Integration** from the blade menu. Notice that the Trigger is an HTTP (request), with the function you created in the middle, and then the output is an HTTP (response).

StartVM3andVM4 | Integration ...

Function

Search « Refresh

Overview

Developer

Code + Test

Integration

Monitor

Function Keys

Integration

Edit the trigger and choose from a selection of inputs and outputs for your function, including Azure Blob Storage, Cosmos DB and others.

Trigger

HTTP (Request)

Inputs

No inputs defined

+ Add input

Function

StartVM3andVM4

Outputs

HTTP (Response)

+ Add output

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- ☐ Select **Code + Test** from the blade menu and ensure that **Run.PS1** is selected at the top of the page, and that you can see the default code for this function.
 - The Write-Host line tells the system what information to write to the log file.
 - The \$Name variable allows you to pass a name to the HTTP trigger.
 - The \$body is pushed to the HTTP response.

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```

1  using namespace System.Net
2
3  # Input bindings are passed in via param block.
4  param($Request, $TriggerMetadata)
5
6  # Write to the Azure Functions log stream.
7  Write-Host "PowerShell HTTP trigger function processed a request."
8
9  # Interact with query parameters or the body of the request.
10 $name = $Request.Query.Name
11 if (-not $name) {
12     $name = $Request.Body.Name
13 }
14
15 $body = "This HTTP triggered function executed successfully. Pass a name in the query string or in the request body for a personalized response."
16
17 if ($name) {
18     $body = "Hello, $name. This HTTP triggered function executed successfully."
19 }
20
21 # Associate values to output bindings by calling 'Push-OutputBinding'.
22 Push-OutputBinding -Name Response -Value ([HttpResponseContext]@{
23     StatusCode = [HttpStatusCode]::OK
24     Body = $body
25 })
26

```

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- ☐ Click **Test/Run** from the top menu. The Input/Output screen opens on the right.
- ☐ In the **Input** screen, change the name in the Body to your name instead of Azure.

[Input](#)
[Output](#)

Provide parameters to test the HTTP request. Result

HTTP method ⓘ

POST

Key

master (Host key)

Query

[+ Add parameter](#)

Headers

[+ Add header](#)

Body

```

1 {
2   "name": "Julius Caesar"
3 }
```

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- ☐ Click the **Run** button.

The Output screen shows that the function ran successfully and that the output is text from the \$body variable.

[Input](#)
[Output](#)

HTTP response code

200 OK

HTTP response content

Hello, Julius Caesar. This HTTP triggered function executed successfully.

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- ☐ Note the *Application Insights* on the bottom of the screen. If you need to troubleshoot, this information will be very helpful.

You ran the function and passed it your name, but this was in the test environment. The next step is to test that it works from HTTP.

- ☐ Close the *Input/Output* page, select **Get Function URL** from the top page and copy the URL.
- ☐ Paste the URL into a browser. A page should appear that says:

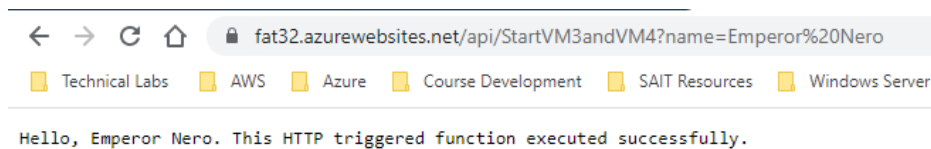
This HTTP triggered function executed successfully. Pass a name in the query string or in the request body for a personalized response

It doesn't have a name because you did not pass the function that information.

- ☐ Add the following to the end of the URL to pass your name to the function:

```
?name=<your_name>
```

Now you should be greeted like you were in the test run.



You have a working function, trigger and bindings but now you need to add the code to start your virtual machines. Just like in a Windows server, before you can use a PowerShell command you must have the appropriate PowerShell module loaded.

- ☐ Go to the main page for your **Function App** (not the function) and select **App Files** from the blade menu.

At the top of the page are three options:

- Host.json – configuration information that affects all the functions in a function app
- Profile.ps1 – a profile for the individual function app
- Requirements.psd1 – add additional requirements for the code in the app

- ☐ Select the **Requirements** option.
- ☐ The command to use the Azure PowerShell module is already in the requirements but it is commented out. Delete the comment (#) character beside the '**Az**' = line.

```

1 # This file enables modules to be automatically managed by the Functions service.
2 # See https://aka.ms/functionsmanageddependency for additional information.
3 #
4 @{
5     # For latest supported version, go to 'https://www.powershellgallery.com/packages/Az'.
6     # To use the Az module in your function app, please uncomment the line below.
7     'Az' = '9.*'
8 }
9

```

- ☐ Save the change and return to the functions **Code + Test** page. **Run.PS1** should be selected on the top menu.
- ☐ Click above the line: *# Write to the Azure Functions log stream* and create a few blank lines.
- ☐ Insert the code shown below but change VM1 and VM2 to the names of your virtual machines.

Notes:

- You're writing a line to the log file (Write-Host) and then using the PowerShell **Get-AzVM** and **Start-AzVM** commands.
- When copying and pasting, sometimes single quote characters are changed to grave accent characters. Recreate the single quote characters, just to be sure.

```

$VMs = @( 'VM1', 'VM2' )
foreach($VM in $VMs)
{
    Write-Host "Starting $VM"
    Get-AzVM -Name $VM | Start-AzVM -NoWait
}

```

- ☐ Change the body text lines to something appropriate and save your changes.
- ☐ Ensure that your virtual machines are stopped and then click the **Test/Run** button and see if it works.

This will take a few minutes because the PowerShell dependency has to be downloaded and the two virtual machines started.



- ☐ If you get errors, read the log information in the window at the bottom of the screen and check your syntax. If the download and set up take too long or has problems, you may get a HTTP response failure (this is common). Wait a couple of minutes and run it again. You should see something similar to the log below.

```

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Logs App Insights Logs Log Level Stop Copy Clear Maximize
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] OUTPUT:
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] INFORMATION: Starting VM2
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] OUTPUT: RequestId IsSuccessStatusCode StatusCode ReasonPhrase
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] OUTPUT: -----
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] OUTPUT: 15c36d9e-19e3-461c-acd1-0861162bc4f2 True Accepted Accepted
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] OUTPUT: 446e23ec-fc75-47db-be2d-a2d638d6f623 True Accepted Accepted
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] INFORMATION: PowerShell HTTP trigger function processed a request.
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] OUTPUT:
2023-04-07T00:44:16Z [Information] Executed 'Functions.StartVM' (Succeeded, Id=bf3402d1-7f54-4e23-ae3f-da5e63a19b7d, Duration=799ms)

```

Input Output

HTTP response code

200 OK

HTTP response content

Hello, Emperor Tiberius. Virtual machines 3 and 4 have been started.

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- ☐ Check to see whether your virtual machines have started.

Note: This may take a few minutes and require a few screen refreshes. Be patient.

Now, you need to test that your function can be triggered by HTTP.

- ☐ Stop (deallocate) the two virtual machines.
- ☐ Copy the function URL if you need to and paste it into a new browser window.
- ☐ Check that your virtual machines have started.
- ☐ Delete resources that you're not using

Resource

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