

Exam AI-102: Designing and Implementing a Microsoft Azure AI Solution – Skills Measured

This exam will be updated on July 29, 2021. Following the current exam guide, we have included a version of the exam guide with Track Changes set to “On,” showing the changes that will be made to the exam on that date.

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Plan and Manage an Azure Cognitive Services Solution (15-20%)

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- select the appropriate cognitive service for a vision solution
- select the appropriate cognitive service for a language analysis solution
- select the appropriate cognitive Service for a decision support solution

- select the appropriate cognitive service for a speech solution

Plan and configure security for a Cognitive Services solution

- manage Cognitive Services account keys
- manage authentication for a resource
- secure Cognitive Services by using Azure Virtual Network
- plan for a solution that meets responsible AI principles

Create a Cognitive Services resource

- create a Cognitive Services resource
- configure diagnostic logging for a Cognitive Services resource
- manage Cognitive Services costs
- monitor a cognitive service
- implement a privacy policy in Cognitive Services

Plan and implement Cognitive Services containers

- identify when to deploy to a container
- containerize Cognitive Services (including Computer Vision API, Face API, Text Analytics, Speech, Form Recognizer)

Implement Computer Vision Solutions (20-25%)

Analyze images by using the Computer Vision API

- retrieve image descriptions and tags by using the Computer Vision API
- identify landmarks and celebrities by using the Computer Vision API
- detect brands in images by using the Computer Vision API
- moderate content in images by using the Computer Vision API
- generate thumbnails by using the Computer Vision API

Extract text from images

- extract text from images by using the OCR API
- extract text from images or PDFs by using the Read API
- convert handwritten text by using Ink Recognizer
- extract information from forms or receipts by using the pre-built receipt model in Form Recognizer
- build and optimize a custom model for Form Recognizer

Extract facial information from images

- detect faces in an image by using the Face API
- recognize faces in an image by using the Face API
- analyze facial attributes by using the Face API
- match similar faces by using the Face API

Implement image classification by using the Custom Vision service

- label images by using the Computer Vision Portal
- train a custom image classification model in the Custom Vision Portal
- train a custom image classification model by using the SDK
- manage model iterations
- evaluate classification model metrics
- publish a trained iteration of a model
- export a model in an appropriate format for a specific target
- consume a classification model from a client application
- deploy image classification custom models to containers

Implement an object detection solution by using the Custom Vision service

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Analyze video by using Video Indexer

- process a video
- extract insights from a video
- moderate content in a video
- customize the Brands model used by Video Indexer
- customize the Language model used by Video Indexer by using the Custom Speech service
- customize the Person model used by Video Indexer
- extract insights from a live stream of video data

Implement Natural Language Processing Solutions (20-25%)

Analyze text by using the Text Analytics service

- retrieve and process key phrases
- retrieve and process entity information (people, places, urls, etc.)
- retrieve and process sentiment
- detect the language used in text

Manage speech by using the Speech service

- implement text-to-speech
- customize text-to-speech
- implement speech-to-text
- improve speech-to-text accuracy

Translate language

- translate text by using the Translator service
- translate speech-to-speech by using the Speech service
- translate speech-to-text by using the Speech service

Build an initial language model by using Language Understanding Service (LUIS)

- create intents and entities based on a schema, and then add utterances
- create complex hierarchical entities
 - use this instead of roles
- train and deploy a model

Iterate on and optimize a language model by using LUIS

- implement phrase lists
- implement a model as a feature (i.e. prebuilt entities)
- manage punctuation and diacritics
- implement active learning
- monitor and correct data imbalances
- implement patterns

Manage a LUIS model

- manage collaborators
- manage versioning
- publish a model through the portal or in a container
- export a LUIS package
- deploy a LUIS package to a container
- integrate Bot Framework (LUDown) to run outside of the LUIS portal

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Implement a Cognitive Search solution

- create data sources
- define an index
- create and run an indexer
- query an index
- configure an index to support autocomplete and autosuggest
- boost results based on relevance
- implement synonyms

Implement an enrichment pipeline

- attach a Cognitive Services account to a skillset
- select and include built-in skills for documents
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Implement a knowledge store

- define file projections
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Manage a Cognitive Search solution

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- manage re-indexing
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- schedule indexing
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- implement incremental indexing
- manage concurrency
- push data to an index
- troubleshoot indexing for a pipeline

Implement Conversational AI Solutions (15-20%)

Create a knowledge base by using QnA Maker

- create a QnA Maker service
- create a knowledge base
- import a knowledge base
- train and test a knowledge base
- publish a knowledge base
- create a multi-turn conversation
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Design and implement conversation flow

- design conversation logic for a bot
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Create a bot by using the Bot Framework SDK

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- maintain state
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- manage identity and authentication
- implement channel-specific logic
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- ~~• add a custom middleware for processing user messages~~
- ~~• manage identity and authentication~~
- ~~• implement channel-specific logic~~
- publish a bot use the Bot Framework SDK to create a bot from a template

- [implement activity handlers and dialogs](#)
- [use Turn Context](#)
- [test a bot using the Bot Framework Emulator](#)
- [deploy a bot to Azure](#)

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