



## Modul 4: Storage Management Fundamentals

 { NTFS  
ReFS  
SMB }  
Storage Account

# Lesson 1: Volumes and file systems in Windows Server

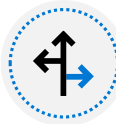


NTFS  
ReFS

# Volumes and file systems in Windows Server



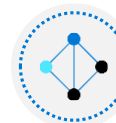
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Why use ReFS in Windows Server?



Overview of disk volumes



Overview of File Server Resource Manager



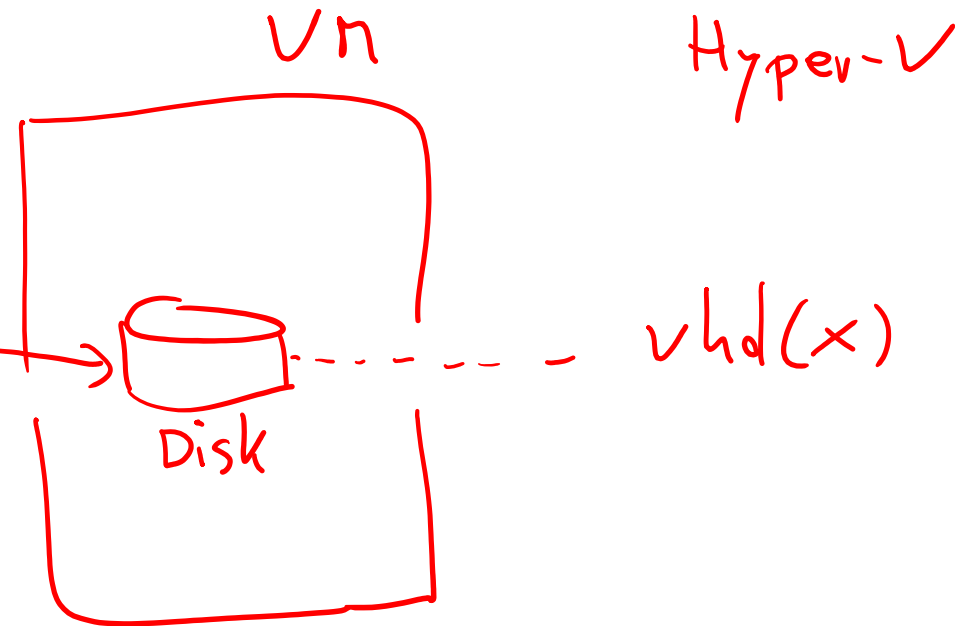
Manage permissions on volumes

# Overview of file systems in Windows Server

When selecting a file system, consider the differences between FAT, NTFS file system, and ReFS:

- FAT provides: *No Permissions*
  - Basic file system
  - Partition size limitations
  - FAT32 to enable larger disks
  - exFAT developed for flash drives
- NTFS provides:
  - Metadata
  - Auditing and journaling
  - Security (ACLs and encryption)

ReFS





# Overview of file systems in Windows Server

- ReFS provides:
  - Backward compatibility support for NTFS
  - Enhanced data verification and error correction
  - Support for larger files, directories, and volumes)

# Why use ReFS in Windows Server?

ReFS has many advantages over NTFS:

- Metadata integrity with checksums
- Integrity streams with user data integrity
- Allocation on write transactional model
- Large volume, file, and directory sizes ( $2^{78}$  bytes with 16 KB cluster size)
- Storage pooling and virtualization
- Data striping for performance and redundancy
- Disk scrubbing for protection against latent disk errors
- Resiliency to corruptions with recovery
- Shared storage pools across machines

storage spaces (HCI)



# Overview of disk volumes

When selecting a type of disk for use in Windows Server, you can choose between:

- Basic disk
- Dynamic disk

Regardless of which type of disk you use, you must configure the following volumes on one of the server's hard disks:

- System volumes
- Boot volumes



# Overview of disk volumes

In Windows Server, if you are using dynamic disks, you can create a number of different types of disk volumes:

- Simple volumes
- Spanned volumes
- Striped volumes
- Mirrored volumes
- RAID-5 volumes

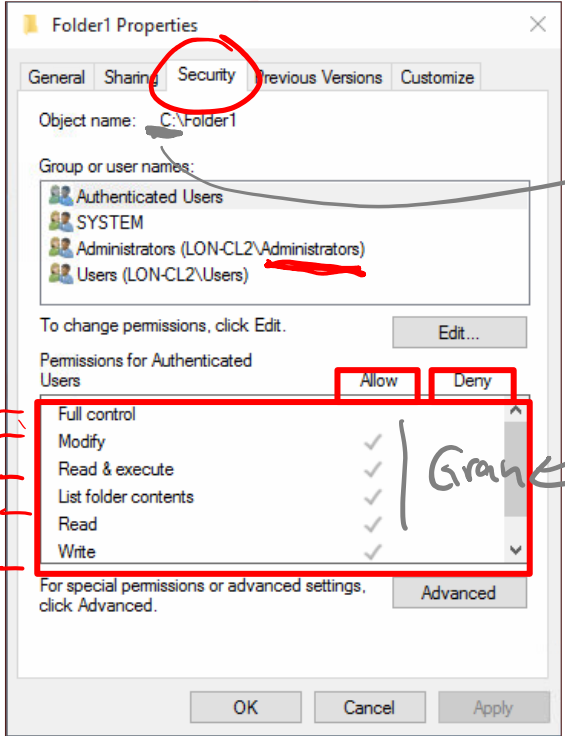


# Manage permissions on volumes

Control access on NTFS and ReFS file system:

- Can be added for groups, users, and computers:
  - Cumulative for group members
- Can be assigned to:
  - Files
  - Folders
  - Volumes (root folder)
- Permissions:
  - Allow
  - Deny (takes precedence)
- Basic and advanced

ACL Access Control List



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RBAC  
Role Based Access Control

# Lesson 2: Implementing sharing in Windows Server



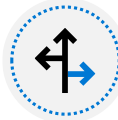
# Implementing sharing in Windows Server



What is SMB?

~~SMB 1~~

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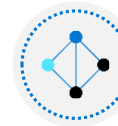
Configure SMB shares

C:\Folder1

Freigabe  
share



Best practices for sharing resources



Overview of NFS

\\SEA-SVR1\Folder1

\\Server\share

UNC

Universal Naming  
Convention

Server Message Blocks  
(SMB)



# What is SMB?

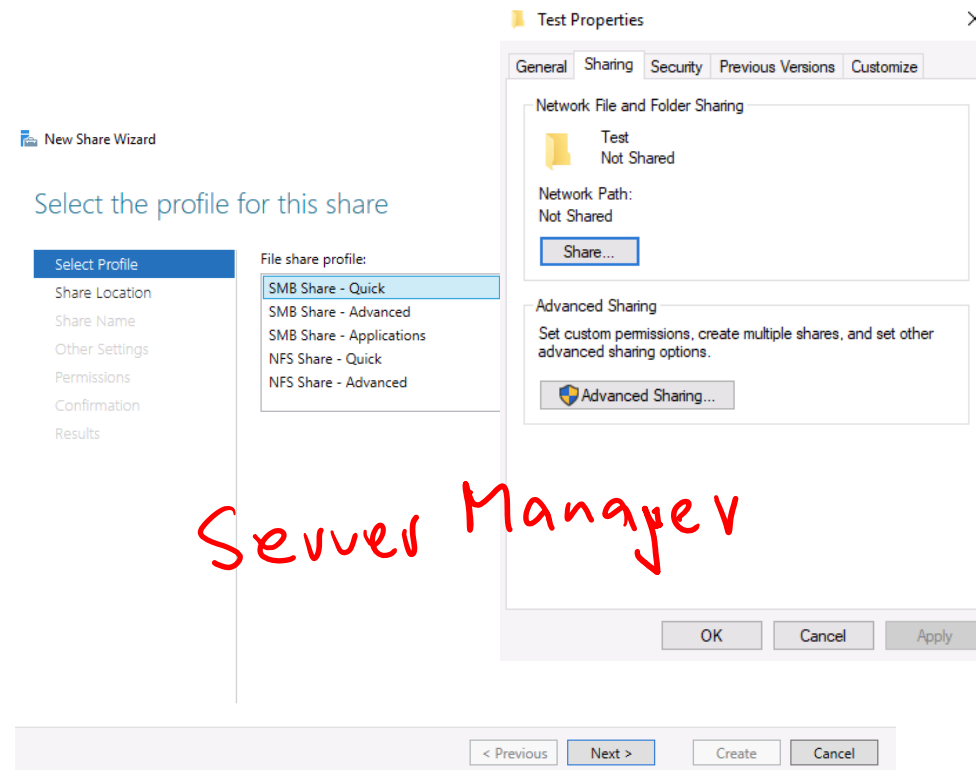
- SMB is the file-sharing protocol that Windows client and server operating systems use
- Each new version has additional features
- SMB 3.0 introduced large performance benefits
- SMB 3.0.2 added:
  - Scale-Out File Server
  - Removable SMB 1.x
- SMB 3.1.1 added:
  - Pre-authentication integrity
  - SMB encryption improvements
  - Cluster dialect fencing

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# Configure SMB shares

- File Manager
  - Network File and Folder Sharing
  - Advanced Sharing
- Server Manager
  - Quick
  - Advanced
  - Applications

Windows Explorer



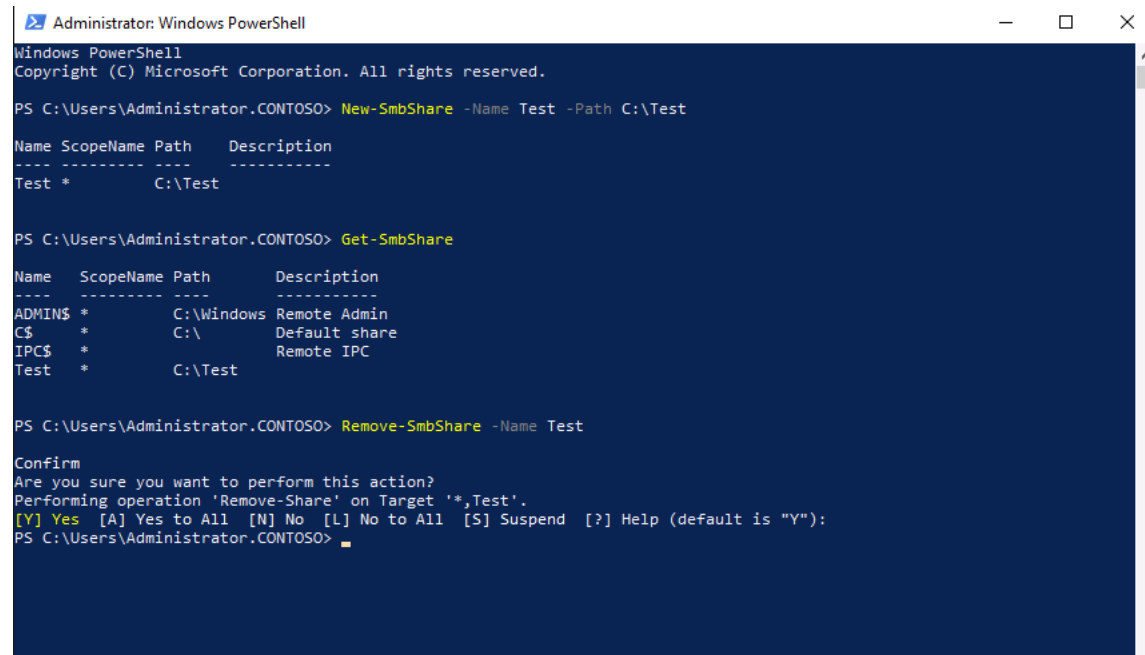
Server Manager

udev PS

# Configure SMB shares

- Windows PowerShell cmdlets for SMB share management:

- New-SmbShare
- Set-SmbShare
- Remove-SmbShare
- Get-SmbShare
- Get-SmbSession
- Get-SmbOpenFile
- Set-SmbBandwidthLimit



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO> New-SmbShare -Name Test -Path C:\Test

Name ScopeName Path Description
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Test * C:\Test

PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO> Get-SmbShare

Name ScopeName Path Description
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ADMIN$ * C:\Windows Remote Admin
C$ * C:\ Default share
IPC$ * Remote IPC
Test * C:\Test

PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO> Remove-SmbShare -Name Test

Confirm
Are you sure you want to perform this action?
Performing operation 'Remove-Share' on Target '*,Test'.
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"):
PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO>
```



# Overview of NFS

- NFS is a file system based on open standards
- Current version is 4.1
- Windows NFS components include:
  - Client for NFS
  - Server for NFS
- Support for Kerberos v5 authentication
- Primary uses for NFS:
  - Storage for VMware virtual machines
  - Sharing data across multiple operating systems
  - Sharing data across different IT infrastructures after a company merger



# Understanding SMB 3.1.1 protocol security

- Understanding SMB 3.1.1 protocol security
- SMB 3.1.1 encryption requirements
- Configuring SMB encryption on SMB shares
- Disabling SMB 1.0
- Walkthrough: Disabling SMB 1.0, and configuring SMB encryption on shares





# SMB 3.1.1 encryption requirements

Operating system	Windows 10 Windows Server 2016/19	Windows 8.1 Windows Server 2012 R2	Windows 8 Windows Server 2012	Windows 7 Windows Server 2008 R2	Windows Vista Windows Server 2008	Previous versions
Windows 10 Windows Server 2016/19	SMB 3.1.1	SMB 3.02	SMB 3.0	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.0.2	SMB 1.x
Windows 8.1 Windows Server 2012 R2	SMB 3.02	SMB 3.02	SMB 3.0	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.0.2	SMB 1.x
Windows 8 Windows Server 2012	SMB 3.0	SMB 3.0	SMB 3.0	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.0.2	SMB 1.x
Windows 7 Windows Server 2008 R2	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.1	SMB 2.0.2	SMB 1.x



# Configuring SMB encryption on SMB shares

Use Windows PowerShell to enable encrypted SMB:

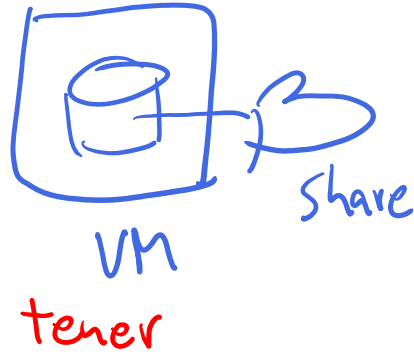
- For an existing file share:
  - **Set-SmbShare –Name <sharename> -EncryptData \$true**
- To encrypt all sharing on a file server:
  - **Set-SmbServerConfiguration –EncryptData \$true**
- To create a new SMB file share and enable SMB encryption simultaneously:
  - **New-SmbShare –Name <sharename> -Path <pathname> –EncryptData \$true**

# Disabling SMB 1.0 ✓

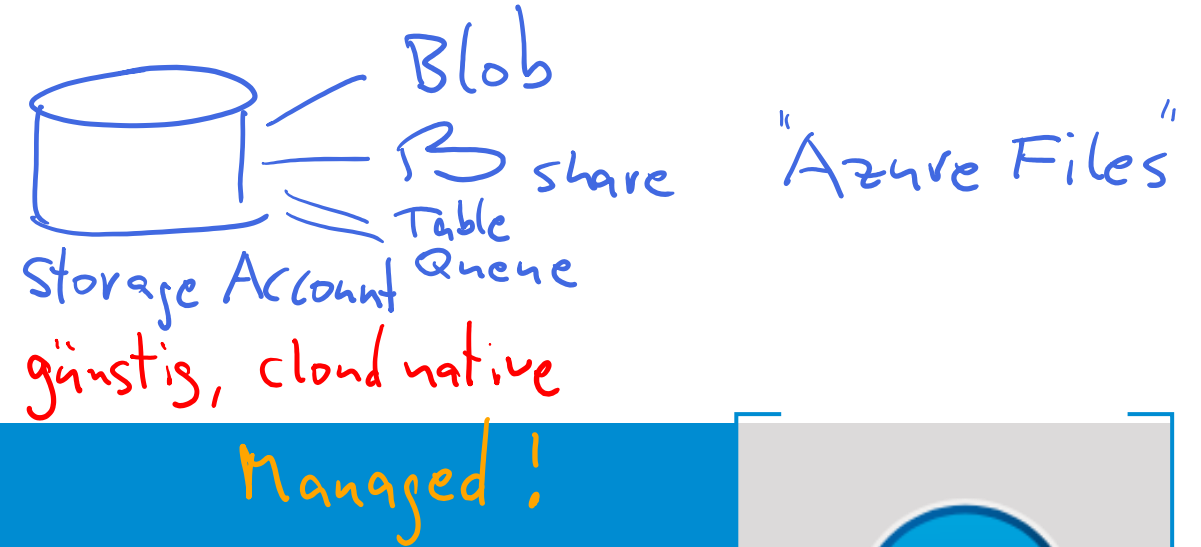
You can disable SMB 1.x support by using Windows PowerShell:

- For Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Vista, and Windows Server 2008:
  - **Set-ItemProperty -Path "HKLM:\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Parameters" SMB1 -Type DWORD -Value 0 -Force**
- For Windows 8/Windows Server 2012 or newer systems:
  - **Set-SmbServerConfiguration -EnableSMB1Protocol \$false**
- To uninstall SMB 1.x from Windows 8.1 and newer:
  - **Remove-WindowsFeature FS-SMB1**

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PaaS (Software Defined Storage)



## Lesson 3: Configure Storage Accounts



# Configure Storage Accounts Introduction



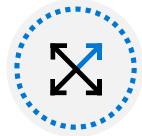
Implement Azure Storage



Explore Azure Storage Services



Determine Storage Account Kinds



Determine Replication Strategies



Access Storage



Secure Storage Endpoints

# Implement Azure Storage



A service that you can use to store files, messages, tables, and other types of information

Durable, secure, scalable,  
managed, accessible

Storage for virtual machines,  
unstructured data and  
structured data

Two tiers: Premium and  
Standard

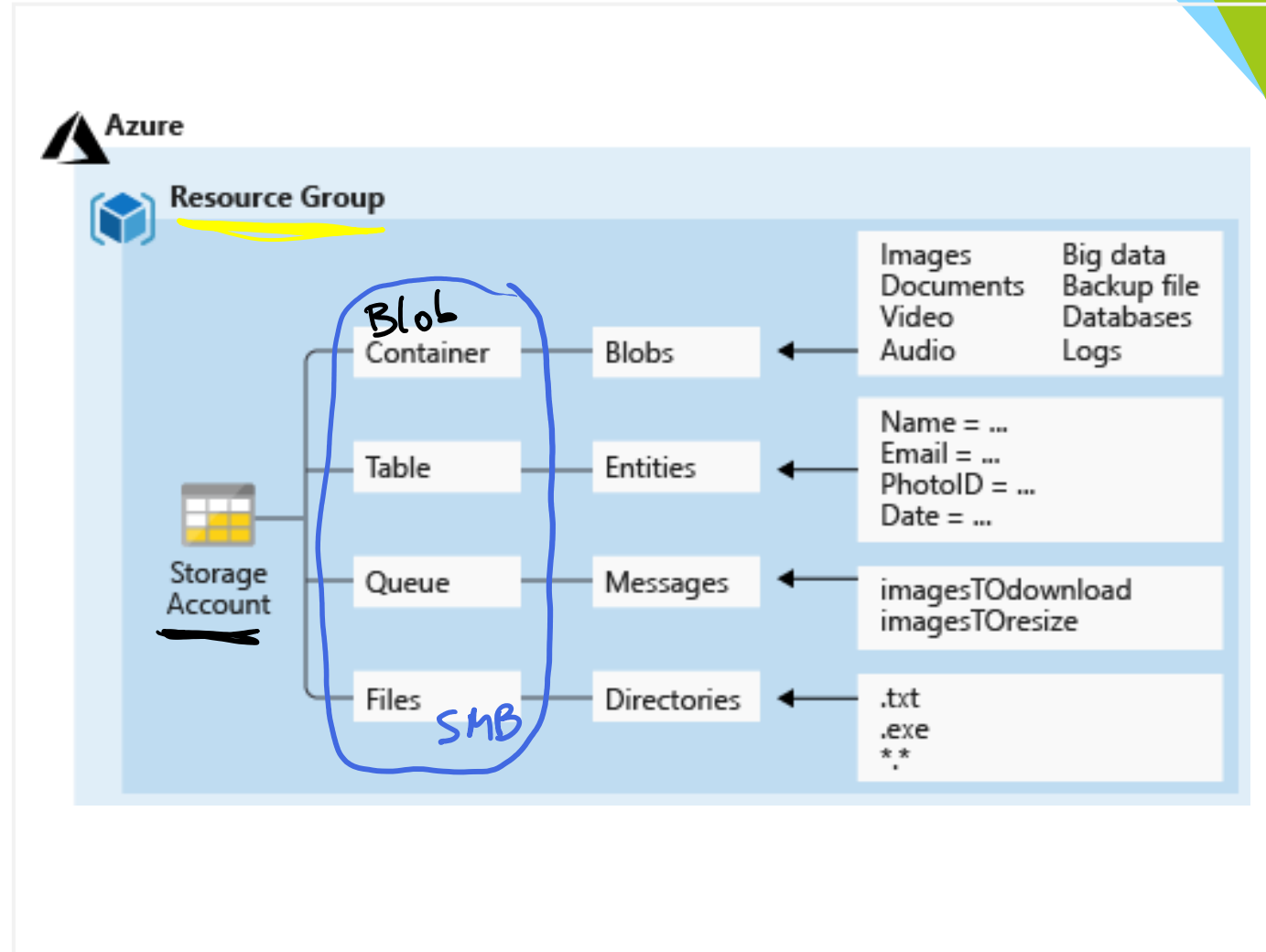
# Explore Azure Storage Services

Azure Containers: A massively scalable object store for text and binary data

Azure Tables: Ideal for storing structured, non-relational data

Azure Queues: A messaging store for reliable messaging between application components

Azure Files: Managed file shares for cloud or on-premises deployments





# Determine Storage Account Kinds

Storage Account	Recommended usage
Standard general-purpose v2	Most scenarios including Blob, File, Queue, Table, and Data Lake Storage.
Premium block blobs	Block blob scenarios with high transactions rates, or scenarios that use smaller objects or require consistently low storage latency.
Premium file shares	Enterprise or high-performance file share applications.
Premium page blobs	Premium high-performance page blob scenarios.



All storage accounts are encrypted using Storage Service Encryption (SSE) for data at rest



# Redundanz

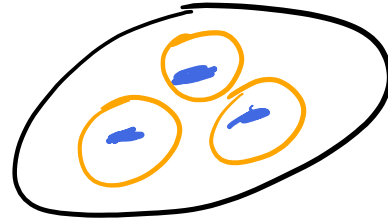
- Blobs  
Files  
Tables  
Queues



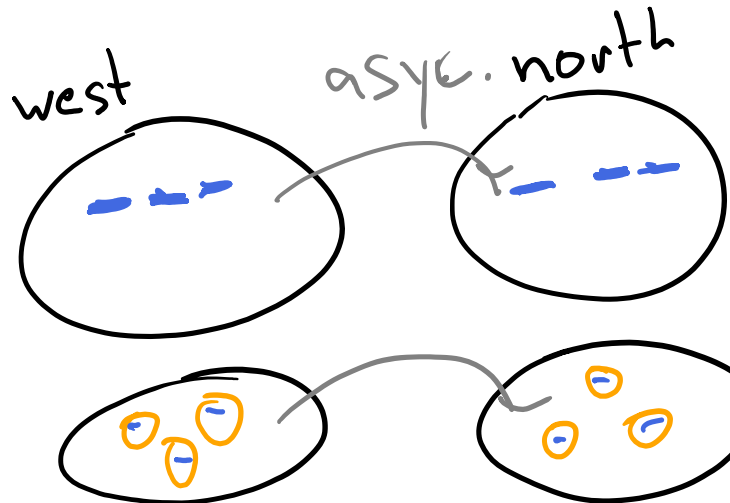
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LRS

Local Redundant Storage



○ Availability Zone  
ZRS

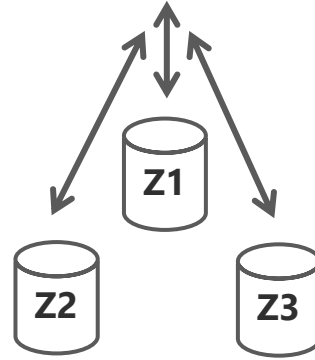
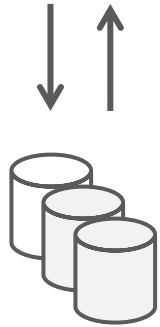


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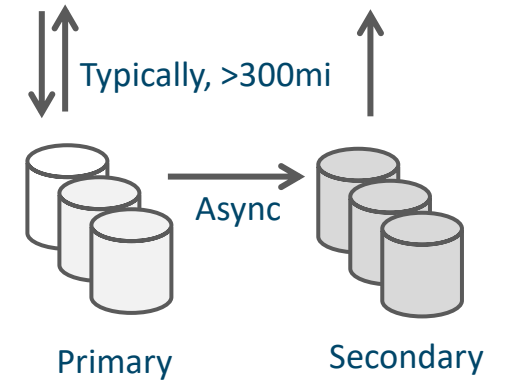
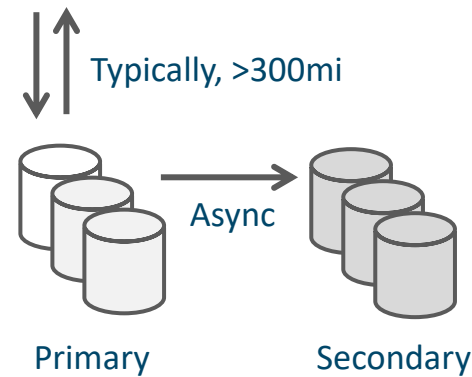
GZRS

# Determine Replication Strategies (1 of 2)

## Single region



## Multiple regions



### LRS

- Three replicas, one region
- Protects against disk, node, rack failures
- Write is acknowledged when all replicas are committed
- Superior to dual-parity RAID

### ZRS

- Three replicas, three zones, one region
- Protects against disk, node, rack, and zone failures
- Synchronous writes to all three zones

### GRS

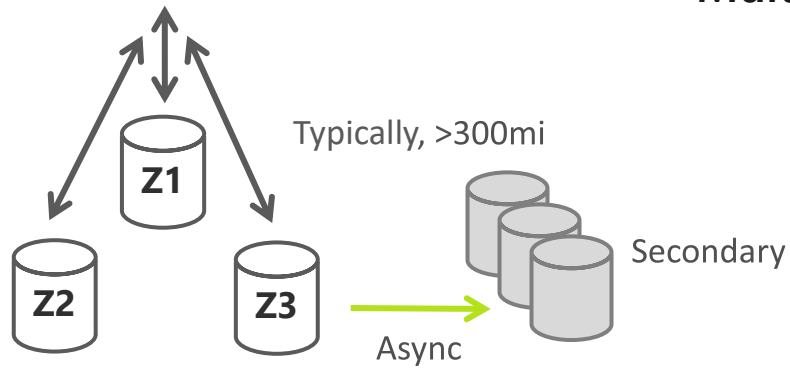
- Six replicas, two regions (three per region)
- Protects against major regional disasters
- Asynchronous copy to secondary

### RA-GRS

- GRS + read access to secondary
- Separate secondary endpoint
- Recovery point objective (RPO) delay to secondary can be queried

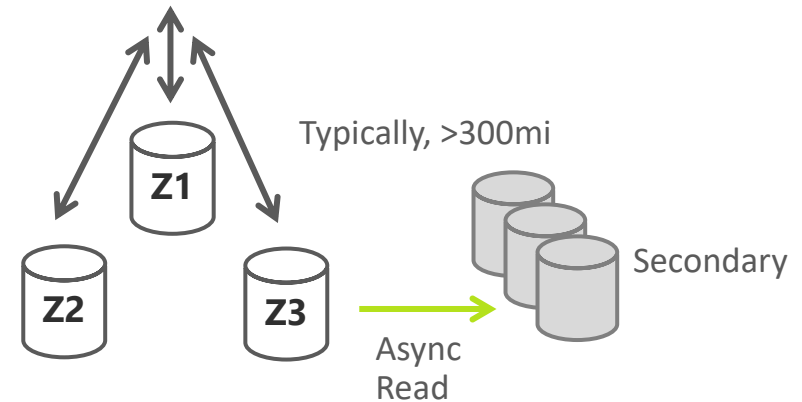
# Determine Replication Strategies (2 of 2)

## Multiple regions



### GZRS

- Six replicas, 3+1 zones, two regions
- Protects against disk, node, rack, zone, and region failures
- Synchronous writes to all three zones and asynchronous copy to secondary



### RA-GZRS

- GZRS + read access to secondary
- Separate secondary endpoint
- RPO delay to secondary can be queried

# Access Storage

Every object has a unique URL address – based on account name and storage type

Container service: `https://mystorageaccount.blob.core.windows.net`

Table service: `https://mystorageaccount.table.core.windows.net`

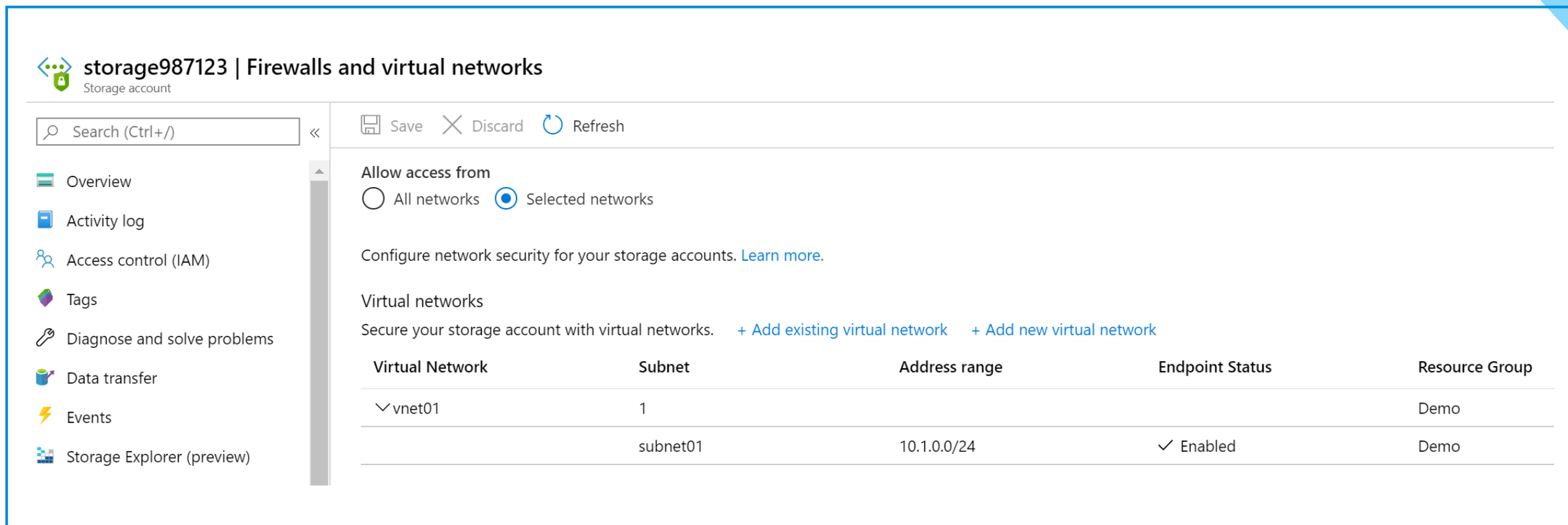
Queue service: `https://mystorageaccount.queue.core.windows.net`

File service: `https://mystorageaccount.file.core.windows.net`

If you prefer you can configure a custom domain name

CNAME record	Target
blobs.contoso.com	contosoblobs.blob.core.windows.net

# Secure Storage Endpoints



storage987123 | Firewalls and virtual networks  
Storage account

Search (Ctrl+/) << Save Discard Refresh

Allow access from  
☐ All networks ☒ Selected networks

Configure network security for your storage accounts. [Learn more.](#)

Virtual networks  
Secure your storage account with virtual networks. [+ Add existing virtual network](#) [+ Add new virtual network](#)

Virtual Network	Subnet	Address range	Endpoint Status	Resource Group
▼ vnet01	1			Demo
	subnet01	10.1.0.0/24	✓ Enabled	Demo

Firewalls and Virtual Networks restrict access to the Storage Account from specific Subnets on Virtual Networks or public IP's

Subnets and Virtual Networks must exist in the same Azure Region or Region Pair as the Storage Account

# Lesson 3: Configure Blob Storage



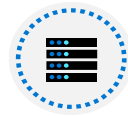
# Configure Blob Storage Introduction



Implement Blob Storage



Create Blob Containers



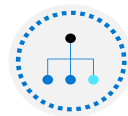
Create Blob Access Tiers



Add Blob Lifecycle Management Rules



Determine Blob Object Replication



Upload Blobs



Understand Storage Pricing



# Implement Blob Storage

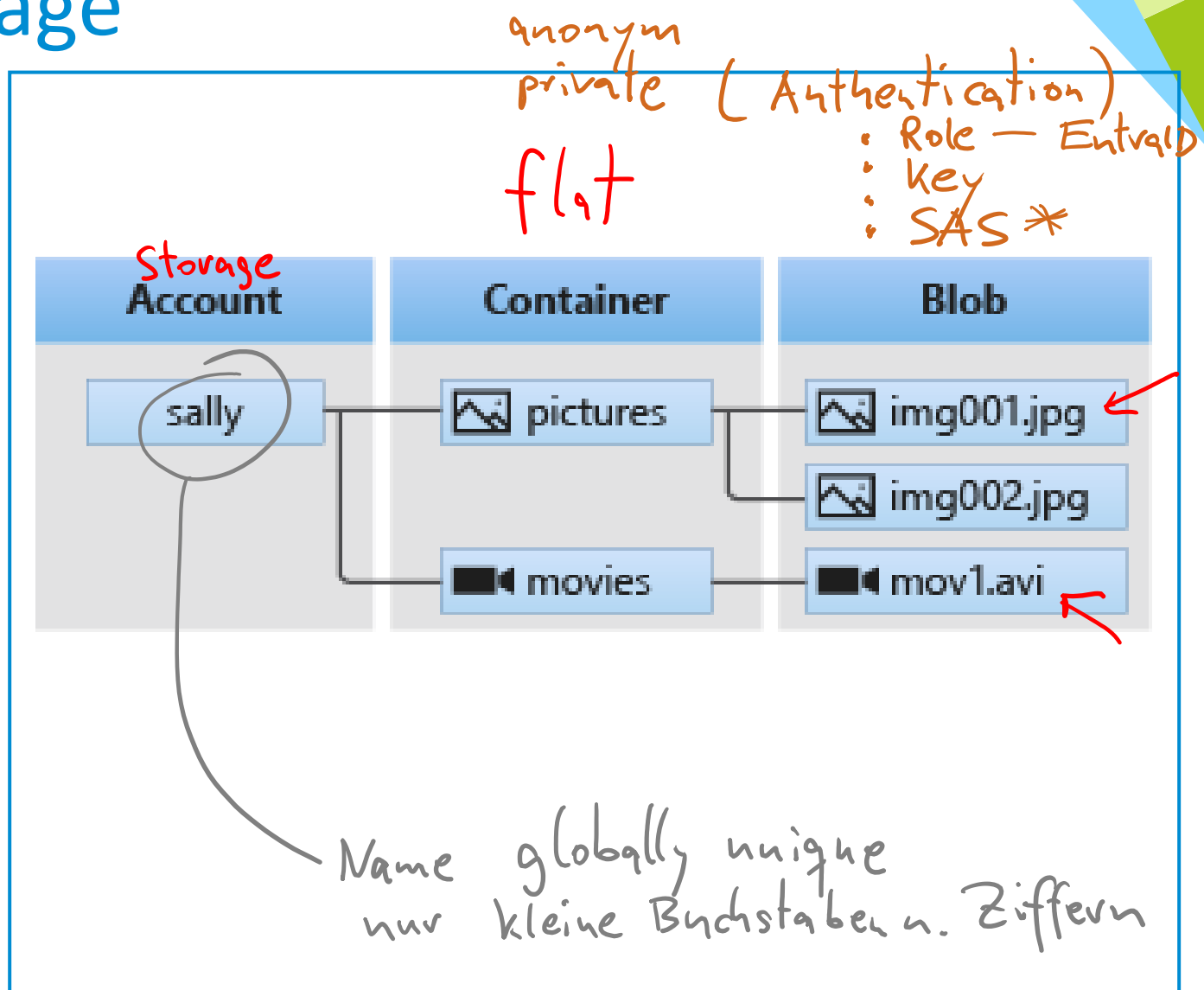
Stores unstructured data in the cloud

Can store any type of text or binary data

Also referred to as *object storage*

Common uses:

- Serving images or documents directly to a browser
- Storing files for distributed access
- Streaming video and audio
- Storing data for backup and restore, disaster recovery, archiving
- Storing data for analysis by an on-premises or Azure-hosted service





# Create Blob Containers

All blobs must be in a container

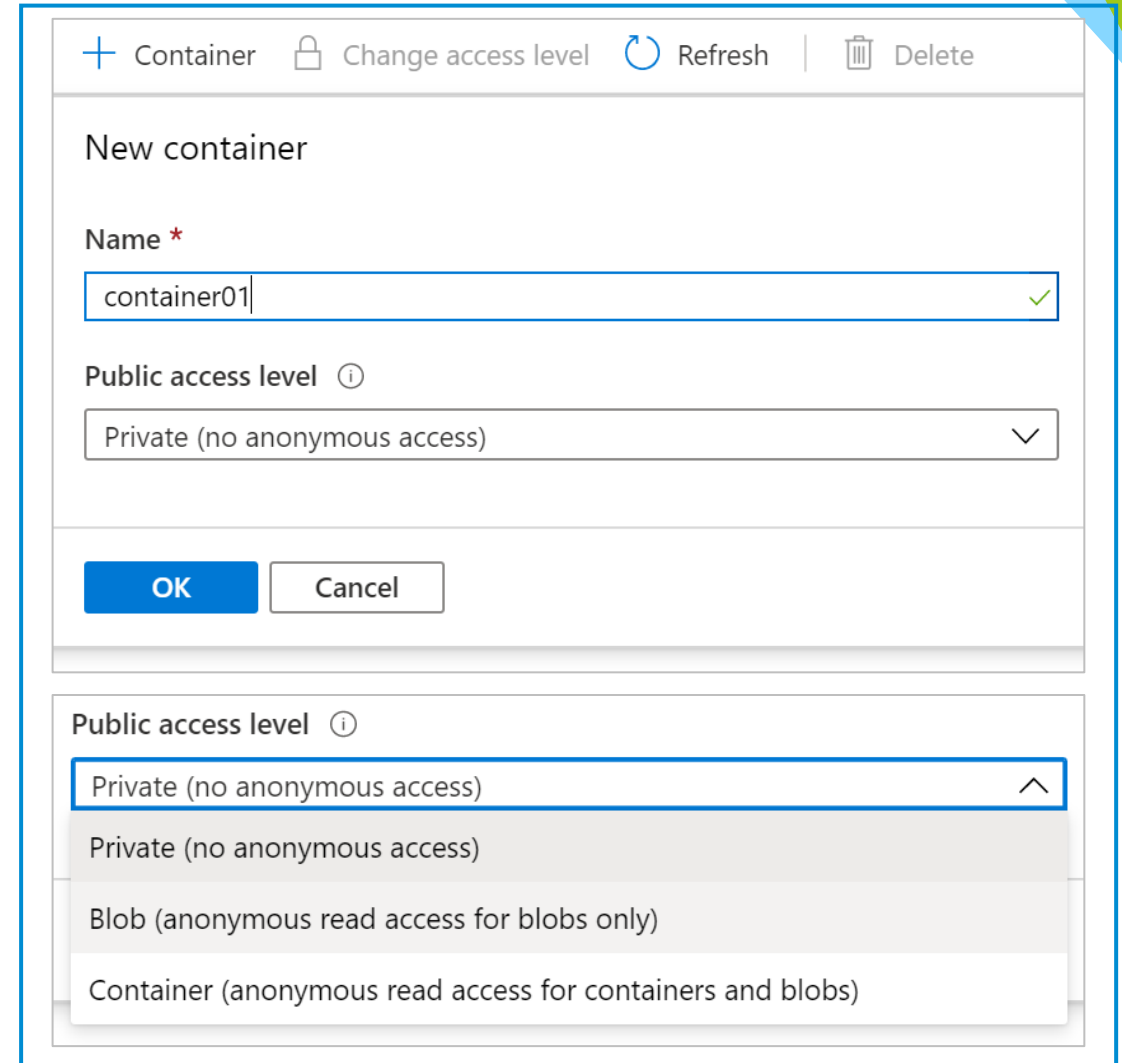
Accounts have unlimited containers

Containers can have unlimited blobs

**Private blobs** – no anonymous access

**Blob access** – anonymous public read access for blobs only

**Container access** – anonymous public read and list access to the entire container, including the blobs



The screenshot shows the 'New container' dialog box in the Azure portal. The dialog has a title bar with icons for '+ Container', 'Change access level', 'Refresh', and 'Delete'. The main content area is titled 'New container' and contains a 'Name' field with the text 'container01' and a green checkmark. Below the name field is a 'Public access level' dropdown menu with an information icon. The dropdown is currently set to 'Private (no anonymous access)'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'OK' button is highlighted in blue.

Public access level ⓘ

Private (no anonymous access) ^

Private (no anonymous access)

Blob (anonymous read access for blobs only)

Container (anonymous read access for containers and blobs)

# Create Blob Access Tiers

**Hot tier** – Optimized for frequent access of objects in the storage account

**Cool tier** – Optimized for storing large amounts of data that is infrequently accessed and stored for at least 30 days

**Archive** – Optimized for data that can tolerate several hours of retrieval latency and will remain in the Archive tier for at least 180 days

## Access Tier

Optimize storage costs by placing your data in the appropriate access tier.

Hot (Inferred)

Hot (Inferred)

Cool Cold

Archive



You can switch between these access tiers at any time

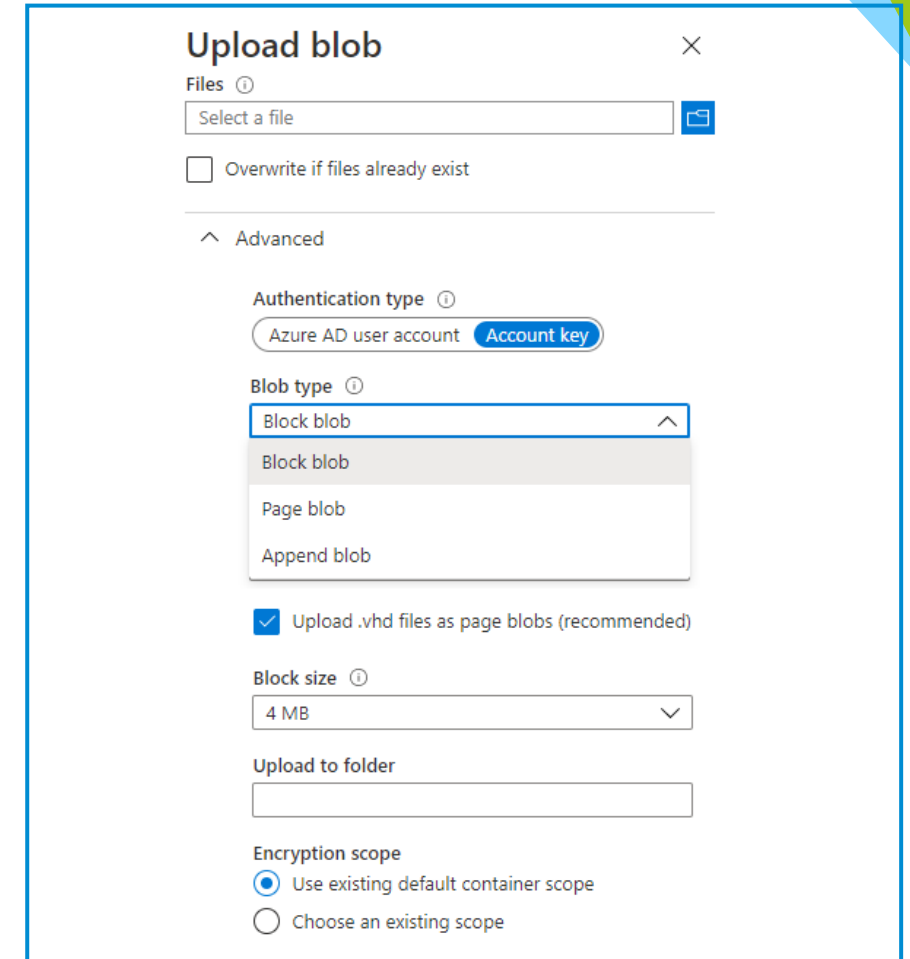
# Upload Blobs

Authentication type – Azure AD user account or Account key

Block blobs (default) – useful for storing text or binary files

Page blobs – more efficient for frequent read/write operations

Append blobs – useful for logging scenarios



The screenshot shows the 'Upload blob' dialog box with the following settings:

- Files:** A text input field with a file icon button.
- ☐ Overwrite if files already exist
- Advanced:**
  - Authentication type:** Two buttons: 'Azure AD user account' and 'Account key' (selected).
  - Blob type:** A dropdown menu showing 'Block blob' (selected), 'Block blob', 'Page blob', and 'Append blob'.
  - ☒ Upload .vhd files as page blobs (recommended)
  - Block size:** A dropdown menu showing '4 MB'.
  - Upload to folder:** An empty text input field.
  - Encryption scope:** Two radio buttons: 'Use existing default container scope' (selected) and 'Choose an existing scope'.

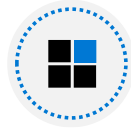


You cannot change a blob type once it has been created

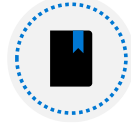
# Lesson 4: Configure Azure Files



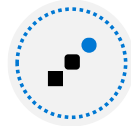
# Configure Azure Files



Compare Files to Blobs



Manage File Shares



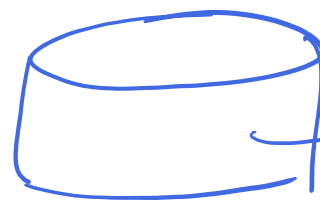
Create File Share Snapshots

# Compare Files to Blobs

Feature	Description	When to use
Azure Files	SMB interface, client libraries, and a REST interface that allows access from anywhere to stored files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lift and shift an application to the cloud</li><li>• Store shared data across multiple virtual machines</li><li>• Store development and debugging tools that need to be accessed from many virtual machines</li></ul>
Azure Blobs	Client libraries and a REST interface that allows unstructured data (flat namespace) to be stored and accessed at a massive scale in block blobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support streaming and random-access scenarios</li><li>• Access application data from anywhere</li></ul>

# Manage File Shares

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z:

File share quotas

Windows – ensure port 445 is open

Linux – mount the drive

MacOS – mount the drive

Secure transfer required – SMB 3.0 encryption

Windows Linux macOS

Drive letter

Z

To connect to this Azure file share from Windows, run these PowerShell commands from a normal (not elevated) PowerShell terminal:

```
$connectTestResult = Test-NetConnection -  
ComputerName storage987123.file.core.windows.net -  
Port 445  
if ($connectTestResult.TcpTestSucceeded) {  
    # Save the password so the drive will persist on reboot  
    cmd.exe /C "cmdkey  
    /add:`"storage987123.file.core.windows.net`"
```

This script will check to see if this storage account is accessible via TCP port 445, which is the port SMB uses. If port 445 is available, your Azure file share will be persistently mounted. Your organization or internet service provider (ISP) may block port 445, however you may use Azure [Point-to-Site \(P2S\) VPN](#), Azure [Site-to-Site \(S2S\) VPN](#), or [ExpressRoute](#) to tunnel SMB traffic to your Azure file share over a different port.

net use z // docs

# Create File Share Snapshots



 Add snapshot  Refresh  Delete

Name	Date created	Initiator
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020-03-12T00:58:38.0000000Z	3/11/2020, 8:58:38 PM	-

Incremental snapshot that captures the share state at a point in time

Is read-only copy of your data

Snapshot at the file share level, and restore at the file level

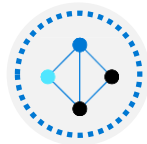
- Protection against application error and data corruption
- Protection against accidental deletions or unintended changes
- General backup purposes



# Lesson 4: Configure Azure Storage with Tools

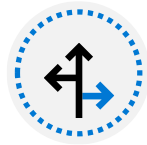


# Configure Azure Storage with Tools

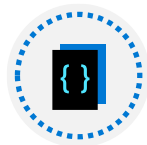


Use Azure Storage Explorer

GUI



Use the Import and Export Service



Use AzCopy

Command

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download  
install  
- windows  
- Linux  
- MacOS



# Use Storage Explorer

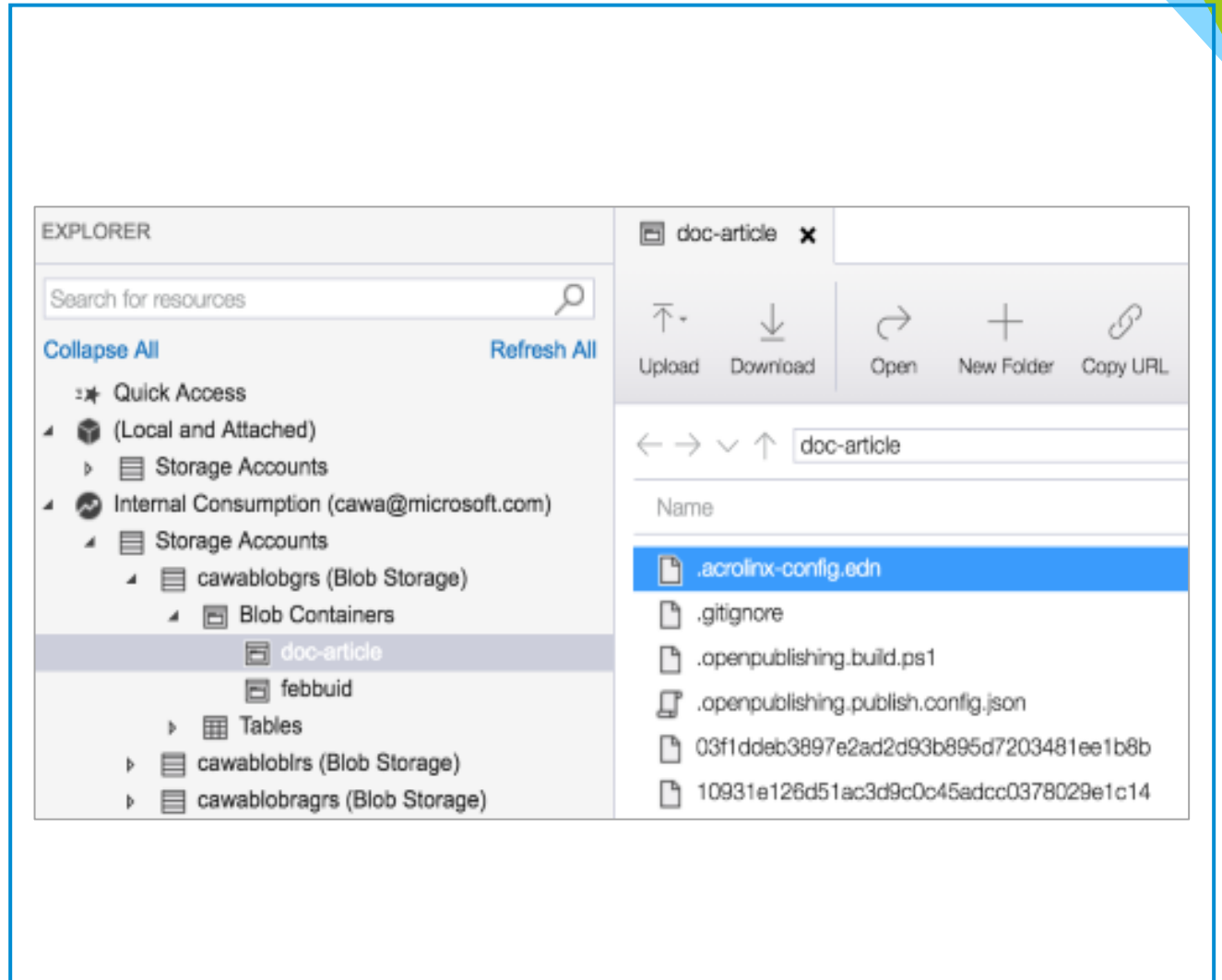
Access multiple accounts and subscriptions

Create, delete, view, edit storage resources

View and edit Blob, Queue, Table, File, Cosmos DB storage and Data Lake Storage

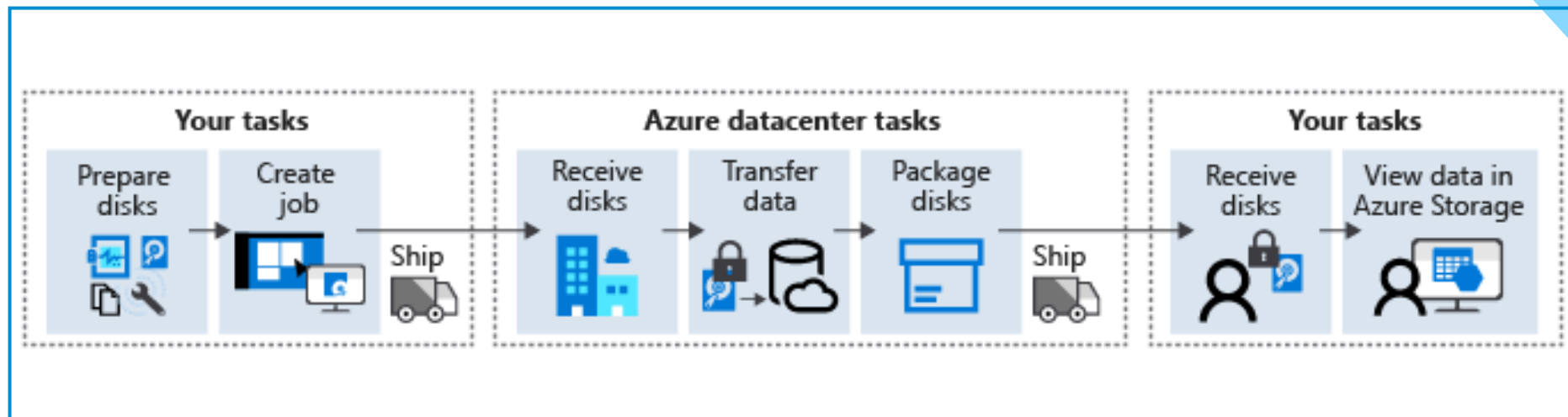
Obtain shared access signature (SAS) keys

Available for Windows, Mac, and Linux

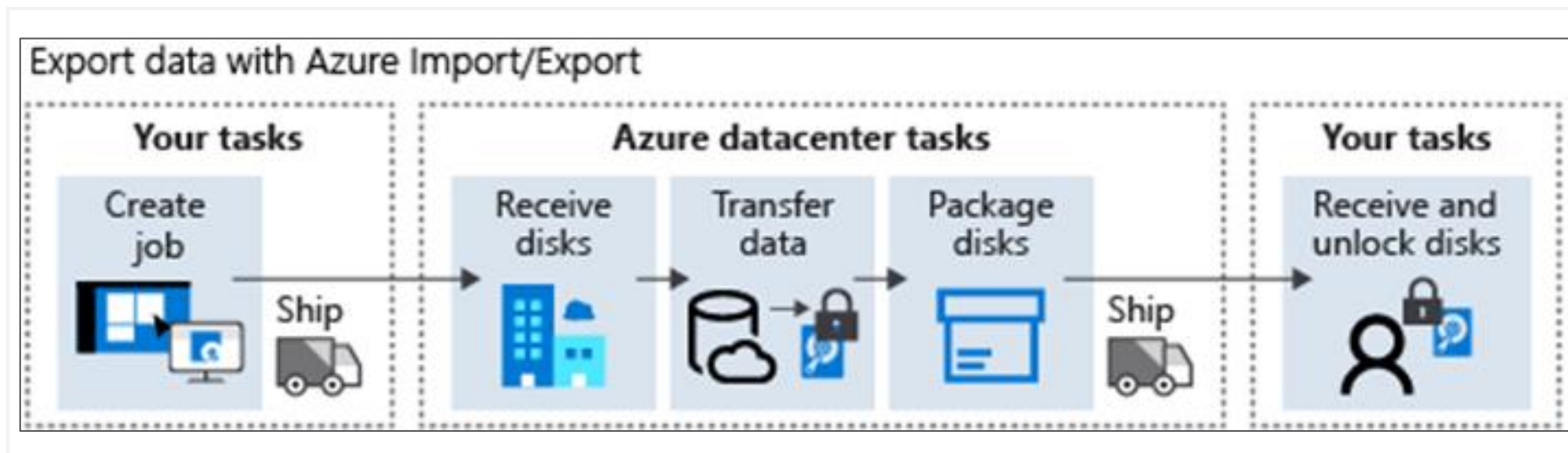


# Use the Import and Export Service

Import jobs move large amounts of data to Azure blob storage or files



Export jobs move large amounts of data from Azure blob storage (not files)



# Use AzCopy

```
azcopy copy [source] [destination] [flags]
```

Command line utility

Designed for copying data to and from Azure Blob, File, and Table storage

Available on Windows, Linux, and MacOS

Authentication options include Active Directory or SAS token

# Lab Storage

- 1) Storage Account
- 2) Blob Container  
"fotos"



Ein schönes Foto  
aus dem Internet

→ SAS  
URL austauschen ✓

- 3) Share "docs" →



Storage Account "sally"



SEA-ADM 1

z:

dir z:  
text document

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# The End