

Azure Container Apps



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Building cloud-native on Azure



What can you build with Azure Container Apps?



AUTO-SCALE CRITERIA

Individual microservices can scale independently using any KEDA scale triggers Scaling is determined by the number of concurrent HTTP requests Scaling is determined by the number of concurrent HTTP requests Scaling is determined by the number of messages in the queue Scaling is determined by the level of CPU or memory load

How does ACA compare to AKS?





Core value proposition	Managed Kubernetes cluster in Azure with full access to the Kubernetes API server and high level of control over cluster configuration with a node-based pricing model	Fully-managed serverless abstraction on top of Kubernetes infrastructure, purpose built for managing and scaling event-driven microservices with a consumption-based pricing model
Optimized for	 Upstream feature parity with a managed control plane Operations flexibility with advanced customization Experienced Kubernetes operators 	 Platform-as-a-Service experience with serverless scale Developer productivity with low operations overhead Linux-based, general-purpose stateless containers
Interaction model	 Operators deploy node-based AKS clusters using Azure Portal, CLI or Infrastructure-as-Code templates (IaC) Developers deploy containers via Kubernetes deployment manifests or HELM charts to logically-isolated namespaces within the cluster 	 Developers deploy containers as individual Container Apps using Azure Portal, CLI or IaC templates without any Kubernetes manifests required Related container apps are deployed to a shared Container Apps environment comparable to a Kubernetes namespace
 Provides a set of cluster extensions and add-ons for operators to enable OSS components in-cluster including Dapr, KEDA, Open Service Mesh, GitOps (Flux), Pod Identity, etc. Supports manual installation via Kubernetes manifests 		 Includes opinionated platform capabilities powered by CNCF projects including Dapr, KEDA and Envoy which are fully platform-managed and supported Envoy: managed ingress and traffic splitting KEDA: managed, event-driven autoscale Dapr: codified best practices for microservices

Demo Getting started



Environments

Environments define an isolation and observability boundary around a collection of container apps deployed in the same virtual network

Container app 1		
Revision 1	Revision 2	
Replica	Replica	
Container(s)	Container(s)	
Container app 2		
Revision 1	Revision 2	
Replica	Replica	
Container(s)	Container(s)	

Revisions

Revisions are immutable version snapshots of a container app

Container app 1 Multi-revision mode		
Revision 1	Revision 2	
Replica	Replica	
Container(s)	Container(s)	
Container app 2 Single-revision mode		
Revision 1		
Replica Container(s)		

Container Apps

A Container App hosts a single, independent microservice and includes its desired state configuration

Container app 1	
Revision 1	Revision 2
Replica	Replica
Container(s)	Container(s)
Container app 2	
Revision 1	Revision 2
Replica	Replica

Replicas

Replicas are the unit of scale in container apps, with the default replica count being 0

Container app 1	
Revision 1	Revision 2
Replica	Replica
Container(s)	Container(s)
Container app 2	
Revision 1	Revision 2
Replica	Replica
Container(s)	Container(s)

Containers

Containers in Azure Container Apps can use any development stack of your choice

Container app 1	
Revision 1	Revision 2
ReplicaReplicaContainer(s)Container(s)	ReplicaReplicaContainer(s)Container(s)
Container app 2	
Revision 1	Revision 2
Replica Container(s)	Replica Container(s)

Logging

Containers write logs to standard output or standard error streams surfaced via Log Analytics

Environment

Container app 1	
Revision 1	Revision 2
Replica	Replica
Container(s)	Container(s)
stderr/stdout	stderr/stdout
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	og Analytics



Demo Getting from local machine to the cloud

github.com/vrhovnik/conf24-2023-aca-demos



Microservice development challenges

- How do I **integrate with external systems** that my app has to react and respond to?
- How do I create event driven apps which reliably send events from one service to another?
- How do I create **long running**, **stateful services** that can recover from failures?
- How do I observe the calls and events between my services to diagnose issues in production?
- How do I **discover other services** and call methods on them?
- How do I **secure communication** between services?
- How do I **prevent committing to a technology** early and have the flexibility to swap out an alternative based on project or environment changes?

Microservices using any language or framework Any cloud or edge infrastructure



Distributed Application Runtime

Portable, event-driven, runtime for building distributed applications across cloud and edge



C Google Cloud

Alibaba Cloud

🛞 kubernetes

On-premises

Hosting infrastructure

aws

Azure Arc

Microsoft Azure



State management

Dapr provide apps with state management capabilities for CRUD operations, transactions and more

Container App A



POST http://localhost:3500/v1.0/state/orders

Demo Dapr usage



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