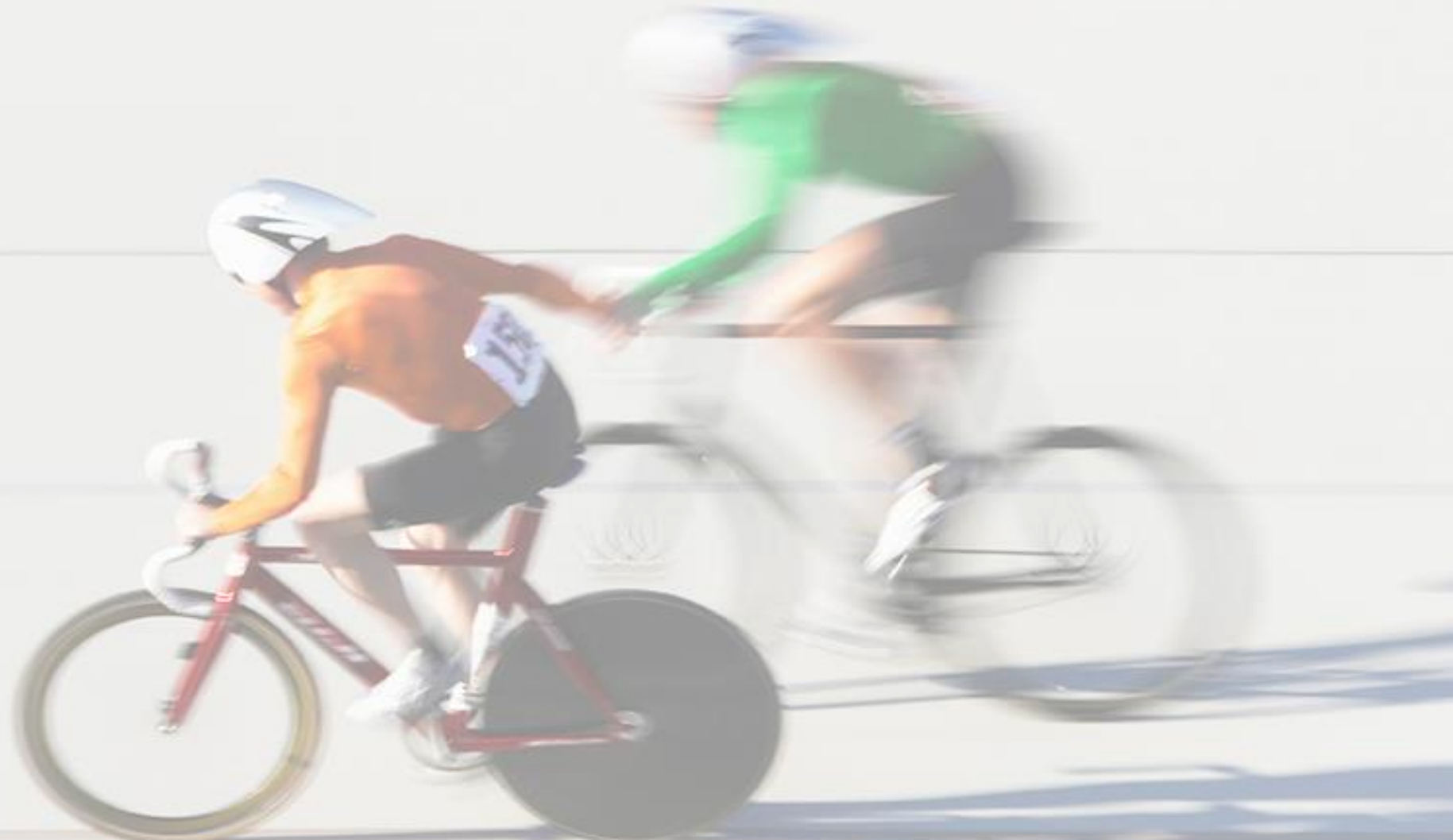


# New challenges **NEW IDEAS**



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# Azure Files with Sync

MIGRATE YOUR LOCAL FILESERVER TO THE CLOUD

## How long?

Up to 1hr

## What's the agenda?

Quick Intro Azure Files

Live demo

Q&A



## 4 MAJOR CHALLENGES IN A CLASSIC ON-PREMISE FILESERVER:



### MULTI-SITE

Making data available very quickly across multiple locations entails the necessary complexity.



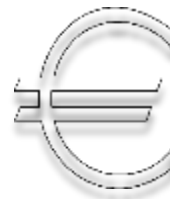
### INACTIVE DATA

takes up the majority of your storage capacity on your file and backup server.



### AVAILABILITY

Usually at least one fileserver is needed per site, but what if it fails?



### PRICE

Storage for file servers, its backup(s) and maintenance is not cheap.



# SESSION OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Simplify file share management by leveraging cloud
- ❑ Leverage snapshots and backup to protect your data
- ❑ Use Azure Files Sync to utilize cloud and reduce costs
- ❑ Retain on premises access and performance with Sync



# WHAT IS AZURE STORAGE?



# AZURE STORAGE SERVICES

IaaS



Storage



Virtual machines



Networking

PaaS



Existing frameworks



Web and mobile



Microservices



Serverless Compute

## Disks

Persistent disks for Azure IaaS VMs

Standard Storage Disks: Magnetic disk based, low IOPS, moderate latency

Premium Storage Disks: SSD based, high IOPS, low latency

Managed Disks

## Files

Fully Managed File Shares in the Cloud

SMB and REST access

“Lift and shift” legacy apps

## Blobs

Highly scalable, REST based cloud object store

Block Blobs: Sequential I/O, Hot, Cool and Archive Tiers

Page Blobs: Random-write pattern data

Append Blobs

## Tables

Massive auto-scaling NoSQL store

Dynamic scaling based on load

Scale to PBs of table data

Fast key/value lookups

## Queues

Reliable queues at scale for cloud services

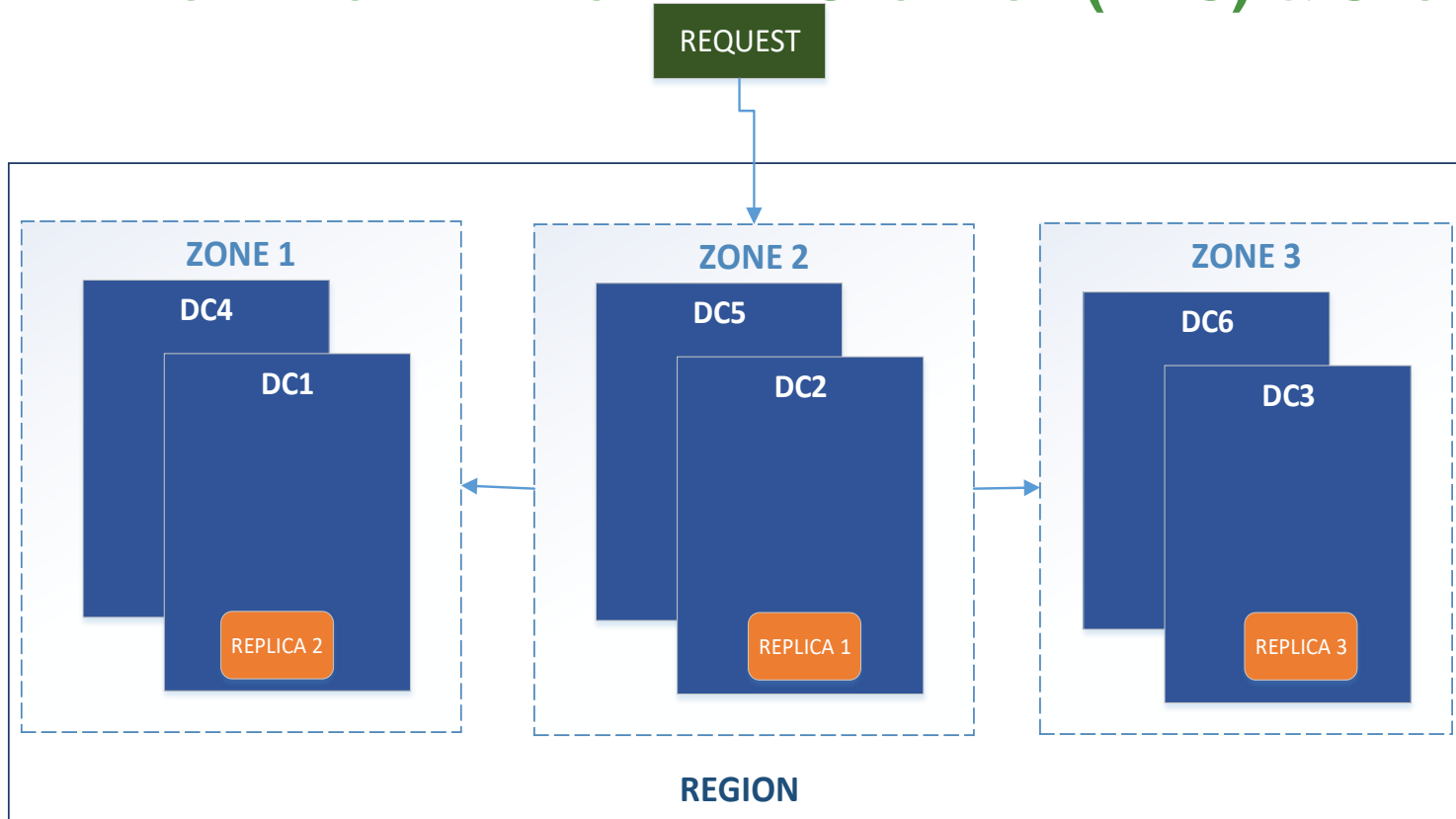
Decouple and scale components

Message visibility timeout and update message to protect against unreliable dequeuers

Built on a unified Distributed Storage System

Durability, Encryption at Rest, Strongly Consistent Replication, Fault Tolerance, Auto Load-Balancing

# AZURE ZONE REDUNDANT STORAGE (ZRS) & STORAGE REDUNDANCY



- ✓ Read / write resilience to single cluster/ datacenter unavailability
- ✓ Support for Blob, Table, File, Queue Storage

Synchronous data replication across Azure Availability Zones within region

**LRS**  
Local-redundant storage  
Lowest cost storage

**ZRS**  
Zone-redundant storage  
Resilience to datacenter outage

**GRS**  
Geo-redundant storage  
Resilience to regional outage

**GZRS**  
Geo-zone-redundant storage  
GRS + Read accessible secondary

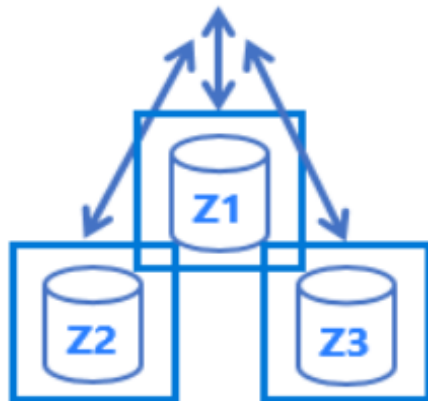
# Azure Storage Durability Options

## Single Region



### LRS

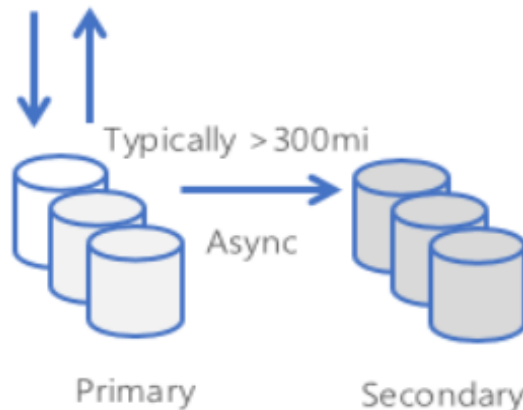
- 3 copies of data within a data centre, in a single region
- At least 99.999999999 (11 9's) of durability
- Protect against rack/drive failures



### ZRS

- 3 copies of data across 3 different Zones
- At least 99.9999999999 (12 9's) of durability
- Protect against DC/Zone failures

## Dual Region



### GRS/RA-GRS

- 6 copies of data- 3 in the primary GEO and other 3 in the secondary paired GEO
- At least 99.99999999999999 (16 9's) of durability
- Protect against regional failures





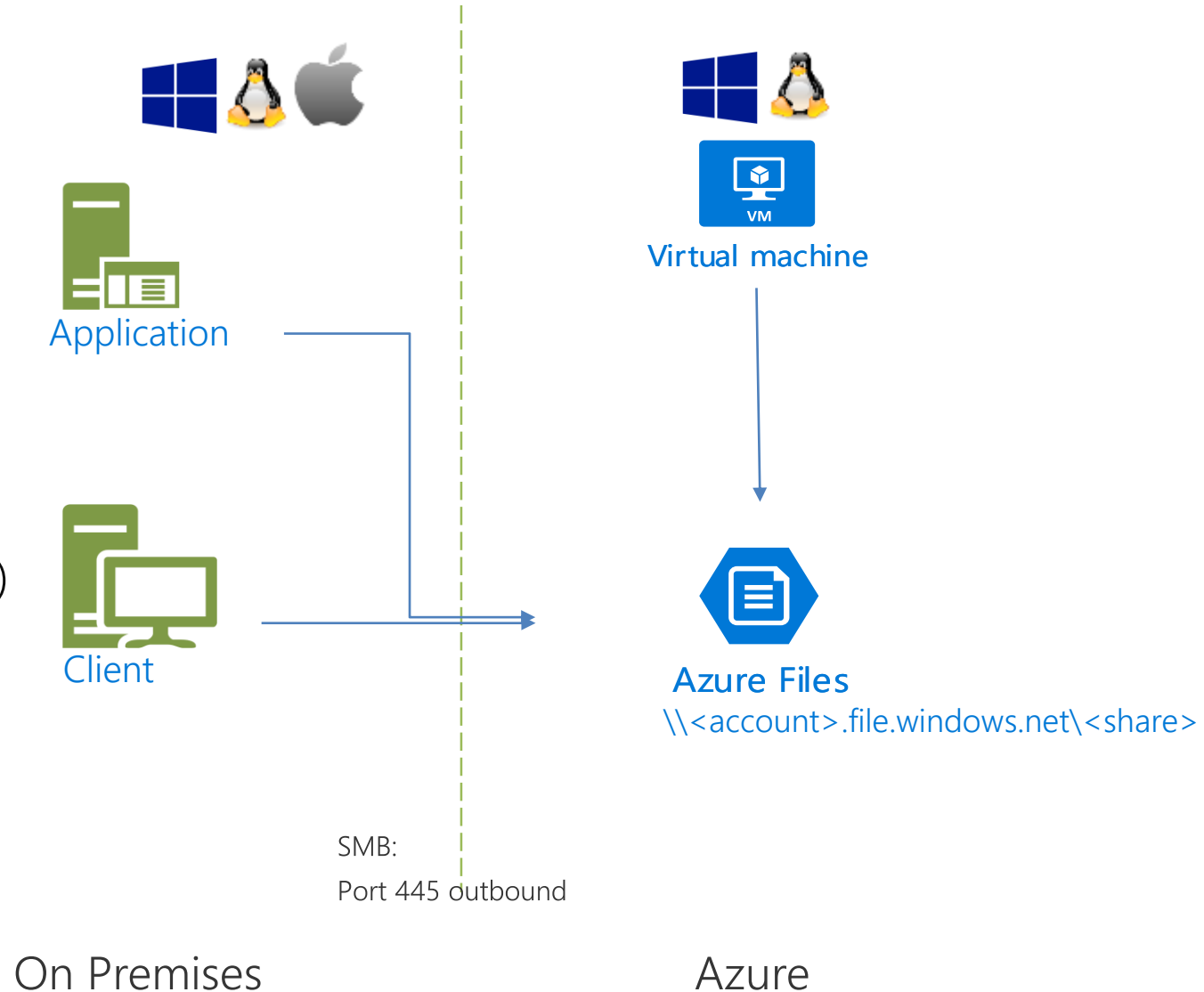


# WHAT IS AZURE FILES?



# AZURE FILES

- ✓ Lift and Shift
- ✓ Variety of clients/protocols
  - SMB 2.1, 3.0, REST
  - Windows, Linux, Mac OS
  - Azure and on premises access
- ✓ Secure
  - Encryption at rest
  - Secure communication over SMB (TCP/445)
- ✓ Sync
  - Multi-site access
- ✓ Performance
  - 100K IOPS on Premium shares



## TOP SCENARIOS

Multi-site sync

Keep data available across multiple locations

User profiles VDI

Save your WVD user profiles on a central share (supports FSLogix Profile Container)

Hot / Cool File Shares

Hot file shares for most general-purpose workloads, Cool file shares is useful for data to be stored for long term access without compromising instant access.

Integrated cloud backup

Point-in-time recovery and retention policies without redundant data transfer (incremental snapshots and backup policies). Restore files or complete shares

Performance Shares

100K IOPS with a target egress rate of 6 GiB/s and ingress rate of 4 GiB/s for 100 TiB premium shares



## TOP SCENARIOS

Lift & Shift

Lift & Shift share management

Direct cloud access

SMB access on TCP 445 or REST access

Secure delegated access

Secure delegated access to resources in your storage account, without compromising the security of your data, with shared access signatures (SAS)

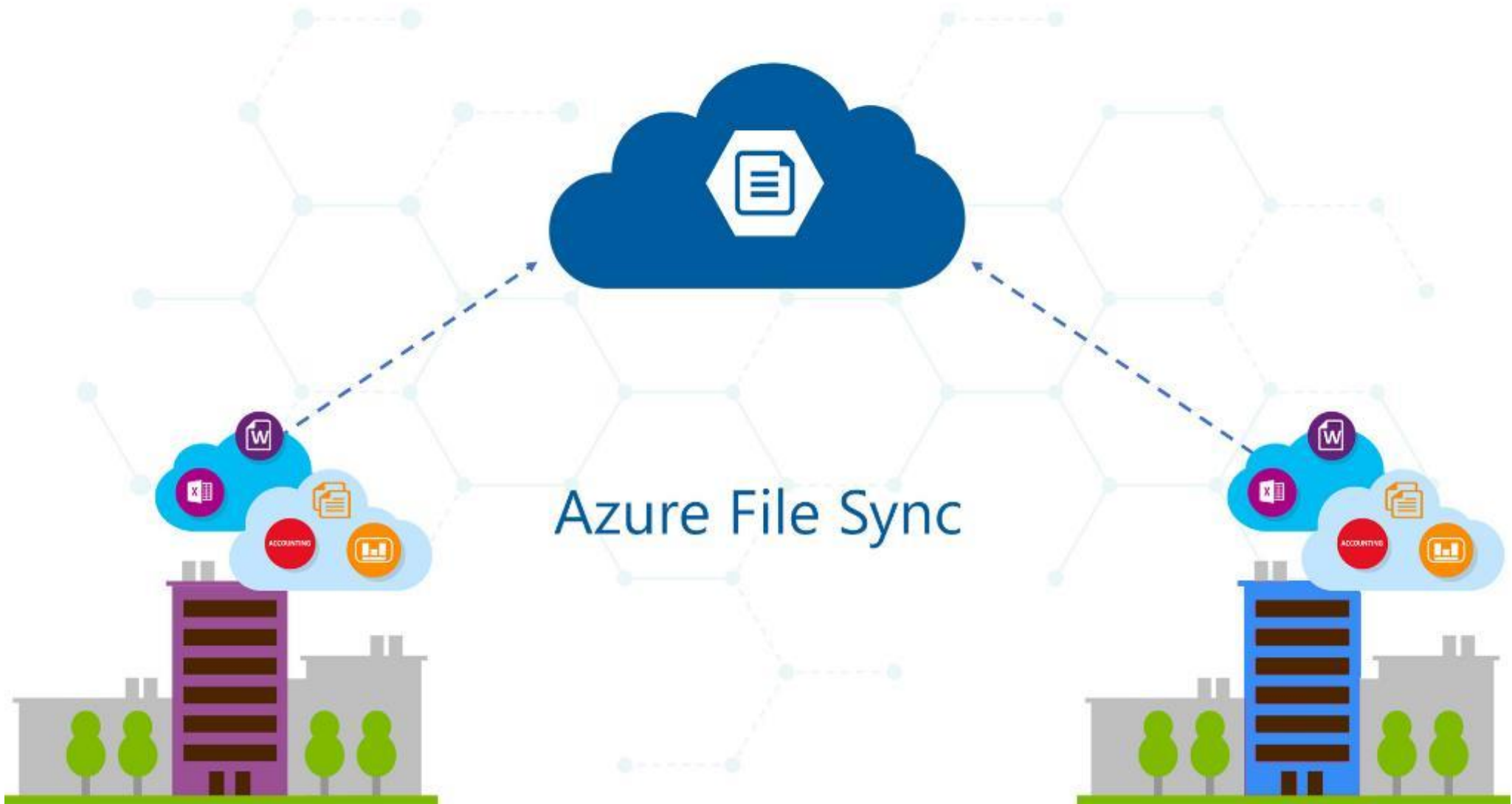
Highly available FTP

99,99+ (redundancy) for maximum uptime & availability

Scale-In/Out Storage

Pay as you need storage, scale in & out as needed.





## Features

### Cloud tiering

Turn a server into a lightweight, performance cache for Azure Files with the Azure File Sync Agent

### Identity

Retain your Share names & Access Control Lists, authenticate from Active Directory on premises or use Azure Active Directory

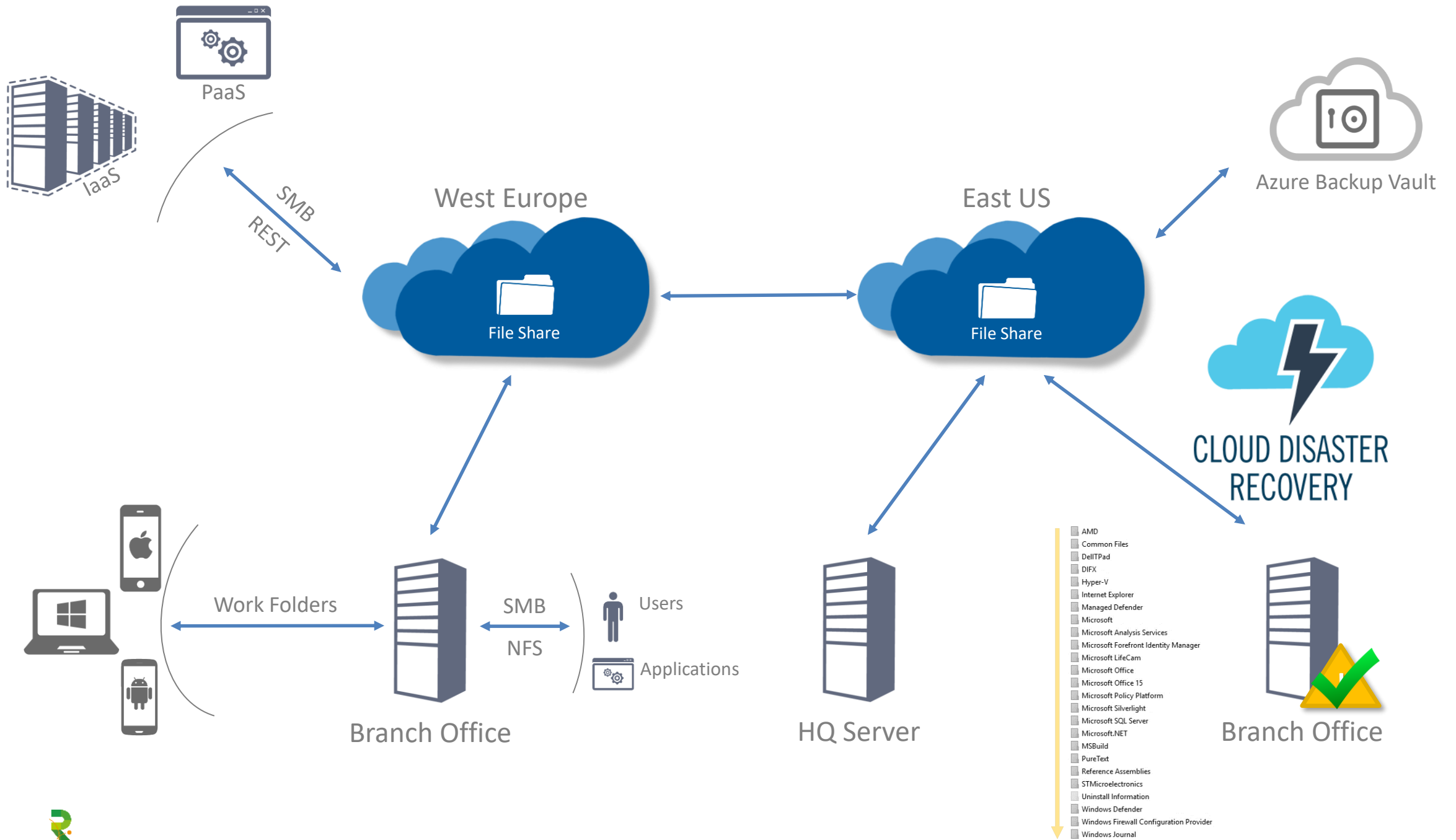
### Anti-Ransomware

Snapshots & backup policies restore your files, folders and complete shares

### Disaster Recovery

Up and running, as fast as logging into the Azure File Sync Agent on a new server.







# BACKUPS & SNAPSHOTS



## FILE SHARE BACKUPS

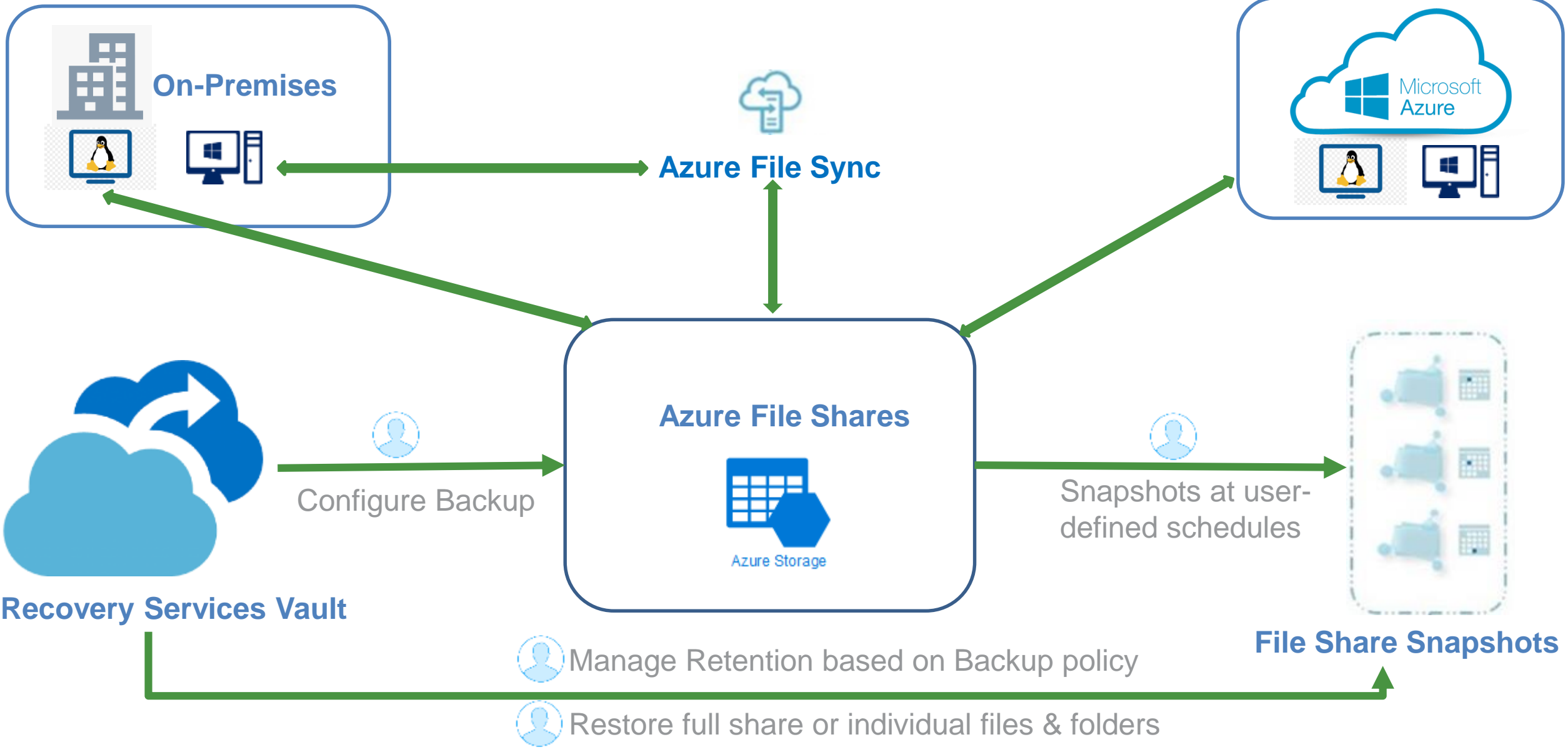
- Configure backup policies (Backups based on snapshots)
- Retention up to 120 days
- Restore shares or individual files
- Pay per storage account backed up



## FILE SHARE SNAPSHOTS

- Protect against accidental deletion or application errors
- Pay for incremental data stored
- Create, list, view, or restore using Portal, PowerShell, CLI or REST API





Simple Configuration



Zero Infrastructure



Flexible Backup Policy



File and Folder Level Restores



Sync-Aware Restores



Accidental-Delete Protection

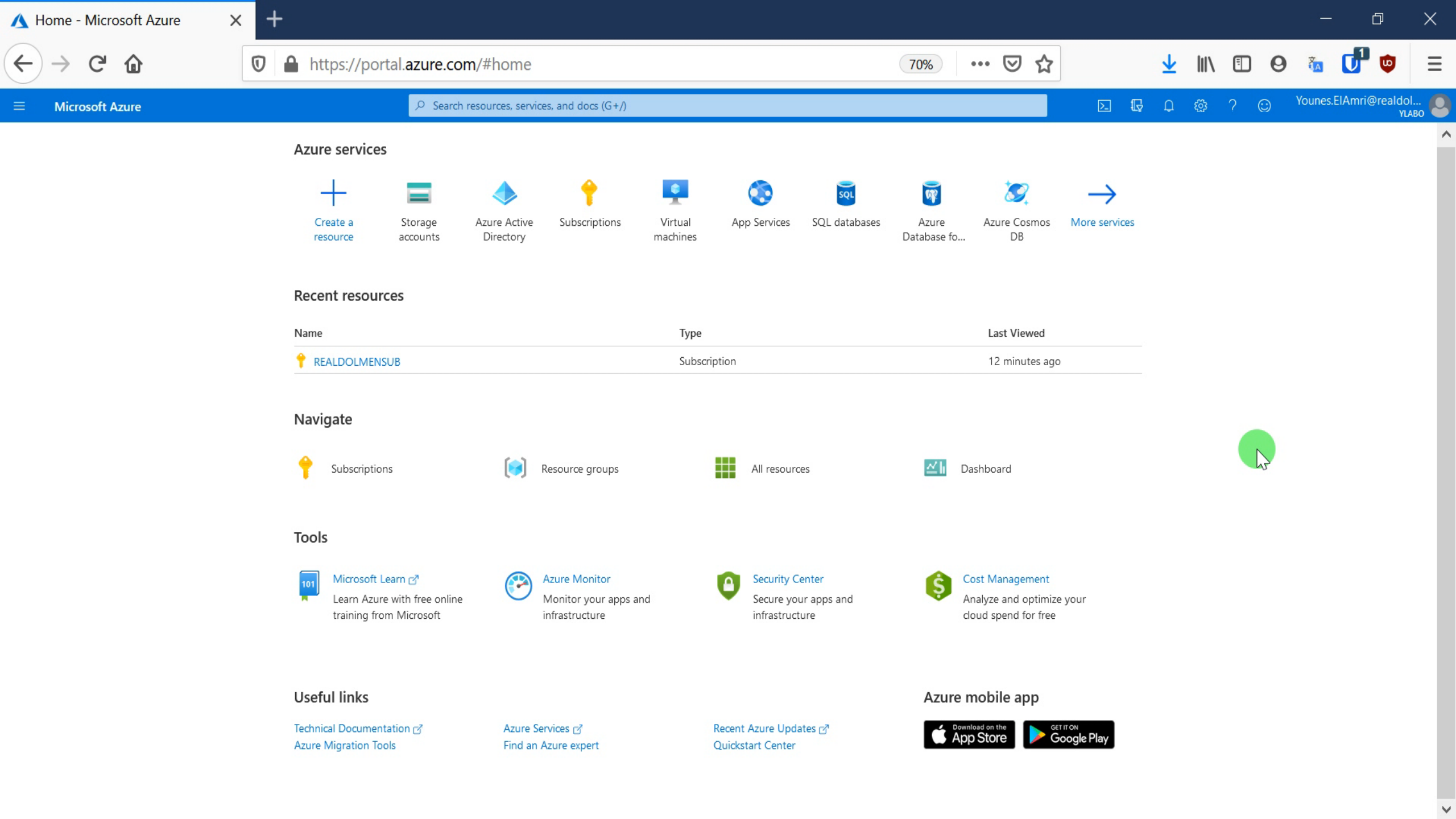


# DEMO

1. Create storage account
2. Create Azure File Share
3. Direct SMB access
4. File Share with Azure File Sync Agent
5. Create a snapshot
6. Create a backup (policy)
7. Restore file from snapshot
8. Recovery Services – File recovery
9. Recovery Services – Full share recovery

# CREATE A STORAGE ACCOUNT





### Azure services

- Create a resource
- Storage accounts
- Azure Active Directory
- Subscriptions
- Virtual machines
- App Services
- SQL databases
- Azure Database fo...
- Azure Cosmos DB
- More services

### Recent resources

Name	Type	Last Viewed
REALDOLMENSUB	Subscription	12 minutes ago

### Navigate

- Subscriptions
- Resource groups
- All resources
- Dashboard

### Tools

- Microsoft Learn [↗](#)  
Learn Azure with free online training from Microsoft
- Azure Monitor  
Monitor your apps and infrastructure
- Security Center  
Secure your apps and infrastructure
- Cost Management  
Analyze and optimize your cloud spend for free

### Useful links

- [Technical Documentation](#) [↗](#)
- [Azure Migration Tools](#)
- [Azure Services](#) [↗](#)
- [Find an Azure expert](#)
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- [Quickstart Center](#)

### Azure mobile app





# CREATE AZURE FILE SHARE



# yeastorageaccount

Storage account

Search (Ctrl+/) Open in Explorer Move Refresh Delete Feedback

Classic alerts in Azure Monitor is announced to retire in 2021, it is recommended that you upgrade your classic alert rules to retain alerting functionality with the new alerting platform. For more information, see Continue alerting with ARM storage accounts.

### Essentials

Resource group (change) : <a href="#">storageaccount-rg</a>	Performance/Access tier : Standard/Hot
Status : Primary: Available	Replication : Locally-redundant storage (LRS)
Location : West Europe	Account kind : StorageV2 (general purpose v2)
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### Tools and SDKs

[Storage Explorer \(preview\)](#)
[PowerShell](#)
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### Monitoring

Show data for last: 1 hour 6 hours 12 hours 1 day 7 days

Show data for:

# DIRECT SMB ACCESS



### Storage accounts

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+ Add Manage view

Filter by name...

Name ↑↓

- fsdemovmboot
- yeastorageaccount**

## yeastorageaccount | File shares

Storage account

File

Storage Explorer (preview)

Settings

- Firewalls and virtual networks

File service

- File shares**

+ File share Refresh

### File share settings

Active Directory: **Not configured**    Soft delete: **14 days**    Share capacity: **5 TiB**

Search file shares by prefix (case-sensitive)   Show deleted shares

Name	Modified	Tier	Quota	
yeashare-cold	9/23/2020, 2:30:04 PM	Cool	2 TiB	...
yeashare-hot	9/23/2020, 2:29:51 PM	Hot	1 TiB	...



# FILE SHARE SYNCHRONIZATION WITH AZURE FILE SYNC AGENT



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- Overview
- Activity log
- Tags
- Diagnose and solve problems
- Access Control (IAM)
- Data transfer
- Events
- Storage Explorer (preview)
- Settings
  - Access keys
  - Geo-replication
  - CORS
  - Configuration

Containers | File shares | Tables

CREATE A SNAPSHOT



Home > Storage accounts > yeastorageaccount >

# yeashare-hot

File share

Search (Ctrl+/)

- Connect
- Upload
- Add directory
- Refresh
- Delete share
- Change tier
- Edit quota

Overview

Access Control (IAM)

### Settings

Properties

### Operations

Snapshots

Backup

Search files by prefix

Name	Type	Size	
.SystemShareInformation	Directory		...
myshare	Directory		...
CanYouSeeMe.txt	File	0 B	...
manual-1.docx	File	1 MiB	...
manual-2.docx	File	1 MiB	...
manual-3.docx	File	1 MiB	...
manual-4.docx	File	1 MiB	...
manual-5.docx	File	1 MiB	...
pic-1.jpg	File	1 MiB	...
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CREATE A BACKUP (POLICY)



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# RECOVERY SERVICES VAULT



### Azure services

Grid of service icons: Create a resource, Recovery Services vaults, Storage accounts, Storage Sync Services, **Virtual machines** (highlighted), App Services, SQL databases, Azure Database for PostgreSQL, Azure Cosmos DB, and More services.

### Recent resources

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yeareal-recoverysv	Recovery Services vault	a minute ago
yeastorageaccount	Storage account	10 minutes ago
afspocstoragesync	Storage Sync Service	29 minutes ago

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### Azure mobile app

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# RECOVERY SERVICES – FILE RECOVERY



# yeashare-hot

Backup Item

- Backup now
- Restore Share
- File Recovery
- Resume backup
- Stop backup
- Delete backup data

## Essentials

Recovery services vault

[yeareal-recoverysv](#)

Subscription name

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Subscription ID

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Item type

Azure File Share

Storage Account

yeastorageaccount



Last backup status

Success

Last backup time

9/23/2020, 6:19:56 PM

Backup policy

[DailyPolicy](#)

Item State

Active (Last sync time: 9/23/2020, 6:20:26 PM)

# RECOVERY SERVICES – FULL SHARE RECOVERY



# yeashare-hot

Backup Item

- Backup now
- Restore Share
- File Recovery
- Resume backup
- Stop backup
- Delete backup data

## Essentials ^

Recovery services vault

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# DEMO TAKEAWAYS

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# PRICING

- Pricing elements:
  - ▶ Storage Tier (Hot, Cool, Premium)
  - ▶ Storage
  - ▶ Download traffic
  - ▶ Write operations
  - ▶ Read operations
  - ▶ Backup storage



### Hot

- High storage cost
- Low access costs
- Good for storing the most recent data backup



### Cool

- Lower storage cost
- Higher access costs
- Fee for early data deletion
- Good for older data backups



# PRICING SIMULATION

## Azure File Share 1TB

Azure File Share 1TB	Hot storage		Cool storage	
	LRS	ZRS	LRS	ZRS
1TB Hot LRS Storage	16,93 €	20,72 €	8,64 €	11,31 €
100K Write Operations	0,46 €	0,46 €	0,84 €	4,55 €
100K Read Operations	0,04 €	0,04 €	0,46 €	0,36 €
Download Traffic 50GB	3,30 €	3,30 €	3,30 €	3,30 €
Sync Server	4,22 €	4,22 €	4,22 €	4,22 €
Backup storage	16,93 €	20,72 €	8,64 €	11,31 €
<b>Total / Month</b>	<b>41,88 €</b>	<b>49,46 €</b>	<b>26,10 €</b>	<b>35,05 €</b>

## Azure File Share 5TB

Azure File Share 5TB	Hot storage		Cool storage	
	LRS	ZRS	LRS	ZRS
5TB Hot LRS Storage	84,63 €	103,62 €	43,18 €	56,56 €
0,5 Mio Write Operations	2,28 €	4,55 €	2,28 €	4,55 €
0,5 Mio Read Operations	0,18 €	0,36 €	0,18 €	0,36 €
Download Traffic 250GB	17,97 €	17,97 €	17,97 €	17,97 €
Sync Server	4,22 €	4,22 €	4,22 €	4,22 €
Backup storage	84,63 €	103,62 €	43,18 €	56,56 €
<b>Total / Month</b>	<b>193,91 €</b>	<b>234,34 €</b>	<b>111,01 €</b>	<b>140,22 €</b>



WHAT CAN REALDOLMEN DO FOR YOU?



# WHAT CAN REALDOLMEN DO FOR YOU?

- Azure Files Proof-of-Concept

- ▶ 2 days
- ▶ Scope:
  - Setup secure networking and hybrid identity
  - Setup Azure Files / Azure File Sync for small file share
  - Proof of your scenario (multi-site, disaster recovery, backup, ...)

- Managed File Share: File share setup + Managed Services

- ▶ Setup in production of
  - Azure Files / File Sync, Multi-site share sync, Archive offloading, DFS to Azure Files migration, File sync automation, Backup, Cloud caching, ...
- ▶ Managed by Realdolmen:
  - Monitoring sync agent, file share, availability
  - Auditing (access, network)
  - Managed backup/restore of files/shares
  - Data security (threat protection & data delete prevention)



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