

Windows Azure 2012, Part 6 of 8: SQL Azure and Websites

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Prerequisites: The viewer should be familiar with web interfaces, SQL, SQL Management Studio, and Visual Studio.

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Course description: This is an overview of working with SQL Azure and how it is different than SQL Server on Premise. We show creating a server, adding databases, migrating data to the database in the cloud, and some of the connection patterns for working with the data. Then you'll be shown how to create a site and work with deployments, including TFS and GIT. You'll see scaling, custom domain names, and web site configuration.

Course outline:

Provisioning

- Introduction
- Windows Azure
- Start With the Basics
- Provision Your Server
- Demo: Provision a Server
- Demo: Create a Database
- Demo: Database Properties
- Summary

Build Your Database

- Introduction
- Build Your Database
- Use Familiar Technologies
- Supports Popular Frameworks
- Compared to SQL Server
- Unsupported SQL Server Features
- Rich Client Environment
- Demo: Building a Database
- Demo: Connecting
- Summary

Programming

- Introduction
- Securing a Database
- Benefits
- Feature Parity
- SQL Azure Compatibility
- Application Topologies
- Connect Your Application
- Demo: Working With Data
- Demo: Managing Data

- Summary

Deployments and Migration

- Introduction
- Deploy Your Database
- Migration Options
- SQL Server Migration Assistant
- SQL Server Management Studio
- SQL Azure Migration Wizard
- SQL Azure Import and Export
- Demo: Migrating to SQL Azure
- Demo: Another Migration Option
- Demo: SQL Azure Synch
- Summary

Hello Azure Websites

- Introduction
- Windows Azure Web Sites
- Application Scenarios
- Demo: Azure Websites
- Demo: Website Details
- Demo: Website Stats
- Summary

Scalability

- Introduction
- Web Sites
- Demo: Scaling
- Summary

Frameworks

- Introduction
- Supported Web Frameworks
- Supported Publishing Methods
- Partners
- Demo: Publishing

- Demo: Load Publishing Settings
- Start Simple
- Code Smart
- Summary