Options for Migrating On-Premises Web Apps to Azure

Scott Snyder
Solutions Architect
RBA

RBA

rbaconsulting.com

Scott Snyder

Solutions Architect

Scott Snyder is a Solutions Architect and Software Engineer with nearly 20 years of experience, primarily within the Microsoft stack. He's worked in both the corporate and consulting space, from small firms to fortune 500 companies.

He is a result driven architect and software engineer personally motivated to exceed expectations.

Professionally Scott has worked with, and is proficient in, a wide range of the Microsoft technology stack from the cloud to databases to presentation. He takes pride in his work and feels quality is essential in providing the best user experience for the end user.

Recent Experience

International Logistics

Assisted in enterprise wide migration of an on-premises Identity Provider to a cloud based IdP spanning hundreds of applications including both APIs and UIs.

Consumer Packaged Goods

Contributed to the flagship website suite which serviced over 650MM page views per year.

Financial Services – Portfolio Risk Management

Provided technical leadership and mentoring focusing on code modernization and software architecture.

Financial Services – Travel and Expense Management

Strategized with CEO and Product Manager on long term business goals and technological need. Lead a team of developers covering the entire Microsoft stack. Drove CI/CD adoption and code base modernization.

Skills & Expertise

Software Tools/ Technologies

- Microsoft Azure
- C#/VB.NET
- ASP.NET
- Web Services
- SQL/T-SQL
- MSTest/NUnit
- Moq
- Javascript/JQuery
- Jasmine
- XML
- HTML/CSS
- Java/Groovy

Microsoft CERTIFIED
AZURE SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT
EXPERT

Education

Bachelor of Science - Computer Science
University of Wisconsin - Madison

RBA
A Digital and Technology Consultancy

Motivations

- What problem(s) are you trying to solve?
- How is success measured?
- Cloud Adoption Framework from Microsoft

Most common cloud motivation?

Cost Savings

RBA

Modernization

RBA

Processes & Techniques

- Agile
- DevOps
- Automated Testing

Design Patterns

- Microservices
- Inversion of Control (IoC)
- Circuit Breaker

Technologies

- Containers
- Automation Servers
  - Jenkins
  - Azure DevOps Pipelines

Infrastructure

- Automatic Scaling
- Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)
- Serverless
- Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC)
  - Terraform
  - Azure Resource Manager (ARM) Templates

Modernization

RBA

What does that get us?

- It allows IT to be more nimble to business needs and strategy which increases our value to the business.

For the business

- Modernization means reducing time to market, and enabling an organization to be more effective, efficient and agile.

Where does Azure Fit?

RBA

Physical Infrastructure

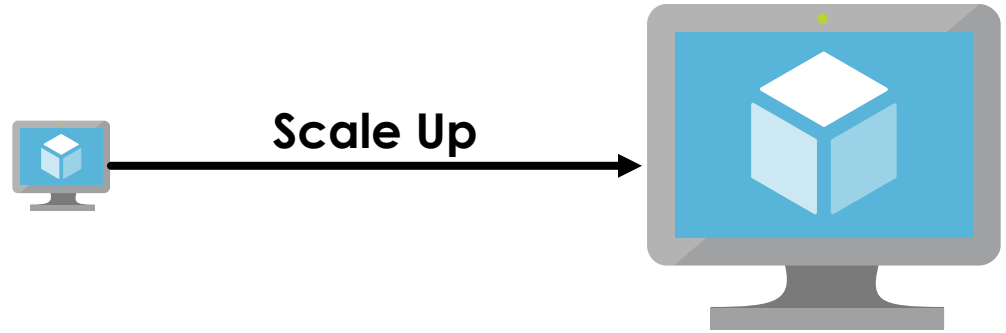
Modernization Features

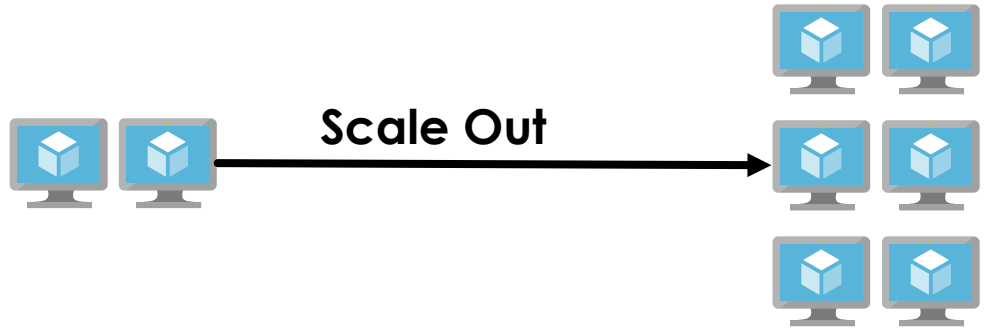
Security

Return on Investment
Business Value

Scaling

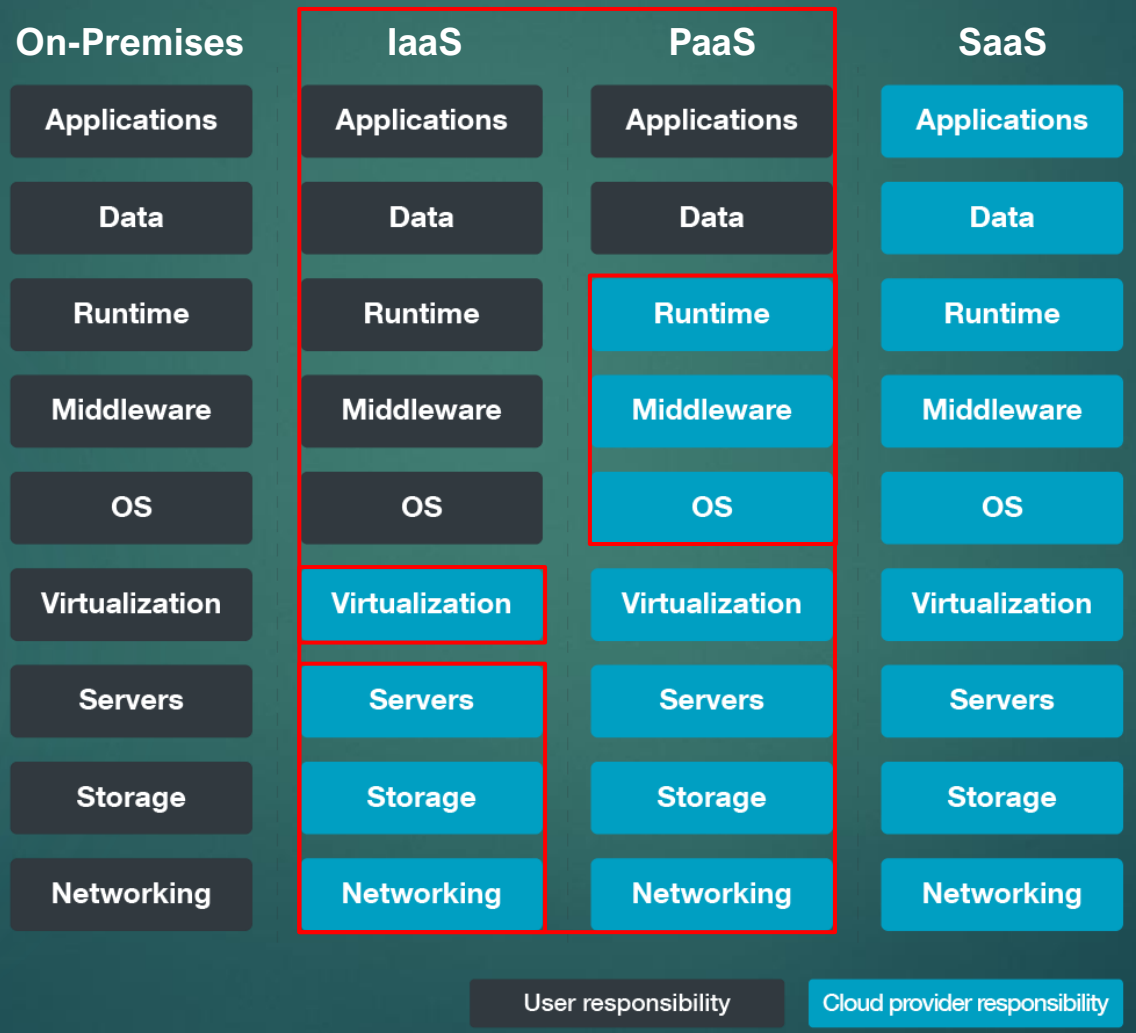
- Improves Usability
- Helps Manage Cost
- Autoscaling





Cloud Responsibility Model

RBA



Infrastructure-as-a-Service

RBA

Virtual Machine

- Straight up lift and shift
- Easiest/Quickest option
- Urgency

Virtual Machine Scale Set

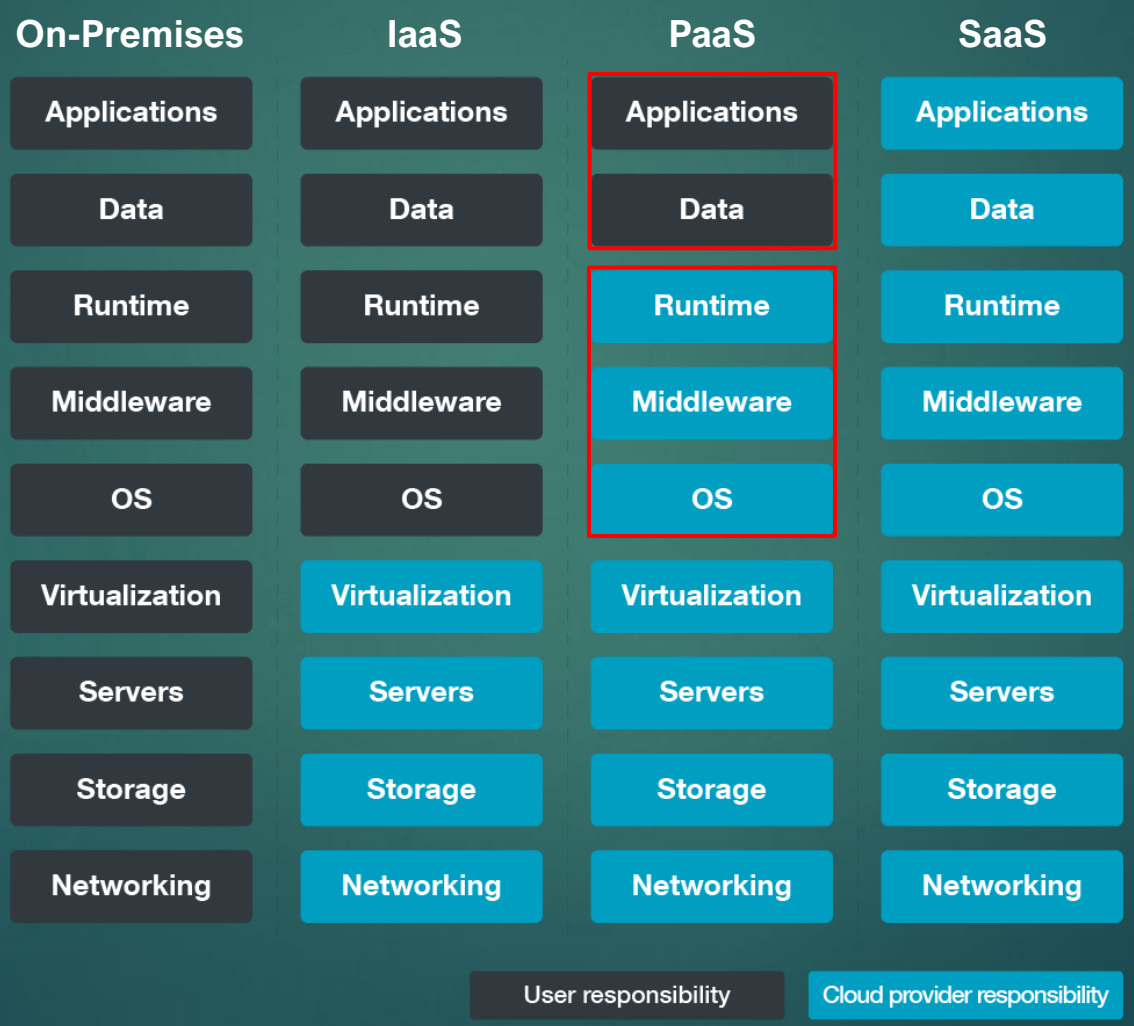
- Autoscaling
- More dramatic change to deployment process

Reasons to choose IaaS

RBA

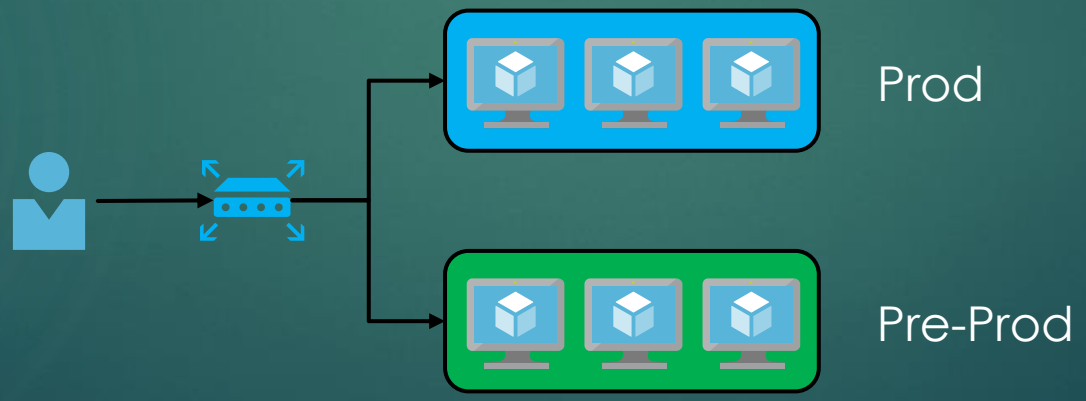
- Urgency (i.e. end of life of owned hardware)
- Full Access to VM or specific OS customizations
- Installed 3rd party software
- More configuration flexibility - especially much larger
- Isolation

Cloud Responsibility Model



PaaS - App Services

- Additional layer of abstraction over the VM
- Microsoft managed OS and runtime
- Autoscaling
- Basic Load Balancing
- Deployment Slots (Blue/Green deployments)



PaaS - App Services

RBA

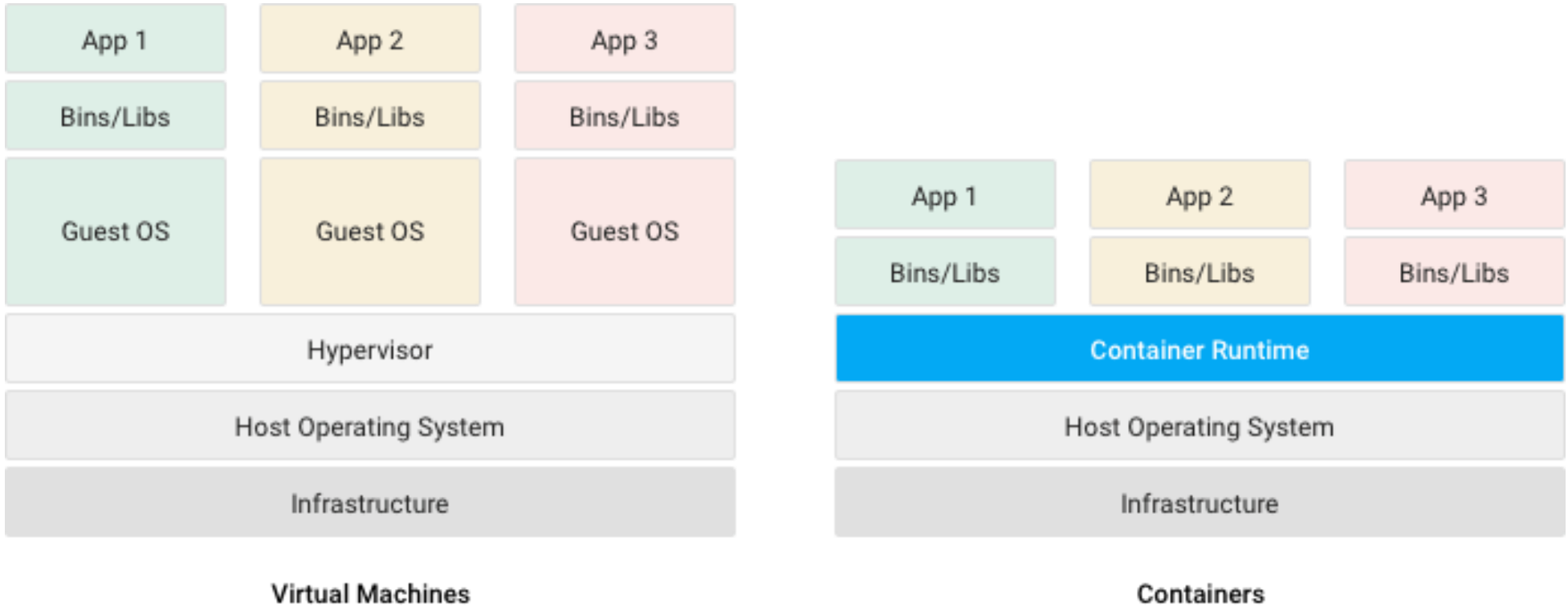
Limitations

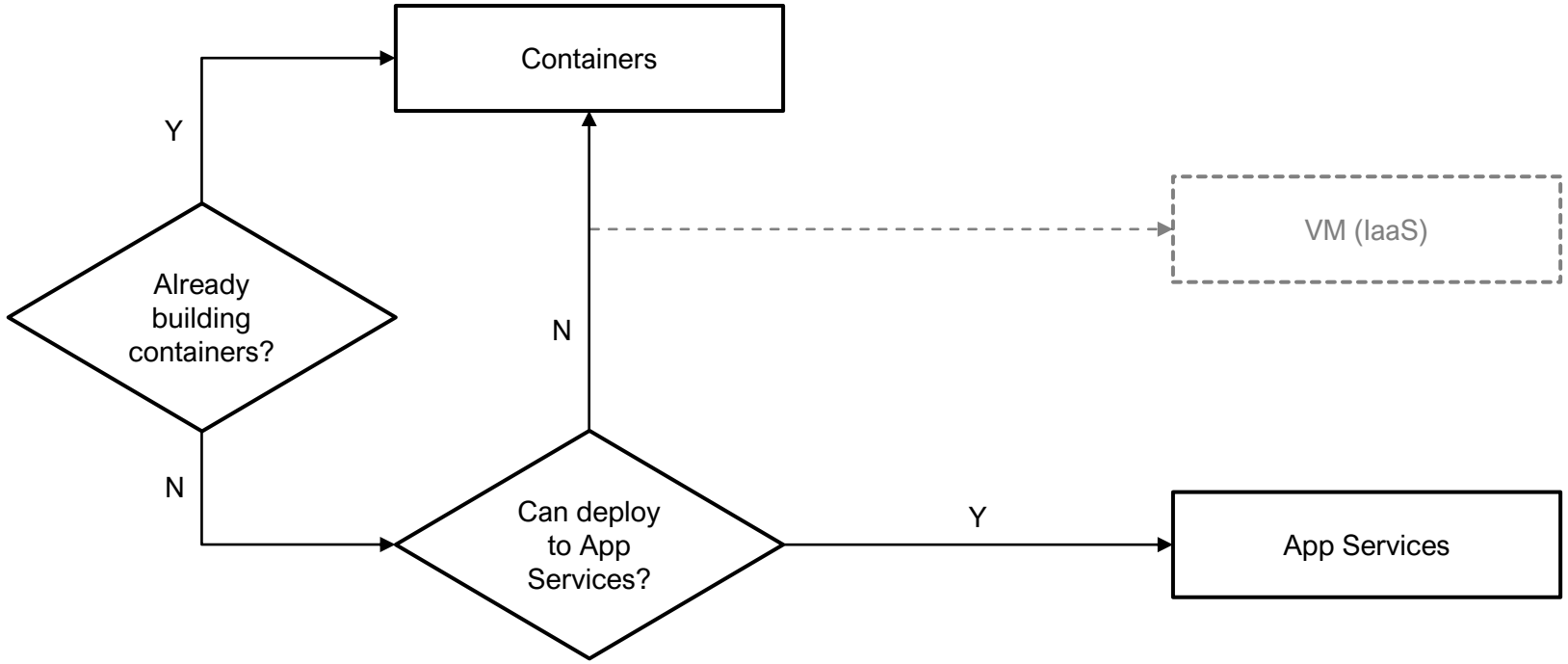
- No access to GAC
- Can't save files to disk
- No email from within the app
- All apps deployed to an App Service run under a single app pool

Workarounds

- Package assemblies with app
- Send to blob storage
- Send to a queue to get picked up/processed/sent

Containers


App 1
App 2
App 3
Bins/Libs
Bins/Libs
Bins/Libs
Guest OS
Guest OS
Guest OS
Hypervisor
Host Operating System
Infrastructure
Virtual Machines
App 1
App 2
App 3
Bins/Libs
Bins/Libs
Bins/Libs
Container Runtime
Host Operating System
Infrastructure
Containers



PaaS - Containers

PaaS - Containers - Deployment

RBA

Service Fabric

- Dead (not really)
- Container orchestration moving away from Service Fabric

Azure Container Instances (ACI)

- Not for always on containers.
- Best for:
  - Container Image Development
  - Proof-of-Concept (POC)
  - Batch Jobs
  - Elastic Bursting (i.e. CI/CD)

PaaS - Containers - Deployment

RBA

App Services for Containers

- Same benefits as deploying directly to App Services
  - Microsoft managed OS and runtime
  - Autoscaling
  - Basic load balancing
  - Etc.

Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

- Complex
- You'll end up here eventually
- All of Kubernetes benefits
- Microsoft manages Kubernetes
- Don't pay for cluster management

Compute Summary

RBA

Infrastructure-as-a-Service

- Virtual Machines
- Virtual Machine Scale Sets

Platform-as-a-Service

- App Services
- Containers
  - App Services
  - AKS

Databases

Infrastructure-as-a-Service

Platform-as-a-Service

SQL Server on Azure VM

Managed Instances

Single Database

Elastic Pools

CosmosDB

IaaS - SQL Server an Azure VM

RBA

- Lift and Shift
- Complete control of OS and SQL Server
- If you need SQL Agent

PaaS - Azure SQL

RBA

- Microsoft maintains OS and SQL Server
- High Availability (99.99%)
- Built in backups (RA-GRS)

PaaS - Azure SQL

RBA

Managed Instances

- Near 100% compatibility
- Full SQL Server access
- Expensive, complex, and hard to set up

Single Database

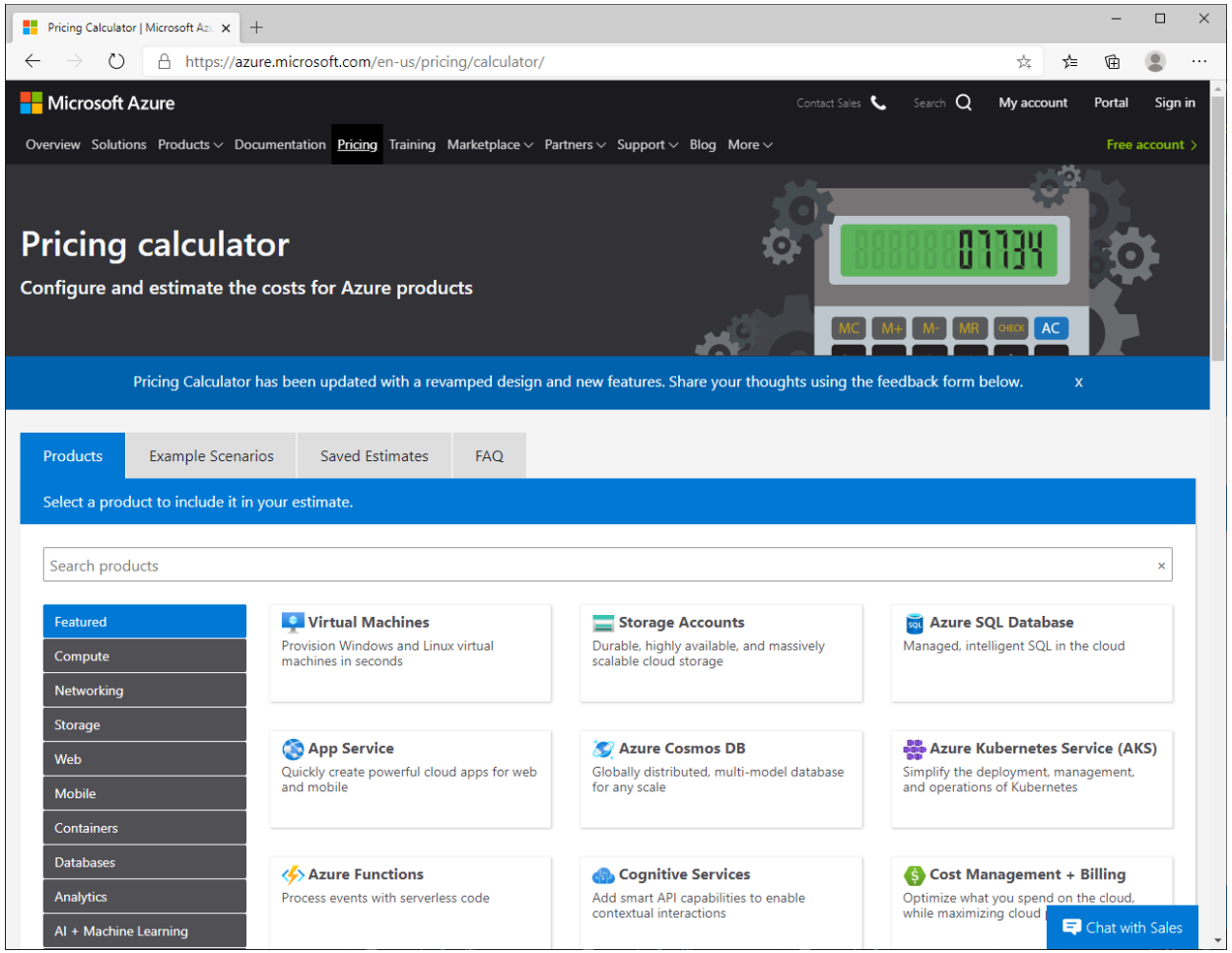
- For predictable usage
- Dedicated resources
- Scale manually or programmatically

Elastic Pool

- Collection of databases with varying and unpredictable usage
- Autoscale within the pool's resources
- DBs can be moved in and out of a pool

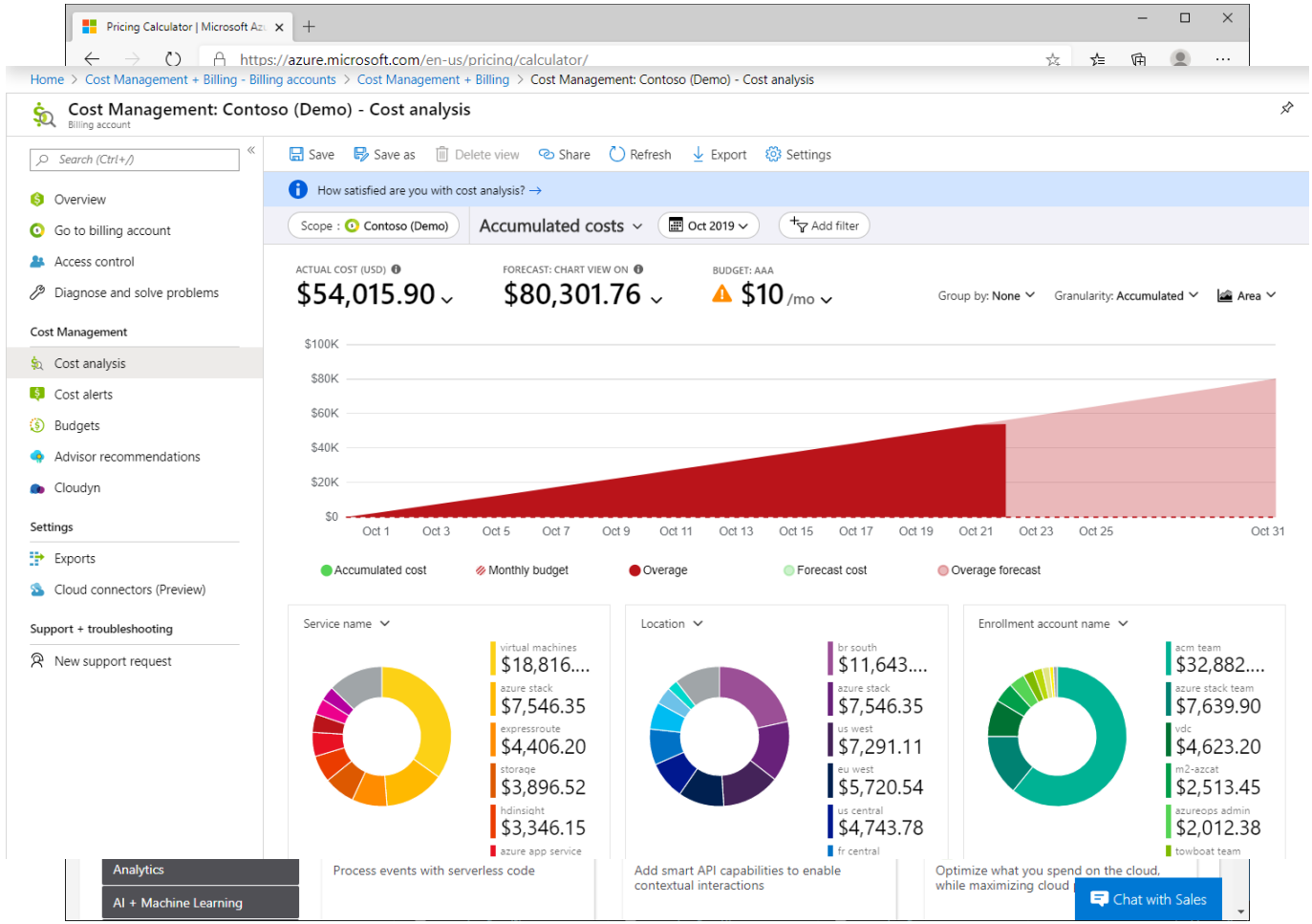
Cost Management

- Azure Cost Calculator



Cost Management

- Azure Cost Calculator
- Azure Cost Management (portal)
- Save over pay-as-you-go
  - Enterprise Agreements
  - Azure Hybrid Benefit
  - Reserved Instances
- It's a process, not a one-time exercise



Cost Management

RBA

- Cost optimization, not cost minimization
- ROI, not absolute cost
- Right Sizing
- Autoscaling

RBA

The architecture is the cost
and the cost is the architecture.
If you don't like the cost,
then you don't like the architecture.

Q&A

RBA

A Digital and Technology Consultancy

Scott Snyder
Solutions Architect
scott.snyder@rbaconsulting.com
rbaconsulting.com