

Monitor And Manage Your Cloud Environment With Azure Monitor And Splunk

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Session Objectives

- Understand Azure's monitoring strategy, and how it embraces 3rd party tools like Splunk
- ▶ Learn how, as an existing Splunk customer, you can effectively manage your Azure environment with Splunk
- ► Learn how you can seamlessly move from on-premises or another cloud to Azure without needing to retrain your monitoring experts









Monitoring Data On Azure

Three key types to know about







Logs

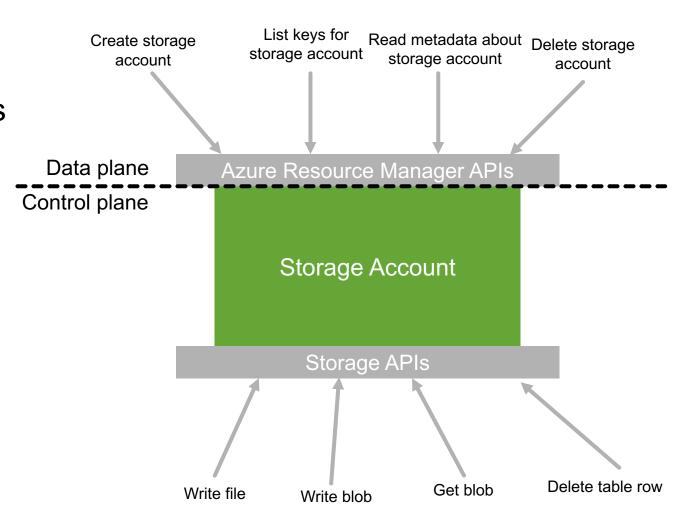
Metrics

Health



Types Of Log Data

- Control/management logs resource manager CRUD operations
- Data plane logs events raised as part of using an Azure resource
- Processed events analyzed events or alerts that have been processed on your behalf





Accessing Monitoring Data

Depends on type of data, but methods include:

- Archive to storage accounts (blob, table)
- ▶ Stream to event hubs (custom and 3rd party tools/SIEMs)
- ▶ Route to Log Analytics (query, alerts, solutions)
- Query via REST API

...more details to come









Tiers Of Monitoring Data In Azure



User telemetry

Application logs

Guest OS ('user space')

Linux syslog

Windows events (ETW)

Azure Services

Virtual Machines

Storage Accounts

Network Security Groups

Azure Platform

Resource Manager

Service Health

Azure Active Directory





Tools Involved In Monitoring Azure

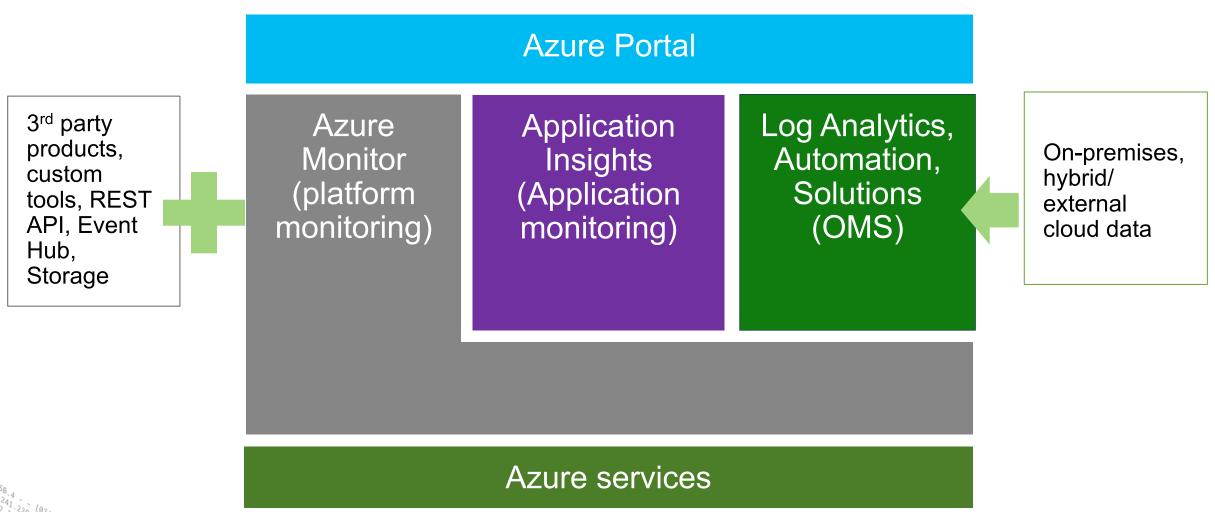


Azure Services Involved In Consuming Log Data

- ► Azure Monitor platform-level service for routing of logs
- ▶ Log Analytics log search, alerting, and analysis (solutions) on top of data from Azure Monitor
- ► Application Insights application-level logging and analysis
- ▶ Network Watcher network performance monitoring
- Storage Analytics collect logs and metrics for storage accounts



Interaction Of Monitoring Tools On Azure



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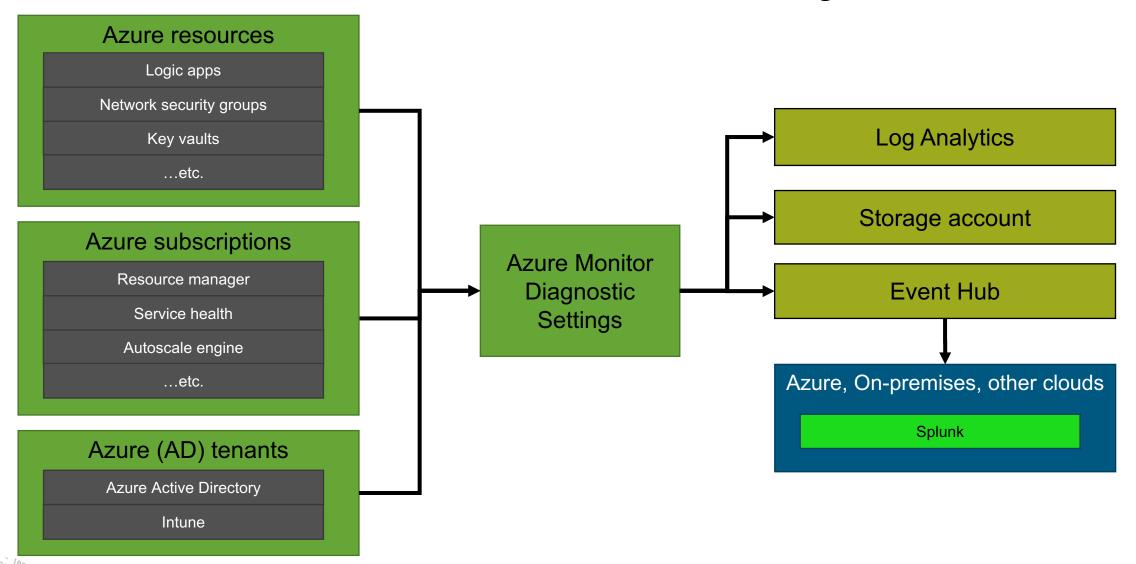
Azure Monitor

Azure's platform monitoring service

- ▶ Built-in pipeline for all monitoring data coming out of Azure resources
- Out-of-the-box logs and metrics
- Alerts to get notified and take automated action
- Deep integration with Azure's advanced monitoring and analytics offerings
- **▶** 3rd Party integrations



Azure Monitor And 3rd Party Tools



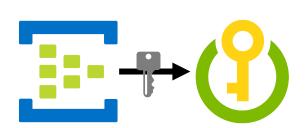


Azure Monitor Add-On For Splunk

- Consumes metrics, activity log, and diagnostic logs
- Open source
- Easy to set up and configure
- Utilizes event hubs
- Extra security by storing keys in an Azure Key Vault



Configuring Splunk Add-On

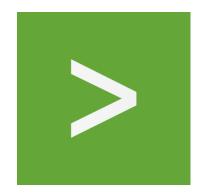


Create event hub
 key vault to store event hub key







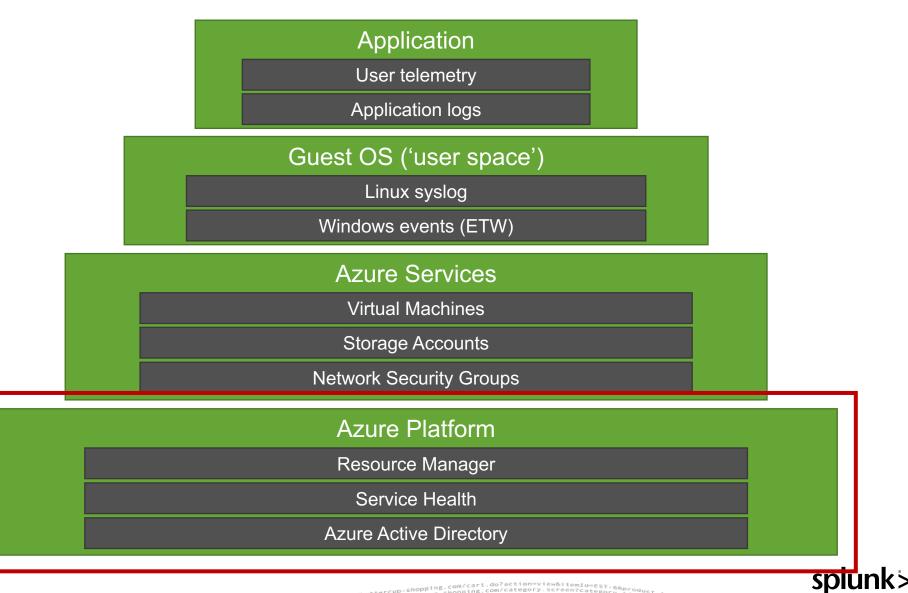


3. Install Splunk Add-On & connect it to key vault



Working With Monitoring Data In Azure

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Azure Platform-Level Logs

- ► Tenant level: Azure Active Directory
 - Audit logs
 - Sign in activities
- ► Subscription level: Azure Activity Log
 - Categories: Administrative, Service Health, Alerts, Autoscale, Recommendation, (Security, and Policy)
- ► Subscription level: Azure Security Center
 - Potential threats based on log correlation, including integrated threat intelligence, behavioral analytics, and anomaly detection



Azure Activity Log – Key Categories

Administrative

- "Audit" trail of all control plane operations in your subscription who, what, where and when
- API calls to ARM: PUT, UPDATE, DELETE, Action
 - Time, caller (who), claims (JWT authentication token), operation details (action that was performed), resource impacted, [sometimes] HTTP request/response body, HTTP status code

Service Health

- Azure platform outage and maintenance notifications including impacted services, impacted regions, RCA, incident information
- Five classes: Incident, Maintenance, Action required, assisted recovery, information, security

► Alert

User-configured alert activations on metric alerts, Activity Log alerts, Application Insights alerts

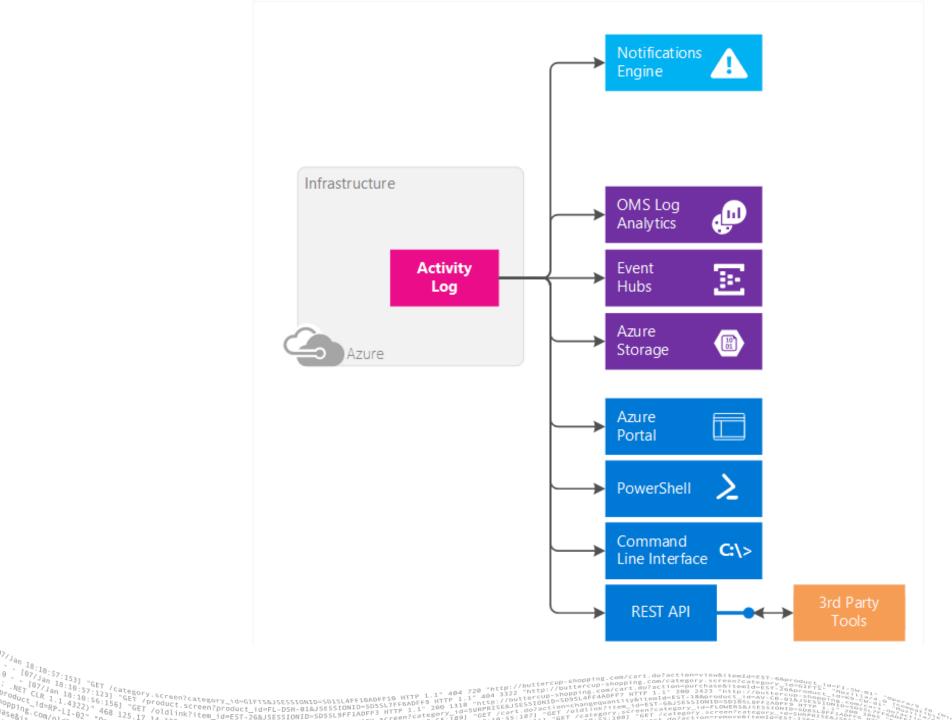


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Accessing the Azure Activity Log









Azure Activity Log

Best Practices for Monitoring

- Security monitoring:
 - Role assignments
 - List keys
- ► Performance or health monitoring
 - Deleting protected resources
 - Identifying Service Health issues
- Change tracking



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Azure Activity Log in Splunk





Azure Active Directory Sign-Ins

Best Practices for Monitoring

- Identify malicious sign in attempts eg. many sign in failures from a specific IP address
- ► Alert if there a certain number of account provisioning errors



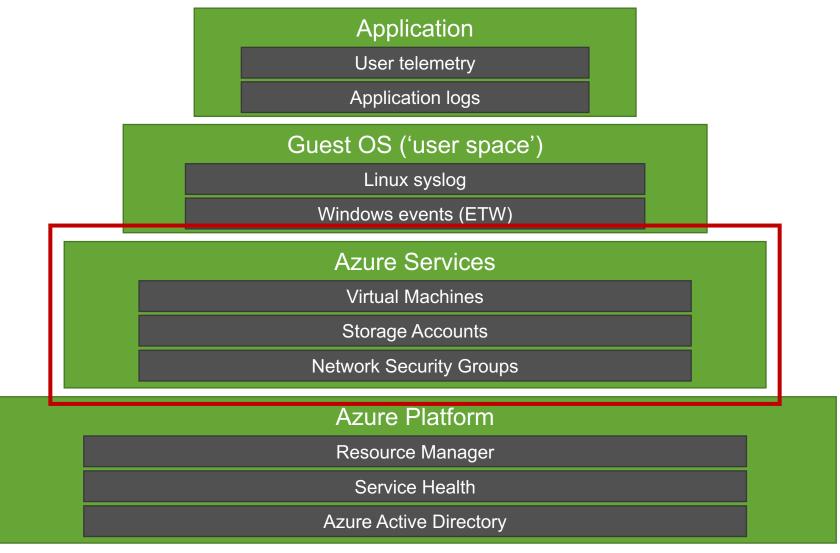
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Azure Active Directory Logs in Splunk





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Azure Service-Level – Resource Diagnostic Logs

- Data plane logs, operations in an individual resource
- Resource type-specific, defined and issued by a provider
- Log category –supported categories / schema for a particular resource type
- Always follow a standard schema, flexible for many event types

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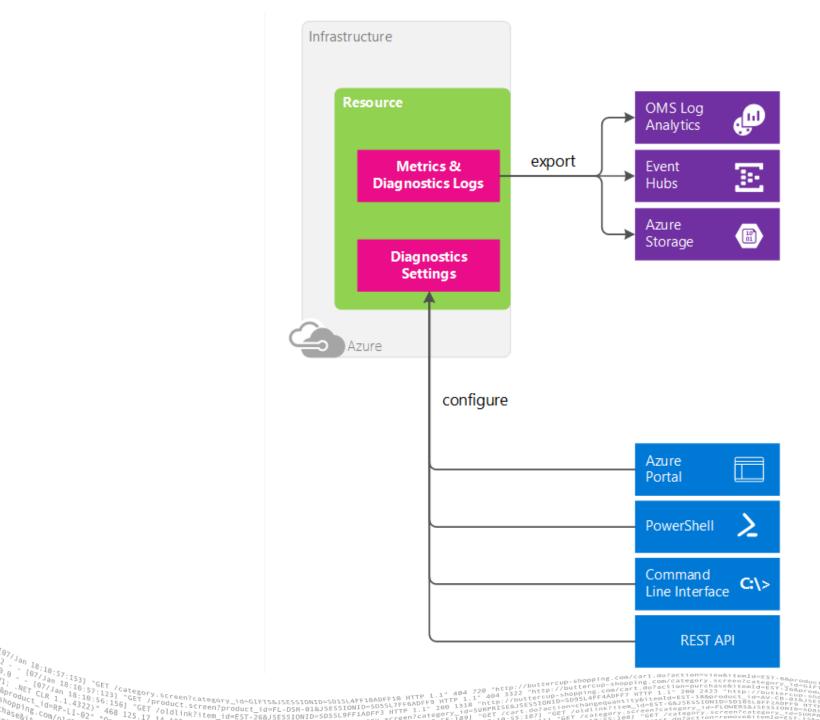


List Of Supported Resource Types

- ► API Management
- Application Gateways
- Azure Automation
- Azure Batch
- Customer Insights
- Content Delivery Network
- Data Lake Analytics
- Data Lake Store
- Event Hubs
- Key Vault
- Load Balancer
- Logic Apps
- Network Security Groups

- Recovery Services
- Search
- Server Management
- Service Bus
- Stream Analytics
- Coming Soon:
- SQL Databases query store and diagnostics
- Cosmos DB
- ▶ IoT Hubs
- Traffic Manager
- Scheduler
- DB for PostgreSQL
- DB for MySQL







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Accessing the Azure Resource Diagnostic Logs



Azure Resource Diagnostic Logs

Best Practices for Monitoring

- Security monitoring:
 - Audit data Application Gateway, Automation, Batch, Data Lake Analytics, Data Lake Store, Event Hub, Key Vault, Service Bus, Stream Analytics
- Performance or health monitoring
 - Operational data eg. Logic Apps
 - Health alerts eg. Load Balancer

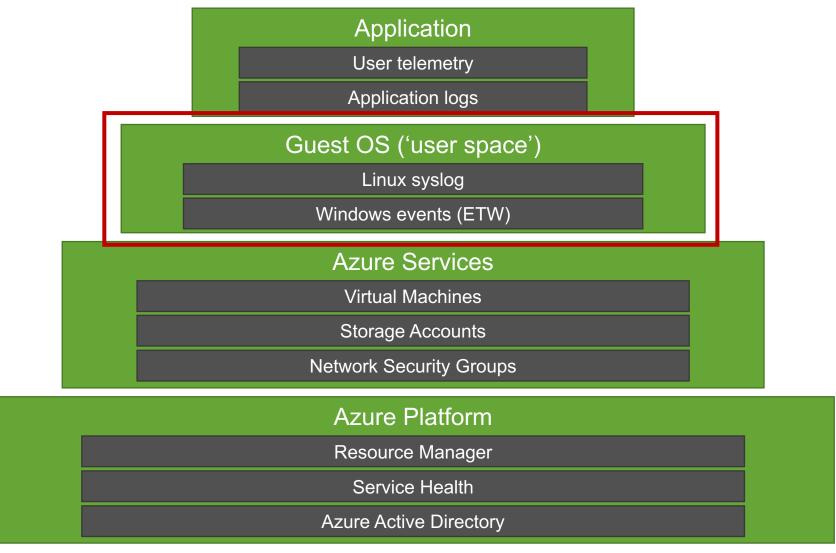


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Azure Resource Diagnostic Logs in Splunk



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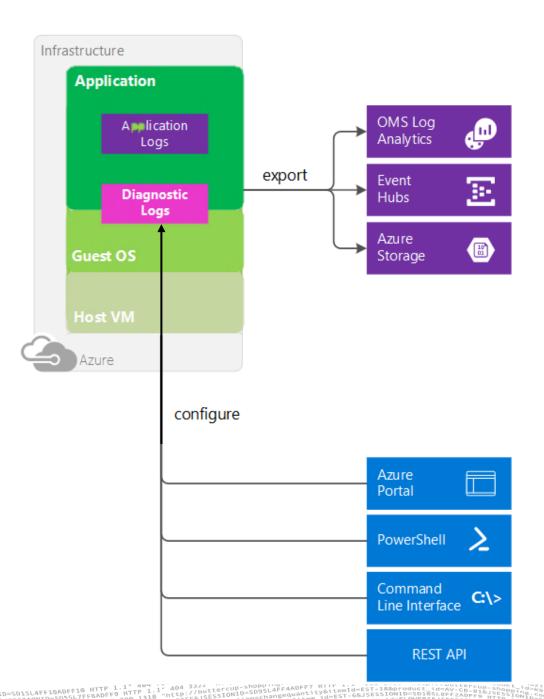


Azure Guest OS Logging

- Linux Azure Diagnostic extension (LAD) Azure agent for collecting guest-level logs from Linux
 - Uses fluentd and other OSS monitoring tools
 - Open sourced on github
- Can collect Linux syslog (per facility and severity), arbitrary OMI queries, any filebased log, anything with a fluentd input plugin
- Windows Azure Diagnostic extension (WAD) Azure agent for collecting guestlevel logs from Windows
 - Can collect application logs, Windows event logs, .NET event source, IIS logs, manifest-based ETW, crash dumps, custom error logs, infrastructure logs



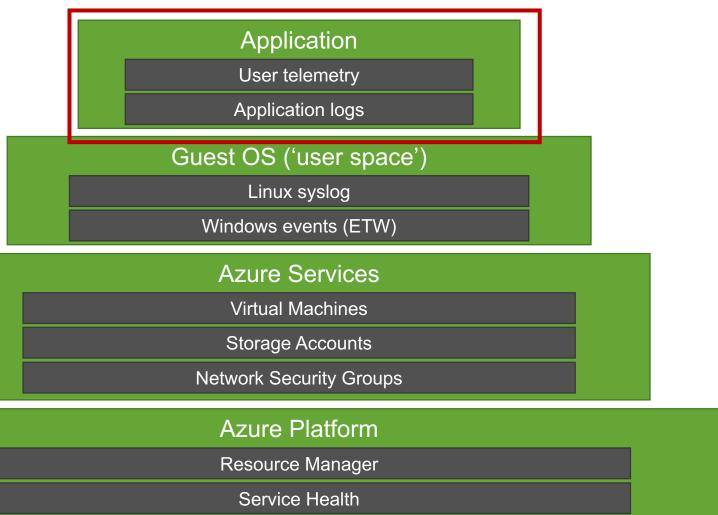
Guest OS Logs And Metrics





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Azure Active Directory





Application Insights

- ► SDKs for most popular languages, platforms, and frameworks (C#, Java, node.js, PHP, Python, Ruby, Docker, OSX, etc.)
- ► REST API
- Supported SDKs 'instrument' code to capture HTTP requests/responses, other details
- TrackEvent() method for any other event



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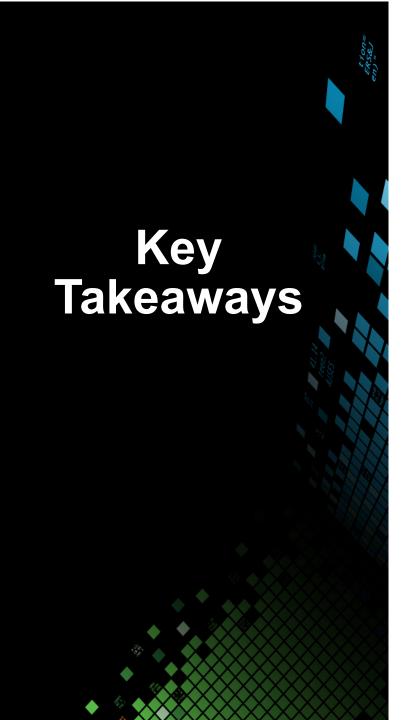
Using Application Insights



Recommended Reading

- ► Azure Active Directory reporting: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/active-directory-reporting-azure-portal
- Activity log: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/monitoring-and-diagnostics/monitoring-overview-activity-logs
- Diagnostic logs: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/monitoring-and-diagnostics/monitoring-overview-of-diagnostic-logs (see 'Supported services and schema')
- ► Network Watcher: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/network-watcher-monitoring-overview
- Storage Analytics: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/rest/api/storageservices/storage-analytics





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- 3. Azure makes available all the monitoring data you need to seamlessly move from on-premises or another cloud to Azure without needing to reinvent the wheel



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