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## ▶ May 17

- ▶ Does it NEED to be a PWA?
  - ▶ Tara A. Manicsic

## ▶ June 21

- ▶ Azure's Cosmos DB from a Developer's Perspective
  - ▶ Mike Schlegel

## ▶ July 19

- ▶ Develop Couchbase Apps on Microsoft Azure
  - ▶ Matt Groves



# Other Groups to Check Out

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- ▶ JSLou
- ▶ Louisville Tech Ladies
- ▶ Louisville Tech Leaders
- ▶ IT Happy Hour



# Upcoming Local Events

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- ▶ **Louisville Global Azure Bootcamp**
  - ▶ April 21
- ▶ **Louisville DevOps Global Bootcamp**
  - ▶ June 16



# Upcoming Online Events

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- ▶ **Microsoft Build ([build.microsoft.com](https://build.microsoft.com))**
  - ▶ May 7 – 9
- ▶ **Google I/O ([events.google.com/io](https://events.google.com/io))**
  - ▶ May 8 – 10



# Upcoming Regional Events

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- ▶ **CodeStock – Knoxville, TN**
  - ▶ April 20 - 21
- ▶ **Stir Trek – Columbus, OH**
  - ▶ May 4
- ▶ **Music City Tech – Nashville**
  - ▶ May 31 – June 2
- ▶ **Pittsburg TechFest 2018**
  - ▶ June 2
- ▶ **Beer City Code – Grand Rapids, MI**
  - ▶ June 22 – 23
- ▶ **That Conference – Wisconsin Dells, WI**
  - ▶ August 6 – 8
- ▶ **Scenic City Summit 2018 – Chattanooga**
  - ▶ August 17
- ▶ **CoderCruise 2018 – The Bahamas**
  - ▶ August 30 – September 3





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# Our Agenda

What is Serverless Computing

Serverless Options

Azure Functions

Code Demonstrations



# What is Serverless Computing

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From Zero to Serverless

# The evolution of application platforms

## On-Premises

What media should I use to keep **backups**?

What is the right **size of servers** for the business needs?

How do I **deploy** new code to my **servers**?

What happens in case of **server hardware** failure?

How can I increase **server** utilization?

What size of **servers** should I **buy**?

Which packages should be on my **server**?

Who **monitors** my **App**?

How often should I backup my **server**?

How can I **scale** my app?

Do I need a secondary **network connection**?



Are my **servers** in a secure location?

Who has **physical** access to my **servers**?

Which **Operating System** should I use?

What happens if the power goes out?

How many **servers** do I need?

Who **monitors** my **servers**?

Do I need a **UPS**?

What **storage** do I need to use?

It takes how long to **provision** a new **server**?



How often should I **patch** my **servers**?

How can I dynamically **configure** my app?

# The evolution of application platforms

## IaaS

What is the right **size** of servers for my business needs?

How can I increase **server** utilization?

How many **servers** do I need?

How can I **scale** my application?



How often should I **patch** my **servers**?

How often should I backup my **server**?

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How do I **deploy** new **code** to my **server**?

Which **Operating System** should I use?

Who **monitors** my application?



# The evolution of application platforms

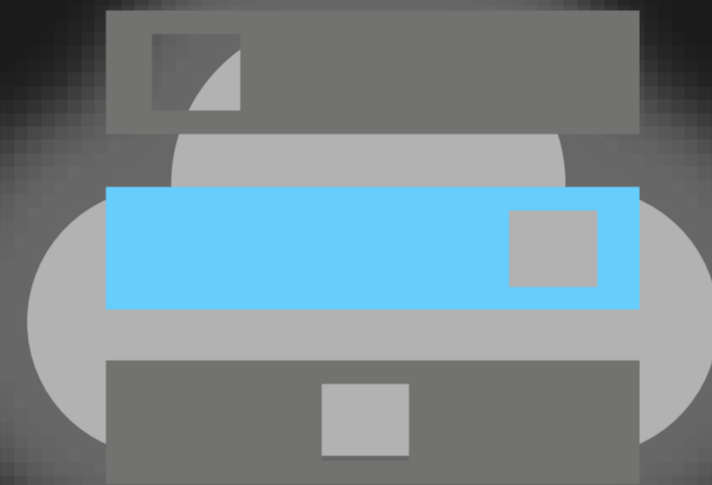
## PaaS

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How can I increase **server** utilization?

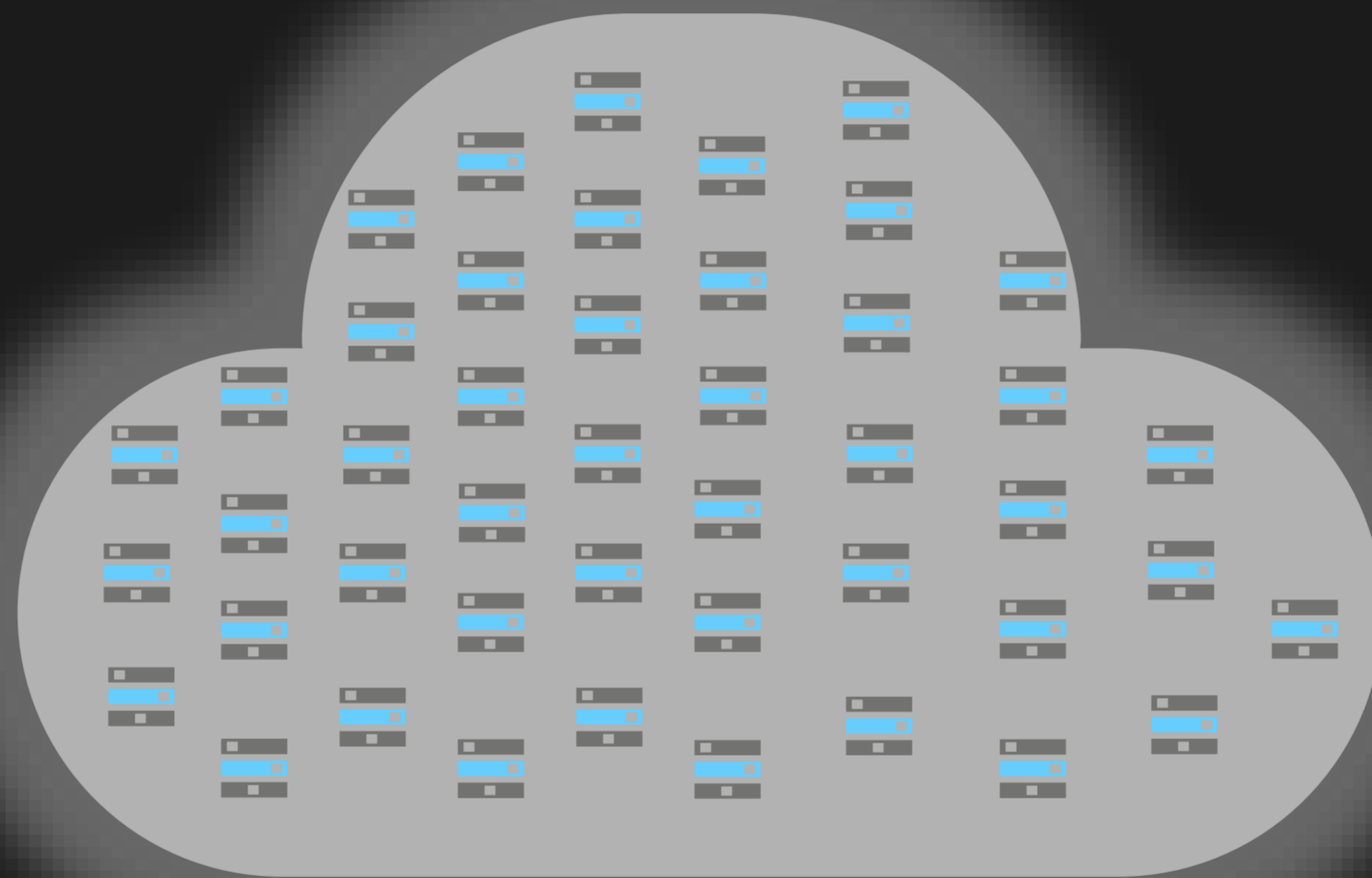
How many **servers** do I need?

How can I **scale** my application?



# The evolution of application platforms

## Serverless



The platform for next generation applications



# What is Serverless?

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## Area #1

### Backend as a Service (BaaS)

- Applications that significantly or fully depend on services (in the cloud) to manage server-side logic and state

## Area #2

### Functions as a Service (FaaS)

- Application run in stateless compute containers that are event-triggered, ephemeral, and fully managed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party

# What is Serverless?

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**Abstraction of Servers**



**Event-Driven/Instant Scale**



**Micro-Billing**

# Benefits of Serverless

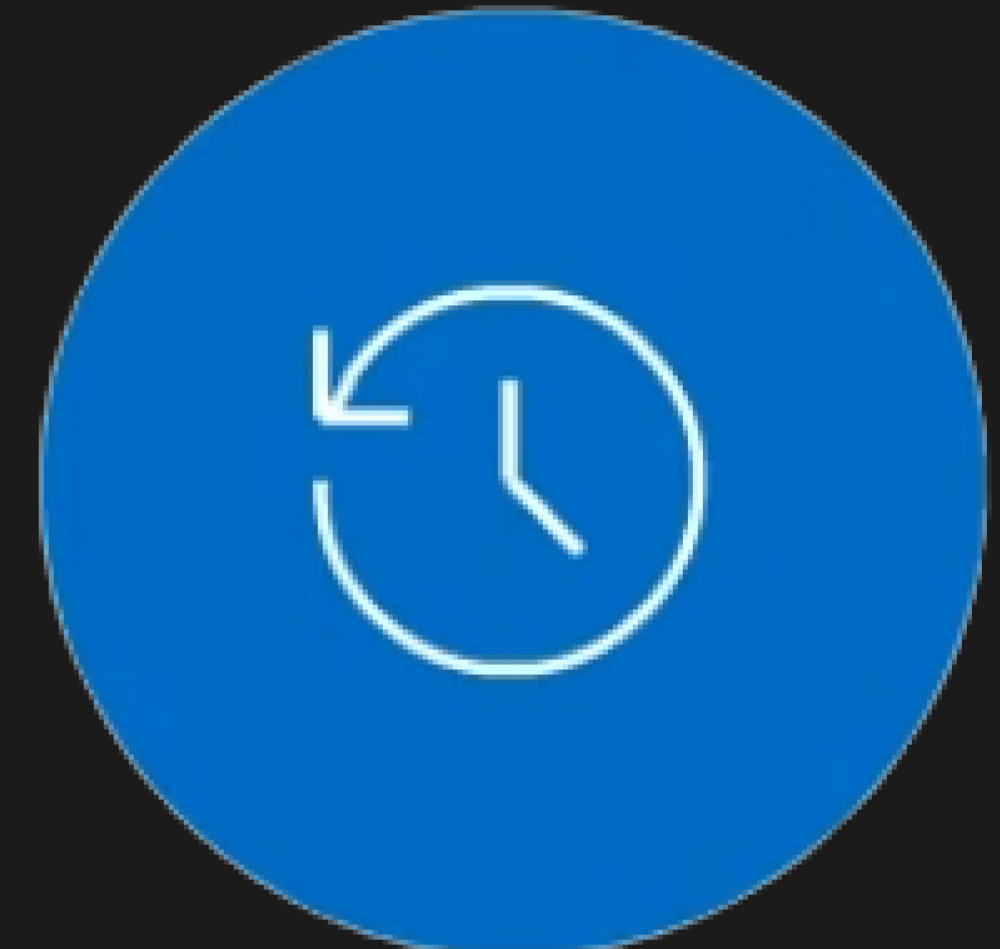
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**Manage apps not servers**



**Reduced DevOps**



**Faster Time to Market**

# Challenges of Serverless Architecture

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## Complexity

Managing a monolithic application as a single unit is more straightforward than managing a fleet of purpose-built functions and the dependencies between them.

## Organizational Support

It's a non-trivial consideration for some to move to a serverless paradigm.

## No Runtime Optimization

By its very nature, you mostly do not have control over the execution environment for the workload.



# Serverless Options

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# Serverless Options

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- ~~Zimki~~
- Google Cloud Functions
- Amazon Lambda
- IBM Openwhisk
- Auth0 WebTask

# Azure Serverless



## Functions

Execute your code based on events you specify



## Logic Apps

Design workflows and orchestrate processes



## Event Grid

Manage all events that can trigger code or logic



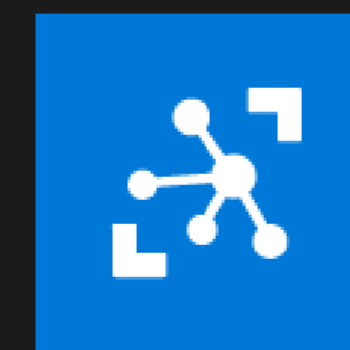
## Database



## Storage



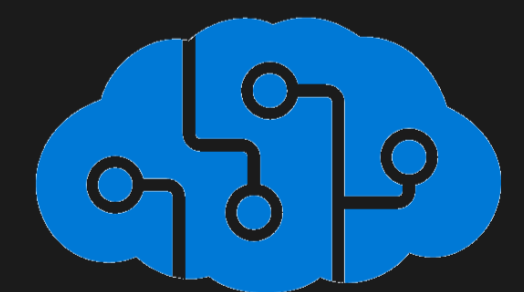
## Security



## IoT



## Analytics



## Intelligence

A photograph of a server room with rows of server racks on both sides, receding into the distance. The racks are filled with various components and have some indicator lights. The lighting is dim, with a blueish tint. The perspective is from the center of the aisle, looking down the length of the room.

# Azure Functions

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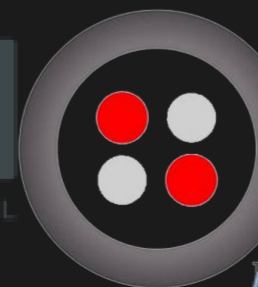
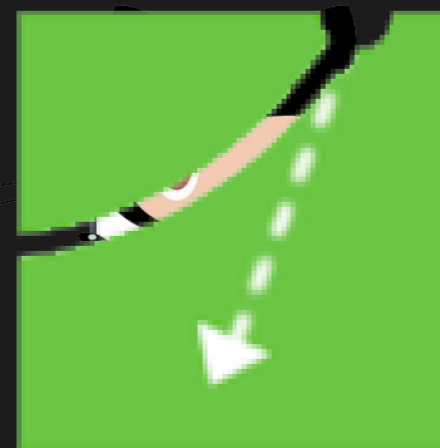


# Features of Azure Functions

- Choice of language
- Pay-per-use pricing model
- Bring your own dependencies
- Integrated security
- Simplified integration
- Flexible development
- Open-source



Batch

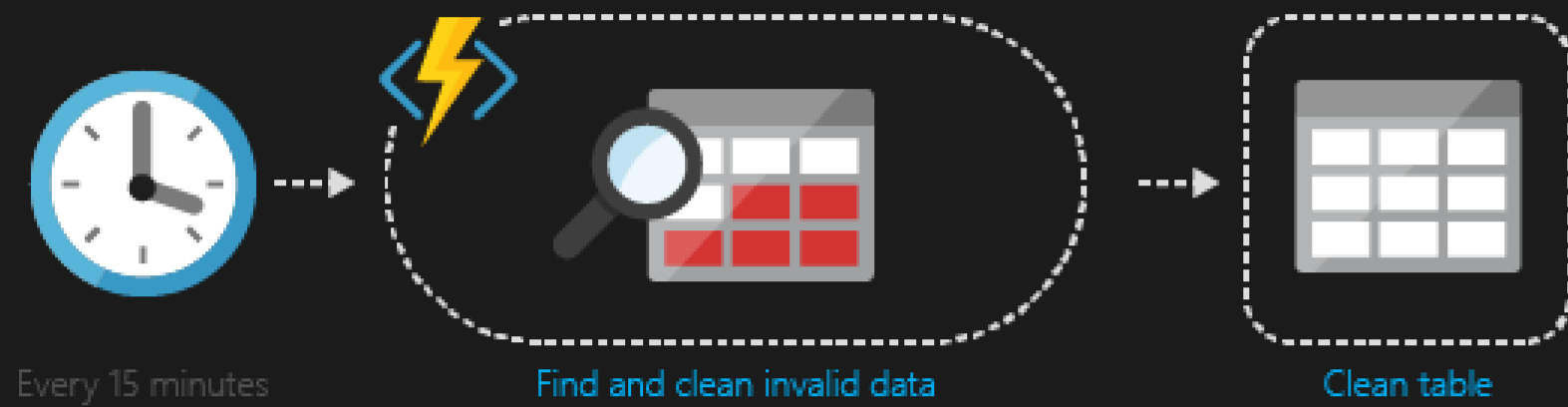


# What can you do with Functions

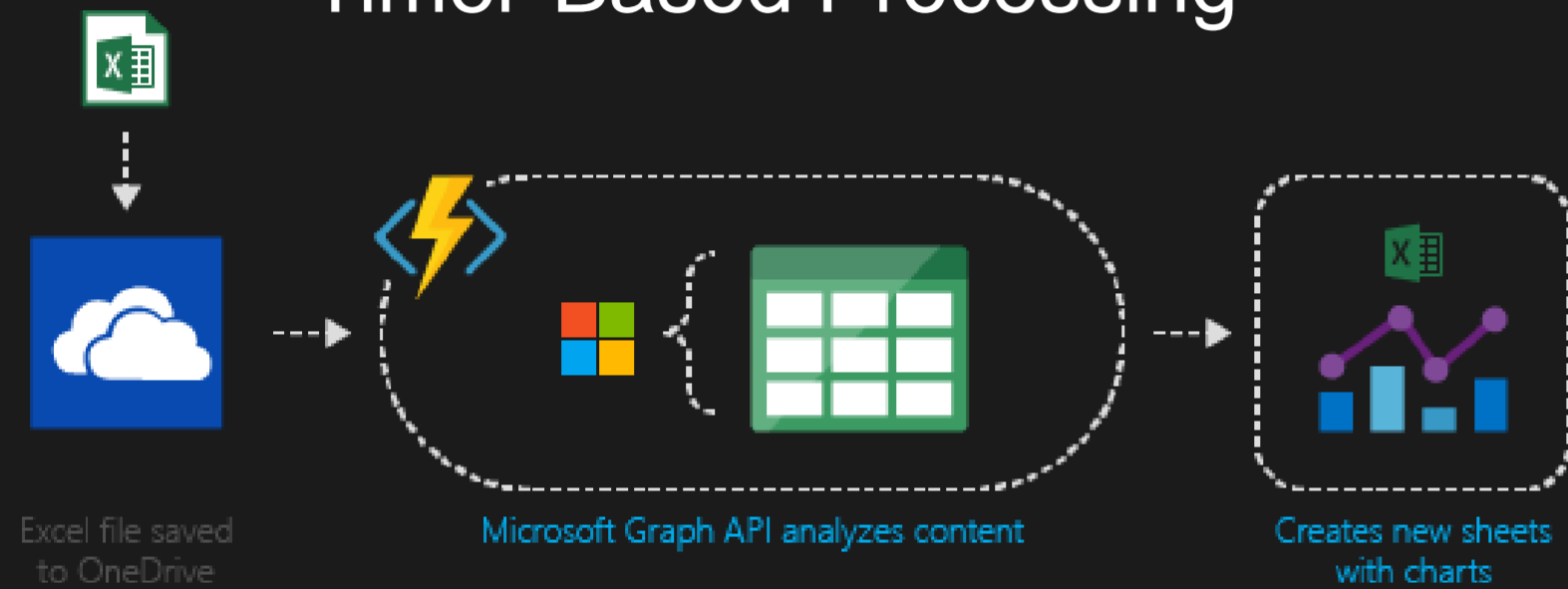
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- HTTPTrigger
- TimerTrigger
- GitHub webhook
- Generic webhook
- CosmosDBTrigger
- BlobTrigger
- QueueTrigger
- EventHubTrigger
- ServiceBusQueueTrigger
- ServiceBusTopicTrigger

# What can you do with Functions



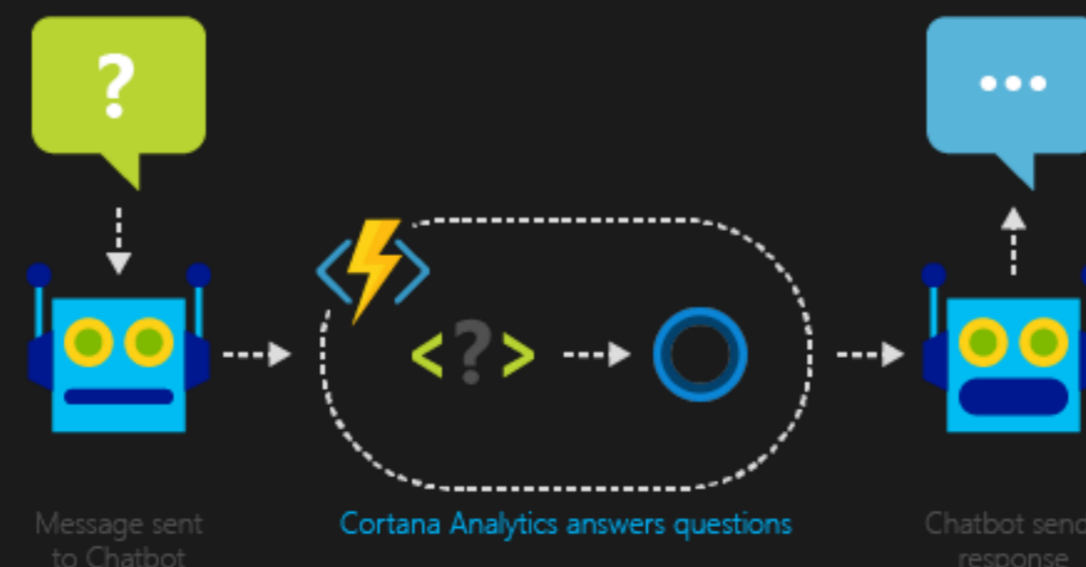
## Timer-Based Processing



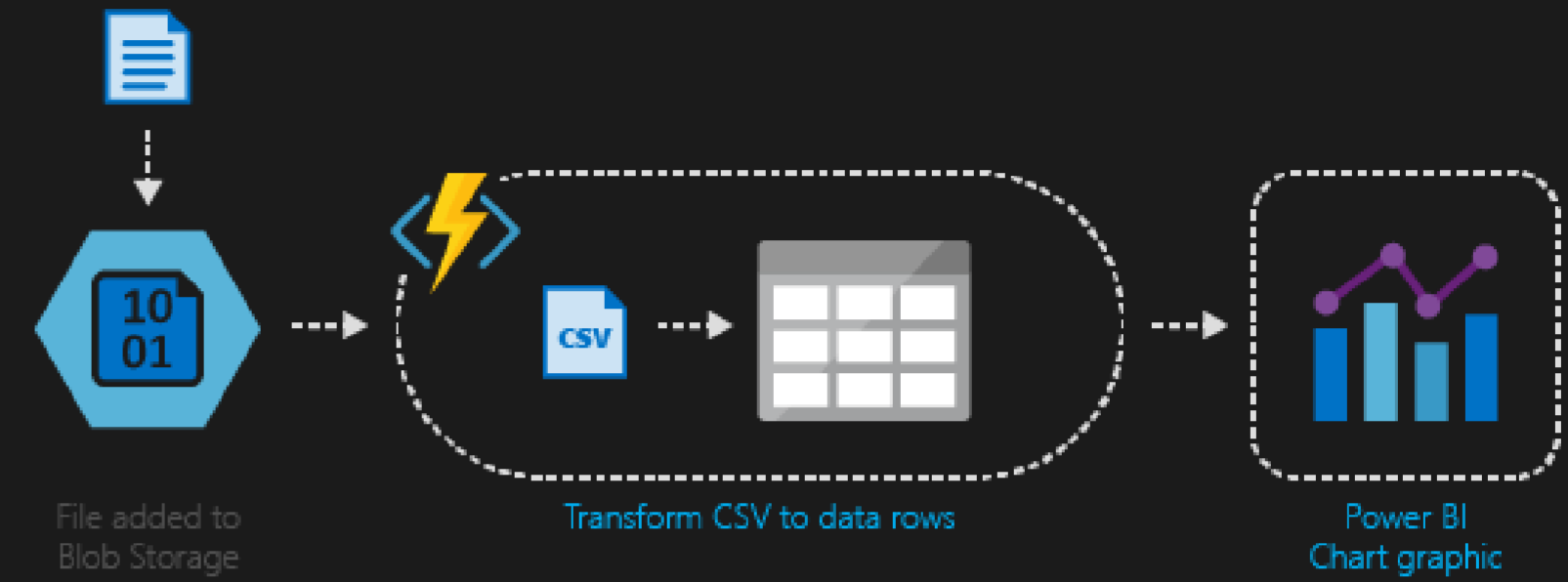
## SaaS Event Processing



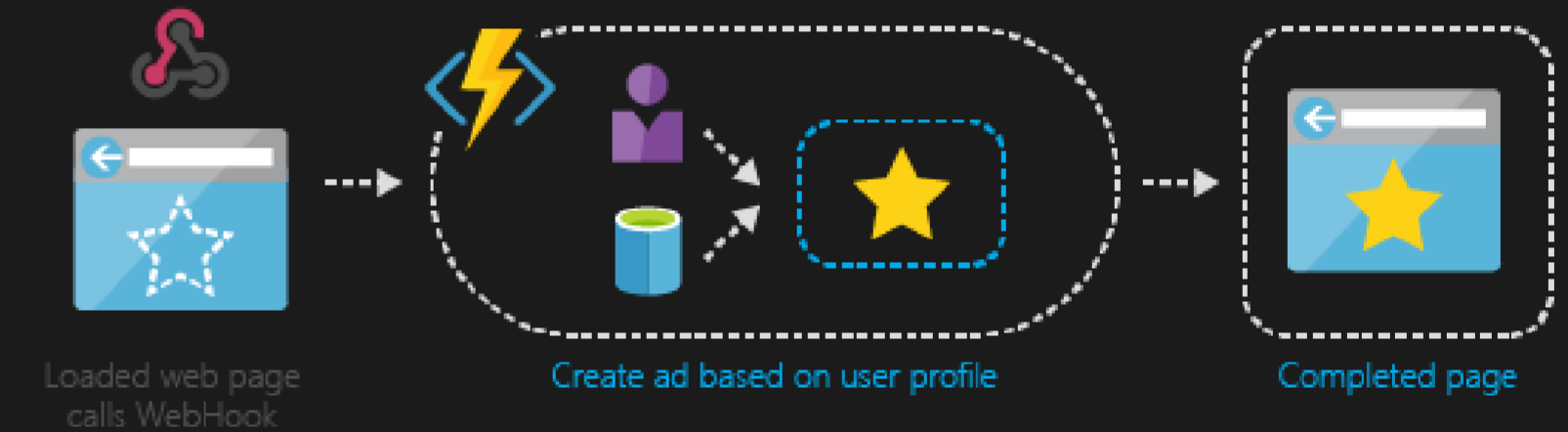
## Serverless Mobile Back Ends



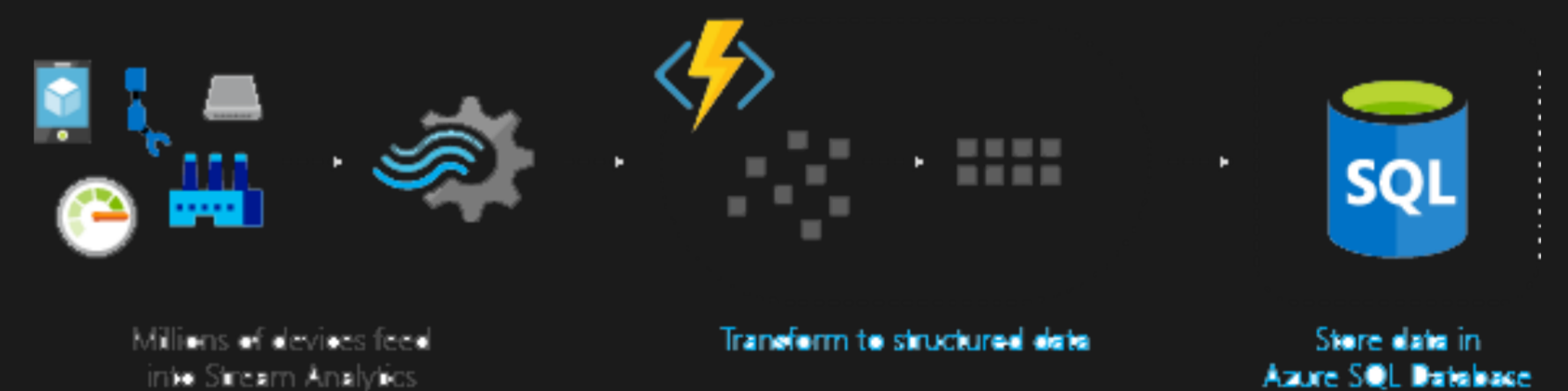
## Real-Time Bot Messaging



## Azure Service Event Processing



## Serverless Web Application Architectures



## Real-Time Stream Processing

# Azure Functions Pricing

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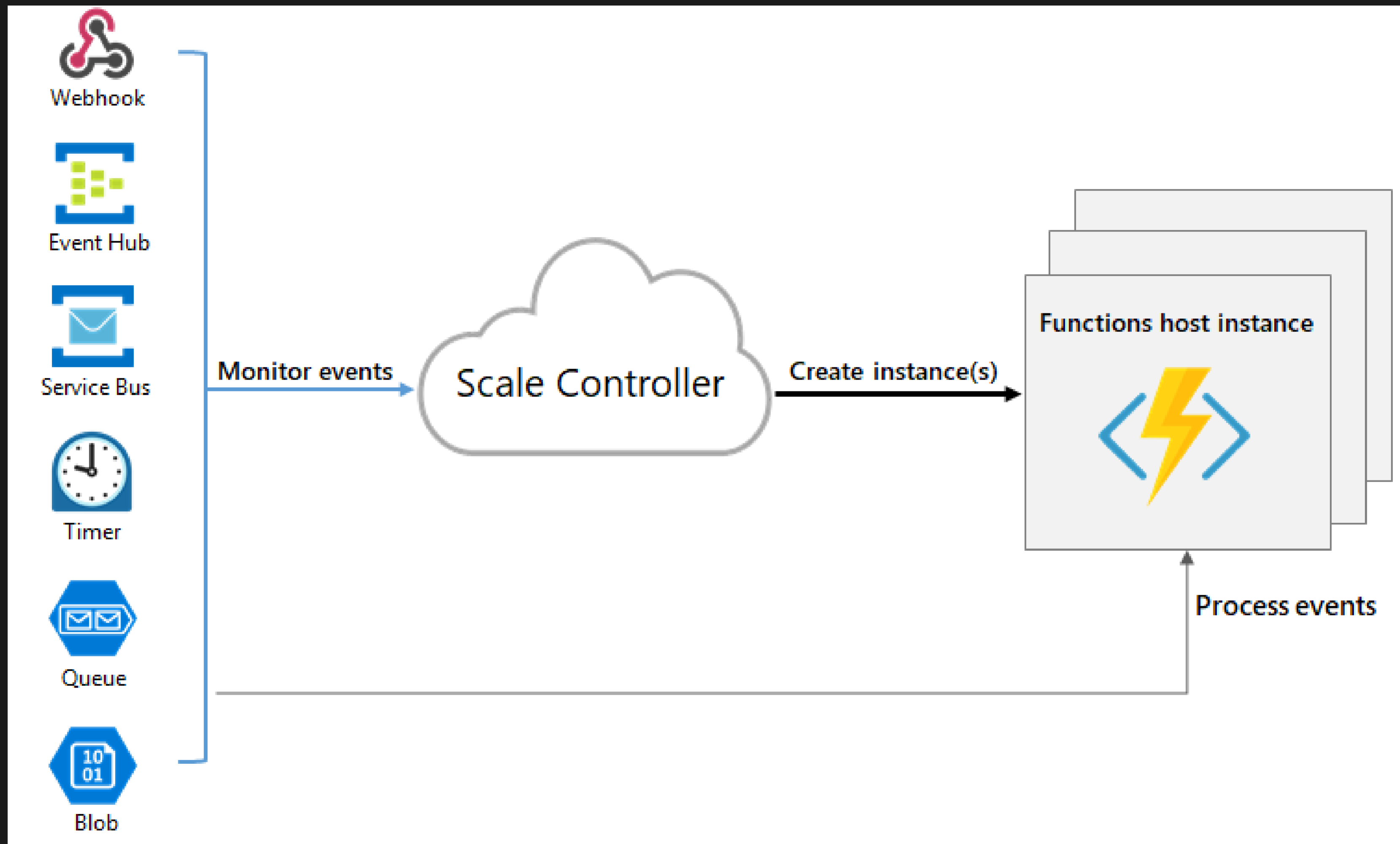
## Consumption Plan

- Takes care of everything but your code
- Pay only when your functions are running
- Scale out automatically

## App Service Plan

- You pretty much take care of everything
- Consider when:
  - Existing, underutilized VMs
  - Function apps to run continuously
  - More CPU or memory options
  - Run longer than maximum execution time
  - Require features only available on App Service plan
  - Want to run on Linux

# How the Consumption plan works



# Azure Functions Pricing

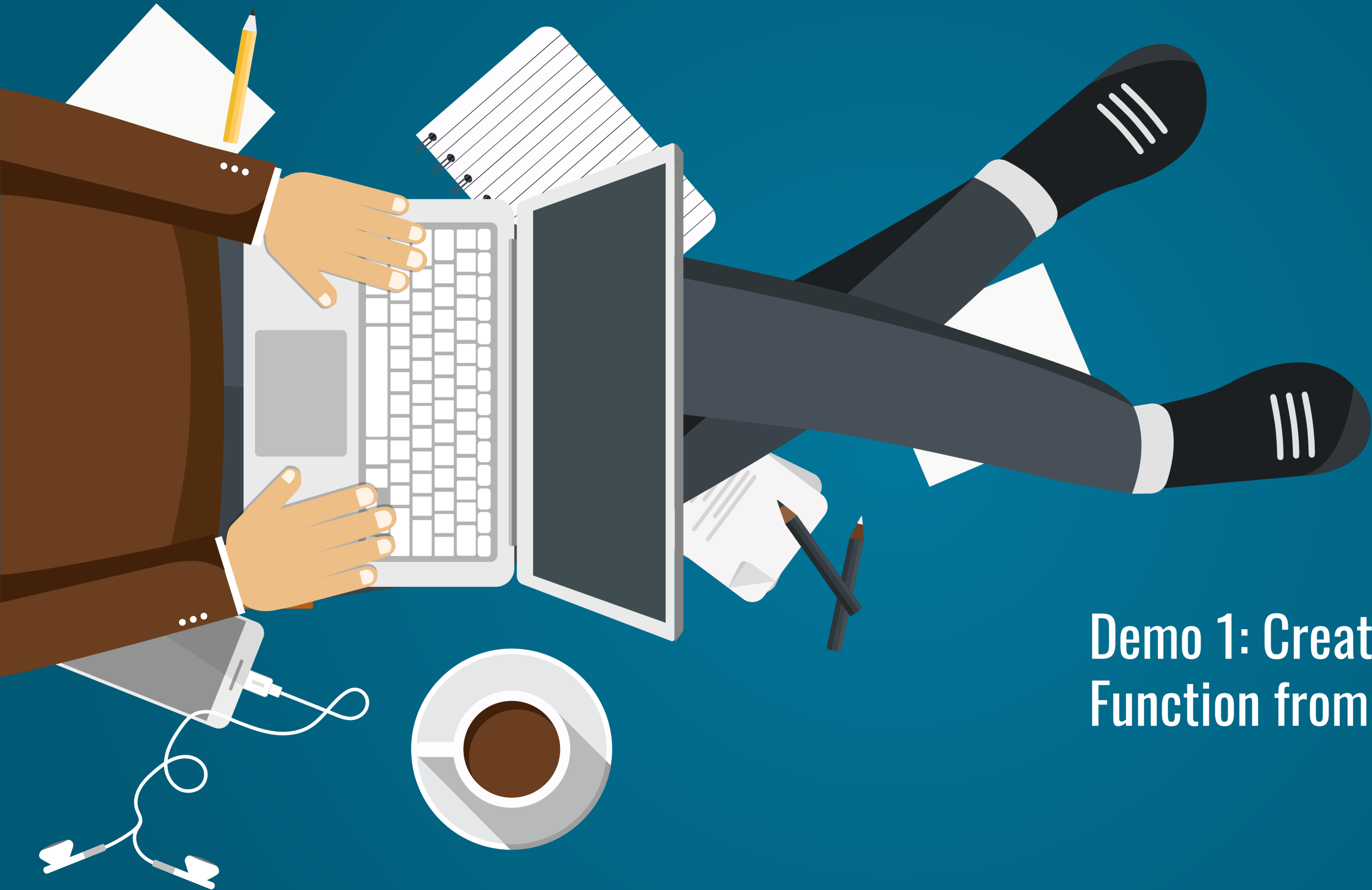
- Gigabyte-second (GB-s) – Combination of memory size and execution time
- Executions – Each time a function is executed

Resource Consumption Billing Calculation	
<b>Resource consumption (seconds)</b>	
Executions	3 million executions
Execution duration (seconds)	× 1 second
Resource consumption Total	3 million seconds
<b>Resource consumption (GB-s)</b>	
Resource consumption converted to GBs	512 MB / 1,024 MB
Execution time (seconds)	× 3 million seconds
Total GB-s	1.5 million GB-s
<b>Billable resource consumption</b>	
Resource consumption	1.5 million GB-s
Monthly free grant	– 400,000 GB-s
Total billable consumption	1.1 million GB-s
<b>Monthly resource consumption cost</b>	
Billable resource consumption	1.1 million GB-s
Resource consumption price	× \$0.000016/GB-s
Total cost	\$17.60

Executions billing calculation	
<b>Billable executions</b>	
Total monthly executions	3 million executions
Monthly free executions	– 1 million executions
Monthly billable executions	2 million executions
<b>Monthly executions cost</b>	
Monthly billable executions	2 million executions
Price per million executions	× \$0.20
Monthly execution cost	\$0.40
<b>Total consumption billing calculation</b>	
<b>Total monthly cost</b>	
Monthly resource consumption cost	\$17.60
Monthly executions cost	+ \$0.40
Total monthly cost	\$18



Code Demonstrations



**Demo 1: Create an Azure  
Function from the Portal**



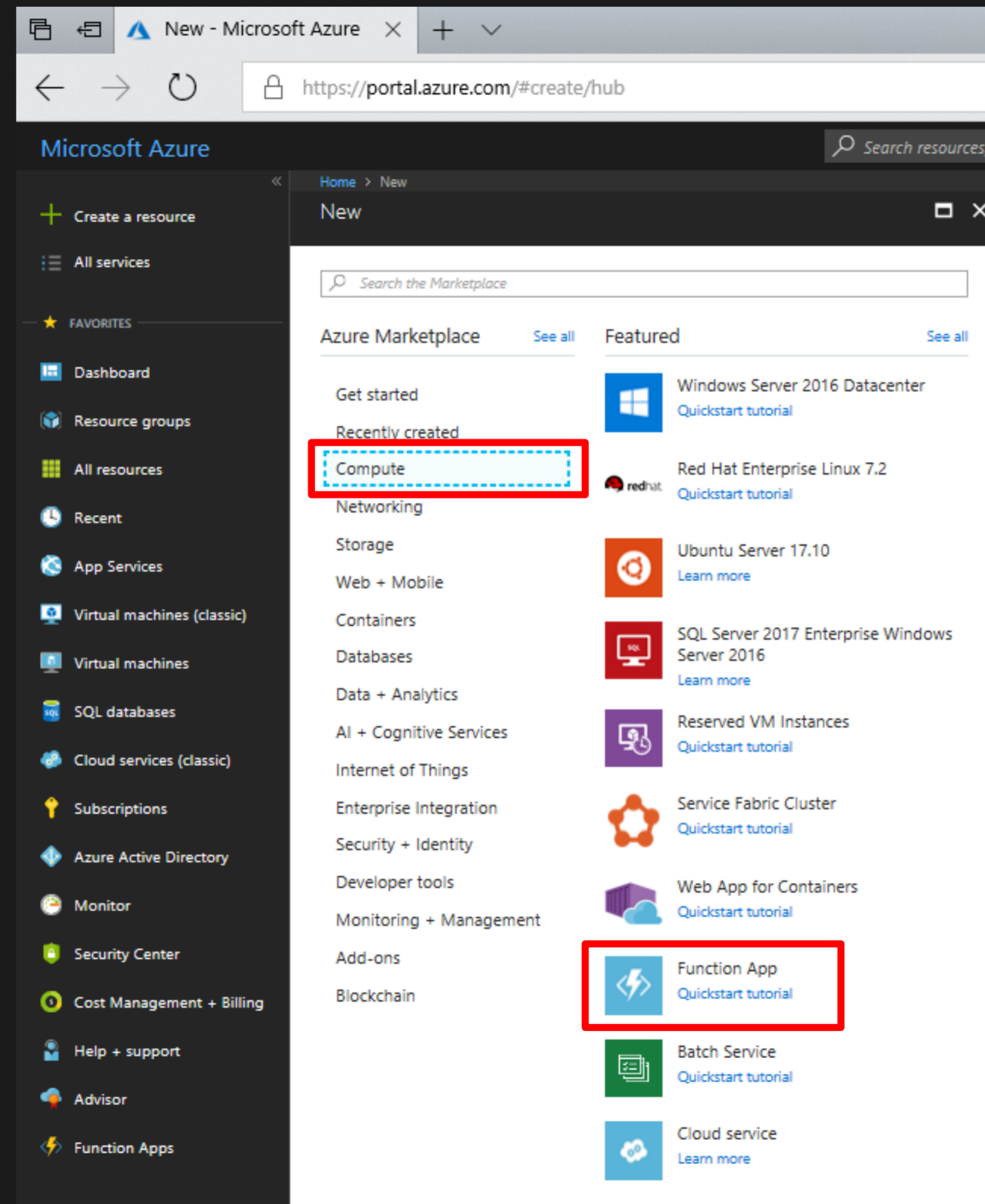
# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

Log into the Azure Portal – <https://portal.azure.com>

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Portal dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation options, with the 'Create a resource' button highlighted in red. The main dashboard area displays a list of resources on the left, a central area with 'Service Health', 'Marketplace', and 'Help + support' tiles, and a right side showing resource status cards for various services like 'chadgreen WEB APP' and 'CPL-Attendees SQL DATABASE'.

# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

## Create a function app



# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

Create a function app

Function App  
Create

\* App name  
stirrek-functions ✓

\* Subscription  
Windows Azure MSDN - Visual Studio Ultr

\* Resource Group ⓘ  
 Create new  Use existing  
stirrek-functions ✓

\* OS  
Windows Linux (Preview)

Hosting Plan ⓘ  
Consumption Plan

\* Location  
Central US

\* Storage ⓘ  
 Create new  Use existing  
stirrekfunctionde/d ✓

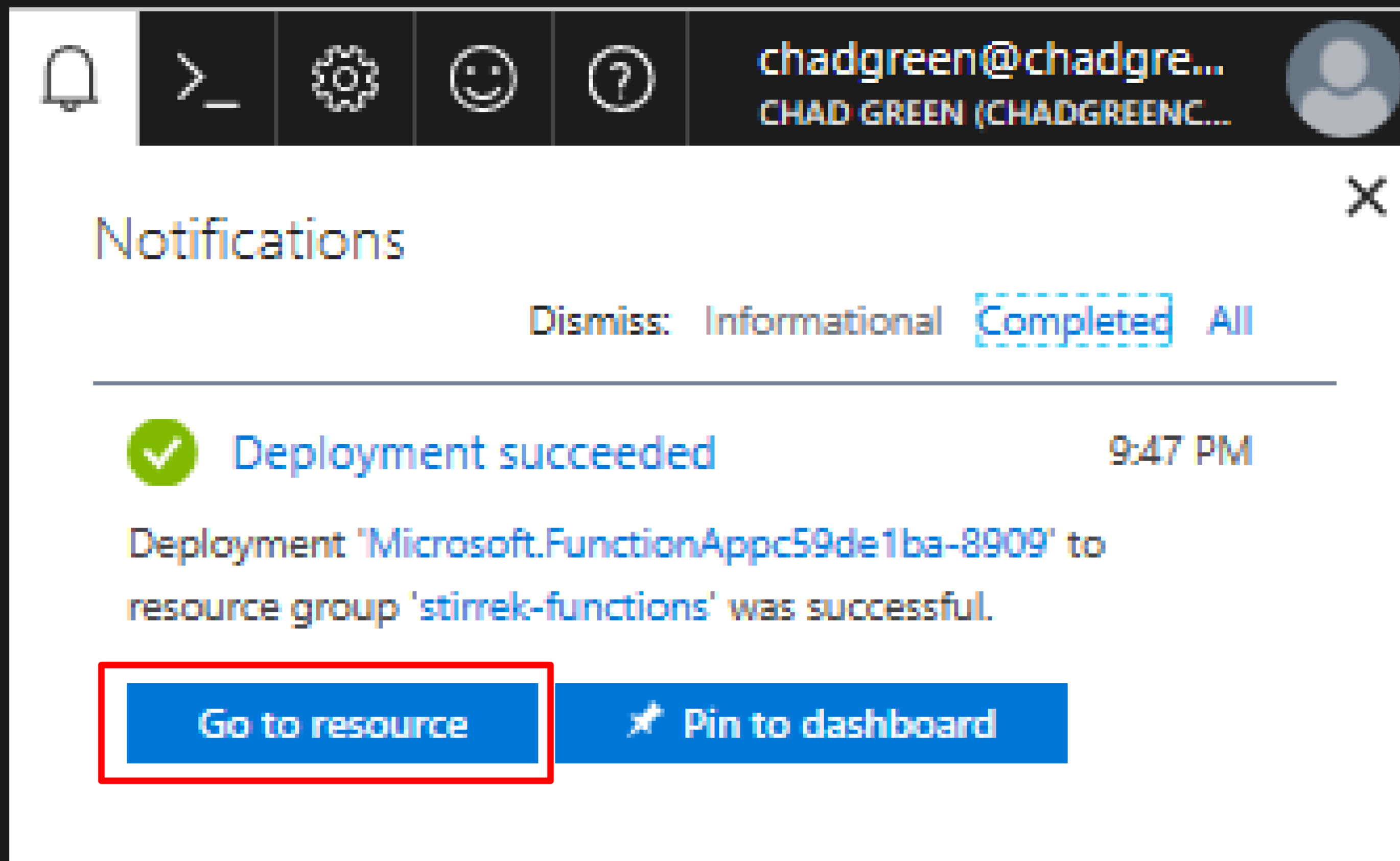
Application Insights ⓘ  On  Off

Pin to dashboard

Automation options

# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

Create a function app



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Azure Portal with a user profile for 'chadgreen@chadgre...' and 'CHAD GREEN (CHADGREENC...)'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Notifications' pane with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The pane title is 'Notifications'. Below the title are filter options: 'Dismiss: Informational', 'Completed' (which is highlighted with a dashed blue border), and 'All'. A horizontal line separates the filters from the notification content. The notification itself features a green checkmark icon, the text 'Deployment succeeded' in blue, and the time '9:47 PM'. Below this, the text reads: 'Deployment 'Microsoft.FunctionAppc59de1ba-8909' to resource group 'stirrek-functions' was successful.' At the bottom of the notification are two blue buttons: 'Go to resource' (highlighted with a red border) and 'Pin to dashboard'.

# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

## Create an HTTP triggered function

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the navigation pane is visible with various services listed. The main content area displays the 'stirrek-functions' Function App page. Under the 'Functions' section, the 'Webhook + API' scenario is selected and highlighted with a red box. Below this, the 'Create this function' button is also highlighted with a red box. The page title is 'stirrek-functions' and the user is identified as 'chadgreen@chadgre... CHAD GREEN (CHADGREENC...)'. The page content includes a search bar, a dropdown for 'All subscriptions', and a list of function scenarios: 'Webhook + API', 'Timer', and 'Data processing'. The 'Webhook + API' scenario is selected, and the language is set to 'CSharp'. A 'Create this function' button is visible below the language selection. Below the main content area, there is a section titled 'Get started on your own' with options for 'Custom function' and 'Start from source control'.

# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

## Test the function

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with various service categories. The main area displays the 'stirrek-functions - HttpTriggerCSharp1' function app. A 'Get function URL' dialog box is open, showing a dropdown menu for 'Key' with 'default (Host key)' selected. The URL field contains the function's endpoint: `https://stirrek-functions.azurewebsites.net/api/HttpTriggerCSharp1?code=3QSZbp3IBhquawGny78Igj0sHkruq5p6717ZczNmcnaFIUNKORAc6w==`. A 'Copy' button is visible next to the URL. Below the dialog, a code editor shows the function's C# code. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Logs' and 'Errors and warnings'.

```
run.csx Save Run </> Get function URL
```

Get function URL

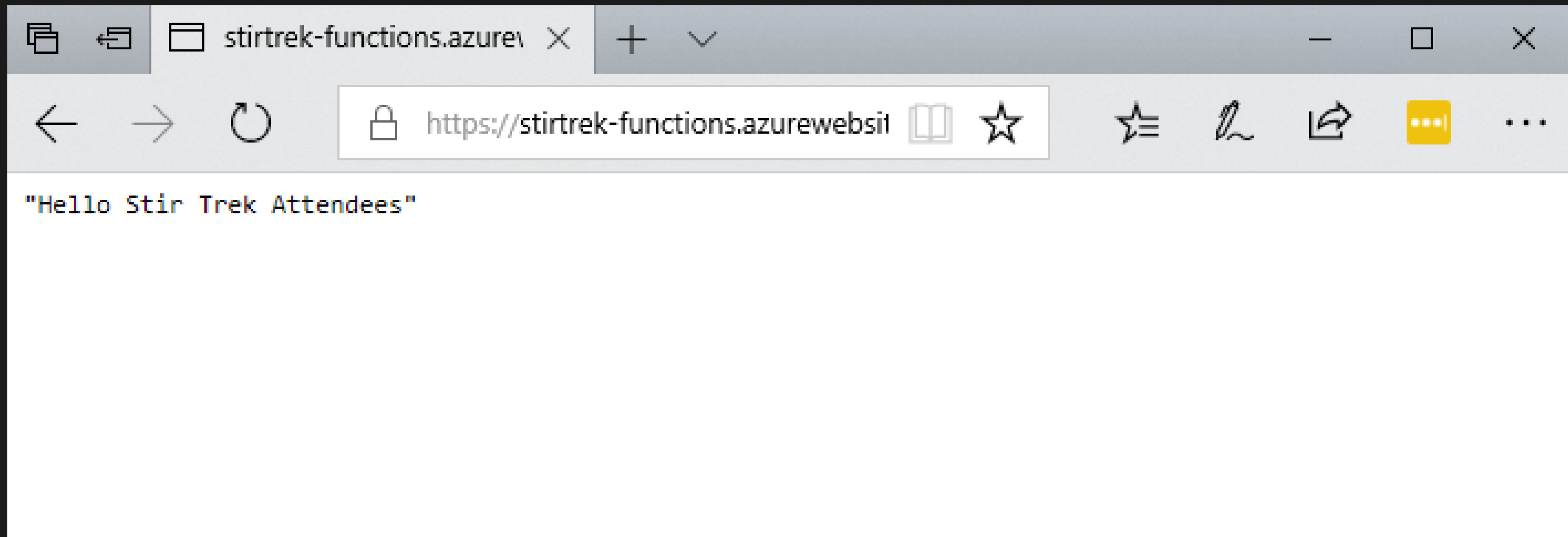
Key: default (Host key) URL: https://stirrek-functions.azurewebsites.net/api/HttpTriggerCSharp1?code=3QSZbp3IBhquawGny78Igj0sHkruq5p6717ZczNmcnaFIUNKORAc6w== Copy

```
15     dynamic data = await req.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();
16     name = data?.name;
17 }
18
19 return name == null
20     ? req.CreateResponse(HttpStatusCode.BadRequest, "Please pass a name on the query string or")
21     : req.CreateResponse(HttpStatusCode.OK, "Hello " + name);
22 }
23
```

Logs Errors and warnings

# Demo 1: Create an Azure Function from the Portal

Test the function





Demo 2: Create an Azure  
Function Triggered by a Timer



# Demo 2: Create an Azure Function Triggered by a Timer

## Create a timer triggered function

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the navigation pane shows 'Function Apps' selected under 'stirrek-functions'. The main area shows the 'Choose a template below or go to the quickstart' page. The 'Timer trigger' option is highlighted with a red box. The 'Timer trigger' card includes the text: 'A function that will be run on a specified schedule' and lists supported languages: C#, F#, and JavaScript. Other visible triggers include HTTP trigger, Queue trigger, Service Bus Queue trigger, Service Bus Topic trigger, Blob trigger, Event Hub trigger, and Cosmos DB trigger. The 'HTTP trigger' card is also highlighted with a red box. The 'Queue trigger' card is highlighted with a red box. The 'Service Bus Queue trigger' card is highlighted with a red box. The 'Service Bus Topic trigger' card is highlighted with a red box. The 'Blob trigger' card is highlighted with a red box. The 'Event Hub trigger' card is highlighted with a red box. The 'Cosmos DB trigger' card is highlighted with a red box.

# Demo 2: Create an Azure Function Triggered by a Timer

## Create a timer triggered function

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the navigation pane shows the 'Function Apps' section. The main area shows the 'stirrek-functions' Function App with a list of functions, including 'HttpTriggerCSharp1'. A 'New Function' dialog box is open, showing the 'Timer trigger' configuration. The dialog includes a 'Language' dropdown set to 'C#', a 'Name' field containing 'TimerTriggerCSharp1', and a 'Schedule' field with the crontab expression '0 \* /5 \* \* \* \*'. The 'Create' button is highlighted with a red box.

Microsoft Azure

Home > stirrek-functions

stirrek-functions  
Function Apps

Search

All subscriptions

Function Apps

stirrek-functions

Functions +

HttpTriggerCSharp1

Integrate

Manage

Monitor

Proxies

Slots (preview)

Choose a template below or go to the quickstart

Search by trigger, language, or descriptor

Language: All

Scenario: All

HTTP trigger

A function that will be run whenever it receives an HTTP request, responding based on data in the body or query string

C# F# JavaScript

Queue trigger

A function that will be run whenever a message is added to a specified Azure Storage queue

C# F# JavaScript

Service Bus Topic trigger

A function that will be run whenever a message is added to the specified Service Bus Topic

C# F# JavaScript

Event Hub trigger

Cosmos

Timer trigger

New Function

Language: C#

Name: TimerTriggerCSharp1

Timer trigger

Schedule ⓘ

0 \* /5 \* \* \* \*

Create Cancel

# Demo 2: Create an Azure Function Triggered by a Timer

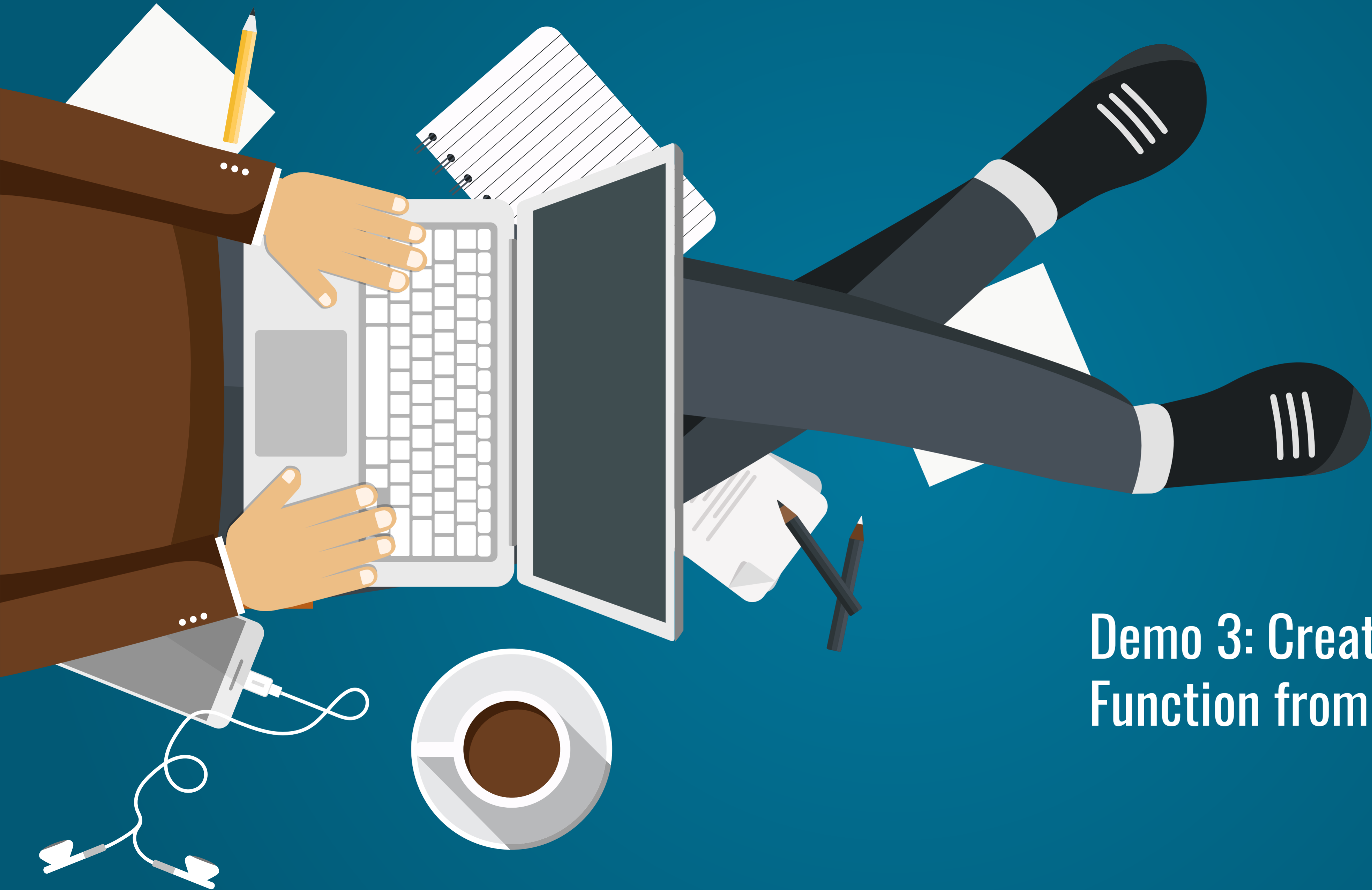
## Verify execution

```
Logs  Errors and warnings  Pause  Clear  Copy logs  Expand
2018-04-18T02:39:37 Welcome, you are now connected to log-streaming service.
2018-04-18T02:40:00.011 [Info] Function started (Id=784ac518-edb9-4837-8588-d0946003a0c6)
2018-04-18T02:40:00.013 [Info] C# Timer trigger function executed at: 4/18/2018 2:40:00 AM
2018-04-18T02:40:00.013 [Info] Function completed (Success, Id=784ac518-edb9-4837-8588-d0946003a0c6, Duration=4ms)
2018-04-18T02:41:00.016 [Info] Function started (Id=8e5ef2b9-d968-4553-8086-41c43133848d)
2018-04-18T02:41:00.016 [Info] C# Timer trigger function executed at: 4/18/2018 2:41:00 AM
2018-04-18T02:41:00.016 [Info] Function completed (Success, Id=8e5ef2b9-d968-4553-8086-41c43133848d, Duration=0ms)
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# Demo 2: Create an Azure Function Triggered by a Timer

## Update the timer's schedule

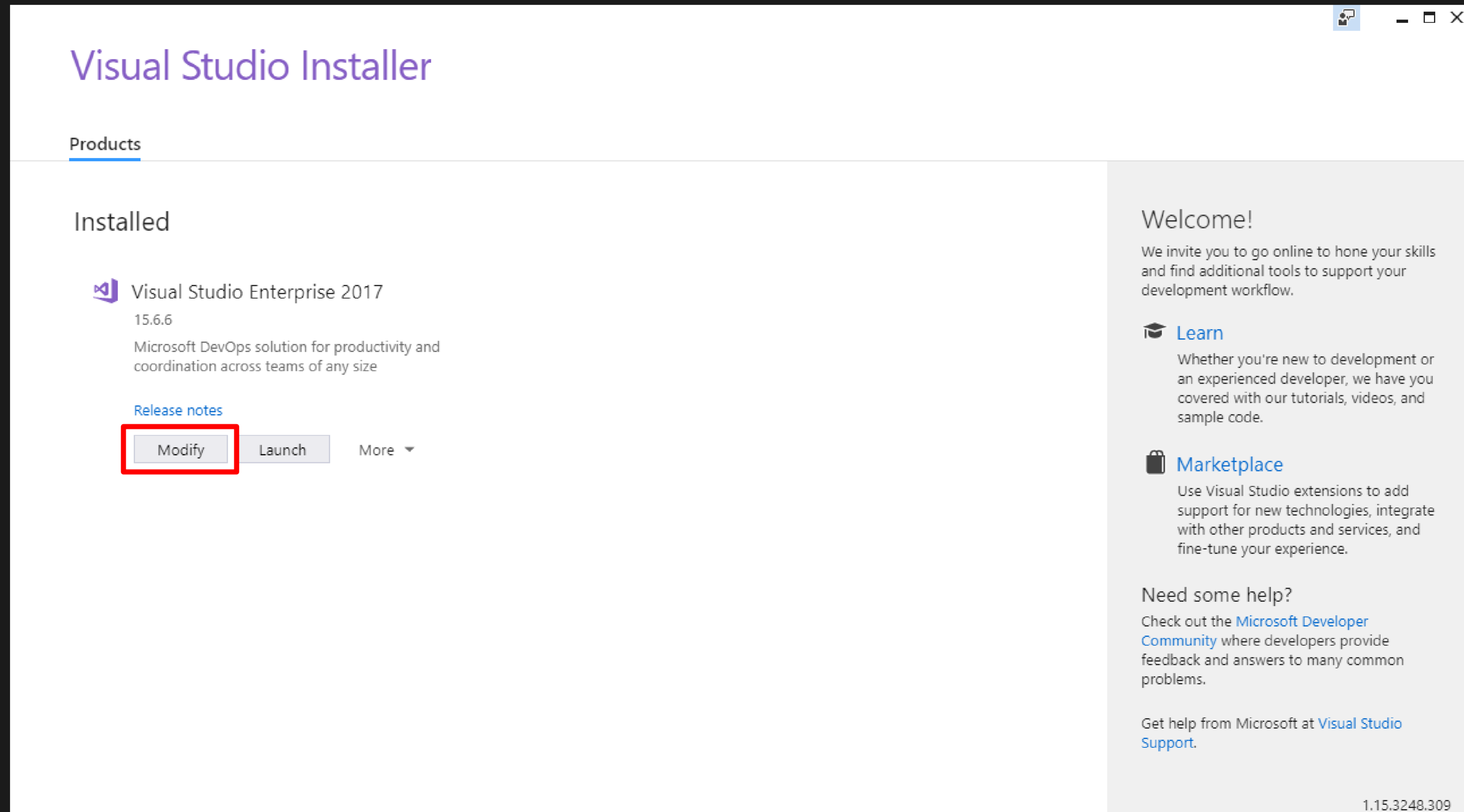
The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface for configuring an Azure Function. The left-hand navigation pane shows the 'Integrate' option for the 'TimerTriggerCSharp1' function, which is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows the configuration for the 'Timer trigger'. The 'Timestamp parameter name' is set to 'myTimer', and the 'Schedule' is set to '00\*/1\*\*\*', both of which are highlighted with red boxes. The 'Save' button is also highlighted with a red box. The 'Triggers' section shows a 'Timer (myTimer)' trigger, and the 'Inputs' and 'Outputs' sections show '+ New Input' and '+ New Output' buttons respectively. The 'Advanced editor' link is visible in the top right corner of the configuration panel.



Demo 3: Create an Azure  
Function from Visual Studio

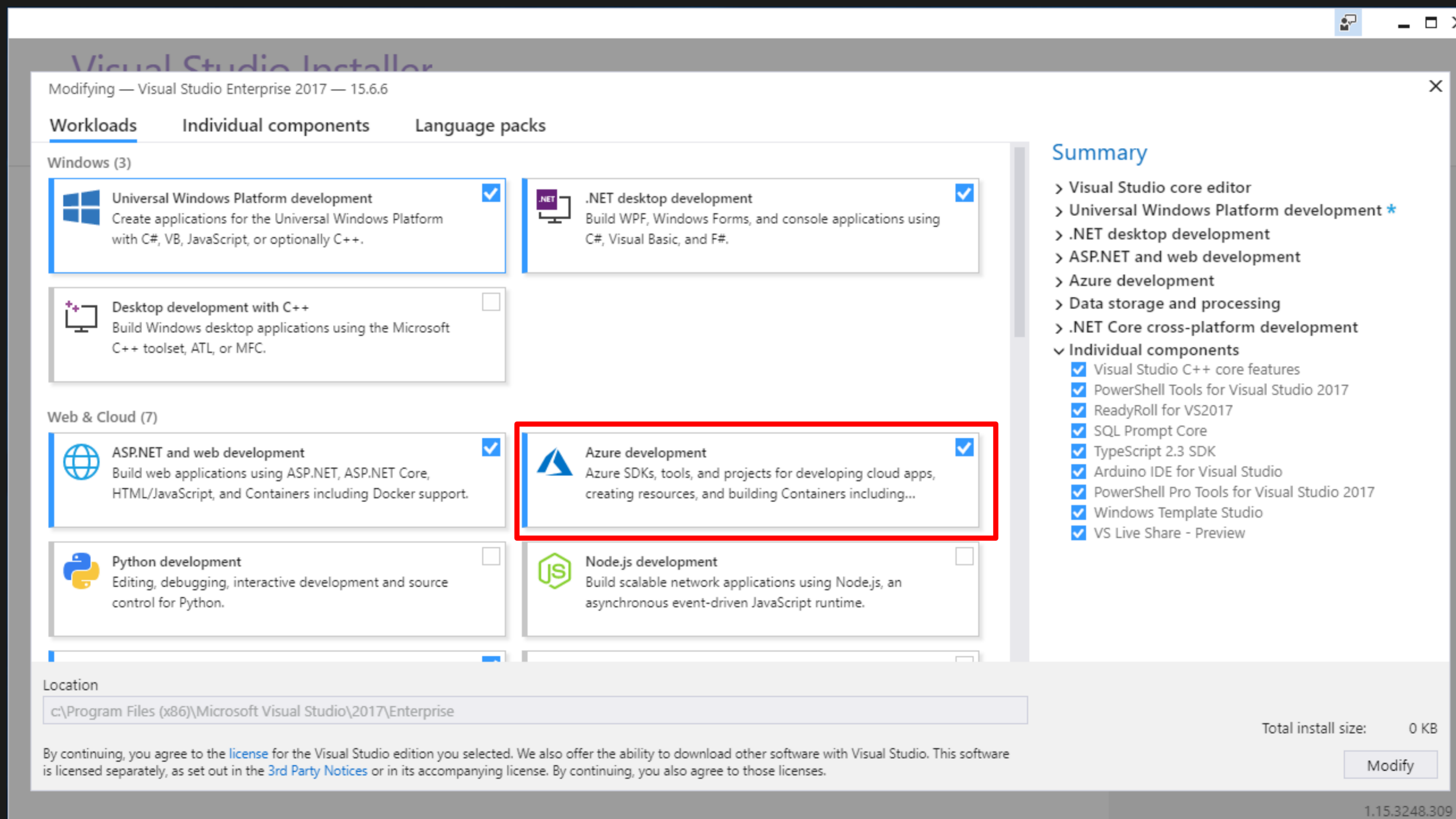
# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

## Install Visual Studio 2017



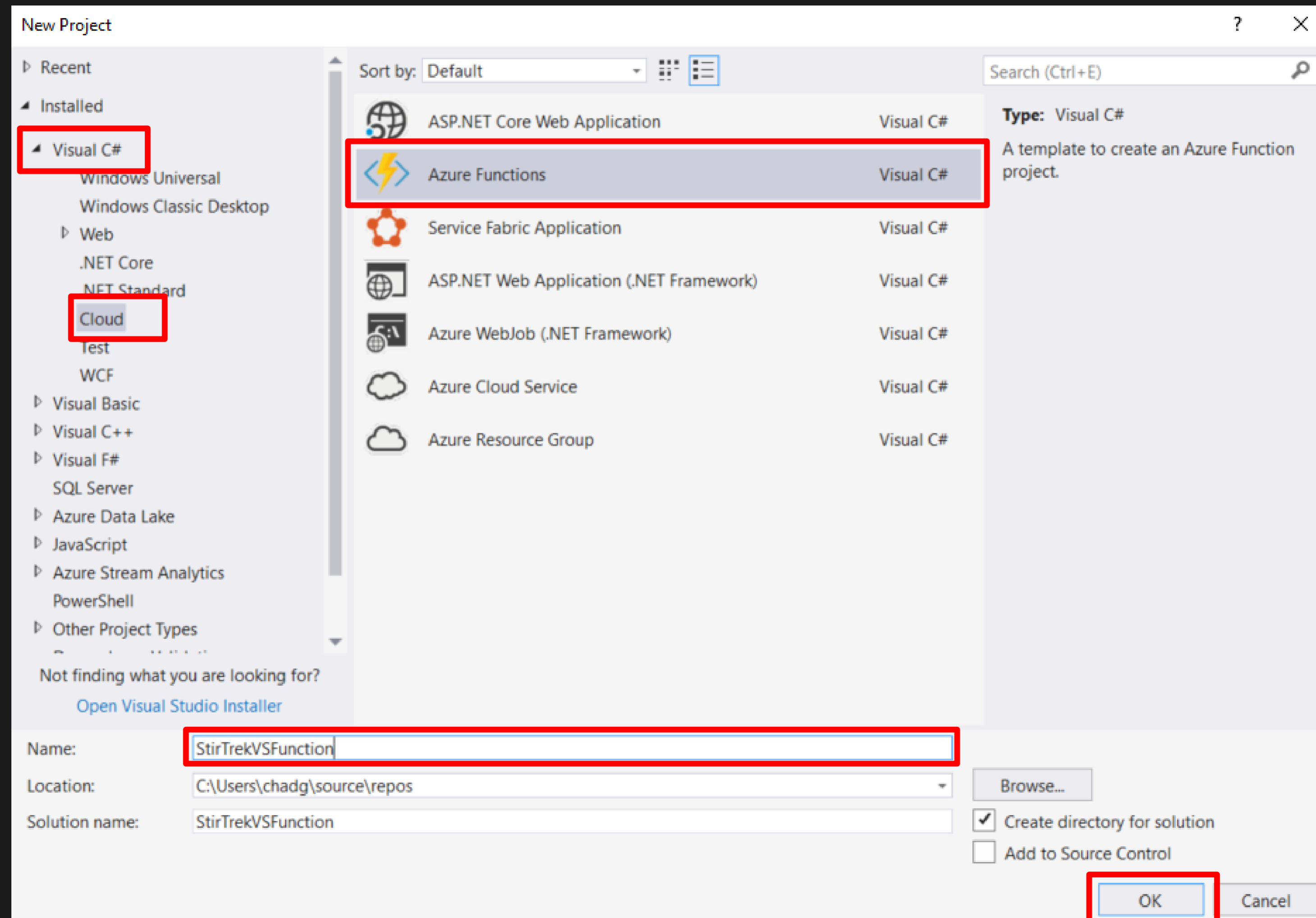
# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

Include the Azure development workload



# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

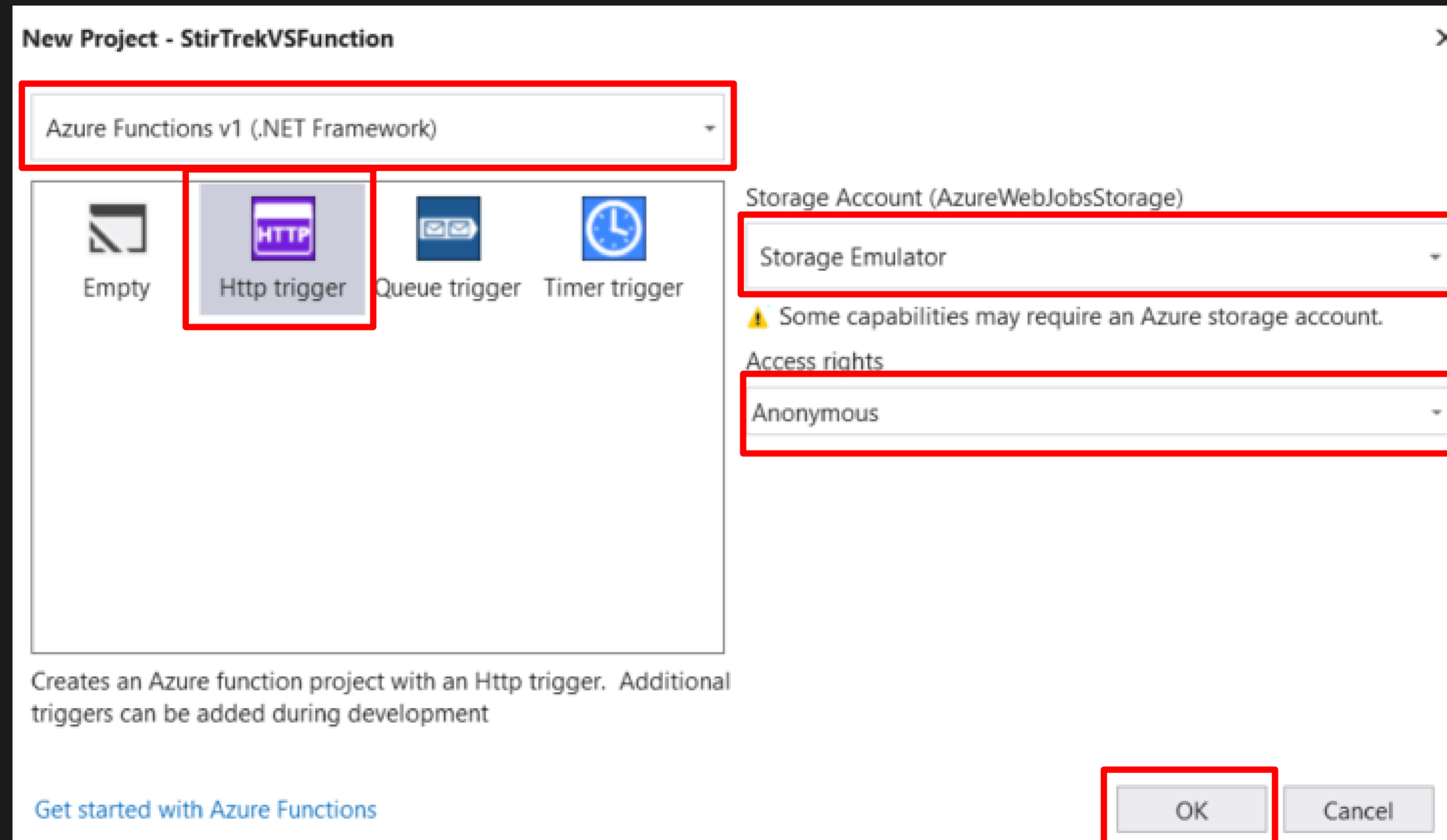
## Create a function app project





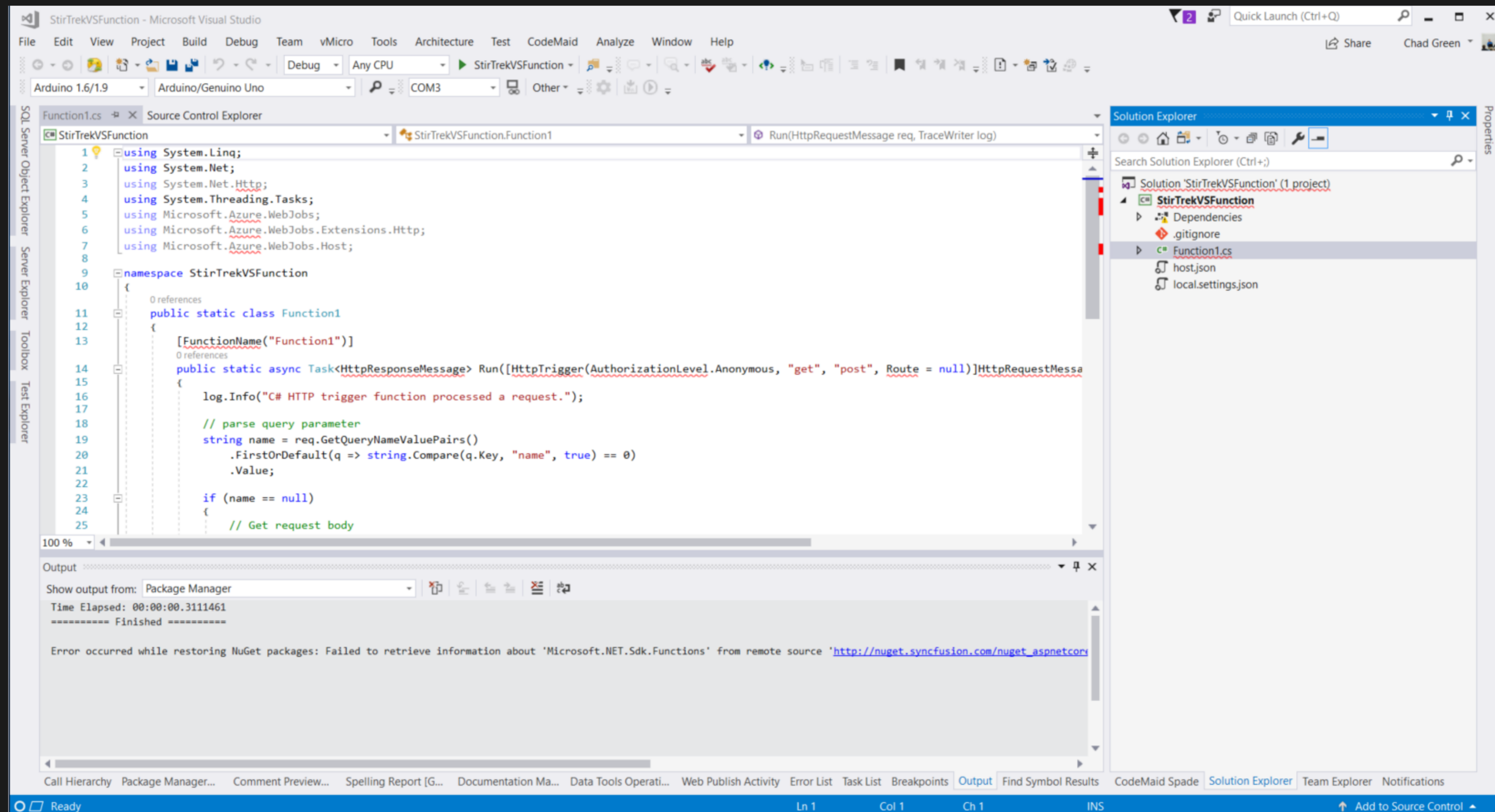
# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

Create a function app project



# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

## Create a function app project



# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

## Test the function locally

```
C:\Users\chadg\AppData\Local\Azure.Functions.Cli\1.0.10\func.exe

      %%%
      %%%
    @  %%%  @
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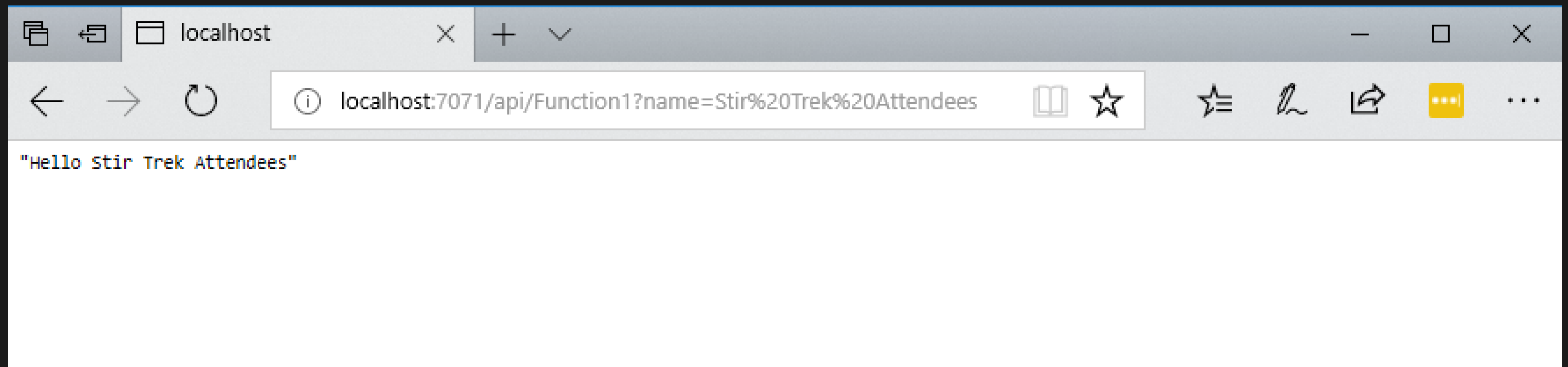
Listening on http://localhost:7071/
Hit CTRL-C to exit...
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Reading host configuration file 'C:\Users\chadg\source\repos\StirTrekVSFunction\StirTrekVSFunction\bin\Debug\net461\host.json'
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Host configuration file read:
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] {}
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Starting Host (HostId=beast-923323056, Version=1.0.11612.0, InstanceId=c24d0aa3-9f33-4599-8a9a-0d86251bf36a, ProcessId=173768, AppDomainId=1, Debug=False, ConsecutiveErrors=0, StartupCount=1, FunctionsExtensionVersion=)
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Loaded custom extension 'BotFrameworkConfiguration'
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Loaded custom extension 'SendGridConfiguration'
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Loaded custom extension 'EventGridExtensionConfig'
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] Host secret 'eventgridextensionconfig_extension' for 'systemkeys' Created.
[4/18/2018 3:52:27 AM] registered EventGrid Endpoint = http://localhost:7071/admin/extensions/EventGridExtensionConfig
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] Generating 1 job function(s)
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] Found the following functions:
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] StirTrekVSFunction.Function1.Run
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] Executing HTTP request: {
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM]   "requestId": "745e63bc-4660-457a-8cf1-8c8e52ef292c",
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM]   "method": "GET",
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM]   "uri": "/"
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] }
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[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM]   "uri": "/",
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM]   "authorizationLevel": "Anonymous",
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM]   "status": "OK"
[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] }

Http Functions:
    Function1: http://localhost:7071/api/Function1

[4/18/2018 3:52:28 AM] Job host started
[4/18/2018 3:52:29 AM] Host lock lease acquired by instance ID '00000000000000000000000002F9917ED'.
Debugger listening on [::]:5858
```

# Demo 3: Create an Azure Function from Visual Studio

Test the function locally





# Best Practices

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From Zero to Serverless

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- Functions *should* do one thing
- Functions *should* finish as quickly as possible
  
- Where to get started
  - Start small, replace 1 API or background processing item
  - Integration is a great place, often it's a new layer on top of old layers



# Summary

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From Zero to Serverless

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- With Azure Functions, the focus is on the code and not managing the infrastructure
- Serverless architecture provides the following benefits:
  - Reduced time to market
  - Lower total cost of ownership
  - Pay per execution



# Azure Serverless Compute Summary

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- It's now becoming easier than ever to create small, targeted microservice/nanoservice architecture using a variety of services
- Azure provides many services that can help you achieve a low-friction, high-throughput and low-cost solution
- Azure Functions, Logic Apps, Event Grid are just a few in the serverless architecture family



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