
Securing an Azure Function REST API with

Azure Active Directory

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— Agenda

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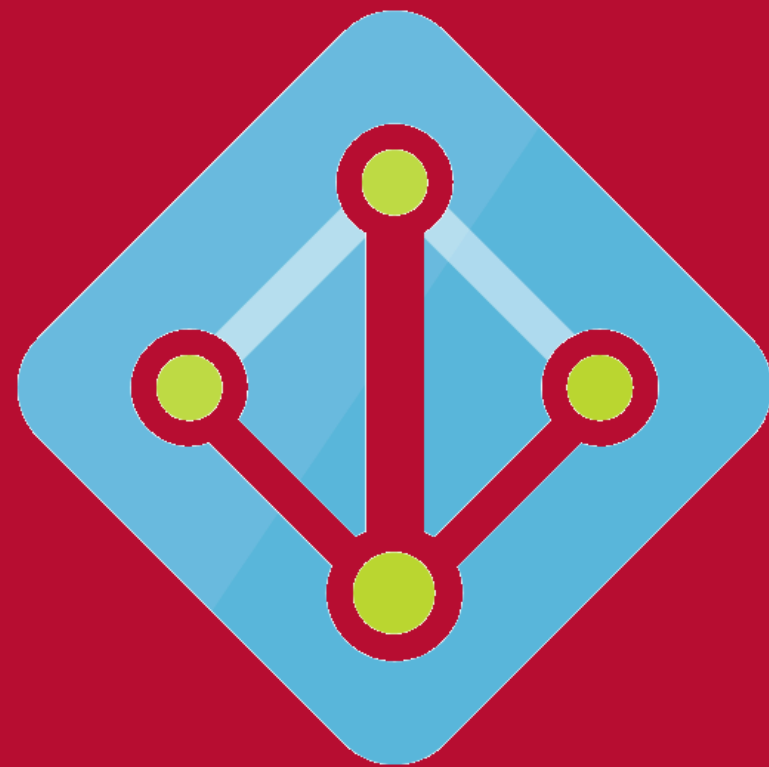
Static website hosting

ADAL & MSAL

Putting things together



Azure Active Directory



— Azure Active Directory

“Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) is Microsoft’s cloud-based identity and access management service. Azure AD helps your employees sign in and access resources”

— Azure Active Directory

Seamless, highly secure access

Comprehensive identity protection

Efficient management and compliance at scale

Customer and partner identities

Identity platform for developers

Identity for IaaS (infrastructure as a service)



— Who uses Azure AD?

IT admins

App developers

Subscribers of

- Microsoft 365
- Office 365
- Azure
- Dynamics CRM online

— Pricing tiers

Free	FREE!
Basic	€ 0.844 user / month *
Premium P1	€ 5.06 user / month *
Premium P2	€ 7.59 user / month *

“Pay as you go” feature license.

* Annual commitment

— Azure Active Directory B2C

“Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) B2C is an identity management service that enables you to customize and control how customers sign up, sign in, and manage their profiles when using your applications. This includes applications developed for iOS, Android, and .NET, among others.”

STORED USER/MONTH	GENERAL AVAILABILITY PRICE
First 50,000	Free
Next 950,000	€0.00093
Next 9,000,000	€0.0008
Next 40,000,000	€0.00066
Greater than 50,000,000	€0.00054

AUTHENTICATIONS/MONTH	GENERAL AVAILABILITY PRICE
First 50,000	Free
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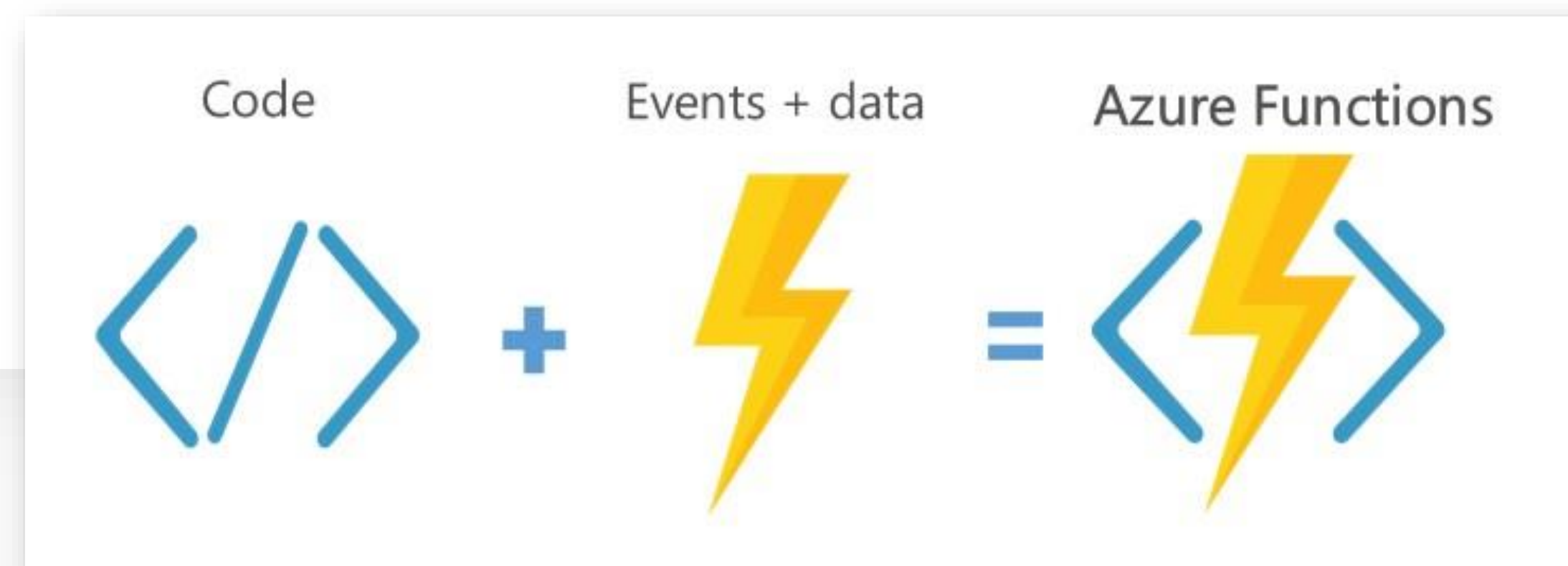
Azure Multi-Factor Authentication for Azure AD B2C users will be charged at a flat fee of €0.026 per authentication.

— Azure Functions



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“Accelerate your development with an event-driven, serverless compute experience. Scale on demand and pay only for the resources you consume.”



— Azure Functions

Take advantage of serverless compute with Functions

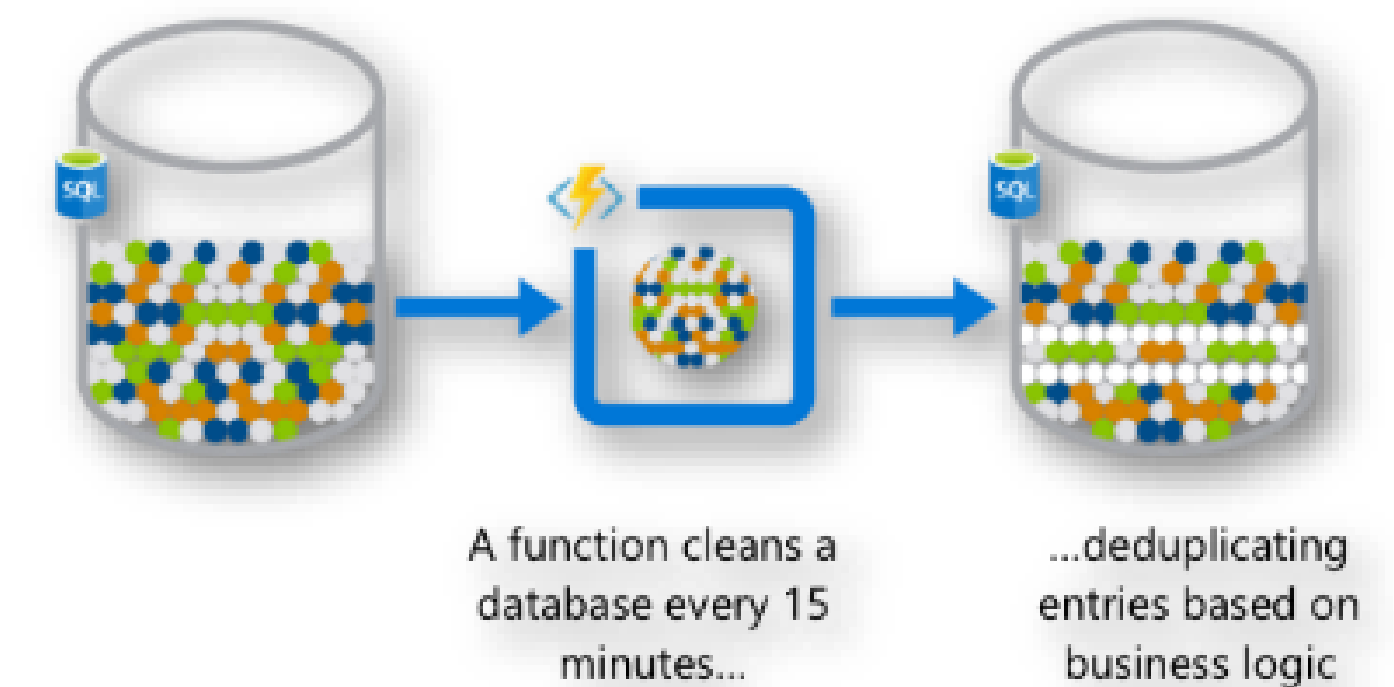
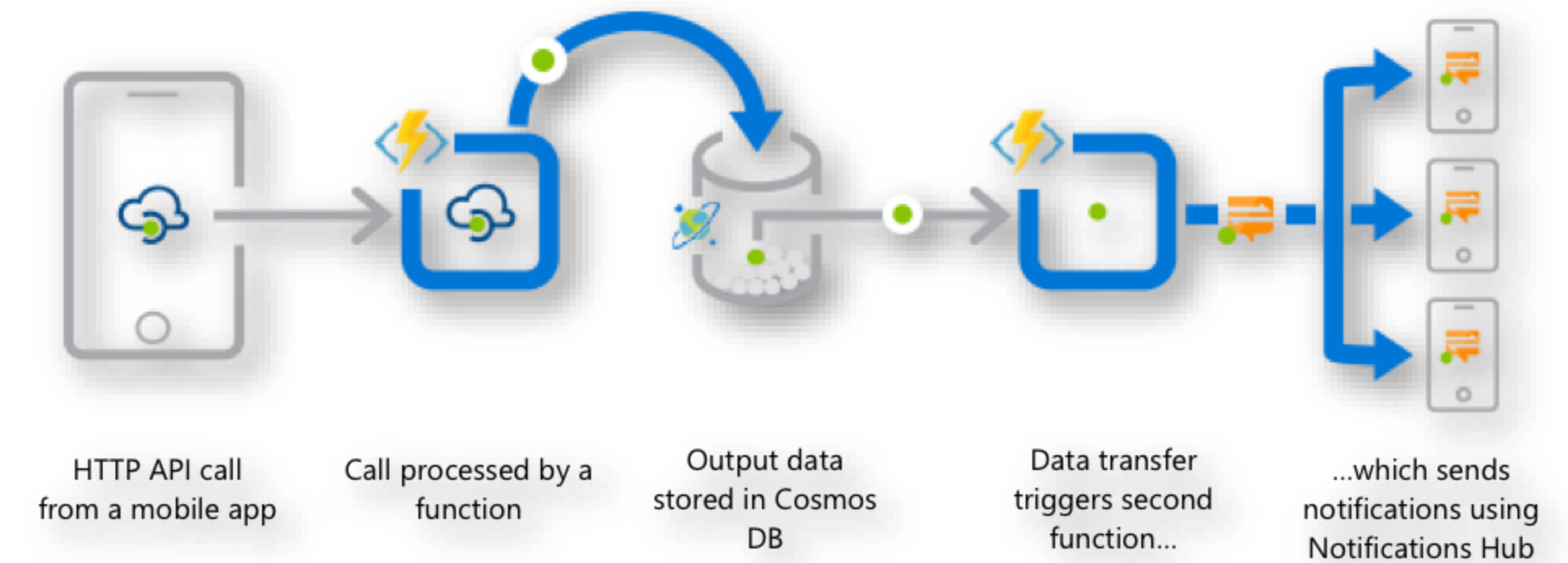
Manage your apps instead of infrastructure

Optimize for business logic

Develop your way

What you can do with Functions

Web application backends
Mobile application backends
Real-time file processing
Real-time stream processing
Automation of scheduled tasks
Extending SaaS applications



— Running Azure Functions

Consumption plan

When your function runs, Azure provides all of the necessary computational resources. You don't have to worry about resource management, and you only pay for the time that your code runs.

App Service Plan

Run your functions just like your web, mobile, and API apps. When you are already using App Service for your other applications, you can run your functions on the same plan at no additional cost.

— Best Practices

Long running

- Keep the runtime short (default < 5m; max. 10m)

Stateless

- Don't use state in the host
- Idempotent

Cold start

- Fast start up times
- Keep them small

Control

- 'They' control scaling
- 'They' control when your host is alive
- You control the code!

Static website hosting



— Static website hosting

Available on General-Purpose V2

Special container: *web\$*

Files in this container are:

- served through anonymous access requests
- only available through object read operations
- case-sensitive

Provided at no additional cost

— ADAL & MSAL

— Active Directory Authentication Library (ADAL)

Enables application developers to authenticate users to

- Cloud Active Directory
- On-premises Active Directory
- Configurable token cache that stores access tokens and refresh tokens
- Automatic token refresh when an access token expires and a refresh token is available
- Support for asynchronous method calls

— Microsoft Authentication Library (MSAL) Preview for JS

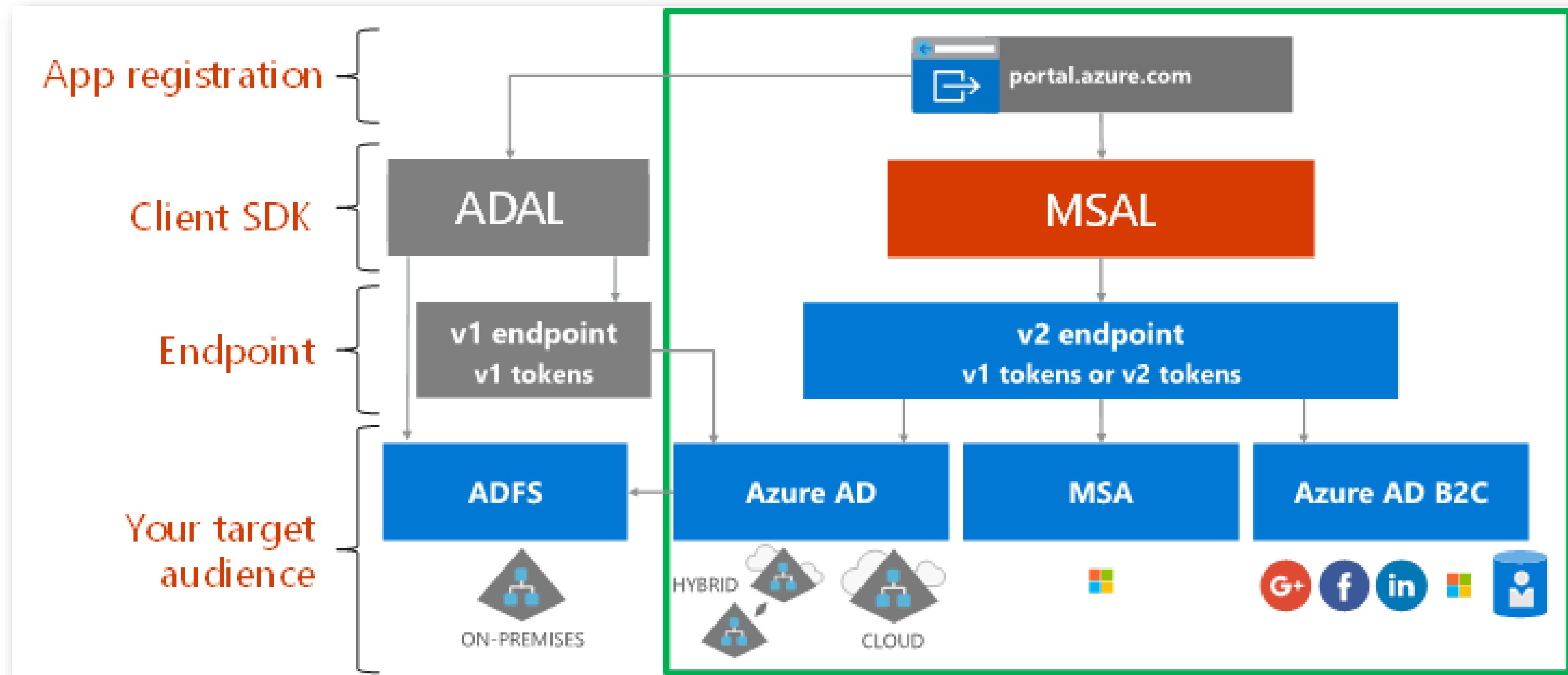
Enables Single Page Applications to authenticate users with

- Microsoft Azure Active Directory accounts
- Microsoft accounts
- Accounts in social identity providers like Facebook, Google, LinkedIn etc.

Interacts with

- Microsoft Azure Active Directory
- Microsoft Azure AD B2C
- Microsoft accounts

Differences (process)



Differences (implementation)

<pre>using Microsoft.IdentityModel.Clients.ActiveDirectory; const string resource = "GUID or AppID URI"; AuthenticationContext app = new AuthenticationContext(authority); AuthenticationResult result=null; try { result = await app.AcquireTokenSilentAsync(resource, clientId); } catch (AdalException exception) { if (exception.ErrorCode == "user_interaction_required") { try { result = await app.AcquireTokenAsync(resource, clientId, redirectUri, new PlatformParameters(PromptBehavior.Auto)); } catch { // Handle errors including Conditional access } // Other errors } } if (result!=null) { httpClient.DefaultRequestHeaders.Authorization = new AuthenticationHeaderValue("Bearer", result.AccessToken); }</pre>	<pre>using Microsoft.Identity.Client; string[] scopes = { "User.Read" }; PublicClientApplication app = new PublicClientApplication(clientId); AuthenticationResult result = null; IUser user = app.Users.FirstOrDefault(); try { result = await app.AcquireTokenSilentAsync(scopes, user); } catch (MsalUiRequiredException exception) { try { result = await app.AcquireTokenAsync(scopes, user); } catch(MsalException) { // Handle errors including conditional access } // Other errors } if (result != null) { httpClient.DefaultRequestHeaders.Authorization = new AuthenticationHeaderValue("Bearer", result.AccessToken); }</pre>
ADAL.Net	MSAL.Net

Different namespace

Scopes instead of a resource

PublicClientApplication or
ConfidentialClientApplication
instead of AuthenticationContext

No need to pass the clientId at every
Token acquisition

More explicit
exceptions

— Adal-angular4

Angular 4/5/6/7 ADAL Wrapper

Can be used to authenticate Angular applications against Azure Active Directory v1 endpoint.

— @azure/msal-angular

Wrapper of the core MSAL.js library

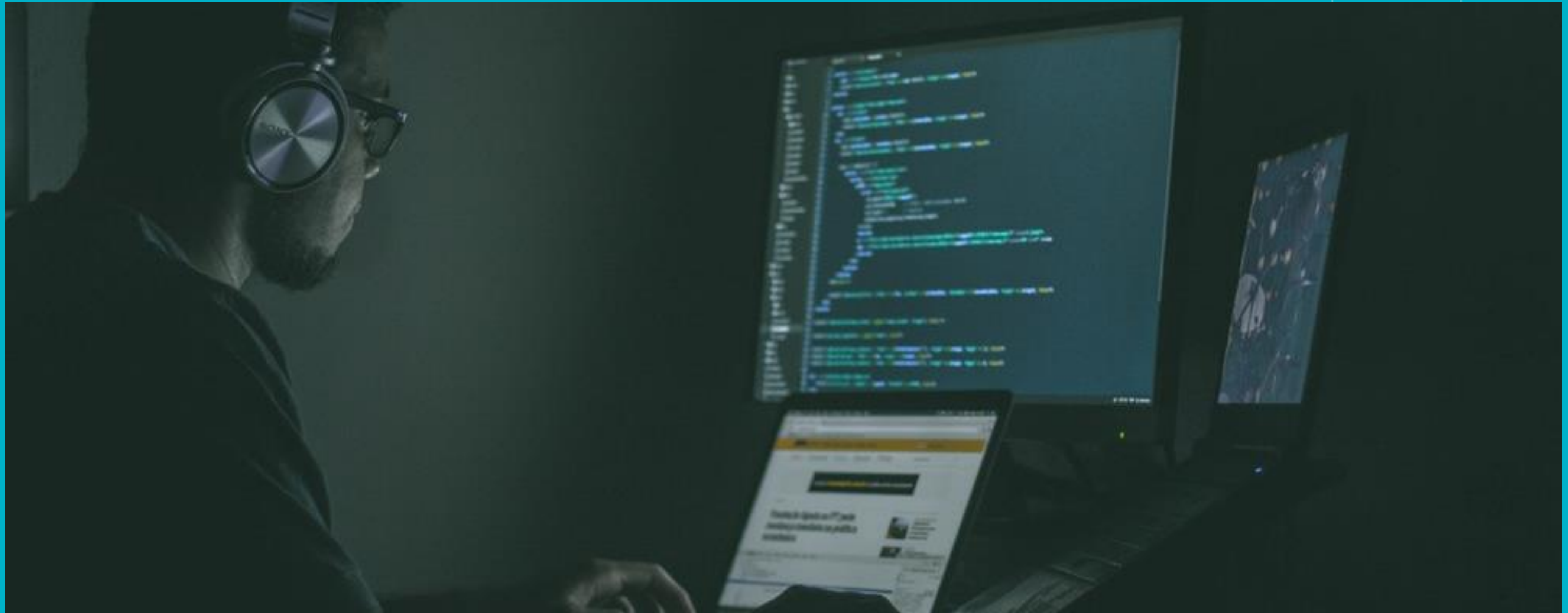
Suitable for use in a production environment

The same production level support as current libraries

Changes may impact your application

When GA: update within six months

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