

How ScaleArc Database Load Balancing Software Augments Azure

Improving Application Uptime and Performance in the Cloud

Running IT workloads in the cloud offers compelling elasticity and flexibility. As cloud providers have offered more feature-rich database services, enterprises have sometimes assumed these offerings address all the needs for application uptime and performance. In reality, these database services stand to gain from the improvements enabled by database load balancing software much like on-premise database deployments do. The following feature matrix highlights the native capabilities in Microsoft Azure IaaS and PaaS offerings and shows how ScaleArc's database load balancing software augments the respective feature sets.

Feature	Native to Azure IaaS	Enhanced by ScaleArc + Azure IaaS	Native to Azure SQL DB	Enhanced by ScaleArc + Azure SQL DB*
Scalability Features				
Scale up of database capacity (bigger server)	yes	no change	yes (via DTUs and eDTUs)	no change
Scale out of database capacity (multiple servers)	yes	no change	yes (via DTUs and eDTUs)	no change
Increase scale via readable secondaries	yes (via AlwaysOn)	no change	yes (via Active Geo Replication)	no change
Increase scale via readable secondaries with no app changes, via automatic read/write split	no	yes	no	yes
Availability Features				
Database failover within a region	yes	no change	yes	no change
App-transparent database failover within a region	no	yes	no	yes
Database failover between regions (one cluster in multiple regions)	yes	no change	yes	no change
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Availability Features (cont.)				
Manual database switchover for zero downtime (at the app layer) maintenance	no	yes	no	no
Surge queue to avoid high traffic loads from crashing database servers	no	yes	no	yes
Performance Features				
Connection pooling and multiplexing	no	yes	no	yes
App-transparent read query caching	no	yes	no	yes
Dynamic HTTP load balancing across multiple database servers	yes (via ALB)	no change	yes (via ALB)	no change
Dynamic SQL query load balancing across multiple database servers	no	yes	no	yes
Replication lag-aware SQL query load balancing	no	yes	no	yes
Query routing	no	yes	no	yes
Security and Analytics Features				
Query firewall	no	yes	no	yes
SSL support	yes	yes	yes	yes
Historical stats	no	yes	yes	yes
Query forensics and auditing	no	yes	no	yes
Centralized query logging (aggregated across cluster)	no	yes	no	yes

* ScaleArc support for Azure SQL DB is expected by July 2017.



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