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# Azure SQL Database Security

Securing your data is easier than ever



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# A recent successful data breach

## TalkTalk: Hackers may have nicked personal, banking info on 4 million Brits

Names, addresses, DoBs, bank details, and more at risk, confesses ISP CEO



22 Oct 2015 at 21:55, [Paul Kunert](#)



**DDoS attack on the  
TalkTalk Web site**



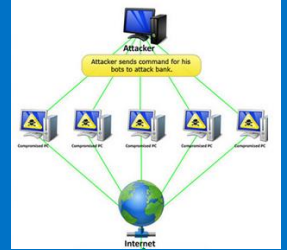
**SQL injection to retrieve  
data from the database**



**Customer data breached**



**Received calls  
demanding ransom**



TalkTalk Telecom Group PLC (TALK.L) - LSE Ticker: 4YCDF5/ISIN: GB00B4YCDF59

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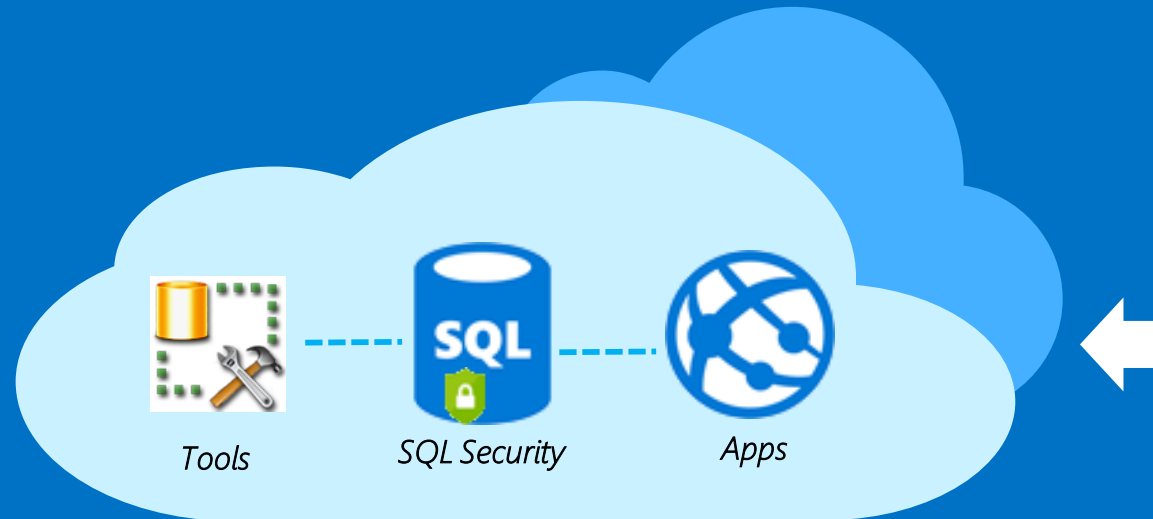


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# Why SQL Database Security?

"[2014] was the year when so many high-profile organizations met with the high inevitability of "the breach" that "cyber" was front and center at the boardroom level."

*Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report 2015*



## SQL Users

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of time
- Lack of budget
- Lack of methods

## SQL Data

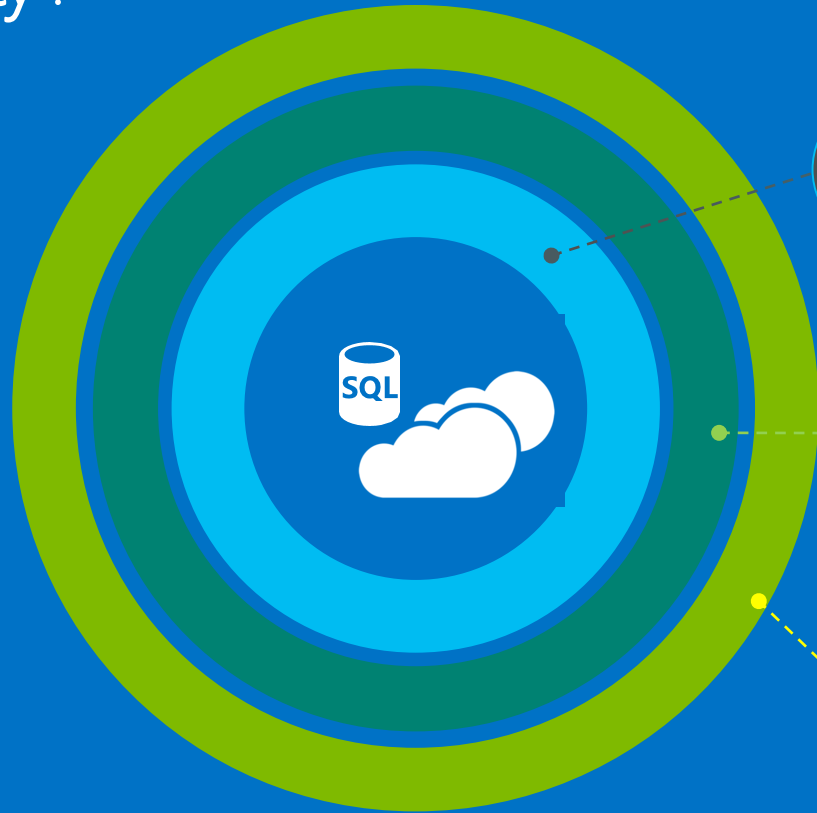
- Personal
- Financial
- Intellectual property

## SQL Threats

- Malicious insider
- SQL injection
- Credential theft
- Password cracking

# Security and Compliance

Security :



## Protect Data

Encryption in motion

: **Transport Layer Security** (TLS)

Encryption at rest

: **Transparent Data Encryption** (TDE)

Encryption in use (client)

: **Always Encrypted** (AE)

## Control Access

Database Access: : **Azure Active Directory Authentication** (AAD)

Application Access : **Dynamic Data Masking & Row-Level Security** (RLS),

## Proactive Monitoring

Tracking & Detecting

: **Auditing & Threat Detection**

Compliance: FedRAMP, ISO, HIPPA, PCI, EU Model Clauses , UK G-Cloud

(government)

(medial)

(payment)

(personal)

(public sector)



# *Protect Data*



- At-rest : Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)
- In-use : Always Encrypted (AE)

# Transparent Data Encryption

*Protect data on SQL database physical storage  
from unauthorized access,*

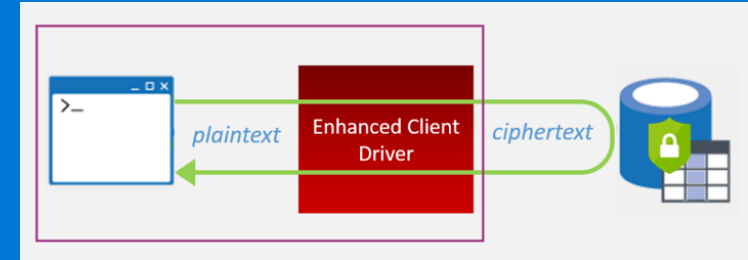
- ✓ Server-side encryption of the data on physical disk
- ✓ Simple to Use , Zero application changes
- ✓ Support for all database operations (ex. joins) on data
- ✓ SQL Database service manages your keys
- ✓ AES-NI Hardware Acceleration (2-3% performance impact )





# Always Encrypted

*Protects the highly sensitive data in-use from high privilege SQL users.*



## Client side encryption

Client-side encryption of sensitive data using keys that are never given to the database system.

## Queries on Encrypted Data

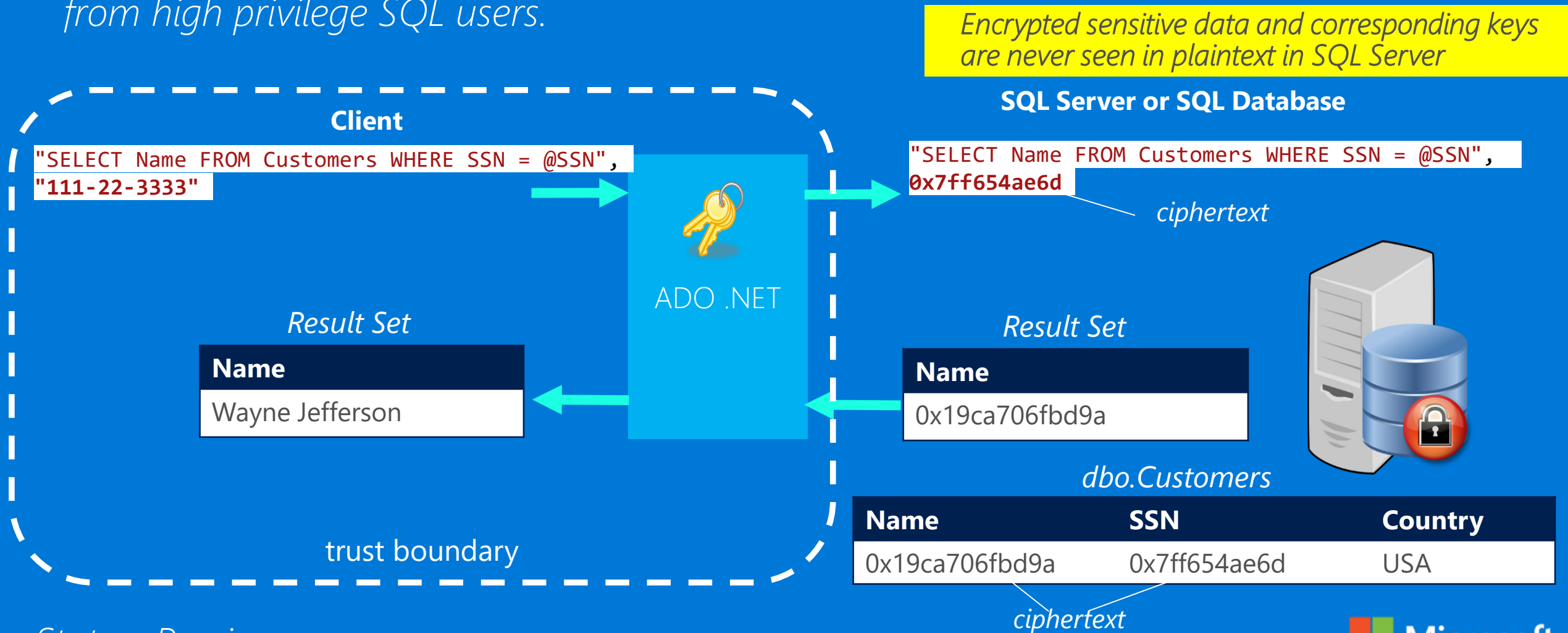
Support for equality comparison, incl. join, group by and distinct operators.

## Application Transparency

Minimal application changes via server and client library enhancements.

# How Always Encrypted Works

*Protects the highly sensitive data in-use  
from high privilege SQL users.*



Status: Preview

# *Control Access*



- DB Access: Azure AD Authentication (AAD)
- App Access : Dynamic Data Masking (DDM)
- App Access : Row-level security (RLS)

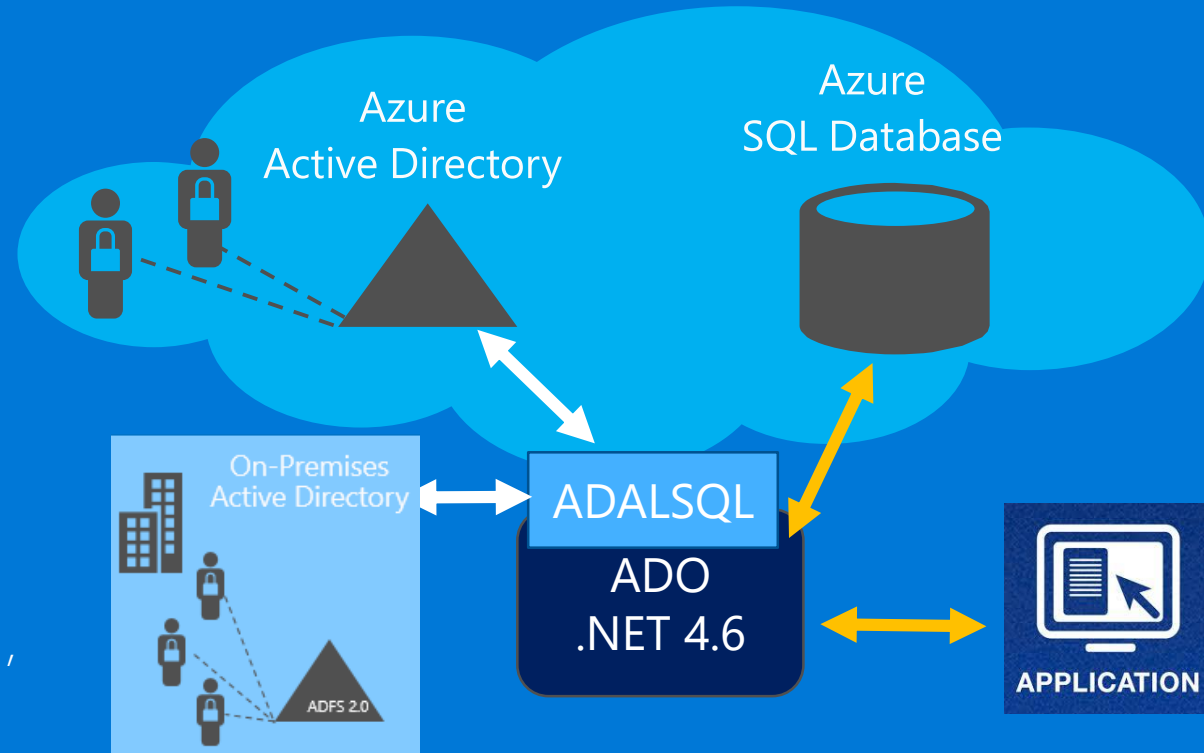
# Azure Active Directory Authentication

## A central place to *manage users* across services

- ✓ Alternative to SQL Server authentication
- ✓ Simplifies database permission management using external Azure Active Directory groups
- ✓ Allows password rotation in a single place

## Multiple authentication methods

- ✓ Username/password for Azure AD managed accounts
- ✓ Single Sign-On using Integrated Windows authentication , for federated domains which is authenticated via Azure AD
- ✓ Certificate-based authentication, in case the certificate registered with Azure Active Directory



Status: Preview

# Why Dynamic Data Masking?

Limit the exposure of sensitive data by obfuscating query results for app users and engineer

## Limit Access to Sensitive Data

Protects against unauthorized access to sensitive data in the application, using built-in or custom masking rules. Privileged users can still see unmasked data.

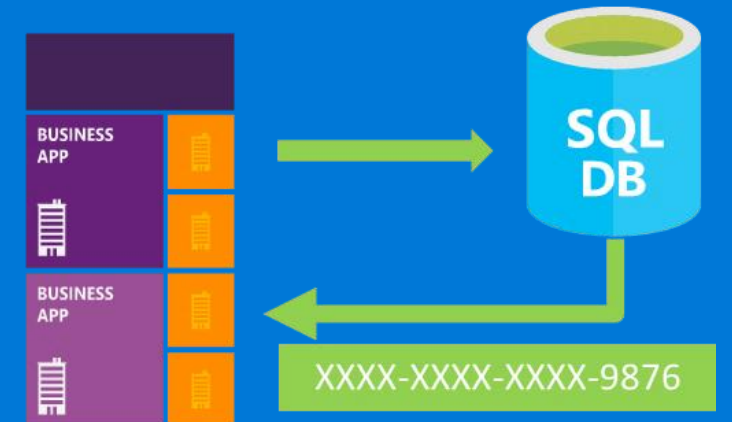
## Application Transparency

Data is masked on-the-fly, underlying data in the database remains intact. Transparent to the application and applied according to user privilege.

APP Users



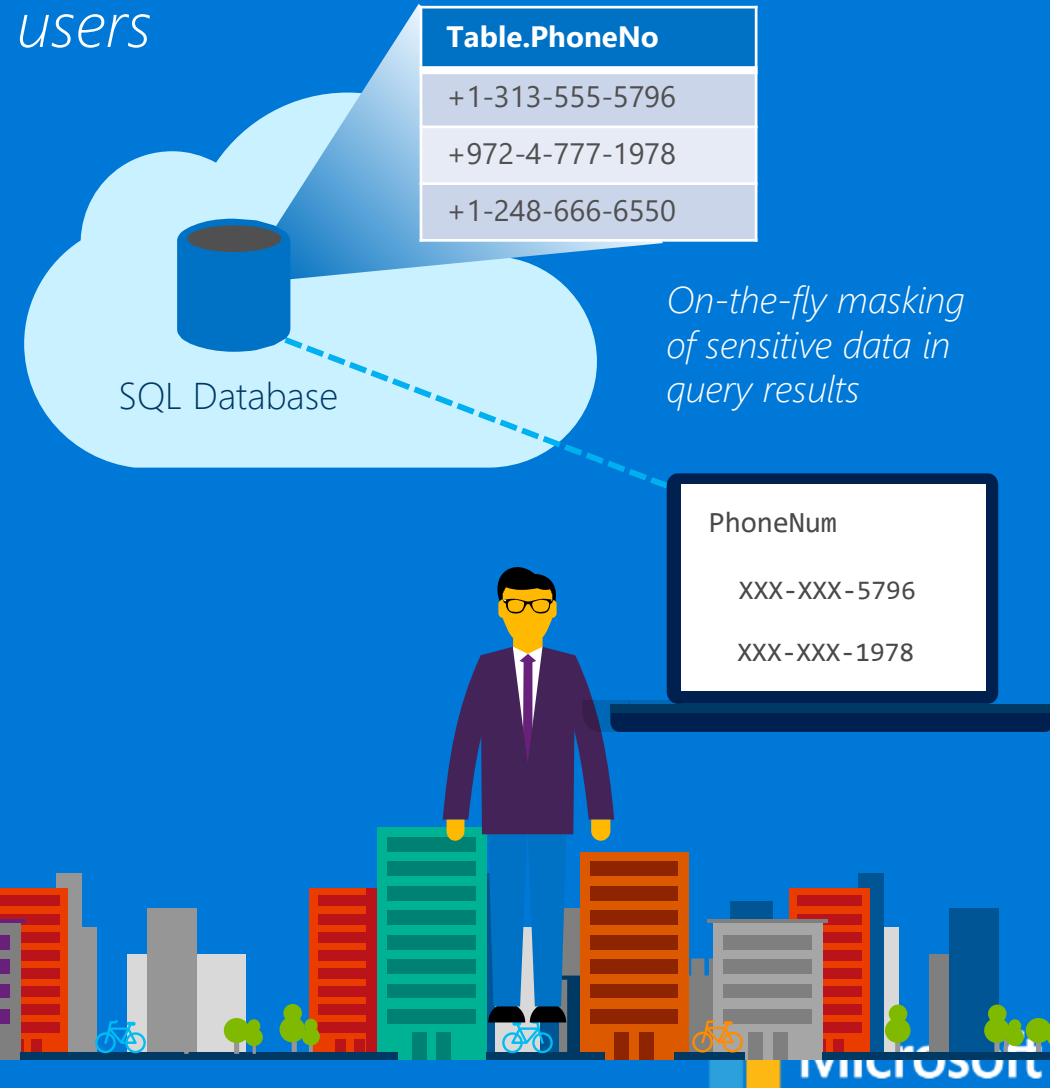
Dev Users



# Dynamic Data Masking

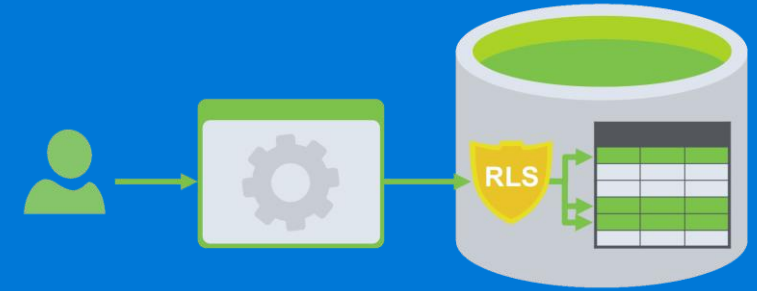
*Limit the exposure of sensitive data by hiding it from users*

- ✓ Auto-discovery of potentially sensitive data to mask
- ✓ Configurable masking policy from Azure Portal or via DDL in the Server
- ✓ On-the-fly obfuscation of data in query results
- ✓ Flexibility to define a set of privileged SQL users for un-masked data access



# Row-level security

*Centralize your row access logic within the database.*



## Fine-grained Access Control

Control both read- and write-access to specific rows of data in a shared database.

Flexible access criteria (user identity, role/group memberships, connection data, time of day, etc).

## Application Transparency

- RLS works transparently at query time, no app changes needed.
- Reduces application maintenance and code complexity.

# *Proactive Monitoring*



- Tracking :Auditing
- Intelligences insights: Threat Detection (TD)



# Why Auditing & Threat Detection?

*Detect suspicious database activities, gain insight into database events and streamline compliance-related tasks*

## Regulatory Compliance

A strong demand for cloud applications to meet security **standards** recommended by regulating authorities.

(PCI-DSS, SOX, HIPAA)

## Intelligent algorithms

Proprietary algorithms work around the clock to develop a behavioral profile of your database, identifying anomalous activities and potential threats

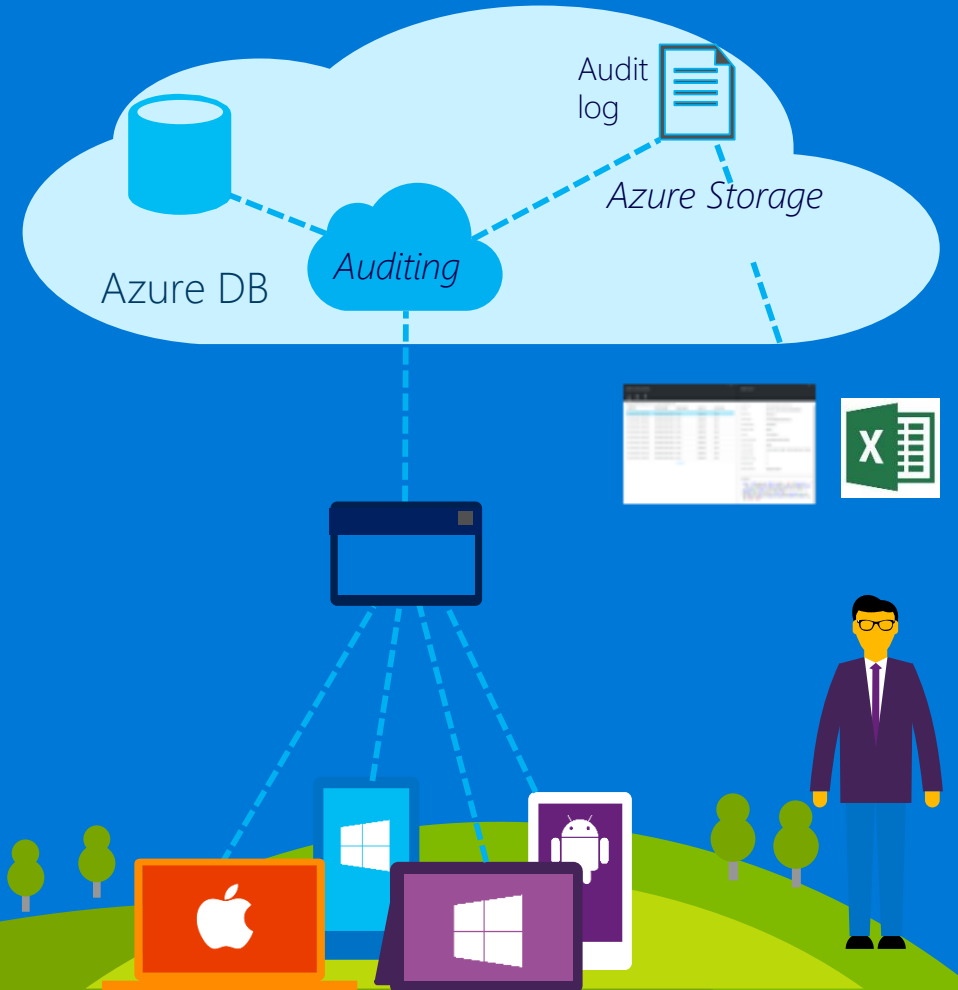
## Investigate and mitigate

React and respond to threats in real-time, via email alerts and the Azure portal.

# Auditing

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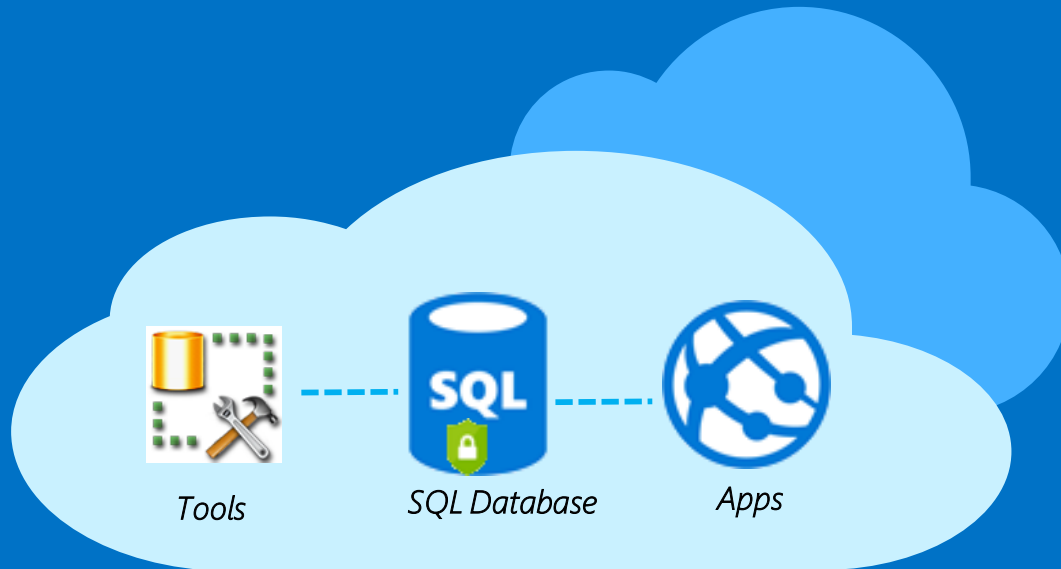
- ✓ Configurable audit policy via the Azure portal and standard API
- ✓ Audit logs reside in your Azure Storage account
- ✓ Azure portal viewer and excel templates for analysis of audit log



# Demo



*Malicious insider*



*External Attacker*

# Azure SQL Database Security

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at-rest and in-use

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- Always Encrypted

## Control Access

Limit application & database to  
sensitive data

- Dynamic Data Masking
- Row-Level Security
- Azure AD Authentication

## Proactive Monitoring

Monitor and track the ongoing  
database activities

- Auditing
- Threat Detection

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Thank you!

