

# Exam 473: Design and Implement Cloud Data Platform Solutions

## Objective Domain

### Audience Profile

This exam is for candidates who are interested in validating their skills in designing and implementing Microsoft data platform solutions. Candidates for this exam will have relevant work experience in on-premises and cloud-based platform solutions.

Candidates should know the features and capabilities of the Microsoft data platform to be able to identify tradeoffs and make decisions for designing public and hybrid cloud solutions. Candidates who take this exam are expected to be able to define the appropriate infrastructure and platform solutions to meet the required functional, operational, and deployment requirements through the solution lifecycle.

**Note: This document shows tracked changes to objectives and scoping statements. These changes are effective as of June 2017.**

### Skills Measured

#### Design and Implement Database Solutions for [Microsoft SQL Server](#) and [Microsoft Azure SQL Database](#) (20-25%)

Design a hybrid SQL Server solution

Design [Geo/a Disaster Recover](#) topology [for a hybrid deployment](#)

Design a data storage architecture

Design a security architecture

Design a data load strategy

[Design a data synchronization strategy](#)

Implement SQL Server on Azure virtual machines (VMs)

Provision SQL Server [in](#) an Azure VM

Configure firewall rules

Configure and optimize storage

Migrate an on-premises database to Azure

Configure and optimize VM sizes by workload

Design a [SQL](#) database solution [on Azure SQL Database and SQL Server in Azure](#) ~~solution~~

Design a solution architecture

Design [a](#) Geo/DR topology

Design a security architecture

Design a data load strategy  
Determine the appropriate service tier  
[Determine the appropriate deployment scenario](#)  
[Determine IaaS vs PaaS](#)  
[Determine application access in Azure](#)

Implement [Azure](#) SQL Database

Provision [Azure](#) SQL Database  
Configure firewall rules  
Configure ~~A~~active ~~G~~geo-~~R~~eplication  
Migrate an on-premises database to SQL Database  
Configure for scale and performance

~~Design and Implement Data Warehousing on Azure~~  
~~Design a data warehousing solution on Azure~~  
~~Design a data load strategy and topology~~  
~~Configure SQL Data warehouse~~  
~~Migrate an on-premises database to SQL-DW~~

— [Design and implement MySQL and PostgreSQL database solutions in Azure](#)

[Design security](#)  
[Design a data load strategy](#)  
[Determine the appropriate service tier](#)  
[Provision databases and servers](#)  
[Configure firewall rules](#)  
[Migrate to Azure](#)  
[Configure for scale and performance](#)

## **[Manage-Design and Implement DBMS Security \(25-30%\)](#)**

Design and implement SQL Server database security

Configure firewalls  
Manage logins, users, and roles  
Assign permissions  
Configure auditing  
Configure ~~T~~ransparent ~~D~~atabase ~~E~~ncryption ~~(TDE)~~  
Configure row-level security  
Configure data encryption  
Configure data masking  
Configure Always Encrypted

## Design and implement Azure SQL Database security

- Configure firewalls
- Manage logins, users, and roles
- Assign permissions
- Configure auditing
- Configure row-level security
- Configure data encryption
- Configure data masking
- Configure Always Encrypted
- [Configure Automatic Threat Detection](#)

## **Design for High-Availability, Disaster Recovery, and Scalability (25-30%)**

### Design and implement high-availability solutions

- Design a high-availability solution topology
- [Design a high-availability solution for SQL on Azure Virtual Machines](#)
- Implement ~~High-Availability Solutions (between on-premises and Azure)~~
- ~~Design cloud-based backup solutions~~
- ~~Implement backup and recovery strategies~~

### Design and implement scalable solutions-

- Design a scale-out solution
- Implement multi-master scenarios with database replication
- Implement elastic scale for [Azure](#) SQL Database

### Design and implement [Azure](#) SQL Database data recovery

- Implement self-service restore
- Copy and export databases
- [Implement long-term retention backups](#)

## **Monitor and Manage Database Implementations ~~in~~ Azure (25-30%)**

### Monitor and troubleshoot SQL Server VMs on Azure

- Monitor database and instance activity
- Monitor [by](#) using DMVs and DMFs
- Monitor performance and scalability

### Monitor and troubleshoot SQL Database

- Monitor and troubleshoot SQL Database

Monitor database activity  
Monitor [by](#) using DMVs and DMFs  
Monitor performance and scalability

Automate and manage database implementations [i](#)on Azure

[Automate and m](#)Manage SQL Server [i](#)on Azure VMs ~~with PowerShell~~

[Automate and m](#)Manage Azure SQL Database ~~with PowerShell~~

Configure ~~Automation-automation~~ and [r](#)Runbooks