

AZURE ANNOUNCEMENTS NEWSLETTER

May 28th, 2021 – June 3rd, 2021

Announcements Summary

Cognitive Services	General Availability – 1 Update
Monitor	Region Updates – 2 Update
Synapse Analytics	Preview Features – 1 Update

Total Announcements: 4

Announcements Details

Azure Service: Cognitive Services

General Availability

Capabilities now generally available in Azure Form Recognizer: Extract data from ID cards and extract line items from invoices using state-of-the-art deep learning models. Extract tables with column header information. Tag data as tables and empty values for your custom form models. New version supports 73 languages.

Announcement: [Cognitive Services - Form Recognizer adds new version in general availability | Azure updates | Microsoft Azure](#)

Documentation: [What's new in Form Recognizer? - Azure Applied AI Services | Microsoft Docs](#)

Azure Service: Monitor

Region Updates

Azure Log Analytics is generally available in South India region. You can see the full list of available regions on the product webpage.

Announcement: [General availability: Azure Log Analytics in South India | Azure updates | Microsoft Azure](#)

Documentation: [Azure Products by Region | Microsoft Azure](#)

Region Updates

Azure Monitor Application Insights is now generally available for customers in South India.

Announcement: [General availability: Application Insight in South India | Azure updates | Microsoft Azure](#)

Documentation: [Azure Products by Region | Microsoft Azure](#)

Azure Service: Synapse Analytics

General Availability

Serverless SQL pools in Azure Synapse Analytics enable you to read data stored in Delta Lake format. The Delta Lake is a big data format that is commonly used by data engineers who are working with Apache Spark pools in Azure Synapse Analytics and Azure Databricks. The Delta Lake format enable data engineers to update big data sets with guaranteed ACID consistency. A serverless SQL pool in Azure Synapse enable data analysts to read and analyze data, create Power BI reports, and populate Azure Analysis Service models directly from the files stored in the Delta Lake format. A serverless SQL pool resource binds the reporting and analytic tools with the data stored in the Delta Lake format. This enables data analysts and engineers to easily share data between both Apache Spark pools and a serverless SQL pool in Azure Synapse, Azure Databricks, and create real-time reports on top of Delta Lake files, without the need to copy and transform data.

Announcement: [Query Delta Lake files using T-SQL in Azure Synapse Analytics \(public preview\) | Azure updates | Microsoft Azure](#)

Documentation: [Query Delta Lake format using serverless SQL pool \(preview\) - Azure Synapse Analytics | Microsoft Docs](#)