SAP S/4HANA on HANA Large Instances with HA and DR

Architecture overview

This solution architecture illustrates how a user request flows through an SAP landscape built on high-performance Azure Virtual Machines and an in-memory HANA database running on HANA large instances, for unparalleled scalability and performance. This system takes advantage of OS clustering for database performance, high availability using HANA system replication, and a full disaster recovery (DR) configuration for guaranteed system availability.

1. In this example, an On-Premises SAP user executes a sales order via Fiori interface, custom interface, or other interface.
2. Azure high speed express route gateway is used to connect to Azure Virtual Machines.
3. Request flows into highly available ABAP SAP Central Services (ASCS) and then through application servers running on Azure Virtual Machines in an availability set offering a 99.95 percent uptime SLA.
4. Request is sent from App Server to SAP HANA running on primary large instance blades.
5. Primary and secondary blades are clustered at OS level for 99.99 percent availability, and data replication is handled through HANA System Replication in synchronous mode (HSR) from primary to secondary enabling zero RPO.
6. In-memory data of SAP HANA is persisted to high-performance NFS storage.
7. Data from NFS storage is periodically backed up in seconds, using built-in storage snapshots on the local storage, with no impact to database performance.
8. Persistent data volume on secondary storage is replicated to dedicated DR system through a dedicated backbone network for HANA storage replication.
9. Large instance on DR side can be used for nonproduction to save costs by mounting both the QA storage and DR replicated volume (read-only).

Products

- Azure Virtual Machine
- HANA Large Instances
- Express Route
- NFS Storage