

Storage Solutions 1. For a tailored analysis, SmartTech could leverage Azure's Pricing Calculator to estimate monthly costs based on specific configurations and expected usage. Pricing starts with compute billed in virtual cores (vCores) and storage billed per GB. Backup storage is free up to 100% of provisioned storage, with options for geo-redundant backups at an additional cost. Azure Files: Provides fully managed file shares accessible via SMB/NFS protocols. Azure Database for MySQL and PostgreSQL: Managed services with flexible deployment models (single server or flexible server). Pricing depends on the access tier:

- o Hot Tier: \$0.021/GB for the first 50 TB/month, ideal for frequently accessed data.
- o Cool Tier: \$0.015/GB/month, suitable for infrequently accessed data.

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