# Step 6: Research Microsoft Azure

Now that you have had a chance to research AWS, it's time to [explore Microsoft Azure](https://lti.umuc.edu/topic), another cloud provider that could be used to deploy the proposed architecture. You should also consider issues related to [Microsoft Azure pricing](https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing).

Based on your research, determine to what degree Microsoft Azure supports the elements of the BallotOnline business and technical requirements. Share your thoughts with your colleagues in the [Discussion: Microsoft Azure Feasibility](https://lti.umuc.edu/discussion) forum.

Now that you have completed research on the cloud providers, in the next steps you will work on proof of concepts for each provider.