

Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) – Microsoft Foundry / Azure AI

1. BASIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Official Project Title	Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) – Microsoft Foundry / Azure AI
Acronym / Short Name	Microsoft MVP – Microsoft Foundry (previously Azure AI Services / Azure AI Studio / Azure AI Foundry)
Programme / Funding Source	Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) Award Program – professional and community recognition programme; it does not constitute grant funding
Duration	July 2024 – ongoing; the recognition is renewed annually
Coordinator	Microsoft – Most Valuable Professional (MVP) Program
Partner Institutions	Microsoft MVP Community and the broader Microsoft/Azure AI technical community; participation is implemented through independent community and knowledge-sharing activities

2. PARTICIPATION OF UNIVERSITY SKOPJE ACADEMIC STAFF

Name and Surname: Assistant Professor Dr Miodrag Cekikj

Academic Title: Assistant Professor

Role / Function in the Project: Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) – Microsoft Foundry / Azure AI; independent technical expert and community contributor

Specific Contribution to the Project

Continuous sharing of high-quality technical knowledge and practical experience related to Microsoft AI technologies, Azure AI, Azure AI Foundry/Microsoft Foundry, generative AI, RAG and agentic AI. The contribution is implemented through public technical lectures, workshops, demonstrations, professional content and direct exchange with the professional and developer community. Within the MVP role, the focus is on practical application of technologies, knowledge transfer, education and connecting modern Microsoft AI services with real software engineering and enterprise AI scenarios.

3. CONTENT AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

Brief Project Description

Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) is an annual Microsoft recognition for independent technology experts and community leaders who continuously share high-quality knowledge and contribute to the development of technical communities. My MVP recognition began in July 2024 in the field of Azure AI and the evolution of Azure AI Services, Azure AI Studio and Azure AI Foundry, while the current Microsoft categorisation is Microsoft Foundry. The activities are focused on practical AI architectures, generative AI, RAG, agentic systems and the application of Microsoft cloud/AI technologies. The programme is not a formal research grant, but an international professional recognition and a platform for expert exchange, community engagement and continuous transfer of the latest technical practices.

Key Results / Outputs

International Microsoft MVP recognition since July 2024 and continuous annual renewal; public knowledge-sharing activities; technical lectures and workshops; demonstrations and practical materials for Azure AI/Microsoft Foundry; connection with a global network of Microsoft experts and community leaders; transfer of modern AI practices to the local academic and professional community.

Publications / DOI / Other Relevant Scientific Results

Microsoft MVP public profile / MVP Communities.

<https://mvp.microsoft.com/en-US/MVP/profile/78d3bb2d-cc9b-4f78-ab75-789a589b8315>

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4. SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE FACULTY

Benefits for Students, Teaching and/or Research

MVP activities enable direct and continuous transfer of the latest Microsoft AI technologies and practices into teaching. Students gain access to real examples from Azure AI/Microsoft Foundry, generative AI, RAG and agentic systems, while teaching content can be aligned more quickly with industry developments. The international MVP network creates additional opportunities for guest lectures, community events, technical exchange and networking with experts from the global Microsoft ecosystem, increasing the visibility and relevance of academic activities.

5. LINKS AND MULTIMEDIA MATERIALS

Official Website / Project Link: Microsoft MVP Communities: <https://mvp.microsoft.com/>
Profile: <https://mvp.microsoft.com/en-US/MVP/profile/78d3bb2d-cc9b-4f78-ab75-789a589b8315>