

Docker-basierte Selenium UI Tests in Azure Pipelines

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- UI Tests in Containers / Setup
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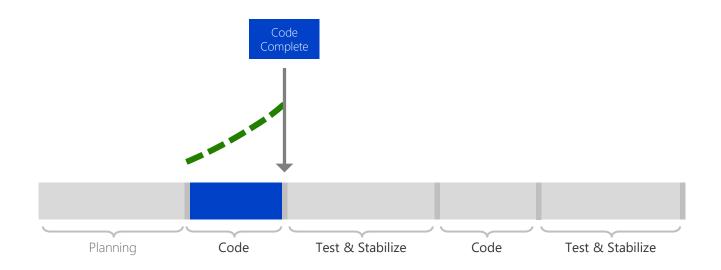




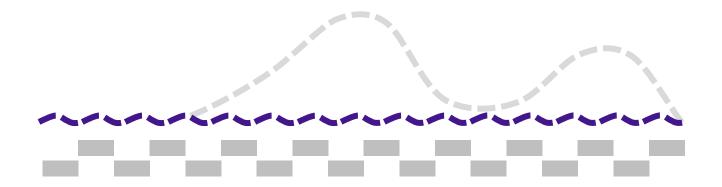


Fail fast!

Before



After



Shift left

Move the testing process to the left

- Integrate testing into the sprint / pull request
- Fast detection and fix
- Testers are part of the team

Continuous Testing

- Effective and continuous integration
- No Bulks of tests / bug-fixing

Without shift left context-switching is expensive / lowers throughput drastically

Shift Left Benefits

- Reduced costs involved in dev/test
- Early bug detection better quality
- Effective resolution of bugs
- Massive time and effort saved



If it hurts, do it more often!

Test Automation

- Reduce test time
- Have regression tests
- Focus on test design and management, rather than manual repetitive tasks

Conclusion

- No "shift left" only strategy
 Combination of shift left and system testing on target system recommended
- Reducing or avoiding long circle times is crucial
- "There is no place like production"

Options for running UI tests

Headless

- No real UI
- Easy and fast

Containers

- Sweet spot between headless and VM
- Fast, reproducible
- Easy pipeline integration

VMs

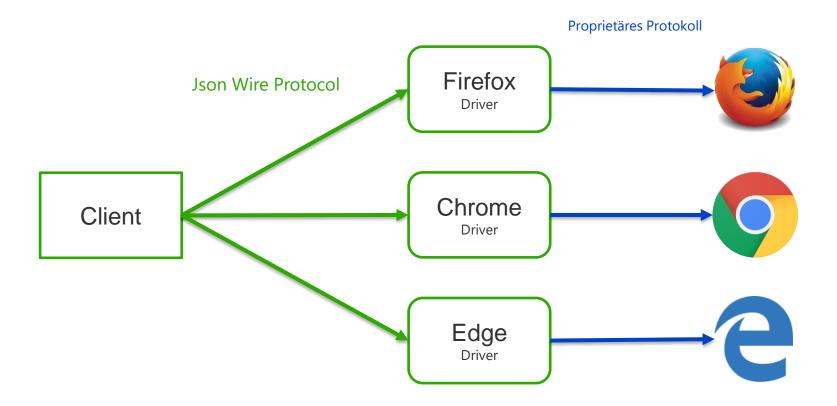
- Cumbersome to maintain
- Slow, complex pipelines

Real Device

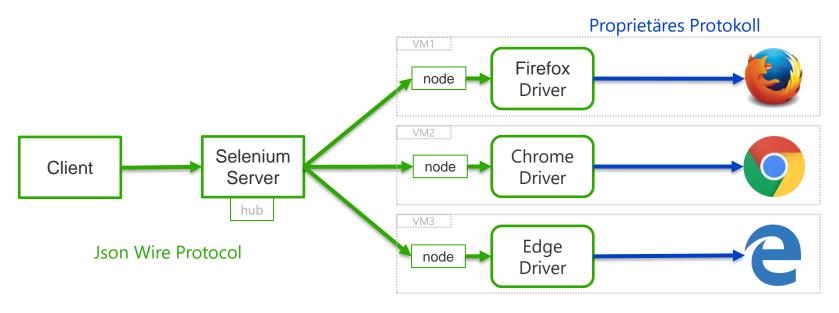
- Best for testing
- Expensive
- "not" scalable



Selenium How-To



Selenium Server How-To



Json Wire Protocol

Example: JSON Wire Protocol

POST /session/{session id}/element/{element id}/click

```
"SessionId": "a433343ec6e678b1bc17a93bbbf6aea7",
"Status": 0,
"Value": { "AcceptSslCerts": true,
"ApplicationCacheEnabled": false,
"BrowserConnectionEnabled": false,
"BrowserName": "chrome",
"Chrome": { "UserDataDir":
  "/var/folders/p6/ll1grbcs4jv k7675gv47l6m0000gn/T/.org.chromium.Chromium.wEZRL6" },
  "CssSelectorsEnabled": true,
  "DatabaseEnabled": false,
  "HandlesAlerts": true,
  "JavascriptEnabled": true,
  "LocationContextEnabled": true,
  "NativeEvents": true,
  "Platform": "Mac OS X",
  "Rotatable": false,
   "TakesHeapSnapshot": true,
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  "Version": "38.0.2125.111",
  "WebStorageEnabled": true }
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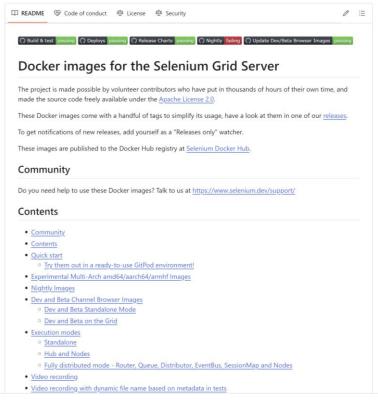
Mehr Informationen:

https://w3c.github.io/webdriver/

Quelle: https://w3c.github.io/webdriver/#element-click

Selenium Containers

https://github.com/SeleniumHQ/docker-selenium





Page Object Pattern

Purpose

- Represents a View / Web Page
- Encapsulates all functions provided by the View / Web Page

Methods

- Abstraction to interact with UI elements
- Returns additional Page Objects
 - UI navigation/hierarchy is represented by other Page Objects
- Includes query methods to check the state of the View / Web Page
 - HasErrors()
 - IsCustomerInList(string customerName)

Beispiel Page Object

Shared Actions (base class)

- HomePage NavigateHome()
- CustomerList NavigateCustomers()
- OrderList NavigateOrders()

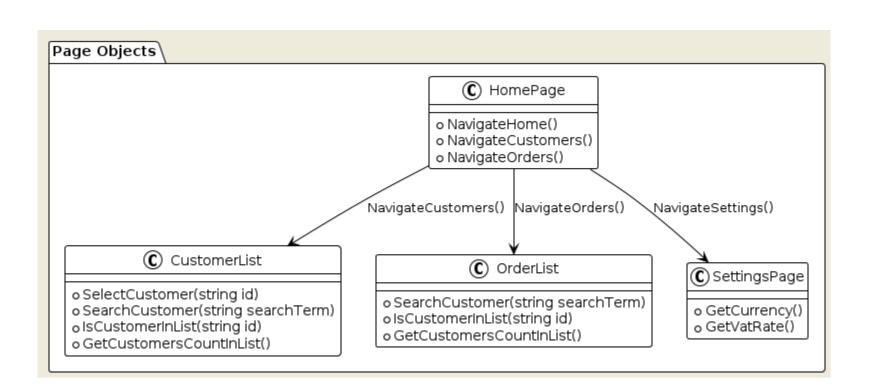
CustomerList Actions

- CustomerDetail SelectCustomer(string id)
- CustomerList SearchCustomer(string searchterm)

CustomerList Queries

- IsCustomerInList(string id)
- GetCustomersCountInList()

```
Assert.IsTrue(home.NavigateCustomers()
.SearchCustomer(«Meier»)
.IsCustomerInList(«1»),
«Customer not found!»);
```



Advantages of Page Object Pattern

Application of software engineering principles

- Maintainable tests
- SOLID, DRY, ...

Easy readability of scenarios

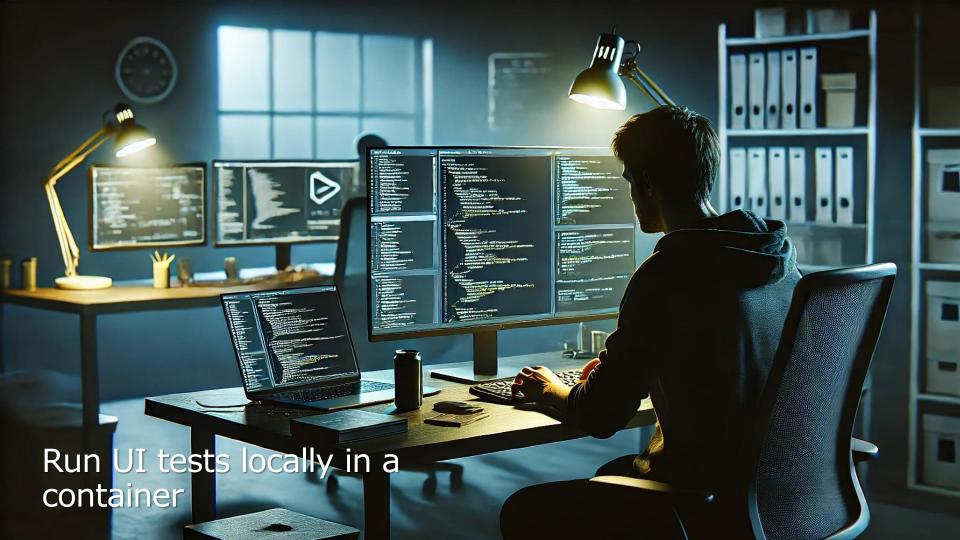
Test focus on interaction, not plumbing

- Separation of Concerns
- UI interaction is abstracted



Run UI Tests in a Container

- UI Options
 - Headless
 - XVFB (X virtual frame buffer)
- Install the software
 - Dockerfile
 - Versioned container images
- Use IPC to execute tests
 - Selenium Wire Protocol / Grid Server
 - Playwright Remoting
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- Connect as VNC client







Containers

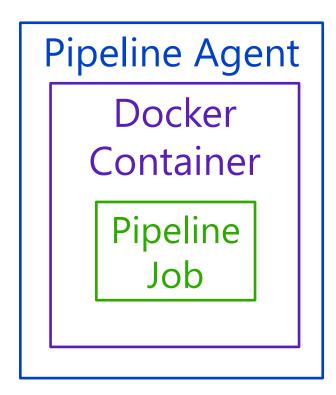
- Reduce the complexity of maintaining build servers
- Use a «cook book» Dockerfile to build images → Configuration as Code
- Layering-System → re-use and separation of concerns
- Fast (instant) start
- Low footprint

CI Environment Challenges

- Storing all VM images need a lot of storage
- Build VM snapshots not integrated in standard process
- Where to store the VM configuration?



Container Jobs



- Work with hosted pools and private pools
- Pipeline Job runs inside the container
- Each step runs inside the container

Container Jobs

```
image: myprivate.azurecr.io/windowsservercore:1803
                                                                                          endpoint: my_acr_connection
trigger:
- master
                                                                                                           container:
pool:
 #vmImage: 'windows-latest'
                                                                                                             image: ubuntu:16.04
 default
                                                                                                             options: --hostname container-test --ip 192.168.0.1
container: mcr.microsoft.com/dotnet/framework/sdk:4.7.2-windowsservercore-ltsc2019
variables:
 solution: '**/*.sln'
                                                                                                                     resources:
 buildPlatform: 'Any CPU'
                                                                                                                       containers:
 buildConfiguration: 'Release'
                                                                                                                       - container: u14
                                                                                                                         image: ubuntu:14.04
steps:
- task: NuGetToolInstaller@1
                                                                                                                       - container: u16
                                                                                                                         image: ubuntu:16.04
- task: NuGetCommand@2
 inputs:
   restoreSolution: '$ (solution) '
                                                                                                                       - container: u18
                                                                                                                         image: ubuntu:18.04
  task: VSBuild@1
                                                              resources:
  inputs:
                                                                                                                     iobs:
   solution: '$(solution)'
                                                                containers:
                                                                                                                      iob: RunInContainer
   platform: '$ (buildPlatform) '
                                                                 - container: pycontainer
                                                                                                                       pool:
    configuration: '$ (buildConfiguration) '
                                                                                                                         vmImage: 'ubuntu-16.04'
- task: VSTest@2
                                                                   image: python:3.8
 inputs:
                                                                                                                       strategy:
    testSelector: 'testAssemblies'
   searchFolder: '$(System.DefaultWorkingDirectory)'
                                                                                                                         matrix:
                                                              steps:
   vstestLocationMethod: 'location'
                                                                                                                          ubuntu14:
                                                              - task: SampleTask@1
   vstestLocation: 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual
                                                                                                   nExtensions\Micro
                                                                                                                            containerResource: u14
   platform: '$(buildPlatform)'
                                                                target: host
                                                                                                                          ubuntu16:
   configuration: '$ (buildConfiguration)'
                                                              - task: AnotherTask@1
                                                                                                                            containerResource: u16
                                                                                                                          ubuntu18:
                                                                target: pycontainer
                                                                                                                            containerResource: u18
- publish: $(System.DefaultWorkingDirectory)\ConsoleApp\bin\
 artifact: ConsoleApp
                                                                                                                      container: $[ variables['containerResource'] ]
```

container:

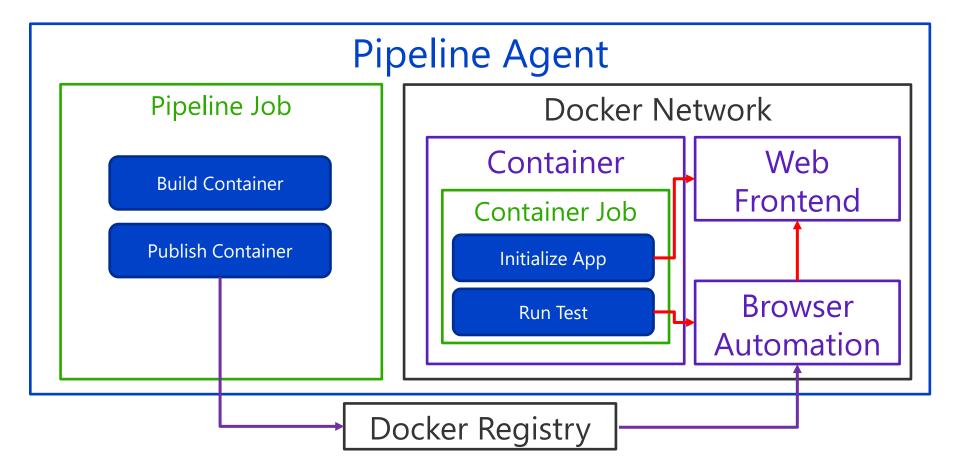


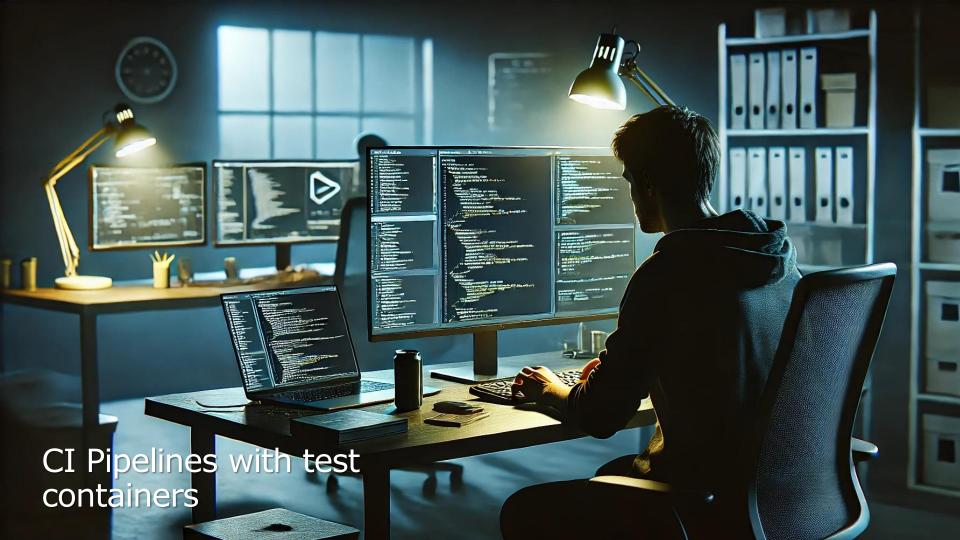
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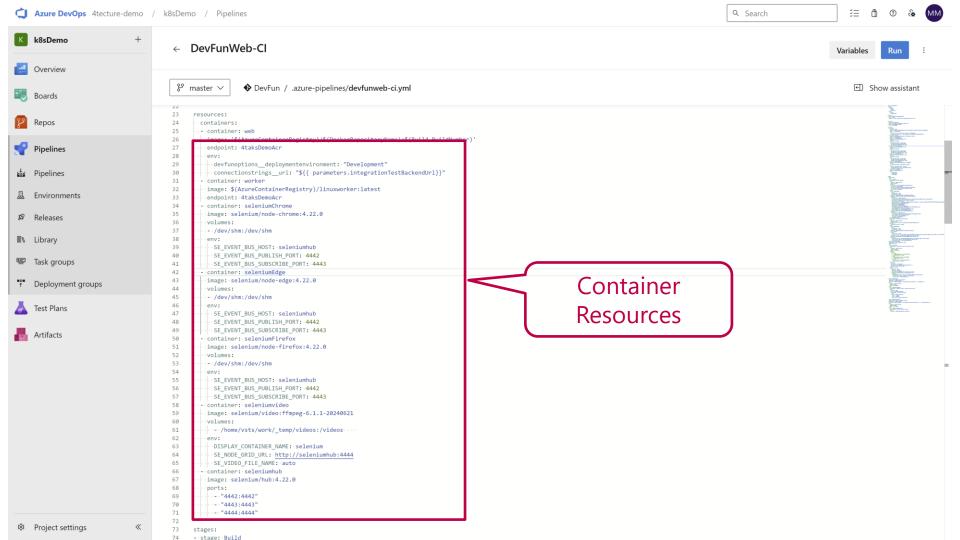
- Complex System Testing Environment Setup
- Shift-Left / Fast-Feedback
- Target multiple versions

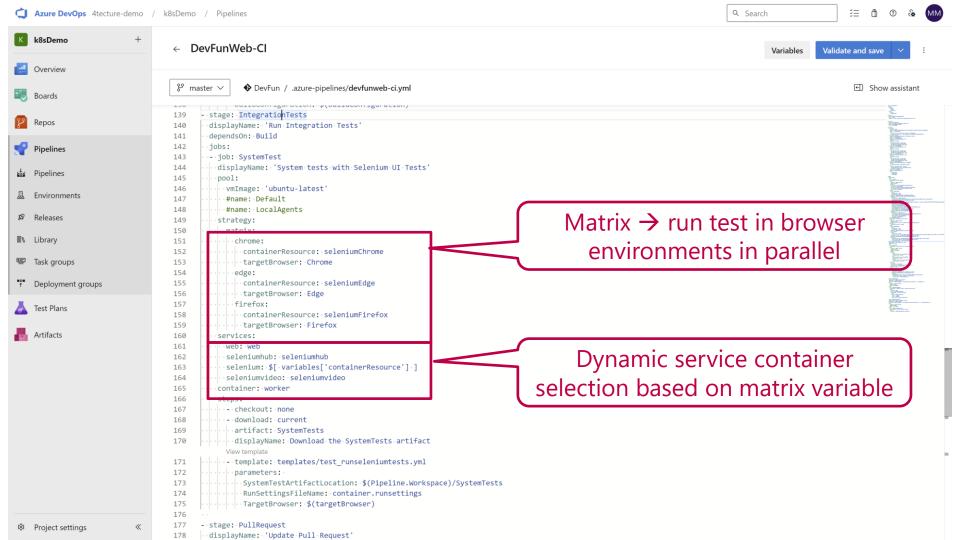


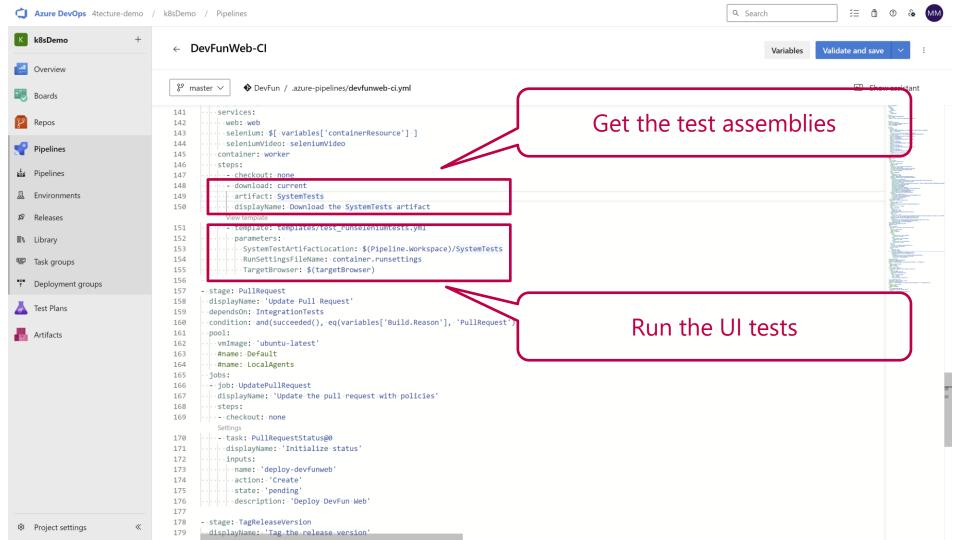
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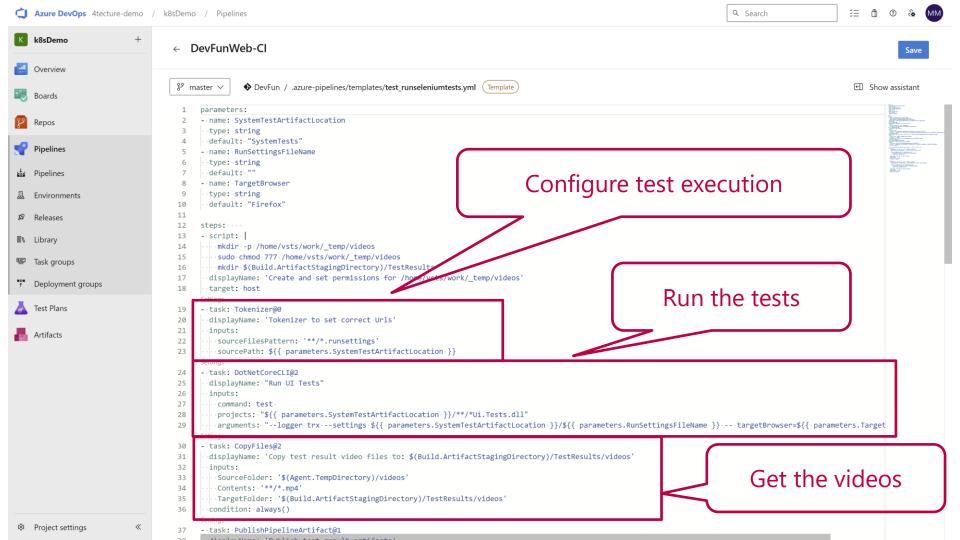




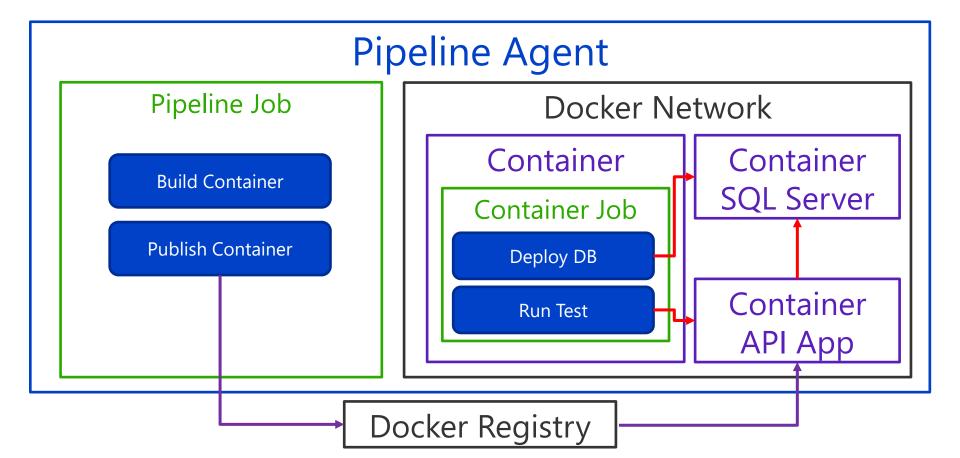


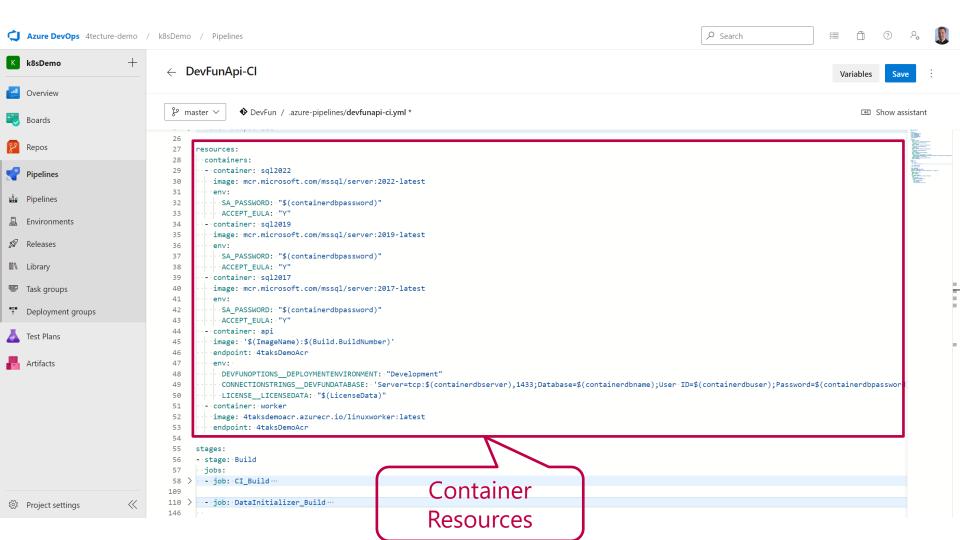




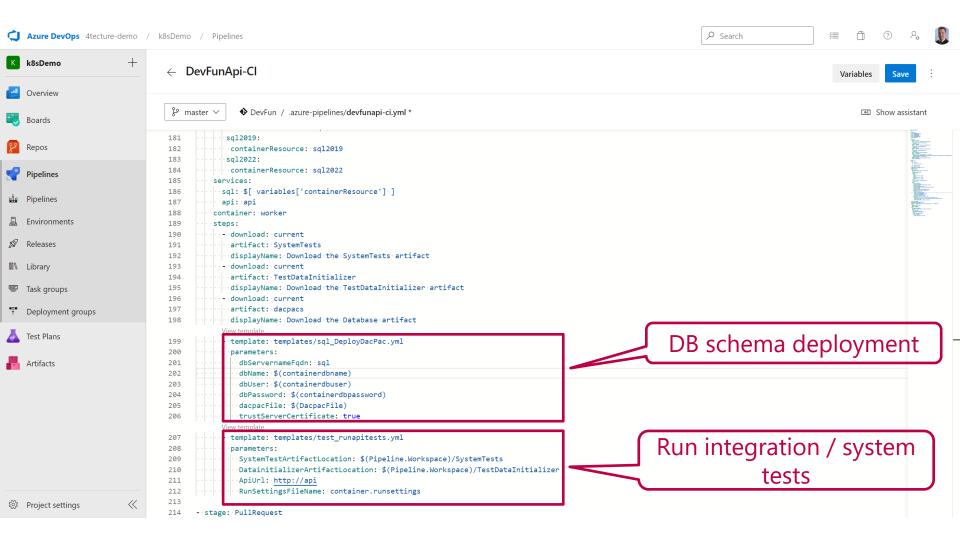


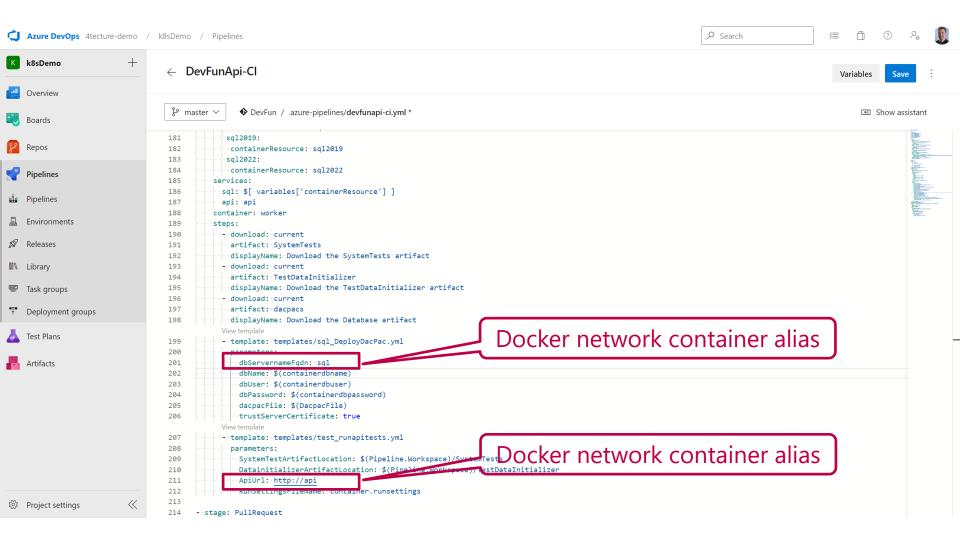
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Conclusion

- Continue with your container strategy also for UI testing
- Shift-left into CI, later full deployment
- Tests run within agent (service containers), simpler setup, no additional resources



Thank you for your attention!

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