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Getting started with Defender for DevOps

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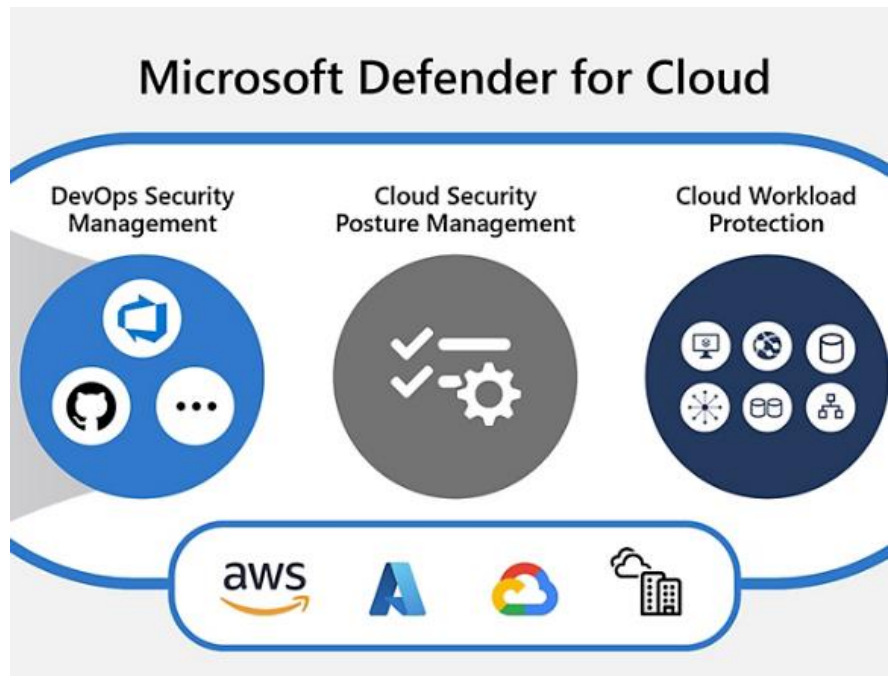


# Agenda

- Defender for DevOps
- Demo 1 – Connecting to Defender for DevOps
- Demo 2 – Configure the Microsoft Security DevOps GitHub action
- Demo 3 – Remediate security fixes in a pull request
- Best practices

## Defender for DevOps

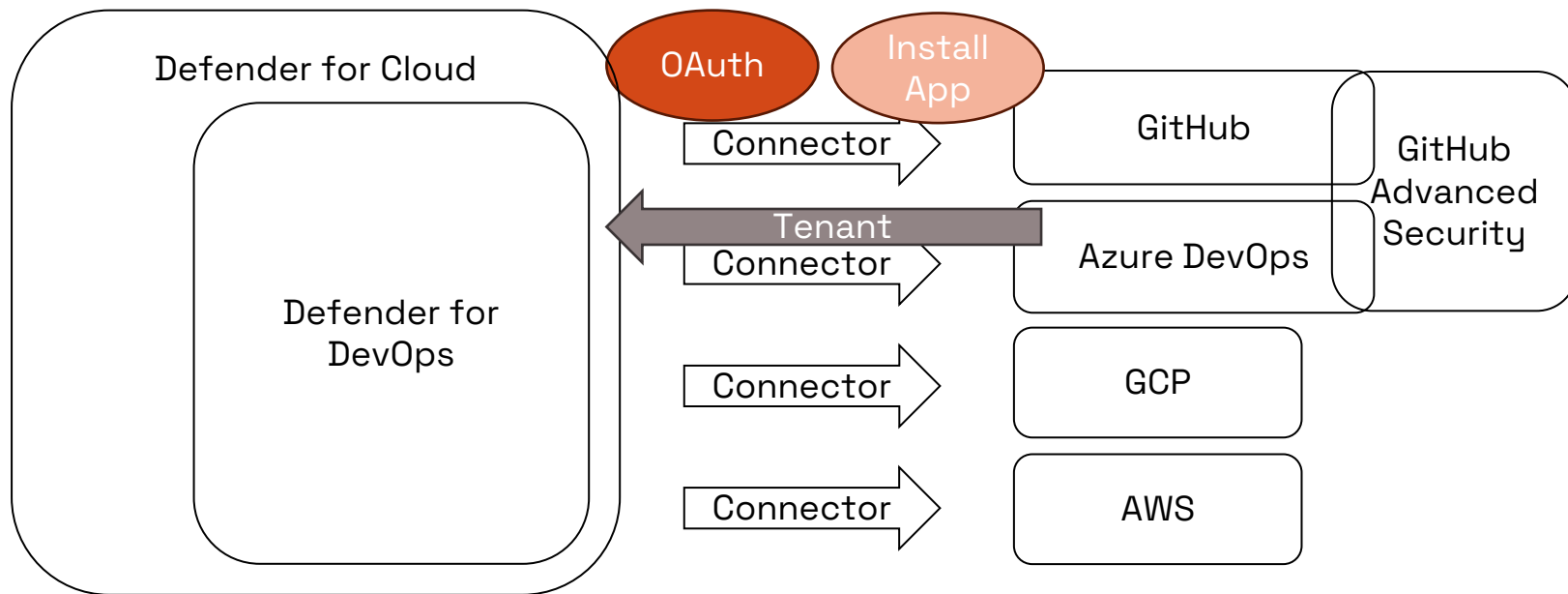
- Service available in Defender for Cloud for security teams to manage DevOps security across multiple environments
- Unified visibility into DevOps security posture
- Findings from code, secret and vulnerability scanning can be prioritised for remediation via pull request annotations
- Public preview since October 2022.



## Why do we need it?

- Secret exposure
- Vulnerabilities in code
- Inexperienced developers
- Sprint deadlines / pressure to deliver
- SOC visibility

## Architecture



## User Permissions

- **Contributor** for the Azure subscription you have associated in Defender for cloud
- **Security Admin** in the subscription for Defender for Cloud
- GitHub org admin
- Azure DevOps
  - Org admin
  - Basic or Basic + Test plan level
  - OAuth > on



## Connector Permissions

- Read access to... pretty much everything
- Read and write access for alerting, events and pull requests

with these permissions:

- ✓ **Read** access to actions, actions variables, administration, code, codespaces, codespaces lifecycle admin, codespaces metadata, commit statuses, custom repository roles, dependabot secrets, deployments, discussions, environments, members, merge queues, metadata, organization actions variables, organization administration, organization announcement banners, organization codespaces, organization codespaces secrets, organization codespaces settings, organization dependabot secrets, organization events, organization hooks, organization personal access token requests, organization personal access tokens, organization plan, organization projects, organization secrets, organization self hosted runners, organization user blocking, packages, pages, repository advisories, repository hooks, repository projects, secrets, and team discussions
- ✓ **Read and write** access to Dependabot alerts, checks, issues, pull requests, secret scanning alerts, and security events

## GitHub Advanced Security

- Required for Defender for DevOps reporting in Azure
- Code scanning with codeQL – app code languages
- Secret scanning – secrets from partner program
- Dependency review
- Available in GitHub Free, Pro, Team, GitHub Enterprise Cloud and Azure DevOps

	Public repository	Private repository without Advanced Security	Private repository with Advanced Security
Code scanning	✓	×	✓
Secret scanning	✓	×	✓
Dependency review	✓	×	✓

## Demo 1

- Connect GitHub repositories to Defender for DevOps

# Azure DevOps Connector

Azure DevOps azdevlab1 / Settings / Azure Active Directory

## Organization Settings


azdevlab1

### General

- Overview
- Projects
- Users

## Azure Active Directory

Your organization is connected to the **Default Directory** directory.



Default Directory

Tenant Id: [REDACTED]

Check out other [frequently asked questions](#).

[Disconnect directory](#)



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## Project Settings

DevOps-Project

### General

- Overview
- Teams
- Permissions
- Notifications
- Service hooks
- Dashboards
- Boards

## All Repositories

Filter by keywords

- AzureSandbox
- CarApp
- DevOps-Project

## DevOps-Project

Settings Policies Security Approvals and checks

**Advanced Security**

☒ **Block secrets on push**

Scan all pushes to the repository and block pushes containing secrets.

**Repository Settings**

☒ **Forks**

Allow users to create forks from this repository.


Microsoft Azure

Home > Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Environment settings >

## Create Azure DevOps connection

Azure DevOps connection | PREVIEW

[Connector details](#)
[Select plans](#)
[Authorize connection](#)
[Review and create](#)




### Authorize Defender for DevOps

Selecting 'Authorize' will grant Defender for Cloud access to your Azure DevOps resources. You may encounter issues if you are not using the same identity for both Azure DevOps and the subscription where you are creating the connector. Please [click here](#) (see step 2) to validate your currently selected Azure DevOps profile.

[Authorize](#)

Authorized



### Edit connector account


Organizations \*

Projects \* ☐ Auto discovery of projects  
This applies to all current and future projects

☒ **Selected projects**

Repositories \* ☐ Auto discovery of repositories  
This applies to all current and future repositories

☒ **Selected repositories**



### With these permissions

- ✓ Identity (read)
- ✓ Work items (read and write)
- ✓ Build (read and execute)
- ✓ Code (read and write)
- ✓ PR threads
- ✓ Agent Pools (read)
- ✓ Packaging (read)
- ✓ Extensions (read)
- ✓ Entitlements (read)
- ✓ Release (read)
- ✓ Security Files (read)
- ✓ Task Groups (read)
- ✓ Variable Groups (read)
- ✓ Service Endpoints (read)
- ✓ Project and team (read)
- ✓ Graph (read)
- ✓ MemberEntitlement Management (read)
- ✓ Notifications (diagnostics)
- ✓ Audit Read Log

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## Defender for DevOps GitHub Action

- GitHub action template that scans a repository for known vulnerabilities and exposed secrets
- Uses open-source tool scanning
- Can be included as part of pull request process to identify vulnerabilities before merge

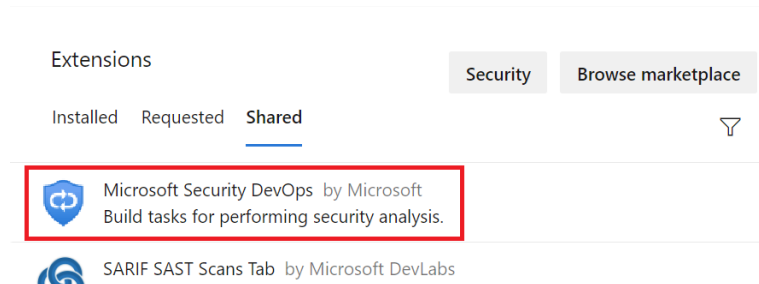
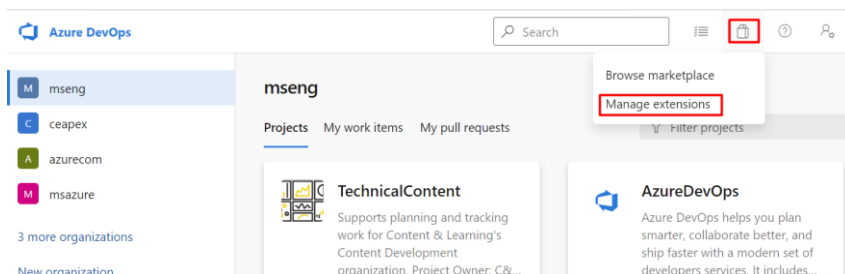
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2 # They are provided by a third-party and are governed by
3 # separate terms of service, privacy policy, and support
4 # documentation.
5 #
6 # Microsoft Security DevOps (MSDO) is a command line application which integrates static
7 # MSDO installs, configures and runs the latest versions of static analysis tools
8 # (including, but not limited to, SDL/security and compliance tools).
9 #
10 # The Microsoft Security DevOps action is currently in beta and runs on the windows-latest
11 # as well as Windows self hosted agents. ubuntu-latest support coming soon.
12 #
13 # For more information about the action , check out https://github.com/microsoft/security-devops-action
14 #
15 # Please note this workflow do not integrate your GitHub Org with Microsoft Defender For
16 # and provide permission before this can report data back to azure.
17 # Read the official documentation here : https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/defender-for-dev
18
19 name: "Microsoft Defender For Devops"
20
21 on:
22   workflow_dispatch:
23   push:
24     branches: [ "main" ]
25   pull_request:
26     branches: [ "main" ]
27   schedule:
28     - cron: '35 18 * * 0'
29
30 jobs:
31   MSDO:
32     # currently only windows latest is supported
33     runs-on: windows-latest
34     permissions:
35       actions: read
36       contents: read
37       security-events: write
38
39     steps:
40       - uses: actions/checkout@v3
41       - uses: actions/setup-dotnet@v3
42         with:
43           dotnet-version: |
44             5.0.x
45             6.0.x
46       - name: Run Microsoft Security DevOps
47         uses: microsoft/security-devops-action@v1.6.0
48         id: msdo
49         with:
50           categories: iac
```

Name	Language	License
<a href="#"><u>AntiMalware</u></a>	AntiMalware protection in Windows from Microsoft Defender for Endpoint, that scans for malware and breaks the build if malware has been found. This tool scans by default on windows-latest agent.	Not Open Source
<a href="#"><u>Bandit</u></a>	Python	<a href="#"><u>Apache License 2.0</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>BinSkim</u></a>	Binary--Windows, ELF	<a href="#"><u>MIT License</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ESlint</u></a>	JavaScript	<a href="#"><u>MIT License</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Template Analyzer</u></a>	ARM template, Bicep file	<a href="#"><u>MIT License</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Terrascan</u></a>	Terraform (HCL2), Kubernetes (JSON/YAML), Helm v3, Kustomize, Dockerfiles, Cloud Formation	<a href="#"><u>Apache License 2.0</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Trivy</u></a>	container images, file systems, git repositories	<a href="#"><u>Apache License 2.0</u></a>

## Demo 2

- Configure the Microsoft Security DevOps GitHub action
- Run action on existing code repository
- Analyse code scanning results

## Microsoft Security Azure DevOps extension



[Enable pull request annotations in GitHub or in Azure DevOps - Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Microsoft Learn](#)

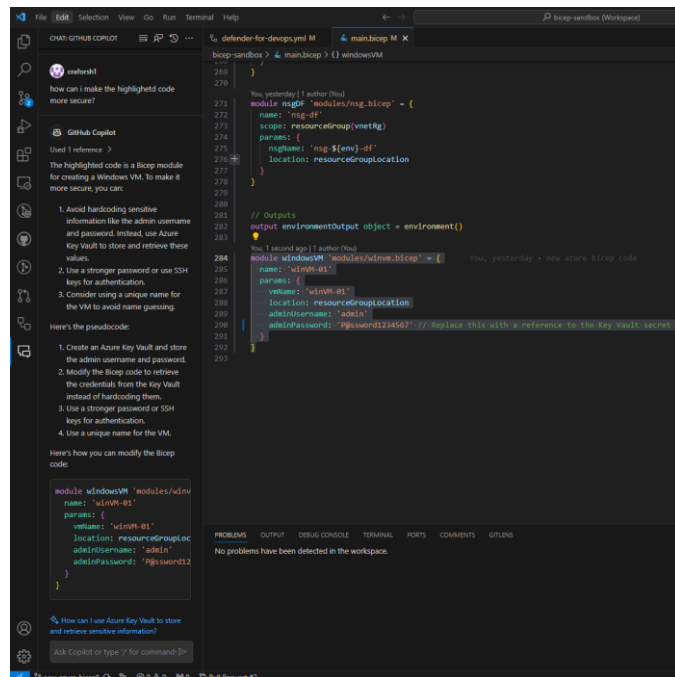
Secret scanning required as a step in the build process





## Remediate with GitHub Copilot

- AI code completion tool by GitHub and OpenAI to assist developers with coding by recommending next steps
- Can also be used to help find security vulnerabilities with **GitHub Copilot Chat Beta** by asking questions about how secure your code is and getting recommendations for fixes



## Demo 3

- Run action on new code branch repository as part of a pull request
- Remediate security vulnerabilities

## Defender for Cloud Reporting

- Secure score recommendations – Defender for DevOps is not GA so doesn't affect the score
- Cloud Security Explorer – filter based on vulnerabilities, severity etc

Home > Microsoft Defender for Cloud

### Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Cloud Security Explorer

Showing subscription 'deflabsub'

Search

General

- Overview
- Getting started
- Recommendations
- Attack path analysis
- Security alerts
- Inventory
- Cloud Security Explorer
- Workbooks
- Community
- Diagnose and solve problems

Cloud Security

- Security posture
- Regulatory compliance
- Workload protections
- Data security (Preview)
- Firewall Manager
- DevOps security (preview)

Management

- Environment settings
- Security solutions

Share query link Download CSV report Guides & Feedback

New simplified billing and reduced price for Defender CSPM at \$5/billable resource/month. [Learn more here>](#)

What would you like to search?

Code repositories (group) +  
That Allows public access + Remove

Scope: All

Search


Results (5)

Search item


Resource name	Insights
defenderdemo-bicep	Allows public access ...
dfddemo-bicepgoat	Allows public access ...
dfddemo-terragoat	Allows public access ...
dfddemointegrationenv	Allows public access ...


# Sentinel Connectors

- Microsoft Defender for Cloud – stream security alerts to sentinel
- Continuous threat monitoring for GitHub


**Microsoft Defender for Cloud**

**Disconnected**  
Status

 **Microsoft**  
Provider

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Last Log Received

**Description**  
 Microsoft Defender for Cloud is a security management tool that allows you to detect and quickly respond to threats across Azure, hybrid, and multi-cloud workloads. This connector allows you to stream your security alerts from Microsoft Defender for Cloud into Microsoft Sentinel, so you can view Defender data in workbooks, query it to produce alerts, and investigate and respond to incidents.

[For more information>](#)

**Last data received**  
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**Content source** ⓘ


**Version**


Microsoft Defender for Cloud 1.0.0


**Author**  
Microsoft

**Supported by**  
[Microsoft Corporation | Email](#)

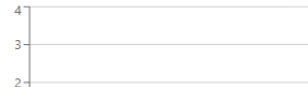
**Related content**

 **3**  
Workbooks

 **2**  
Queries


 **2**  
Analytics rules templates

**Data received**





[Go to log analytics](#)

[Open connector page](#)


**Microsoft Sentinel - Continuous Threat Monitoring for GitHub**

**Microsoft**  
Provider

 **Microsoft**  
Support

 **3.0.0**  
Version

**Description**

**Note:** Please refer to the following before installing the solution:

- Review the solution [Release Notes](#)
- There may be [known issues](#) pertaining to this Solution.

The [GitHub](#) Solution for Microsoft Sentinel enables you to easily ingest events and logs from GitHub to Microsoft Sentinel using GitHub audit log API and webhooks. This enables you to view and analyze this data in your workbooks, query it to create custom alerts, and incorporate it to improve your investigation process, giving you more insight into your platform security.

**Underlying Microsoft Technologies used:**


This solution takes a dependency on the following technologies, and some of these dependencies either may be in [Preview](#) state or might result in additional ingestion or operational costs:


1. [Codeless Connector Platform \(CCP\) \(used in GitHub Enterprise Audit Log data connector\)](#)
2. [Azure Functions](#)


**Data Connectors: 2, Parsers: 4, Workbooks: 2, Analytic Rules: 14, Hunting Queries: 8**

[Learn more about Microsoft Sentinel | Learn more about Solutions](#)

**Content type** ⓘ

 **14**  
Analytics rule

 **2**  
Data connector

 **8**  
Hunting query

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## Defender for DevOps considerations

- **Polling period** between Azure and code repositories is not real time. Sync time can be affected as more repos are onboarded due to API limits.
- **CodeQL** in GitHub advanced security supports C, C++, C#, Go, Java, JavaScript, Typescript, and Python.

Code scanning occurs only in runtime for IaC, kubernetes.

- **Defender for cloud inventory** logs everything included deleted resources
- **Public preview** - contains some bugs (connector issues, syncing of data, resource tagging issues)

## Best practices in IaC - Secrets

- Avoid secrets where possible
- Create secure parameters for sensitive values
  - `@secure( ) param <value> string`
  - `@secure( ) param <value> object`
- Use dynamic secret lookup between resources
- Store secrets in a password vault

## Best practices in IaC - Vulnerabilities

- Use current versions of resource providers
- Use validation tools as part of the pipeline process
  - Bicep – linter, what-if
  - Terraform – validate, format, plan, tflint, Checkov
- Create a vulnerable sandbox with example code for learning and testing
  - Test vulnerable by design repos such as bicepgoat & terragoat

## Summary

- Microsoft is improving its security portfolio geared toward code-based vulnerability scanning and monitoring
- Best practices are **always** the best way to secure code – avoid secrets and vulnerabilities in code
- The future is tighter integration between all areas to improve code security
  - Copilot 'X' products
  - GitHub advanced security
  - Defender for DevOps
  - Sentinel



## Useful resources

- Shift-left and secure your code using Microsoft Defender for DevOps– [Microsoft Security Community – YouTube](#)
- Check out the getting started videos in DevOps security on Azure
- Vulnerable code repos:
  - <https://github.com/bridgecrewio/terrargoat.git>
  - <https://github.com/bridgecrewio/bicepgoat.git>

Dont forget to scan the QR code and review my session!