Next-gen SQL projects

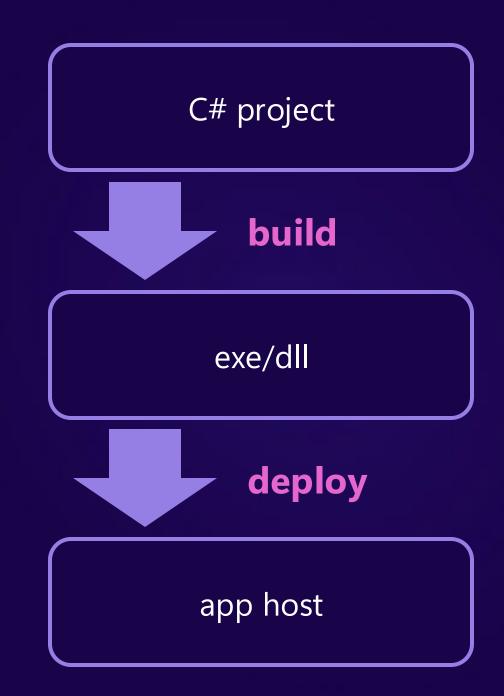
with Microsoft.Build.Sql



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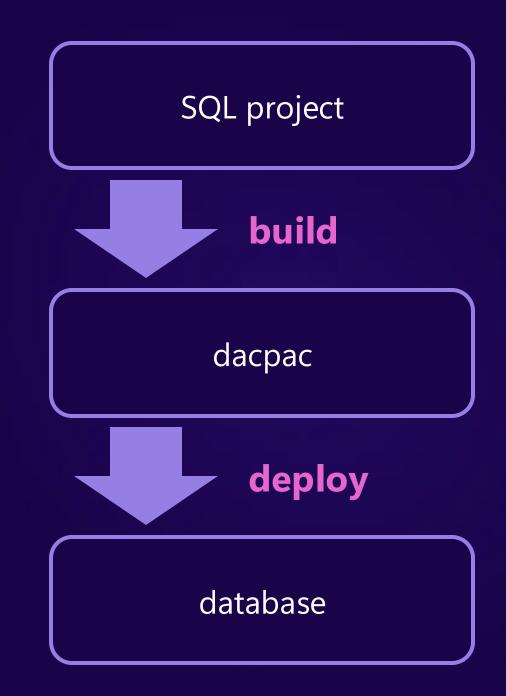
.NET project lifecycle

Build and ship



SQL project lifecycle

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.NET project type where SQL code is validated as a database object model

C# → SQL

CREATE obj (tables, stored procs, foreign keys...)

Microsoft.Build.Sql

Project SDK from Microsoft for SQL projects, iteration from original SQL projects (SQL Server Data Tools, SSDT)

Cross-platform .NET support

dacpac

Compiled artifact from a SQL project, contains a model representation of SQL object definitions

dll → dacpac

publish

API name for deploying a dacpac, creates a new database or updates existing

Toolbox basics



SqlPackage CLI

dotnet tool install -g microsoft.sqlpackage



SQL projects templates

dotnet new install microsoft.build.sql.templates

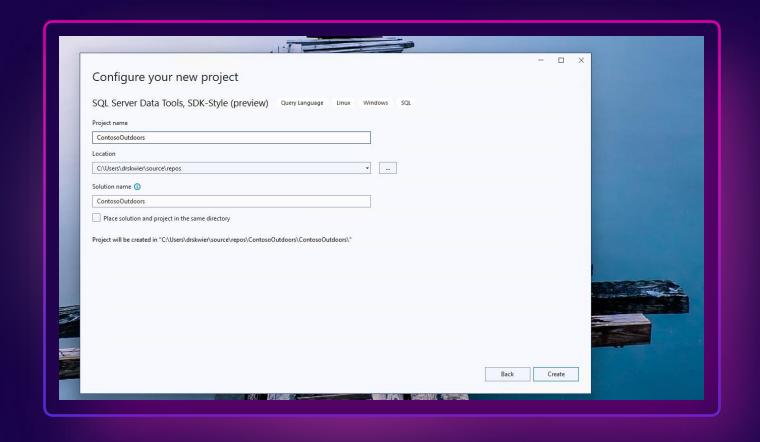
Everything else is dotnet

Getting started

Use a new or existing database

- SqlPackage extract to SQL files
- dotnet new sqlproj

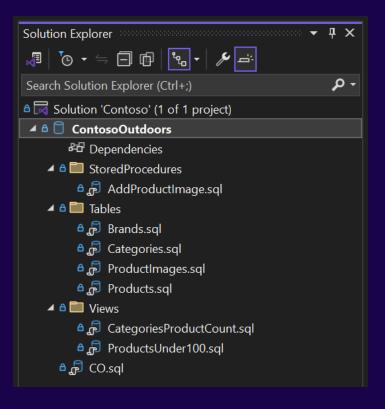
- "Create project from existing database"
- New project



Latest IDE updates

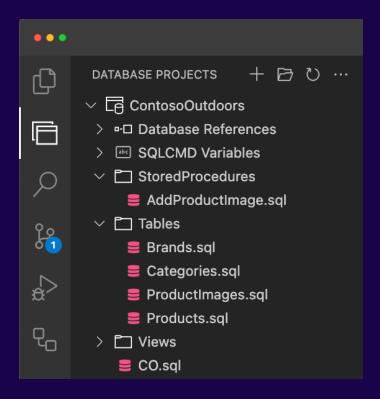
Visual Studio 2022 17.12

- Introduces SDK-style SQL projects (preview) component
- Ongoing development to bring more SSDT features to 17.13 and beyond



VS Code

- SQL Database Projects extension
- Ongoing development to add features, including schema compare







Is it valid?

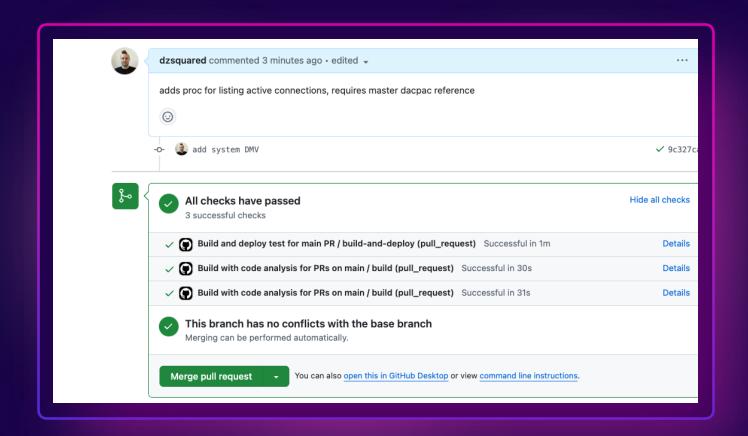


Is it good?

CI checks on SQL projects

Build with SqlCodeAnalysis

- dotnet build covers validating SQL syntax and model integrity
- SqlCodeAnalysis property enables code analysis checks
- Package references extend code analysis from default set
- Service containers provide an ephemeral endpoint for unit tests



Database references



Dacpac reference

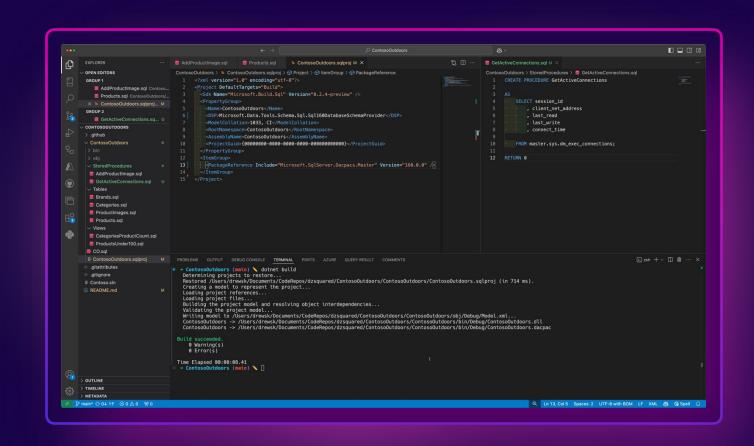


Package reference

Reference additional database objects

Architect smarter

- dotnet pack to prepare your SQL project for publishing to a package feed
- Improve build times by moving infrequently changing objects to a static package
- Reference objects across databases (3-part naming with SQL Server)
- System dacpacs published for package references



Publishing a SQL project Tooling automatically manages deployment from 1 to many environments source Load model Model Deployment Model Script differences comparison plan generation target Reverse engineer Script execution

Deployment options







Publish

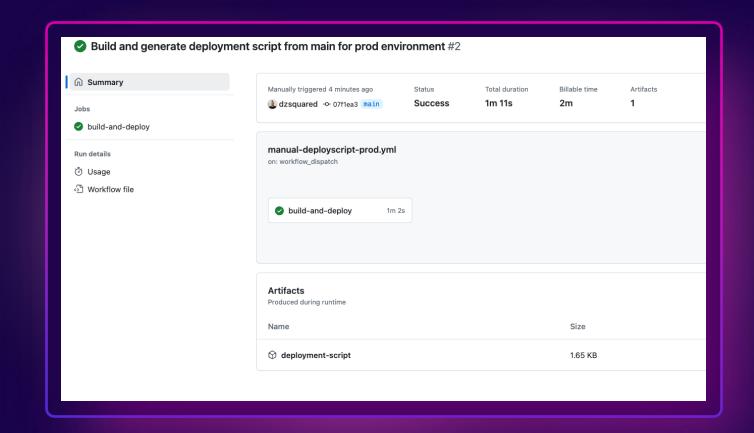
Deploy report

Script

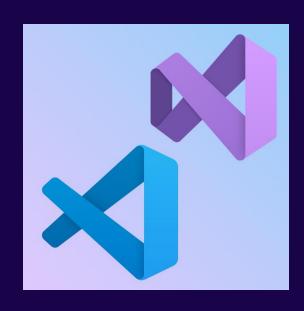
Choose by environment

Dynamic but lightweight

- Directly publish to apply the calculated deployment plan to a SQL database
- Generate the deploy report to monitor for unwanted changes
- Output deployment script to review T-SQL generated for the deployment plan



SQL projects tooling ecosystem



Visual Studio and VS Code

Develop, analyze, and compare database objects



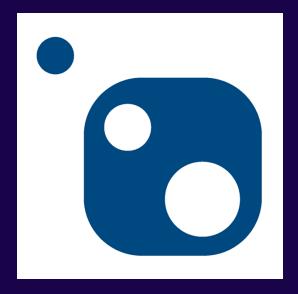
GitHub and Azure DevOps tasks

Streamline SQL project deployment from CI/CD environments



SqlPackage CLI

Automate transposing between files and databases



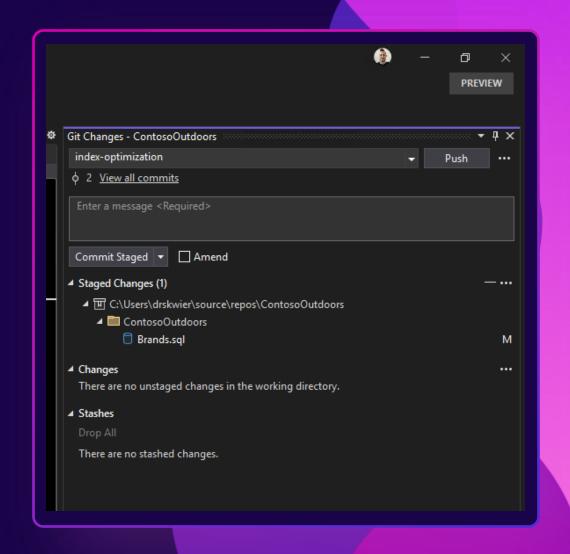
API, class, and model packages

Extensibility for core APIs includes loading analysis rules and database parts from packages

git in SSMS 21

SQL Server Management Studio 21 now in preview

aka.ms/ssms21-preview-blog



SQL projects roadmap

Q1 2025

Microsoft.Build.Sql SDK general availability

...2025

Publish 1-schema option in SqlPackage

Azure DevOps task overhaul

Nov 2024

Microsoft.Build.Sql release candidate

...2025...

Visual Studio debugger, schema compare, database references

VS Code schema compare

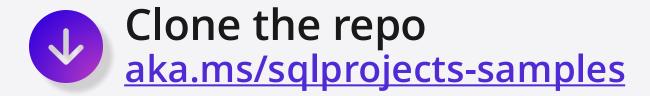


Learn more

Documentation aka.ms/sqlprojects



SQL projects examples





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