Publishing and Installing Apps in SharePoint Online



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- Understanding the SharePoint Online App Catalog
- Publishing and Installing SharePoint Add-ins
- Packaging SharePoint Framework Projects
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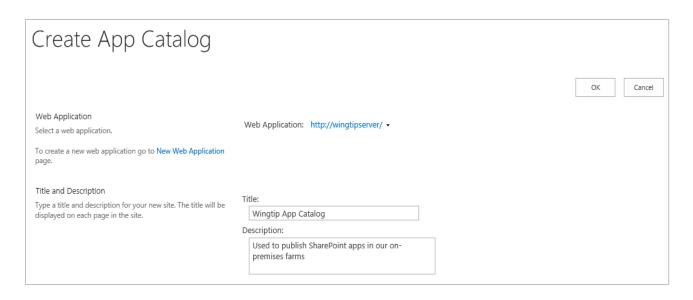
Understanding the App Catalog

- App publishing scheme based on App Catalog
 - App Catalog is site collection with special doc library
 - App packages are published (uploaded) to app catalog
 - Provides better app discovery, installation and upgrade
- App Catalog in on-premises farms
 - One App Catalog site required for each web application
 - End users often play role of App Catalog administrator
- App Catalog in Office 365 & SharePoint Online
 - One App Catalog site used to manage entire tenancy



Creating the App Catalog Site Collection

- You must create the App Catalog site collection
 - You can create it using a PowerShell script
 - You can create it using Central Administration
 - App Catalog site associated with one web application





App Catalog URL and Permissions

- App catalog site created at a specific URL
 - Creating App Catalog site with PowerShell is more flexible you can create site as top-level domain using host-named site collections (HNSCs)



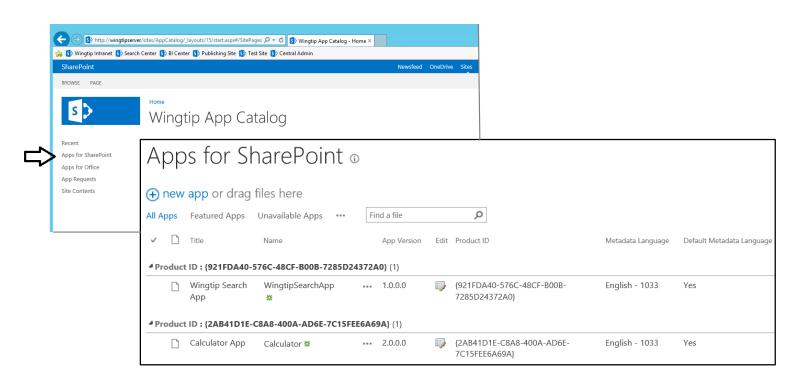
- Setting App Catalog permissions
 - Site collection administrator becomes App Catalog administrator
 - End user permissions allows user to discover and install apps





Apps for SharePoint Document Library

- Apps for SharePoint is special document library
 - It's the place where you publish SharePoint apps
 - You upload app package and enter the related metadata







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App Deployment Overview

for a SharePoint-hosted App

- 1. Package the app
 - Package app resources in distributable file
- 2. Publish the app
 - Make app available for installation and upgrade
- 3. Install the app
 - Make app available for use
- 4. Upgrade the app
 - Replace current version of app with newer version



App Package

- SharePoint apps distributed using app packages
 - App package is ZIP archive file with *.app extension
 - Built according to Open Package Convention (OPC)
 - Same packaging format used in Apps for Office
 - App package must contain AppManifest.xml
 - App package will often contain file for app icon

MySharePointApp.app
AppManifest.xml
Applcon.png.config.xml
Applcon.png



App Web Solution Package

- App package contains inner WSP for app web
 - Elements deployed to app web using solution package
 - Solution package built into app package as inner WSP



All SharePoint-hosted apps will have an inner WSP in their app package

Cloud-hosted apps will not have an inner WSP in their app package unless they have been implemented to create an app web



Packaging Host Web Features

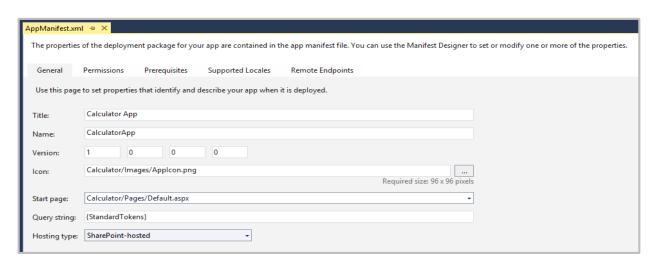
- Host web feature elements added at top level
 - elements.xml file added for each app part
 - elements.xml file added for each UI custom action
 - features.xml file added for host web feature
 - Visual Studio adds GUID to file names

MyAppParts.app
AppManifest.xml
Applcon.png.config.xml
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featureGUID1.xml
featureGUID1.xml.config.xml
elementsGUID2.xml
elementsGUID3.xml

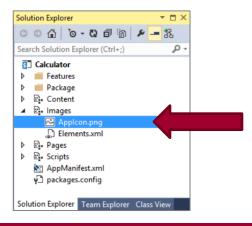


Preparing a Project for Packaging

Review AppManifest.xml and make any required changes



Add a custom App Icon



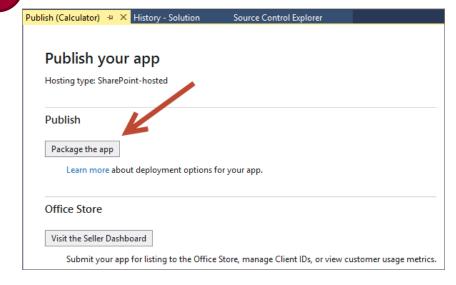


Creating an App Package

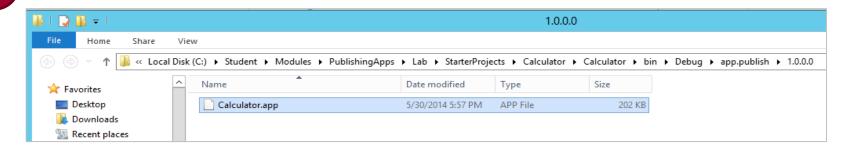
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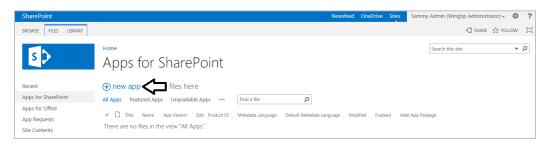
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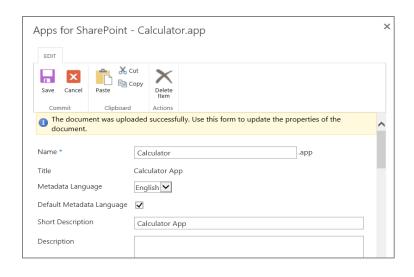


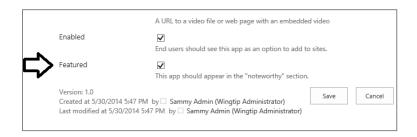
Publishing an App

Upload app package to Apps for SharePoint library



Enter app metadata to complete publishing process

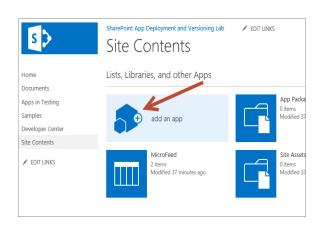


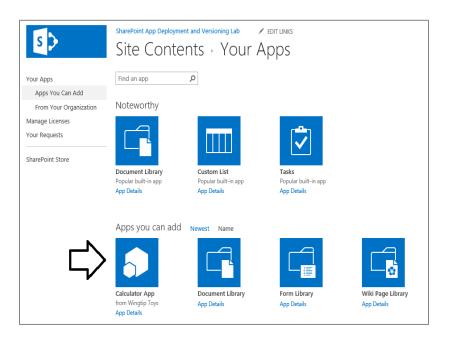




Installing Apps

- App installer must be site administrator
 - Click add an app link on Site Contents page
 - add an app link takes you to app discovery page (addanapp.aspx)
 - On Your apps page, click on app tile to install that app

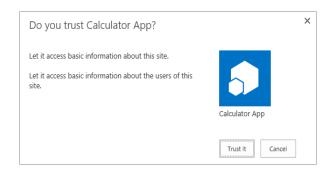




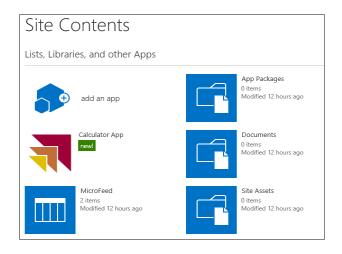


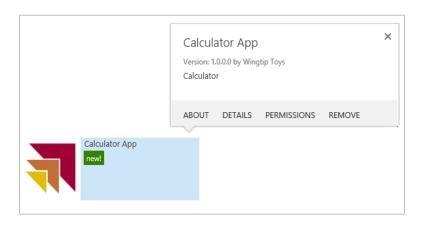
Completing the App installation Process

App installer is Prompted to Explicitly Trust the app During Installation



• After installation, app tile added to **Site Contents** page app tile provides fly-out menu to assist with app management

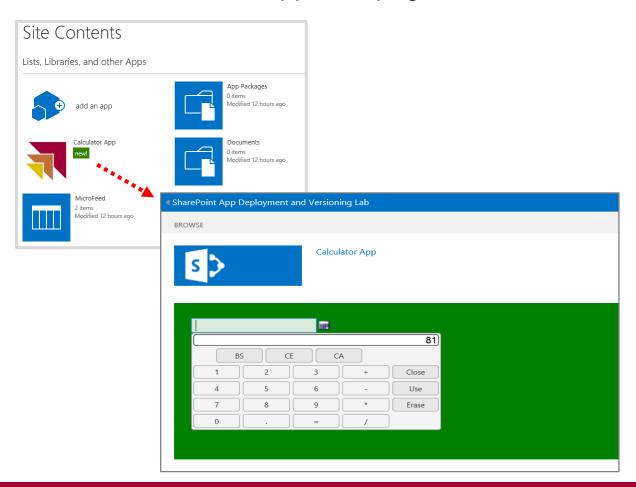






Launching the App After Installation

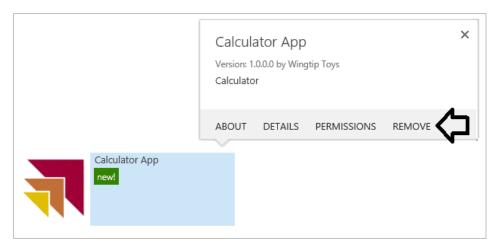
- Clicking app tile on Site Contents page launches app
 - User is redirected to app start page





Uninstalling an App

- Use Remove command in app tile flyout menu
 - SharePoint deletes App Web if there is one

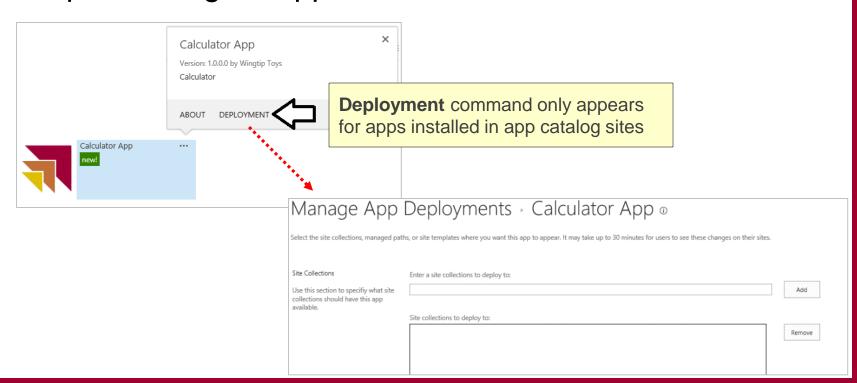






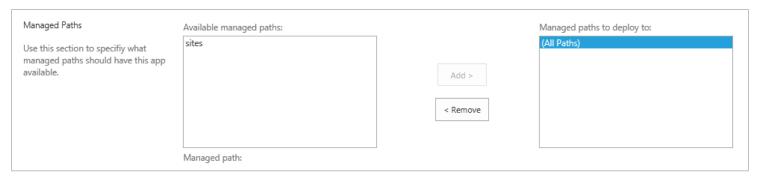
Installing Apps at Tenancy Scope

- App catalog site used for tenancy-scoped install
 - Step 1: Publish app to app catalog site
 - Step 2: Install app in same app catalog site
 - Step 3: Configure app to make it available in other sites

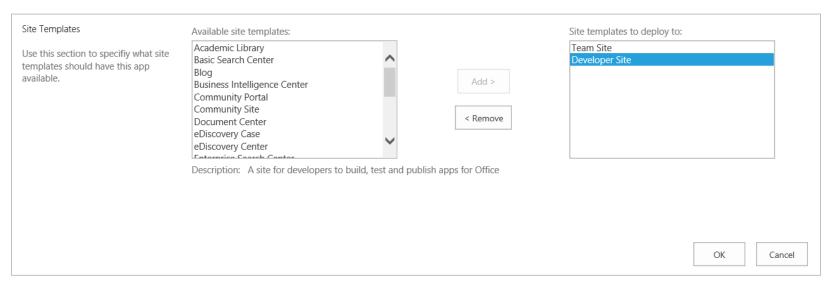


Configuring an App Deployment

App Deployment can be configured in terms of managed paths...



App Deployment can be configured in terms of Site templates...

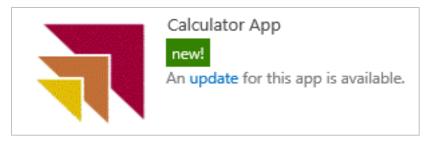






Upgrading Apps

- Overview of SharePoint app upgrade process
 - App catalog tracks current version number of app
 - SharePoint host records app version at install time
 - Updated version of app can be uploaded to app catalog
 - SharePoint host notifies user when there's new version

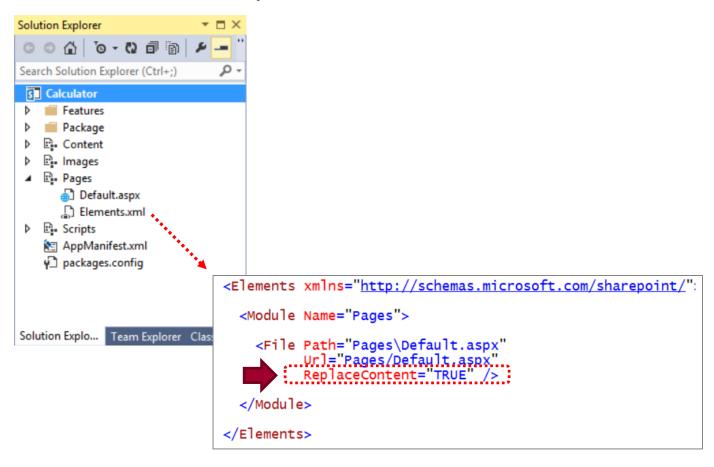


- User makes choice whether upgrade or not
 - User (app installer) is never forced to upgrade
 - If user decides to upgrade, upgrade involves clicking button



Overwriting Existing Files During Upgrade

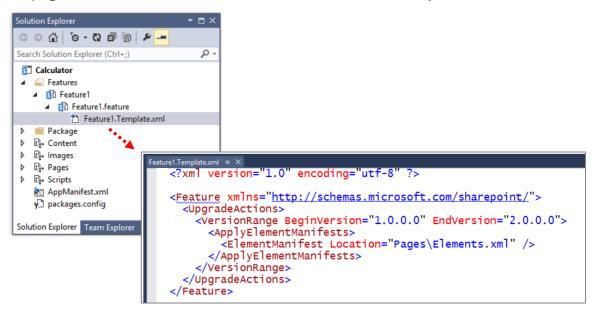
- Files to be upgrade required ReplaceContent attribute
 - Edit must be made by hand to Elements.xml file



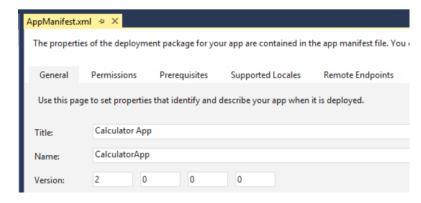


Configuring Feature Upgrade Actions

Upgrade actions must be entered by hand



Make sure to update version number in AppManifest.xml





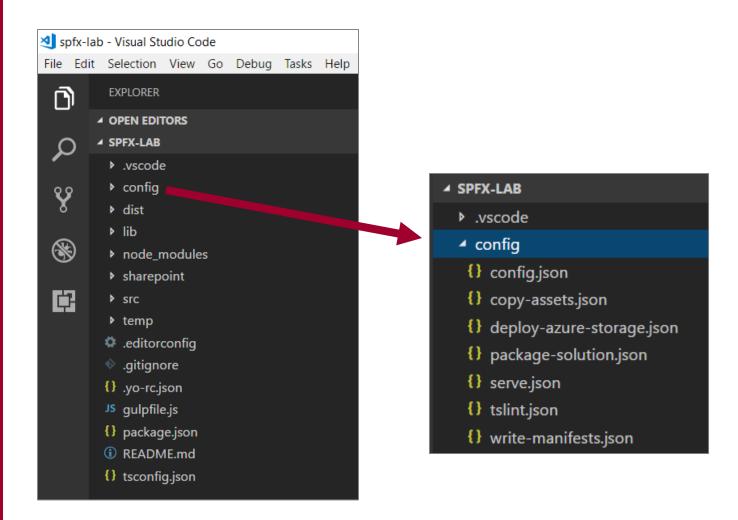


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SPFx Project Configuration Files





package-solution.json

- package-solution.json
 - Contains top-level project properties (id, name, version)
 - includeClientSideAssets
 - skipFeatureDeployment
 - zippedPackage



Building a SPFx Solution

- Done by executing gulp package-solution
 - Can be done with or without --ship parameter

```
PS C:\Demos\spfx-lab> gulp package-solution
Build target: DEBUG

[20:02:30] Using gulpfile C:\Demos\spfx-lab\gulpfile.js

[20:02:30] Starting gulp

[20:02:30] Starting 'package-solution'...

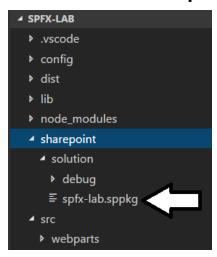
[20:02:30] Starting subtask 'configure-sp-build-rig'...

[20:02:30] Finished subtask 'configure-sp-build-rig' after 4.95 ms

[20:02:30] Starting subtask 'package-solution'...

[20:02:30] Warning - [package-solution] This is not a production build (--ship or --production)
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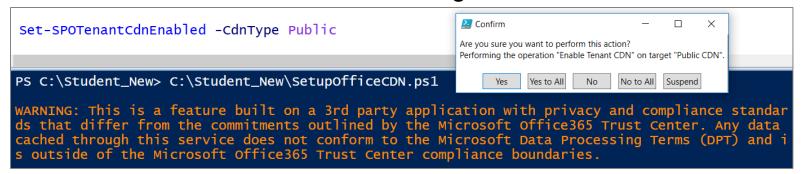
Generates zip archive with .sppkg extension





Enabling the Office 365 CDN

- Office 365 provides CDN for SPFx solution deployment
 - Office 365 CDN must be enabled using PowerShell



Enabling CDN creates */clientsideassets origin

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Public CDN enabled locations:

*/MASTERPAGE (configuration pending)

*/STYLE LIBRARY (configuration pending)

*/CLIENTSIDEASSETS (configuration pending)
```

CDN supports these file type extensions
 CSS, EOT, GIF, ICO, JPEG, JPG, JS, MAP, PNG, SVG, TTF, WOFF



includeClientSideAssets = True

- If Office 365 CDN is enabled...
 - it will be used automatically with default settings.
- If Office 365 CDN is not enabled...
 - assets will be served from app catalog site collection.

Packaging a SPFx Solution for Distribution

- gulp bundle --ship
 - Uses dynamic URL for assets based on tenant CDN settings

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PS C:\Demos\spfx-lab> gulp bundle --ship
Build target: SHIP

[20:51:24] Using gulpfile C:\Demos\spfx-lab\gulpfile.js

[20:51:24] Starting gulp

[20:51:24] Starting 'bundle'...

[20:51:24] Starting subtask 'configure-sp-build-rig'...

[20:51:24] Finished subtask 'configure-sp-build-rig' after 4.45 ms
```

- gulp package-solution --ship
 - Uses dynamic URL for assets based on tenant CDN settings

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PS C:\Demos\spfx-lab> gulp package-solution --ship
Build target: SHIP

[20:53:42] Using gulpfile C:\Demos\spfx-lab\gulpfile.js

[20:53:42] Starting gulp

[20:53:42] Starting 'package-solution'...

[20:53:42] Starting subtask 'configure-sp-build-rig'...

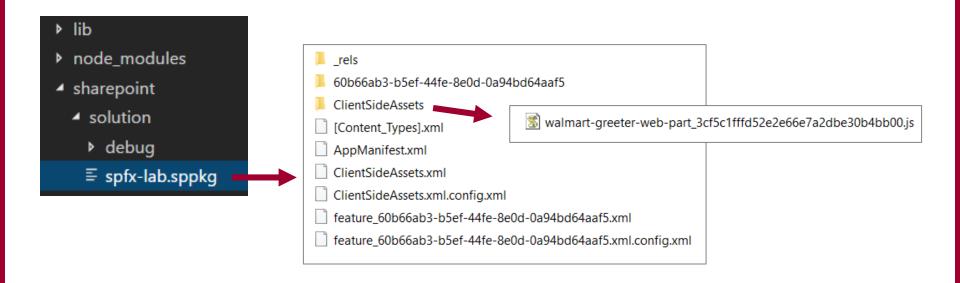
[20:53:42] Finished subtask 'configure-sp-build-rig' after 5.02 ms

[20:53:42] Starting subtask 'package-solution'...
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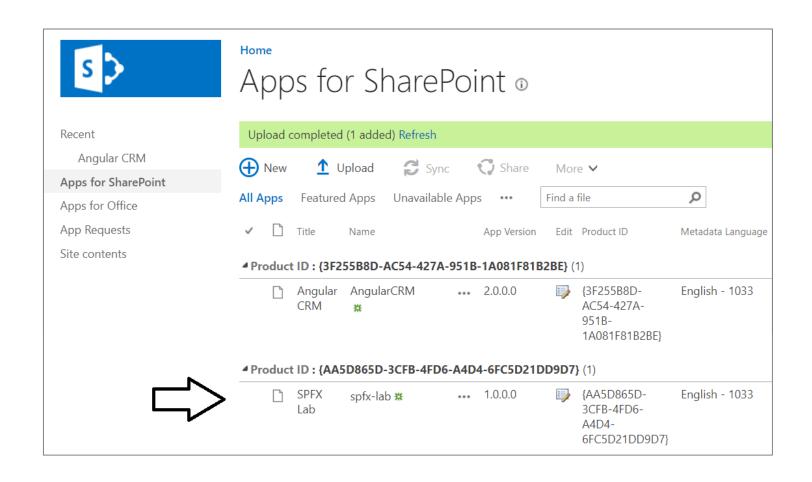
Inside a SPFx Solution Package

Your .js code is included in ClientSideAssets





Deploying Solution to Office 365 Tenancy





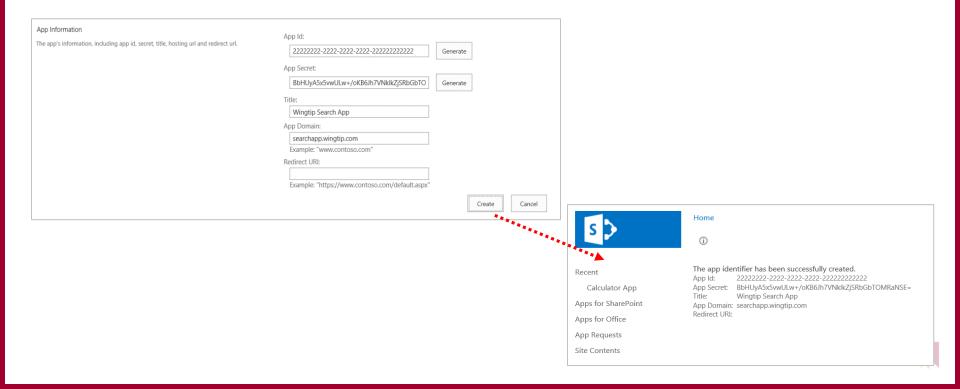
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Registering the App Security Principal

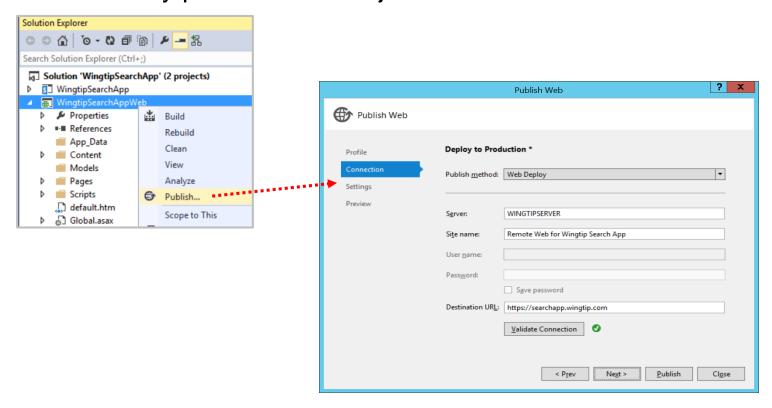
- Can be done manually using AppRegNew.aspx page
 - Enter the App ID (aka Client ID)
 - Enter an App Secret (even in S2S scenario when it is not used)
 - Enter a Title
 - Enter an App Domain





Deploying the App's Remote Web Project

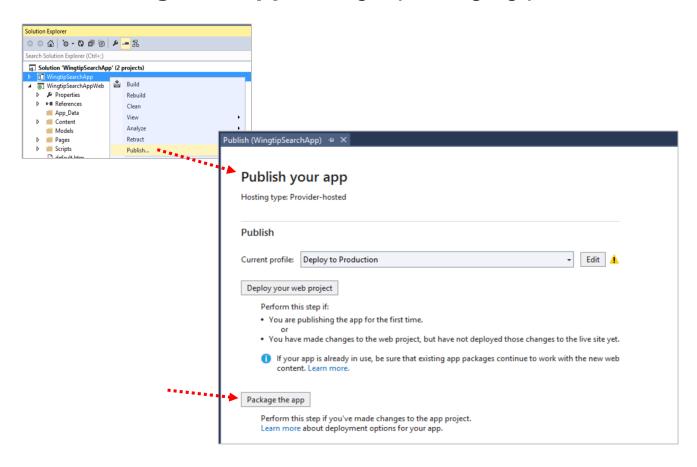
- Visual Studio provides Publish Web wizard
 - Allows you to create one or more deployment configurations
 - Automatically pushes Web Project files into IIS website





Creating the Provider-hosted App Package

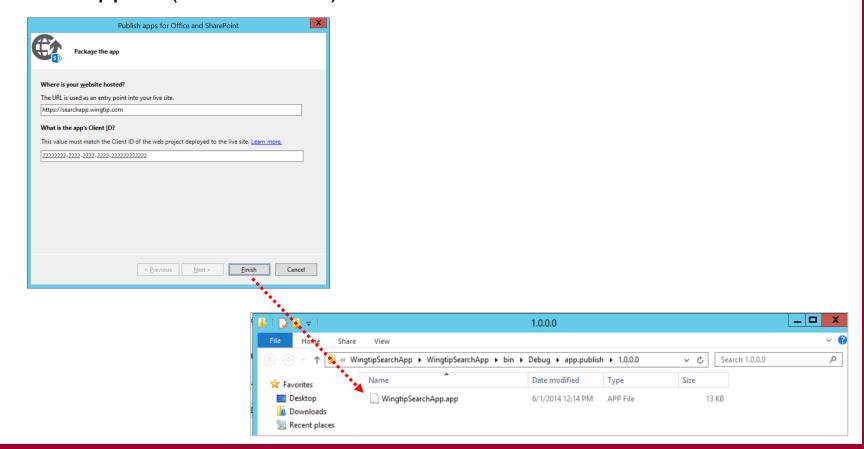
- Visual Studio provides Publish your app page
 - Click Package the app to begin packaging process





Enter Information for the App Package

- Provide-hosted App must be published with...
 - SSL-based URL where the remote web has been deployed
 - The App ID (aka Client ID)



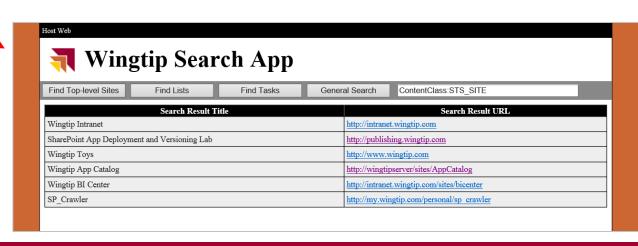
Publishing and Installing the App

Publish the app package (just like with a SharePoint-hosted app)



Install and launch







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