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Azure Data Factory

Deployments







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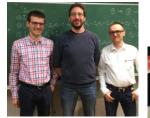










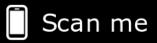


















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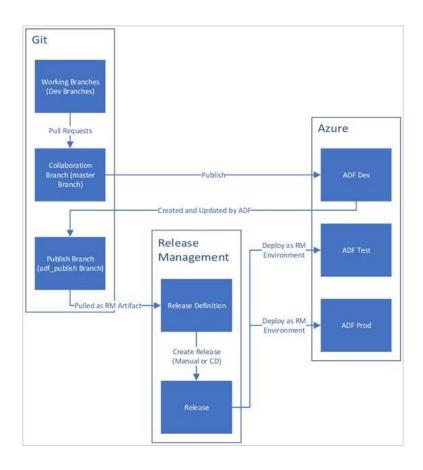


- Azure Data Factory DEPLOYMENT only
- Two (three?) methods of ADF deployment
- How these methods work
- Differences
- npm module from Microsoft now you can fully automate CI (build)
- #adftools make your life easier!

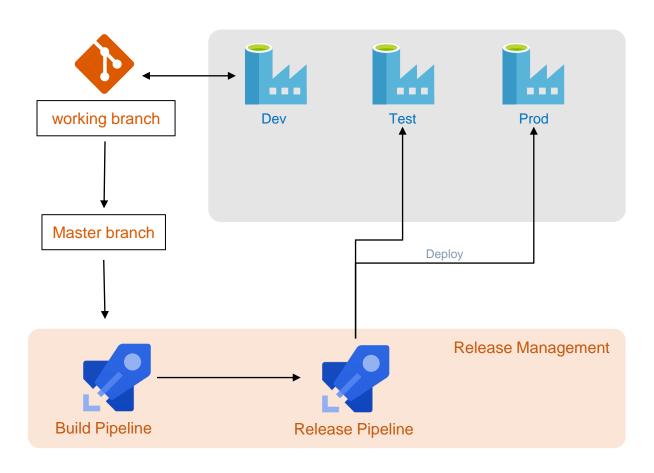
ADF – Currently available methods of deployment



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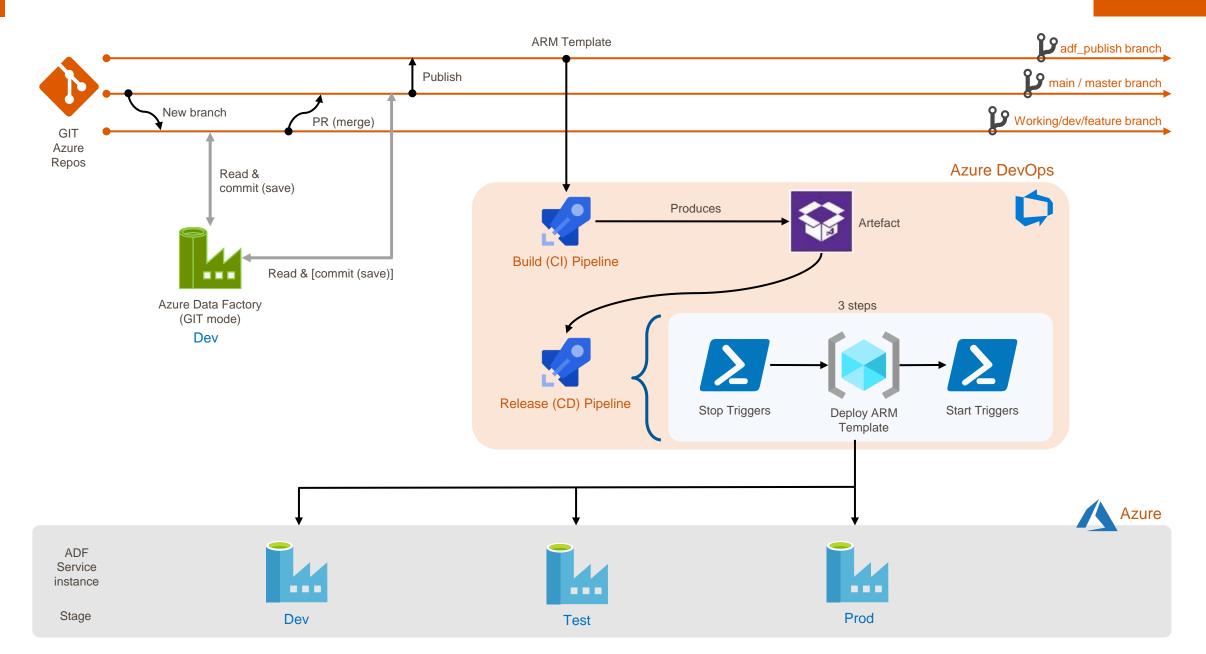


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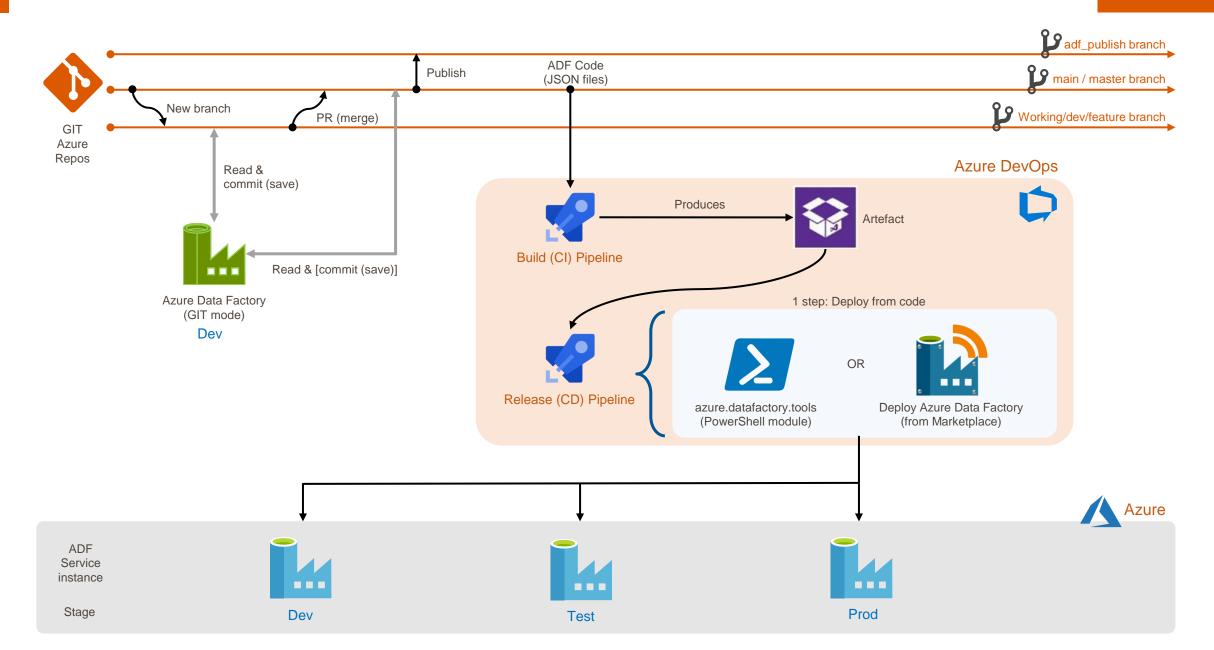
Deployment (1): Microsoft's method (ARM Template)





Deployment (2): Directly from code method





Who use what?





My dear #sqlfamily #azurefamily members. How do you deploy your @AzDataFactory from a code repo? #devops #cicd

from adf_publish branch	48.3%
directly from json files	34.5%
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ADF – Currently available methods of deployment – pros & cons



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- Manual "Publish" step

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- Parameterize any artefact of the Data Factory
- Selectively deploy a subset of artefacts
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Post: Two methods of deployment Azure Data Factory

ADF – ARM Template enhanced deployment method



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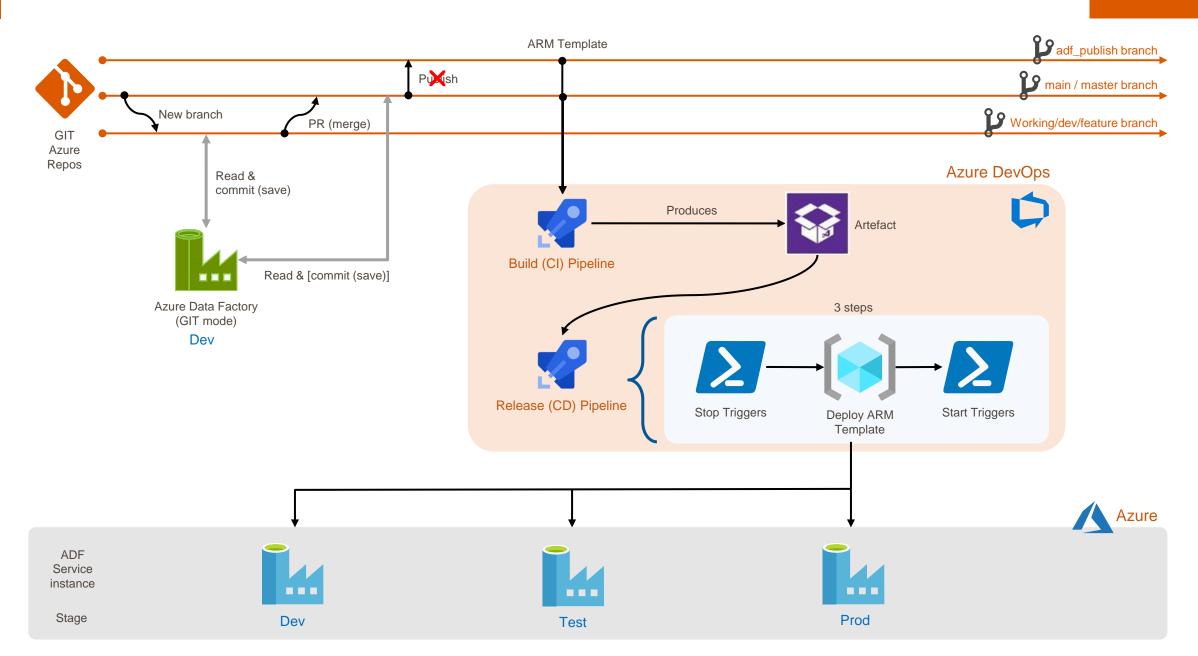
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Deployment (1b): ARM Template exported by CI



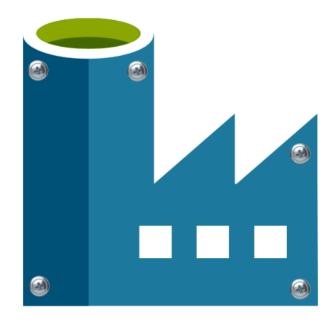




DEMO #1 ARM Template deployment



#adftools



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Two tools:



PowerShell module (azure.datafactory.tools)



Azure DevOps extension (3 tasks)

https://sqlplayer.net/adftools/

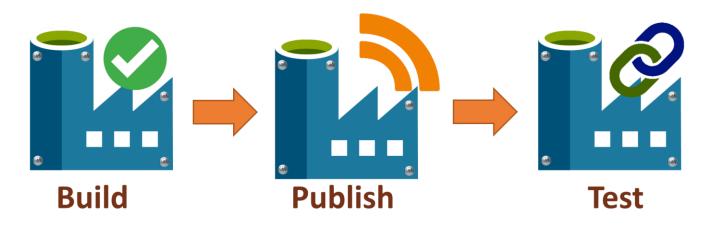


DEMO #2 Deployment with PowerShell

Azure DevOps: Custom Tasks

Key concept:

- Free & Open-Source
- One task for everything when it comes to the publishing of ADF
- Basically, it is another (UI) layer on top of "azure.datafactory.tools" module
- Public Release (GA) since 23/12/2020
- Extension contains 3 tasks that cover full deployment life-cycle for ADF



Any ideas or questions? Leave it here: https://github.com/SQLPlayer/azure.datafactory.tools/issues



PowerShell module: azure.datafactory.tools



- Fully written in PowerShell, compatible with 5.1
- Uses Microsoft's PS module (Az.DataFactory) for management of ADF objects
- Available in <u>PowerShell gallery</u>
- Publish-AdfV2FromJson function capabilities:
 - Creation of Azure Data Factory, if not exist (option)
 - Deployment of all type of objects: pipelines, datasets, linked services, data flows & power query, triggers, integration runtimes
 - Copes with dependencies (<u>multiple levels</u>) between objects when deploying (no more worrying about object names)
 - Build-in mechanism to replace the properties with the indicated values (CSV file)
 - Stop/start triggers (option)
 - Dropping objects when not exist in the source (code) (option)
 - Selective deployment: Filtering (include or exclude) objects to be deployed by name and/or type
 - Publish options allow you to control:
 - Whether stop and restarting triggers
 - ▶ Whether delete or not objects not in the source
 - ▶ Whether create or not a new instance of ADF if it not exist
- Free & Open-Source

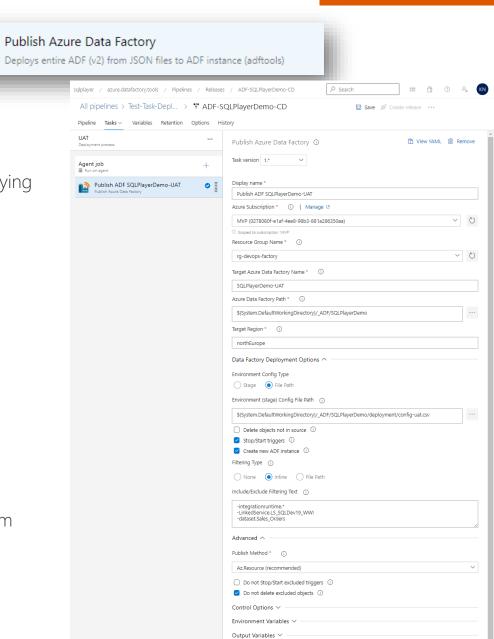
Task in Azure DevOps: Publish ADF (CD)





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- Build-in mechanism to replace the properties with the indicated values (CSV file)
- Update, add or remove any property of ADF artefact
- Selective deployment declared in-line or by pointed file
- Stop/start triggers (option)
- Dropping objects when not exist in the source (code) (option)
- Filtering (include or exclude) objects to be deployed by name and/or type and/or type
- Filtering supports wildcards
- Publish options allow you to control:
 - Whether stop and restarting triggers
 - Whether delete or not objects not in the source
 - Whether create or not a new instance of ADF if it not exist
- Tokenisation in config file allows replace any value by Environment Variable or Variable from DevOps Pipeline
- Global Parameters



Selective deployment with PowerShell module



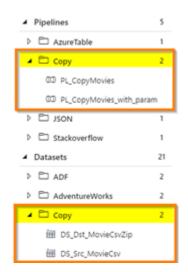


You can select objects by objects types & name using include or exclude option.

Allows to select the objects by belonging to a folder (picture)

Name can be wildcarded, so all such variants are possible:

```
trigger.*
dataset.DS_*
*.PL_*
linkedService.???KeyVault*
pipeline.ScdType[123]
*.*@testFolder
```



Selective deployment in Azure DevOps





☑ In <u>Azure DevOps Task</u> – the list can be provided either as (inline) text or from file in repo.

To simplify user experience – only one field is exposed in order to define include/exclude rules.

Therefore, an extra character should be provided before the name/pattern:

- + (plus) for objects you want to include to a deployment
- (minus) for objects you want to exclude from a deployment

If char is not provided – an inclusion rule would be applied.

Filtering Type	①		
○ None	Inline	File Path	
Include/Exclud	e Filtering Te	ext ①	
-integration	runtime.* ce.LS_SQLDe	ev19 WWI	



DEMO #3 Deployment with Azure DevOps

PowerShell module: Parameters for Stages



How are parameters passed into the deployment? Config CSV File:

```
type,name,path,value
linkedService,LS_AzureKeyVault,typeProperties.baseUrl,"https://kv-blog-uat.vault.azure.net/"
# This is comment - the line will be omitted
linkedService,LS_BlobSqlPlayer,typeProperties.connectionString,"DefaultEndpointsProtocol=https;Accc pipeline,PL_CopyMovies,activities[0].outputs[0].parameters.BlobContainer,UAT
pipeline,PL_CopyMovies_with_param,parameters.DstBlobContainer.defaultValue,"$($Env:Environment)"
pipeline,PL_Wait_Dynamic,parameters.WaitInSec,"{'type': 'int32','defaultValue': 22}"
# MINUS means the desired action is to REMOVE encryptedCredential:
linkedService,BlobSampleData,-typeProperties.encryptedCredential,
# PLUS means the desired action is to ADD new property with associated value:
linkedService,BlobSampleData,+typeProperties.accountKey,"$($Env:VARIABLE)"
```

Option 1 (NEW! and supported now):

Any variables can come from DevOps Pipeline, either normal as well as sensitive values.

To apply replacement for secret values:

Environment Variables must be mapped (Microsoft recommendation).

Option 2:

Another option would be reading secrets directly from provided Azure Key Vault.

Therefore, "Replacement" task is still recommended here as an alternative as for now.





New task in Azure DevOps: Build ADF (CI)





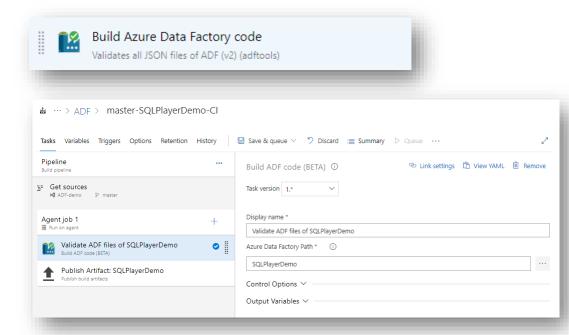
The task has 2 modes:

Build only

- Reads all files and validates its json format
- Checks whether all dependant objects exist
- Checks whether file name equals object name

Validate & Export ARM Template

- uses <u>ADFUtilities NPM package</u> provided by Microsoft
- Counterpart of Validate all and Export ARM Template in ADF UI



New task in Azure DevOps: Test Connection

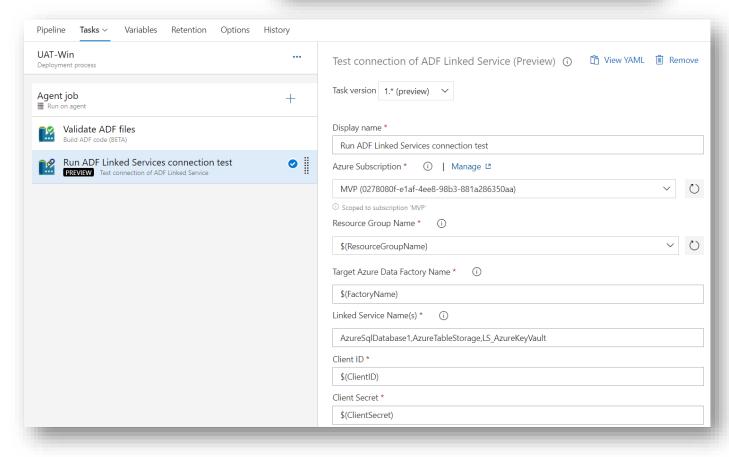




- Run "Test connection" for a Linked Service
- Smoke tests of (some) Linked Services
- In preview







Questions?





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