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Maintenance of a DB project and Continuous Delivery using SSDT

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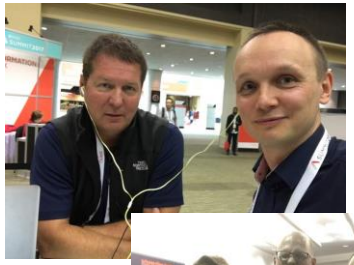
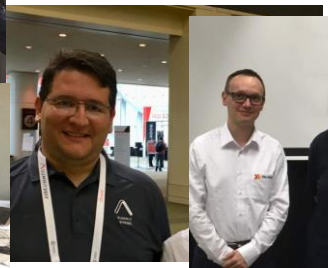







Part ONE

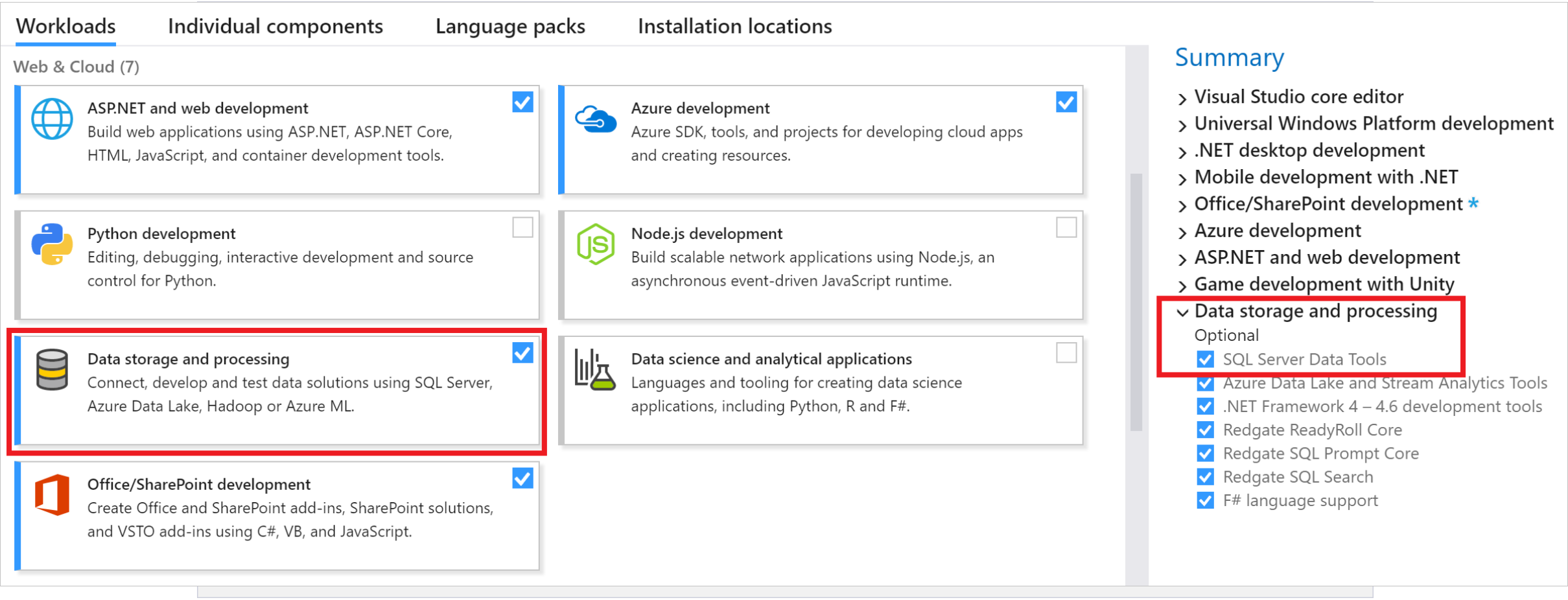
AGENDA

- What is the SSDT?
- Do I need it?
- How to start with DACPAC's?
- (Well) known issues
- Deploy/Publish database to target server
- Circular dependencies!

What is the SSDT?

- SQL Server Data Tools
- Now, it’s a part of Visual Studio
- Free!
- Database project, including:
  - Schema, Stored Procedures, Functions,
  - Tables, Views, Security, CLR
  - ... and much more!

SSDT: How to install?



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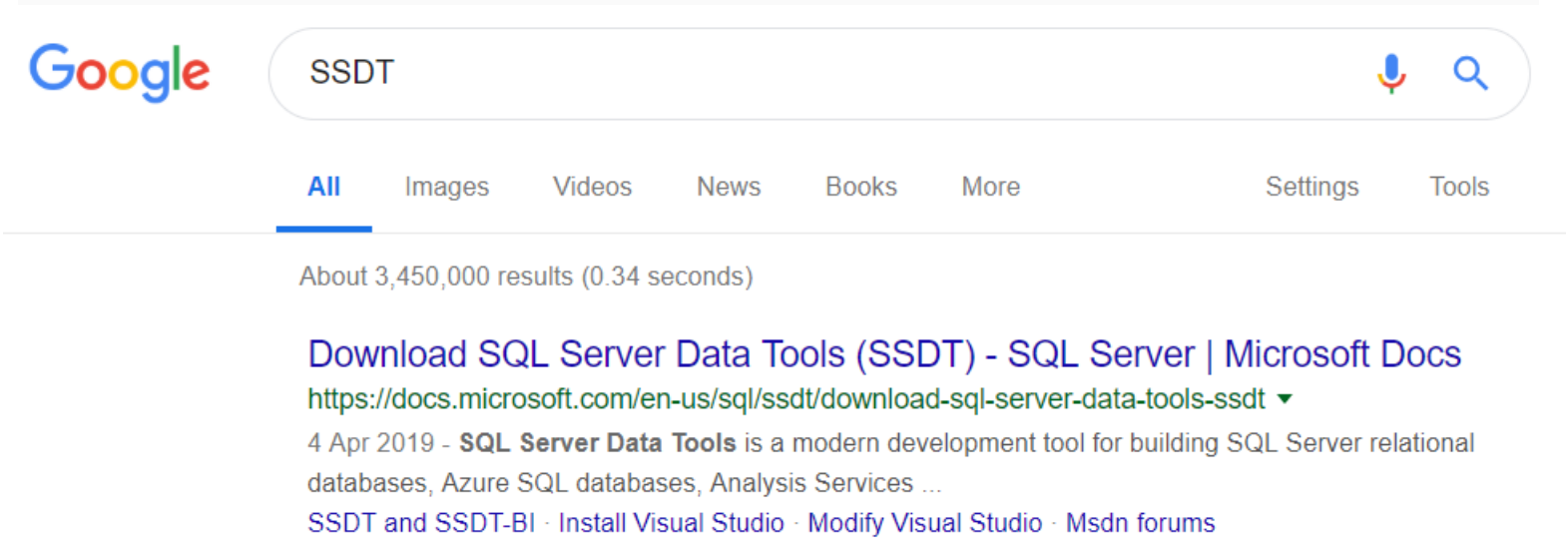
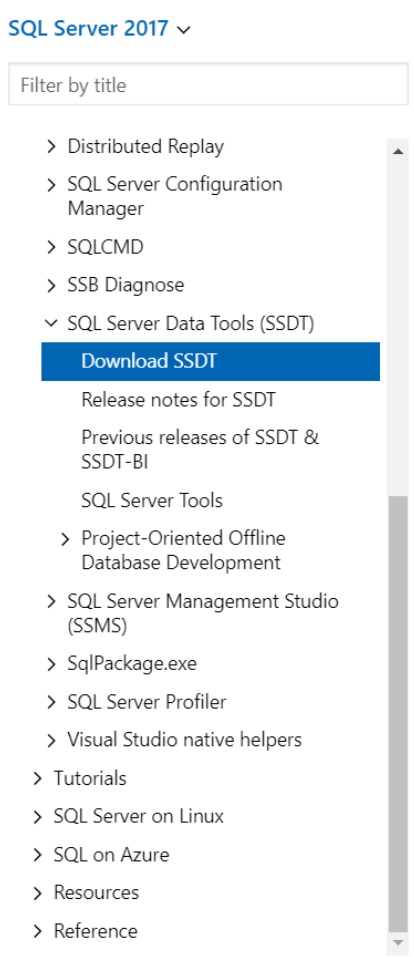


SSDT: How to download, install?



Changes in SSDT for Visual Studio 2019

With Visual Studio 2019, the required functionality to enable Analysis Services, Integration Services, and Reporting Services projects has moved into the respective Visual Studio extensions. The core SSDT functionality to create Database Projects has remained integral to Visual Studio (you need to select the Data storage and processing workload during install). There is no more standalone SSDT installation required.

If you already have a license to Visual Studio 2019:

- For SQL Database Projects, install the Data storage and Processing workload for Visual Studio
- For Analysis Services, Integration Services or Reporting Services projects, install the appropriate extension(s) from the marketplace

If you don't already have a license to Visual Studio 2019:

- Install Visual Studio 2019 Community
- Install the Analysis Services, Integration Services or Reporting Services as appropriate

Changes in SSDT for Visual Studio 2017

Starting with Visual Studio 2017, the functionality of creating Database Projects has been integrated into the Visual Studio installation. There is no need to install the SSDT standalone installer for the core SSDT experience. To create Integration Services/Analysis Services/Reporting Services projects you still need the SSDT standalone installer.

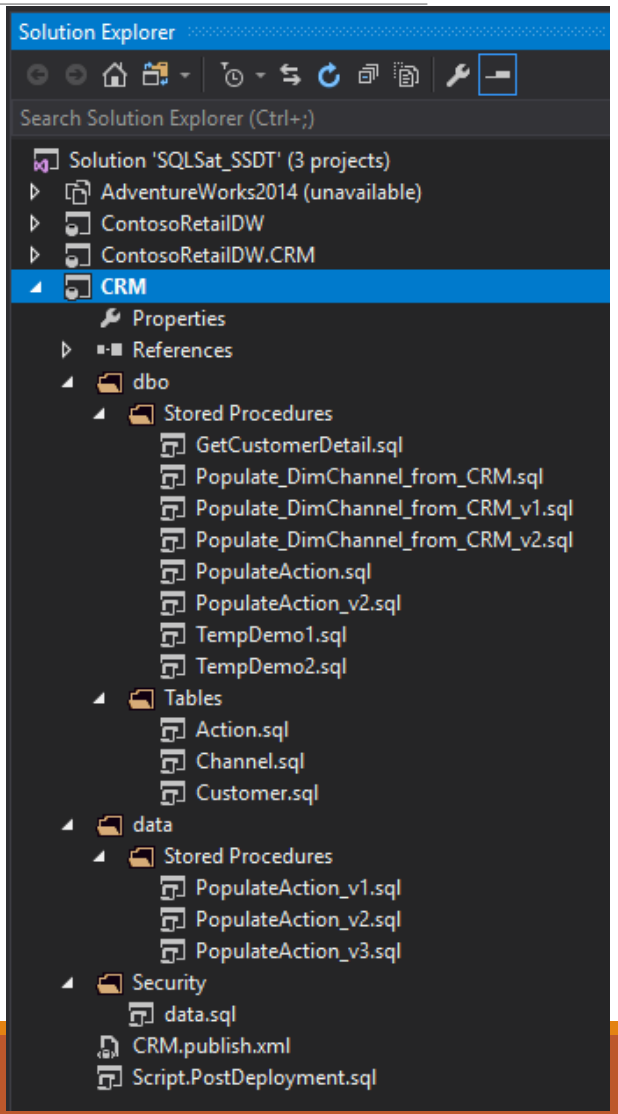
- For Database Projects, install the Data Storage and Processing workload for Visual Studio
- For Analysis Services, Integration Services or Reporting Services projects, download and install SQL Server Data Tools

DACPAC, BACPAC

- DACPAC = Data Tier AppliCation PACkage
  - Doesn’t contain DATA
  - Contains SCHEMA Only
- BACPAC = BACkup PACage
  - Contains SCHEMA
  - Contains DATA (BCP native format)
- ZIP format

How to start with database project?

- Install SSDT
- Create new db project and import:
  - From script
  - Directly from SQL server
  - Data-Tier Application (DACPAC)



DEMO #1

- Create first database project (CRM)
- Import database from server

(Well) known issues

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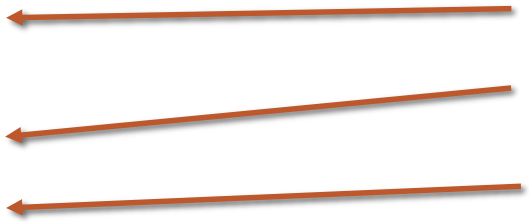
- Circular references/dependencies
- Unvisible temp tables
- Disable/Enable trigger across databases
- How to manage of data?
- Can I deploy SQL Jobs?

Database dependencies & references

CRM_Audit

Tables:

- Customer_Audit
- CustomerAddress_Audit
- CustomerEmail_Audit
- TransactionLog



CRM

Tables:

- Customer
- InvoiceHeader
- InvoiceLines
- CustomerAddress
- CustomerEmail

Triggers:

- Tr_Customer
- Tr_CustomerEmail

Stored Procedures:

- AddLogItem

Circular dependencies

CRM_Interface

Stored Procedures:
- GetCustomerDetails
- MergeCustomers
- AddLogItem
- GetCustomerInvoice

Tables:
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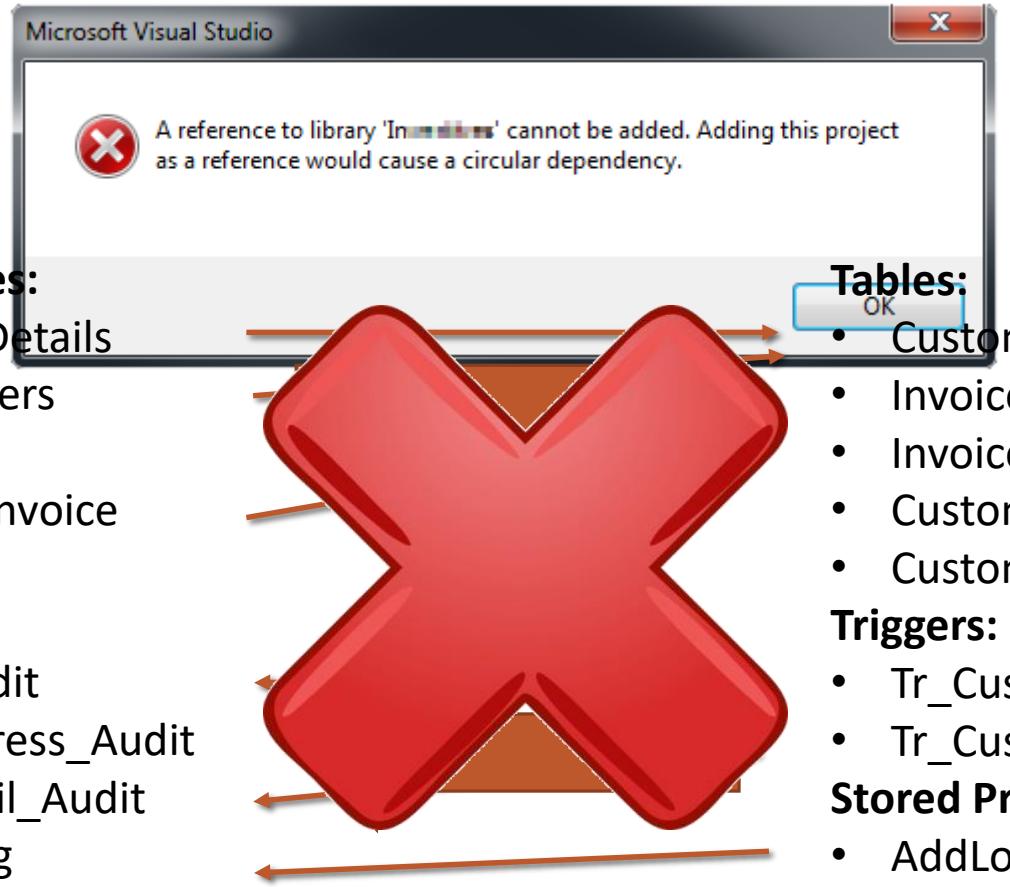

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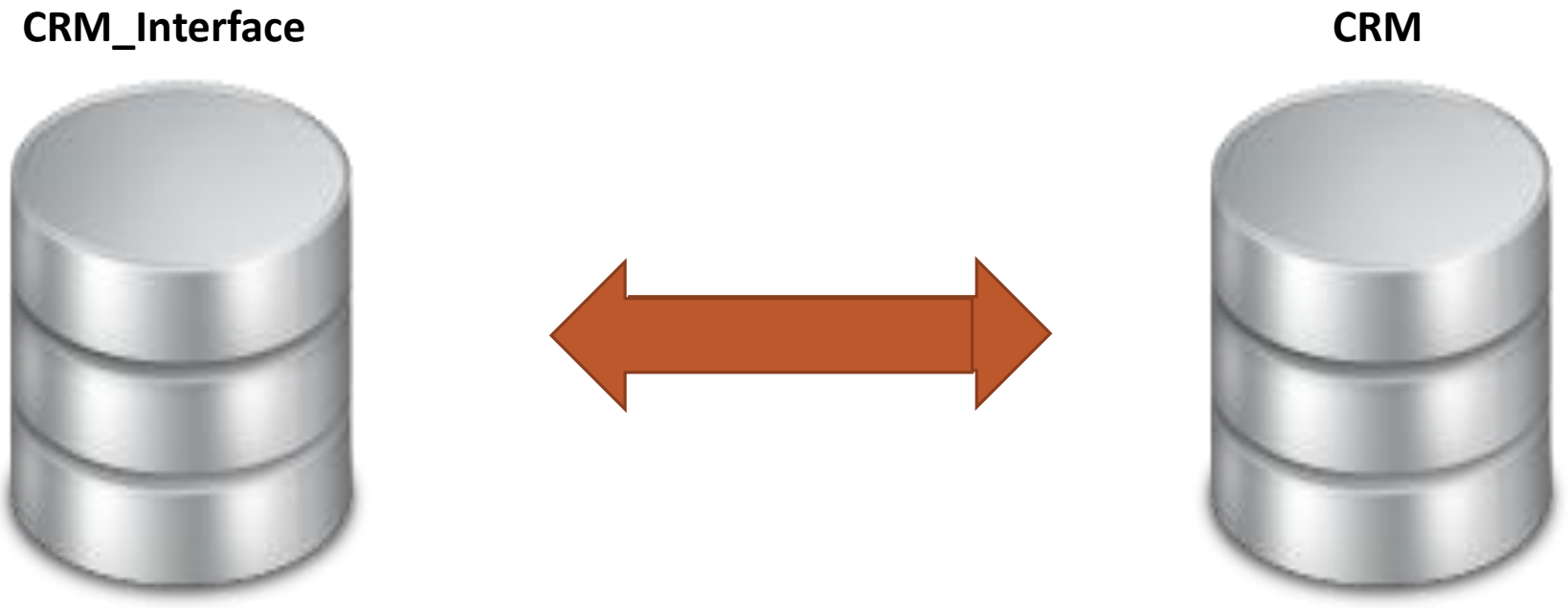
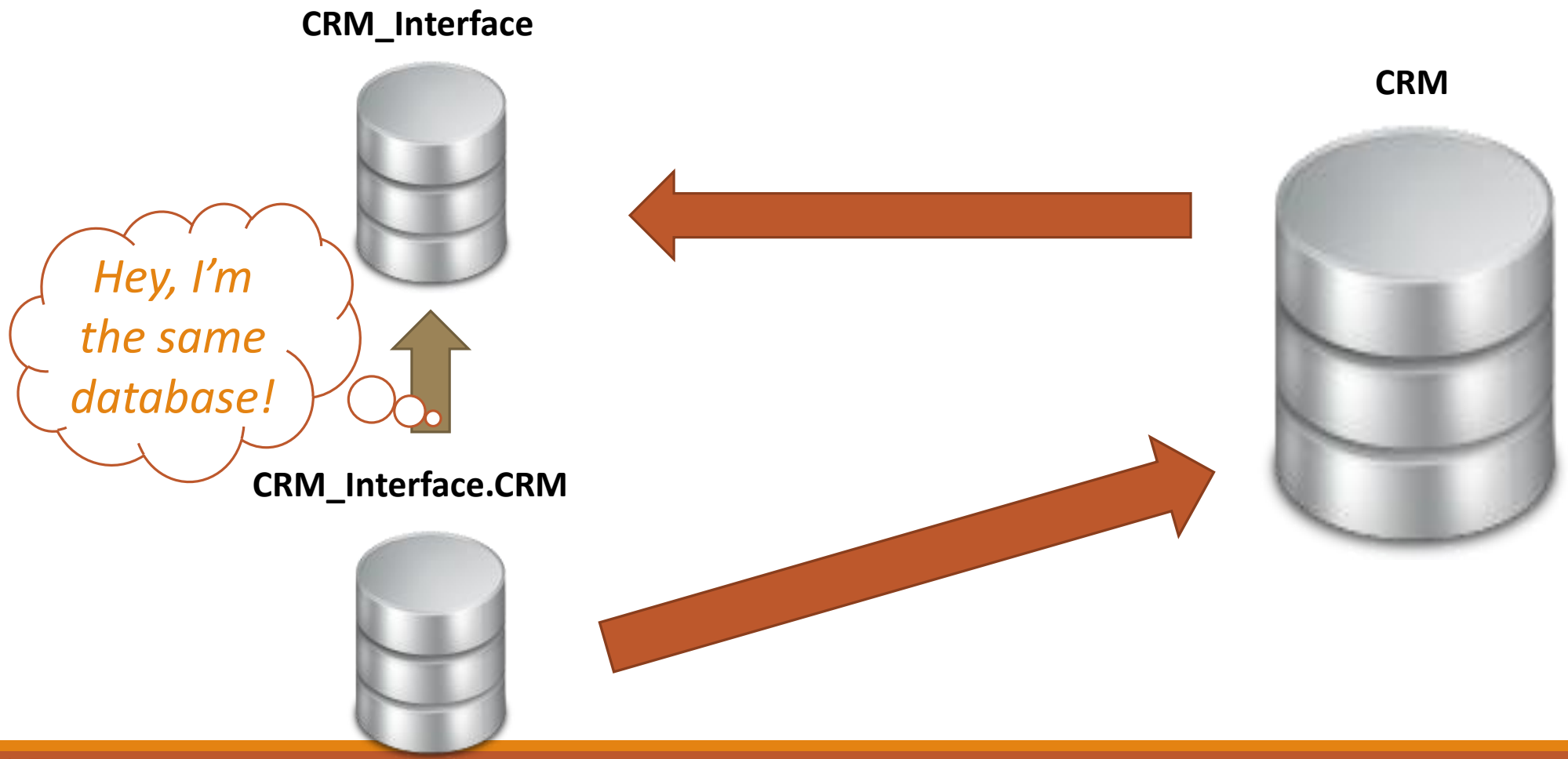


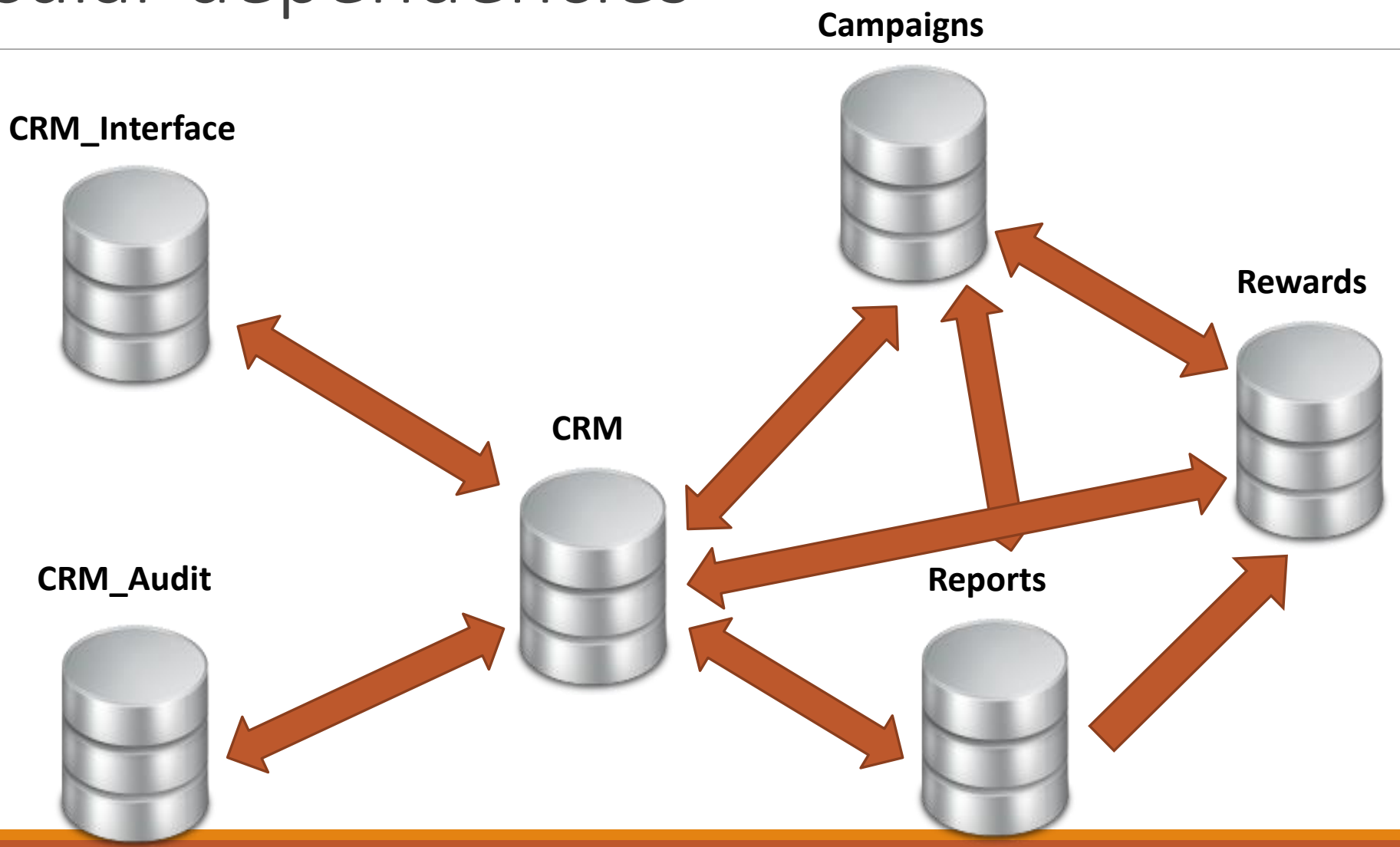
Circular dependencies



DEMO #2

- Create second database project
- Import database from server
- Create references & variables
- Resolve circular references
- Create publish profile
- Deploy manually

Circular dependencies



Circular dependencies

Know issue: temp table

```
CREATE PROCEDURE [dbo].[TempDemo1]
AS



CREATE TABLE #TempTable (Id INT);
EXEC TempDemo2;
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE [dbo].[TempDemo2]
AS

SELECT * FROM #TempTable;

RETURN 0
```

SSDT says:
I don't know that table!

Know issue: temp table

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CREATE PROCEDURE [dbo].[TempDemo1]
AS



CREATE TABLE #TempTable (Id INT);
EXEC TempDemo2;
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE [dbo].[TempDemo2]
AS

IF 0=1
  CREATE TABLE #TempTable (ID int);

SELECT * FROM #TempTable;

RETURN 0
```

Know issue: Disable/Enable trigger #1

- Disable/Enable trigger from other database

```
ALTER TABLE [$(ContosoRetailDW)].dbo.DimChannel
    DISABLE TRIGGER [Trigger_DimChannel];
```

	Code	Description
⊗		SQL71502: Procedure: [dbo].[Populate_DimChannel_from_CRM] has an unresolved reference to object [dbo].[Trigger_DimChannel].

Know issue: Disable/Enable trigger #2

- Alternative #1:
  - Use dynamic SQL (not recommended)

```
--Alternative solution in SSDT:
EXEC sp_executeSQL N'ALTER TABLE [$(ContosoRetailDW)].dbo.DimChannel
        DISABLE TRIGGER [Trigger_DimChannel];
        '
```

Know issue: Disable/Enable trigger #3

- Alternative #2:
  - Create SP in the second database (locally for the trigger)
  - Call that SP from ’Remote’ database

```
CREATE PROCEDURE [dbo].[Toggle_Trigger_DimChannel]
    @enable BIT
AS
    IF @enable = 1
        ENABLE TRIGGER dbo.[Trigger_DimChannel] ON dbo.DimChannel;
    ELSE
        DISABLE TRIGGER dbo.[Trigger_DimChannel] ON dbo.DimChannel;

RETURN 0
```

How to include **data** in a database project?

- SSDT has no built-in solution for including data
- Use Post-Deployment script to populate table
- Wrap the scripts into stored procedures
- Make sure the order of referenced tables

How to include **data** in a database project?

- Scenario #1: initial values only
  - For the very first time (run) only
  - Target table is empty
  - INSERT
  - Example script

How to include **data** in a database project?

- Scenario #2: User has NO access to data
  - Full MERGE statement
  - Include DELETE clause
  - Example script

How to include **data** in a database project?

- Scenario #3: users CAN add values from app
  - MERGE statement
  - Exclude DELETE clause
  - Example script

DEMO #4

- Data script in Stored Procedure
- Post-Deployment script
- How to change data & deploy it

SQL Jobs in database project

- Facts:
  - DACPAC is a database level project
  - SQLJobs are on server-level
- How to cope with:
  - Add separate database project
  - Only T-SQL scripts
  - Pre/Post deployment script to include above
  - Use PowerShell and SALT module from Sabin.io

Part TWO

AGENDA

- Deploy/Publish database to target server
- PowerShell
- CI/CD
- Azure DevOps

DevOps – definition (Wikipedia)

DevOps (a clipped compound of "**development**" and "**operations**") is a software engineering **culture and practice** that aims at unifying software development (Dev) and software operation (Ops).
The main characteristic of the DevOps movement is to strongly advocate **automation and monitoring** at **all steps** of software construction, from integration, testing, releasing to deployment and infrastructure management.

DevOps aims at shorter development cycles, increased deployment frequency, and more dependable releases, in close alignment with business objectives.

Database change management approaches

SSDT

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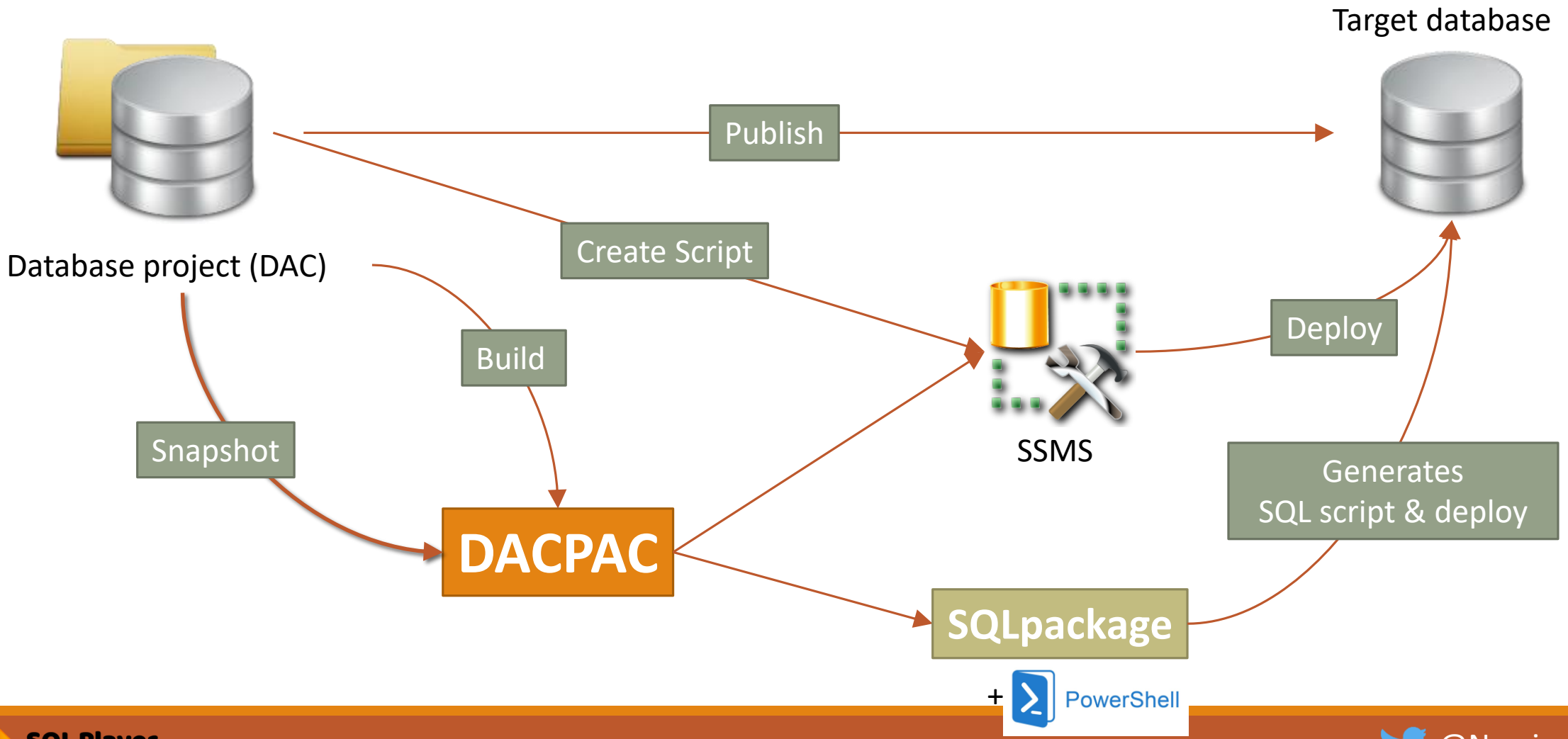
SSDT Deployment Pipeline



sqlpackage.exe

- The **sqlpackage** application can:
  - create script
  - create report
  - create script + report & deploy at the same time

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-gb/sql/tools/sqlpackage-download?view=sql-server-2017

PowerShell: dbatools

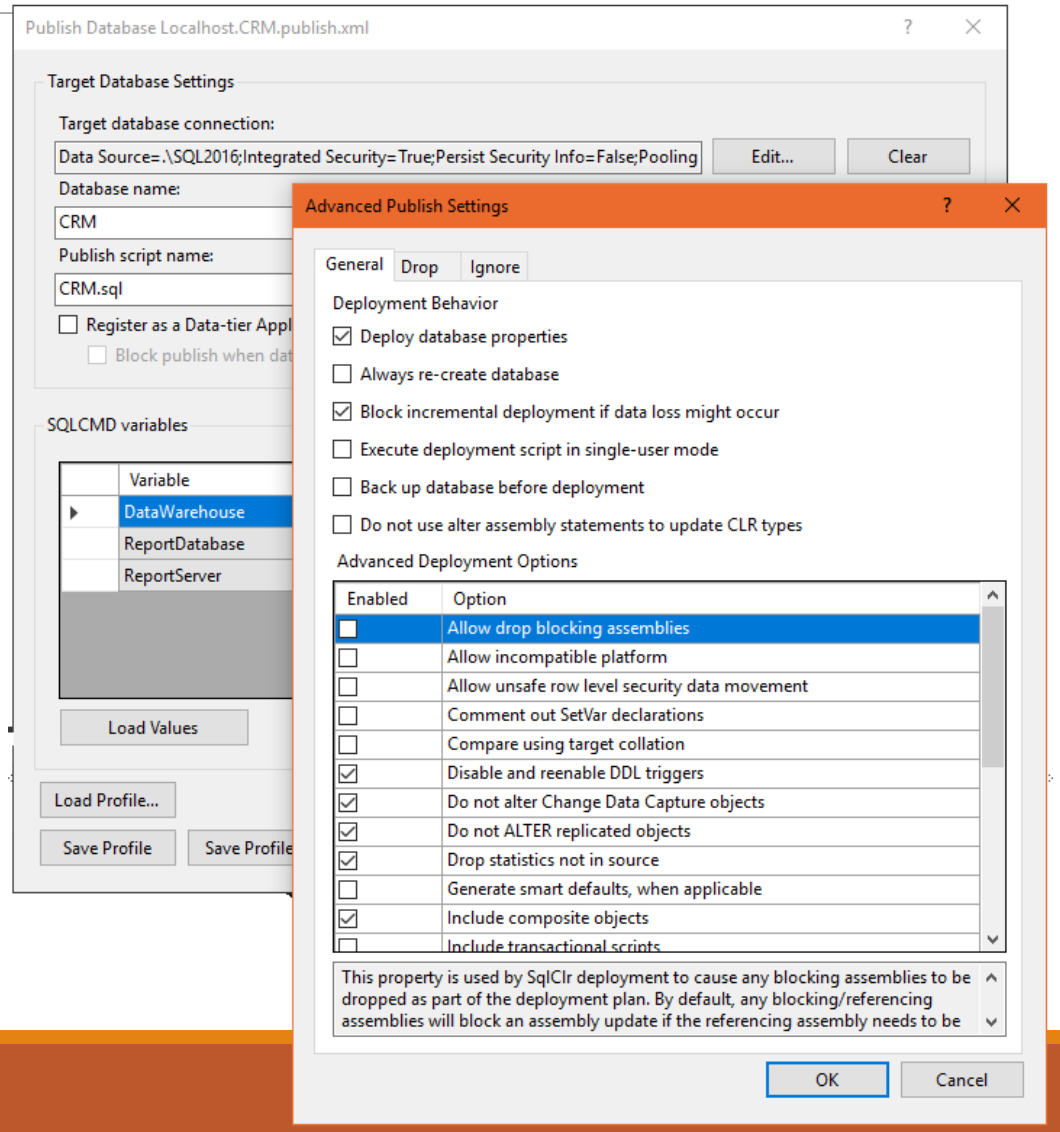
Publish profiles

- Save deployment’s parameters
- Create on database project’s context
- Visual Studio UI Support
- XML format
- Visible as an item of the project
- Multiple profiles per project available
- Keep tons of parameters and variable values
- Perfect candidate to configure a publish to environments

Publish profiles

The files contain:

- Target server connection
- Target database name
- Output file name of publish script
- Multiple publish options:
  - Generate smart defaults
  - Management of triggers
  - Dropping target objects or not
  - Ignoring types of objects
- Variable values



Deployment methods

- The **sqlpackage** application can:
  - create script
  - create report
  - create script + report & deploy at the same time
- The libraries (DAC) do exactly the same
  - Microsoft.SqlServer.Dac.DacServices.dll
  - Microsoft.SqlServer.TransactSql.ScriptDom.dll

DEMO #1

- How to deploy via **sqlpackage.exe**
- - create deployment script
- - create deployment report
- - script & report & publish at the same tim

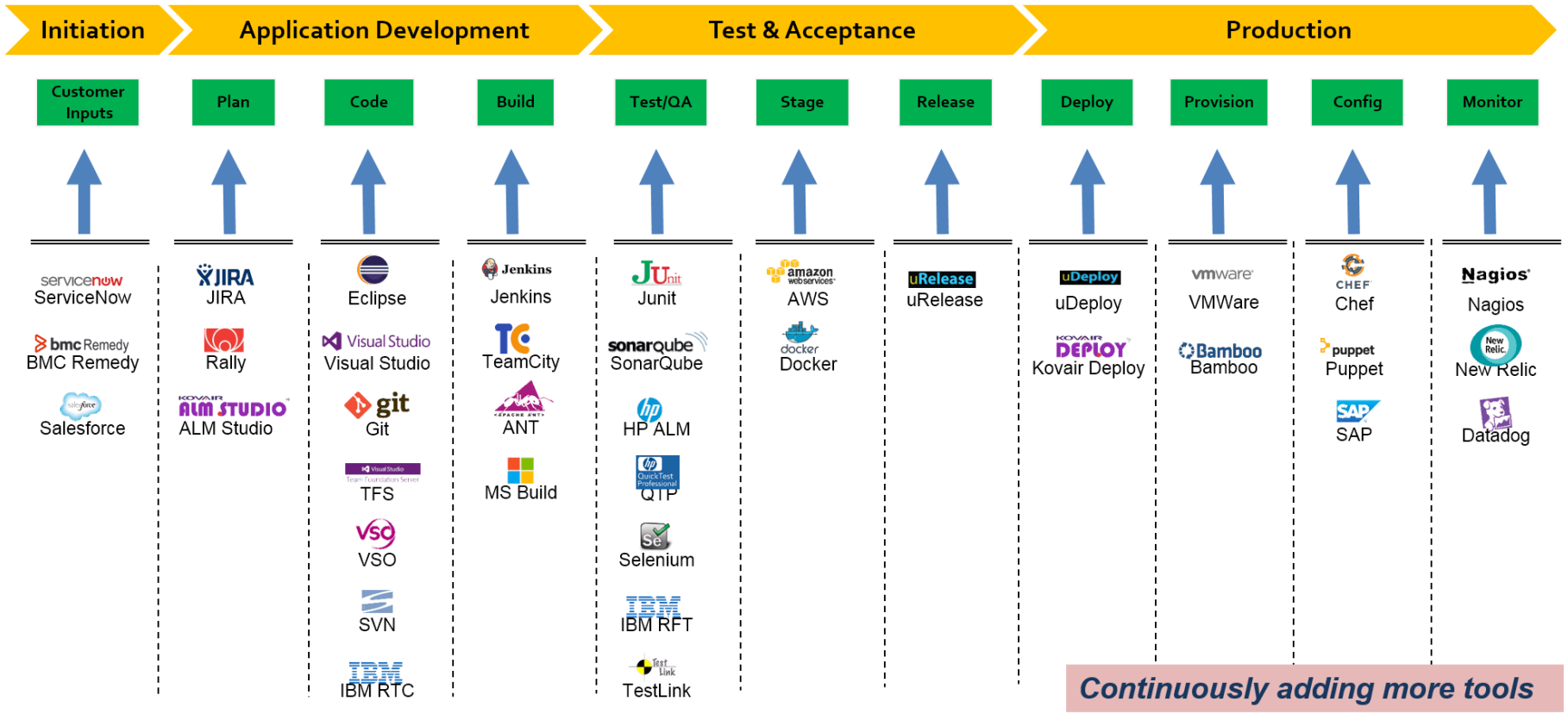
DEMO #2

- Database changes
- Deployment with PowerShell scrip
  - Report
  - Script
  - Publish action

dbatools

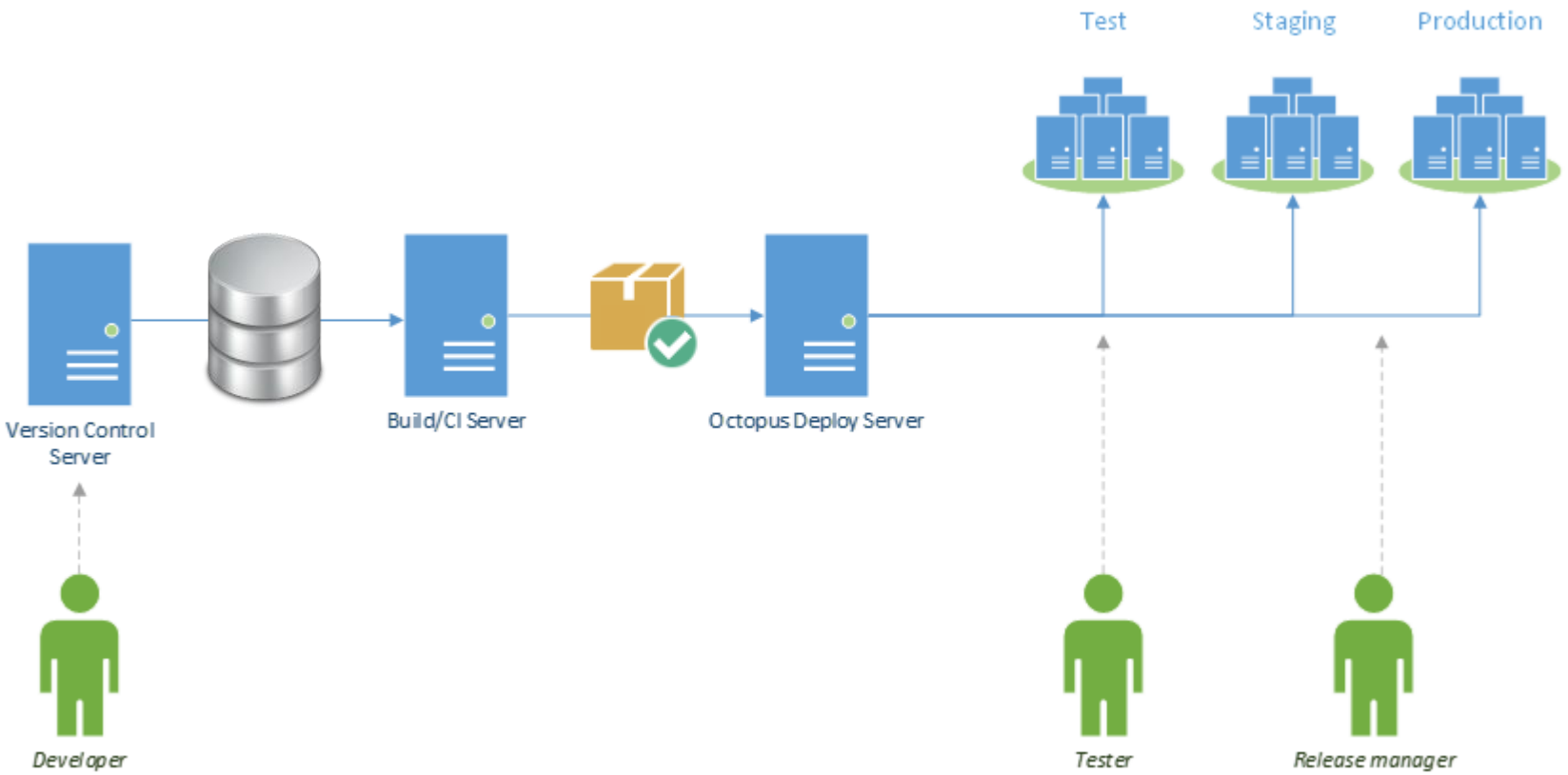
How to automate the Deployment Process?

Deployment process - tools

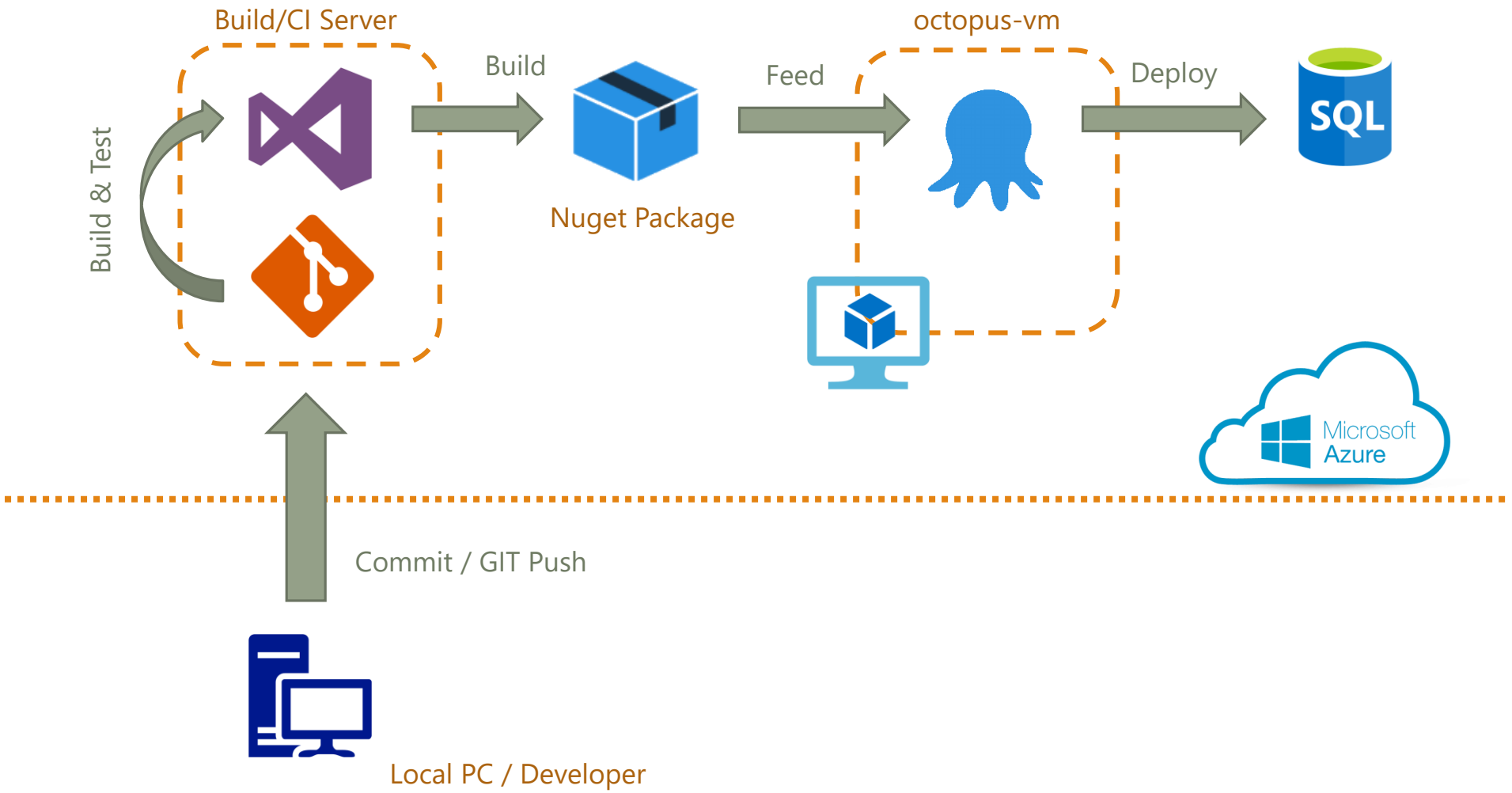


https://www.kovair.com/intelligent-devops/

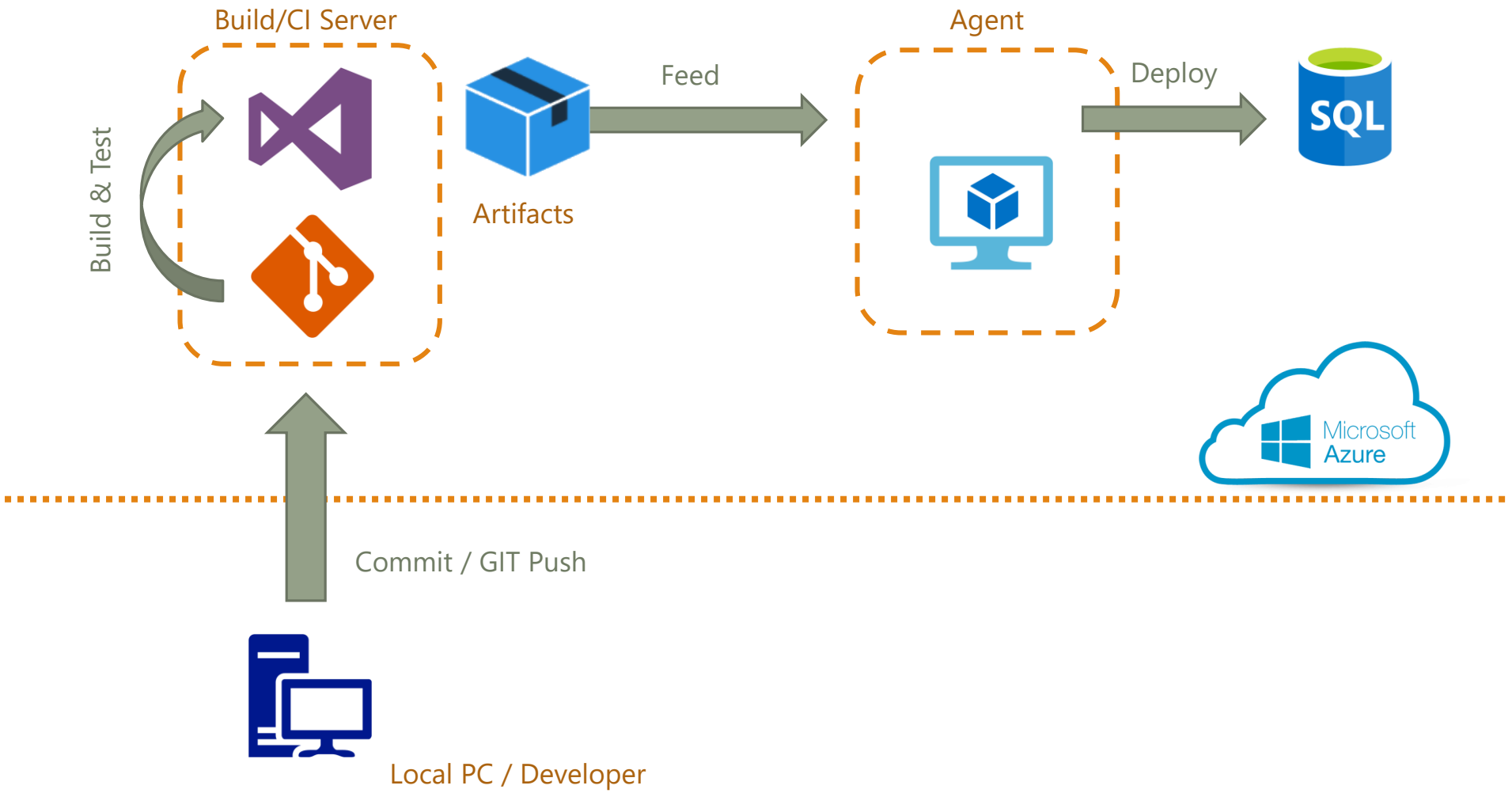
Deployment process with Octopus



VSTS, TeamCity, Octopus



Let’s simplify that… Azure DevOps



Azure DevOps – former VSTS

Azure DevOps

Azure Boards

Azure Repos

Azure Pipelines

Azure Test Plans

Azure Artifacts

Introducing Azure DevOps

Azure Pipelines

CI/CD that works with any language, platform, and cloud. Connect to GitHub or any Git repository and deploy continuously.

Azure Artifacts

Maven, npm, and NuGet package feeds from public and private sources.

Azure Test Plans

All in one planned and exploratory testing solution.

Azure Boards

Powerful work tracking with Kanban boards, backlogs, team dashboards, and custom reporting.

Azure Repos

Unlimited cloud-hosted private Git repos for your project. Collaborative pull requests, advanced file management, and more.

DEMO #3

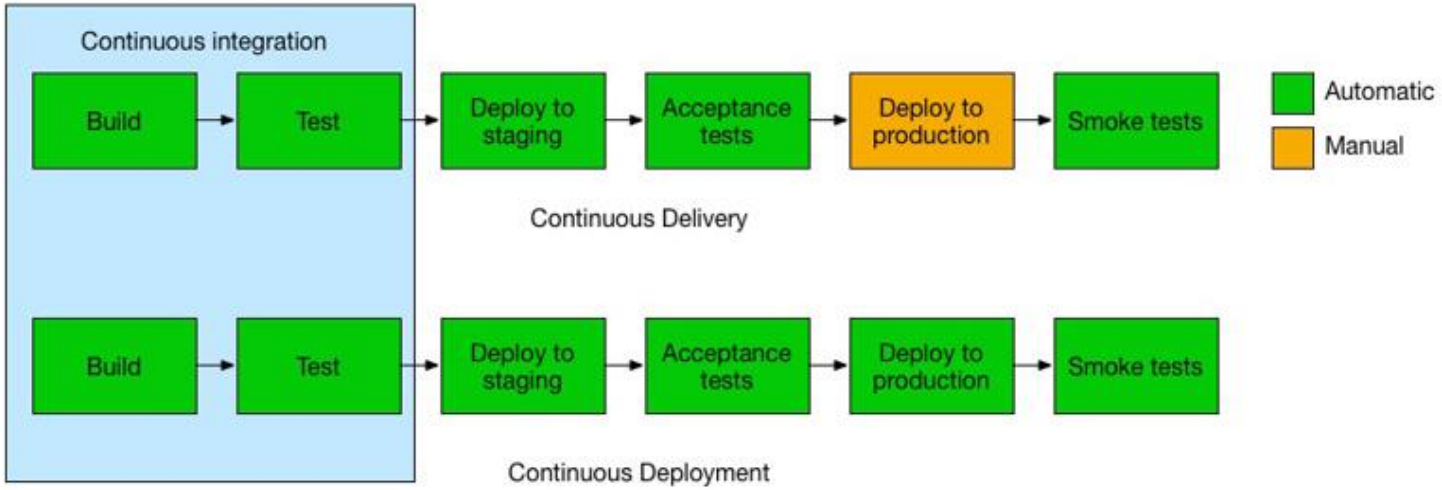
Automation:

- Code repository
- Why GIT?
- Azure DevOps and its pipelines
- Configuration
- Extensions, Marketplace
- Let’s click the RED button

Continous... x3

- Continous Integration
- Continous Delivery
- Continous Deployment

Continous... x3



Business Awareness

Continuous Integration

COSTS:

- Write automated tests
- CI server (builds, tests)
- Often MERGE of changes by developers

BENEFITS:

- Less bugs on production (captured by early tests)
- Easy way of building Releases
- Less context switching – devs are alerted as soon as they break the build
- Testing costs are reduced drastically
- QA team spend less time testing

Continuous Delivery

COSTS:

- Strong foundation in CI
- Deployments need to be automated
- Feature flags for imcomplete features

BENEFITS :

- Removing complexity of deployment process
- More often releases
- Faster feedback from customer
- Less pressure for small changes

Continuous Deployment

COSTS:

- The best level of testing culture
- Keep up your documentation with the pace of deployments
- Feature flags as a part of the process of releasing significant changes

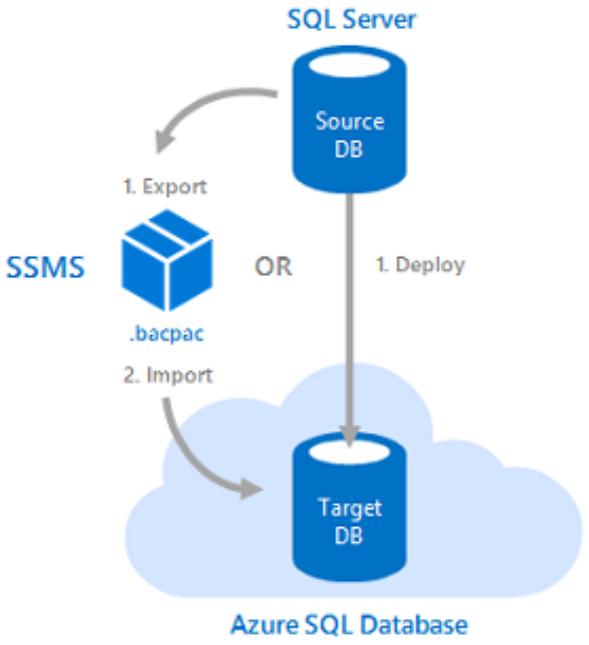
BENEFITS :

- Faster developing
- Deployments triggered automatically for every change
- Releases ase less risky
- Problem can be fix easier
- Customers see a continuous stream of improvements
- Quality increases every day

Migration to the Cloud

Migration to the cloud

Method 1



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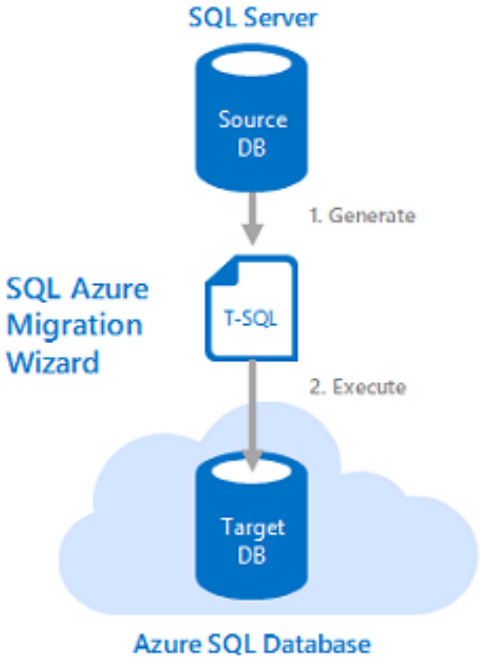

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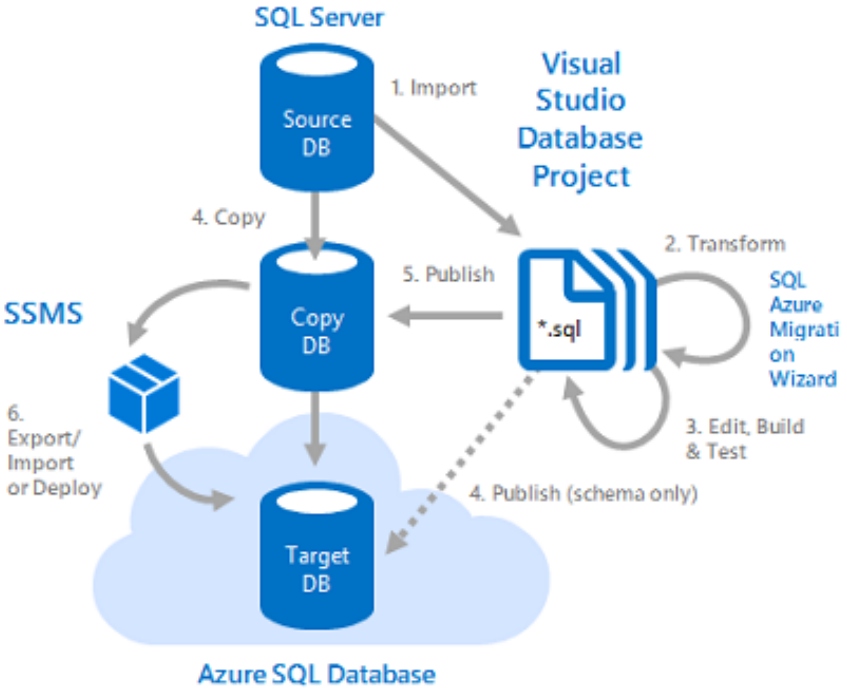
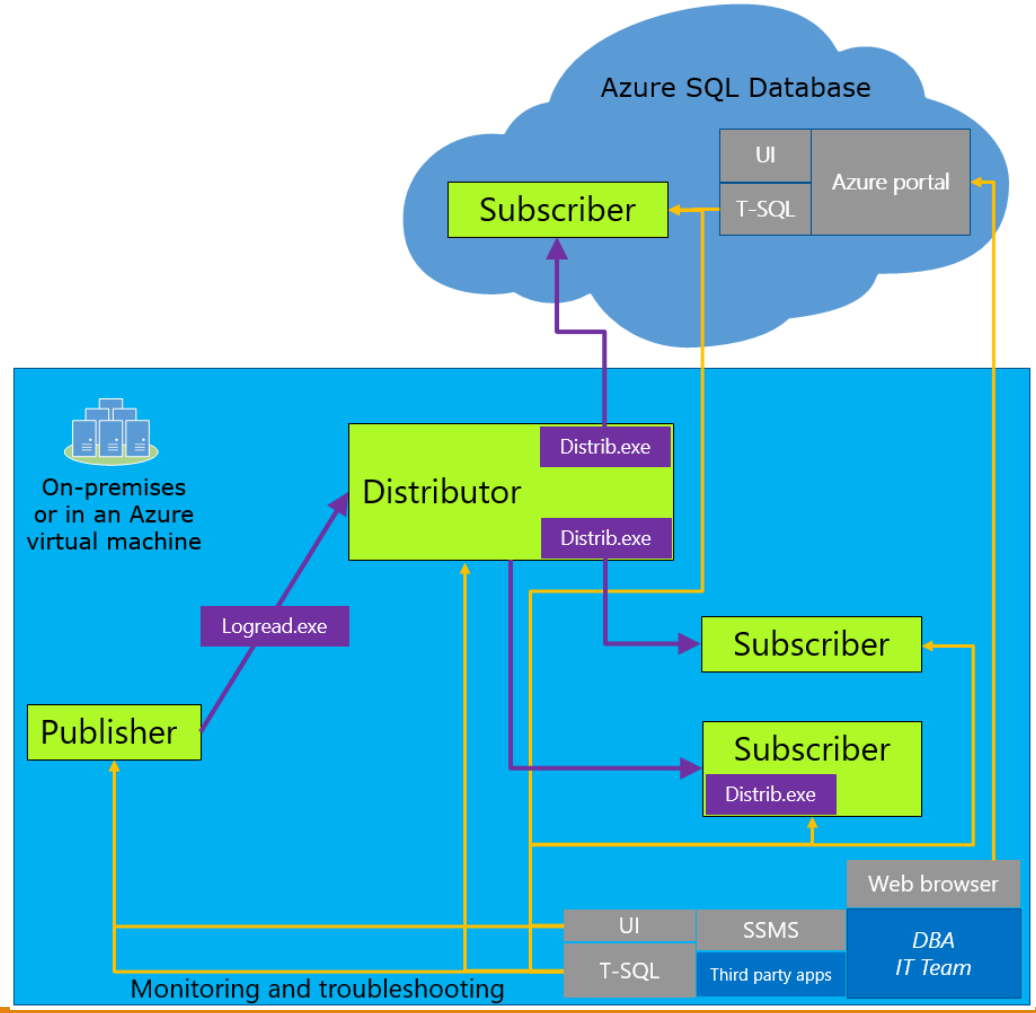


Migration with replication

- Transactional replication
- Migration without stopping production (*downtime*)
- PUSH subscriptions are supported only



Summary

- Migrate to GIT or start using repo for databases if you haven’t yet
- Create many publish profiles (i.e. per environment)
- Automate your deployment with PowerShell
- Set up CI/CD in Azure DevOps
- DevOps = Teams Cooperation

Resources

- SQL Server Data Tools (MSDN)
- SQLPackage.exe (MSDN)
- Data-tier Application Framework (DACFx)
- Microsoft SQL Server Data Tools Team Blog
- GIT – branch organization
- Continuous Delivery and the Database (Redgate)
- Alex Yates - model vs mig
- SQLPlayer.net blog

Questions?

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https://github.com/NowinskiK/CommunityEvents

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