DevOps Overview for Senior Managers

Wolfgang Ofner
Senior Cloud Architect



Agenda



Overview Azure DevOps
Demo Workflow
Automate Deployments
Overview GitHub

Wolfgang Ofner

Freelance Cloud Architect, Toronto, Canada Focus on Azure, Kubernetes, and DevOps



programmingwithwolfgang.com



wolfgangofner





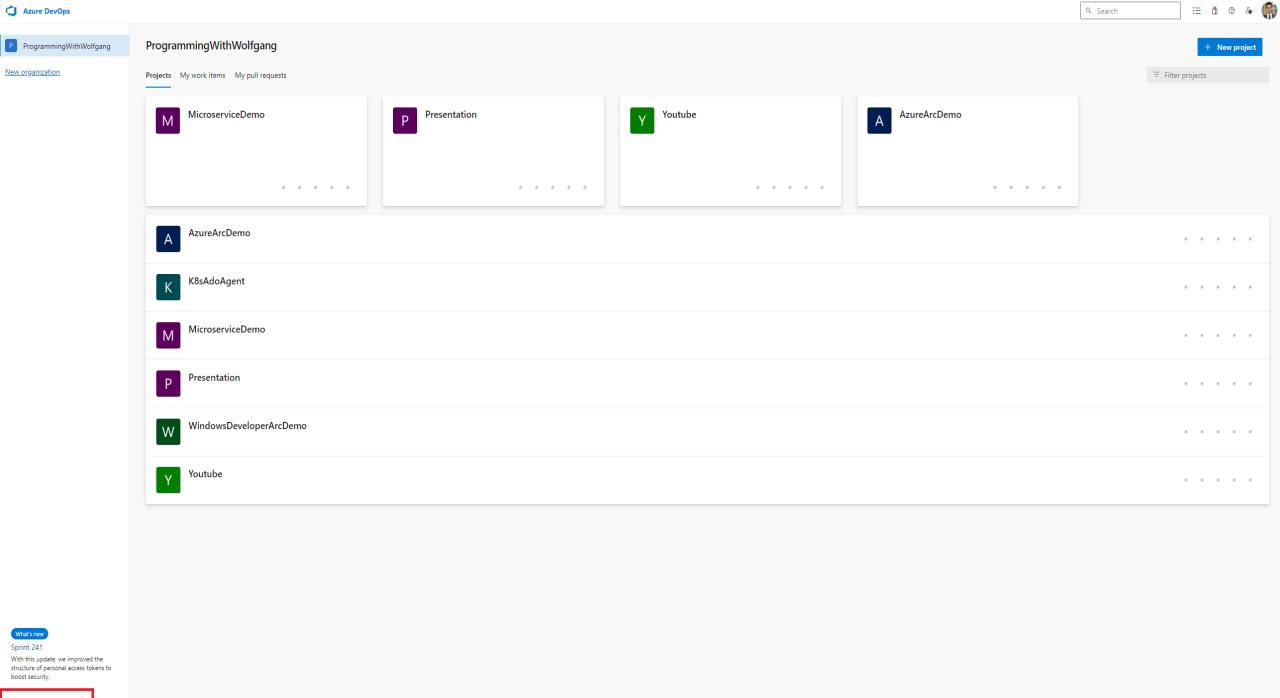








Organization Settings



⊗ Organization settings

Organization Settings

Manage global settings:

- Manage users and their licenses
- Configure billing
- Extensions
- Microsoft Entra
- Processes
- Global settings for repositories

Basic

Provides access to all features except Test Plans

Basic

Provides access to all features except Test Plans

Visual Studio Subscriber

- Same features as Basic
- "Free" license
- Visual Studio Enterprise allows for an additional parallel build

Basic + Test Plans

Same as Basic plus Test Plans

Basic + Test Plans

Same as Basic plus Test Plans

Stakeholder

- Unlimited free users
- Limited features including no repository or pipeline access

Billing

Microsoft hosted agents have 1800 minutes / month includes for free

Microsoft hosted agents allow 1 parallel job for free

5 Basic licenses are included for free

Billing

Billing needs an Azure subscription

- More than 5 Basic licenses
- Additional build minutes
- Additional parallel jobs

Extensions

Free and paid extensions
Bring additional features to ADO

- Time tracking
- Pipeline tasks
- Integration with other tools, e.g. Jira

Microsoft Entra

Microsoft Entra, formerly Azure Active Directory Used for user and billing management

Process

Manage existing project processes

- Scrum
- Agile
- CMMI
- Basic

Process

"Create inherited process" based on an existing process

- Change existing items and workflows
- Create new items and workflows

Agent Pools

Collection of (pipeline) agents

- Manage groups of agents instead of individual ones
- Group agents based on capabilities

 operating system, installed software
- Overview of all executed jobs

Agent Pools

Microsoft offers one agent in the Azure Pipelines pool for free

Microsoft-hosted agents vs. Self-hosted agents

Parallel Jobs

Overview of available jobs Purchase additional jobs

- Microsoft-hosted agent: 40 USD / month
- Self-hosted agent: 15 USD / month

Project Settings

Permissions

Configure permissions for users or groups (groups are preferred)

- Allow
- Deny
- Not set (has a deny effect)

Permissions

Permissions can be inherited

Direct permissions win over inherited ones

Service Hooks

Integrate third party tools with ADO

- Teams
- Slack
- Azure Service Bus
- Datadog
- Grafana

Service Hooks

Supported events

- Work item update
- Code pushed
- Build complete
- Release deployed

Project Configuration

Configure settings for the project

- Create and configure iterations
- Create and manage areas of the project

Team Configuration

Configure settings for individual teams

- Team settings such as backlog, workdays and bug handling
- Manage iterations
- Manage areas
- Create templates for work items

Service Connections

Configure connection to third party tools

- Azure
- DockerHub
- GitHub
- Jira
- NuGet
- Npm

Project Menu Items

Overview

Summary

- Provides project description
- Readme file or Wiki

Overview

Dashboard

- Create dashboards
- Pipeline status, work item count, burndown chart, etc.

Overview

Wiki

- Document where the code resides
- Link work items and code commits
- Uses Git in the background
- Markdown

Manage work items with different boards

- Boards
- Backlog
- Sprints
- Queries
- Delivery Plans

Plan team capacity per sprint Burndown chart for sprints

Create custom queries

- Work items where status change > 180 days
- All closed work items in a timeframe
- Work items approved by team member XYZ

Delivery plans

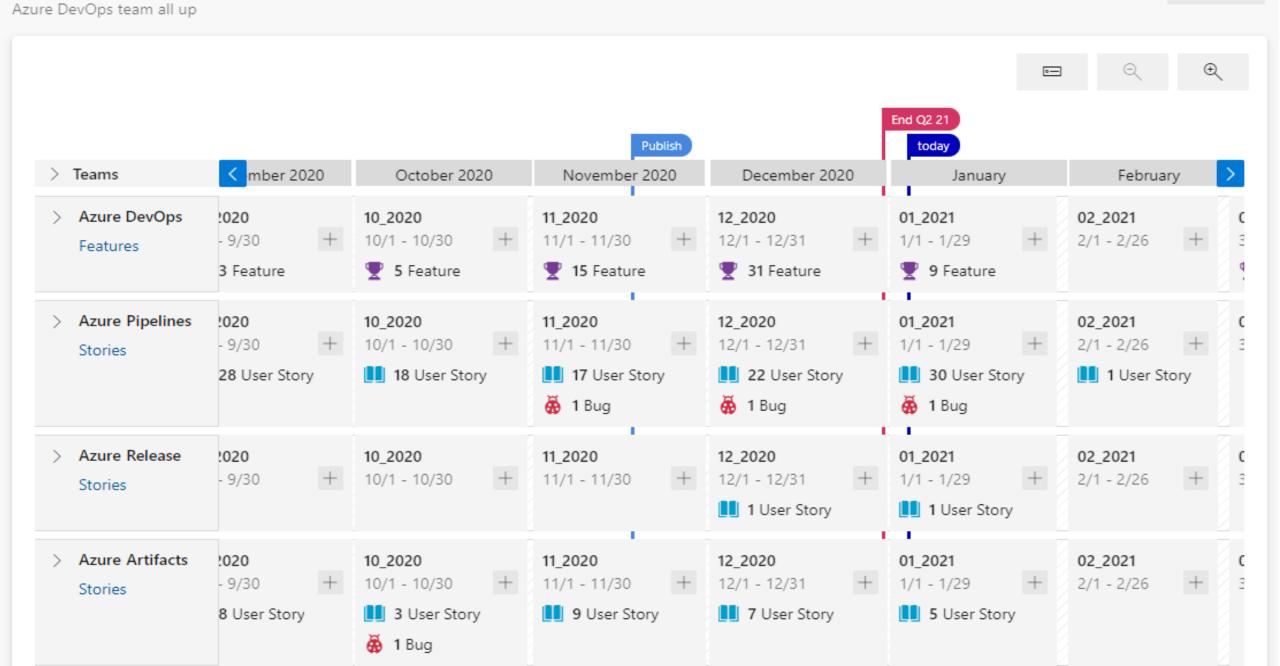
- Visualize milestones and delivery plan over all teams
- Update iterations
- Used by Product Owner / Release Manager

Azure DevOps Features and Stories





Settings



Repos

Overview of everything Git related

- Files
- Commits
- Branches
- Tags
- Pull Requests

Repos

Advanced Security (GitHub Advanced Security for Azure DevOps)

- Comprehensive security suite
- Secret scanning
- Dependency scanning
- Static code scanning
- 49\$ per month per active committer → too expensive

Pipelines

- YAML pipelines
- Used for build and deployments tasks
- File is stored in Git repo

Environments

- Can be created in a pipeline or portal
- Overview of when and what was deployed to a specific environment
- Configure approvals and checks before deployment is executed

Outdated features

- Releases
- Task groups
- Deployment groups

Library

- Create variable groups which can be shared across multiple pipelines
- Securely store sensitive files such as certificates
- However, using Azure Key Vault is the recommended way

Test Plans

Needs additional license

Used for manual testing and exploratory testing

- Test cases can be linked to work items
- Specify test configuration, e.g. operating system, browser, etc.
- Tester can add screenshots or screen recordings

Artifacts

Create private feeds for packages

- NuGet
- Npm
- Maven
- Pip

Git

Git

Distributed version control

Commit changes with a message

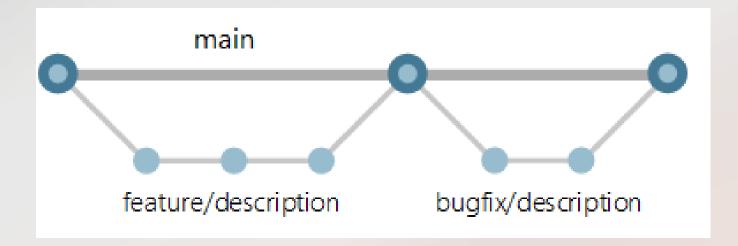
Creates a history of all commits

Git

Commits are made to a branch
Branches are individual work areas
Use .gitignore file to exclude files or extensions

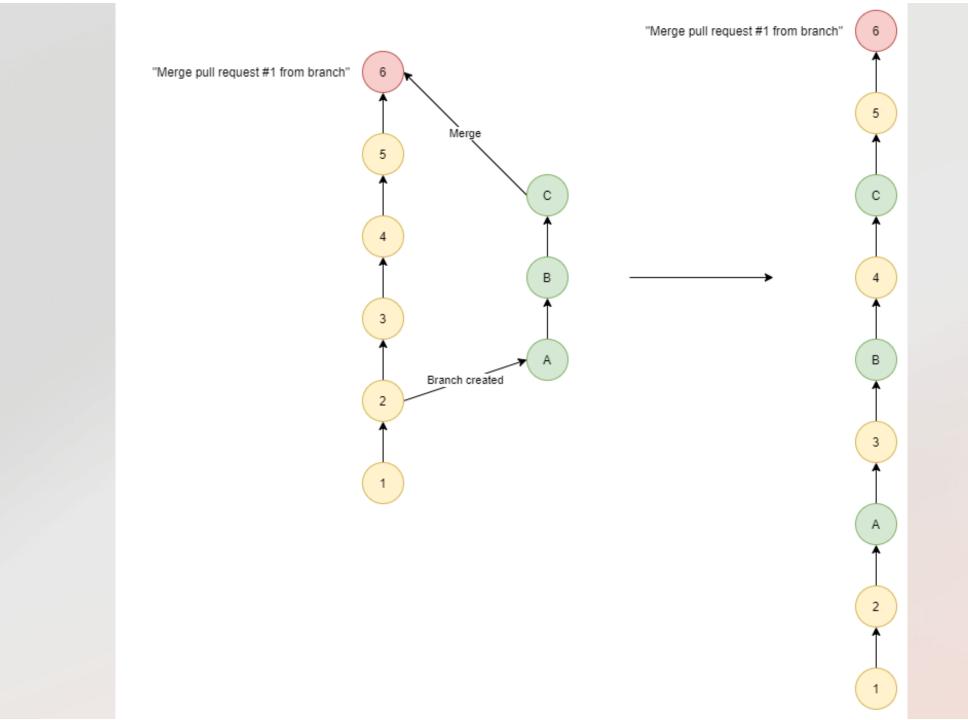
be merged into main branch

Main branch should only contain tested /
deployable code
Developers work with "feature" branches
Once a feature is completed, feature branch will



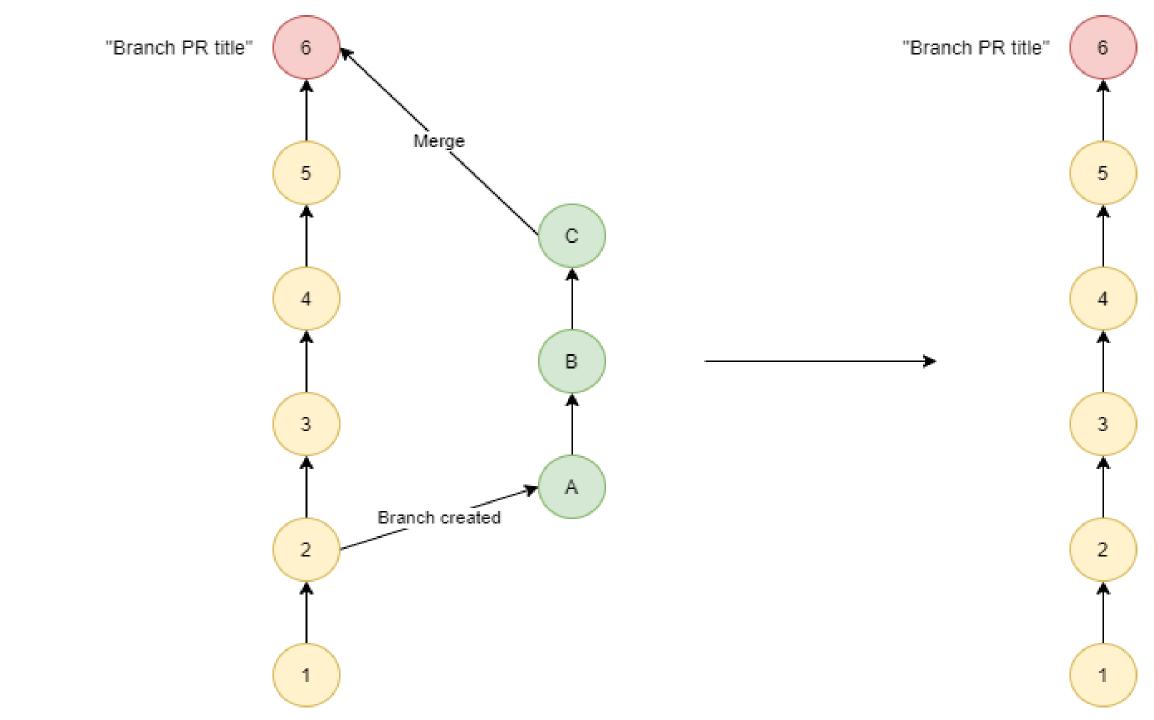
Various merge strategies are available

Basic Merge



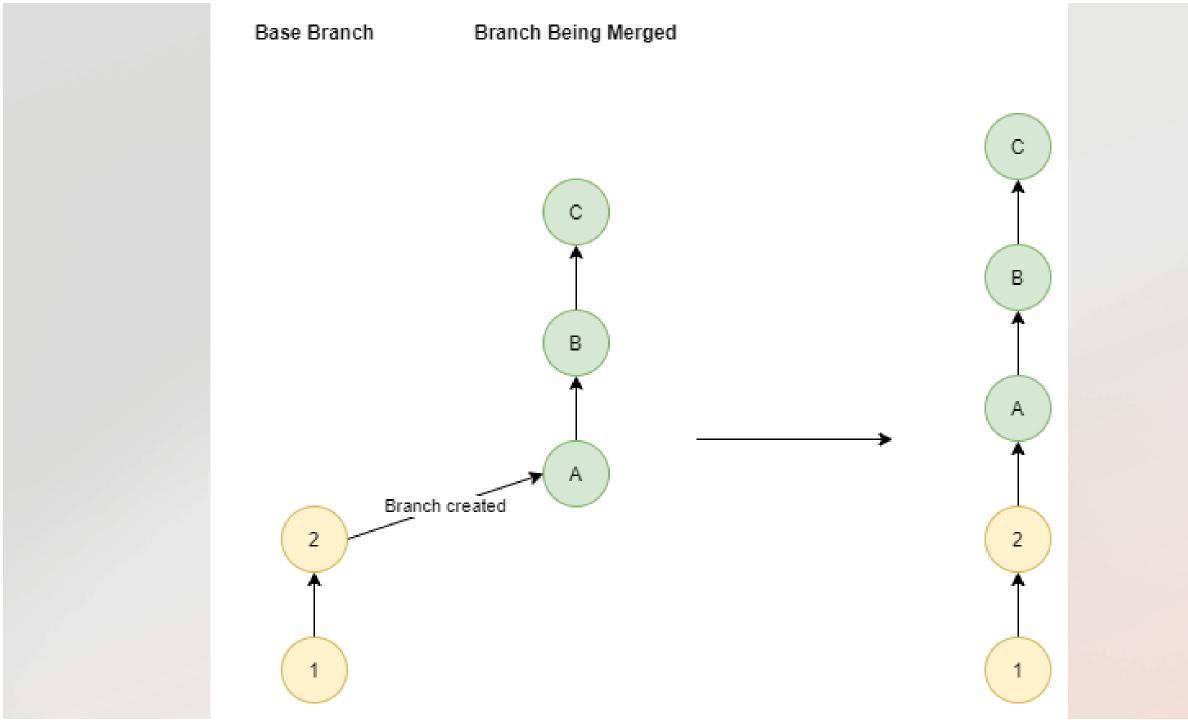
Various merge strategies are available

- Basic Merge
- Squash Merge



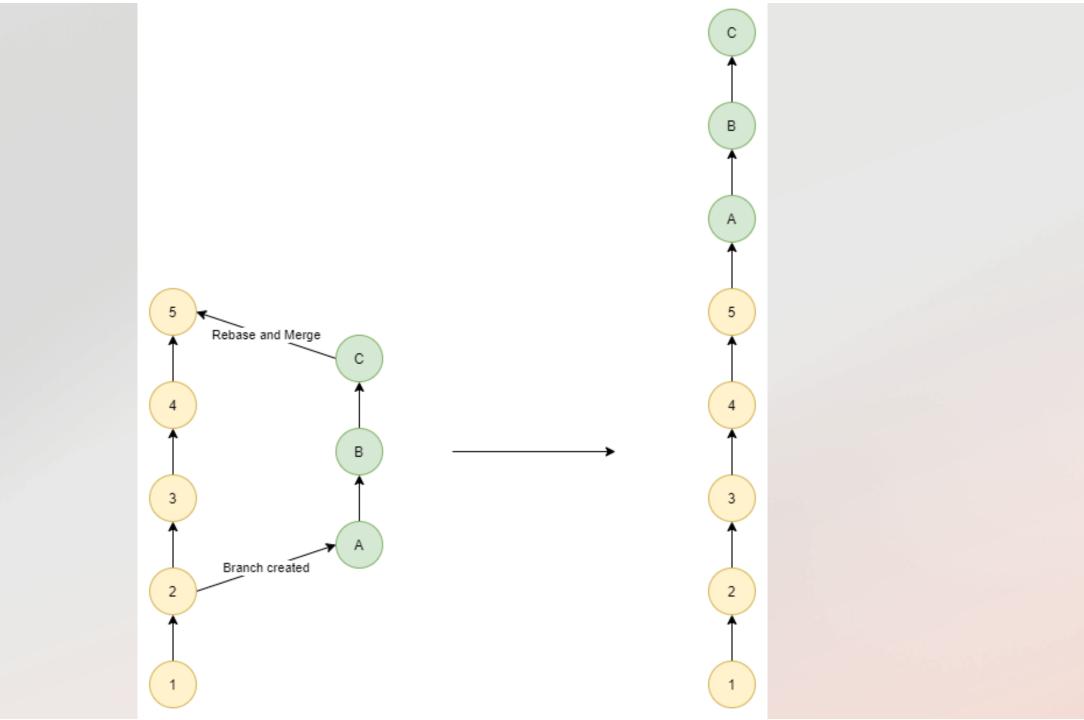
Various merge strategies are available

- Basic Merge
- Squash Merge
- Fast-Forward Merge



Various merge strategies are available

- Basic Merge
- Squash Merge
- Fast-Forward Merge
- Rebase



Merge Conflicts

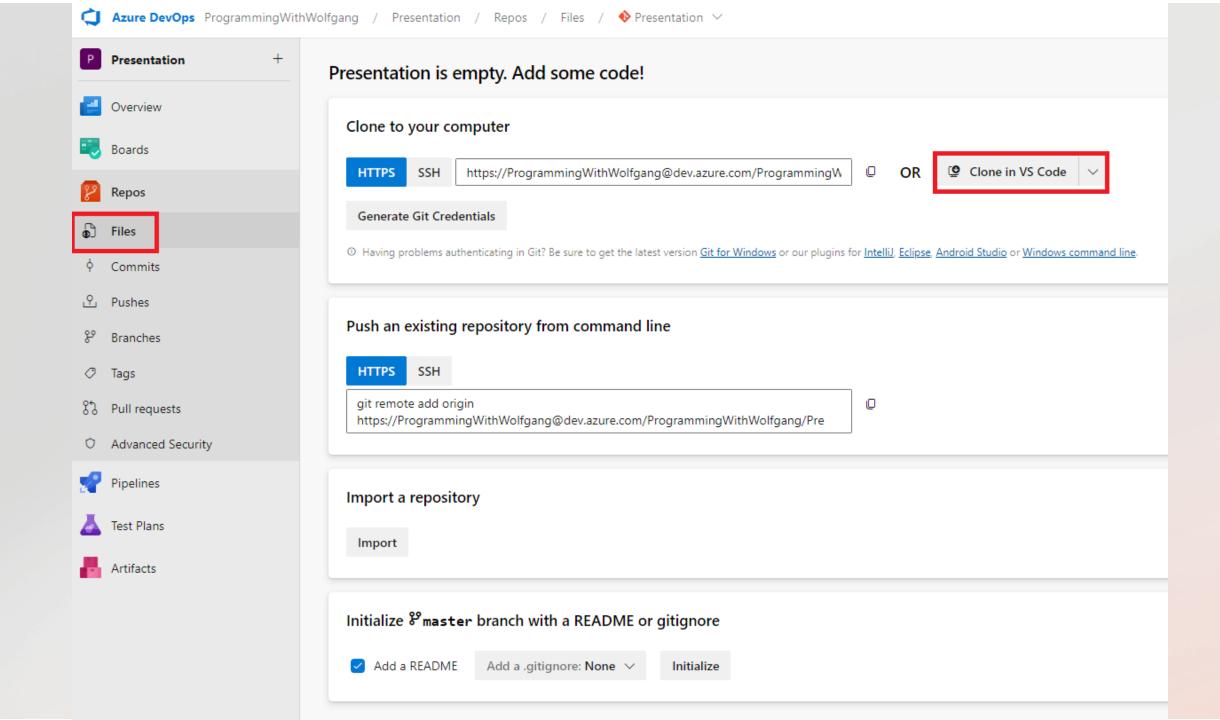
Git tries to determine the correct version if multiple developers change the same file If Git can't figure it out → merge conflict and developers have to manually resolve it

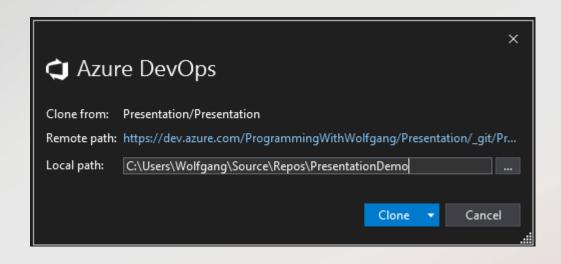
Merge Conflicts

Pull destination branch and merge it locally to resolve the conflict

Use short-lived branches and merge often

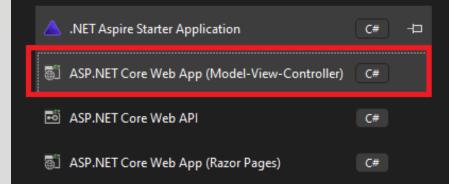
Demo Project

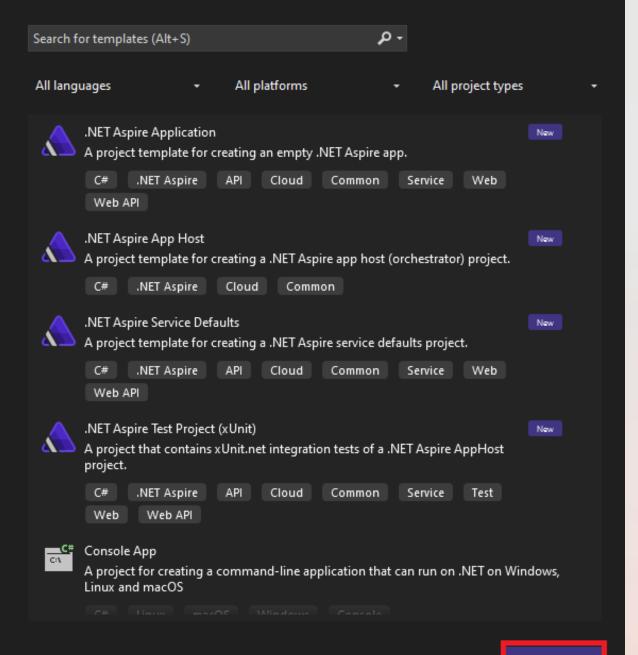




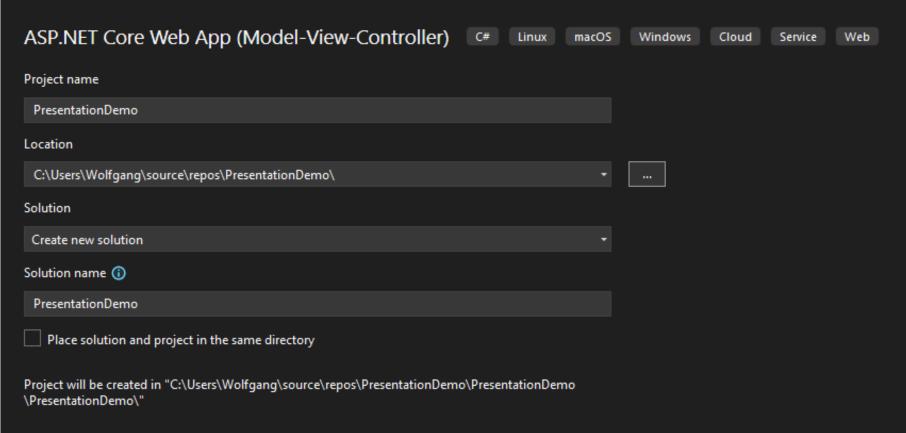
Create a new project

Recent project templates





Configure your new project



Back Next

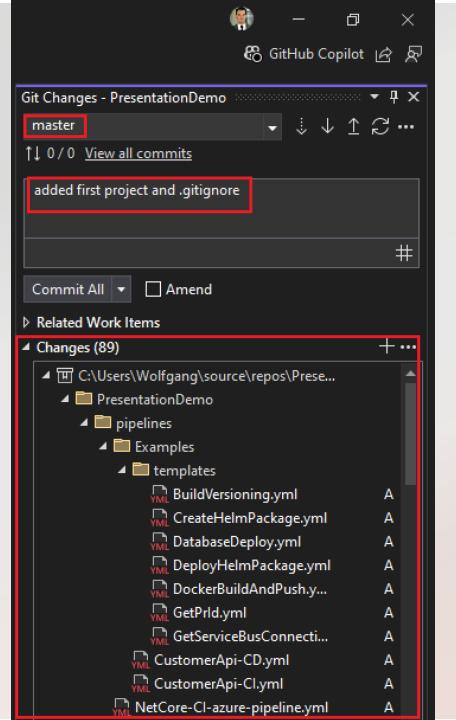
Additional information

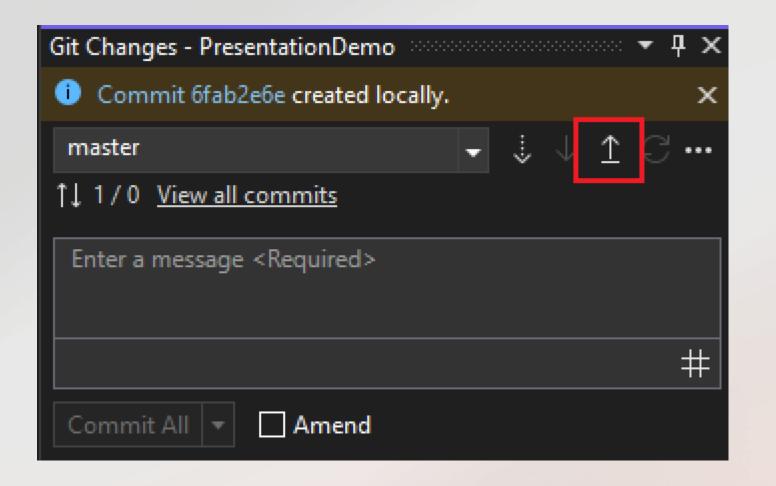
ASP.NET Core Web App (Model-View-Controller) C# Linux macOS Windows Cloud Service Web Framework (i) .NET 8.0 (Long Term Support) Authentication type (1) None Configure for HTTPS (1) Enable container support ① Container OS (1) Container build type (1) Do not use top-level statements 🕦 Enlist in .NET Aspire orchestration ①

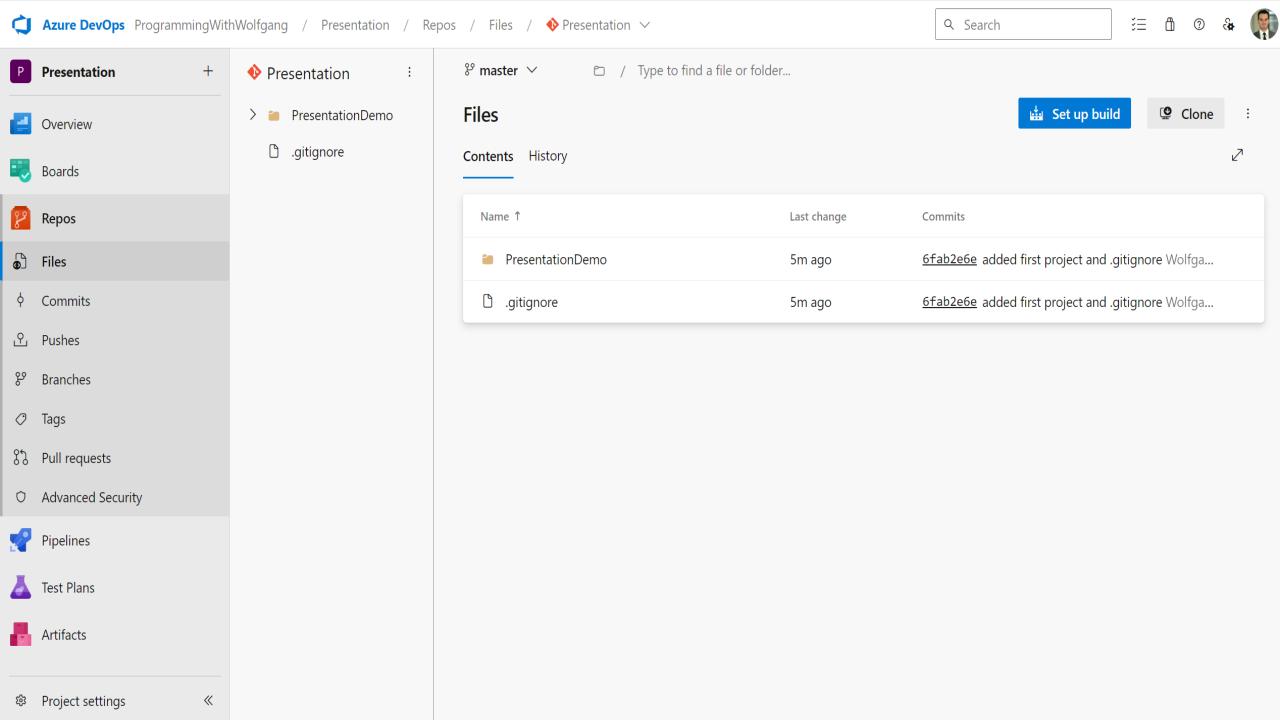
Back Create

65

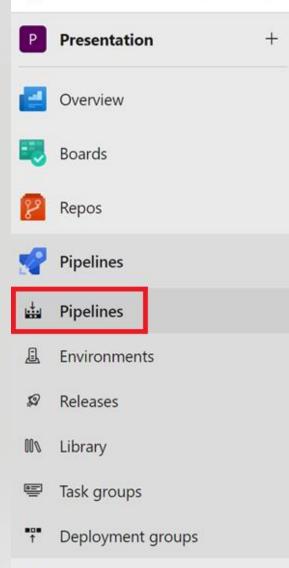
```
file Edit View Git Project Build Debug Team Test Analyze Tools Extensions Window Help ✓ Search → PresentationDemo
      物・音 円 向 り・♡・ Debug ・ Any CPU
                                    🔻 🏶 PresentationDemo.AppHost 🔹 🕨 https 🔹 👂 🍼 🔻 🖒 📅 👼 💂 💖 🔚 🏗 📜 🧏 🔲 🖏 🖏 🗒
.gitignore ≠ X
             ## Ignore Visual Studio temporary files, build results, and
      1
             ## files generated by popular Visual Studio add-ons.
             ##
             ## Get latest from https://github.com/github/gitignore/blob/master/VisualStudio.gitignore
             # User-specific files
      6
             *.rsuser
             *.suo
             *.user
     10
             *.userosscache
     11
             *.sln.docstates
     12
             # User-specific files (MonoDevelop/Xamarin Studio)
     13
             *.userprefs
     14
     15
     16
             # Build results
             [Dd]ebug/
     17
             [Dd]ebugPublic/
     18
             [Rr]elease/
     19
             [Rr]eleases/
     20
     21
             x64/
             x86/
     22
             [Aa][Rr][Mm]/
     23
             [Aa][Rr][Mm]64/
     24
             bld/
     25
             [Bb]in/
     26
             [0o]bj/
     27
     28
             [Ll]og/
     29
             # Visual Studio 2015/2017 cache/options directory
     30
     31
              .vs/
```











Test Plans

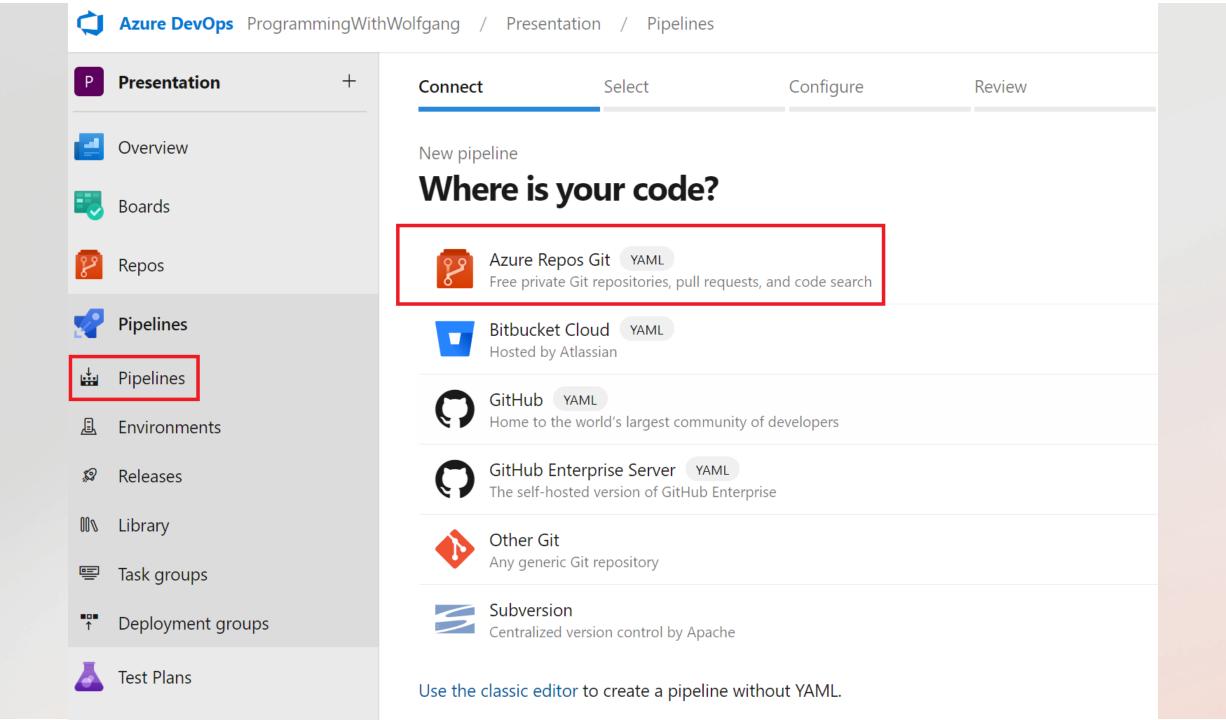
Artifacts

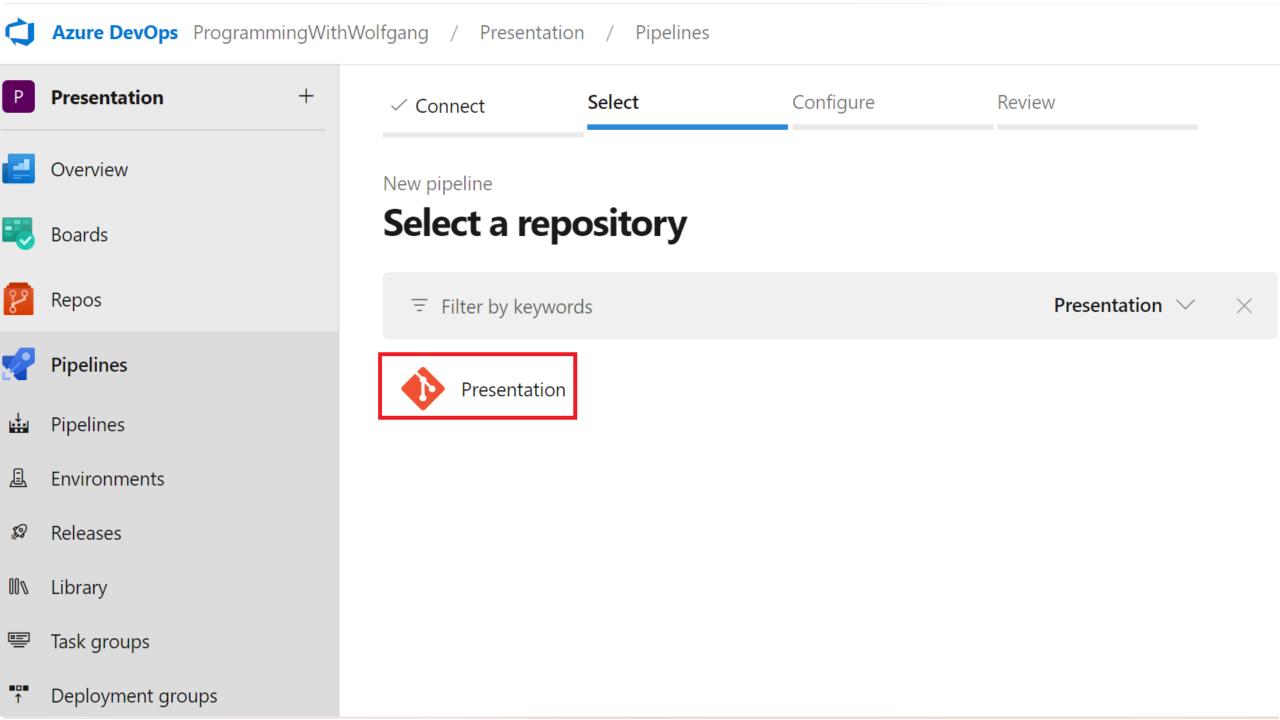


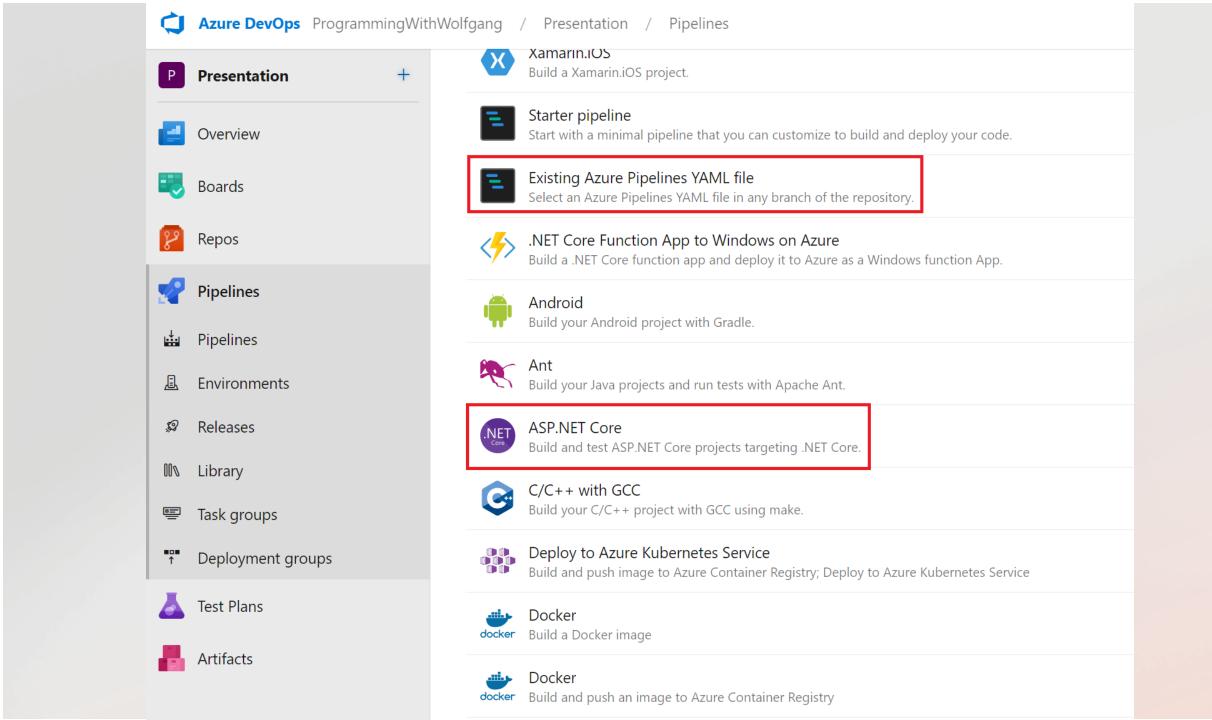
Create your first Pipeline

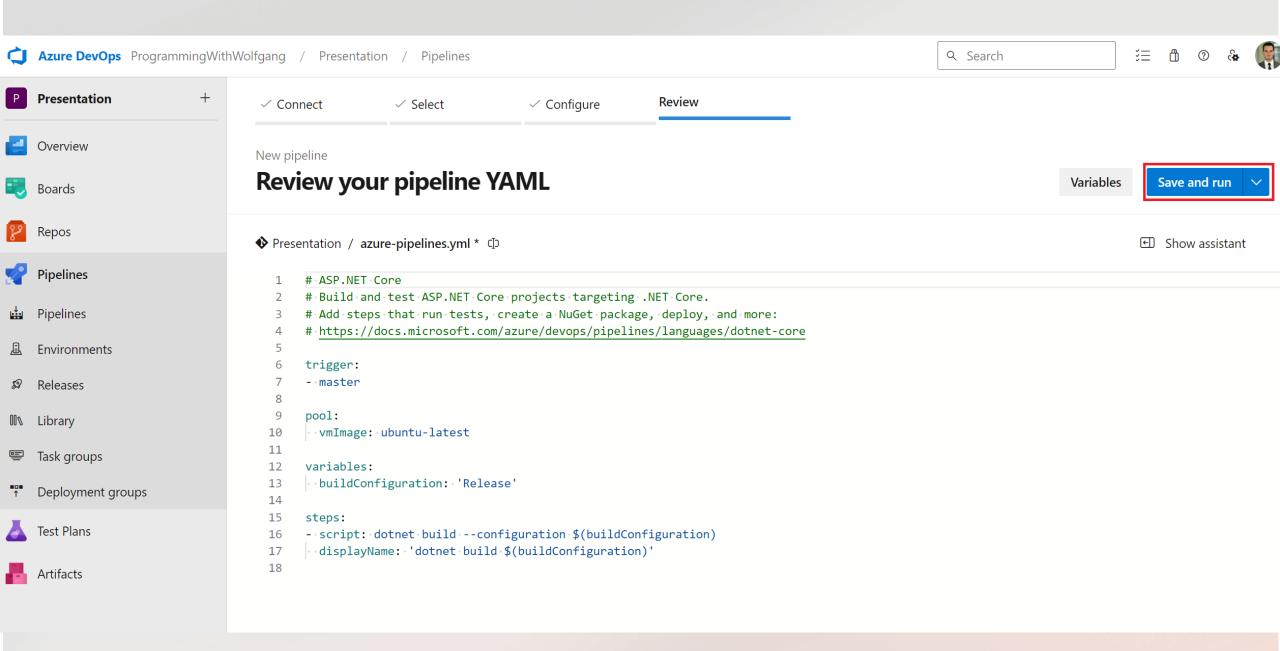
Automate your build and release processes using our wizard, and go from code to cloud-hosted within minutes.

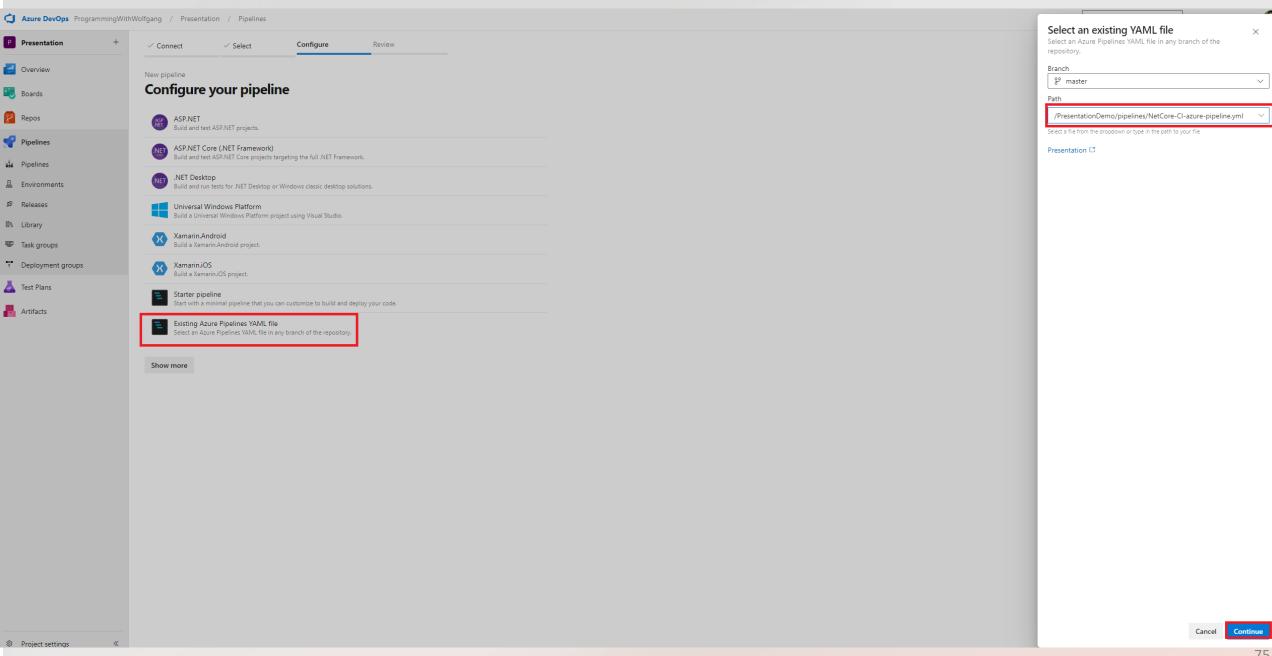












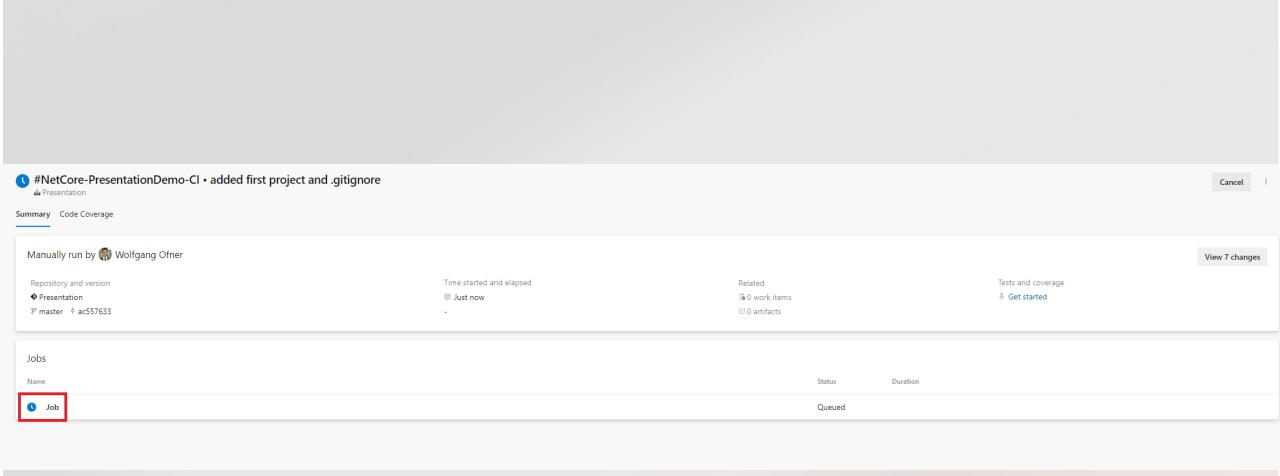
New pipeline

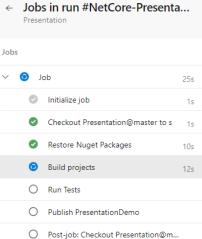
Review your pipeline YAML



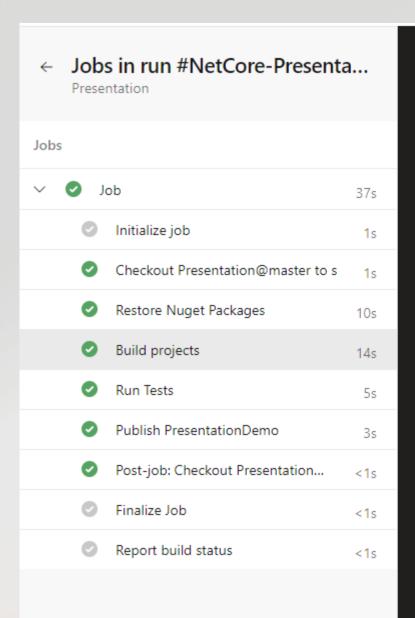
■ Show assistant

• Presentation / PresentationDemo/pipelines/NetCore-CI-azure-pipeline.yml © name : NetCore-PresentationDemo-CI trigger: none pool: ··vmImage: 'ubuntu-latest' variables: - buildConfiguration: 'Release' steps: Settings - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2 12 ·inputs: 13 ·command: 'restore' projects: '**/PresentationDemo*.csproj' displayName: 'Restore Nuget Packages' 16 Settings - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2 17 18 ·inputs: 19 ·command: 'build' 20 projects: '**/PresentationDemo*.csproj' 21 arguments: '--no-restore' 22 displayName: 'Build projects' 23 Settings 24 - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2 ·inputs: 26 ·command: 'test' projects: '**/*Test.csproj' 28 -arguments: '--no-restore --no-build' 29 displayName: 'Run Tests' 30 Settings - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2 31 32 ·inputs: command: 'publish' 33 publishWebProjects: false 34 projects: '**/PresentationDemo.csproj' 35 36 -arguments: '--configuration \$(buildConfiguration) --no-restore' 37 modifyOutputPath: false displayName: 'Publish PresentationDemo' condition: and(succeeded(), ne(variables['Build.Reason'], 'PullRequest'))



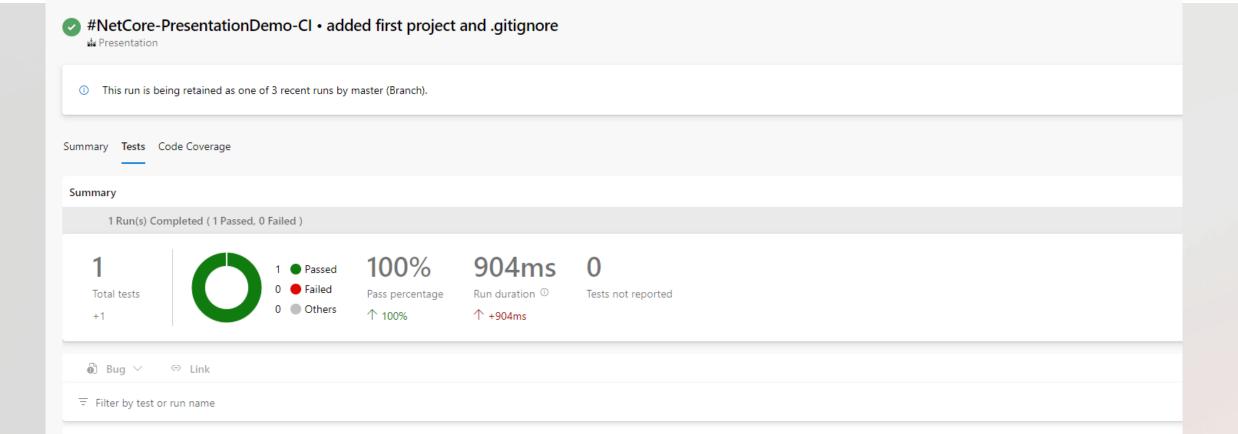


Build projects 1 Starting: Build projects 2 ------4 Description : Build, test, package, or publish a dotnet application, or run a custom dotnet command : 2.242.0 5 Version 6 Author : Microsoft Corporation : https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/pipelines/tasks/build/dotnet-core-cli 9 Info: .NET Core SDK/runtime 2.2 and 3.0 are now End of Life(EDL) and have been removed from all hosted agents. If you're using these SDK/runtimes on hosted agents, kindly upgrade to newer versions which are not EDL, or else use UseDotNet task to install the required version. 10 /usr/bin/dotnet build /home/vsts/work/1/s/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo.Test/PresentationDemo.Test/PresentationDemo.Test/PresentationDemo.Test/PresentationDemo/Presentat PresentationDemo.Test -> /home/vsts/work/1/s/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo.Test/bin/Debug/net8.0/PresentationDemo.Test.dll 13 Build succeeded. 0 Warning(s) 0 Error(s) 17 Time Elapsed 00:00:07.70 18 /usr/bin/dotnet build /home/vsts/work/1/s/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo/PresentationDemo.csproj -dl:CentralLogger,"/home/vsts/work/_tasks/DotNetCoreCLI_5541a522-603c-47ad-91fc-a4b1d163081b/2.242.0/dotnet-build-helpers/Microsoft.TeamFoundation.DistributedTask.MSBuild.Logger.dl





1 Pool: Azure Pipelines
2 Image: ubuntu-latest
3 Agent: Hosted Agent
4 Started: Just now
5 Duration: 37s
6
7 ▶ Job preparation parameters
42 ▲ 100% tests passed
43 Job live console data:
44 Finishing: Job





Hooray! There are no test failures.

Change the test outcome filter to view tests relevant to you.

Pull Request Policies

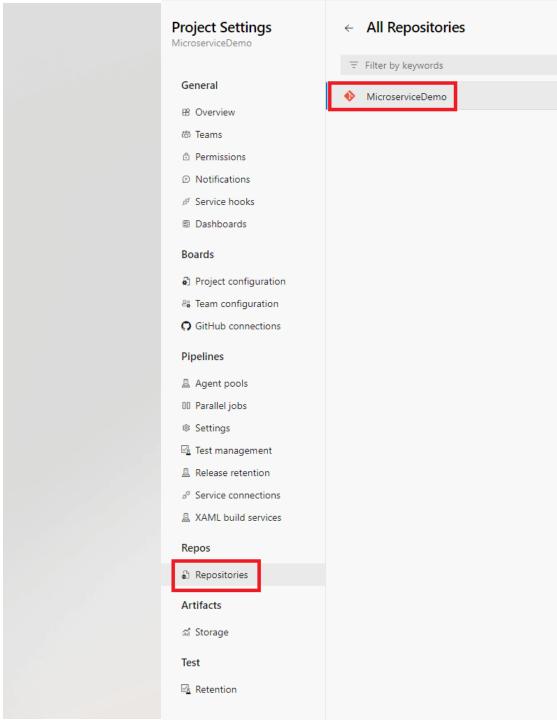
Pull Request Policies

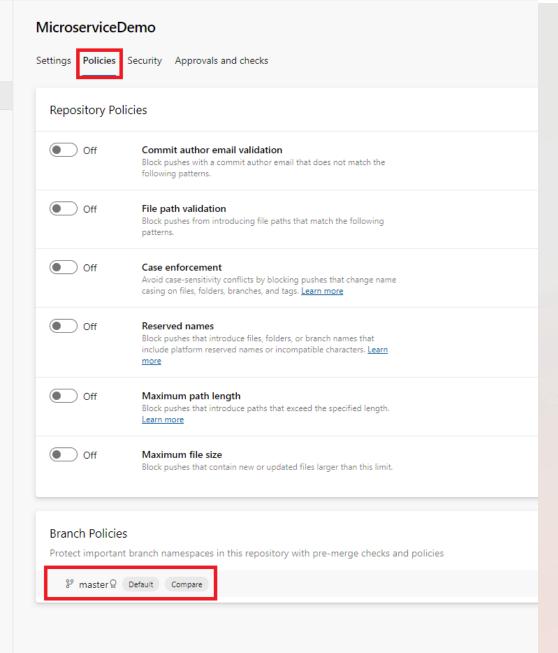
The main branch should always be in a deployable state

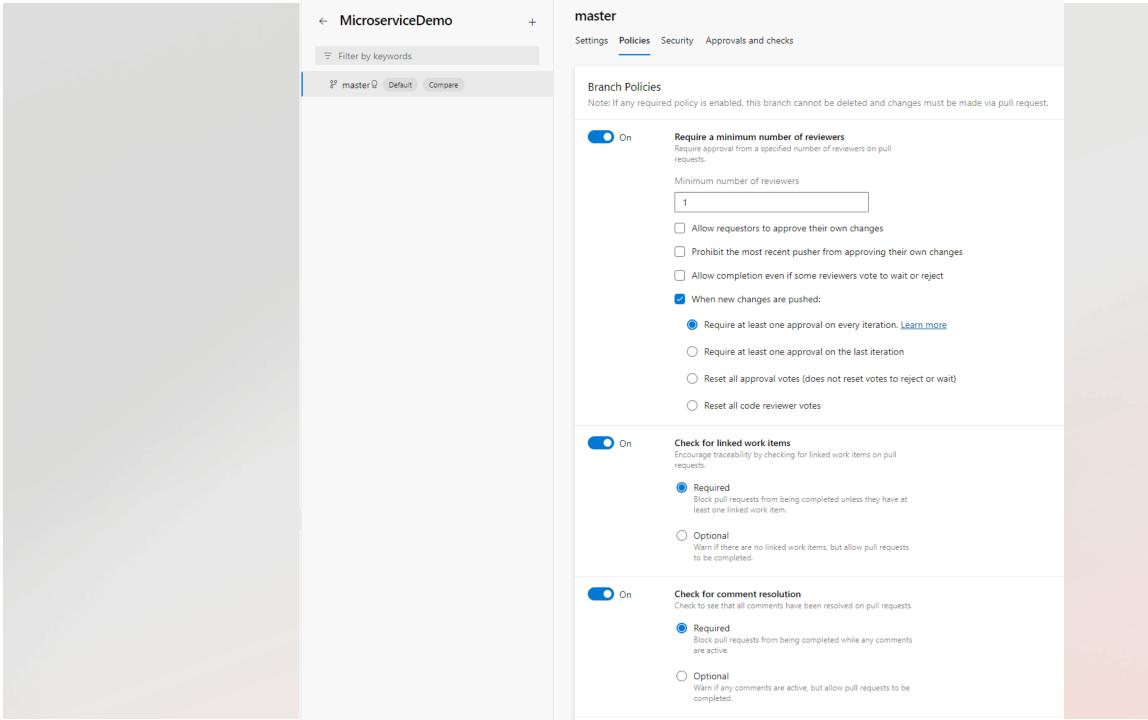
Create pull request policies to protect the main branch

Pull Request Policies

- Enforce reviewers
- Validate that the code builds before merging
- Run unit tests
- Enforce linking of work items (no work should be done without a work item)
- Deploy the application to a test environment
- Enforce merge strategies

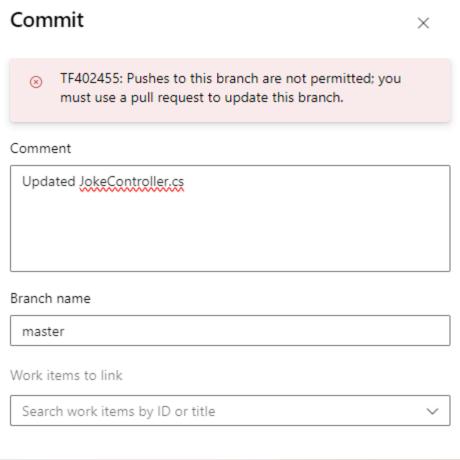






On	Limit merge types Control branch history by limiting the available types of merge when pull requests are completed.				
	Allowed merge types:				
	Basic merge (no fast-forward) Preserves history exactly as it happened during development	✓ Squash merge Creates a linear history by condensing the source branch commits into a single new commit on the target branch			
	Rebase and fast-forward Creates a linear history by replaying the source branch commits onto the target without a merge commit	Rebase with merge commit Creates a semi-linear history by replaying the source branch commits onto the target and then creating a merge commit			
 ✓ Build Validation 1 Validate code by pre-merging and building pull request changes. 					
Enabled	Name ↑	Path filter	Trigger		
On On	CustomerApi-Cl Required	*/CustomerApi/*	Automatic Expires after 12 hours		

Enforce Pull Requests



Wiki

Wiki

Create documentation using markdown
Have your documentation in the same place as
your code and work items
Seamlessly link work items and code commits

Wiki

Some items are only available when the repository is checked out

- attachments folder with all uploaded files
- .order file with order of files

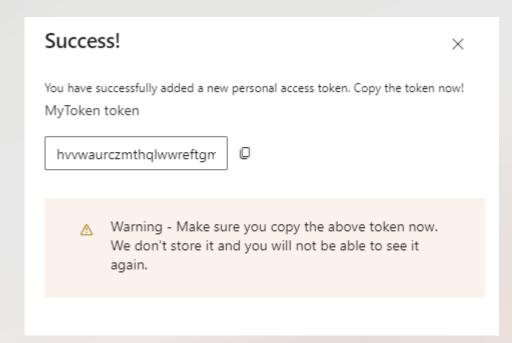
3rd parties might need access to your repository

- GitOps to monitor branches and deploy changes
- Access a private NuGet feed
- Manage Agent Pools

Allow access with Personal Access Token

- Token has an expire date
- Define permissions as needed
- Token value is only displayed after creation

s Token



Show all scopes (29 more)

Cancel

Use public SSH keys

- 3rd party has the same access as the user who added the SSH key
- Use PATs whenever possible

SSH Public Keys



Azure DevOps

User settings

Wolfgang Ofner

Account

- & Profile
- Time and Locale
- C Permissions

Preferences

- Notifications
- Theme
- dh Usage

Security

- Personal access tokens
- SSH public keys
- Authorizations

SSH Public Keys

Connect to your Git repos through SSH Public Keys when you can't use the recommended Git Credential Managers or Personal Access Tokens to securely connect to

Compare the server fingerprint when you connect via Git to ensure you've connected to Azure DevOps. The fingerprint should match one of the following: Server MD5 Fingerprint 97:70:33:82:fd:29:3a:73:39:af:6a:07:ad:f8:80:49 (RSA) Server SHA256 Fingerprint ohD8VZEXGWo6Ez8GSEJQ9WpafqLFsOfLOtGGQCQo6Oq (RSA)



There are no SSH public keys added to your account on this organization.

Visit the documentation to learn how to generate your first SSH Key and select New Key to add it to your account.

Add New SSH Key

Name*

MyKey

Public Key Data*

ssh-rsa

AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAkIOUpkDHrfHY17SbrmTlp NLTGK9Tjom/BWDSU

GPI+nafzIHDTYW7hdI4yZ5ew18JH4JW9jbhUFrviQzM7xIELEVf4h 9IFX5QVkbPppSwg0cda3

Pbv7kOdJ/MTyBIWXFCR+HAo3FXRitBqxiX1nKhXpHAZsMciLq8V 6RjsNAQwdsdMFvSIVK/7XA

t3FaoJoAsncM1Q9x5+3V0Ww68/eIFmb1zuUFljQJKprrX88XypND vjYNby6vw/Pb0rwert/En

One Project
vs
Multiple Projects

Project Management

One project per product with several teams Microsoft recommendations

- Use single project due to lowered administrative effort
- Use multiple project if you want custom processes or different administrative policies
- Private vs. public projects

GitHub

Free

The basics for individuals and organizations

 $^{\$}0_{\text{USD}}\,{}^{\text{per user/month}}$

Create a free organization

- > Unlimited public/private repositories
- > Dependabot security and version updates
- > 2,000 CI/CD minutes/month
 Free for public repositories
- > 500MB of Packages storage
 Free for public repositories
- > Issues & Projects
- > Community support

FEATURED ADD-ONS

- > GitHub Copilot Access
- > GitHub Codespaces Access

Team

Advanced collaboration for individuals and organizations

 $^\$4_{\text{USD}}^{\,\,\text{per user/month}}$

Continue with Team V

- ← Everything included in Free, plus...
- > Access to GitHub Codespaces
- > Repository rules
- > Multiple reviewers in pull requests
- > Draft pull requests
- > Code owners
- > Required reviewers
- > Pages and Wikis
- > Environment deployment branches and secrets
- > 3,000 CI/CD minutes/month

Free for public repositories

> 2GB of Packages storage

Free for public repositories

> Web-based support

FEATURED ADD-ONS

- > GitHub Secret Protection
- > GitHub Code Security

RECOMMENDED

Enterprise

Security, compliance, and flexible deployment

Starting at

\$21usp per user/month

Start a free trial

Contact Sales

- ← Everything included in Team, plus...
- > Data residency
- > Enterprise Managed Users
- > User provisioning through SCIM
- > Enterprise Account to centrally manage multiple organizations
- > Environment protection rules
- > Repository rules
- > Audit Log API
- > SOC1, SOC2, type 2 reports annually
- > FedRAMP Tailored Authority to Operate (ATO)
- > SAML single sign-on
- > Advanced auditing
- > GitHub Connect
- > 50,000 CI/CD minutes/month

Free for public repositories

> 50GB of Packages storage

Free for public repositories

EXCLUSIVE ADD-ON

> Premium support

Feature	Organization	Enterprise
Purpose	A collaborative space for teams and projects.	A container for managing multiple organizations.
Billing	Billing is managed at the organization level.	Billing is centralized for all included organizations.
Management	Administrators manage repository access, team permissions, and organization-level settings.	Administrators can centrally enforce policies, manage user accounts, and audit activity across all organizations.
Security	Offers security features like required two-factor authentication (2FA) and team-based access controls.	Provides more advanced features such as IP allow lists, audit log streaming, and Enterprise Managed Users (EMUs).
Scale	Best suited for small to medium- sized businesses or large open- source projects.	Designed for large corporations with complex structures that need to manage multiple departments or business units.

Azure DevOps vs GitHub

Feature	GitHub Enterprise	Azure DevOps
Primary Focus	Git-based code hosting, collaboration, and open-source ecosystem. A "developer-first" platform.	A comprehensive suite of tools for the entire software development lifecycle (SDLC).
Version Control		Git and Team Foundation Version Control (TFVC) . TFVC support caters to legacy enterprise projects.
CI/CD	and has a vast marketplace of pre-built	Azure Pipelines : Highly mature, robust, and offers advanced release management features like approval gates and multistage pipelines. Supports both YAML and a classic GUI editor.
IPROIECT	built-in tools for tracking work and	Azure Boards: A powerful and highly customizable tool for agile, Scrum, and Kanban methodologies with advanced reporting and portfolio management.
Security	code scanning (CodeQL), secret	Azure Pipelines and Microsoft Entra ID: Strong identity management and role-based access controls. Security features are often integrated across the broader Azure ecosystem.
	Excellent for open-source and modern cloud-native tools. Integrates with thousands of GitHub Actions and external services.	Deeply integrated with the Microsoft ecosystem (Visual Studio, Microsoft Entra ID, Azure services) but also supports integrations with many third-party tools.

DevOps Overview for Senior Managers

Wolfgang Ofner
Senior Cloud Architect

