

Scaling to Success Leveraging
KEDA and Kubernetes for Optimal
Azure DevOps Pipeline
Performance

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Agenda



Architecture in SW projects



Introduction to KEDA



Scaling Azure DevOps Agents in Kubernetes



KEDA Conclusion



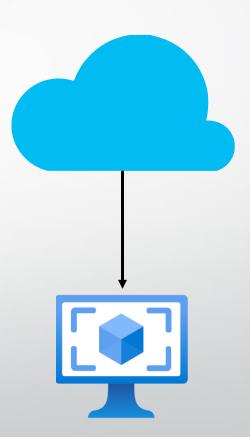
Simplified Architecture History

Server – Client Architecture

Only few clients

No redundancy

No high availability

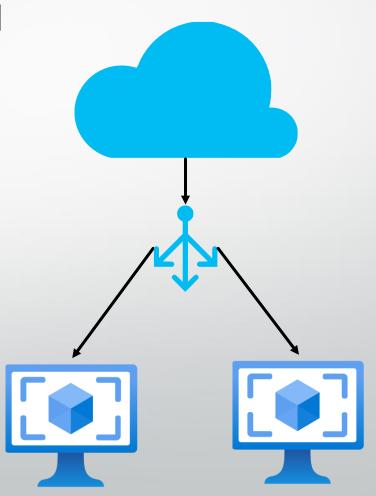


Simplified Architecture History

Static load balancing

New VMs need to be added by hand

Expensive on-premises hardware

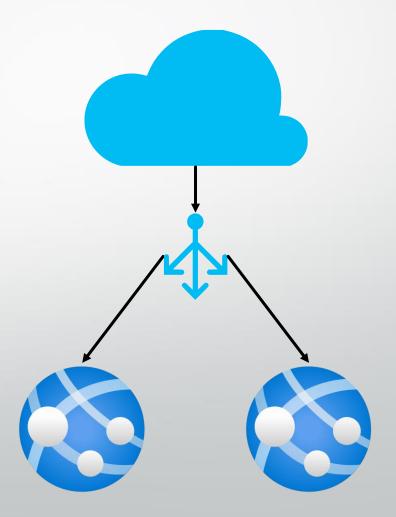


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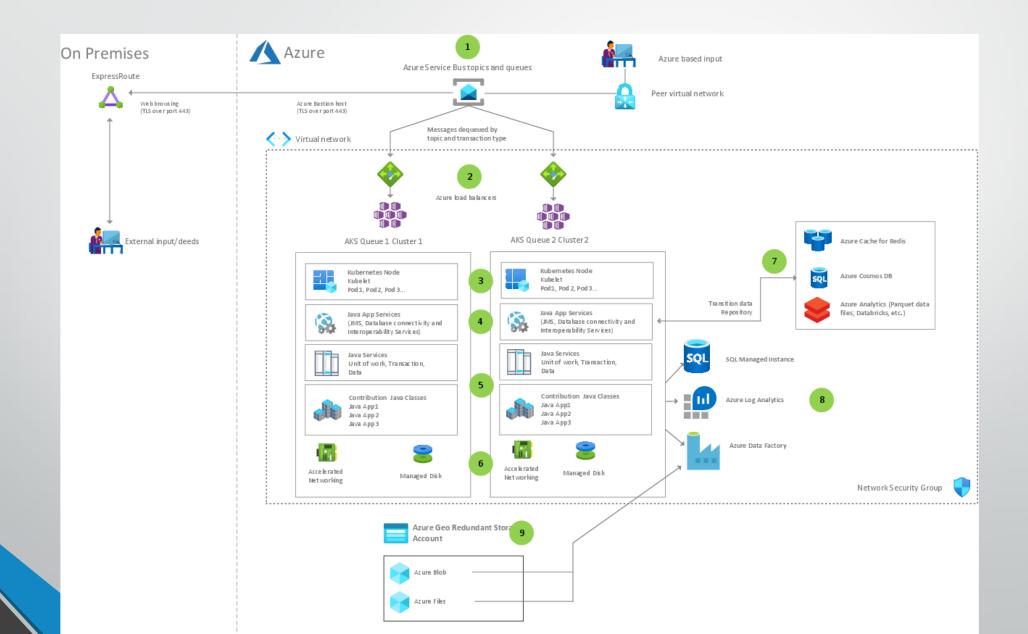
Automatically adding additional hardware

Pay only what you need

Mostly CPU or RAM based scaling



Modern Architecture



Kubernetes

Horizontal Pod Autoscaler (HPA)

Scaling according to CPU and/or RAM

Architectures get more and more complex

Dependencies on external components

Applications have to react to events

- Database
- Service Bus
- Streams

Horizontal Pod Autoscaler

Scales Deployments or StatefulSets

Adds or removes pods

Scaling based on CPU or RAM usage

Scaling based on custom metrics

- Query custom metrics from Kubernetes API
- Prometheus
- requests per second

Horizontal Pod Autoscaler Configuration

```
apiVersion: autoscaling/v1
kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler
                               behavior:
                                                                 scaleUp:
metadata
                                 scaleDown:
                                                                   policies:
  name: customerapi
                                   policies:
                                                                   - type: Pods
  namespace: customerapi-test
                                                                     value: 5
                                   - type: Pods
spec
                                     value: 4
                                                                     periodSeconds: 60
  maxReplicas: 10
                                     periodSeconds: 60
                                                                   - type: Percent
  minReplicas: 1
                                   - type: Percent
                                                                     value: 12
  averageCpuUtilization: 50
                                     value: 10
                                                                     periodSeconds: 60
  scaleTargetRef
                                     periodSeconds: 60
                                                                   selectPolicy Max
    apiVersion apps/v1
                                   selectPolicy: Min
    kind Deployment
    name customerapi
```

Limitation of the HPA

Black Friday

Thousands of orders are stored in a queue

Scaling using CPU or RAM is not sufficient

No option for scaling in this scenario

KEDA – Kubernetes Event-driven Autoscaling

Kubernetes Event-driven Autoscaling

Open source

CNCF Project

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Kubernetes Event-driven Autoscaling

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CNCF Project

Maintained by

- Docplanner Tech
- Microsoft
- Red Hat

KEDA

64 built-in Scaler

- Apache Kafka
- Azure Blob Storage
- Azure Monitor
- Azure Service Bus
- Elastic Search
- MongoDB
- Prometheus
- Redis Streams

KEDA Use Cases

Scale according to external events

Scale to Zero

- Bring serverless to your datacenter
- Recreate Azure Functions architecture
- Better resource usage

KEDA Installation

Installation via Helm charts

Namespace: keda

KEDA Installation

kubectl create namespace keda

helm repo add kedacore https://kedacore.github.io/charts

helm repo update

helm install keda kedacore/keda --namespace keda

KEDA Resources

PS C:\Users\Wolfgang> kubectl get all -n keda NAME pod/keda-operator-5748df494c-mxz9p pod/keda-operator-metrics-apiserver-cb649dd48		REAL 1/1 1/1	OY STATUS Running Running	4.0	S AGE 124 124	m	
NAME TYPE service/keda-operator-metrics-apiserver Clu	PE usterIP		STER-IP 0.241.182	EXTERNAL-I <none></none>		T(S) /TCP,80/TCP	AGE 124m
NAME deployment.apps/keda-operator deployment.apps/keda-operator-metrics-apisery	RE/ 1/: ver 1/:	l,	UP-TO-DATE 1 1	AVAILABL 1 1	E AGE 124 124	m	
NAME replicaset.apps/keda-operator-5748df494c replicaset.apps/keda-operator-metrics-apisery	ver-cb649	9dd48	DESIRED 1 1	CURRENT 1 1	READY 1 1	AGE 124m 124m	

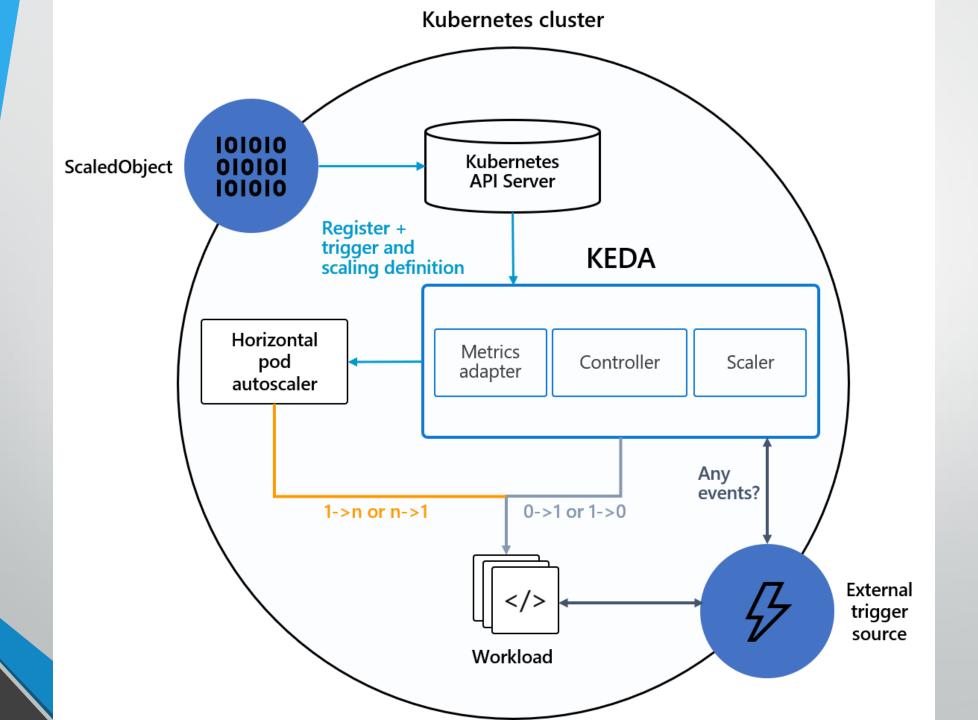
KEDA Architecture

2 components for KEDA

- Agent or Operator
- Metrics Server

Uses HPA for scaling

Seamless integration into existing architecture



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Seamless integration into existing architecture

2 custom K8s resources for scaler

ScaledObject

TriggerAuthentication

ScaledObject

cooldownPeriod: 30

```
triggers:
    type: azure-servicebus
    metadata:
        queueName: KedaDemo
        queueLength: '5'
        authenticationRef:
        name: trigger-
authentication-kedademoapi
```

TriggerAuthentication

```
apiVersion: keda.sh/v1alpha1
kind: TriggerAuthentication
metadata:
  name: trigger-authentication-kedademoapi
spec
  secretTargetRef:
    parameter: connection
          kedademoapi-connectionstrings
        AzureServiceBus__ConnectionString
```

Kubernetes Secret

```
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang> kubectl get secrets
NAME
                                                      TYPE
                                                                                             DATA
                                                                                                    AGE
default-token-88lzb
                                                      kubernetes.io/service-account-token
                                                                                                    26h
kedademoapi-connectionstrings
                                                                                                    26h
                                                      Opaque
                                                      kubernetes.io/tls
kedademoapi-tls
                                                                                                    26h
sh.helm.release.v1.kedademoapi-kedademoapi-test.v1
                                                      helm.sh/release.v1
                                                                                                    26h
sh.helm.release.v1.kedademoapi-kedademoapi-test.v2 helm.sh/release.v1
                                                                                                    22h
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang> kubectl describe secret kedademoapi-connectionstrings
Name:
              kedademoap1-connectionstrings
              kedademoapi-test
Namespace:
              app.kubernetes.io/managed-by=Helm
Labels:
Annotations:
              meta.helm.sh/release-name: kedademoapi-kedademoapi-test
              meta.helm.sh/release-namespace: kedademoapi-test
Type:
       Opaque
Data
```

165 bytes

AzureServiceBus__ConnectionString:

Kubernetes Secret

```
Namespace Overview > Config and Storage > Secrets > kedademoapi-connectionstrings

kedademoapi-connectionstrings

Summary Metadata Resource Viewer YAML

1 ---
2 apiVersion: v1
3 data:
4 AzureServiceBus_ConnectionString: RW5kcG9pbnQ9c2I6Ly93b2xmZ2FuZ2t1ZGFkZW1vLnN1cr
5 kind: Secret
```

Azure DevOps Agent with KEDA Demo

Scaling ADO Agent with KEDA

Azure DevOps preparation

Build Docker image

Test locally

Deploy to Kubernetes

Apply KEDA scaling



User settings

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Account

8≡ Profile

Time and Locale

() Permissions

Preferences

Notifications

Theme

□ Usage

Security

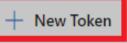
& Personal access tokens

SSH public keys

Authorizations

Personal Access Tokens

These can be used instead of a password for



Token name

Git: https://dev.azure.com/programming Code (Read & write); Packaging (Read)

Git: https://dev.azure.com/programming Code (Read & write); Packaging (Read)

Git: https://dev.azure.com/programming Code (Read & write); Packaging (Read)

Name KedaAdoAgent Organization programmingwithwolfgang Expiration (UTC) 30 days 4/11/2023

Scopes

Authorize the scope of access associated with this token

Create a new personal access token

Scopes () Full access

Custom defined

Agent Pools

Manage agent pools and agents



Read



Read & manage

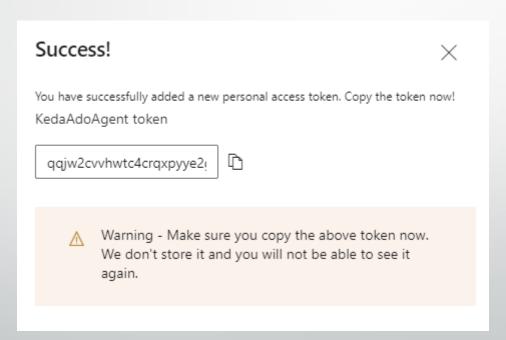
Analytics

Read data from the analytics service



Read

Copy the PAT



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General

- ☐ Projects
- ^β Users
- ☐ Billing
- □ Global notifications
- լլի Usage
- Extensions
- ♠ Azure Active Directory

Security

- Policies
- △ Permissions

Boards

Process

Pipelines

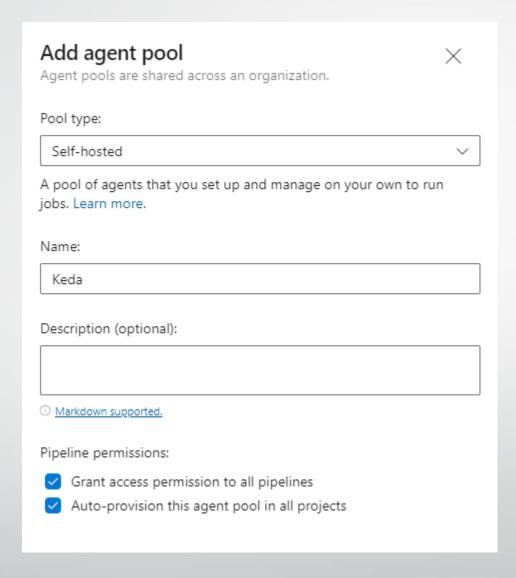


- Settings
- Deployment pools





Name		Queued jobs	Running jobs
۵	Azure Pipelines Azure Pipelines		
	Default Azure Pipelines		



Building the ADO Docker Image

Dockerfile start.sh (with LF EOF)

```
FROM ubuntu:20.04
RUN DEBIAN FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get update
RUN DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get upgrade -y
RUN DEBIAN FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get install -y -qq --no-install-recommends \
    apt-transport-https \
    apt-utils \
    ca-certificates \
    curl \
    git \
    iputils-ping \
    jq \
    lsb-release \
    software-properties-common \
   wget
RUN curl -sL https://aka.ms/InstallAzureCLIDeb | bash
RUN wget https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/20.04/packages-microsoft-prod.deb -O packages-microsoft-prod.deb
RUN dpkg -i packages-microsoft-prod.deb
RUN rm packages-microsoft-prod.deb
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y dotnet-sdk-6.0
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y dotnet-sdk-7.0
# Can be 'linux-x64', 'linux-arm64', 'linux-arm', 'rhel.6-x64'.
ENV TARGETARCH=linux-x64
WORKDIR /azp
COPY ./start.sh .
RUN chmod +x start.sh
```

ENTRYPOINT ["./start.sh"]

PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> docker build . -t adoagentkeda

[+] Building 376.5s (18/18) FINISHED

Building the ADO Docker Image

Dockerfile start.sh (with LF EOF)

Azure DevOps values:

- PAT
- Pool Name
- URL

- 1. Determining matching Azure Pipelines agent...
- 2. Downloading and extracting Azure Pipelines agent...
- 3. Configuring Azure Pipelines agent...



>> End User License Agreements:

Building sources from a TFVC repository requires accepting the Team Explorer Everywhere End User License Agreement. This step is not required for building sources from Git repositories.

A copy of the Team Explorer Everywhere license agreement can be found at: /azp/license.html

>> Connect:

Connecting to server ...

>> Register Agent:

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```
ያ main ∨
       ♦ K8sAdoAgent / azure-pipelines.yml
       trigger: none
       pool: Keda
       variables:
    6
        buildConfiguration: 'Release'
       ·jobs:
       -- job: job1
   10
         •steps:
          Settings
      - task: Bash@3
      · inputs:
   12
   13
      targetType: 'inline'
   14
      script: ''
      displayName: Check if job is running
```

← Jobs in run #20230312.1 K8sAdoAgent

Jobs

~	Ø jo	bb1	6s
	•	Initialize job	<1s
	•	Checkout K8sAdoAgent	1s
	•	Check if job is running	<1s
	•	Post-job: Checkout K8	<1s
	•	Finalize Job	<1s
		Report build status	<1s



```
1 Pool: <u>Keda</u>
```

2 Queued: Just now [manage parallel jobs]

3 Agent: agent

4 Started: Just now

5 Duration: 6s

6

- 7 The agent request is already running or has already completed.
- 8 ▶ Job preparation parameters
- 9 Job live console data:
- 10 Starting: job1
- 11 Finishing: job1

```
>> Connect:
Connecting to server ...
>> Register Agent:
Scanning for tool capabilities.
Connecting to the server.
Successfully added the agent
Testing agent connection.
2023-03-12 11:12:31Z: Settings Saved.
4. Running Azure Pipelines agent...
Scanning for tool capabilities.
Connecting to the server.
2023-03-12 11:12:33Z: Listening for Jobs
2023-03-12 11:15:50Z: Running job: job1
2023-03-12 11:16:01Z: Job job1 completed with result: Succeeded
Cleanup. Removing Azure Pipelines agent...
Removing agent from the server
Connecting to server ...
Succeeded: Removing agent from the server
Removing .credentials
Succeeded: Removing .credentials
Removing .agent
```

Succeeded: Removing .agent

Push the Docker Image

```
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> docker tag adoagentkeda wolfgangofner/adoagentkeda
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> docker push wolfgangofner/adoagentkeda
Using default tag: latest
The push refers to repository [docker.io/wolfgangofner/adoagentkeda]
9ab694b94e06: Pushed
95d099e671b0: Pushed
f5f935017b9d: Pushing [========>
                                                                         ] 132.4MB/518.1MB
b5f309652342: Pushing [======>
                                                                            74.44MB/509.2MB
acd9adb1ef6d: Pushed
b79abcab2382: Pushing [=======================
                                                                            726.5kB
ed3d14f25ed7: Pushed
e82e11b3ff01: Pushing [=>
                                                                            30.55MB/1.185GB
85d422d04b2e: Waiting
76674757e35e: Waiting
587658be1954: Waiting
6021993d84a2: Waiting
```

Create a Secret with the PAT

```
kind: Secret
metadata:
    name: ado-agent-secret
data:
    AZP_TOKEN: cXFqdzJjdnZod3RjNGNycXhweXllMmdicnVtdGlyZ2RmZjZ3aDZmdmpscWlyMzJxZnpzYQ== # replace with your value / (base64 encoded)
```

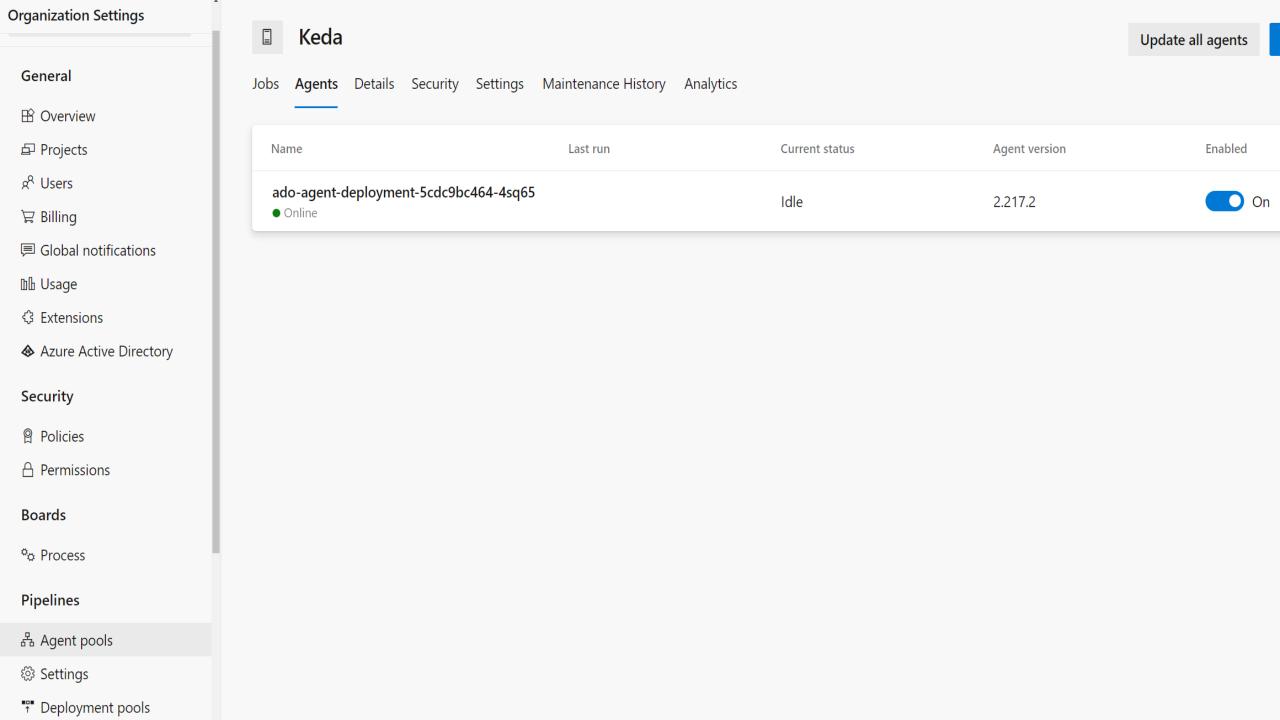
apiVersion: v1

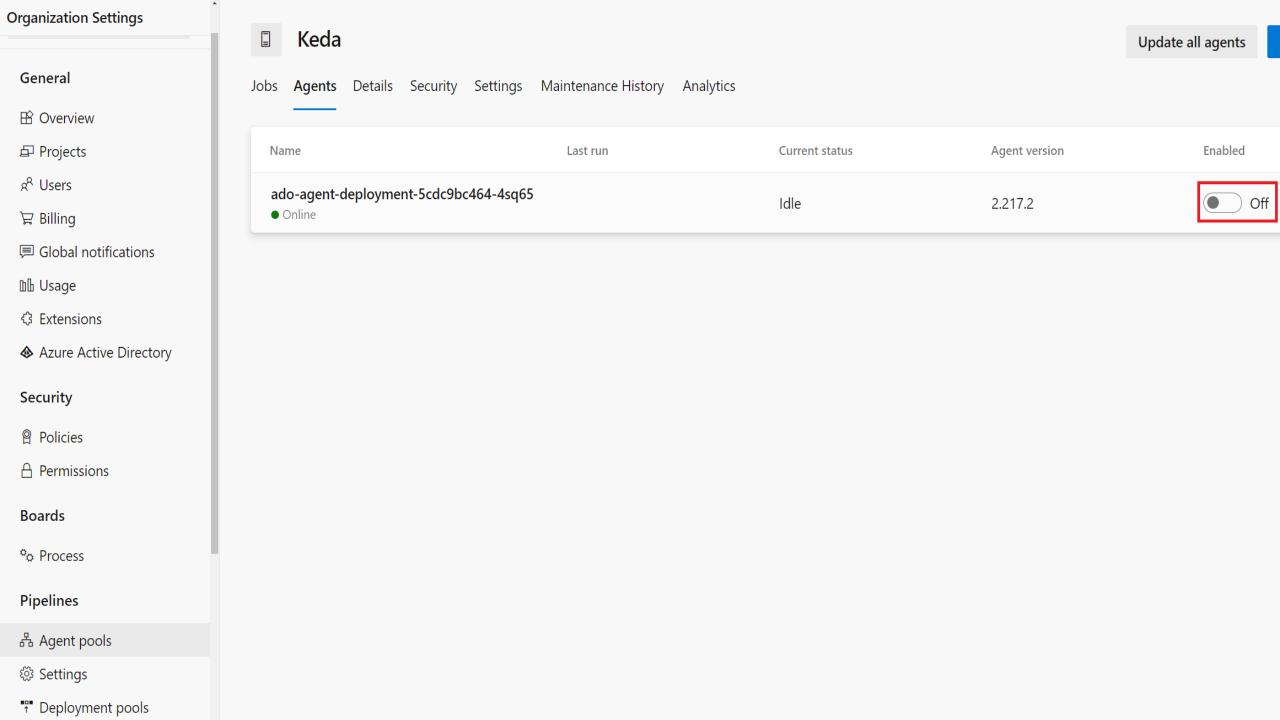
```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: ado-agent-deployment
 labels:
   app: ado-agent
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
   matchLabels:
     app: ado-agent
 template:
   metadata:
     labels:
       app: ado-agent
   spec:
     containers:
      - name: ado-agent
       image: wolfgangofner/adoagentkeda # replace with your value
       env:
          - name: AZP URL
           value: https://dev.azure.com/programmingwithwolfgang # replace with your value
          - name: AZP POOL
           value: Keda # replace with your value
          - name: AZP_TOKEN
           valueFrom:
              secretKeyRef:
               name: ado-agent-secret
```

key: AZP TOKEN

Deploy the ADO Agent in K8s

```
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> kubectl create ns ado-agent
namespace/ado-agent created
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> kubectl config set-context --current --namespace=ado-agent
Context "microservice-aks" modified.
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> kubectl apply -f ./deployment.yaml
secret/ado-agent-secret created
deployment.apps/ado-agent-deployment created
PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> kubectl get pod --watch
NAME
                                        READY
                                                STATUS
                                                                    RESTARTS
                                                                               AGE
                                        0/1
                                                ContainerCreating
ado-agent-deployment-5cdc9bc464-4sq65
                                                                               45
ado-agent-deployment-5cdc9bc464-4sq65
                                        1/1
                                                Running
                                                                               88s
```





```
apiVersion: keda.sh/v1alpha1
kind: ScaledJob
metadata:
 name: ado-scaledjob
spec:
 jobTargetRef:
    template:
      spec:
        containers:
        - name: ado-agent-job
          image: wolfgangofner/adoagentkeda # replace with your value
          imagePullPolicy: Always
          env:
          - name: AZP URL
            value: https://dev.azure.com/programmingwithwolfgang # replace with your value
          - name: AZP TOKEN
            valueFrom:
              secretKeyRef:
                name: ado-agent-secret
                key: AZP TOKEN
          - name: AZP POOL
            value: Keda # replace with your value
  pollingInterval: 10
  successfulJobsHistoryLimit: 5
  failedJobsHistoryLimit: 5
  maxReplicaCount: 10
  scalingStrategy:
    strategy: "default"
  triggers:
  - type: azure-pipelines
    metadata:
      poolID: "10" # <azure-devops-pool-id> (must be a string) (https://dev.azure.com/{Organization}/_apis/distributedtask/pools?api-version=7.0)
      organizationURLFromEnv: "AZP URL"
      personalAccessTokenFromEnv: "AZP_TOKEN"
```

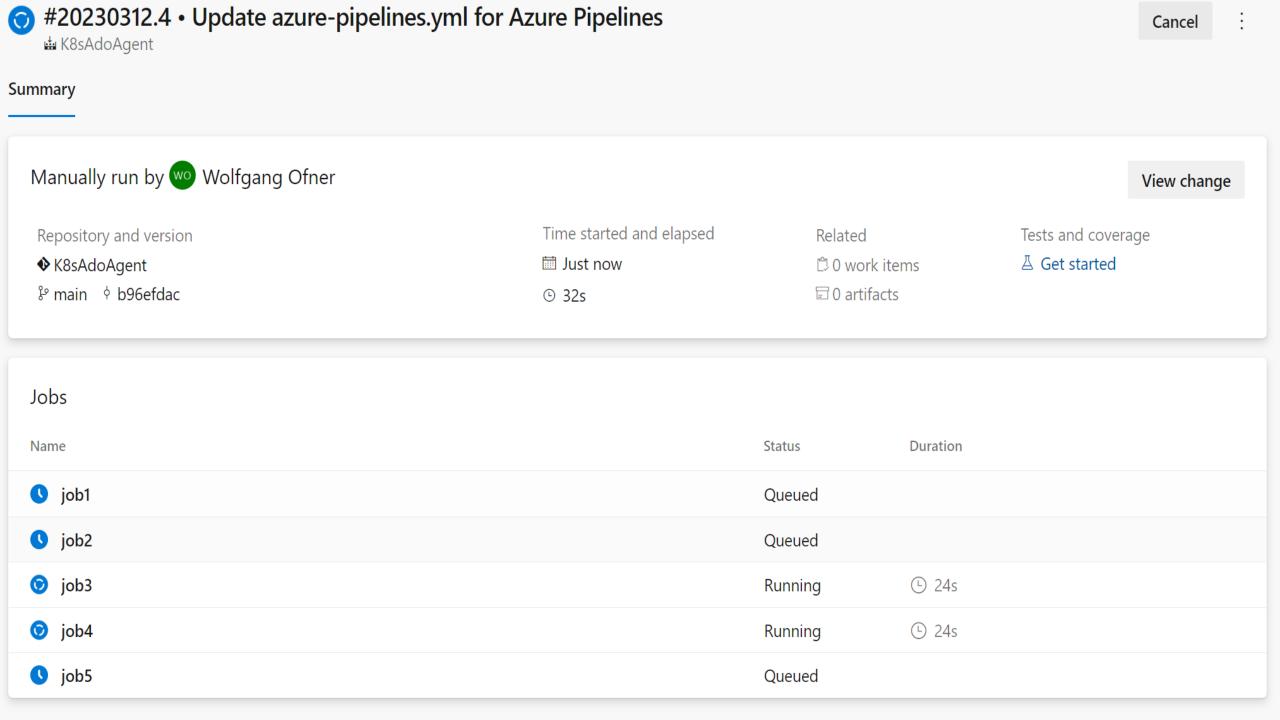
Deploy the KEDA Scale Job

PS C:\Users\Wolfgang\source\repos\Ado-Agent-Keda> kubectl apply -f ./keda-scaled-jobs.yaml scaledjob.keda.sh/ado-scaledjob created

$\leftarrow \ \ \text{K8sAdoAgent}$

```
♦ K8sAdoAgent / azure-pipelines.yml
   trigger: none
    pool: Keda
    variables:
    buildConfiguration: 'Release'
   ·jobs:
 9 -- job: job1
10 ···steps:
     Settings
11 - task: Bash@3
12 | · · · · inputs:
13 targetType: 'inline'
14 script: 'sleep 5m'
15 displayName: Wait for 5 minutes
16 - job: job2
17 · steps:
      Settings
18 --- task: Bash@3
19 · · · inputs:
20 targetType: 'inline'
21 script: 'sleep 5m'
22 displayName: Wait for 5 minutes
23 -- job: job3
24 ···steps:
      Settings
25 -- task: Bash@3
   ····inputs:
27 targetType: 'inline'
28 script: 'sleep 5m'
29 displayName: Wait for 5 minutes
```

PS C. (USELS \WOLTGAIIG \SOULCE \Lebus \Ado-A	igent-ked	ia - Kubeccc	ger pou -	-watch	
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE	
ado-agent-deployment-5cdc9bc464-4sq65	1/1	Running	0	22m	
ado-scaledjob-xlgcg-6ts6h	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-6nvks-9x5wm	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-45s68-st64h	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-xlgcg-6ts6h	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-vwbxw-dr5wf	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-45s68-st64h	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-6nvks-9x5wm	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-vwbxw-dr5wf	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-j6vcg-jvpn6	0/1	Pending	0	0s	
ado-scaledjob-xlgcg-6ts6h	0/1	Container	Creating	0	0s
ado-scaledjob-j6vcg-jvpn6	0/1	Pending		0	0s
ado-scaledjob-45s68-st64h	0/1	Container	Creating	Θ	0s
ado-scaledjob-vwbxw-dr5wf	0/1	Container	Creating	0	0s
ado-scaledjob-6nvks-9x5wm	0/1	Container	Creating	0	0s
ado-scaledjob-j6vcg-jvpn6	0/1	Container	Creating	0	0s
ado-scaledjob-6nvks-9x5wm	1/1	Running		0	2s
ado-scaledjob-j6vcg-jvpn6	1/1	Running		0	3s
ado-scaledjob-vwbxw-dr5wf	1/1	Running		Θ	13s
ado-scaledjob-45s68-st64h	1/1	Running		Θ	20s
ado-scaledjob-xlgcg-6ts6h	1/1	Running		0	20s



Azure DevOps Limitations

ADO Pipelines support scale to zero but need at least one agent registered

ADO Pipelines can not queue a job with an empty agent pool Licensing limits parallel jobs

KEDA ADO Scaling Limitations

Cancelling a pipeline does not stop running pods

KEDA does not remove completed pods

Azure DevOps does not remove offline agents from the agent pool

Scaler not available for used technology

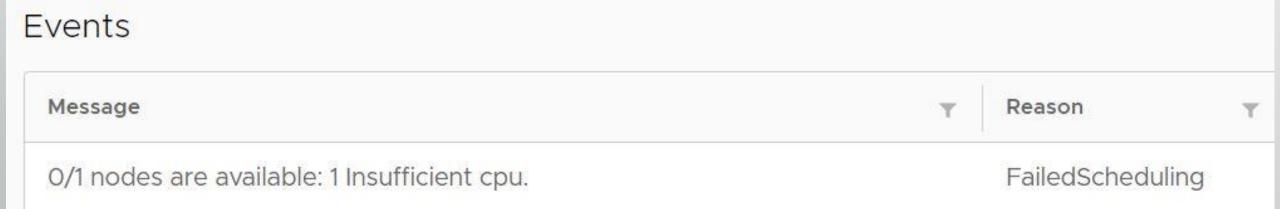
Cluster runs out of resources

Pods

	Name	Labels	Y	Ready 🔻	Phase 🕝	Restarts $ extstyle extst$	Node
:	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-2zfxc	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	1+	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-6w9tc	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
:	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-777r8	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
*	kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-9vs76	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	13	1/1	Running	0	aks-nodepool1-35436033-vmss000000
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-jdd8x	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
	♦ kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-mdj62	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1 *)	1/1	Running	0	aks-nodepool 1-35436033-vmss000000
:	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-qg298	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1 *)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-rzgfm	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
*	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-s56q6	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-wb7rr	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(1 *)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
-1-							

Pods

-							
	Name	Labels	T	Ready 🔻	Phase 🕝	Restarts $ extstyle extst$	Node
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-2zfxc	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	1	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-6w9tc	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(†)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
:	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-777r8	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(†)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
	kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-9vs76	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	1+	1/1	Running	0	aks-nodepool 1-35436033-vmss000000
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-jdd8x	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	1+	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
* *	kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-mdj62	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(†)	1/1	Running	0	aks-nodepool 1-35436033-vmss000000
	6 kedademoapi-6f986c4b76-qg298	app:kedademoapi draft:draft-app	(†)	0/1	Pending	0	<not scheduled=""></not>
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Scaler not available for used technology

Cluster runs out of resources

- Azure Cluster Autoscaler
- Define replica limit
- Monitor cluster usage

KEDA in Production

Microsoft uses KEDA for Azure Services

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