



Azure DevOps Pipeline Decorators

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Agenda

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- Overview
 - Pre-requisites
 - Authoring
 - Publishing
 - Installing

Pipeline Decorators

- Actions
 - Inject steps at the start of every job
 - Inject steps at the end of every job
 - Apply steps consistently across the organization
 - Ensure steps are run in *every* pipeline, without the need for pipeline authors to include them
- Scenarios
 - Run a code scan to detect secrets stored in code
 - Scan packages against a list of known vulnerabilities
 - Run a virus scan on build outputs

Pre-requisites

1. An Azure DevOps organization
2. A publisher in the Visual Studio Marketplace
3. A code editor, e.g., [Visual Studio Code](#)
4. The latest version of [Node.js](#)
5. TypeScript compiler 4.0.2 or later
6. Cross-platform CLI for Azure DevOps (tfx-cli)
7. A home directory for your project

Install Node packages

Windows Command Shell or PowerShell

```
npm install -g typescript
```

```
npm install -g tfx-cli
```

Create publisher

- Extensions are provided by a publisher
- Create a publisher if you don't already have one:
 - Sign in at [Visual Studio Marketplace Publishing Portal](#)
 - If you aren't already a member of an existing publisher, you're prompted to create a publisher
 - If not prompted to create a publisher, select Publish extensions link at top of page
 - Specify an identifier for your publisher; for example: mycompany-myteam
Use it as the publisher attribute in your extension manifest file
 - Specify a display name for your publisher
 - Review the [Marketplace Publisher Agreement](#) and select Create

Create a pipeline decorator project

Windows Command Shell

```
REM Change 'pipeline-decorators' to your project name  
md pipeline-decorators  
cd pipeline-decorators  
echo node_modules > .gitignore  
npm init --yes  
npm install vss-web-extension-sdk --save
```

Create a pipeline decorator project

PowerShell

```
# Change 'pipeline-decorators' to your project name
New-Item -ItemType Directory -Path pipeline-decorators
Set-Location -Path pipeline-decorators
Set-Content -Path .gitignore -Value "node_modules"
npm init --yes
npm install vss-web-extension-sdk --save
```


Sample code

- The sample implements the following pipeline decorator targets:
 - Post-checkout task
 - Pre-job task
 - Post-job task
- The following slides show sample source code for:
 - Extension manifest file
 - Decorator definition files
- These files (and more) are also available in GitHub repo:
 - <https://github.com/devopsincanada/pipeline-decorators>

Create manifest file

- Create a manifest file named `vss-extension.json`, based on the sample shown in the next slide
- Update these attributes with values specific to your extension:
 - `id`
 - `version`
 - `name`
 - `publisher`
 - `description`
 - `contributions`
 - `files`

vss-extension.json

```
{
  "manifestVersion": 1,
  "id": "pipeline-decorators",
  "version": "0.1.0",
  "name": "Pipeline Decorators",
  "publisher": "steve-keeler-microsoft",
  "targets": [
    {
      "id": "Microsoft.VisualStudio.Services"
    }
  ],
  "description": "Demonstrate pipeline decorators",
  "categories": [
    "Azure Pipelines"
  ],
  "contributions": [
    {
      "id": "pipeline-decorators-pre-job-task",
      "type": "ms.azure-pipelines.pipeline-decorator",
      "targets": [
        "ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.pre-job-tasks"
      ],
      "properties": {
        "template": "pre-job-task.yml"
      }
    },
    {
      "id": "pipeline-decorators-post-job-task",
      "type": "ms.azure-pipelines.pipeline-decorator",
      "targets": [
        "ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.post-job-tasks"
      ],
      "properties": {
```

```
        "template": "post-job-task.yml"
      }
    },
    {
      "id": "pipeline-decorators-post-checkout-task",
      "type": "ms.azure-pipelines.pipeline-decorator",
      "targets": [
        "ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.post-checkout-tasks"
      ],
      "properties": {
        "template": "post-checkout-task.yml"
      }
    }
  ],
  "files": [
    {
      "path": "pre-job-task.yml",
      "addressable": true,
      "contentType": "text/plain"
    },
    {
      "path": "post-job-task.yml",
      "addressable": true,
      "contentType": "text/plain"
    },
    {
      "path": "post-checkout-task.yml",
      "addressable": true,
      "contentType": "text/plain"
    }
  ]
}
```

Targets

Target	Description
<code>ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.pre-job-tasks</code>	Run before other tasks in a classic build or YAML pipeline. Due to differences in how source code checkout happens, this target runs before checkout in a YAML pipeline but after checkout in a classic build pipeline.
<code>ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.post-checkout-tasks</code>	Run after the last checkout task in a classic build or YAML pipeline.
<code>ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.post-job-tasks</code>	Run after other tasks in a classic build or YAML pipeline.
<code>ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.pre-task-tasks</code>	Run before specified task in a classic build or YAML pipeline.
<code>ms.azure-pipelines-agent-job.post-task-tasks</code>	Run after specified task in a classic build or YAML pipeline.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/azure/devops/extend/develop/add-pipeline-decorator?view=azure-devops#targets>

Create decorator file

Create a file named
post-checkout-task.yml
based on the sample →

Use any pre-existing Azure
Pipeline tasks

Optionally, create your own
custom tasks (extensions) and
use them in your decorator

steps:

```
- task: CmdLine@2
  condition: not(eq(variables.skipPostCheckoutTask, 'true'))
  displayName: 'Post-Checkout Task'
  inputs:
  script: |
    echo 'Pipeline decorator post-checkout task'
```

Create decorator file

Create a file named
pre-job-task.yml
based on the sample →

Use any pre-existing Azure
Pipeline tasks

Optionally, create your own
custom tasks (extensions) and
use them in your decorator

```
steps:  
  
- task: CmdLine@2  
  condition: not(eq(variables.skipPreJobTask, 'true'))  
  displayName: 'Pre-Job Task'  
  inputs:  
  script: |  
    echo 'Pipeline decorator pre-job task'
```

Create decorator file

Create a file named
post-job-task.yml
based on the sample →

Use any pre-existing Azure
Pipeline tasks

Optionally, create your own
custom tasks (extensions) and
use them in your decorator

steps:

```
- task: CmdLine@2
  condition: not(eq(variables.skipPostJobTask,'true'))
  displayName: 'Post-Job Task'
  inputs:
  script: |
    echo 'Pipeline decorator post-job task'
```

Build extension

```
npx tfx-cli extension create
```

Results

TFS Cross Platform Command Line Interface v0.12.0

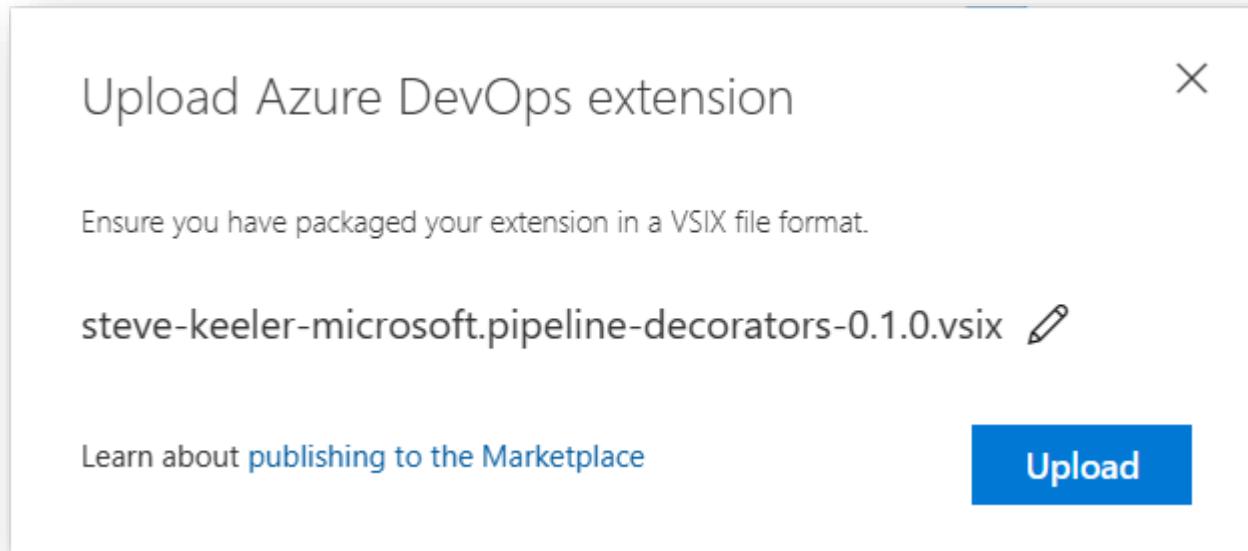
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=== Completed operation: create extension ===

- VSIX:steve-keeler-microsoft.pipeline-decorators-0.1.0.vsix
- Extension ID: pipeline-decorators
- Extension Version: 0.1.0
- Publisher: steve-keeler-microsoft

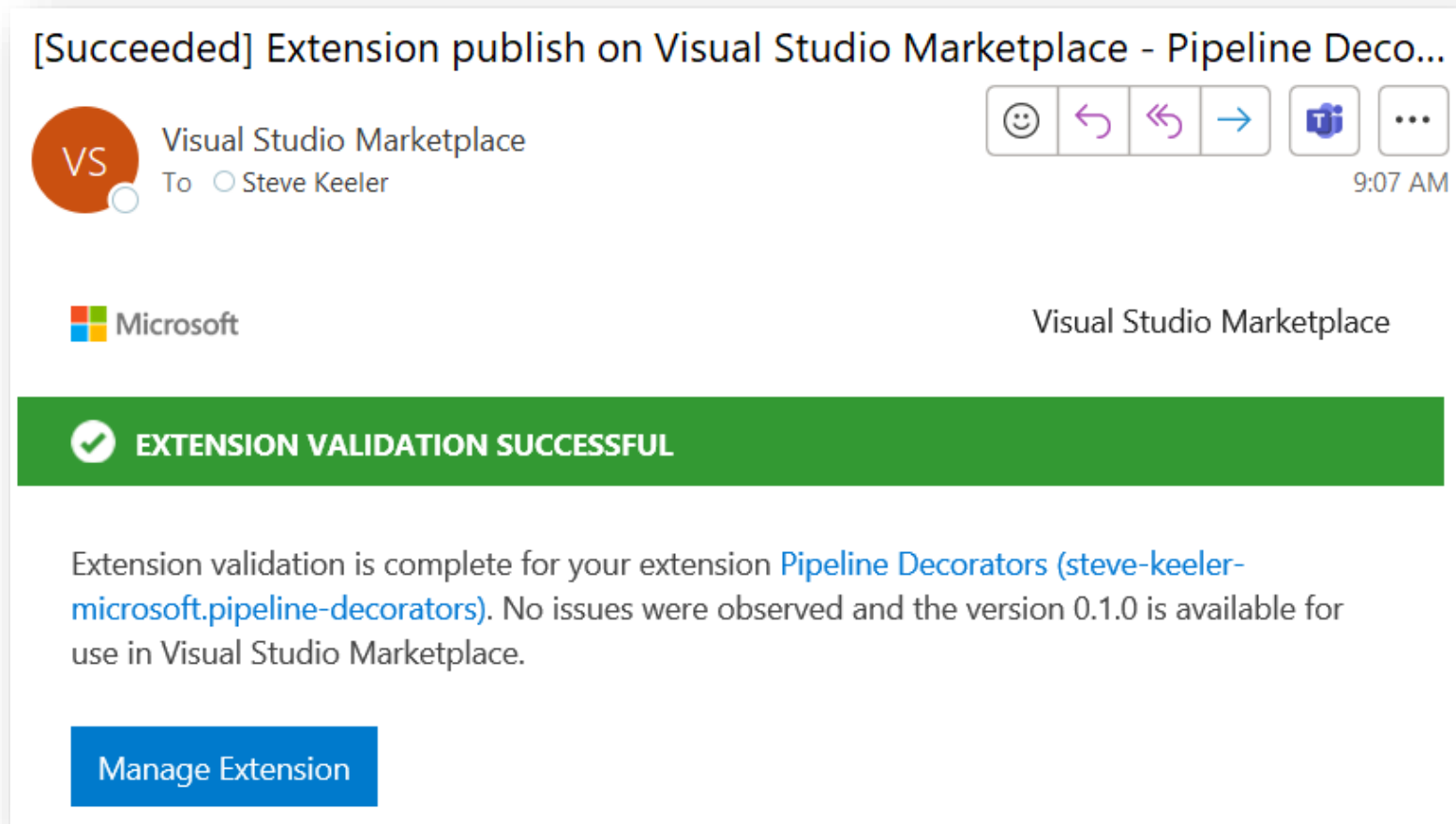
Publish extension

- Navigate to <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/manage>
- Select your publisher
- Select "New extension", then "Azure DevOps"
- Upload your compiled vsix package



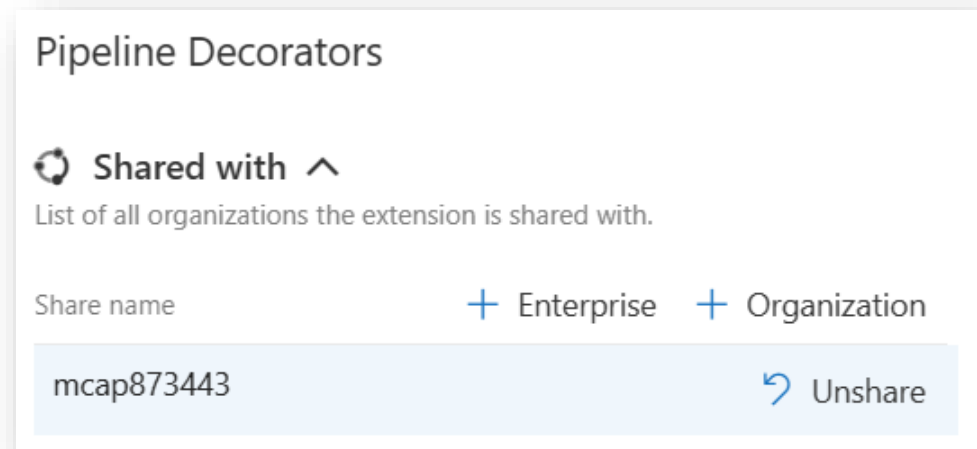
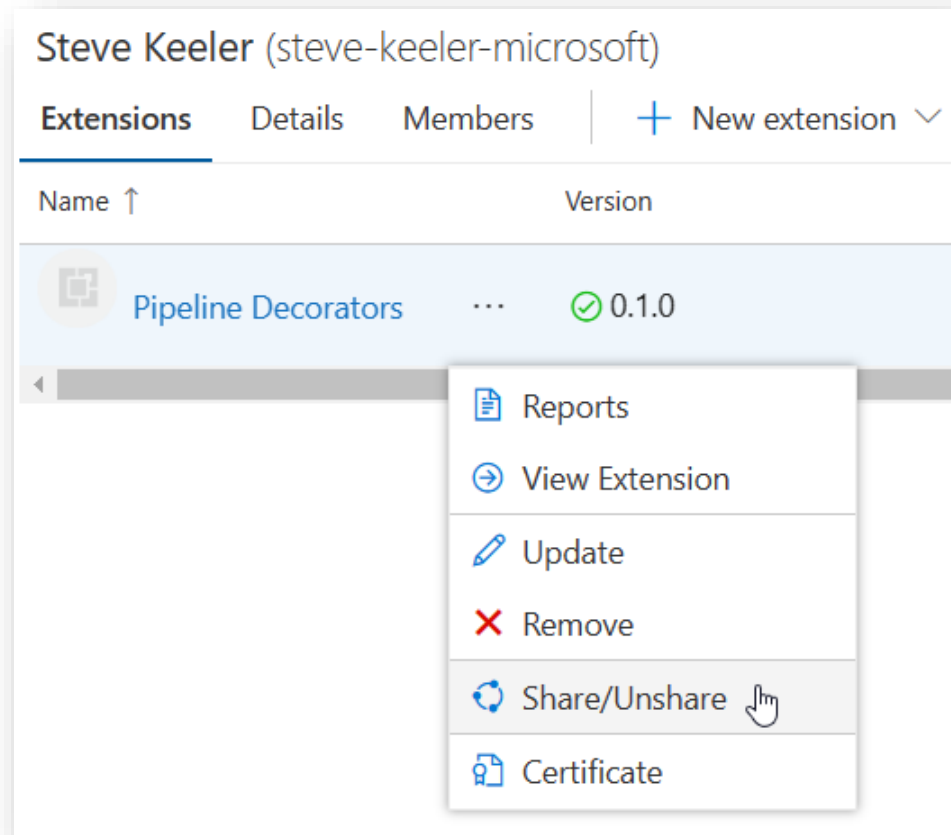
Extension validation

- You will receive an email once validation is complete



Share extension

- Navigate to <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/manage>
- Share your extension from the context menu



Install extension

- Navigate to Shared Extensions in your Azure DevOps organization
https://dev.azure.com/<YourDevOpsOrg>/_settings/extensions?tab=shared
- Select the custom extension and click “Install”

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps interface for managing shared extensions. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads "/ Settings / Extensions / Shared". A search bar and utility icons are located in the top right. On the left, the "Shared extensions" sidebar lists "Pipeline Decorators" by Steve Keeler. The main content area displays details for this extension, including its icon, name, and a description. A table at the bottom provides metadata about the extension's publisher, version, and last update date. "Install" and "Marketplace" buttons are visible in the top right of the extension details section.

Extension details		
Demonstrate pipeline decorators		
Publisher	Version	Last updated
Steve Keeler	0.1.0	Jan 10, 2023 at 9:06 AM EST

Test extension

Once the decorator is installed in your organization, all pipelines automatically run it. For example:

```
main ▾ pipeline-decorators / .pipelines/build-and-deploy.yml

1
2 trigger: none
3
4 pool:
5   vmImage: windows-latest
6
7 # variables:
8 #   skipPreJobTask: true
9 #   skipPostCheckoutTask: true
10 #   skipPostJobTask: true
11
12 steps:
13 - script: |
14   echo First step in build and deploy pipeline
15   displayName: 'Step 1'
16
17 - script: |
18   echo Second step in build and deploy pipeline
19   displayName: 'Step 2'
```

Jobs			
▾	✓	Job	13s
	⌵	Initialize job	<1s
	✓	Checkout pipeline-deco...	3s
	✓	Post-Checkout Task	1s
	✓	Pre-Job Task	1s
	✓	Step 1	<1s
	✓	Step 2	1s
	✓	Post-Job Task	1s

References

Author a pipeline decorator

<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/extend/develop/add-pipeline-decorator>

Extension manifest reference

<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/extend/develop/manifest>

Creating custom pipeline task extensions

<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/extend/develop/add-build-task>

YAML schema reference

<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/pipelines/yaml-schema>

Automate publishing an extension

<https://intellitect.com/demystified-azure-pipeline-vsix-extension>

