



# SQL SATURDAY

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## Intro to Automated Database Deployments with Azure DevOps

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#SQLSatJax



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2. Post the picture to Twitter/X and include the hashtag #SQLSatJax24CC
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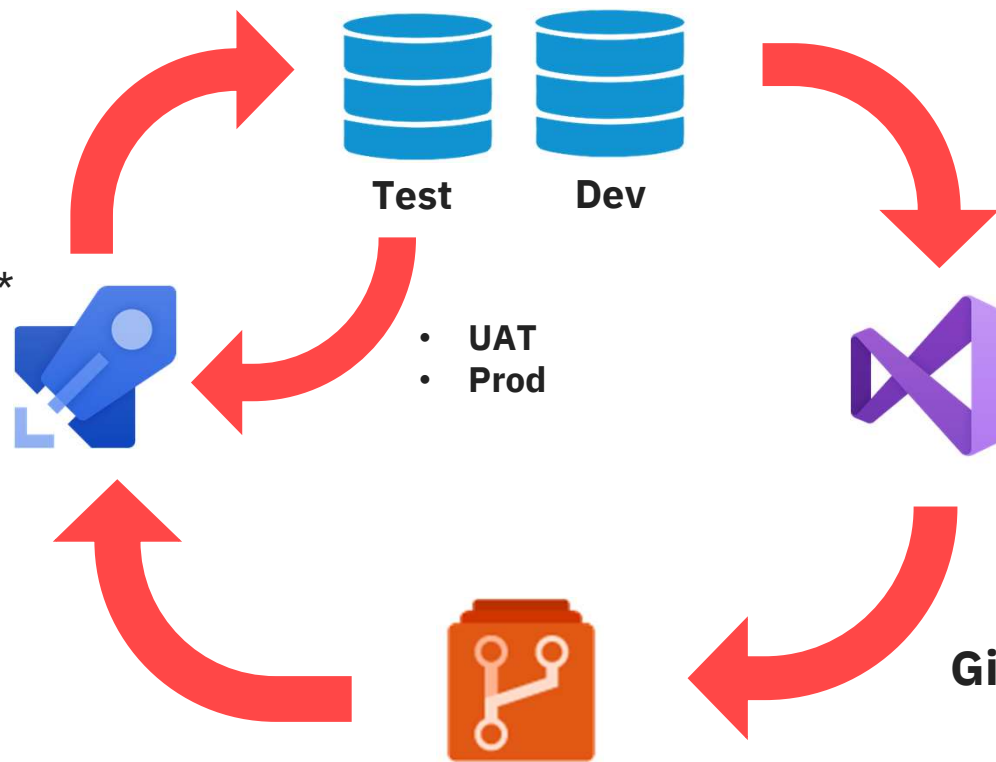
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# Agenda

## Azure Pipelines

1. Build
2. Automated Tests\*
3. Approve
4. Deploy
5. Repeat 3&4



## Visual Studio

- Reverse Engineer
- Develop
- Unit Test
- Commit Changes

## Git Client

## Azure Repos Git Repositories



# Who's in the Audience?

- Application Developers?
- Database Developers?
- Database Administrators?
- IT Managers?

# URL to Git Repo

<https://github.com/endlessautomation/SQLSat/JAX24>

# Who am I Expecting Today?

- Everyone, of course, especially
- Application Developers working with Databases
- Database Developers
- Have **some familiarity** with source control

# Main Vendors

## Developer Tools

Microsoft	Red Gate
Visual Studio	Flyway
Visual Studio Code	SQL Source Control (EOL announced)
Azure Data Studio	

## Source Control Solutions

Microsoft	Others
Azure DevOps	Bitbucket Cloud
GitHub	GitLab
	Subversion



# Installed Tools Used Today

- Visual Studio 2022 Community Edition
  - <https://aka.ms/vs2022>
  - Current Version - 17.9.x (bi-weekly or monthly updates)
  - Community Edition is freely available TO EVERYONE
- Azure Pipelines Self-hosted Agent
- SQLPackage.exe – used for deployments
  - <https://aka.ms/sqlpackage>

# Azure DevOps vs GitHub

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# Azure DevOps vs GitHub

	Azure DevOps	GitHub
Git Repositories	Yes!	Of course!!
Continuous Deployment	Azure Pipelines	GitHub Actions
Sprint/Kanban Boards	Yes	No (Issue Tracking)
Manual/Automated Testing	Available (different license)	No

# Azure DevOps vs GitHub

Easy, peasy!!

	Azure DevOps	GitHub		
Authentication Method	All Levels	Free	Team	Enterprise
“Standard”	Guest Access (external users)	Email address/password		
“Enhanced”	Entra ID	N/A		Managed Users SAML

Major bummer!

# Introduction to Local Source Control

Git Client

# Git Client

- Local source control repository
- Command Line-based
- Works with hosted Git
  - Azure DevOps
  - GitHub
  - ...WHERE Name LIKE 'Git%'

# Git Client

Integrated into Popular Developer Tools

- Visual Studio
- Azure Data Studio
- Eclipse
- ...many others

# Git Client

- Download URL
  - <https://git-scm.com/downloads>
- Choose your platform
  - Windows
  - macOS
  - Linux/Unix

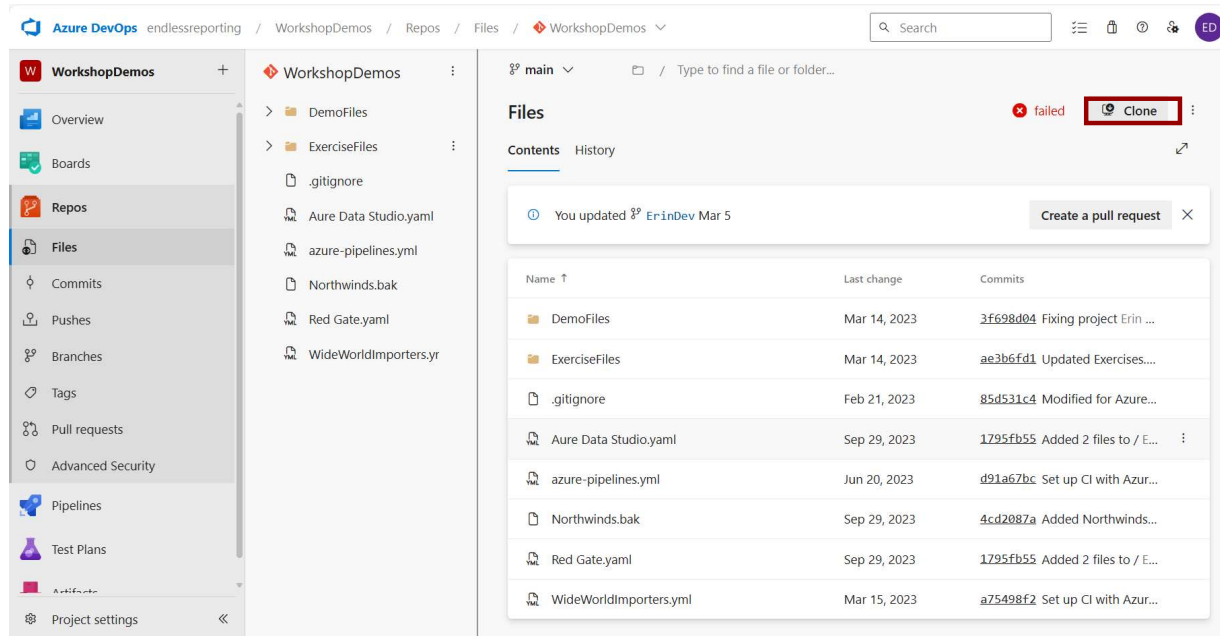


# Common Git Commands

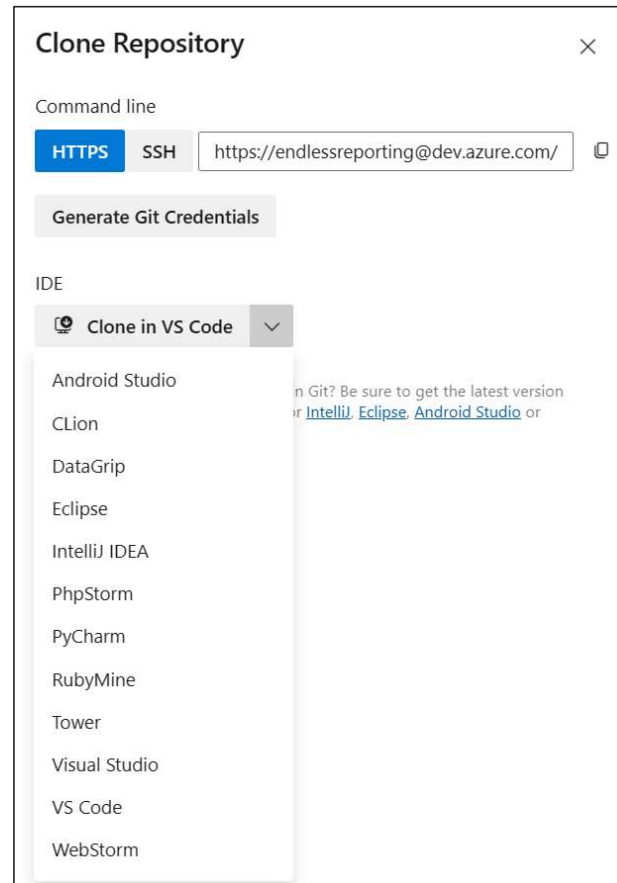
- Clone – copy a remote repo locally (1-time)
- Fetch – syncs local metadata from remote
- Pull – syncs local files from remote
- Add/Rm – add or remove files/folders
- Commit – check-in changes
- Push – syncs remote files from local
- Branch – manage code branches
- Checkout – switch branches

# Azure Repos

- Clone – copy a remote repo locally (1-time)



# Azure Repos



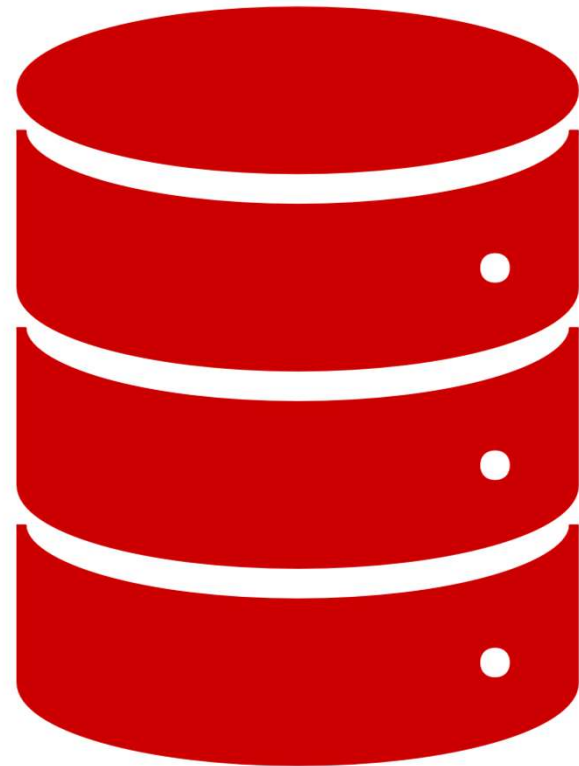


# Introduction to Visual Studio

SQL Database Project

# Visual Studio – SQL Database Project

- Long-Time Support for SQL Databases
- Build Projects with msbuild.exe
- Creates a .DACPAC for Deployment



# Visual Studio Installer

Modifying — Visual Studio Community 2022 — 17.8.1

Workloads Individual components Language packs Installation locations

## Gaming (2)



### Game development with Unity

Create 2D and 3D games with Unity, a powerful cross-platform development environment.



### Game development with C++

Use the full power of C++ to build professional games powered by DirectX, Unreal, or Cocos2d.



## Other Toolsets (5)



### Data storage and processing

Connect, develop, and test data solutions with SQL Server, Azure Data Lake, or Hadoop.



### Data science and analytical applications

Languages and tooling for creating data science applications, including Python and F#.



### Visual Studio extension development

Create add-ons and extensions for Visual Studio, including new commands, code analyzers and tool windows.



### Office/SharePoint development

Create Office and SharePoint add-ins, SharePoint solutions, and VSTO add-ins using C#, VB, and JavaScript.



### Linux and embedded development with C++



## Installation details

### Visual Studio core editor

### Data storage and processing

#### Optional

- ☒ SQL Server Data Tools
- ☒ Azure Data Lake and Stream Analytics Tools
- ☒ .NET Framework 4.7.2 development tools
- ☐ GitHub Copilot
- ☐ F# desktop language support



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# **SQL Database Project Demo**



# **Introduction to Azure DevOps**



# Azure DevOps – Key Components



Azure  
Boards



Azure  
Repos



Azure  
Pipelines



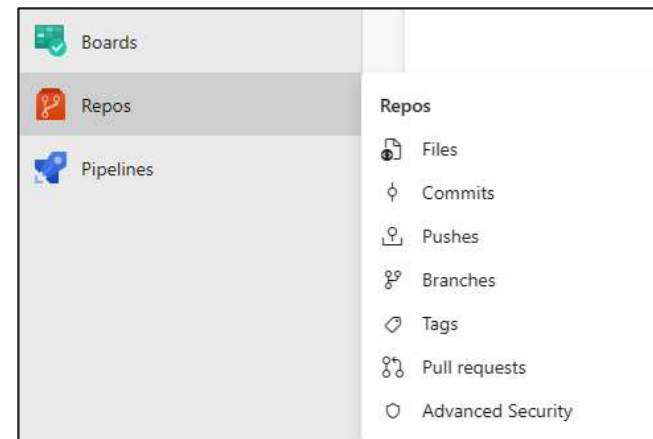
Azure  
Test Plans



Azure  
Artifacts

# Azure Repos

- Centralized Git Repository
- Manage
  - History (Commits)
  - Branches
  - Pull Requests



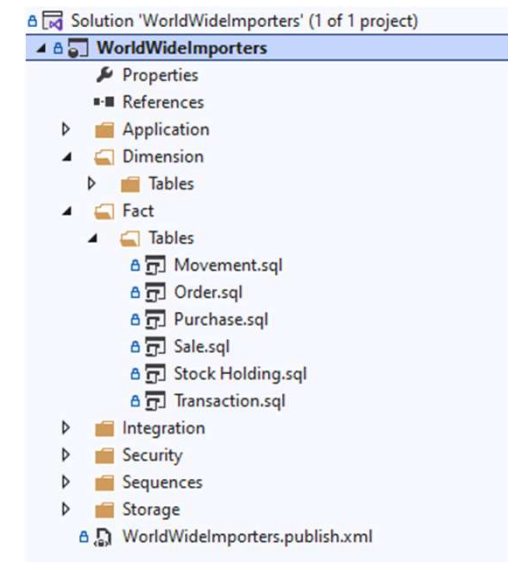


# **Introduction to Azure Pipelines**

# Azure Pipelines



- Manages code builds and deployments
- Triggered by source code check-ins

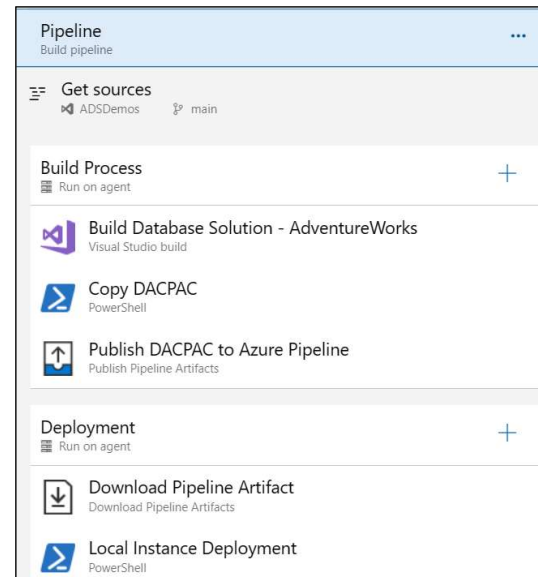


# Azure Pipelines



- Many pre-defined tasks
  - Visual Studio Build
  - Publish & Download Artifacts
- Scripting tasks
  - PowerShell

Define **YOUR** workflow in YAML



```
trigger:
- main

pool:
  vmImage: windows-latest

stages:
- stage: buildProcess
  jobs:
  - job: buildDACPAC
    displayName: Build Database DACPAC
    steps:
    - task: VSBuild@1
      inputs:
        solution: '**\AdventureWorks.sln'
    - task: PublishPipelineArtifact@1
      inputs:
        targetPath: '$(Build.SourcesDirectory)\AdventureWorks'
        artifact: 'Databases'
        publishLocation: 'pipeline'
```

# Azure Pipelines

- YAML Schema - <https://tinyurl.com/4z7x3mkw>
- Task Index - <https://tinyurl.com/56vf436z>
- Pipeline Variables - <https://tinyurl.com/ye2ypvum>

# What is YAML?



“YAML Ain’t Markup  
Language”



Configuration Layout



Used by both Azure DevOps  
and GitHub Actions

# YAML - Azure Pipelines vs GitHub Actions

```
trigger:
- main

pool:
  vmImage: windows-latest

jobs:
- job: buildDACPAC
  displayName: Build Azure Data Studio DACPAC
  steps:
    - task: Settings
    - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
      inputs:
        command: 'build'
        projects: '**/Adventureworks.sqlproj'
```

```
name: Build AdventureWorks

on:
  push:
    branches: [main]
  workflow_dispatch:

jobs:
  build:
    runs-on: windows-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Add MSBuild to PATH
        uses: microsoft/setup-msbuild@v1.0.2

      - name: Build
        working-directory: ${{env.GITHUB_WORKSPACE}}
        run: msbuild /m /p:Configuration=Release Adventureworks/Adventureworks.sqlproj
```



# Configuration Layout

## Hierarchical

<Pipeline>

Stages

Jobs

Steps

Task

# Basic Pipeline

```
trigger:
- main

pool:
  vmImage: windows-latest

steps:
  Settings
  - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
    inputs:
      command: 'build'
      projects: '**/Adventureworks.sqlproj'
  Settings
  - task: SqlAzureDacpacDeployment@1
    inputs:
      azureSubscription: 'MVP Community'
      AuthenticationType: 'servicePrincipal'
      ServerName: '
      DatabaseName: 'AdventureWorks'
      deployType: 'DacpacTask'
      DeploymentAction: 'Publish'
      DacpacFile: 'Adventureworks.dacpac'
      IpDetectionMethod: 'AutoDetect'
```

## Implied Single Stage with one job

1<sup>st</sup> task – builds the project

2<sup>nd</sup> task – deploys the DACPAC using SQLPackage.exe

Both tasks run in the same agent instance

When to use this scenario?

- Proof of concept
- Testing connections
- Build Validation/Automated Testing

# Explicit Job Definitions

```
trigger:
- main

pool:
  vmImage: windows-latest

jobs:
- job: buildDACPAC
  displayName: Build Azure Data Studio DACPAC
  steps:
    Settings
    - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
      inputs:
        command: 'build'
        projects: '**/Adventureworks.sqlproj'
- job: deployDACPAC
  displayName: Deploy DACPAC to Azure SQL DB
  steps:
    Settings
    - task: SqlAzureDacpacDeployment@1
      inputs:
        azureSubscription: 'MVP Community'
        AuthenticationType: 'servicePrincipal'
        ServerName: ' ',
        DatabaseName: 'AdventureWorks'
        deployType: 'DacpacTask'
        DeploymentAction: 'Publish'
        DacpacFile: 'Adventureworks.dacpac'
        IpDetectionMethod: 'AutoDetect'
```

What's wrong with this pipeline?

DACPAC is not shared between jobs

# Publish DACPAC as a Pipeline Artifact

```
-- job: buildDACPAC
-- displayName: Build Azure Data Studio DACPAC
-- steps:
  Settings
  -- task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
  -- inputs:
    -- command: 'build'
    -- projects: '**/Adventureworks.sqlproj'
  Settings
  -- task: PublishPipelineArtifact@1
  -- inputs:
    -- targetPath: '$(Pipeline.Workspace)\AdventureWorks\bin\debug\Adventureworks.dacpac'
    -- artifact: 'Databases'
    -- publishLocation: 'pipeline'
```



The screenshot shows the 'Artifacts' section of an Azure DevOps build pipeline. Under the 'Published' tab, there is a table listing the artifacts. The table has two columns: 'Name' and 'Size'. There are two entries: 'Databases' (which is expanded to show a sub-entry 'AdventureWorks.dacpac') and 'AdventureWorks.dacpac'. Both are listed as 76 KB.

Name	Size
▼ Databases	76 KB
AdventureWorks.dacpac	76 KB

# Explicit Stage Declaration

**Errors** 1

✖ Publishing to database 'AWTest' on server 'localhost'. Initializing deployment (Start) Initializing deployment (Failed) \*\*\* Changes to connecti...  
DeployDACPAC to SQL Server • SqlDacpacDeploymentOnMachineGroup

[View documentation for troubleshooting failed runs](#)

**Jobs**

Name	Status	Duration
✔ Build Database DACPAC	Success	⌚ 45s
✖ DeployDACPAC to SQL Server	Failed	⌚ 25s

**Stages** Jobs

✔ **buildProcess**

1 job completed 1m 30s

📁 1 artifact

✖ **deployProcess**

Failed 36s

✖ DeployDACPAC to SQL Ser... 2...

Rerun failed jobs

Rerun all jobs

```
trigger:
- main

pool:
  vmImage: windows-latest

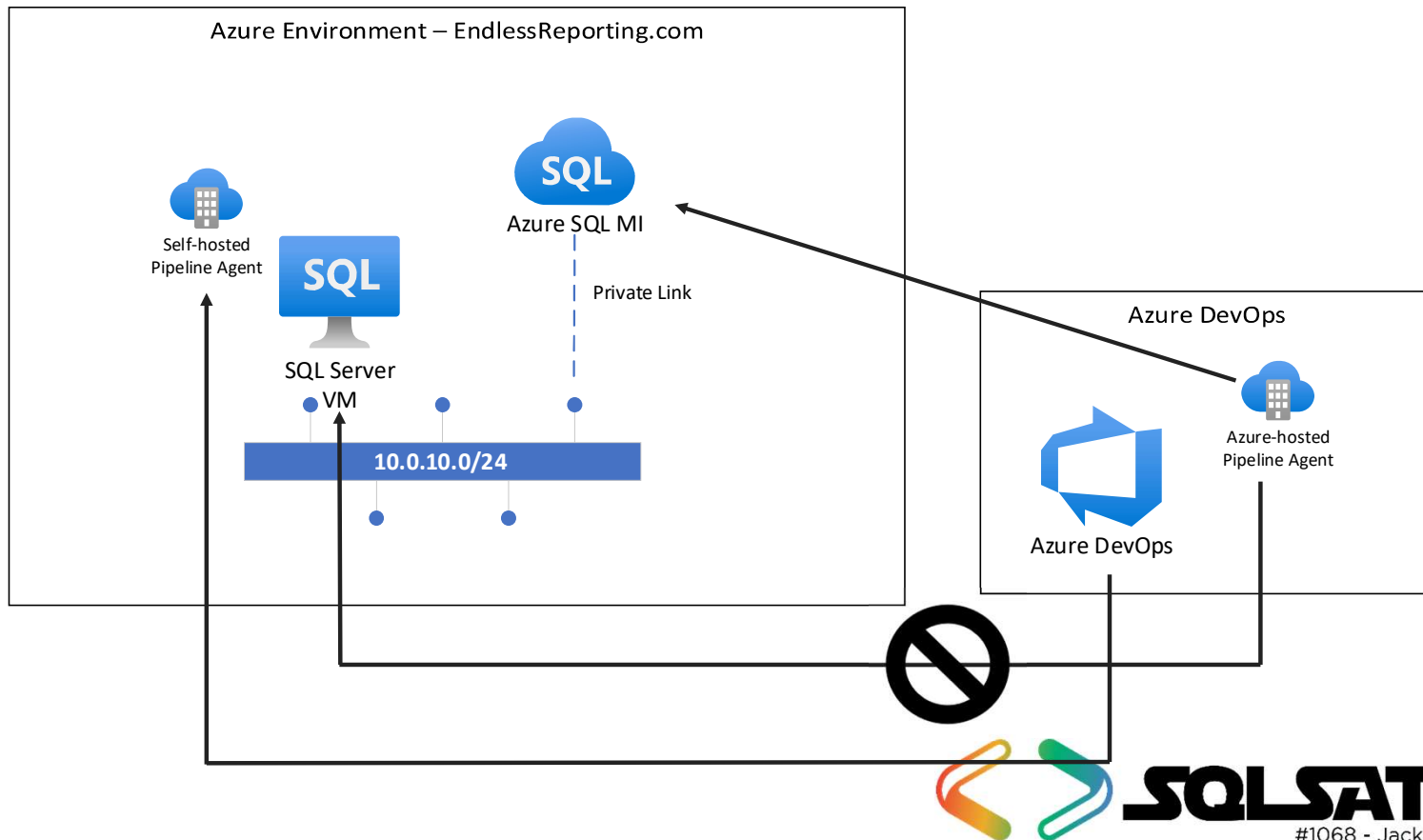
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- stage: buildProcess
  jobs:
  - job: buildDACPAC
    displayName: Build Database DACPAC
    steps:

- stage: deployProcess
  jobs:
  - job: deployDACPACToTest
    displayName: DeployDACPAC to SQL Server
    pool: WorkshopPool
    steps:
```

# Network Communications

Azure Pipelines and Azure SQL DB/MI vs SQL Server Instances

# Azure Pipeline Agents





# Azure Pipelines Demo

Create YAML Pipeline for SQL Server Deployment

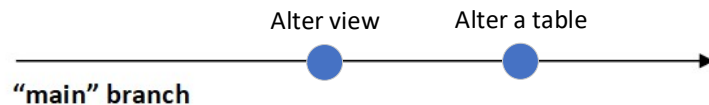




**Branching Code**

# Branching Strategy

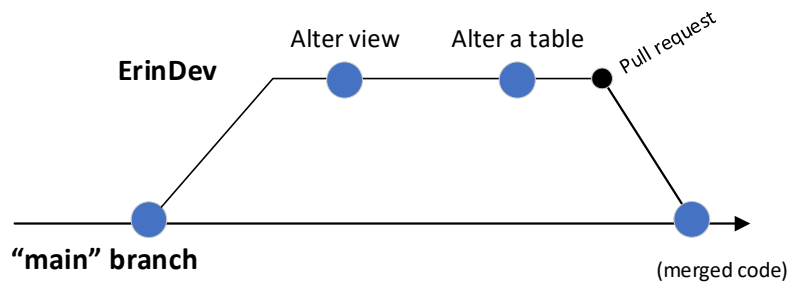
- main branch



- Harder to determine automations
  - Trigger after table change or view change?

# Branching Strategy

- Developer branch and main



- Changes are merged into main together
- Pull Request (PR) can start automations

# Pull Request

- Developer believes code is finished
- Changes are grouped together
- Associate work items
  - Requirements
  - Bugs
- Require approval by another team member

# Code Validation

- Does the code build?
- Does it meet basic tests?

**Fix it before it gets to QA!**





# Build Validation Demo

Stopping a BAD change set early

New pipeline - Pipelines

https://dev.azure.com/endlessreporting/DevIntersection/\_apps/hub/ms.vss-build-web.ci-designer-hub?sourceProvider=tfsgit&telemetrySessio...

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Select

Configure

Review

New pipeline

Review your pipeline YAML

Variables

Save and run

DevIntersection / azure-pipelines.yml \*

Show assistant

1 # Starter pipeline

2 # Start with a minimal pipeline that you can customize to build and deploy your code.

3 # Add steps that build, run tests, deploy, and more:

4 # <https://aka.ms/yaml>

5

6 trigger:

7 - main

8

9 pool:

10 - vmImage: ubuntu-latest

11

12 steps:

13 - script: echo Hello, world!

14 - displayName: 'Run a one-line script'

15

16 - script: |

17 - echo Add other tasks to build, test, and deploy your project.

18 - echo See <https://aka.ms/yaml>

19 - displayName: 'Run a multi-line script'

20

Settings · Repositories (DevInters x)

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### Project Settings

DevIntersection

Filter by keywords

ErinDev

main Default Compare

#### Add build policy

Build pipeline \*

AdventureWorks Build Validation

Path filter (optional)

Trigger

☒ Automatic (whenever the source branch is updated)

☐ Manual

Policy requirement

☒ Required  
Build must succeed in order to complete pull requests.

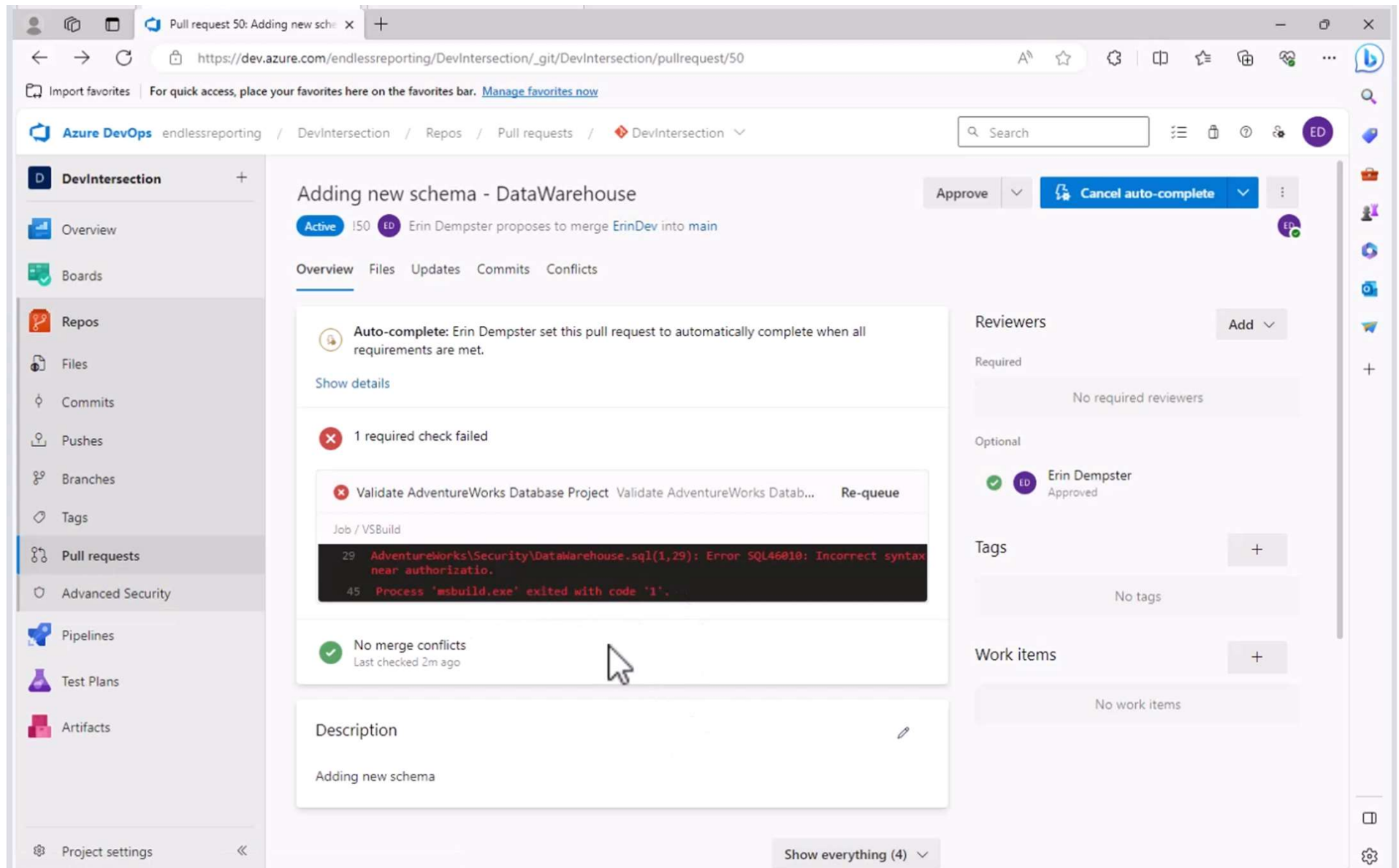
☐ Optional  
Build failure will not block completion of pull requests.

Build expiration

☐ Immediately when `&#9633; main` is updated

Save Cancel





# Wrap-up

- Power Duo – Visual Studio and Azure DevOps
- Manage Database Schema Alongside Application Code
- Build and deploy changes
  - Consistently
  - Little effort

# Event Evaluation

**Fill out event evaluation card in your bag and visit all sponsors to be entered to win an Xbox Series X - (Must be present to win)**

**Questions???**