Testing Automation

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Module: Continuous Testing in DevOps

Module Overview

Overview

- Continuous Testing using Azure Pipelines
- Running Tests
- Reviewing Test Results

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Lesson 1: Continuous Testing using Azure Pipelines

Overview

- Testing in a Continuous Integration (CI) / Continuous Deployment (CD) Scenario
- Azure Pipelines Tasks
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- Running Tests in Parallel in Release Pipelines Using Jobs
- How Visual Studio Test Task Runs in Jobs
- Massively Parallel Testing

Testing in a CI / CD Scenario

- Run unit tests in the CI pipeline
- Run **functional tests** in the early stages of the CD pipeline (Example: after your app is deployed to a QA environment).
 - Selenium (for web apps) and Coded UI (Visual Studio 2019 is the last version that supports Coded UI test type).
- Run load tests after the app is deployed to staging and production, after it passes all functional tests

Azure Pipelines - Tasks

- Visual Studio Test Agent Deployment Task: Deprecated in Azure Pipelines
- Run Functional Tests Task: Deprecated in Azure Pipelines
- Visual Studio Test Task (version 2.x or higher):
 - Run unit and functional tests (Selenium, Appium, Coded UI, and more) using the Visual Studio Test Runner in a build or release pipeline
 - o Test frameworks that have a Visual Studio test adapter, such as xUnit, NUnit, Chutzpah, can also be executed
 - Satisfies the vstest demand in two ways:
 - Visual Studio is installed on the agent machine
 - By using the Visual Studio Test Platform Installer task in the pipeline definition

Visual Studio Test Platform Installer Task:

- Acquires the Microsoft test platform from nuget.org or a specified feed, and adds it to the tools cache in a build or release pipeline
- Satisfies the 'vstest' demand and a subsequent Visual Studio Test task in a build or release pipeline can run without requiring a full Visual Studio install on the agent machine

Running Tests in Parallel

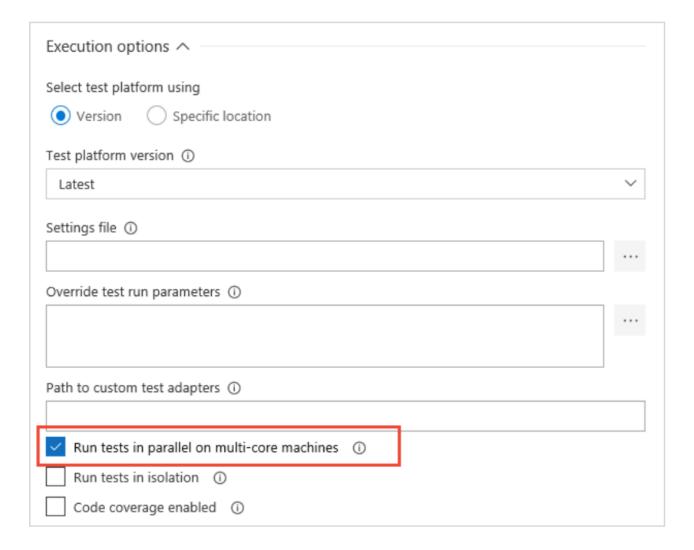
- The Visual Studio Test Platform (VSTest) supports running tests in parallel.
- Parallel test execution is available:
 - o To all frameworks and within the IDE, the command line (CLI), and in **Azure Pipelines**.
 - Within the IDE from all launch points (Test Explorer, CodeLens, various Run commands, and more).
- Parallel test execution:
 - Composes with test adapters and frameworks that already support parallel execution such as MSTest, NUnit, and xUnit.net.
 - OFF by default, users must explicitly opt-in
 - Supported at assembly level
- Parallel Test Execution is **not** supported in the following cases:
 - o If the test run is configured using a .testsettings file.
 - For test code targeting Phone, Store, UWP app platforms.

Running Tests in Parallel (continued)

- Partition tests in terms of a taxonomy as follows:
 - 1. Pure unit tests (typically these can run in parallel)
 - 2. Functional tests that can run in parallel with some modifications
 - 3. Functional tests that cannot be modified to run in parallel
- Gradually evolve the partitioning as follows:
 - 1. Run the tests in parallel, see which tests fail, and classify them as above
 - 2. Fix tests in category 2 so that they can run in parallel
 - 3. Move tests in category 3 into a separate test run where parallel is OFF by default

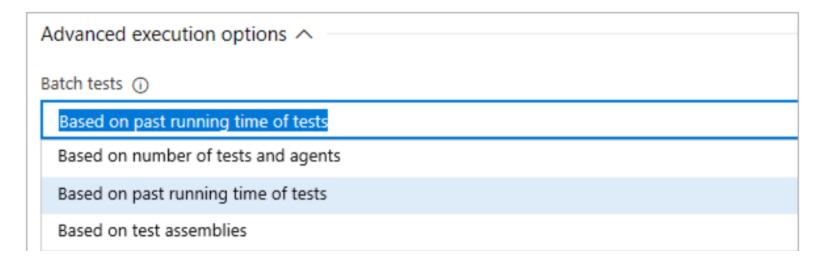
Running Tests in Parallel (continued)

- Enable parallel test execution in Azure
 Pipelines by setting the Run Tests in
 Parallel... checkbox in the settings for the
 Visual Studio Test task.
- When parallel test execution is enabled, the value of **MaxCpuCount** is set to 0 (zero) to use all the available free cores.



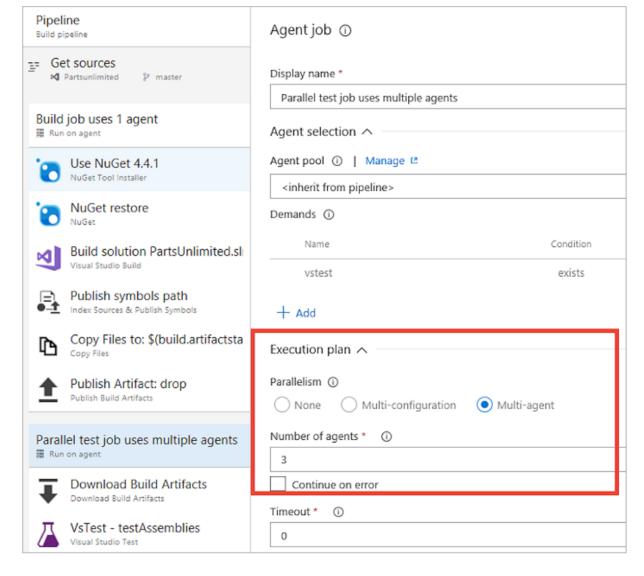
Running Tests in Parallel using Visual Studio Test Task and Jobs

- To run multiple jobs in parallel, you must configure multiple agents. You also need sufficient parallel jobs.
- When a pipeline job that contains the VSTest task is configured to run on multiple agents in parallel, it automatically detects that multiple agents are involved and creates test slices that can be run in parallel across these agents.
- The task can be configured based on:
 - o the number of tests and agents,
 - o the previous test running times, or
 - the location of tests in assemblies.



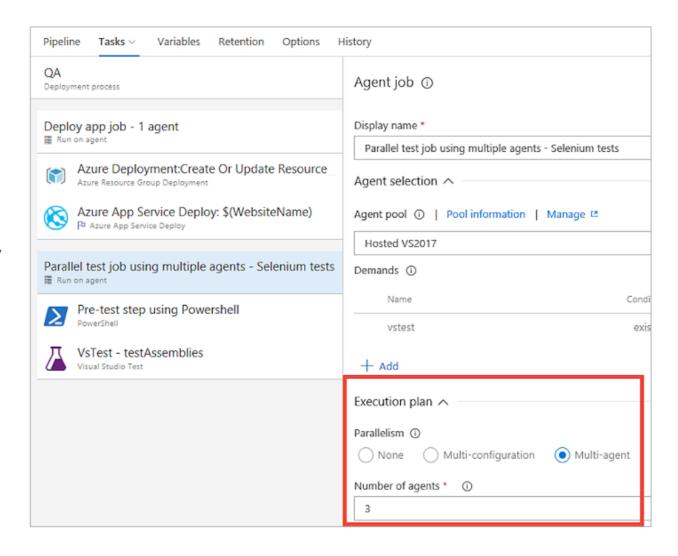
Running Tests in Parallel in Build Pipelines Using Jobs

- **Job 1**: Build your projects and publish build artifacts using the default job settings (single agent, no parallel jobs)
- Job 2: Add an agent job, and configure it to use multiple agents in parallel. Add the following tasks:
 - Download Build Artifacts: This step is the link between the build job and the test job and is necessary to ensure that the binaries generated in the build job are available on the agents used by the test job to run tests.
 - Visual Studio Test: Configure it to use the required slicing strategy.



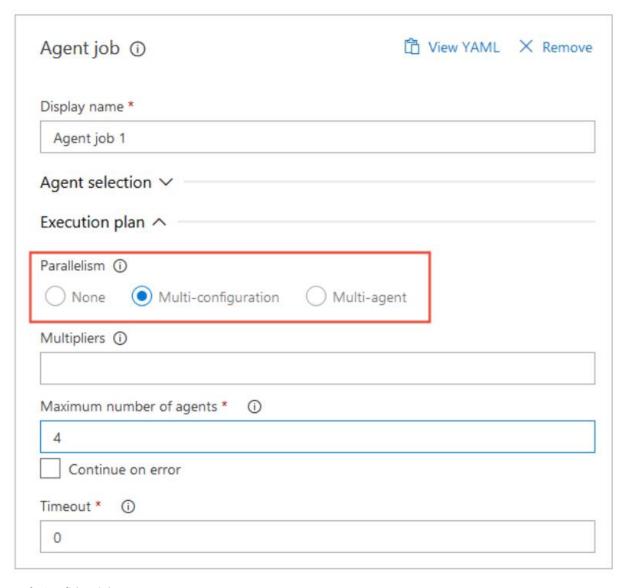
Running Tests in Parallel in Release Pipelines Using Jobs

- Job 1: Deploy your application using the default job settings (single agent, no parallel jobs)
- Job 2: Add an agent job, and configure it to use multiple agents in parallel. Add the following tasks:
 - Additional tasks that must run before the Visual Studio test task is run. For example, run a PowerShell script to set up any data required by your tests.
 - Visual Studio Test: Configure it to use the required slicing strategy.
- Jobs in release pipelines download all artifacts linked to the release pipeline by default. You can configure the job to download only the test artifacts required by the job.



How Visual Studio Test Task Runs in Jobs

- No Parallelism
- Multiple Executions
- Multiple Agents



Massively Parallel Testing

- When parallel jobs are used in a pipeline, it employs multiple machines (agents) to run each job in parallel.
- Test frameworks and runners also provide the capability to run tests in parallel on a single machine, typically by creating multiple processes or threads that are run in parallel.
- In the context of the Visual Studio Test task, parallelism can be combined in the following ways:
 - o Parallelism offered by test frameworks
 - Parallelism offered by the Visual Studio Test Platform (vstest.console.exe)
 - Parallelism offered by the Visual Studio Test (VSTest) task

Demo 1: Continuous Testing using Azure Pipelines

Lesson Knowledge Check

- 1. True/False: To be able to use the VSTest task, you need to deploy a Visual Studio Test Agent.
- 2. What are the parallel testing options offered by the VSTest task?
- 3. In how many ways can the VSTest task create test slices?

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Lesson 2: Running Tests

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- Run Unit Tests with Builds
- Publish Code Coverage Results
- Test Impact Analysis
- Run UI Tests with Releases
- UI Testing Considerations

Run Unit Tests with Builds

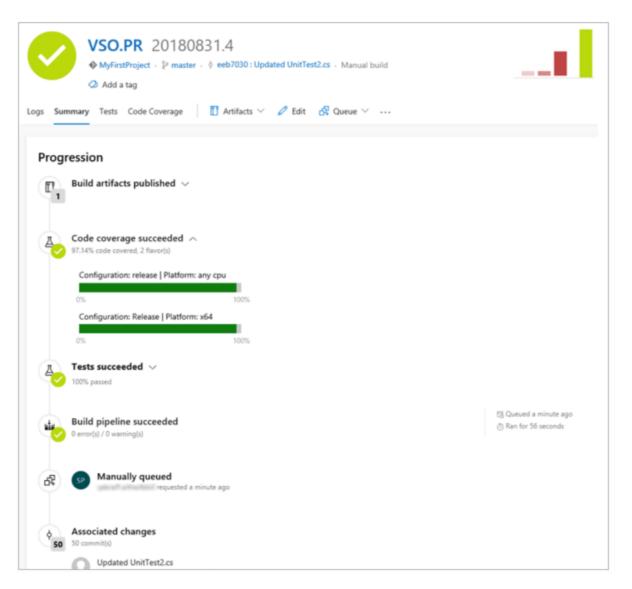
- Make sure that your app builds after every check-in by using test automation in Azure Pipelines.
- Find problems earlier by running tests automatically with each build.
- When your build is done, review your test results to start resolving the problems that you find.

Run Unit Tests with Builds (continued)

- In order to run unit tests with your builds:
 - o Check-in / Push your solution to Azure Repos. Include your test projects.
 - Create a build pipeline.
 - Your build pipeline must include a test task that runs unit tests.
 - For example, if you're building a Visual Studio solution in Azure Pipelines, your build pipeline should include a **Visual Studio Test task**. After your build starts, this task automatically runs all the unit tests in your solution on the same build machine.
 - Edit the test task. For example, for the Visual Studio Test task, you can add filter criteria to run specific tests, enable code coverage, run tests from other unit test frameworks, and so on.
 - Start the build.
 - After the build finishes, you can review the test results to resolve any problems that happened. Go to the build summary and open the Tests page.

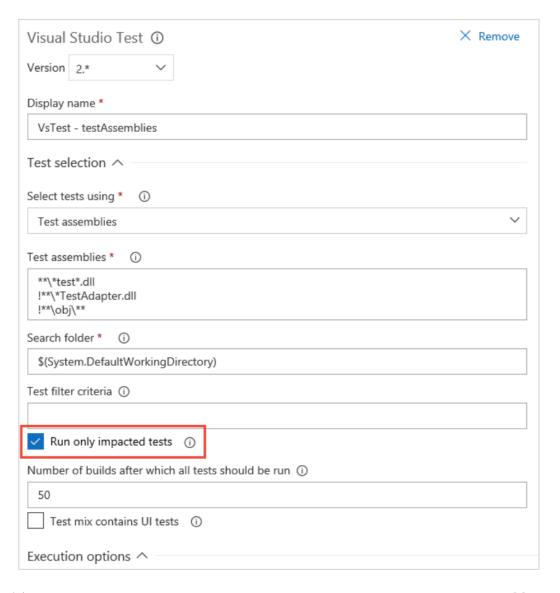
Publish Code Coverage Results

- Code coverage helps you determine the proportion of your project's code that is actually being tested by tests such as unit tests.
- You can publish code coverage results in a build pipeline by
 - Using the "Publish Code Coverage Results" task (or)
 - Using built-in tasks such as "Visual Studio Test" that provide the option to publish code coverage data to the pipeline.
- The code coverage summary can be viewed in the **build timeline view**. The summary shows the overall percentage of line coverage.
- The code coverage artifacts published during the build can be viewed under the **Build** artifacts published milestone in the timeline view.



Test Impact Analysis

- Enable Test Impact Analysis (TIA) when using the Visual Studio Test task in a build pipeline
 - For a given code commit entering the CI/CD pipeline, TIA will select and run only the relevant tests required to validate that commit.



Run UI Tests with Releases

• Performing user interface (UI) testing as part of the release pipeline is a great way of detecting unexpected changes.

Run UI Tests with Releases (continued)

- In order to run Selenium tests with your releases:
 - Create your test project
 - Use the Unit Test Project template in Visual Studio.
 - Add the Selenium and browser driver references used by the browser to execute the tests.
 - Create your tests.
 - Run the Selenium test locally using Test Explorer and check that it works.
 - Create a build pipeline to build your application and your test project.
 - Decide how you will deploy and test your app
 - You can deploy and test your app using either the Microsoft-hosted agent in Azure, or a self-hosted agent that you install on the target servers.
 - When using the **Microsoft-hosted agent**, you should use the Selenium web drivers that are pre-installed on the Windows agents.
 - When using a self-hosted agent that you deploy on your target servers, agents must be configured to run interactively
 with auto-logon enabled.
 - Create a release pipeline.
 - Add the build artifacts.
 - Add the Visual Studio Test Platform Installer task if the target machines that host the agents do not have Visual Studio installed.
 - Add the Visual Studio Test task.
 - Start the release.
 - After the release finishes, you can review the test results.

UI Testing Considerations

- When running Selenium tests for a web app, you can launch the browser in two ways:
 - Headless mode
 - Visible UI mode
- If you are running UI tests for a desktop application, such as Appium tests using WinAppDriver or Coded UI tests, a special configuration of the agents is required.

Demo 2: Running Tests

Lesson Knowledge Check

- 1. How can you publish code coverage results in a build pipeline?
- 2. What are the steps needed to run UI tests in a release pipeline?
- 3. When running Selenium tests for a web app, in what ways can you launch the browser?

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Lesson 3: Reviewing Test Results

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- Test Analytics
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- Trace Test Requirements
- Flaky Test Management

Glossary

Term	Definition
Duration	Time elapsed in execution of a test , test run , or entire test execution in a build or release pipeline.
Owner	Owner of a test or test run . The test owner is typically specified as an attribute in the test code.
Failing build	Reference to the build having the first occurrence of consecutive failures of a test case.
Failing release	Reference to the release having the first occurrence of consecutive failures of a test case.
Outcome	There are 13 possible outcomes for a test result: Aborted, Blocked, Error, Failed, Inconclusive, None, Not applicable, Not executed, Not impacted, Passed, Paused, Timeout, Unspecified and Warning
Flaky test	A test with non-deterministic behavior. For example, the test may result in different outcomes for the same configuration, code, or inputs.

Glossary (continued)

Term	Definition
Filter	Mechanism to search for the test results within the result set, using the available attributes.
Grouping	An aid to organizing the test results view based on available attributes such as Requirement, Test files, Priority , and more. Both test report and test analytics provide support for grouping test results.
Pass percentage	Measure of the success of test outcome for a single instance of execution or over a period of time.
Priority	Specifies the degree of importance or criticality of a test. Priority is typically specified as an attribute in the test code.
Test analytics	A view of the historical test data to provide meaningful insights.
Test case	Uniquely identifies a single test within the specified branch.
Test files	Group tests based on the way they are packaged; such as files, DLLs, or other formats.

Glossary (continued)

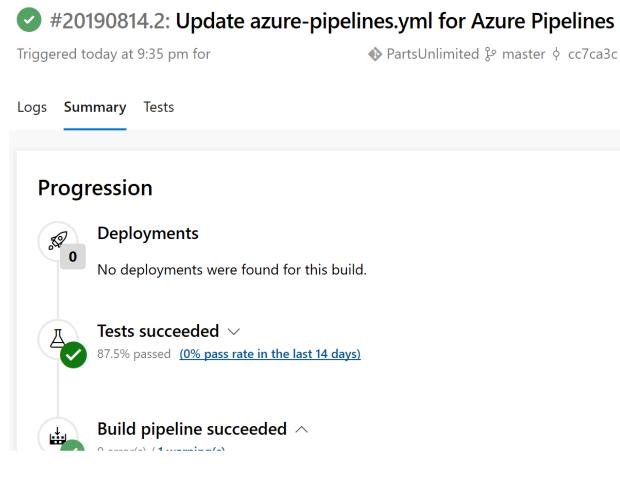
Term	Definition
Test report	A view of single instance of test execution in the pipeline that contains details of status and help for troubleshooting, traceability, and more.
Test result	Single instance of execution of a test case with a specific outcome and details.
Test run	Logical grouping of test results based on: - Test executed using built-in tasks - Results published using Publish Test Results task - Tests results published using API(s)
Traceability	Ability to trace forward or backward to a requirement, bug, or source code from a test result.

Review Test Results

- Automated tests can be configured to run as part of a build or release for various languages.
- Test reports provide an effective and consistent way to view the tests results executed using different test frameworks, in order to measure pipeline quality, review traceability, troubleshoot failures and drive failure ownership.
- Published test results can be viewed in the **Tests** tab in a build or release summary.

View Test Results in Build

- The build summary provides a timeline view of the key steps executed in the build. If tests were executed and reported as part of the build, a test milestone appears in the timeline view.
- The test milestone provides a summary of the test results as a measure of **pass percentage** along with indicators for **failures** and **aborts** if these exist.

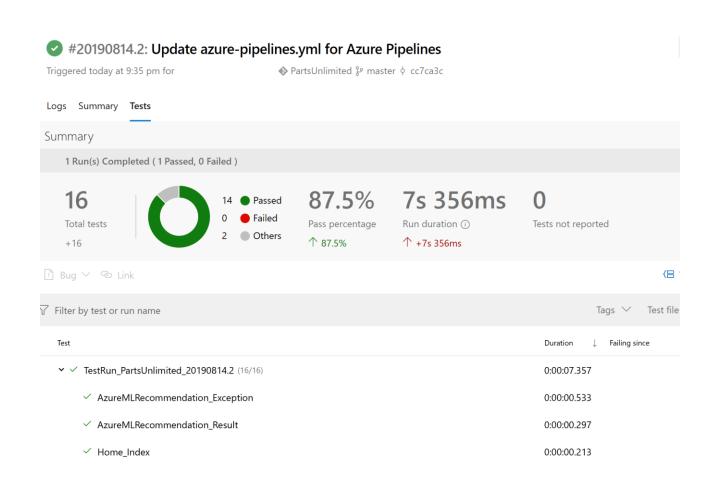


View Test Results in Release

- In the pipeline view, you can see all the stages and associated tests.
- The view provides a summary of the test results as a measure of **pass percentage** along with indicators for **failures** and **aborts** if these exist.
- These indicators are same as in the build timeline view, giving a consistent experience across build and release.

Tests Tab

- Both the build and release summaries provide details of test execution.
- **Tests** tab has the following sections:
 - Summary
 - Results
 - Details
- Select any test run or result to view the details pane that displays additional information required for troubleshooting such as:
 - Errors, stack trace, attachments, work items, historical trend, and more.

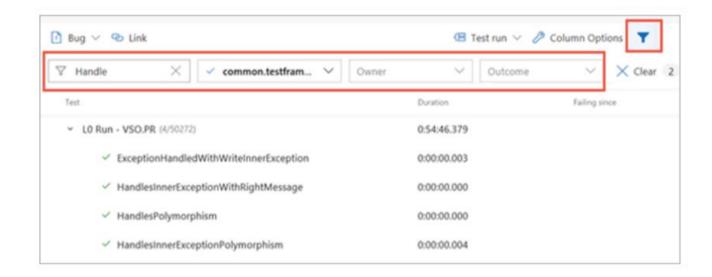


Surface Test Results in the Tests Tab

- Tests results can be surfaced in the **Tests** tab using one of the following options:
 - Test execution tasks: built-in test execution tasks such as Visual Studio Test that automatically publish test results to the pipeline, or others such as Ant, Maven, Gulp, Grunt, and Xcode that provide this capability as an option within the task.
 - Publish Test Results task: publishes test results to Azure Pipelines when tests are executed using your choice of runner, and results are available in any of the supported test result formats.
 - API(s): test results published directly using the Test Management API(s).

Tests Tab - Filter

- Filters make it easy to quickly navigate to the test results of your interest.
- You can filter on **Test Name**, **Outcome** (failed, passed, and more), **Test Files** (files holding tests) and **Owner** (for test files).
- Additionally, with multiple Grouping options such as Test run, Test file, Priority, Requirement, and more, you can organize the Results view exactly as you require.



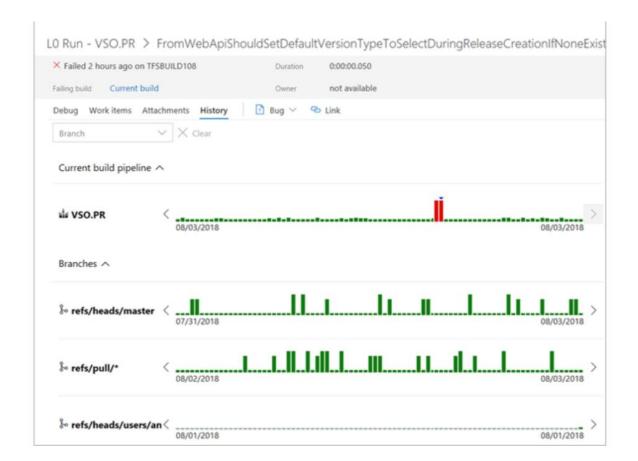
Tests Tab - Troubleshoot

- Error messages and stack traces are lengthy in nature and need enough real estate to view the details during troubleshooting.
- To provide an immersive troubleshooting experience, the **Details** view can be expanded to full page view while still being able to perform the required operations in context, such as bug creation or requirement association for the selected test result.



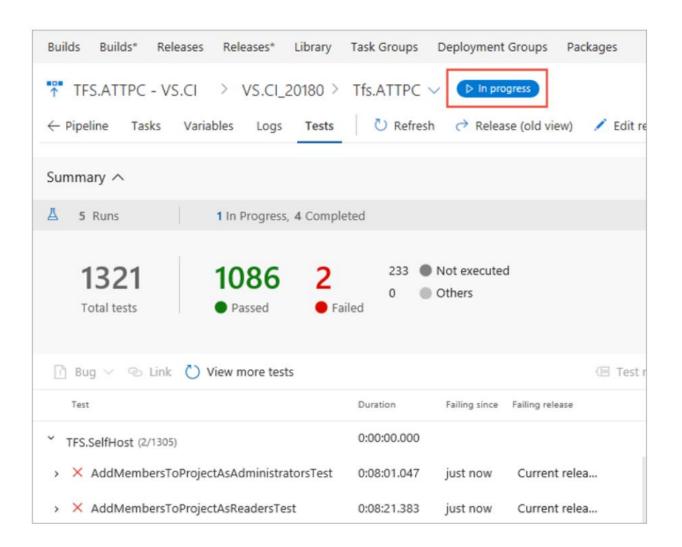
Tests Tab – Test Trends

- History of test execution can provide meaningful insights into reliability or performance of tests.
- When troubleshooting a failure, it is valuable to know how a test has performed in the past.
- The **Tests** tab provides test history in context with the test results.
- The test history information is exposed in a progressive manner starting with the current build pipeline to other branches, or the current stage to other stages, for build and release respectively.



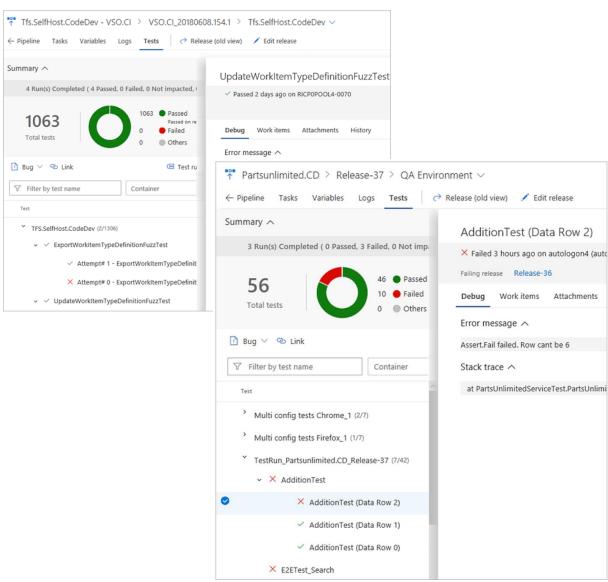
Tests Tab – In Progress Tests

- Tests, such as integration and functional tests, can run for a long time. Therefore, it is important to see the current or near real-time status of test execution at any given time.
- The In progress view eliminates the need to wait for test execution to finish.
- Results are available in near real-time as execution progresses, helping you to take actions faster. You can debug a failure, file a bug, or abort the pipeline.



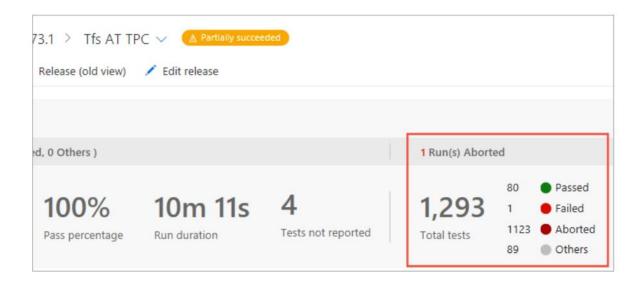
Tests Tab – Summarized Results

- During test execution, a test might spawn multiple instances or tests that contribute to the overall outcome.
- Some examples are:
 - Tests that are rerun
 - Tests composed of an ordered combination of other tests (ordered tests)
 - Tests having different instances based on an input parameter (data driven tests).
- As these tests are related, they must be reported together with the overall outcome derived from the individual instances or tests.
- These test results are reported as a summarized test result in the **Tests** tab:
 - Rerun failed tests
 - Data driven tests



Tests Tab – Aborted Tests

- Test execution can abort due to several reasons such as bad test code, errors in the source under test, or environmental issues.
- The aborted tests and test runs can be viewed alongside the completed runs in the **Tests** tab.



Surface Test Information Beyond the Tests Tab

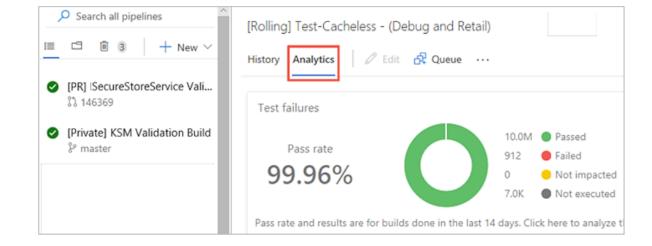
- The **Tests** tab provides a detailed summary of the test execution. This is helpful in tracking the quality of the pipeline, as well as troubleshooting failures.
- Azure DevOps Services also provides other ways to surface the test information:
 - The **Dashboard** provides visibility into your team's progress. Add one or more widgets that surface test related information:
 - Requirements quality
 - Test results trend
 - Deployment status
 - o **Test analytics** provides rich insights into test results measured over a period of time. It can help identify problematic areas in your test by providing data such as the top failing tests, and more.

Analyze Test Results

- Tracking test quality over time and improving test collateral is key to maintaining a healthy DevOps pipeline.
- Test analytics provides near real-time visibility into your test data for builds and releases.
- It helps improve the efficiency of your pipeline by identifying repetitive, high impact quality issues.
- In order to view test analytics, install the **Analytics Extension** from the Marketplace.

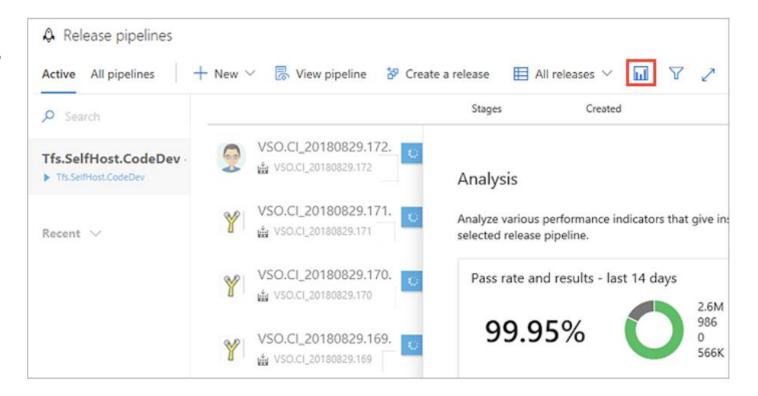
Test Analytics - Builds

- To help teams find and fix tests that fail frequently or intermittently, use the top failing tests report.
- The build summary includes the **Analytics** page that hosts this report.
- The top-level view provides a summary of the test pass rate and results for the selected build pipeline, for the specified period.
- The default range is 14 days.



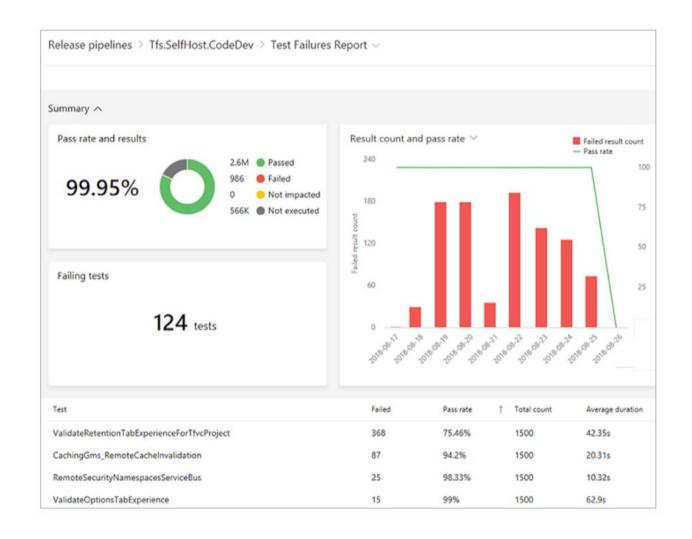
Test Analytics - Releases

- For tests executing as part of release, access test analytics from the **Analytics** link at the top right corner.
- As with build, the summary provides an aggregated view of the test pass rate and results for the specified period.



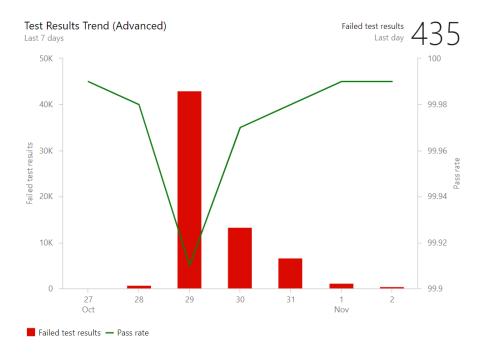
Test Analytics – Test Failures

- Open a build or release summary to view the top failing tests report.
- This report provides a granular view of the top failing tests in the pipeline, along with the failure details.
- The report view can be organized in several different ways using the **group by** option.



Test Result Trend (Advanced) Widget

- The Test result trend (Advanced) widget is now available for those who have installed the <u>Analytics</u> <u>Extension</u> on their Azure DevOps organization.
- It provides near real-time visibility into your test data for multiple builds and releases.
- The **Test result trend (Advanced) widget** displays a trend of your test results for your pipelines or across pipelines. You can use it to track the daily count of test, pass rate, and test duration. Tracking test quality over time and improving test collateral is key to maintaining a healthy DevOps pipeline.



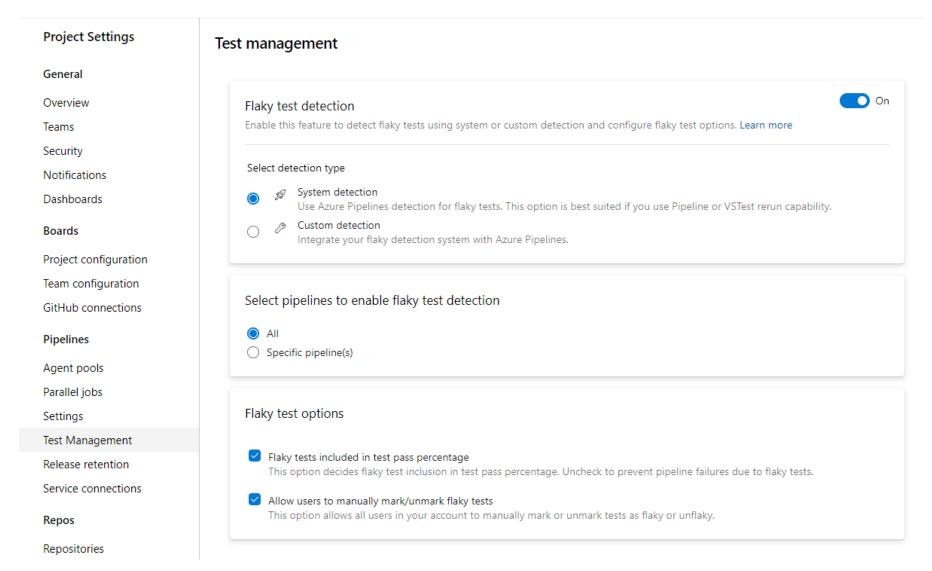
Trace Test Requirements

- Requirements traceability is the ability to relate and document two or more phases of a development process, which can then be traced both forward or backward from its origin.
- Requirements traceability help teams to get insights into indicators such as **quality of requirements** or **readiness to ship the requirement**.
- A fundamental aspect of requirements traceability is association of the requirements to test cases, bugs and code changes.
- Traceability standpoints:
 - Quality Traceability
 - Bug Traceability
 - Source Traceability

Flaky Test Management

- A flaky test is a test that provides different outcomes, such as pass or fail, even when there are no changes in the source code or execution environment.
- Flaky tests can affect developers' productivity since test failures may not be related to the changes under test. They can also impact the quality of shipped code.
- Flaky test management supports end-to-end lifecycle with detection, reporting and resolution. It supports system and custom detection.
- System detection is available via VSTest task rerun capability. All further executions of test for the same branch are also marked flaky until its resolved and unmarked.
- By default, flaky test information is available as additional meta-data.

Flaky Test Management (continued)



Demo 3: Reviewing Test Results

Lesson Knowledge Check

- 1. What is a Flaky Test?
- 2. What extension is needed if you would like to review historical test data and track test quality over time?
- 3. What can you link to test results in order to obtain traceability?

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