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### What is DevOps

DevOps is a cluster of multiple methodologies and practices. To understand DevOps lets look in the past software development practices. In most cases, companies have developer teams and operations teams separately. The developer team is responsible for creating software whereas the Operation team tests the software and maintains them. This process created many issues such as different software dependencies on different computers, slow collaboration among teams resulting in slow deployment, etc.. DevOps targets these problems. DevOps allows operations and development engineers to participate together in the entire service lifecycle, from design through the development process to production support.

# **Goals of DevOps**

As we discussed so far, DevOps try to solve many issues associated with the traditional software development life cycle.

### DevOps key features include,

- Reliability: It ensures the quality of application updates and infrastructure changes so
  we can reliably deliver changes at a more rapid pace while maintaining a positive
  experience for end-users.
- Scale: Operate and manage infrastructure and development processes at scale. We can
  perform automation and consistency to help in managing complex or changing systems
  efficiently and with reduced risk.
- Improve Development Frequency: Increase the frequency and pace of releases so we can innovate and improve the product faster. The quicker we can release new features and fix bugs, the faster you can respond to the customer needs and build a competitive advantage. Continuous integration(CI) and continuous delivery(CD) are practices that automate the software release process, from build to deploy.
- Lower Failure Rate of New Releases: All the changes made in code and pushed to deployment undergo various tests. If any of the tests fail, changes are rollbacked and the current version is not affected.
- **Improve Collaboration**: Developers and operations teams collaborate closely, share many responsibilities, and combine their workflows. This reduces inefficiencies and saves time (e.g. reduced handover periods between developers and operations, writing code that takes into account the environment in which it is run).
- **Security**: We can adopt the DevOps model without sacrificing security by using automated compliance policies, fine-grained controls, and configuration management techniques. For example, using infrastructure as code and policy as code, you can define and then track compliance at scale.

## **Azure DevOps Services**

Azure DevOps is a cloud provider that allows developers to support teams to plan work, collaborate on code development, build and deploy applications. Developers can use the cloud using Azure DevOps Services or on-premises using Azure DevOps Server.

#### Azure services include,

- **Azure Repos** It provides Git repositories or Team Foundation Version Control for source control of your code.
- Azure Pipelines It provides build and release services to support continuous integration and delivery for apps.
- **Azure Boards** It delivers a suite of Agile tools to support planning and tracking work, code defects, and issues using Kanban and Scrum methods.
- Azure Test Plans It provides several tools to test your apps, including manual/exploratory testing and continuous testing.
- Azure Artifacts It allows teams to share Maven, npm, and NuGet packages from public and private sources and integrate package sharing into your CI/CD pipelines.

For this presentation, we will be discussing Azure DevOps Pipelines, Artifacts, Boards and Repos.

# **Azure Pipelines**

Azure Pipelines is used to build, test, and deploy any application with CI/CD that works with any language, platform, and cloud. We can also connect the pipelines to GitHub or any other Git provider and deploy continuously. Once it's linked with a Git provider, It uses practices of continuous integration(CI) and continuous delivery(CD) to test that each change is functional and safe to be deployed. We can also monitor and log changes to help in staying informed of performance in real-time.

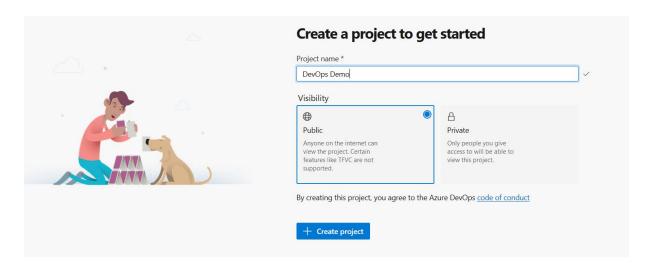
#### **Key features of Azure Pipeline**

- Azure Pipelines has developer support for any programming language or platform making it very easy to set up and run.
- We can deploy changes to different targets i.e. container registry, virtual machines, cloud targets, etc. at the same time.
- We can create different builds on different operating systems like Windows, Linux or Mac.
- Azure pipelines integrate with Github allowing easy imports and changes to pipeline.
- Azure pipelines have deep support for open-source projects.

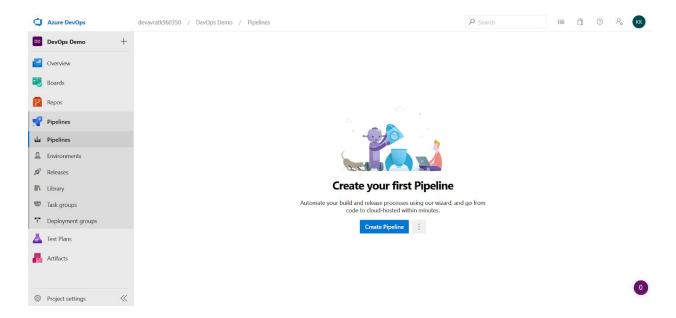
#### **DEMO:** Creating your first pipeline

- 1. First, create an Azure account through this <u>link</u>. Azure provides \$200 credit for their services and 1-year support.
- 2. Create an Organization from this <u>link</u>. An Organization is nothing but your personal space where you and your team can collaborate on projects using Azure services.
- 3. Once we start the Organization, we get the following page. Name the project to create and select whether to make it public or private. In public projects, Team Foundation

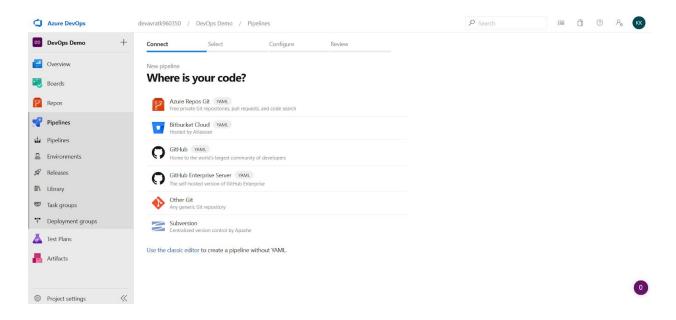
Version Control(TFVC) features won't be available. We can select which version control to use between Git or TFVC. We can also select the work item process for the project such as Agile, Scrum, etc. Finally, click Create project.



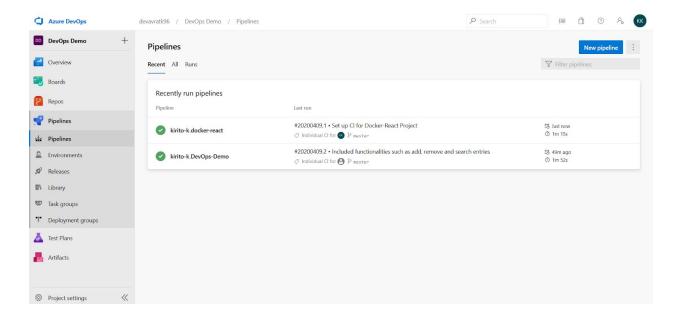
4. Once Azure sets up the workspace, we can see all the services provided by azure such as Pipeline, Repos, Boards, etc. Select "Pipelines" and click "Create Pipeline".



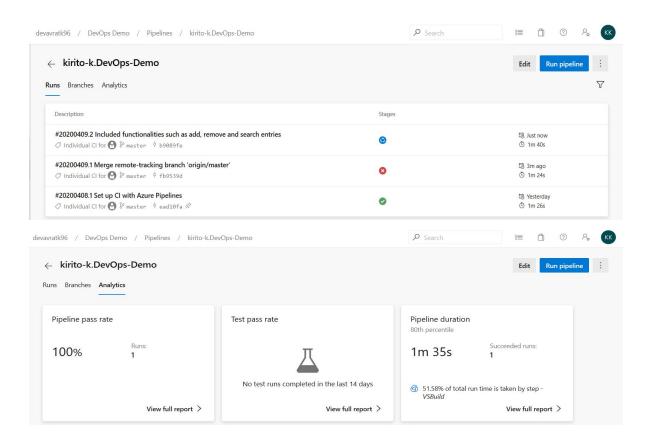
5. Select the option where your code is located. For this demo, I am using Github as the source repository for my project. Select the repository we want to use from Github. A YAML file will automatically be generated based on the project and its relevant dependencies. Click on Run to create the pipeline.



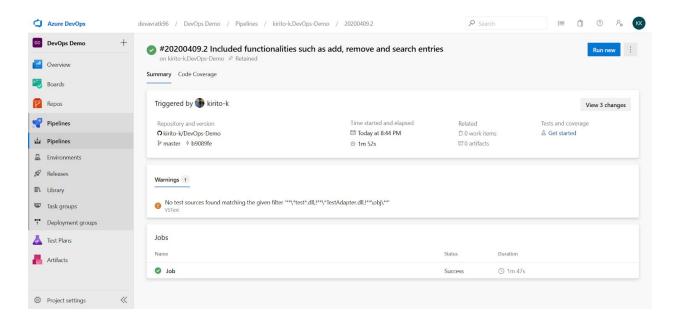
6. After you imported everything, we can see the list of projects for which we have built Pipelines.



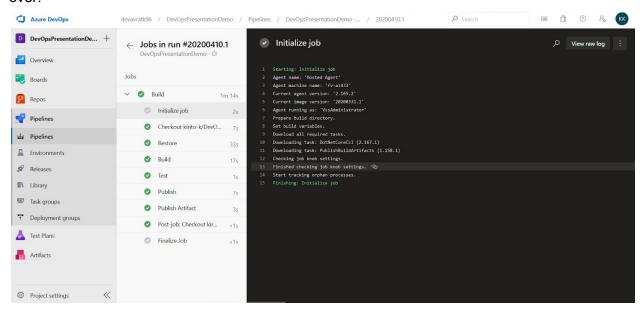
 Select a project to see different records related to that project's pipelines such as the number of runs and various Analytics which includes pipeline's build time and success rate etc.



8. We can also see detailed reports of a particular run by selecting it.



9. Click on Job to see the detailed process. We can also add tests for our project to run over.



#### **Azure Artifacts**

Azure Artifacts is a fully integrated package management for the continuous integration/continuous delivery (CI/CD) pipelines. It creates and shares Maven, npm, NuGet, and Python package feeds from public and private sources with teams of any size. Azure Articants features sharing of code efficiently, managing all package types and add packages to our pipelines. In our example, we can control which version of NuGet packages to use like Microsoft Entity Frameworks.

#### **Azure Boards**

Azure Boards is a service for managing the work for your software projects. Teams need tools that flex and grow. Azure Boards does just that, bringing you a rich set of capabilities including native support for Scrum and Kanban, customizable dashboards, and integrated reporting. Boards, in general, is an agile tool to plan, track, and discuss work across your teams.

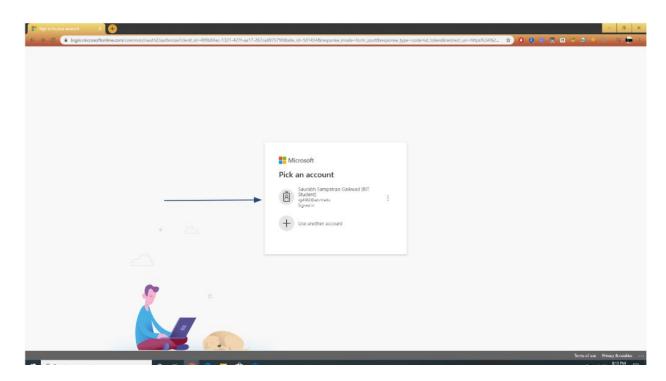
#### Why Boards?

Anyone who has worked on a software project knows that there are issues to track, manage and prioritize.

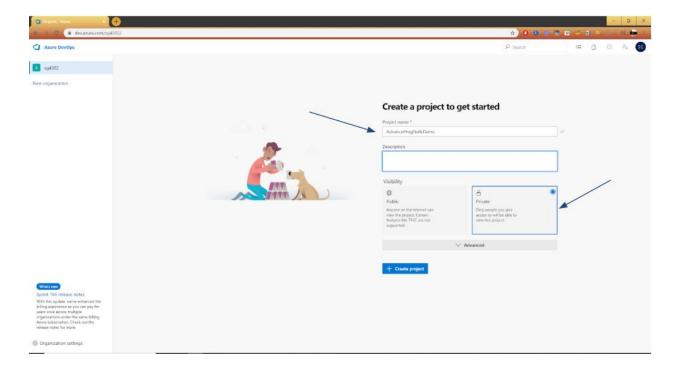
#### **Demo: Azure Boards**

In Azure boards, we are going to look into how to build a board for your project and backlog, how to run a sprint and track important work.

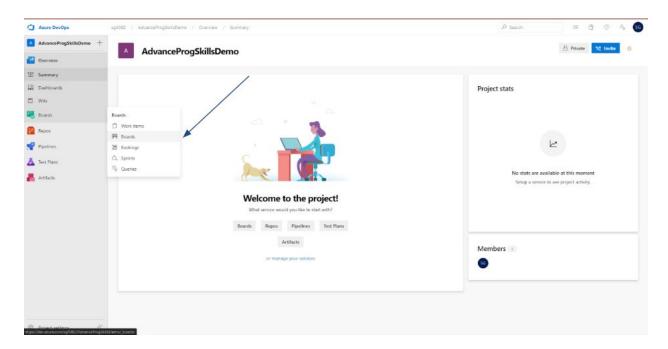
1. Login to this <u>link</u>



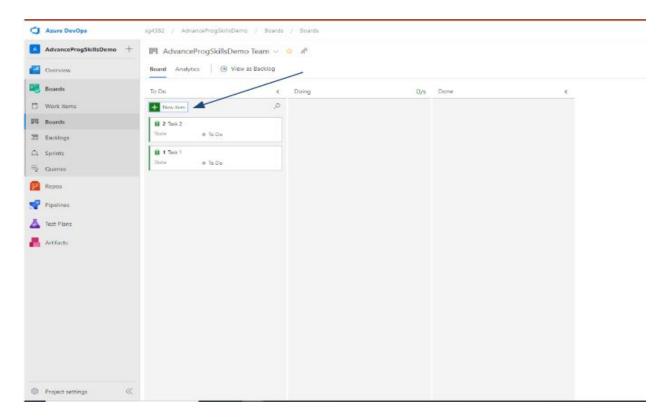
2. Create a project. Type the project name, enter the description (not mandatory) and you can select public or private visibility. I have selected private because I want only those people to look at the progress to whom I give access.



3. We select Boards from Boards option on the left pane.

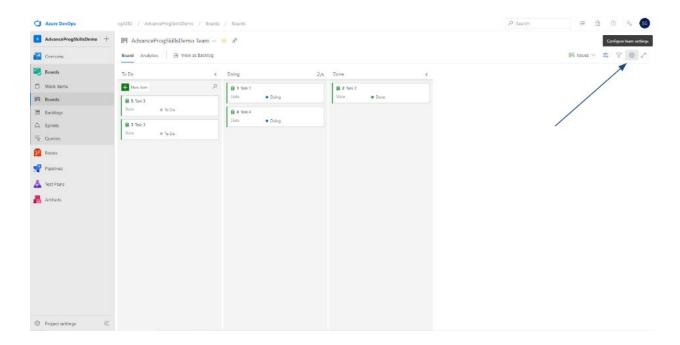


4. You can see three columns, "To do", "doing" and "Done". We can customize the columns if we need to add or delete any columns.

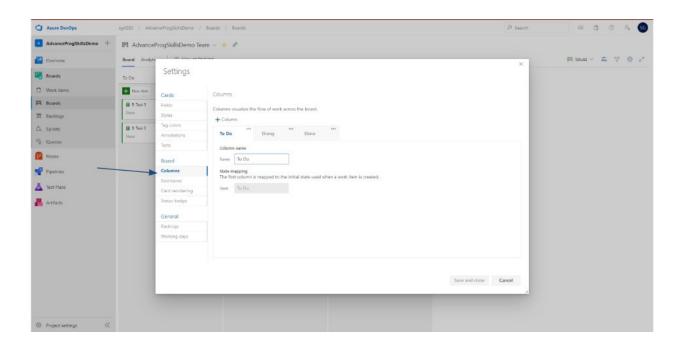


5. To create a task, you have to click on New Item in the "To do" column. You can create as many tasks as you want. You can just drag the task from column to column. Let us say Task 1 and Task 4 are in Doing State (some person is working on the task), Task 5 and Task 3 are still not started by anyone and Task 2 is Done (completed). The board might look something like this.

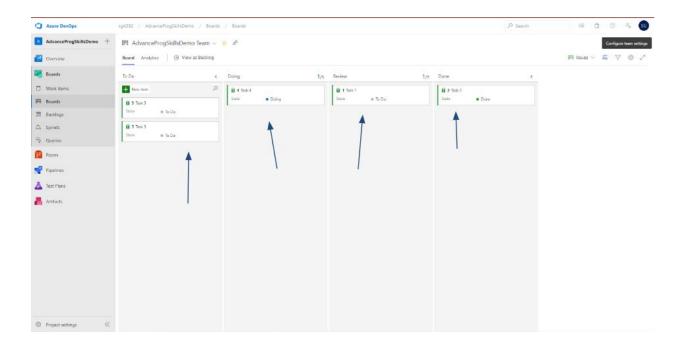
Click on Configure Team Settings option to add/edit columns.



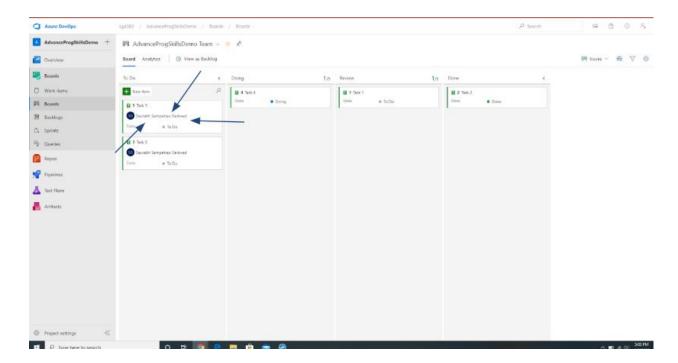
 Clicking on the Setting we can see the following options. There are options of Cards -> Fields, Styles, Tag colors, Annotations and Tests.
 Board -> Columns, Swimlanes, Card reordering, Status Badge General -> Backlogs, Working days.



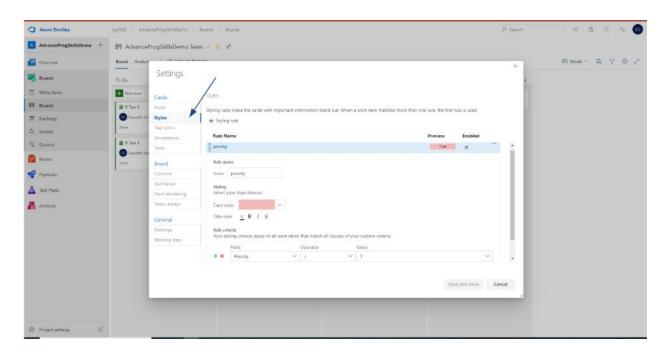
7. This is how it looks when we add a new column in the board of our project.



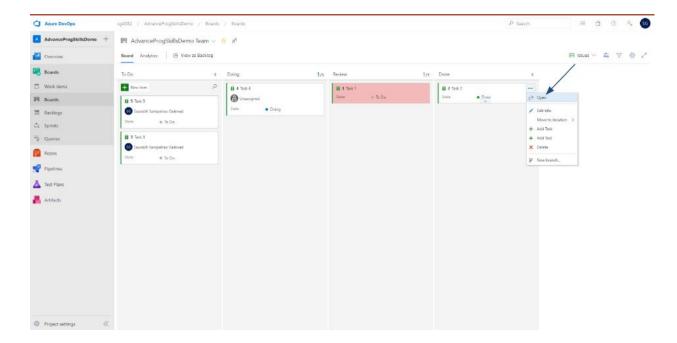
8. Here you can see that in Column To Do I have assigned the tasks to myself. There's just myself in the team. You can give access and add others in the project and assign them tasks.



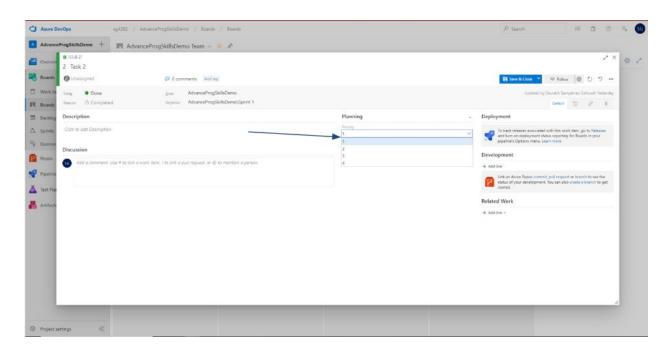
9. You can style the board by coloring the tasks as per the priority, First we create a rule in Setting -> Styles like this. The rule created is if Priority = 1, change the color of the task to light red.



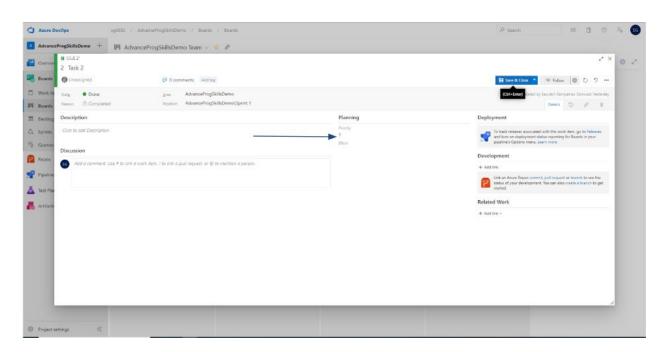
10. We open a task by clicking the three dots.



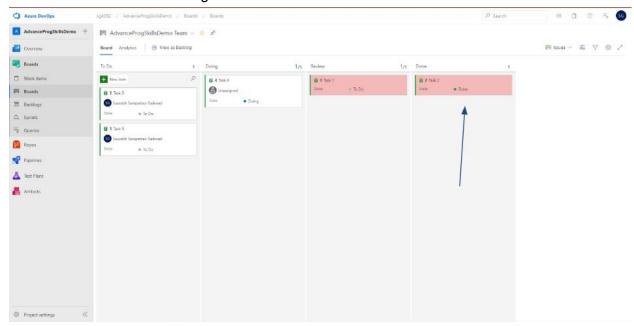
#### 11. We set the priority as 1.



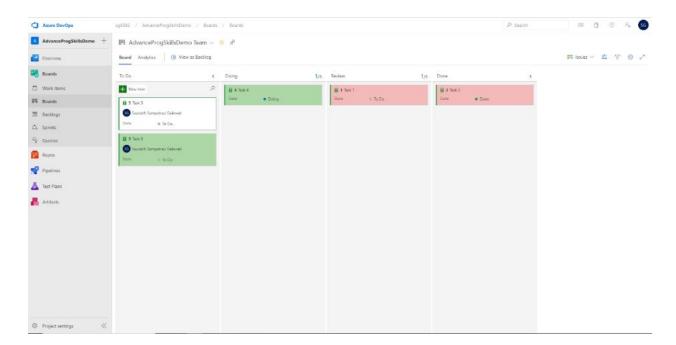
#### 12. We save and close the task.



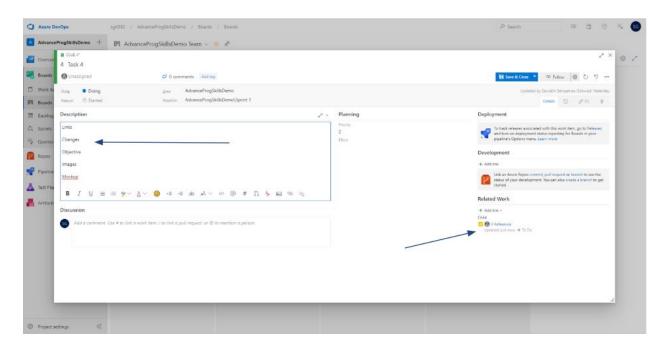
13. We can see the changed color of task 2.



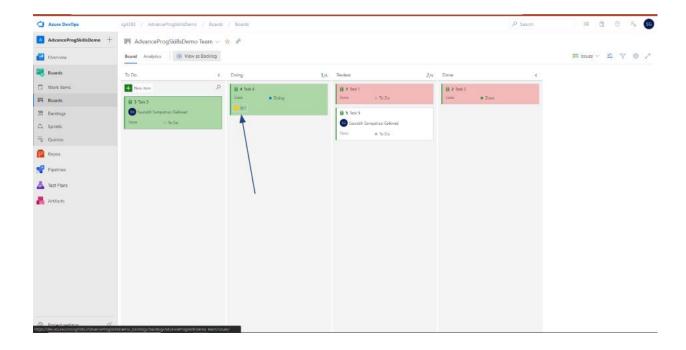
14. I have already changed the color of task 1. Here's how it looks.



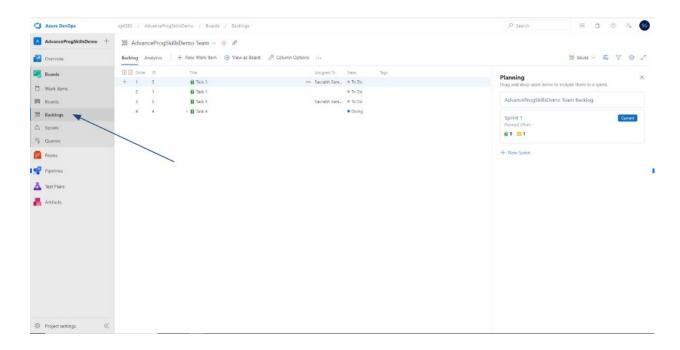
15. We can add a description to the task, on the left highlighted box. We can also add links to other related work on the right side bottom. I have already added one link to show how it looks. You can add more to Planning, as we create new rules.



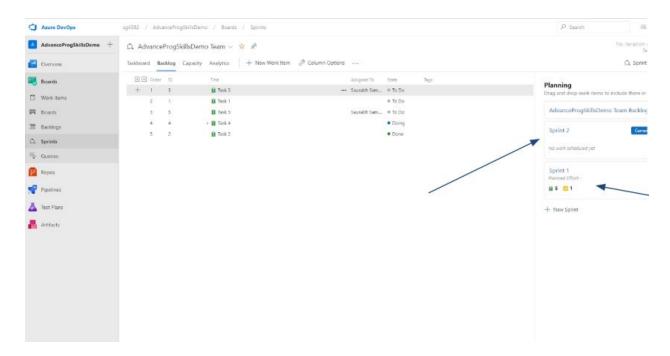
16. Let's see how to create a sprint and view the backlog. Click on View as Backlog.



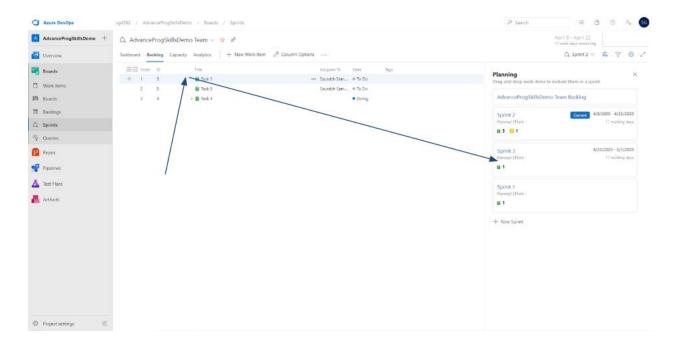
17. Click on New Sprint.



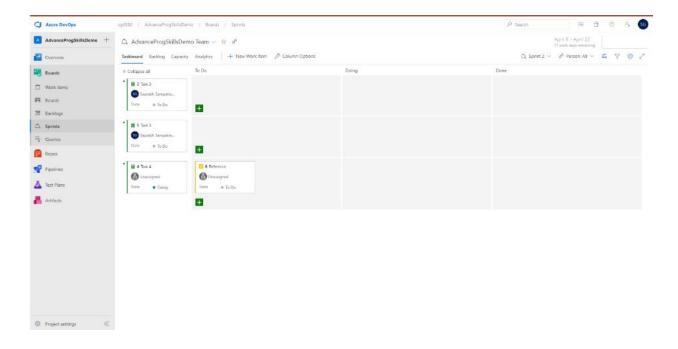
18. We can see Sprint 2 created on the right pane. Suppose there is a task we cannot complete in this sprint we can drag and move the task to another sprint.



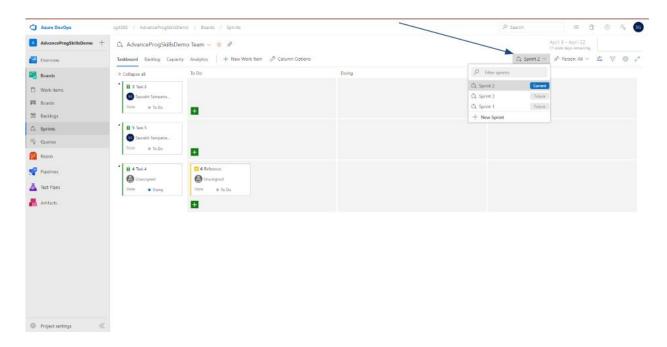
19. This will look like this, we have dragged To Do and Doing tasks to Sprint 2. This is a backlog view.



20. There is a Task Board View to the left of the Backlog view.

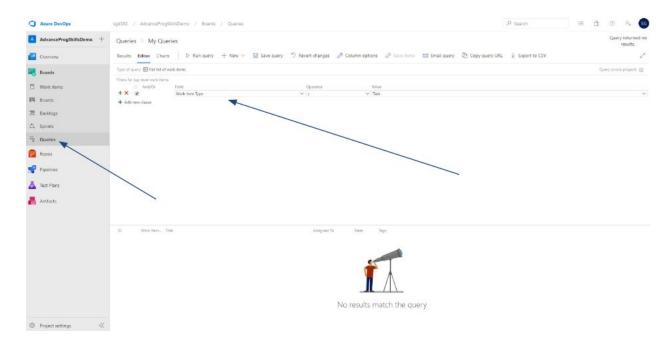


21. You can change the sprint and view it's tasks by clicking on the Sprint option.

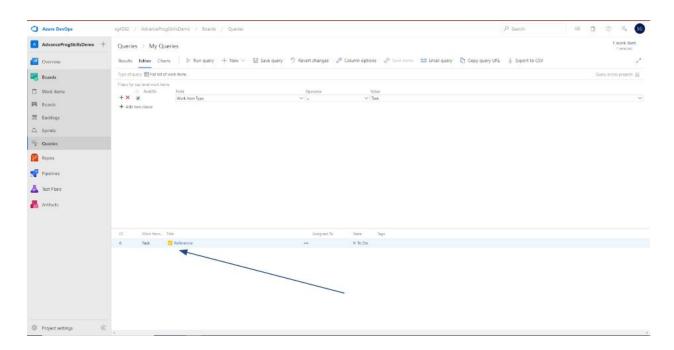


22. To keep track Azure Boards have a Query option. We can create a query and all the Issues, tasks, bugs are seen in the result.

Example: We created a query to show the work type item field contains the "Task" keyword.



23. When we Run the query we can see the results below. The task with ID 6 is displayed. This is how we can keep a track of the project in the longer run.



# **AZURE Repos**

If you are writing code, then you need a place to store and manage that code with a reliable version control system like Git. Azure Repos provides one of the best in class Git solutions. With Azure Repos you get free private and public repos, social code reviews, and more. In this video we will walk you on how to get started with Git in Azure Repos and how your team can use pull requests to work together to collaborate on code.

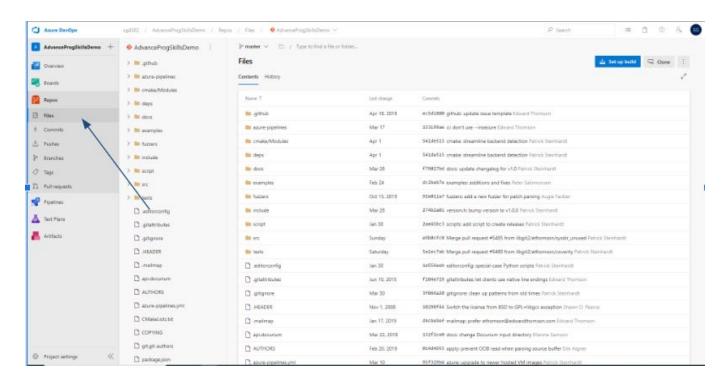
#### Why Repos?

It helps in collaborating to build better code. Performs more effectively in Git code reviews with threaded discussion and continuous integration. We can automate with built-in CI/CD. Protects your code quality with branch policies.

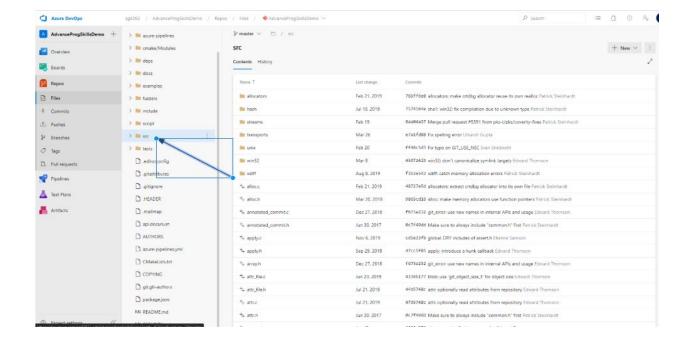
#### **Demo: Azure Repos**

I have pulled a project from gitlab to show a demo. The URL is https://github.com/libgit2/libgit2.

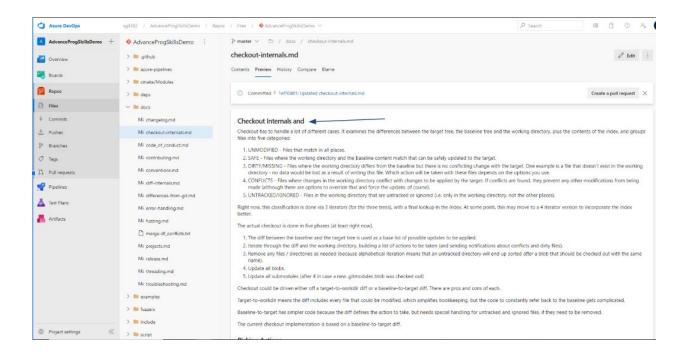
1. The repository looks like this after the pull request. Here you can browse the repository structure. You can click on any folder to navigate through the folders.



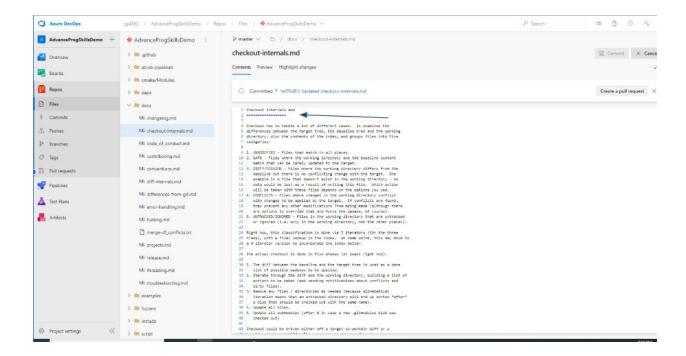
If you click on the src folder. You can see the contents of the folder below. We can click on any file and see the contents of the file. The extension of the file does not matter.



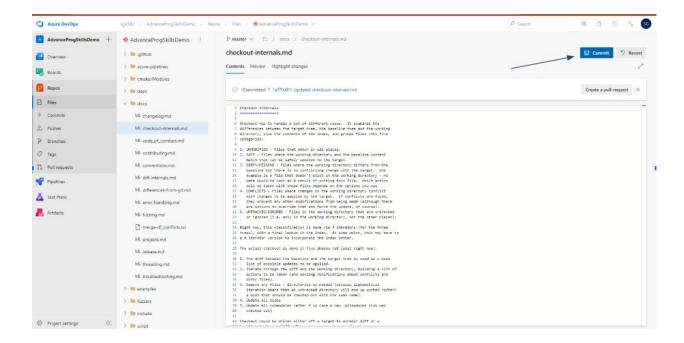
3. Let's see how to make simple changes (typos) in Repos. I have a file which has a typo, you can see that in the next image. I want to remove the word "and" from the first line.



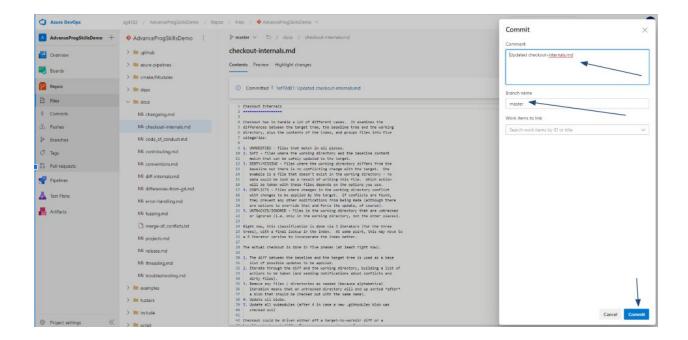
4. First click on the Edit option on the top right corner. You can see the file changed to edit mode.



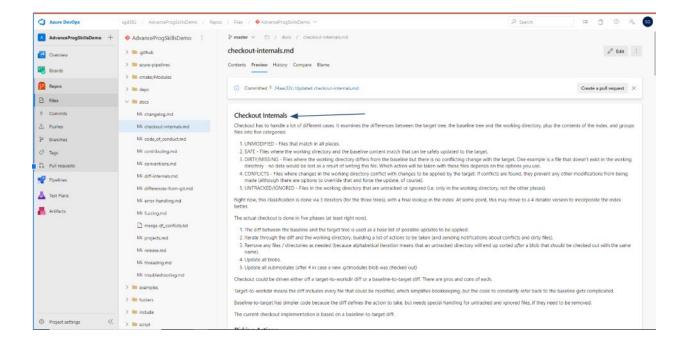
5. Now I just clear the typo and click the Commit button on the top right corner.



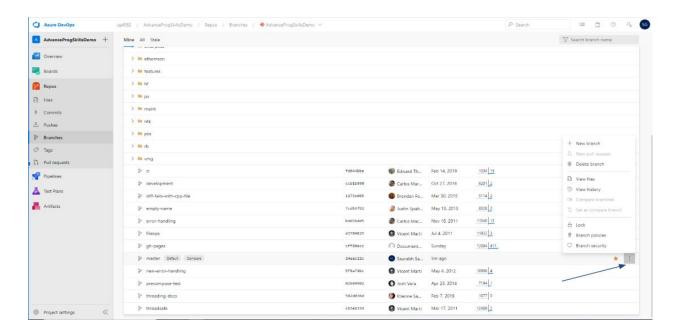
6. It asks me which branch to commit and a comment option.



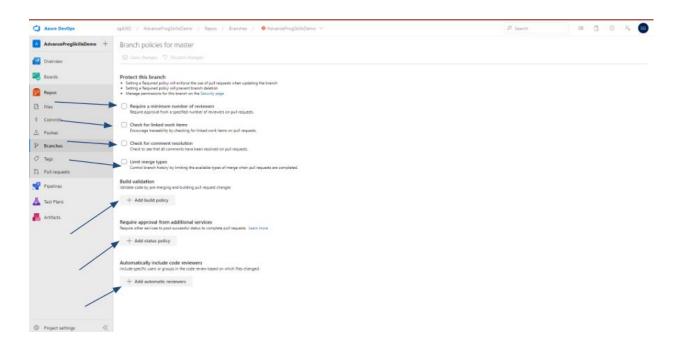
7. Now you can see the updated file. This is how we commit to the master branch. Committing to a master branch is very simple, but it is not sensible to do so. The code or any document should go through at least 1 code review. Here where repos come to save the project. You have to open a pull request so that other developers can see the changes you made.



8. Let us see how it is done. Click on Branches and drag the cursor to three dots at the end of the master branch option. You can see these options.



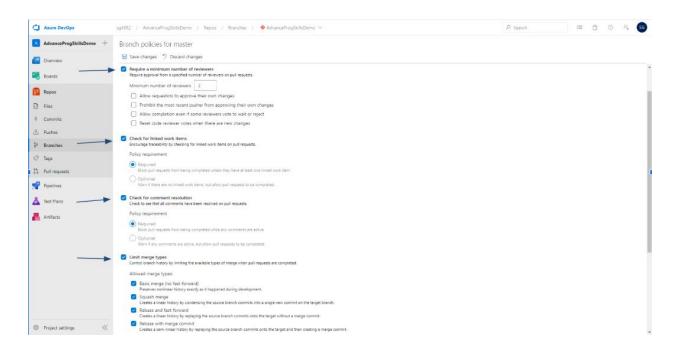
### 9. Click on branch policies.



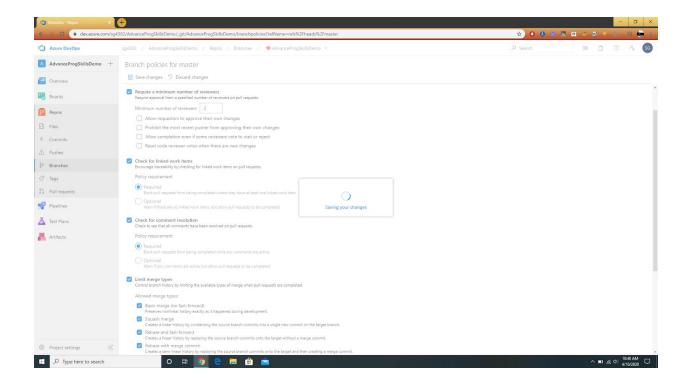
There are a lot of options like such as,

- Require a minimum number of reviewers: Requires a minimum number of approvals from reviewers.
- Check for linked work items: Traces and has a linked story/task on board. This keeps full traceability.
- Check for comment resolution: To see all comments have been resolved on pull requests.
- Limit merge types: Control branching history by limiting the types of merges.
- Add Build policy: Validate code by building with pull request changes, after every pull request it should go through a pipeline.
- Add status policy: Requires other services post successful pull requests.
- Add automatic reviewers: Include specific users to review the changes in the code.

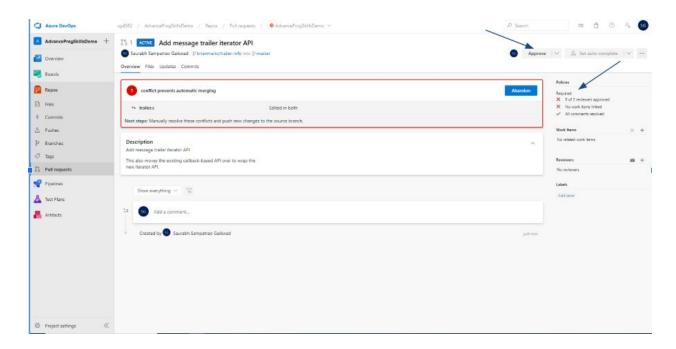
10. These are the options we can see when we enable each checkbox.



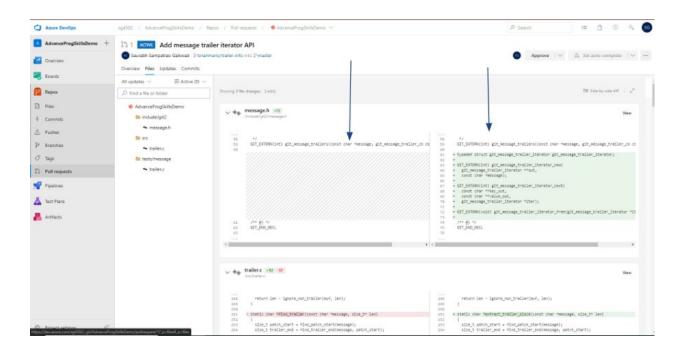
11. Select the options you want to have in your project and click on Save changes.



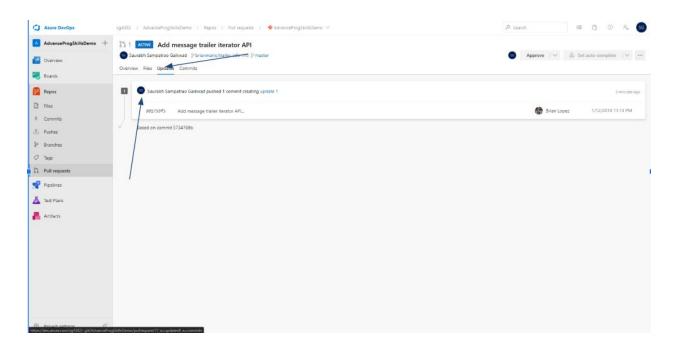
12. Later I created a pull request to see how we can approve the pull request and all the criteria are seen. Here, we can see individual Files, Updates and each Commit done by the author.



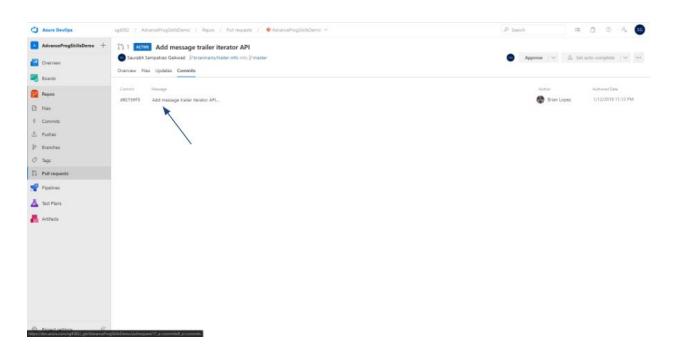
#### 13. Files view



### 14. Updates



### 15. Commits

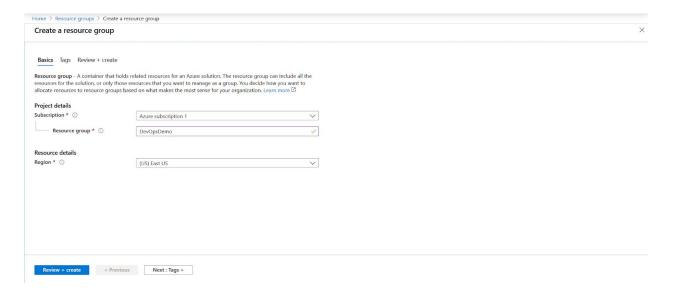


When all the policies are covered, (which can be seen on the right top corner in point 12 of repos) the pull request is approved.

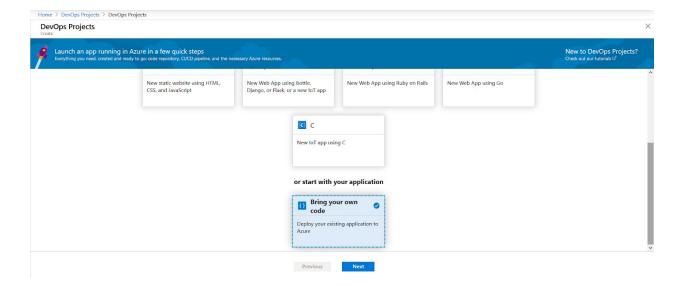
### **Presentation Demo:**

# <u>Creating a CI/CD Pipeline for Github Project and release it on Azure</u> Cloud

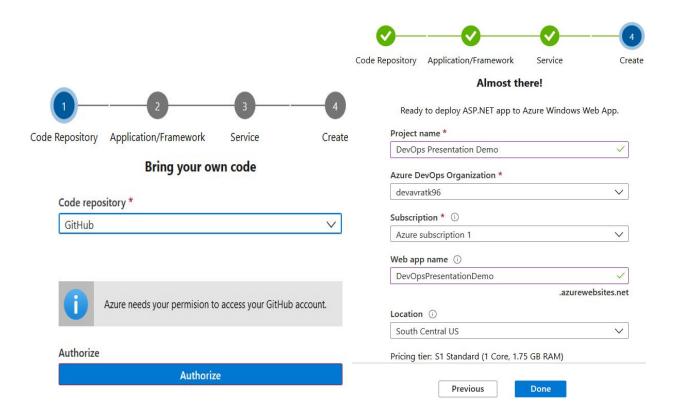
- 1. Sign in to the Azure portal from this <u>link</u>.
- 2. In the search tab, search for Resource Group and click on +Add. Create a resource group for the project. It is a good practice to create a new resource group for every project. It helps in organizing and easily maintaining project permissions.



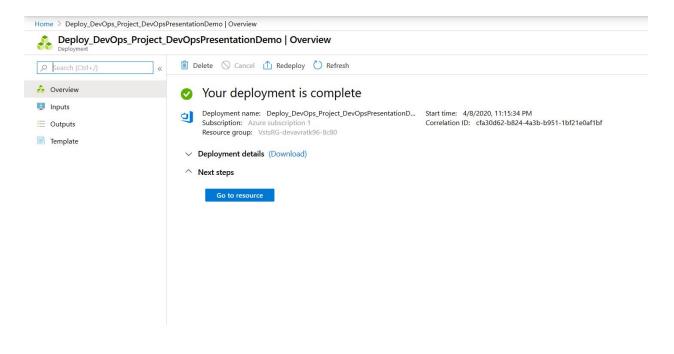
3. Search for DevOps Project service from the search bar and click on +Add to create a new project. We can either create a new project based on the different environments listed like Node.js, .NET, etc. or use the existing code. We will use the Github repository as a codebase for this Demo. Select "Bring your own code" and follow the steps.



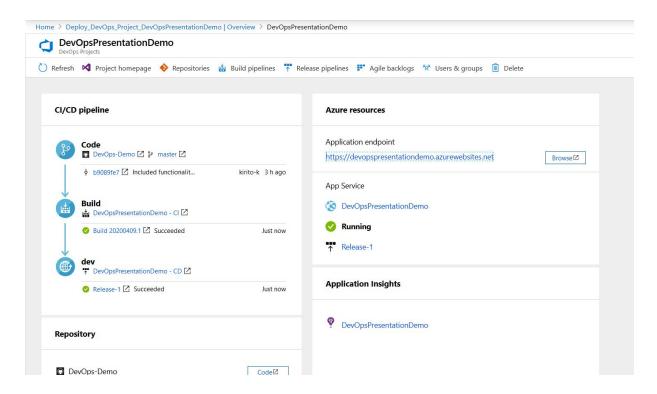
4. Select Github as a code repository. Fill out the basic project details and select the repository to use from Github. Follow through instructions click Done.



5. Once everything is set, Azure will take time to create an environment for the project and start building the project. Click on "Go to resources".



6. We can see the progress of every stage i.e. Code, Build, Dev while it is in progress. The Code stage pulls the project from the Github to Azure. The Build phase starts the build process for the code. It generates dependencies and a relevant environment where code can be in a release-ready state. In the Dev phase release the code on Azure cloud so that it can be accessed through URL. URL is mentioned as "Application endpoint".

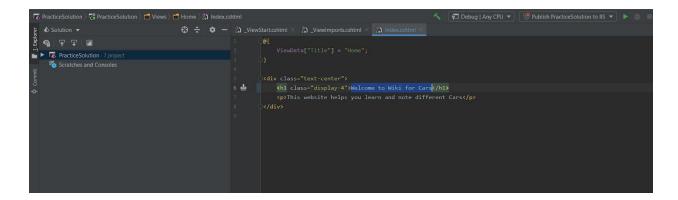


Once all stages are complete we can access this website using the Application endpoint link.

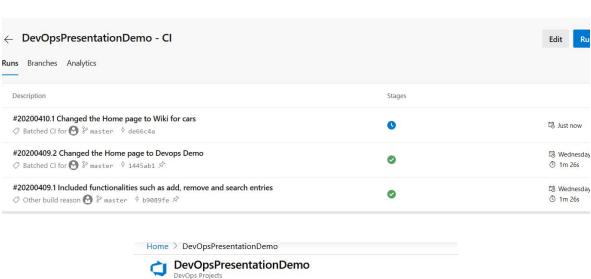


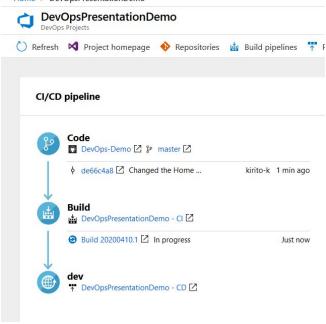
This website helps you learn and note different Cars

8. To check whether the pipeline is working properly Change the codebase locally and push it to Github.



9. Once the changes are pushed on Github, we can see the changes are in progress on our Azure DevOps Project Portal and Pipelines in organizations. This will run all the phases which we discussed before to see everything is working correctly.





10. After everything is set, the results will be reflected directly on our web URL.



### Conclusion

In a nutshell, after a project is created by a team of developers and released, they need to assign someone for managing it. The operations team has to handle this task and maintain the codebase. That's where DevOps shins. For companies, it is essential that when any changes are made, those are well tested and rapidly integrated into the new releases. This process is automated using the Azure CI/CD Pipeline phase of DevOps. Different teams require isolated environments that are handled by Azure Repos. These development environments may need their own package configurations which can be handled by Azure Artifacts as a package manager. Last but not least the development cycle itself can be managed using Azure Boards for better organization.

Overall Azure DevOps provides all the tools necessary for the entire software development life cycle written by any size of the team in any language on any platform.