

Deploying .NET Core Applications using Azure DevOps CI/CD Pipelines and Azure App Services

We will use Azure DevOps Project to set up continuous delivery (CD) and continuous integration (CI) pipelines in this project. The purpose is to quickly deploy an app to a Azure services, in this case App Service

In this project, we will build an sample ASP.NET core sample code, explore the CI/CD pipelines, commit code changes and run CI/CD.

1. Setting up a sample .NET core project:

We wil first create a directory

```
C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test> md testnet

Directory: C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test
```

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test> cd testnet
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet>
```

After installing the .net SDK in the system, we will run the command:

```
dotnet new sln -o HelloWorldApp
```

This will create a solution file

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet> dotnet new sln -o HelloWorldApp
The template "Solution File" was created successfully.

PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet> |
```

We wil go inside the the file and create the new mvc project:

```
dotnet new mvc -n HelloWorldApp.Web
```

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet> cd ..\HelloWorldApp\
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp> dotnet new mvc -n HelloWorldApp.Web
The template "ASP.NET Core Web App (Model-View-Controller)" was created successfully.
This template contains technologies from parties other than Microsoft, see https://aka.ms/aspnetcore/7.0-third-party-notices for details.

Processing post-creation actions...
Restoring C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web\HelloWorldApp.Web.csproj:
  Determining projects to restore...
  Restored C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web\HelloWorldApp.Web.csproj (in 170 ms).
Restore succeeded.
```

Now we will add the project to the solution:

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp> dotnet sln HelloWorldApp.sln add HelloWorldApp.Web\HelloWorldApp.Web.csproj
Project 'HelloWorldApp.Web\HelloWorldApp.Web.csproj' added to the solution.
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp> |
```

Now we will build in local machine to test

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp> dotnet build
MSBuild version 17.6.3+07e294721 for .NET
Determining projects to restore...
All projects are up-to-date for restore.
HelloWorldApp.Web -> C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web\bin\Debug\net7.0\HelloWorldApp.Web.dll

Build succeeded.
0 Warning(s)
0 Error(s)
```

We can see it has built without any error:

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp> cd .\HelloWorldApp.Web\bin\Debug\net7.0\
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web\bin\Debug\net7.0> ls

Directory: C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web\bin\Debug\net7.0

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:08           127 appsettings.Development.json
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:08           151 appsettings.json
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:12           443 HelloWorldApp.Web.deps.json
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:12          47104 HelloWorldApp.Web.dll
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:12         154624 HelloWorldApp.Web.exe
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:12          34536 HelloWorldApp.Web.pdb
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:12           416 HelloWorldApp.Web.runtimeconfig.json
-a-----         11-07-2023         11:12          9819 HelloWorldApp.Web.staticwebassets.runtime.json

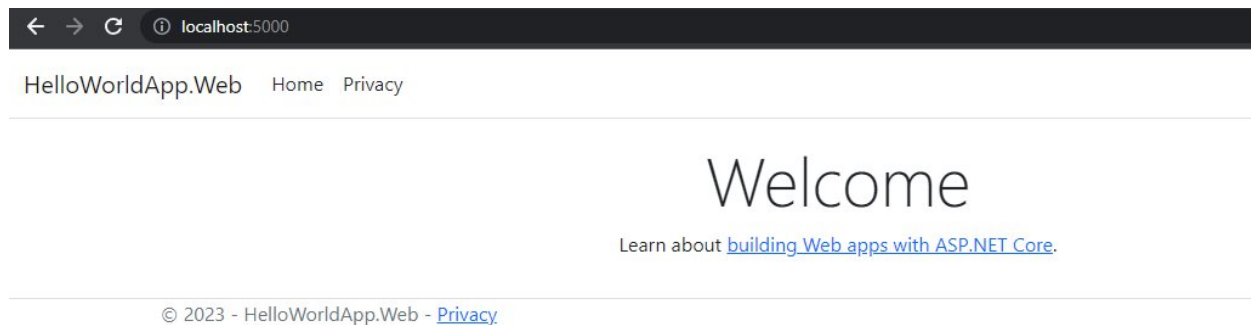
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web\bin\Debug\net7.0> |
```

Now we will check out dll from our project folder

```
PS C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web> dotnet ./bin/debug/net7.0/HelloWorldApp.Web.dll
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[14]
      Now listening on: http://localhost:5000
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
      Application started. Press Ctrl+C to shut down.
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
      Hosting environment: Production
info: Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime[0]
      Content root path: C:\Users\ACER\Desktop\test\testnet\HelloWorldApp\HelloWorldApp.Web
|
```

We see we can host it locally

Going to the <http://localhost:5000> we can see our sample .net core web all



2. Add the Code to the github:

As it works, we will create a new repository in github and push these there.

We will add this to Azure repo later.

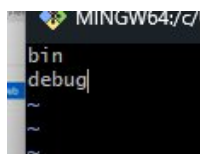
First we will initialize the repo using git init in git bash

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Users/ACER/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp/.git/

ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ ls
HelloWorldApp.Web/ HelloWorldApp.sln
```

Then we will add a gitignore file

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ vim .gitignore
```



Now we will add and commit

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
        .gitignore
        HelloWorldApp.Web/
        HelloWorldApp.sln

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ git add .
warning: in the working copy of '.gitignore', LF will be replaced by CRLF the next time Git touches it
warning: in the working copy of 'HelloWorldApp.Web/wwwroot/lib/bootstrap/dist/css/bootstrap-grid.css', LF will be replaced by CRLF the next time Git touches it
warning: in the working copy of 'HelloWorldApp.Web/wwwroot/lib/bootstrap/dist/css/bootstrap-reboot.css', LF will be replaced by CRLF the next time Git touches it
```

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ git commit -m "First commit add all file"
```

In github i have created new repository:

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository.](#)

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Owner * kotianrakshith / Repository name * AzureProj1
 ✓ AzureProj1 is available.

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [redesigned-umbrella](#) ?

Description (optional)
 This is a practice project done with .Net core application and Azure devops

☒ Public
 Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

Now we will add this as origin our git repo

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ git remote add origin git@github.com:kotianrakshith/AzureProj1.git
```

Now we will rename and push all the files:

```
ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (master)
$ git branch -M main

ACER@DESKTOP-U4LR0SH MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Test/testnet/HelloWorldApp (main)
$ git push -u origin main
Enumerating objects: 105, done.
Counting objects: 100% (105/105), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (98/98), done.
Writing objects: 100% (105/105), 910.77 KiB | 1.76 MiB/s, done.
Total 105 (delta 31), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (31/31), done.
To github.com:kotianrakshith/AzureProj1.git
 * [new branch]      main -> main
branch 'main' set up to track 'origin/main'.
```

Now we see that all files are in github

AzureProj1 Public

main 1 branch 0 tags

Go to file Add file <> Code

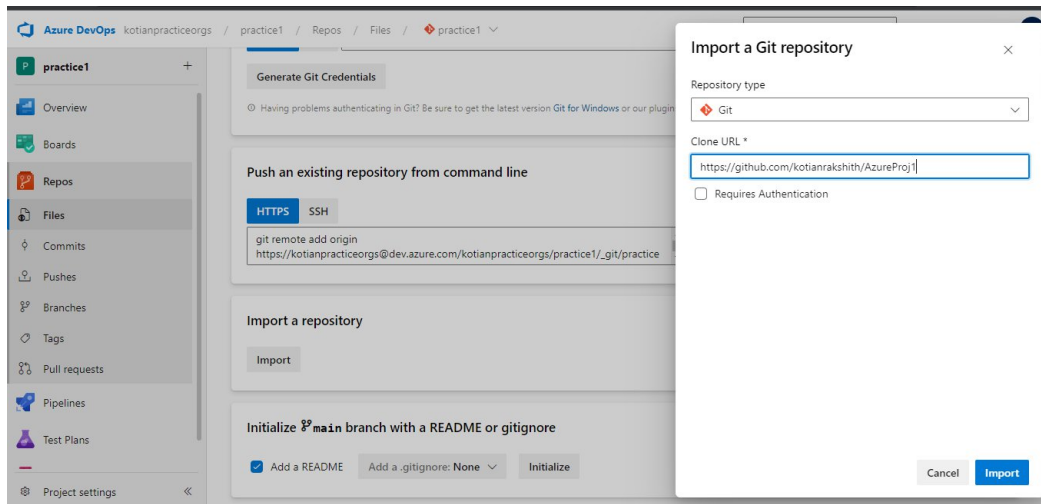
kotianrakshith First commit add all file 9f982a9 3 minutes ago 1 commit

File	Commit Message	Time
HelloWorldApp.Web	First commit add all file	3 minutes ago
.gitignore	First commit add all file	3 minutes ago
HelloWorldApp.sln	First commit add all file	3 minutes ago

Help people interested in this repository understand your project by adding a README. [Add a README](#)

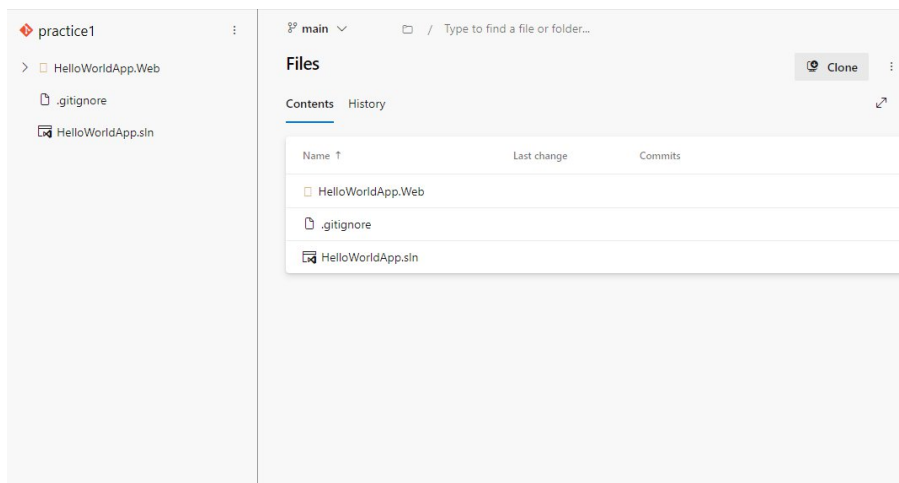
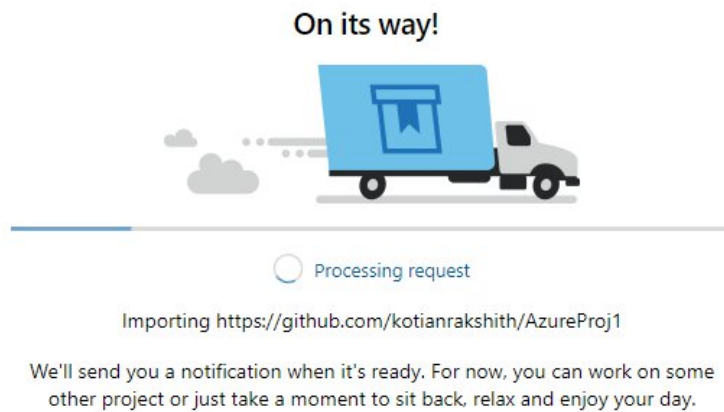
3. Import the project to Azure Repo:

Go to Repos section of Azure DevOps and click on 'Import a repository':



Now paste your github link and import.

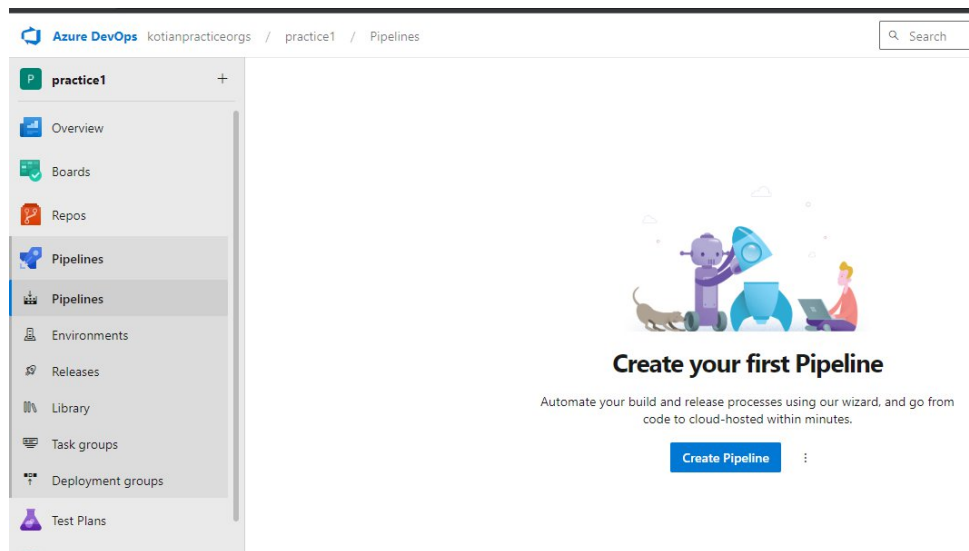
You can also push from your local repo is you want:



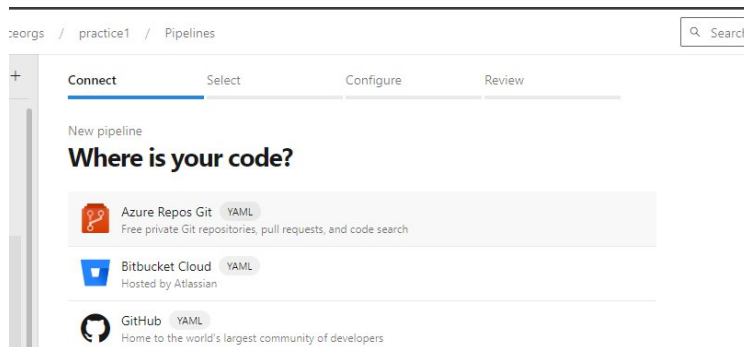
Once its imported you should be able to see your files

4. Creating a pipeline

Go to pipeline section of the Azure DevOps and click 'create pipeline'



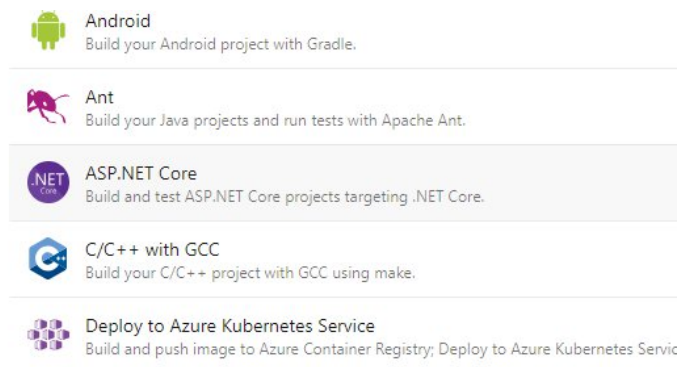
For the code chose Azure Repos Git:



And chose your repo:



In the template configuraion we will chose ASP.NET core



You will see an yaml, we will edit this code to add restore,build,publish steps:

← .NET Core ⓘ

Command * ⓘ

restore

Path to project(s) ⓘ

**/*.csproj

Arguments ⓘ

Feeds and authentication ⓘ

Feeds to use * ⓘ

☒ Feed(s) I select here
 ☐ Feeds in my NuGet.config

Use packages from this Azure Artifacts feed ⓘ

← .NET Core ⓘ

Command * ⓘ

build

Path to project(s) ⓘ

**/*.csproj

Arguments ⓘ

Advanced ⓘ

← .NET Core ⓘ

Command * ⓘ

publish

☒ Publish web projects * ⓘ

Arguments ⓘ

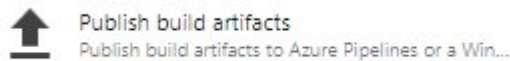
--configuration \$(buildConfiguration) --output

☒ Zip published projects ⓘ

☒ Add project's folder name to publish path ⓘ

Advanced ⓘ

We will also add publish build artifact task :



← Publish build artifacts ⓘ

Path to publish * ⓘ

\$(Build.ArtifactStagingDirectory)

Artifact name * ⓘ

drop

Artifact publish location * ⓘ

Azure Pipelines

Max Artifact Size ⓘ

0

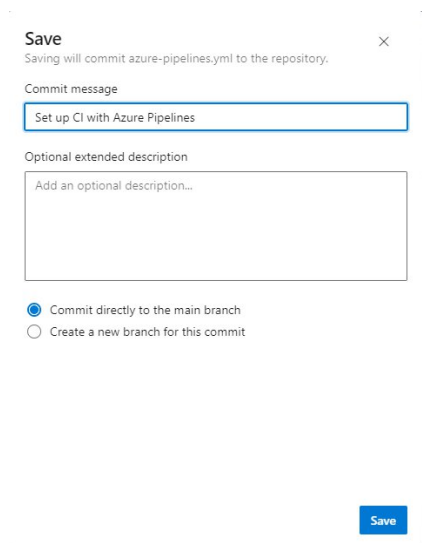
Advanced ⓘ

Finally we will have the whole code:

```
6   trigger:
7     - main
8
9   pool:
10    vmImage: ubuntu-latest
11
12   variables:
13     buildConfiguration: 'Release'
14
15   steps:
16     Settings
17     - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
18       inputs:
19         command: 'restore'
20         projects: '**/*.csproj'
21         feedsToUse: 'select'
22     Settings
23     - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
24       inputs:
25         command: 'build'
26         projects: '**/*.csproj'
27     Settings
28     - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
29       inputs:
30         command: 'publish'
31         publishWebProjects: true
32         arguments: '--configuration $(buildConfiguration) --output $(Build.ArtifactStagingDirectory)'
33     Settings
34     - task: PublishBuildArtifacts@1
35       inputs:
36         PathToPublish: '$(Build.ArtifactStagingDirectory)'
37         ArtifactName: 'drop'
38         publishLocation: 'Container'
```

It will be saved in the Azure repo, but i will also add it in the github repo for future reference.

Now you can save:



Save ✕

Saving will commit azure-pipelines.yml to the repository.

Commit message

Set up CI with Azure Pipelines

Optional extended description

Add an optional description...

☒ Commit directly to the main branch

☐ Create a new branch for this commit


Save

Now you can see a pipeline created:

Pipelines New pipeline

Recent All Runs Filter pipelines


Recently run pipelines

Pipeline	Last run
 practice1	No runs yet

Lets run the pipeline:

← **practice1**


Runs Branches Analytics




Get started and run this pipeline for the first time!


[Run pipeline](#)






We can see the job is running:

 #20230713.1 • Set up CI with Azure Pipelines Cancel


 practice1

Summary

Manually run by  Rakshith Kotian View 2 changes


Repository and version	Time started and elapsed	Related	Tests and coverage
 practice1 main 12057a72	 Just now -	 0 work items  0 artifacts	 Get started

Jobs

Name	Status	Duration
 Job	Queued	

We got an error because in the free Azure we have setup we do not yet have access to run parallel job in Microsoft hosted machine.

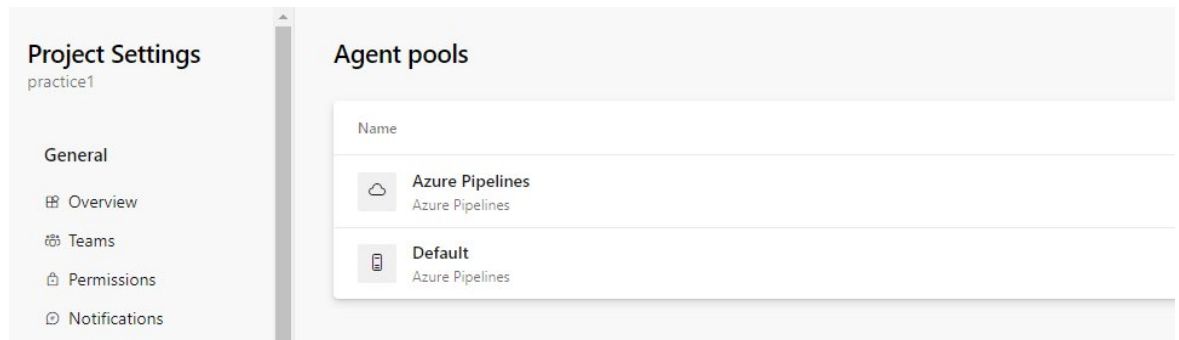
Errors 1

 No hosted parallelism has been purchased or granted. To request a free parallelism grant, please fill out the following
20230714,1

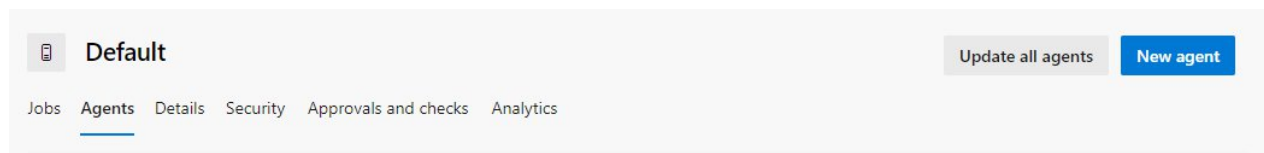
So we can run the build in the local machine:

We will first add our local machine as an agent:

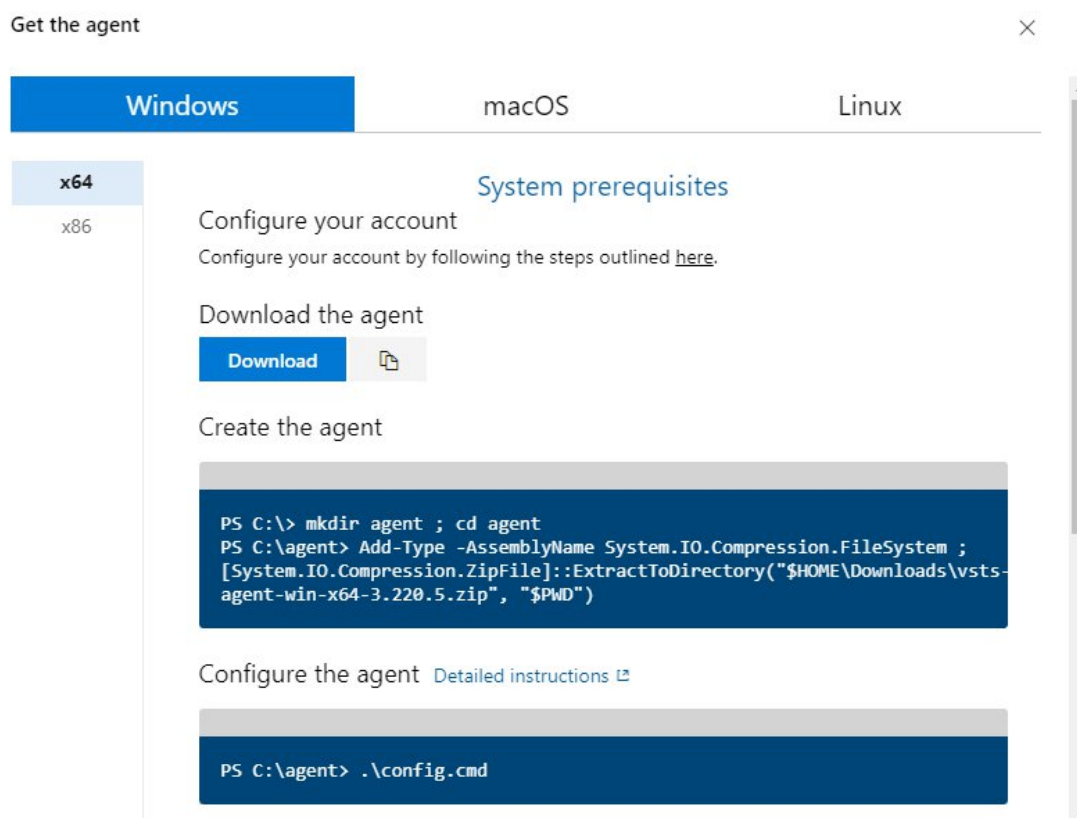
In project settings go to agent pools:



Here go to default and click New agent:



Steps are given in detail:



We will follow the same step in windows local machine:

```

PS C:\Users\ACER> cd ..
PS C:\Users> cd ..
PS C:\> mkdir agent ; cd agent

Directory: C:\

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          14-07-2023    10:09             agent

PS C:\agent> Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IO.Compression.FileSystem ; [System.IO.Compression.ZipFile]::ExtractToDirectory("$HOME\Downloads\vsts-agent-win-x64-3.220.5.zip", "$PWD")
PS C:\agent> .\config.cmd

```

```

Enter server URL > https://dev.azure.com/kotianpracticeorgs/
Enter authentication type (press enter for PAT) >
Enter personal access token > *****
Connecting to server ...

>> Register Agent:

Enter agent pool (press enter for default) >
Enter agent name (press enter for DESKTOP-U4LROSH) > localhost
Scanning for tool capabilities.
Connecting to the server.
Successfully added the agent
Testing agent connection.
Enter work folder (press enter for _work) >
2023-07-14 04:42:46Z: Settings Saved.
Enter run agent as service? (Y/N) (press enter for N) >
Enter configure autologon and run agent on startup? (Y/N) (press enter for N) >
PS C:\agent> .\run.cmd
Scanning for tool capabilities.
Connecting to the server.
2023-07-14 04:44:39Z: Listening for Jobs

```

(Personal access token required for this can be created from User setting-> personal access tokens)

Default					Update all agents	New agent
Jobs Agents Details Security Approvals and checks Analytics						
Name	Last run	Current status	Agent version	Enabled		
localhost ● Online	4m ago	Idle	3.220.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On		

Now we can see one new agent is added.

Now to change the our build to run in localhost we will have to change the code:

In the YAML under pool, delete the vmImage line and replace it with the following:

pool:

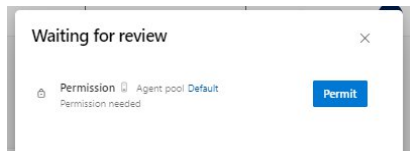
name: Default

```

5
6 trigger:
7   - main
8
9 pool:
10  | name: Default
11
12 variables:
13   | buildConfiguration: 'Release'
14

```

Once you save and run it will ask for permission to use the default pool, you can confirm.



Now if you see the build has completed

← Jobs in run #20230715.6
practice1

Jobs

Job	1m 8s
Initialize job	36s
Checkout practice1@m...	6s
DotNetCoreCLI	4s
DotNetCoreCLI	8s
DotNetCoreCLI	8s
PublishBuildArtifacts	1s
Post-job: Checkout pr...	< 1s
Finalize Job	< 1s
Report build status	< 1s

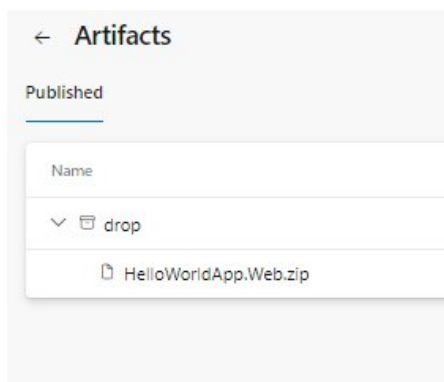
Job

```

1 Pool: Default
2 Queued: Just now [manage_parallel_jobs]
3 Agent: localhost
4 Started: Just now
5 Duration: 1m 8s
6
7 The agent request is already running or has already completed.
8 Job preparation parameters
9 1 artifact produced
10 Job live console data:
11 Starting: Job
12 Async Command Start: DetectDockerContainer
13 Async Command End: DetectDockerContainer
14 Async Command Start: DetectDockerContainer
15 Async Command End: DetectDockerContainer
16 Finishing: Job

```

You can go to the artifact created:



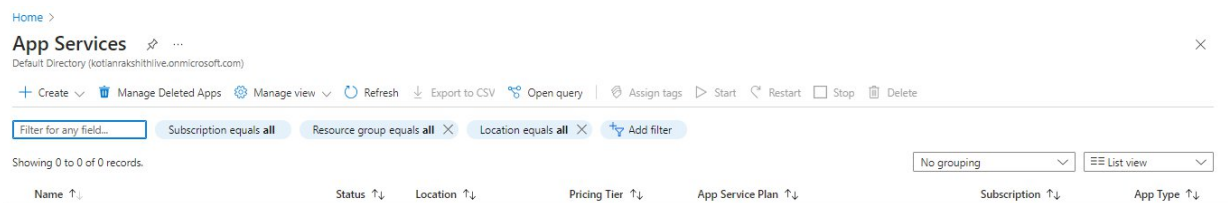
You will see the zip created and if you download and open you will see all the required files:

Name	Type	Compressed size	Password ...	Size	Ratio	Date modified
wwwroot	File folder					15-07-2023 08:45
appsettings	JSON Source File	1 KB	No	1 KB	22%	15-07-2023 08:45
appsettings.Development	JSON Source File	1 KB	No	1 KB	22%	15-07-2023 08:45
HelloWorldApp.Web	Application	75 KB	No	151 KB	51%	15-07-2023 08:45
HelloWorldApp.Web.deps	JSON Source File	1 KB	No	1 KB	51%	15-07-2023 08:45
HelloWorldApp.Web.dll	Application extension	16 KB	No	43 KB	65%	15-07-2023 08:45
HelloWorldApp.Web.pdb	PDB File	22 KB	No	33 KB	34%	15-07-2023 08:45
HelloWorldApp.Web.runtimeconfig	JSON Source File	1 KB	No	1 KB	50%	15-07-2023 08:45
web	Configuration Source File	1 KB	No	1 KB	36%	15-07-2023 08:45

5. Create an app service:

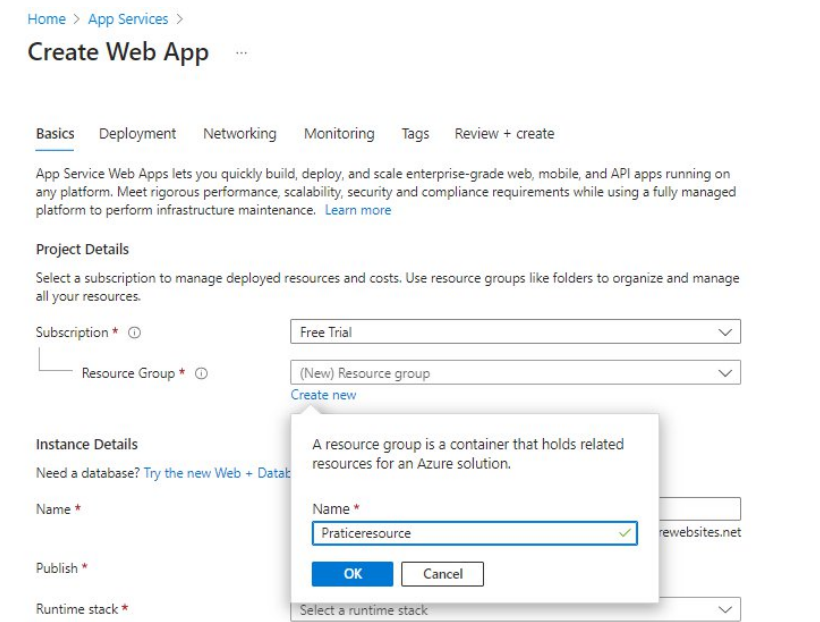
If we want to deploy our app to an app service we need to create an app service

We will go to Azure portal now and navigate to app service:



Click create,

Then we will add new resource group



Then give a name and .net runtime stack

Need a database? Try the new Azure Database EXPERIENCE.

Name * .azurewebsites.net

Publish * ☒ Code ☐ Docker Container ☐ Static Web App

Runtime stack *

Operating System * ☐ Linux ☒ Windows

Region *
Not finding your App Service Plan? Try a different region or select your App Service Environment.

Pricing plans
 App Service plan pricing tier determines the location, features, cost and compute resources associated with your app. [Learn more](#)

Windows Plan (East US) *
[Create new](#)

Pricing plan

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Then you can review and create:

Microsoft.Web-WebApp-Portal-14bfc878-bb2b | Overview

Deployment

Search [Delete](#) [Cancel](#) [Redeploy](#) [Download](#) [Refresh](#)

Overview

Your deployment is complete

Deployment name: Microsoft.Web-WebApp-Portal-14bfc878-bb2b Start time: 7/15/2023, 10:39:46 AM
 Subscription: [Free Trial](#) Correlation ID: c386945e-1d37-4196-99b7-f9f99284971f
 Resource group: [Praticeresource](#)

Deployment details

Next steps

[Manage deployments for your app.](#) Recommended

[Protect your app with authentication.](#) Recommended

[Go to resource](#)

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Simiarly we will also create web app for dev and test environment.

You should finally have three web app like below:

Home >

App Services

Default Directory (kotianrakshithlive.onmicrosoft.com)

[+ Create](#) [Manage Deleted Apps](#) [Manage view](#) [Refresh](#) [Export to CSV](#) [Open](#)

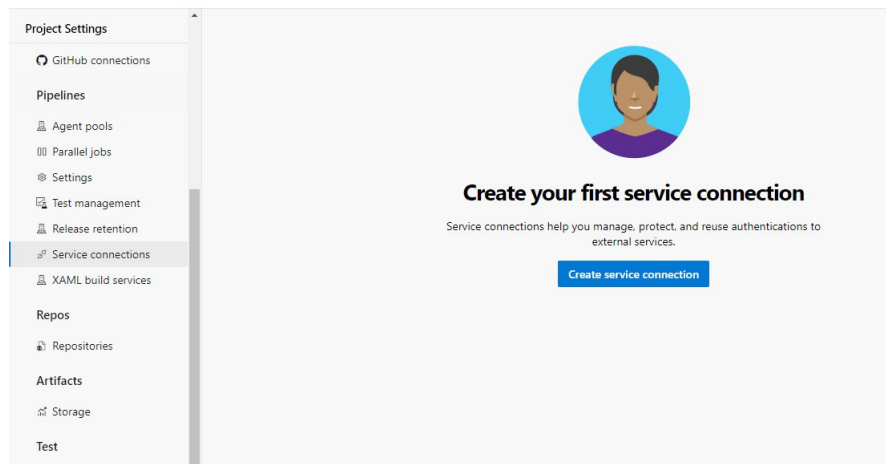
Filter for any field... [Subscription equals all](#) [Resource group equals all](#) [Location equals all](#)

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 records.

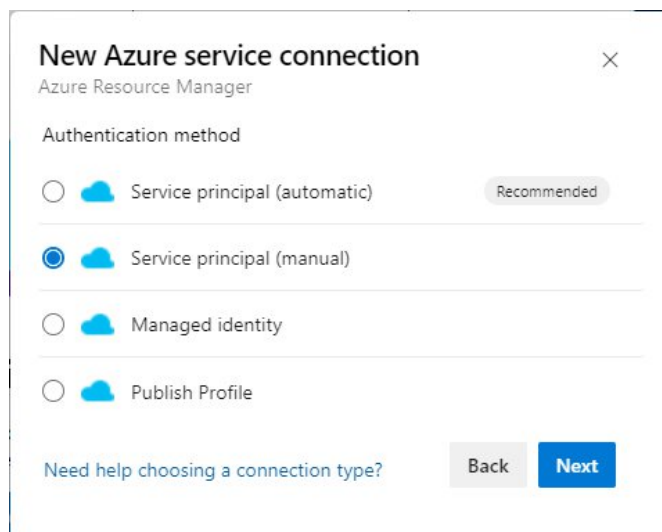
<input type="checkbox"/> Name ↑↓	Status ↑↓	Location ↑↓
<input type="checkbox"/> practicehelloworld	Running	East US
<input type="checkbox"/> practicehelloworld-dev	Running	East US
<input type="checkbox"/> practicehelloworld-test	Running	East US

6. Connect Azure DevOps with Azure Portal subscription using Azure AD:

We will go to project settings in Azure DevOps and Service connections:



We will select service principal:



As we need some details in the next page to be filled, we will open Azure AD (soon will be renamed to Entra ID)

Add an app registration:

We will name it AzureDevOps and register

Register an application ...

* Name

The user-facing display name for this application (this can be changed later).

AzureDevOps

Supported account types

Who can use this application or access this API?

- ☒ Accounts in this organizational directory only (Default Directory only - Single tenant)
- ☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Azure AD directory - Multitenant)
- ☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Azure AD directory - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)
- ☐ Personal Microsoft accounts only

[Help me choose...](#)

Redirect URI (optional)

We'll return the authentication response to this URI after successfully authenticating the user. Providing this now is optional and it can be changed later, but a value is required for most authentication scenarios.

By proceeding, you agree to the [Microsoft Platform Policies](#)

Register

We will also go to clients and secrets and create a secret:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. The top navigation bar includes the 'Microsoft Azure' logo, a search bar, and the user's profile 'kofianrakshith@live.com'. The main content area is titled 'AzureDevOps | Certificates & secrets'. On the left, a sidebar lists various management options, with 'Certificates & secrets' currently selected. The main panel displays the 'Add a client secret' dialog. This dialog has two input fields: 'Description' with the value 'DevOps' and 'Expires' set to '90 days (3 months)'. Below these fields, there is a section for 'Client secrets (0)' which is currently empty, showing a table with headers 'Description', 'Expires', and 'Value'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'Add' and 'Cancel' buttons.

We will also go to subscription and add a new role assignment to the app registration we just created.

Home > Subscriptions > Free trial | Access control (IAM) >

Add role assignment

Role Members Review + assign

Selected role Owner

Assign access to ☒ User, group, or service principal ☐ Managed identity

Members + Select members

Name	Object ID	Type
No members selected		

Description Optional

Review + assign Previous Next

Select members

Select


AzureDevOps

Selected members: No members selected. Search for and add one or more members you want to assign to the role for this resource. [Learn more about RBAC](#)

Select Close

Now using all the info we will fill the Azure DevOps service connection fields:

First we will give subscription id and name



Create your first service connection

Service connections help you manage, protect, and reuse authentications to external services.

Create service connection

New Azure service connection

Azure Resource Manager using service principal

Environment: Azure Cloud


Scope Level: ☒ Subscription ☐ Management Group ☐ Machine Learning Workspace

Subscription Id: ff7f71a9-3b53-465a-8513-496712a
Subscription Id from the publish settings file

Subscription Name: Free Trial
Subscription Name from the publish settings file

Authentication

Then we will give Service Principal Id(client ID) Service principal key(secret value), Tenant ID.



Create your first service connection

Service connections help you manage, protect, and reuse authentications to external services.

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Authentication

Service Principal Id: 643ac614-2cf0-49e0-ab25-0969e21a84e
Client id for connecting to the endpoint. Refer to [Azure link](#) on how to create Azure Service Principal. Ignore the type is spnCertificate.

Credential: ☒ Service principal key ☐ Certificate

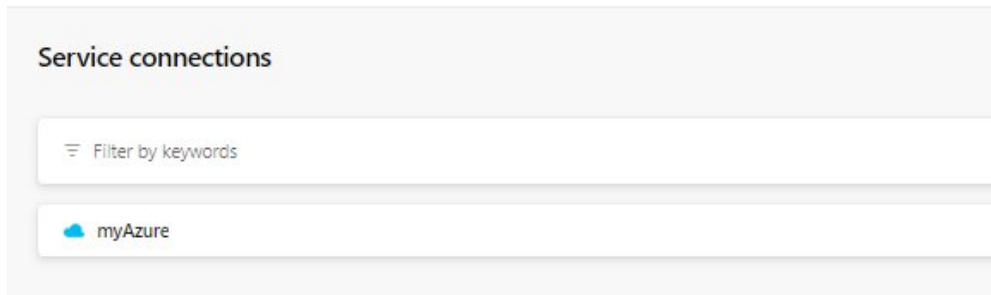
Service principal key:
Service Principal Key for connecting to the endpoint. Refer to [Azure link](#) on how to create Azure Service Principal. Ignore the type is spnCertificate.

Tenant ID: aaf5a90a-9bb5-4da2-944b-823e203984
Tenant id for connecting to the endpoint. Refer to [Azure link](#) to create Azure Service Principal.

Verify Verification Succeeded

Then when we verify it should be successful otherwise it may be missing something.

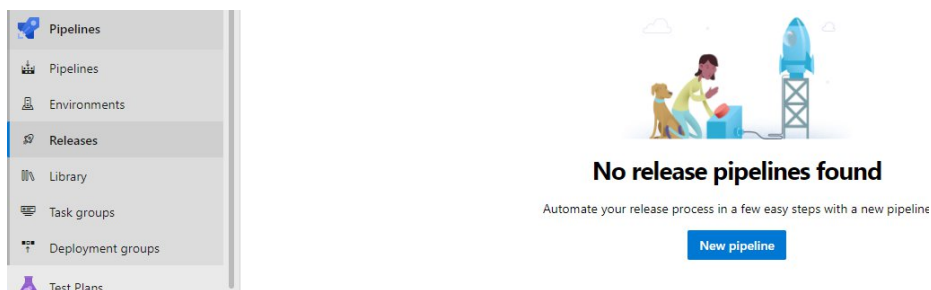
When we verify and save a new service connection should be added:



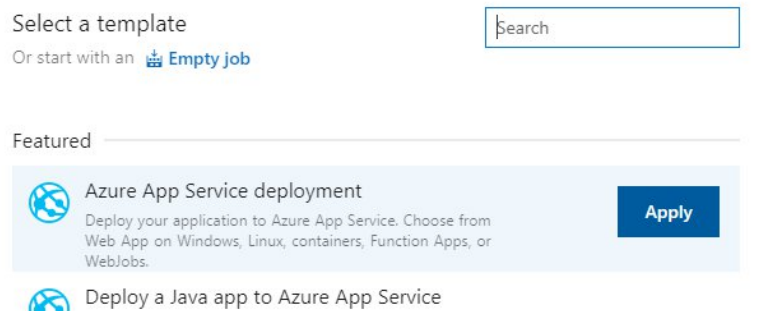
This will help you to find the web app created in Azure portal in Azure DevOps portal.

7. Create a release pipeline:

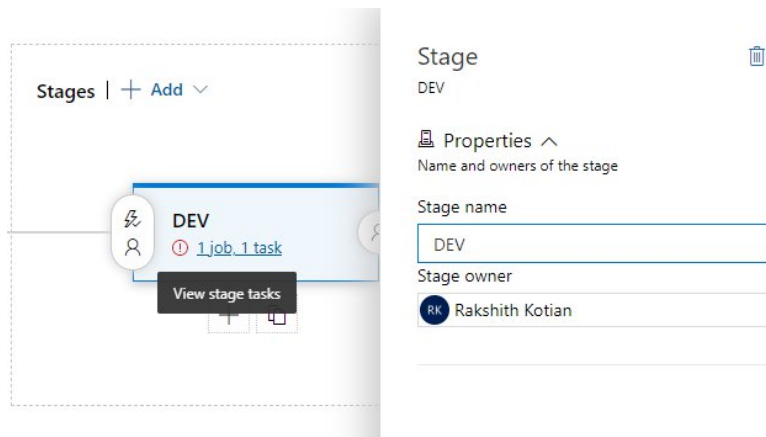
In the Azure DevOps go to pipeline and then releases and then click new pipeline:



In template chose 'Azure App Service Deployment':



Name it and got to tasks:



Here chose your subscription and the webapp:

Stage name

DEV

Parameters ⓘ | [Unlink all](#)

Azure subscription * [Manage](#)

myAzure

App type [Web App on Windows](#)

App service name * [practicehelloworld-dev](#)

This field is linked to 1 setting in 'Deploy Azure App Service'

Save it.

Now go to the pipeline and add artifact:

Source type

☒ Build ☐ Azure Repos ... ☐ GitHub ☐ TFVC

5 more artifact types ▾

Project * ⓘ

practice1

Source (build pipeline) * ⓘ

practice1

Default version * ⓘ

Latest

Source alias * ⓘ

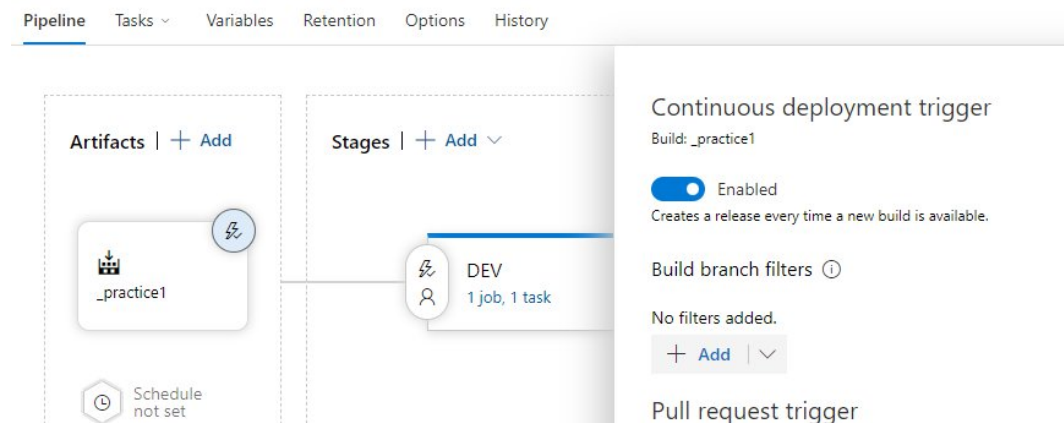
_practice1

ⓘ The artifacts published by each version will be available for deployment in release
The latest successful build of **practice1** published the following artifacts: **drop**.

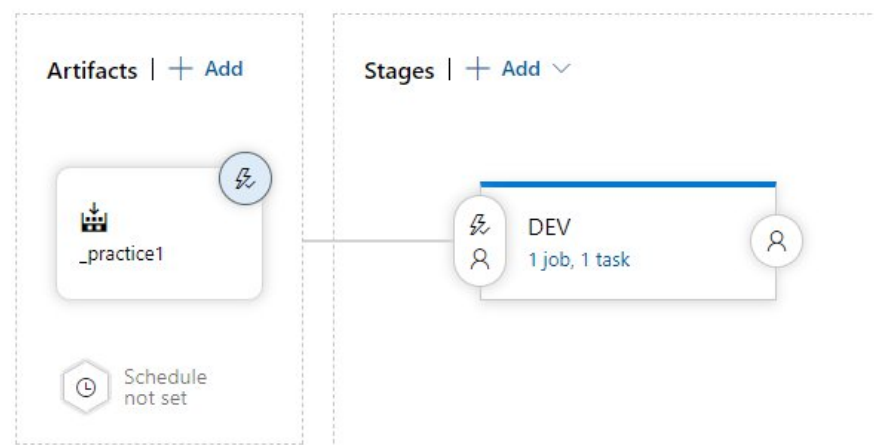
Add

You can select your project where build is done and click add

You can also enable continuous deployment using the trigger:



Now we have pipeline till Dev.



Either we can run this manually, but as there is automated CI/CD lets just change small code and it should build and deploy automatically:

We are editing HelloWorldApp.Web/Views/Home/Index.cshtml

(This is the index page of our web app)

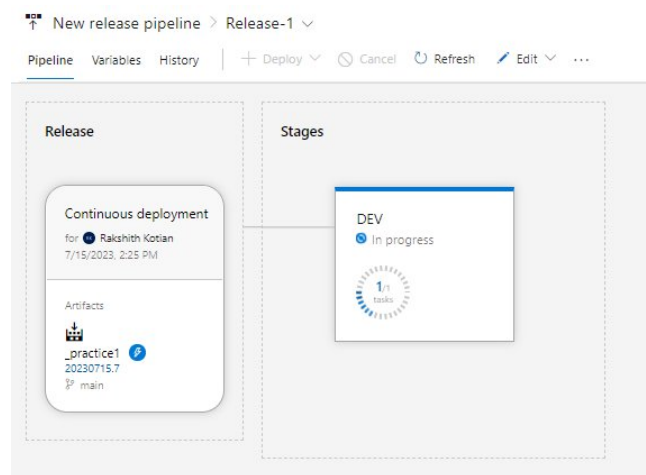
```
Index.cshtml
Contents Highlight changes
1 @{
2     ViewData["Title"] = "Home Page";
3 }
4
5 <div class="text-center">
6     <h1 class="display-4">Welcome to DEV environment</h1>
7     <p>Learn about <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/aspnet/core">building Web apps with ASP.
8 </div>
9
```


We will commit this.

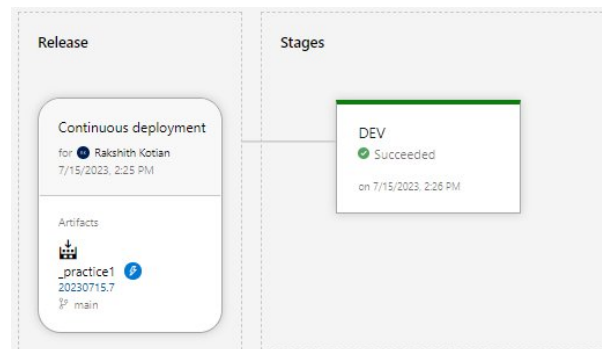
First we will see pipeline running:



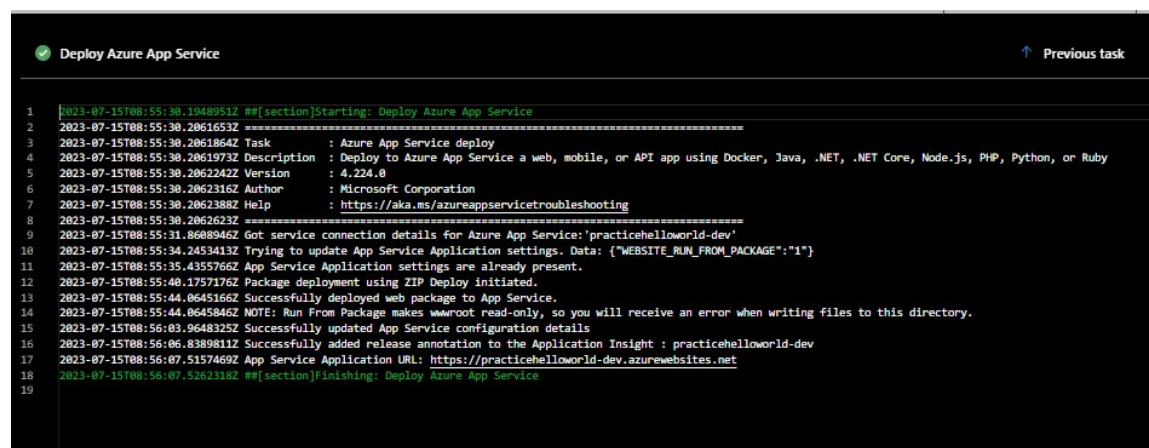
Once its successfull we will see release running:



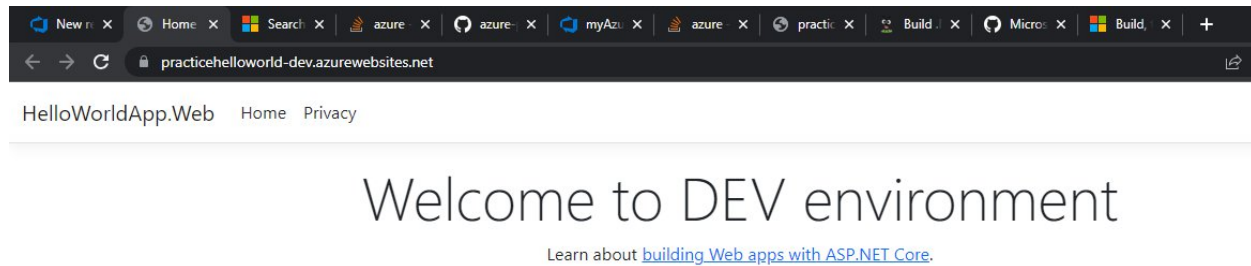
Then you can see successful release pipeline:



Then you can check its log and go to the url mentioned:



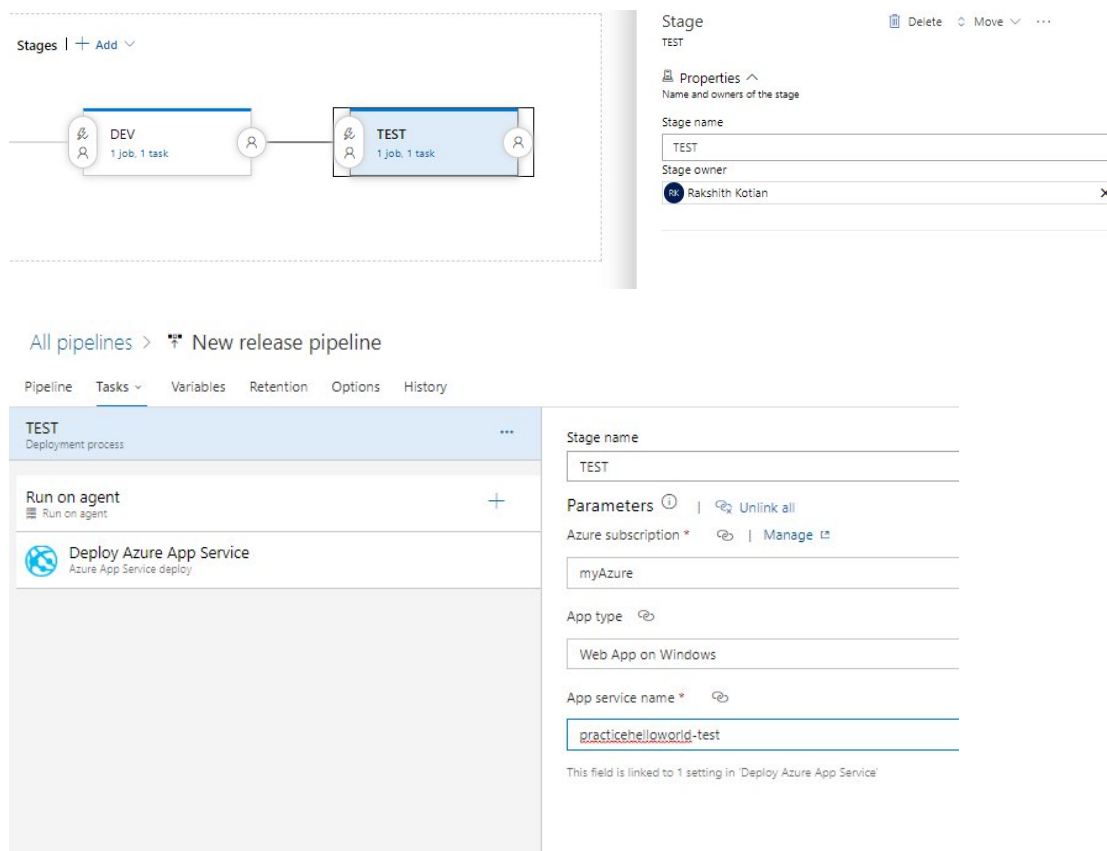
We see that it is successfully deployed and available in the web app url:



8. Deploy till Production:

Till now we deployed till dev environment. Lets add test environment and also production environment.

First let us just clone DEV step and rename it to TEST and change the web app:



We will also add the post deployment condition to require approval between the stages:

The screenshot shows a pipeline configuration for a stage named 'TEST'. The stage has one job with one task. To the right, the 'Post-deployment conditions' are configured for the 'DEV' environment. The 'Post-deployment approvals' feature is enabled. The 'Approvers' section shows a search for 'Rakshith Kotian'. The 'Timeout' is set to 30 days. The 'Approval policies' section has a checkbox for 'The user requesting a release or deployment should not approve it' which is currently unchecked.

Now before we add production let us add a deployment slot in production web app so we can use the swap between two slots.

(we have to upgrade webapp which provides staging slots)

Now go to the app service and then 'Deployment slots' and click Add slot:


The screenshot shows the 'Deployment slots' page for the 'practicehelloworld' web app. The page has a search bar and buttons for 'Save', 'Discard', 'Add Slot', and 'Swap'. A message states 'You haven't added any deployment slots. Click here to get started'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Deployment Slots' with a description: 'Deployment slots are live apps with their own host'. A table lists the existing deployment slots:

NAME	Environment
practicehelloworld	PRODUCTION

We will name it as staging and add it :

The screenshot shows the 'Add a slot' form. The 'Name' field is filled with 'Staging'. The 'Clone settings from' dropdown is set to 'Do not clone settings'.

Now you will be able to see two deployment slots:



Deployment Slots

Deployment slots are live apps with their own hostnames. App

NAME	STATUS
practicehelloworld PRODUCTION	Running
practicehelloworld-Staging	Running

Now lets add new stage for production in release pipeline:

Pipeline Tasks Variables Retention Options History

PROD-STAGING
Deployment process

Run on agent

Deploy Azure App Service
Azure App Service deploy

Stage name

PROD-STAGING

Parameters | Unlink all

Azure subscription * | Manage

myAzure

App type

Web App on Windows

App service name *

practicehelloworld

In the task change deployment to staging slot:

Run on agent

Deploy Azure App Service
Azure App Service deploy

App Service name *

practicehelloworld

☒ Deploy to Slot or App Service Environment

Resource group *

Practiceresource

Slot *

Staging


Virtual application

Staging

Then add the new step to swap the slots(Azure App Service Manage):

Add tasks | Refresh

swap



Azure App Service manage

Start, stop, restart, slot swap, slot delete, install site extensions or enable continuous monitoring for an Azure App Service

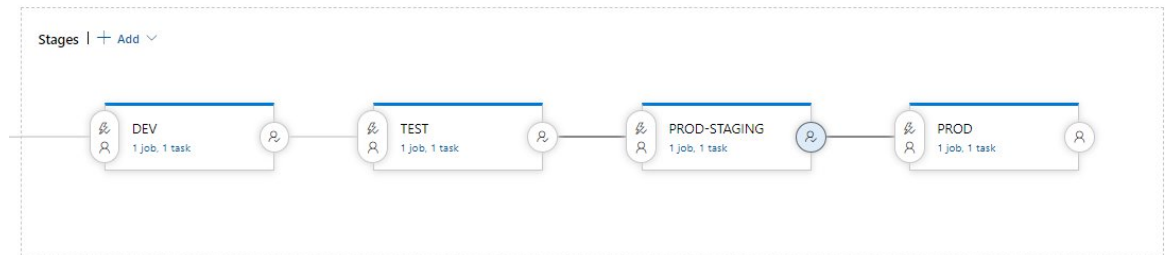
Add

Now fill the required details:

The screenshot shows the 'New release pipeline' configuration in Azure DevOps. The left pane displays the 'PROD' deployment process with a task 'Swap Slots: practicehelloworld'. The right pane shows the configuration for this task, including fields for Display name, Azure subscription, Action, App Service name, Resource group, Source Slot, and checkboxes for 'Swap with Production' and 'Preserve Vnet'.

Also make sure you have post deployment condition for approval in every step.

Now your pipeline stages is complete:



9. Make final changes and trigger CI/CD:

Now lets make changes in the index file as we did before:

```
1 @{
2     ViewData["Title"] = "Home Page";
3 }
4
5 <div class="text-center">
6     <h1 class="display-4">Welcome to Rakshiths demo</h1>
7     <h1 class="display-4">This application is production ready.</h1>
8     <p>Learn about <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/aspnet/core">building Web apps with ASP.NET Core</a>.</p>
9 </div>
10
```

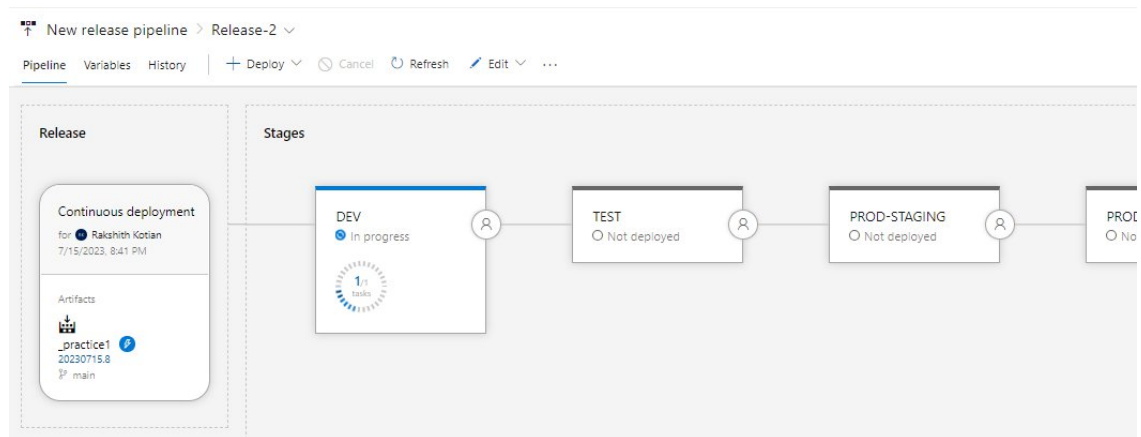
When we commit it it will trigger the CI/CD pipeline:

First build pipeline will run:

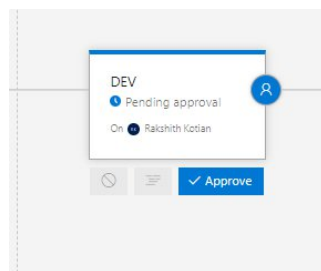
The screenshot shows the 'Jobs in run #20230715.8' for a pipeline named 'practice1'. The job list includes 'Initialize job', 'Checkout practice1@m...', 'DotNetCoreCLI', and 'PublishBuildArtifacts'. The 'DotNetCoreCLI' job is currently running. The console output for this job shows the task details and the execution of the dotnet build command.

```
1 Starting: DotNetCoreCLI
2 =====
3 Task       : .NET Core
4 Description : Build, test, package, or publish a dotnet application, or run a custom dotnet command
5 Version    : 2.221.0
6 Author     : Microsoft Corporation
7 Help       : https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/pipelines/tasks/build/dotnet-core-cli
8 =====
9 C:\Windows\system32\chcp.com 65001
10 Active code page: 65001
11 Info: .NET Core SDK/runtime 2.2 and 3.0 are now End of Life(EOL) and have been removed from all hosts
12 "C:\Program Files\dotnet\dotnet.exe" build C:\agent_work\2\s\HelloWorldApp.Web\HelloWorldApp.Web.csproj
13 MSBuild version 17.6.3+07e294721 for .NET
14 Determining projects to restore...
15 Restored C:\agent_work\2\s\HelloWorldApp.Web\HelloWorldApp.Web.csproj (in 136 ms).
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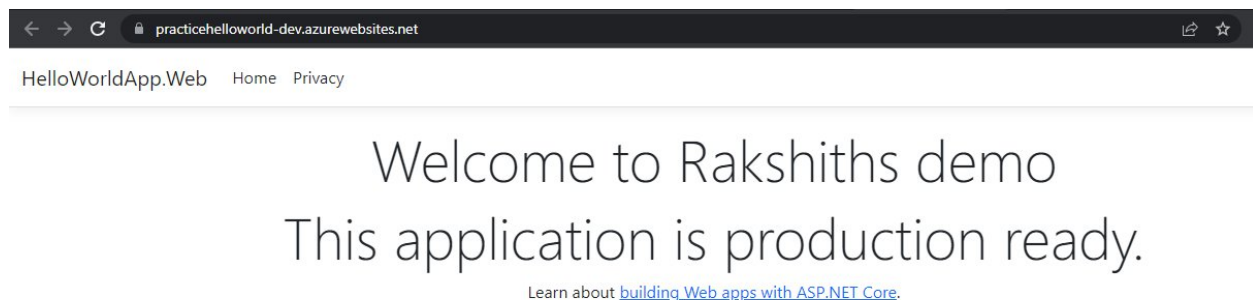
Then release will begin:



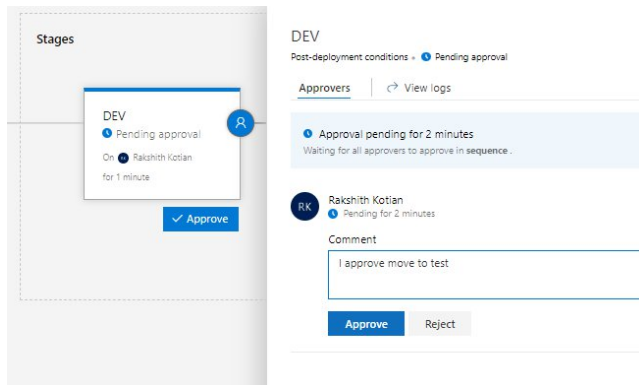
Once DEV stage is complete it will wait for approval to proceed to next stage:



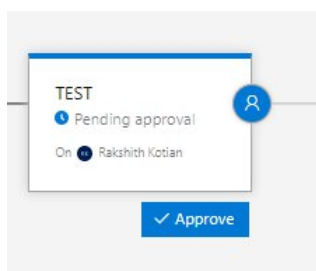
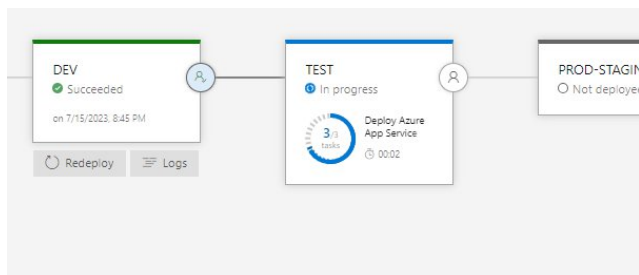
When we check the dev app service link we should see our changes reflected:



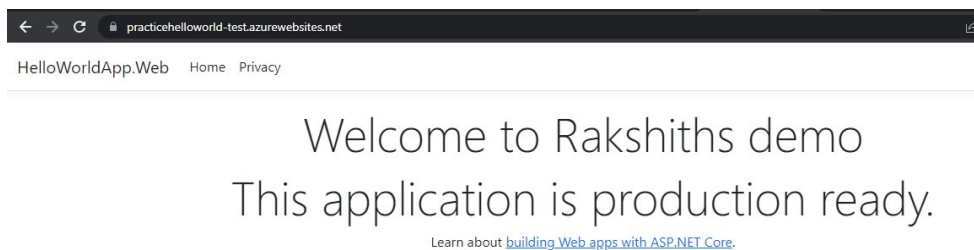
Now let us approve:



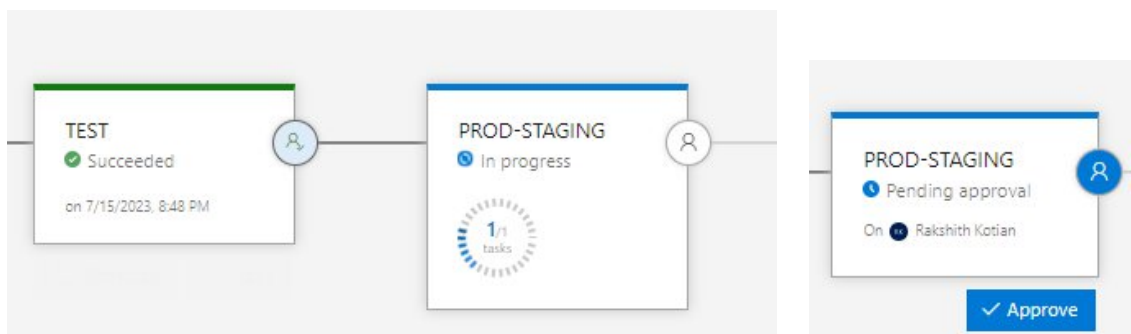
Now test stage will start:



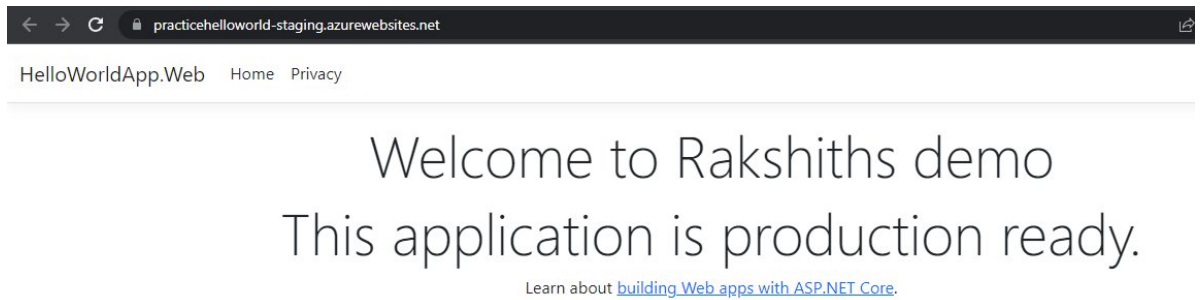
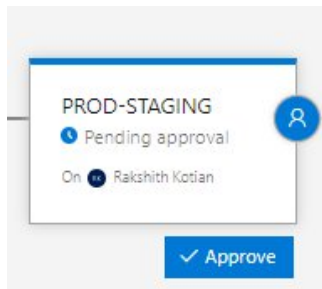
Similarly we will check the test link:



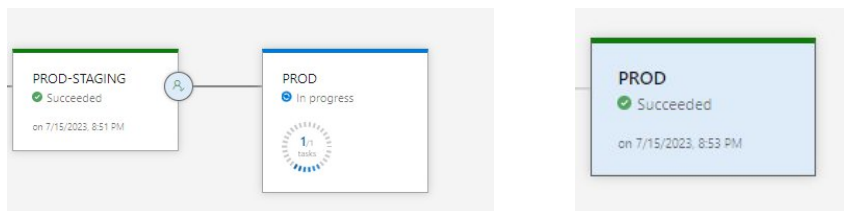
Now after approving again it will deploy to staging slot:



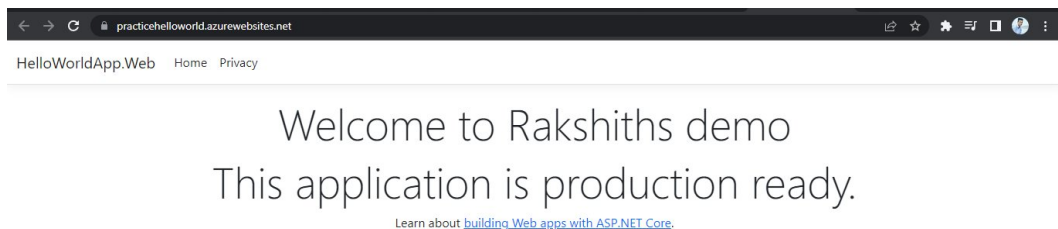
We will now check the staging link:



Finally we approve the swapping:

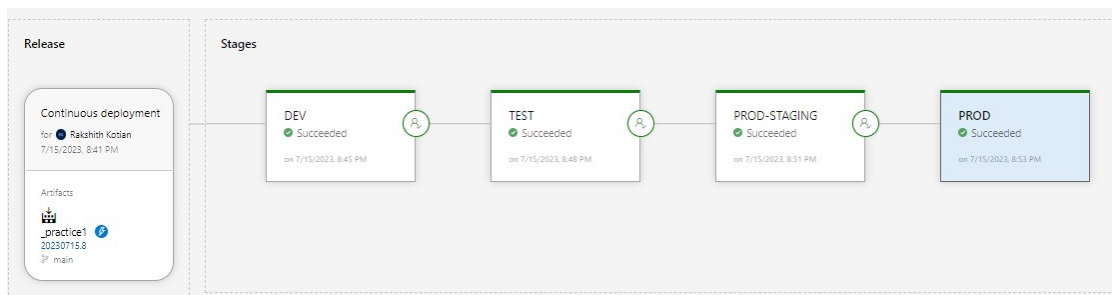


Now let us go to our final production link:



We see that it is successfully deployed.

We can see the whole pipeline completed:



That completes this detailed deployment of our application through Azure DevOps.