



# Automating Monthly .NET Patching with GitHub Actions and dotnet-outdated



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- The Problem 
- Automate the humans away! 
  - GitHub Actions
  - Update .NET SDK Action and .NET release notes
  - dotnet outdated Global Tool
  - GitHub apps
- Q&A





# .NET Patching and Support Policy




- Microsoft publishes a new .NET patch release (almost) every month
- Patches are released on the second Tuesday of the month
  - *"Patch Tuesday"*




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### .NET April 2023 Updates – .NET 7.0.5, .NET 6.0.16


April 11, 2023

 Rahul Bhandari (MSFT)

Check out April 2023 updates for .NET 7.0. and .NET 6.0

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### .NET March 2023 Updates – .NET 7.0.4, .NET 6.0.15

[devblogs.microsoft.com/dotnet](https://devblogs.microsoft.com/dotnet)



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.NET April 2023 updates Monthly-Update .NET 6.0 .NET 7.0 Patch-Tuesday Release Security

#249 opened 2 weeks ago by rbhanda

.NET March 2023 Updates Monthly-Update .NET 6.0 .NET 7.0 Patch-Tuesday

#248 opened on Mar 14 by rbhanda

.NET February 2023 Updates Monthly-Update .NET 6.0 .NET 7.0 Patch-Tuesday Security

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#245 opened on Jan 10 by rbhanda

[github.com/dotnet/announcements](https://github.com/dotnet/announcements)



- ~70% of patches include security fixes
  - [12 of 17](#) .NET 6 releases to April 2023
- Recent patched vulnerabilities include:
  - [CVE-2023-2158 - Denial of Service](#)
  - [CVE-2022-41089 - Remote Code Execution](#)
  - [CVE-2022-41067 - Information Disclosure](#)
  - [CVE-2022-41032 - Elevation of Privilege](#)





You need to run the latest patch for support from Microsoft.

*“Updates are cumulative and released as patches, with each update built upon all of the updates that preceded it. **A device needs to install the latest update to remain supported.** Updates may include new features, fixes (security and/or non-security), or a combination of both.”*

[.NET and .NET Core Support Policy](#)



**The problem** 🙄



- Every application needs patching every month
  - Keep ahead of bad actors
  - Stay supported
- We only have so much engineering time
- Manual patching doesn't scale
- [Automated Updates](#) only apply to a subset of use cases
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*Homer Simpson - "Trash of the Titans" S9E22*



**Automate the humans away!** 



## Solution

- Create a scheduled, automated GitHub Actions workflow
- Use open source tools to patch our repository
  - update-dotnet-sdk GitHub Action
  - dotnet outdated global tool
- Use GitHub apps to approve and merge the changes
- No extra code needs to be deployed to manage the process



## GitHub Actions Workflow

- Just 17 lines of YAML
- Runs weekly on a Cron schedule
- Can be run on-demand
- Uses a [reusable workflow](#)
- Minimal configuration

```
name: update-dotnet-sdk

on:

  schedule:
    - cron: '00 21 * * TUE'

  workflow_dispatch:

permissions:
  contents: read

jobs:
  update-sdk:
    uses: martincostello/update-dotnet-sdk/.github/workflows/update-dotnet-sdk.yml@v2
    with:
      labels: "dependencies,.NET"
      user-email: ${vars.GIT_COMMIT_USER_EMAIL}
      user-name: ${vars.GIT_COMMIT_USER_NAME}
    secrets:
      application-id: ${secrets.UPDATER_APPLICATION_ID}
      application-private-key: ${secrets.UPDATER_APPLICATION_PRIVATE_KEY}
```





## GitHub Apps

OAuth Apps

Personal access tokens



## GitHub Apps

New GitHub App

**costellobot**

An automation app for [Martin Costell...

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**dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer**

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**dotnet-patch-automation-updater**

An automation app for the [dotnet-pat...

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A GitHub App can act on its own behalf, taking actions via the API directly instead of impersonating a user. Read more in our [developer documentation](#).

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## Permissions

User permissions are granted on an individual user basis as part of the [User authorization flow](#).

Read our [permissions documentation](#) for information about specific permissions.

Changes to permissions will be applied to all future installations. Current users will be prompted to accept any changes and enable the new permissions on their installation.

### Repository permissions 3 Selected

Repository permissions permit access to repositories and related resources.



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## Contents ⓘ

Repository contents, commits, branches, downloads, releases, and merges.

Access: Read and write ▼

## Pull requests ⓘ

Pull requests and related comments, assignees, labels, milestones, and merges.

Access: Read and write ▼

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## Private keys

[Generate a private key](#)

You need a private key to sign access token requests. [Learn more about private keys.](#)



Private

### Private key

SHA256: I6B311hY18BuDxIV+F5ugpJbor8Qb5yEcdaLQynZGv8=

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## Security

Code security and analysis

Deploy keys

**Secrets and variables** ^

Actions

Codespaces

Dependabot

## Integrations

GitHub Apps

Email notifications

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## Repository secrets

OSSF_SCORECARD_TOKEN	Updated 5 hours ago		
REVIEWER_APPLICATION_ID	Updated 6 hours ago		
REVIEWER_APPLICATION_PRIVATE_KEY	Updated 6 hours ago		
UPDATER_APPLICATION_ID	Updated yesterday		
UPDATER_APPLICATION_PRIVATE_KEY	Updated yesterday		

[Encrypted secrets](#)



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← update-dotnet-sdk

✓ **update-dotnet-sdk #42**

Re-run all jobs



Summary

Jobs

✓ update-sdk ^

✓ Update .NET SDK

Run details

Usage

Workflow file

### update-sdk / Update .NET SDK

succeeded 5 hours ago in 28s

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> ✓ Set up job	2s
> ✓ Validate secrets	0s
> ✓ Generate GitHub application token	1s
> ✓ Assign GitHub token	0s
> ✓ Checkout code	0s
> ✓ Update .NET SDK	3s
> ✓ Setup .NET SDK	0s
> ✓ Update NuGet packages	20s
> ✓ Post Checkout code	0s
> ✓ Complete job	0s

[github.com/martincostello/dotnet-patch-automation-sample](https://github.com/martincostello/dotnet-patch-automation-sample)



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## Update .NET SDK to 7.0.203 #83

Merged dotnet-patch-aut... merged 2 commits into main from update-dotnet-sdk-7.0.203 5 hours ago

Conversation 0 Commits 2 Checks 4 Files changed 3 +3 -3

**dotnet-patch-automation-updater** (bot) commented 5 hours ago

Updates the .NET SDK to version 7.0.203, which also updates the .NET runtime from version 7.0.4 to version 7.0.5.

This release includes fixes for the following security issue(s):

- CVE-2023-28260

This pull request was auto-generated by GitHub Actions.

Reviewers: dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer ✓

Assignees: No one—assign yourself

Labels: dependencies .NET

Projects: None yet

Milestone: No milestone

Development: Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues. None yet

Notifications: Customize Unsubscribe

You're receiving notifications because you're watching this repository.

Update .NET SDK ✓ @08a99c

dotnet-patch-automation-updater (bot) added dependencies labels 5 hours ago

Bump .NET NuGet packages ✓ 5ab39ea

dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer (bot) approved these changes 5 hours ago View reviewed changes

dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer (bot) enabled auto-merge (squash) 5 hours ago

dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer (bot) merged commit 7174d08 into main 5 hours ago 4 checks passed View details Revert

[github.com/martincostello/dotnet-patch-automation-sample](https://github.com/martincostello/dotnet-patch-automation-sample)



Showing 3 changed files with 3 additions and 3 deletions.

Split

Unified

Filter changed files

global.json

src/ToDoApp

ToDoApp.csproj

tests/ToDoApp.Tests

ToDoApp.Tests.csproj

2 global.json

```
... @@ -1,6 +1,6 @@
1 1 {
2 2   "sdk": {
3 -   "version": "7.0.202",
3 +   "version": "7.0.203",
4 4   "allowPrerelease": false,
5 5   "rollForward": "latestMajor"
6 6 }
```

2 src/ToDoApp/ToDoApp.csproj

```
@@ -10,7 +10,7 @@
10 10 </PropertyGroup>
11 11 <ItemGroup>
12 12   <PackageReference Include="AspNet.Security.OAuth.GitHub" Version="7.0.2" />
13 -   <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Sqlite" Version="7.0.4" />
13 +   <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Sqlite" Version="7.0.5" />
14 14   <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.TypeScript.MSBuild" Version="5.0.4" PrivateAssets="all" />
15 15   <PackageReference Include="NodaTime" Version="3.1.9" />
16 16 </ItemGroup>
```






# How does it work?



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GitHub Action

# Update .NET SDK

v2.1.2 Latest version

[Use latest version](#)

## Update .NET SDK

build passing

codecov 77%

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This action updates the .NET SDK version specified by a `global.json` file stored in a GitHub repository.

An example Pull Request created by the action can be found [here](#).


### Example Usage

```
steps:
- uses: actions/checkout@v3
- uses: martincostello/update-dotnet-sdk@v2
  with:
```

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## Update .NET SDK Action

- JavaScript action
- Checks the [.NET release notes](#)
- Updates global.json
- Uses the GitHub API to create (and label) a pull request

```
- name: Update .NET SDK
  id: update-dotnet-sdk
  uses: martincostello/update-dotnet-sdk@v2
  with:
    branch-name: ${ inputs.branch-name }
    channel: ${ inputs.channel }
    commit-message: ${ inputs.commit-message }
    dry-run: ${ inputs.dry-run }
    global-json-file: ${ inputs.global-json-file }
    labels: ${ inputs.labels }
    repo-token: ${ steps.assign-token.outputs.access-token }
    user-email: ${ inputs.user-email }
    user-name: ${ inputs.user-name }
```



## Code



main



Go to file



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- install-linux.md
- install-macos.md
- install-maui.md
- install-windows.md
- install.md
- known-issues.md
- linux-packages.md
- releases.json
- runtime-deps.json
- supported-os.md

&gt; 7.0

&gt; 8.0

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rbhanda Artifacts for .NET April 2023 Releases (#8381) ✓

2876b2f · 2 weeks ago

[History](#)

Code

Blame

14835 lines (14835 loc) · 1010 KB

Raw



```
1  {
2    "channel-version": "6.0",
3    "latest-release": "6.0.16",
4    "latest-release-date": "2023-04-11",
5    "latest-runtime": "6.0.16",
6    "latest-sdk": "6.0.408",
7    "release-type": "lts",
8    "support-phase": "active",
9    "eol-date": "2024-11-12",
10   "lifecycle-policy": "https://dotnet.microsoft.com/platform/support/policy/",
11   "releases": [
12     {
13       "release-date": "2023-04-11",
14       "release-version": "6.0.16",
15       "security": true,
16       "cve-list": [
17         {
18           "cve-id": "CVE-2023-28260",
19           "cve-url": "https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2023-28260"
20         }
21       ]
22     }
23   ]
24 }
```



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6.0.16 Security patch

[Release notes](#) Latest release date April 11, 2023

Build apps - SDK

SDK 6.0.408

OS	Installers	Binaries
Linux	<a href="#">Package manager instructions</a>	<a href="#">Arm32</a>   <a href="#">Arm32 Alpine</a>   <a href="#">Arm64</a>   <a href="#">Arm64 Alpine</a>   <a href="#">x64</a>   <a href="#">x64 Alpine</a>
macOS	<a href="#">Arm64</a>   <a href="#">x64</a>	<a href="#">Arm64</a>   <a href="#">x64</a>
Windows	<a href="#">Arm64</a>   <a href="#">x64</a>   <a href="#">x86</a>	<a href="#">Arm64</a>   <a href="#">x64</a>   <a href="#">x86</a>

Run apps - Runtime

ASP.NET Core Runtime 6.0.16

The ASP.NET Core Runtime enables you to run existing web/server applications. On Windows, we recommend installing the Hosting Bundle, which includes the .NET Runtime and IIS support.

IIS runtime support (ASP.NET Core Module v2)

16.0.23083.16



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```
PowerShell Core

dotnet-patch-automation-sample (ca97a99) [!] via .NET v7.0.202
> dotnet outdated
» TodoApp
   [net7.0]
   Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Sqlite 7.0.4 -> 7.0.5

» TodoApp.Tests
   [net7.0]
   Shouldly 4.2.0 -> 4.2.1

Version color legend:
<red>    : Major version update or pre-release version. Possible breaking changes.
<yellow>: Minor version update. Backwards-compatible features added.
<green>  : Patch version update. Backwards-compatible bug fixes.

You can upgrade packages to the latest version by passing the -u or -u:prompt option.
Elapsed: 00:00:02.9052013

dotnet-patch-automation-sample (ca97a99) [!] via .NET v7.0.202 took 3s
> |
```



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```
PowerShell Core
dotnet-patch-automation-sample (ca97a99) via .NET v7.0.202
> dotnet outdated --upgrade --version-lock Major --include "Microsoft.AspNetCore."
» TodoApp.Tests
  [net7.0]
  Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing 7.0.4 -> 7.0.5

Version color legend:
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Upgrading package Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing...
Project TodoApp.Tests [net7.0] upgraded successfully

Elapsed: 00:00:00.3794555

dotnet-patch-automation-sample (ca97a99) [!] via .NET v7.0.202 took 9s
> |
```



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- Updates <PackageReference> and <PackageVersion> tags

```
PowerShell Core

dotnet-patch-automation-sample (ca97a99) [!] via .NET v7.0.202
> git diff
diff --git a/tests/ToDoApp.Tests/ToDoApp.Tests.csproj b/tests/ToDoApp.Tests/ToDoApp.Tests.csproj
index 1974f40..3d994ca 100644
--- a/tests/ToDoApp.Tests/ToDoApp.Tests.csproj
+++ b/tests/ToDoApp.Tests/ToDoApp.Tests.csproj
@@ -10,7 +10,7 @@
   <PackageReference Include="GitHubActionsTestLogger" Version="2.0.1" />
   <PackageReference Include="JustEat.HttpClientInterception" Version="4.0.0" />
   <PackageReference Include="MartinCostello.Logging.XUnit" Version="0.3.0" />
-  <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing" Version="7.0.4" />
+  <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing" Version="7.0.5" />
   <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.NET.Test.Sdk" Version="17.5.0" />
   <PackageReference Include="Microsoft.Playwright" Version="1.32.0" />
   <PackageReference Include="ReportGenerator" Version="5.1.19" />

dotnet-patch-automation-sample (ca97a99) [!] via .NET v7.0.202
> |
```





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```
PowerShell Core

dotnet-patch-automation-sample on  main via .NET v7.0.203
> dotnet outdated --upgrade --version-lock Major --include "Microsoft.AspNetCore."
No outdated dependencies were detected
Elapsed: 00:00:03.5705699

dotnet-patch-automation-sample on  main via .NET v7.0.203 took 4s
> |
```

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```
$eligiblePackages = "${{ inputs.include-nuget-packages }}".Split(',')
$includePackages = @()

foreach ($package in $eligiblePackages) {
    $includePackages += "--include"
    $includePackages += $package
}

dotnet outdated `
    --upgrade `
    --version-lock Major `
    --output $updatesPath `
    $includePackages

$dependencies = @()

if (Test-Path $updatesPath) {
    $dependencies = `
        Get-Content -Path $updatesPath | `
        ConvertFrom-Json | `
        Select-Object -ExpandProperty projects | `
        Select-Object -ExpandProperty TargetFrameworks | `
        Select-Object -ExpandProperty Dependencies | `
        Sort-Object -Property Name -Unique
}
```

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```
$commitLines = @(
$sdkVersion = "${ steps.update-dotnet-sdk.outputs.sdk-version }}"

if ($deps.Count -eq 1) {
    $commitLines += "Bump $($deps[0].Name) from $($deps[0].ResolvedVersion) to $($deps[0].LatestVersion)"
    $commitLines += ""
    $commitLines += "Bumps $($deps[0].Name) from $($deps[0].ResolvedVersion) to $($deps[0].LatestVersion)."
} else {
    $commitLines += "Bump .NET NuGet packages"
    $commitLines += ""
    $commitLines += "Bumps .NET dependencies to their latest versions for the .NET $sdkVersion SDK."
    $commitLines += ""
    foreach ($dep in $deps) {
        $commitLines += "Bumps $($dep.Name) from $($dep.ResolvedVersion) to $($dep.LatestVersion)."
    }
}

$commitLines += ""
$commitLines += "---"
$commitLines += "updated-dependencies:"

foreach ($dep in $deps) {
    $commitLines += "- dependency-name: $($dep.Name)"
    $commitLines += " dependency-type: direct:production"
    $commitLines += " update-type: version-update:semver-$(($dep.UpgradeSeverity.ToLowerInvariant()))"
}

$commitLines += "..."
$commitLines += ""
$commitLines += ""

$commitMessage = $commitLines -join "`n"
```



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### ✓ Bump Shouldly from 4.2.0 to 4.2.1

Bumps [Shouldly](<https://github.com/shouldly/shouldly>) from 4.2.0 to 4.2.1.

- [Release notes](<https://github.com/shouldly/shouldly/releases>)
- [Changelog](<https://github.com/shouldly/shouldly/blob/master/BREAKING%20CHANGES.txt>)
- [Commits]([shouldly/shouldly@4.2.0...4.2.1](#))

---

updated-dependencies:

- dependency-name: Shouldly  
dependency-type: direct:production  
update-type: version-update:semver-patch

...

Signed-off-by: dependabot[bot] <support@github.com>



dependabot[bot] committed yesterday

Verified



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```
Bump .NET NuGet packages
```

```
Bumps .NET dependencies to their latest versions for the .NET 7.0.203 SDK.
```

```
Bumps Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing from 7.0.0 to 7.0.5.
```

```
Bumps Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Sqlite from 7.0.0 to 7.0.5.
```

```
---
```

```
updated-dependencies:
```

```
- dependency-name: Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing
```

```
  dependency-type: direct:production
```

```
  update-type: version-update:semver-patch
```

```
- dependency-name: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Sqlite
```

```
  dependency-type: direct:production
```

```
  update-type: version-update:semver-patch
```

```
...
```



## Approval Workflow

- Uses another GitHub app to approve and auto-merge
- Only runs for PRs from the expected updater GitHub app
- Parses the commit messages to check only the expected changes have been made
- Copies approach from Dependabot's [fetch-metadata](#) action
- Leverages the [GitHub CLI](#) to perform API requests

```
name: approve-and-merge

on:
  pull_request:
    branches: [ main ]

permissions:
  contents: read

jobs:
  review-pull-request:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

    if: ${ github.event.pull_request.user.login == vars.GIT_COMMIT_USER_NAME }}
```



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← approve-and-merge

✅ Update .NET SDK to 7.0.203 #164

Re-run all jobs

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🏠 Summary

Jobs

✅ review-pull-request

Run details

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📄 Workflow file

### review-pull-request

succeeded 3 hours ago in 24s

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- > ✅ Set up job 1s
- > ✅ Generate GitHub application token 1s
- > ✅ Install powershell-yaml 13s
- > ✅ Check which dependencies were updated 4s
- > ✅ Checkout code 0s
- > ✅ Approve pull request and enable auto-merge 0s
  - 🕒 Disable auto-merge and dismiss approvals 0s
- > ✅ Post Checkout code 0s
- > ✅ Complete job 0s



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```
$commits = gh api `
  /repos/${github.repository }}/pulls/${github.event.pull_request.number }/commits `
--jq '.[] | { author: .author.login, message: .commit.message }' | ConvertFrom-Json

$expectedUser = "${vars.GIT_COMMIT_USER_NAME}"
$onlyDependencyUpdates = $True
$onlyChangesFromUser = $True

$dependencies = @()

foreach ($commit in $commits) {
  if ($commit.Author -ne $expectedUser) {
    $onlyChangesFromUser = $False
  }
  $match = [Regex]::Match($commit.Message, '^(?m)^--{3}\s(?:<dependencies>[\S\s]*)?\s^.{3}$')
  if ($match.Success -eq $True) {
    $metadata = ($match.Value | ConvertFrom-Yaml -Ordered)
    $updates = $metadata["updated-dependencies"]
    if ($updates) {
      foreach ($update in $updates) {
        $dependencies += @{
          Name = $update['dependency-name'];
          Type = $update['update-type'];
        }
      }
    }
  }
  else {
    $onlyDependencyUpdates = $False
  }
}

$isPatch = $dependencies.Length -gt 0
$onlyTrusted = $dependencies.Length -gt 0
$trustedPackages = $env:INCLUDE_NUGET_PACKAGES.Split(',')

foreach ($dependency in $dependencies) {
  $isPatch = $isPatch -And $dependency.Type -eq "version-update:semver-patch"
  $onlyTrusted = $onlyTrusted -And
  (
    ($dependency.Name -eq "Microsoft.NET.Sdk") -Or
    (($trustedPackages | Where-Object { $dependency.Name.StartsWith($_) }).Count -gt 0)
  )
}

$isTrusted = (($onlyTrusted -And $isPatch) -And $onlyChangesFromUser) -And $onlyDependencyUpdates
"is-trusted-update=$isTrusted" >> $env:GITHUB_OUTPUT
```





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```
$approvals = gh api /repos/${{ github.repository }}/pulls/${{ github.event.pull_request.number }}/reviews | ConvertFrom-Json
$approvals = $approvals | Where-Object { $_.user.login -eq $env:REVIEWER_LOGIN }
$approvals = $approvals | Where-Object { $_.state -eq "APPROVED" }

if ($approvals.Length -eq 0) {
  gh pr checkout "$env:PR_URL"
  gh pr review --approve "$env:PR_URL"
  gh pr merge --auto --squash "$env:PR_URL"
}
else {
  Write-Host "PR already approved.";
}
```



dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer bot approved these changes 53 minutes ago

[View reviewed changes](#)



dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer bot enabled auto-merge (squash) 53 minutes ago



dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer bot merged commit **7d413bd** into **main** 48 minutes ago  
7 checks passed

[View details](#)

[Revert](#)



dotnet-patch-automation-reviewer bot deleted the **update-dotnet-sdk-7.0.203** branch 48 minutes ago

[Restore branch](#)

[Pull request](#)





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if ($approvals.Length -gt 0) {
    gh pr checkout "$env:PR_URL"
    gh pr merge --disable-auto "$env:PR_URL"
    foreach ($approval in $approvals) {
        gh api `
            --method PUT `
            /repos/${{ github.repository }}/pulls/${{ github.event.pull_request.number }}/reviews/${$approval.id}/dismissals `
            -f message='Cannot approve as other changes have been introduced.' `
            -f event='DISMISS'
    }
}
else {
    Write-Host "PR not already approved.";
}
```






 **github-actions** bot previously approved these changes last month [View reviewed changes](#)


 **github-actions** bot enabled auto-merge (squash) last month

 **costellobot** and others added 2 commits last month

  Bump .NET NuGet packages ... ✓ 3a8a26b

  Update README ... Verified ✓ adc7ae5

 **github-actions** bot disabled auto-merge last month

 **github-actions** bot dismissed their stale review last month

Cannot approve as other changes have been introduced.

[Pull request](#)



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## Links

- Sample code - [martincostello/dotnet-patch-automation-sample](https://github.com/martincostello/dotnet-patch-automation-sample)
- Update .NET SDK Action - [martincostello/update-dotnet-sdk](https://github.com/martincostello/update-dotnet-sdk)
- .NET Outdated - [dotnet-outdated/dotnet-outdated](https://github.com/dotnet-outdated/dotnet-outdated)

*Pull requests welcome!*

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