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AZ400-DesigningandImplementingMicrosoftDevOpsSolutions (microsoftlearning.github.io)

Step One: Define the Organization; Teams; Projects & Repos

- An Azure DevOps account: https://dev.azure.com
- A GitHub account: https://github.com
- An Azure account: https://azure.microsoft.com/

Create Backlog list items - work items for each project

List each item of work

What is the Branching Strategy?

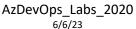
- Master kept isolated
- Dev branch used for development
- When to clone
- When to fork

DevOps Automation

- 1. Choose process to use
- 2. Determine update stages Columns
 - a. Update Status triggers / hooks
 - b. start steps we need finish
 - c. Specify events that trigger pipelines:
 - d. https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/build/triggers?view=azure-devops
- 3. What do I automate?
- 4. Code writing commit pull request
- 5. Testing
- 6. Validated
- 7. Approved
- 8. Deployed to what targets
- 9. Policies code-review workflow

Enable preview features: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/project/navigation/preview-features?view=azure-devops&tabs=new-account-enabled

New Pull Request Experience for Azure Repos: https://devblogs.microsoft.com/devops/introducing-the-new-pull-request-experience-for-azure-repos/





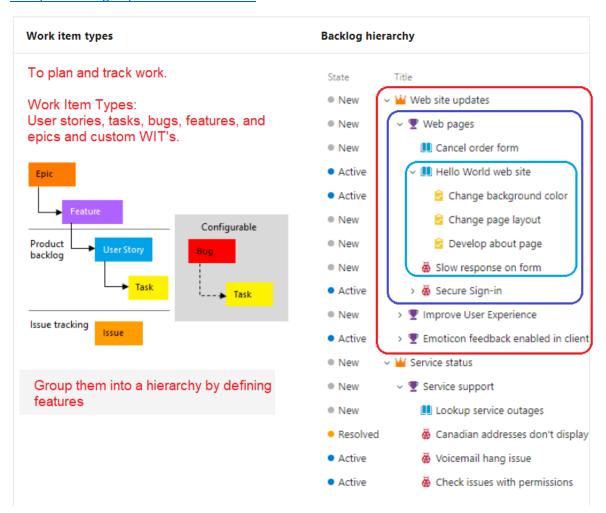
Daily Workflow

- **Manage work items that you're following: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/follow-work-items?view=azure-devops#manage-work-items-that-youre-following
 - You can review and manage all the work items you've selected to follow.

Add and update a work item: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/addwork-items?view=azure-devops&tabs=browser

Track work with user stories, issues, bugs, features, and epics – in a Nutshell:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/about-work-items?view=azure-devops&tabs=agile-process#in-a-nutshell



Add child items: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/define-features-epics?view=azure-devops&tabs=agile-process#add-child-items

 From any backlog, you can add child items. You can add features to epics, and backlog items to features.



**Tutorial: Follow a user story, bug, issue, or other work item or pull request:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/follow-work-items?view=azure-devops

Open your backlog: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/create-your-backlog?view=azure-devops&tabs=agile-process#open-your-backlog

Manage your notifications: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/manage-your-personal-notifications?view=azure-devops&tabs=preview-page

As changes occur to work items, code reviews, source control files, and builds, you can receive
email notifications for alerts that you define

Drive Git development from a work item: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/connect-work-items-to-git-dev-ops?view=azure-devops

One of the ways your team can drive their development is to stay in sync:

- Link your work items to the objects created during development, such as branches, commits, pull requests, and builds
- Get notified of changes made to a specific work item or a pull request
- · Elect to follow them
- The Follow feature provides an ad hoc way of getting notified on a case-by-case basis
- Subscribe to receive email notifications automatically based on changes that occur based on your targeted set of criteria in Manage personal notifications.

For example, you can create a subscription to automatically get notified whenever a work item that you created or that was assigned to you is modified.



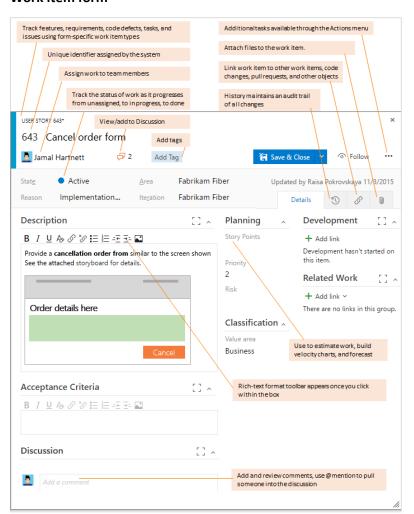
Follow a work item

When you want to track the progress of a single work item, choose the Follow



- Specify conditions on when you'll get notified of changes, choose the icon and choose from the options provided.
- You'll only receive notifications when other members of your team modify the work item, such as adding to the discussion, changing a field value, or adding an attachment.
- Notifications are sent to your preferred email address, which you can change from your user profile

Work item form





Notifications, Favorites, Following

About notifications: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/about-notifications?view=azure-devops

- When changes occur to work items, code reviews, pull requests, source control files, and builds. You can be notified via email.
- For example, you can get notified whenever you resolve a bug or are assigned a work item.

Notifications are managed by an administrator at the following levels:

- Team notifications, managed by a team administrator
- Project notifications, managed by a member of the Project Administrators group
- Organization/collection-level notifications, managed by a member of the Project Collection Administrators group
- Default is the email address you signed into Azure DevOps with.
- Manage this email address via your organization preferences profile page.

Manage notifications for a team or group: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/manage-team-group-notifications?view=azure-devops

As changes occur to work items, code reviews, pull requests, source control files, and builds, your team or group can be notified via email. For example, when a high priority work item is assigned to your team's area path, an email can be sent to the team.

Subscriptions can allow

New subscription



Use @mentions in work items and pull requests: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/at-mentions?view=azure-devops

- The @mention control allows you to quickly add someone into a work item or pull request discussion
- Upon completion of your selection and text entry, your @mention user receives an email alerting them about the mention.



Use #ID to link to work items: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/add-links-to-work-items

• Link a pull request to a work item: Use the #ID control in pull request discussions, commit comments, changeset comments, and shelveset comments.

***Use AB# mention to link from GitHub to Azure Boards work items: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/github/link-to-from-github?view=azure-devops#use-ab-mention-to-link-from-github-to-azure-boards-work-items

- From a GitHub commit, pull request or issue, use the following syntax to create a link to your Azure Boards work item.
- Enter the AB#ID within the text of a commit message.
- Or, for a pull request or issue, enter the AB#ID within the title or description

Example: AB#125 will link to work item ID 125.

**Enter a commit or pull request message to transition the work item. This means change the state of the Kanban card.

The system will recognize:

- Fix
- Fixes
- Fixed
- And apply it to the #-mention item that follows.

| Commit message | Action |
|--|---|
| Fixed AB#123 | Links and transitions the work item to the "done" state. |
| Adds a new feature, fixes AB#123. | Links and transitions the work item to the "done" state. |
| Fixes AB#123, AB#124, and AB#126 | Links to Azure Boards work items 123, 124, and 126. Transitions only the first item, 123 to the "done" state. |
| Fixes AB#123, Fixes AB#124, Fixes AB#125 | Links to Azure Boards work items 123, 124, and 126. Transitions all items to the "done" state. |
| Fixing multiple bugs: issue #123 and user story AB#234 | Links to GitHub issue 123 and Azure Boards work item 234. No transitions. |

Change your preferred email address for notifications: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/change-email-address

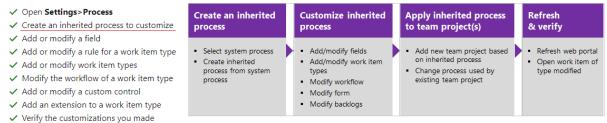


Create Project, Process, Work Items – Create custom State to Column maps.

Plan and track work: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/get-started/plan-trackwork

Map the flow of work: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/boards/add-columns?view=azure-devops#map-the-flow-of-work

The general sequence for customizing a project is to *customize an inherited process*, verify your customizations, and then change the process of the project(s) to use that process.



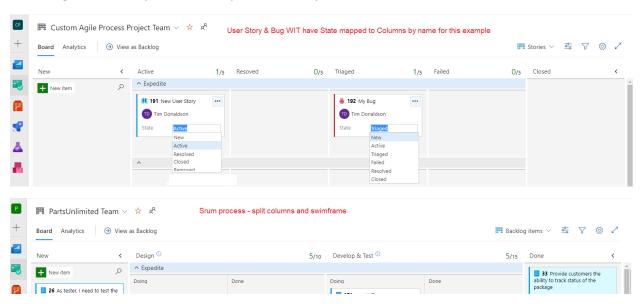
You primarily customize a process by adding or modifying a work item type (WIT) defined for that process.

Column to state map examples

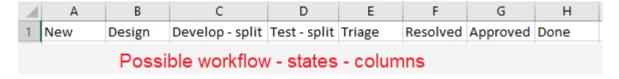
✓ Change the process used by a project

Columns name match State in some cases

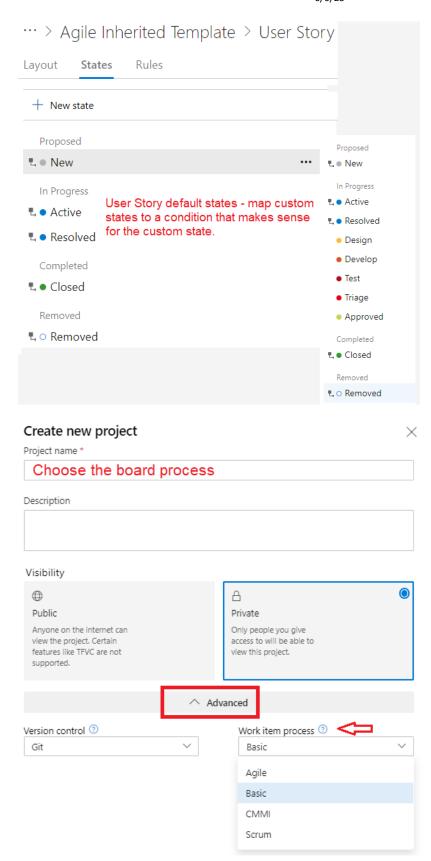
Can a bug or User Story/Work Item update correctly to each column?



What default State will map to a Kanban card move









Customize your boards: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/get-started/customize-boards?view=azure-devops&tabs=basic-process

Add columns to your Kanban board: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/boards/add-columns?view=azure-devops

• Now that you've got the essentials of how to work with your Kanban board, here's how you get it to look like what you need it to.

Expedite work with swimlanes: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/boards/expedite-work?view=azure-devops

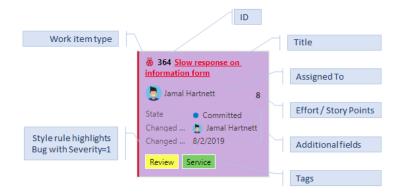
Identify bottlenecks - use split columns to improve workflow: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/split-columns?view=azure-devops#identify-bottlenecks-drive-toward-a-perfect-flow-scenario

Customize cards: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/boards/customize-cards?view=azure-devops

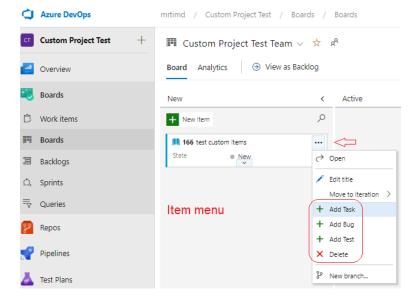
- 1. Update a field without opening the work item.
- 2. Use style rules to highlight work items with select colors based on the criteria you set.

In the card shown below, the following customizations have been set for the bug work item type (WIT):

- Show all core fields: ID, Assigned To, Story Points, Tags
- Show three additional fields: State, Changed By, and Changed Date
- Apply tag colors
- Apply styling rule to display bugs with Severity=1 as yellow and bold and underline the Title field
- Card customize to show additional fields, tags, and style rule





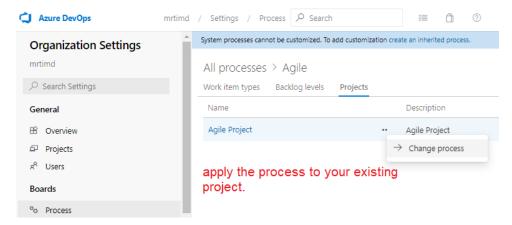


****Customize a project using an inherited process:** https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/customize-process

You must create an inherited process to customize WIT's or you will see:

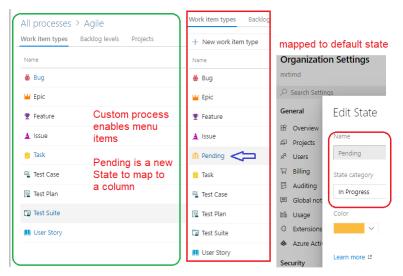
Apply the customized process to your project: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/customize-process?view=azure-devops#apply-the-customized-process-to-your-project

Apply the process to your existing project vs. create a new project with the new process





Or Create a New Project



Verify New Project wizard shows custom process name and the changes made work in DevOps

Add a custom field to a work item type: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/add-custom-field?view=azure-devops

To update status of a work item, you simply drag-and-drop cards to a different column. To change the order or stack ranking of a work item, you drag a card up or down within a column.

Moving the card from Analyze to Develop updates the corresponding State field.

Customize the workflow: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/customize-process-workflow?view=azure-devops#open-settingsprocess

**Add custom states when you want all teams to track the status according to the business workflow adopted by the organization.

To support your business and team processes, you can *add custom states to most work item types* (WITs). For example, you may want to insert a Triaged state for bugs, or a Design state for features or user stories.

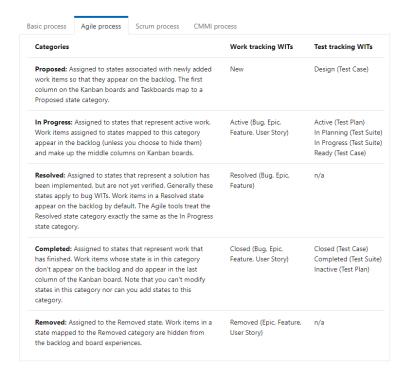
Add a workflow state: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/customize-process-workflow?view=azure-devops#add-a-workflow-state

- Workflow states define how a work item progresses upon its creation to closure.
- Workflow states are shared across a project while Kanban columns are shared within a team.
- Only project collection admins can add inherited custom states, while team admins can add Kanban columns.
- States you add appear in the picklist for the States field shown in work item forms and the query editor.



 The state categories used by the backlogs, boards and widgets are Proposed, In Progress, and Complete.

The default, inherited states map to the state categories for all three system processes plus test case management WITs.



The color you specify appears throughout the product including on the work item form and when the State field appears on a backlog, boards, query results, and more.

Update Kanban column-to-State mappings: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/boards/add-columns?view=azure-devops#update-kanban-column-to-state-mappings

- New example states have been added, Triaged for bug, and Investigate for user story.
- Each needs to be mapped to an existing or new column in order for the Kanban board to display work items assigned to these states.

How workflow states and state categories are used in Backlogs and Boards:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/workflow-and-state-categories?view=azure-devops&tabs=agile-process

Add or modify a rule for a work item type: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/customize-process?view=azure-devops#add-or-modify-a-rule-for-a-work-item-type

 Rules allow you to clear the value of a field, copy a value into a field, and apply values based on dependencies between different fields' values.



**Add link from a work item to a GitHub commit, pull request, or issue:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/github/link-to-from-github?view=azure-devops#add-link-from-a-work-item-to-a-github-commit-pull-request-or-issue

This links to the item URL and just opens that web page Example: https://github.com/mrtimd/calculator/pull/1

**Auto completion of work items with pull requests: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/workflow-and-state-categories?view=azure-devops&tabs=agile-process#auto-completion-of-work-items-with-pull-requests

- This new feature that will move all linked work items in a pull request as done. This is helpful for tasks, but not for bugs or other work items that need to pass In Test first.
- Appears to be part of Visual Studio Code

See Also: Working with Pull Requests in Visual Studio Code and Azure DevOps: https://azuredevopslabs.com/labs/azuredevops/pullrequests/#task-3-managing-git-branch-and-pull-request-policies

See Also: Ways to review code with pull requests: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/repos/git/pull-requests?view=azure-devops

Resolve work items on commit: Enable commit mention work item resolution:

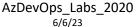
https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/repos/git/resolution-mentions?view=azure-devops#enable-commit-mention-work-item-resolution

Allow mentions in commit comments to close work items (e.g. "Fixes #123")

View GitHub objects on Kanban board: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/github/link-to-from-github?view=azure-devops#view-github-objects-on-kanban-board

Show bugs on backlogs and boards: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/show-bugs-on-backlog?view=azure-devops

- As your team identifies code defects or bugs, they can add them to the backlog and track them similar to requirements.
- Or, they can schedule them to be fixed within a sprint along with other tasks.





Backlogs, Portfolio, Area Path & Team mapping

Define features and epics: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/definefeatures-epics

Portfolio backlogs to bring more order to your backlog. Use your backlogs to plan your project and to:

- Manage a portfolio of features that are supported by different development and management teams
- Group items into a release train
- Minimize size variability of your deliverables by breaking down a large feature into smaller backlog items

The epics and features that you create should reflect your business focus.

- A user story is a tool used in Agile software development to capture a description of a software feature from an end user perspective.
- As user stories or product backlog items roll up into features, and features roll up into epics you'll want to name your features and epics with that in mind.
- A feature typically represents a shippable component of software.
- An epic represents a business initiative to be accomplished.

Area Paths: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/set-area-paths

You can add area paths to support teams and to group work items based on product, feature, or business areas. Then, define area paths at the project level and assign them to a team under the team configuration. You can also create a hierarchy of area paths to support subcategories within categories.

About area and iteration paths (aka sprints): https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/azure/devops/organizations/settings/about-areas-iterations?view=azure-devops

- Area paths allow you to group work items by team, product, or feature area.
- Whereas, iteration paths allow you to group work into sprints, milestones, or other eventspecific or time-related period.
- Both these fields allow you to define a hierarchy of paths.

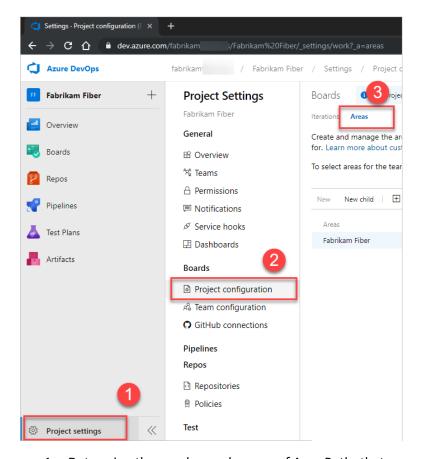
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Define area paths and assign to a team: https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/azure/devops/organizations/settings/set-areapaths?toc=%2Fazure%2Fdevops%2Fboards%2Ftoc.json&bc=%2Fazure%2Fdevops%2Fboards%2Fbreadcr

Get started sequence: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/set-areapaths?toc=%2Fazure%2Fdevops%2Fboards%2Ftoc.json&bc=%2Fazure%2Fdevops%2Fboards%2Fbreadcr umb%2Ftoc.json&view=azure-devops&tabs=preview-page#get-started-sequence

Straight forward sequence for configuring your project and teams

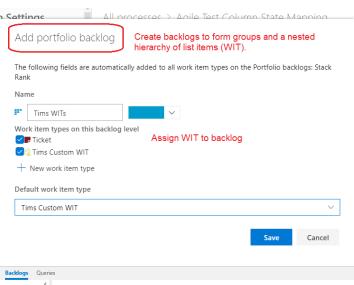


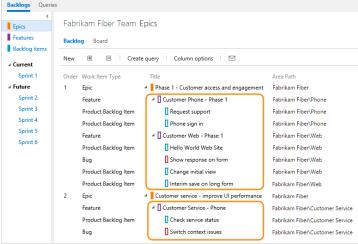


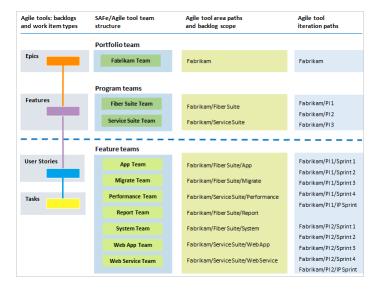
- 1. Determine the *number and names of Area Paths* that you want to support to categorize your work.
- 2. Minimum: One Area Path for each team. For guidance, review About areas and iterations.
- 3. Determine the **number and names of teams** you want to support. For guidance, review About teams and Agile tools.
- 4. Open Project settings>Project configuration and define the Area Paths to support steps 1 and 2 at the project level.
- 5. Define the teams you need to support step 2. For guidance, see Add a team, move from one default team to several teams.
- 6. Open the team configuration and assign the default and additional Area Path(s) to each team.
- 7. Assign the Area Path of work items to an area path you defined.
- 8. Use bulk modify to modify several work items at once.



Organize your backlog, map child work items to parents: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/organize-backlog?view=azure-devops









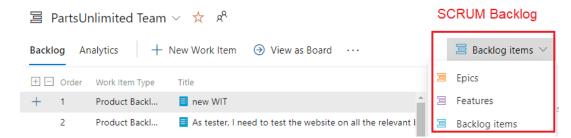
Set up your Backlogs and Boards: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/set-up-your-backlog

A default team is created along with associated backlogs and boards. You can create Portfolios to group backlogs.

Product Backlog and Board display work items which meet the following criteria:

- Work item type belongs to the Requirements category.
- The types differ depending on the process selected for your project Name shows in drop down.
 - Basic : Issue, Backlog name=Issues
 - Agile: User Story, Backlog name=Stories
 - Scrum: Product Backlog Item, Backlog name=Backlog items
 - CMMI: Requirement, Backlog name=Requirements
- Work item Area Path matches one of the selected team's Area Paths
- Work item Iteration Path is under the team's Default Iteration Path

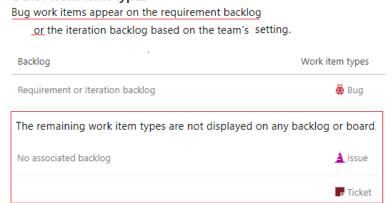
Determine the work item types that belong to your Requirements category by opening your product Backlog and checking the product backlog name.



Add or edit portfolio backlog: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-

<u>us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/customize-process-backlogs-boards?view=azure-devops#add-or-edit-portfolio-backlogs</u>

Other work item types



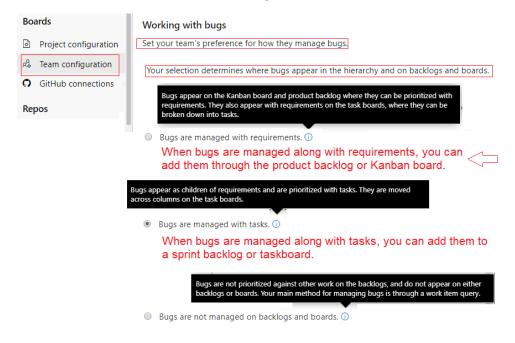


Checklist for work items, backlogs, and boards: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/set-up-your-backlog?view=azure-devops#checklist-for-work-items-backlogs-and-boards

Track bugs as requirements or tasks: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/about-work-items?view=azure-devops&tabs=agile-process#track-bugs-as-requirements-or-tasks

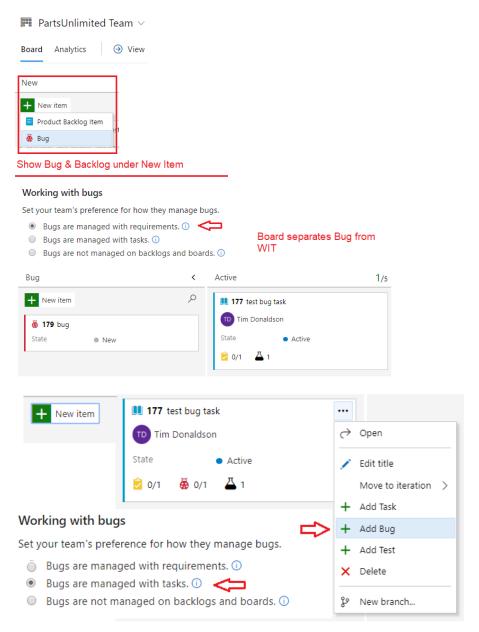
Bugs, like product backlog items (PBIs) and user stories, represent work that needs doing.

- Track your bugs along with other items in the product backlog items
- Or as tasks linked to those backlog items?





Add WIT to Kanban Board New Item List



Add a work item type to a backlog and board: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/reference/add-wits-to-backlogs-and-boards?view=azure-devops

Add a WIT to track it like a requirement: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/reference/add-wits-to-backlogs-and-boards?view=azure-devops#wits-as-requirements

- WITs that you add to the Requirement Category show up on the product backlog and Kanban board.
- This is hosted XML based not inherited



Other References

Sample work item templates: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/work-item-template-examples

Best tool to add, update, and link work items: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/work-items/best-tool-add-update-link-work-items?view=azure-devops

Customize your work tracking experience: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/reference/customize-work?view=azure-devops#projects-and-process-customizations

• Specifically, the project determines the work item types (WITs)—user stories, tasks, bugs—and the data fields used to capture information.

Define, triage, and manage bugs: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/backlogs/manage-bugs?view=azure-devops&tabs=new-web-form#define-and-list-bugs

Change your preferred email address for notifications: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/notifications/change-email-address?view=azure-devops&tabs=preview-page

Import a Git repo: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/repos/git/import-git-repository?view=azure-devops

Create and manage inherited processes: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/settings/work/manage-process?view=azure-devops

• A process defines the building blocks of the work tracking system.

Enable live updates: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/boards/live-updates?view=azure-devops

Choose the view options icon and move the slider for Live updates to On.



• As one team member updates the status of a work item, other team members will see those updates in real time as they occur.

Improve code quality with branch policies: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/repos/git/branch-policies?view=azure-devops

Create a test plan: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/test/create-a-test-plan?view=azure-devops#create-a-test-plan

Connect your organization to Azure Active Directory: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/organizations/accounts/connect-organization-to-azure-ad?view=azure-ad?view=azure-ad



How to tie VSTS (aka Azure DevOps) account to Azure Subscription:

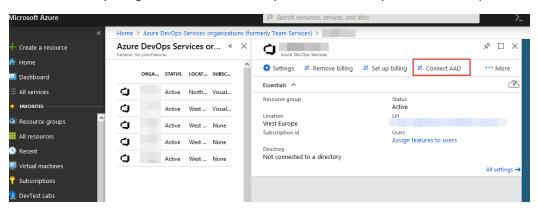
https://stackoverflow.com/questions/54056569/how-to-tie-vsts-aka-azure-devops-account-to-azure-subscription

To create a new DevOps project from https://portal.azure.com and I see how that creates a new DevOps organization or reuses an existing one (scoped to that AzureAD).

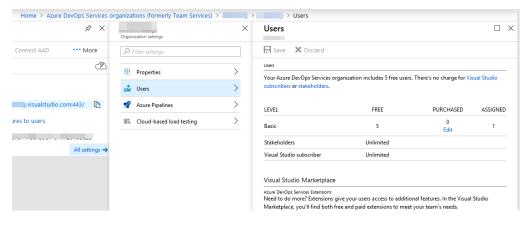
A new project is also created as well as an associated WebApps project.

- 1. When one creates a new Project in a DevOps organization, it doesn't show up for management in https://portal.azure.com. How can one ensure the resources consumed by that project are part of the Azure Subscription to which the parent organization is tied? Or is that the default?
- 2. What is the easiest way of tying existing DevOps organizations and projects to an Azure subscription to allow increasing the default 5 user limit and consuming more pipeline resources?

use Azure DevOps Organizations to connect your azure subscription with DevOps account:

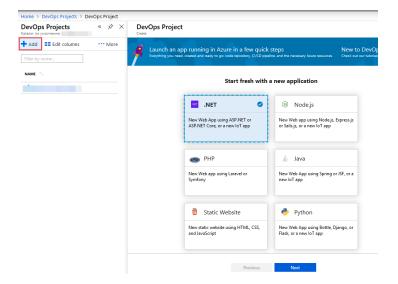


Then you may use users on Azure DevOps from Azure Active Directory and manage billing (get more license):



Also you may use DevOps Project wizard to create a team project from a template.





Known Issues

Configurations that hides issues on boards

- 1. Q How do I make issues visible on a Kanban board?
 - a. In this one project, I have two boards (one board for each team). One team does development work and will use a scrum board and one team does maintenance and that will use a Kanban board. How do I make issues for the maintenance team visible on the Kanban board? Right now, when I create an issue, it shows up in the backlog of scrum board for the development team.
- 2. A If your issues show up in the issue navigator when using the same filter there are three things that could potentially hide them in the board:
 - a. Quick filter make sure you have no enabled quick filters in the board
 - b. Column configuration If there are unmapped workflow steps in your board. This does not seem to be the problem in your case, so ...
 - c. The Board Sub-filter is hiding the issues. The subfilter (found at the bottom of the Board/Configuration) is an extra filter that you can apply within the board. It is normally used to hide issues that are released to a FixVersion. It looks something like "fixversion in unreleasedversion() OR fixversion is EMPTY" If you have issues beloning to a released fixversion they will be eclipsed by this default sub-filter. Try to remove the sub-filter and see if your issues re-appear.
- 3. My query searches for all epics in the project. When the swimlanes are set to epic also, nothing is shown. Setting the swimlanes to "no swimlanes" showed all the epics.



Pipelines & CI/CD discussions

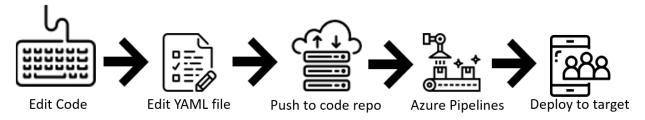
- Microsoft Azure is a cloud computing service created by Microsoft for building, testing, deploying, and managing applications and services through Microsoft-managed data centers.
- Azure DevOps is a Microsoft product that provides version control, reporting, requirements
 management, project management, automated builds, lab management, testing and release
 management capabilities. It covers the entire application lifecycle, and enables DevOps
 capabilities.
- Azure Repos is a set of version control tools that you can use to manage your code.
 - Provides two types of version control:
 - Git: distributed version control
 - Team Foundation Version Control (TFVC): centralized version control

Azure Pipelines

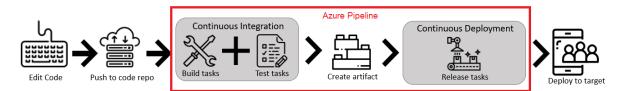
• A cloud service that you can use to automatically build and test your code project and make it available to other users. It works with just about any language or project type.

Automate tests, builds, and delivery: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/get-started/pipelines-get-started/view=azure-devops#automate-tests-builds-and-delivery

• Define pipelines using the YAML syntax or through the user interface (Classic).



Azure Pipelines combines continuous integration (CI) and continuous delivery (CD) to constantly and consistently test and build your code and ship it to any target.



To use Azure Pipelines, you need: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/get-started/what-is-azure-pipelines?view=azure-devops#what-do-i-need-to-use-azure-pipelines

- An organization in Azure DevOps.
- To have your source code stored in a version control system.
- Sign up for an Azure DevOps organization and Azure Pipelines to begin managing CI/CD to deploy your code with high-performance pipelines.

Key concepts for new Azure Pipelines users: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/get-started/key-pipelines-concepts?view=azure-devops



Certain pipeline features are only available when using YAML or when defining build or release pipelines with the Classic interface: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/get-started/pipelines-get-started/view=azure-devops#feature-availability

Agents - Jobs

Azure Pipelines agents: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/agents/agents?view=azure-devops&tabs=browser

To build your code or deploy your software using Azure Pipelines, you need at least one agent. As you add more code and people, you'll eventually need more.

When your pipeline runs, the system begins one or more jobs. An agent is installable software that runs one job at a time.

Relationship between jobs and parallel jobs: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/licensing/concurrent-jobs?view=azure-devops#relationship-between-jobs-and-parallel-jobs

The term job can refer to multiple concepts, and its meaning depends on the context:

- When you define a pipeline, you can define it as a collection of jobs. When a pipeline runs, you can run multiple jobs as part of that pipeline.
- Each job consumes a parallel job that runs on an agent. When there aren't enough parallel jobs available for your organization, the jobs are queued up and run one after the other.

View available parallel jobs: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/licensing/concurrent-jobs?view=azure-devops#view-available-parallel-jobs

- 1. Browse to Organization settings > Pipelines > Retention and parallel jobs > Parallel jobs.
- 2. View the maximum number of parallel jobs that are available in your organization.
- 3. Select View in-progress jobs to display all the builds and releases that are actively consuming an available parallel job or that are queued waiting for a parallel job to be available.

Azure Artifacts: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/artifacts/artifacts-overview?view=azure-devops

Classic Artifacts: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/release/artifacts?view=azure-devops

• A release is a collection of artifacts in your DevOps CI/CD processes. An artifact is a deployable component of your application.

Build and release tasks index: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/tasks/?view=azure-devops



Tutorials

Create your first pipeline: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/create-first-pipeline?view=azure-devops&tabs=java%2Cyaml%2Cbrowser%2Ctfs-2018-2

This gets used across tutorials

Customize your pipeline: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/customize-pipeline?view=azure-devops

- Step-by-step guide on common ways to customize your pipeline.
- Prerequisite: Follow instructions in Create your first pipeline to create a working pipeline.
- Understand the azure-pipelines.yml file

A pipeline is defined using a YAML file in your repo. Usually, this file is named azure-pipelines.yml and is located at the root of your repo.

Deploy an Azure Web App: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/targets/webapp?view=azure-devops&tabs=yaml

- Automatically deploy your web app to an Azure App Service web app after every successful build.
- Some of the more common changes that people make to customize an Azure Web App deployment.

Enabling Continuous Integration with Azure Pipelines - PartsUnlimited:

https://www.azuredevopslabs.com/labs/azuredevops/continuousintegration/

Create pipeline in DevOps Portal

Create a CI/CD pipeline for .NET with the Azure DevOps Project - dotnetdevops:

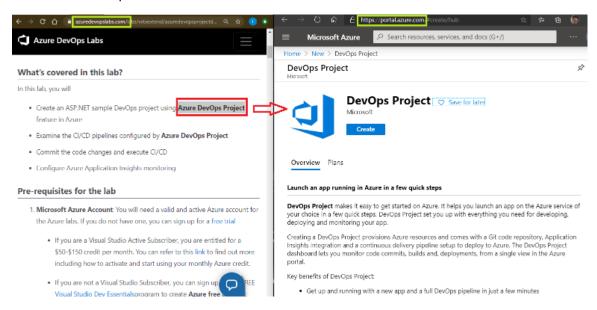
https://azuredevopslabs.com/labs/vstsextend/azuredevopsprojectdotnet/

- Sign into the Microsoft Azure portal as the entry point.
- Create an ASP.NET sample DevOps project using Azure DevOps Project feature in Azure
 - o This sample is an ASP.NET Core MVC application.
 - And enable Add a database toggle to add the database to the application.
- The Azure DevOps project automatically configured a full CI/CD pipeline in your Azure DevOps organization.
 - Examine the CI/CD pipelines configured by Azure DevOps Project
- Commit the code changes and execute CI/CD
- Configure Azure Application Insights monitoring



Creating an Azure DevOps Project provisions Azure resources and comes with a Git code repository, Application Insights integration and a continuous delivery pipeline setup to deploy to Azure.

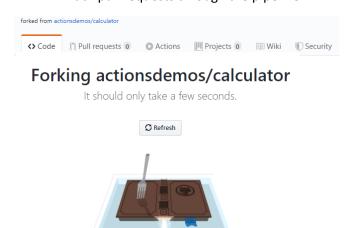
The DevOps Project dashboard lets you monitor code commits, builds and, deployments, from a single view in the Azure portal.



Calculator Project: Integrate a GitHub project with Azure DevOps using Azure Pipelines:

https://www.azuredevopslabs.com/labs/azuredevops/github-integration/

- Install Azure Pipelines from the GitHub Marketplace.
- Integrate a GitHub project with an Azure DevOps pipeline.
- Track pull requests through the pipeline.



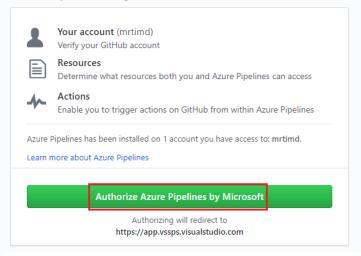
Task 2: Configuring your Azure Pipelines project

- 1. You are now on the Azure DevOps site and need to set up your Azure Pipelines project.
- 2. Select or create the Azure DevOps organization for which to perform these builds.



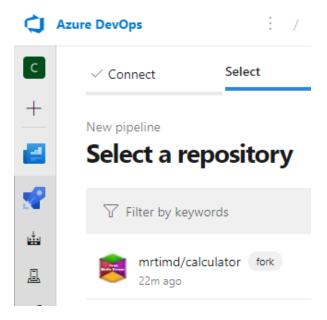
- 3. Select or create the Azure DevOps project from that organization you would like to use.
- 4. Authorize Access is just a new step in the process to link GitHub to DevOps.

Azure Pipelines by Microsoft would like access to:

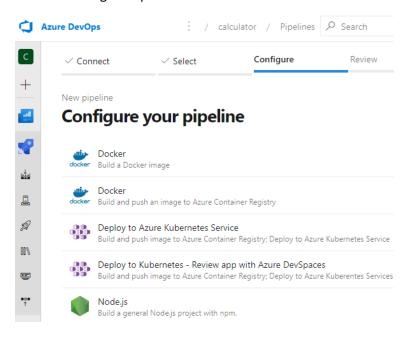




Inside DevOps



Examine Configure Options





Task 3: Modifying a YAML build pipeline definition

YAML is a markup syntax well-suited to defining processes and allows

- 1. Manage the configuration of the pipeline like any other file in the repo.
- 2. Is a template that identifies the pool to pull a VM from for building
- 3. The process to install Node.js for building
- 4. The actual build itself.

The default pipeline is a great start but it doesn't do everything we want to have automated.

- 1. Run tests to confirm that changes don't create bugs.
- 2. Return to GitHub where we can edit the YAML by hand.
- 3. Right-click the GitHub project link and select Open in new tab.
- 4. This lab will involve stepping back and forth between GitHub and Azure DevOps, it'll be easier to keep a browser tab open to each.

Run Tests

Add the test run, add the "npm test" command to the azure-pipelines.yml file.

Also update the displayName to 'npm install, build, and test' so that it's easier to track what each task of the build is doing later on.

The display name update seems to cause a fail. The npm test seem to run the validations if the name is not changed.

Understand YML file: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/customize-pipeline?view=azure-devops#understand-the-azure-pipelinesyml-file

Step 6. Return to the Azure DevOps browser tab. Use the breadcrumb navigation to return to the Pipelines page.

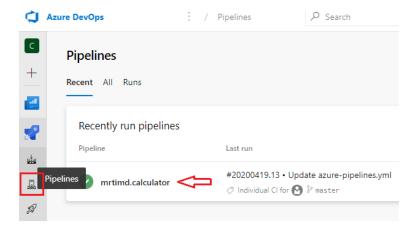
This area has UI changes

Pipelines – History – Analytics

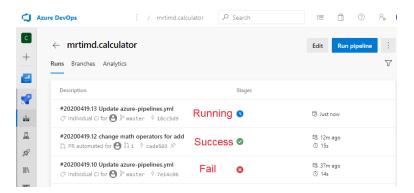




Now looks more like this:

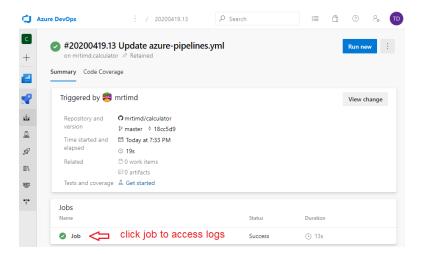


Click on the Pipeline to access commits – Analytics is here also

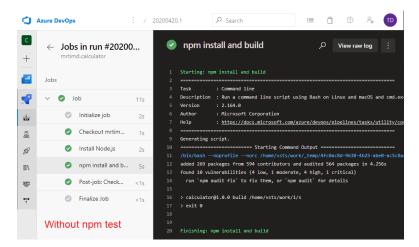




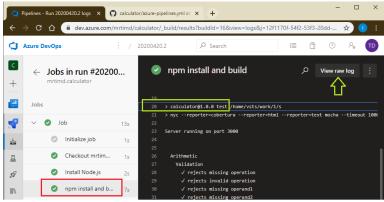
And then Jobs



Before npm test is added to Yaml



After npm test



in Yaml file:

Changing - displayName: 'npm install and build' - to - displayName: 'npm install, build, and test'
Causes errors - Test runs if you leave the line alone.

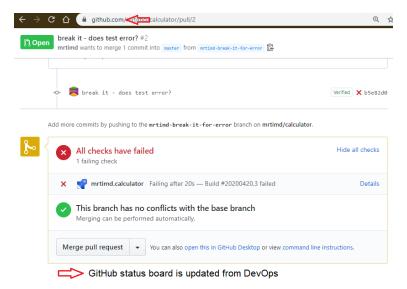
View raw log and other menu items



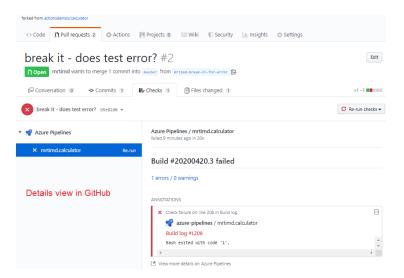
Step 9

When you finally get the test to fail with the code edit on the add function

- 1. Azure DevOps will detect the change and start the build pipeline.
- 2. This will update the UI in GitHub explaining that some of the checks haven't completed yet.
- 3. Click Details to learn more.



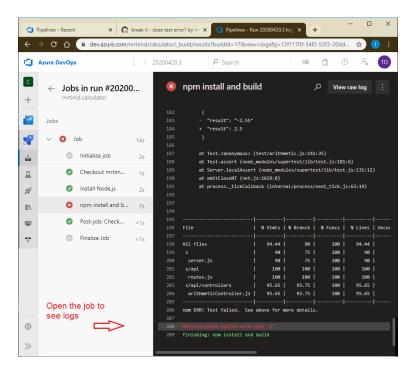
Details View in GitHub



Click View more details on Azure Pipelines – this opens DevOps

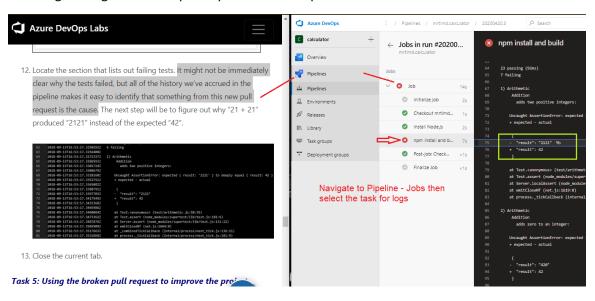
**Click the Jobs task to view the log output.





Step 12 Locate failing tests.

View Logs: Navigate to DevOps - Pipelines - The Pipeline - Jobs - Task



Task 4: Proposing a change via GitHub pull request

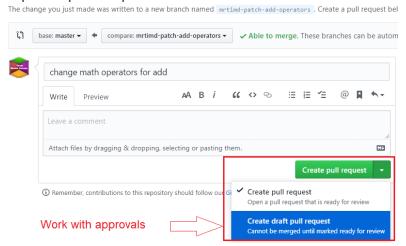
One of the great benefits of this pipeline setup is that we now have a quality gate that's automatically run every time someone commits a change.

**Create pull request to *trigger* the process of getting your untested changes into some production code.

Once all checks have passed, click Merge pull request.

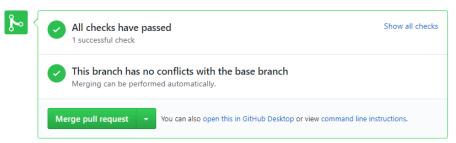


Open a pull request GitHub

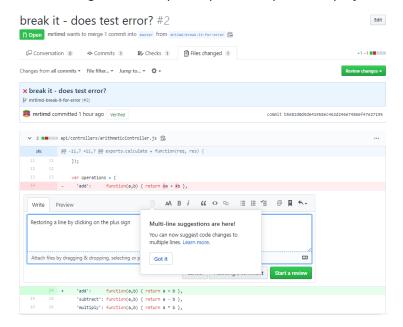


I got instead of checks not complete – the edit to controller did not fail as expected – no test setup to run as that step failed. Error 127

Add more commits by pushing to the mrtimd-patch-add-operators branch on mrtimd/calculator.



Task 5: Using the broken pull request to improve the project



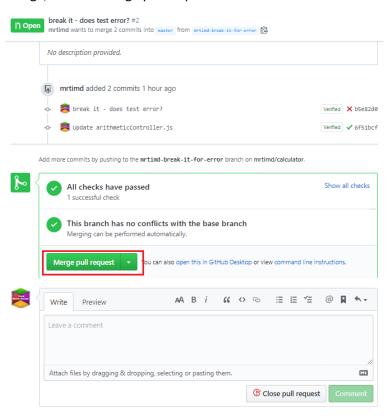


Navigate to commits

Files Changed – Edit File

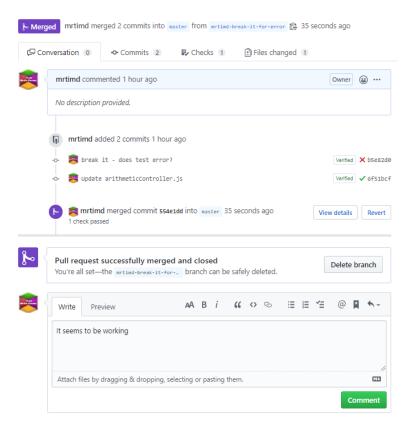


Merge/Confirm merge pull request





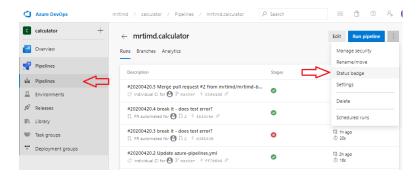
Success



Task 6: Adding a build status badge

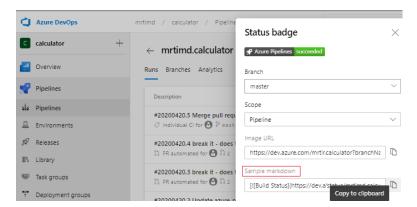
An important sign for a quality project is its build status badge. When someone finds a project that has a badge indicating that the project is currently in a successful build state, it's a sign that the project is maintained effectively.

Open Azure DevOps – navigate to Pipelines then the ellipse menu





Status Badge



End Calculator Tutorial



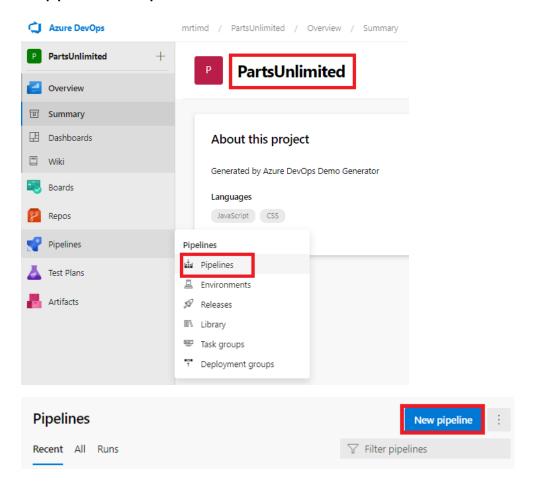
Enabling Continuous Integration with Azure Pipelines - PartsUnlimited:

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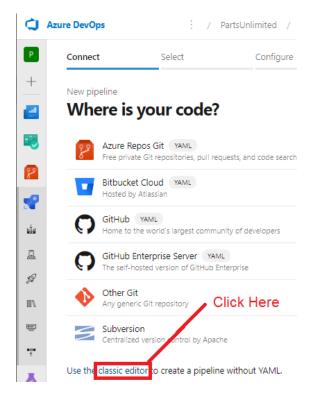
• Configure continuous integration (CI) and continuous deployment (CD) for your applications using Build and Release in Azure Pipelines *from DevOps portal*.

Task 1: Creating a basic build pipeline from a template

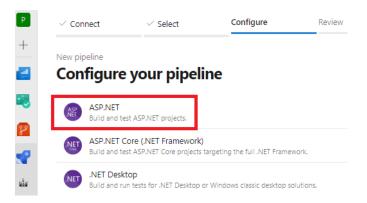
Skillpipe CI: Create Pipeline for PartsUnlimited







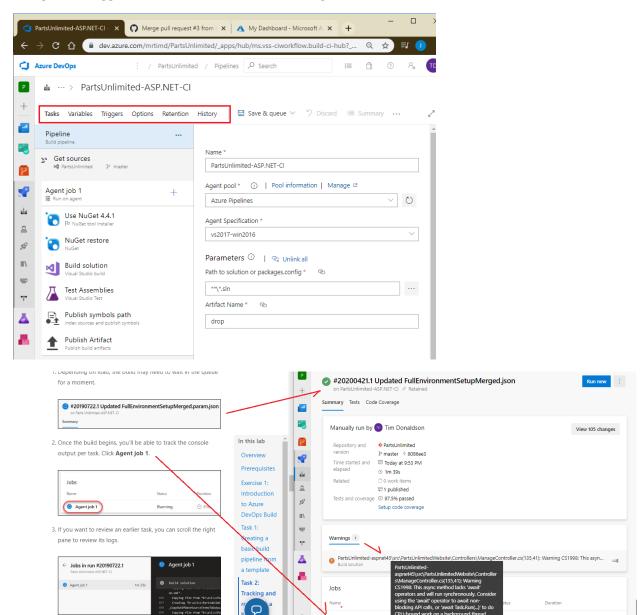
Configure





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Navigate to triggers: Check Enable continuous integration



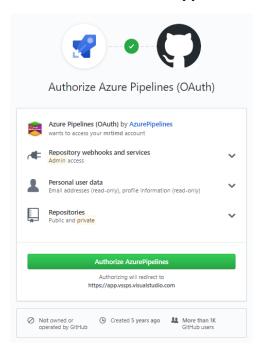
Agent job 1



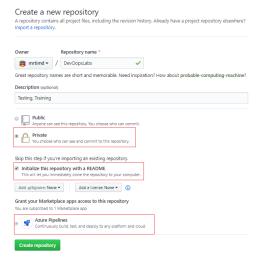
Tutorial: Create a CI/CD pipeline for your existing code by using Azure DevOps Projects: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops-project/azure-devops-project-github

- Use DevOps Projects to create a CI/CD pipeline
- Configure access to your GitHub repo and choose a framework
- Configure Azure DevOps and an Azure subscription
- Commit changes to GitHub and automatically deploy them to Azure
- Examine the Azure Pipelines CI/CD pipeline
- Clean up resources

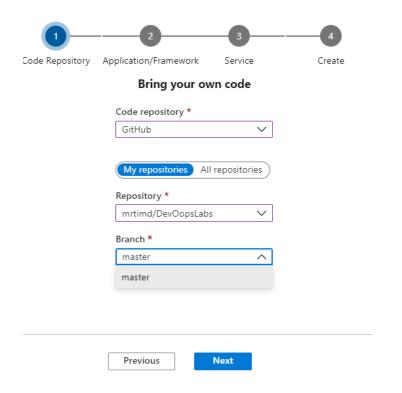
Authentication – not the Is app Dockerized to YES selection



Create and configure access to your GitHub repo then select a framework









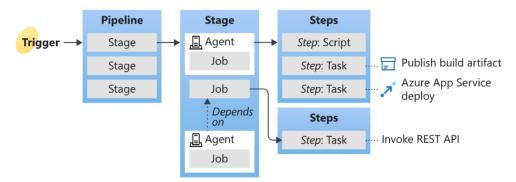
Tutorial: Define your multi-stage continuous deployment (CD) pipeline:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/pipelines/release/define-multistage-release-process?view=azure-devops&viewFallbackFrom=vsts

- Configuring triggers within the release pipeline
- Extending a release pipeline by adding stages
- Configuring the stages as a multi-stage release pipeline
- Adding approvals to your release pipeline
- Creating a release and monitoring the deployment to each stage

Key concepts overview

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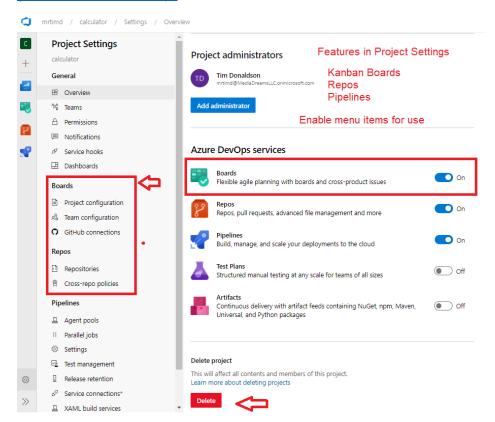
- A trigger tells a Pipeline to run.
- A <u>pipeline</u> is made up of one or more <u>stages</u>.
- A pipeline can deploy to one or more <u>environments</u>.
- A <u>stage</u> is a way of organizing <u>jobs</u> in a pipeline
 - o Each stage can have one or more jobs.
- Each job runs on one agent. A job can also be agentless.
- Each agent runs a job that contains one or more steps.
- A step can be a task or script and is the smallest building block of a pipeline.
- A <u>task</u> is a pre-packaged script that performs an action, such as invoking a REST API or publishing a build artifact.
- An <u>artifact</u> is a collection of files or packages published by a <u>run</u>.

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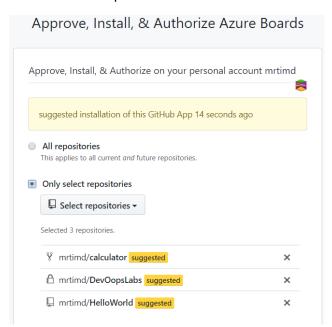


Enable features in Project Settings – Azure Boards & GitHub: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/github/?view=azure-devops

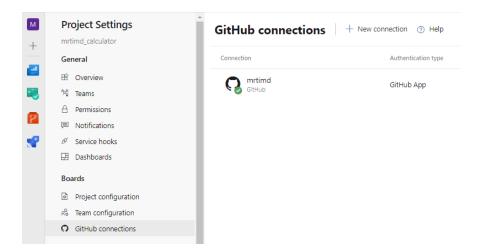
Add a GitHub connection: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/github/connect-to-github?view=azure-devops



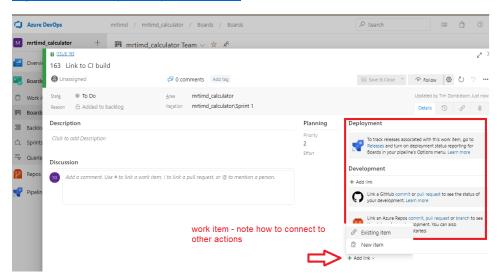
Connect to Git Repos



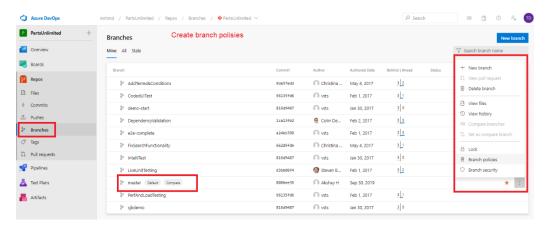




**Link GitHub commits, pull requests, and issues to work items: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/devops/boards/github/link-to-from-github?view=azure-devops#add-link-from-a-work-item-to-a-github-commit-pull-request-or-issue



Create Branch Policy



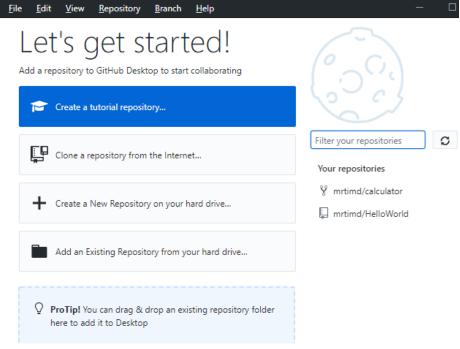


Introducing the New Pull Request Experience for Azure Repos:

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An Option to Explore GitHub Desktop





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 Microsoft Learn
- Exam AZ-400: Designing and Implementing Microsoft DevOps Solutions Certifications |
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Study topics

Project Settings - Pipelines

Security

- 1. Service connections in Azure Pipelines Azure Pipelines | Microsoft Learn
- 2. What is Conditional Access in Azure Active Directory? Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Learn
- 3. Authenticate with your Git repos Azure Repos | Microsoft Learn
 - a. Overview
- 4. Guidance for authentication Azure DevOps | Microsoft Learn
- 5. Use personal access tokens Azure DevOps | Microsoft Learn
- 6. Connect to your Git repos using credential managers Azure Repos | Microsoft Learn
- 7. <u>Using secrets from Azure Key Vault in a pipeline | Azure DevOps Hands-on-Labs</u> (azuredevopslabs.com)
- 8. Set Git branch security and permissions Azure Repos | Microsoft Learn

Enforce a merge strategy

Maintain a consistent branch history by enforcing a merge strategy when a pull request finishes. Select **Enforce a merge strategy** and pick an option to require that pull requests merge using that strategy.



- **No fast-forward merge** This option merges the commit history of the source branch when the pull request closes and creates a merge commit in the target branch.
- Squash merge Complete all pull requests with a squash merge, creating a single
 commit in the target branch with the changes from the source branch. Learn more
 about squash merging and how it affects your branch history.
- 9.
- 10. Maven Introduction (apache.org)

Tasks

- 11. <u>Controlling Deployments using Release Gates | Azure DevOps Hands-on-Labs</u> (azuredevopslabs.com)
- 12. Device registration Visual Studio App Center | Microsoft Learn
- 13. Scale up features and capacities Azure App Service | Microsoft Learn
- 14. Slack Integration Visual Studio Marketplace
- 15. Create a service hook with Slack Azure DevOps | Microsoft Learn

Backlog items: Setting up Board and WIT behaviour

- 16. Create your product backlog in Azure Boards Azure Boards | Microsoft Learn
 - a. Create your product backlog by adding user stories, backlog items, or requirements.



- b. A list of work items
- c. To manage work, you have access to three classes of backlogs (portfolio, product, and sprint)
- d. <u>Tasks that support backlogs, boards, & plans in Azure Boards Azure Boards | Microsoft</u> Learn
- e. Two types of boards (Kanban and Taskboards).
 - i. Backlogs list work items
 - ii. Boards display work items as cards.
- f. Backlog and board views provide similar and distinct features to support planning and tracking.
- 17. **Settings: Show bugs on backlogs and boards Azure DevOps | Microsoft Learn
 - a. Track bugs as requirements they appear on the product Backlogs and Kanban boards.
 - b. Track bugs as tasks the bugs appear on Sprint Backlogs and Taskboards.
 - c. Add other work item types—such as change requests, issues, or impediments—by customizing your process or project, based on the process model you use.
- 18. Customize backlogs and boards Azure Boards | Microsoft Learn
 - a. Add more levels or add custom work item types to them. Hierarhies
- 19. Azure Boards-GitHub integration Azure Boards | Microsoft Learn
 - a. Enable linking between GitHub commits, pull requests, and issues to work items.
 - b. GitHub for software development
 - c. Azure Boards to plan and track your work.
- 20. Use infrastructure automation tools Azure Virtual Machines | Microsoft Learn
 - a. Ansible
 - b. Chef
 - c. Puppet
 - d. Cloud-init
 - e. PowerShell DSC
 - f. Azure Custom Script Extension
 - g. Packer
 - h. Terraform
 - i. Azure Automation
 - j. Azure DevOps Services
 - k. Jenkins
 - I. Azure Resource Manager template

Kubernetes

- 21. <u>Integrate Azure Container Registry with Azure Kubernetes Service Azure Kubernetes Service |</u>
 Microsoft Learn
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Natural hierarchy for the Agile, Scrum, and Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) processes.

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Track bugs as requirements, bugs nested under the Feature level

Track bugs as tasks, bugs nested under Requirements level.



Breaks with Parent-child links in the same Backlog category

-such as the Requirements category or Task category

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