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Lab Guides

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Module 4: Azure Pipelines

Lab 1: Configuring CI/CD Pipelines as Code with YAML in Azure DevOps

Introduction

Azure Pipelines can be authored using a Classic Editor or with YAML files. Many teams prefer to define their builds using YAML (Yet Another Markup Language). This allows them to access the same build pipeline features as those using the classic editor, but with a markup file that can be managed like any other source file. YAML build definitions can be added to a project by simply adding their source file to the root of the repository.

Exercise 1: Configuring CI/CD Pipelines as Code With YAML in Azure DevOps

Objectives

In this lab, you will create a pipeline using YAML to build and deploy your code.

You will:

- Understand the basic features of YAML Pipelines.
- Understand the value of Pipelines as code.

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Prerequisites

Lab 2: PartsUnlimited Lab Setup

Estimated Time to Complete This Lab

30 minutes

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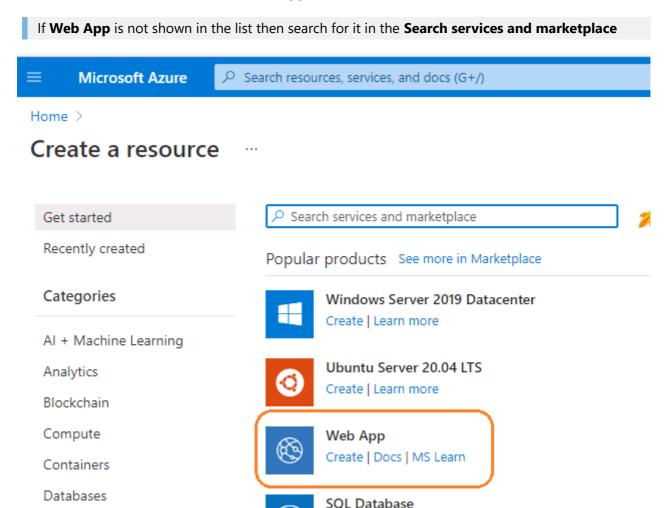
Tasks

- 1. Task 1: Creating Azure Resources
- 2. Task 2: Configuring the PartsUnlimited Project
- 3. Task 3: Configuring a self-hosted agent
- 4. Task 4: Adding a YAML definition
- 5. Task 5: Setting up a Service Connection to Azure
- 6. Task 6: Adding continuous delivery to the YAML definition

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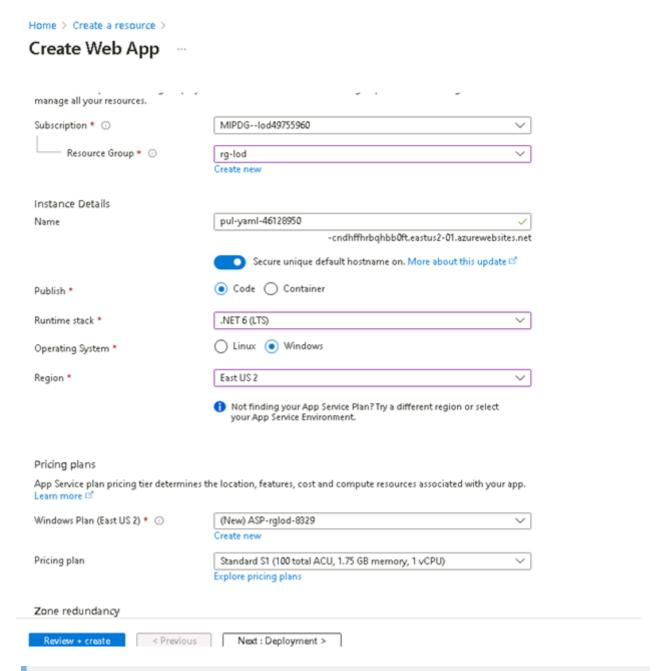
Task 1: Creating Azure Resources

- 1. This lab requires a deployment of a sample ASP.NET Core application to an Azure App Service. To do this, you will need to spin up the necessary resources. Open a new browser tab and navigate to the **Azure Portal**: https://portal.azure.com
- 2. When asked for the **username**, enter the same username and password that you used for logging into Azure DevOps Services.
- 3. Click on **Create a resource** and click **Web App**.



- 4. Enter following details in the **Create Web App** page:
 - Resource Group: rg-lod
 - Name: pul-yaml-[YourInitials] (Make sure the name is unique across all of Azure)
 - Publish: Code
 - Runtime stack: .NET 6 (LTS)
 - Operating System: Windows
 - Region: East US 2
 - Windows Plan: Leave the default name selected

- Pricing plan: Standard S1
- Click Review + create and then Create.

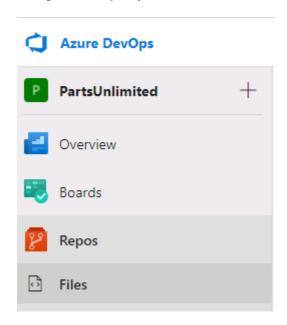


If you encounter issues while creating the Web App, feel free to change the **Region** of the Web App (e.g Central US) and retry.

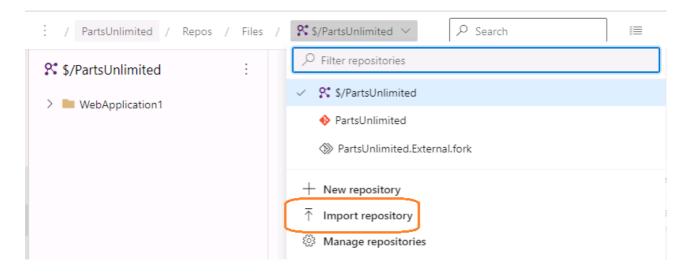
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Task 2: Configuring the PartsUnlimited Project

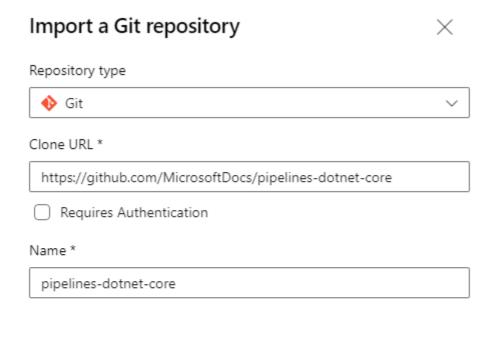
- 1. Switch back to Azure DevOps Services
- 2. Navigate to Repos | Files for the PartsUnlimited project.



3. From the top-center dropdown, select **Import repository**.



- 4. In the **Import a Git repository** page, enter following information:
 - Repository type: Git
 - Clone URL: https://github.com/MicrosoftDocs/pipelines-dotnet-core
 - Name: **pipelines-dotnet-core** (choose the default name populated here)
 - Click Import



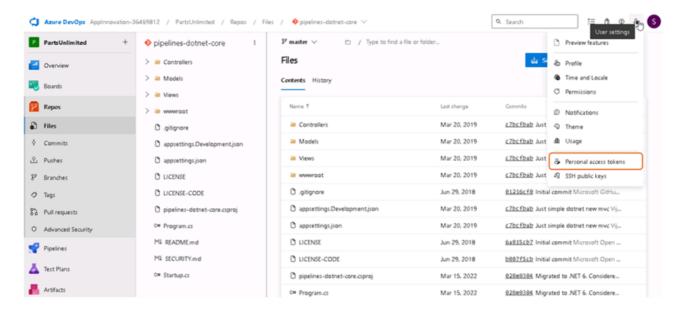
Cancel Import

After a few seconds you will see an **Import Successful** message and you will be redirected to this newly created repository in Azure Repos.

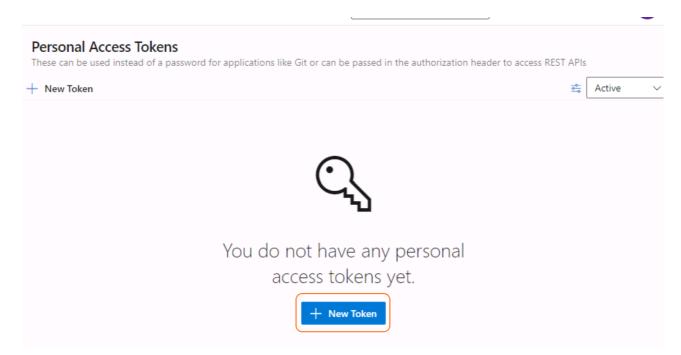
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Task 3: Configuring a self-hosted agent

1. Click on **User settings** and select **Personal access tokens**.



2. Click on + New Token.



3. Enter the name of the token as **Token for a self hosted agent**, Scopes as **Full access** and click **Create**.

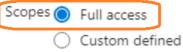
Create a new personal access token Name Token for a self hosted agent Organization

Expiration (UTC)

30 days × 7/9/2022

Scopes

Authorize the scope of access associated with this token

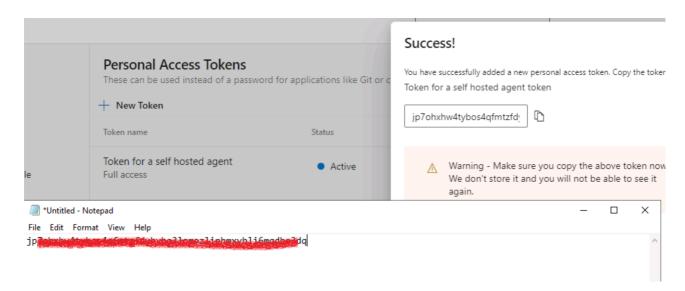


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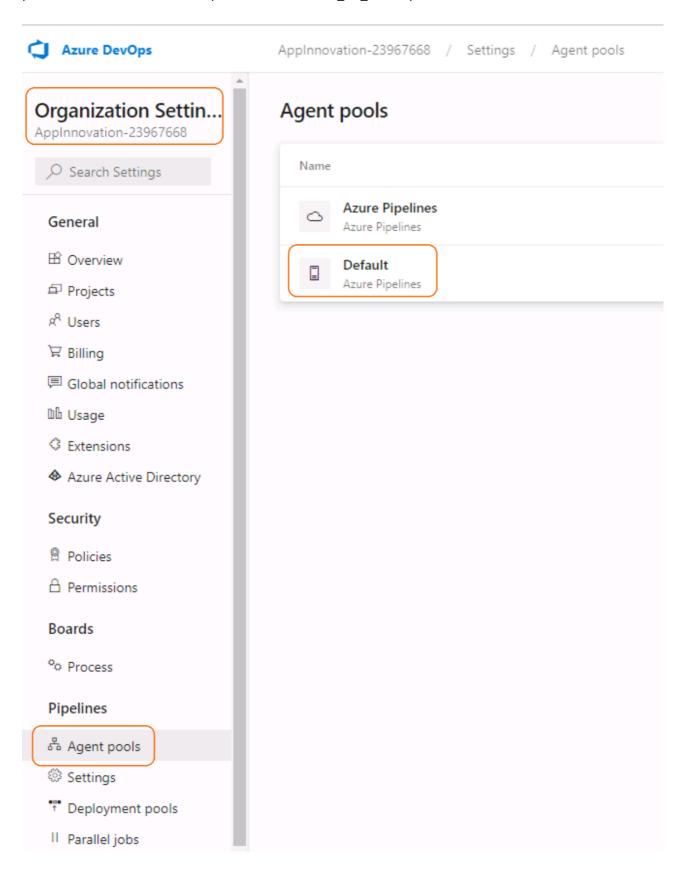


Typically, you wouldn't create a token with the full access. However, for the purpose of this lab, we will create a token with the full access.

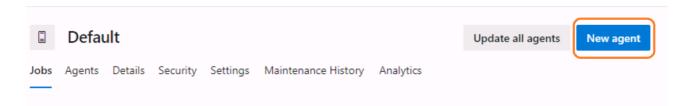
4. As the token gets generated, copy the token and paste it in a notepad file so that you can use it later.



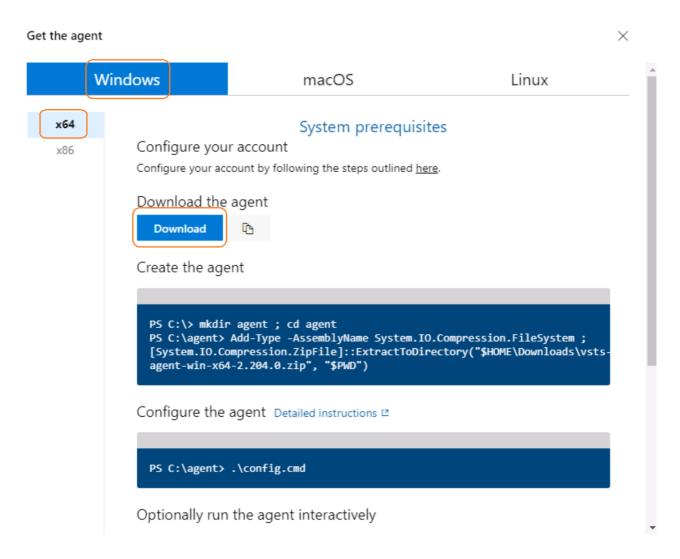
5. Close the token window and navigate to the **Organization Settings** and select **Agent pools**. Click on **Default**.



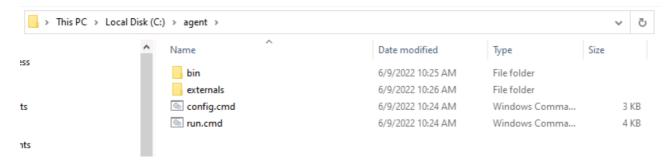
6. Click on Agents and select New Agent.



7. Select Windows, x64 and Download the agent.



8. **Create** a folder named "agent" under the C: drive **(C:\agent)**. Then **unzip** the downloaded file and **copy** the contents under C:\agent folder.



9. Run **PowerShell as Administrator** and navigate to **c:\agent** folder. Run **.\config.cmd** command.

Administrator: C:\Program Files\PowerShell\7\pwsh.exe

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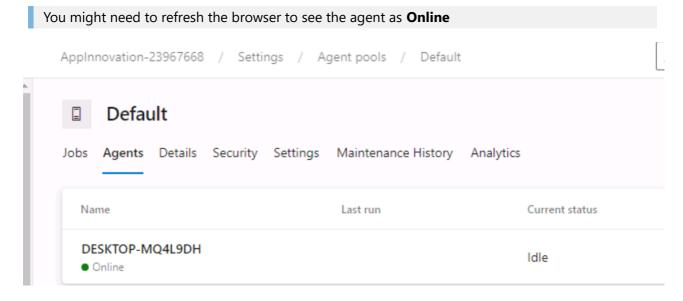
https://aka.ms/powershell
Type 'help' to get help.

Loading personal and system profiles took 728ms.
C:\Windows\System32> cd /
C:\> cd .\agent\
C:\agent> .\config.cmd_
```

- 10. Enter following details for configuring the self-hosted agent:
 - Enter server URL >: https://dev.azure.com/AppInnovation-[YourName]
 - Enter authentication type (press enter for PAT) >: Press Enter to select PAT
 - Enter personal access token >: Paste the PAT you copied and pasted in the notepad file earlier
 - Enter agent pool (press enter for default) >: Press Enter to select Default agent pool
 - Enter agent name (press enter for DESKTOP-MQ4L9DH) >: Press Enter to select the default agent name
 - Enter work folder (press enter for _work) >: Press Enter
 - Enter run agent as service? (Y/N) (press enter for N) >: Enter Y and press Enter
 - Enter enable SERVICE_SID_TYPE_UNRESTRICTED for agent service (Y/N) (press enter for N) >: Press
 Enter
 - Enter User account to use for the service (press enter for NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK SERVICE) >:
 Press Enter to select Network Service
 - Enter whether to prevent service starting immediately after configuration is finished? (Y/N) (press enter for N) >: Press Enter to select No to start the agent immediately

This should configure and start the agent successfully.

11. Switch back to the browser to navigate to the **Agent Pools** in the **Organization Settings** and select **Agents**. You will see the agent *Online*.

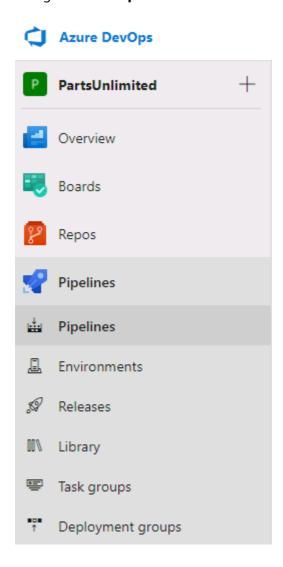


It is also possible to run your Azure Pipelines agent in Docker. You can set up a self-hosted agent in Azure Pipelines to run inside a Windows Server Core (for Windows hosts), or Ubuntu container (for Linux hosts) with Docker. This is useful when you want to run agents with outer orchestration, such as Azure Container Instances.

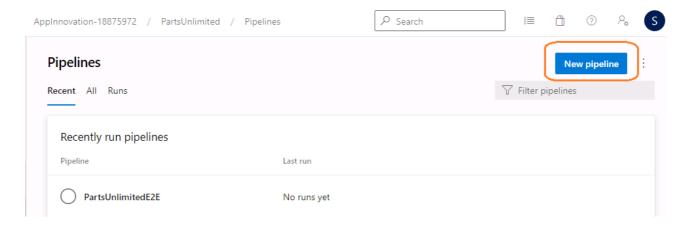
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Task 4: Adding a YAML definition

1. Navigate to the **Pipelines** hub in Azure DevOps while staying inside the **PartsUnlimited** project.

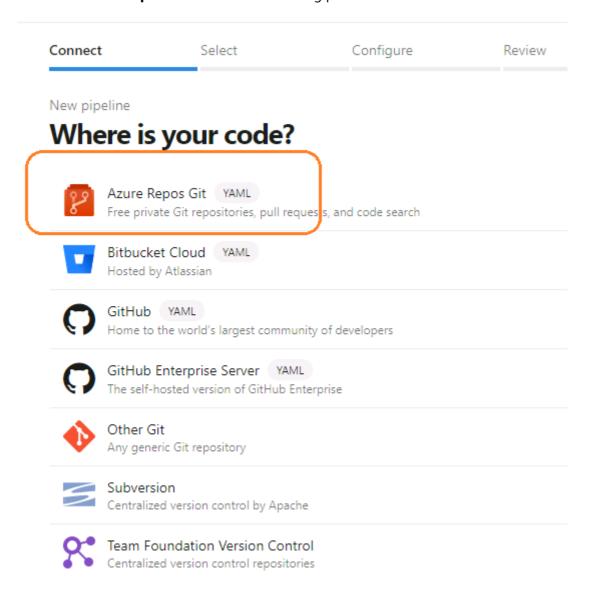


2. Click **New pipeline** from the top-right corner.



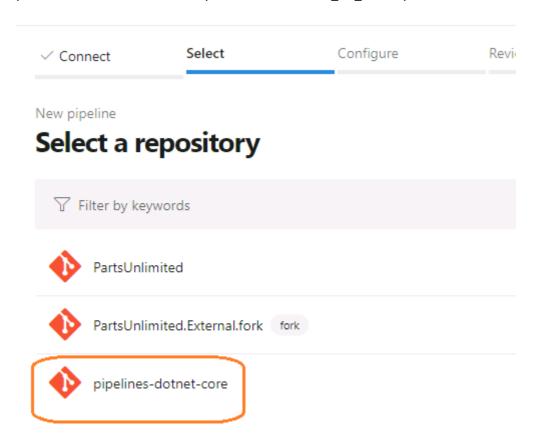
We will use the wizard to automatically create the YAML definition based on our project.

3. Select the **Azure Repos Git** as the source hosting platform.

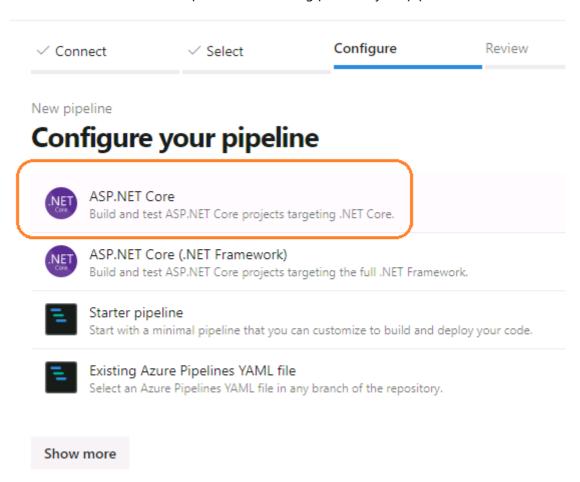


Notice that other platforms like Bitbucket, GitHub, etc. are also supported.

4. Select the **pipelines-dotnet-core** repository.



5. Select the **ASP.NET Core** template as the starting point for your pipeline.



6. Review the contents of the YAML definition. It will be saved as a new file called "azure-pipelines.yml" in the root of the repository and contain everything needed to build and deploy a typical ASP.NET Core solution. You can also customize the YAML as needed.

New pipeline

Review your pipeline YAML

♦ pipelines-dotnet-core / azure-pipelines.yml * =

```
1
    #-ASP.NET-Core
2
    # Build and test ASP.NET Core projects targeting .NET Core.
    # Add steps that run tests, create a NuGet package, deploy, and more:
    # https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/pipelines/languages/dotnet-core
5
6
    trigger:
7
    --master
2
    pool:
9
10
    ··vmImage: ubuntu-latest
11
    variables:
12
13
     buildConfiguration: 'Release'
14
15 steps:
16 - script: dotnet build --configuration $(buildConfiguration)
17
    displayName: 'dotnet build $(buildConfiguration)'
18
```

7. Remove all the contents of the YAML definitions and **copy and paste** the code below into your YAML definition.

Keep the indentation intact. Note that there is a **Build stage** defined in the YAML pipeline. You can define whatever stages you need to better organize and track pipeline progress. You can also use the **task assistant** to add the tasks below. (.NET Core task for Build, Test, and Publish & Publish build artifacts)

```
# ASP.NET Core

# Build and test ASP.NET Core projects targeting .NET Core.

# Add steps that run tests, create a NuGet package, deploy, and more:

# https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/pipelines/languages/dotnet-core

trigger:
- master

variables:
    buildConfiguration: 'Release'

stages:
- stage: Build
    jobs:
- job: Build
```

```
pool:
      name: default
    steps:
    - script: dotnet restore
    - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
      displayName: Build
      inputs:
        command: build
        projects: '**/*.csproj'
        arguments: '--configuration Release'
    - task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
      displayName: Test
      inputs:
        command: test
        projects: '**/*Tests/*.csproj'
        arguments: '--configuration $(BuildConfiguration)'
    task: DotNetCoreCLI@2
      displayName: Publish
      inputs:
        command: publish
        publishWebProjects: True
        arguments: '--configuration $(BuildConfiguration) --output
$(build.artifactstagingdirectory)'
        zipAfterPublish: True
    - task: PublishBuildArtifacts@1
      displayName: 'Publish Artifact'
        PathtoPublish: '$(build.artifactstagingdirectory)'
        ArtifactName: 'drop'
    condition: succeededOrFailed()
```

8. Click Save and run.

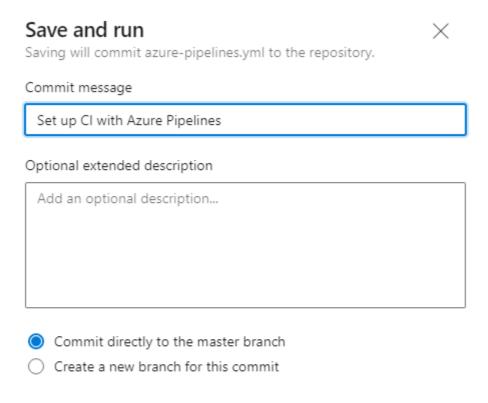
Review your pipeline YAML

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1 #-ASP.NET-Core
2 #-Build-and-test-ASP.NET-Core-projects-targeting .NET-Core.
4 #-Add-steps-that-run-tests, create-a-NuGet-package, deploy, and more:
5 #-https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/devops/pipelines/languages/dotnet-core

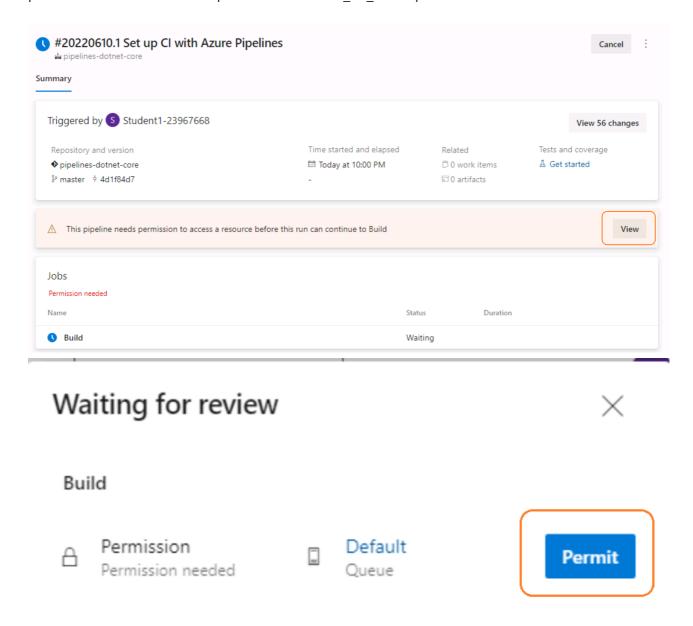
6 trigger:
8 --master
9 variables:

9. Click Save and run to confirm the commit.

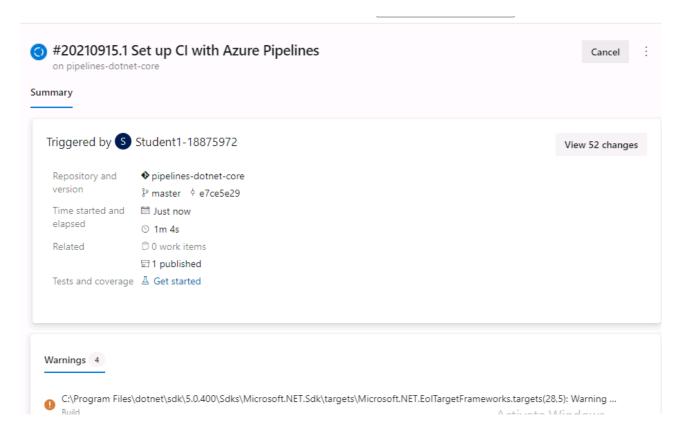


Save and run

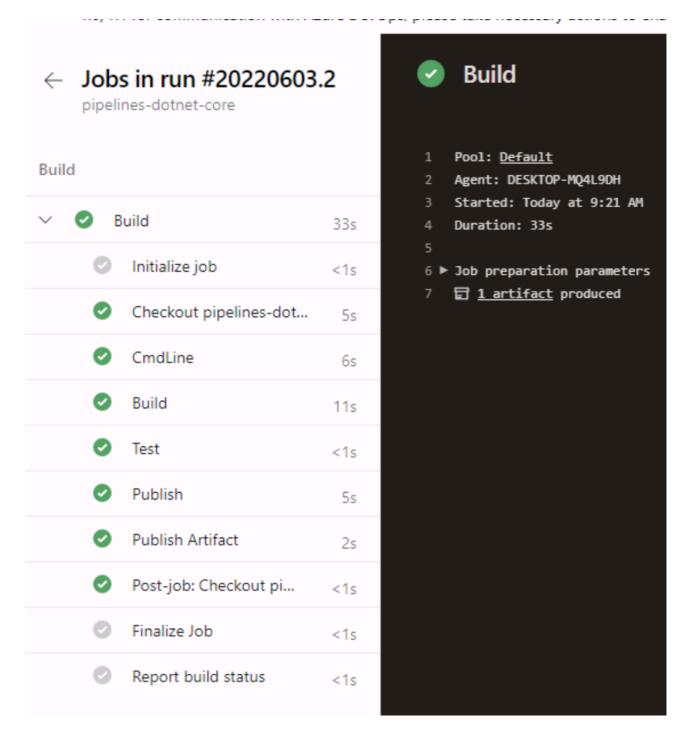
10. A message will be displayed asking permission to access the Default build agent pool (if you do not see it, **click** on the running **Build job** to navigate to the logs page to view the message). Click on **View** and click on **Permit**.



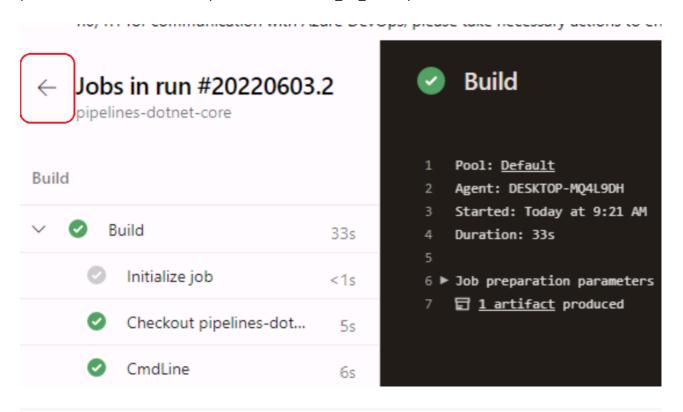
11. Track the build until it completes. Click **Jobs | Build** to see the logs.

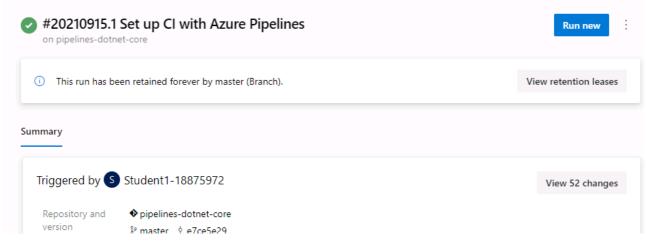


12. Each task from the YAML file is available for review, including any warnings and errors.



13. Click the **Back button** to close the tasks view.

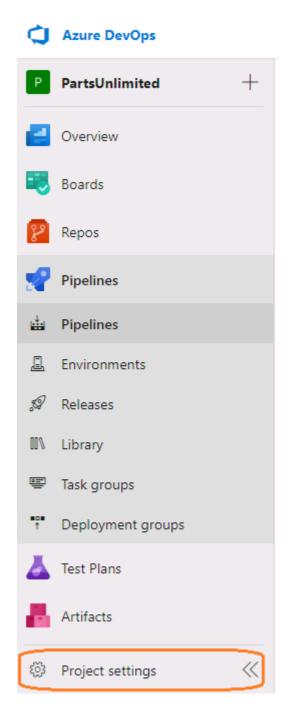




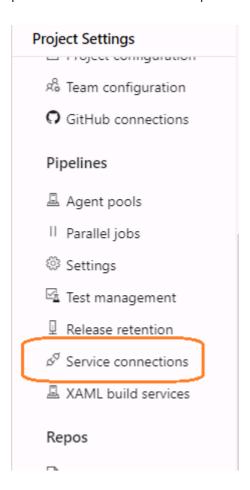
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Task 5: Setting up a Service Connection to Azure

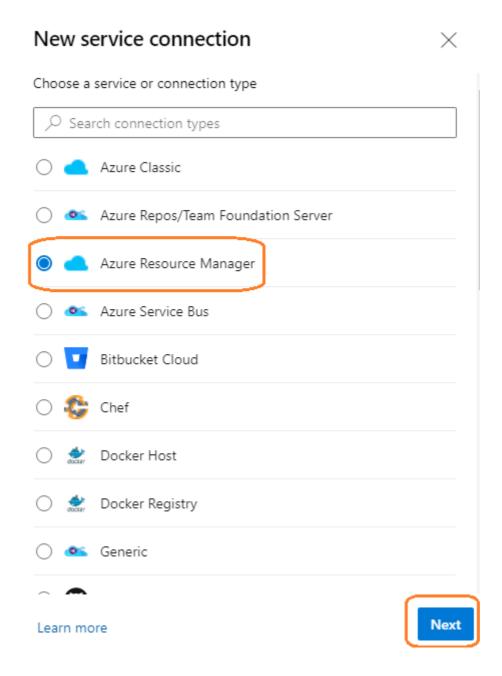
1. For deploying to the web app we created in the first task, we first need to set up a Service Connection. Select **Project settings** from bottom-left corner of PartsUnlimited project.



2. Scroll down and click on **Service connection**.



- 3. Click on Create service connection.
- 4. In the New service connection select Azure Resource Manager and click Next.



- 5. Select the recommended default option of Workload Identity federation (automatic) and click Next.
- 6. In the **New Azure service connection** pane, enter following information:
 - Scope level: Subscription
 - Subscription: Your Azure Subscription
 - Resource group: **rg-lod**
 - Service connection name: PUL-Connection
 - o Click Save

If you don't see Azure Subscription, sign out from Azure DevOps Services and sign back in. Alternatively, try clearing the browser cookies or switching to a difference browser. If this doesn't work then try disconnecting the organization from Microsoft Entra and reconnecting it from the **Organization settings**.

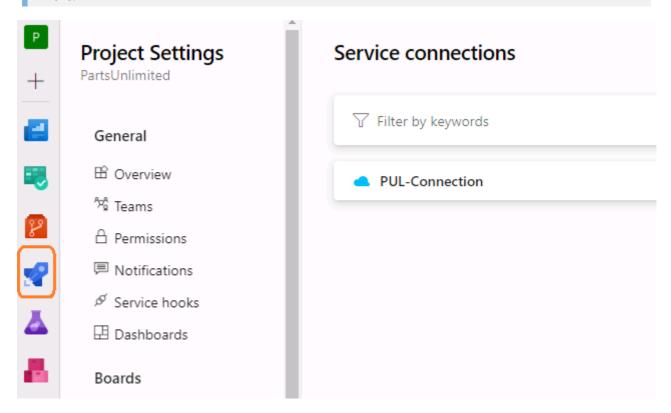
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Azure Resource Manager using Workload Identity federation	
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Resource group	
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Service connection name	
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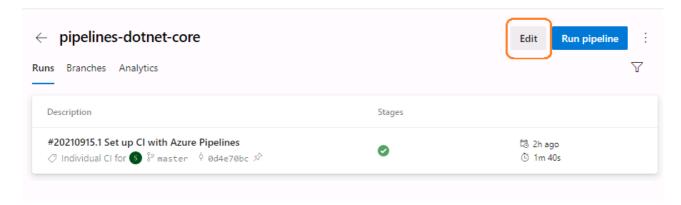
Task 6: Adding continuous delivery to the YAML definition

1. Click on **Pipelines** to switch back to the Azure Pipelines.

Now that the Service Connection to Azure resource group is set up and the build and test definitions are in place, we can now add YAML definitions for deployment of the application to Azure.



- 2. Click on **pipelines-dotnet-core** pipeline that you started working on in the earlier task.
- 3. Click on **Edit** to start editing the YAML definitions.



- 4. At the bottom of the file, on the new line add the configuration below to define a second stage.
 - Make sure you start at the beginning of the new line and keep the indentation intact.

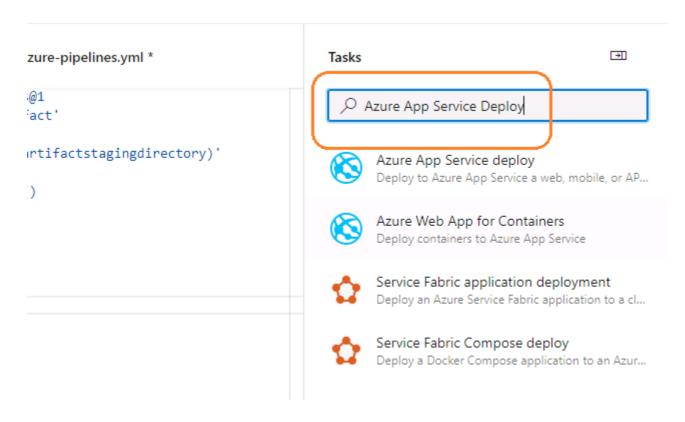
```
stage: DeploytoProd
jobs:

job: Deploy
pool:
name: default
steps:
```

```
Settings
      ---task: PublishBuildArtifacts@1
40
     ····displayName: 'Publish Artifact'
41
42
     ····inputs:
     PathtoPublish: '$(build.artifactstagingdirectory)'
43
     ·····ArtifactName: 'drop'
44
      condition: succeededOrFailed()
45
     - stage: DeploytoProd
46
47
     · jobs:
     · · - · job: Deploy
48
     ···pool:
49
       ···name: default
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51
52
         steps:
```

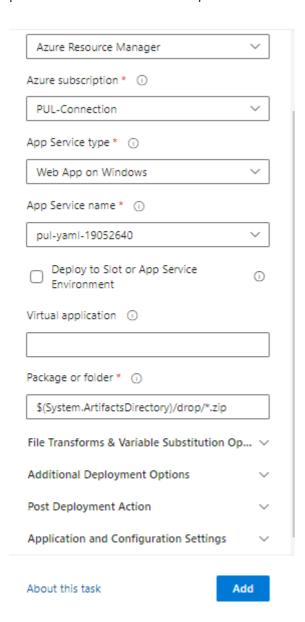
5. Set the cursor on a new line at the end of the YAML definition. This will be the location where new tasks will be added.

6. Place the curson in **Search tasks** under **Tasks** and start typing **Azure App Service Deploy** task.



7. Select **Azure App Service deploy** task and enter following details:

- Connection type: Azure Resource Manager
- Azure Subscription: **PUL-Connection**
- Click **Authorize** if needed and follow the path to complete authorization.
- App Service name: pul-yaml-[YourInitials]
- Package or folder: \$(System.ArtifactsDirectory)/drop/*.zip
- Click Add



8. This will add YAML definition for the App Service Deploy task to the cursor location in the file. You may or may not have to indent based on your cursor location.

```
46
     - stage: DeploytoProd
      · jobs:
47
48
     ··--job: Deploy
     ···pool:
49
      ····name: default
50
51
      ···steps:
         Settings
      ---task: AzureRmWebAppDeployment@4
52
      · · · · inputs:
53
54
      · · · · · · ConnectionType: 'AzureRM'
      ----azureSubscription: 'PUL-Connection'
55
      · · · · · appType: 'webApp'
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      WebAppName: 'pul-yaml-23850555'
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58
      packageForLinux: '$(System.ArtifactsDirectory)/drop/*.zip'
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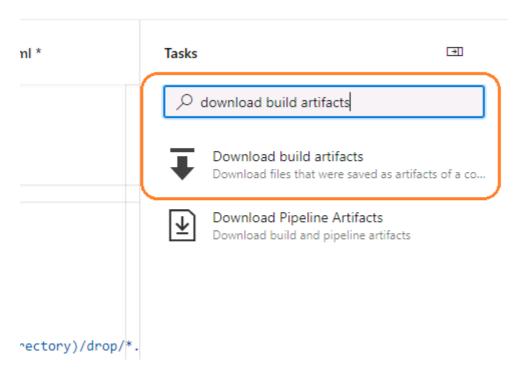
9. Place the cursor on the first line under the **steps node** of the deployment stage. This is where we will add a **Download build artifacts** task.

It's important to note that the two stages (Build and Deploy) in this YAML file will run independently. As a result, the build output from the first (Build) stage will not be available to the second (Deploy) stage without special consideration. It is for this reason, you added the **Publish build artifacts** task at the end of the Build stage and you will add **Download build artifacts** task in this (Deploy stage)

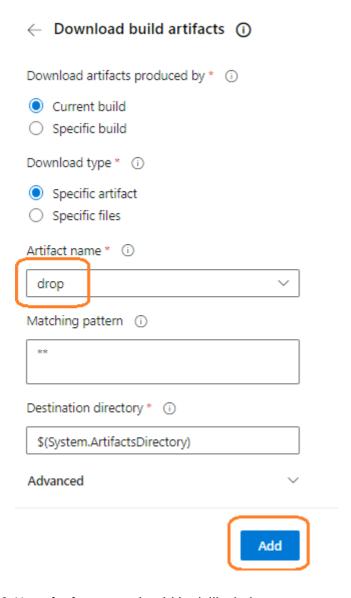
```
    stage: DeploytoProd

46
47
      ·jobs:
48
      -- job: Deploy
49
         ·pool:
          - name: default
50
51
         steps:
52
         Settings
         task: AzureRmWebAppDeployment@4
53
54
         · inputs:
          ConnectionType: 'AzureRM'
55
         ----azureSubscription: 'PUL-Connection'
56
57
          - appType: 'webApp'
          WebAppName: 'pul-yaml-23850555'
58
            packageForLinux: '$(System.ArtifactsDirectory)/drop/*.zip'
59
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10. Under **Tasks** in the Task Assistant, search the task **download build artifacts** and select the **Download build artifacts** task.



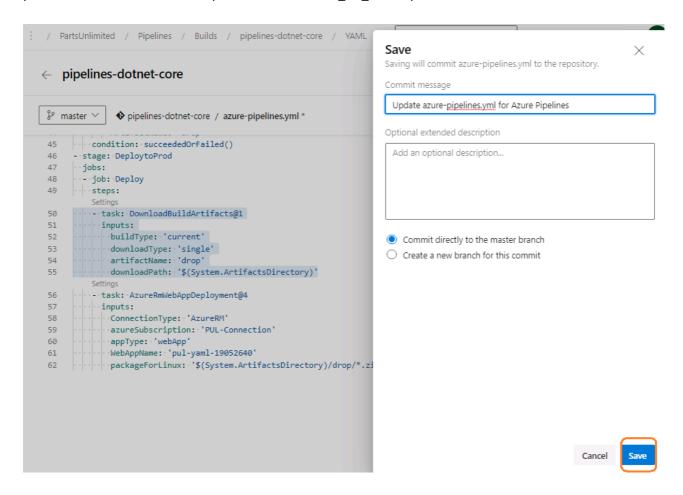
11. In the **Download build artifacts** pane, enter the **Artifact name** as **drop**. Use the defaults for everything else and click **Add**.



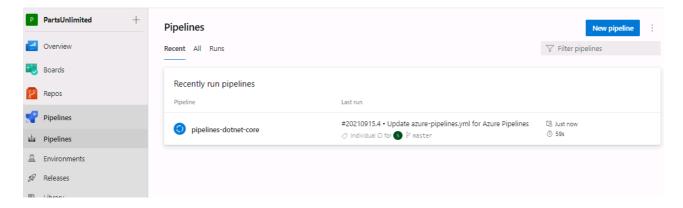
12. Your **deploy** stage should look like below:

```
46
    - stage: DeploytoProd
    · jobs:
47
    ··--job: Deploy
48
    ···pool:
49
    ····name: default
50
51
    ···steps:
       Settings
     ----task: DownloadBuildArtifacts@1
52
     ····inputs:
53
     ····buildType: 'current'
54
     downloadType: 'single'
55
     ····artifactName: 'drop'
56
     downloadPath: '$(System.ArtifactsDirectory)'
57
58
    ----task: AzureRmWebAppDeployment@4
    ····inputs:
59
     ConnectionType: 'AzureRM'
60
     ·····azureSubscription: 'PUL-Connection'
61
     ·····appType: · 'webApp'
62
    ···· WebAppName: 'pul-yaml-23850555'
63
64
```

- 13. Click **Validate and save** from the top-right corner to commit the changes. Since the YAML definition has *trigger* set to *-master*, any change to the master branch that the above changes make will trigger the pipeline to run.
- 14. Confirm the **Save** when asked. This will begin a new build.



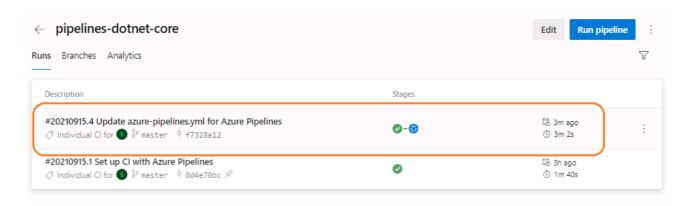
15. Return to the Pipelines view by clicking on **Pipelines** from the left pane.



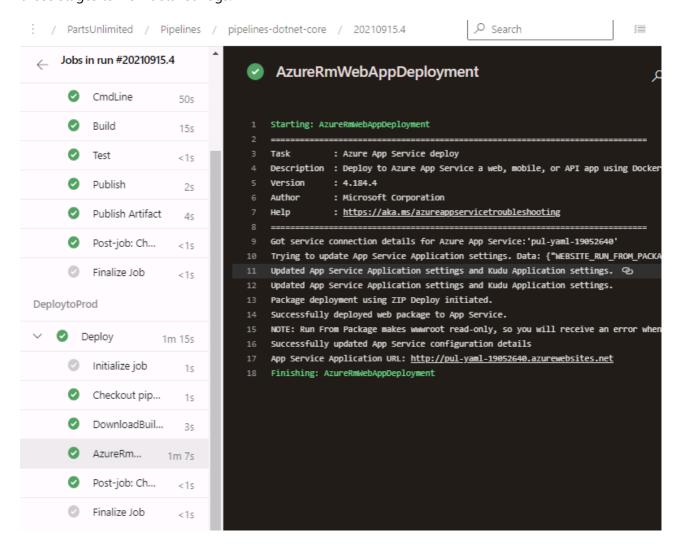
16. Click on the pipeline to view the run of the pipeline. Click on the latest run of the pipeline to see the details of the run.

You may be prompted to authorize the service connection after the Build stage is complete. If prompted, enter the Azure credentials from the first task.

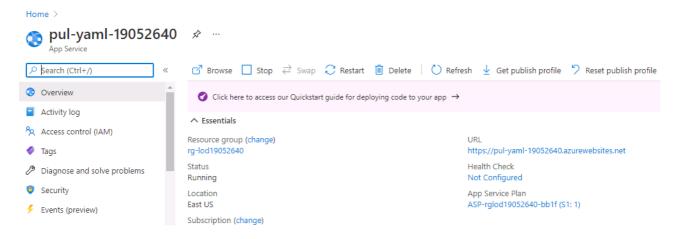
Notice the difference in the stages displayed for the latest run compared to the previous run. This is because in this run we have two stages.



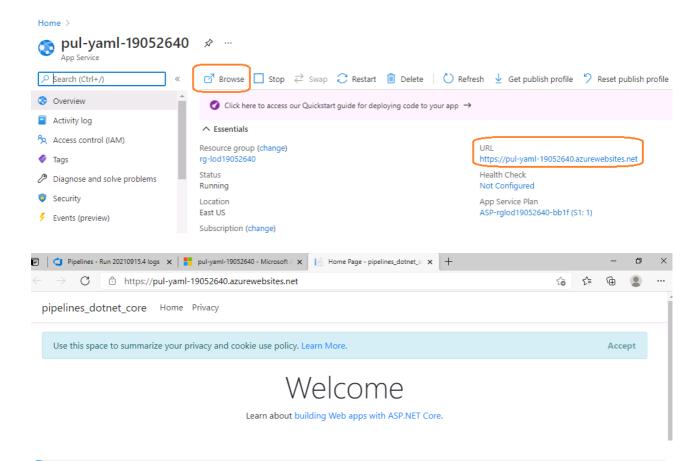
17. Scroll down to see **Stages** and **Jobs** . You can see the **Build** and **DeploytoProd** stages. Click on each of those stages to view detailed logs.



18. When both the stages run successfully, switch back to the Azure Portal and navigate to the **pul-yaml-**[YourInitials] App Service.



19. Click on **Browse** or click on the URL for the App Service and you can see the app successfully running.



In this lab, you configured a self-hosted agent and created a YAML pipeline that builds an ASP.NET Core project on this self-hosted agent and deploys it to an Azure Web App.