

## **BEST PRACTICES FOR AUTOMATING DEPLOYMENTS USING CI CD PIPELINES IN AZURE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*In today's fast-paced software development landscape, continuous integration and continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipelines have become integral to delivering reliable applications quickly and efficiently. Azure, as a leading cloud provider, offers robust services to facilitate the automation of deployments through CI/CD pipelines. This paper explores best practices for automating deployments in Azure, focusing on improving deployment speed, reducing errors, and ensuring consistent delivery. Key practices include using Azure DevOps for managing pipelines, incorporating infrastructure as code (IaC) with tools like Azure Resource Manager (ARM) templates or Terraform, and implementing proper version control through Git. Security and compliance are critical considerations, achieved through automated testing, security scans, and governance policies integrated within the pipeline. Monitoring and observability tools such as Azure Monitor and Application Insights further enhance deployment reliability by providing actionable insights into the health and performance of applications post-deployment. Additionally, promoting collaboration across development, operations, and security teams is essential for achieving seamless, automated deployment cycles. Adopting these best practices can lead to faster, more secure, and efficient delivery of software, aligning with the goals of modern DevOps culture. This abstract outlines the steps required to optimize deployment automation in Azure, providing organizations with a framework to enhance their CI/CD pipelines and achieve continuous delivery with confidence.*

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