MLOps with Azure AutoML
And
Azure DevOps

Technology we use to run this project

Technology	Objective/Reason
Azure DevOps	The platform to help you implement DevOps practices on our scenario
Azure Machine Learning Service (Automated ML)	Manage Machine Learning models with the power of Azure
Azure Container Instance(ACI) and Azure Kubernetes Service(AKS)	Deploy Machine Learning models as Docker containers

What is MLOps?

MLOps (a compound of Machine Learning and “information technology OPerationS”) is new discipline/focus/practice for collaboration and communication between data scientists and information technology (IT) professionals while automating and productizing machine learning algorithms.

MLOps = ML + DEV + OPS

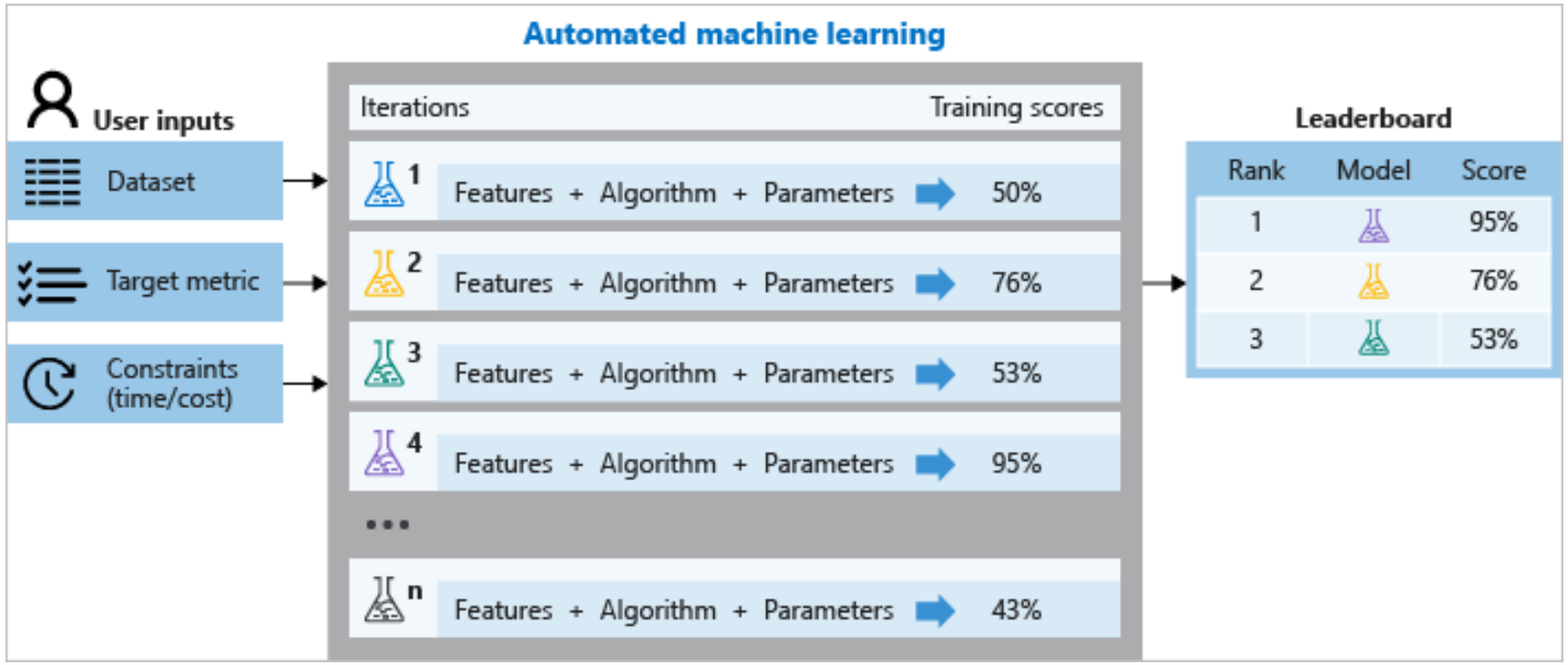
Experiment
Data Acquisition
Business Understanding
Initial Modeling

Develop
Modeling + Testing
Continuous Integration
Continuous Deployment

Operate
Continuous Delivery
Data Feedback Loop
System + Model Monitoring

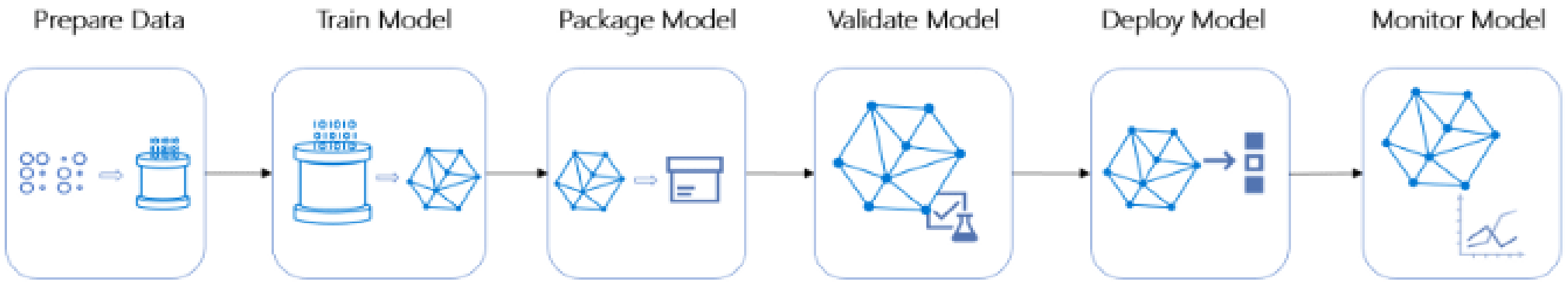
How AutoML works

- Azure Machine Learning creates a few pipelines in parallel that try different algorithms and parameters for us.
- The service iterates through ML algorithms paired with feature selections, where each iteration produces a model with a training score.
- The higher the score, the better the model is considered to "fit" our data. It will stop once it hits the exit criteria defined in the experiment.

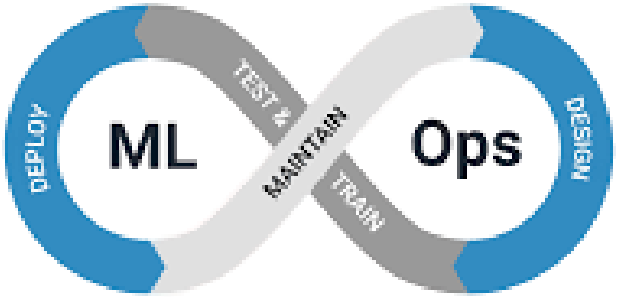


Azure Pipelines

- Azure Pipelines are cloud-hosted pipelines that are fully integrated with Azure DevOps.
- Azure DevOps allows us to frequently update models, test new models, and continuously roll out new ML models alongside our other applications and services.
- The end-to-end Machine learning pipeline includes data-prep, training, packaging and validating model, deploying model and continuous testing. It looks like below

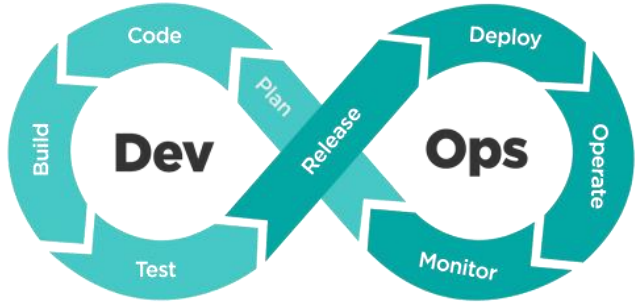


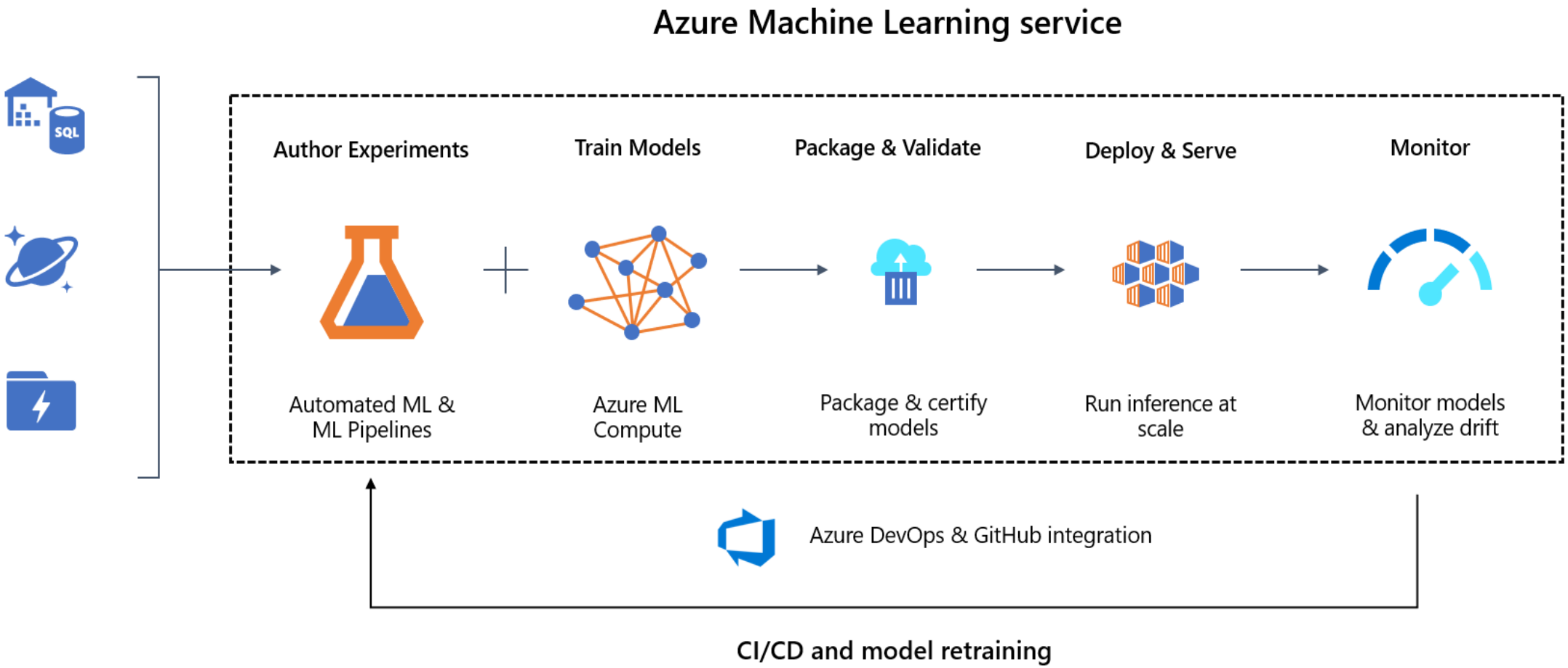
MLOps and DevOps Aims



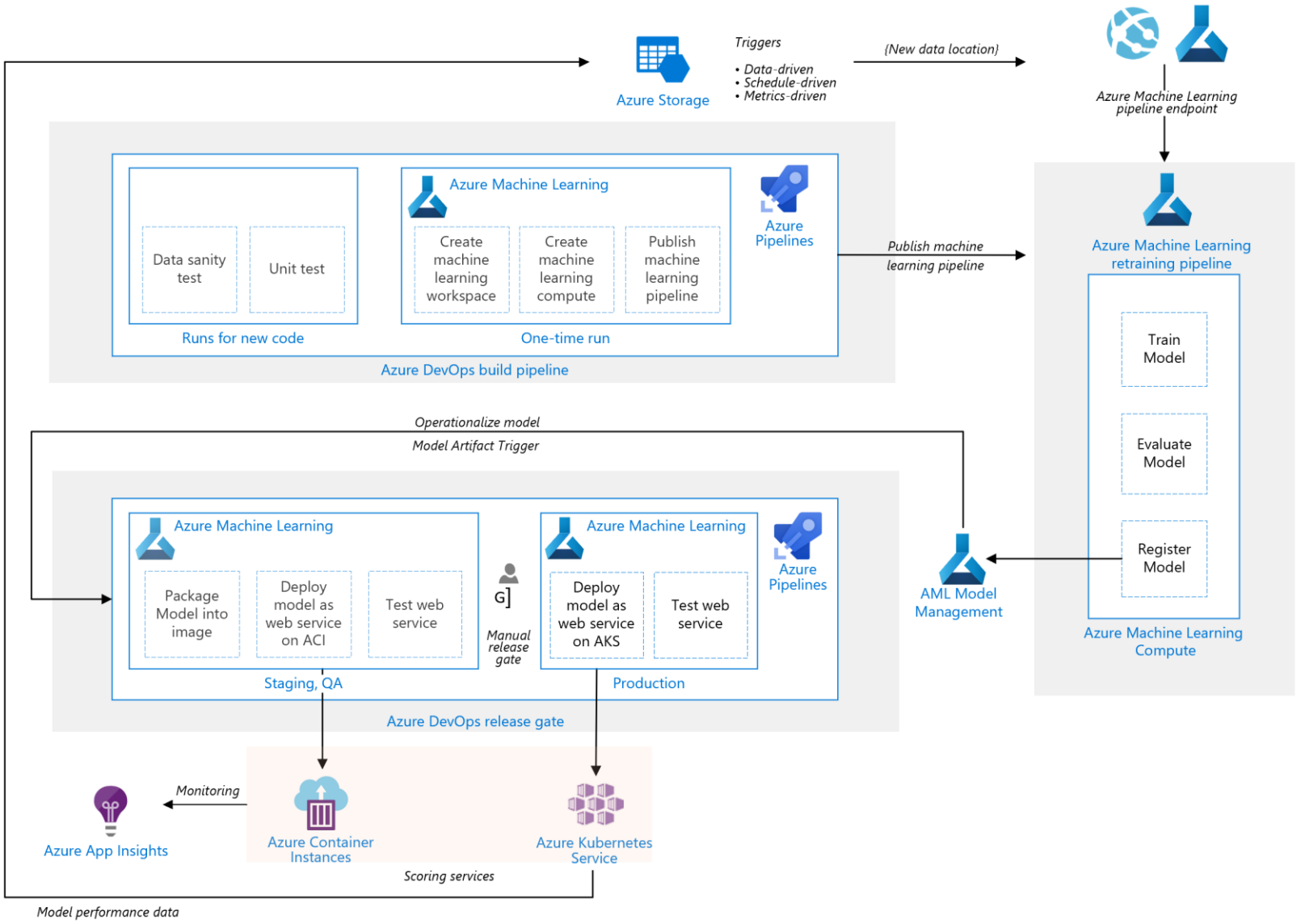
MLOps aims to establish a culture and environment where ML technologies can generate business benefits by rapidly, frequently and reliably building, testing, and releasing ML technology into production.

We will be using the Azure DevOps project for build and release pipelines along with Azure AutoML services for ML/AI model management and operationalization.

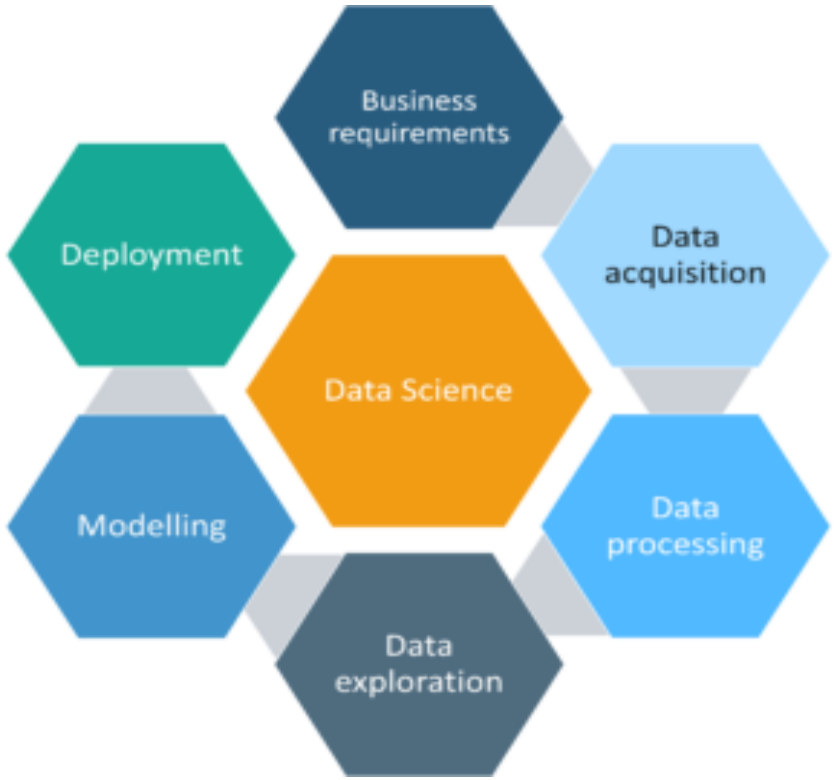




CI/CD pipeline will look like below



Architecture and Features

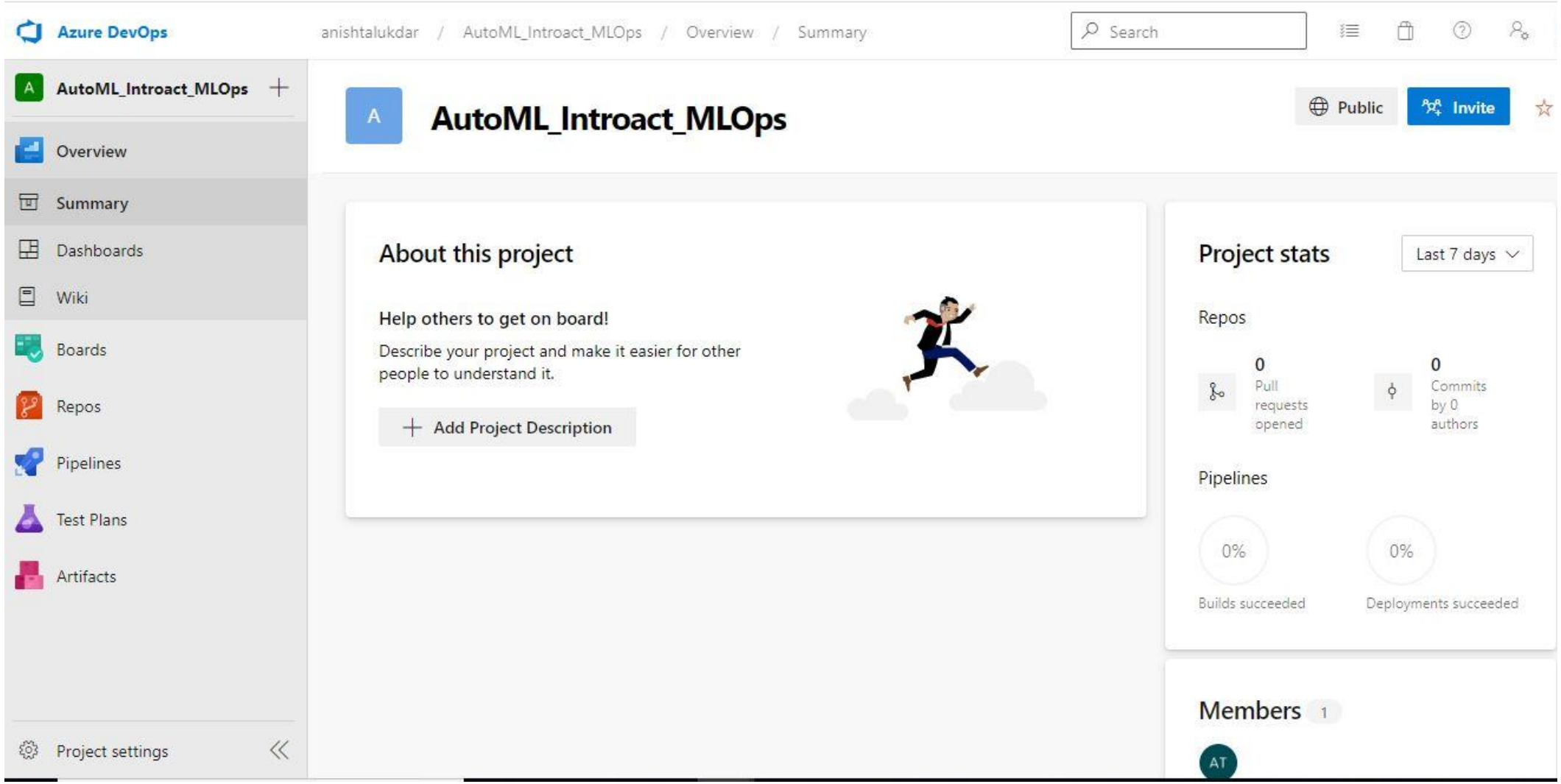


- Implement continuous integration (**CI**), continuous delivery (**CD**), and training pipeline for an AI application using **Azure DevOps** and **Azure Machine Learning**.
- The solution is built on the **classification** scenario but can be easily adapted for any AI scenario.
- The build pipelines include DevOps tasks for data sanity tests, unit tests**, automated model training** on different compute targets.
- Selecting the **best model** including model version management, **model evaluation/model selection**, model deployment as **real-time web service**, staged deployment to QA/prod and integration testing.

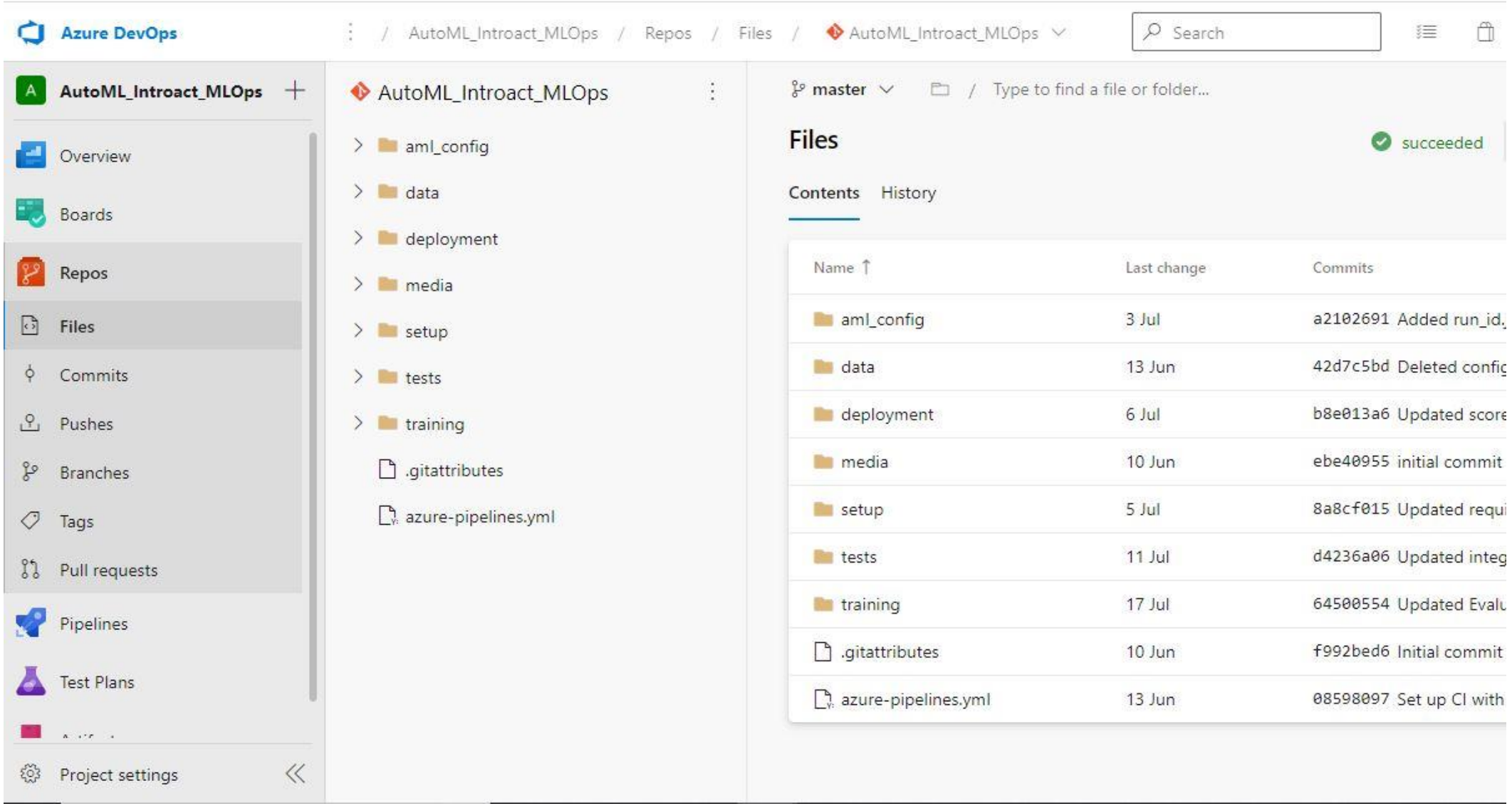
Configure CI pipeline

- In this step, we will configure CI pipeline for your ML/AI project. This pipeline will include DevOps tasks for
- data sanity test
- model training on different compute targets
- model version management
- model evaluation/model selection etc.

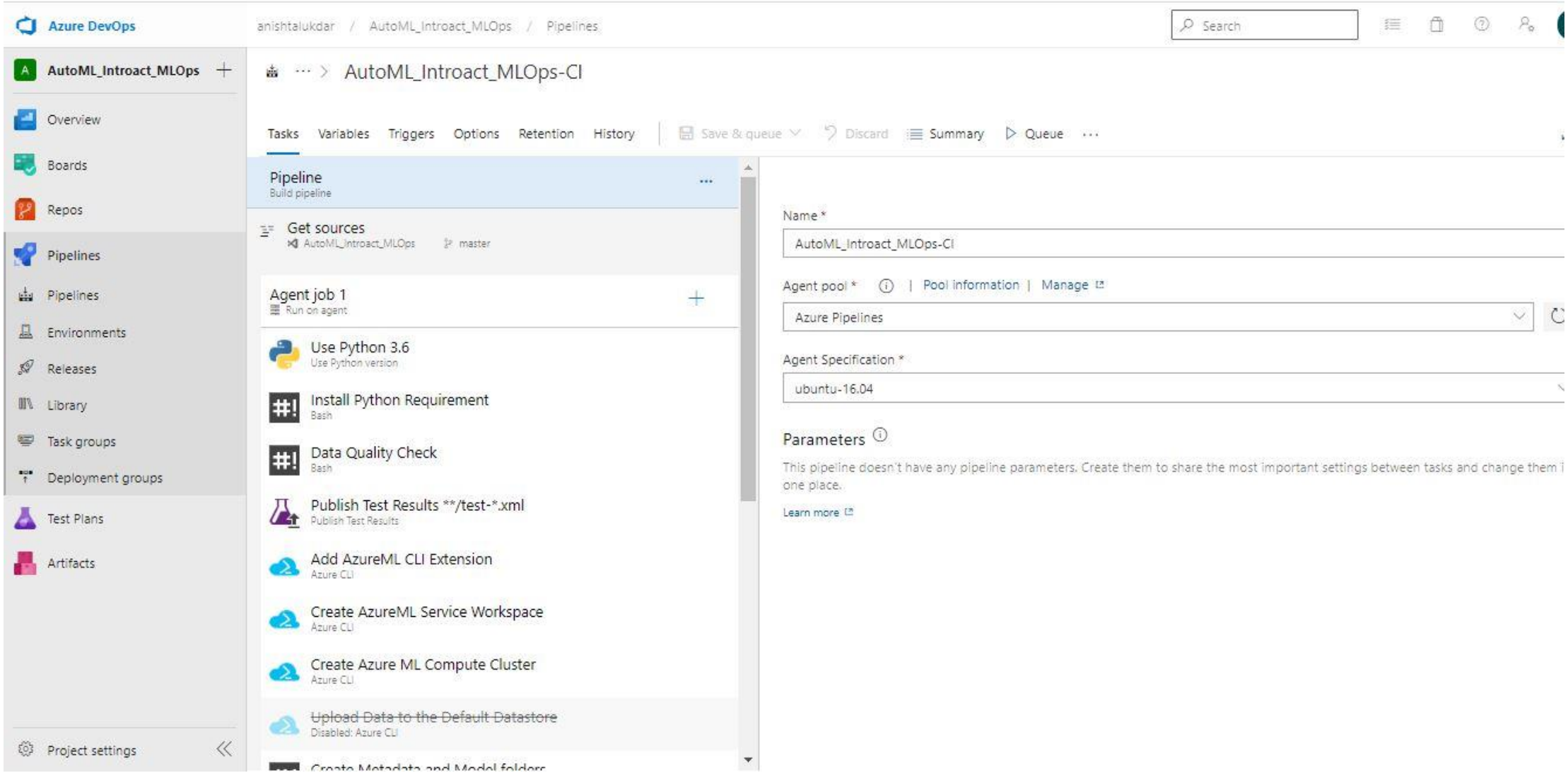
Azure DevOps Dashboard



Git Repository

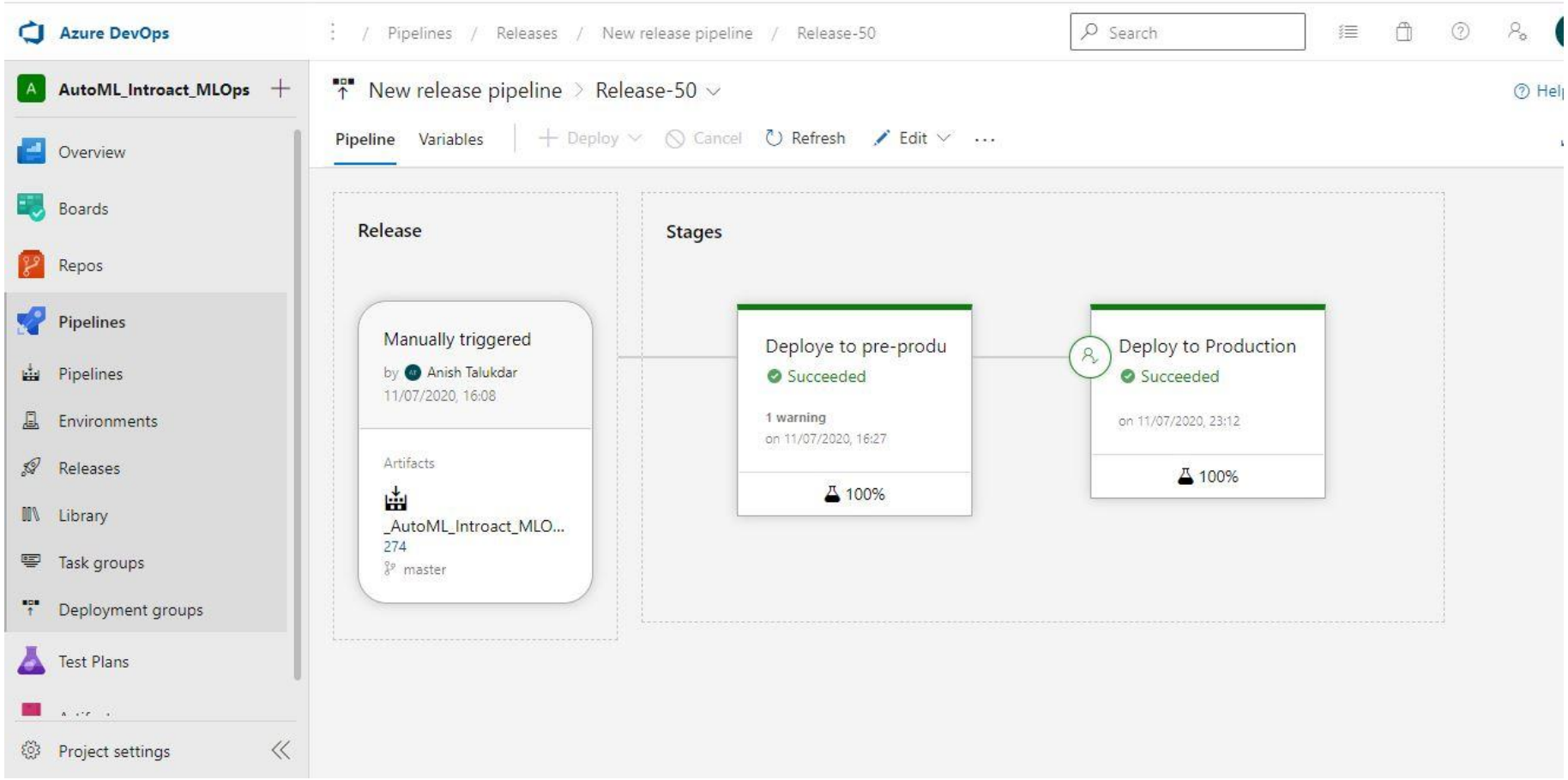


Pipeline configs will look like below



Configure CD pipeline

So, as we are done with CI pipeline let’s configure Release pipeline which will deploy the image created from the build pipeline to Azure Container Instance and Azure Kubernetes Services.



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