



User Guide- DevOps Assists

Overview:

DevOps Assist is an AI-powered extension for Microsoft Azure DevOps that helps teams refine existing work items and evolve new requirements using intelligent suggestions.

1. How to Install the Extension

Step 1:

Option 1:

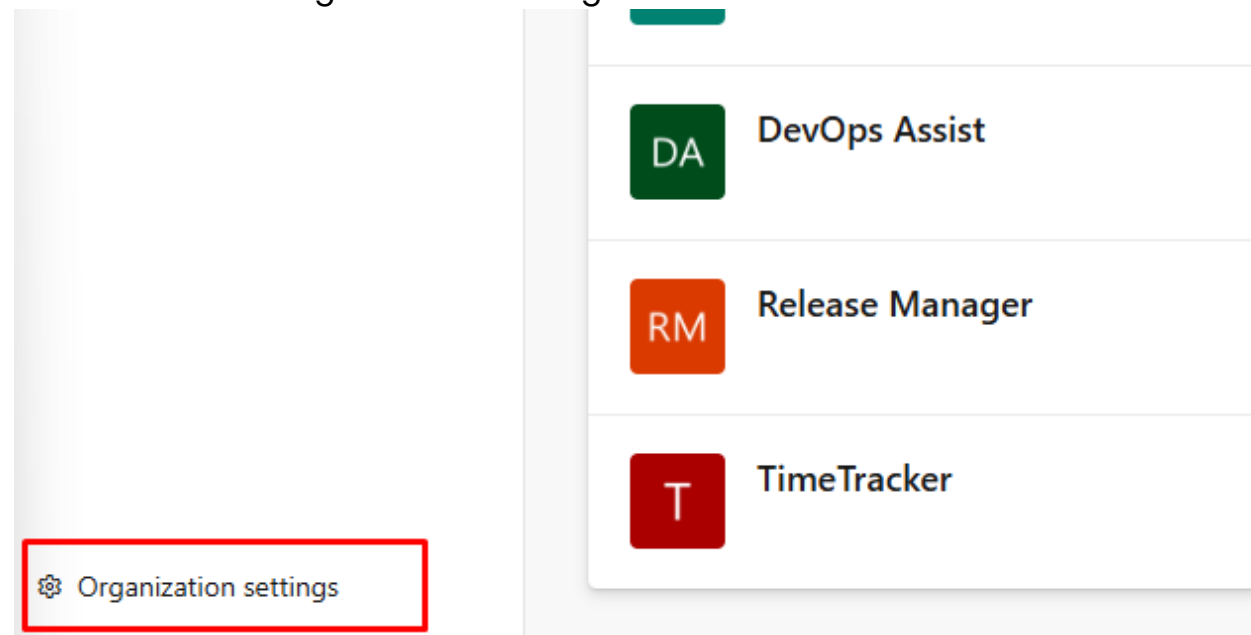
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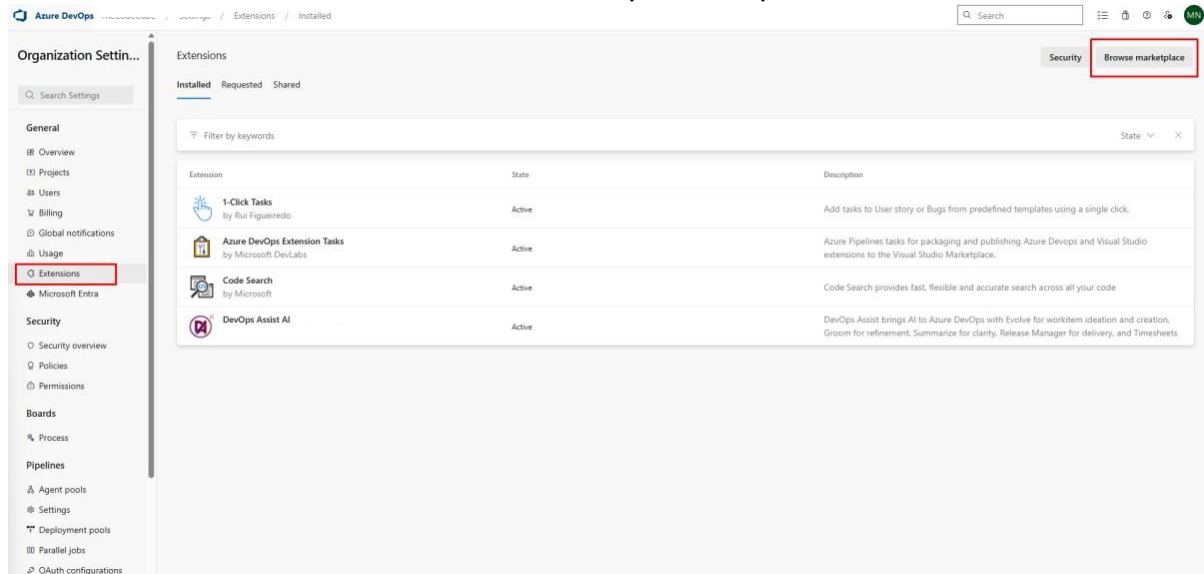
Navigate to Azure DevOps Organization Settings

- Log in to your Azure DevOps account.
- Go to the "Organization Settings" in Footer.

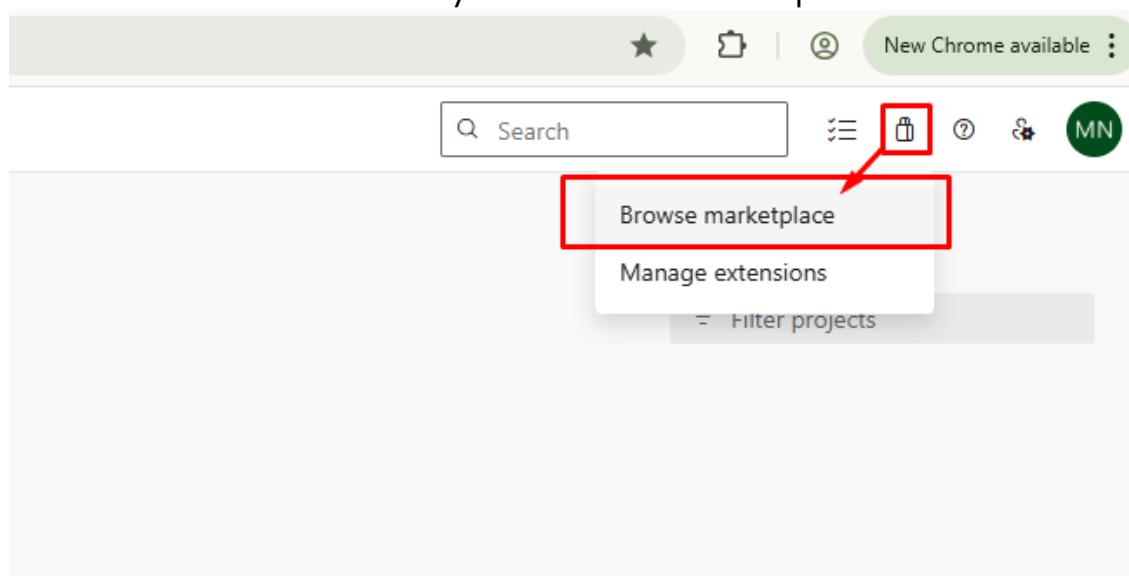




- Select “Extensions” and “Browse Marketplace” option.

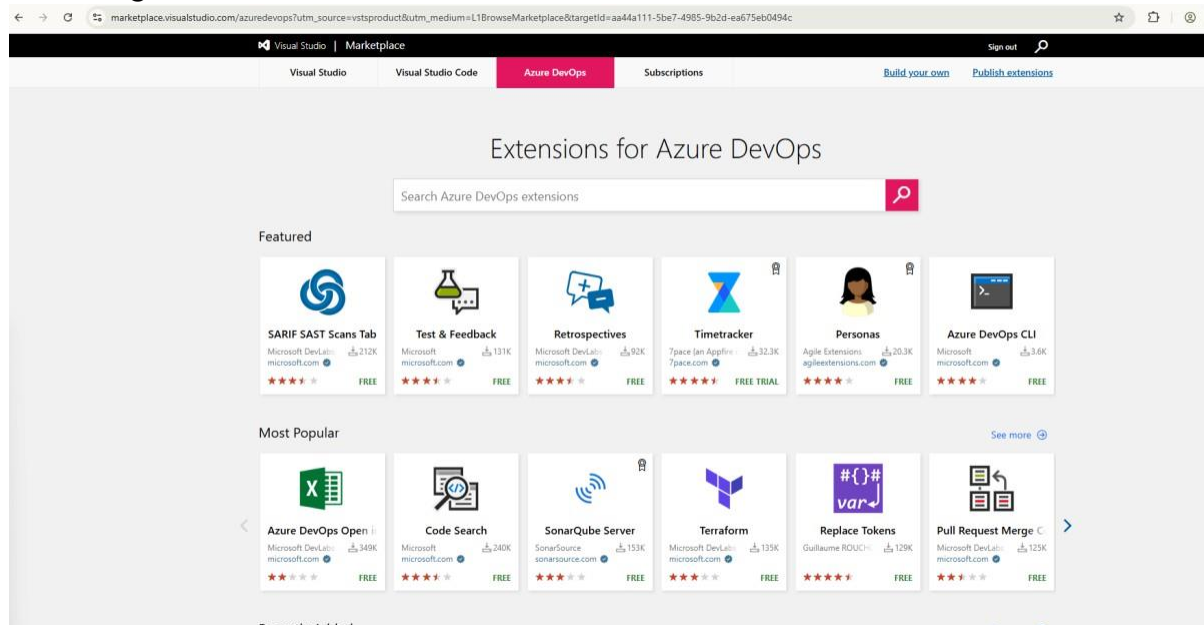


- Alternatively, you can select “Browse Marketplace” option from “Marketplace” option from Header left to your profile settings which is available almost everywhere in Azure DevOps.





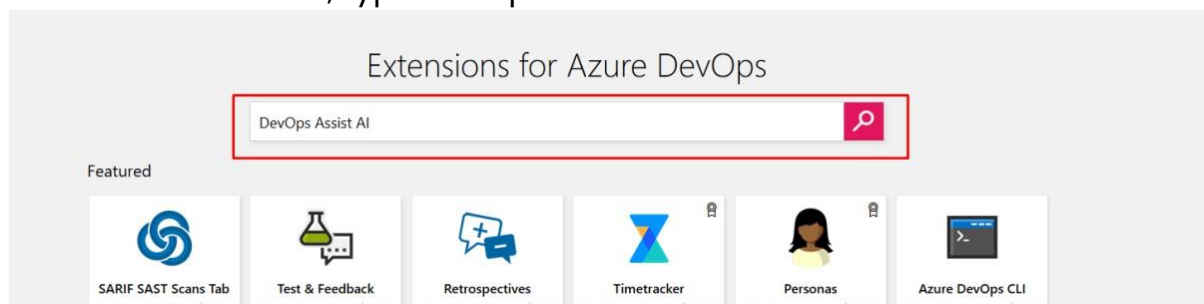
- Navigate to Extensions.



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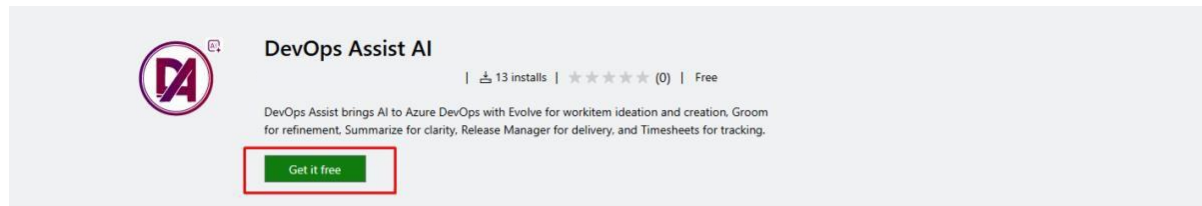
Search and Install the Extension

- In the search bar, type DevOps Assists AI.

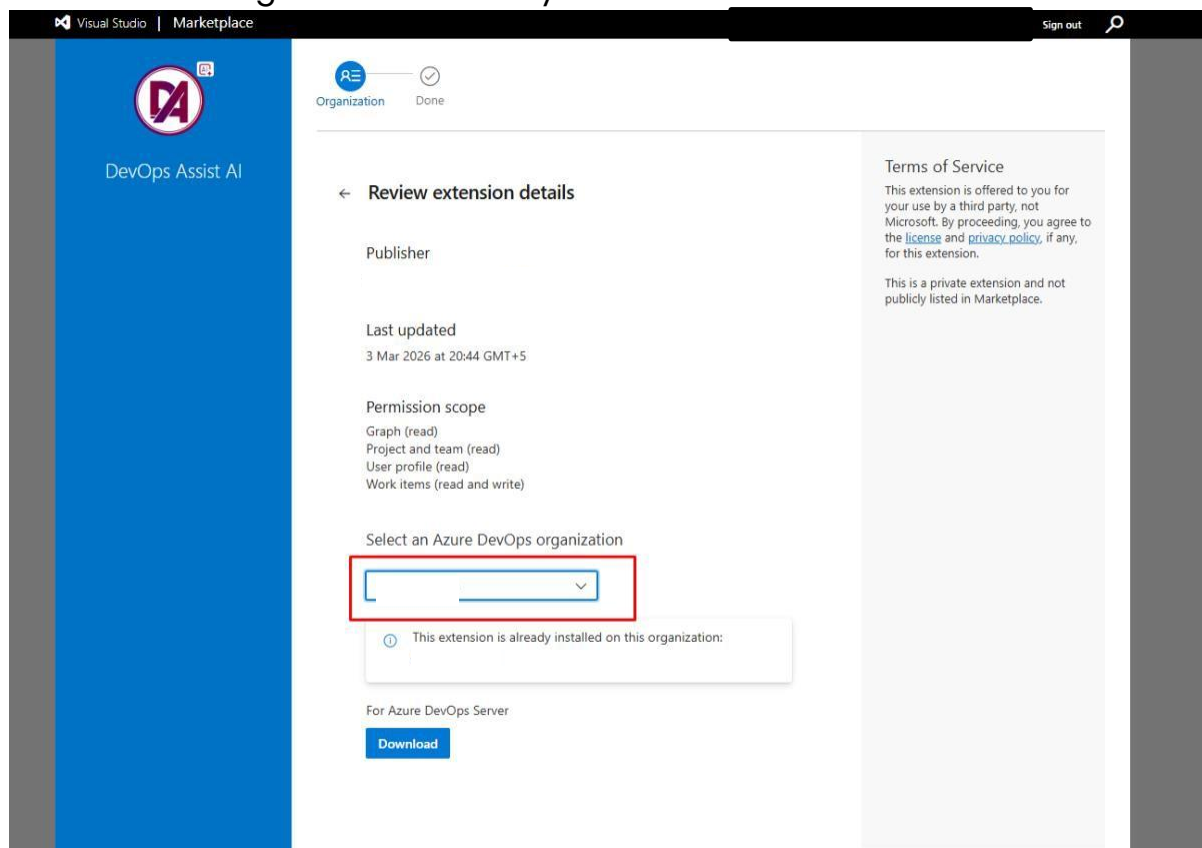




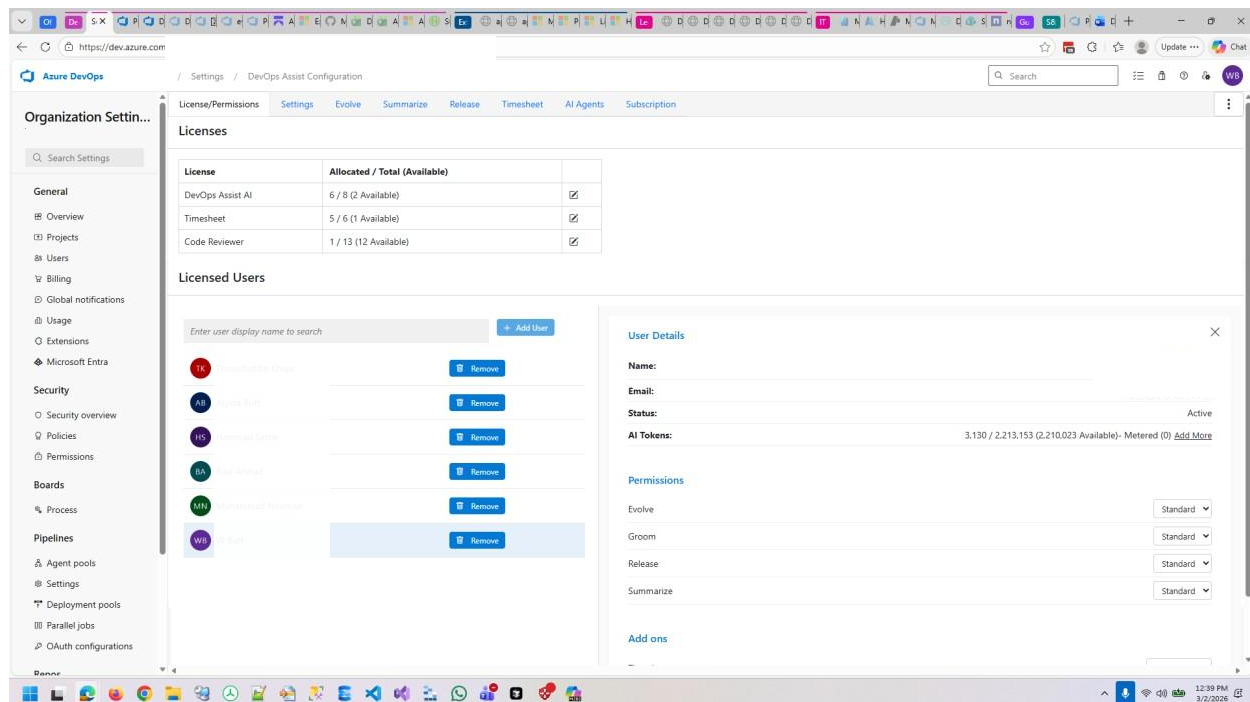
- Click Get it Free.



- Select the organization where you want to install the extension.



- Confirm the installation.



2. Subscription Information

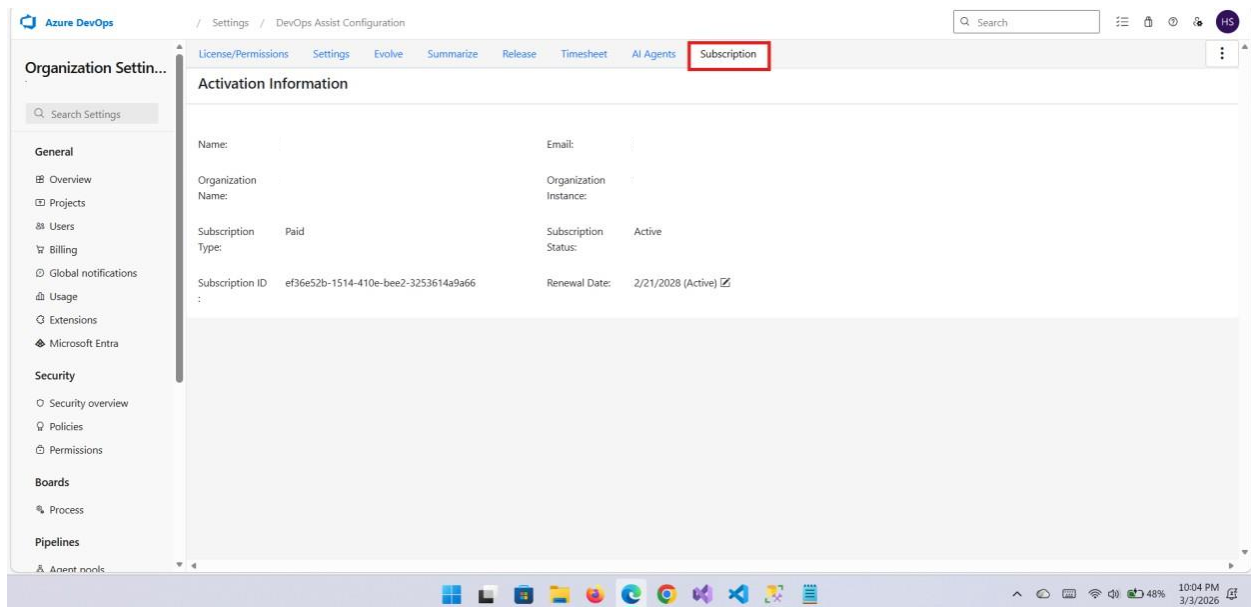
The **Subscription** page is used for **subscription details only**.

Purpose

- View subscription owner
- View organization details
- View subscription status and expiration date

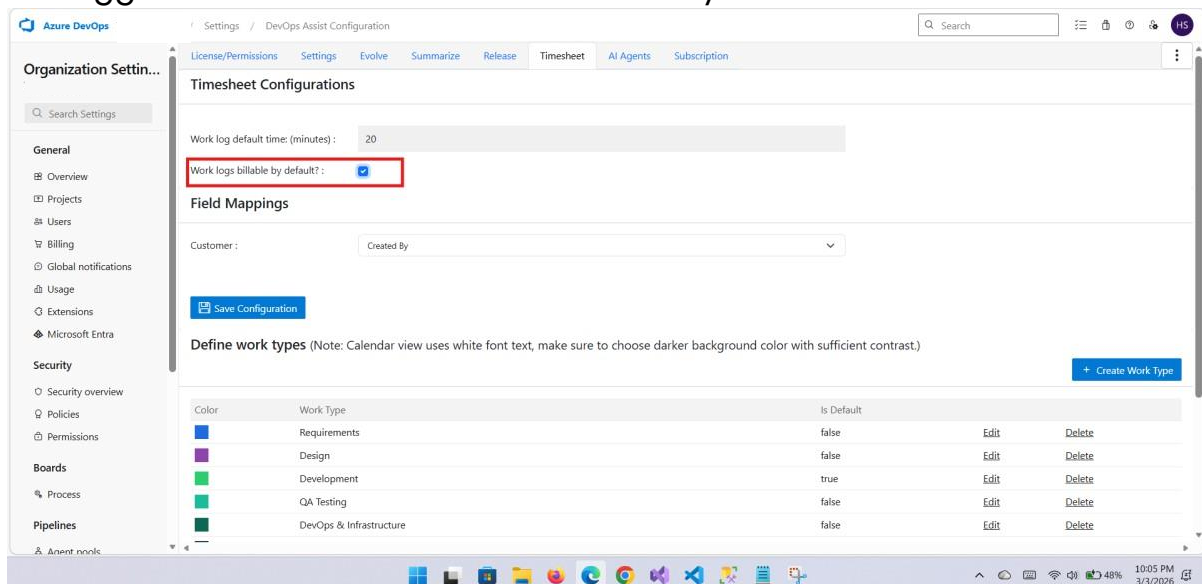
Notes

- This page is **read-only**
- No licenses are assigned here
- No permissions are configured here



3. Define License Scope

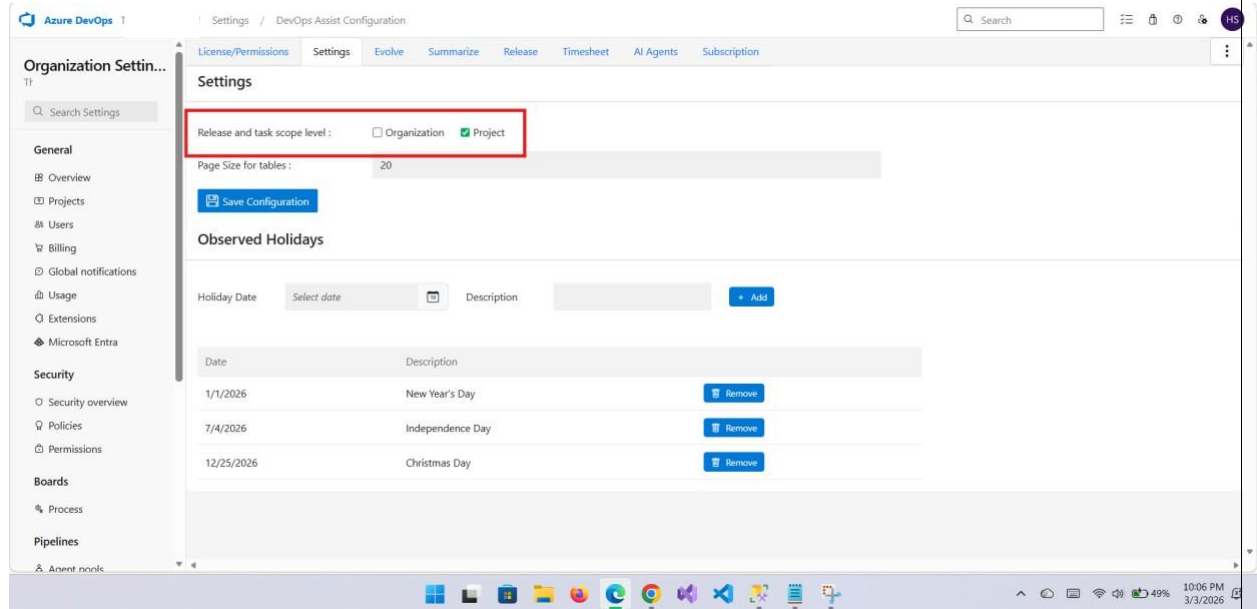
- Decide if your work logs are billable by default.
- Toggle the checkbox to turn on billable by default.



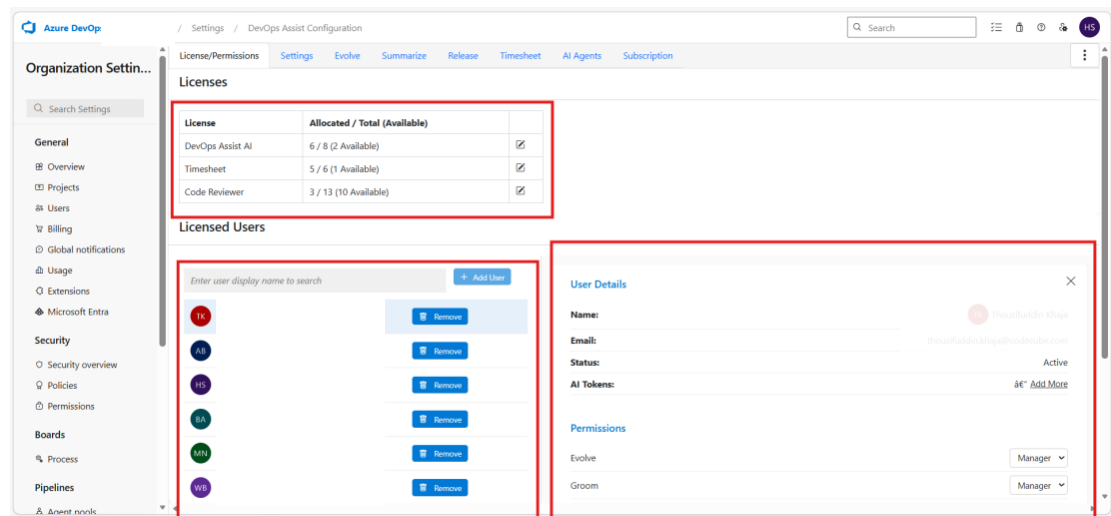
- Select whether you want access across the organization or only within a specific project.
 - Project Scope: Limits work item access to a specific project.



- Organization Scope: Allows access to work items across multiple projects.



- Admins can view:
 - Total licenses
 - Used vs available licenses
 - Add Ons licenses
 - Users/users details
 - OpenAI/Code reviewer tokens

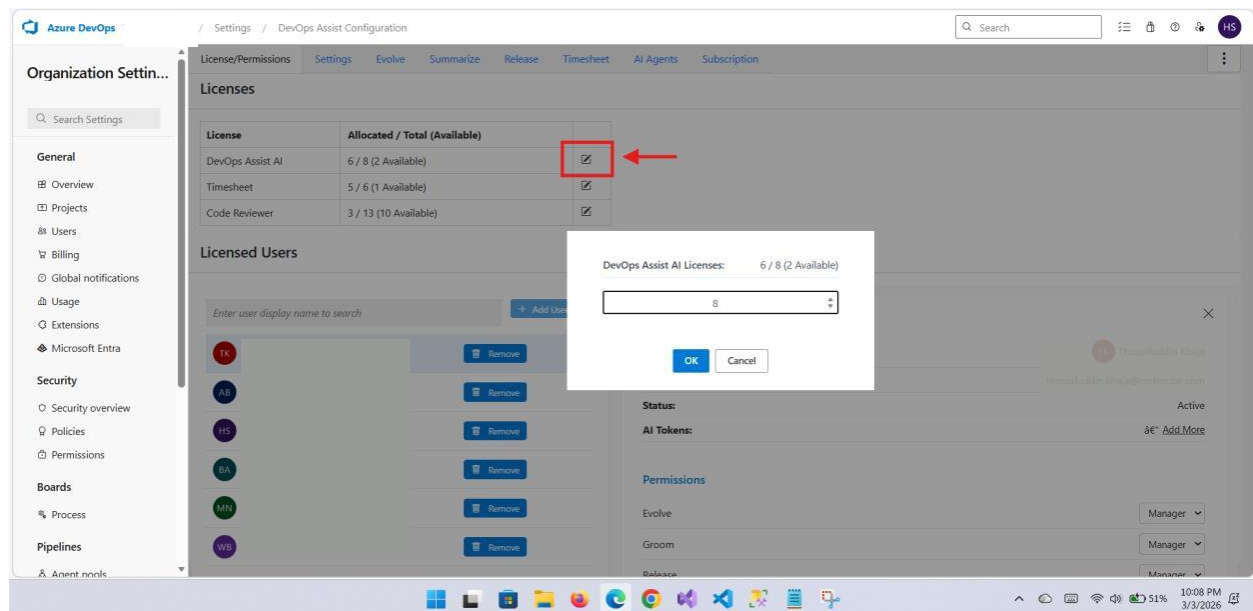




4. How to Assign Licenses to Users

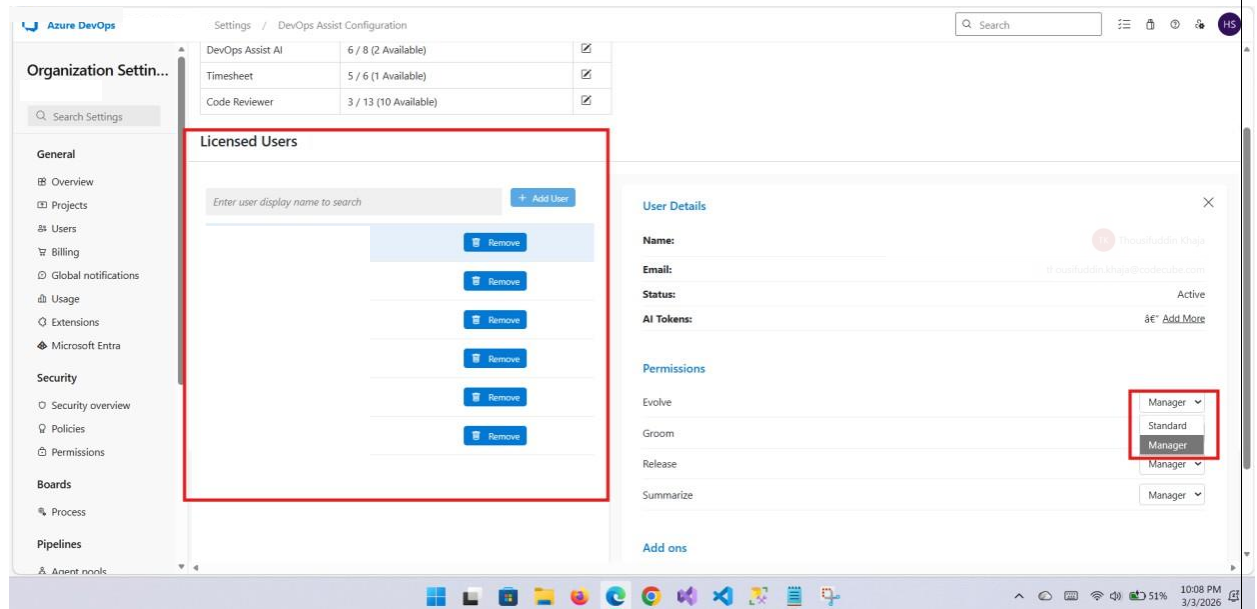
Step 1: Access License Management

- Once installed, go to Organization settings
- In Organization Settings, go to DevOps Assist License Configuration Screen.
- Select the number of licenses needed.



Step 2: Add Users

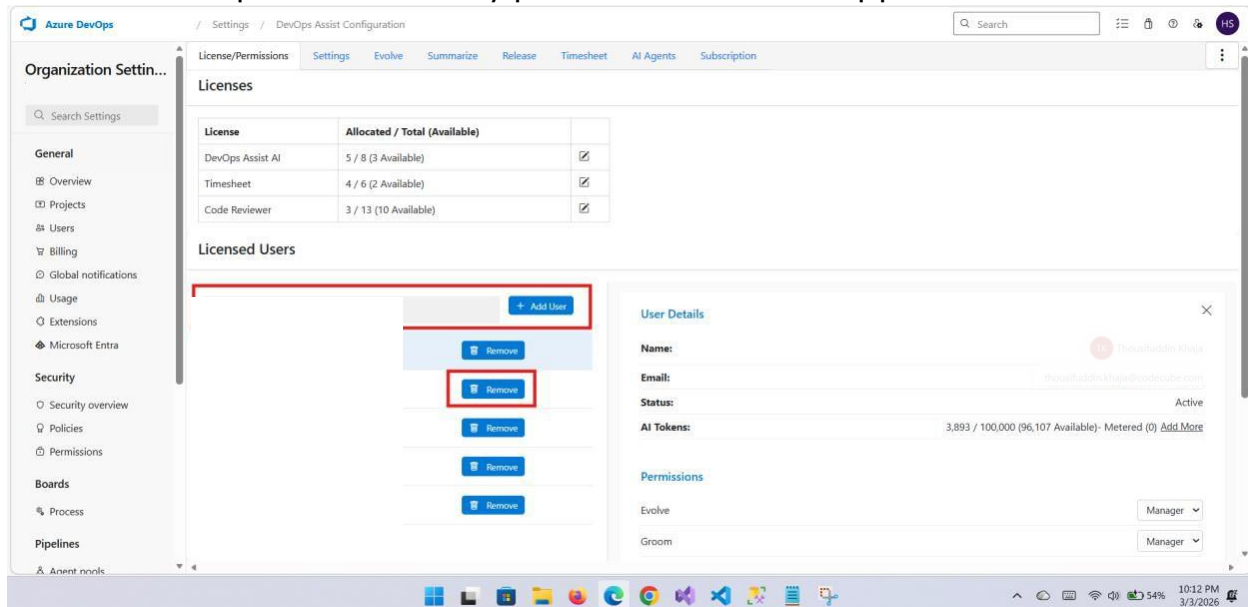
- Search for users and assign them a role:
 - Manager – Can manage release planning.
 - Standard User – Can log work items.
 - Assigned users appear in the **Licensed Users** list.



Step 3: Confirm and Save

- Review the license assignment.
- Click Add User to apply settings.
- Click **Remove** to revoke a license.

A license is required before any permissions can be applied.



5. Configure Module Permissions

Permissions are configured **per user and per module**.

1. Select a user from the **Licensed Users** list.



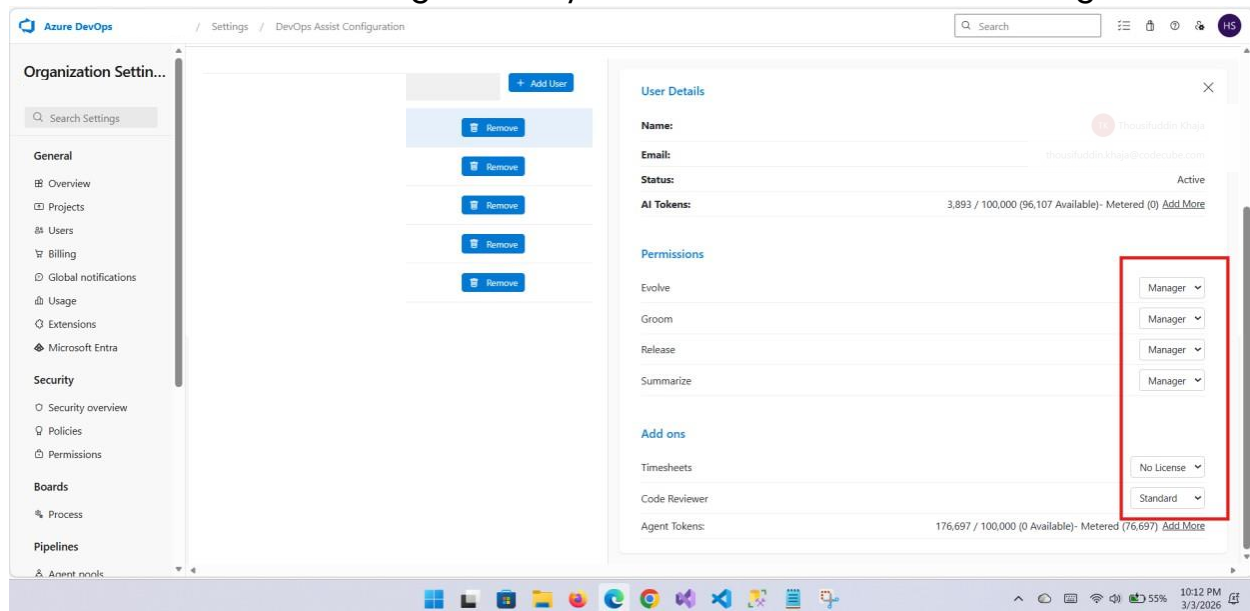
2. In the **User Details** panel, configure permissions for each module:

- Groom
- Evolve
- Release
- Timesheets
- Summarize

Each module supports:

- **Not set** – No access
- **Standard** – Can use the module
- **Manager** – Full access to the module

Permissions can be changed at any time and do not affect licensing.





Evolve:

Standard users can:

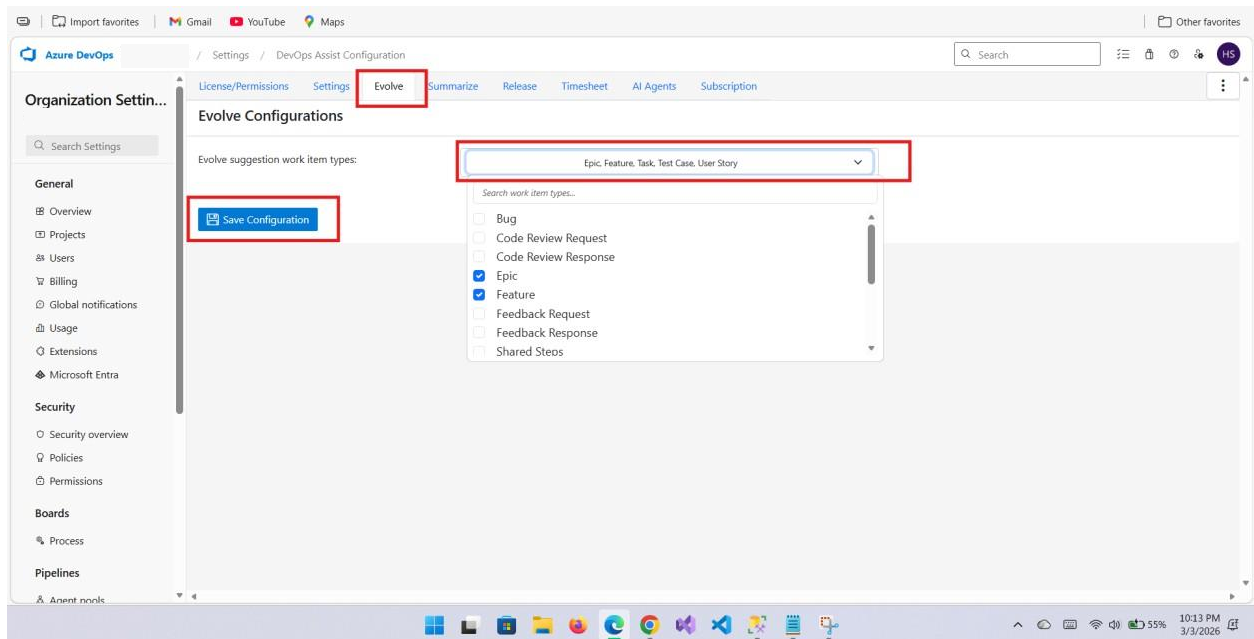
- Generate AI suggestions (e.g., test cases, acceptance criteria)
- View generated suggestions

Manager users can:

- Generate AI suggestions
- Select generated items
- Click **Create Work Items** to automatically create work items
- Create work items instantly without manual input

1. Evolve Assist Configuration

1. Select **Evolve Assist** from the available modules.
2. Open the **Evolve** tab.
3. Select which work item types of AI is allowed to generate:
 - a. Epic
 - b. Feature
 - c. User Story
 - d. Task
 - e. Test Case
3. Click **Save Configuration**.



2. Evolve Assist Landing Page (Chats / Projects)

The Landing Page displays existing Evolve chats and project sessions.

Purpose

- View existing Evolve chats/projects
- Start a new Evolve session



Evolve Assist

Filter projects by name

Evolve Chat	WorkItem	Created Date	Last Update	AI Assisted Items	Created By	Modified By
	683 - Quick Access Widget...	3/3/2026	3/3/2026	2		
	95 - DevOps Assist - ...	2/21/2026	2/21/2026	3		
	702 - Add Time Failing...	2/13/2026	2/13/2026	2		
		1/27/2026	2/12/2026	0		
		1/30/2026	2/12/2026	0		
	598 - Inside TokenActivity table...	2/10/2026	2/12/2026	1		
	681 - Create a unified...	2/4/2026	2/4/2026	5		
	568 - Ability to add...	1/30/2026	1/30/2026	2		
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	570 - Fix the reference...	1/22/2026	1/22/2026	1		
	173 - Evolve Function	2/5/2026	2/5/2026	0		
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3. Start a New Chat

Step 1: Create a Chat

- Click **+ New Chat** from the landing page.

Evolve Assist

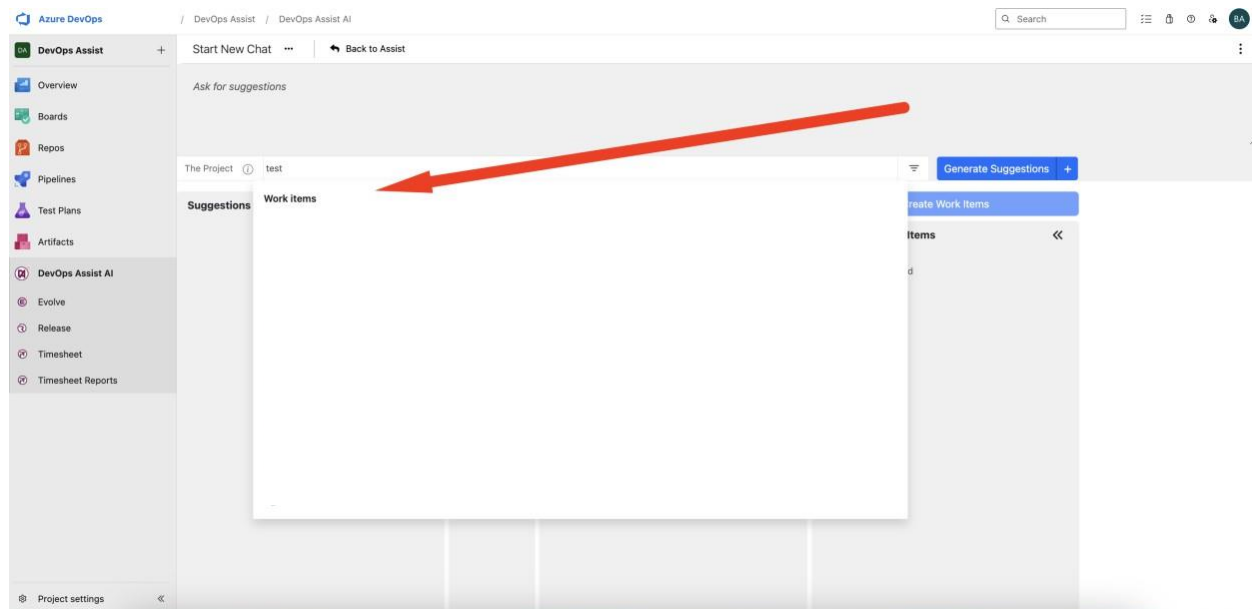
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Step 2: Opens a fresh session

Step 3: Type any work item that you want to attach for context



4. Provide Context and Filters

Use the workspace to define the scope for AI suggestions.

Context Inputs

- Enter prompts in **Ask for suggestions**
- Select the target project
- Search work items by title

Filters

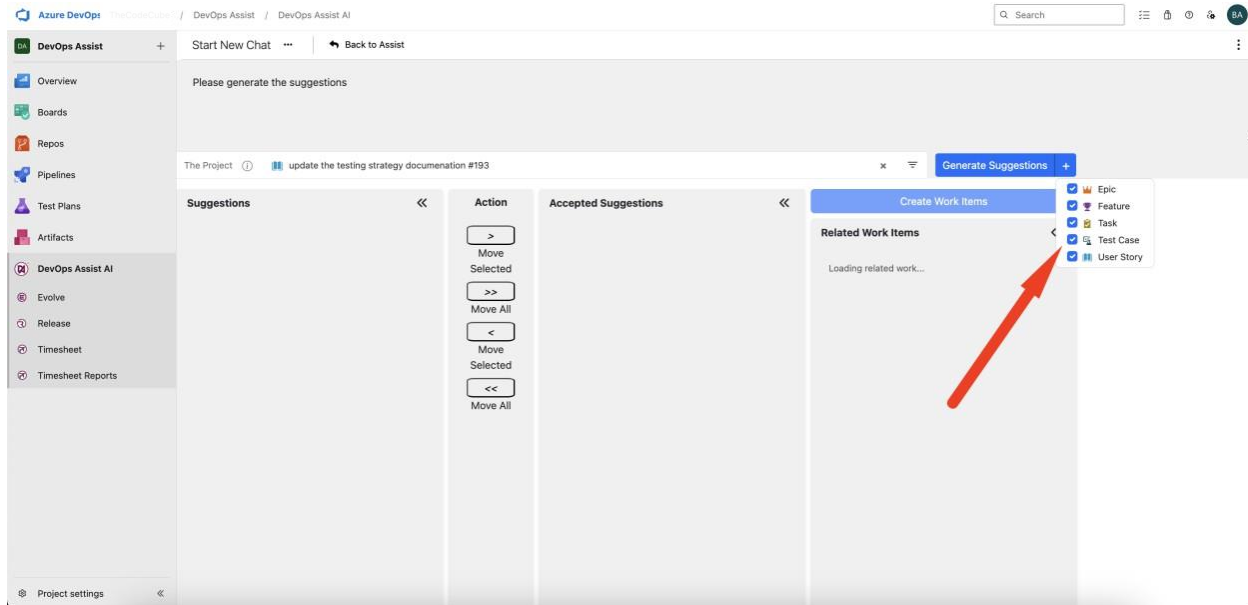
- Task Type
- Task Status

Allowed Work Item Types

- Use the + dropdown to select:
 - o Epic
 - o Feature



- o User Story
- o Task
- o Test Case



5. Generate Suggestions

Step 1: Generate

- Click **Generate Suggestions**.

Step 2: AI Processing

The AI generates potential work items based on:

- Existing work items
- User-provided input
- Selected filters

Output

- Suggestions appear in the **Suggestions** panel

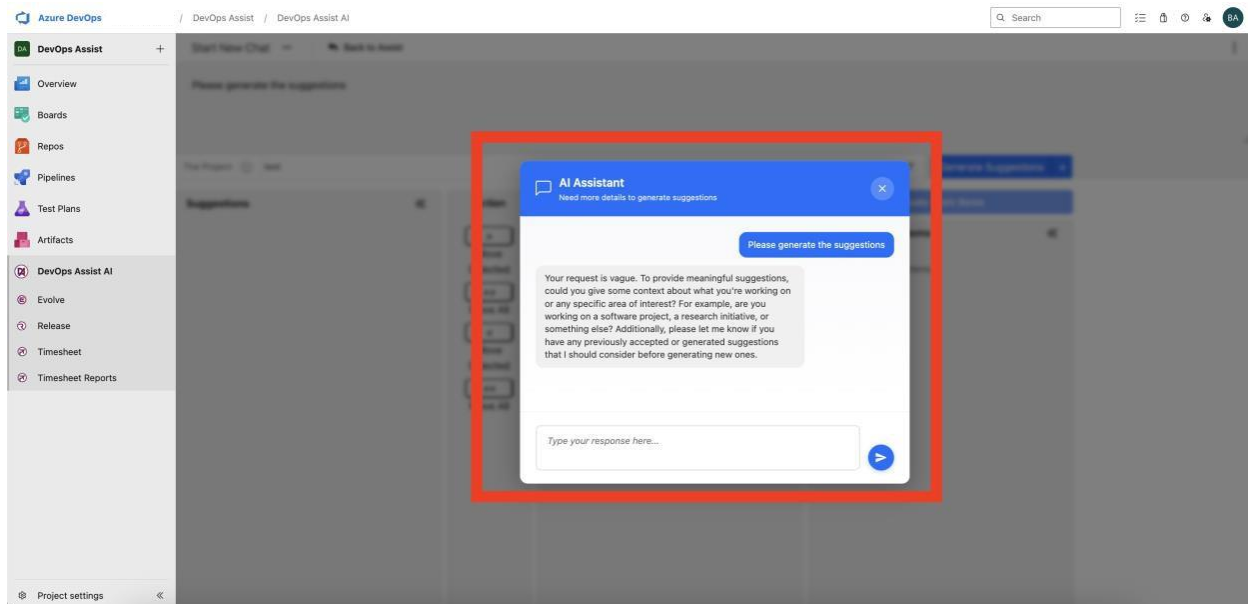
Note: On Clicking **Generate Suggestions**, AI evaluates the provided context:



- If context is sufficient and clear → Suggestions are generated and displayed immediately.
- If context is insufficient or the request is ambiguous → A chat popup appears, prompting the user to provide more details before suggestions can be generated.

In the chat popup:

- The AI explains what additional information it needs.
- The user types a response to clarify or expand the context.
- Once enough context is gathered, suggestions are generated and shown.



6. Accept Suggestions (Action Panel)

Suggestions must be explicitly approved before creation.



Actions

- › Move selected suggestion

Moves the selected suggestion from the Suggestions panel to the Accepted Suggestions panel.

- ›› Move all suggestions

Moves all suggestions from the *Suggestions* panel to the *Accepted Suggestions* panel at once.

- ‹ Move selected back

Moves the selected item from the Accepted Suggestions panel back to the Suggestions panel.

- ‹‹ Move all back

Moves all accepted suggestions back to the *Suggestions* panel.

Result

- Approved items move to the **Accepted Suggestions** panel

7. Create Work Items

Step 1: Review

- Review all accepted suggestions.



Step 2: Create

- Click **Create Work Items**.

Result

- Work items appear in the **Generated Work Items** panel
- Items are created and linked in Azure DevOps

8. Navigation

- Use **Back to Assist** to return to the Evolve chat list

Timesheets Configuration:

Standard users can:

- Log their own time
- Start and stop the time clock
- Add manual time entries
- View only their own time entries
- Use the **Quick Access Widget** for time tracking

Manager users can:

- View time entries for all users
- Run organization-wide time reports
- Export time data for all users
- Analyze time usage across teams and projects

No License can Only view their old Log time .



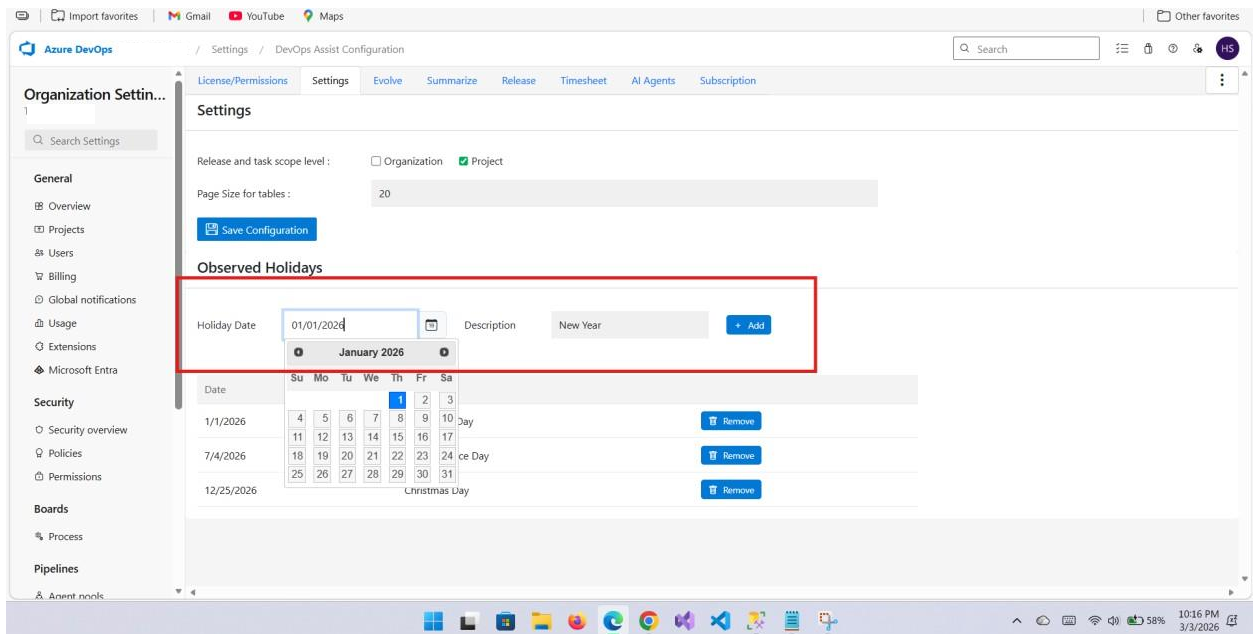
1. Map Work Item Fields

- Specify which field represents:
 - Start Date (e.g., Target Date, Start Date, Due Date, or custom field).
 - End Date (same as above, based on how the organization tracks deadlines).
 - Effort Column (field where effort estimation is recorded).

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps 'Settings' page for 'DevOps Assist Configuration'. The 'Release Configurations' section is active, displaying 'Number of working hours (per day)' as 8 and 'Number of working days (per week)' as 5. The 'Field Mappings' section, highlighted with a red box, contains four dropdown menus: 'Work Item Start Date' (set to 'Start Date'), 'Work Item End Date' (set to 'Target Date'), 'Work Item Effort' (set to 'Effort'), and 'Release Notes Fields selection' (set to 'Description, Title'). A 'Save Configuration' button is located below these mappings. The left sidebar shows the 'Organization Settings' menu with options like General, Security, Boards, and Pipelines. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray with the date and time (10:15 PM, 3/3/2026).

2. Configure Holidays

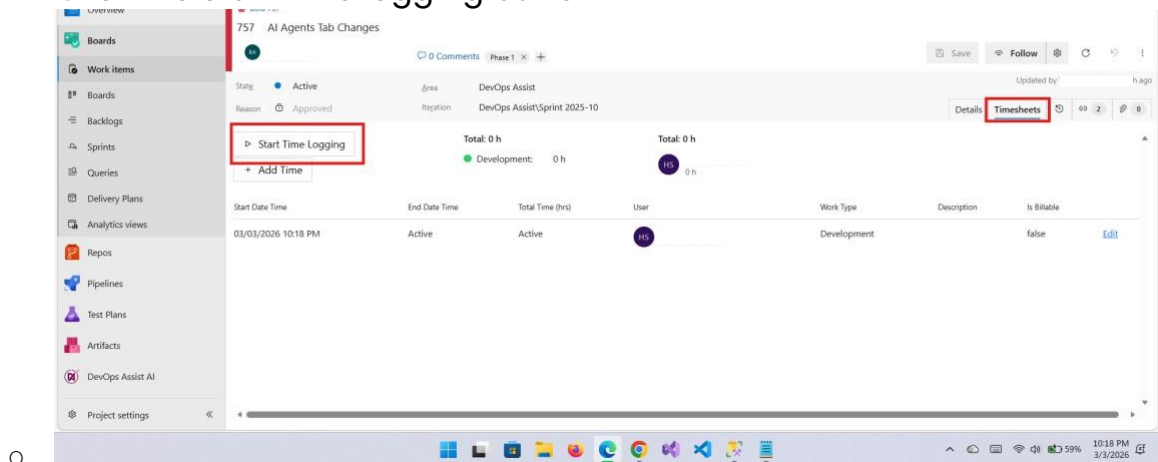
- Add organizational holidays to prevent them from being counted as available workdays.
- Example:
 - July 4th – Independence Day
 - December 25th – Christmas
- The system will automatically adjust work availability based on these settings.



3. How to Enter time

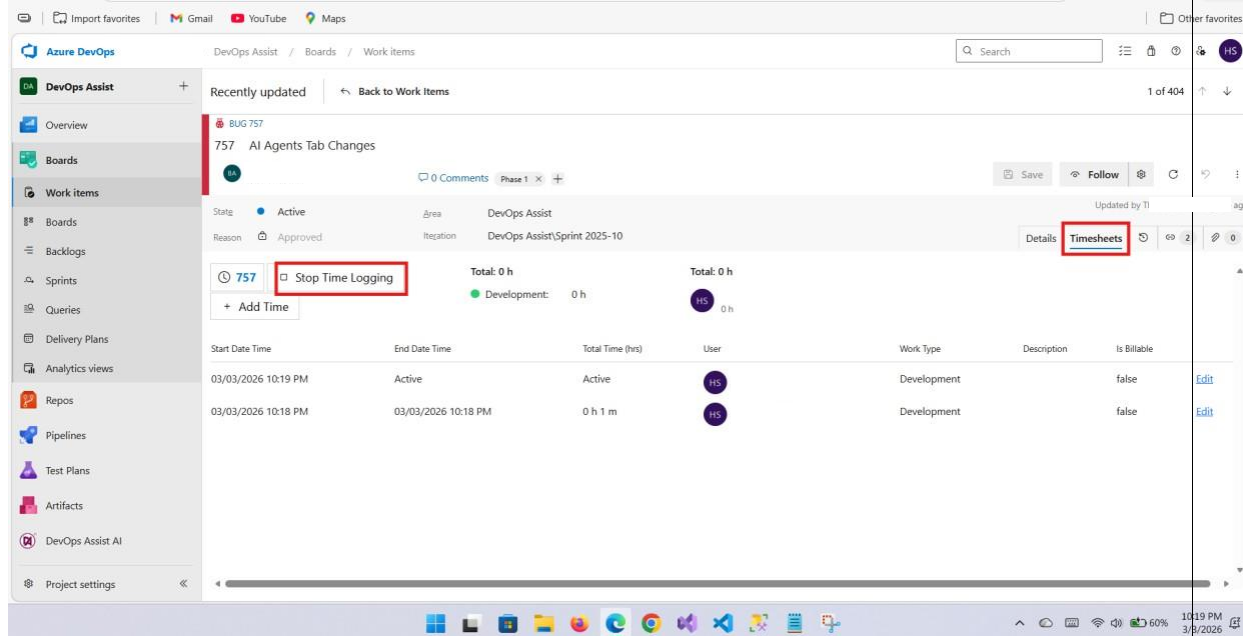
Method 1: Work Items

- Select the Work Items tab
- Navigate to the appropriate work item
- Click on the tab "Timesheets"
- Option 1
 - Click the start time logging button

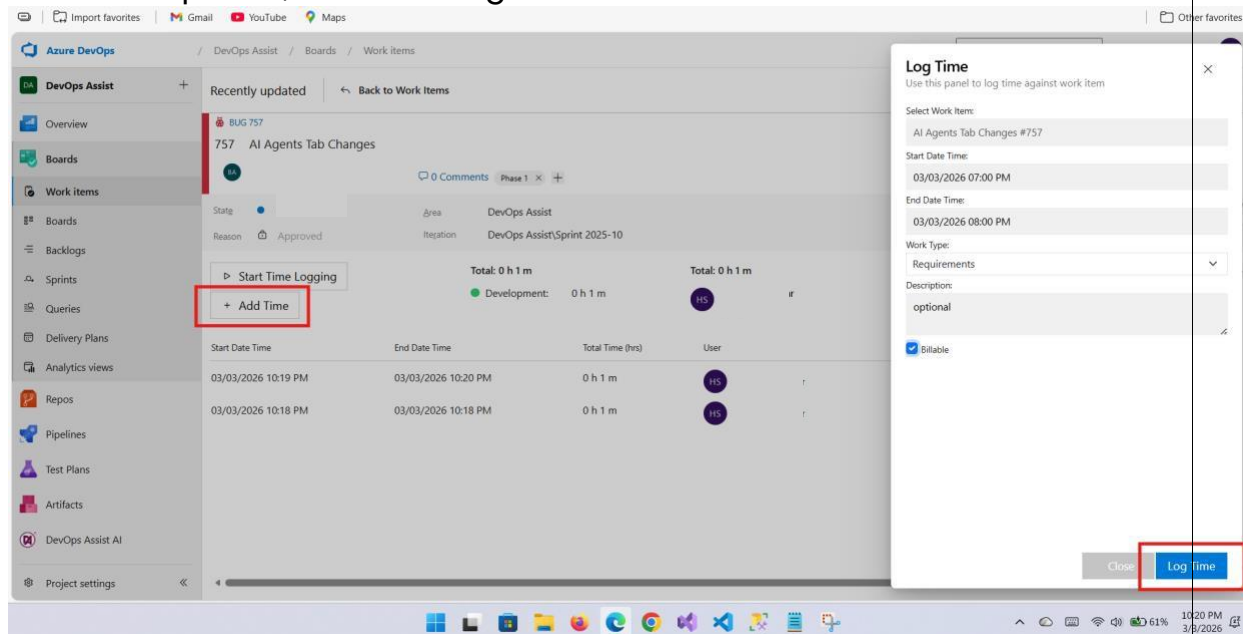




- Complete your tasks
- Navigate back to the work item
- Click the stop time logging button



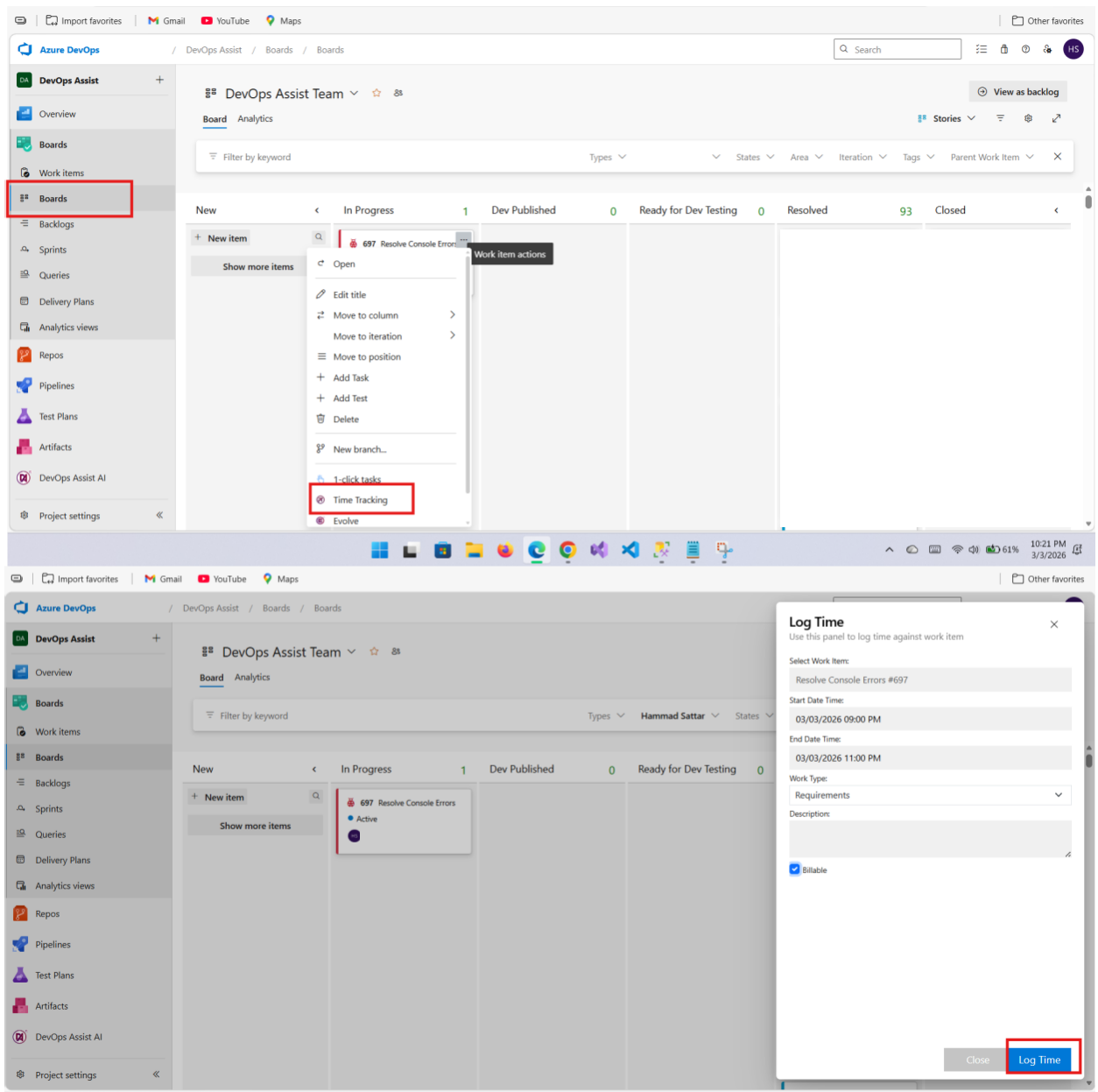
- Option 2:
 - Click the add time button
 - Fill out the start time, end time, work type, and optional description
 - When completed, click the "Log Time" button





Method 2: Boards

- Select the Boards tab
- Navigate to the appropriate work item.
- Click on the menu button. (Three dots)
- Click on the "Time Tracking" button.
- Fill out the start time, end time, work type, and optional description.
- Decide if it's billable or not and toggle the checkbox accordingly.
- When completed, click the ok button.

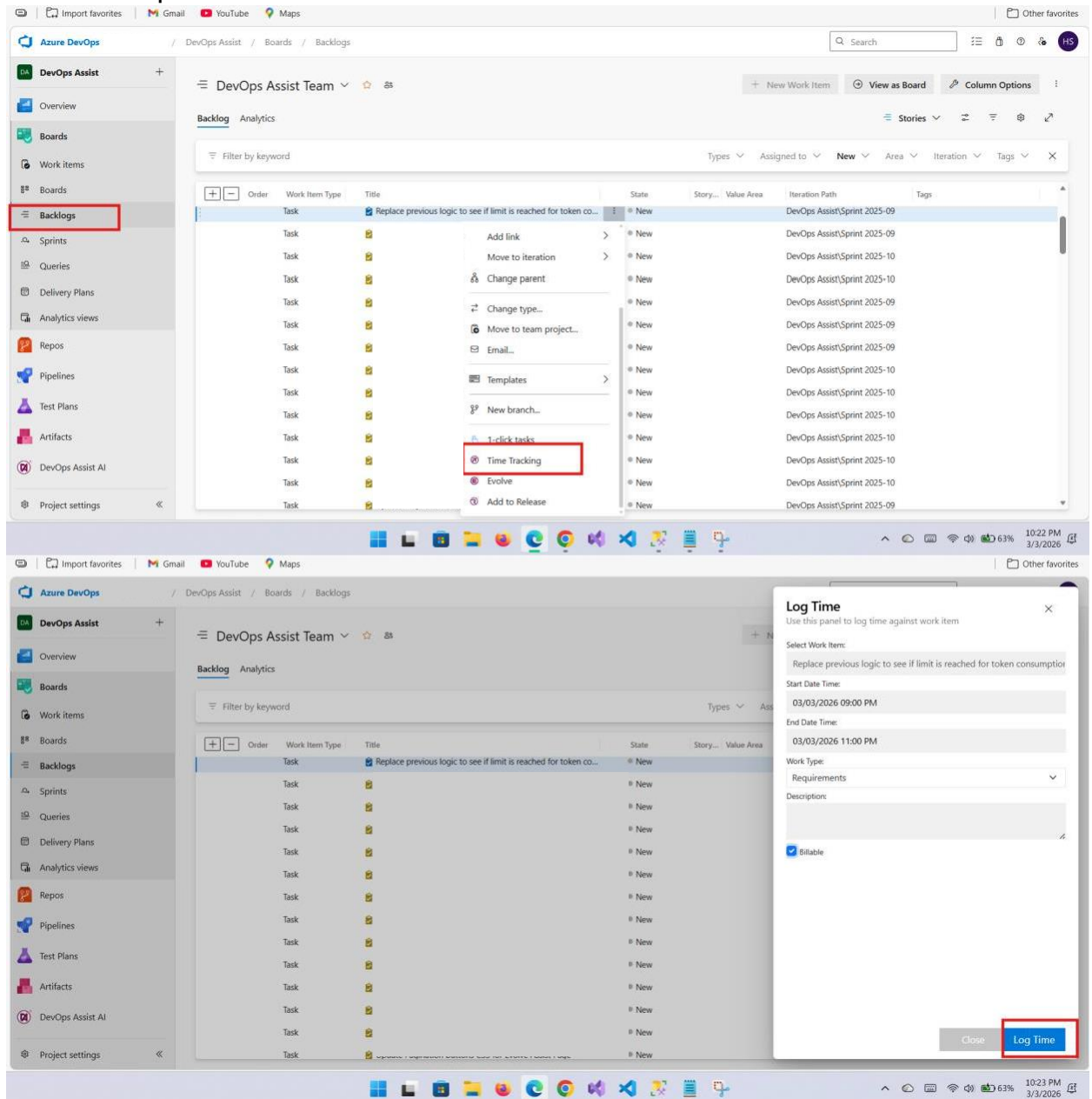


Method 3: Backlog

- Select the Backlog tab.
- Navigate to the appropriate work item.
- Click on the menu button.
- Click on the “Time Tracking” button.
- Fill out the start time, end time, work type, and optional description.
- Decide if it’s billable or not and toggle the checkbox accordingly.



- When completed, click the ok button.



Method 4: Queries

- Select the Queries tab.
- Run the query.
- Navigate to the appropriate work item.
- Click on the menu button.



- Click on the “Time Tracking” button.
- Fill out the start time, end time, work type, and optional description.
- Decide if it’s billable or not and toggle the checkbox accordingly.
- When completed, click the ok button.

The screenshot displays the Azure DevOps interface. In the top view, the 'Queries' menu is open, and the 'Time Tracking' option is highlighted. The bottom view shows the 'Log Time' dialog box, which is used to log time against a work item. The dialog box contains the following fields:

- Select Work Item: DevOps Assist - Azure DevOps Extension #95
- Start Date Time: 03/03/2026 08:00 PM
- End Date Time: 03/03/2026 09:00 PM
- Work Type: Requirements
- Description: (empty text area)
- Billable: ☒

The 'Log Time' button is highlighted in the bottom right corner of the dialog box.

Method 5: Calendar

- Click the Log time button / Click on cell inside calendar.
- Fill out the start time, end time, work type, and optional description.



- Decide if it's billable or not and toggle the checkbox accordingly.
- When completed, click the ok button.

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps interface with the 'Log Time' dialog box open. The dialog box is titled 'Log Time' and contains the following fields:

- Select Work Item: Test 123 #1
- Start Date Time: 03/04/2026 04:00 PM
- End Date Time: 03/04/2026 06:00 PM
- Work Type: Development
- Description: (empty text area)
- Billable: ☒

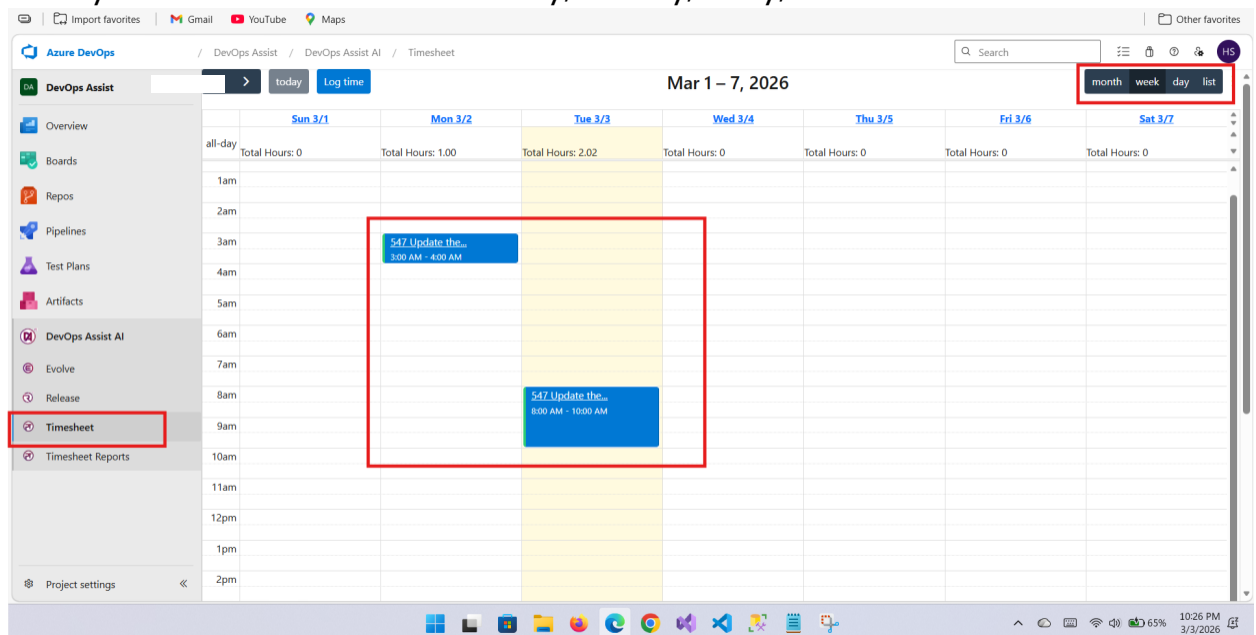
The 'Log Time' button is highlighted in red. The background shows a calendar view for February 8-14, 2026, with a 'Log time' button highlighted in the top right corner.



4. How to View Time Entry

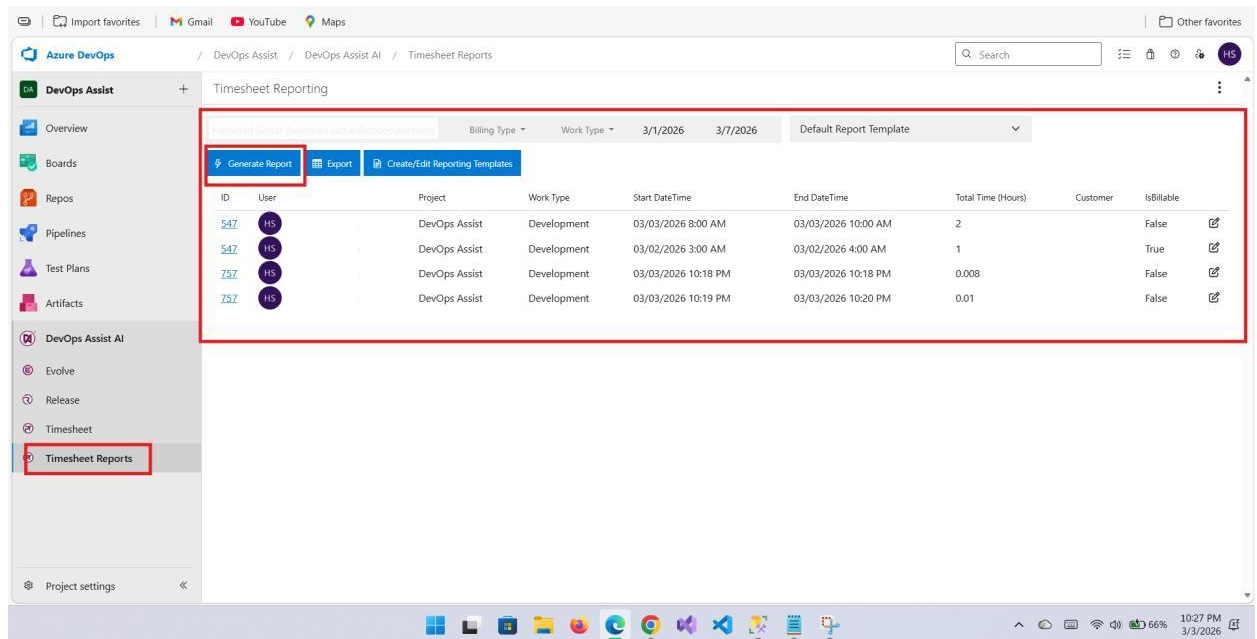
Method 1: Calendar View

- Navigate to Timesheets and select “Calendar View”
- View your time entries in a monthly, weekly, daily, or list formation



Method 2: Reports

- Navigate to Timesheets and select “Reports”
- Optional Step: Filter by billing type and work type
- Click on the “Generate Report” button
- View your time entries



Method 3: Get Timesheet Reports Using Advanced Templates Advanced Templates help you quickly create ready-made reports without extra setup.

1. Go to **Perfect Timesheets**.
2. Click **Reports**.
3. Select **Advanced Templates**.
4. Choose a template that fits your needs, such as:
 - a. **Weekly Timesheet**
 - b. **Monthly Summary**
 - c. **Billable vs Non-Billable Time**
 - d. **User-Wise or Project-Wise Report**
5. Adjust details like **date range**, **projects**, or **users** if needed.



Click Generate Report.

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps web interface for Timesheet Reporting. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Development, Overview, Boards, Repos, Pipelines, Test Plans, Artifacts, and DevOps Assist AI. The main content area is titled 'Timesheet Reporting' and includes a search bar, a 'Billing Type' dropdown, a 'Work Type' dropdown, and date selectors for '3/1/2026' and '3/7/2026'. A 'Default Report Template' dropdown is also present. The 'Generate Report' button is highlighted with a red box.

The screenshot shows the same interface after the report has been generated. The 'Generate Report' button is still highlighted. The 'Default Report Template' dropdown is now set to 'Weekly Timesheets'. A table of timesheet data is displayed below the buttons.

Start DateTime	End DateTime	User	IsEditable
01/14/2026 5:00 AM	01/14/2026 6:00 AM	HS	True
01/11/2026 2:00 PM	01/11/2026 3:00 PM	HS	True
01/13/2026 10:00 AM	01/13/2026 11:00 AM	HS	True
01/13/2026 8:00 PM	01/13/2026 9:00 PM	HS	True
01/14/2026 10:00 PM	01/14/2026 11:00 PM	HS	True
01/13/2026 2:00 PM	01/13/2026 4:00 PM	HS	True
01/12/2026 11:00 AM	01/12/2026 12:30 PM	HS	True
01/11/2026 6:00 PM	01/11/2026 7:00 PM	HS	True
01/19/2026 5:00 AM	01/19/2026 6:00 AM	HS	True
01/19/2026 10:00 AM	01/19/2026 11:00 AM	HS	True
01/18/2026 7:00 AM	01/18/2026 8:00 AM	HS	True
01/26/2026 5:00 AM	01/26/2026 12:00 PM	HS	True
02/10/2026 1:00 AM	02/10/2026 2:00 AM	HS	True
02/10/2026 3:00 AM	02/10/2026 4:00 AM	HS	True

Release Configuration:

Standard users can:

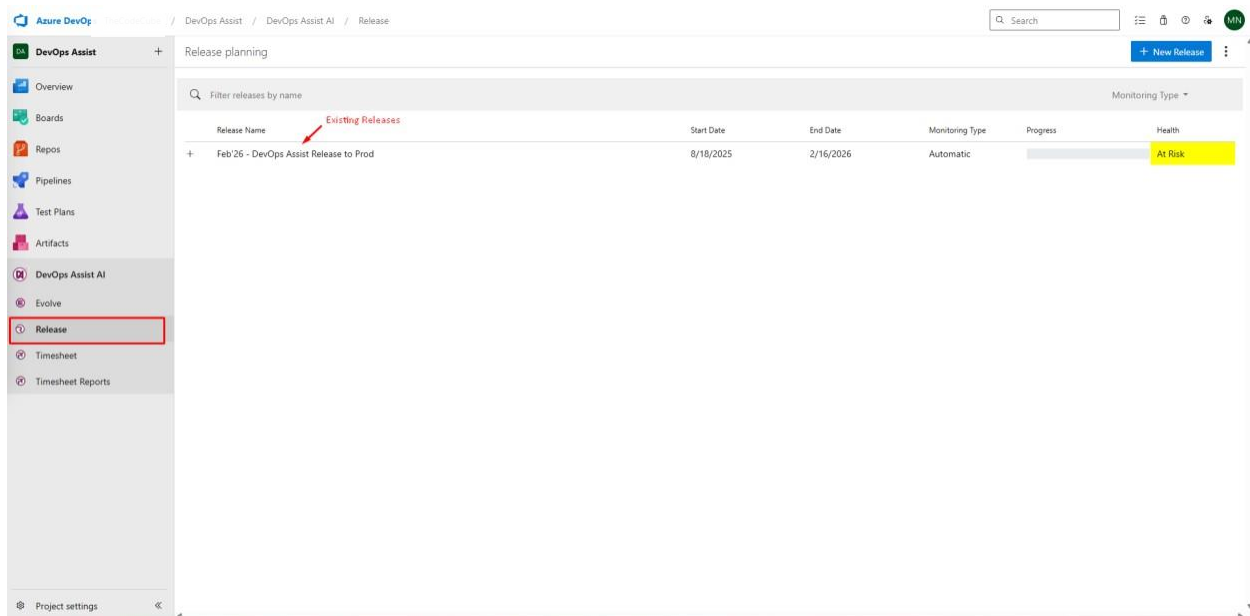
- Add items to an existing release
- Update items already included in a release



Manager users can:

- Create and delete releases
- Update release details
- Generate release notes
- Publish releases
- Manage the full release lifecycle

You can access releases by selecting “Releases” from DevOps Assist AI extension.

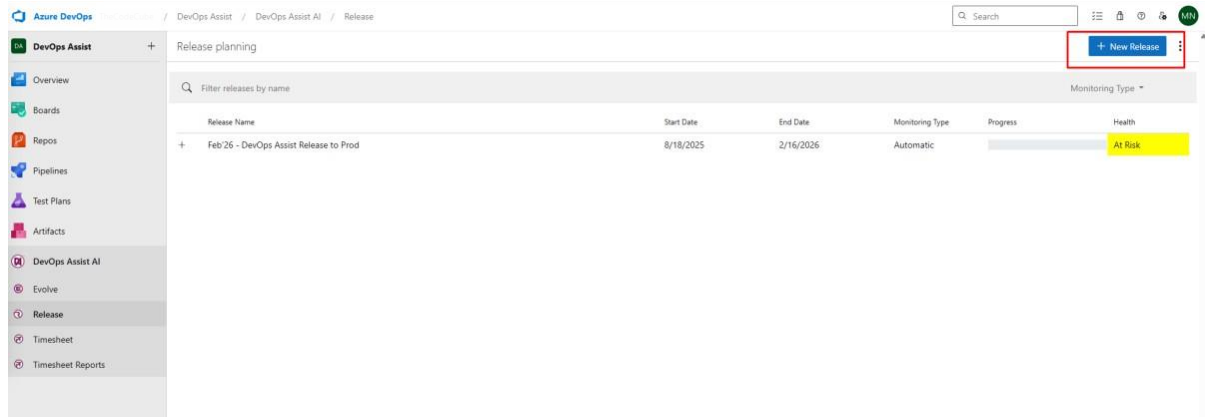


1. How to Create a Release

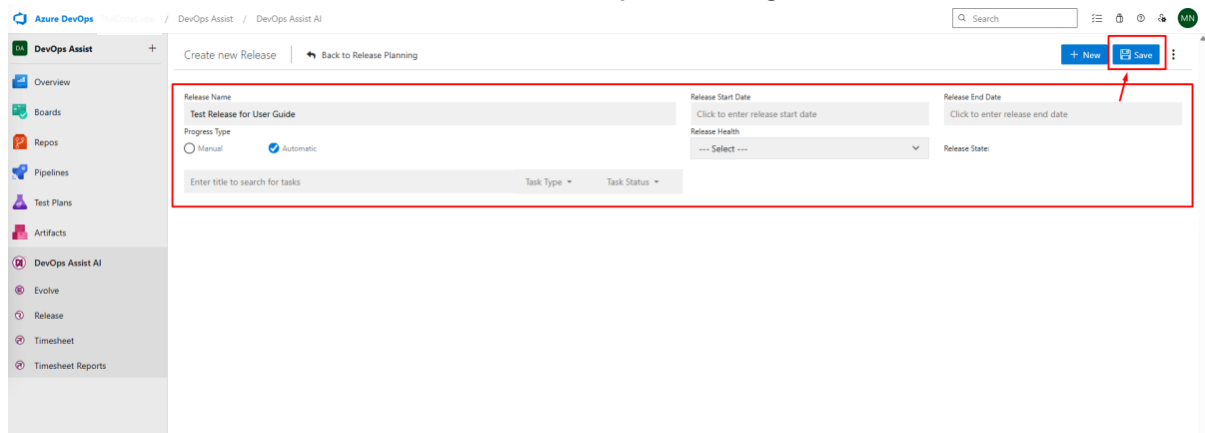
- Managers with assigned licenses can create releases. They can modify timelines or add/remove items etc.



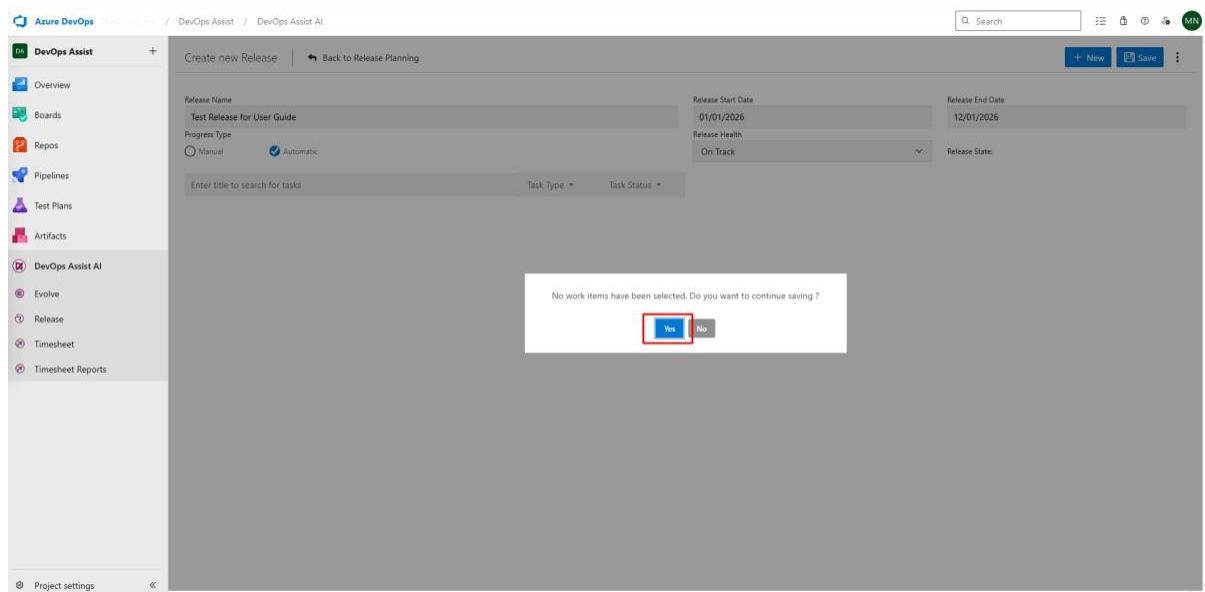
- Click New Release Planning in the Release interface.



- Enter the release details (name, description, target date, etc.).



- Click Save to finalize the release.





2. How to Add Items in a Release

- Select a release from the list.

The screenshot shows the 'Release planning' page in the DevOps Assist interface. A table lists releases with columns: Release Name, Start Date, End Date, Monitoring Type, Progress, and Health. The release 'Test Release for User Guide' is highlighted with a red box, indicating it is selected. The 'Health' column shows 'At Risk' for the first release and 'On Track' for the selected release.

Release Name	Start Date	End Date	Monitoring Type	Progress	Health
Feb'26 - DevOps Assist Release to Prod	8/18/2025	2/16/2026	Automatic		At Risk
Test Release for User Guide	1/1/2026	12/1/2026	Automatic		On Track

- Search for Work Item's Titles to be included in release.

The screenshot shows the 'Test Release for User Guide' details page. The page includes fields for Release Name, Release Start Date, Release End Date, Release Health, and Release State. A search bar for tasks is highlighted with a red box, with the placeholder text 'Enter title to search for tasks'. The 'Task Type' and 'Task Status' dropdowns are also visible.

Release Name: Test Release for User Guide

Release Start Date: 1/1/2026

Release End Date: 12/1/2026

Release Health: On Track

Release State: Resolved

Task Type: Task Status:



- Choose the work items to be included.

Test Release for User Guide

Release Name: Test Release for User Guide

Release Start Date: 1/1/2026

Release End Date: 12/1/2026

Progress Type: ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic

Release Health: On Track

Release State: Resolved

Id	Title	Type	Start Date	End Date	Project	State
15	As an admin I should be able to create a new release	User Story	Unavailable	Unavailable	Release Manager	Closed

- Confirm selection; added items will be displayed in the release.

Test Release for User Guide

Release Name: Test Release for User Guide

Release Start Date: 1/1/2026

Release End Date: 12/1/2026

Progress Type: ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic

Release Health: On Track

Release State: Resolved

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- You can also select any work item and select option "Add to Release" which will open a dialogue to select release from available releases and hit save.



The screenshot displays the DevOps Assist interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Overview', 'Boards', 'Work Items', 'Backlogs', 'Sprints', 'Queries', 'Delivery Plans', 'Analytics views', 'Repos', 'Pipelines', 'Test Plans', 'Artifacts', and 'DevOps Assist AI'. The main area shows a 'Backlog' for 'DevOps Assist Team' with a table of work items. The first item is a 'Bug' titled 'Code Reviewer Permissions' with a status of 'Resolved'. A context menu is open for this item, showing options like 'Edit', 'Assign to', 'Copy as HTML', 'Copy link', 'Delete', 'Add link', 'Move to iteration', 'Change parent', 'Move to position...', 'Change type...', 'Move to team project...', 'Email...', 'Templates', 'New branch...', '1-click tasks', 'Time Tracking', 'Evolve', and 'Add to Release'. The 'Add to Release' option is highlighted with a red box. Below the main interface, a 'DevOps Assist' panel is visible, showing a list of work items. A 'Add to Release' dialog is open on the right, showing '1 work item selected (ID: 754)' and a 'SELECT RELEASE' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu shows 'Feb 26 - DevOps Assist Release to Prod' and 'Test Release for User Guide'.

Order	Work Item Type	Title	State	Story Points	Value Area	Iteration Path	Tags
1	Bug	Code Reviewer Permissions	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
2	User Story	Organization banner should be done on backlog view	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
3	Bug	It multiple user records should be done with permissions	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
4	User Story	License and Permission Changes - Dashboard and API Changes	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist	Phase 1
5	Bug	Permission is not working for how to user's local device	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
6	User Story	Quick Access widget - Dashboard implementation	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
7	User Story	Quick Access widget - Notification header implementation	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
8	User Story	Quick Access widget - Settings page for register and	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
9	User Story	Quick Access widget - Dashboard implementation	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
10	User Story	When new user is created, default should be assigned to	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
11	User Story	Permissions changes for no license, standard, manager license	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist	Phase 1
12	User Story	When user's local device is not working, manager license	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
13	User Story	License/Permissions - Update	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist	Phase 1
14	Bug	It organization when user when user update permissions	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
15	Bug	Settings page are not working	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
16	Bug	Negative value should not be allowed	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
17	Bug	Permissions user permissions changes	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
18	Bug	Permission report, as a manager add a user and generate a	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
19	Bug	Add time taking, when user is not working	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1
20	Bug	On the dashboard when user is not working, when user is	Resolved		Business	DevOps Assist/Sprint 2025-10	Phase 1

3. How to Track Release Progress (Manual vs. Automatic)

- Releases can be tracked in two ways:
 - Automatic Tracking: Release updates progress and health automatically.
 - Manual Tracking: Managers manually update progress and health status.
- To switch tracking mode:
 - Open the release.



- o Change the tracking mode from Automatic to Manual.

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Test Release for User Guide | Back to Release Planning

Release Name: Test Release for User Guide

Release Start Date: 1/1/2026

Release End Date: 12/1/2026

Release Health: On Track

Release State: Resolved

Progress Type: ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic

As an admin I should be able to create

ID	Title	Type	Start Date	End Date	Project	State
15	As an admin I should be able to create a new release	User Story	Unavailable	Unavailable	Release Manager	Closed

- o Manually input completion percentage and health status.

DevOps Assist / DevOps Assist AI

Test Release for User Guide | Back to Release Planning

Release Name: Test Release for User Guide

Release Start Date: 1/1/2026

Release End Date: 12/1/2026

Release Health: On Track

Release State: Resolved

Progress Type: ☒ Manual ☐ Automatic

Completed Percentage: 67

As an admin I should be able to create

ID	Title	Type	Start Date	End Date	Project	State
15	As an admin I should be able to create a new release	User Story	Unavailable	Unavailable	Release Manager	Closed

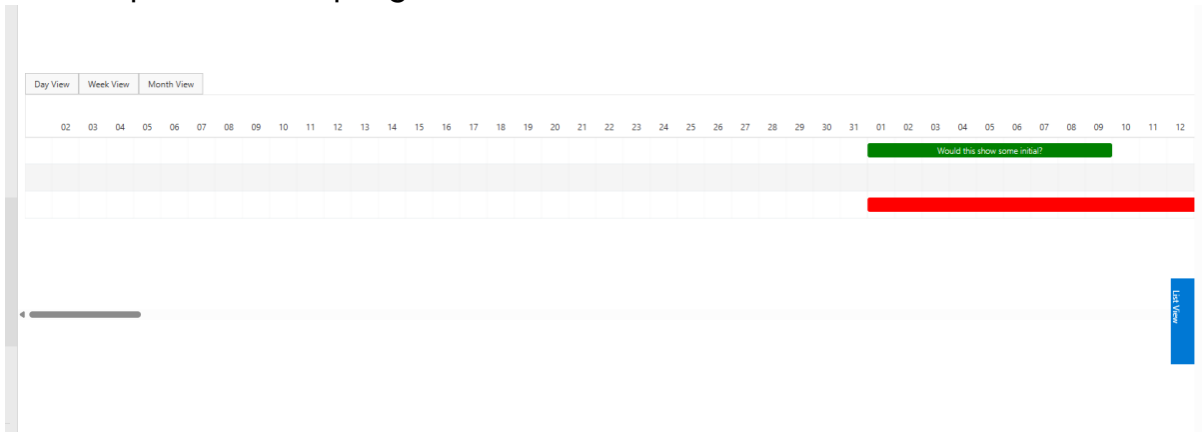


4. How to See Gantt Chart View

- Open the Gantt Chart from the release screen.

Id	Title	Type	Start Date	End Date	Project	State
16	Would this show some initial?	Feature	1/1/2025	1/9/2025	Development	Closed
32	Create Mockups for Brighter Theme	Feature	1/1/2026	1/21/2026	Development	New
52	Order History and Reorder Options	Feature	1/2/2025	2/1/2025	Development	Active

- View dependencies, progress bars, and work item timelines.



5. How to Check Overall Health

- The Health Indicator provides an overview of the release's status.

DevOps Assist		Release planning		+ New Release	
Overview		Filter releases by name		Monitoring Type	
Release Name	Start Date	End Date	Monitoring Type	Progress	Health
+ Feb 26 - DevOps Assist Release to Prod	8/18/2025	2/16/2026	Automatic	100%	At Risk
+ Test Release for User Guide	1/1/2026	12/1/2026	Automatic		At Risk



- Manually tracked releases require managers to update the health status.
- Automatically tracked releases adjust health indicators based on work progress.

6. Generating AI-Based Release Notes

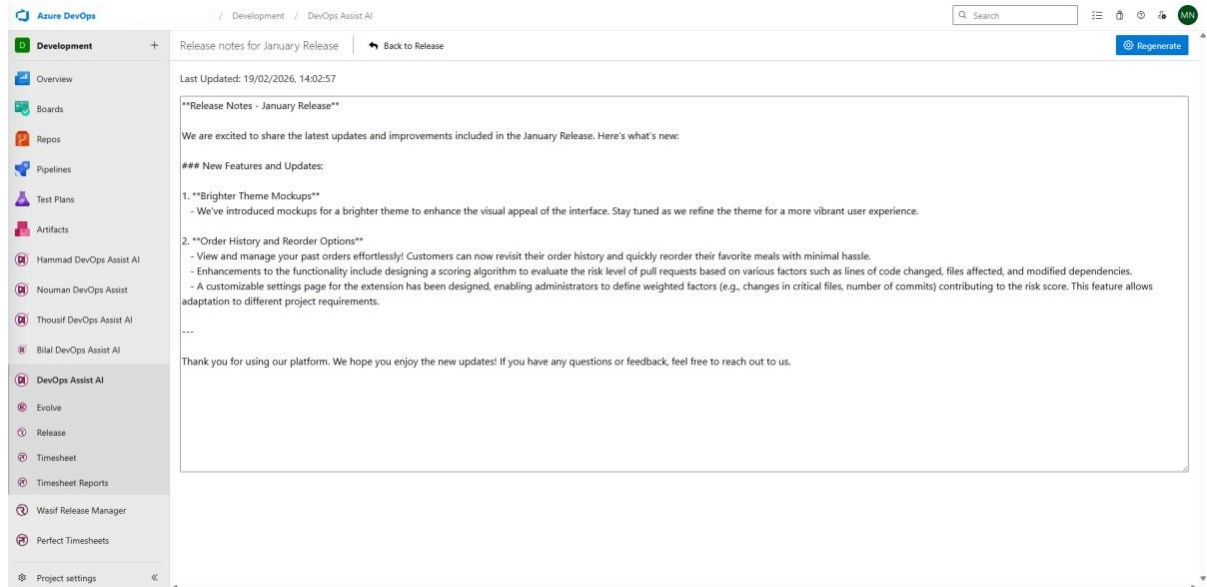
- Managers can generate AI-based release notes summarizing the progress.
- Click the button “Release Notes”. It will generate Release Notes automatically.

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps interface for the 'Test Release for User Guide' project. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Overview, Boards, Repos, Pipelines, Test Plans, Artifacts, DevOps Assist AI, Evolve, Release, Timesheet, and Timesheet Reports. The main content area displays release details for 'Test Release for User Guide'. The 'Release Name' is 'Test Release for User Guide'. The 'Release Start Date' is '1/1/2026' and the 'Release End Date' is '12/1/2026'. The 'Release Health' is 'At Risk' and the 'Release State' is 'Resolved'. The 'Progress Type' is set to 'Automatic'. Below this, there is a search bar for tasks and a table of tasks. The table has columns for Id, Title, Type, Start Date, End Date, Project, and State. One task is listed with Id '15' and Title 'As an admin I should be able to create a new release'. The task is of type 'User Story' and its state is 'Closed'. The 'Release Notes' button is highlighted with a red box in the top right corner of the interface.

Id	Title	Type	Start Date	End Date	Project	State
15	As an admin I should be able to create a new release	User Story	Unavailable	Unavailable	Release Manager	Closed



- Review and click on “Generate Release Notes” to update the generated notes before finalizing.



Summarize Configuration:

Standard users can:

- View summaries

Manager users can:

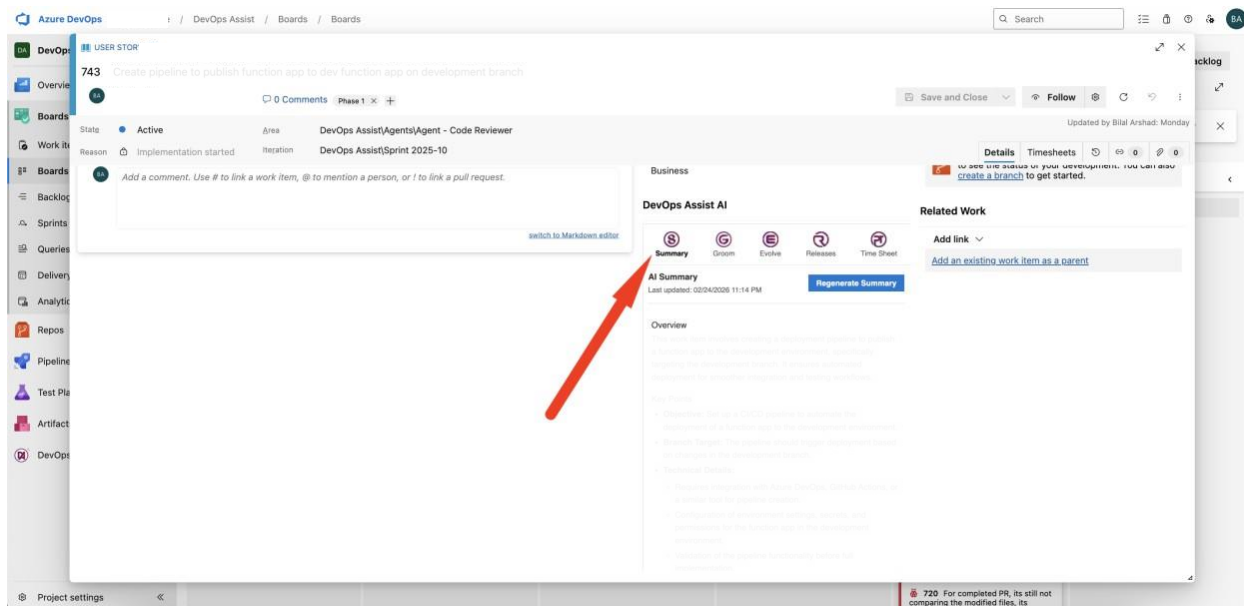
- Generate summaries
- Regenerate and update summaries
- Manage summary content

The **Summarize** feature provides an AI-generated overview of a work item, helping users quickly understand its key details, current state, and next steps.

1. Access Summarize



- Open the relevant **Work Item** (Epic, Feature, User Story, Task, or Test Case).
- Locate DevOps assist AI quick access widget.
- Go to the **Summarize** button.



2. Generate a Summary

Step 1: Generate

- Click the **Summarize** button.

Step 2: AI Processing

The AI analyzes the entire work item, including:

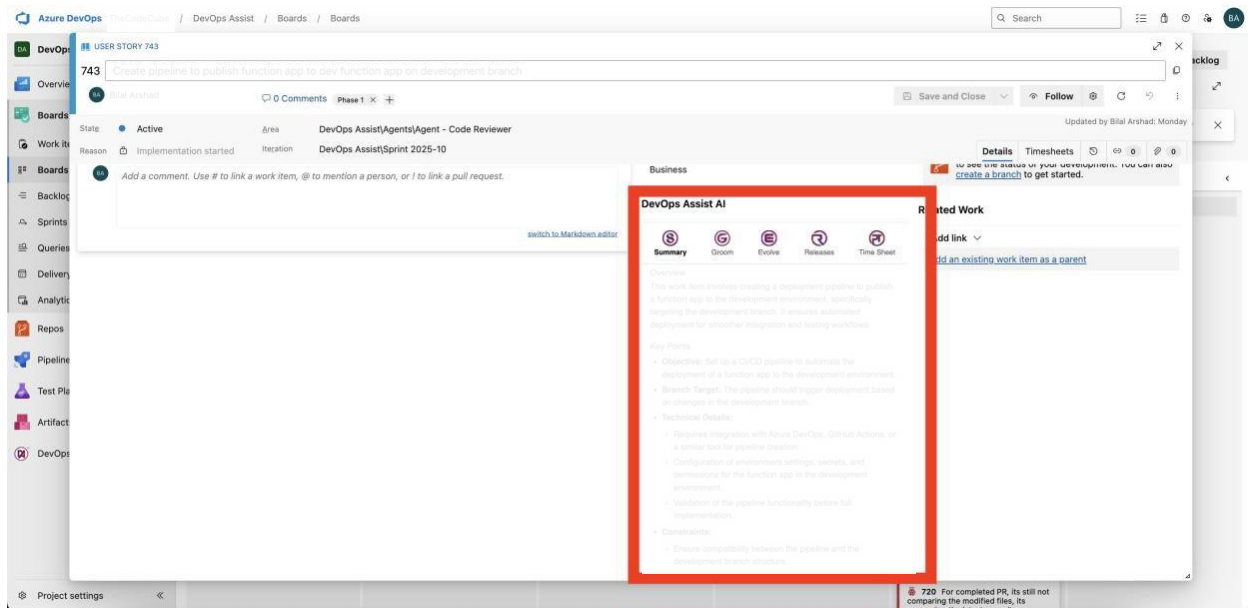
- Title and description
- Linked details and updates
- Current status and workflow stage

3. View Summary Output

The generated summary includes:



- Key points of the ticket
- Important constraints or considerations
- Current status (for example, *Initial Design Phase*)
- Next expected status or phase



4. Regenerate Summary

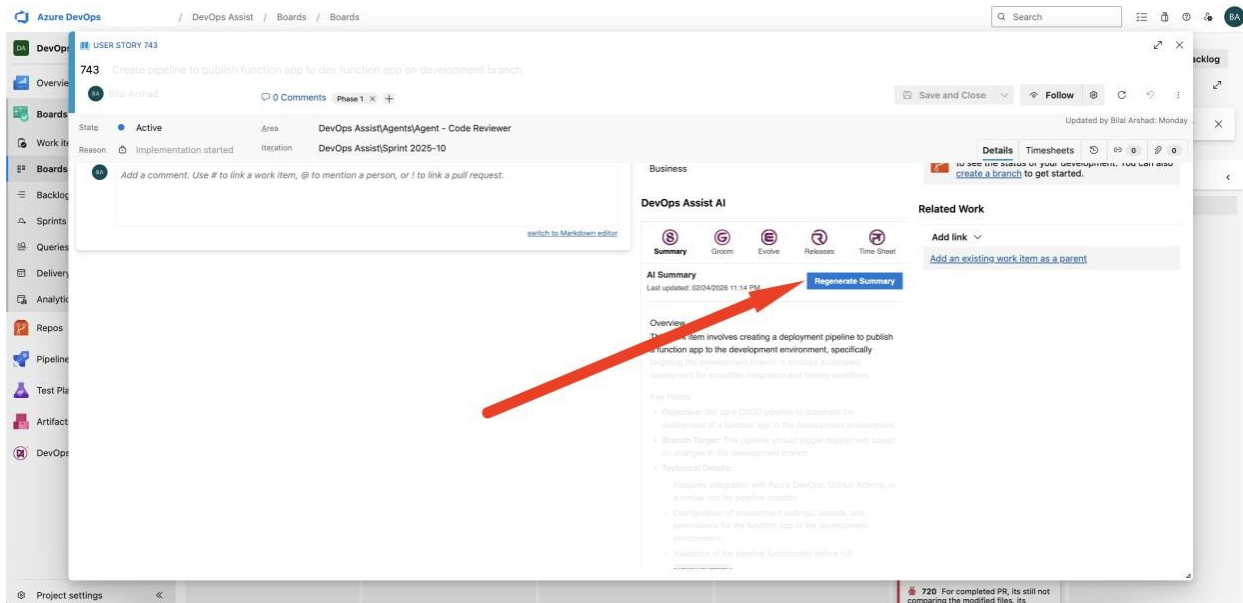
Use this option when changes are made to the work item.

Actions

- Update or modify any details in the work item
- Return to the **Summarize** section
- Click **Regenerate**

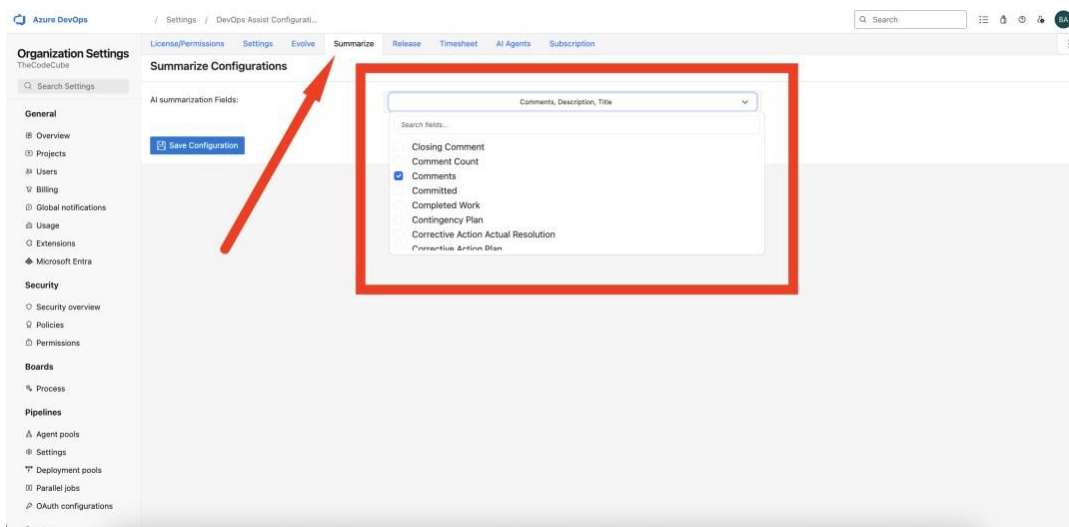
Result

- The summary refreshes automatically and reflects the latest changes in the ticket.



Configure Summarize

1. From Organization Settings, Open the **Summarize** tab.
2. Select AI summarization Fields that will be considered by AI to generate Summary
3. Click **Save Configuration**.





Groom Configuration:

Standard users can:

- Generate AI suggestions to improve item descriptions
- Review suggested improvements
- Accept suggestions for reference

Manager users can:

- Generate AI suggestions
- Select suggestions
- Use the **Append** button to update item descriptions
- Modify item descriptions through AI actions

1. Access Groom Widget

- Open the relevant Work Item (Epic, Feature, User Story, Task, or Test Case).
- Locate the **DevOps Assist AI Quick Access** widget.
- Go to the **Groom** input box.

2. Generate Suggestions

Step 1: Enter Instructions

Type instructions in the input box describing how you want to groom the story (for example, add details, clarify acceptance criteria, or improve the description).

Step 2: AI Processing

- The AI analyzes the work item.



- Click **Generate Suggestions** to receive a list of recommended updates.

3. Apply Suggested Updates

The generated suggestions may include:

- Enhanced or expanded descriptions
- Clarified acceptance criteria
- Improved formatting and structure
- Additional missing details

Select a suggestion and click the **Insert** (arrow) icon to automatically add it to the work item's description.

DevOps Assists AI Quick Access Widget

Summarize widget

- The first widget is the Summarize widget, which displays an automatic summary of the currently open work item.
- The summary updates based on the current content of the item.
- No extra clicks needed, just open the item and the summary appears. However if you feel the summary is outdated since edits were made to work item after summary was made previously, you can also



“Regenerate Summary” option to get the latest.

The screenshot displays the DevOps Assist interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Overview, Boards, Work Items (selected), Backlogs, Sprints, Queries, Delivery Plans, Analytics views, Repos, Pipelines, Test Plans, Artifacts, and DevOps Assist AI. The main area shows a 'Recently created' work item titled '681 Create a unified quick access widget'. Below the title, it indicates '0 Comments' and 'Phase 1'. A table below the title shows the item's status as 'New', area as 'DevOps Assist', and iteration as 'DevOps Assist\Sprint 2025-10'. On the right, a 'DevOps Assist AI' widget is shown with tabs for Summary, Groom, Evolve, Releases, and Time Sheet. The 'Summary' tab is active, displaying an 'AI Summary' last updated on 02/05/2026 at 1:17 AM. A 'Regenerate Summary' button is visible. The summary text describes the work item's focus on developing a unified quick access widget. Below the overview, 'Key Points' are listed: Purpose (simplify navigation and improve accessibility), Scope (integrate multiple functionalities), Technical Requirements (compatibility across platforms, adherence to UI/UX guidelines, lightweight implementation), and Constraints.

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AI Summary
Last updated: 02/05/2026 1:17 AM [Regenerate Summary](#)

Overview
This work item focuses on developing a unified quick access widget to streamline user interactions with frequently used features or tools. The widget is intended to enhance usability and efficiency by consolidating multiple functionalities into a single, easily accessible interface.

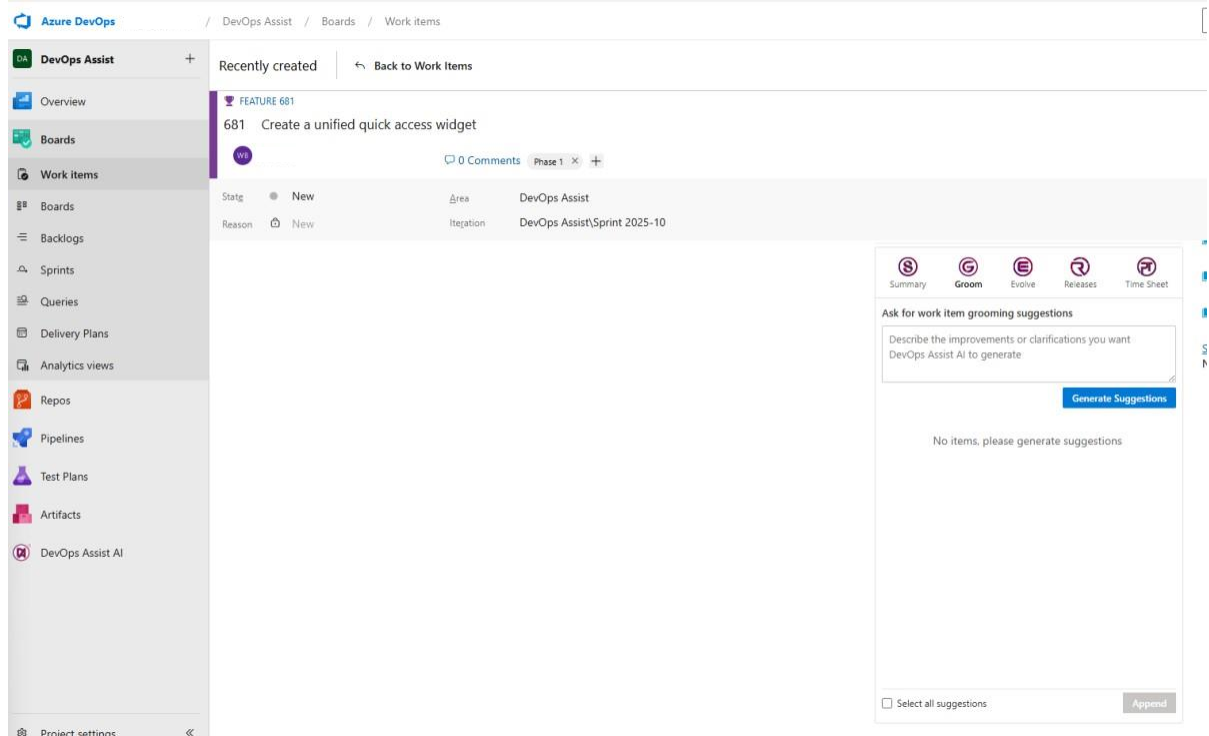
Key Points:

- **Purpose:** Simplify navigation and improve accessibility for core features by combining them into a unified widget.
- **Scope:** The widget should integrate multiple functionalities while maintaining a user-friendly design.
- **Technical Requirements:**
 - Compatibility across supported platforms and devices.
 - Must adhere to existing UI/UX guidelines.
 - Lightweight implementation to ensure minimal performance impact.
- **Constraints:**

Groom Widget



- The second widget is the Groom widget, which allows you to refine and enhance the currently open work item.



- Type how you want to groom the story in the input box (for example: clarify acceptance criteria, add edge cases, break it down, etc.)
- Click **Generate Suggestions**.
- A list of grooming suggestions will appear.
- Select the suggestions you want to include a description of the work item and click “Append”.



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0 Comments Phase 1

State: New Area: DevOps Assist Reason: New Iteration: DevOps Assist\Sprint 2025-10

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Ask for work item grooming suggestions

How can I ensure that we reflect all important options of our extension in quick access widget?

Generate Suggestions

☒ Design intuitive widget interface

Create a user-friendly interface for the quick access widget that organizes extension options logically. Prioritize usability and clarity by grouping related options and providing descriptive labels. Ensure the layout accommodates various screen sizes and resolutions to enhance accessibility. This improves user interaction and satisfaction.

☐ Gather user feedback on widget usability

☐ Implement search and filter functionality

☐ List all extension options for widget

☐ Select all suggestions

Append

- It will add it to description of Work Item.

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Discussion

Planning

Priority 1

Risk

Effort

Business Value

Evolve Widget



- The third widget is the Evolve Widget which generates a new work item based on user input.

The screenshot shows the DevOps Assist interface with a sidebar on the left containing a 'ditor' link. The main panel has a top navigation bar with five icons: Summary (S), Groom (G), Evolve (E), Releases (R), and Time Sheet (T). The 'Evolve' icon is selected. Below the navigation bar, the section is titled 'Ask for suggestions'. It contains a text input field with the placeholder text 'Describe the work items you want DevOps Assist AI Evolve to generate'. To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled 'Generate Suggestions' with a plus sign icon. Below the input field, a message states 'No suggestions exist' and 'Please add more context and click **Generate Suggestions** to get started.' At the bottom of the panel, there is a checkbox labeled 'Select all suggestions' and a grey button labeled 'Create Work Items'.

- Enter instructions or ideas into the input field.



- Click **Generate**.

The screenshot shows the DevOps Assist interface. At the top, there are five tabs: Summary, Groom, Evolve, Releases, and Time Sheet. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Ask for suggestions'. Inside this section, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?'. To the right of the input field is a button labeled 'Generate Suggestions' with a blue plus icon. Below the input field and button, there is a loading spinner and the text 'Generating suggestions...'. At the bottom of the interface, there is a checkbox labeled 'Select all suggestions' and a button labeled 'Create Work Items'.



- The widget generates new or evolved content related to the work item.

The screenshot shows a web interface for generating suggestions. At the top, there are five tabs: Summary, Groom, Evolve, Releases, and Time Sheet. Below the tabs is a section titled 'Ask for suggestions' with a text input field containing the prompt: 'Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?'. To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled 'Generate Suggestions' with a plus icon. Below the button is a list of five suggestions, each with a checkbox and a dropdown arrow:

- ☐ Test cases for Description Version History
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Accessibility Compliance
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Description Modification Accuracy
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Error Handling
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - User Interface Responsiveness

At the bottom of the list is a checkbox labeled 'Select all suggestions' and a blue button labeled 'Create Work Items'.

- Select any generated work items and click "Click Work Items". Generated items can be inserted directly into the work item.



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Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?

Generate Suggestions

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☒  Test cases for Description Version History

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☐  Test cases for Groom Tab - Error Handling

☐  Test cases for Groom Tab - User Interface Responsiveness

☐ Select all suggestions

Create Work Items

Related Work

Add link 

Parent

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Updated 3m ago  New



The screenshot displays the DevOps Assist interface. On the left, a chat window shows a message: "Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?". Below the message is a blue button labeled "Generate Suggestions" with a plus icon. Underneath, there are three suggestions, each with a checkbox and a dropdown arrow:

- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Description Modification Accuracy
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Error Handling
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - User Interface Responsiveness

At the bottom of the chat window, there is a checkbox labeled "Select all suggestions" and a button labeled "Create Work Items".

On the right, the "Related Work" sidebar is visible. It has a tab labeled "Details" and a sub-tab labeled "Timesheets". Below the tabs, there is a section titled "Add link" with a dropdown arrow. Underneath, there is a "Parent" section with a purple icon and the text "681 Create a unified quick access widget Updated 8m ago ● New". Below that, there is a "Child" section with two items, each with a green icon and the text "758 Test cases for Description Version History Updated Just now ● Design" and "759 Test cases for Groom Tab - Accessibility Compli... Updated Just now ● Design". The "Child" section is highlighted with a red border.

Loading Previous chat:

Your chat history is saved and can be accessed via dropdown. Upon selecting one chat, its content will be updated. It also syncs chats between the Evolve Chat page if you select a work item there.




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Ask for suggestions:

Widget Functionality Plan ▼



I'm trying to create a unified quick access widget which will have the following tabs in it.
Summarize - Creates summary of work item

Generate Suggestions

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☒  Design intuitive navigation between widget tabs ▼

☒  Display dynamic work item updates across tabs ▼

☐ Select all suggestions

Create Work Items



You can also find the option to create a new chat for the same work item.

The screenshot shows the DevOps Assist interface with five tabs: Summary, Groom, Evolve, Releases, and Time Sheet. The 'Evolve' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Ask for suggestions' with a dropdown menu currently showing 'Test Case Ideas'. The dropdown also includes a '+ New chat' option. Below the dropdown, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Can you suggest me which I can include for this task?'. To the right of the input field is a 'Generate Suggestions' button. Below the input field, there are three suggestions listed, each with a checkbox and a dropdown arrow:

- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Description Modification Accuracy
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - Error Handling
- ☐ Test cases for Groom Tab - User Interface Responsiveness

At the bottom of the interface, there is a 'Select all suggestions' checkbox and a 'Create Work Items' button.

Opening chat in Evolve Chat Page:

If you want to continue working on the Evolve chat page, you can click this icon, and the chat will be loaded in the new tab.




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Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?

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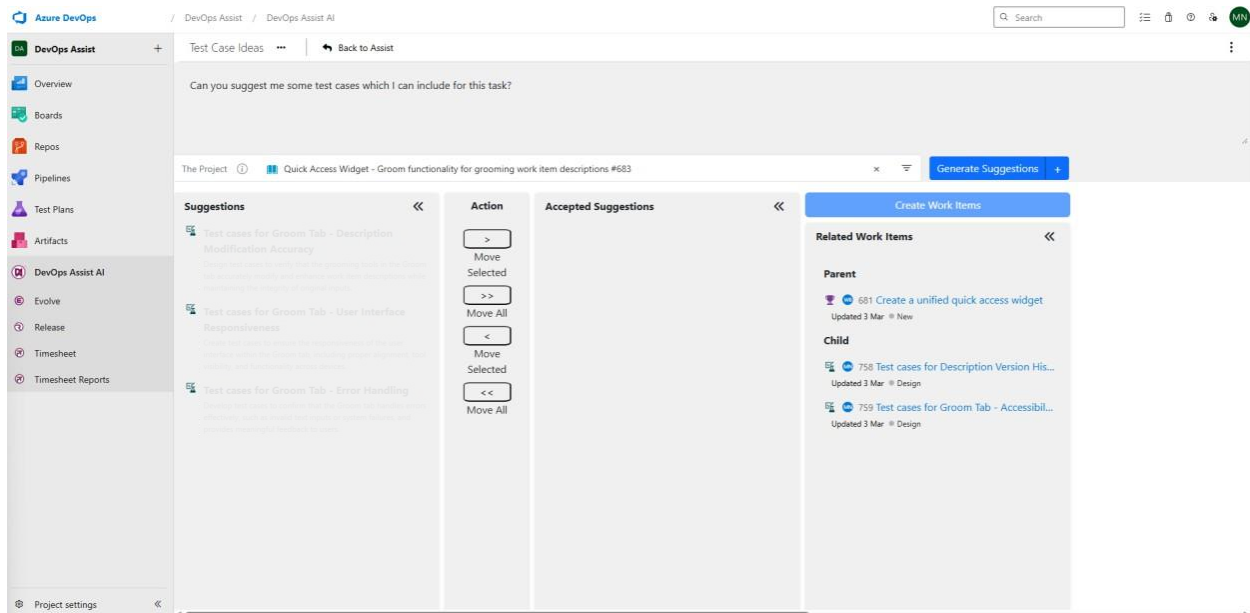
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☐  Test cases for Groom Tab - User Interface Responsiveness ▾

☐ Select all suggestions

Create Work Items



Focus options while Suggestions Generation:

From this dropdown you can select which work item types you want the AI to generate. By default, all allowed work item types are selected which can be customized in Extension settings.



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Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?

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☒ Epic

☒ Feature

☒ Task

☒ Test Case

☒ User Story

☐ Select all suggestions

Create Work Items

Loading “Previous Suggestions”

If you want to generate new suggestions but do not want to lose previous suggestions; you can access them through “Previous Suggestions” options



which are shown at the end of suggestions.

The screenshot shows the DevOps Assist interface. At the top, there are five tabs: Summary, Groom, Evolve, Releases, and Time Sheet. Below the tabs, there is a section titled "Ask for suggestions" with a dropdown menu set to "Test Case Ideas" and a share icon. A text input field contains the prompt: "Can you suggest me some test cases which I can include for this task?". To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled "Generate Suggestions" with a plus icon. Below the input field, there is a list of suggestions, each with a checkbox and a dropdown arrow. The suggestions are: "Integration", "Test cases for Groom Tab - Description Tagging and Metadata Updates", "Test cases for Groom Tab - Description Text Formatting", "Test cases for Groom Tab - Save Functionality", and "Test cases for Groom Tab - Undo and Redo Functionality". At the bottom of the list, there is a section labeled "Previous Suggestions" which is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below this section, there is a checkbox labeled "Select all suggestions" and a button labeled "Create Work Items".

Upon clicking the banner, it will show you previous chat suggestions still allowing you to create work items.



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☐ Select all suggestions

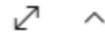
Create Work Items

Release widget

- The fourth widget is a release manager widget which manages release related actions directly from the Quick Access area.



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Add work item to release

Select a release...



Add to Release

Related Releases

This work item is not part of any release.

- You can select available releases from dropdown and click on “Add to Release” to add the work item to the selected release.



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Add work item to release

Nouman Testing Add to Release

Related Releases

This work item is not part of any release.

- If you want to delete the work item from the release, then click on the Delete icon.



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Add work item to release

Select a release...

Add to Release

Related Releases

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- If you click on the release name, then it will open it in the new tab.

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Add work item to release

Select a release...

Add to Release

Related Releases

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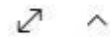
Timesheet Widget

- The fifth widget is a timesheet widget which tracks time spent on work items.



- **Start Time** button

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▷ Start

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Total: 7 h

Start Date	Duration	User	
02/11/2026 8:00 PM	4 h		
02/10/2026 3:00 PM	3 h		

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- The Time logging starts for that work item under which work item you are accessing the Quick Access Widget.

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Total: 7 h

Start Date	Duration	User	
03/04/2026 12:39 AM	Active	MN	
02/11/2026 8:00 PM	4 h	WB	
02/10/2026 3:00 PM	3 h	WB	

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- **End Time** button

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Total: 7 h

Start Date	Duration	User	
03/04/2026 12:39 AM	Active		 
02/11/2026 8:00 PM	4 h		
02/10/2026 3:00 PM	3 h		

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- Logged time entries appear in a list for easy review.

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Total: **7 h 2 m**

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- If you forget to start Time logging, then you can add it manually with the "+" option.

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Total: 7 h 2 m

Start Date	Duration	User	
03/04/2026 12:39 AM	0 h 2 m		 
02/11/2026 8:00 PM	4 h		
02/10/2026 3:00 PM	3 h		

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- Enter data according to the fields:

Log Time ×

Use this panel to log time against work item

Select Work Item:

Create a unified quick access widget #681

Start Date Time:

End Date Time:

Work Type:

Requirements

Description:

☐ Billable

Close Log Time

- Edit Time logging manually if the time logging is not correct; you can edit Date, Time, Description, and Work Item type, also make it billable.



Edit logged time

Edit logged time

Select Work Item:

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Start Date Time:

03/04/2026 12:39 AM

End Date Time:

03/04/2026 12:42 AM

Work Type:

Development

Description:

☐ Billable

Delete Close Update



- You can make it billable by selecting a billable option.

Code Reviewer Agent

1. Configuration

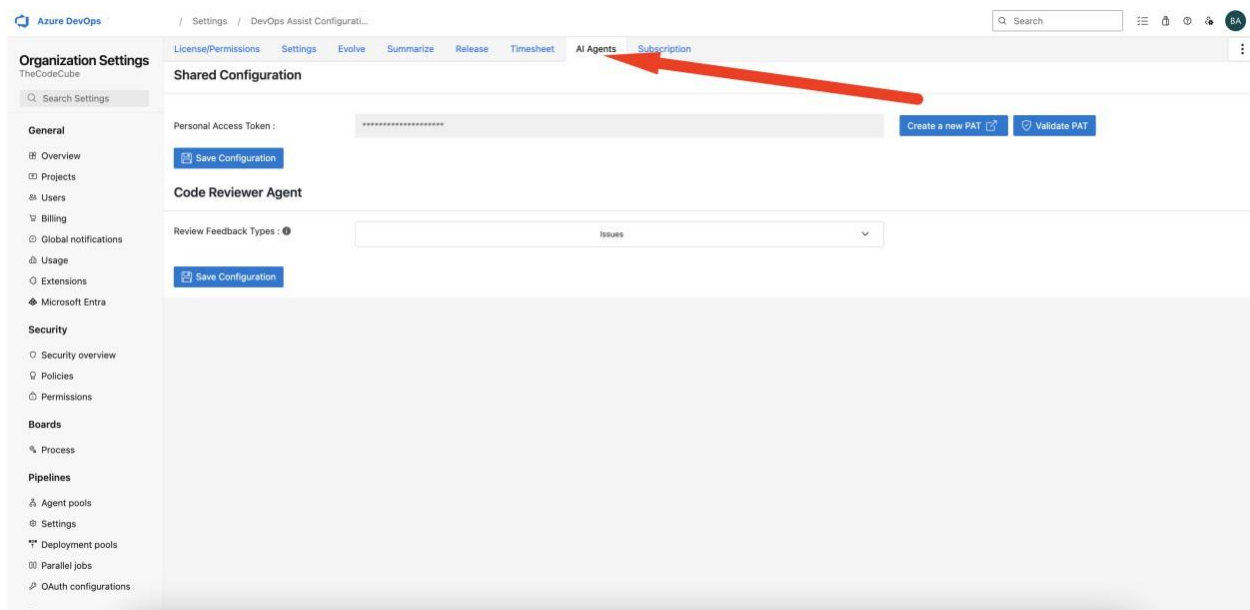
1.1 Personal Access Token (PAT)



To enable the Code Reviewer AI Agent, a **Personal Access Token** must be configured.

- The token allows the agent to securely connect to your repository
- It enables access to pull requests and file changes
- Required for performing automated code reviews

Once the token is saved, the agent can begin processing code review requests.



Functionalities of Buttons

Create a PAT

1. User clicks "Create a PAT" → redirected to Azure DevOps to generate a token.
2. User copies the generated PAT and pastes it into the configuration field.
3. User clicks "Save Configuration" → PAT is saved.

Validate PAT

1. After saving, the user clicks "Validate PAT".

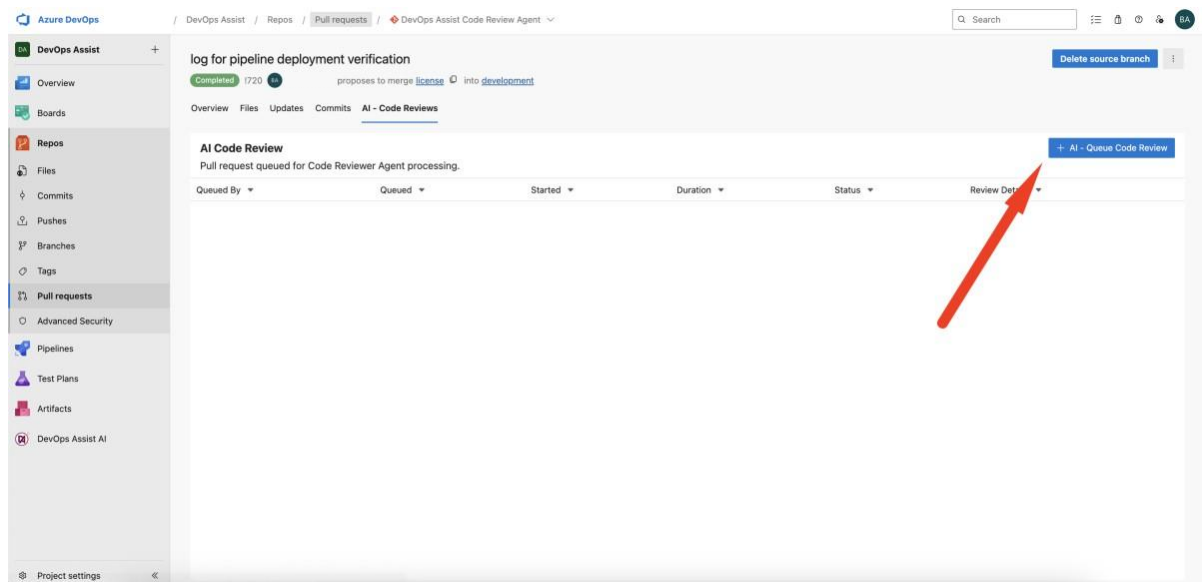


2. Valid → Success message confirming the token is active and working.
3. Invalid / Expired → Error message shown, user is prompted to re-enter a correct PAT.

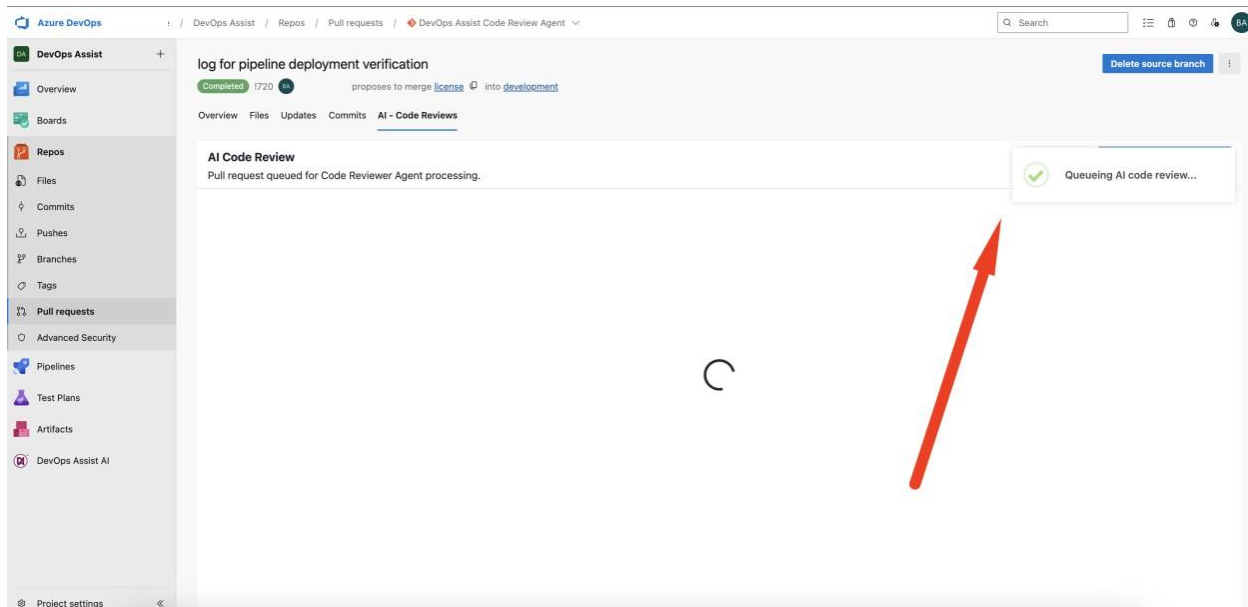
2. Queuing a Code Review

To start an automated review:

1. Navigate to the pull request
2. Click the **AI Code Review** button
3. The review request is queued automatically



Queuing process Success pop



Once queued, the agent analyzes all file changes and begins processing the review.

3. Review Results and Feedback

After the review completes, feedback is displayed directly within the pull request using structured cards.

3.1 Review Cards

Each card represents a specific type of feedback:

- Issues
- Warnings
- Suggestions

Each card includes:

- The type of finding
- A clear explanation of the problem
- Context about what was changed and why it matters



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log for pipeline deployment verification

Completed 1720 proposes to merge [license](#) into [development](#) 0/3 comments resolved

Overview Files Updates Commits **AI - Code Reviews**

AI Code Review

Pull request queued for Code Reviewer Agent processing.

Queued By	Queued	Started	Duration	Status	Review Details
1	3/4/2026	3/4/2026	20s	Completed	Code review approved. The code changes introduce a new logging feature to indicate the successful start of the Code Review Agent. While the addition improves visibility, there are concerns regarding the lack of proper exception handling and validation for the new code. Additionally, the changes do not adhere to best practices for logging in production environments.

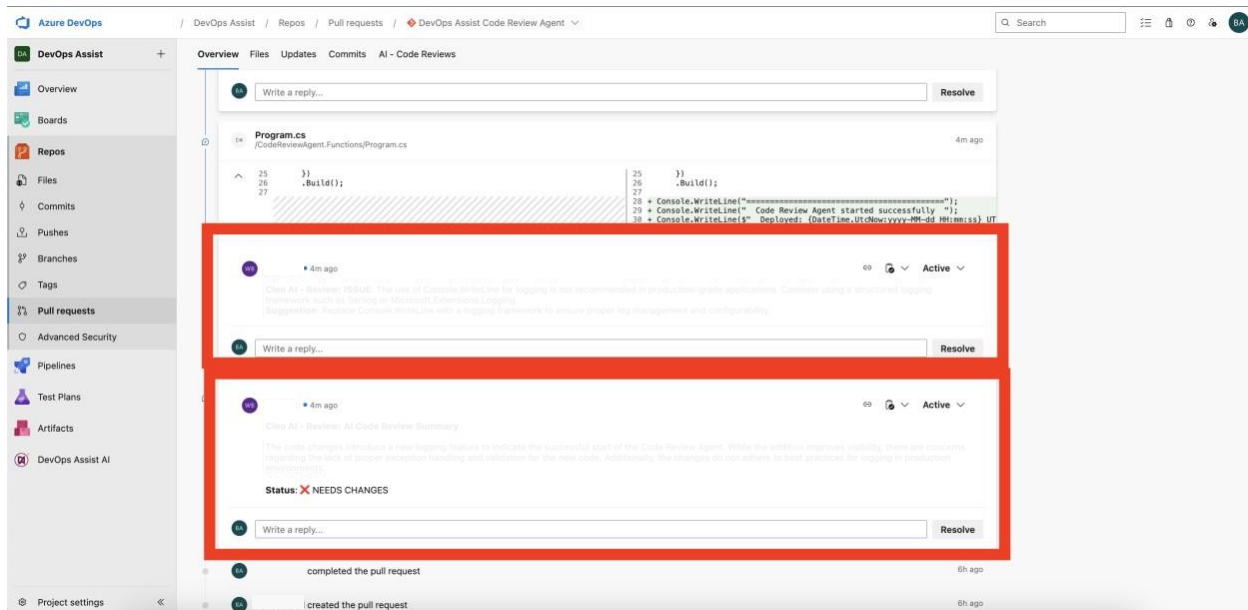
4. Consolidated Review Output

Instead of reviewing files individually, the Code Reviewer AI Agent:

- Analyzes **all changed files**
- Aggregates all findings
- Reports all issues in a **single automated review**



This provides engineers with a complete overview of problems in one place.



5. Managing Review Findings

For each review item, engineers can:

- Mark the item as resolved
- Add comments (e.g., "Will fix later", "Not an issue", "Already addressed")
- Decide whether to create a work item or task
- Assign items to team members if needed

This allows teams to control how each finding is handled.

6. Approval Workflow

Once all relevant items are resolved or acknowledged:

- The pull request can be approved
- The review process is completed