

# Assignment 2\_1 - Jenkins

## Installing Blue Ocean

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- Go to Manage Jenkins > Manage Plugins.
- Choose the Available tab and search for blue ocean.
- Select the Blue Ocean (BlueOcean Aggregator) plugin. The docs recommend installing only this one since all other Blue Ocean plugins will be installed automatically (as dependencies).
- Blue Ocean will be activated when Jenkins restarts.
- Choose the Blue Ocean option from the left menu to use the Blue Ocean UI.

## Building a private GitHub Repository

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(A freestyle project has been used here)

- Create a new freestyle project.
- Under Source Code Management select Git.
- Add the private repository's URL in the Repository URL text box.
- Since the repository is private, Jenkins will not be able to access the repo without credentials. Click on Add button next to Credential text box. Choose Jenkins as the Credential Provider in the dropdown menu. A popup should appear asking for the details.
- Choose Username with Password under the Kind option. Enter GitHub username and password under their respective text boxes.
- After adding your credentials choose the newly added credentials in the dropdown menu that appears next to Credentials label.
- Now the private repository can be used with Jenkins like any other repository.

## Using Git SCM Poll

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(The previous project has been used here)

### Configuring build triggers

- Go to Configuration page of project.
- Under Build Triggers choose GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling and save configuration.

### Adding Jenkins service to GitHub

Now we need to set up our GitHub repo to make a request to Jenkins webhook so that the polling logic can be applied.

- Go to GitHub repo and navigate to Settings.
- Choose Integrations & services from the submenu.
- Click on Add service and choose Jenkins (GitHub plugin) from dropdown menu.
- Add `http://<public-ip or URL>/github-webhook` under Jenkins hook url.
- Make sure the service is active by selective the Active checkbox and click on Add Service button.
- Now GitHub should make a request to the Jenkins webhook and cause a build (if required) to occur.

## Post Build Actions - Extended Email Notification

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Steps to setup Extended Email Notifications as a post build action have been documented below. Extended Email Notifications allow us to send customized email notifications after the build process.

### Configuring Email

We need to first add the details of the SMTP server and the mail account so that Jenkins can send the mail.

- Go to Manage Jenkins > Configure Systems and scroll down to the Extended E-mail Notification section.
- Add the SMTP server details e.g. `smtp.gmail.com` for a Gmail account.
- Click on the Advanced button to configure the mail account that will be used to send the mails.
- Select Use SMTP Authentication if required e.g. Gmail uses a password for authentication and so this must be selected.
- Enter the account username under User Name and password under Password.
- Select Use SSL and specify the SMTP port (465 in most cases).
- Select Allow sending to unregistered users if mail should be sent to non-Jenkins users.
- With this the basic email configuration is complete.
- One can use the other options to customize the mail sent. For e.g. we can specify the list of default recipients and default content.
- Jenkins injects certain variables like `$PROJECT_NAME`, `$BUILD_NUMBER` and `$BUILD_STATUS` which can be used in the content to get dynamic values.

### Adding the post build action

- Go to Configuration page of project and scroll down to Post-build Actions.
- Click on Add post-build action and choose Editable Email Notification from dropdown menu.
- Jenkins once again provides the default settings through variables e.g. `$DEFAULT_RECIPIENTS`, `$DEFAULT_SUBJECT` and `$DEFAULT_CONTENT`.

- The options can be used for project based customizations of the email notification.
- The Advanced settings can be used for specifying triggers i.e. conditions under which the notification should be sent e.g. On every failed build

With this the Post build action for extended email notification is complete.