

Let's say your team is developing a Java web application using Spring Boot. The code is stored on GitHub. You want Jenkins to:

1. Pull the latest code from GitHub.
2. Build the code using Maven (`mvn clean package`).
3. Run unit tests.
4. Archive the generated JAR file.
5. Send a build success/failure email.

✅ Step-by-Step Breakdown in Jenkins (based on your screenshots)

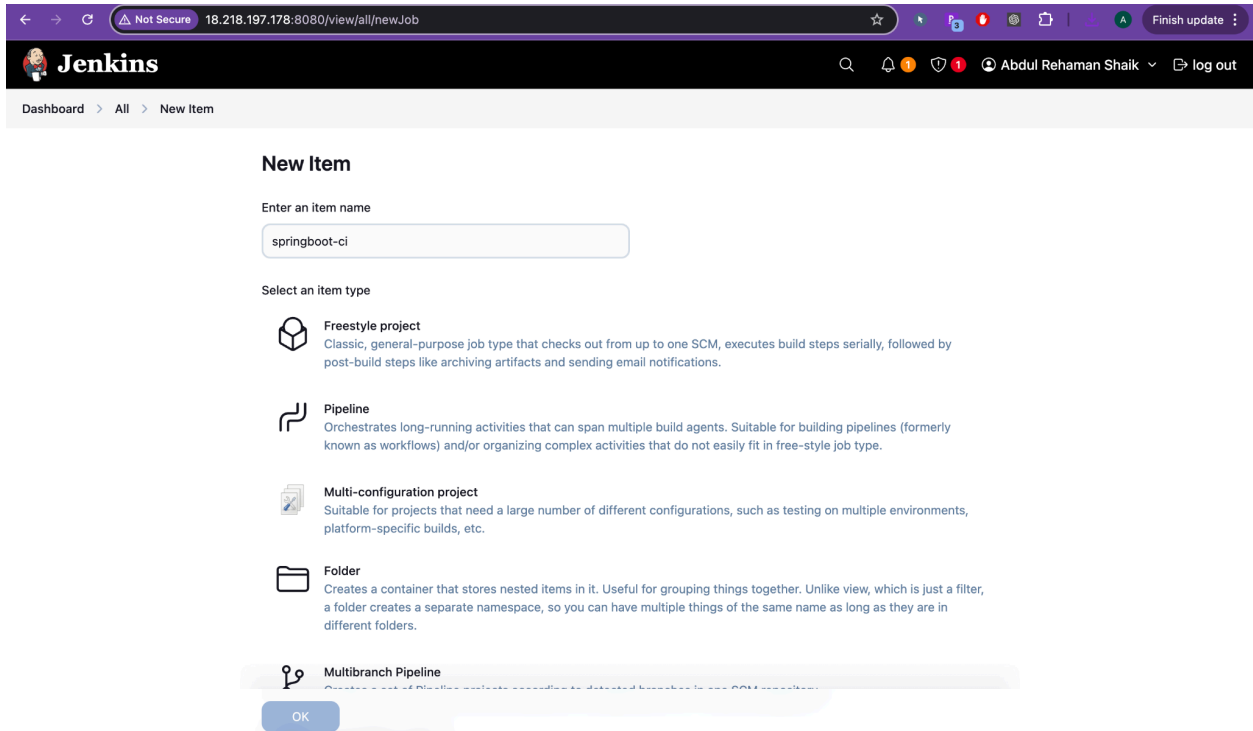
♦ Step 1: Jenkins Dashboard (Screenshot 1)

- This is your **home screen** after logging into Jenkins.
- You'll start by clicking on **"New Item"** to create a job.

♦ Step 2: Create a New Freestyle Project (Screenshot 2)

- **Name:** `myjob01` (you can name it like `springboot-ci`)
- **Select Type:** Freestyle project
- ✅ Real-world reason to use Freestyle:

Ideal for simple CI jobs like build + test + notify, without complex pipeline scripts.



◆ Step 3: General Configuration (Screenshot 3)

- Add a **description** like:

“Builds the Spring Boot web app from GitHub, runs tests, and archives artifacts.”

- Check:
 - **Discard old builds**: Retain only last N builds (say 10).
 - **This project is parameterized**: If you want to build with options (e.g., ENV=dev or ENV=prod).

◆ Step 4: Source Code Management (Screenshot 4)

- Select: `Git`

Repository URL:

`https://github.com/your-org/springboot-webapp.git`

- **Credentials:** Add GitHub token (so Jenkins can access private repos).

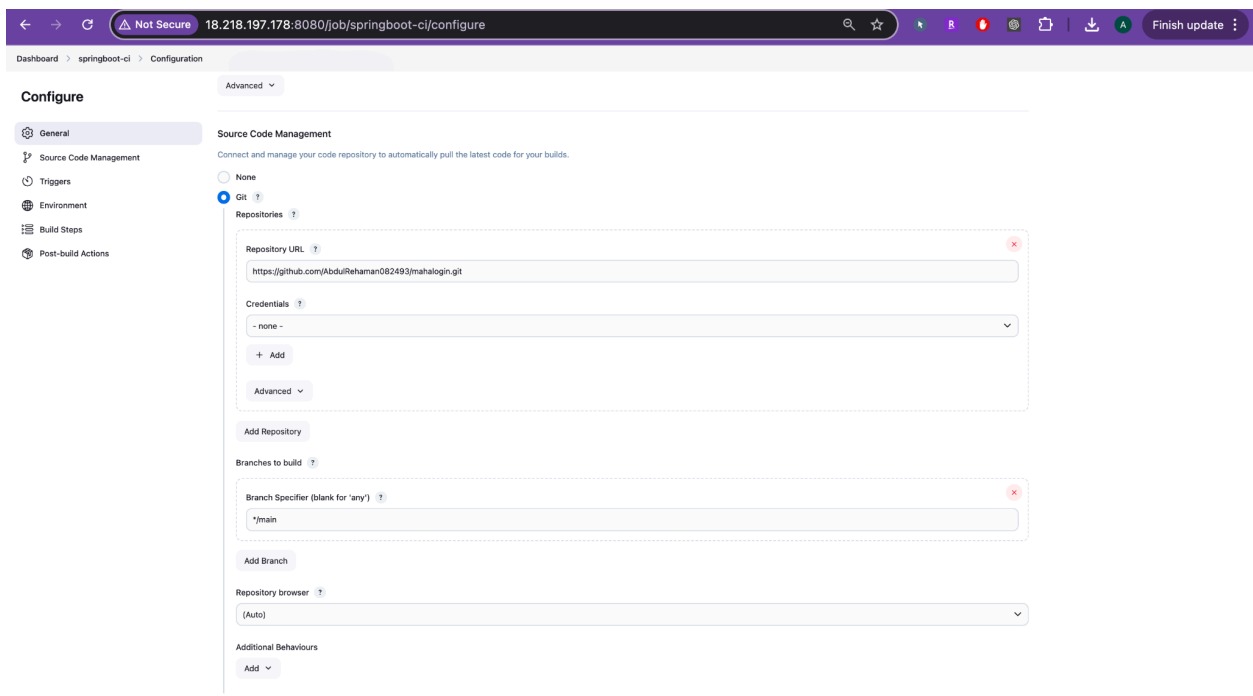
Branches to build:

`*/main`

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✓ Real-World Purpose:

Jenkins pulls the latest code from GitHub `main` branch before every build.



◆ Step 5: Build Triggers (Screenshot 4)

Choose how the job should start:

Poll SCM:

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- → Check for new commits every 5 minutes.
- **GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling:**
 - Automatically trigger a build when someone pushes code to GitHub (needs webhook set in GitHub).

✓ Real-World Use:

Automatically run CI pipeline whenever developers push code.

Dashboard > springboot-ci > Configuration

Configure

- General
- Source Code Management
- Triggers
- Environment
- Build Steps
- Post-build Actions

Triggers

Set up automated actions that start your build based on specific events, like code changes or scheduled times.

- ☐ Trigger builds remotely (e.g., from scripts) ?
- ☐ Build after other projects are built ?
- ☐ Build periodically ?
- ☐ GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling ?
- ☒ Poll SCM ?

Schedule ?

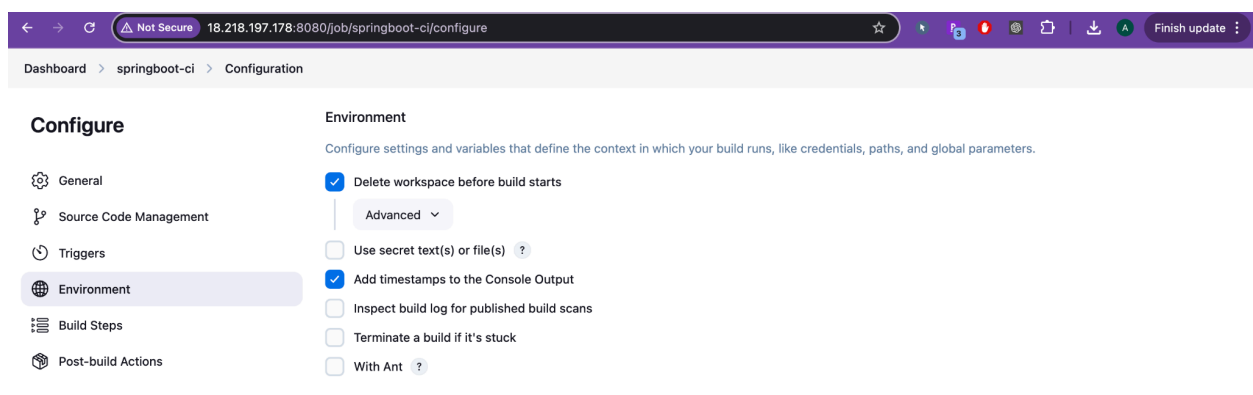
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Would last have run at Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:00:13 PM Coordinated Universal Time; would next run at Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:05:13 PM Coordinated Universal Time.

☐ Ignore post-commit hooks ?

◆ Step 6: Build Environment (Screenshot 5)

- Check:
 - Delete workspace before build: Clean start.
 - Add timestamps: Easier log reading.



◆ Step 7: Build Steps (Screenshot 5)

👉 Add Build Step > Invoke top-level Maven targets

Goals:

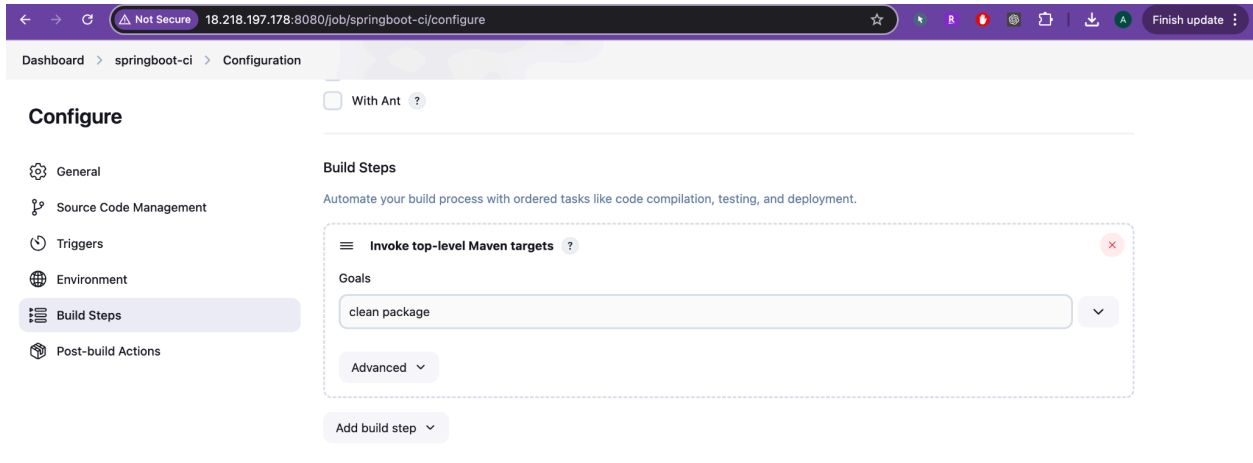
clean package

Root POM:

pom.xml

✅ What Happens:

This will compile the code, run unit tests, and package the app into a JAR or WAR file using `mvn clean package`.



◆ Step 8: Post-Build Actions (Screenshot 6)

1. 📦 Archive the Artifacts

Files to archive:

`target/*.jar`

✅ Why?

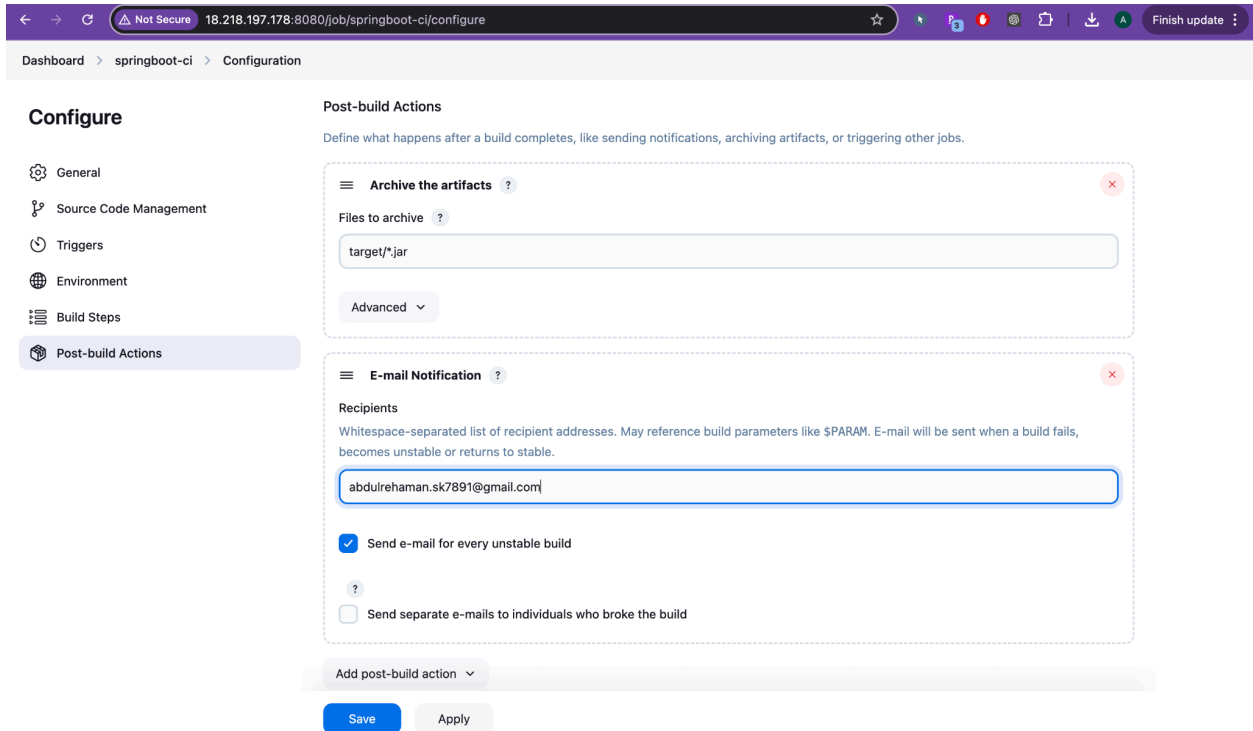
This makes the built JAR downloadable from Jenkins UI and useful for deployment steps.

2. ✉️ Email Notification

- Add "Email Notification":
 - Recipients: `dev-team@example.com`
 - Notify on failure/success

✅ Why?

Team is immediately informed if build fails or succeeds.



When someone pushes new code to GitHub:

1. Jenkins gets triggered via webhook or polling.
2. It pulls the latest code.
3. Runs `mvn clean package`.
4. Runs unit tests (fails the build if tests fail).
5. Archives the generated `.jar`.
6. Sends build status emails to the team.

Folder Structure of Project (GitHub)

```
springboot-webapp/  
├── src/  
│   ├── main/  
│   │   ├── java/  
│   │   │   ├── com/example/  
│   │   │   │   └── App.java  
│   └── test/  
│       ├── java/  
│       │   ├── com/example/  
│       │   │   └── AppTest.java  
└── pom.xml
```

