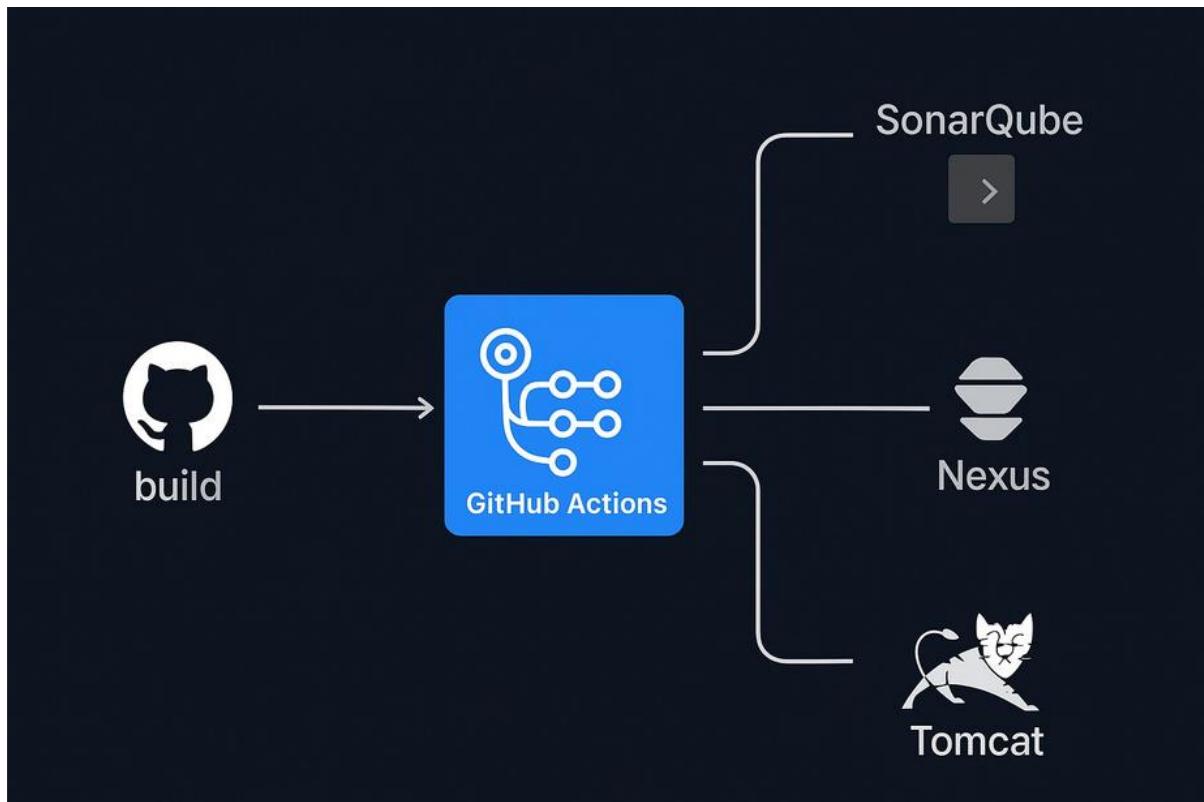


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PROJECT – 5

Complete CI/CD workflow for Java web deployment leveraging GitHub Actions, SonarQube analysis, Nexus artifact management, and Tomcat server delivery



Project Overview:

This project showcases a fully automated deployment workflow for a Java web application using GitHub Actions. The pipeline is triggered whenever new code is pushed to the repository, ensuring the application is built, tested, scanned, and deployed without manual intervention.

Integrated Tools:

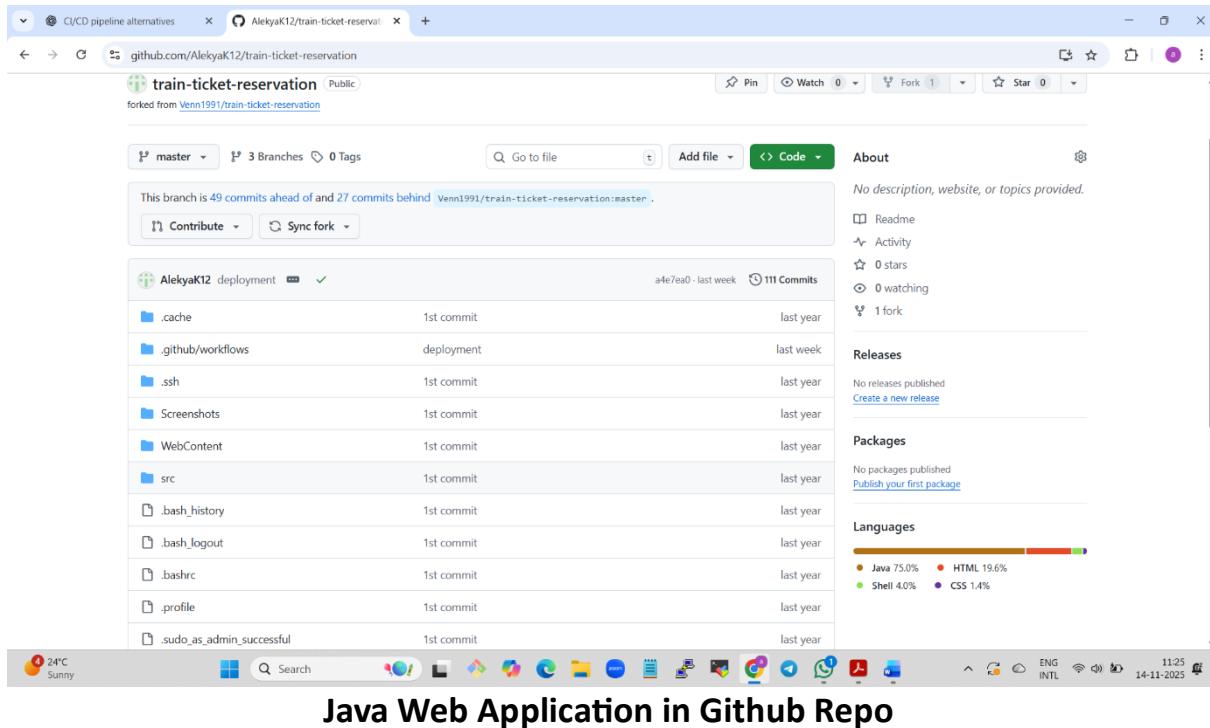
SonarQube: Performs static code analysis to ensure code quality and detect bugs or vulnerabilities prior to deployment.

Nexus Repository: Serves as a storage and versioning system for build artifacts such as WAR files created during the Maven build.

Tomcat Server: Hosts and deploys the final WAR file, making the application available to end users.

Step 1: Code in GitHub

The Java app is stored on GitHub, and any push to the master branch triggers the CI/CD workflow.



Java Web Application in Github Repo

Step 2: Pipeline Steps in GitHub Actions

Pull the latest code

Set up JDK 17

Build and test with Maven

Scan with SonarQube

Upload the WAR file to Nexus

Deploy the application to Tomcat

Step 3: Setup on AWS EC2

Three EC2 machines (t2 large, 15-20GB) were created for SonarQube, Nexus, and Tomcat. Docker was installed on the servers to run the required tools.

Step 4: Running SonarQube & Nexus with Docker

SonarQube and Nexus were started as Docker containers using:

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docker run -d -p 9000:9000 sonarqube
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docker run -d -p 8081:8081 sonatype/nexus3
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Step 5: Tomcat Setup

Tomcat was installed on another EC2 instance, a deployment user was configured, and the Tomcat dashboard was accessed through the EC2 public IP.

Step 6: SonarQube Integration

A SonarQube token was generated and saved in GitHub Secrets so GitHub Actions can run code analysis. The results can be viewed on the SonarQube dashboard.

Step 7: Nexus Repository Configuration

A Nexus server running in a Docker container on EC2 was configured with separate **snapshot** and **release** repositories. Maven is set up to deploy artifacts automatically based on version patterns—snapshot versions (*-SNAPSHOT) are pushed to the snapshot repository, while stable versions are pushed to the releases repository.

This structure enforces clean artifact lifecycle management.

Repository secrets		New repository secret
Name	Last updated	
NEXUS_PASSWORD	1 hour ago	
NEXUS_RELEASES_URL	1 hour ago	
NEXUS_SNAPSHOTS_URL	1 hour ago	
NEXUS_USERNAME	1 hour ago	
SONAR_HOST_URL	1 hour ago	
SONAR_TOKEN	1 hour ago	
TOMCAT_HOST	2 hours ago	
TOMCAT_PASSWORD	2 hours ago	
TOMCAT_USER	2 hours ago	

The screenshot shows the SonarQube community dashboard. At the top, there are several status bars and a search bar. Below the header, a sidebar on the left contains filters for 'My Favorites' and 'All' projects, along with sections for 'Quality Gate' (Passed 1, Failed 0) and 'Security' (0 info issues, 1 low issue, 0 medium issue, 0 high issue). The main content area displays the 'TrainBook' project, which is public. It shows the last analysis was 5 minutes ago, involving 3.8k Lines of Code in Java, HTML, etc. The project has a green 'Passed' status. Key metrics are listed: Security (B 103), Reliability (D 65), Maintainability (A 172), Hotspots Reviewed (E 0.0%), Coverage (0.0%), and Duplications (24.0%). A note says 'Project's Main Branch is not analyzed yet.' and a link to 'Configure analysis'. The bottom of the page includes links for SonarSource SA, Community Build v25.11.0.114957+, MQR MODE, GPL v3, Documentation, Plugins, and Web API. The taskbar at the bottom shows weather (23°C Clear), a search bar, and various system icons.

SonarQube dashboard displaying code quality and vulnerability results

The screenshot shows the Sonatype Nexus Repository Cloud dashboard. The top navigation bar includes links for Instance details, EC2, EC2 Instance Connect, and the Dashboard. The main interface features a 'Dashboard' button in a green bar, a 'Search' dropdown, and a 'Browse' section. Below this is a 'Notification Center' with a message about the Nexus Repository Cloud being available and a 'Learn More' button. A 'Help us improve your upgrade experience' section encourages users to provide feedback. To the right, there's a 'New Formats Supported' section with icons for a cube, a smiley face, and another cube. The bottom of the page includes a 'Collapse Menu' button, a footer with the sonatype logo, and the taskbar with weather (27°C Partly sunny), a search bar, and system icons.

Snapshot and Release repositories configured in Nexus

Deployed WAR files stored in Nexus repositories after pipeline execution

Step 8: Deployment to Tomcat Server

The final WAR file is automatically uploaded and deployed to the Tomcat server. The web application is then accessible through the EC2 public IP and port 8080.

The screenshot shows the Tomcat Web Application Manager interface. At the top, there's a message box with "Message: OK". Below it is a navigation bar with tabs: "Manager", "List Applications" (selected), "HTML Manager Help", "Manager Help", and "Server Status". The main area is titled "Applications" and contains a table with the following data:

Path	Version	Display Name	Running	Sessions	Commands
/	None specified	Welcome to Tomcat	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
/TrainBook	None specified		true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
/docs	None specified	Tomcat Documentation	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
/examples	None specified	Servlet and JSP Examples	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
/host-manager	None specified	Tomcat Host Manager Application	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
/manager	None specified	Tomcat Manager Application	true	1	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes

The screenshot shows the "National Ticket Booking Spot" login page. The background features a cartoon illustration of a train track leading into a distance under a blue sky. At the top, there are three buttons: "Login as User", "New User Register", and "Login as Admin". Below them is a "User Login" form with fields for "UserName" (placeholder: "Enter Your EmailId") and "Password", and a "LOGIN" button.

Step 9: Final Verification

Verified that the CI/CD pipeline successfully handled all stages — build, code analysis, artifact upload, and deployment.

Confirmed that the web application is accessible and SonarQube/Nexus integrations work properly.

The screenshot shows a GitHub Actions pipeline named 'deployment #9'. The main page has a summary, run details, usage, and workflow file sections. The 'build-deploy' job is selected, showing its history. The job 'build-deploy' succeeded last week in 2m 7s. It contains the following steps:

- Set up job (3s)
- checkout code (2s)
- set-up jdk (1s)
- validate with maven (7s)
- compile with maven (14s)
- test with maven (5s)
- package with maven (19s)
- verify WAR file (0s)
- Configure Maven settings (0s)
- Build, Test and SonarQube Scan (34s)
- Detect version type (3s)
- Deploy to Nexus (7s)
- check tomcat connection (0s)
- Deploy WAR to Tomcat (28s)

GitHub Actions executing the CI/CD pipeline

.github/workflows/deployer.yml

```

name: ci/cd pipeline to deploy to tomcat
on:
push:
branches: master
jobs:
build-deploy:
runs-on: ubuntu-latest
steps:
- name: checkout code
uses: actions/checkout@v3
- name: set-up jdk
uses: actions/setup-java@v3
with:
distribution: 'temurin'
java-version: '17' # Updated Java version
- name: validate with maven
run: mvn validate
- name: compile with maven
run: mvn compile
- name: test with maven
run: mvn test
- name: package with maven
run: mvn clean package
- name: verify WAR file
run: ls -lh target/
- name: Configure Maven settings
run: |
mkdir -p $HOME/.m2
cat > $HOME/.m2/settings.xml <<EOL
<settings>
<servers>
<server>
<id>nexus</id>
<username>${{ secrets.NEXUS_USERNAME }}</username>
<password>${{ secrets.NEXUS_PASSWORD }}</password>
</server>
</servers>
</settings>
EOL
- name: Build, Test and SonarQube Scan
run: |
mvn clean verify sonar:sonar \
-Dsonar.projectKey=train-ticket-reservation \

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-Dsonar.host.url="${{ secrets.SONAR_HOST_URL }}" \
-Dsonar.login="${{ secrets.SONAR_TOKEN }}"
- name: Detect version type
id: version_check
run: |
VERSION=$(mvn help:evaluate -Dexpression=project.version -q -DforceStdout)
echo "Project version: $VERSION"
if [[ "$VERSION" == *"-SNAPSHOT" ]]; then
echo "repo_url=${{ secrets.NEXUS_SNAPSHOTS_URL }}" >> $GITHUB_ENV
else
echo "repo_url=${{ secrets.NEXUS_RELEASES_URL }}" >> $GITHUB_ENV
fi
- name: Deploy to Nexus
env:
NEXUS_URL: ${{ env.repo_url }}
run: |
echo "Deploying to $NEXUS_URL"
mvn deploy -DaltDeploymentRepository=nexus::default:${{ NEXUS_URL }}
- name: check tomcat connection
run: |
curl -fail --anyauth -u "${{ secrets.TOMCAT_USER }}:${{ secrets.TOMCAT_PASSWORD }}" \
"http://${{ secrets.TOMCAT_HOST }}:8080/manager/text/list"
# Deploy to Tomcat
- name: Deploy WAR to Tomcat
run: |
WAR_FILE=$(ls target/*.war)
echo "Deploying $WAR_FILE to Tomcat..."
curl -v -u ${{ secrets.TOMCAT_USER }}:${{ secrets.TOMCAT_PASSWORD }} \
-T "$WAR_FILE" \
"http://${{ secrets.TOMCAT_HOST }}:8080/manager/text/deploy?path=/TrainBook&update=true"
pom.xml
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
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<name>Nexus Snapshot Repository</name>
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</snapshotRepository>
</distributionManagement>
</project>
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