TP part 02 - CI/CD

Checkpoint: call us to check your results

Ask yourself: how? why?



Point to document/report

Goals

Good practice

Do not forget to document what you do along the steps.

Create an appropriate file structure, 1 folder per image.

Target application

Complete pipeline workflow for testing and delivering your software application.

We are gonna go through different useful tools to build your application, test it automatically, checking the code quality at the same time.

Useful links:

https://docs.travis-ci.com/user/tutorial/

Sample application

Let's fork

You can fork the application here:

https://github.com/takima-training/sample-application-students

Let's run

The application should run quite easily, please refer to the documentation (README files). Now that you are familiar with docker & docker-compose, a simple command might be enough to run the application;).



Checkpoint: working sample application

Setup Travis CI

The first tool we are going to use is Travis CI. Travis is an online service that allows you to build pipelines to test your application. Luckily, the tool is accessible for free as long as your project stays open source. Keep in mind that Travis is not the only one on the market to build integration pipelines. Historically many companies were using Jenkins (and still a lot continue to do it), it is way less accessible than Travis but much more configurable. You will also hear about Gitlab CI and Bitbucket Pipeline during your work life, they are basically as accessible and efficient as Travis, do not hesitate to spend some time learning about those technologies.



Remember those technologies.

Over the years, Travis as well as its concurrents have been improving its implementation to offer always more plug-and-play services. Today, integrating one of these solutions to your project is really easy as child's play. Let's get our hands dirty!

Register to Travis

In the past, you had to sign up to each service you wanted to use, creating a new account, a new password (which was probably the same for each service), filling the same form etc. Technology has improved ever since, and you can now SSO with your Github account to Travis. Even more impressive, it is able to retrieve the information about your Github project (as long as you let them do it), and let you select which project you want to set up. It is a little bit like when Candy Crush asks you to access your Facebook account (except here we do something probably more valuable for our future ;-)).

Then, SSO to Travis with your Github account.

Here is your application: https://github.com/takima-training/sample-application-students

Select your project to be configured and here you are already done with signing up to Travis.

First steps into the CI world

Although it sure is a good thing to be able to link its project to Travis CI, it doesn't make it work by itself (maybe in the future, let's hope).

Most of the CI services use a yaml file (except Jenkins that uses a... Groovy file...) to describe the expected steps to be done over the pipeline execution. Go on and create your first .travis.yml file into your project's root directory.



Remember the differences between each technology.

Build and test your application

For those who are not familiar with Maven (Java) and NPM (Node.js) project structures, here are the commands to build and run your tests:

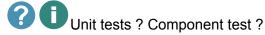
- mvn clean verify
- npm run test

You need to launch this command from your pom.xml directory or specify the path to it with --file /path/to/pom.xml argument.



Ok, what is this supposed to do?

This command will actually clear your previous builds inside your cache (otherwise your can have unexpected behavior because maven did not build again each part of your application), then it will freshly build each module inside your application and finally it will run both Unit Tests and Integration Tests (sometime called Component Tests as well).

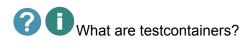


Integration tests require a database to verify you correctly inserted or retrieved data from inside. Fortunately for you we've already taken care of this! But you still need to understand how it works under the hood. Take a look at your application file tree.

Let's take a look at the pom.xml that is inside the simple-api, you will find some very helpful dependencies for your testing.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.playtika.testcontainers
  <artifactId>embedded-postgresql</artifactId>
  <scope>test</scope>
 dependency>
```

As you can see, there is a testcontainers dependency inside the pom.



They simply are java libraries that allow you to run a bunch of docker containers while testing. Here we use the postgresgl container to attach to our application while testing. If run the command "mvn clean verify" you'll be able to see the following:

As you can see, a docker container has been launched while your tests were running, pretty convenient, isn't it?

Finally, you'll see your tests results.

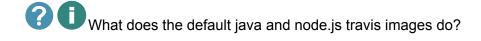
Now, it is up to you! Create your first CI, asking to build and test your application every time someone commits and pushes code on the repository.

Here is what you .travis.yml should look like :

```
git:
  depth: 5

jobs:
  include:
    - stage: "Build and Test Java"
      language: java
      jdk: oraclejdk11
      before_script:
          - cd sample-application-backend
      - stage: "Build and Test Nodejs"
      language: node.js
      node_js: "12.20"
      before_script:
          - cd sample-application-frontend
cache:
      directories:
          - "$HOME/.m2/repository"
          - "$HOME/.npm"
```

The docker-compose will handle the three containers and a network for us.



Through the Travis CI web console, you will be able to see the logs of your tests. If it passes, the project will be marked as PASSED.



Checkpoint : Working CI.

First steps into the CD world

Here we are going to configure the Continuous Delivery of our project. Therefore, the main goal will be to create and save a docker image containing our application on the Docker Hub every time there is a commit on a develop branch.



Why do we need this branch?

Create a develop branch in your GitHub Repository.

As you probably already noticed, you need to login to docker hub to perform any publication. However, you don't want to publish your credentials on a public repository (it is not even a good practise to do it on a private repository). Fortunately, Travis allows you to create secured environment variables.

Add your docker hub credentials to the environment variables in Travis CI (and let them be secured).





Secured variables, why?

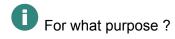
Now that you added them, you can freely declare them and use them inside your Travis CI pipeline.

Build your docker images inside your Travis pipeline when there is a commit on the develop branch.

Publish your docker images when there is a commit on the develop branch. (be careful, you need to create the repositories on Docker Hub before publishing them.

```
git:
depth: 5
stages:
 - "Build and Test"
- "Package"
jobs:
 include:
   - stage: "Build and Test"
```

```
language: java
     jdk: oraclejdk11
    before script:
       - cd sample-application-backend
     script:
       - echo "Maven build"
       - echo "Run test coverage and Quality Gate"
   - stage: "Build and Test"
    language: node.js
    node js: "12.20"
    before script:
      - cd sample-application-frontend
    script:
      - echo "NPM install and build"
   - stage: "Package"
    before script:
      - cd sample-application-backend
    script:
      - echo "Docker build ..."
       - echo "Docker login ..."
       - echo "Docker push ..."
   - stage: "Package"
    before script:
      - cd sample-application-frontend
     script:
      - echo "Docker build ..."
      - echo "Docker login ..."
      - echo "Docker push ..."
cache:
directories:
  - "$HOME/.m2/repository"
services:
 - docker
```



Now you should be able to find your docker images on your docker repository.



Checkpoint : Docker images pushed to your repository.

Setup Quality Gate

What is quality about?

Quality is here to make sure your code will be maintainable and determine every insecured block. It helps you produce better and tested features, and it will also prevent having dirty code pushed inside your master branch.

For this purpose, we are going to use SonarCloud, a cloud solution that makes analysis and reports of your code. This is a useful tool that everyone should use in order to learn java best practises.

Register to SonarCloud

Create your free-tier account on https://sonarcloud.io/.

You'll see that you can directly link your GitHub account to your SonarCloud project. Go on and select the repository you want to analyse. Enter your collaboration information etc..

SonarCloud will propose you to setup your Travis CI pipeline from the Travis CLI, but forget about that, there is a much better way to save the SonarCloud provided and provide it into your .travis.yml.

script:

- mvn clean verify org.jacoco:jacoco-maven-plugin:prepare-agent install sonar:sonar -Dsonar.projectKey=devops-2021

Here 's an example with the devops-2021 as projectKey , devops-cpe as organization and a token in travis' secret.

```
language: java
    script:
    - mvn clean verify org.jacoco:jacoco-maven-plugin:prepare-agent install
sonar:sonar -Dsonar.projectKey=devops-2021
```

addons:

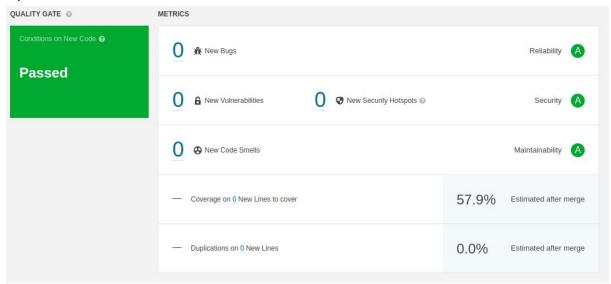
sonarcloud:

organization: "devops-cpe"

token: "\$SONARCLOUD TOKEN"

Setup your pipeline to use SonarCloud analysis while testing.

If you did your configuration correctly, you should be able to see the SonarCloud analysis report online:





Checkpoint : Working quality gate.

Well done buddies, you've created your very first Quality Gate! Yay!

Going further

Till now, I suppose your Travis CI script executes everything inside one unique step. The problem is, if anything fails somewhere, the rest of the script will still be executed. You don't want your failed build to be deployed into your Docker Hub Repository.

Moreover, it is difficult to select scripts to be executed on a specific branch. Deploying your environment when you publish on a feature branch doesn't really make sense.

That's why you can create jobs inside your Travis pipeline. Jobs allow you to split your scripts and select which branch should run what.

Now split your pipeline to separate the test and the builds from the deployment of your images on Docker Hub.



Checkpoint : Splitted pipeline into jobs.

Well done, you went till the end of this practical application, now move one the the deployment section with Ansible!