

Mastering Jenkins: Setting Up a Master Slave Architecture for Seamless Automation

Introduction: Welcome to the advanced realm of Jenkins automation, where we'll explore the intricacies of setting up a multinode cluster architecture. In this comprehensive guide, we'll dive into the steps required to create a powerful and scalable Jenkins environment, allowing for parallelized and distributed job execution.

1. Understanding the Need for Multinode Cluster: Unlocking Scalability

Jenkins, in its essence, is a tool designed for scalability and efficiency.

As projects grow in complexity, a multinode cluster architecture becomes imperative.

Prerequisites:

Before we begin, make sure you have the following prerequisites in place:

1. Java Development Kit (JDK): Install JDK on each server to support Jenkins.
2. SSH Access: Make sure you have SSH access to each Node.
3. Basic Knowledge: Familiarize yourself with Jenkins and basic server administration concepts.

Configure Jenkins Nodes:

1. Open Jenkins in your web browser
(http://<jenkins-server>:8080).
2. Navigate to “Manage Jenkins” > “Manage Nodes and Clouds.”
3. Click “New Node” and provide a name.
4. Choose “Permanent Agent” and configure node details.
5. Under “Launch method,” select “Launch agent via ssh.”
6. Save the configuration and repeat for each node.

Configure SSH Communication:

Generate SSH keys on the master node:

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ssh-keygen
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While Configuring the agent

setup the credential give the username and copy ssh key there.

Then Save the configuration and Launch agent.

Verify the Cluster Setup:

1. Create a new Jenkins job.
2. In the job configuration, go to “Restrict where this project can be run.”
3. Enter the label of the desired Jenkins node.
4. Save the configuration.
5. Build the job and verify it runs on the specified node.

Conclusion:

You’ve successfully established a Jenkins multinode cluster, enhancing scalability and reliability for your CI/CD pipeline.

Regularly monitor and maintain the cluster to optimize performance.

This guide ensures a smooth setup process, allowing you to focus on building robust automation workflows with Jenkins.

