

Deployment Guide: Jenkins to Tomcat

Overview

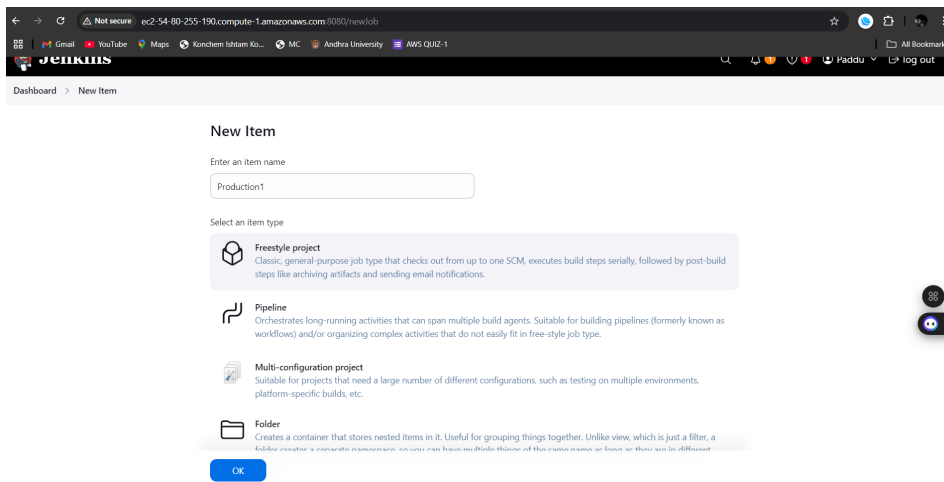
This document provides step-by-step instructions to deploy a Java application from GitHub to a Tomcat server using Jenkins. You can attach screenshots at each step to document the process.

Prerequisites

- Jenkins installed on a Linux server
 - Tomcat installed on the same or a separate Linux server
 - Java installed on the server
 - GitHub repository containing a Java project with a `pom.xml`
 - Maven installed on the Jenkins server
 - Jenkins plugins:
 - Git Plugin
 - Deploy to Container Plugin
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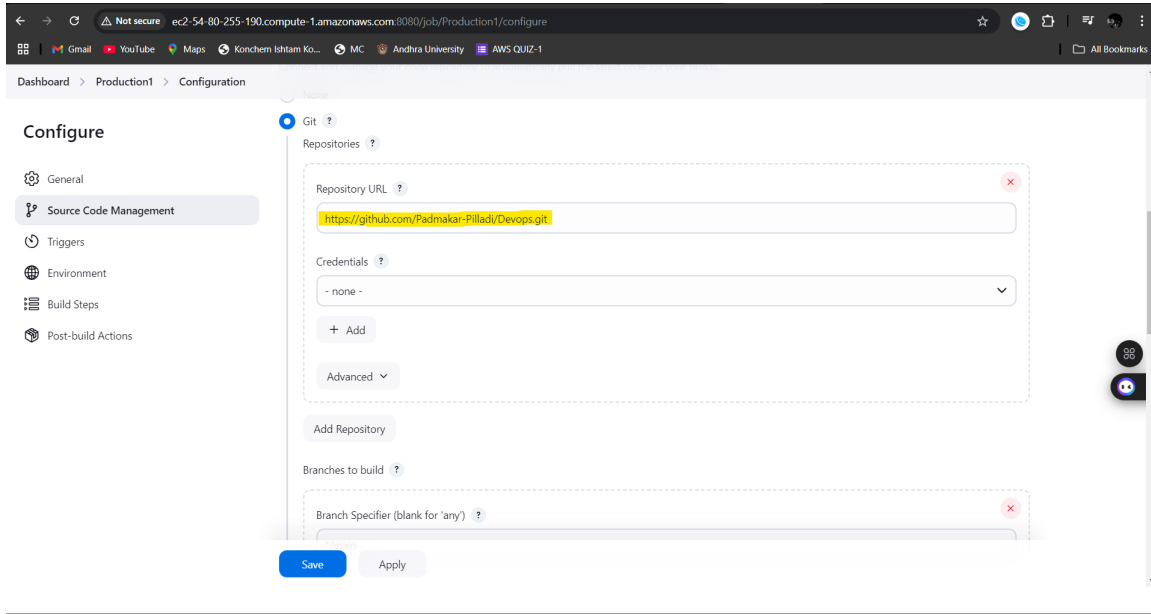
Step 1: Clone GitHub Repository in Jenkins

1. **Login to Jenkins.**
2. **Create a New Job:**
 - Click on **New Item**.
 - Select **Freestyle Project** and enter a name.
 - Click **OK**.



3. Configure GitHub Repository:

- Go to the **Source Code Management** section.
- Select **Git**.
- Enter the GitHub repository URL.
- Provide credentials if the repository is private.
- Click **Save**.



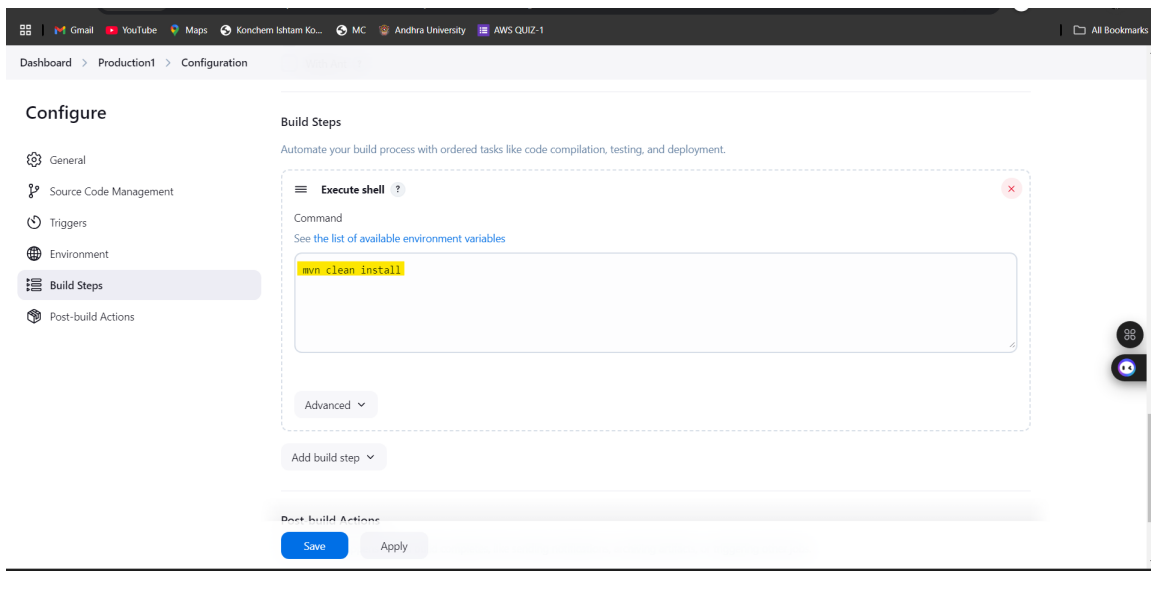
Step 2: Install Maven & Build the Artifact

1. Ensure Maven is Installed:

- Run `mvn -version` to check if Maven is installed.
- If not, install it:
- `sudo apt update`
- `sudo apt install maven -y`

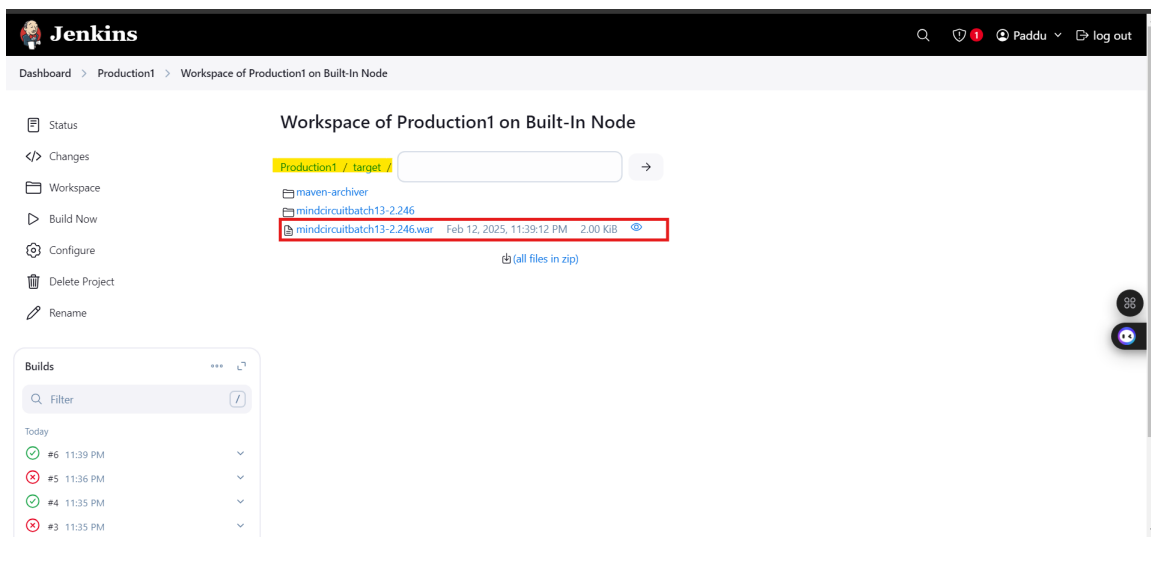
2. Configure Jenkins to Build Using Maven:

- Under **Build**, click **Add Build Step** → **Execute Shell**.
- Enter the build command:
- `mvn clean install`
- Click **Save**.



Step 3: Verify Artifact Generation

1. After a successful build, navigate to **Workspace** → **target/**.
2. You should see a `.war` or `.jar` file generated.

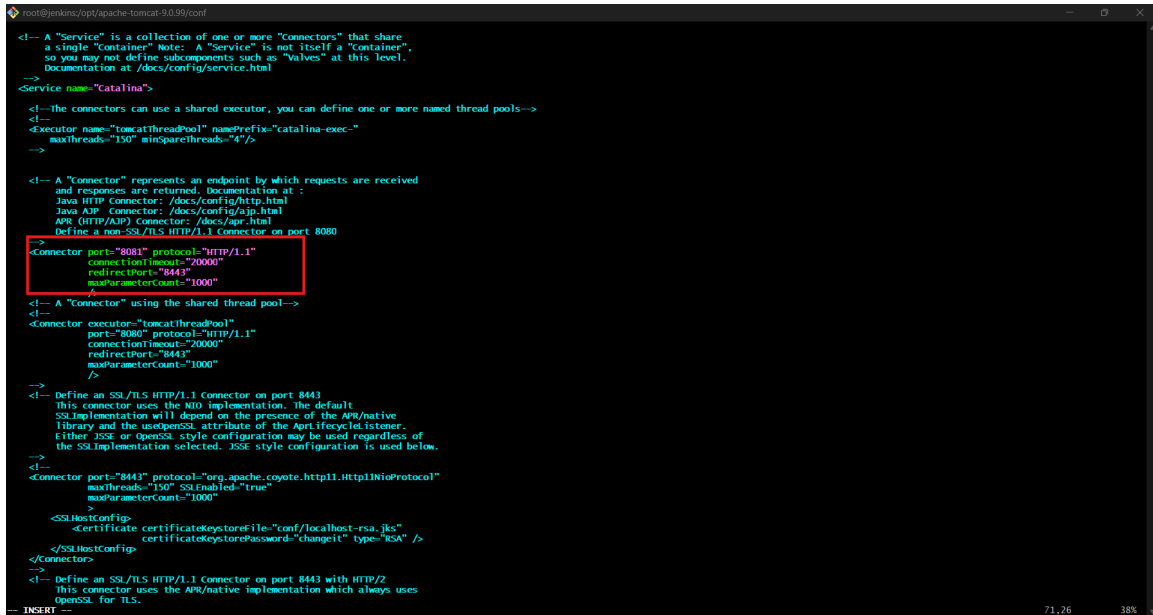


Step 4: Install & Configure Tomcat

1. **Download Tomcat:**
2. `cd /opt`
3. `wget https://dlcdn.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-9/v9.0.99/bin/apache-tomcat-9.0.99.tar.gz`
4. `tar -xvf apache-tomcat-9.0.99.tar.gz`

5. Change the Default Port (Optional):

- `vim /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/conf/server.xml`
 - Change `<Connector port="8080"` to `<Connector port="8081"`.



```
root@jenkins:/opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/conf
<!-- A "Service" is a collection of one or more "Connectors" that share
a single "Container". Note: A "Service" is not itself a "Container",
so you may not define subcomponents such as "Valves" at this level.
Documentation at /docs/config/service.html
-->
<Service name="Catalina">
  <!-- The connectors can use a shared executor, you can define one or more named thread pools -->
  <!--
  <Executor name="tomcatThreadPool" namePrefix="catalina-exec-"
    maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="4"/>
  -->

  <!-- A "Connector" represents an endpoint by which requests are received
  and responses are returned. Documentation at :
  Java HTTP Connector: /docs/config/http.html
  Java AJP Connector: /docs/config/ajp.html
  APR (HTTP/AJP) Connector: /docs/apr.html
  Define a non-SSL/TLS HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8080
  -->
  <Connector port="8081" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
    connectionTimeout="20000"
    redirectPort="8443"
    maxParameterCount="1000"
    />
  <!-- A "Connector" using the shared thread pool -->
  <!--
  <Connector executor="tomcatThreadPool"
    port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
    connectionTimeout="20000"
    redirectPort="8443"
    maxParameterCount="1000"
    />
  -->
  <!-- Define an SSL/TLS HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8443
  This connector uses the NIO implementation, the default
  SSLImplementation will depend on the presence of the APR/native
  library and the useOpenSSL attribute of the AprLifecycleListener.
  Either JSSE or OpenSSL style configuration may be used regardless of
  the SSLImplementation selected. JSSE style configuration is used below.
  -->
  <Connector port="8443" protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
    maxThreads="150" SSLEnabled="true"
    maxParameterCount="1000"
    />
  <SSLHostConfig>
    <Certificate certificateKeyStoreFile="conf/localhost-rsa.jks"
      certificateKeyStorePassword="changeit" type="RSA" />
  </SSLHostConfig>
</Connector>
-->
  <!-- Define an SSL/TLS HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8443 with HTTP/2
  This connector uses the APR/native implementation which always uses
  OpenSSL for TLS.
  -->
  <Connector port="8443" protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
    maxThreads="150" SSLEnabled="true"
    maxParameterCount="1000"
    />
  <SSLHostConfig>
    <Certificate certificateKeyStoreFile="conf/localhost-rsa.jks"
      certificateKeyStorePassword="changeit" type="RSA" />
  </SSLHostConfig>
</Connector>
-->
</Service>
-- INSERT --
```

6. Create a Tomcat User:

- `vim /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/conf/tomcat-users.xml`

Add the following:

```
<tomcat-users>
<role rolename="manager-gui"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="Tomcat" roles="manager-gui,
manager-script, manager-status"/>
</tomcat-users>
```

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</tomcat-user>
```

```
root@jenkins:/opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/conf#  
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
  <tomcat-users>  
    <role rolename="manager-gui"/>  
    <user username="tomcat" password="tomcat" roles="manager-gui, manager-script, manager-status"/>  
  </tomcat-users>
```

7. Navigate to /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/webapps/manager/META-INF

Need to change allowing ip to any ip by replacing ip with “.*”

```
root@jenkins:/opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/webapps/manager/META-INF#  
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
  <!--  
    Licensed to the Apache Software Foundation (ASF) under one or more  
    contributor license agreements. See the NOTICE file distributed with  
    this work for additional information regarding copyright ownership.  
    The ASF licenses this file to You under the Apache License, Version 2.0  
    (the "License"); you may not use this file except in compliance with  
    the License. You may obtain a copy of the License at  
  
    http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0  
  
    Unless required by applicable law or agreed to in writing, software  
    distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS,  
    WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied.  
    See the License for the specific language governing permissions and  
    limitations under the License.  
  -->  
  <context antiResourceLocking="false" privileged="true" >  
    <cookieProcessor className="org.apache.tomcat.util.http.Rfc6265CookieProcessor"  
      sameSiteCookies="strict" />  
    <Valve className="org.apache.catalina.valves.RemoteAddrValve"  
      allow=".*" />  
    <Manager sessionAttributeValueClass="filter-java.lang.(?:boolean|integer|long|number|string)(org.apache.catalina.filters.CsrfPreventionFilter|org.apache.catalina.valves.RemoteAddrValve)"/>  
  </context>
```

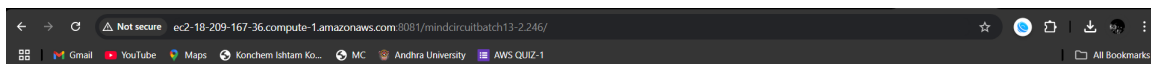
8. Start Tomcat:

- cd /opt/ apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin
- ./startup.sh

```
root@jenkins:/opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/daemon.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/diget.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/makebase.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/setclasspath.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/shutdown.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/startup.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/tool-wrapper.sh
apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/version.sh
[root@jenkins opt]# ll
total 12496
drwxr-xr-x. 9 root root 16384 Feb 12 23:52 apache-tomcat-9.0.99
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 12775905 Feb 4 20:18 apache-tomcat-9.0.99.tar.gz
drwxr-xr-x. 4 root root 33 Feb 3 23:41 mes
[root@jenkins opt]# cd apache-tomcat-9.0.99
[root@jenkins apache-tomcat-9.0.99]# ll
total 172
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 20913 Feb 4 20:08 BUILDING.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 6166 Feb 4 20:08 CONTRIBUTING.md
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 57092 Feb 4 20:08 LICENSE
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2333 Feb 4 20:08 NOTICE
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3283 Feb 4 20:08 README.md
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 6901 Feb 4 20:08 RELEASE-NOTES
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 16538 Feb 4 20:08 RUNNING.txt
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 16384 Feb 12 23:52 bin
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 16384 Feb 4 20:08 conf
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Feb 4 20:08 logs
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 30 Feb 12 23:52 temp
drwxr-xr-x. 7 root root 81 Feb 4 20:08 webapps
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Feb 4 20:08 work
[root@jenkins apache-tomcat-9.0.99]# cd conf
[root@jenkins conf]# pwd
/opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/conf
[root@jenkins conf]# ll
total 228
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 12953 Feb 4 20:08 catalina.policy
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 7654 Feb 4 20:08 catalina.properties
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 4400 Feb 4 20:08 context.xml
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1149 Feb 4 20:08 jaspic-providers.xml
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2313 Feb 4 20:08 jaspic-providers.xsd
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 4003 Feb 4 20:08 logging.properties
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 8022 Feb 4 20:08 server.xml
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2756 Feb 4 20:08 tomcat-users.xml
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2558 Feb 4 20:08 tomcat-users.xsd
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 173205 Feb 4 20:08 web.xml
[root@jenkins conf]# vim server.xml
[root@jenkins conf]# vim tomcat-user.xml
[root@jenkins conf]# cd ..
[root@jenkins apache-tomcat-9.0.99]# cd bin/
[root@jenkins bin]# ./startup.sh
Using CATALINA_BASE: /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99
Using CATALINA_HOME: /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99
Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/temp
Using JRE_HOME: /usr
Using CLASSPATH: /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/bootstrap.jar:/opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.99/bin/tomcat-juli.jar
tomcat started
[root@jenkins bin]#
```

Step 5: Deploy Artifact to Tomcat Manually

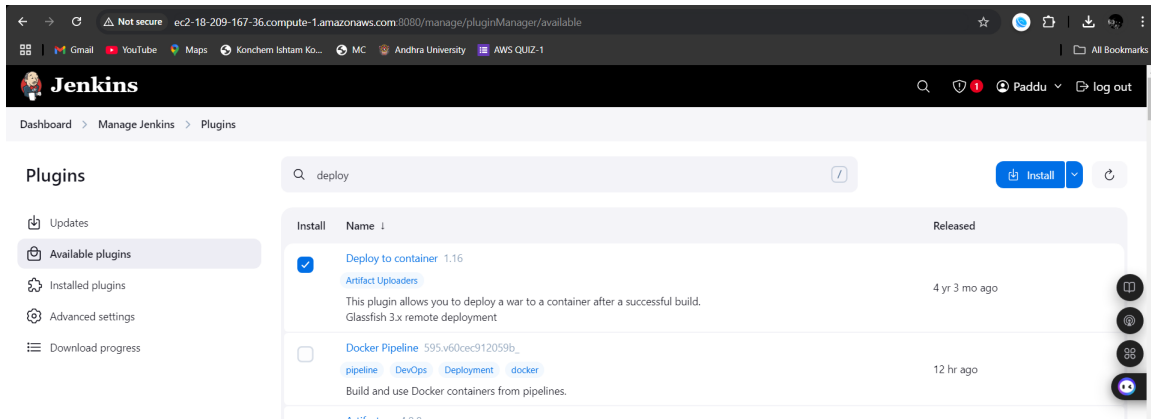
1. Open Tomcat Manager: http://<PUBLIC_IP>:8081/manager/html
2. Login using credentials (tomcat / Tomcat).
3. Go to **WAR file to deploy** section.
4. Select the .war file from Jenkins workspace and deploy.



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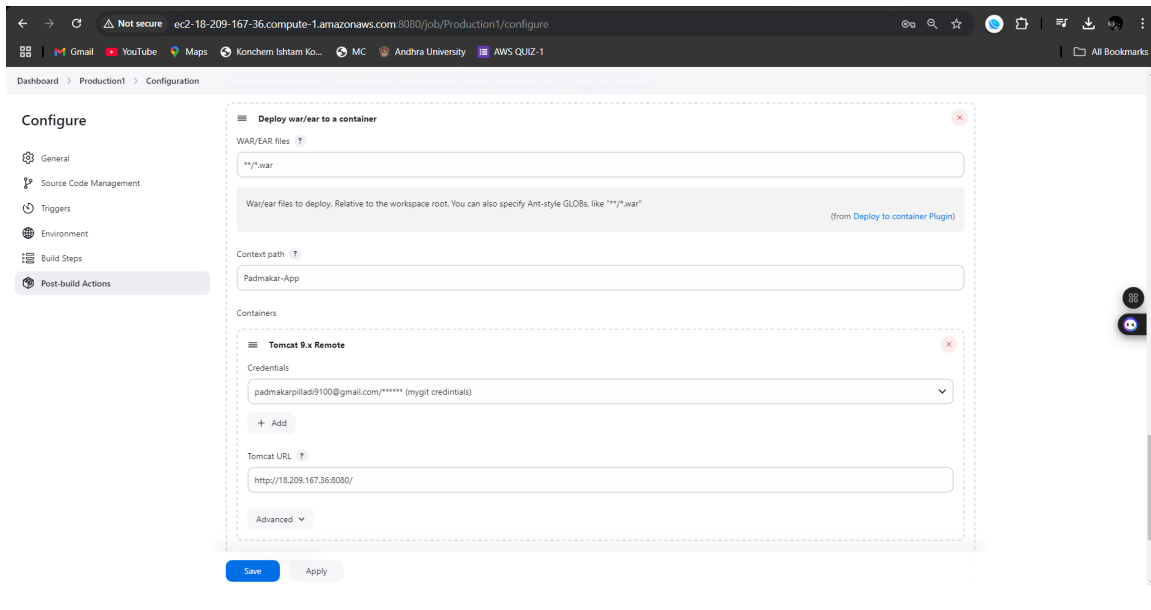
Step 6: Automate Deployment with Jenkins

1. **Install Plugin:**
 - Go to **Manage Jenkins → Plugins**.
 - Search for **Deploy to Container** and install.



2. Configure Post-Build Actions:

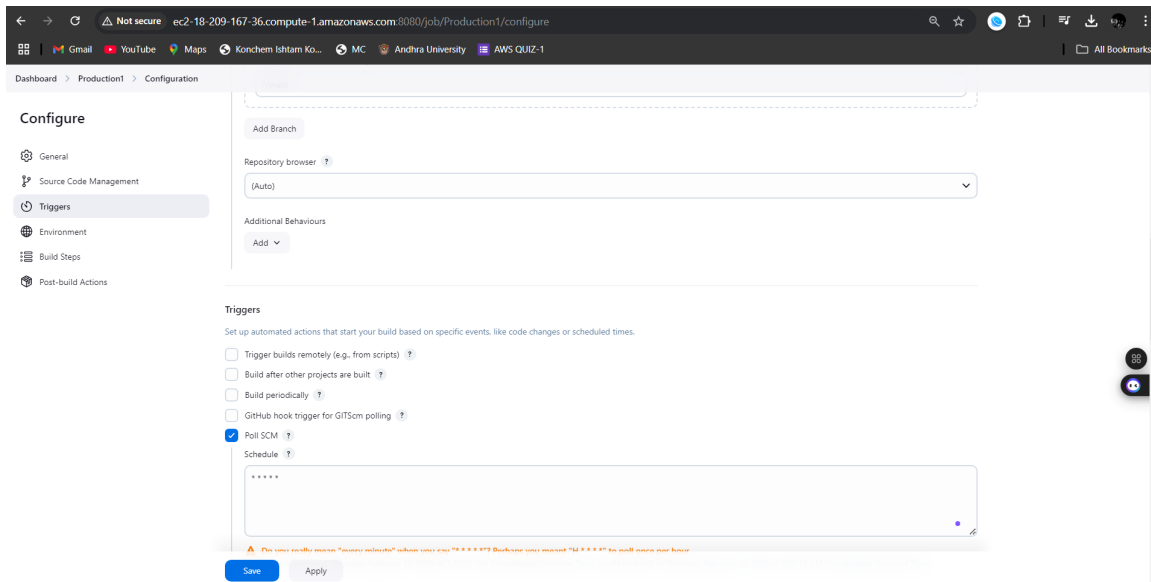
- Go to Jenkins Job → **Configure** → **Post Build Actions**.
- Click **Add Post Build Action** → **Deploy WAR/EAR to a container**.
- Enter:
 - **WAR/EAR Files:** `**/*.war`
 - **Context Path:** `MC-App`
 - **Container:** Add Tomcat credentials and URL
(`http://<PUBLIC_IP>:8081`).
- Click **Save**.



Step 7: Continuous Deployment Setup

1. Enable Poll SCM:

- Go to Jenkins Job → **Configure** → **Build Triggers**.
- Select **Poll SCM**.
- Enter * * * * * (runs every minute).
- Click **Save**.



2. Modify Code in GitHub:

- Change any file (e.g., `index.jsp`), commit, and push.
- Wait for Jenkins to detect the change, rebuild, and deploy.



Step 8: Verify Deployment

1. Open `http://<PUBLIC_IP>:8081/MC-App` in a browser.
2. Ensure the updated application is accessible.



I have changed code to test Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment (CI/CD)



Conclusion

I have successfully configured Jenkins to automate deployment from GitHub to Tomcat. I can now track updates in GitHub and have Jenkins deploy the latest version automatically.
