Recitation 7

Continuous Integration

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- A sequence of stages through which the system has to go through before it can be deployed; usually followed by continuous deployment stages
- Flow
  - Code commit triggers a new pipeline run
  - Pipeline executes
  - If the CI pipeline passes, CD pipeline starts
- Main goal is to reduce the time taken from code commit to deployment (with CD)
- Another goal is to automate activities (or reduce manual effort as much as possible)

CI Pipeline

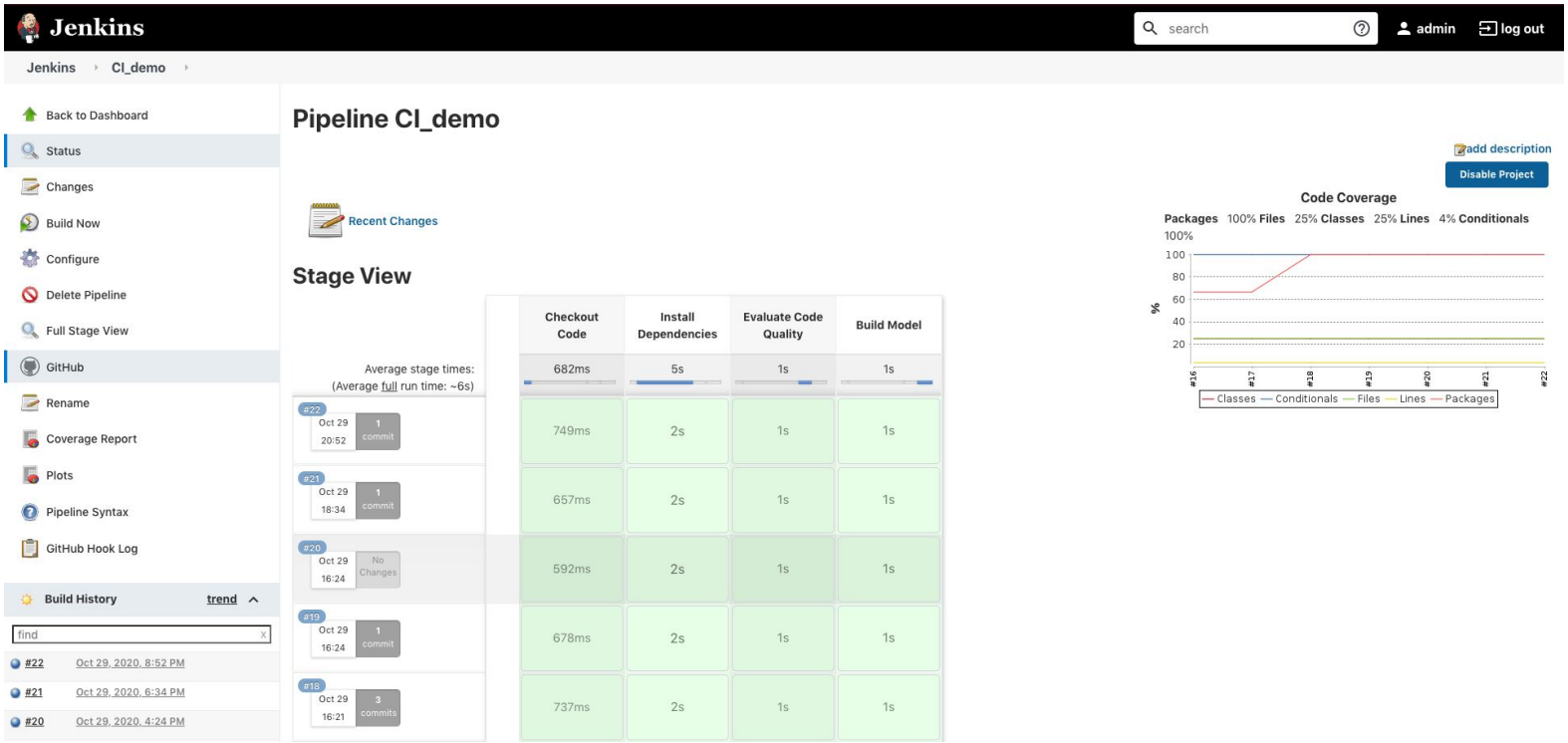
- Defined set of stages which run in an automated fashion once triggered
- Pipeline stages:
  - Checkout code → Set up environment → Build code → Static checks → Unit tests → Integration tests → Packaging the software → ...
- For machine learning, you may have more stages such as:
  - Data quality check, offline model evaluation, data collection, data cleaning/preprocessing, model serialization, telemetry data collection, etc.
- CI/CD tools: Jenkins, TravisCI, GitHub Actions, etc.

Demo

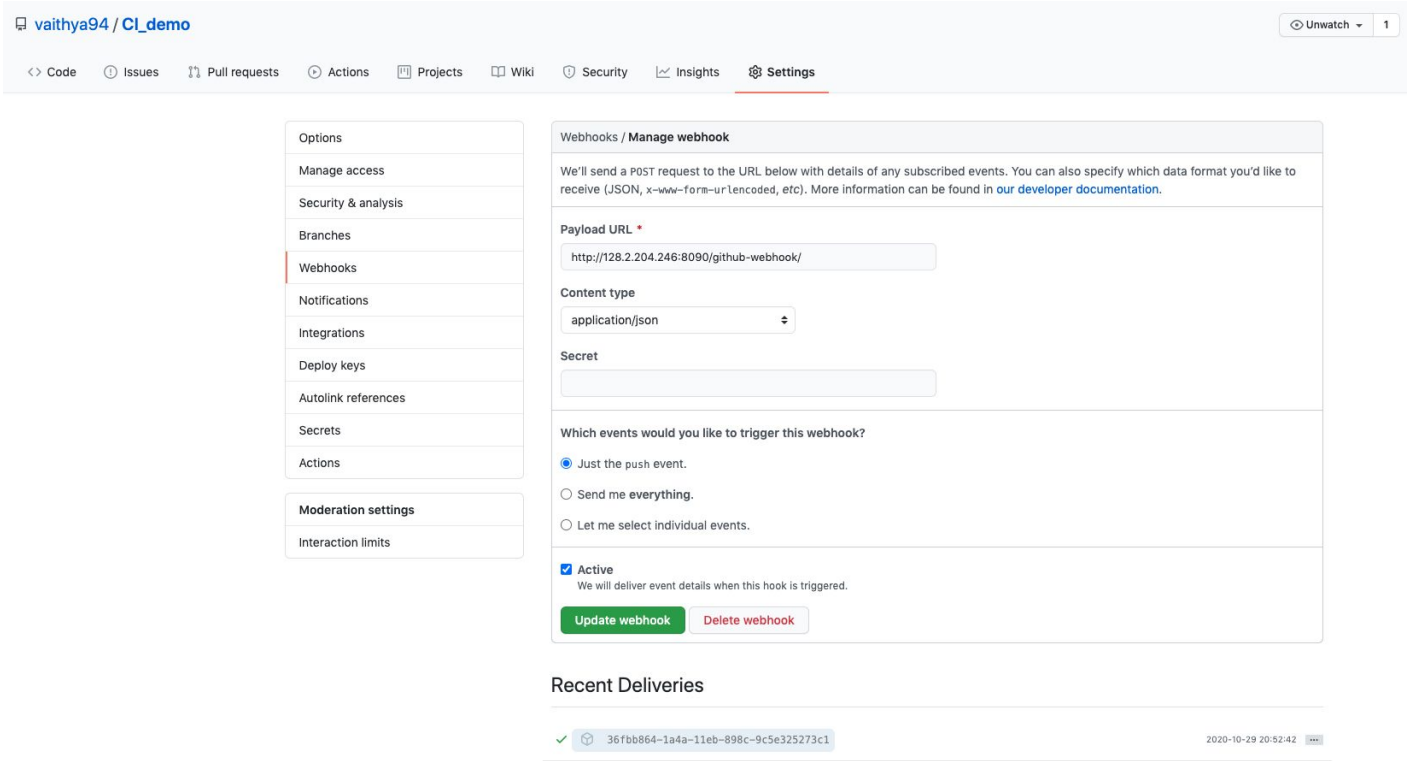
- Goals:
  - Look at some starter code and initial setup of a CI pipeline for a sample ML system
  - Save you some time (hopefully) in setting up your CI pipeline for Milestone 2
- Contents
  - Sample codebase [https://github.com/vaithya94/CI_demo]
  - Jenkins installation and GitHub integration
  - Jenkins pipeline structure
  - Jenkins coverage and plot plugins

NOTE: The Jenkins server from this demo will be taken down after the recitation, but you can refer the recording and the repo

Jenkins Pipeline



Jenkins - GitHub Integration



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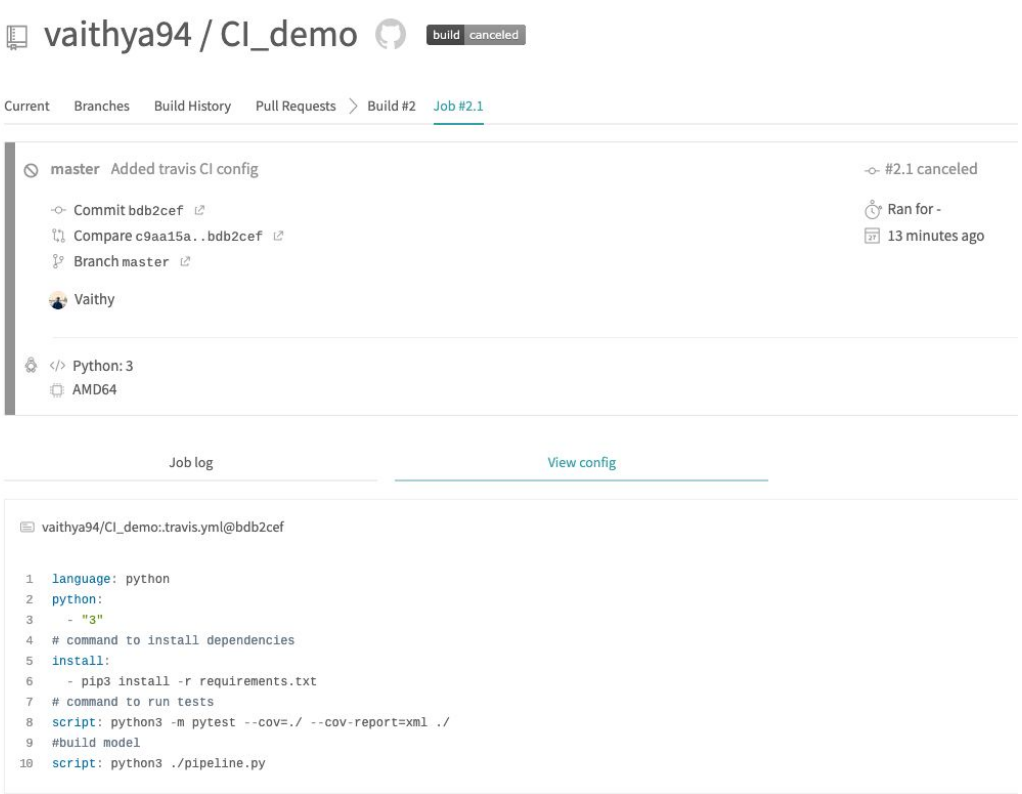
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build canceled
Current
Branches
Build History
Pull Requests
Build #2
Job #2.1
master Added travis CI config
Commit bdb2cef
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Branch master
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#2.1 canceled
Ran for -
13 minutes ago
Python: 3
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Job log
View config
vaithya94/CI_demo:.travis.yml@bdb2cef
1 language: python
2 python:
3 - "3"
4 # command to install dependencies
5 install:
6 - pip3 install -r requirements.txt
7 # command to run tests
8 script: python3 -m pytest --cov=./ --cov-report=xml ./
9 #build model
10 script: python3 ./pipeline.py

CI Pipeline Qualities

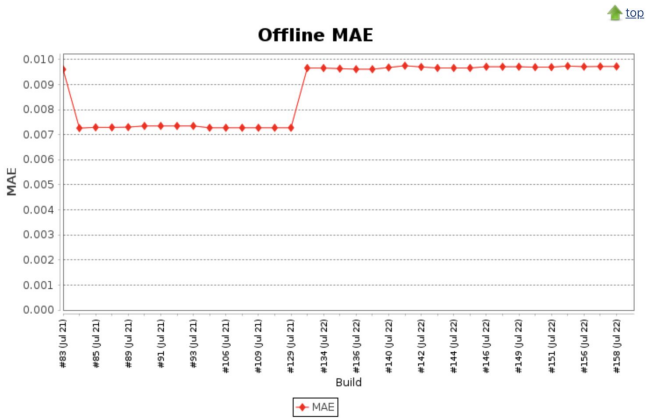
- Repeatable [consistent results across runs; consecutive runs are independent]
- Fault-tolerant [fail gracefully if any stage fails, ie. system remains operational]
- Correct [performs what is expected of it given some inputs]
- Robust [should be able to handle noise in any inputs the pipeline expects]
- Testable [stages of the pipeline should be independently testable]
- Traceable [should be possible to trace any error to its source quickly]
- Performant [should be possible to move through the pipeline quickly]

Testing ML & CI Pipelines

- Unit tests for independent stages of the machine learning pipeline (automated)
  - Adequacy can be measured in terms of statement/branch coverage, etc.
  - Can use equivalence classes, boundary value analysis, etc. to identify test cases
- Integration tests for APIs (automated + manual)
  - Adequacy can be measured in terms of statement/branch coverage, etc.
  - Can use equivalence classes, boundary value analysis, etc. to identify test cases
  - Mock dependencies
- Manual blackbox tests for the CI pipeline
  - Adequacy can be measured in terms of use cases, nodes in activity/flow diagrams, etc.

NOTE: Adequacy criteria can be defined in terms of criticality of the component to your system (for example)

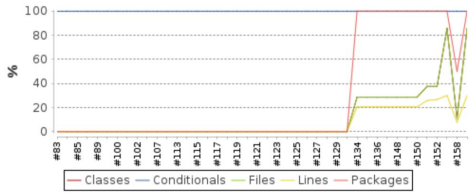
Automated Model Evaluation & Testing



Code Coverage

Cobertura Coverage Report

Trend



Project Coverage summary

Name	Packages	Files	Classes	Lines
Cobertura Coverage Report	100% 1/1	86% 6/7	86% 6/7	30% 64/214

Coverage Breakdown by Package

Name	Files	Classes	Lines
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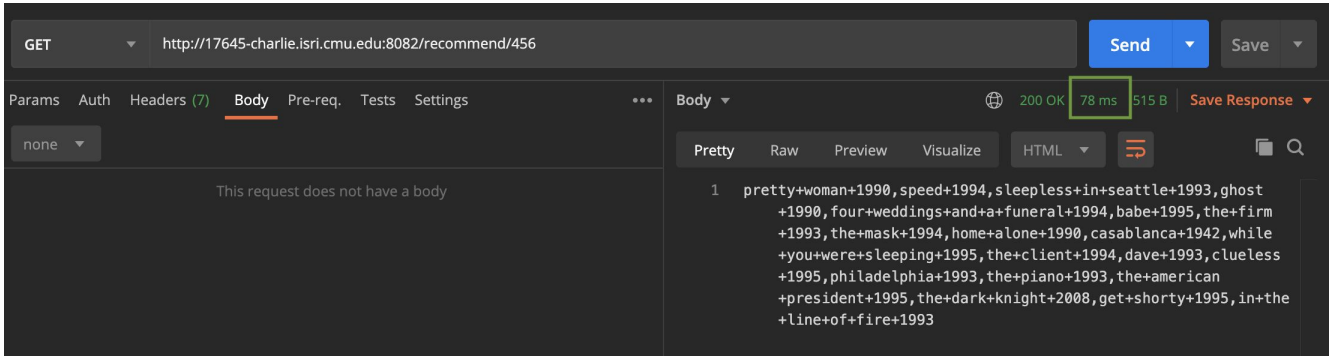
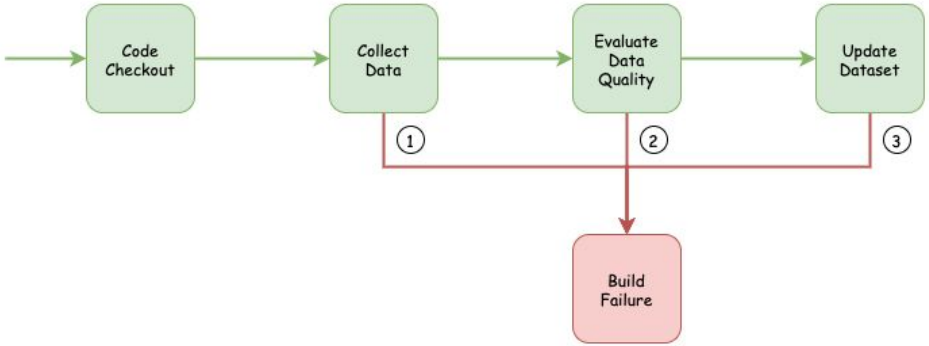
Manual Testing

Blackbox Integration Testing - Postman



Blackbox Testing - Activity Diagram



Links

- Install Jenkins [https://www.jenkins.io/doc/book/installing/linux/]
- Jenkins plugins [https://plugins.jenkins.io/plot/, https://plugins.jenkins.io/cobertura/]
- Git to Jenkins integration [https://www.blazemeter.com/blog/how-to-integrate-your-github-repository-to-your-jenkins-project]
- Creating a pipeline in Jenkins [https://www.jenkins.io/doc/pipeline/tour/hello-world/]
- Example codebase [https://github.com/vaithya94/CI_demo]
- TravisCI [https://travis-ci.org/, https://docs.travis-ci.com/user/tutorial/#to-get-started-with-travis-ci-using-github]
- Creating a pipeline in TravisCI [https://docs.travis-ci.com/user/languages/python/]
- TravisCI - Plot using Coverall [https://docs.travis-ci.com/user/coveralls/]
- PyBuilder [https://pybuilder.io/, https://pythonhosted.org/pybuilder/walkthrough-new.html]

NOTE: There are a lot more useful resources online, and a lot more plugins for plotting - feel free to choose whatever works for you!

Thank You!