**Step-by-Step Guide to Creating a CI/CD Pipeline in Jenkins**

**1. Set Up Jenkins**

If Jenkins is not yet installed:

* Install Jenkins on your server or local machine by following the official Jenkins installation guide.
* After installation, ensure you have these plugins installed:
  + **Pipeline Plugin** (for creating Jenkins pipelines).
  + **Git Plugin** (for pulling code from repositories).
  + **NodeJS Plugin** (for Node.js projects if you're using Node.js).

**2. Sample Project Setup (Node.js Application)**

Here’s a simple Node.js project. You can create this or use your own:

**index.js**:

javascript

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const http = require('http');

const port = 3000;

const requestHandler = (request, response) => {

console.log(request.url);

response.end('Hello from Node.js CI/CD Pipeline!');

};

const server = http.createServer(requestHandler);

server.listen(port, (err) => {

if (err) {

return console.log('Something went wrong', err);

}

console.log(`Server is listening on port ${port}`);

});

**package.json**:

json

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{

"name": "ci-cd-sample-app",

"version": "1.0.0",

"description": "Sample Node.js project for CI/CD pipeline",

"main": "index.js",

"scripts": {

"start": "node index.js",

"test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"

},

"dependencies": {

"express": "^4.17.1"

}

}

**3. Create a GitHub Repository**

1. Create a GitHub repository for your project.
2. Push the project code to your GitHub repository. This will allow Jenkins to pull the code for the pipeline.

**4. Create a Jenkins Pipeline**

1. Open your Jenkins dashboard.
2. Click on **New Item** > **Pipeline**, and give it a name.
3. Scroll down to **Pipeline** section.
4. Select **Pipeline script from SCM** > **Git**, and paste your GitHub repository URL.
5. Provide branch information (usually main or master).
6. Add credentials if necessary (GitHub token).

**5. Define Your Jenkinsfile**

Create a Jenkinsfile in the root of your project repository. This file contains the instructions for Jenkins to execute the pipeline. Here's a simple example for a Node.js application:

**Sample Jenkinsfile:**

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pipeline {

agent any

environment {

NODEJS\_HOME = tool name: 'NodeJS', type: 'NodeJSInstallation'

PATH = "${NODEJS\_HOME}/bin:${env.PATH}"

}

stages {

stage('Clone Repository') {

steps {

git 'https://github.com/your-username/ci-cd-sample-app.git'

}

}

stage('Install Dependencies') {

steps {

sh 'npm install'

}

}

stage('Run Tests') {

steps {

// Add your test command here, e.g., npm test

echo 'Running Tests...'

}

}

stage('Build') {

steps {

echo 'Building the application...'

sh 'npm run build' // If your project has a build step

}

}

stage('Deploy') {

steps {

echo 'Deploying application...'

sh 'scp -r ./ your-server-user@your-server-ip:/path/to/deploy'

}

}

}

post {

success {

echo 'Pipeline succeeded!'

}

failure {

echo 'Pipeline failed!'

}

}

}

**Explanation of Jenkinsfile:**

* **agent any**: Tells Jenkins to execute the pipeline on any available agent.
* **environment**: Sets up environment variables, particularly the Node.js installation.
* **stages**: Defines the stages of the pipeline.
  1. **Clone Repository**: Fetches the code from GitHub.
  2. **Install Dependencies**: Installs project dependencies using npm install.
  3. **Run Tests**: This stage is meant for running tests. You can replace the echo command with actual test commands.
  4. **Build**: If your project has a build step (e.g., npm run build for React or Angular apps), it happens here.
  5. **Deploy**: Deploys the application to a remote server using scp (Secure Copy Protocol). You’ll need to configure your server credentials and ensure that Jenkins can connect to your deployment server.

**6. Configure Jenkins for Node.js**

* Install the Node.js plugin in Jenkins (Manage Jenkins > Manage Plugins).
* In Manage Jenkins > Global Tool Configuration, under the **NodeJS** section, add a Node.js installation. Provide a name (e.g., NodeJS), and select the version of Node.js you want to install.

**7. Triggering the Pipeline**

You can configure the pipeline to trigger on:

1. **Manual Build**: Click the **Build Now** button in Jenkins.
2. **GitHub Webhooks**: Automatically trigger the pipeline whenever a commit is pushed to the repository.

To enable GitHub webhooks:

1. In your GitHub repository, go to **Settings** > **Webhooks**.
2. Add a new webhook with the payload URL: http://<your-jenkins-server>/github-webhook/.

**8. Setting Up the Deployment Environment**

* **SSH Setup**: Ensure that Jenkins can connect to your deployment server over SSH.
  + Use SSH keys or passwordless authentication to make Jenkins deploy easily.
  + Use the ssh-agent plugin for managing SSH keys within Jenkins if needed.
* **On the Server**:
  + Make sure you have Node.js installed.
  + Set up a directory where you want to deploy the project.
  + You can also create a simple shell script on the server to restart the application if needed:

**Example Shell Script for Restarting Node.js App**:

bash

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#!/bin/bash

cd /path/to/deploy

npm install

pm2 restart all # Or another process manager like forever

**9. Run the Pipeline**

1. Once everything is set up, you can manually run the pipeline by selecting **Build Now** in Jenkins.
2. As each stage completes (Clone, Install, Test, Build, Deploy), Jenkins will provide feedback.
3. After successful deployment, your application should be live on the deployment server.

**10. Monitor and Maintain the Pipeline**

* Check logs in Jenkins to identify any issues in the pipeline.
* Configure **email notifications** or **Slack alerts** for failures or successes.
* Continuously improve the pipeline by adding more stages like security checks, code quality analysis, etc.

This should help you set up a basic CI/CD pipeline for a Node.js application in Jenkins, including the deployment process. Let me know if you need further clarification!

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In the your-server-user@your-server-ip:/path/to/deploy part of the Jenkinsfile, you need to replace it with the actual details of your deployment server and the directory where your application should be deployed. Here's how to break it down:

* **your-server-user**: The username you use to SSH into your server. This could be root or any other user that has the necessary permissions to deploy the application.
  + Example: ubuntu, ec2-user, or root.
* **your-server-ip**: The IP address or domain name of your remote server.
  + Example: If your server IP is 192.168.0.100, or if you have a domain like example.com, this will be the part you replace.
* **/path/to/deploy**: The absolute path on your server where you want the application to be deployed.
  + Example: /var/www/myapp or /home/ubuntu/apps/myapp.

**Example Replacement:**

If:

* Your server's IP is 203.0.113.10,
* Your SSH user is ubuntu,
* And the directory where you want to deploy your app is /var/www/myapp,

Then the line would look like this:

bash

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ubuntu@203.0.113.10:/var/www/myapp

This means:

* Jenkins will SSH into the server using the ubuntu user.
* It will copy your application to the /var/www/myapp directory on the server.

**How to Set This Up Securely:**

1. **SSH Authentication:**
   * You should set up **SSH keys** for authentication rather than using a password. This will allow Jenkins to securely connect to your server.

Steps:

* + Generate an SSH key pair on your Jenkins server:

bash

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ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048

* + Copy the public key (~/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub) to your server:

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ssh-copy-id ubuntu@203.0.113.10

* + Verify you can SSH into your server from Jenkins without needing a password:

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ssh ubuntu@203.0.113.10

1. **Ensure Jenkins Can Use the SSH Key:**
   * If you're running Jenkins on a machine where the SSH key is not in the default location (~/.ssh/id\_rsa), or Jenkins doesn't have access to it, you can either:
     + Add the SSH key to Jenkins using the **SSH Agent Plugin**.
     + Manually specify the SSH key in the Jenkins pipeline using the ssh-agent plugin.

**Final Jenkinsfile Snippet with Deployment Path:**

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stage('Deploy') {

steps {

echo 'Deploying application...'

sh 'scp -r ./ ubuntu@203.0.113.10:/var/www/myapp'

}

}

This will securely copy your application files from Jenkins to /var/www/myapp on your remote server.