Training GitLab CI/CD





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1. Theory

1.1. User groups

With GitLab Groups, you can:

- Assemble related projects together.
- Grant members access to several projects at once.

Find your groups by clicking Groups > Your Groups in the top navigation. http://qitlab.dshk.uz:3223/admin/groups

The Groups page displays:

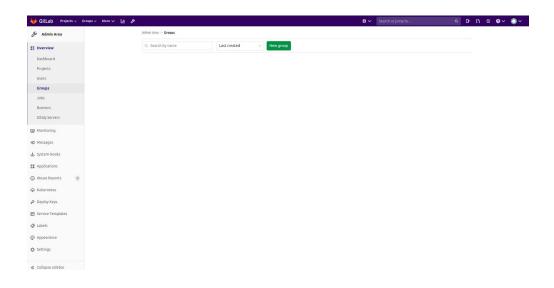
- All groups you are a member of, when Your groups is selected.
- A list of public groups, when Explore public groups is selected.

Each group on the Groups page is listed with:

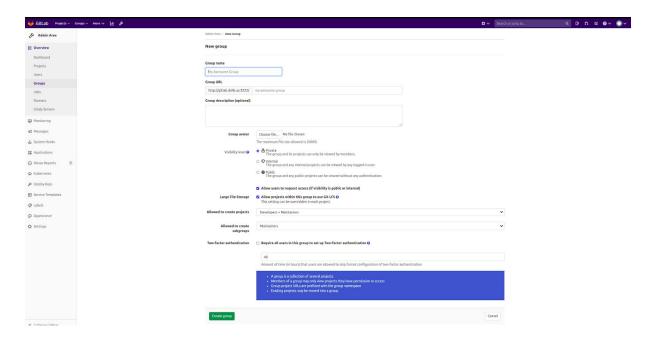
- How many subgroups it has.
- How many projects it contains.
- How many members the group has, not including members inherited from parent group(s).
- The group's visibility.
- A link to the group's settings, if you have sufficient permissions.
- A link to leave the group, if you are a member.

1.1.1. Create a new group

To create a new Group, navigate to http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/admin/groups



Add the following information:

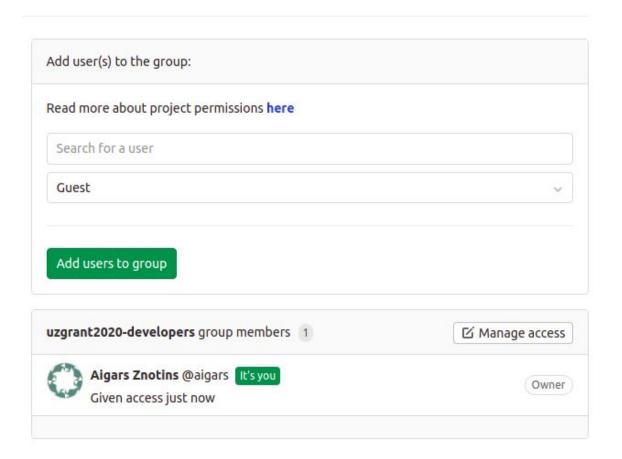


- The Group name will automatically populate the URL. Optionally, you can change it.
 This is the name that displays in group views. The name can contain only:
 - Alphanumeric characters
 - Underscores
 - Dashes and dots
 - Spaces
- 2. The Group URL is the namespace under which your projects will be hosted. The URL can contain only:
 - Alphanumeric characters
 - Underscores
 - o Dashes and dots (it cannot start with dashes or end in a dot)
- 3. Optionally, you can add a brief description to tell others what this group is about.
- 4. Optionally, choose an avatar for your group.
- 5. Choose the visibility level.

For more details on creating groups, watch the video GitLab Namespaces (users, groups and subgroups).

1.1.2. Add users to a group

A benefit of putting multiple projects in one group is that you can give a user access to all projects in the group with one action.

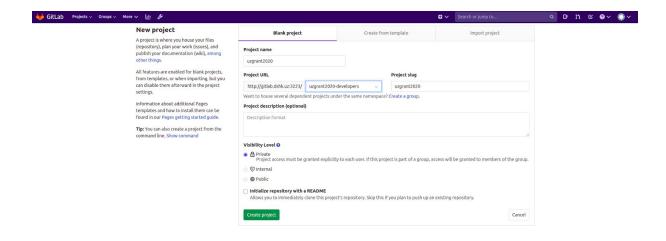


Select the permission level, and add the new member. You can also set the expiring date for that user; this is the date on which they will no longer have access to your group.

1.2. Projects

In GitLab, you can create projects for hosting your codebase, use it as an issue tracker, collaborate on code, and continuously build, test, and deploy your app with built-in GitLab CI/CD.

To create a new project navigate to http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/admin/projects and press "New project".



- Blank projects create empty repository with no files except readme.
- Project templates can pre-populate a new project with the necessary files to get you started quickly.
- Import project allows importing existing project.

Project requires such a information:

- Name short name of project;
- Url specify how url will look. It's combinations of group/user and project slug;
- Slug usually stays slugged project name, but can be changed;
- Notes project descriptions or other notes;
- Visibility level tells if a project is private, or can be accessible by other GitLab users.

1.3. CI/CD

GitLab CI/CD is a tool built into GitLab for software development through the continuous methodologies:

- Continuous Integration (CI)
- Continuous Delivery (CD)
- Continuous Deployment (CD)

Continuous Integration works by pushing small code chunks to your application's code base hosted in a Git repository, and, to every push, run a pipeline of scripts to build, test, and validate the code changes before merging them into the main branch.

Continuous Delivery and Deployment consist of a step further CI, deploying your application to production at every push to the default branch of the repository.

These methodologies allow you to catch bugs and errors early in the development cycle, ensuring that all the code deployed to production complies with the code standards you established for your app.

For a complete overview of these methodologies and GitLab CI/CD, read the Introduction to CI/CD with GitLab.

1.3.1. Getting started: Repository/Git

To use GitLab CI/CD, all you need is an application codebase hosted in a Git repository, and for your build, test, and deployment scripts to be specified in a file called .gitlab-ci.yml, located in the root path of your repository.

In this file, you can define the scripts you want to run, define include and cache dependencies, choose commands you want to run in sequence and those you want to run in parallel, define where you want to deploy your app, and specify whether you will want to run the scripts automatically or trigger any of them manually. Once you're familiar with GitLab CI/CD you can add more advanced steps into the configuration file.

To add scripts to that file, you'll need to organize them in a sequence that suits your application and are in accordance with the tests you wish to perform. To visualize the process, imagine that all the scripts you add to the configuration file are the same as the commands you run on a terminal on your computer.

Once you've added your .gitlab-ci.yml configuration file to your repository, GitLab will detect it and run your scripts with the tool called GitLab Runner, which works similarly to your terminal.

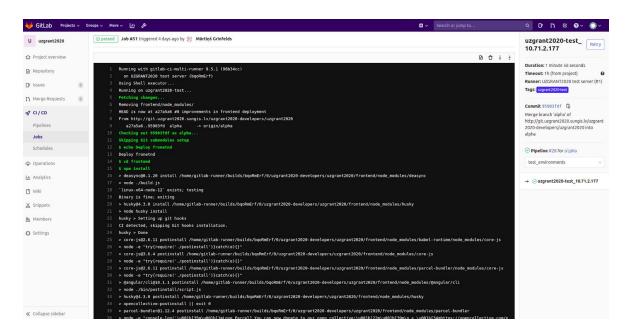
The scripts are grouped into jobs, and together they compose a pipeline. A minimalist example of .gitlab-ci.yml file could contain:

```
before script:
  apt-get install npm -y
stages:
  test_environments
uzgrant2020-test:
  stage: test_environments
 type: deploy
 tags:
    - uzgrant2020-test
 only:
    - alpha
  script:
    - echo Deploy fronetnd
    - cd frontend
    - npm install
    - ng build
    - rm -r /var/www/html/frontend/*
    - mv dist/frontend/* /var/www/html/frontend/
    - rm -r dist
```

- echo Deploy backend
- cd ..
- cp backend/deploy.sh /home/gitlab-runner/deploy.sh
- chmod +x /home/gitlab-runner/deploy.sh
- /home/gitlab-runner/deploy.sh

The before_script attribute would install the dependencies for your app before running anything, and a job called uzgrant2020-test would build uzgrant2020 project frontend with help of npm. It will run only for the alpha branch (it's specified in only tag) and execute all in script tag specified commands.

GitLab CI/CD not only executes the jobs you've set but also shows you what's happening during execution, as you would see in your terminal (available under https://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/{project}/-/jobs by clicking on specific job):

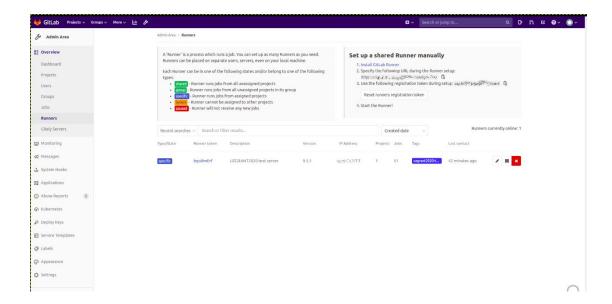


1.3.2. Getting started: Runners

Runners run the code defined in .gitlab-ci.yml. A runner is a lightweight, highly-scalable agent that picks up a CI job through the coordinator API of GitLab CI/CD, runs the job, and sends the result back to the GitLab instance.

Runners are created by an administrator and are visible in the GitLab UI. Runners can be specific to certain projects or available to all projects.

Runner can be managed under http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/admin/runners



Runner run code on remote machine with help of gitlab-ci-multi-runner package. Package allows registering plenty of runners which can be runned from different git repositories and projects.

More detailed about GitLab CI/CD in https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/README.html

2. Practice

- 2.1. Synchronize UZGRANT2020 project code in https://git.uzgrant2020.sungis.lv/ and http://gitlab.dshk.uz/
 - 1. Create a developer group and project (see 1.1 and 1.2 sections). Don't forget to add sungis_synhronizer user to the group.
 - 2. Create alpha and beta branches. It can be done by cloning repository and with commands:

```
az@dell:~/Desktop/Projekti/UZGRANT2020/UZ$ git clone
http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/uzgrant2020-developers/uzgrant2020.git
Cloning into 'uzgrant2020'...
Username for 'http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223': aigars.znotins@sungis.lv
Password for 'http://aigars.znotins@sungis.lv@gitlab.dshk.uz:3223':
warning: You appear to have cloned an empty repository.
az@dell:~/Desktop/Projekti/UZGRANT2020/UZ$ cd uzgrant2020/
az@dell:~/Desktop/Projekti/UZGRANT2020/UZ/uzgrant2020$ git branch alpha
az@dell:~/Desktop/Projekti/UZGRANT2020/UZ/uzgrant2020$ git push origin
alpha
az@dell:~/Desktop/Projekti/UZGRANT2020/UZ/uzgrant2020$ git push origin
beta
```

3. Wait till SunGIS team runs script for code synchronization

2.2. Set up runner

First on remote machine install gitlab-ci-multi-runner package

```
sudo apt-get install gitlab-ci-multi-runner
```

If package not available add repository and try to install one more time

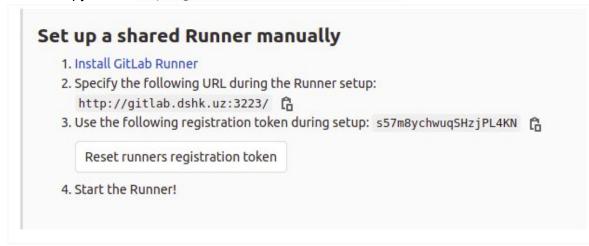
```
curl -L
https://packages.gitlab.com/install/repositories/runner/gitlab-ci-multi-r
unner/script.deb.sh | sudo bash
cat > /etc/apt/preferences.d/pin-gitlab-runner.pref <<EOF
Explanation: Prefer GitLab provided packages over the Debian native ones
Package: gitlab-ci-multi-runner
Pin: origin packages.gitlab.com
Pin-Priority: 1001
EOF
sudo apt-get install gitlab-ci-multi-runner</pre>
```

After installing, register runner. It can be done by command

```
sudo gitlab-ci-multi-runner register
```

In the registration process there will be plenty of questions:

- 1. coordinator URL It's your gitlab ci page http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/ci
- 2. token copy it from http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/admin/runners



- 3. description shortly describe runner in free text
- 4. tag name of tag, what will be/is specified in .gitlab-ci.yml
- 5. untagged builds answer true
- 6. lock runner to current project answer false
- 7. executor answer shell

When it's done, on the gitlab server open http://gitlab.dshk.uz:3223/admin/runners and choose just a registered runner. Open it by clicking the Runner token link. It will open a runner administration form. Enable projects, for what run ci

Restrict projects for this Runner

uzgrant2020-developers / uzgrant2020	Disable
Project	
Search	
project-steering / project-steering	Enable

Runner setup is finished. After the next push, the pipeline should run on a remote machine. If .gitlab-ci.yml script requires, a remote machine should be pre configured. See project readme for more notes.

2.3. Add .gitlab-ci.yml configuration

1. Add .gitlab-ci.yml file and copy following content:

```
stages:
  - test_environments
uzgrant2020-accept-test:
  stage: test_environments
 type: deploy
 tags:
    - uzgrant2020-accept-test
 only:
    - beta
  script:
    - echo Deploy fronetnd
   - cd frontend
    - npm install
   #- npm run lint
   - ng build
   - rm -r /var/www/html/frontend/*
    - mv dist/frontend/* /var/www/html/frontend/
    - rm -r dist
    - echo Deploy backend
    - cd ..
    - cp backend/deploy.sh /home/gitlab-runner/deploy.sh
    - chmod +x /home/gitlab-runner/deploy.sh
    - /home/gitlab-runner/deploy.sh
```

2. Push changes, and see if pipeline runs correctly