

CI/CD with Docker

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- Imagine you're creating a website. And you want to host it to a server because you want to reach it to the people. So, after finishing the website, you upload that to the server. Then you see a **few glitches on your website**. Also, you are thinking of **updating your website at a particular time**. In both cases, website **users will experience downtime**, which will be a negative sight for your reputation.
- Now, you must follow a **CI/CD Docker approach for the code repository**. Here you can push the changes on the repository, and you can test, run and deploy from it to your web and fix issues. This CI/CD pipeline doesn't affect the server downtime.

CI/CD refers to **Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery**.

- *It is **not** a tool.*
- *It is a **continuous methodology for SDLC**(*Software Development Life Cycle*).*
- *If you **run CI/CD with docker containers**, you can call it **CI/CD Docker**.*
- *With the perfect application of the docker container or hub, you can improve the overall experience of CI/CD workflows without reaching its limit.*

The main focus of the CI/CD pipeline is to deliver and integrate changes continuously.

- *First, you must **create a workflow** and run it on every push to the master branch.*
- *It **triggers a process that runs on Docker**.*
- *Then you can **tell the docker container what to do***

Before CI/CD Pipeline

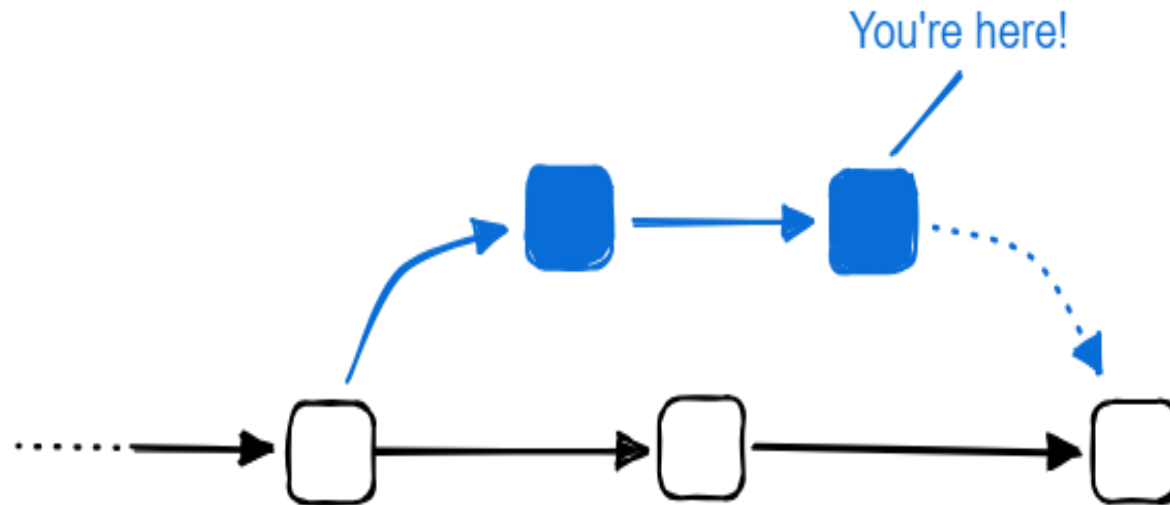
Before the automation process of CI/CD exists, **developers develop the entire code and then deploy it on the repository**. They have to write the entire code, and only then can they push it to the repository. After that, the code is put to the test. If any bugs appear, the developers must track down and correct the problem from the entire coding. So, the problem arises like:

- *It consumes a lot of time and resources for fixing.*
- *It takes longer to go from design to testing.*
- *Not convenient for developers.*

Thus, this disadvantage will increase the hassle of deploying the codes at the production level.

Continuous integration with Docker

- Continuous Integration (CI) is the part of the **development process where you're looking to get your code changes merged with the main branch of the project.** At this point, development teams run tests and builds to vet that the code changes don't cause any unwanted or unexpected behaviors.
- There are several uses for Docker at this stage of development, even if you don't end up packaging your application as a container image.



Docker as a build environment

- Containers are reproducible, isolated environments that yield predictable results. **Building and testing your application in a Docker container makes it easier to prevent unexpected behaviors from occurring.** Using a *Dockerfile*, you define the exact requirements for the build environment, including programming runtimes, operating system, binaries, and more.
- **Using Docker to manage your build environment also eases maintenance.** For example, updating to a *new version of a programming runtime can be as simple as changing a tag or digest in a Dockerfile*. No need to SSH into a pet VM to manually reinstall a newer version and update the related configuration files.
- Additionally, **just as you expect third-party open source packages to be secure, the same should go for your build environment.** You can scan and index a builder image, just like you would for any other containerized application.

GitHub Actions is a popular CI/CD platform for automating your build, test, and deployment pipeline. Docker provides a set of official GitHub Actions for you to use in your workflows. These official actions are reusable, easy-to-use components for building, annotating, and pushing images.

The following GitHub Actions are available:

Build and push Docker images: build and push Docker images with **BuildKit**.

Docker Login: sign in to a **Docker** registry.

Docker Setup Buildx: initiates a **BuildKit** builder.

Docker Metadata action: extracts metadata from **Git** reference and **GitHub** events.

Docker Setup QEMU: installs **QEMU** static binaries for multi-arch builds.

Docker Buildx Bake: enables using **high-level** builds with **Bake**.

Docker Scout: analyze **Docker** images for security vulnerabilities.

Get started with GitHub Actions

You will complete the following steps:

1. Create a new repository on GitHub.
2. Define the GitHub Actions workflow.
3. Run the workflow.

Step one: Create the repository

1. Create a GitHub repository and configure the Docker Hub secrets.
2. Create a new GitHub repository using this template repository.
(https://github.com/new?template_name=clockbox&template_owner=dvdkns)
3. The repository contains a simple Dockerfile, and nothing else.
4. Open the repository Settings, and go to Secrets and variables > Actions.
5. Create a new secret named DOCKERHUB_USERNAME and your Docker ID as value.
6. Create a new secret named DOCKERHUB_PASSWORD.
7. Create a new Personal Access Token (PAT) for Docker Hub. You can name this token clockboxci.
(<https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/access-tokens/>)
7. Add the PAT as a second secret in your GitHub repository, with the name DOCKERHUB_TOKEN.
8. With your repository created, and secrets configured, you're now ready for action!

Step two: Set up the workflow

1. Set up your GitHub Actions workflow for building and pushing the image to Docker Hub.
2. Go to your repository on GitHub and then select the Actions tab.
3. Select set up a workflow yourself.
4. This takes you to a page for creating a new GitHub actions workflow file in your repository, under **.github/workflows/main.yml** by default.
5. In the editor window, copy and paste the following YAML configuration.

name: ci

on:

push:

branches:

- "main"

jobs:

build:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

name: the name of this workflow.

on.push.branches: specifies that this workflow should run on every push event for the branches in the list.

jobs: creates a job ID (build) and declares the type of machine that the job should run on.

For more details :<https://docs.github.com/en/actions/using-workflows/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions>

Dockerfile

```
FROM node:latest  
WORKDIR /usr/src/app  
COPY package.json ./  
RUN npm install  
COPY . .  
EXPOSE 3000  
CMD ["node", "index.js"]
```

Step three: Define the workflow steps

Now the essentials: what steps to run, and in what order to run them.

jobs:

build:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

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name: Checkout

uses: actions/checkout@v3

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name: Login to Docker Hub

uses: docker/login-action@v2

with:

username: \${{ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }}

password: \${{ secrets.DOCKERHUB_TOKEN }}

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name: Set up Docker Buildx

uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v2

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name: Build and push

uses: docker/build-push-action@v4

with:

context: .

file: ./Dockerfile

push: true

tags: \${{ secrets.DOCKERHUB_USERNAME }}/clockbox:latest

The previous YAML snippet contains a sequence of steps that:

- Checks out the repository on the build machine.
- Signs in to Docker Hub, using the Docker Login and your Docker Hub credentials.
- Creates a **BuildKit builder instance using the Docker Setup Buildx.**
- Builds the **container image and pushes it to the Docker Hub repository**, using Build and push Docker images.
- The with key lists a number of input parameters that configures the step:
 - **context:** the build context.
 - **file:** filepath to the Dockerfile.
 - **push:** tells the action to upload the image to a registry after building it.
 - **tags:** tags that specify where to push the image.

Add these steps to your workflow file. The full workflow configuration should look as follows:

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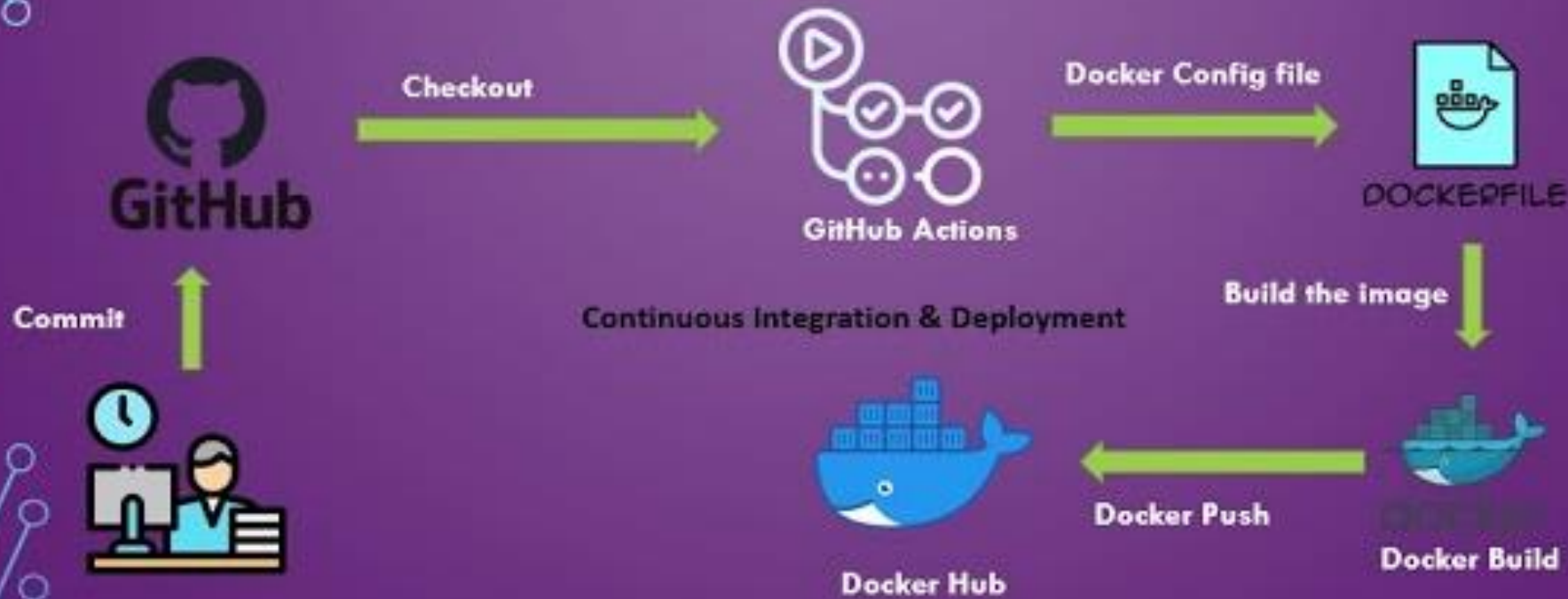
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Run the workflow

1. Save the workflow file and run the job.
2. Select Commit changes... and push the changes to the main branch.
3. After pushing the commit, the workflow starts automatically.
4. Go to the Actions tab. It displays the workflow.
5. Selecting the workflow shows you the breakdown of all the steps.
6. When the workflow is complete, go to your repositories on Docker Hub
7. If you see the new repository in that list, it means the GitHub Actions successfully pushed the image to Docker Hub!

BUILD CI/CD PIPELINE USING GITHUB ACTION'S



DEMO

References:

If you don't know about GitHub yet, please go through this video tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfTBfDsEuIM>

CI/CD Pipeline using Docker and GitHub

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euEkYEFrI8> (Node js)

<https://docs.docker.com/language/java/configure-ci-cd/>

DEMO:

