

Lab 2: CI/CD with AWS CodePipeline & CodeBuild (CloudShell-Based Lab Manual)

Lab Title:

CI/CD Pipeline for a Web App using AWS CodePipeline and CodeBuild

Objective:

Set up a complete Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) pipeline using AWS CodePipeline, CodeBuild, and GitHub as the source repository.

Duration:

2 hours

Pre-requisites:

- AWS Free Tier account with access to CodePipeline, CodeBuild, S3, IAM
 - GitHub account with a sample web app repo (HTML or static site preferred)
 - GitHub personal access token (PAT)
 - Basic knowledge of Git and terminal operations
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Part A: Preparation (30 mins)

1. Launch AWS CloudShell

- Open: <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudshell>
- Region: Use `us-east-1` or another CodePipeline-supported region

2. Clone a Sample Web App

In CloudShell:

```
cd ~/
git clone https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/sample-web-app.git
cd sample-web-app
```

Make sure this repo has an `index.html` or static website files.

3. Push Your App to GitHub (if not already hosted)

```
git remote set-url origin https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/sample-web-app.git
git push origin main
```

4. Create an S3 Bucket (for CodePipeline artifacts)

```
aws s3 mb s3://your-cicd-artifacts-<unique-id>
```

Replace <unique-id> with something unique (e.g., your initials + date).

Part B: IAM Role Setup (10 mins)

1. Create IAM Role for CodeBuild

Go to IAM Console:

- Create role > AWS service > CodeBuild
- Attach policy: **AmazonS3FullAccess**, **CloudWatchLogsFullAccess**, **AmazonEC2ContainerRegistryReadOnly**
- Name: CodeBuildServiceRole

2. Create IAM Role for CodePipeline

- Create role > AWS service > CodePipeline
 - Attach policy: **AWSCodePipelineFullAccess**, **AmazonS3FullAccess**
 - Name: CodePipelineServiceRole
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Part C: CodeBuild Project Setup (20 mins)

1. Create a `buildspec.yml` file in project root:

```
echo "version: 0.2
phases:
  build:
    commands:
      - echo Build started
      - echo Build complete
artifacts:
  files:
    - '**/*' " > buildspec.yml
```

Commit and push:

```
git add buildspec.yml
git commit -m "Add buildspec for CodeBuild"
git push
```

2. Create CodeBuild Project

Go to AWS Console > CodeBuild:

- Project name: `SampleWebAppBuild`
- Source: GitHub (connect using OAuth or PAT)
- Environment: Managed image (Amazon Linux, standard)

- Service Role: Select `CodeBuildServiceRole`
 - Buildspec: Use `buildspec.yml` from source repo
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Part D: Create CodePipeline (30 mins)

1. Go to CodePipeline Console

- Create pipeline > Name: `SampleWebAppPipeline`
- Service Role: `CodePipelineServiceRole`
- Artifact Store: Use previously created S3 bucket

2. Add Source Stage

- Source Provider: GitHub (use PAT if OAuth fails)
- Repository: Select your `sample-web-app`
- Branch: `main`

3. Add Build Stage

- Provider: AWS CodeBuild
- Project: `SampleWebAppBuild`

4. Deploy Stage (optional)

For static website deployment, you can:

- Create another S3 bucket: `aws s3 mb s3://my-deploy-bucket`
 - Enable static website hosting
 - Use a Lambda or manual step to move artifacts
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Part E: Test Your CI/CD Pipeline (15 mins)

1. Make a change in your code:

```
echo "<h2>Updated on $(date)</h2>" >> index.html
git add index.html
git commit -m "Update index with timestamp"
git push
```

2. Observe Pipeline Execution

- Go to CodePipeline > View execution
- Each stage should show green if successful