Jenkins CLI

Jenkins has a built-in command line interface (CLI) that allows users and administrators to access Jenkins from a script or shell environment.

This can be convenient for scripting of routine tasks, bulk updates, troubleshooting, and more.

We can do all the things from Jenkins GUI, but Jenkins CLI is also easier and faster and you can access Jenkins from remote machine by using Jenkins CLI commands.

Jenkins CLI Configuration

Go to manage Jenkins → go to Jenkins cli you will get Jenkins cli commands window

or in browser <your Jenkins URL>/cli and enter it will take you to Jenkins cli window

example: http://18.205.24.13:8080/cli/



in this window you can see jenkins-cli.jar, we will need to download this jar file wherever we want to run the Jenkins CLI commands.

access Jenkins cli commands from Linux

to run the Jenkins cli command in Linux machine, you need to install java in your Linux machine.

Install Java

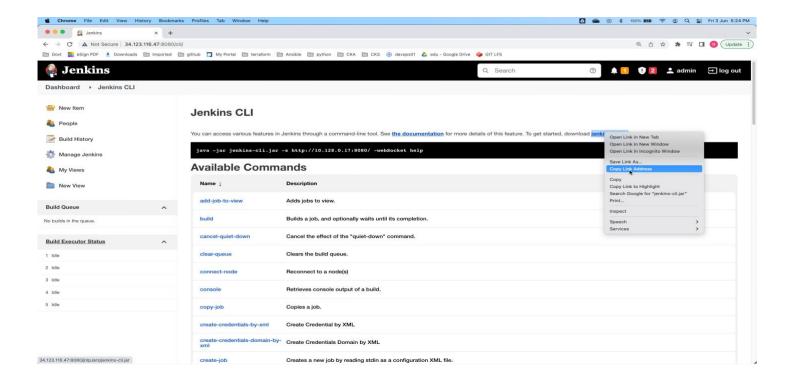
On Ubuntu Linux OS

sudo add-apt-repository ppa:openjdk-r/ppa

sudo apt-get update

sudo apt-get install -y openjdk-8-jdk

download jenkins-cli.jar file from the Jenkins UI as shown above



To download use below command

wget http://<Jenkins-URL>/jnlpJars/jenkins-cli.jar

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nareshwar@mbpro ~ %
nareshwar@mbpro ~ % mkdir apps
nareshwar@mbpro ~ % cd apps
nareshwar@mbpro apps % ls -l
total 0
nareshwar@mbpro apps % wget http://34.123.116.47:8080/jnlpJars/jenkins-cli.jar
--2022-06-03 17:26:01-- http://34.123.116.47:8080/jnlpJars/jenkins-cli.jar
Connecting to 34.123.116.47:8080... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 3568879 (3.4M) [application/java-archive]
Saving to: 'jenkins-cli.jar'
                                                                                                                                                                                   ] 645.90K 53.0KB/s
jenkins-cli.jar
                                                            18%[==
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     in 12s
2022-06-03 17:26:14 (53.0 KB/s) - Connection closed at byte 661406. Retrying.
--2022-06-03 17:26:15-- (try: 2) http://34.123.116.47:8080/jnlpJars/jenkins-cli.jar Connecting to 34.123.116.47:8080... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 206 Partial Content
Length: 3568879 (3.4M), 2907473 (2.8M) remaining [application/java-archive]
Saving to: 'jenkins-cli.jar'
                                                          100%[++++++++++++==
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                                                                                                                                                                                        3.40M
                                                                                                                                                                                                    545KB/s
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jenkins-cli.jar
2022-06-03 17:26:22 (458 KB/s) - 'jenkins-cli.jar' saved [3568879/3568879]
nareshwar@mbpro apps % ls -l
total 8200
-rw-r--r- 1 nareshwar staff 3568879 May 26 14:24 jenkins-cli.jar
nareshwar@mbpro apps %
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go to the location where you downloaded the jenkins-cli.jar file and execute below Jenkins cli commands as below

To List All Jenkins Jobs

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password list-jobs

In the above command

http://18.205.24.13:8080/ \rightarrow is my Jenkins URL or path. admin \rightarrow is my username password \rightarrow is my password

ensure to replace your Jenkins Login Credential accordingly

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth username:password

To List all Jenkins CLI Commands

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password

Run Jenkins Jobs from Command line

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password build jobname

See the Console output after executing Job

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password build jobname -s -v

Run Jenkins job from command line with parameters

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password build jobname -p name=value

Jenkins safe-restart

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password safe-restart

to know about particular command

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password help build

To Copy a Job

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password copy-job SRC DEST

SRC: name of the job to copy

DEST: name of the new job to be created

To Delete a Job

java -jar jenkins-cli.jar -s http://18.205.24.13:8080/ -auth admin:password delete-job test