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Key Benefits of Continuous Integration (CI) and Continuous Deployment (CD) in Software Development

1. Faster Feedback and Reduced Risks

CI helps developers quickly find out if their code changes work properly by automatically testing them. This makes it easier to fix bugs early, saving time and money. CD ensures that only the code that has passed tests gets deployed, which reduces the chances of introducing issues into production.

2. Better Teamwork

CI encourages developers to share their code frequently. By merging their code into one common place, everyone stays updated on what's being worked on, which improves communication and teamwork.

3. Improved Software Quality

Automated tests in CI/CD check that the code meets certain standards, catching bugs early before they become bigger problems. This leads to higher-quality software that's more reliable when it's released.

4. Faster Release Times

With CD, the process of delivering new features, updates, or bug fixes is quicker. Code can be automatically deployed once it's ready, allowing businesses to get new versions of software to users faster, keeping them competitive in fast-moving markets.

5. More Efficiency and Scalability

CI/CD pipelines help automate repetitive tasks, making the development process more efficient. As teams grow, CI/CD makes it easier to manage large projects without increasing manual effort.

The CI/CD Pipeline for an Application

A CI/CD pipeline is a series of automated steps that handle code changes from development to deployment. Here's how it typically works:

- 1. **Code Integration (CI):** Developers push their code to a shared repository. Automated tools check the code, build the application, and run tests to make sure it works with the existing code.
- 2. **Automated Testing:** The pipeline runs various tests (like unit tests or integration tests) to ensure that the new code doesn't break anything and functions as expected.
- 3. **Continuous Delivery (CD):** If the code passes all tests, it is packaged and prepared for deployment. At this point, manual approval may be needed before deploying to production.
- 4. **Continuous Deployment (CD):** If the team is fully automated, the code is automatically deployed to production without manual approval once it passes the tests.

CI/CD Example with Jenkins

Prerequisite:

- 1. GCC install and System Environment Path
- 2. Jenkins & Java install and verify
- 3. Jenkins plugin 'Docker Pipeline' install
- 4. GitHub profile

Docker Pipeline 611.v16e84da_6d3ff

Build and use Docker containers from pipelines.

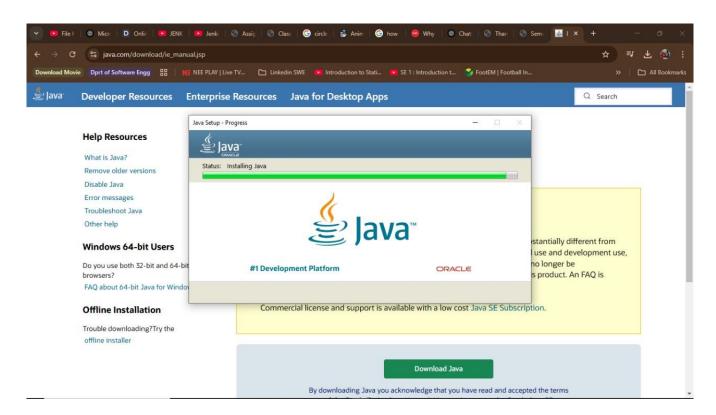
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Step 1: Download and Install Jenkins and Java



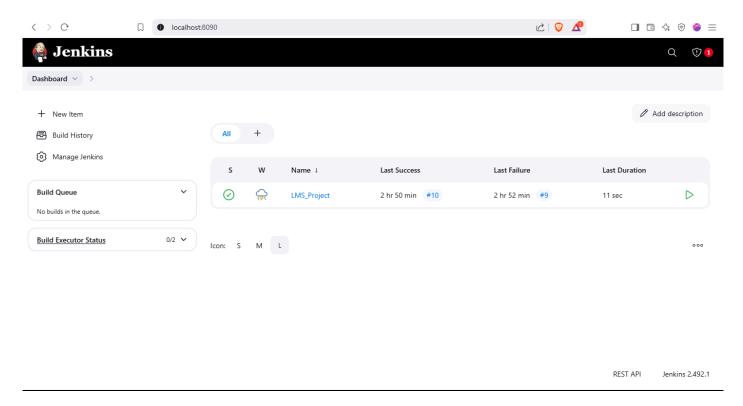


Correction: Port 8090 (due to reinstallation)

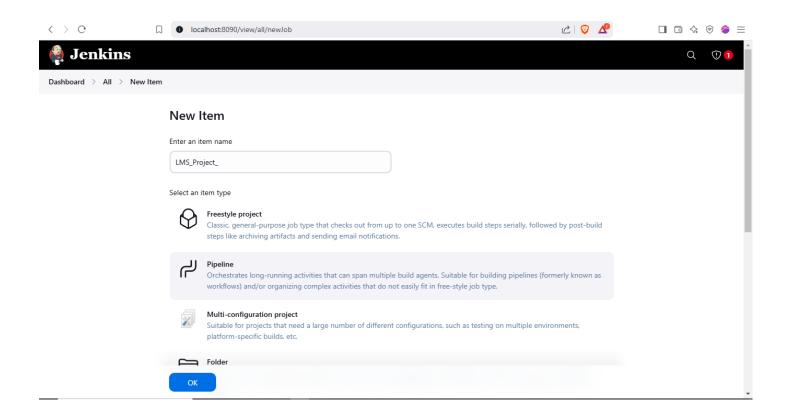


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C:\Users\irsha>java -version
java version "1.8.0_441"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_441-b07)
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 25.441-b07, mixed mode, sharing)
C:\Users\irsha>
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Step 2: Create our first Pipeline for LMS Project

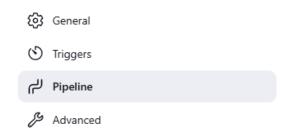


This is the Jenkins Dashboard, running on port 8090. Generally, it will automatically run on port 8080

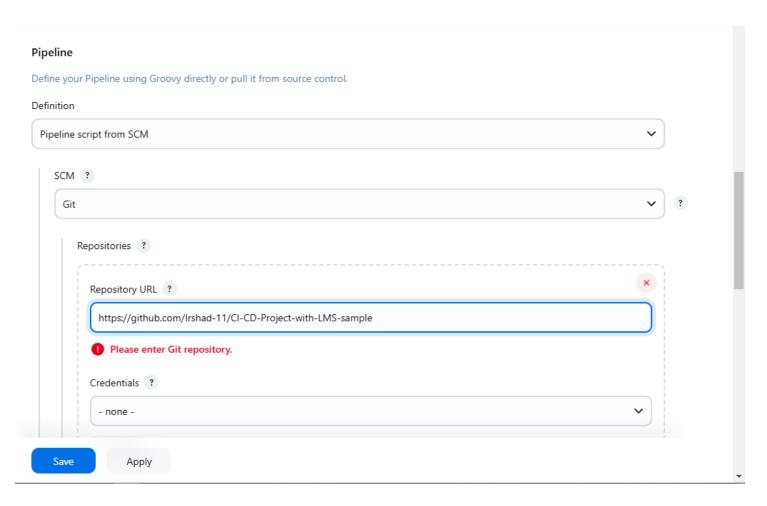


To create our first pipeline, we should follow these steps: Click New Item, enter a name for the pipeline, select the Pipeline option, and click Save.

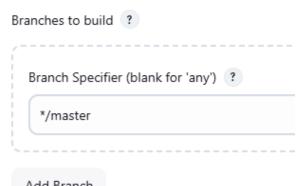
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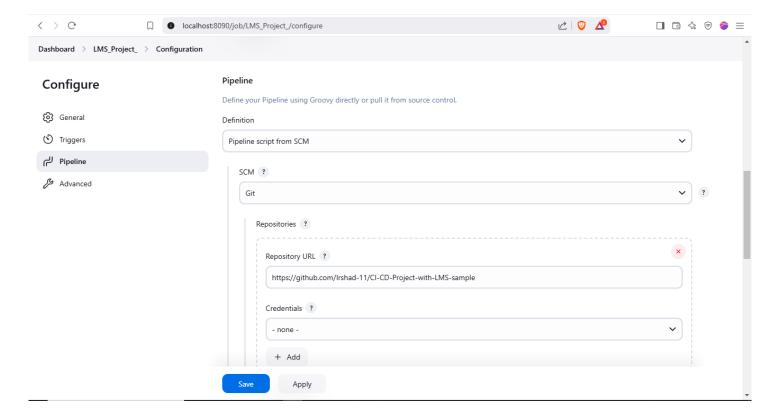
Leave these fields blank for now; we'll only fill in the basic and essential information. Navigate to the Pipeline option from the sidebar



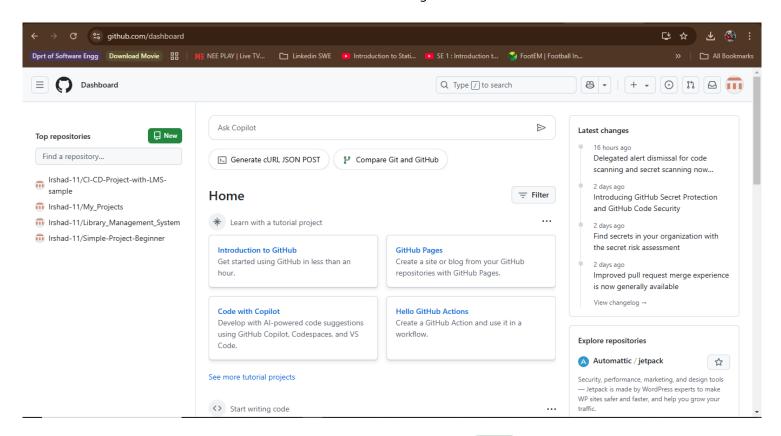
Here, from the Definition dropdown menu, select Pipeline script from SCM . Then, from the SCM dropdown menu, choose Git. Next, paste the GitHub repository URL that contains the Jenkinsfile and project



Rename the branch from */master to */main to avoid errors during the build phase



Save the Changes



Move to GitHub Dashboard and create a new repository by clicking on the Repository have title in Irshad-11 / Library Measurement State in the designated field. Then, scroll down and click on the Create repository is now created. Next, we need to create a **Jenkinsfile** where we will edit our pipeline code. To do this, scroll down and click on the Creating a new file located here. Name this file as **Jenkins** Jenkins This is important because Jenkins will look for a file named Jenkinsfile in our GitHub repository to define the pipeline. Now, we can proceed to define the pipeline by editing this file.

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Code
        Blame
         pipeline {
   1
   2
           agent any
   3
            stages {
   4
               stage('Checkout') {
   5
                   steps {
                       git branch: 'main', url: 'https://github.com/Irshad-11/CI-CD-Project-with-LMS-sample'
   6
   7
                }
   9
                stage('Build') {
  10
                   steps {
  11
                      // Compile the C code using the 'bat' step for Windows
                        bat "gcc -o LMS LMS_V1_0_1.c"
  12
  13
  14
                    }
  15
               }
               stage('Test') {
  17
                   steps {
                       echo 'Running tests...'
  18
  19
                        // Add your test commands here
  20
                   }
  21
                }
  22
             }
  23
```

Explanation of this code:

- 1. pipeline {agent any} : This defines that the pipeline will run on any available Jenkins agent. In this case the agent is Windows
- 2. stages {}: This block contains all the stages of the Jenkins pipeline. Each stage will be executed in sequence.
- 3. Stage Checkout:
 - The git command fetches the code from the specified GitHub repository.
 - The branch: *main* specifies that it will use the main branch.
 - The url: https://github.com/Irshad-11/CI-CD-Project-with-LMS-sample provides the repository URL from which the pipeline will pull the latest code.
- 4. Stage Build:
 - bat gcc -o LMS LMS.c: This command compiles the C code (located in LMS.c) using the gcc compiler, which will output an executable named LMS.exe.
- 5. Stage Test:
 - echo Running tests...: This prints a message to the Jenkins log indicating that the test stage has started.
 - bat LMS.exe: This command runs the compiled executable (LMS.exe) to verify that the program works as expected.

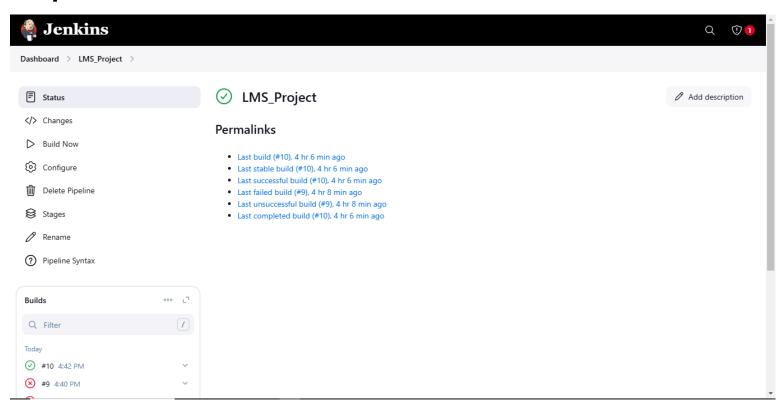
All is set. Now, commit the changes and proceed back to Jenkins

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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.5487]
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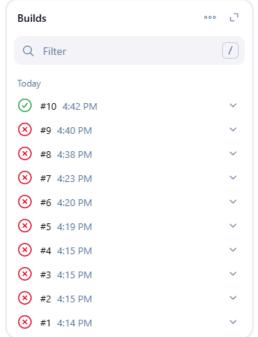
C:\WINDOWS\system32>net stop jenkins
The Jenkins service is stopping.
The Jenkins service was stopped successfully.

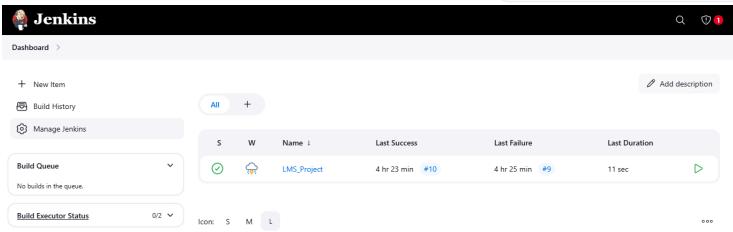
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The Jenkins service is starting.
The Jenkins service was started successfully.
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Step 3: Dilld Now

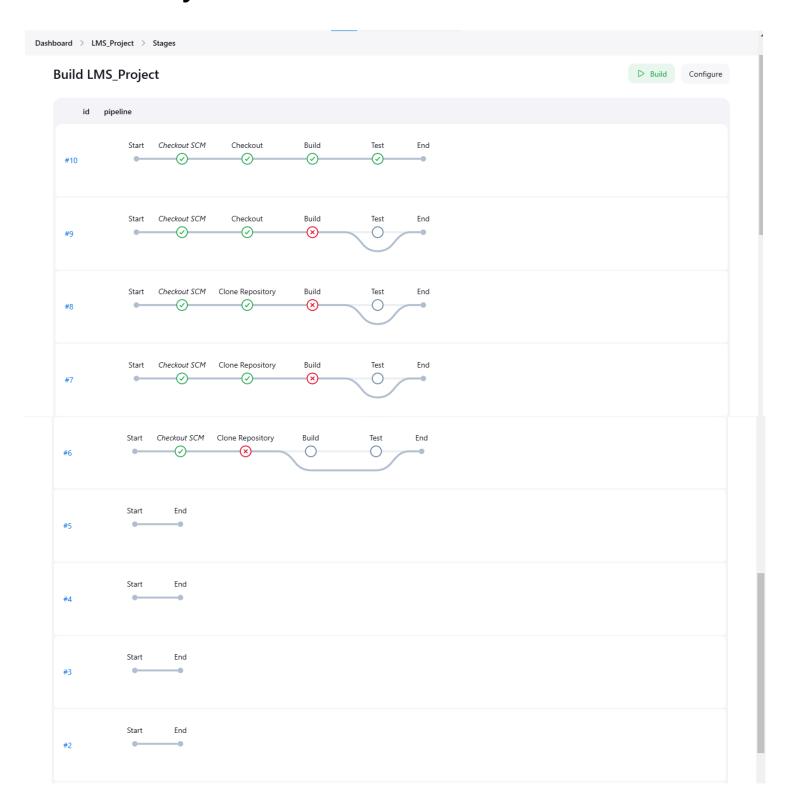


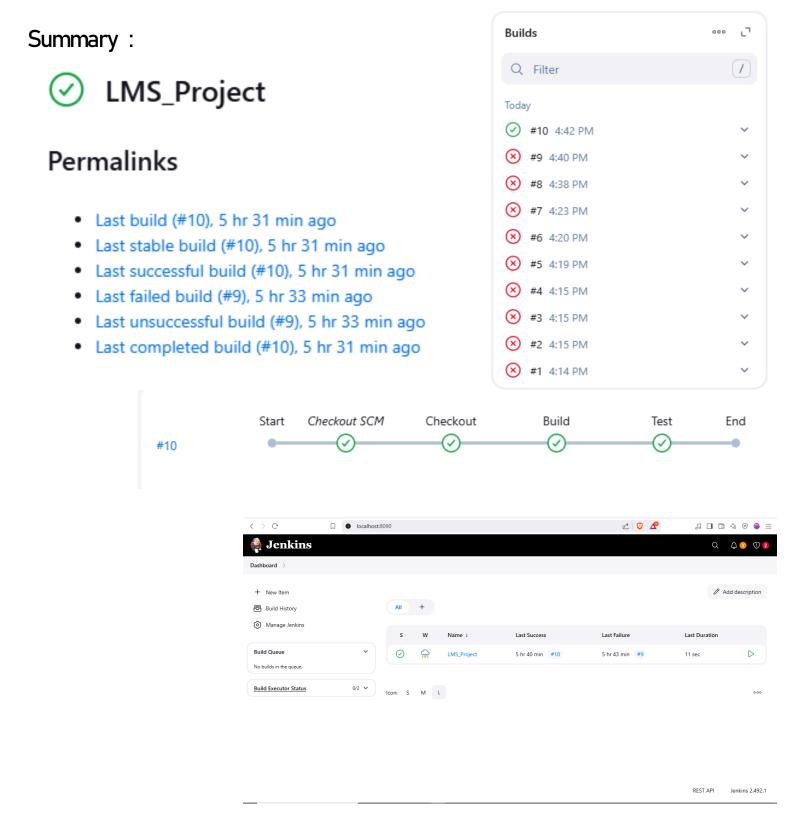
Since I have tested this previously, so interface might appear slightly different from mine. However, we need to click on the Duild Now button, and we will see the progress and results in the Builds section. It's highly possible that the build will initially fail, marked with a cross icon October . To identify the cause of the problem, click on the dropdown icon october and select Console Output Note that it took me ten builds to achieve success, so be prepared to troubleshoot. Finally the Dashboard will like this:





Build Summary:





The CI/CD pipeline for the LMS project has been successfully set up

Challenges in Implementing CI/CD and How to Fix Them

1. **Challenge**: Lack of Automated Testing

If there aren't enough automated tests, it's hard to ensure the quality of code during fast deployments.

Solution: Invest in comprehensive tests, including unit, integration, and regression tests, to catch errors early.

2. **Challenge**: Tooling Complexity

Setting up a CI/CD pipeline involves integrating different tools for version control, testing, and deployment, which can be confusing.

Solution: Use all-in-one platforms like Jenkins CI/CD that simplify the process and reduce the number of tools we need to manage.

3. **Challenge**: Resistance to Change

Some team members may be hesitant to switch to CI/CD because they're used to older ways of working.

Solution: Provide training and showcase how CI/CD improves the workflow through pilot projects to help team members get on board.

4. **Challenge**: Infrastructure Limitations

If the infrastructure is not powerful enough, builds might be slow or unreliable.

Solution: Use cloud-based CI/CD solutions, which offer more scalable resources and faster build times.

Jenkins CI/CD Pipeline

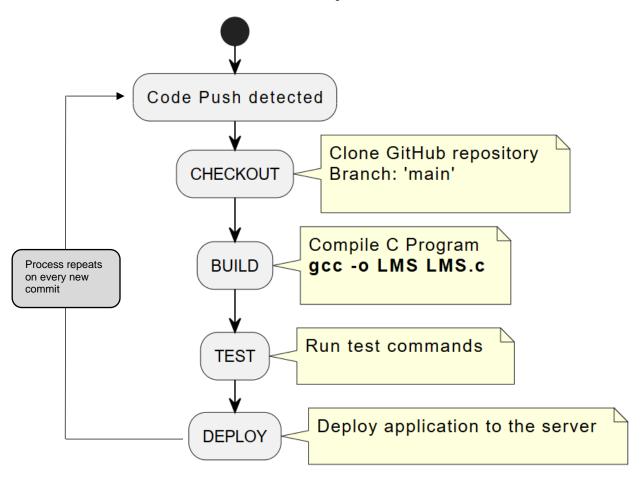


Diagram of CI/CD Pipeline

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