END TO END CI/CD PIPELINE

(JENKINS + SONARQUBE + NEXUS + TOMCAT)

Project Documentation

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❖ PROJECT DETAILS

Item	Details
Project Title	End to End CI/CD Pipeline (Jenkins+ SonarQube +Nexus +Tomcat)
Domains	DevOps / CI-CD Automation
Application Type	Java Maven Application(.War)
Source Code Repository	https://github.com/suffixscope/maven-web-app
Deployment Target	Apache Tomcat (War Deployment)
Cloud Platform	AWS EC2
Pipeline Tool	Jenkins
Code Quality	SonarQube
Artifact Repository	Nexus Repository Manager

Tool & version

Tool	Version

Jenkins	2.528.3
Java	17.0.17
SonarQube	9.9.8.100196
Maven	3.8.7
Tomcat	10.1.50
Nexus	3.88.0-08

❖ OBJECTIVE

Implement a complete CI/CD workflow for a Maven-based Java web application to:

- Automatically pull source code from GitHub
- Build and package the project using Maven
- Perform static code analysis with SonarQube
- Store the generated .war artifact in Nexus Repository Manager
- Deploy the application seamlessly to Apache Tomcat
- Verify successful deployment by accessing the application in a browser

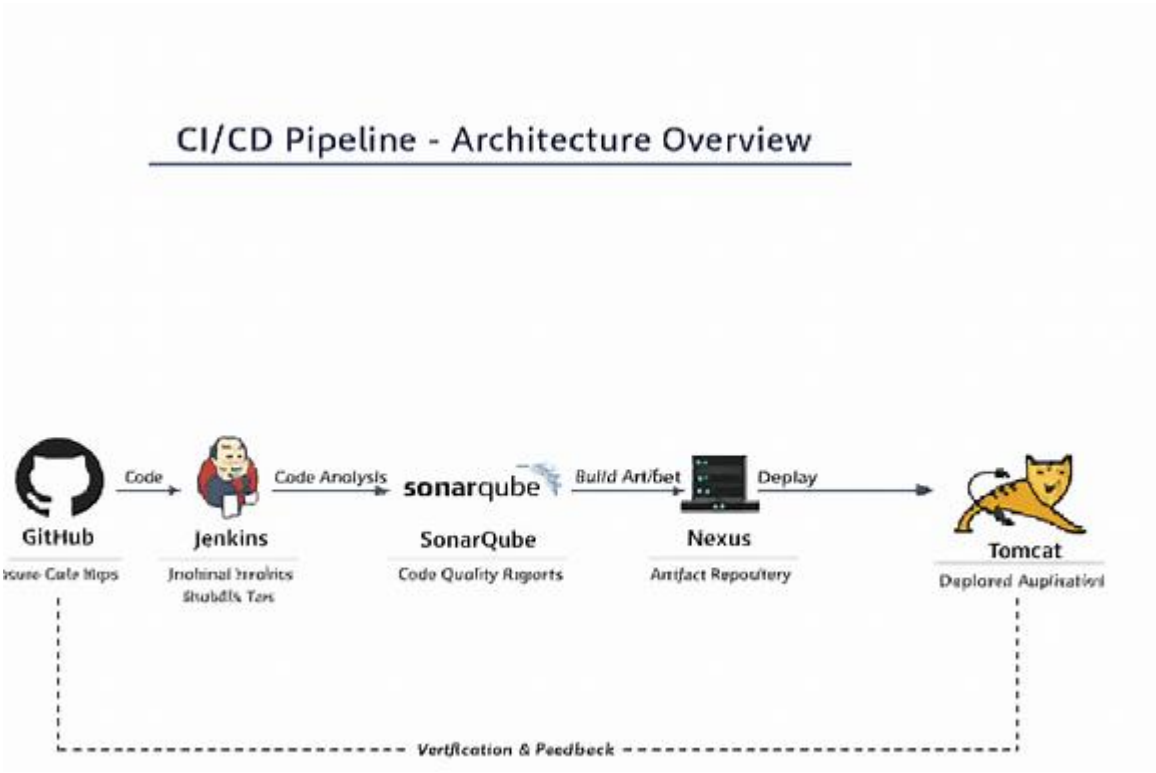
❖ HIGH-LEVEL-ARCHITECTURE

Flow: GitHub → Jenkins Pipeline → (Build/Test) → SonarQube Analysis → Nexus Upload → Tomcat Deployment → Verification

Components:

- GitHub: Stores and manages the source code repository
- Jenkins: Orchestrates the CI/CD pipeline and automates build/test stages
- SonarQube: Performs static code analysis and generates quality reports
- Nexus Repository Manager: Stores and versions the build artifacts (.war)
- Apache Tomcat: Hosts and runs the deployed web application
- Browser: Used to validate successful deployment by accessing the application

Architecture Diagram



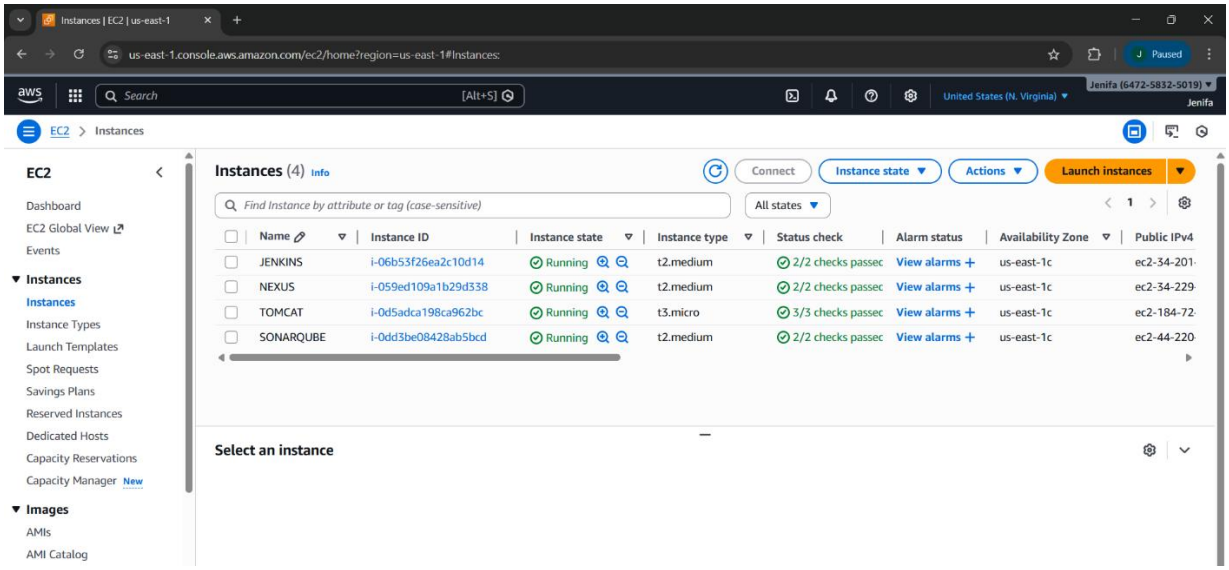
❖ INFRASTRUCTURE SETUP-AWS EC2 ARCHITECTURE

Operating System: Amazon Linux AMI

Service	EC2 Instance	Purpose	Default Port
Jenkins	Jenkins	CI/CD pipeline execution	8080
SonarQube	sonar	Code quality analysis	9000
Nexus	nexus	Artifact repository	8081
Tomcat	tomcat	Application deployment	8080

Security Group – Inbound Ports:

- 22 (SSH): Restrict to your IP only
- 8080: Jenkins / Tomcat
- 9000: SonarQube
- 8081: Nexus



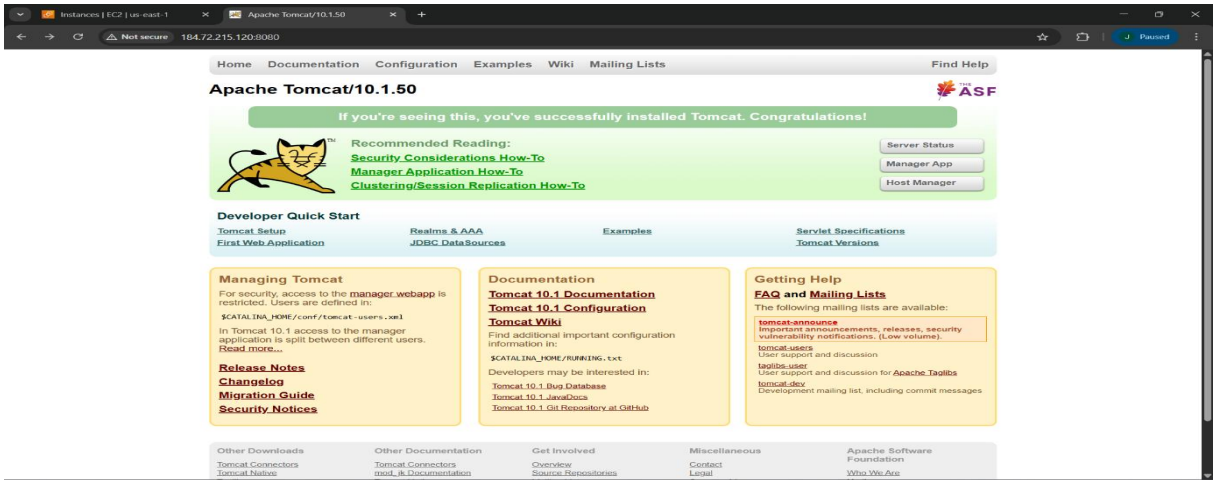
❖ TOMCAT SETUP

Tomcat Installation:

- Tomcat was installed on the dedicated EC2 instance (tomcat).
- The server was started manually using the extracted binaries and the startup.sh script.

Verification:

Tomcat UI was successfully accessed at http://184.72.215.120:8080/



❖ SONARQUBE SETUP

SonarQube Installation:

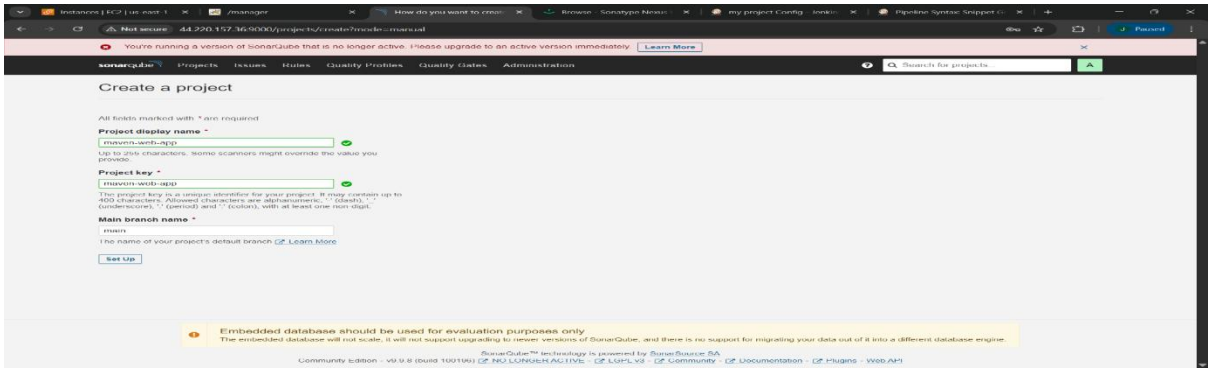
SonarQube was installed and started on the dedicated EC2 instance (sonar).

Access URL:

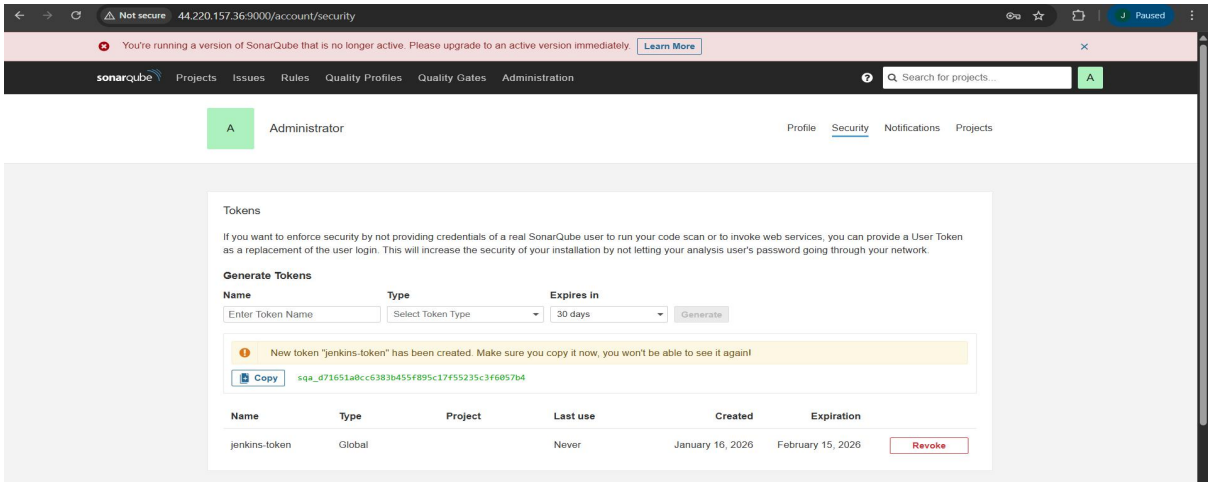
http://44.220.157.36:9000/

Configuration Steps:

- **Logged into the SonarQube UI**
- **Created project: maven-web-app**



- **Generated a token/secret for Jenkins integration(Stored the token securely in Jenkins credentials)**



❖ NEXUS SETUP

Nexus Installation:

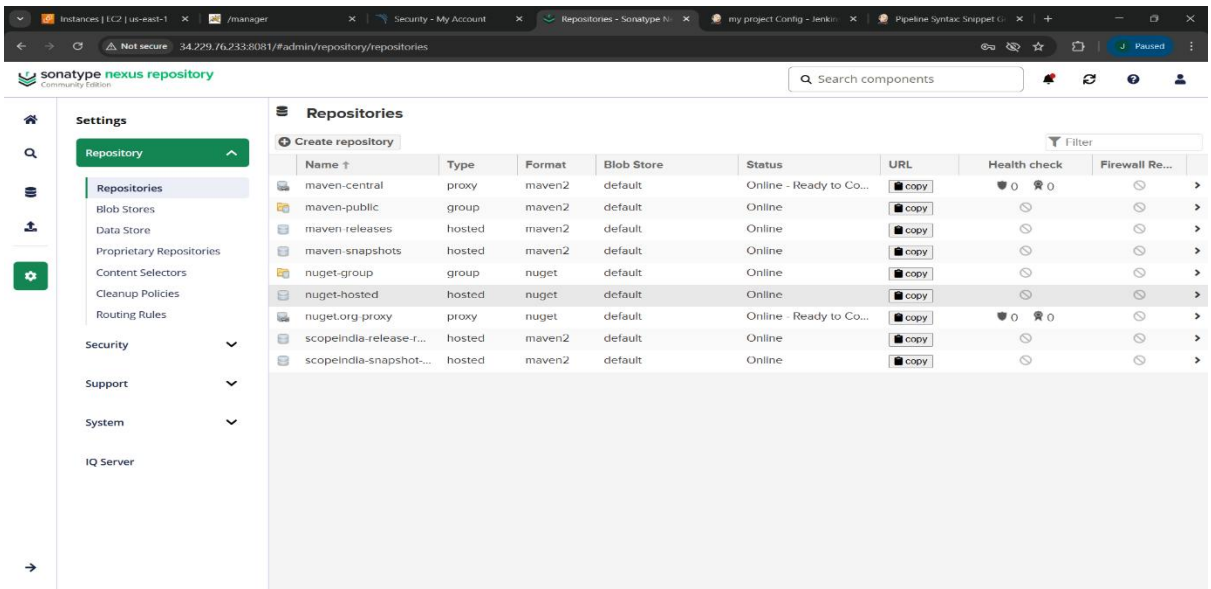
Nexus Repository Manager was installed and started on the dedicated EC2 instance (nexus).

Access URL:

http://34.229.76.233:8081/

Configuration Steps:

- Logged into the Nexus UI
- Created Maven (hosted) repositories:
  - scopeindia-snapshot-repository → for snapshot builds
  - scopeindia-release-repository → for release builds
- Confirmed repositories are available for publishing artifacts from Jenkins



❖ JENKINS SETUP

Jenkins Installation:

Jenkins was installed and started on the dedicated EC2 instance (Jenkins).

Access URL:

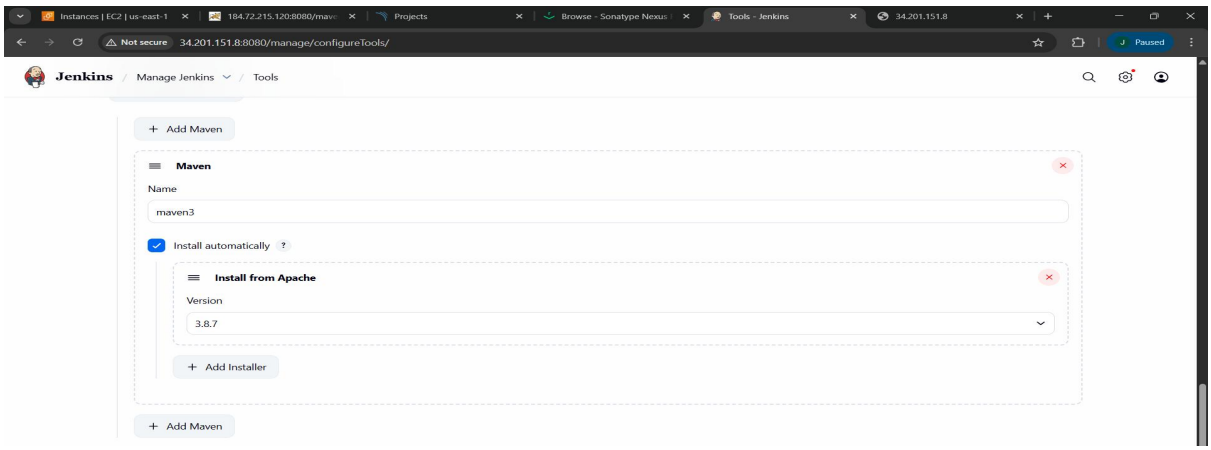
http://34.201.151.8:8080/

Plugins Used in This Project:

- SonarQube Scanner for Jenkins → integrates SonarQube analysis into the pipeline
- Nexus Artifact Uploader → publishes build artifacts to Nexus repositories
- SSH Agent → enables secure deployment to remote servers (e.g., Tomcat)

⇒ Global Tool Configuration:

- Navigate to: Manage Jenkins → Global Tool Configuration
- Configured Maven installation with the name: Maven3

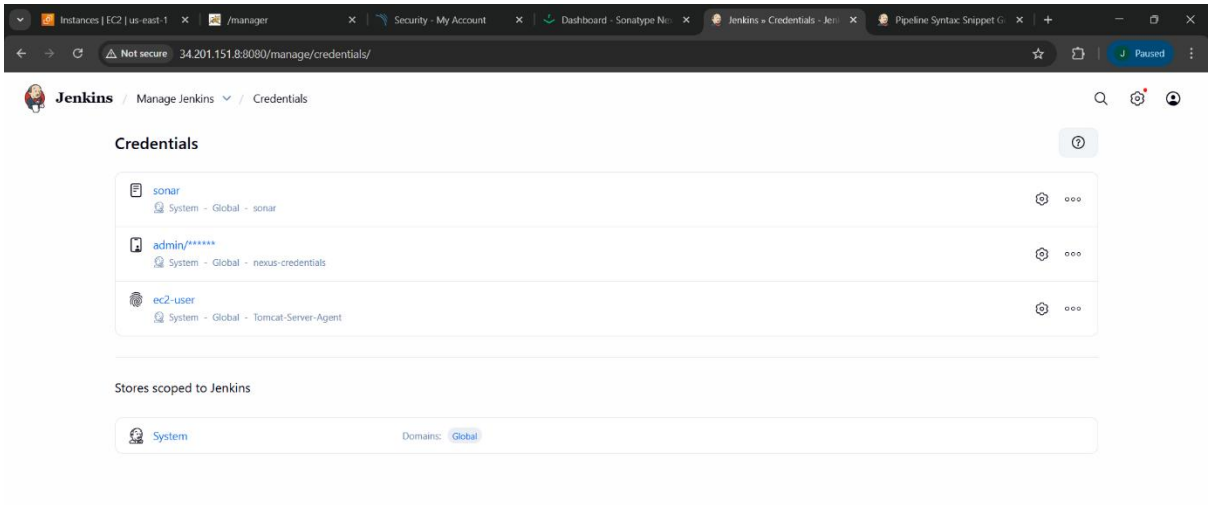


⇒ Credentials Stored in Jenkins:

- Nexus credentials → credentials Id: nexus-credentials
- Tomcat SSH key → credentials Id: Tomcat-Server-Agent
- SonarQube token → credentials Id: sonar

Purpose:

- Nexus credentials: Used by Jenkins to upload artifacts (.war) into Nexus repositories.
- Tomcat SSH key: Enables Jenkins to securely connect and deploy applications to the Tomcat server.
- SonarQube token: Allows Jenkins to authenticate with SonarQube for static code analysis.

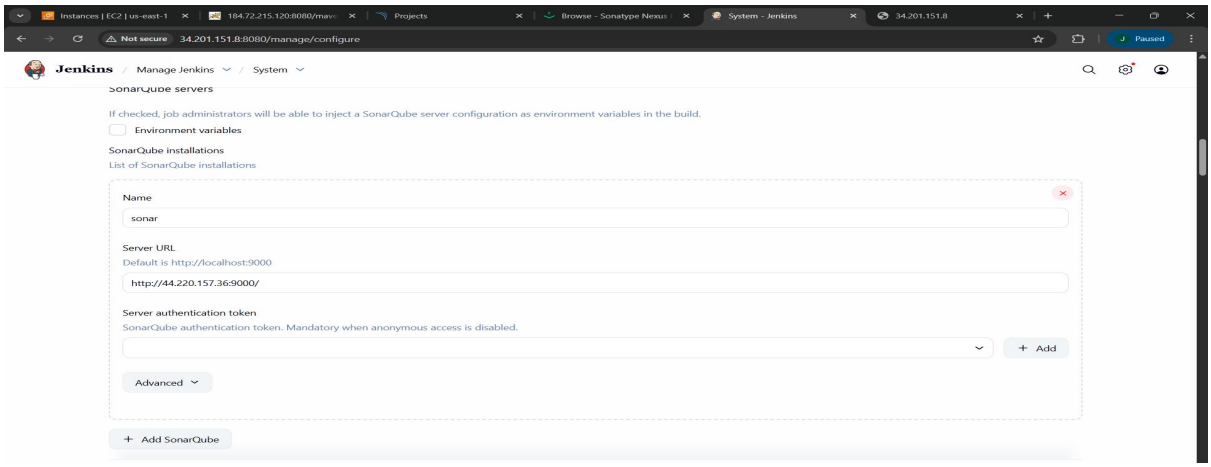


⇒ SonarQube Integration in Jenkins

Configuration Steps:

- Navigate to: Manage Jenkins → System → SonarQube Servers
- Configured server name: sonar

- **Added SonarQube server URL and token credential (previously created in SonarQube and stored in Jenkins credentials)**



⇒ Maven Settings Requirement:

- **For mvn sonar:sonar to work in the pipeline, you need a proper Maven settings file.**
- **Path: /var/lib/jenkins/.m2/settings.xml**

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Alternative SonarQube Command (No settings.xml needed)

Run sh '${mvn} -B org.sonarsource.scanner.maven:sonar-maven-plugin: 5.5.0.6356:sonar'

- **${mvn} → refers to your Maven tool configured in Jenkins (e.g., Maven3).**
- **-B → batch mode (non-interactive, CI-friendly).**

The plugin is called directly, so the settings.xml entry isn't required.

⇒ Nexus Integration

- **Configured in Jenkins pipeline using the Nexus Artifact Uploader plugin.**
- **Purpose: Upload build artifacts (.war, .jar) to Nexus repository for versioned storage.**

⇒ Tomcat Integration

- **Deployment handled via Jenkins pipeline using SSH Agent + SCP.**
- **Purpose: Securely copy .war files from Jenkins workspace to the Tomcat server for deployment.**

❖ CI/CD Pipeline Implementation (Jenkins)

Pipeline Stages

Stage	What it does	Output / Result
Clone Repo	Clones the master branch from GitHub into Jenkins workspace	Source code available in workspace

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Maven Build	Runs mvn -B clean package using Maven3	WAR generated: target/maven-web-app.war
SonarQube Analysis	Runs mvn sonar:sonar (or direct plugin call without settings.xml) and publishes report to SonarQube	Latest analysis visible in SonarQube
Nexus Upload	Uploads generated WAR/JAR to Nexus repository using Nexus Artifact Uploader plugin	Artifact stored and versioned in Nexus
Tomcat Deployment	Deploys WAR file to Tomcat server using SSH Agent + SCP	Application deployed and accessible via Tomcat server

❖ FULL JENKINS PIPELINE SCRIPT (SCRIPTED PIPELINE)

```
node {
    def MAVEN_HOME = tool name: 'maven3', type: 'maven'
    def MAVEN_CMD = "${MAVEN_HOME}/bin/mvn"

    try {
        stage('Clone Repo') {
            git branch: 'master',
                url: 'https://github.com/suffixscope/maven-web-app.git'
        }

        stage('Maven Build') {
            sh "${MAVEN_CMD} -Dmaven.repo.local='${WORKSPACE}/.m2/repo' -B clean package"
        }

        stage('SonarQube Analysis') {
            withSonarQubeEnv('sonar') {
                withCredentials([string(credentialsId: 'sonar-token', variable: 'SONAR_TOKEN')]) {
                    sh "${MAVEN_CMD} -Dmaven.repo.local='${WORKSPACE}/.m2/repo' sonar:sonar -Dsonar.login=$SONAR_TOKEN"
                }
            }
        }

        stage('Nexus Upload') {
            nexusArtifactUploader(
                artifacts: [[
                    artifactId: 'maven-web-app',
                    classifier: '',
                    file: 'target/maven-web-app.war',
                    type: 'war'
                ]],
                credentialsId: 'nexus-credentials',
                groupId: 'org.scopeindia',
                nexusUrl: '34.229.76.233:8081',
                nexusVersion: 'nexus3',
                protocol: 'http',
                repository: 'scopeindia-release-repository',
                version: '1.2-RELEASE'
            )
        }

        stage('Deploy to Tomcat') {
            sshagent(['Tomcat-Server-Agent']) {
                sh '''
                scp -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no \
                target/maven-web-app.war \
                ec2-user@184.72.215.120:/home/ec2-user/apache-tomcat-10.1.50/webapps/
                '''
            }
        }

        echo "Pipeline executed successfully!"
    } catch (err) {
        echo "Pipeline failed. Check logs!"
        throw err
    }
}


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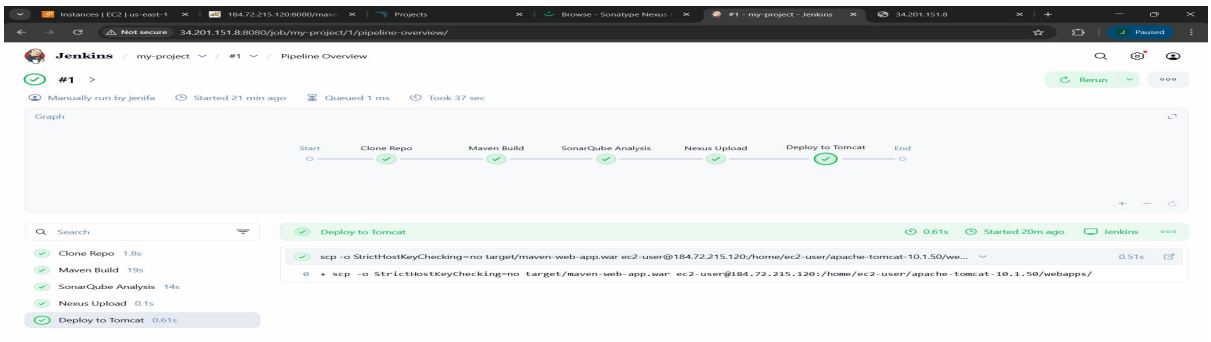
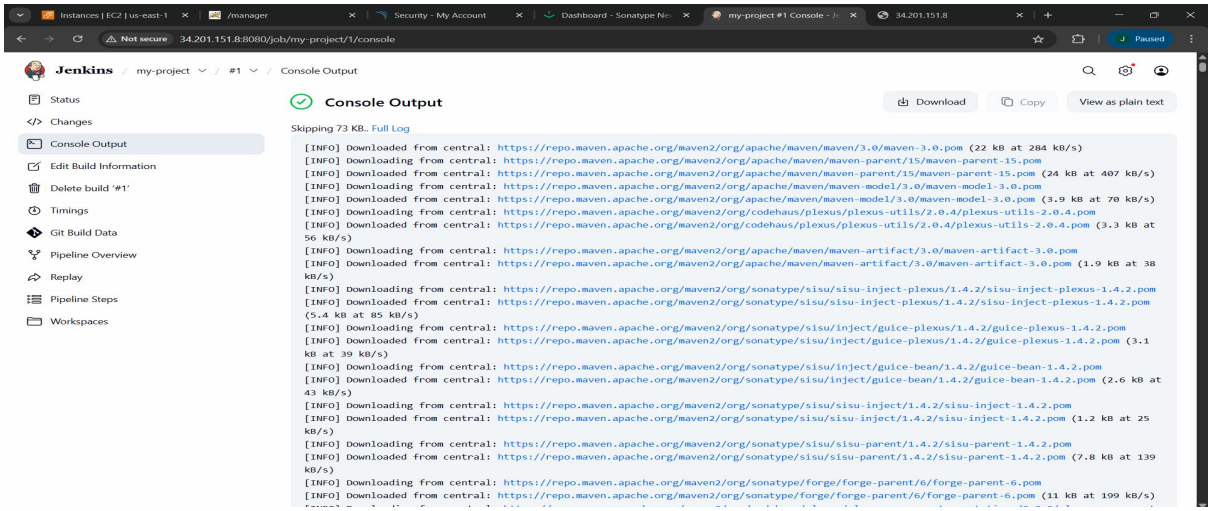
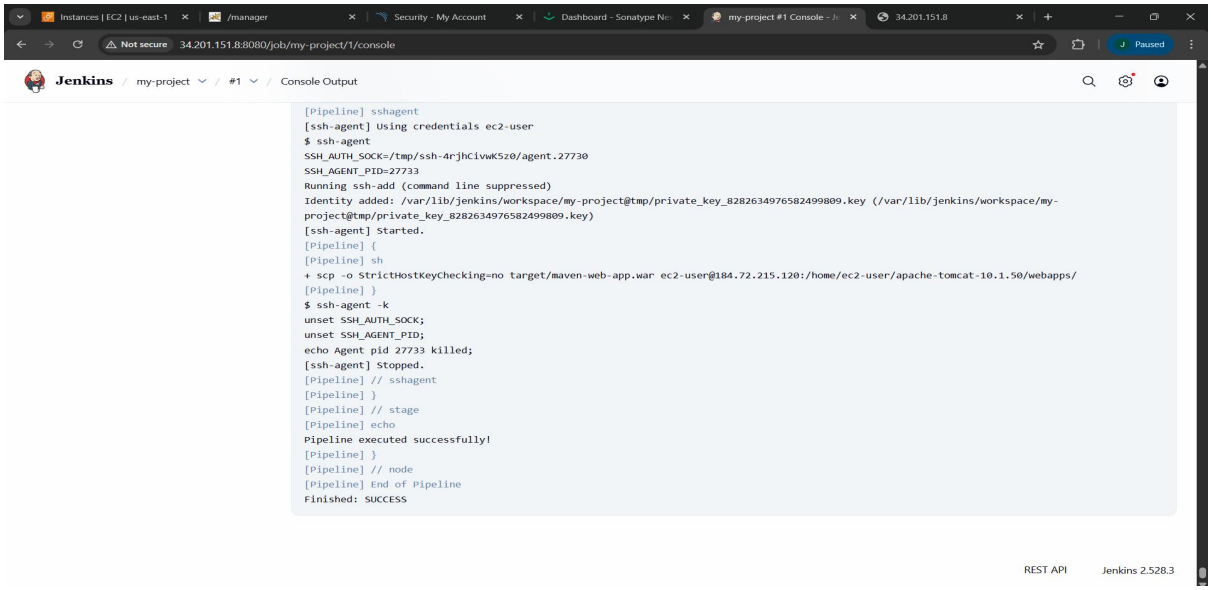




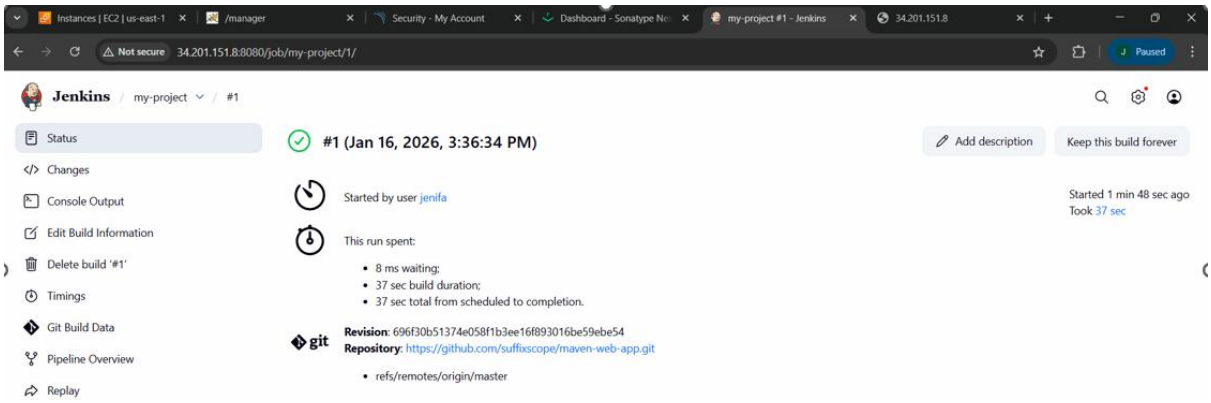


❖ TESTING & VERIFICATION

1. Jenkins Working

Jenkins UI accessible at: http://13.233.207.42:8080

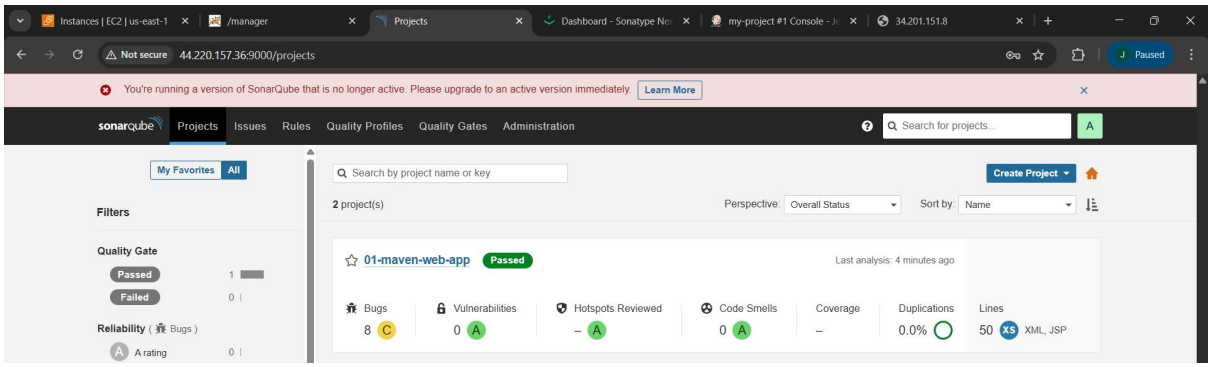
Pipeline Status: Runs successfully without failure



2. SonarQube Report Generated

SonarQube project shows analysis and quality gate status

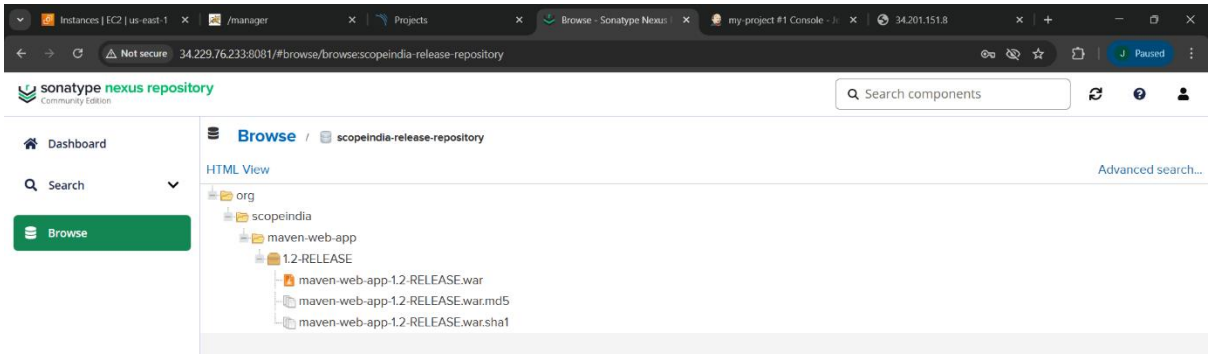
SonarQube URL: http://44.220.157.36:9000/



3. Artifact Stored in Nexus

WAR artifact Visibile under scopeindia-release-repository with version 1.2 release.

Nexus URL: http://34.229.76.233:8081/



Nexus Upload: Snapshot vs Release (pipeline change):

Currently the pipeline uploads the artifact to the release repository. To upload to the Snapshot update the Nexus upload stage values: repository and version.

Upload to the snapshot repository (change these files)

```
                artifactId: 'maven-web-app',
                classifier: '',
                file: 'target/maven-web-app.war',
                type: 'war'
            ]],
            credentialsId: 'nexus-credentials',
            groupId: 'org.scopeindia',
            nexusUrl: '34.229.76.233:8081',
            nexusVersion: 'nexus3',
            protocol: 'http',
            repository: 'scopeindia-snapshot-repository',
            version: '1.2-SNAPSHOT'
        )
    }
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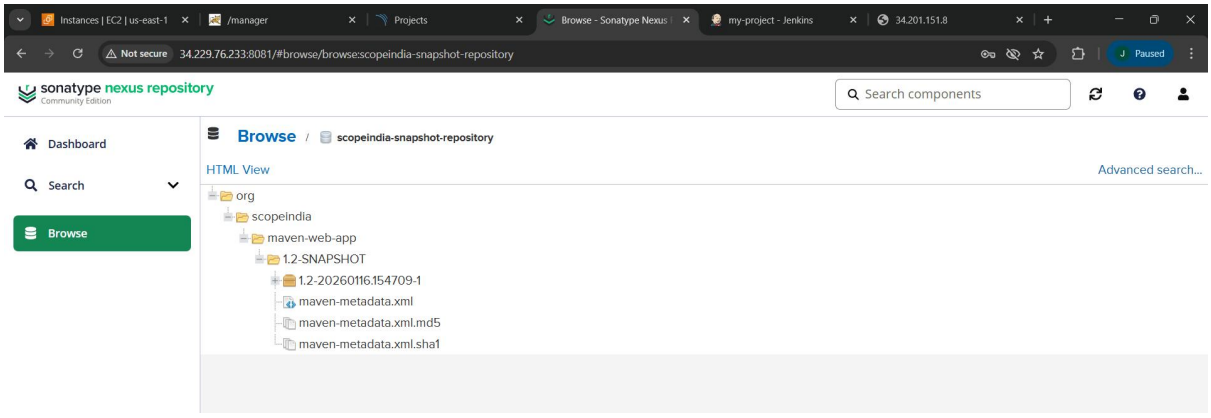
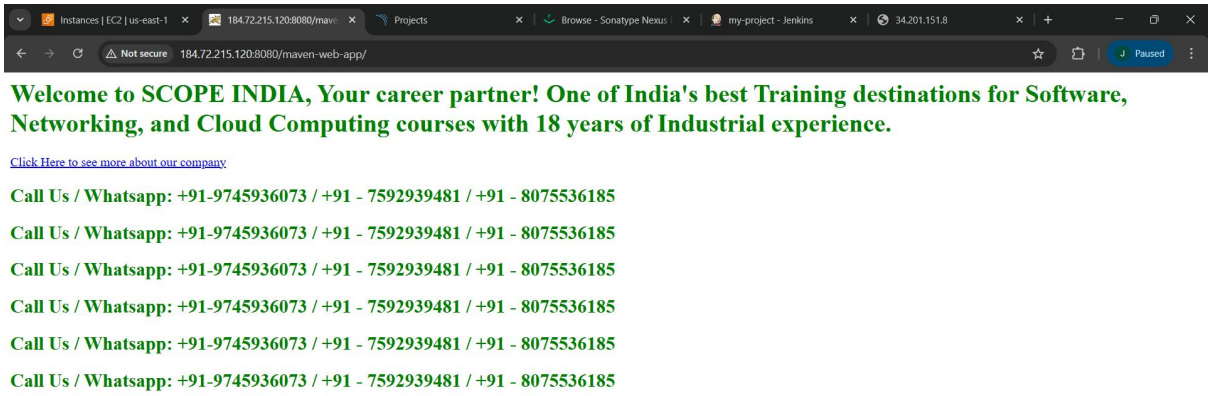


4. Application Deployed on Tomcat

WAR deployed to Tomcat webapps/ and application via browser.

Tomcat URL: http://184.72.215.120:8080/



❖ Conclusion

This project successfully implemented an end-to-end CI/CD pipeline on AWS using:

- **Jenkins as the automation server**
- **SonarQube for code quality checks**
- **Nexus for artifact storage and versioning**
- **Tomcat for application deployment**

The pipeline integrates source code management, automated builds, static code analysis, artifact repository management, and deployment into a seamless workflow. Each stage was tested and verified, ensuring reliability and efficiency in the delivery process.

Final Outcomes

- **Automated build and packaging with Maven**
- **Static code analysis performed with SonarQube, quality gate verified**
- **Artifacts stored securely in Nexus with proper versioning**
- **Automated deployment to Apache Tomcat server on AWS EC2**
- **Application successfully accessible via browser after deployment**

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