Workshop: CI System with Selenium Appium Tests – Part II

1. Selenium IDE

Step 1: Run the App Locally

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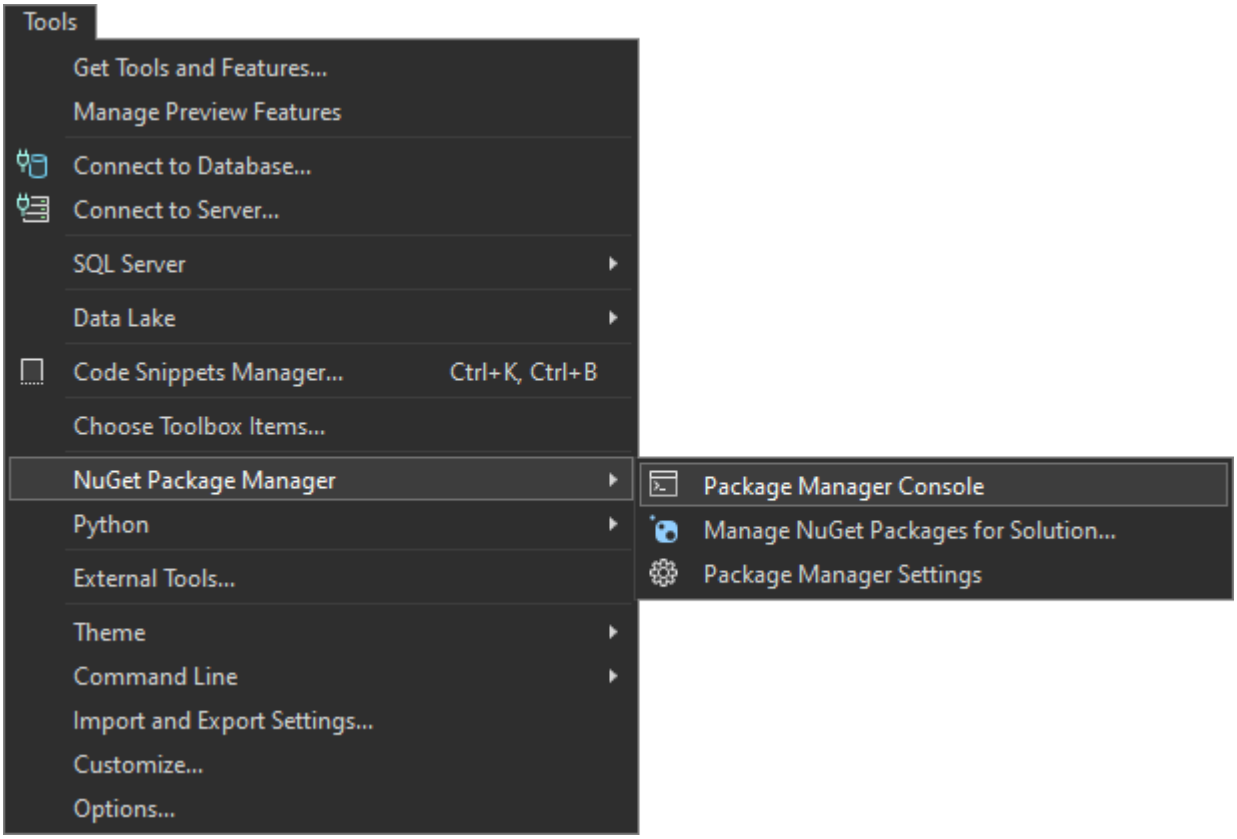

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```
dotnet test
```

After we have ensured that the **tests run successfully**, we can proceed with the next step.

⚠	You have to be sure that the **Chrome** and **ChromeDriver** installed on your local **machine** are one and the **same major version**. For example, ChromeDriver v.125 won't work with Chrome v. 127!

Step 2: Create a GitHub Repo

Now you should **upload the solution to `GitHub`**.

It's a **good** practice to start using the **console** and not the interface of GitHub, in case you haven't started doing so yet.

If you **don't have Git** already **installed** on your machine, follow the **provided installation instructions** from the **resources**.

Try using the **following commands** in order to initialize a repository in your project directory, add the code to the repo, commit and push:

```
git init
git add .
git commit -m "Initial commit"
git remote add origin https://github.com/{name-of-your-repository}
git push -u origin main
```

After running the commands, **check you GitHub repo** – the application code should be visible.

Step 3: Add Changes to Test Files

Before creating the workflow file, we have to make some adjustments in the **.cs** files. This is needed due to the fact that the default GitHub runner does not have Chrome installed. We will take care of this in the workflow, but we also need the prepare the tests to run Chrome in a headless mode within the CI environment.

In order to do that, go to the **`SetUp()`** method of the project and modify it so it looks like below:

```
[SetUp]
0 references
public void SetUp()
{
    ChromeOptions options = new ChromeOptions();
    options.AddArguments("headless");
    options.AddArguments("no-sandbox");
    options.AddArguments("disable-dev-shm-usage");
    options.AddArguments("disable-gpu");
    options.AddArguments("window-size=1920x1080");

    driver = new ChromeDriver(options);
    js = (IJavaScriptExecutor)driver;
    vars = new Dictionary<string, object>();
}
```

Don't forget to **commit** and **push** the changes from the file.

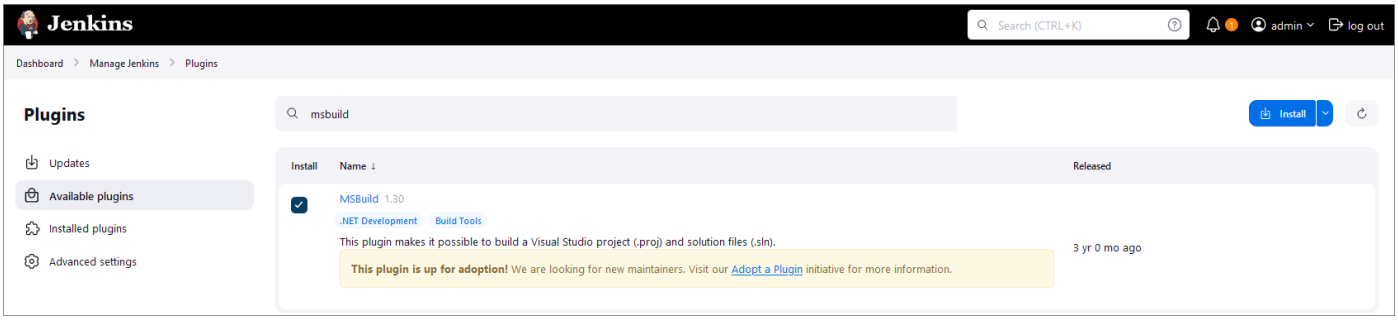
Step 4: Configure Tools in Jenkins

To run an **ASP.NET Core MVC app** in Jenkins, you need **two** plugins: **Git** and **MSBuild**.

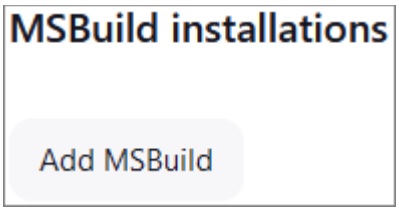
Usually, **Git** is being **installed** when you are **configuring** your **Jenkins** installation and we **already** used it in the previous task.

Let's focus on configuring the **MSBuild** plugin.

Go to **Manage Jenkins** menu and select **Plugins**. From the menu on the left, select **Available plugins** and type **MSBuild** in the search field. Select the plugin and click on the **`[Install]`** button:



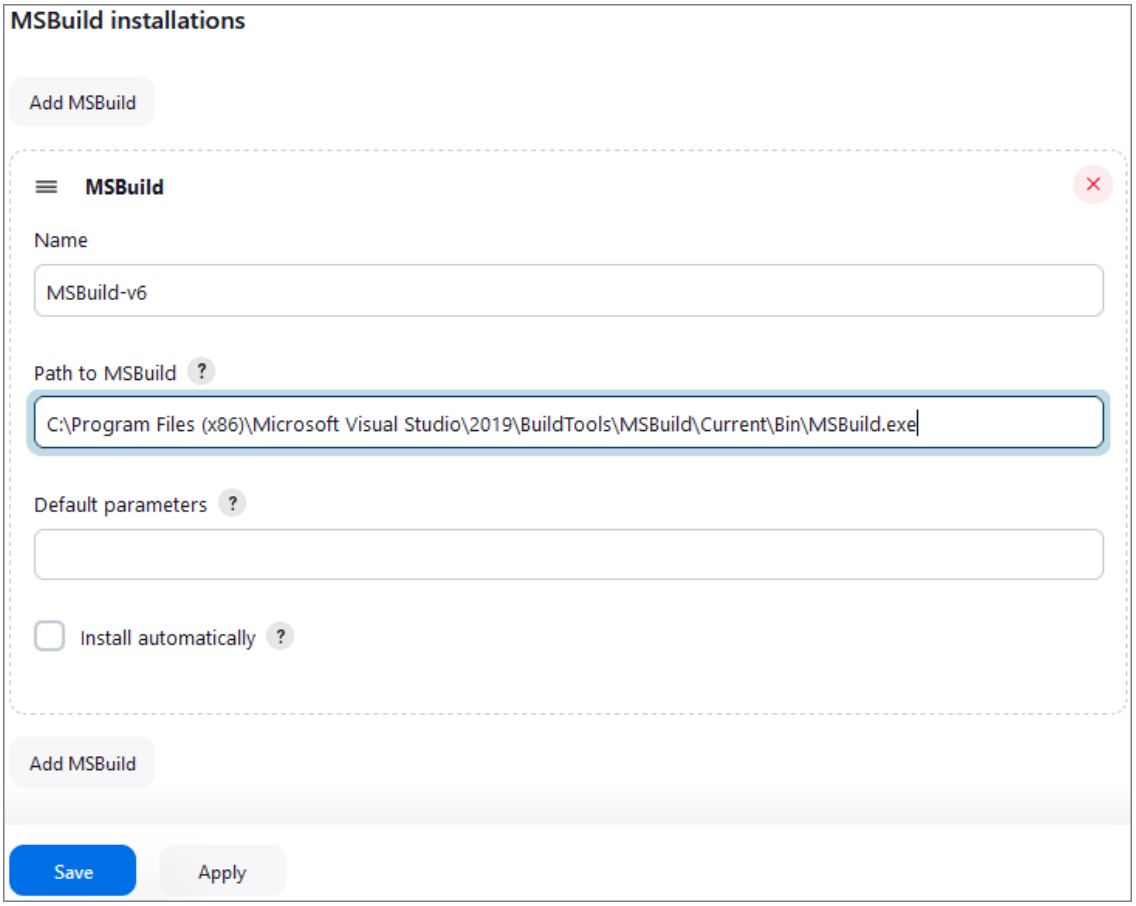
Once you have the needed plugin installed, go back to **Manage Jenkins** and select **Tools.** Scroll down to find the **MSBuild installations** section and click on **`[Add MSBuild]`** button:



Give a **meaningful name** to your MSBuild and provide the path to your MSBuild.exe file.

<u>NOTE:</u> MSBuild.exe is the **command-line tool** for **Microsoft Build Engine**, which is used to **build applications**. This engine uses **XML-based** project **files** to **compile** and **link** the **code**, manage **project dependencies**, and **execute** other **build tasks**. It's a vital **component** of the **.NET framework development process** and is also used in building software projects in other languages. **MSBuild** comes **included** with several **Microsoft** products, including **Visual Studio**. Usually, the path to your MSBuild.exe file is something like **`C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2022\BuildTools\MSBuild\Current\Bin\MSBuild.exe`**.

The configuration should look like the image below:

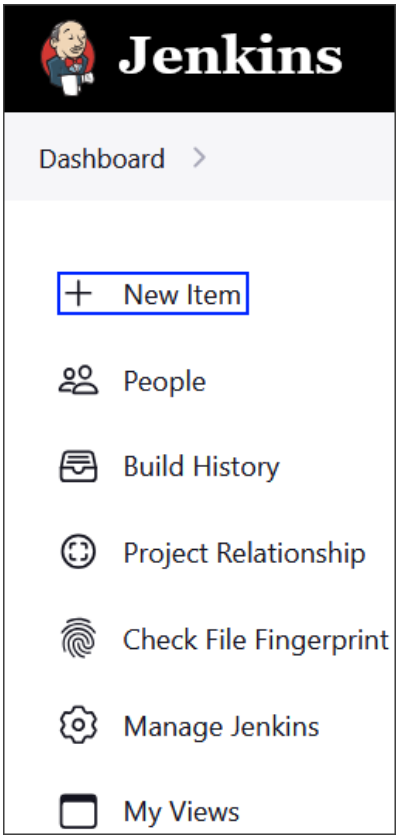


Finally, click on the **[Save]** button.

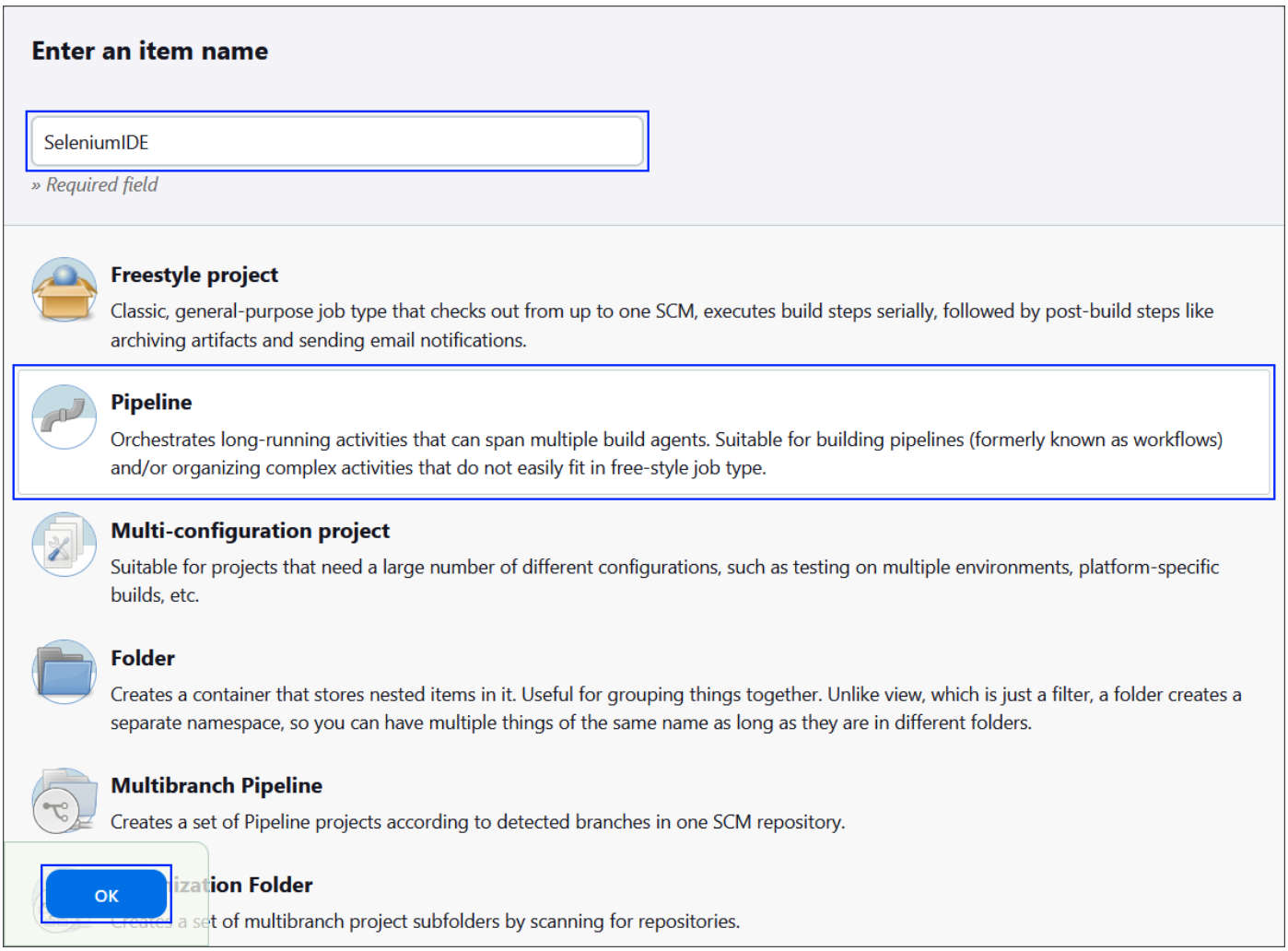
Step 5: Create a New Job

Now, let's access Jenkins. Open the Jenkins interface in a web browser. This is usually at `http://localhost:8080`, but it depends on the **port that you had set up during the installation.**

Let's create a new job by selecting `[New Item]` from the **Jenkins dashboard**.



Choose **Pipeline** and give it a **meaningful** name, after that click on the **[OK]** button.



Step 6: Create the Jenkinsfile

Best practice for using a **Jenkinsfile** is to keep it **within your source control repository**.

This approach has several advantages like version control and branch specific pipelines. Placing the **Jenkinsfile** in the repository, means that it will be versioned alongside your application code and the versions can later be reviewed. Also, you can have different **Jenkinsfile versions** in **different** branches, which allows for testing changes to the build process in a feature branch before merging them to the main branch.

The Jenkinsfile should contain **steps** for:

- Checkout the code
- Set up .NET Core
- Uninstall current chrome
- Install specific version of Chrome
- Download and install ChromeDriver
- Restore dependencies
- Build
- Run tests

Pipeline Configuration

Let's start with the pipeline configuration.

We have to specify that the pipeline can run on any available Jenskins agent and declare the environmental variables to be used within it:

- **`CHROME_VERSION`**: The version of **Google Chrome** to be installed
- **`CHROMEDRIVER_VERSION`**: The version of **ChromeDriver** to be installed
- **`CHROME_INSTALL_PATH`**: The installation path for **Google Chrome**
- **`CHROMEDRIVER_PATH`**: The installation path for **ChromeDriver**

```
pipeline {
    agent any

    environment {
        CHROME_VERSION = '127.0.6533.73'
        CHROMEDRIVER_VERSION = '127.0.6533.72'
        CHROME_INSTALL_PATH = 'C:\\Program Files\\Google\\Chrome\\Application'
        CHROMEDRIVER_PATH = '"C:\\Program Files\\Google\\Chrome\\Application\\chromedriver.exe"'
    }
```

Checkout Code Stage

Next step is to define a stage for checking out the source code.

```
    stages {
        stage('Checkout code') {
            steps {
                // Checkout code from GitHub and specify the branch
                git branch: 'main', url: 'https://github.com/[redacted]/SeleniumIDE.git'
            }
        }
```

Set up .NET Core Stage

After that, we have to define the stage for setting up .NET Code SDK.

```
stage('Set up .NET Core') {
    steps {
        bat '''
        echo Installing .NET SDK 6.0
        choco install dotnet-sdk -y --version=6.0.100
        '''
    }
}
```

* Uninstall Current Chrome Stage

This step is optional, in case you are not sure how to install the proper Google Chrome version.

```
stage('Uninstall Current Chrome') {
    steps {
        bat '''
        echo Uninstalling current Google Chrome
        choco uninstall googlechrome -y
        '''
    }
}
```

* Uninstall Current Chrome Stage

This step is optional and is used in combination with the previous step.

```
stage('Install Specific Version of Chrome') {
    steps {
        bat '''
        echo Installing Google Chrome version %CHROME_VERSION%
        choco install googlechrome --version=%CHROME_VERSION% -y --allow-downgrade --ignore-checksums
        '''
    }
}
```

* Download and Install ChromeDriver Stage

This step is optional and is used in combination with the previous two previous steps.

Use the code below, as this is a pretty long command:

```
stage('Download and Install ChromeDriver') {
            steps {
                bat '''
                echo Downloading ChromeDriver version %CHROMEDRIVER_VERSION%
                powershell -command "Invoke-WebRequest -Uri
https://chromedriver.storage.googleapis.com/%CHROMEDRIVER_VERSION%/chromedriver_win3
2.zip -OutFile chromedriver.zip -UseBasicParsing"
                powershell -command "Expand-Archive -Path chromedriver.zip -
DestinationPath ."
                powershell -command "Move-Item -Path .\\chromedriver.exe -
Destination '%CHROME_INSTALL_PATH%\\chromedriver.exe' -Force"
                '''
```

```
            }
        }
```

Restore Dependencies Stage

Now we have to define a stage for restoring the project's dependencies.

```
        stage('Restore dependencies') {
            steps {
                // Restore dependencies using the solution file
                bat 'dotnet restore SeleniumIde.sln'
            }
        }
```

Build Stage

Now let's define a stage for building the project.

```
        stage('Build') {
            steps {
                // Build the project using the solution file
                bat 'dotnet build SeleniumIde.sln --configuration Release'
            }
        }
```

Run Tests Stage

Finally, after we have set everything needed, we can define a stage for running the tests.

```
        stage('Run tests') {
            steps {
                // Run tests using the solution file
                bat 'dotnet test SeleniumIde.sln --logger "trx;LogFileName=TestResults.trx"'
            }
        }
    }
```

* Post Stage

This is an optional stage.

Now, let's define a post-build actions that are always executed. In our case, we will archive the test results and publish them to Jenkins.

```
    post {
        always {
            archiveArtifacts artifacts: '**/TestResults/*.trx', allowEmptyArchive: true
            junit '**/TestResults/*.trx'
        }
    }
}
```

Create your file and upload it to your GitHub repository, containing the code for the application.

Step 7: Configure the Job

Now, let's **go back** to **Jenkins** to finish **configuring** your **job**.

First, in the **`General`** section give a **`Description`** for the job.

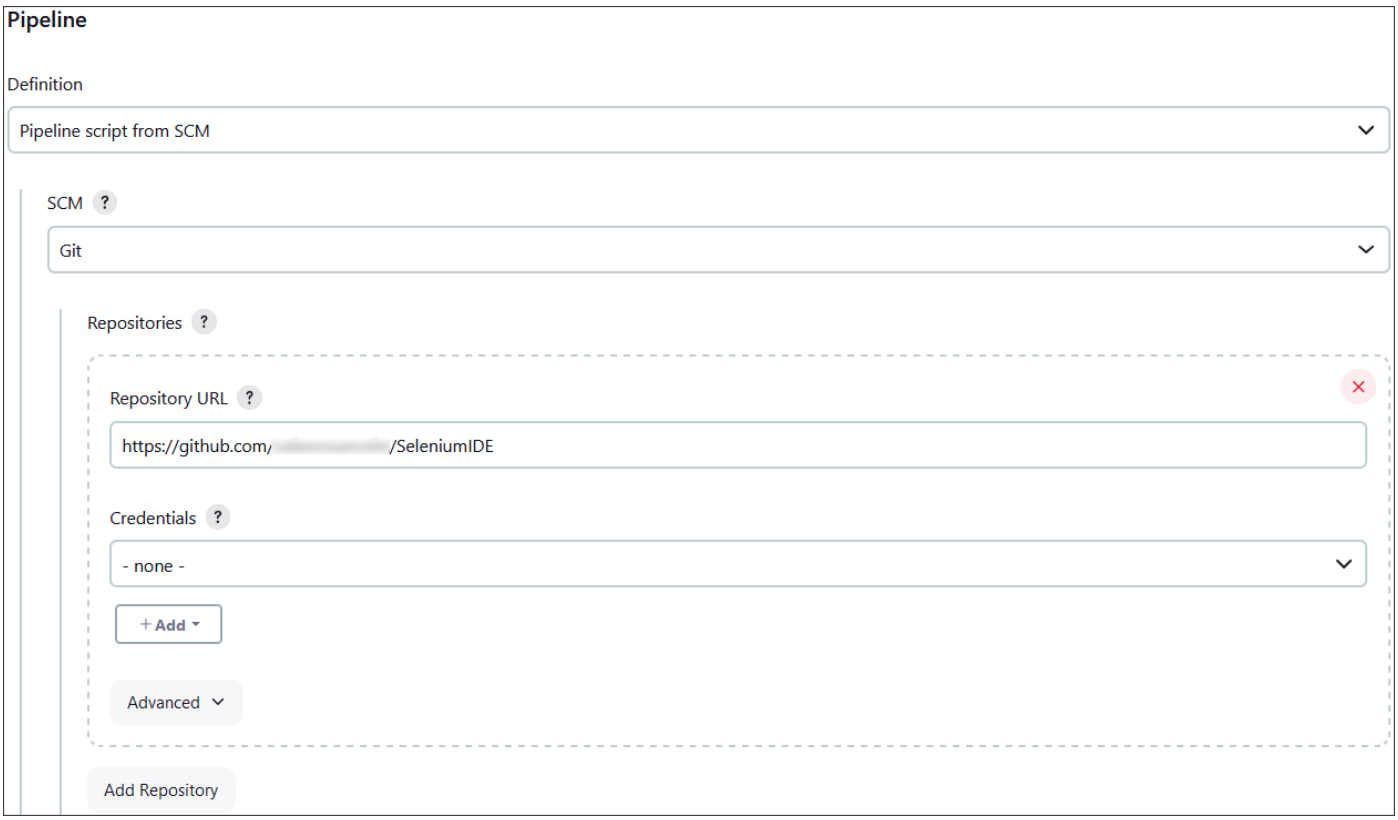
Then, scroll down to the **`Pipeline`** section in the job configuration, and from the **`Definition`** dropdown menu, select the **`Pipeline script from SCM`** option.

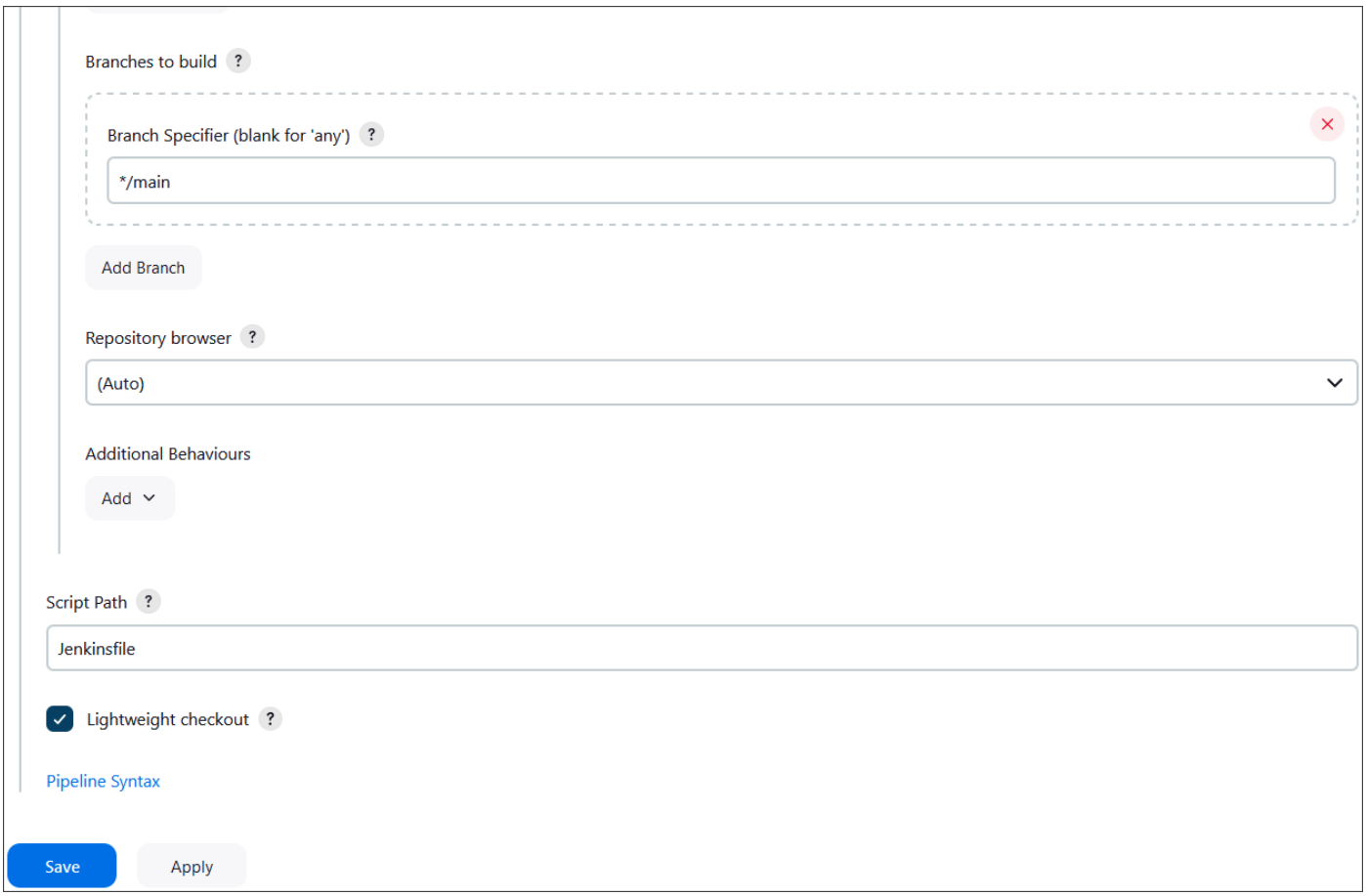
After that, select **Git** as the **SCM** and enter **your GitHub repository URL**.

Under **`Branches to build`**, enter the **branch name** that contains your **Jenkinsfile**.

Under **`Script Path`**, ensure it points to your **Jenkinsfile** (for example, type in **Jenkinsfile** if it's in the repository root).

Your configuration should look like the images below:





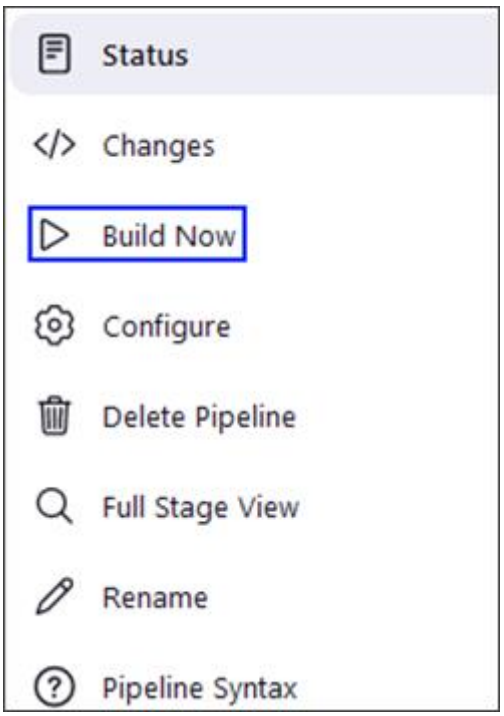
Finally, click on the **[Save]** button.

Step 8: Test the CI Pipeline

After completing those steps, we are ready with the CI pipeline and it's time to test if it's working as expected.

First, click on the **Build Now** option to start a new build manually.

You can monitor the build progress by clicking on the build number and then **Console Output**.



Declarative: Checkout SCM	Checkout code	Set up .NET Core	Uninstall Current Chrome	Install Specific Version of Chrome	Download and Install ChromeDriver	Restore dependencies	Build	Run tests	Declarative: Post Actions
1s	946ms	1s	6s	18s	6s	3s	1s	3s	91ms
1s	919ms	1s	7s	16s	1s	15s	2s	7s	82ms

2. Selenium Web Driver

Our second task will be to create a CI for using Selenium to automate several test projects, combined in one solution.

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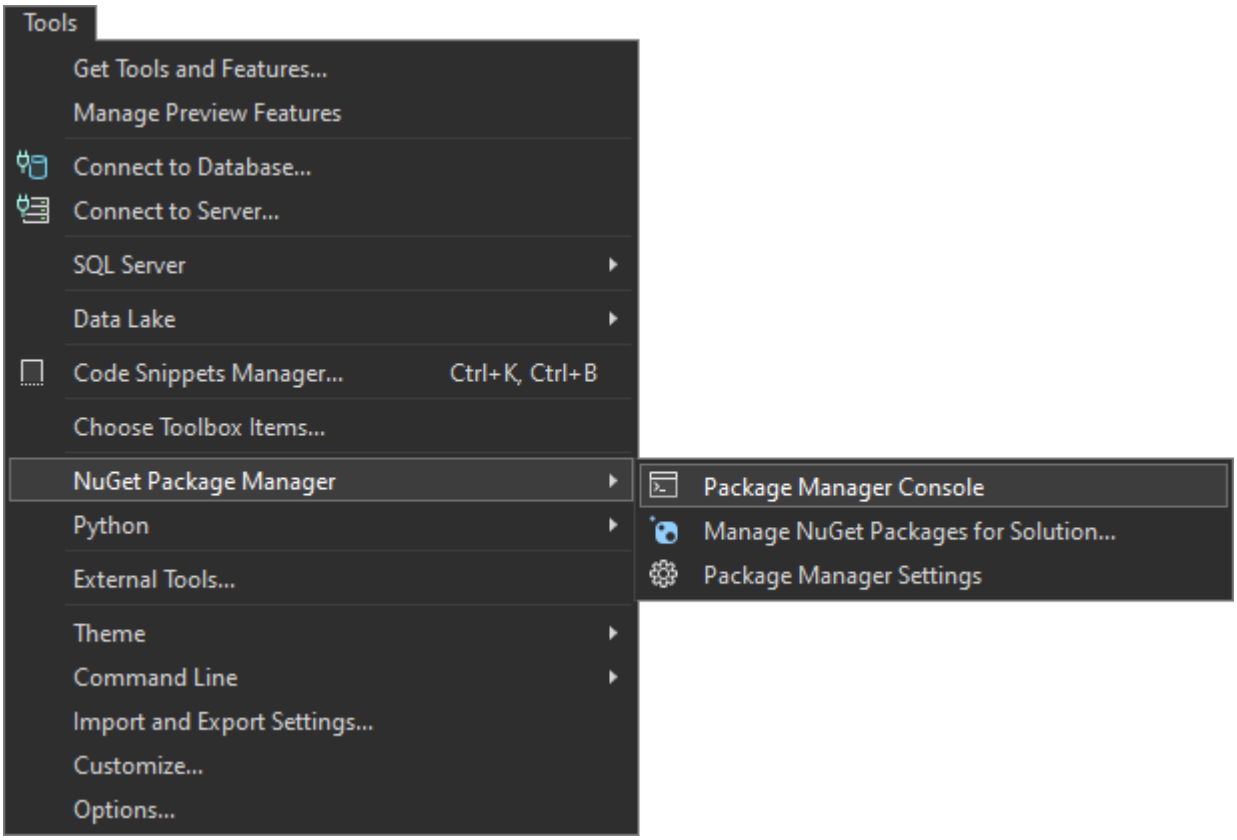

Let's first build the application by using the **`dotnet build`** command:

```
Package Manager Console
Package source: All        Default project: HTMLElements01
PM> dotnet build
MSBuild version 17.8.3+195e7f5a3 for .NET
  Determining projects to restore...
  All projects are up-to-date for restore.
  HTMLElements01 -> C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\SeleniumBasicExercise\HTML_Elements_01\bin\Debug\net6.0\HTMLElements01.dll
  DataDriven -> C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\SeleniumBasicExercise\DataDriven\bin\Debug\net6.0\DataDriven.dll
  HTMLElements02 -> C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\SeleniumBasicExercise\HTML_Elements_02\bin\Debug\net6.0\HTMLElements02.dll
  HTMLElements03 -> C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\SeleniumBasicExercise\HTMLElements03\bin\Debug\net6.0\HTMLElements03.dll

Build succeeded.
    0 Warning(s)
    0 Error(s)

Time Elapsed 00:00:04.51
121 %
```

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Try using the **following commands** in order to initialize a repository in your project directory, add the code to the repo, commit and push:

```
C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\CI-Demo>git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Users/[redacted]/Desktop/CI-Demo/.git/
```

```
C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\CI-Demo>git add .
```

```
C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\CI-Demo>git commit -m "initial commit"
[main (root-commit) 9dc6adf] initial commit
 13 files changed, 455 insertions(+)
```

```
C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\CI-Demo>git remote add origin https://github.com/[redacted]/CI-Demo
```

```
C:\Users\[redacted]\Desktop\CI-Demo>git push -u origin main
Enumerating objects: 15, done.
Counting objects: 100% (15/15), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (14/14), done.
Writing objects: 100% (15/15), 5.34 KiB | 1.78 MiB/s, done.
Total 15 (delta 3), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (3/3), done.
To https://github.com/[redacted]/CI-Demo
 * [new branch]      main -> main
branch 'main' set up to track 'origin/main'.
```

After running the commands, **check you GitHub repo** – the application code should be visible.

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In order to do that, go to the **`SetUp()`** method of each project and add the following code:

```
ChromeOptions options = new ChromeOptions();
// Ensure Chrome runs in headless mode
options.AddArguments("headless");
// Bypass OS security model
options.AddArguments("no-sandbox");
// Overcome limited resource problems
options.AddArguments("disable-dev-shm-usage");
// Applicable to Windows OS only
options.AddArguments("disable-gpu");
// Set window size to ensure elements are visible
options.AddArguments("window-size=1920x1080");
// Disable extensions
options.AddArguments("disable-extensions");
// Remote debugging port
options.AddArguments("remote-debugging-port=9222");
```

Then, we need to pass the **`ChromeOptions`** to the **`ChromeDriver`** constructor:

```
driver = new ChromeDriver(options);
```

Don't forget to **commit** and **push** the changes to each one of the files.

Step 4: Create and Run Workflow

Now, it's time to set up the Jenkins file.

Try doing this on your own. The only difference here is that here we have to run three test projects, not just one. Think how you can achieve running the three test projects separately.