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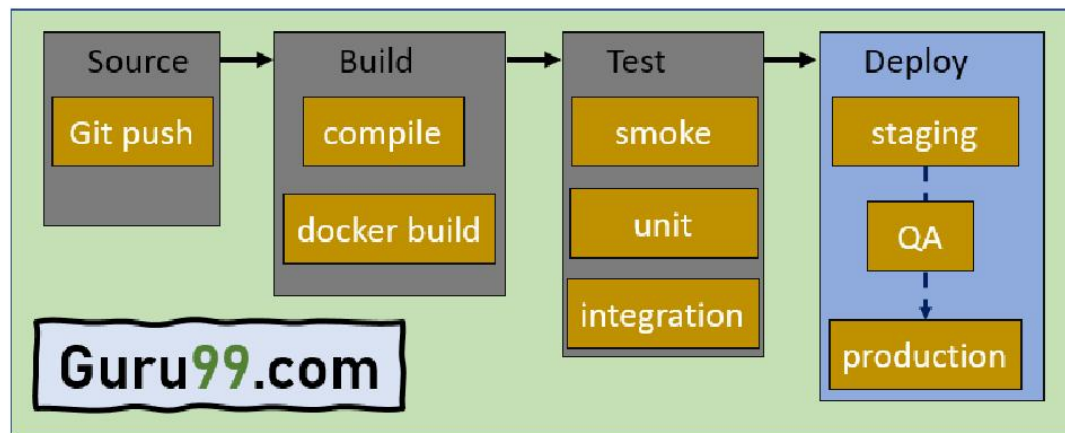
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- Jenkins
- Selenium grid



- **Continuous integration** is a software development method where members of the team can integrate their work at least once a day. In this method, every integration is checked by an automated build to search the error.
- **Continuous delivery** is a software engineering method in which a team develops software products in a short cycle. It ensures that software can be easily released at any time.
- **Continuous deployment** is a software engineering process in which product functionalities are delivered using automatic deployment. It helps testers to validate whether the codebase changes are correct, and it is stable or not.

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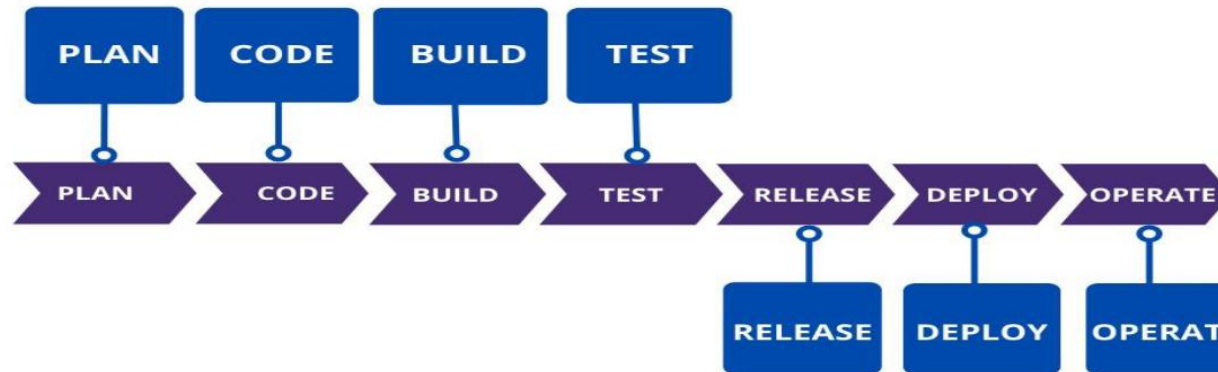


CI CD

CI/CD PIPELINE



Continuous Integration



Continuous Deployment

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CI/CD pipeline Best Practices

Here is a CI/CD pipeline best practices:

- Write up the current development process therefore, you can know the procedures that require to change and one that can be easily automated.
- Start off with a small proof of project before going ahead and complete whole development process at once.
- Set up a pipeline with more than one stage in which fast fundamental tests run first.
- Start each workflow from the same, clean, and isolated environment.
- Run open source tools that cover everything from code style to security scanning.
- Setup a better code hub to continuously check the quality of your code by running the standard set of tests against every branch.
- Peer code review each pull request to solve a problem in a collaborative manner.
- You have to define success metrics before you start the transition to CD automation. This will help you to consistently analyze your software, developing progress help refining where needed.

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Advantages of CI/CD pipelines

Here are the pros/ benefits of CI/CD Pipeline:

- Builds and testing can be easily performed manually.
- It can improve the consistency and quality of code.
- Improves flexibility and has the ability to ship new functionalities.
- CI/CD pipeline can streamline communication.
- It can automate the process of software delivery.
- Helps you to achieve faster customer feedback.
- CI/CD pipeline helps you to increase your product visibility.
- It enables you to remove manual errors.
- Reduces costs and labour.
- CI/CD pipelines can make the software development lifecycle faster.
- It has automated pipeline deployment.
- A CD pipeline gives a rapid feedback loop starting from developer to client.
- Improves communications between organization employees.
- It enables developers to know which changes in the build can turn to the brokerage and to avoid them in the future.
- The automated tests, along with few manual test runs, help to fix any issues that may arise.

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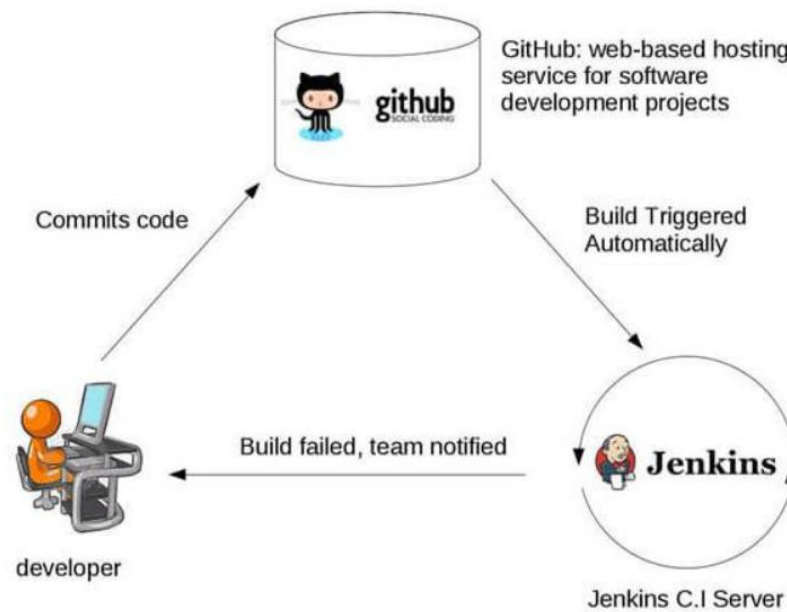


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Advantages of using Jenkins

- Jenkins is being managed by the community which is very open. Every month, they hold public meetings and take inputs from the public for the development of Jenkins project.
- So far around 280 tickets are closed, and the project publishes stable release every three months.
- As technology grows, so does Jenkins. So far Jenkins has around 320 plugins published in its plugins database. With plugins, Jenkins becomes even more powerful and feature rich.
- Jenkins tool also supports cloud-based architecture so that you can deploy Jenkins in cloud-based platforms.
- The reason why Jenkins became popular is that it was created by a developer for developers.

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Jenkins

Though Jenkins is a very powerful tool, it has its flaws.

- Its interface is out dated and not user friendly compared to current UI trends.
- Though Jenkins is loved by many developers, it's not that easy to maintain it because Jenkins runs on a server and requires some skills as server administrator to monitor its activity.
- One of the reasons why many people don't implement Jenkins is due to its difficulty in installing and configuring Jenkins.
- Continuous integrations regularly break due to some small setting changes. Continuous integration will be paused and therefore requires some developer attention.

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Selenium Grid

- **Selenium Grid** is a part of the Selenium Suite that specializes in running multiple tests across different browsers, operating systems, and machines in parallel



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Selenium Grid

- **Hub**
 - The hub is the central point where you load your tests into.
 - There should only be one hub in a grid.
 - The hub is launched only on a single machine, say, a computer whose OS is Windows 7 and whose browser is IE.
 - The machine containing the hub is where the tests will be run, but you will see the browser being automated on the node.
- **Nodes**
 - Nodes are the Selenium instances that will execute the tests that you loaded on the hub.
 - There can be one or more nodes in a grid.
 - Nodes can be launched on multiple machines with different platforms and browsers.
 - The machines running the nodes need not be the same platform as that of the hub.

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Selenium Grid

- **When to Use Selenium Grid?**
- You should use Selenium Grid when you want to do either one or both of following:
- **Run your tests against different browsers, operating systems, and machines all at the same time.** This will ensure that the application you are [Testing](#) is fully compatible with a wide range of browser-O.S combinations.
- **Save time in the execution of your test suites.** If you set up Selenium Grid to run, say, 4 tests at a time, then you would be able to finish the whole suite around 4 times faster.

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