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Experiment 4 : Continuous Integration - Jenkins

<u>Aim</u>:

To understand continuous integration, install and configure Jenkins with maven / ant / gradle to set up a build job.

Theory:

1. Continuous Integration (CI)

Continuous Integration (CI) is a software development practice where code changes are automatically integrated, tested, and deployed frequently, often multiple times a day. The goal of CI is to improve code quality, reduce integration issues, and speed up the development lifecycle.

Key Concepts of CI:

- Automated Testing: Code is automatically tested every time it is committed to the repository to catch bugs early.
- **Frequent Integration:** Developers integrate their code changes into a shared repository regularly to avoid conflicts.
- Continuous Feedback: Developers receive quick feedback about the health of their codebase, enabling them to fix issues promptly.
- Build Automation: The process of compiling code, running tests, and deploying applications is automated.

Benefits of Continuous Integration:

1. **Early Detection of Errors:** Automated tests catch bugs soon after they are introduced, reducing the cost of fixing them.

- 2. **Improved Code Quality:** Continuous testing ensures that only high-quality code is merged into the main codebase.
- 3. **Faster Development Cycles:** Developers can work in parallel without waiting for integration, enabling faster feature releases.
- 4. **Reduced Manual Effort:** Automating builds and tests reduces manual errors and saves time.

Key CI Practices:

- Version Control System (VCS) Integration: CI tools integrate with Git, SVN, etc., to monitor code changes.
- Automated Builds: Code is automatically compiled and built into deployable artifacts.
- Automated Testing: Unit tests, integration tests, and UI tests run automatically after every code change.
- Deployment Automation: Code can be automatically deployed to staging or production environments.

2. Jenkins: A Leading CI/CD Tool

Jenkins is an open-source automation server commonly used to implement CI/CD pipelines. It automates parts of software development related to building, testing, and deploying code.

Key Features of Jenkins:

- Extensibility: Jenkins has a rich ecosystem of plugins to support building, deploying, and automating projects for multiple languages and technologies.
- Distributed Builds: Jenkins can distribute tasks across multiple machines for faster processing.
- **Pipeline as Code:** Using Jenkins Pipeline DSL (Domain-Specific Language), you can define CI/CD workflows as code in a Jenkinsfile.

• Integration with VCS: Jenkins integrates seamlessly with Git, SVN, and other version control systems.

3. Jenkins Architecture

Jenkins operates on a master-slave (or controller-agent) architecture:

- Master (Controller): The central server that manages the CI/CD environment, schedules jobs, and monitors their execution.
- Agents (Slaves): Machines that perform the actual build and test tasks. Jenkins can distribute workloads to multiple agents for scalability.

4. Jenkins Components

- Jobs: Individual tasks that Jenkins can execute, such as building code, running tests, or deploying applications.
- **Builds:** The process of compiling and packaging the code. Each build can be triggered manually or automatically.
- **Pipelines:** A series of automated steps defined in a Jenkinsfile that describe the CI/CD process.
- **Plugins:** Extend Jenkins' functionality, allowing integration with various tools like Git, Docker, Maven, etc.

5. Setting Up Jenkins

Step 1: Install Jenkins

On Ubuntu:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install openjdk-11-jdk
wget -q -0 - https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian/jenkins.io.key | sudo
apt-key add -
sudo sh -c 'echo deb http://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable binary/
> /etc/apt/sources.list.d/jenkins.list'
sudo apt update
sudo apt install jenkins
sudo systemctl start jenkins
sudo systemctl status jenkins
```

On Windows:

Download the Jenkins installer from the Jenkins official website and follow the installation wizard.

Step 2: Access Jenkins Web Interface

• Open your browser and go to: http://localhost:8080

Retrieve the initial admin password:

```
sudo cat /var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword
```

• Unlock Jenkins and install the suggested plugins.

6. Configuring Jenkins for CI

Step 1: Create a New Job

- 1. Click "New Item" in the Jenkins dashboard.
- 2. Enter a name for the job.

- 3. Choose the job type:
 - Freestyle Project: Basic job configuration.
 - Pipeline: Advanced, code-defined CI/CD workflow.

Step 2: Configure Source Code Repository

- For GitHub Integration:
 - In the job configuration, go to "Source Code Management".
 - Select Git and enter the repository URL.
 - Add credentials if necessary.

Step 3: Add Build Triggers

- Configure triggers to automate builds:
 - o **Poll SCM:** Periodically check for changes in the repository.
 - GitHub Hook Trigger: Trigger builds automatically when changes are pushed to GitHub.

Step 4: Add Build Steps

- Execute Shell: Run shell commands or scripts.
- Invoke Ant/Maven/Gradle: Run build tools for Java projects.
- Execute Windows Batch Command: Run batch files on Windows systems.

Step 5: Add Post-Build Actions

- Archive Artifacts: Save build outputs for later use.
- Send Notifications: Email alerts or Slack messages after builds.
- Deploy Applications: Automate deployment to servers.

7. Jenkins Pipeline (Declarative & Scripted)

Declarative Pipeline (Recommended for Most Cases):

A declarative pipeline is defined in a Jenkinsfile using a simplified syntax.

```
pipeline {
    agent any
    stages {
        stage('Build') {
            steps {
                echo 'Building the project...'
                sh 'mvn clean install'
        stage('Test') {
            steps {
                echo 'Running tests...'
                sh 'mvn test'
        stage('Deploy') {
            steps {
                echo 'Deploying application...'
                sh 'scp target/app.jar
user@server:/path/to/deploy'
    }
}
```

Scripted Pipeline (More Flexible):

Scripted pipelines offer more control but require a deeper understanding of Groovy.

```
node {
    stage('Build') {
        sh 'mvn clean install'
    }
    stage('Test') {
```

```
sh 'mvn test'
}
stage('Deploy') {
    sh 'scp target/app.jar user@server:/path/to/deploy'
}
```

8. Common Jenkins Plugins

- Git Plugin: Integrates Jenkins with Git repositories.
- Pipeline Plugin: Enables the use of Jenkins Pipelines.
- Docker Pipeline: Manages Docker containers in CI/CD workflows.
- Blue Ocean: A modern UI for visualizing Jenkins pipelines.
- Slack Notification Plugin: Sends notifications to Slack channels.

9. Advanced Jenkins Concepts

9.1. Jenkinsfile as Code

Defining your pipeline in a Jenkinsfile allows you to version control your CI/CD process alongside your application code.

9.2. Parallel Execution

You can run multiple stages in parallel to speed up your pipeline:

```
}
stage('Integration Test') {
    steps {
        sh 'mvn verify'
        }
}
```

9.3. Parameterized Builds

Allow users to pass parameters to Jenkins jobs:

```
pipeline {
    agent any
    parameters {
        string(name: 'ENV', defaultValue: 'staging',
description: 'Deployment Environment')
    }
    stages {
        stage('Deploy') {
            steps {
                sh "deploy.sh ${params.ENV}"
               }
        }
     }
}
```

10. Jenkins Security Best Practices

- Use Role-Based Access Control: Limit permissions based on user roles.
- Secure Credentials: Store sensitive data (like API keys) in Jenkins Credentials Manager.

• **Keep Jenkins Updated:** Regularly update Jenkins and plugins to fix security vulnerabilities.

11. Troubleshooting Jenkins Issues

- Build Fails: Check the console output for error logs.
- Permissions Issues: Verify user permissions in Jenkins settings.
- Plugin Conflicts: Update or reinstall problematic plugins.

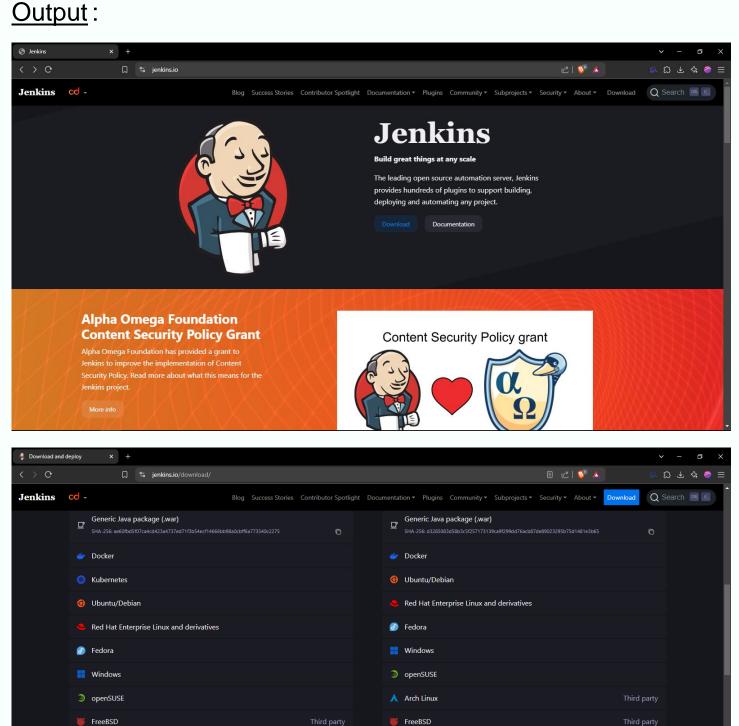
12. Summary of Key Jenkins Commands

Operation	Command/Action
Start Jenkins	sudo systemctl start jenkins
Stop Jenkins	sudo systemctl stop jenkins
Restart Jenkins	sudo systemctl restart jenkins
Check Jenkins Status	sudo systemctl status jenkins
Access Jenkins Dashboard	http://localhost:8080
Install Plugins	Manage Jenkins → Manage Plugins
Run Pipeline Manually	Click "Build Now"
View Build Logs	Click on a build → Console Output

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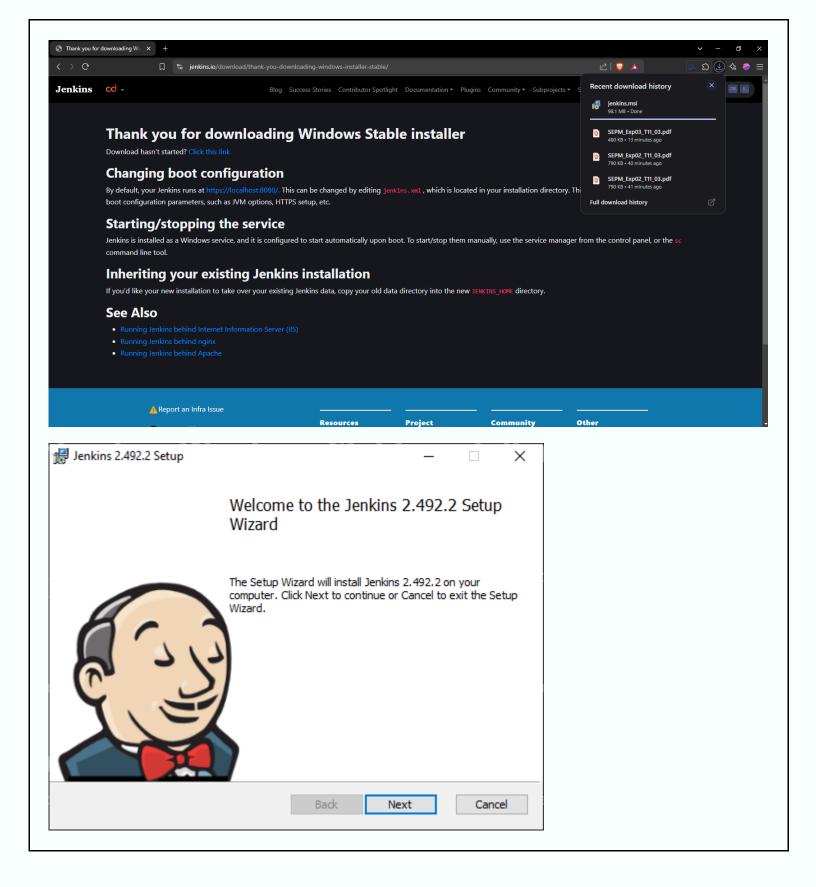
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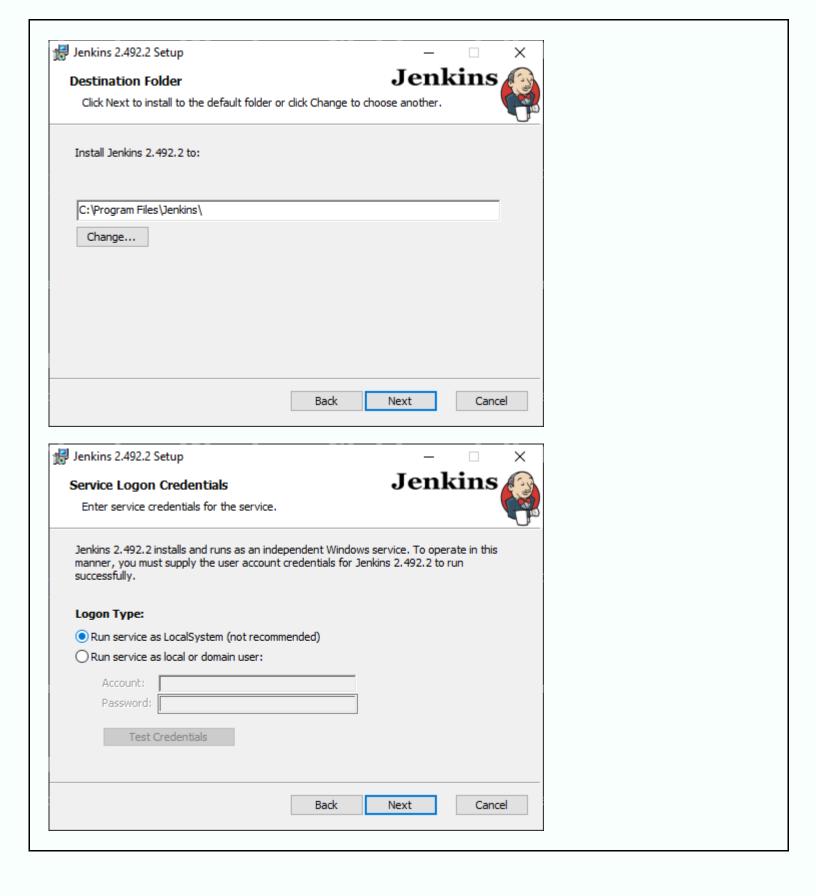


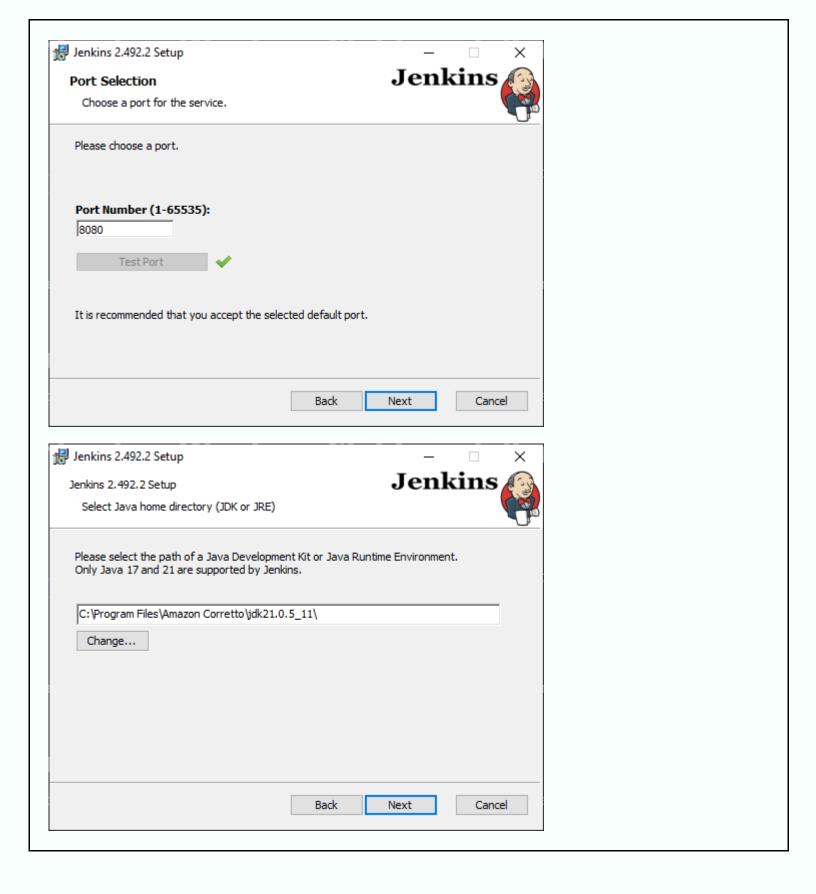
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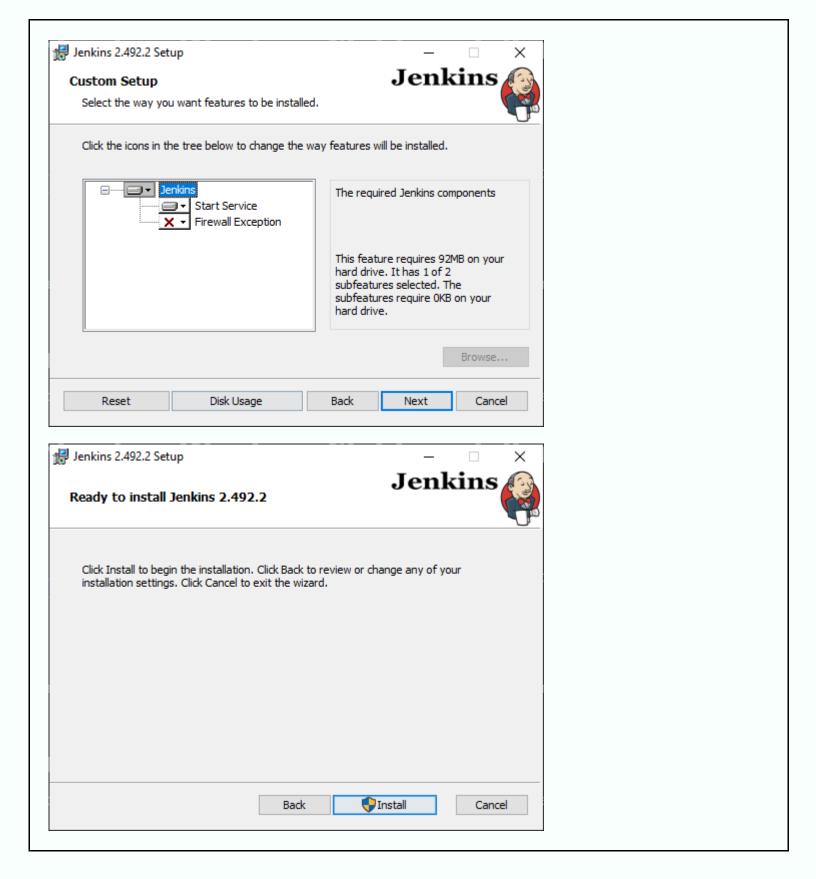
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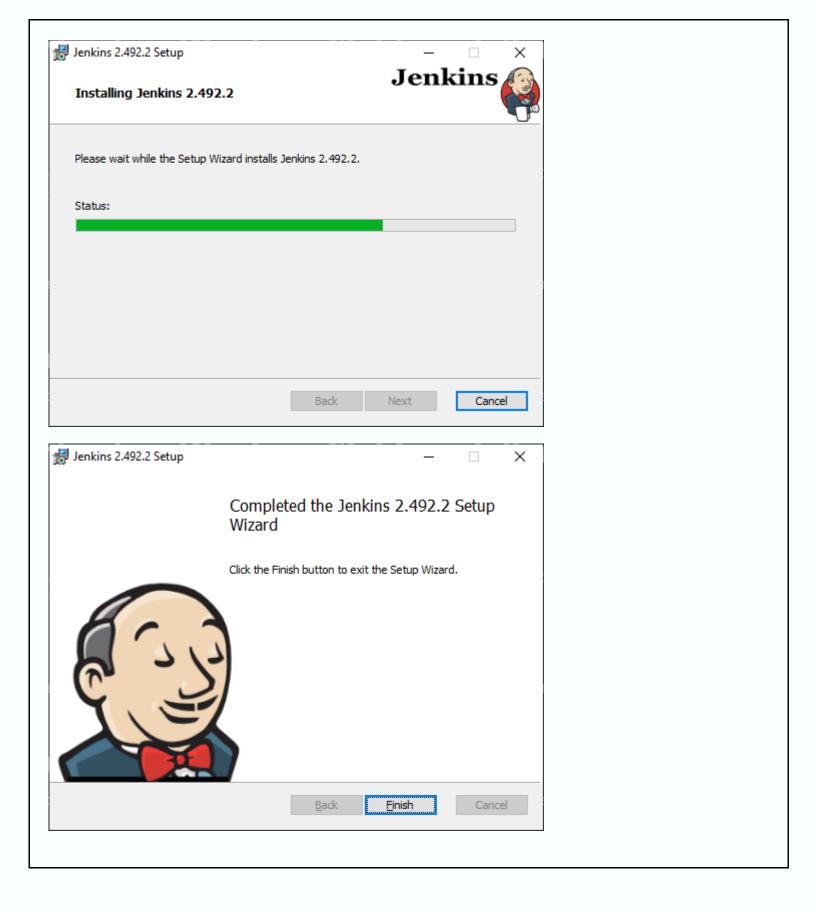
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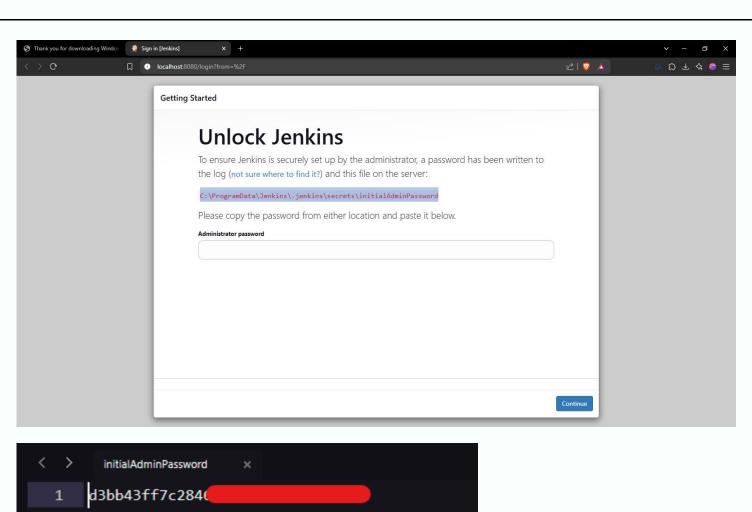


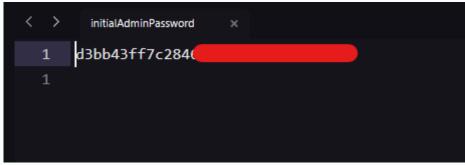


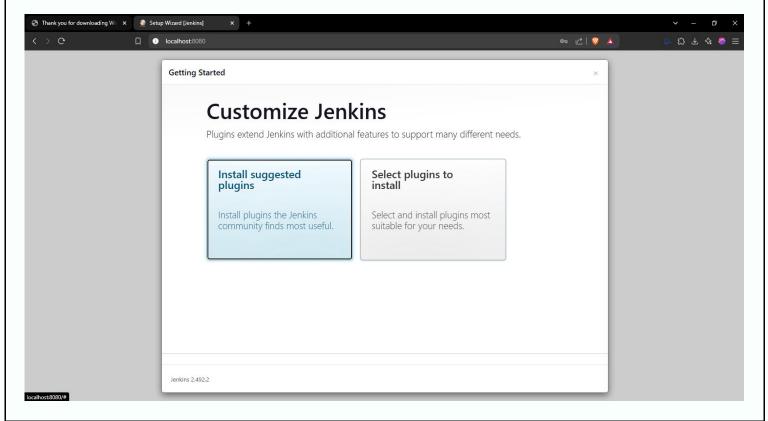


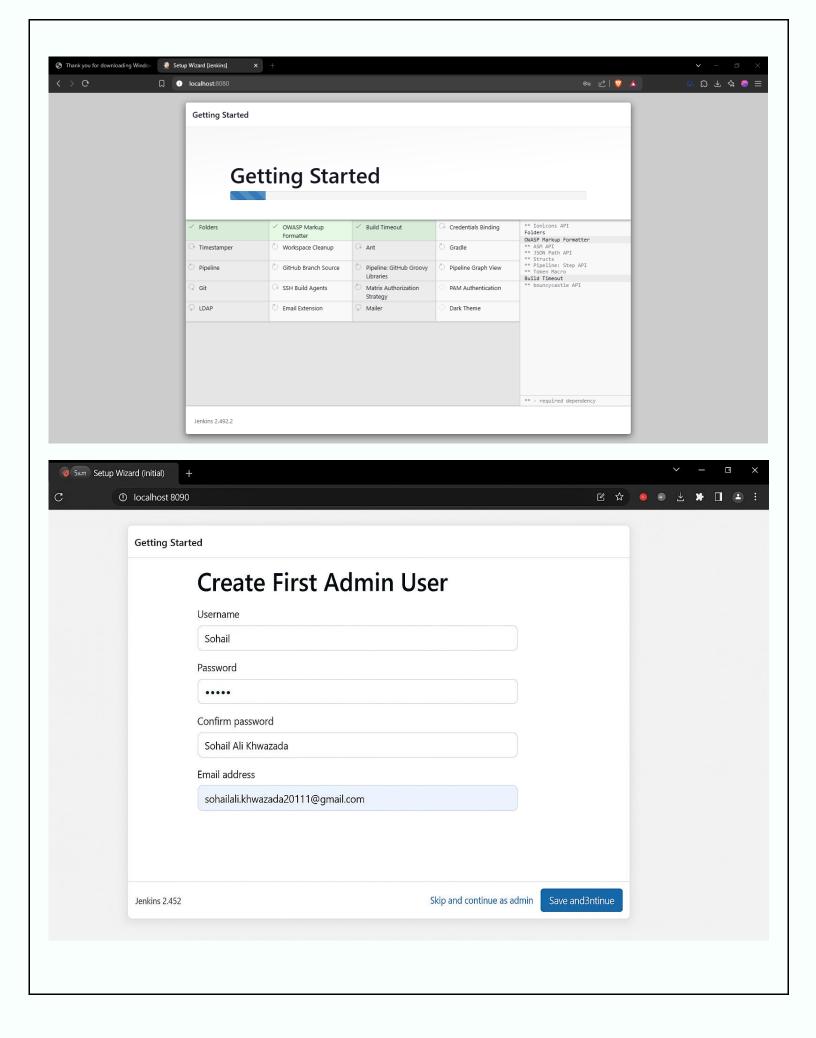


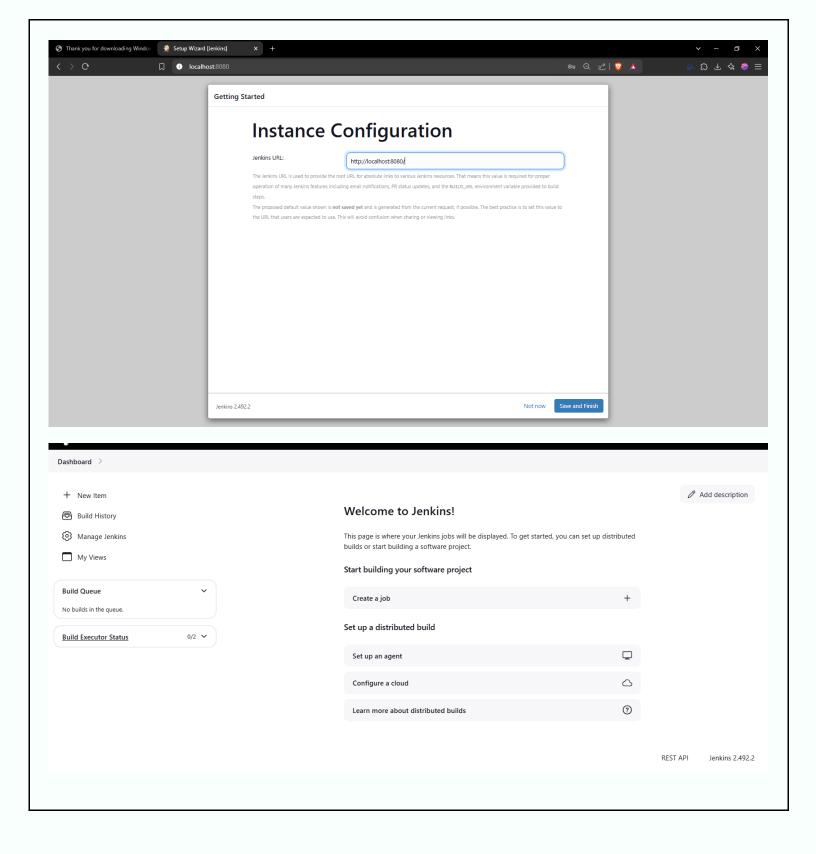


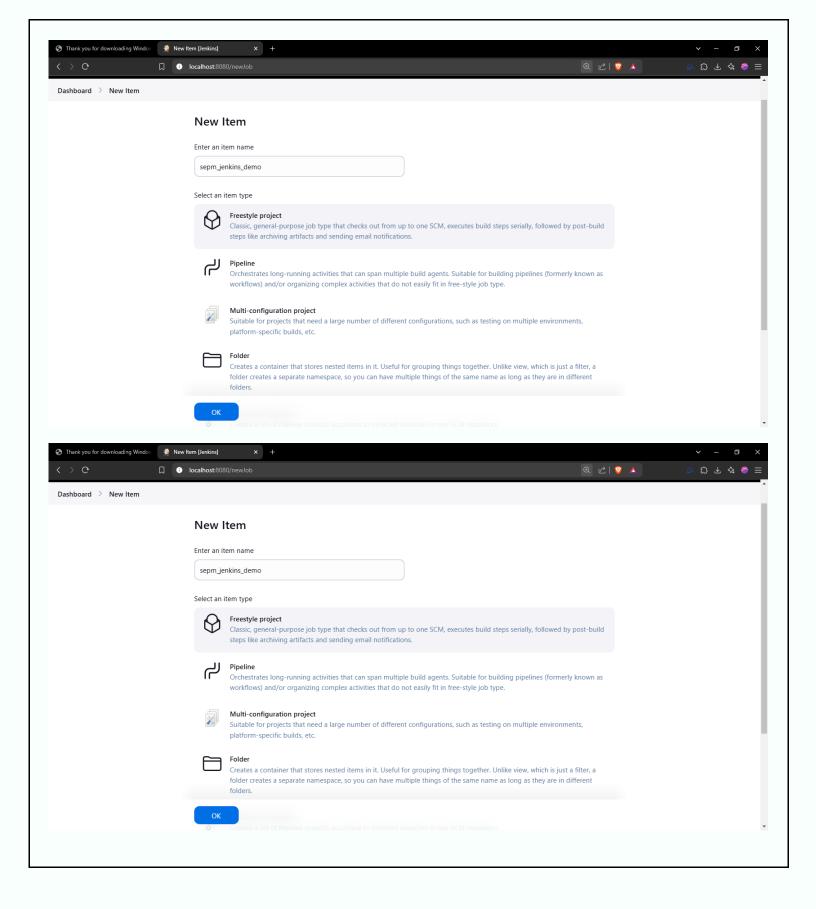


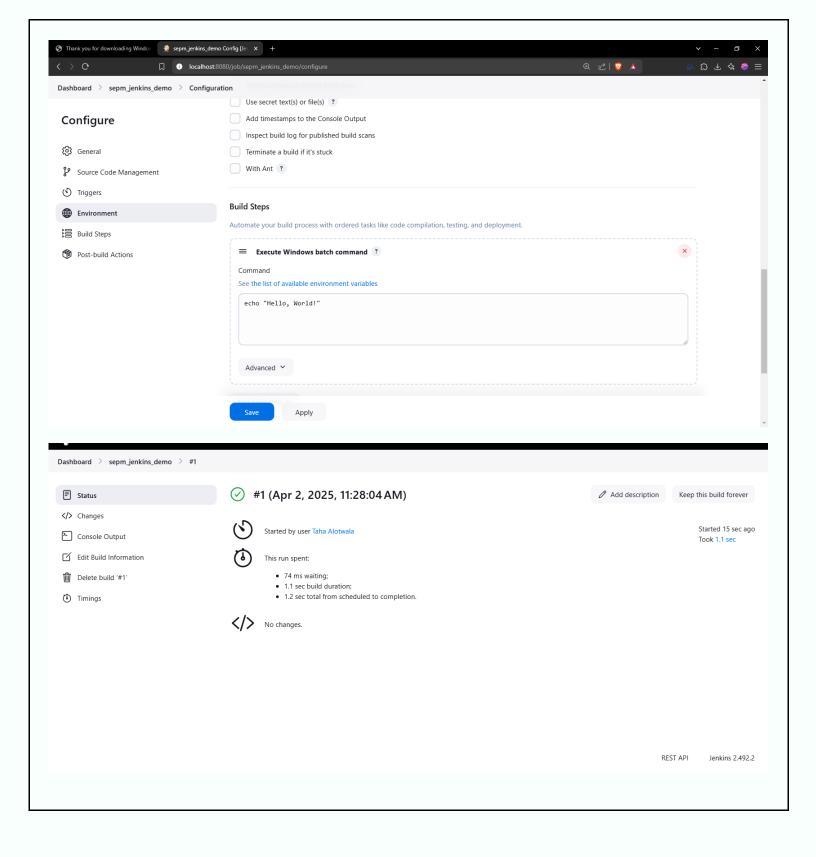


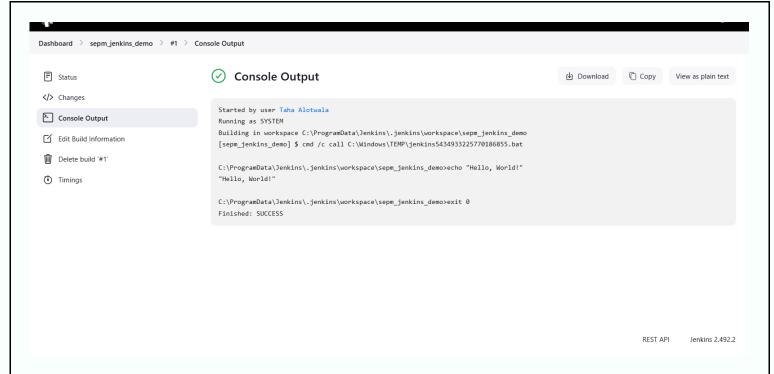












Conclusion:

We have successfully installed and configured Jenkins with Maven/Ant/Gradle to setup a build Job and learnt about the implementation of Jenkins in open source continuous integration.