



# Jenkins

Maintenance

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# Back Ups

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- As its simplest form you just need to back up `$JENKINS_HOME`
- Folders that you can ignore
  - `$JENKINS_HOME/war`
  - `$JENKINS_HOME/cache`
  - `$JENKINS_HOME/tools`

# Specific backups

- If you do back up the `$JENKINS_HOME` you can be selective of your jobs
- There is no need to backup the `jobs/workspace` directory
- `builds` directory is important since it contains test results, artifacts, and timestamps, if that isn't necessary do not include it

# Verifying Backups

- export or set the JENKINS\_HOME that points to the Jenkins backup
- Run Jenkins in a separate port

# Using the Backup Plugin

- Plugin used to backup Jenkins data
- Configure and run backups of
  - build job configurations
  - build history
- You can choose to shutdown or not to shutdown
- Can be attached to a cron by invoking with `wget` or `curl: http://<host>:<port>/backup/backup`

# Thin Backups

- Thin backups can be performed with the Thin Backup Plugin
- Build History and Artifacts are not stored! (It's thin)
- Includes cron settings to time your backups (Backup Plugin does not)
- Contains a restore page to restore the plugin



# Lab: Create a Backup and Restore

- Install the Backup Plugin
- Configure the backup without shutting down the server.
- Create a Backup
- Verify the Backup
- Delete the simple project job
- Restore from the Backup
- Ensure the simple project job is back

# Archiving Projects

# Archiving a Project

- In a command prompt go to the `$JENKINS_HOME\jobs` directory
- List the contents of the directory using `dir` or `ls`
- `jar`, `tar`, or `zip` the directory of the project
- Copy the archive to any desired backup directory
- Ensure that the project has no active jobs
- Delete the project from the `$JENKINS_HOME\jobs` directory



## Reload Configuration from Disk

Discard all the loaded data in memory and reload everything from file system. Useful when you modified config files directly on disk.

# Lab: Archive a Single Project

- Archive the simpleproject project
- Delete the simpleproject project
- Reload the configuration from disk
- Bring back the simpleproject by putting it back in the jobs directory
- Reload the configuration from disk

# Discarding Old Builds

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Strategy

Log Rotation

Days to keep builds

if not empty, build records are only kept up to this number of days

Max # of builds to keep

if not empty, only up to this number of build records are kept

Days to keep artifacts

if not empty, artifacts from builds older than this number of days will be deleted, but the logs, history, reports, etc for the build will be kept

Max # of builds to keep with artifacts

if not empty, only up to this number of builds have their artifacts retained

# Discard Old Builds

- Overtime, the more build records on a job the longer it will take
- Discard Old Builds in each project can save on space
- Days to Keep Builds specifies how many days to keep
- Max # of Builds specifies how many builds to hold onto
- Days to Keep Artifacts specifies how many days to hold onto artifacts
- Max # of Builds to keep artifacts specifies how many builds to keep artifacts
- Warning: Everything will be gone, Keeping Artifacts is the best approach

# Disk Usage Plugin

- Records Amount of Disk Space
- Allows you to fix Disk Space issues
- Shows the Project Name and the Build space and the Workspace space taken up
- This plugin allow you to select "Show disk usage trend" for each project



# Lab: Discard Builds & Disk Usage

- Set the simpleproject job to max number of builds to 50 to keep the artifacts
- Install the disk usage plugin
- Set simpleproject to show disk usage in the project

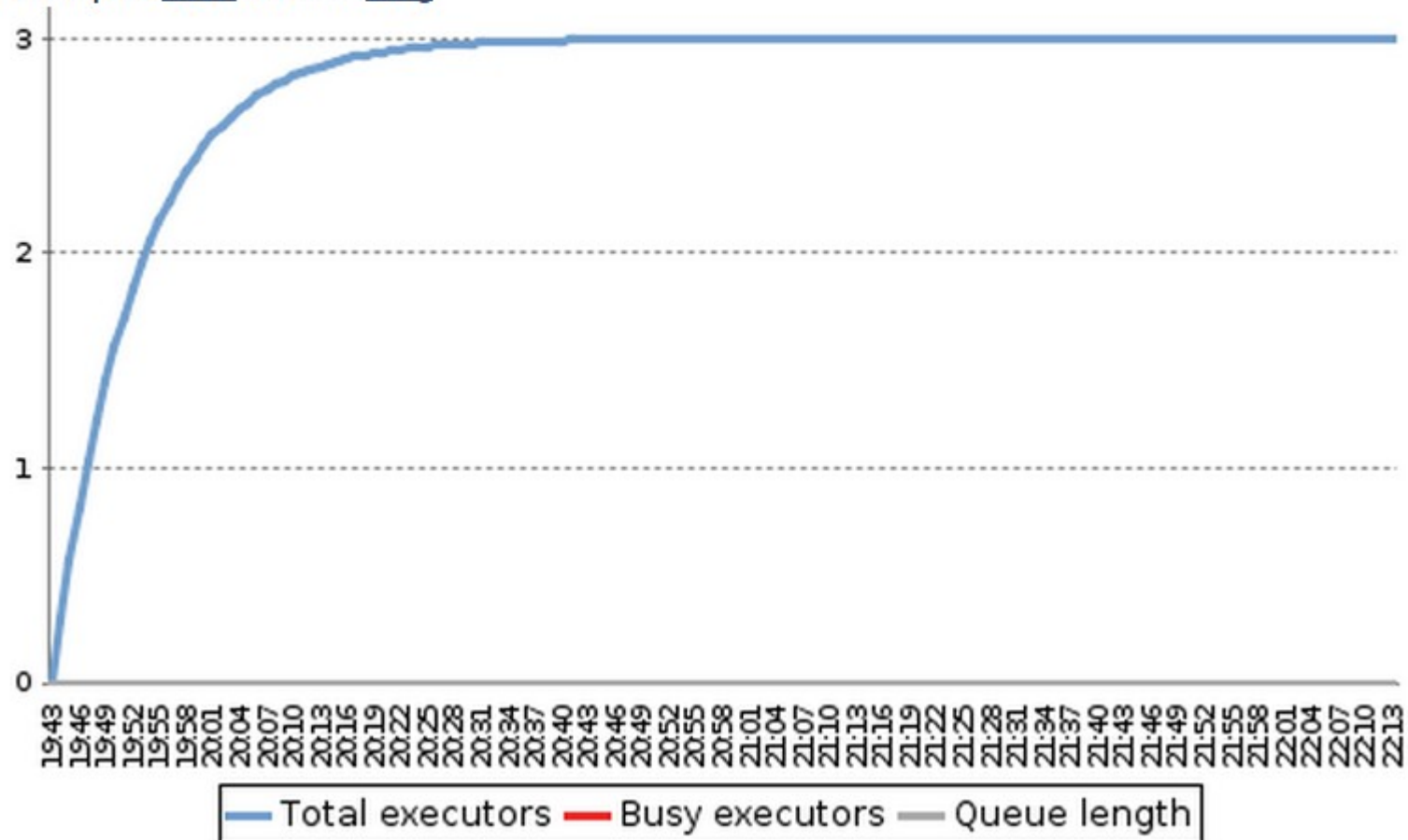
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## Load statistics: Windows-Node

Timespan: [Short](#) [Medium](#) [Long](#)



# Monitor Server Load Elements

- Server Load contains three lines
  - Total Executors – Number of executors used
  - Number of Busy Executors – Number of executors that are busy. If the number matches total executors over a long period, it may be time to add new nodes
  - Queue Length – Number of Jobs waiting for an executor. If this goes above 0, you may need more nodes to handle the requests

# Monitor Server Load

- Server Load Graphs can viewed on:
  - 'Manage Jenkins' page of the master node
  - The node configuration page of the remote node

# Lab: View the Monitor Server Load

- View the Monitor Server Load on the master node and one of the Remote Nodes

Thanks