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Continuous Delivery

Continuous Delivery (CD) is a DevOps practice that is used to deploy an application quickly while maintaining a high quality with an automated approach. It is about the way application package is deployed in the Web Server or in the Application Server in environment such as dev, test or staging. Deployment of an application can be done using shell script, batch file, or plugins available in Jenkins. Approach of automated deployment in case of Continuous Delivery and Continuous Deployment will be always same most of the time. In the case of Continuous Delivery, the application package is always production ready

Jenkins with Maven Build

Setup maven

- Go to Jenkins Dashboard -> Manage Jenkins -> Global Tool Configuration > Maven > Give a Name Maven_Local > Check Install Automatically > Install from Apache (specify a version) > Save
- You can give a logical name to identify the correct version while configuring a build job

Jenkins Job

- Click on **New Item** then enter an item name, select **Freestyle project**.
- Under Source Code Management tab, select Git and then set the Repository URL to point to your GitHub Repository. https://github.com/YourUserName/repo-name.git
- Under Build Environment Build Step > Select Invoke top-level Maven targets from dropdown > select the Maven Version that we just created, specify clean install.
- Under Advanced tab, specifyy the pom.xml file relative path location from git repository.
- Click on Save

• Click OK and Build a Job and you will see that a war file is created.

clean -> Deletes /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/jenkins-maven-build/java-tomcatsample/target

Maven build phases

- Maven itself requires Java installed on your machine.
- You can verify if Maven is installed on your machine by running **mvn -v** in your command line/terminal.
- Maven is based on the Project Object Model (POM) configuration, which is stored in the XML file called the same pom.xml.
- It is a structured format that describes the project, it's dependencies, plugins, and goals. pom.xml file in your project directory
- Validate: Validate Project is correct & all necessary information is available.
- Compile : Compile the Source Code
- **Test**: Test the Compiled Source Code using suitable unit Testing Framework (like JUnit)
- package: Take the compiled code and package it.
- Install: Install package in Local Repo, for use as a dependency in other project locally.
- **Deploy**: Copy the final package to the remote repository for sharing with other developers.
- The above are always are sequential, if you specify install, all the phases before install are checked.

Artifacts Archive

- Go to Jenkins dashboard -> Jenkins project or build job -> Post-build Actions -> Add post-build action -> Archive the artifacts:
- Enter details for options in Archive the artifacts section:
 - For Files to archive enter the Path of the .war file like: java-tomcat-sample/target/*.war
- Save the changes and Build Now.
- Check the directories as below to validate above information:

```
ls /var/lib/jenkins/jobs
ls /var/lib/jenkins/jobs/<JOB_NAME>
ls /var/lib/jenkins/jobs/<JOB_NAME>/builds/<BUILD_NUMBER>
ls /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/<JOB_NAME>
```

• If you check the directory structure, there will be archive directory present under the subsequent build number for which the job is executed with Post build action as Archive the artifacts

Jenkins Build and Deploy

• Below steps assume that, you have a Jenkins Server Up and Running on one of the EC2 instance.

Setup Apache Tomcat on Amazon Linux:

• Launch a new EC2 Instance for Webserver Configuration

- To Start Apache Tomcat: Run the ./startup.sh file in /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/bin
- We can make the scripts executable and then create a symbolic link for this scripts.

```
sudo chmod +x /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/bin/startup.sh
sudo chmod +x /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/bin/shutdown.sh
```

• Create symbolic link to these file so that tomcat server start and stop can be executed from any directory.

```
echo $PATH
sudo ln -s /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/bin/startup.sh /usr/bin/tomcatup
sudo ln -s /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/bin/shutdown.sh /usr/bin/tomcatdown
tomcatup
netstat -nltp | grep 8080
```

If you want to run Apache Tomcat on same Machine where Jenkins is Installed, then change the port of Apache Tomcat in: /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/conf/server.xml file to 8090 as below,

- If above changes are made, execute the command tomcatdown and tomcatup.
- Create an empty repo and clone it, add project files into the local git folder and commit -> push the local repo to remote github repo using Git Bash.
- Verify the files are available in your github repository

Tomcat War file deployment Configs

- To have access to the dashboard the admin user needs the manager-gui role. Later, we will need to deploy a WAR file using Maven, for this, we need the manager-script role too.
- In order for Tomcat to accept remote deployments, we have to add a user with the role manager-script. To do so, edit the file ../conf/tomcat-users.xml` and add the following lines:
- In this case: add below configuration in file /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/conf/tomcat-users.xml

```
<role rolename="manager-gui"/>
<role rolename="manager-script"/>
<user username="admin" password="admin" roles="manager-gui, manager-script"/>
<user username="deployer" password="deployer" roles="manager-script" />
```

- Edit the RemoteAddrValve under this file /opt/apache-tomcat-9.0.35/webapps/manager/META-INF/context.xml to allow all.
- Before

```
<Valve className="org.apache.catalina.valves.RemoteAddrValve"
allow="127\.\d+\.\d+\.\d+|::1|0:0:0:0:0:0:1" />
```

• After

```
<Valve className="org.apache.catalina.valves.RemoteAddrValve"
allow=".*" />
```

Restart the tomcat server using tomcatdown and tomcatup

Jenkins Plugin installation

• To install the Plugin Deploy to container navigate to Manage Jenkins > Manage Plugins, search Deploy to container under Available tab.

Jenkins Job to deploy war file

- Click on **New Item** then enter an item name, select **Freestyle project**.
- Select the GitHub project checkbox and set the Project URL to point to your GitHub Repository. https://github.com/YourUserName/
- Under Source Code Management Section: Provide the Github Repository URL of the Maven Project, keep the branch as master.
- Go to Jenkins Project -> Configure -> Under Build Environment Build Step > Select Invoke top-level
 Maven targets from dropdown > select the Maven Version that is configured > Enter clean
 install
- Under Post-build Actions, from the Add post-build action dropdown button select the option Deploy war/ear to a container
- Enter details of the War file that will be created as:
 - For WAR/EAR files you can use wild cards, e.g. **/*.war.
 - The context path is the context path part of the URL under which your application will be published in Tomcat.
 - Select the appropriate Tomcat version from the Container dropdown box (note that you can also deploy to Glassfish or JBoss using this Jenkins plugin).
 - Under the Credentials, Add username and password value that is entered in the tomcatusers.xml file. Specify the ID of the credentials as tomcat_creds. This will be used later in Pipeline Script.
 - The Tomcat URL is the base URL through which your Tomcat instance can be reached (e.g http://172.31.67.85:8080)

Make Sure network is open on specific port.

- Save the changes and Build Now.
- Once Jenkins Job is build, if there is a Success for deploy, verify the deployment files on Tomcat Server under webapps path.
- Make some changes in the code on the github configured branch in the Jenkins Job and build the Job again to verify the Artifact Deployment on Tomcat Path.

Jenkins Job with docker agent

• Since above Jenkinsfile contains a stage with docker agent, we need to install docker on the Jenkins Node.

```
#install docker
sudo yum install docker -y
sudo systemctl start docker

#add jenkins user to docker and wheel group
sudo usermod -aG wheel jenkins
sudo usermod -aG docker jenkins

#Restart jenkins
sudo systemctl restart jenkins
```

- Also under Jenkins Plugins install: Docker plugin and Docker Pipeline.
- Click on **Build Now** to build the jenkinsfile project