



NetApp HCI for DevOps

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NetApp HCI for DevOps

Building an End-to-End CI/CD Pipeline

This series of blogs and videos will explore how *NetApp HCI* satisfies the requirements of the **DevOps Continuous Integration (CI)** and **Continuous Delivery (CD)** pipeline.

[Learn more](#) about NetApp HCI.

What is DevOps?

DevOps is a set of software development practices that combine software development (*Dev*) and information-technology operations (*Ops*) to shorten the systems-development life cycle while delivering features, fixes, and updates frequently in close alignment with business objectives.

As DevOps is intended to be a cross-functional mode of working, those that practice the methodology use different sets of tools—referred to as "toolchains"—rather than a single one.

What is a CI/CD Pipeline?

Continuous Integration (CI) and **Continuous Delivery (CD)** embody a culture, set of operating principles, and collection of practices that enable application development teams to deliver code changes more frequently and reliably. The implementation is also known as the *CI/CD pipeline* and is one of the best practices for DevOps teams to implement.

Addressing the CI/CD Pipeline with NetApp HCI

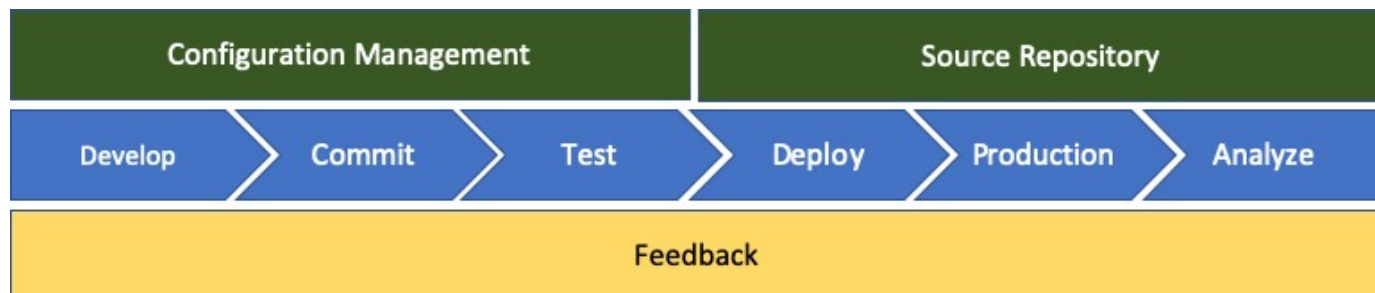


Figure 1: DevOps CI/CD Pipeline - Use the navigation panel (at the right) to learn more about each of the components of the CI/CD pipeline.

Configuration Management

Configuration management refers to the process of setting up the virtual infrastructure for a DevOps CI/CD pipeline. Automation of the infrastructure configuration is a key tenant in DevOps where automation tools such as Ansible and Puppet are widely used to perform the required automation steps.

Automate configuration on your Virtual Infrastructure:

- Deploy Kubernetes on NetApp HCI with NKS: [Blog](#)

The screenshot shows the NetApp Kubernetes Service (NKS) configuration interface. At the top, there is a progress bar with three steps: 'Choose a provider' (completed), 'Configure your provider' (completed), and 'Configure your cluster' (active). The main content area is titled 'NetApp | HCI'. On the left, under 'Recommendation', it lists: 1 Master (Size: m, Disk: 50 GB), 2 Workers (Size: m, Disk: 50GB), lab-rtp, and Default SPC SSH Keypair. Below this is a 'Key-Value Store' section with the etcd logo. On the right, the 'Cluster Name' is 'hctest' (7 / 255 characters). The 'Orchestration' section shows 'kubernetes' 1.14.3 with checkboxes for 'Install Dashboard' and 'Enable RBAC'. The 'Pod Network' is '10.2.0.0 /16' and the 'Service Network' is '10.3.0.0 /24'. The 'Distribution' section shows 'debian' 'Stable'. At the bottom, there is a 'PROCESSING...' button.

Source Repository

A source repository is where the “code” is stored throughout the CI/CD pipeline. Developers “check-out” code to make changes, test the changes and “check-in” the code to be built and deployed. Examples of source repositories that will be referenced in the DevOps video/blog series include jFrog and Bitbucket.

Choose and setup a Source Repository:

- Configuring Jenkins with a new pipeline to run jobs in Kubernetes: [Blog](#)

The screenshot shows the Jenkins configuration interface for a Pipeline job. The browser address bar indicates the URL is <https://jenkins.netmnf15bs.nks.cloud/job/Demo/configure>. The configuration page has four tabs: General, Build Triggers, Advanced Project Options, and Pipeline. The Pipeline tab is selected, showing the following configuration:

- Definition:** Pipeline script from SCM
- SCM:** None
- Script Path:** Jenkinsfile
- Lightweight checkout:** ☒

At the bottom of the Pipeline tab, there is a link to [Pipeline Syntax](#) and two buttons: **Save** and **Apply**.

Develop

In order to develop code in a CI/CD pipeline, a code and binary management system must be defined. The management system defines the practices for developing and introducing code into the pipeline. Tools such as Artifactory help in managing this process for DevOps.



Behind the scenes of Artifactory and HCI:

Commit

Once code is developed and tested, it must be built before it can be deployed. The commit phase of the CI/CD pipeline addresses how the code is committed into the code management system and built so that it can be deployed.

Setup your CI pipeline and Run your first builds:

- Configuring Jenkins with a new pipeline to run jobs in Kubernetes: [Blog](#)

General Build Triggers Advanced Project Options Pipeline

☐ Preserve stashes from completed builds

☐ This project is parameterized

☐ Throttle builds

Build Triggers

☐ Build after other projects are built

☐ Build periodically

☐ Poll SCM

☐ Disable this project

☐ Quiet period

☐ Trigger builds remotely (e.g., from scripts)

Advanced Project Options

Advanced...

Pipeline

Definition Pipeline script from SCM

SCM None

Script Path Jenkinsfile

Lightweight checkout ☒

Pipeline Syntax

Save Apply

Test

Testing is a critical component in any development process. In a CI/CD pipeline, testing is performed at the development phase as well as part of the “acceptance” of code prior to deployment.

Deploy

Deployment of code occurs once the code has been developed, tested and built. Once built and verified, code can be deployed into a production or pre-production environment.

Deploy blue/green environments with Kubernetes:

- Deploy an application on a NetApp HCI cluster using curated NKS Helm charts: [Blog](#)

The screenshot shows the NetApp HCI Kubernetes Dashboard for a cluster named 'hctest' with 'Kubernetes v1.14.3 - RBAC Enabled'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Kubernetes Dashboard, MacBook, kubeconfig, Quick Start Guide, Event Log, and Report an Issue. A 'Preview' section provides contact information for support. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Master Nodes (1)**: A table with columns Hostname, Node Size, Private IP, and Public IP. It lists 'netr66lpc-master-1' with node size 'm (50GB)' and private IP '10.61.185.81'. An 'ADD MASTER' button is present.
- Worker Node Pools (1)**: A table with columns Hostname, Node Size, and Nodes. It lists 'Default Worker Pool' with node size 'm (50GB)' and 2 nodes. An 'ADD WORKER' button is present.
- Deployments (23)**: A table with columns Name, Namespace, Labels, Pods, and Age. It lists several deployments including 'nginx-ingress-controller', 'istio-ingressgateway', 'jenkins', 'coredns', and 'tiller-deploy'.

At the bottom, there is a 'Display:' section with checkboxes for 'Cluster' and 'Workloads'. A status bar at the bottom of the dashboard shows the text: 'app.kubernetes.io/component: jenkins-master, app.kubernetes.io/instance: jenkins, app.kubernetes.io/managed-by: Tiller, app.kubernetes.io/name: jenkins, helm.sh/chart: jenkins-1.7.3'.

- Deploy a custom application on a NetApp HCI cluster using a custom helm chart: [Blog](#)

The screenshot shows the 'NetApp Kubernetes Service' interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'NetApp Kubernetes Service Solutions', 'Trusted Charts' (23), and 'My Charts' (1). The main area displays a grid of trusted charts:

- Istio**: Service Mesh
- JFrog ARTIFACTORY**: credentials required, Registry
- JFrog XRAY**: Security
- NetApp Cloud Volumes for AWS**: credentials required, Cloud Volumes
- Prometheus**: Monitoring
- Elasticsearch, fluentd, Kibana**: Logging
- HAPROXY COMMUNITY EDITION**
- autoscaler**

Production

Once code is deployed into the production environment, it can be utilized to meet a customer use case. This topic will touch on how the DevOps CI/CD pipeline introduces code into production to solve a

business need.

Data Protection, and DR to any place: on premise, off premise and the Cloud:



Analyze

Throughout the lifecycle of a CI/CD pipeline, analysis and metrics surrounding the code provide an effective means of evaluating the performance and effectiveness in meeting a business need. This section will touch on metrics and analytics using tools such as ServiceNow (as a self-service portal) and Cloud Insights.

Metrics are king:



ServiceNow for a self-service Portal:



Using Cloud Insights:



Feedback

Feedback is a fundamental tenant of a successful CI/CD pipeline. At every point in the pipeline, feedback is given to ensure that the code is meeting the expectations. There are a variety of feedback options including, but not limited to, email, reports, blogs, source management notifications and execution logs.

Communicate status to your developers:



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