

# Infrastructure as Code (IAC)

## IP Address Management System (IPAM)

I am using Nautobot as my IPAM solution.

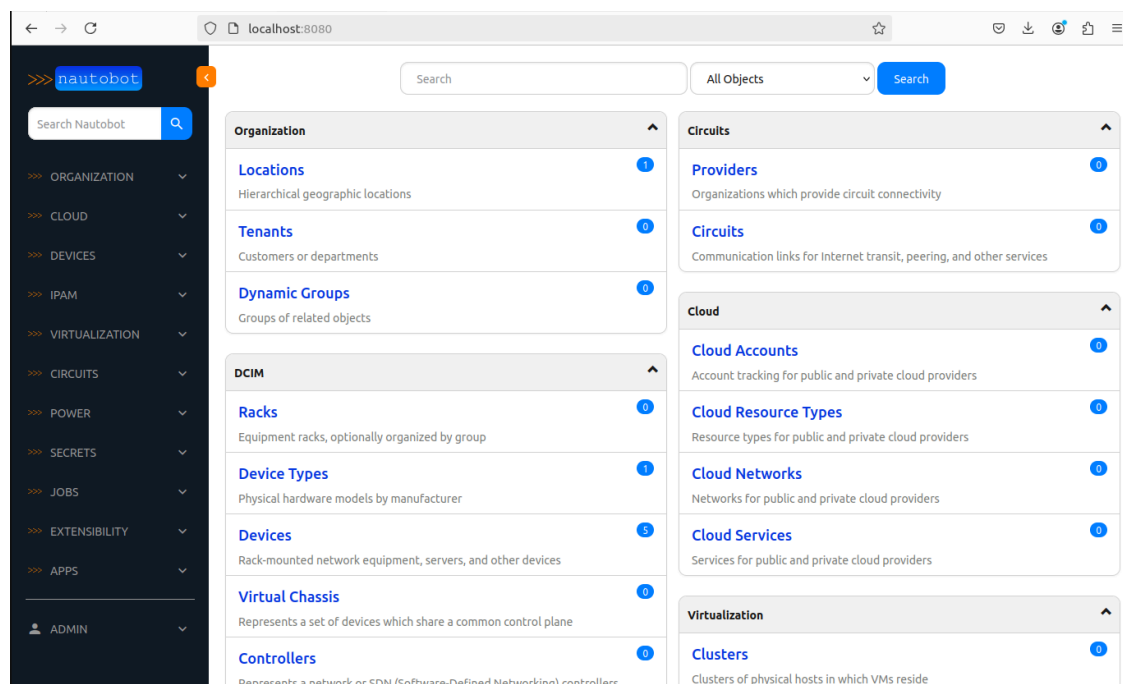
### Installation

To install Nautobot, I used [this link](#) to install Nautobot.

### Accessing the Web UI

Once the setup was complete, I accessed the Nautobot web UI by navigating to `http://localhost:8080` in my browser.

Logged with the default admin credentials that I set up during the installation process.



*Screenshot: Nautobot login page and dashboard after logging in.*

# Initial Configuration

After accessing the dashboard, I began by creating my site, device types, manufacturers, and other essential data for network management. Here's how I configured my Nautobot instance:

1. I added **Location** and **Location Type** as

The first screenshot shows the 'Location Types' page in the Nautobot dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'ORGANIZATION', 'LOCATIONS', 'RACKS', and 'Racks'. The main content area has a search bar and buttons for 'Configure', 'Filter', 'Saved Views', and '+ Add Location Type'. Below these is a table with columns: Name, Nestable, Permitted object types, and Description. The table contains one entry: 'Lab' with a red 'X' in the Nestable column and 'dcim | device' in the Permitted object types column. A 'Bulk Actions' button is on the left, and a '50 per page' dropdown is on the right.

The second screenshot shows the 'Locations' page. It has a similar layout with a search bar and buttons for 'Configure', 'Filter', 'Saved Views', and '+ Add Location'. The table has columns: Name, Status, Parent, Tenant, Description, and Tags. It contains one entry: 'ContainerLab' with a green 'Active' status. An 'Edit Selected' button is on the left, and a '50 per page' dropdown is on the right.

*Screenshot 1: Location and Location Type*

2. I added **Device Types** and **Manufacturers** relevant to my network setup.

This screenshot shows the 'Device Types' page in the Nautobot dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'Device Redundancy Groups', 'Interface Redundancy Groups', 'DEVICE TYPES', 'Device Families', 'Manufacturers', 'MODULES', 'Modules', and 'Module Types'. The main content area has a search bar and buttons for 'Configure', 'Filter', 'Saved Views', and '+ Add Device Type'. Below these is a table with columns: Device Type, Manufacturer, Part number, Height (U), Full Depth, and Devices. The table contains one entry: 'Arista cEOSLab' with 'Arista' as the manufacturer, '1' as height, a green checkmark for full depth, and '5' for devices. An 'Edit Selected' button is on the left, and a '50 per page' dropdown is on the right.

Manufacturers

Search Manufacturers

Configure Filter Saved Views Add Manufacturer

Manufacturers

Name	Cloud Accounts	Device Types	Inventory Items	Platforms	Description	Dynamic Groups
Arista	0	1	0	0	—	0

Bulk Actions

50 per page

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Screenshot 2: Device Types and Manufacturer

- I configured **Device Roles** and added 3 device types, Access, Core and Edge. I also set the Content Type to `dcim | device` so that the device role is visible in the Devices section.

Roles

Filters: Content type(s): dcim.device

Name	Color	Weight	Content type(s)	Description	Dynamic Groups
Access		—	dcim   device	—	0
Core		—	dcim   device	—	0
Edge		—	dcim   device	—	0

Edit Selected

50 per page

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Screenshot 3: Device Roles configuration

- Post the device roles configuration, I configured the Devices.

Devices

Search Devices

Configure Filter Saved Views Add Device

Devices

Name	Status	Tenant	Role	Type	Location	Rack	IP Address
R1	Active	—	Access	Arista Arista cEOSLab	ContainerLab	—	—
R2	Active	—	Access	Arista Arista cEOSLab	ContainerLab	—	—
R3	Active	—	Core	Arista Arista cEOSLab	ContainerLab	—	—
R4	Active	—	Core	Arista Arista cEOSLab	ContainerLab	—	—
R5	Active	—	Edge	Arista Arista cEOSLab	ContainerLab	—	—

Edit Selected Add Components

50 per page

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Screenshot 4: Devices configuration

# Using Nautobot as Source of Truth

With the initial setup done, Nautobot became the source of truth for my network infrastructure. I configured IP prefixes.

>>> nautobot

Search Nautobot

ORGANIZATION

CLOUD

DEVICES

IPAM

IP ADDRESSES

IP Addresses

IP Address Assignments

PREFIXES

Prefixes

RIRS

RIRs

VRFS

Prefixes

Search Prefixes

Max Length

Configure

Filter

Saved Views

+ Add Prefix

>>> Prefixes

Prefix	Namespace	Type	Status	Children	Utilization	Tenant	Locations	VLAN	Role	Description
11.0.0.0/24	Global	Network	Active	0	0%	—	0	—	—	—
12.0.0.0/24	Global	Network	Active	0	0%	—	0	—	—	—
100.0.0.0/29	Global	Network	Active	0	66%	—	0	—	—	—
103.0.0.0/30	Global	Network	Active	0	100%	—	0	—	—	—
104.0.0.0/30	Global	Network	Active	0	100%	—	0	—	—	—
110.0.0.0/30	Global	Network	Active	0	50%	—	0	—	—	—
192.168.100.0/24	Global	Network	Active	0	1%	—	0	—	—	—
200.0.0.0/30	Global	Network	Active	0	100%	—	0	—	—	—

Edit Selected

50 per page

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Screenshot 5: Prefixes configuration

>>> nautobot

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ORGANIZATION

CLOUD

DEVICES

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IP ADDRESSES

IP Addresses

IP Address Assignments

PREFIXES

Prefixes

RIRS

RIRs

VRFS

Namespaces

VRFs

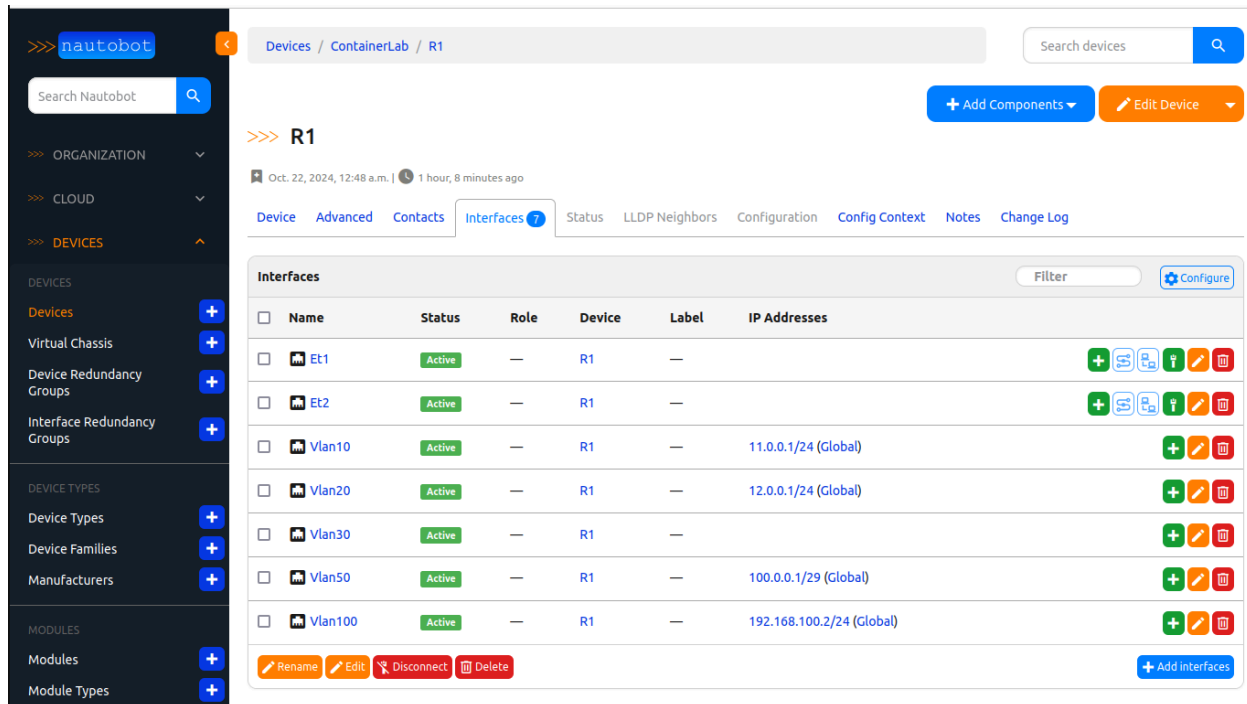
Route Targets

>>> IP Addresses

IP Address	Namespace	Type	Status	Role	Tenant	Assigned	DNS Name	Description
11.0.0.1/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
11.0.0.2/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
12.0.0.1/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
12.0.0.2/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
100.0.0.1/29	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
100.0.0.2/29	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
100.0.0.3/29	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
100.0.0.4/29	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
103.0.0.1/30	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
103.0.0.2/30	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
104.0.0.1/30	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
104.0.0.2/30	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
110.0.0.1/30	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
192.168.100.2/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
192.168.100.3/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—
192.168.100.4/24	Global	Host	Active	—	—	✓	—	—

Screenshot 6: IP Addresses Configuration

Post configuration of the IP addresses and prefixes, I assigned these IP addresses to each device's interfaces.



The screenshot displays the Nautobot web interface for configuring a device named R1. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'DEVICES' selected. The main content area shows the 'Interfaces' tab for device R1, listing various interfaces and their IP addresses.

Name	Status	Role	Device	Label	IP Addresses
Et1	Active	—	R1	—	
Et2	Active	—	R1	—	
Vlan10	Active	—	R1	—	11.0.0.1/24 (Global)
Vlan20	Active	—	R1	—	12.0.0.1/24 (Global)
Vlan30	Active	—	R1	—	
Vlan50	Active	—	R1	—	100.0.0.1/29 (Global)
Vlan100	Active	—	R1	—	192.168.100.2/24 (Global)

Screenshot 7: Device interface IP address

## Updating password regularly

This section describes the implementation of an automated password update script for routers. The script generates random passwords and updates them on specified devices, with updates logged and reflected in a CSV file. A systemd service is used to ensure the script runs continuously, updating passwords at regular intervals.

## Prerequisites

Ensure the following dependencies are installed before running the script:

- Python 3.10
- Netmiko
- Loguru
- Secrets module

- A CSV file containing router information (*IP addresses, usernames, passwords, and device types*)

## Python Script: updatepassword.py

### Script Overview

The `updatepassword.py` script performs the following tasks:

1. **Generate a Random Password:** A new password is generated using Python's `secrets` library.
2. **Connect to the Routers:** The script uses `Netmiko` to establish an SSH connection to the router.
3. **Update Password:** The new password is applied to the router via a configuration command.
4. **Update CSV File:** The router's new password is stored in a CSV file for future reference.
5. **Repeat Every Hour:** The script runs in a continuous loop, updating passwords every hour.

### Key Functions

- **generatePassword():** Generates a secure, random password using `secrets.token_urlsafe()`.
- **connectRouter(eos, hostname):** Establishes an SSH connection to the router using `Netmiko`. The connection information is taken from a CSV file.
- **updatePassword(net\_connect, ip, password):** Sends the configuration command to update the router's password. This function uses `Netmiko`'s `send_config_set()` method to apply the new password.
- **updatePasswordFile(file\_path, ip, new\_password):** Updates the password for the corresponding IP address in the CSV file. This ensures that the new password is recorded.
- **Main Function:** The script runs a continuous loop, pulling router credentials from the `sshInfo.csv` file, generating new passwords, updating the routers, and saving the new passwords in the CSV file. The loop sleeps for one hour between updates.

### CSV File Format

The `sshInfo.csv` file holds information about routers and their current credentials. The file contains the following fields:

- **IP:** IP address of the router
- **Device\_Type:** Router device type
- **Username:** SSH username
- **Password:** Current password for the router

```
student@csci5840-vm2-snir8112:~/git/csci5840/scripts$ cat sshInfo.csv
Routers,Device_Type,IP,Username>Password
r1,arista_eos,192.168.100.2,admin,UqbSYA
r2,arista_eos,192.168.100.3,admin,fpoMtg
r3,arista_eos,192.168.100.4,admin,iBMkrg
r4,arista_eos,192.168.100.5,admin,yFB3jg
r5,arista_eos,172.20.20.9,admin,CCBSiA
```

Screenshot 8: `sshInfo.csv`

## Service Overview

A systemd service is used to manage the continuous execution of the password update script. The service starts automatically on boot and ensures that the script runs continuously, with restarts in case of failure.

## Service Configuration

Below is the configuration for the `updatepassword.service` file:

```
[Unit]
Description=Update Router Password Service
After=network.target

[Service]
ExecStart=/usr/bin/python3
/home/student/git/csci5840/scripts/updatepassword.py
WorkingDirectory=/home/student/git/csci5840/scripts
StandardOutput=journal
StandardError=journal
Restart=on-failure
User=student

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

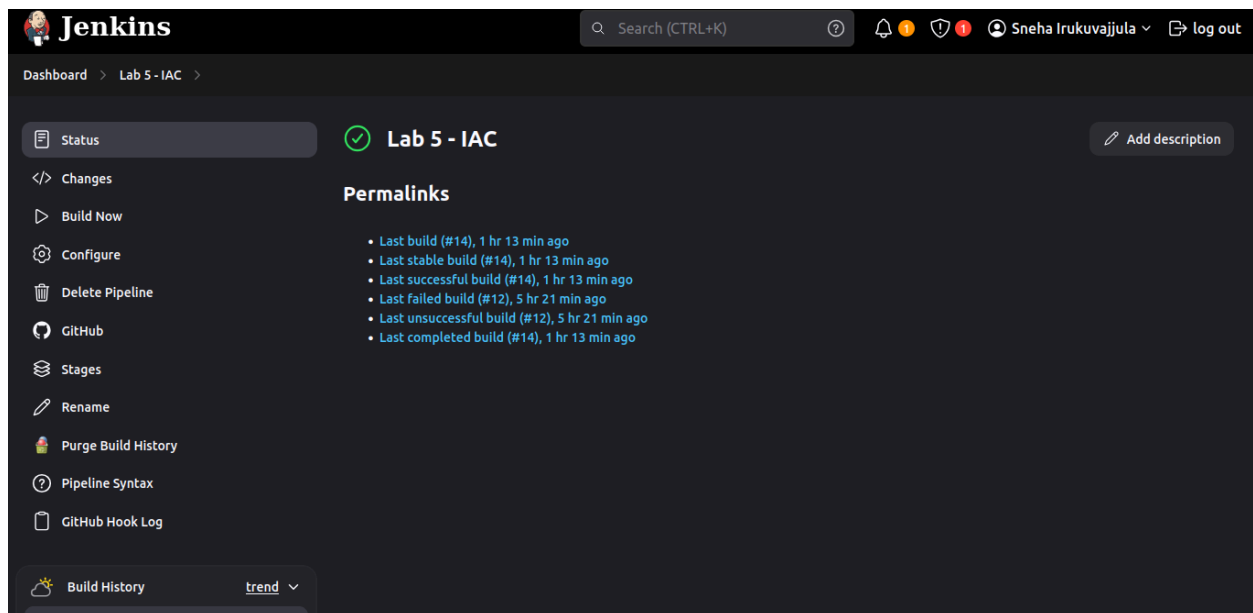
# Jenkins DevOps pipeline

## Installation

I used [this link](#) for installing Jenkins.

## Installed Required Plugins

1. I logged in to the Jenkins dashboard.
2. Navigated to **Manage Jenkins** -> **Manage Plugins**.
3. Installed the following plugins:
  - **Git Plugin**: To integrate with a Git repository.
  - **Pipeline Plugin**: For building pipelines using Jenkinsfile.
  - **SSH Plugin**: For remote execution of scripts.



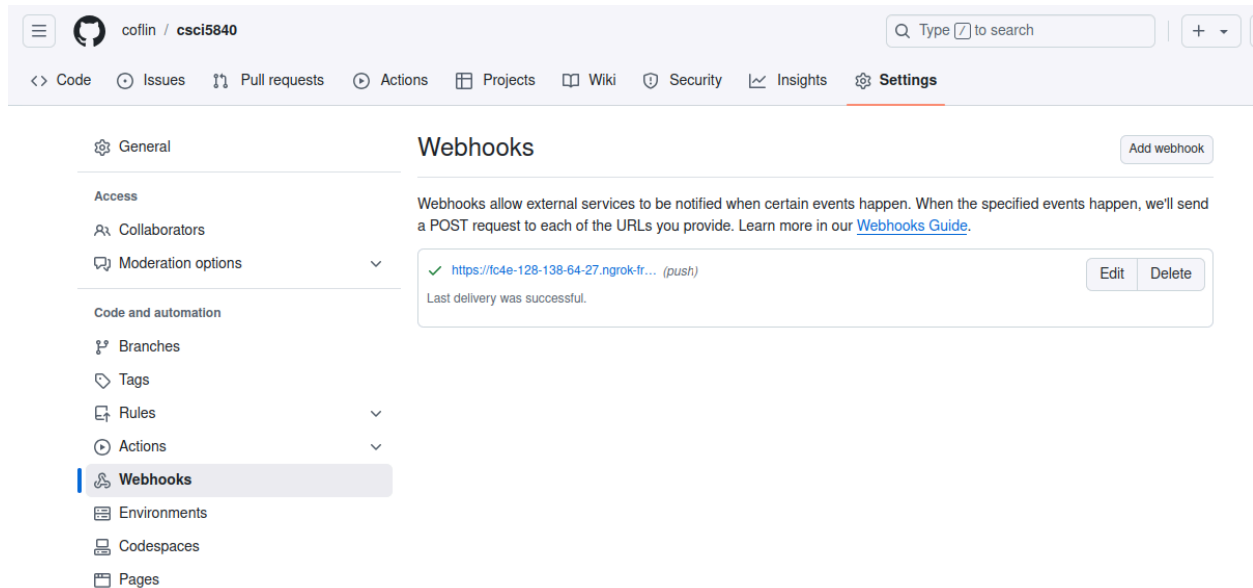
*Screenshot 9: Jenkins dashboard with Job*

## Set Up GitHub Webhook



To automatically trigger builds on code and configuration changes, I set up a webhook in the Git repository:

1. Navigated to the GitHub repository.
2. Went to **Settings** -> **Webhooks**.



*Screenshot 10: Github webhook*

This webhook triggered the Jenkins pipeline whenever a change was pushed to the repository.

## Created a Jenkins Pipeline

### Scripted Pipeline (using a Jenkinsfile)

1. In the Git repository, I created a Jenkinsfile in the root directory.
2. The Jenkinsfile contained the pipeline definition. Below is the scripted pipeline I used for building, testing, and deploying the project:

```
pipeline {
    agent any

    stages {
        stage('Checkout Code') {
            steps {
                // Pull the latest code (including Jinja2 templates) from
```

```

the repository
    checkout scm
}

stage('Install J2Lint') {
    steps {
        // Install J2Lint if it's not already installed
        sh 'pip install --user j2lint'
    }
}

stage('Lint Jinja2 Templates') {
    steps {
        // Run J2Lint on all Jinja2 template files in the
directory
        sh '''
        export PATH=$PATH:/home/student/.local/bin && j2lint
template-generator/templates/*.j2
        '''
    }
}

post {
    success {
        echo 'Linting successful! No Jinja2 syntax errors found.'
    }
    failure {
        echo 'Linting failed! Jinja2 syntax errors detected.'
    }
}
}

```

```
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rich>=12.4.4->j2lint) (3.0.0)
Requirement already satisfied: pygments<3.0.0,>=2.13.0 in /var/lib/jenkins/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from
rich>=12.4.4->j2lint) (2.18.0)
Requirement already satisfied: typing-extensions<5.0,>=4.0.0 in /var/lib/jenkins/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages
(from rich>=12.4.4->j2lint) (4.12.2)
Requirement already satisfied: mdurl<=0.1 in /var/lib/jenkins/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from markdown-it-
py>=2.2.0->rich>=12.4.4->j2lint) (0.1.2)
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Lint Jinja2 Templates)
[Pipeline] sh
+ export PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/snap/bin:/home/student/.local/bin
+ j2lint template-generator/templates/access.j2 template-generator/templates/bgp.j2 template-generator/templates/
core.j2 template-generator/templates/dhcp.j2 template-generator/templates/edge.j2 template-generator/templates/
interfaces.j2 template-generator/templates/ospf.j2 template-generator/templates/ospfv3.j2 template-generator/
templates/rip.j2 template-generator/templates/snmp.j2 template-generator/templates/static_routes.j2 template-
generator/templates/virtual_router.j2 template-generator/templates/vlan.j2 template-generator/templates/
vlan_interfaces.j2
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Declarative: Post Actions)
[Pipeline] echo
Linting successful! No Jinja2 syntax errors found.
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // node
[Pipeline] End of Pipeline
Finished: SUCCESS
```

Screenshot 11: Jenkins build successful

# Summary: From Front-End to DevOps pipeline

## 1. Front-End YAML File Generation

- I built a front-end form with fields for router configuration (VLAN, interfaces, static routes, OSPF, RIP) from the previous assignment.
- Based on user inputs, the form dynamically generated a YAML file using Flask in the backend.
- The generated YAML file was saved with a specific naming convention (*hostname\_routertype.yaml*).

## 2. Pushing YAML to GitHub

- Once the frontend form is submitted, it creates a YAML file. Once the YAML file is created, it pushes this file to the github repository.

## 3. Jenkins Pipeline Trigger

- The GitHub repository was integrated with Jenkins through a webhook.

- Every time the YAML file was pushed to GitHub, the webhook triggered the Jenkins pipeline.
  - Jenkins automatically pulled the latest YAML file from the repository.
4. **Pipeline Execution:**
- **Build Stage:** Jenkins validated the structure of the YAML file.
  - **Test Stage:** It ran a J2 syntax error to verify the configuration.
  - **Deploy Stage:** The validated YAML configuration was deployed to network devices or a simulated environment.

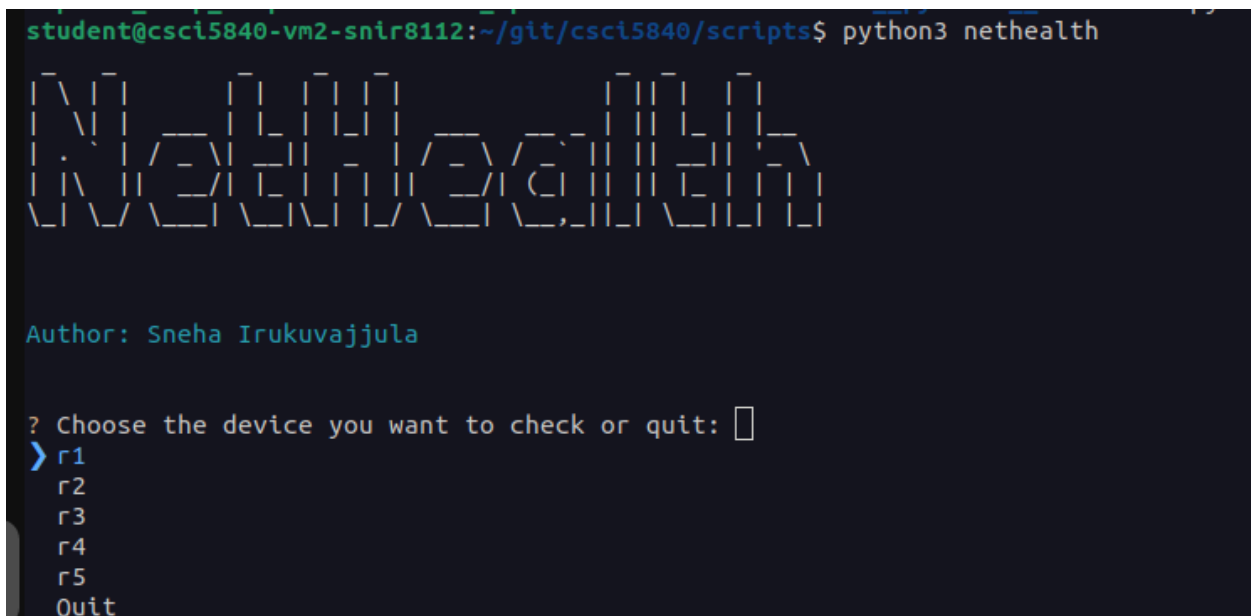
## Network Health Check Tool

### Device Health Checks

- CPU Usage (extracted percentage).
- OSPF/BGP Neighborhood summaries.
- Route Table details.
- IP Connectivity via ping.

### Custom SSH Details

Automatically fetches SSH credentials from a CSV file ([sshInfo.csv](#)).



```
student@csci5840-vm2-snr8112:~/git/csci5840/scripts$ python3 nethealth

NetHealth

Author: Sneha Irukuvajjula

? Choose the device you want to check or quit: 
> r1
r2
r3
r4
r5
Quit
```

Screenshot 12: CLI Tool to perform health checks

? Choose the device you want to check or quit: r1

Health Check for r1 (192.168.100.2)	
Check	Result
CPU Usage	2.4%
OSPF Neighborships	Neighbor: 200.0.0.1, State: FULL/BDR, Interface: Vlan50 Neighbor: 192.168.100.3, State: 2, Interface: Vlan50 Neighbor: 200.0.0.2, State: FULL/DR, Interface: Vlan50
BGP Neighborships	% BGP inactive
Route Table	Gateway of last resort: S 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 172.20.20.1, Management0  C 11.0.0.0/24 directly connected, Vlan10 C 12.0.0.0/24 directly connected, Vlan20 C 100.0.0.0/29 directly connected, Vlan50 O 103.0.0.0/30 [110/20] via 100.0.0.3, Vlan50 O 104.0.0.0/30 [110/20] via 100.0.0.4, Vlan50 O E2 110.0.0.0/30 [110/1] via 100.0.0.4, Vlan50 C 172.20.20.0/24 directly connected, Management0 C 192.168.100.0/24 directly connected, Vlan100 O 200.0.0.0/30 [110/20] via 100.0.0.3, Vlan50 via 100.0.0.4, Vlan50

Route Table	Gateway of last resort: S 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 172.20.20.1, Management0  C 11.0.0.0/24 directly connected, Vlan10 C 12.0.0.0/24 directly connected, Vlan20 C 100.0.0.0/29 directly connected, Vlan50 O 103.0.0.0/30 [110/20] via 100.0.0.3, Vlan50 O 104.0.0.0/30 [110/20] via 100.0.0.4, Vlan50 O E2 110.0.0.0/30 [110/1] via 100.0.0.4, Vlan50 C 172.20.20.0/24 directly connected, Management0 C 192.168.100.0/24 directly connected, Vlan100 O 200.0.0.0/30 [110/20] via 100.0.0.3, Vlan50 via 100.0.0.4, Vlan50
IP Connectivity	PING 192.168.100.1 (192.168.100.1) 72(100) bytes of data. 80 bytes from 192.168.100.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.52 ms 80 bytes from 192.168.100.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.849 ms 80 bytes from 192.168.100.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.879 ms 80 bytes from 192.168.100.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1.27 ms 80 bytes from 192.168.100.1: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=1.07 ms  --- 192.168.100.1 ping statistics --- 5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 5ms rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.849/1.118/1.520/0.251 ms, ipg/ewma 1.332/1.319 ms

? Choose the device you want to check or quit: Quit

Exiting the health check tool.

Screenshot 13: Device health check of R1