

# Tutorial for GOCD

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## Background:

Continuous Integration means the ability to integrate code into a shared repository frequently. This is accompanied by automated builds and automated tests. This allows us to detect and locate errors more quickly.

Continuous Delivery ensures that the software is in a deployable state at any point in time. The deployment to production is a manual process.

GOCD is an open source continuous integration and continuous delivery platform. It is split into GOCD server and agent. The server controls everything. It provides the user interface for the users and the work for the agents. The agents are the ones that run commands, do deployments etc. They do all the work. Therefore, you need a server and at least one agent to work with GOCD.

## The relationship between GOCD and DevOps:

GOCD is an open source continuous delivery tool allowing for advanced workflow modeling and dependencies management which is closely related to DevOps. Some other devops tools belong to “Project Management” category of the tech, while GOCD can be primarily classified under “Continuous Integration”. On the other hand, GOCD provides the following key features which are directly connect to DevOps:

- Model complex workflows with dependency management and parallel execution,
- Easy to pass once-build binaries between stages,
- Visibility into your end-to-end workflow. Track a change from commit to deploy at a glance.

## Repository we used to test in the following tutorial:

[https://github.com/YonatanKra/web-components-ui-elements/tree/before\\_ci\\_cd](https://github.com/YonatanKra/web-components-ui-elements/tree/before_ci_cd)

Before using this repository, please fork it to your own github account!

## The definition of server and client of GOCD

Before installing GOCD, it should be helpful to know what is a server and a client. In GOCD, there is only one server. The user can access the user interface of the server by using a specific URL. The server triggers the pipeline once there are any changes in the project repository. It assigns the jobs to different agents. It does not run any commands or do deployments. On the other hand, once the agent receives the job from the agent, the client runs a list of tasks of the job, such as running the command lines and deploying the project. After that, the client reports the status of the job to the server. Therefore, the server decides the stage of the job based on the information from the client.

### Part 1: Installation and configuration of first pipeline:

**Link of downloading GOCD:** <https://www.gocd.org/download>

GOCD is available on Windows, OSX, Linux and other cloud providers.

In order to GOCD, one server and at least one client are needed to be installed.

The following steps of installing and configuring GOCD is based on Windows OS.

#### Installing GOCD server:

After running the GOCD-server.exe package, it will be installed locally. You can access it using URL: localhost:8153 to check if it is successfully installed on your computer.

#### Installing GOCD client

Next, we run GOCD-agent.exe executable. It is also installed locally. When you switch to the “Agents” tab at the server interface, you should see your installed agent listed as “IDLE”. After you start running the client, the client can connect to the server by typing the URL of the server (localhost:8153/go).

The following steps are used to create a new pipeline on the server.

#### Step 1:

This step is to configure the material. Material is a project repository which is source controlled. GOCD keeps checking the changes of the materials and triggers the pipeline. Typically, a material is a source repository. We choose the github repository as the material in this tutorial. A pipeline can be a material as well.

### Part 1: Material


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Material Type\*

Repository URL\*

Connection OK

> Advanced Settings



A **material** triggers your pipeline to run. Typically this is a **source repository** or an **upStream pipeline**.

## Step 2:

This step is used to configure the pipeline. Pipeline is a workflow which contains a list of stages. Every stage is running in order. If one stage fails, the following stages will not be executed.

### Part 2: Pipeline Name

\* denotes a required field

Pipeline Name\*

No spaces. Only letters, numbers, hyphens, underscores, and periods. Max 255 chars.


▼ Advanced Settings

Pipeline Group\*

Use Template: ☐

Parameters ?

NAME	VALUE
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



In GoCD, a **pipeline** is a representation of a **workflow**. Pipelines consist of one or more **stages**.

## Step 3:

In this step, one stage is configured. Every stage includes a series of jobs. Every job is independent. It means that GOCD can execute several jobs at the same time. If one job failed, this stage will fail but it won't influence the execution of other jobs.

## Part 3: Stage Details

\* denotes a required field

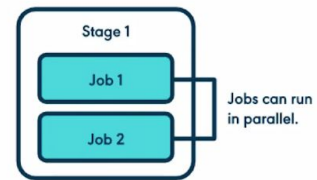
Stage Name\*

Test-devops-tutorial-1

No spaces. Only letters, numbers, hyphens, underscores, and periods. Max 255 chars.

▼ Advanced Settings

Automatically run this stage on upstream changes 



A **stage** is a group of jobs, and a **job** is a piece of work to execute.

## Step 4 :

A job is part of a stage. It is a sequence of tasks. A task is a command which runs in a job. If a task fails then all the following tasks will not be executed. The job is then considered as “failed”. In this step, a job is configured to build and test our application.

Here is the command we used:

```
npm install
npm run build
npm run test:prod
```

## Part 4: Job and Tasks

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Job Name\*

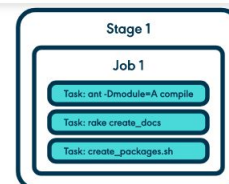
create-testing-file

No spaces. Only letters, numbers, hyphens, underscores, and periods. Max 255 chars.

Type your tasks below at the prompt\*

```
+ Caveats
+ Help
# Press <enter> to save, <shift-enter> for newline
$ npm install
$ npm run build
$ npm run test:prod
$
```

➤ Advanced Settings



A **job** is like a script, where each sequential step is called a **task**. Typically, a task is a single command.

»» tutorial-pipeline » Test-devops-tutorial-1 » create-testing-file

Job Settings	Tasks	Artifacts	Environment Variables	Custom Tabs
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Tasks

Order	Task Type	Run If Conditions	Properties	On Cancel	Remove
▼	Custom Command	Passed	Command: npm Arguments: install	No	✖
▲	Custom Command	Passed	Command: npm Arguments: run build	No	✖
▲	Custom Command	Passed	Command: npm run test:prod	No	✖
+ Add new task ▼					

Here is the page after you successfully configure one pipeline.

go DASHBOARD AGENTS ADMIN ▾

DEFAULT +

🎉🎉🎉🎉 Congratulations! You just created your first pipeline in GoCD! 🎉🎉🎉🎉

Group pipelines by: Pipeline Groups ▾

Search pipelines

defaultGroup ⚙️ + New Pipeline

tutorial-pipeline ⚙️

▶ ▶ ▶ II History

Instance: 1

Compare Changes ▼ VSM

Triggered by anonymous on 23 Apr, 2020 at 11:58:33 Local Time

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GoCD Version: 20.3.0 (11530-f54d0bae7a39fe7add5460f3f8676a7936abf698)

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After all the tasks in a pipeline are executed, you can view the result by clicking the status button. The following screenshot shows that one job named “create-testing file” was successfully executed.

The screenshot shows the Jenkins 'Stage Details' page for a pipeline named 'tutorial-pipeline', specifically for stage 'Test-devops-tutorial-1'. The stage is marked as 'Passed' with a green checkmark. Below the stage name, it indicates 'Run: 1 of 1' and 'Triggered by anonymous on 23 Apr 2020 at 12:30:15 Local Time'. A 'Compare' button is visible. The 'Overview' tab is selected, showing a list of jobs under the heading 'JOBS'. One job, 'create-testing-file', is listed with a green checkmark. To the right, the job's details are shown, including the Git repository URL, revision, and a comment: 'Merge pull request #5 from YonatanKra/input(boaz) input test'.

By clicking job, “create-testing-file”, the input and the output are revealed. In this case, the following command lines are successfully executed:

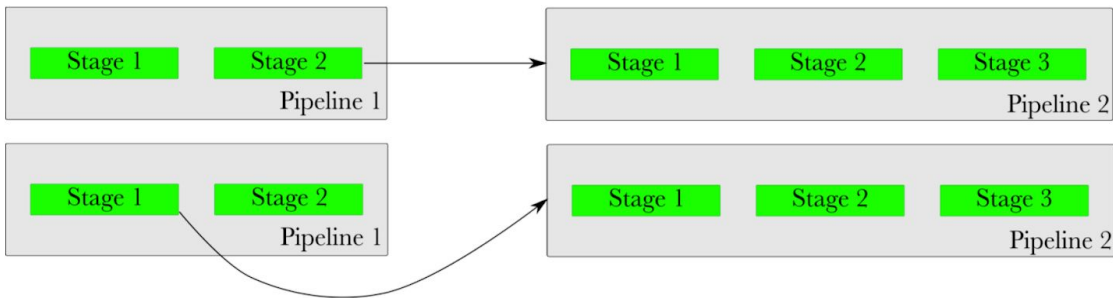
```
npm install
npm run build
npm run test:prod
```

The result is that all the tests are passed

The screenshot shows the Jenkins job log for the 'create-testing-file' job. The log displays the following information: Job Started: 2020-04-23 12:30:34 CEST. The job is executed on the agent 'LAPTOP-BIA7GPHB'. The log shows three tasks: 'npm install' (took 35.80s), 'npm run build' (took 5.826s), and 'npm run test:prod' (took 8.85s). All tasks are marked with green checkmarks, indicating they passed. The log also shows the job status as 'passed' and the job completed successfully.

## Part 2: Using a pipeline as a material

The above material shows that a git repository can be used as a material. In the following guide, using a pipeline as a material will be revealed. It means that a downstream pipeline is chained with a stage of upstream pipeline. The following picture may provide you with a better understanding of the relationship between pipeline and material.



## Artifact

Before configuring the second(downstream) pipeline, the artifact of the first(upstream) pipeline should be configured. Artifact is a file or a folder which represents the output of a pipeline. After configuring an artifact, GoCD makes sure that the artifact will be moved from agent to server so that the downstream pipeline can use it later.

## Add artifact in Upstream pipeline

In the first pipeline,configure the artifact in the job of first stage in the following way:

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Type ?	Source ?	Destination ?	
Build artifact	dist/		✖
Build artifact	deploy.js		✖
Build artifact	package.json		✖
Build artifact	firebase.json		✖
Build artifact	.firebaserc		✖

Select type: Build ▼ Add

The following step 1-3 is to create another pipeline(downstream pipeline).

## Step 1

Instead of choosing Git repository as a material, the pipeline is chosen as the material this time. In this case, the first pipeline(upstream pipeline) is chosen.

## Part 1: Material

\* denotes a required field

Material Type\*

Another Pipeline ▼

Upstream Pipeline\*

tutorial-pipeline

Upstream Stage\*

Test-devops-tutorial-1 ▼

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## Step 2 and Step 3

The name of the second pipeline and stage are configured.

## Part 2: Pipeline Name

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Pipeline Name\*

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## Part 3: Stage Details

\* denotes a required field

Stage Name\*

Pipeline-2-Stage-1

No spaces. Only letters, numbers, hyphens, underscores, and periods. Max 255 chars.

➤ Advanced Settings



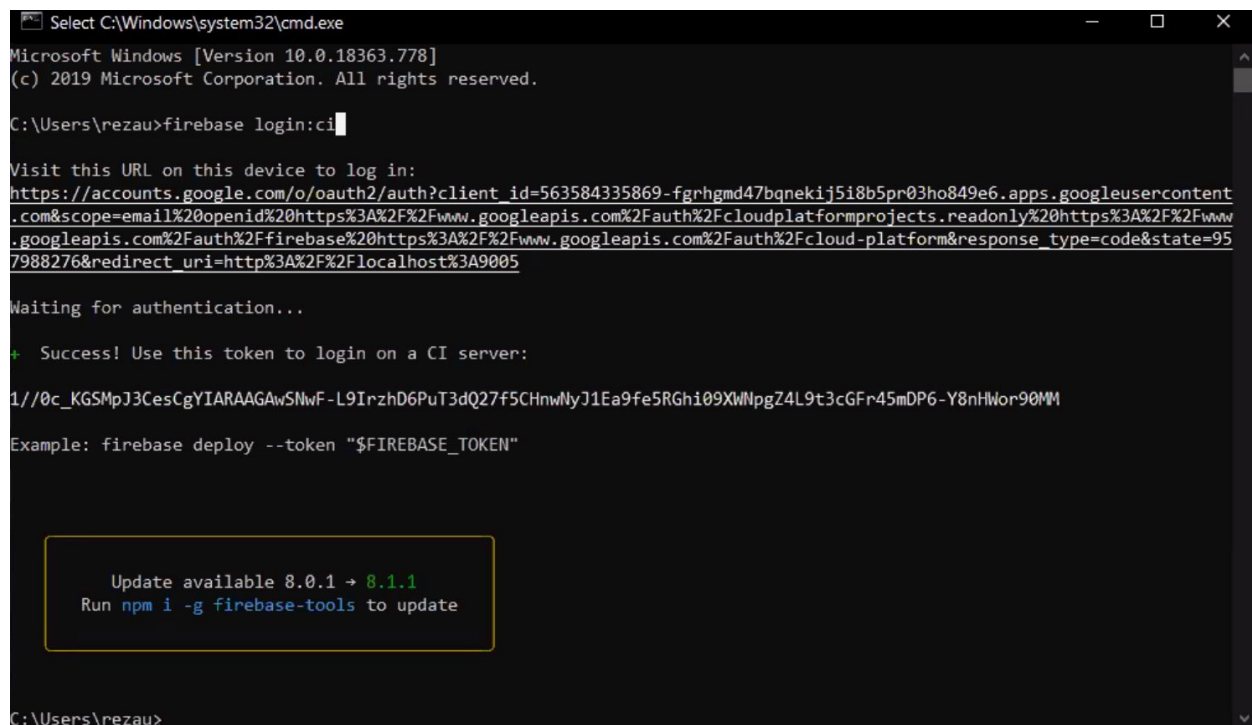
## Step 4 Generate Firebase token

After configuring the second pipeline, we generate the token of firebase. The firebase platform will be used later to deploy this project.

The following command lines are used to generate a firebase token.

```
npm install --global firebase-tools
firebase login:ci
```

The following picture shows the example of successfully generating a token of firebase.



```
Select C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.778]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\rezau>firebase login:ci

Visit this URL on this device to log in:
https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?client_id=563584335869-fgrhgm47bqnekij5i8b5pr03ho849e6.apps.googleusercontent.com&scope=email%20openid%20https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloudplatformprojects.readonly%20https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Ffirebase%20https%3A%2F%2Fwww.googleapis.com%2Fauth%2Fcloud-platform&response_type=code&state=957988276&redirect_uri=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost%3A9005

Waiting for authentication...

+ Success! Use this token to login on a CI server:

1//0c_KGSmpJ3CesCgYIARAAGAwSNwF-L9IrnzhD6PuT3dQ27f5CHnwNlyJ1Ea9fe5RGhi09XWNpgZ4L9t3cGFr45mDP6-Y8nHlWor90MM

Example: firebase deploy --token "$FIREBASE_TOKEN"

Update available 8.0.1 -> 8.1.1
Run npm i -g firebase-tools to update

C:\Users\rezau>
```

## Step 5 Add Deploy.js to Git repo.

The Firebase CLI can be used programmatically as a standard Node module. This file includes the token and project name created on firebase platform. Therefore, this test github repo can be deployed on firebase.

```
var client = require("firebase-tools");
client
  .deploy({
    project: "devopstutorial-d9959",
```

```

token:

"1//0c_KGSMpJ3CesCgYIARAAGAwSNwF-L9IrzhD6PuT3dQ27f5CHnwNyJ1Ea9fe5RGhi09XWNpgZ4L9t3cGFr
45mDP6-Y8nHWor90MM",

  force: true,
})
.then(function () {
  console.log("Rules have been deployed!");
})
.catch(function (err) {
  // handle error
  console.log("Error! " + err);
});

```

Other than adding deploy.js file, “.firebaserc” file need to be changed to match the name of the project created on firebase.

```

{
  "projects": {
    "default": "devoptutorial-d9959"
  }
}

```

## Step 6 Fetch artifact in Downstream pipeline :

In order to use the output file after running pipeline, deploy.js, package.json,dist folder, firebase.json and .firebaserc should be fetched by downstream pipeline.

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Secound-Pipeline » Pipeline-2-Stage-1 » Job-2

Job Settings Tasks Artifacts Environment Variables Custom Tabs

Tasks

Order	Task Type	Run If Conditions	Properties	On Cancel	Remove
▼	Fetch Artifact	Passed	Pipeline Name: tutorial-pipeline Stage Name: Test-devops-tutorial-1 Job Name: create-testing-file Source File: deploy.js	No	✖
▲	Fetch Artifact	Passed	Pipeline Name: tutorial-pipeline Stage Name: Test-devops-tutorial-1 Job Name: create-testing-file Source File: package.json	No	✖
▲	Fetch Artifact	Passed	Pipeline Name: tutorial-pipeline Stage Name: Test-devops-tutorial-1 Job Name: create-testing-file Source Directory: dist	No	✖
▲	Fetch Artifact	Passed	Pipeline Name: tutorial-pipeline Stage Name: Test-devops-tutorial-1 Job Name: create-testing-file Source File: firebase.json	No	✖
▲	Fetch Artifact	Passed	Pipeline Name: tutorial-pipeline Stage Name: Test-devops-tutorial-1 Job Name: create-testing-file Source File: .firebaserc	No	✖
▲	Custom Command	Passed	Command: npm install	No	✖
▲	Custom Command	Passed	Command: node deploy.js	No	✖

➕ Add new task ▼

After configuring the artifacts, you are able to run the second pipeline.  
Here is the log file of successfully running second(downstream) pipeline:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins 'Job Details' page for a pipeline named 'Second-Pipeline'. The breadcrumb trail is: Pipeline: Second-Pipeline > 8 VSM > Stage: Pipeline-2-Stage-1 / 1 > Job: Job-2. The job status is 'Completed' with a green checkmark. The console output shows the following steps:

- [go] Job Started: 2020-04-23 14:46:21 CEST
- [go] Start to prepare Second-Pipeline/8/Pipeline-2-Stage-1/1/Job-2 on LAPTOP-BIA7GPHB [C:\Program Files (x86)\Go Agent]
- [go] Start to build Second-Pipeline/8/Pipeline-2-Stage-1/1/Job-2 on LAPTOP-BIA7GPHB [C:\Program Files (x86)\Go Agent]
- [go] Task: fetch artifact [package.json] => [] from [tutorial-pipeline/Test-devops-tutorial-1/create-testing-file] (took: 0.52s)
- [go] Task: fetch artifact [dist] => [dist] from [tutorial-pipeline/Test-devops-tutorial-1/create-testing-file] (took: 5.54s)
- [go] Task: fetch artifact [firebase.json] => [] from [tutorial-pipeline/Test-devops-tutorial-1/create-testing-file] (took: 0.47s)
- [go] Task: fetch artifact [firebase] => [] from [tutorial-pipeline/Test-devops-tutorial-1/create-testing-file] (took: 0.25s)
- [go] Task: npm install (took: 51.58s)
- [go] Task: node deploy.js (took: 33.284s)
- [go] Current job status: passed
- [go] Start to create properties Second-Pipeline/8/Pipeline-2-Stage-1/1/Job-2 on LAPTOP-BIA7GPHB [C:\Program Files (x86)\Go Agent]
- [go] Start to upload Second-Pipeline/8/Pipeline-2-Stage-1/1/Job-2 on LAPTOP-BIA7GPHB [C:\Program Files (x86)\Go Agent]
- [go] Job completed Second-Pipeline/8/Pipeline-2-Stage-1/1/Job-2 on LAPTOP-BIA7GPHB [C:\Program Files (x86)\Go Agent]

The project has been successfully deployed on Firebase, by clicking devops tutorial-d9959.web.app, you can view the website. We decided not to show the website here. Please consider it as an easter egg!

The screenshot shows the Firebase Hosting dashboard for the project 'devopstutorial-d9959'. The 'Hosting' section is active, showing a list of domains and a release history.

**devopstutorial-d9959 domains**

Domain	Status
devopstutorial-d9959.web.app	Default
devopstutorial-d9959.firebaseio.com	Default

**devopstutorial-d9959 release history**

Status	Time	Deploy	Files
★ Current	23 Apr 2020 14:47	rezaulhasan0168@gmail.com a72966	7
📦 Deployed	23 Apr 2020 14:16	rezaulhasan0168@gmail.com f8154c	6

## appendix:

The relationship between pipeline(P), stage(S), job(J) and task(T):

