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   * Parameters should include tool information in the format: osType\_toolName\_version.
   * **Example**: LINUX\_MAVEN\_3.3.3
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     + version: 3.3.3
     + osType: LINUX
2. **Download and Extract Tool**
   * **Artifactory Path Construction**:
     + Use the buildToolParam to create the relative Artifactory path dynamically.
     + Example:  
       If buildToolParam = LINUX\_MAVEN\_3.3.3, the relative path should be:

bash

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**Jenkins Pipeline Steps**

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**Objective**

Automate the setup of build tools on Jenkins agents, ensuring the required tool version is available for builds. If the tool is missing, it is downloaded from Artifactory, extracted to a centralized location, and its path is dynamically configured.

**Detailed Process**

**1. Jenkins Build Parameters**

Define the tool details as a Jenkins parameter in the format:  
**osType\_toolName\_version**

* **osType**: The operating system type (e.g., LINUX, WINDOWS).
* **toolName**: Name of the tool (e.g., MAVEN, GRADLE).
* **version**: Tool version (e.g., 3.3.3).

**Example**: LINUX\_MAVEN\_3.3.3

* osType = LINUX
* toolName = MAVEN
* version = 3.3.3

**2. Rules for Uploading Tools to Artifactory**

1. **Relative Path Structure**:
   * Tools must be uploaded to Artifactory with the following folder structure:

bash

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${osType}/${toolName}/${version}/${toolName}\_${version}.zip

* + **Example**: For Maven version 3.3.3 on Linux:

python

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LINUX/MAVEN/3.3.3/MAVEN\_3.3.3.zip

1. **Tool Archive Naming**:
   * The archive name must follow this convention:  
     **<toolName>\_<version>.zip**
   * **Example**: MAVEN\_3.3.3.zip
2. **Contents of the Archive**:
   * The archive should contain the tool’s executable and all necessary files.
   * The executable should be located in a standard subdirectory (bin/ for Linux or root for Windows).
   * **Example for Maven**:
     + Linux: bin/mvn
     + Windows: mvn.exe
3. **Validation Before Uploading**:
   * Ensure that the archive is properly structured and contains all required files.
   * Verify that the executable matches the tool’s naming convention.

**3. Download and Extract Tool**

**Dynamic Path Construction**:

* Based on the buildToolParam, the download path is constructed dynamically:

bash

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${baseurl}/${osType}/${toolName}/${version}/${toolName}\_${version}.zip

**Example**:

* If buildToolParam = LINUX\_MAVEN\_3.3.3:
  + Download Path = http://artifactory.example.com/LINUX/MAVEN/3.3.3/MAVEN\_3.3.3.zip

**Steps**:

1. Check if the tool is already available locally:
   * **Linux**: /opt/jenkins/tools/${toolName}/${version}
   * **Windows**: C:\\JenkinsTools\\${toolName}\\${version}
2. If not found, download and extract the tool.

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if (!fileExists(toolDir)) {

echo "Tool not found locally. Downloading..."

sh "curl -o ${toolDir}.zip ${downloadUrl}" // or use a secure download mechanism

unzip "${toolDir}.zip" -d "${toolDir}"

}

**4. Set Tool Path Dynamically**

* Identify the tool executable based on osType:
  + For Linux: Assume the executable is in the bin/ directory.
  + For Windows: Look for the .exe file in the extracted folder.

**Code Example**:

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if (!fileExists(toolPath)) {

error "Executable not found: ${toolPath}"

} else {

env.TOOL\_PATH = toolPath

echo "Tool path set to: ${env.TOOL\_PATH}"

}

**5. Use Tool Path in Build**

* Use the dynamically configured TOOL\_PATH in your build commands:

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if (isUnix()) {

sh "${env.TOOL\_PATH} clean install"

} else {

bat "${env.TOOL\_PATH} clean install"

}

**Key Benefits**

1. **Dynamic Setup**:
   * Automatically detects and configures the required tool.
2. **Standardization**:
   * Enforces consistent naming conventions and path structures for tools.
3. **Efficiency**:
   * Avoids redundant downloads by caching tools locally.
4. **Cross-Platform Support**:
   * Works seamlessly for both Linux and Windows agents.
5. **Centralized Management**:
   * Tools are stored and managed in a single Artifactory repository for reuse across jobs.

**Summary**

This process automates the setup of build tools on Jenkins agents. It uses a parameter-driven approach, dynamic path generation, and centralized tool management to ensure builds succeed with the desired versions without manual intervention.

By following the rules for uploading tools to Artifactory, we ensure consistency and simplify tool management for large-scale Jenkins environments.

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**Objective**

To automate the setup of required build tools on Jenkins agents by dynamically downloading, extracting, and configuring the tool path from Artifactory based on Jenkins parameters.

**Detailed Process**

**1. Jenkins Build Parameters**

* Tools are identified using a Jenkins parameter in the format:  
  **osType\_toolName\_version**
  + osType: Operating System type (e.g., LINUX, WINDOWS).
  + toolName: The name of the tool (e.g., MAVEN, NODE).
  + version: The specific version required (e.g., 3.3.3).
* Example: LINUX\_MAVEN\_3.3.3

**2. Rules for Uploading Tools to Artifactory**

1. **Folder Structure**:
   * Tools must be stored in Artifactory with the following structure:  
     **${osType}/${toolName}/${version}/${toolName}\_${version}.zip**
   * Example:  
     LINUX/MAVEN/3.3.3/MAVEN\_3.3.3.zip
2. **Archive Naming**:
   * Archive name format: **<toolName>\_<version>.zip**
   * Example: MAVEN\_3.3.3.zip.
3. **Tool Contents**:
   * The zip file must contain all files required for the tool to run.
   * For Linux, the executable should be in a bin/ directory.
   * For Windows, the executable should be at the root or in a standard folder.
4. **Validation**:
   * Ensure the archive is properly structured and contains the necessary executables before uploading.

**3. Download and Extract Tool**

1. **Dynamic Path Construction**:
   * Use the Jenkins parameter (osType\_toolName\_version) to dynamically construct the download path.
   * Example:  
     If the parameter is LINUX\_MAVEN\_3.3.3, the download path is:  
     http://artifactory.example.com/LINUX/MAVEN/3.3.3/MAVEN\_3.3.3.zip.
2. **Tool Directory**:
   * Extract the tool to a centralized location on the Jenkins agent:
     + **Linux**: /opt/jenkins/tools/<toolName>/<version>/
     + **Windows**: C:\\JenkinsTools\\<toolName>\\<version>\\
3. **Cache Check**:
   * Before downloading, check if the tool already exists in the centralized location.
   * If the tool exists, reuse it to avoid redownloading.

**4. Locate and Set Tool Path**

1. **Identify Executable**:
   * For Linux: Assume the tool's executable is in the bin/ directory.
   * For Windows: Search for the .exe file in the extracted folder.
2. **Validate Path**:
   * Ensure the identified executable exists in the extracted folder.
   * If the executable is missing, stop the process and alert the user.
3. **Set Environment Variable**:
   * Dynamically set the tool path in the environment to be used in subsequent build steps.

**5. Use Tool in Build**

* Utilize the configured tool path to execute build commands, ensuring the correct version and OS-specific executable are used.

**Benefits**

1. **Automation**:
   * Removes the need for manual tool setup on Jenkins agents.
2. **Consistency**:
   * Standardizes the naming and storage of tools in Artifactory.
3. **Cross-Platform Support**:
   * Handles both Linux and Windows environments seamlessly.
4. **Efficiency**:
   * Avoids redundant downloads by caching tools locally.
5. **Centralized Management**:
   * Ensures tools are stored in a central location for reuse across multiple jobs.
6. **Dynamic Flexibility**:
   * Automatically adapts to new tools and versions with minimal configuration.

**Summary**

This solution automates the detection, downloading, extraction, and path setup for build tools in Jenkins. By following the defined rules for uploading tools to Artifactory, the process ensures consistency and scalability, simplifying tool management and enhancing the efficiency of Jenkins pipelines.