UECS2363 SOFTWARE CONSTRUCTION AND CONFIGURATION

Practical 10 : Jenkins and Travis CI (Part I)

A 'Feedback' in DevOps means a developer commit changes to project source files, build, test then get the response of feasibility of the changes. Continuous feedback means a developer will build, test and get feedback on every commit that was done. This will tell whether the commit cause any problem to the project development. In other words, developers will not wait until there are numerous commits then only build, test and get feedback and got confused as to which commit cause the problems, if occurred.

An 'Integration' in DevOps include the cycle of deployment. Thus, Continuous Integration (CI) imply that each commit of changes to a project's source files is built, tested and deployed in order to see whether the commit cause any errors to project development AND deployment/production. Continuous Integration is essential, as it allows collaborating developers to know which commit brings error while being tested as well as being deployed (in real application), as the changes might pass testing however paralyse the system when it is deployed.

There are numerous tools available for CI; among them, we will explore **Jenkins** and **Travis CI** within these two weeks.

Preliminaries.

In order to have CI, following tools are needed:

1. A shared source codes repository (Git, Github, Bitbucket)
2. A continuous integration tool/server (Jenkins, Travis CI, Buildbot, Bamboo, etc)

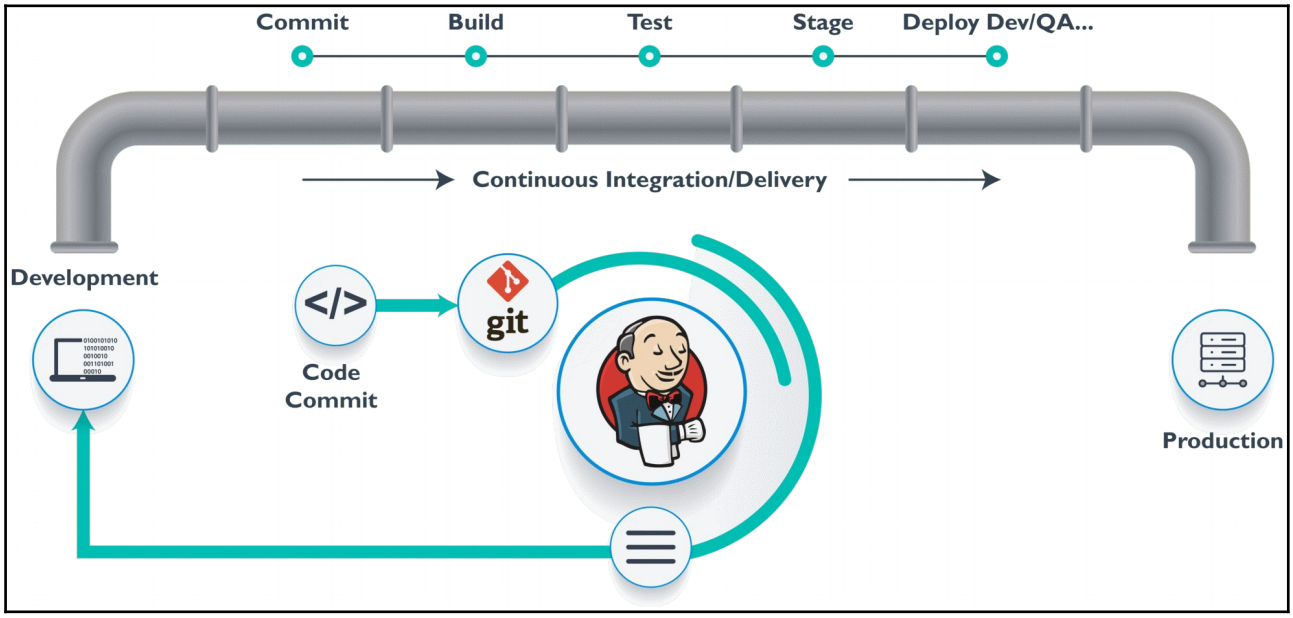

Figure 1: Continuuous Integration Workflow / Implementation.
Source: DevOps Zone www.dzone.com

The workflow of CI goes as illustrated in Figure 1; developer commit a change in source codes in the shared cource codes repository, then CI server pull the updated project and build, then return build, test and deployment results.

Jenkins Setup.

Firstly, let's download and install Jenkins at this URL https://www.jenkins.io/download/.
There are three ways of installing Jenkins:

1. Windows / Linux/Unix services
2. Docker integration
3. Generic war file (jdk install using CLI)
4. Install on any Java based web servers – Apache Tomcat (older way of running Jenkins)

We will explore on the first way for Jenkins which is to install using an msi executable to install on Windows using the default installation.

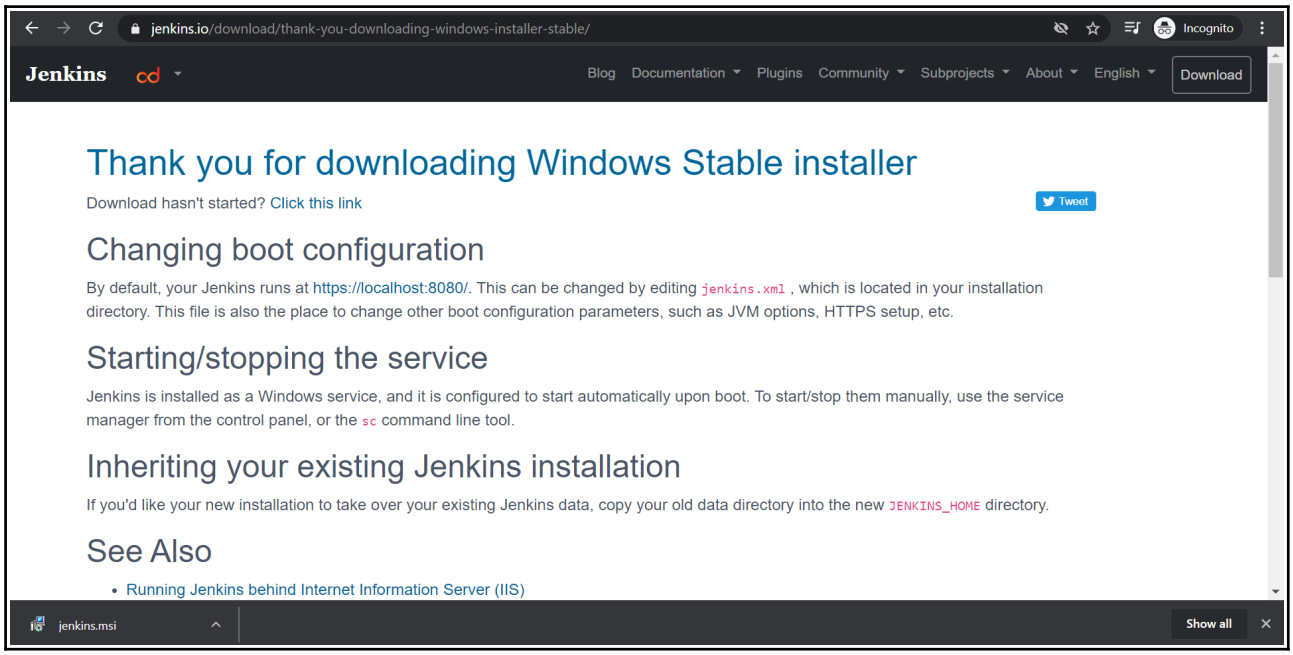

Figure 2: Jenkins msi file download.

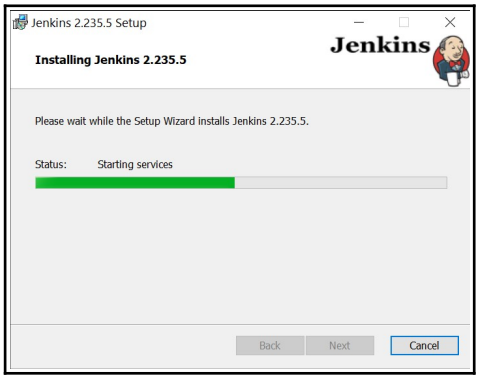

Figure 4: Jenkins installation yet to complete.

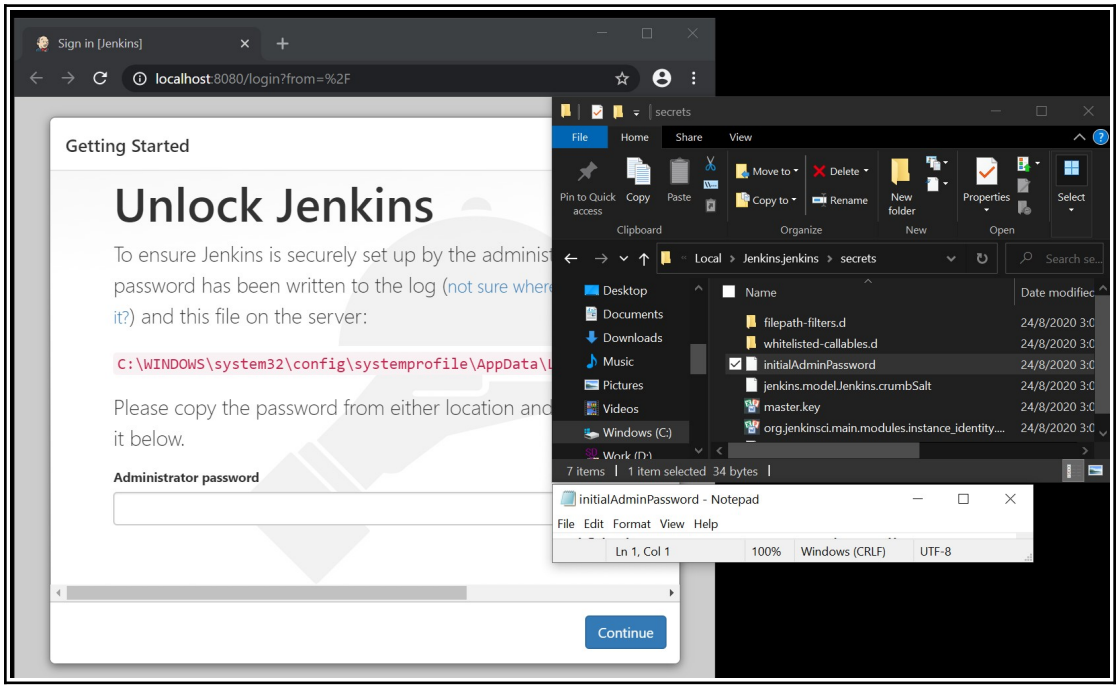

Figure 5: Complete Jenkins installation by Unlocking Jenkins with instruction provided.

Note: For future login; save the initial password at somewhere you can find easily or change the Jenkins login in the Jenkins installation steps.

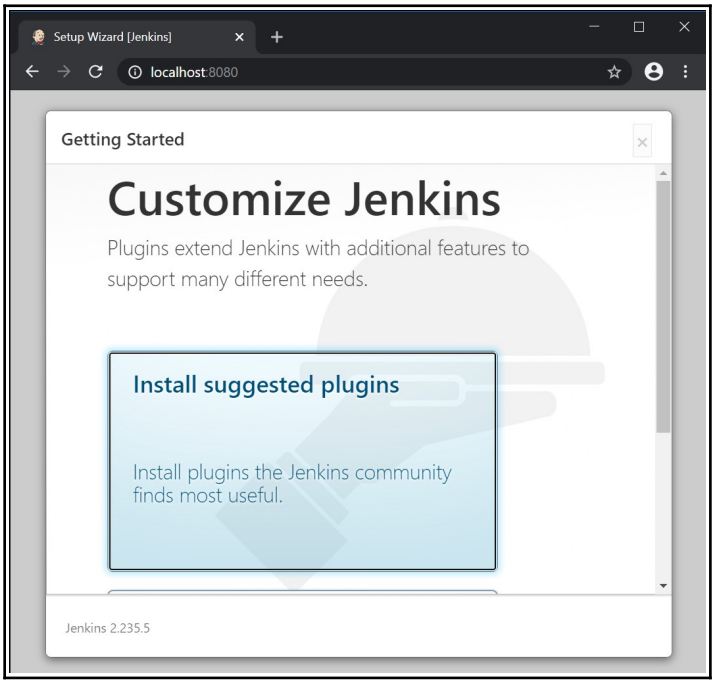

Figure 6: Configure Jenkins by installation of suggested plugins.

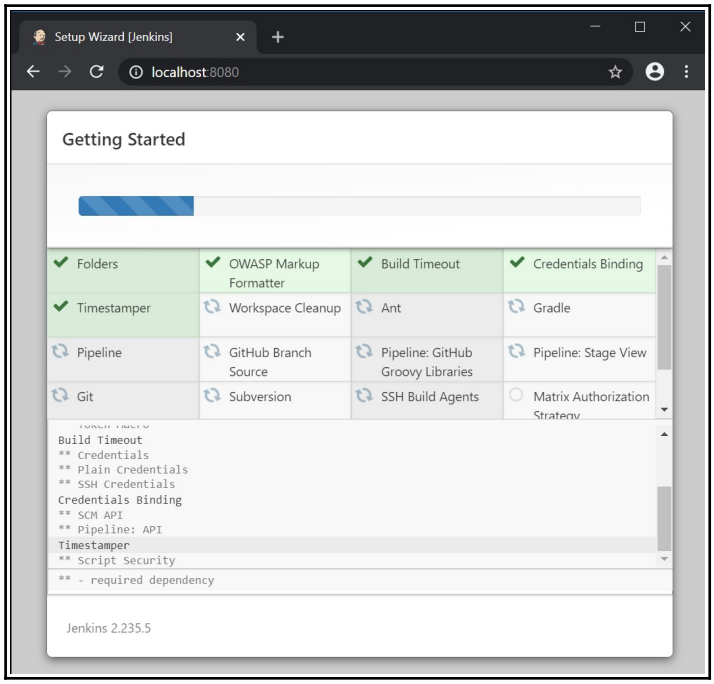

Figure 7: Jenkins plugins installation.

Upon successful installation, Jenkins will be accesible at the localhost port where it was initially set. Login will always be ‘admin’ with initial password if further setup for Jenkins account is skipped in the customization step. Jenkins plugins can be easily managed through ‘Manage Jenkins’ menu on left navigation pane as illustrated in Figure 8.

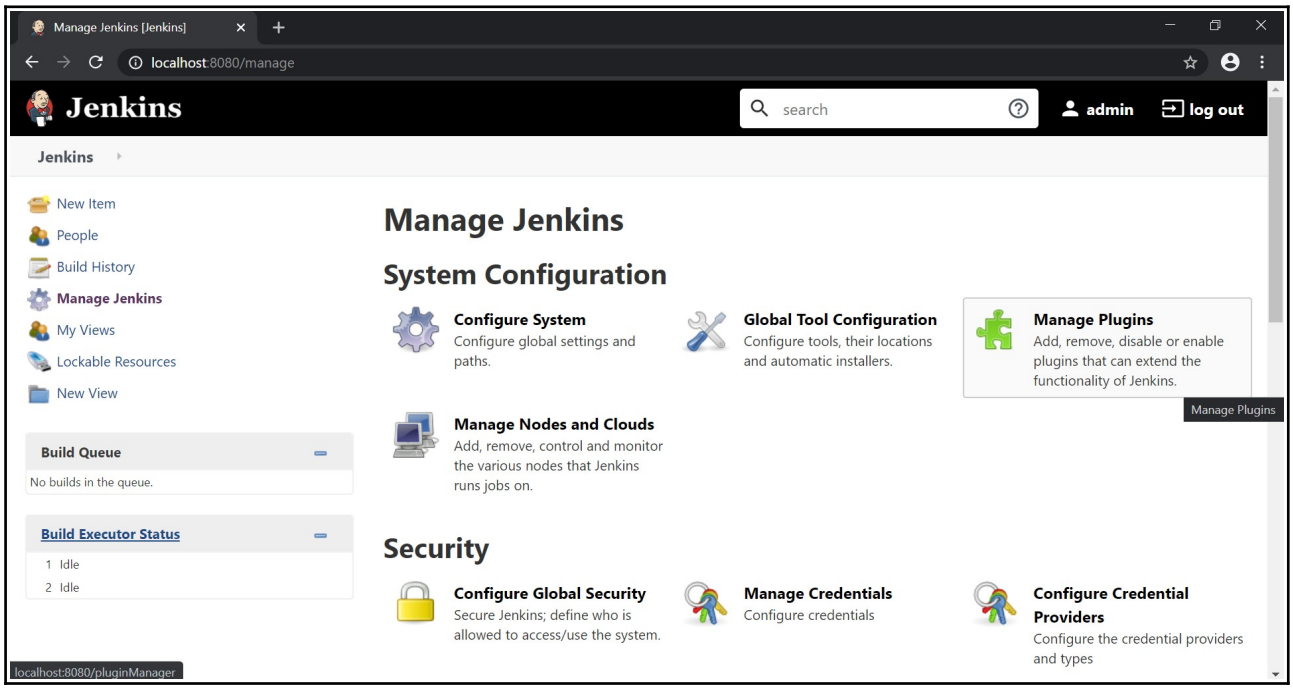

Figure 8: Jenkins plugins management.

Travis CI Setup.

Go to https://travis-ci.com/ and click in 'Sign up' button. Select the sign up with GitHub as shown in Figure 9.

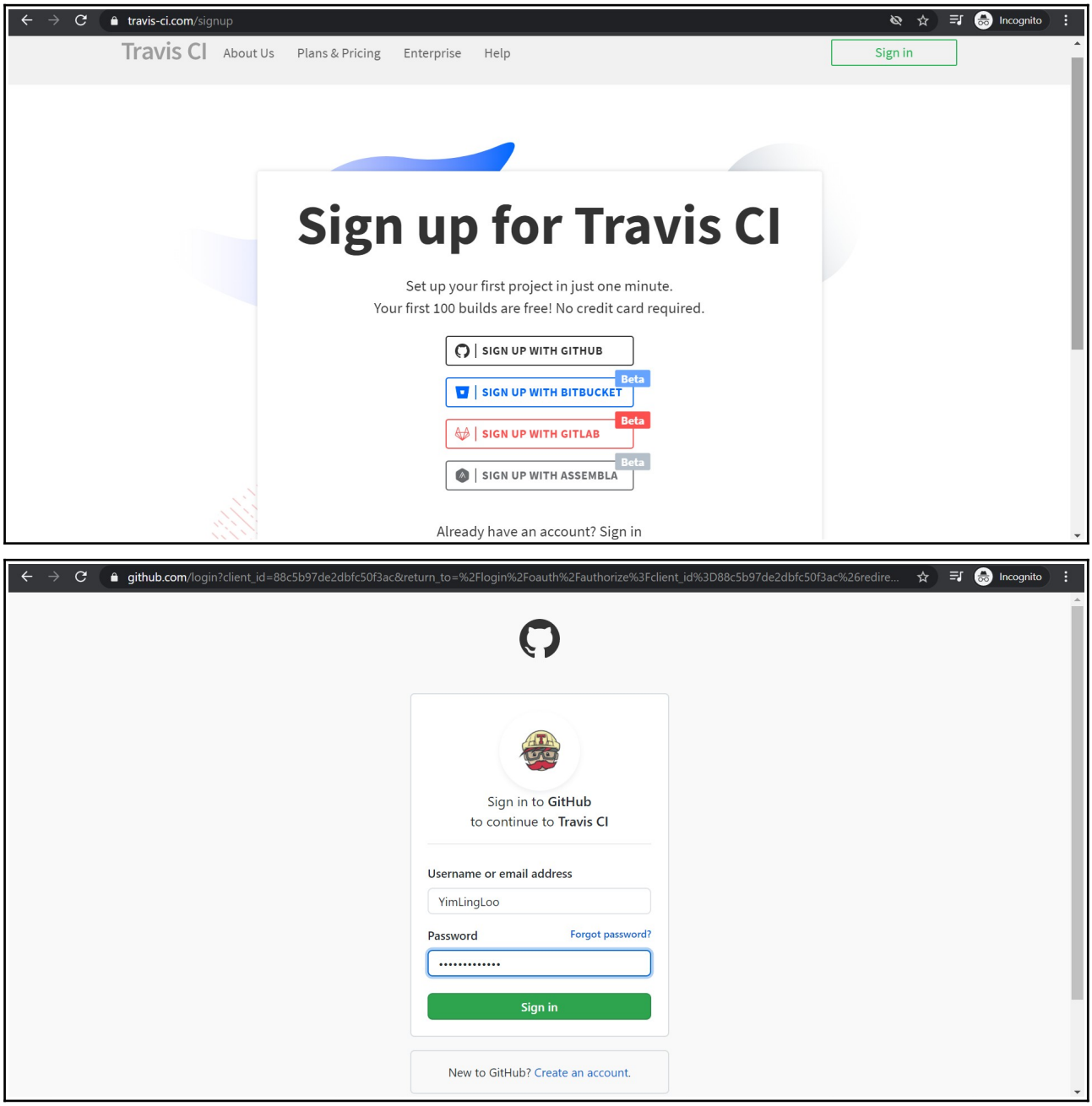

Figure 9: Sign up for Travis CI using Github.

Then, accept the Authorization of Travis CI pro as shown in Figure 10. You'll be redirected to GitHub.

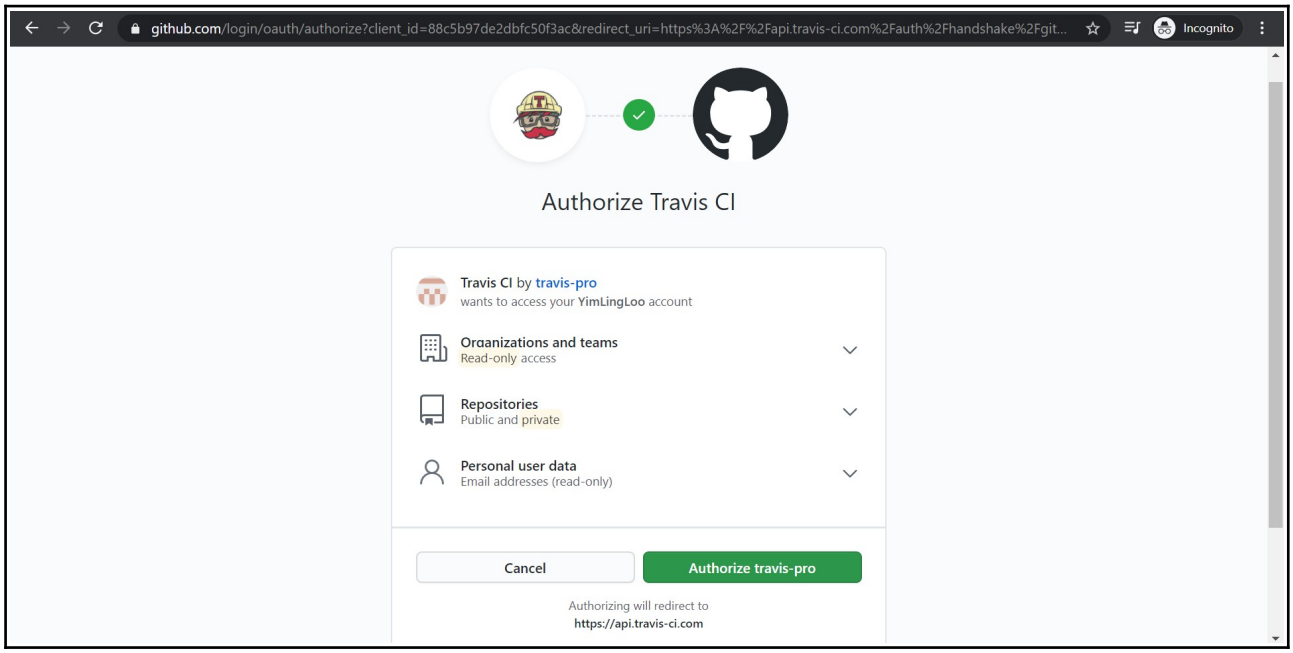

Figure 10: Authorize Travis CI in Github.

In order to activate Travis CI authority of managing CI for your repos in Github, click on your Github profile icon and select 'Settings' as shown in Figure 11. Select 'Activate' to integrate Travis CI using Github Apps.

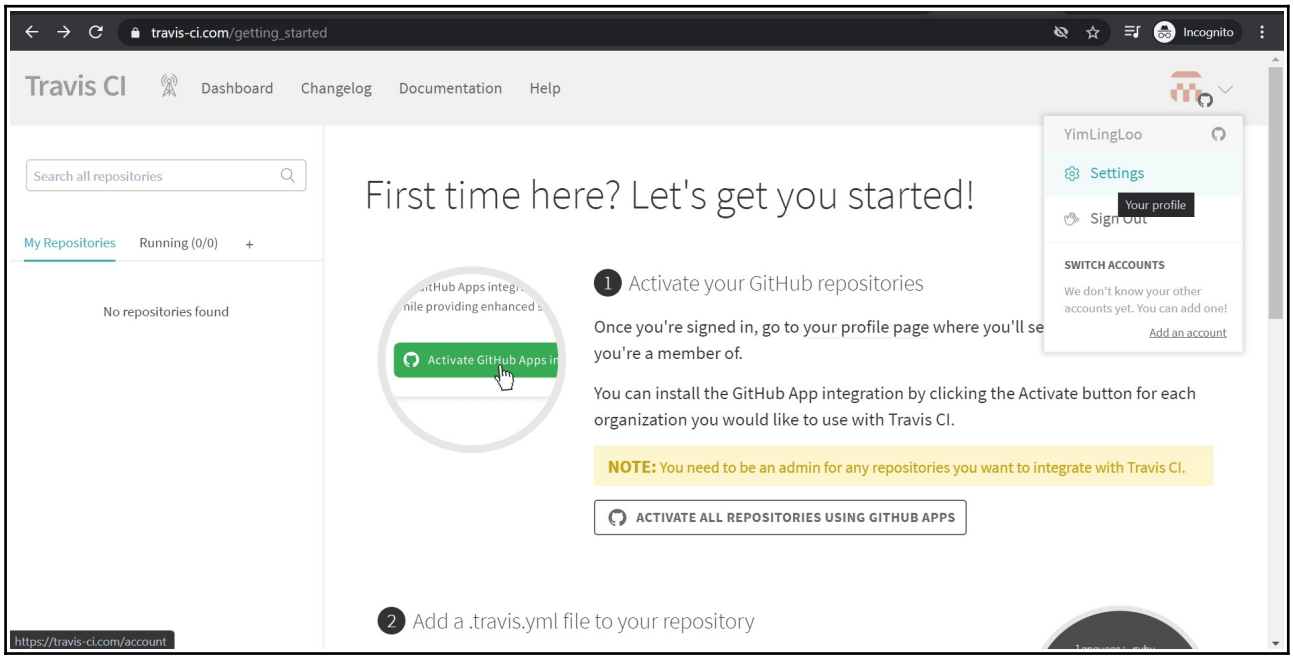

Figure 11: Activate Github Apps integration for Travis CI in Github repo.

Upon choosing 'Activate', by choosing 'All repositories' then 'Approve and Install' as shown in Figure 12 will complete the setup of Travis CI.

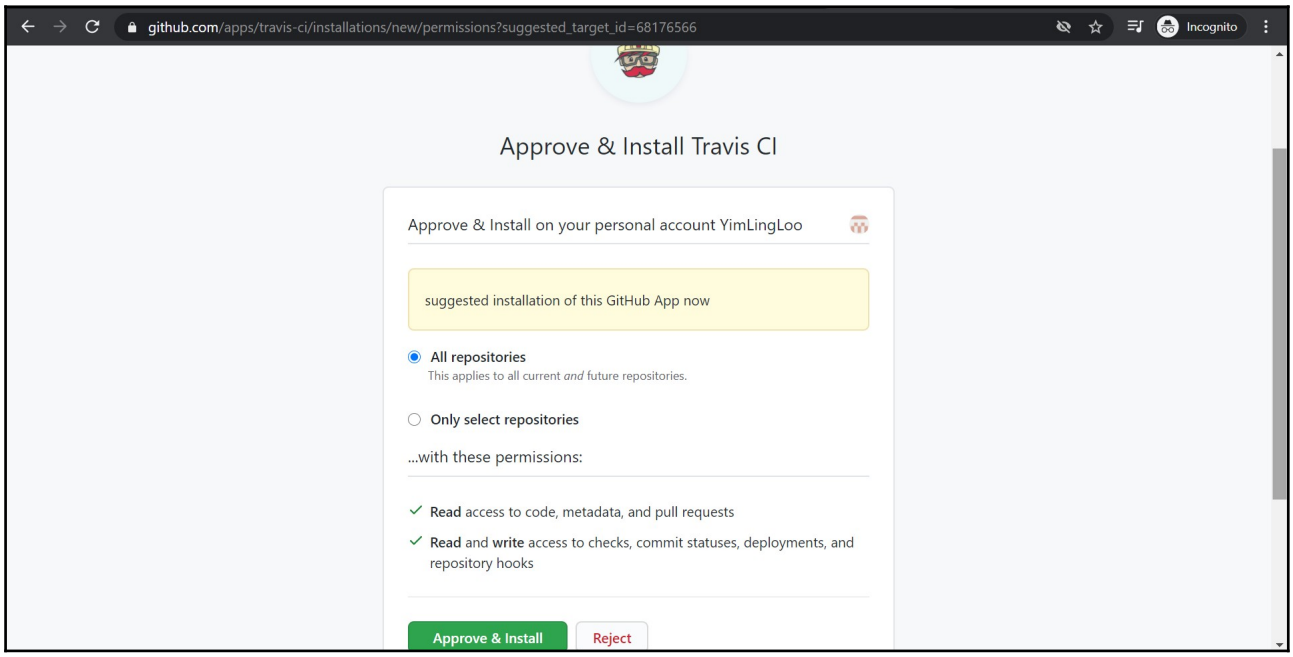

Figure 12: Complete Travis CI setup in Github.