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# Lab Overview

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DevOps practices require automated processes for the entire application lifecycle, from design through the development process to production support, involving heterogeneous tools assembled into a toolchain. This is a hands-on lab, as a companion to the sessions on toolchains and the IBM Bluemix Garage Method (<https://www.ibm.com/devops/method>). In this lab, you will explore IBM Bluemix DevOps Services and create a Build and Delivery Pipeline, that integrates with several third-party tools to automate the processes of build, test, deploy, notification, and monitoring of a sample Cloud Native application. The instructions will show you how to easily copy an existing project with a pre-defined pipeline, and walk you through the customized integrations and show you how to configure these integrations.

# Lab Procedure

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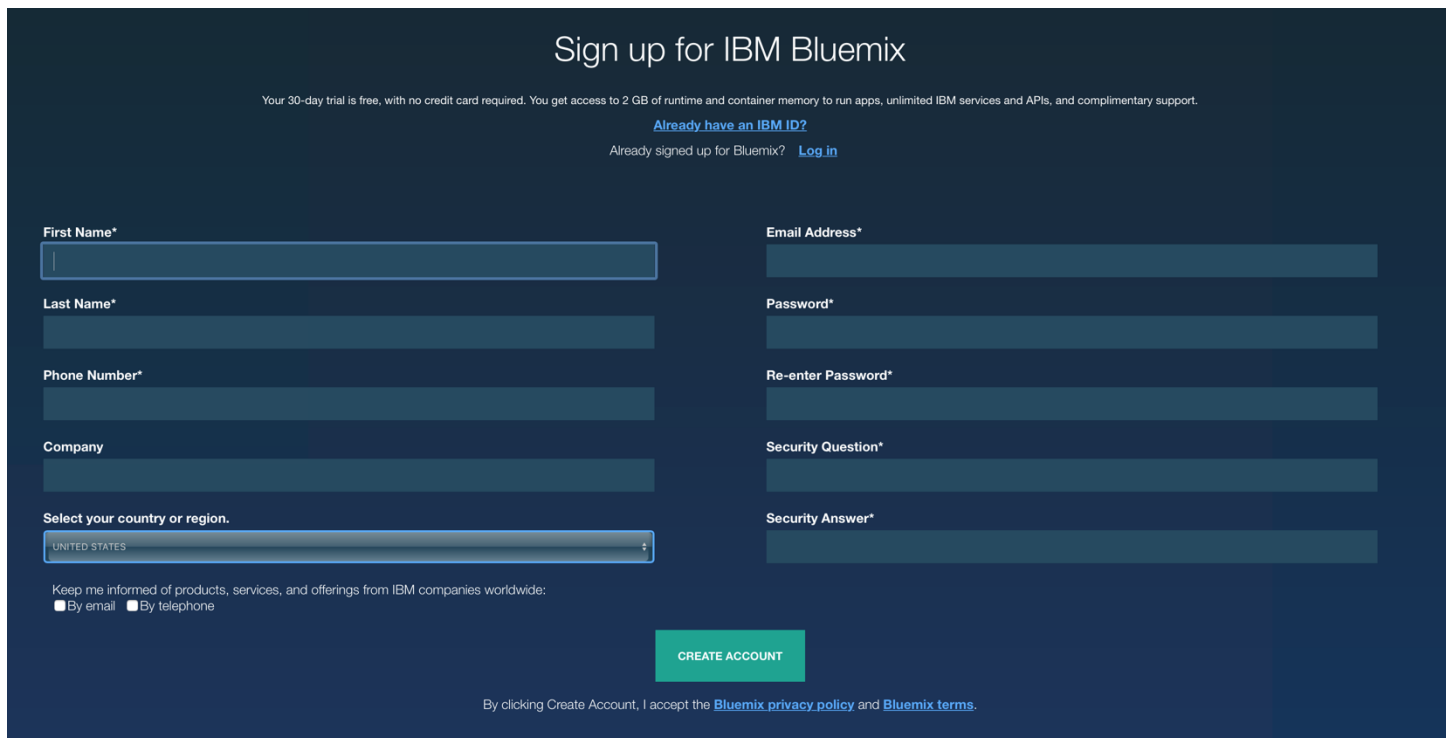
The website for the lab with useful links, PDF copy of the lab instructions, and contact info can be accessed at <http://interconnect5355.github.io>.

## Step 1 - Configure Prerequisites

The following accounts need to be setup:

- A Bluemix account. Bluemix is a cloud-based software development platform. It requires an IBM id. If you don't have one, you will create it when you clone the sample app.

<https://console.ng.bluemix.net/registration/>



The screenshot shows the 'Sign up for IBM Bluemix' page. At the top, it states: 'Your 30-day trial is free, with no credit card required. You get access to 2 GB of runtime and container memory to run apps, unlimited IBM services and APIs, and complimentary support.' Below this are links for 'Already have an IBM ID?' (leading to 'Log in') and 'Already signed up for Bluemix?' (leading to 'Log in'). The form consists of two columns of input fields: 'First Name\*', 'Last Name\*', 'Phone Number\*', 'Company', 'Select your country or region.' (with a dropdown menu showing 'UNITED STATES'), 'Email Address\*', 'Password\*', 'Re-enter Password\*', 'Security Question\*', and 'Security Answer\*'. At the bottom left, there are checkboxes for 'Keep me informed of products, services, and offerings from IBM companies worldwide:' with options 'By email' and 'By telephone'. A green 'CREATE ACCOUNT' button is centered at the bottom. Below the button, a small line of text reads: 'By clicking Create Account, I accept the [Bluemix privacy policy](#) and [Bluemix terms](#).'

During this process you will be asked to confirm your account creation via a link sent to the email address provided, and re-log into Bluemix.

For the accounts below you can create a new account, use an existing account or use the provided common accounts (below) to be shared by all lab attendees. This is recommended in the interest of time.

The following shared accounts are available for use during the lab session. Set this page aside to easily reference the account info and credentials.

**Note: The shared accounts will be closed 3 days after the Interconnect conference ends.**

Account	ID	Password	API-Key
Sauce Labs	interconnect5355	devops2016	9489b7ea-a5cb-49e5-a774-4821641809e5
SpeedCurve	interconnect5355@gmail.com	devops2016	k7gdzfxhyxxq0385jucz0oz8y5a24
New Relic	interconnect5355@gmail.com	devops2016	2181f2ac6c0c021cdd84a4bacd45dc93082034f9
Load Impact	interconnect5355@gmail.com	devops2016	71322ae0c91908a9494f5738ee07c6170fa3a5c77d05ec21cfac8dbc29c75607
Slack	Team: interconnect5355  Email: Interconnect5355@gmail.com  User: interconnect5355_user1	devops2016	xoxp-20972150389-20969690548-21571532949-7ad49d2cc7

Information and links to creating new accounts for the integrations used in this lab are:

- A **Sauce Labs** account and access key. Sauce Labs is a cloud-based functional testing platform. Use it to ensure that your apps are working as intended.

<https://saucelabs.com/signup/trial>

- A **SpeedCurve** account and API key. SpeedCurve provides performance of your website, such as page size and how long it takes to load a page, and can show you the impact new features have on the performance of your website. It also allows you to set a performance budget so you can see and track when the performance of the website begins to lag.

<https://speedcurve.com/plan/trial/>

- A **New Relic** account and license key. New Relic alerts you to app downtime before your users encounter problems so that you can discover and resolve problems in a timely manner.

<https://newrelic.com/signup>

- A **Load Impact** account and API key. Load Impact tests your apps for scale and performance in varying geographies.

<https://app.loadimpact.com/account/register>

- A **Slack** team that you have administrative rights to. Slack is a collaboration tool that can provide visibility into everything that is happening in your project, from code check-ins to deployment status, to errors on your website. Slack provides integrates with many third-party tools that are commonly used for application development.

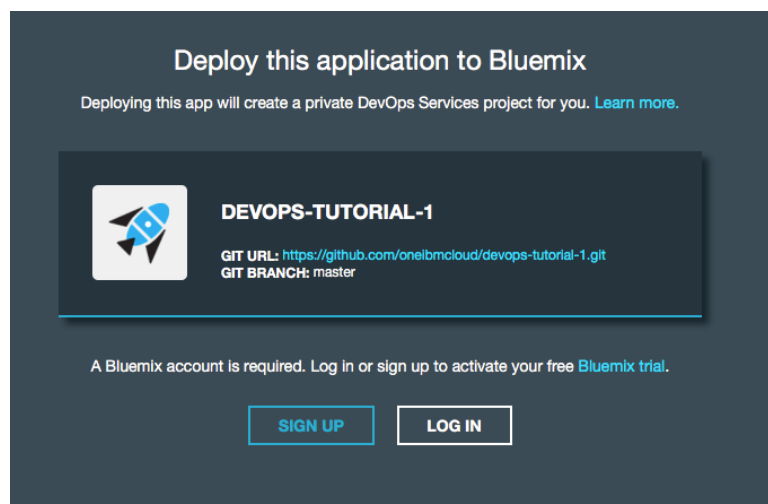
<https://slack.com/create>

## Step 2

Clone the sample app by visiting the URL below:

<https://bluemix.net/deploy/index.html?repository=https://github.com/interconnect5355/devops-tutorial-1b.git>

If you haven't logged in yet, or if your session is expired, click **Log In**.





After you sign in to Bluemix you may be prompted to pick an alias if this is your first time using DevOps Services.

## Welcome to Bluemix DevOps Services

Before you get started, we need to associate your IBM id with an alias. An alias is a unique, publicly visible short name used in Git repository paths, Track & Plan, and desktop and command line clients.




Pick an alias

☐ I accept the DevOps Services [Terms of Use](#).

Afterwards type your app's name; select your region, organization, and space; and click **Deploy**.

### Deploy this application to Bluemix

Deploying this app will create a private DevOps Services project for you. [Learn more.](#)



**DEVOPS-TUTORIAL-1**  
GIT URL: <https://github.com/oneibmcloud/devops-tutorial-1.git>  
GIT BRANCH: master

APP NAME

REGION

ORGANIZATION

SPACE

DEPLOY

You are logged in as sppatel@us.ibm.com. [Log out.](#)  
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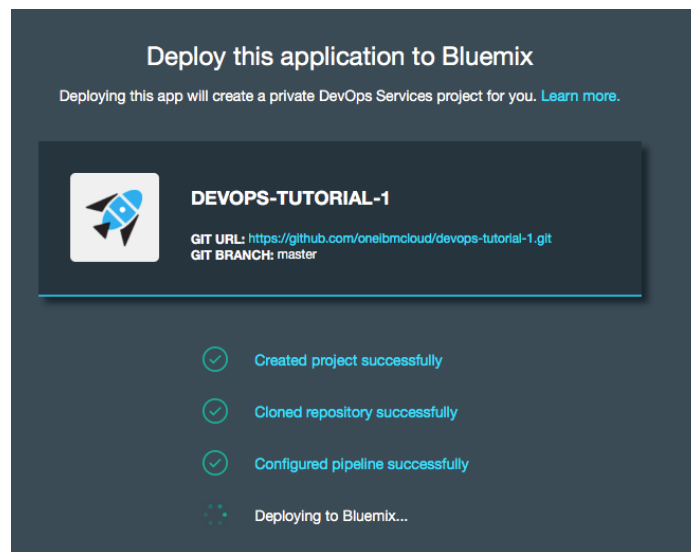
After a few seconds, the system will begin to create your own DevOps services project and your pipeline. Additionally, it copies the files from the sample project into a Git repository hosted by DevOps Services. The build and delivery pipeline will initially only run the build stage. Throughout the lab, you will configure it to run automatically when a change is pushed to Git and have each stage run after the previous one completes and ultimately deploy your cloud-native application to Bluemix.

*Note, however, that DevOps Services also supports integration with GitHub for projects created from scratch.*

To enable the additional capability of the integrated tools in your pipeline, you will need to change a few things. You'll do this later in Step 5.

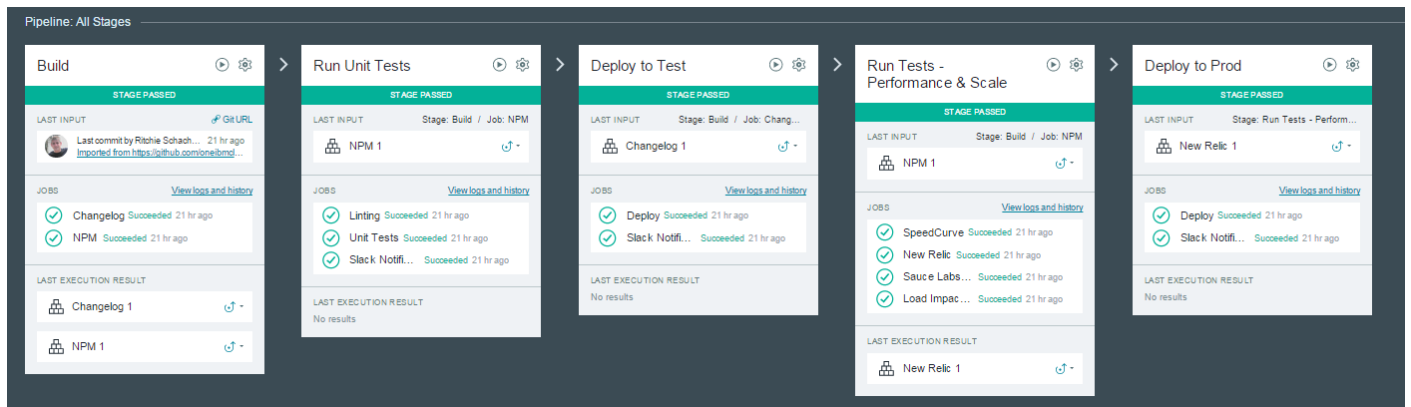
## Step 3

As soon as the **Configured pipeline successfully** link becomes active, click it. You do not need to wait for the **Deploying to Bluemix** step to complete.



You will see all five stages below. If you don't see them, wait a little while and refresh your browser. Depending on the size of your window you may need to click on the scroll action to see any hidden stages.

1. Build
2. Run Unit Tests
3. Deploy to Test
4. Run Tests - Performance & Scale
5. Deploy to Prod



## Step 4

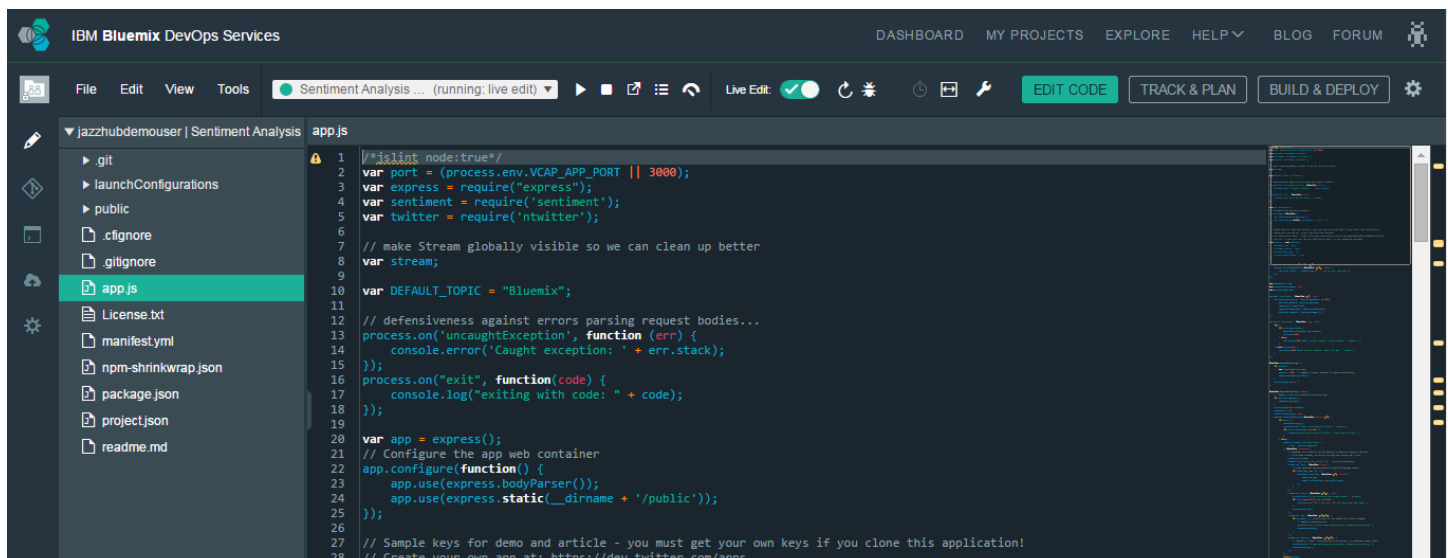
To learn a bit more about the pipeline, watch the two minute introduction video displayed at the top of the pipeline when displayed for the first time. If you've closed it, it's accessible by the help icon or by going directly to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30HMrr8iz5E&feature=youtu.be>

Explore your project. Develop in the Web IDE, which you can open at any time by clicking the **EDIT CODE** button at the top of the page. The Web IDE will create your own personal virtual workspace in the cloud, based on a copy of the contents in your Git repository. You can use the Web IDE to code in your browser and make quick test deployments to Bluemix. At any time during development, you can also commit your changes back to the master branch and trigger automated builds and deployments. You will do this later in the exercise.

Documentation on the web based IDE can be found at:

<https://hub.jazz.net/docs/edit/>



## Step 5

The sample project provided all of the information that Bluemix needed to generate a nearly functional pipeline for your app. However, before all of the jobs can run successfully, though, you need to edit a few things. To see the pipeline, click **BUILD & DEPLOY**.

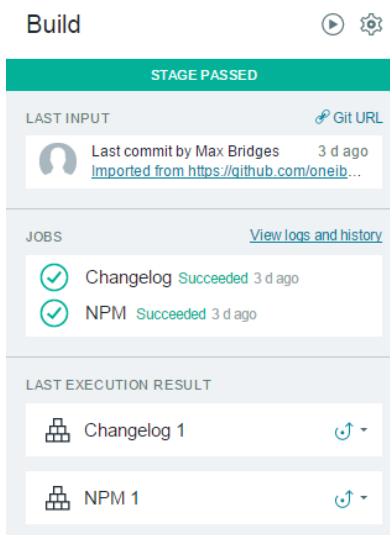
Notice the jobs that incorporate tools like Sauce Labs and SpeedCurve to test your app, and Slack to provide notifications of successful deployments. We'll modify the configuration for these stages to get these integrations in working order.

**Note:** *If you do not want to provide API or license keys for these tools, the pipeline for your sample project can still run successfully. The sample project's pipeline is configured so that all integrations are optional. If you don't configure the integrations, the stages won't fail. However, in a real-world project, you may find the integrations are helpful and improve the rich functionality of your pipeline(s).*

## Step 6 - Build Stage

In this step we will start by looking at the configuration for first stage of the pipeline, **Build**.

1. Click the **Stage Configuration** icon, which looks like a gear.
2. Click **Configure Stage**.



On the **INPUT** tab, notice that the master branch of your project's Git repository is providing the input for this stage.

- Under the *Stage Trigger* section of this tab, select the “whenever a change is pushed to Git” option. This will allow the pipeline to run every time you update your application in Git.

Build DELETE

INPUT JOBS ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES

Input Settings

Input Type ⓘ  
SCM Repository ▼

Git URL  
https://hub.jazz.net/git/mbridges/devops-tutorial-1-mbridges-1610

Branch  
master ▼

Stage Trigger

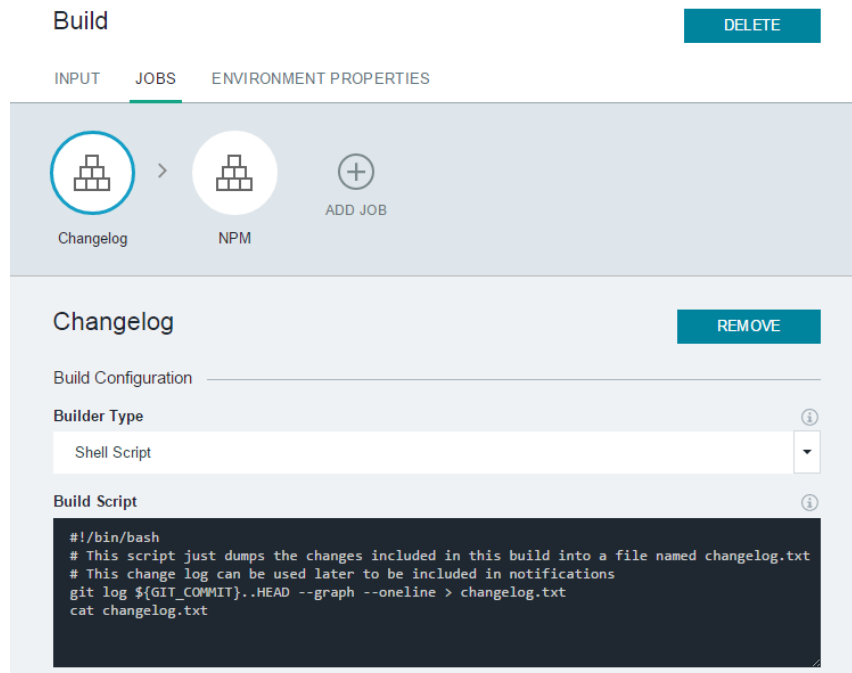
☒ Run jobs whenever a change is pushed to Git

☐ Run jobs only when this stage is run manually

SAVE CANCEL

- Click on the **JOBS** tab.

The first job, Changelog, takes the stage input, adds a log of the changes since the previous build, and archives the results. This archive is used later in the pipeline for deployment to a production environment.

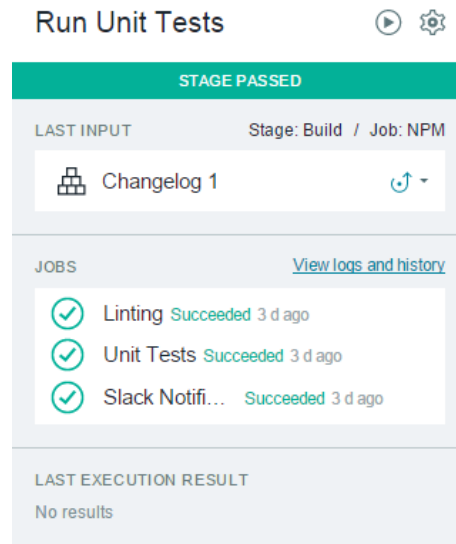


The second job, NPM, takes the stage input, installs the dependencies that are defined in the project's Node package file, and archives the results. These dependency files are used later by tests that are part of the pipeline.

Each job script is customizable. You can explore the various scripts throughout the stages to see what the individual jobs may be doing.

When you're finished looking around, at the bottom of the page, click **SAVE**.

## Step 7 - Unit Tests



The second stage in the toolchain contains the following jobs and supplies them with the project's source control repository as input:

- Linting, which runs open-source linters (JavaScript and CSS) on the project's code.
- Unit Tests, which runs Karma and Mocha unit tests against the project's front-end, server, and API.
- Slack Notification, which sends a notification to a Slack channel after all of the other jobs are completed. You'll define the Slack channel to send notifications to later.

The simplest possible pipeline consists of a stage with a build job in it and a stage with a deploy job in it. The code is compiled or archived, and then it is deployed to Bluemix. However, by implementing a pipeline like the one in this lab, you bring automated testing, quality control, and team notifications to a project.

You can inspect and modify the configured stages and jobs by clicking the **Stage Configuration** icon on the stage tile, and then clicking the **JOBS** tab. The linting and unit tests jobs use the Gulp build system to run predefined tests on the input from the Git repo. The sample project includes all of the dependency files that the tests need to run. To add more tests, see [README.md](#) in the project's `test` directory.

## Step 8 - Slack Notifications

Because jobs run sequentially, the Slack Notification job posts a message to a Slack channel when all of the other jobs in the stage are completed. This job requires a valid incoming Slack webhook, which is not provided in the sample, and a message, which is provided. Both of these are set as part of the stage's environment properties.

1. On the Run Unit Tests stage tile, click the **Stage Configuration** icon and click **Configure Stage**.
2. Click **ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES**.
3. Set the value of SLACK\_WEBHOOK\_PATH to a valid incoming Slack webhook. The Slack Notification job accesses the environment property by using this syntax: `${SLACK_WEBHOOK_PATH}`. If you haven't already generated a webhook, you can generate one from: <https://my.slack.com/services/new/incoming-webhook/>. Create a new channel in the format `ic5355_<initials>` where initials are your initials, and select that channel when creating a new webhook. For more information, visit <https://api.slack.com/incoming-webhooks>.
4. Click on the **INPUT** tab and under the *Stage Trigger* section of this tab, select the “when the previous stage has completed” option. This option will allow the pipeline to execute stages sequentially without human interjection.
5. Click **SAVE**.

Run Unit Tests DELETE

INPUT JOBS ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES

[+ ADD PROPERTY](#)

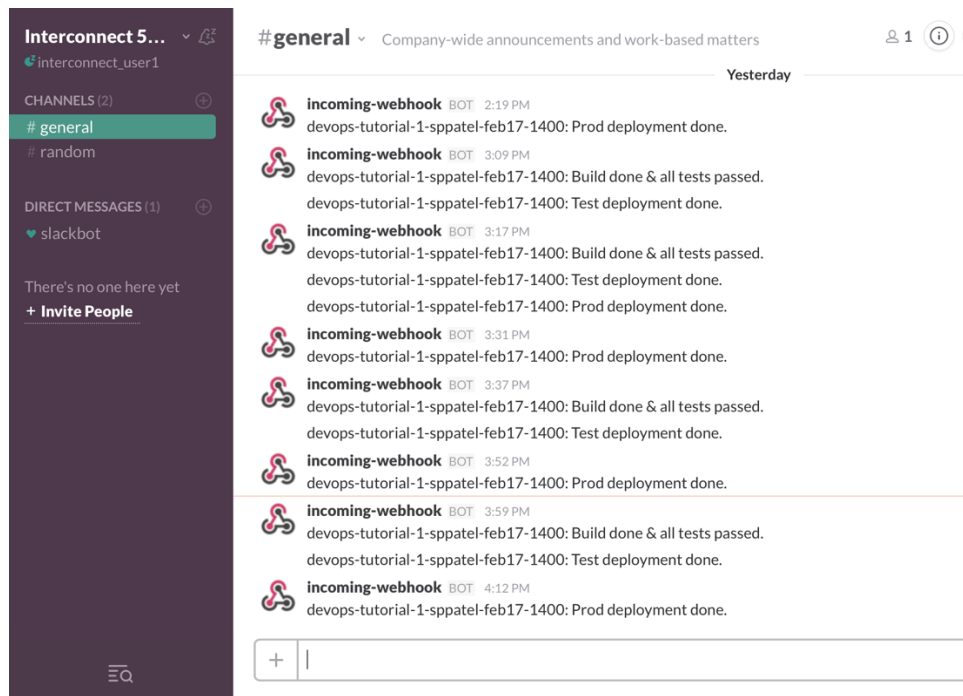
APP_NAME	devops-tutorial-1-mbridges-1610
SLACK_WEBHOOK_PATH	https://hooks.slack.com/services/IBM/GARAGE/METHOD
SLACK_MESSAGE	Build done & all tests passed.

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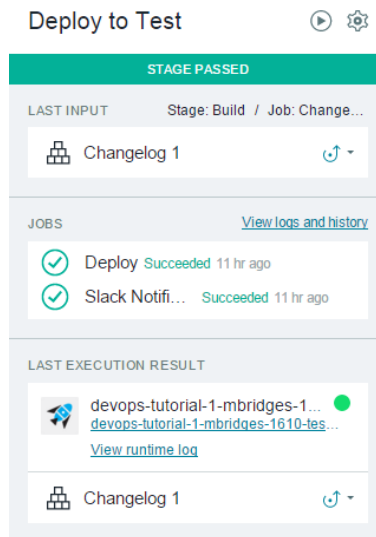
6. Once you have saved the new Slack properties and updated the stage triggers, click the **PLAY** button at the top of the stage card to run it with the new configuration.

Throughout the remainder of this lab, log into slack and open the channel you created (using the quick switcher at the bottom left of the window) to keep an eye out for incoming notifications.





## Step 9 - Deploy to Test



When you configure a pipeline, it is good practice to create a stage that you use to deploy to an environment for tests or "staging." A staging environment mirrors the production environment. In the staging environment, you can run tests to find and fix errors before you deploy changes to the production server.

The "deploy to test" stage takes the build that the Changelog build job supplies in the first

stage, and deploys a test instance by using a "blue-green" deployment technique. To see how this is done, view the configuration of the stage, and view the Deploy Script section of the Deploy job. After the blue-green deployment, a job then sends a deployment notification through Slack. You only need to add an environment property value for that notification job to be completed.

1. On the "Deploy to Test" stage tile, click the **Stage Configuration** icon and click **Configure Stage**.
2. Click **ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES**.
3. Set the value of SLACK\_WEBHOOK\_PATH to a valid incoming Slack webhook. The Slack Notification job accesses the environment property by using this syntax: **`${SLACK_WEBHOOK_PATH}`**. Feel free to reuse the webhook from the previous stage, or create a new channel and matching webhook.
4. Click on the **INPUT** tab and under the *Stage Trigger* section of this tab, select the "when the previous stage has completed" option.
5. Click **SAVE**.
6. Once you have saved the new Slack properties and updated the stage triggers, click the **PLAY** button at the top of the stage card to run it with the new configuration.

After the stage completes, the stage will display a "Last Execution Result". This section of the stage card provides the status details of your running application along with which version of the build input the pipeline used to deploy the application. Within the "Last Execution Result" you can navigate directly to the Bluemix dashboard of the application (shown below) as well as the application itself.

The screenshot displays the Bluemix DevOps console for an application named "devops-tutorial-1-sppatel-feb20-test-green". The top navigation bar includes the application name, a "Routes" link, a "GIT URL" field with the value "https://hub.jazz.net/git/sppatel/devops-tutorial-1-...", and an "EDIT CODE" button.

The main configuration area shows the application is using "SDK FOR NODE.JS™". It includes input fields for "INSTANCES" (set to 1), "MEMORY QUOTA" (set to 128 MB), and "AVAILABLE MEMORY" (7.031 GB). There are "SAVE" and "RESET" buttons for these settings.

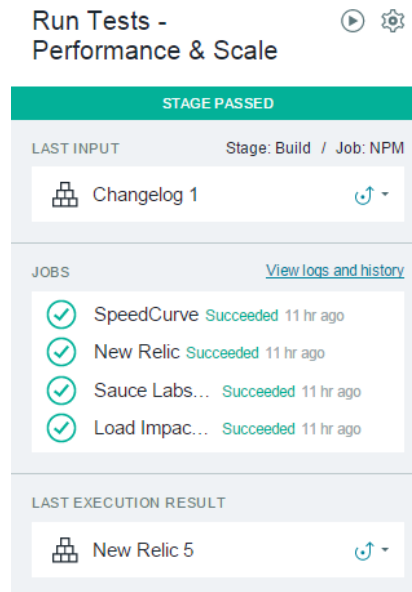
Below the configuration area, there are three buttons: "ADD A SERVICE OR API", "BIND A SERVICE OR API", and "ENABLE APP FOR MOBILE".

On the right side, the "APP HEALTH" section shows a green checkmark and the message "Your app is running.", with "RESTART" and "STOP" buttons. Below this is the "ACTIVITY LOG" section, which lists recent events:

- 2/20/16 8:58 AM: sppatel@us.ibm.com updated devops-tutorial-1-sppatel-feb20-test-green app
- 2/20/16 8:57 AM: sppatel@us.ibm.com started devops-tutorial-1-sppatel-feb20-test-blue app
- 2/20/16 8:56 AM: sppatel@us.ibm.com updated devops-tutorial-1-sppatel-feb20-test-blue app (changed routes)
- 2/20/16 8:56 AM: sppatel@us.ibm.com created devops-tutorial-1-sppatel-feb20-test-blue app

At the bottom right, there is a button labeled "Estimate the cost of this app" with a right-pointing arrow.

## Step 10 - Run performance and scale tests



A complete toolchain allows your project to grow effortlessly in popularity and scale. This next stage helps to ensure that the changes that were made in your most recent builds don't harm the website's performance or reliability. This stage contains jobs that run functional tests by using Sauce Labs; trigger SpeedCurve and Load Impact, which are performance monitoring tools; and install an agent for New Relic, which is a website-monitoring tool. All of these jobs have already been pre-configured with scripts. You only need to edit the values of the stage's environment properties.

To configure the stage:

1. On the Run Tests - Performance & Scale stage, click the **Stage Configuration** icon.
2. Click **Configure Stage**.
3. Click **ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES**.
4. For APP\_NAME, leave the default value as is.
5. Provide a value for NEW\_RELIC\_LICENSE\_KEY
6. Add the website that you deployed in the previous stage to your SpeedCurve account. You can find the URL of that site in the Last Execution Result section of the previous stage.
7. Provide a value for SAUCE\_USERNAME.
8. For SAUCE\_ACCESS\_KEY, enter your Sauce Labs access key.
9. Provide a value for LOAD\_IMPACT\_API\_TOKEN.
10. For the value of LOAD\_IMPACT\_TEST\_URL:
  - a. Create and run a test in Load Impact.
  - b. Run the test against the site that was deployed from the Deploy to Test

stage. At the bottom of that stage, you can find the site URL under the "Last Execution Result" heading. Note, you may have to refresh the page to see this.

- c. Go to the Load Impact website, and under Tests, click the test that you just created.
- d. Copy the URL for that test; for example:

`https://app.loadimpact.com/tests/3202434`

- e. Take the numbers at the end of that URL and substitute them for **id** in this URL:

`https://api.loadimpact.com/v2/test-configs/{id}/start`

For example, the test at `https://app.loadimpact.com/tests/3202434` would translate to:

`https://api.loadimpact.com/v2/test-configs/3202434/start`

11. Click on the **INPUT** tab and under the *Stage Trigger* section of this tab, select the "when the previous stage has completed" option.
12. Click **SAVE**

Run Tests - Performance & Scale

DELETE

INPUT   JOBS   ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES

+ ADD PROPERTY

APP_NAME	devops-tutorial-1-mbridges-1610
NEW_RELIC_LICENSE_KEY	in102n59cnpaopsm01029590
SPEED_CURVE_API_KEY	1802mmQz1209
SAUCE_USERNAME	max
SAUCE_ACCESS_KEY	e833d9c8-e527-44d6-ab3e-45175461fb85
LOAD_IMPACT_API_TOKEN	1023901239aaefaplx
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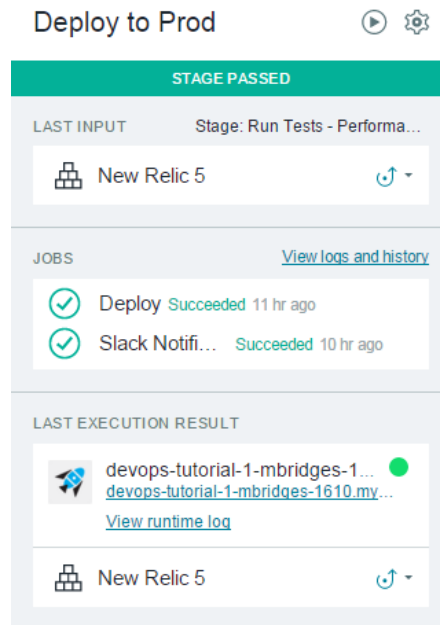
+ ADD PROPERTY

SAVE

CANCEL

13. Once you have saved the new Slack properties and updated the stage triggers, click the **PLAY** button at the top of the stage card to run it with the new configuration.

## Step 11 - Push to production



The final stage takes the output from the New Relic job in the previous stage, deploys it to a Bluemix production instance, and sends a deployment notification to a Slack channel. The New Relic website monitoring agent that was installed in the previous stage becomes active after the app is deployed in this stage.

The stage is mostly configured for you in the sample: you need an incoming webhook URL for Slack.

1. On the Push to Prod stage, click the **Stage Configuration** icon.
2. Click **Configure Stage**.
3. Click **ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES**.
4. For the value of the `SLACK_WEBHOOK_PATH` property, type an incoming webhook for Slack.
  - a. This webhook can be the same as the webhook that you used in the first stage, or you can use a different webhook. For example, you might have different Slack channels for build status and deployment status.
5. You can leave `SLACK_MESSAGE` as-is, or edit it to your liking.

6. Click on the **INPUT** tab and under the *Stage Trigger* section of this tab, select the “when the previous stage has completed” option.
7. Click **SAVE**.
8. Once you have saved the new Slack properties and updated the stage triggers, click the **PLAY** button at the top of the stage card to run it with the new configuration.

Deploy to Prod DELETE

INPUT JOBS ENVIRONMENT PROPERTIES

[+ ADD PROPERTY](#)

APP_NAME	devops-tutorial-1-mbridges-1610
SLACK_WEBHOOK_PATH	https://hooks.slack.com/services/DECLARE/VICTORY/IBM
SLACK_MESSAGE	Prod deployment done.

SAVE CANCEL

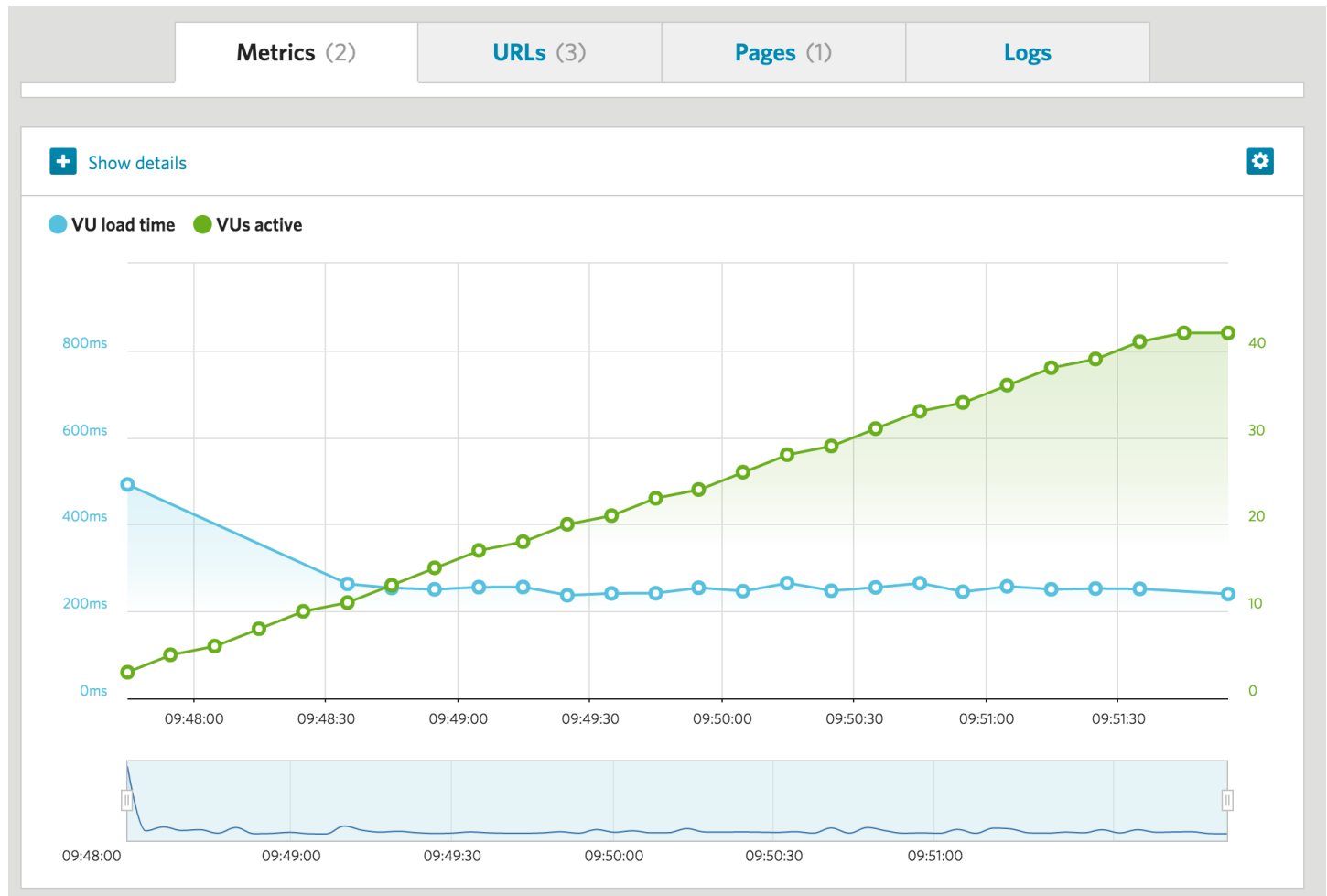
At this point you should now have a fully functional sample toolchain!

## Step 12 - View Test Tool Results

On **Sauce Labs**, you can login and navigate to the test results by clicking the *example with chrome* link from the Dashboard page. This page will show more details about what is going on in the test, such as the HTTP requests and how the app responded to them. You can even see a video of the test’s execution.



graph displaying the average page load time vs. the number of connections to the app. This is useful in determining how well your app scales across increasing numbers of users.



## Step 13 - Update the project

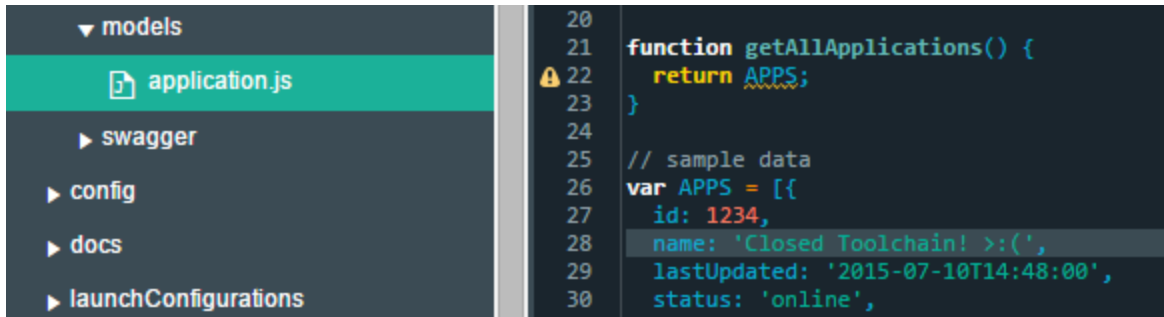
Now that you have a functional sample toolchain, you're going to break it and learn about the DevOps Services Web IDE in the process.

By using the Web IDE, you can code in your browser and make quick test deployments to Bluemix. You can open it from anywhere in DevOps Services by clicking **EDIT CODE**.

To begin, in the upper-right corner, click **EDIT CODE**. Open the front-end unit tests file and edit it:

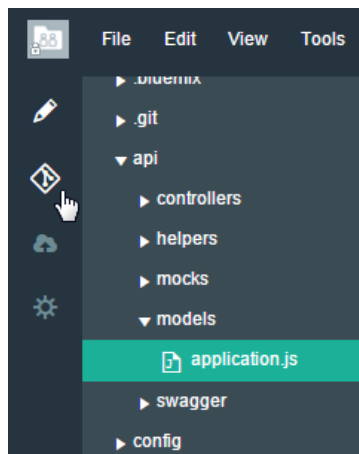
1. In the directory, expand **api** > **models**, and open the **application.js** file.
2. On line 28, edit the name '**Open Toolchain**' to be something else. This change will cause the Mocha unit test to fail.



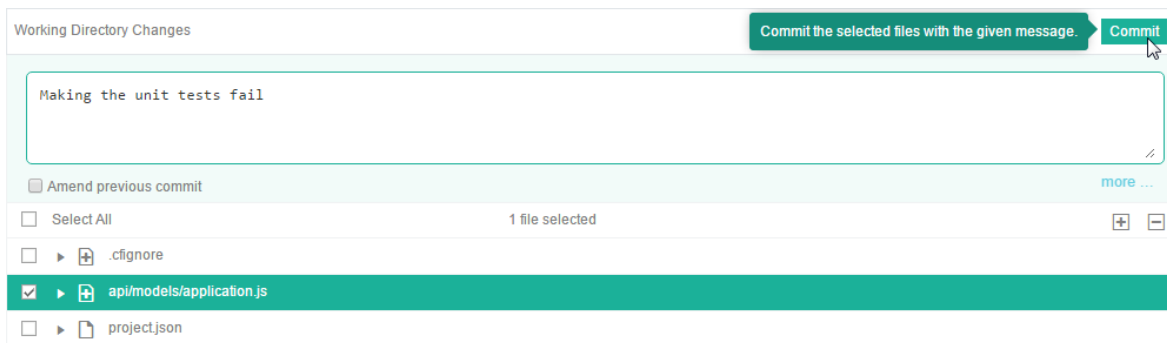


You don't need to save your change; the Web IDE automatically saves whatever you do. Commit the change to your project's Git repo:

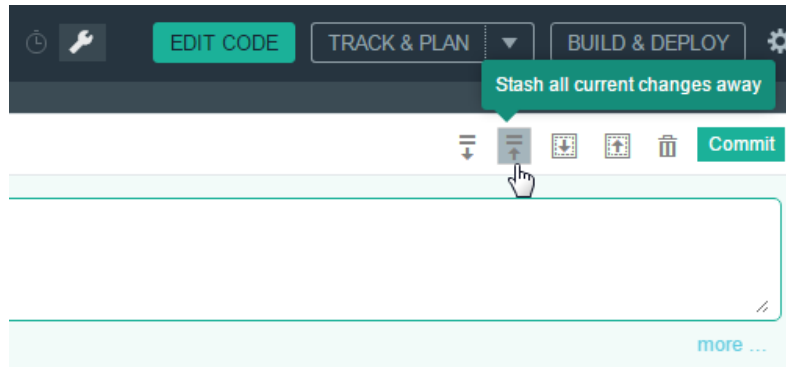
1. From the menu on the left, click the **Git Repository** icon.



2. In the Working Directory Changes section, you'll see the **application.js** file. Select the check box next to it.
3. In the commit message field, type **Making the unit tests fail**.



4. Click **Commit**.
5. If other files are in the Working Directory Changes, click the **Stash all current changes away** icon.



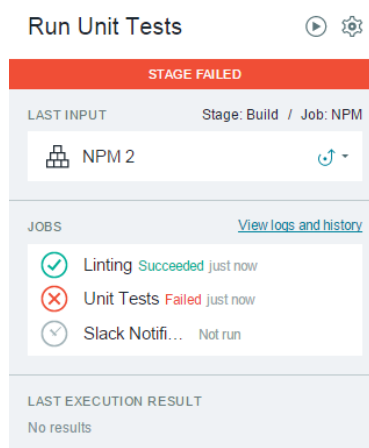
6. In the Active Branch section, in the Outgoing section, you'll see `application.js`. Click **Push** to push the change to your project's remote repository.

You just made a change to your project. Next, you'll see how the toolchain reacts to bad input.

## Step 14 - Verify that the tests failed

To see failing tests in action, click **BUILD & DEPLOY**.

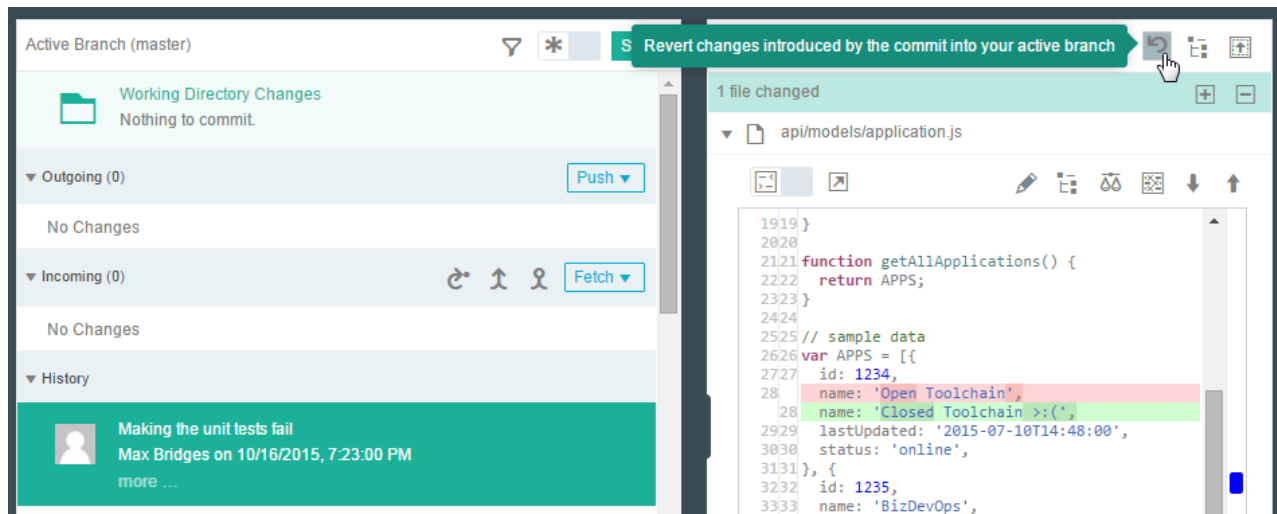
Your unit tests eventually fail because of the change you made. This failure causes the stage to fail, which, by default, means that the rest of the pipeline won't run. This example shows flow control in the pipeline: because the Run Unit Tests stage failed, there is no need to attempt a test deployment.



## Step 15 - Revert the change

In the final step, you'll revert the change that caused the pipeline to fail.



1. Click **EDIT CODE**.
2. From the menu on the left, click the **Git Repository** icon.
3. In the Active Branch section, in the History section, select your most recent commit.
4. In the main window, click the **Revert** icon.



5. In the Active Branch section, in the Outgoing section, click **Push**.

Congratulations! You fixed your project! If you click **BUILD & DEPLOY**, you'll see that your Run Unit Tests stage is completely successfully passing now.



Run Unit Tests



STAGE PASSED


LAST INPUT


Stage: Build / Job: NPM


 NPM 3 

JOBS

[View logs and history](#)

 Linting Succeeded just now

 Unit Tests Succeeded just now

 Slack Notifi... Succeeded just now

LAST EXECUTION RESULT

No results

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