

## ✓ Introduction to Automated Builds & Pipeline Commits

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### Overview

This lab will help the learner understand how to configure a Jenkins pipeline, connect it to a source code repository (GitHub), and trigger an automated build flow when changes are made to the web application or the pipeline itself.

We will be using a web app called “Farm to Front Door” throughout this course. The idea is that “Development” is working on this application and needs our help to create a continuous integration pipeline to build it. We will do more than just build it as we complete this course but for starters, this is just to get the application pipeline stood-up so we can build out a complete pipeline by the end of the course.

**Estimated time:** 40 min

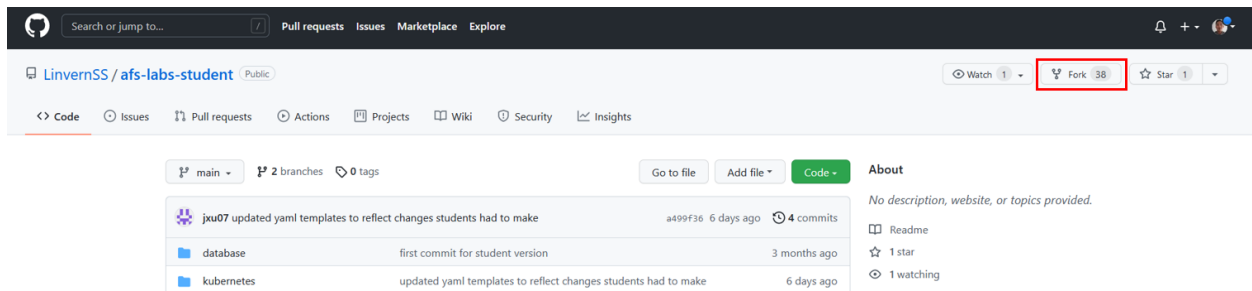
### Learning Objectives

1. Create and configure a Jenkins pipeline
2. Understand and utilize GitHub webhooks
3. Test the pipeline is working

## ✓ Instructions

### ✓ Set up the Project Repository

1. Log in to your <https://github.com/> account. If you do not have an account, please create one.
2. Navigate to the application repository, Farm to Front Door: <https://github.com/LinvernSS/afs-labs-student>
3. Fork this repository by clicking on the “Fork” button, which can be found in the upper right corner of the GitHub screen



#### 4. Login to your EC2 and enter your lab environment container via VSCode

**Note:** VSCode will remember your most recent window opened. If you closed VSCode while working inside your container, VSCode will automatically attempt to reconnect to your container when you reopen VSCode (you'll be asked to enter your password again).

Otherwise, you can reconnect to your container with VSCode under "File" → "Open Recent" → "root/dso-bootcamp-home [Container]".

If none of the above works, then follow the steps below.

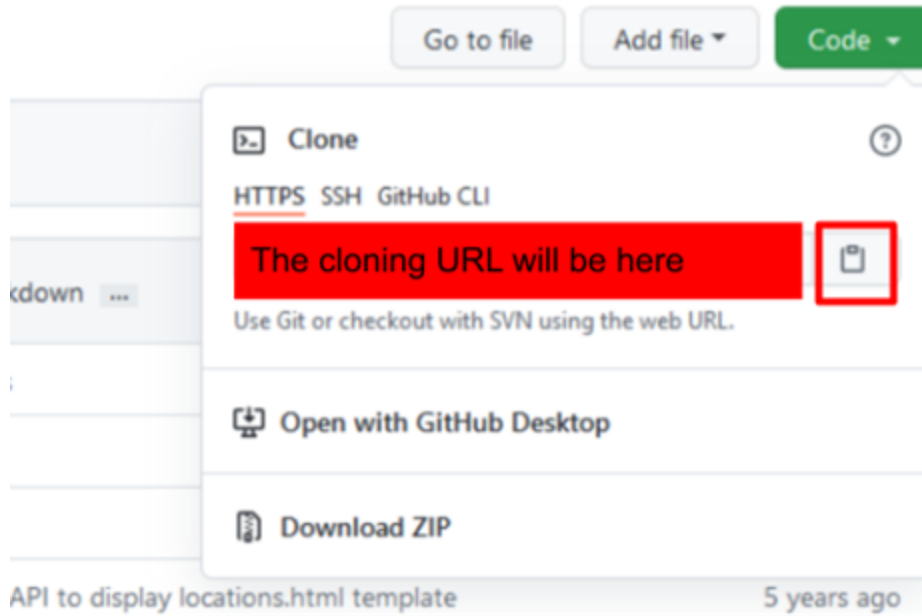
- Open a new VSCode window
- Under "Remote Explorer", select "SSH Targets" from the drop-down menu
- Click on your EC2's IP address to SSH into
- Under "Remote Explorer", select "Containers" from the drop-down menu
- Click on "Refresh" to see a list of running containers
- Right-click on "lab-env:latest" and "Attach to Container" to enter your lab environment

#### 5. Clone your GitHub repository (that you just forked) into your container by completing the following steps:

- First, click the green "Code" button on the GitHub repository
- Copy the repository URL shown by clicking on the button to the right of it

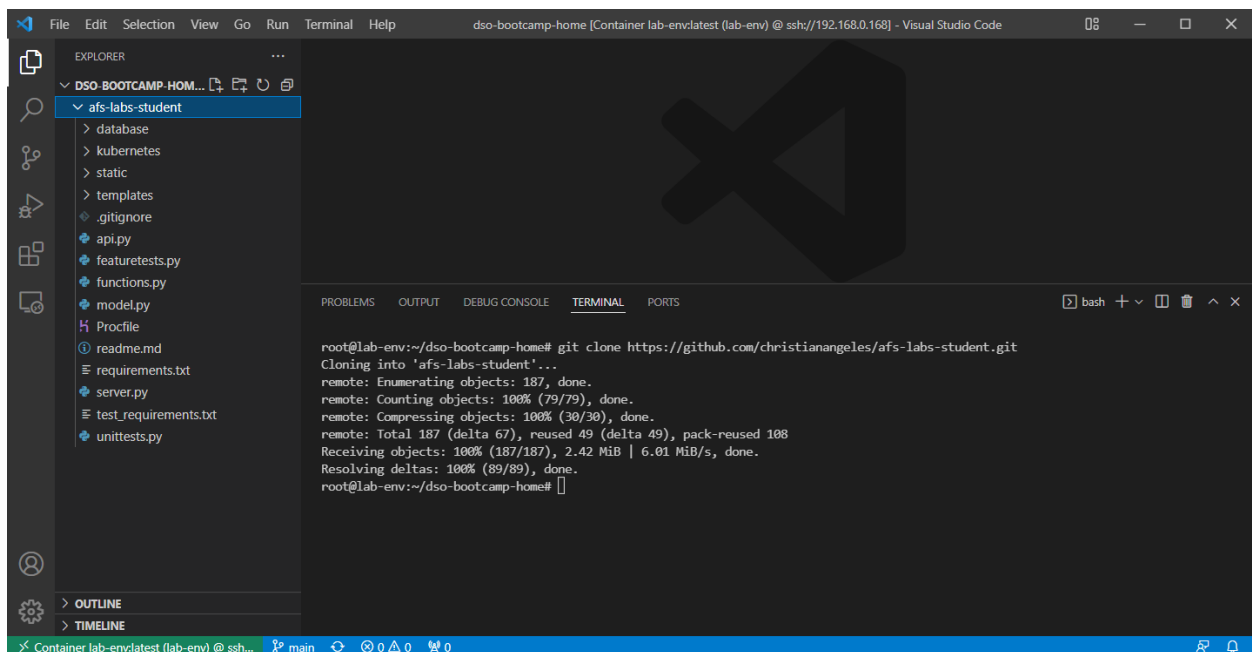
**Tip:** Make sure you're cloning with the *HTTPS*

The URL should be something like `https://github.com/<YOUR GITHUB USERNAME>/afs-labs-student.git`



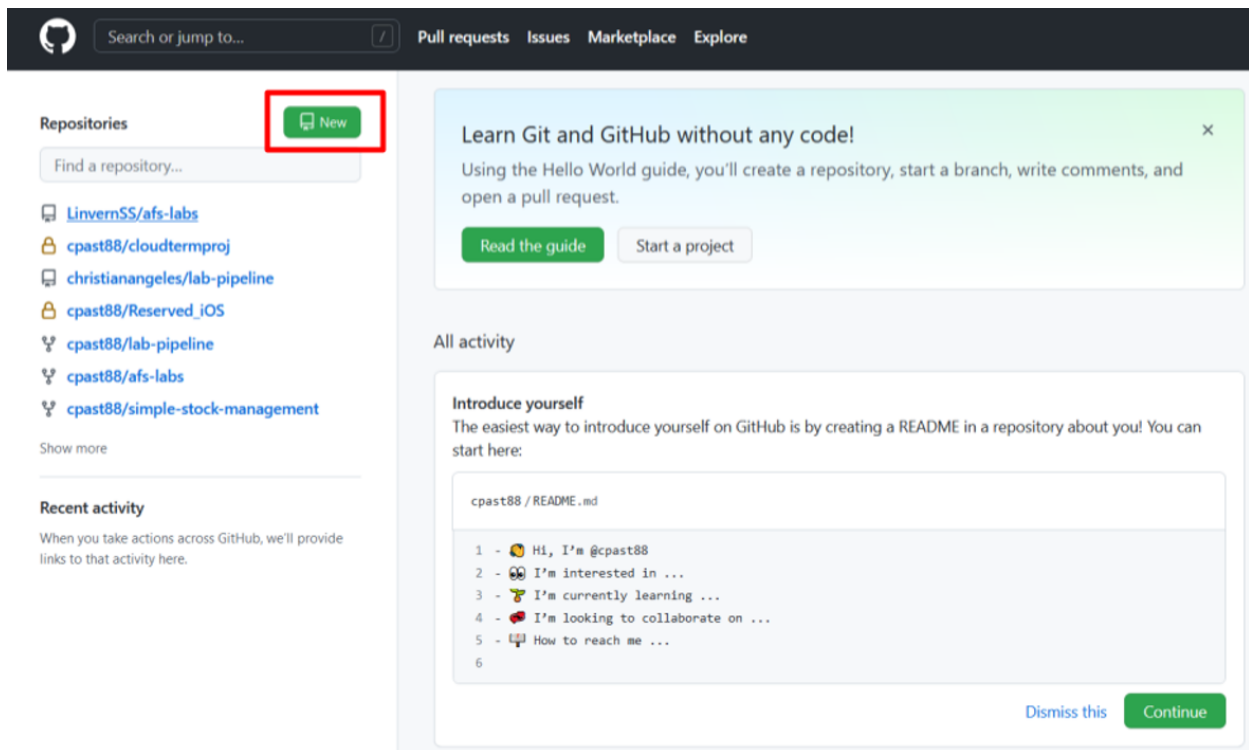
c. Run the following command in your VSCode terminal to clone your repository to your container:

```
git clone <YOUR REPOSITORY URL>
```



## ✓ Create a Pipeline Repository

1. On <https://github.com/>, create a new repository by clicking on the green “New” button in the top left corner




2. Name the new repository “devops-camp-pipeline”
  - a. Make sure "Public" and "Add a README file" are selected

## Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository.](#)

Owner \*

 chris24-devops ▾

Repository name \*

devops-camp-pipeline ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [expert-umbrella?](#)

Description (optional)



**Public**

Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



**Private**

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

**Initialize this repository with:**

Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.



**Add a README file**

This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more.](#)




**Add .gitignore**

Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more.](#)



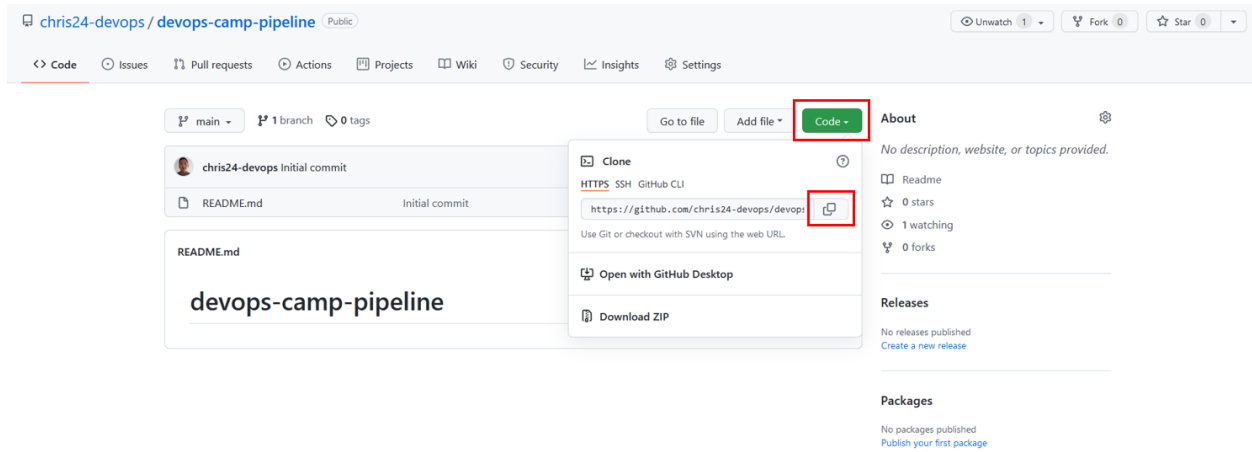
**Choose a license**

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more.](#)

This will set  **main** as the default branch. Change the default name in your [settings](#).

Create repository

3. Click "Create repository" to complete the process
4. Once you've created the repository, you should be shown a screen that looks like the one below; click on the highlighted buttons to copy the repository URL

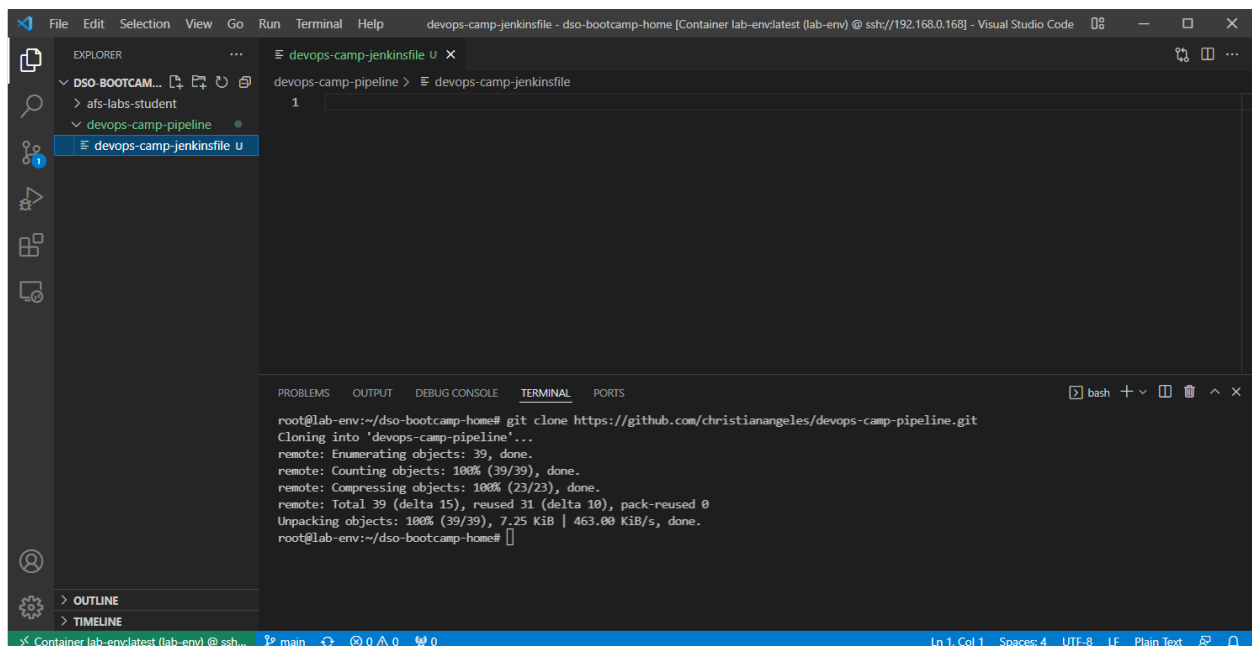


5. In VSCode, clone your new repository into your container by running the following command in the terminal:

```
git clone <URL>
```

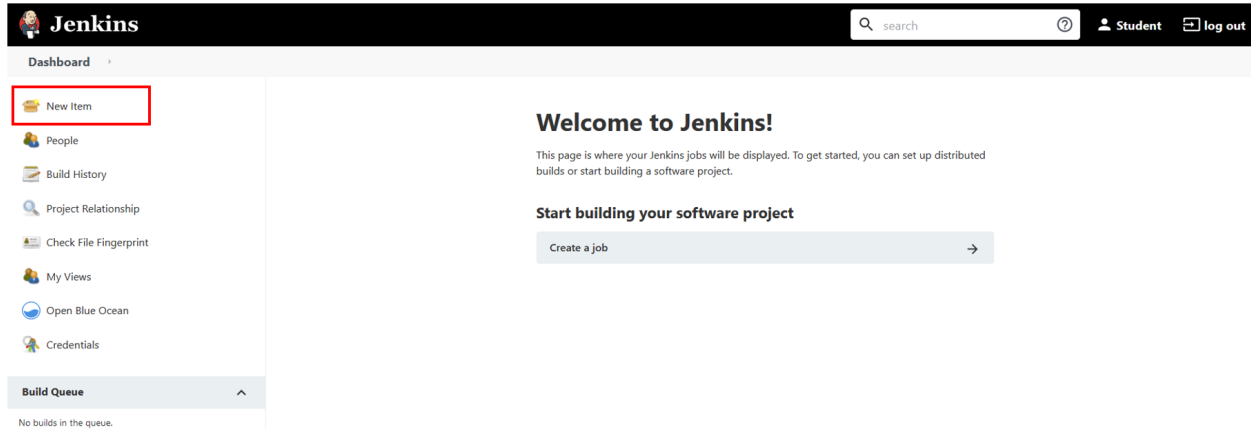
**Note:** If you get a warning about cloning an empty repository, you can ignore it.

6. Create a Jenkinsfile for your pipeline
- Under "Explorer", right-click on the `devops-camp-pipeline` folder and select "New File"
  - Name the new file `devops-camp-jenkinsfile`



## ✓ Create and Configure a Jenkins Pipeline

1. Navigate to your Jenkins environment: <https://jenkins.dev.afsmtddso.com/>
  - a. Login with the credentials that were already provided
2. Create a new pipeline by clicking on "New Item"



3. You should now see a screen with options for your new item
  - a. Name your new item <YOUR FIRST INITIAL + LAST NAME>-app-pipeline
  - b. Select "Pipeline" as the type of project
  - c. Press "OK" to proceed

**Enter an item name**

A  » Required field

**Freestyle project**  
This is the central feature of Jenkins. Jenkins will build your project, combining any SCM with any build system, and this can be even used for something other than software build.

B **Pipeline**  
Orchestrates long-running activities that can span multiple build agents. Suitable for building pipelines (formerly known as workflows) and/or organizing complex activities that do not easily fit in free-style job type.

**Multi-configuration project**  
Suitable for projects that need a large number of different configurations, such as testing on multiple environments, platform-specific builds, etc.

**Folder**  
Creates a container that stores nested items in it. Useful for grouping things together. Unlike view, which is just a filter, a folder creates a separate namespace, so you can have multiple things of the same name as long as they are in different folders.

**Multibranch Pipeline**  
Creates a set of Pipeline projects according to detected branches in one SCM repository.

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4. You should now see a screen with configuration options to enable

a. "Project-based security" will be enabled by default, leave the settings as is

Dashboard > Lab-intro-automated-build >

**General** Build Triggers Advanced Project Options Pipeline

☒ Enable project-based security

Inheritance Strategy  
Inherit permissions from parent ACL

This item will inherit its parent items permissions (in addition to any permissions granted here). If this item is at the top level in Jenkins, it will inherit the [global security settings](#).

| User/group          | Credentials              |                          |                          | Job                      |                          |                          |                          |                          | Run                      |                          |                                     | SCM                      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                     | Create                   | Delete                   | Update                   | View                     | Build                    | Cancel                   | Configure                | Delete                   | Discover                 | Move                     | Read                                | Workspace                |                          | Delete                   | Replay                   | Update                   | Tag                      |
| Anonymous Users     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Student01           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Add user or group...

b. A little bit underneath that, make sure "GitHub Project" is checked

c. In the input box below "Github Project," paste in the GitHub URL of your devops-camp-pipeline repository



d. Scroll down to the subsection "Build Triggers" and check "GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling"

The screenshot shows the Jenkins Pipeline Configuration interface. The 'General' tab is active. In the 'Build Triggers' section, the 'GitHub project' checkbox is checked, and the 'Project url' is set to 'https://github.com/<github-username>/devops-camp-pipeline.git'. Below this, the 'Build Triggers' section is expanded, and the 'GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling' checkbox is checked. Other options like 'Discard old builds', 'Do not allow concurrent builds', 'Do not allow the pipeline to resume if the controller restarts', 'Pipeline speed/durability override', 'Preserve stashes from completed builds', 'This project is parameterized', 'Throttle builds', 'Build after other projects are built', 'Build periodically', 'Build when a CodeCommit repository is updated and notifies a SQS queue', 'Poll SCM', 'Disable this project', 'Quiet period', and 'Trigger builds remotely (e.g., from scripts)' are all unchecked. An 'Advanced...' button is visible next to the 'Project url' field.

5. Select the "Pipeline" tab and configure for your SCM (Source Code Management)

a. Under "Definition," click "Pipeline script" to open the dropdown menu

i. Select "Pipeline script from SCM"

ii. In the SCM dropdown menu, select "Git"

iii. In the "Repositories" section, add your devops-camp-pipeline repository URL

b. On "Branches to build," make sure you put your main branch

**Tip:** This branch could be called either `main` or `master`, check your repository to see what yours is called by looking here:

**Definition**

Pipeline script from SCM

SCM

Git

Repositories

Repository URL

`https://github.com/xu-june/devops-camp-pipeline.git`

Credentials

- none - [Add](#)

**Branches to build**

Branch Specifier (blank for 'any')

`*/main` \* please refer to the note above this image

[Add Branch](#)

6. Scroll to the bottom of the options and look for "Script Path"

- a. In the Script Path, change the default value Jenkinsfile to devops-camp-jenkinsfile

**Note:** By default, Jenkins will look for a file named "Jenkinsfile" to build the pipeline with. Since ours is named something different, we must specify it in the "Script Path".

The screenshot shows the Jenkins configuration page for a pipeline named 'lab-pipeline'. The 'Advanced Project Options' tab is selected. The 'Script Path' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the value 'devops-camp-jenkinsfile'. Other visible fields include 'Branches to build' with a branch specifier of '\*/master', 'Repository browser' set to '(Auto)', and 'Additional Behaviours' with an 'Add' button. The 'Lightweight checkout' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Apply' buttons.

7. Click the “Save” button at the bottom of the page to create the pipeline

## ✓ Create Jenkins API Token

API tokens will allow one of your GitHub webhooks to authenticate with the Jenkins server and send notifications to trigger a pipeline build. Follow the instructions below to generate an API token for your Jenkins account.

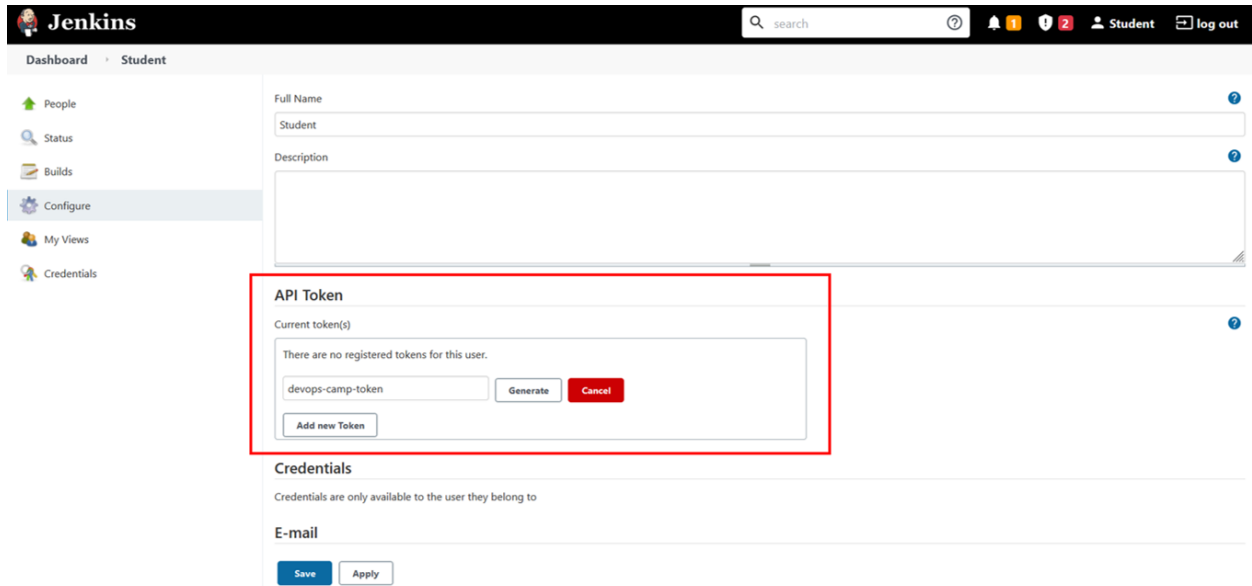
1. On the drop-down menu of your account name, click on “Configure”

The screenshot shows the Jenkins dashboard. In the top right corner, the user 'Student' is logged in. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Builds', 'Configure', 'My Views', and 'Credentials'. The 'Configure' option is highlighted with a red box. The main dashboard area shows a table of builds for the 'cangees-app-pipeline'.

| S | W | Name ↓               | Last Success | Last Failure | Last Duration |
|---|---|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|   |   | cangees-app-pipeline | N/A          | N/A          | N/A           |

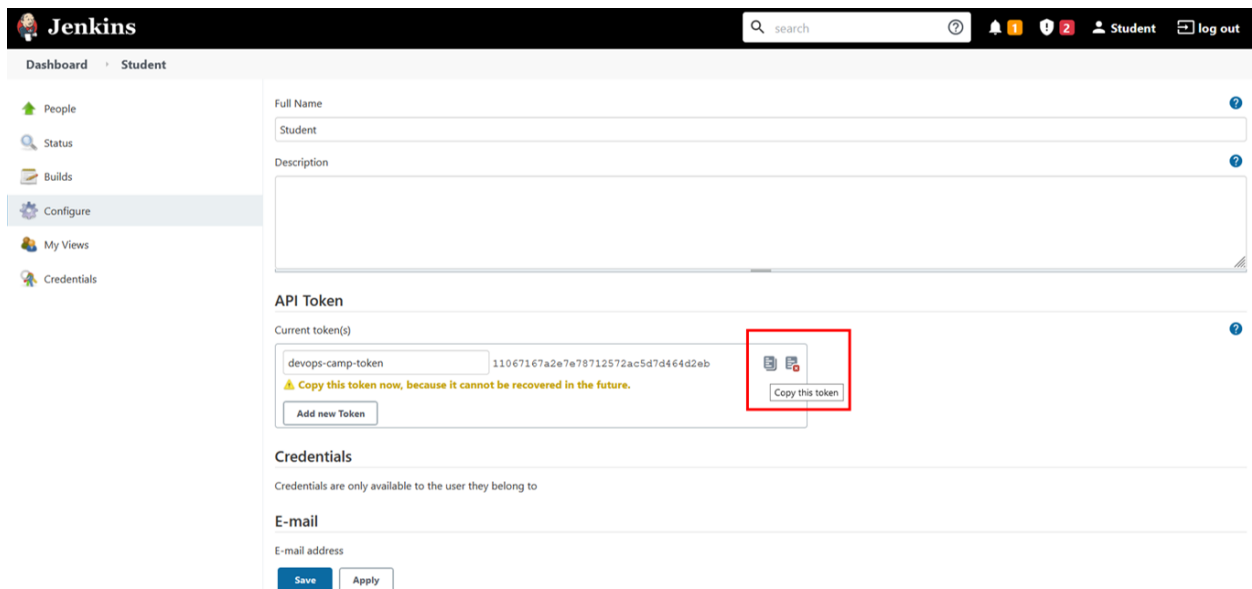
2. Within the API Token section, click on “Add new Token”

### 3. Name your token devops-camp-token and click on "Generate"



The screenshot shows the Jenkins user configuration page for a user named 'Student'. The 'API Token' section is highlighted with a red box. It displays the message 'There are no registered tokens for this user.' and a text input field containing 'devops-camp-token'. To the right of the input field are 'Generate' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below the input field is an 'Add new Token' button. The 'Credentials' section below it states 'Credentials are only available to the user they belong to'. The 'E-mail' section has a 'Save' button and an 'Apply' button.

### 4. Copy the generated token



The screenshot shows the same Jenkins user configuration page, but now the 'API Token' section has generated a token. The text input field contains 'devops-camp-token' and the generated token '11067167a2e7e78712572ac5d7d464d2eb'. A warning message states 'Copy this token now, because it cannot be recovered in the future.' A red box highlights a 'Copy this token' button. The 'Credentials' and 'E-mail' sections remain the same.

**Tip:** Paste this token into the cheat sheet we provided for you, because it will be used as part of the "Payload URL" of a GitHub webhook.

### 5. Click on the "Save" button at the bottom of the page once you've copied your token

## ✓ Create GitHub Webhooks

Webhooks will automate our build process by sending notifications to the Jenkins server when commit changes are pushed to your GitHub repositories. You can learn more from:

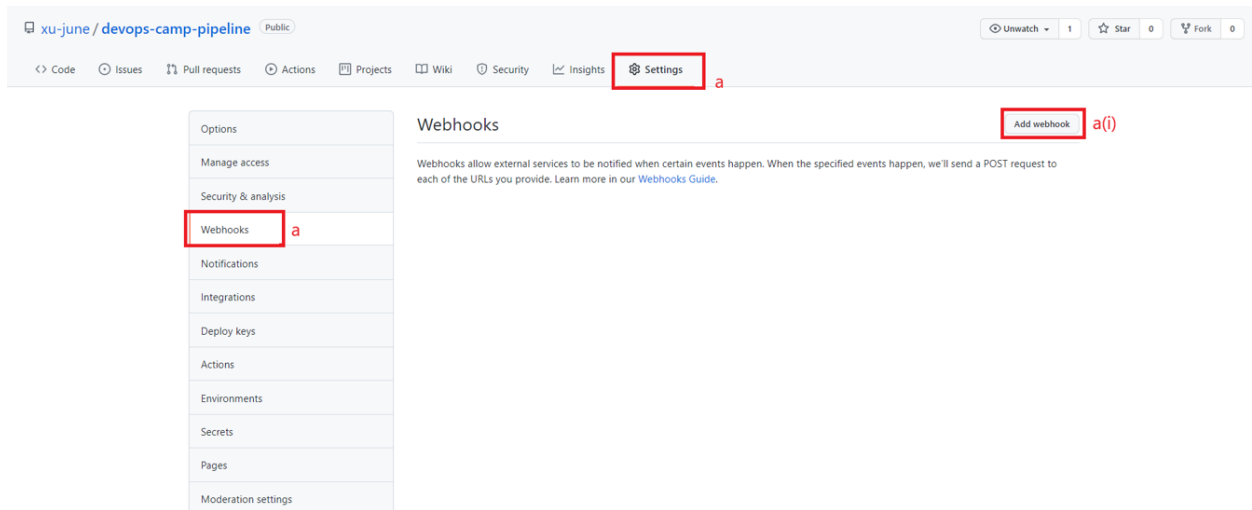
<https://plugins.jenkins.io/github/>

In this section, you will create two webhooks—one for the `devops-camp-pipeline` repository and the other for the `afs-labs-student` repository.

1. Navigate to your `devops-camp-pipeline` repository on the GitHub website and follow the instructions below to add a webhook

a. Under Settings → Webhooks

i. Click on “Add webhook”



b. Change the “Content type” to “application/json”

c. For the “Payload URL,” paste your Jenkins server URL followed by “github-webhook/”; it should be:

`https://jenkins.dev.afsmtddso.com/github-webhook/`

d. Click “Add webhook” to create this webhook

2. Navigate to your GitHub afs-labs-student repository

a. Under Settings → Webhooks, click on “Add webhook”

b. In the “Payload URL” box, paste in the following URL filled in with your information:

`https://<JENKINS USERNAME>:<API TOKEN>@jenkins.dev.afsmtddso.com/job/<JENKINS PIPEL`

**Tip:** Your API token is the token that you created and saved in the previous section, "Create Jenkins API Token". Your Jenkins pipeline name should be <YOUR FIRST INITIAL + LAST NAME>-app-pipeline

c. Make sure the “Content type” is "application/json"

d. Click on “Add webhook” to create the webhook

e. Refresh the page and if you see a green check mark next to a link, you have successfully created your webhook.

Webhooks allow external services to be notified when certain events happen. When the specified events happen, we'll send a POST request to each of the URLs you provide. Learn more in our [Webhooks Guide](#).

✓ <https://jenkins.dev.afsmtddso.com/j...> (push)

[Edit](#)[Delete](#)

### Explanation

The `devops-camp-pipeline` webhook is simple because you have already linked that repository to your Jenkins pipeline. In contrast, you need to specify the API token and pipeline name for the `afs-labs-student` webhook because this link has not already been established and so you have to tell this information exactly where to go.

**Note:** You can learn more about Jenkins API from:

<https://www.jenkins.io/doc/book/using/remote-access-api/>

## ✓ Test Pipeline

In the previous section, you configured a Jenkins pipeline to monitor changes to a source code repository (GitHub) and created a webhook to trigger an automated build when changes are made to the web application or the pipeline itself.

In this section, you will create a Jenkinsfile that contains the definition of how your pipeline will run. You can learn more about Jenkins Pipelines from: <https://www.jenkins.io/doc/book/pipeline/>

1. In VSCode, open your `devops-camp-jenkinsfile`
  - a. Copy and paste the template below to your `devops-camp-jenkinsfile`
  - b. Replace the section `<YOUR GITHUB REPOSITORY URL>`, with your `afs-labs-student` GitHub URL

**Tip:** Make sure to include the `.git` portion of the URL.

- c. Save the changes you made to the `devops-camp-jenkinsfile`

```

pipeline {
  agent {
    label 'jenkins-agent'
  }
  //TODO("Lab 4 - Artifact Management"): add environment variables
  stages {
    stage('Application repository') {
      steps {
        echo "Cloning application repository"
        //TODO("Lab 3 - Introduction to Automated Builds"): add github url
        sh 'git clone <YOUR GITHUB REPOSITORY URL>'
        //TODO("Lab 4 - Artifact Management"): add COMMIT_HASH variable
      }
    }
    stage('Application docker build') {
      steps {
        echo "Building application image"
        //TODO("Lab 4 - Artifact Management"): build the docker app image
      }
      //TODO("Lab 4 - Artifact Management"): clean local docker app image
    }
    stage('Database docker build') {
      steps {
        echo "Building database image"
        //TODO("Lab 4 - Artifact Management"): build the docker db image
      }
      //TODO("Lab 4 - Artifact Management"): clean local docker db image
    }
    //TODO("Lab 7 - Automated Security Scans"): add a stage
    stage('Deploy') {
      steps {
        echo "Deployment stage"
        //TODO("Lab 5 - Deploy to EKS"): deploy docker images
      }
    }
  }
  post {
    cleanup {
      echo "Clean workspace"
      sh 'rm -rf .git ./*'
    }
  }
}

```

2. In the VSCode terminal, within your lab environment container, navigate to your devops-camp-pipeline folder

```
cd devops-camp-pipeline
```



### 3. Configure your GitHub account in your "lab-env" container.

- a. You can do this by running the following commands in your terminal

```
git config --global user.name "<YOUR GITHUB USERNAME>"
```

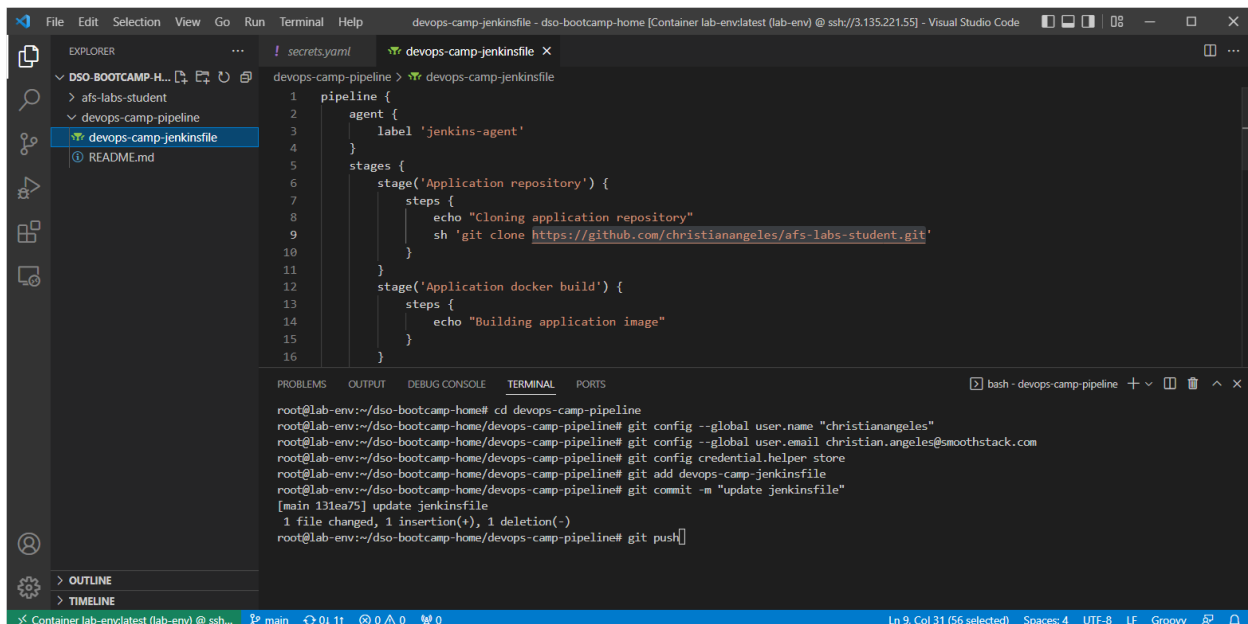
```
git config --global user.email <YOUR EMAIL>
```

```
git config credential.helper store
```

**Note:** The credential helper will store your GitHub PAT so you won't have to re-enter it every time you fetch or push to your repository.

### 4. Commit and push your changes

- a. You'll need to add your file to git by running `git add devops-camp-jenkinsfile`
- b. Run `git commit -m "updated jenkinsfile"` to commit to your changes.



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code editor window with a file explorer on the left showing a project structure with 'devops-camp-jenkinsfile' selected. The main editor displays the content of 'devops-camp-jenkinsfile', which is a Jenkins pipeline script. The terminal window at the bottom shows the following commands and output:

```
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home# cd devops-camp-pipeline
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home/devops-camp-pipeline# git config --global user.name "christianangeles"
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home/devops-camp-pipeline# git config --global user.email christian.angeles@smoothstack.com
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home/devops-camp-pipeline# git config credential.helper store
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home/devops-camp-pipeline# git add devops-camp-jenkinsfile
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home/devops-camp-pipeline# git commit -m "update jenkinsfile"
[main 131ea75] update jenkinsfile
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
root@lab-env:~/dso-bootcamp-home/devops-camp-pipeline# git push
```

- c. Run `git push` in order to sync changes from your local repository over to the remote repository

**Tip:** You'll either be prompted to enter your GitHub PAT again or authorize VS Code for additional permissions.

Connect to GitHub




**GitHub**  
Sign in

Browser/Device **Token**


Personal access token


Sign in

Don't have an account? [Sign Up](#)



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Email addresses (read-only), profile information (read-only)