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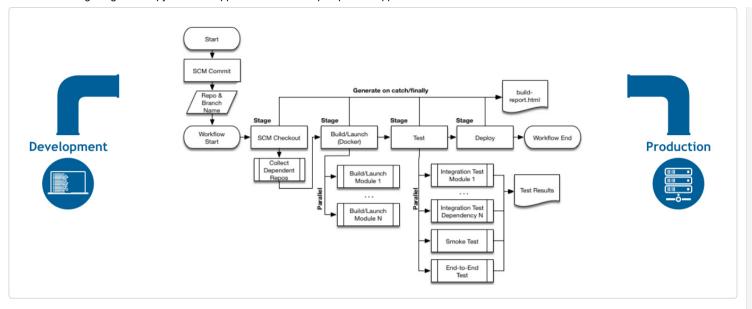
Automate Build and Deployment with Pipelines

In this lab you will learn about pipelines and how to configure a pipeline in OpenShift so that it will take care of the application lifecycle.

Background: Continuous Integration and Pipelines

A continuous delivery (CD) pipeline is an automated expression of your process for getting software from version control right through to your users and customers. Every change to your software (committed in source control) goes through a complex process on its way to being released. This process involves building the software in a reliable and repeatable manner, as well as progressing the built software (called a "build") through multiple stages of testing and deployment.

OpenShift Pipelines is a cloud-native, continuous integration and delivery (CI/CD) solution for building pipelines using Tekton. Tekton is a flexible, Kubernetes-native, open-source CI/CD framework that enables automating deployments across multiple platforms (Kubernetes, serverless, VMs, etc) by abstracting away the underlying details.

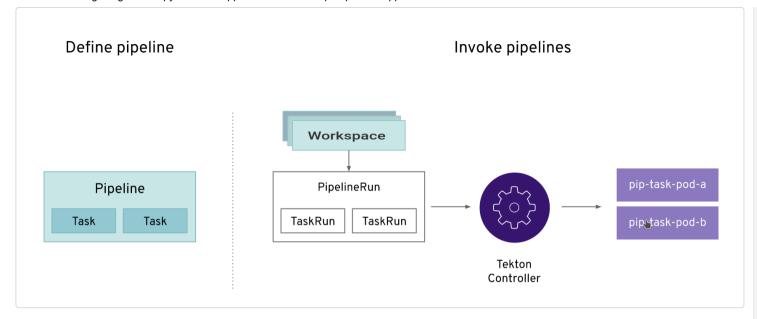


Understanding Tekton

Tekton defines a number of Kubernetes custom resources as building blocks in order to standardize pipeline concepts and provide a terminology that is consistent across CI/CD solutions.

The custom resources needed to define a pipeline are listed below:

- Task: a reusable, loosely coupled number of steps that perform a specific task (e.g. building a container image)
- Pipeline: the definition of the pipeline and the Tasks that it should perform
- TaskRun: the execution and result of running an instance of task
- PipelineRun: the execution and result of running an instance of pipeline, which includes a number of TaskRuns



In short, in order to create a pipeline, one does the following:

- Create custom or install existing reusable Tasks
- Create a Pipeline and PipelineResources to define your application's delivery pipeline
- Create a PersistentVolumeClaim to provide the volume/filesystem for pipeline execution or provide a VolumeClaimTemplate which creates a PersistentVolumeClaim
- Create a PipelineRun to instantiate and invoke the pipeline

For further details on pipeline concepts, refer to the Tekton documentation that provides an excellent guide for understanding various parameters and attributes available for defining pipelines.

Explore your Pipeline

As pipelines provide the ability to promote applications between different stages of the delivery cycle, Tekton, which is our Continuous Integration server that will execute our pipelines, will be deployed on a project with a Continuous

Integration role. Pipelines executed in this project will have permissions to interact with all the projects modeling the different stages of our delivery cycle.

For this example, we're going to deploy our pipeline that we created automatically from Developer Console together with nationalparks backend.

Verify Tasks already available in the OpenShift cluster (ClusterTasks):

```
oc get clustertasks -n user4
```

You should see something similar:

```
NAME AGE
....
s2i-python-3 4h58m
s2i-python-3-pr 4h58m
....
```

Verify the Pipeline we created:

```
oc get pipelines -n user4
```

You should see something like this:

```
NAME AGE
nationalparks 8s
```

Now let's review our Tekton Pipeline:

```
apiVersion: tekton.dev/v1beta1
kind: Pipeline
```

```
metadata:
 name: nationalparks
spec:
 params:
    - default: nationalparks
     name: APP NAME
      type: string
    - default: >-
       https://github.com/openshift-roadshow/nationalparks-py.git
      name: GIT REPO
     type: string
    - default: master
      name: GIT REVISION
     type: string
    - default: 'image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000/user1/nationalparks'
      name: IMAGE NAME
     type: string
    - default: .
      name: PATH CONTEXT
     type: string
   - default: '1'
      name: MINOR_VERSION
      type: string
  tasks:
    - name: fetch-repository
      params:
        - name: url
         value: $(params.GIT REPO)
       - name: revision
          value: $(params.GIT REVISION)
        - name: subdirectory
          value: ''
        name: deleteExisting
          value: 'true'
      taskRef:
        kind: ClusterTask
       name: git-clone
      workspaces:
        - name: output
         workspace: workspace
```

```
- name: build
    params:
      - name: IMAGE
        value: $(params.IMAGE NAME)
      - name: TLSVERIFY
        value: 'false'
      - name: PATH CONTEXT
        value: $(params.PATH_CONTEXT)
      - name: MINOR VERSION
        value: $(params.MINOR VERSION)
    runAfter:
      - fetch-repository
    taskRef:
      kind: ClusterTask
      name: s2i-python
    workspaces:
      - name: source
        workspace: workspace
  - name: deploy
    params:
      - name: SCRIPT
        value: oc rollout status deploy/$(params.APP_NAME)
    runAfter:
      - build
    taskRef:
      kind: ClusterTask
      name: openshift-client
workspaces:
  - name: workspace
```

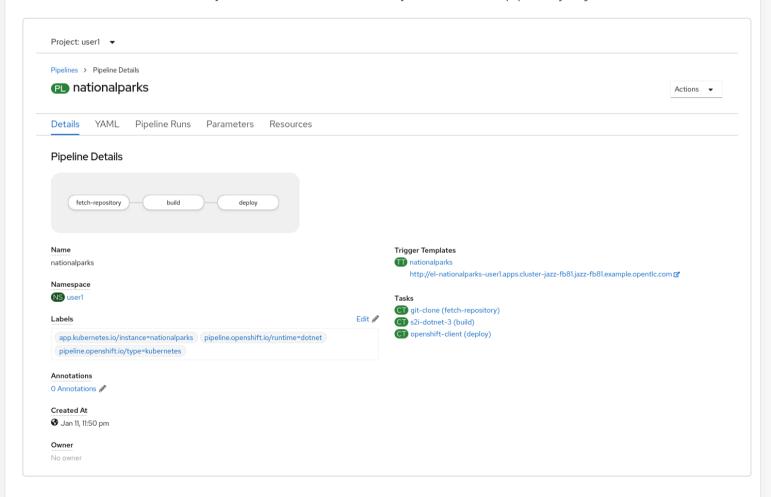
A Pipeline is a user-defined model of a CD pipeline. A Pipeline's code defines your entire build process, which typically includes stages for building an application, testing it and then delivering it.

A Task and a ClusterTask contain some step to be executed. **ClusterTasks** are available to all user within a cluster where OpenShift Pipelines has been installed, while **Tasks** can be custom.

This pipeline has 3 Tasks defined:

- **fetch-repository**: this is a ClusterTask that will clone our source repository for nationalparks and store it to a Workspace app-source which will use the PVC created for it app-source-workspace
- **build**: will build and test our Python application, generate and push a container image automatically with compiled binaries inside OpenShift Container Registry.
- **deploy**: it will deploy the created image on OpenShift using the Deployment named nationalparks we created in the previous lab.

From left-side menu, click on **Pipeline**, then click on **nationalparks** to see the pipeline you just created.



The Pipeline is parametric, with default value on the one we need to use.

It is using one Workspace:

• app-source: this need to be linked to a **PersistentVolumeClaim** since will be used to store the code and the compiled binary to be used in different **Tasks**

Exercise: Add Storage for your Pipeline

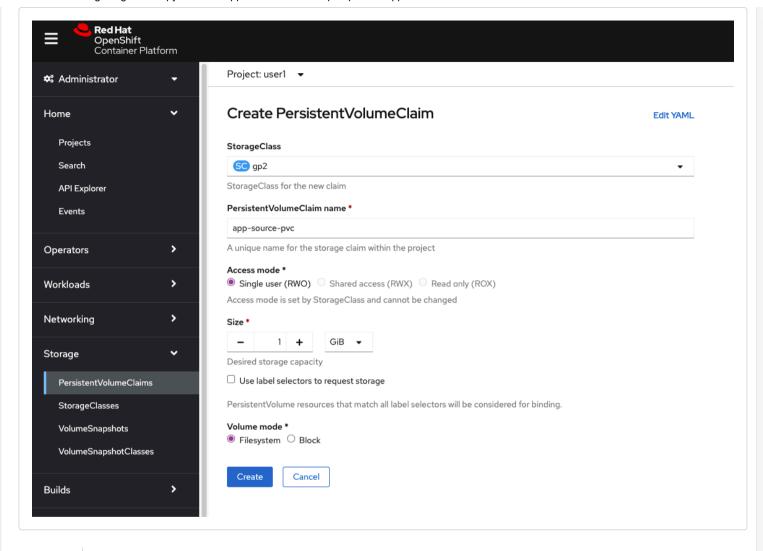
OpenShift manages Storage with Persistent Volumes to be attached to Pods running our applications through Persistent Volume Claim requests, and it also provides the capability to manage it at ease from Web Console. From Administrator Perspective, go to Storage -> Persistent Volume Claims.

Go to top-right side and click **Create Persistent Volume Claim** button.

Inside Persistent Volume Claim name insert app-source-pvc.

In **Size** section, insert **1** as we are going to create 1 GiB Persistent Volume for our Pipeline, using RWO Single User access mode.

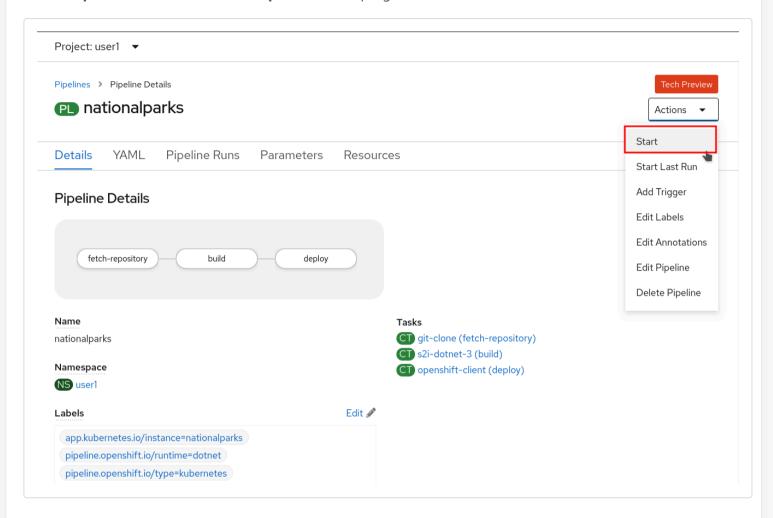
Leave all default settings, and click **Create**.



The **Storage Class** is the type of storage available in the cluster.

Run the Pipeline

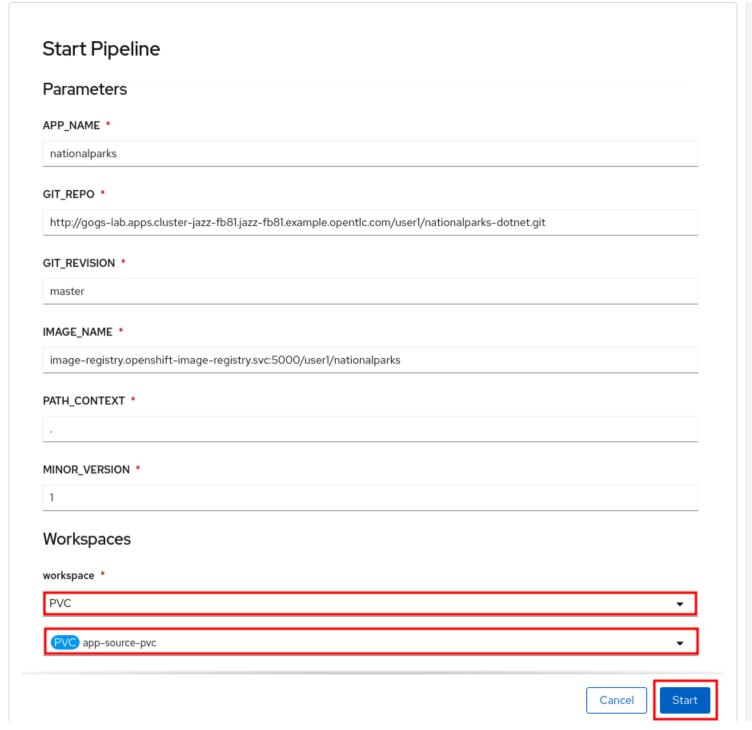
We can start now the Pipeline from the Web Console. Switch to **Developer Perspective**, and from left-side menu, click on **Pipeline**, then click on **nationalparks**. From top-right **Actions** list, click on **Start**.



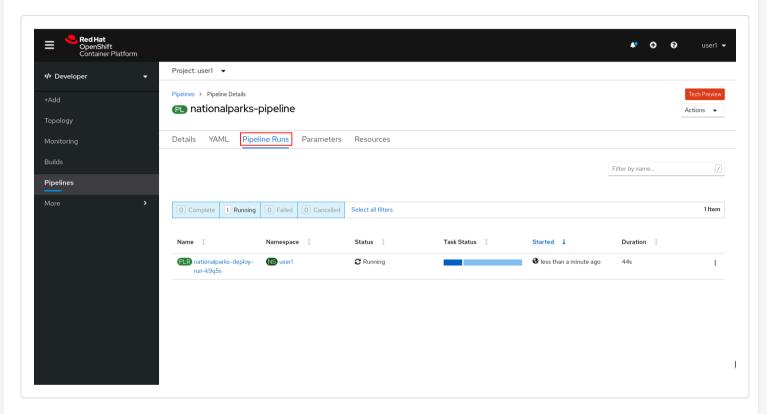
You will be prompted with parameters to add the Pipeline, showing default ones.

In **Workspaces** → **app-source** select **PVC** from the list, then select **app-source-pvc**. This is the shared volume used by Pipeline Tasks in your Pipeline containing the source code and compiled artifacts.

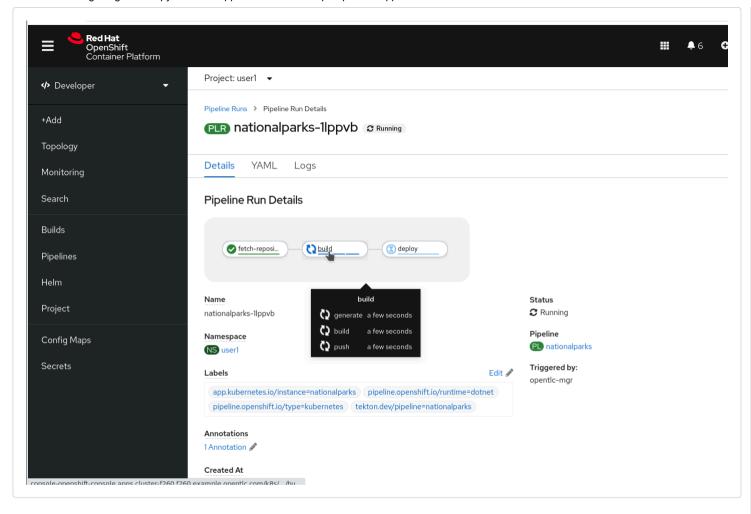
Click on Start to run your Pipeline.



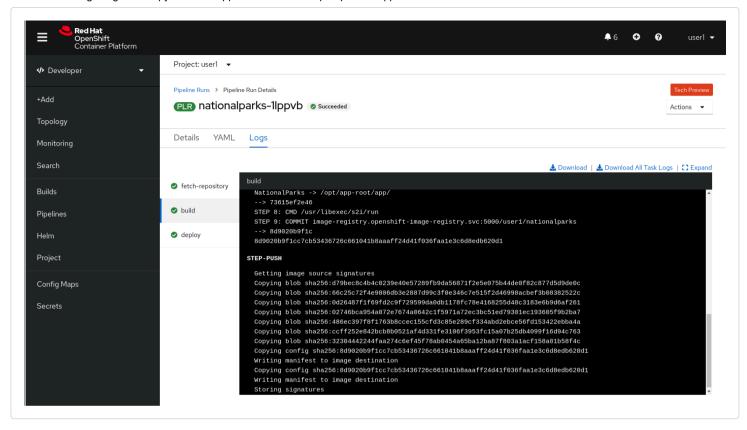
You can follow the Pipeline execution from **Pipeline** section, watching all the steps in progress. Click on **Pipeline Runs** tab to see it running:



The click on the PipelineRun national-parks-deploy-run-:



Then click on the **Task** running to check logs:



Verify PipelineRun has been completed with success:

