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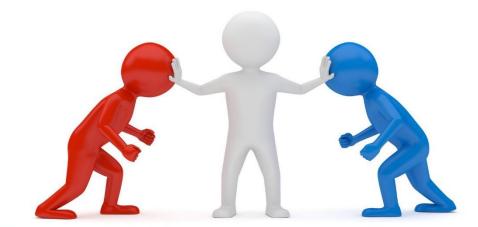


## **Continuous Integration (CI)**



#### **The Problem:**

- Large software projects are developed by more than one developer.
- Work done by one developer may conflict with the work that was done by other developers.
- Developers might introduce new errors and bugs to the central code repository and break each other's work.
- The longer one developer works on his copy of the project without integrating it with the work done by other team members, the greater the risk of multiple integration conflicts and failures.
- The greater the difference between the code base and one specific developer's copy of the project, the more work has to be done to integrate between the versions and resolve conflicts.



# **Continuous Integration (CI)**



#### **The Goal:**

- Prevent integration problems (known as: "integration hell" or "merge hell")
- Avoid one developer's work-in-progress breaking another developer's copy
- Reduce cost and time by reducing re-work

#### **The Solution: CI - Integrating Early and Often**

- Merge all developers' work to a shared mainline several times a day
- Use automated unit and integration tests to verify that there is no regression
- Use build servers to run the unit tests periodically or after every commit, and report the results to the developers

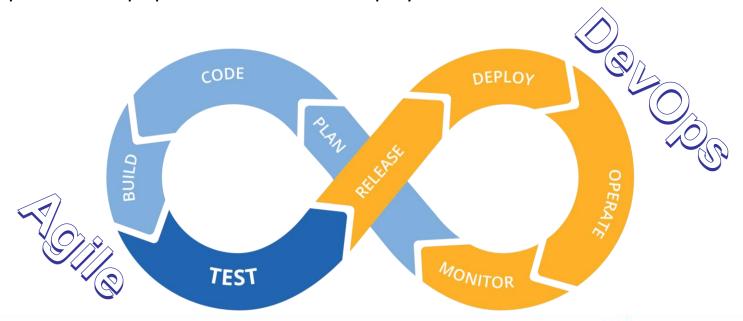


**Continuous Delivery (CD)** - further extends CI by making sure the software checked in on the mainline is always in a state that can be deployed to users and makes the deployment process very rapid.

### **A Typical CI Flow**



- 1. A software developer checks-in his code changes to the central repository (e.g. git push), and then the CI system (e.g. Jenkins) steps in:
- 2. Pull latest code from VCS
- 3. Build project
- Run automated tests
- Send notifications
- 6. If all previous steps passed Release & Deploy



### What is Jenkins?



- Jenkins is an open source automation server
- Jenkins is a Java application with a Web user interface
- Jenkins can be used to automate all sorts of tasks related to software:
  - Building
  - Testing
  - Delivering or Deploying
- Provides hundreds of plugins which allow work with practically every tool in the continuous integration (CI) and continuous delivery (CD) toolchain
- Can be used as a simple CI server or turned into the continuous delivery hub for any project

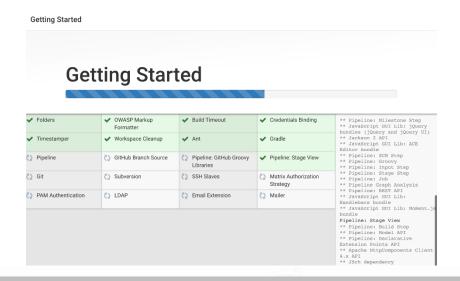


### **Installing Jenkins**



- Verify that you have Java 8 installed on your OS
- Download a Jenkins installer appropriate for your OS from: <a href="https://jenkins.io/download/">https://jenkins.io/download/</a>
- On Windows, extract the downloaded ZIP file and run: jenkins.msi
- Follow the instructions of the installer and accept the defaults
- When the installer launches a browser at: <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a> follow the instructions in the browser, and select "Install Suggested Plugins"
- Jenkins will install a bunch of plugins a process which takes a few minutes





### **How Jenkins Works?**



- A task executed by Jenkins is called a Job
- A Jenkins job consists of a series of command-line utilities that are invoked in a useful manner
  - Example: git (pull code)  $\rightarrow$  mvn (build the project)  $\rightarrow$  java (run the code)
- When configuring a job, command-line utilities can be invoked from simple console scripts (batch scripts on Windows; shell scripts on Linux), or by using a dedicate plugin for each utility that we need to run (if such plugin exists).
- Jenkins plugins provide a friendly way to invoke command-line utilities and provide CLI arguments, but they are also eventually translated to command-line scripts when a job runs.



### It's All In The Command Line!

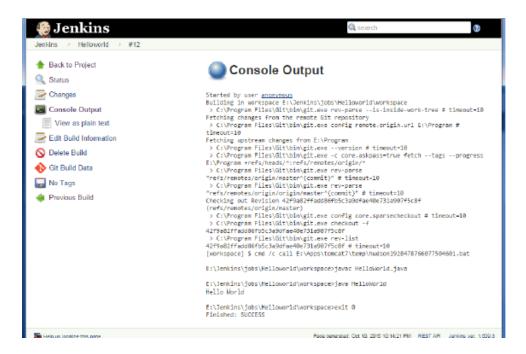




#### REMEMBER: It's all about the command line!

- If you figure out the command lines for each of the steps you need Jenkins to perform

   you'll have no problem implementing them as part of your Jenkins job.
- In order to debug a Jenkins job as you work on its configuration you need to examine the job's console output and understand which command lines were executed by Jenkins and what were the output / error messages printed to the console.



### **Types of Jenkins Jobs**





#### Freestyle project

- This kind of job is entirely configurable from the Jenkins web UI
- Mosely relies on invocation of existing Jenkins plugins, but can also run batch or shell scripts



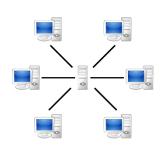
#### **Pipeline**

- Implemented with **Groovy** programming language scripts
- Much more powerful and flexible compared to a freestyle job
- Allows implementing complex execution flows and logic
- Supports invocation of other jobs (one job calls another job)

- Both types of jobs can invoke different Jenkins plugins, or specify general batch or shell scripts (depending on the OS type where the job should be executed).
- Both types of jobs can be parameterized allowing the user to inject different values, and thus make the job configurable.

### Not Only a Nice UI for Scripting





#### **Distributed System**

Jenkins jobs can be executed on the Jenkins server machine (also known as the "master" – this is the machine where Jenkins is installed), or on "nodes" (also called "slaves") – other computers connected to the Jenkins server.

This allows **parallel** execution of Jenkins jobs on multiple "executors" at the same time.



#### **Scheduling and Triggering**

Jenkins jobs can be invoked **manually** or they can be configured to run automatically according to a certain **schedule**, or **triggered** by certain events. e.g. a new commit to the repository.

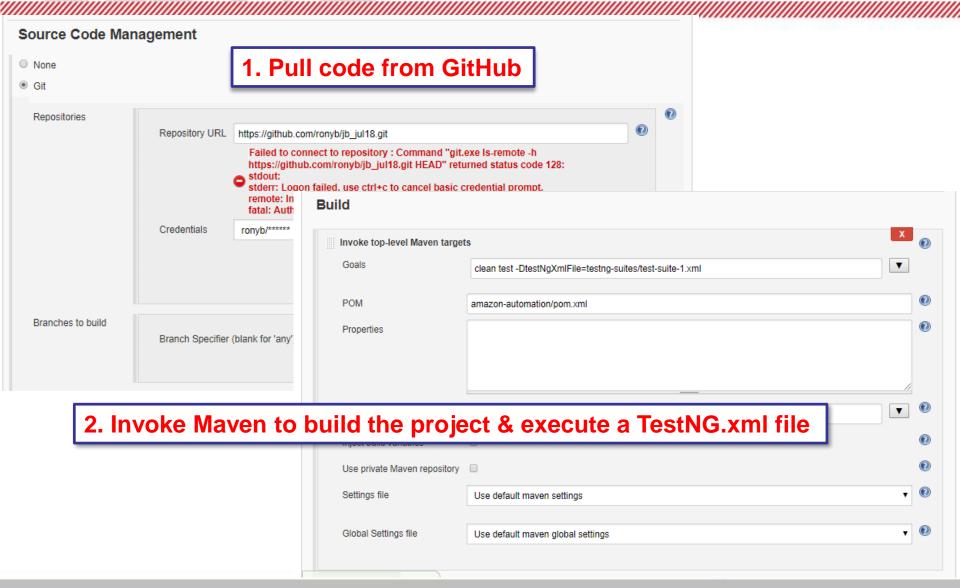


#### **Notifications**

Jenkins jobs can be configured to send automatic **email notifications** after each successful / failed build.

### Live Demo: Configuring a Job







# Thank You!