Create Master and Slave Machine

Step 1: Create master EC2 machine:

- **Install java and jenkins on master node.**
- **Create jenkins user:**
- **Cretae a ssh-keygen on jenkin user**
  - **Or create ssh-keygen on /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh**
- **Add neccesary permision on ssh keys**

```
sudo chmod 700 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh
sudo chmod 600 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa
sudo chown -R jenkins:jenkins /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh
```

chmod 644 ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

Ls –l ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub [it must be –rw-r—r--]

Step 2: Create a Slave machine:

- **Install java**
- **Create user worker**

Step 3: Establish connection using SSH

Copy the master's jenkin users public key: **id_rsa.pub** into slave node user[worker] .ssh

```
ssh-copy-id –i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub worker@slave_ip
    [ pub key copied into slaves user .ssh/authorized.key location]
```

Connection Test: ssh –vvv worker@slave-ip

<u>If you get Permission denied error: Follow below steps</u>

- **If password-based login is disabled, enable it**:
  On **worker node** (172.31.94.120):
  - sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
  - PasswordAuthentication yes
  - PermitRootLogin yes [Its optional]
  - sudo systemctl restart sshd

Then try: ssh-copy-id –i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub worker@slave_ip

Step 4: Connect from master:

ssh worker@slave-ip

Configure Slaves in Jenkins Dashboard

Step 1: Verify Credentials in Jenkins

1. **Go to Jenkins Dashboard → Manage Jenkins → Manage Credentials.**
2. Under **"Global" credentials**, check if the **SSH key credential** (the one used for the slave node) exists.
    - Click **Add Credentials**.
    - **Kind:** SSH Username with Private Key.
    - **Username:** ec2-user (for Amazon Linux) or ubuntu (for Ubuntu). Or user created worker user in slave machine.
    - **Private Key:** Choose **Enter Directly** and **paste the private key** from **Jenkins master** (/var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa).
    - **ID:** Set a name (e.g., jenkins-slave-key).
    - Click **Save**.

Step 2:

1. Go to **Jenkins Dashboard → Manage Jenkins → Manage Nodes and Clouds → New Node**.
2. Enter a **name** (e.g., slave1), select **Permanent Agent**, and click OK.
3. Configure:
    a. **Label**: worker [Same name must be used in jenkinsFile]
    b. **Remote root directory**: /home/jenkins/
        i. [This should create on slave node]
    c. **Usage**: "Use this node as much as possible"
    d. **Launch method**: "Launch agents via SSH"
    e. **Host**: <Slave1 Public IP>
    f. **Credentials**: Select added credential on previous step 1 **or** create new cred
        i. Click on Jenkins:
        ii. Add SSH credentials with password:
        iii. Private Key: ~/var/lib/Jenkins/.ssh/id_ras or
            1. Login jenkin user: .ssh/id_rsa
        iv. Username: worker
4. Click **Save & Launch**.

Debug steps:

✅ **1. Verify That the SSH Key Exists in Jenkins**

On your Jenkins Master:

The key matches the one on your slave node (~/.ssh/authorized_keys)

If missing, generate a new SSH key for Jenkins and add it:

In master

```
sudo -u jenkins
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -f /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa
```

Then, add the public key (id_rsa.pub) to the slave node under ~/.ssh/authorized_keys.

✅ 2. **Check Permissions on Jenkins Master**

Ensure Jenkins can read the SSH key:

```
sudo chmod 700 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh
sudo chmod 600 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa
sudo chown -R jenkins:jenkins /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh
```

✅ 3. **Verify the Key on the Slave Node:**

On the slave, ensure the master public key is in the slaves authorized_keys file:

```
cat ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
```

If missing, manually add it:

```
echo "your-public-key-content" >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
chmod 700 ~/.ssh
```

✅ **4 Ensure Correct SSH Key and Permissions on Master & Slave:**

- If the key is missing, **generate a new one**:

```
sudo -u jenkins ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -f /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa -N ""
```

- Ensure correct permissions:

  sudo chown -R jenkins:jenkins /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh
  sudo chmod 700 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh
  sudo chmod 600 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa
  sudo chmod 644 /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

✅ **4. Test SSH Manually:**

Try SSH from Jenkins Master to Slave:

Be in jenkins user in master node:

ssh -i /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa worker@54.165.196.151

✅ **5. Debug with Verbose SSH Logs:**

sudo -u jenkins ssh -vvv -i /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa worker@slave-ip

Try SSH from Jenkins Master to Slave:

sudo -u jenkins ssh -i /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa worker@54.165.196.151
If it asks for a password, key authentication is failing.

If you see "Permission denied (publickey)", the key isn't installed correctly on the slave.

✅ **5. Debug with Verbose SSH Logs**

Try connecting from master node:

Su -u jenkins
ssh -vvv -i /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa worker@slave-ip

Run this to see detailed errors:

sudo -u jenkins ssh -vvv -i /var/lib/jenkins/.ssh/id_rsa worker@54.165.196.151

✅ Solution: Fix SSH Authentication for Jenkins Worker Node

Verify the Worker Node's SSH Access Manually on the Jenkins master node, try connecting manually:

ssh worker@172.31.94.120

If it asks for a password, password authentication is required.

If it fails, password-based login might be disabled on the worker node.

If password-based login is disabled, enable it: On worker node (172.31.94.120):

sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config

PasswordAuthentication yes
PermitRootLogin yes
sudo systemctl restart sshd
ssh worker@172.31.94.120