

2022.06.17 - Setup Jenkins - by Tim Carr

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I followed this video: <https://www.jenkins.io/doc/book/installing/windows/>

Passwords: Build server 10.0.193.10, the Jenkins service, and the root MySQL user use the same user/pwd. User=lexagene_admin / Pwd=<see BitWarden>

1. **RDP into VM 10.0.193.10 as lexagene_admin**
2. Download Java (JDK 11) - Go to <https://adoptium.net/temurin/releases/> and download the .msi of Temurin v11 for Windows x64.
3. Download Jenkins (2.355) - Go to <https://www.jenkins.io>.
 - a. Originally tried v2.332.3 LTS but had issues upgrading Credentials plugin.
4. Install JDK(Temurin 11):
 - a. JDK with Hotspot - ON
 - b. Add to PATH - ON
 - c. Associate .jar - ON
 - d. Set JAVA_HOME variable - ON
 - e. JavaSoft (Oracle) - OFF
 - f. Change installation location to C:\tools\jdk\jdk-11.0.15.10-hotspot
5. Java environment tweaks:
 - a. Open Environment Variables:
 - i. JAVA_HOME - Remove the trailing slash from JAVA_HOME in System variable list.
 - ii. PATH - replace "C:\Tools\JDK\jdk-11.0.15.10-hotspot\bin" with "%JAVA_HOME%\bin"
6. Open Local Security Policy
 - a. Go to Local Policies -> User Rights Assignment -> Log on as a service.
 - b. Add lexagene_admin
7. Install Jenkins
 - a. Run jenkins.exe installer from downloads folder
 - b. Change install directory to C:\tools\Jenkins_x_xxx\
 - c. Run service as local or domain user. Insert user/pwd for lexagene_admin.
 - d. Test credentials.
 - e. Leave default port to 8080, click Test Port.
 - f. Custom Setup, set Start Service to be **unavailable** (we have more config to do first)
 - g. Custom Setup, leave Firewall Exception - OFF.
8. Configure Jenkins (before its' first start)
 - a. Open C:\tools\Jenkins\jenkins.xml
 - i. Set data location: <env name="JENKINS_HOME" value="C:\data\jenkins_home"/>
 - ii. Set executable: <executable>%JAVA_HOME%\bin\java.exe</executable>
 - iii. Set arguments: <arguments>-Xrs -Xms1g -Xmx2g -Djava.awt.headless=true -Djava.net.preferIPv4Stack=true -Djava.io.tmpdir=C:\tools\Jenkins_x_xxx\tmp\ -Dorg.apache.commons.jelly.tags.fmt.timezone=American/New_York -Duser.timezone=American/New_York -Dhudson.lifecycle=hudson.lifecycle.WindowsServiceLifecycle -jar "C:\tools\Jenkins_x_xxx\jenkins.war" --httpPort=8080 --webroot="C:\tools\Jenkins_x_xxx\war" --pluginroot="C:\tools\Jenkins_x_xxx\plugins"</arguments>
 - 1) Memory from 256 to 1GB min, 2GB max (video suggested setting both to 3GB but we have only 4 total)
 - 2) Add headless = true
 - 3) Add prefer IPv4
 - 4) Specify temp directory for Java so it doesn't use Windows'.
 - 5) Set timezones to New York.
 - 6) Change webroot folder.
 - 7) Add plugins folder.
 - iv. Set PID file: <pidfile>C:\tools\Jenkins_x_xxx\jenkins.pid</pidfile>
 - b. Open Services and start Jenkins service.
 - i. Will say running, but when you refresh, did not start.
 - ii. C:\tools\Jenkins now has some log files:
 - 1) jenkins.out.log - tells us it ran from jenkins.war. That's great.
 - 2) jenkins.wrapper.log - tells us some expected things, and that the PID wasn't found but then it created and saved it.
 - 3) jenkins.err.log - tells us Jenkins failed to create a file in our new specified but not created tmp folder. (need to create folder)
 - a) Create folder: C:\tools\Jenkins\tmp
 - iii. Start Jenkins service again. (err file will tell it started and installing some plugins.)
 - c. Open browser: localhost:8080
 - i. Use password from jenkins.err.log
 - ii. Tell browser to never save.
 - iii. Click "Install Suggested Plugins"
 - iv. Set first Jenkins Admin to the same user/pwd as server. (lexagene_admin)
9. Open Task Manager - Processes, and sort by memory
 - a. Notice the "OpenJDK Platform binary" is using between what we set in jenkins.xml (1-2GB).
10. THINGS TO KEEP BACKED UP:
 - a. Jenkins installer
 - b. JDK installer
 - c. C:\data\jenkins_home
 - d. C:\tools\Jenkins\jenkins.xml

WEBHOOKS (GitHub/Jenkins server integration):

This video was also good and included setting up secrets: [How to Forward Webhooks to Jenkins Behind a Firewall using Smee.io](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwZ0h37pLwW)

SMEE GitHub docs: <https://github.com/probot/smee.io#faq>

- Follow this tutorial: <https://www.jenkins.io/blog/2019/01/07/webhook-firewalls/>
- Get new SMEE url:** (smee.io)
 - LexaGene Webhook Proxy URL is: <https://smee.io/1gMzR0h37pLwWYcv>
- Install node.js and npm** via Windows installer: <https://nodejs.org/en/download/> - node-v16.15.1-x64.msi
 - Leave all defaults (except install location=c:\tools\nodejs), including installing additional things after (python, choco, ...)
 - LET IT RUN. Takes some time. Seems stuck but the PS window is doing things.**
 - *Does install 2019 VS Build tools. Jenkins is set to point to different VS Build Tool installation (2022), so shouldn't effect t build.
 - **npm needs to be run as admin in cmd.exe
 - Remove User Env Var.
 - Verify/Add: System Env Var = c:\tools\nodejs\
 - Add System Env Var: PM2_HOME = C:\tools\nodejs
 - Configure npm to be able to run from any user:
 - npm config set cache "C:\\tools\\nodejs\\npm-cache"
 - npm config set prefix "C:\\tools\\nodejs"
 - npm config set globalconfig "C:\\tools\\nodejs\\etc\\npmrc"
 - Install log file at: C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\logs\chocolatey.log
 - Update npm: npm install -g npm
- Install SMEE client** (webhook proxy app/layer, to avoid opening ports on build server):
 - npm install --global smee-client
- Test SMEE client on build server:**
 - smee --url <https://smee.io/1gMzR0h37pLwWYcv> --target <http://localhost:8080/github-webhook/>
 - smee --url <https://smee.io/1gMzR0h37pLwWYcv> --path /github-webhook/ --port 8080 (also works but use other)
- Schedule Task: (start SMEE on system startup and run forever. Retry if dies)
 - Open Windows Task Scheduler
 - Right-click on Task Scheduler Library and select, Create Basic Task.
 - Name = Start SMEE client on system startup
 - Trigger = When the computer starts
 - Action = Start a program
 - Finish = C:\tools\smee\start_smee.bat
 - Select to open Properties on finish
 - Properties:
 - General tab:
 - Name = Start SMEE client on system startup
 - User = lexagene_user
 - Run whether user is logged on or not
 - Conditions tab (check only what is listed below, uncheck all others):
 - Start the task only if the computer is on AC power
 - Settings tab (check only what is listed below, uncheck all others):
 - Allow task to be run on demand.
 - If the task fails, restart every - 1 minute, and attempt 999 times.
 - If the running task does not end when requested, force it to stop.
 - If the task is already running - Do not start another instance.
- GitHub Status Checks: (I DON'T THINK THIS ONE IS NECESSARY SINCE NOW USING GitHub-Branch-Source plugin)
 - Create GitHub App named "Jenkins - LeXml"
 - Follow: <https://github.com/jenkinsci/github-branch-source-plugin/blob/master/docs/github-app.adoc>
- GitHub Branch Source Plugin (Jenkins)
 - I finally realized this is what most DevOps teams will migrate to.
 - <https://docs.cloudbees.com/docs/cloudbees-ci/latest/cloud-admin-guide/github-branch-source-plugin>

• Things to discuss:

- ☒ Get PRs pushing to 10.0.0.5
- ☒ **Full clean** or just pull for each build? (2 sec vs 20 sec checkout)
- ☒ Artifact structure:

| | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Branch commits: | 10.0.0.5\builds\{REPOSITORY}\{BRANCH_NAME}\Major.Minor.Patch.Build | |
| PRs: | 10.0.0.5\builds\{REPOSITORY}\{TARGET_BRANCH_NAME}\Major.Minor.Patch.Build-PR-XXX | Source branch not as easy to know. |

- ☒ Use same build number across branches. unique per repo.
- ☒ Remove old builds from LexmlInstaller folder?
- ☒ Remove LexmlInstaller project form Lexml.sln? (should I replace with EXE project to just replace files in c:\ProgFiles\Lexagene\LeXml ?)
- ☒ Backup build server files.
- ☒ How many old builds to keep on build server? (delete builds on branch delete)
 - Cron to clean N: drive occasionally? Or every time we push, allow X on master/release/hotfix builds and delete rest?
 - On delete branch action, remove builds for that branch.

- ☒ Switch creds to Software@lexagene.com
- ☐ Once in a while I noticed initial build failed checkout creds, then second always worked. Keep eye out to see if persists.

Jenkins runs as a service.
SMEE runs as Task Scheduler.

- ☒ MySQL no pwd on build machine. Repo table and buildnumber table.

--- IGNORE BELOW. Notes taken while heading down pitfall. -----

Maybe try this for folder to have full version: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/5248597/how-to-get-jenkins-to-copy-artifacts-to-a-dynamic-directory>

Manage Jenkins -> Manage Credentials:

- Manage Jenkins -> Credentials -> click Jenkins Store -> Global Credentials (unrestricted) -> Add Credential
- Scope=Global
- Kind = SSH Username with private key
- Description=GitHub to Jenkins - SSH
- Username=timcarr
- Private Key - select Enter directly. Copy entire private key file contents into text box.
- Did not use a passphrase for this key. Maybe should.

Creating a Jenkins Freestyle Project:

<https://www.codeproject.com/Articles/878203/Integrate-Jenkins-with-MSBuild-and-NuGet>

- Install nuget v6.2.1 (www.nuget.org/downloads)
- Install MSBuild (via Build Tools for Visual Studio 2022) - <https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/downloads/>
 - Only need to include ".NET Desktop Development" during install.
- Install Jenkins "MSBuild" plugin.
- Go to Global Tool Configuration -> MSBuild -> Add MSBuild
 - Name=MSBuild 2022 (17.2.1.25201)
 - Path=C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2022\BuildTools\MSBuild\Current\Bin
 - Save.
- Dashboard -> New Item
 - Description=LeXml application build.
 - GitHub project - Project url=<https://github.com/LexaGene/LeXml/>
 - Source Code Management:
 - Git
 - ◻ Repository URL=git@github.com:LexaGene/LeXml.git
 - ◻ Credentials=timcarr (GitHub to Jenkins - SSH)
 - Branches to build
 - ◻ Branch specifier=*/jenkins-test
 - Build Environment
 - Delete workspace before build - Advanced
 - Pattern for files to be deleted
 - ◻ Add - Include - **/bin/**
 - ◻ Add - Include - **/obj/**
 - ◻ Add - Include - **/LeXmlInstaller/Release/** (in case we build this in future)
 - ◻ Add - Include - **/LeXmlInstaller/Debug/** (in case we build this in future)
 - Build:
 - Update AssemblyVersion/AssemblyFileVersion files:
 - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/33496781/how-to-set-assembly-version-to-jenkins-build-number>
 - ◻ Add build step -> Change Assembly Version (change-assembly-version-plugin)
 - ◻ Assembly Version=\$BUILD_NUMBER
 - ◻ RegexPattern=Assembly(\w*)Version\("(\\d+).(\\d+).(\\d+).(*)")
 - ◻ ReplacementPattern=Assembly\$1Version("\$2.\$3.\$4.%s")
 - Nuget restore:
 - <https://www.codeproject.com/Articles/878203/Integrate-Jenkins-with-MSBuild-and-NuGet>
 - ◻ Add build step -> Execute Windows batch command
 - ◻ C:\tools\nuget\nuget.exe restore C:\data\jenkins_home\workspace\LeXml\Lexml.sln
 - Build Lexml.sln
 - ◻ Add build step -> Build a Visual Studio project or solution using MSBuild
 - ◻ MSBuild Version=MSBuild 2022 (17.2.1.25201)
 - ◻ MSBuild Build File=Lexml.sln
 - ◻ Command Line Arguments=/t:Clean,Build /p:Configuration=Release /p:Platform="Any CPU"
 - Post-build Actions
 - Archive the artifacts
 - ◻ Files to archive=Lexml\bin\Release*

- Advanced - Archive artifacts only if build is successful - check. (leave other defaults)

- Install PM2 and set to start SMEE on server startup (not user login)

Follow tutorial: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/42758985/windows-auto-start-pm2-and-node-apps>

- You already installed node and npm to location accessible to all users, so skip "**Prerequisites (part # 1)**" (it messed me up a few times so don't touch)
- I also skipped Prereq #2 part b. Trying to avoid touching what node installer did since when I did, npm installation got messed up.
- *FYI: Because of user vars, npm\node_modules is at: C:\Users\lexagene_admin\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules
- cd "C:\Users\lexagene_admin\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\pm2-windows-service"
- pm2-service-install -n SMEE_PM2_AUTORUN

- Set SMEE to start with windows as a service:

- npm install pm2 -g
- pm2 start C:\Users\lexagene_admin\AppData\Roaming\npm\smee --url <https://smee.io/1gMzR0h37pLwWYcv> --target <http://localhost:8080/github-webhook/>
-this is turning out to be impossible. this webpage doesn't work out: <https://github.com/probot/smee-client/issues/118>
- Use node.js and smee-client's programmatic API to write a node program, that starts smee, that can be run by pm2, and then set pm2 to start that s hit at Windows startup. (not user log in.)
- <https://www.npmjs.com/package/smee-client>
- Restart pm2 and my app on server reboot:
 - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/42758985/windows-auto-start-pm2-and-node-apps>
 - My app: C:\Users\lexagene_admin\AppData\Roaming\npm\start_smee.js
- removed this from User vars: C:\Users\lexagene_admin\AppData\Roaming\npm