Jenkins & CI

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Definition & Usage

- What is Jenkins?
- Where it used & why?

Definition

Jenkins is a self contained open source automation server which can be used for automation of all sorts of software tasks like building, testing & deploying software

SDLC Context

- One of the important components of Continuous Integration & Deployment process
- Continuous Integration implements continuous processes of applying Quality Control – Small pieces of efforts applied frequently
- Continuous Integration emerged in the Extreme Programming (XP) community, and XP advocates Martin Fowler and Kent Beck first wrote about continuous integration circa 1999

Why Continuous Integration

- Integration is hard, effort increase exponentially with
 - Number of components
 - Number of bugs
 - Time since last integration

Benefits of Continuous Integration

- Project Management
 - Detect system development problems earlier
 - Reduce risks of cost, schedule, and budget
- Code Quality
 - Measurable and visible code quality
 - Continuous automatic regression unit test

Continuous Integration – Best practice

- Single Source Repository.
- Automate the Build and Test
- Everyone Commits Every Day
- Keep the Build Fast
- Everyone can see what's happening
- Automate Deployment (Optional)

......Most importantly improve Automated Test % Coverage....or if possible, choose Test Driven Development

Jenkins/Hudson History

Hudson

- Work started in the summer of 2004 at Sun by Kohsuke Kawaguchi.
- First release: February 2005.
- In May, 2008, Hudson won the Duke's Choice Award in the Developer Solutions category.
- In 2010, Sun is acquired by Oracle... discussions, negotiations.
- Kohsuke Kawaguchi leaves Oracle.

Jenkins/Hudson History

Jenkins

- In 2010, majority of Hudson's community votes for forking and name changing.
- Initial release of Jenkins: 2nd of February, 2011.
- Oracle still supports and develops Hudson.
- Around 2010-2011, CloudBees is created and declared Jenkins as its backbone product.

Jenkins features (courtesy plugins)

- Trigger a build
- Get source code from repository
- Automatically build and test
- Generate report & notify
- Deploy
- Distributed build

Jenkins Plugins – extended features

- Build triggers
- Source code management
- Build tools
- Build wrappers
- Build notifiers
- Build reports
- Artifact uploaders
- UI plugins
- Code coverage
- Authentication and user management

.....And lots more

Jenkins Pre-Req

- Pre-requisites to install Jenkins
 - JDK 1.7 or above
 - 2 GB RAM (recommended)
 - Set PATH properly
- Can be installed as a stand-alone Web Application or can be run within a web server
- Please set up dependent ENV/PATH variables
 - JAVA_HOME : C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_162
 - M2_HOME : C:\apache-maven-3.5.3
 - Git Bash : Append to System PATH variable : C:\Program Files\Git\cmd

JENKINS_HOME

- Root/Parent folder where Jenkins stores all its files, jobs & workspace
- C:\Program Files (x86)\Jenkins

Or

- C:\User_Home_DIR\.jenkins
- Modify JENKINS_HOME environment variable before you launch JENKINS installation for the first time

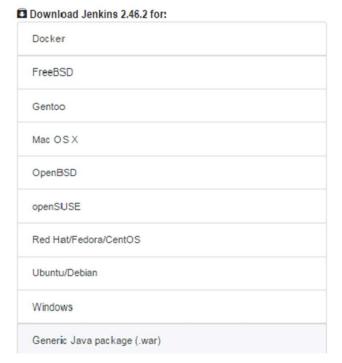
Types of Installation

- Windows or Linux/Unix Services
- Generic War File
- Installed on any Java based Web Servers –
 Apache Tomcat

Downloading and Installing

https://jenkins.io/download/

- Better to choose a LTS version
- You can choose WAR
- Or Windows Installer



Starting Jenkins using the WAR file

- Open the command prompt.
- From the command prompt, browse to the directory where the jenkins.war file is present.
- Run the following command
 - java –jar jenkins.war
- Winstone is fast, reliable servlet container which runs Jenkins
- Once the extraction and initialization is complete, you can see a console message which says "Jekins is fully up and running"

Initial Set up

- The very first time you run Jenkins, Initial User 'admin' will be created and a random password is generated.
- Please make a note of the password

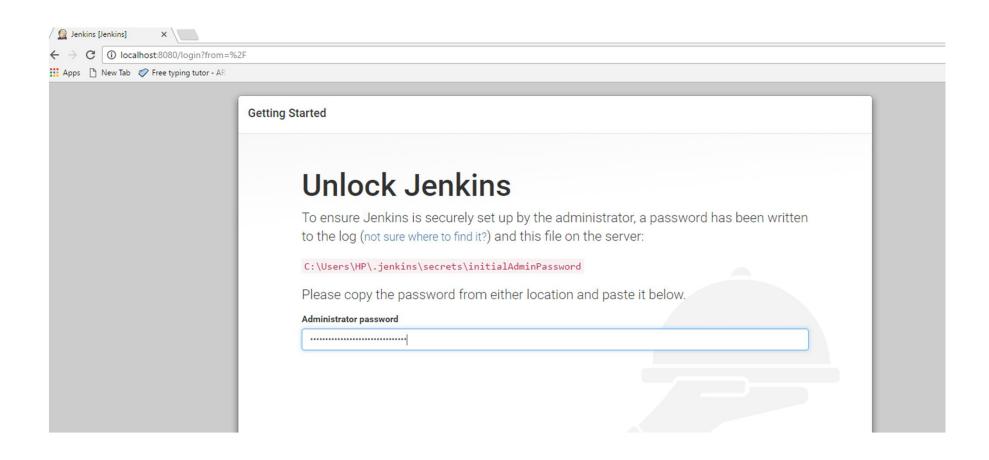
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Jenkins initial setup is required. An admin user has been created and a password generated. Please use the following password to proceed to installation:			
This may also be found at: C:\Users\HP\.jenkins\secrets\initialAdminPassword			

Access Jenkins

- Open a web browser and type in the URL http://localhost:8080
- Since we are accessing Jenkins for the first time, you are greeted with the Unlock Jenkins Screen
- Please copy and paste the password from console – previous step

Access Jenkins



Selecting Plugins

You can select plugins to install

Getting Started

Customize Jenkins

Plugins extend Jenkins with additional features to support many different needs.

Install suggested plugins

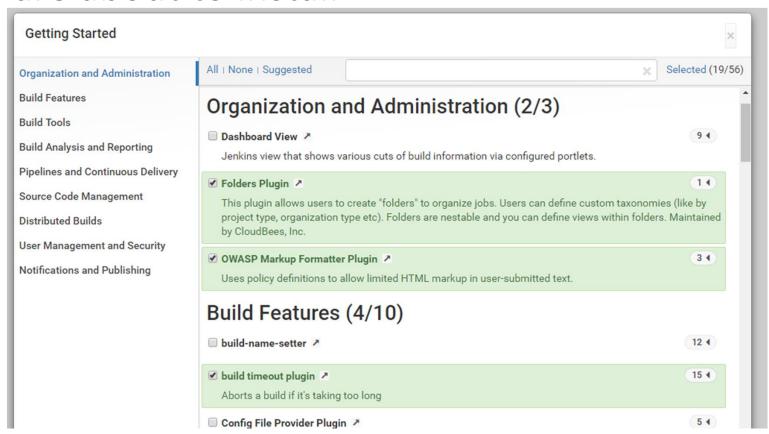
Install plugins the Jenkins community finds most useful.

Select plugins to install

Select and install plugins most suitable for your needs.

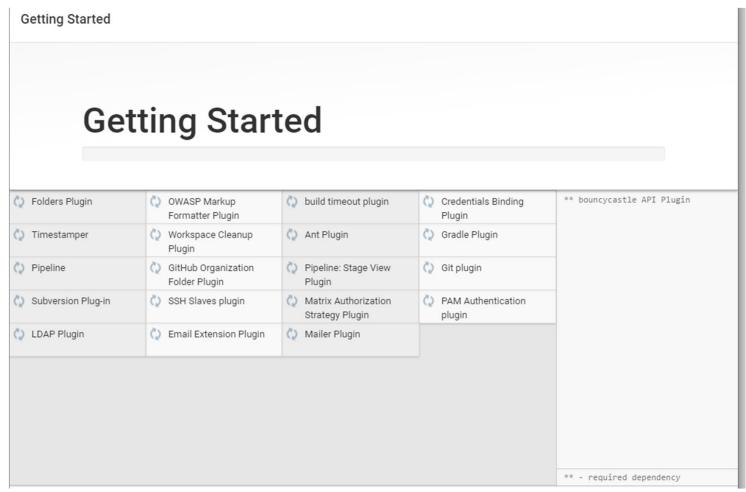
Browse the list of Plugins and choose

Browse all the sections and check what you are about to install



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 Click Install and wait for installation of plugins to complete

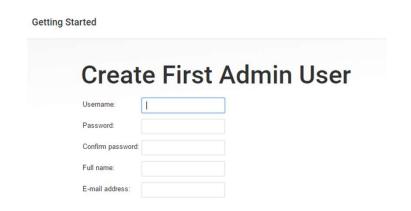


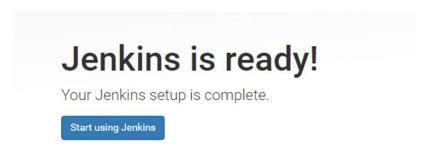
Trouble Shooting

- Some times Jenkins fails to install certain plugins and the process just hangs. This is a known issue even in LTS versions
- Delete the .jenkins folder from Home Directory
- Retry clean installation by Unchecking the Failed Plugins
- For example if Pipeline and Git Folder
 Organization plugins failed, then uncheck them
 and install plugins
- Sometimes you get a continue option to install failed plugins later

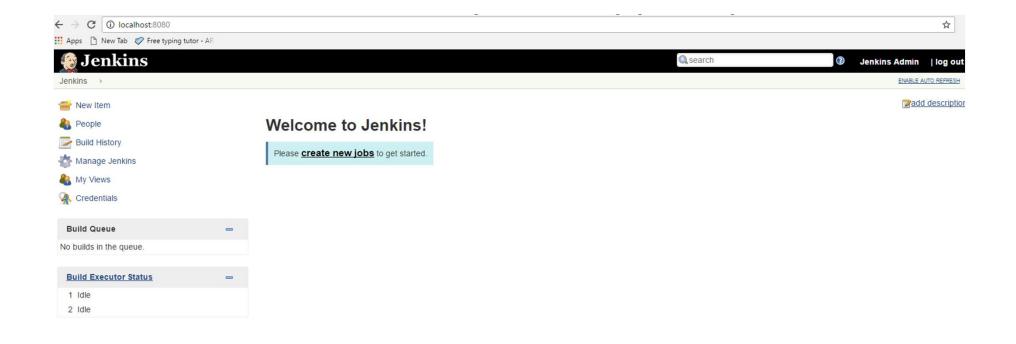
Initial User Creation

 After installation of plugins, you need to create an Admin User



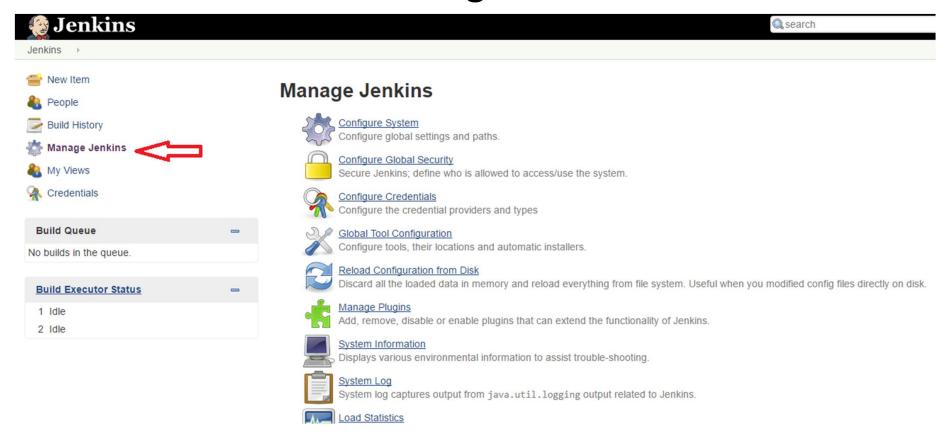


Jenkins Dashboard



Managing Jenkins

You can click on Manage Jenkins Link in Left



Configure Jenkins – Executors contd

- # of executors -- refers to the total number of concurrent job executions that can take place on the Jenkins machine
- recommendation is to keep this number the same as the number of CPU on the machines for better performance
- Preferred setting is 2

Configure Jenkins – Host Name or IP

- By default, the Jenkins URL points to localhost.
- If you have a domain name setup for your machine, set this to the domain name



Other Configurations

- Manage Plugins install a wide variety of third-party plugins
- System Information displays a list of all the current Java system properties and system environment variables
- System Log convenient way to view the Jenkins log files in real time, mainly used for trouble shooting
- Load Statistics -- displays graphical data on how busy the Jenkins instance is in terms of the number of concurrent builds and the length of the build queue which gives an idea of how long your builds need to wait before being executed. These statistics can give a good idea of whether extra capacity or extra build nodes is required from an infrastructure perspective
- Manage nodes A build node is another machine that Jenkins can use to execute its builds. You can set up build nodes.
- Prepare for Shutdown To shut down Jenkins cleanly, you can use the Prepare for Shutdown link, which prevents any new builds from being started.