



Remember the Build

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Things As They Are
- Things As They Should Be
- Demonstration
- Q & A



About Me



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Problem Statement



- In an out-of-the-box Jenkins build scenario, parameterized build input such as notes, Git branches, and bug tracking issues are lost once a build has completed.
- The only historical reference is in a report.
- This data cannot easily be reused for future builds.
- Using Jenkins, Groovy and MySQL, the data can be persisted for the life of a project.

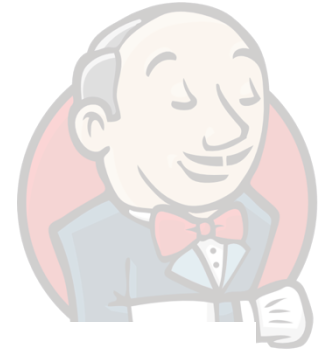
Standard Success Email



Sample body content of unmodified email-ext plugin email

- juc-hello-world-1 - Build # 5 - Successful: Check console output at <http://localhost:8180/jenkins/job/juc-hello-world-1/5/> to view the results.
- This is what is contained in the body of the email message sent by an unmodified project.
- Not very user-friendly.

Standard Success Email – cont.



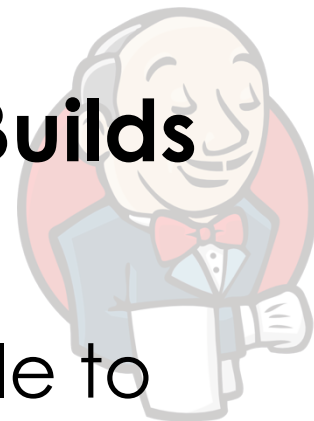
Clicking on the link, the information that the user entered for this build can be viewed:

Build #5

Parameters	
GIT_BRANCH	master
Required. Checkout and build the specified BRANCH.	
<hr/>	
NOTES	None.
<hr/>	
Add notes to this build here. Add each item on a separate line. [
Note #1	
Note #2	
<hr/>	

Easy enough, but not very helpful.

Standard Success Email – Multiple Builds



- The information is not so easily available to subsequent builds. The user must open each build individually to see what information had been entered.
- For example, a user has run three builds and included notes for each build. If the email has just been received for build #7, clicking on the link will take the user to the build page where the user notes can be viewed.

Standard Success Email – Multiple Builds

- However, if the user wants to see the notes of all the builds to date, each build must be opened one at a time to view the notes for that build. What a hassle!

Build #5

Parameters	
GIT_BRANCH	master
Required. Checkout and build the specified BRANCH.	
<hr/>	
NOTES	None.
<hr/>	
Add notes to this build here. Add each item on a separate line.	
Note #1	
Note #2	
<hr/>	

Build #6

Parameters	
GIT_BRANCH	master
Required. Checkout and build the specified BRANCH.	
<hr/>	
NOTES	Fixed a problem in the doohickey.
<hr/>	
Add notes to this build here. Add each item on a separate line.	
Note #1	
Note #2	
<hr/>	

Build #7

Parameters	
GIT_BRANCH	master
Required. Checkout and build the specified BRANCH.	
<hr/>	
NOTES	Working on thingamajig refactoring.
<hr/>	
Add notes to this build here. Add each item on a separate line.	
Note #1	
Note #2	
<hr/>	



There Is A Better Way!!

Enhanced Success Email



Wouldn't it be nice to receive this email instead?



Build started by: Robert McNulty

Project	JUC Hello World App
Version	1.0.0-20140517.035034-21
Git Branch	origin/master
Build No.	7
Release Tag	HELLO_WORLD_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0007

A new version has been deployed to the INTEGRATION test site.

URL:

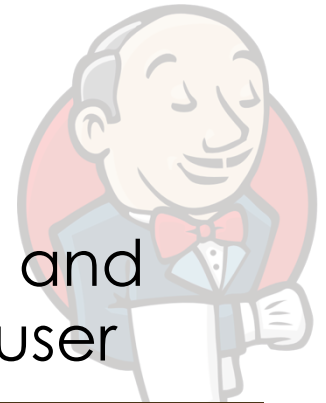
- <http://localhost:8180/hello-world/hello>

Notes:

- BUILD 5 : Initial build of hello-world project.
- BUILD 6 : Fixed a problem in the doohickey.
- BUILD 7 : Working on thingamajig refactoring.

User Interface Possibilities

Wouldn't it be nice to save, review, reconstruct and print reports from any and all builds via a spiffy user interface?





Jenkins Build Pipeline

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New	Previous	1	..	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Next
Id	Tag	S	R											
428	SIRIUS_PANEL_MEMBERS_CLIENT_1_5_0_SNAPSHOT_0331													
429	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_16_0_SNAPSHOT_0383													
430	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_16_0_SNAPSHOT_0384													
431	ONEVIEW_FLEX_WAR_2_16_0_SNAPSHOT_0385													
432	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_16_0_SNAPSHOT_0386													
433	SIRIUS_PANEL_MEMBERS_CLIENT_1_5_0_SNAPSHOT_0332													
434	NEXTGEN_ONEADULT_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0074													
435	NEXTGEN_WEB_RESOURCES_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0075													
436	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_17_0_SNAPSHOT_0397													
437	NEXTGEN_RAILS_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0079													
438	OBSF_ADMIN_CLIENT_1_7_0_SNAPSHOT_0005													
439	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_17_0_SNAPSHOT_0398													
440	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_17_0_SNAPSHOT_0399													
441	ONEVIEW_WEB_5_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0400													
442	ONEVIEW_WEB_5_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0003													

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User Interface Possibilities



 Back Previous Next	
Build Properties	
Id	432
Tag	ONEVIEW_WEB_2_16_0_SNAPSHOT_0386
Release Version	2.16.0
Pipeline Stage	Integration
Build No	386
Project	oneview
SubProject	java
FogBugz Cases	4505
Last Update	2014-03-12 13:32:31.0
Build Properties	
Key	Value
APPLICATION	Java
ARTIFACTORY_VERSION	2.16.0-20140311.212214-34
ARTIFACT_ID	oneview-web
ARTIFACT_URL	http://dfirepository2.dfl.experian.com:8080/artifactory/libs-snapshot-local/com/simmons/oneview/oneview-web/2.16.0-SNAPSHOT/oneview-web-2.16.0-20140311.212214-34.war
BUILD_ID	2014-03-11_17-22-14



And this...

is how... it's done!

Components Used for this Jenkins Job



Main Components	Jenkins Plugins
• Git	• Git plugin
• Groovy	• Groovy plugin
• Gradle	• Gradle plugin
• Artifactory	• Artifactory plugin
• Database (MySQL)	• email-ext plugin
	• Credentials plugin
	• Build User Vars plugin
	• EnvInject plugin
	• Workspace Cleanup plugin
	• Export Parameters plugin
	• Job Exporter plugin
	• Deploy plugin

Database Schema



Table Name	Function
release_candidates	Main table containing the build tags and version numbers. Only the release version is saved. SNAPSHOTS are logged under the release version number. Also indicates if this build was promoted to staging and production.
<div><div><div>+-----+-----+</div><div> Field Type </div><div>+-----+-----+</div><div> id unsigned </div><div> rc_project_id smallint(2) </div><div> rc_sub_project_id smallint(3) </div><div> rc_version varchar(10) </div><div> tag varchar(80) </div><div> staging tinyint(1) </div><div> production tinyint(1) </div><div>+-----+-----+</div></div><div><div>Example:</div><div><div>id: 3</div><div>rc_project_id: 1</div><div>rc_sub_project_id: 1</div><div>rc_version: 1.0.0</div><div>tag:</div><div>HELLO_WORLD_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0007</div><div>staging: 0</div><div>production: 0</div></div></div></div>	

Database Schema – cont.



Table Name	Function
rc_sub_projects	Contains the data necessary to build and deploy the project.
<pre> +-----+-----+ Field Type +-----+-----+ id smallint(3) unsigned rc_project_id smallint(2) unsigned value varchar(40) title varchar(80) git_repo_name varchar(80) project_dir varchar(80) artifact_dir varchar(80) javadoc_dir varchar(80) artifact_id varchar(80) artifact_type varchar(8) build_profiles varchar(80) build_tasks varchar(80) domain_id smallint(2) unsigned context_path varchar(80) build_dir varchar(80) +-----+-----+ </pre>	<p><u>Example:</u></p> <pre> id: 1 rc_project_id: 1 value: hello-world title: JUC Hello world App git_repo_name: juc-hello-world project_dir: / artifact_dir: build/lib javadoc_dir: artifact_id: hello-world artifact_type: war build_profiles: build_tasks: domain_id: 1 context_path: hello-world/hello build_dir </pre>

Database Schema – cont.



Table Name	Function
rc_server_configs	Contains the server data that the artifact will be deployed to
<pre>+-----+-----+ Field Type +-----+-----+ id int(10) unsigned rc_project_id smallint(2) unsigned rc_type_id smallint(2) unsigned host varchar(80) domain_id smallint(2) unsigned http_port smallint(5) unsigned +-----+-----+</pre>	<p><u>Example:</u></p> <pre> id: 1 rc_project_id: 1 rc_type_id: 1 host: localhost domain_id: 1 http_port: 8180</pre>

Database Schema – cont.



Table Name	Function
rc_types	The type of server this build is destined for.
<pre>+-----+-----+ Field Type +-----+-----+ id smallint(2) unsigned value varchar(24) +-----+-----+</pre>	<pre>+---+-----+ id value +---+-----+ 1 Integration 2 Staging 3 Production 4 Test +---+-----+</pre>

Database Schema – cont.



Table Name	Function
rc_properties	Contains the miscellaneous property values that will be saved for every build.
<pre>+-----+-----+ Field Type +-----+-----+ id int(10) unsigned rc_id int(10) unsigned rc_type_id smallint(2) unsigned build_no smallint(5) unsigned prop_key_id smallint(3) unsigned value varchar(1024) +-----+-----+</pre>	<p><u>Example:</u></p> <pre>juc_build_pipeline hello-world HELLO_WORLD_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0007 origin/master war hello-world Robert McNulty 1.0.0-20140517.035034-21 hello-world/hello /dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world JUC Hello world App working on thingamajig refactoring. 1.0.0-SNAPSHOT</pre>

Groovy SQL



Groovy makes it easy to work with SQL

- From the Groovy script, just import the SQL class

```
import groovy.sql.Sql
```

- Get a connection to the database

```
def conn = Sql.newInstance('jdbc:mysql://hostName:3306/dbname',  
    'user', 'pwd', 'com.mysql.jdbc.Driver')
```

- This is a standard JDBC connection string.

Groovy SQL



- Run a simple, single-row query

```
def sql = """
    SELECT *
    FROM release_candidates
    WHERE tag = $tag
    """
def row = conn.firstRow(sql)
```

- Use the returned data

```
def id      = row.id           // 7
def version = row.rc_version   // 1.0.0
def tag     = row.tag          // HELLO_WORLD_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0007
```

Groovy SQL – cont.



- Inserting data is just as easy

```
def sql = """
    INSERT INTO release_candidates
      (rc_project_id, rc_sub_project_id, rc_version, tag)
    VALUES ($pid, $sid, $ver, $tag)
  """

// Get the id of the inserted record
def id = conn.executeInsert(sql)[0][0]
```



Putting it All Together

Configuring the Build

Parameterized Build



Add build parameters

- This example will only define 2 parameters
 - GIT_BRANCH
 - NOTES

☒ This build is parameterized

String Parameter

Name:

Default Value:

Description:

[Escaped HTML] [Preview](#)

Text Parameter

Name:

Default Value:

Description:

[Escaped HTML] [Preview](#)

Configuring the Build

Git Setup



Source Code Management

- In 'Branches to build', enter the parameter
 - `$GIT_BRANCH`
- The variable will be replaced by the value entered by the user, defaulting to 'master'. This is the branch that will be checked out and built.

Configuring the Build

Git Setup – cont.



- Check out to a sub-directory
 - Since we will also be checking out the Groovy code from a different repository, it is important to keep the projects separated.

Source Code Management

☒ Git

Repositories

Repository URL

Credentials

Branches to build

Branch Specifier (blank for 'any')

Additional Behaviours

☒ **Check out to a sub-directory**

Local subdirectory for repo

Configuring the Build Environment Variables



Inject environment variables to the build process

- Define global properties, used in both the Jenkins job and the Groovy script, in the 'Property content' section.

☒ Inject environment variables to the build process

Properties Content

```
PROP_FILE=juc.properties
SCRIPT_DIR=juc-groovy
PIPELINE_DB_NAME=juc_build_pipeline
PIPELINE_DB_USER=juc
```

Configuring the Build Environment Variables

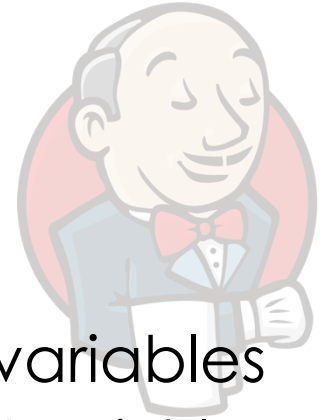


Inject environment variables to the build process

Property	Value	Description
PROP_FILE	juc.properties	The file containing all of the properties used in the build. An easy method of transferring data between Jenkins and Groovy script.
SCRIPT_DIR	juc-groovy	The location of the Groovy files. The files are also under source control, so this is the cloned location.
PIPELINE_DB_NAME	juc_build_pipeline	Name of the database to use. It is convenient to define this per job so that a test database can be easily swapped in.
PIPELINE_DB_USER	juc	Name of the database user.

Configuring the Build

Inject Passwords



Inject passwords into the build as environment variables

- Passwords are not included in the regular environment variable section because they would then be visible to end-users via to logs.
- Here, we are defining the database password that will be passed to the Groovy script.

☒ Inject passwords to the build as environment variables

Global passwords ☐

Job passwords

Name

PIPELINE_DB_PWD

Password

.....

Configuring the Build

Inject Passwords – cont.





Inject passwords into the build as environment variables

- Passwords can also be defined at the global level so they are available to ALL Jenkins jobs. Simply check the 'Global passwords' box.
- Globally, they are defined on the **Manage Jenkins -> Configure System** page.

Global Passwords

Global Passwords

Name	<input type="text" value="PIPELINE_DB_PWD"/>	
Password	<input type="password" value="....."/>	
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>		

Configuring the Build

Build Steps



Execute Groovy script

- The first step is to execute inline Groovy commands to save the build properties to an external file.
- This makes it easier to pass properties back and forth between the Jenkins job and the Groovy script.
- Especially useful when there are many properties

```
Execute Groovy script
Groovy Version latest
Groovy command
1 def fileName = System.getProperty('PROP_FILE')
2 def file = new File(fileName)
3 file << "PIPELINE DATABASE NAME=${System.getProperty('PIPELINE_DB_NAME')}"
4 file << "\nRC_PROPERTIES_FILE=$fileName"
5 file << "\nSCRIPT_DIR=${System.getProperty('SCRIPT_DIR')}"
6 file << "\nWORKSPACE=${System.getProperty('WORKSPACE')}.replaceAll('\\\\\\\\', '/') [2..-1]"
7 file << "\nAPPLICATION=hello-world"
8 file << "\nGIT_BRANCH=${System.getProperty('GIT_BRANCH')}"
9 file << "\nNOTES=${System.getProperty('NOTES')}"
```

Configuring the Build

Build Steps – cont.



export job runtime parameters

- This build step exports various build job and hudson parameters into a property file named ***hudsonBuild.properties*** in the project workspace.
- The external Groovy script will read this file and load several of the properties into the master properties file

Property	Value
build.jobName	Name of running job
build.number	Number of running job
build.result	Job result until this build step
build.gitBranch	GIT branch, if configured
build.user.id	ID of user that triggered this job
build.user.name	User that triggered this job
build.user.fullName	Full name of user that triggered this job
build.user.emailAddress	Email address of user that triggered this job

Configuring the Build

Build Steps – cont.



Execute Windows batch or Shell command

- The Jenkins Git plugin does not currently allow multiple repositories to be cloned into distinct locations
- We have used the Git plugin to check out the project code, that is, the code the developer has checked in
- We will also be checking out the Groovy code project from a different repository
- It is important to keep the projects separated
- A sort of project namespacing

Configuring the Build

Build Steps – cont.



Execute Windows batch or Shell command

- This command will clone the Git project containing the Groovy script that will create new properties, access the database, etc.
- Windows

```
Execute Windows batch command  
Command C:\\dev\\bin\\git-1.8.1.2\\bin\\git.exe clone c:\\dev\\repositories\\juc\\juc-groovy
```

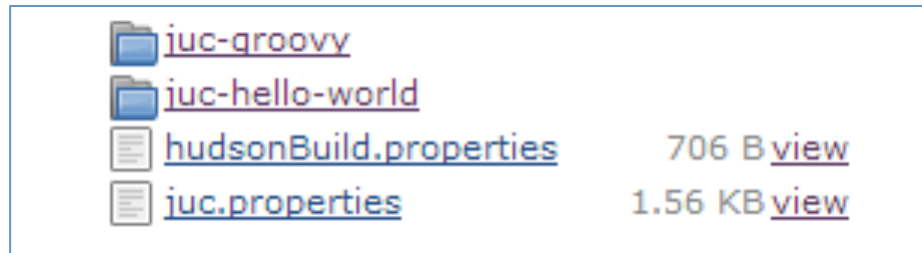
- Linux

```
Execute shell  
Command #!/bin/bash  
git clone http://jenkins@localhost:5000/juc-groovy.git
```

Configuring the Build Workspace



- View of the job workspace after the Git repositories have been cloned and the property files created



Configuring the Build

Groovy Script



Execute Groovy Script

- The Groovy script is called twice, first , using the 'preBuild' action and finally using the 'postBuild'
- 'preBuild' is executed prior to running the Gradle build script
- 'postBuild' is executed after the successful completion of the Gradle build

Configuring the Build

Groovy Script – preBuild



Execute Groovy Script - preBuild

Execute Groovy script

Groovy Version

☐ Groovy command

☒ Groovy script file

Script parameters

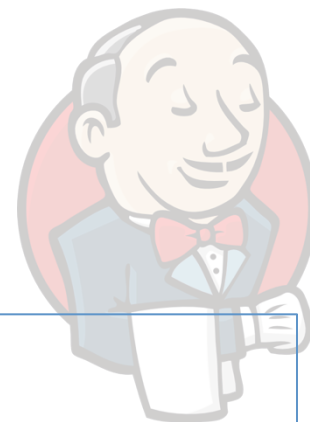
This script will:

1. Load the properties files (\$PROP_FILE)
2. Query the database for the project and server information
3. Save database values to properties
4. Append new properties back to properties file

Some of these properties will be used by the Gradle build.

Configuring the Build

Groovy Script – juc.properties



```
PIPELINE_DATABASE_NAME=juc_build_pipeline
RC_PROPERTIES_FILE=juc.properties
SCRIPT_DIR=juc-groovy
WORKSPACE=/dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world-2/workspace
APPLICATION=hello-world
GIT_BRANCH=origin/master
ARTIFACT_DIR=/dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world-2/workspace/juc-hello-world//build/lib
ARTIFACT_ID=hello-world
ARTIFACT_TYPE=war
BUILD_DIR=/dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world-2/workspace/juc-hello-world
BUILD_NUMBER=90
BUILD_USER_FULLNAME=Robert McNulty
CONTEXT_PATH=hello-world/hello
EMAIL_SUBJECT=JUC Hello world App
GIT_REPOSITORY_DIR=/dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world-2/workspace/juc-hello-world
GIT_REPO_NAME=juc-hello-world
PROJECT_DIR=/dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world-2/workspace/juc-hello-world/
SERVER_HOST=localhost
SERVER_PORT=8180
SERVER_URL=http://localhost:8180/
APP_LINKS_HTML=<li>http://localhost:8180/hello-world/hello</li>
ARTIFACTORY_VERSION=1.0.0-20140519.034403-8
POM_GROUP_ID=juc
POM_VERSION=1.0.0-SNAPSHOT
RC_TAG=HELLO_WORLD_1_0_0_SNAPSHOT_0090
RELEASE_VERSION=1.0.0
USER_NOTES_HTML=<li>BUILD 5 : Initial build of hello-world project.</li><li>BUILD 6 : Fixed a
problem in the doohickey.</li><li>BUILD 7 : working on thingamajig refactoring.</li>
WAR_PATH=/dev/data/jenkins/jobs/juc-hello-world-2/workspace/juc-hello-world//build/lib/hello-
world-1.0.0-SNAPSHOT.war
```

Configuring the Build

Build Steps – cont.



Inject environment variables

- After the properties have been written to the file, it is necessary to reload the file into Jenkins so the build can use the properties
- The '**Inject environment variables**' plugin accomplishes this task

Inject environment variables	
Properties File Path	<input type="text" value="\$PROP_FILE"/>

- The properties that were retrieved from the database are now available to the Jenkins job

Configuring the Build

Build Steps – Gradle



Run the Gradle Build

- Build the project using the Gradle plugin
 - **Note:** Maven can be used in place of Gradle

Invoke Gradle script	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Invoke Gradle	
Gradle Version	v 1.12
Switches	-i -s -x test
Tasks	\$BUILD_TASKS
Root Build script	\$PROJECT_DIR

- The **\$BUILD_TASKS** and **\$PROJECT_DIR** variables were loaded from the properties file

Configuring the Build

Build Steps – postBuild



Execute Groovy Script - postBuild

Execute Groovy script

Groovy Version:

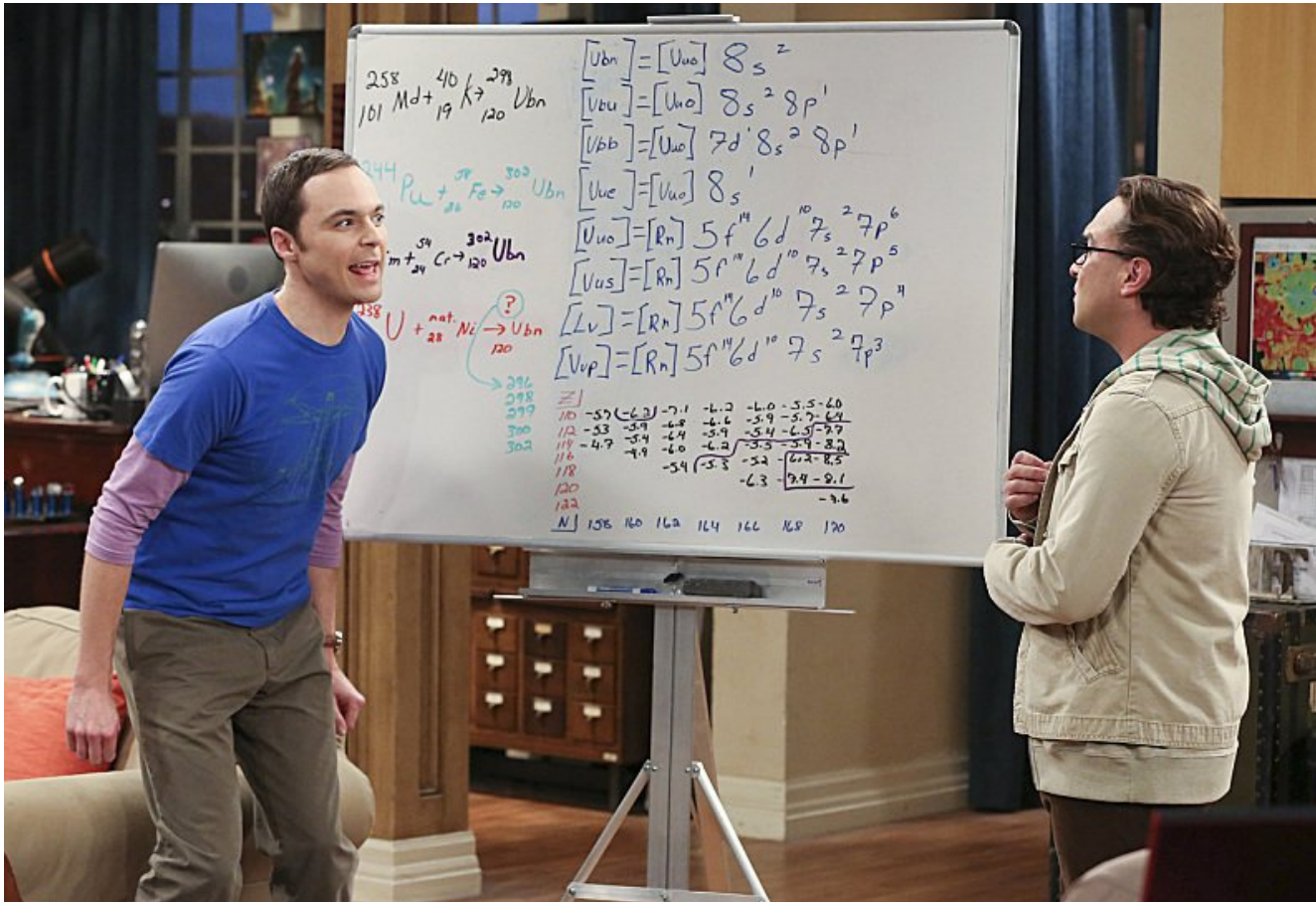
☐ Groovy command

☒ Groovy script file

Script parameters:

This script will:

1. Load the properties file (\$PROP_FILE)
2. Get artifact information (groupId, version, Artifactory URL)
3. Create unique tag
4. Aggregate notes from previous builds
5. Create HTML elements to use in report
6. Create and push new branch to Git (using tag)
7. Append new properties back to properties file



Configuring the Build

Post-build Actions



Post-build actions

Once the Gradle build has completed, the artifacts have been deployed to Artifactory and the Groovy scripts have finished processing, there are still procedures that are required to successfully complete the Jenkins job

- Deploy artifact to Tomcat (if webapp)
- Send the Email

Configuring the Build

Deploy to Container



Deploy to Tomcat

Deploy war/ear to a container	
WAR/EAR files	<input type="text" value="juc-hello-world/build/libs/*.war"/>
Context path	<input type="text" value="hello-world"/>
Container	<input type="text" value="Tomcat 7.x"/>
Manager user name	<input type="text" value="jenkins"/>
Manager password	<input type="password" value="....."/>
Tomcat URL	<input type="text" value="http://localhost:8180/"/>

- For this demo, I used the 'Deploy Plugin' for simplicity.
- Unfortunately, this plugin does not recognize the environment variables imported into Jenkins.

Configuring the Build

Deploy to Container – cont.



Deploy to Tomcat

- In our production instance of Jenkins, I deploy to Tomcat via Groovy script
- Since our Jenkins instance runs on Linux, it is a simple matter to use 'curl' to access the Tomcat manager and list, deploy or undeploy applications

```
static boolean deploy(context, path) {  
    def curl = new StringBuilder().with {  
        append "curl -X PUT -F file=@$path "  
        append 'http://jenkins@localhost:8180'  
        append "/manager/text/deploy?path=$context"  
    }.toString()  
    def result = curl.execute().text  
    return result.startsWith('OK')  
}
```

Configuring the Build

Email Report



Editable Email Notification

- The 'piece de resistance' is the email report delivered to a list of concerned recipients
- The 'email-ext plugin' does have the ability to use the imported environment variables
- Using the HTML Content Type enables the use of straight HTML to format the page
- The 'dynamic' portions of the email are populated using the properties generated by the Groovy script and imported into Jenkins

Configuring the Build Email Report – cont.



Use HTML and CSS in the report template

Editable Email Notification

Content Type:

Default Subject:

Default Content:

```
<style type="text/css">
  th {text-align:left; margin-right:20px;}
  h3 {font-family: Verdana, Ariel, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size:10pt; font-weight:bold;}
  .body {font-family: Verdana, Ariel, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size:10pt;}
</style>
<div class="body">
  <strong>Build started by:</strong> ${ENV, var="BUILD_USER_FULLNAME"}
</div>
<hr />
<div class="body">
  <table class="body" cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0">
    <tr><th>Project</th><td>${ENV, var="EMAIL_SUBJECT"}</td></tr>
    <tr><th>Version</th><td>${ENV, var="ARTIFACTORY_VERSION"}</td></tr>
    <tr><th>Git Branch</th><td>${ENV, var="GIT_BRANCH"}</td></tr>
    <tr><th>Build No.</th><td>${ENV, var="BUILD_NUMBER"}</td></tr>
    <tr><th>Release Tag</th><td>${ENV, var="RC_TAG"}</td></tr>
  </table>
<hr />
</div>
```

Configuring the Build



Email Report – cont.



Use HTML and CSS in the report template


- If the build is successful, configure the 'Success' trigger

Triggers

 **Success** 

Content

```
$PROJECT_DEFAULT_CONTENT
<div class="body">
  A new version has been deployed to the INTEGRATION test site.
  <h3>URL:</h3>
  <ul>${ENV, var="APP_LINKS_HTML"}</ul>
  <h3>Notes:</h3>
  <ul>${ENV, var="USER_NOTES_HTML"}</ul>
</div>
```

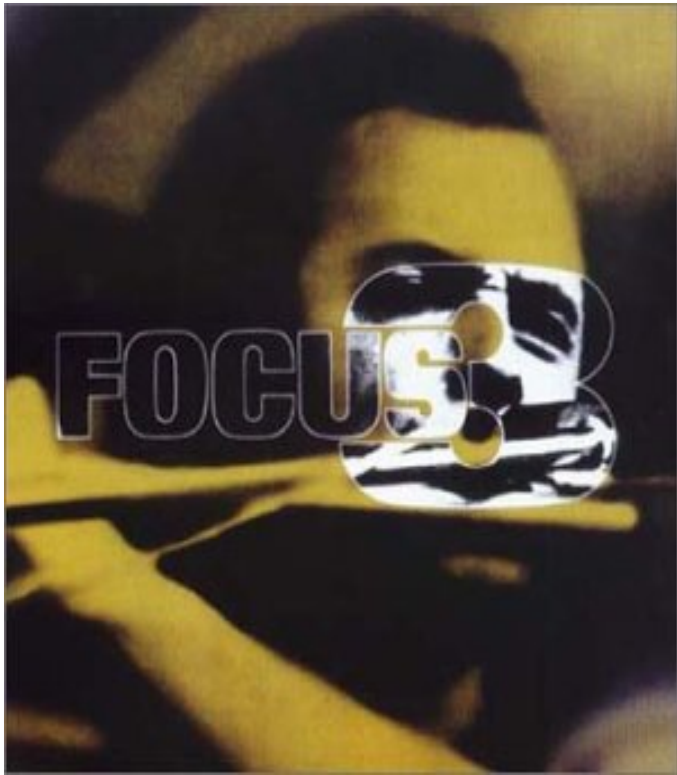


Demonstration



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