Under the hood of serverless Jenkins Jenkinsfile Runner

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TL;DR

"You can run Jenkins Pipelines as single-shot container in any environment"

This talk: How to do it?

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- Based in Neuchatel, Switzerland
- Principal SW Engineer, CloudBees
- Jenkins core maintainer

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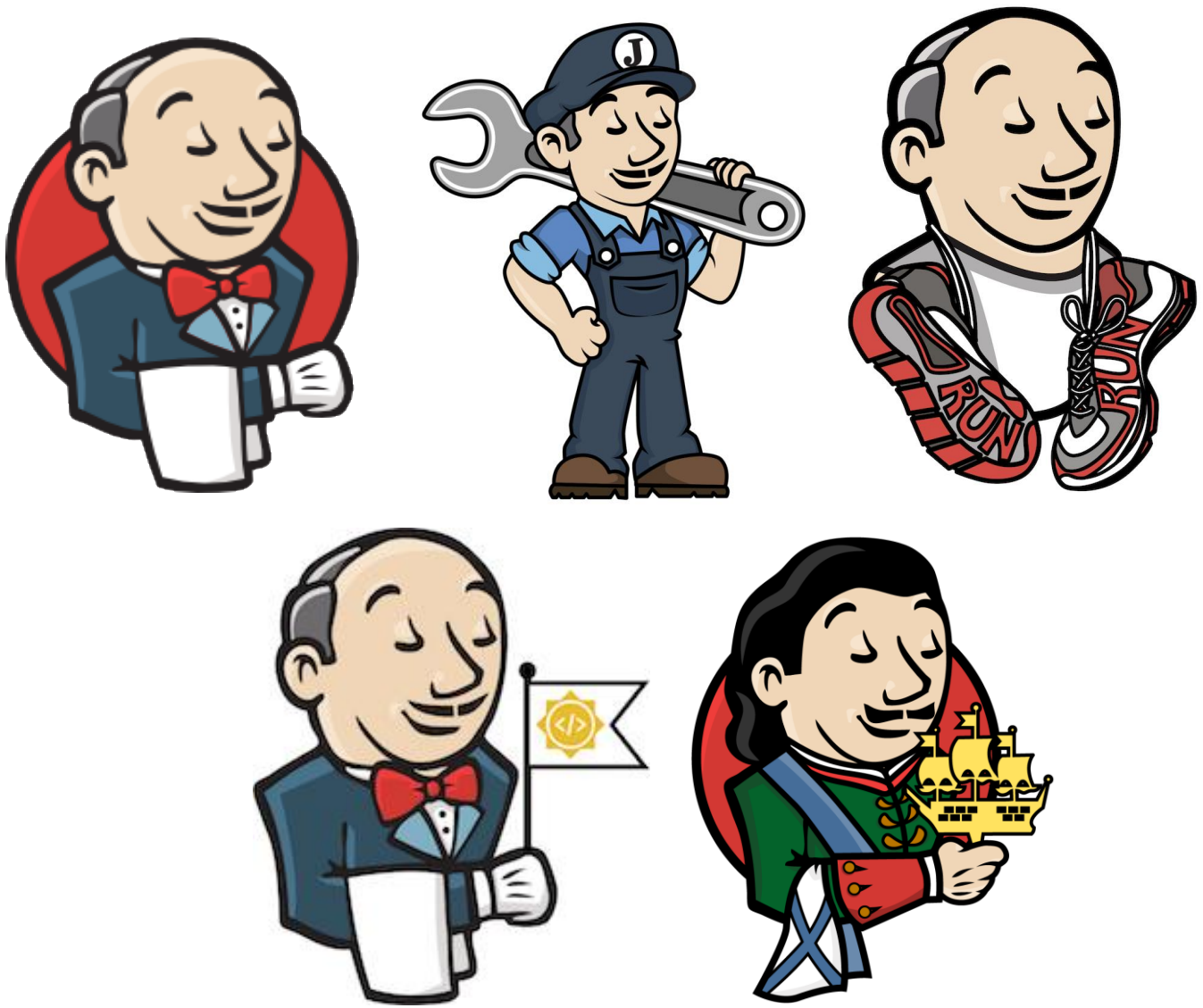

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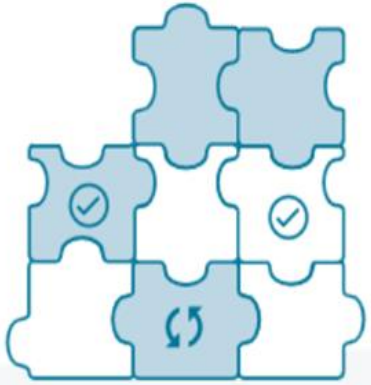
https://www.cloudbees.com

- CloudBees Jenkins Distribution
- CloudBees Jenkins Support
- Community, e.g. Java 11 support, Jenkinsfile Runner, JCasC



Risk-Free Upgrades

Peace of mind that Jenkins upgrades will install smoothly, without doubts about plugin compatibility.

24x7 Technical Support

On-call support from the largest team of Jenkins-certified engineers anywhere in the world.

Rock-Solid Jenkins

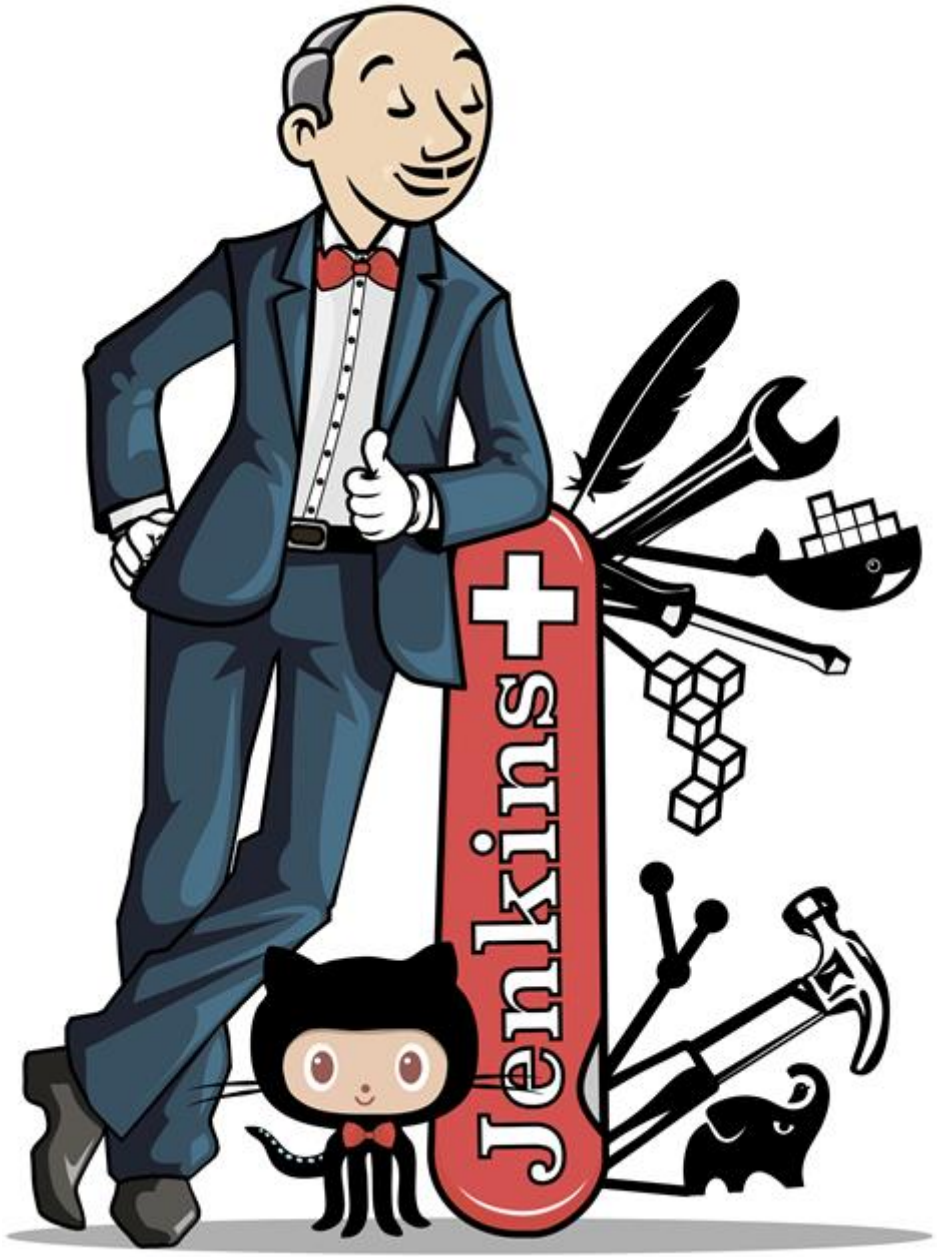
Deploy with confidence on a CloudBees-verified distribution of Jenkins and maintain your recommended configuration.

Disclaimer: Opinions are mine; typos are mine

About you

Who is Mr. Jenkins?

- Automation server/framework
- Open-source
- More than 1700 plugins
- Big community
- Commercial support is available



Jenkins as you may knew it… in 2012

Batteries are not included

Complex configuration

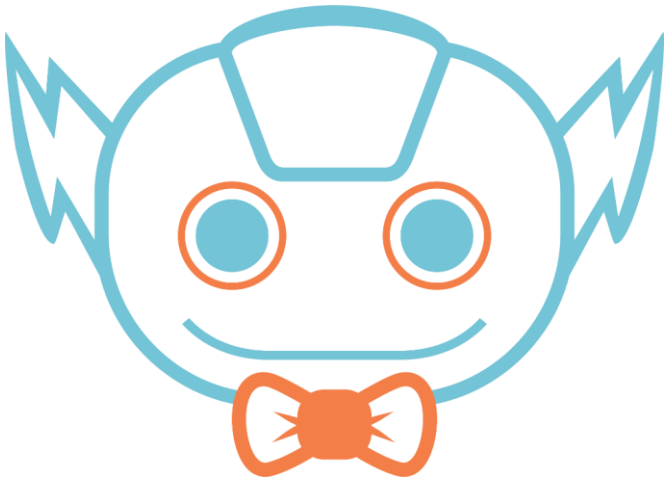
Mega-masters, limited scalability

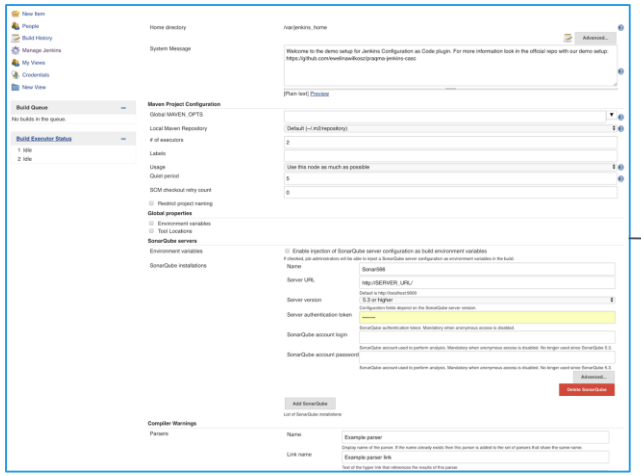
Painful upgrades

Maintenance is required

Jenkins in 2019

- Jenkins Pipeline
- Config-as-Code Plugin
- Modern plugins
- Modern packaging
- Jenkins X





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Jenkins Master

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On-demand agents
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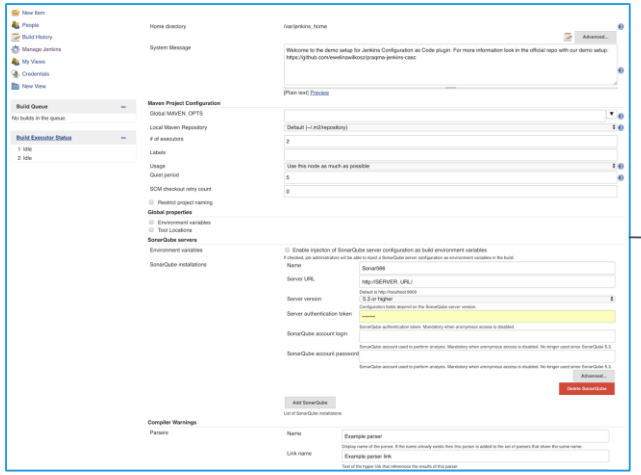
Master as a SPoF Macroservice



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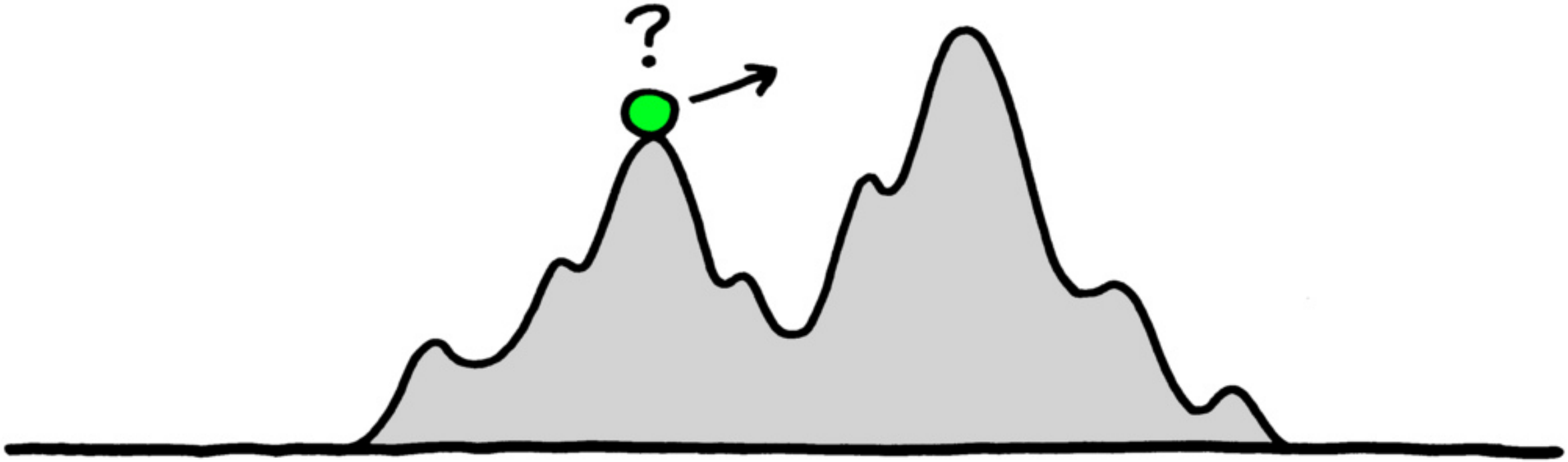
Aug 31, 2018 – Kohsuke Kawaguchi,
“Jenkins: Shifting Gears”
https://jenkins.io/blog/2018/08/31/shifting-gears/

Shifting Gears: Making Changes



Cloud Native Jenkins

"General purpose CI/CD engine that runs on Kubernetes and embraces fundamentally different architecture & extensibility mechanisms"

Kohsuke Kawaguchi, 2018

Cloud Native Jenkins

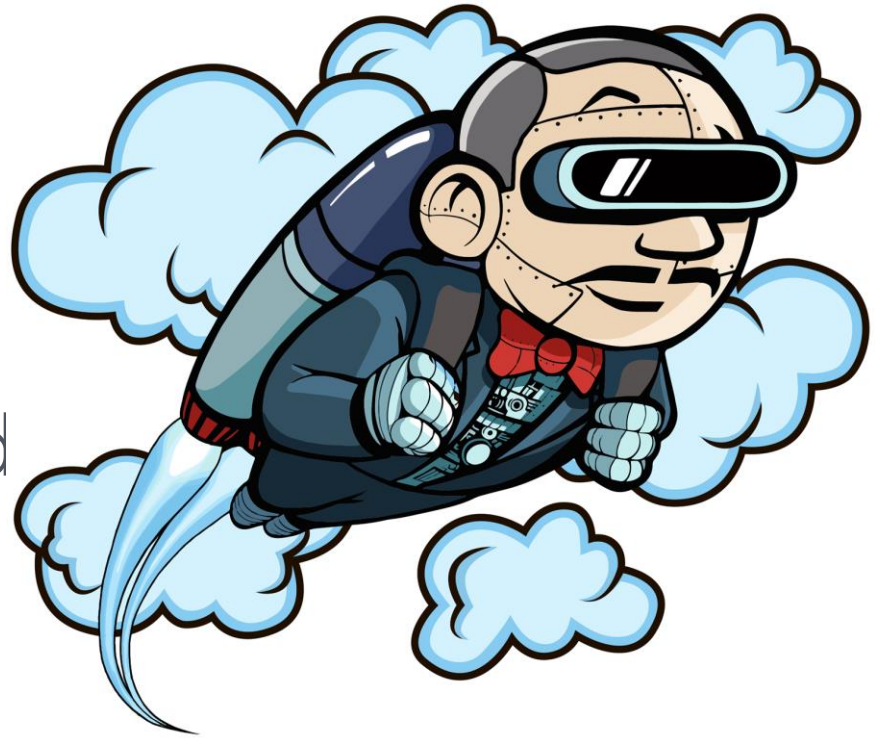
- Best service for each need
- Pay per use
- “Infinite” scaling
- Easy to use
- Easy to maintain
- Fast to develop

Cloud Native Special Interest Group

Founded in July 2018

https://jenkins.io/sigs/cloud-native

Goal: Improve Jenkins to run on cloud environments as a "Cloud Native" application



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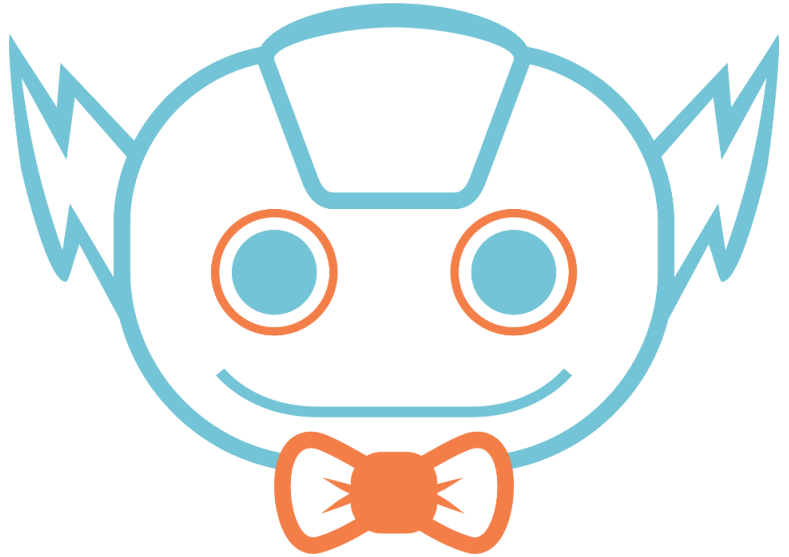

JENKINS X

Accelerate Your Continuous Delivery on Kubernetes

https://jenkins-x.io

Delivering progressively with Jenkins X

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Ideally, our enterprise projects define a fully-automated Continuous Delivery pipeline, including end-to-end testing, database migrations, canarying, monitoring, and rollbacks. However, most real-world projects are not quite there yet. The excuses are mostly complexity, insufficient testing, discrepancies between environments, or database migrations. Cloud-native technologies such as Docker, Kubernetes, or Istio also brougl that need to be addressed.

This session shows how to implement a fully-fledged Continuous Delivery pipeline for cloud-native environment testing and how to handle data in test scenarios. In order to fully automate, we also need a way to evolve schem compatibility. Automated canarying approach enables us to step to advance to a full Progressive Delivery pipelin and automatically rolls out or back to a working state.

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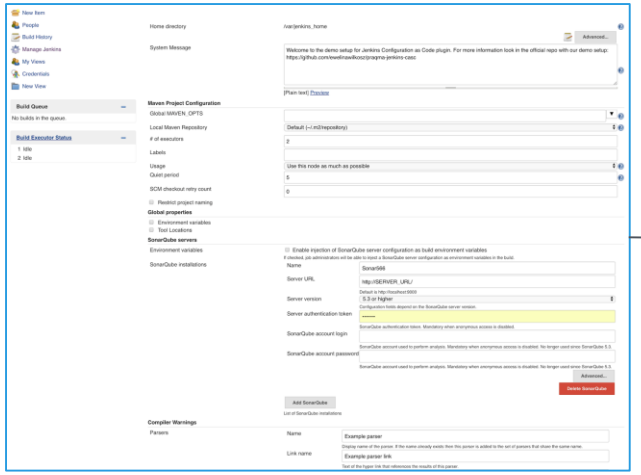
Try out Jenkins X if it fits your environment
OR if you plan to go all-in Kubernetes.
Jenkins is still around for other cases

Going Back?

Master as a SPoF Macroservice



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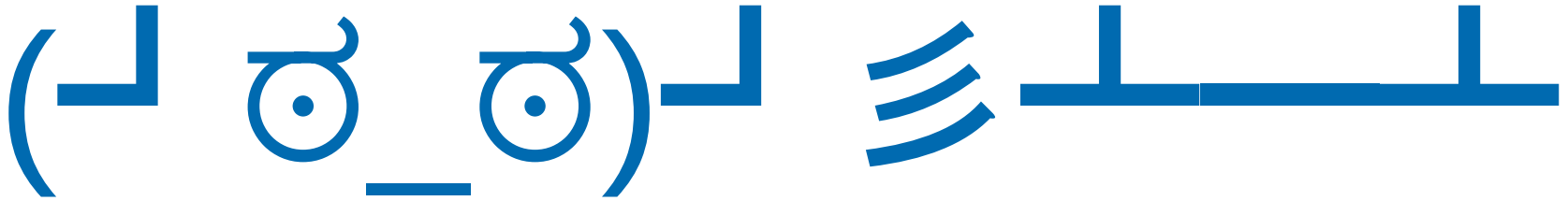


What if Jenkins master was “on-demand”?

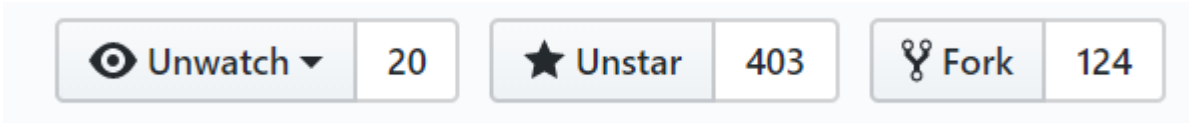
Jenkinsfile Runner

https://github.com/jenkinsci/jenkinsfile-runner

Started by Kohsuke in Mar 2018

30 contributors

Status: Beta (1.0-beta-11)



JFR TL;DR

- Runs Pipeline and shuts down
- Thin JAR and fat JAR
- Docker image
- Runs everywhere

https://github.com/jenkinsci/jenkinsfile-runner

Usage

```
docker run --rm \
    -v $(pwd)/Jenkinsfile:/workspace/Jenkinsfile \
     jenkins4eval/jenkinsfile-runner
```

Demo. Our Jenkinsfile

10 lines (8 sloc) | 386 Bytes

Raw Blame

```
1
2  stage('Read Evergreen YAML') {
3      node {
4          // Discover core version using Pipeline utility steps
5          sh 'wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jenkins-infra/evergreen/master/services/essentials.yaml'
6          def essentialsYaml = readYaml(file: "essentials.yaml")
7          echo "Jenkins Evergreen uses the following Core version: ${essentialsYaml.spec.core.version}"
8      }
9  }
```

Jenkinsfile Runner is not just CLI

Features

- Startup in few seconds
- No-sandbox mode support
- Java 11 support

Limitations

- Jenkinsfile Runner is not fully compatible
- No Web UI, no way to extract Jenkins reports
- No native support of external storage
- No build throttling, cross-master communication, etc.
- No out-of-the-box sidecar containers support

Jenkinsfile Runner. Usage examples

Jenkins X 1.x, serverless mode

- jenkins-x/jenkins-x-serverless

ci.jenkins.io-runner

- jenkinsci/ci.jenkins.io-runner

“FaaS” packaging

- GitHub Actions: jonico/jenkinsfile-runner-github-actions
- Codeship: oleg-nenashev/codeship-jenkinsfile
- AWS Lambda: carlossg/jenkinsfile-runner-lambda
- Project Fn: carlossg/jenkinsfile-runner-fn

“Packaging”?

Jenkinsfile Runner flavors

Vanilla: Docker/Binary in the official repo

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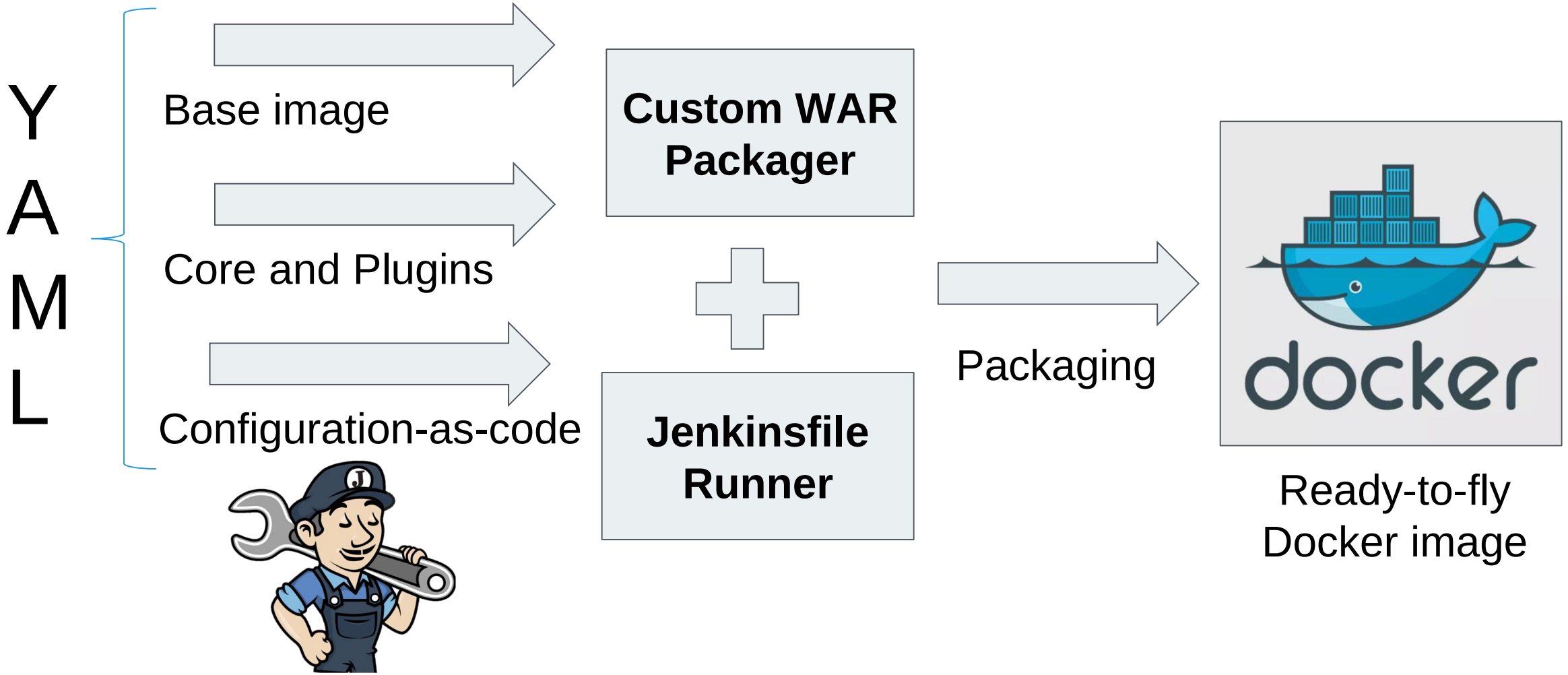
Custom JFR packages

- Way to go in 95% of cases
- Ready-to-fly Docker images with plugins and configs
- Extending the Vanilla Docker image
- https://jenkins.io/blog/2018/10/16/custom-war-packager/

Building custom Jenkinsfile Runner images



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Custom WAR Packager and Self-configuration

1. Custom WAR Packager is managed by a config YAML
2. Docker image: plugins.txt, Java flags, etc.
3. Groovy Init Scripts
4. AND: Configuration-as-Code Plugin

   https://plugins.jenkins.io/configuration-as-code

   Allows configuring Jenkins from YAML

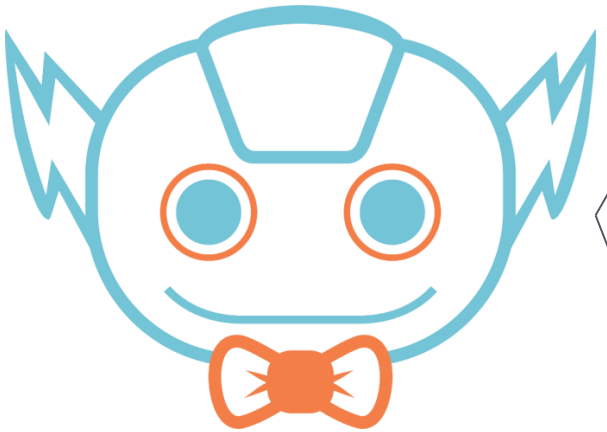
https://github.com/jenkinsci/custom-war-packager

Jenkins X. Serverless Mode (before April 2019)

Serverless Jenkins with Jenkins X

https://medium.com/@jdrawlings/serverless-jenkins-with-jenkins-x-9134cbfe6870

Jenkins X 2.x. Modes and engines



Static Masters

Classic Jenkins

Jenkinsfile Runner

@Deprecated

Serverless build engines

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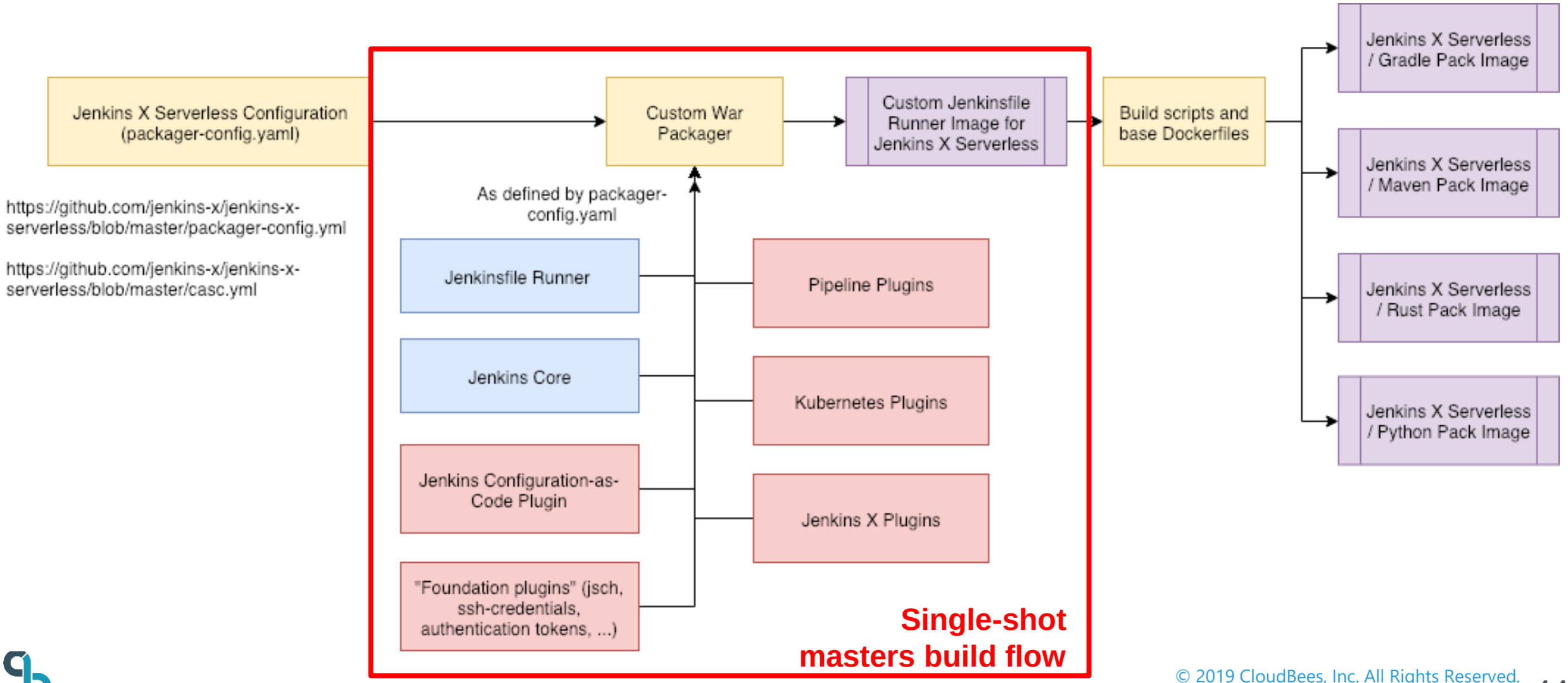
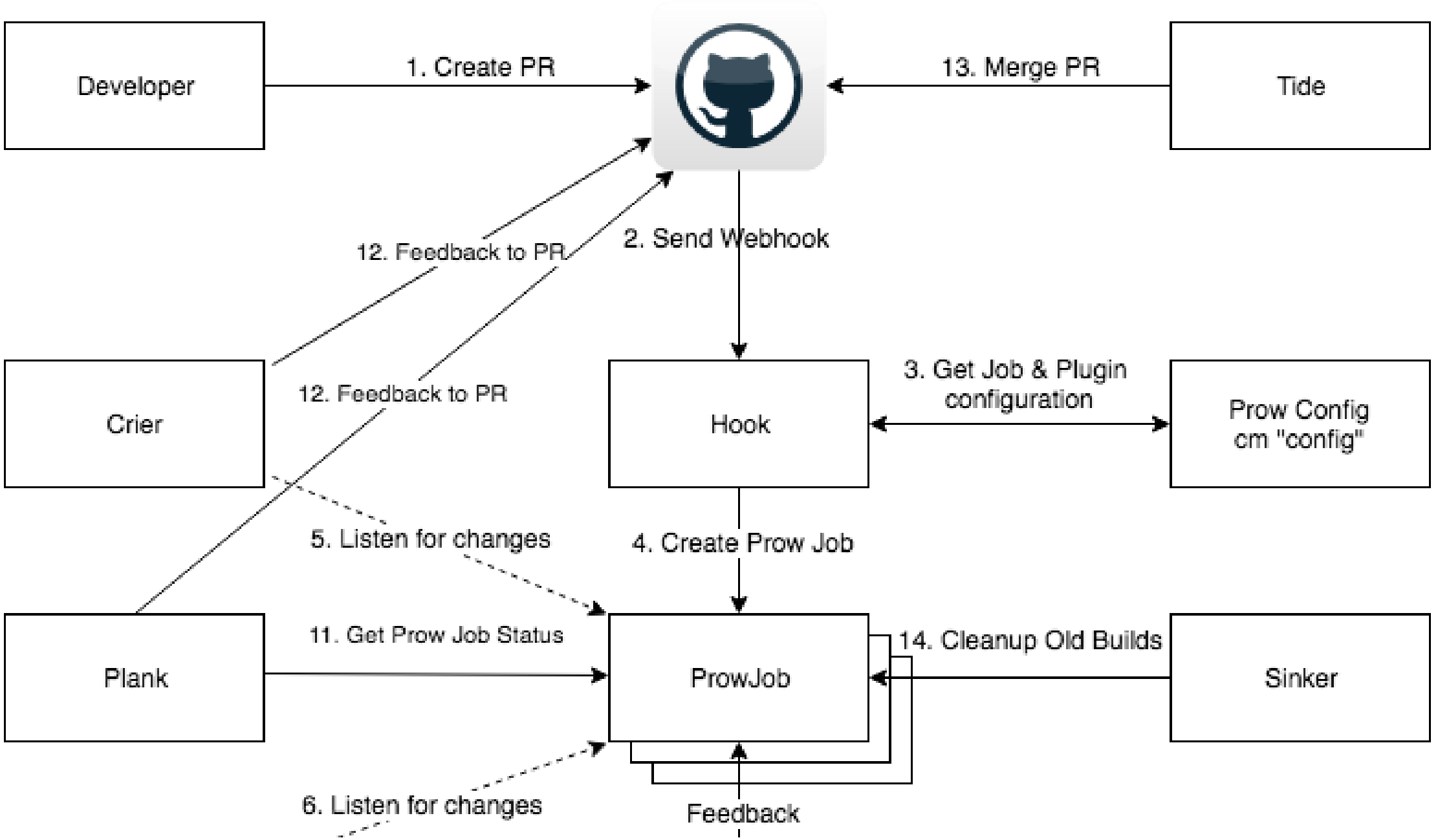
Jenkins X. Serverless Mode packaging

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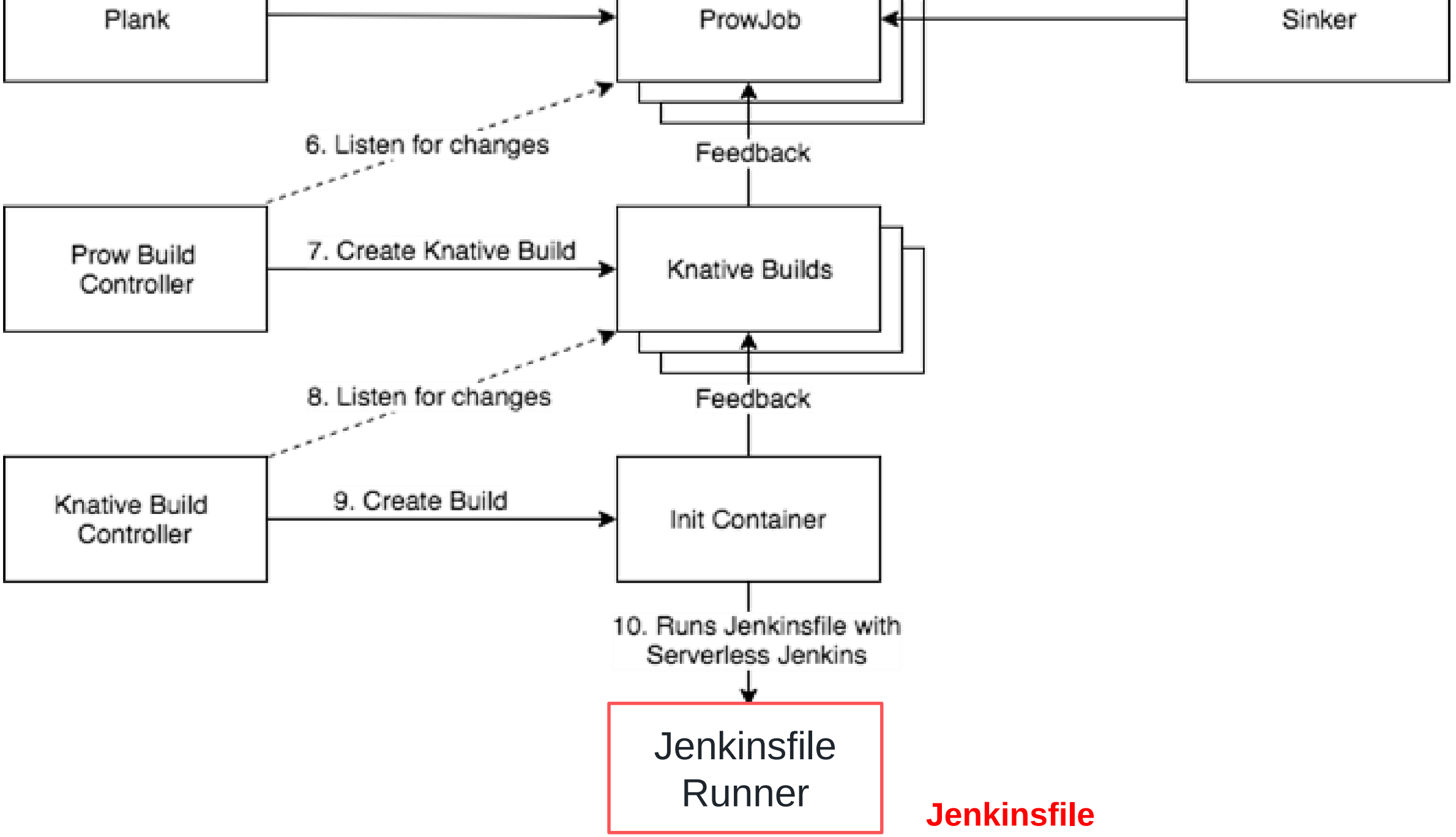

Jenkinsfile Runner is Here

CommentOps - communication with users

jenkins-x-bot commented an hour ago — Member

/test this
/approve

`fix(version): update JX_VERSION to 1.3.537` — ✕ a1150b9

jenkins-x-bot commented 33 minutes ago — Member

@jenkins-x-bot: The following test **failed**, say `/retest` to rerun them all:

Test name	Commit	Details	Rerun command
serverless-jenkins	a1150b9	link	/test this

▶ Details

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GitHub Actions

… and Jenkinsfile Runner

GitHub Actions

Automate your workflow from idea to production.

Automating everything with Github Actions

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Nikita will show multiple features of Github Actions, share his several month experiences of using it, and show how to create your custom actions.

This session will be interesting to people who love automation and order: team leads, seniors, DevOps and decision-makers.

What is the main idea people will endure? Automatization process changed. It became affordable and simple. There are ways to improve your work in a few days.

Nikita Sobolev

wemake.services

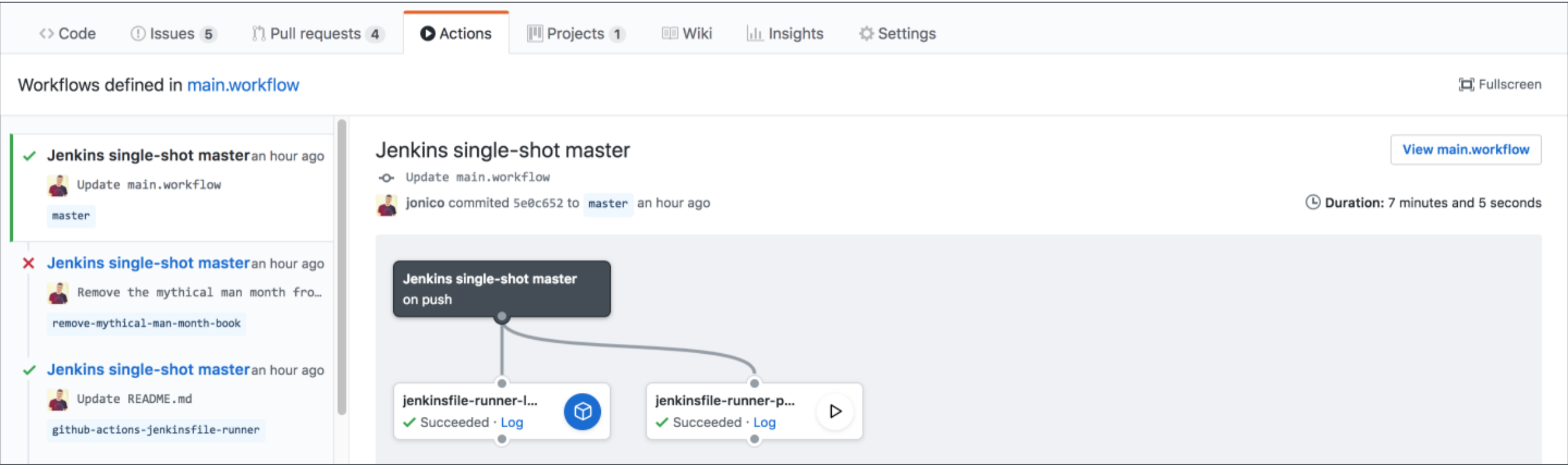
CTO at wemake.services, ElixirLangMoscow and MoscowPythonConf++ organizer.

Writing provocative articles.

Cookies
deliver a

https://github.com/features/actions

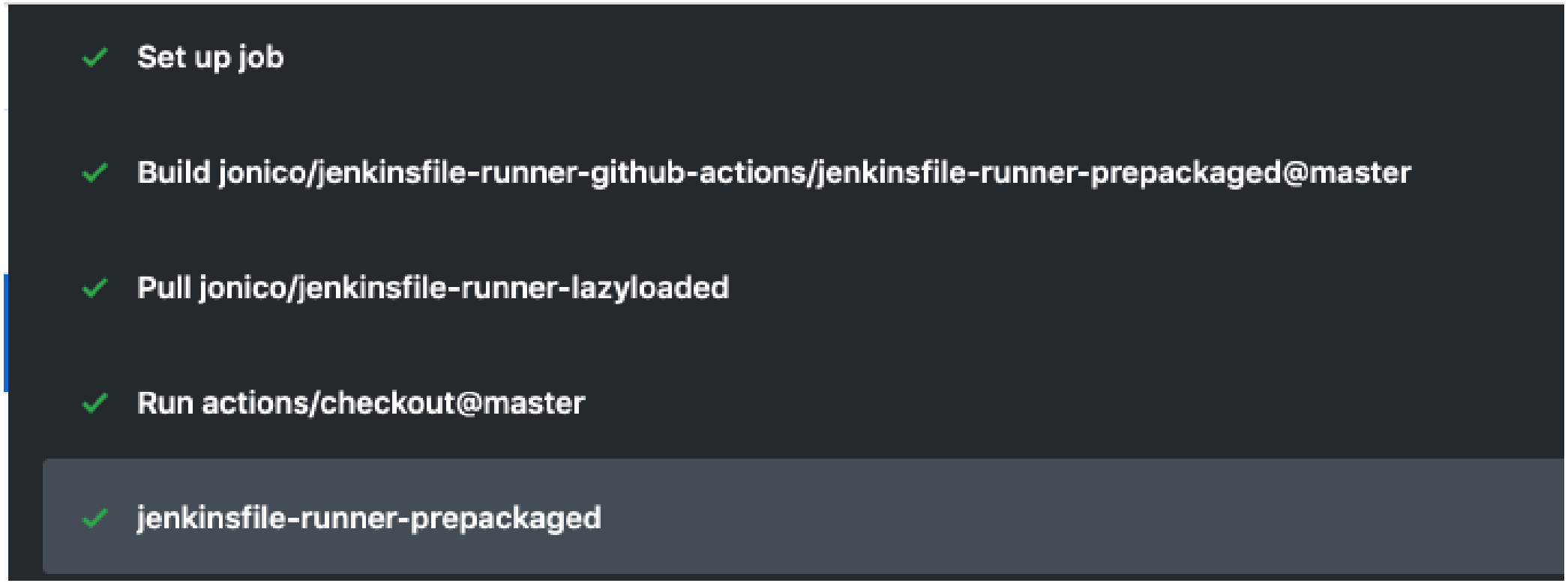
GitHub Actions!



https://github.com/jonico/jenkinsfile-runner-github-actions

Sample definition

```yaml
on: push
name: Jenkins single-shot master
jobs:
  jenkinsfile-runner-prepackaged:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
    - uses: actions/checkout@master
    - name: jenkinsfile-runner-prepackaged
      uses: jenkinsci/jenkinsfile-runner-github-actions/jenkinsfile-runner-prepackaged@master
      env:
        GITHUB_TOKEN: ${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}
```



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Jenkins single-shot master

on: push

jenkinsfile-runner-prepa...

Set up job 2s

Build jonico/jenkinsfile-runner-github-actions/jenkinsfile-runner-prepackaged@master 1m 8s

Pull jonico/jenkinsfile-runner-lazyloaded 8s

Run actions/checkout@master 3s

jenkinsfile-runner-prepackaged 46s

```
1  ▶ Run jonico/jenkinsfile-runner-github-actions/jenkinsfile-runner-prepackaged@master
4  /usr/bin/docker run --name b3e3f786b5db803d614a508031ca64a2d49077_276307 --label b3e3f7 --workdir /github/workspace --rm -e GITHUB_TOKEN -e HOME
   -e GITHUB_REF -e GITHUB_SHA -e GITHUB_REPOSITORY -e GITHUB_ACTOR -e GITHUB_WORKFLOW -e GITHUB_HEAD_REF -e GITHUB_BASE_REF -e GITHUB_EVENT_NAME -
   e GITHUB_WORKSPACE -e GITHUB_ACTION -e GITHUB_EVENT_PATH -e RUNNER_OS -e RUNNER_TOOL_CACHE -e RUNNER_TEMP -e RUNNER_WORKSPACE -v
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5  Started
6  Running in Durability level: PERFORMANCE_OPTIMIZED
7  [Pipeline] node
8  Running on Jenkins in /tmp/jenkinsTests.tmp/jenkins916203106726186670 8test/workspace/job
9  [Pipeline] {
10 [Pipeline] stage
11 [Pipeline] { (checkoutSource)
12 [Pipeline] sh
13 [job] Running shell script
14 [Pipeline] }
15 [Pipeline] // stage
16 [Pipeline] stage
17 [Pipeline] { (Build)
```
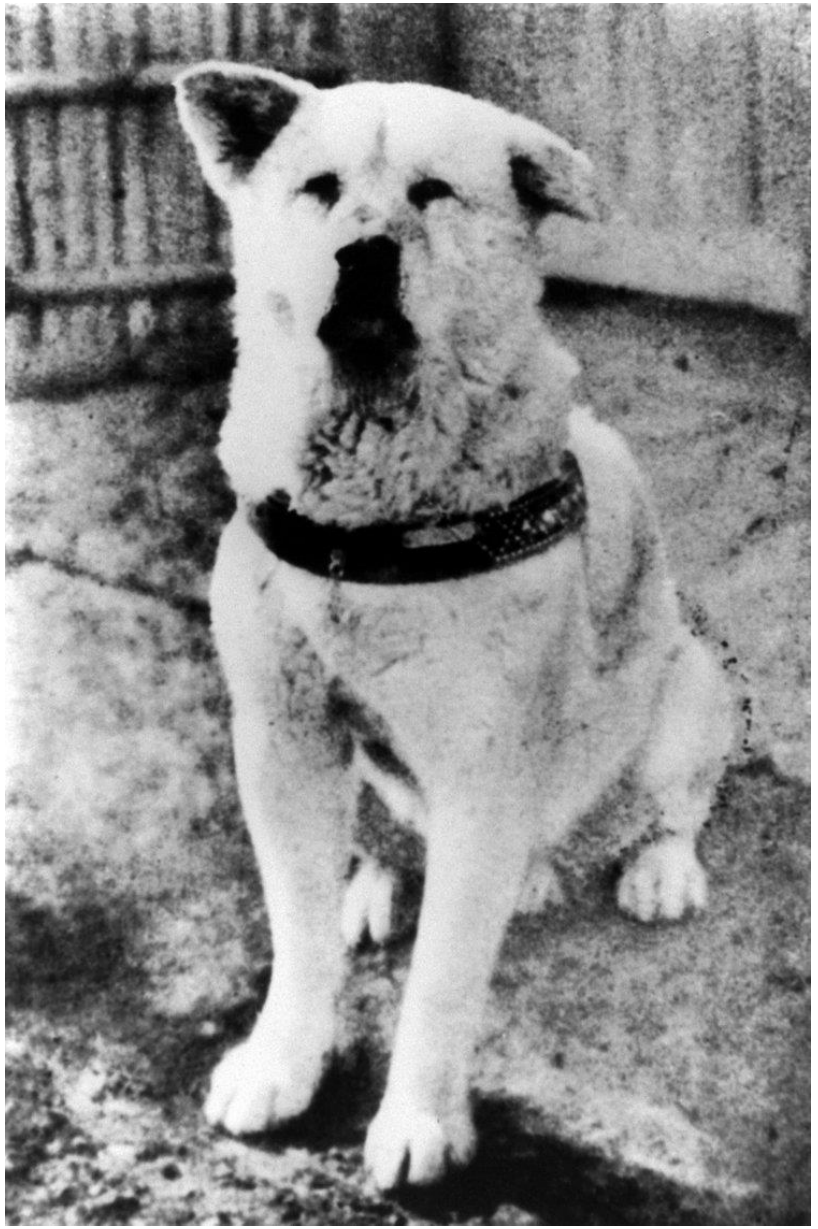

GitHub Actions is in Limited Beta



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Jenkinsfiles on CodeShip?

Jenkinsfile Runner on CloudBees CodeShip

- Jenkins has no good SaaS
- CodeShip Pro - CI SaaS with native Docker support
- Free tiers for open-source projects
- What if we run Jenkins there?

https://codeship.com/features/pro

Demo 1 https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/codeship-jenkinsfile

Jenkinsfile

13 lines (11 sloc) | 181 Bytes

```
pipeline {
    agent any
    stages {
        stage('Build') {
            steps {
                echo 'Hello world!'
                sh 'ls -la'
            }
        }
    }
}

```

codeship-services.yml

5 lines (4 sloc) | 98 Bytes

```
jenkinsfileRunner:
  image: jenkins4eval/jenkinsfile-runner:latest
  volumes:
    - .:/workspace
```

codeship-steps.yml

4 lines (3 sloc) | 74 Bytes

```
- name: Jenkinsfile
  service: jenkinsfileRunner
  command: -f /workspace
```

Update codeship-services.yml

Back to Project | oleg-nenashev • codeship-jenkinsfile/master • 3ffa3c2 • 2 minutes ago • 02:32

services | jenkinsfileRunner | Jenkinsfile

```
2019-05-14 00:30:50  jenkinsfileRunner  Running in Durability level: PERFORMANCE_OPTIMIZED
2019-05-14 00:30:51  jenkinsfileRunner  [Pipeline] Start of Pipeline
2019-05-14 00:30:54  jenkinsfileRunner  [Pipeline] node
2019-05-14 00:30:54  jenkinsfileRunner  Running on Jenkins in /build
2019-05-14 00:30:54  jenkinsfileRunner  [Pipeline] {
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2019-05-14 00:30:54  jenkinsfileRunner  [Pipeline] checkout
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2019-05-14 00:30:55  jenkinsfileRunner  [Pipeline] // node
2019-05-14 00:30:55  jenkinsfileRunner  [Pipeline] End of Pipeline
2019-05-14 00:30:55  jenkinsfileRunner  Finished: SUCCESS
```

Example 2. Building a Jenkins plugin in CodeShip

https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/mailer-plugin/tree/codeship-demo

- Using ci.jenkins.io-runner
  - https://github.com/jenkinsci/ci.jenkins.io-runner
- Using the standard Jenkins Pipeline library
  - https://github.com/jenkins-infra/pipeline-library
- Using standard Jenkinsfile
  - buildPlugin()

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Jenkinsfile

3 lines (2 sloc) | 102 Bytes

```
1  /* `buildPlugin` step provided by: https://github.com/jenkins-infra/pipeline-library */
2  buildPlugin()
```

codeship-services.yml

5 lines (4 sloc) | 100 Bytes

```
1  ci.jenkins.io-runner:
2    image: onenashev/ci.jenkins.io-runner:latest
3    volumes:
4      - .:/workspace
```

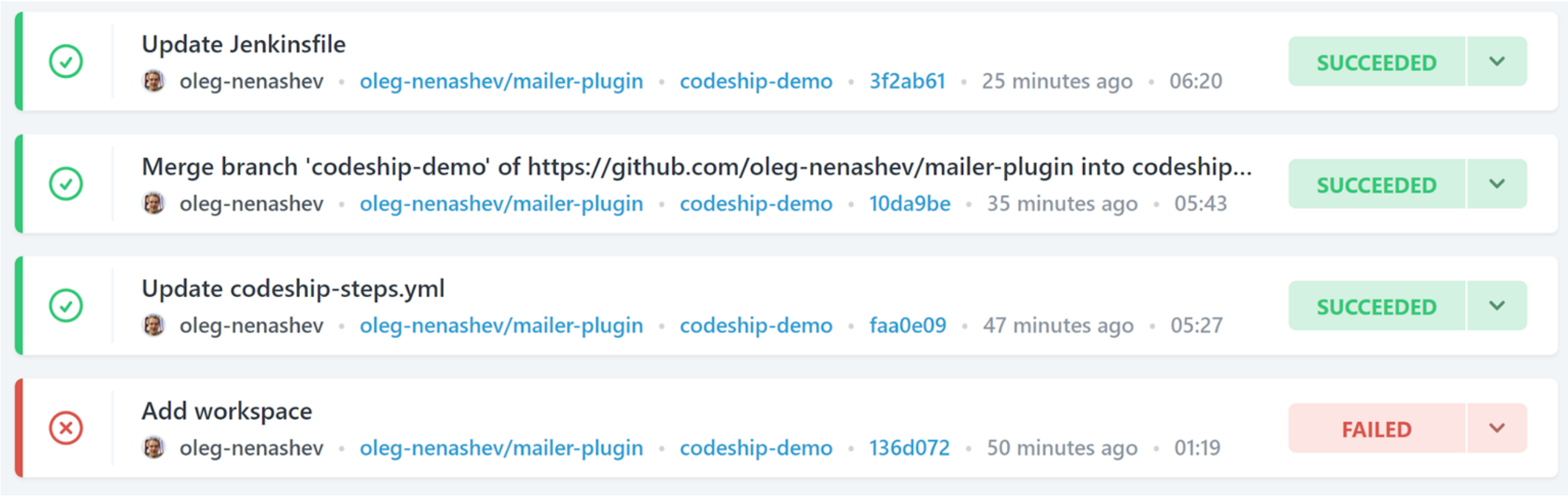
codeship-steps.yml

4 lines (3 sloc) | 77 Bytes

```
1  - name: Jenkinsfile
2    service: ci.jenkins.io-runner
3    command: -f /workspace
```

```
2019-04-17 20:07:15   ci.jenkins.io-runner   build/pull started
2019-04-17 20:08:01   ci.jenkins.io-runner   build/pull finished successfully
2019-04-17 20:08:03   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Apr 17, 2019 8:08:03 PM org.eclipse.jetty.util.log.Log initialized
2019-04-17 20:08:03   ci.jenkins.io-runner   INFO: Logging initialized @573ms to org.eclipse.jetty.util.log.Slf4jLog
2019-04-17 20:08:15   ci.jenkins.io-runner   done
2019-04-17 20:08:22   ci.jenkins.io-runner     19.671 [id=23]        WARNING i.j.p.c.i.s.VaultSecretSource#getCommaSeparatedVariables:
                                             [Deprecation Warning] CASC_VAULT_PATH will be deprecated. Please use CASC_VAULT_PATHS instead.
2019-04-17 20:08:23   ci.jenkins.io-runner   == Configuring the Jenkins Pipeline library
2019-04-17 20:08:23   ci.jenkins.io-runner   ===== Using the Pipeline library from https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/pipeline-library
2019-04-17 20:08:23   ci.jenkins.io-runner   == Configuring the system...
2019-04-17 20:08:24   ci.jenkins.io-runner   == Configuring tools...
2019-04-17 20:08:24   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Started
2019-04-17 20:08:24   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Running in Durability level: PERFORMANCE_OPTIMIZED
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Only using first definition of library pipeline-library
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Loading library pipeline-library@jenkinsfile-runner-support
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Attempting to resolve jenkinsfile-runner-support from remote references...
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner    > git --version # timeout=10
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner    > git ls-remote -h https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/pipeline-library.git # timeout=10
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Found match: refs/heads/jenkinsfile-runner-support revision ea63b809114283a822b64f3eca48abfecc2bfe80
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   No credentials specified
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Cloning the remote Git repository
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Cloning with configured refspecs honoured and without tags
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Cloning repository https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/pipeline-library.git
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner    > git init /tmp/jenkinsfileRunner.tmp/jfr1444686428361250072.run/workspace/job@libs/pipeline-library
                                             # timeout=10
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner   Fetching upstream changes from https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/pipeline-library.git
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner    > git --version # timeout=10
2019-04-17 20:08:25   ci.jenkins.io-runner    > git fetch --no-tags --progress https://github.com/oleg-nenashev/pipeline-library.git
```

CodeShip. Build history



We talked about…

- Jenkins X
- GitHub Actions
- CloudBees CodeShip

Last but not least?

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Jenkins

Running JFR from Jenkins

Well, docker run…

Jenkinsfile Runner Test Framework

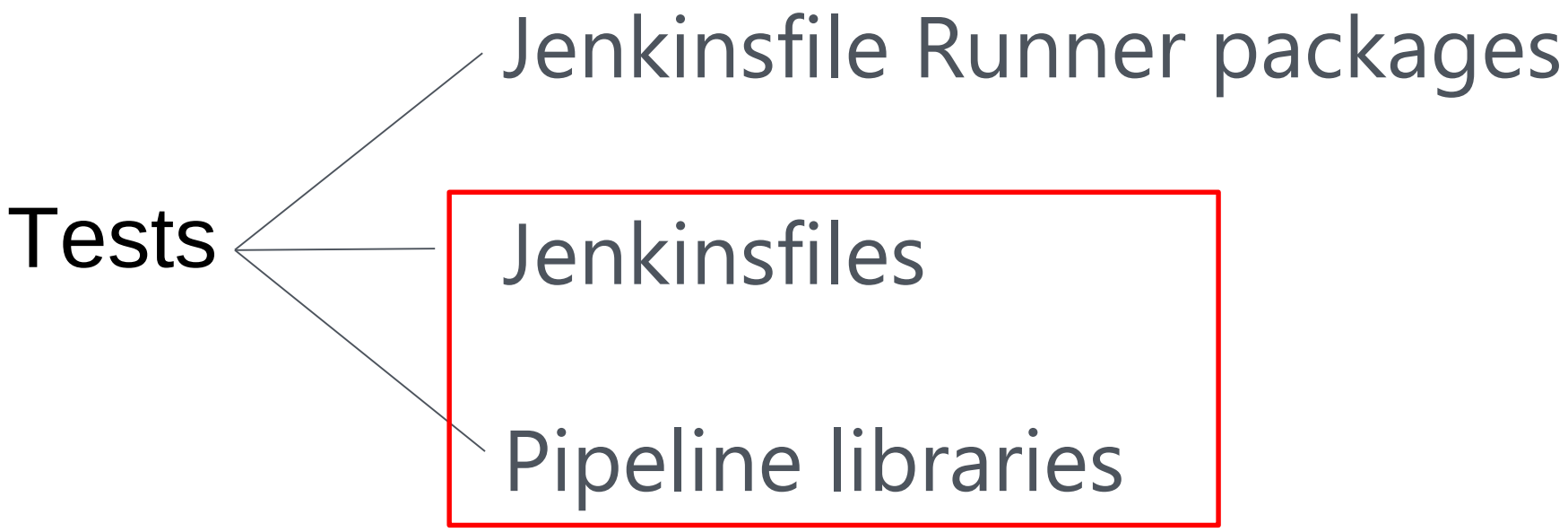
https://github.com/jenkinsci/jenkinsfile-runner-test-framework

- Custom WAR Packager
- Docker
- shUnit2

```
oneTimeSetUp() {
  rm -rf "$working_directory"
  mkdir -p "$working_directory"
  downloaded_cwp_jar=$(download_cwp "$working_directory")
  jfr_tag=$(execute_cwp_jar_and_generate_docker_image "$working_directory" "$downloaded_cwp_jar"
  execution_should_success "$?" "$jenkinsfile_runner_tag" "$jfr_tag"
}

test_cwp() {
  run_jfr_docker_image "$jenkinsfile_runner_tag" "$current_directory/test_resources/cwp-produced
  jenkinsfile_execution_should_succeed "$?"
  logs_contains "Jenkins Evergreen"
}
```

Jenkinsfile Runner Test Framework



If Pipeline Unit is not enough…

https://github.com/jenkinsci/JenkinsPipelineUnit

Works for Mock Unit tests

JFR Test framework for integration tests

Future work

- Waiting for user feedback
- Integrating patches
- TBD - Jenkinsfile Runner 1.0
- TBD - Sidecar containers
- Experiments with GraalVM and Quarkus

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Takeaways

- Jenkins-as-a-function is real
- You can run your Pipelines everywhere
- There are tools for that!
- Use Jenkins X if applicable (K8s/GitOps)
- Consider Jenkinsfile Runner if not

It is a great time to contribute!

- jenkinsci/jenkinsfile-runner/blob/master/CONTRIBUTING.md

QUESTIONS?

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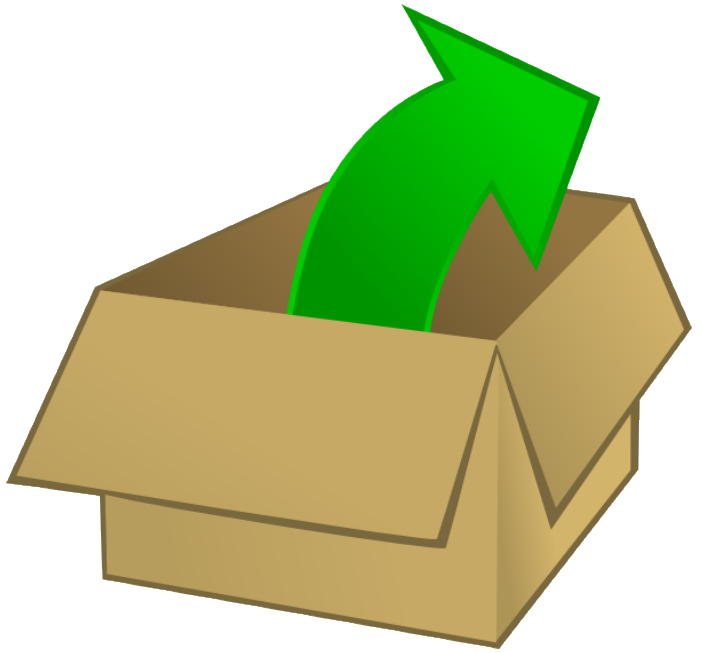
Jenkins X. OOTB experience



- Build packs
- GitOps
- Nexus, chartmuseum, monocular
- Environments: Local, staging, production
- IDE Integration
- Jenkins X Pipelines

Jenkins X 1.x. Modes and engines

Static Masters

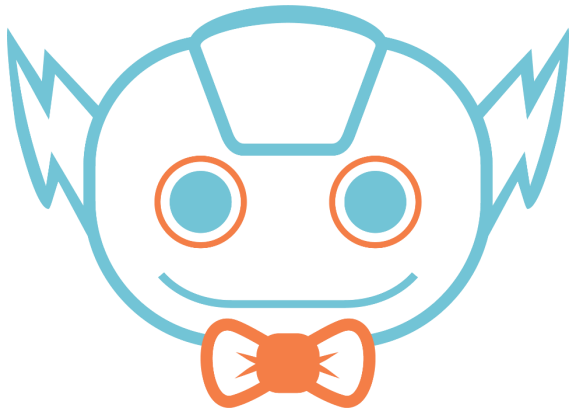
Classic Jenkins

Serverless build engines

Jenkinsfile Runner

Tekton

Jenkins X 2.x. Modes and engines



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Tekton (default in 2.0)

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