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1 Introduction

1.1 Aim of the document

This document represents configuration manual that discuss complete step-by-step guide for deploying the methodology proposed in the research work. it also discusses tools and services required for the deployment

2 General overview

2.1 Research objective

The proposed research is focused on optimizing execution time of provisioning cloud resources. This research work utilizes Amazon Web Service as a cloud platform for deploying resources. It also uses GitHub and Jenkins for automating deployment process. Optimization of execution time was achieved by using python script. The script was developed using python 3.8 that includes concurrent.features library to facilitate Thread-Level Parallelism (TLP).

2.2 Tools and services

This section describes tools and services used during the implementation

2.2.1 GitHub

GitHub is used as a source control repository for storing the terraform scripts, python script and Jenkins file. Proposed work contains multiple GitHub repositories for storing the source code of the multiple approach proposed in the implementation.

2.2.2 Jenkins

In proposed work, Jenkins is used as an automation server for provisioning AWS resources by executing terraform scripts. In the proposed work, Jenkins server is configured with multiple pipelines for execution of the terraform scripts stored in GitHub repos.

2.2.3 AWS

AWS provides platform for provisioning the resources. In the proposed work, AWS credentials are required to deploy the resources.

3 Project configuration

3.1 Terraform scripts, Python scripts and Jenkins file

For the code artefact, please refer to the zip file submitted in ICT Solution Artefact. Modify the AWS credentials specified in Jenkins file and terraform script.

3.2 GitHub setup

The proposed research work contains three different approach for evaluating the proposed research methodology. For each approach, research work required different GitHub repository. In order to create the repository, login to "github.com"¹ or create a new account if don't have an existing account.

3.2.1 Parallel Execution Approach

Step 1: once login, click on "New" button

Step 2: specify the name to the repository for example "parallelscrip" and select "public" access

Step 3: click on "Create Repository"

Step 4: After successful creation of repository, upload terraform script, python script and Jenkins file by using git CLI

Step 5: Once upload done, repository url will appear under "code" button.

Note: repository url is required while configuring Jenkins pipeline.

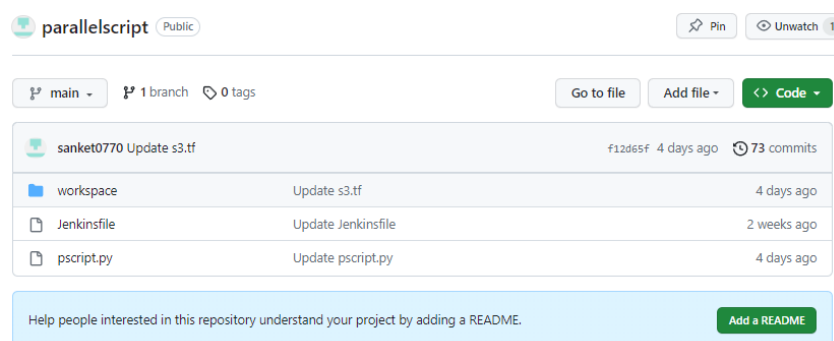


Figure 1: GitHub repository for parallel execution approach

3.2.2 Sequential Execution Approach

Step 1: once login, click on "New" button

¹GitHub: <http://www.github.com>

Step 2: specify the name to the repository for example “nonparallel-script” and select “public” access

Step 3: click on “Create Repository”

Step 4: After successful creation of repository, upload terraform script, python script and Jenkins file by using git CLI

Step 5: Once upload done, repository url will appear under “code” button.

Note: repository url is required while configuring Jenkins pipeline.

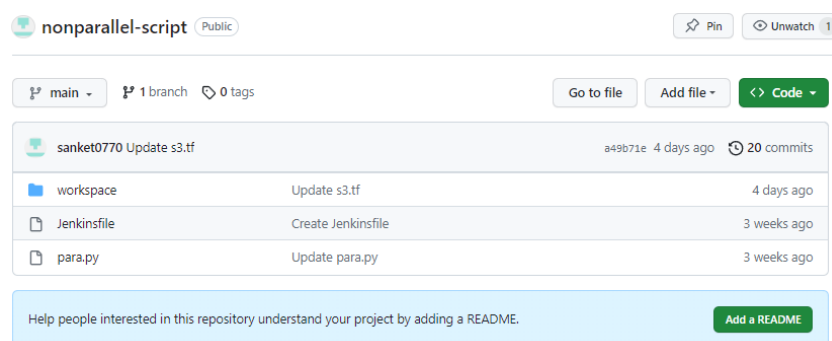


Figure 2: GitHub repository for sequential execution approach

3.2.3 Traditional Execution Approach

Traditional execution approach required three different GitHub repository to store the terraform scripts and Jenkins file.

Step 1: to create first repository for S3, follow the same steps as mentioned in parallel execution approach and sequential execution approach.

Note: Specify different repository name in step 2 of parallel or sequential execution approach, for example “OFOexecution”.

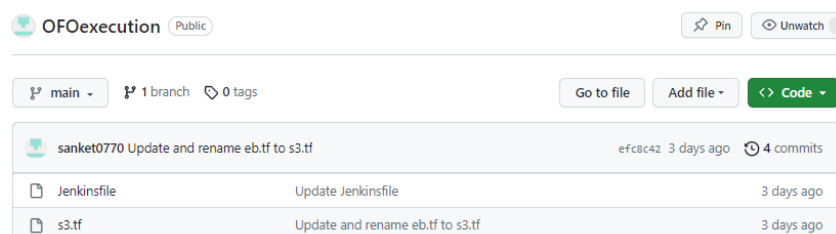


Figure 3: GitHub repository for traditional execution approach to deploy S3 resource

Step 2: to create first repository for elastic beanstalk, follow the same steps as mentioned in parallel execution approach and sequential execution approach.

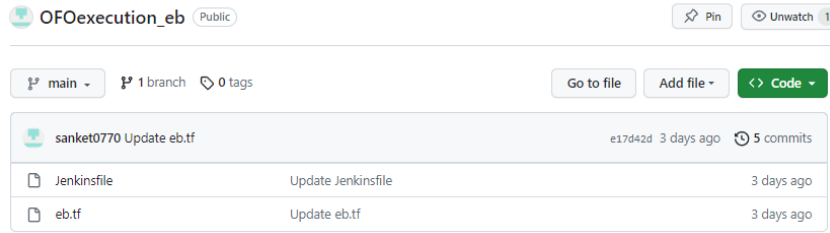


Figure 4: GitHub repository for traditional execution approach to deploy Elastic Beanstalk resource

Note: Specify different repository name in step 2 of parallel or sequential execution approach, for example “OFOexecution_eb”.

Step 3: to create first repository for RDS, follow the same steps as mentioned in parallel execution approach and sequential execution approach.

Note: Specify different repository name in step 2 of parallel or sequential execution approach, for example “OFOexecution_rds”.

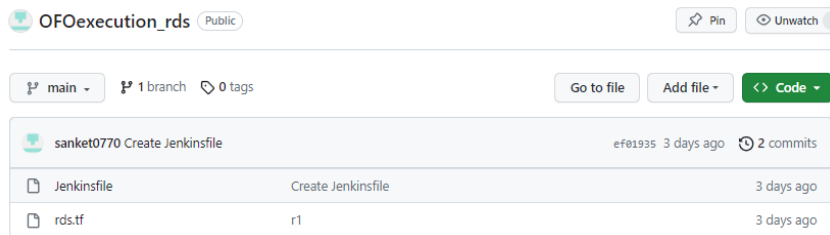


Figure 5: GitHub repository for traditional execution approach to deploy AWS RDS resource

3.3 Jenkins configuration

The methodology proposed in this research requires Jenkins automation server for execution of terraform scripts. For evaluation purpose, multiple Jenkins pipeline need to be configured in order to implement different approaches proposed in the methodology.

Step 1: Download Jenkins from ”<https://www.jenkins.io/download/>”², and configure username and password.

²Jenkins: <https://www.jenkins.io/download/>

Create User

Username

Password

Confirm password

Full name

E-mail address

Create User

Figure 6: Jenkins User Creation

Step 2: Install below plugins:

GitHub Plugin

Terraform Plugin

AWS credential Plugin

Go to Dashboard - manage Jenkins - Plugins - Available Plugins - select above plugin - Install

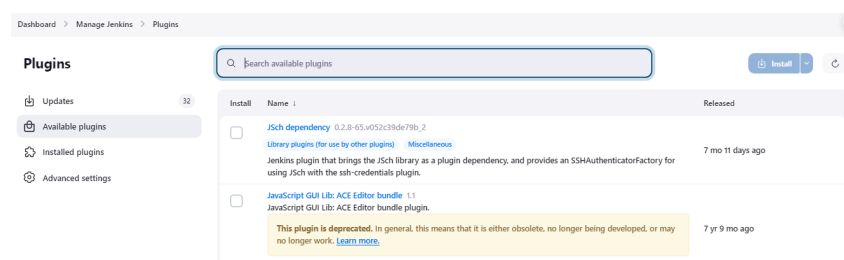


Figure 7: Jenkins Plugin Installation

Step 3: Configure AWS credential: Go to Dashboard - Manage Jenkins - Credentials - Add Credentials - select “ AWS credentials” for kind and specify Access Key ID and Secret Access Key - Create

The screenshot shows the 'New credentials' form in Jenkins. The 'Kind' dropdown is set to 'AWS Credentials'. The 'Scope' dropdown is set to 'Global (Jenkins, nodes, items, all child items, etc)'. The 'ID' field is empty. The 'Description' field is empty. The 'Access Key ID' field is empty. The 'Secret Access Key' field is empty. The 'IAM Role Support' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Advanced' dropdown is set to 'Advanced'. A blue 'Create' button is at the bottom.

Figure 8: Jenkins AWS Credentials Configuration

Step 4 : Creating Pipeline

a. For parallel Execution

1. From dashboard select “New item”
2. select “pipeline” and provide the name, Click ok.
3. In pipeline, under definition select “pipeline script from SCM”
4. Under SCM select “Git”
5. Specify repository URL GitHub repository that created for parallel approach
6. Specify GitHub credential, if it is not configured click on “add” and configure the GitHub credentials
7. Specify branch of GitHub repository under branch specifier
8. Specify script path as “Jenkinsfile”

b. For sequential execution

1. From dashboard select “New item”

Pipeline

Definition

Pipeline script from SCM

SCM

Git

Repositories

Repository URL

https://github.com/tankat0770/parallelscript.git

Credentials

jenkins@0770/*****

+ Add +

Advanced

Add Repository

Branches to build

Branch Specifier (blank for 'any')

*/main

Add Branch

Repository browser

(Auto)

Additional Behaviours

Add

Script Path

Jenkinsfile

☒ Lightweight checkout

[Pipeline Syntax](#)

Save Apply

Figure 9: Jenkins Pipeline for Parallel Approach execution

2. select “pipeline” and provide the name, Click ok.
3. In pipeline, under definition select “pipeline script from SCM”
4. Under SCM select “Git”
5. Specify repository URL GitHub repository that created for sequential approach
6. Specify GitHub credential, if it is not configured click on “add” and configure the GitHub credentials
7. Specify branch of GitHub repository under branch specifier
8. Specify script path as “Jenkinsfile”

The screenshot shows the Jenkins Pipeline configuration interface. At the top, the 'Definition' dropdown is set to 'Pipeline script from SCM'. Below this, the 'SCM' dropdown is set to 'Git'. The 'Repositories' section is expanded, showing a 'Repository URL' field with the value 'https://github.com/sanket0770/nonparallel_script.git', a 'Credentials' dropdown set to 'sanket0770/*****', and an '+ Add' button. Below the repositories, the 'Add Repository' button is visible. The 'Branches to build' section is expanded, showing a 'Branch Specifier (Blank for any)' field with the value '*/main'. Below this, the 'Add Branch' button is visible. The 'Repository browser' dropdown is set to '(Auto)'. The 'Additional Behaviours' section is expanded, showing an 'Add' button. The 'Script Path' field is set to 'Jenkinsfile'. The 'Lightweight checkout' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Apply' buttons.

Figure 10: Jenkins Pipeline for Sequential Approach execution

c. For traditional execution:

Required three separate pipeline that needs to be interconnected.

For RDS:

1. From dashboard select “New item”
2. select “pipeline” and provide the name, Click ok.

3. In pipeline, under definition select “pipeline script from SCM”
4. Under SCM select “Git”
5. Specify repository URL of GitHub RDS repository
6. Specify GitHub credential, if it is not configured click on “add” and configure the GitHub credentials
7. Specify branch of GitHub repository under branch specifier
8. Specify script path as “Jenkinsfile”
9. Click “Save”

The screenshot shows the Jenkins Pipeline configuration interface. At the top, the 'Definition' dropdown is set to 'Pipeline script from SCM'. Below this, the 'SCM' dropdown is set to 'Git'. The 'Repositories' section contains a 'Repository URL' field with the value 'https://github.com/sanket6775/OPOexecution_rds.git' and a 'Credentials' dropdown set to 'sanket6775/*****'. There is an '+ Add +' button and an 'Advanced' dropdown. Below the repositories section is an 'Add Repository' button. The 'Branches to build' section has a 'Branch Specifier (blank for \'any\')' field set to '/main'. There is an 'Add Branch' button. The 'Repository browser' dropdown is set to '(Auto)'. The 'Additional Behaviours' section has an 'Add' dropdown. The 'Script Path' field is set to 'Jenkinsfile'. The 'Lightweight checkout' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Apply' buttons.

Figure 11: Jenkins Pipeline for Traditional Execution of RDS

For Elastic Beanstalk:

1. From dashboard select “New item”

2.select “pipeline” and provide the name, Click ok.

3. under “Build Trigger” select “build after other projects are build” - specify “RDS pipeline” name under Projects to watch - select “Trigger only if build is stable” option

4.In pipeline, under definition select “pipeline script from SCM”

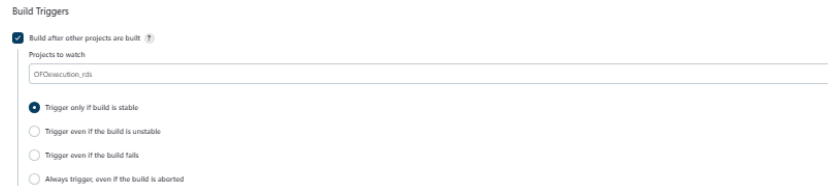


Figure 12: Trigger Configuration For Running Elastic Beanstalk Pipeline

5. Under SCM select “Git”

6. Specify repository URL of GitHub Elastic Beanstalk repository

7. Specify GitHub credential, if it is not configured click on “add” and configure the GitHub credentials

8. Specify branch of GitHub repository under branch specifier

9. Specify script path as “Jenkinsfile”

10. Click “Save”

For S3:

Pipeline

Definition

Pipeline script from SCM

SCM

Git

Repositories

Repository URL

https://github.com/jenkinsci/OFODevOps_elastic

Credentials

none

+ Add

Advanced

Add Repository

Branches to build

Branch Specifier (blank for 'any')

*/main

Add Branch

Repository browser

(Auto)

Additional Behaviours

Add

Script Path

jenkinsfile

☒ Lightweight checkout

Pipeline Syntax

Save Apply

Figure 13: Jenkins Pipeline for Traditional Execution of Elastic Beanstalk

1. From dashboard select “New item”
2. select “pipeline” and provide the name, Click ok.
3. under “Build Trigger” select “build after other projects are build” - specify “Elastic Beanstalk pipeline” name under Projects to watch - select “Trigger only if build is stable” option
4. In pipeline, under definition select “pipeline script from SCM”

Build Triggers

☒ Build after other projects are built

Projects to watch

OFODevOps_elastic

☒ Trigger only if build is stable

☐ Trigger even if the build is unstable

☐ Trigger even if the build fails

☐ Always trigger, even if the build is aborted

Figure 14: Trigger Configuration For Running Elastic Beanstalk Pipeline

5. Under SCM select “Git”
6. Specify repository URL of GitHub S3 repository
7. Specify GitHub credential, if it is not configured click on “add” and configure the GitHub credentials

8. Specify branch of GitHub repository under branch specifier
9. Specify script path as “Jenkinsfile”
10. Click “Save”

The screenshot shows the Jenkins Pipeline configuration interface. The 'Definition' dropdown is set to 'Pipeline script from SCM'. The 'SCM' dropdown is set to 'Git'. Under 'Repositories', the 'Repository URL' is 'https://github.com/sanket0770/CFOExecution.git' and 'Credentials' is 'sanket0770/*****'. The 'Branches to build' section has a 'Branch Specifier (blank for \'any\')' set to '/main'. The 'Repository browser' is set to '(Auto)'. The 'Script Path' is 'Jenkinsfile'. The 'Lightweight checkout' checkbox is checked. At the bottom are 'Save' and 'Apply' buttons.

Figure 15: Jenkins Pipeline for Traditional Execution of S3

4 Validation

4.1 Run the pipeline

In case of sequential and parallel pipeline

Go to Jenkins dashboard and open the pipeline which you want to run and click on “Build Now” option

In case of traditional execution

Go to Jenkins dashboard and open the pipeline created for the RDS and click on build now option.