

Integration with Jenkins

Jenkins is a powerful application that allows continuous integration and continuous delivery of projects, regardless of the platform you are working on. It is a free source that can handle any kind of build or continuous integration. You can integrate Jenkins with a number of testing and deployment technologies.

For more details: <https://jenkins.io/doc/tutorials/>

Job Setup in Jenkins

1. Jenkins Set Environment Variables

When a Jenkins job executes, it sets some environment variables that you may use in your test script as environment variable, in shell script, batch command, Ant script or Maven POM. For our propose, we need following Jenkins environment variables:

Environment Variable Name	Description
JOB_NAME	Name of the project of this build. This is the name you gave your job when you first set it up.
BUILD_NUMBER	The current build number, such as "153"

Above environment variables can be used as command line parameters or can be accessed as environment variable with in script.

For more details: <https://wiki.jenkins.io/display/JENKINS/Building+a+software+project#Buildingassoftwareproject-JenkinsSetEnvironmentVariables>

Apart from above two parameters, we might need third parameter "tags". We have to create custom parameters in Jenkins to pass tags.

2. Jenkins Parameterised Job

Jenkins provides capability to define custom environment variables. These variables are available to scripts and command line tools as environment variable.

Create a parameterised build and define the following parameter:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins job configuration interface. The 'General' tab is selected. Under 'Description', there is a text area. Below it, there are several checkboxes: 'Discard old builds', 'GitHub project', 'This build requires lockable resources', and 'This project is parameterized' (which is checked). A 'String Parameter' is defined with the name 'PERFECTO_TAG'. The 'Default Value' field is empty. The 'Description' field contains the text 'Provide Test tags like app build number, execution type like nightly build etc.'. The 'Trim the string' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there is an 'Add Parameter' button.

You can pass one or more tags. You have to implement logic in your script to convert delimited string into array.

Note: You can create any variable, we have to use the same name in scripts. The variable names are case sensitive.

For more details: <https://wiki.jenkins.io/display/JENKINS/Parameterized+Build>

Once the Job is setup, we can trigger our test with above parameters and we can handle the parameter based on the technology/build tool used.

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