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Introduction to Continous-X services at NHR@KIT

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What is the X in Continous-X (CX)

- Continues Integration
- Continues Testing
- Continues Benchmarking
- Continues Deployment

Motivation...

Advantages using CX

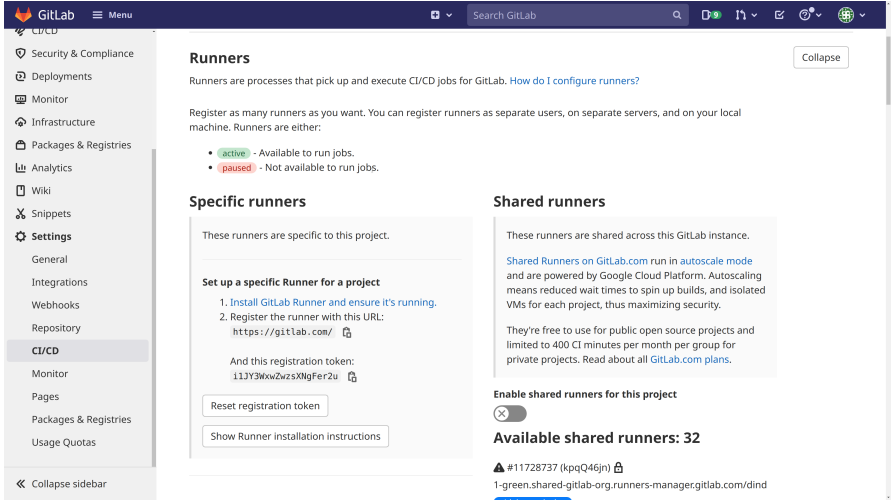
- Does it compile with different compilers, MPIs,...?
- Does it compile on different hardware?
- Do my unit tests pass?
- Do my unit tests cover most of the code?
- Linting
- Automated deployment / packaging (for varying compilers, MPIs, hardware)
- Standardized Environment in conjunction with containers

Continuous-X Service Levels at NHR@KIT

Level	Number jobs/day	Runner on	Self-managed Runner	Permanent Runner	Full Hardware Access (e.g. GPUs)	Container support	Jobs with timing constraints
1	Low	Compute Node	✔	✖	✔	✔	✖
2	Medium	Dedicated Login Node	✔	✔	✔	✔	medium workloads
3	High	Dedicated Hardware	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔

See: NHR@KIT User Documentation: Continuous Integration: Overview

GitLab: Settings: CI/CD: Runners



Register a GitLab Runner on HoreKa Cluster

- Login to dedicated CI node

```
ssh bq0742@hk-ci-controller.scc.kit.edu
```

```
(bq0742@hk-ci-controller.scc.kit.edu) Your OTP: <OTP>
(bq0742@hk-ci-controller.scc.kit.edu) Password: <Password>
...
Last login: Thu May  5 11:41:16 2022 from 2a00:1398:4:0:5a8e:d6ff:8366:d96e
[bq0742@hkn1993 ~]$
```

Register a GitLab Runner on HoreKa Cluster...

- Register and configure GitLab Runner

```
gitlab-runner register
```

  - Enter the GitLab instance URL: e.g. `https://gitlab.com/`
  - Enter the registration token: <Token from GitLab: Settings: CI/CD: Runners>
  - Enter a description for the runner: e.g. GitLab Runner at NHR@KIT
  - Enter an executor: shell
- Configuration is written to `${HOME}/.gitlab-runner/config.toml`
- Execute GitLab Runner

```
gitlab-runner run
```

Register a Custom Runner on HoreKa Cluster

Using Containers

- NHR@KIT User Documentation: Using Containers
- Custom executor instead of shell executor
- No native Docker support (security constraints)
- Enroot: Root-less execution of Docker images
- Template folder: `/usr/share/gitlab-runner/custom-executor-enroot`
- Template GitLab Runner config: `config.toml`
- GitLab Runner config uses prepared scripts: `config.sh`, `prepare.sh`, `run.sh`, `cleanup.sh`
- `.gitlab-ci.yml` uses keyword `image` to configure Docker image

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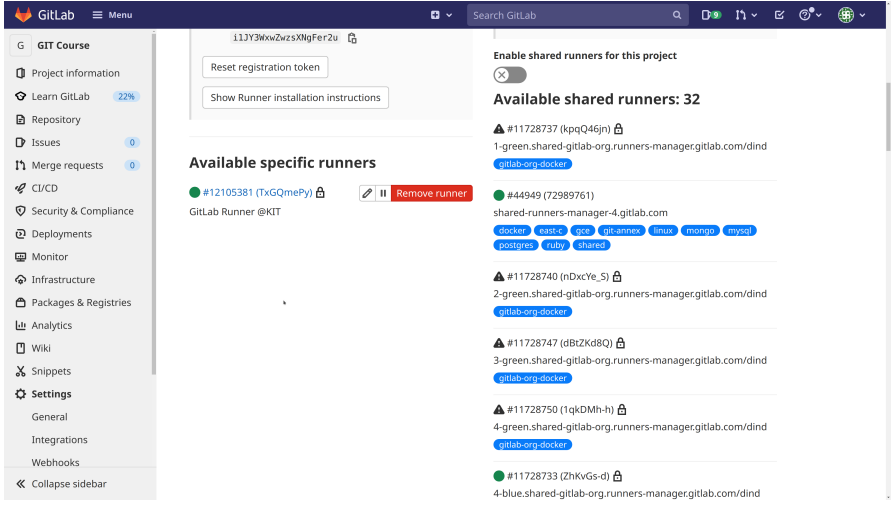
  - Enter a description for the runner: e.g. Custom Runner for Enroot at NHR@KIT
  - Enter an executor: custom
- Use template `/usr/share/gitlab-runner/custom-executor-enroot/config.toml`
- Use config options `url` and `token` from `${HOME}/.gitlab-runner/config.toml` to modify template

Register a Custom Runner on HoreKa Cluster...

```
[[runners]]
  ...
  builds_dir = "/home/hk-project-scs/bq0742/gitlab-runner/builds/"
  cache_dir = "/home/hk-project-scs/bq0742/gitlab-runner/cache/"
  [runners.custom]
    config_exec = "/usr/share/gitlab-runner/custom-executor-enroot/config.sh"
    config_exec_timeout = 200
    prepare_exec = "/usr/share/gitlab-runner/custom-executor-enroot/prepare.sh"
    prepare_exec_timeout = 200
    run_exec = "/usr/share/gitlab-runner/custom-executor-enroot/run.sh"
    cleanup_exec = "/usr/share/gitlab-runner/custom-executor-enroot/cleanup.sh"
    cleanup_exec_timeout = 200
    graceful_kill_timeout = 200
    force_kill_timeout = 200
```

GitLab Settings: CI/CD: Runners



CI Level 1 at NHR@KIT

CI Level 1

- GitLab Runner is executed by a *batch job*
- GitLab Server is contacted, when the batch job starts
- Requires access from compute node to GitLab Server
- GitLab Runner quits when all waiting CI jobs are executed
- Problem: Start of the GitLab Runner job is unknown in advance
- For repeating GitLab Runner jobs use `scrontab`
- $\Rightarrow$ Best suited for *nightly builds* and *nightly integration* tests

CI Level 1 at NHR@KIT...

- Prerequisite: Register a GitLab Runner on HoreKa Cluster
- In CI Level 1 the GitLab Runner is executed as a batch job

```
sbatch \
    --wrap="gitlab-runner run" \
    --time="00:30:00" \
    --partition="dev_cpuonly"
```

CI Level 1 at NHR@KIT...

- Alternative method: Create a batch script for submission:

```
#!/usr/bin/bash
#SBATCH --partition dev_cpuonly
#SBATCH --time 00:30:00

# Prepare your environment
module add compiler/intel mpi/impi numlib/mkl
module list

# Start GitLab Runner
gitlab-runner run
```

CI Level 1 at NHR@KIT...

- Use `scrontab -e` to set up regular GitLab Runner jobs:

```
#SCRON -p dev_accelerated
#SCRON -t 00:30:00
@midnight gitlab-runner run
```

- Jobs are not guaranteed to execute at the preferred time!
- Jobs are regularly queued in the batch system:

```
squeue
```

```
  JOBID PARTITION     NAME     USER ST       TIME  NODES NODELIST(REASON)
1503545 dev_accel gitlab-r   bq0742 PD       0:00      1 (BeginTime)
```

CI Level 2 at NHR@KIT

- Prerequisite: Register a GitLab Runner on HoreKa Cluster
- In CI Level 2 the GitLab Runner
  - is executed as systemd user service
  - runs on dedicated login node (e.g. `hk-ci-controller.scc.kit.edu`)
    - Limited / shared resources ⇒ Runtime variations
    - Only suited for medium workloads
    - No access to special hardware
  - is self-managed
    - Systemd management
    - CI jobs can start immediately

CI Level 2 at NHR@KIT...

- Start GitLab Runner Service

```
systemctl --user start gitlab-runner.service
```

- Get status of GitLab Runner Service

```
systemctl --user status gitlab-runner.service
```

```
 gitlab-runner.service - GitLab Runner for bq0742
  Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/user/gitlab-runner.service; disabled; vendor
  ↪  preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since Tue 2021-11-09 11:45:41 CET; 3s ago
Main PID: 1167130 (gitlab-runner)
  CGroup:
  ↪  /user.slice/user-8946.slice/user@8946.service/gitlab-runner.service
          1167130
```

CI Level 2 at NHR@KIT...

- Read log output of GitLab Runner Service

```
journalctl --user --unit gitlab-runner.service
```

```
WARNING: Running in user-mode.
WARNING: Use sudo for system-mode:
WARNING: $ sudo gitlab-runner...

Configuration loaded                                    builds=0
listen_address not defined, metrics & debug endpoints disabled  builds=0
[session_server].listen_address not defined, session endpoints disabled
↪  builds=0
```

CI Level 2 at NHR@KIT...

- Stop GitLab Runner Service

```
systemctl --user stop gitlab-runner.service
```

CI Level 3 at NHR@KIT

- Dedicated hardware
- For projects that
  - generate many CI jobs per day
  - need predictable runtimes and performance
  - require privileged access to special resources
- Available platforms:
  - Intel: Broadwell, Cascade Lake, Ice Lake
  - NVIDIA: V100, A100
  - AMD: Milan, MI100
  - Fujitsu: ARM64FX
- Get in contact with CI Operations Team

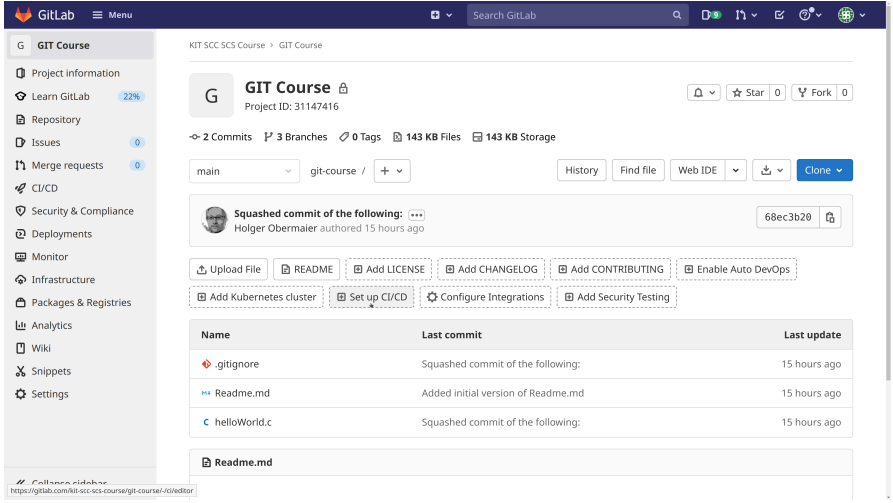
Continuous Integration using GitLab

- GitLab Continuous Integration Documentation:
  - Get started with GitLab CI/CD
  - Keyword reference for the .gitlab-ci.yml file
  - GitLab CI templates
- YAML-config file `gitlab-ci.yml`
- GitLab offers integrated CI-editor with visualization and linting

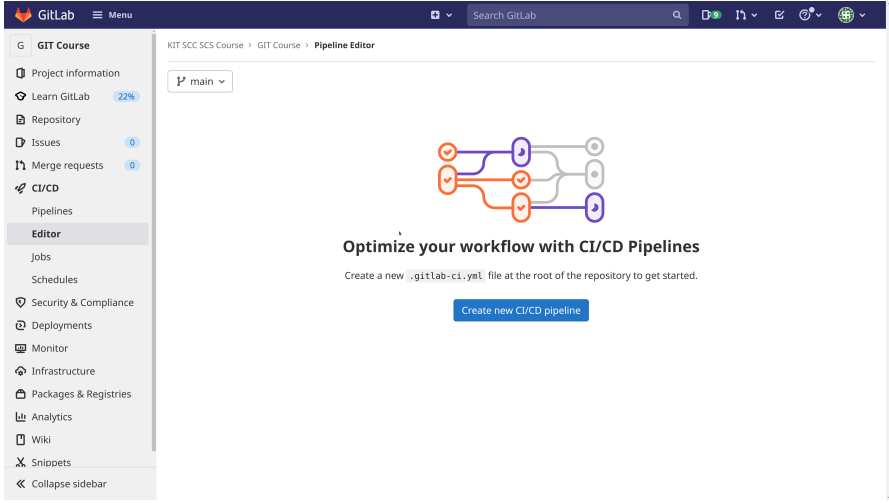
Continuous Integration using GitLab...

- Each commit triggers a new pipeline
- Each pipeline consist of stages
  - Predefined stages: `.pre`, `build`, `test`, `deploy`, `.post`
  - Stages run in sequence
  - Working tree is cleaned up between stages: Use artifacts to keep files
- Each stage consist of jobs
  - Jobs can run in parallel
- When a job fails the stage fails, all remaining stages are skipped
- When a stage fails the pipeline fails

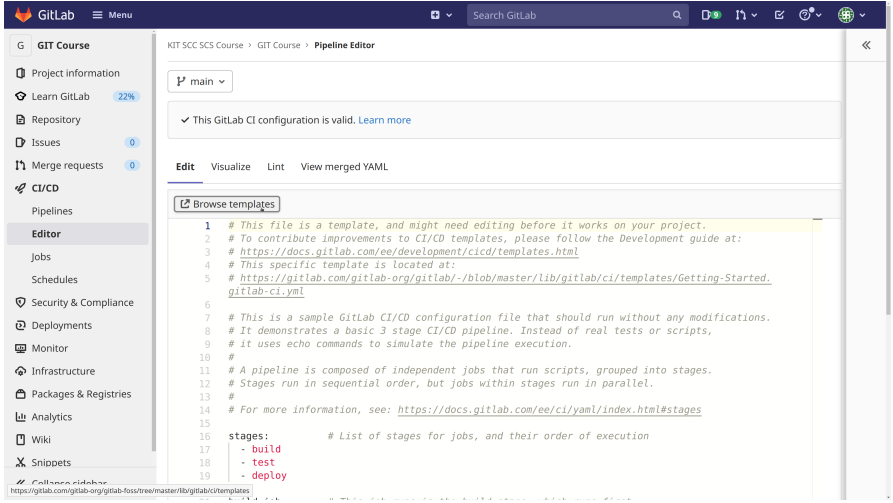
Continuous Integration using GitLab (Set up CI/CD)



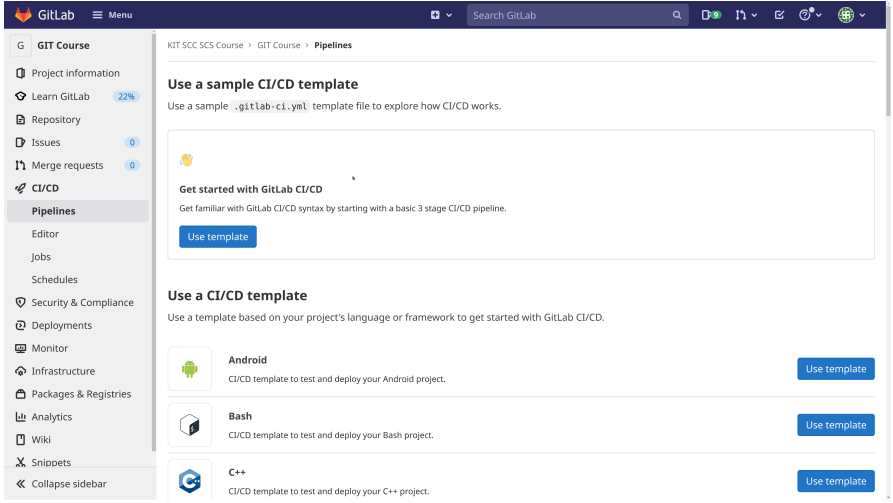
Continuous Integration using GitLab (CI/CD Editor)



Continuous Integration using GitLab (Browse Templates)



Continuous Integration using GitLab (CI/CD Templates)



Continuous Integration using GitLab (`.gitlab-ci.yml`)

```
stages:
- build
- test

build-hello-world-job:
  stage: build
  script: cc helloWorld.c -o helloWorld
  artifacts:
    paths:
    - helloWorld
    expire_in: 1 day

test-code-job1:
  stage: test
  script: if [[ $(helloWorld) != "Hello World" ]]; then exit 1; fi
```

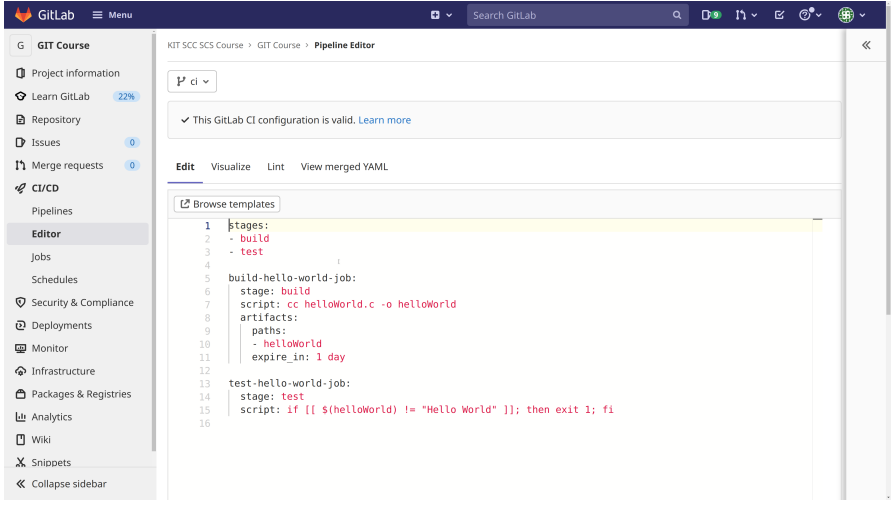
Continuous Integration using GitLab (`.gitlab-ci.yml`)

- Test stage can use compute resources

```
...

test-code-job2:
  stage: test
  script:
  - srun -p dev_cpuonly     -t 20 -N 1 -n 76              CPU_Test.sh
  - srun -p dev_accelerated -t 20 -N 1 -n 76 --gres=gpu:4 GPU_Test.sh
```

Continuous Integration using GitLab (Edit)



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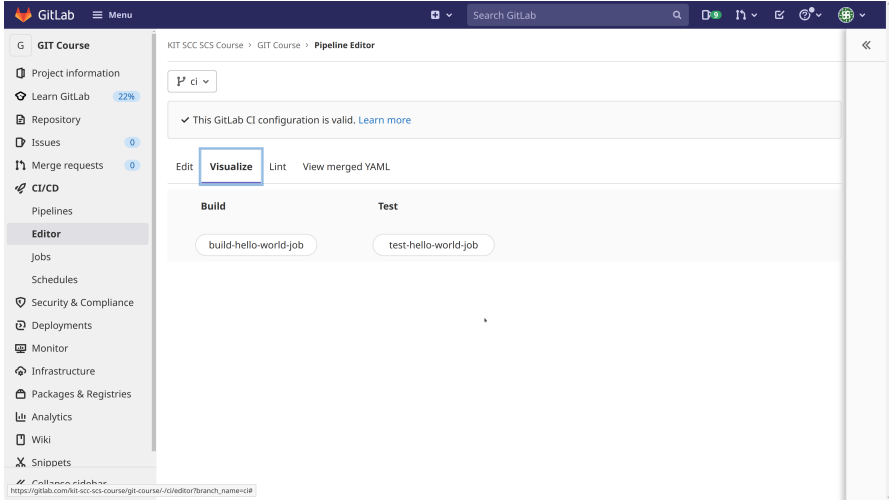

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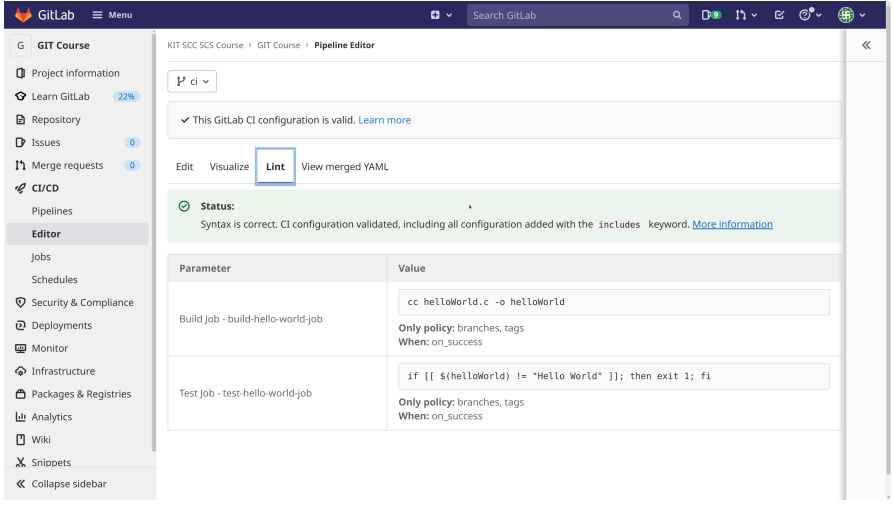

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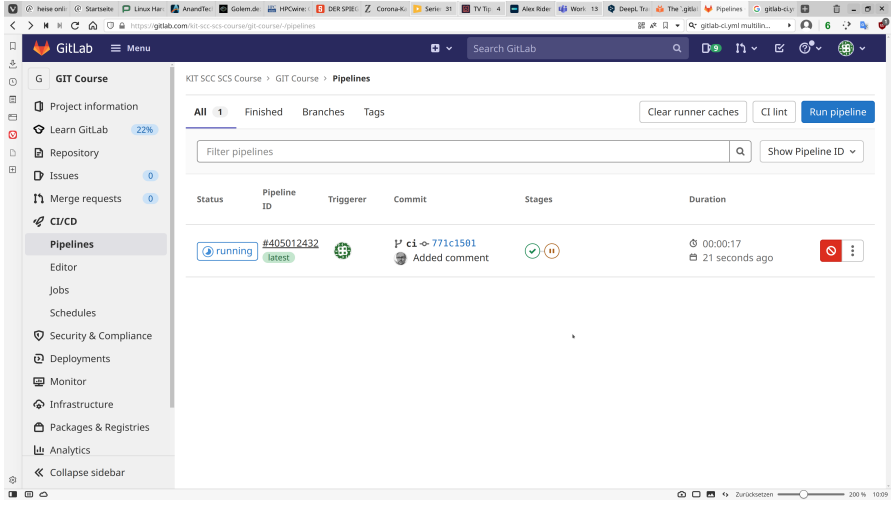
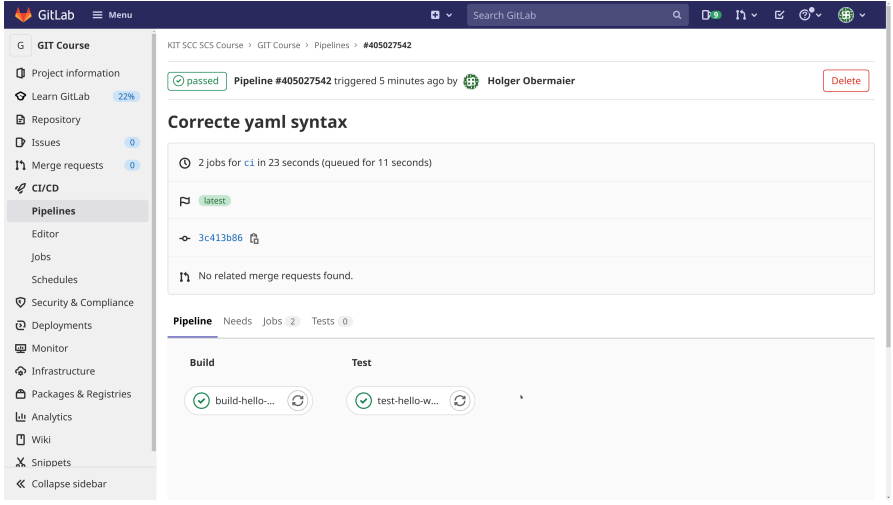
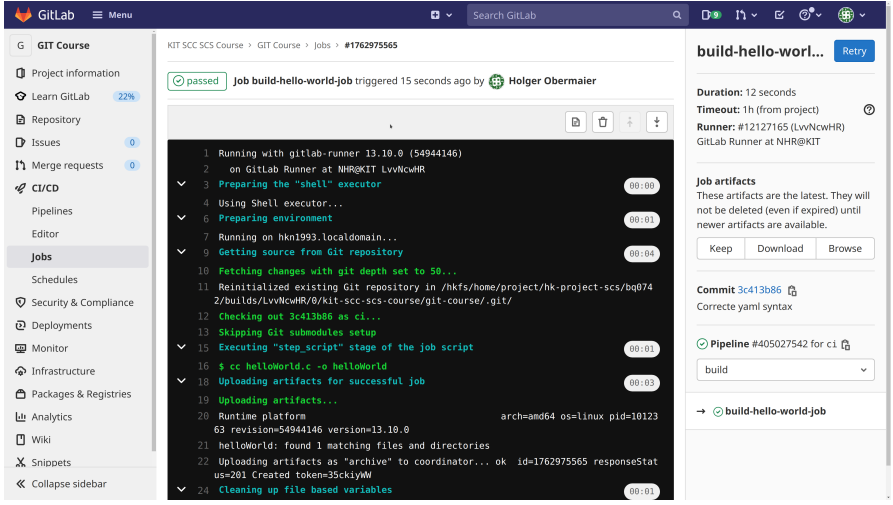


Continuous Integration using GitLab (Pipeline passed)



Continuous Integration using GitLab (Build Job)



Continuous Integration using GitLab (Test Job)