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Continuous Integration, Deployment and Testing by Codar using ALM and Jenkins

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What is Codar?

Codar is a continuous delivery solution that provides deployment and release management of complex multi-tier applications across the application lifecycle. It automates the deployment of applications by embracing existing content from Chef, HPE SA, and so on and representing this content as components. These components can be used in a graphical topology designer to create an application model.

One of the important features of Codar is that the model is used to trigger deployments automatically with Jenkins, trigger test cases that are on the deployed instances in ALM (Application Lifecycle Management), and update the results in ALM.

This document provides information about integrating Codar with ALM.

Why is Codar required?

Software engineering builds are subject to continuous deployment and testing on the principles of frequent code commits, build automation, faster and frequent builds, automated application deployment, and test automation. On top of continuous integration, software development teams also continuously deliver qualified software applications to their test and production teams. One of the challenges that most software development teams face in the process of continuous integration and continuous delivery is the ability to automate the deployment of applications in a simple and consistent manner and run tests on the deployed instance. Codar is built to solve this problem.

Using Codar, users can deploy the application and run tests automatically by integrating with ALM. This white paper describes how Codar can be integrated with ALM. Codar is integrated with ALM through Jenkins. Jenkins acts as orchestrator between Codar and ALM.

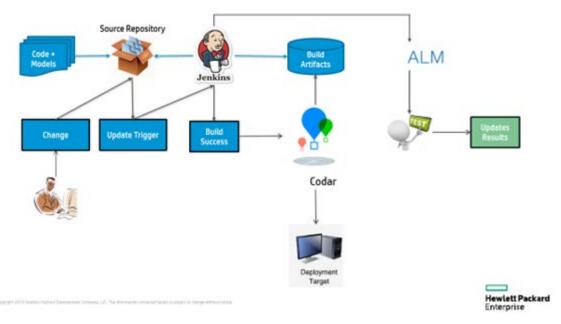
HPE Application Lifecycle Management

ALM is a set of software products designed to accelerate the delivery of secure, reliable, and modern applications. It is a combination of a common platform, several key applications, and a dashboard targeted at managing the core lifecycle of applications.

End-to-end flow

Figure 1 shows the end-to-end to flow of how Codar and ALM are integrated through Jenkins. In this use case, Jenkins is the orchestrator.

Figure 1: End to end workflow of the Codar-ALM integration



The developer makes a code change and checks it into source control. The source control system sends an update trigger and Jenkins triggers a build. After the build is successful, Jenkins invokes the Codar plugin which in turn invokes the Codar API and triggers a deployment.

After the deployment is complete, Jenkins creates a JSON file that contains the details of the deployed instance. It then invokes the ALM plugin. The ALM plugin logs on to ALM with the details provided during configuration. It invokes the test case and updates the result in ALM.

Continuous integration and deployment using Codar and Jenkins (build tool)

Software required for the integration

Jenkins must be integrated with Codar for the ALM integration to work. To integrate Jenkins with Codar, you must install the following software:

- 1. Install Jenkins from jenkins-ci.org/
- 2. Install the JDK version 1.7x on the Jenkins server.
- 3. Install Collabnet Subversion Edge from collab.net/support/documentation
- 4. Install TortoiseSVN from tortoisesvn.net. Install the latest version and use the default settings. After the installation, you can see new options when you right-click a file or folder in Windows Explorer.
- 5. Download and install Maven from maven.apache.org

Configuring Jenkins

After installing the software listed at Software required for the integration, configure Jenkins as follows (the following steps are for Jenkins version 1.583):

1. Ensure that JDK and Maven are installed.

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- 2. Open Jenkins and click the **Manage Jenkins** option in the Jenkins dashboard.
- Click Configure System.
- 4. In the JDK section, click JDK installations and then Add JDK.
- 5. Enter the name and path of the JAVA_HOME environment variable.
- 6. Deselect the **Install automatically** check box.
- 7. In the Maven section, click **Maven installations** and then **Add Maven**.
- Enter the name and path of the MAVEN_HOME environment variable.
- 9. Deselect the **Install automatically** check box.
- Enter the value of the MAVEN_OPTS environment variable.
- 11. Click Save.

Uploading the Codar plugin on the Jenkins server

You must now upload and enable the Codar plugin on the server in which Jenkins is installed.

Installing the Codar plugin

- Log on to the Jenkins dashboard using the http://<host>:<port>/ URL. Use the host and port information appropriate for your Jenkins environment.
- Click Manage Jenkins on the Jenkins dashboard.
- 3. Click Manage Plugins.
- 4. Select the Advanced tab.
- 5. In the **Upload Plugin** section, browse to the path of the Codar plugin file at HPE\Codar\CSAKit-4.7\Content Archives\topology\Jenkins plugin\HPE_Codar.hpi
- 6. Click Upload.

Upon successful upload, the system returns a 'Success' message.

Enabling the Codar plugin

- 1. Click Manage Jenkins on the Jenkins dashboard.
- 2. Click Configure System.
- 3. Scroll down to the HPE Codar Plugin section and select the Enable check box, if not selected by default.

Enable Check to enable HPE Codar plugin

- Provide the following details:
 - a. CodarUrl URL used to log on to Codar.
 - Username Name of the user that has administrative privileges in Codar.
 Do not use the default administrator user because it may cause a security issue.
 - c. Password Password of the Codar user.
 - d. SSLCertificatePath Enter SSL certificate path for Codar and pick up the certificate from the Codar setup. If open JRE is used during the Codar installation, then it is on the computer on which Codar is installed (Example: Windows: In the C:\ProgramFiles\HPE\Codar\openjre\lib\security\cacerts path. Linux: In the /root/temp/cacerts path. Ensure that 'cacerts

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path' has the read/write permission on the server on which Codar is installed). Details about the JRE used during installation is located in the **csa.properties** file.

- e. CertificatePassword Enter the SSL certificate keystore password for Codar. The default password is 'changeit'.
- 5. Test the link by clicking 'Validate REST API Access'.
- 6. Ensure that the validation returns 'Success' as shown in the screenshot below, by resolving connectivity issues, if any.
- Click Save.

Note: For security reasons, you must configure the Codar plugin with SSL and HTTPS enabled and with TLS Protocol Version 1.2 only.

Figure 2: Enabling the Codar plugin



Configuring the Pet Clinic sample application project

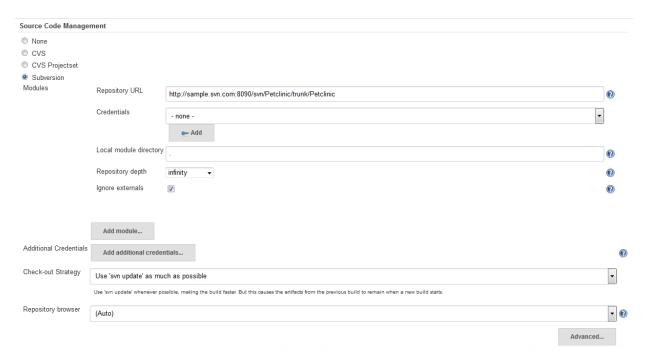
This section describes how to configure the Codar-ALM integration by means of a sample application called Pet Clinic.

- Download the Pet Clinic source code from GitHub.
- Check in the source code for the Pet Clinic project into the SVN server.
- 3. Create a new Pet Clinic project in the Jenkins dashboard:
 - a. Click New Item -> Maven project.
 - b. Enter Pet Clinic in the Item name text box.
 - c. Click **OK**

The Pet Clinic link is displayed in the Jenkins dashboard.

- Click the Pet Clinic link on the Jenkins dashboard, and then click the Configure link in the page that opens.
- 5. Configure SVN for the Pet Clinic project by choosing the **Subversion Modules** option in the **Source Code Management** section area and adding the SVN Pet Clinic source code URL in the **Repository URL** field.
- After saving, update the SVN credentials as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Source code management

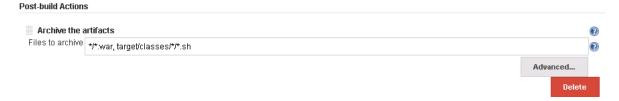


7. Configure Jenkins to automatically trigger a build if some code is checked in by selecting the Poll SCM check box and adding */5 * * * in the Schedule field. This indicates the poll every five minutes if a code commit happens.

Figure 4: Triggering a build



Scroll down to the Post-build Actions section and click Add post-build action, select Archive the artifacts, and then enter */*.war, target/classes/*/*.sh in the Files to archive text box.



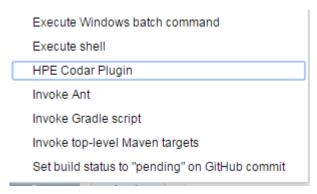
Configuring the Codar plugin for the Pet Clinic sample application

1. Click the Pet Clinic link on the Jenkins dashboard, and then click the **Configure** link on the page that opens.

2. Click Add build step and select HPE Codar Plugin.

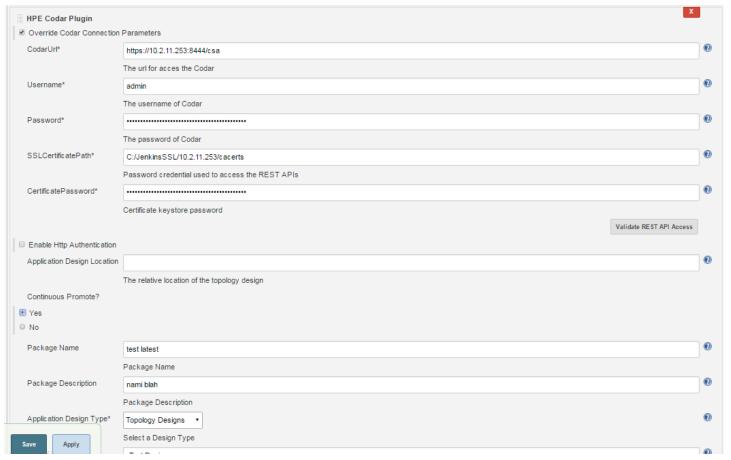
Note: For builds with pre-build and post-build actions, you must configure the Codar plugin as part of post-build actions. For example, in a Maven project, configure the Codar plugin-in as a post-build action.

Figure 5: Configuring the Codar plugin



3. Enter the Codar plugin properties as follows:

Figure 6: Codar properties



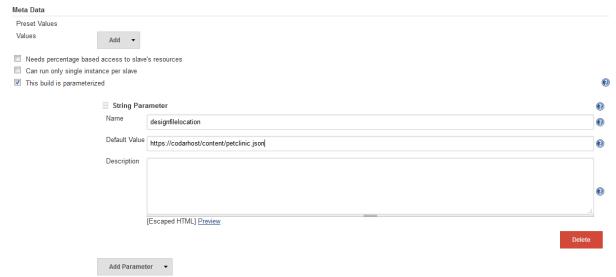
Note: If you select the 'Override Codar Connection Parameters' option, you must provide the details from steps 'a' to 'e'. Skip to step 'f', if you do not select this option.

- a. CodarUrl URL used to log on to Codar.
- b. Username Name of the user that has administrative privileges in Codar.
 Do not use the default administrator user because it may cause a security issue. After installing Codar and configuring LDAP,
 a user is added to the Application Architect role. Use the credentials for that user here.
- c. Password Password of the Codar user.

- d. SSLCertificatePath Enter SSL certificate path for Codar and pick up the certificate from the Codar setup. If open JRE is used during the Codar installation, then it is in the computer in which Codar is installed (in the Program Files\Hewlett-Packard\Codar\openire\lib\cacerts path). Details about the JRE used during installation is located in the **csa.properties** file.
- CertificatePassword Enter the SSL certificate keystore password for Codar. The default password is 'changeit'.
- f. Enable Http Authentication Select to enable the Jenkins user name and password. This is required for Codar to pull deployment artifacts from Jenkins.
- g. HttpUsername User name for accessing artifacts from the HTTP location. For example, if the artifacts are at a location in Jenkins, enter the user name of the Jenkins server.
- h. HttpPassword Password for accessing artifacts from the HTTP location. For example, if the artifacts are at a location in Jenkins, enter the password of the Jenkins server.
- i. Application Design Location This is an optional parameter which can be configured in 3 ways:
 - Relative path and file name of the application design JSON file from the source repository URL. The relative path must be separated by a slash. For example, designs\PetClinicApp.json.

For example, if the source repository is https://myrepo.mydomain.com/mypetclinicapp, the application JSON can exist in a directory named designs and the JSON file can be created with the any name as required. The JSON file is a part of the repository in which the application source code is located.

- URL of design location can be specified. For example, you can specify the location of design file http://<hostname>/<designfile.json>
- You can create an environment variable and pass it as a variable.



- j. Continuous Promote If this option is selected, packages are created in the first stage and release gate actions are executed. If all actions are successful, only then is the package promoted to the next stage and so on till it reaches the last stage. In the last stage, the package is executed after all actions are executed. If this option is not selected, then the package is created and deployed. Release gate actions are not executed and not promoted.
 - If this option is selected as 'Yes', you cannot specify the environment.
 - If this option is selected as 'No', you must specify the environment.
- k. Package Name Name of the package

Note: Package Name can be a build parameter or Jenkins inbuilt variables like \$BUILD_ID. For example, package name can be derived from the build parameter 'PackageName' and the value can be 'Package: \$BUILD_ID'. You can set the package name as '\$PackageName'.

- I. Package Description Description of the package. The Jenkins URL is appended to the package description.
- m. Application Design Type From the list, select either Topology Designs or Sequenced Designs. If you select 'Topology Designs', then the List of Designs drop-down lists all topology designs for selection. If you select 'Sequenced Design', then the List of Designs drop-down lists all sequenced designs.
- n. List of Designs Select the design from the list. The list shows topology designs or sequenced designs based on the application design type you selected.
- o. Versions Select the version number of the design. The list shows all versions of the design selected above.

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p. Environment – Environment in which the provider to be used for deployment is contained. Environments are created in the **Resource provider** tile under Codar. For details about environments, see the Codar Administration Guide.

Note: A resource environment is required for the Codar plug-in to work.

- q. Package Properties The following Jenkins environment variables are supported:
- o \${build_id}
- o \${build_number}
- o \${build_url}
- \${job_name}

You can specify the value of the property in the following ways:

· Artifact name like petclinic.war

Note: An artifact is a group of files with a .war .jar or .zip. extension. You can directly specify the Jenkins artifact name as 'petclinic.war' for Jenkins. The 'petclinic.war' will then automatically be resolved to the http URL of the Jenkins artifact, and substituted in the package property value. For artefacts other than Jenkins, you need to specify the complete http URL.

- Property value The property values allows user to specify parameterized values which allows users to dynamically reference the current build artifacts built by the Jenkins Job.
- r. Extended Properties File –Enter the name of the properties file. This is an optional field. Specify this file only if you want to specify a different CI process than what is provided by default. The properties file can specify a different OO flow containing the necessary CI logic. You can also specify a different flow D by creating a properties file with the UUID as the key and UUID of the OO flow as the value. For example, uuid=asdaasdasdasdasdasdasdasdasdasds specify the required properties to this flow as key value pairs in the properties file.
- 4. Node ID Enter the component ID for which the component properties have to be extracted. The component name can be obtained from the topology design or from the JSON file. Multiple components names or IDs can be provided by clicking the Add button. For example, to retrieve the IP address and host name of the vCenter, the component name can be vCenter Server and the component ID can be: vCenterServerType__VERSION__04.20.0000__GROUPID__com.hp.csa.type0002

The following is an example of the extended properties file of the Pet Clinic application:

Properties accessed by the ARA API to invoke OO flows.

##This properties file contains the oo flow id (uuid) as well as the relevant parameters to be passed to the oo flow.

#uuid of the oo flow. This flow contains the necessary logic for the Continuous integration process.

#uuid=377898bc-d92e-4e6a-b542-718539fdcb9a

#user can add more parameters in key value format

Integrating ALM with Codar

Codar supports native ALM integration. To setup native ALM integration in Codar, please refers Online Help Guide.

Create the test environment in ALM

The Jenkins ALM integration is supported only in ALM version 12.20. See the ALM Installation Guide for information about installing ALM 12.20.

After installing ALM, the configurations required for the Jenkins-ALM integration are shown in Figure 16.

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Figure 7: Configurations required for the integration



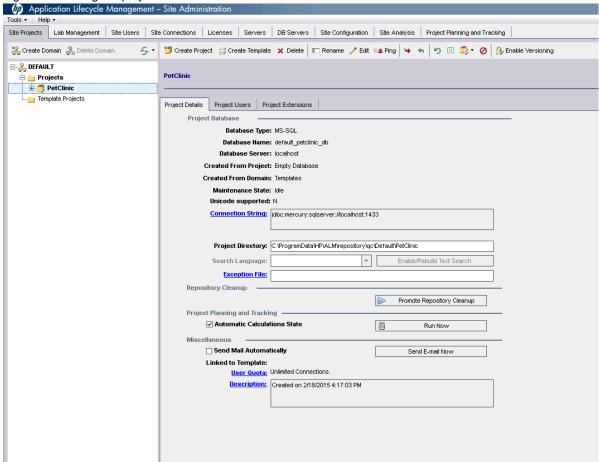
After installing ALM, open the http://localhost:8080/qcbin/ link using Internet Explorer.

Site Administration

Use Site Administration to create projects and users. The users should be associated with the project. The following screens show how the Pet Clinic project is created.

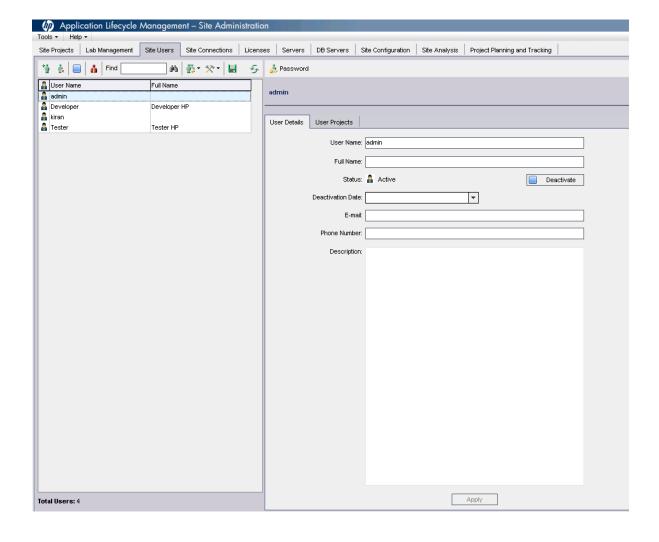
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Figure 8: Entering the project details



After entering the project details, users have to be created and associated with the Pet Clinic project. In this example, a user called Tester has been created and Tester has been associated with the Pet Clinic project. In this case, Tester is also a project administrator (to avoid any permission issues).

Figure 9: Creating a user



For more information about using Site Administration, see the ALM Administration Guide.

ALM Lab Service

You can install ALM Lab Service either on the same computer in which ALM 12.20 is installed or on a different computer. Ensure that ALM Lab Service is running. For information about installing and configuring ALM Lab Service, see the ALM Guide.

Note – If ALM Lab Service is installed on a different computer, then VAPI-XP must be installed. To do this, open Internet Explorer on the computer in which ALM Lab Service is installed and type http://<alm server hostname>:<port>/qcbin/addins.html

Figure 10: Installing VAPI-XP



Application Lifecycle Management - Tools

HP ALM Connectivity

Enables you to integrate HP ALM with other tools.

HP ALM Lab Service

Enables you to remotely trigger functional tests and maintenance tasks on a testing host using HP ALM.

Install and configure the HP ALM Lab Service agent on functional testing hosts (such as VAPI and United Functional Testing) that need to connect to Lab Management.

HP ALM Client Registration

Click on "HP AI M Client Registration"

Deploys and registers ALM components on a client machine.

Shared Deployment for Virtual Environments

Deploys ALM components on a shared location of a client machine.

Webgate Customization

Customizes the WebGate client component.

More HP ALM Add-ins

To download the VAPI-XI libraries, register the client with ALM as shown in Figure 20.

Figure 11: Downloading libraries



Application Lifecycle Management - Tools

HP ALM Client Registration

To work with other HP testing tools as well as third-party and custom tools. HP ALM must be registered on client machines. HP ALM Client Registration enables you to deploy and register the following ALM components on a client machine

- Instructions

- Log on to the client machine as a local user or a domain user with administrator privileges. Make sure you have the file system and registry permissions listed below. Make sure you close a filinatines of ALMCoustly Center and any retiregation tools. Make sure you close a filinatines of ALMCoustly Center and any retiregation tools. Start ALM and re-access this Tools page for IPF ALM Client Registration. Click Register IPF ALM below for ALM Client components. Click Register IPF ALM below for ALM Client components. Click Register IPF ALM below for ALM Client components.

Required Permissions:

- Full read and entire permissions on the HPALM.Claret deployment folder. This is located at:

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 Full read and write permissions to the Temp (%TEMP% or %TMP%) directory. The installer program writes installation and log files to this directory. This is generally located at:

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You must have full read and write permissions on the following registry keys

- HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT
 HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software
 HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE

Versions supported: HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.20.



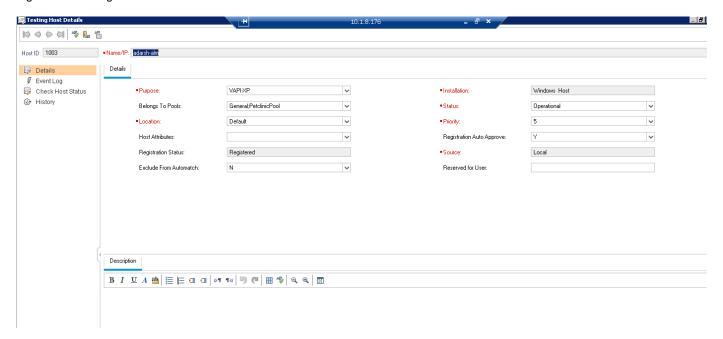
ALM Lab Management

Open ALM Lab Management from the computer in which ALM 12.20 is installed. Login as an administrator.

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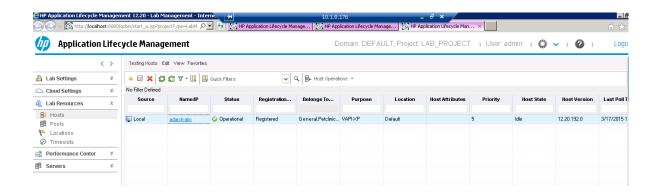
2. Go to Testing Host -> New Testing host.

Figure 12: Testing hosts



- 3. Ensure that the purpose is VAPI-XP.
- 4. After adding the new host, it must appear as shown in Figure 22.

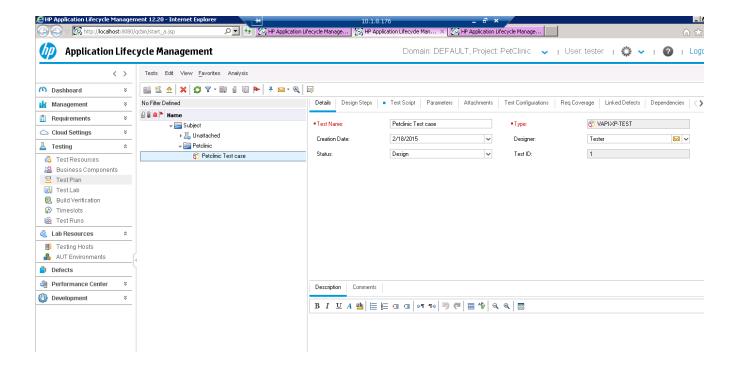
Figure 13: New host



ALM Desktop Client

- 1. Open ALM Desktop Client from the computer in which ALM 12.20 is installed.
- 2. Login as Tester (domain is default and the project is Pet Clinic for this example)
- 3. Go to Test Plan -> Create a New Test Case.

Figure 14: Creating a test case



- 4. Ensure that the type is VAPI-XP-TEST.
- 5. Add the following script on the **Test Script** tab.
 - ' Petclinic Test [VBScript]
 - ' Created by Application Lifecycle Management
 - ' 2/9/2015 3:25:28 AM

 - ' ______
 - ' Main Test Function
 - Debug Boolean. Equals to false if running in [Test Mode]: reporting to Application Lifecycle Management
 - 'CurrentTestSet [OTA COM Library].TestSet.
 - 'CurrentTSTest [OTA COM Library].TSTest.
 - ' CurrentRun [OTA COM Library].Run.
 - ١_____

Sub Test_Main(Debug, CurrentTestSet, CurrentTSTest, CurrentRun)

- ' *** VBScript Limitation ! ***
- ' "On Error Resume Next" statement suppresses run-time script errors.
- 'To handle run-time error in a right way, you need to put "If Err.Number <> 0 Then"
- 'after each line of code that can cause such a run-time error.

On Error Resume Next

' clear output window

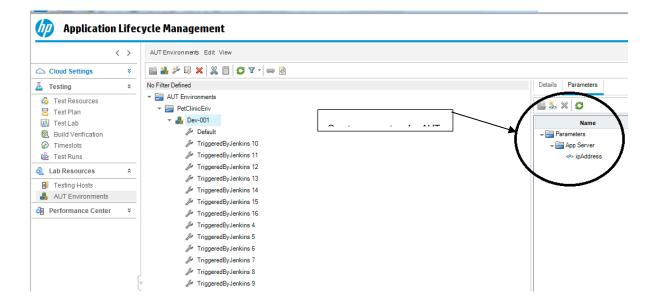
TDOutput.Clear

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'TODO: put your code here
    'Dim ipAdd: ipAdd = "10.1.9.136"
'url_base= "10.1.9.136"
url_base=CurrentRun.getRunTimeParameterByName("ipAddress")
url= "http://" & url_base & ":8080/petclinic"
 set ie = CreateObject("InternetExplorer.Application")
   ie.Navigate "http://10.1.9.136:8080/petclinic"
   ie.Navigate url
  ie.Visible = true
 If Not Debug Then
 End If
 ' handle run-time errors
 If Err.Number <> 0 Then
  TDOutput.Print "Run-time error [" & Err.Number & "]: " & Err.Description
  ' update execution status in "Test" mode
  If Not Debug Then
   CurrentRun.Status = "Failed"
   CurrentTSTest.Status = "Failed"
  End If
 End If
End Sub
```

- 6. Ensure that Testing Hosts is updated with the information added in Lab Management.
- 7. Verify that the Pet Clinic test case is successful by manually running the test case in the test lab.
- 8. Go to Lab Resources -> AUT Environments and add a new AUT parameter called App Server as shown in Figure 24.

Figure 15: Added the App Server parameter

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End-to-end flow

Now Jenkins is set up for the Pet Clinic project and the ALM_Integration project. The ALM_Integration project is configured as a dependent project for Pet Clinic. The following steps provide the end-to-end flow:

- Jenkins pulls in Pet Clinic changes from SVN.
- 2. The Pet Clinic build is triggered.
- 3. After the build is complete, Jenkins archives the artifacts.
- 4. The Codar plugin that is configured as a post build action is triggered as show in Figure 25.

Figure 16: Triggering the post build action

- The Codar plugin calls an API in Codar and triggers the deployment.
- 6. It keeps polling till the deployment is complete as shown in Figure 26.

Figure 17: Deployment complete

```
Final Deployment Status: DEPLOYING
getserviceInstance from the Codar REST CALL ... "status": "ACTIVE",
Deployment Status: ACTIVE
Final Deployment Status: ACTIVE
Writing Codar output on this folder:C:\Program Files (x86)\Jenkins\jobs\Petclinic\builds\2015-03-02_17-27-38\archive
Codar output on this folder:C:\Program Files (x86)\Jenkins\jobs\Petclinic\builds\2015-03-02_17-27-38\archive
Warning: you have no plugins providing access control for builds, so falling back to legacy behavior of permitting any downstream builds to be triggered
Finished: SUCCESS
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7. After the deployment is complete, the status of the final deployment becomes active.

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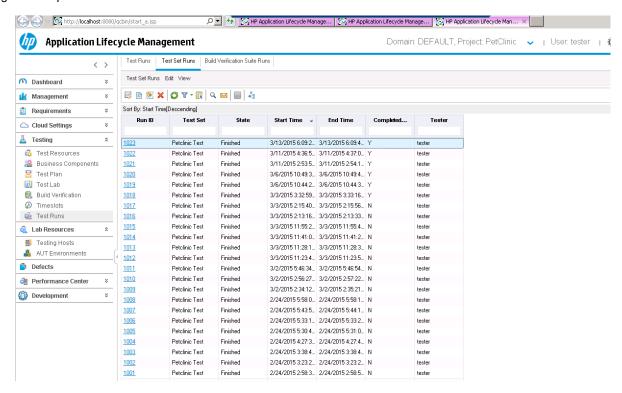
- 8. The Codar plugin creates a JSON file that contains the IP address, user name, password, and other details of the deployed instance. The JSON file is created based on the node ID input given during the configuration of the plugin.
- 9. The JSON file is stored in the workspace as CodarOutput.json. This is the integration point between Codar and ALM.
- 10. Because ALM_Integration is configured as a subsequent project, the ALM_Integration build job is triggered after the Pet Clinic job is successful.
- 11. Open the output console of ALM_Integration to see the status of that job. It must be successful as shown in Figure 27.

Figure 18: Successful job status



- 12. The ALM_Integration job copies the JSON file from workspace. It then reads the JSON file and looks for parameters such as IP address.
- 13. The ALM_Integration job logs on to ALM with the credentials provided during configuration. It triggers the test case and executes the test script.
- 14. The test script is executed in the computer that is configured in Lab Management. VAPI tests are executed. In this case, it opens the Pet Clinic link http://<localhost>:8080 in a browser and verifies that the application is deployed successfully.
- 15. The test results are updated back into Test Run as shown in Figure 28.

Figure 19: Updated test results



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Troubleshooting Codar Integration with Jenkins and ALM

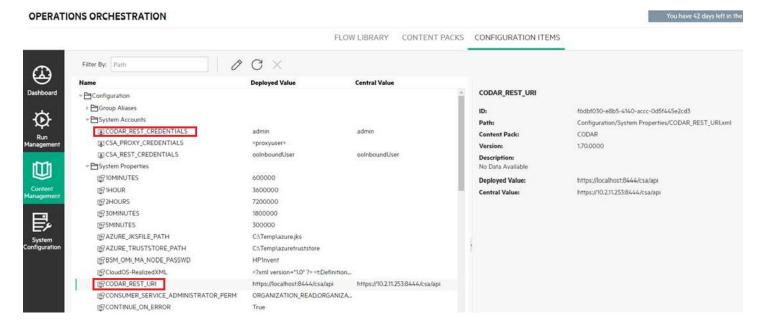
This section contains some of the issues that you may encounter when integrating Codar with Jenkins and ALM, and workarounds to troubleshoot these issues.

Plug-in execution begins but fails

Problem: Codar plug-in execution begins but fails with some error

Solution/Workaround: In the Operations Orchestration console>>Content Management>>Configuration Items>>Systems account>>System properties, overwrite the following properties with the appropriate credentials:

- CODAR_REST_CREDENTIALS
- CODAR_REST_URI



Trouble integrating Codar with Jenkins and ALM

Problem: Exception/error while integrating Codar with Jenkins and ALM.

Solution/Workaround: Check the following logs for detailed information:

- Jenkins-related issues: jenkins.err.log (This file exists in the Jenkins installation directory).
- Codar-related-issues: csa.log (This file exists in the following path: <CODAR_HOME>\jboss-as\standalone\log)
- OO-related issues: Operations Orchestrations console.

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