# Dealing with Data Driven Test Combinatorial Complexity using Jenkins Job DSL



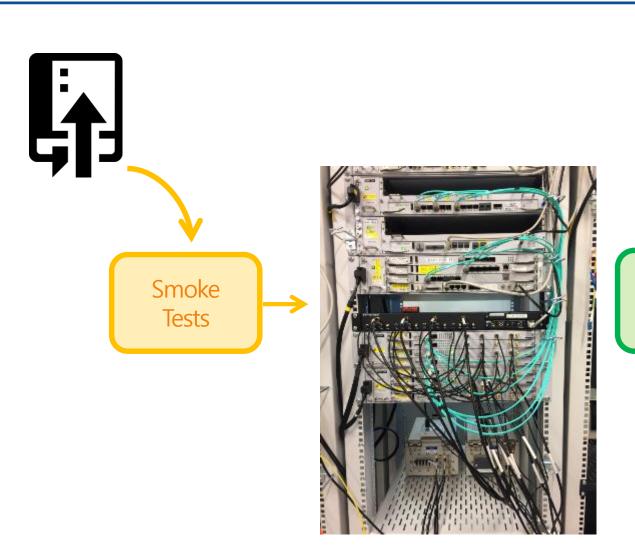
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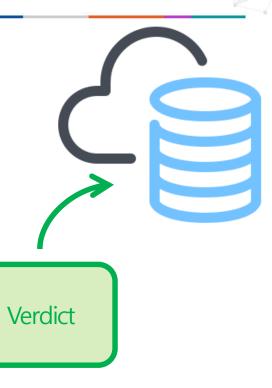


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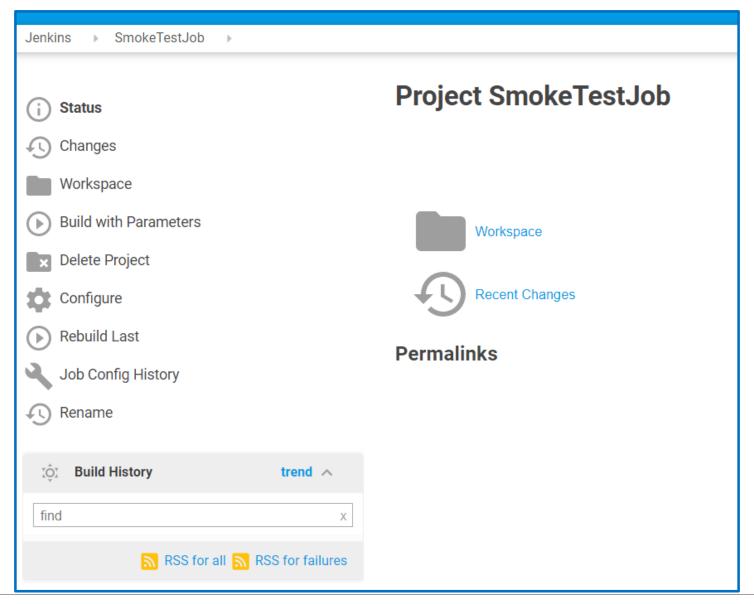
# **Motivation**

# **Original Task**

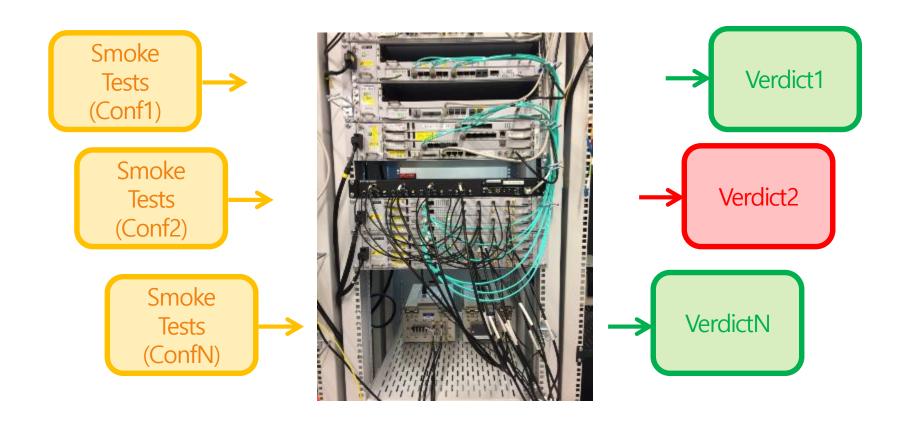




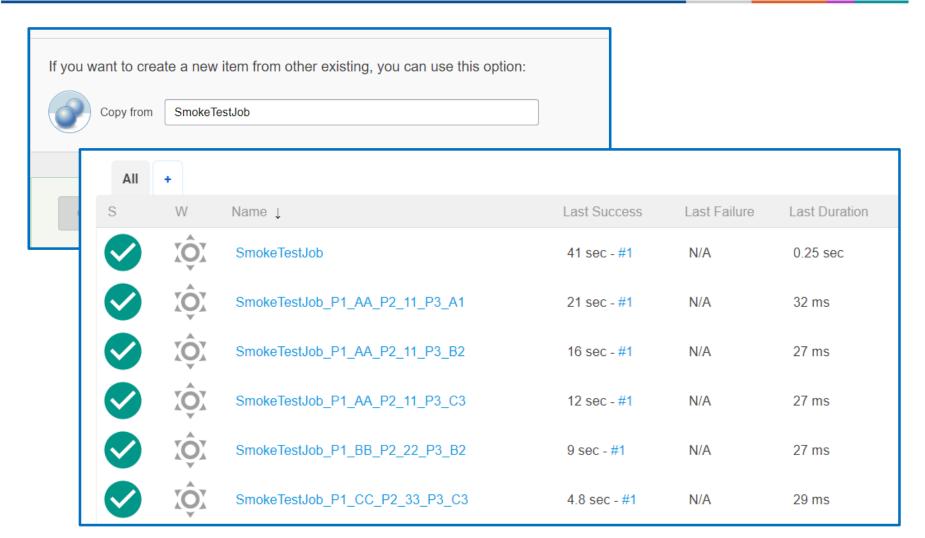
#### **Solution: Create a Jenkins Job**



### Let's Extend Our Task a Little



# Naïve Solution 1: Just Copy the Original Job



# What Could Have Possibly Go Wrong?

#### **Preconditions:**

- 1. Each configuration controls 3 parameters
- 2. Each parameter can take one of the 4 valid values
- 3. 90% of possible configurations are equally important

### **Total configuration number: 60**

Adding a new testbed (different H/W type) doubles the number of jobs

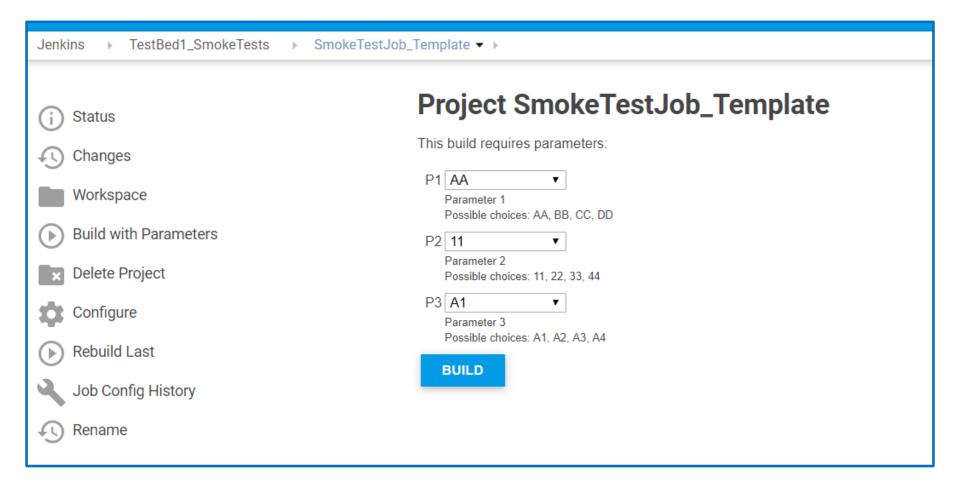
#### **Solution 1 Drawbacks**

- 1. New job creation is tedious and error prone
- 2. Need to change all jobs if additional parameter or execution step is required
- 3. Huge effort to recover the jobs in case of Jenkins host failure

# **Maintenance nightmare!**

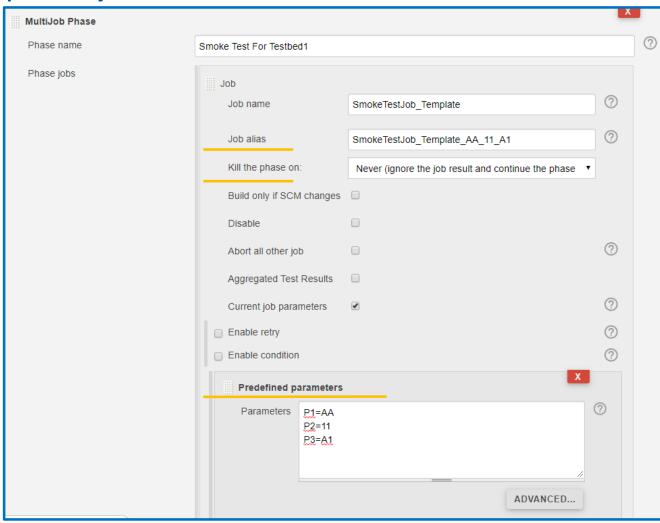
# Let's Improve It: MultiJob Step with Parameters

#### 1. Create parametrized template job



# Let's Improve It: MultiJob Job with Parameters

2. Create MultiJob Project and add each configuration as a separate phase job

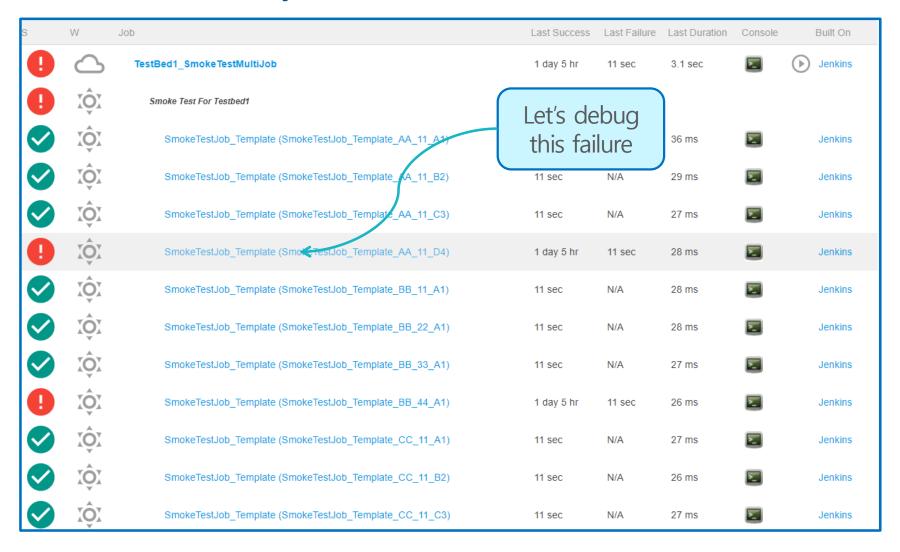


# **MultiJob Project Final Configuration**

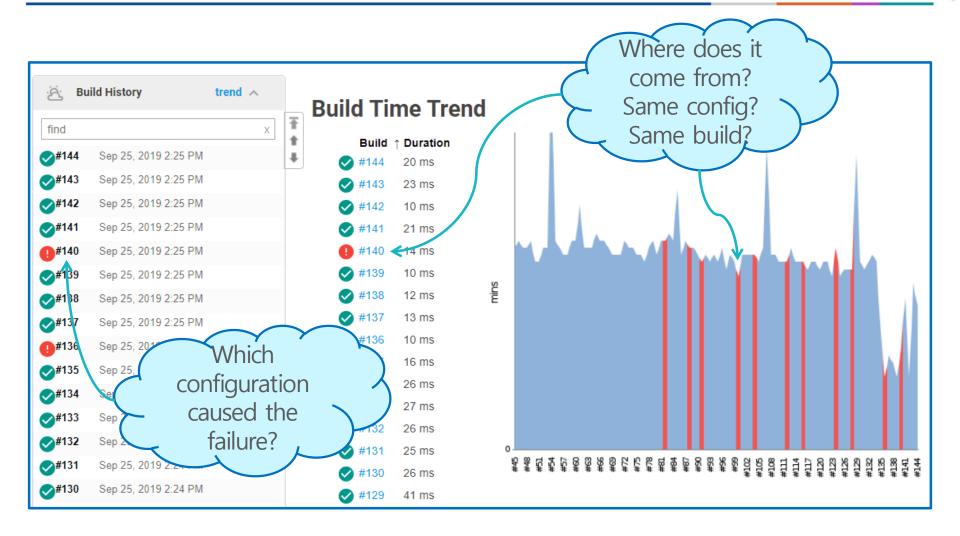
S	W	Job	Last Success	Last Failure	Last Duration
	ΙÔΙ	TestBed1_SmokeTestMultiJob	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΙ	Smoke Test For Testbed1			
	ΧÔΧ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_AA_11_A1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΧ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_AA_11_B2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΙÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_AA_11_C3)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΙÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_AA_11_D4)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_BB_11_A1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΧ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_BB_22_A1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_BB_33_A1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_BB_44_A1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΙÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_CC_11_A1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΙÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_CC_11_B2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΧÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_CC_11_C3)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ΙÔΙ	SmokeTestJob_Template (SmokeTestJob_Template_CC_11_B4)	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### **Are We There Yet?**

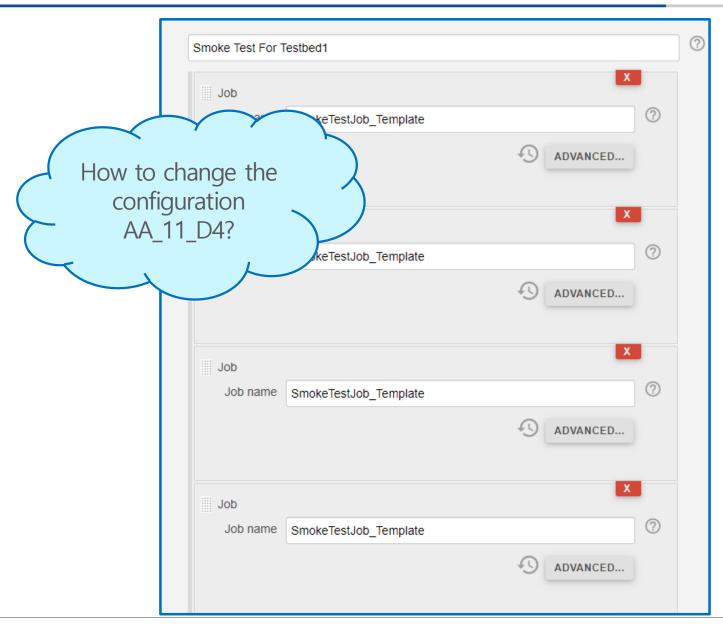
### Let's execute all the jobs



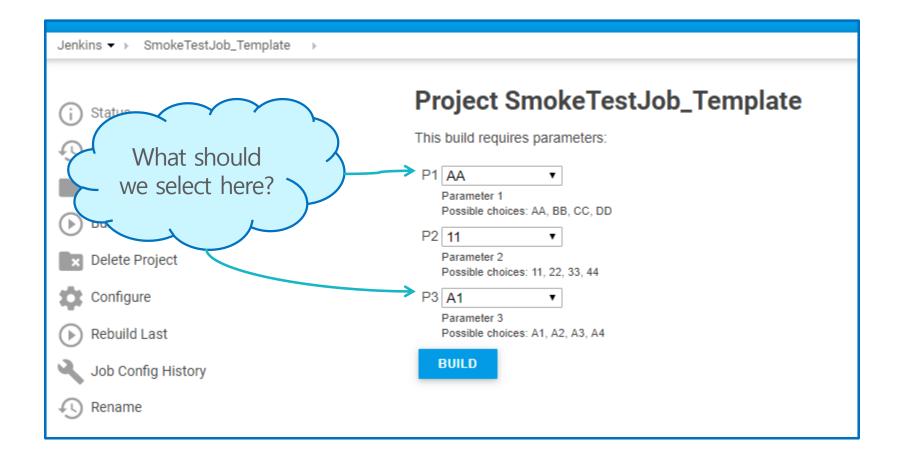
# Hard to Debug, Unreliable Execution Trend



# Hard to Update the Configurations



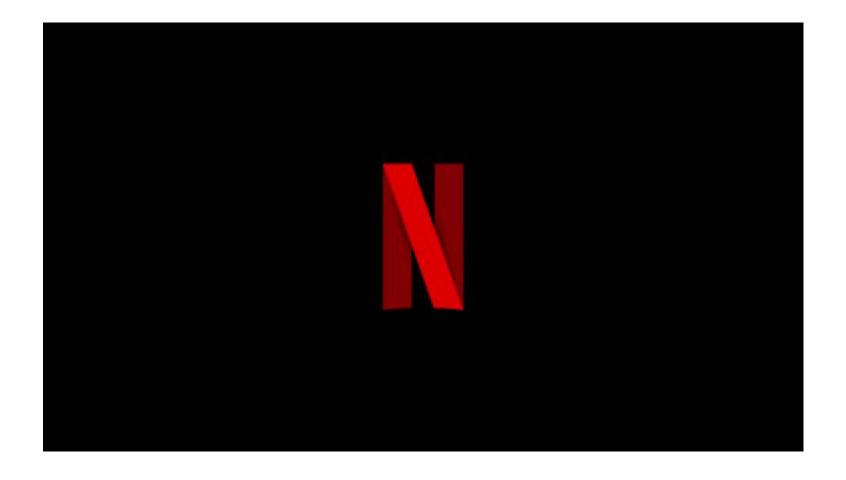
# Hard to Re-run the Failing Configuration



In a Nutshell...



# **Who Could Help Us?**



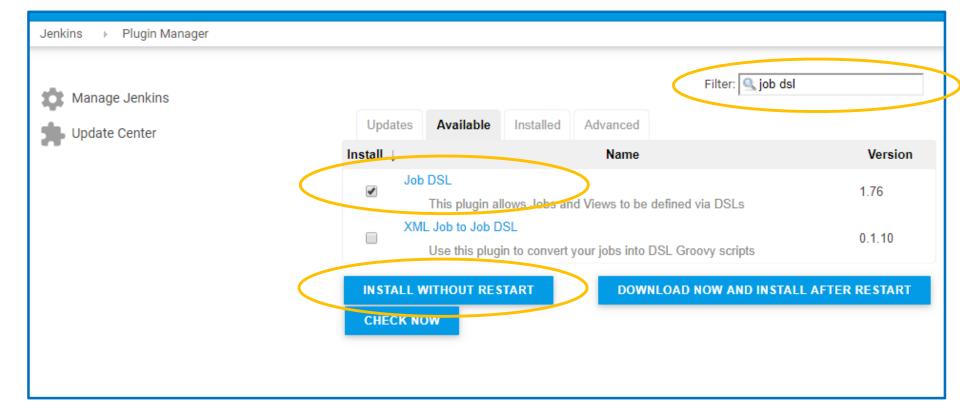
# Jenkins Job DSL Plugin

# **Introducing Jenkins DSL**

From https://wiki.jenkins.io

The job-dsl-plugin allows the programmatic creation of projects using a DSL. Pushing job creation into a script allows you to automate and standardize your Jenkins installation, unlike anything possible before.

### Installation



#### **Create First Seed Job**

#### Enter an item name

Jenkins\_First\_Job\_Seed

» Required field



#### Freestyle project

This is the central feature of Jenkins. Jenkins will build your project, combining any SCM with any build system, and this can be even used for something other than software build.



#### Maven project

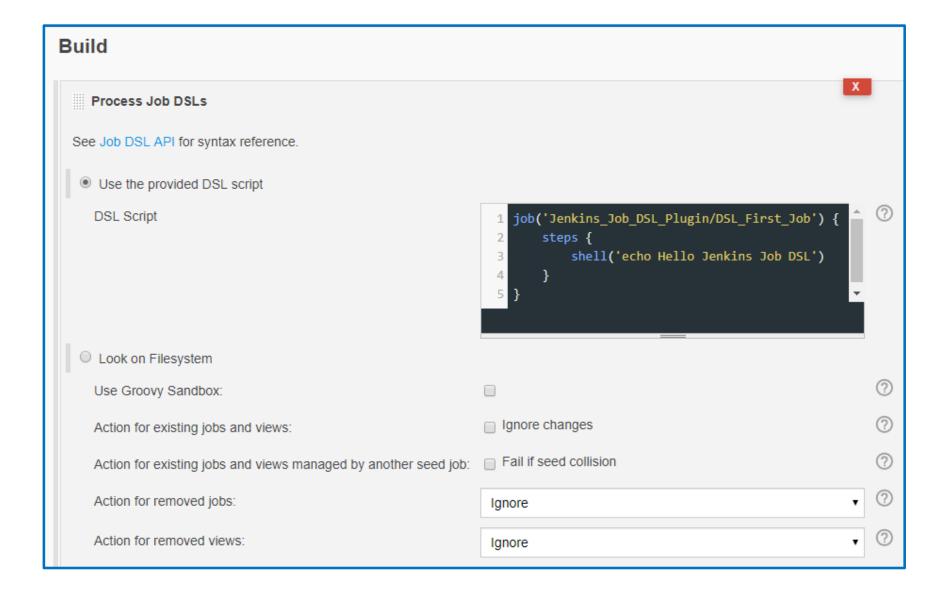
Build a maven project. Jenkins takes advantage of your POM files and drastically reduces the configuration.



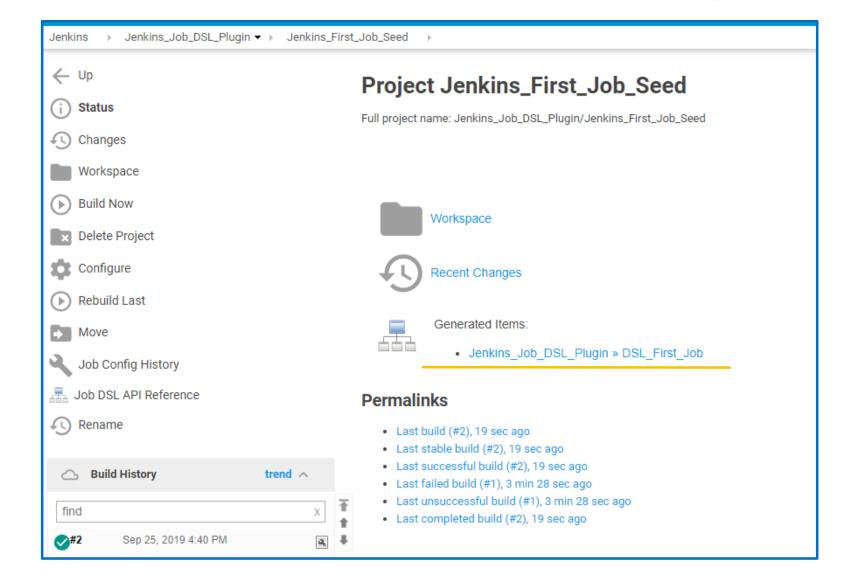
#### Pipeline

Orchestrates long-running activities that can span multiple build agents. Suitable for building pipelines (formerly known as workflows) and/or organizing complex activities that do not easily fit in free-style job type.

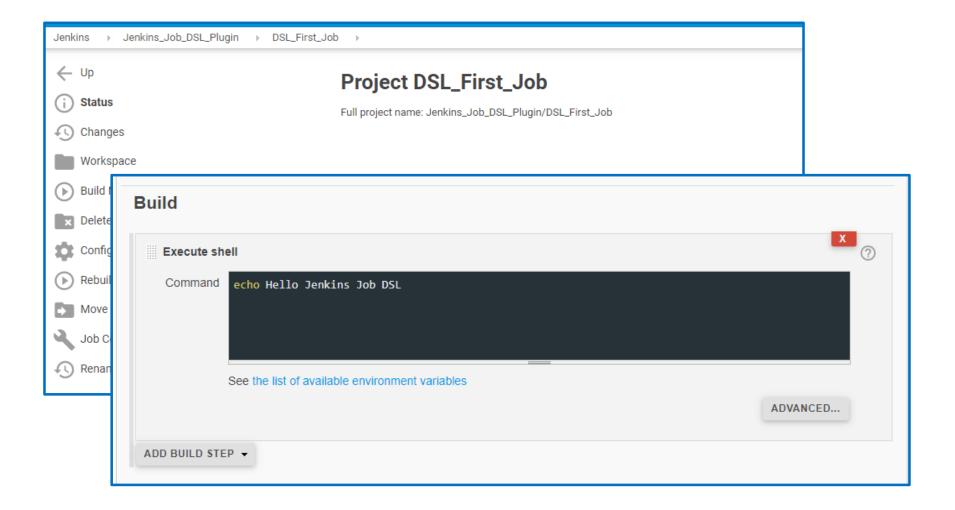
#### **Create First Seed Job**



#### Generate a Job from the Seed Job



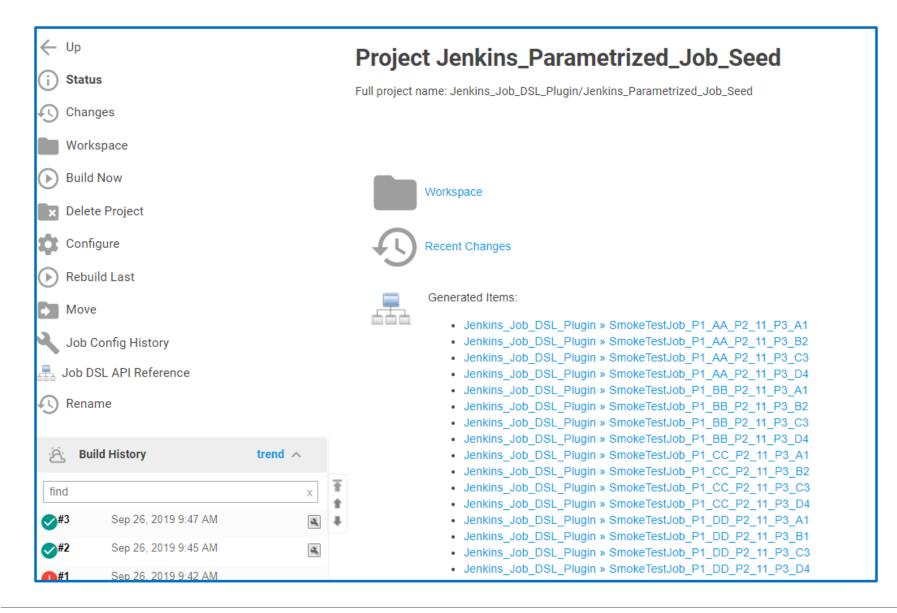
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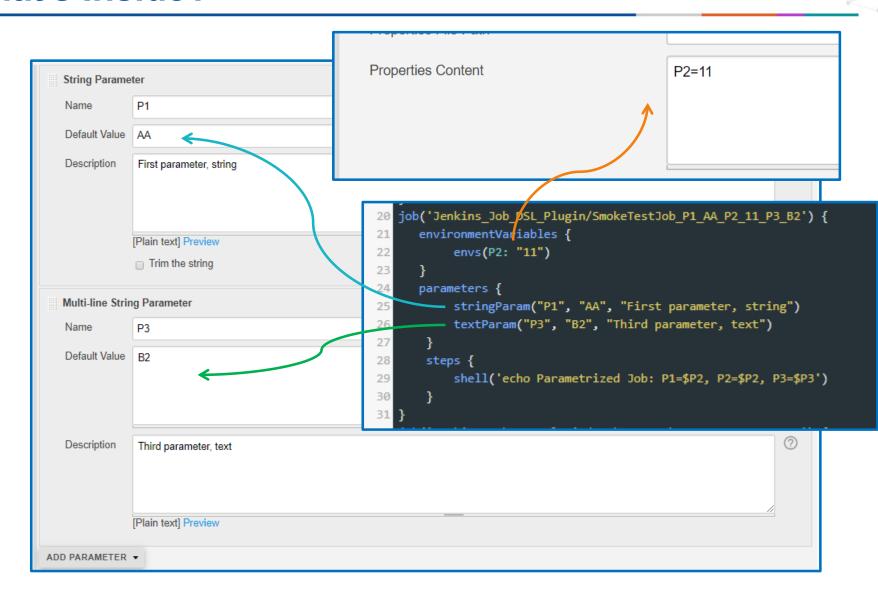
#### **Let's Add Some Parameters**

```
job('Jenkins Job DSL Plugin/SmokeTestJob P1 AA P2 11 P3 A1') {
      environmentVariables {
           envs(P2: "11")
      parameters {
 5
           stringParam("P1", "AA", "First parameter, string")
 6
           textParam("P3", "A1", "Third parameter, text")
 8
 9
       steps {
           shell('echo Parametrized Job: P1=$P2, P2=$P2, P3=$P3')
10
11
12
   job('Jenkins Job DSL Plugin/SmokeTestJob P1 AA P2 11 P3 B2') {
13
      environmentVariables {
14
           envs(P2: "11")
15
16
17
      parameters {
           stringParam("P1", "AA", "First parameter, string")
18
           textParam("P3", "B2", "Third parameter, text")
19
20
       steps {
21
22
           shell('echo Parametrized Job: P1=$P2, P2=$P2, P3=$P3')
23
24
```

#### ... and Generate the Jobs



### What's Inside?



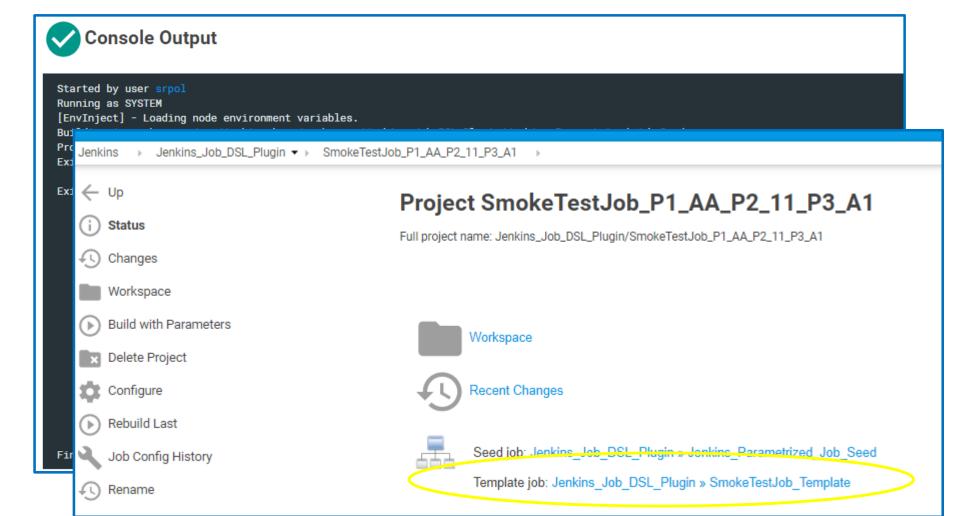
#### Now DRY It a Little...

```
job('Jenkins Job DSL Plugin/SmokeTestJob P1 AA P2 11 P3 A1') {
      environmentVariables {
           envs(P2: "11")
      parameters {
           stringParam("P1", "AA", "First parameter, string")
           textParam("P3", "A1", "Third parameter, text")
 8
      steps {
           shell('echo Parametrized Job: P1=$P2, P2=$P2, P3=$P3')
12
   job('Jenkins Job DSL Plugin/SmokeTestJob P1 AA P2 11 P3 B2') {
13
      environmentVariables {
14
                                                                                        Can we
           envs(P2: "11")
15
                                                                                     improve it?
16
17
      parameters {
           stringParam("P1", "AA", "First parameter, string")
18
           textParam("P3", "B2", "Third parameter, text")
19
20
21
      steps {
           shell('echo Parametrized Job: P1=$P2, P2=$P2, P3=$P3')
24
```

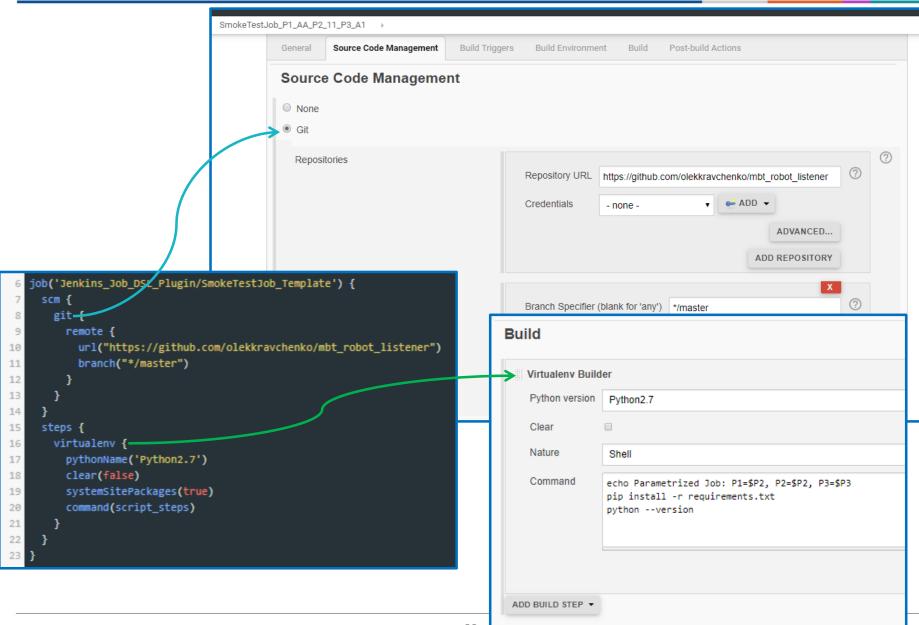
## **Use a Template Job**

```
def script_steps = '''echo Parametrized Job: P1=$P2, P2=$P2, P3=$P3
 2 pip install -r requirements.txt
  python --version
 6 job('Jenkins_Job_DSL_Plugin/SmokeTestJob_Template') {
     scm {
       git {
         remote {
           url("https://github.com/olekkravchenko/mbt robot listener")
10
           branch("*/master")
11
13
14
     steps {
15
       virtualenv {
         pythonName('Python2.7')
17
18
         clear(false)
         systemSitePackages(true)
19
         command(script steps)
21
23
24 job('Jenkins_Job_DSL_Plugin/SmokeTestJob_P1_AA_P2_II_F3_A1') {
      using("Jenkins_Job_DSL_Plugin/SmokeTestJob_Template")
     environmentVariables {
           envs(P2: "11")
28
29
      parameters {
           stringParam("P1", "AA", "First parameter, string")
30
           textParam("P3", "A1", "Third parameter, text")
31
32
33
34
```

#### **Build Results**



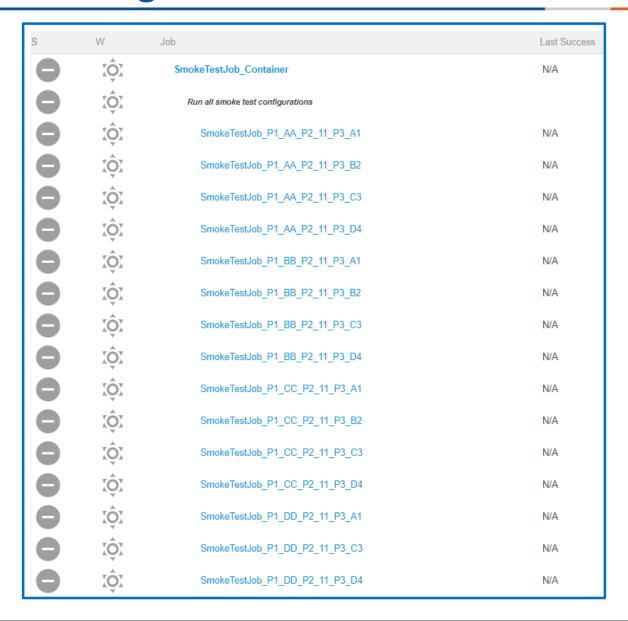
#### What's Generated?



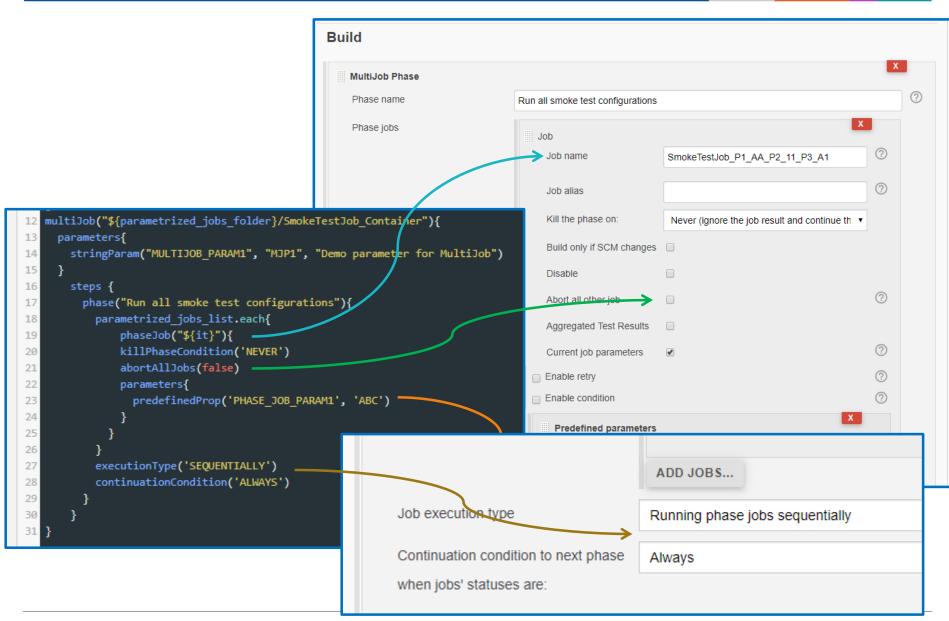
# **Bringing It All Together...**

```
def parametrized jobs folder = 'Jenkins Job DSL Plugin'
  def parametrized_jobs_list = [
     'SmokeTestJob P1 AA P2 11 P3 A1',
     'SmokeTestJob P1_AA_P2_11_P3_B2',
     'SmokeTestJob_P1_AA_P2_11_P3_C3',
                                                                        Groovy array
     'SmokeTestJob_P1_AA_P2_11_P3_D4',
     'SmokeTestJob_P1_BB_P2_11_P3_A1',
     'SmokeTestJob_P1_BB_P2_11_P3_B2',
     'SmokeTestJob_P1_BB_P2_11_P3_C3',
     'SmokeTestJob_P1_BB_P2_11_P3_D4',
11
   multiJob("${parametrized jobs folder}/SmokeTestJob Container"){
     parameters{
13
       stringParam("MULTIJOB PARAM1", "MJP1", "Demo parameter for MultiJob")
14
15
16
       steps {
         phase( Run all smoke test configurations"){
17
           parametrized_jobs_list.each{
18
               phaseJob("${it}"){
19
               killPhaseCondition('NEVER')
20
21
               abortAllJobs(false)
                                                                                  Groovy loop
               parameters{
22
                 predefinedProp('PHASE JOB PARAM1', 'ABC')
23
24
25
26
           executionType('SEQUENTIALLY')
27
28
           continuationCondition('ALWAYS')
29
30
31 }
```

# And the Amazing Result Is...

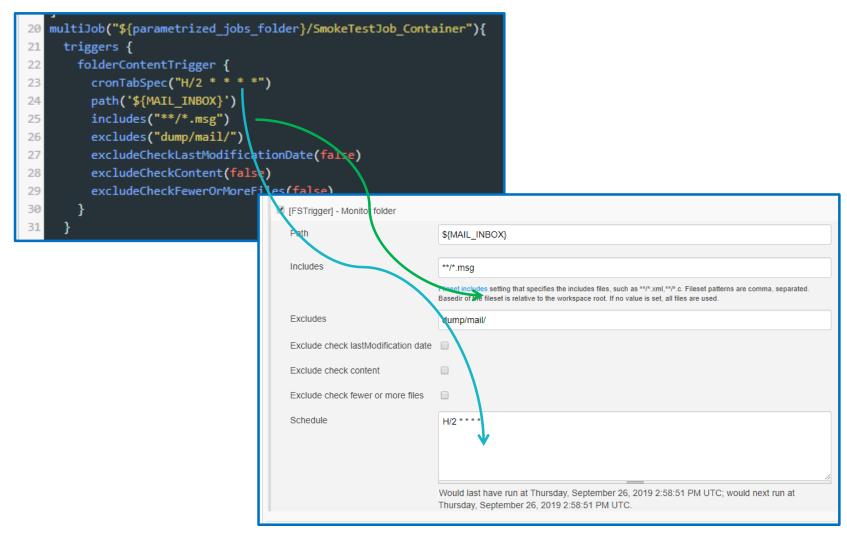


# Most Important Parts in MultiJob Seed



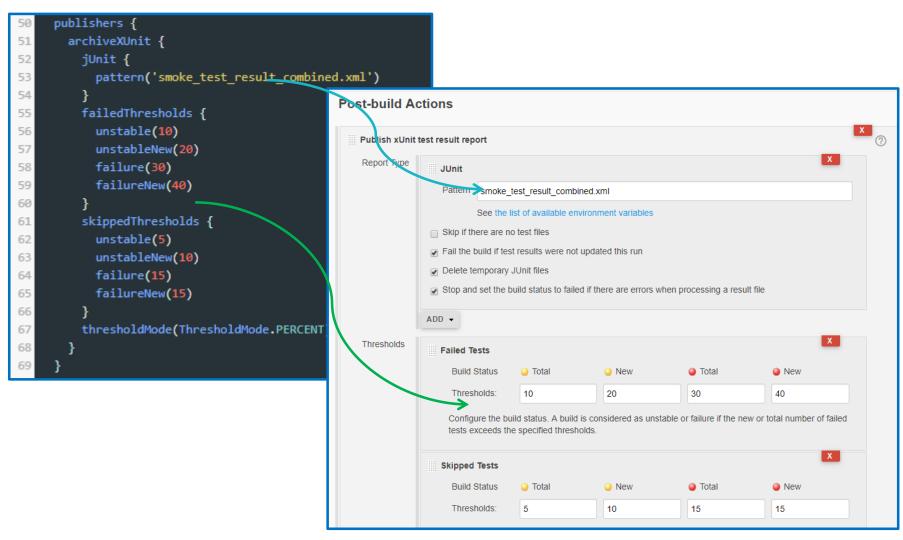
## What's Missing?

# Trigger

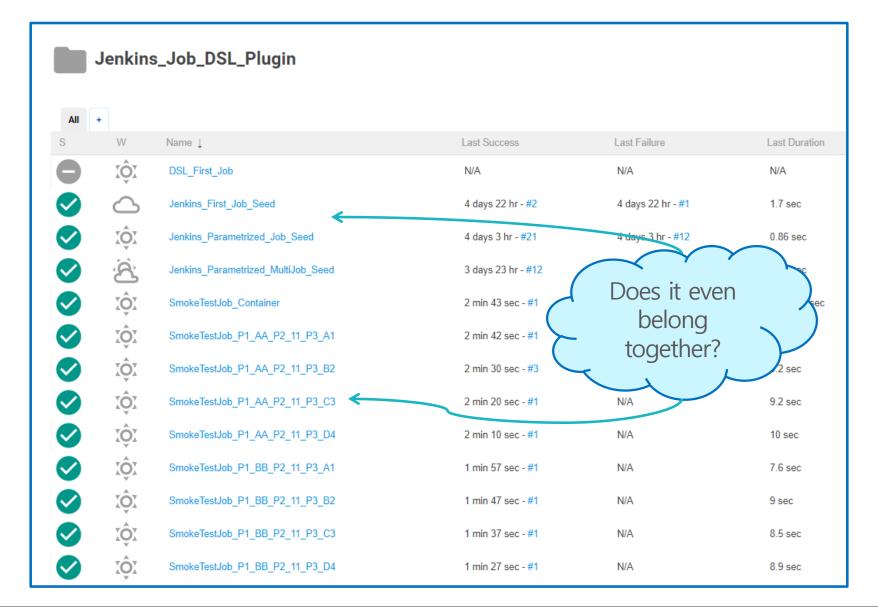


## What's Missing?

#### Result Publisher

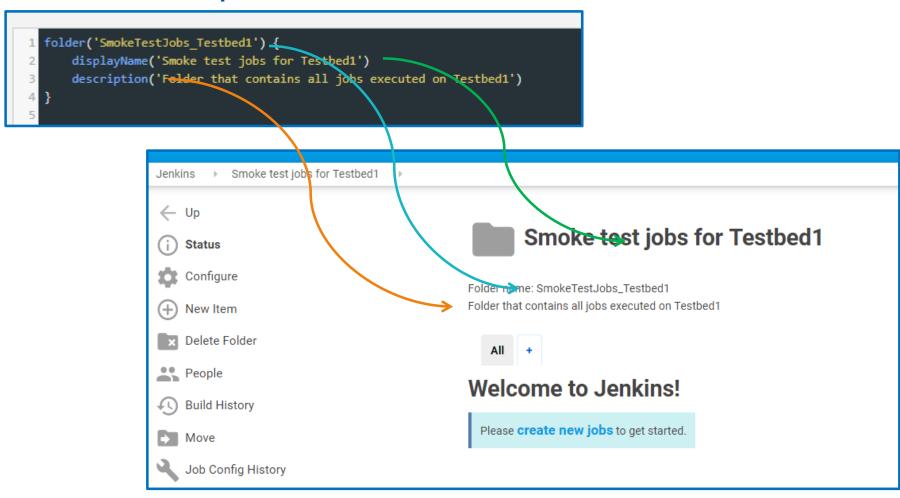


#### It's a Little Bit Messy



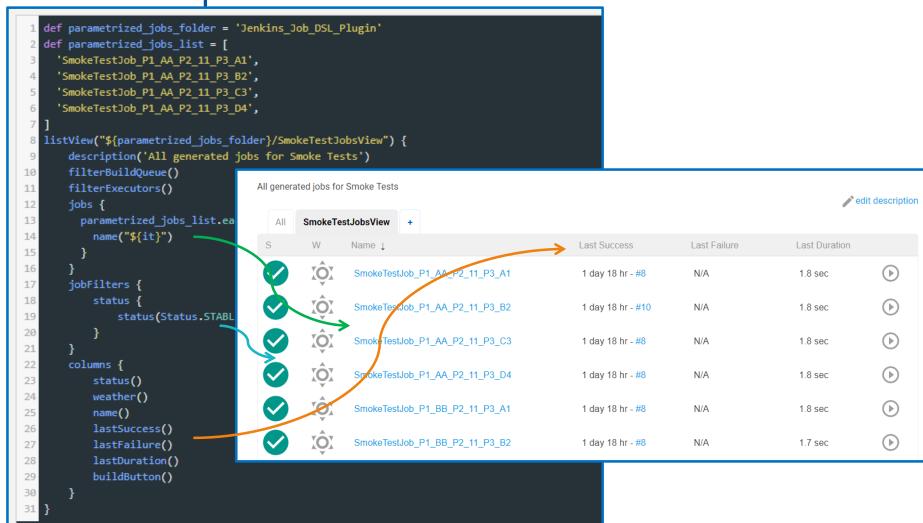
#### Let's Organize It Better

# Create a Separate Folder

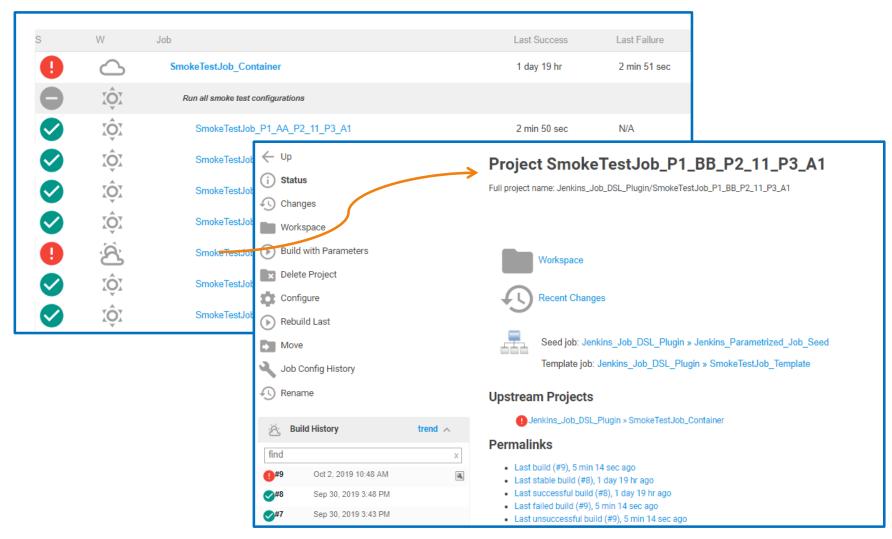


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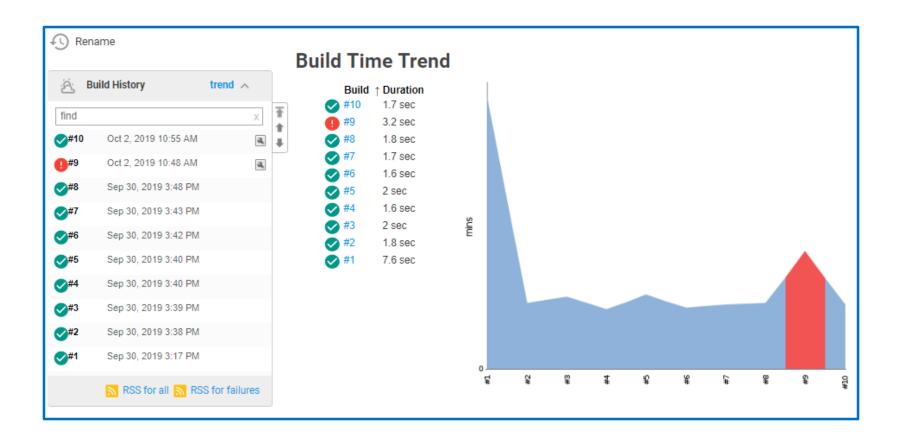
## Create a Separate View



# Can isolate particular configuration failure



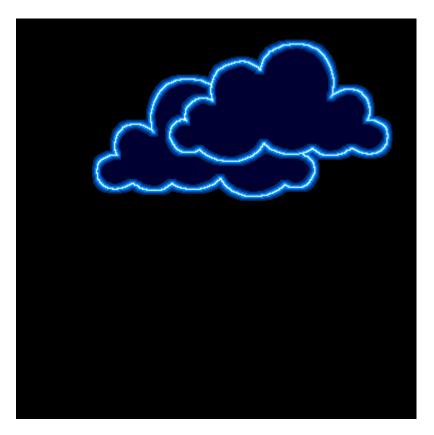
# Execution result history is separate for each job



Can easily modify jobs steps or configuration at once or add a new parametrized job

```
1 def parametrized_jobs_folder = 'Jenkins_Job_DSL_Plugin'
2 def script steps = '''echo Parametrized Job: P1=$P2, P2=$P2, 3=$P3, P4=$P4
 pip install -r requirements.txt
  python --version
  job("${parametrized_jobs_folder}/SmokeTestJob_Template") {
   scm {
     git {
       remote {
         url("https://github.com/olekkravchenko/mbt robot listener")
         branch("*/master")
   steps {
     virtualeny {
       python lame ('Python3.7')
       clear(false)
       systemSitePackages(true)
       command(script_steps)
                                                 Note: Job's execution history
                                                 is preserved after job is
                                                 regenerated
```

If the lightning strikes our Jenkins host we can re-create all our jobs easily



# **Summary**

### **Advantages**

#### 1. First and foremost: Configuration as Code

- a) Can leverage a Version Control system
- b) It is easier and faster to update the jobs
- c) It is easier to track and fix job configuration errors

#### 2. Probably the easiest way to control multiple related jobs

- a) Can keep jobs independent and self-sufficient
- b) Apply complex modifications in one go

#### 3. Much more pleasant and fun than just GUI clicking

#### **Drawbacks**

# Honestly, I don't see any ©

# Except of some enigmatic Groovy error messages

```
[EnvInject] - Loading node environment variables.

Building in workspace /var/jenkins_home/workspace/Jenkins_Job_DSL_Plugin/Jenkins_Parametrized_MultiJob_Seed

Processing provided DSL script

ERROR: (script, line 12) No signature of method: script.multijob() is applicable for argument types:

(org.codehaus.groovy.runtime.GStringImpl, script$_run_closure1) values:

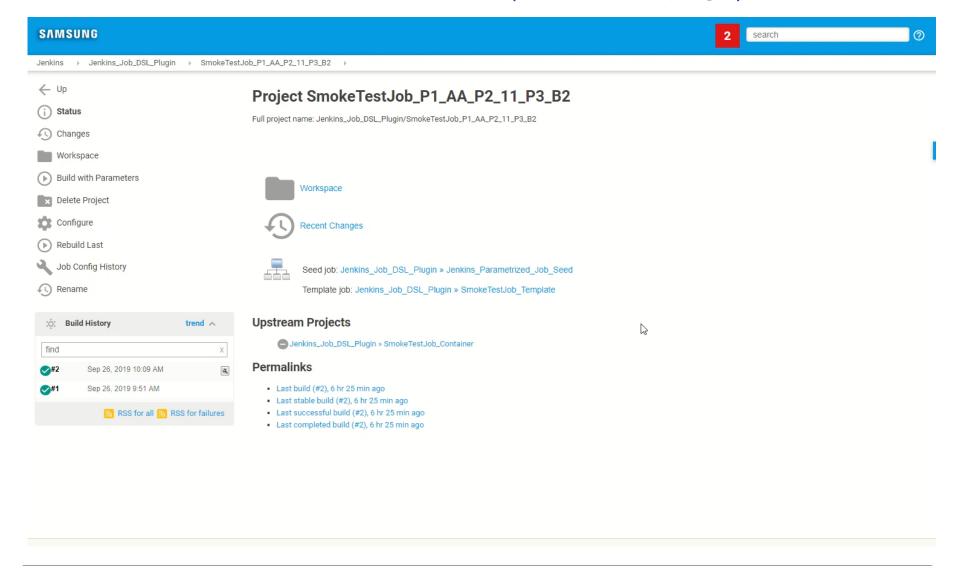
[Jenkins_Job_DSL_Plugin/SmokeTestJob_Container, script$_run_closure1@ddbc1cf]

Possible solutions: multiJob(java.lang.String), multiJob(java.lang.String, groovy.lang.Closure)

Finished: FAILURE
```

#### It May Help You a Little (or a Lot)

#### Jenkins Job DSL Documentation (Installed with plugin)



## It May Help You a Little (or a Lot)

Jenkins Job DSL Playground (job-dsl.herokuapp.com)

```
Jenkins Job DSL Playground
                                                                                                                                                                                                       Docs
 ► Run
   1 def parametrized jobs folder = 'Jenkins Job DSL Plugin'
   2 def parametrized_jobs_list = |
        'SmokeTestJob P1 AA P2 11 P3 B2',
       'SmokeTestJob P1 BB P2 11 P3 A1',
        'SmokeTestJob P1 BB P2 11 P3 C3',
  11 ]
  12 multiJob("${parametrized_jobs_folder}/SmokeTestJob_Container"){
         stringParam("MULTIPOB_PARAM1", "MJP1", "Demo parameter for MultiJob")
            parametrized_jobs_list.each{
                 phaseJob("${it}"){
                 killPhaseCondition('NEVER')
                 abortAllJobs(false)
                   stringParam('PHASE JOB PARAM1', 'ABC')
             continuationCondition('ALWAYS')
```

# Q&A

# Thank You