

# Meet Jenkins

## What is Jenkins?

Jenkins is an [award-winning](#), cross-platform, **continuous integration and continuous delivery** application that increases your productivity. Use Jenkins to **build and test your software projects continuously** making it easier for developers to integrate changes to the project, and making it easier for users to obtain a fresh build. It also allows you to **continuously deliver** your software by providing powerful ways to define your build pipelines and integrating with a large number of testing and deployment technologies.

## Features

Jenkins offers the following major features out of the box, and many more can be added through [plugins](#):

1. **Easy installation:** Just run `java -jar jenkins.war`, deploy it in a servlet container. No additional install, no database. Prefer an installer or native package? We have those as well.
2. **Easy configuration:** Jenkins can be configured entirely from its friendly web GUI with extensive on-the-fly error checks and inline help.
3. **Rich plugin ecosystem:** Jenkins integrates with virtually every SCM or build tool that exists. [View plugins](#).
4. **Extensibility:** Most parts of Jenkins can be extended and modified, and it's easy to create new Jenkins plugins. This allows you to customize Jenkins to your needs.
5. **Distributed builds:** Jenkins can distribute build/test loads to multiple computers with different operating systems. Building software for OS X, Linux, and Windows? No problem.

## Getting started

See <https://jenkins.io/doc/pipeline/tour/getting-started/>

## Installation

See <https://jenkins.io/doc/book/installing/>

## How to contribute

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