

Efficient DevSecOps workflows with reusable CI/CD Components

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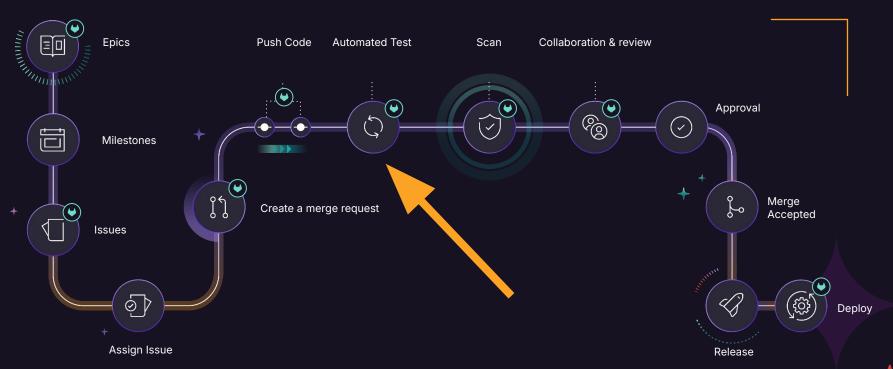
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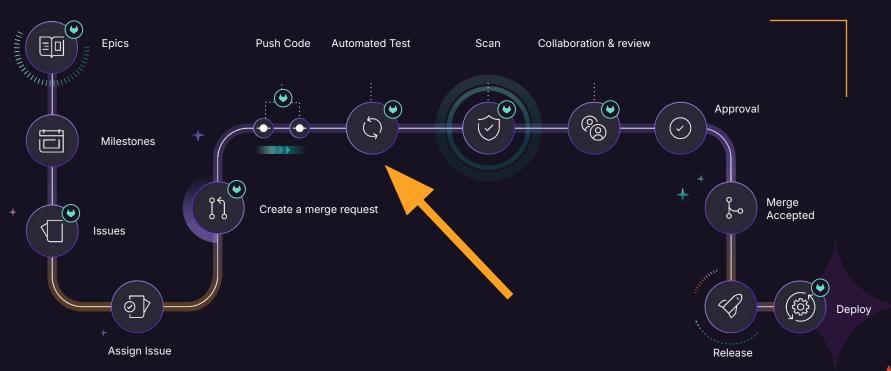




Where are you in your DevSecOps journey?



What is the most inefficient task?



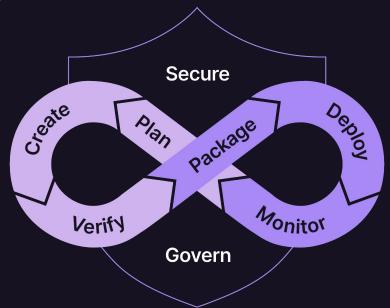


Efficient DevSecOps?



DevSecOps is all about speed

- Testing
- Continuous Integration (CI)
- Continuous Deployment (CD)
- Vulnerability Scanning
- Monitoring/Observability
- Infrastructure as Code
- Platform engineering

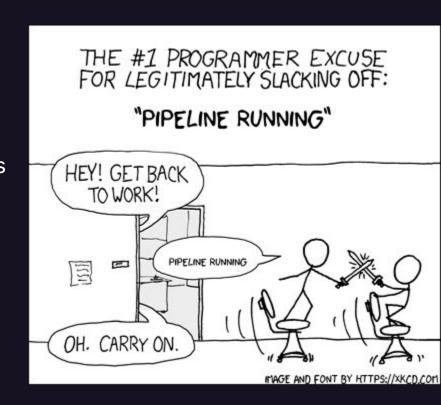




CI/CD Pipelines

How fast are you able to

- Create a CI/CD pipeline with multiple steps
- Document the usage
- Modularize pipelines
- Create reusable modules for your team
- Optimize and improve modules without breaking everything



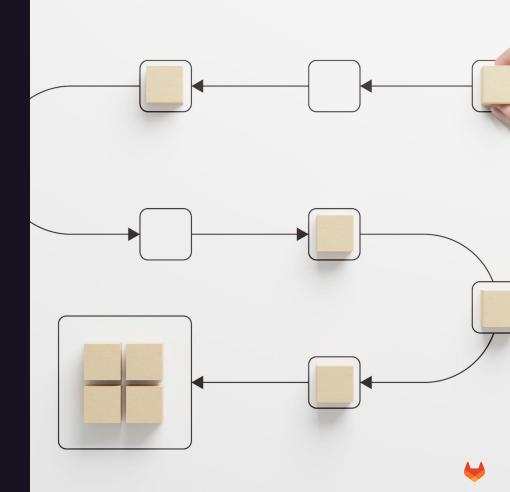


Discover, use, share





More CI/CD inefficiencies



Include CI/CD definitions from other repositories

Local to the project

Template: SAST

Project ref file in a different group

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        # .qitlab-ci.yml
        include:
          - local: /.gitlab/ci/docker-build.yml
          - template: Jobs/SAST.gitlab-ci.yml
          - project: qitlab-da/use-cases/cicd-components-catalog/migration/company-cicd-templates
            ref: main
            file: /rust/build.yml
          - project: gitlab-da/use-cases/cicd-components-catalog/migration/company-cicd-templates
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            file: /rust/docs.yml
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        stages:
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          - test
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          - build
          - deploy
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```



Frequent problem: stage mismatch in consumer and include 😫

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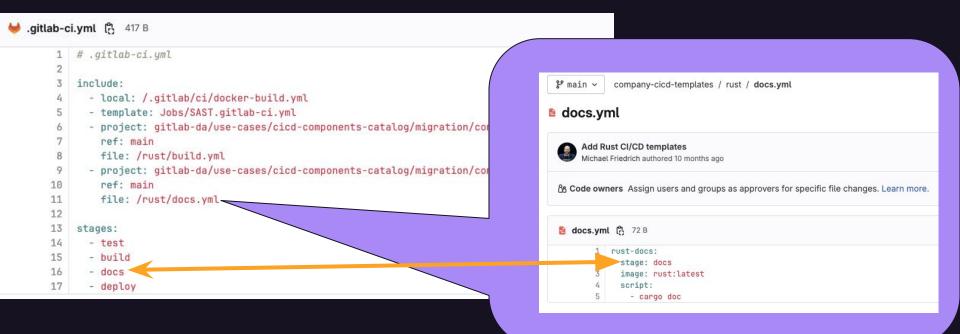
Unable to create pipeline

• rust-docs job: chosen stage does not exist; available stages are .pre, test, build, deploy, .post

Go to the pipeline editor



Solution 1: add the stage 🤨







Solution 2: override the job 🥴

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                                                            - deploy
```







CI/CD Components



Streamline and automate pipeline creation

- Easy to assemble pipeline components
 - → consistent and repeatable workflows
- Shareable Reusable Discoverable
 - → across teams to improve collaboration and increase DevSecOps efficiency



CI/CD component

- 1. Modularized job definition
- 2. Documented purpose
- 3. Parameter specification
- 4. Test automation
- 5. Versions with traditional release/publish workflow
- 6. Everyone can contribute GitLab Merge Requests





CI/CD catalog

- © Collection of available CI/CD Components
 - 1. Explorable index (Single source of Truth)
 - 2. Public or internal
 - 3. Enables reusability
- Shared ownership
 - 1. Instance maintainers
 - 2. GitLab maintained components
 - Components created by verified GitLab partners
 - 4. Community contributions





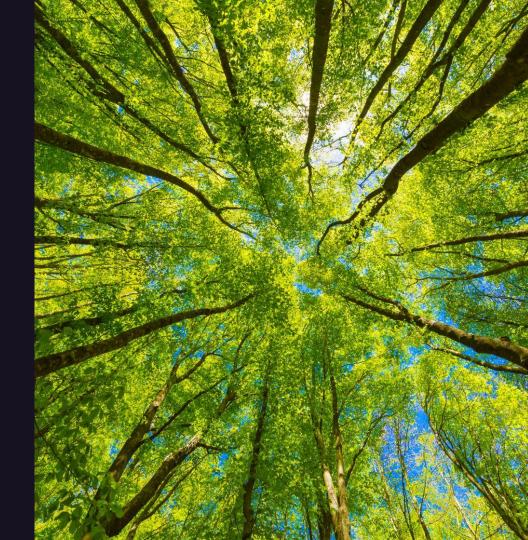
Adoption path

- **Templates** Any part of CI/CD pipeline configuration (exists today)
- Components Reusable unit of pipeline configuration
- **Catalog** Collection of components, searchable on global instance
- New component types future



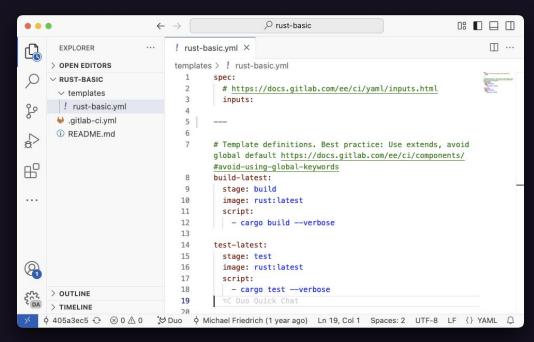


Inside a component



CI/CD component overview

- ② Directory structure
- Spec for metadata and inputs
- **Template** definitions
- Project in GitLab, test and release workflows in CI/CD







Create and Consume a CI/CD Component



Practical Example: Rust

Refactor Rust CI/CD config from the blog post "Learning Rust with a little help from AI"

Blog:

https://about.gitlab.com/blog/2023/08/10/learning-rust-with-a-little-help-from-ai-code-suggestions-getting-started/

MR:

https://gitlab.com/gitlab-da/use-cases/ai/learn-with-ai/learn-rust-ai/-/merge_requests/1/diffs

```
.gitlab-ci.vml 6 701B
         stages:
           - build
          - test
         default:
           image: rust:latest
          cache:
            key: ${CI_COMMIT_REF_SLUG}
            paths:
               - .cargo/bin
               - .cargo/registry/index
               - .cargo/registry/cache
    13
               - target/debug/deps
               - target/debug/build
    14
    15
             policy: pull-push
        # Cargo data needs to be in the project directory for being cached.
         variables:
          CARGO_HOME: ${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/.cargo
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    20
         build-latest:
          stage: build
          script:
    24
            - cargo build --verbose
    25
         test-latest:
    27
          stage: build
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          script:
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             - cargo test --verbose
```



Basic Rust component

Start at https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/components/

Create a GitLab project and open the Web IDE

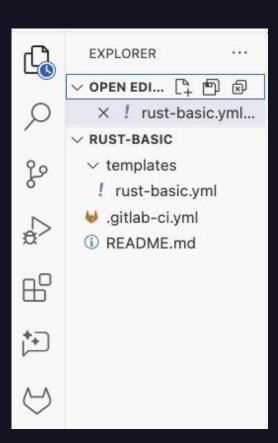
Directory tree

 $templates/ \leftarrow component type$

 $rust-basic.yml \leftarrow component template name (w/o .yml)$

 $README.md \leftarrow How to use$

 $.gitlab-ci.yml \leftarrow testing the component$

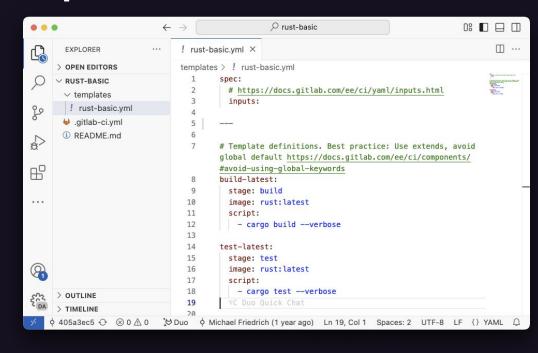




CI/CD jobs in Rust component

- MVC (minimal valuable change):

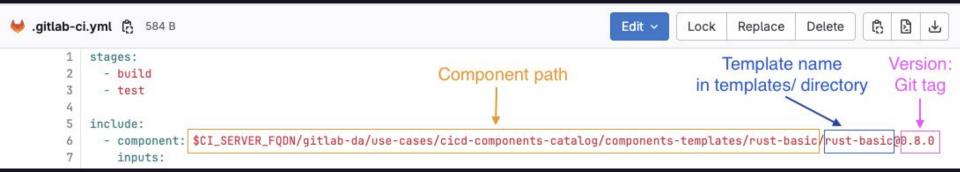
 - 2. Y Two jobs: build-latest, test-latest
 - a. stage
 - b. image
 - c. script
 - 3. **Template name**: rust-basic
 - 4. 🤔 No optimization yet





Consume Rust CI/CD component

Let's test this first iteration.



The *include* keyword supports the *components* keyword. The variable CI_SERVER_FQDN ensures that components can be used on any self-managed or

SaaS instance without editing.

Requires a component path:

\$CI_SERVER_FQDN/namespace/component/component-template-name@tagged-version

Remember the component directory tree? Omit templates in the path.



Dynamic inputs

```
inputs:
    variable_name:
    default: variable_default_value
    description: variable_description
```

Usage:

\$[[inputs.*variable_name*]]

Example: Define default stage names for build/test

https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/yaml/inputs.html

```
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☐ templates/rust-basic.yml 
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             spec:
               # https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/yaml/inputs.html
               inputs:
                  stage_build:
                    default: build
                   description: 'Defines the build stage'
                 stage_test:
                    default: test
        9
                    description: 'Defines the test stage'
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             00 -23,17 +29,15 00 variables:
                    - target/debug/build
 23
                  policy: pull-push
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             # Template definitions. Best practice: Use extends,
             global-keywords
             build-latest:
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          - stage: build
       34 + stage: $[[ inputs.stage_build ]]
               extends: [.rust-template]
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               script:
                  - cargo build --verbose
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             test-latest:
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               stage: test
               stage: $[[ inputs.stage_test ]]
               extends: [.rust-template]
 37
       42
               script:
                 - cargo test --verbose
 39
       43
```

Dynamic inputs - validation

Specify the component inputs

For testing, use the same stage value build which is different from the default.

```
Use stage inputs for components

Passed Michael Friedrich created pipeline for commit 8b489547

For main

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Pipeline Jobs 2 Tests 0

build

build

build-latest

test-latest
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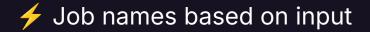
Dynamic inputs ++

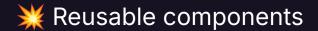
Replace *latest* value in job names and images

- Define the Rust version to use as input
- Use image tags from https://hub.docker.com/_/rust/tags

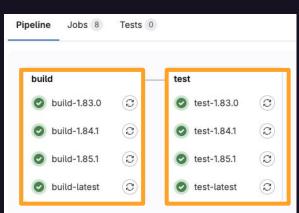
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             @@ -7,6 +7,9 @@ spec:
                 stage_test:
                   default: test
                   description: 'Defines the test stage'
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                 rust version:
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                   default: latest
                   description: 'Specify the Rust version, use values from
            https://hub.docker.com/_/rust/tags Defaults to latest'
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            @@ -17,7 +20,8 @@ variables:
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       20
             # Optimize: Job templates
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             .rust-template:
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               image: rust:latest
               # Optimize: Rust version input for dynamic workflows
              image: rust:$[[ inputs.rust_version ]]
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       25
               # Add caching (2.)
22
       26
               cache:
                 key: ${CI_COMMIT_REF_SLUG}
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            @@ -30,13 +34,14 @@ variables:
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                 policy: pull-push
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            # Job definitions
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           - build-latest:
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           + "build-$[[ inputs.rust_version ]]":
               stage: $[[ inputs.stage_build ]]
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              extends: [.rust-template]
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               script:
                 - cargo build --verbose
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           - test-latest:
       44 + "test-$[[ inputs.rust_version ]]":
               stage: $[[ inputs.stage_test ]]
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Dynamic job names





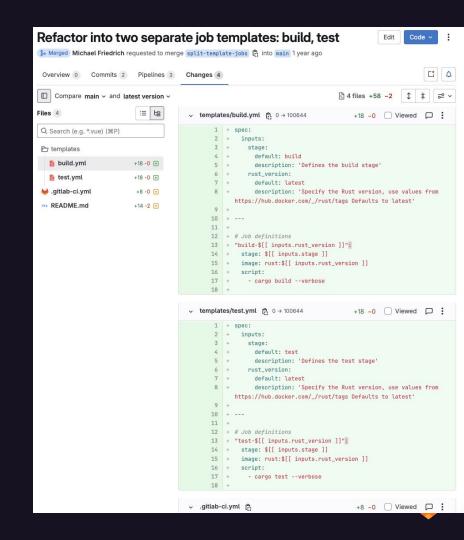
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        stages:
          - build
          - test
        include:
          - component: $CI_SERVER_FQDN/gitlab-da/use-cases/cicd-components-catalog/components-templates/rust-basic/rust-basic@0.8.0
              stage_build: build
              stage test: test
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              nputs:
              rust_version: 1.83.0
    19
```





Optimize CI/CD component

- Split the single template into job specific templates
 - a. build
 - b. test
- Consider
 - a. Adding more inputs
 - b. Default inputs values
 - c. Caching
- 3. Avoid global settings (no default keyword)





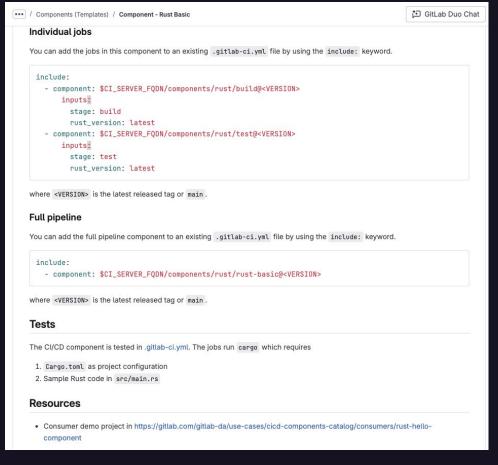
Maintain CI/CD Components

Documentation, tests



Documentation

- ② README.md best practices
 - 1. Purpose of the component
 - 2. Usage
 - 3. Testing & Development
- ② Inputs documentation is automatically generated in the CI/CD catalog





Testing a CI/CD component

Include the component in CI/CD in the same project

Test different input values for different templates

Use pre-defined CI/CD variables

https://docs.gitlab.com/ci/components/examples/#test-a-component

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        include:
          # include the component located in the current project from the current SHA
          - component: $CI SERVER FODN/$CI PROJECT PATH/rust-basic@$CI COMMIT SHA
            inputs:
              stage build: build
               stage test: test
               rust version: latest
          - component: $CI_SERVER_FQDN/$CI_PROJECT_PATH/build@$CI_COMMIT_SHA
            inputs:
    10
               rust version: 1.85.1
    11
              #stage: build
    12
          - component: $CI_SERVER_FQDN/$CI_PROJECT_PATH/test@$CI_COMMIT_SHA
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            inputs:
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               rust version: 1.84.1
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              # stage: test
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        stages:
          - build
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          - test
           - release
```



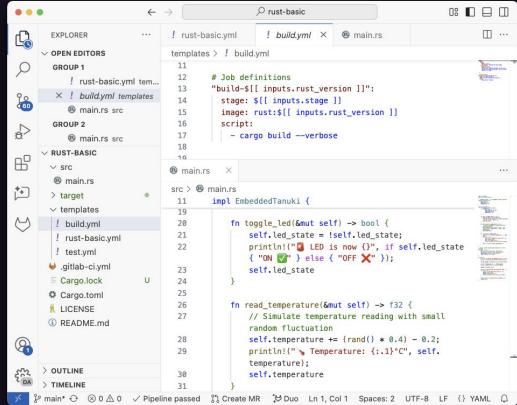
Testing with app code

Include source code, configuration, etc. environment in the component

Rust (run cargo init)

Cargo.toml configuration src/main.rs source code

Advanced testing example with parallel matrix builds in the Go component: https://gitlab.com/components/go/-/blob/main/.gitlab-ci.yml?ref_type=heads

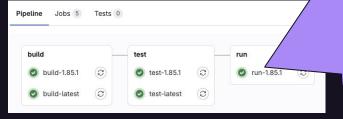


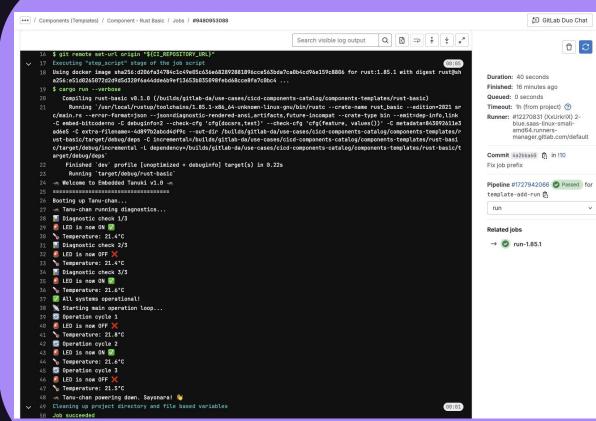
Iterate

Add more component templates and inputs as needed

→ run template for "cargo run"

Verify CI/CD pipelines







Visibility

CI/CD Catalog



Add Rust component to CI/CD catalog

- Project > Settings >
 - 1. Add description
 - Visibility, project features, permissions > CI/CD catalog project
 - 3. Toggle enabled and save changes

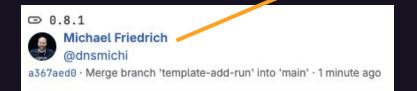


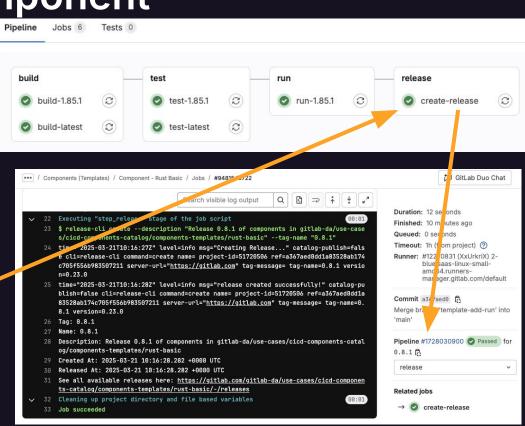


Release a CI/CD component

- Automated in CI/CD
- Automated Release notes
- Published into the CI/CD Catalog

User action: Create and push a Git tag (semantic version)





Explore

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Projects % Groups

∅ Topics

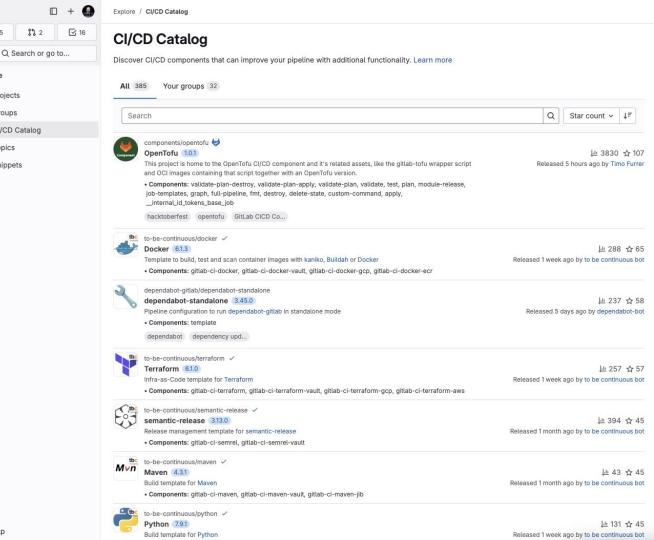
(?) Help

X Snippets

CI/CD Catalog

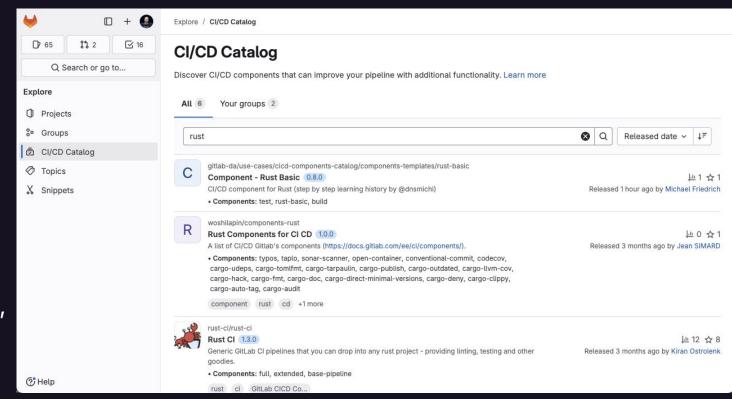
Search or go to > Explore > CI/CD catalog

https://gitlab.com/explore/catalog



CI/CD catalog

- Search for the component name
- Sort by release date, popularity, and more







Component Direction



Component direction

First iteration: <u>Templates</u>

ณ์ Next iteration: <u>Steps</u> for reusable job pieces

ท์ Direction: Expanding catalog resource types

ณ์ Direction: Support inputs for pipelines

ளி Direction: FY26 Pipeline Modularity





CI/CD Steps

CI/CD Steps

Tier: Free, Premium, Ultimate

Offering: GitLab.com, Self-managed, GitLab Dedicated

Status: Experimental

Steps are reusable and composable pieces of a job. Each step defines structured inputs and outputs that can be consumed by other steps. Steps can come from local files, GitLab.com repositories, or any other Git source.

Support for a CI Catalog that publishes steps is proposed in issue 425891.

steps are composable pieces of a job, replacing the *script* section. Accepts inputs, can be reused and combined with CI/CD Components.

Status: Experiment. Add ideas & feedback.

Scripts

Steps is an alternative to shell scripts for running jobs. They provide more structure, can be composed, and can be tested and reused. A exec:command is run by using an Exec system call, not by running a shell

However sometimes a shell script is what's needed. The script keyword will automatically select the correct shell and runs a script.

```
# Example job using script
my-job:
 run:
   - name: greet_user
     script: echo hello $[[ GITLAB_USER_LOGIN ]]
```

① Only the bash shell is supported. Support for conditional expressions is proposed in epic 12168.

Actions

You can run GitHub actions with the action keyword. Inputs and outputs work the same way as steps. Steps and actions can be used interchangably.

```
# Example job using action
my-job:
    - name: greet_user
      step: gitlab.com/gitlab-org/ci-cd/runner-tools/echo-step@v1
        echo: hello $[[ GITLAB_USER_LOGIN ]]
    - name: greet_user_again
      action: mikefarah/vg@master
        cmd: echo ["${{ steps.greet_user.outputs.echo }} again!"] | yq .[0]
```

```
# (spec goes here)
# Example steps definition
steps:
 - name: greet_user
   step: gitlab.com/gitlab-org/ci-cd/runner-tools/echo-step@v1
    inputs:
      echo: hello ${{ inputs.name }}
 - name: print_system_information
   step: ./my-local-steps/uname
```



Efficiency tips

Best practices



Input types

- ② 1. String (default)
 - → stage, image, script
 - 2. Number
 - → parallel
 - 3. Boolean
 - → allow_failure
 - 4. Array
 - → needs, rules
 - 5. Functions to manipulate values

https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/yaml/inputs.html#input-types https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/yaml/inputs.html#specify-functions-to-manipulate-input-values

https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/yaml/#job-keywords

```
spec:
  inputs:
    array_input:
      type: array
    boolean_input:
      type: boolean
    number_input:
      type: number
    string_input:
      type: string
test_job:
  allow_failure: $[[ inputs.boolean_input ]]
  needs: $[[ inputs.array input ]]
  parallel: $[[ inputs.number_input ]]
  script: $[[ inputs.string_input ]]
```

```
spec:
  inputs:
    test:
    default: 'test $MY_VAR'
---

test-job:
  script: echo $[[ inputs.test | expand_vars | truncate(5,8) ]]
```

Dynamic inputs example

- Arrays:
 - After script execution <u>https://gitlab.com/components/ruby</u>
 - 2. Cache paths

https://gitlab.com/explore/catalog/rust-ci/rust-ci

- String:
 - Container image https://gitlab.com/explore/catalog/to-be-continuous/python
 - 2. Dynamic job name

https://gitlab.com/components/ruby

```
include:
    - component: gitlab.com/components/rub;//tint@~latest
    inputs:
        job_name: lint
        project_path: example_project
        ruby_image: ruby:3.2
        stage: test
```

```
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           spec:
             inputs:
               after_script:
                 default: []
                 type: array
               job_name:
                 default: lint
               project_path:
                 default: .
       10
               ruby_image:
       11
                 default: ruby:latest
       12
               stage:
       13
                 default: test
       14
               cache_offenses:
       15
                 default: false
       16
                 type: boolean
       17
                 description: "Caching for rubocop offenses. Disabled by default."
           include:
             - local: /templates/base.yml
       21
               inputs:
                 project_path: $[[ inputs.project_path ]]
       22
                 ruby_image: $[[ inputs.ruby_image ]]
       24
      $[[ inputs.job_name ]]:
             extends: .ruby-base
             stage: $[[ inputs.stage ]]
       28
             cache:
               - !reference [.ruby-base, cache]
               - key: ${CI_PROJECT_PATH_SLUG}-${RUBY_IMAGE}-rubocop-cache
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                    - $CI_PROJECT_DIR/rubocop-cache
       33
             script:
               - if $[[ inputs.cache_offenses ]]; then echo "Enabling cache!" && ex
       35
               - bundle exec rubocop
       36
             after_script:
               $[[ inputs.after_script ]]
       37
       38
```

Security best practices

For component users

- 1. Use pinned versions
- 2. Store secrets securely
- 3. Securely handle cache and artifacts
- 4. Review CI/CD component changes
- 5. Audit and review component source code
- 6. Minimize access to credentials and tokens

Example 2 For component maintainers

- 1. Discourage using latest
- 2. Use two-factor authentication (2FA)
- 3. Use protected branches
- 4. Review changes carefully







Benefits

Component highlights and use cases



Building blocks

- Programming languages lint, build, test best practices
- Efficiency best practices
- ② Dynamic workflows
- Version control, dependencies, automated tests
- Single source of Truth and Visibility

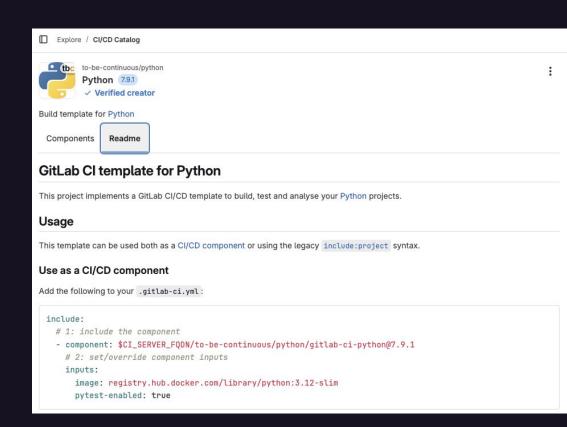




Verified creator components

 Highlight: to-be-continuous - Python

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/to-be-continuous/python





Verified creator components

Highlight: to-be-continuous - Docker

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/to-be-continuous/docker



Template to build, test and scan container images with kaniko, Buildah or Docker

Components Readme

GitLab CI template for Docker

This project implements a GitLab CI/CD template to build, test and secure your container images out of a <code>Dockerfile</code> .

It supports kaniko, Buildah or Docker as build tools.

Usage

This template can be used both as a CI/CD component or using the legacy include:project syntax.

Use as a CI/CD component

Add the following to your .gitlab-ci.yml:

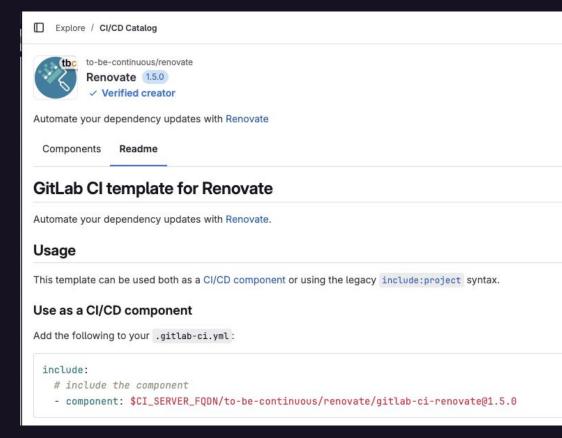
```
include:
    # 1: include the component
    - component: $CI_SERVER_FQDN/to-be-continuous/docker/gitlab-ci-docker@6.1.3
    # 2: set/override component inputs
    inputs:
        build-tool: buildah # ▲ this is only an example
```



Verified creator components

Highlight: to-be-continuous - Renovate

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/to-be-continuous/renova te





Partner components

Highlight: Google - GKE

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/google-gitlab-component s/gke

Learn more:

https://about.gitlab.com/blog/2024/04/09/gitlab-google-cloud-integrations-now-in-public-beta/#automate-cicd



deploy-gke

Components

Status: Beta

. google_cloud_support_feature_flag (Beta) flag need to be enabled to use the Component.

deploy-gke is a component to deploy a container to a GKE cluster. It also performs horizontal pod auto-scaling up to 3 nodes and creates a Service if the application needs a port exposed.

Prerequisites

- . Google Cloud workload identity federation must be set up with GitLab Google Cloud integration onboarding process.
- · The workload identity used to create the release must have proper permissions configured. Please check Authorization section.
- · The image must be accessible by the GKE cluster.
- · A Google Cloud project with a GKE cluster.

Readme

Usage

Include the deploy-gke component in your .gitlab-ci.yml file:

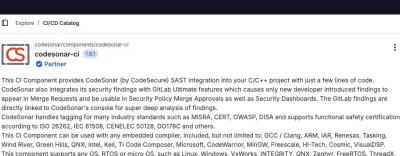
include: component: gitlab.com/google-gitlab-components/gke/deploy-gke@<VERSION>

inputs:
 stage: build
 image: nginx
 app_name: nginx-app
 cluster_name: my-cluster
 project_id: my-project
 region: us-central1
 expose_port: "8888"

Partner components

 Highlight: CodeSonar CodeSecure - Embedded Security scanning

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/codesonar/components/ codesonar-ci



CodeSecure CodeSonar CI/CD Component

Usage

Components

Readme

This components enables CodeSonar Static Application Security Scanning capabilities for your embedded C/C++ GitLab projects. This component allows you to run a CodeSonar analysis while you build your source code and will then upload the CodeSonar delta results into GitLab.

Usage of this component requires access to a CodeSonar hub instance. To obtain access, please send an email to support@codesecure.com with subject line Request access to GitLab CI/CD Component for CodeSoar.

This component requires that you have a build container, which can also be a GitLab project, or you can provide the build container through some other means. The build container needs to be provided in the CSONAR_BUILD_CONTAINER input. See gcc-arm-none-eab and the Free RTOS Kernel project as an example. CodeSonar supports virtually all Embedded Compilers.

You should add this component to an existing .gitlab-ci.yml file by using the include: keyword.

include:

- component: gitlab.com/codesonar/components/codesonar-ci/codesonar@<VERSION>

where <VERSION> is the latest released tag or main

The container will build your code using the CSONAR_BUILD_CMD, typically make -j\$(nproc). If any additional steps are needed before running build, such as configure, or mkdir build; cd build; cmake ..., then these steps need to be performed in a before_script step as part of the stage.

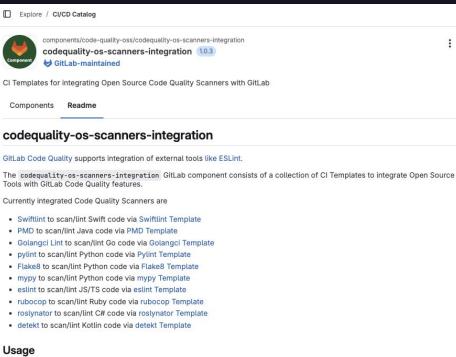
This component supports running in GitLab SaaS runners, but also on self-hosted runners.



GitLab-maintained components

Highlight: Code Quality OSS

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/components/code-qualit y-oss/codequality-os-scanner s-integration



Usage

The component can be used in two ways:

1. All-in-One Scanner Integration

Include all scanners with a single component. The component automatically detects relevant scanners based on your repository's file types (e.g., .pv files for Python scanners).

include:

- component: \$CI_SERVER_FQDN/components/code-quality-oss/codequality-os-scanners-integration/codequa



GitLab-maintained components

Highlight: OpenTofu

https://gitlab.com/explore/cat alog/components/opentofu Explore / CI/CD Catalog



This project is home to the OpenTofu CI/CD component and it's related assets, like the gitlab-tofu wrapper script and OCI images containing that script together with an OpenTofu version.

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Components

Readme

OpenTofu CI/CD Component

This project is home to the OpenTofu CI/CD component and it's related assets, like the gitlab-tofu wrapper script and OCI images containing that script together with an OpenTofu version.

Note

Please make sure to use a released version of this CI/CD component. You find all releases on the Releases Overview Page.

Tip

GitLab CI/CD components and the CI/CD catalog are fairly recent additions to GitLab. You can learn more about them here:

- CI/CD components
- · Development guide for GitLab CI/CD components
- CI/CD Catalog

Migrating from the Terraform CI/CD templates? Check this out.

- OpenTofu CI/CD Component
 - Usage
 - OpenTofu Version
 - Base Image OS
 - GitLab-managed Terraform state backend
 - . State and Plan Encryption
 - Configure id_tokens
 - Access to Terraform Module Registry
 - Access to GitLab via glab or GitLab Terraform Provider
 - Opinionated Templates
 - Job Templates
 - Inputs
 - Available OpenTofu Versions
 - Environment Variables
 - Respected Environment Variables
 - Respected OpenTofu Environment Variables
 - Respected GitLab CI/CD Variables
 - Auto-forwarded predefined CI variables
 - Install additional tools
 - Source gitlab-tofu script to run custom commands later
 - Best Practices
 - Lockfile Handling
 - Examples

Use case: Hardware in the loop

② Use: GitLab CI Components for Embedded

Learn: Embedded DevOps Workshop -A Self-Paced POC for Refactoring to GitLab CI and Modern Security and Compliance

Watch: Embedded DevOps Hardware in the CI Loop and The Transformative Power of Sharing Work-in-Progress

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Android Auto Build (#)



Build component for embedded Android Auto OS (AAOS). This is a community CI/CD ...



ardruino-cli (#)

Arduino IDE CLI for Embedded Development.



Arm Gnu Embedded RPI Pico SDK (#)



GitLab CI On-Premise Device Cloud - Embedded + IoT + Mobile Ready



GitLab Lightweight Orchestration of Hardware In the Loop (HIL) Device Pools for Cl. O...



WOKWI Human In The Loop HITL GitLab Environments for Embedded

A component for leveraging GitLab Environments for Human In The Loop (HITL) testin...



WOKWI Software In the Loop SIL in GitLab CI for Embedded # Leverages WOKWI Microcontroller Simulation platform to provide a GitLab Environme...

Hardware in the CI Loop: Open Bottlenecks. Enable Shared Development, Unlock Heran Housest - Shorost specially on Expensive Shared Hardwan Multiple Much Faster Feedback Cycles for Innovation Through Device Cloud Simulated HW Device Cloud Cloud Scalable

More use cases

- Get inspired to create your own CI/CD components:
 - 1. Container image builds: Docker-in-Docker, podman, Kaniko
 - 2. Programming language workflows including best practices
 - 3. Platform engineering, developer experience
 - 4. Continuous releases and deployments
 - 5. IaC and Observability
 - 6. Security scanning, Supply Chain Security, SLSA, SBOM
 - 7. Embedded, automotive, telco, aerospace, medical







Everyone can contribute

Create



Start today

- ② Create a component project
- ② Convert CI/CD templates into components
- Replace hardcoded values with inputs
- Development guide for GitLab CI/CD components







FAQ



- 1. CI/CD Templates are deprecated?
 - a. No. They are used within component types, too.
- 2. Where to start with components?
 - a. Start where pipelines failing for 1+ teams
 - b. Review more pipelines and find common patterns and usages
 - Contribute to the GitLab CI/CD Catalog locally and at GitLab
 - d. Share your feedback in GitLab.com epics and issues!
- 3. Don't get confused about <u>steps</u>, they are still experimental
- 4. Visit the GitLab blog useful resources like <u>FAQs</u> and more
- 5. More interest? Follow this epic

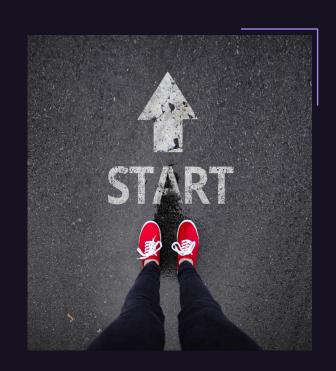






Migration workshop

Optional: Go CI/CD template migration practical example



Migration workshop: Go

Analyze existing CI/CD template

Split jobs into specific component templates

Optimize with dynamic inputs

Test component with source code

Release component





Analyze existing CI/CD template

- The image configuration is global.
 - → Needs to be moved into job definition.
- The format job runs multiple go commands, including go test
 - → Split the jobs into format and test
- The compile job runs go build.
 - → Rename job.

```
image: golang:latest
stages:
 - test
 - build
 - deploy
format:
 stage: test
   - go fmt $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
   - go vet $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
   - go test -race $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
compile:
 stage: build
 script:
   - mkdir -p mybinaries
   - go build -o mybinaries ./...
 artifacts:
     - mybinaries
```



Define optimization strategies

- The stage attribute is hardcoded.
 - → Should be configurable
- The image attribute hardcodes latest tag.
 - → Make it a configurable input.
- 3. The *compile* job uses a hard-coded binary output path.
 - → Make it configurable.

```
image: golang:latest
stages:
 - test
 - build
 - deploy
format:
 stage: test
   - go fmt $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
   - go vet $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
   - go test -race $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
compile:
 stage: build
 script:
   - mkdir -p mybinaries
   - go build -o mybinaries ./...
 artifacts:
     - mybinaries
```



Create template directory structure

- 1. One template file for each job: format, build, test
- 2. Create a project, initialize a Git repository
- 3. Create additional best practice files

```
mkdir templates
touch templates/{format,build,test}.yml

touch README.md LICENSE.md .gitlab-ci.yml .gitignore

git add -A
git commit -avm "Initial component structure"

git remote add origin https://gitlab.example.com/components/golang.git
```



CI/CD job templates: build

- Define inputs: job_name, stage, go_image, binary_directory
- Add dynamic job name definition, using inputs.job_name
- 3. Assign stage to inputs.stage
- 4. Use image from inputs.go_image
- Create binary directory from inputs.binary_directory, add to go build
- 6. Define the artifacts path to inputs.binary_directory

```
build.yml 🖰 761 B
            spec:
             inputs:
               job_name:
                 default: 'build'
                 description: 'Defines the job name'
               stage:
                 default: 'build'
                 description: 'Defines the stage'
               qo_image:
                 default: 'golang:latest'
                 description: 'Defines the Go container image'
               binary_directory:
                 default: 'mybinaries'
                 description: 'Output directory for created binary artifacts'
            "$[[ inputs.job_name ]]":
             stage: $[[ inputs.stage ]]
             image: $[[ inputs.go_image ]]
             script:
               - mkdir -p $[[ inputs.binary_directory ]]
                 if [ -n "$[[ inputs.binary_directory ]]" ]; then
                   go build -o $[[ inputs.binary_directory ]] ./...
                 else
                   go build ./...
             artifacts:
               paths:
                  - $[[ inputs.binary_directory ]]
```



CI/CD job template: format

- 1. Follow the same pattern:
- Inputs: job_name, stage and go_image
 a. Default values, description
- 3. Dynamic job name, stage, image

```
🖺 format.yml 🖺 471 B
                             Blame
                                                                  Delete
           spec:
             inputs:
               iob name:
                 default: 'format'
                 description: 'Defines the job name'
               stage:
                 default: 'format'
                 description: 'Defines the stage'
               qo_image:
                 default: 'golang:latest'
                 description: 'Defines the Go container image'
           "$[[ inputs.iob name ]]":
            stage: $[[ inputs.stage ]]
            image: $[[ inputs.go_image ]]
            script:
               - go fmt $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
               - go vet $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
```



CI/CD job template: test

- 1. Follow the same pattern:
- Inputs: job_name, stage and go_image
 a. Default values, description
- 3. Dynamic job name, stage, image

```
test.yml
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                                        Edit ~
           spec:
             inputs:
               job_name:
                 default: 'test'
                 description: 'Defines the job name'
               stage:
                 default: 'test'
                 description: 'Defines the stage'
               go_image:
                 default: 'golang:latest'
                 description: 'Defines the Go container image'
           "$[[ inputs.job_name ]]":
             stage: $[[ inputs.stage ]]
             image: $[[ inputs.go_image ]]
             script:
               - go test -race $(go list ./... | grep -v /vendor/)
```



Test CI/CD component

- 1. Edit .gitlab-ci.yml and add tests
- Specify multiple input values for job_name, stage, image
 - a. Use parallel:matrix for Go images
- 3. CI_SERVER_FQDN automatically detects your instance URL





8 Add Go source code

The *go* commands expect a Go project with go.mod, main.go

\$ go mod init <project URL without https://>

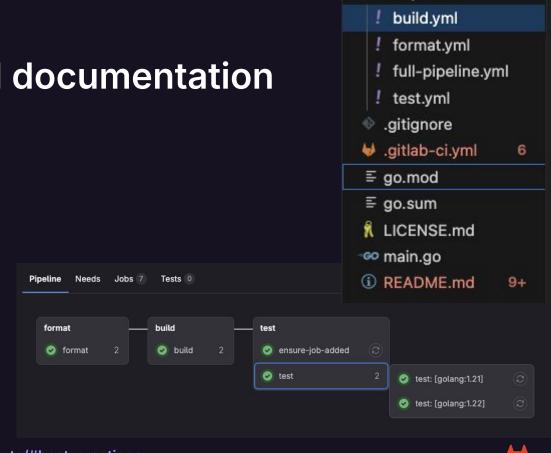
Tip: Use <u>GitLab Duo Code Suggestions</u> and use comments as prompt instructions to generate code.

```
① README.md 9+
                     ∞ main.go 2. M X
                                         .gitlab-ci.vml 6
                                                               .aitianore
                                                                                ! build
co main.go
       // Create package main
       // Add all required imports
       // Create a function that greets the CI/CD component user
       // Add functions to calculate PI
       // Add function that allocates 10 MB memory
       // Call all functions in the main package, and main function
       // End with saying that everything was generated with the help of GitLab Duo
       package main
       func greetUser(name string) {
         fmt.Printf("Hello %s, welcome to the CI/CD component!\n", name)
         var pi float64 = 0
           pi += math.Pow(-1, float64(i)) * 4 / (2 * float64(i) + 1)
         return pi
         data := make([]byte, 10*1024*1024) // 10 MB
         fmt.Printf("Allocated %d MB of memory\n", len(data)/1024/1024)
```



Verify results, add documentation

- 1. Commit & push the change
- Add docs best practices for Usage and Inputs
- 3. Release the component
- 4. Consume the component in staging/production



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templates





DevSecOps Efficiency with CI/CD components



DevSecOps efficiency with a little help from CI/CD components

- Reusable, self-contained building blocks for GitLab CI/CD
- Visible and discoverable
- Share "best practice" pipeline jobs
- Formalized, and testable input parameters
- Create and consume
- Maintain, test and release
- Inspire collaboration and transparency





Resources

<u>Slides</u>



