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ARCON Integration with Jenkins

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1 Overview

Jenkins is an open-source automation server that is free to download. It aids continuous deployment and execution by automating the aspects of product creation related to building, testing, and deploying.

This document covers the ARCON PAM integration with Jenkins and how Jenkins is being used to automate the CI process.

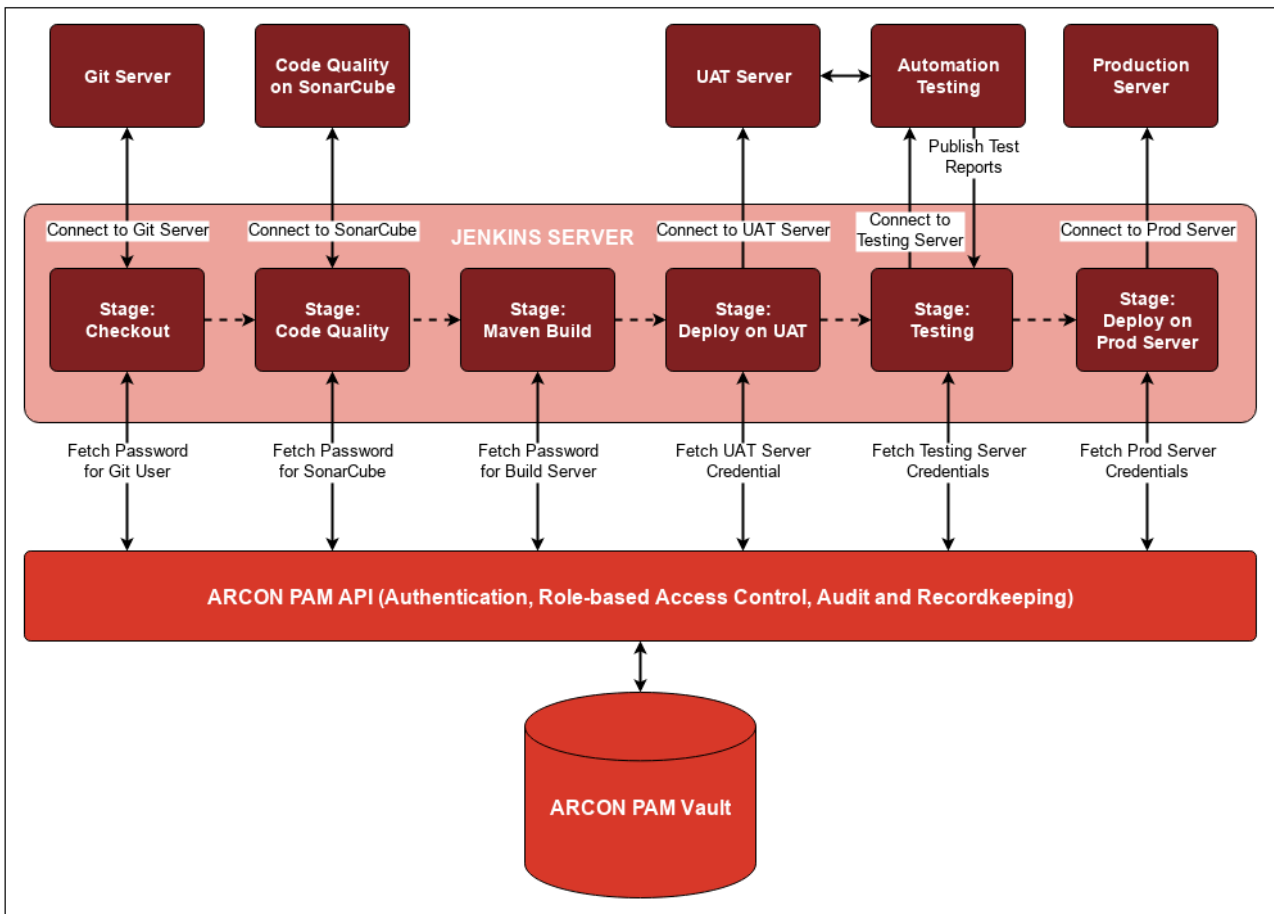
The ARCON PAM integration with Jenkins process contains several phases, which are shown as follows:

1. Configuration in ARCON PAM:
 - a. API User Registration
 - b. Register Machines

2. Configuration in Jenkins:
 - a. Install PAM Plugin
 - b. Add Build steps to get credentials of Target Machines from PAM
 - c. Using SSH credentials obtained from a plugin in a pipeline script

2 Architecture

The following diagram represents the architecture of ARCON PAM integration with Jenkins:



In the Jenkins pipeline, there are multiple stages that require credentials for applications or servers to connect and perform a privileged activity needed for the DevOps stream to flow.

At every stage, that requires a secret to be fetched from ARCON PAM Vault, a relevant call is made to ARCON PAM APIs in the pipeline. Every call is authenticated, authorized, and audited within the ARCON PAM.

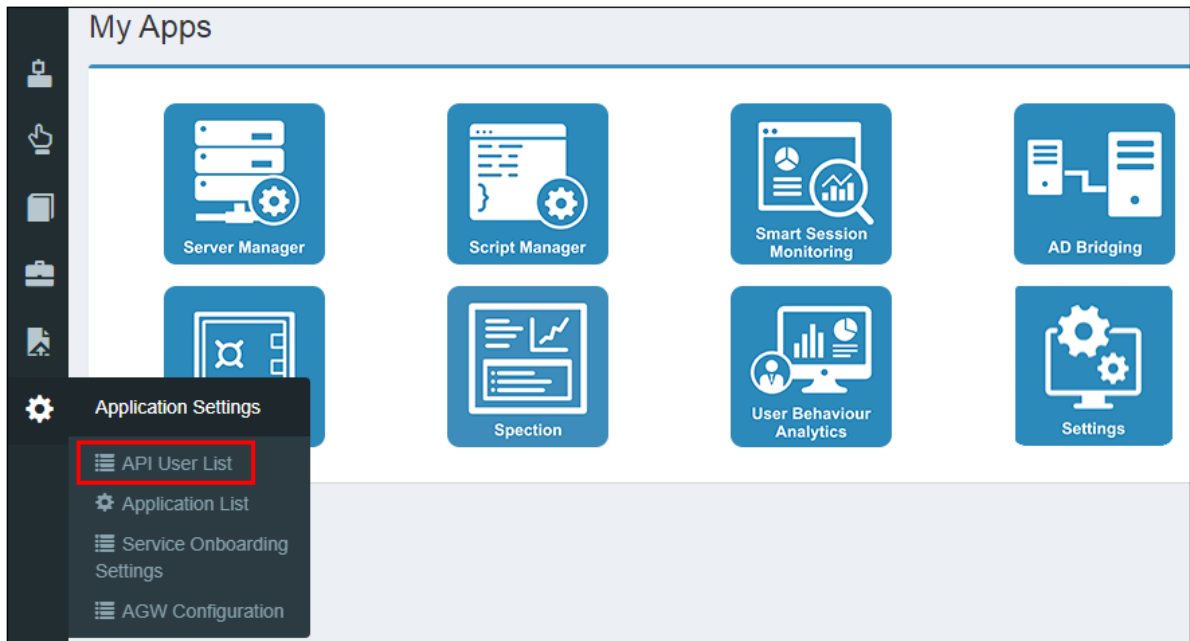
3 Configuration in ARCON PAM

3.1 API User Creation

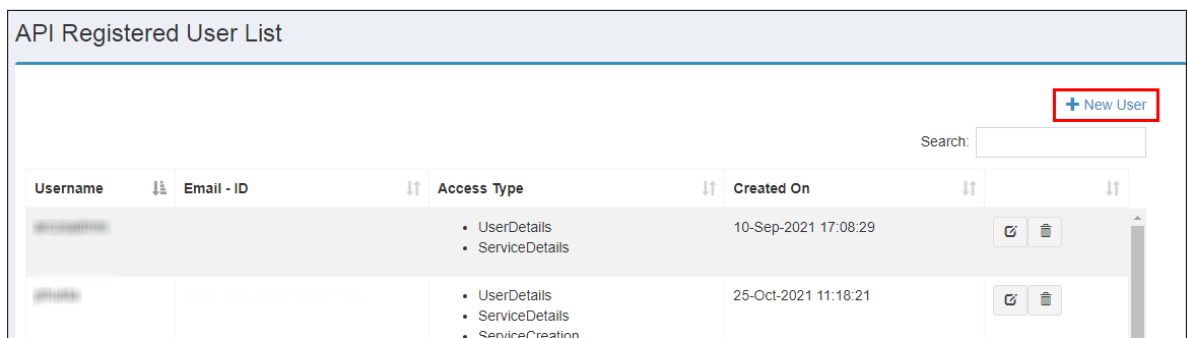
The API User Registration creates a user account in the ARCON PAM application, which will later on be used in Jenkins integration.

To create API User, perform the following steps:

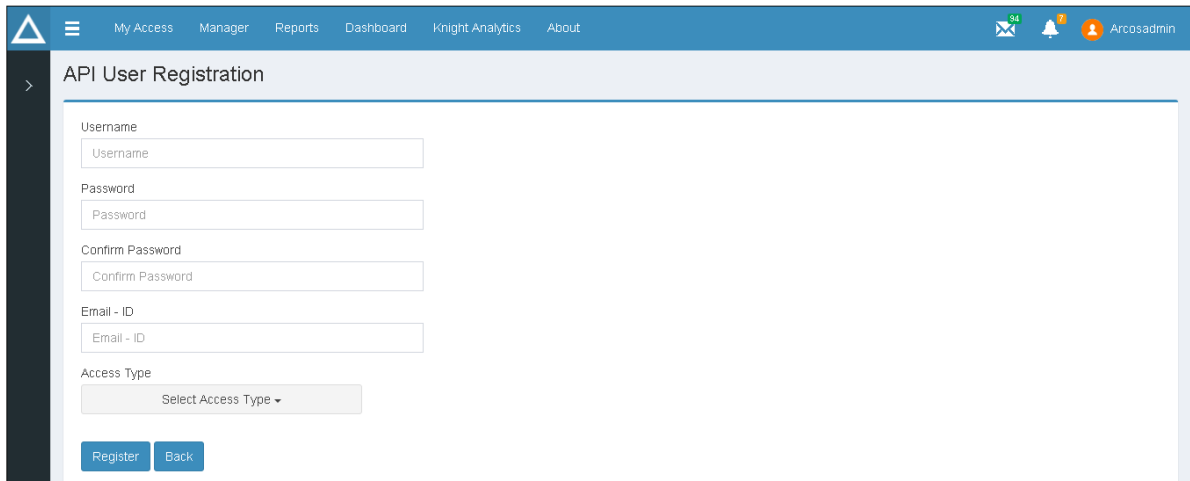
1. From the ARCON PAM Application Setting, click on **API User List**:



2. The API Registered User List appears. Click on the **+ New User** option:



3. The API User Registration creation page will be displayed:



4. Refer to the following table to understand the field level description shown in the preceding screen:

Field Name	Description
User Name	The name of the user.
Password	The password of the user.
Confirm Password	Re-enter the password of the user.
Email ID	The email ID of the User.
Access Type	Select the access type ServicePassword from the dropdown, which is essential for Jenkins Configuration. for the user.

5. Once all the necessary fields are entered, click on **Register**. The API User will be created and listed in the API User List page.

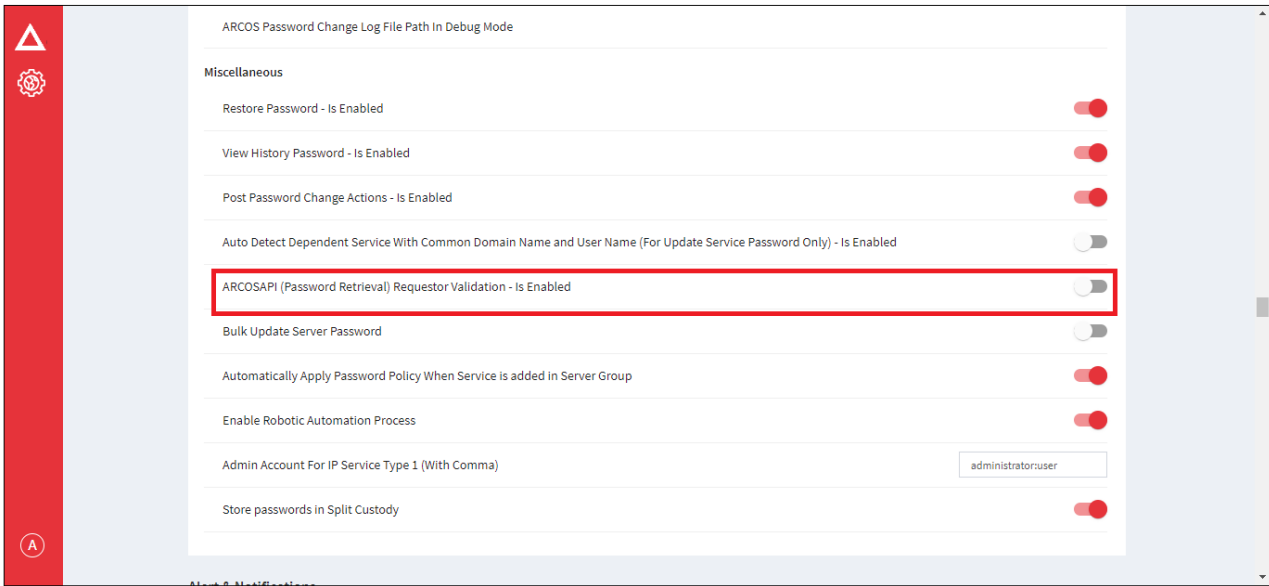
3.2 Registering Machines

Web API Registration helps you to register the user’s machine IP address, where the user can view the password from the registered machine. This adds an additional layer of security as the requested passwords of target services created in ARCON PAM via API, will only be retrieved on the registered machine.

The Jenkins Server will need to be registered in this screen. Select services of the target devices that your Jenkins will need to connect with. Only then the passwords of these devices will be retrieved on Jenkins server via ARCON PAM Plugin.

For API Restriction to work, the **ARCOSAPI(Password Retrieval)RequestorValidator** configuration should be **enabled**. It works only if both the Requestor Machine and API Server are in the same Vlan/Subnet.

Path: **Settings -> Password -> Miscellaneous**

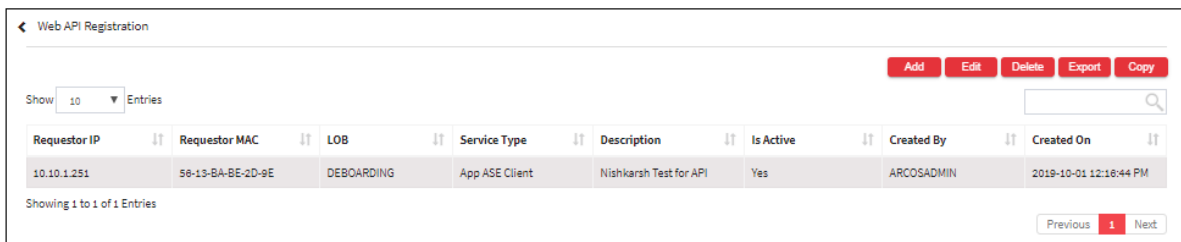


On enabling this configuration it will restrict Vault API Access and will allow only those API Request for which IP address and MAC address is registered in API registration.

To register user’s machine, use the **Settings** → **API** → **Registered Machines** path and perform the below steps:

❏ The Administrator having **ARCON PAM Web API Registration** privileges in Server’s Privileges will only be able to configure the Web API registration details.

1. Select **Web API Registration** under **Registered Machines**:



2. Click on the **Add** button to register a new Web API:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Add/Edit" with a red header bar. The form contains the following fields and controls:

- Description:** A text input field.
- Requestor IP:** A text input field.
- Requestor MAC:** A text input field.
- LOB:** A dropdown menu currently showing "DEFAULT LOB 2".
- Service Types:** A dropdown menu currently showing "AIX".
- Enabled:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Select Services:** A dropdown menu.

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: "Close" and "Save".

3. Refer to the below table to understand the fields displayed in the **Web API Registration** screen:

Field Name	Description
Description	Specify the description for registration.
Requestor IP	Specify the IP address of the requestor.
Requestor MAC	Specify the MAC address of the requestor.
LOB	Select the LOB from the dropdown.
Service Type	Select the service type from the dropdown.
Enabled	Check this option to enable the configuration.
Select Services	Based on the selection of Service Type, the list of services will be fetched. Select the services from the dropdown of which, the passwords can be retrieved for the machine.

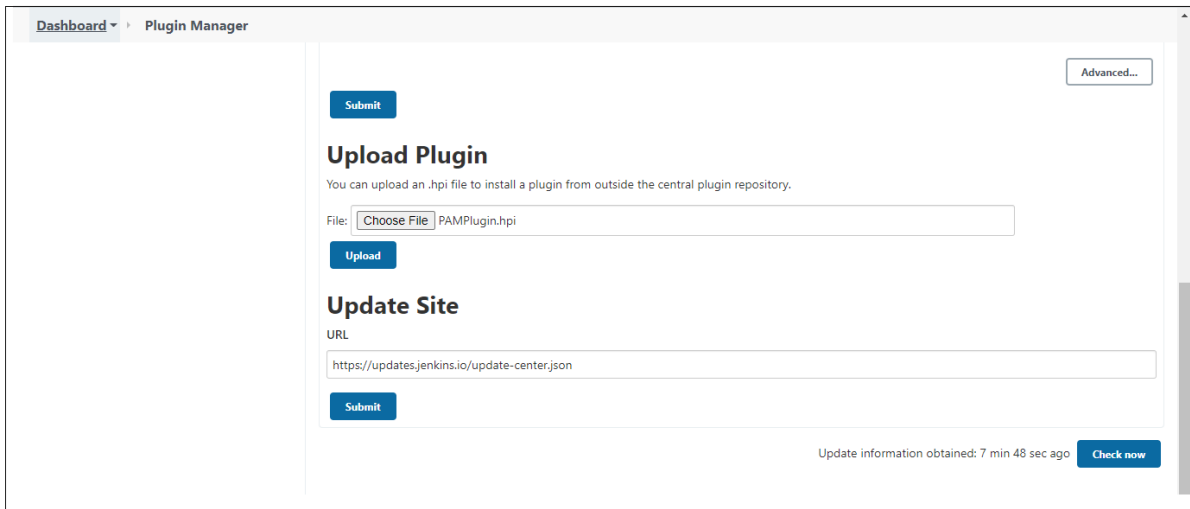
4. Enter the required details and click on **Save**.

4 Configuration in Jenkins

4.1 Plugin Installation

To install the ARCON PAM plugin, the user needs to perform the following steps:

1. From the Jenkins **Dashboard**, go to **Plugin Manager** and click on **Advanced**:

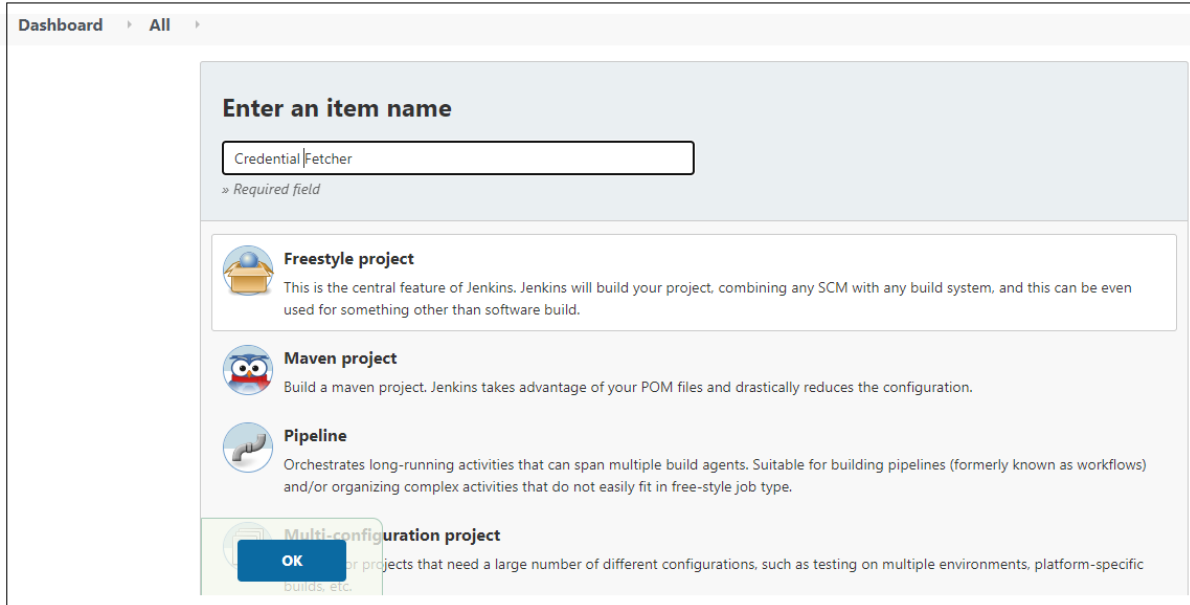


2. From the **Upload Plugin** section, click on **Choose File** and select the **.hpi** file to upload.
3. The filename will appear next to the **Choose File** option. Click on **Upload**.
4. Once the Plugin is installed successfully, the following screen will be displayed:

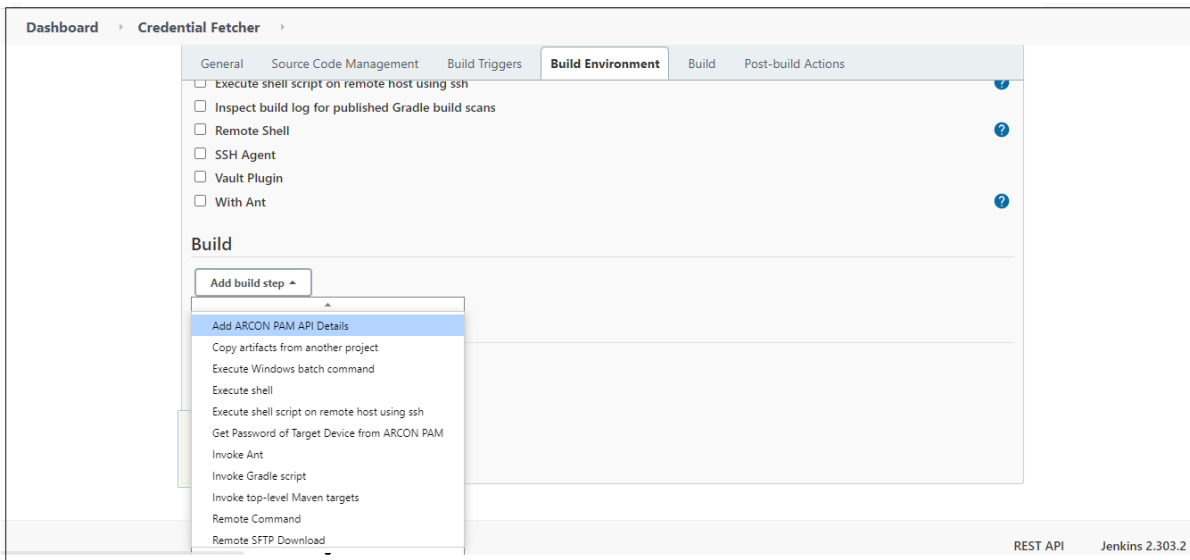


4.2 Adding the User Credentials by Plugin

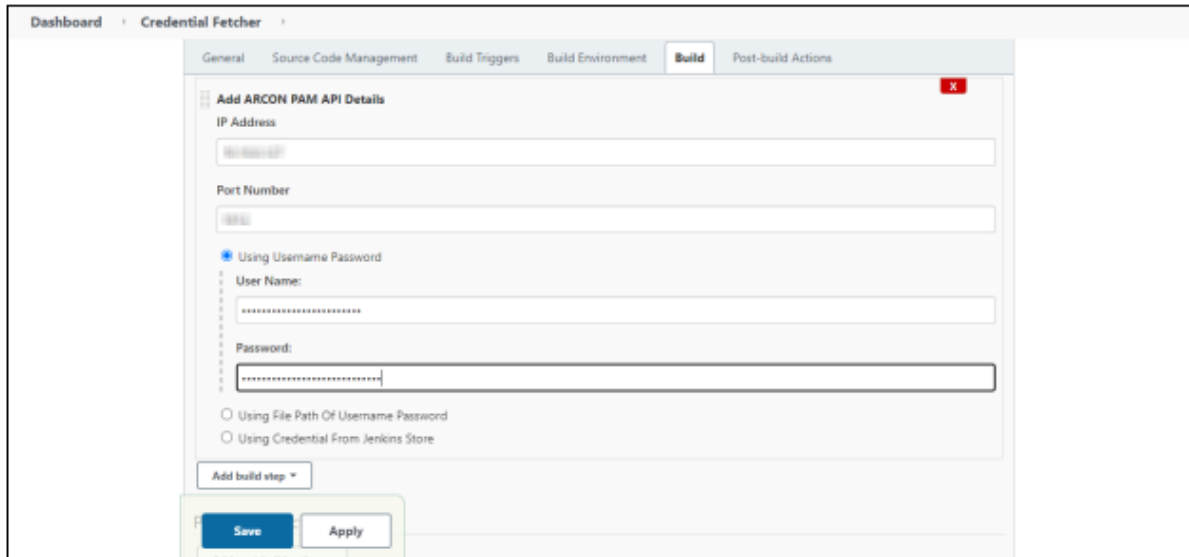
1. From the Jenkins **Dashboard**, go to **New Item > Freestyle project** and click on the **Build Environment** section:



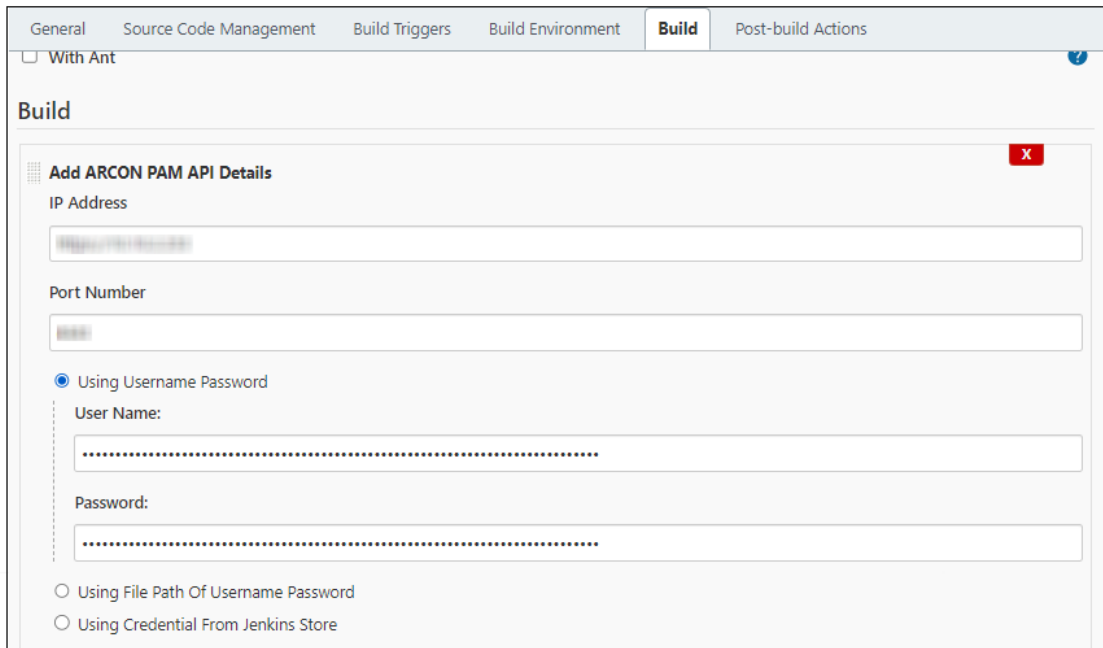
2. Open the **Build Environment** tab and go to the **Build** section.
3. Click on **Add Build Step** and select **Add ARCON PAM API Details** from the dropdown. This is the first mandatory build step in order to access the plugin features:



4. The **Add ARCON PAM API Details** page will be displayed as below:

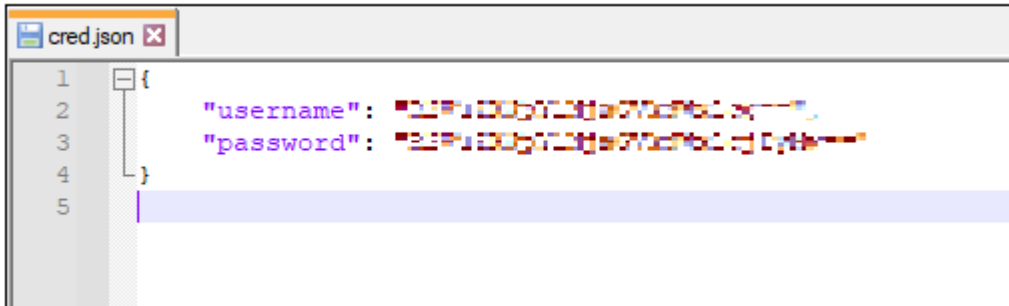


- 5. Enter the applicable IP address and port number.
- 6. The username and password of the API User that we created during API User Creation in ARCON PAM will be used here. Select one of the user credentials methods from the following:
 - a. **Using Username and Password:** This option can be used if the user running the job is given the API user credentials. Specify the username and password of API base64 encoded and click on **Save**.



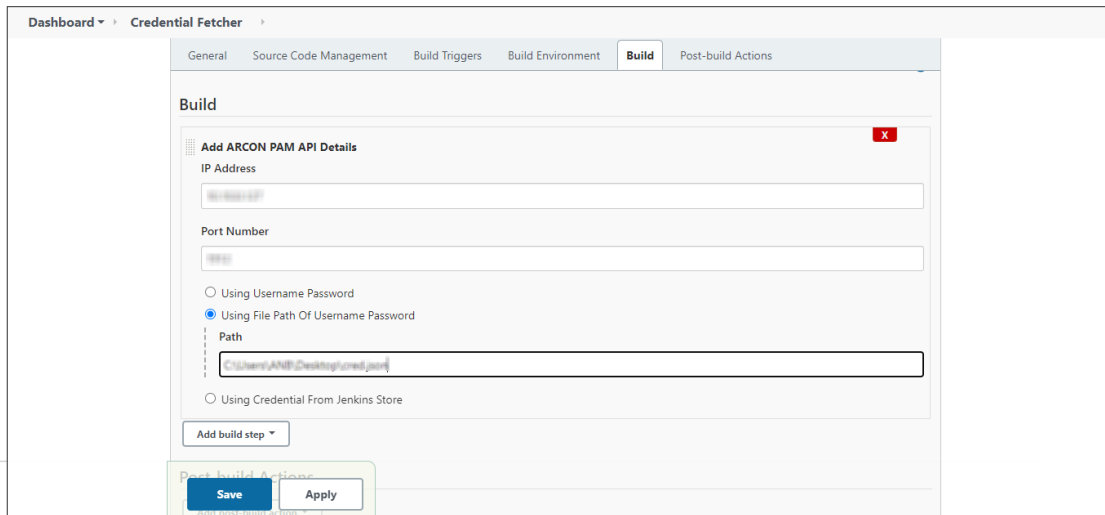
- b. **Using File path of Username and Password:** This option is preferred if the API Cred administrator and Job Administrator are separate entities and credentials are not stored within

Jenkins.
Add the path of the API user credential JSON file:



```
1 {  
2   "username": "  
3   "password": "  
4 }  
5
```

Specify the path in the **Path** field of **Using File Path of Username Password** option, and click on **Save**:



Dashboard > Credential Fetcher > Build

Build

Add ARCON PAM API Details

IP Address: [text input]

Port Number: [text input]

Using Username Password

Using File Path Of Username Password

Path: [text input containing C:\Users\ANR\Desktop\cred.json]

Using Credential From Jenkins Store

Add build step

Save Apply

- c. **Using credentials from the Jenkins store:** The API Cred Administrator creates a username–password credential in the Jenkins Credential Store and shares the Credential ID with the Job Administrator.
Go to **Dashboard > Manage Jenkins > Manage Credentials > Global (Domain) > Add Credentials** to create credentials in the store as shown in the following screen:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins 'Global credentials (unrestricted)' configuration page. The breadcrumb trail is 'Dashboard > Credentials > System > Global credentials (unrestricted)'. On the left, there are links for 'Back to credential domains' and 'Add Credentials'. The main form includes: 'Kind' set to 'Username with password'; 'Scope' set to 'Global (Jenkins, nodes, items, all child items, etc)'; 'Username' field with a character mask; an unchecked checkbox for 'Treat username as secret'; 'Password' field with a character mask; 'ID' field set to 'Auth_Cred'; and 'Description' field set to 'Authentication Credentials'. An 'OK' button is at the bottom.

Add the credential ID in the textbox, and click on **Save**:

The screenshot shows the 'Build' step configuration page in Jenkins. The breadcrumb trail is 'General > Source Code Management > Build Triggers > Build Environment > Build > Post-build Actions'. The 'Build' step is selected. Under 'Build', there is a section 'Add ARCON PAM API Details' with a red 'X' icon. It contains: 'IP Address' and 'Port Number' textboxes; three radio buttons: 'Using Username Password', 'Using File Path Of Username Password', and 'Using Credential From Jenkins Store' (which is selected); and a 'Cred Id' textbox.

7. Add the **Get Password of Target Device from ARCON PAM** in the **Add build step** to retrieve the target device credentials from ARCON PAM.

You can retrieve passwords of multiple target devices by simply adding new build steps of **Get Password of Target Device from ARCON PAM.**

8. The following screen will be displayed:

Get Password of Target Device from ARCON PAM
X

Server IP Address:

Target Type:

SSH LINUX
▼

User Name:

DB Instance Name:

Credential Id:

Add build step ▼

9. Refer to the following table to understand the field level description shown in the preceding screen:

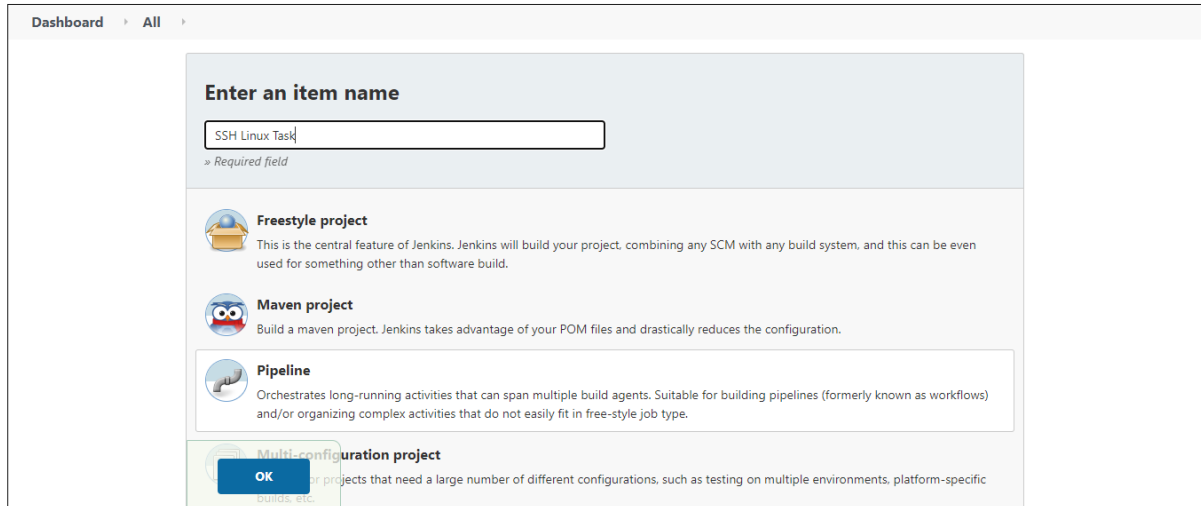
Field	Description
Server IP Address	IP of Target Service.
Target Type	Enter the type of Target Service Supported: Windows, SSH Linux, network devices, MsSql, Oracle, MySQL, SYBASE, Application, MongoDB, Postgres, DB2
User Name	Enter the Username of the Service.
DB Instance Name	Enter the instance name for Databases.
Credential ID	Specify the name of the Jenkins credential ID in which, the retrieved password will be stored and can be consumed further within Jenkins.

10. Once all the necessary fields are entered, click on **Save**.

4.3 Using SSH credentials obtained from a plugin in a pipeline script

Pipeline Job

1. Go to the **Dashboard** > **New Item** > **Pipeline**.
2. Enter an item name and click **OK** to continue.



3. Run the build job where you retrieve the credentials from ARCON PAM and click **Save**.

General Build Triggers **Advanced Project Options** Pipeline

Trigger builds remotely (e.g., from scripts) ?

Advanced Project Options

Advanced...

Pipeline

Definition

Pipeline script

Script ?

```
1 stage ('Run PAM API') {
2   build job: 'ArconCredFetcher' //Add name of freestyle job
3   stage('Get Password From Credential Store'){
4     withCredentials([usernamePassword(credentialsId: 'ARCON_121', passwordVariable: 'pass', usernameVariable: 'user')]){
5       stage('Configure SSH Connection'){
6         node{
7           def remote = [:]
8           remote.name = 'test'
9           remote.host = '10.10.0.121'
10          remote.user = user
11          remote.password = pass
12          remote.allowAnyHosts = true
13          stage('SSH Operations on remote machine'){
14            sshCommand remote: remote, command: "hostname -I"
15            sshCommand remote: remote, command: "whoami"
16            sshCommand remote: remote, command: "pwd"
17          }
18        }
19      }
20    }
21  }
```

Use Groovy Sandbox ?

Pipeline Syntax

Save Apply

Pipeline SSH Linux Task

1. To check the status and stage view, navigate to **Dashboard > SSH Linux Task > Status**. The status will be displayed:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins dashboard for a pipeline named "SSH Linux Task". The left sidebar contains navigation options: Back to Dashboard, Status, Changes, Build Now, Configure, Delete Pipeline, Full Stage View, Rename, Pipeline Syntax, Build History (with a trend arrow), and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Pipeline SSH Linux Task" and includes a "Recent Changes" section, a "Stage View" table, and "Permalinks".

Run Credential Fetcher	Password Retrieval	Configure SSH Connection	Run SSH Command On Remote Machine
12s	973ms	1s	7s
12s	973ms	1s	7s

Average stage times: (Average full run time: ~25s)

2. To check the Console Output, navigate to **Dashboard > SSH Linux Task > Console Output**:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins "Console Output" page for the "SSH Linux Task" pipeline. The left sidebar has options: Back to Project, Status, Changes, Console Output (selected), View as plain text, Edit Build Information, Delete build '#9', Replay, Pipeline Steps, Workspaces, and Previous Build. The main content area shows a green checkmark icon and the title "Console Output".

```
Started by user kiran
[Pipeline] Start of Pipeline
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Run PAM API)
[Pipeline] build (Building ArconCredFetcher)
Scheduling project: ArconCredFetcher
Starting building: ArconCredFetcher #1
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Get Password From Credential Store)
[Pipeline] withCredentials
Masking supported pattern matches of $pass
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Configure SSH Connection)
[Pipeline] node
Running on Jenkins in G:\JenFolder\workspace\ARCON_JenPlugin_test
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (SSH Operations on remote machine)
[Pipeline] sshCommand
Executing command on test[192.168.1.100]: hostname -I sudo: false
192.168.1.100 192.168.1.1
[Pipeline] sshCommand
Executing command on test[192.168.1.100]: whoami sudo: false
arcon
[Pipeline] sshCommand
Executing command on test[192.168.1.100]: pwd sudo: false
/home/arcon
```

*Similar Integrations are available for GitLab, Bitbucket, Chef, etc.

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