SOLUTION BRIEF

Simplify Jenkins application and data lifecycle management

Deliver multi-cloud data protection, restoration, and portability to Jenkins using Astra Control in the public cloud and on premises with RedHat Openshift Container Platform
Astra Control overview
Astra Control is a fully managed service that makes it easier for our customers to manage, protect, and move their data-rich containerized workloads running on Kubernetes within and across public clouds and on premises. Astra Control provides persistent container storage that leverages NetApp’s proven and expansive storage portfolio in the public cloud and on premises. It also offers a rich set of advanced application-aware data management functionality (like snapshot, revert, backup and restore, activity log, and active cloning) for data protection, disaster recovery, data audit, and migration use cases for your modern apps.

Managing Jenkins with Astra Control
Simply register your clusters in the cloud with Astra Control Service (ACS) or on premises with Astra Control Center (ACC).

Upon registration, ACS:
• Installs NetApp Trident, NetApps open source Kubernetes storage orchestrator and three kubernetes storage classes using a NetApp backend in your cloud provider.
• Creates a bucket on the cloud object store for future backups for all your registered clusters. You can also add your own bucket.
• Creates a service account on your cluster for itself

ACC on premises (supported with RedHat Openshift Container Platform) uses your current Trident installation, Trident based storage classes, ONTAP backend, and allows you to import your own object storage bucket for backups and cloning.

As an example using ACS, Figure 1 shows two clusters registered with ACS, one GKE cluster located in the Google Cloud Platform (GCP) region us-west2 (Los Angeles) and one AKS cluster located in Azure region us-east (Virginia).

Clone Jenkins to a new namespace or cluster along with all its current pipeline definitions, build data, and artifacts.
After your cluster is registered, install Jenkins on your cluster using the current Bitnami Helm chart at bitnami/Jenkins or a custom manifest. (Support for the Jenkins Kubernetes plug-in is coming soon. See Cloning Jenkins Kubernetes plugin with Astra) Trident automatically generates the Kubernetes Persistent Volumes (PVs) and NetApp backend volumes that Jenkins needs.

Log in, configure, and use Jenkins as you normally would; you can create builds, configure pipelines, etc.

**Persisting Jenkins data**
All Jenkins data can be automatically persisted by using snapshots and backups. Astra Control snapshots and backups preserve the application, its metadata, and its volumes in one easily manageable unit. The PV snapshot is stored in NetApp backend service, and the application snapshot is stored in Astra. All PV backups are stored in the object store.

Both on-demand and scheduled snapshots and backups are supported. You can set up a snapshot and backup schedule for the volume and all the Kubernetes objects that are associated with Jenkins, as shown in Figure 3.
Astra automatically takes snapshots and backups based on the schedule you established. Of course, you can always take snapshots and backups on demand. You can even back up from a previous snapshot.

Cloning Jenkins to a new cluster
Now you are protected from a disaster, such as losing the cluster or accidentally deleting the namespace since you can restore from backup to a new cluster or namespace. With ACS, you also have the ability to redeploy Jenkins to a new namespace or a new cluster on the same or different public cloud state with a direct clone. ACC allows you to redeploy to a new namespace on the same on premises cluster or different on premises cluster.

For example, suppose that you have a project located in the cloud being managed by ACS that will soon change ownership. The current team in Virginia uses Azure AKS and already has Jenkins configured with a link to the proper GitHub repository, artifacts, and a testing pipeline setup. They also have stored build metadata. You would like to redeploy Jenkins, along with all its data, closer to the new team in Los Angeles that use Google GKE. Jenkins is currently running on the k8s20 cluster in the us-east (Virginia) Azure region region and has three builds already made as shown in Figure 4.
Ensure a new cluster is registered with ACS. Our example in Figure 1 shows k8s20-gke registered in GCP us-west2 (Los Angeles) region.

Next, use the drop down menu to clone Jenkins and its resources as depicted in Figure 5.
Clone Jenkins to the new cluster, cluster-2-patd, using a backup as shown in Figure 6. Cloning from backup brings up a new instance of Jenkins on the new cluster, running at the same state as when the backup was taken.

Figure 6) Cloning Jenkins using a backup.

You could also clone at the current state, which integrates the backup and cloning together.

The new Jenkins clone on the new cluster will be provisioned and managed automatically by Astra Control, as shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7) Provisioning the new Jenkins instance on a new cluster.
The new Jenkins instance will have all the data that was there with the cloned instance as shown in Figure 8. You can run a new build on the clone on the GKE cluster without having to reconfigure the Jenkins project from the beginning.

![Figure 8) New Jenkins instance in a new cluster.](image)

**Where can I learn more?**

To learn more, visit Astra’s website and documentation.

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