

Hy APEX World_ DevOps Made Easy!

with Oracle Autonomous Database using PL/SQL and Git
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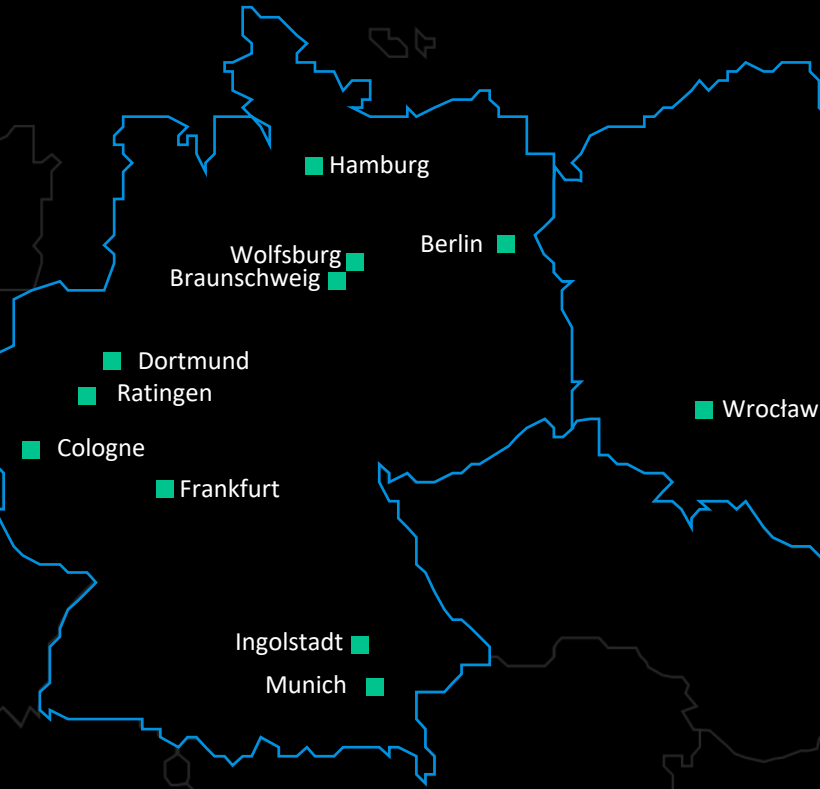
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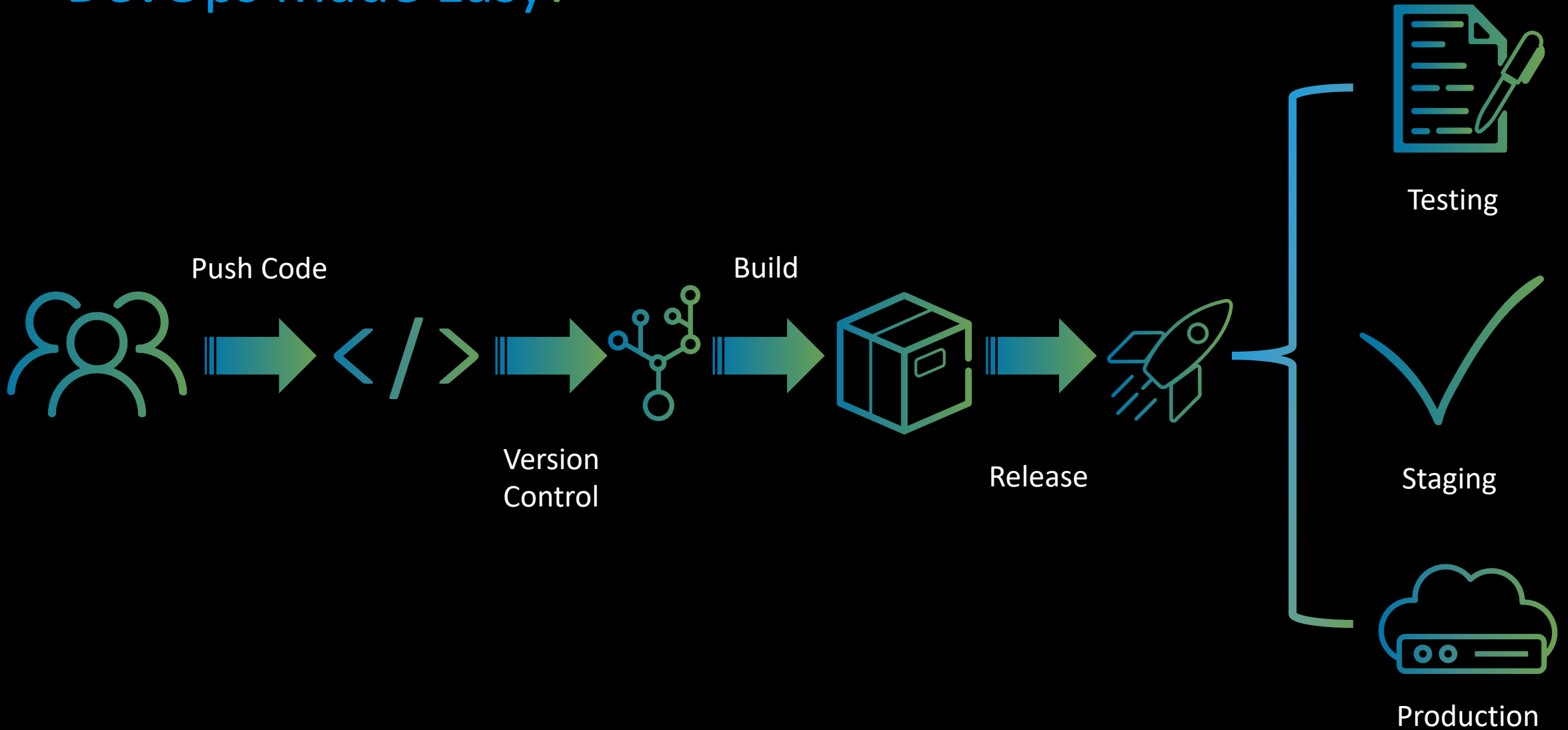
As an **APEX Developer**, you might be looking to apply modern development methodologies and tools used in other development platforms to your Oracle APEX Low-Code Projects.

This includes:

- Git-based code version management
- Code review
- Continuous delivery of apps from one instance to another
- Tracking issues
- Managing your team development



DevOps Made Easy!



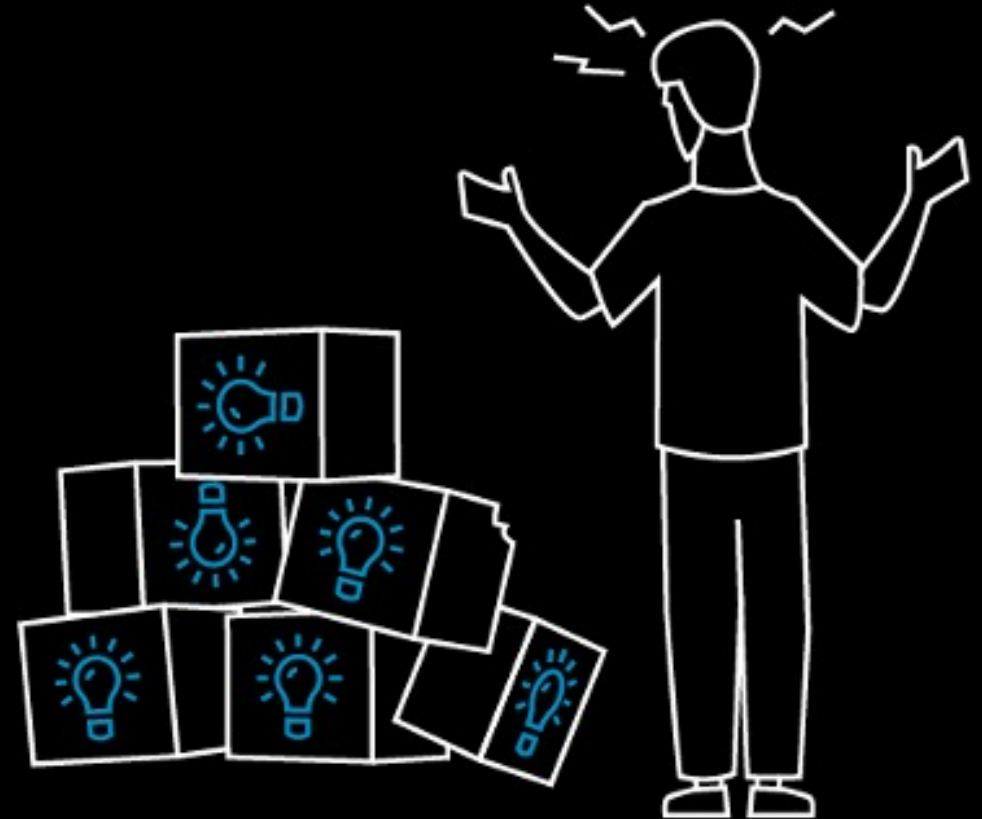
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But why Easy?

The Oracle Autonomous Database (ADB) includes the **DBMS_CLOUD_REPO** package, an extremely powerful package that provides **easy** access to files in Cloud Code (Git) Repositories.

With this package, you can:

- Manage repositories
- Handle code in a repository
- Export database schemas and objects
- Execute SQL statements from committed files



Supported Code Repositories.



GitHub

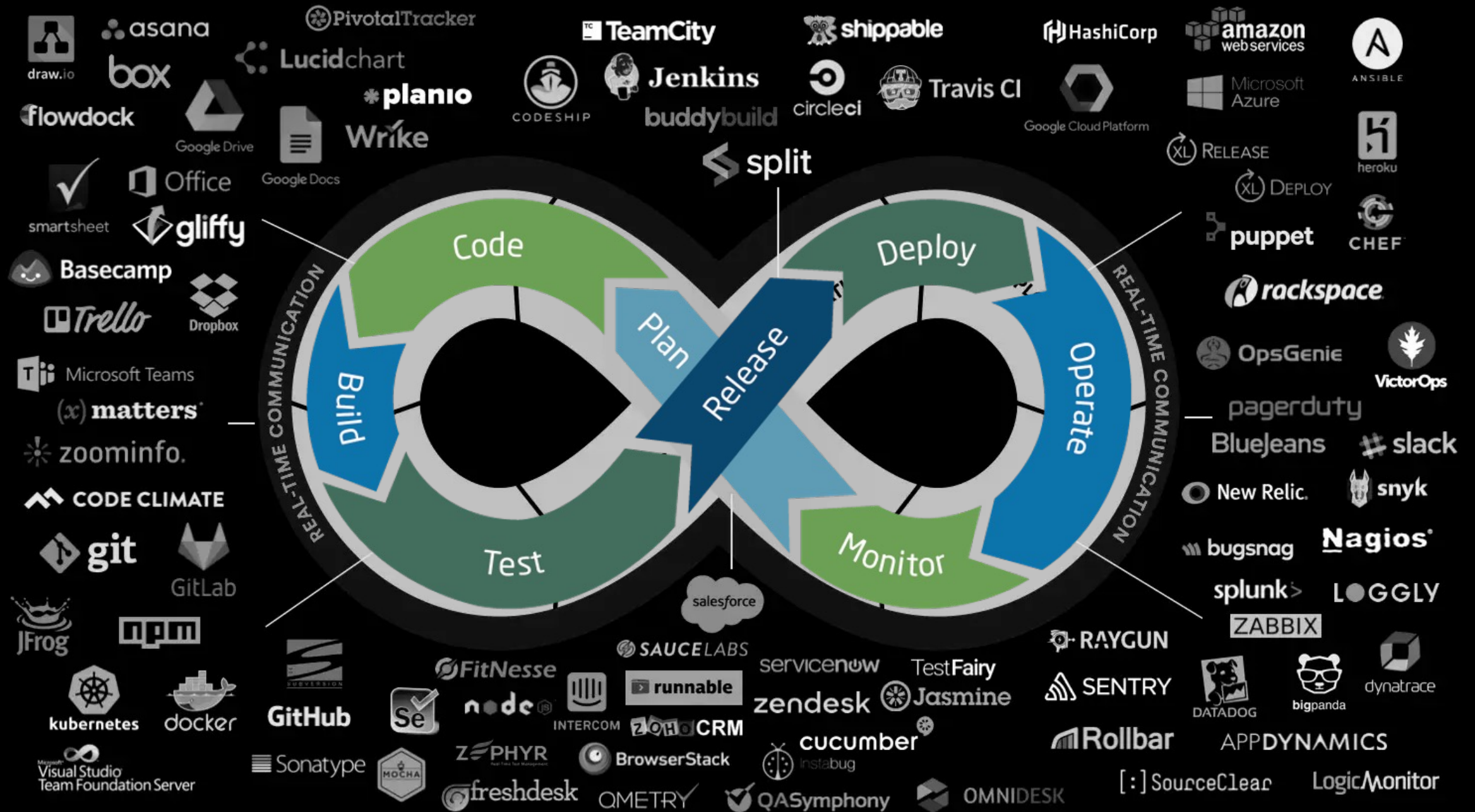


Azure Repos

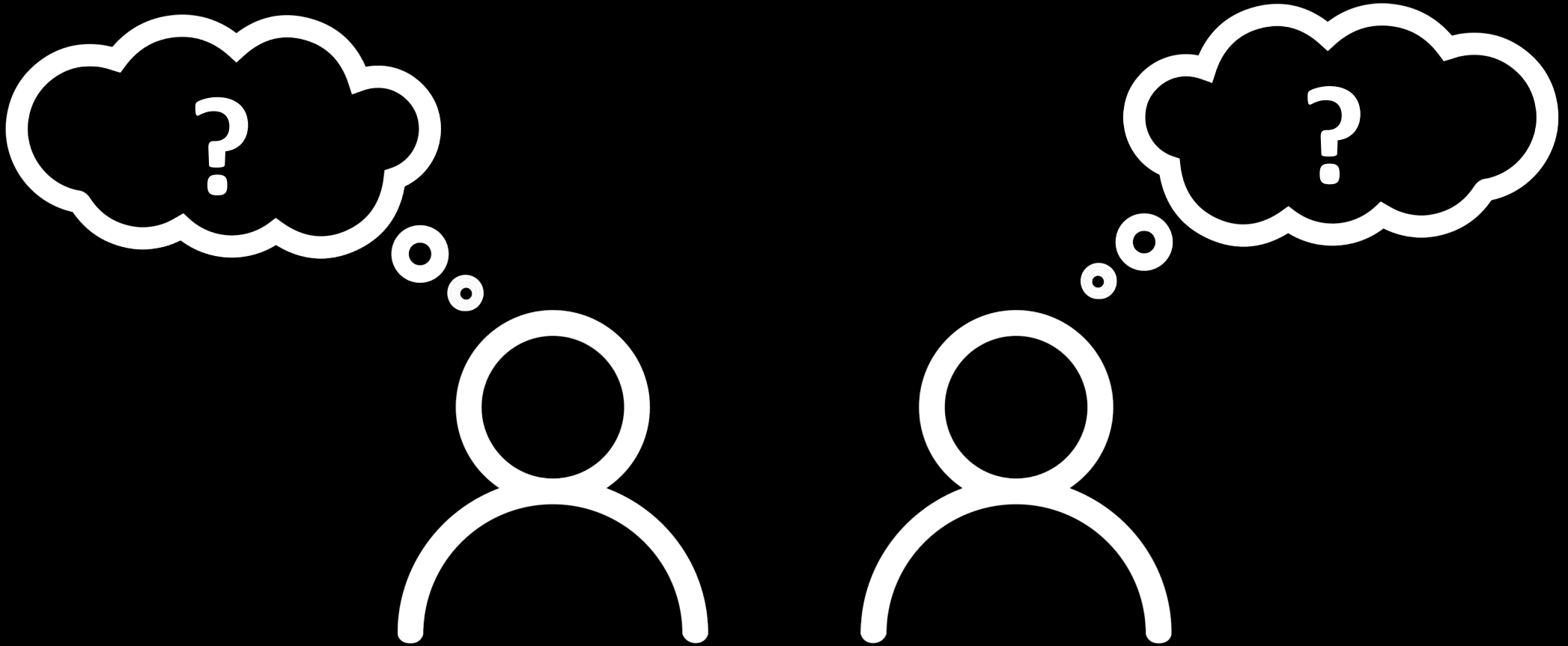


AWS CodeCommit

Wondering why you should use
the package instead of relying on
proven tools like Jenkins?



WHASUPP!?



Simple! It's ideal for PL/SQL enthusiasts who are looking for a proven CI/CD strategy for smaller projects with limited budgets and don't have a large team, the necessary expertise or enough time!

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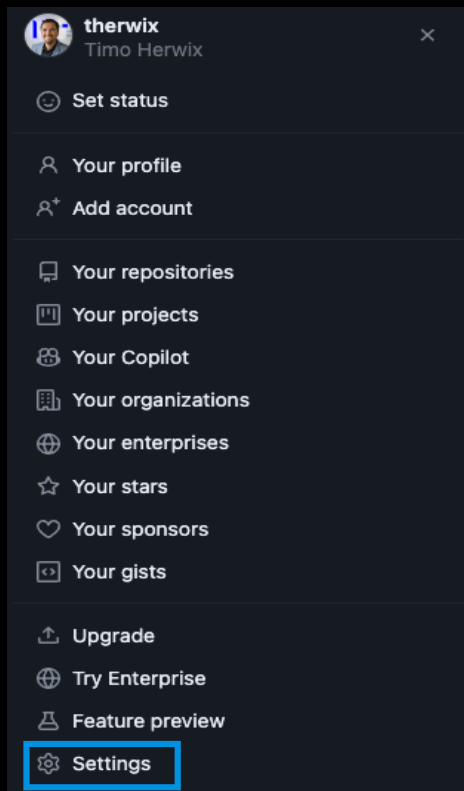
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Create the credential for interacting with your GitHub Repository.

Create a Personal Access Token




Save your PAT in a Cloud Service Credential

```
1  begin
2      dbms_cloud.create_credential (
3          credential_name => 'GITHUB_CRED',
4          username         => 'therwix',
5          password         => 'github_pat_...'
6      ) ;
7  end;
8  /
```


Check if the access works.

```
1 SELECT name, owner, description, created, last_modified
2 FROM dbms_cloud_repo.list_repositories(dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
3     credential_name => 'GITHUB_CRED', -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repo_name       => 'therwix',    -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     owner           => 'therwix'    -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 ));
```

 If everything works well with the credential setup, you should see a list of repositories that you can access.

All rows fetched: 4 in 1.476 seconds

	NAME	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	CREATED	LAST_MODIFIED
1	dev	therwix	(null)	06/03/20 10:55:22.000 GMT+01:00	06/03/20 10:55:22.000 GMT+01:00
2	strack-software-validate-constraints-plugin	therwix	APEX dynamic action plugin for automatic client-side constraint validations	29/10/21 12:45:48.000 GMT+02:00	29/10/21 12:45:49.000 GMT+02:00
3	tc_responsive_number_counter	therwix	(null)	14/12/23 10:28:40.000 GMT+01:00	15/01/24 23:29:08.000 GMT+01:00
4	xlsx_builder	therwix	A PL/SQL Package to create OOXML workbooks.	06/07/20 11:44:19.000 GMT+02:00	06/07/20 11:44:21.000 GMT+02:00



Get started with Repository interaction!

Create a new Repository.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';      -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the new GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';         -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name       => repoName,
10        owner           => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.create_repository(
14        repo      => repoHandle,
15        description => 'Repo created with DBMS_CLOUD_REPO',
16        private   => TRUE
17    );
18 end;
19 /
```

Initialize a new Repository.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';      -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';         -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name       => repoName,
10        owner           => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
14        repo => repoHandle,
15        file_path => 'readme.md',
16        contents => utl_raw.cast_to_raw('APEX WORLD 2024'),
17        branch_name => 'main',
18        commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
19                                     'author'   value 'therwix',
20                                     'email'    value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
21    )
22 );
23
24 end;
25 /
```

Create a new Branch.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED'; -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name      => repoName,
10        owner          => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.create_branch(
14        repo            => repoHandle,
15        branch_name     => 'development',
16        parent_branch_name => 'main'
17    );
18 end;
19 /
```

Display all branches in a repository.



```
1 SELECT * FROM DBMS_CLOUD_REPO.LIST_BRANCHES (dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(  
2                                     credential_name => 'GITHUB_CRED',  
3                                     repo_name       => 'APEX_WORLD_2024',  
4                                     owner           => 'therwix'));
```



If everything works well,
you should see a list with the branches of your Repository.

PROBLEMS

OUTPUT

DEBUG CONSOLE

TERMINAL

PORTS

QUERY RESULT

SQL HISTORY

All rows fetched: 2 in 0.858 seconds

	NAME
1	development
2	main



Clean-up!

Delete a Branch

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential  varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED'; -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name       => repoName,
10        owner           => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.delete_branch(
14        repo             => repoHandle,
15        branch_name      => 'development'
16    );
17 end;
18 /
```

Delete a Repository

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential  varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED'; -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name       => repoName,
10        owner           => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.delete_repository(
14        repo             => repoHandle
15    );
16 end;
17 /
```



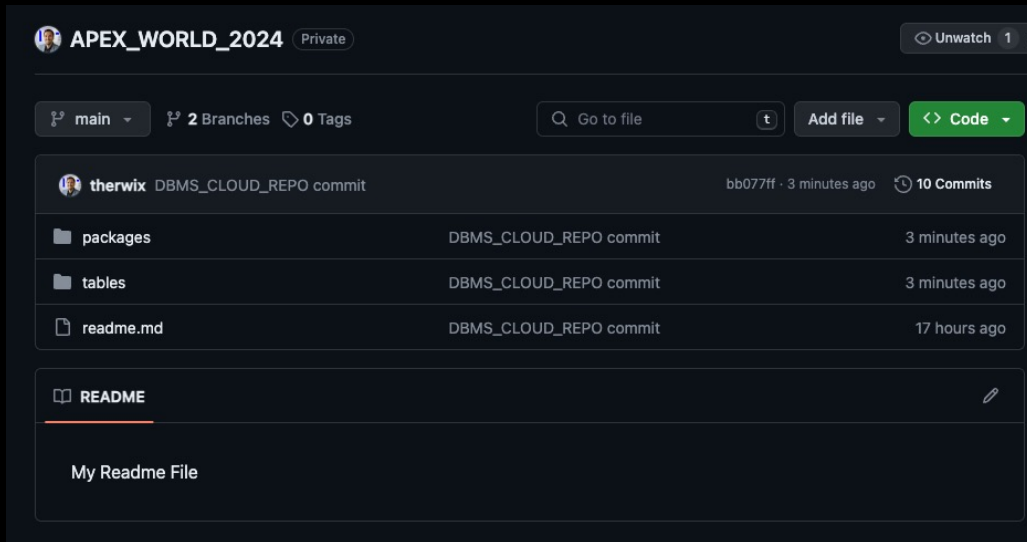
Moving content to the Code Repository!

Export all schema objects to single files.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential  varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';    -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';        -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name      => repoName,
10        owner          => repoOwner
11    );
12    for rec in (
13        select *
14        from dba_objects
15        where object_type in ('TABLE', 'VIEW', 'PACKAGE', 'PACKAGE BODY')
16              and owner = 'TMAPEX'
17    )
18    loop
19        dbms_cloud_repo.export_object(
20            repo => repoHandle,
21            file_path => case rec.object_type
22                          when 'TABLE' then 'tables/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.sql'
23                          when 'VIEW' then 'views/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.sql'
24                          when 'PACKAGE' then 'packages/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.pks'
25                          when 'PACKAGE BODY' then 'packages/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.pkb'
26            end,
27            object_type => case rec.object_type
28                          when 'TABLE' then 'TABLE'
29                          when 'VIEW' then 'VIEW'
30                          when 'PACKAGE' then 'PACKAGE_SPEC'
31                          when 'PACKAGE BODY' then 'PACKAGE_BODY'
32            end,
33            object_name => rec.object_name,
34            object_schema => 'TMAPEX',
35            branch_name => 'main',
36            commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
37                                         'author' value 'therwix',
38                                         'email' value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
39            ),
40            append => false
41        );
42    end loop;
43 end;
44 /
```

Export all schema objects to single files.

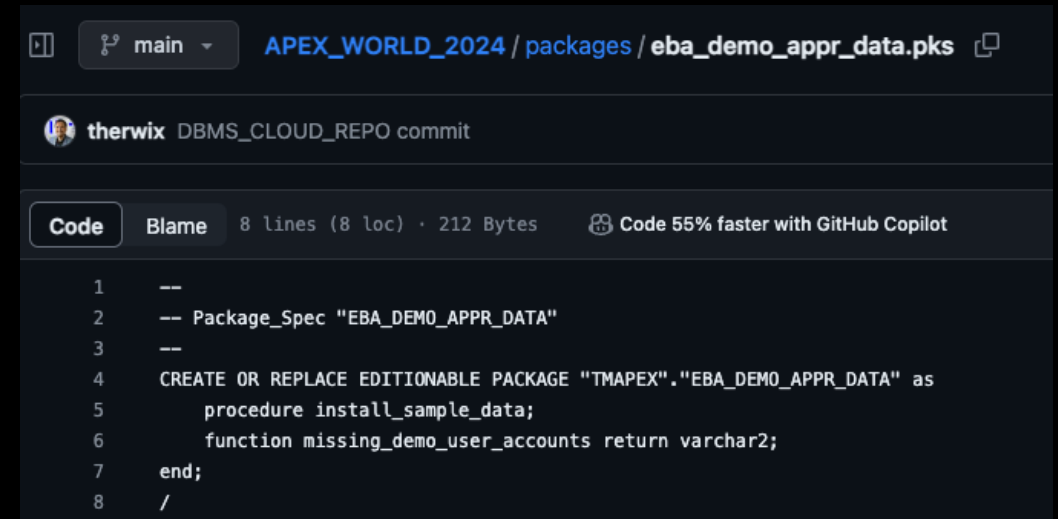
View of the Repository



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'APEX_WORLD_2024'. The repository is private and has 2 branches and 0 tags. The main branch is selected. The repository contains a folder named 'packages', a folder named 'tables', and a file named 'readme.md'. The 'readme.md' file is highlighted, showing its content: 'My Readme File'.

File/Folder	Commit	Time
packages	DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit	3 minutes ago
tables	DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit	3 minutes ago
readme.md	DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit	17 hours ago

View of a DDL-Script



The screenshot shows the GitHub file view for the file 'eba_demo_appr_data.pks' in the 'packages' directory of the 'APEX_WORLD_2024' repository. The file is a DDL script for creating or replacing an editionable package. The script content is as follows:

```
1  --
2  -- Package_Spec "EBA_DEMO_APPR_DATA"
3  --
4  CREATE OR REPLACE EDITIONABLE PACKAGE "TMAPEX"."EBA_DEMO_APPR_DATA" as
5      procedure install_sample_data;
6      function missing_demo_user_accounts return varchar2;
7  end;
8  /
```

Export all schema objects to a single file.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';      -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';         -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name       => repoName,
10        owner           => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.export_schema(
14        repo           => repoHandle,
15        schema_name    => 'TMAPEX',
16        file_path      => 'myschema_ddl.sql'
17    );
18
19 end;
20 /
```

Exporting an APEX Application!



You can easily export APEX applications to a Code repository too.
All you need to do is call the [APEX_EXPORT](#) package and pass the application ID to
the [GET_APPLICATION](#) function.

But, there's a tiny thing to remember: the output of GET_APPLICATION, which is a
CLOB, needs to be converted to a BLOB to work with the
[DBMS_CLOUD_REPO.PUT_FILE](#) procedure.

However, [APEX_UTIL](#) has a helpful function to do this.

Exporting an APEX Application.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential  varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';      -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024';  -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';         -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6
7     l_file          apex_t_export_files;
8     l_app_id        number := 108;                          -- App-ID of the exported application
9     l_name          varchar2(255 CHAR);                      -- Name of the exported application
10    l_app_clob       clob;
11    l_app_blob       blob;
12 begin
13     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
14         credential_name => repoCredential,
15         repo_name       => repoName,
16         owner           => repoOwner
17     );
18
19     l_file := apex_export.get_application(p_application_id => l_app_id);
20     l_name := l_file(1).name;
21
22     l_app_clob := l_file(1).contents;
23     l_app_blob := apex_util.clob_to_blob(l_app_clob);
24
25     dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
26         repo      => repoHandle,
27         file_path => 'apex/' || l_name,
28         contents  => l_app_blob,
29         branch_name => 'main',
30         commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
31                                     'author'   value 'therwix',
32                                     'email'    value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
33     )
34 );
35 end;
36 /
```



Perform SQL Operations from Code Repositories!

Creating an installation script.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';    -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';      -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name      => repoName,
10        owner          => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
14        repo      => repoHandle,
15        file_path => 'install_db.sql',
16        contents => utl_raw.cast_to_raw('
17            @@tables/eba_demo_appr_approvers.sql
18            @@tables/eba_demo_appr_dept.sql
19            @@tables/eba_demo_appr_emp.sql
20            @@tables/eba_demo_appr_laptop_requests.sql
21            @@tables/eba_demo_appr_sal_history.sql
22            @@packages/eba_demo_appr.pks
23            @@packages/eba_demo_appr_data.pks
24            @@packages/eba_demo_appr.pkb
25            @@packages/eba_demo_appr_data.pkb'),
26        branch_name => 'main',
27        commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
28                                     'author'   value 'therwix',
29                                     'email'    value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
30    )
31    );
32
33 end;
34 /
```

Execute the installation script.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential  varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';      -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024';  -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';         -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6 begin
7     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
8         credential_name => repoCredential,
9         repo_name       => repoName,
10        owner           => repoOwner
11    );
12
13    dbms_cloud_repo.install_file(
14        repo             => repoHandle,
15        file_path        => 'install_db.sql',
16        branch_name     => 'main',
17        stop_on_error    => true
18    );
19
20 end;
21 /
```

Deploy an APEX Application from a Script.

```
1 declare
2     repoHandle      clob;
3     repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';      -- Name of the previously created credential
4     repoName        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
5     repoOwner       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';         -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
6     repoApp         clob;
7     l_file          apex_t_export_files;
8     l_app_id        number := 108;
9 begin
10     repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
11         credential_name => repoCredential,
12         repo_name       => repoName,
13         owner           => repoOwner
14     );
15
16     repoApp := dbms_cloud_repo.get_file(
17         repo      => repoHandle,
18         file_path => 'apex/f' || l_app_id || '.sql',
19         branch_name => 'main'
20     );
21
22     l_file := apex_t_export_files (
23         apex_t_export_file (
24             name      => 'apex/f' || l_app_id || '.sql',
25             contents => repoApp));
26
27     apex_util.set_workspace('DEMO');
28
29     apex_application_install.set_application_id (
30         p_application_id => l_app_id);
31
32     apex_application_install.install(
33         p_source => l_file,
34         p_overwrite_existing => true);
35
36 end;
37 /
```

Deploy an APEX Application from a Script.

The screenshot displays the Oracle APEX App Builder interface. The top navigation bar includes the APEX logo, 'App Builder' (with a dropdown arrow), 'SQL Workshop' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Team Development' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Gallery'. A search bar is located on the right side of the top bar. Below the navigation bar, there are four main action buttons: 'Create' (with a plus icon), 'Import' (with an up arrow icon), 'Dashboard' (with a gauge icon), and 'Workspace Utilities' (with a wrench icon). Below these buttons is a search bar with a dropdown arrow, a 'Go' button, and a 'Actions' dropdown menu. The main content area shows a list of applications, with 'Sample Approvals' (108) highlighted by a red rectangular box. The right sidebar contains sections for 'About' (describing the App Builder), 'Recent' (listing 'Sample Approvals - 108'), and 'Tasks' (listing 'Manage Backups' and 'Browse by Facets'). The bottom of the interface shows a footer with 'demo' user information, a globe icon, and the text 'Copyright © 1999, 2023, Oracle and/or its affiliates.' and 'Oracle APEX 23.1.5'.



What is about the table differences
between our environments???

Get started with Liquibase!



Liquibase

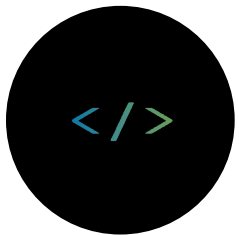
...or you are a PL/SQL nerd and use
DBMS_METADATA_DIFF 🧐



This solution works well if you make Database Links
between your Autonomous instances.

Take a look at the differences in our tables and push them.

```
1 select dbms_metadata_diff.compare_alter(object_type      => 'TABLE',
2                                         name1           => 'EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS',
3                                         network_link1    => 'TMAPEX_DB_LINK',
4                                         name2            => 'EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS',
5                                         schema2          => 'TMAPEX')
6 from dual;
```



```
ALTER TABLE "TMAPEX"."EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS"
ADD ("MAX_SALARY" NUMBER);
```

Take a look at the differences in our tables and push them.

```
1 declare
2   l_sql      varchar2(32000 CHAR);
3   l_output   varchar2(32000 CHAR);
4   repoHandle clob;
5   repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED'; -- Name of the previously created credential
6   repoName    varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
7   repoOwner   varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
8 begin
9   l_sql := 'select dbms_metadata_diff.compare_alter(
10              object_type => ''TABLE'',
11              name1       => ''EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS'',
12              network_link1 => ''TMAPEX_DB_LINK'',
13              name2       => ''EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS'',
14              schema2     => ''TMAPEX''
15            from dual';
16   execute immediate l_sql into l_output;
17
18   repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
19     credential_name => repoCredential,
20     repo_name      => repoName,
21     owner          => repoOwner
22   );
23
24   dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
25     repo      => repoHandle,
26     file_path => 'install_alter.sql',
27     contents  => utl_raw.cast_to_raw(l_output),
28     branch_name => 'main',
29     commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
30                                   'author'   value 'therwix',
31                                   'email'    value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
32     )
33   );
34 end;
35 /
```



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Wrap-up.

In conclusion, the `DBMS_CLOUD_REPO` package simplifies CI/CD workflows for APEX applications on Autonomous Database by providing a single interface for managing Code Repositories.



Managing branches and repositories



Exporting database schemas



Executing SQL scripts directly



Wrap-up.

However, it is only intended as a simple solution and cannot replace more complex procedures.

It's perfect for:



Smaller projects



Limited budgets



When expertise is limited



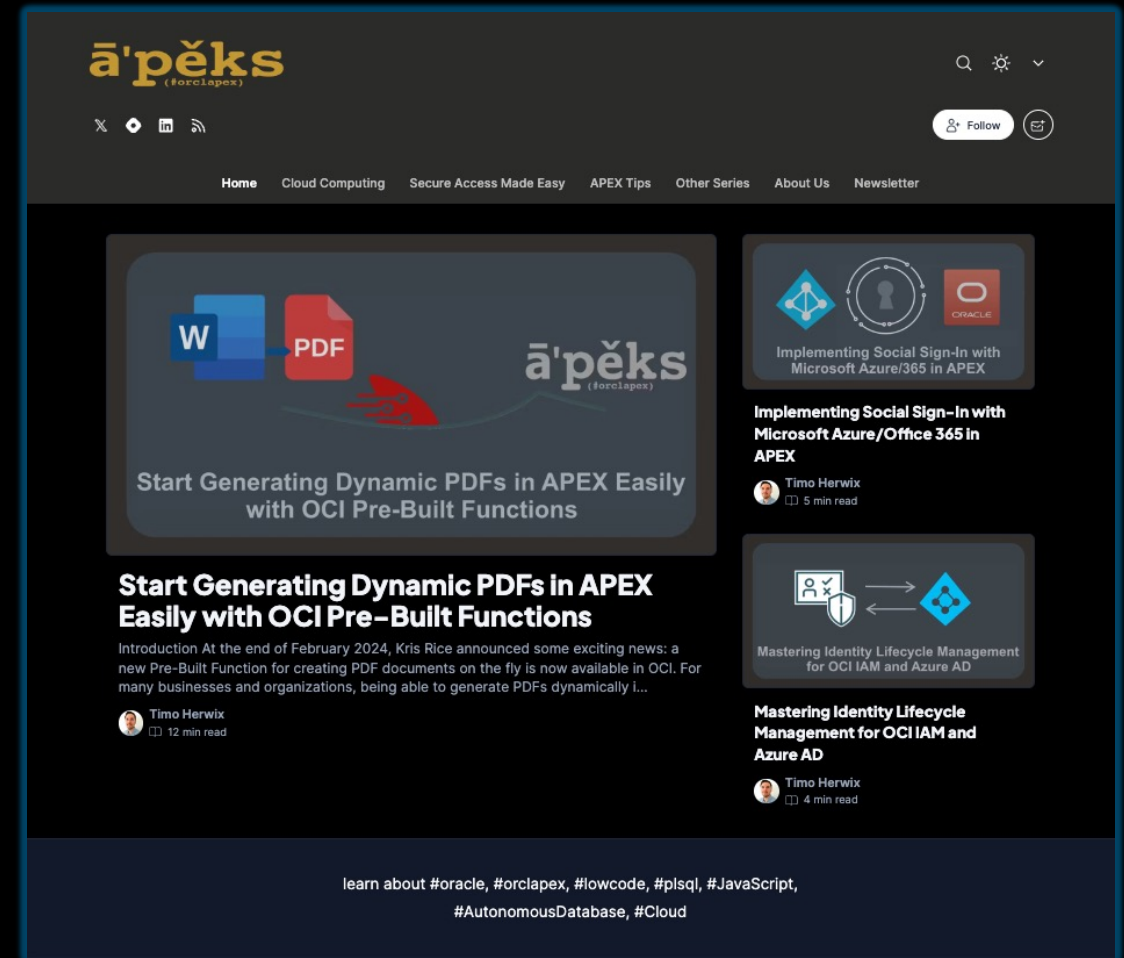
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