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Hy APEX connect_ DevOps Made Easy!

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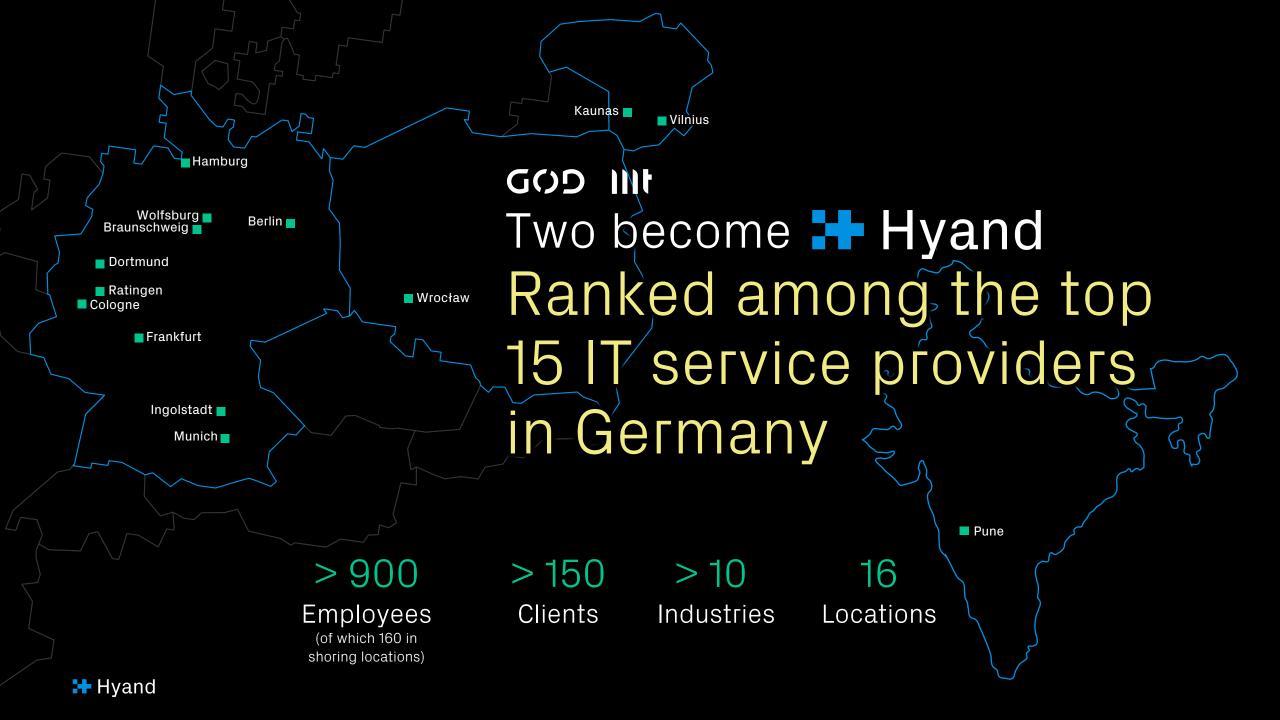












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DevOps Made Easy?



DevOps Made Easy!

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.

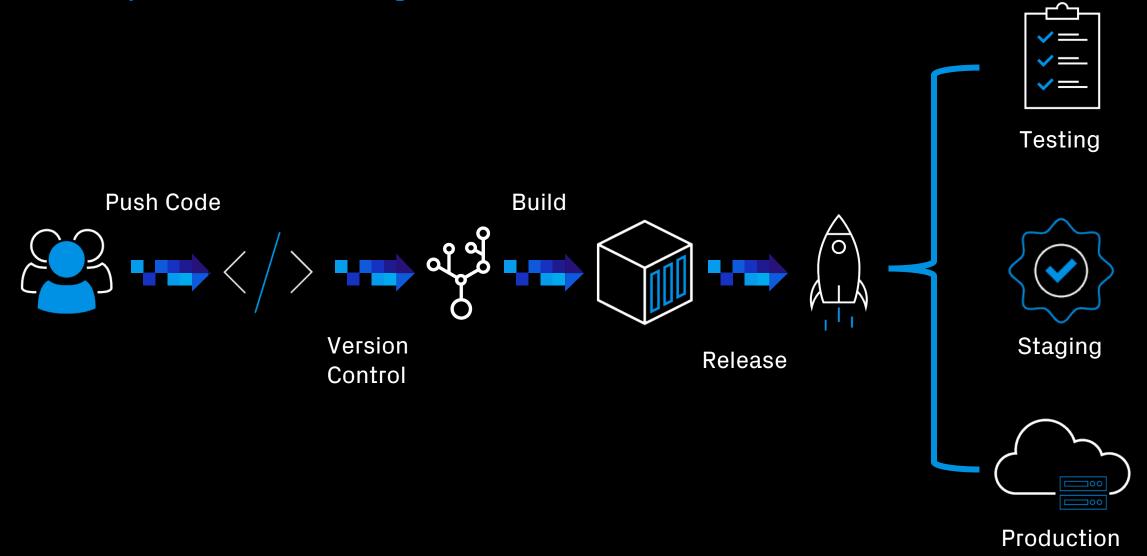
This includes:

- 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!



But why Easy?

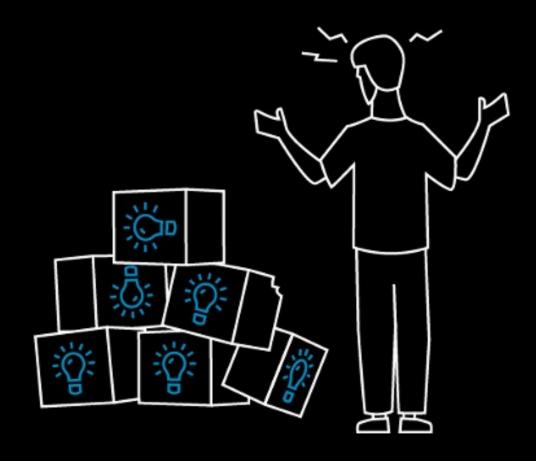


But why Easy?

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





Suported Code Repositories



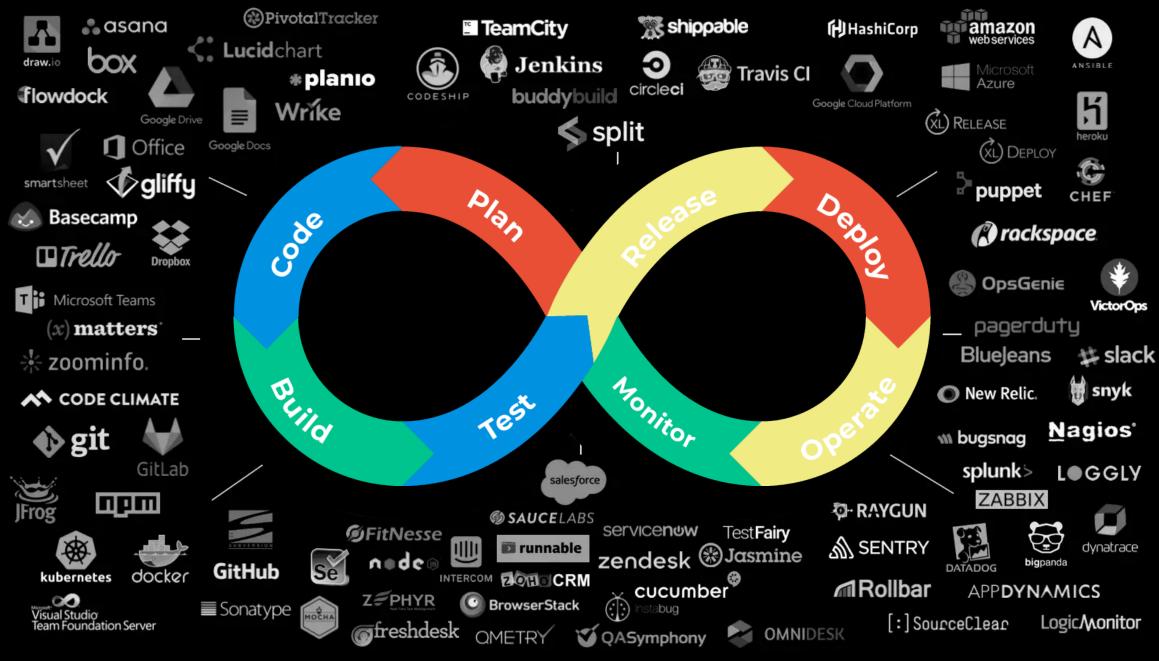




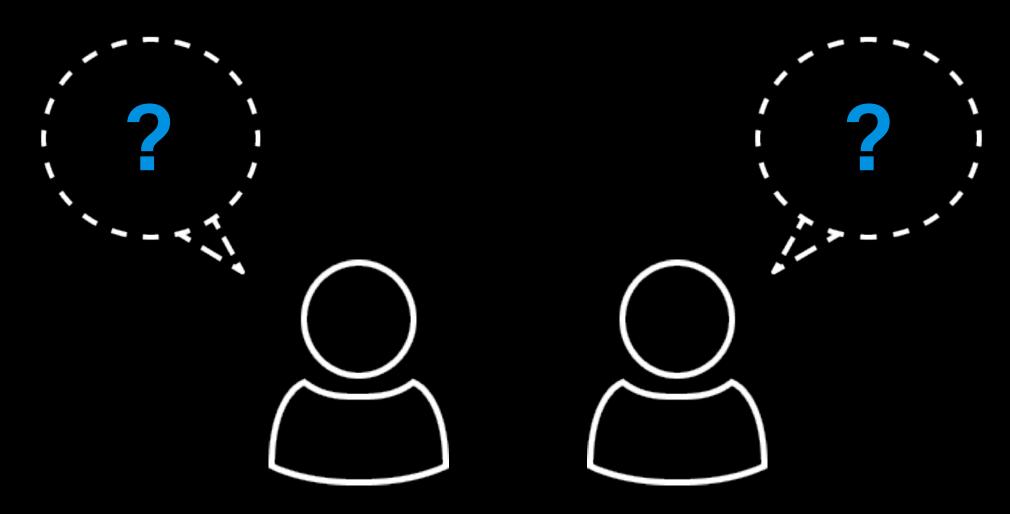
Azure Repos

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



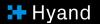


WHASUPP!?





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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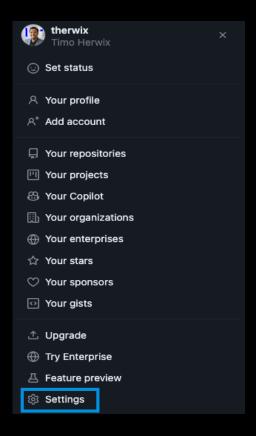
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Get started with Repository interaction!



Create the credential for interacting with your GitHub Repository

Create a Personal Access Token



Save your PAT in a Cloud Service Credential

```
begin
dbms_cloud.create_credential (
    credential_name => 'GITHUB_CRED',
    username => 'therwix',
    password => 'github_pat_...'
    );
end;

end;
// Page 1...
```



Subprograms for initialization operations



INIT_AWS_REPO

This function initializes an AWS repository handle.



INIT_AZURE_REPO

This function initializes an Azure repository handle.



INIT_GITHUB_REPO

This function initializes a GitHub repository handle.



INIT_REPO

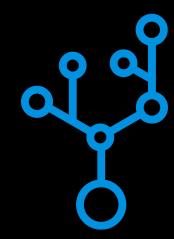
This function initializes a Code Repository handle.



Check if the access works

```
SELECT name, owner, description, created, last_modified
FROM dbms_cloud_repo.list_repositories(dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
credential_name => 'GITHUB_CRED', -- Name of the previously created credential
repo_name => 'therwix', -- Name of the GitHub Repository
owner => 'therwix' -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner

));
```



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

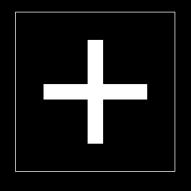
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	NAME	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	CREATED	LAST_MODIFIED
1	dev	therwix	(null)	06/03/20 10:55:22.000 GMT+01:00	06/03/20 10:55:22.000 GMT+01:00
2	strack-software-validate-constraints-plugin	therwix	APEX dynamic action plugin for automatic client-side constraint 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



Manage your Code Repository!

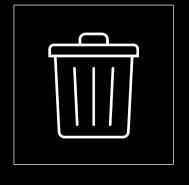


Subprograms for the Repository Management Operations



CREATE REPOSITORY

This procedure creates a Code Repository.



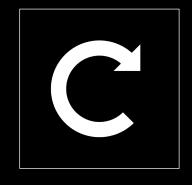
DELETE_REPOSITORY

This procedure deletes the Code Repository.



LIST_REPOSITORIES

This function lists all the Code Repositories.

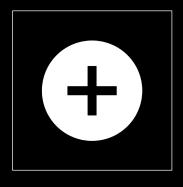


UPDATE_REPOSITORY

This procedure updates a Code repository.

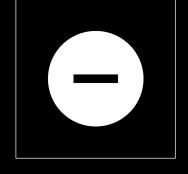


Subprograms for the Repository Branch Management Operations



CREATE_BRANCH

This procedure creates a branch in a Code Repository.



DELETE_BRANCH

This procedure deletes a branch in a Code Repository.



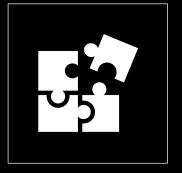
LIST_BRANCHES

This function lists all the Code Repository branches.



LIST_COMMITS

This function lists all the commits in a Code Repository branch.



MERGE_BRANCH

This procedure merges a branch into another specified branch in a Code Repository.





Create a new Repository

```
declare
         repoHandle
                        clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                -- Name of the previously created credential
         repoName
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the new GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                                -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
    begin
        repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                                           => repoName,
                           repo_name
                                           => repo0wner
                           owner
                      );
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        dbms_cloud_repo.create_repository(
                        => repoHandle,
            repo
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            description => 'Repo created with DBMS_CLOUD_REPO',
            private
                        => TRUE
        );
    end;
```



Initialize a new Repository

```
declare
         repoHandle
                        clob;
        repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                — Name of the previously created credential
        repoName
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                               -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
     begin
        repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                           repo_name
                                           => repoName,
                                           => repo0wner
                           owner
                      );
        dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
            repo => repoHandle,
            file_path => 'readme.md',
            contents => utl_raw.cast_to_raw('APEX WORLD 2024'),
            branch_name => 'main',
            commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
                                          'author' value 'therwix',
                                                    value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
                                          'email'
       );
    end;
```



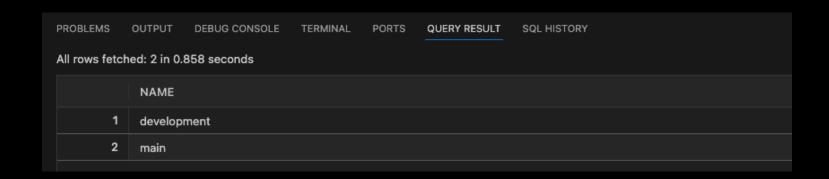
Create a new Branch

```
declare
         repoHandle
                        clob:
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED'; -- Name of the previously created credential
         repoName
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024';
                                                                    -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
    begin
        repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                                           => repoName,
                           repo_name
                                           => repo0wner
                           owner
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                      );
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        dbms_cloud_repo.create_branch(
            repo
                                => repoHandle,
            branch_name
                                => 'development',
            parent_branch_name => 'main'
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        );
    end;
```



Display all branches in a repository

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







Clean-up!

Delete a Branch



Delete a Repository

Moving content to the Code Repository!



Subprograms for File Operations



DELETE_FILE

This procedure deletes a file from the Code repository.



GET_FILE

The function downloads the contents of a file from the Code repository.



LIST_FILES

This function lists all the files in a Code Repository.

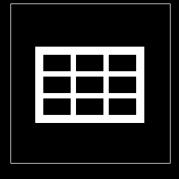


PUT_FILE

This procedure uploads a file to the Code repository.

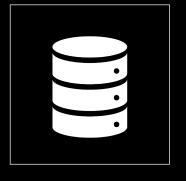


Subprograms for Export Operations of Database Objects



EXPORT_OBJECT

This procedure uploads the DDL metadata of a database object to the Code repository.



EXPORT_SCHEMA

This procedure exports metadata of all objects in a schema to a Code Repository.



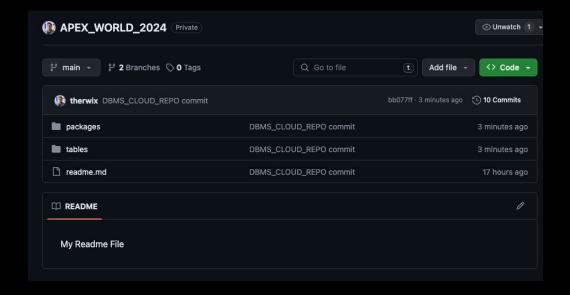
Export all schema objects to single files

```
repoHandle
                       clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                — Name of the previously created credential
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX WORLD 2024': -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                                -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
         repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                           repo_name
                                           => repoName,
                           owner
                                           => repo0wner
        for rec in (
             select *
              from dba_objects
             where object_type in ('TABLE', 'VIEW', 'PACKAGE', 'PACKAGE BODY')
               and owner = 'TMAPEX'
            dbms_cloud_repo.export_object(
                 repo => repoHandle,
                file_path => case rec.object_type
                               when 'TABLE' then 'tables/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.sql'
                               when 'VIEW' then 'views/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.sql'
                               when 'PACKAGE' then 'packages/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.pks'
                               when 'PACKAGE BODY' then 'packages/' || lower(rec.object_name) || '.pkb'
                 object_type => case rec.object_type
                                 when 'TABLE' then 'TABLE'
                                 when 'VIEW' then 'VIEW'
                                 when 'PACKAGE' then 'PACKAGE_SPEC'
                                 when 'PACKAGE BODY' then 'PACKAGE_BODY'
                object_name => rec.object_name,
                 object_schema => 'TMAPEX',
                branch_name => 'main',
                 commit details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
                                               'author' value 'therwix',
                                                       value 'timo.herwix@mt-aq.com'
                 append => false
         end loop;
```



Export all schema objects to single files

View of the Repository



View of a DDL-Script



Export all schema objects to a single file

```
declare
         repoHandle
                       clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                               -- Name of the previously created credential
         repoName
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                               -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
    begin
         repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                                           => repoName,
                           repo_name
                                           => repo0wner
                           owner
                      );
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        dbms_cloud_repo.export_schema(
                          => repoHandle,
            repo
            schema name
                          => 'TMAPEX',
            file path
                          => 'myschema_ddl.sql'
        );
17
    end;
```



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

```
repoHandle
                        clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                -- Name of the previously created credential
         repoName
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX WORLD 2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                                -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
        l_file
                       apex_t_export_files;
         l_app_id
                       number := 108;
                                                           -- App-ID of the exported application
         l name
                       varchar2(255 CHAR);
                                                           -- Name of the exported application
         l app clob
                       clob;
         l_app_blob
                       blob;
         repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                                           => repoName,
                           repo_name
                                           => repo0wner
                           owner
         l_file := apex_export.get_application(p_application_id => l_app_id);
         l_name := l_file(1).name;
         l_app_clob := l_file(1).contents;
         l app blob := apex util.clob to blob(l app clob);
        dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
            repo => repoHandle,
            file_path => 'apex/' || l_name,
            contents => l_app_blob,
            branch_name => 'main',
            commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
                                          'author' value 'therwix',
                                          'email'
                                                  value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
```





Perform SQL Operations from Code Repositories!



Subprograms for SQL Install Operations



INSTALL_FILE

This procedure installs SQL statements from a file in the Code repository.



INSTALL_SQL

This procedure installs SQL statements from a buffer given as input.





Creating an installation script

```
repoHandle
                        clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                -- Name of the previously created credential
         repoName
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX WORLD 2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                                                                -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
         repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                            credential_name => repoCredential,
                                            => repoName,
                            repo_name
                            owner
                                            => repo0wner
         dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
             repo => repoHandle,
             file_path => 'install_db.sql',
             contents => utl_raw.cast_to_raw('
                             @@tables/eba_demo_appr_approvers.sql
                            @@tables/eba_demo_appr_dept.sql
                             @@tables/eba_demo_appr_emp.sql
                             @@tables/eba_demo_appr_laptop_requests.sql
                             @@tables/eba_demo_appr_sal_history.sql
                             @@packages/eba_demo_appr.pks
                             @@packages/eba_demo_appr_data.pks
                             @@packages/eba_demo_appr.pkb
                             @@packages/eba_demo_appr_data.pkb'),
             branch_name => 'main',
             commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
                                           'author'
                                                    value 'therwix',
                                                    value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
```



Execute the installation script

```
declare
        repoHandle
                       clob;
        repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                               -- Name of the previously created credential
        repoName
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                               -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
        repo0wner
    begin
        repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                           repo_name
                                          => repoName,
                                           => repo0wner
                           owner
                      );
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        dbms_cloud_repo.install_file(
                          => repoHandle,
            repo
                          => 'install_db.sql',
            file path
            branch_name => 'main',
            stop_on_error => true
        );
    end;
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```

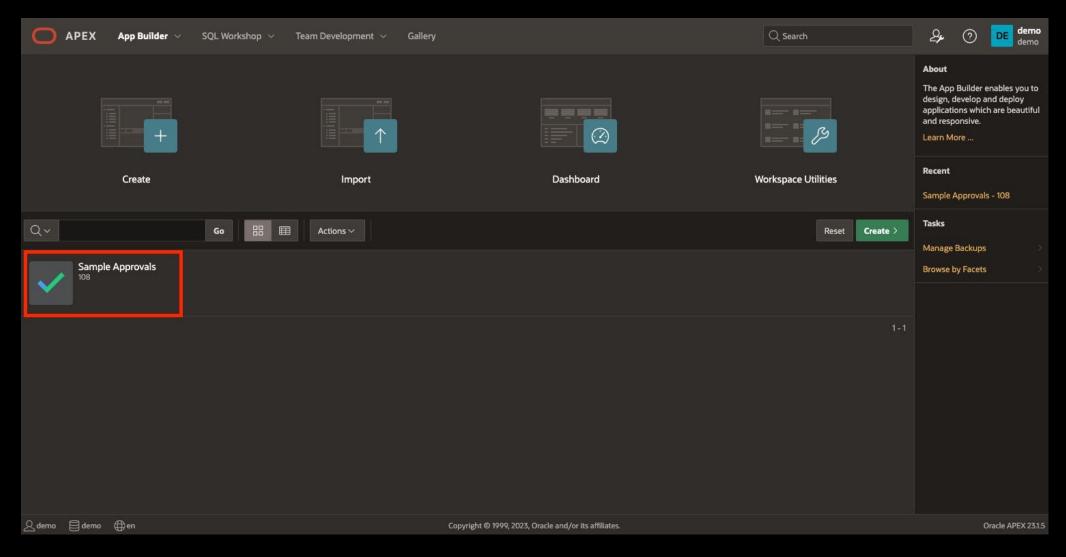


Deploy an APEX Application from a Script

```
repoHandle
                        clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                -- Name of the previously created credential
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX_WORLD_2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                        varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                                -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
         repoApp
                       clob;
         l_file
                        apex_t_export_files;
         l_app_id
                       number := 108;
         repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                          credential_name => repoCredential,
                          repo_name
                                          => repoName,
                                          => repo0wner
                          owner
         repoApp := dbms_cloud_repo.get_file(
                                       => repoHandle,
                        file path
                                      =>'apex/f'||l_app_id||'.sql',
                       branch_name => 'main'
         l_file := apex_t_export_files (
                       apex_t_export_file (
                                    => 'apex/f'||l_app_id||'.sql',
                          contents => repoApp));
         apex_util.set_workspace('DEMO');
         apex_application_install.set_application_id (
             p_application_id => l_app_id);
         apex_application_install.install(
             p_source => l_file,
             p_overwrite_existing => true);
```



Deploy an APEX Application from a Script





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



Get started with 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



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





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

```
l_sql
                    varchar2(32000 CHAR);
                    varchar2(32000 CHAR);
         l_output
         repoHandle
                       clob;
         repoCredential varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'GITHUB_CRED';
                                                                -- Name of the previously created credential
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'APEX WORLD 2024'; -- Name of the GitHub Repository
         repo0wner
                       varchar2(50 CHAR) := 'therwix';
                                                                -- Name of the GitHub Repository Owner
         l_sql := 'select dbms_metadata_diff.compare_alter(
                                                                => ''TABLE'',
                                                object_type
                                                                => ''EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS'',
                                                network_link1 => ''TMAPEX_DB_LINK'',
                                                name2
                                                                => ''EBA_DEMO_APPR_APPROVERS'',
                                                                => ''TMAPEX'')
                                                schema2
                    from dual';
         execute immediate l_sql into l_output;
         repoHandle := dbms_cloud_repo.init_github_repo(
                           credential_name => repoCredential,
                           repo_name
                                           => repoName,
                           owner
                                           => repo0wner
         dbms_cloud_repo.put_file(
             repo => repoHandle,
            file_path => 'install_alter.sql',
            contents => utl_raw.cast_to_raw(l_output),
            branch name => 'main',
            commit_details => json_object('message' value 'DBMS_CLOUD_REPO commit',
                                           'author' value 'therwix',
                                                   value 'timo.herwix@mt-ag.com'
```



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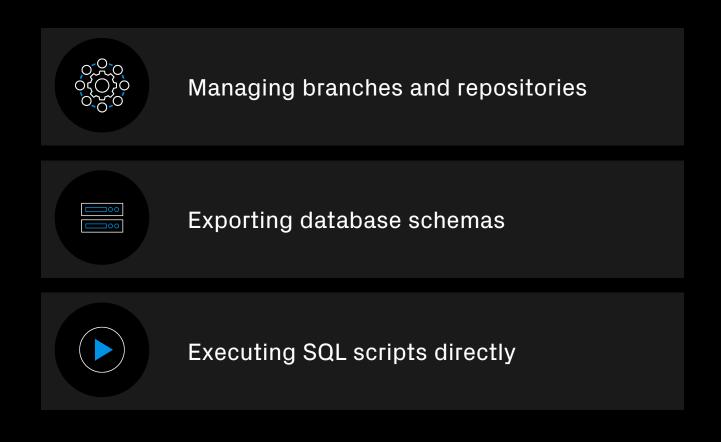
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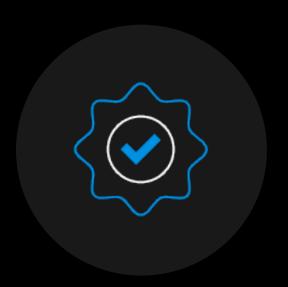
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In conclusion, the DBMS_CLOUD_REPO package simplifies CI/CD workflows for APEX applications on Autonomous Database by providing a single interface for managing Code Repositories.

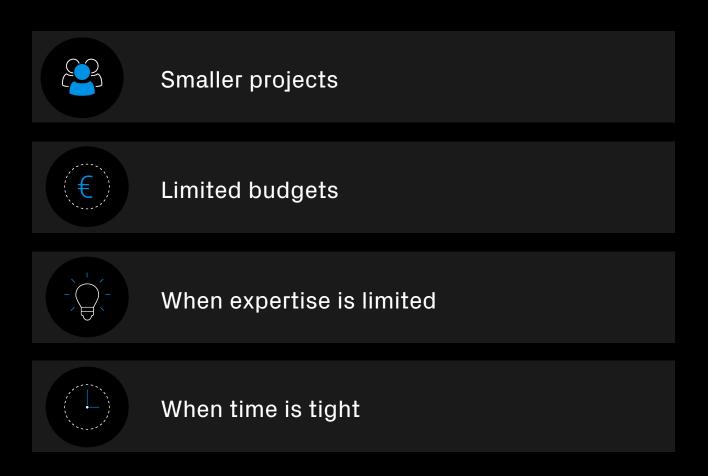






Wrap-up

However, it is only intended as a simple solution and cannot replace more complex procedures. It's perfect for:







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