GitLab User Training

Curriculum 3 Days

Day - 1

Introduction to Git & GitLab

- O What is Git? Why use Git?
- What is GitLab? Key features & benefits
- GitLab vs GitHub vs Bitbucket
- Navigating the GitLab UI

• Git Basics (CLI & GitLab UI)

- o Repositories: Clone, Fork, Star, Watch
- o Git init, clone, add, commit, push, pull
- o Git status, diff, log, stash, reset, revert
- o Branching: create, switch, merge, rebase

Working with GitLab Repositories

- Creating new projects (blank, import, template)
- o File management via GitLab UI
- o Commit history and blame
- GitLab Web IDE basics
- o Git tags and releases

Hands-on Labs

- Clone a project and push changes
- Create and merge branches
- Navigate repository history and use GitLab Web IDE

GitLab Collaboration & Issue Tracking

- Creating and managing issues
- Labels, milestones, and assignees
- Using GitLab boards for Agile workflows (Scrum/Kanban)
- Creating and linking Epics (GitLab Premium+)
- o Discussions and comments on issues/MRs.

Merge Requests (MRs)

- Creating MRs via UI and CLI
- Review process and approval rules
- Squash and merge, Fast-forward merge
- Resolving conflicts in MRs
- MR Pipelines and status checks

Introduction to GitLab CI/CD

- o What is CI/CD?
- GitLab CI/CD overview
- o .gitlab-ci.yml basic structure
- Stages, jobs, scripts, and artifacts
- o Pipeline execution flow

Hands-on Labs

- Create and track an issue
- o Create a merge request and complete a review cycle
- o Write a basic .gitlab-ci.yml file to build and test code

• GitLab CI/CD Advanced Topics

- Using environments and deployments
- Using variables and secrets
- o Caching, artifacts, and dependencies
- Scheduled pipelines
- Manual and delayed jobs
- Pipeline templates and includes.

GitLab DevOps & Security Features

- Using GitLab Registry (container/image registry)
- GitLab Package Registry (Maven, npm, etc.)
- Secrets and environment management
- Security scanning and code quality (GitLab Ultimate)
- Auto DevOps and Auto-Deploy

GitLab Productivity Features

- Wikis and Project Documentation
- Snippets (private/public)
- Custom Issue Templates and Merge Request Templates
- o GitLab CLI (glab) for advanced usage
- Keyboard shortcuts and productivity tips

GitLab Integration & API

- o Integrating GitLab with Jira, Slack, Trello, Jenkins
- GitLab API overview (reading/writing issues, projects)
- Webhooks and triggers
- GitLab Notifications and To-Dos

Hands-on Labs

- Advanced pipeline creation with stages and environments
- Use GitLab Container Registry
- o Integrate GitLab project with Slack or Trello
- Create a snippet and a wiki page
- o Trigger pipelines via GitLab API