

# LOAD BALANCER PROJECT SUBMISSION

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Built a production-ready load balancer with custom domain and SSL certificate using entirely free services.

### What Was Built

- NGINX load balancer with 3 backend servers
- Custom domain via DuckDNS
- Valid SSL certificate from Let's Encrypt
- Automatic certificate renewal
- HTTP to HTTPS redirect

### Technical Stack

- **Load Balancer:** NGINX
- **Domain:** DuckDNS (free)
- **SSL:** Let's Encrypt
- **Infrastructure:** AWS EC2
- **Cost:** \$0

### Verification

#### SSL Certificate Status

- Valid certificate issued
- Trusted by browsers (green padlock)
- Auto-renewal configured
- Expires: 90 days (auto-renewing)

#### Load Balancing Working

- Requests distributed across 3 servers
- Health checks active

- Failover capability

## SOCIAL MEDIA & DOCUMENTATION

LinkedIn Post:

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/sally-m-09546a245\\_steghub-devops-cloudengineering-activity-7391167235592994816-UZaO?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAADzCKfEBZK3LPTQ5D0pi879scjIA\\_X0g4FTk](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/sally-m-09546a245_steghub-devops-cloudengineering-activity-7391167235592994816-UZaO?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAADzCKfEBZK3LPTQ5D0pi879scjIA_X0g4FTk)

GitHub Repository:

[StegHub\\_DevOps/project9 at main · 123Origami/StegHub\\_DevOps](https://github.com/123Origami/StegHub_DevOps)

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Load balancer configuration and management
- DNS and domain registration
- SSL/TLS certificate implementation
- Automated deployment processes
- Infrastructure as code principles
- Cost optimization strategies

This project demonstrates professional-grade infrastructure setup using free tools and services, proving that great technology doesn't require a large budget.