**SWE 645**

**Component-based Software Development**

**Assignment 3**

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**Part 1: Creating the student survey web application**.

* Configure the application using springboot initializer. The initializer cab be found at <https://start.spring.io/>.
* Configure the application with the following settings:
  + Project -> Maven
  + Spring Boot -> 3.1.2 (your choice)
  + Set the Project Metadata -> Name of the project, Name for the application, etc.
  + Select the Packaging type. For this project I chose a .jar file and in the JDK version I chose JDK 17.
  + In the Dependencies Section, choose the following dependencies:
    - Lombok: Helps reduce Boilerplate code.
    - Spring Data JPA: Used to connect and interact with the database.
    - MySQL Driver
    - Spring Web
    - Thymeleaf: To send data to and from the web browser.
  + Click on Generate: This will generate your springboot maven application.
* Next create new packages, under PROJECT\_NAME-> src -> main -> java /METADA, to put the respective java classes in. After creation the structure should look like this.

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* The Controller package contains the controller class. This class handles the interaction between the web application and the java application and the database.
* The DTO object is used to store information received from the browser.
* The Entity package is used to store the Student Entity. This is a replica to the DTO object but is used to store and interact with the database.
* The Mapper package contains a mapping class that maps the Student DTO to the Student Data. Basically, what it does is it transfers the data it receives from the survey to the student entity that stores it in the database.
* The Repository package contains the repository interface that stores all the data received from Student entity.
* Finally, the Service Package contains two things:
  + An implementation sub package that stores the implementation class used to implement all the set and get operations used to interact with the database.
  + The other part is the Service interface that resides in the main package and is used to initialize all the methods used in the Implementation class.
* At the end you can see the Main application that brings all the components together and is used to trigger and run the application.

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**Part 1.3: Creating the HTML templates.**

* We need to create an HTML template for each step of the implementation. One for the database entries. One for the survey form.
* In my project I implemented four:

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* + One for creating the new survey.
  + One for viewing the survey entries.
  + One for updating an entry.
  + And finally, one for viewing an entry.
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  Description automatically generated**The next part is the application.properties file. This file contains the configuration for connecting to the MySQL database.
  + Data source contains the driver definition. The url to the database and the login details to establish the connections.
  + JPA contains the hibernate dialect definition and enables table auto creation.

**Part 2: Creating the jar file.**

* The first step is building the spring boot application. Most IDEs have a way to build maven projects and if like me you used IntelliJ, you can fin the build option on the right side of the IDE.

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* Select the M on the right side of the screen -> Select the no tests option to skip the testing during building -> Lifecycle -> Select clean and package.
* This will start the building process. After the build has completed successfully. You can find the jar file in the target folder.

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**Part3: Building and Pushing the docker image.**

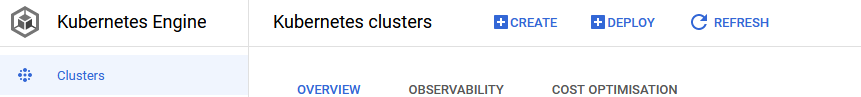
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  Description automatically generatedBefore building the image, we need to create a Dockerfile. The file needs to be called “Dockerfile”. Your dockerfile should look like this.
* These are the commands to build and push the image into your docker hub registry.
  + **docker login -u USERNAME -p PASSWORD**
  + **docker build -t IMAGE\_NAME .**
  + **docker tag IMAGE\_NAME REPOSITORY\_NAME/IMAGE\_NAME:tag**
  + **docker push REPOSITORY\_NAME/IMAGE\_NAME:tag**
* The image has been successfully pushed into your docker hub registry.

**Part 4: Creating a GitHub Repository and pushing our Spring Boot project.**

* Using the github account created for HW2, create a new repository.
* Next go to your folder that contains the files related to the project and initialize a repository.
* Then add all the files pertaining to the project into the repository and commit these changes to the repository with a message.
* Finally push these changes into the repository.
* These are the commands to enter into the command propt:
  + **git init -> This initializes the repository.**
  + **git add –all**
  + **git commit -am “YOUR\_MESSAGE”**
  + **git push <YOUR\_GITHUB\_REPOSITORY\_URL>**

**Part 5: Creation of Cluster.**

* For this Assignment I decided to use Google Cloud Platform (GCP) as my clous service provider. The main reason for doing this is to try something new.
* The first step is to create a free account in GCP. Google gives you $300 dollars as free credit in your free account to use.
* Next navigate to the Kubernetes Engine page. During the initial startup google might redirect you to a services page that asks you to enable the Kubernetes Engine. Here click on enable. This is crucial as without enabling this service you will not be able to create the cluster.
* After enabling the Kubernetes Engine, you will be redirected to the main page of the Kubernetes Engine service.
* Here click on create, found on the top of the page.
* Clicking on create will redirect you to the cluster creation page. On this page you will be asked to choose whether you want to manually configure the cluster or whether you want to google to automatically scale the cluster as per your needs.
* Here I chose the Standard option.
* The first step after this is naming your cluster. Next in the location type we select regional and, in the dropdown, select a region that is closest to us.
* On the left side choose the Node Pools sections and choose the number of nodes you want your cluster to have. For my assignment I chose 3.
* Next in the configure node setting section select the Image type of your cluster, this is similar to AMI on an EC2 instance in AWS. Here I left the default option as my setting.
* The next step is to configure the performance of your machine. To do this in the machine configuration section under the Configure node setting page select the series of machine you want and select the configuration of the machine.
* Leave all the other settings as default and go to the Security section under the Node Pools category. In here under the access scopes sub sections choose “**Allow full access to all cloud APIs”** . This will give both read and write permissions to your clusters.
* This is it, click on create and your cluster is created.

**Part 5: Configuring Jenkins.**

* To configure Jenkins, we first need to create a VM instance. All VM instances can be found in the Compute Engine service of Google Cloud. To search for the compute engine service, you can do so in the search bar at the top of the GCP homepage.
* As a side note you will see three instances on this VM Instances page, these are the 3 nodes you created in your cluster, if you see them this means that your cluster was successfully created.
* On this page you will see a “CREATE INSTANCE” button at the top of the page. Click on it.
* First name your instance, something intuitive would be good. Next select the region, it is crucial you select the same region you set for the cluster. The zone you choose is up to you.
* Under the machine configuration choose E2 as its operational cost is low and since it is more than capable of handling our project’s needs.
* Next in the Machine Type choose e2 medium as our nodes will need atleast 3 CPU cores to run efficiently.
* Under the Identity and API access section in the Access scopes section choose the Allow full access to all Cloud APIs.
* In the Firewall section choose to Allow HTTP traffic and Allow HTTPS traffic.
* Your configuration is done, and you can click on create.

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  Description automatically generatedGCP will take a few minutes to set up your instance. Once the instance is created you can see a green check mark under the status column.



* You can directly SSH into your instance using the SSH option under the connect column. This will directly take you into the terminal of the VM instance.
* First, we need to update all the packages in the system and to do this we give the following command.
  + **sudo apt-get update**
* Next, we need to install java onto the system to do this we give the fallowing command.
  + **sudo apt install default-jre**
* Next, we install Jenkins onto the system as well. To do this we enter the following commands.



* Next, we update all the packages on our system. To do this we type.
  + **sudo apt-get update**
* Now that we have imported all the necessary packages, we can move on to installing Jenkins. To do this we type in.
  + **sudo apt-get install jenkins**
* Follow the onscreen instructions and Jenkins will be installed onto the instance.
* To check the status of Jenkins we can type.
  + **sudo systemctl status jenkins**

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* If the status of your Jenkins is like mine, then there is no need to manually start Jenkins. If it is inactive, you can simply start Jenkins using the following command.
  + **sudo systemctl start jenkins**
* Next, we need to install Docker onto the system, so that Jenkins can build and push images to and from our docker hub repository. To do this we give the following command.
  + **sudo apt install docker.io**
* Follow the onscreen instructions, till docker is installed onto your computer. It is best we update all the packages on our system using the apt-get update command.
* You can check whether docker is running on the system using **sudo systemctl status docker** and if it isn’t running, we can manually start it using **sudo systemctl start docker**.
* Next, we need to let Jenkins communicate with docker. To do this we give the following command.
  + **sudo usermod -a -G docker jenkins**
* After installing both Jenkins and docker on to our system we need to install kubectl onto the system. This enables us to communicate with the cluster from our VM instance. To do this we type
  + **sudo apt install snapd**
  + **sudo snap install kubectl --classic**
* Once this is done, we can boot up the Jenkins user interface. But before we do this let us check if we have the kubeconfig and that we can execute it.
* First to check if we have the kubeconfig we need to give the following command.
  + **kubectl config view**
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  Description automatically generatedThis will give the following output.
* Check whether the name of the cluster you are trying to access matches the one you deployed previously. If not, you can import the kubeconfig file of the desired cluster using the following command.
  + **gcloud container clusters get-credentials CLUSTER\_NAME –region=REGION\_NAME**

**Note: -** If gloud does not come pre-installed onto your system you can manually install by following the instructions on this link: [Google CLI install](https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/install#deb).

* To check if the kubeconfig file has the necessary permissions for execution we need to pass the following command to the shell.
  + **ls -l /var/lib/jenkins/.kube/config**

**Note: -** in case no such file or directory error pops up you can move the kubeconfig file from wherever it is residing (usually the home folder) to the Jenkins folder using the following commands.

* **sudo mkdir /var/lib/jenkins/.kube**
  + **sudo mv ~/.kube/config /var/lib/jenkins/.kube/config**
* With this setting up our instance done we can finally login to out jenkins homepage. To do this we grab the external IP address of our machine, which can be found on the VM Instances home page and paste into the url tab of our browser like so: - **<*EXTERNAL\_IP>*:8080**

**Part 6: Creating the CI/CD Pipeline.**

* On the first startup of Jenkins, it asks us for a one time password and also specifies the path the where it can be found, to get this password we need to give the following command:
  + sudo cat <*PATH\_TO\_FILE>*
* This will print a one-time password. All you need to do is to copy this password and paste it into the password field.
* After this follow the onscreen instructions until you reach the homepage of Jenkins which looks like this.

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* Your homepage should look like this but without the items on the homepage, basically a blank homepage.
* Before we move on, first let us install the required plugins for our pipeline to work. Click on Manage Jenkins -> Plugins -> Available plugins.
* In the search bar check for the Docker Pipeline and install. Then install the google pipeline.
* Once this is done, we need to provide the docker credentials to our pipeline. To do this we go to Manage Jenkins -> Credentials -> (global) -> Add Credentials.
* Leave the Kind as default and the Scope also as default. In the username field we give our docker username and under the password field we give our docker password. And in the ID section we give in our ID, remember the name of the id as we must pass the same value in our Jenkinsfile in order to access these credentials.
* Click on create. This will create our credentials.
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  Description automatically generatedIt is now time for us to create our CI/CD pipeline on the homepage select new item. In here give a name and select the pipeline option from the list of options.
* We will setup our pipeline to detect any changes in our github repo and automatically trigger a new build.
* To do this we need to select Poll SCM under the Build Triggers section and in the schedule give the following input: - \* \* \* \* \*. This tells Jenkins to scan the github repo for any changes every minute and automatically start a build if any changes are detected.
* Under the pipeline section, in the definition dropdown select “Pipeline script from SCM” and in the SCM choose git.
* Now in the Repositories URL field pass the github url to your repo and in the credentials choose the credentials you just created. Finally under the branch specifier change \*/master to \*/main.
* Our pipeline setup is done we can click on Apply and then save.
* Jenkins automatically picks up the Jenkinsfile from your github repo and uses it to commence the build.

**Jenkinsfile**

Your Jenkins file should look like this:

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This parts is used to start the pipeline the environment subsection is used to pass the docker credentials we defined in Jenkins to the local variable docker\_creds. We will use this to pass our docker user name and password to docker.

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Description automatically generatedThis part scours out GitHub repo for changes.

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**HW3 Application**

MyApp Deployment file:

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MyApp Service:

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Description automatically generatedService is also deployed in the same namespace as the deployment. The protocol used is TCP. It is deployed on nodes with the name myapp. It runs on port 80 and exposes port 8080 for communications. And the type of service is a Load Balancer. I also provided a static IP address for the Load Balancer which is used in the extra credit.

**MySQL**

MySQL Persistence Volume Clain:

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Description automatically generatedSince the database is running on the cloud, we need to allocate some of the storage to the database to do these we need to raise a persistent volume claim to the nodes.

The volume is also deployed in the same namespace as myapp. AccessMode is read write once and the storage being allocated is 256 MB. The name of the volume is mysql-pvc.

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Description automatically generatedMySQL Deployment:

Name of the deployment is mysqldbi which is deployed in the myapp-namespace. The name of the container is mysqldbi-cont and the image being used is the latest version of mysql. The root password is root which is stores in MYSQL\_ROOT\_PASSWORD and the name given to the database is ssdb which is stored in MYSQL\_DATABASE. The port used for deploying this container is 3306. The persistent is to be stored in the mount path /var/lib/mysql.

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Description automatically generatedMySQL Service:

The service name is mysqldb-svc deployed in the namespace myapp-namespace. The pods used for deploying the container are mysqldbi. The ports used for deployment port is 3306 and exposes the port 3306.

Links:

GitHub Repo: <https://github.com/ASDPKP/MAIN-HW3-SWE645.git>

HW3 Link: <http://gmu.atnk-studentsurvey.com/>