Application Deployment

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Educator Introduction

In the last session, we learned about unit testing for our application using Jest. In this session, we will learn about deploying the app.

List of Concepts Involved

- Intro of GitHub.
- Repository Creation.
- Get Database for production.
- Intro to Heroku.
- Understand the deployment process of our Ecommerce App.

What is Hosting?

- Now that our project is working fine in the local system. It would be useful only when used by others, i.e., it is available to the world. Our purpose can be achieved when we make our application available to the users via the internet and that is what hosting means.
- There are infrastructure, platforms, or software that are hosted by third-party providers and made available to users for various needs through the internet which is called cloud services.
- Many cloud service providers help us rent their server where our application code runs 24/7. These services are provided based on a free trial and price-based model for individuals and organizations—for example, Amazon AWS, Heroku, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, etc.
- We will deploy our application using the services of Heroku.

Run a project locally

- Before deploying the project, ensure it’s running as expected by running the code and accessing the app locally.

- Execute below command in cmd terminals of root directory:

- **npm start**
- `"start": "node server",`
- When we run npm start from terminal it will run above script which we need to add in package.json file which will be responsible to start up the application, moreover this is the standard script which many applications hosting service understand for a node application as a run command.

Intro to GitHub

- Now, you can serve your local setup online and make it live via the internet, but it's not easy to maintain and make your server available 24/7. That's why we need some remote server to deploy it and forget, so the cloud/server provider will maintain our application for us.
- We need to take care of one thing before deploying the app, i.e. maintenance and continuous changes to the application.
- We will likely add more features or make some critical changes to our code in the future or maintain different versions of our code.
- Also, things work differently in the industry. There will be many contributors for a single project; frontend developers, UI designers, backend developers, and software testers all working on the same project but locally on their respective machines.
- Finally, all the code from these machines will be merged as a whole, maintaining the flow and integrity of the code and won't break the code's functionality.
- So, here GitHub comes into the picture. As we can integrate Github with the remote server and the local setup to reflect the changes, we can easily change it without going to the server.

Here we will see how Github works and all the basic functionality/commands of GitHub:

1. **Creating Repositories:**
    a. **git init:** to initialise the repo.
2. **Creating branches**
    a. **git checkout -b <branch_name> :** to create new branch
    b. **git checkout <existing_branch_name> :** to get back to the original branch.
3. **Adding files:**
    a. **git add . :** to add all items
    b. **git add <file_name> :** to add specific elements
4. **Commits**
    a. **git commit -m <commit message> :** to commit the changes locally

5. **Pull**
    a. **git pull origin <branch_name> :** to get the latest code from the repo
6. **Push**
    b. **git push origin <branch_name>:** to push local code to the remote repo.

We have 3 ways to do all these steps:

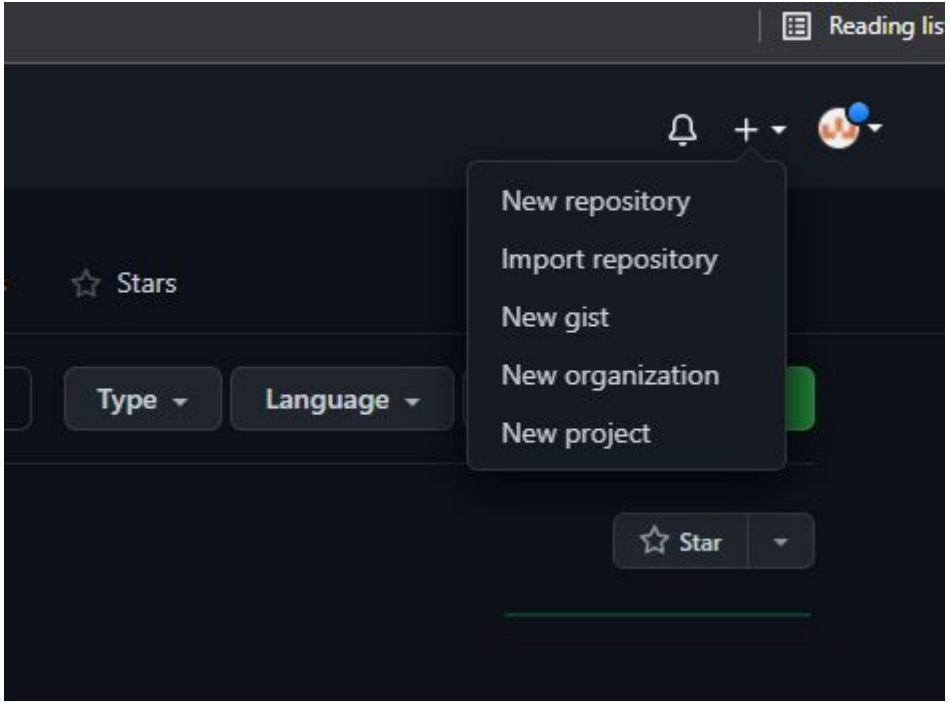
1. Web Interface: Very easy to use but not for complicated steps like resets, rebase, etc.
2. Command Line: Not much user-friendly, but we can perform every operation using this one.
3. Github Desktop: Very much similar to web interface in terms of UI,

Creating Repositories

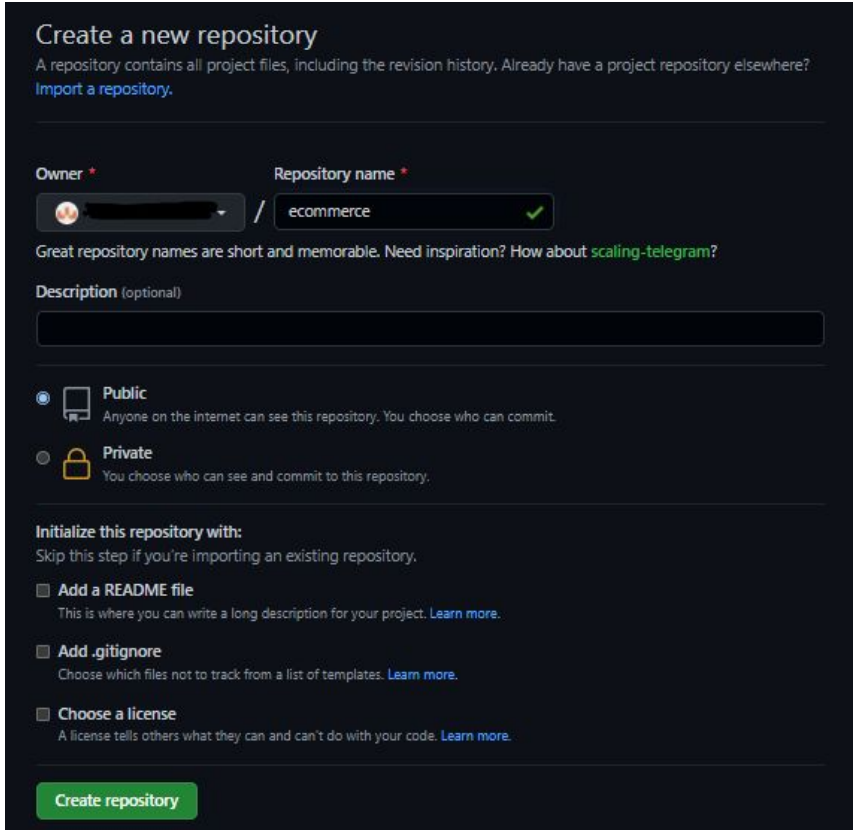
- **Using Web Interface:**

a. Go to **Repositories** click on **“New”** or on the **“+”** icon in the top-right corner.

b. Click on **New repository**

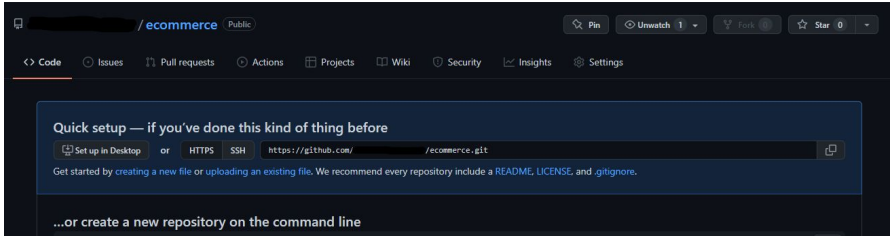


c. Name the repo, create it.



d. Clone it to local, open cmd in the desired directory and write command

git clone <*urlname*>



e. If you have existing code in the local machine that you want to push to Github it can be done by pasting the folders/files in this cloned directory and we can commit and push the files to the remote repo, using command line.

2. Using the Command line:

a. Create a directory in local or open cmd for the root directory of an existing project.

b. Type **git init** will make our current directory a local git repository.

- Note: Explain to students the difference between a local repo and remote repo,
- Local repo is the app code present in git repo in local machine
- Remote repo is where collaborators push/merge their code

a. We can add and commit the existing project files to the remote repository.

b. Type **git add.** (to add all the files) or just **git add <file_name>** you want to push.

c. Type **git commit -m <commit message>** where commit message is a string that informs why this commit happens and its purpose.

d. Now we have to connect it to GitHub:

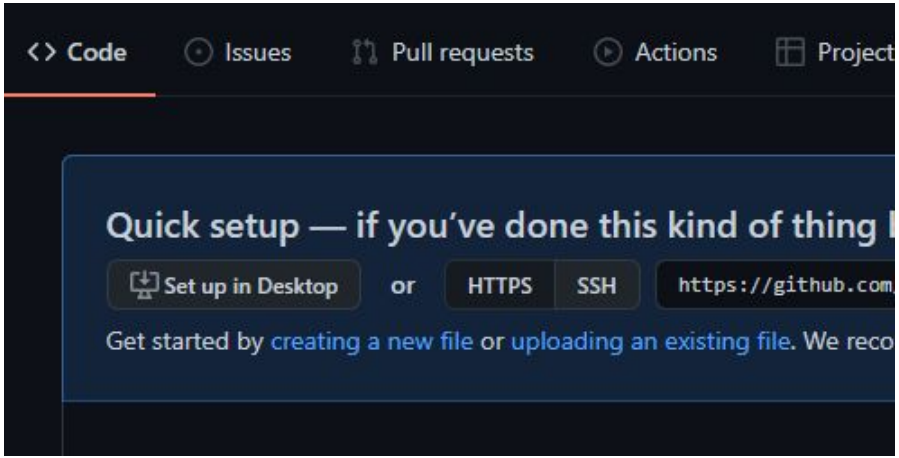
- **git remote add origin git@github.com:username/<repo_name>**

a. Finally, push using: **git push origin master.**

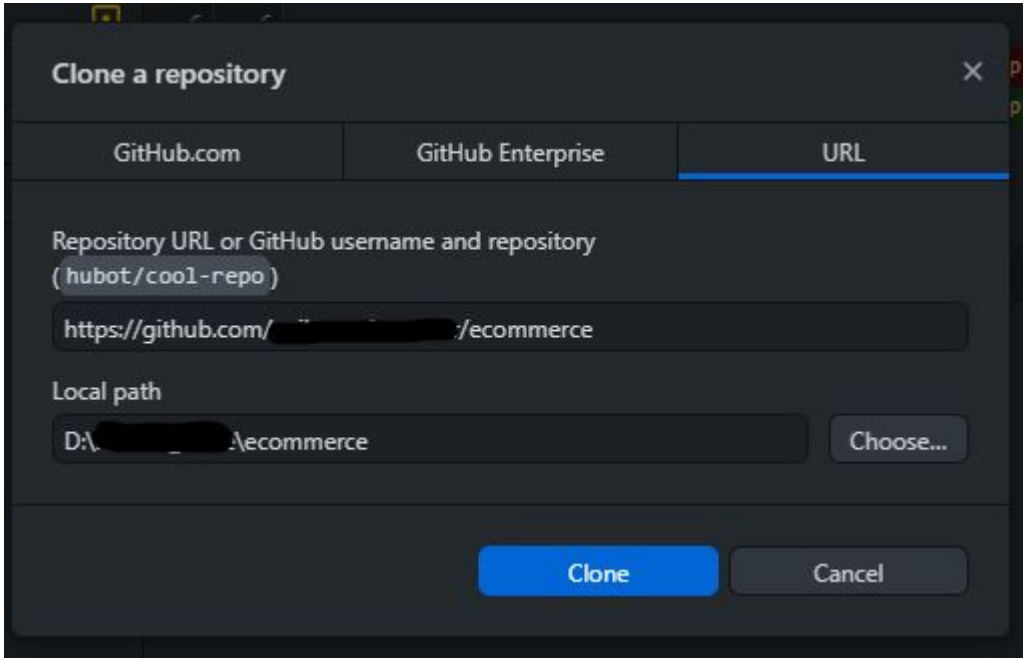
3. Using the Github desktop:

a. We need to install the Github desktop application for this.

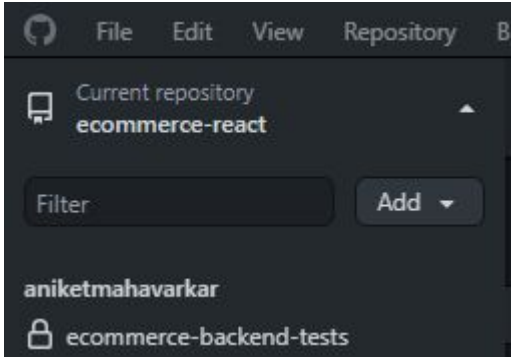
b. To create a new repo Click on **Set up in Desktop.**



c. Choose the path and click on clone.

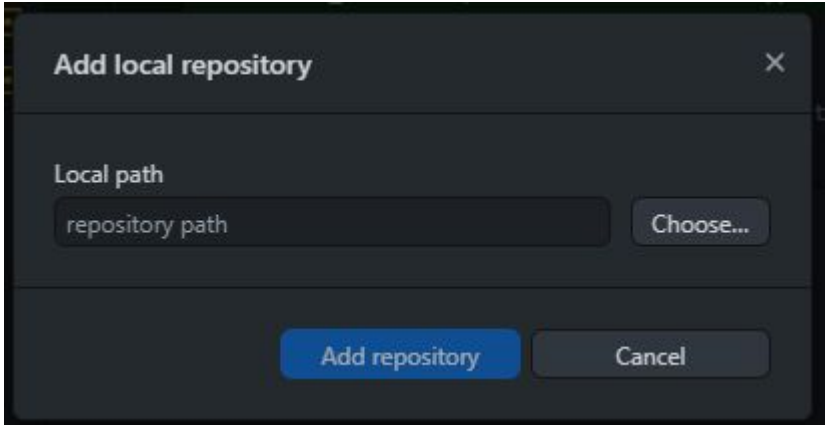


d. To add an existing project or make existing project as local repo click on **Add** in the top left corner of Github desktop application.



e. Click on **Add existing repository**

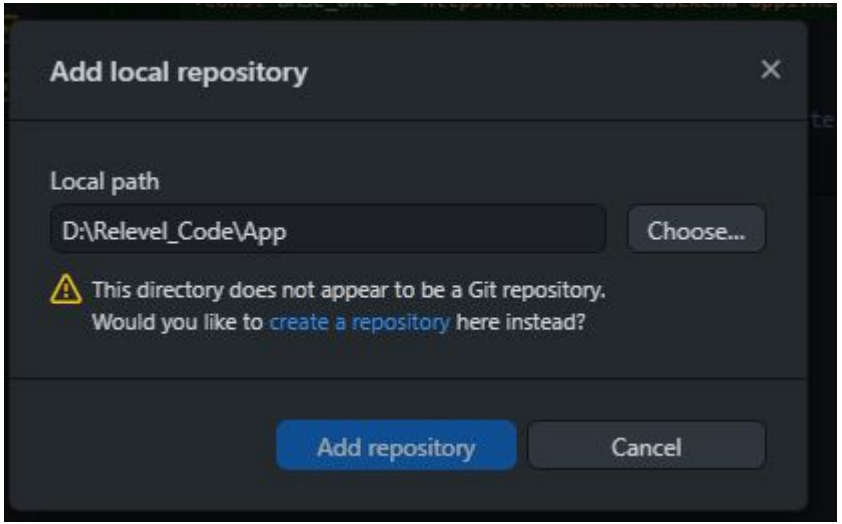
f. Choose the project folder in the path



g. When your directory is already not a repository it will prompt to make it a repo by asking create a repository here instead click on this and your repository will be created.

code:

https://github.com/Vishwa07dev/eCommerce



Get Hosted MySQL Database:

Why hosted DB

When we will be going to host our application on Heroku or any other platform it will be needing a database which will be live 24x7. Now while developing the application, we used MySQL in our local machine which was running in background and serving as hosted DB, which will not be working for application hosted on cloud service app, so we will be opting for a MySQL database hosting service here.

Get Hosted MySQL Database:

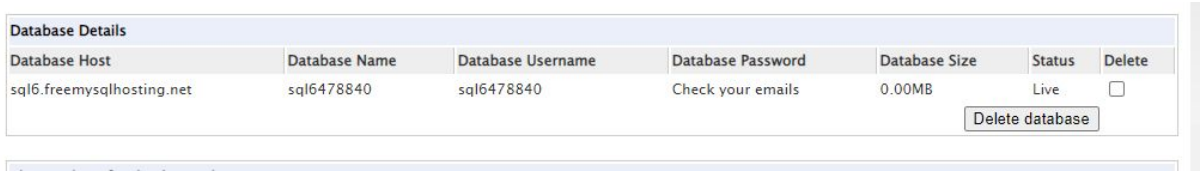
Step 1: Go to this website https://www.freemysqlhosting.net/ and register using email, it will send a link to authenticate.

Step 2: Check your email for the mail from this website and click the link on the email

Step 3: This link will redirect you to change password page, update the password and login to your account now.

Step 4: once logged in you will be in https://www.freemysqlhosting.net/account/ where first setup your server location and click on save location

Step 5: After few second you will ser this block below:

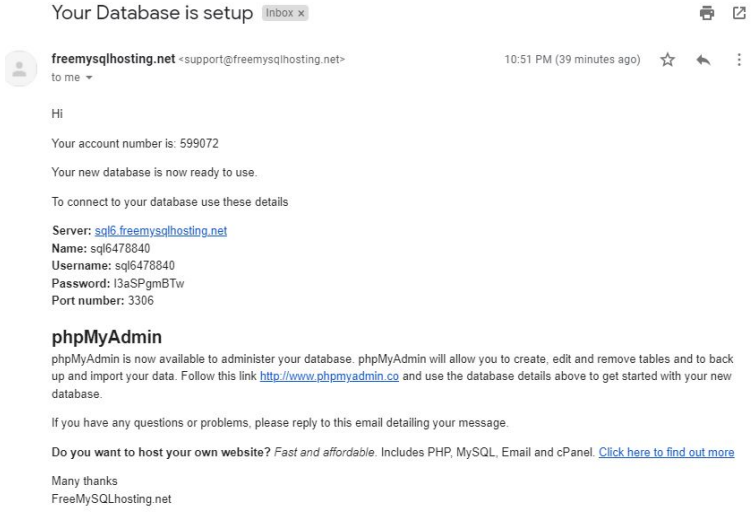


Database Details

Database Host	Database Name	Database Username	Database Password	Database Size	Status	Delete
sql6.freemysqlhosting.net	sql6478840	sql6478840	Check your emails	0.00MB	Live	☐

Delete database

Step 6: Check your email and you will get your database connection credentials:



Your Database is setup Inbox ×

freemysqlhosting.net <support@freemysqlhosting.net> 10:51 PM (39 minutes ago)
to me

Hi

Your account number is: 599072

Your new database is now ready to use.

To connect to your database use these details

Server: sql6.freemysqlhosting.net
Name: sql6478840
Username: sql6478840
Password: I3aSPgmBTw
Port number: 3306

phpMyAdmin

phpMyAdmin is now available to administer your database. phpMyAdmin will allow you to create, edit and remove tables and to back up and import your data. Follow this link http://www.phpmyadmin.co and use the database details above to get started with your new database.

If you have any questions or problems, please reply to this email detailing your message.

Do you want to host your own website? *Fast and affordable.* Includes PHP, MySQL, Email and cPanel. Click here to find out more

Many thanks
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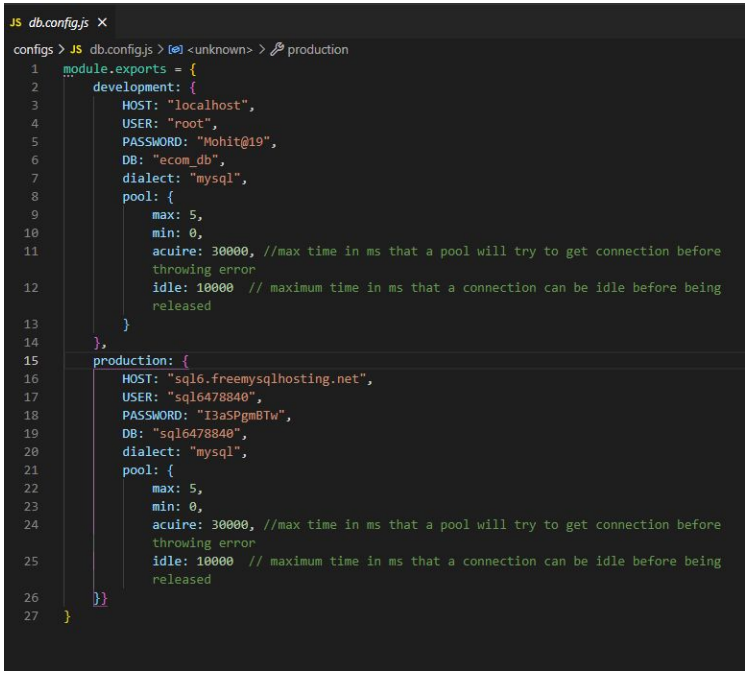
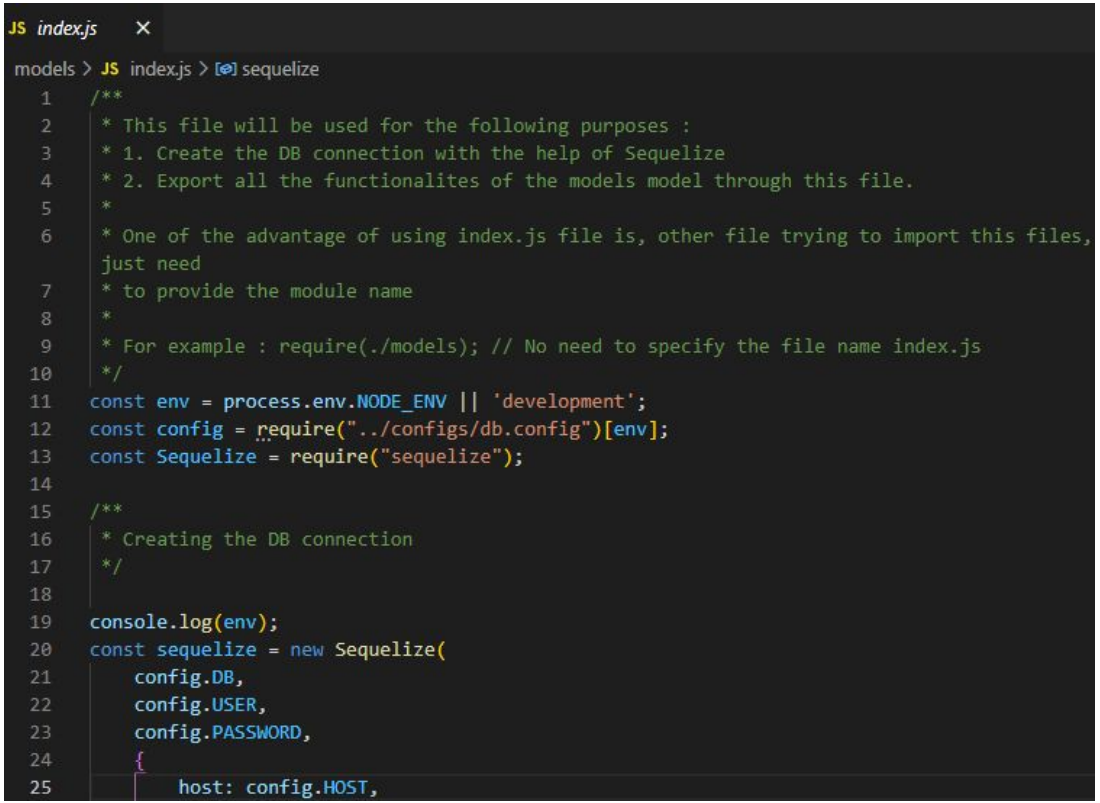
Step 7: Add those creds in your eCommerce application as shown below:

db.config.js

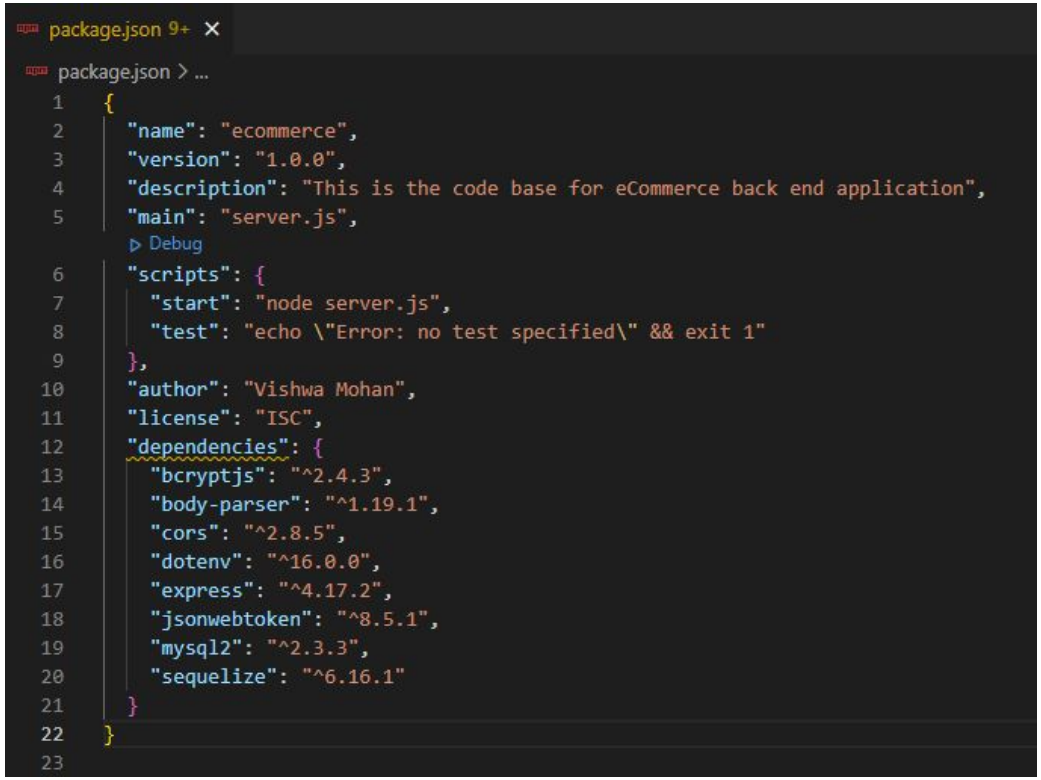


And,

Index.js in models folder



And at last start script in package.json.



Intro to Heroku

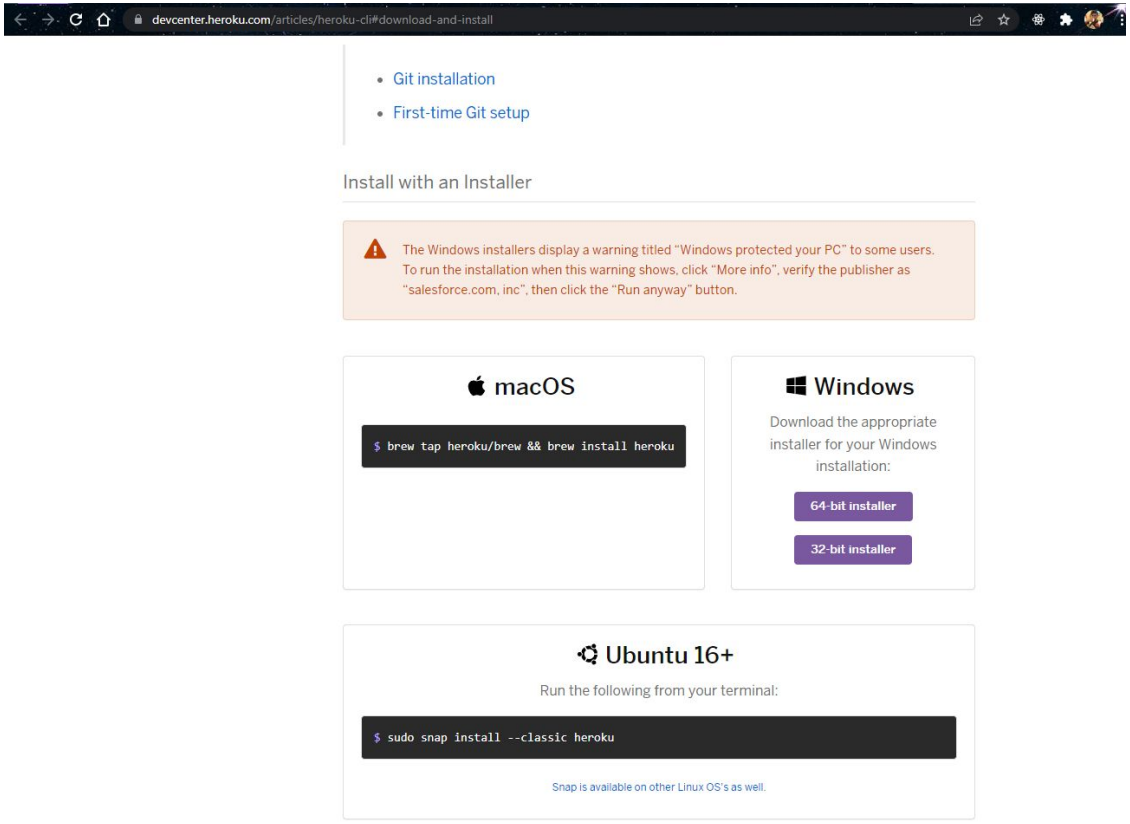
Heroku is a cloud platform that helps developers maintain, build, deliver, and scale apps.

Deploy App:

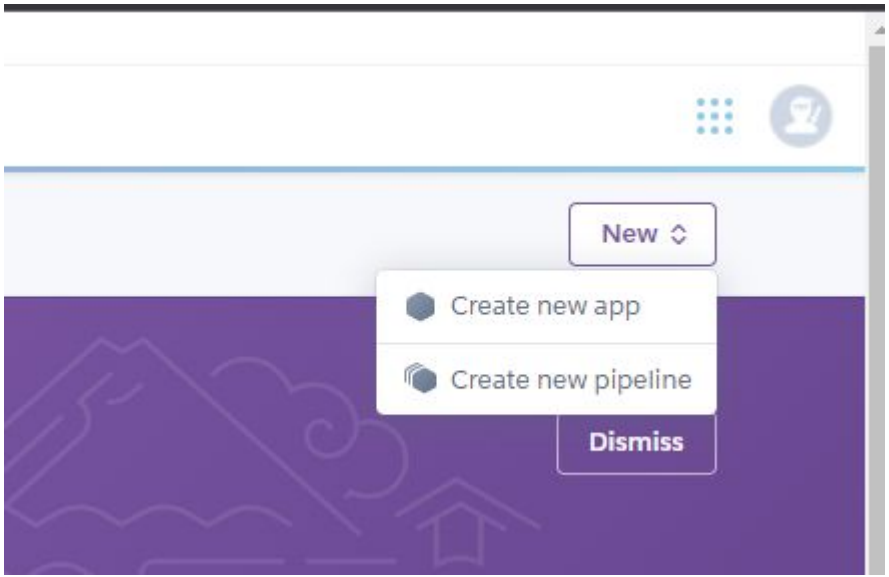
Let us use our application on Heroku, but before that, we have to do some steps:

1. Create an account on Heroku, (nothing much here just fill the prompted details and verify account for specified email id).

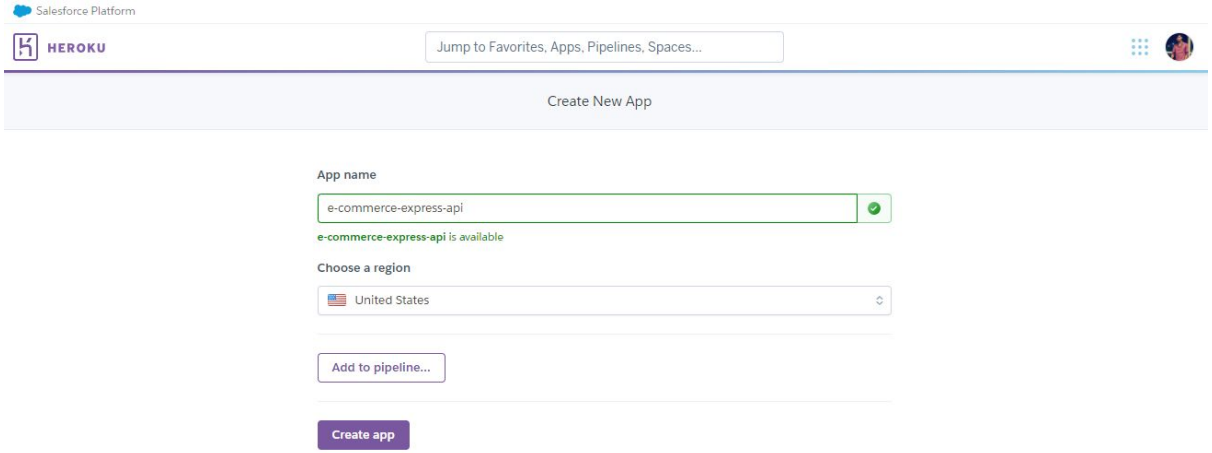
2. Download Heroku CLI: https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/heroku-cli#download-and-install


devcenter.heroku.com/articles/heroku-cli#download-and-install
Git installation
First-time Git setup
Install with an Installer
The Windows installers display a warning titled "Windows protected your PC" to some users. To run the installation when this warning shows, click "More info", verify the publisher as "salesforce.com, inc", then click the "Run anyway" button.
macOS
$ brew tap heroku/brew && brew install heroku
Windows
Download the appropriate installer for your Windows installation:
64-bit installer
32-bit installer
Ubuntu 16+
Run the following from your terminal:
$ sudo snap install --classic heroku
Snap is available on other Linux OS's as well.

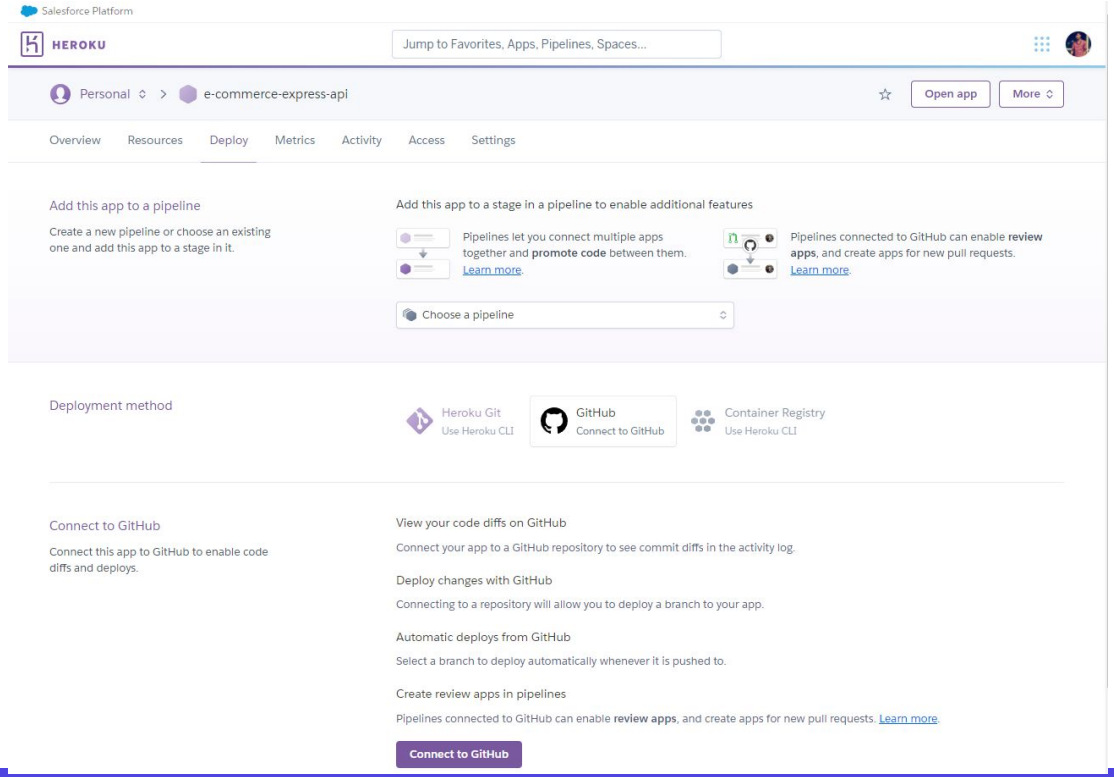
3. Go to the Heroku website https://dashboard.heroku.com/apps and log in. After login, click on “New.” and click “Create new app”.



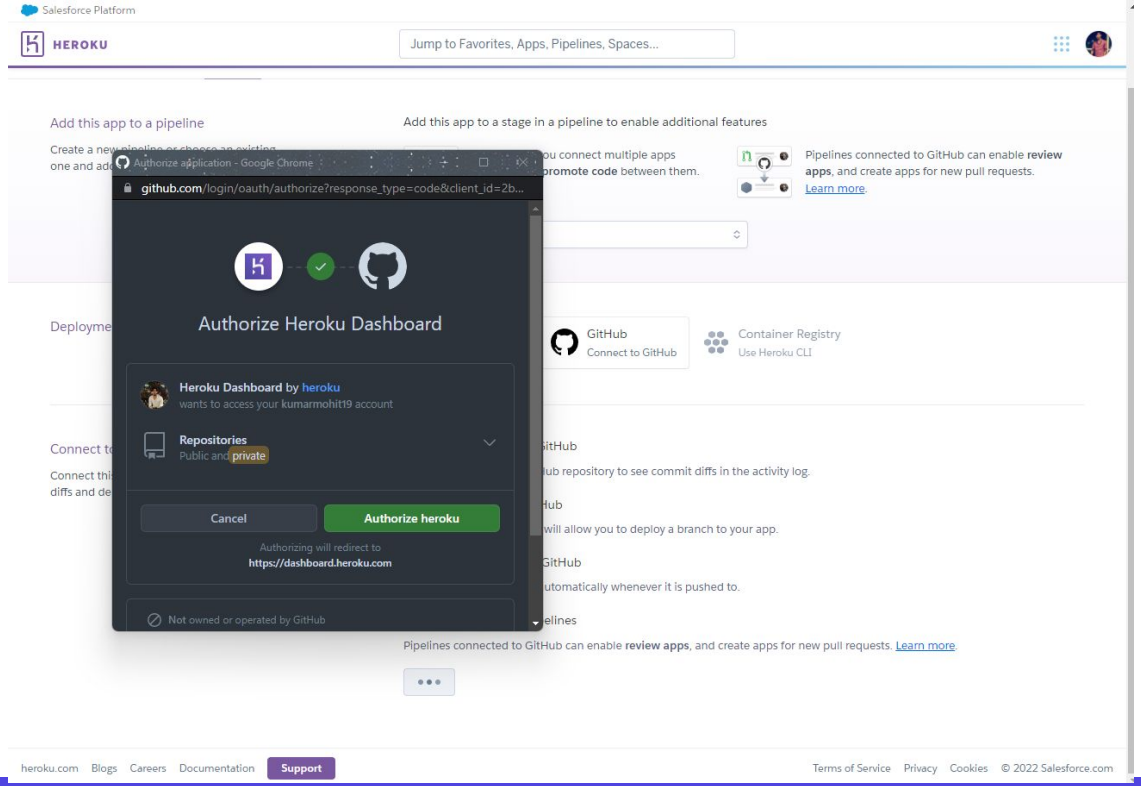
4. The name must be unique, and click on Create app.



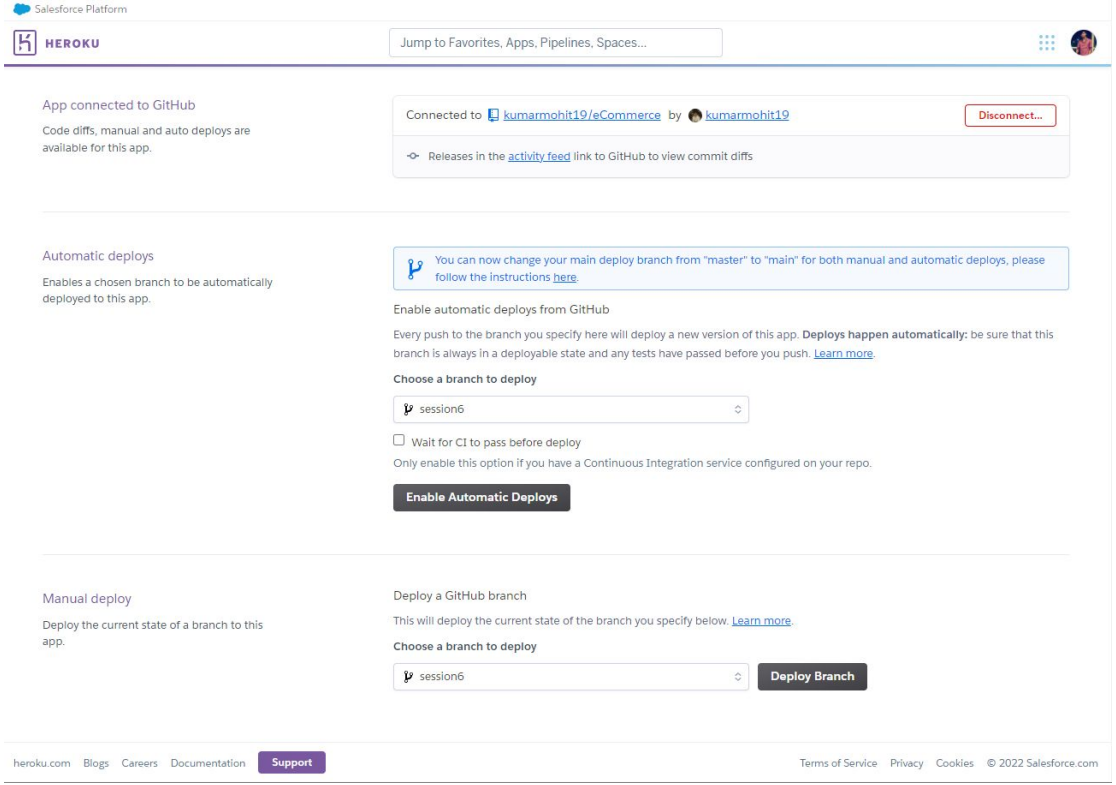
5. Connect to GitHub now, it will prompt for authorization if Github is not already connected to Heroku



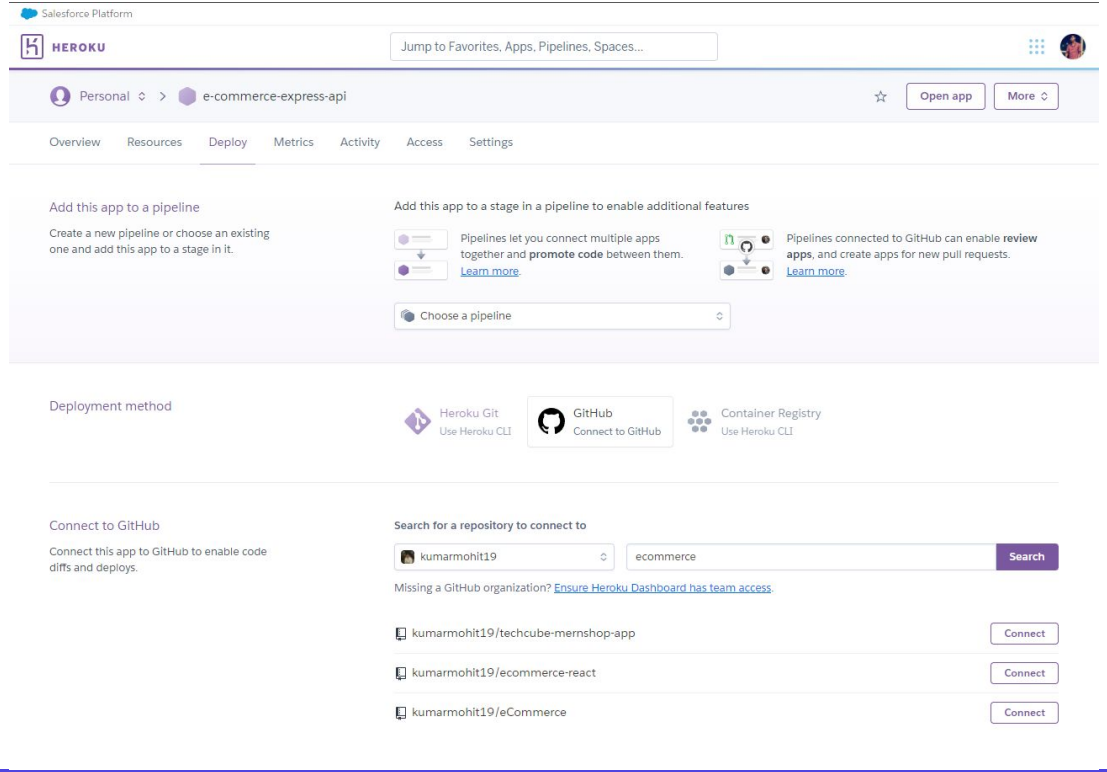
6. Authorize Github



7. Select the branch and deployment setting



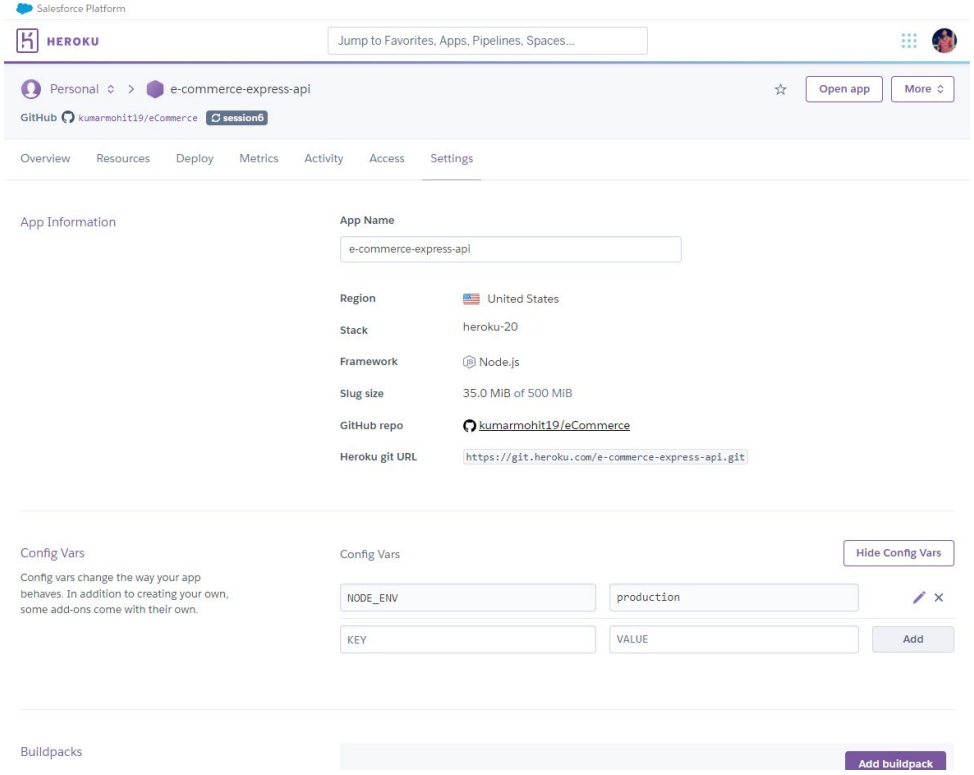
8. Search your repo



9. Do manual deployment, then it will start the deployment process. Once done click on view:

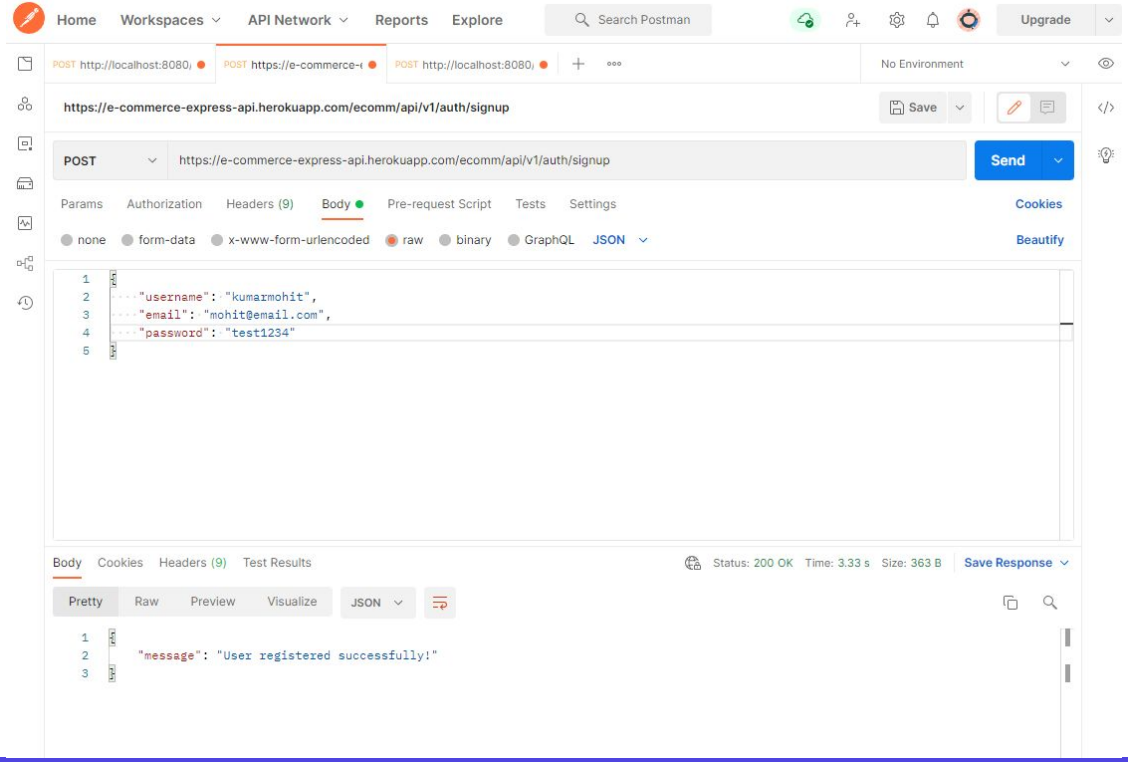
10. This is our backend page, notice that our page has a domain name now.

11. Add NODE_ENV property in configuration:



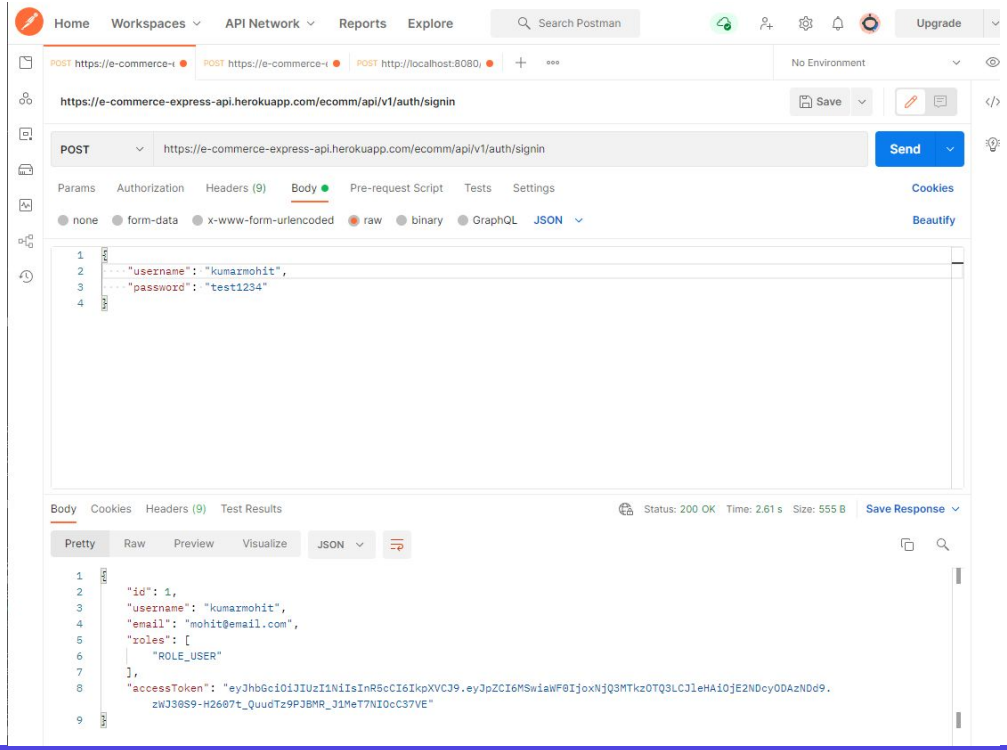
Testing our hosted App

SignUp



Testing our hosted App

SignIn



MCQs

1. What is the meaning of origin in git command?

a. Origin is the name of the branch.

b. It's the name of the repo.

c. It signifies a remote name where the user wants to push or pull the changes.

d. None of the above.

2. What does a checkout argument do in git command?

a. Checkout means to go out of the repo.

b. It means the act of switching between different versions of a target entity or the branches of the repository.

c. It is used to commit the change and push in one command.

d. None of the above.

3. What Does a Heroku app URL look like with the app name “alpha”?

a. www.herokuapp.com/alpha
b. alpha.heroku.com
c. alpha.herokuapp.com
d. www.alpha.herokuapp.com

4. Is it possible to change the domain of the application deployed on Heroku.

a. No.
b. Yes

5. Which branch is used for deployment from GitHub to Heroku?

a. master
b. We can choose.
c. origin
d. None of the above.

Practice Problems

Deploy all the small or larger applications taught in all the sessions.

THANK YOU