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CI/CD Project with GitLab CI

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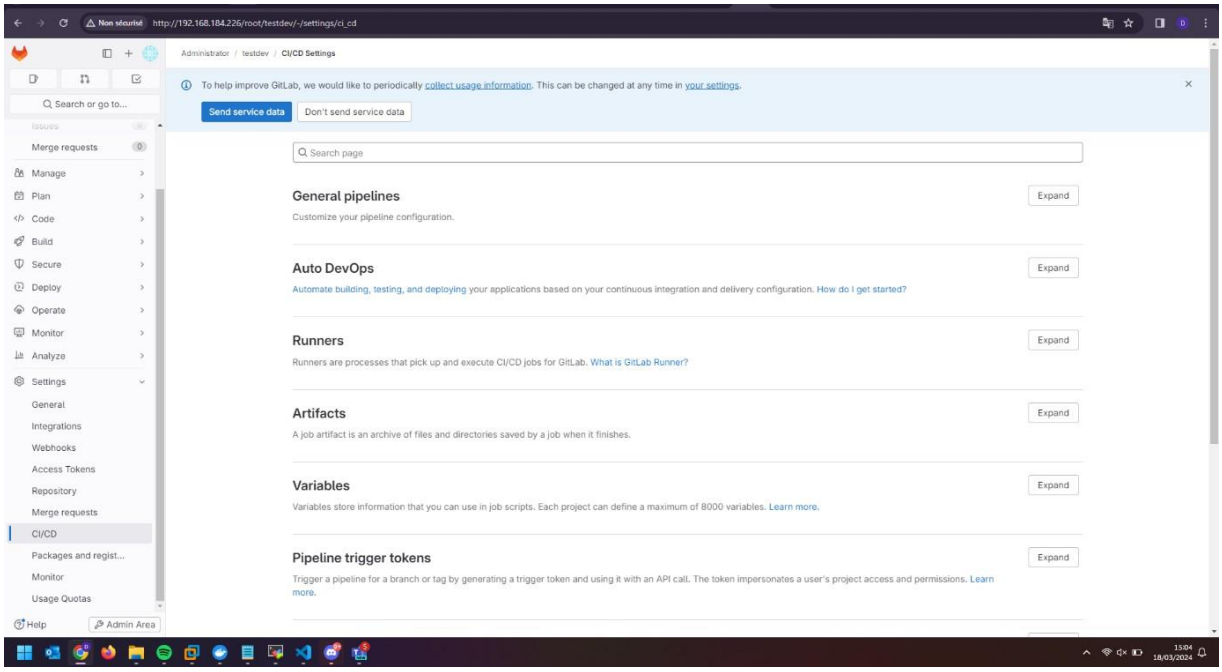
Prerequisites

Before getting started,we need to setup 3 Ubuntu VM :

1 - gitlab-instance: Host for the GitLab instance.

On the VM we need to Install GitLab on the gitlab-instance virtual machine

(We can see the GitLab instance is working)



2 - gitlab-runner: Host for the GitLab runner.

On the VM we need to Install GitLab Runner on the gitlab-runner virtual machine to run our pipeline jobs

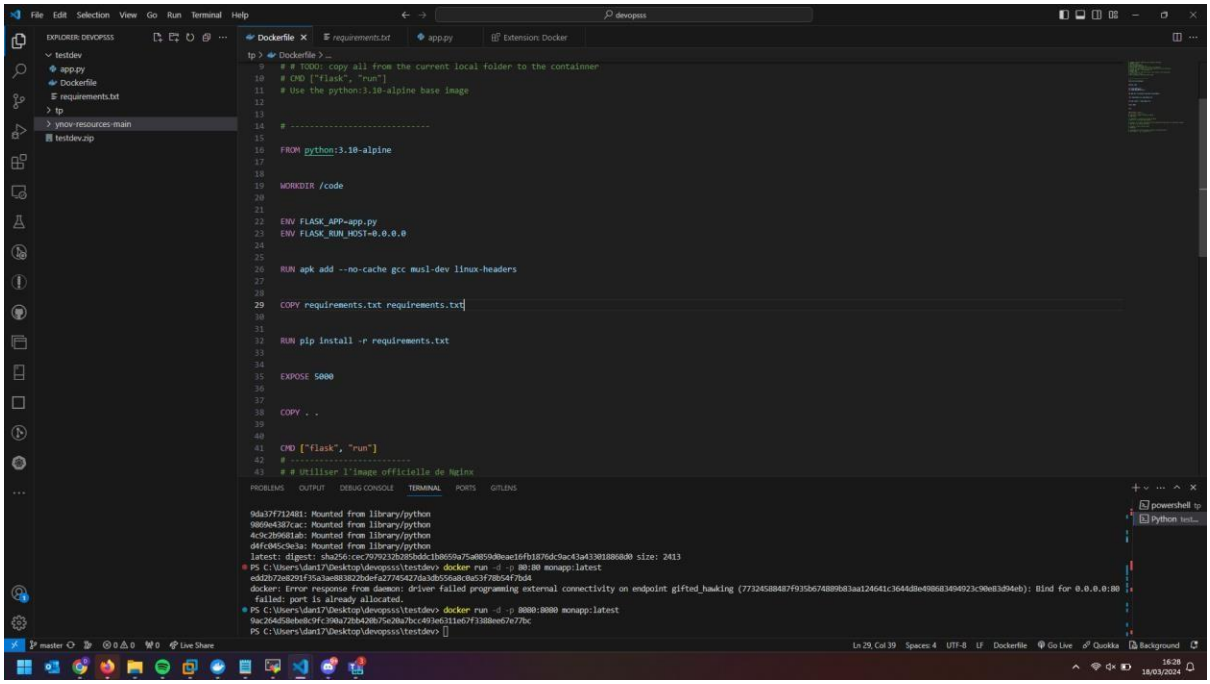
3 - dev-srv: Deployment host for the application.

On the VM we need to Install Docker on the dev-srv virtual machine to later on deploy our application.

AND – a Docker Hub account to publish the containerized application image.

We can see a container on Docker Hub

Begin by containerizing the application using Docker. This involves creating a Docker file that specifies the environment and dependencies needed to run the application.

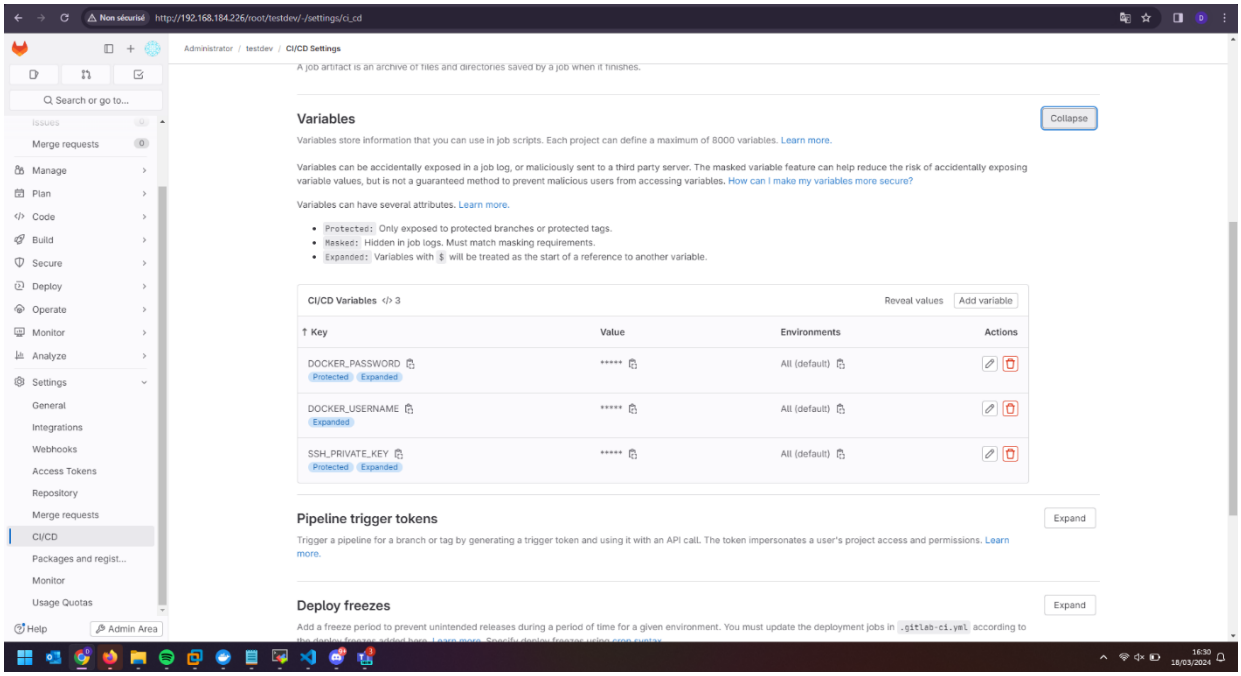


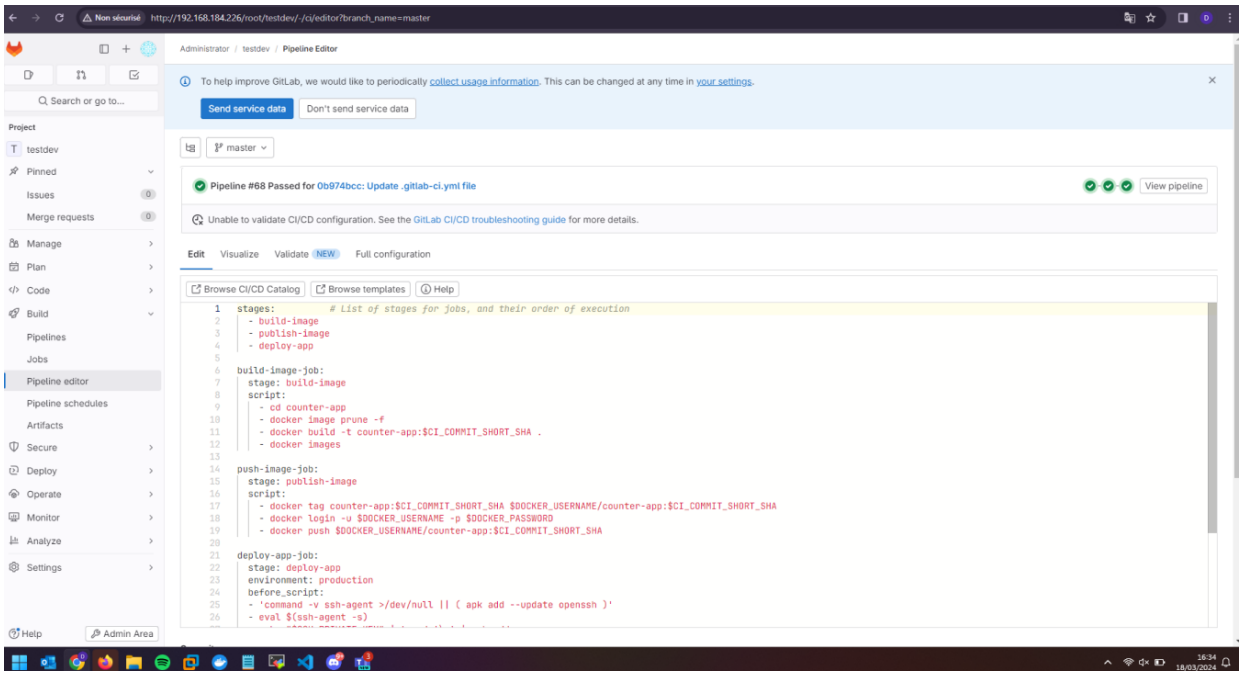
We can see that's we configure the Docker File well, and the image below tell us, the Docker container is working

2. Setting up the CI/CD Pipeline

Configure the CI/CD pipeline using GitLab CI. This can be achieved by creating a .gitlab-ci.yml file at the root of our project to create our pipeline

This file used some CI/CD variables that we need to add to our Gitlab CI/CD in the CI/CD settings like you can see below :





3. Configuring the Docker server

Now that our gitlab is configured correctly and docker is installed on our docker server. We need at first to give root rights to our machine user so our pipeline jobs will be able to execute docker commands. For this we will modify the file in the folder « etc » *sudoers* by adding at the end of the file this line for my user « warshall » :

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warshall  ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
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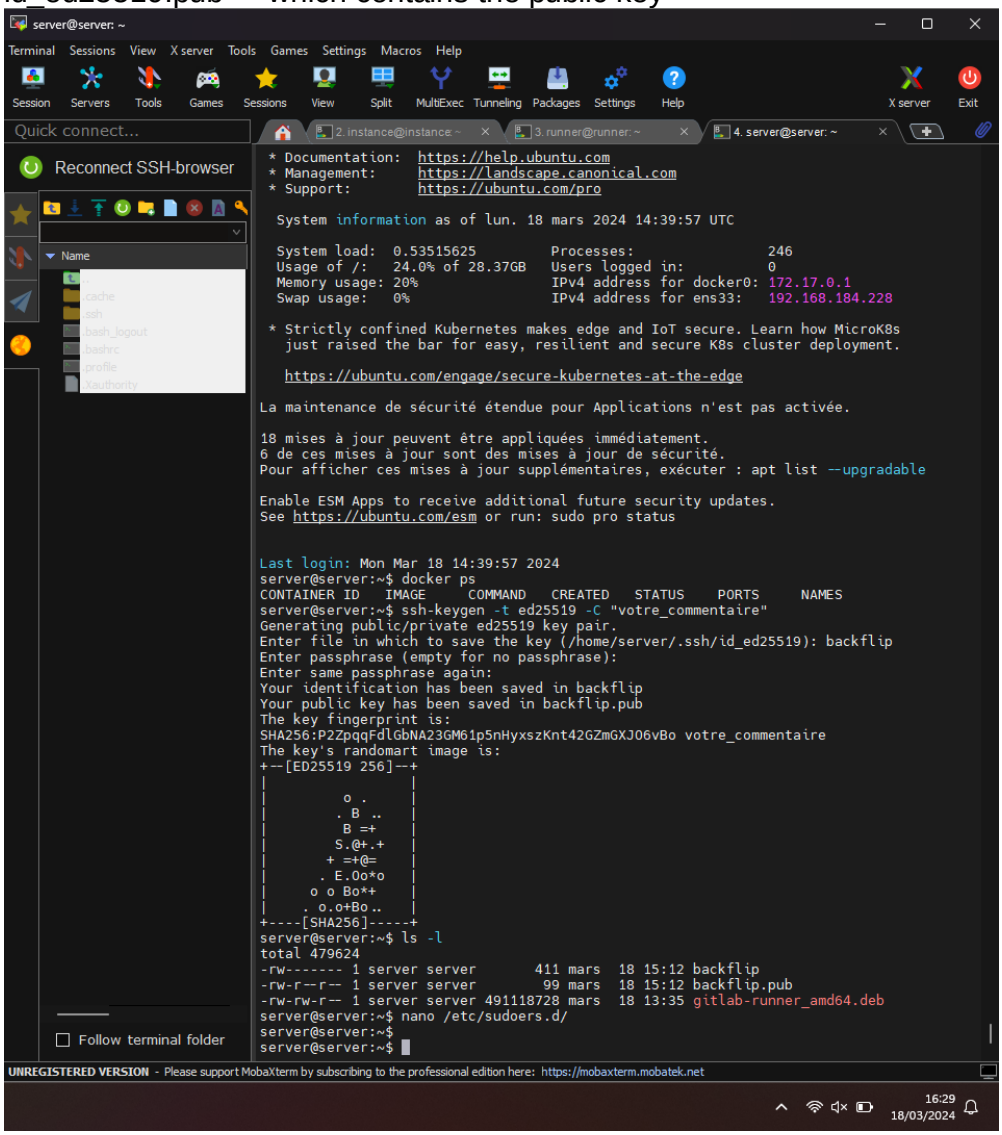
To allow our pipeline to connect to our remote machine by ssh, we need to generate SSH private & public keys.
For this we will run the command « ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -C "GitLab SSH key" », that will generate 2 files in the folder « .ssh » :
id_ed25519 -> which contains the private key
id_ed25519.pub -> which contains the public key

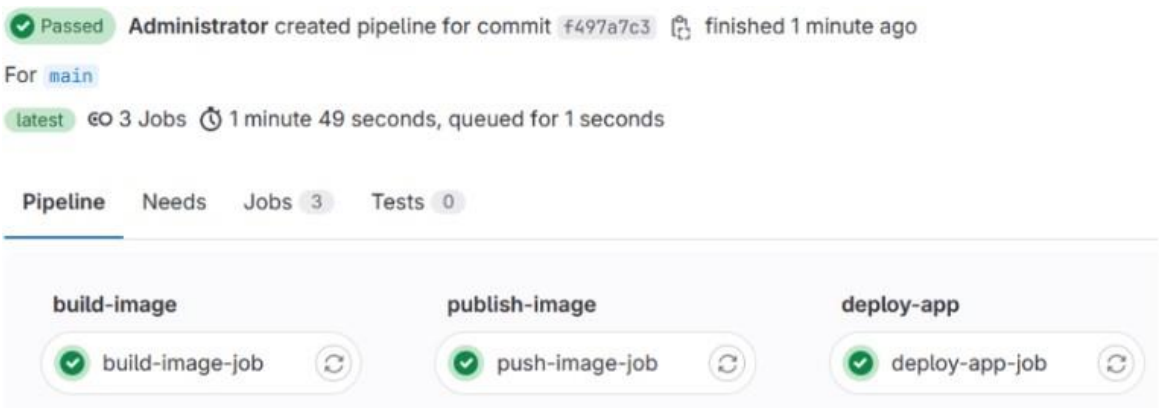


4. Deploy the application

build-image: Build the Docker image of the application.

publish-image: Publish the Docker image to Docker Hub.

deploy-app: Deploy the application to the dev-srv server. This stage involves pulling the Docker image from Docker Hub and running it on the deployment server using SSH.



Our pipeline CI/CD will build the image and push it on Docker hub and then he create a container

Now we can see we have an error 500 because we don't have redis configured, but it proves that our application is correctly deployed