Multi-Container App on AWS

Building Multi Container Application

- Previously, we have deployed single container application
- A real-world, web application requires various services and each service runs on a separate container

Building Multi Container Application

- Let's build multi container application
- This application uses
  - PostgreSQL – As Database
  - Redis – Caching
  - Nginx – As reverse proxy web server
  - uWSGI – a WSGI server
  - Flask – As web application framework

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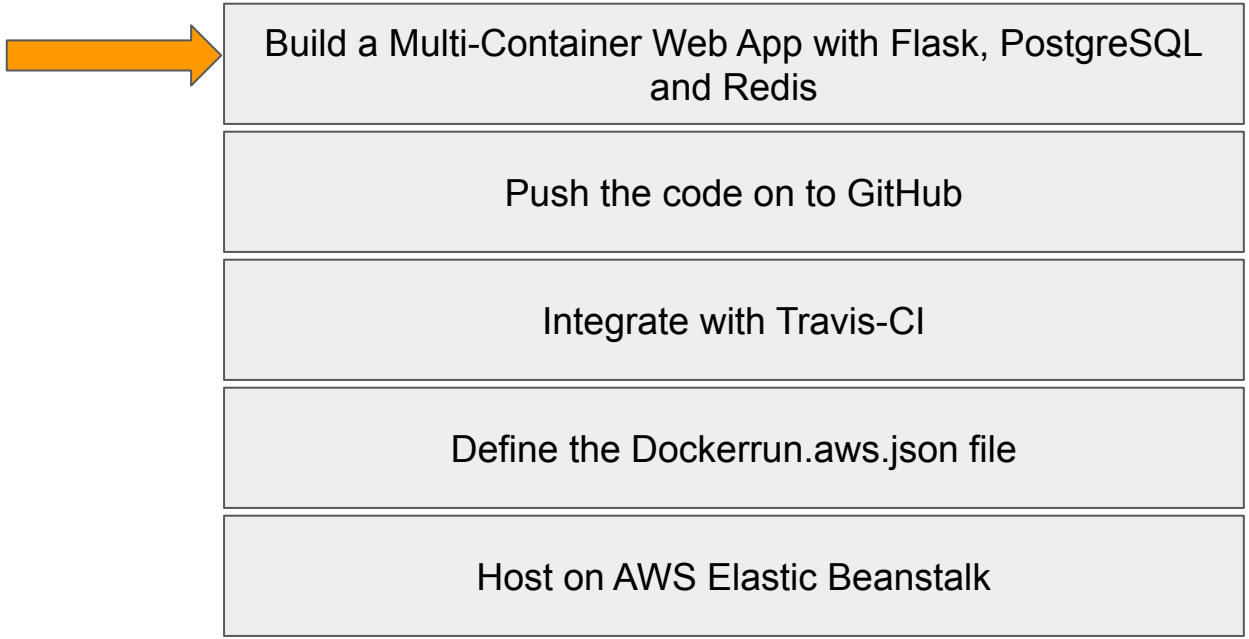

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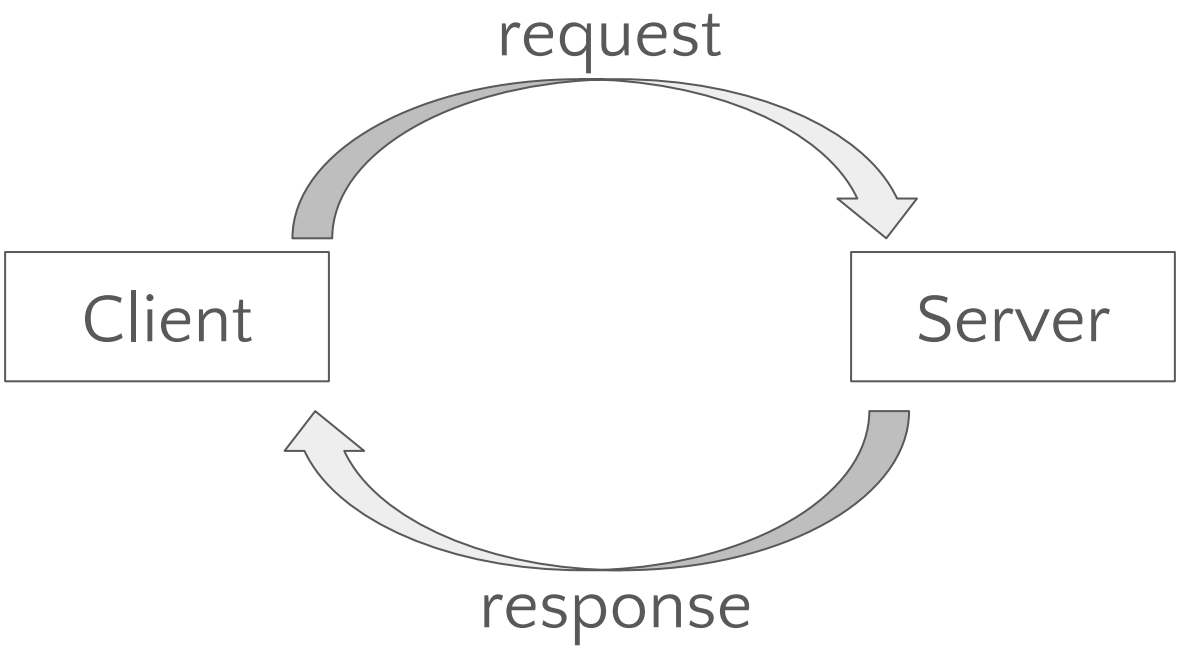

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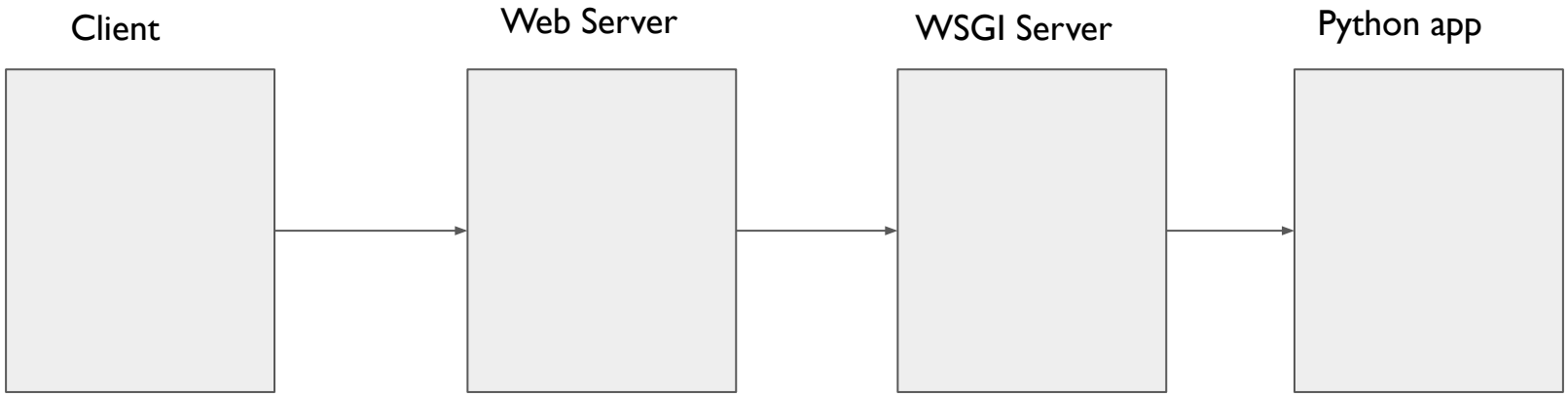

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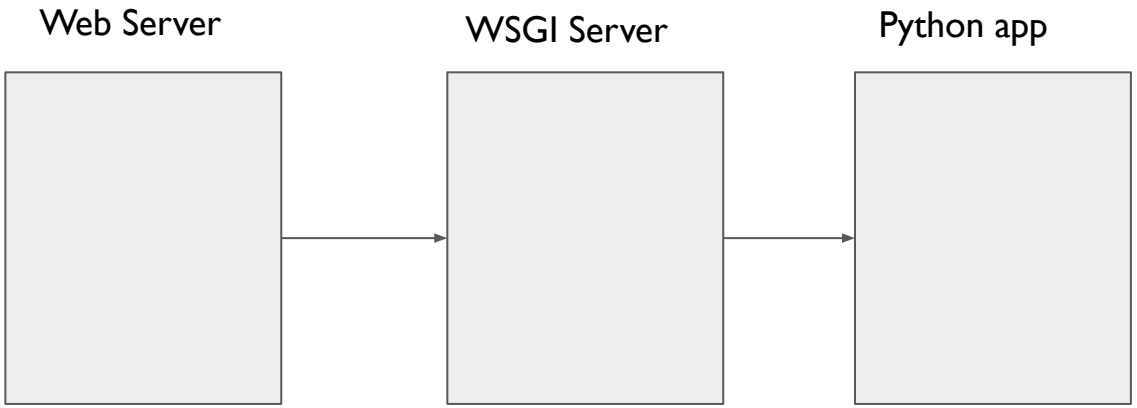

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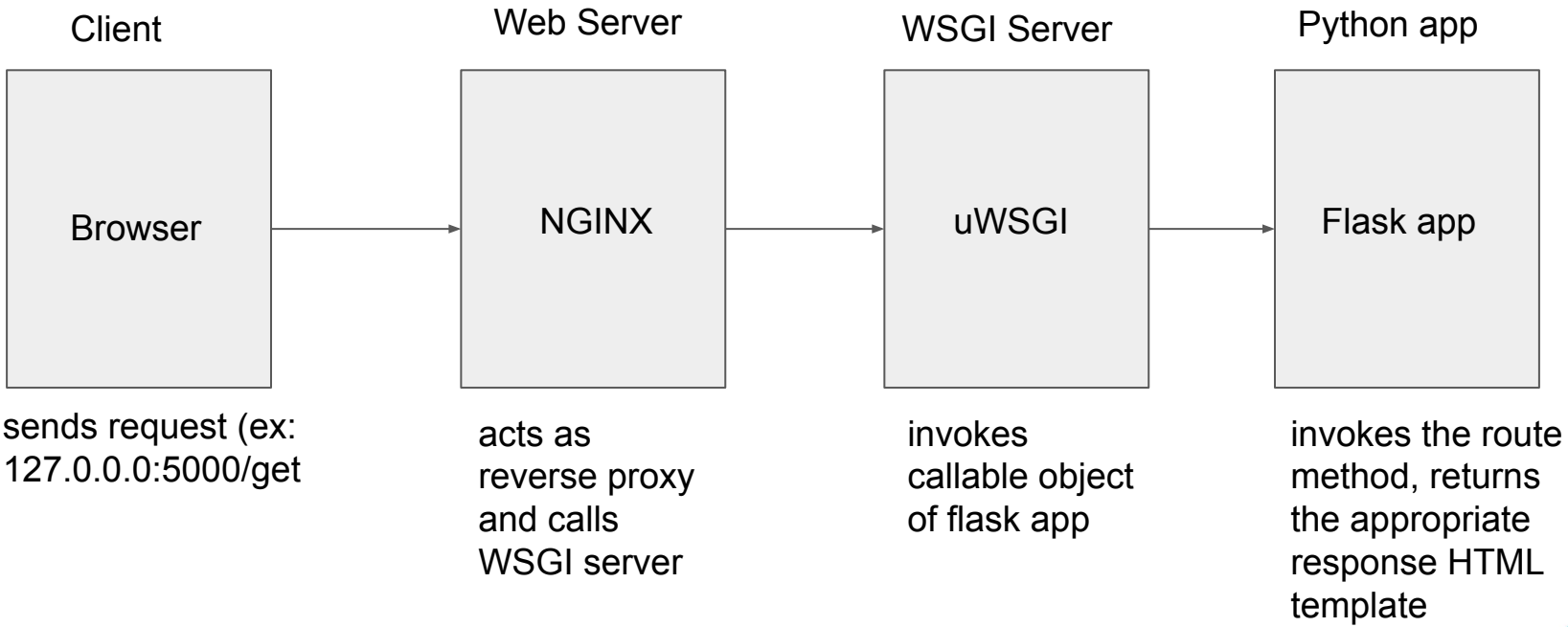

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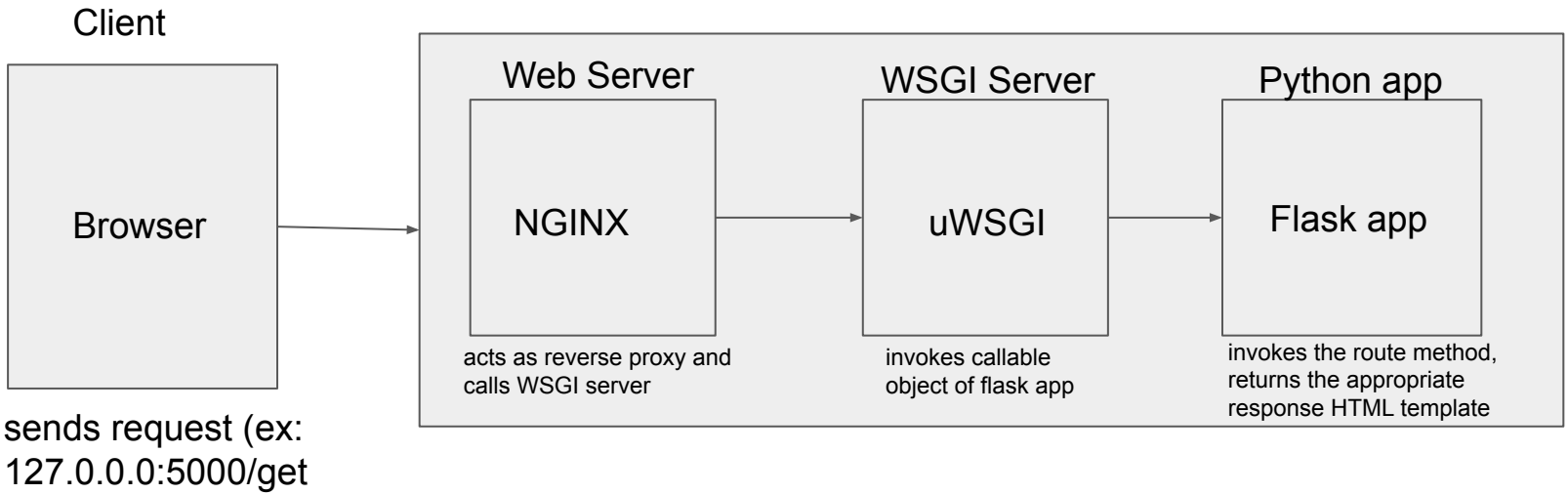
Architecture in our case



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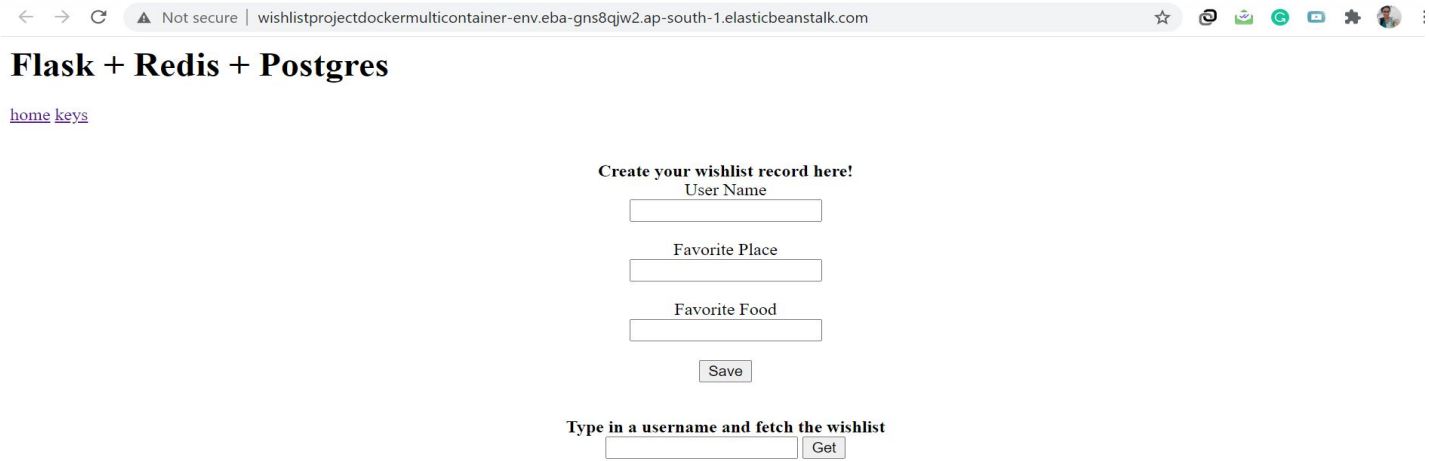

PostgreSQL: https://www.postgresql.org/

Redis: https://redis.io/

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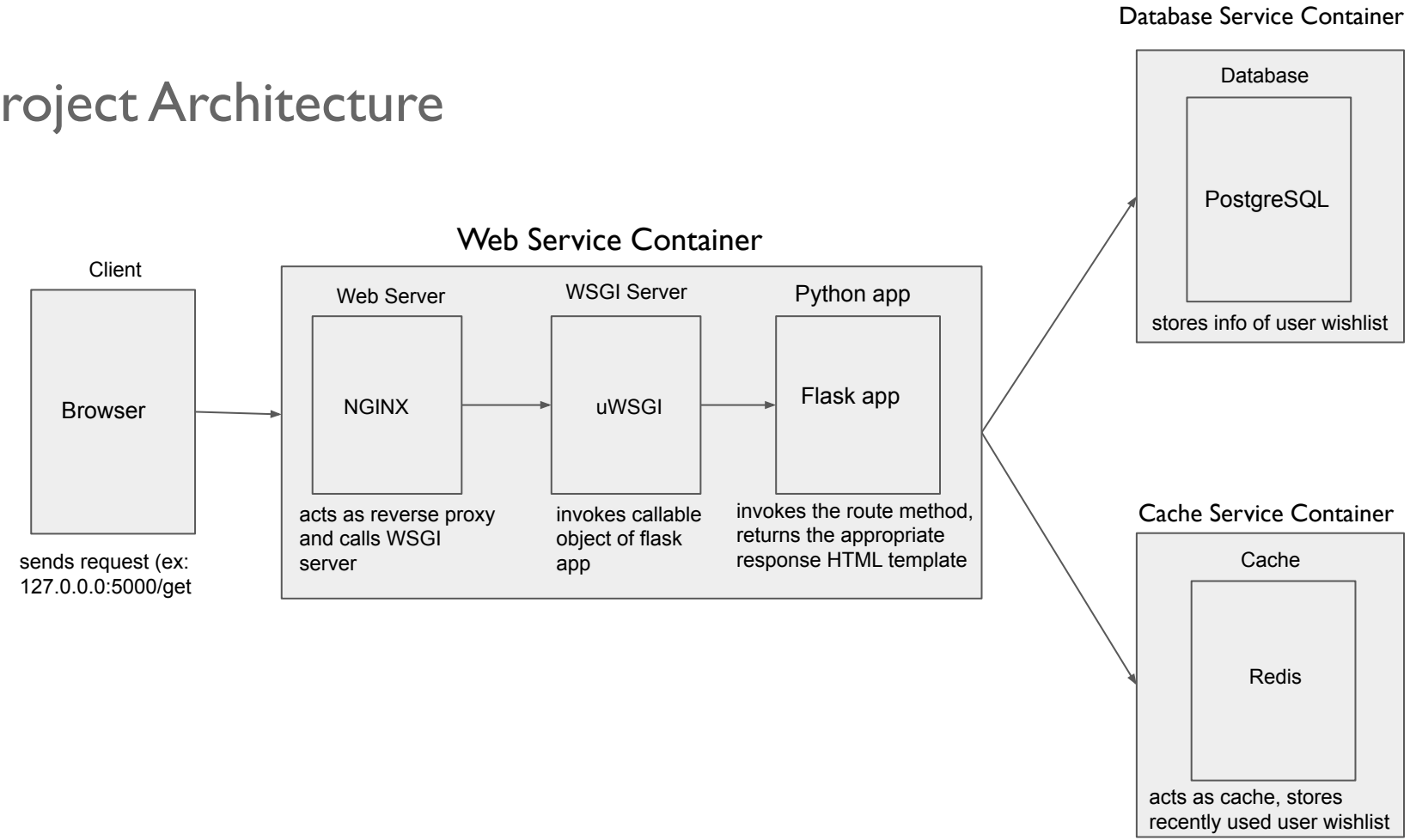
Project Architecture



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Demo on building flask app, configuring docker-compose and writing docker file

Getting a basic Flask app running with Nginx-uwsgi

- Let us first focus on building a basic Flask app running with Nginx-uwsgi
- Visit https://hub.docker.com/r/tiangolo/uwsgi-nginx-flask/ for the nginx-uwsgi image for flask apps.

Redis

- A NoSQL cache
- Stores data structures in-memory(ie in RAM)
- Redis keys are always strings
- Redis is a key value store and supports several data structures
- It supports values of many kinds:
  - Strings
  - Sets
  - Lists
  - Hashes, etc.

Redis

For example, setting and getting string values

```
# import redis
import redis

# create redis client
red = redis.Redis(host='localhost', port=6379)

# Set a string value 'Apple' for the key named 'Fruit'
red.set('Fruit','Apple')

# Get the value for the key and print it
print(red.get('Fruit'))

# Change the value of they key
red.set('Fruit','Mango')

# print the new value of Fruit
print(red.get('Fruit'))
```

Redis

- Similarly, in our case, we shall use hashes as the values for each username.
- For example:

```
# import redis
import redis

# create redis client
red = redis.Redis(host='localhost', port=6379)

#  Add key value pairs to the Redis hash
red.hset("Alice", "place", "Australia")
red.hset("Alice", "food", "Pasta")

# Retrieve the value for a specific key
print(red.hget("Alice", "place"))
print(red.hget("Alice", "food"))
```

Databases with Flask

- RDBMS servers store data as tables
- We query it through SQL
- We use programming languages, which are object oriented, like Python to build web applications.
- So we need to a way to bridge the gap between the SQL programming and Object Oriented Programming
- Object Relational Mapping is something which fills this gap

Object-Relational Mapping

- Object-Relational Mapping provides the flexibility to create/use underlying tables by programming in object-oriented style instead of using SQL

- Using ORM API,
  - We can define database tables using classes
  - We can perform CRUD operations using Object oriented programming

SQLAlchemy

- SQLAlchemy is a Python toolkit and Object Relational Mapper

- Flask-SQLAlchemy is an extension for Flask that adds support for SQLAlchemy to your application.

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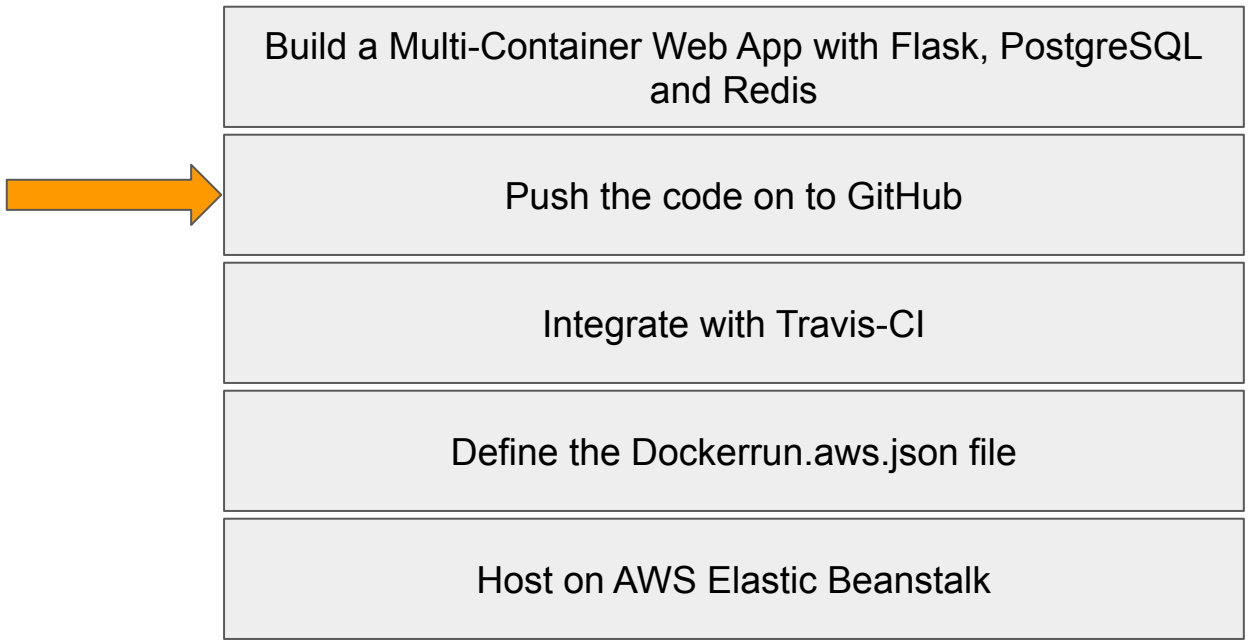
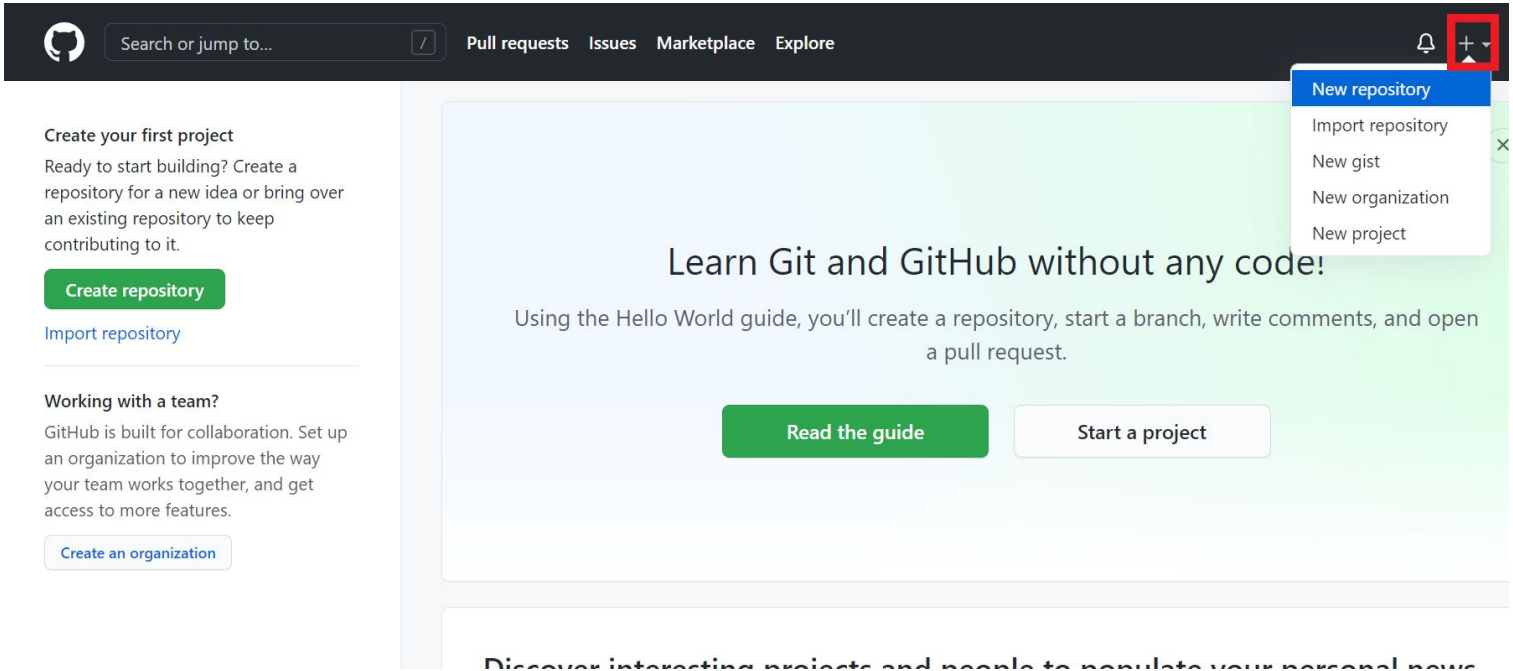


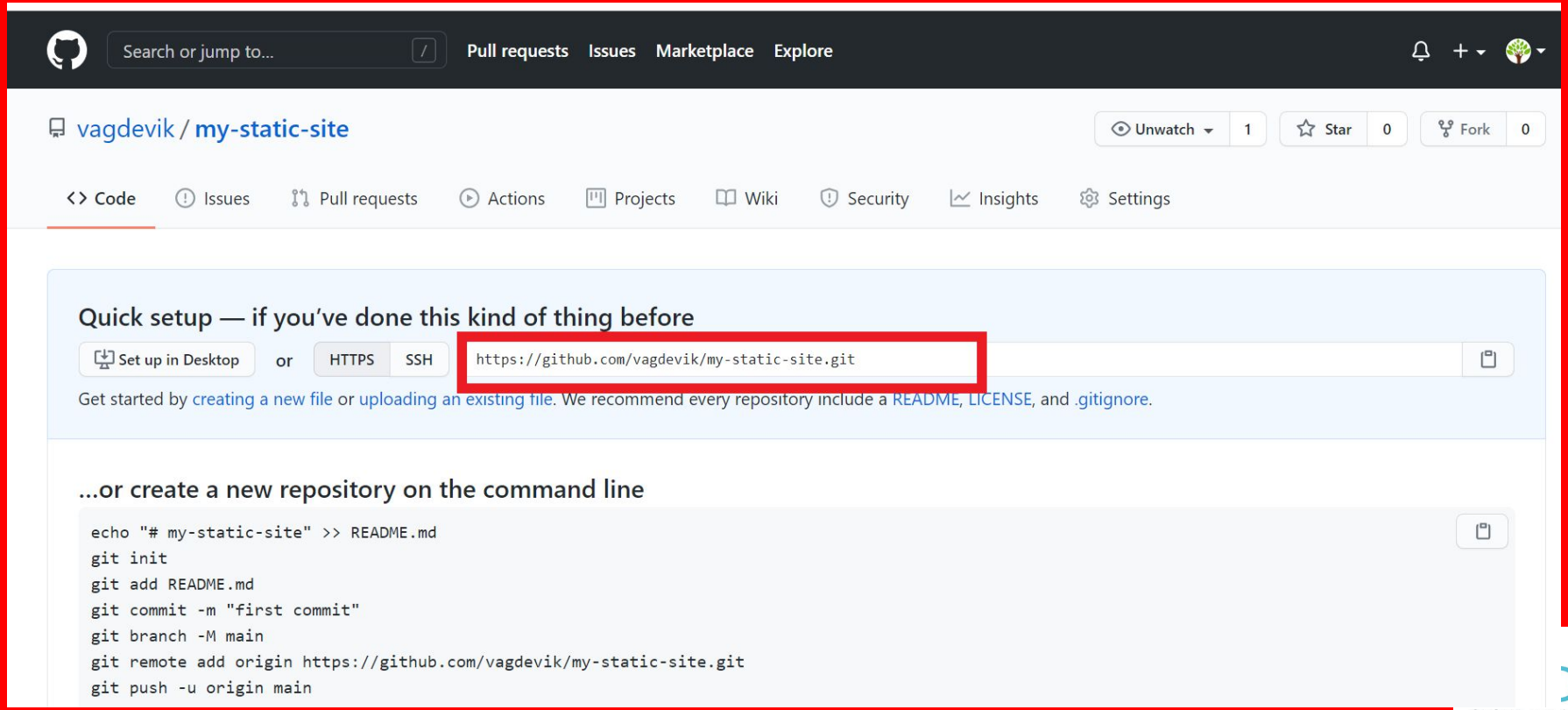
GitHub

- GitHub is a code hosting platform
- For version control and collaboration.
- It lets you and others work together on projects from anywhere.

Create a new repository



Push code to the GitHub repo



Push code to the GitHub repo

Traverse to the project directory and execute the commands:

- `git init`
- `git add .`
- `git commit -m “added dockerized app”`
- `git push origin master`

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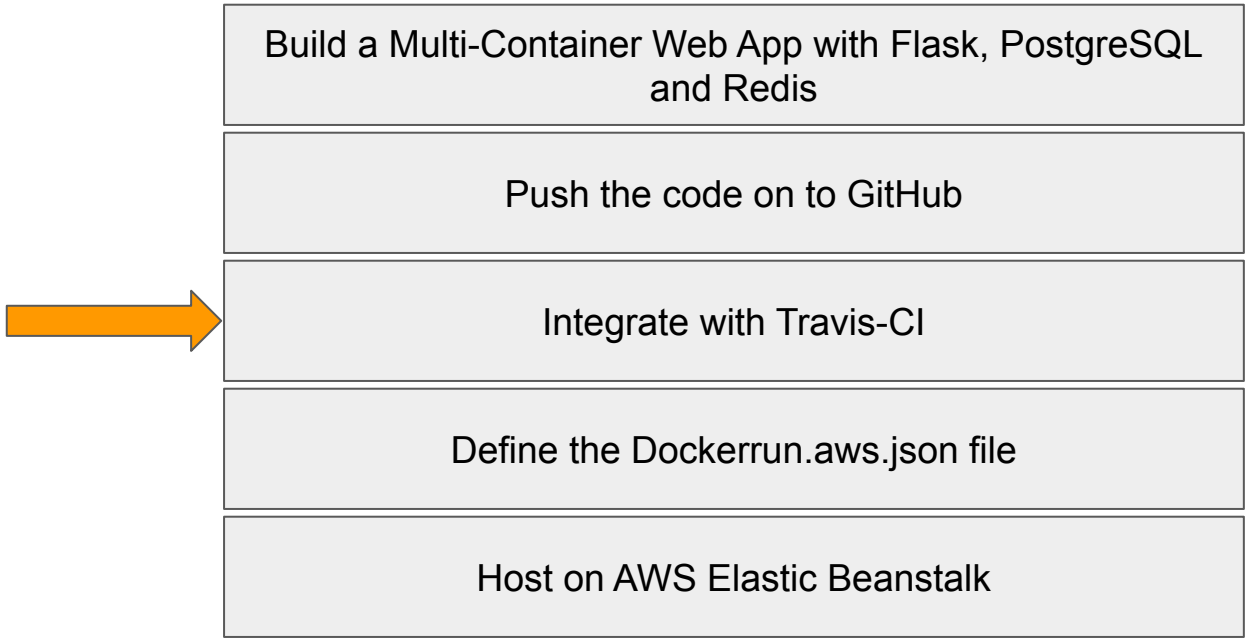
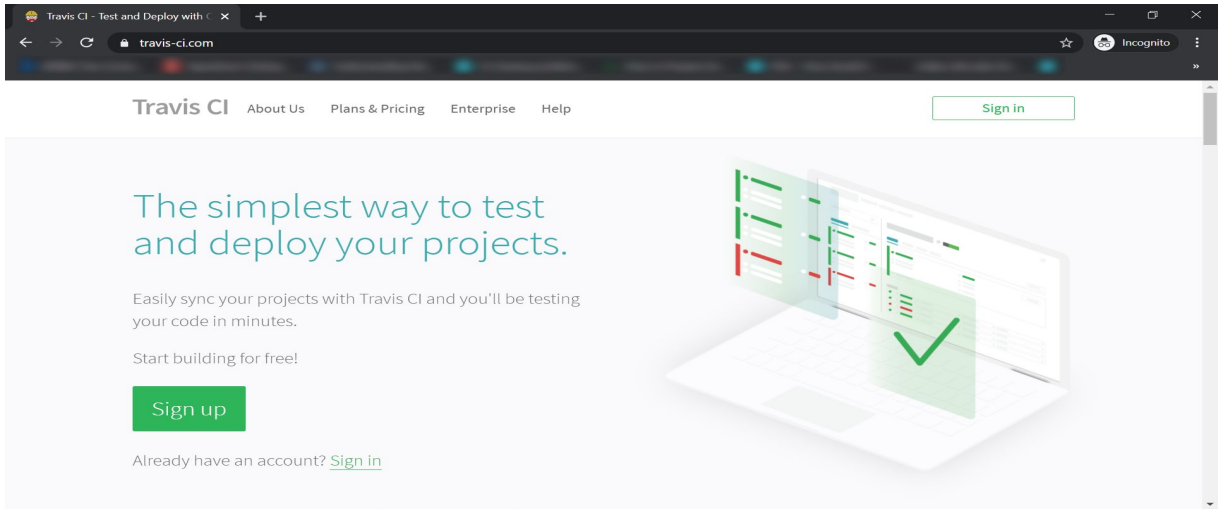


Travis CI

- Continuous-Integration tool
- As soon as changes detected:
  - Runs some tests on the new code
  - If tests were successful, integrates those changes on the hosting platforms
- Thus it removes the manual integration step; new features get automatically deployed into production if the code passed test cases of Travis.

Travis Continuous Integration

- Let's configure Travis CI
- Signup on Travis CI with your GitHub account
  - https://travis-ci.com/



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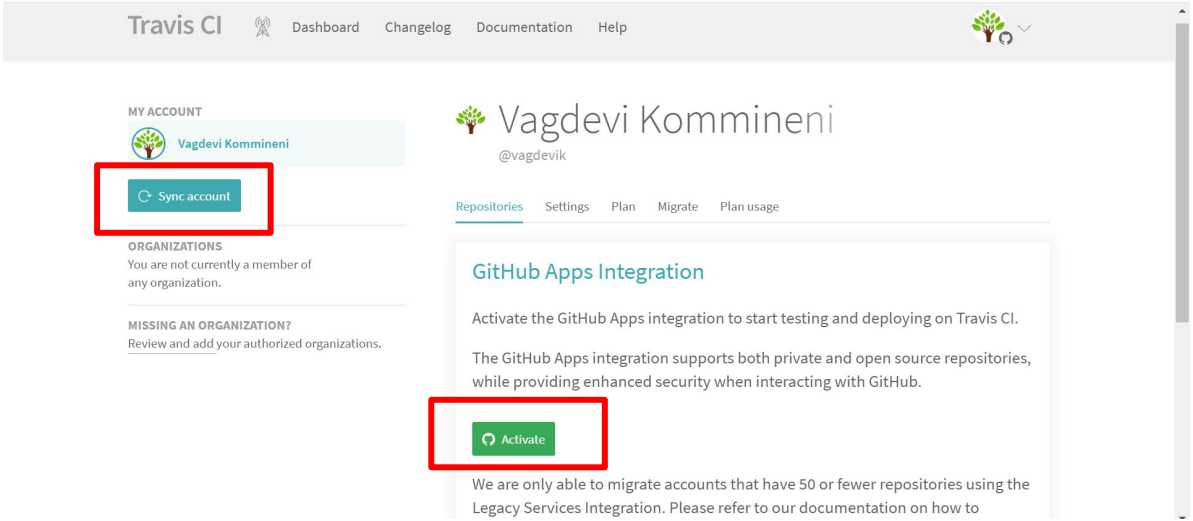
Travis Continuous Integration

- Goto https://travis-ci.org/account/repositories
- “Sync Account”



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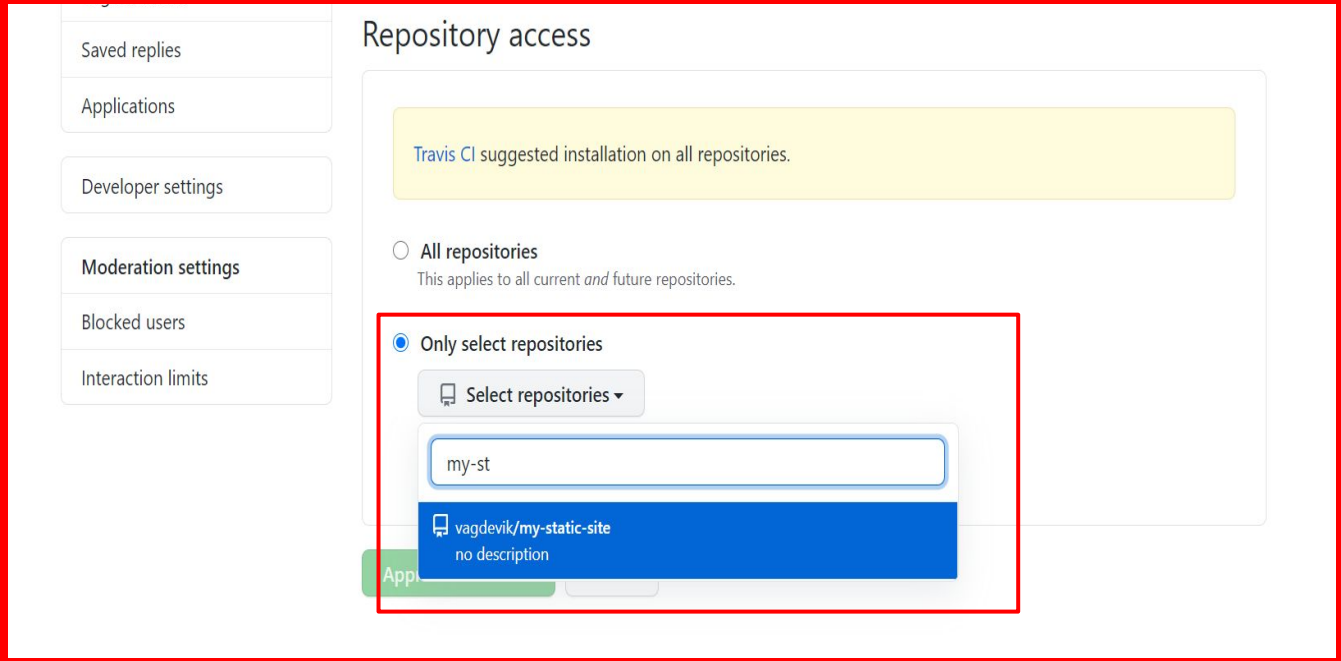
- Search for your repository, select and Approve it.



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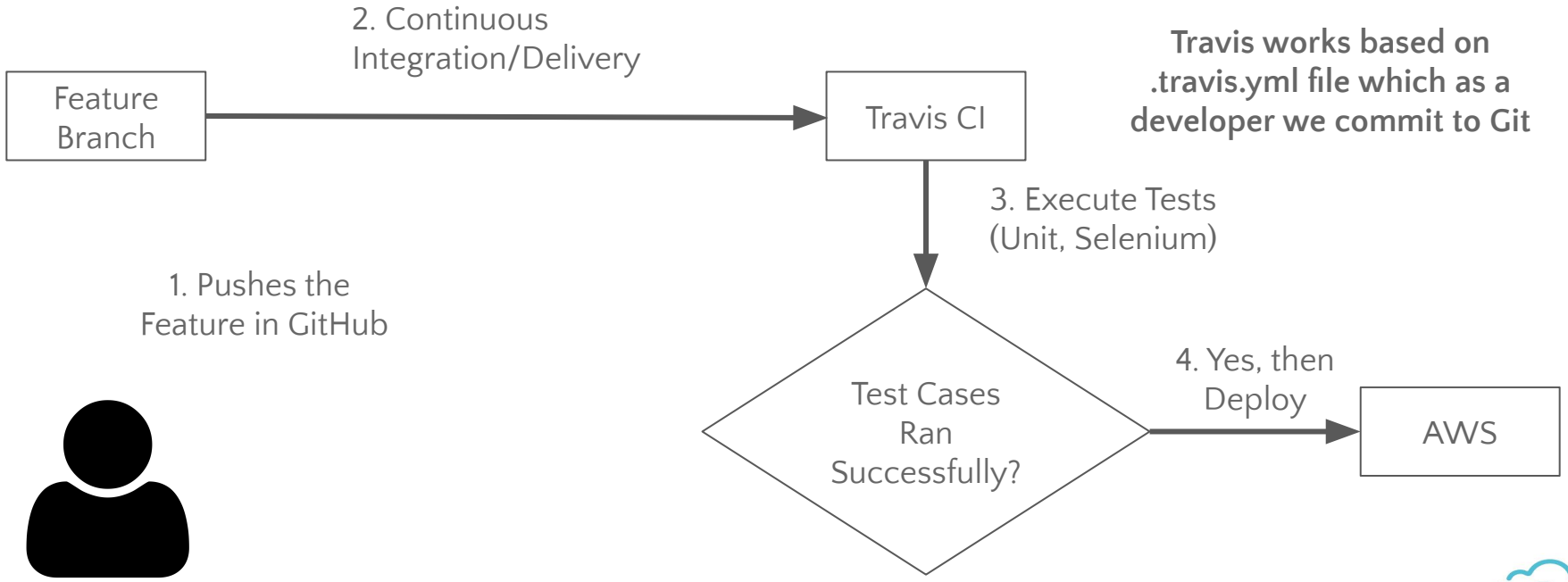

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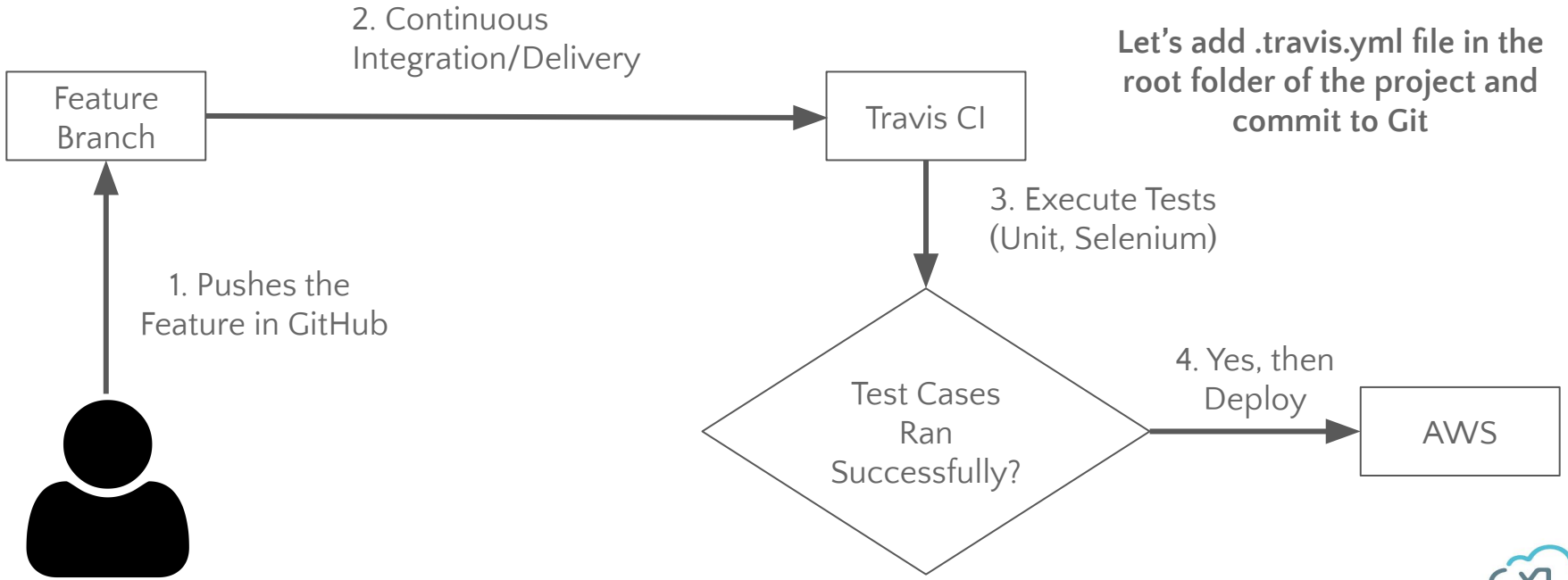

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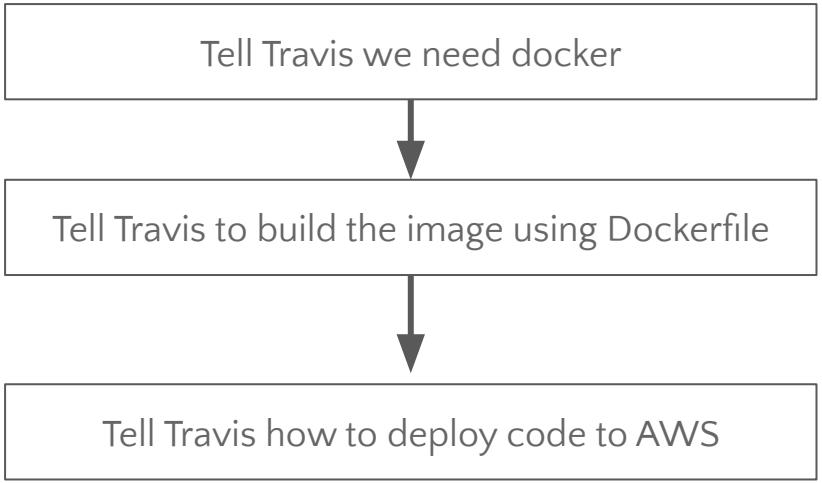
- How travis works
  - We specify steps in .travis.yml file



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```
sudo: required

# Tell travis that language is generic
language: generic

# Tell Travis we need docker
services:
    - docker

# Tell Travis to build production images
after_success:
    - docker build -t vagdevik/user-wishlist .

    # Login to docker CLI
    - echo "$DOCKER_PASSWORD" | docker login -u "$DOCKER_ID" --password-stdin

    # Push images to docker hub
    - docker push vagdevik/user-wishlist

# Tell Travis how to deploy code to AWS
deploy:
    provider: elasticbeanstalk # We will deploy code to Elastic Beanstalk
    region: ap-south-1 # Specify your region
    app: "wishlist-project-docker-multi-container" # Copy it from Elastic Beanstalk dashboard
    env: "Wishlistprojectdockermulticontainer-env" # Copy it from Elastic Beanstalk dashboard
    access_key_id: $AWS_ACCESS_KEY
    secret_access_key: $AWS_SECRET_KEY
    bucket_name: "elasticbeanstalk-ap-south-1-134650223060" # Elastic Beanstalk will take code from S3 bucket and deploy
it in container. Take it from AWS S3
    bucket_path: "docker" # Folder where Travis CI will upload the code in zip file in this folder. Take it from AWS S3
    on:
        branch: Dockerrun # Deploy only when there are changes on master branch
```

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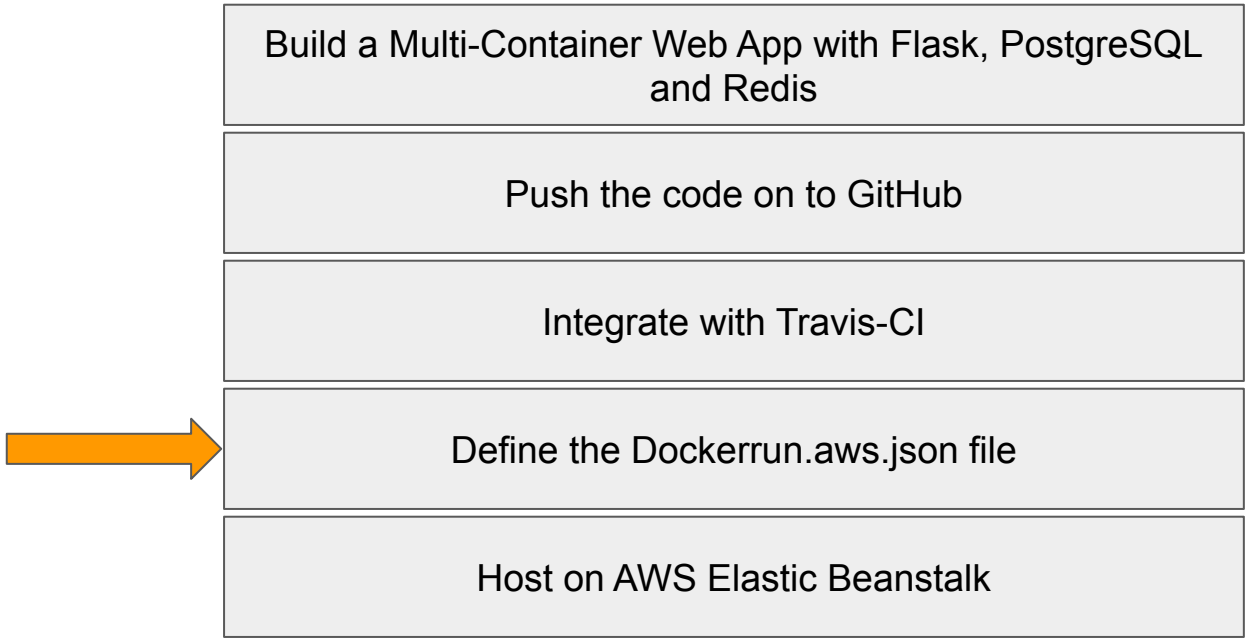

Introduction to the Dockerrun.aws.json

- docker-compose file is to start and connect all the containers of the app
- This is useful in local
- When deploying on AWS, we define Dockerrun.aws.json
- docker-compose is for local, Dockerrun.aws.json is for AWS
- docker-compose is yml file, Dockerrun.aws.json is json file.
- Simply put, Dockerrun.aws.json is the json form of the docker-compose file.

Understanding the Dockerrun.aws.json - **AWSEBDockerrunVersion**

- **AWSEBDockerrunVersion:** Specifies the version number as the value 2 for multi-container Docker environments.

```
"AWSEBDockerrunVersion": 2
```

Understanding the Dockerrun.aws.json - **containerDefinitions**

- **containerDefinitions:** An array of container definitions

```
"containerDefinitions": [{
                                        // An array of environment variables to pass to the container.
                                        // They are written as name-value pairs.
                                        "environment": [{
                                                                // Name of the environment variable
                                                                "name": "POSTGRES_USER",
                                                                // Value of that environment variable
                                                                "value": "hello_flask"
                                                },
                                                {
                                                                "name": "POSTGRES_PASSWORD",
                                                                "value": "hello_flask"
                                                },
                                                {
                                                                "name": "POSTGRES_DB",
                                                                "value": "hello_flask_dev"
                                                }
                                        ],

                                        // True if the task should stop if the container fails.
                                        "essential": true,

                                        // The name of a Docker image in an online Docker repository from which you're building a Docker container.
                                        "image": "postgres:12-alpine",

                                        // Amount of memory on the container instance to reserve for the container.
                                        "memory": 100,

                                        // Volumes from the Amazon EC2 container instance to mount, and the location on the Docker container file system at which to mount them.
                                        "mountPoints": [{
                                                        "containerPath": "/var/lib/postgresql/data/",
                                                        "sourceVolume": "postgres_data"
                                        }],

                                        // The name of the container.
                                        // More detials here: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonECS/latest/developerguide/task_definition_parameters.html#standard_container_definition_params
                                        "name": "db",

                                        // Maps network ports on the container to ports on the host.
                                        "portMappings": [{
                                                        "containerPort": 5432,
                                                        "hostPort": 5432
                                        }]
                        },
```

Understanding the Dockerrun.aws.json

- **volumes:** Creates volumes from folders in the Amazon EC2 container instance, or from your source bundle (deployed to /var/app/current). Mount these volumes to paths within your Docker containers using **mountPoints** in the container definition

```
"volumes": [{
                "host": {
                        "sourcePath": "/app"
                },
                "name": "app"
        },
        {
                "host": {
                        "sourcePath": "postgres_data"
                },
                "name": "postgres_data"
        }
]
```

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