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Chapter 1

Kanban Setup

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In order to setup our Kanban board, we used Github Projects. The process consisted on:

1. **Creating a Project** – Going to our repository, clicking “Projects” tab, then “New project”
2. **Choosing a Template** – Selecting “Board” or “Kanban” template (or starting from scratch)
3. **Setting Up Columns** – Creating workflow columns like “To Do,” “In Progress,” “In Review,” “Done”
4. **Configuring Settings** – Naming our project, adding description, setting visibility (public/private)

Chapter 2

Passwords

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Category	Password Rule
Server Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We use a prefix for the site (which city the server is in), then a descriptive shorthand for what the server does.• Example: XXFS01 would be a file server in location XX.• If there were a second file server in the same location, it would be named XXFS02.
User Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passwords must be changed every 60 days.• Users cannot reuse the last 4 passwords.• Accounts will be locked after 3 failed login attempts.
General Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passwords must have at least 10 characters.• Passwords must include at least one uppercase letter.• Passwords must include at least one lowercase letter.• Passwords must include at least one special character (e.g., !, @, #, \$).
Custom Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include the abbreviation of the operating system you use.• Finish with a memorable number, such as the year of graduation or the current semester.

Category	Password Rule
Digital Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Follows the standardized password pattern: <code><coursetag><coursenumber><termLetter>@<serviceInitials></code>The initials do represent DigitalOcean.This ensures service-specific uniqueness across all deployed systems.

Hints

- User passwords often mix in course codes, semesters, or graduation years.
- General passwords follow the 10+ character, uppercase, lowercase, and special character requirements.
- Custom group passwords contain a Mac/OS reference combined with a number tied to student life.

Chapter 3

Hosts

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This chapter lists the primary hosts used for the project deployment. Each host represents a service or container deployed within the shared DigitalOcean environment. IP addresses and configurations are specific to the development setup for Fall 2025.

Table 3.1: Project Hosts and Roles

Hostname / Service	IP Address	Operating System	Role / Purpose
Overleaf Container	167.71.181.60	Ubuntu 25.04	Overleaf LaTeX Toolkit deployed via Docker; provides collaborative document editing capabilities.
Bugzilla Container	167.71.179.151	Ubuntu 25.04	Bugzilla issue tracking system deployed in a Docker container for project management and defect tracking.
DigitalOcean Droplet	N/A	Ubuntu 25.04	Cloud infrastructure host running both the Overleaf and Bugzilla containers within the same droplet environment.
Local Overleaf	ssw590f25.me	Nginx and Ubuntu 25.04	Public domain that runs our local overleaf version.

Chapter 4

Linux Commands

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Environment Setup

The following bash commands were executed in a Linux terminal to create the test environment:

```
mkdir -p ~/lx-test && cd ~/lx-test
printf "alpha\nbeta\nGamma\ngamma\nbeta\n" > words.txt
printf "id,name,dept\n1,Ada,EE\n2,Linus,CS\n3,Grace,EE\n4,Dennis,CS\n" > people.csv
printf "INFO boot ok\nWARN disk low\nERROR fan fail\nINFO shutdown\n" > sys.log
dd if=/dev/zero of=blob.bin bs=1K count=48 status=none
mkdir -p src/lib tmp archive
printf "one two three four\n" > src/file1.txt
printf "two three four five\n" > src/file2.txt
ln -s src/file1.txt link-to-file1
touch -t 202401020304 old.txt
```

A) Navigation & File Ops

1. Show your present working directory path only.

```
pwd
/senior_year/ssw590-devops/hw/linuxCommands/lx-test
```

2. List all entries in the current directory, one per line, including dotfiles.

```
ls -a1
.
..
archive
blob.bin
link-to-file1
old.txt
people.csv
src
sys.log
tmp
words.txt
```

3. Copy src/file1.txt to tmp/ only if tmp exists; do it verbosely.

```
[ -d tmp ] && cp -v src/file1.txt tmp/
src/file1.txt -> tmp/file1.txt
```

4. Move old.txt into archive/ and keep its original timestamp.

```
cp -p old.txt archive/ && rm old.txt
```

5. Create a new empty file notes.md only if it doesn't already exist.

```
touch -c newfile.txt
```

6. Show disk usage (human-readable) for the src directory only (not total FS).

```
du -sh src
```

```
8.0K src
```

B) Viewing & Searching

7. Print line numbers while displaying sys.log.

```
nl -ba sys.log

1 INFO boot ok
2 WARN disk low
3 ERROR fan fail
4 INFO shutdown
```

8. Show only the lines in sys.log that contain ERROR (case-sensitive).

```
cat sys.log|grep ERROR
ERROR fan fail
```

9. Count how many distinct words appear in words.txt (case-insensitive).

```
tr -c '[:alnum:]' '[\n*]' < words.txt | tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]' | sort | uniq
```

3

10. From words.txt, show lines that start with g or G.

```
grep -ci "^\w{1,2}g" words.txt
```

2

11. Display the first 2 lines of people.csv without using an editor.

```
head -n 2 people.csv
id,name,dept
1,Ada,EE
```

12. Show the last 3 lines of sys.log and keep following if the file grows.

```
tail -n 3 -f sys.log
WARN disk low
ERROR fan fail
INFO shutdown
```

C) Text Processing

13. From people.csv, print only the name column (2nd), excluding the header.

```
tail -n +2 people.csv | cut -d, -f2
```

```
Ada
Linus
Grace
Dennis
```

14. Sort words.txt case-insensitively and remove duplicates.

```
sort -fu words.txt

alpha
beta
Gamma
```

15. Replace every three with 3 in all files under src/ in-place, creating .bak backups.

```
ryandavis@Ryans-MacBook-Air lx-test % find src -type f -exec sed -i .bak -E 's/\\<|>/&/g' {} +  
ryandavis@Ryans-MacBook-Air lx-test % ls  
archive link-to-file1 src tmp  
blob.bin people.csv sys.log words.txt  
ryandavis@Ryans-MacBook-Air lx-test % ls src  
file1.txt file1.txt.bak file2.txt file2.txt.bak lib
```

16. Print the number of lines, words, and bytes for every *.txt file in src/.

```
wc src/*.txt
```

1	4	19	src/file1.txt
1	4	20	src/file2.txt
2	8	39	total

D) Permissions & Ownership

17. Make tmp/ readable, writable, and searchable only by the owner.

```
chmod 700 tmp/
```

18. Give group execute permission to src/lib recursively without touching others/owner bits.

```
chmod -R g+x src/lib
```

19. Show the numeric (octal) permissions of src/file2.txt.

```
stat -f "%Lp" src/file2.txt  
644
```

20. Make notes.md append-only for the owner via file attributes (if supported).

not supported

E) Links & Find

21. Verify whether link-to-file1 is a symlink and show its target path.

```
ls -l link-to-file1
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 13 Sep 17 20:46 link-to-file1 -> src/file1.txt
```

22. Find all regular files under the current tree larger than 40 KiB.

```
find . -type f -size +40k
./blob.bin
```

23. Find files modified in the last 10 minutes under tmp/ and print their sizes.

```
find tmp/ -type f -mmin -10 -exec ls -lh {} \;
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 19 Sep 17 20:57 tmp/file1.txt
```

F) Processes & Job Control

24. Show your processes in a tree view.

```
ps --forest
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
    1 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
  827 pts/0        00:00:00 ps
```

25. Start sleep 120 in the background and show its PID.

```
sleep 120 & echo $!
[1] 834
834
```

26. Send a TERM signal to all sleep processes owned by you (don't use kill -9).

```
pkill sleep
[1]+ Done                 sleep 120
```

27. Show the top 5 processes by memory usage (one-shot, not interactive).

```
ps aux --sort=-\%mem | head -n 6
USER      PID  \%CPU  \%MEM     VSZ    RSS TTY      STAT START   TIME COMMAND
root        1  0.0  0.0    4632   3808 pts/0      Ss   Sep17   0:00 bash
root      836  0.0  0.0    6408   2496 pts/0      R+   00:58   0:00 ps aux --sort=-\%mem
root      828  0.0  0.0    2304   1292 pts/1      Ss+  Sep17   0:00 /bin/sh
root      837  0.0  0.0    2212   1104 pts/0      S+   00:58   0:00 head -n 6
```

G) Archiving & Compression

28. Create a gzipped tar archive src.tgz from src/ with relative paths.

```
tar -czf src.tgz src/
```

29. List the contents of src.tgz without extracting.

```
tar -tzf src.tgz
src/
```

```
src/file1.txt
src/file1.txt.bak
src/file2.txt
src/file2.txt.bak
src/lib/
```

30. Extract only file2.txt from src.tgz into tmp/.

```
tar -xzf src.tgz -C tmp/ src/file2.txt3
```

H) Networking & System Info

31. Show all listening TCP sockets with associated PIDs (no root assumptions).

```
ss -tlnp
State    Recv-Q    Send-Q      Local Address:Port      Peer Address:Port  Process
```

32. Print your default route (gateway) in a concise form.

```
ip route | grep default
default via 172.17.0.1 dev eth0
```

33. Display kernel name, release, and machine architecture.

```
uname -srn
Linux 6.10.14-linuxkit aarch64
```

34. Show the last 5 successful logins (or last sessions) on the system.

```
last -n 5
wtmp begins Wed Sep 17 20:44:48 2025
```

I) Package & Services (Debian/Ubuntu)

35. Show the installed version of package coreutils.

```
dpkg -l coreutils
```

36. Search available packages whose names contain ripgrep.

```
apt search ripgrep
Sorting... Done
Full Text Search... Done
ripgrep/jammy-updates,jammy-security 13.0.0-2ubuntu0.1 arm64
  Recursively searches directories for a regex pattern
```

37. Check whether service cron is active and print its status line only.

```
service cron status
```

J) Bash & Scripting

38. Write a one-liner that loops over *.txt in src/ and prints: <filename>: <linecount>.

```
for f in src/*.txt; do echo "$f: $(wc -l < "$f")"; done
```

39. Write a command that exports CSV rows where dept == "CS" to cs.txt (exclude header).

```
awk -F, '$2 == "CS" {print}' input.csv | tail -n +2 > cs.txt
```

40. Create a variable X with value 42, print it, then remove it from the environment.

```
export X=42
echo $X
unset X
```

Chapter 5

Project Proposal

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5.1 Figma2AWS

Project Description

We aim to create a plugin tool for the Figma UI/UX design tool, which allows users to turn their designs from the Figma software into a static and simple website with HTML and JavaScript.

Sample Task and DevSecOps Tools

Throughout our DevSecOps processes, we plan on using GitHub for source control. We'll create a pipeline consisting in transforming the Figma design into HTML, CSS and JS code by using the [Figma Composio MCP Server](#).

Then, we will containerize the web application using Docker and deploy the Docker image to AWS by using the App Runner service. The user will obtain a default AWS domain where the website will be deployed, although they will have to provide an AWS key to use the plugin.

Chapter 6

AWS Deployment

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6.1 Deployment Steps & Commands (Local → AWS)

This section summarizes the steps I used to containerize the two-buttons site locally and deploy it to AWS. The flow follows our prior Docker and AWS notes. :contentReference[oaicite:0]index=0

6.1.1 Local Build & Run (Docker)

```
# From the app directory containing Dockerfile (Express + /public)
docker build -t color-buttons-app .
docker run -p 8080:3000 color-buttons-app
# Visit http://localhost:8080
```

6.1.2 Authenticate & Push to ECR

```
# (Set once per shell; edit to your values)
export AWS_REGION=us-east-1
export ECR_REPO=color-buttons-app
export IMAGE_TAG=v1
export AWS_ACCOUNT_ID="$(aws sts get-caller-identity --query Account --output text)"

# Create (idempotent) repo if not present
aws ecr describe-repositories \
--repository-names "$ECR_REPO" \
--region "$AWS_REGION" >/dev/null 2>&1 || \
aws ecr create-repository \
--repository-name "$ECR_REPO" \
--image-scanning-configuration scanOnPush=true \
--region "$AWS_REGION"

# Login Docker to ECR
```

```

aws ecr get-login-password --region "$AWS_REGION" \
| docker login --username AWS --password-stdin \
"$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID.dkr.ecr.$AWS_REGION.amazonaws.com"

# Build for common runtime (x86) if on Apple Silicon
docker build --platform linux/amd64 -t "$ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG" .

# Tag \& push to ECR
docker tag "$ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG" \
"$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID.dkr.ecr.$AWS_REGION.amazonaws.com/$ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG"

docker push "$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID.dkr.ecr.$AWS_REGION.amazonaws.com/$ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG"

```

6.1.3 Quick Deploy with AWS App Runner

```

export APP_NAME=color-buttons-apprunner
export CONTAINER_PORT=3000

aws apprunner create-service \
--service-name "$APP_NAME" \
--region "$AWS_REGION" \
--source-configuration "{
    \"ImageRepository\": {
        \"ImageIdentifier\": \"$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID.dkr.ecr.$AWS_REGION.amazonaws.com/$ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG\",
        \"ImageRepositoryType\": \"ECR\",
        \"ImageConfiguration\": {\"Port\": \"$CONTAINER_PORT\"}
    },
    \"AutoDeploymentsEnabled\": true
}" \
--instance-configuration "{\"Cpu\": \"1 vCPU\", \"Memory\": \"2 GB\"}"

```

After creation, obtain the public URL:

```

aws apprunner list-services \
--region "$AWS_REGION" \
--query "ServiceSummaryList[?ServiceName=='$APP_NAME'].ServiceUrl" \
--output text

```

6.1.4 Live Links

AWS App Runner URL:

<https://6ibmrtgk5s.us-east-2.awssapprunner.com/>

6.2 Updated Design Class Diagram

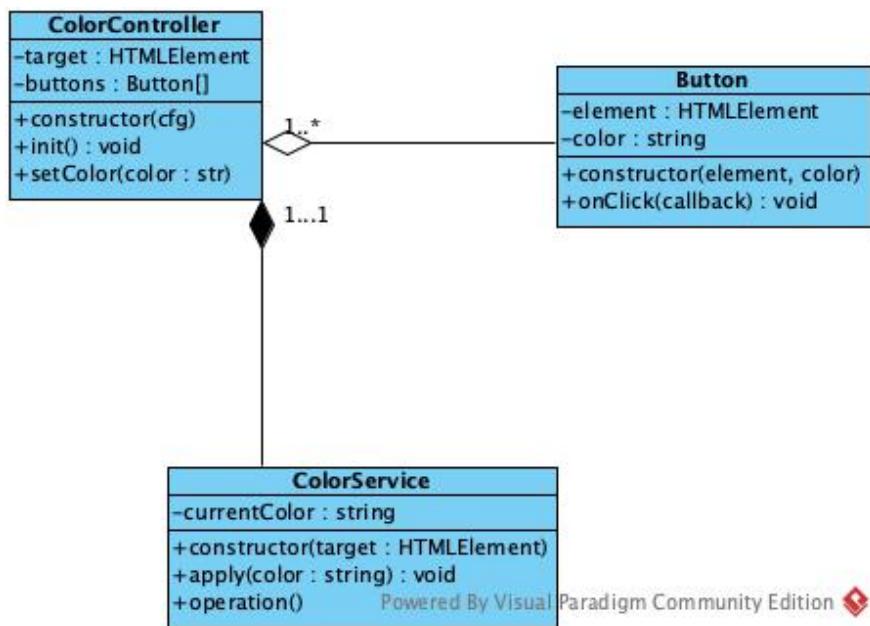


Figure 6.1: UML Class Diagram for the Refactored Website

Chapter 7

LaTeX Docker

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7.1 Project Layout

Create a folder with these files:

```
.Dockerfile  
main.tex
```

7.2 Dockerfile

This Dockerfile installs TeX Live and sets up a container to compile LaTeX.

```
FROM debian:bookworm-slim  
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \  
    texlive-latex-base \  
    texlive-latex-recommended \  
    texlive-latex-extra \  
    texlive-fonts-recommended \  
    latexmk \  
    python3-pygment \  
    && apt-get clean && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*  
WORKDIR /data  
CMD ["latexmk", "-pdf", "-shell-escape", "main.tex"]
```

7.3 Build and Run

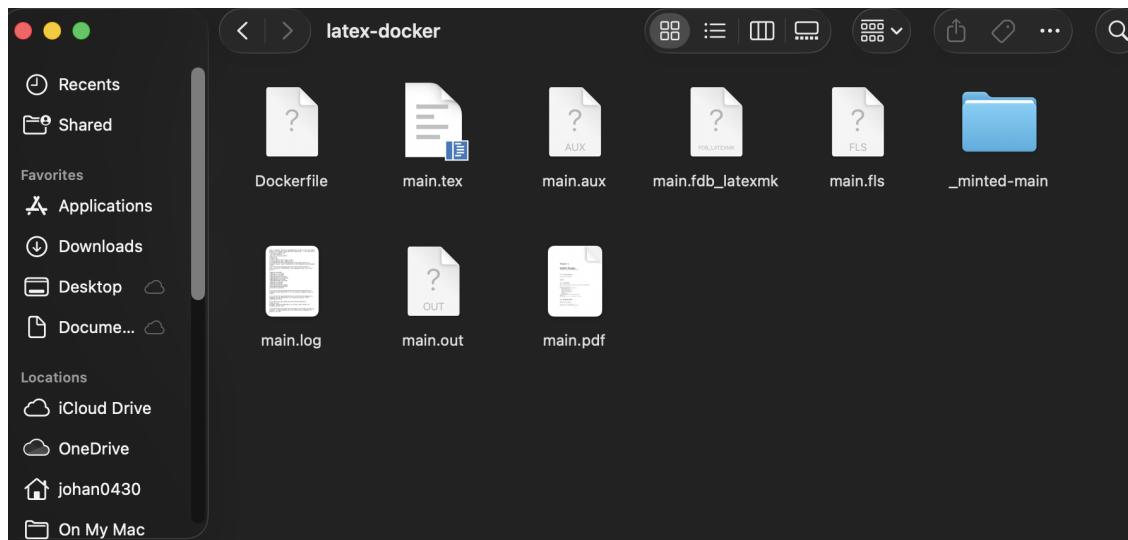
```
# Build the Docker image  
docker build -t latex-docker .  
  
# Run the container (Linux/macOS)  
docker run --rm -v $(pwd):/data latex-docker
```

```
# Run the container (Windows PowerShell)
docker run --rm -v ${PWD}:/data latex-docker
```

```
# Run the container (Windows CMD)
docker run --rm -v %cd%:/data latex-docker
```

7.4 Screenshot

The following screenshot shows the result of compiling our LaTeX document inside the Docker container.



7.5 Conclusion

In this chapter we showed how to use Docker to build a container that can compile LaTeX documents with TeX Live. The steps included writing a Dockerfile, setting up the folder structure, and running basic commands to build and run the container. This setup is similar to how Overleaf works behind the scenes. Even though our example was simple, it demonstrates how Docker can make LaTeX compilation consistent and portable across different systems.

Chapter 8

Bugzilla

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8.1 Overview

For this part of the assignment, Bugzilla, a web-based bug tracking system, was deployed on a DigitalOcean Droplet using Docker containers. Instead of using a prebuilt image with MariaDB included, we configured two separate containers: one running Bugzilla and another running MySQL as the database backend. This approach ensured greater flexibility and easier debugging when dealing with database connection issues.

The Bugzilla image used was the official image available on Docker Hub:

<https://hub.docker.com/r/bugzilla/bugzilla-dev>

8.2 Configuration Steps

8.2.1 Droplet Setup

- A new DigitalOcean Droplet was created running Ubuntu 25.04.
- Docker was installed using the standard package manager:

```
apt update  
apt install docker.io -y
```

- Verified that Docker was running correctly with:

```
systemctl status docker
```

8.2.2 MySQL Container Configuration

- Pulled the MySQL 5.7 image and started the container:

```
docker run -d \
--name bugzilla-mysql \
-e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=root \
-e MYSQL_DATABASE=bugs \
-e MYSQL_USER=bugs \
-e MYSQL_PASSWORD=bugspass \
mysql:5.7
```

- This container served as the database backend for Bugzilla.
- Once running, the container could be verified using:

```
docker ps
```

8.2.3 Bugzilla Container Setup

- Pulled and started the Bugzilla container:

```
docker run -d \
--name bugzilla \
-p 8080:80 \
--link bugzilla-mysql:mysql \
bugzilla/bugzilla-dev
```

- Accessed the Bugzilla container shell:

```
docker exec -it bugzilla bash
cd /var/www/html/bugzilla
```

- Edited the localconfig file to match the MySQL settings:

```
$db_driver = 'mysql';
$db_name   = 'bugs';
$db_user   = 'bugs';
$db_pass   = 'bugspass';
$db_host   = 'bugzilla-mysql';
```

- Ran the initial setup:

```
./checksetup.pl
```

- Created the Bugzilla administrator account when prompted.

8.2.4 Troubleshooting and Resource Limitations

During deployment, the initial droplet used was one of the smallest and most affordable DigitalOcean options, which lacked sufficient memory to run both containers simultaneously. This caused the MySQL container to fail with the following error:

```
Can't connect to local MySQL server through socket '/var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock'
```

To resolve this issue:

- The droplet was temporarily powered off to modify its plan.
- It was upgraded to the following configuration:

Plan Type	Basic Premium Intel
vCPUs	2
Memory	2 GB
Disk	25 GB
Bandwidth	3 TB
Cost	\$24/month (\$0.036/hr)

- After resizing, both containers were able to start successfully without memory-related errors.

8.2.5 Apache Restart and Verification

- Restarted Apache within the Bugzilla container:

```
apachectl restart
```

- Verified that the Bugzilla web interface was accessible through:

```
http://167.71.179.151:8080/bugzilla/
```

8.3 Result

After adjusting the droplet resources and reconfiguring the database settings, Bugzilla successfully initialized and connected to the MySQL backend. The administrator account was created, and the web interface became fully functional and accessible through the public IP and port 8080.

8.4 Container Web Access

To confirm that the Bugzilla instance was properly running and publicly accessible, the container was tested by visiting the droplet's IP address on port 8080. The Bugzilla login interface loaded successfully, verifying that both the Apache server and MySQL backend were operational.

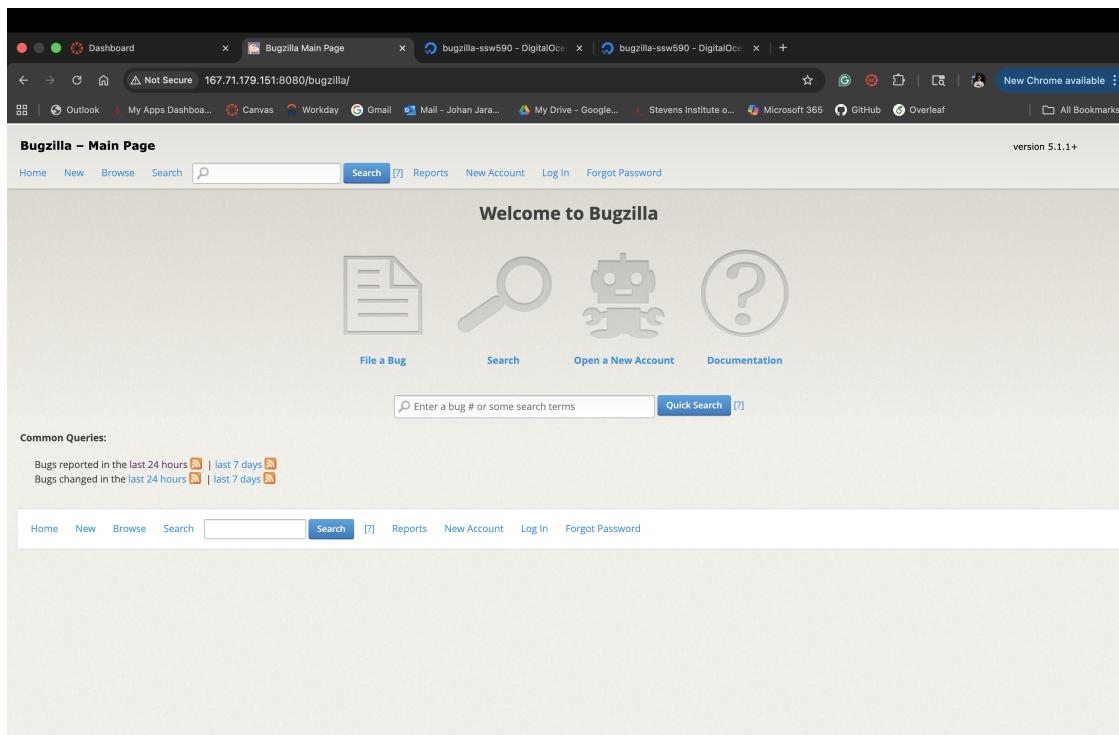


Figure 8.1: Bugzilla web interface confirming successful container deployment on port 8080.

Chapter 9

Overleaf

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9.1 Overview

For this part of the assignment, Overleaf, a collaborative LaTeX writing platform, was deployed on a DigitalOcean Droplet using Docker containers. The setup required installing Docker and the Docker Compose plugin, verifying the Docker service, and configuring the Overleaf Toolkit container. This approach allowed Overleaf to run directly on port 80, making it accessible through the droplet's public IP.

The Overleaf Toolkit used was obtained from the official GitHub repository:

<https://github.com/overleaf/toolkit>

9.2 Configuration Steps

9.2.1 Droplet Setup

- A new DigitalOcean Droplet was created running Ubuntu 25.04.
- Docker was installed using the following command:

```
sudo apt install docker.io
```

- Enabled Docker to automatically start on boot:

```
sudo systemctl enable docker
```

9.2.2 Docker Compose Plugin Installation

- Installed required certificates and tools, then added Docker's official GPG key:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install ca-certificates curl
sudo install -m 0755 -d /etc/apt/keyrings
```

```
sudo curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg -o
  ↳ /etc/apt/keyrings/docker.asc
sudo chmod a+r /etc/apt/keyrings/docker.asc
```

- Added Docker's repository to the Apt sources:

```
echo \
  "deb [arch=$(dpkg --print-architecture)
    ↳ signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/docker.asc] \
https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu \
$(. /etc/os-release && echo "${UBUNTU_CODENAME}-$VERSION_CODENAME")"
  ↳ stable" | \
sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list > /dev/null
sudo apt-get update
```

- Installed Docker Engine, CLI, and Compose plugin:

```
sudo apt-get install docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io \
docker-buildx-plugin docker-compose-plugin
```

9.2.3 Verifying Docker Status

- Checked that Docker was active and running:

```
sudo systemctl status docker
```

- The response confirmed a successful installation:

```
docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2025-10-08 19:22:46 UTC
     Main PID: 55151 (dockerd)
        Tasks: 8
       Memory: 43.1M
          CPU: 627ms
```

9.3 Overleaf Toolkit Installation

9.3.1 Preparing the Environment

- Created a directory to hold the container environment:

```
mkdir Overleaf_container
cd Overleaf_container
```

- Cloned the official Overleaf Toolkit repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/overleaf/toolkit.git
cd toolkit
```

9.3.2 Configuration

- Initialized the configuration files:

```
bin/init
```

- Edited the Overleaf configuration to listen on all network interfaces:

```
nano config/overleaf.rc
```

- Updated the following line to allow access from the droplet's public IP:

```
OVERLEAF_LISTEN_IP=0.0.0.0
```

9.4 Starting Overleaf

- Launched the Overleaf container stack using the toolkit command:

```
bin/up
```

- This downloaded all required images (MongoDB, Redis, and the Overleaf web app) and automatically started the containers.
- Once setup completed, Overleaf was accessible on port 80 of the droplet.

9.5 Result

After installation, Overleaf successfully deployed and became accessible through the droplet's public IP address. All Docker services were active, and the platform functioned correctly for collaborative LaTeX editing.

9.6 Container Web Access

To verify that the Overleaf container was successfully deployed and reachable via the assigned port, the application was accessed through the droplet's public IP address using a web browser. The interface loaded correctly on port 80, confirming that the Docker service and network configuration were functioning as expected.

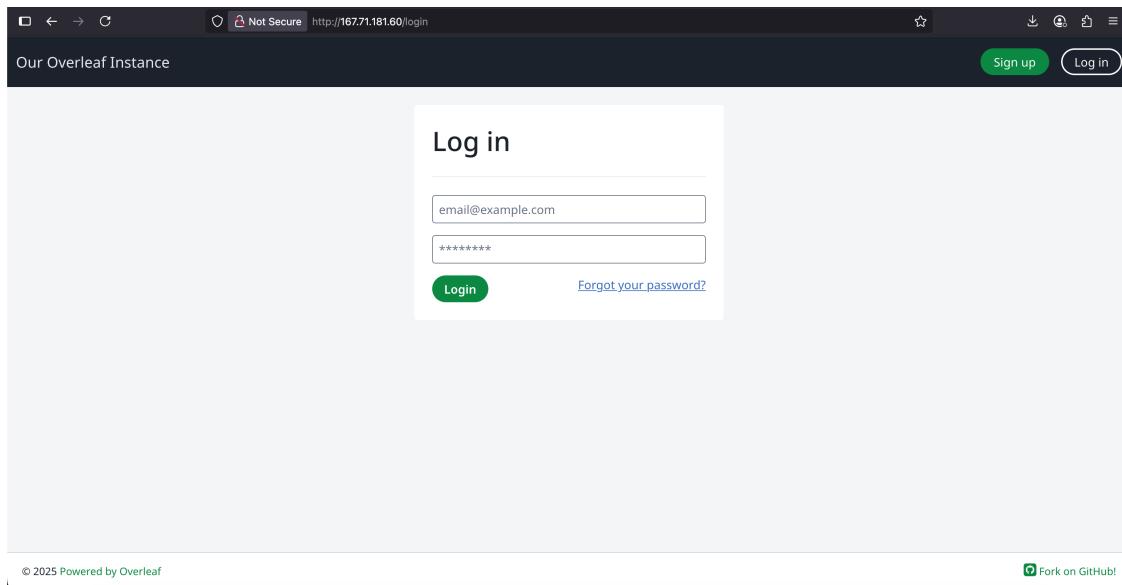


Figure 9.1: Overleaf web interface accessible through port 80 on the droplet.

Chapter 10

Overleaf and Github Integration

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10.1 Overview

For this assignment, we performed the following tasks: getting a domain via the GitHub Student Developer Pack, getting an SSL certificate for our overleaf domain, configure Latex / Overleaf to support all packages, connecting Overleaf to Github for project version control, compiling TEX projects from the command line.

10.2 Domain Name

We decided to register the domain `ssw590f25.me` using the GitHub Student Developer Pack, which provided a free one-year domain through Namecheap. This allowed us to set up a professional web address for our project with minimal cost and effort. We had to add an A record using the Overleaf [container droplet IP](#) as host so that all traffic to the domain gets redirected to the local version of overleaf we're hosting.

10.3 SSL Configuration

To enable HTTPS on our Overleaf container, we installed and configured SSL certificates from Let's Encrypt using `certbot`. This ensures secure encrypted communication between users and the server.

```
apt install python3-certbot-nginx nginx
sudo certbot --nginx certonly
```

Once the certificate was obtained, we configured Nginx to serve as a reverse proxy — forward-ing client requests to the Overleaf service while handling SSL termination.

```
server {
    listen 80;
```

```

server_name overleaf.ssw590f25.me;
return 301 https://$server_name$request_uri;
}

server {
    listen 443 ssl;
    server_name overleaf.ssw590f25.me;

    ssl_certificate /etc/letsencrypt/live/overleaf.ssw590f25.me/fullchain.pem;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/letsencrypt/live/overleaf.ssw590f25.me/privkey.pem;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:8877;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $remote_addr;
    }
}

```

Configuring Nginx in this way is crucial because it acts as a reverse proxy—managing secure HTTPS traffic, terminating SSL connections, and forwarding requests to the internal Overleaf container.

10.4 Configuring LaTeX Packages in Overleaf (Container)

To enable full LaTeX package support inside the Overleaf container, we used the following commands:

Steps

1) Update `tlmgr` (TeX Live Manager).

```
docker exec sharelatex tlmgr update --self
```

Why: Brings the package manager itself up-to-date so subsequent installs use the latest metadata.

2) Install the full TeX Live package set.

```
docker exec sharelatex tlmgr install scheme-full
```

Why: `scheme-full` pulls essentially all TeX Live packages, covering most class/style/font dependencies you'll encounter. **Note:** This took a long time and it's not permanent, it will reset to the basic Latex version if the container is rebuilt.

10.5 Connecting Overleaf to GitHub

We connected our Overleaf instance at `overleaf.ssw590f25.me` to GitHub to automatically sync compiled project files.

Generating SSH Keys and Configuring Access

```
ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -f /root/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports -N "" -C "overleaf-exports"
ssh-keyscan github.com >> /root/.ssh/known_hosts
chmod 600 /root/.ssh/known_hosts
cat /root/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports.pub
ssh -i /root/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports -T git@github.com
```

Response:

Hi IvanFarfan08/Overleaf_Files_SSW590F! You've successfully authenticated, but GitHub does not provide shell access.

Configured Git to always use this key:

```
cat >> /root/.ssh/config <<'EOF'
Host github.com
User git
HostName github.com
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports
IdentitiesOnly yes
EOF
chmod 600 /root/.ssh/config
```

The public key was then added as a deployment key in the GitHub repository.

Creating Export Service

```
SRC="/root/Overleaf_container/toolkit/data/overleaf/data/compiles"
DST="/root/overleaf_exports"
REMOTE="git@github.com:IvanFarfan08/Overleaf_Files_SSW590F.git"
```

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install -y git inotify-tools rsync
```

Initialized the staging repository:

```
sudo mkdir -p "$DST"
cd "$DST"
git init -b main
git config user.name "Overleaf Export Bot"
git config user.email "export@overleaf.local"

cat > .gitignore <<'EOF'
*.aux
*.log
*.out
```

```
*.synctex.gz
EOF

git add -A
git commit -m "Initial staging repo"

ssh-keyscan github.com >> /root/.ssh/known_hosts
chmod 600 /root/.ssh/known_hosts
GIT_SSH_COMMAND="ssh -i $KEY -o StrictHostKeyChecking=yes" git push -u origin main
```

Watcher Script

```
sudo tee /usr/local/bin/compiles-export-push.sh >/dev/null <<'EOF'
#!/usr/bin/env bash
set -euo pipefail

SRC="/root/Overleaf_container/toolkit/data/overleaf/data/compiles"
DST="/root/overleaf_exports"
BRANCH="main"
KEY="/root/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports"

export GIT_SSH_COMMAND="ssh -i $KEY -o StrictHostKeyChecking=yes"

mkdir -p "$DST"

copy_and_commit() {
    local top="$1"
    rsync -a --delete "$SRC/$top/" "$DST/$top/"
    cd "$DST"
    git add "$top"
    if ! git diff --cached --quiet; then
        msg="export: $top @ $(date -u +'%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S %Z')"
        git commit -m "$msg"
        git push origin "$BRANCH"
        echo "Pushed: $msg"
    fi
}

DEBOUNCE=5
declare -A last_at

inotifywait -m -r \
-e close_write,modify,attrib,create,delete,move \
--format '%w%f' "$SRC" | while read -r path; do
    rel="${path##$SRC/}"

```

```

top="${rel%/*}"
[ -n "$top" ] || continue

now=$(date +%s)
last=${last_at[$top]:-0}
if (( now - last >= DEBOUNCE )); then
    last_at[$top]=$now
    echo "Detected change in $top"
    copy_and_commit "$top" || echo "Commit/push failed for $top"
fi
done
EOF

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/compiles-export-push.sh

```

This script continuously monitors the Overleaf compile directory for any changes using `inotifywait`. Whenever a project is recompiled, it automatically syncs the updated subfolder to the local Git staging directory using `rsync`, commits the changes, and pushes them to the GitHub repository. The `DEBOUNCE` variable ensures that each subfolder is only pushed once every few seconds, preventing redundant commits during rapid file writes.

Systemd Service

```

sudo tee /etc/systemd/system/compiles-export-push.service >/dev/null <<'EOF'
[Unit]
Description=Export changed Overleaf compiles subfolders to root-owned repo and push
After=network-online.target
Wants=network-online.target

[Service]
Type=simple
User=root
ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/compiles-export-push.sh
Restart=always
RestartSec=2

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
EOF

sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl enable --now compiles-export-push.service

```

The Systemd service runs the watcher script automatically in the background. It starts on boot, restarts on failure, and ensures continuous syncing between Overleaf and GitHub. By enabling it

with `systemctl enable --now`, the service remains active and constantly monitors the compile directory without manual intervention. The service keeps updating projects (including this one) and is available at [this Github repo](#).

10.6 Compiling Overleaf Projects from the Command Line

We found that compiled versions of Overleaf projects are stored in `toolkit/data/overleaf/data/compiles`.

Each folder in this directory is mapped to a unique `projectID(userID)` pair.

This means that one can enter the Docker image created in [Chapter 7](#) and use the instructions there to compile the project files. However, Overleaf automatically generates compiled PDF files for each project, and these can already be found in the corresponding folder under the `compiles` directory.

Chapter 11

GitHub Action to compile LaTeX and Store Versions

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11.1 Connecting Overleaf to GitHub

We first linked our self-hosted Overleaf instance (`overleaf.ssw590f25.me`) to GitHub to allow automatic exports of compiled LaTeX projects. The connection uses SSH keys for secure authentication and push access.

Generating and Configuring SSH Keys

```
ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -f /root/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports -N "" -C "overleaf-exports"
ssh-keyscan github.com >> /root/.ssh/known_hosts
chmod 600 /root/.ssh/known_hosts
cat /root/.ssh/id_ed25519_exports.pub
```

The public key was added as a deployment key on the GitHub repository to grant Overleaf push access. Git was then configured to always use this key when communicating with GitHub.

Export Service Configuration

We created a dedicated directory to mirror Overleaf’s compiled files and push them to GitHub:

```
SRC="/root/Overleaf_container/toolkit/data/overleaf/data/compiles"
DST="/root/overleaf_exports"
REMOTE="git@github.com:IvanFarfan08/Overleaf_Files_SSW590F.git"
```

Dependencies like `git`, `inotify-tools`, and `rsync` were installed to support real-time file synchronization.

11.2 Automated Watcher Service

A custom watcher script (`/usr/local/bin/compiles-export-push.sh`) was deployed to monitor the Overleaf `compiles/` directory for changes in `.tex` files. When triggered, it performs a two-pass `rsync` and pushes only one commit per updated project.

- Debounce Mechanism: Prevents redundant commits during rapid Overleaf recompilations.
- Single Commit per Folder: Ensures each Overleaf project folder under `compiles/` triggers only one export.
- Systemd Integration: The watcher runs continuously via `compiles-export-push.service`, restarting automatically on failure.

11.3 Setting Up the Overleaf Document for Versioning

Inside our Overleaf project, we configured the LaTeX document to support automated version display.

Creating the `version.tex` File

We began by creating a new file named `version.tex` in the root of the project. Initially, it contained a placeholder command so the document would compile even before GitHub injected the actual version code:

```
% version.tex
\newcommand{\Version}{dev}
```

This placeholder is automatically replaced by the GitHub Action later with the real commit SHA and timestamp.

Including `version.tex` in the Main Document

Next, we included the file in the main `manual.tex` (or `main.tex`) so that the defined `\Version` command becomes available throughout the document:

```
\input{version.tex}
```

Adding Version Information to the Footer

To make the version visible on every page, we customized the document footer using the `fancyhdr` package. The version is dynamically displayed by referencing the `\Version` command defined in `version.tex`:

```
\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\pagestyle{fancy}
\fancyfoot[C]{Version: \Version}
\fancyfoot[R]{\thepage}
\fancyfoot[L]{Overleaf GitHub Integration}
```

This ensures the footer automatically updates with each GitHub commit once the workflow regenerates `version.tex`.

11.4 GitHub Action: Automatic Compilation and Versioning

After the watcher pushes changes, the GitHub Action workflow (`.github/workflows/compile.yml`) takes over. It automatically compiles the LaTeX document using the [xu-cheng/latex-action](#) runner.

Workflow Overview

1. Detect Change Source: Checks if the commit came from the Overleaf export service.
2. Identify Project Folder: Extracts the folder ID from the commit message.
3. Generate Version Tag: Creates a `version.tex` file containing the commit SHA and UTC timestamp.
4. Compile LaTeX Project: Builds the project using a GitHub-hosted runner.
5. Archive the PDF: Saves the compiled PDF in the `builds/` directory using the naming format:

`builds/manual-<SHORT_SHA>.pdf`

Version Injection Example

The generated `version.tex` file includes:

```
\newcommand{\Version}{a1b2c3d-2025-10-22T21-00-00Z}
```

This line is automatically generated by the GitHub Action during the workflow run. It replaces the placeholder from the initial `version.tex` file with a new commit identifier and timestamp each time the repository is updated.

Versioning Logic

The workflow dynamically injects the version metadata using:

```
SHORT_SHA=$(git rev-parse --short HEAD)
BUILD_DATE=$(date -u +'%Y-%m-%dT%H-%M-%SZ')
echo "\newcommand{\Version}{\$SHORT_SHA-\$BUILD_DATE}" > version.tex
```

This guarantees every compiled PDF can be traced directly back to a specific commit in GitHub, enabling transparent version control between Overleaf, the local container, and the repository history.

11.5 Results and Verification

After setting up the integration, every time a change is made to the Overleaf document and the watcher detects a new compilation, the updated project is automatically committed and pushed to GitHub. The GitHub Action then:

1. Inserts the new version number into `version.tex`.
2. Compiles the LaTeX document using the `latex-action` Docker runner.
3. Saves the compiled PDF under the `builds/` directory.

Each generated PDF now includes a footer displaying:

- The **current version code** (Git SHA + UTC timestamp)
- The **page number** on the right
- A **context label** (e.g., “Overleaf GitHub Integration”) on the left

This makes it easy to verify which revision of the project corresponds to each compiled document.

Screenshot of Version Footer

The following image shows an example of the compiled PDF footer automatically generated by our workflow:

Figure: PDF footer showing embedded version code and timestamp.

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