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0.2 Hosts and Passwords

The following table (Table 2) includes the hosts and password hints to accounts that are used in the duration of the project.

Table 2: Hosts and Passwords

Hosts	Passwords
root	Hints:
	• 73 • Progress
	• Progress
jgallig1@stevens.edu	Hints:
	Name of a close friendNumber of a parasite
	Number of a parasite
jgrant4@stevens.edu	Hints:
	Name of class
	Name of classWhat you do in class

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Introduction

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I'm Jack Galligan, a software engineering major who has spent 8 years pursuing software development. My preference is Python although I've done a little bit of a lot of the major languages, and I have a dog named Luna.

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Project Proposal

2.1 Project Description

Our project is our senior design project, GreekConnect, which is intended to be a web app and accompanying app which allows fraternities, sororities, and their members to schedule and view events. Our users include Stevens faculty as well as a significant student body, so for our app to be useful it needs to be easy to install and open on a computer as well as a phone by students who likely don't want to do very much in order to get access to the app. Some features which we will need to test include:

- Does the app work when multiple people try to make changes at once?
- Do transfers of roles and permissions work as intended?
- Do students and student leaders see messages intended for them?

We will also need a database, as our app plans on storing the information of many people's schedules. Considering the Stevens database only appears to be a convenient option on campus, we expect to need to look into alternatives like an Amazon Web Server. We will try out a few different options to determine the minimum specifications necessary for our needs.

2.2 Dev Ops Tool Specification

Source control management will be done using Git and Github, which will allow us to focus on testing and deployment collaboratively. Deployment will likely use Docker to containerize the app for various environments and Kubernetes to orchestrate and maintain the containers. Our project will likely use a synchronized database such as Firebase, which is a document-based NoSQL database, so that it's easier to program user data editing/collaboration. We will also explore SQL based options such as Supabase, PostgreSQL and Neon depending on our planned coding schedule. Testing will likely use Jest or other Javascript testing frameworks (React Testing Library, Cypress) to test the front and back end of the application.

Linux Commands

3.1 Terminal Bash Commands

```
collin@Collin:/mnt/c/WINDOWS/system32$
mkdir -p ~/lx-test && cd ~/lx-test

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$
printf "alpha\nbeta\nGamma\ngamma\nbeta\n" > words.txt

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$
printf "id,name,dept\n1,Ada,EE\n2,Linus,CS\n3,Grace,EE\n4,Dennis,CS\n" > people.csv

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$
printf "INFO boot ok\nWARN disk low\nERROR fan fail\nINFO shutdown\n" > sys.log

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ dd if=/dev/zero of=blob.bin bs=1K count=48 status=none

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ mkdir -p src/lib tmp archive

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ printf "one two three four\n" > src/file1.txt

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ printf "two three four five\n" > src/file2.txt

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ln -s src/file1.txt link-to-file1

collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ touch -t 202401020304 old.txt
```

3.2 Linux Problem Set Answers

- A) Navigation & File Ops
- 1. Show your present working directory path only.

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ pwd
/home/collin/lx-test
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls -1a
.
...
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.

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ mv -v old.txt archive/renamed 'old.txt' -> 'archive/old.txt' collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls -l archive/total 0 -rw-r--r-- 1 collin collin 0 Jan 2 2024 old.txt
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls notes.md ls: cannot access 'notes.md': No such file or directory collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ [ -e notes.md ] || touch notes.md collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls notes.md notes.md
```

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

```
 \begin{array}{ll} {\rm collin@Collin:} \sim / {\rm lx\text{-}test\$ \ du \ -h \ src} \\ 4.0 {\rm K \quad src/lib} \\ 16 {\rm K \quad src} \end{array}
```

- B) Viewing & Searching
- 7. Print line numbers while displaying sys/log.

```
collin@Collin:\sim/lx-test$ cat -n 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)

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ grep ERROR sys.log ERROR fan fail
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]' < words.txt | sort | uniq | wc -l 3
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ grep '^[gG]' words.txt Gamma gamma
```

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

```
collin@Collin:\sim/lx-test$ 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.

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ tail -n 3 -f sys.log
WARN disk low
ERROR fan fail
INFO shutdown
```

 $^{\rm C}$

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ cut -d',' -f2 people.csv | tail -n +2 Ada
Linus
Grace
Dennis
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]' < words.txt | sort | uniq alpha beta gamma
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ sed -i.bak 's/three/3/g' src/file1.txt src/file2.txt collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ cat src/file1.txt one two 3 four collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ cat src/file2.txt two 3 four five collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls src/*.bak src/file1.txt.bak src/file2.txt.bak
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ wc src/*.txt
1  4 15 src/file1.txt
1  4 16 src/file2.txt
2  8 31 total
```

D) Permissions & Ownership

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ chmod 700 tmp/
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls -ld tmp/
drwx----- 2 collin collin 4096 Sep 15 16:09 tmp/
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ chmod -R g+x src/lib
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls -l src/lib
total 0
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls src/lib
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ ls -ld src/lib
drwxr-xr-x 2 collin collin 4096 Sep 15 15:28 src/lib
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ stat -c "%a" src/file2.txt 644
```

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

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ sudo chattr +a notes.md [sudo] password for collin: collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ lsattr notes.md ----a------ notes.md collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ echo "text" >> notes.md collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ echo "overwrite" > notes.md -bash: notes.md: Operation not permitted
```

E) Links & Find

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

```
{\it collin@Collin:} {\sim}/{\rm lx\text{-}test\$} \ {\it readlink\ link\text{-}to\text{-}file1} \\ {\it 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.

```
collin@Collin:~/lx-test$ find tmp/ -type f -mmin -10 -ls
```

- F) Processes & Job Control
- 24. Show your processes in a tree view.

```
jack@Jacktop:~$ ps -u $USER --forest
PID TTY TIME CMD
908 pts/4 00:00:00 bash
923 pts/4 00:00:00 \_ ps
465 pts/1 00:00:00 bash
367 pts/2 00:00:00 sh
411 ? 00:00:00 systemd
412 ? 00:00:00 \_ (sd-pam)
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~$ sleep 120 & echo $1 [1] 1047
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~\ pkill -TERM -u $USER sleep [1]+ Terminated sleep 120
```

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

G) Archiving & Compression

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ tar -czf src.tgz -C src .
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ tar -tzf src.tgz ./ ./file2.txt ./file1.txt ./lib/
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:\sim/lx-test\$ tar -xzf src.tgz -C tmp ./file2.txt
```

H) Networking & System Info

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ ss -ltp
State
        Recv-Q
                  Send-Q
                              Local Address:Port
                                                        Peer Address:Port
                                                                            Process
LISTEN
                                 127.0.0.53%lo:domain
                                                                  0.0.0.0:*
           0
                    4096
LISTEN
                                                                0.0.0.0:*
           0
                    4096
                                    127.0.0.54:domain
LISTEN
                    1000
                                 10.255.255.254:domain
                                                                  0.0.0.0:*
           0
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ ip route show default default via 172.20.240.1 dev eth0 proto kernel
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ uname -srm
Linux 6.6.87.2-microsoft-standard-WSL2 x86 64
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ last -n 5
reboot system boot 6.6.87.2-microso Wed Sep 17 20:09 still running
reboot system boot 6.6.87.2-microso Mon Sep 15 15:37 still running
reboot system boot 6.6.87.2-microso Mon Sep 15 15:09 still running
wtmp begins Mon Sep 15 15:09:55 2025
```

I) Package & Services (Debian/Ubuntu)

35. Show the installed version of package coreutils.

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ dpkg -l coreutils | awk '/coreutils/ {print $3}' 9.4-3ubuntu6
```

36. Search available packages whose names contain ripgrep.

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ apt-cache search ripgrep elpa-consult - Useful commands based on completing-read for Emacs elpa-dumb-jump - jump to definition for multiple languages without configuration ripgrep - Recursively searches directories for a regex pattern ugrep - faster grep with an interactive query UI
```

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

```
jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test$ systemctl status cron | grep 'Active:'
Active: active (running) since Wed 2025-09-17 20:09:05 EDT; 51min ago
```

J) Bash & Scripting

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

jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test\$ for f in src/*.txt; do echo "\$f: \$(wc -l < "\$f")"; done src/file1.txt: 1 src/file2.txt: 1

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

jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test\$ awk -F, '\$2=="CS" {print}' people.csv > cs.txt

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

jack@Jacktop:~/lx-test\$ export X=42; echo \$X; unset X 42

AWS Deployment

4.1 Steps taken to deploy website

The link to the website can be found here: https://mgn8mc4khh.us-east-2.awsapprunner.com/

After both installing AWS and creating accounts, here are the steps we took to deploy our website using AWS:

1. Configured environment variables:

```
export AWS_ACCOUNT_ID=<My Account ID>

export AWS_REGION=us-east-2

export ECR_REPO=myapp

export IMAGE_TAG=v1

export APP_NAME=my-apprunner-app

export CONTAINER_PORT=3000
```

2. Authenticated Docker with Amazon ECR:

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

3. Created an ECR repository:

4. Built our Docker image locally:

```
docker build -t ECR_REPO:MAGE_TAG.
```

5. Tagged the image for our private ECR repository:

```
docker tag $ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG \
$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID.dkr.ecr.$AWS_REGION.amazonaws.com/$ECR_REPO:
$IMAGE_TAG
```

6. Pushed the image to ECR:

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

7. Deployed the image to App Runner:

```
aws apprunner create-service \
        —service—name "$APP NAME" \
        -region "$AWS REGION" -profile default \
        —source-configuration "{
           \"ImageRepository\": {
             \"ImageIdentifier\": \"$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID.dkr.ecr.$AWS_REGION.
6
      amazonaws.com/$ECR_REPO:$IMAGE_TAG\"
             \"ImageRepositoryType\": \"ECR\"
             \label{lem:configuration} $$ \ "ImageConfiguration": {\ "Port\ ": \ "$CONTAINER_PORT\ "} $$
           \ " Authentication Configuration \ ": {
             \"AccessRoleArn\": \"arn:aws:iam::$AWS_ACCOUNT_ID:role/
      AppRunnerECRAccessRole\'
            "AutoDeploymentsEnabled\": true
13
14
          -instance-configuration "{\ "Cpu\ ":\ "1 vCPU\ ",\ "Memory\ ":\ "2 GB\ "}"
16
```

8. Viewed the service status until it said RUNNING:

9. Once the status was RUNNING, we were able to access our live website using the ServiceUrl provided, e.g.:

https://mgn8mc4khh.us-east-2.awsapprunner.com

4.2 Class Based Website

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en">
3 <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title>Color Buttons App</title>
    \langle style \rangle
      body {
         font - family: Arial, sans - serif;
8
         text-align: center;
9
         margin-top: 50px;
         transition: background-color 0.3s ease;
12
      button {
13
         padding: 12px 24px;
14
         font-size: 18px;
         margin: 10px;
16
17
         cursor: pointer;
18
    </style>
19
20 </head>
21 <body>
    <h1>Click a Button to Change Background</h1>
    <button id="blueBtn">Blue</button>
23
    <button id="redBtn">Red</button>
24
25
    \langle script \rangle
26
      // Define a class to handle color changes
27
      class ColorChanger {
2.8
         constructor() {
29
           this.body = document.body;
30
           this.blueBtn = document.getElementById("blueBtn");
31
           this.redBtn = document.getElementById("redBtn");
32
         }
33
         init() {
35
           this.blueBtn.addEventListener("click", () => this.changeColor("blue"))
36
           this.redBtn.addEventListener("click", () => this.changeColor("red"));
         }
38
39
         changeColor(color) {
40
           this.body.style.backgroundColor = color;
41
42
      }
43
44
      // Create and initialize the object
45
      const colorChanger = new ColorChanger();
46
      colorChanger.init();
47
    </script>
49 </body>
50 </html>
```

ColorChanger

-blueBtn : Button -redBtn : Button

-body: Text

+constructor()

+init(): void

+changeColor(color: string): void

Figure 4.1: UML diagram of class based Color Changer

$\underset{-\operatorname{JGa,\,JGr,\,CS}}{\operatorname{LaTeX}} \operatorname{Docker}$

In this chapter, we use a Docker container to compile a simple LaTeX document using TeX Live.

To download TeX Live and create the Dockerfile, we use the following command in our Linux terminal:

```
cat > Dockerfile << 'EOF'
FROM ubuntu:22.04

RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y texlive \
    && apt-get clean && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*

WORKDIR /data

COPY sample.tex .

CMD ["pdflatex", "sample.tex"]

EOF

We build and run the container as follows:

docker build -t latex-docker .
```

docker run --rm -v \$(pwd):/data latex-docker

We can finally view the sample.pdf file created from a sample LaTeX document:

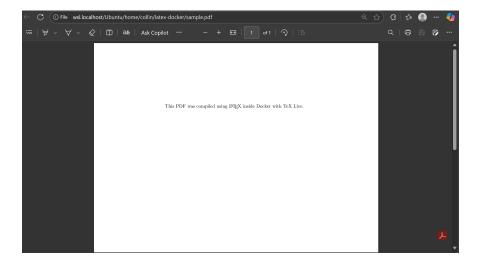


Figure 5.1: Sample LaTeX PDF generated through Docker and TeX Live.

Bugzilla - JGa, JGr, CS

In this chapter, we discuss the steps taken for the configuration of the Bugzilla Docker container on Digital Ocean.

6.1 Preface

Before anything else, make sure you have a Digital Ocean Droplet running. Then, enter the following into the terminal:

```
1 \text{ ssh root@164.90.141.14}
```

6.2 Installing Docker

Run the following lines in the terminal to install Docker:

```
2 # update
3 apt update && apt upgrade -y
4
5 # install docker & compose plugin
6 apt install -y ca-certificates curl gnupg lsb-release
7 mkdir -p /etc/apt/keyrings
8 curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | gpg --dearmor -o /
etc/apt/keyrings/docker.gpg
9 echo \
10   "deb [arch=$(dpkg --print-architecture) signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/docker.
gpg] https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu \
11   $(lsb_release -cs) stable" | tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list > /dev/
null
12 apt update && apt install -y docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io docker-
compose-plugin
13
14 # enable docker
15 systemctl enable --now docker
```

6.3 Clone Bugzilla's Repo

The following commands can be run to clone the Bugzilla repository:

```
16 apt install -y git
17 cd /opt
18 git clone https://github.com/bugzilla/bugzilla.git
19 cd bugzilla
20 # the repo contains a docker-compose.yml (demo)
21 docker compose up -d
22 # watch logs until it finishes
23 docker compose logs -f
```

6.4 Public IP:Port

The Bugzilla site can be accessed at: http://164.90.141.14:8080/

Overleaf - JGa, JGr, CS

In this chapter, we discuss the details on the configuration of the Overleaf Docker container on Digital Ocean.

7.0.1 Creating the Digital Ocean Droplet

First, we created a new droplet through the Digital Ocean dashboard by selecting Ubuntu 22.04 LTS as the operating system. We chose a plan wth 4GB RAM and 2 vCPUs, selected the New York datacenter region, and configured SSH key authentication. After creating the droplet, we connected via SSH using the assigned IP address.

7.0.2 Installing Docker and Docker Compose

docker - compose - \$ (uname -s) - \$ (uname -m) " \

We first updated the system packages and installed the required dependencies:

```
apt update && apt upgrade -y
apt install -y apt-transport-https ca-certificates curl \
software-properties-common
```

Then it was necessary to add Docker's official GPG key and repository, ensuring to specify the correct architecture (amd64) for the Intel/AMD droplet:

```
curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | \
gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/docker-archive-keyring.gpg

echo "deb [arch=amd64 signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/docker-archive-keyring.gpg ] \
https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu $(lsb_release -cs) stable" | \
tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list > /dev/null

apt update
apt install -y docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io

Finally, we installed Docker Compose and verified both installations:

curl -L "https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/latest/download/\
```

```
-o /usr/local/bin/docker-compose
chmod +x /usr/local/bin/docker-compose
docker -- version
docker-compose -- version
```

7.0.3 Configuring the Environment

First, we created a dedicated directory for the Overleaf configuration and navigated into it:

```
1 mkdir ~/overleaf
2 cd ~/overleaf
```

We created a .env file to store environment variables, which proved cleaner than inline configuration:

```
OVERLEAF_MONGO_URL=mongodb://mongo/overleaf?directConnection=true
OVERLEAF_REDIS_HOST=redis
OVERLEAF_SITE_URL=http://138.197.20.201
OVERLEAF_APP_NAME=MyOverleaf
EMAIL CONFIRMATION DISABLED=true
```

7.0.4 Docker Compose Configuration

We then added the docker-compose.yml file with several important modifications from standard configurations. The final configuration was:

```
version: '2.2'
services:
  sharelatex:
      restart: always
      image: sharelatex/sharelatex:latest
      container_name: sharelatex
      depends_on:
         mongo:
            condition: service_healthy
         redis:
            condition: service started
      ports:
         - 80:80
         - ~/sharelatex_data:/var/lib/overleaf
      env_file:
         - .env
   mongo:
      restart: always
      image: mongo:6.0
```

```
container name: mongo
   command: ["--replSet", "rs0"]
   expose:
      - 27017
   volumes:
      - ~/mongo data:/data/db
   healthcheck:
      test: echo 'db.runCommand("ping").ok' |
         mongosh localhost:27017/test --quiet
      interval: 10s
      timeout: 10s
      retries: 5
      start period: 40s
redis:
   restart: always
   image: redis:6.2
   container name: redis
   expose:
      - 6379
   volumes:
      - ~/redis data:/data
   healthcheck:
      test: ["CMD", "redis-cli", "ping"]
      interval: 5s
      timeout: 3s
      retries: 5
```

7.0.5 Deploying and Initializing

We composed the containers using Docker-Compose:

```
1 docker compose up -d
```

After waiting approximately 30 seconds for MongoDB to fully start, the MongoDB replica set was initialized, which was essential for preventing transaction-related errors:

```
docker exec mongo mongosh --eval \
"rs.initiate({_id: 'rs0', members: [{_id: 0, host: 'mongo:27017'}]})"
```

We then restarted the Overleaf container to establish the connection with the initialized replica set:

```
1 docker compose restart sharelatex
```

7.0.6 Verification

Once we saw the runit daemon start message, we verified all containers were running properly:

1 docker ps

The Overleaf web interface is successfully hosted at http://138.197.20.201, confirming the deployment was complete and functional.

Domain Names, SSL, and Versioning

8.1 Domain Name Configuration

8.1.1 Acquiring a Domain Name

We obtained a free domain name through the GitHub Student Developer Pack, which provides a one-year free domain registration through Namecheap. The domain overleafssw590group10.me was registered for hosting our Overleaf instance.

Steps to Obtain Domain

- 1. Sign up for the GitHub Student Developer Pack at https://education.github.com/pack
- 2. Verify student status with a valid .edu email address
- 3. Access the Namecheap benefit and register a .me domain

8.1.2 DNS Configuration

After acquiring the domain, we configured DNS records in Namecheap to point to our Digital Ocean Droplet at IP address 138.197.20.201:

• A Record: Host: @, Value: 138.197.20.201

• A Record: Host: www, Value: 138.197.20.201

We verified DNS was working with:

curl -I http://overleafssw590group10.me

8.2 SSL Certificate Configuration with Let's Encrypt

8.2.1 Overview

We implemented SSL certificates using Let's Encrypt with Nginx as a reverse proxy to handle HTTPS traffic. The setup includes automatic certificate renewal every 90 days.

8.2.2 Implementation

Step 1: Update Docker Compose Configuration

We added Nginx and Certbot services to docker-compose.yml:

```
version: '3.9'
services:
 mongo:
  image: mongo:6.0
  container name: overleaf-mongo
  environment:
    MONGO_INITDB_ROOT_USERNAME: root
    MONGO_INITDB_ROOT_PASSWORD: rootpassword
    - ./mongo-data:/data/db
    - ./mongodb-keyfile:/data/mongodb-keyfile:ro
  restart: always
  command: ["--replSet", "overleaf", "--keyFile",
         "/data/mongodb-keyfile"]
 redis:
  image: redis:7
  container_name: overleaf-redis
  restart: always
  volumes:
    - ./redis-data:/data
 overleaf-app:
  image: sharelatex/sharelatex:latest
  container_name: overleaf-app
  depends on:
    - mongo
    - redis
  expose:
    - "80"
  environment:
    OVERLEAF MONGO URL: mongodb://root:rootpassword@mongo/
```

```
sharelatex?authSource=admin&replicaSet=overleaf
    OVERLEAF_REDIS_HOST: redis
    OVERLEAF SITE URL: https://overleafssw590group10.me
    OVERLEAF BEHIND PROXY: 'true'
    OVERLEAF ADMIN_EMAIL: jamesgrant2225@gmail.com
    OVERLEAF_APP_NAME: MyOverleaf
   volumes:
    - ./data:/var/lib/overleaf
  restart: always
 nginx:
  image: nginx:alpine
  container_name: overleaf-nginx
  ports:
    - "80:80"
    - "443:443"
  volumes:
    - ./nginx/nginx.conf:/etc/nginx/nginx.conf:ro
    - ./nginx/certbot/conf:/etc/letsencrypt:ro
    - ./nginx/certbot/www:/var/www/certbot:ro
  depends on:
    - overleaf-app
  restart: always
 certbot:
  image: certbot/certbot
  container name: overleaf-certbot
  volumes:
    - ./nginx/certbot/conf:/etc/letsencrypt
    - ./nginx/certbot/www:/var/www/certbot
  entrypoint: "/bin/sh -c 'trap exit TERM; while :; do
    certbot renew; sleep 12h & wait $${!}; done;'"
   Key changes: changed OVERLEAF_SITE_URL to https://, set OVERLEAF_BEHIND_PROXY
to true, and exposed Overleaf only internally while Nginx handles external ports 80 and 443.
Step 2: Create Nginx Configuration
Created nginx/nginx.conf:
events {
   worker connections 1024;
http {
```

```
server {
     listen 80;
     server name overleafssw590group10.me;
     location /.well-known/acme-challenge/ {
        root /var/www/certbot;
     location / {
        return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
  }
  server {
     listen 443 ssl;
     server name overleafssw590group10.me;
     ssl_certificate /etc/letsencrypt/live/
       overleafssw590group10.me/fullchain.pem;
     ssl certificate key /etc/letsencrypt/live/
       overleafssw590group10.me/privkey.pem;
     client max body size 50M;
     location / {
        proxy_pass http://overleaf-app:80;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For
          $proxy add x forwarded for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
        proxy set header X-Real-IP $remote addr;
        proxy set header Host $host;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection "upgrade";
  }
Step 3: Initialize MongoDB Replica Set
Overleaf requires MongoDB to run as a replica set. We created a keyfile and initialized it:
# Create MongoDB keyfile
openssl rand -base64756 > ./mongodb-keyfile
chmod 400 ./mongodb-keyfile
```

```
sudo chown 999:999 ./mongodb-keyfile
# Start MongoDB
docker-compose up -d mongo
# Initialize replica set
docker exec -it overleaf-mongo mongosh -u root -p rootpassword \
 --authenticationDatabase admin \
 --eval "rs.initiate({ __id: 'overleaf', members:
  [ { __id: 0, host: 'mongo:27017' } ] })"
Step 4: Obtain SSL Certificate
We obtained the certificate from Let's Encrypt using Certbot:
# Stop Nginx to free port 80
docker-compose stop nginx
# Request certificate
docker run --rm -it \
 -v "$PWD/nginx/certbot/conf:/etc/letsencrypt" \
 -v "$PWD/nginx/certbot/www:/var/www/certbot" \
 -p 80:80 \
 certbot/certbot \
 certonly --standalone \
 -d overleafssw590group10.me \
 --email jamesgrant2225@gmail.com \
 --agree-tos \
 --no-eff-email
# Start all services
docker-compose up -d
Step 5: Verify HTTPS
We verified the SSL certificate was working:
curl -I https://overleafssw590group10.me
```

The site was now accessible at https://overleafssw590group10.me with a valid SSL certificate. The Certbot container automatically renews the certificate every 90 days.

8.3 Overleaf Container LaTeX Configuration

To ensure that all LaTeX packages were available for project compilation, we installed the full TeX Live distribution inside our Overleaf container and verified installation of the TeX Live 2025 version.

sudo docker exec -it overleaf-app bash apt update apt install -y texlive-full pdflatex --version

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