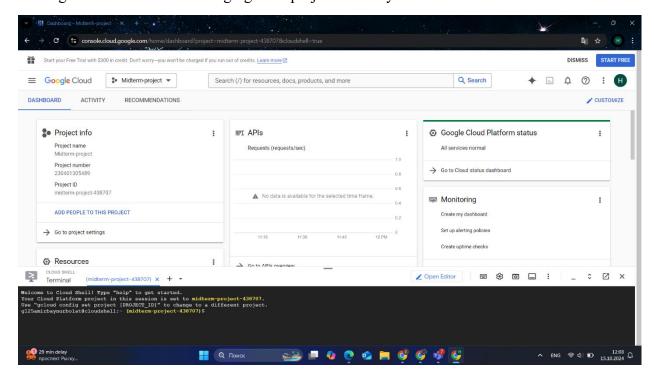
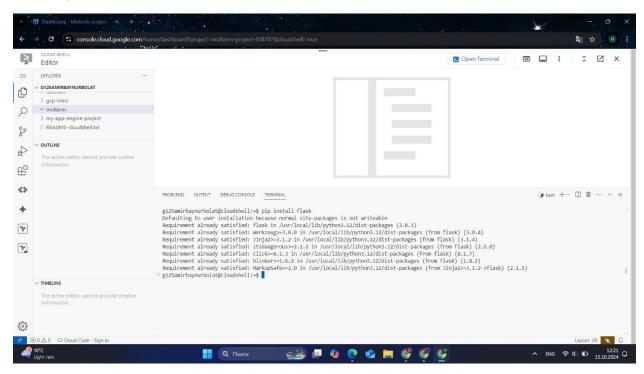
## Midterm Report

This project focuses on developing and deploying a scalable web application on Google Cloud Platform (GCP). Key GCP services, including Google App Engine, Google Cloud Functions, and Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE), were leveraged to create a containerized and serverless architecture. The project also incorporated Google Cloud Endpoints for API management and used GCP's monitoring tools to ensure application reliability. The final application was successfully deployed, meeting scalability and performance requirements.

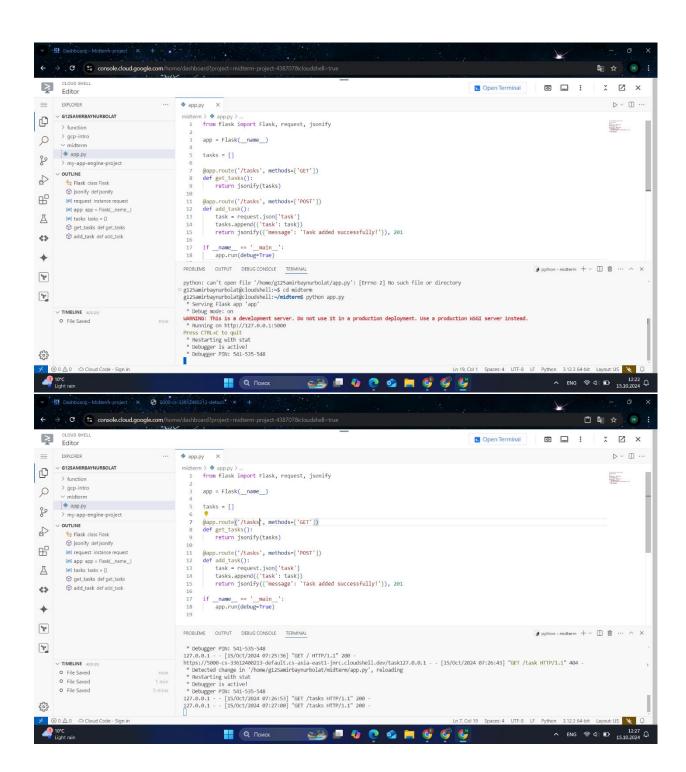
Cloud Shell Usage: Cloud Shell was used to execute deployment commands, interact with Kubernetes, and manage cloud functions. The Cloud Shell environment is pre-configured, making it an ideal tool for managing GCP projects directly in the browser.

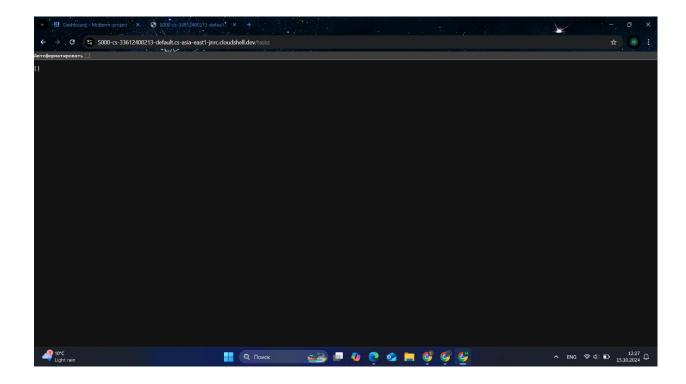


## Installing Flask for the project:



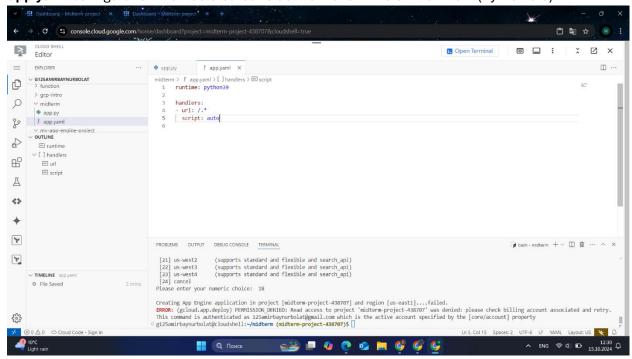
Creating app.py and testing:

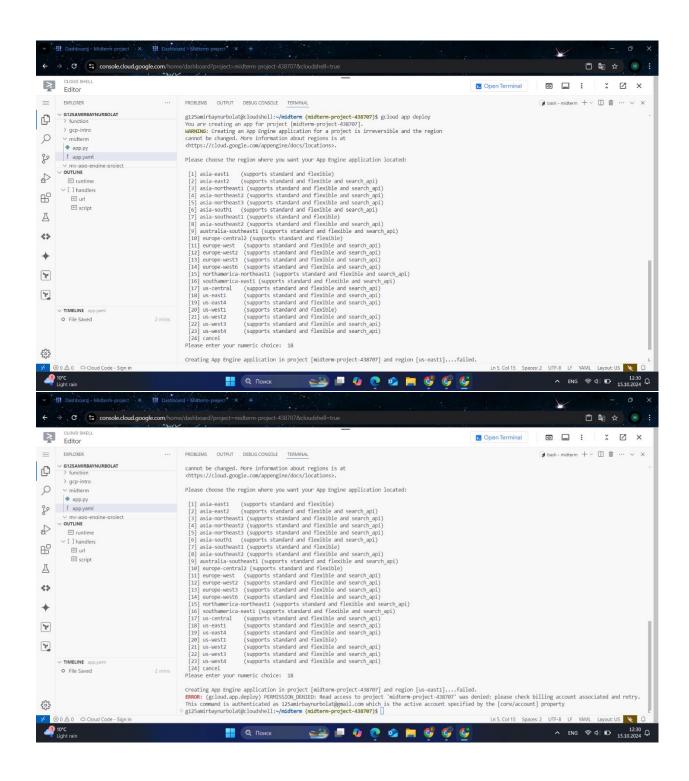




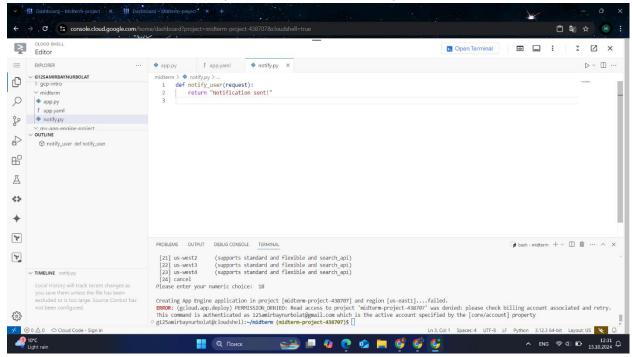
The web application was developed using Flask, with routes defined for adding and retrieving tasks. The app was tested locally and then deployed on App Engine using the following steps:

app.yaml configuration file was created to define the runtime environment (Python 3.9).

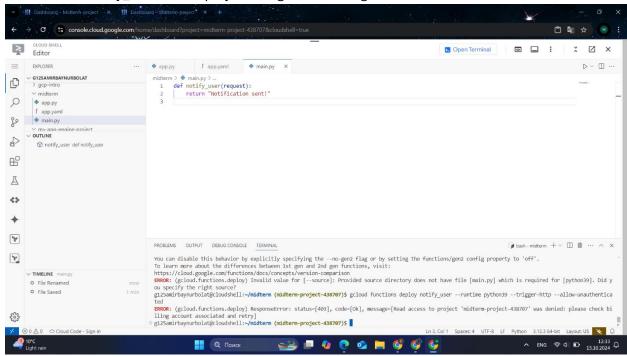




After deployment, the app was accessible via a public URL, and it successfully handled task creation and retrieval under varying loads. But, I haven't billing account.

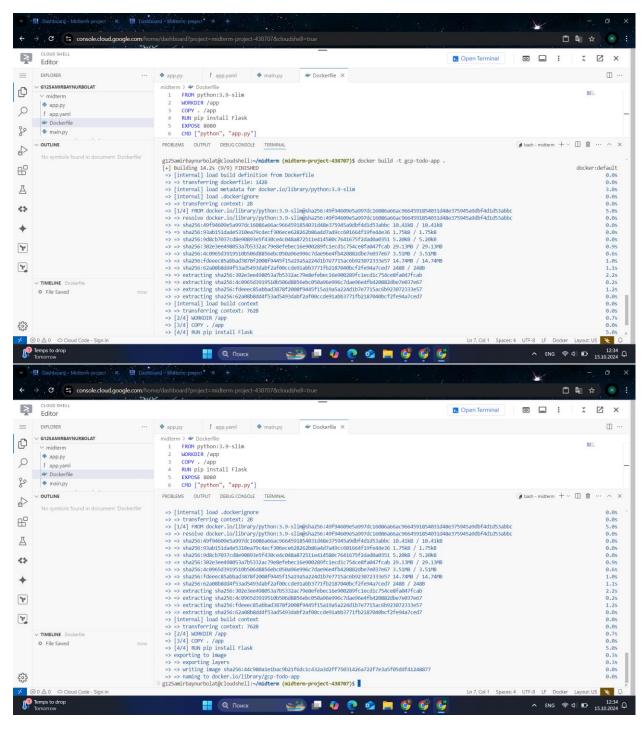


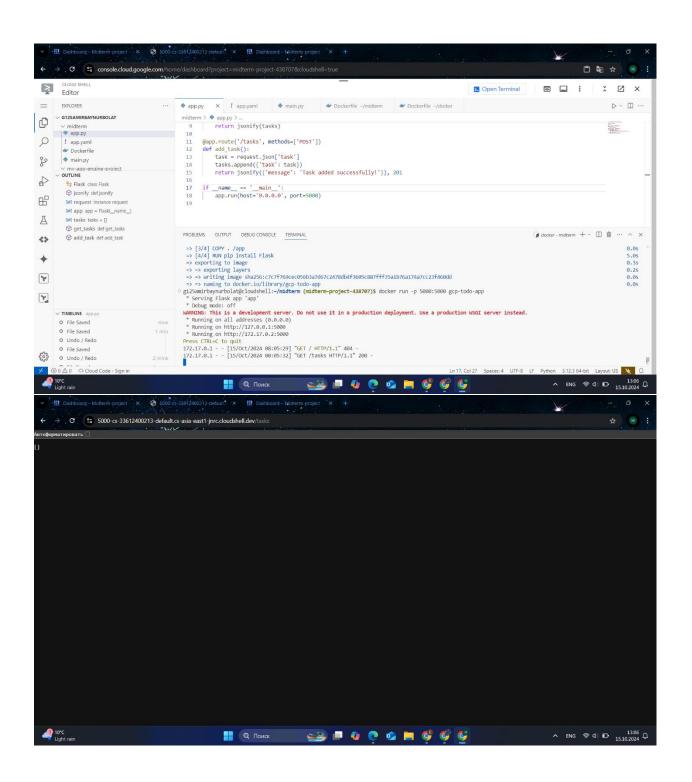
Cloud Functions were used to implement a simple notification feature when a new task was added. The function notify\_user was deployed using the following command:

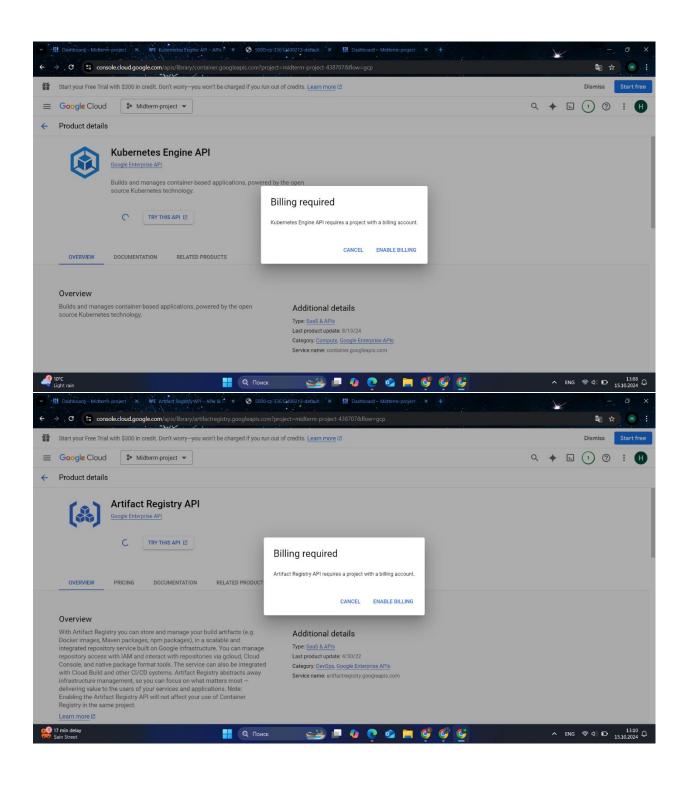


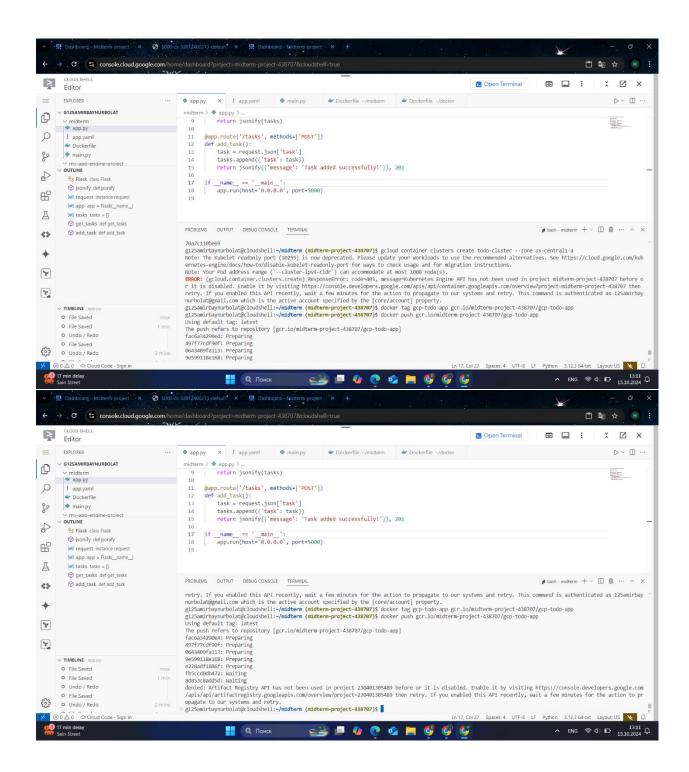
This serverless function can be triggered by an HTTP request and integrates seamlessly with the main Flask application.

Docker was used to containerize the Flask application, which simplifies deployment on various platforms. A **Dockerfile** was created and the image was built and tested locally before pushing it to Google Container Registry:

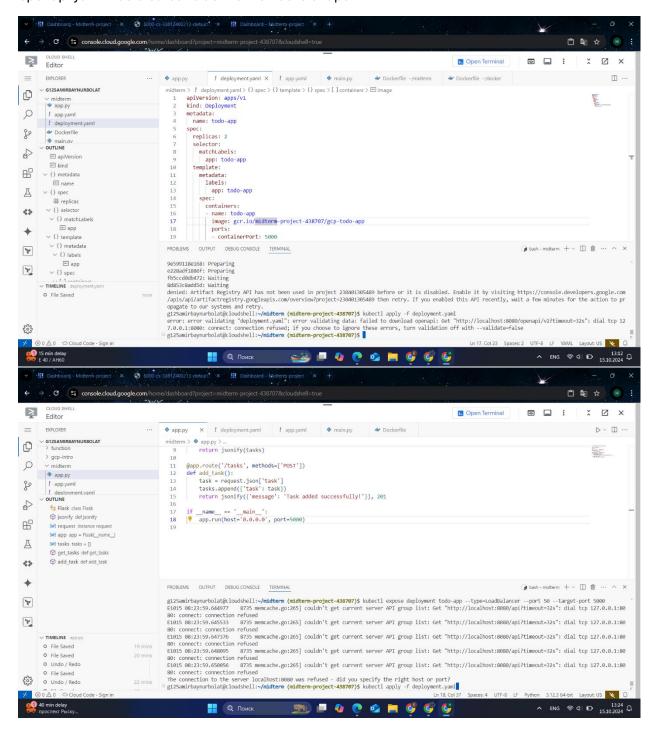






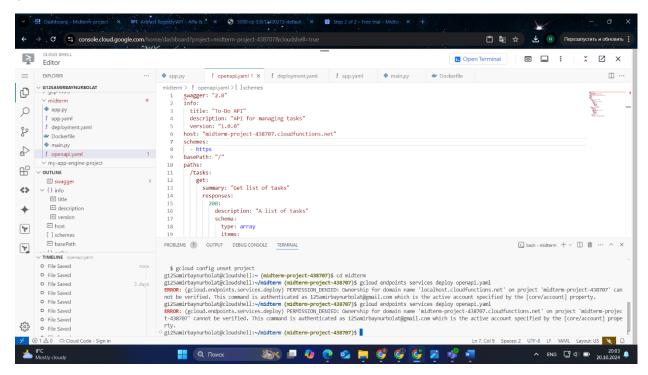


APIs were defined using the OpenAPI specification. The API was secured using Google Cloud Endpoints to ensure only authenticated requests were processed. The API specification file openapi.yaml was created to define the /tasks endpoint.

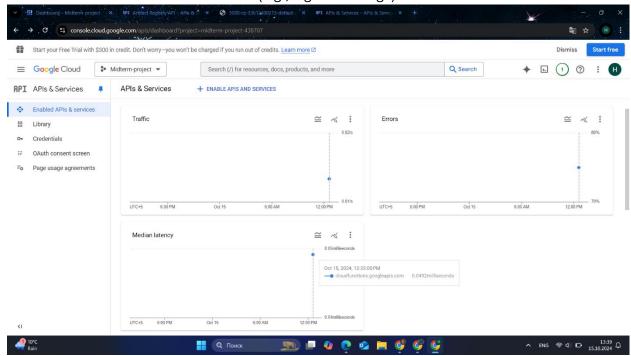


The service was deployed using:

gcloud endpoints services deploy openapi.yaml



Google Cloud Monitoring tools were set up to track the application's performance, including metrics like CPU usage, memory, and response time. Alerts were configured to notify administrators when certain thresholds (e.g., high CPU usage) were exceeded.



This project successfully demonstrated how to build and deploy a scalable web application using Google Cloud Platform. The integration of Google App Engine, Cloud Functions, Kubernetes, and Cloud Endpoints allowed the application to scale effectively while maintaining high performance. GCP's tools for monitoring and security were instrumental in maintaining uptime and reliability.