# DevOps Intern Assignment: Dockerize and Deploy a Web App on AWS EC2

# Overview

This repository contains the complete implementation of a Node.js web application that has been containerized with Docker and deployed on AWS EC2 with automation features.

# **Project Summary**

This project involved deploying a simple Node.js and Express.js web application. The core focus was not on the application's complexity, but on the surrounding DevOps practices to ensure a robust, secure, and automated deployment pipeline.

To guarantee **persistent storage** and prevent data loss upon container restarts, the application's data directory (/app/data) was mapped using Docker's **bind mounts**. This was implemented both in the local development environment—linking to a folder on the host machine—and on the EC2 instance, where it was mapped to /home/ubuntu/thelonelybag\_appdata. This ensures that the application's data resides on the host filesystem and persists independently of the container's lifecycle.

Significant emphasis was placed on **enhancing security**. The default SSH port 22 was changed to a non-standard port (1234) to protect against automated bots and brute-force attacks that commonly target the default port. Furthermore, to address the security risks associated with my ISP's use of Carrier-Grade NAT (CGNAT)—where multiple users share a single public IPv4 address—SSH access to the EC2 instance was restricted to my unique **IPv6 address only**. This measure prevents unauthorized access attempts from other users on the same shared IPv4 network.

While management access was secured via IPv6, the web application itself was made accessible over both **IPv4 and IPv6**. This dual-stack configuration ensures the application is reachable by all users, regardless of their network protocol, providing maximum accessibility and a modern network architecture.

Finally, the entire deployment process was automated. A cloud-init script was developed to provision a new EC2 instance by installing Docker and deploying the application on boot. Additionally, a deploy.sh script was created to automate the setup process on an already running instance, streamlining any future deployments or updates.

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Deployment Script

# Step 1: GitHub Repository Setup

#### Commands Used

```
git init
git add Flow.md
git branch -M main
git commit -m "Initial commit"
git remote add origin https://github.com/Siarhii/theLonelyBag_Assignment.git
git push -u origin main
```

Deliverable: GitHub repository created and initialized

# GitHub Repository Link

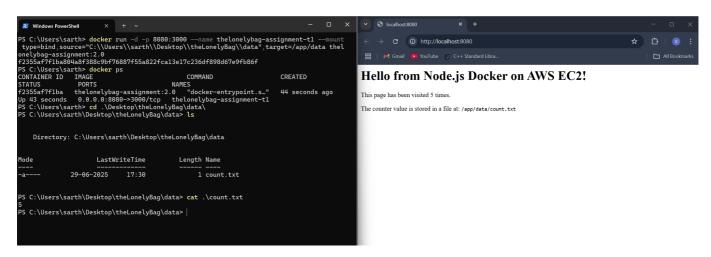
**Deliverable:** The complete source code and documentation are available at the following GitHub repository: https://github.com/Siarhii/theLonelyBag\_Assignment

# Step 2: Node.js Application Development

## **Setup Commands**

```
npm init -y
npm install express
node index.js
```

Created a basic Express.js web application with proper error handling and logging. The application runs on port 3000 and includes a data mountpoint at /app/data.



**Deliverable:** Basic Node.js application created and tested locally

# Step 3: Docker Containerization

# 3.1 Docker Configuration

- Created Dockerfile with multi-stage build optimization
- Created .dockerignore file to exclude unnecessary files

#### 3.2 Building Docker Image

```
docker build -t thelonelybag_assignment:1.0 .
```

```
PS C:\Users\sarth\Desktop\theLonelyBag> docker build -t sarthak69/thelonelybag-assignment:2.0 .
[+] Building 2.4s (10/10) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from dockerfile
=> => transferring dockerfile: 221B
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:20-alpine
=> [internal] load .dockerignore
=> => transferring context: 762B
=> [1/5] FROM docker.io/library/node:20-alpine@sha256:674181320f4f94582c6182eaa151bf92c6744d478be0f1d12db804b7d59b2d11
=> [internal] load build context
=> => transferring context: 4.18kB
=> CACHED [2/5] WORKDIR /app
=> CACHED [3/5] COPY package*.json ./
=> CACHED [4/5] RUN npm install --production
=> [5/5] COPY .
=> exporting to image
=> => exporting layers
=> => writing image sha256:2c8627aaf55117db4699d3b59d5ca74d0f70e3093719b18fce49006e5a04f54a
=> => naming to docker.io/sarthak69/thelonelybag-assignment:2.0
```

# 3.3 Running Container Locally

```
docker run -d -p 8080:3000 --name thelonelybag-assignment-t1 \
    --mount
type=bind,source="C:\Users\sarth\Desktop\theLonelyBag\data",target=/app/data \
    thelonelybag-assignment:2.0
```

```
PS C:\Users\sarth> docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE
            NAMES
f2355af7f1ba thelonelybag-assignment:2.0 "docker-entrypoint.s..." 7 minutes ago
                                                                                                      Up About a minute
                                                                                                                              0.0.0.0:8080->
3000/tcp thelonelybag-assignment-t1
PS C:\Users\sarth> docker exec -it f /bin/sh
/app # ls
                                             package-lock.json
/app # cd ..
  # ls
/ # ps aux
PID USER
                 TIME COMMAND
    1 root
                  0:00 npm start
                   0:00 node index.js
0:00 /bin/sh
0:00 ps aux
   17 root
   24 root
   32 root
```

**Deliverable:** Application successfully containerized and running locally

## **Data Persistence Configuration**

• **Bind Mount Implementation**: Configured persistent storage using bind mounts for the /app/data directory

- Local Environment: Data persists to C:\Users\sarth\Desktop\theLonelyBag\data on Windows host
- Benefits: Application data survives container restarts and updates
- Mount Type: Used bind mounts over volumes for direct host filesystem access

# Step 4: AWS EC2 Deployment

4.1 SSH Key Configuration (Windows)

```
# Set proper permissions for SSH key
icacls .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem /inheritance:r
icacls .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem /grant:r "$($env:USERNAME):(R)"
```

# Create key pair



#### Key pair name

Key pairs allow you to connect to your instance securely.

thelonelybag\_assignment\_sshkeypair

The name can include up to 255 ASCII characters. It can't include leading or trailing spaces.

# Key pair type



RSA

RSA encrypted private and public key pair



ED25519 encrypted private and public key pair

## Private key file format



o .pem

For use with OpenSSH



For use with PuTTY



Mhen prompted, store the private key in a secure and accessible location on your computer. You will need it later to connect to your instance. Learn more 🛂

Cancel

Create key pair

```
\sarth\Downloads> icacls .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem /inheritance:r
processed file: .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem
Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files
PS C:\Users\sarth\Downloads> icacls .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem /grant:r "$($env:USERNAME):(R)"
processed file: .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem
Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files
PS C:\Users\sarth\Downloads>|
```

#### 4.2 Initial SSH Connection

ssh -i .\thelonelybag assignment sshkeypair.pem ubuntu@54.210.213.67

```
PS C:\Users\sarth\Downloads> ssh -i .\thelonelybag_assignment_sshkeypair.pem ubuntu@54.210.213.67
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.8.0-1029-aws x86_64)
* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/pro
 System information as of Sun Jun 29 12:59:08 UTC 2025
  System load:
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                          25.4% of 6.71GB
  Usage of /:
  Memory usage:
                          20%
  Swap usage:
                          0%
  Processes:
                          106
 Users logged in:
                          0
  IPv4 address for enX0: 10.0.8.59
  IPv6 address for enX0: 2600:1f18:2f7a:5100:b86a:5f4e:36eb:30a7
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.
0 updates can be applied immediately.
Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status
The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
ubuntu@ip-10-0-8-59:~$
```

#### 4.3 Basic Security Hardening

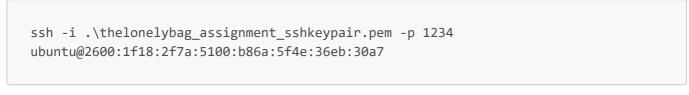
```
# Update system packages
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

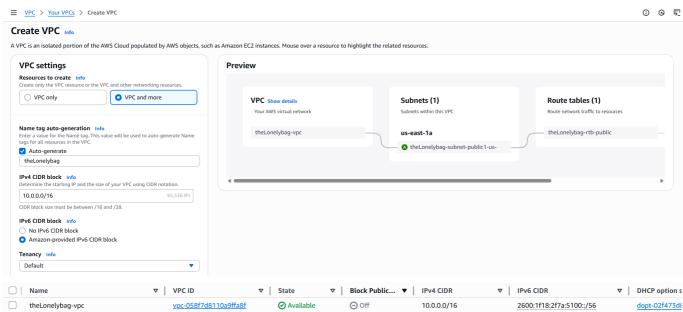
# Change SSH port for security
sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
sudo systemctl restart ssh
```

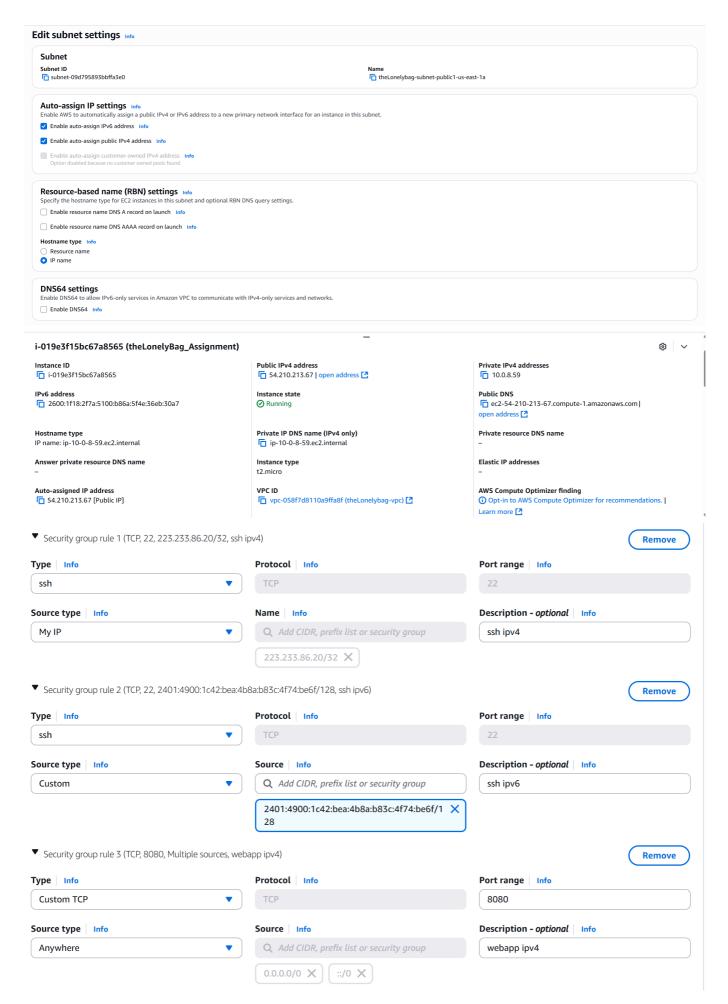
```
#
# systemctl daemon-reload
# systemctl restart ssh.socket
#
Port 1234
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::
```

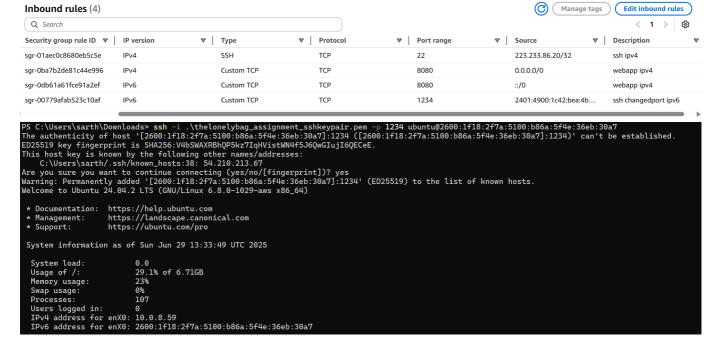
# 4.4 IPv6 SSH Configuration

Configured SSH to use IPv6 for enhanced security due to ISP CGNAT limitations:









**Deliverable:** EC2 instance launched and configured with security hardening

# Security Configurations & Network Setup

# Port Configuration Changes

- SSH Port Change: Modified default SSH port from 22 to 1234 to deter automated botnet attacks
- Rationale: Default ports are commonly targeted by automated scanners and bots

#### IPv4 vs IPv6 Access Strategy

- **IPv4 Limitation**: ISP provides shared IPv4 (CGNAT) which means multiple users share the same public IPv4 address
- Security Risk: Allowing IPv4 SSH access would potentially allow other users on the same shared IP to attempt connections
- Solution Implemented: Disabled IPv4 SSH access and configured SSH exclusively over IPv6
- IPv6 Benefits: Each device gets a unique global IPv6 address, providing better security isolation

#### **Application Accessibility**

- Dual Stack Support: Web application remains accessible via both IPv4 and IPv6
  - IPv4: http://54.210.213.67:8080 (for general web access)
  - IPv6: http://[2600:1f18:2f7a:5100:b86a:5f4e:36eb:30a7]:8080
- Management Access: SSH restricted to IPv6 only for security
- Public Access: HTTP service available on both protocols for maximum compatibility

#### **Documentation Evidence**

- Screenshots available showing:
  - EC2 dashboard with running instances
    - SSH connections over IPv6

- Application running on both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses
- Security group configurations
- Docker container status on both local and EC2 environments

# Step 5: Docker Installation on EC2

# **Installation Steps**

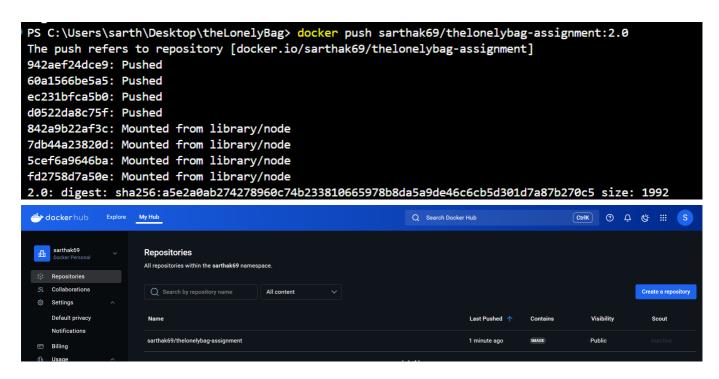
```
# Update package lists
sudo apt update
# Install prerequisites
sudo apt install -y apt-transport-https ca-certificates curl software-properties-
common
# Add Docker GPG key
curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor -o
/etc/apt/keyrings/docker.gpg
# Add Docker repository
echo "deb [arch=$(dpkg --print-architecture) signed-
by=/etc/apt/keyrings/docker.gpg] https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu
$(lsb_release -cs) stable" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list >
/dev/null
# Update package lists with Docker repo
sudo apt update
# Install Docker
sudo apt install -y docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io docker-buildx-plugin
docker-compose-plugin
# Add user to docker group
sudo usermod -aG docker ubuntu
newgrp docker
# Verify installation
docker run hello-world
```

**Deliverable:** Docker successfully installed and verified on EC2

# Step 6: Application Deployment on EC2

# 6.1 Pull Docker Image

```
docker pull sarthak69/thelonelybag-assignment:2.0
```

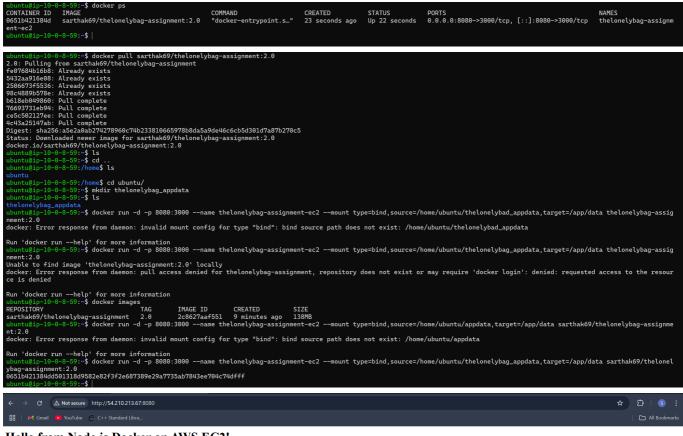


#### 6.2 Run Application Container

```
docker run -d -p 8080:3000 --name thelonelybag-assignment-ec2 \
   --mount type=bind,source=/home/ubuntu/thelonelybag_appdata,target=/app/data \
   sarthak69/thelonelybag-assignment:2.0
```

# Persistent Storage on EC2

- **Bind Mount Configuration**: Data directory mounted to /home/ubuntu/thelonelybag\_appdata on EC2 host
- Data Persistence: Application data survives container recreation and system reboots
- Storage Benefits: Direct filesystem access allows for easy backup and data management



#### Hello from Node.js Docker on AWS EC2!

This page has been visited 2 times.

The counter value is stored in a file at: /app/data/count.txt



#### Hello from Node.js Docker on AWS EC2!

This page has been visited 1 times

The counter value is stored in a file at: /app/data/count.txt

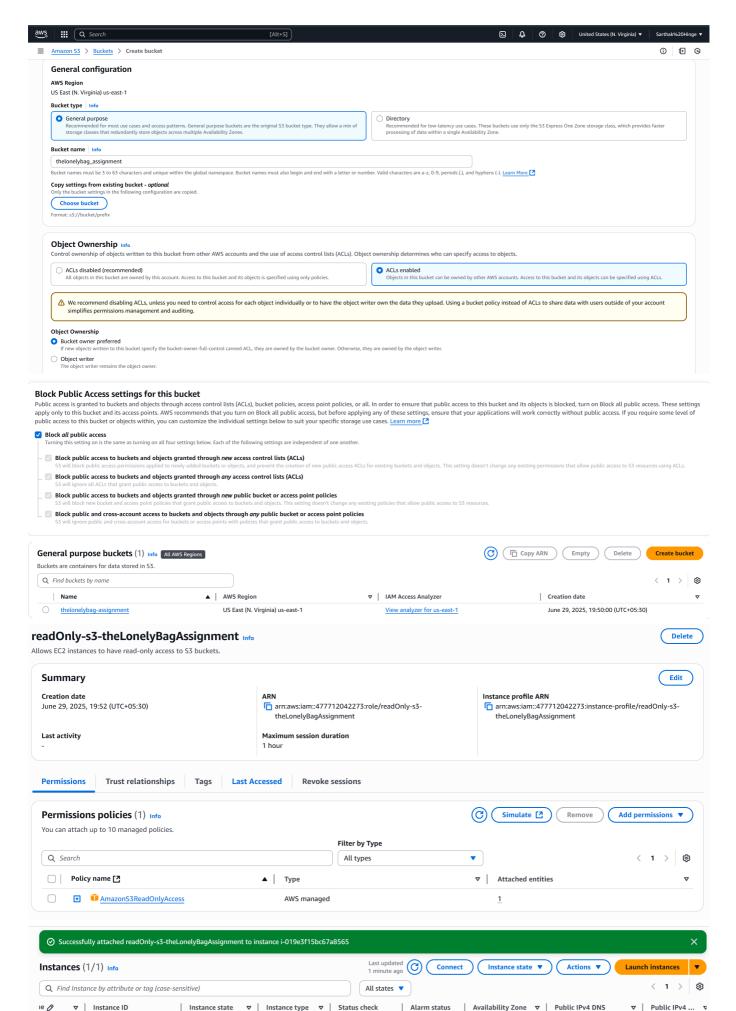
Deliverable: Application successfully running on EC2 via public IP with persistent storage

# **Bonus Tasks**

IAM Role and S3 Access

#### **Setup Steps:**

- 1. Created S3 bucket via AWS Console
- 2. Created IAM role with S3 access permissions
- 3. Attached IAM role to EC2 instance



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## **AWS CLI Installation on EC2:**

```
# Install prerequisites
sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y unzip

# Download and install AWS CLI v2
curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip" -o "awscliv2.zip"
unzip awscliv2.zip
sudo ./aws/install

# Verify installation
aws --version

# Test S3 access
aws s3 ls
```

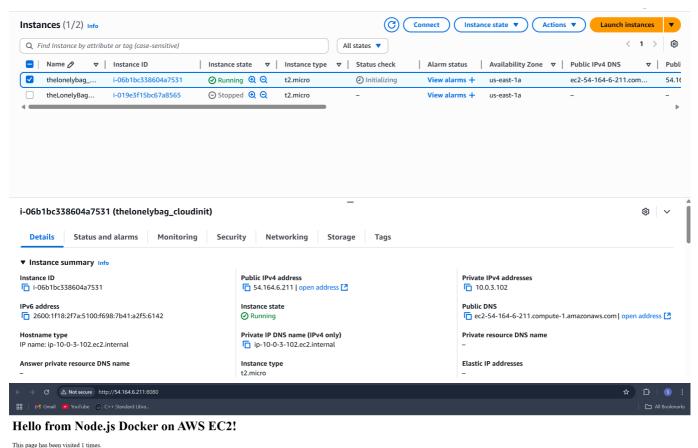
**Deliverable:** EC2 instance can access S3 using IAM role

**Cloud-Init Automation** 

Created cloud-init.sh script to automate:

- Docker installation
- Application deployment
- System configuration

Launched new EC2 instance using cloud-init script in User Data section.



The counter value is stored in a file at: /app/data/count.txt

**Deliverable:** EC2 instance auto-configured using cloud-init

# **Deployment Script**

Created deploy.sh automation script for:

- · Repository cloning
- Application setup
- Container deployment

#### **Usage:**

```
# Clone repository
git clone https://github.com/Siarhii/theLonelyBag_Assignment.git

# Make script executable and run
chmod +x deploy.sh
./deploy.sh
```

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Deliverable: Automated deployment script created and tested

# **Project Structure**

```
theLonelyBag_Assignment/

index.js  # Main application file

package.json  # Node.js dependencies

Dockerfile  # Container configuration

dockerignore  # Docker ignore rules

cloud-init.sh  # EC2 automation script

deploy.sh  # Deployment automation

README.md  # This documentation
```

# Screenshots and Documentation

- EC2 Dashboard showing running instances
- SSH terminal sessions
- Application running via public EC2 IP address
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- S3 access verification from EC2

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