KangAwesome Food Blog

Indulge in endless culinary inspiration!

Introduction

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1. What is it?
   A Food Blog application, where users can view **recipes**, discover **cuisines** from other cultures, and also showcase their own **culinary** skills.

2. How is it different?
   Built for everyone - Aspiring and seasoned chefs, recipe enthusiasts, and all foodies
   User Friendly - Responsive design, intuitive navigation, and cross-platform!

Classic Spaghetti Recipe

An Irresistible Italian favorite!

williammiller | July 17, 2024

Tiramisu is a decadent Italian dessert made with layers of espresso-soaked ladyfingers, mascarpone cheese filling, and dusted with cocoa powder. Originating from the Veneto region of Italy, Tiramisu h...

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Features

CRUD all the way

- Create Account (SignUp)
- JWT Authentication (Login/Logout)
- Create/Read/Update/Delete (CRUD) a Blog Post
- View all Blog Posts in a Feed

Components and Tech Stack

Frontend

ReactJS and Bootstrap

Backend

Django REST Framework and Sqlite3

Cloud and Deployment

Docker, Nginx, Gunicorn. AWS EC2 and S3.
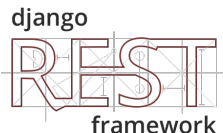
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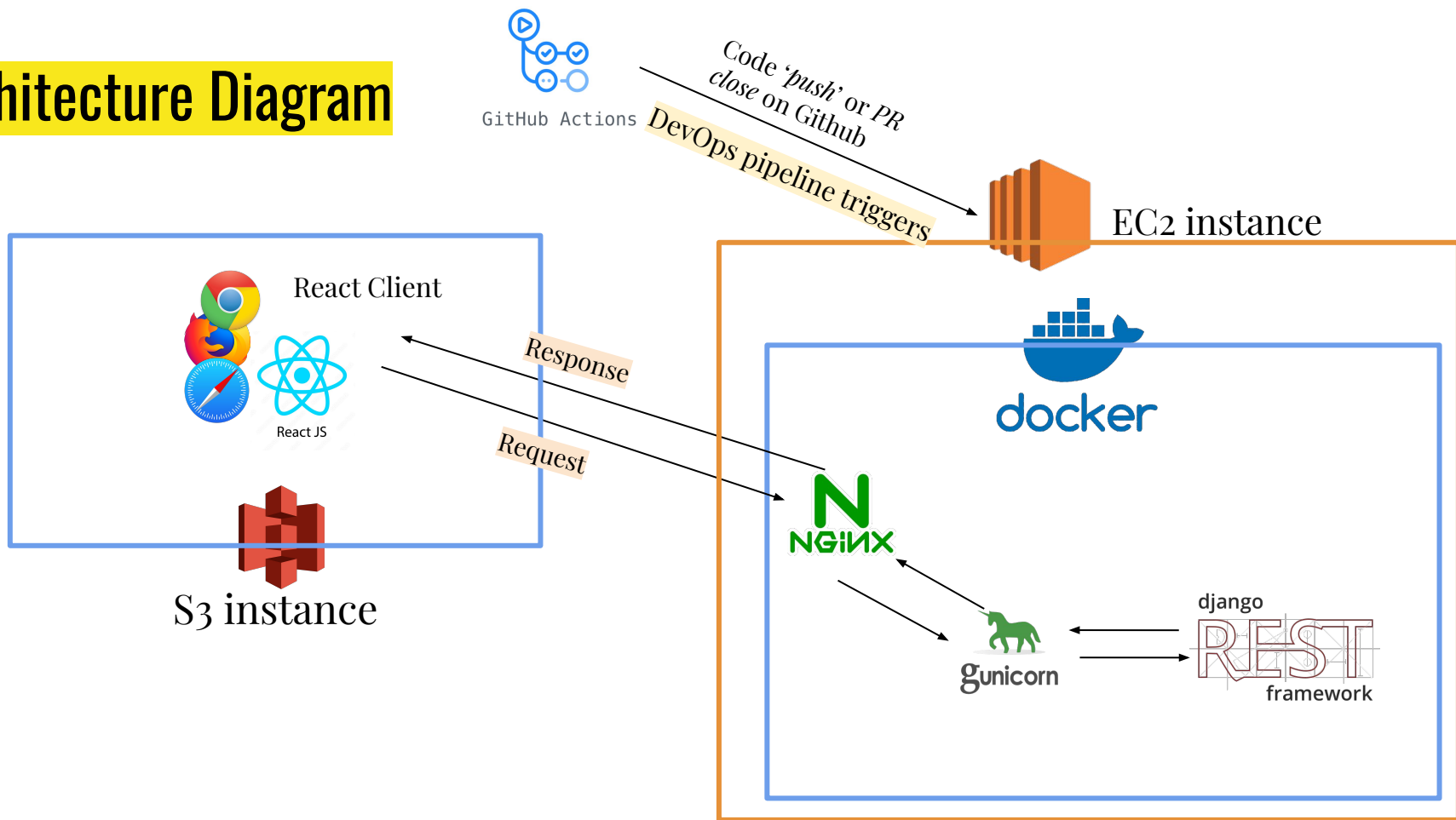
Github Actions and
Github Packages Registry

Architecture

Architecture Diagram

Heavy Technical details further...

Backend

1. **Creating the Models**

   Post Model Fields:

   - post_id (AutoField, PK)
   - title (Unique, String)
   - subtitle
   - author (ForeignKey: User)
   - content
   - tags (ManyToManyField)
   - publish_date

   Tag Model Fields

   - name (Unique, CharField)

   User (Inbuilt django.contrib.auth)

   - Usual ones: username, password, first_name, last_name, email

Backend

2.   Writing Serializers

Serialization is converting complex objects or data into a format like JSON or XML that can be

- Transmitted easily
- Interpreted easily by browsers

Deserialization is the opposite

I wrote the following serializers

01.   UserSerializer
02.   PostSerializer
03.   TagSerializer

Highlight – In PostSerializer, I overrode the create() method to create new tags explicitly if they didn't exist, and then add them to the tags[] field of Post model

Backend

3. Creating API Endpoints (urls.py)

- These are inside the 'blog' application, redirected from the project urls file

- API specification was written using **OpenAPI** Specification 3.0 (OAS)

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('signup/', SignUpApiView.as_view()),
    path('login/', LoginApiView.as_view()),
    path('logout/', LogoutApiView.as_view()),
    path('post/create/', CreatePostApiView.as_view()),
    path('feed/', PostFeedApiView.as_view()),
    path('post/<int:post_id>/', PostDetailApiView.as_view()),
    path('viewusers/', ViewUsersView.as_view())
]
```

Backend

4. Writing Backend Logic (views.py)

- Created corresponding views for all URLs in the API

- *CreatePost* and *PostDetail* ApiViews together perform all the CRUD operations on Post model


```
class SignUpApiView(APIView)
class LoginApiView(APIView)
class LogoutApiView(APIView)
class ViewUsersView(APIView)
class CreatePostApiView(APIView)
class PostFeedApiView(APIView)
class PostDetailApiView(APIView)
```

Frontend
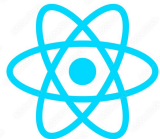
React JS

- Created Components for
    - Login/Signup/Logout
    - Post Feed
    - CreatePost
    - PostDetail
    - Navbar/Footer

- Used Bootstrap *'Cards'* with *Flexbox* view for the Feed
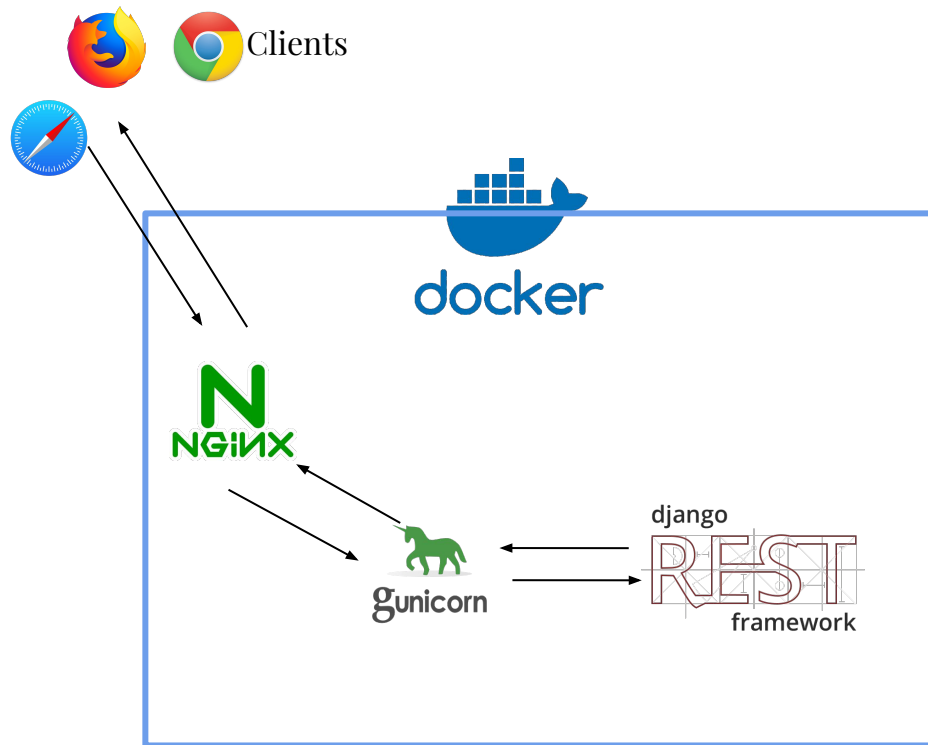
- Used *axios* library for REST API calls

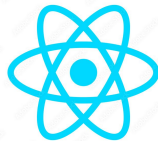# Cloud *Deployment* and *DevOps* automation

Setting up WSGI Web server and Reverse Proxy Server

Docker Containers

- Setup 2 docker containers
  1. Nginx
  2. REST API with Gunicorn implementing the WSGI

- Used docker-compose to orchestrate both the containers

Deploying React App on AWS S3

Build Step

Built the react app using command

```
npm run build
```

The contents of the *build* folder are production ready

S3 Steps

- Create S3 bucket

- Select configuration (AWS Region, Name, etc)

- Enable static website hosting

- Enter entrypoint (*index.html*)

- Set public access permissions

- Set bucket policy (*GetObject* action needed)

- Upload contents of build folder

- Voila! (Access using given URL)

Deploying Backend on AWS EC2

Docker Compose Step

- Make 3 docker-compose files for dev, ci, and production
- Create nginx.conf file, direct HTTP requests to port 8000
- Build both the *nginx* and *django-api* docker containers

EC2 Steps

- Launch EC2 instance
- Select configuration (I selected *Ubuntu*)
- Set up key-pair
- Copying PUBLIC_IP after instance spawn
- SSH using .pem key to instance
- Perform general apt update
- Deploy app using GitHub Actions DevOps automation (Next Slide)

DevOps pipeline using Github Actions and GPR

GitHub Actions

GitHub Container Registry
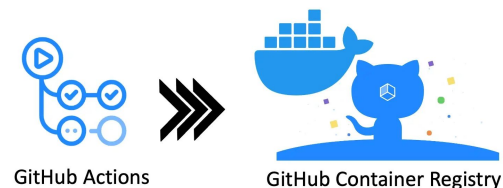
Github Actions Steps

- Created **main.yaml** file in .workflows directory
- Build the 2 Docker Images using the ci docker compose file
- Push the images to *Github Packages Registry (GPR)*
- Check if secret variables are available
- Deploy to AWS EC2 (Steps ahead »)

Deploy to EC2 Step

- scp the production docker compose yaml file
- Turn off all docker instances running
- Pull the images from *GPR*
- Build the images in production .env
- Check if nginx server works using simple *curl* command (Or on your browser using PUBLIC_IP)
- Access the application!

Future Scope of the Application

Future Scope

- User could upload images in the middle of a blog post.

- AI-based recipe recommendation on feed (user behavior recognition)

- AWS CloudFront for CDN (mentioned in bonus points)

Github Link

https://github.com/Sumedh-Patkar/roulettech-challenge-july2024

Live Demo Link

http://sumedh-roulettech-challenge.s3-website.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/

Thank you for reading!