Capstone Project

Cloud DevOps Nanodegree

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Udacity Capstone Cloud DevOps Nanodegree Project

Introduction

In this project we have been asked to apply the skills and knowledge which were developed throughout the Cloud DevOps Nanodegree program. These include:

- Working in AWS
- Using Jenkins to implement Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment
- Building pipelines
- Working with Ansible and CloudFormation to deploy clusters
- Building Kubernetes clusters
- Building Docker containers in pipelines

As a capstone project, the directions are rather more open-ended than they were in the previous projects in the program. We were allowed to make some of our own choices in this capstone, for the type of deployment we implement, which services we will use, and the nature of the application we develop. We were asked to develop a CI/CD pipeline for micro services applications with either blue/green deployment or rolling deployment. We were also asked to develop our Continuous Integration steps as we deemed fit but must at least include a typographical checking (aka "linting").

Once we complet our Continuous Integration we need to set up Continuous Deployment, which will include:

- Pushing the built Docker container(s) to the Docker repository (we can use AWS ECR, create our own custom Registry within your cluster, or another 3rd party Docker repository); and
- Deploying these Docker container(s) to a small Kubernetes cluster. For our Kubernetes cluster we
 can either use AWS Kubernetes as a Service, or build our own Kubernetes cluster. To deploy our
 Kubernetes cluster, we could use either Ansible or Cloudformation. Preferably, run these from
 within Jenkins as an independent pipeline.

My GitHub Repo

https://github.com/bala-nair/Udacity-Cloud-DevOps-Nanodegree-Project

Step 1: Propose and Scope the Project

Plan what your pipeline will look like.

My pipeline would look like this



• Decide which options you will include in your Continuous Integration phase.

I decided to have checking the github repo and linting of the docker images

Pick either Jenkins or Jenkins X to use.

I decided to use Jenkins on a EC2 instance on AWS https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-install-jenkins-on-ubuntu-18-04/

Pick a deployment type - either rolling deployment or blue/green deployment.

I picked a blue/green deployment type https://medium.com/@andresaaap/simple-blue-green-deployment-in-kubernetes-using-minikube-b88907b2e267

 For the Docker application you can either use an application which you come up with, or use an open-source application pulled from the Internet, or if you have no idea, you can use an Nginx "Hello World, my name is (student name)" application

I picked a simple application Hello World ("Hello Planet, my name is Bala Nair") https://medium.com/@andresaaap/simple-blue-green-deployment-in-kubernetes-using-minikube-b88907b2e267

Step 2: Use Jenkins or Jenkins X, and implement blue/green or rolling deployment.

• Create your Jenkins master box with either Jenkins or Jenkins X and install the plugins you will need.

Installed Jenkins on EC2 instance https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-install-jenkins-on-ubuntu-18-04/

Installed AWS, Blue-Ocean and other required plugins

• Set up your environment to which you will deploy code.

Setup authentication with

- 1. Dockerhub (https://medium.com/@gustavo.guss/jenkins-building-docker-image-and-sending-to-registry-64b84ea45ee9)
- 2. AWS(https://medium.com/faun/ci-cd-pipeline-with-jenkins-and-aws-s3-c08a3656d381)

Step 3: Pick AWS Kubernetes as a Service, or build your own Kubernetes cluster.

• Use Ansible or CloudFormation to build your "infrastructure"; i.e., the Kubernetes Cluster.

Used CloudFormation template to create the EKS cluster. All files related to same can be found here. I found it easy to create EKS using simple shell script also included on the same location

https://github.com/bala-nair/Udacity-Cloud-DevOps-Nanodegree-Project/tree/master/aws

• It should create the EC2 instances (if you are building your own), set the correct networking settings, and deploy software to these instances.

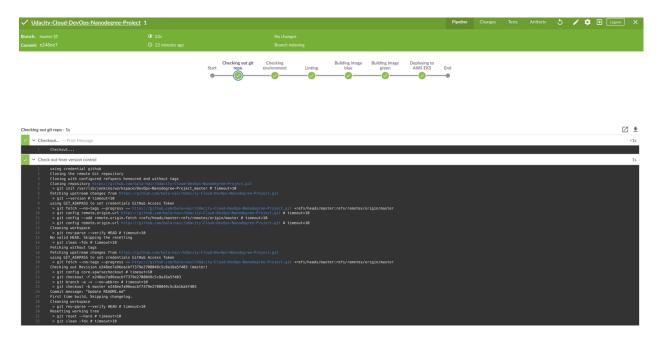
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• As a final step, the Kubernetes cluster will need to be initialized. The Kubernetes cluster initialization can either be done by hand, or with Ansible/Cloudformation at the student's discretion.

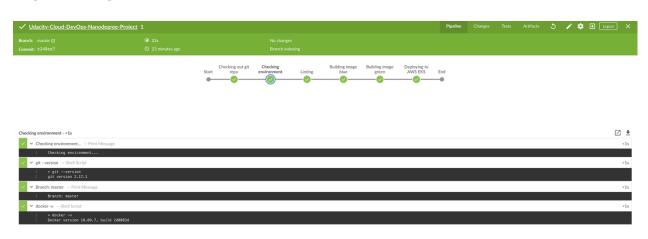
The EKS cluster was manually created by me.

Step 4: Build your pipeline

Stage: Check out Github Repo



Stage: Checking Environment



Stage: Linting



Stage: Build Blue Image

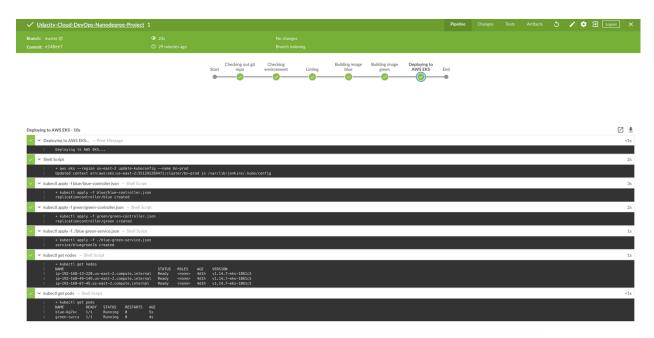


Stage: Build Green Image





Stage: Deploying to AWS EKS



Step 5: Test your pipeline

• Perform builds on your pipeline.

Works fine



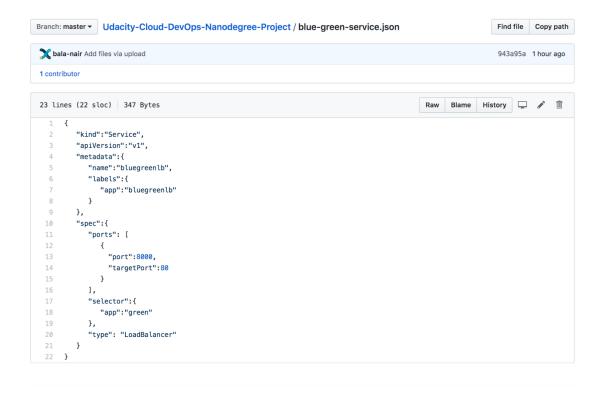
• Verify that your pipeline works as you designed it.

Works fine

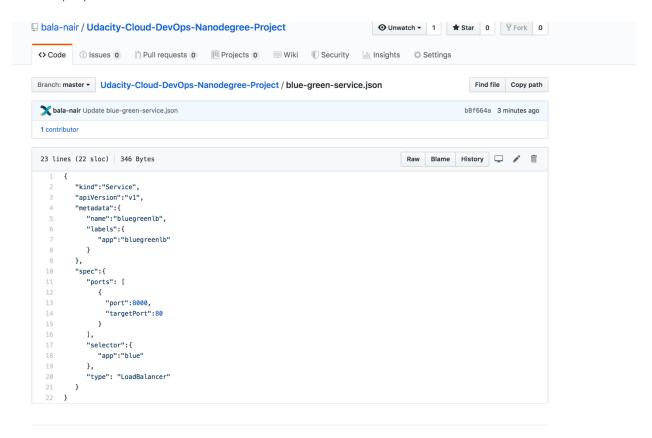


 Take a screenshot of the Jenkins pipeline showing deployment and a screenshot of your AWS EC2 page showing the newly created (for blue/green) or modified (for rolling) instances. Make sure you name your instances differently between blue and green deployments.

Green Deployment



Blue-Deployment



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Hello Planet, my name is Bala Nair
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## PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

## BEADY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
blue-Gg/Rc 1/1 Running 8 38m
green-cyrcs 1/1 Running 9 38m
### STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

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