Project Report: Deployment of a Java Web Application Using Jenkins, Docker, and Kubernetes

Overview:

This project involved automating the deployment of a Java-based web application using a complete DevOps pipeline. The goal was to containerize the application, build it through Jenkins, and deploy it seamlessly to a Kubernetes cluster managed via Minikube. This setup reflects a real-world CI/CD workflow that integrates development, testing, and production deployment in a continuous and efficient manner.

Technology Used:

During the project, the following tools and technologies were used:

Programming Language: Java (Servlet/JSP-based application)

• Build Tool: Maven

• Web Server: Apache Tomcat

• Containerization: Docker

• Orchestration: Kubernetes (Minikube)

CI/CD Automation: Jenkins

• Operating System: Ubuntu (EC2 instance)

• Others: YAML for Kubernetes manifests, Git for version control

Implementation Overview:

Here's a breakdown of the step-by-step process followed:

Step 1: Develop and Package the Web Application

- A Java-based application was created and built using Maven.
- The final .war file was generated in the target/ directory.

Step 2: Dockerize the Application

- A Dockerfile was written using the official Tomcat base image.
- The .war file was copied into the Tomcat webapps/ directory.

Dockerfile

FROM tomcat:latest

RUN cp -R /usr/local/tomcat/webapps.dist/* /usr/local/tomcat/webapps

COPY webapp/webapp/target/webapp.war /usr/local/tomcat/webapps/

• The image was built and tagged as amand0125/hello-world.

Step 3: Set Up Jenkins Pipeline

- Jenkins was configured on an EC2 Ubuntu instance.
- A pipeline was created to:
 - o Pull code from GitHub
 - Build the Docker image
 - o Push it to Docker Hub
 - Deploy it to Kubernetes using kubectl apply
- The Jenkins pipeline ran successfully, indicating all steps completed without errors.

Step 4: Create Kubernetes Manifests

- A deploy.yml file was used to define the Deployment for the application.
- A regapp-service.yml file exposed the app using a NodePort service:

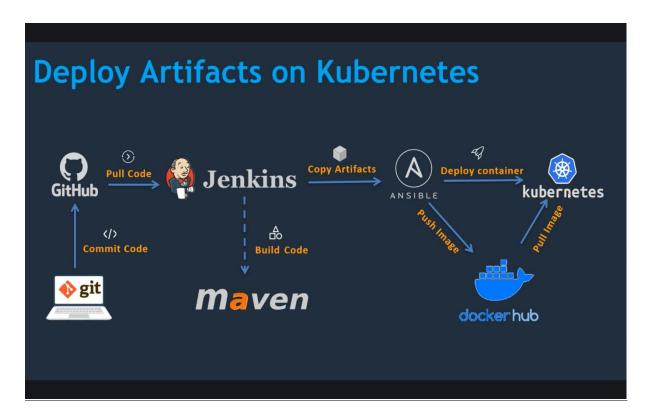
```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
name: regapp-service
spec:
type: NodePort
selector:
app: valaxy-regapp
ports:
- protocol: TCP
port: 8080
targetPort: 8080
```

nodePort: 30080

Step 5: Deploy and Debug via Minikube

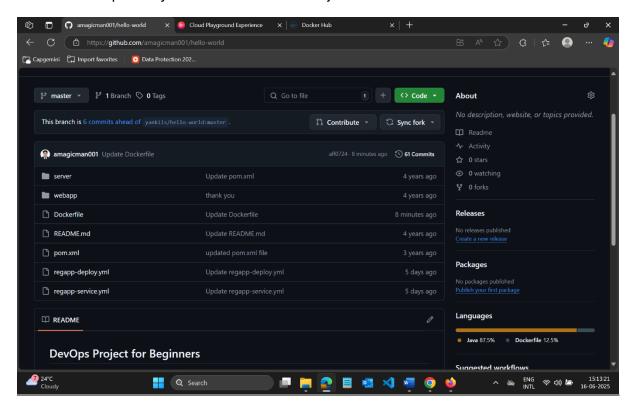
- The image was deployed to Minikube using kubectl.
- Issues were faced accessing the app via minikube service, which were debugged using:
 - o kubectl get all
 - Checking logs
 - Entering the container to validate the deployed WAR
- Eventually, the app was successfully accessible at http://kubernetes-public-lp:30080.

Stepwise Screenshots Demonstration of the Whole Project

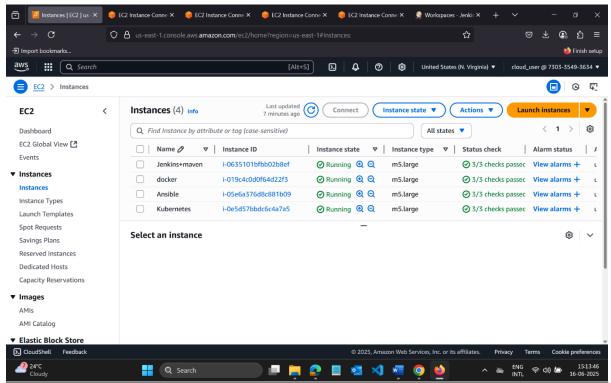


Infrastructure of the whole Project

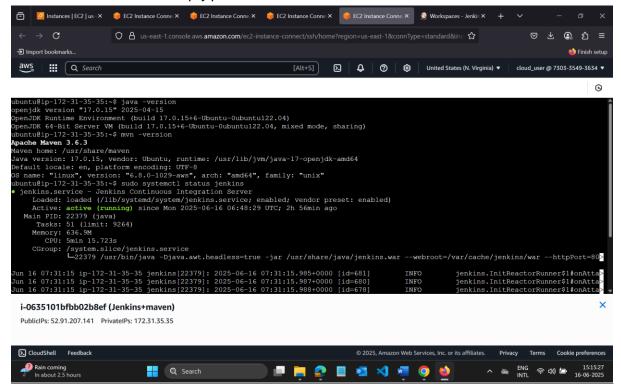
The GitHub repository which contains the Project.



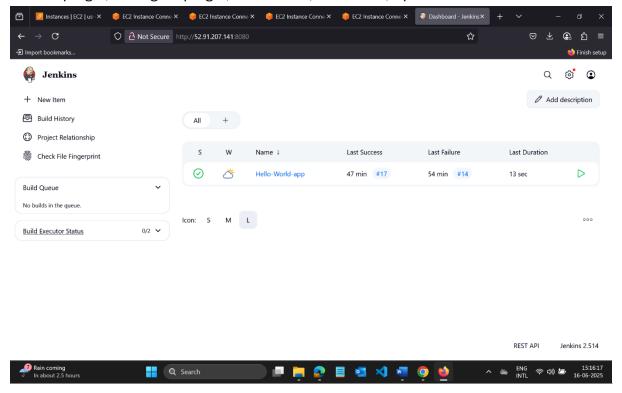
Instances created on Aws for Jenkins+maven, docker, Ansible



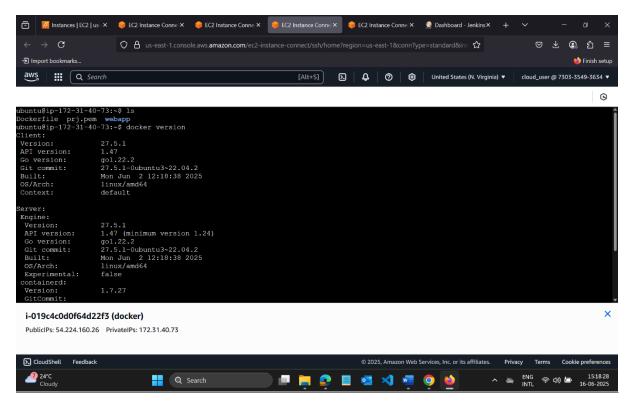
On Jenkins and maven instance install javaopenjdk-17, Maven, Jenkins and Docker. Set the inbound rule to custom TCP 8080 along with that store .pem file which was earlier created in /home/ubuntu/prj.pem



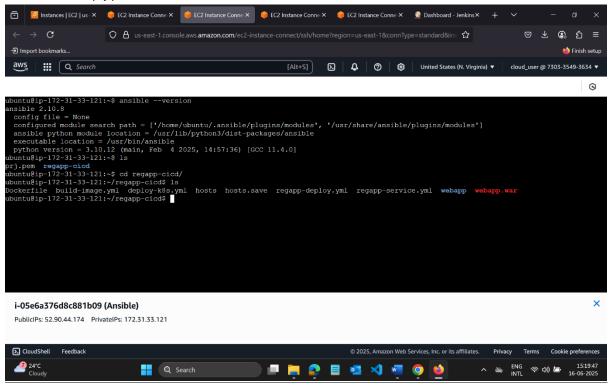
Get the Jenkins dashboard at port 8080 using Jenkins Configure Jenkins by Installing GitHub plugin, ssh Agent plugin, Docker API, Commons, Pipeline.



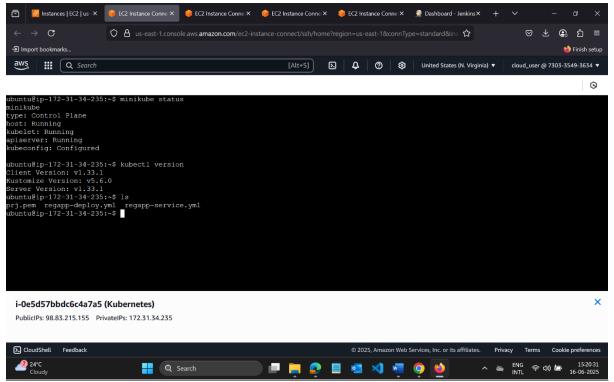
On the docker instance install docker and login to you remote docker hub along with that store the .pem file which was earlier created in /home/ubuntu/prj.pem



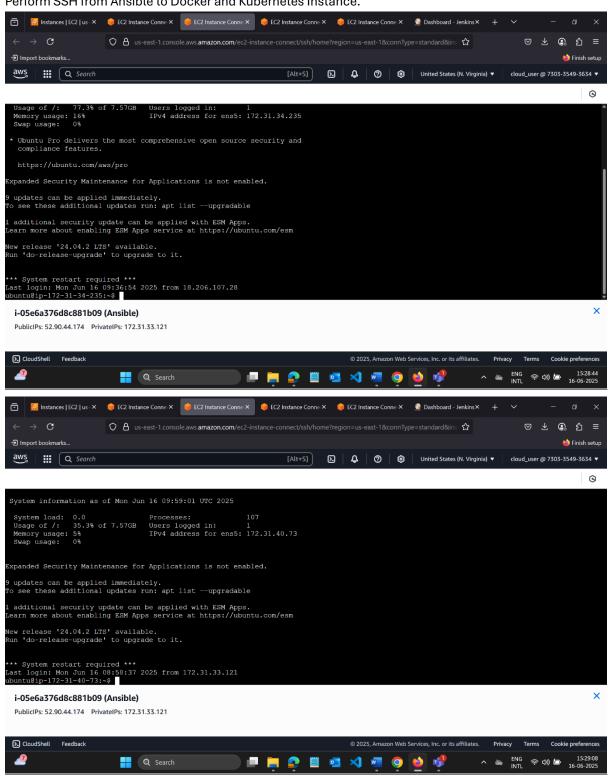
Install Ansible at your ansible instance along with that store .pem file which was earlier created in /home/ubuntu/prj.pem



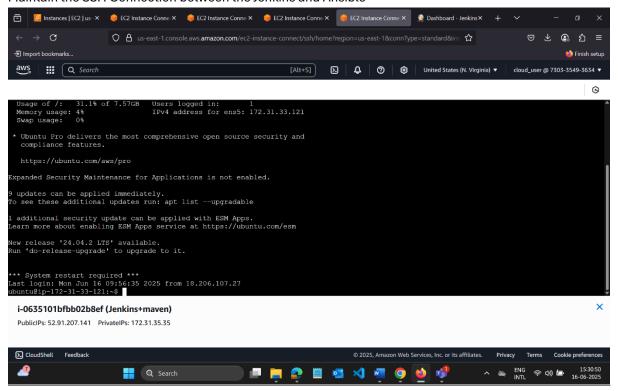
Install Minikube & Kubectl at the Kubernetes instance with storing the .pem file at /home/ubuntu/prj.pem



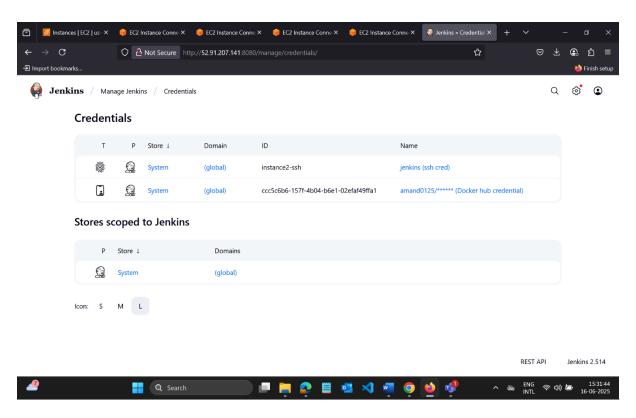
Perform SSH from Ansible to Docker and Kubernetes Instance.



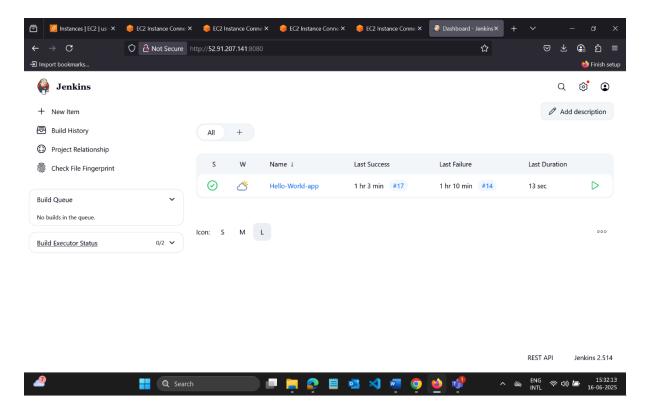
Maintain the SSH Connection between the Jenkins and Ansible



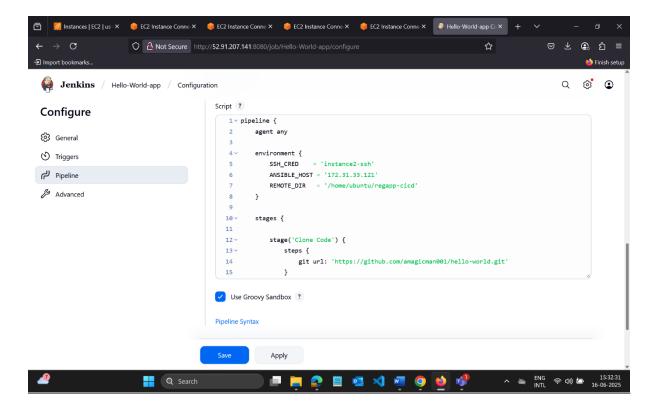
Create credentials for ssh and docker in order to be used in the pipeline as environment variables.



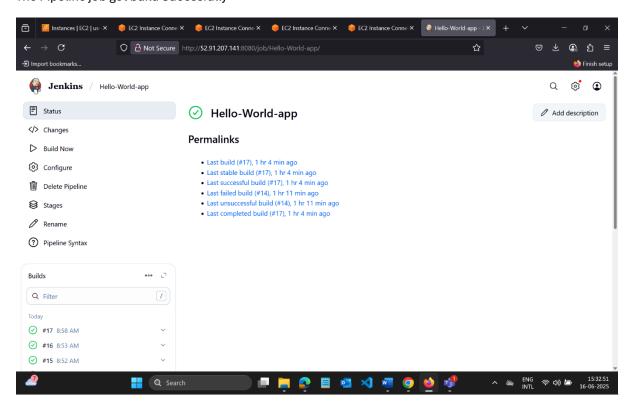
In the Jenkins Create a Declarative Pipeline Job named Hello-World-app which will orchestrate the whole project deployment



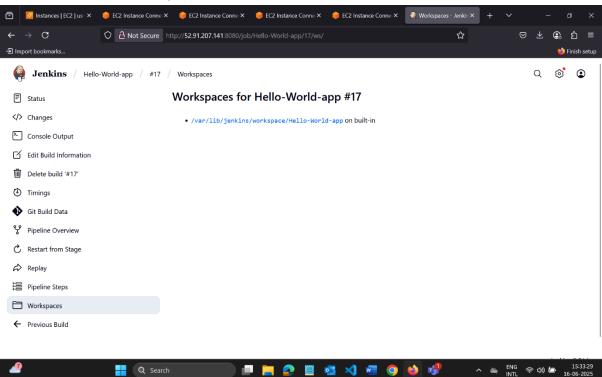
This the Pipeline for the job. *Check end of ss for detailed pipeline



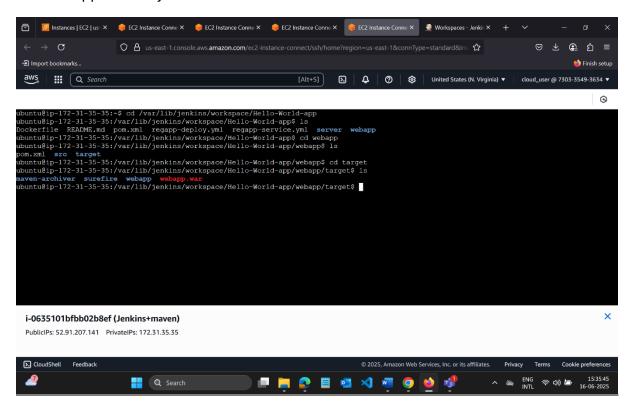
The Pipeline job got build Sucessfully



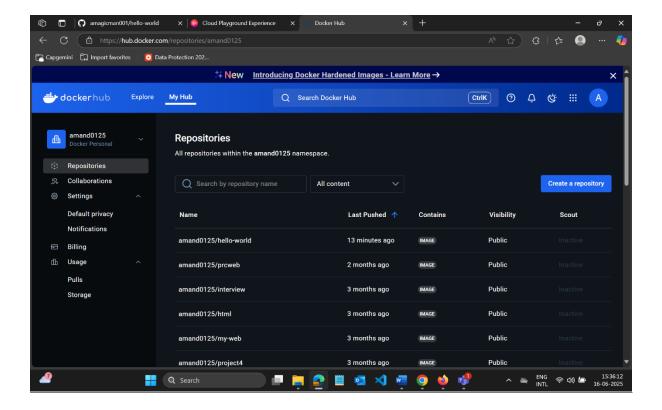
This is the Jenkins workspace where the .war build file is stored



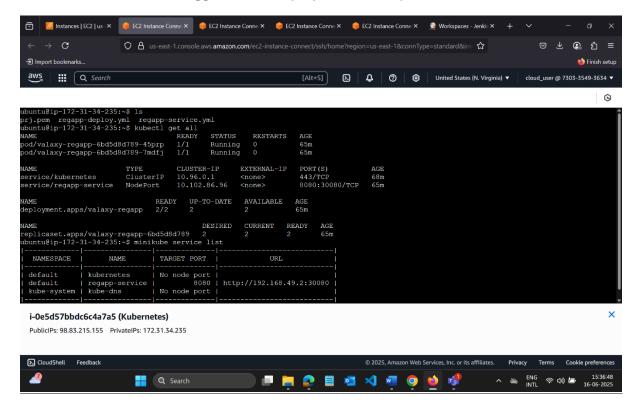
The webapp directory at Jenkins home contains the .war file.



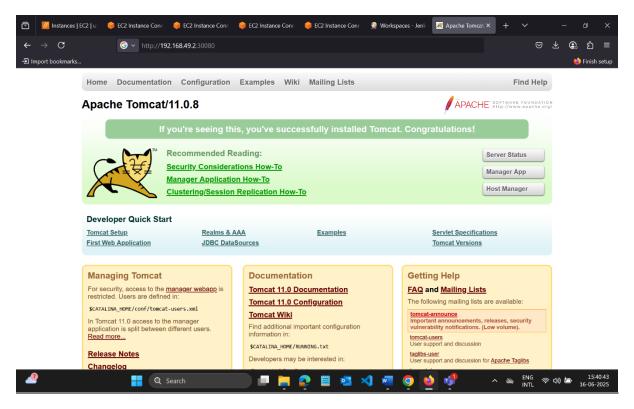
After the successful Build of the pipeline job the docker is getting triggered via ansible which create the docker image containerizes the application and pushes it to docker hub



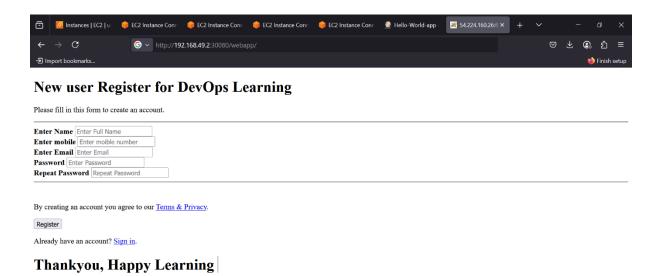
After the successful build of pipeline the ansible first triggers the docker instance and docker containerizes and pushes the application to docker hub later on the the Kubernetes instance is triggered and deployment takes place.



Deployment of Tomcat Apache Server:



Accessing the deployed application at /webapp





Listing all the Ansible playbook files along with the Declarative Pipeline of the jenkins job used for project deployment

Pipeline:

```
pipeline {
 agent any
 environment {
   SSH_CRED = 'instance2-ssh'
   ANSIBLE_HOST = '172.31.33.121'
   REMOTE_DIR = '/home/ubuntu/regapp-cicd'
 }
 stages {
   stage('Clone Code') {
     steps {
       git url: 'https://github.com/amagicman001/hello-world.git'
     }
   }
   stage('Build WAR with Maven') {
     steps {
       sh 'mvn clean install'
     }
   }
   stage('Copy WAR and Dockerfile to Ansible') {
     steps {
       sshagent(credentials: [env.SSH_CRED]) {
         sh '''
           scp -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no \
```

```
webapp/target/webapp.war \
         Dockerfile \
         ubuntu@${ANSIBLE_HOST}:${REMOTE_DIR}/
     111
   }
 }
}
stage('Trigger Docker Build and Push via Ansible') {
  steps {
   sshagent(credentials: [env.SSH_CRED]) {
     sh """
       ssh.ubuntu@\${ANSIBLE\_HOST} \, \backslash \\
       'ansible-playbook ${REMOTE_DIR}/build-image.yml -i ${REMOTE_DIR}/hosts'
     .....
   }
 }
}
stage('Trigger Kubernetes Deployment via Ansible') {
  steps {
   sshagent(credentials: [env.SSH_CRED]) {
     sh """
       ssh ubuntu@${ANSIBLE_HOST} \
       'ansible-playbook ${REMOTE_DIR}/deploy-k8s.yml -i ${REMOTE_DIR}/hosts'
     ....
   }
 }
}
```

}

```
post {
   success {
     echo 'Deployment Successful. Access your app via Kubernetes LoadBalancer!'
   }
   failure {
     echo ' Deployment Failed. Please check the logs.'
   }
 }
}
BUILD-IMAGE.YML:
- name: Build and Push Docker Image
hosts: docker
become: yes
tasks:
 - name: Copy app files to Docker instance
  copy:
   src: /home/ubuntu/regapp-cicd/webapp
   dest: /home/ubuntu/webapp
 - name: Copy Dockerfile
  copy:
   src: /home/ubuntu/regapp-cicd/Dockerfile
   dest: /home/ubuntu/Dockerfile
 - name: Build Docker image
  shell: docker build -t amand0125/hello-world /home/ubuntu
 - name: Login to Docker Hub
```

shell: echo "Aman@63863" | docker login -u "amand0125" --password-stdin

args:

executable: /bin/bash

- name: Push Docker image to Docker Hub

shell: docker push amand0125/hello-world

DEPLOY-K8S.YML

- name: Deploy App to Kubernetes

hosts: k8s

become: yes

tasks:

- name: Copy deployment YAML to Kubernetes server

copy:

src: /home/ubuntu/regapp-cicd/regapp-deploy.yml

dest: /home/ubuntu/regapp-deploy.yml

- name: Copy service YAML to Kubernetes server

copy:

src: /home/ubuntu/regapp-cicd/regapp-service.yml

dest: /home/ubuntu/regapp-service.yml

- name: Apply Deployment

shell: kubectl apply -f /home/ubuntu/regapp-deploy.yml --kubeconfig /home/ubuntu/.kube/config

- name: Apply Service

shell: kubectl apply -f /home/ubuntu/regapp-service.yml --kubeconfig /home/ubuntu/.kube/config

HOSTS:
[docker]
172.31.40.73 ansible_user=ubuntu ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/prj.pem
[kubernetes]
172.31.34.235 ansible_user=ubuntu ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/prj.pem

Conclusion:

This project was a great hands-on experience in implementing a real-world CI/CD workflow using DevOps tools.

Key Learnings:

- Practical understanding of how Docker and Kubernetes integrate with Jenkins
- Experience building and deploying a Java application through automation
- Deep dive into how services work in Kubernetes, including NodePorts and access issues

Challenges Faced:

- Accessing the app via NodePort initially failed due to service misconfiguration and pod-image mismatches.
- kubectl get all showed no updates due to deployment YAML referencing old image or caching issues.
- Debugging involved checking logs inside containers and understanding how Tomcat loads WAR files.

How They Were Solved:

- Carefully updated the deploy.yml to use the correct image.
- Verified WAR deployment inside the container using kubectl exec.

•	Cleaned up older services and re-applied manifests to ensure fresh deployments.