




DevSecOps Assessment Report: Secure Microservice Deployment

Project Overview

This project demonstrates the end-to-end implementation of a **secure Node.js microservice with MongoDB**, incorporating **DevSecOps best practices** across infrastructure, containers, application code, and CI/CD workflows.

The solution is split into:

-  **Terraform Infrastructure on AWS** for production-grade deployments
 -  **Docker Compose Microservice** for local development and security testing
 -  **GitHub Actions CI/CD pipeline** enforcing automated security checks before deployment
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Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC) – Terraform on AWS

The `terraform/` directory deploys:

- Amazon EKS (Kubernetes Cluster)
- AWS Application Load Balancer (via Ingress)
- Amazon DocumentDB (MongoDB-compatible)
- AWS Secrets Manager (for Mongo URI)
- Amazon EFS (persistent shared storage)
- AWS WAF, IAM, Route 53, and other security constructs

Security Features:

- Secrets pulled securely from **AWS Secrets Manager**
- **No hardcoded credentials**

- WAF + security groups to isolate access
- Terraform layout supports **Checkov** scans

 **Deployment Instructions:** Please refer [README.md](#) file added in terraform directory.

Secure Microservice – Node.js + MongoDB

A hardened microservice with the following DevSecOps principles:

Container Security:

- Built using **Alpine Linux + multi-stage Docker builds**
- **Non-root user (appuser)** with minimal capabilities
- Read-only root filesystem + **tmpfs** mount
- Resource limits + **no-new-privileges: true** + dropped capabilities

Run Locally:

```
git clone <repo-url>
cd secure-microservice-demo/app
docker-compose up --build
```

Prerequisites:

Before deploying this project, ensure the following tools, services, and configurations are in place:

Tooling

- Docker: For building and pushing container images
- AWS CLI v2: For authentication and infrastructure interaction
- kubectl: To interact with the Kubernetes cluster
- Helm v3: For managing Kubernetes deployments
- Terraform v1.4+: For provisioning AWS infrastructure

AWS Requirements

- An active AWS account
- A configured ECR repository (Docker images are pushed here)
- IAM credentials with sufficient permissions (for ECR, EKS, EFS, ALB, ACM, Route 53)

- S3 bucket dynamodb table created with same name in terraform/environment/prod/backend.tf file
- A domain name managed in Route 53

GitHub Actions CI/CD Secrets

- AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID
- AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
- AWS_REGION

Test API:

curl http://localhost:3000/health

CI/CD – GitHub Actions with Security Gates

The pipeline enforces secure delivery of container images before pushing to Amazon ECR.

Key Stages:

1. **Static Analysis**

- Semgrep (with GitHub Security tab integration)
- SonarCloud Scan (quality gate + PR check)

2. **Secrets Detection**

- TruffleHog (file system & git history)

3. **Container Scanning**

- Trivy for OS/package CVEs

4. **Security Gate**

- Fails if any critical issues are found in above scans

5. **Push to ECR**

- Only if security gate passes

6. **Notifications**

- Pipeline status logged in final step

Setup Instructions:

1. Store AWS credentials and tokens as GitHub secrets:

- `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID`
- `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY`
- `SONAR_TOKEN`
- `SEMGREP_APP_TOKEN`

2. Update `env` in the workflow:

```
AWS_ACCOUNT_ID: <your-account-id>
AWS_REGION: us-east-1
IMAGE_NAME: secure-microservice
```

3. CI/CD will trigger on `push` and `pull_request` to `main` or `develop`

Security Gate Logic:

Fail if any of these fail:

- Semgrep
- Sonarcloud
- Trivy
- Secrets scan

Security Tools Used

Category	Tools
Static Analysis	Semgrep, SonarCloud
Secrets Detection	TruffleHog
Container Scanning	Trivy, Dockle
Infrastructure Scanning	Checkov (Terraform)
CI/CD Platform	GitHub Actions
Container Registry	Amazon ECR

✓ Highlights

- 🗝️ No hardcoded secrets – fully externalized using AWS Secrets Manager
 - 🧱 Hardened container image with rootless runtime and capability drops
 - 🚫 Automatic fail gates for vulnerabilities and leaked secrets
 - 🧪 Manual security testing steps included in README for validation
 - 📦 Clean deployment to ECR after passing quality + security checks
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🧹 Stop Application/container

Local:

```
docker-compose down -v
docker rmi $(docker images -q secure-microservice_app)
```

Cloud:

```
cd terraform
terraform destroy -var-file=config/parameters-vmox-demo.tfvars
```

🚀 Quick Start Step

Step 1: Authenticate AWS CLI :

```
aws configure
```

It will ask you for Your access key, Your secret key, Default region name, Default output format

Step 2: Deploy AWS Infrastructure

```
terraform init
terraform apply
```

Step 3: Build & Push Docker Image

1. Authenticate with AWS ECR -

```
aws ecr get-login-password --region <AWS_REGION>
docker login --username AWS --password-stdin <ECR_REPO>
```
2. Build the Docker image -

```
docker build -t web-app ./web-app/
```
3. Tag the Docker image -

```
docker tag web-app:latest <ECR_REPO>/web-app:latest
```

4. Push the image to ECR:
docker push <ECR_REPO>/web-app:latest

Step 4: Get the EFS File System ID:

aws efs describe-file-systems --query "FileSystems[*].FileSystemId" --region <AWS_REGION>

Step 5: Connect to Kubernetes and Deploy

1. Update kubeconfig for EKS
aws eks update-kubeconfig --region <AWS_REGION> --name
<EKS_CLUSTER_NAME>

This ensures kubectl and helm commands interact with the right cluster.

2. Verify Connection to Kubernetes kubectl get nodes
3. Deploy the Helm Chart
helm upgrade --install web-app-release ./helm \
--namespace web-app --create-namespace \
--set efs.fileSystemId=<efs-id> \
--set image.repository=<ECR_REPO>/web-app \
--set image.tag=latest



Monitoring & Alerting

Tool	Purpose
Prometheus	Metrics collection (infra + app)
Grafana	Real-time dashboards
Alertmanager	Slack/Email/PagerDuty alerting

Metrics Monitored:

- API latency, error rates, request volume
- Pod restarts, CPU/mem usage, disk I/O
- EFS usage, ALB health, ingress latency











Manual Security Scanning

Terraform Scan

Checkov scan terraform/

Deliverables

-  Hardened Dockerfile (multi-stage, no root)
 -  GitHub Actions pipeline (CI/CD + security gates)
 -  AWS Infrastructure via Terraform (EKS, ALB, DocumentDB)
 -  Secure secrets management via AWS Secrets Manager
 -  Helm charts for Kubernetes deployment
 -  Monitoring via Prometheus + Grafana
 -  PDF report documenting implementation (optional)
 -  This README
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