l. Set up or used a continuous integration system to automate the running of tests and continuously deployed their code to their IaaS or PaaS provider

BE utilized GitHub, Circle CI with integrated suite of testing tools including Frisby.js, and Amazon's Elastic Beanstalk to facilitate a process by which code is developed, checked in tested, integrated, tested again by Circle CI and upon successfully completing testing is deployed to a Docker container. We modeled the systems and process for continuous integration on other projects we completed as well as the work BE Developers (Brandt Heisey) is doing with 18F on the MIDAS project.

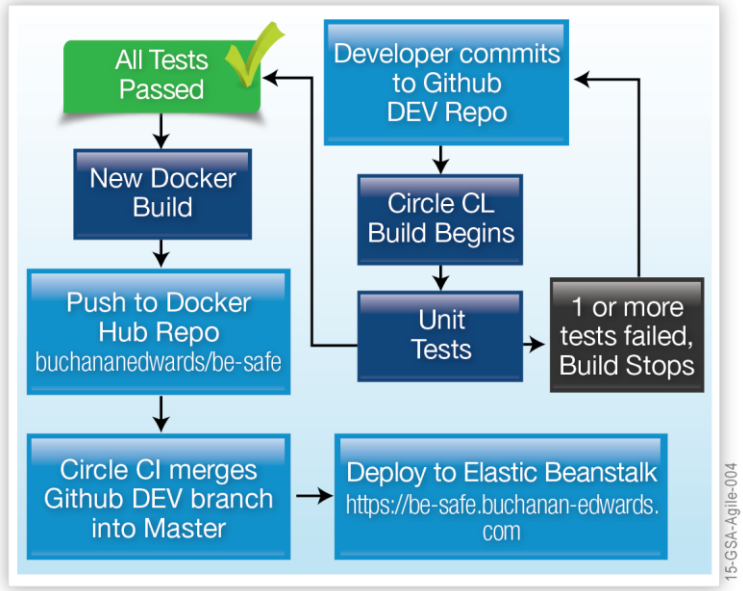


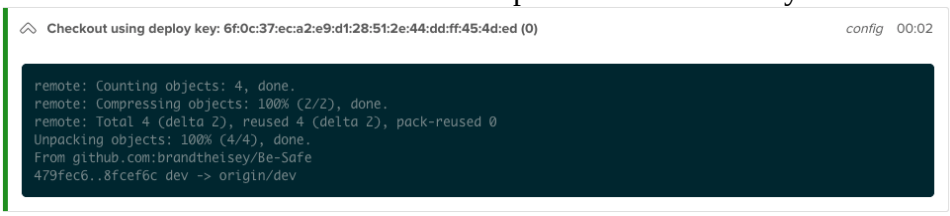
Figure 1. Continuous Integration Architecture

BE conducted no less than a daily release to AWS for our Sprint demonstrations and retrospectives. At times BE used its continuous integration system to release more frequently as collaboration and testing called for it.

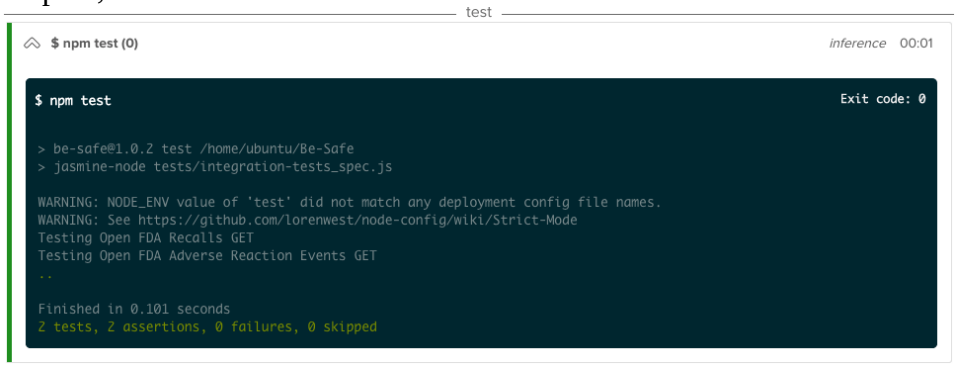
On our Department of State ECA contract we currently use Visual Studio Online (VSO) and Git for our distributed version control system. To take advantage of VSO's ability to handle continuous integration, we configured it on every check-in of code to build the software and automatically run our unit and coded-user interface tests. Doing so alerts us of a broken build immediately rather than allowing the error to linger. This has made the team very efficient in terms of building, validating, and deploying software

Running Circle

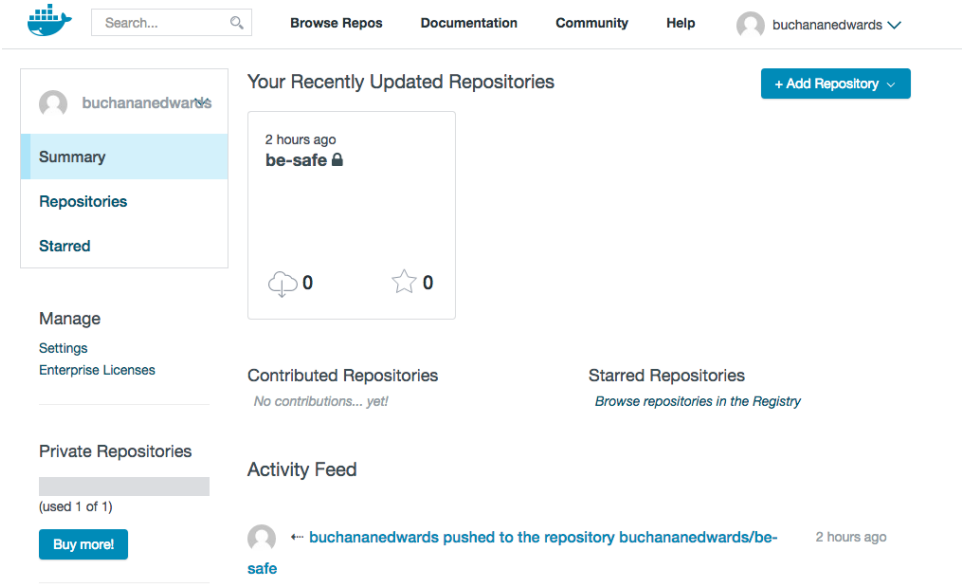
1. A Developer commits a new version of code to the GitHub repository branch DEV.
2. Circle CI detects this commit and runs tests as specified in the circle.yml file.



3. If the tests pass, a new Docker container build is initiated.

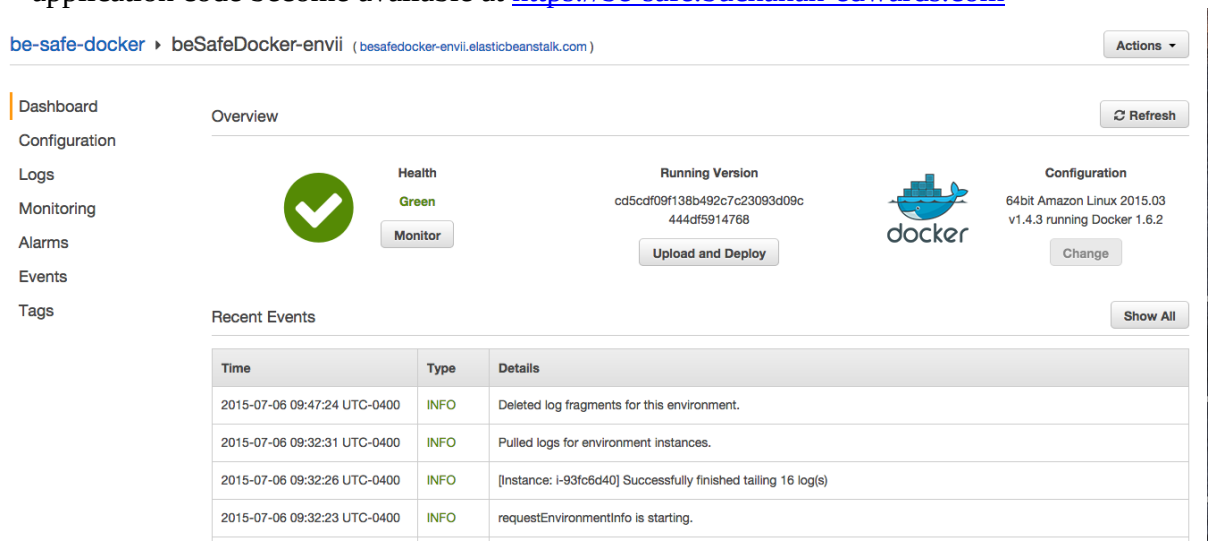


4. When the Docker build is done, it is pushed to the Docker Hub repository.



5. After the new Docker image is pushed to Docker Hub, Circle CI merges the GitHub branch DEV with Master.

6. The just-created container is deployed to Elastic Beanstalk, where the new container and application code become available at https://be-safe.buchanan-edwards.com



7. If a test fails, the build will stop -- new containers will be deployed and Elastic Beanstalk will remain at the last deployed version before the most recent commit.