DevOps Global Project Report

CI/CD Pipeline with Docker, Kubernetes, Jenkins, and Monitoring

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Project Context

This project is part of the Software engineering module. It aims to implement a complete CI/CD pipeline for a Java Enterprise Edition (Spring Boot) application. The main objectives are:

- Automate the build, testing, and deployment processes.
- Ensure code quality through static analysis tools.
- Containerize and deploy the application using Docker and Kubernetes.
- Monitor application performance with Prometheus and Grafana.

1.2 Application Description

The project uses a Spring Boot-based application. Key details include:

- **Project Name:** Employees Management System
- **Main Features:** Employee CRUD operations, Role management, Dashboard analytics
- **Architecture:** Multi-tier architecture with frontend, backend, and database layers
- **Repository:** https://github.com/chaimaeddib2005/Employee_Management

Chapter 2

GitHub – Source Control

2.1 Repository Setup

We created a repository on GitHub (public/private depending on access). The general code structure is organized as follows:

- /backend — Backend source code
- /frontend — Frontend source code
- /kubernetes — Deployment YAML files
- Jenkinsfile — Pipeline configuration

2.2 Branching Strategy

We adopted a Git Flow strategy with the following branches:

- master — Production-ready code

2.3 Commit History

Commits follow a clear and descriptive convention. Merge strategies include pull requests with code reviews to ensure code quality and traceability.

Chapter 3

Jenkins – Continuous Integration

3.1 Installation and Configuration

Jenkins was installed locally on a server with the necessary plugins for GitHub integration, Docker, Kubernetes ,SonarQube , Prometheus and Grafana .

3.2 CI Pipeline

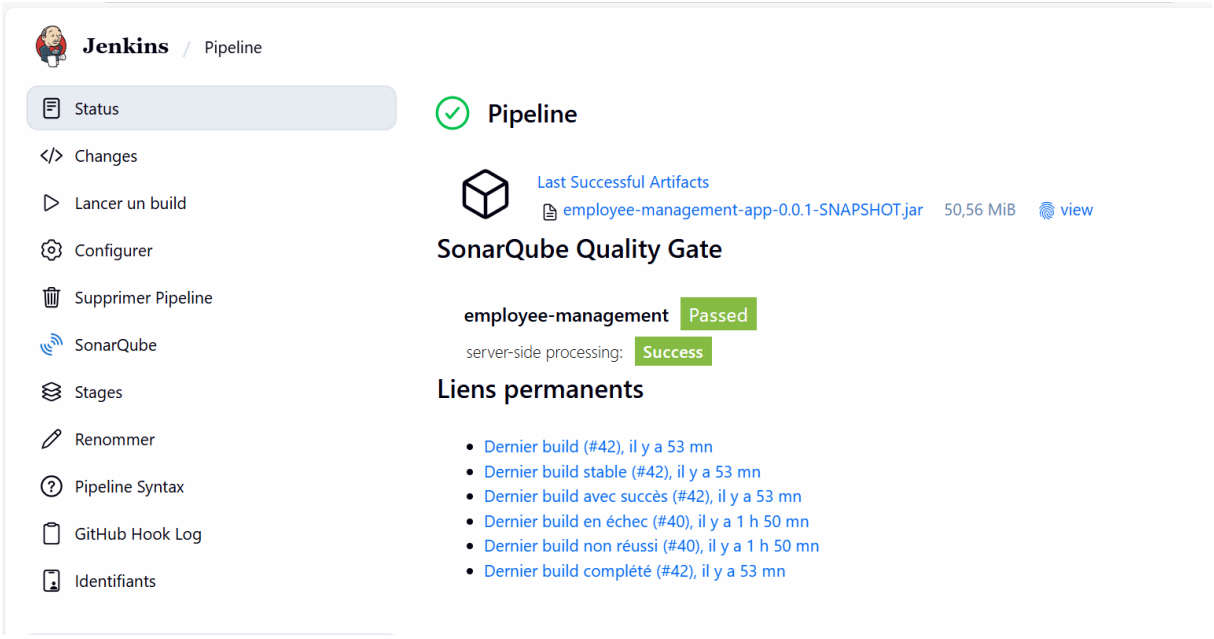


Figure 3.1: Pipeline execution result with SonarQube Quality Gate status

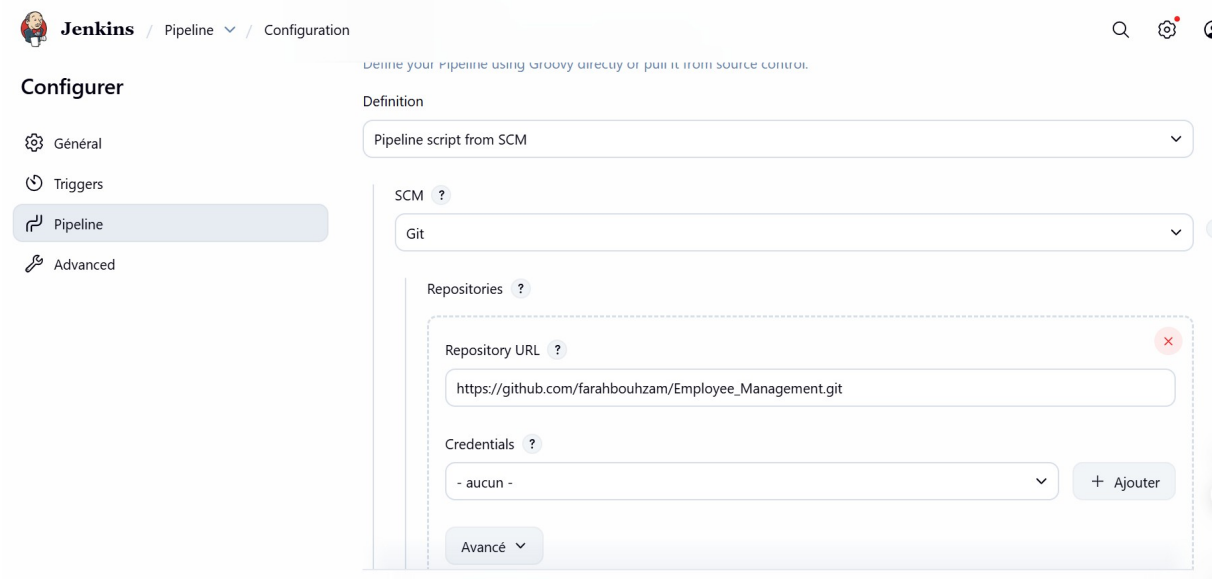


Figure 3.2: Pipeline configuration using Git SCM and Jenkinsfile from source control

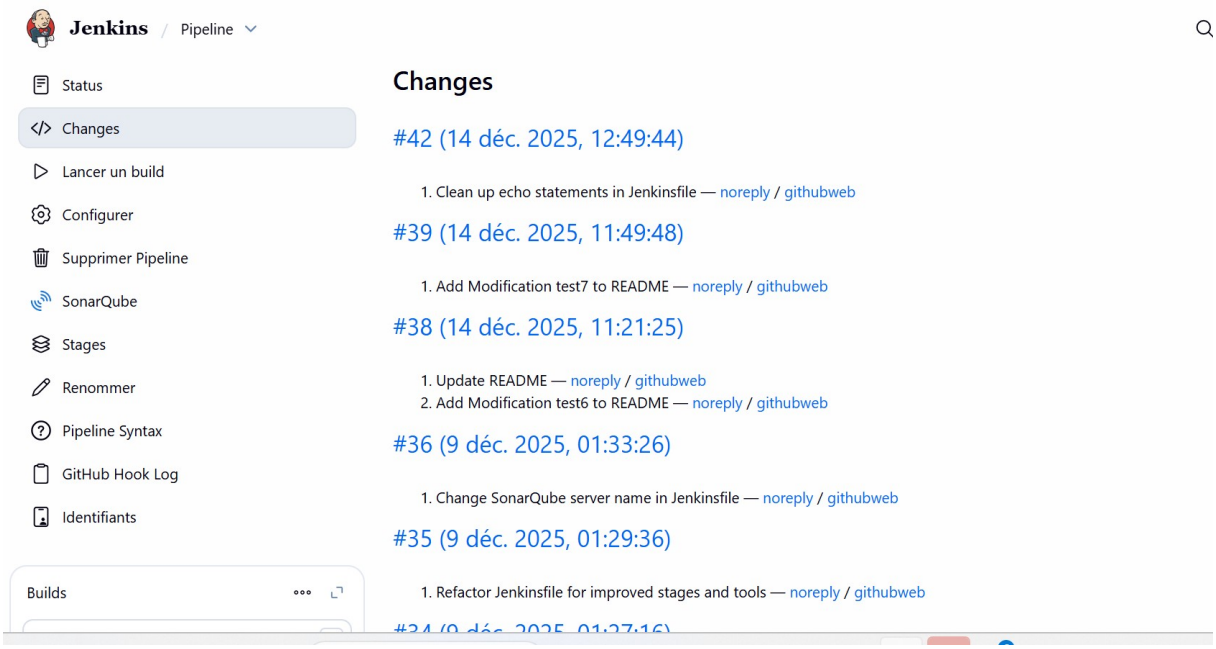


Figure 3.3: List of changes detected by Jenkins between pipeline executions

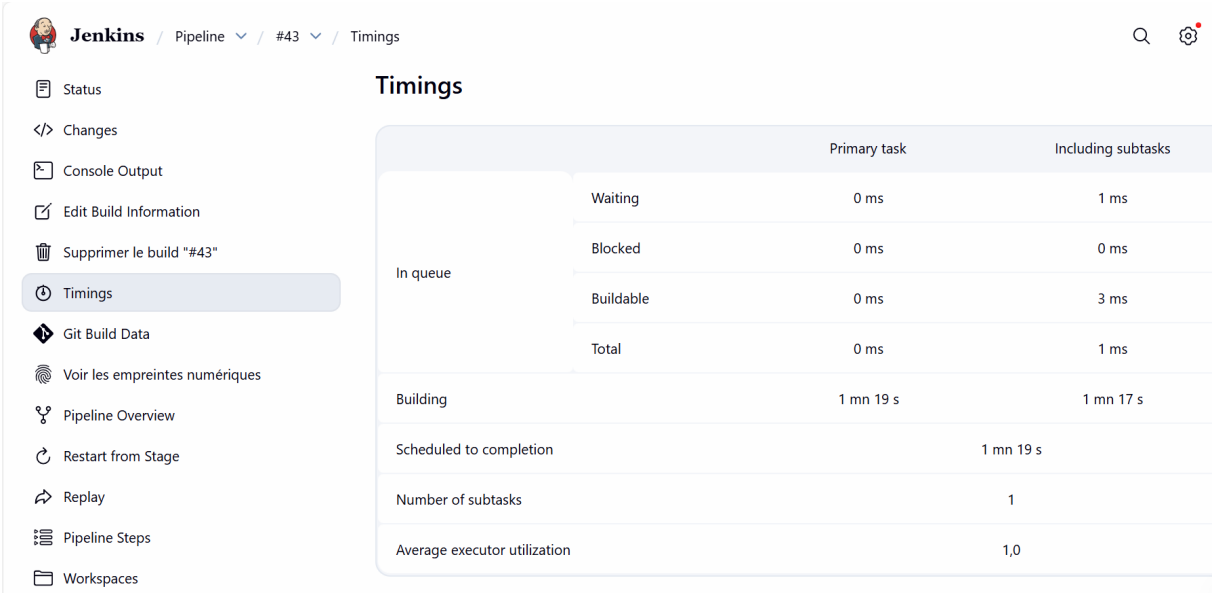


Figure 3.4: Detailed timing analysis of pipeline execution stages

3.2.1 Pipeline Execution and Results

- **Automatic trigger**
  The pipeline is automatically triggered on every push to the main branch using a GitHub webhook, enabling continuous integration.
- **Build results**
  The Jenkins console output shows:
  - **Successful compilation** – The project is compiled without errors.
  - **Tests passed** – All automated tests complete successfully.
  - **SonarQube analysis executed** – Quality Gate status:**Passed**.
  - **Docker image built and pushed** – The application image is published to the container registry.
  - **Deployment using Kubernetes** – The application is deployed as pods in a Kubernetes cluster.
  - **Monitoring using Prometheus and Grafana** – Metrics are collected and visualized through monitoring dashboards.

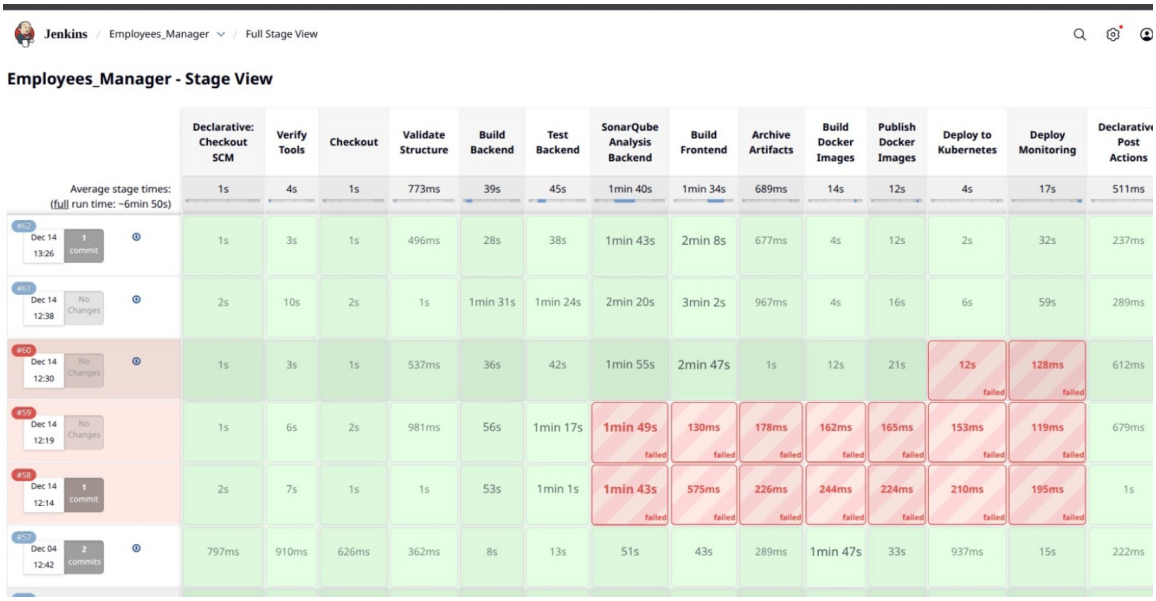


Figure 3.5: Jenkins pipeline stage output — Java, Maven, and Node environment check

3.3 Build Logs

Build logs are captured in Jenkins to provide traceability and debugging information.

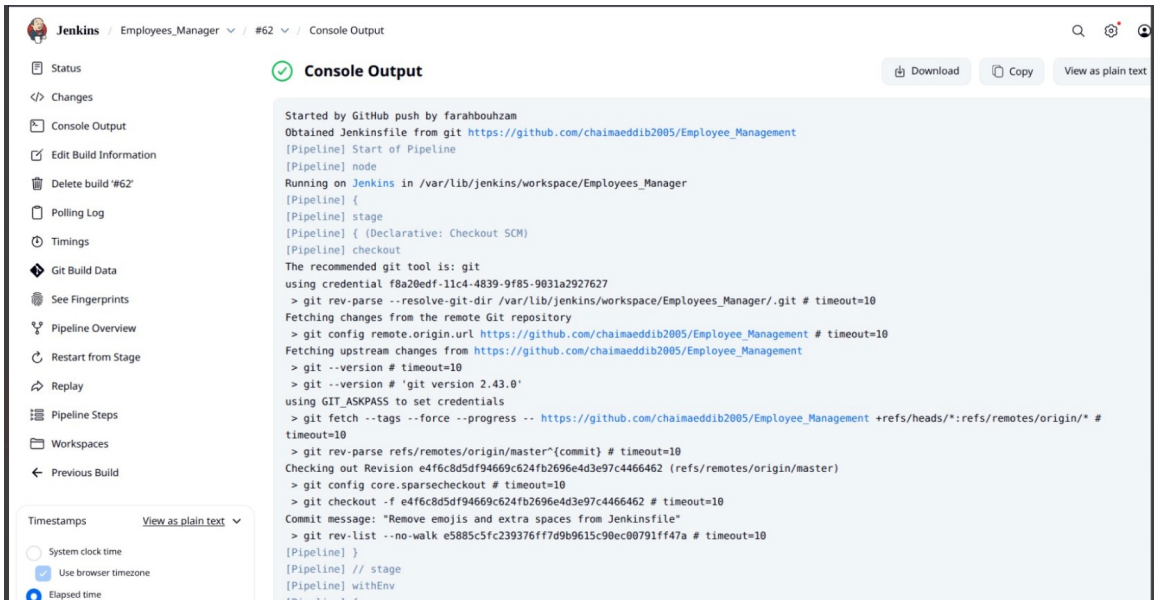
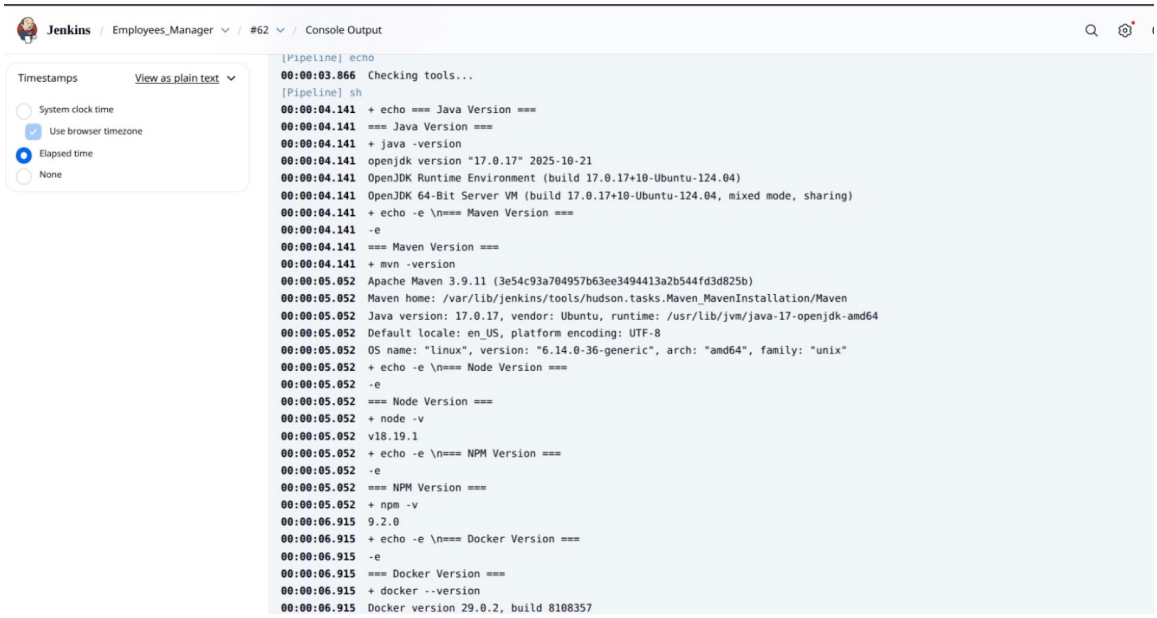


Figure 3.6: snippets of console .



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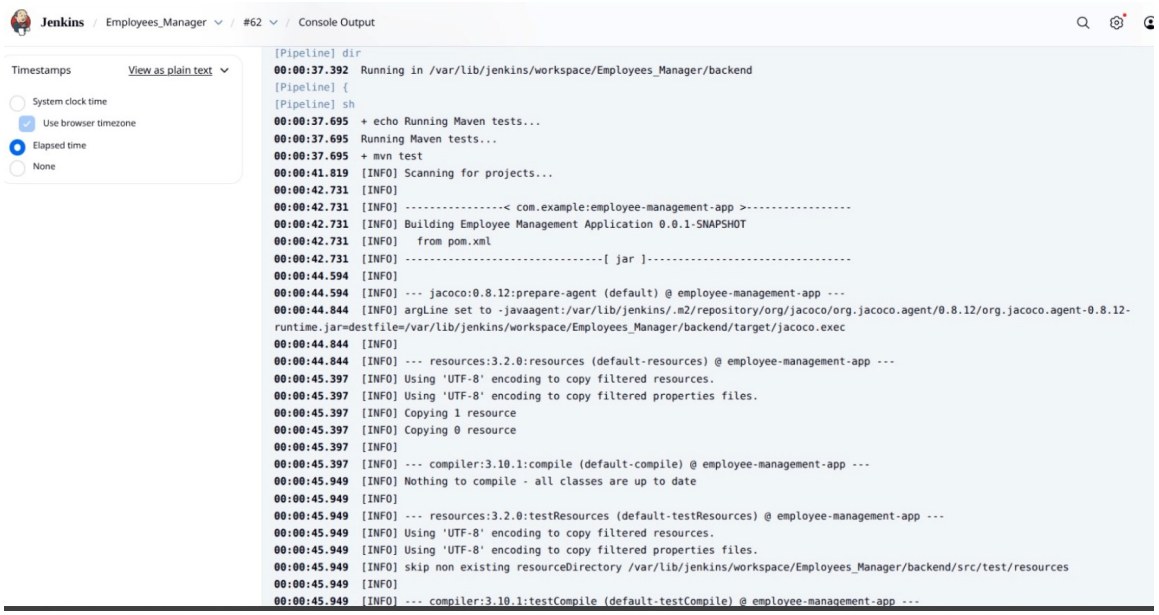

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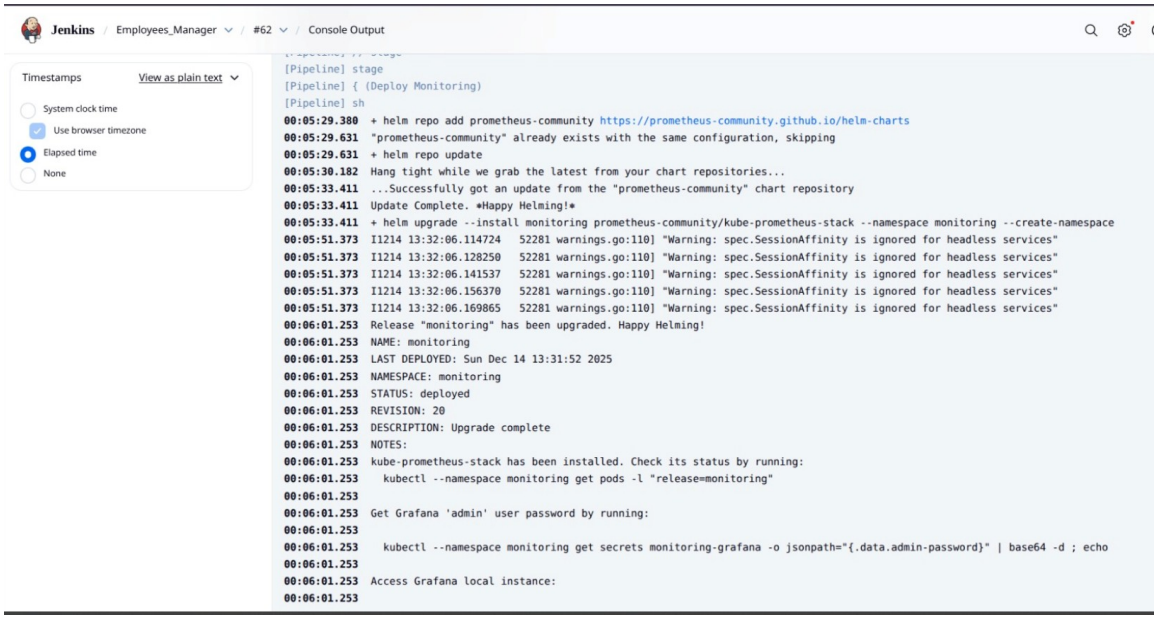


Figure 3.10: snippets of console .

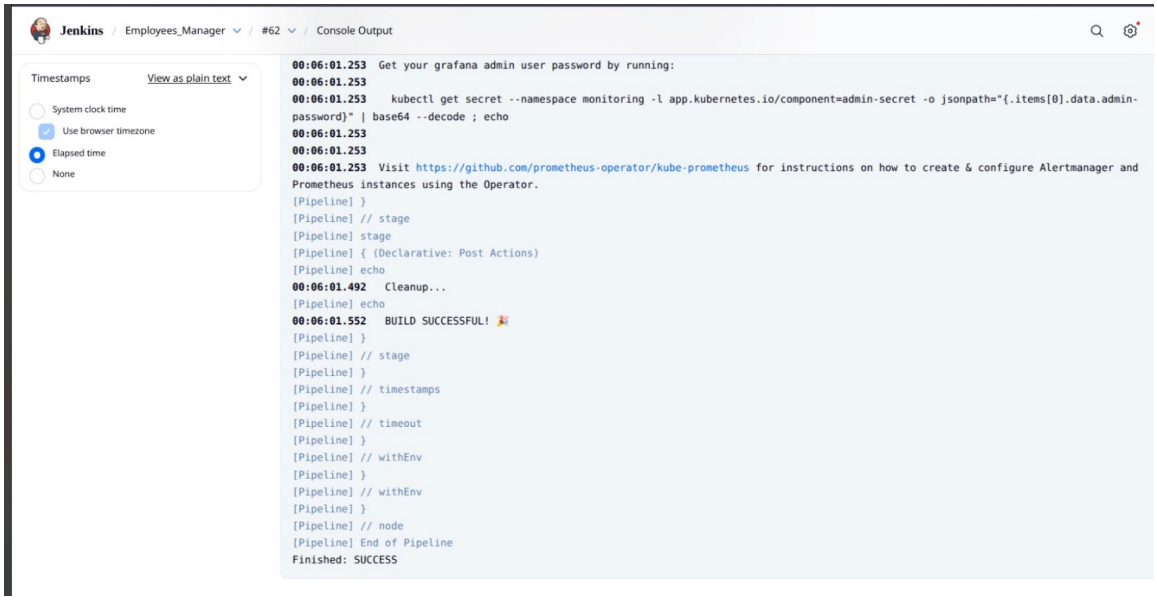


Figure 3.11: snippets of console .

Chapter 4

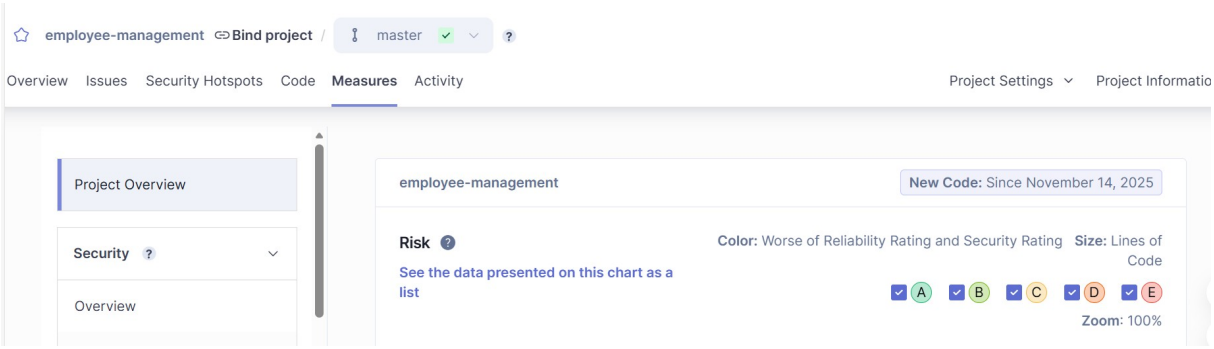
SonarQube – Code Quality

4.1 Installation

SonarQube server was installed and configured to analyze both frontend and backend projects.

4.2 Project Analysis

The dashboard provides metrics such as code coverage, bugs, vulnerabilities, and code smells.



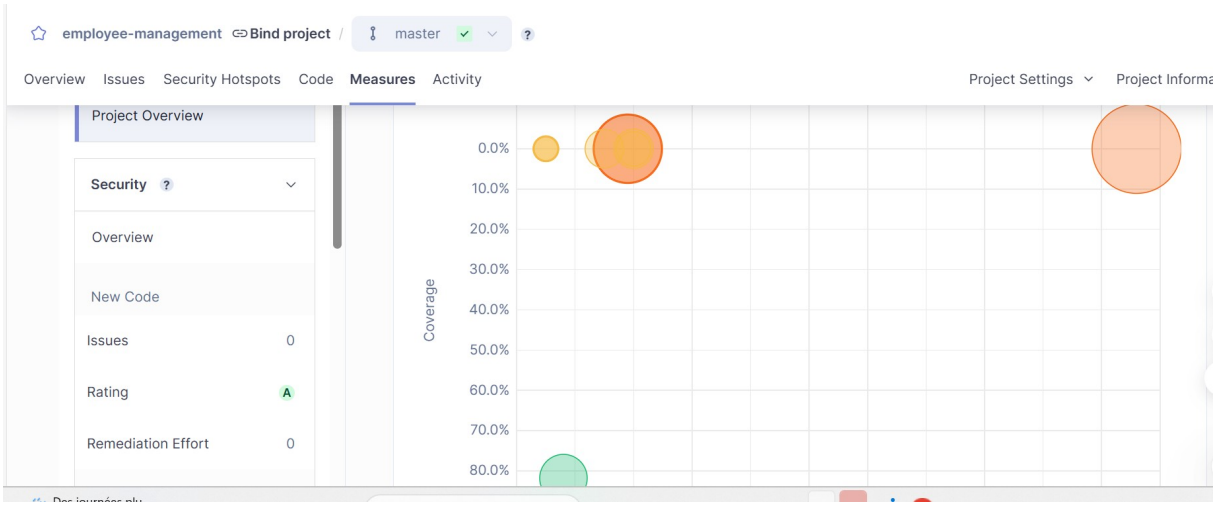


Figure 4.1: Detailed measures visualization .

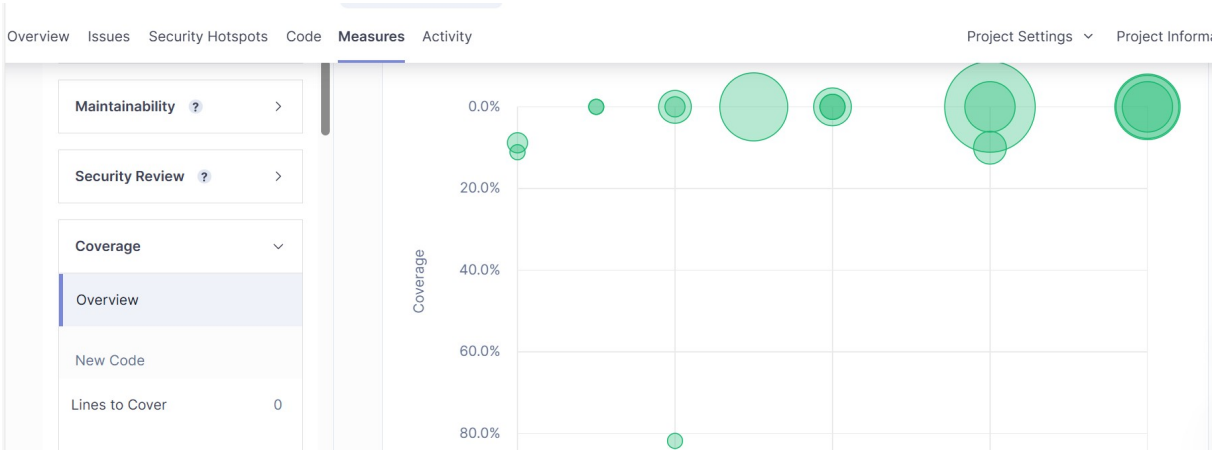


Figure 4.2: Maintainability, security review, and code coverage metrics visualized through SonarQube measure charts.

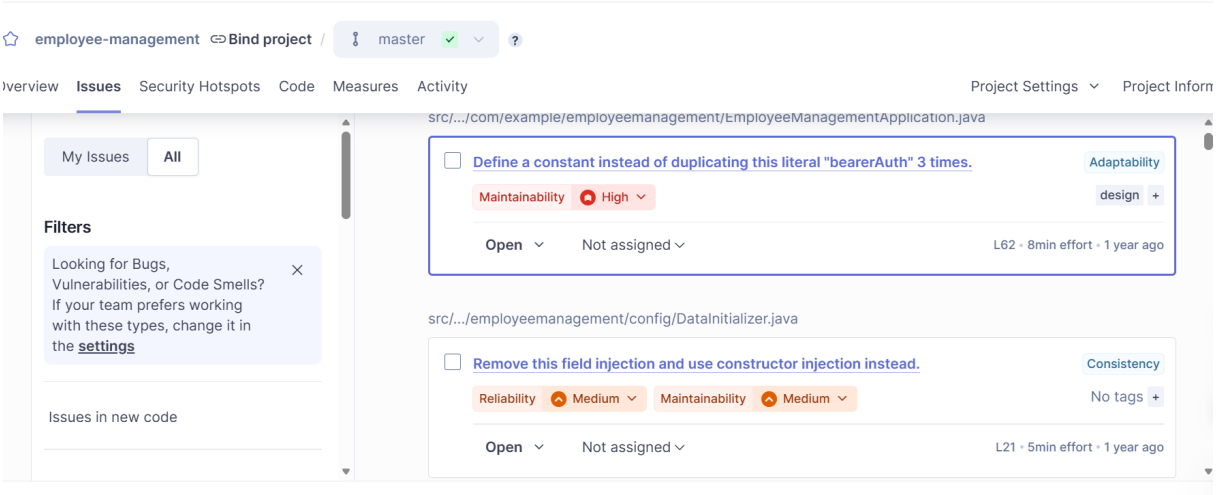


Figure 4.3: Examples of detected issues in SonarQube, including maintainability and reliability concerns with assigned severity levels.

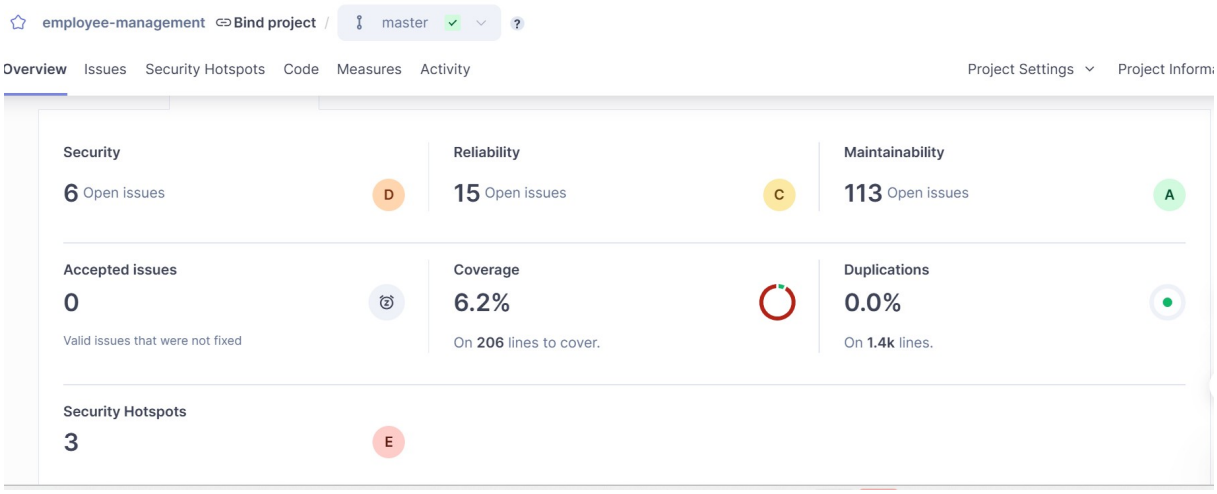


Figure 4.4: Global SonarQube summary displaying security, reliability, maintainability ratings, test coverage, and duplication metrics.

4.2.1 Impact of JaCoCo Integration

- **Before JaCoCo integration**
  - Test coverage was **0%**, meaning no coverage metrics were detected.
- **After JaCoCo integration**
  - The JaCoCo plugin was integrated to enable test coverage computation in SonarQube.
  - Test coverage increased from **0% to 6.2%**, confirming that unit tests are now properly considered.
  - The analysis now provides better visibility into test quality and code reliability.

4.3 Issues Resolution

Type	Description	Correction Action
Code Smells	Unused imports detected by SonarQube	Removalof unnecessary imports to reduce code noise and improve readability
Code Smells	Use of field injection (@Autowired on attribute)	Replacing field injection with constructor injection to improve reliability and testability
Code Smells	Use of wildcard generic types (<?>)	Replacing generalgenerictypes with explicitly defined types to strengthen type safety

Table 4.1: Main SonarQube issues fixed after refactoring

Chapter 5

Docker – Containerization

After building and testing the backend and frontend, the applications are containerized using Docker.We created three Dockerfiles: one for the backend, one for the frontend, and a Docker Compose file to orchestrate all services.

5.1 Backend Dockerfile

Employee_Management / backend / Dockerfile

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Code Blame 51 lines (40 loc) · 1.37 KB

```
1   # Use Maven to build the application
2   FROM maven:3.9.4-eclipse-temurin-17 AS builder
3
4   # Set the working directory
5   WORKDIR /app
6
7   # Copy the pom.xml and download dependencies
8   COPY pom.xml ./
9   RUN mvn dependency:go-offline
10
11  # Copy the entire project source
12  COPY src ./src
13
14  # Package the application
15  RUN mvn package -DskipTests
16
17  # Use a lightweight OpenJDK runtime for the final image
18  FROM eclipse-temurin:17-jre
19
20
21  # Set the working directory
22  WORKDIR /app
23
24  # Copy the JAR file from the builder stage
25  COPY --from=builder /app/target/employee-management-app-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar app.jar
26
27  # Expose the application port
28  EXPOSE 8081
29
30  # Run the application
31  ENTRYPOINT ["java", "-jar", "app.jar"]
```

Figure 5.1: Backend Dockerfile

5.2 Frontend Dockerfile

Employee_Management / frontend / **Dockerfile**

kimad-cy Update Dockerfile frontend

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```
1   # Use an official Node.js image to build the application
2   FROM node:18 AS builder
3   #Set the working directory
4
5   # Set the working directory
6   WORKDIR /app
7
8   # Copy package.json and install dependencies
9   COPY package.json package-lock.json ./
10  RUN npm install
11
12  # Copy the rest of the application code
13  COPY src ./src
14  COPY public ./public
15
16  # Build the application
17  RUN npm run build
18
19  # Use an official Nginx image to serve the application
20  FROM nginx:alpine
21
22  # Copy the build artifacts from the builder stage
23  COPY --from=builder /app/build /usr/share/nginx/html
24
25  # Expose the default port for Nginx
26  EXPOSE 80
27
28  # Start Nginx
29  CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
```

Figure 5.2: Frontend Dockerfile

5.3 Docker Compose Configuration

Employee_Management / docker-compose.yml

chaimaeddib2005 Enhance docker-compose with MySQL volume

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```yaml
version: '3.8'

services:
  backend:
    build:
      context: ./backend
    ports:
      - "8081:8081"
    environment:
      MYSQL_HOST: mysql
      MYSQL_PORT: 3306
      MYSQL_DB: employee_db
      MYSQL_USER: root
      MYSQL_PASSWORD: root
    depends_on:
      - mysql

  frontend:
    build:
      context: ./frontend
      dockerfile: Dockerfile
    ports:
      - "3000:80"
    depends_on:
      - backend

```

Figure 5.3: Docker Compose – Part 1

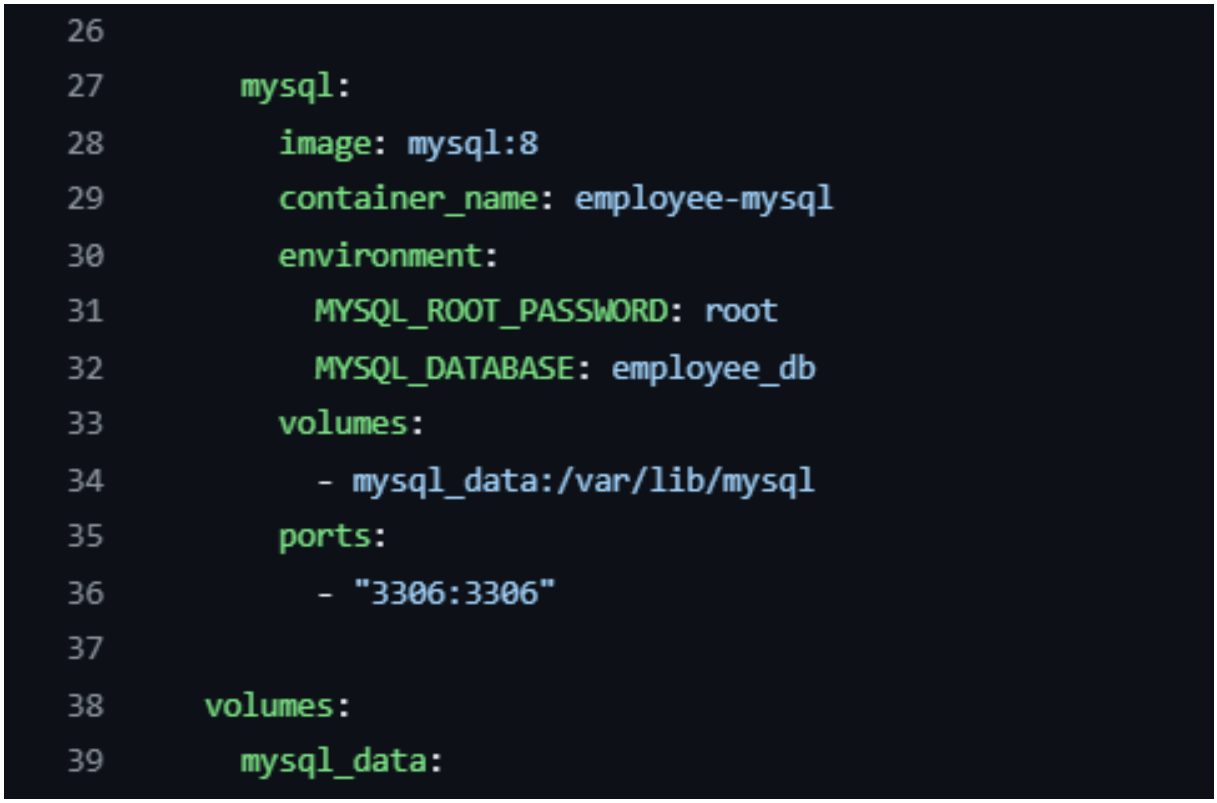

Figure 5.4: Docker Compose – Part 2

5.4 Building Docker Images

Commands used to build the images:

```
docker build -t employees - backend : latest ./ backend
docker build -t employees - frontend : latest ./ frontend
```

5.5 Publishing to DockerHub

Images are automatically pushed to DockerHub via Jenkins, using credentials securely stored in Jenkins.

```groovy
stage('Publish Docker Images') {
    steps {
        script {
            echo '📦 Publishing Docker images to Docker Hub...'

            withCredentials([usernamePassword(credentialsId: 'dockerhub', usernameVariable: 'DOCKER_USER', passwordVariable: 'DOCKER_PASS')]) {
                // Login
                sh 'echo $DOCKER_PASS | docker login -u $DOCKER_USER --password-stdin'

                // Tag images
                sh '''
                    docker tag employees-backend:latest $DOCKER_USER/employees-backend:latest
                    docker tag employees-frontend:latest $DOCKER_USER/employees-frontend:latest
                '''

                // Push images
                sh '''
                    docker push $DOCKER_USER/employees-backend:latest
                    docker push $DOCKER_USER/employees-frontend:latest
                '''
            }

            echo '✅ Docker images pushed to Docker Hub successfully'
        }
    }
}
```

Figure 5.5: Jenkins stage for pushing Docker images to DockerHub

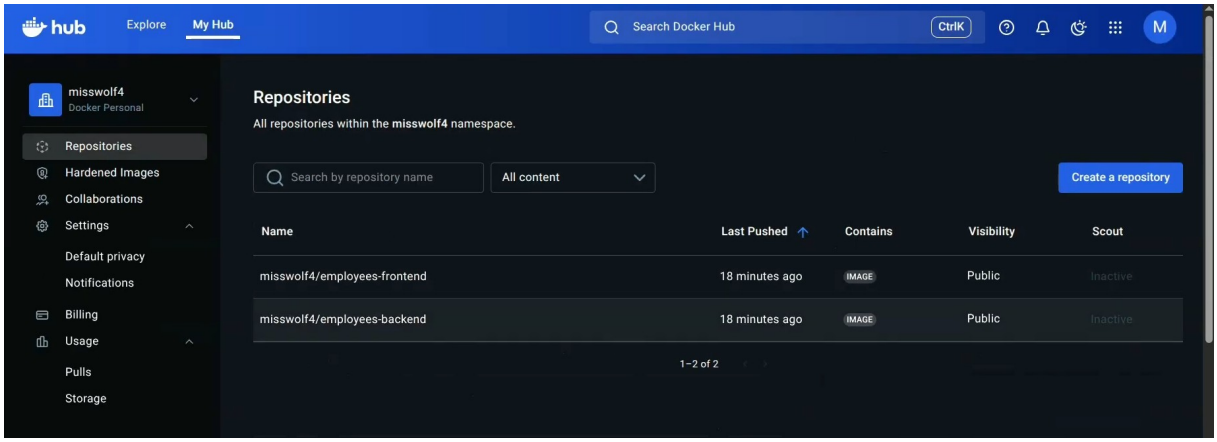

Figure 5.6: Published Docker image on DockerHub

Chapter 6

Kubernetes – Deployment

Kubernetes is used to deploy the backend, frontend, and MySQL database on Minikube. The YAML files define Deployments, Services, and Ingress.

6.0.1 Backend Deployment

Employee_Management / Kubernetes / **backend-deployment.yaml**

chaimaeddib2005 deployment fix

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```yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: backend-deployment
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: backend
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: backend
      annotations:
        prometheus.io/scrape: "true"
        prometheus.io/path: "/actuator/prometheus"
        prometheus.io/port: "8082"
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: backend
          image: misswolf4/employees-backend:latest
          ports:
            - containerPort: 8082
          env:
            - name: SPRING_PROFILES_ACTIVE
              value: "prod"
            - name: SPRING_DATASOURCE_URL
              value: "jdbc:mysql://mysql:3306/employee_db"
            - name: SPRING_DATASOURCE_USERNAME
              value: "root"
            - name: SPRING_DATASOURCE_PASSWORD
              value: "root"
            - name: SPRING_DATASOURCE_DRIVER_CLASS_NAME
              value: "com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver"
```

6.0.2 Backend Service

Employee_Management / Kubernetes / backend-service.yaml

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Code Blame 12 lines (12 loc) · 185 Bytes

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: backend-service
  namespace: default
spec:
  selector:
    app: backend
  ports:
    - name: http
      port: 8082
      targetPort: 8081
```

Figure 6.2: Backend Service YAML

6.0.3 Frontend Deployment

Employee_Management / Kubernetes / **frontend-deployment.yaml**

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```yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: frontend-deployment
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: frontend
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: frontend
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: frontend
          image: misswolf4/employees-frontend:latest
          ports:
            - containerPort: 80
```

Figure 6.3: Frontend Deployment YAML

6.0.4 Frontend Service

Employee_Management / Kubernetes / **frontend-service.yaml**

chaimaeddib2005 deployment fix

Code | Blame | 12 lines (12 loc) · 185 Bytes

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: frontend-service
spec:
  type: LoadBalancer
  selector:
    app: frontend
  ports:
    - protocol: TCP
      port: 80
      targetPort: 80
```

Figure 6.4: Frontend Service YAML

6.0.5 MySQL Deployment

Employee_Management / Kubernetes / mysql-deployment.yaml

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```yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: mysql
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: mysql
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: mysql
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: mysql
          image: mysql:8
          env:
            - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
              value: "root"
            - name: MYSQL_DATABASE
              value: "employee_db"
          ports:
            - containerPort: 3306
```

Figure 6.5: MySQL Deployment YAML

6.0.6 MySQL Service

Employee_Management / Kubernetes / **mysql-service.yaml**

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Code | Blame | 10 lines (10 loc) · 134 Bytes

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: mysql
spec:
  selector:
    app: mysql
  ports:
    - port: 3306
      targetPort: 3306
```

Figure 6.6: MySQL Service YAML

6.0.7 Ingress Configuration

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Code Blame 18 lines (18 loc) · 395 Bytes

```yaml
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: employee-app-ingress
  annotations:
    nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/rewrite-target: /
spec:
  rules:
    - host: employee.local
      http:
        paths:
          - path: /
            pathType: Prefix
            backend:
              service:
                name: frontend
                port:
                  number: 80
```

Figure 6.7: Ingress YAML configuration

6.1 Deployment on Minikube

The Jenkins pipeline applies all YAML files from the /kubernetes directory automatically.

```
stage('Deploy to Kubernetes') {
    steps {
        sh 'kubectl apply -f Kubernetes/.'
    }
}
```

Figure 6.8: Jenkins stage for deploying to Minikube

6.1.1 Verification with kubectl

```
chaima-eddib@chaima-ed:~$ kubectl get pods
NAME                                  READY   STATUS    RESTARTS        AGE
backend-deployment-78fdfcfd6c-b6wqq   1/1     Running   11 (92m ago)    120m
backend-deployment-78fdfcfd6c-z5xqr   1/1     Running   11 (92m ago)    121m
frontend-deployment-854c5c5c77-5fvpp  1/1     Running   2 (20h ago)     4d9h
frontend-deployment-854c5c5c77-fgmdl  1/1     Running   2 (20h ago)     4d9h
mysql-7fcc7c5dfb-cr8np                1/1     Running   0               9h
```

Figure 6.9: Output of kubectl get pods

```
chaima-eddib@chaima-ed:~$ kubectl get all
NAME                                      READY   STATUS    RESTARTS         AGE
pod/backend-deployment-78fdfcfd6c-b6wqq   1/1     Running   37 (5d15h ago)   17d
pod/backend-deployment-78fdfcfd6c-z5xqr   1/1     Running   37 (5d15h ago)   17d
pod/frontend-deployment-854c5c5c77-5fvpp  1/1     Running   5 (5d15h ago)    22d
pod/frontend-deployment-854c5c5c77-fgmdl  1/1     Running   5 (5d15h ago)    22d
pod/mysql-7fcc7c5dfb-cr8np                1/1     Running   3 (5d15h ago)    18d

NAME                       TYPE           CLUSTER-IP       EXTERNAL-IP   PORT(S)          AGE
service/backend-service    ClusterIP      10.103.226.116   <none>        8082/TCP         22d
service/frontend-service   LoadBalancer   10.103.33.29     <pending>     80:31855/TCP     22d
service/kubernetes         ClusterIP      10.96.0.1        <none>        443/TCP          22d
service/mysql              ClusterIP      10.107.42.110    <none>        3306/TCP         18d

NAME                                  READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
deployment.apps/backend-deployment    2/2     2            2           22d
deployment.apps/frontend-deployment   2/2     2            2           22d
deployment.apps/mysql                 1/1     1            1           18d

NAME                                             DESIRED   CURRENT   READY   AGE
replicaset.apps/backend-deployment-66f5dd888     0         0         0       17d
replicaset.apps/backend-deployment-78fdfcfd6c    2         2         2       17d
replicaset.apps/backend-deployment-88d84d7b9     0         0         0       17d
replicaset.apps/backend-deployment-fbbf99cc5     0         0         0       22d
replicaset.apps/frontend-deployment-854c5c5c77   2         2         2       22d
replicaset.apps/mysql-7fcc7c5dfb                 1         1         1       18d
chaima-eddib@chaima-ed:~$
```

Figure 6.10: Output of kubectl get all

6.1.2 Accessing the Application

Figure 6.11: Minikube Ingress URL

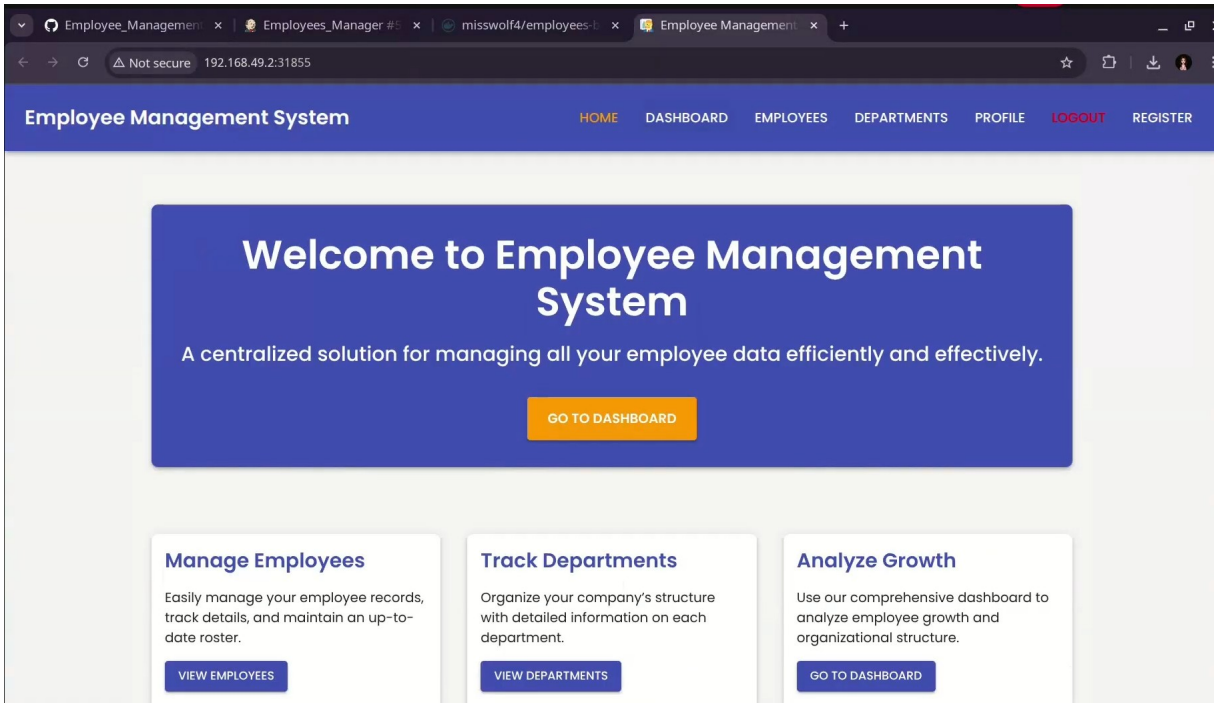

Figure 6.12: Accessing the frontend application via browser

Chapter 7

Prometheus & Grafana – Monitoring

7.1 Deployment and Configuration

Prometheus and Grafana were deployed on the Minikube cluster using Helm charts. This setup allows monitoring of CPU, memory, service availability, and response times for all deployed applications.

The deployment was automated through Jenkins with the following stage:

```
stage ('Deploy Monitoring') {
    steps {
        sh '''
            helm repo add prometheus-community https://prometheus-community.github.io/helm-charts
            helm repo update

            helm upgrade --install monitoring prometheus-community/kube-prometheus-stack \
              --namespace monitoring --create-namespace
        '''
    }
}
```

7.2 Prometheus ServiceMonitor

The monitoring of the backend application is configured using a ‘ServiceMonitor‘ resource:

```yaml
apiVersion: monitoring.coreos.com/v1
kind: ServiceMonitor
metadata:
  name: backend-monitor
  namespace: monitoring
  labels:
    release: monitoring
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: backend
  endpoints:
    - port: http
      path: /actuator/prometheus
      interval: 15s
  namespaceSelector:
    matchNames:
      - default
```

Figure 7.1: ServiceMonitor YAML configuration for backend metrics

7.3 Prometheus Targets Health – Initial State

After deployment,Prometheus initially shows the backend target as **DOWN**This is because the Spring Boot application did not expose the required metrics endpoint.

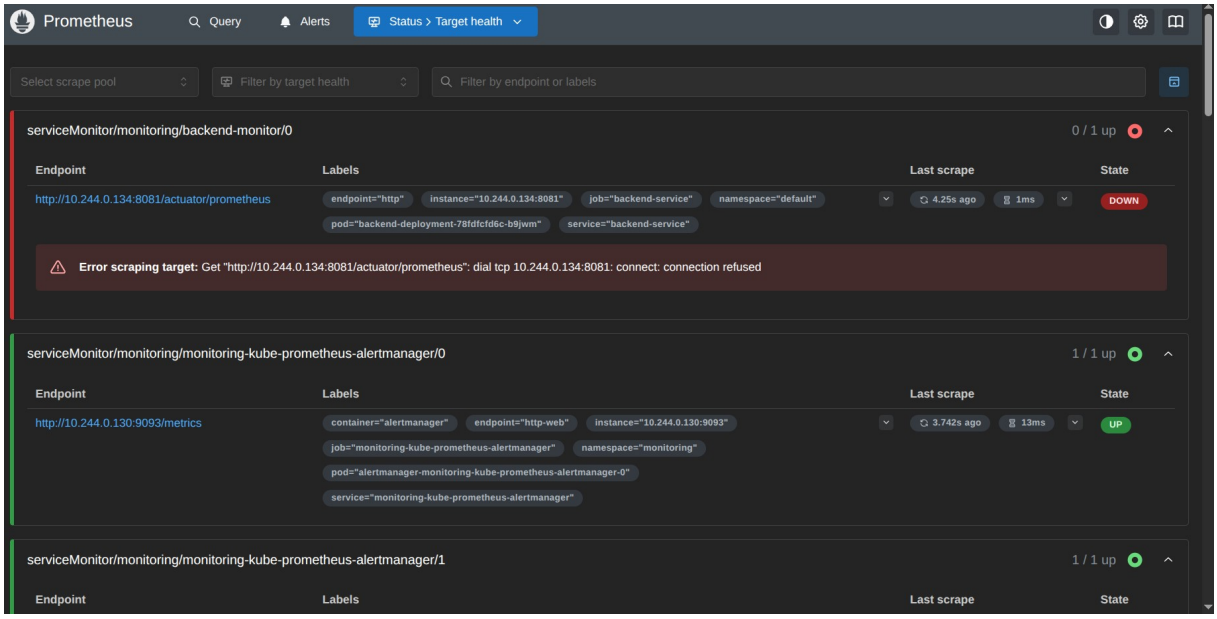

Figure 7.2: Prometheus target initially DOWN due to missing metrics endpoint

7.3.1 Resolution: Spring Boot Actuator Integration

To expose metrics, Spring Boot actuator was enabled with the Prometheus endpoint:

```
management . endpoints . web . exposure . include = health , info , prometheus
management . endpoint . prometheus . enabled = true
```

After redeploying the backend, Prometheus detects the target as **UP**.

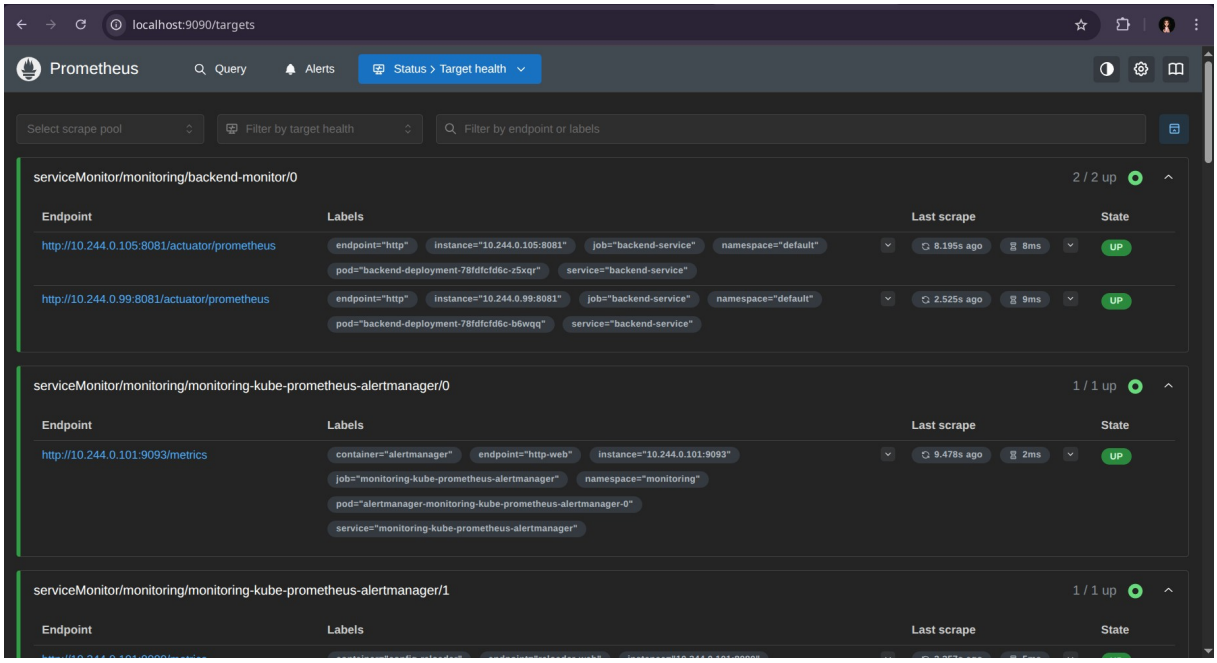

Figure 7.3: Prometheus target UP after enabling Spring Boot actuator

7.4 Grafana Dashboard

The Grafana dashboard displays key performance indicators (KPIs) such as:

- CPU usage
- RAM usage
- Service availability
- Response time

Instead of creating a dashboard from scratch, we used the built-in Spring Boot dashboard available on Grafana Dashboards: JustAI System Monitor (ID 11378). This dashboard was imported and configured to visualize the metrics collected from our backend application.

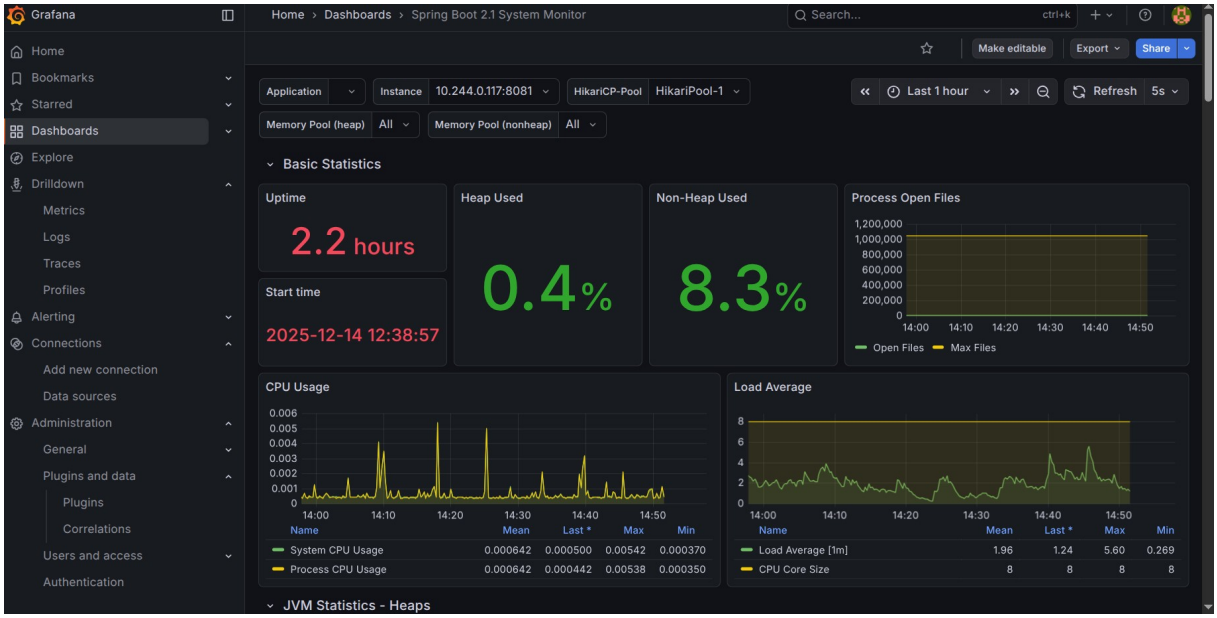

Figure 7.4: Grafana dashboard showing real-time metrics for applications

7.5 Grafana Drill-down

Grafana allows drill-down into specific services or pods for detailed analysis of metrics over time.

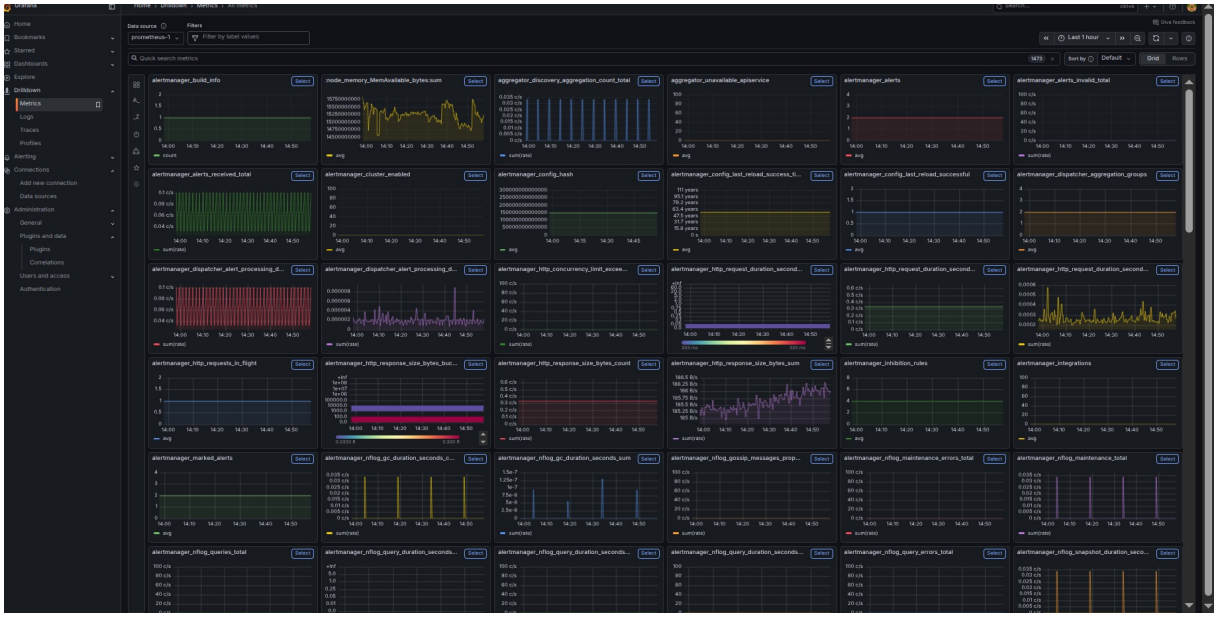

Figure 7.5: Detailed Grafana drill-down view of backend service metrics

7.5.1 Critical KPI and Alerts

The most critical KPI for our backend application is **application availability**, represented by the Prometheus metric up. This metric is considered critical because if the application is down, all other metrics become irrelevant — users cannot access the ser-

vice, and no business processes can be executed. Ensuring high availability is therefore the top priority.

In addition to availability, we monitor CPU usage, uptime, and heap memory usage to proactively detect performance degradation or resource saturation. The following table summarizes the selected alerts, their objectives, and thresholds:

Metric	Objective	Warning Seuil	Critical Seuil
Availability (up)	Ensure the application is reachable	N/A	0 (down)
CPU Usage	Prevent CPU saturation	70–80% average over 5 min	>90% average o
Uptime	Track application stability / restarts	>1 restart in 5 min	>3 restarts in 5 r
Heap Usage	Prevent JVM OutOfMemoryError and GC stalls	>70–75% of max heap	>85–90% of max

Table 7.1: Selected alerts and thresholds for the backend application

Monitoring these KPIs allows the team to detect critical issues early, maintain service reliability, and take proactive actions to prevent performance degradation.

Chapter 8

Conclusion

This project demonstrates the full DevOps lifecycle for a JEE application, from source control to CI/CD, containerization, Kubernetes deployment, and monitoring. Key achievements:

- Automated CI/CD pipelines using Jenkins
- High-quality code validated with SonarQube
- Containerized applications with Docker
- Deployed services on Kubernetes with Minikube
- Monitored metrics with Prometheus and Grafana

Challenges included configuring pipelines, managing dependencies, and integrating monitoring tools. Future improvements may include cloud deployment and scaling.