Step-by-Step Guide: Deploy Flask App via GitHub Actions → ECR → ECS (Fargate)

1. AWS Pre-requisites

1.1 Create ECR Repository

```
aws ecr create-repository --repository-name crypto-app
```

1.2 Create ECS Cluster

```
aws ecs create-cluster --cluster-name crypto-cluster
```

1.3 ECS Task Definition & Service - Create a Task Definition (Fargate recommended) - Network mode: awsvpc - CPU/Memory: 256/512 - Execution role: ecsTaskExecutionRole - Container: Flask app container, port mapping 5000:5000 - Create an ECS Service pointing to your task definition - Launch type: FARGATE - Subnets: Public subnets for auto-assigned public IP - Security group: Allow inbound port 5000 - Enable Auto-assign Public IP (optional if not using ALB)

2. GitHub Secrets

Secret Name	Example Value
AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID	AKIAxxxxxx
AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY	XXXXXXXXXXX
AWS_REGION	us-east-1
ECR_REGISTRY	123456789012.dkr.ecr.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
ECR_REPOSITORY	crypto-app
ECS_CLUSTER	crypto-cluster
ECS_SERVICE	crypto-service

3. GitHub Actions Workflow

Create .github/workflows/deploy.yml :

name: Deploy to AWS ECS

on:
push:

```
branches:
      - main
jobs:
 deploy:
   runs-on: ubuntu-latest
   steps:
    - name: Checkout Code
      uses: actions/checkout@v3
    - name: Configure AWS Credentials
      uses: aws-actions/configure-aws-credentials@v2
     with:
        aws-access-key-id: ${{ secrets.AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID }}
        aws-secret-access-key: ${{ secrets.AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY }}
        aws-region: ${{ secrets.AWS_REGION }}
    - name: Log in to Amazon ECR
      uses: aws-actions/amazon-ecr-login@v1
    - name: Build, Tag & Push Docker Image
      run: |
        IMAGE_TAG=latest
        docker build -t ${{ secrets.ECR_REGISTRY }}/$
{{ secrets.ECR_REPOSITORY }}:$IMAGE_TAG .
        docker push ${{ secrets.ECR_REGISTRY }}/${{ secrets.ECR_REPOSITORY }}:
$IMAGE TAG
    - name: Deploy to ECS
     uses: aws-actions/amazon-ecs-deploy-task-definition@v1
     with:
        task-definition: ecs-task-def.json
        service: ${{ secrets.ECS_SERVICE }}
        cluster: ${{ secrets.ECS_CLUSTER }}
        wait-for-service-stability: true
```

4. ECS Task Definition Example (ecs-task-def.json)

```
"family": "crypto-app-task",
  "networkMode": "awsvpc",
  "requiresCompatibilities": ["FARGATE"],
  "cpu": "256",
  "memory": "512",
```

Replace account ID, region, and IAM role ARN with your values.

5. Configure ECS Fargate Task to Get a Public IP

- When creating/updating ECS service:
- Subnets: Public subnets
- Auto-assign Public IP: Enable 🔽
- Security group: Allow inbound port 5000
- New tasks will automatically get a public IP.

6. Deployment Flow

- 1. Push code to main branch → GitHub Actions workflow triggers
- 2. Docker image builds and pushes to ECR
- 3. ECS Service updates with new task definition
- 4. Flask app is live
- 5. Option 1: Via public IP (changes on redeploy)
- 6. Option 2 (Recommended): Via ALB DNS → stable URL

7. Verify Task Public IP

After the new task is running:

```
# Get latest task ARN
TASK_ARN=$(aws ecs list-tasks
   --cluster python-crypto-cluster
   --service-name crypto-app-service
   --region ap-south-1
   --query "taskArns[0]" --output text)
```

```
# Get private IP
aws ecs describe-tasks
  --cluster python-crypto-cluster
  --tasks $TASK_ARN
  --region ap-south-1
  --query "tasks[0].containers[0].networkInterfaces[0].privateIpv4Address"
  --output text
# Fetch ENI ID
eni_id=$(aws ecs describe-tasks
  --cluster python-crypto-cluster
  --tasks $TASK_ARN
  --region ap-south-1
  --query "tasks[0].attachments[0].details[?
name=='networkInterfaceId'].value"
  --output text)
# Get Public IP
aws ec2 describe-network-interfaces
  --network-interface-ids $eni id
  --region ap-south-1
  --query "NetworkInterfaces[0].Association.PublicIp"
  --output text
```

The returned IP is your Flask app's **public IP**. Access it via:

```
http://<public-ip>:5000
```

8. Access Your App via ALB (Recommended)

- Create ALB in public subnets \rightarrow attach to ECS Service
- Access app via ALB DNS name (stable URL)

9. Deployment Benefits

- Fully automated CI/CD with GitHub Actions
- Docker image versioning via ECR
- ECS Fargate tasks auto-deployed on updates
- Public IP access for testing OR ALB for stable production URL