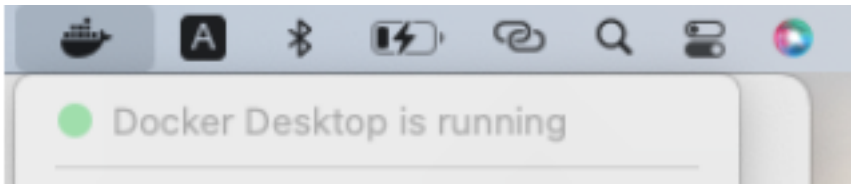
README

Challenge Steps

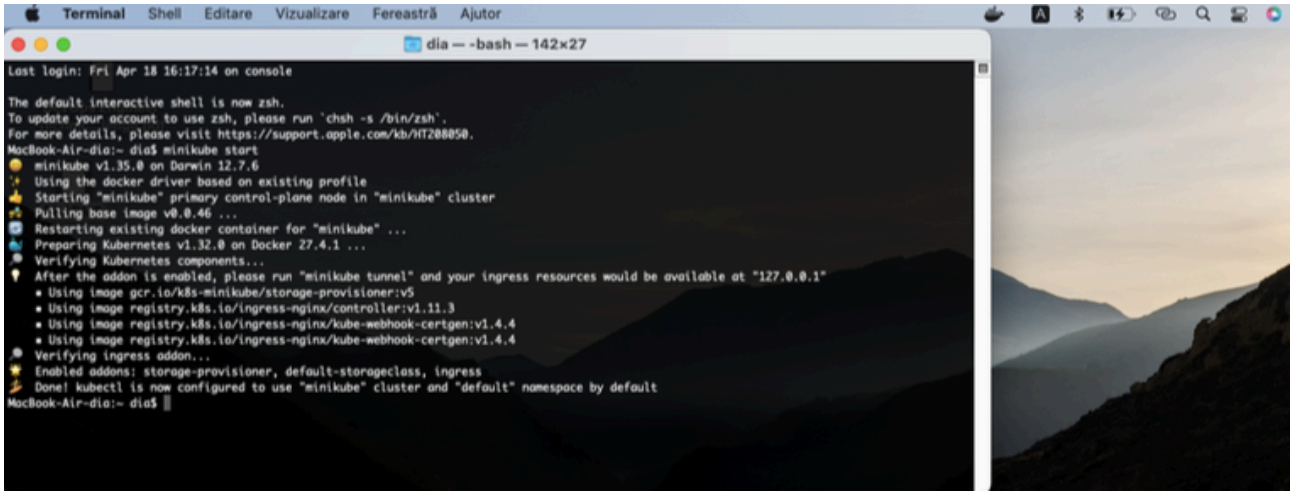
1. Complete the Kubernetes Manifest with an Ingress Controller

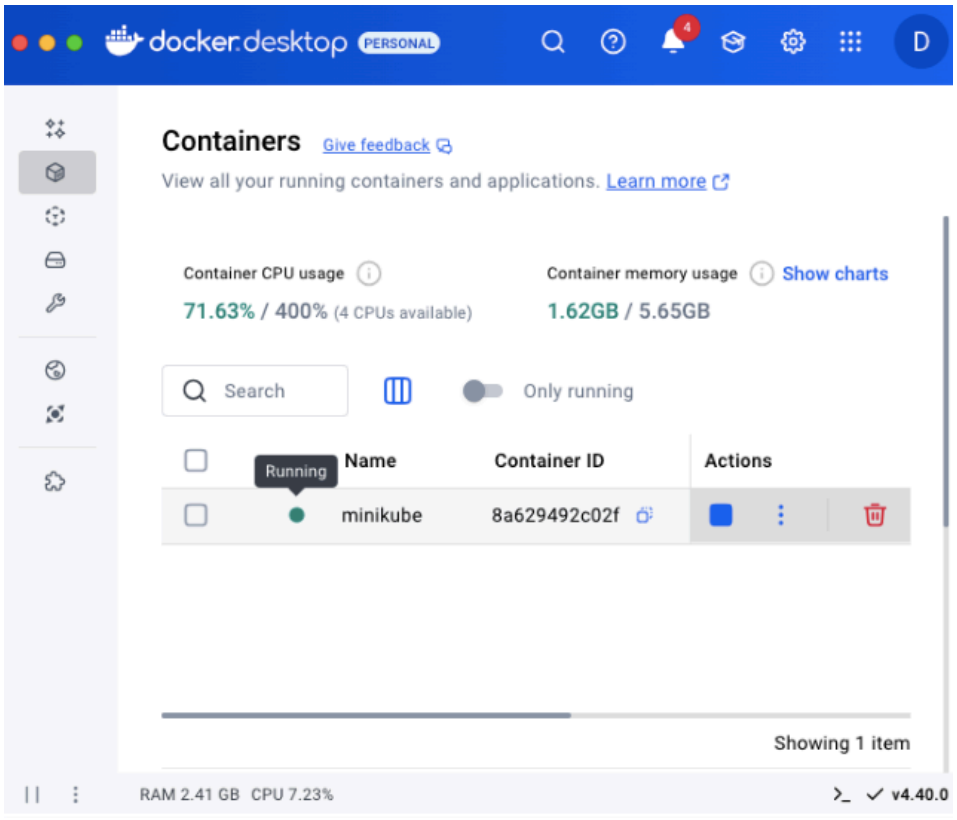
- Start Docker Desktop and ensure it is running.



- Launch a local Kubernetes cluster using Minikube:

minikube start





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- We use an Ingress Controller to access applications through a custom domain (e.g. echo.local), we need to enable it again:

- Enable the Ingress Controller in Minikube:

minikube addons enable ingress

- This will start the Ingress Controller to allow us access to applications through the defined domain.

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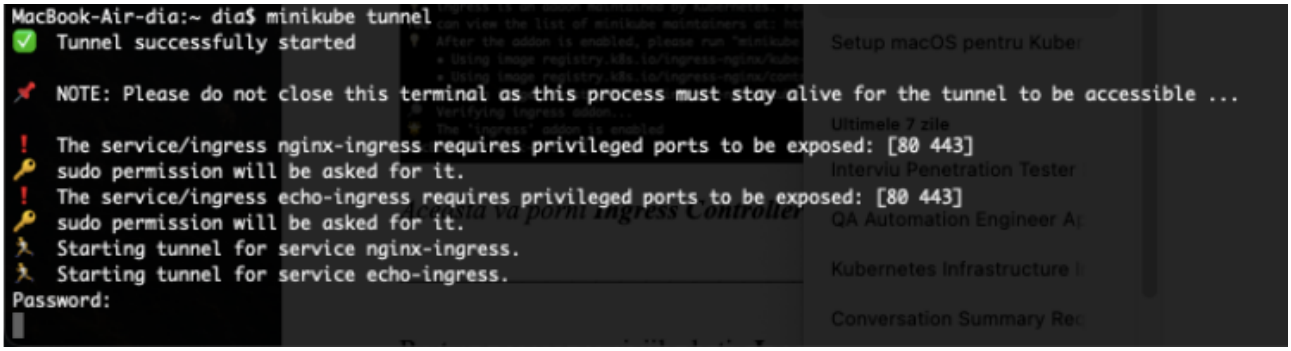
- To access LoadBalancer services (like ingress-nginx-controller), we need to restart the tunnel. This creates a network tunnel between Minikube and our localhost.

- Start a Minikube tunnel to allow access to LoadBalancer services:

minikube tunnel



We leave the terminal open, this process will remain active and allow local access to our applications.

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- Clone the official application repository:

git clone https://github.com/Azure-Samples/aks-store-demo.git
cd aks-store-demo

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

- Add an Ingress resource to the bottom of the `aks-store-quickstart.yaml` file to expose the frontend service (`store-front`) via a custom domain (`store.local`).

What this Ingress does:

- Creates a rule for the store.local domain
- Redirects all HTTP requests to the store-front service (port 80)
- Allows external access to the application through a single entry point Requires the Ingress
- Controller to be enabled in the cluster

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- Apply the Kubernetes manifest:

kubectl apply -f /path/to/aks-store-quickstart.yaml

```
MacBook-Air-dia:~ dia$ kubectl apply -f /Users/dia/aks-store-demo/aks-store-quickstart.yaml
statefulset.apps/rabbitmq unchanged
configmap/rabbitmq-enabled-plugins unchanged
service/rabbitmq unchanged
deployment.apps/order-service unchanged
service/order-service unchanged
deployment.apps/product-service unchanged
service/product-service unchanged
deployment.apps/store-front configured
service/store-front unchanged
ingress.networking.k8s.io/store-ingress unchanged
MacBook-Air-dia:~ dia$
```

- Verify all resources are running:

kubectl get all

```
MacBook-Air-dia:~ dia$ kubectl get all
NAME                                   READY   STATUS      RESTARTS      AGE
pod/nginx                              0/1     Completed   0             7h7m
pod/order-service-5c85f45984-qlndg     1/1     Running     0             21m
pod/product-service-5b8794b597-wfkq5   1/1     Running     1 (18m ago)   21m
pod/rabbitmq-0                         1/1     Running     0             21m
pod/store-front-68cb5f5fc6-xx2l7       1/1     Running     0             21m

NAME                       TYPE           CLUSTER-IP       EXTERNAL-IP   PORT(S)              AGE
service/kubernetes         ClusterIP      10.96.0.1        <none>        443/TCP              7h8m
service/nginx-service      ClusterIP      10.105.163.118   <none>        80/TCP               7h6m
service/order-service      ClusterIP      10.96.132.12     <none>        3000/TCP             21m
service/product-service    ClusterIP      10.106.106.37    <none>        3002/TCP             21m
service/rabbitmq           ClusterIP      10.97.169.47     <none>        5672/TCP,15672/TCP   21m
service/store-front        LoadBalancer   10.103.61.182    127.0.0.1     80:30283/TCP         21m

NAME                              READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
deployment.apps/order-service     1/1     1            1           21m
deployment.apps/product-service   1/1     1            1           21m
deployment.apps/store-front       1/1     1            1           21m

NAME                                         DESIRED   CURRENT   READY   AGE
replicaset.apps/order-service-5c85f45984     1         1         1       21m
replicaset.apps/product-service-5b8794b597   1         1         1       21m
replicaset.apps/store-front-68cb5f5fc6       1         1         1       21m

NAME                        READY   AGE
statefulset.apps/rabbitmq   1/1     21m
MacBook-Air-dia:~ dia$
```

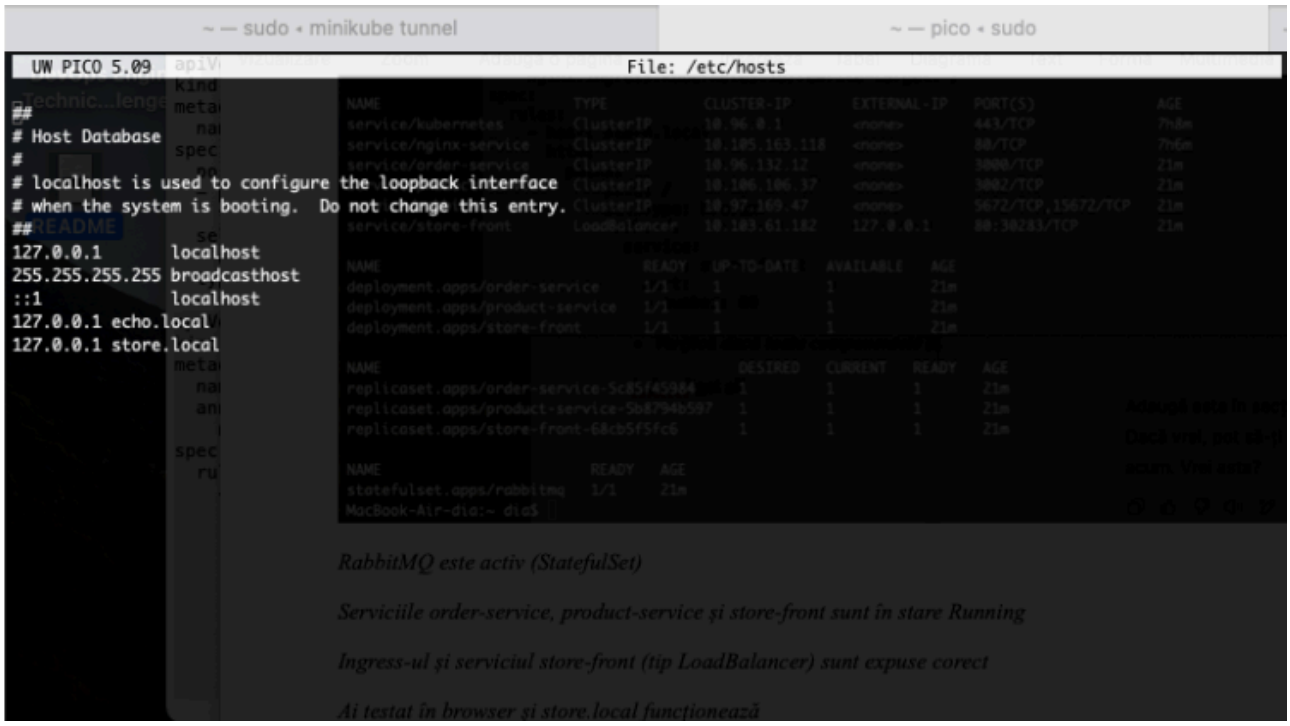
RabbitMQ is active (StatefulSet)
The order-service, product-service and store-front services are in Running state.
The ingress and store-front service (LoadBalancer type) are exposed correctly
You tested in the browser and store.local works

- Edit your /etc/hosts file to map store.local

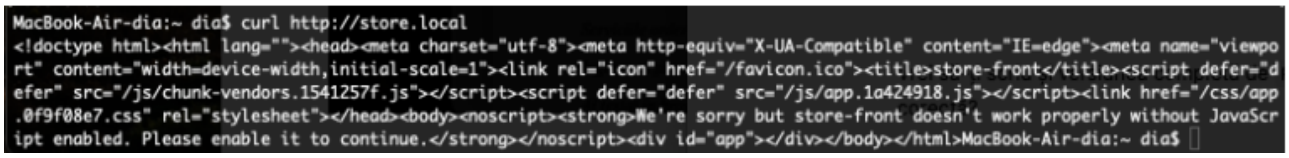
sudo nano /etc/hosts

- Add the following line:

127.0.0.1 store.local



Test the application:
curl http://store.local



This response confirms that:
• The Ingress Controller is up and running
• The store.local domain is correctly configured in the /etc/hosts file
• The store-front application is exposed and responding via Ingress
• All setup from Step 1 is functional
The application can also be accessed from the browser at: http://store.local

2. Create Kubernetes Cluster using Terraform

- A `main.tf` file is provided inside the `terraform/` directory, prepared to create an AKS cluster in Azure.
  Due to security reasons, an actual Azure account was not used during testing — all tests were performed locally using Minikube.

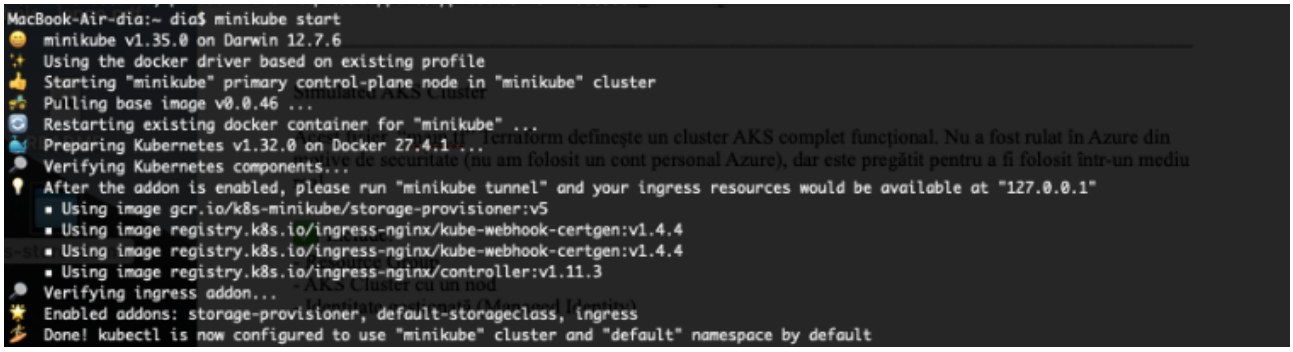
- main.tf includes:

  - Resource Group creation
  - AKS Cluster with a single node
  - Managed Identity configuration

Local Validation Steps (with Minikube):

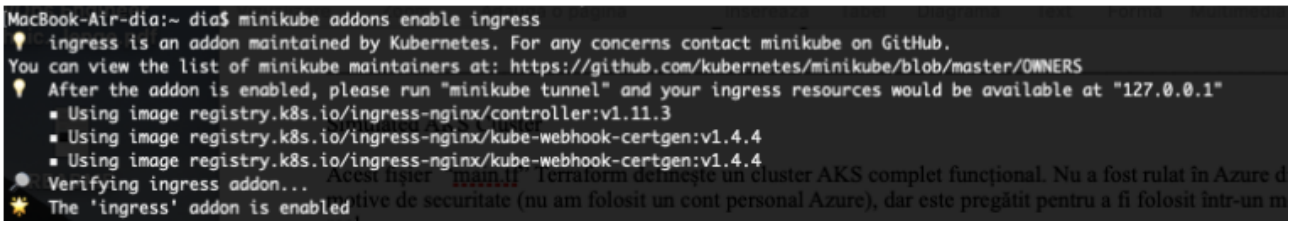
- Start Minikube:

minikube start



- Enable Ingress Controller:

minikube addons enable ingress

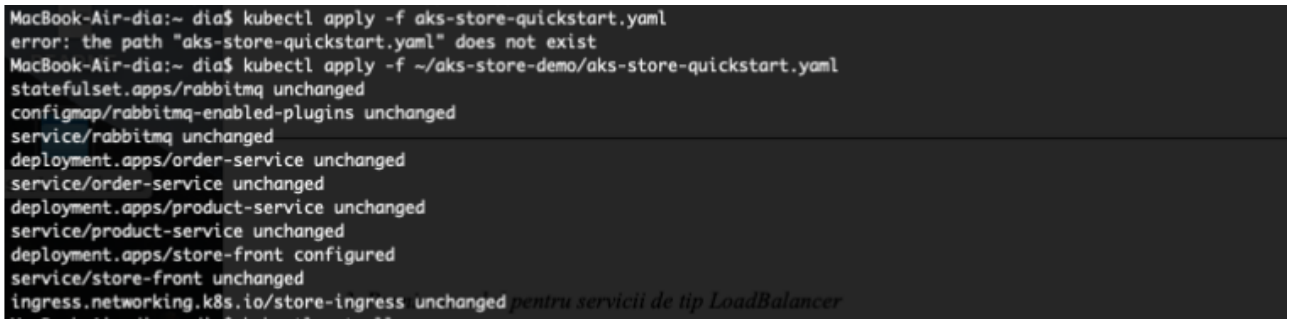


- Start the Minikube tunnel:

minikube tunnel

- Apply the Kubernetes manifests:

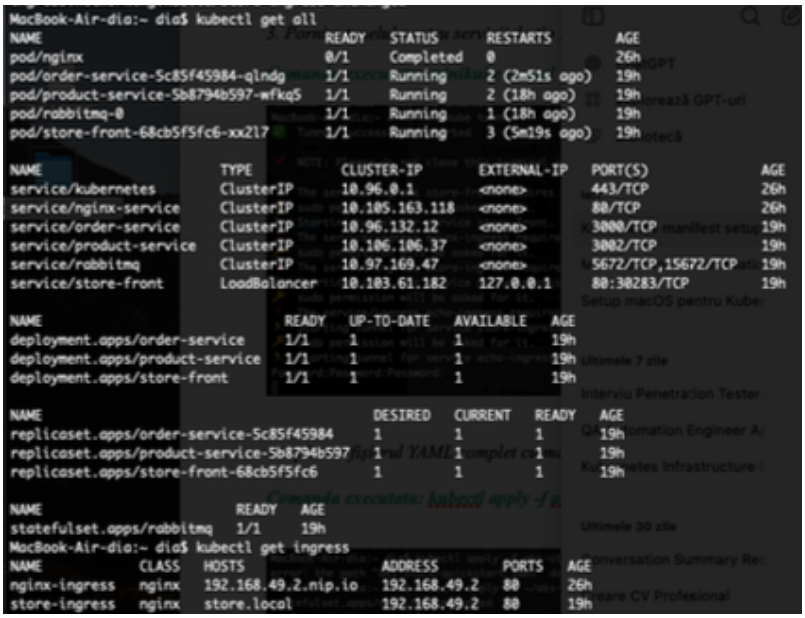
kubectl apply -f aks-store-quickstart.yaml



- Verify all resources:

kubectl get all

kubectl get ingress



```
MacBook-Air-dia:~ dia$ kubectl get ingress
NAME              CLASS   HOSTS                ADDRESS        PORTS   AGE
nginx-ingress     nginx   192.168.49.2.nip.io  192.168.49.2   80      26h
store-ingress     nginx   store.local          192.168.49.2   80      19h
```

- Access the application:

curl http://store.local

```
MacBook-Air-dia:~ dia$ curl http://store.local
<!doctype html><html lang=""><head><meta charset="utf-8"><meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge"><meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1"><link rel="icon" href="/favicon.ico"><title>store-front</title><script defer="defer" src="/js/chunk-vendors.1541257f.js"></script><script defer="defer" src="/js/app.1a424918.js"></script><link href="/css/app.0f9f08e7.css" rel="stylesheet"></head><body><noscript><strong>We're sorry but store-front doesn't work properly without JavaScript enabled. Please enable it to continue.</strong></noscript><div id="app"></div></MacBMacBMacBook-Air-dia:~ diMacBook-Air-dia:MacBook-MacBook-
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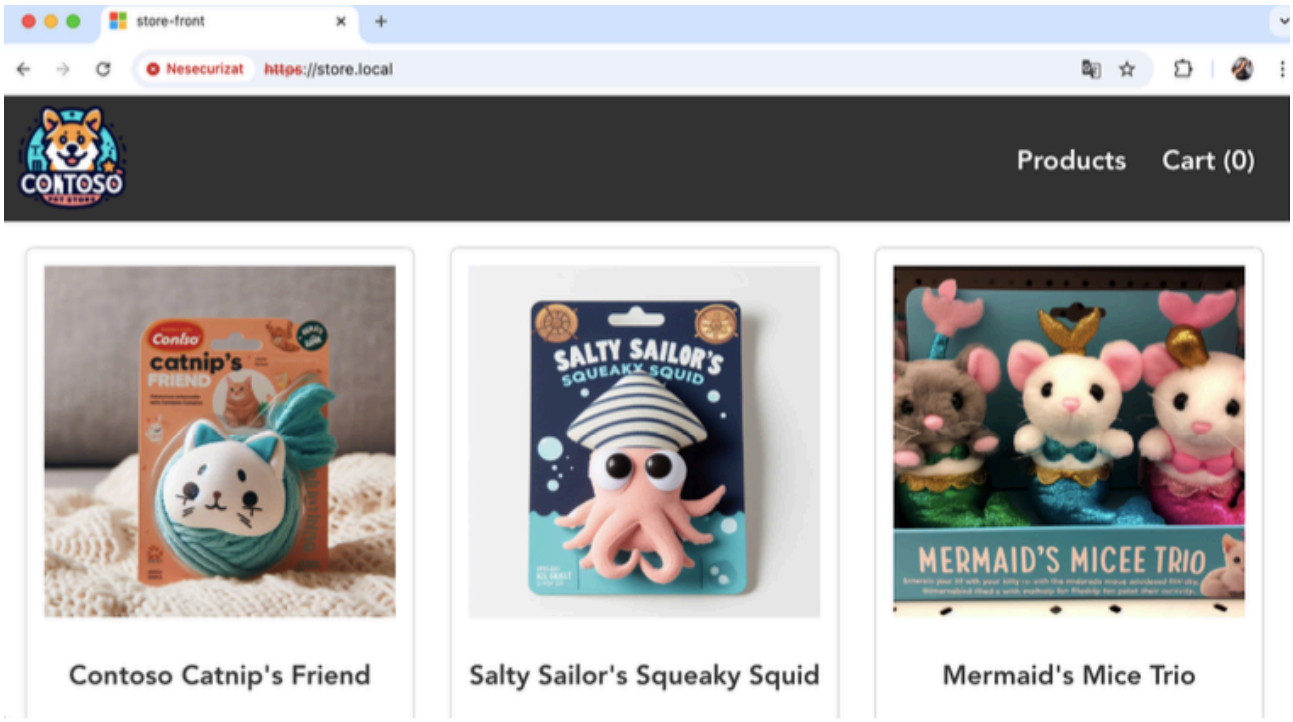


Ingress Controller is working
The store.local domain is correctly configured
The store-front application is exposed correctly
The local Kubernetes setup is 100% working

Content main.tf

main.tf

```
provider "azurerm" {
  features {}
}

resource "azurerm_resource_group" "rg" {
  name     = "aks-store-demo-rg"
  location = "East US"
}

resource "azurerm_kubernetes_cluster" "aks" {
  name                = "aks-store-demo"
  location            = azurerm_resource_group.rg.location
  resource_group_name = azurerm_resource_group.rg.name
  dns_prefix          = "aksstoredemo"

  default_node_pool {
    name       = "default"
    node_count = 1
    vm_size    = "Standard_DS2_v2"
  }

  identity {
    type = "SystemAssigned"
  }

  tags = {
    environment = "dev"
  }
}
```

The code is related to setting up a Kubernetes cluster on Azure (AKS) with Terraform and configuring an Ingress controller to handle HTTP/HTTPS traffic within the application.

3. Create CI/CD for the Project

- Dockerfiles were created for each service and can be found in the `docker/` directory.
- Kubernetes YAML files for each service were created under `k8s/`.

Building and Deploying Locally:

- Example for the `order-service`:

docker build -t demo-order-service -f docker/Dockerfile.order-service .

kubectl apply -f k8s/order-service.yaml

kubectl get pods

kubectl get svc

- Repeat similarly for the other services.
- Alternatively, use automation scripts:

./build-all.sh

./deploy-all.sh

CI/CD Pipeline:

- Implemented using **GitHub Actions** (`.github/workflows/ci-cd.yml`).
- CI includes:
  - Building Docker images for all services.
  - Running basic service tests (e.g., simple `curl` tests).
- CD includes:
  - Deploying all services automatically into Minikube.
  - Using Kubernetes manifests and Ingress for service exposure.
- Local CI testing was performed using [`act`].

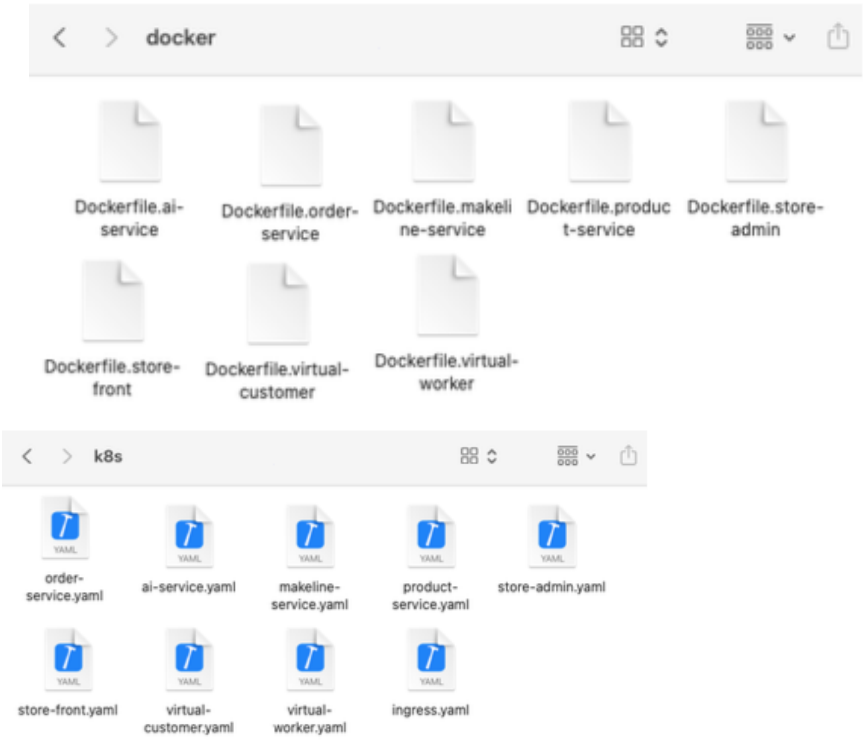
Commands:

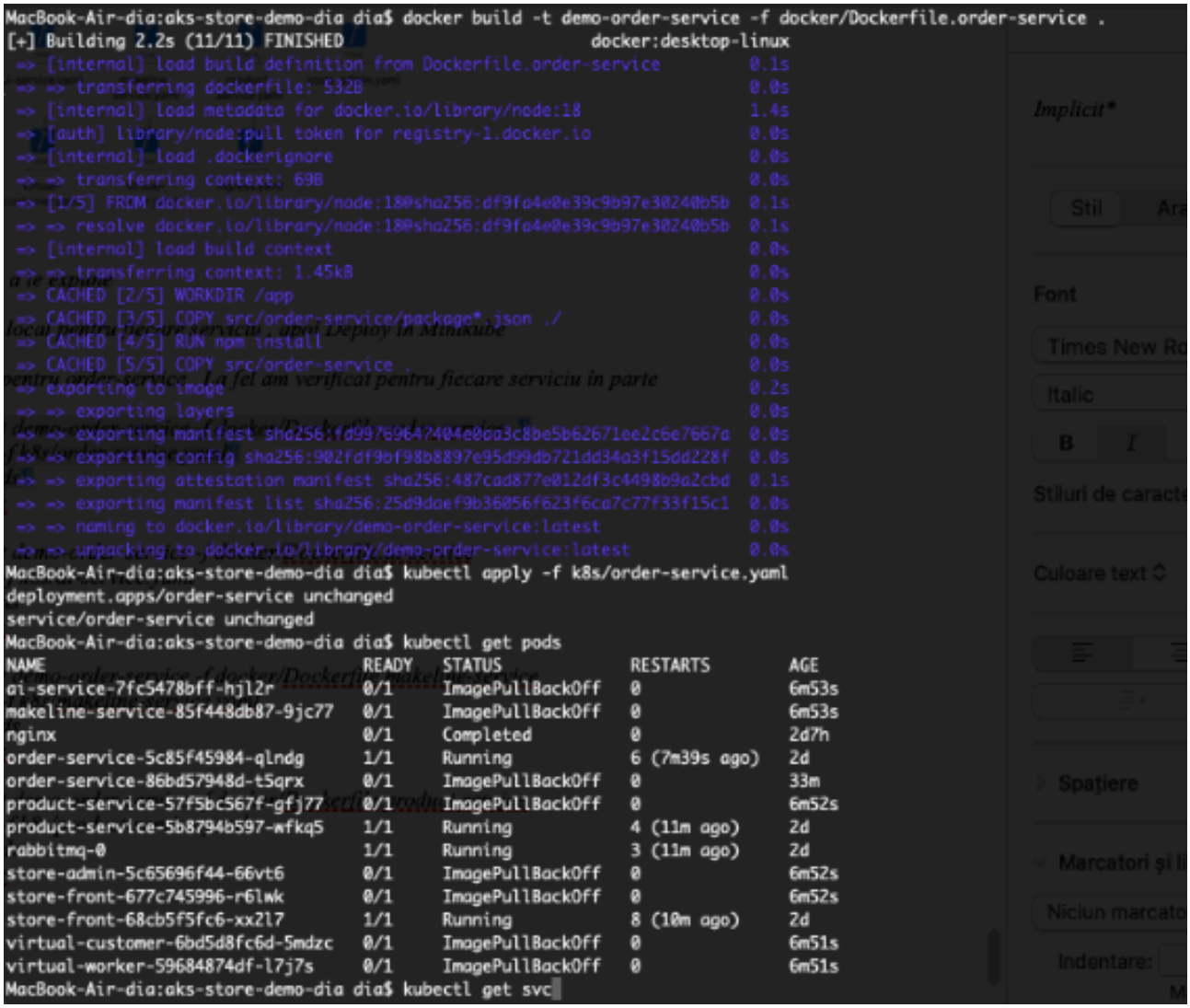
./build-all.sh

./deploy-all.sh

kubectl get pods

kubectl get ingress





4. Bonus Steps

Helm Chart Creation:

- A Helm chart was created to manage the application deployment.
- It includes templates for Deployments, Services, ConfigMaps, etc.

Resource Limits and Requests:

resources:

requests:

cpu: "250m"

memory: "256Mi"

limits:

cpu: "500m"

memory: "512Mi"

This ensures better resource management inside the Kubernetes cluster.

Network Policies:

- Implemented network policies to restrict inter-service communication.
- Example:

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: NetworkPolicy

metadata:

name: allow-my-app-communication

spec:

podSelector:

matchLabels:

app: my-app

ingress:

- from:

- podSelector:

matchLabels:

app: my-app

Verification commands:

kubectl get pods
kubectl get svc
kubectl get networkpolicies