

DevOps VM Setup with GitHub Actions

This repository contains a secure VM setup script that can be deployed automatically using GitHub Actions.

Features

- **Conditional Deployment:** Only runs when the setup script actually changes
- **Manual Trigger:** Force deployment when needed
- **Multi-Environment Support:** Deploy to production or staging environments
- **Secure SSH Deployment:** Uses GitHub Secrets for secure access
- **Automatic Backups:** Creates backups before deployment

Prerequisites

1. VM Setup

- Ubuntu-based VM (tested on Ubuntu 20.04+)
- SSH access configured
- User with sudo privileges

2. GitHub Secrets Configuration

Add these secrets to your GitHub repository ([Settings](#) → [Secrets and variables](#) → [Actions](#)):

Required Secrets:

- [VM_SSH_PRIVATE_KEY](#): Your private SSH key for VM access
- [PRODUCTION_VM_IP](#): IP address of your production VM
- [STAGING_VM_IP](#): IP address of your staging VM (optional)

How to generate SSH key:

```
# Generate SSH key pair
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "github-actions@your-domain.com"

# Copy public key to VM
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub ubuntu@YOUR_VM_IP

# Copy private key content to GitHub secret
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa
```

Usage

Automatic Deployment

The workflow automatically triggers when:

- You push changes to `scripts/setup-vm-and-docker.sh`
- You push changes to the workflow file itself
- Changes are made to the `main` branch

Manual Deployment

1. Go to your repository on GitHub
2. Navigate to `Actions` tab
3. Select "Deploy VM Setup Script"
4. Click "Run workflow"
5. Choose your options:
 - **Force deployment:** Skip change detection
 - **Target environment:** Choose production or staging

Security Features

The setup script includes:

- **Firewall Configuration:** UFW with secure defaults
- **SSH Hardening:** Disabled root login and password auth
- **Fail2Ban:** Protection against brute force attacks
- **Automatic Updates:** Security updates enabled
- **Docker Installation:** Latest Docker with Swarm mode

File Structure

```
devops/
├── .github/
│   └── workflows/
│       └── deploy-vm-setup.yml    # GitHub Actions workflow
├── scripts/
│   └── setup-vm-and-docker.sh    # VM setup script
└── README.md                    # This file
```

Monitoring

Check Deployment Status

- View workflow runs in GitHub Actions tab
- Check VM logs: `sudo journalctl -u docker`
- Verify Docker: `docker info`

Troubleshooting

1. **SSH Connection Issues:** Verify your SSH key is correct
2. **Permission Denied:** Ensure the VM user has sudo privileges
3. **Script Fails:** Check the workflow logs for detailed error messages

Important Notes

- **Backup Your VM:** Always backup your VM before running the setup
- **SSH Key Security:** Keep your private key secure and never commit it to the repository
- **Firewall Rules:** The script opens ports 22 (SSH), 80 (HTTP), and 443 (HTTPS)
- **Docker Swarm:** The script initializes Docker Swarm mode

Emergency Access

If you lose SSH access after deployment:

1. Use your cloud provider's console access
2. Temporarily disable the firewall: `sudo ufw disable`
3. Check SSH configuration: `sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config`
4. Restart SSH: `sudo systemctl restart ssh`