Laboratory Practice Report

Version control (CodeCommit) and continuous deployment (CI/CD)

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# Introduction

Code versioning is a method that has been implemented in almost all organizations due to it is a simple way to revert changes in several processes. Talking about applications, it is a method to have excellent control in the code developed by dev teams; it helps to have a good control about the activities made by each team member. Also, in case of any failure or code released accidently, it can be reverted easily and no impacting other areas in the application. The same thing applies to any document or process that is documented, it can be saved as version, in case, something is lost or modified by mistake, it can be recovered faster.

Deployments are complicated when they are handled manually because it can come with human mistakes. For that reason, it is so important to automate them, it can be scheduled on specific date and time, or it can schedule each time that any code is added to a specific folder. In this laboratory, deployment is going to be scheduled now it is merged to GitHub on master branch, Code Pipeline is going to be triggered to deploy our application in elastic bean.

# Theoretical Framework

Version control (VC) [1] is the practice to of tracking and managing changes to software code, documents, processes, etc. It is regular used by third party tools that help the companies to have more control under the important assets. In addition, it helps to the teams to manage and achieve the main goal that is to successfully complete an activity that everyone is participating and avoiding mistakes providing a tool to go back on specific point or version.

Git bash [2] is a free and open-source distributed version control system. It can be used by anyone without additional cost.

GitHub [3] is a free version control system. It is one of the most popular tools implemented by users and organizations, it can have public and private repositories to be created. It has an option to have an enterprise account to add more options to do a version control easily.

CodeCommit [4] is a private version control system provided by AWS. As part of AWS, it provides security and highly scalable. It is based on git open-source version.

Repository [5] is a place where you can store your code, files, and each file revision. It helps to have everything in one place providing versions of each modification made on each file.

# Architectural diagram

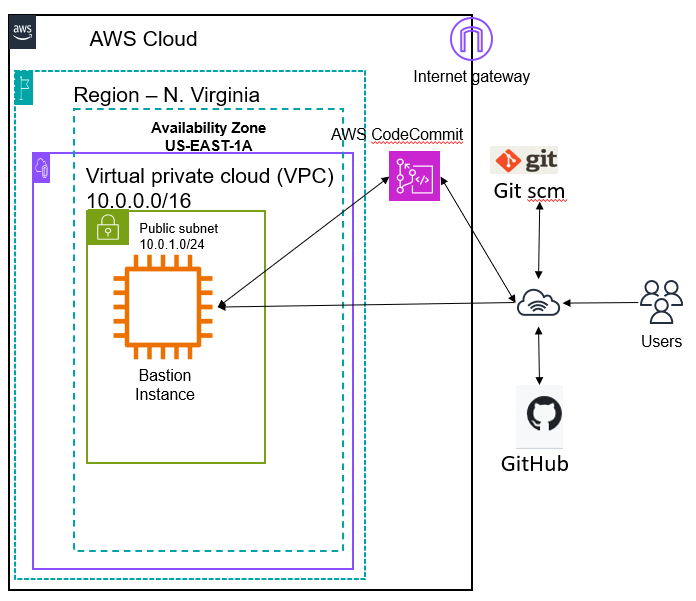


Figure 1 Diagram Control Versioning.

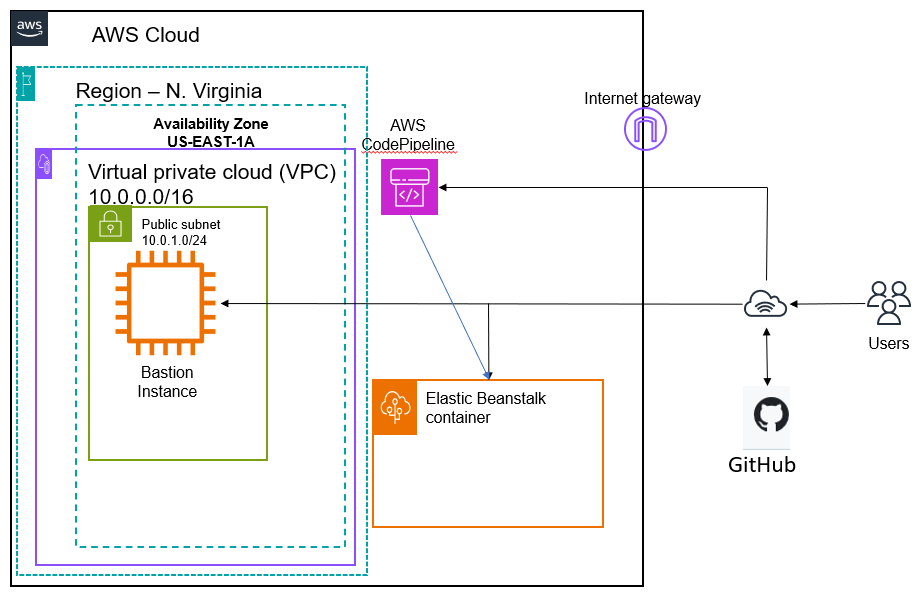


Figure 2 Diagram Continuous deployments.

# Practice Development

AWS Academy Account is going to be used to do source control file version implementing CodeCommit.

## Version control

### Set up local repository on git bash.

Following the guideline in the notebook, git must be installed, and account must be created to be able to do the file control version.

* Bastion windows is used to complete these steps (Figure 3).
* Iteso account is set in git (Figure 4).
* Setting up repository (Figure 5).
* Creating new file and pushing commit to git (Figure 6).
* Editing existing file and committing it again (Figure 7).
* Creating third version of the file (Figure 8).
* Reviewing log history to validate all changes are registered (Figure 9).

### GitHub repository.

* Creating GitHub account using iteso email and repository.
* Pushing to master current changes in the version.txt file (Figure 10).
* **What change do you see?** Last file version was pushed to GitHub (Figure 11); In addition, credentials were requested when push command was executed.

### CodeCommit repository.

* Repository is created.
* Push to CodeCommit is not working. Also, personal account was used but, same error message is thrown (Figure 12).

### Control version of a document.

## Continuous deployment environment.

* Go to Elastic Beanstalk service.
* Create new application. It is the same as previous laboratory where green/blue was implemented (Figure 13).
* Uploading Node.js application to GitHub (Figure 14 and Figure 15).
* Go to CodePipeline service.
* Create new pipeline following the instructions in the notebook.
* GitHub V1 must be used, as V2 is not authorized to AWS Academy.
* New repository must be selected (AN-cicd-lab) along master branch, as there is no other branch created.
* CodePipeline created successfully in personal account (Figure 16 and Figure 17).
* After editing index.html file and committed it to git, new deployment ran automatically (Figure 19).

# Problems and Solutions

AWS Academy account is not able to create user, also, it is not able to grant the permissions on CodePipeline to create it (Figure 20). After it, user was attempted to be created but, AWS academy is noy authorized to create users.

**Solution**. – personal AWS account can perform this activity.

# Experiments and Results

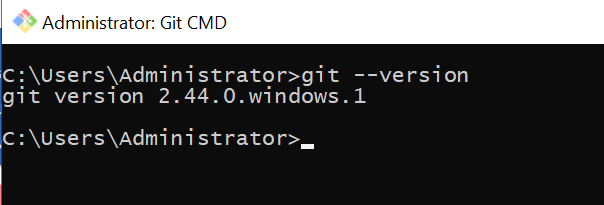


Figure 3 Git bash client installed.

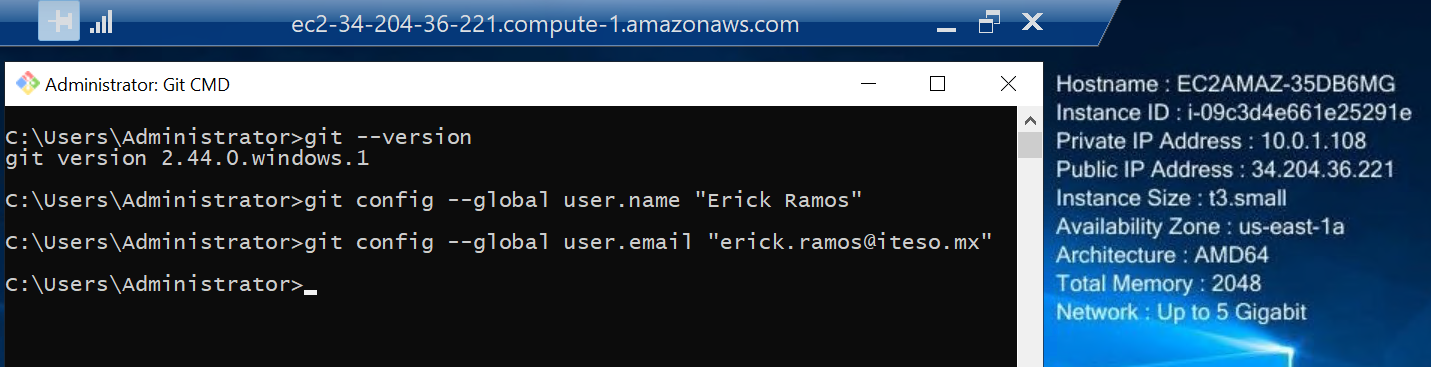


Figure 4 iteso account set in git bash.

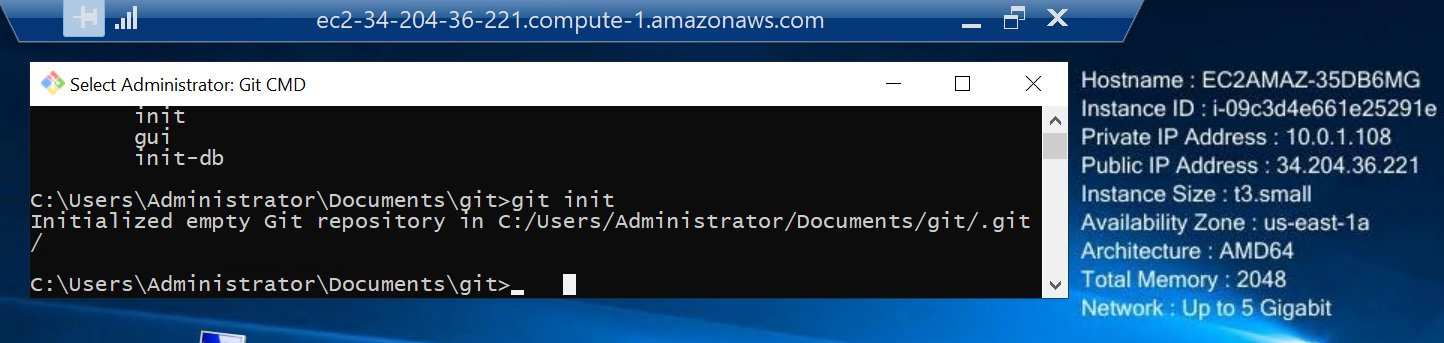


Figure 5 Setting uo repository.

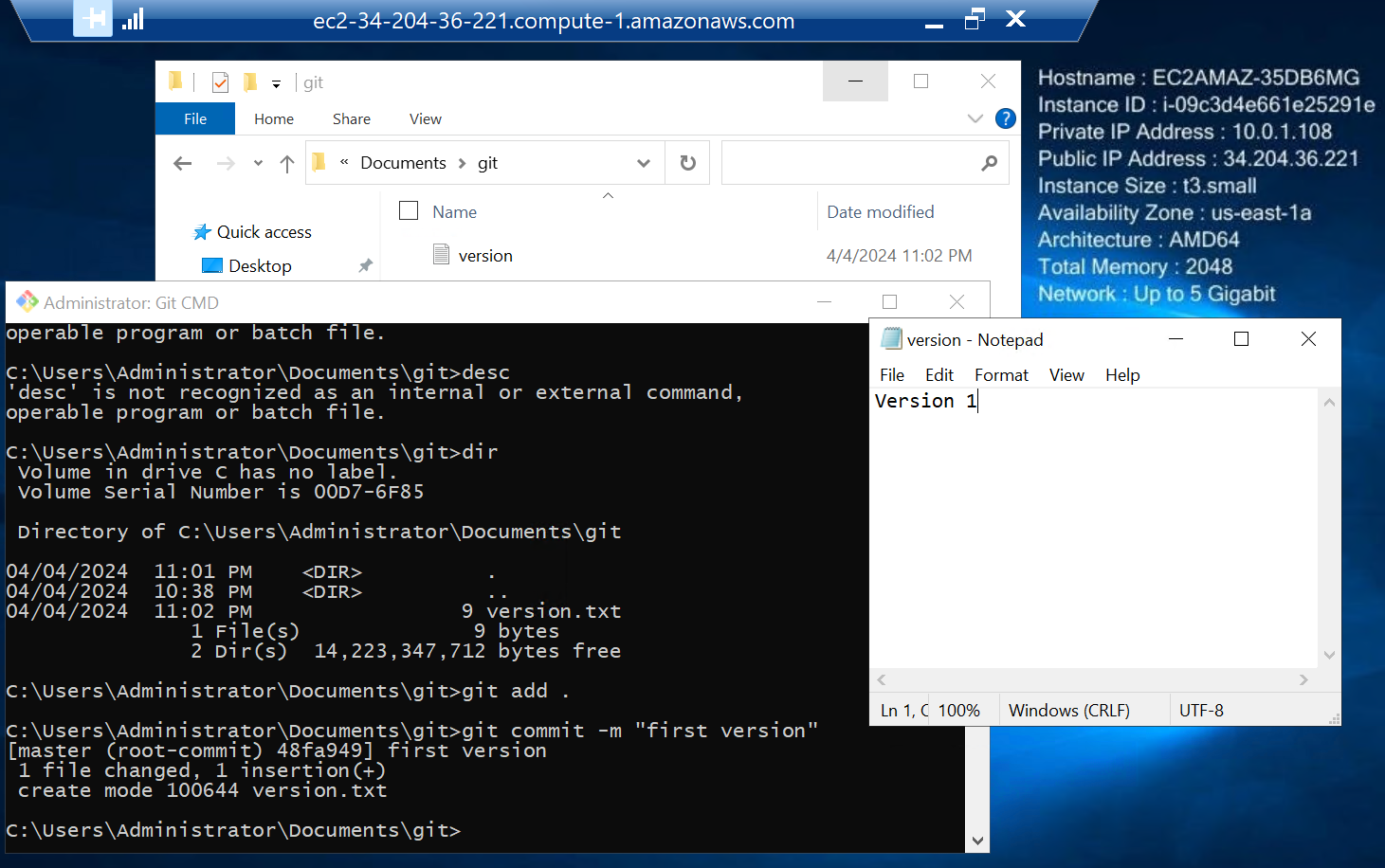


Figure 6 First commit to git bash.

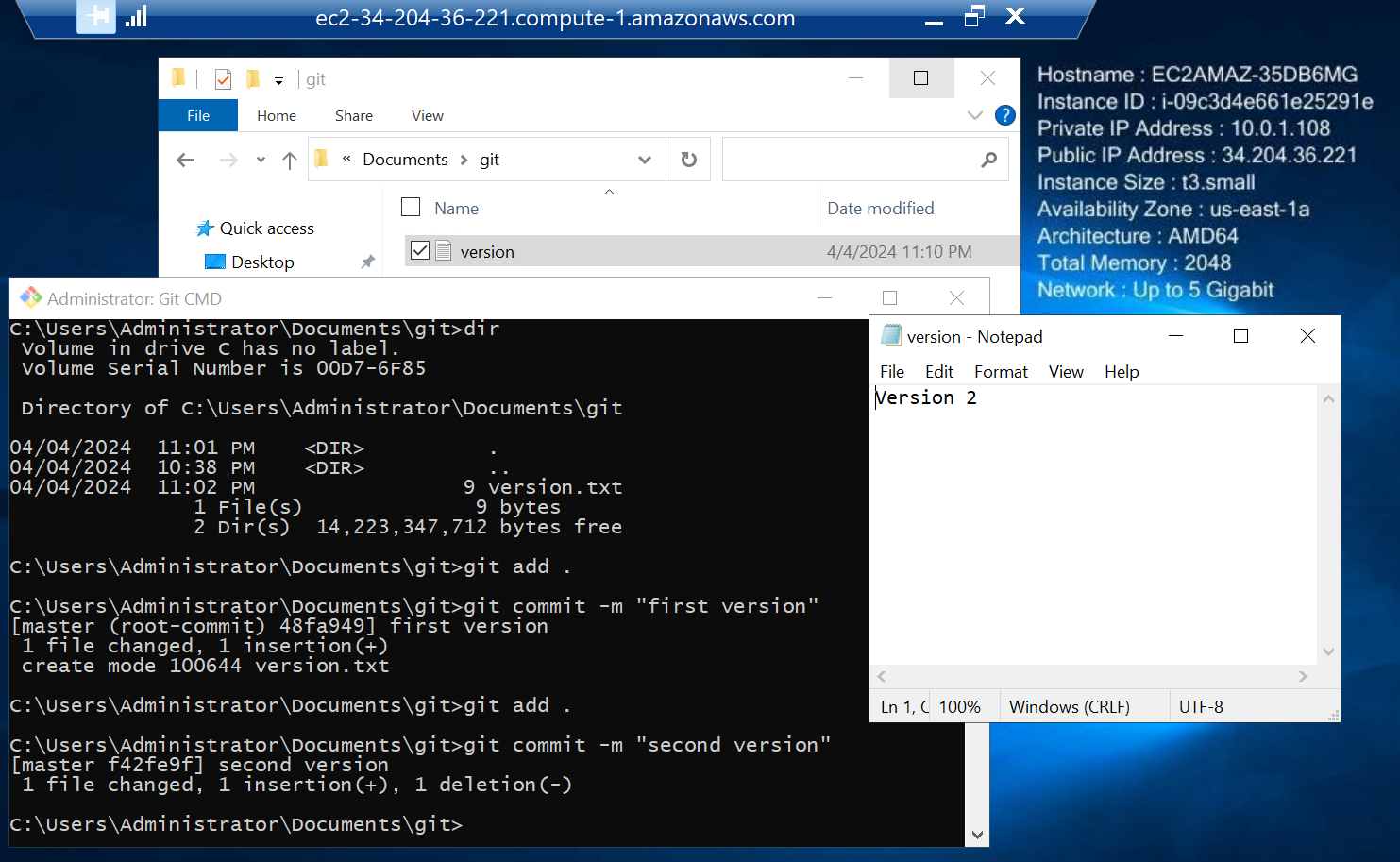


Figure 7 Second commit to git bash.

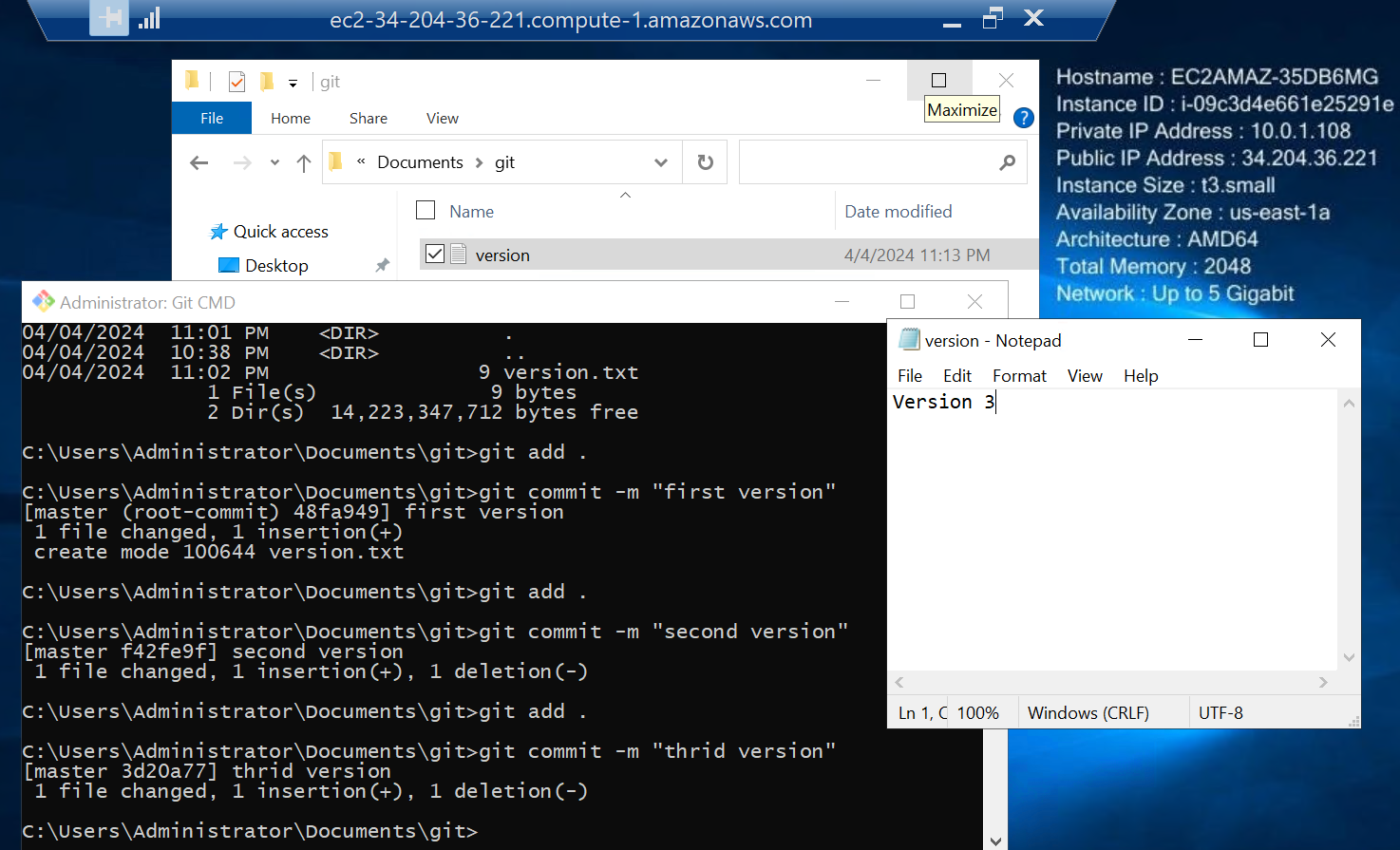


Figure 8 Third commit to git bash.

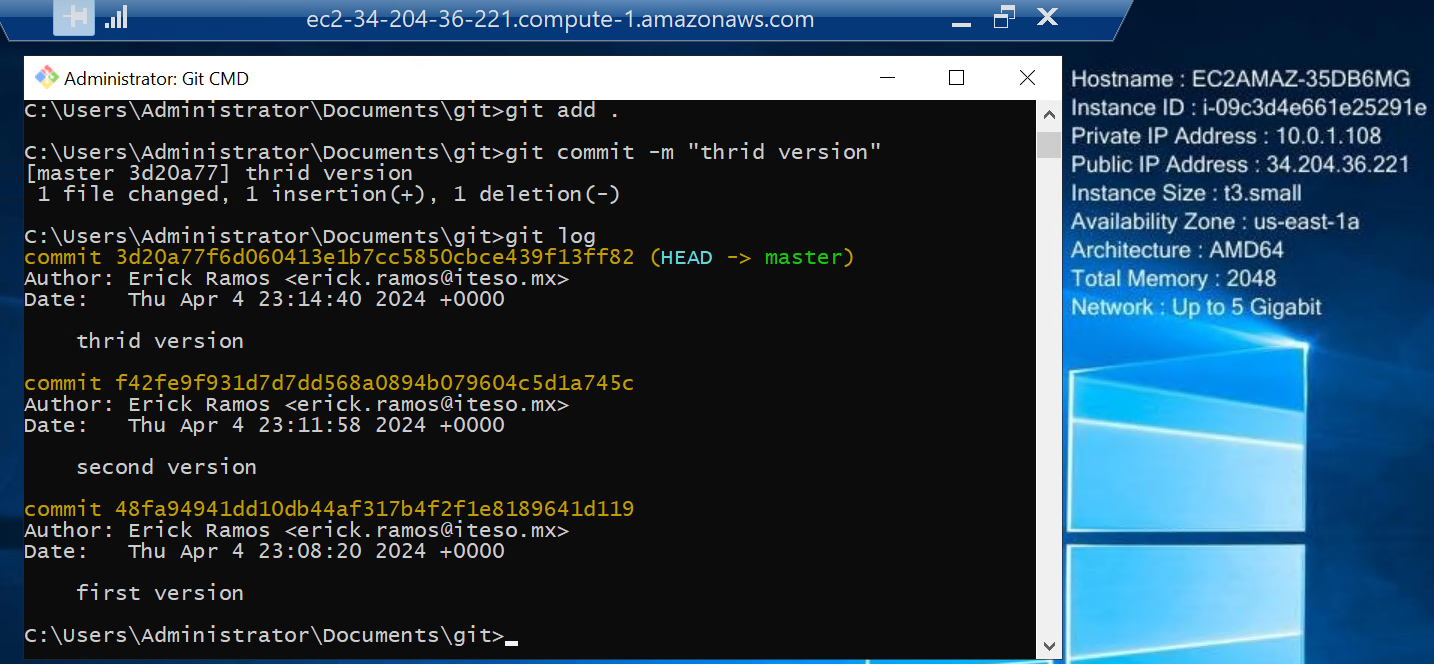


Figure 9 git log history.

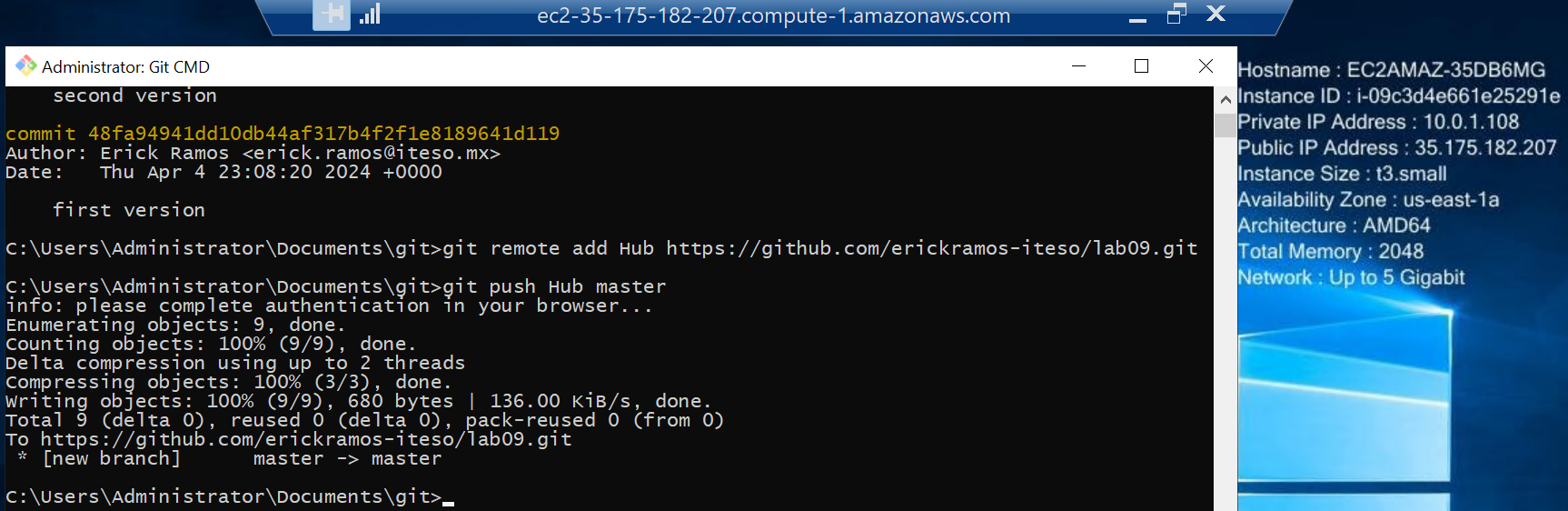


Figure 10 GitHub configuration.

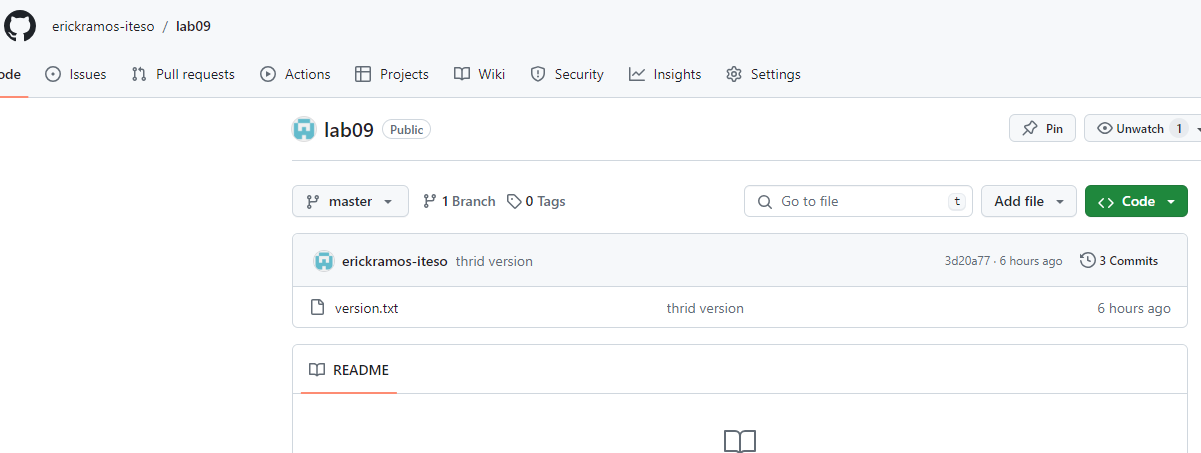


Figure 11 GitHub screen with altest file version.

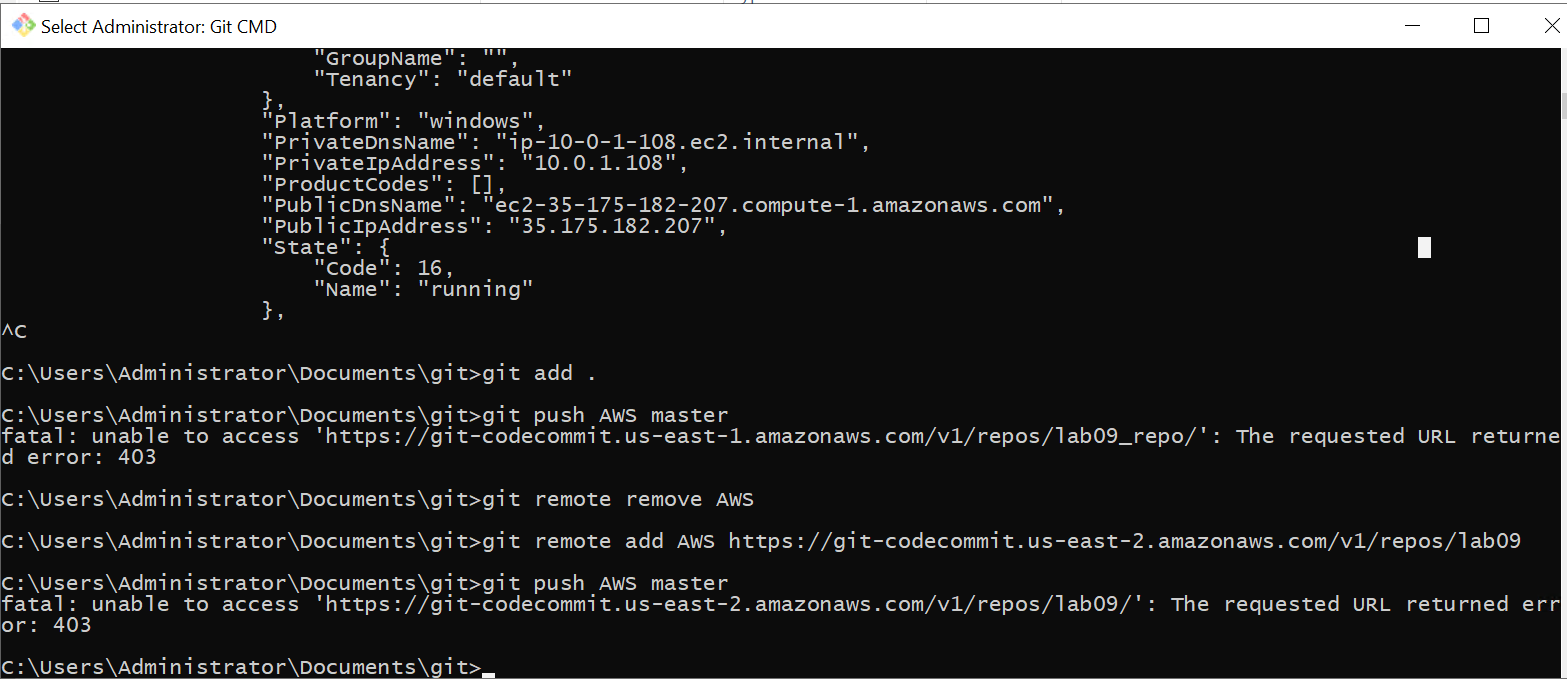


Figure 12 CodeCommit is not working to sync it.

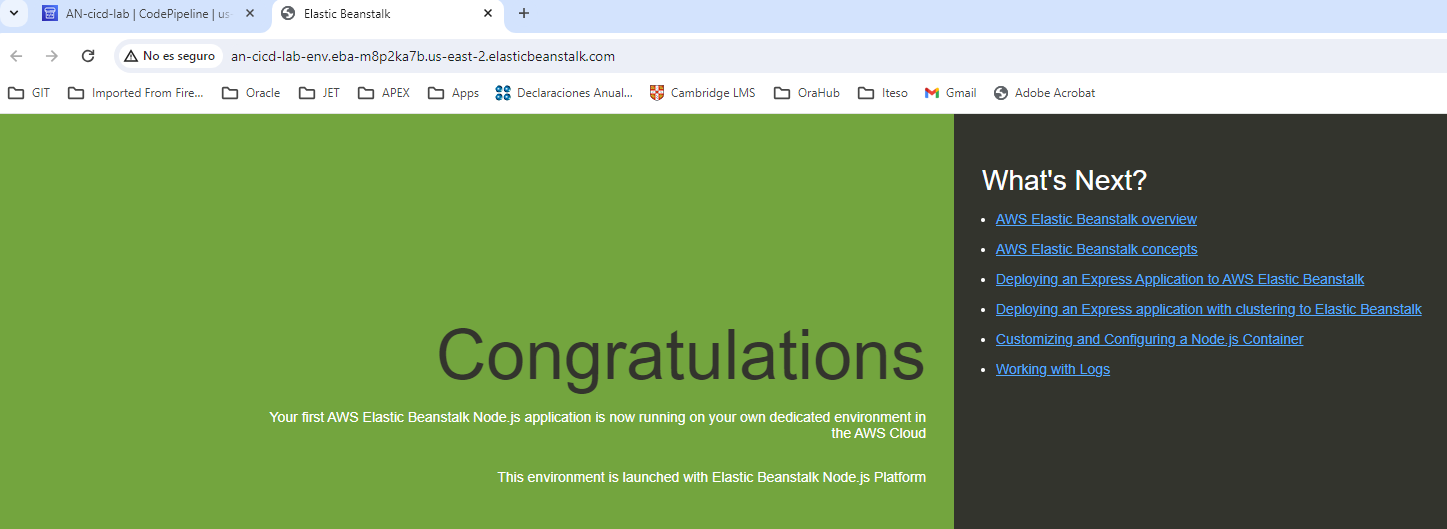


Figure 13 Elastic Beanstalk application.

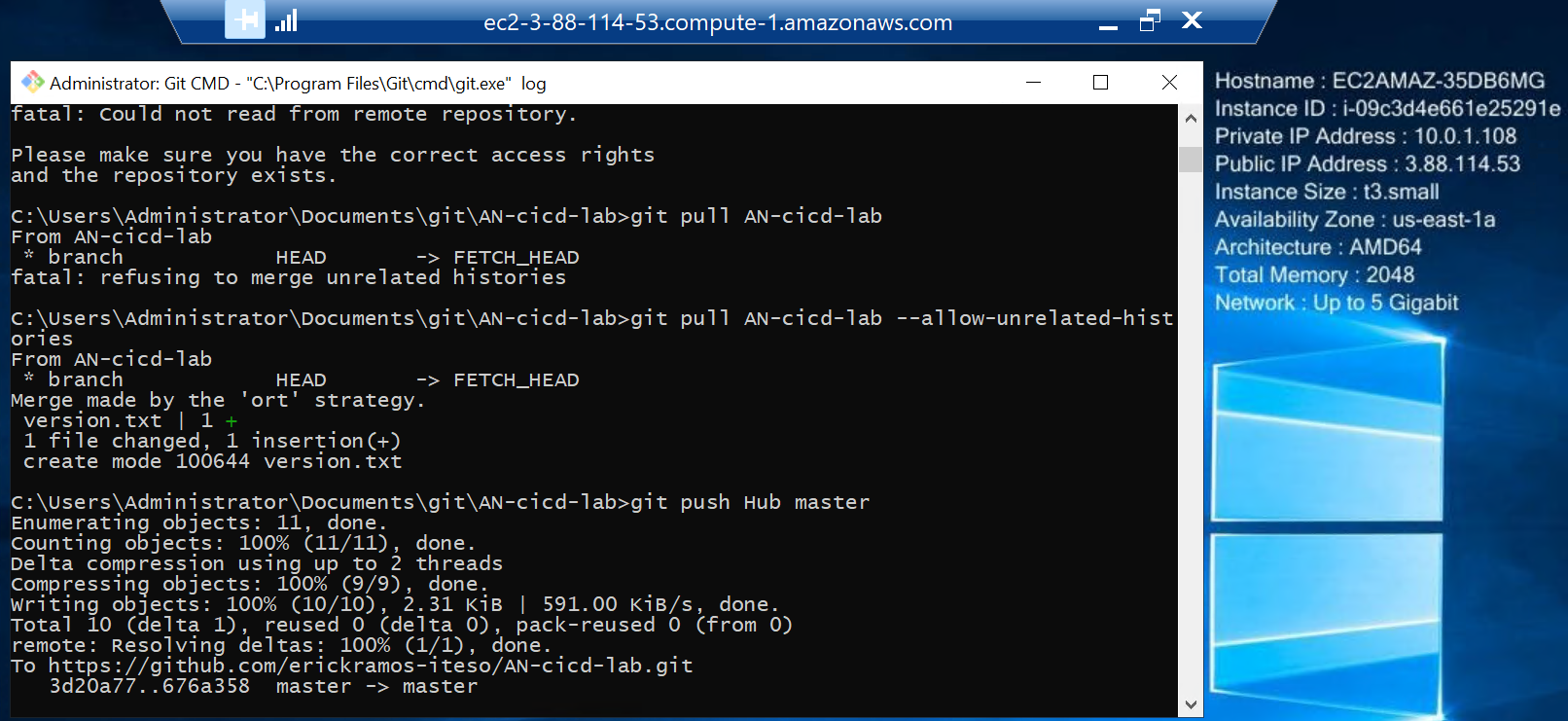


Figure 14Node.js uploaded to GitHub.

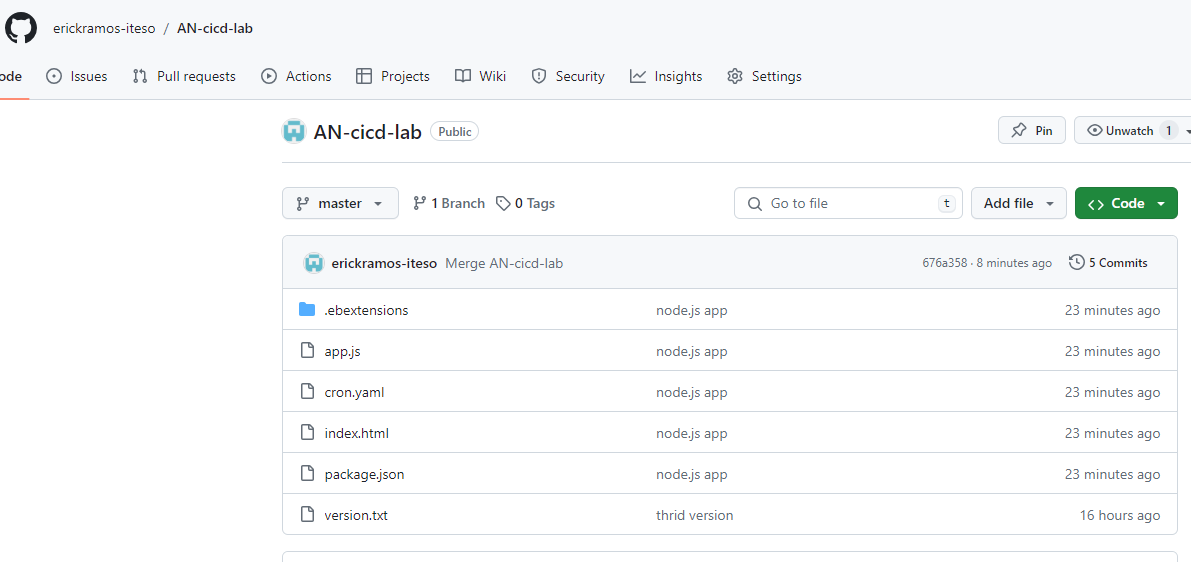


Figure 15 GitHub screen displaying Node.js app.

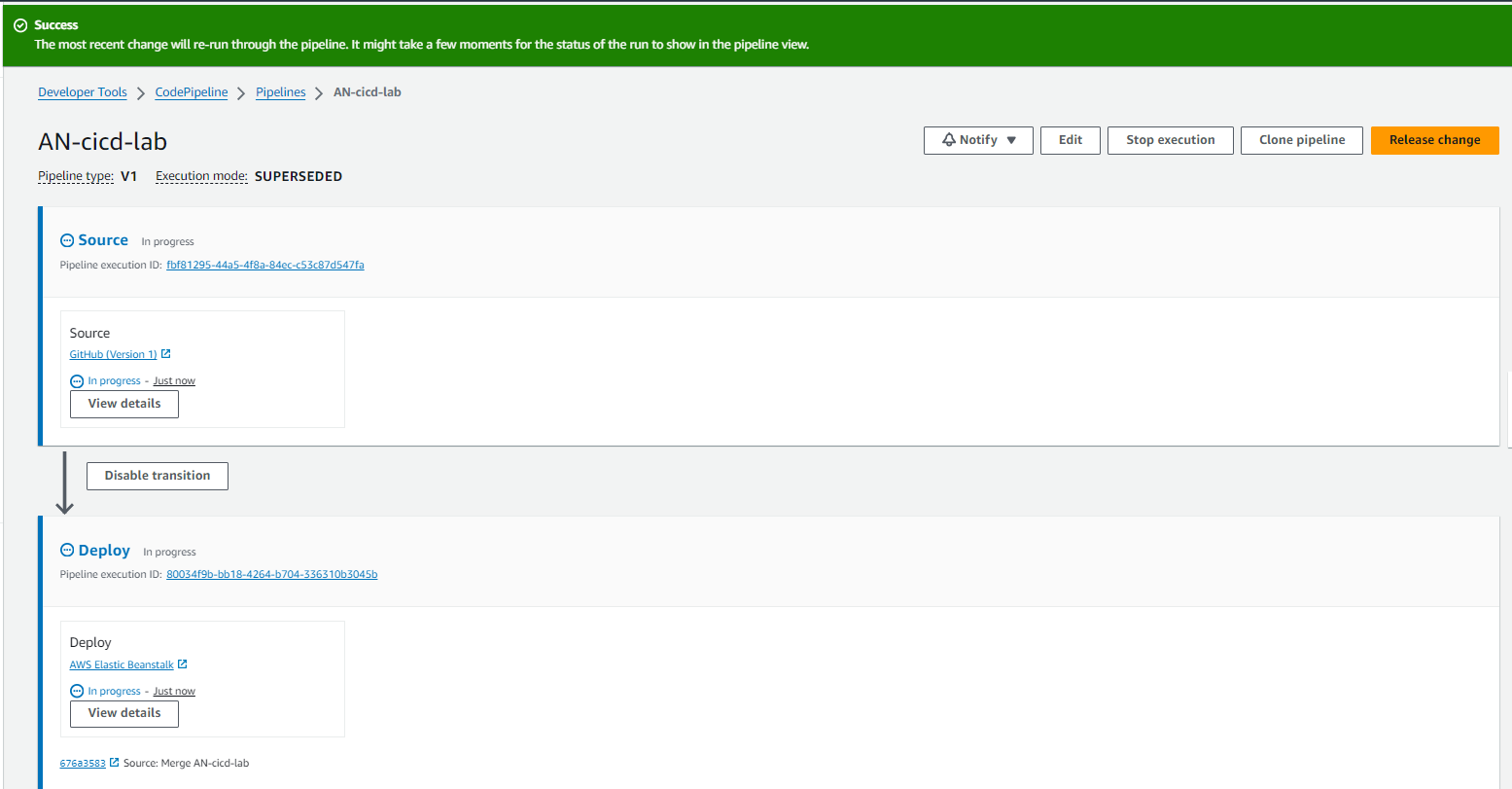


Figure 16 Codepipeline created.

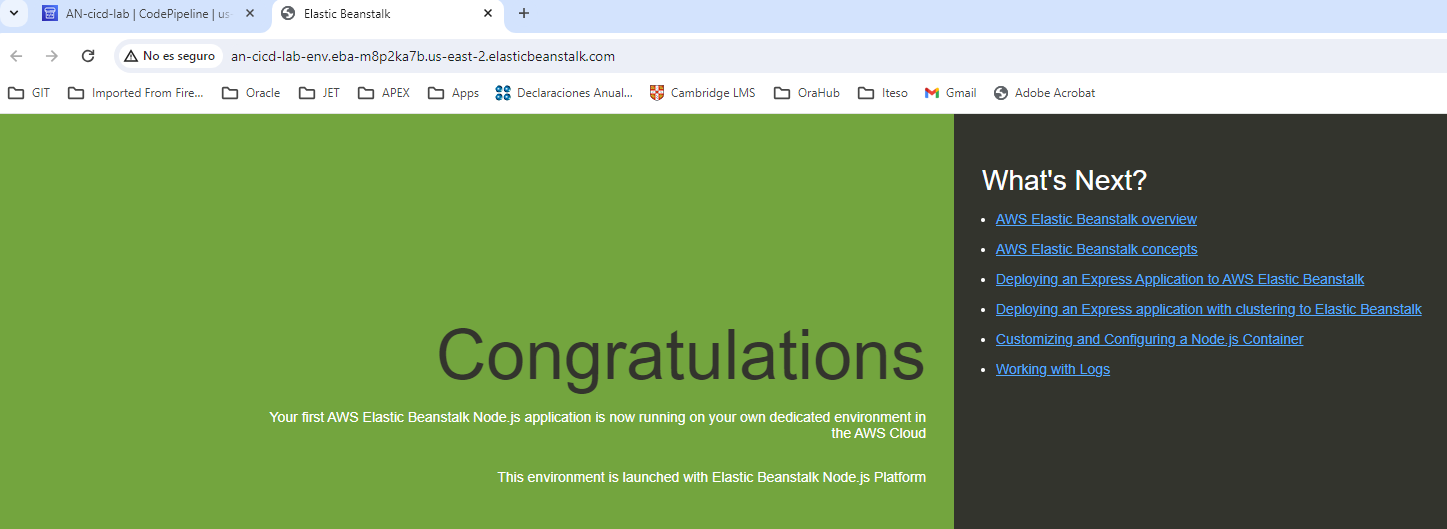


Figure 17 Node.js app deployed thru codepipeline.

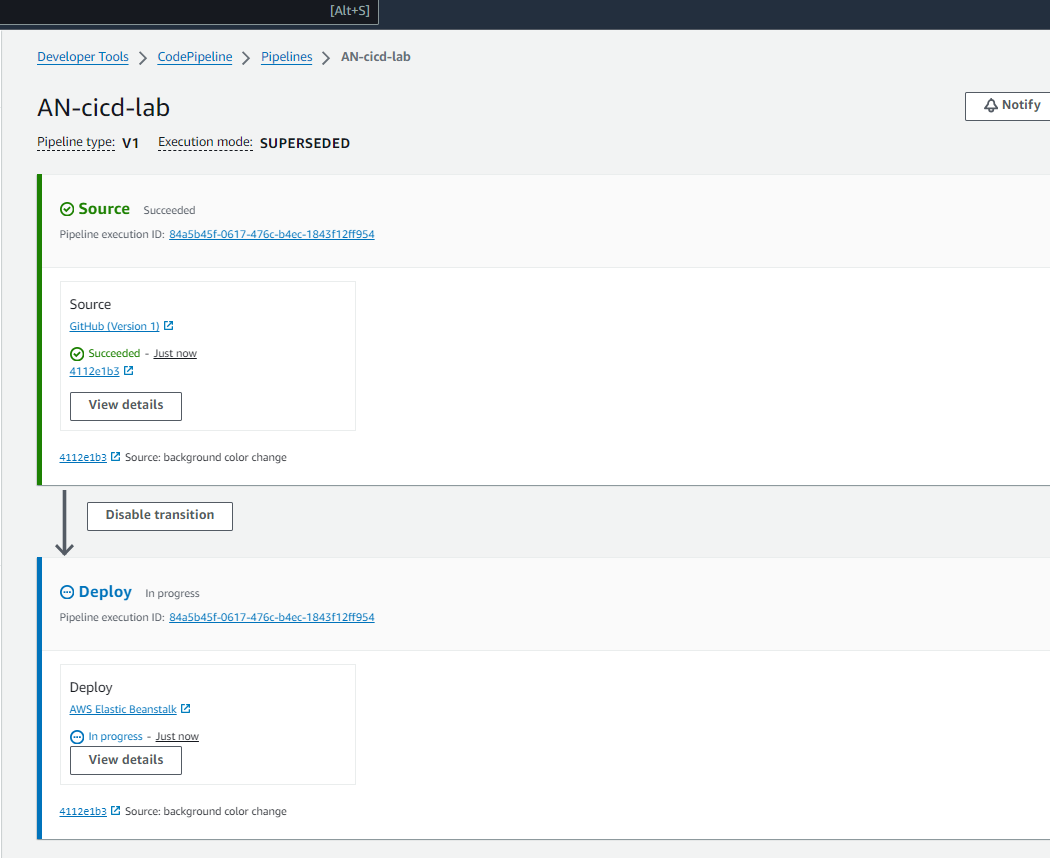


Figure 18 After modifying index.html, deploy runs automatically.

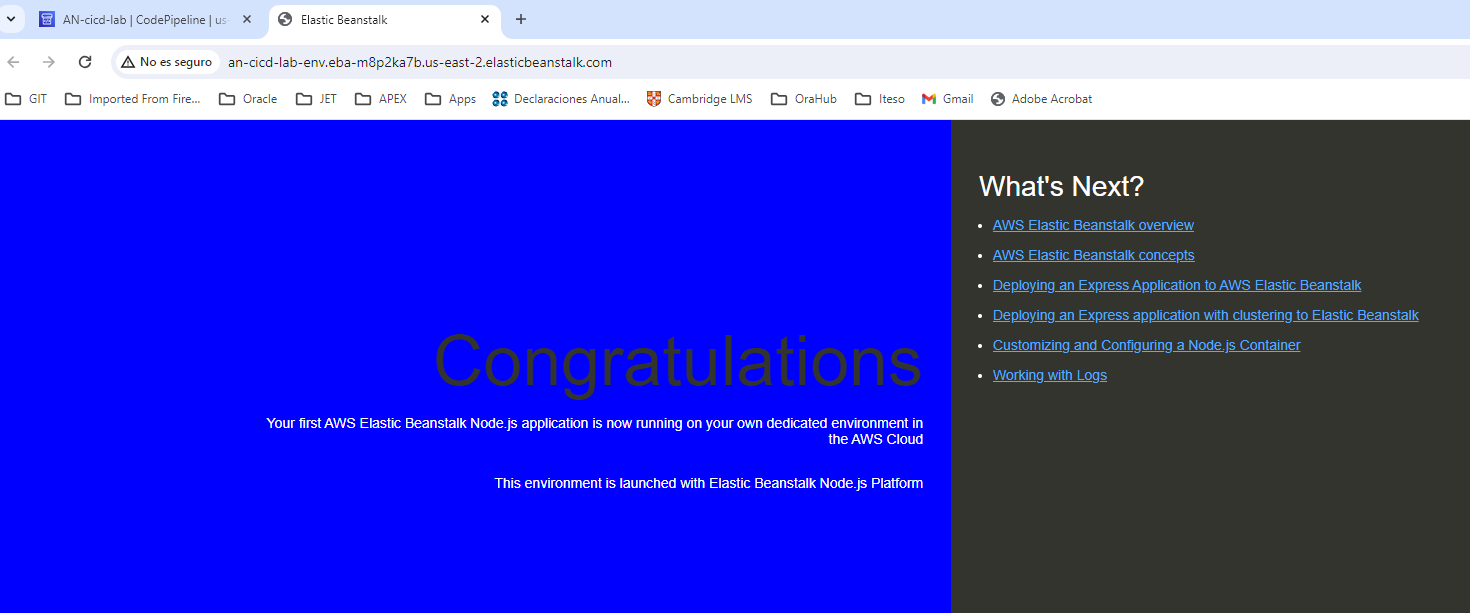


Figure 19 Modification is displayed successfully.

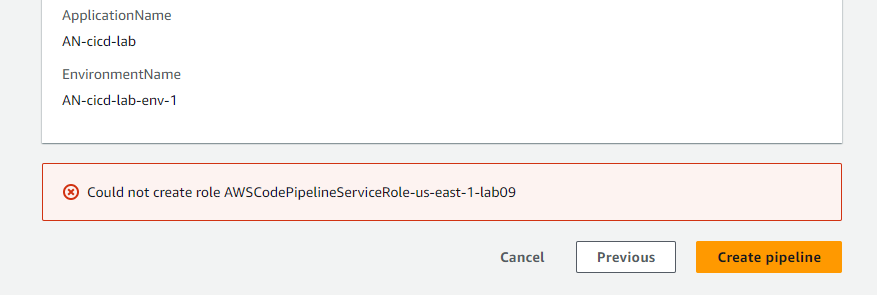


Figure 20 Error while creating codepipeline.

# Cost analysis

AWS provides [6] first 5 active users on CodeCommit, beyond the first 5 users, AWS bills $1 USD per month included more storage and requests. In this laboratory was used 1 user, hence, there is no charge for it.

AWS provides 1 free active pipeline, beyond 1 pipeline, AWS bills $1 USD per active pipeline each month, hence, there is no charge for it as this laboratory set only 1 pipeline.

Elastic beanstalk is used; hence, the estimation is about the minimum resources implemented to accomplish this laboratory. It is $24.86 USD per month.

Grand Total per year is $298.32 USD.

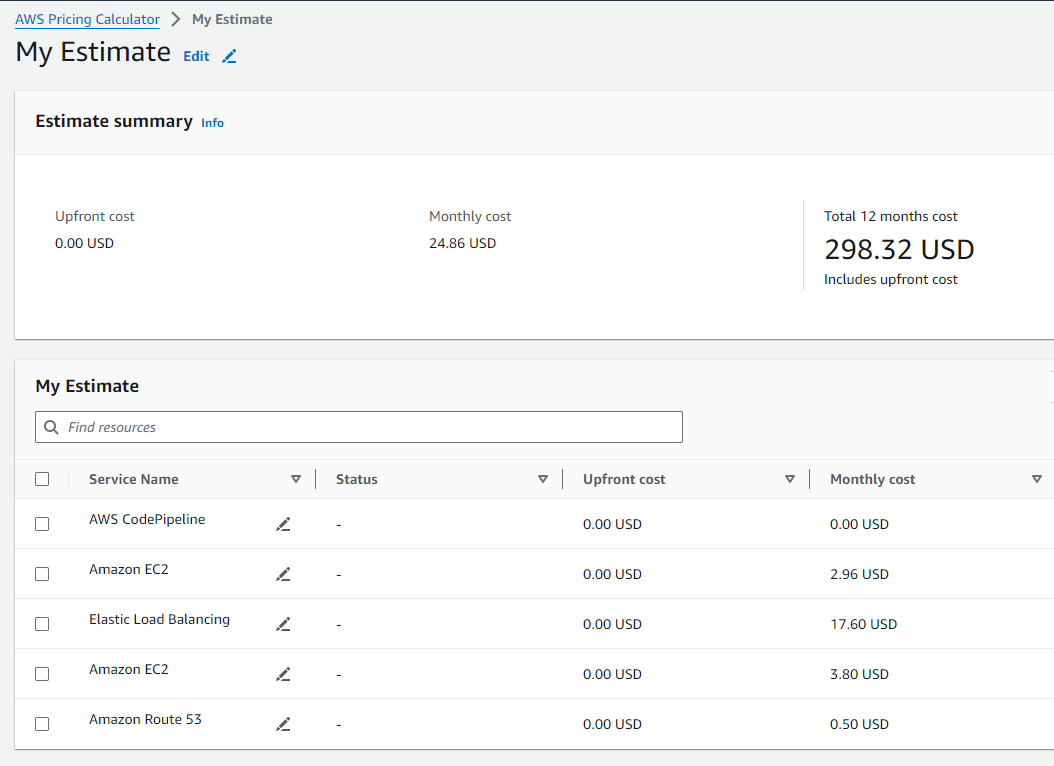


Figure 21 Cost.

# Conclusions

Version control systems took too many responsibilities in any organizations, it does not matter if it is code, documents, processes, or any other stuff related to the organization. It helps to track any change made on them and have excellent product once it is completed.

CI/CD Deployments are so helpful because an organization does not have only 1 application, they might have hundreds of them, and it helps to have all the applications up to date according to anything added to it.

**Do you find it convenient to use version control for documents that are not code?**

Yes, I do. It is helpful to have versions or history about the modifications made on each document; everyone can know who made the change, what was the changes, etc. As those changes are history after some years, everyone can research back to investigate about any change made on any document. In case any bad modification or not authorized modification, it can be reverted easily and corrected.

**How do you compare GitHub and CodeCommit? Both are DVCS implementations of git.**

Both tools are based on open source, hence, their main functionality is the same but, GitHub is more popular than CodeCommit and GitHub is public, everyone can use it setting a free account and it is reachable for everyone. CodeCommit seems to be private, and it is restricted to AWS.

**Do you think you could use CI/CD for your school programs?**

Yes, I do. It can help to have control on our projects to have different environments and auto deployments. Students used to have versions on their code and when they are under too much stress, they forget which one is the good one, hence, using this tool can have control on everything by the tool and they do not depend on their memory.

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