

# CMM707 Cloud Computing

Coursework Report

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# 1. System Architecture Diagram

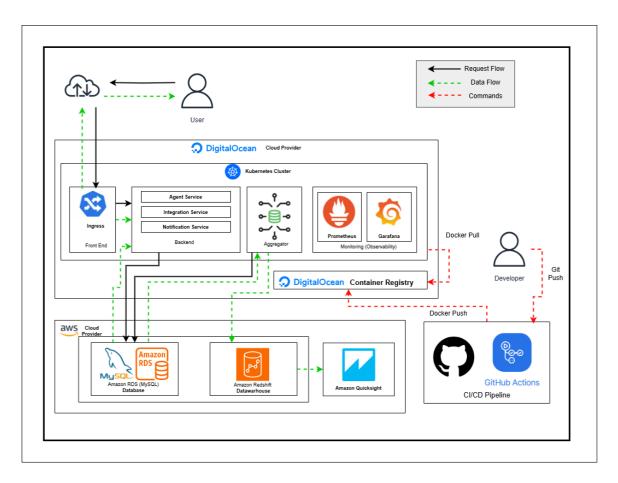


Figure 1- Solution Architecture Diagram for the System

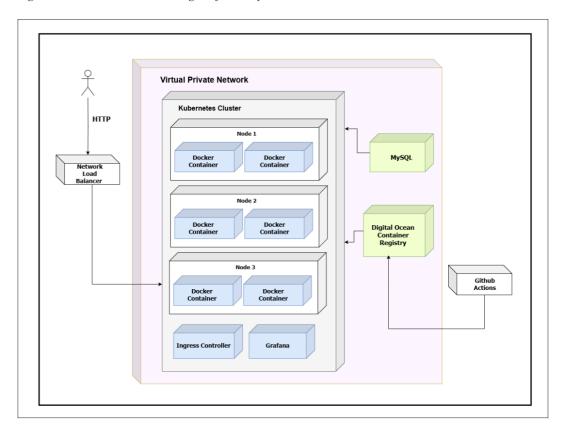


Figure 2 - Deployment Diagram

**MoonInsurance** is architected for scalability, security, fault-tolerance, and cost-efficiency. Docker images for every microservice are stored in the DigitalOcean Container Registry, while workloads are orchestrated by a managed DigitalOcean Kubernetes (DOKS) cluster.

- Elastic scaling & HA Horizontal Pod Autoscalers, self-healing ReplicaSets and a regional Network Load Balancer keep services highly-available, while automatic node-pool scaling absorbs traffic spikes with zero-downtime Blue-Green releases.
- **Network & runtime isolation** All service-to-service traffic is confined to a private VPC; an NGINX Ingress Controller terminates TLS and exposes only public APIs. Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), Kubernetes Secrets and DigitalOcean VPC firewalls gate access to runtime and data planes.
- **Observability** Prometheus and Grafana (deployed via the Grafana Helm chart) stream metrics, logs and traces, raising alerts long before customers feel an impact.
- **Cost control** DOKS pay-as-you-go pricing, spot-node pools for non-production workloads, and Open-Source monitoring tooling keep OpEx low.
- **Automated delivery** A GitHub Actions pipeline builds, scans, and signs container images, pushes them to DOCR, then deploys them to a temporary *Green* namespace. Integration tests run in-cluster; on success traffic is flipped from *Blue* to *Green*. Rollback is instantaneous by re-pointing the Ingress.

#### 1.1 Internal communication flow

#### 1. External requests

*User* → Cloud Load Balancer → NGINX Ingress → microservice Pods (Agent, Integration, Notification).

#### 2. Service discovery & east-west traffic

Pods talk to each other through ClusterIP services using Kubernetes DNS (agent-service.default.svc.cluster.local). mTLS can be toggled on with Linkerd if the compliance model tightens.

#### 3. Data layer

- o MySQL RDS on AWS stores transactional data for agents and sales.
- A scheduled **Aggregator CronJob** reads this data, computes KPIs (team sales, branch performance, product target attainment) and loads the results into **AWS Redshift Serverless**.

#### 4. Analytics & dashboards

Redshift is the single source of truth for analytics; **AWS QuickSight** consumes the aggregated tables to surface real-time dashboards for executives.

#### 5. CI/CD feedback loop

After every push, GitHub Actions  $\rightarrow$  DOCR  $\rightarrow$  DOKS. Deployment and test logs are shipped back to Grafana Loki, closing the observability loop.

This layered, modular communication pattern guarantees secure request routing, efficient data exchange, and hands-off operations—keeping MoonInsurance reliable as its user base and data volumes grow.

### 2. Security & Ethical Challenges

The **MoonInsurance** platform faces critical **security and ethical challenges** that must be addressed to maintain user trust, system integrity, and responsible data governance in the insurance domain. Since the platform processes sensitive information including policyholder identities, sales performance records, financial transactions, and team-level metrics, it becomes a potential target for cyber threats such as data breaches, credential theft, and ransomware.

From a **security** standpoint, the distributed microservices architecture—deployed via Kubernetes—introduces several vulnerabilities, especially during inter-service communication, API exposure, and data storage operations. Unauthorized access or data leakage during transmission could compromise customer confidentiality. To mitigate such risks, **end-to-end encryption** of data (both in-transit and at-rest), **API gateway rate limiting**, and **multi-factor authentication (MFA)** are enforced across all services. The use of **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** ensures agents, administrators, and developers can only access relevant information based on their roles.

Insider threats also pose a significant concern. Malicious or negligent access to sensitive sales or bonus data could disrupt fair agent compensation. This is mitigated through **auditing logs**, **user access reviews**, and **automated anomaly detection** integrated into the observability pipeline. All database connections are secured using environment-specific secrets stored securely through Kubernetes secrets management and GitHub Actions OIDC tokens for deployment.

On the **ethical** side, the MoonInsurance platform must handle **data ownership**, **fairness**, **and transparency** with care. Sales performance and aggregated metrics are used to make decisions about agent rankings, bonuses, and team performance—making it vital to ensure **data is not manipulated** or biased. The Aggregator microservice anonymizes data before analysis, and dashboards are permissioned in QuickSight to restrict visibility by role and region.

Furthermore, **algorithmic fairness** must be considered if predictive analytics or scoring systems are introduced. For instance, if the platform evolves to recommend training for underperforming agents based on AI predictions, it must ensure the model does not discriminate based on branch, gender, or historical bias. Similarly, insights derived from company-wide metrics should not be used for **commercial exploitation without consent** from agents or stakeholders.

The platform must remain transparent in how data is collected, processed, and used. Ethical safeguards such as **explicit consent flags**, **clear privacy notices**, and **data minimization** should be enforced. These practices must align with regulatory frameworks such as **Sri Lanka's Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)** and other international data standards if the platform scales globally.

As a conclusion, MoonInsurance must adopt a **proactive and ethical-first approach** to both security and data governance. This includes:

- Implementing robust security protocols
- Maintaining transparent ethical practices
- Conducting regular penetration tests and compliance audits
- Enabling real-time monitoring and alerts
- Educating users on privacy and responsible data handling

Such measures not only improve resilience and reliability but also ensure the platform upholds high standards of **trust**, **fairness**, **and accountability** in the insurance technology sector.

### 3. CI/CD Process

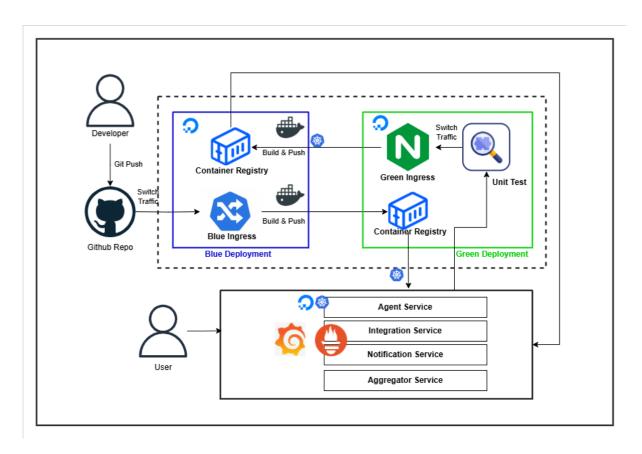


Figure 3 - Diagram for CI/CD Process

# 4. Implementation

# 4.1. Microservices Implementation

Initially a MySQL Database is been created in Amazon RDS and connected remotely to the MySQL Workbench.

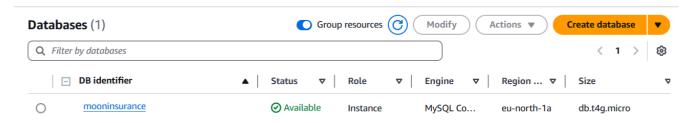


Figure 4 - Amazon RDS (MySQL)

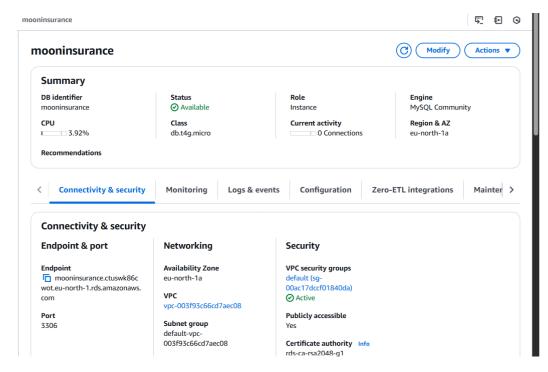


Figure 5 - Amazon RDS (MySQL) Details

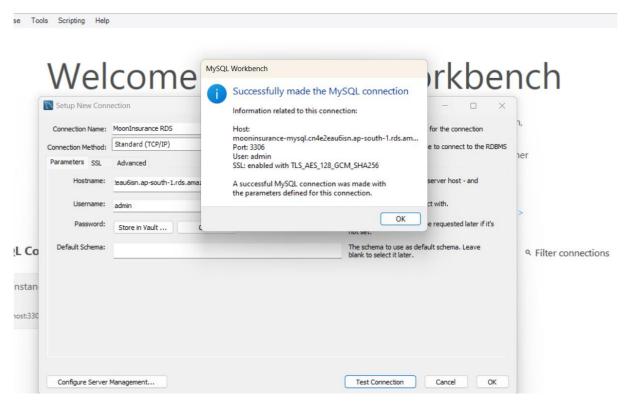


Figure 6 - Connecting AWS RDS to MySQL Workbench

Database is created and also few dummy data is inserted into the database.





Figure 7 - Few Screenshots of Implemented Tables

Microservice code API is developed with Python Flask.

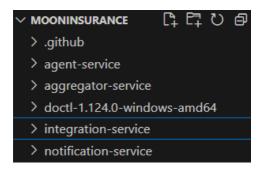


Figure 8 - File Structure of the solution

```
agent-service > ♠ agent_app.py > ...

1 from flask import Flask, request, jsonify, render_template
2 import mysql.connector
3
4 app = Flask(__name__)
5
```

```
# Route for the front-end page

dapp.route('/agent')

def index():
    return render_template('index.html')

# API to add a new agent

def add_agent():
    def add_agent():
    data = request.json
    try:

connection = mysql.connector.connect(
    host=MYSQL_HOST,
    user=MYSQL_USER,
    password=MYSQL_DB,
    port=PORT

cursor = connection.cursor()

guery = """
```

Figure 9 - Agent Services-Code Implementation

Figure 10 - Integration Service Code-Implementation

```
send_notification
@app.route('/notification')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')
@app.route('/notification/send', methods=['POST'])
def send_notification():
   data = request.json
    agent_code = data.get("agent_code")
    message = data.get("message")
             host=MYSQL_HOST,
            user=MYSQL_USER,
            password=MYSQL_PWD,
            database=MYSQL_DB,
             port=PORT
        cursor = connection.cursor()
query = "INSERT INTO notifications (agent_code, message) VALUES (%s, %s)"
        cursor.execute(query, (agent_code, message))
        connection.commit()
        return jsonify({"message": f"Notification sent to agent {agent_code}."}), 201
        print(f"Error: {err}")
return jsonify({"message": "Failed to send notification."}), 500
@app.route('/notification/get', methods=['GET'])
```

Figure 11 - Notification Service Implmentation

### 4.2. Aggregator Service Implementation

AWS Redshift Namespace and workgroups are created.

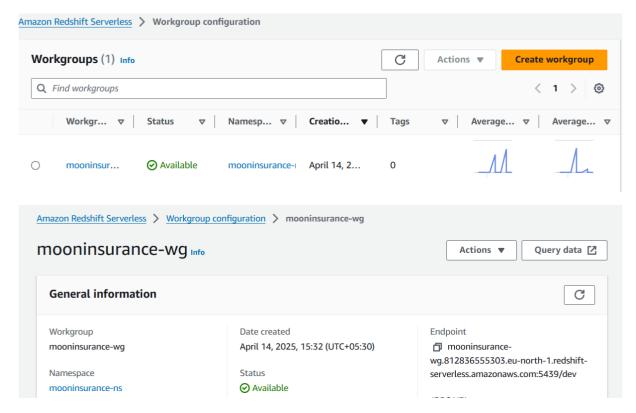
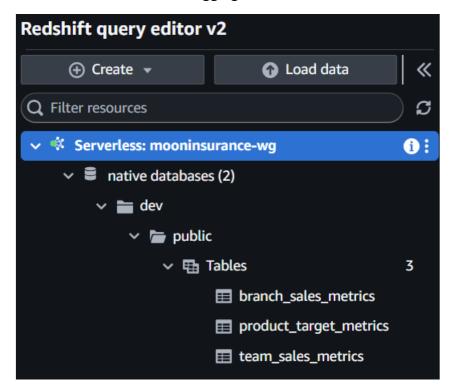


Figure 12 - AWS-Redshift

A Data Warehouse is created in Redshift for Aggregation Service.



An API is developed for aggregation, where the codes writes the data to the Datawarehouse.

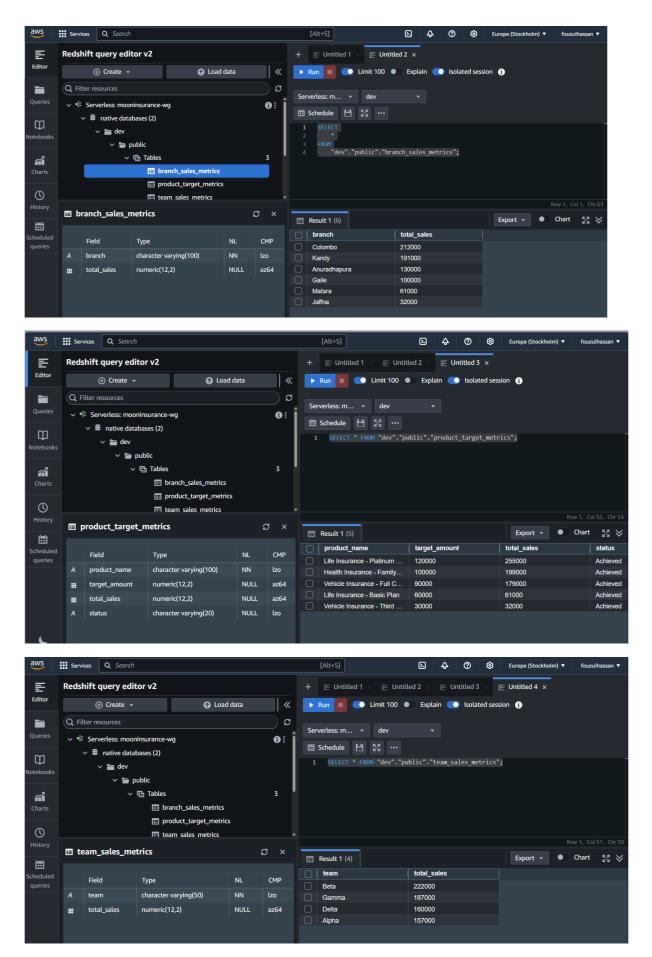


Figure 13 - Redshift Query Editor (Datawarehouse)

Figure 14 - Fetch Aggregations

```
def connect_redshift():
     return psycopg2.connect(**REDSHIFT_CONFIG)
def upsert_team_sales(df):
    conn = connect_redshift()
     cursor = conn.cursor()
         cursor.execute("
         DELETE FROM team_sales_metrics WHERE team = %s;
""", (row['team'],))
cursor.execute("""
         VALUES (%s, %s);
""", (row['team'], row['total_sales']))
    conn.commit()
    print(" Upserted team_sales_metrics")
def upsert_product_target_metrics(df):
    conn = connect_redshift()
     cursor = conn.cursor()
     for _, row in df.iterrows():
         DELETE FROM product_target_metrics WHERE product_name = %s;
""", (row['product_name'],))
cursor.execute("""
         VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s);
""", (row['product_name'], row['target_amount'], row['total_sales'], row['status'
     conn.commit()
    upsert branch sales(df)
     conn = connect_redshift()
     cursor = conn.cursor()
         cursor.execute("
         DELETE FROM branch_sales_metrics WHERE branch = %s;
""", (row['branch'],))
```

Figure 15 - Insert into Redshift

VALUES (%s, %s);
""", (row['branch'], row['total\_sales']))

print("☑ Upserted branch\_sales\_metrics")

conn.commit()
cursor.close()

### 4.3. CI/CD Process Implementation

```
# Set working directory
WORKDIR /app

# Copy the service files
COPY . .

RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt

EXPOSE 5000

CMD ["gunicorn", "-b", "0.0.0.0:5000", "agent_app:app"]
```

Figure 16 - Docker File

```
apiversion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
name: agent-service-blue
spec:
replicas: 1
selector:
matchLabels:
pap: agent-service
version: blue
template:
pertadata:
labels:
app: agent-service
version: blue
spec:
containers:
pertadata:
spec:
containers:
- name: agent-service
image: registry_digitalocean.com/moonregistry/agent-service:blue-v2
ports:
- containerPort: 80
mimagePullSecrets:
- name: do-secret

spec:
appiversion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
name: agent-service-blue
spec:
```

Figure 17 - Blue Ingress Deployment (Yaml)

Figure 18 - Green Ingress Deployment (Yaml)

Similarly, this is implemented for all the three services.

```
iok8s.apibatch.v1.CronJob (v1@cronjob.json)

apiversion: batch/v1

kind: CronJob

metadata:

name: aggregator-cronjob

spec:

schedule: "30 18 * * *" # Runs every day at 6:30 PM UTC (12 AM in Sri Lanka)

jobTemplate:

spec:

template:

spec:

containers:

- name: aggregator

image: registry.digitalocean.com/meditrackcontainer/aggregator-service:latest

imagePullPolicy: Always

restartPolicy: Never

imagePullSecrets:

- name: do-secret
```

Figure 19 - Cron-job of AggregationService

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```

Figure 20 - Green and Blue Ingress-YAML

#### 4.4. CI/CD Deployment

#### CI (Build & Test):

Upon each code push to GitHub, the system automatically triggers GitHub Actions to build Docker images for all microservices (Agent, Integration, Notification, Aggregator) and execute automated tests to validate them.

```
on:

push:

branches:

- main
```

#### CD (Deploy):

After a successful build and test phase, updated services are deployed to the DigitalOcean Kubernetes cluster.

- Deployment begins with the **Green** environment.
- Stability tests are conducted post-deployment.
- Traffic is switched from **Blue** to **Green** following the **Blue-Green deployment strategy**.
- The kubectl rollout restart command is used to restart the deployments and apply updates.
- The **Aggregator Service** is deployed as a **CronJob**, enabling periodic data aggregation and transfer to Redshift.

#### **Actual Workflow (from YAML file)**

1. change-to-blue: Build & push aggregator & Apply cronjob and ingress-blue

2. build-green: Build & push agent, integration, notification (green)

3. deploy-green: Deploy all green services to K8s using kubectl

4. build-blue:P Prepare next version of blue (agent/integration/notification)

```
deploy-blue:
    needs: build-blue
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:
    - name: Checkout code
    uses: actions/checkout@v3

- name: Set up doctl
    uses: digitalocean/action-doctl@v2
    with:
    | token: ${{ secrets.DIGITALOCEAN_ACCESS_TOKEN }}

- name: Install kubectl
    uses: azure/setup-kubectl@v3
    with:
    | version: 'latest'

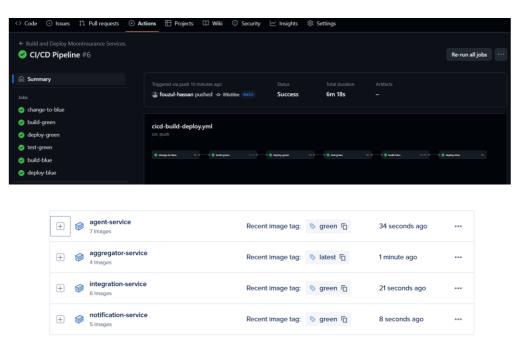
- name: Configure kubeconfig
    run: doctl kubernetes cluster kubeconfig save mooninsurance-cluster

- name: Apply Blue Deployments and Ingress
    run: |
        kubectl apply -f ./agent-service/agent-blue-deployment.yaml
        kubectl apply -f ./notification-service/integration-blue-deployment.yaml
        kubectl apply -f ./notification-service/notification-blue-deployment.yaml
        kubectl rollout restart deployment integration-service-blue
        kubectl rollout restart deployment integration-service-blue
        kubectl rollout restart deployment integration-service-blue
```

5. deploy-blue: Restart blue deployments &Switch ingress if needed

**Blue-Green Deployment :** These are two versions (Blue & Green) run in parallel which only one handles **live traffic**. The **inactive ones are been deployed**, test it, then switch

This ensures there is no any downtime, enables Automated builds and deployments, Safe rollback and Observability.



PS C:\MSc Files\Cloud Computing\CW\Solution\MoonInsurance> kubectl get pods				
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
agent-service-blue-5d848ffffb-ns65x	1/1	Running	0	5h34m
agent-service-green-56b47787cf-rw7q8	1/1	Running	0	5h36m
integration-service-blue-856ffc86c-sgz55	1/1	Running	0	5h34m
integration-service-green-7cd466d8c7-kh8qw	1/1	Running	0	5h36m
notification-service-blue-846699774f-cdcpj	1/1	Running	0	5h34m
notification-service-green-84cb8ffd6f-s9nhb	1/1	Runni <u>n</u> g	0	5h36m

# 5. Testing of the Deployed App

Testing the deployed app using Postman.

#### 1. Agent Service

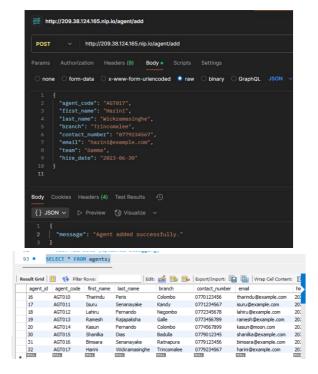


Figure 21 - Insert New-Agent and Verify

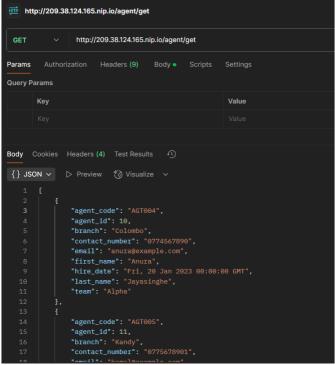


Figure 22-View-All Agents

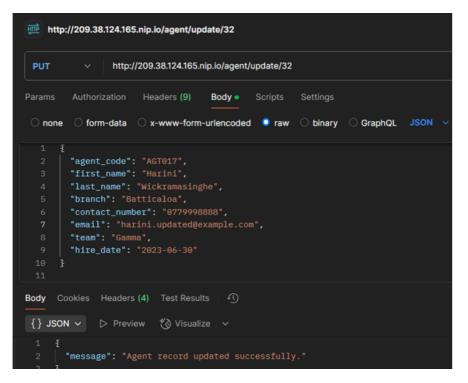


Figure 23 - Update-Agent

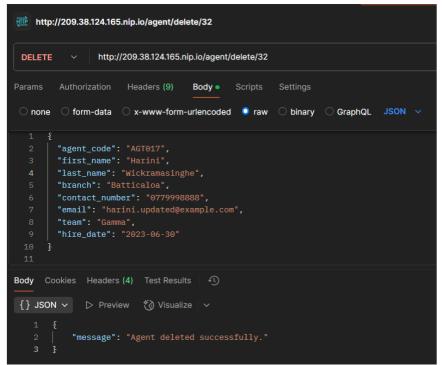


Figure 24 - Delete Agent

#### 2. Integration Service

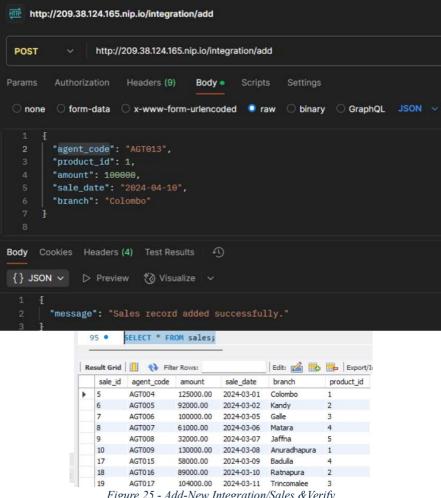


Figure 25 - Add-New Integration/Sales & Verify

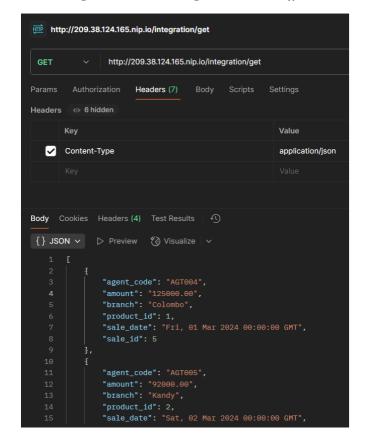


Figure 26 - View-all Integration/Sales

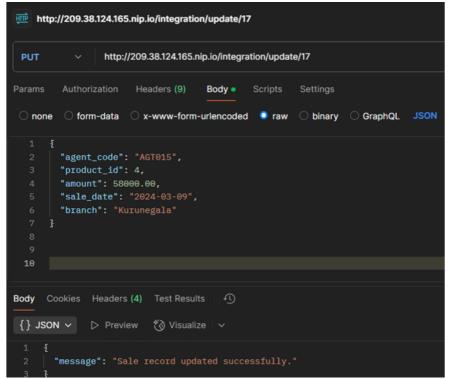


Figure 27 - Update-Integration/Sales

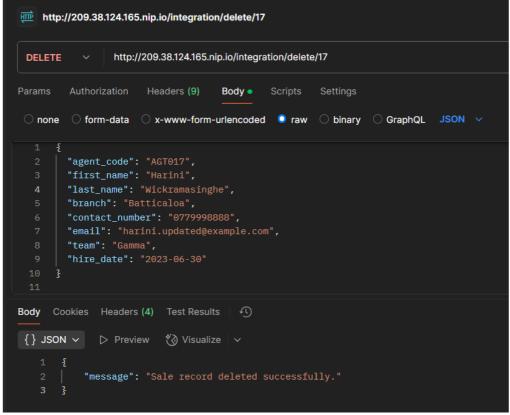
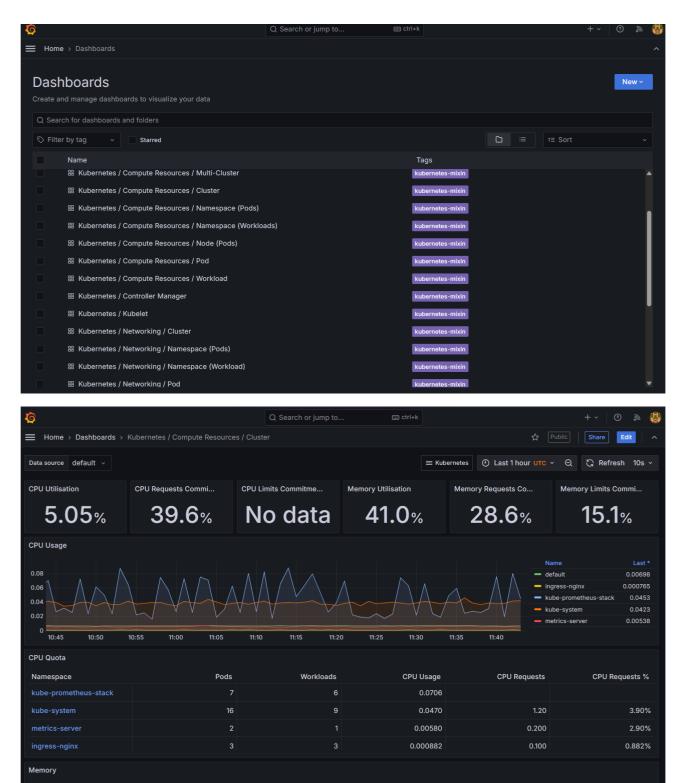


Figure 28 - Delete Integration/Sales

# 6. Observability

Deploy observability infrastructure within the Kubernetes cluster to monitor the health, performance, and availability of all services using Prometheus and Grafana



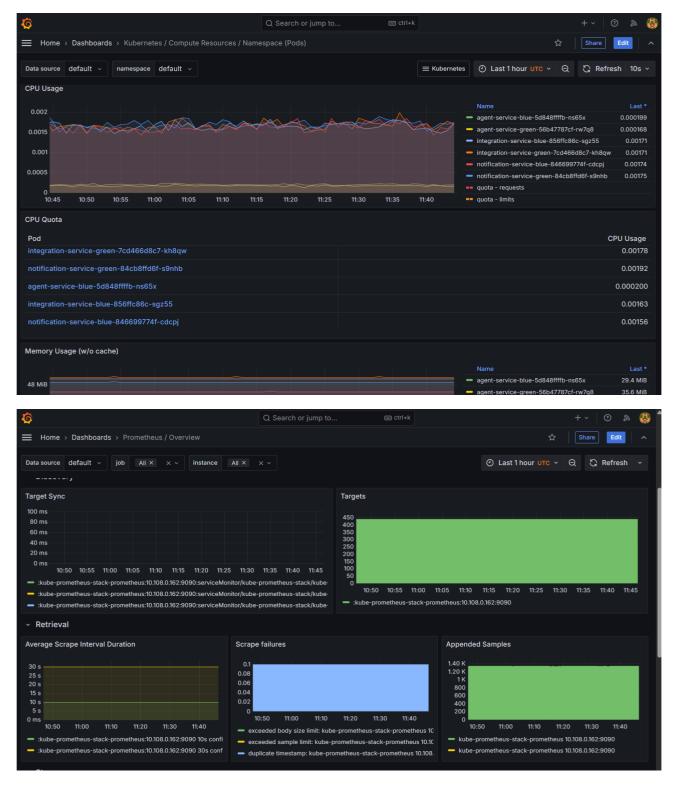


Figure 29 - Grafana-Dashboards

# 7. MoonInsurance System Deployment Runbook

### 7.1. Overview

The system comprises multiple microservices deployed in a DigitalOcean Kubernetes environment with CI/CD integration via GitHub Actions. It includes service containerization, automatic deployments, observability using Grafana, and visual analytics via AWS QuickSight.

Runbook name	MediTrack System Deployment Runbook
Runbook description	<ol> <li>Runbook to demonstrate the deployment and testing of the MoonInsurance system, which includes the following core components:         <ol> <li>Agent Microservice: Manages operations related to insurance agents, including adding, updating, retrieving, and removing agent records. This service plays a vital role in maintaining accurate agent profiles across branches.</li> <li>Integration Microservice: Handles all insurance product sales transactions, associating agents with products sold, sale dates, and revenue. It ensures accurate tracking of performance and branch-wise sales activity.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Notification Microservice: Responsible for generating and delivering timely sales performance notifications to agents, helping stakeholders stay informed of milestones, targets, and achievements.</li> <li>Aggregator Microservice (Scheduled Job): Periodically aggregates data across services to calculate team performance, sales against targets, and branch-level metrics. It uploads this data to AWS Redshift, enabling visual analytics via AWS QuickSight.</li> </ol>
Owner	Fouzul Hassan
Version	v1.0
Version date	16-04-2025
On this page	<ul> <li>Prerequisites</li> <li>Deployment steps</li> <li>Testing procedures</li> <li>Troubleshooting</li> </ul>

# 7.2. Support Contacts

<b>Expertise Level</b>	Team	Contact
Developer and Owner	Fouzul Hassan	fouzul.20233214@iit.ac.lk

# 7.3. Process

Step	Task	Command/Action
Setting Up the Environment	Verify Prerequisites - Ensure Kubernetes cluster, DigitalOcean Container Registry, and GitHub CI/CD are set up.	Confirm infrastructure and access configurations.
	Configure Access - Authenticate with DigitalOcean and configure kubectl.	doctl auth init doctl kubernetes cluster kubeconfig save <cluster-name></cluster-name>
Trigger the CI/CD Pipeline	to the main branch of GitHub.	git add . git commit -m "Update application code" git push origin main
	<b>Monitor Workflow</b> - Verify CI/CD workflow trigger in GitHub.	Open GitHub repository and navigate to <b>Actions</b> tab.
Blue Deployment		kubectl describe ingress blue- ingress -n meditrack
Build and Push Docker Images	Build Docker Images -CI/CD pipeline builds Docker images.	Check CI/CD logs in GitHub Actions for build status.
	Push to Registry - Docker images are pushed to DigitalOcean Container Registry.	Validate via DigitalOcean Container Registry dashboard.
Green Deployment	<b>Deploy Green</b> - Deploy updated images to Green Environment in Kubernetes.	kubectl get deployments -n meditrack-green
	Run Tests - Execute automated unit and integration tests in Green Environment.	kubectl logs <pod-name> -n meditrack-green</pod-name>
Switch to Green Environment	Deploy to Blue - Update Blue Environment with the stable deployment.	kubectl get pods -n meditrack
	Switch Traffic - Ingress Controller routes traffic to Green Environment.	Confirm ingress rules using <i>kubectl</i> describe ingress.
Post-Deployment Testing	Testing APIs - Use Postman to send API requests to the Green Environment.	<pre><green-ingress- ip="">:<port>/api/<endpoint></endpoint></port></green-ingress-></pre>

	Validate Results - Check logs for	kubectl logs <pod-name> -n meditrack-green</pod-name>
	errors and ensure proper responses.	
Fallback	Handle Failures - Halt deployment	CI/CD pipeline logs indicate failure and
Mechanism	and notify developers if Green Environment fails.	notification to developers.
	Rollback Changes - Roll back Blue Environment if required.	kubectl rollout undo deployment <deployment-name> -n meditrack</deployment-name>
	<b>Retry Deployment</b> - Fix issues, push updates, and retrigger CI/CD.	Follow <b>Step 2</b> to restart the process.

# 8. Dashboard - MoonInsurance System

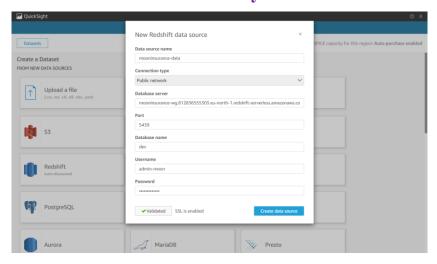


Figure 30 - Connecting-MoonInsurance

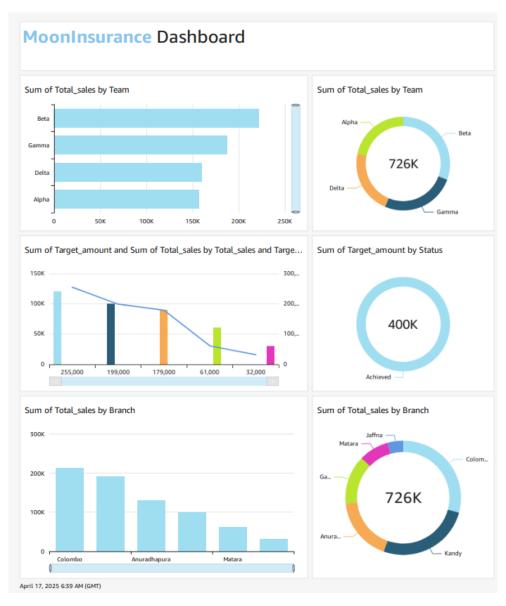


Figure 31 – Dashboard

### 9. Metrics and High-Performance Analytics Support

#### **Three Key Metrics Considered:**

- 1. Total Sales by Team
- 2. Total Sales by Branch
- 3. Target Amount vs. Total Sales by Product

#### **Analytics & Visualization Benefits:**

- These metrics are **stored in AWS Redshift**, enabling **scalable**, **high-performance analytics** across large volumes of sales data.
- Visualized via AWS QuickSight, these interactive dashboards allow administrators to:
  - o Identify top-performing teams and branches
  - Monitor progress against product targets
  - o Gain actionable insights to adjust sales strategies and resource allocation
- The real-time dashboards enhance operational decision-making and support strategic planning for insurance corporate providers.