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SOFTWARE PRODUCTION ENGINEERING - FINAL PROJECT

SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE

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1. ABSTRACT

Our social media website is a platform where people can connect, share information, and engage with each other in meaningful ways. Users can create profiles, share updates, photos, and follow the activities of other users. Our website is designed to foster positive interactions and provide a safe, inclusive space for people of all backgrounds and identities. With powerful privacy and security features. Our social media website aims to bring people together and create a vibrant online community where individuals can express themselves, learn from others, and build meaningful relationships.

2. INTRODUCTION

a. OVERVIEW

A social media website is an online platform where people can connect, share information, and engage with each other in a variety of ways. Social media websites typically allow users to create a profile, post updates, photos, and videos, join groups and communities, and follow the activities of other users.

One of the primary features of social media websites is the ability to interact with other users through comments, likes, and shares. This creates a sense of community and encourages users to engage with each other in positive and meaningful ways.

Social media websites can be used for a wide range of purposes, from personal communication and entertainment to business marketing and professional networking. They can also be used to share news and information, discuss social issues, and mobilize for social causes.

b. FEATURES

MERN app in which users can register/ sign in with image upload functionality and can like/ dislike any post of other users.

1. Users can login with the provided credentials.
2. Users can perform CRUD operations on posts with image upload functionality.
3. User can view their previous/present posts in news feed.
4. User can like/ dislike any post and can comment on any post.
5. User can add/ remove friend in their friend list.
6. User can view other user's profile and their recent activity.

c. WHY DevOps?

DevOps is a set of tools that automate software development and IT operations. It focuses on shortening the systems development life cycle and providing continuous delivery with high software quality. DevOps is one up on Agile software development; multiple DevOps aspects came from the Agile methodology.

1. It optimizes the overall business by increasing efficiency through automation.
2. Improves software development and deployment speed and stability.
3. Deployment failures, rollbacks, and recovery time are all reduced.
4. Improved collaboration and communication; lower costs and IT headcount

3. TOOLS USED

1. Version Control System : Git and GitHub
<https://github.com/himanshudigrase/SocialWeb>
2. Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery : Github Actions
3. Building Tool : NPM (Node Package Manager)
4. Testing : Mocha framework
5. Containerization : Docker
<https://hub.docker.com/r/hims0301/backend>
<https://hub.docker.com/r/hims0301/frontend>
6. Deployment : Ansible
7. Log creation, monitoring and visualization : ELK (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana)
8. Frontend Development : React.js, Vite
9. Backend Development : Node.js, Express.js
10. Database : MongoDB

4. SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

1. Operating System - Linux Ubuntu 22
2. CPU & RAM - 4 core processor and 8GB RAM
3. Kernel Version - 5.4.0-89-generic
4. Database - MongoDB 4.4.5

5. SOFTWARE DEVELOPEMENT LIFECYCLE- SDLC

i. INSTALLATIONS

The frontend(client) of the project uses React.js and the backend(server) is built using Node.js, Express.js and the database is using MongoDB. To begin with, install nodejs on the system.

ii. NODEJS INSTALLATION

Node.js is a javascript programming package management. It is the JavaScript runtime environment Node.js' default package manager. It comes pre-installed with Node.js. The package.json file contains the definitions for all npm packages. Package.json's content must be in JSON format. The definition file must have at least two fields. The names and variants are as follows. It is capable of managing dependencies. It installs all of the project's dependencies in a single command line. The package.json file also defines dependencies.

Inorder to run React, node environment shall be installed before starting React app

```
sudo apt-get install nodejs
sudo apt-get install npm
```

Run npm install command inside the frontend and backend folder to install all the necessary dependencies of the project.

```
sudo npm install
```

```
● himanshu@pop-os:/media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite/SocialFrontEnd$ cd socialfrontend/
● himanshu@pop-os:/media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite/SocialFrontEnd/socialfrontend$ npm install
changed 12 packages, and audited 167 packages in 3s
```

Figure: Frontend npm install

```
● himanshu@pop-os:/media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite$ cd SocialBackend/
● himanshu@pop-os:/media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite/SocialBackend$ npm install
up to date, audited 872 packages in 9s
```

Figure: Backend npm install

```
{ } package.json > ...  
    You, last week | 1 author (You)  
1   {  
2     "type": "module",  
3     "dependencies": {  
4       "bcrypt": "^5.1.0",  
5       "body-parser": "^1.20.2",  
6       "cors": "^2.8.5",  
7       "dotenv": "^16.0.3",  
8       "express": "^4.18.2",  
9       "gridfs-stream": "^1.1.1",  
10      "helmet": "^6.0.1",  
11      "jsonwebtoken": "^9.0.0",  
12      "mongoose": "^7.0.3",  
13      "morgan": "^1.10.0",  
14      "multer": "^1.3.0",  
15      "multer-gridfs-storage": "^5.0.2"  
16    }  
17  }
```

Figure: Backend package.json

```
FrontEnd > socialfrontend > {} package.json > {} dependencies > yup
{
  "name": "socialfrontend",
  "private": true,
  "version": "0.0.0",
  "type": "module",
  ▶ Debug
  "scripts": {
    "dev": "vite",
    "start": "run dev --host",
    "build": "vite build",
    "preview": "vite preview"
  },
  "dependencies": {
    "@emotion/react": "^11.10.6",
    "@emotion/styled": "^11.10.6",
    "@mui/icons-material": "^5.11.16",
    "@mui/material": "^5.12.0",
    "@reduxjs/toolkit": "^1.9.3",
    "dotenv": "^16.0.3",
    "formik": "^2.2.9",
    "react": "^18.2.0",
    "react-dom": "^18.2.0",
    "react-dropzone": "^14.2.3",
    "react-redux": "^8.0.5",
    "react-router-dom": "^6.10.0",
    "redux-persist": "^6.0.0",
    "yup": "^1.1.1"
  },
  "devDependencies": {
    "@types/react": "^18.0.28",
    "@types/react-dom": "^18.0.11",
    "@vitejs/plugin-react": "^3.1.0",
    "vite": "^4.2.0"
  }
}
```

Figure: Frontend package.json

iii. MONGODB

We create a mongodb database on atlas to store all the user and posts information. To set this database with our project use create URI and store it in the .env file

```
.env
1 MONGO_URL = 'mongodb+srv://<username>:<password>@socialmediaccluster.1vyzwup.mongodb.net/?retryWrites=true&w=majority'
2 PORT = 3001
```

Figure: MONGO_URL

iv. Create a cluster on MONGO-DB Atlas

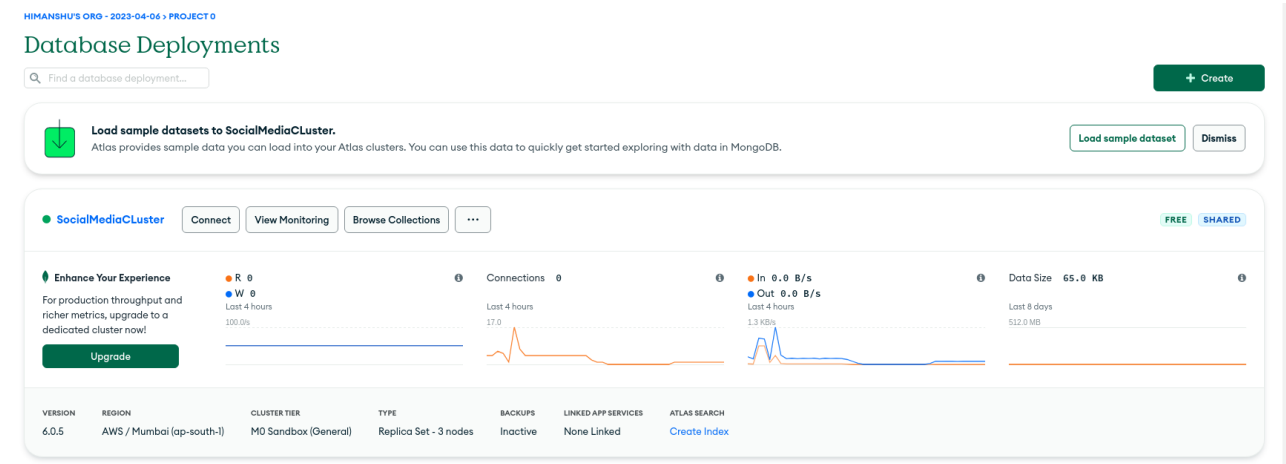


Figure: MONGO Database

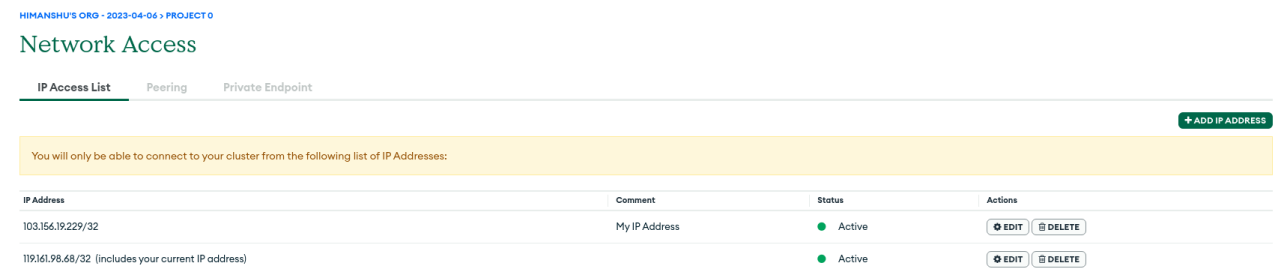


Figure: MONGO Network

Set Network Access to 0.0.0.0/0 so that the website can be accessed from all IP addresses. This is ideal for real time development project, for development we can set a few specific addresses.

v. Connect app to database

Connect to SocialMediaCLuster



Connecting with MongoDB Driver

1. Select your driver and version

We recommend installing and using the latest driver version.

Driver

Node.js

Version

4.1 or later

2. Install your driver

Run the following on the command line

```
npm install mongodb@4.1
```

[View MongoDB Node.js Driver installation instructions.](#)

3. Add your connection string into your application code

☐ View full code sample

```
mongodb+srv://himanshudigrase:<password>@socialmediaccluster.lvyzwup.mongodb.net/?  
retryWrites=true&w=majority
```

Replace **<password>** with the password for the **himanshudigrase** user. Ensure any option params are [URL encoded](#).

Figure: Connection string for moongodb

Add the above URL to .env to connect to the database. Replace the username with mongodb's username and set the password for the same. Change the database name at myFirstDatabase, to your specific database name.

Database Entries from - Browse Collections

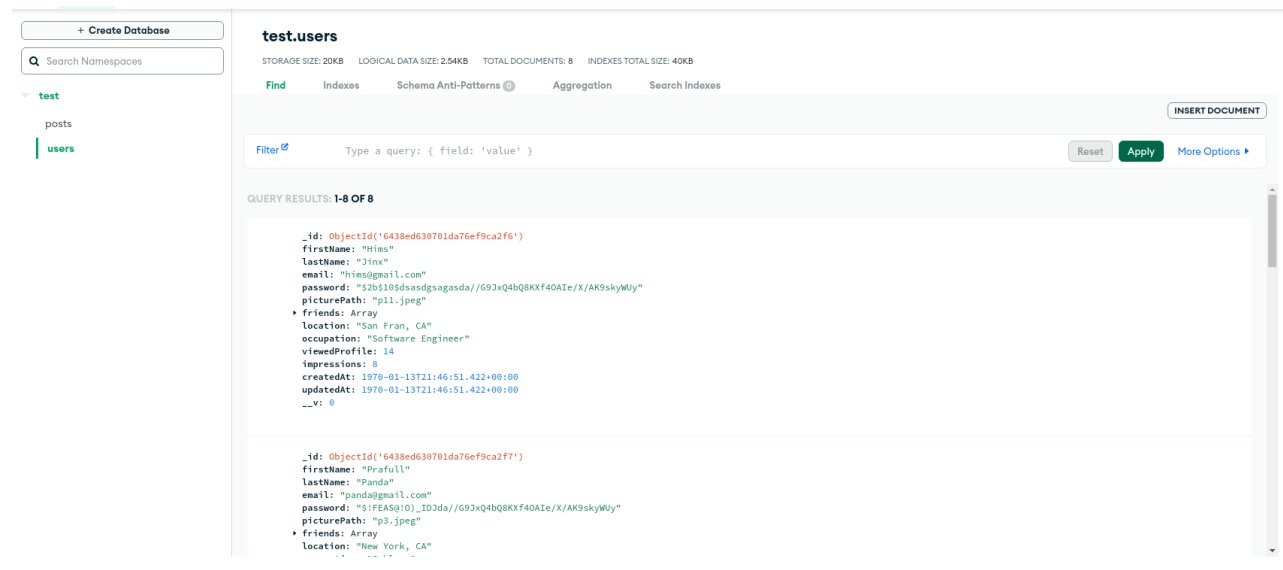


Figure: Database Collection

vi. Store MongoDB URL in .env file

By creating a .env file in the api (backend) subdirectory, you can save the cluster's URL. In that URL, provide all of the MongoDB Atlas' credentials (password). This .env file is part of .gitignore. Furthermore, Mongoose uses the variable used to store this URL to connect to MongoDB.

```
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGO_URL, {
  useNewUrlParser: true,
  useUnifiedTopology: true,
})
.then(() => {
  app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server Port: ${PORT}`));
}).catch((e) => console.log(`${e}`));
```

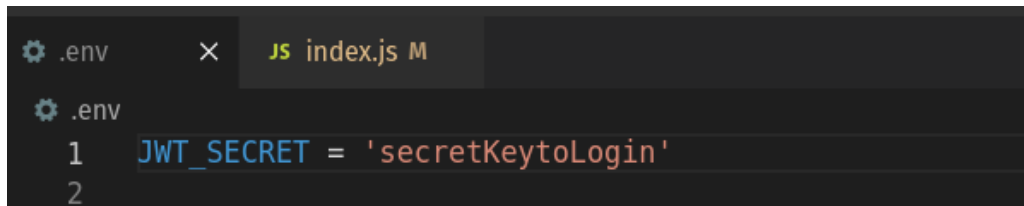
Figure: Mongo Connect URL

vii. JWT Authentication

JSON Web Tokens (JWT) are an RFC 7519 open industry standard for representing claims between two parties. For example, you can use jwt.io to decode, verify, and produce JWT.

JWT defines a concise and self-contained way for transmitting information between two parties as a JSON object. This information may be reviewed and trusted because it is signed. A secret (using the HMAC algorithm) or an RSA or ECDSA public/private key pair can be used to sign JWTs.

We create the JWT token and add it to .env file for performing authentication.



```
.env
1 JWT_SECRET = 'secretKeytoLogin'
2
```

Figure: JWT Token

viii. Source Code Management

Source code management (SCM) is used to keep a track of all the modifications done to a source code repository. SCM tracks a current history of changes to a code base and helps resolve conflicts when merging updates from multiple contributors. SCM is very similar to Version control.

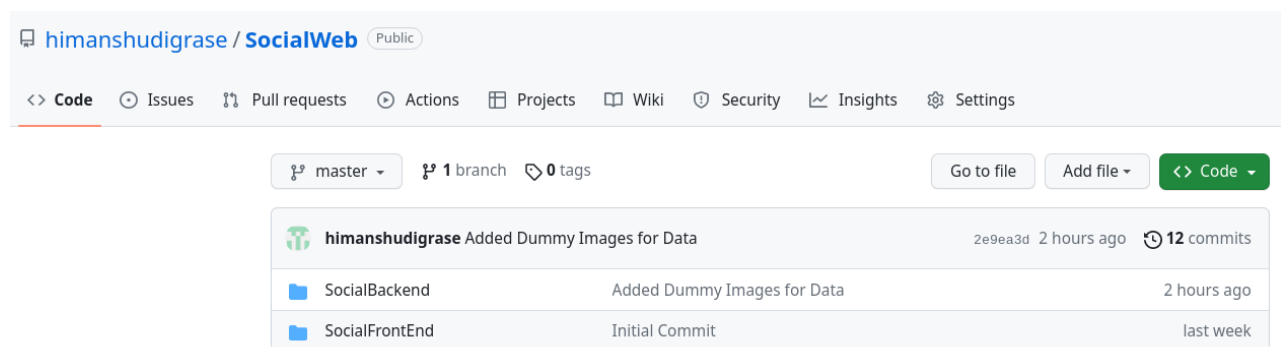
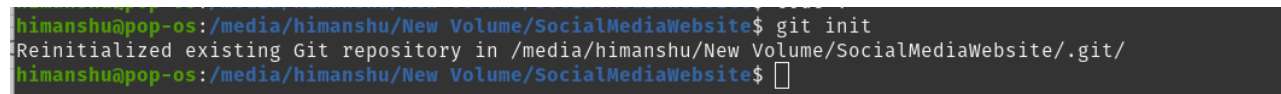


Figure: GITHUB REPO

To integrate project with GitHub we do the following steps :

1. git init - Initializes the project as a github repository locally.
2. git remote add origin - Add the details of the remote branch.
3. git add - This command stages all the changes of local repo.
4. git commit - Commit command commits the changes to the respective branch in the current repository.
5. git push - Push command will push the changes to the remote repository on GitHub.



```
himanshu@pop-os: /media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite$ git init
Reinitialized existing Git repository in /media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite/.git/
himanshu@pop-os: /media/himanshu/New Volume/SocialMediaWebsite$
```

Figure: git init


ix. Testing

To make sure the project is running alright we provide a set of test cases. We use a library called 'Jest'. Jest is a JavaScript test framework running on Node.js and in the browser. Jest is a testing framework developed by Facebook. Originally designed to make UI testing easier for React developers, it's now a full standalone suite of tools for any type of JavaScript project (including Node.js) and includes features such as a built-in assertion library, code coverage, and mocking. Jest also

runs multiple test suites concurrently, which can speed up the overall testing process. The downside of parallel execution is it can make debugging tests more difficult.

ix. Testing

For anyone coming from a BDD-style of Mocha, Jest tests are pretty familiar looking. Jest adds several global functions to help with setting up and running tests, such as describe, it, expect, and the jest object (used mostly for mocking).

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x. Containerization

Docker is an open source platform for developing, shipping, and running applications. Docker enables users to separate your applications from your infrastructure so you can deliver software quickly. This allows us to deploy products directly to users' computers without installing each software one-by-one.

We need to create an account on DockerHub, which is a public registry.

We then push our created image on this repository, this is publicly available and can be pulled by any user and deployed on a local machine.

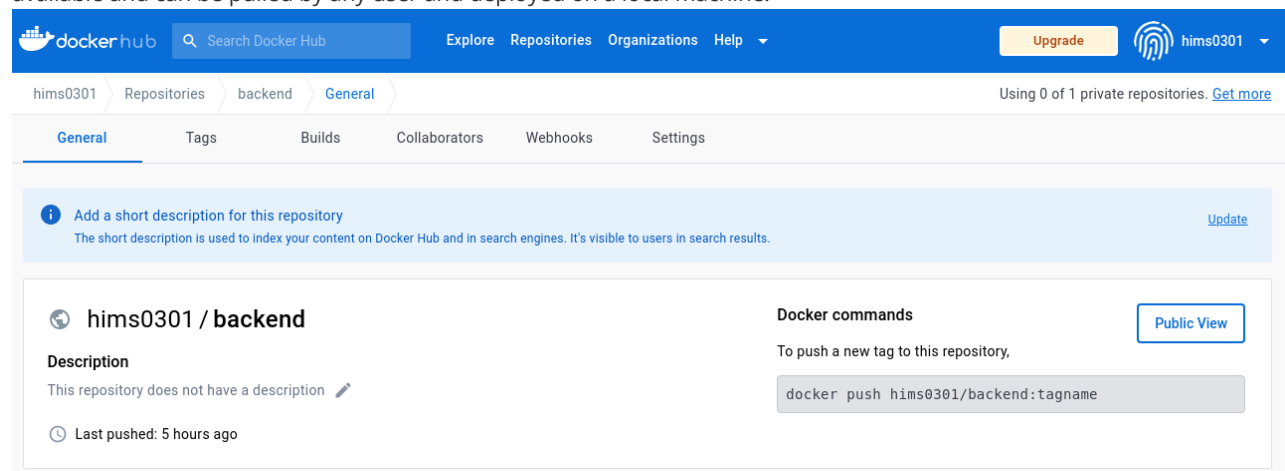


Figure: Dockerhub Backend Image

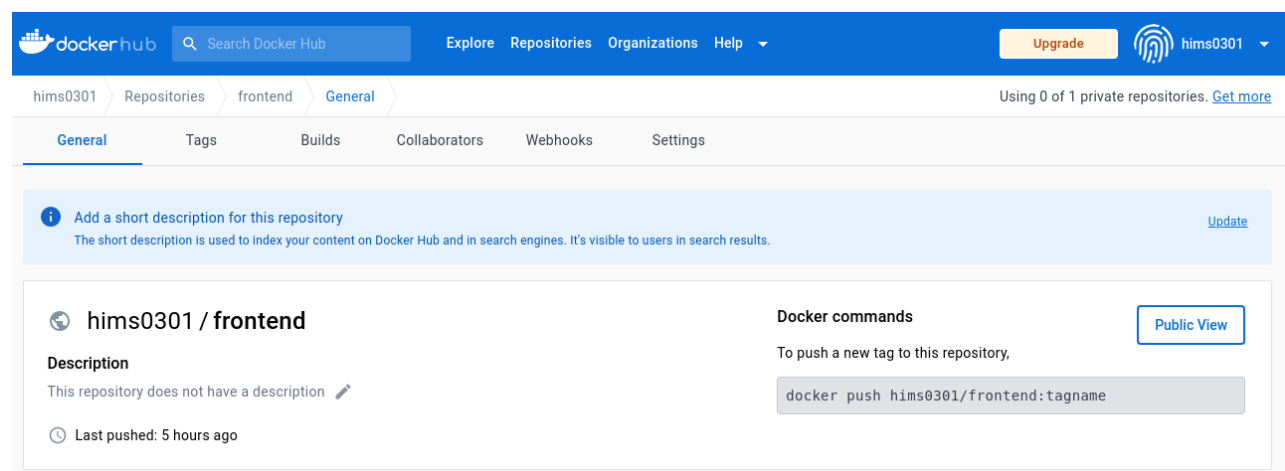


Figure: Dockerhub Frontend Image

xi. Create repository on docker-hub

Link :

- a. <https://hub.docker.com/r/hims0301/backend>
- b. <https://hub.docker.com/r/hims0301/frontend>
- c. <https://hub.docker.com/repositories>

```
SocialBackend > Dockerfile > ...
You, 2 weeks ago | 1 author (You)
1 FROM node:17-alpine
2 ARG MONGO_URL
3 ARG PORT
4 ARG JWT_SECRET
5 RUN npm install -g nodemon
6
7 WORKDIR /app
8 COPY package.json .
9 RUN npm install
10
11 COPY . .
12 ENV MONGO_URL=$MONGO_URL
13 ENV PORT=$PORT
14 ENV JWT_SECRET=$JWT_SECRET
15 EXPOSE 3001
16
17 CMD ["nodemon", "index.js"]
```

Figure: Dockerfile Backend

```
SocialFrontEnd > socialfrontend > Dockerfile > ...
You, 1 second ago | 1 author (You)
1 FROM node:17-alpine
2
3 ARG PORT
4 WORKDIR /app
5 COPY package.json .
6
7 RUN apk add --no-cache xdg-utils curl && \
8     npm install
9
10 COPY . .
11 ENV PORT=$PORT
12
13 EXPOSE 6002
14 CMD ["npm", "run", "dev"]
15
```

Figure: Dockerfile Frontend

Docker holds a set of all the commands a user could call on the command line to assemble an image. For our node project we set to copy the package.json and package-lock.json to the container and then run npm install to install all the packages there.

xii. CI/CD Pipeline

Continuous Integration : Continuous integration (CI) is the practice of automating the integration of code changes from multiple contributors into a single software project.

Continuous Delivery : Continuous Delivery is the ability to get changes of all types such as including new features, configuration changes, bug fixes and experiments into production, or into the hands of users, safely and quickly in a sustainable way. We use Github Actions to build our CI/CD pipeline.

First launched in 2018 as a platform-native automation tool, GitHub Actions has evolved to give developers powerful automation and

CI/CD (continuous integration/continuous deployment) capabilities right next to your code in GitHub.

At its core, GitHub Actions is designed to help simplify workflows with 16 flexible automation and offer easy-to-use CI/CD capabilities built by developers for developers.

xiii. Getting started with github actions

GitHub Actions is a famous platform in recent times to automate developer workflows. CI/CD pipelines are one of the many workflows offered by GitHub to automate work processes.

xiv. Setting up github actions

All the required YAML files are placed in the .github/ directory which will be triggered on GitHub action basis. Workflow is a collection of jobs and these jobs will run on the trigger of an event.

xv. Github Workflows:(Build Job)

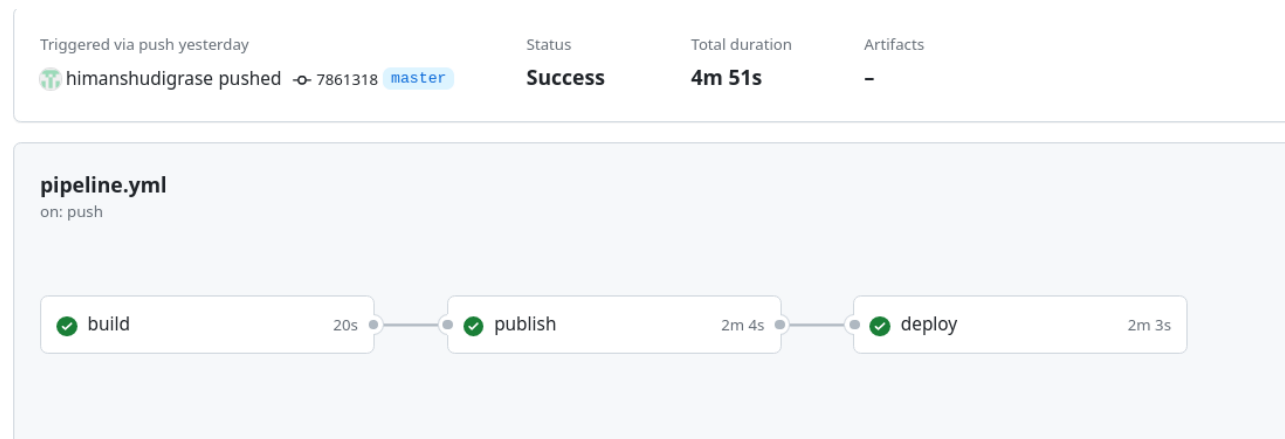


Figure: Workflow Jobs

build
succeeded 20 hours ago in 20s

>

✓

Set up job

>

✓

Checkout code

>

✓

Install and Test Client

>

✓

Install and Test Server

>

✓

Post Checkout code

>

✓

Complete job

Figure: build job

publish
succeeded 20 hours ago in 2m 4s

>

✓

Set up job

>

✓

Checkout code

>

✓

Build Server Docker Image

>

✓

Build Client Docker Image

>

✓

Login to Docker Hub

>

✓

Push Docker Images to Docker Hub

>

✓

Post Login to Docker Hub

>

✓

Post Checkout code

>

✓

Complete job

Figure: publish job

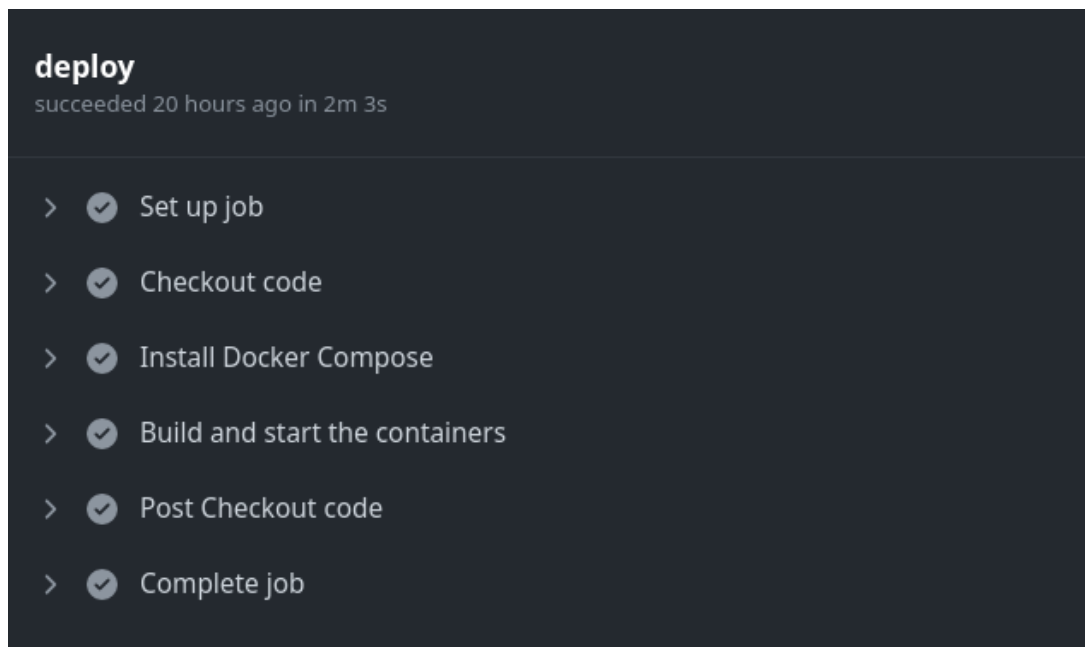


Figure: deploy job

xiv. Pipeline Script in Github Actions

Before we set up the pipeline we declare environment variables to use in the pipeline in the future. We add variables for server and client image and docker credentials.

We are storing MONGO_URL, JWT_TOKEN, PORT(Backend), PORT(Frontend) as secrets in Github. This workflow will run whenever user pushes/ commits code in Github.

```
1  name: Build and Deploy
2
3  # Run the workflow when code is pushed to the main branch
4  on:
5    push:
6      branches:
7        - master
8
9  # Set environment variables
10 env:
11   MONGO_URL: ${ secrets.MONGO_URL }
12   JWT_SECRET: ${ secrets.JWT_SECRET }
13   PORT: 3001
14   PORTF: 6002
```

Figure: env variables in workflow


```

16 jobs:
17   build:
18     # This is telling GitHub to run the workflow on the latest version of Ubuntu.
19     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
20     env:
21       MONGO_URL: ${ secrets.MONGO_URL }
22       JWT_SECRET: ${ secrets.JWT_SECRET }
23       PORT: 3001
24       PORTF: 6002
25     steps:
26       # Checkout the code from the GitHub repository
27       - name: Checkout code
28         uses: actions/checkout@v3
29
30       # Install dependencies and run tests for the client application
31       - name: Install and Test Client
32         working-directory: ./SocialFrontEnd/socialfrontend
33         run: |
34           npm install
35
36       # Install dependencies, export environment variables to be used by application and run tests for the server application
37       - name: Install and Test Server
38         working-directory: ./SocialBackend
39         run: |
40           npm install
41           export JWT_SECRET=$JWT_SECRET
42           export PORT=3001

```

Figure: build job steps

Build job workflow where we are checking out the code from Github Repo to the server hosted by Github which runs ubuntu-latest. We are installing required dependencies for frontend and backend by running npm install and providing required env variables.

```

44   publish:
45     needs: build
46     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
47     steps:
48       # Checkout the code from the GitHub repository
49       - name: Checkout code
50         uses: actions/checkout@v3
51
52       # Build a Docker image for the server application
53       - name: Build Server Docker Image
54         working-directory:
55           ./SocialBackend
56
57         run: |
58           docker build --network host \
59             --build-arg MONGO_URL=$MONGO_URL \
60             --build-arg PORT=$PORT \
61             --build-arg JWT_SECRET=$JWT_SECRET \
62             -t hims0301/backend:latest .
63
64       - name: Build Client Docker Image
65         working-directory: ./SocialFrontEnd/socialfrontend
66
67         run: |
68           docker build --network host \
69             --build-arg PORT=$PORTF \
70             -t hims0301/frontend:latest .
71
72       # Login to Docker Hub using credentials from repository secrets
73       - name: Login to Docker Hub
74         uses: docker/login-action@v2
75         with:
76           username: ${ secrets.DOCKER_USERNAME }
77           password: ${ secrets.DOCKER_PASSWORD }
78
79       # Push the Docker images to Docker Hub
80       - name: Push Docker Images to Docker Hub
81         run: |
82           docker push hims0301/frontend:latest
83           docker push hims0301/backend:latest

```

Figure: publish job steps

Publish job publishes the images for frontend and backend in docker repository. It builds images of frontend and backend on server hosted by github. While building docker images we are passing the necessary env variables as arguments to docker. By logging into docker with credentials specified as secret variables we are pushing our built images to dockerHub.

```
85   deploy:
86     needs: publish
87     runs-on: self-hosted
88     steps:
89       # Checkout the code from the GitHub repository
90       - name: Checkout code
91         uses: actions/checkout@v2
92
93       # Install Docker Compose
94       - name: Install Docker Compose
95         run: |
96           sudo apt-get update
97           sudo apt-get install -y docker-compose
98
99       # Build and start the containers
100      - name: Build and start the containers
101        run: |
102          docker-compose -f docker-compose.yaml up -d
```

Figure: deploy job steps

Deploy job deploys the docker images into containers on the localhost. We can notice that server has been specified as *self-hosted* which means our localhost is acting as server.

Docker images will be deployed on our localhost with the help of docker compose file.

Docker Compose File

🔥 docker-compose.yaml

You, yesterday | 2 authors (You and others)

```
1  version: "3.9"
2  services:
3    sociopedia-frontend:
4      image: hims0301/frontend:latest
5      container_name: sociopedia-frontend
6      stdin_open: true
7      # ports:
8      #   - "6002:6002"
9      network_mode: host
10     # - sociopedia
11
12    sociopedia-backend:
13      image: hims0301/backend:latest
14      container_name: sociopedia-backend
15      ports:
16        - "3001:3001"
17      networks:
18        - sociopedia
19      volumes:
20        - /home/himanshu/Downloads/socialLogs/logs.log:/app/logs.log
21
```

 docker-compose.yml

```
23 Elasticsearch:
24   image: elasticsearch:7.16.2
25   container_name: elasticsearch
26   restart: always
27   volumes:
28     - elastic_data:/usr/share/elasticsearch/data/
29   environment:
30     ES_JAVA_OPTS: "-Xmx256m -Xms256m"
31     discovery.type: single-node
32   ports:
33     - '9200:9200'
34     - '9300:9300'
35   networks:
36     - sociopedia
37
38 Logstash:
39   image: logstash:7.16.2
40   container_name: logstash
41   restart: always
42   volumes:
43     - /home/himanshu/Downloads/socialLogs/:/logstash_dir
44   command: logstash -f /logstash_dir/logstash.conf
45   depends_on:
46     - Elasticsearch
47   ports:
48     - '9600:9600'
49   environment:
50     LS_JAVA_OPTS: "-Xmx256m -Xms256m"
51   networks:
52     - sociopedia
```

🐳 docker-compose.yml

```
54     Kibana:
55         image: kibana:7.16.2
56         container_name: kibana
57         restart: always
58         ports:
59         - '5601:5601'
60         environment:
61         - ELASTICSEARCH_URL=http://elasticsearch:9200
62         depends_on:
63         - Elasticsearch
64         networks:
65         - sociopedia
66
67     networks:
68         sociopedia:
69             ipam:
70                 driver: default
71                 config:
72                 - subnet: 127.0.0.1/8
73     volumes:
74         elastic_data:
75             driver: local
```