Application deployment Steps

Now post creating the basic development structure & pushing code to Git Repositories for your frontend & backend code, you need to deploy your applications to test it & perform further development.

Now please follow the below steps to deploy your developed applications which would also help in creating pipelines for your applications.

After performing the below steps for one time, you will be able to develop your application further on Red Hat Openshift Dev Spaces & use pipelines to trigger the deployment automatically to deploy your code.

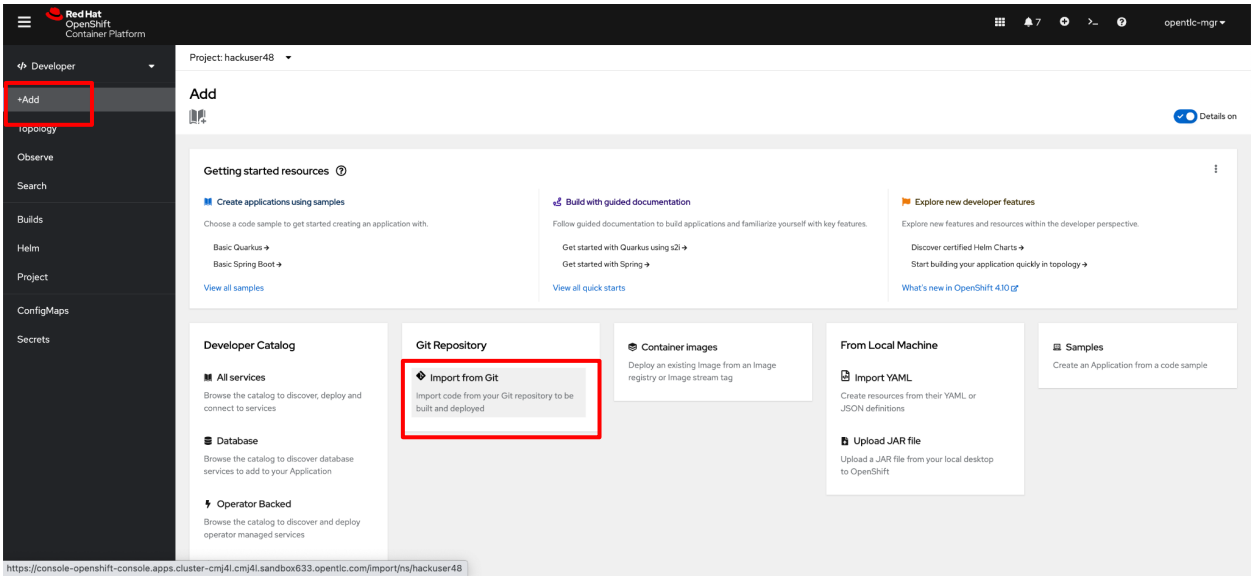
Note:

- In the below example , we are deploying Quarkus (Java) based backend application but the process will be same for your code language
- The difference will only be selecting the correct builder image as per your code language. Refer to screenshots below

Deploying applications on Openshift

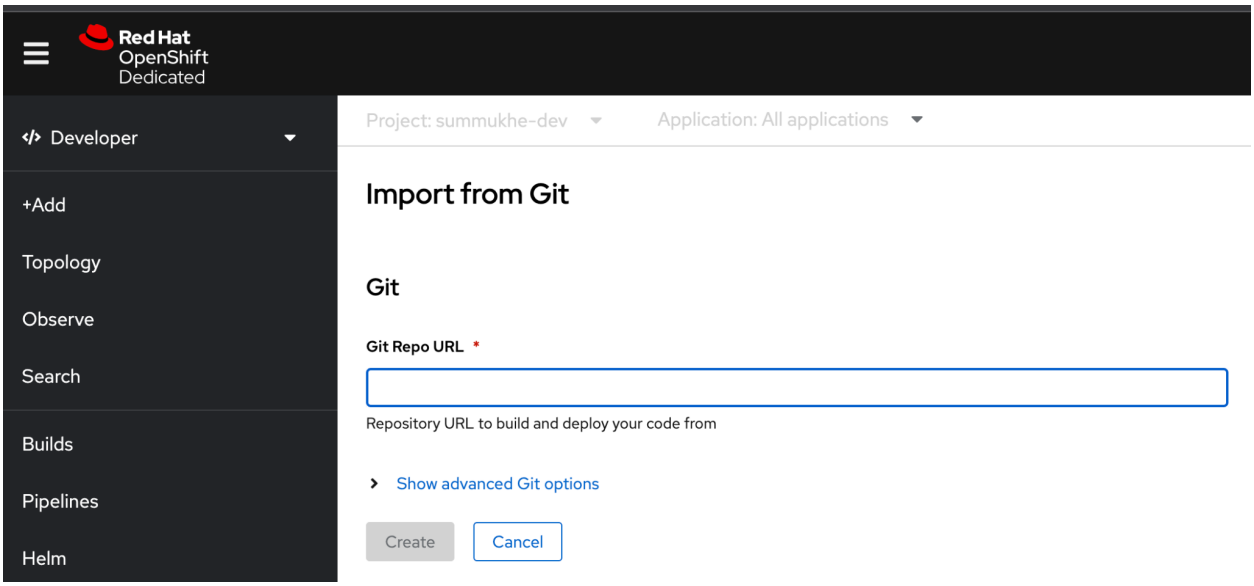
In the below example, we are showcasing java based application deployment as an example. But the process would be the same for other applications as well other than selecting the right builder image.

Access the Openshift Console & from the Developer perspective on the OCP Web console, click on “+Add” and then select “Import from git”.

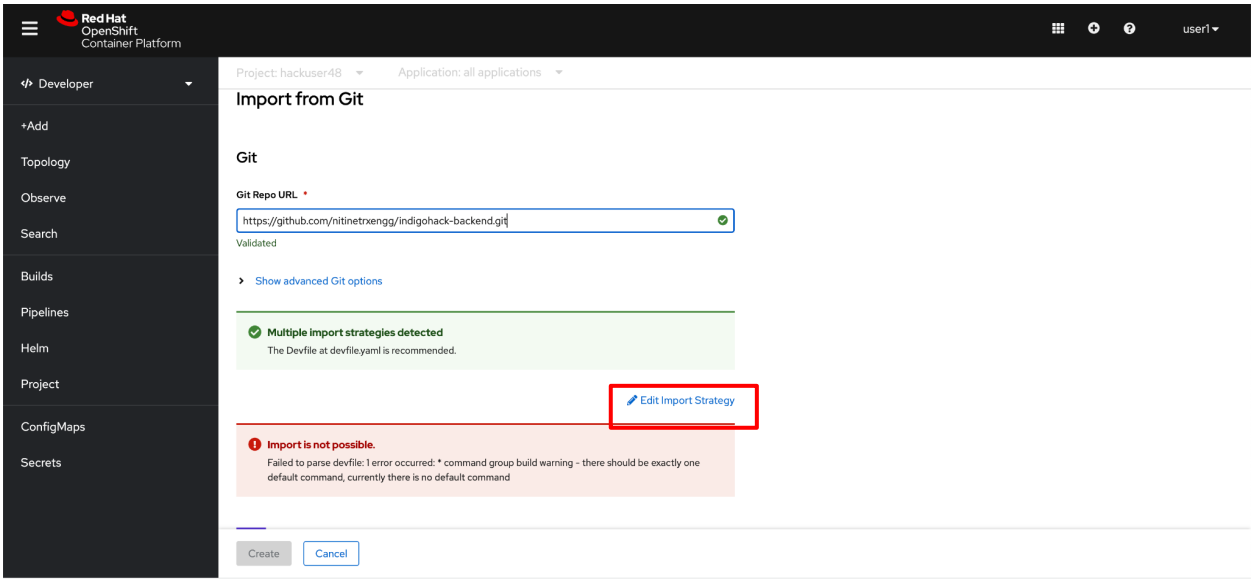


On the form that opens, fill the following details :

1. **Git repo URL** : Please enter your GitHub repository created for backend development (example - https://github.com/<yourGitHubUserName>/indigohack-backend.git)



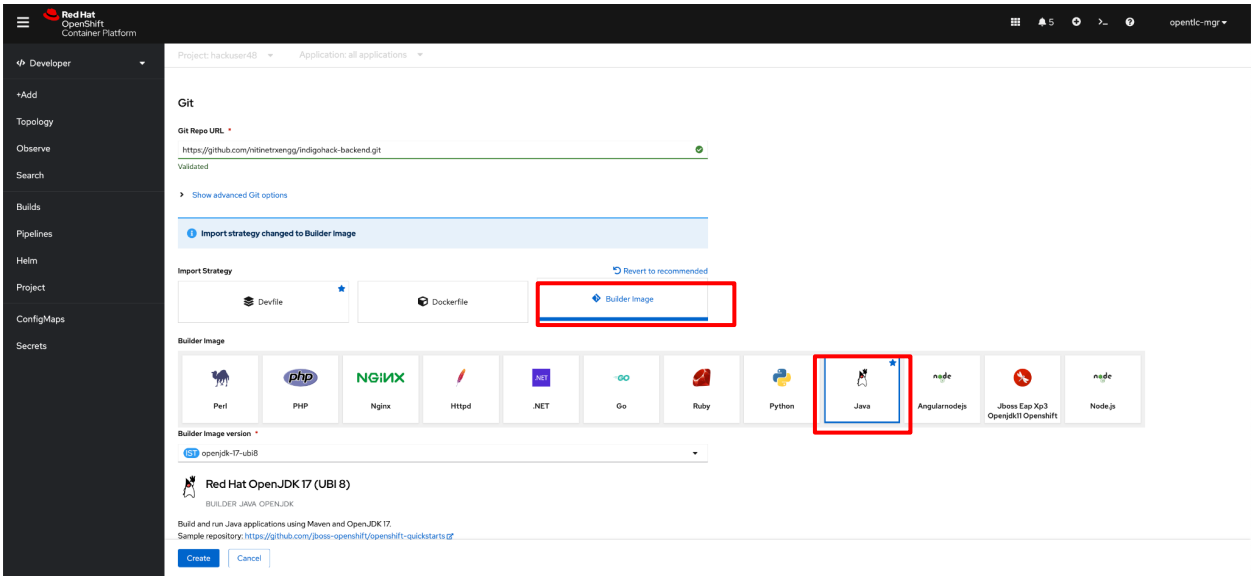
2. After providing the GitURL, it will give the below screen & click on “Edit Import Strategy” Link. Even if the screen does not come, we need to select the right builder image as per our code language mentioned in below point.



3. Select the "Builder Image" option. It will remove the above error & populate other options. By default, it is showing Java as a builder image in this example as git repository have java code

Note: Ideally builder image will be auto selected depending on the the code language in GitHub repository but please make sure then you have to select the right builder image as per the following options

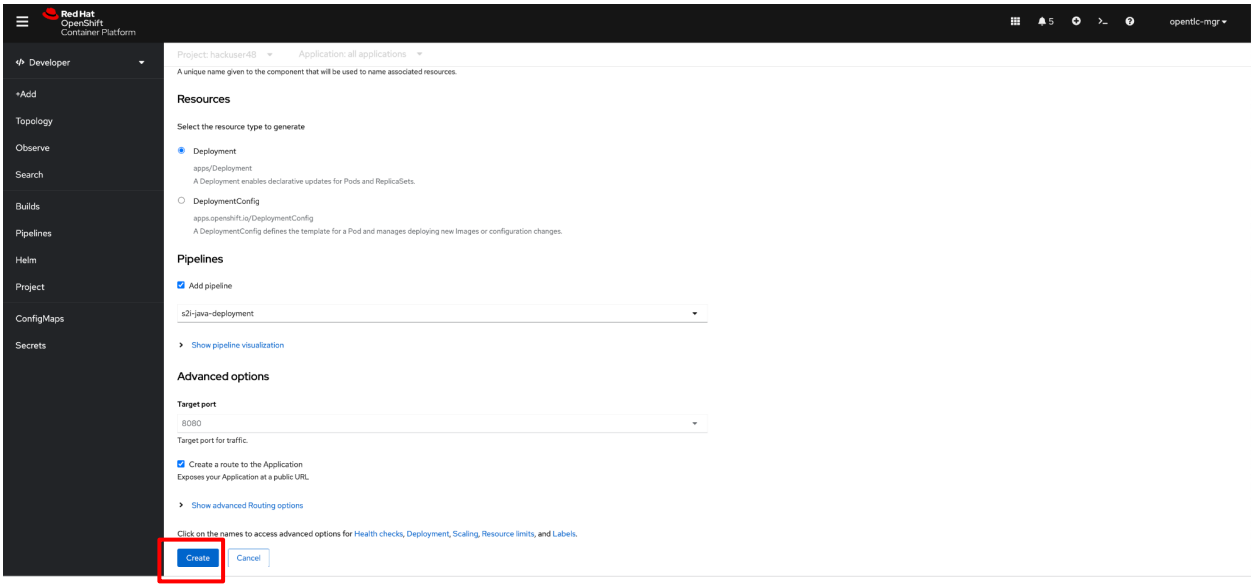
- .Net based backend code - Select .Net builder image
- Java based backend code - Select Java builder image
- Python based backend code - Select Python builder image
- Nodejs based backend code - Select Node.js builder image
- React based frontend code - Select Node.js builder image



Now scroll down & other fields of the form are visible. Fill them as below or use your values

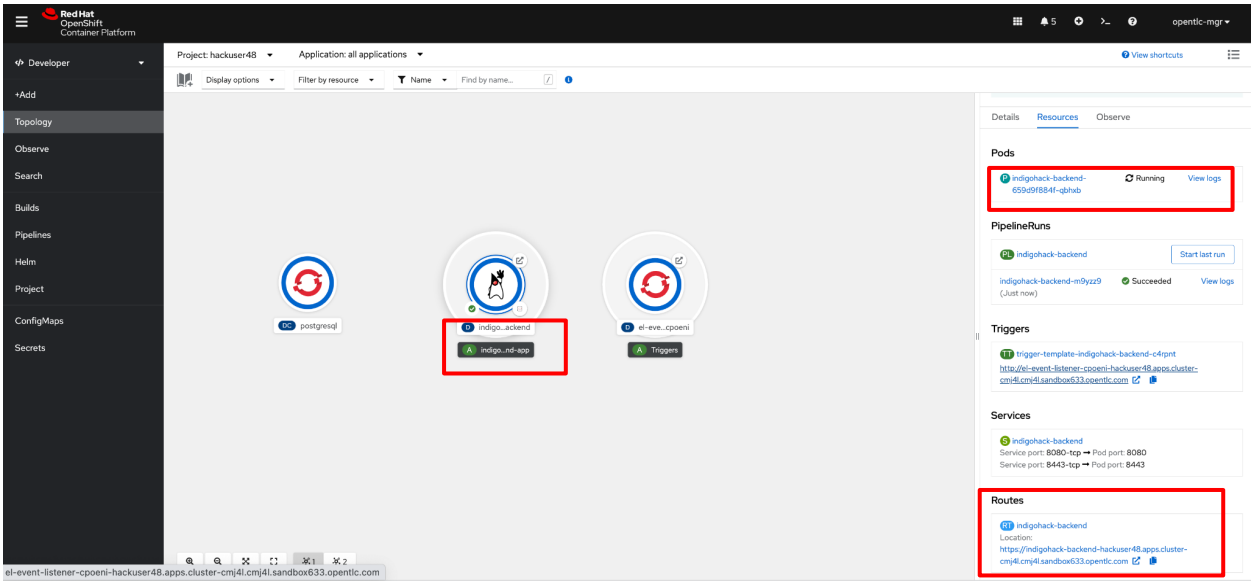
4. **Application name** : indigohack-backend-app
5. **Name**: indigohack-backend (Note: This is the connection name that you need to code in the frontend code to talk to backend service.. Append this connection name with indigohack-backend & put this in your frontend code configuration)
6. **Resource Type** : Deployment
7. **Add Pipeline** : Check the select box
8. **Target Port :** 8080 (Note: We have used 8080 port in our example application as a port. Change this value as per the port that you have defined in your code to expose the application - This is the connection port that you need to code in the frontend code to talk to backend service)

9. Leave other values to default. Once the form is filled, scroll to the bottom, click “Create” to deploy your application

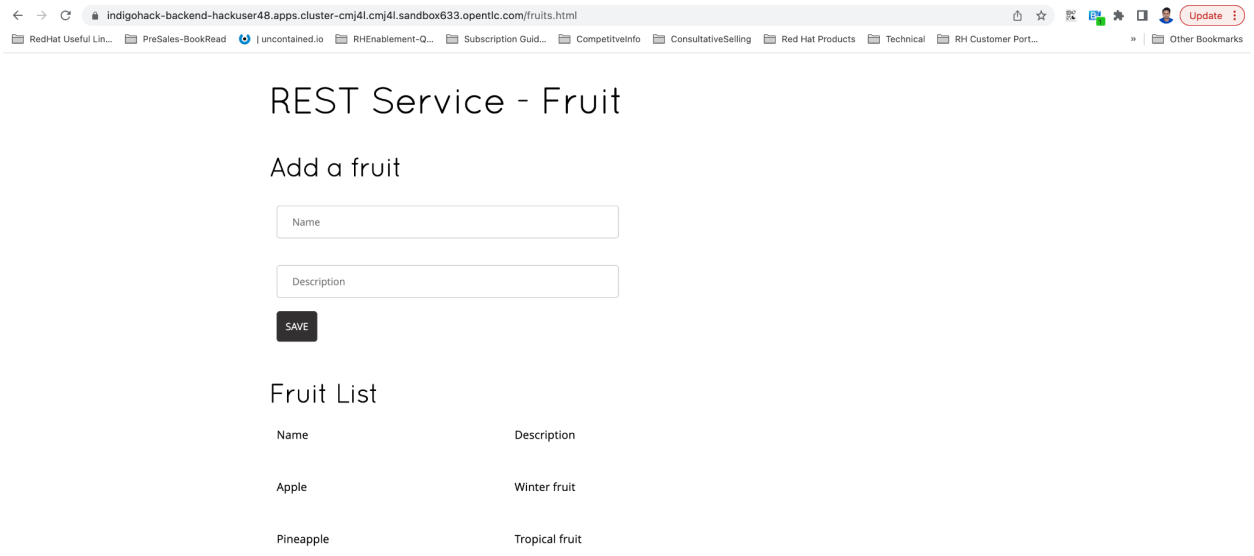


Once the application is deployed, it should open up the “Topology” view from the Developer perspective as shown below. Click on Indigo backend Deployment. Initially the Pods will not be running in the Pods section. The deployment happens via the pipeline, so you need to wait till the PipelineRuns show complete and the Pod shows 1 entry as running.

After the pod shows as running, click on Route link in the screenshot to access the backend application endpoint



It will open the Openshift Route to show the web page (or the base URL) of the application in your default browser. If your application has any extra context paths, you need to add it in the address bar in the browser. This concludes the deployment of your backend application.



Important Note: Follow the same procedure for deploying the frontend application. Click on Add+ in Openshift web console at developer perspective & follow the "Deploying Applications on Openshift" section but this time with frontend code GitHub Repository & provide the different application name & name for frontend code.

Triggering rebuild of applications via Pipeline

Now after performing the above steps, you have your initial first version of applications deployed from GitHub repos and Pipeline configurations created.

Now go back to your Red Hat Openshift Dev Spaces workspaces for frontend & backend & do further development of your code.

To redeploy the changes of your code, commit the code to GitHub & trigger the build from OCP web console.

To re-trigger a build of an application via the pipelines, in the Developer perspective, click on the Topology panel and then click on the application deployment (backend or frontend) which you want to trigger. Verify that on the right hand side, you can see the desired name of the application. In the below screenshot, the indigo-backend application is selected. Then click on the button labeled “Start last run”, as shown in the screenshot below. You can see that a new pipeline instance is running. You need to wait till the status is Succeeded.