Sample CI/CD Workflow with Amazon Linux 2023, basic flask application, github, github actions, and docker engine

# 1. Setting Up Amazon Linux 2023

## Step 1: Launch an Amazon Linux 2023 Instance

- a) Go to the AWS Management Console.
- b) Navigate to EC2 and click Launch Instance.
- c) Choose Amazon Linux 2023 (AL2023) as the AMI.
- d) Select an instance type (e.g., t2.micro for free-tier).
- e) Configure networking and add a key pair for SSH access.
- f) Launch the instance and connect via SSH.

#### Step 2: Connect to the Instance

Use SSH to connect to your EC2 instance:

ssh -i your-key.pem ec2-user@your-ec2-public-ip

\*Replace your-key.pem with your private key and your-ec2-public-ip with the instance's public IP.

## Step 3: Update the System

Once logged in, update the system:

sudo dnf update -y

## Step 4: Install Python and Dependencies

Install Python and necessary dependencies:

sudo dnf install python3 python3-pip python3-virtualenv -y

Verify installation:

python3 --version

pip3 --version

### Step 5: Install Git

We need Git to work with GitHub:

sudo dnf install git -y

### Verify installation:

git --version

#### Step 6: Install Docker

Docker will be required later for containerization:

sudo dnf install docker -y

#### Start and enable the Docker service:

sudo systemctl start docker

sudo systemctl enable docker

Add the current user to the docker group to run Docker without sudo:

sudo usermod -aG docker ec2-user

Log out and log back in for the group changes to take effect, then verify:

docker --version

# 2. Creating a Basic Flask Application

Now that the environment is ready, let's build a simple Flask app.

# Step 1: Set Up a Virtual Environment

Create a project directory and move into it:

mkdir flask-app && cd flask-app

Create a virtual environment:

python3 -m venv venv source venv/bin/activate

# Step 2: Install Flask

pip install Flask

## Step 3: Create a Simple Flask App

Create a file app.py and add the following code:

```
from flask import Flask

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return "Hello, Amazon Linux 2023!"

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=5000)
```

# Step 4: Run the Flask App

Run the app:

python app.py

<sup>\*</sup>Visit http://your-ec2-public-ip:5000 in a browser to see the output.

# 3. Version Control with GitHub

Now let's push the Flask app to GitHub.

## Step 1: Initialize Git

Inside the flask-app directory:

git init

git config --global user.name "YourName"

git config --global user.email "youremail@example.com"

# Step 2: Create a .gitignore File

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echo "venv/" > .gitignore
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echo "\_\_pycache\_\_/" >> .gitignore

#### Step 3: Commit and Push the Code

Create a new GitHub repository from GitHub's website.

Add the remote repository:

git remote add origin https://github.com/yourusername/flask-app.git

## Add, commit, and push the files:

git add.

git commit -m "Initial commit"

git branch -M main

git push -u origin main

# 4. GitHub Actions for CI/CD

Let's set up GitHub Actions to automate testing.

### Step 1: Create a GitHub Actions Workflow

Inside the flask-app directory, create .github/workflows/main.yml:

name: Flask CI

on:

push:

branches:

- main

iobs:

build:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- name: Checkout code

uses: actions/checkout@v2

- name: Set up Python

uses: actions/setup-python@v2

with:

python-version: "3.9"

- name: Install dependencies

run: |

python -m venv venv source venv/bin/activate

pip install Flask

- name: Run tests

run: python -m unittest discover

#### Push this workflow:

git add .github/workflows/main.yml git commit -m "Add GitHub Actions workflow" git push

# 5. Dockerizing the Flask Application

### Step 1: Create a Dockerfile

Create a Dockerfile in the project root:

FROM python:3.9-slim

WORKDIR /app

COPY requirements.txt.

RUN pip install -r requirements.txt

COPY..

CMD ["python", "app.py"]

# **Step 2: Build and Run Docker Image**

sudo usermod -aG docker \$USER docker build -t flask-app .

#then exit to close the session, reconnect afterwards

docker run -p 5000:5000 flask-app

<sup>\*</sup>GitHub will now automatically run this workflow when you push code.

5.1 Docker Commands
Check Docker version:
dockerversion
Check system-wide Docker info:
docker info
List Available languages
List Available Images
docker images
Pull an Image from Docker Hub
docker pull ubuntu
Build a Docker Image
docker build -t myapp .
(-t assigns a name/tag to the image)
Tag an Image
docker tag myapp myrepo/myapp:v1
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Remove an Image docker rmi myapp
docker mirmyapp
Run a Container
docker run -d -p 8080:80 myapp
(-d runs it in the background, -p maps ports)
List Running Containers
docker ps
List All Containers (Including Stopped Ones)
docker ps -a
Stop a Running Container
docker stop container_id
Start a Stopped Container
docker start container_id
Remove a Container
docker rm container_id

Run an Interactive Shell Inside a Running Container
docker exec -it container_id /bin/bash
View Container Logs
docker logs container_id
Follow Logs in Real-Time
docker logs -f container_id
Inspect a Running Container
docker inspect container_id
Check Resource Usage
docker stats
List Docker Volumes
docker volume ls
Create a Named Volume
docker volume create myvolume
List Docker Networks
docker network ls
Connect a Container to a Network
docker network connect mynetwork container_id
Stop All Running Containers
docker stop \$(docker ps -q)
Remove All Stopped Containers
docker rm \$(docker ps -a -q)
Remove All Images
docker rmi \$(docker images -q)
Remove All Docker Volumes
docker volume rm \$(docker volume ls -q)

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- a) Go to hub.docker.com, sign in or sign up
- b) Back to the machine with docker container, use the following command to login

docker login

- c) Tag the Docker Image
  - a. List your local Docker images:

docker images

b. You'll see an output like:

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
flask-app	latest	a1b2c3d4e5f6	10 minutes ago	120MB

d) To push this image to Docker Hub, you need to tag it with your Docker Hub username:

docker tag flask-app your-dockerhub-username/flask-app:latest

e) For example, if your Docker Hub username is john123, run:

docker tag flask-app john123/flask-app:latest

f) Push the Image to Docker Hub

docker push your-dockerhub-username/flask-app:latest

g) Example:

docker push john123/flask-app:latest

- h) Verify on Docker Hub, Go to Docker Hub.
- i) Log in and check the Repositories tab to see your uploaded image.
- j) Pull and Run from Any Machine, To pull the image on another machine:

docker pull your-dockerhub-username/flask-app:latest

k) Then, run it:

docker run -p 5000:5000 your-dockerhub-username/flask-app