Reduce deployments runtime with GitHub Actions Cache

Here's to incremental deployments.

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- Often known as DevSecMLFinDataOps
- Faster deployments -> Faster iterations

CI/CD Workflow



CI/CD Breakdown

- Image build
- Image push
- Image pull (during deployment)

Dockerfile

```
FROM node:18

WORKDIR /opt/build

COPY package.json .

COPY yarn.lock .

RUN yarn install

COPY . .

RUN yarn build

EXPOSE 3000

CMD [ "yarn", "start", "-H", "0.0.0.0" ]
```

GitHub Actions Buildx

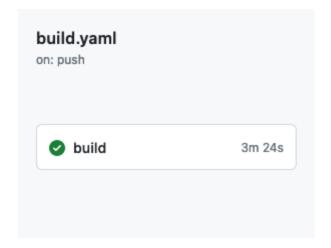
```
- name: Build and tag image
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
with:
    context: .
    builder: ${{ steps.buildx.outputs.name }}
    file: Dockerfile
    push: true
    tags: ${{ steps.meta.outputs.tags }}
    provenance: false
```

But we can cache docker layers

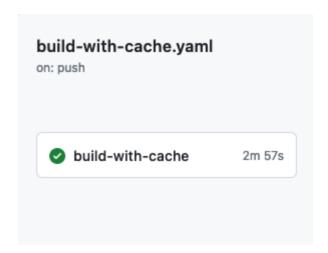
GitHub Actions Buildx with Cache

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- name: Build and tag image
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
with:
    context: .
    builder: ${{    steps.buildx.outputs.name }}
    file: Dockerfile
    push: true
    cache-from: type=gha # add this
    cache-to: type=gha,mode=max # add this
    tags: ${{        steps.meta.outputs.tags }}
    provenance: false
```

Buildx



Buildx with Cache



What about image size?

Dockerfile with multi-stage build

```
# ----- builder ----- #
FROM node: 18 AS builder
WORKDIR /opt/build
COPY package.json .
COPY yarn.lock .
RUN yarn install
COPY . .
RUN yarn build
# ----- package ----- #
FROM node:18-alpine AS deploy
WORKDIR /app
COPY -- from = builder /opt/build/.next ./.next
COPY -- from = builder /opt/build/node modules ./node modules
COPY -- from = builder /opt/build/public ./public
COPY --from=builder /opt/build/next.config.js ./
COPY -- from = builder /opt/build/package.json ./
EXPOSE 3000
CMD [ "yarn", "start", "-H", "0.0.0.0" ]
```

Let's guess the image size!

Normal build

Multi-stage build

```
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                                                                                                                docker build -f Dockerfile.multi-stage -t nextjs-blog-multi-stage .
docker build -f Dockerfile -t nextis-blog .
                                                                                                                [+] Building 47.5s (20/20) FINISHED
[+] Building 37.9s (12/12) FINISHED
 => [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
 => => transferring dockerfile: 206B
 ⇒ [internal] load .dockerignore
                                                                                                                 >> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:18-alpine
 => [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:18
                                                                                                                 => [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:18
 ⇒ [1/7] FROM docker.io/library/node:18@sha256:7ce8b205d15e30fd395e5fa4000bcdf595fcff3f434fe75822e54e82a5f5cf82 ⇒ [builder 1/7] FROM docker.io/library/node:18@sha256:7ce8b205d15e30fd395e5fa4000bcdf595fcff3f434fe75822e54e82a5f5cf82
 => [internal] load build context
                                                                                                                 => => transferring context: 1.44MB
 => => transferring context: 1.34MB
                                                                                                                 ⇒ [deploy 1/7] FROM docker.io/library/node:18-alpine@sha256:435dcad253bb5b7f347ebc69c8cc52de7c912eb7241098b920f2fc2d7843183d
 ⇒ CACHED [2/7] WORKDIR /opt/build
                                                                                                                 ⇒ CACHED [builder 2/7] WORKDIR /opt/build
 => CACHED [3/7] COPY package.json .
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 => CACHED [4/7] COPY yarn.lock .
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 => CACHED [5/7] RUN varn install
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 ⇒ [7/7] RUN yarn build
                                                                                                                 => CACHED [deploy 2/7] WORKDIR /app
 => exporting to image
 => => exporting layers
 => => writing image sha256:9b919bad81fdef523115dfd1553300ab15c054231d36c44e89a821f337a6f354
=> => naming to docker.io/library/nextis-blog
What's Next?
 View a summary of image vulnerabilities and recommendations → docker scout quickview
                                                                                                                 => => exporting layers
                                                                                                                 => => writing image sha256:a46142e240c255c29cc98c8dfff8dad5b297a5d6272d7abeb2b92651de250bb5
github-actions-cache-demo on by master [!?] via desktop-linux via @ v18.18.2 on _
                                                                                                 took 38s
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                                                                                                                docker images | grep nextis-blog-multi-stage
                                                                                                                  extis-blog-multi-stage latest a46142e240c2 About a minute ago 904MB
```

How much can we save?

Build time

• 30s per build (from 3m24s to 2m57s)

Image storage (compressed)

• 300MB per image (from 450MB to 150MB)

Any questions?

Ready for cost reduction?

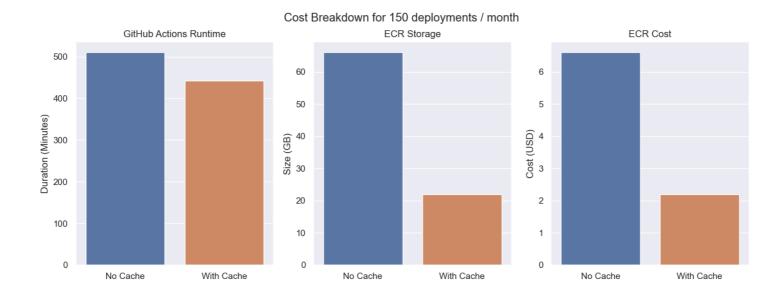
If we deploy 150 times / month

Cost breakdown

Service		No Cache		With Cache
GitHub Actions (Runtime)		3m24s * 150 = 510m		2m57s * 150 = 442.5m
Service	Normal Build		Multi-Stage Build	
ECR (Storage)	450MB * 150 = 66GB		150MB * 150 = 22GB	
ECR (Cost)	150MB * 150 = 22GB		22GB * 0.10 USD = 2.2 USD	

In total, we can save 67.5 minutes and 4.4 USD per month.

I know you love pretty charts



Check out the slides and repo!

