

GitHub Actions: Build and Push CSHub Play Environment Images

This doc contains a GitHub Actions workflow that automates the process of building Docker images for the CSHub project (frontend and backend environments), pushing them to Docker Hub, and pulling the updated images to a remote AWS EC2 instance.

Workflow File

.github/workflows/CSHub-push-env.yml

Trigger

- **Manual trigger only:** The workflow runs when manually triggered via the GitHub Actions interface (`workflow_dispatch`).

What It Does

1. **Checkout Code**
 - a. Clones the repository into the GitHub Actions runner.
2. **Set Up Docker Build**
 - a. Enables advanced Docker build features.
3. **Login to Docker Hub**
 - a. Authenticates with Docker Hub using secrets (DOCKER_USERNAME and DOCKER_PASSWORD).
4. **Build and Push Docker Images**
 - a. Builds the backend environment Docker image from `./backend/Dockerfile.backend_env`.
 - b. Builds the frontend environment Docker image from `./frontend/Dockerfile.frontend_env`.
 - c. Pushes both images to Docker Hub under the `cmusvsc/smu_cshub` namespace:
 - i. `cmusvsc/smu_cshub:cshub-backend-env`
 - ii. `cmusvsc/smu_cshub:cshub-frontend-env`
5. **Remote AWS EC2 pull docker CSHub env images via SSH**
 - a. SSHs into a remote EC2 instance using credentials stored in secrets (EC2_HOST, EC2_USER, EC2_SSH_KEY).

- b. Logs into Docker Hub on the remote EC2 machine.
- c. Pulls the latest Docker images for both frontend and backend env images.

Required Secrets (Saved in Github Actions Secrets and Variables)

Secret Name	Description
DOCKER_USERNAME	Docker Hub username
DOCKER_PASSWORD	Docker Hub password
EC2_HOST	Public IP or hostname of the EC2 instance
EC2_USER	SSH username for the EC2 instance
EC2_SSH_KEY	Private SSH key for EC2 access

Notes

- Make sure the EC2 instance has Docker installed and your SSH key is added to its authorized keys.
- Ensure that the Docker images are properly tagged and maintained to avoid unexpected behavior.