

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.