

## Setting Up a Deployment Environment

1. Linux host (example: an EC2 instance with Ubuntu)
2. Install Node.js and PM2 (npm install -g pm2).
3. /home/nodejs/deploy owned by a user “nodejs”
4. Add local SSH public key to authorized\_keys on server.
5. Push your project to a Git repository (example: GitHub).
6. Copy .env to the deployment directory.
7. Whitelist the server IP on MongoDB Atlas.