

Cloud-Native Full-Stack Application using AWS Amplify & Next.js

Project Documentation

AWS Amplify + Next.js (App Router + Client Components).

This documentation describes the complete development and deployment process of a full-stack web application using AWS Amplify (Gen 2) and Next.js App Router (Client Components).

1) Project Overview

This project is a full-stack, cloud-backed web application built with Next.js (App Router + Client Components), powered by AWS Amplify for backend services and hosting.

It demonstrates how to combine modern frontend frameworks with cloud-managed backend services — including APIs, database, authentication, and hosting — using Amplify.

2) Objective

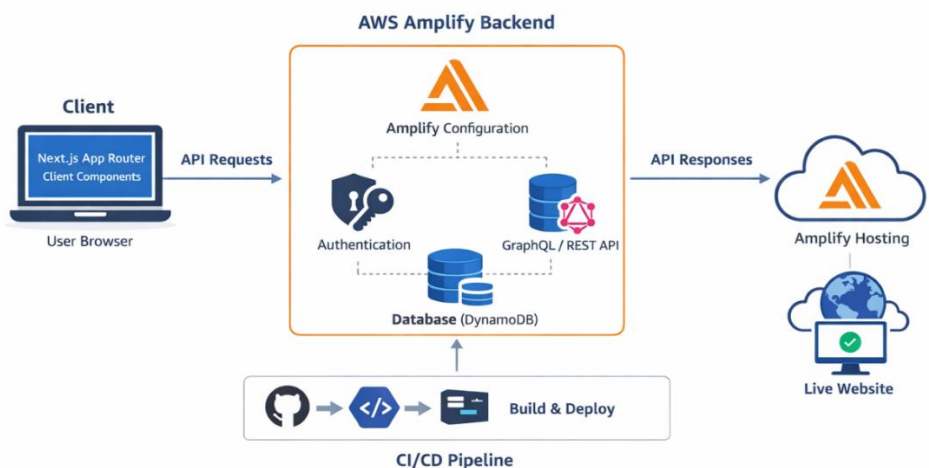
The main purpose of this documentation is to explain:

- ✓ How to initialize a cloud backend using AWS Amplify
- ✓ How to configure a Next.js application to interact with that backend
- ✓ How to build and deploy the app to the cloud using Amplify Hosting
- ✓ Why each step is necessary in a cloud-native project

3) Tech Stack

Component	Technology
Frontend UI	Next.js (App Router + Client Components)
Backend	AWS Amplify (Gen 2)
API	AWS AppSync / REST (via Amplify)
Hosting	Amplify Hosting
Language	TypeScript / JavaScript
Deployment Automation	CI/CD Workflow (Amplify)

4) Project Architecture



Explanation:

- Frontend (Next.js): Renders UI; uses client components to interact with backend APIs.
 - Amplify Backend: Manages serverless resources (API, database, authentication).
 - CI/CD Pipeline: Automatically builds and deploys the app when code is pushed to the repository.
 - Hosting: Amplify Hosting serves the web app globally with edge caching.
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5) Pre-Requisites

Before starting the project, ensure the following tools are installed:

- Node.js v14.x or later
- npm v6.14.4 or later
- Git v2.14.1 or later

Why these are required

- Node.js & npm: Required to run and manage the Next.js application and dependencies.
 - Git: Enables version control and integration with Amplify's CI/CD pipeline.
 - Basic React & Next.js knowledge: Helps understand App Router, components, and data flow.
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a. Frontend Configuration with Amplify

The Amplify configuration file (`aws-exports.js` or `amplify_outputs.json`) is imported into the Next.js application. This allows the frontend to automatically discover backend endpoints, authentication flows, and region-specific settings.

Amplify is configured globally so all components can access backend services.

Why this step is required

- Makes backend accessible to frontend
- Centralizes cloud configuration
- Prevents hardcoding credentials

b. API & Database Creation

AWS Amplify is used to create a GraphQL API backed by Amazon DynamoDB. Amplify automatically generates schemas, resolvers, and permissions without manual server provisioning. This follows a serverless architecture, where AWS manages scaling and availability.

Why this step is required

- Enables data storage and retrieval
- Removes need for manual server setup
- Provides scalable backend

c. Hosting & Initial Deployment

The application repository is connected to AWS Amplify Hosting. Amplify automatically detects the framework and sets up a CI/CD pipeline that builds and deploys the application whenever code is pushed. The deployed application is hosted globally using a CDN.

Why this step is required

- Automates deployment
- Ensures high availability
- Reduces manual errors.

d. Local Development Environment Setup

The deployed backend configuration is downloaded as `amplify_outputs.json` and connected to the local project. This allows developers to work locally while using real cloud resources.

Local testing ensures changes work correctly before pushing to production.

Why this step is required

- Enables safe development
- Maintains consistency between environments
- Improves debugging Cloud

e. Implementing Delete Functionality

Frontend logic is extended to add delete functionality for to-do items. The delete operation interacts with the backend API and updates the database accordingly.

This demonstrates how frontend components trigger backend operations.

Why this step is required

- Enhances application functionality
- Demonstrates API integration
- Validates frontend–backend sync

f. Authentication Implementation

Authentication is implemented using Amazon Cognito via AWS Amplify Auth. The Authenticator UI component automatically handles login, signup, email verification, and session management.

This ensures secure access control without custom authentication logic.

Why this step is required

- Secures application access
- Manages users centrally
- Supports scalable authentication

g. CI/CD Pipeline

CI/CD starts **when code is pushed to GitHub**. AWS Amplify automatically:

1. Pulls latest code
2. Installs dependencies
3. Builds the application
4. Deploys backend and frontend
5. Publishes to hosting environment

This ensures continuous integration and continuous deployment.

Why this step is required

- Faster deployments
- Reduced human errors
- Industry-standard DevOps practice

h. IAM & Backend Permissions

IAM credentials are configured locally to allow backend updates. The IAM user is granted limited permissions using **AmplifyBackendDeployFullAccess**, ensuring secure backend deployments.

This follows the principle of least privilege.

Why this step is required

- Secure backend updates
- Controlled access to AWS resources
- Prevents unauthorized changes

i. Cloud Sandbox Environment

A cloud sandbox is an **isolated backend environment** used for development and testing. It allows backend changes without affecting production users.

In this project, sandbox is used to safely implement authorization rules.

Why this step is required

- Protects production backend
- Enables safe experimentation
- Supports multi-user development

j. Per-User Authorization (Owner-Based Rules)

Owner-based authorization ensures that **each user can access only their own data**. Authorization rules are enforced at the API level using authentication tokens.

This is a critical security feature in real-world applications.

Why this step is required

- Prevents data leakage
- Enforces access control
- Aligns with enterprise security standards

k. Final Deployment & Verification

After testing in sandbox, changes are pushed to the main branch. Amplify CI/CD redeploys the application, and functionality is verified in the live environment.

This completes the **end-to-end cloud deployment lifecycle**.

Why this step is required

- Ensures production readiness
- Validates all integrations
- Confirms system stability

1. Create the repository

Use our starter template to create a repository in your GitHub account. This template scaffolds create-next-app with Amplify backend capabilities. These template contain the code of todo app from aws samples. Use the form in GitHub to finalize your repo's creation.

Create a new repository

Repositories contain a project's files and version history. Have a project elsewhere? [Import a repository](#).

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Start with a template

Templates pre-configure your repository with files.



aws-samples/amplify-next-template ▾

Include all branches

If enabled, all branches from the template repository will be included.

Off ☐

1 General

Owner *



mangeshbonde ▾

Repository name *

/ amplify-next-templatee

✔ amplify-next-templatee is available.

Great repository names are short and memorable. How about [solid-system?](#)

Description

My Amplify Gen 2 starter application

36 / 350 characters

2. Deploy the starter app

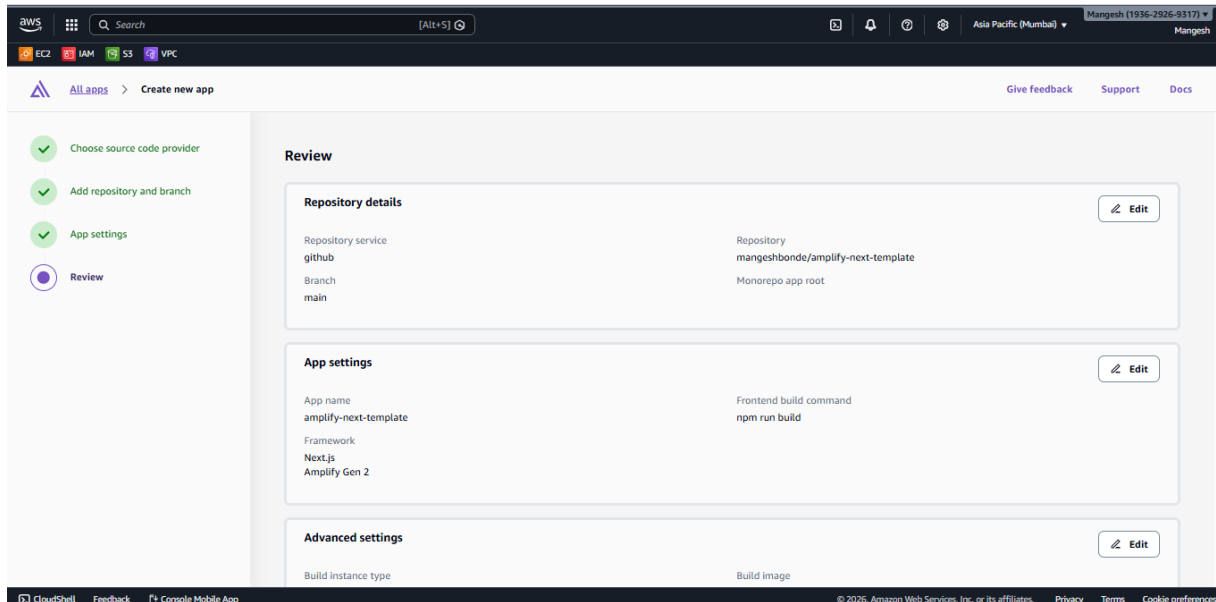
Now that the repository has been created, deploy it with Amplify.

Select **Start with an existing app** > **GitHub**. After you give Amplify access to your GitHub account via the popup window, pick the repository and main branch to deploy. Make no other changes and click through the flow to **Save and deploy**.

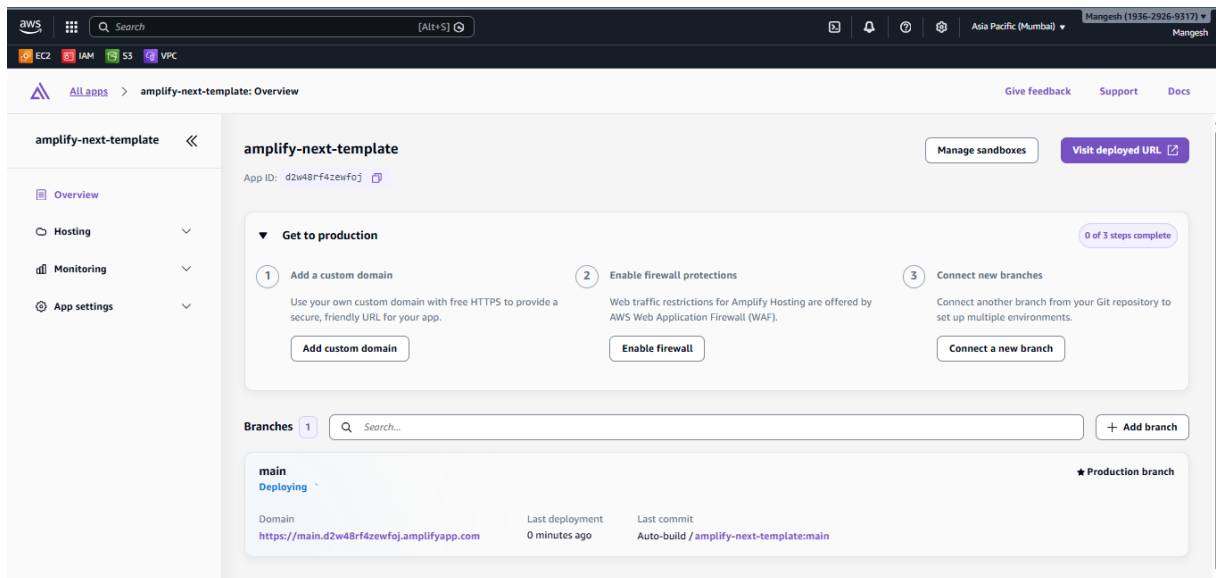
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Then click Save and Deploy..



We can see here process is Deploying...



CI/CD Pipeline with Amplify Hosting

Connect to Git

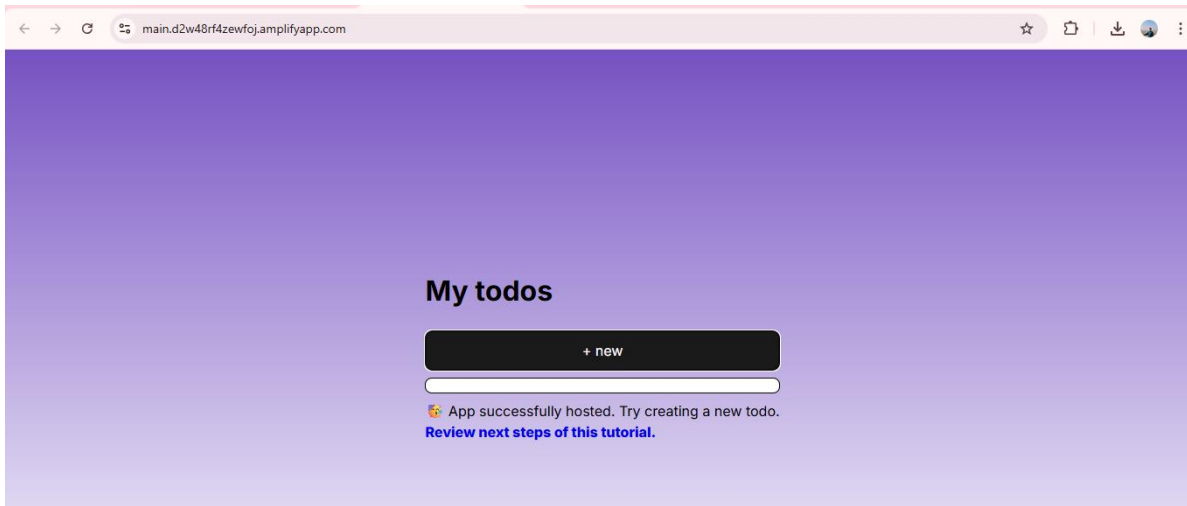
1. Push your local repo to GitHub / GitLab.
2. Open Amplify Console → Deploy App.
3. Connect your repo and branch.

Amplify Hosting automatically builds and deploys your app every time you push changes. This is the core of CI/CD.

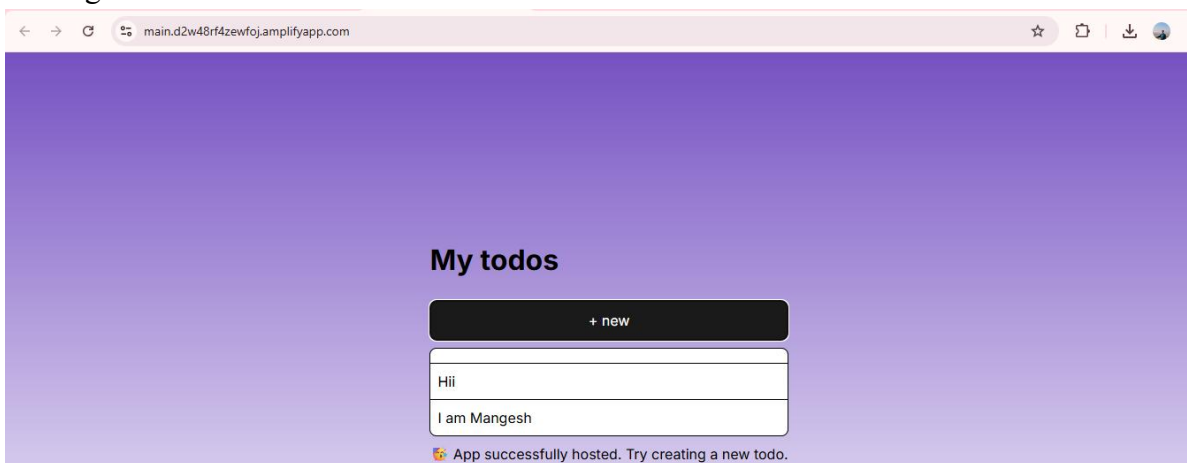
3. View deployed app

When the build completes, visit the newly deployed branch by selecting "View deployed URL". Since the build deployed an API, database, and authentication backend, you will be able to create new to-do items.

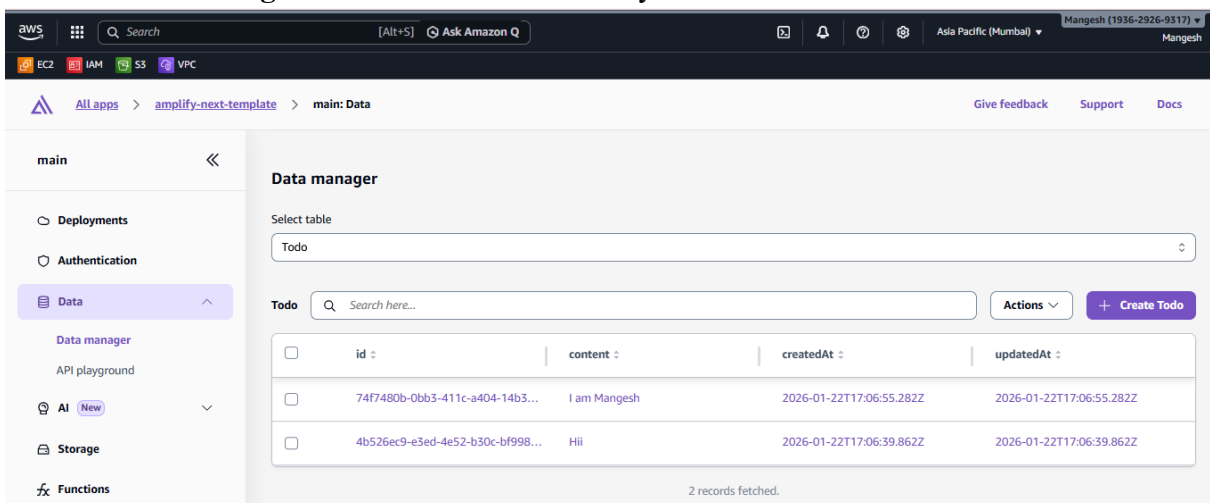
<https://main.d2w48rf4zewfoj.amplifyapp.com/>



Adding todo list



In the Amplify console, click into the deployment branch (in this case **main**) > select **Data** in the left-hand menu > **Data manager** to see the data entered in your database.



Make frontend updates

Let's learn how to enhance the app functionality by creating a delete flow for to-do list items.

Frontend Configuration with Amplify

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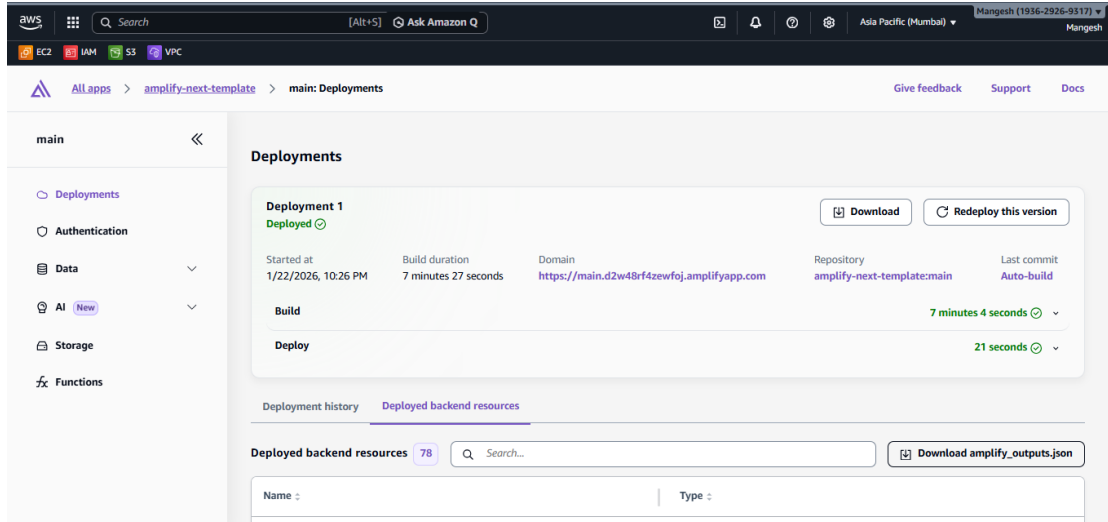
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Set up local environment

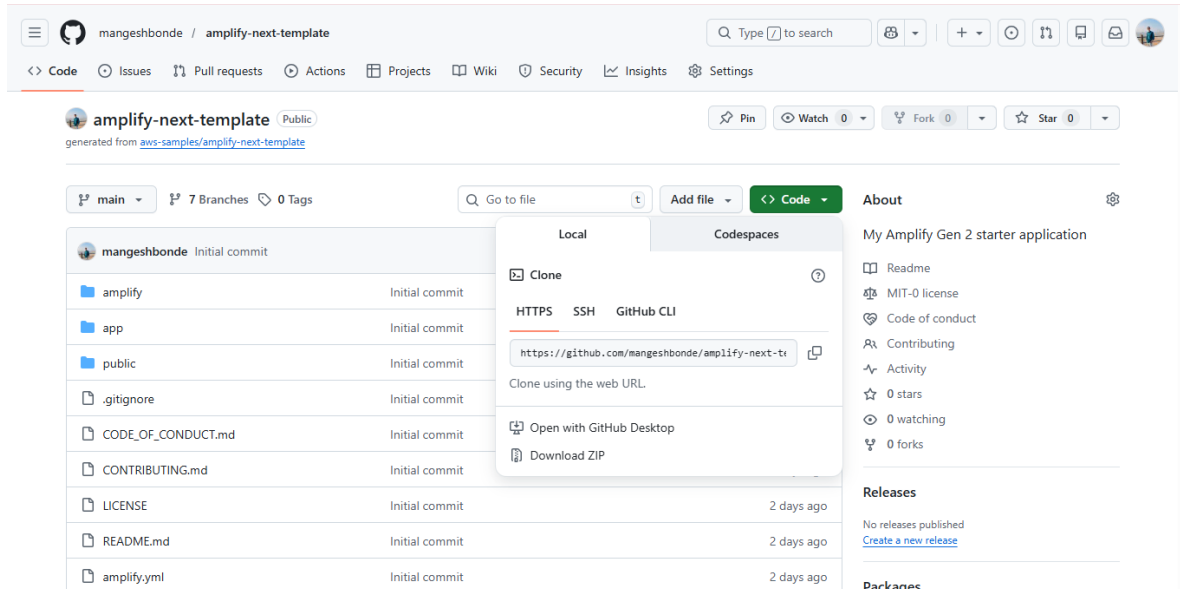
Now let's set up our local development environment to add features to the frontend. Click on your deployed branch and you will land on the **Deployments** page which shows you your build history and a list of deployed backend resources.



At the bottom of the page you will see a tab for **Deployed backend resources**. Click on the tab and then click the **Download amplify_outputs.json** file button.

Clone the repository locally in VS code.

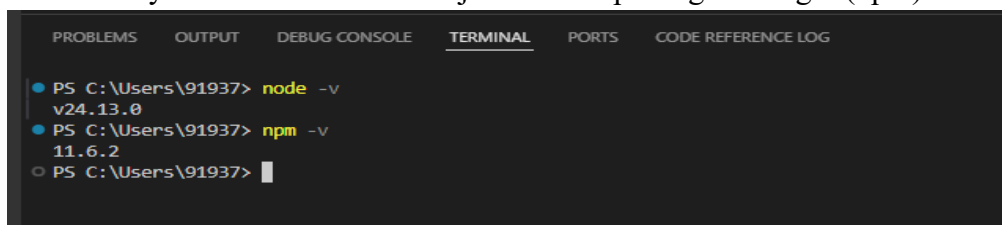
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Go into VS code Terminal

git clone <https://github.com/mangeshbonde/amplify-next-template.git> #Command

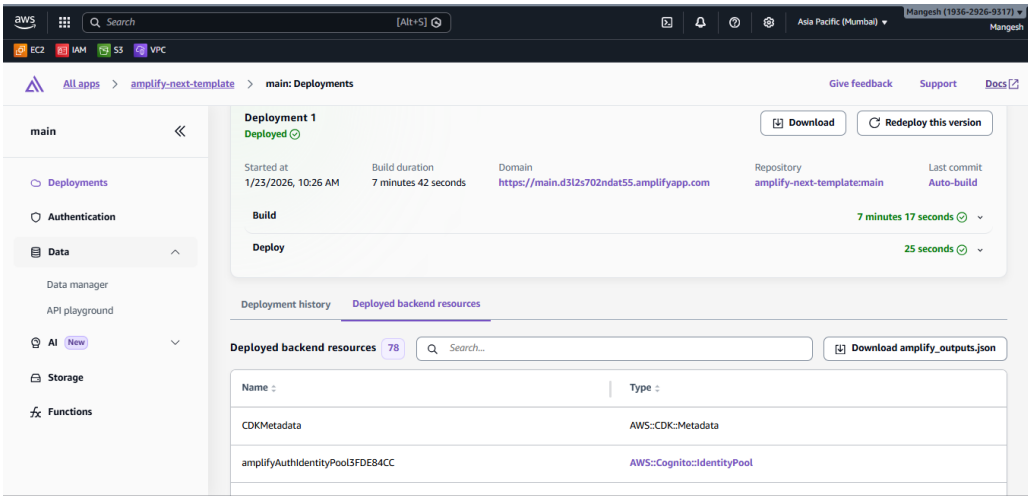
Make sure you have installed node.js and node package manager (npm)



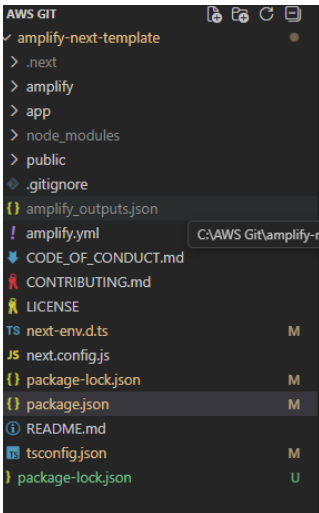
cd amplify-next-template && npm install

```
11.6.2
PS C:\AWS Git> cd .\amplify-next-template\
PS C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template> npm install
```

Download the file from your deployed amplify app → main → Deployed Backend Resource → Download [amplify_outputs.json](#)



Now move the [amplify_outputs.json](#) file you downloaded above to the root of your project.



The [amplify_outputs.json](#) file contains backend endpoint information, publicly-viewable API keys, authentication flow information, and more. The Amplify client library uses this outputs file to connect to your Amplify Backend. You can review how the outputs file is imported within the main.tsx file and then passed into the Amplify.configure(...) function of the Amplify client library.

Installing required libraries for the project to run.

Then add command to run project [npm run dev](#)

```

91937@mangesh MINGW64 /c:/AWS Git/amplify-next-template (main)
$ npm run dev

> aws-amplify-gen2@0.1.0 dev
> next dev

▲Warning: Next.js inferred your workspace root, but it may not be correct.
We detected multiple lockfiles and selected the directory of C:\AWS Git\package-lock.json as the root directory.
To silence this warning, set `turbo.pack.root` in your Next.js config, or consider removing one of the lockfiles if it's not needed.
See https://nextjs.org/docs/app/api-reference/config/next-config-js/turbopack#root-directory for more information.
Detected additional lockfiles:
* C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template\package-lock.json

▲ Next.js 16.1.4 (Turbopack)
- Local:    http://localhost:3000
- Network:  http://192.168.56.1:3000

✓ Starting...

We detected TypeScript in your project and reconfigured your tsconfig.json file for you.
The following suggested values were added to your tsconfig.json. These values can be changed to fit your project's needs:

- include was updated to add '.next/dev/types/**/*.ts'

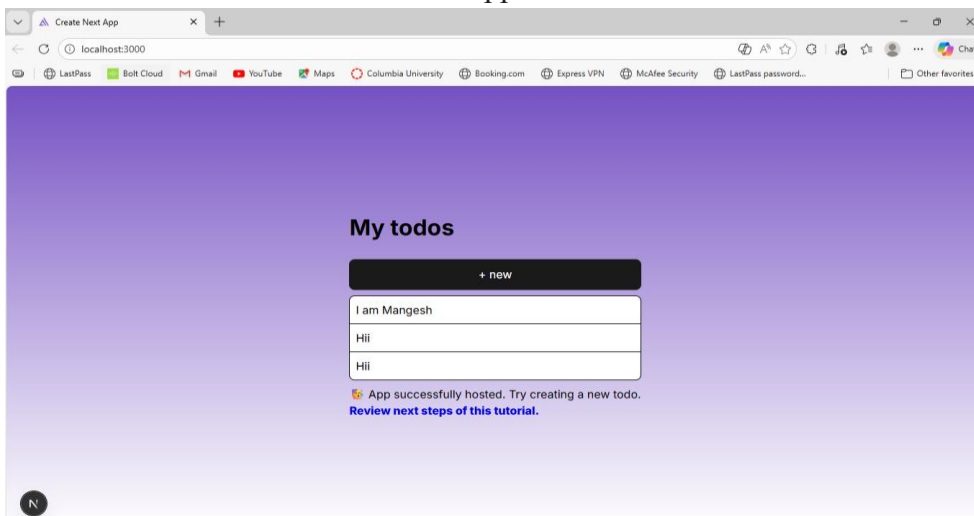
The following mandatory changes were made to your tsconfig.json:

- jsx was set to react-jsx (next.js uses the React automatic runtime)

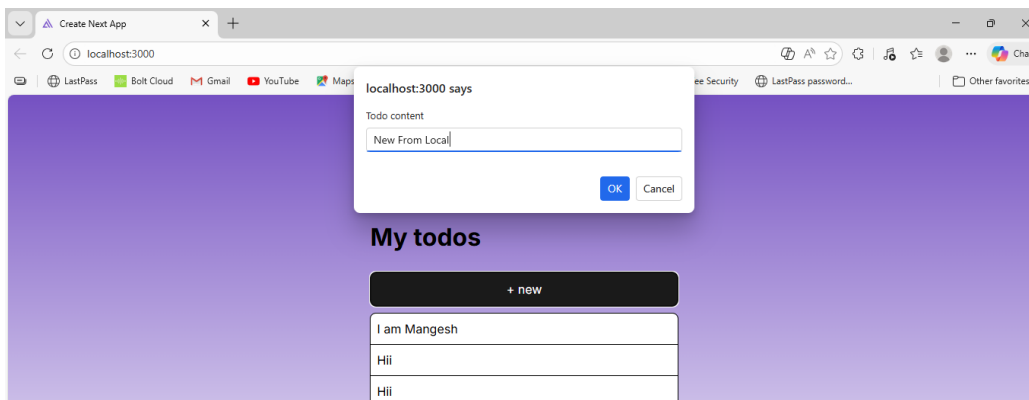
✓ Ready in 1476ms
o Compiling / ...
GET / 200 in 3.3s (compile: 2.5s, render: 821ms)

```

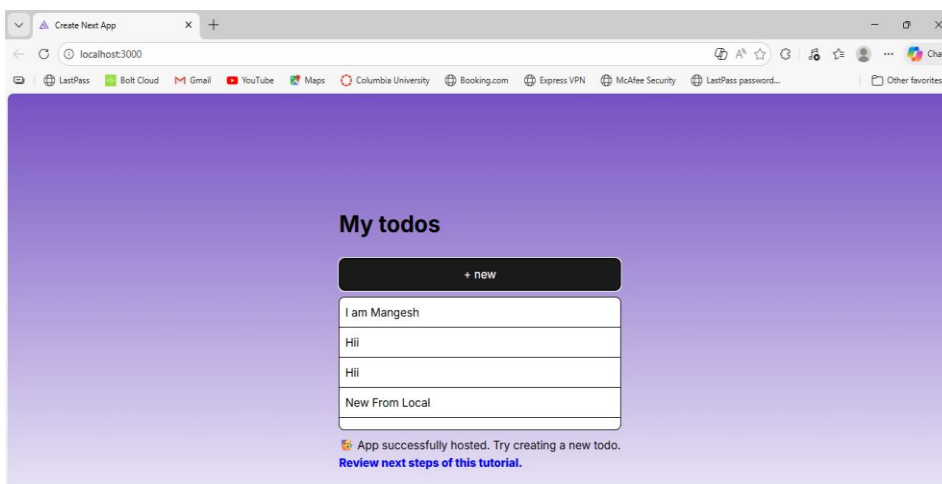
Click the link Local → We see todo app which we have cloned in our local computer.



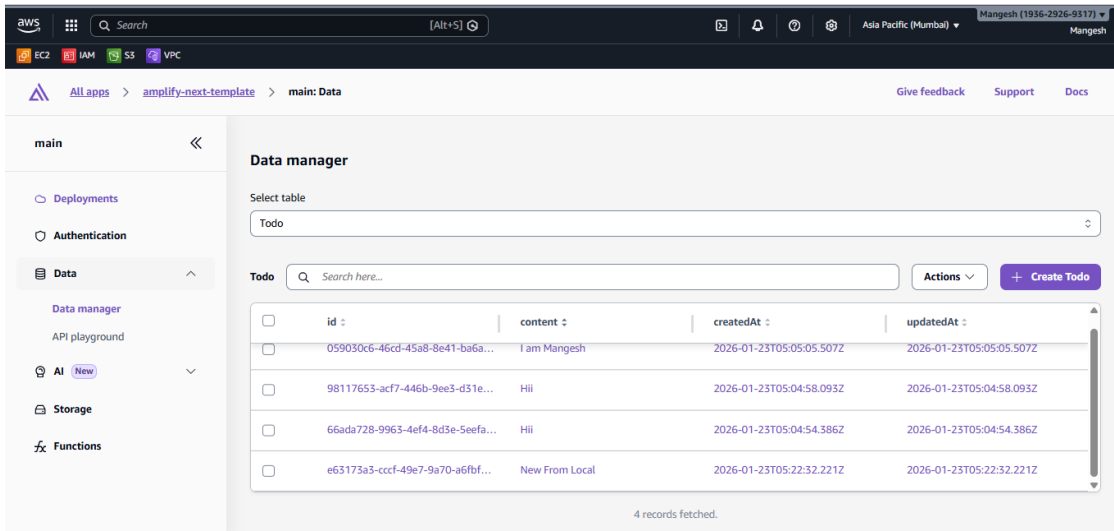
Add Todo from local environment.



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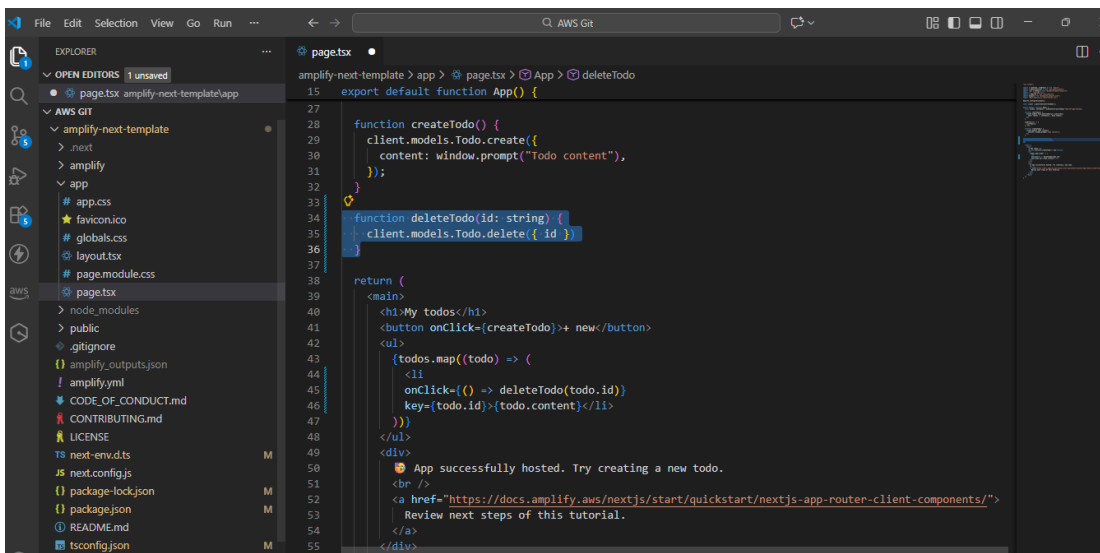


Lets check wheater it reflects in our Amplify service or not ..
It shows . Means our local environment is connected to AWS resource.



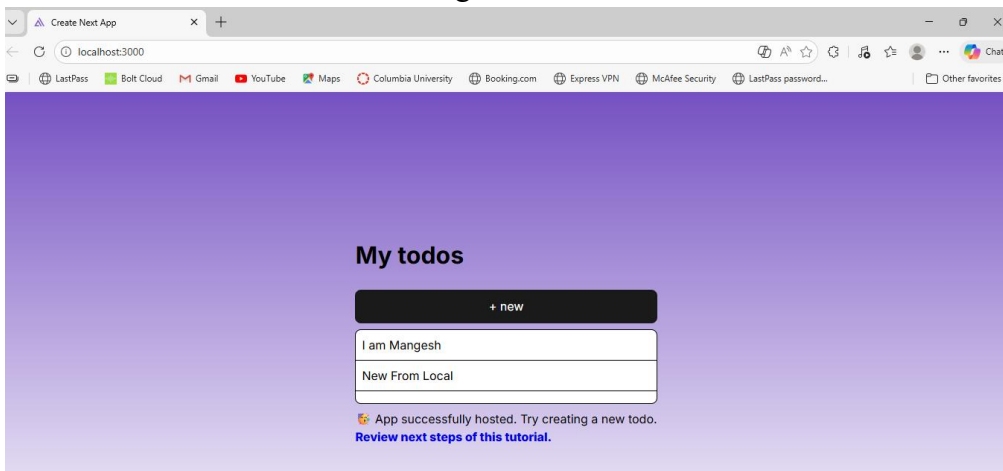
Implement delete functionality

Go to the **app/page.tsx** file and add in a new deleteTodo functionality and pass function into the **** element's **onClick** handler.



Save the changes and refresh the page .

After click the todo list , you can se it may delete after clicking specific todo list.
It means Delete Function is working.



Implement login UI

The starter application already has a pre-configured auth backend defined in the **amplify/auth/resource.ts** file. We've configured it to support email and password login but you can extend it to support a variety of login mechanisms, including Google, Amazon, Sign In With Apple, and Facebook.

The fastest way to get your login experience up and running is to use our Authenticator UI component. To properly integrate it with Next.js App Router, we'll create a client component wrapper and use it in the layout.

First, create an **AuthenticatorWrapper.tsx** file in your app directory:

```
app/AuthenticatorWrapper.tsx

1  "use client"
2
3  import { Authenticator } from "@aws-amplify/ui-react";
4
5  export default function AuthenticatorWrapper({
6    children,
7  }): {
8    children: React.ReactNode;
9  }) {
10   return <Authenticator>{children}</Authenticator>;
11 }
```

Next, update your **app/layout.tsx** file to import and use the **AuthenticatorWrapper** component:

```
app/layout.tsx

1  import React from "react";
2  import { Amplify } from "aws-amplify";
3  import "../app.css";
4  import AuthenticatorWrapper from "../AuthenticatorWrapper";
5  import "@aws-amplify/ui-react/styles.css";
6  import outputs from "@/amplify_outputs.json";
7
8  Amplify.configure(outputs);
9
10 export default function RootLayout({
11   children,
12 }): {
13   children: React.ReactNode;
14 }) {
15   return (
16     <html Lang="en">
17       <body>
18         <AuthenticatorWrapper>
19           {children}
20         </AuthenticatorWrapper>
21       </body>
22     </html>
23   );
24 }
```

The **Authenticator** component auto-detects your auth backend settings and renders the correct UI state based on the auth backend's authentication flow.

In your **app/page.tsx** file, add a button to enable users to sign out of the application. Import the [useAuthenticator](#) hook from the Amplify UI library to hook into the state of the Authenticator.

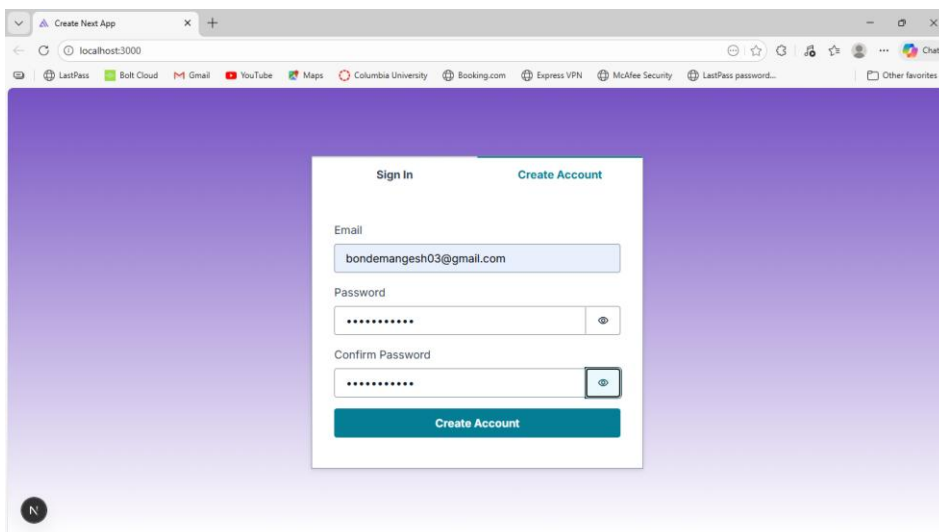
In your `app/page.tsx` file, add a button to enable users to sign out of the application. Import the `useAuthenticator` hook from the Amplify UI library to hook into the state of the Authenticator.

```
app/page.tsx

1 import type { Schema } from "@aws-amplify/data/resource";
2 import { useAuthenticator } from "@aws-amplify/ui-react";
3 import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
4 import { generateClient } from "aws-amplify/data";
5
6 const client = generateClient<Schema>();
7
8 export default function HomePage() {
9
10   const { signOut } = useAuthenticator();
11
12   // ...
13
14   return (
15     <main>
16       { /* ... */ }
17     </main>
18   );
19 }
20 }
```

Try out your application in your localhost environment again. You should be presented with a login experience now.

You must create account first



Sign In Create Account

Email

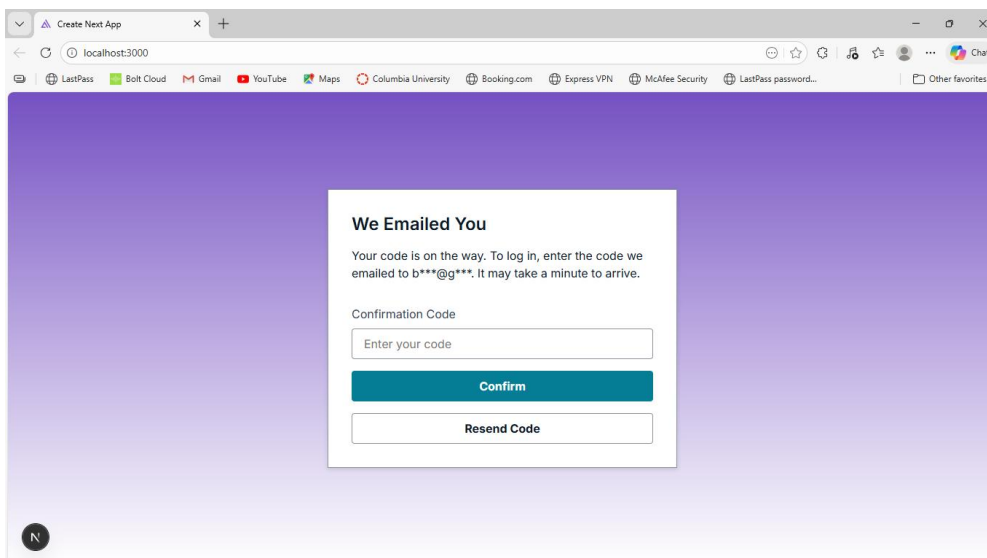
bondemanges03@gmail.com

Password

Confirm Password

Create Account

For verification it sends OTP to email



We Emailed You

Your code is on the way. To log in, enter the code we emailed to b***@g***. It may take a minute to arrive.

Confirmation Code

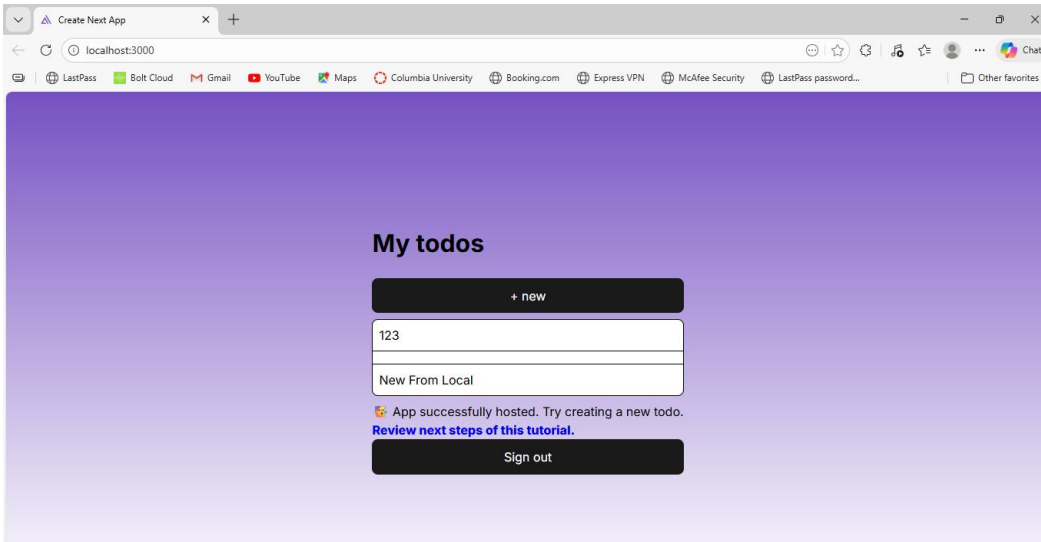
Enter your code

Confirm

Resend Code

Sign in .

We have added sign in and sign out functionality in it.



Check git status in VS code terminal.

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS  CODE REFERENCE LOG

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$ git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
    modified:   app/layout.tsx
    modified:   app/page.tsx
    modified:   next-env.d.ts
    modified:   package-lock.json
    modified:   package.json
    modified:   tsconfig.json

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    app/AuthenticatorWrapper.tsx

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")

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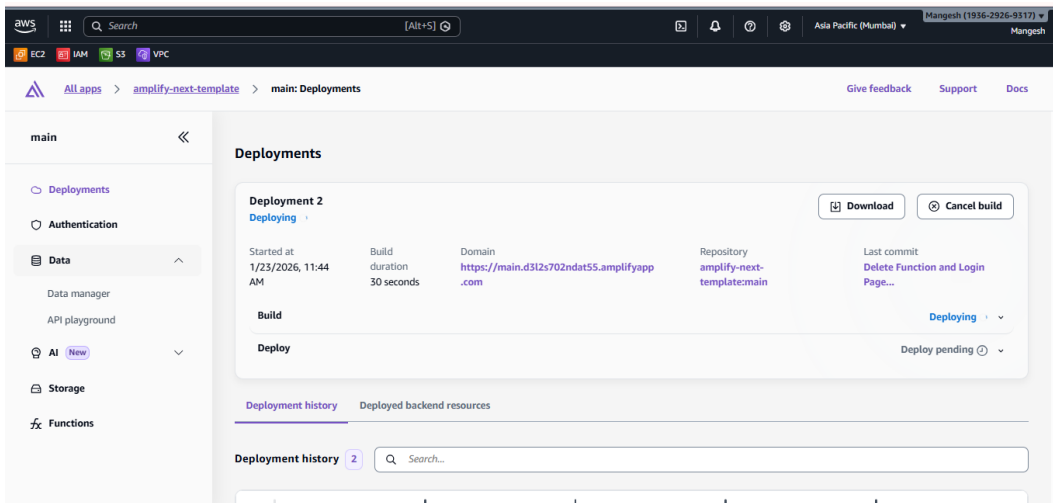
Simply add the changes use → **git add*** command and then commit the changes use command → **git commit -m "Note"**

```
91937@Mangesh MINGW64 /c/AWS Git/amplify-next-template (main)
$ git add *
warning: in the working copy of 'tsconfig.json', LF will be replaced by CRLF the next time Git touches it
The following paths are ignored by one of your .gitignore files:
  amplify_outputs.json
  node_modules
hint: Use -f if you really want to add them.
hint: Disable this message with "git config set advice.addIgnoredFile false"

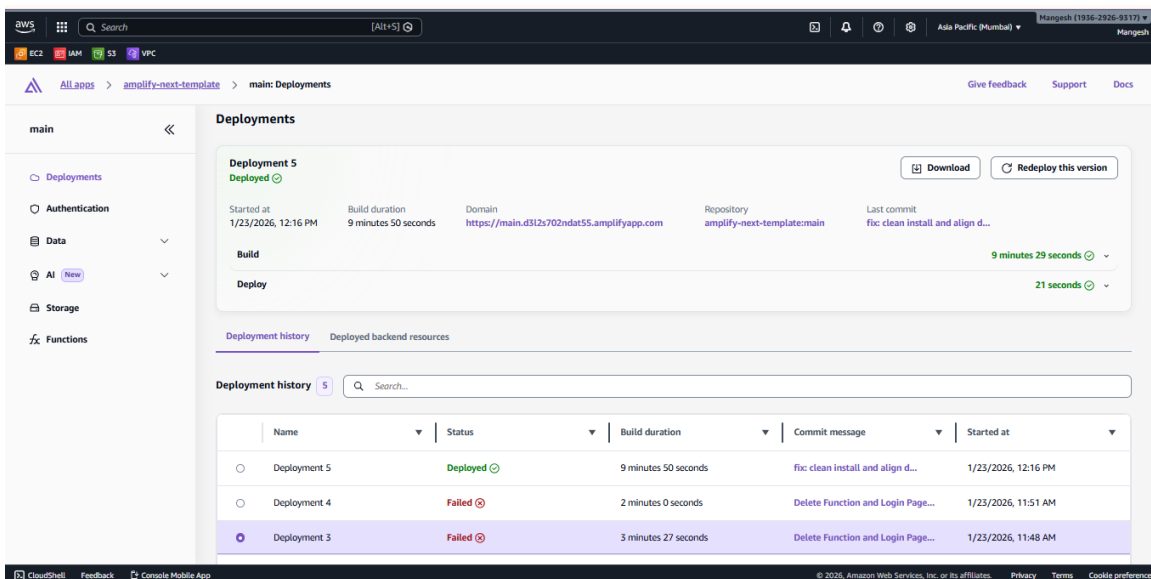
91937@Mangesh MINGW64 /c/AWS Git/amplify-next-template (main)
$ git commit -m "Delete Function and Login Page added "
[main 15c1537] Delete Function and Login Page added
 7 files changed, 38708 insertions(+), 16073 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 app/AuthenticatorWrapper.tsx

91937@Mangesh MINGW64 /c/AWS Git/amplify-next-template (main)
$ git push
info: please complete authentication in your browser...
Enumerating objects: 18, done.
Counting objects: 100% (18/18), done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (10/10), done.
Writing objects: 100% (10/10), 144.06 KiB | 3.06 MiB/s, done.
Total 10 (delta 8), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (8/8), completed with 8 local objects.
To https://github.com/mangeshbonde/amplify-next-template.git
```

Check the deployment status in AWS Amplify service.



We can see here project is successfully deployed after many unsuccessful attempts.



Make backend updates

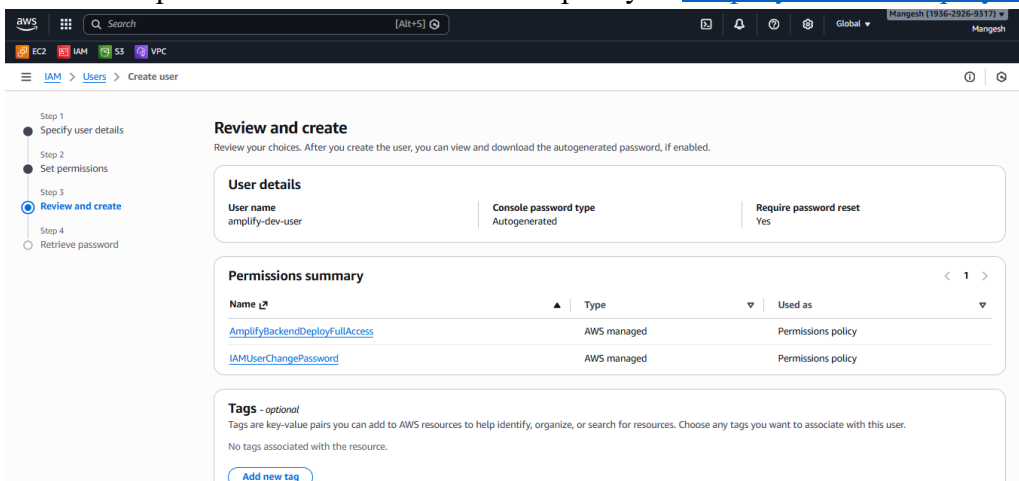
Let's update our backend to implement per-user authorization rules, allowing each user to only access their own to-dos.

Set up local AWS credentials

To make backend updates, we are going to require AWS credentials to deploy backend updates from our local machine.

Skip ahead to step 8, if you already have an AWS profile with credentials on your local machine, and your AWS profile has the `AmplifyBackendDeployFullAccess` permission policy.

For next step create iam user with attached policy of [AmplifyBackendDeployFullAccess](#)



Create Access Keys (Credentials)

- Open the user [amplify-dev-user](#)
- Go to Security credentials tab
- Scroll to Access keys
- Click Create access key

Choose:

- Command Line Interface (CLI)

Confirm → Create access key

Configure in CLI

```
C:\Users\91937>aws --version
aws-cli/2.32.3 Python/3.13.9 Windows/11 exe/AMD64

C:\Users\91937>aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [*****FPYM]: AKIAS2FJUFVCVBWKS BUT
AWS Secret Access Key [*****+0/n]: DOQ3DDZorupoGo8U+GGLQm5/55AUZj7HcRi+TA9J
Default region name [None]: ap-south-1
Default output format [None]: json

C:\Users\91937>aws sts get-caller-identity
{
  "UserId": "AIDAS2FJUFVC5HLQ4M6P3",
  "Account": "193629269317",
  "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::193629269317:user/amplify-dev-user"
}

C:\Users\91937>|
```

Deploy cloud sandbox

To update your backend without affecting the production branch, use Amplify's cloud sandbox. This feature provides a separate backend environment for each developer on a team, ideal for local development and testing.

To start your cloud sandbox, run the following command in a **new Terminal window**:

```
PS C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template> npx ampx sandbox

Amplify Sandbox

Identifier: 91937
Stack: amplify-awsamplifygen2-91937-sandbox-54f357a0f8
Region: ap-south-1

To specify a different sandbox identifier, use --identifier

1:10:19 pm ✓ Backend synthesized in 7.28 seconds
1:10:36 pm ✓ Type checks completed in 17.06 seconds
1:10:43 pm ✓ Built and published assets
1:14:03 pm ✓ Deployment completed in 199.547 seconds
1:14:03 pm AppSync API endpoint = https://qrrnfdpenc6lpyc47y4q2bzne.appsync-api.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/graphql
1:14:03 pm [Sandbox] Watching for file changes...
1:14:05 pm File written: amplify_outputs.json
```

Implement per-user authorization

The to-do items in the starter are currently shared across all users, but, in most cases, you want data to be isolated on a per-user basis.

To isolate the data on a per-user basis, you can use an "owner-based authorization rule". Let's apply the owner-based authorization rule to your to-do items:

amplify/data/resource.ts

```
1 import { type ClientSchema, a, defineData } from '@aws-amplify/backend';
2
3 const schema = a.schema({
4   Todo: a.model({
5     content: a.string(),
6   }).authorization(allow => [allow.owner()]),
7 });
8
9 export type Schema = ClientSchema<typeof schema>;
10
11 export const data = defineData({
12   schema,
13   authorizationModes: {
14     // This tells the data client in your app (generateClient())
15     // to sign API requests with the user authentication token.
16     defaultAuthorizationMode: 'userPool',
17   },
18 });
```

In the application client code, let's also render the username to distinguish different users once they're logged in. Go to your **app/page.tsx** file and render the user property from the useAuthenticator hook.

app/page.tsx

```
1 // ... imports
2
3 function HomePage() {
4   const { user, signOut } = useAuthenticator();
5
6   // ...
7
8   return (
9     <main>
10      <h1>{user?.signInDetails?.loginId}'s todos</h1>
11      { /* ... */ }
12    </main>
13  )
14 }
```

What this does (simple words)

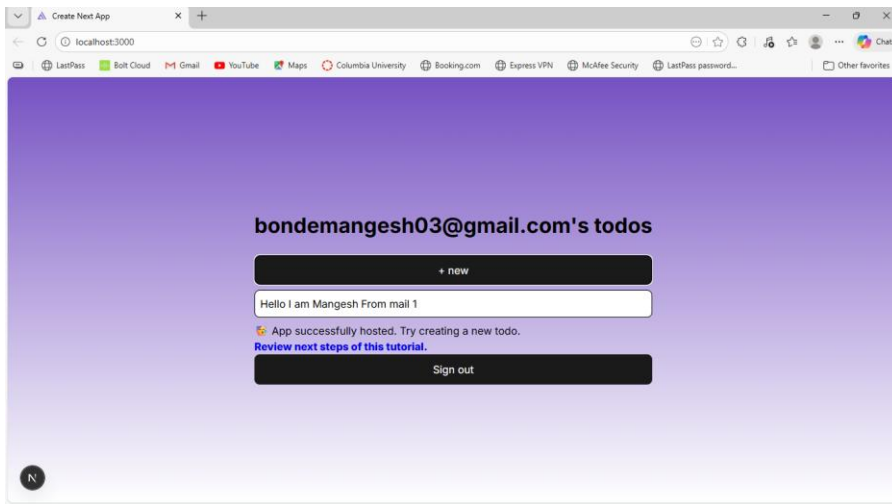
- Each todo belongs to **one user**
- Only owner can read/write/delete
- Auth token is required

Now, let's go back to your local application and test out the user isolation of the to-do items.

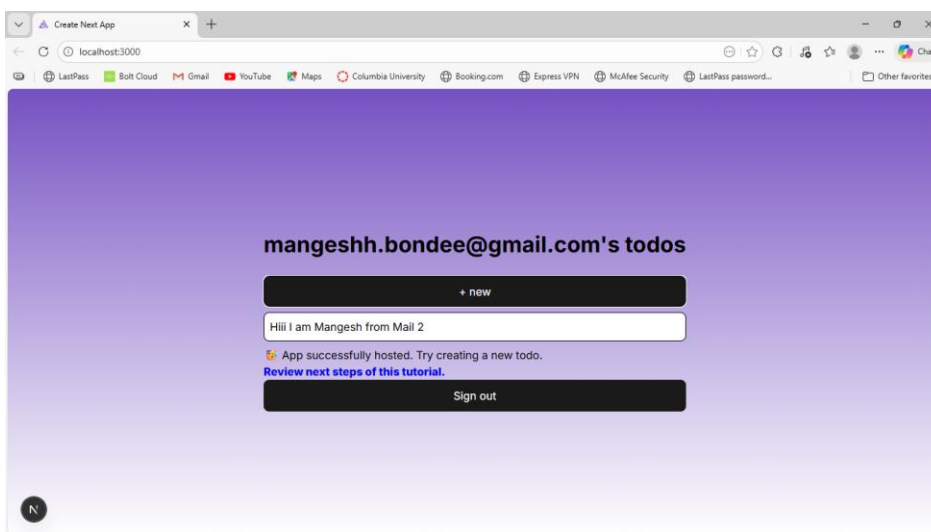
You will need to sign up new users again because now you're working with the cloud sandbox instead of your production backend.

After doing this steps simply save and run this on new terminal use `npm run dev` .

Here we create an account give email and password then put the otp sent on email then login .



Create another account.



- Sign up again (new backend)
- Create todos
- Sign out
- Login with different user
- Todos will NOT be shared

To get these changes to the cloud, commit them to git and push the changes upstream.

Git add *

git commit -am "added per-user data isolation"

git push

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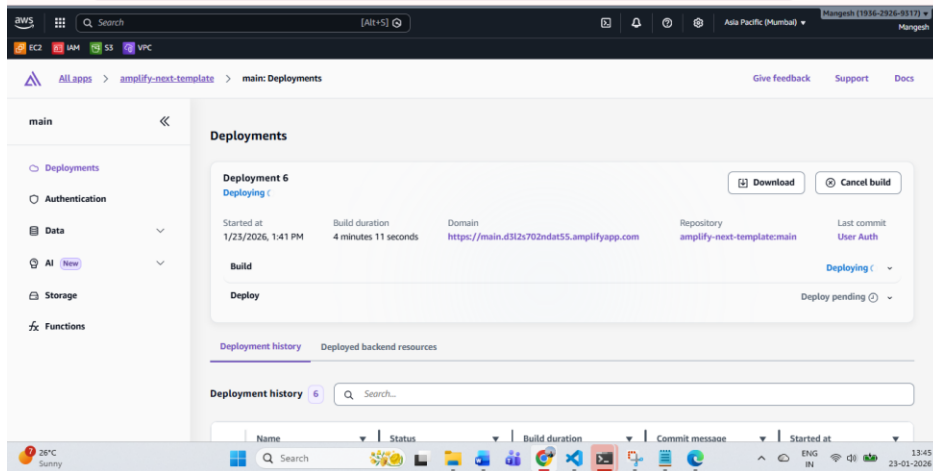
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS  CODE REFERENCE LOG
• PS C:\> cd '.\AWS Git\'
• PS C:\AWS Git> cd .\amplify-next-template\
• PS C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template> git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
        modified:   amplify/data/resource.ts
        modified:   app/page.tsx
        modified:   next-env.d.ts

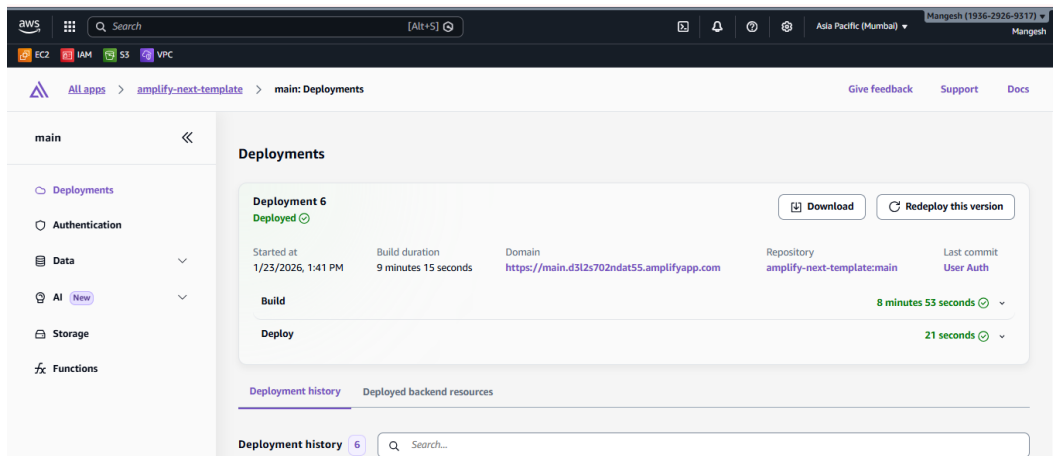
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
• PS C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template> git add *
• PS C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template> git commit -m "User Auth"
[main 3fadb7] User Auth
 3 files changed, 5 insertions(+), 6 deletions(-)
• PS C:\AWS Git\amplify-next-template> git push
Enumerating objects: 15, done.
Counting objects: 100% (15/15), done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Writing objects: 100% (8/8), 718 bytes | 718.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 8 (delta 6), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (6/6), completed with 6 local objects.
To https://github.com/mangeshbonde/amplify-next-template.git
 5e55554..3fadb7f  main -> main

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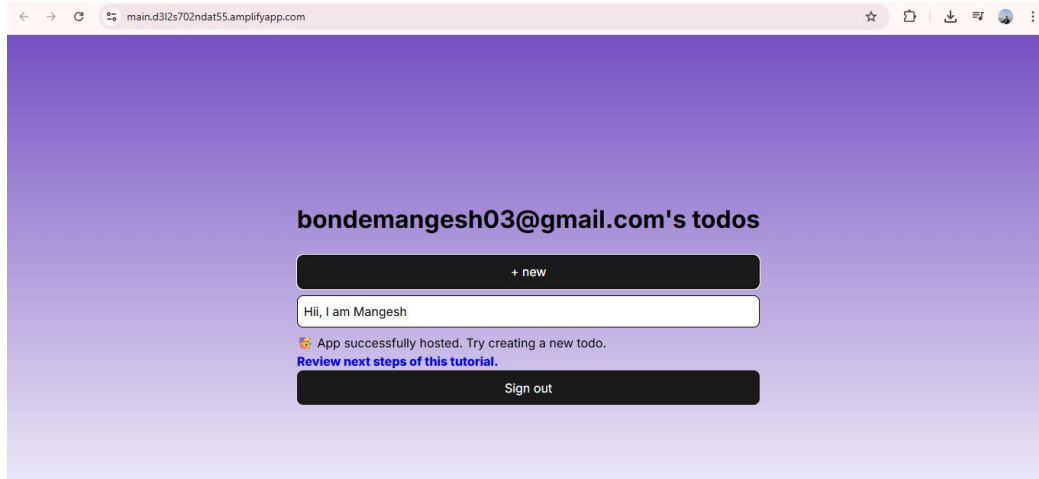
We have done changes in main code and see it reflects in amplify service



It takes upto 10 minutes to deploy.



Lets check wheather the changes is reflected or not .



Its works.

Key Learnings

- Cloud-native application design
- Serverless backend management
- CI/CD automation
- Secure authentication and authorization
- Debugging deployment issues

Conclusion

This project demonstrates how to build a modern cloud-enabled web application using Amplify and Next.js, leveraging serverless architecture and automated hosting. You now understand how to integrate frontend, backend, and CI/CD workflows using AWS services.

References

- AWS Amplify Next.js Quickstart — <https://docs.amplify.aws/nextjs/start/quickstart/nextjs-app-router-client-components/>
- Amplify CLI Docs — <https://docs.amplify.aws/cli>
- Next.js App Router Docs — <https://nextjs.org/docs>

Note:

This project is implemented by following the official AWS Amplify and Next.js documentation step-by-step. AWS provides reference architectures and starter templates to demonstrate best practices for building cloud-native applications.

In real-world cloud development, engineers commonly use official documentation, sample templates, and reference guides to ensure:

- Correct architecture
- Security best practices
- Scalability and reliability
- Proper CI/CD implementation

All steps in this project—such as backend initialization, API creation, authentication, CI/CD setup, sandbox deployment, and authorization—are executed exactly as described in AWS official guides, and then tested, verified, and extended through local and cloud environments