Exercise 2 Setting up Version Control Management with GitHub And Deployment to the Cloud with Heroku

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Doing Exercise 2 assumes that Exercise 1 has been completed, and checked (e.g. the *rottenpotatoes* rails app can now be launched in the browser at "*localhost:3000*" after running *rails server*).

We will be using several cloud-based services as tools to support our software development practice and we will setup two of them in this Exercise 2:

- (1) GitHub to manage versions of files associated with this project as well as share files between team members. You will be guided how to setup a repository in GitHub for the rottenpotatoes software project code.
- (2) Heroku, a Platform as a Service (PaaS) that provides a mechanism to deploy your application as a Software as a Service (SaaS) over the internet.

Cloud-based services commonly use *ssh* for secure remote access to between your client computer and the service's host servers. The *ssh* shell uses public/private key pairs (using the OpenSSL library) to securely transmit information to and from the remote services. You will be guided how to setup such a pair of keys and let the service provider know your public key.

To perform all the following tasks, you need to be in your app root folder

GITHUB set-up

1. If you already have a GITHUB account skip this step

Create an account on GITHUB

Go to Github.com
Enter the details on the homepage
Follow the instructions on validating your account

2. Upgrade GIT

Upgrade the GIT version by typing the following command: sudo apt-get install git

3. Enter login information for git

Enter credentials to configure git by using following commands git config --global user.name your_github_username git config --global user.email your_github_email

To check if you credentials have been entered correctly git config –list

4. Create keygen publication location

To create a keygen location path use the following commands ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C your_github_email press enter to keep default location enter a phrase

5. Run ssh agent

To start up the SSH agent use the following command *ssh-agent* –*s*

6. Generate a SSH Key

To generate a SSH key use the following command cat ~/.ssh/id rsa.pub

This will generate a string of characters that you will need to copy

7. Copy Key to GITHUB

Copy the key from the output of the command saasbook@saasbook "your_github_email"
Login into your GITHUB Account

Click on Settings
Click on settings
Sign out

Under personal settings menu click SSH Keys

Click on add SSH Key
Give it a title such as: "saasbook"
Paste copied key into the box below title
Click add key to submit the new key.

SSH keys		
Security		

8. Initialise Local Repository

You will need to add files to your local repository before you can push to your remote repository.

To initialise local Git Repository

git init

This will initialise a local repository in your root folder and place you in the master branch

To add all files and any new files to the repository

9. Create a repository and upload to GitHub

To create a repository

Click on +-

Click new repository

Give the repository a name

Create repository

10. Follow the instructions

After creating the repository follow the instructions on the webpage on adding files to github

Some Helpful commands

Command	Purpose
git status	Checks for any new changes and staging
	made on the branch files
git commit –m "a message"	Commits files to branch and to remote
	repository
git branch	Show the branches in your repository and
	the one you currently working on
git checkout –b branch_name	creates a new branch and switches you to
_	the new branch

Try Out

This takes you through a tutorial on how to use github on the command line

https://try.github.io

Heroku Setup

1. Create a Heroku account

You will need to create a Heroku account to publish you app

Go to heroku.com

Click on sign up and enter the required information

Follow any instructions required to validate your account

2. Go back to terminal and update Heroku

Update Heroku by typing in the following command sudo apt-get install heroku-toolbelt

3. Login into Heroku

Login into Heroku through terminal

heroku login

4. Add Keys to Heroku

Add a SSH key to Heroku

heroku keys:add

5. Add an app name to Heroku

The name needs to be unique, the name will be used as the link for your app, use your login id as the app name

To create the app name

heroku create login_id

A message should display showing your app link. This will now be visible if you choose to login to your Heroku account

6. Upload app to Heroku

To upload your app to Heroku

git push heroku master

This will now upload your app to Heroku. If you go to your link after the upload is completed, Heroku will throw an error stating

"we're sorry, but something went wrong"

To fix this issue go back to the terminal

heroku run rake db:migrate

7. View Heroku App

You should now be able to view your app at

login_id.herokuapp.com