

# Requirements

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- You will need a domain name (one has been created for you for this workshop).
- You need git for the various steps of deployment. If you are working on a Mac, you already have git installed. If you are working on a PC, make sure you install git and familiarize yourself with the basic commands before proceeding.
- You will need to install [npm](#).
- You will need to install [Docker](#) and [create an account](#).
- You will need a Postgres manager. For example, you can download [SQLPro for Postgres](#).

**Important Note:** Make sure you replace all the relevant names in any commands you execute. Names that need to be replaced will be highlighted and will follow this format: NAME\_OF\_FILE.

## Some Terminology

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- *Back End*: everything that happens on the server (on site, or in the cloud) and the databases
- *Front End*: the user interface or the presentation layer of a website
- *Docker*: a platform to run and distribute applications in the form of lightweight images that spawn containers
- *Routes*: connect a URL with the web page it refers to

## Getting Started

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Needed:

- Pushkin
- Pushkin-cli
- short-quiz

The version of Pushkin that will be used for the workshop can be found [here](#). Use the following command to clone it:

```
git clone [URL]
```

You will also need to clone the **pushkin-cli tool**, which can be found [here](#). Both repositories should be cloned

in the same directory.

Once you have a copy of Pushkin, and you can add the test experiment that you will be using for deployment. A short quiz has been created for this tutorial. There are a number of files for the back end and the front end of the quiz that need to be placed in the appropriate directories.

All the files for the workshop's test experiment can be found [here](#). Clone the **short\_quiz** repository. Inside, you will find 2 folders: **front-end** and **back-end**, and a few supplementary files. The back-end files govern how data is stored and processed. The front-end files govern what the subject actually sees. This includes any necessary [jsPsych](#) code, [CSS](#), etc.

All the files contained in the **back-end** folder can be placed inside a new folder named **short-quiz** inside the **experiments** folder in the **pushkin\_workshop** folder. Because of how React works, these files actually need to be distributed across a number of different locations. This gets hard to keep track of, so we keep them in this centralized folder. Later we will use pushkin cli to copy them to the correct locations.

The files in the **front-end** folder will need to be placed inside the **pushkin\_workshop -> front-end -> experiments** folder in a new folder named **short-quiz**.

Additionally, you will need to add the [route](#) for the quiz. The file containing all routes (**routes.js**) can be found in **pushkin\_workshop -> front-end -> core**. At the top, add an import statement for the quiz component:

```
import ShortQuiz from '../experiments/short-quiz/index';
```

and a route below line 67 in the following format:

```
<Route
  path="/quizzes/short-quiz"
  component={ShortQuiz}
  onEnter={ensureDesktop}
/>
```

You will need to add your new experiment on the **Quizzes** page. Go to **pushkin-workshop -> front-end -> pages -> quizzes** and open **index.js**. Add the quiz below line 36 in the following format:

```
<p className={s.mb25}>
  <Link className={s.title} to="/quizzes/short-quiz">
    The Short Quiz
  </Link>
  <br /> <br />This is essentially the Vocab Quiz, but without all
the demographics.
</p>
```

Finally, you will need to add your experiment to **docker-compose.debug.yml** (located in the **pushkin\_workshop** folder). Add the quiz as the last portion of the file in the following format (**Important Note:** Indentation matters! Make sure the name of the quiz lines up with the names of the rest of the services in **docker-compose.debug.yml**) :

```
short-quiz:
  image: 'pushkin/short-quiz:latest'
  build:
    context: ./workers/short-quiz
    dockerfile: Dockerfile
  volumes:
    - './workers/short-quiz:/usr/src/app'
  command: bash start.debug.sh
  depends_on:
    - message-queue
  environment:
    - 'AMQP_ADDRESS=amqp://message-queue:5672'
    - QUEUE=short-quiz
  links:
    - message-queue
```

Your test experiment should be ready for deployment!

## First Steps for Local Deployment

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### Pushkin-cli

The pushkin tool is created to easily scaffold or delete a set of routes, migrations, bookshelf models, seeds and workers for a new quiz. To use the **pushkin-cli** tool you will need to install the dependencies in the current working directory as a global package. Here is how to do it:

- Open Terminal
- Change your working directory to the folder containing the cloned **pushkin-cli** repository and install:

```
$ cd pushkin-cli

$ npm install -g ./
```

**Note:** If you are having issues with permissions, run

```
sudo npm install -g ./
```

To test whether the **pushkin-cli** installation was successful, run the command `pushkin`. If the installation was successful, you will get a list of commands that you can execute:

Usage: `pushkin [options] [command]`

Options:

`-h, --help` output usage information

Commands:

<code>generate [thing] [name]</code>	generate a new controller, model, or worker
<code>sync</code>	sync experiment files
<code>delete [thing] [name]</code>	delete a controller
<code>list [thing]</code>	show list of entities
<code>scaffold [name]</code>	Generate a brand new quiz
<code>seed [name]</code>	please run <code>node seeder.js [name]</code> in <code>pushkin-db</code> docker
<code>help [cmd]</code>	display help for <code>[cmd]</code>

- Change the working directory back to **pushkin\_workshop** ( `cd pushkin_workshop` )
- run `pushkin sync`

Pushkin sync is a command which ensures that all back end experiment files (workers, seeds, migrations, models) are distributed to their right location for Pushkin to use them.

**Important Note:** You should store all the back end experiment files in the **experiments** folder located inside the **pushkin\_workshop** folder. The **experiments** folder should contain a folder for each quiz you would like to deploy, and this folder should contain only the back end files for the quiz. Any edits should be done to these files. Running `pushkin sync` will copy and move those files to their respective locations to be used by Pushkin. **Do not** edit those copies, only the originals in the **experiments** folder.

## Setting Up a Running Docker Container

Docker provides consistency across environments from development to production and allows you to deploy your application in containers that can be started and stopped at your convenience. Provided that you have installed Docker, you should be able to start a Docker container with your Pushkin application by running the following command in the **pushkin\_workshop** directory:

```
$ docker-compose -f docker-compose.debug.yml up
```

Compose is a tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications. With Compose, you use a YAML file to configure your application's services. Then, with a single command, you create and start all the services from your configuration.

Starting Docker containers can take a couple of minutes. If you are not sure whether all the containers are running yet, you can run `docker ps` from your Terminal to check ( `docker ps` gives a list of all running containers).

When all the containers are up and running, open a new terminal window and run `docker ps` from any directory. You will get a list of running containers with their IDs, STATUS, PORTS, and NAMES. You will need to get a bash shell in the **db-worker** container in order to run your migrations and seed the stimuli database table with the stimuli for the quiz. To do that, copy the container ID of `db-worker`,

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
46509f37323a	gameswithwords/cron:latest	"/bin/sh -u /usr/bin/..."	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes		gwwtesting_cron_1
eeeeb068abc3	gameswithwords/server:latest	"nginx -g 'daemon ...'"	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes	0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp	gwwtesting_server_1
81e49dd1b200	gameswithwords/db-worker:latest	"bash start.debug.sh"	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes		gwwtesting_db-worker_1
cbdae3b6d462	gameswithwords/api:latest	"bash start.debug.sh"	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes	3000/tcp	gwwtesting_api_1
2df725924d0a	gameswithwords/listener-quiz:latest	"bash start.debug.sh"	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes		gwwtesting_listener-quiz_1
411db4abcb82	gameswithwords/transactiondb:latest	"docker-entrypoint..."	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes	0.0.0.0:5433->5432/tcp	gwwtesting_transactiondb_1
274b6d3135eb	rabbitmq:management	"docker-entrypoint..."	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes	4369/tcp, 5671-5672/tcp, 15671/tcp, 25672/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8080->15672/tcp	gwwtesting_message-queue_1
33eca4869fdc	postgres:latest	"docker-entrypoint..."	5 minutes ago	Up 5 minutes	0.0.0.0:5432->5432/tcp	gwwtesting_db_1

and run the following command:

```
$ docker exec -it CONTAINER_ID bash
```

Followed by:

```
$ npm run migrations
```

If migrations run successfully, you should see something along the lines of:

```
npm info lifecycle @1.0.0~postmigrations: @1.0.0
npm info ok
```

or a similar message indicating that there were no errors.

**Important Note:** If you have used Pushkin previously on your computer, you may have left-over Docker images, which will cause the following error:

```
Knex:warning - migrations failed with error: alter table "listener-quiz_responses" add constraint "listener_quiz_responses_user_id_foreign" foreign key ("user_id") references "listener-quiz_users" ("id") - relation "listener-quiz_users" does not exist
error: relation "listener-quiz_users" does not exist
```

In that case, you should exit the docker bash ( `$ exit` ), and close down docker (CTRL-C) in the terminal

window that you ran `docker-compose` in. Then, in that same window, run

```
docker stop $(docker ps -a -q) && docker rm $(docker ps -a -q) && docker rmi $(docker images -q)
```

Then, repeat the earlier steps starting with `docker-compose` .

At this point, you have created your database tables. You can check your Postgres manager to make sure your migrations were successful, as described in the next subsection.

## Setting Up Databases

When testing locally, you will use a local Postgres database. If you want to have easy access to the database tables to see stimuli and responses, you should set up your Postgres manager to have access to the local Postgres databases.

Open your Postgres manager, select **New** and fill out the following fields to establish a connection to the main database:

**Server host:** localhost

**Login:** postgres

**Server port:** 5432

**Database:** dev

Establish a connection to the transactions database with the following information:

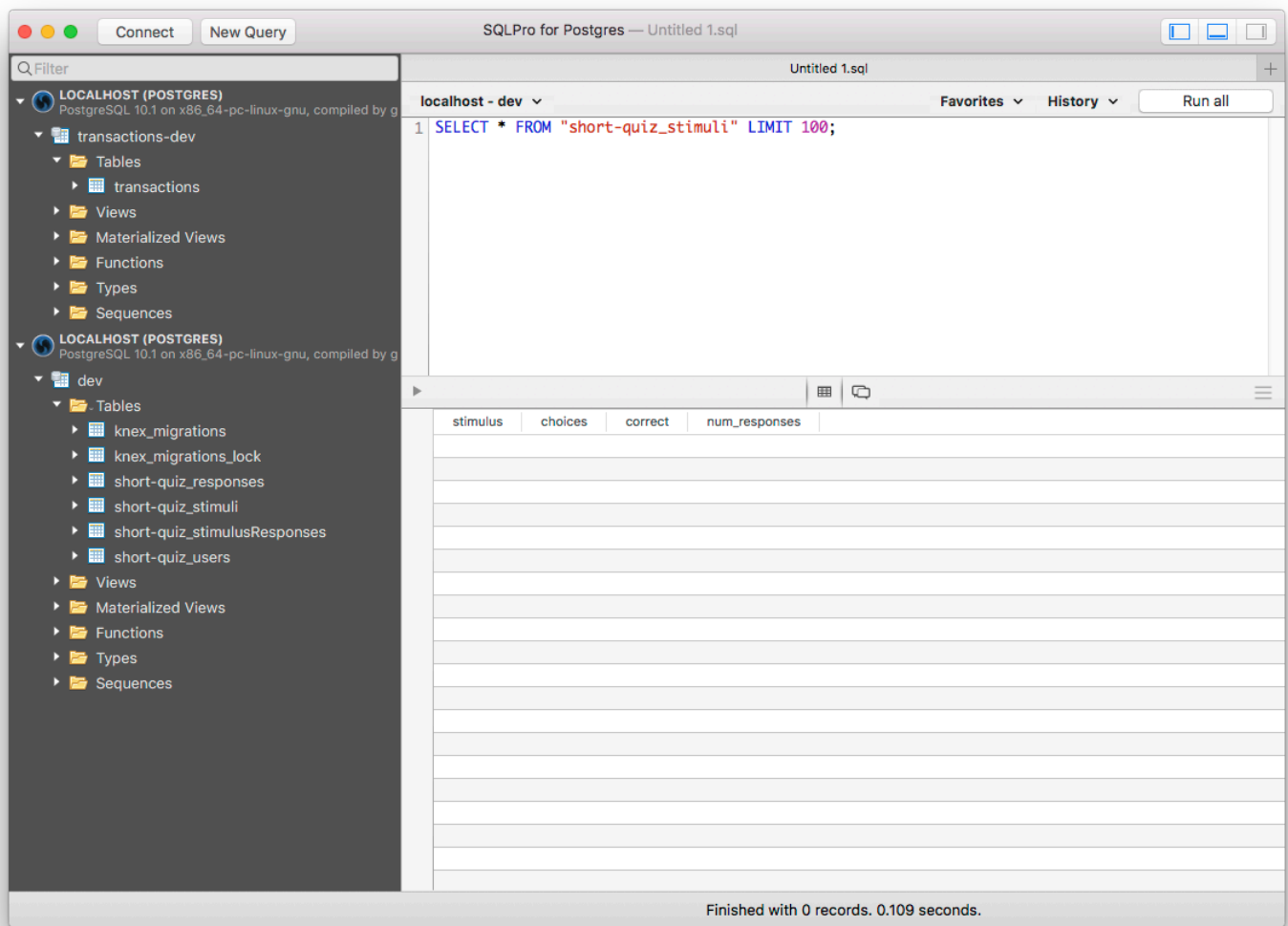
**Server host:** localhost

**Login:** postgres

**Server port:** 5433

**Database:** transactions-dev

Now, assuming docker is still running, you should be able to connect to both of those databases. If you use **SQLPro for Postgress** (which we recommend), it will look something like this:



Note that `short-quiz` uses four tables:

- `short-quiz_responses` : a list of all subject responses for this quiz.
- `short-quiz_stimuli` : a list of all stimuli for this quiz.
- `short-quiz_stimulusResponses` : FUBAR
- `short-quiz_users` : a list of all subjects

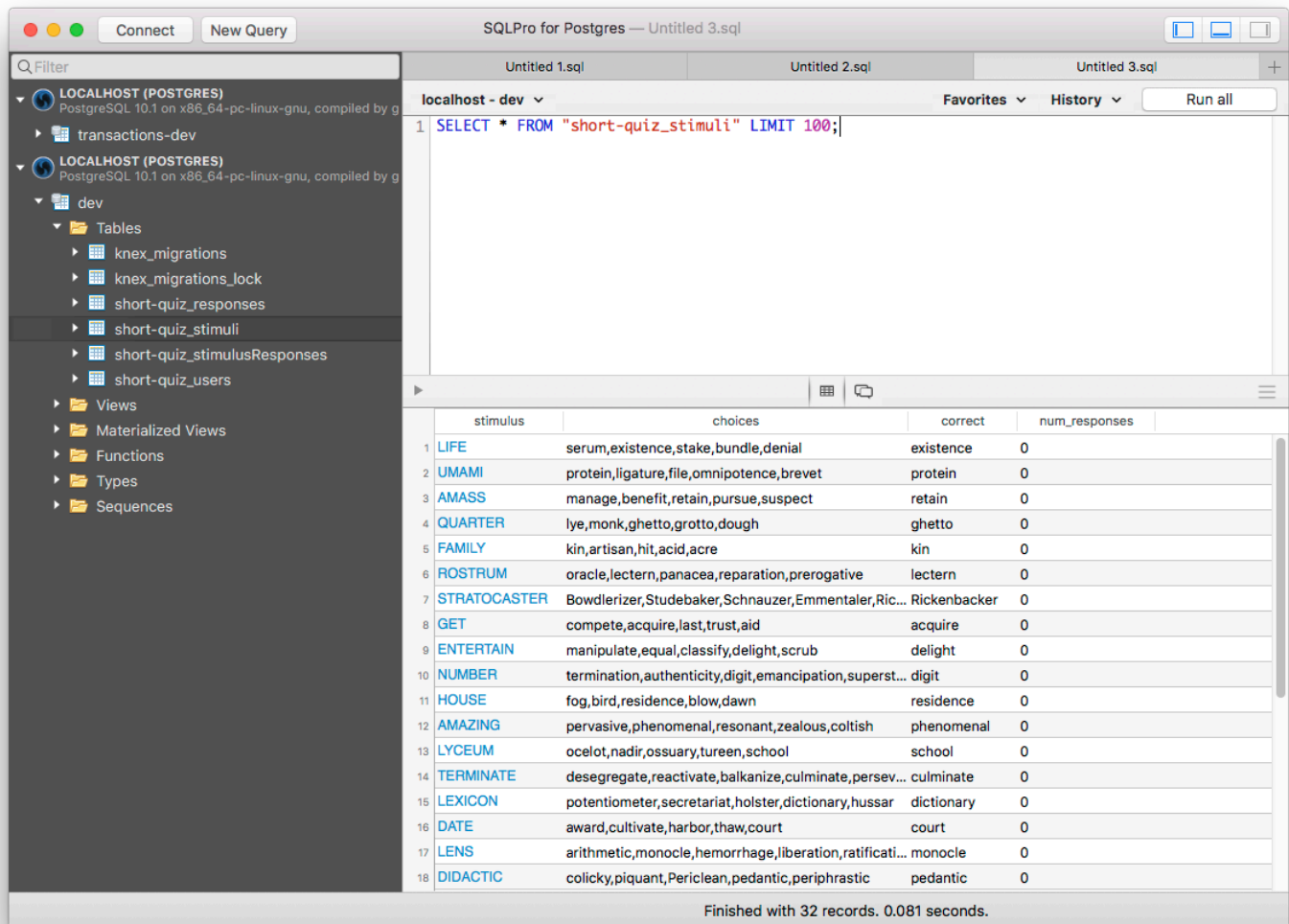
For now, these are empty. Let's fill in the list of stimuli. The stimuli for the quiz have been formatted and saved as a .csv file in **db-worker** -> **seeds** -> **short-quiz**. To seed the stimuli table in the database, you can run the following command in the db-worker container bash shell:

```
$ node seeder.js NAME_OF_QUIZ Insert the name of the quiz!
```

A series of questions will appear; the answers to all of them should be **Yes**.

```
root@01e49dd1b200:/app# node seeder.js listener-quiz
? Are you in pushkin-db docker? Yes
? Have you ran your migrations? Yes
? Have you properly filled out your seed CSV files? Yes
```

If this runs correctly, you should now have stimuli in the `short-quiz_stimuli` table.



SQLPro for Postgres — Untitled 3.sql

localhost - dev

1 SELECT \* FROM "short-quiz\_stimuli" LIMIT 100;

	stimulus	choices	correct	num_responses
1	LIFE	serum,existence,stake,bundle,denial	existence	0
2	UMAMI	protein,ligature,file,omnipotence,brevet	protein	0
3	AMASS	manage,benefit,retain,pursue,suspect	retain	0
4	QUARTER	lye,monk,ghetto,grotto,dough	ghetto	0
5	FAMILY	kin,artisan,hit,acid,acre	kin	0
6	ROSTRUM	oracle,lectern,panacea,repair,prerogative	lectern	0
7	STRATOCASTER	Bowdlerizer,Studebaker,Schnauzer,Emmentaler,Ric...	Rickenbacker	0
8	GET	compete,acquire,last,trust,aid	acquire	0
9	ENTERTAIN	manipulate,equal,classify,delight,scrub	delight	0
10	NUMBER	termination,authenticity,digit,emancipation,superst...	digit	0
11	HOUSE	fog,bird,residence,blow,dawn	residence	0
12	AMAZING	pervasive,phenomenal,resonant,zealous,coltish	phenomenal	0
13	LYCEUM	ocelot,nadir,ossuary,tureen,school	school	0
14	TERMINATE	desegregate,reactivate,balkanize,culminate,persev...	culminate	0
15	LEXICON	potentiometer,secretariat,holster,dictionary,hussar	dictionary	0
16	DATE	award,cultivate,harbor,thaw,court	court	0
17	LENS	arithmetic,monocle,hemorrhage,liberation,ratificati...	monocle	0
18	DIDACTIC	colicky,piquant,Periclean,pedantic,periphrastic	pedantic	0

Finished with 32 records. 0.081 seconds.

**Hint:** Every time you make changes to files you will need to rebuild the Docker containers, since the changes do not get updated automatically. To do this, run the following command: Every time you make changes to files you will need to rebuild the Docker containers, since the changes do not get updated automatically. To do this, run the following command:

```
$ docker-compose -f docker-compose.debug.yml up --build
```

## Transactions Database



We have two databases. One contains all the information for our various quizzes, as discussed above. The other is the transactions database, which records every modification made to every database. This provides real-time version control.

## Testing The Front End

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You are now ready to test your experiment locally. Once again, you need to install the dependencies in **front-end**. Here is how to do it:

- Change the working directory to **front-end** ( `cd front-end` ) and run the following commands:

```
$ npm install
```

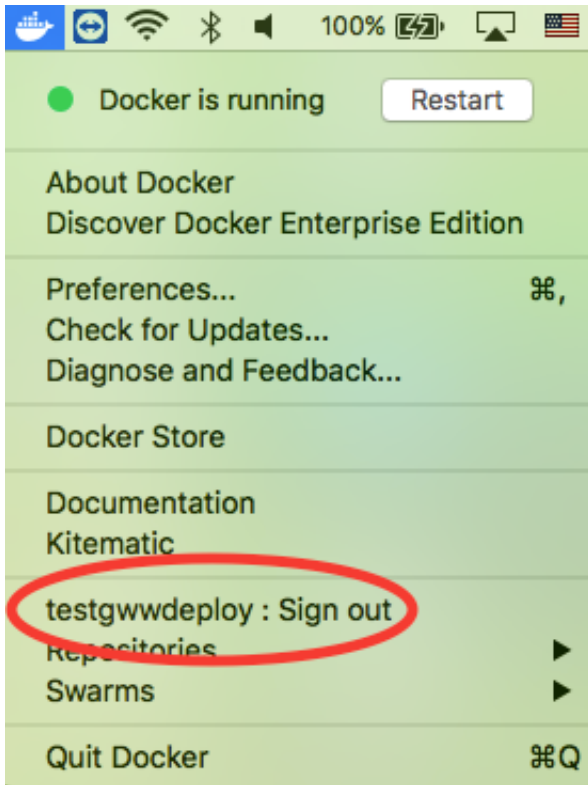
```
$ npm start
```

At this point you should be able to see the front end of the website in your browser.

## Live Deployment

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Once you have confirmed that your website works locally, you can begin live deployment. At this point, you should have a working Dockerhub ID. Ensure that you are signed in to Dockerhub on your computer before proceeding.



## Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Open your AWS account, and go to **IAM** -> **Users**. You need to add a new user that will later be used by Rancher. It should have Programmatic Access and the following permissions:

**AmazonEC2FullAccess**

**AmazonRoute53FullAccess**

Once the user is created, you need to download the csv file with the security credentials which will be used later.

You will also need an S3 bucket to store your website's static content. Go to **Storage** -> **S3**. Create a bucket with the following configuration:

**Bucket name:** YOUR\_BUCKET\_NAME **Insert the name of the bucket!**

**Region:**US East (N. Virginia)

**Manage public permissions:** Grant public read access to this bucket

This will allow for your website's content to be accessible. Once the bucket is created, click on it and select **Permissions** -> **Bucket Policy**. Use the following policy:

**Important:** Replace BUCKET\_NAME with your bucket's name in the configuration below!

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "PublicReadForGetBucketObjects",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": "s3:GetObject",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKET_NAME/*"
    }
  ]
}
```

You will also need to change the CORS configuration to:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<CORSConfiguration xmlns="http://s3.amazonaws.com/doc/2006-03-01/">
<CORSRule>
  <AllowedOrigin>*</AllowedOrigin>
  <AllowedMethod>GET</AllowedMethod>
  <MaxAgeSeconds>3000</MaxAgeSeconds>
  <AllowedHeader>Authorization</AllowedHeader>
</CORSRule>
</CORSConfiguration>
```

After saving the S3 bucket settings, open the file **run.js** located in the **front-end** folder. On line 112, change the bucket name to the name of the bucket you just created:

```
s3Params: { Bucket: 'YOUR_BUCKET_NAME' },
```

Amazon CloudFront is a service that speeds up distribution of your static and dynamic web content, such as .html, .css, .js, and image files, to your users. You will create a CloudFront distribution for your website.

Go back to **AWS -> Cloudfront -> Create Distribution -> Web**. Use the following settings:

- Origin Domain Name: YOUR\_BUCKET.s3.amazonaws.com **Insert the name of your bucket here!**
- Origin ID: S3-YOUR\_BUCKET **Insert the name of your bucket here!**
- Viewer Protocol Policy: HTTP and HTTPS and **Create Distribution**.

Click on the newly created distribution and go to **Behaviors -> Edit -> Cache Based on Selected Request Headers -> Whitelist** From the Filter Headers options select **Origin -> Add** and then select **Yes, Edit** on the bottom of the settings page to finish.

From the **Cloudfront Distributions** page take the domain name of your distribution and insert it on line 22 of **run.js**:

Insert the name of your distribution below!

```
url: 'https://YOUR_DISTRIBUTION.cloudfront.net/',
```

Next, open **/front-end/core/baseUrl.js** and replace the CloudFront URL with the new one:

Insert the name of your distribution below!

```
const baseUrl = process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production' ? 'https://YOUR_CLOUDFRONT.net' : '';
```

Next, open **front-end/webpack.config.js** and edit the cloudfront distribution on line 45:

Insert the name of your distribution below!

```
publicPath: isDebug ? '/dist/' : "https://YOUR_DISTRIBUTION.cloudfront.net/dist/",
```

## Building and tagging Docker images

You will need to build, tag and push the Docker images for your live deployment to Dockerhub, where they will exist as Docker repositories that can be used to recreate your application on multiple hosts.

In a new Terminal window, `cd` into `front-end` and run the following script (editing the relevant parts first):

Insert your Dockerhub ID!

```
env NODE_ENV=production npm run publish &&
cd .. &&
cp -rf ./front-end/public/**/*.ico ./server/html &&
cp -rf ./front-end/public/**/*.txt ./server/html &&
cp -rf ./front-end/public/**/*.html ./server/html &&
cp -rf ./front-end/public/**/*.xml ./server/html &&
docker build -t DOCKERHUB_ID/api:latest api &&
docker build -t DOCKERHUB_ID/cron:latest cron &&
docker build -t DOCKERHUB_ID/db-worker:latest db-worker &&
docker build -t DOCKERHUB_ID/server:latest server &&
docker build -t DOCKERHUB_ID/short-quiz:latest workers/short-quiz &&
docker push DOCKERHUB_ID/api &&
docker push DOCKERHUB_ID/cron &&
docker push DOCKERHUB_ID/db-worker &&
docker push DOCKERHUB_ID/server &&
docker push DOCKERHUB_ID/short-quiz
```

The purpose of the script is to copy relevant files to the server folder of your project, build Docker images and tag them. The tags can be used in case you want to have several versions of an image uploaded to Dockerhub. You can specify which image to use in production by specifying the image's tag.

## Security Groups

Your databases and Rancher instance will need special security groups with the right permissions. You can create them in your **AWS** account. Go to **EC2 -> Security Groups -> Create Security Group**

1. Database security group (DATABASE\_SECURITY\_GROUP)

**Rules:**

MySQL/Aurora - TCP - 3306 - Anywhere

PostgreSQL - TCP - 5432 - Anywhere

2. Rancher security group (RANCHER\_SECURITY\_GROUP)

**Rules:**

HTTP - TCP - 80 - Anywhere

HTTPS - TCP - 443 - Anywhere

Custom TCP - TCP - 8080 - Anywhere

SSH - TCP - 22 - Anywhere

## Creating Databases

You will need to create the databases for your project through AWS.

Write all the credentials down! You will need most of them later!

Go back to **AWS -> Services -> RDS -> Launch DB Instance**

### 1) Amazon Aurora MySQL (for Rancher)

- Instance specifications:

**DB instance class:** db.t2.small

**Multi-AZ deployment:** No

**DB instance identifier:** YOUR\_IDENTIFIER **Insert your identifier!**

**Master Username:** YOUR\_USERNAME (will be used to log in to the database) **Insert your username!**

**Master Password:** YOUR\_PASSWORD **Insert your password!**

**VPC Security groups:** Select existing VPC security groups: DATABASE\_SECURITY\_GROUP

**DB Cluster Identifier:** YOUR\_IDENTIFIER **Insert your identifier!**

**Database name:** YOUR\_DATABASE\_NAME **Insert your database name!**

**Database port:** 3306

**Backup retention period:** 7 days

**Maintenance window:** Select window: SELECT\_A\_WINDOW

At this point you are ready to click on **Launch Instance** and move on to creating the other databases.

### 2) PostgreSQL (main database)

- Instance specifications:

**DB instance class:** db.t2.medium

**Multi-AZ deployment:** No (for the workshop) Yes (if you are doing this to deploy a real website)

**Allocated storage:** 100GB

**DB instance identifier:** YOUR\_IDENTIFIER **Insert your identifier!**

**Master Username:** YOUR\_USERNAME (will be used to log in to the database) **Insert your username!**

**Master Password:** YOUR\_PASSWORD **Insert your password!**

**VPC Security groups:** Select existing VPC security groups: DATABASE\_SECURITY\_GROUP

**Database name:** YOUR\_DATABASE\_NAME **Insert your database name!**

**Database port:** 5432

**Backup retention period:** 7 days

**Maintenance window:** Select window: SELECT\_A\_WINDOW

### 3) PostgreSQL (transactions database)

- Instance specifications:

**DB instance class:** db.t2.small

**Multi-AZ deployment:**No (for the workshop) Yes (if you are doing this to deploy a real website)

**Allocated storage:** 100GB

**DB instance identifier:** YOUR\_IDENTIFIER **Insert your identifier!**

**Master Username:** YOUR\_USERNAME (will be used to log in to the database) **Insert your username!**

**Master Password:** YOUR\_PASSWORD **Insert your password!**

**VPC Security groups:** Select existing VPC security groups: DATABASE\_SECURITY\_GROUP

**Database name:** YOUR\_DATABASE\_NAME **Insert your database name!**

**Database port:** 5432

**Backup retention period:** 7 days

**Maintenance window:** Select window: SELECT\_A\_WINDOW

When you are done creating the databases, go back to the list of **Instances** and get the endpoints for the databases you created by clicking on them and scrolling down to **Connect -> Endpoint**.

## Configuring ***docker-compose.production.yml***

You need a Docker file (***docker-compose.production.yml***) that describes your production environment similar to the YAML file used to describe the development environment. A YAML file containing the necessary Pushkin elements already exists, and all you need to do is add your new experiment in the following format:

**Insert your Dockerhub ID, database URL and transactions database URL!**

```
short-quiz:
  image: 'DOCKERHUB_ID/short-quiz:latest'
  command: bash start.sh
  depends_on:
    - message-queue
  environment:
    - 'AMQP_ADDRESS=amqp://message-queue:5672'
    - QUEUE=short-quiz
  links:
    - message-queue
```

and change the following:

- For every image, change the DOCKERHUB\_ID to your Dockerhub ID;
- Insert the DATABASE\_URL and TRANSACTION\_DATABASE\_URL (the format for those is: **postgres://user\_name:password@host:port/database\_name**), they appear twice - under environment for **cron** and for **db-worker**).

**Hint:** Host refers to the endpoint for the database in question.

## Creating a Rancher Instance on AWS

Rancher is a container manager that gives you the tools to easily manager your Docker containers in production. AWS offers the option to create a Rancher EC2 instance. We will use an instance like that to deploy Pushkin.

First, you will need to create the instance. Go back to your **AWS account** ->**EC2**-> **Launch Instance** -> **AWS Marketplace** -> **Search** -> **Rancher** and select the first option.

- Instance configuration:

**Type:** t2.medium

**Enable termination protection:** Yes (Protect against accidental termination)

**Size:** 16GiB

**Add Tag:** key=Name, value=NAME\_OF\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE **Insert a name for your instance!**

**Security Group:** Select Existing: RANCHER\_SECURITY\_GROUP

**Key Pair:** ec2\_workshop (for this workshop, otherwise, your choice, but make sure you have access to the private key for the pair you choose!)

Launch the instance!

## Elastic IP

This step is optional, but it is helpful to assign an Elastic IP to your instance so that the IP remains constant.

In your AWS account, go to **EC2** -> **Elastic IP** -> **Allocate new address** -> **Allocate**

Once it has been created, select it, and from the **Actions** menu select **Associate address**. Select your Rancher instance and then **Associate**

Find Route 53 in your AWS account. Your domain name should appear under **Hosted Zones**. Click on it and then on **Create Record Set**:

**Name:** YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_NAME.DOMAIN\_NAME (ex. **workshop-rancher.jenningsdeveloperworkshop.com** )

**Value:** YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_IP **Insert your Rancher instance's IP!**

Associating your Rancher IP with your domain name will allow you to easily access the GUI for Rancher later on without having to retrieve the IP every time.

## Setting Up the Rancher Instance



You will be using the Nginx web server. For the purposes of the workshop, we will not use a real SSL certificate. Instead, we will use expired SSL certificates previously used for gameswithwords.org to practice how to configure SSL. **nginx.conf** is located in the **short-quiz** repository you cloned earlier.

You will need to open **nginx.conf** in a text editor and edit the following:

**line 12:** server-name YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_NAME.domain\_name  
(ex. **workshop-rancher.jenningsdeveloperworkshop.com** )

**line 35:** server-name YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_NAME.domain\_name  
(ex. **workshop-rancher.jenningsdeveloperworkshop.com** )

However, you might want to use active SSL certificates if you decide to deploy a real Pushkin project. Here is how to change your SSL certificate configuration in that case:

**nginx.conf** is located in the **pushkin\_workshop** folder. First, you will need to open **nginx.conf** in a text editor and edit the following:

**line 12:** server-name YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_NAME.DOMAIN\_NAME

**line 13:** ssl\_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/NAME\_OF\_YOUR\_CERTIFICATE.crt

**line 14** ssl\_certificate\_key /etc/nginx/ssl/NAME\_OF\_YOUR\_KEY.key **line 35:** server-name  
YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_NAME.DOMAIN\_NAME

**NOTE:** If you are deploying a real Pushkin project, you will need to generate the SSL certificates before this step, and you can use a provider of your choice (we use namecheap.com). For the purposes of the workshop, you will use SSL certificates we have previously generated for gameswithwords.org.

After adjusting **nginx.conf** you will need to complete the following steps:

## 1. Connect to the Rancher instance

I recommend using an SSH client such as [Termius](#) to connect to the instance, but you can also SSH to your instance from Terminal on your Mac ( `ssh -i path_to_key rancher@IP_OF_INSTANCE` ). Make sure you have the key from the key pair you specified when creating the Rancher instance.

**NOTE:** The IP of the Rancher instance will be the Elastic IP you just associated with it.

Create a directory named rancher ( `mkdir rancher` ) and `cd` into it.

You will need to transfer the **nginx.conf** file, the **.crt** file, and the **.key** file to the Rancher instance and place them in the rancher directory. You can use an FTP client such as [FileZilla](#) or use [scp](#).

You will need to execute the following commands:

```
sudo docker run -d --restart=unless-stopped --name=rancher-server -p 8080:8080 rancher/server --db-host DB_URL --db-port 3306 --db-user DB_USER --db-pass DB_PASS --db-name DB_NAME
```

**NOTE:** Do not forget to change the DB\_URL, DB\_USER, DB\_PASS and DB\_NAME to the values for your **Amazon Aurora** database created earlier. Followed by:

```
sudo docker run -d --restart=unless-stopped --name=nginx -v ~/rancher/nginx.conf:/etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf -v ~/rancher/gameswithwords.crt:/etc/nginx/ssl/gameswithwords.crt -v ~/rancher/gameswithwords.key:/etc/nginx/ssl/gameswithwords.key -p 80:80 -p 443:443 --link=rancher-server nginx
```

You should have a running Nginx container at this point. You can use `docker ps` to check and make sure you have a running container.

**Important:** If you encounter any error messages, use the following command:

```
docker stop $(docker ps -a -q) && docker rm $(docker ps -a -q) && docker rmi $(docker images -q)
```

to stop all containers, remove all containers and remove all images associated with them. When all containers have been removed, repeat:

```
sudo docker run -d --restart=unless-stopped --name=nginx -v ~/rancher/nginx.conf:/etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf -v ~/rancher/YOUR_CERTIFICATE_NAME.crt:/etc/nginx/ssl/YOUR_CERTIFICATE_NAME.crt -v ~/rancher/YOUR_KEY_NAME.key:/etc/nginx/ssl/YOUR_KEY_NAME.key -p 80:80 -p 443:443 --link=rancher-server nginx
```

You will also need to run:

```
docker exec -it nginx bash
service nginx restart
```

Restarting Nginx ensures that it's functioning properly before exiting the container.

**NOTE:** You can use CTRL+D to get out of the instance after executing the last command.

## Rancher

At this point, if everything worked well, you can open a browser of your choice and point it to the IP of your Rancher instance (The Elastic IP you gave it earlier should be displayed in your AWS account under EC2 next

to the name of the instance) or the alias (YOUR\_RANCHER\_INSTANCE\_NAME.DOMAIN\_NAME). You should not get any error messages and the Rancher GUI should be available to you.

By default, Access Control in Rancher is not configured. Anyone who has the IP of your Rancher instance can access the Rancher GUI. It is highly recommended that you set up access control. This is how you do it:

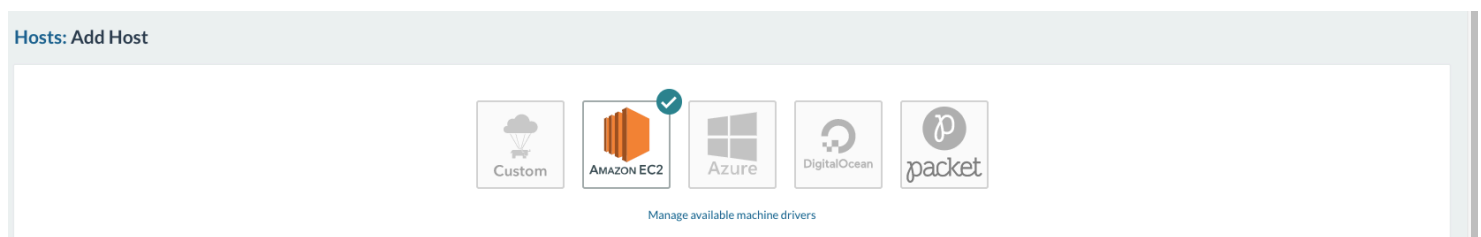
### **Admin -> Access Control -> Local**

Enter the credentials you would like to use and click on **Enable Local Auth**

Next, you will need to create your first host to get your web application up and running. Go to **Infrastructure -> Hosts -> Add a Host**

You will need to select a **Host Registration URL**; choose **Something else**, copy the address from "This site's address" above, edit it from https to **http** and add **:8080** to the end of it.

On the next page, choose **Amazon EC2**:



and fill out the remaining settings as follows (use the access key and secret key from the AWS Rancher user credentials you downloaded earlier):

**Region:** us-east-1

**Access key:** Your AWS access key

**Secret key:** Your AWS secret key

**VPC/Subnet:** vpc

**Security group:** Custom: Choose an existing group: rancher-machine

**Name:** YOUR\_HOST\_NAME **Choose a name for your host!**

**Instance type:** t2.medium

**SSH User:** rancher.

**AMI:** Rancher OS AMI List: copy the AMI for us-east-1

To check if the host is being created after you click on **Create**, go to **Infrastructure -> Hosts** and you should be able to see your new host.

## **The Transactions Database**

You will need to create a table in the transactions database. Open your Postgres manager. This is done separately only once during initial deployment. Enter the following:

Server host: YOUR\_DATABASE\_ENDPOINT **Change to actual database endpoint!**

Login: DATABASE\_USERNAME **Change to actual database username!**

Password: YOUR\_DATABASE\_PASSWORD **Change to actual database password!**

Once you are connected to the transactions database, you will need to go back to the **pushkin\_workshop** folder and find a script called **CreateTransactionDB.sql**. Copy the contents of this script and run them in the Postgres manager. This step will create the table for your transactions.

## More on Rancher

In the **pushkin\_workshop** folder, find **rancher-compose.yml**. Rancher Compose is a multi-host version of Docker Compose. Containers started by Rancher Compose will be deployed on all the hosts you create. If you have added new quizzes, you will need to add them to the end of the file following this format:

```
NAME_OF_QUIZ:
  scale: 1
  start_on_create: true
```

If you need to add an SSL certificate:

Go back to the Rancher GUI in your browser and go to: **Infrastructure -> Certificates -> Add Certificate**

You will need to provide the following (these are the same as the ones you used when setting up the Rancher instance):

Name: YOUR\_CERTIFICATE\_NAME **Choose a name!**

Private key: YOUR\_PRIVATE\_KEY **Use: gameswithwords.key**

Certificate: YOUR\_CERTIFICATE **Use: gameswithwords.crt**

Chain Cert: your .ca-bundle file **Use: gameswithwords.ca-bundle**

You will also need to add a new stack in Rancher. A stack is a group of services. We will use a stack to group together all the services needed for a Pushkin project. Go to **Stacks -> User -> Add Stack**

Enter the following:

**Name:** YOUR\_STACK\_NAME **Choose a stack name!**

**Optional: docker-compose.yml:** use the contents of docker-compose.production.yml (located in the **pushkin\_workshop** folder)

**Optional: rancher-compose.yml:** use the contents of rancher-compose.yml (located in the

**pushkin\_workshop** folder)

You will need to upgrade the load balancer as soon as it is created.

Once all the services become active, you will need to run your migrations and seed your database tables in live mode. To do that, click on **db-worker** and from the options select **Execute Shell**. Run the following commands in the shell:

```
npm run migrations
node seeder.js short-quiz
```

You should repeat the second command for as many quizzes as you have. If you see a list of your stimuli it means that you were successful.

## Setting up DNS in Rancher

You want to use the load balancer to distribute traffic to your application to the different hosts that are currently active on Rancher. To do that, you need to use your domain name as an alias for the load balancer. Once a user types in your domain name, they will be handled by the load balancer and sent to the host that currently has the lowest level of activity.

Under **Catalog** find **Route 53** and click on **View Details**. Enter the AWS Secret Access Key and AWS Access Key ID for the Rancher user created earlier. Enter the following:

**Hosted Zone Name:** YOUR\_DOMAIN\_NAME **Use your domain name!**

**Hosted Zone ID:** YOUR\_HOSTED\_ZONE\_ID (found on **AWS** under **Route 53**) **Use your hosted zone ID**

You will also need to create a new Record Set on Route 53 under your domain name. The **Name** should be your domain, and the **Value** should be the URL of the load balancer.

## Setting up DNS in AWS

In your AWS account, go to **Route 53** -> **Hosted Zones**

Choose your domain and **Create New Record Set**

In the Name field add **load-balancer** in front of your domain (**load-balancer.jenningsdeveloperworkshop.com**), and select **No** for Alias.

Create a second record set without adding anything before your domain name, choose **Yes** for Alias, and use **load-balancer.YOUR\_DOMAIN\_NAME** in the Value field.

## **Autoscaling - Optional and not needed for the workshop!**

You might want to set up autoscaling if you would like to have hosts created when your web application gets more traffic, and have those hosts deactivated once they are not needed anymore. One way to set up autoscaling is to use Datadog to work along with Rancher.

In Rancher, go to **API -> Webhooks**

You can create webhooks to scale up and down. The type for those should be the name of your Rancher host.

Next, from **Catalog** find Datadog and launch.

You will also need to create a Datadog account and set up autoscaling rules using it.