

Capstone Project
Cloud DevOps Nanodegree

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Introduction

In this project we have been asked to apply the skills and knowledge which were developed throughout the Cloud DevOps Nanodegree program. These include:

- Working in AWS
- Using Jenkins to implement Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment
- Building pipelines
- Working with Ansible and CloudFormation to deploy clusters
- Building Kubernetes clusters
- Building Docker containers in pipelines

As a capstone project, the directions are rather more open-ended than they were in the previous projects in the program. We were allowed to make some of our own choices in this capstone, for the type of deployment we implement, which services we will use, and the nature of the application we develop. We were asked to develop a CI/CD pipeline for micro services applications with either blue/green deployment or rolling deployment. We were also asked to develop our Continuous Integration steps as we deemed fit but must at least include a typographical checking (aka "linting").

Once we complete our Continuous Integration, we need to set up Continuous Deployment, which will include:

- Pushing the built Docker container(s) to the Docker repository (we can use AWS ECR, create our own custom Registry within your cluster, or another 3rd party Docker repository); and
- Deploying these Docker container(s) to a small Kubernetes cluster. For our Kubernetes cluster we can either use AWS Kubernetes as a Service, or build our own Kubernetes cluster. To deploy our Kubernetes cluster, we could use either Ansible or CloudFormation. Preferably, run these from within Jenkins as an independent pipeline.

My GitHub Repo

<https://github.com/mnabil1989/cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil>

Step 1: Propose and Scope the Project

- Plan what your pipeline will look like.

My pipeline would look like this



- Decide which options you will include in your Continuous Integration phase.

I decided to have checking the github repo and linting of the docker images

- Pick either Jenkins or Jenkins X to use.

I decided to use Jenkins on a EC2 instance on AWS

<https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-install-jenkins-on-ubuntu-18-04/>

- Pick a deployment type - either rolling deployment or blue/green deployment.

I picked a blue/green deployment type

<https://medium.com/@andresaaap/simple-blue-green-deployment-in-kubernetes-using-minikube-b88907b2e267>

- For the Docker application you can either use an application which you come up with, or use an open-source application pulled from the Internet, or if you have no idea, you can use an Nginx “Hello World, my name is (student name)” application

I picked a simple application Hello World (“Hello World, my name is Moe Nabil”)

<https://medium.com/@andresaaap/simple-blue-green-deployment-in-kubernetes-using-minikube-b88907b2e267>

Step 2: Use Jenkins or Jenkins X, and implement blue/green or rolling deployment.

- Create your Jenkins master box with either Jenkins or Jenkins X and install the plugins you will need.

Installed Jenkins on EC2 instance

<https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-install-jenkins-on-ubuntu-18-04/>

Installed AWS, Blue-Ocean and other required plugins

- Set up your environment to which you will deploy code.

Setup authentication with

1. Dockerhub (<https://medium.com/@gustavo.guss/jenkins-building-docker-image-and-sending-to-registry-64b84ea45ee9>)
2. AWS

Step 3: Pick AWS Kubernetes as a Service, or build your own Kubernetes cluster.

- Use Ansible or CloudFormation to build your “infrastructure”; i.e., the Kubernetes Cluster.

Used CloudFormation template to create the EKS cluster. All files related to same can be found here. I found it easy to create EKS using simple shell script also included on the same location

<https://github.com/mnabil1989/cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil/tree/master/aws>

- It should create the EC2 instances (if you are building your own), set the correct networking settings, and deploy software to these instances.
- As a final step, the Kubernetes cluster will need to be initialized. The Kubernetes cluster initialization can either be done by hand, or with Ansible/Cloudformation at the student's discretion.

The EKS cluster was manually created by me.

Step 4: Build your pipeline

Stage: Check out GitHub Repo

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Pipeline

Changes

Tests

Artifacts

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Logout

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Branch: master

🕒 25s

No changes

Commit: 379fcc8

🕒 a day ago

Started by user mohamed nabil

Start

Checking out git repo

Checking environment

Linting

Building image blue

Building image green

Deploying to AWS EKS

End

Checking out git repo - 1s

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✓ Check out from origin/master

✓ Check out from origin/master

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1  The recommended git tool is: none
2
3  using credential gitlab
4
5  > git rev-parse --show-toplevel && true # timeout=10
6
7  Fetching changes from the remote git repository
8
9  > git config remote.origin.url https://gitlab.com/moh111991/cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil.git # timeout=10
10
11  Cleaning workspace
12
13 > git rev-parse --verify HEAD # timeout=10
14
15 Reinitializing working tree
16
17 > git reset --hard # timeout=10
18
19 > git clean -fd # timeout=10
20
21 Fetching without http
22
23 Fetching upstream changes from https://gitlab.com/moh111991/cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil.git
24
25 > git checkout # timeout=10
26
27 > git checkout # git version 2.17.1
28
29 using GPG keychain: no key
30
31 using GPG keychain: no key
32
33 > git fetch --depth --prune --progress -- https://gitlab.com/moh111991/cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil.git +refs/heads/master:refs/remotes/origin/master # timeout=10
34
35 Checking out branch 379fcc8 from https://gitlab.com/moh111991/cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil.git
36
37 > git checkout -f 379fcc8 # timeout=10
38
39 > git branch --show-current # timeout=10
40
41 > git branch -D master # timeout=10
42
43 > git checkout -q master 379fcc8 # timeout=10
44
45 Commit message: "Initial buildout"
46
47 > git rev-parse --verify HEAD # timeout=10
48
49 Cleaning workspace
50
51 > git rev-parse --verify HEAD # timeout=10
52
53 Reinitializing working tree
54
55 > git reset --hard # timeout=10
56
57 > git clean -fd # timeout=10

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Stage: Checking Environment

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End

Checking environment - 1s

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✓ Checking environment... — Print Message

1 checking environment...

✓ git --version — Shell Script

1 + git --version

2 git version 2.17.1

✓ Branch: master — Print Message

1 Branch: master

✓ docker -v — Shell Script

1 + docker -v

2 Docker version 19.03.6, build 369ce74a3c

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Stage: Linting

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25s

Started: 379fcc8

a day ago

No changes

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Pipeline

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Logout

Start

Checking out git repo

Checking environment

Linting

Building image blue

Building image green

Deploying to AWS EKS

End

Linting - <1s

✓

Linting... — Print Message

<1s

1

Linting...

✓

/usr/bin/hlint blue/Dockerfile — Shell Script

<1s

1

+ /usr/bin/hlint blue/Dockerfile

2

Warning: unknown directive ##

3

In blue/Dockerfile at line 3 col 1

4

Warning: unknown directive ##

5

In blue/Dockerfile at line 6 col 1

6

Warning: unknown directive #Copy

7

In blue/Dockerfile at line 7 col 1

8

No hints

✓

/usr/bin/hlint green/Dockerfile — Shell Script

<1s

1

+ /usr/bin/hlint green/Dockerfile

2

Warning: unknown directive ##

3

In green/Dockerfile at line 3 col 1

4

Warning: unknown directive ##

5

In green/Dockerfile at line 6 col 1

6

Warning: unknown directive #Copy

7

In green/Dockerfile at line 7 col 1

8

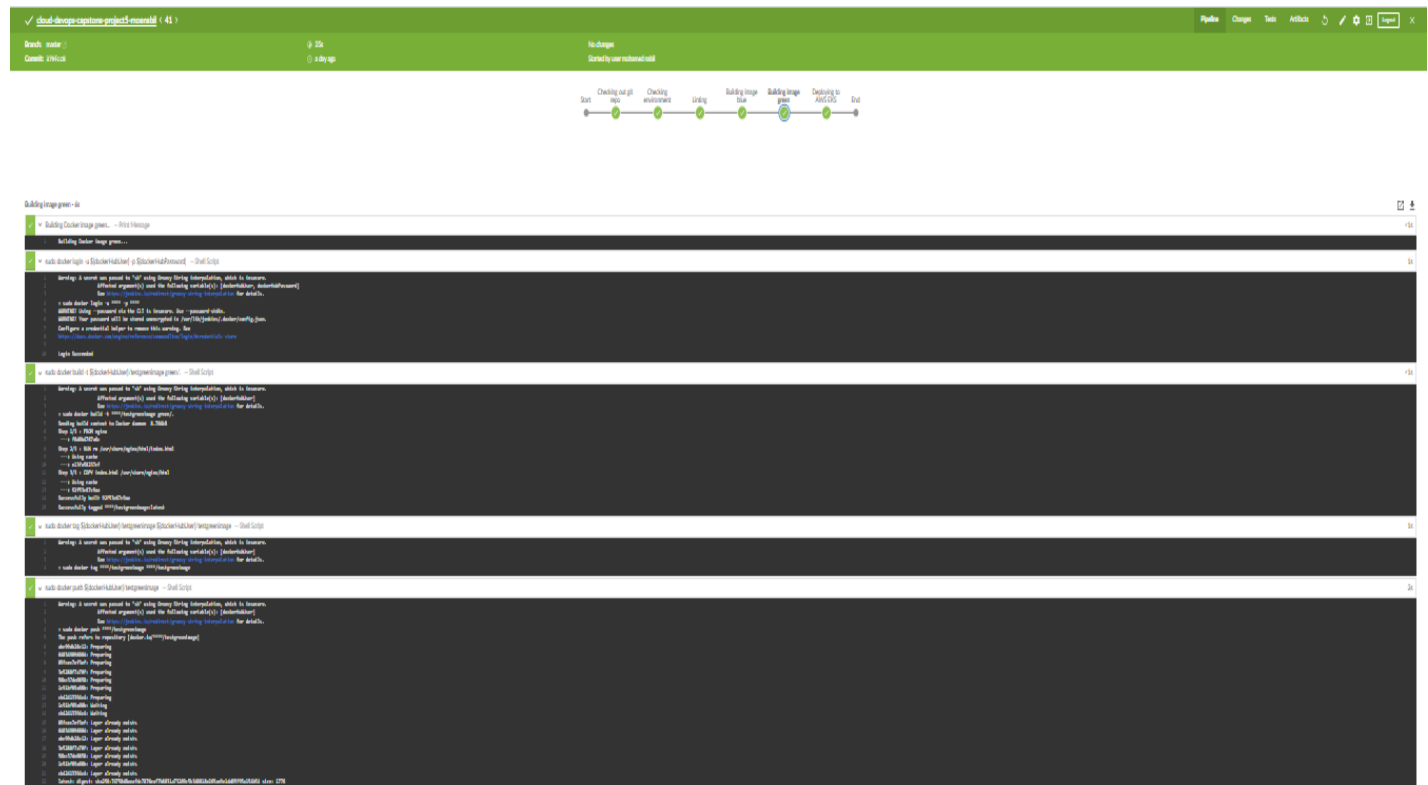
No hints

Stage: Build Blue Image

The screenshot shows the AWS Amplify console interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'Push', 'Changes', 'Logs', 'Artifacts', and a settings icon. Below the navigation bar, a deployment pipeline is visualized as a sequence of steps: 'Check out git repo', 'Check out repository', 'Build', 'Building Image' (highlighted with a blue circle), 'Building Image artifact', and 'Deploy to Amazon ECR'. The 'Building Image' step is expanded, displaying its configuration and the Dockerfile used for building the image. The Dockerfile includes instructions for setting the base image, working directory, copying source files, and running the application. The build command is also shown, indicating the use of Docker to build the image.

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Stage: Build Green Image



Stage: Deploying to AWS EKS

✓ cloud-devops-capstone-projects-moenabil < 41 >

Pipeline

Changes

Tests

Artifacts

X

Branch: master

25s

No changes

Commit: 379fc8

a day ago

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Start

Checking out git repo

Checking environment

Linking

Building image: blue

Building image: green

Deploying to AWS EKS

End

Deploying to AWS EKS - 8s

✓ Deploying to AWS EKS... - Print Message

<1s

Deploying to AWS EKS...

✓ aws eks --region us-west-2 update-kubeconfig --name mo-prod - Shell Script

2s

• aws eks --region us-west-2 update-kubeconfig --name mo-prod

Updated context: arn:aws:eks:us-west-2:488734773:cluster/mo-prod in /usr/lib/jenkins/.kube/config

✓ kubectl apply -f blue/blue-controller.json - Shell Script

2s

• kubectl apply -f blue/blue-controller.json

replicationcontroller/blue unchanged

✓ kubectl apply -f green/green-controller.json - Shell Script

2s

• kubectl apply -f green/green-controller.json

replicationcontroller/green configured

✓ kubectl apply -f blue-green-service.json - Shell Script

1s

• kubectl apply -f blue-green-service.json

service/bluegreen configured

✓ kubectl get nodes - Shell Script

<1s

• kubectl get nodes

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

ip-100-100-11-107.us-west-2.compute.internal Ready c2cno 30h v1.18.9-eks-d4bdc

ip-100-100-46-203.us-west-2.compute.internal Ready c2cno 30h v1.18.9-eks-d4bdc

ip-100-100-48-226.us-west-2.compute.internal Ready c2cno 30h v1.18.9-eks-d4bdc

✓ kubectl get pods - Shell Script

<1s

• kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

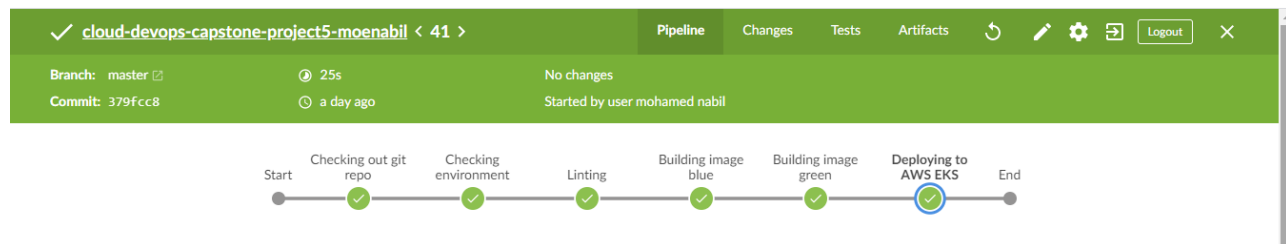
blue-000j 1/1 Running 0 32h

green-000j 1/1 Running 0 32h

Step 5: Test your pipeline

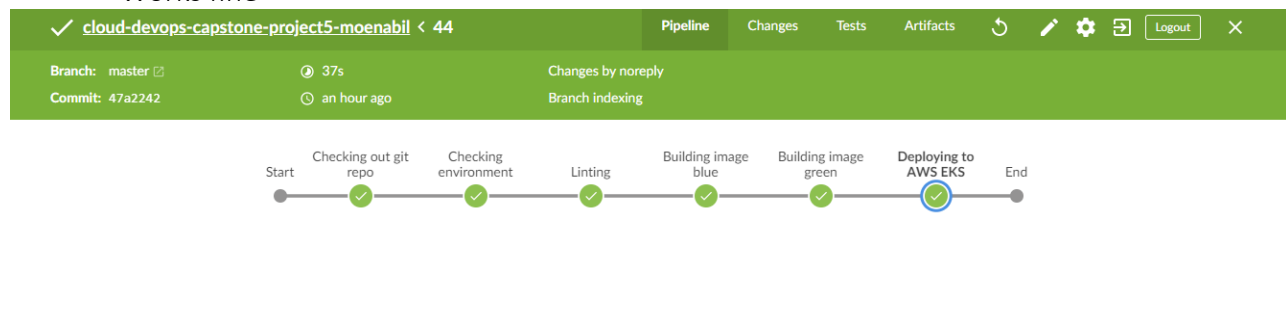
- Perform builds on your pipeline.

Works fine



- Verify that your pipeline works as you designed it.

Works fine



- Take a screenshot of the Jenkins pipeline showing deployment and a screenshot of your AWS EC2 page showing the newly created (for blue/green) or modified (for rolling) instances. Make sure you name your instances differently between blue and green deployments.

Green Deployment

The screenshot displays a Jenkins pipeline interface for a project named 'cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil'. The selected file is 'blue-green-service.json'. The pipeline shows a commit by 'mnabil1989' with the message 'Update blue-green-service.json' and a commit hash of '47a2242'. The file content is a Kubernetes manifest for a Service and a LoadBalancer. The Service is named 'bluegreenlb' and has a selector for 'app: green'. The LoadBalancer is named 'green' and has a selector for 'app: green'. The manifest is 22 lines long, 22 sloc, and 347 Bytes. The browser address bar shows the URL 'a5371f11d1f3c4a3bb4770034c50ed53-204099091.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com:8000'. The browser's developer tools show the message 'Hello World, my name is Moe Nabil'.

```
1 {
2   "kind": "Service",
3   "apiVersion": "v1",
4   "metadata": {
5     "name": "bluegreenlb",
6     "labels": {
7       "app": "bluegreenlb"
8     }
9   },
10  "spec": {
11    "ports": [
12      {
13        "port": 8000,
14        "targetPort": 80
15      }
16    ],
17    "selector": {
18      "app": "green"
19    },
20    "type": "LoadBalancer"
21  }
22 }
```

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Blue-Deployment

mnabil1989 / cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil

< Code Issues Pull requests Actions Projects Wiki Security Insights Settings

master cloud-devops-capstone-project5-moenabil / blue-green-service.json Go to file ...

mnabil1989 Update blue-green-service.json ✓ Latest commit 5ee6c1a 16 hours ago History

1 contributor

22 lines (22 sloc) 346 Bytes

```
1 {
2   "kind": "Service",
3   "apiVersion": "v1",
4   "metadata": {
5     "name": "bluegreenlb",
6     "labels": {
7       "app": "bluegreenlb"
8     }
9   },
10  "spec": {
11    "ports": [
12      {
13        "port": 8000,
14        "targetPort": 80
15      }
16    ],
17    "selector": {
18      "app": "blue"
19    },
20    "type": "LoadBalancer"
21  }
22 }
```

Not secure | a5371f11d1f3c4a3bb4770034c50ed53-204099091.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com:8000

Apps Managed bookmarks Imported From Fire... 18 commands to m... How to Setup Perco... current java.tomcat.loadbal... temp hjh-be [Jenkins] docker Other bookmarks

Main World, you name it. Now Nabil

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-29-149: ~
ubuntu@ip-172-31-29-149:~$ kubectl get pods
NAME          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
blue-x9h9j    1/1     Running   0           2d17h
green-mdtzq   1/1     Running   0           2d17h
ubuntu@ip-172-31-29-149:~$ kubectl get nodes
NAME                                STATUS   ROLES    AGE   VERSION
ip-192-168-11-197.us-west-2.compute.internal Ready   <none>   2d20h v1.18.9-eks-d1db3c
ip-192-168-46-253.us-west-2.compute.internal Ready   <none>   2d20h v1.18.9-eks-d1db3c
ip-192-168-86-234.us-west-2.compute.internal Ready   <none>   2d20h v1.18.9-eks-d1db3c
ubuntu@ip-172-31-29-149:~$ kubectl get svc
NAME          TYPE          CLUSTER-IP   EXTERNAL-IP   PORT(S)
bluegreenlb   LoadBalancer 10.100.230.1  a5371f11d1f3c4a3bb4770034c50ed53-204099091.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com 8000:31068/TCP
kubernetes    ClusterIP      10.100.0.1    <none>         443/TCP
ubuntu@ip-172-31-29-149:~$
```

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