

SWE 645 Homework / Assignment 3

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Note: THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN API TESTING. PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEO INCLUDED WITH THIS SUBMISSION TO SEE A FULL TEST USING POSTMAN. THIS DOCUMENT ONLY COVERS HOW TO SET THIS UP!

GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/qasimshahid/qshahid-swe645-asst3/>

Note: This repo is currently public but will be made private after this assignment is graded.

Another note: I ran out of budget on my AWS Learner Lab account, so this is being hosted on my own AWS account.

Website link (this will be available via Elastic IP and will be accessible since I will keep it up on my own AWS account until it is graded).

- <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys/version>
- (This is the link for an HTML page that shows the version of the app so that you can just see that it is up and running)

Other endpoints and what HTML method to use to access them

(Please replace any parameters in {} with your own specified parameters, such as ID of surveys)

- To get a survey by ID
 - GET
 - <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys/{id}>
- To get all surveys
 - GET
 - <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys>
- To delete a survey by ID
 - DELETE
 - <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys/{id}>
- To post a new survey
 - POST (Must send a valid survey in HTML Request Body via JSON, please see the README.md of the GitHub repository for examples.)
 - <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys>
- To update an existing survey by ID
 - PUT (Must send a valid survey in HTML Request Body via JSON, please see the README.md of the GitHub repository for examples.)
 - <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys/{id}>

In this homework assignment, we are tasked to build a CI/CD pipeline using a very simple REST API for doing CRUD operations on survey data. We containerize the Spring Web REST API using Docker and then deploy it to a Kubernetes cluster, running at least 3 replicas. We use Rancher as a Kubernetes management platform to manage our cluster.

The Jenkins pipeline is triggered upon a push to the main branch of the GitHub repository. The pipeline does the following:

1. Get the most recent source code by cloning the repository
2. Build the jar file using the repository we cloned.
3. Build the docker image defined in the Dockerfile using docker build
4. Push the image we just built to Docker Hub (this requires an account, by default, the source code assumes mine is being used with username qshahid)
5. Deploys the latest container image for our app the Kubernetes cluster, creating a Deployment with 3 replicas (basically deploying the container to 3 pods). The app is exposed externally via a NodePort service, with port 30007 mapped to the container's port 8080, allowing external access at <http://<public-cluster-ip>:30007/api/surveys/version>

Please make sure you have a Docker Hub account, an AWS account, and a GitHub account. Please also clone/fork my GitHub repository to your own account so you can configure the webhook that allows us to automatically build and deploy whenever we push to the main branch. Please also make this GitHub repository public as that is what I used. Continue reading to see all the other things that are required to make this work.

AWS Security Group Setup

Please duplicate / copy the following security group before doing anything since we will be assigning this security group to multiple things. This will make sure you are able to run without having port forwarding issues.

sg-0ec63124390edea9 - launch-wizard-1 Actions

Details

Security group name
launch-wizard-1

Security group ID
sg-0ec63124390edea9

Description
launch-wizard-1 created 2025-02-08T00:57:43.864Z

VPC ID
vpc-072de3089ca0547f5

Owner
654654395391

Inbound rules count
6 Permission entries

Outbound rules count
1 Permission entry

Inbound rules Outbound rules Sharing - new VPC associations - new Tags

Inbound rules (6) Manage tags Edit inbound rules

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Security group rule ID	IP version	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-0fb2e73e111ee9073	IPv4	HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-06aacf7b0720ac466	IPv4	Custom TCP	TCP	30000 - 40000	0.0.0.0/0	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-0bc2075d0806bf1a6	IPv4	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-01592b24772372719	IPv4	SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-0329fb4a1bd2abcb5	IPv4	MySQL/Aurora	TCP	3306	0.0.0.0/0	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	-	sg-0378d456afb7ba97e	IPv4	Custom TCP	TCP	8080	0.0.0.0/0	-

AWS Database Setup

Since we need to store our data somewhere, we need to create a free-tier MySQL database (or Amazon RDS) database. We need to make it publicly available so that our API can access it and we also need to create some credentials that we will remember, which will also be used in the deployment process so we can access the database.

Please also install MySQL Workbench on your computer so you can validate API operations:
<https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/>

Go to Amazon RDS and create a new database. Copy these settings:

Use MySQL

Create database [Info](#)


Choose a database creation method


☒ **Standard create**
You set all of the configuration options, including ones for availability, security, backups, and maintenance.


☐ **Easy create**
Use recommended best-practice configurations. Some configuration options can be changed after the database is created.


Engine options


Engine type [Info](#)


☐ Aurora (MySQL Compatible)



☒ MySQL



☐ MariaDB


☐ Microsoft SQL Server


☐ Aurora (PostgreSQL Compatible)


☐ PostgreSQL


☐ Oracle


☐ IBM Db2


Edition

☒ MySQL Community

Engine version [Info](#)

View the engine versions that support the following database features.

▼ Hide filters

☒ Show only versions that support the Multi-AZ DB cluster [Info](#)
Create a Multi-AZ DB cluster with one primary DB instance and two readable standby DB instances. Multi-AZ DB clusters provide up to 2x faster transaction commit latency and automatic failover in typically under 35 seconds.

☐ Show only versions that support the Amazon RDS Optimized Writes [Info](#)
Amazon RDS Optimized Writes improves write throughput by up to 2x at no additional cost.

Engine version

MySQL 8.0.40 [▼](#)

☐ Enable RDS Extended Support [Info](#)
Amazon RDS Extended Support is a paid offering [\[?\]](#). By selecting this option, you consent to being charged for this offering if you are running your database major version past the RDS end of standard support date for that version. Check the end of standard support date for your major version in the [RDS for MySQL documentation](#) [\[?\]](#).

Next, make sure to choose the free tier DB. Make a self-managed username and password. Note this down since we will need this to connect.

☐ Production
Use defaults for high availability and fast, consistent performance.

☐ Dev/Test
This instance is intended for development use outside of a production environment.

☒ Free Tier
Use RDS Free Tier to develop new applications, test existing applications, or gain hands-on experience with Amazon RDS. [Info](#)

Availability and durability

Deployment options [Info](#)
Choose the deployment option that provides the availability and durability needed for your use case. AWS is committed to a certain level of uptime depending on the deployment option you choose. Learn more in the [Amazon RDS service level agreement \(SLA\)](#).

Multi-AZ DB cluster deployment (3 instances)
Creates a primary DB instance with two readable standbys in separate Availability Zones. This setup provides:
• 99.99% uptime
• Redundancy across Availability Zones
• Increased read capacity
• Reduced write latency

Multi-AZ DB instance deployment (2 instances)
Creates a primary DB instance with a non-readable standby instance in a separate Availability Zone. This setup provides:
• 99.99% uptime
• Redundancy across Availability Zones

Single-AZ DB instance deployment (1 instance)
Creates a single DB instance without standby instances. This setup provides:
• 99.9% uptime
• No data redundancy

Settings

DB instance identifier [Info](#)
Type a name for your DB instance. The name must be unique across all DB instances owned by your AWS account in the current AWS Region.

The DB instance identifier is case-insensitive, but is stored as all lowercase (as in "mydbinstance"). Constraints: 1 to 63 alphanumeric characters or hyphens. First character must be a letter. Can't contain two consecutive hyphens. Can't end with a hyphen.

▼ Credentials Settings

Master username [Info](#)
Type a login ID for the master user of your DB instance.

1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. The first character must be a letter.

Credentials management
You can use AWS Secrets Manager or manage your master user credentials.
☐ Managed in AWS Secrets Manager - most secure
RDS generates a password for you and manages its lifecycle using AWS Secrets Manager.

☒ Self managed
Create your own password or have RDS create a password that you manage.

☐ Auto generate password
Amazon RDS can generate a password for you, or you can specify your own password.

Master password [Info](#)

Password strength Very weak
Minimum constraints: At least 8 printable ASCII characters. Can't contain any of the following symbols: / "" @

Then, there will be a bunch of options. Scroll down to connectivity and copy the following:

Connectivity [Info](#)

Compute resource
Choose whether to set up a connection to a compute resource for this database. Setting up a connection will automatically change connectivity settings so that the compute resource can connect to this database.

☒ Don't connect to an EC2 compute resource
Don't set up a connection to a compute resource for this database. You can manually set up a connection to a compute resource later.

☐ Connect to an EC2 compute resource
Set up a connection to an EC2 compute resource for this database.

Network type [Info](#)
To use dual-stack mode, make sure that you associate an IPv6 CIDR block with a subnet in the VPC you specify.

☒ IPv4
Your resources can communicate only over the IPv4 addressing protocol.

☐ Dual-stack mode
Your resources can communicate over IPv4, IPv6, or both.

Virtual private cloud (VPC) [Info](#)
Choose the VPC. The VPC defines the virtual networking environment for this DB instance.

6 Subnets, 6 Availability Zones
Only VPCs with a corresponding DB subnet group are listed.

DB subnet group [Info](#)
Choose the DB subnet group. The DB subnet group defines which subnets and IP ranges the DB instance can use in the VPC that you selected.

6 Subnets, 6 Availability Zones

Public access [Info](#)
☒ Yes
RDS assigns a public IP address to the database. Amazon EC2 instances and other resources outside of the VPC can connect to your database. Resources inside the VPC can also connect to the database.

☐ No
RDS doesn't assign a public IP address to the database. Only Amazon EC2 instances and other resources inside the VPC can connect to your database. Choose one or more VPC security groups that specify which resources can connect to the database.

VPC security group (firewall) [Info](#)
Choose one or more VPC security groups to allow access to your database. Make sure that the security group rules allow the appropriate incoming traffic.

☒ Choose existing
Choose existing VPC security groups

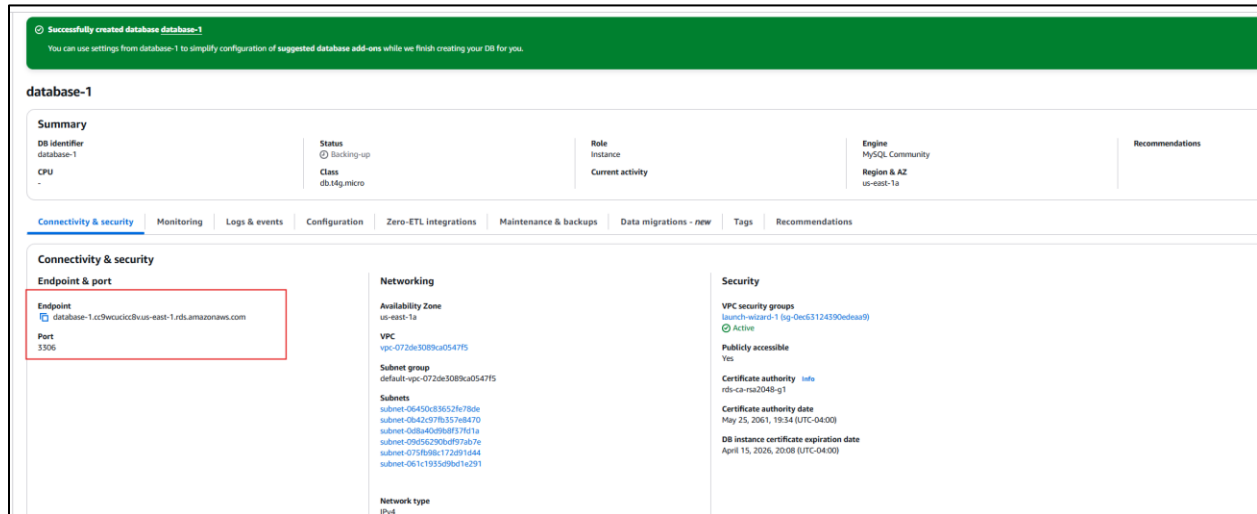
☐ Create new
Create new VPC security group

Existing VPC security groups

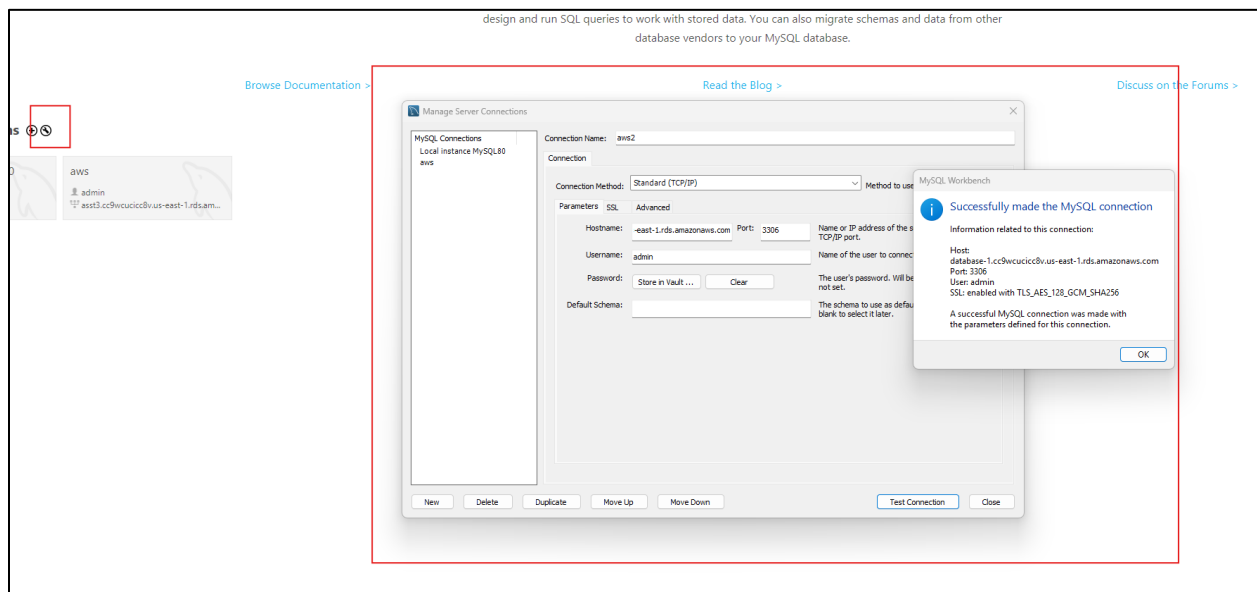
Availability Zone [Info](#)

After this, click “Create database”

Now, open MySQL Workbench. Try to connect to your database using the IP, 3306 port, and your username and password that you set.

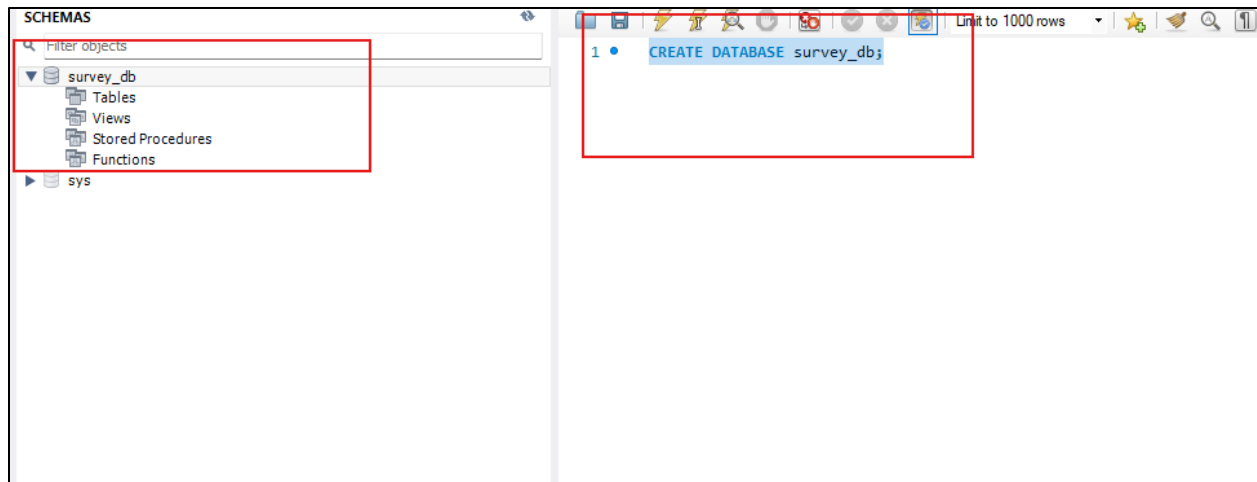


You should see this if you did everything correctly. Create the connection and connect to the DB. We need to execute one command in it.



Once connected, please go to the GitHub repository and go to the createDb.sql file and copy the command to create the database. This is the only SQL command we need to run.

“CREATE DATABASE survey_db;”



Now, you are done with database setup. Note down the AWS DB link and your credentials. We will be injecting these credentials into our Jenkins instance by creating a new credential that uses a secret file. This will be “application-secret.properties” so that our API can connect to the database.

Create a file exactly like this but use your own DB link and credentials. Note that I specify the database I want to connect to, survey_db, and you should do this as well. We created this database in the previous step.

```
application-secret.properties X
C: > Users > qasim > Local Workspaces > qshahid-swe645-asst3 > surveyapi > src > main > resources > application-secret.properties
1  spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://example-link.com:3306/survey_db
2  spring.datasource.username=admin
3  spring.datasource.password=mypassword
```

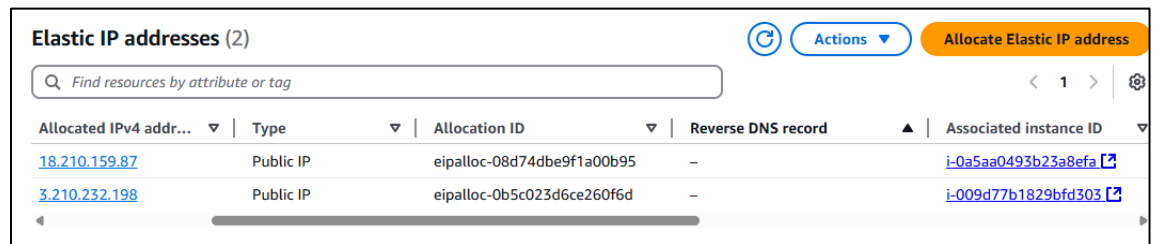
Have it be the same name as well, application-secret.properties. Like I said, we will give this file to Jenkins.

Once the file has been created, save it somewhere where you will remember.

AWS EC2 Setup

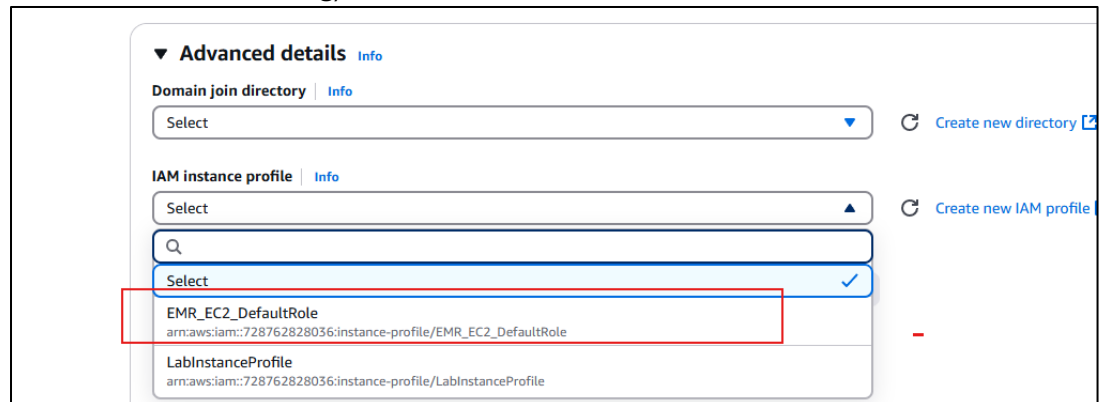
This assignment makes extensive use of AWS. Please keep that in mind since this might cost you money.

- 2 EC2 machines:
 - 1 t2.large machine, which will host Rancher
 - 1 t2.large machine, which will host Jenkins
 - Please use Ubuntu on all of these machines and configure them to have 30 GB of storage.
 - From this point on, I will refer to them as the Rancher instance and the Jenkins instance.
- Elastic IPs
 - Please attach an elastic IP to both of these machines as it makes it easier to work with.



Allocated IPv4 address	Type	Allocation ID	Reverse DNS record	Associated instance ID
18.210.159.87	Public IP	eipalloc-08d74dbe9f1a00b95	–	i-0a5aa0493b23a8efa
3.210.232.198	Public IP	eipalloc-0b5c023d6ce260f6d	–	i-009d77b1829bfd303

- Please add this setting in “Advanced” when creating your instances (if you are using AWS Learner Lab, which I am not using):



▼ **Advanced details** Info

Domain join directory Info
Select ↕ [Create new directory](#)

IAM instance profile Info
Select ⬆ [Create new IAM profile](#)

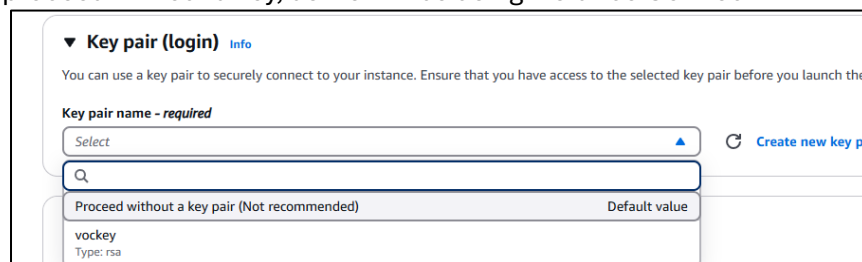
Search:

Select ✓

EMR_EC2_DefaultRole
arn:aws:iam::728762828036:instance-profile/EMR_EC2_DefaultRole

LabInstanceProfile
arn:aws:iam::728762828036:instance-profile/LabInstanceProfile

- Please proceed without a key, as we will be using Instance Connect.



▼ **Key pair (login)** Info

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - *required*
Select ⬆ [Create new key pair](#)

Search:

Proceed without a key pair (Not recommended) Default value

vockey
Type: rsa

- Please create the following security group and apply it to both the Rancher instance and the Jenkins instance.

sg-0ec63124390edea9 - launch-wizard-1

Details

Security group name launch-wizard-1	Security group ID sg-0ec63124390edea9	Description launch-wizard-1 created 2025-02-08T00:57:43.864Z	VPC ID vpc-072de3089ca0547f5
Owner 654654395391	Inbound rules count 6 Permission entries	Outbound rules count 1 Permission entry	

Inbound rules (6)

Name	Security group rule ID	IP version	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description
-	sg-0fb2e73e111ee9073	IPv4	HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-05aac7b0720ac466	IPv4	Custom TCP	TCP	30000 - 40000	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-0bc2075d0806bf1a6	IPv4	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-01592b24772372719	IPv4	SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-0329fb4a1bd2abcb5	IPv4	MySQL/Aurora	TCP	3306	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-0378d456afb7ba97e	IPv4	Custom TCP	TCP	8080	0.0.0.0/0	-

-
- Leave outbound rules as the default.

- After you do all this, you should be ready to proceed to the next step of setting up your EC2 machines. In particular, we need to install some dependencies.

For both machines, you need to execute the following commands. These will install some dependencies, such as Docker, kubectl, and generally just update the machines.

```
sudo su
sudo apt-get update -y
sudo apt-get upgrade -y

curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh
sudo sh get-docker.sh

sudo snap install kubectl --classic
```


Setup Rancher Instance and Cluster

In order to get Rancher on your t2.large instance, do the following.
Login to the instance using instance connect:

EC2 Instance Connect | Session Manager | SSH client | EC2 serial console

Instance ID
i-05649b9f3d5a98b81 (ex)

Connection Type

☒ Connect using EC2 Instance Connect
Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a public IPv4 or IPv6 address.

☐ Connect using EC2 Instance Connect Endpoint
Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a private IPv4 address and a VPC endpoint.

☒ Public IPv4 address
52.55.20.9

☐ IPv6 address
-

Username
Enter the username defined in the AMI used to launch the instance. If you didn't define a custom username, use the default username, ubuntu.
ubuntu

Note: In most cases, the default username, ubuntu, is correct. However, read your AMI usage instructions to check if the AMI owner has changed the default AMI username.

Cancel Connect

Run all the commands mentioned at the end of the previous section.

```
sudo su
sudo apt-get update -y
sudo apt-get upgrade -y

curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh
sudo sh get-docker.sh

sudo snap install kubectl --classic
```

Then, to use Rancher, run the following command:

```
sudo docker run --privileged -d --restart=unless-stopped -p 80:80 -p 443:443
rancher/rancher
```

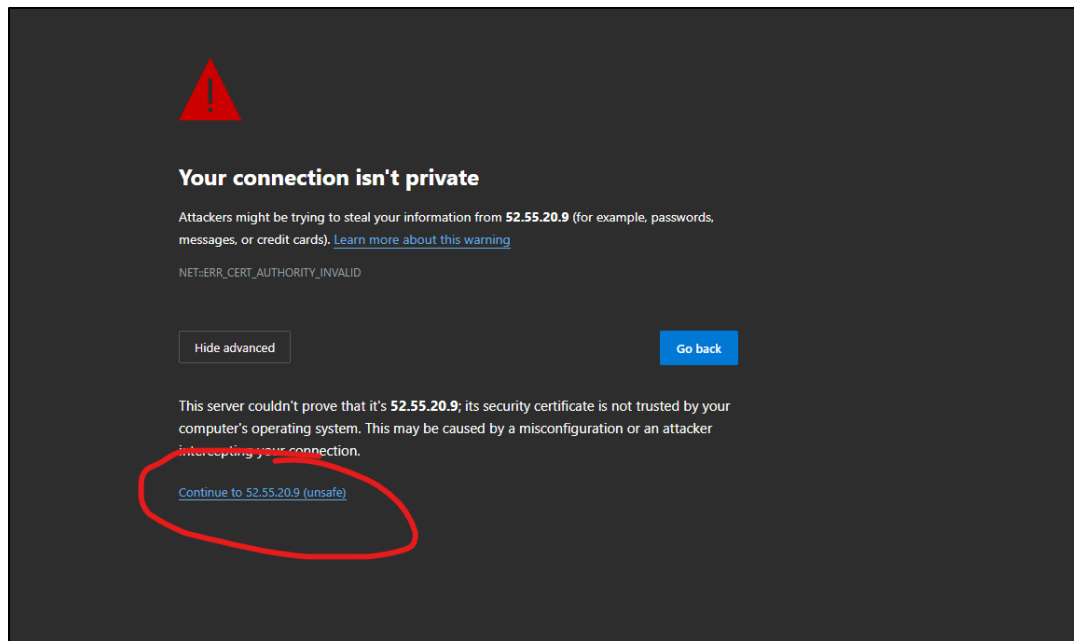
After that, go to the following link to access Rancher:

`http://{ec2-public-ip}:80`

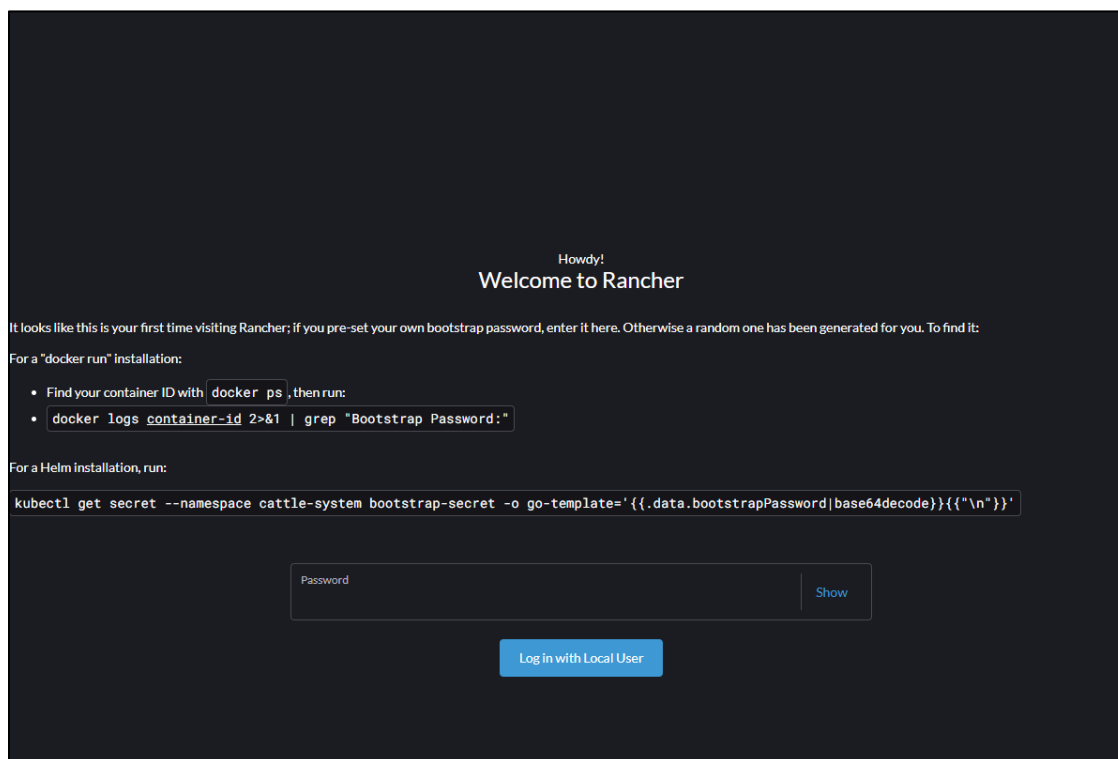
For example,

`http://52.55.20.9:80`

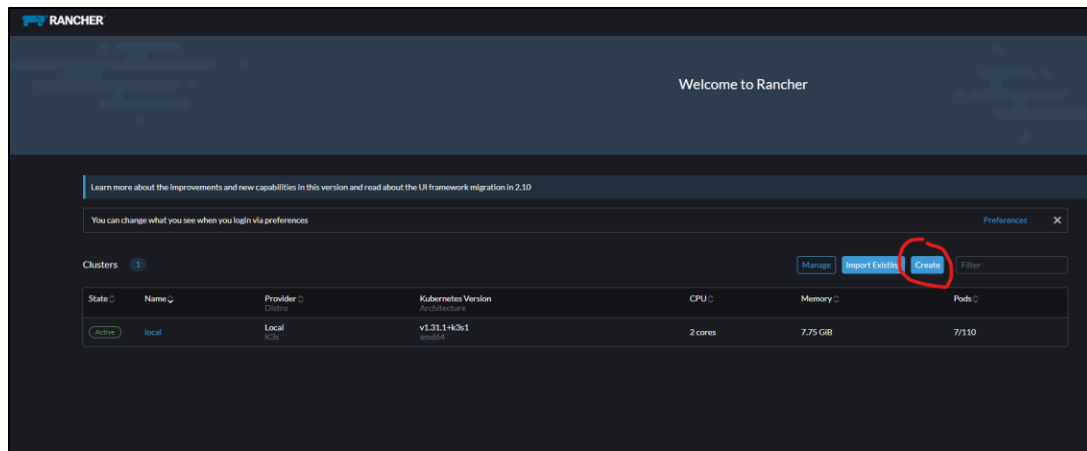
It will tell you the site is not secure, but just proceed past the warnings.



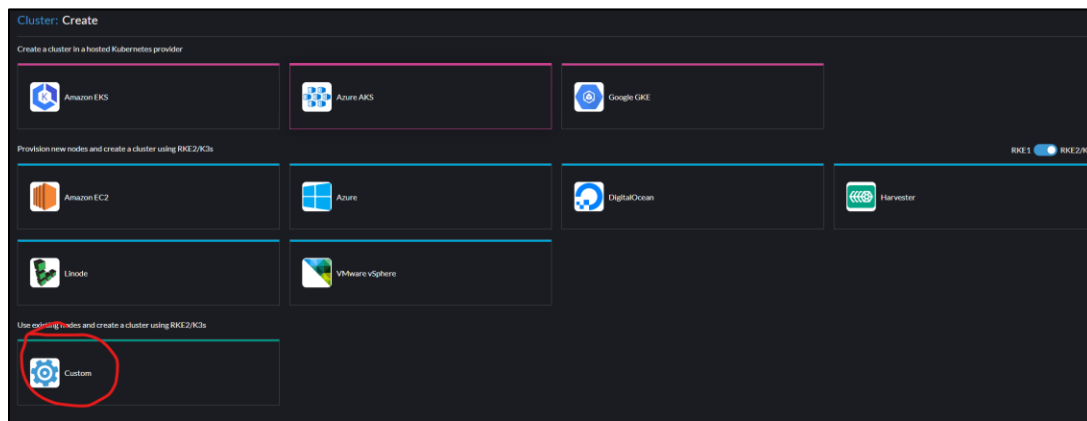
After that, you will be met by this UI and login page from Rancher.



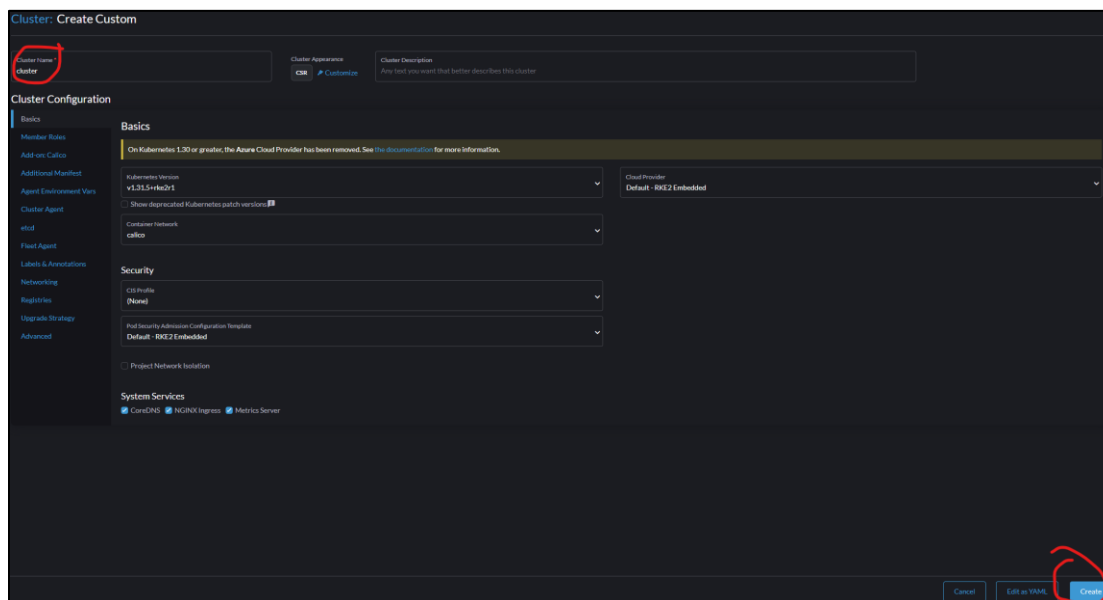
Follow the instructions and login to Rancher with the bootstrap password. Create your own password so that you remember the login. The username is always “admin”. For me, I always use “temppass3\$”



Let's create our new cluster. Use RKE2/3 to create a custom cluster.



You don't need to do much. Just name it "cluster" and press create.



Cluster: cluster Updating

Namespace: fleet-default Age: Just now

waiting for at least one control plane, etcd, and worker node to be registered

Provisioner: RKE2

Machines Provisioning Log **Registration** Snapshots Conditions Recent Events Related Resources

Step 1

Node Role

Choose what roles the node will have in the cluster. The cluster needs to have at least one node with each role.

☒ etcd ☒ Control Plane ☒ Worker

Show Advanced

Step 2

Registration Command

Run this command on each of the existing Linux machines you want to register.

```
curl --insecure -fL https://54.80.152.86/system-agent-install.sh | sudo sh -s - --server https://54.80.152.86 --label 'cattle.io/os=linux' --token 4pgf8ppjlqvqs2r6ljfgr4bs2wbrzgff8k56vtv42kxrt5blsqczz --ca-checksum c3088f50a79f38f652b54775f722530547b644658d8e3c0caf3ef46e67cae9 --etcd --controlplane --worker
```

☒ Insecure: Select this to skip TLS verification if your server has a self-signed certificate.

Run this command in PowerShell on each of the existing Windows machines you want to register. Windows nodes can only be workers.

The cluster must be up and running with Linux etcd, control plane, and worker nodes before the registration command for adding Windows workers will display.

Then, you need to register a control plane, etcd, and worker node. You can do these on separate machines, but let's just do it here on the Rancher instance since this is a large machine and can handle it. Please select the “insecure” option of the registration command or this won't work. Copy it and run it on your Rancher instance.

```
root@ip-172-31-46-212:/home/ubuntu# curl --insecure -fL https://54.80.152.86/system-agent-install.sh | sudo sh -s - --server https://54.80.152.86 --label 'cattle.io/os=linux' --token 4pgf8ppjlqvqs2r6ljfgr4bs2wbrzgff8k56vtv42kxrt5blsqczz --ca-checksum c3088f50a79f38f652b54775f722530547b644658d8e3c0caf3ef46e67cae9 --etcd --controlplane --worker
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time    Time     Current
                                 Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left     Speed
100 33662  0 33662    0     0 3446k      0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 3652k
[INFO] Label: cattle.io/os=linux
[INFO] Role requested: etcd
[INFO] Role requested: controlplane
[INFO] Role requested: worker
[INFO] CA strict verification is set to true
[INFO] Using default agent configuration directory /etc/rancher/agent
[INFO] Using default agent var directory /var/lib/rancher/agent
[INFO] Successfully downloaded CA certificate
[INFO] Value from https://54.80.152.86/cacerts is an x509 certificate
[INFO] Successfully tested Rancher connection
[INFO] Downloading rancher-system-agent binary from https://54.80.152.86/assets/rancher-system-agent-amd64
[INFO] Successfully downloaded the rancher-system-agent binary.
[INFO] Downloading rancher-system-agent-uninstall.sh script from https://54.80.152.86/assets/system-agent-uninstall.sh
[INFO] Successfully downloaded the rancher-system-agent-uninstall.sh script.
[INFO] Generating Cattle ID
[INFO] Successfully downloaded Rancher connection information
[INFO] systemd: Creating service file
[INFO] Creating environment file /etc/systemd/system/rancher-system-agent.env
[INFO] Enabling rancher-system-agent.service
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/rancher-system-agent.service -> /etc/systemd/system/rancher-system-agent.service.
[INFO] Starting/restarting rancher-system-agent.service
root@ip-172-31-46-212:/home/ubuntu#
```

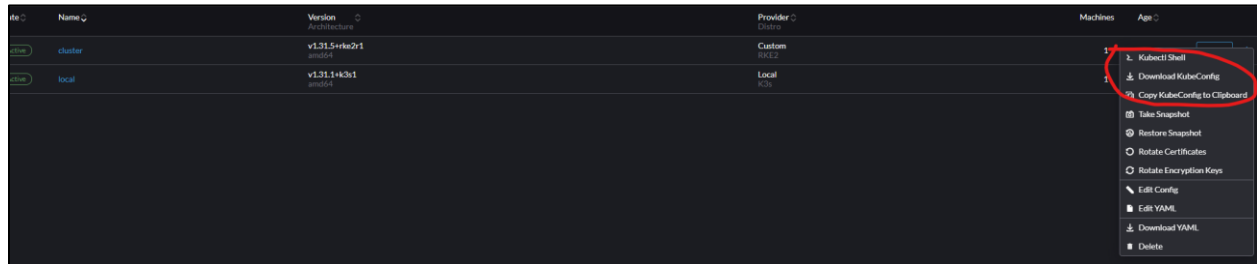
Wait about 5 minutes at this point for everything to be set up properly. During this time, Rancher will show that the cluster is updating. Once 5 minutes has elapsed, you should now see that your new Kubernetes cluster is active.

<input type="checkbox"/> State	Name	Version Architecture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	cluster	v1.31.5+rke2r1 amd64
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	local	v1.31.1+k3s1 amd64

We have our K8s cluster created, named “cluster”, and it has 1 worker node, 1 control plane, and 1 etcd node, all on the same machine as where our cluster is.

The last step that you should do is download the kubeconfig file to your computer, as we will need it here shortly for the Jenkins instance:

This can be done from the “Cluster Management” tab on the left.



This allows us to connect to our cluster from different machines and instances (like our Jenkins instance that we will make after this) using the kubeconfig file.

Congratulations, at this point, you are done with everything regarding the Rancher instance. Rancher has been setup, and you can access it using the elastic IP we assigned to the instance at `http://{ec2-public-ip}:80`

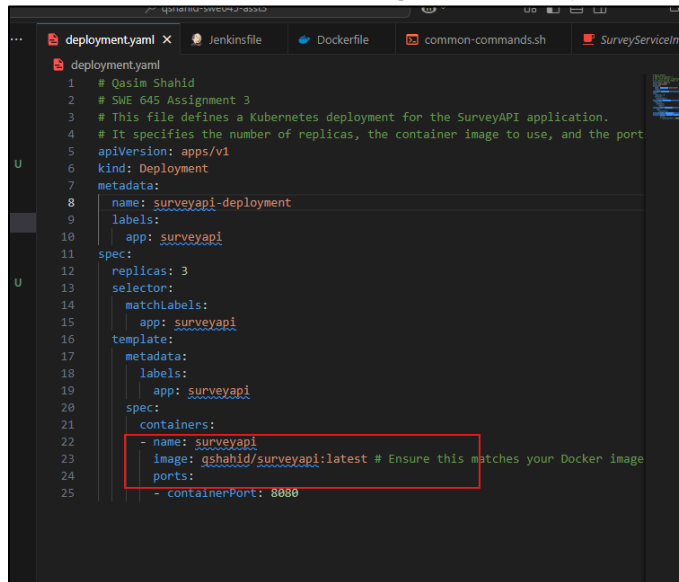
GitHub Repository Setup

GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/qasimshahid/qshahid-swe645-asst3/>

Please fork this repository or copy all the files from it and add them to a new repository that you created. This has pretty much everything you need, but you do need to make some changes.

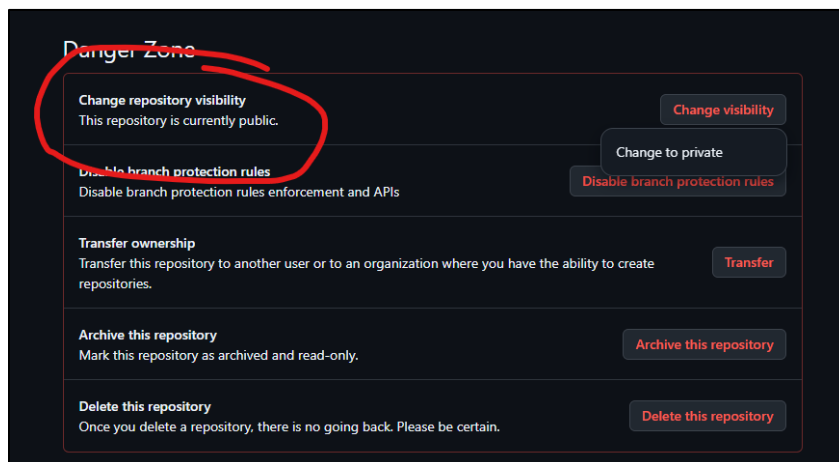
First of all, please fix these settings to be your own. They should utilize the link of your GitHub repository and whatever your username is for Docker Hub and what your image should be called.

For example, here you can see I am using my Docker Hub username. Replace this with your own. Please look through all the files of the GitHub repository and replace it wherever applicable. You need to make sure it is all configured correctly for our pipeline to work without access issues.



```
1 # Qasim Shahid
2 # SWE 645 Assignment 3
3 # This file defines a Kubernetes deployment for the SurveyAPI application.
4 # It specifies the number of replicas, the container image to use, and the port
5 apiVersion: apps/v1
6 kind: Deployment
7 metadata:
8   name: surveyapi-deployment
9   labels:
10     app: surveyapi
11 spec:
12   replicas: 3
13   selector:
14     matchLabels:
15       app: surveyapi
16   template:
17     metadata:
18       labels:
19         app: surveyapi
20     spec:
21       containers:
22         - name: surveyapi
23           image: qshahid/surveyapi:latest # Ensure this matches your Docker image
24           ports:
25             - containerPort: 8080
```

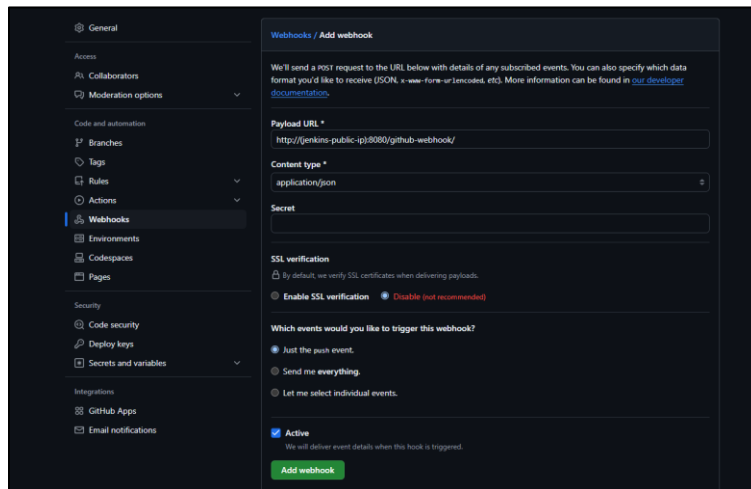
After you do all that, make sure the GitHub repository is public by going into the repository settings:



Please also at this point go into the webhook settings and create a new webhook that points to the following link:

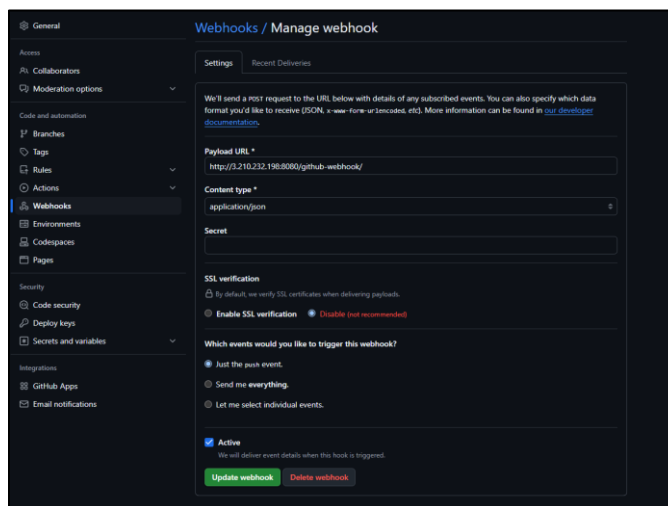
`http://{jenkins-public-ip}:8080/github-webhook/`

Replace {jenkins-public-ip} with the public elastic IP of your Jenkins instance and use the following settings:

A screenshot of the Jenkins 'Add webhook' configuration page. The left sidebar shows the 'Webhooks' menu item selected under 'Integrations'. The main content area is titled 'Webhooks / Add webhook'. It contains a 'Payload URL' field with the value 'http://jenkins-public-ip:8080/github-webhook/'. The 'Content type' is set to 'application/json'. The 'Secret' field is empty. Under 'SSL verification', the 'Enable SSL verification' option is selected. The 'Which events would you like to trigger this webhook?' section has 'Just the push event' selected. The 'Active' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there is an 'Add webhook' button.

Add this webhook.

Example:

A screenshot of the Jenkins 'Manage webhook' configuration page. The left sidebar shows the 'Webhooks' menu item selected under 'Integrations'. The main content area is titled 'Webhooks / Manage webhook'. It contains a 'Payload URL' field with the value 'http://3.210.232.198:8080/github-webhook/'. The 'Content type' is set to 'application/json'. The 'Secret' field is empty. Under 'SSL verification', the 'Enable SSL verification' option is selected. The 'Which events would you like to trigger this webhook?' section has 'Just the push event' selected. The 'Active' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Update webhook' and 'Delete webhook' buttons.

This webhook will allow us to automatically build and deploy our application whenever we push to main branch on our GitHub repository. GitHub will recognize our push event and send a POST request to our Jenkins server, which will then kick off the pipeline.

Congratulations, at this point, you are done with setting up your GitHub repo. Push all the code changes and modifications you made and save all of these setting.

Jenkins Instance Setup

So, this is the other EC2 machine we created at the start, and this is where we will host our Jenkins server. This will allow us to automate our builds and make a pipeline that gets triggered whenever we push to the main branch of our GitHub repository.

Please connect to the instance using Instance Connect:

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface for connecting to an EC2 instance. The 'EC2 Instance Connect' tab is active. The instance ID is 'i-0910c6ae322c31abd (jenk)'. Under 'Connection Type', the option 'Connect using EC2 Instance Connect' is selected, which uses a public IPv4 or IPv6 address. The 'Public IPv4 address' is listed as 54.87.102.0. The 'Username' field is set to 'ubuntu'. A note at the bottom indicates that 'ubuntu' is the default username but advises checking AMI instructions for changes. 'Cancel' and 'Connect' buttons are located at the bottom right of the panel.

After that, please execute these commands if you haven't already. These commands are required for both instances:

```
sudo su
sudo apt-get update -y
sudo apt-get upgrade -y

curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh
sudo sh get-docker.sh

sudo snap install kubectl --classic
```

After that, please execute the following commands or follow the instructions from the official Jenkins site on how to download for Ubuntu (<https://www.jenkins.io/doc/book/installing/linux/>):

```
sudo apt install fontconfig openjdk-17-jre -y


sudo wget -O /usr/share/keyrings/jenkins-keyring.asc \
https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable/jenkins.io-2023.key
echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/jenkins-keyring.asc] \
https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable binary/" | sudo tee \
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/jenkins.list > /dev/null
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install jenkins -y
```

We also need to install Maven so we can build our Spring application.


```
sudo apt install maven
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jdk
```

IMPORTANT: Installing Maven might install a different version of Java other than 17. We need to make sure that our machine will be using JDK 17 and not any other JDK version. Please check the java version using:

```
mvn -version
```



```
Last login: Tue Apr 15 08:40:24 2025 from 18.206.107.27
ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-254:~$ mvn --version
Apache Maven 3.8.7
Maven home: /usr/share/maven
Java version: 17.0.14, vendor: Ubuntu, runtime: /usr/lib/jvm/java-17-openjdk-amd64
Default locale: en, platform encoding: UTF-8
OS name: "linux", version: "6.8.0-1024-aws", arch: "amd64", family: "unix"
ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-254:~$ |
```

Make sure it says version 17 or else our pipeline will NOT work.

If it doesn't say version 17, use these commands to find the path to JDK 17 which we installed earlier and point your Java to that directory.

```
# IMPORTANT - MAKE SURE JENKINS INSTANCE HAS JAVA 17 SET AS THE DEFAULT JAVA
# VERSION
```

```
# You can check the default java version using the following command:
```

```
update-java-alternatives --list
```

```
# If you have multiple versions of Java installed, you can set the default version using the
following command:
```

```
# This will set Java 17 as the default version. Make sure to replace the path with the correct
# one for your system. This is what the path should be if you installed openjdk-17-jdk
```

```
sudo update-java-alternatives --set /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.17.0-openjdk-amd64
```

(This command is also SUPER IMPORTANT, make sure to execute this one or else builds might fail. If it does not work after your first build and you get some docker permission issues, execute it again)

```
sudo usermod -a -G docker jenkins
```

```
sudo systemctl enable jenkins
```

```
sudo systemctl start jenkins
```

```
sudo systemctl status jenkins
```

These commands will install Java and Jenkins. They will also make Docker accessible to Jenkins without needing to do sudo. The last command will also print a password, please store this as we will need it here in a second:

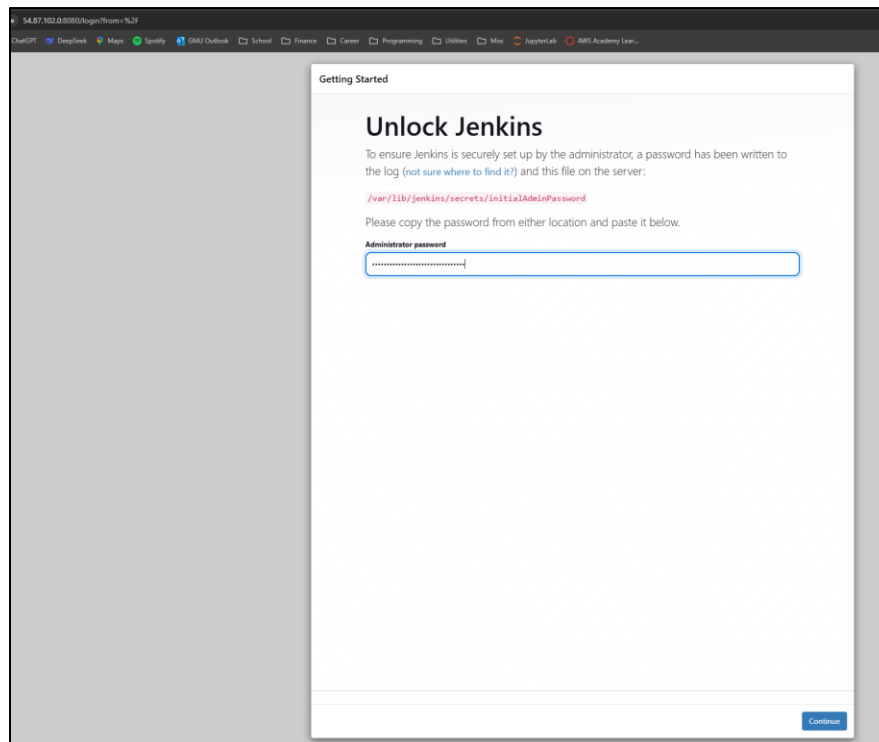
```
root@ip-172-31-91-46:/home/ubuntu# is
get-docker.sh
root@ip-172-31-91-46:/home/ubuntu# sudo usermod -a -s docker jenkins
root@ip-172-31-91-46:/home/ubuntu# sudo systemctl enable jenkins
Synchronizing state of jenkins.service with SysV service script with /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable jenkins
root@ip-172-31-91-46:/home/ubuntu# sudo systemctl start jenkins
root@ip-172-31-91-46:/home/ubuntu# sudo systemctl status jenkins
* jenkins.service - Jenkins Continuous Integration Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/jenkins.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Mon 2025-03-10 11:28:15 UTC; 26s ago
     Main PID: 3172 (java)
       Tasks: 43 (limit: 1129)
      Memory: 276.3M (peak: 330.0M)
         CPU: 15.353s
        CGroup: /system.slice/jenkins.service
               └─3172 /usr/bin/java -Djava.awt.headless=true -jar /usr/share/java/jenkins.war --webroot=/var/cache/jenkins/war --httpPort=8080

Mar 10 11:28:09 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: h2e38fc0de4c3d9ad8bc501cb8bae
Mar 10 11:28:09 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: This may also be found at: /var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword
Mar 10 11:28:09 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: *****
Mar 10 11:28:09 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: *****
Mar 10 11:28:09 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: *****
Mar 10 11:28:15 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: 2025-03-10 11:28:15.211+0000 [id=31] INFO jenkins.InitReactorRunner$1onAttained: Completed initialization
Mar 10 11:28:15 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: 2025-03-10 11:28:15.240+0000 [id=23] INFO hudson.lifecycle.Lifecycle$onReady: Jenkins is fully up and running
Mar 10 11:28:15 ip-172-31-91-46 systemd[1]: Started jenkins.service - Jenkins Continuous Integration Server.
Mar 10 11:28:15 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: 2025-03-10 11:28:15.531+0000 [id=46] INFO hudson.DownloadService$Downloadable$load: Obtained the updated data file for hudson.tasks.Maven.MavenInstaller
Mar 10 11:28:15 ip-172-31-91-46 jenkins[3172]: 2025-03-10 11:28:15.534+0000 [id=46] INFO hudson.util.Retrier$atart: Performed the action check updates server successfully at the attempt #1
root@ip-172-31-91-46:/home/ubuntu#
```

Now, the server is up. To go to it, use the elastic public IP we created at the start and go to this link:
<http://jenkins-public-ip:8080>

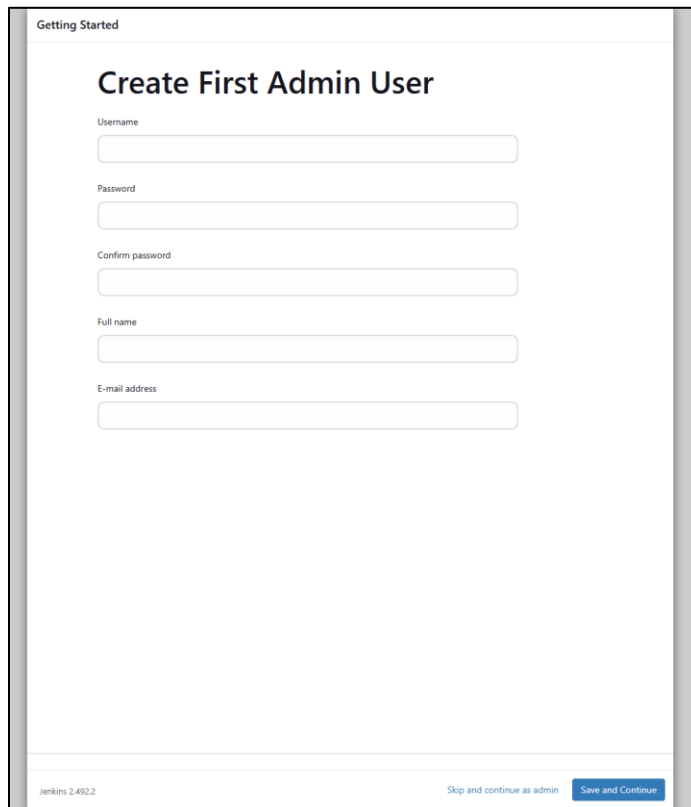
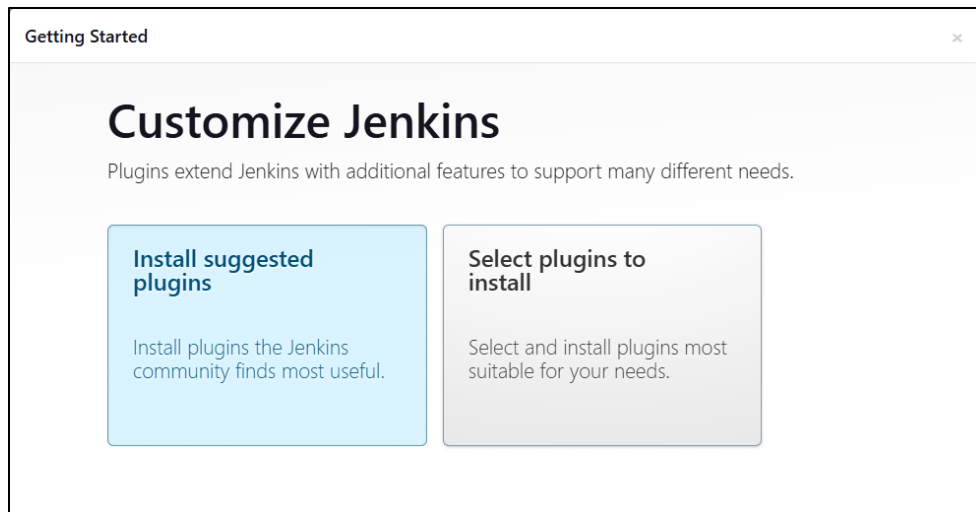
For example:

<http://54.87.102.0:8080/>



Go the link and Jenkins will ask you for the password from earlier. Paste it in.

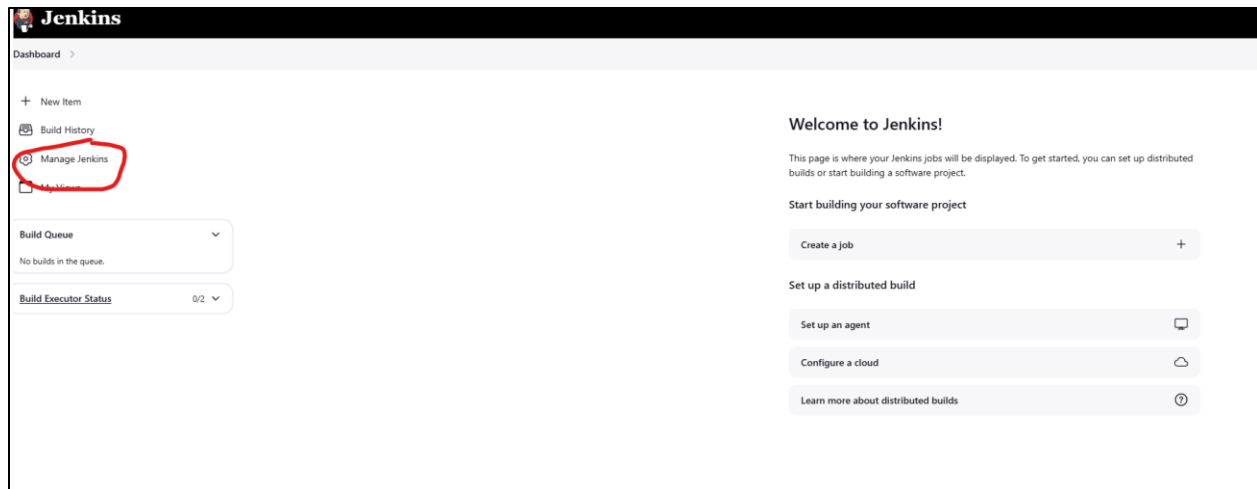
Jenkins will now ask you what plugins you want. Select “Install suggested plugins.” We will add some more later on.



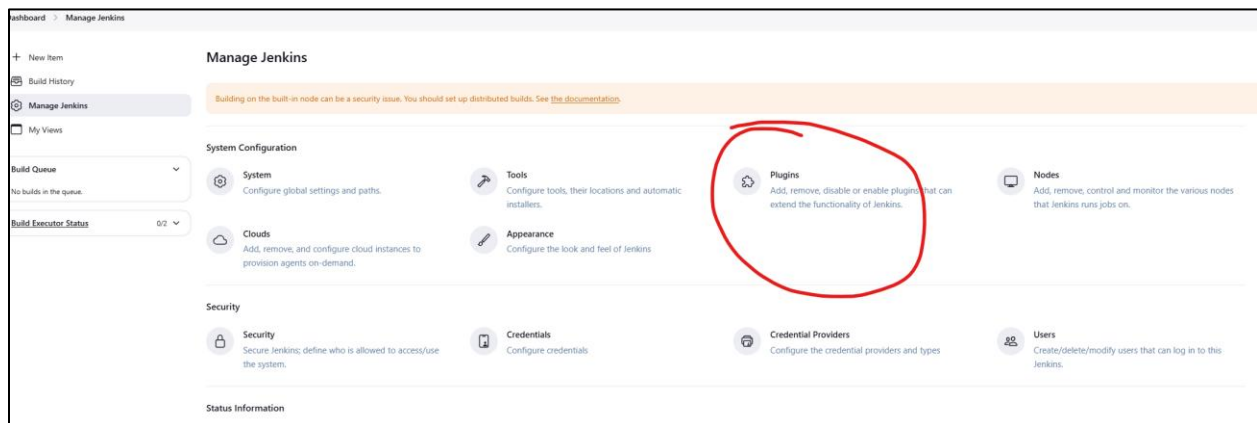
The image shows the 'Create First Admin User' screen in the Jenkins Getting Started wizard. The title 'Create First Admin User' is at the top. Below the title are five input fields for user information: 'Username', 'Password', 'Confirm password', 'Full name', and 'E-mail address'. At the bottom of the form, there is a footer area containing the text 'Jenkins 2.492.2' on the left, 'Skip and continue as admin' in the center, and a blue button labeled 'Save and Continue' on the right.

Then, create a username and password. I use “admin” and “temppass3\$” with my GMU email. After this, keep clicking continue until the setup is complete.

We are now done with the initial setup. You should be on this screen:



Now, go to “Manage Jenkins” so that we can install some plugins.



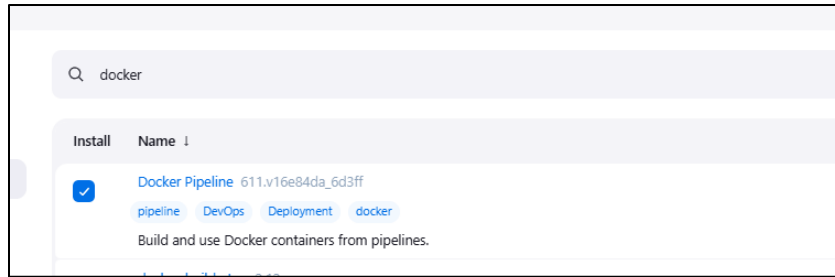
We need to install three plugins:

Docker plugin

Kubernetes CLI plugin

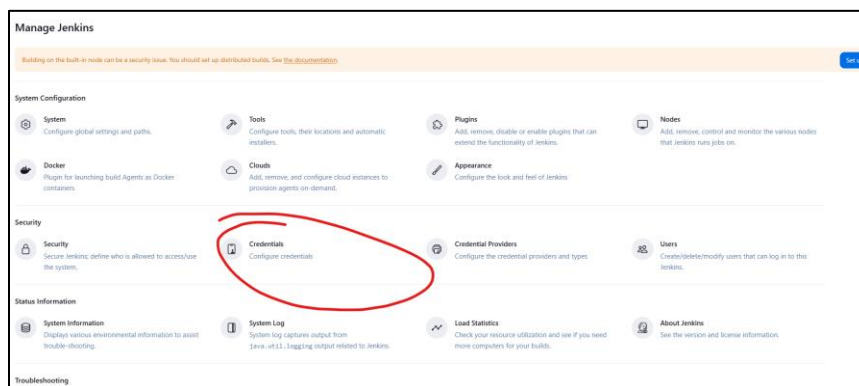
Docker Pipeline plugin





Install these and wait for them to finish downloading. We need these to build our image and deploy to our cluster.

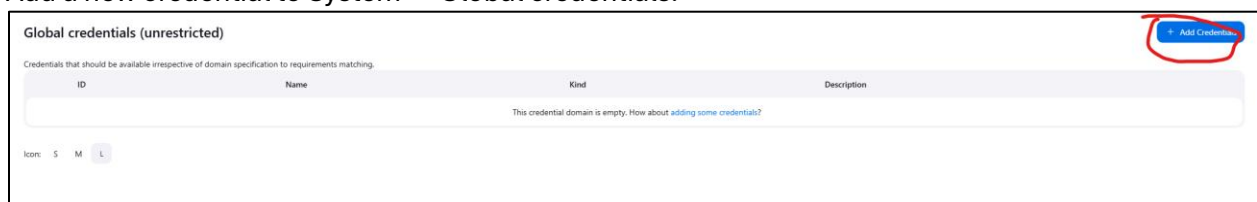
After these are complete, go back to “Manage Jenkins” but this time, go to Credentials:



We will now add our Docker Hub credentials and the kubeconfig file that you should have saved from the Rancher Instance setup.

First, the kubeconfig file:

Add a new credential to System -> Global credentials.



Make it a “Secret file”

Copy these settings:

ID - kubeconfig_credentials

File – Select the .yaml file we downloaded earlier when setting up the Rancher Instance. This was the KubeConfig file of our cluster that we downloaded from Rancher.

Kind

Secret file

Scope ?

Global (Jenkins, nodes, items, all child items, etc)

File

Choose File cluster.yaml

ID ?

kubeconfig_credentials

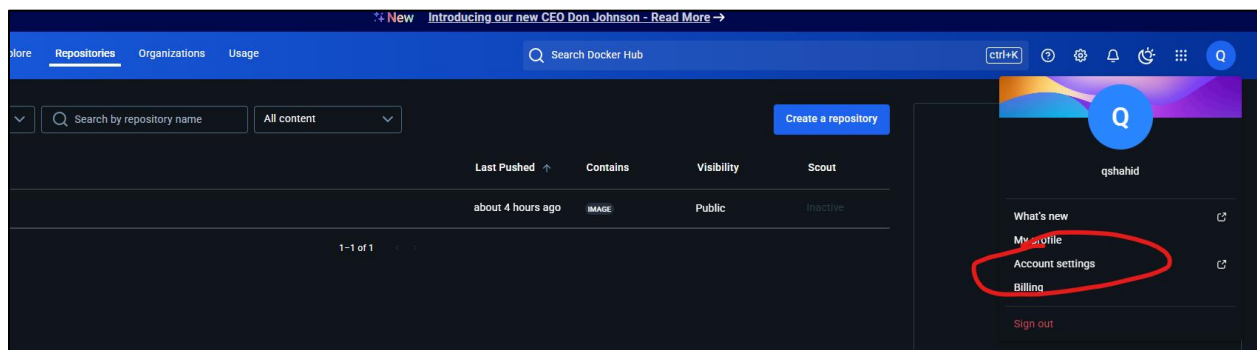
Description ?

Create

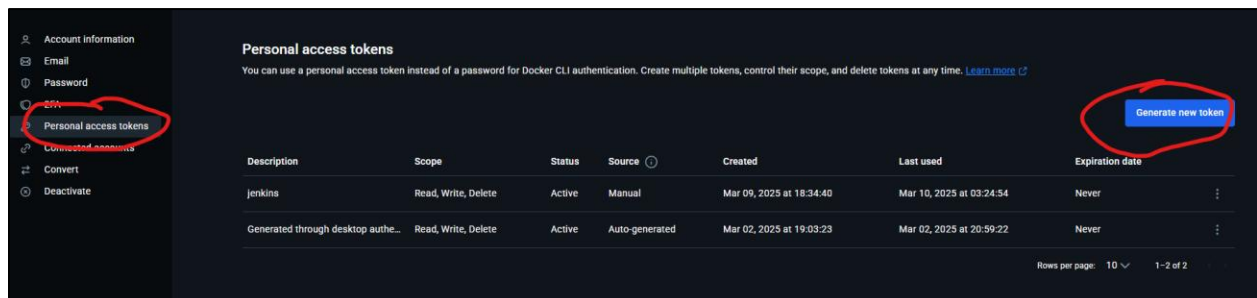
This will allow us to deploy to our cluster even though we are not on the same instance. Jenkins can use Kubernetes CLI with this file to connect to our cluster on the other EC2 instance.

Second, let's add our Docker Hub credentials:

First, you need to go to Docker Hub and login to your account. Go to "Account settings."



Go to "Personal access tokens" and create a new token.



Copy these settings:

Access permissions – Read, Write, Delete

Personal access tokens / New access token

Create access token

A personal access token is similar to a password except you can have many tokens and revoke access to each one at any time. [Learn more](#)

Access token description
jenkins2

Expiration date
None

Optional
Access permissions
Read, Write, Delete

Read, Write, Delete tokens allow you to manage your repositories.

Cancel Generate

Click generate. After that, it will give you a password. Copy this and save it somewhere as we will need it here soon. This will only show once, so be careful and make sure to save it somewhere.

Personal access tokens / New access token

Copy access token

Use this token as a password when you sign in from the Docker CLI client. [Learn more](#)

Make sure you copy your personal access token now. Your personal access token is only displayed once. It isn't stored and can't be retrieved later.

Access token description
jenkins2

Expires on
Never

Access permissions
Read, Write, Delete

To use the access token from your Docker CLI client:

1. Run

```
$ docker login -u qshahid
```

[Copy](#)
2. At the password prompt, enter the personal access token

```
dckr_...
```

[Copy](#)

[Back to access tokens](#)

Now, go back to Jenkins and create another credential:

Make it as a "Username with password". Then, add your Docker Hub username and take the password you just copied from the Personal Access Token and paste it into the password field. Then, give it this id:
dockerhub_credentials

Save this credential. Here is an example:

New credentials

Kind

Username with password

Scope ?

Global (Jenkins, nodes, items, all child items, etc)

Username ?

qshahid

☐ Treat username as secret ?

Password ?

.....

ID ?


dockerhub_credentials

Description ?




Create

Now, we also need to add our application-secret.properties file to Jenkins. Follow the same steps you did for the kubeconfig file.

Select your application-secret.properties as the file (this has your database connection details) and use the id “app_secret_file”.

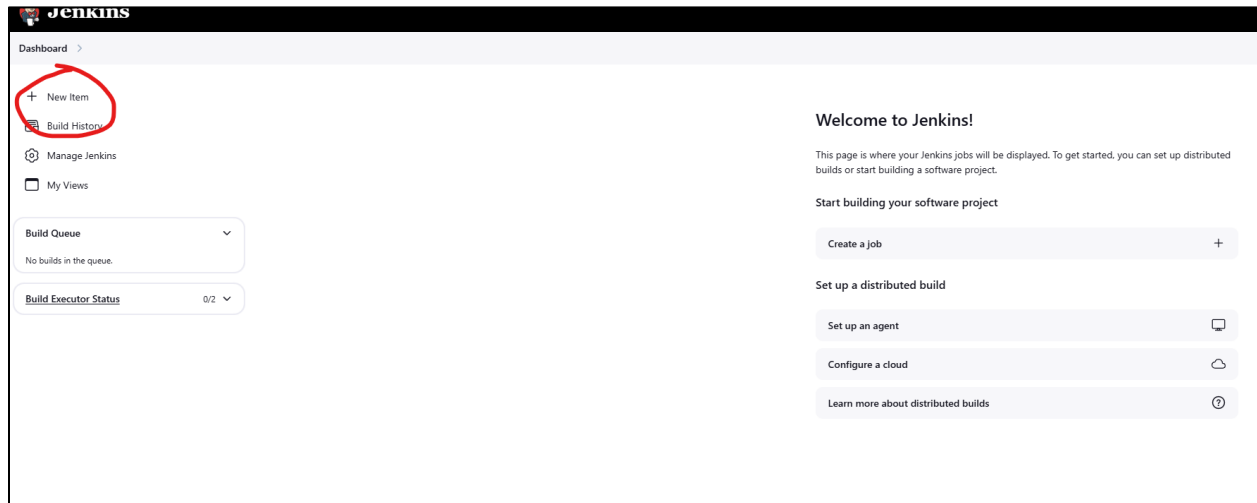
	app_secret_file	application-secret.properties	Secret file
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Overall, you should have this setup in your credentials in Jenkins:

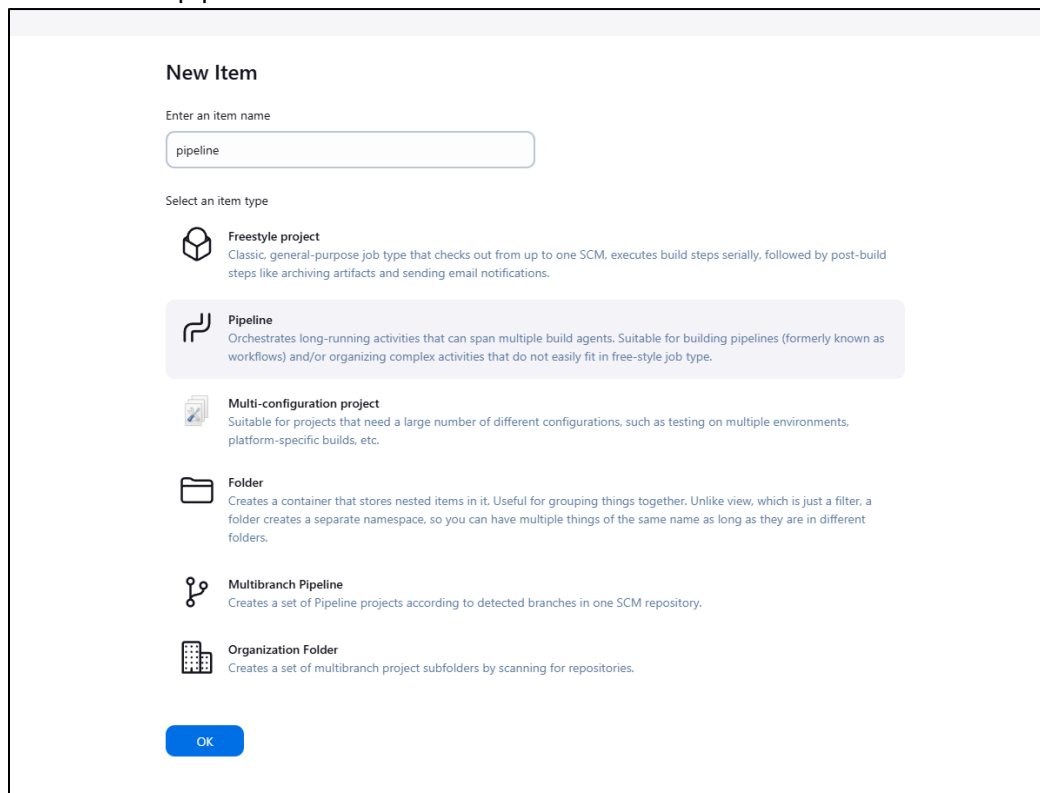
Global credentials (unrestricted)		
Credentials that should be available irrespective of domain specification to requirements matching.		
ID	Name	Kind
 kubeconfig_credentials	cluster.yaml	Secret file
 dockerhub_credentials	qshahid/*****	Username with password
 app_secret_file	application-secret.properties	Secret file

Icon: S M L

Finally, we are ready to create our pipeline. Go back to the Jenkins dashboard and create a new item:



Create a new pipeline.



This will give you a bunch of options. We want to copy these settings:

The screenshot shows the Jenkins configuration interface. The 'Triggers' section has the 'GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling' option selected and circled in red. The 'Pipeline' section has the 'Definition' dropdown set to 'Pipeline script from SCM', which is also circled in red. Below this, the 'SCM' dropdown is set to 'Git'. The 'Repositories' section shows a repository URL 'https://github.com/qasimshahid/qshahid-swe645-asst2/' circled in red. The 'Branches to build' section has a filter set to '/main', which is also circled in red. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Apply' buttons.

Namely, do the following:

Select “GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling” as a trigger

Pipeline definition should be from “Pipeline script from SCM”. This means it will use our Jenkinsfile in our GitHub repository. By default, the name of the file is Jenkinsfile, so we don’t need to change it.

Add the link to your GitHub repository.

Change the branch to “main”. This tells Jenkins to build the main branch. This is important because it is no longer named “master,” so make sure you enter “main” here.

After all of that, save the pipeline.

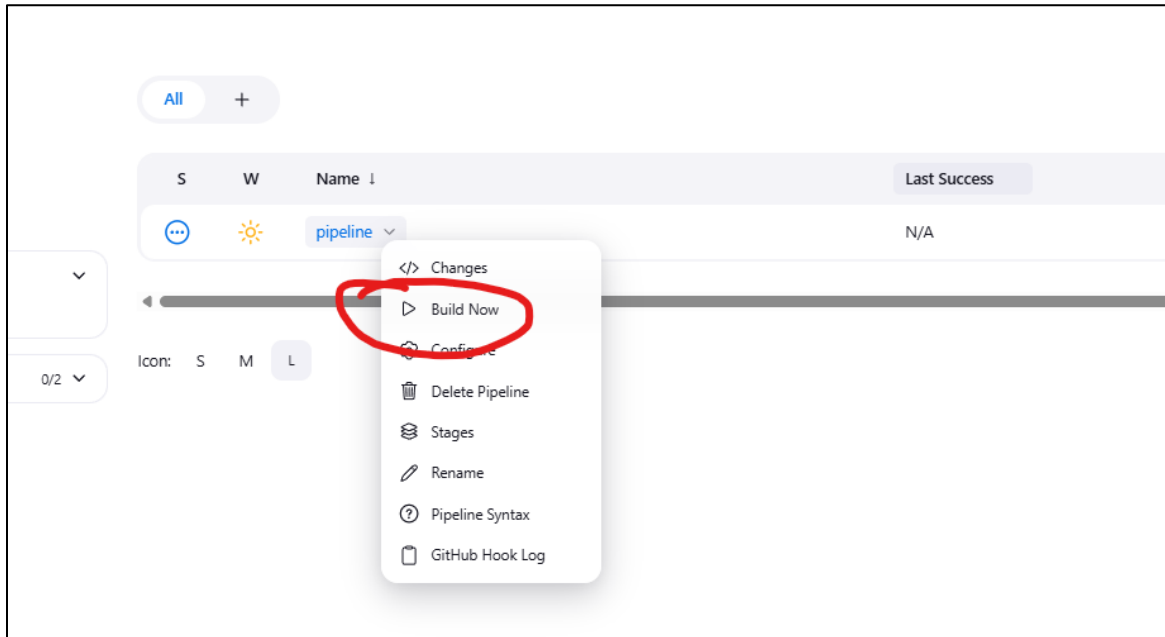
Congratulations, we are ready to do our first build. Everything should be setup properly now.

Running the Application

Assuming you followed all the rest of the steps, you should be ready to build and deploy the app to your cluster.

You can do these two ways.

Manually via Jenkins:



Alternatively, if you were able to correctly setup your webhook from your GitHub repository, then you can simply push updates to your main branch and the pipeline will be triggered automatically.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THE DOCKER BUILD STEP:


Execute this command and then restart the Jenkins server.

```
sudo usermod -a -G docker Jenkins  
sudo reboot
```

Once you either push a change to GitHub or manually trigger the build through Jenkins, you should see this in the build output console:

```
[Pipeline] // script
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] stage (hide)
[Pipeline] { (Deploy to Kubernetes)
[Pipeline] script
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] withKubeConfig
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] sh
+ kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
deployment.apps/surveyapi-deployment unchanged
[Pipeline] sh
+ kubectl apply -f service.yaml
service/surveyapi-service unchanged
[Pipeline] sh
+ kubectl rollout restart deployment/surveyapi-deployment
deployment.apps/surveyapi-deployment restarted
[Pipeline] }
[kubernetes-cli] kubectl configuration cleaned up
[Pipeline] // withKubeConfig
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // script
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Declarative: Post Actions)
[Pipeline] cleanWs
[WS-CLEANUP] Deleting project workspace...
[WS-CLEANUP] Deferred wipeout is used...
[WS-CLEANUP] done
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // node
[Pipeline] End of Pipeline
Finished: SUCCESS
```

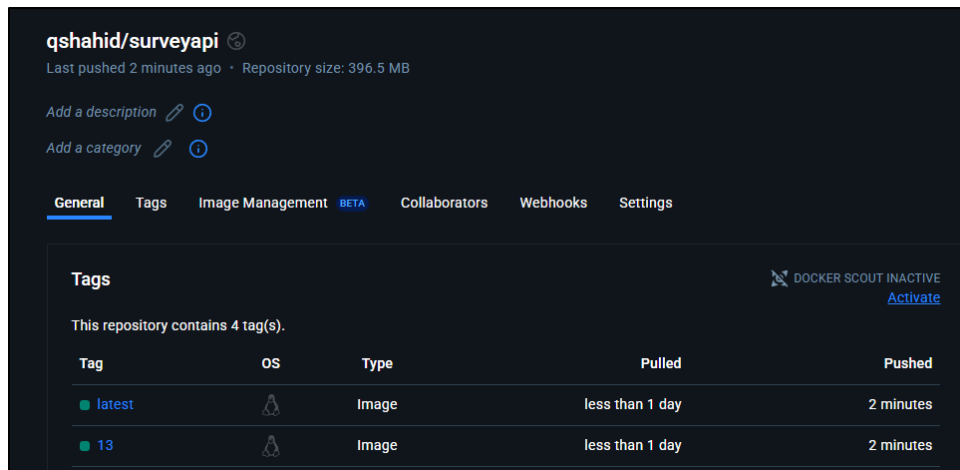
Here you can see our build succeeding (after a couple mistakes I made when recreating this, if you follow the guide, you should not have these.)

 **surveyapi**

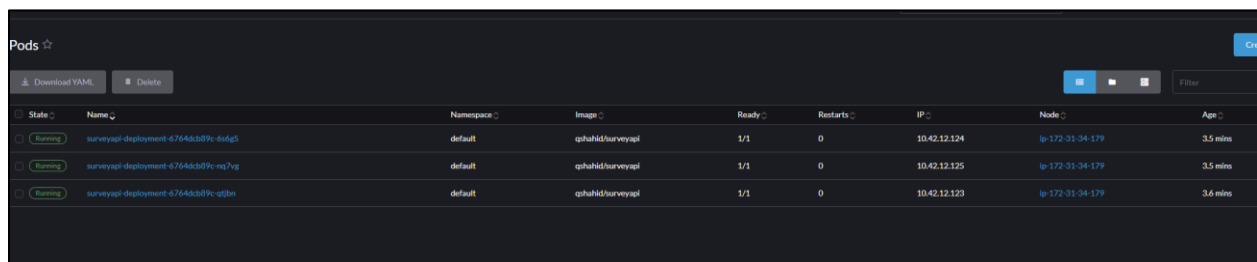
Permalinks

- [Last build \(#13\), 2 min 37 sec ago](#)
- [Last stable build \(#13\), 2 min 37 sec ago](#)
- [Last successful build \(#13\), 2 min 37 sec ago](#)
- [Last failed build \(#9\), 17 hr ago](#)
- [Last unsuccessful build \(#9\), 17 hr ago](#)
- [Last completed build \(#13\), 2 min 37 sec ago](#)

New image successfully pushed to Docker Hub under my account.



In Rancher, you can see the 3 pods / replicas we created as a part of our deployment.



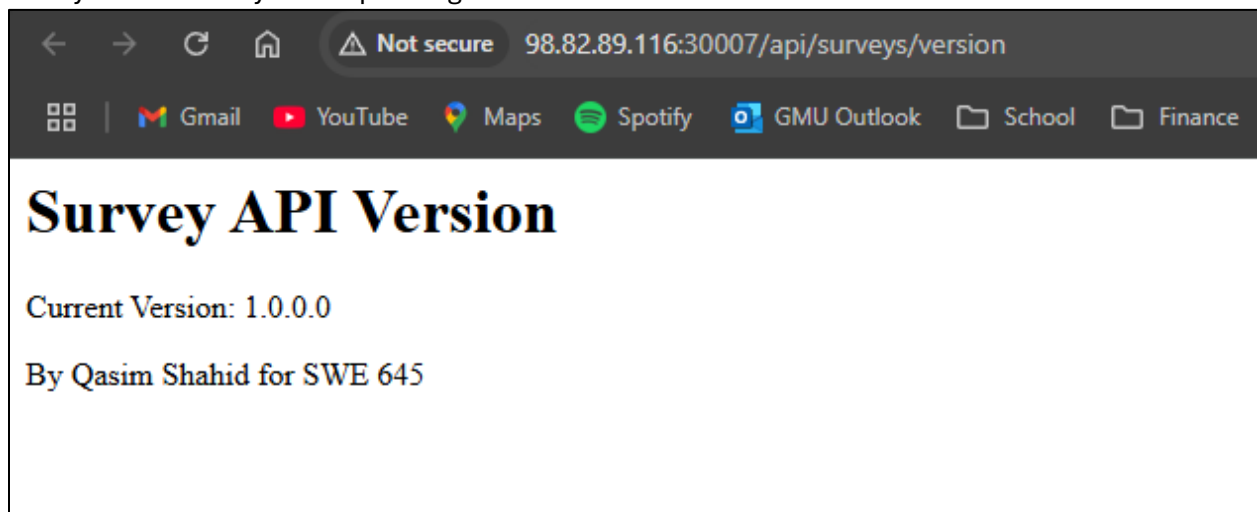
You can access these at the Rancher Instance's public elastic IP. The NodePort service I used hosts the API on the 30007 port. So, you can go to:

http://<public_instance_ip>:30007/api/surveys/version

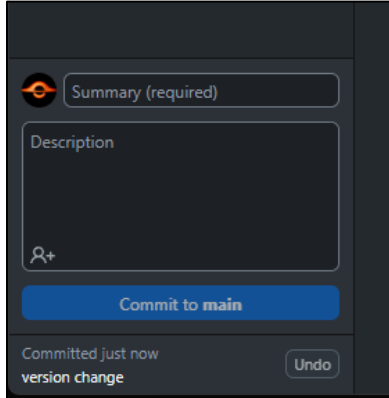
For example:

<http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys/version>

Here you can see my API responding via some HTML when we ask for the version.



I'll now push a small change to GitHub, let's see what happens. We will change version to 2.0.0.0.



A screenshot of the GitHub web interface for creating a commit. It features a dark theme. At the top left is the GitHub logo. Below it is a text input field labeled "Summary (required)". Underneath is a larger text area for the "Description". To the left of the description area is a small icon of a person with a plus sign. At the bottom left, it says "Committed just now" and "version change". At the bottom right is an "Undo" button. A prominent blue button in the center says "Commit to main".

```
Dashboard > surveyapi > #14

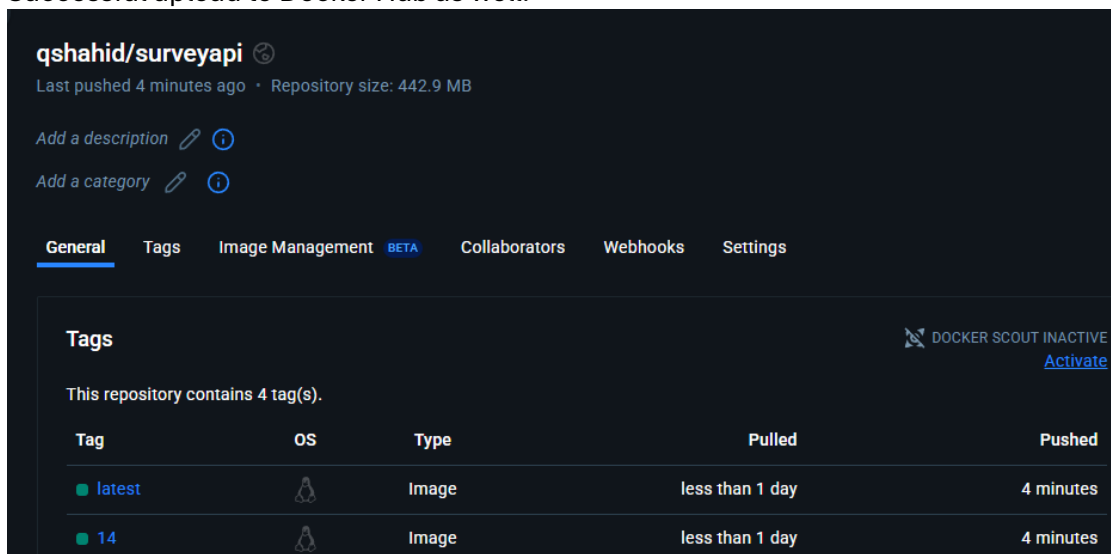
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withDockerRegistry
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // script
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Deploy to Kubernetes)
[Pipeline] script
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] withKubeConfig
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] sh
+ kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
deployment.apps/surveyapi-deployment unchanged
[Pipeline] sh
+ kubectl apply -f service.yaml
service/surveyapi-service unchanged
[Pipeline] sh
+ kubectl rollout restart deployment/surveyapi-deployment
deployment.apps/surveyapi-deployment restarted
[Pipeline] }
[kubernetes-cli] kubectl configuration cleaned up
[Pipeline] // withKubeConfig
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // script
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] stage
[Pipeline] { (Declarative: Post Actions)
[Pipeline] cleanWs
[WS-CLEANUP] Deleting project workspace...
[WS-CLEANUP] Deferred wipeout is used...
[WS-CLEANUP] done
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // stage
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // withEnv
[Pipeline] }
[Pipeline] // node
[Pipeline] End of Pipeline
Finished: SUCCESS
```

Let's go to <http://98.82.89.116:30007/api/surveys/version> again and see if our pipeline deployed our change.



You can see that it worked. We are now on version 2.0.0.0, which we just pushed. Our pipeline listened to the push event and automatically deployed the change to our cluster.

Successful upload to Docker Hub as well.



NOTE: I won't be testing the API for doing CRUD operations, but this is covered in the demo_video.mp4 file which will be included with the submission. In that, we go through all the CRUD operations on our APIs and make sure they are being persisted in our database.

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Lessons Learned:

This assignment, I learned how to deploy REST APIs to a Kubernetes cluster. In the last assignment, we did something very similar for a very simple web server and HTML file, and this assignment, we did basically that but the backend. So combined, these two assignments have taught me how to almost deploy an entire website with a front and back end to Kubernetes. I also learned a lot about how to develop APIs using Spring, and also learned how dependencies are managed with Spring projects (Maven). Overall, I learned a lot about how to create and deploy an API which connects to a database, and then create an automated pipeline that builds and deploys it for me.