

Establishing a CI/CD Pipeline for Automated Deployments

PHASE 2- SOLUTION ARCHITECTURE

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SOLUTION ARCHITECTURE

To streamline the deployment process for the Dockerized e-commerce application, we will set up version control, automate code commits, and establish a CI/CD pipeline. The solution architecture will leverage a well-defined directory structure, and tools like Jenkins, GitHub Actions, and IBM Cloud Kubernetes Service.

The architecture focuses on creating a modular directory structure for the application, version control integration with GitHub, and the setup of a CI/CD pipeline. It includes the following components:

1. Create the main project folder:

```
mkdir ecommerce-app  
  
cd ecommerce-app
```

2. Create the public folder

```
mkdir public
```

3. Create the css and js subfolders under public:

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```
mkdir public\css
```

```
mkdir public\js
```

4. Create the necessary files in the public folder:

```
echo. > public\css\style.css
```

```
echo. > public\js\app.js
```

```
echo. > public \index.html
```

5. Create the server folder and its subfolders:

```
mkdir server
```

```
mkdir server\controllers
```

```
mkdir server\models
```

```
mkdir server\routes
```

6. Create the necessary files in the server folder:

```
echo.>server\controllers\productControl.js
```

```
echo. > server\models\productModel.js
```

```
echo. > server\routes\productRoutes.js
```

```
echo. > server\server.js
```

7. Create package.json and README.md in the root directory:

```
echo. > package.json
```

```
echo. > README.md
```

After executing the above commands, your directory structure should look as follows:

ecommerce-app/

```
|— public/
| |— css/
| |   |— style.css
| |— js/
| |   |— app.js
|   |— index.html
|— server/
|   |— controllers/
|   |   |— productController.j
|   |— models/
|   |   |— productModel.js
|   |— routes/
|   |   |— productRoutes.js
|   |— server.js
|— package.json
|— README.md
```

VERSION CONTROL SETUP

To ensure that the development team is working collaboratively and tracking changes efficiently, we will set up a **GitHub repository** for version control.

1. Initialize Git in the project:

```
git init
```

2. Create a .gitignore file to avoid committing unnecessary files:

```
Echo node_module/>.gitignor
Echo .env>.gitignor
```

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3. Add files to Git:

```
git add .
```

4. Commit the initial codebase:

```
git commit -m "Initial commit of ecommerce-app structure"
```

5. Create a GitHub repository (via GitHub's web interface).

6. Push the local repository to GitHub:

```
git remote add origin<repository_url>
```

```
git push -u origin master
```

CI/CD PIPELINE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

To automate the build, test, and deployment processes, we will design a CI/CD pipeline using **Jenkins**.

1. Jenkins Setup

- Install Jenkins on a server (either local or cloud-based) and configure it with necessary plugins like Docker, Git, and Kubernetes CLI.
- Set up a Jenkins job that triggers on code changes pushed to the GitHub repository.

2. Jenkins Pipeline Creation

Using Jenkins, the CI/CD pipeline automates the following steps:

- **Checkout:** Pull the latest code from GitHub.
- **Build:** Create Docker images for the application.
- **Test:** Run unit and integration tests.
- **Push to Registry:** Push Docker images to IBM Cloud Container Registry.
- **Deploy:** Use Kubernetes commands to deploy the application to IBM Cloud Kubernetes Service.

3. Jenkinsfile Example:

```
import os

def build_pipeline():
    pipeline_script = """
pipeline {
    agent any
    environment {
        DOCKER_IMAGE = 'my-app'
        REGISTRY_URL = '<IBM_Container_Registry_URL>'
        CLUSTER_NAME = '<CLUSTER_NAME>'
    }
    stages {
        stage('Checkout') {
            steps {
                checkout(git {
                    repository 'https://github.com/your-repo/your-repo.git'
                    branch '*/main'
                })
            }
        }
        stage('Build') {
            steps {
                docker {
                    build {
                        dockerfile 'Dockerfile'
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        stage('Test') {
            steps {
                sh 'npm test'
            }
        }
        stage('Push to Registry') {
            steps {
                docker {
                    push {
                        images 'my-app'
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        stage('Deploy') {
            steps {
                kubernetes {
                    deploy {
                        namespace 'my-namespace'
                        manifest 'k8s/manifest.yaml'
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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}
stages {
  stage('Checkout') {
    steps {
      git 'https://github.com/<username>/ecommerce-app.git'
    }
  }
  stage('Build Docker Image') {
    steps {
      sh 'docker build -t $REGISTRY_URL/$DOCKER_IMAGE .'
    }
  }
  stage('Push Docker Image to IBM Cloud Container Registry') {
    steps {
      sh 'docker push $REGISTRY_URL/$DOCKER_IMAGE'
    }
  }
  stage('Deploy to Kubernetes') {
    steps {
      sh '''
        ibmcloud login --apikey <API_KEY> -r <REGION> -g <RESOURCE_GROUP>
        ibmcloud ks cluster config --cluster $CLUSTER_NAME
        kubectl apply -f k8s/deployment.yaml
      '''
    }
  }
}
post {
  success {
    echo 'Pipeline executed successfully.'
  }
  failure {
    echo 'Pipeline failed. Please check the logs.'
  }
}
}

```

FUTURE PLAN:

1. Container Image Management:

- Use IBM Cloud Container Registry for secure storage and management of Docker images.

2. Enhanced Security:

- Implement OpenSSL for encrypting and signing Docker images.
- Conduct vulnerability scanning to ensure secure deployments.

3. Scaling and Resilience:

- Simulate production environments using Minikube for local testing.
- Deploy to Kubernetes clusters for scalable, resilient application hosting.

4. CI/CD Integration:

- Extend CI/CD automation using tools like IBM Cloud Continuous Delivery or GitHub Actions.

5. Kubernetes Cluster Setup:

- Use Minikube for local testing and IBM Kubernetes Service for production.