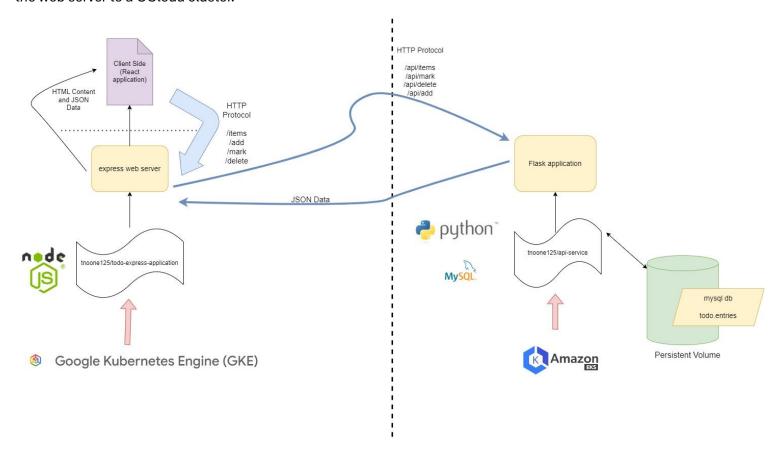
Thomas Noone - CISC 5550 Cloud Computing - Final Project Write Up

Overall Goal

My goal was to make several enhancements to the Todo application. Firstly, since I have extensive experience with React, I wanted to build the front-end application using a framework different than Flask. I also wanted to deploy the API service with a persistent volume rather than using a simple .db file. Finally, I wanted to experiment with a different cloud provider, so I would attempt to deploy the API service to an AWS EKS cluster, while still deploying the web server to a GCloud cluster.



Developing API Service

To begin, I simply copied over my todolist_api.py flask application from Homework 4. The only changes I made were to the app's config to connect via MySQL rather than SQLite3. If I had more time, I would have used some sort of secrets API rather than putting the MySQL db user password directly into my code:

```
from flask import Flask, g, request, jsonify
import mysql.connector

app = Flask(__name__)
app.config.from_object(__name__)

app.config['MYSQL_HOST'] = 'mysql'
app.config['MYSQL_USER'] = 'todouser'
app.config['MYSQL_PASSWORD'] = 'p@ss123'
app.config['MYSQL_DB'] = 'todo'
```

To Dockerize this application, I created a Dockerfile based on the python:3.9-slim image (this is smaller and leads to faster deployment time). My RUN commands included installing a mysql client and pip installing flask and mysql-connector-python.

Using Docker compose, I described a container running mysql and is a dependency of the container running the Python Flask application. The mysql container is attached to a volume and I was able to provide an entries.sql script which would run upon the creation of the volume. In my case, this .sql script creates the entries table used by the application.

docker compose up -build -d rebuilds the images and runs the containers.

```
\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>docker compose up --build -d
 Building 25.2s (13/13) FINISHED
                                                                                                                                      docker-container:multi-platform-builder
  [api-service internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
                                                                                                                                                                       0.0s
  [api-service internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim
=> CACHED [api-service 3/7] RUN apt-get update && a
=> CACHED [api-service 4/7] RUN pip install mysqlclient
                                               0.0s
=> => sending tarball
=> [api-service] importing to docker
 => loading layer cd7826d9cd11 1.70kB / 1.70kB
                                                                                                                                                                       0.4s
 Network api_default
∕Volume "api_mysql-data"
∕Container api-mysql-1
 Container api-api-service-1 Started
```

Now when I run docker ps -a, I see all the running containers, notice the first two. The first is the container for the api-service and the second is for mysql.

```
CONTAINER ID
186e0e4606ab
                TMAGE
                                                    COMMAND
                                                                                CREATED
                                                                                                    STATUS
                                                                                                                                                                            NAMES
                                                     "python todolist_api..."
                api-api-service
                                                                                                                                   0.0.0.0:5001->5001/tcp
                                                                                                                                                                            api-api-service-1
                                                                                32 seconds ago
                                                                                                   Up 27 seconds
Up 31 seconds
a74ff25400b3
                mysql:5.7
moby/buildkit:buildx-stable-1
                                                                                32 seconds ago
35 hours ago
                                                                                                                                                                           api-mysql-1
buildx_buildkit_multi-platform-builder0
                                                     "buildkitd --allow-i..."
abda16451480
                                                                                                    Up About an hour
                                                     docker-entrypoint.s.."
                                                                                2 days ago
                                                                                                    Exited (255) 30 hours ago
                                                                                                                                   0.0.0.0:5000->5000/tcp
                                                                                                                                                                            festive_antonelli
                                                                                                    Exited (255) 30 hours ago
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d003157f915f
                daa33a734682
                                                                                                                                                                            mystifying_easley
                                                     "docker-entrypoint.s..."
                                                                                                    Exited (255) 30 hours ago
                                                                                                                                                                           nice villani
                dca57840315a
                                                                                2 days ago
                                                                                                                                   5000/tcp
aeb6f4d8a03c
 :\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>curl http://localhost:5001/api/items
```

I executed curl requests to make sure that the service operated properly:

```
curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{"what_to_do": "homework!", "due_date": "neva"}' http://localhost:5001/api/add
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Current
                                          Dload Upload
                                                              Total
                                                                                    Left
                                                                        Spent
                                                                                           Speed
                                                                                                309{"
                                    48
        65 100
                       17 100
100
                                             80
                                                     227 --:--
success":true}
:homa@LAPTOP-NPVECTV0 MINGW64 ~
 curl http://localhost:5001/api/items
                % Received % Xferd Average Speed
                                                              Time
                                                                        Time
                                                                                    Time
                                                                                           Current
                                         Dload Upload
                                                              Total
                                                                        Spent
                                                                                    Left
                                                                                           Speed
                                           1077
                                                       0 --:--
                                                                                              1090[{
due_date":"neva","status":"","what_to_do":"homework!!"}]
```

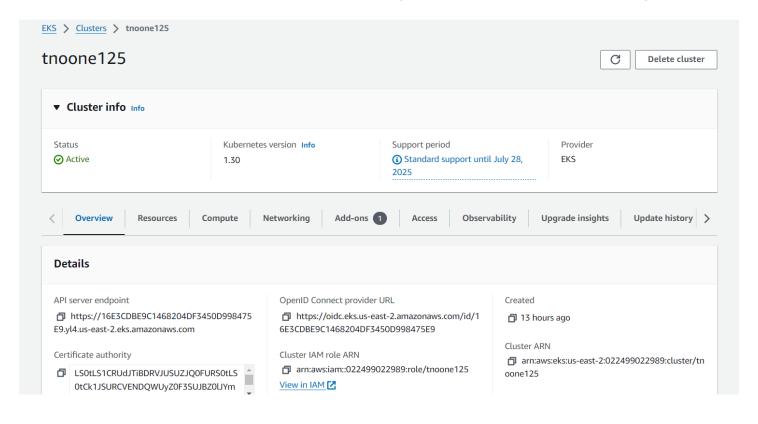
Now that my container works locally, I tagged the image and pushed to DockerHub:

```
docker tag api-api-service:latest tnoone125/api-service:latest
docker push tnoone125/api-service:latest
```

Deploy to Amazon Web Services - EKS with kubectl

I now wanted to experiment with a different cloud provider, so I created an AWS EKS Cluster. In my opinion, the dashboard is cleaner than the Google Cloud console:

GitHub Repository:



Here is me creating a cluster via the command line:

```
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws>eksctl create cluster --name cisc5550-api-service --region us-east-2 --version 1.30

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] using region us-east-2

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] using region us-east-2

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] setting availability zones to [us-east-2c us-east-2b us-east-2a]

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] subnets for us-east-2c - public:192.168.0.0/19 private:192.168.96.0/19

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] subnets for us-east-2b - public:192.168.30.0/19 private:192.168.128.0/19

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] subnets for us-east-2a - public:192.168.64.0/19 private:192.168.160.0/19

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] nodegroup "ng-3b1258d8" will use "" [AmazonLinux2/1.30]

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] using Kubernetes version 1.30

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] will create 2 separate CloudFormation stacks for cluster itself and the initial managed nodes

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] will create 2 separate CloudFormation console or try 'eksctl utils describe-stacks --region=us-east-2 --cluster=cisc5550-api-service

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [i] Wubernetes API endpoint access will use default of {publicAccess=true, privateAccess=false} for cluster "cisc5550-api-service" in "us-east-2"

2024-08-05 00:32:18 [ii] CloudWatch logging will not be enabled for cluster "cisc5550-api-service" in "us-east-2"
```

My goal is to use kubectl commands to deploy this API service to my cisc5550-api-service cluster.

I found a very cool CLI tool called "kompose" (https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/configure-pod-container/translate-compose-kubernetes/) which translates docker-compose.yml files to appropriate deployment/service.yaml files that can be applied in kubectl commands.

```
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kompose convert
WARN Failed to check if the directory is empty: readdir C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api\entries.sql: The system cannot find the path specified.
WARN Skip file in path C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api\entries.sql
WARN File don't exist or failed to check if the directory is empty: CreateFile :/var/lib/mysql: The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect.
INFO Kubernetes file "api-service-service.yaml" created
INFO Kubernetes file "mysql-service.yaml" created
INFO Kubernetes file "api-service-deployment.yaml" created
INFO Kubernetes file "mysql-deployment.yaml" created
INFO Kubernetes file "mysql-data-persistentvolumeclaim.yaml" created
```

Because I want the storage to last even when pods go down, I want to deploy a **persistent volume**. A persistent volume claim (PVC) which will request storage resources from the cluster. In this claim I specify that only one pod can write to storage at a time.

Checkout mysql-data-persistentvolumeclaim.yaml to see the full description of the PVC. You cannot create PV/PVC with plain kubectl command line, the .yaml file is necessary.

```
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kubectl apply -f mysql-data-persistentvolume.yaml
persistentvolume/mysql-data created
```

C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kubectl apply -f mysql-data-persistentvolumeclaim.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/mysql-data created

Note that the .yaml files generated by kompose were not perfect – I needed to add storageClassName: manual to both the PV and PVC yamls, and once I did and re-applied them, the persistent volume was "bound" to my PVC.

```
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kubectl apply -f mysql-data-persistentvolumeclaim.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/mysql-data created
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kubectl describe pvc mysql-data
              mysql-data
Name:
Namespace:
               default
StorageClass: manual
               Bound
Status:
Volume:
               mysql-data
Labels:
               io.kompose.service=mysql-data
Annotations:
              pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: yes
               pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: yes
Finalizers:
               [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]
               100Mi
Capacity:
Access Modes:
              RWO
VolumeMode:
               Filesystem
               mysql-f9db5d6d9-prsjr
Used By:
Events:
               <none>
```

Next, I ran kubectl apply -f mysql-deployment.yaml and kubectl apply -f mysql-service.yaml

This created the container which is running mysql, not the Python application. The kompose tool stipulated that this container should be mounted to the mysql-data persistent volume – it put this in the deployment.yaml:

volumeMounts:

```
    mountPath: /var/lib/mysql
        name: mysql-data
    restartPolicy: Always
    volumes:
        name: mysql-data
        persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: mysql-data
```

The mysql-deployment.yaml file included the database and user I wanted (todo / todouser) – but I still needed to create the entries table. So before starting the api-service container, I exec'd into the mysql pod:

```
kubectl get pods
kubectl exec mysql-f9db5d6d9-prsjr -it bash
bash-4.2#mysql -u root -proot
>USE todo;
>CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS entries (what_to_do VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL, due_date VARCHAR(100) DEFAULT '',
STATUS VARCHAR(100) DEFAULT '');
```

Even though this particular pod mysql-f9db5d6d9-prsjr is not persistent, the *volume* is persistent, so I only need to run this SQL command once.

Now it was time to deploy the Python application in the api-service container. Note that the .yaml file generated by compose did not have the proper image tag, so I had to manually edit it. I also had to add

type: LoadBalancer

to the specification for the service in order to expose the deployment with an external IP.

This also could easily have been done without .yaml files and simply used:

```
kubectl create deployment api-service --image=tnoone125/api-service:latest --port=5001
kubectl expose deployment api-service --type="Load Balancer"
kubectl get service api-service
```

Finally the backend service is completely up and running:

```
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kubectl get services
NAME
                              CLUSTER-IP
                                               EXTERNAL-IP
              TYPE
                                                                                                                            PORT(S)
                                                                                                                                             AGE
api-service
              LoadBalancer
                              10.100.128.119
                                               a2ae5f2eed9384523901bed8fc1dc923-1564554210.us-east-2.elb.amazonaws.com\\
                                                                                                                            5001:32059/TCP
                                                                                                                                             8m7s
                              10.100.0.1
                                                                                                                            443/TCP
kubernetes
              ClusterIP
                                               <none>
                                                                                                                                             96m
              ClusterIP
                              10.100.66.55
                                                                                                                            3306/TCP
mysql
                                                                                                                                             63m
                                               <none>
C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\api>kubectl get pods
                               READY
                                        STATUS
                                                  RESTARTS
                                                             AGE
api-service-65b687568b-4ws15
                                1/1
                                                              7m31s
                                        Running
                                                  0
mysql-f9db5d6d9-prsjr
                                1/1
                                        Running
                                                  0
                                                              66m
```

Note that the external IP for the api-service is within the amazonaws domain. I needed to create a firewall rule to allow HTTP traffic to my cluster. First I needed to obtain the security group ID for my cluster:

```
aws ec2 describe-security-groups --filters "Name=tag:aws:eks:cluster-name,Values=cisc5550-api-service" and then I could create the rule:

aws ec2 authorize-security-group-ingress --group-id sg-0c525d1a3b450d2b4 --protocol tcp --port 5001 --cidr 0.0.0.0/0
```

I tested out the API service through curl -

Before moving onto the front-end application, I also needed to test the **persistence** of my storage. Via curl I added an item to the database, but I needed to test that the item remained in the database once a new pod started. In Kubernetes, we generally do not restart pods, we *replace* them. So I ran the following command:

```
kubectl rollout restart deployment api-service
```

This particular command does not lead to any service downtime because it pro-actively starts up a new pod before shutting the old one down. Once again, with curl, I verified that my items were still persisted in the DB:

Developing the Web Server / Front-End Application

There is a handy script one can run to begin developing a ReactJS application:

```
npx create-react-app todo-app
```

It automatically generates a public/directory with an index.html file and an App.js serving up basic JSX component. JSX is HTML-like mark-up and describes what you want emitted from the browser.

The client-side React application is not enough, though. I also spun up an Express web server which can serve up the client-side webpage and communicate with the API service via HTTP protocol.

The endpoints for the Express web server are structured like so:

```
// SERVE UP THE HTML - create a Node.JS stream
// Documentation: https://react.dev/reference/react-dom/server/renderToPipeableStream#rendertopipeablestream
app.get('*', (req, res) => {
    const indexHtmlPath = path.join(buildPath, 'index.html');
    const indexHtml = fs.readFileSync(indexHtmlPath, 'utf8');
    const { pipe, abort: _abort } = ReactDOMServer.renderToPipeableStream(
          <StaticRouter location={req.url}>
              <App />
          </StaticRouter>
      </>,
        onShellReady() {
          res.statusCode = 200;
         res.setHeader("Content-type", "text/html");
          res.send(indexHtml);
        },
      }
    );
    pipe(res);
  });
app.listen(5000, () => {
  console.log("App is running on http://localhost:5000");
});
```

As for the actual client-side React, I maintained "stateful" representations of the items to display, whether the "add" form should be displayed, and whether we should show a loader icon (if still fetching items). None of these stateful items persist – when the user X's out the application, this information is gone. I will call out important code snippets:

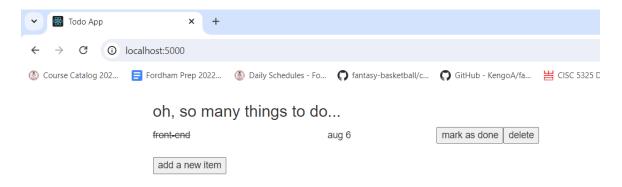
```
const [entries, setEntries] = useState([]);
const [showEntryForm, setShowEntryForm] = useState(false);
const [showLoader, setShowLoader] = useState(true);
// Upon React Component Mounting, fetch the items from the server
// This just occurs once.
useEffect(() => {
    const fetchItems = async () => {
      try {
        const response = await fetch('/items');
        const data = await response.json();
        setEntries(data.items);
        setShowLoader(false);
      } catch (error) {
        console.error('Error fetching data:', error);
    };
    fetchItems();
}, []);
```

This particular way of calling useEffect will cause my client-side application to call the "/items" endpoint from the Express-server immediately upon mounting to the Browser. It will add those items to the local state and stop showing the Loader. For those familiar with older versions of React, this is like componentDidMount.

Here are local helper functions for generating the table rows and an example of calling the local endpoint for deletion:

```
const deleteRow = async (i) => {
   const task = entries[i].what_to_do;
   setEntries(entries.slice(0, i).concat(entries.slice(i+1)));
   const response = await fetch(`/delete/${encodeURIComponent(task)}`, {
     method: 'PUT'
   });
   if (!response.ok) {
     console.error(`Error occurred when deleting ${task.what_to_do}.`);
   } else {
     console.log(`${task.what_to_do} deleted.`);
 }
 const getRowFromEntry = (entry, id) => {
   const addStrikethrough = entry.status === 'done';
   const className = addStrikethrough ? 'done' : 'not done';
   return (
     ...addStrikethrough ? { textDecoration: 'line-through' } : {}
        {entry.due_date}
        <button onClick={() => markRowAsDone(id)}>mark as done
        <button onClick={() => deleteRow(id)}>delete</button>
       );
```

I confirmed locally that the client-side application works – and immediately saw the one entry I had persisted through the API service via curl!



Dockerizing the Web Application

Like Homework 4, I created a Dockerfile, but I based the image on node:14. Upon starting the container we must run npm install and npm run build to build the React portion of the application. Finally, the container starts with node index/server.js and the express server will listen on port 5000. I used the same trick as the professor to pass the TODO API IP as a build argument (in my case, it is the amazonaws hostname).

I noticed that the docker build process took longer than the ubuntu image from Homework 4, and that is because npm install takes a while and more files must be copied. I added a .dockerignore file to make sure that node_modules/ and build/ were not copied into the image – those are automatically generated from the npm install and npm run build processes. Notice the timestamp on the RUN npm install:

```
internall load build definition from Dockerfile
   => transferring dockerfile: 335B
   [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:14
   [auth] library/node:pull token for registry-1.docker.io
  [internal] load .dockerignore
  => transferring context: 86B
=> [internal] load build context
                                                                                                                                    0.4s
  => transferring context: 258.50kB
                                                                                                                                    0.45
=> [1/6] FROM docker.io/library/node:14@sha256:a158d3b9b4e3fa813fa6c8c590b8f0a860e015ad4e59bbce5744d2f6fd8461aa
                                                                                                                                    0.0s
   CACHED [2/6] WORKDIR /usr/src/app
                                                                                                                                    0.0s
                                                                                                                                    0.2s
   [4/6] RUN npm install
                                                                                                                                  109.3s
   [5/6]
        COPY
=> [6/6] RUN npm run build
=> exporting to image
                                                                                                                                   27.4s
=> => exporting layers
                                                                                                                                   27.3s
=> => writing image sha256:dca57840315a48dd81fb87e8f464f9bb1dc35b77e9e7d082ef8b99b52e80cfa2
                                                                                                                                    0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/tnoone125/todo-web-application:latest
```

After pushing to DockerHub, I could test the container locally with: docker run -d -p 5000:5000 tnoone125/todo-express-application:latest

Deploying to Kubernetes - Gcloud

I followed simple gcloud commands (like Homework 4) to deploy this web application to a Google Cloud cluster.

```
PS C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> gcloud services enable container.googleapis.com Operation "operations/acf.p2-215002388658-cecbcfc9-2df5-41d9-90db-d2514b767127" finished successfully.
PS C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> gcloud container clusters create cisc5550-final-project --zone=us-east1-b
Default change: VPC-native is the default mode during cluster creation for versions greater than 1.21.0-gke.1500. To create advanced r outes based clusters, please pass the `--no-enable-ip-alias` flag
Note: The Kubelet readonly port (10255) is now deprecated. Please update your workloads to use the recommended alternatives. See https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/how-to/disable-kubelet-readonly-port for ways to check usage and for migration instructions
Note: Your Pod address range (`--cluster-ipv4-cidr`) can accommodate at most 1008 node(s).
Creating cluster cisc5550-final-project in us-east1-b... Cluster is being configured.../
```

After the cluster was created, I ran:

```
kubectl create deployment todo-webapp -image=tnoone125/todo-express-application:latest --port=5000
kubectl expose deployment -type=LoadBalancer
gcloud compute firewall-rules create allow-http-5000 --allow tcp:5000
gcloud compute firewall-rules create allow-http-80 --allow tcp:80
kubectl get services
```

```
kubeconfig entry generated for cisc5550-final-project.
NAME LOCATION MASTER_VERSION MASTER_IP MACHINE_TYPE NODE_VERSION NUM_NODES STATUS
cisc5550-final-project us-east1-b 1.29.6-gke.1254000 104.196.159.162 e2-medium 1.29.6-gke.1254000 3 RUNNING
PS C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> kubectl create deployment todo-webapp --image=tnoone125/todo-express-a
 deployment.apps/todo-webapp created
PS C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> kubectl expose deployment todo-webapp --type=LoadBalancer
PS C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> kubectl get service todo-webapp
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE
5000:30330/TCP 185
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE
todo-webapp LoadBalancer 34.118.232.153 
road-webapp LoadBalance
                                                        NETWORK
                                                                                     DIRECTION PRIORITY ALLOW
                                                                                                                                                                                           DENY DISABLED
Allow-http-5000 default INGRESS 1000 tcp:5000 False

PS C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> gcloud compute firewall-rules create allow-http-80 --allow tcp:80

Creating firewall...-Created [https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/cisc5550-final-project/global/firewalls/allow-http-80].
Creating firewall...done.
NAME NETWORK DIRECTION PRIORITY ALLOW
allow-http-80 default INGRESS 1000 tcp:80
                                                                                                                                                                              DENY DISABLED
                                                                                                                                                     tcp:80
                                                                                                                                                                                                    False
         C:\User\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\CISC 5500\cisc5550-final-project-aws\todo-app> kubectl get service todo-webapp
ME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE
                                                                                                                                                                                                          5000:30330/TCP
                                                                                                34.118.232.153
                                                                                                                                                         34.73.124.70
```

And finally – I could reach the remote web application, which is properly communicating with the API service!

