Dockerize a simple PHP application and deploy it on an AWS EC2 instance. This application will interact with a MySQL database hosted on AWS RDS

#### Task:

**Objective**: Dockerize a simple PHP application and deploy it on an AWS EC2 instance. This application will interact with a MySQL database hosted on AWS RDS.

### Task Details:

### 1. Create a PHP Web Application

- Create a simple PHP application that interacts with a MySQ¹L database.
- Take any basic application from any github repository.
- The application can be a basic form that takes user input and stores it in a MySQL database.

## 2. Dockerize the PHP Application

• Create a Dockerfile for the application. This Dockerfile should use an official PHP Docker image and should copy your application files into the appropriate directory within the Docker image.

### 3. Set Up MySQL Database on AWS RDS

 Create a MySQL database instance on AWS RDS. Connect your PHP application to this database and ensure it works as expected.

### 4. Manual Deployment to EC2

- Create an AWS EC2 instance and install Docker on it.
- Manually transfer your PHP application files and Dockerfile to the EC2 instance.
- On the EC2 instance, build your Docker image using the docker build command and run it using the docker run command. Ensure the PHP application is able to connect and interact with the MySQL database hosted on AWS RDS.

### 5. Testing

• Test your application by accessing the public IP of your EC2 instance. Verify that your application can read and write to the database.

### 6. Set Up CI\CD (Use AWS Codepipeline or Jenkins):

- Create a GitHub repository for your PHP application and push your code to it.
- Set up an AWS CodePipeline that uses your GitHub repository as a source.
- In the build spec file, specify commands to build your Docker image and push it to AWS Elastic Container Registry (ECR)
- Add a deployment stage
- This stage will be triggered once the build stage completes successfully.

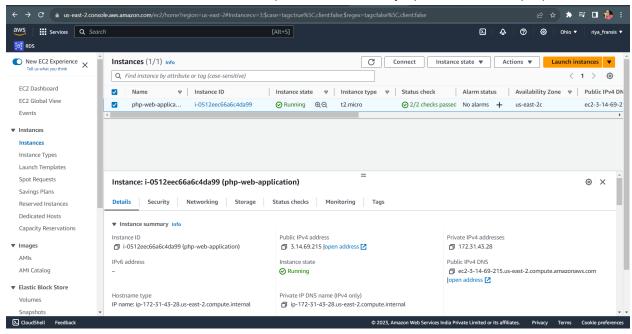
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 During this stage, AWS CodeDeploy will take the new Docker image, as specified in your AppSpec file, and run it on your EC2 instance.

You can use Jenkins as well.2

First create an ec2 instance (https,http,ssh,mysql/aurora)and mysql database in RDS. Note down the database name, username and password of the mysql for connection purposes.

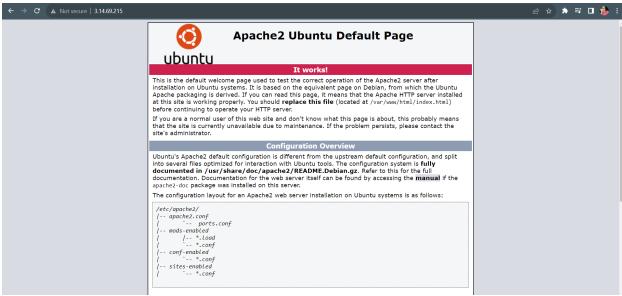


Then we want to install php and mysql-php dependency on our ec2 instance.

sudo su sudo apt update sudo apt install apache2 sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php php-mysql

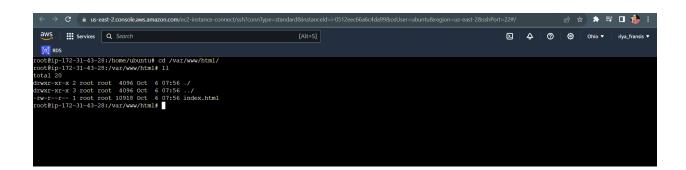
Then using the public ip of the instance, check if apache is installed or not. If installed it will show like this welcome page

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So we are going to create our simple-php application (Just demo application) in this ec2 instance. So go inside the /var/www/html/ page then see what are the files present there(do II).



Here we want to create an index.php file which contains the basic php 'hello world' code. sudo vi index.php

```
<?php
  echo "Hello, World!";
?>
```

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Then change the apache welcome page to our index.php code as the welcome page

## mv index.html index.html\_bkp

Then verify the application is accessible.



Then check that RDS is reachable or not using telnet command

# telnet endpoint of RDS 3306

If it is showing and not connected then go to the RDS security group, add mysql/Aurora and source as the security group of the ec2 instance.

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i-0512eec66a6c4da99 (php-web-application)

Publicips: 3.14.69.215 PrivatelPs: 172.31.43.28

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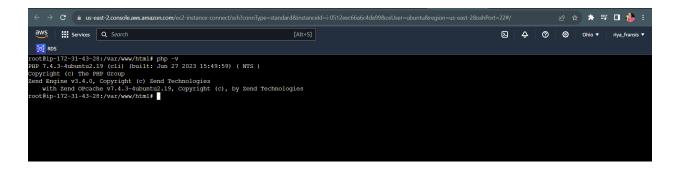
For the connection we need a mysql client. So install mysql client.

## sudo apt install mysql-client

```
Get:1 http://us-east-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 mysql-client-core-8.0 amd64 8.0.34-0ubuntu0.20.04.1 [5075 kB]
Get:2 http://us-east-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-main amd64 mysql-common all 5.8+1.0.5ubuntu2 [7496 B]
Get:3 http://us-east-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 mysql-client-8.0 amd64 8.0.34-0ubuntu0.20.04.1 [22.0 kB]
Get:4 http://us-east-2.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 mysql-client all 8.0.34-0ubuntu0.20.04.1 [9356 B]
Fetched 5114 kB in OS (33.5 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package mysql-client-core-8.0.8
(Reading database ... 62812 files and directories currently installed.)
Fetched 5116 previously unselected package mysql-common.
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To Check the php version,

php -v



We need to pass the credentials to connect with database

So add credentials in the db.inc.php

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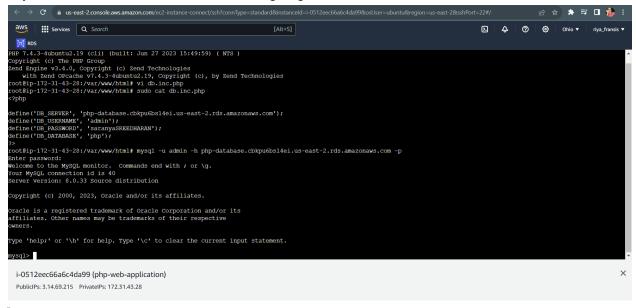
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```
sudo vi db.inc.php
```

```
<?php

define('DB_SERVER', 'db_instance_endpoint');
define('DB_USERNAME', 'tutorial_user');
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'master password');
define('DB_DATABASE', 'sample');
?>
```

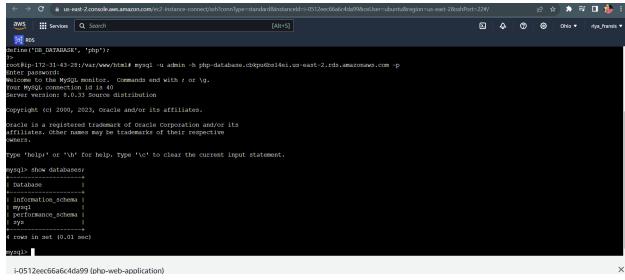
Give the endpoint, username and password of mysql database. That 'sample' is representing any of the database name which we are going to create



Then connect with the mysql

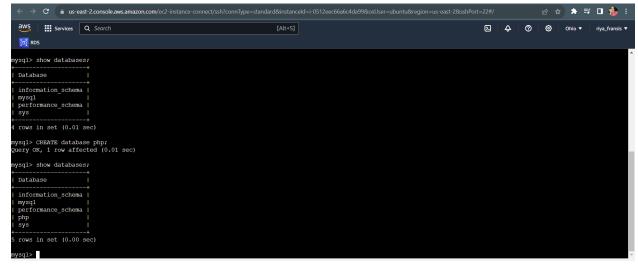
mysql -u username -h endpoint -p password

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## show databases;

# CREATE database php



### Application is available.

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```
sudo vi samplepage.php
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```
Then add the below content for the connection.
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Refer amazon official page

```
<?php include "../inc/dbinfo.inc"; ?>
<html>
<body>
<h1>Sample page</h1>
<?php
 /* Connect to MySQL and select the database. */
 $connection = mysqli connect(DB SERVER, DB USERNAME, DB PASSWORD);
 if (mysqli connect errno()) echo "Failed to connect to MySQL: " . mysqli connect error();
 $database = mysqli_select_db($connection, DB_DATABASE);
 /* Ensure that the EMPLOYEES table exists. */
 VerifyEmployeesTable($connection, DB DATABASE);
 /* If input fields are populated, add a row to the EMPLOYEES table. */
 $employee name = htmlentities($ POST['NAME']);
 $employee address = htmlentities($ POST['ADDRESS']);
 if (strlen($employee name) || strlen($employee address)) {
  AddEmployee($connection, $employee_name, $employee_address);
?>
<!-- Input form -->
<form action="<?PHP echo $ SERVER['SCRIPT NAME'] ?>" method="POST">
 NAME
   ADDRESS
  <input type="text" name="NAME" maxlength="45" size="30" />
   <input type="text" name="ADDRESS" maxlength="90" size="60" />
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<input type="submit" value="Add Data" />
  </form>
<!-- Display table data. -->
ID
 NAME
 ADDRESS
<?php
$result = mysqli_query($connection, "SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES");
while($query_data = mysqli_fetch_row($result)) {
echo "";
echo "",$query_data[0], "",
   "",$query_data[1], "",
   "",$query_data[2], "";
echo "";
?>
<!-- Clean up. -->
<?php
mysqli_free_result($result);
mysqli_close($connection);
?>
</body>
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```
<?php
/* Add an employee to the table. */
function AddEmployee($connection, $name, $address) {
 $n = mysqli real escape string($connection, $name);
 $a = mysqli_real_escape_string($connection, $address);
 $query = "INSERT INTO EMPLOYEES (NAME, ADDRESS) VALUES ('$n', '$a');";
 if(!mysqli_query($connection, $query)) echo("Error adding employee data.");
/* Check whether the table exists and, if not, create it. */
function VerifyEmployeesTable($connection, $dbName) {
 if(!TableExists("EMPLOYEES", $connection, $dbName))
  $query = "CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEES (
     ID int(11) UNSIGNED AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    NAME VARCHAR(45),
    ADDRESS VARCHAR(90)
   )";
  if(!mysqli_query($connection, $query)) echo("Error creating table.");
/* Check for the existence of a table. */
function TableExists($tableName, $connection, $dbName) {
 $t = mysgli real escape string($connection, $tableName);
 $d = mysqli_real_escape_string($connection, $dbName);
 $checktable = mysgli query($connection,
   "SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM information_schema.TABLES WHERE TABLE_NAME = '$t'
AND TABLE_SCHEMA = '$d'");
 if(mysqli num rows($checktable) > 0) return true;
 return false:
?>
```

Now we are able communicate with the database as well.



So now the application is available in the public ip of the ec2 instance. Now we are going to dockerize the application. For that install docker in the ec2 instance.

Sudo apt install -y docker.io

Then create Dockerfile. (Make sure you are creating your Dockerfile inside /var/www/html/ folder because all your application code is available there.)

This is the Dockerfile.

# Use an official PHP runtime as the base image FROM php:7.4-apache

# Set the working directory to /var/www/html WORKDIR /var/www/html

# Install the PHP MySQL extension RUN docker-php-ext-install mysqli

# Copy the application code into the container COPY . /var/www/html

# Expose port 80 for Apache EXPOSE 80

# Start the Apache web server

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# CMD ["apache2-foreground"]

Then build the image and run the container

Build the docker image

docker build -t sarus23/my-php-app:1.0.

Then run the application

docker run -d -p 8080:80 sarus23/my-php-app:1.0

Our application is available in port 8080. So we containerized<sup>10</sup> our application and verified it in our local machine.

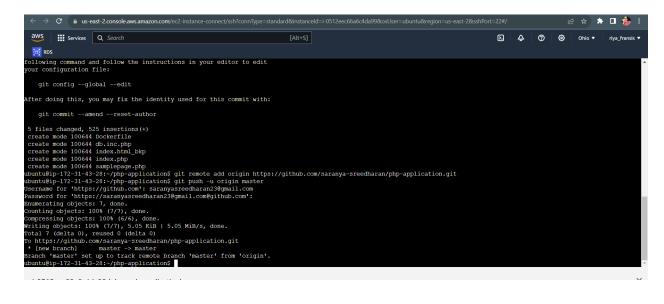


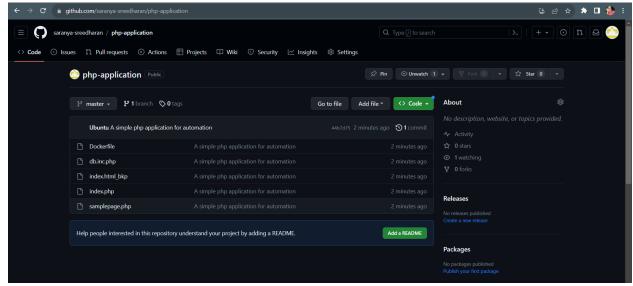


So next we will upload this code in a github repository. The code is available in

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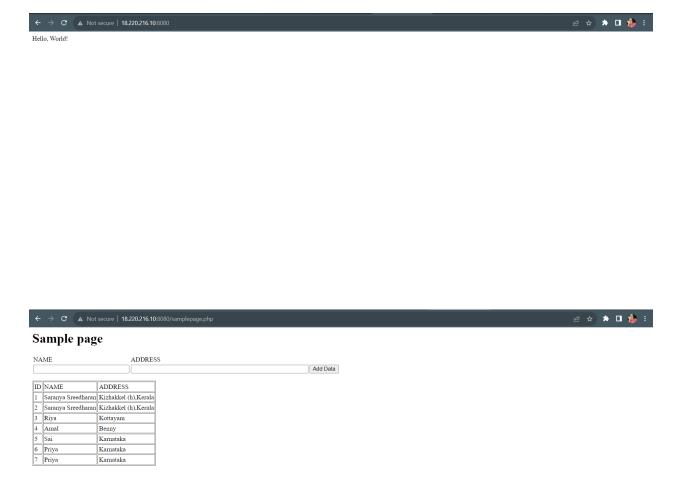
## https://github.com/saranya-sreedharan/php-application





To verify that I created another ec2 instance and clone the repo then installed docker in the system then run the image the application is working fine now then to get the database connection we need to manually connect the instance with the database. Take the ec2 instance <sup>11</sup>security group then add that security group in the RDS instance security group. Then make sure that application is available.

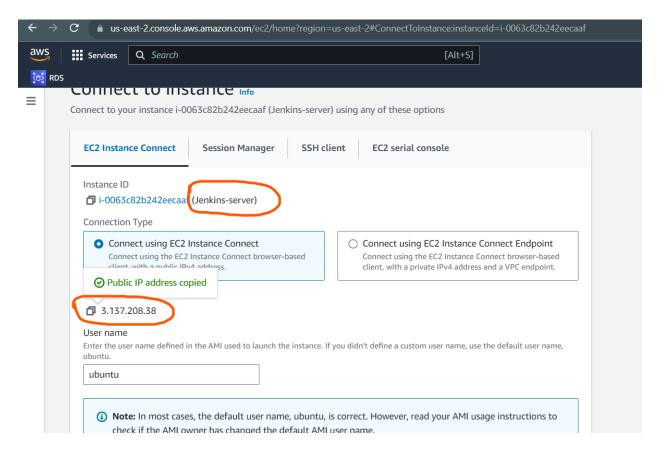
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Then we need to create a CICD pipeline using jenkins. So we are installing Jenkins using the below commands.

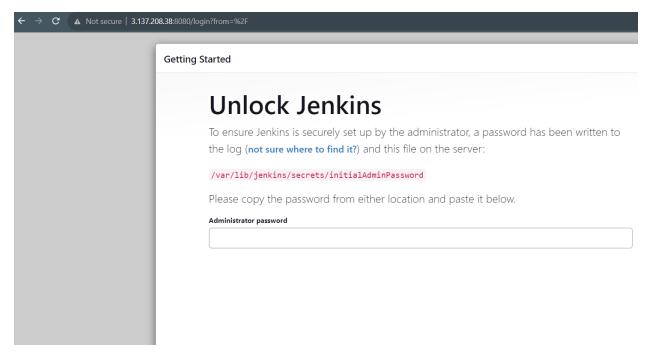
## Jenkins installation document

Jenkins installed and running successfully.

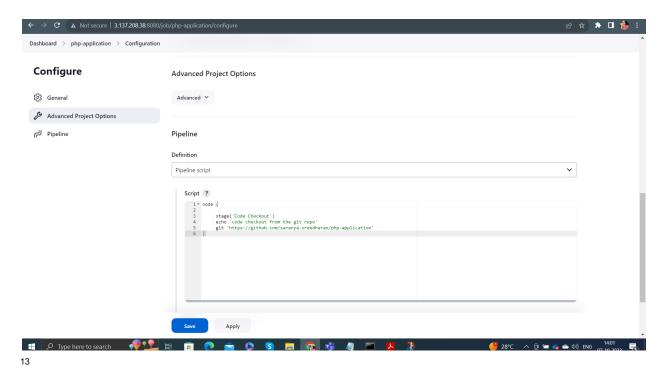


Setup the jenkins. Install recommended plugins.

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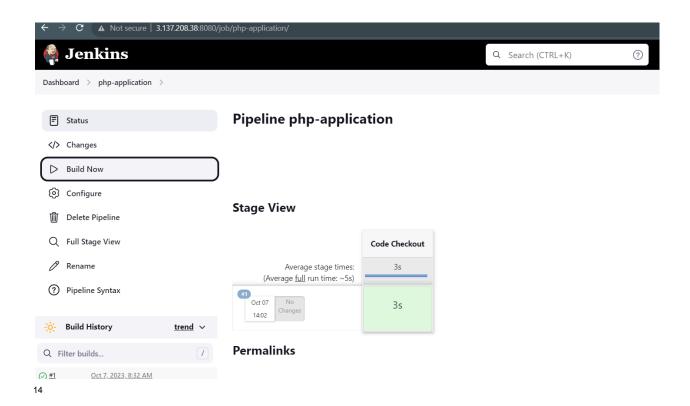


Code checkout stage. Clone the project from the git repository.

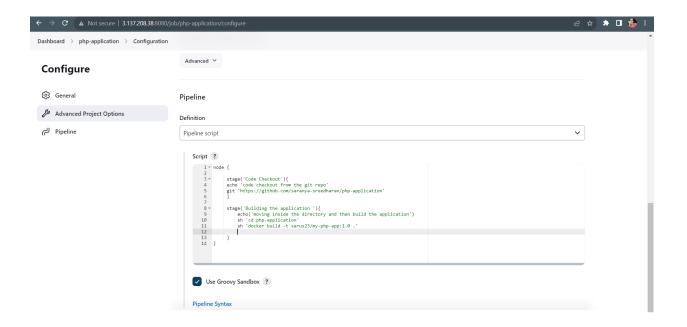


Successfully clone the project.

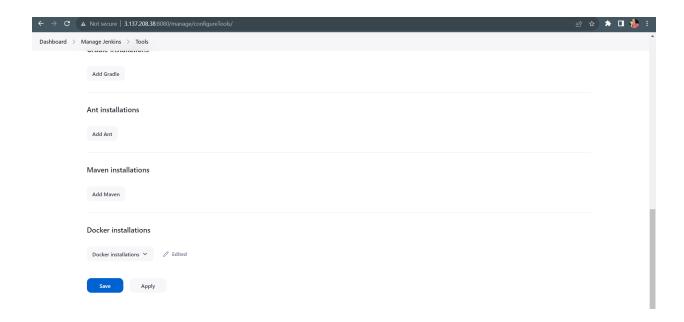
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Install docker in jenkins(Manage jenkins- plugins-docker) then setup the docker in the tools.



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Give the permission to jenkins to run the docker commands sudo usermod -aG docker jenkins

```
i-O063c82b242eecaaf (Jenkins-server)

Protesting up ubuntu-ran (0.12.13ubuntu0.1) ...

Preated symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/ubuntu-fan.service → /lib/systemd/system/ubuntu2rocessing triggers for systemd (245.4-4ubuntu3.21) ...

Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.1-1) ...

Processing triggers for dbus (1.12.16-2ubuntu2.3) ...

Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-0ubuntu9.9) ...

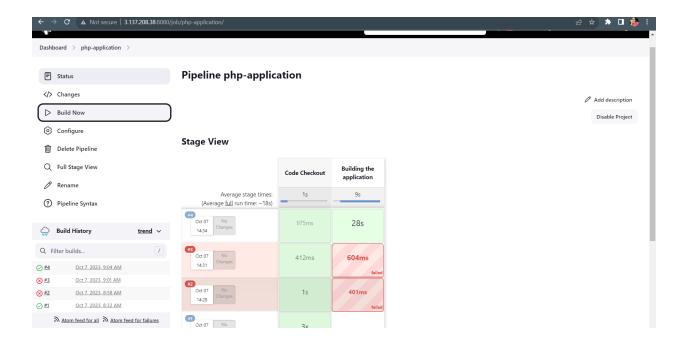
ubuntu@ip-172-31-34-236:~/php-application$ sudo usermod -aG docker jenkins

i-O063c82b242eecaaf (Jenkins-server)

PublicIPs: 3.137.208.38 PrivateIPs: 172.31.34.236
```

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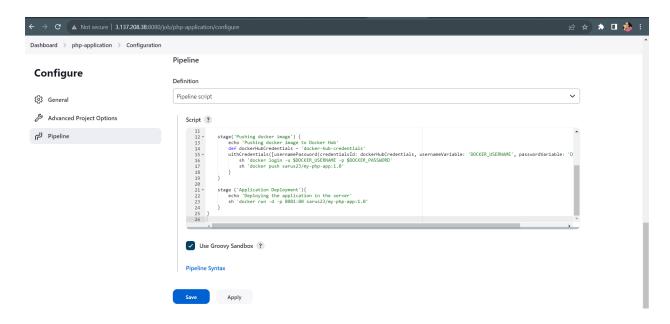
Then push the image to docker hub. Store the username and password in the global credentials then use this credentials in the pipeline for push the image in to docker hub.

```
stage('Pushing docker image') {
    echo 'Pushing docker image to Docker Hub'
    def dockerHubCredentials = 'docker-hub-credentials'
    withCredentials([usernamePassword(credentialsId: dockerHubCredentials,
    usernameVariable: 'DOCKER_USERNAME', passwordVariable: 'DOCKER_PASSWORD')]) {
        sh 'docker login -u $DOCKER_USERNAME -p $DOCKER_PASSWORD'
        sh 'docker push sarus23/my-php-app:1.0'
    }
}
```

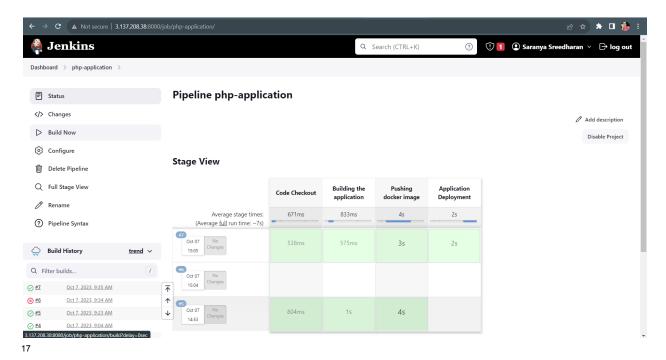
<sup>16</sup>Then deploy the application. Run the docker image in the pipeline as the next stage to deploy our application.

```
stage ('Application Deployment'){
    echo 'Deploying the application in the server'
    sh 'docker run -d -p 8081:80 sarus23/my-php-app:1.0'
}
```

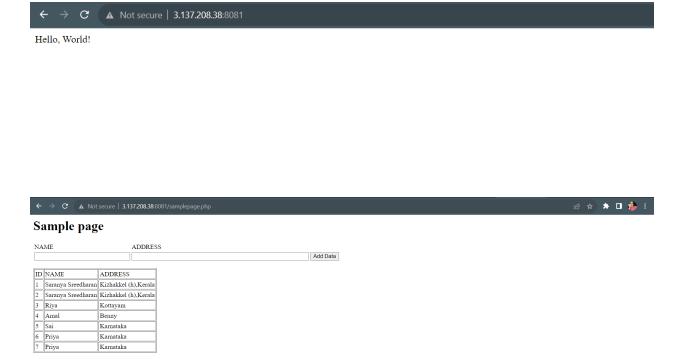
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So successfully we deployed our application. Verify with the jenkins server ip address to access the application and user input page(samplepage.php)



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Successfully Dockerized a PHP application and deployed it on an AWS EC2 instance conn<sup>18</sup>ected to an AWS RDS MySQL database!.

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