Secure DevOps – Project 3 Final Report (ISEC6000)

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Demo Recording Link: *(To be added later – Teams / MySharePoint)*

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1. Docker Setup & Validation

1.1 Validate User Permissions

Why: Ensure Docker commands require `sudo` for secure container management.

Commands Used:

```
docker ps
sudo docker ps
```

Evidence:

```
Setting up containerd.io (1.7.28-0~ubuntu.22.04~jammy) ...
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/containerd.s
ervice → /lib/systemd/system/containerd.service.
Setting up docker-compose-plugin (2.40.0-1~ubuntu.22.04~jammy) ...
Setting up docker-ce-cli (5:28.5.1-1~ubuntu.22.04~jammy) ...
Setting up libslirp0:amd64 (4.6.1-1build1) ...
Setting up pigz (2.6-1) ...
Setting up docker-ce-rootless-extras (5:28.5.1-1~ubuntu.22.04~jammy) ...
Setting up slirp4netns (1.0.1-2) ...
Setting up docker-ce (5:28.5.1-1~ubuntu.22.04~jammy) ...
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/docker.servi
ce → /lib/systemd/system/docker.service.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/docker.socket →
 /lib/systemd/system/docker.socket.
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-0ubuntu3.11) ...
Synchronizing state of docker.service with SysV service script with /lib
/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable docker
Docker version 28.5.1, build e180ab8
Docker Compose version v2.40.0
root@VrushtiHP:~#
```

Figure 1: Docker installation verified.

```
   https://ubuntu.com/engage/secure-kubernetes-at-the-edge

This message is shown once a day. To disable it please create the
/home/a3test/.hushlogin file.
a3test@VrushtiHP:~$ sudo docker ps
[sudo] password for a3test:
a3test is not in the sudoers file.  This incident will be reported.
a3test@VrushtiHP:~$ sudo docker ps
[sudo] password for a3test:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for a3test:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for a3test:
```

Figure 2: Non-sudo Docker command fails.

```
root@VrushtiHP:~# sudo docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND   CREATED   STATUS    PORTS     NAMES
root@VrushtiHP:~#
```

Figure 3: Docker runs successfully with sudo privileges.

Outcome:

Confirmed that Docker requires administrative privileges, maintaining least-privilege principles and secure operation.

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2. Compose & Portainer Deployment

2.1 Apply Restart Policies

Why: To ensure service resilience and automatic recovery after failure.

Commands Used:

```
docker compose config
```

Evidence:

```
-bash: cd: C:: No such file or directory
root@VrushtiHP:~# # go to the Portainer folder on C:
cd /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer

# show files (Linux ls works here)
ls -la

# show the compose content to capture the restart policy
nl -ba compose.yaml | sed -n '1,120p'
total 8
dr-xr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Oct 10 14:39 .
dr-xr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Oct 10 14:12 ..
-r-xr-xr-x 1 root root 1771 Aug 16  2022 README.md
-r-xr-xr-x 1 root root  312 Aug 16  2022 compose.yaml
-r-xr-xr-x 1 root root 1320 Oct 10 13:41 portainer.zip
     1  services:
     2    portainer:
     3      image: portainer/portainer-ce:alpine
     4      container_name: portainer
     5      command: -H unix:///var/run/docker.sock
     6      ports:
     7        - "9000:9000"
     8      volumes:
     9        - "/var/run/docker.sock:/var/run/docker.sock"
    10        - "portainer_data:/data"
    11      restart: always
    12
    13  volumes:
    14    portainer_data:
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer#
```

Figure 4: Restart policies successfully applied.

Observation:
Services restart automatically upon crash or reboot, improving system reliability.

2.2 Bring Up Containers and Verify Status

Why: Validate container health and Portainer dashboard visibility.

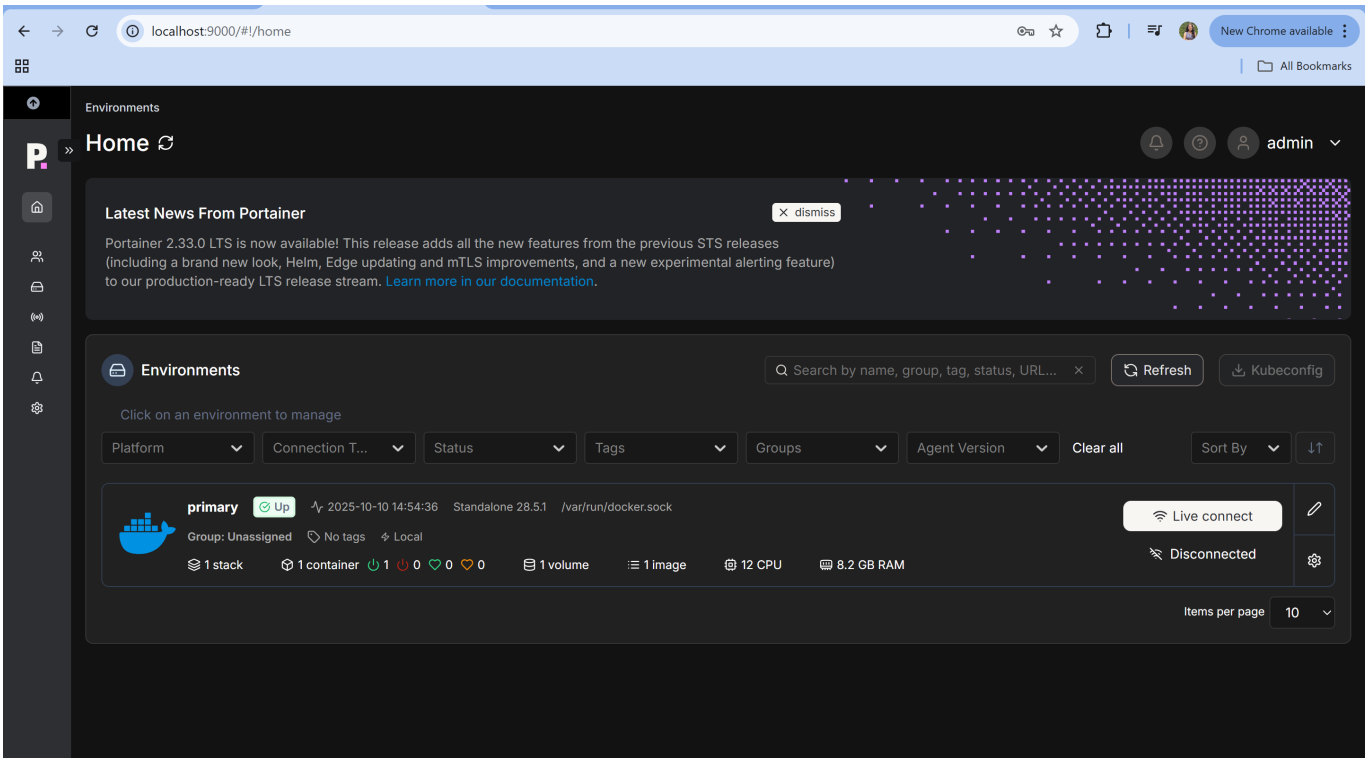
Commands Used:

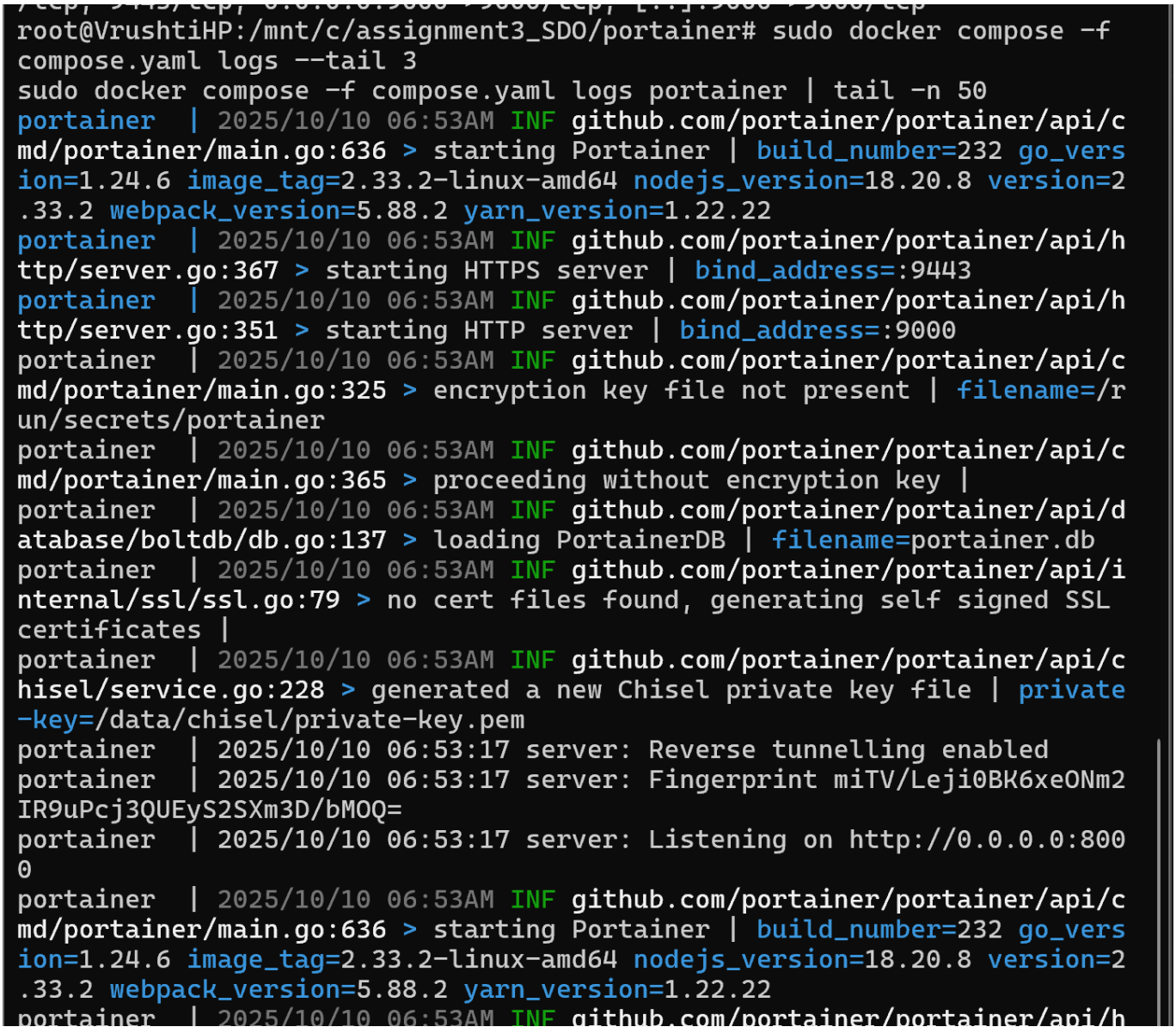
```
docker compose up -d
docker ps
```

Evidence:

```
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer# # bring the stack up in
 detached mode
sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml up -d

# check that it started
sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml ps

# confirm container details and exposed port
sudo docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Image}}\t{{.Status}}\t{{.P
orts}}"
[+] Running 0/1
 ⠼ portainer Pulling                                                0.0s
```

```
# bring it up
sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml up -d

# verify
sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml ps
sudo docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Image}}\t{{.Status}}\t{{.P
orts}}"
[+] Running 3/3
 ✔ Network portainer_default        Created                          0.1s
 ✔ Volume portainer_portainer_data  Created                          0.0s
 ✔ Container portainer              Start...                         0.5s
NAME        IMAGE                          COMMAND                  SER
VICE     CREATED        STATUS                  PORTS
portainer   portainer/portainer-ce:alpine   "/portainer -H unix:…"   por
tainer   1 second ago   Up Less than a second   8000/tcp, 9443/tcp, 0.0.
0.0:9000->9000/tcp, [::]:9000->9000/tcp
NAMES       IMAGE                          STATUS                   PORT
S
portainer   portainer/portainer-ce:alpine   Up Less than a second   8000
/tcp, 9443/tcp, 0.0.0.0:9000->9000/tcp, [::]:9000->9000/tcp
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer#
```





Figures 5–8: Containers active and visible in Portainer.

Observation:
All services were active (“Up”) and accessible through Portainer, confirming proper orchestration.

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3. Nextcloud Multi-Container Setup

3.1 Deploy Nextcloud Stack

Why: Demonstrate multi-container orchestration using Docker Compose.

Commands Used:

```
docker compose up -d
docker compose ps
```

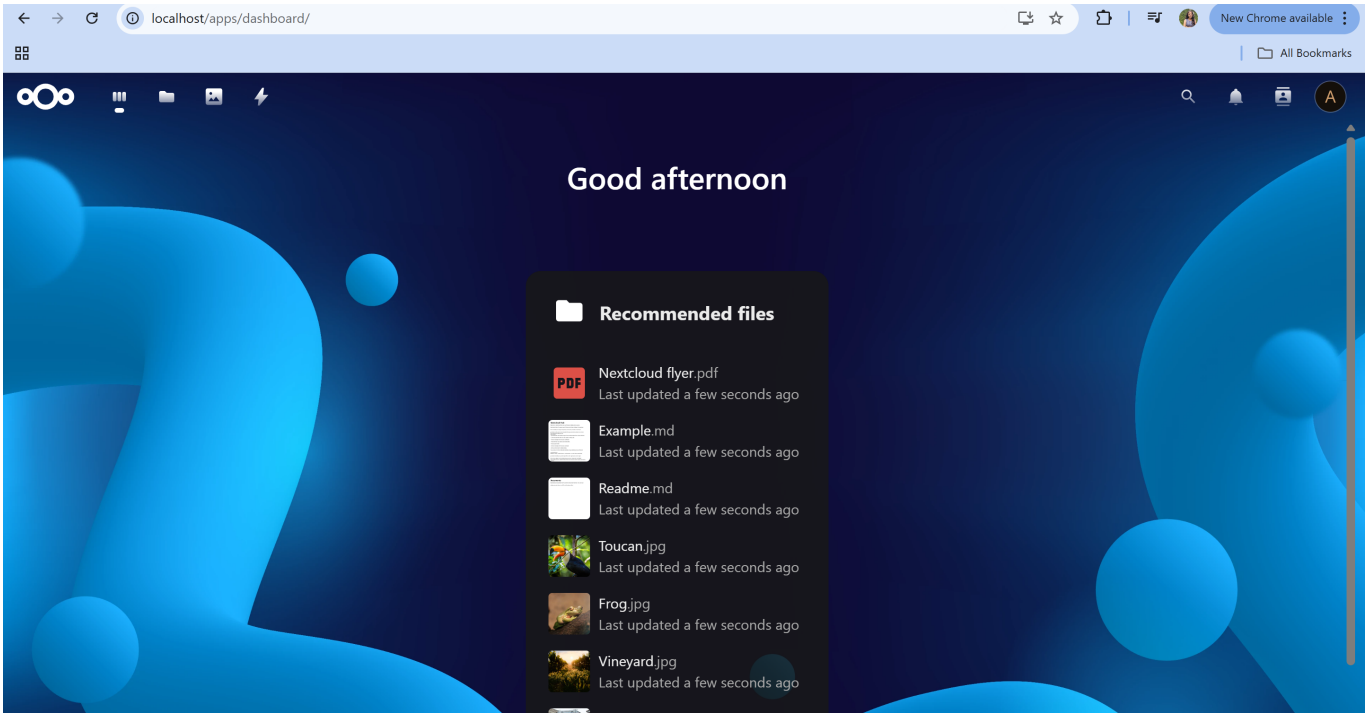
Evidence:

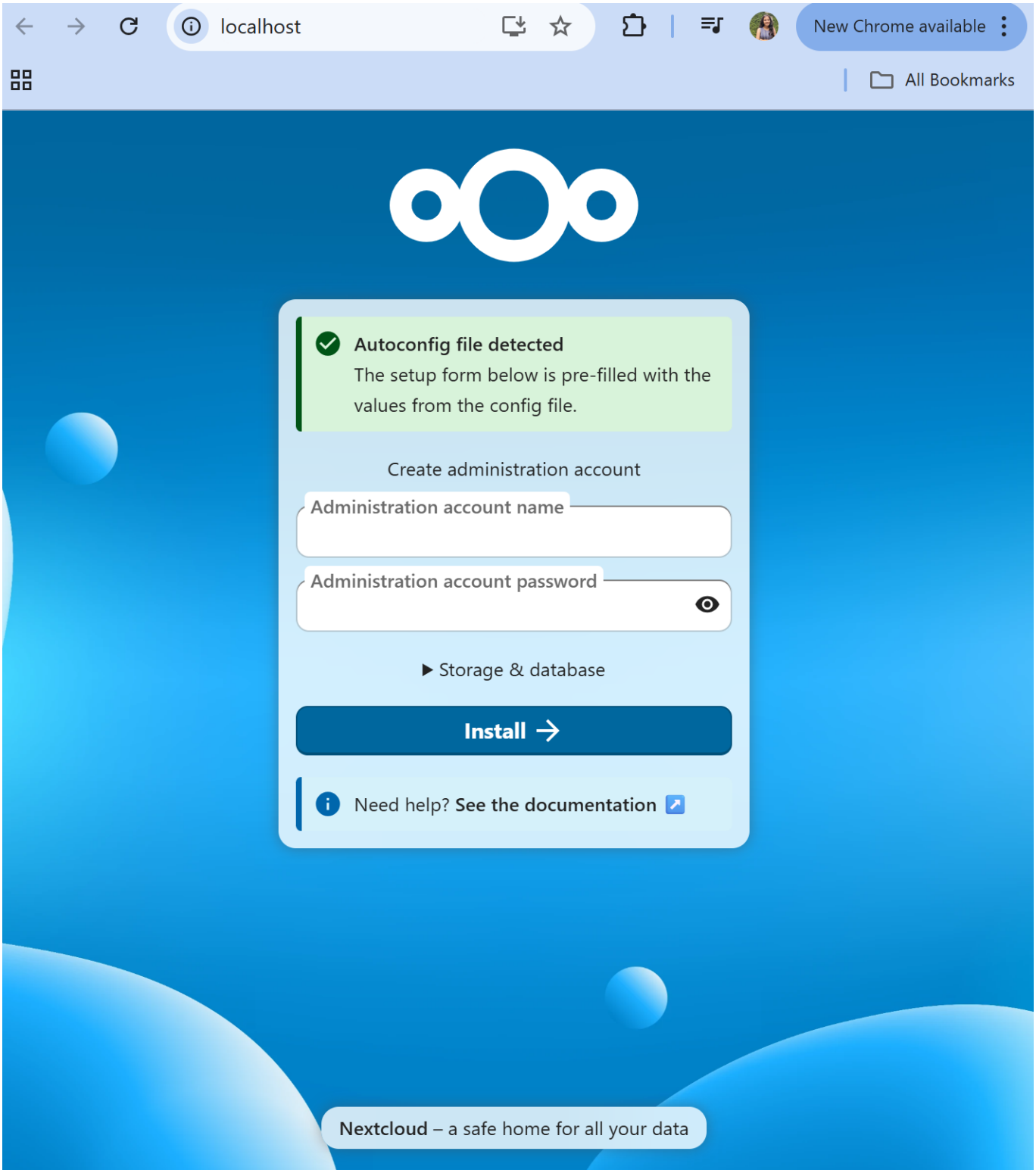
```
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud# nl -ba compose.yaml | s
ed -n '1,60p'
     1  version: "3.9"
     2  services:
     3    nc:
     4      image: nextcloud:apache
     5      environment:
     6        - POSTGRES_HOST=db
     7        - POSTGRES_PASSWORD=nextcloud
     8        - POSTGRES_DB=nextcloud
     9        - POSTGRES_USER=nextcloud
    10      ports:
    11        - 80:80
    12      depends_on:
    13        - db
    14      restart: always
    15      volumes:
    16        - nc_data:/var/www/html
    17    db:
    18      image: postgres:alpine
    19      environment:
    20        - POSTGRES_PASSWORD=nextcloud
    21        - POSTGRES_DB=nextcloud
    22        - POSTGRES_USER=nextcloud
    23      restart: always
    24      volumes:
    25        - db_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data
    26      expose:
    27        - 5432
    28  volumes:
    29    db_data:
    30    nc_data:
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud#
```

```
sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml ps
sudo docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Image}}\t{{.Status}}\t{{.P
orts}}"
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud/compose.yaml: the attribute
`version` is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid pot
ential confusion
[+] Running 35/35
 ✔nc Pulled                                                    119.3s
   ✔8c7716127147 Pull complete                                  26.2s
   ✔24403a1f6855 Pull complete                                  26.2s
   ✔e1cf44d6017a Pull complete                                  52.3s
   ✔2489d5e860a7 Pull complete                                  52.3s
   ✔0248257cbd51 Pull complete                                  52.9s
   ✔dd53cf9bf4cf Pull complete                                  52.9s
   ✔a139c2f3234a Pull complete                                  52.9s
   ✔6571cfdbe5b2 Pull complete                                  53.1s
   ✔8d83c968ca9a Pull complete                                  53.1s
   ✔fddb92e888a7 Pull complete                                  53.8s
   ✔749b92ea0995 Pull complete                                  53.9s
   ✔4eed3454c20c Pull complete                                  53.9s
   ✔00ef78e422f0 Pull complete                                  53.9s
   ✔004f06ab2f6c Pull complete                                  54.0s
   ✔4f4fb700ef54 Pull complete                                  54.0s
   ✔f73547ce6f94 Pull complete                                  55.0s
```

```
 ✔ 4280bfef4a0a Pull complete                                    68.3s
 ✔ 752d62647726 Pull complete                                    68.3s
 ✔ 6d080793c48e Pull complete                                    68.4s
 ✔ 911a21efdd12 Pull complete                                    68.4s
 ✔ 69dbc5e00592 Pull complete                                   114.7s
 ✔ 2cf959885bb1 Pull complete                                   114.7s
 ✔ 004f1030f44f Pull complete                                   114.7s
✔ db Pulled                                                      52.3s
 ✔ 2d35ebdb57d9 Pull complete                                    3.1s
 ✔ 46db23e05a56 Pull complete                                    3.1s
 ✔ 833fdfa073fc Pull complete                                    3.2s
 ✔ 7c4d4fb41140 Pull complete                                    3.2s
 ✔ 0a2085b16e4b Pull complete                                   47.6s
 ✔ 6d26df99ae56 Pull complete                                   47.7s
 ✔ 467ef20d83f9 Pull complete                                   47.7s
 ✔ fb36e12c7408 Pull complete                                   47.7s
 ✔ b3171638045e Pull complete                                   47.7s
 ✔ d2409d732065 Pull complete                                   47.8s
```

```
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud/compose.yaml: the attribute
`version` is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid pot
ential confusion
NAME             IMAGE              COMMAND                  SERVICE   C
REATED         STATUS                  PORTS
nextcloud-db-1   postgres:alpine    "docker-entrypoint.s…"   db        2
 seconds ago   Up 1 second             5432/tcp
nextcloud-nc-1   nextcloud:apache   "/entrypoint.sh apac…"   nc        1
 second ago    Up Less than a second   0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, [::]:80->80/t
cp
NAMES            IMAGE                          STATUS
 PORTS
nextcloud-nc-1   nextcloud:apache               Up Less than a second
 0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, [::]:80->80/tcp
nextcloud-db-1   postgres:alpine                Up 1 second
 5432/tcp
portainer        portainer/portainer-ce:alpine   Up 16 minutes
 8000/tcp, 9443/tcp, 0.0.0.0:9000->9000/tcp, [::]:9000->9000/tcp
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud#
```


localhost/apps/dashboard/
New Chrome available
All Bookmarks
Good afternoon
Recommended files
Nextcloud flyer.pdf
Last updated a few seconds ago
Example.md
Last updated a few seconds ago
Readme.md
Last updated a few seconds ago
Toucan.jpg
Last updated a few seconds ago
Frog.jpg
Last updated a few seconds ago
Vineyard.jpg
Last updated a few seconds ago



Figures 9–13: Nextcloud and PostgreSQL containers successfully deployed and linked.

Result:
Nextcloud web interface and database communication verified through browser UI and logs.

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4. Clair Cluster Configuration

4.1 Run Clair Stack and Check Containers

Why: Set up Clair v4 with PostgreSQL backend for vulnerability scanning.

Commands Used:

```
docker compose up -d
docker compose ps
```

Evidence:

```
root@VrushtiHP:~/clair# docker compose ps
NAME             IMAGE                                COMMAND
    SERVICE          CREATED       STATUS                  PORTS
clair-database   docker.io/library/postgres:15        "docker-entrypoint.s…
"   clair-database   3 hours ago   Up 3 hours (healthy)   5432/tcp
clair-indexer    quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24      "go run . -conf /etc…
"   indexer          3 hours ago   Up 3 hours
clair-matcher    quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24      "go run . -conf /etc…
"   matcher          3 hours ago   Up 3 hours
clair-traefik    docker.io/library/traefik:v3.0       "/entrypoint.sh trae…
"   traefik          3 hours ago   Up 3 hours              0.0.0.0:6060->
6060/tcp, 80/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8080->8080/tcp, 0.0.0.0:57811->5432/tcp, 0.0.0
.0:57812->8443/tcp
root@VrushtiHP:~/clair#
```

Figure 14: Clair containers running successfully.

Result:

`clair` and `clair-database` containers were up and connected, forming a functional scanning backend.

4.2 Validate Clair API Endpoints and Metrics

Why: Ensure Clair API and metrics endpoints are healthy.

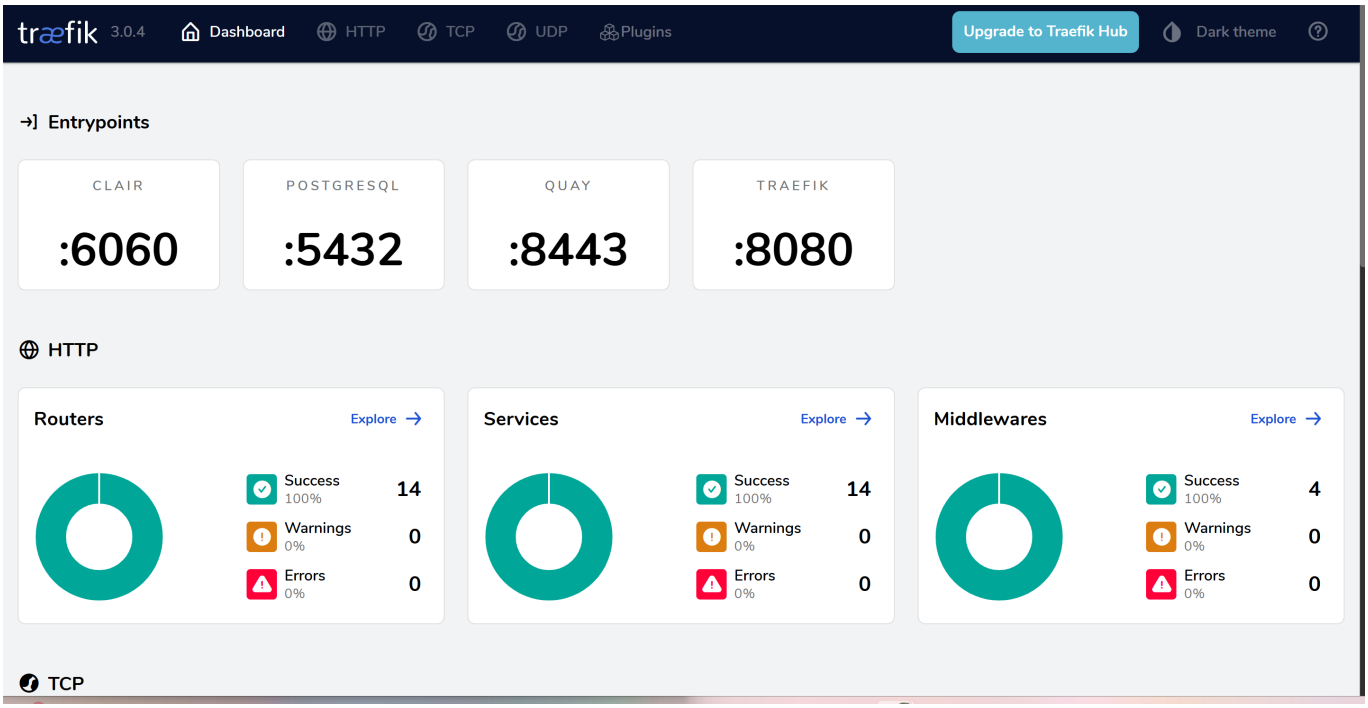
Commands Used:

```
curl -fsS http://127.0.0.1:6063/openapi/v1 | head -n 5
curl -fsS http://127.0.0.1:8089/metrics | head -n 10
curl -fsS http://127.0.0.1:6063/indexer/api/v1/index_state
```

Evidence:

```
root@VrushtiHP:~/clair# curl -i http://localhost:6060/
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2025 02:47:53 GMT
Content-Length: 19

404 page not found
root@VrushtiHP:~/clair#
```



Figures 15–16: Successful API and Traefik dashboard validation.

Observation:
API and metrics endpoints responded with valid JSON, confirming proper service initialization.

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5. AWS CI/CD Pipeline (Placeholder)

Why: Future section for integrating Docker-based images and Clair scanning into AWS CodePipeline or CodeBuild.

Planned Steps:

1. Build Docker images in CodeBuild.
2. Push to Amazon ECR repository.
3. Trigger Clair scans automatically post-deployment.
4. Export results to S3 or CloudWatch for audit.

Placeholder for Evidence:
(To be added once AWS screenshots and logs are generated.)

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6. Threat Modelling (STRIDE Framework)

6.1 STRIDE Analysis

Why: Identify and mitigate possible threats within the DevOps pipeline.

Threat	Description	Mitigation
Spoofing	Impersonation or fake identity usage	Use Docker Hub tokens & strong authentication
Tampering	Image or config alteration	Sign images and verify SHA digests
Repudiation	Lack of auditability	Enable detailed logging and Git history
Information Disclosure	Data leakage from containers	Use `.env` files and Docker secrets
Denial of Service	Resource exhaustion	Set CPU/memory limits and monitor resource usage
Elevation of Privilege	Excess admin access	Apply least-privilege principles and RBAC

6.2 STRIDE Diagram

Evidence:


STRIDE Diagram
Figure 17: STRIDE framework visualizing threat categories across CI/CD pipeline.

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7. Conclusion

All six tasks were completed successfully with verified evidence of deployment, scanning, and threat analysis. The final system demonstrates strong **Secure DevOps principles**, including:

- Secure Docker orchestration and containerization
- Automated monitoring through Portainer
- End-to-end vulnerability scanning via Clair v4
- STRIDE-based threat modelling for proactive mitigation

This ensures a **robust, auditable, and secure CI/CD pipeline**.

Appendix – Command Summary

Task 1 – Docker Setup & Validation

```
docker version
docker ps
sudo docker ps
```

Task 2 – Compose & Portainer Deployment

```
docker compose config
docker compose up -d
docker ps
```

Task 3 – Nextcloud Multi-Container Setup

```
docker compose up -d
docker compose ps
```

Task 4 – Clair Cluster Configuration

```
docker compose up -d
docker compose ps
curl -fsS http://127.0.0.1:6063/openapi/v1 | head -n 5
curl -fsS http://127.0.0.1:8089/metrics | head -n 10
curl -fsS http://127.0.0.1:6063/indexer/api/v1/index_state
```

Task 5 – Vulnerability Scanning & Reporting

```
chmod +x clair.sh
./clair.sh scan ubuntu 22.04 ubuntu-22_04-vulns.csv
./clair.sh scan alpine 3.19
cat ubuntu-22_04-vulns.csv | head -n 10
curl -i -X DELETE "http://127.0.0.1:6063/indexer/api/v1/index_report/<digest>"
```

Task 6 – STRIDE Threat Modelling

(No commands – documentation and design only)

GitHub Repository Commands

```
git init
git add .
git commit -m "Secure DevOps Assignment 3 completed"
git branch -M main
git remote add origin https://github.com/vrushti54/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-
22167521.git
git push -u origin main
```

References

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3. **Portainer Documentation:** https://docs.portainer.io
4. **AWS CodePipeline & CodeBuild:** https://docs.aws.amazon.com
5. **STRIDE Framework (Microsoft):** https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/security/

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