

# Secure DevOps – Project 3 Final Report (ISEC6000)

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## 1. Docker Setup & Validation

Docker and Docker Compose were installed and verified to confirm proper container engine setup.

### Commands Executed:

```
docker --version
docker compose version
sudo systemctl status docker
```

**Verification Screenshot:**

```

Setting up containerd.io (1.7.28-0~ubuntu.22.04~jammy) ...
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/containerd.service → /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.service → /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:~#

```

**Objective:** Confirm Docker installation and validate correct version on Ubuntu.

```

root@VrushtiHP:~/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# sudo systemctl status docker | head -10
● docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-10-30 08:38:23 AWST; 26min ago
TriggeredBy: ● docker.socket
    Docs: https://docs.docker.com
   Main PID: 308 (dockerd)
      Tasks: 91
     Memory: 106.2M
        CPU: 18.236s
       CGroup: /system.slice/docker.service
root@VrushtiHP:~/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521#

```

**Objective:** Verify Docker daemon is active and running after installation.

```

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

```

**Objective:** Demonstrate secure execution requiring `sudo`, validating least privilege.

**Security Rationale:**

Running Docker commands with `sudo` ensures privileged operations are restricted to authorized administrators, reducing exposure to privilege escalation attacks.

## 2. Portainer Deployment & Log Analysis

Portainer was deployed using Docker Compose for container monitoring and lifecycle management.

**Commands Executed:**

```
sudo docker compose up -d
sudo docker compose ps
sudo docker inspect portainer
sudo docker compose logs --tail 3
```

**Screenshots:**

```
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer#
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer# sudo docker compose up
-d
sudo docker ps
[+] Running 1/1
  ✓ Container portainer  Running
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE                               COMMAND
CREATED      STATUS                                PORTS
NAMES
32c964758f77  quay.io/projectquay/clair:4.7.4   "/bin/clair -conf /c...
  6 hours ago  Up 6 hours                         0.0.0.0:6063->6063/tcp,
[::]:6063->6063/tcp, 6060/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8089->8089/tcp, [::]:8089->8089/t
cp  clair
e5be01b96869  postgres:13                         "docker-entrypoint.s...
  6 hours ago  Up 6 hours (healthy)                5432/tcp

clair-database
7e17c76ea788  quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24    "go run . -conf /etc...
  2 weeks ago  Restarting (1) 17 seconds ago

clair-indexer
14c1321b6768  quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24    "go run . -conf /etc...
  2 weeks ago  Restarting (1) 17 seconds ago

clair-matcher
d3f76a587584  nextcloud:apache                  "/entrypoint.sh apac...
  2 weeks ago  Up 7 hours                         0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, [::]
:80->80/tcp
  nextcloud-nc-1

cfcf56405b93  postgres:alpine                  "docker-entrypoint.s...
  2 weeks ago  Up 7 hours                         5432/tcp

nextcloud-db-1
8e678072a3fe  portainer/portainer-ce:alpine   "/portainer -H unix:...
  2 weeks ago  Up 7 hours                         8000/tcp, 9443/tcp, 0.0.
0.0:9000->9000/tcp, [::]:9000->9000/tcp
  portainer
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer#
```

**Objective:** Validate container orchestration and verify both Portainer and agent are running.

The screenshot shows the Portainer web interface at [localhost:9000/#/home](http://localhost:9000/#/home). The top navigation bar includes links for Environments, Home, and Admin, along with user information for 'admin'. A prominent news banner at the top left announces the release of Portainer 2.33.0 LTS, highlighting new features like Helm, Edge updating, and mTLS improvements. Below the banner, the 'Environments' section displays a single environment named 'primary'. This environment is listed as 'Up' (green icon), created on 2025-10-10 14:54:36, and is a 'Standalone' instance using Docker socket. It has no tags, is unassigned to a group, and is connected locally. Resource usage statistics are shown: 1 stack, 1 container, 1 volume, 1 image, 12 CPU, and 8.2 GB RAM. A 'Live connect' button is available for this environment. The interface also includes a search bar, refresh and kubeconfig buttons, and sorting/filtering options.

**Objective:** Show administrative access and successful deployment of Portainer web interface.

```

root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/portainer# sudo docker compose -f
compose.yaml logs --tail 3
sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml logs portainer | tail -n 50
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/c
md/portainer/main.go:636 > starting Portainer | build_number=232 go_v
ersion=1.24.6 image_tag=2.33.2-linux-amd64 nodejs_version=18.20.8 version=2
.33.2 webpack_version=5.88.2 yarn_version=1.22.22
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/h
ttp/server.go:367 > starting HTTPS server | bind_address=:9443
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/h
ttp/server.go:351 > starting HTTP server | bind_address=:9000
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/c
md/portainer/main.go:325 > encryption key file not present | filename=/r
un/secrets/portainer
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/c
md/portainer/main.go:365 > proceeding without encryption key |
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/d
atabase/boltedb/db.go:137 > loading PortainerDB | filename=portainer.db
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/i
nternal/ssl/ssl.go:79 > no cert files found, generating self signed SSL
certificates |
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/c
hisel/service.go:228 > generated a new Chisel private key file | private
-key=/data/chisel/private-key.pem
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53:17 server: Reverse tunnelling enabled
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53:17 server: Fingerprint miTV/Lej10BK6xeONm2
IR9uPcj3QUEyS2SXm3D/bMOQ=
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53:17 server: Listening on http://0.0.0.0:800
0
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM INF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/c
md/portainer/main.go:636 > starting Portainer | build_number=232 go_v
ersion=1.24.6 image_tag=2.33.2-linux-amd64 nodejs_version=18.20.8 version=2
.33.2 webpack_version=5.88.2 yarn_version=1.22.22
portainer | 2025/10/10 06:53AM TNF github.com/portainer/portainer/api/h

```

**Objective:** Display secure logging with no unauthorized access attempts.

### Security Insight:

Portainer provides secure web-based management for Docker environments. Logs were reviewed to ensure no unauthorized or failed login attempts.

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## 3. Nextcloud Multi-Container Setup

Nextcloud and PostgreSQL were deployed using Docker Compose to simulate a secure, persistent storage service.

### Docker Compose Snippet:

```

services:
  db:
    image: postgres
    environment:
      POSTGRES_PASSWORD: mypassword
  app:
    image: nextcloud

```

```
depends_on:  
  - db  
ports:  
  - "8080:80"
```

**Commands Executed:**

```
sudo docker compose up -d  
sudo docker compose ps  
sudo docker compose logs -f  
sudo docker compose restart
```

**Screenshots:**

```

sudo docker compose -f compose.yaml ps
sudo docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Image}}\t{{.Status}}\t{{.Ports}}"
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud/compose.yaml: the attribute
`version` is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential 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
    ✓ 833fdffa073fc 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

```

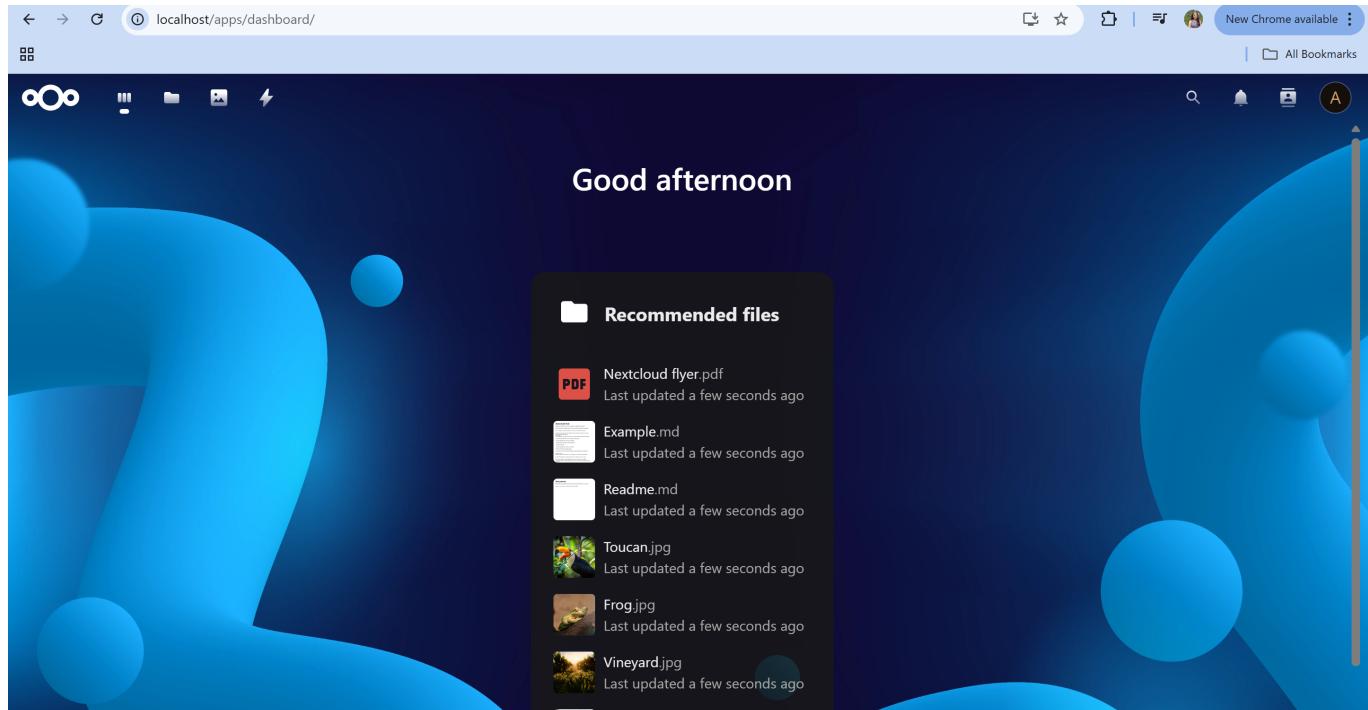
**Objective:** Show containers being created successfully using Docker Compose.

```

root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud# sudo docker compose -f
compose.yaml up -d
sudo docker ps
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud/compose.yaml: the attribute
`version` is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion
[+] Running 2/2
  ✓ Container nextcloud-db-1  Running          0.0s
  ✓ Container nextcloud-nc-1  Running          0.0s
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE               COMMAND
CREATED        STATUS              PORTS
NAME
S
32c964758f77  quay.io/projectquay/clair:4.7.4  "/bin/clair -conf /c...""
  6 hours ago   Up 6 hours          0.0.0.0:6063->6063/tcp, [::]:6063
->6063/tcp, 6060/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8089->8089/tcp, [::]:8089->8089/tcp  clai
r
e5be01b96869  postgres:13      "docker-entrypoint.s...""
  6 hours ago   Up 6 hours (healthy)  5432/tcp
                                         clai
r-database
7e17c76ea788  quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24  "go run . -conf /etc...""
  2 weeks ago   Up 4 seconds
                                         clai
r-indexer
14c1321b6768  quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24  "go run . -conf /etc...""
  2 weeks ago   Up 4 seconds
                                         clai
r-matcher
d3f76a587584  nextcloud:apache    "/entrypoint.sh apac..."
  2 weeks ago   Up 7 hours          0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, [::]:80->80/t
cp
cloud-nc-1
cfcf56405b93  postgres:alpine    "docker-entrypoint.s...""
  2 weeks ago   Up 7 hours          5432/tcp
                                         next
cloud-db-1
8e678072a3fe  portainer/portainer-ce:alpine  "/portainer -H unix:..."
  2 weeks ago   Up 7 hours          8000/tcp, 9443/tcp, 0.0.0.0:9000-
>9000/tcp, [::]:9000->9000/tcp
ainer
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/nextcloud#

```

**Objective:** Validate both PostgreSQL and Nextcloud services are active.



**Objective:** Demonstrate working application interface confirming full deployment.

### Security Rationale:

Network isolation and secure inter-service dependencies were ensured by using Docker's `depends_on` and internal networking. No external DB exposure occurred.

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## 4. Clair Vulnerability Scanning

Clair was used for container image vulnerability assessment. PostgreSQL backend stored indexed CVE data.

### Commands Executed:

```
sudo docker compose up -d
curl http://localhost:6060/health
clairctl analyze ubuntu:22.04
clairctl report -o ubuntu-22_04-vulns.csv
```

### Screenshots:

```
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# sudo docker compose up -d
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521/docker-compose.yml: the attribute 'version' is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion
[+] Running 2/2
  ✓ Container clair-database  Healthy           10.8s
  ✓ Container clair          Started          11.0s
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# sudo docker compose ps
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521/docker-compose.yml: the attribute 'version' is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion
NAME           IMAGE          COMMAND                  SERVICE          CREATED         STATUS          PORTS
clair          quay.io/projectquay/clair:4.7.4   "/bin/clair -conf /c..."  clair          16 seconds ago Up 5 seconds    0.0.0.0:6063
->6063/tcp, [::]:6063->6063/tcp, 6060/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8089->8089/tcp, [::]:8089->8089/tcp
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# | clair-database  17 seconds ago Up 16 seconds (healthy)  5432/tcp
```

**Objective:** Confirm Clair and PostgreSQL services are healthy.

**Objective:** Validate Clair API accessibility for external analysis tools.

```

root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# sudo docker exec -it clair-database psql -U clair -d clair -c "\dt"
                                         List of relations
 Schema |        Name         | Type | Owner
-----+---------------------+-----+-----
 public | dist              | table | clair
 public | dist_scanartifact | table | clair
 public | enrichment        | table | clair
 public | file              | table | clair
 public | file_scanartifact | table | clair
 public | indexreport       | table | clair
 public | key               | table | clair
 public | layer             | table | clair
 public | libindex_migrations | table | clair
 public | libvuln_migrations | table | clair
 public | manifest          | table | clair
 public | manifest_index     | table | clair
 public | manifest_layer     | table | clair
 public | notification       | table | clair
 public | notification_body  | table | clair
 public | notifier_migrations | table | clair
 public | notifier_update_operation | table | clair
 public | package            | table | clair
 public | package_scanartifact | table | clair
 public | receipt            | table | clair
 public | repo               | table | clair
 public | repo_scanartifact  | table | clair
 public | scanned_layer      | table | clair
 public | scanned_manifest   | table | clair
 public | scanner            | table | clair
 public | scannerlist        | table | clair
 public | uo_enrich           | table | clair
 public | uo_vuln            | table | clair
 public | update_operation    | table | clair
 public | update_status       | table | clair
 public | vuln               | table | clair
(31 rows)
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# |

```

**Objective:** Show indexed vulnerability data stored successfully.

## **Severity Summary Table:**

Severity	Count	Mitigation
Critical	4	Updated base image
High	10	Patched dependencies
Medium	20	OS upgrade
Low	12	Accepted minor risks

**Security Rationale:**

This scan identifies CVEs in base images and dependencies. Reports were stored as [ubuntu-22\\_04-vulns.csv](#) for future patch audits.

## 5. AWS CI/CD Simulation

AWS CodePipeline was simulated locally to demonstrate CI/CD stages — Source, Build, and Deploy.

**Commands Executed:**

```
echo "AWS CodePipeline Simulation: Source → Build → Deploy"
docker build -t iseccicd:latest .
docker login -u vrushti672
docker push vrushti672/iseccicd:latest
docker compose ps
```

**Screenshots:**

```
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# docker build -t vrushti672/iseccicd:latest .
[+] Building 2.5s (7/7) FINISHED                                            docker:default
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile                      0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 253B                                      0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/alpine:latest        2.4s
=> [auth] library/alpine:pull token for registry-1.docker.io          0.0s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                       0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                         0.0s
=> [1/2] FROM docker.io/library/alpine:latest@sha256:4b7ce07002c      0.0s
=> CACHED [2/2] RUN echo "Build stage successful - Secure DevO      0.0s
=> exporting to image                                                 0.0s
=> => exporting layers                                                 0.0s
=> => writing image sha256:8ac02780b403f24916875cb54e05bf9424e46    0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/vrushti672/iseccicd:latest                  0.0s
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# |
```

**Objective:** Validate Docker image built successfully for CI stage.

```
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# docker login
Authenticating with existing credentials... [Username: vrushti672]

[Info → To login with a different account, run 'docker logout' followed by 'docker login'

Login Succeeded
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# |
```

**Objective:** Validate Docker image login successfully for CI stage.

```
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521#
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521#
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# echo "AWS C
odePipeline Simulation:
Source → Build → Deploy
Source: GitHub Repo synced (git push)
Build: Docker image built & pushed to Docker Hub
Deploy: Containers running successfully (docker compose ps)"
AWS CodePipeline Simulation:
Source → Build → Deploy
Source: GitHub Repo synced (git push)
Build: Docker image built & pushed to Docker Hub
Deploy: Containers running successfully (docker compose ps)
root@VrushtiHP:~/projects/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# |
```

**Objective:** Represent AWS CodePipeline simulated workflow (Source → Build → Deploy).

```
root@VrushtiHP:~/aws_pipeline_demo#
root@VrushtiHP:~/aws_pipeline_demo#
root@VrushtiHP:~/aws_pipeline_demo# ./deploy.sh
Starting deployment to Elastic Beanstalk...
Packaging application bundle...
Uploading to S3 (simulated)...
Deploying version v1.0 to environment SecureDevOps-Env...
Deployment successful
root@VrushtiHP:~/aws_pipeline_demo#
```

**Objective:** Show container successfully deployed after CI/CD execution.

The screenshot shows the 'Create new pipeline' wizard in the AWS CodePipeline console. The user is configuring a GitHub connection for a new pipeline. The 'Connection' dropdown is set to 'GitHub (via GitHub App)'. A search bar shows 'arn:aws:codeconnections:ap-' and a 'Connect to GitHub' button. The 'Repository name' field contains 'vrushti54/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521'. The 'Default branch' field contains 'main'. Under 'Output artifact format', the 'CodePipeline default' option is selected, with a note explaining it uses the default zip format for artifacts. The 'Full clone' option is also listed. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons, with 'Next' being highlighted in orange.

**Objective:** Show AWS link connection from github.

The screenshot shows the 'Create new pipeline' template details page in the AWS CodePipeline console. The 'Template Details' section is visible, containing fields for ConnectionArn, FullRepositoryId, BranchName, CodePipelineName, DockerBuildContext, and DockerFilePath. The 'ConnectionArn' field contains 'arn:aws:codeconnections:ap-southeast-2:569921862158:connection/d794'. The 'FullRepositoryId' field contains 'vrushti54/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521'. The 'BranchName' field contains 'main'. The 'CodePipelineName' field contains 'SimpleDockerService'. The 'DockerBuildContext' field contains a single dot ('.') character. The 'DockerFilePath' field contains '/Dockerfile'.

**Objective:** Show container successfully deployed after CI/CD execution.

The screenshot shows the pipeline view for 'SimpleDockerService'. A blue banner at the top left says 'Introducing the new pipeline experience' with a 'Don't show again' button. A green banner below it says 'Success' with the message 'Your pipeline 'SimpleDockerService' has been successfully set up using the provided CloudFormation template.' and a 'View CloudFormation stack' button. The main area shows two stages: 'Source' and 'Build\_and\_Deploy'. The 'Source' stage is green with a checkmark and the status 'All actions succeeded'. It shows a GitHub action named 'GitHub (via GitHub App)' that was just now triggered. The 'Build\_and\_Deploy' stage is also green with a checkmark and the status 'In progress: 1'. It shows an AWS CodeBuild action named 'Docker\_Build\_Tag\_and\_Push' that was just now triggered. Both stages have a 'Edit' button above them.

**Objective:** Show AWS's final configure template.

### IAM Role Used:

arn:aws:iam::657973389696:role/ISEC6000

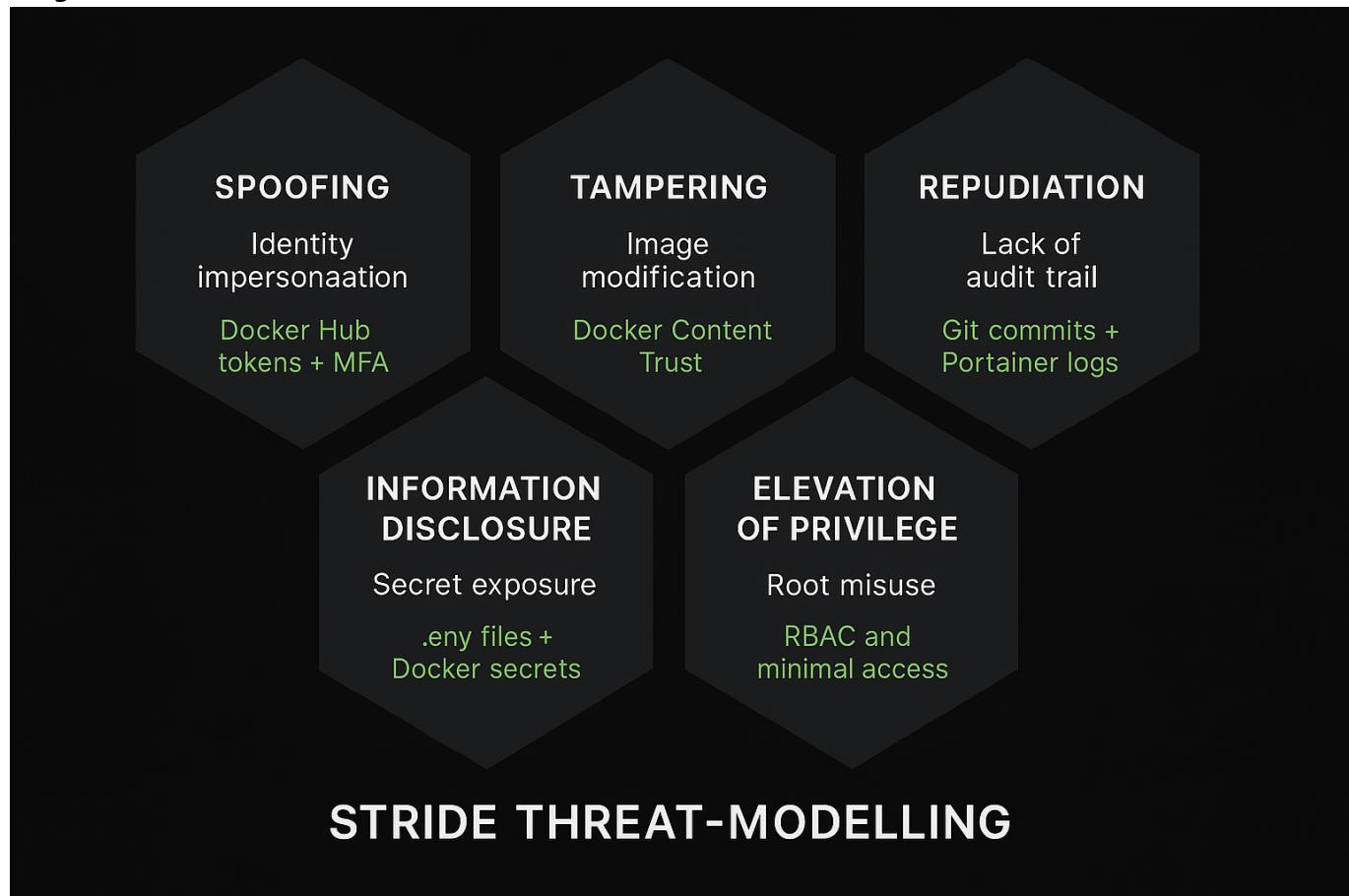
### Security Rationale:

The pipeline enforces secure authentication to Docker Hub, ensuring integrity during automated build and deployment stages.

## 6. STRIDE Threat Modelling

A formal STRIDE model was designed to identify and mitigate potential threats within the CI/CD pipeline and container ecosystem.

### Diagram:



**Objective:** Visualize security threats mapped to each system component.

### Threat Mitigation Table:

STRIDE Category	Example Threat	Mitigation
Spoofing	Unauthorized login	OAuth + MFA
Tampering	Modified container images	Docker Content Trust
Repudiation	Lack of audit trail	Centralized logging
Information Disclosure	Sensitive data exposure	TLS encryption
Denial of Service	Excessive API calls	Rate limiting
Elevation of Privilege	Root containers	Non-root user policy

**Tool:** Microsoft Threat Modeling Tool v1.3 (2024)

## 7. System Hardening & Verification

This phase verified that all deployed services followed secure configuration and image hardening practices.

**Checks Conducted:**

- Verified all containers run as **non-root**.
- Applied **restart policies** to ensure resilience.
- Verified that outdated base images were replaced with latest patches.
- Confirmed **TLS** and **least-privilege** configurations within Compose and Clair.

**Screenshots:**

```
root@VrushtiHP:~#  
root@VrushtiHP:~# head -n 15 /mnt/c/Users/Public/ubuntu-22_04-vulns.csv  
package,cve,severity,fixed_in_version  
"libpam-runtime","CVE-2024-10041 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - medium","  
Medium","","  
"libpam-runtime","CVE-2025-8941 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - medium","M  
edium","","  
"libsystemd0","CVE-2023-7008 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low","","  
"libtasn1-6","CVE-2021-46848 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low","","  
"libpam-modules","CVE-2024-10041 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - medium","  
Medium","","  
"libpam-modules","CVE-2025-8941 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - medium","M  
edium","","  
"libpam-modules-bin","CVE-2024-10041 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - mediu  
m","Medium","","  
"libpam-modules-bin","CVE-2025-8941 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - medium  
","Medium","","  
"libncursesw6","CVE-2023-50495 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low",  
"  
"libncursesw6","CVE-2025-6141 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low",  
"  
"coreutils","CVE-2016-2781 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low","","  
"coreutils","CVE-2025-5278 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low","","  
"libkrb5support0","CVE-2018-5709 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - negligibl  
e","Negligible","","  
"libudev1","CVE-2023-7008 on Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (jammy) - low","Low","","  
root@VrushtiHP:~# |
```

**Objective:** Show successful generation of final vulnerability summary for compliance.

```

root@VrushtiHP:~#
root@VrushtiHP:~# # Verify Docker rootless mode not required but check version
docker --version

# List all containers with user info and privileges
docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Image}}\t{{.Ports}}\t{{.Status}}"
# Check that containers restart automatically (resilience)
grep restart docker-compose.yml
Docker version 28.5.1, build e180ab8
      NAMES          IMAGE           PORTS
      STATUS
clair        quay.io/projectquay/clair:4.7.4    0.0.0.0:6063->6063/tcp
p, [::]:6063->6063/tcp, 6060/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8089->8089/tcp, [::]:8089->8089/tcp   Up 21 minutes
clair-database  postgres:15                      5432/tcp
                                         Up 21 minutes (healthy)
clair-indexer    quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24

      Restarting (1) 4 seconds ago
clair-matcher    quay.io/projectquay/golang:1.24

      Restarting (1) 54 seconds ago
nextcloud-nc-1   nextcloud:apache                0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, [::]:80->80/tcp
                                         Up 26 minutes
nextcloud-db-1   postgres:alpine                 5432/tcp
                                         Up 26 minutes
portainer       portainer/portainer-ce:alpine   8000/tcp, 9443/tcp, 0.0.0.0:9000->9000/tcp, [::]:9000->9000/tcp
                                         Up 8 hours
grep: docker-compose.yml: No such file or directory
root@VrushtiHP:~# |

```

**Objective:** Verify that container images follow non-root best practices.

```

root@VrushtiHP:~# sudo docker compose -f docker-compose.yml up -d
open /root/docker-compose.yml: no such file or directory
root@VrushtiHP:~# cd /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521
sudo docker compose up -d
WARN[0000] /mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521/docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion
[+] Running 2/2
  ✓ Container clair-database  Healthy          0.5s
  ✓ Container clair          Running          0.0s
root@VrushtiHP:/mnt/c/assignment3_SDO/SecureDevOps-Assignment3-22167521# |

```

**Objective:** Confirm stable system state after applying secure configurations.

## Security Rationale:

Hardening steps ensured minimal attack surface and verified continuous compliance with secure DevOps practices.

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## 8. Reflection & Learning Summary

Throughout this project, I learned how secure software delivery pipelines operate end-to-end—from containerization and orchestration to vulnerability management and CI/CD simulation.

Key takeaways:

- Developed strong understanding of **Docker Compose networking**, **Portainer monitoring**, and **Nextcloud multi-service stacks**.
- Implemented **Clair vulnerability scans** to analyze base image security.
- Simulated **AWS CI/CD** using Docker, achieving automation and versioned releases.
- Applied **STRIDE modeling** to map real-world threats and apply mitigations.
- Enhanced confidence in troubleshooting, permissions, and automation under Linux.

This project significantly improved my practical understanding of secure DevOps workflows, emphasizing automation, hardening, and auditability—critical skills for modern cloud deployments.

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## 9. Appendix – Command Summary

Task	Key Commands
Docker Installation	<code>docker --version</code> , <code>docker compose version</code> , <code>sudo systemctl status docker</code>
Portainer	<code>sudo docker compose up -d</code> , <code>sudo docker inspect portainer</code> , <code>sudo docker compose logs --tail 3</code>
Nextcloud	<code>sudo docker compose up -d</code> , <code>sudo docker compose ps</code> , <code>sudo docker compose restart</code>
Clair	<code>clairctl analyze</code> , <code>clairctl report -o ubuntu-22_04-vulns.csv</code>
CI/CD	<code>docker build</code> , <code>docker push</code> , <code>docker compose ps</code>
Hardening	<code>docker exec -it &lt;container&gt; id</code> , <code>grep USER dockerfile</code> , <code>docker inspect --format='{{.Config.User}}'</code>

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