

Provision IaC and Deploy Web Application to AKS

The document describes a web application deployment to Azure Kubernetes (AKS) on Azure.

Tools and applications:

- Azure Cloud
- Azure DevOps
- ASP .NET Core Web Application
- Visual Studio Code
- Azure CLI
- Kubectl
- Terraform

Provision IaC using Terraform

The terraform will provision the services below:

- Azure Continuer Registry (ACR)
- Azure Kubernetes Cluster (AKS)
- Azure SQL Server
- Empty database

Create Service Principal with Contributor role in Azure AD:

```
az ad sp create-for-rbac --role="Contributor" --scopes="subscriptions/133bc1d5-767e-4628-a9d1-0914ff59665c" --  
"name="TerraformServicePrincipal"
```

Create backend storage in Azure for terraform.state:



TerraformStorage.ps1.txt

The powershell script creates the storage and provides **access key** like this:

```
==xaoKqlfd8j8y2txJCfat95rRMMKG15vKkZsX5PTuoKUn801d7mXo/qpkgPRPpPBISLAPpHxAUTwcRFJK9NbmFg
```

Set the access key in the environment variable:

```
setx ARM_ACCESS_KEY  
==xaoKqlfd8j8y2txJCfat95rRMMKG15vKkZsX5PTuoKUn801d7mXo/qpkgPRPpPBISLAPpHxAUTwcRFJK9NbmFg
```

Create basic main.tf for ACR, AKS and SQL Server with empty Database:



main.tf.txt

terraform init

terraform plan

terraform apply

Check the AKS is up and running:

```
az aks get-credentials --resource-group rgyaronz --name aksyaronz --overwrite-existing
```

```
kubectl get nodes
```

Deploy the Web Application to AKS

Clone the web application source code from:

<https://github.com/yaronzlot/EmployeeManagement>

```
git clone https://github.com/yaronzlot/EmployeeManagement.git
```

Update the Azure SQL Server connection string in the web app code and update the empty database in Azure (using EF migration):

```
dotnet ef database update
```

```
dotnet build
```

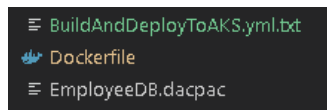
```
dotnet run
```

http://localhost:5000 – verify the web application works against the update database in Azure SQL Server

Create Dockerfile:



Dockerfile.txt



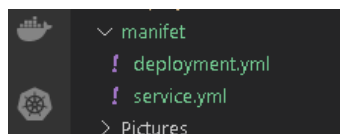
Create deployment.yml and service.yml in manifest folder:



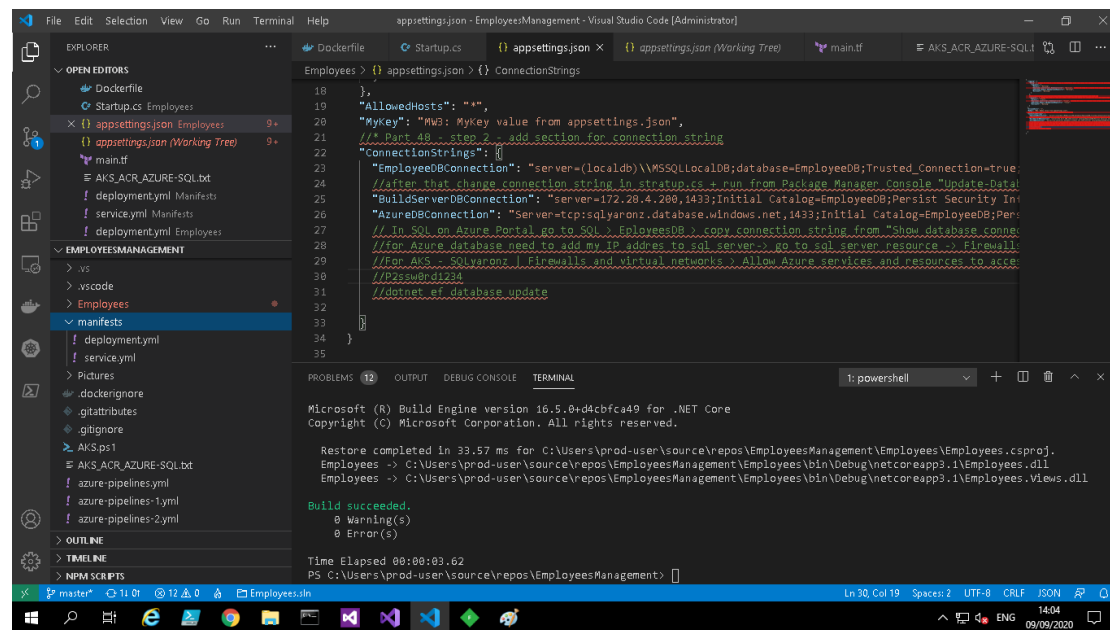
deployment.yml.txt



service.yml.txt



Create project in Azure DevOps and push the code into the Azure GIT repo:



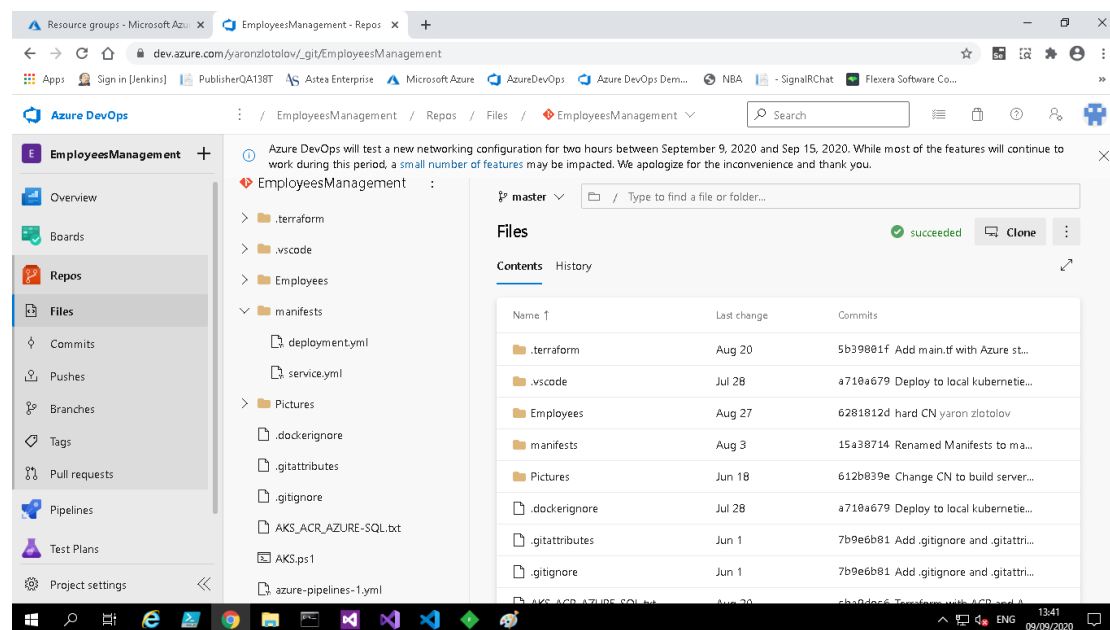
```
18 },
19 "AllowedHosts": "*",
20 "MyKey": "AWS: MyKey value from appsettings.json",
21 // Part 4b - Step 2 - add section for connection string
22 "ConnectionStrings": {
23   "EmployeeDBConnection": "server=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;database=EmployeeDB;Trusted_Connection=true;
24   //after that change connection string in startup.cs + run from Package Manager Console "Update-Data/
25   "BuildServerDBConnection": "server=172.28.4.200,1433;Initial Catalog=EmployeeDB;Persist Security In;
26   "AzureDBConnection": "Server=tcp:sqlvaron2.database.windows.net,1433;Initial Catalog=EmployeeDB;Per
27   // In SQL on Azure Portal go to SQL > EmployeesDB > copy connection string from "Show database connec
28   // For Azure database need to add my IP address to sql server -> go to sql server resource -> Firewall
29   // For AKS - SQLvaron2 | Firewalls and virtual networks > Allow Azure services and resources to acce
30   // P233wBrd1234
31   // dotnet ef database update
32 }
33 }
34 }
35 }
```

Microsoft (R) Build Engine version 16.5.0+d4cbfca49 for .NET Core
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Restore completed in 33.57 ms for C:\Users\prod-user\source\repos\EmployeesManagement\Employees\Employees.csproj.
Employees -> C:\Users\prod-user\source\repos\EmployeesManagement\Employees\bin\Debug\netcoreapp3.1\Employees.dll
Employees -> C:\Users\prod-user\source\repos\EmployeesManagement\Employees\bin\Debug\netcoreapp3.1\Employees.Views.dll

Build succeeded.
0 Warning(s)
0 Error(s)

Time Elapsed 00:00:03.62
PS C:\Users\prod-user\source\repos\EmployeesManagement>



Azure DevOps will test a new networking configuration for two hours between September 9, 2020 and Sep 15, 2020. While most of the features will continue to work during this period, a small number of features may be impacted. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you.

EmployeesManagement

Files

Name	Last change	Commits
.terraform	Aug 20	5b398b1f Add main.tf with Azure st...
.vscode	Jul 28	a710a679 Deploy to local kubernetie...
Employees	Aug 27	6281812d hard CN yaron zlotolov
manifests	Aug 3	15a3b714 Renamed Manifests to ma...
Pictures	Jun 18	612b039e Change CN to build server...
.dockerignore	Jul 28	a710a679 Deploy to local kubernetie...
.gitattributes	Jun 1	7b9e6b81 Add .gitignore and .gitattri...
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Create the pipeline (below is the pipeline yaml):



EmployeesManagement.yml

NOTE: Before this step it is required to remove locks and IP restrictions from AKS done by Terraform:

az lock list

az lock delete --ids \$lockid

az aks update --resource-group rgyaronz --name aksyaronz --api-server-authorized-ip-ranges=

Build:

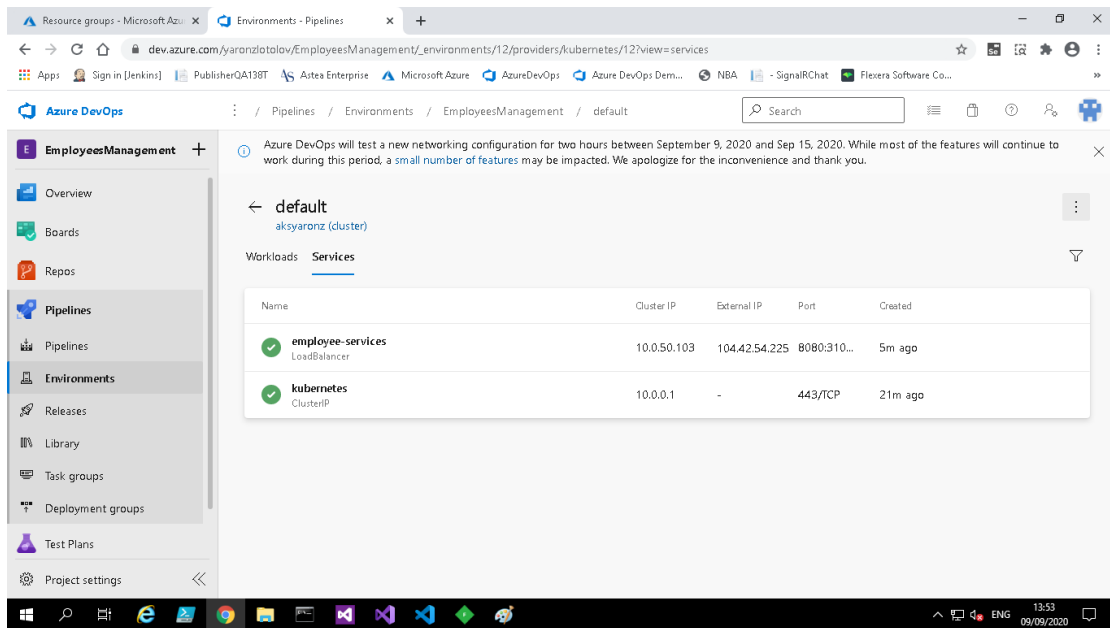
- Checkout the code from GIT repo
- Build the web application
- Create docker image
- Push the docker image to ACR
- Publish artifact for deployment

Deploy:

- Download the artifact
- Pull the image from ACR
- Deploy the docker image to AKS

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps web interface. On the left, the 'EmployeesManagement' project is selected, and the 'Pipelines' tab is active. The main area shows a pipeline run for 'EmployeesManagement' with the ID '20200909.1'. The pipeline is in the 'Jobs in run #20200909.1' state. The 'Deploy' stage is active, showing a 'Deploy to Kubernetes cluster' task. The task output displays the command to deploy the application to the AKS cluster.

```
1 Starting: Deploy to Kubernetes cluster
2 =====
3 Task      : Deploy to Kubernetes
4 Description : Use Kubernetes manifest files to deploy to clusters or even bake the manifest files to be used
5 Version    : 0.173.1
6 Author     : Microsoft Corporation
7 Help       : https://aka.ms/azops-aks-manifest-tsg
8 =====
9
10          Kubect1 Client Version: v1.19.0
11          Kubect1 Server Version: v1.18.6
12 =====
13 /usr/bin/kubect1 apply -f /home/vsts/work/_temp/Deployment_employee-deployment_1599648506778,/home/vsts/work
14 deployment.apps/employee-deployment created
15 service/employee-services created
16 /usr/bin/kubect1 rollout status Deployment/employee-deployment --timeout 0s --namespace default
```

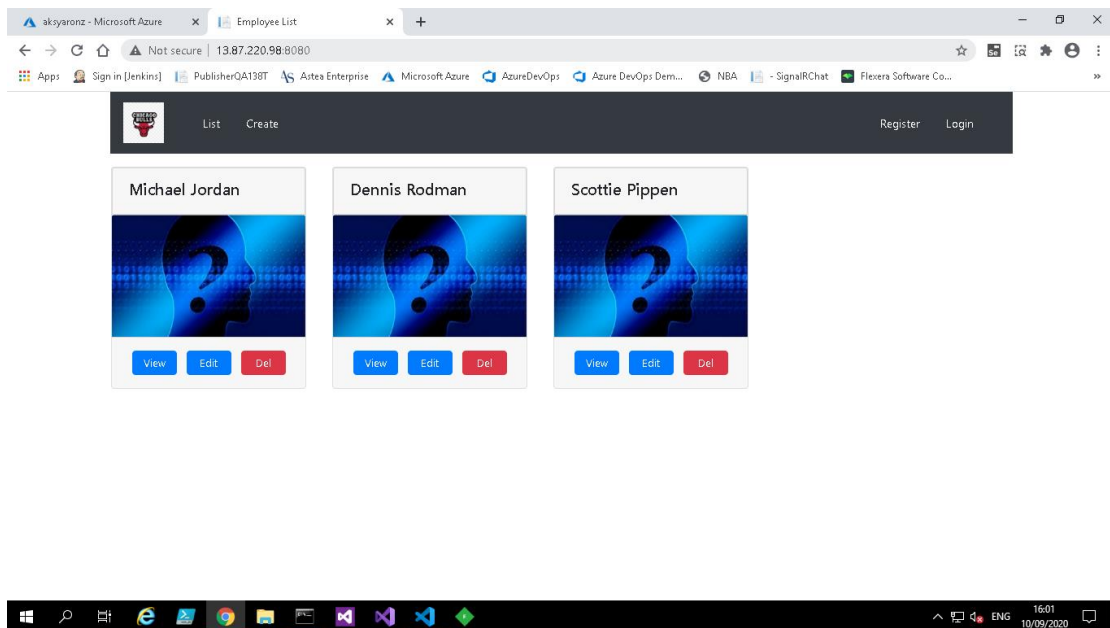


In case of problems with Azure DevOps need to deploy manually:

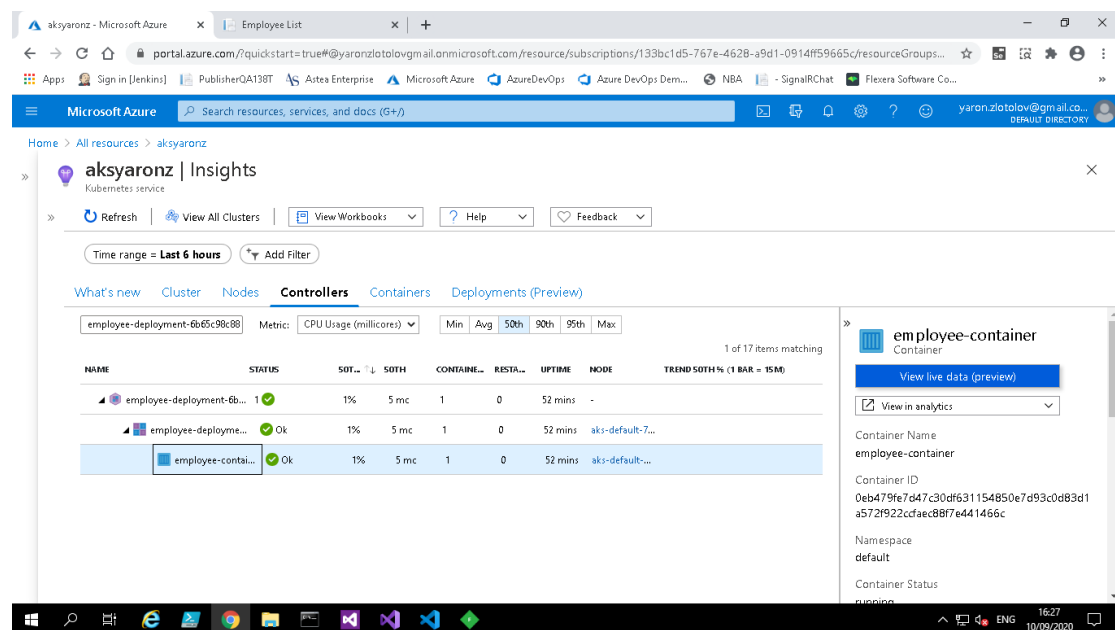
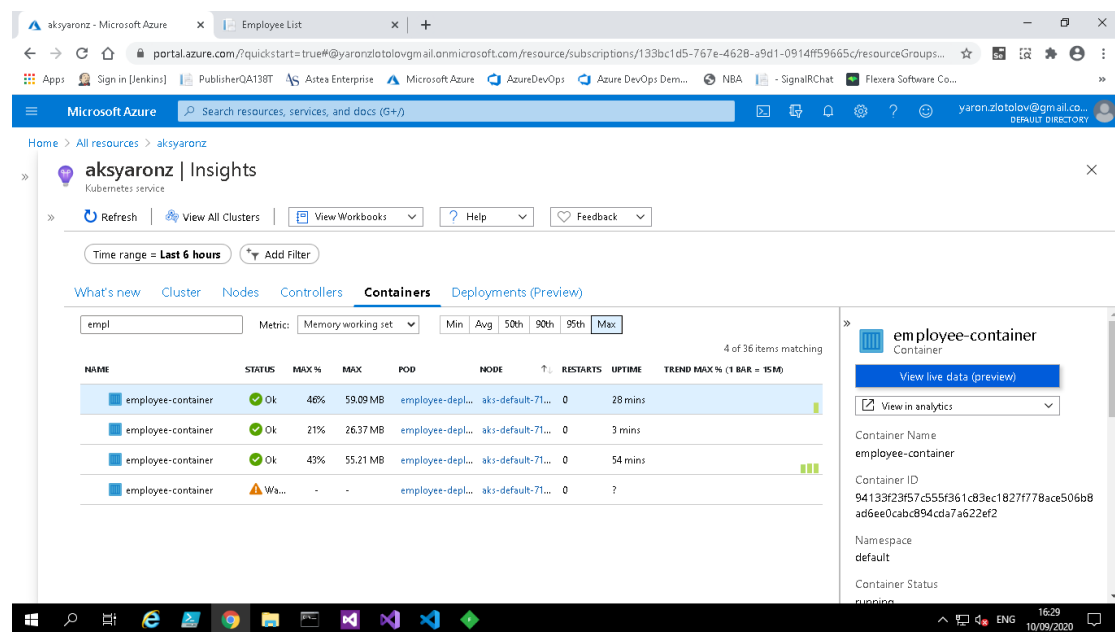


DeployToAKS.bat.txt

Web application is running on Azure:



Monitoring AKS Memory and CPU usage:



Done - Set the lock and the IP restriction again to AKS