Summer 2025 Intern Presentations

Collated by Justin Wilson



WHAT WAS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

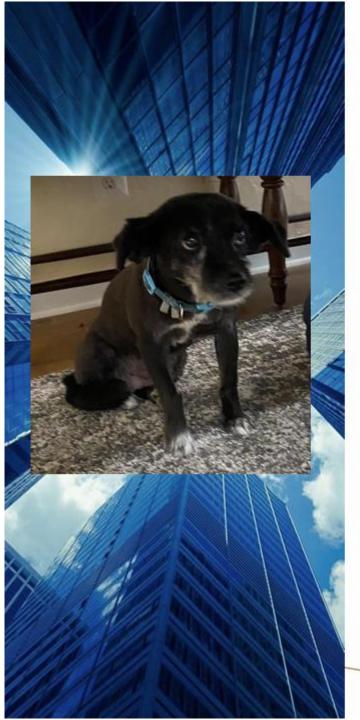
The project was About cloud services.





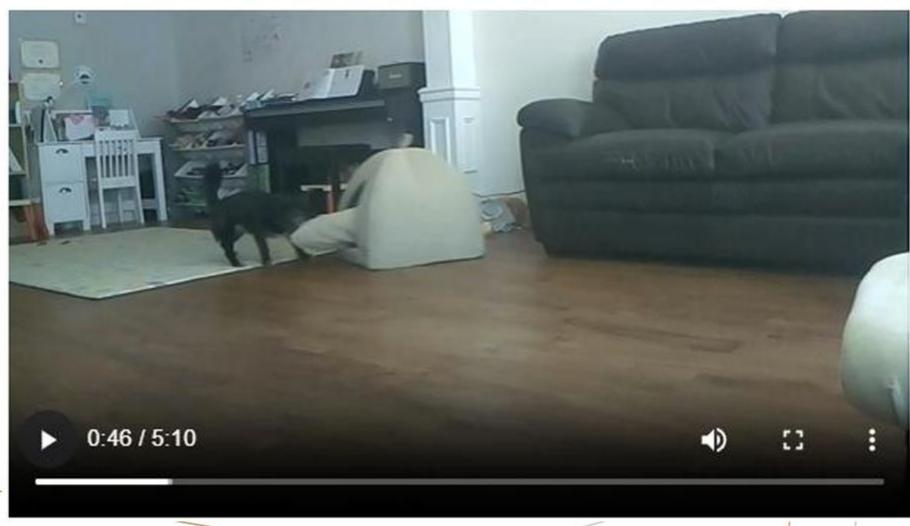






WHATILIKED

Link Title: joy moving tent caught on pedwatch video!



WHAT I KINDA LIKED

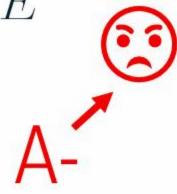
What I kinda liked was when we learned about rancher.





WHAT I DIDN'T LIKE

s when I got something wrong on the review







Which cybersecurity principle dictates that users, systems, and applications should only be granted the minimum level of access necessary to perform their required tasks?





2025 Summer Project

By: Ryan Kim

Teacher: Justin Wilson

What was the project?

My project centered on gaining practical experience with Amazon Web Services (AWS), cloud computing, and cybersecurity best practices. I built a multi-node RKE2 Kubernetes (k8s) cluster and actively monitored CPU and memory usage to understand performance tuning and resource allocation. Throughout the process, I applied secure deployment strategies and infrastructure configuration techniques—deepening my knowledge of cloud-native operations and secure system design.



What did I like and what did I learn?

I really enjoyed how hands-on and dynamic the project was—it allowed me to go beyond theory and actually build cloud infrastructure using AWS. Working with Kubernetes was especially rewarding, as I learned how to set up a multi-node cluster and monitor CPU and memory usage in real time. It gave me a clearer understanding of system performance and resource allocation. I also appreciated the focus on cybersecurity best practices, which taught me how to secure deployments in a cloud-native environment. Overall, the project helped me connect the dots between cloud architecture, and security principles in a meaningful and practical way.

Challenges

I didn't dislike anything about the project—in fact, I found it genuinely interesting and rewarding. But coming in with no prior experience in cloud computing, AWS, or Kubernetes definitely made it a challenge. There was a steep learning curve, especially when it came to understanding how distributed systems work and how to monitor their performance. Still, the process pushed me to learn quickly, and build confidence in unfamiliar territory. I came out of it with a much stronger grasp of core cloud technologies and a sense of accomplishment for navigating something completely new.



Final Summary

This project was a major learning experience for me—I started with little knowledge of cloud computing, AWS, or Kubernetes, and came away with a solid foundation in how modern infrastructure works. From setting up a multi-node RKE2 cluster to monitoring system performance and applying cybersecurity best practices, I challenged myself and grew every step of the way. I'm proud of how far I've come, and I'm excited to keep building on what I've learned.

What the project was about

The project was a build up of many different steps that eventually led to us using EC2 instances to deploy a python application on a server and agent node.

What I liked

- Being able to ask questions and receiving answers in a short amount of time
- Instructions on the document were clear
- The daily videos

What I learned

- Certain commands in command prompt such as vim and Is
- How server and agent nodes work
- What EC2 instances are

WHAT THE PROJECT WAS ABOUT

Hands-on 8-week cloud/DevOps internship project.

- Built & deployed a Python quotes API.
- Containerized with Docker; pushed to Docker Hub / S3 artifact.
- Ran on RKE2 Kubernetes cluster (EC2 server + agent) in AWS.
- Optional: Rancher UI via Helm for cluster management.

WHAT I LIKED & LEARNED

Real hands-on AWS experience (EC2, S3, IAM, security groups).

- Intro to Kubernetes (RKE2) concepts & kubectl basics.
- Introduction to the cloud and diving in deeper to AWS.
- Improved Linux CLI comfort (ssh, sudo, vim, logs).
- · New tools to use like docker and rancher

CHALLENGES

Instructions sometimes confusing due to not being familiar with languages.

- Troubleshooting RKE2 join + kubeconfig env vars.
- Security group & networking quirks slowed progress.
- YAML & Helm errors (indentation, image names, namespaces).
 - Not familiar with YAML or helm made it more challenging
- Time management balancing modules, coding, & infra tasks. (personal)

2025 Internship Summer Presentation

Nathan Kang

Instructor: Justin Wilson

The project:



For me, the Summer 2025 project was a good introduction for me to learn the basics of AWS, how the service works with their various systems, and also how to use EC2 instances. I learned the various aspects of the cloud system, such as cloud models, cloud security, and networking.

I also learned how to use GitHub from this project. I had no prior experience on the platform prior to this internship, and I think it will be a platform I will be using for my school/programming projects. I like how you can merge commits made to branches, and how it essentially provides a "version history" of work.

Lastly, I learned a basic overview of what Kubernetes are. I learned that this system is used to monitor "nodes" within "clusters" (master and worker nodes), all managed by the control plane. Learning this seemed intimidating at first, but I believe I got the basics down. I also found it cool that Kubernetes automatically restarts crashed nodes. I couldn't get RKE2 to work, but I tried to learn what it was independently and with the videos provided.

While my computer couldn't run the EC2 instances, I was able to at least try running an EC2 instance on an Amazon Server (not on my OS). That was interesting, since the program (quotes.txt) was running on a computer that wasn't using my resources, and a computer that had more power and capability.

What I liked/disliked:

Liked:

The AWS Skillbuilder course (informational)

Gaining knowledge on Kubernetes, Kubelets, etc. Also enjoyed learning about k8 clusters

Helpful instructor response, virtual office hours availability

Disliked:

My computer's failure to run an EC2 instance, along with other hands-on concepts

Schedule conflicts resulted in missing first meeting, impeding early progress

Own poor time management, spent too much time on certain AWS modules

These are not necessarily problems related to the project itself; more of personal challenges I experienced

itself



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Thank you for the interesting internship!

The summer Project was about....

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- Deploying and managing network on AWS
- Using kubernetes and docker
- Building python application
- Running vLLM on cloud GPUs
- Managing Everything through tools like Rancher and creating website through github.

I learned.....

01. AWS and Git

How to access and manage AWS EC2 instance

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Use of Git

02. RKE2 Kubernetes and Docker

- Created Kubernetes cluster using RKE2
- Worked with Docker
- Learned to manage them using Rancher

03. Python application

- Developed and installed
- 04. vLLM on GPU in AWS

What I liked

Learning new things

throughout this project.

-Rancher

-Creating website

AWS Educational Program

Chris Rhee



Information flow management:

Produced EC2 instances

Set up Multinode K8 Cluster

Created EC2 Agent as part of the kubernetes cluster

Used a code online and launched it on both computer AND EC2



MORE?

MAC OS vs WINDOWS

TERMINAL VS GIT Bash

EC2 production and termination..Many Many







