

1. Frontend (Node.js with Express):

- Create a frontend using Express and Node.js.
- Include a form similar to the one from the Flask Assignment 2.
- Configure the form to send a request to the Flask backend.
- **Backend (Flask):**
- Use the Flask backend to handle the form submission and process the data.
- **Folder Structure:**
- Organize the project with separate folders for the frontend and backend.
- **Docker Configuration:**
- Create a `Dockerfile` for both the frontend and backend.
- Write a `.yaml` file (Docker Compose) to connect both services in the same network.
- Upload both images to docker hub and push your whole code to github and add the `node_modules` and other non required files(`.vscode`) in `.gitignore`

`./backend/app.py`

```
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
import os
import psycopg2
app = Flask(__name__)
# Root route
@app.route("/", methods=["GET"])
def home():
    return jsonify({"message": "Backend is running!"})
# API data route
@app.route("/api/data", methods=["GET"])
def get_data():
    return jsonify({"message": "Backend is working", "status": "success"})
# Submit data route
@app.route("/submit", methods=["POST"])
def submit_form():
```

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data = request.get_json()
name = data.get("name")
email = data.get("email")

return jsonify({"message": f"Received {name} with email {email}"})

# Database health check
@app.route("/db-check", methods=["GET"])
def db_check():
    try:
        conn = psycopg2.connect(
            host="db", # Docker service name
            database=os.getenv("POSTGRES_DB"),
            user=os.getenv("POSTGRES_USER"),
            password=os.getenv("POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
            port=5432
        )
        cur = conn.cursor()
        cur.execute("SELECT version();")
        db_version = cur.fetchone()[0]
        cur.close()
        conn.close()

        return jsonify({"db_version": db_version})
    except Exception as e:
        return jsonify({"error": str(e)}), 500

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(host="0.0.0.0", port=5000)

```

- **Purpose:**
This is the **Flask backend application**.
- **What it does:**
 - Listens on port 5000 (inside container).
 - Provides **API endpoints**:
 - /api/data → GET → Returns sample backend message.
 - /submit → POST → Accepts JSON data (name, email) and returns confirmation.
 - /db-check → GET → Checks PostgreSQL DB connection using psycopg2 and returns version info.
- **Why important:**
This is the main backend logic. It processes requests from the frontend or tools like curl.

2. /backend/requirements.txt

flask

flask-cors

psycopg2-binary

- **Purpose:**
Lists **Python dependencies** required for the backend.
- **What it contains:**

flask

psycopg2-binary

- **Why important:**
Used by pip inside Docker to install all Python libraries for Flask and PostgreSQL connectivity.

3. /backend/Dockerfile

FROM python:3.11-slim

WORKDIR /app

COPY requirements.txt .

RUN pip install -r requirements.txt

COPY . .

CMD ["python", "app.py"]

- **Purpose:**
Tells Docker **how to build** the backend image.
- **Steps inside:**
 - Use python:3.10 base image.
 - Set working directory to /app.
 - Copy requirements.txt and install packages with pip.
 - Copy all backend files into container.
 - Run python app.py when the container starts.
- **Why important:**
Without it, Docker wouldn't know how to set up the backend environment.

4. /frontend/server.js

```
const express = require("express");  
const axios = require("axios");  
const cors = require("cors");  
const app = express();  
app.use(cors());  
app.use(express.json()); // So we can handle JSON bodies
```

```
// Test route
```

```
app.get("/", (req, res) => {  
  res.send("Frontend is running!");  
});
```

```
// Fetch data from backend
```

```
app.get("/fetch-backend", async (req, res) => {
```

```

try {
  const response = await axios.get("http://backend:5000/api/data");
  res.json(response.data);
} catch (error) {
  res.status(500).json({ error: "Backend not reachable" });
}
});

// Send data to backend
app.post("/send-to-backend", async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const response = await axios.post("http://backend:5000/submit", req.body);
    res.json(response.data);
  } catch (error) {
    res.status(500).json({ error: "Error sending data to backend" });
  }
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
  console.log("Frontend listening on port 3000");
});

```

- **Purpose:**
This is the **Node.js + Express frontend server**.
- **What it does:**
 - Listens on port 3000.
 - / → Returns "Frontend is running!"
 - /fetch-backend → GET → Makes a request to backend:5000/api/data (container networking).
 - /send-data → POST → Sends JSON to backend /submit.

- **Why important:**
Acts as the middle layer between the user and backend APIs.

5. /frontend/package.json

```
{  
  "name": "frontend",  
  "version": "1.0.0",  
  "main": "server.js",  
  "dependencies": {  
    "express": "^4.18.2",  
    "axios": "^1.6.0",  
    "cors": "^2.8.5"  
  }  
}
```

- **Purpose:**
Node.js project configuration file.
- **What it contains:**
 - App metadata (name, version).
 - dependencies like axios, cors, express.
 - Scripts (npm start runs server.js).
- **Why important:**
Required by Node.js to install dependencies with npm install.

6. /frontend/Dockerfile

FROM node:18

WORKDIR /app

COPY package*.json ./

RUN npm install

COPY . .

EXPOSE 3000

CMD ["npm", "start"]

- **Purpose:**
Tells Docker **how to build** the frontend image.
- **Steps inside:**
 - Use node:18 base image.
 - Set working directory to /app.
 - Copy package*.json and run npm install.
 - Copy all frontend files.
 - Run npm start when the container starts.
- **Why important:**
Defines the container environment for Node.js frontend.

7. /docker-compose.yml

version: "3.9"

services:

backend:

build: ./backend

container_name: backend_container

ports:

- "5000:5000"

env_file:

- ./backend/.env

volumes:

- ./backend:/app

depends_on:

db:

condition: service_healthy

frontend:

build: ./frontend

container_name: frontend_container

ports:

- "3000:3000"

volumes:

- ./frontend:/app

- /app/node_modules

stdin_open: true

tty: true

depends_on:

backend:

condition: service_started

db:

image: postgres:15

container_name: postgres_container

restart: always

environment:

POSTGRES_USER: myuser

POSTGRES_PASSWORD: mypassword

POSTGRES_DB: mydb

ports:

- "5432:5432"

volumes:

- postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data

healthcheck:

test: ["CMD-SHELL", "pg_isready -U myuser -d mydb"]

interval: 5s

timeout: 5s

retries: 5

volumes:

postgres_data:

- **Purpose:**
Orchestrates **multiple containers**: frontend, backend, PostgreSQL DB.
- **What it defines:**
 - **backend** → Builds from backend/Dockerfile, connects to DB.
 - **frontend** → Builds from frontend/Dockerfile, connects to backend.
 - **db** → Uses postgres:15 official image.
 - Networking between containers is automatic (Docker Compose default network).
- **Why important:**
One command (docker-compose up) starts all services together.

8. /.gitignore

node_modules/

.vscode/

__pycache__/

*.pyc

.env

- **Purpose:**
Lists files/folders Git should **not track**.
- **Example entries:**

- .venv/ → Python virtual environment.
- node_modules/ → Node.js dependencies.
- .vscode/ → Editor configs.
- .env → Environment secrets.
- **Why important:**
Prevents uploading large/unnecessary files to GitHub.

9. /README.md

Flask + Node.js + Docker Project

Overview

This project is a **Dockerized Full Stack App** with:

- Backend: Flask + PostgreSQL
- Frontend: Node.js + Express
- Database: PostgreSQL

How to Run

`docker-compose up --build`

- **Purpose:**
Documentation for the project.
- **Contents:**
 - Overview of the stack.
 - Setup instructions.
 - API endpoint descriptions.
 - Docker commands.
- **Why important:**
Makes the project easy for others (and yourself later) to understand.