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Lab Exercise 3: Working with Docker Volumes

Objective:

- Learn how to create and manage Docker volumes.
- Understand how Docker volumes can be used to persist data across container restarts.
- Practice mounting Docker volumes to containers.

Prerequisites:

- Docker installed on your system.
- Basic understanding of Docker commands and container concepts.

Step 1: Create a Docker Volume

Create a new Docker volume:

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docker volume create my_data_volume

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Last login: Mon Sep 23 14:03:43 on console
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker volume create volumerajat
volumerajat
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker volume ls
DRIVER VOLUME NAME
local bd6bb67dde96d9e4ef716d0bee6f8547586b8d2d857f9f3bc91736eab4cc4227
local d3c4084a4663ffb7deb375c8c654fb831a47e554a3539a715658c96dc80f6a9c
local volumerajat
(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ %
```

Docker volume ls #(to see the list of volumes)

This command creates a Docker volume named my_data_volume.

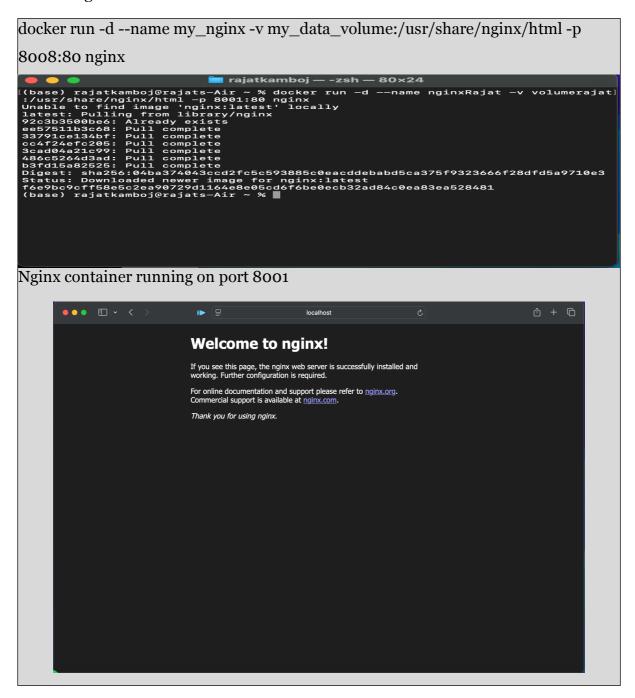
Verify that the volume was created:

docker volume ls

You should see my_data_volume listed among the volumes.

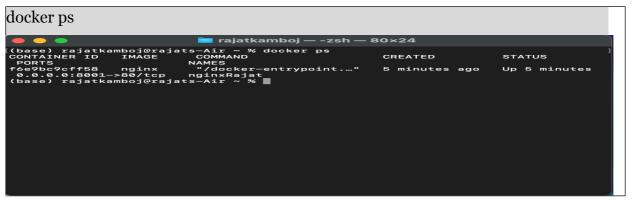
Step 2: Run a Container with the Volume Mounted

Run an Nginx container with the volume mounted:



This command starts an Nginx container named my_nginx and mounts the my_data_volume volume to the /usr/share/nginx/html directory inside the container.

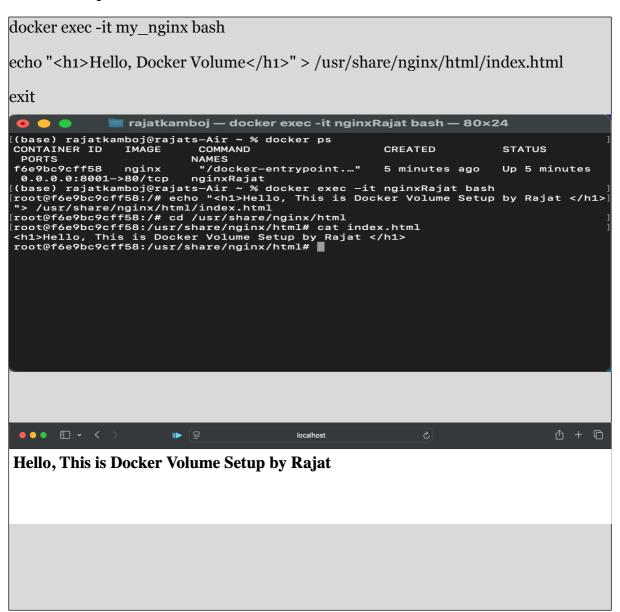
Verify that the container is running:



You should see my nginx listed as one of the running containers.

Step 3: Interact with the Volume

Create a simple HTML file in the volume:



This command creates an HTML file inside the /usr/share/nginx/html directory, which is backed by my_data_volume.

Access the Nginx server to see your file: Open a browser and navigate to http://localhost:8008. You should see the message "Hello, Docker Volume!" displayed on the page.

Step 4: Test Data Persistence

Stop and remove the container:

```
docker stop my_nginx

Last login: Wed Sep 25 12:02:24 on ttys000
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
PORTS NAMES

6.0.0:8001->80/top nginxRajat
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker stop nginxRajat
nginxRajat
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

docker rm my_nginx

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[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

docker rm my_nginx

Last login: Wed Sep 25 12:02:24 on ttys000
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
PORTS
f6e9bc9cff58 nginx "/docker_entrypoint..." 16 minutes ago Up 16 minutes
ports
f6e9bc9cff58 nginx "/docker_entrypoint..." 16 minutes ago Up 16 minutes
nginxRajat
[(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker stop nginxRajat
nginxRajat STATUS PORTS NAMES

(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

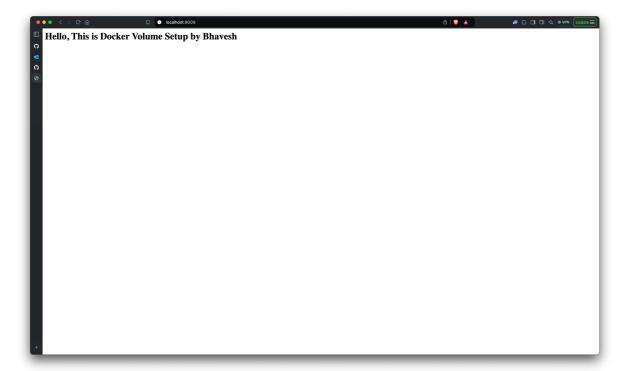
(base) rajatkamboj@rajats-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
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Run a new Nginx container using the same volume:

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\(base) → ~ docker run -d -p 8009:80 -v volumeBhavesh:/usr/share/nginx/html nginx
3ad3ed772176bdf154ef402b5bc425c0a45516ca5f66578feff5dae171041e2f
\('base) → ~ docker ps
\(CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
\(3ad3ed772176 nginx "/docker-entrypoint..." 3 seconds ago Up 2 seconds 0.0.0:8009->80/tcp youthful_newton
\('base) → ~ docker exec -it 3ad3ed772176 bash
\(root@3ad3ed772176:// uc / usr/share/nginx/\)
\(root@3ad3ed772176:// usr/share/nginx/\)
\(root@3ad3ed772176:// usr/share/nginx/html# cat index.html
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docker run -d -p 8011:80 -v my_data_volume:/usr/share/nginx/html nginx

Access the Nginx server again: Navigate to http://localhost in your browser. You should still see the "Hello, Docker Volume!" message, demonstrating that the data persisted across container instances.



Step 5: Clean Up

Stop and remove the container:

docker stop new_nginx docker rm new_nginx

Remove the Docker volume:

docker volume rm my_data_volume

Verify that the volume is removed:

Ensure that my_data_volume is no longer listed.