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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:

```
docker volume create my_data_volume
```

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.

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker volume create AarushiVolume
AarushiVolume

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker volume ls
DRIVER      VOLUME NAME
local      AarushiVolume
local      de8c88a92add6dfd0c863d317b18620864fcb0693cc825eb53fd0cf6f921a6
local      my_vol

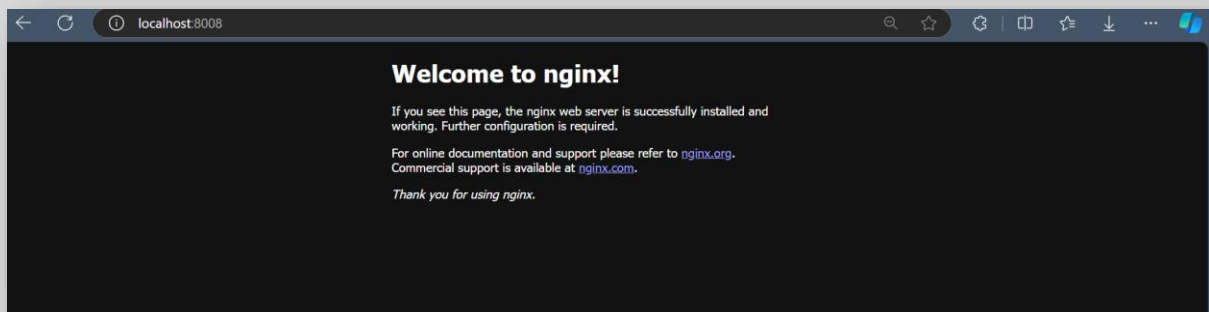
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>
```

Step 2: Run a Container with the Volume Mounted

Run an Nginx container with the volume mounted:

```
docker run -d --name my_nginx -v my_data_volume:/usr/share/nginx/html -p 8008:80 nginx
```

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker run -d --name my_nginx -v AarushiVolume:
/usr/share/nginx/html -p 8008:80 nginx
Unable to find image 'nginx:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/nginx
a480a496ba95: Already exists
f3ace1b8ce45: Pull complete
11d6fdd0e8a7: Pull complete
f1091da6fd5c: Pull complete
40eea07b53d8: Pull complete
6476794e50f4: Pull complete
70850b3ec6b2: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:28402db69fec7c17e179ea87882667f1e054391138f77ffaf0c3eb388efc3ffb
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:latest
ae5a469ef1a08a25f16c5c307be1d9d93ad6e15f03fc320e411025cc6c291b44
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>
```



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:

```
docker ps
```

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS                    NAMES
ae5a469ef1a0   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 40 seconds ago Up 37 seconds  0.0.0.0:8008->80/tcp    my_nginx
1800e4710fff3   redis    "docker-entrypoint.s..." 4 days ago    Up 4 days     6379/tcp                 Aarushi_redis
```

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:

```
docker exec -it my_nginx bash
```

```
echo "<h1>Hello, Docker Volume</h1>" > /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html
```

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker exec -it my_nginx bash  
root@ae5a469ef1a0:/# echo "<h1>Hello, Docker Volume</h1>" > /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html
```

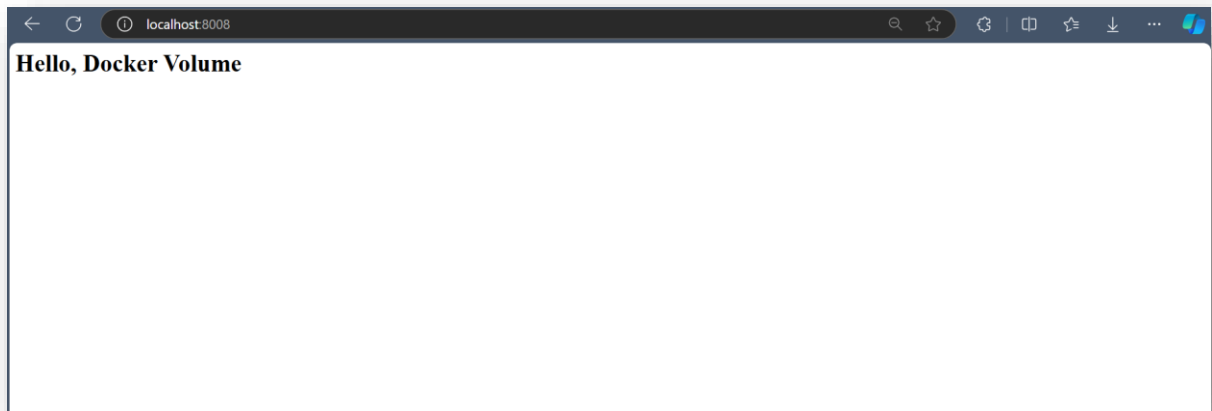
```
exit
```

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker exec -it my_nginx bash  
root@ae5a469ef1a0:/# ls  
bin                etc                mnt                sbin               var  
boot               home               opt                srv  
dev                lib                proc               sys  
docker-entrypoint.d  lib64              root               tmp  
docker-entrypoint.sh media              run                usr  
root@ae5a469ef1a0:/# cd /usr/share/nginx/html  
root@ae5a469ef1a0:/usr/share/nginx/html# cat index.html  
<h1>Hello, Docker Volume</h1>  
root@ae5a469ef1a0:/usr/share/nginx/html# exit
```

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
```

```
docker rm my_nginx
```

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker stop my_nginx
my_nginx

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker rm my_nginx
my_nginx

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE      COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS          NAMES
1800e4710ff3   redis     "docker-entrypoint.s..." 4 days ago    Up 4 days    6379/tcp       Aarushi_redis
```

Run a new Nginx container using the same volume:

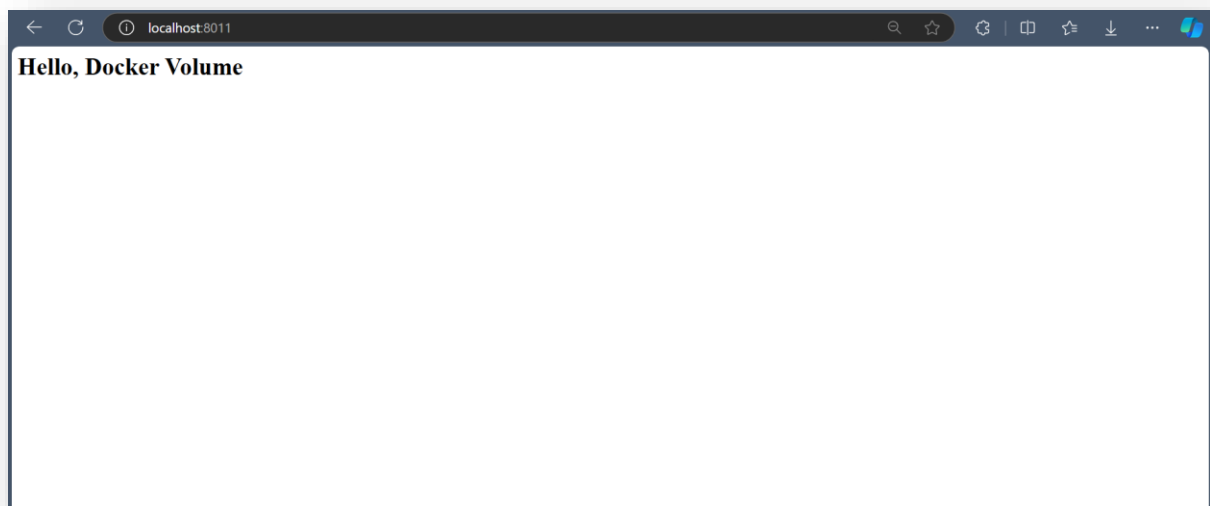
```
docker run -d -p 8011:80 -v my_data_volume:/usr/share/nginx/html nginx
```

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker run -d -p 8011:80 -v AarushiVolume:/usr/share/nginx/html nginx
6433225cd938164d64c1b8279c8eda914a58df92859fbb7b284c1f4ff68bdf6b

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS
NAMES
6433225cd938   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 27 seconds ago Up 25 seconds 0.0.0.0:8011->80/tcp   compassionate_jang
1800e4710ff3   redis    "docker-entrypoint.s..." 4 days ago    Up 4 days    6379/tcp
Aarushi_redis

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker exec -it 6433225cd938 bash
root@6433225cd938:/# cd /usr/share/nginx/
root@6433225cd938:/usr/share/nginx# cd html/
root@6433225cd938:/usr/share/nginx/html#
```

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

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker stop 6433225cd938
6433225cd938

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE      COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS          NAMES
1800e4710ff3   redis     "docker-entrypoint.s..." 4 days ago    Up 4 days    6379/tcp       Aarushi_redis

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker images ls
REPOSITORY    TAG        IMAGE ID      CREATED      SIZE

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker rm 6433225cd938
6433225cd938

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>
```

Remove the Docker volume:

docker volume rm my_data_volume

Verify that the volume is removed:

docker volume ls

Ensure that my_data_volume is no longer listed.

```
C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker rm 6433225cd938
6433225cd938

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker volume ls
DRIVER      VOLUME NAME
local      AarushiVolume
local      de8c88a92add6dfd0c863d317b18620864fcb0693cc825eb53dfd0cf6f921a6
local      my_vol

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker volume rm AarushiVolume
AarushiVolume

C:\Users\AARUSHI\Desktop\Sem-5\LABS\Container and Docker Security\Docker>docker volume ls
DRIVER      VOLUME NAME
local      de8c88a92add6dfd0c863d317b18620864fcb0693cc825eb53dfd0cf6f921a6
local      my_vol
```