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What is a container?

1. run a container using the CLI

Command: `docker run -d -p 8080:80 docker/welcome-to-docker`

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -p 8080:80 docker/welcome-to-docker  
Unable to find image 'docker/welcome-to-docker:latest' locally  
bdaad27fd04a: Pull complete  
a5585638209e: Pull complete  
828fa206d77b: Pull complete  
958a74d6a238: Pull complete  
fd372c3c84a2: Pull complete  
c1d2dc189e38: Pull complete  
9824c27679d3: Pull complete  
Digest: sha256:c4d56c24da4f009ecf8352146b43497fe78953edb4c679b841732beb97e588b0  
Status: Downloaded newer image for docker/welcome-to-docker:latest  
2477bd10cee825343f5a17c672fc5cc47779b0a6ce476c3b77e94c3c79e1c03e
```

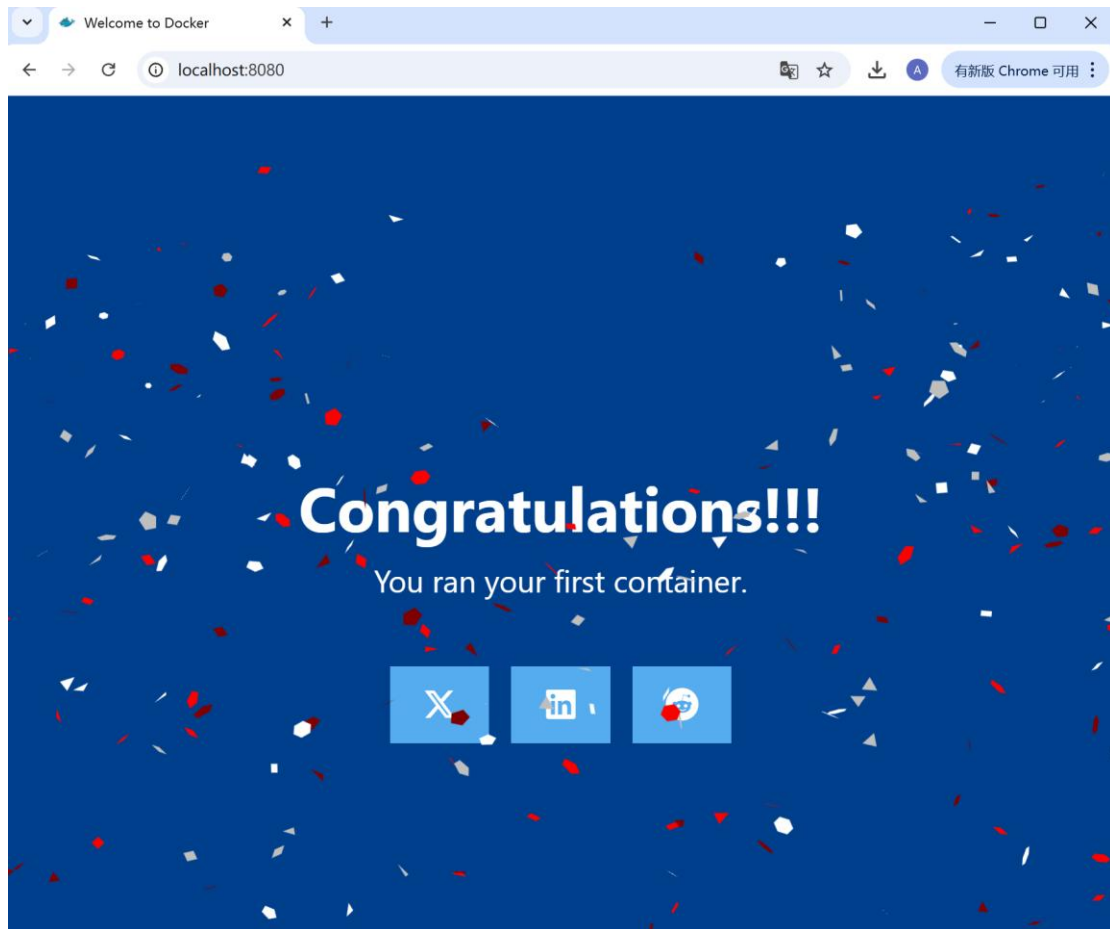
2. View the running containers

Command: `docker ps`

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker ps
```

| CONTAINER ID | IMAGE | COMMAND | CREATED | STATUS |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2477bd10cee8 | docker/welcome-to-docker | "/docker-entrypoint..." | About a minute ago | Up About a minute |
| 0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp, [::]:8080->80/tcp | | bold_moore | | |

3. Access the frontend from <http://localhost:8080>



4. Stop the container

First, run `docker ps` to get the ID of the container. Here Container ID is 2477bd10cee825343f5a17c672fc5cc47779b0a6ce476c3b77e94c3c79e1c03e.

Then Provide the container ID to the `docker stop` command

```
docker stop 2477bd10cee825343f5a17c672fc5cc47779b0a6ce476c3b77e94c3c79e1c03e
```

bold_moore

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8080:80

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Status: Downloaded newer image for docker/welcome-to-docker:latest
2477bd10cee825343f5a17c672fc5cc47779b0a6ce476c3b77e94c3c79e1c03e
rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
PORTS
2477bd10cee8 docker/welcome-to-docker "/docker-entrypoint..." About a minute ago Up About a minute
0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp, [::]:8080->80/tcp bold_moore
rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ ^C
rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker stop 2477bd10cee825343f5a17c672fc5cc47779b0a6ce476c3b77e94c3c79e1c03e
2477bd10cee825343f5a17c672fc5cc47779b0a6ce476c3b77e94c3c79e1c03e
^C

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what-is-an-image

1. search for images using the `docker search` command

```
docker search docker/welcome-to-docker
```

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker search docker/welcome-to-docker
```

| NAME | DESCRIPTION | STARS | OFFICIAL |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|----------|
| docker/welcome-to-docker | Docker image for new users getting started w... | 68 | |
| docker/dockerfile | Official Dockerfile frontend images that ena... | 123 | |
| docker/dockerfile-copy | (deprecated) | 1 | |
| docker/docker-model-backend-llamacpp | | 1 | |
| docker/docker-mcp-cli-desktop-module | | 0 | |
| docker/desktop-docker-debug-service | | 0 | |
| docker/dockerfile-upstream | Staging version of docker/dockerfile | 12 | |

Here it shows the available images relatedt docker/welcome-to-docker on Docker Hub.

2. Pull the image using the `docker pull` command.

```
docker pull docker/welcome-to-docker
```

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker pull docker/welcome-to-docker
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from docker/welcome-to-docker
Digest: sha256:c4d56c24da4f009ecf8352146b43497fe78953edb4c679b841732beb97e588b0
Status: Image is up to date for docker/welcome-to-docker:latest
docker.io/docker/welcome-to-docker:latest
```

3. List the downloaded images

```
docker image ls
```

The command shows a list of Docker images currently available on your system. The docker/welcome-to-docker has a total size of approximately 22.2MB, which represented here reflects the uncompressed size of the image, not the download size of the layers.

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker image ls
```

| REPOSITORY | TAG | IMAGE ID | CREATED | SIZE |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| mysql | 8 | 5cdee9be17b6 | 8 days ago | 1.07GB |
| gitea/gitea | latest | 534428e78fc0 | 2 weeks ago | 259MB |
| kicbase/stable | v0.0.48 | 0670263400ef | 3 months ago | 1.9GB |
| docker/welcome-to-docker | latest | c4d56c24da4f | 4 months ago | 22.2MB |

4. List the image's layers

```
docker image history docker/welcome-to-docker
```

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker image history docker/welcome-to-docker
```

| IMAGE | CREATED | CREATED BY | SIZE | COMMENT |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------|------------------------|
| c4d56c24da4f | 4 months ago | COPY /app/build /usr/share/nginx/html # buil... | 1.65MB | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | CMD ["nginx" "-g" "daemon off;"] | 0B | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | STOPSIGNAL SIGQUIT | 0B | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | ENV PKG_RELEASE=1 | 0B | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | ENV NGINX_VERSION=1.29.0 | 0B | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | LABEL maintainer=NGINX Docker Maintainers <d... | 0B | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | CMD ["/bin/sh"] | 0B | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |
| <missing> | 5 months ago | ADD alpine-minirootfs-3.22.1-x86_64.tar.gz /... | 8.98MB | buildkit.dockerfile.v0 |

What is Docker Compose?

`git clone https://github.com/docker-samples/todo-list-app`

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ git clone https://github.com/docker-samples/todo-list-app
Cloning into 'todo-list-app'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 93, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 93 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 91 (from 2)
Receiving objects: 100% (93/93), 1.68 MiB | 21.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (15/15), done.
```

`cd todo-list-app`

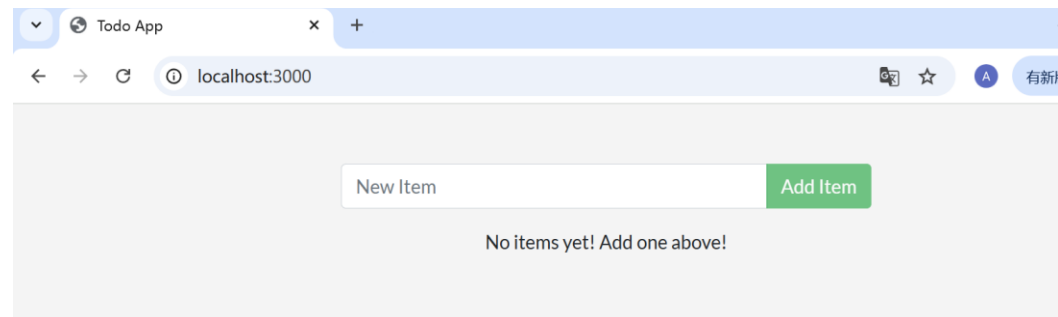
`docker compose up -d --build`

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ cd todo-list-app
rosalind@Rosalind:~/todo-list-app$ docker compose up -d --build
[+] Running 16/16
  ✓ app Pulled                                21.5s
  ✓ mysql Pulled                             37.4s
[+] Running 4/4
  ✓ Network todo-list-app_default             Created      0.1s
  ✓ Volume todo-list-app_todo-mysql-data      Created      0.0s
  ✓ Container todo-list-app-mysql-1           Started       1.0s
  ✓ Container todo-list-app-app-1             Started       1.1s
```

From this screenshot, it shows:

- Two container images were downloaded from Docker Hub - node and MySQL
- A network was created for the application
- A volume was created to persist the database files between container restarts
- Two containers were started with all of their necessary config

Open <http://localhost:3000> in the browser.



Look at the Docker Desktop GUI, we can see that the containers and dive deeper into their configuration.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ▼ | ● | todo-list-app | - | - | - | ⚙ | ■ | ⋮ | 🗑 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | ● | app-1 | b0b5d123dd0b | node:18-alr | 3000:3000 | ⚙ | ■ | ⋮ | 🗑 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | ● | mysql-1 | 05de80c90151 | mysql:8.0 | | ⚙ | ■ | ⋮ | 🗑 |

Tear down the application when we are done.

Enter the command `docker compose down` in CLI to remove everything.

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~/todo-list-app$ docker compose down
[+] Running 3/3
  ✓ Container todo-list-app-mysql-1 Removed      3.7s
  ✓ Container todo-list-app-app-1   Removed      1.3s
  ✓ Network todo-list-app_default   Removed      0.9s
```

Publishing and exposing ports

1. Publish the container's port 80 to host port 8080

```
docker run -d -p 8080:80 nginx
```

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nginx

8080:80

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ee3a09d2248a: Pull complete
9ee60c6c0558: Pull complete
1733a4cd5954: Pull complete
7382b41547b8: Pull complete
5b5fa0b64d74: Pull complete
5b219a92f92a: Pull complete
114e699da838: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:fb01117203ff38c2f9af91db1a7409459182a37c87cced5cb442d1d8fcc66d19
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:latest
4de922aecac92de43f5c262949e01b4a9bf60f9b043839a1692662e9d6c7e75c

2. publish the container's port 80 onto an ephemeral port on the host:

```
docker run -p 80 nginx
```

distracted_buck

8f78e41e63eb

nginx

65289:80

Terminal

rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker run -p 80 nginx
/docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh

Then use `docker ps` to show the chosen port once the container is running

rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker ps

| CONTAINER ID | IMAGE | COMMAND | CREATED | STATUS |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 8f78e41e63eb | nginx | "/docker-entrypoint..." | About a minute ago | Up About a minute |
| te | 0.0.0.0:65289->80/tcp, [::]:65289->80/tcp | distracted_buck | | |

3. publish all exposed ports to ephemeral ports with the -P or --publish-all flag

```
docker run -P nginx
```

lucid_williams

79e2e858fcd8

nginx

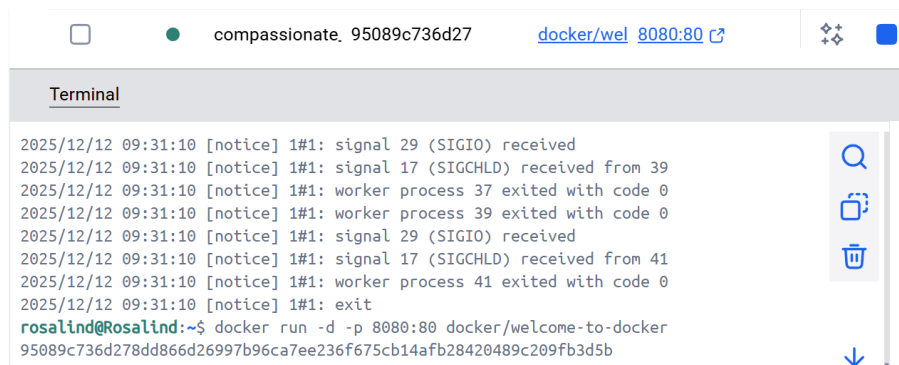
32769:80

Terminal

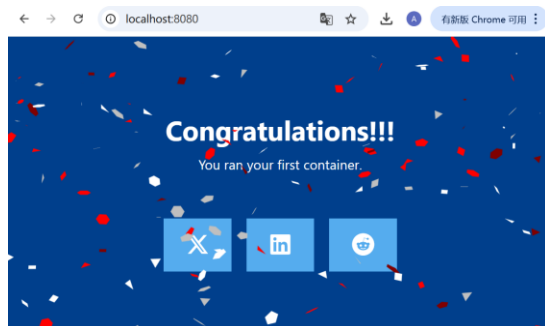
rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker run -P nginx
/docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh

Use the Docker CLI

Start a new container: `docker run -d -p 8080:80 docker/welcome-to-docker`



Open the website by either selecting the link in the Port(s) column of the container like `http://localhost:8080`.



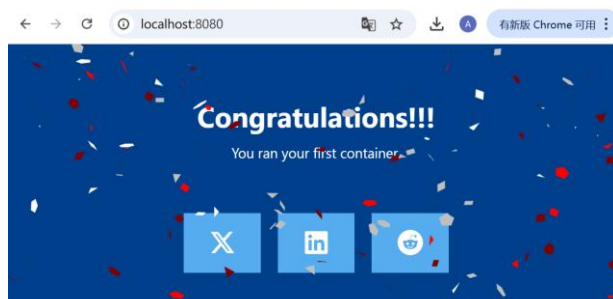
Use the Docker CLI

Create a `compose.yml` file with the following contents:

```
services:
  app:
    image: docker/welcome-to-docker
    ports:
      - 8080:80
```

Then enter the `docker run` command to run a container,

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~/project/cloud_computing$ docker compose up
[+] Running 2/2
 ✓ Network cloud_computing_default Created 0.0s
 ✓ Container cloud_computing-app-1 Created 0.1s
Attaching to app-1
app-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
app-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
```



Overriding container defaults

1. Sets an environment variable foo inside the container with the value bar.

```
docker run -e foo=bar postgres env
```

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -e foo=bar postgres env
Unable to find image 'postgres:latest' locally
1dc30afa2762: Pull complete
db5e628b821e: Pull complete
1a285618a7ed: Download complete
72fdf866b594: Pull complete
1a285618a7ed: Pull complete
c3ff19dd627c: Pull complete
c063aa26ba0a: Pull complete
Status: Downloaded newer image for postgres:latest
HOSTNAME=4cedd58773e4
PWD=/
HOME=/root
LANG=en_US.utf8
GOSU_VERSION=1.19
foo=bar
PG_MAJOR=18
PG_VERSION=18.1-1.pgdg13+2
SHLVL=0
PGDATA=/var/lib/postgresql/18/docker
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/lib/postgresql/18/bin
-
```

2. Use the --memory and --cpus flags with the docker run command to restrict how much CPU and memory a container can use.

```
docker run -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret --memory="512m" --cpus="0.5" postgres
```

Here the command limits container memory usage to 512 MB and defines the CPU quota of 0.5 for half a core.

sleepy_ritchie

9e849b872ca9

postgres

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```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret --memory="512m" --cpus="0.5" postgres
The files belonging to this database system will be owned by user "postgres".
This user must also own the server process.

The database cluster will be initialized with locale "en_US.utf8".
The default database encoding has accordingly been set to "UTF8".
The default text search configuration will be set to "english".

Data page checksums are enabled.

fixing permissions on existing directory /var/lib/postgresql/18/docker ... ok
creating subdirectories ... ok
selecting dynamic shared memory implementation ... posix
selecting default "max_connections" ... 100
selecting default "shared_buffers" ... 128MB
selecting default time zone ... Etc/UTC
creating configuration files ... ok
running bootstrap script ... ok
performing post-bootstrap initialization ... ok
syncing data to disk ... ok
```

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- Use the `docker stats` command to monitor the real-time resource usage of running containers. This helps to understand whether the allocated resources are sufficient or need adjustment.

| CONTAINER ID | NAME | CPU % | MEM USAGE / LIMIT | MEM % | NET I/O |
|--------------|----------------|-------|-------------------|--------|---------------|
| BLOCK I/O | PIDS | | | | |
| 9e849b872ca9 | sleepy_ritchie | 0.00% | 61.03MiB / 512MiB | 11.92% | 1.17kB / 126B |
| 0B / 0B | 10 | | | | |

- Start the Postgres database in the background, listening on the standard container port 5432 and mapped to port 5432 on the host machine.

```
docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5432:5432 postgres
```

- Start another Postgres container in the background, listening on the standard postgres port 5432 in the container, but mapped to port 5433 on the host machine.

```
docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5433:5432 postgres
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|----|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ● | hungry_hypatia | 6dd384dabdaa | postgres | 5432:5432 ↗ | ⚙️ | ■ | ⋮ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ● | priceless_groth | 684c1e59d27c | postgres | 5433:5432 ↗ | ⚙️ | ■ | ⋮ |

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```

2025-12-12 09:48:43.783 UTC [69] LOG:  checkpoint starting: shutdown immediate
2025-12-12 09:48:43.799 UTC [69] LOG:  checkpoint complete: wrote 42 buffers (0.3%), w
rote 3 SLRU buffers; 0 WAL file(s) added, 0 removed, 0 recycled; write=0.005 s, sync=0
.005 s, total=0.019 s; sync files=11, longest=0.002 s, average=0.001 s; distance=317 k
B, estimate=317 kB; lsn=0/17AEFC8, redo lsn=0/17AEFC8
2025-12-12 09:48:43.811 UTC [1] LOG:  database system is shut down
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5432:5432 postgres
6dd384dabdaabdc764e6d9ae6aa3f7700c97031d83b5a365096a3c6c9e1eb4e
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5433:5432 postgres
684c1e59d27c1d681d9aad0f3bb7771fe3679b5f5241c0ab7cc388f9067a73e3

```

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- Create a new custom network

```
docker network create mynetwork
```

- Verify the network by listing all networks, including the newly created "mynetwork".

```
docker network ls
```

- Connect Postgres to the custom network

```
docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5434:5432 --network mynetwork
postgres
```

This will start Postgres container in the background, mapped to the host port 5434 and attached to the mynetwork network.

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 31b974017973 | bridge | bridge | local |
| 2a07e85d9a6e | cloud_computing_default | bridge | local |
| 75562d472bcc | git-lib_gitea | bridge | local |
| c7c99b4286b5 | host | host | local |
| 6f172713b454 | minikube | bridge | local |
| f8a8f12377e8 | mynetwork | bridge | local |
| 2f96d771ae48 | none | null | local |

```

rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5434:5432 --network
mynetwork postgres
d7c14e9b9caa24ff8b211afdfc001b0b190d2079c025650a8f1e367242d8c04f

```

- Run a container whose CPU and memory are restricted by flags `--memory` and `--cpus`

```
docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret --memory="512m" --cpus=".5"
```

postgres

The `--cpus` flag specifies the CPU quota for the container. Here, it's set to half a CPU core (0.5) whereas the `--memory` flag specifies the memory limit for the container. In this case, it's set to 512 MB.

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret --memory="512m" --cpus="
".5" postgres
ef3d59b5d3ac63cf14967eff164aa88fbbfdc4281cc7c51f26169a27773a2fa1
```



10. Use Docker compose to override the default commands (CMD) or entry points (ENTRYPOINT) defined in a Docker image

```
services:
```

```
  postgres:
```

```
    image: postgres:18
```

```
    entrypoint: ["docker-entrypoint.sh", "postgres"]
```

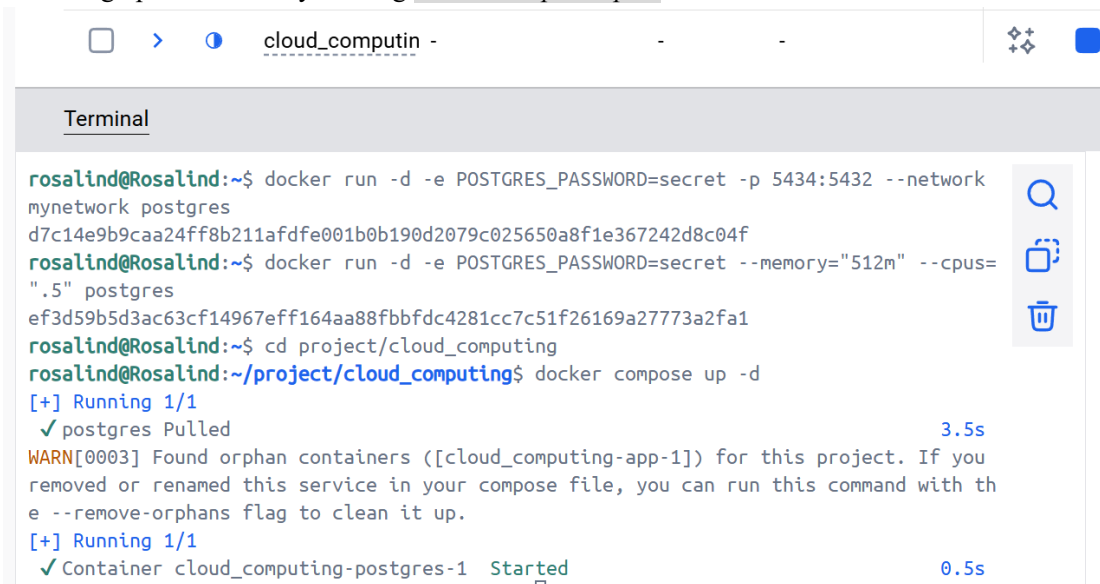
```
    command: ["-h", "localhost", "-p", "5432"]
```

```
    environment:
```

```
      POSTGRES_PASSWORD: secret
```

The Compose file defines a service named `postgres` that uses the official Postgres image, sets an entrypoint script, and starts the container with password authentication.

11. Bring up the service by running `docker compose up -d`



The screenshot shows the Docker Desktop interface with a terminal window open. The terminal displays the following commands and output:

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -p 5434:5432 --network
mynetwork postgres
d7c14e9b9caa24ff8b211afdfe001b0b190d2079c025650a8f1e367242d8c04f
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret --memory="512m" --cpus=
".5" postgres
ef3d59b5d3ac63cf14967eff164aa88fbbfdc4281cc7c51f26169a27773a2fa1
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ cd project/cloud_computing
rosalind@Rosalind:~/project/cloud_computing$ docker compose up -d
[+] Running 1/1
  ✓ postgres Pulled                                     3.5s
WARN[0003] Found orphan containers ([cloud_computing-app-1]) for this project. If you
removed or renamed this service in your compose file, you can run this command with th
e --remove-orphans flag to clean it up.
[+] Running 1/1
  ✓ Container cloud_computing-postgres-1 Started        0.5s
```

12. Open the Docker Desktop Dashboard, select the **Postgres** container and select **Exec** to enter into the container shell.

Logs


Inspect

Bind mounts

Exec

Files

Stats









Docker Debug brings the tools you need to debug your container with one c

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```
# # psql -U postgres
# psql -U postgres
psql (18.1 (Debian 18.1-1.pgdg13+2))
Type "help" for help.

postgres=#
```

13. Override defaults directly using `docker run -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret postgres docker-entrypoint.sh -h localhost -p 5432`




| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | condescending_ 8417305f4b43 | postgres |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | cloud_computin - | - |  |  |

Terminal

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret postgres docker-entrypoint
.sh -h localhost -p 5432
The files belonging to this database system will be owned by user "postgres".
This user must also own the server process.

The database cluster will be initialized with locale "en_US.utf8".
The default database encoding has accordingly been set to "UTF8".
The default text search configuration will be set to "english".

Data page checksums are enabled.
```

Persisting container data

1. Create a volume named as log-data

```
docker volume create log-data
```

2. When starting a container with the following command, the volume will be mounted (or attached) into the container at /logs

```
docker run -d -p 80:80 -v log-data:/logs docker/welcome-to-docker
```

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docker/wel 80:80

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```
2025-12-12 09:56:59.311 UTC [1] LOG: listening on IPv4 address "127.0.0.1", port 5432
2025-12-12 09:56:59.315 UTC [1] LOG: listening on Unix socket "/var/run/postgresql/.s
.PGSQL.5432"
2025-12-12 09:56:59.322 UTC [71] LOG: database system was shut down at 2025-12-12 09:
56:59 UTC
2025-12-12 09:56:59.327 UTC [1] LOG: database system is ready to accept connections
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume create log-data
log-data
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run -d -p 80:80 -v log-data:/logs docker/welcome-to-docker
b72d76ae387d08ca050ce2464ed8b47535711591f585c78242ce56168aca9c39
```

3. **list all volumes**: list all volumes

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume ls
```

| DRIVER | VOLUME NAME |
|--------|--|
| local | 3dea6a26171e5c5c3939323388c82d83ac8ced58670877ed470dc58caa4877a8 |
| local | 6bc316775f6aebc8d325ddca5862b8e4214aef12eba9bf6ce422d5330e3cdab4 |
| local | 9ffe9a7ed9a9432ca11d32ad352ac5f99adc5179e6a759a4de7ea407b529b00b |
| local | bc31abbed0d843e0c32591cc57fea20a0234ea87c2d77e4987a2c6a73b89ea5a |
| local | log-data |
| local | minikube |
| local | todo-list-app_todo-mysql-data |

4. **docker volume rm <volume-name-or-id>**: remove a volume (only works when the volume is not attached to any containers)
5. **docker volume prune**: remove all unused (unattached) volumes

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume rm log-data
```

```
log-data
```

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume prune
```

```
WARNING! This will remove anonymous local volumes not used by at least one container.
```

```
Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N] y
```

```
Deleted Volumes:
```

```
3dea6a26171e5c5c3939323388c82d83ac8ced58670877ed470dc58caa4877a8
```

```
Total reclaimed space: 40.87MB
```

6. Start a container using the Postgres image.

```
docker run --name=db -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -d -v
```

```
postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql postgres:18
```

This will start the database in the background, configure it with a password, and attach a volume to the directory PostgreSQL will persist the database files.

```

[ ] ● db df26d95509b3 postgres:18
Terminal
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume prune
WARNING! This will remove anonymous local volumes not used by at least one container.
Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N] y
Deleted Volumes:
3dea6a26171e5c5c3939323388c82d83ac8ced58670877ed470dc58caa4877a8

Total reclaimed space: 40.87MB
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker run --name=db -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret -d -v postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql postgres:18
df26d95509b3c284abc3df7a4188cc7b7b3d56a69de5648144cafc77b2d23612

```

7. Connect to the database

```
docker exec -ti db psql -U postgres
```

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker exec -ti db psql -U postgres
psql (18.1 (Debian 18.1-1.pgdg13+2))
Type "help" for help.
```

```
postgres=#
```

8. In the PostgreSQL command line, run the following to create a database table and insert two records:

```
CREATE TABLE tasks (
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    description VARCHAR(100)
);
INSERT INTO tasks (description) VALUES ('Finish work'), ('Have fun');
postgres=# CREATE TABLE tasks (
postgres=# id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
postgres=# description VARCHAR(100));
CREATE TABLE
postgres=# INSERT INTO tasks (description) VALUES ('Finish work'), ('Have fun');
INSERT 0 2

```

9. Verify the data is in the database by running the following in the PostgreSQL command line

```
SELECT * FROM tasks;
```

```
postgres=# SELECT * FROM tasks;
 id | description
----+-----
  1 | Finish work
  2 | Have fun
(2 rows)
```

10. \q: exit out of the PostgreSQL shell
11. Stop and remove the database container. Note: even though the container has been deleted, the data is persisted in the postgres_data volume.

```
docker stop db
```

```
docker rm db
```

```
postgres=# \q
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker stop db
db
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker rm db
db
```



12. Start a new container, attaching the same volume with the persisted data

```
docker run --name=new-db -d -v postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql postgres:18
```

13. Verify the database still has the records

```
docker exec -ti new-db psql -U postgres -c "SELECT * FROM tasks"
```

new-db

86bcb38c7084

postgres:18

Terminal

db
rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker run --name=new-db -d -v postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql
postgres:18
86bcb38c7084ab8e1fca4acc704035064f74eb298d822a2ec0cd20da793302d1
rosalind@Rosalind:~\$ docker exec -ti new-db psql -U postgres -c "SELECT * FROM tasks"
id | description
----+-----
1 | Finish work
2 | Have fun
(2 rows)

14. View volume contents by the Docker Desktop Dashboard

postgres_data

In use

Stored data

Container in-useExports

Name ↑

✓ 18

✓ docker

- > base
- ✓ global
- > pg_commit_ts

15. Remove volumes:

- `docker rm -f new-db`: -f means that it stop the container first and then remove it
- `docker volume rm postgres_data`
- `docker volume prune`: remove all unused volumes

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker rm -f new-db
new-db
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume rm postgres_data
postgres_data
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ docker volume prune
WARNING! This will remove anonymous local volumes not used by at least one container.
Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N] y
Total reclaimed space: 0B
```

Sharing local files with containers

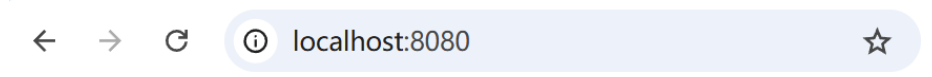
1. Start a container using the httpd image

```
docker run -d -p 8080:80 --name my_site httpd:2.4
```

This will start the **httpd** service in the background, and publish the webpage to port **8080** on the host.

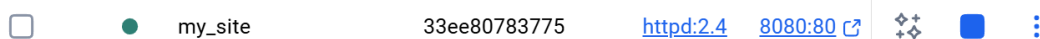
```
Unable to find image 'httpd:2.4' locally
2.4: Pulling from library/httpd
d57e09c0863c: Pull complete
a1c7286d48a4: Pull complete
b282f66bae78: Pull complete
4f4fb700ef54: Pull complete
202c0e1a6b4d: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:b913eada2685f101f93267e0984109966bbcc3afea6c9b48ed389afbf89863aa
Status: Downloaded newer image for httpd:2.4
33ee80783775357093caa3820c37ae962628e829fecc0aea751873d491641e67
```

2. Open <http://localhost:8080> or use the curl command to verify if it's working fine or not



It works!

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ curl localhost:8080
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
<html>
<head>
<title>It works! Apache httpd</title>
</head>
<body>
<p>It works!</p>
</body>
</html>
```



3. Create a directory and create index.html in it.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
<meta charset="UTF-8">
<title> My Website with a Whale & Docker!</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Whalecome!!</h1>
<p>Look! There's a friendly whale greeting you!</p>
<pre id="docker-art">
##
```


Multi-container applications

1. git clone <https://github.com/dockeramples/nginx-node-redis>
2. cd nginx-node-redis

```
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ git clone https://github.com/dockeramples/nginx-node-redis
Cloning into 'nginx-node-redis'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 82, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (24/24), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (9/9), done.
remote: Total 82 (delta 19), reused 15 (delta 15), pack-reused 58 (from 1)
Receiving objects: 100% (82/82), 76.62 KiB | 104.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (26/26), done.
rosalind@Rosalind:~$ cd nginx-node-redis
rosalind@Rosalind:~/nginx-node-redis$ ls
CONTRIBUTING.md  LICENSE  README.md  compose.yml  nginx  web
```

3. docker build -t nginx .

Encountering a network connection problem that won't download

```
PS D:\nginx-node-redis\nginx> docker build -t nginx .
[+] Building 22.5s (3/3) FINISHED                                docker:desktop-linux
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile              0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 141B                             0.0s
=> ERROR [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/nginx:1.29 22.0s
=> [auth] library/nginx:pull token for registry-1.docker.io      0.0s
-----
> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/nginx:1.29:
-----
Dockerfile:1
-----
1 | >>> FROM nginx:1.29
2 |     RUN rm /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
3 |     COPY nginx.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
-----
ERROR: failed to build: failed to solve: failed to fetch oauth token: Post "https://auth.docker.io/token": dial tcp 199.59.148.96:443: connectex: A connection attempt failed because the connected party did not properly respond after a period of time, or established connection failed because connected host has failed to respond.

View build details: docker-desktop://dashboard/build/desktop-linux/desktop-linux/qe7y1xi3i9scofj4jy4zv3jt5
```

So I used a mirror website, based on <https://mirrors.ustc.edu.cn/help/dockerhub.html>

4. navigate into the nginx directory to build the image

docker build -t nginx .

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="radio"/> | nginx | latest | b86ef0744cdb | 1 minute ago | 224.98 MB |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------------|--------------|-----------|

Terminal

```
PS D:\nginx-node-redis\nginx> docker build -t nginx .
[+] Building 1.1s (8/8) FINISHED                                docker:desktop-linux
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile              0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 141B                             0.0s
=> [1/3] FROM docker.io/library/nginx:1.29@sha256:fb01117203ff38c2f9af91db1a74094 0.2s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/nginx:1.29@sha256:fb01117203ff38c2f9af91db1a74094 0.0s
=> [internal] load build context                                0.1s
=> => exporting layers                                           0.1s
=> => exporting manifest sha256:190504f24439b26cd1a6cd1ec8ff8fead90f069d921cea693 0.0s
=> => exporting config sha256:a77477b48b60b5e28545009f79f83d741e1cb983693fb5123a4 0.0s
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:2a2c3aebc1c0b8413068f11e0c4fab45e22e7 0.0s
```

Similarly, first navigate to the web folder and enter `'docker pull node:21'`.

```
PS D:\nginx-node-redis\web> docker pull node:21
21: Pulling from library/node
5d3106ce01c3: Pull complete
2b542796ccab: Pull complete
891494355808: Pull complete
bf2c3e352f3d: Pull complete
08750d53428e: Pull complete
6582c62583ef: Pull complete
c6cf28de8a06: Pull complete
4684276225df: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:4b232062fa976e3a966c49e9b6279efa56c8d207a67270868f51b3d155c4e33d
Status: Downloaded newer image for node:21
docker.io/library/node:21
```

5. Then Navigate into the web directory and run the following command to build the first web image:

`docker build -t web .`

☐ ☐ web latest 110ca337af66 41 seconds ago 1.59 GB

Terminal

```
PS D:\nginx-node-redis\web> docker build -t web .
[+] Building 6.2s (10/10) FINISHED                                docker:desktop-linux
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile                0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 175B                                0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:21         0.0s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                  0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                       0.0s
=> [1/5] FROM docker.io/library/node:21@sha256:4b232062fa976e3a966c49e9b6279efa56 0.2s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/node:21@sha256:4b232062fa976e3a966c49e9b6279efa56 0.0s
=> [internal] load build context                                  0.1s
```

6. create a network for them all to communicate through.
`docker network create sample-app`
7. Start the Redis container, which will attach it to the previously created network and create a network alias (useful for DNS lookups)
`docker run -d --name redis --network sample-app --network-alias redis redis`
8. Start the first web container
`docker run -d --name web1 -h web1 --network sample-app --network-alias web1 web`
9. Start the second web container
`docker run -d --name web2 -h web2 --network sample-app --network-alias web2 web`
10. Start the Nginx container
`docker run -d --name nginx --network sample-app -p 80:80 nginx`

```
PS D:\nginx-node-redis> docker network create sample-app
2d8d4657cb46849fffb39f670074a5b98fa8680ae55df08b69a70a7fe6e4933b
PS D:\nginx-node-redis> docker run -d --name redis --network sample-app --network-alias
redis redis
Unable to find image 'redis:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/redis
0c16123e68fb: Pull complete
1d9a95b931a8: Pull complete
2cedcff21aff: Pull complete
4f4fb700ef54: Pull complete
30e994012175: Pull complete
ae4ce04d0e1c: Pull complete
60f52e32d520: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:3906b477e4b60250660573105110c28bfce93b01243eab37610a484daebceb04
Status: Downloaded newer image for redis:latest
e7aeb79fb7799502cb5ddc37bb8d7f99705899ab178e53cf9ac2ea1095f763d9
```



11. Verify the containers

`docker ps`

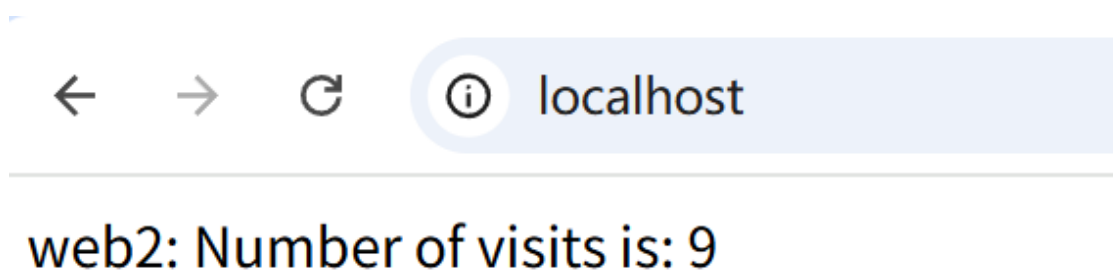
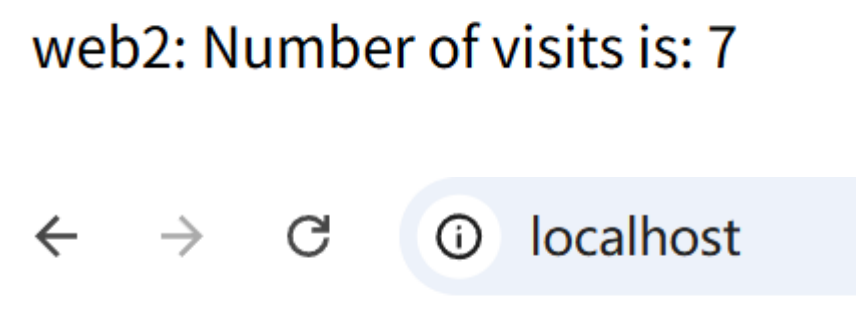
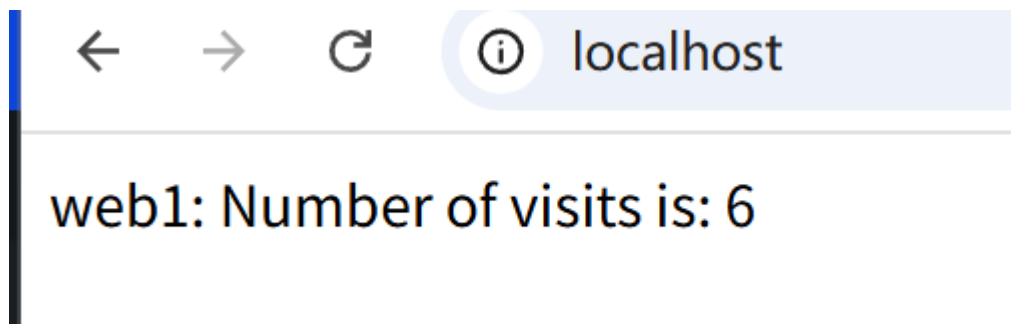
```
PS D:\nginx-node-redis> docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS
PORTS          NAMES
e16efb6eac8e   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 58 seconds ago Up 58 seconds
0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, [::]:80->80/tcp nginx
4e2c323a68b4   web      "docker-entrypoint.s..." About a minute ago Up About a minute
web2
be744cc578bb   web      "docker-entrypoint.s..." About a minute ago Up About a minute
web1
e7aeb79fb779   redis    "docker-entrypoint.s..." 2 minutes ago Up 2 minutes
6379/tcp      redis
```

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | redis | e7aeb79fb779 | redis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | web1 | be744cc578bb | web | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | web2 | 4e2c323a68b4 | web | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | nginx | e16efb6eac8e | nginx | 80:80 |

Terminal

```
2cedcff21aff: Pull complete
4f4fb700ef54: Pull complete
30e994012175: Pull complete
ae4ce04d0e1c: Pull complete
60f52e32d520: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:3906b477e4b60250660573105110c28bfce93b01243eab37610a484daebceb04
Status: Downloaded newer image for redis:latest
e7aeb79fb7799502cb5ddc37bb8d7f99705899ab178e53cf9ac2ea1095f763d9
PS D:\nginx-node-redis> docker run -d --name web1 -h web1 --network sample-app --network-
alias web1 web
be744cc578bbc71532480cf655cdb89a3b98f192d142c95cbd38564a5a86569f
PS D:\nginx-node-redis> docker run -d --name web2 -h web2 --network sample-app --network-
alias web2 web
4e2c323a68b441fd353f7aafd9f62eb0fb8f6994dba2c06d4a738fa5e6e03a7f
PS D:\nginx-node-redis> docker run -d --name nginx --network sample-app -p 80:80 nginx
e16efb6eac8e3da4c334fdb85daed7f6d92a83e48b080c07b9cb3dd16e6f8cc6
```





Then refresh the page several times to see the host that's handling the request and the total number of requests. The output shows consecutive increments for both the web1 and web2 containers and the actual counter value stored in Redis is updated only after the response is sent back to the client.







12. compose.yaml

```
services:
  redis:
    image: redis
```




















```

ports:
  - '6379:6379'
web1:
  restart: on-failure
  build: ./web
  hostname: web1
  ports:
    - '81:5000'
web2:
  restart: on-failure
  build: ./web
  hostname: web2
  ports:
    - '82:5000'
nginx:
  build: ./nginx
  ports:
    - '80:80'
  depends_on:
    - web1
    - web2

```

| | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-------|
|  | nginx | 2025/12/12 18:35 | 文件夹 | |
|  | web | 2025/12/12 18:35 | 文件夹 | |
|  | compose.yml | 2025/12/12 18:35 | YML 文件 | 1 KB |
|  | CONTRIBUTING.md | 2025/12/12 18:35 | Markdown 源文件 | 1 KB |
|  | LICENSE | 2025/12/12 18:35 | 文件 | 12 KB |
|  | README.md | 2025/12/12 18:35 | Markdown 源文件 | 4 KB |

13. docker compose up -d --build

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|--------------|------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | nginx-node-redis | - | - | - |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | redis-1 | edde4ebdab75 | redis | 6379:6379  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | web2-1 | 517d006544e0 | nginx-node | 82:5000  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | web1-1 | de55d4926f7f | nginx-node | 81:5000  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | nginx-1 | 23b258903dc3 | nginx-node | 80:80  |   |

:

Terminal

```

=> [web2] resolving provenance for metadata file
[+] Running 8/8
  ✔ nginx-node-redis-web1      Built          0.0s
  ✔ nginx-node-redis-web2      Built          0.0s
  ✔ nginx-node-redis-nginx     Built          0.0s
  ✔ Network nginx-node-redis_default Create...      0.1s
  ✔ Container nginx-node-redis-web1-1 Start...      0.6s
  ✔ Container nginx-node-redis-redis-1 Start...      0.7s
  ✔ Container nginx-node-redis-web2-1 Start...      0.7s
  ✔ Container nginx-node-redis-nginx-1 Start...      0.8s

```

