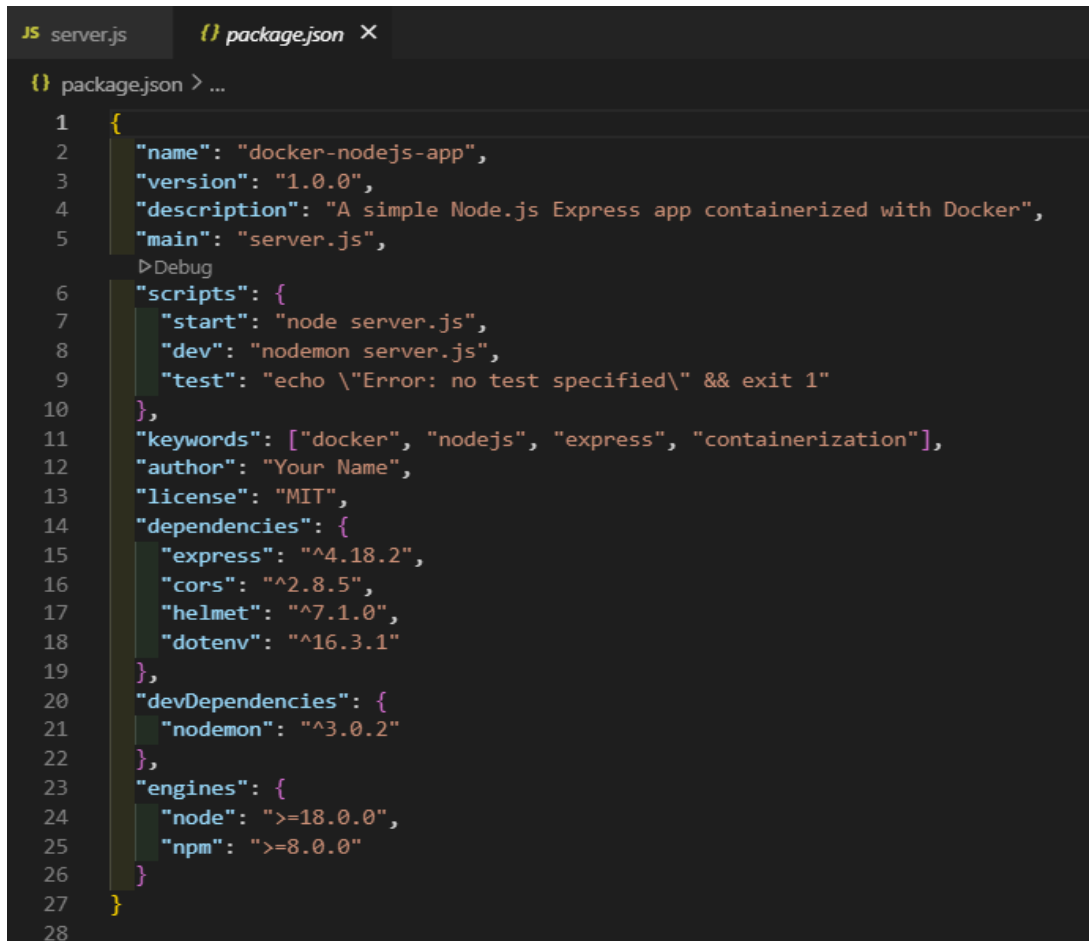


EXP. 9: Containerizing App with Docker

1) App source (minimal Express app):

Create a folder **myapp**/inside add these files



```
JS server.js {} package.json X
{} package.json > ...
1  {
2    "name": "docker-nodejs-app",
3    "version": "1.0.0",
4    "description": "A simple Node.js Express app containerized with Docker",
5    "main": "server.js",
6    "scripts": {
7      "start": "node server.js",
8      "dev": "nodemon server.js",
9      "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
10   },
11   "keywords": ["docker", "nodejs", "express", "containerization"],
12   "author": "Your Name",
13   "license": "MIT",
14   "dependencies": {
15     "express": "^4.18.2",
16     "cors": "^2.8.5",
17     "helmet": "^7.1.0",
18     "dotenv": "^16.3.1"
19   },
20   "devDependencies": {
21     "nodemon": "^3.0.2"
22   },
23   "engines": {
24     "node": ">=18.0.0",
25     "npm": ">=8.0.0"
26   }
27 }
28
```

[app.js](#):

```
// Initialize when page loads
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', function() {
  initializeApp();
  setupEventListeners();
  checkHealthStatus();
});

// Set up all button click handlers
function setupEventListeners() {
  const getUsersBtn = document.getElementById('getUsersBtn');
  if (getUsersBtn) {
    getUsersBtn.addEventListener('click', fetchUsers);
  }

  const addUserForm = document.getElementById('addUserForm');
  if (addUserForm) {
    addUserForm.addEventListener('submit', handleAddUser);
  }

  const checkHealthBtn = document.getElementById('checkHealthBtn');
  if (checkHealthBtn) {
    checkHealthBtn.addEventListener('click', checkHealth);
  }
}
```

```
// Fetch Users (GET API Call)
async function fetchUsers() {
  const resultDiv = document.getElementById('usersResult');
  const btn = document.getElementById('getUsersBtn');

  // Show loading state
  btn.innerHTML = '<div class="loading"></div> Loading...';
  btn.disabled = true;

  try {
    const response = await fetch('/api/users');
    const data = await response.json();

    if (data.success) {
      displayUsers(data.data, resultDiv);
      resultDiv.className = 'result success';
    } else {
      resultDiv.textContent = `Error: ${data.message}`;
      resultDiv.className = 'result error';
    }
  } catch (error) {
    resultDiv.textContent = `Network Error: ${error.message}`;
    resultDiv.className = 'result error';
  } finally {
    // Reset button
    btn.innerHTML = '<i class="fas fa-users"></i> Fetch Users';
    btn.disabled = false;
  }
}

// Add User (POST API Call)
async function handleAddUser(e) {
  e.preventDefault();

  const nameInput = document.getElementById('userName');
  const emailInput = document.getElementById('userEmail');
  const resultDiv = document.getElementById('addUserResult');

  const userData = {
    name: nameInput.value.trim(),
    email: emailInput.value.trim()
  };

  try {
    const response = await fetch('/api/users', {
      method: 'POST',
      headers: {
        'Content-Type': 'application/json',
      },
      body: JSON.stringify(userData)
    });

    const data = await response.json();

    if (data.success) {
      resultDiv.innerHTML = '<div class="result success">User Added Successfully!</div>';
      e.target.reset();
    } else {
      resultDiv.textContent = `Error: ${data.message}`;
      resultDiv.className = 'result error';
    }
  } catch (error) {
    resultDiv.textContent = `Network Error: ${error.message}`;
    resultDiv.className = 'result error';
  }
}
```

2) .dockerignore:

```
# IDE files
.vscode/
.idea/
*.swp
*.sw0
*~

# OS generated files
.DS_Store
.DS_Store?
._*
.Spotlight-V100
.Trashes
ehthumbs.db
...
Thumbs.db

# Git
.git
.gitignore

# Docker
Dockerfile*
docker-compose*
.dockerignore
```

```
.dockerignore
1  # Dependencies
2  node_modules
3  npm-debug.log*
4  yarn-debug.log*
5  yarn-error.log*
6
7  # Runtime data
8  pids
9  *.pid
10 *.seed
11 *.pid.lock
12
13 # Coverage directory used by tools like istanbul
14 coverage
15 *.lcov
16
17 # nyc test coverage
18 .nyc_output
19
20 # Grunt intermediate storage
21 .grunt
22
23 # Bower dependency directory
24 bower_components
```

3) Dockerfile -Multi-stage,(dev/prod friendly)

```
JS server.js Dockerfile X
Dockerfile
1 # Multi-stage Dockerfile for Node.js Express App
2
3 # Stage 1: Build stage
4 FROM node:18-alpine AS builder
5
6 # Set working directory
7 WORKDIR /app
8
9 # Copy package files
10 COPY package*.json ./
11
12 # Install dependencies (including dev dependencies for build)
13 RUN npm ci --only=production && npm cache clean --force
14
15 # Copy source code
16 COPY . .
17
18 # Stage 2: Production stage
19 FROM node:18-alpine AS production
20
21 # Create app directory
22 WORKDIR /app
23
24 # Create a non-root user for security
25 RUN addgroup -g 1001 -S nodejs && \
26     adduser -S nodejs -u 1001
27
28 # Copy package files
29 COPY package*.json ./
30
```

4) docker-compose.yml (optional, for local dev)

Create `docker-compose.yml` to run locally with environment overrides and volume mount for live reload (dev):

For production, remove `volumes` and use the baked-in CMD.

```
docker-compose.yml
1 version: '3.8'
2
3 services:
4   app:
5     build:
6       context: .
7       dockerfile: Dockerfile
8     container_name: docker-nodejs-app
9     ports:
10      - "${PORT:-3000}:3000"
11     environment:
12      - NODE_ENV=${NODE_ENV:-production}
13      - PORT=3000
14      - APP_VERSION=${APP_VERSION:-1.0.0}
15     env_file:
16      - .env
17     restart: unless-stopped
18     healthcheck:
19       test: ["CMD", "node", "-e", "require('http').get('http://localhost:3000/health', (res) =>"]
20       interval: 30s
21       timeout: 10s
22       retries: 3
23       start_period: 40s
24     networks:
25      - app-network
26     volumes:
27       # Mount logs directory if needed
28       - ./logs:/app/logs
29
```

5) Build & run (commands)

From myapp/ directory:

Build image:

```
# build using Dockerfile
docker build -t myapp:latest
```

Run container:

```
docker run --rm -p 3000:3000 \
  -e GREETING="Hello Docker" \
  --name myapp-dermo myapp:latest
```

Using docker-compose (dev):

```
docker-compose up --build
# stop it, with Ctrl+C or in another terminal:
# docker-compose down
```

Verify:

- Open <http://localhost:3000/> – you should see the greeting.
- Health: curl <http://localhost:3000/health>.

6) Tag & push to Docker Hub (optional):

Login

```
docker login
```

tag (replace USER with your dockerhub username)

```
docker tag myapp:latest YOIJR_OOCKERHUB_USER/myapp:1.0.0
```

push

```
docker push YOIJR_OOCKERHUB_USER/myapp:1.0.0
```

6) Extra best practices & tips:

- Use `.env` files for secrets in dev (with `docker-compose` and `env_file`), but **never** commit secrets to git.
- Use a non-root user in the image (example demonstrates it).
- Keep image slim: prefer `node:18-alpine` or `distroless` images.
- Pin base images to a specific version for reproducibility.
- Security scan images (e.g., `docker scan`).
- For production orchestration use Kubernetes, ECS, or similar - deploy the pushed image there.
- If your app needs file persistence, mount volumes (`-v`) or use external storage; containers should be ephemeral.