DevOps Lab

Assignment 8:

Aim: To learn Dockerfile instructions, build an image for a sample web application using Dockerfile which will be hosted using nginx and apache2.

Theory & Execution:

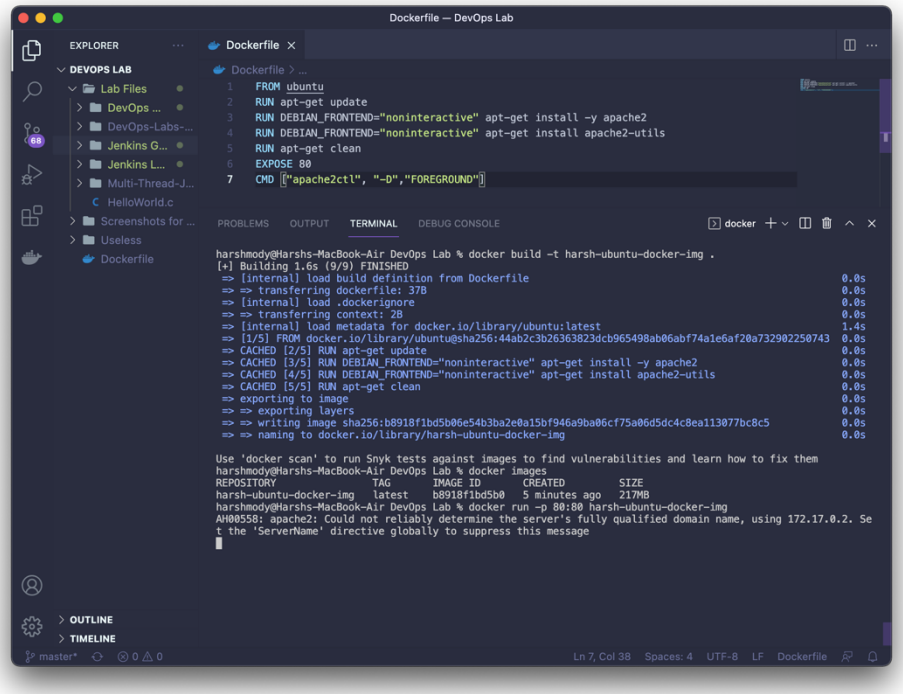
Docker can build images automatically by reading the instructions from a Dockerfile.
A Dockerfile is a text document that contains all the commands a user could call on the command line to assemble an image. Using docker build users can create an automated build that executes several command-line instructions in succession.

A Docker image consists of read-only layers each of which represents a Dockerfile instruction. The layers are stacked and each one is a delta of the changes from the previous layer. Consider this Dockerfile:

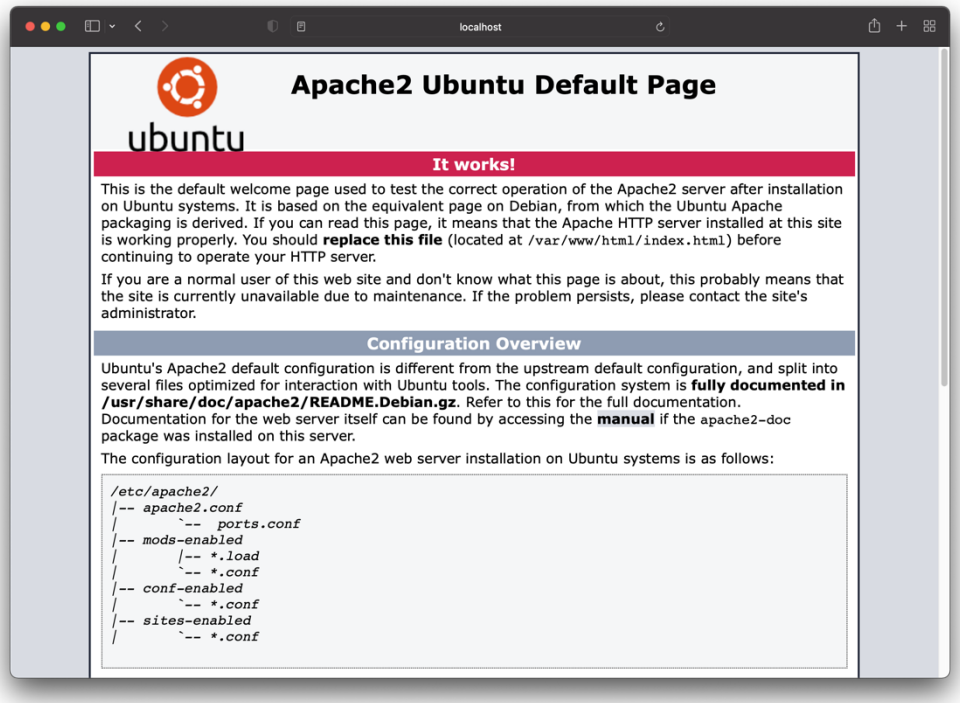
Each instruction creates one layer:

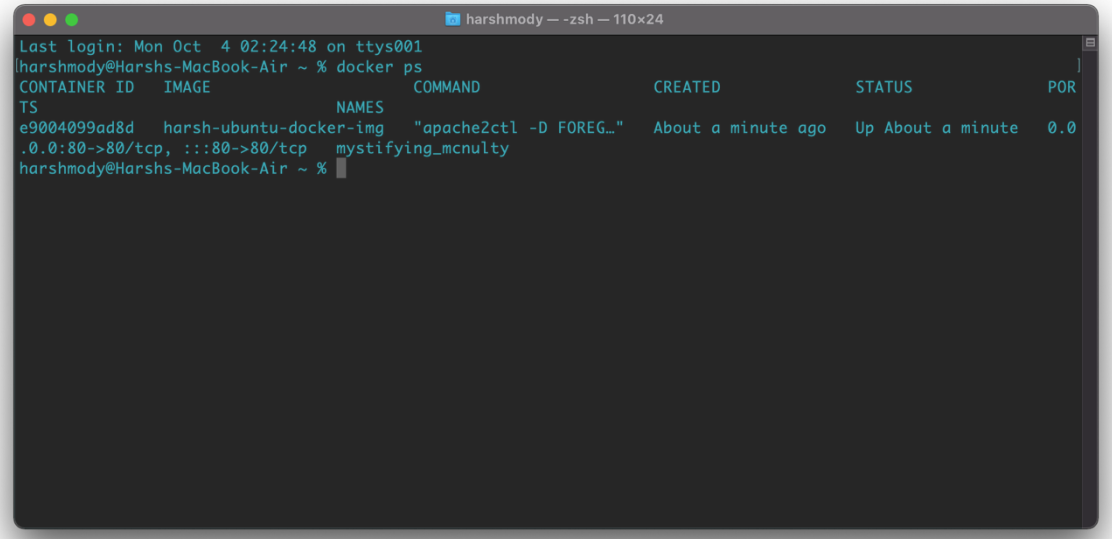
- FROM creates a layer from the ubuntu:18.04 Docker image.
- COPY adds files from your Docker client's current directory.
- RUN builds your application with make.
- CMD specifies what command to run within the container.

To run a web app using apache2, we used an Ubuntu image as our base image and wrote a custom Dockerfile to host the sample apache web server homepage.

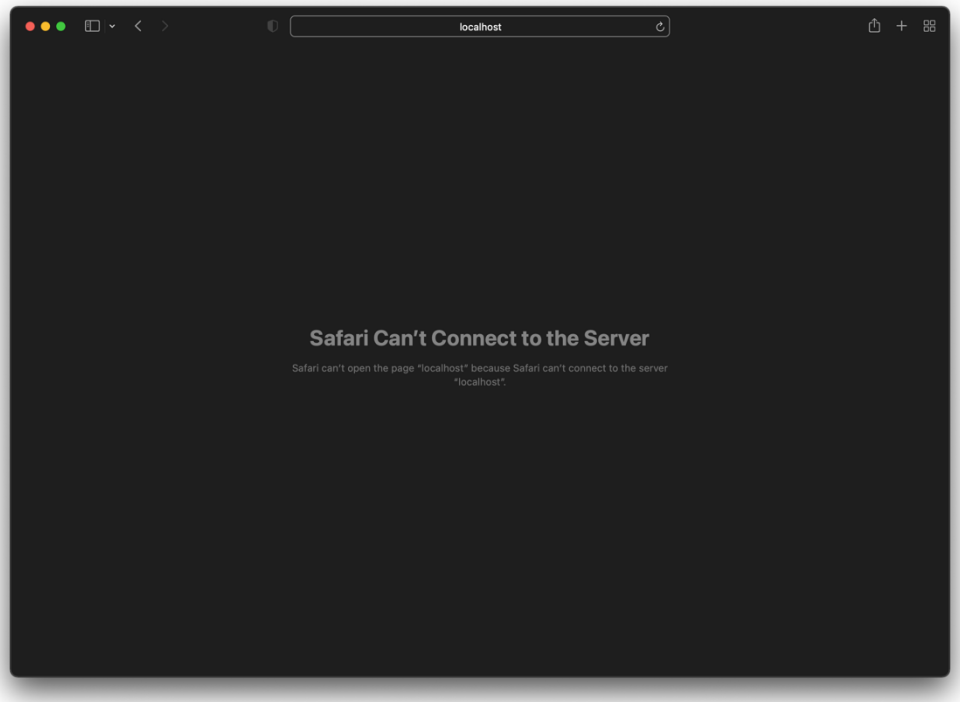


We can check if our container was created successfully by visiting http://localhost:80/

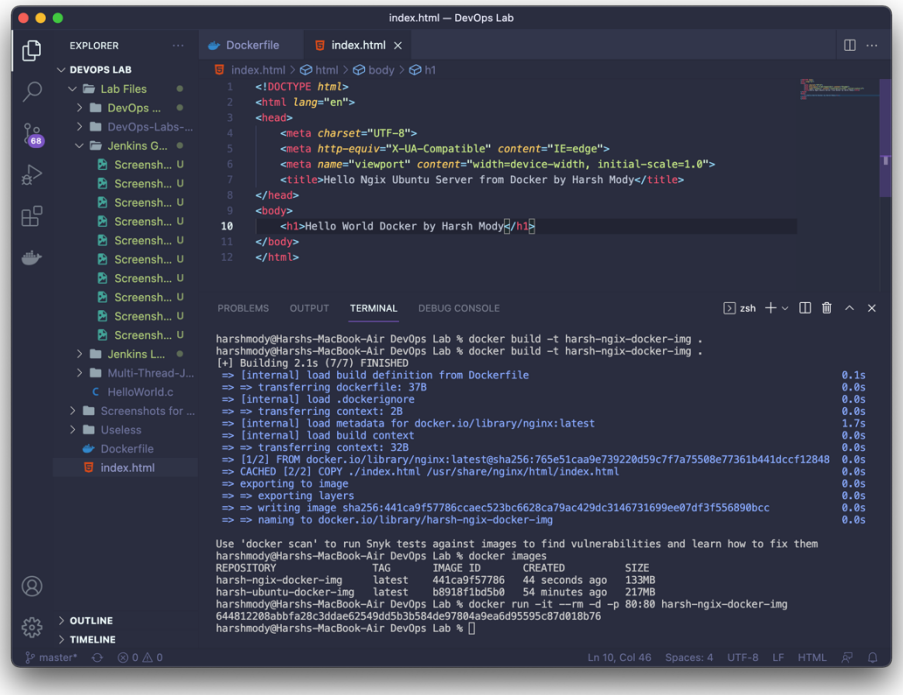




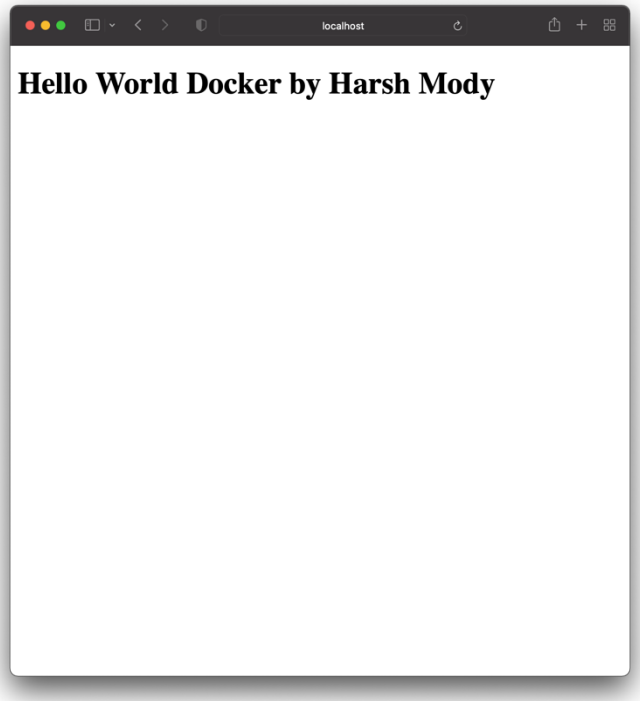
After terminating the image container, the hosted webpage is no longer visible.



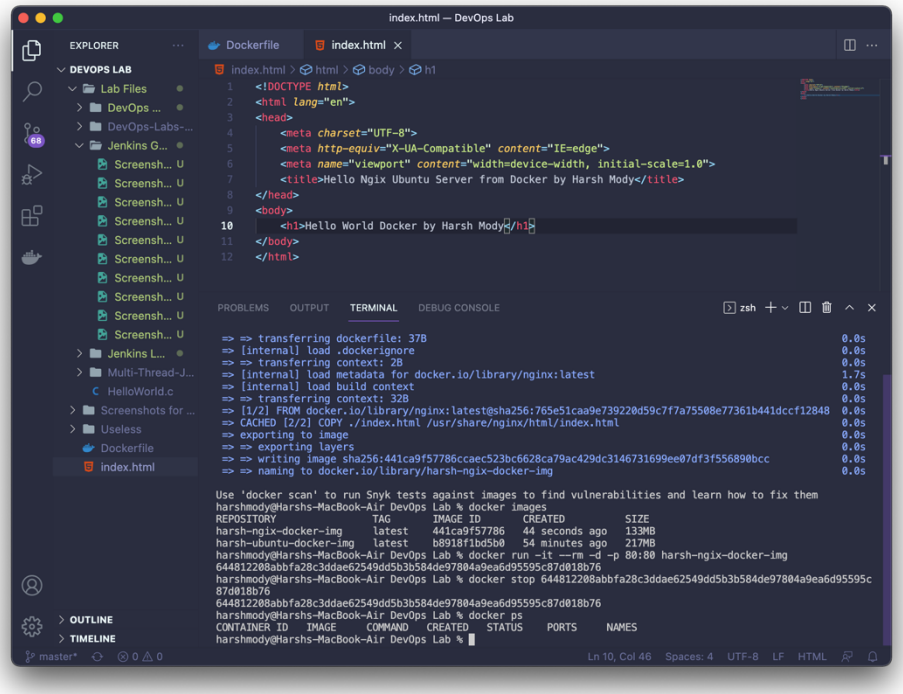
To run a web app using nginx, we create a simple custom index.html and use default nginx image as our base image to host our app.



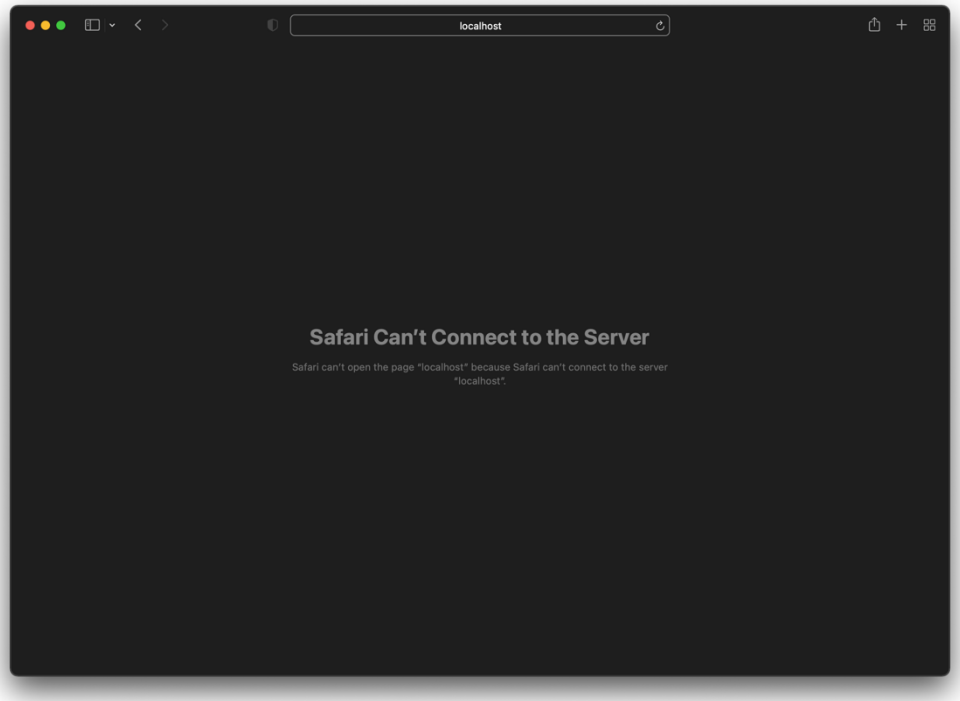
We can check if our container was created successfully by visiting http://localhost:80/



We can then stop the docker container and run docker prune to delete all images to save storage space.



After terminating the image container, the hosted webpage is no longer visible.



Conclusion: Thus, successfully understood the importance of Containerization tools like Docker and learnt the use of Dockerfile to create and build custom Docker containers.