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## Lab Experiment 3: Docker Volume

In this lab experiment, you will learn how to work with Docker volumes, which are used to persist data across containers. Volumes enable data to be stored outside the container filesystem and are crucial for managing data consistency and sharing data between containers.

Prerequisites:

Docker installed and running on your machine.

Objective:

Create a Docker volume, use it with a container, and observe how data persists across container instances.

Steps:

### Step 1: Create a Docker Volume

Open a terminal on your machine.

Run the following command to create a Docker volume named "my\_volume":

```
docker volume create my_volume
```

```
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker volume create volume_1
volume_1
priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % █
```

## Step 2: Launch Containers with the Volume

Run a container using the volume you created:

```
docker run -it --name container1 -v my_volume:/app/data nginx
```

```
priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker run -it --name container1 -v volume_1:/app/data 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
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: nginx/1.25.2
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 12.2.0 (Debian 12.2.0-14)
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: OS: Linux 5.15.49-linuxkit-pr
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE): 1048576:1048576
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: start worker processes
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 29
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 30
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 31
2023/09/29 07:23:51 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 32
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 1#1: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 29#29: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 31#31: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 32#32: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 30#30: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 1#1: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 1#1: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 1#1: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 32#32: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 31#31: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 30#30: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:23:57 [notice] 29#29: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
```

Enter the container to observe the volume and create a file inside it:

```
touch /app/data/file_in_volume.txt
exit
```

```
priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS          NAMES
a0f1bd7f5963   nginx         "/docker-entrypoint..." About a minute Up About a minute 80/tcp         container1
c66fefc35ebf   ubuntu       "/bin/bash"             5 weeks ago   Exited (130) 5 weeks ago                       Test_1
3671b6fdbbc97   hello-world   "/hello"                7 weeks ago   Exited (0) 7 weeks ago                       jovial_mahavira
79993f26cf03    hello-world   "/hello"                7 weeks ago   Exited (0) 7 weeks ago                       vigilant_pare
f965947a2dcd    docker/welcome-to-docker:latest "/docker-entrypoint..." 7 weeks ago   Exited (255) 7 weeks ago 0.0.0.0:8088->80/tcp welcome-to-docker

priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker exec -it a0f1bd7f5963 bash
root@a0f1bd7f5963:/# touch /app/data/file_in_volume.txt
root@a0f1bd7f5963:/# exit
exit
priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ %
```

Run a second container, using the same volume, to verify data persistence:

```
docker run -it --name container2 -v my_volume:/app/data nginx
```

```
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker run -it --name container2 -v my_volume:/app/data 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
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: nginx/1.25.2
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 12.2.0 (Debian 12.2.0-14)
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: OS: Linux 5.15.49-linuxkit-pr
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE): 1048576:1048576
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: start worker processes
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 28
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 29
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 30
2023/09/29 07:40:10 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 31
2023/09/29 07:40:58 [notice] 29#29: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:40:58 [notice] 31#31: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:40:58 [notice] 30#30: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:40:58 [notice] 1#1: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
2023/09/29 07:40:58 [notice] 28#28: signal 28 (SIGWINCH) received
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```

Enter the second container and check if the file exists:

```
ls /app/data
```

```
exit
```

```
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE      COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS          NAMES
392cd3083ba1   nginx     "/docker-entrypoint..." 13 seconds ago Up 13 seconds 80/tcp         container2
a0f1bd7f5963   nginx     "/docker-entrypoint..." 4 minutes ago  Exited (0) 18 seconds ago                  container1
c66fefc35ebf   ubuntu    "/bin/bash"              5 weeks ago   Exited (130) 5 weeks ago                  Test_1
3671b6fdbbc97  hello-world "/hello"                 7 weeks ago   Exited (0) 7 weeks ago                  jovial_mahavira
79993f26cf03   hello-world "/hello"                 7 weeks ago   Exited (0) 7 weeks ago                  vigilant_pare
f965947a2dcd   docker/welcome-to-docker:latest "/docker-entrypoint..." 7 weeks ago   Exited (255) 7 weeks ago  0.0.0.0:8088->80/tcp  welcome-to-docker

[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % 392cd3083ba1
zsh: command not found: 392cd3083ba1
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker exec -it 392cd3083ba1 bash
root@392cd3083ba1:/# ls /app/data
file_in_volume.txt
root@392cd3083ba1:/# exit
exit
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % ]
```

Step 3: Cleanup

Stop and remove the containers:

```
docker stop container1 container2
```

```
docker rm container1 container2
```

```
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker stop container1 container2
container1
container2
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker rm container1 container2
container1
container2
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % ]
```

Remove the volume:

```
docker volume rm my_volume
```

```
[priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % docker volume rm volume_1
volume_1
priyanshurai@MacBook-Air ~ % █
```

## Conclusion:

In this experiment, you learned how to create a Docker volume, associate it with containers, and observed how data persisted between different container instances. Docker volumes are essential for maintaining data integrity, sharing data between containers, and ensuring data persistence even when containers are removed or replaced. This skill is crucial for managing stateful applications and databases within a Dockerized environment.