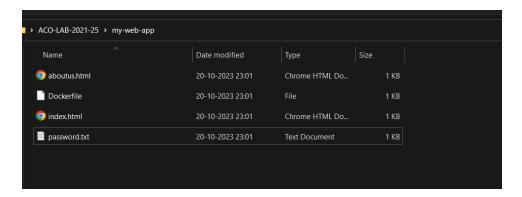
# Lab Exercise 2- .dockerignore in Docker

Below is a lab exercise that can help you understand and practice using the .dockerignore file:

## **Create a Sample Project:**

• Create a simple project directory with various types of files, including source code, configuration files, and build artifacts.



#### Create a Dockerfile:

• Write a Dockerfile that specifies the build steps for your application, including any necessary dependencies.

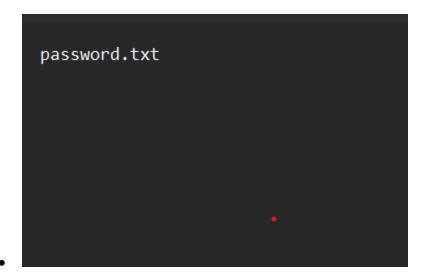
```
FROM httpd
WORKDIR /usr/local/apache2/htdocs/
COPY . .
```

### **Create a .dockerignore File:**

- Create a .dockerignore file in the root directory of your project.
- Add specific files or directories to the .dockerignore file that you do not want to be included in the Docker image during the build process.

```
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\ACO-LAB-2021-25\my-web-app> touch .dockerignore
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\ACO-LAB-2021-25\my-web-app> |
```

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## **Build the Docker Image:**

- Use the docker build command to build the Docker image from the Dockerfile.
- Observe the build context and check which files are being included in the Docker image.

```
| State | Stat
```

### Modify .dockerignore and Rebuild:

- Modify the .dockerignore file to exclude different types of files or directories from the Docker image.
- Rebuild the Docker image and observe the changes in the build context.

```
password.txt
aboutus.html
```

## **Test the Docker Image:**

- Run the Docker image as a container using the docker run command.
- Verify that the container works as expected, despite certain files being excluded from the Docker image.

## Optimize the .dockerignore File:

• Experiment with different patterns and wildcards in the .dockerignore file to optimize the build context and reduce the image size.

## **Check Image Size and Contents:**

• Use the docker image ls and docker image inspect commands to check the size of the Docker image and its contents.

```
REPOSITORY
              TAG
                        IMAGE ID
              latest
                        528ebf75f7c6
img
                                        3 minutes ago
                        1b791b120d8d
                                        5 minutes ago
new-image
             latest
                                                          168MB
my-image
                        ee26eedad720
                                        12 minutes ago
                                                          168MB
```

## **Update** .dockerignore for CI/CD:

• Modify the .dockerignore file to optimize the build context and reduce build times in a continuous integration and continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipeline.

### **Documentation and Best Practices:**

• Document your findings and the best practices for using the .dockerignore file in your projects.

Through this exercise, you'll gain a better understanding of how to use the .dockerignore file effectively to optimize Docker image builds and reduce image sizes. Adjust the exercise based on your specific project requirements.