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Set Up Docker Compose for Multi-Container Applications Create a docker-compose.yml file to define and run a multi-container application (e.g., a web server and database).

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Objective

The goal of this Proof of Concept (PoC) is to demonstrate how to create and use a docker-compose.yml file to define and run a multi-container application. This example will set up an Nginx web server and a MySQL database using Docker Compose.

What is Docker Compose?

Docker Compose is a tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications. With Compose, you use a YAML file to configure application services, networks, and volumes, then start everything with a single command.

Prerequisites

Before proceeding, ensure the following prerequisites are met:

- Docker Installed: Get Docker
- Docker Compose Installed: Install Docker Compose
- Basic knowledge of **Docker**, **Containers**, and **YAML Syntax**

Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1: Verify Docker and Docker Compose Installation

Check if Docker is installed:

docker --version

Check if Docker Compose is installed:

docker-compose -version

C:\Users\gopin>docker-compose --version
Docker Compose version v2.32.4-desktop.1

If any of these are missing, install them using the links in the prerequisites.

Step 2: Create a Project Directory

Open a terminal and create a directory for your project:

mkdir multi-container-app && cd multi-container-app

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C:\Users\gopin>mkdir multi-container-app && cd multi-container-app
C:\Users\gopin\multi-container-app>
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Inside this directory, create a docker-compose.yml file:

touch docker-compose.yml

Step 3: Define Services in docker-compose.yml

Open the file in a text editor and add the following content:

```
version: '3.8'

services:
    web:
    image: nginx
    ports:
        - "8080:80"
    depends_on:
        - db

db:
    image: mysql:5.7
    environment:
        MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: rootpassword
        MYSQL_DATABASE: mydatabase
        MYSQL_USER: user
        MYSQL_PASSWORD: password
```

Explanation of the YAML Configuration:

- version: $'3.8' \rightarrow$ Specifies the Docker Compose version.
- services: \rightarrow Defines the containers in this application.
- web: → Nginx service:
 - o Uses the official Nginx image.
 - Maps container port 80 to local port 8080.
 - Depends on the database service (db).
- db: \rightarrow MySQL service:

- Uses MySQL version 5.7.
- Sets up environment variables for root password, database, user, and user password.

Step 4: Start the Application

Run the following command to start the services:

docker-compose up -d

This command will:

- Pull the required Docker images (if not available locally).
- Create and start the containers in the background (detached mode -d).

Step 5: Verify the Running Containers

To check running containers:

docker ps

To view the logs for the services:

docker-compose logs

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To check a specific service log (e.g., MySQL):

docker-compose logs db

Step 6: Stop and Remove Containers

To stop the application:

docker-compose down

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C:\Users\gopin\multi-container-app>docker-compose down
time="2025-02-23T19:36:21+05:30" level=warning msg="C:\Users\gopin\multi-container-app\\docker-compose.yml: the attri
bute 'version' is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"

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Container multi-container-app-db-1 Removed

Network multi-container-app_default Removed

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This command will:

- Stop all running containers.
- Remove the containers and networks created by Docker Compose.

Conclusion

By following these steps, you have successfully set up a multi-container application using Docker Compose. This setup can be extended to include more services like Redis, Node.js, or PostgreSQL.

References

- <u>Docker Compose Documentation</u>
- Docker Hub Nginx

• Docker Hub MySQL